

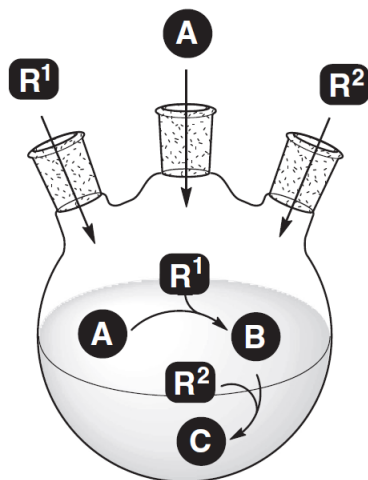
***Flow Chemistry***  
***~“micro” flow to “fine” flow~***

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# Introduction of Flow

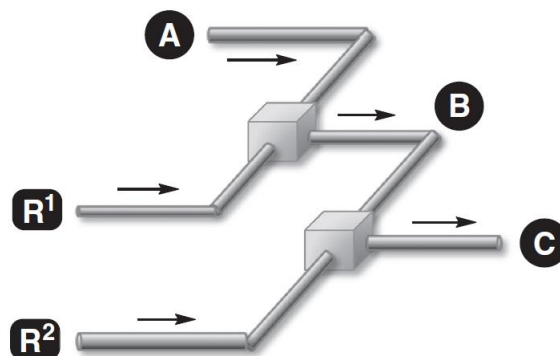
## Batch vs Flow

Batch reaction



Laboratory scale  
*Fine chemicals*

Flow reaction



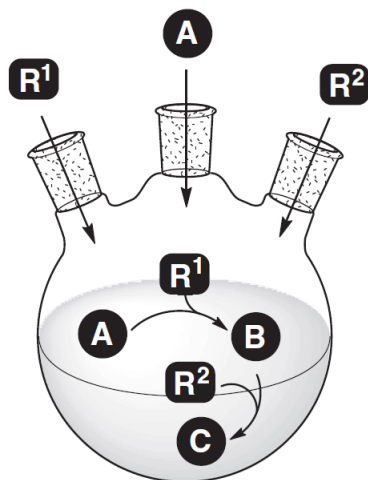
Large scale industry production

In flow reaction, introduction, reaction and recovery are conducted continuously.

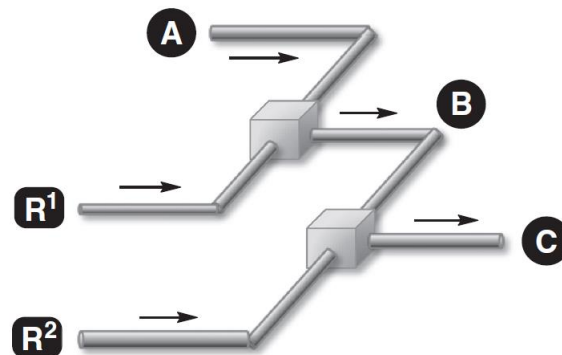
# Introduction of Flow

## Batch vs Flow

Batch reaction



Flow reaction



The merit of flow method

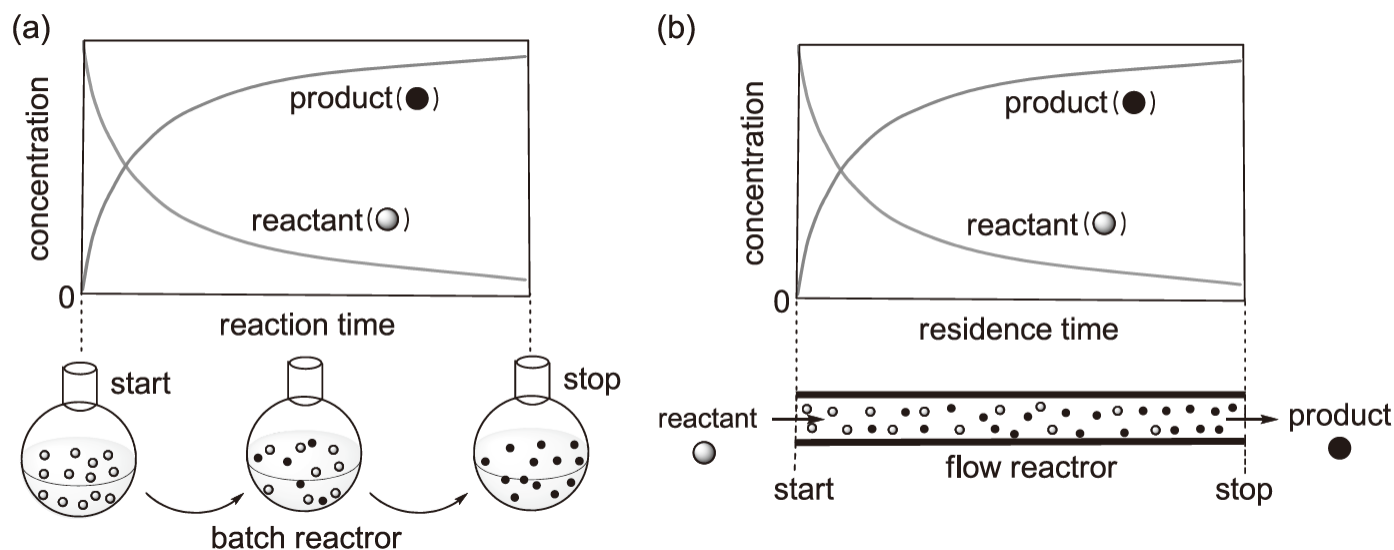
*Saving space, time and cost.*

*Safe reaction*

*Unique reactivity ...*

# Character of Flow Reactor

Time is controlled by space



reaction time  $\equiv$  residence time

# Flash Chemistry and Jun-ichi Yoshida

Micro flow chemistry is effective method when the reaction is very fast or unstable intermediate generate.



Flash chemistry ; using rapidly generated unstable intermediate for another reaction.



**Jun-ichi Yoshida** was born in Osaka, Japan in 1952. He graduated from Kyoto University in 1975, where he received his doctor's degree under the supervision of Prof. Makoto Kumada in 1981. In 1979 Yoshida joined the faculty at Kyoto Institute of Technology as an Assistant Professor. In the meantime, he visited University of Wisconsin during 1982–1983, where he joined the research group of Prof. B. M. Trost. In 1985 he moved to Osaka City University, where he was promoted to Associate Professor in 1992. In 1994 he was appointed as Full Professor of Kyoto University. His research interests include integrated organic synthesis on the basis of reactive intermediates, organic electron-transfer reactions, organometallic reactions, and flow microreactor synthesis. Awards: the Progress Award of Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Japan (1987), the Chemical Society of Japan Award for Creative Work (2001), Nagoya Silver Medal (2006), Humboldt Research Award (2007), Green and Sustainable Chemistry Award (2010), and Dogane Award (2010).

# Characteristic Feature of Micro Reactor

- **Extremely fast mixing**

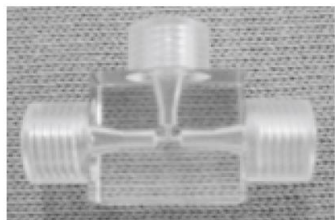
$t \sim d^2/D$  ;  $d$  = diffusion distance,  $D$  = diffusion coefficient

e.g. In flask,  $d = 100 \mu\text{m} \rightarrow t \sim \text{second order}$



e.g. In micro mixer,  $d \sim \text{micro order} \rightarrow t \sim \text{millisecond}$

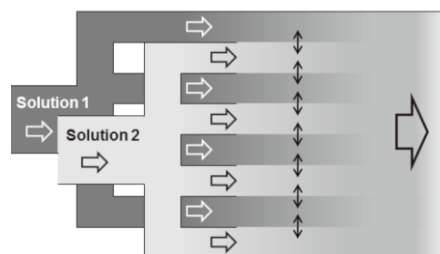
## High speed collision-type



## Multilamination-type

Distribution of solutions using microstructure

Mixing of solutions by molecular diffusion



- **Precise temperature control**

Surface to volume ratio is very large



- **Heat transfer occurs rapidly**
- **Phase-boundary reaction is efficient**

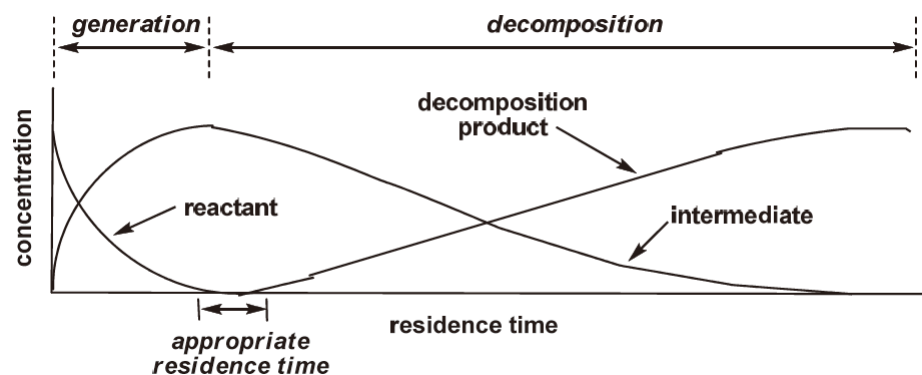
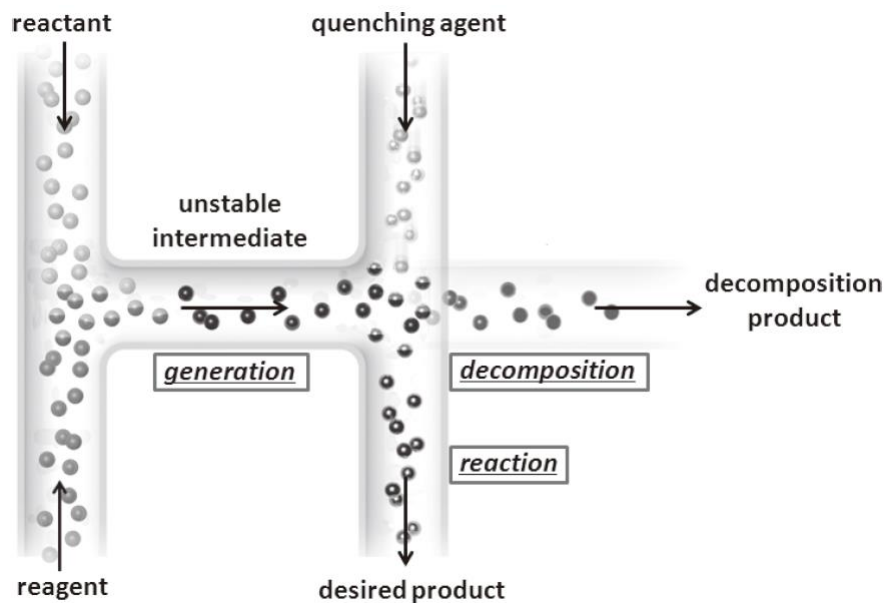


size	1/100
surface area	1/10000
volume	1/1000000
surface/volume	100

# Characteristic Feature of Micro Reactor

- **Precise residence time control**

length, flow rate and fast mixing is also important.

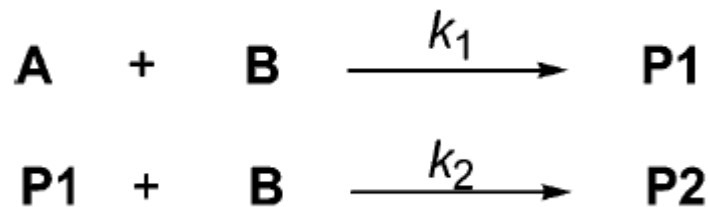


**unstable short-lived reactive intermediates**

can be used another reaction.

# Fast Mixing ~ Friedel-Crafts Reaction ~

## Competitive Consecutive Reactions

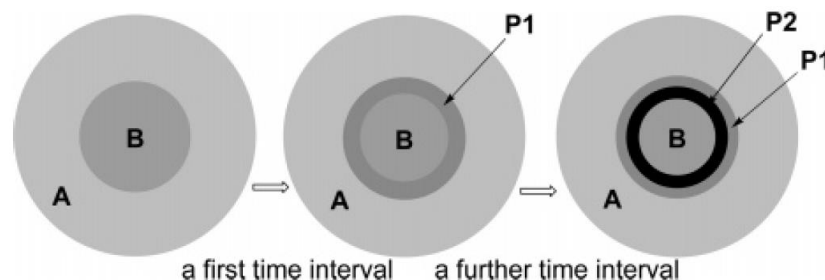


$K_1 \gg K_2 \rightarrow \underline{P_1}$  should be high



The selectivity is *not determined* by classical kinetic principles

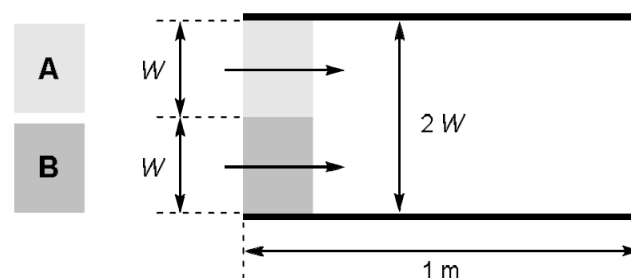
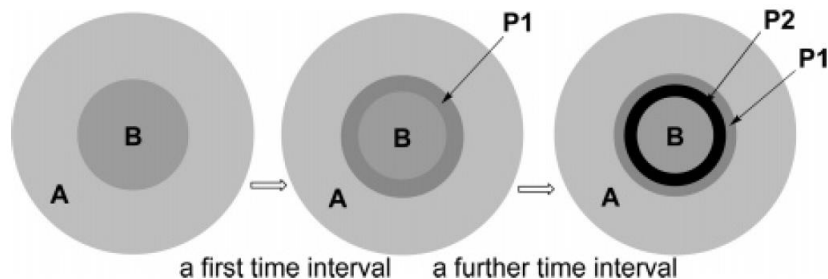
## *Disguised Chemical Selectivity*



Yoshida J. *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2005, 127, 11666.  
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# CFD Simulation for DCS

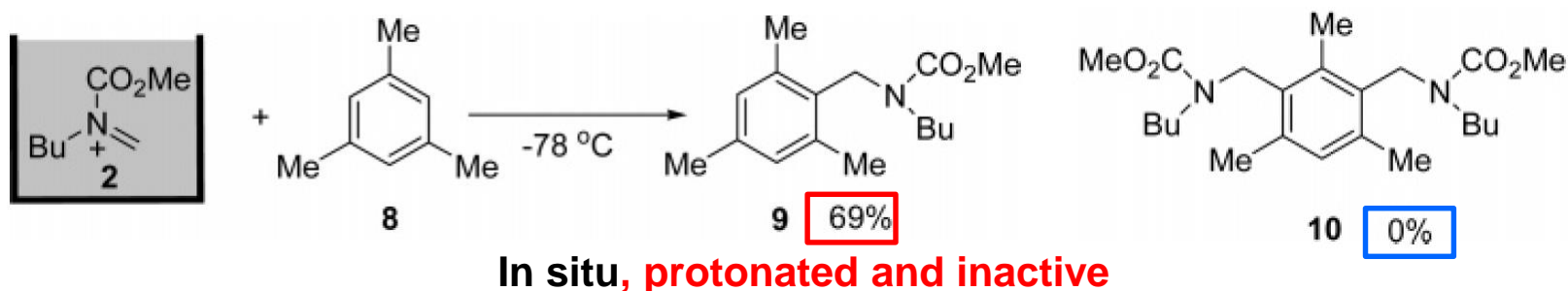
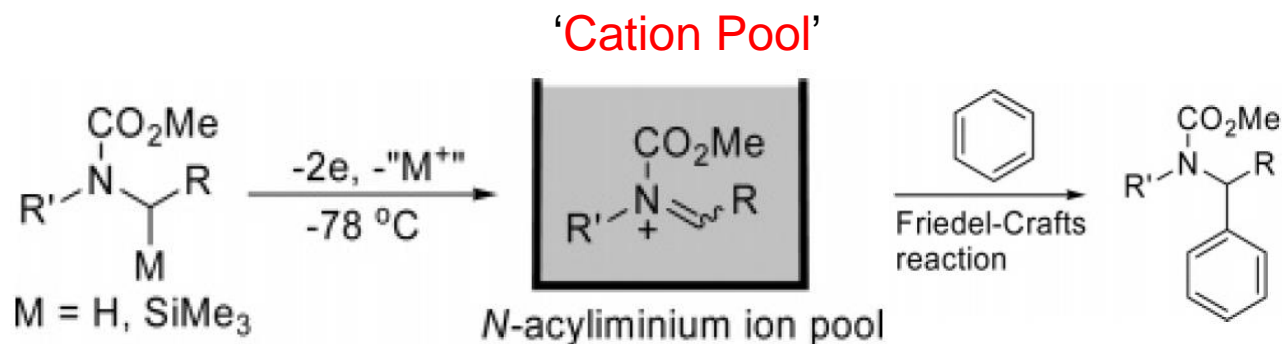


density =  $1.317 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $D = 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $\nu = 1.19 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Pa}$ ,  $[A, B] = 0.01 \text{ M}$

$K_1$ (L/(mol·s))	$K_2$ (L/(mol·s))	mixer	W ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$P_1$ (%)	$P_2$ (%)	$P_1 : P_2$
$10^4$	$10^2$	ideal	-	94.6	2.7	97 : 3
$10^4$	$10^2$	diffusion	100	60.6	19.7	75 : 25
			25	89.6	4.5	95 : 5
			2.5	94.7	2.6	97 : 3
$10^5$	$10^3$	diffusion	100	31.1	34.3	47 : 53
			25	67.8	15.9	81 : 19
			2.5	94.5	2.7	97 : 3
$10^6$	$10^4$	diffusion	100	14.5	42.7	25 : 75
			25	36.1	31.9	53 : 47
			2.5	90.5	4.7	95 : 5

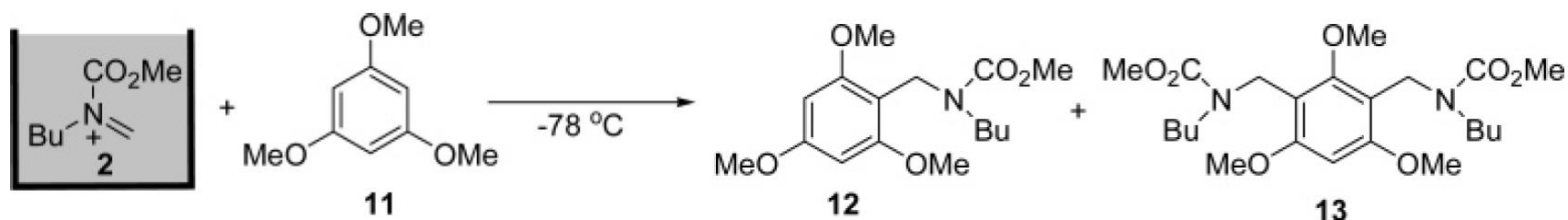
flow micro reactor is effective *especially for fast reaction*

# Friedel-Crafts Aminoalkylation



Mesitylene is not so reactive.  $\Rightarrow$  Even in batch, good selectivity appears.

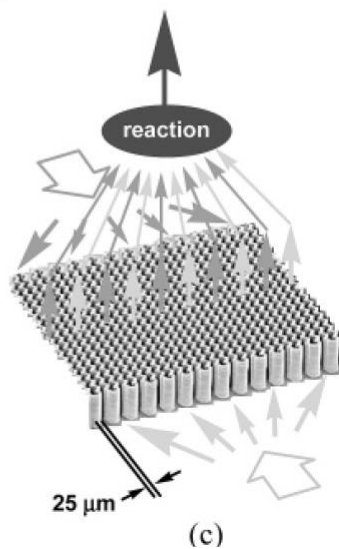
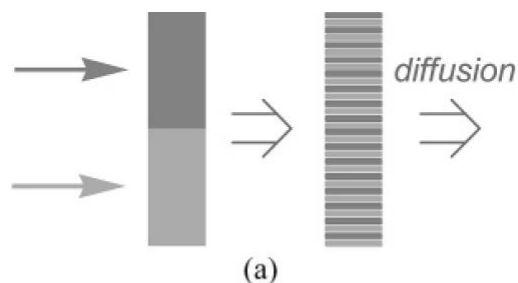
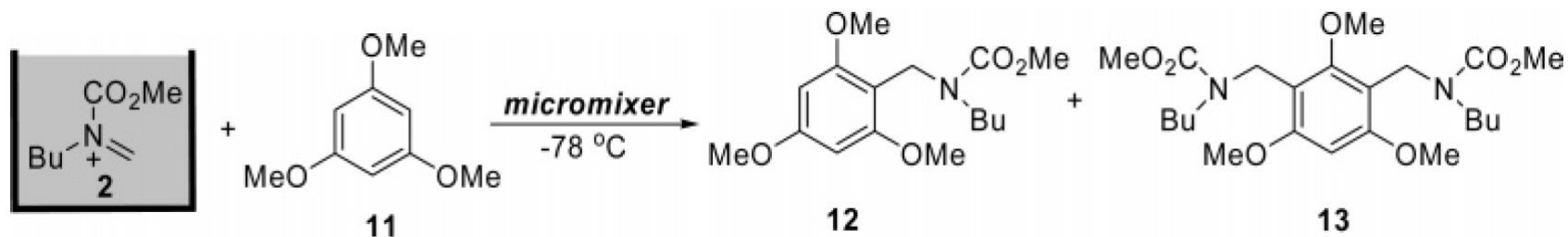
# Friedel-Crafts Aminoalkylation in Batch



method of additon	12 (%)	13 (%)
addition of 2 to 11	37	32
addition of 11 to 2	33	33
simultaneous addition of 2 and 11	34	30

Trimethoxybenzene is *highly reactive*.  $\Rightarrow$  In batch, *poor selectivity* appears.

# Friedel-Crafts Aminoalkylation in Flow



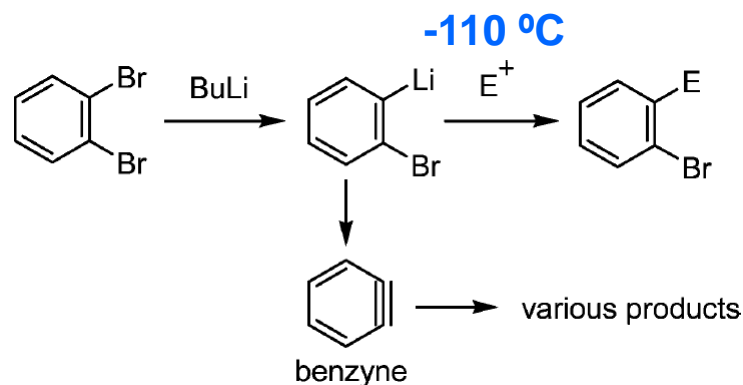
temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	reactor	conversion of 11 (%)	12 (%)	13 (%)
-78	micromixer <sup>a</sup>	91	92	4
	batch reactor <sup>b</sup>	75	37	32
-47	micromixer <sup>a</sup>	92	84	15
	batch reactor <sup>b</sup>	86	7	22
-27	micromixer <sup>a</sup>	85	70	19
	batch reactor <sup>b</sup>	99	1	7
0	micromixer <sup>a</sup>	93	30	15
	batch reactor <sup>b</sup>	quantitative	0	1

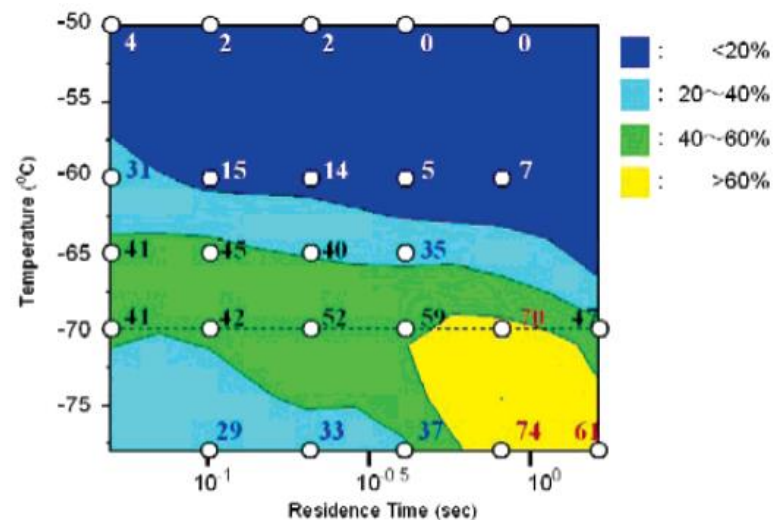
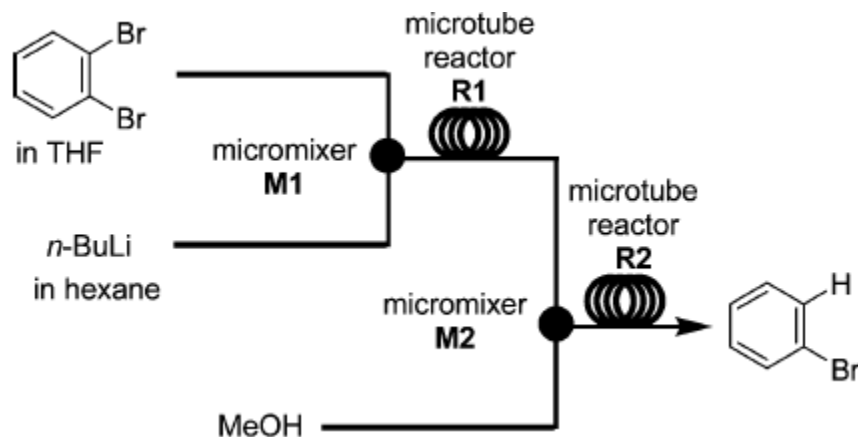
flow rate (mL/min) <sup>a</sup>	12 (%)	13 (%)
1	14	19
3	52	14
5	92	4

**Flow rate** is also important factor for mixing efficiency.

# Precis Temperature Control

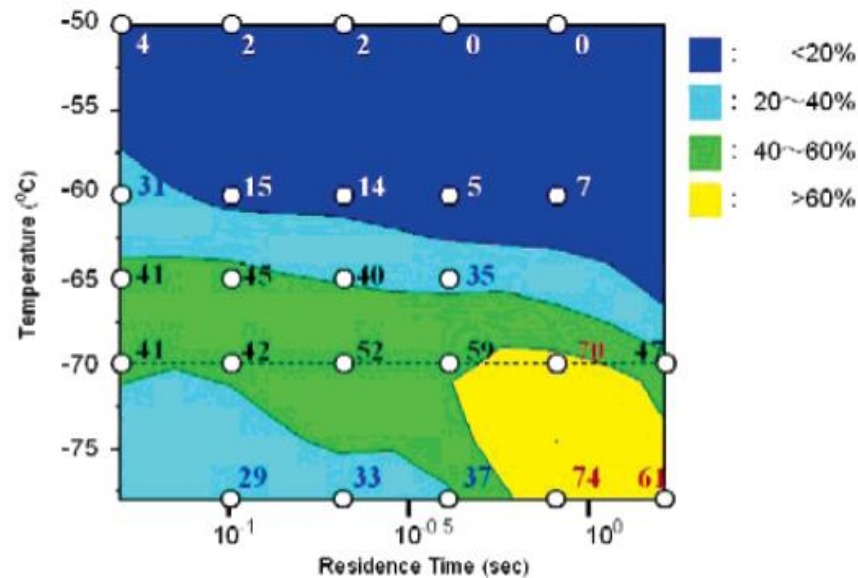
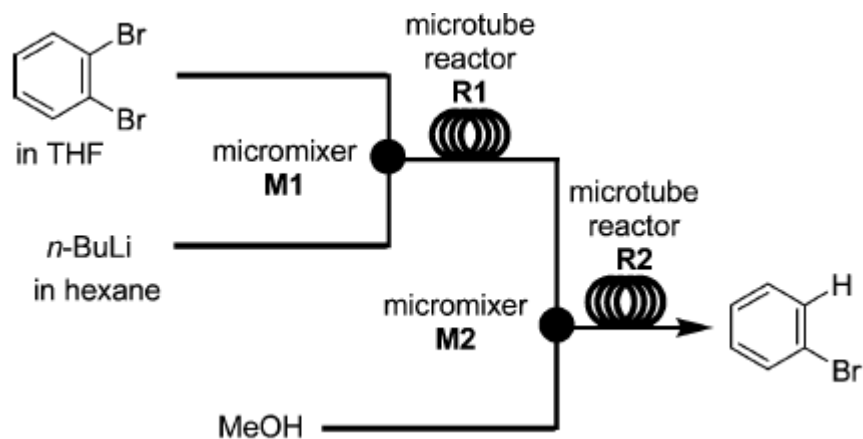


At -78 °C, desired product was not obtained completely.



**Temperature-residence time map is effective to optimize reaction condition.**

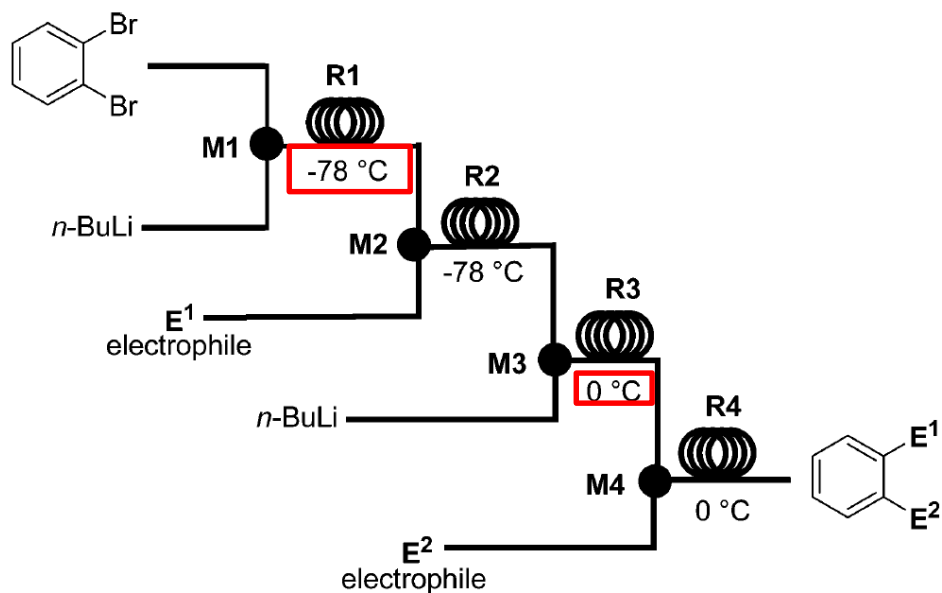
# Temperature-residence time map



Decompose to benzyne

Insufficient generation of ArLi

# Sequential Reactions



**Even at higher temperature,  
reaction proceed smoothly.**

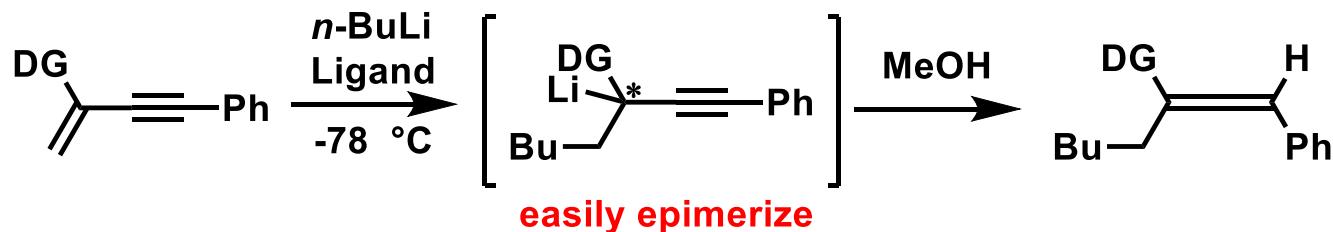
electrophile (E <sup>1</sup> )	electrophile (E <sup>2</sup> )	product	% yield
MeOTf	Me <sub>3</sub> SiCl		67 <sup>a</sup>
	Bu <sub>3</sub> SnCl		62 <sup>a</sup>
			61 <sup>a</sup>
			53 <sup>a</sup>
	Me <sub>3</sub> SiCl		74 <sup>a</sup>
	Bu <sub>3</sub> SnCl		58 <sup>b</sup>

# Precise Residence Time Control

Configurationally unstable organometallics are not used.  
(e.g.) asymmetric carbolithiation

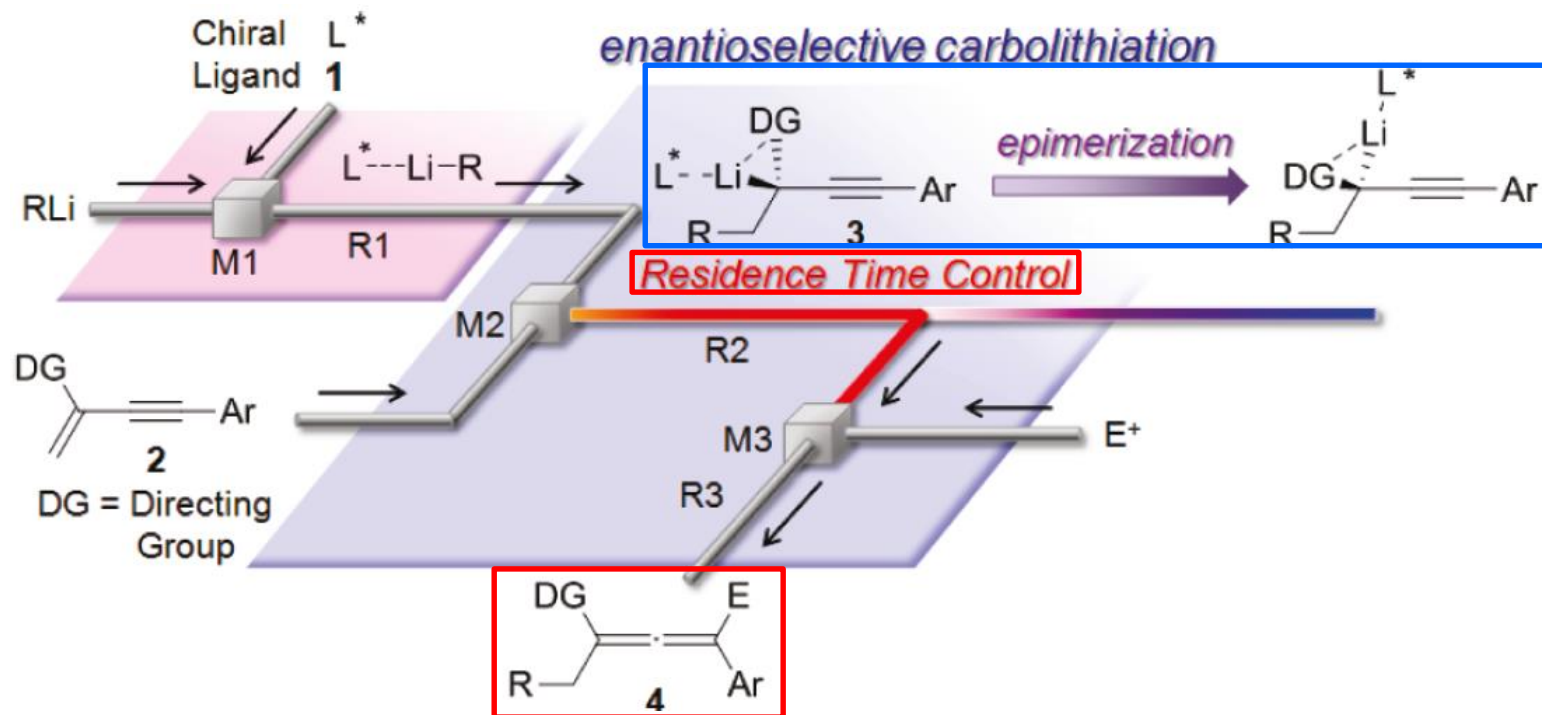
- decomposition
- **rapid epimerization**

**Key : High resolution control of residence time by microreactor**





# Asymmetric Carbolithiation

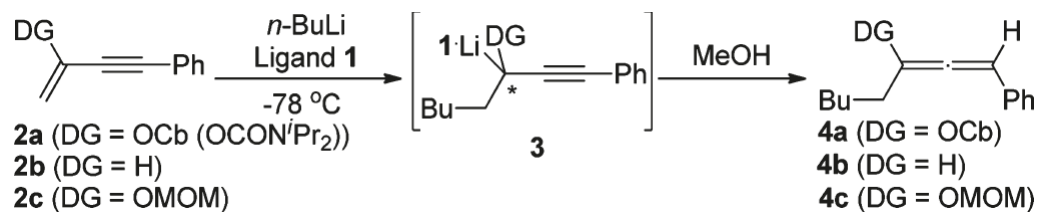


Reaction must be **quenched** before epimerize.



Reaction must **proceed sufficiently**.

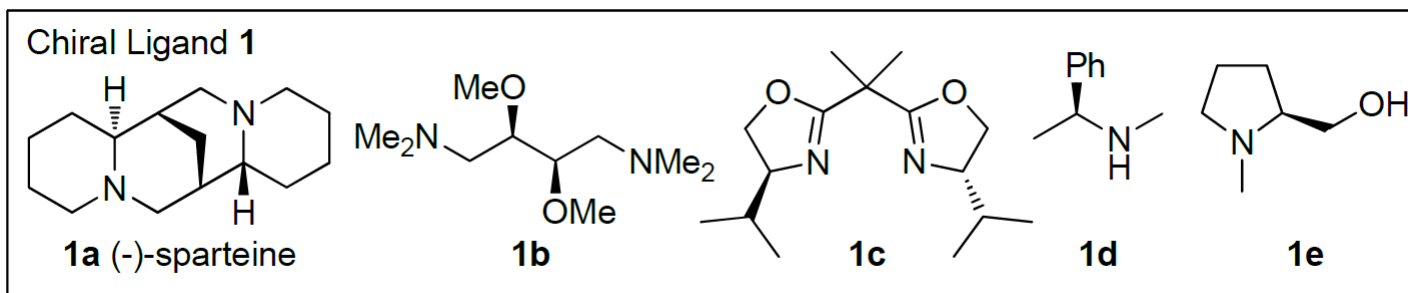
# Screening



entry	substrate	ligand	product	% yield of product <sup>b</sup> (enantiomeric ratio)	% recovery of substrate
1	2a	1a	4a	91 (88:12)	4
2 <sup>c</sup>	2a	1a	4a	82 (93:7)	10
3 <sup>c</sup>	2b	1a	4b	83 (61:39)	1
4 <sup>c</sup>	2c	1a	4c	0	91
5	2a	1b	4a	57 (52:48)	36
6	2a	1c	4a	<1 (45:55)	88
7	2a	1d	4a	<1 (34:66)	98
8	2a	1e	4a	0	>99

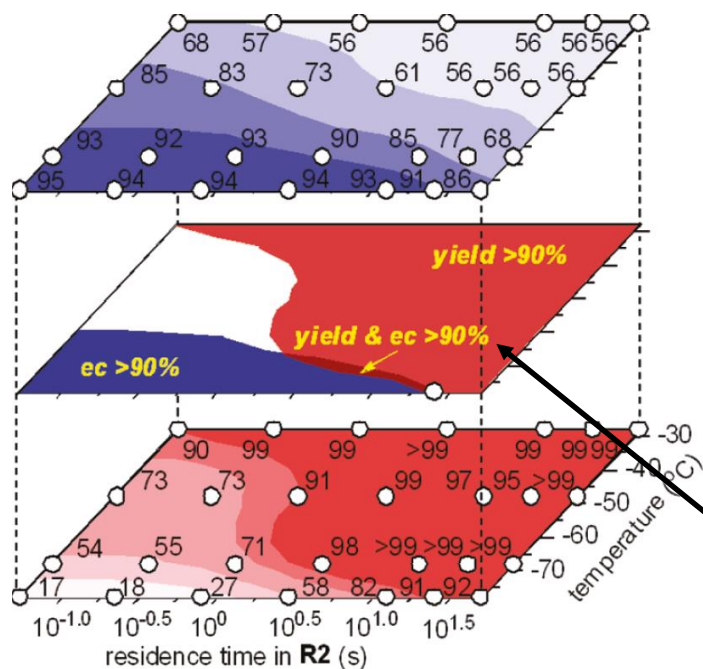
**The importance of directing group**

<sup>c</sup>nBuLi 0.67M in Tol, 3.0 ml/min



# Optimize the condition

$$\%ec (R) = R/(R+S)*100 ; er = 93:7 \rightarrow ec = 93\%$$



**ec decreased** with increasing  $t^R$  and temperature because of epimerization.



**yield increased** with increasing  $t^R$  and temperature.

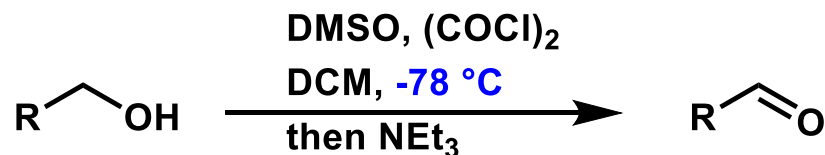
Very small domain

Quantitative evaluation of asymmetric reaction.

$$(t^R, T) = (25 \text{ s}, -78 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$

Flow : 91% yield, **91% ec**  $\leftrightarrow$  Batch : 99% yield, **61% ec**

# Room Temperature Swern Oxidation



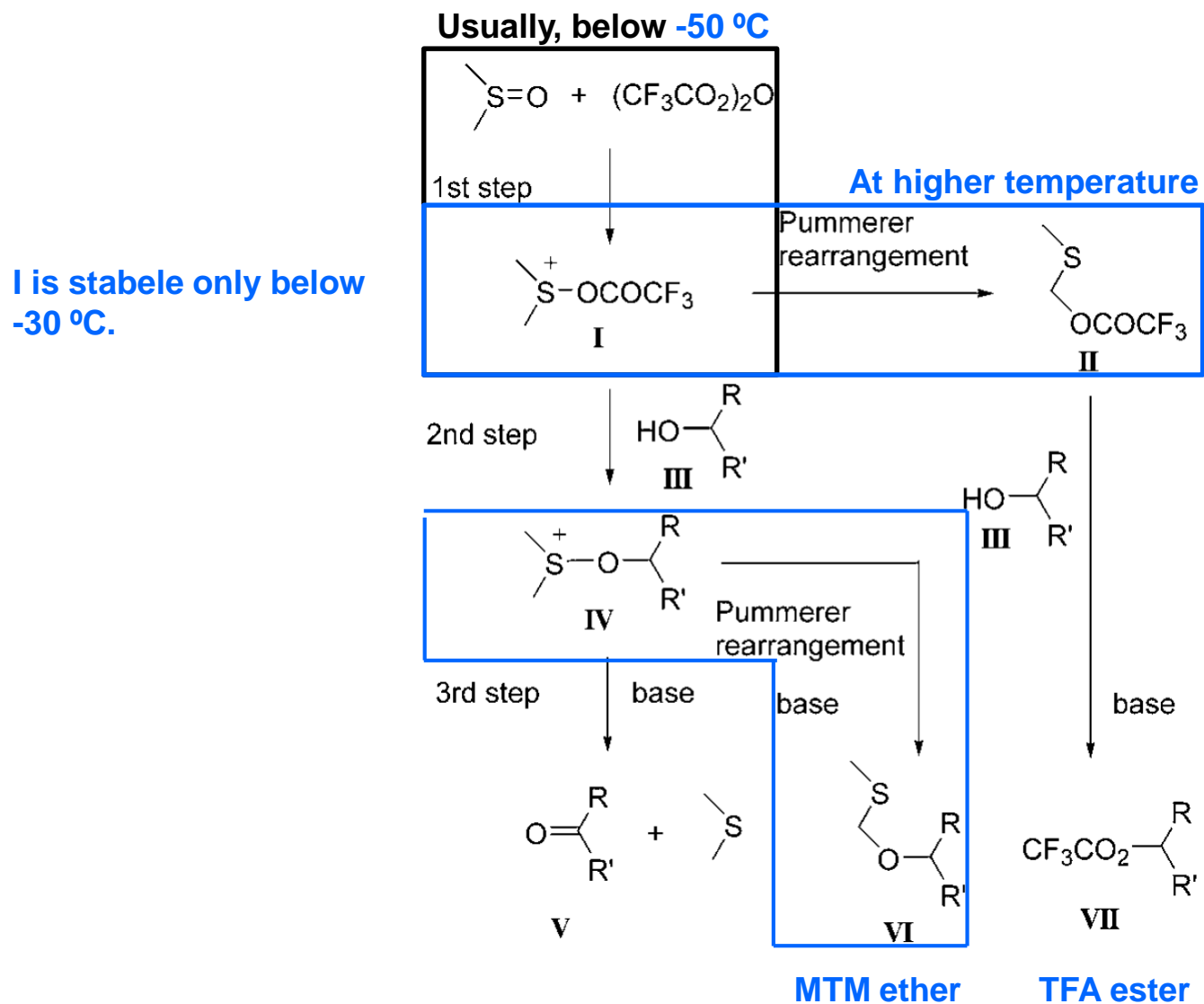
Swern oxidation is one of the most important organic reactions.



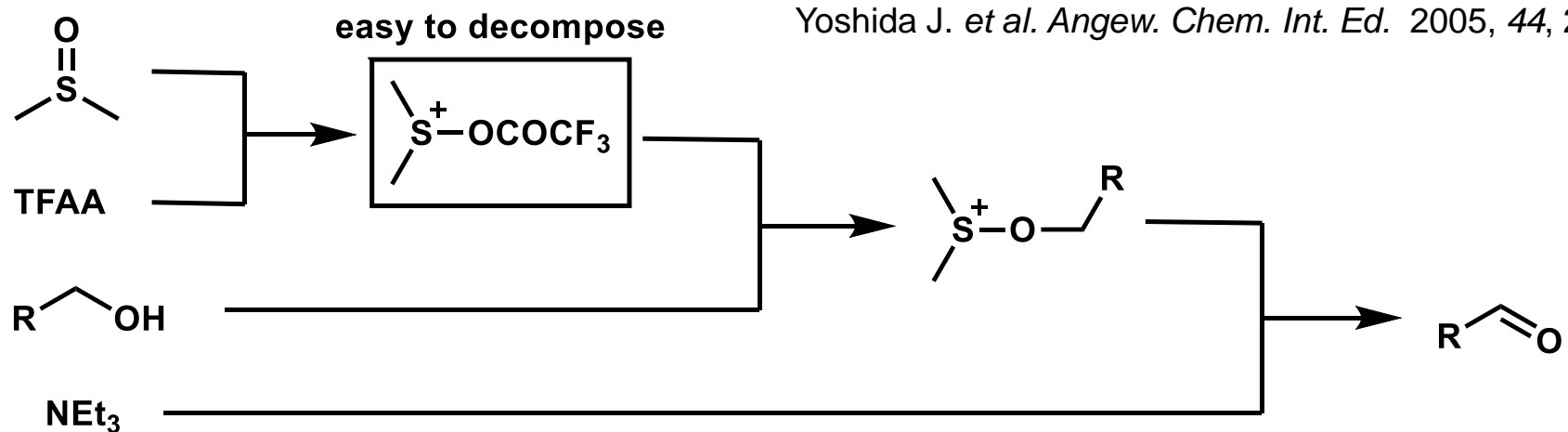
Modification, which TFAA was used instead of (COCl), is known for high reactivity.

many side reactions !

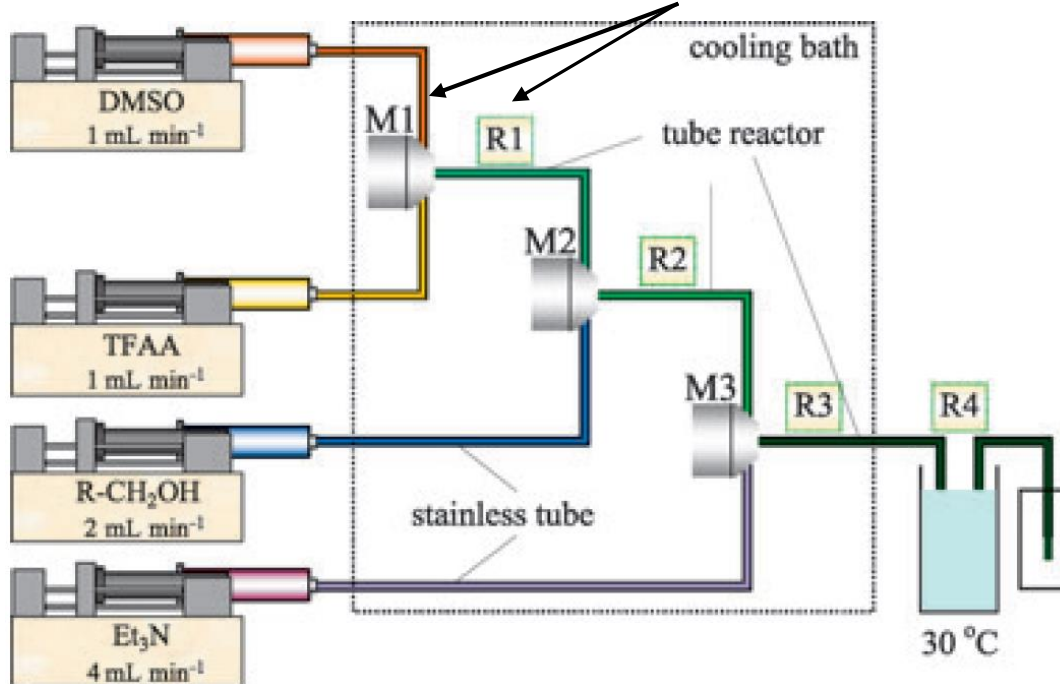
# Side Reactions



# Microreactor



The Key : **control of M1 and R1**



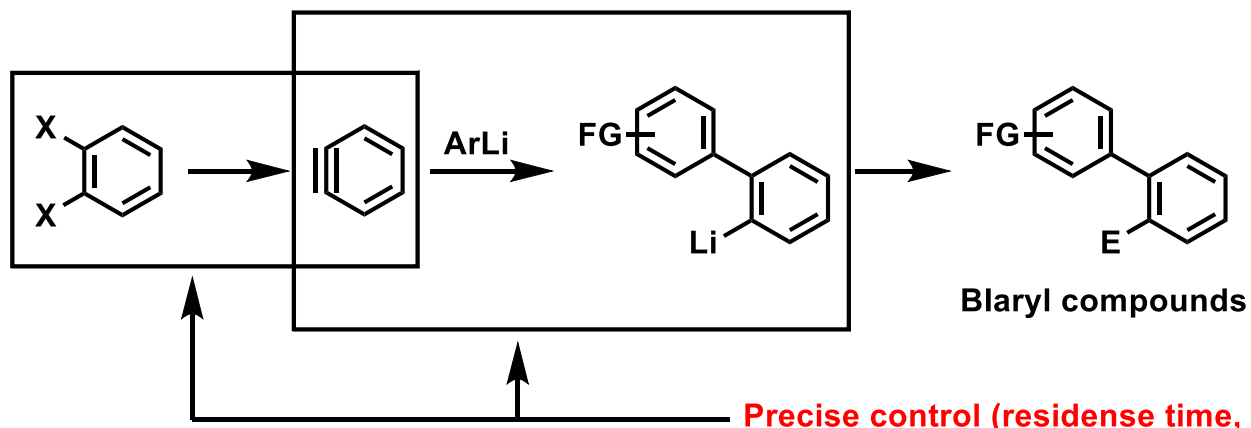
# Results

**V = desired product, VI = MTM ether, VII = TFA ester**

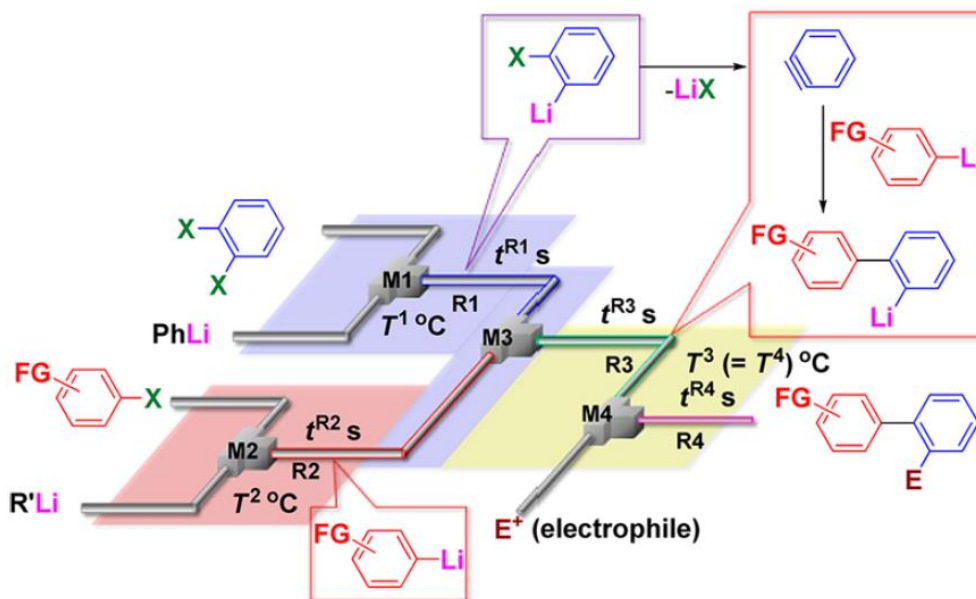
Alcohol III	System	Residence time in R1 [s]	T [°C]	Conversion [%]	Yield of V [%]	Yield of VI [%]	Yield of VII [%]
1-decanol	microscale flow	2.4	-20	95	75	8	19
		0.01	0	94	70	6	22
		0.01	20	96	71	6	22
	macroscale batch		-20	73	11	1	90
2-octanol	microscale flow	2.4	-20	92	95	5	2
		0.01	0	91	86	4	3
		0.01	20	88	89	3	2
	macroscale batch		-20	51	20	2	75
cyclohexanol	microscale flow	2.4	-20	88	88	6	5
		0.01	0	90	89	7	1
		0.01	20	81	88	5	2
	macroscale batch		-20	86	19	2	70
benzyl alcohol	microscale flow	2.4	-70	88	83	10	5
		0.01	-20	97	91	n.d. <sup>[b]</sup>	8
		0.01	0	100	78	n.d. <sup>[b]</sup>	14
	macroscale batch		20	100	75	n.d. <sup>[b]</sup>	16
	macroscale batch		-20	80	49	n.d. <sup>[b]</sup>	50

- Precise temperature control
- Extremely fast and efficient mixing
- Short residence time

# TM-Free Three Components Coupling

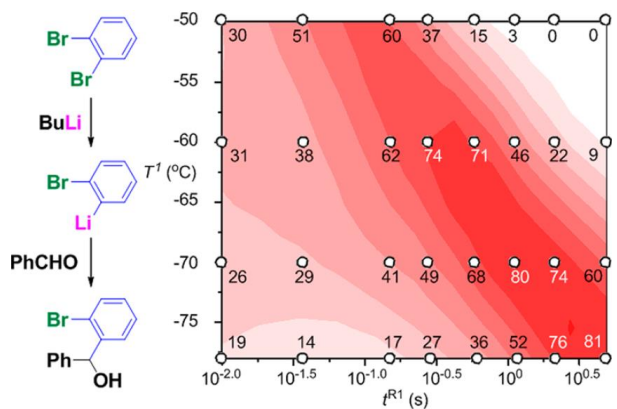


- Benzyne is difficult to use for carbolithiation.
- *o*-disubstituted biaryl synthesis with TM-free



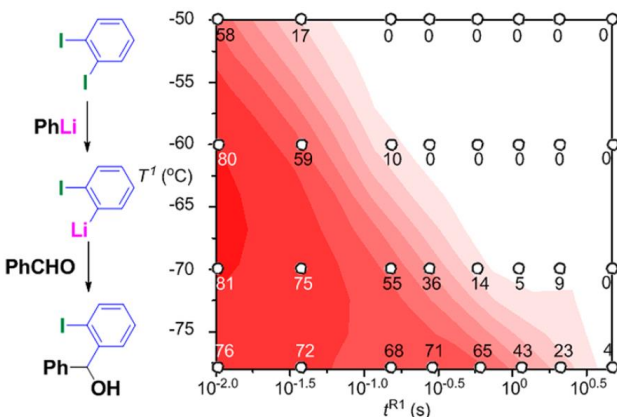
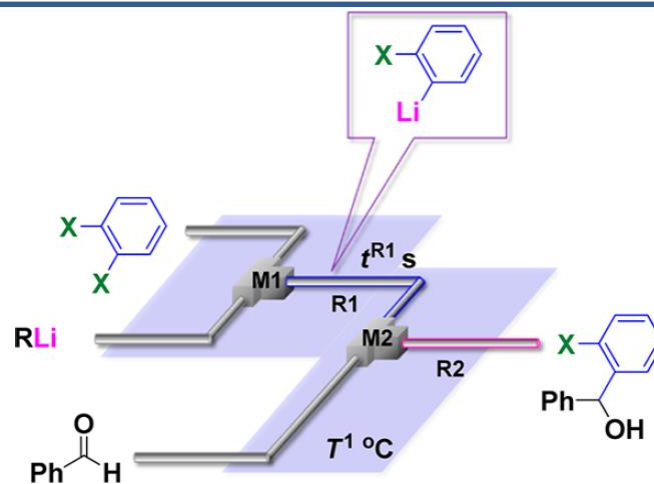
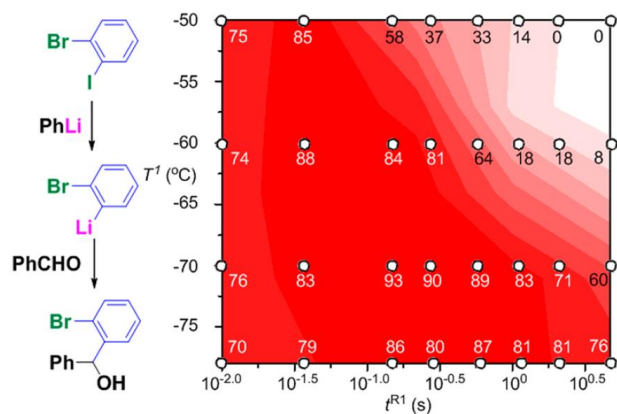


# R1 : Benzyne Control



Bromine/lithium exchange is **not so fast**.

**Key : Prevent decomposing to benzyne**

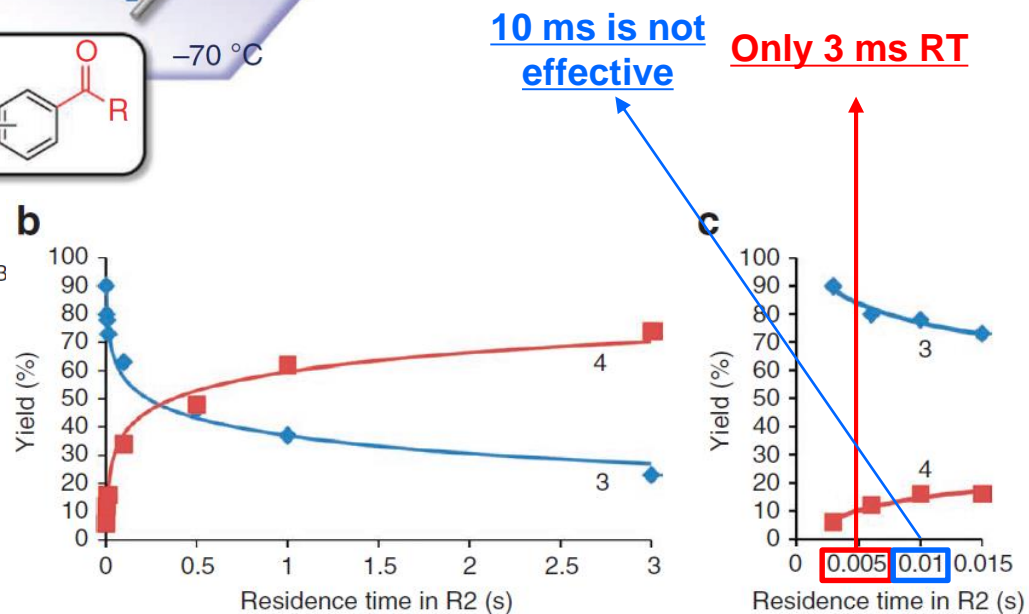
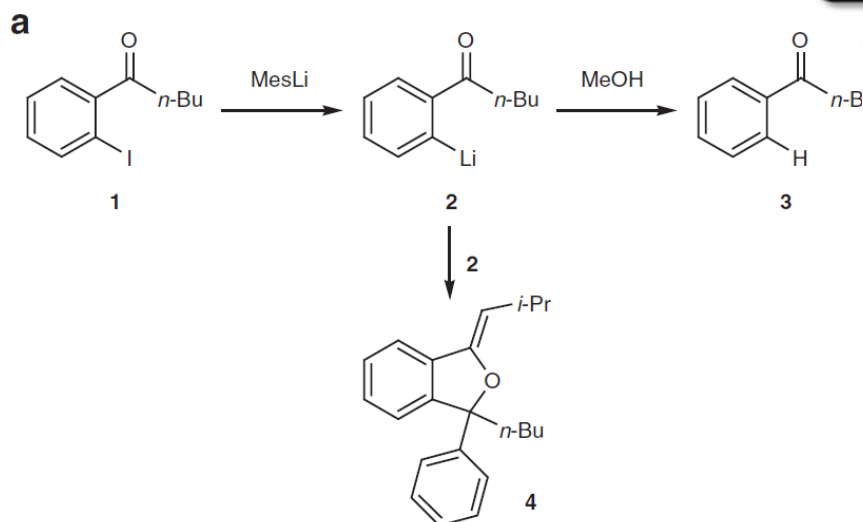
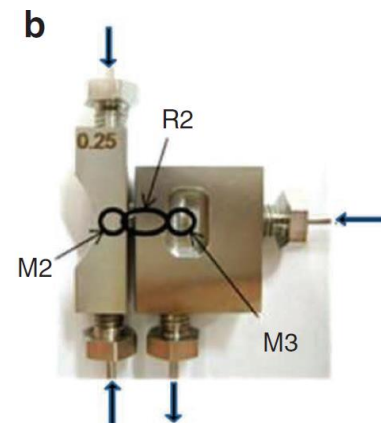
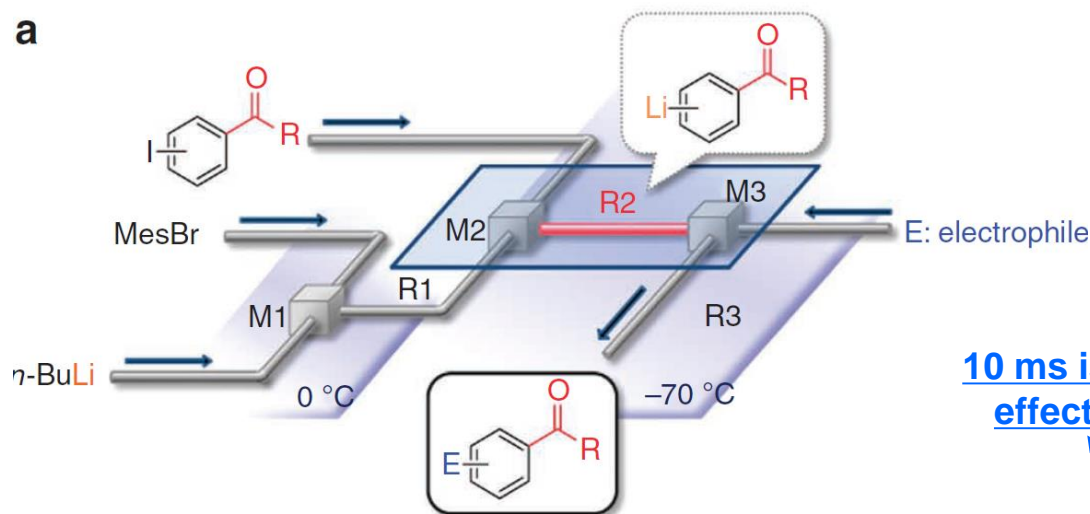


Iodine/lithium exchange is **so fast**.

# R2 : Carbolithiation with Functionalized ArLi

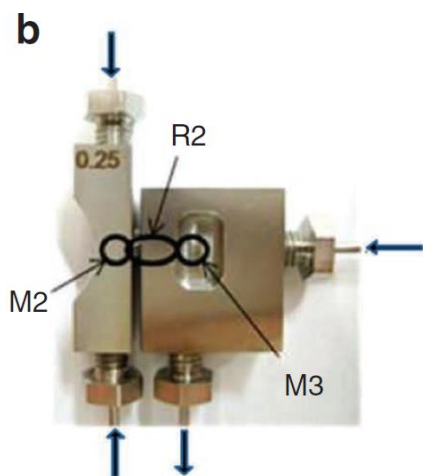
## Precedent Works

Aryl compounds, **containing electrophilic groups**, can be used.  
Nitrile, Nitro, Ester and **even Ketone groups** are tolerated.



# For the Extremely Fast Mixing

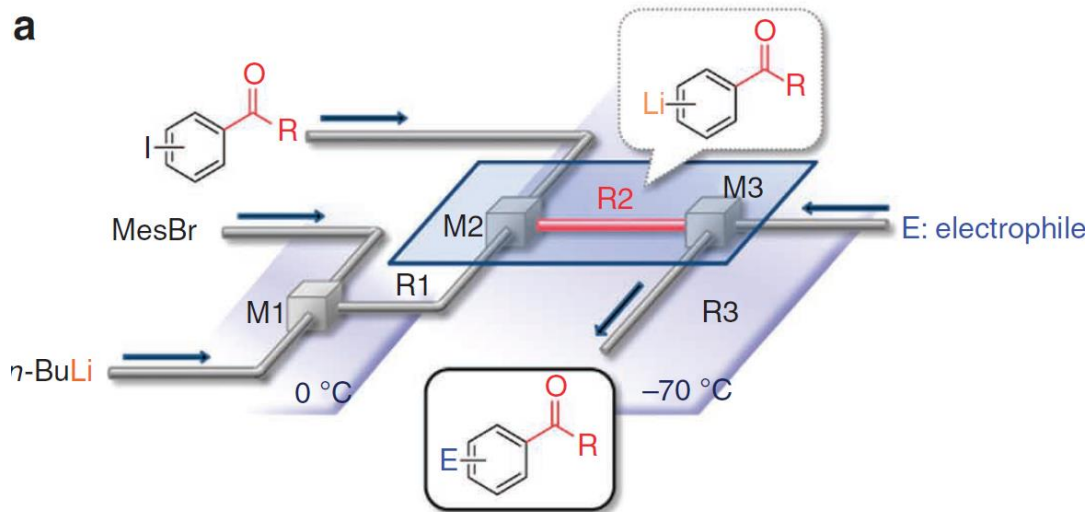
Integrated devices achieved this fast mixing.



Reynolds number  $\sim 10^2$  !!

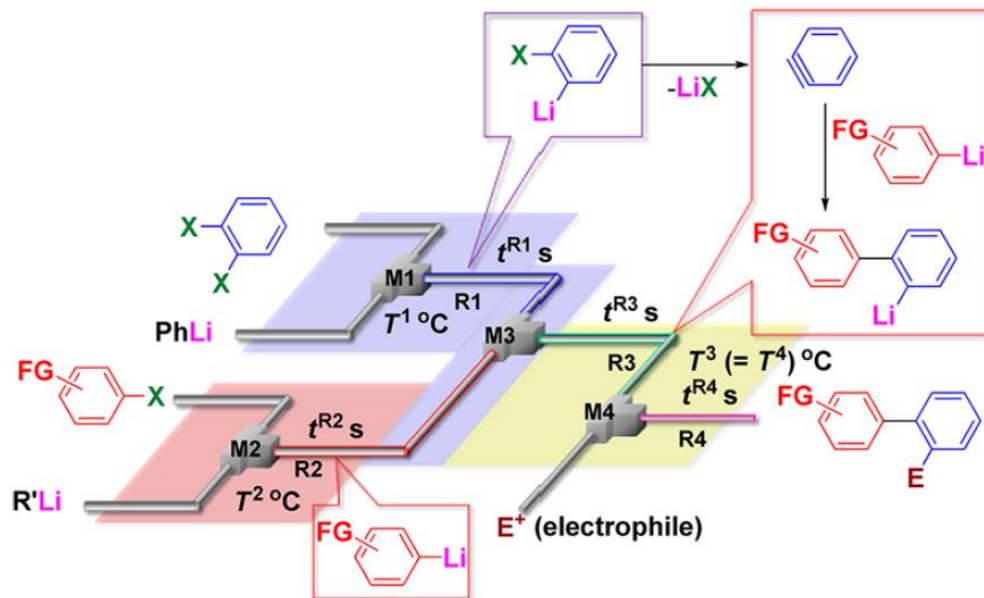
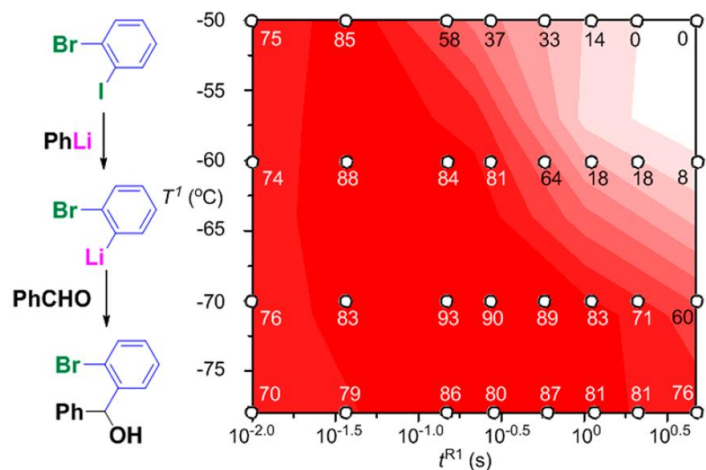
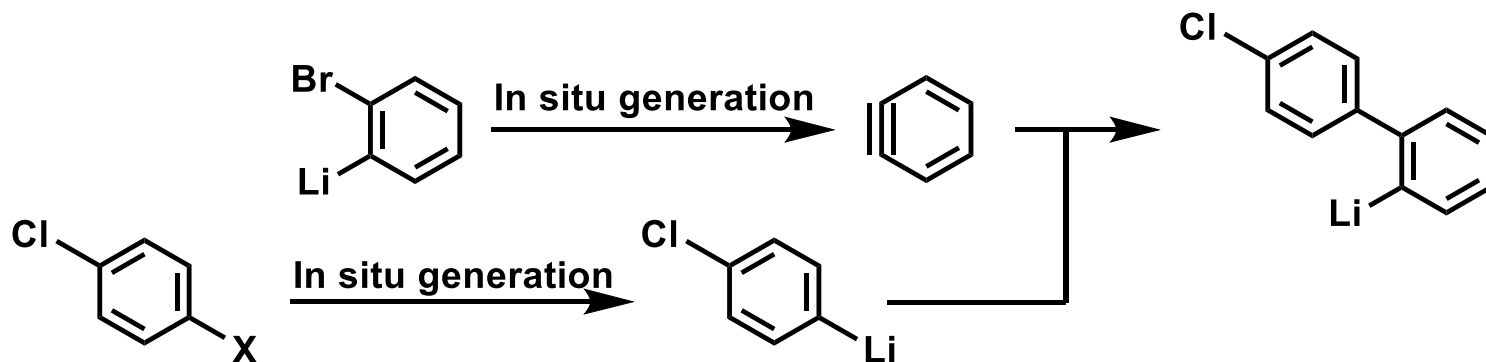


engulfment flow may occurs



Inner diameter of R2 ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Length of R2 (cm)	Residence time in R2 (s)	GC yield of product <b>3</b> (%)	GC yield of byproduct <b>4</b> (%)
250	1.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.0030	91	7
250	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.0060	80	12
250	3.3	0.010	78	16
250	5.0	0.015	73	15
500	8.3	0.10	58	31
1000	10.4	0.50	49	51
1000	20.8	1.0	37	62
1000	62.4	3.0	23	74

# R2 : Carbolithiation with Functionalized ArLi



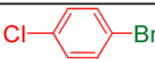
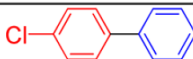
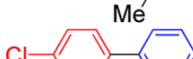

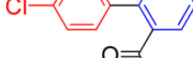

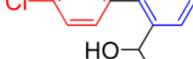
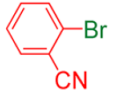
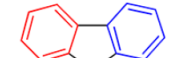

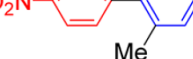
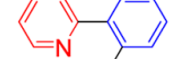
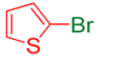
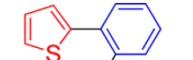
$$\underline{T^3} \equiv -30 \text{ °C}, t^{R3} = 2.69 \text{ s}$$

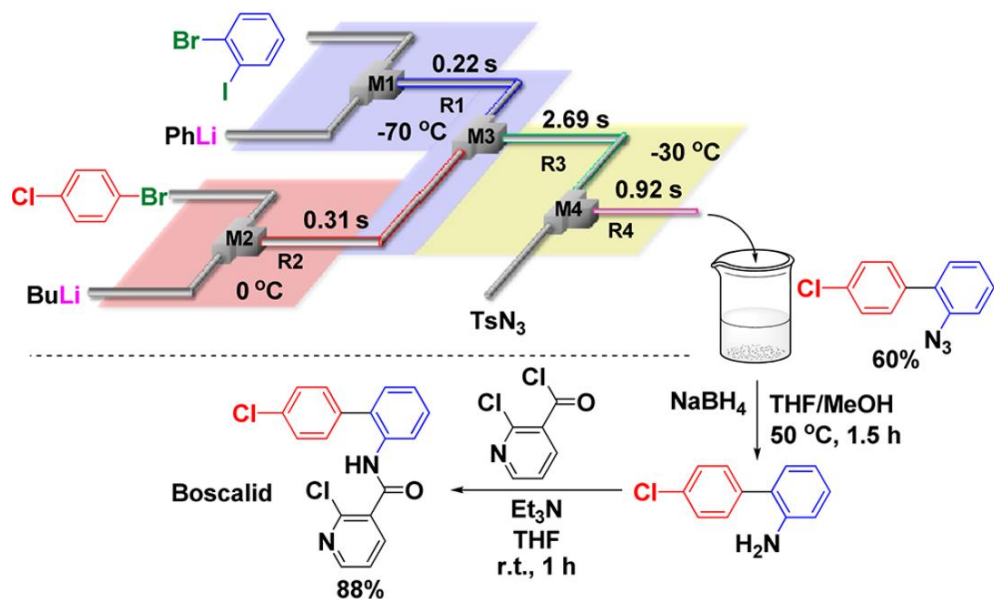
$$T^1 = -70 \text{ °C}, t^{R1} = 0.22 \text{ s}$$

$$T^2 = 0 \text{ °C}, t^{R2} = 0.31 \text{ s} \longrightarrow \text{cooled to } -70 \text{ °C}$$

Flash generated benzyne

# Substrate Scope and Application

electrophile	product	yield (%)
		73
MeOTf <sup>b,c</sup>		53
TMSOTf <sup>b</sup>		63
PhCNO <sup>b</sup>		69
PhCHO <sup>b</sup>		58
Bu <sub>3</sub> SnCl <sup>b</sup>		71
		50
MeOTf <sup>f</sup>		50
MeI <sup>g</sup>		58
MeOTf <sup>d</sup>		
		



Nitrile, Nitro are tolerated.

# Short Summary of Micro Flow

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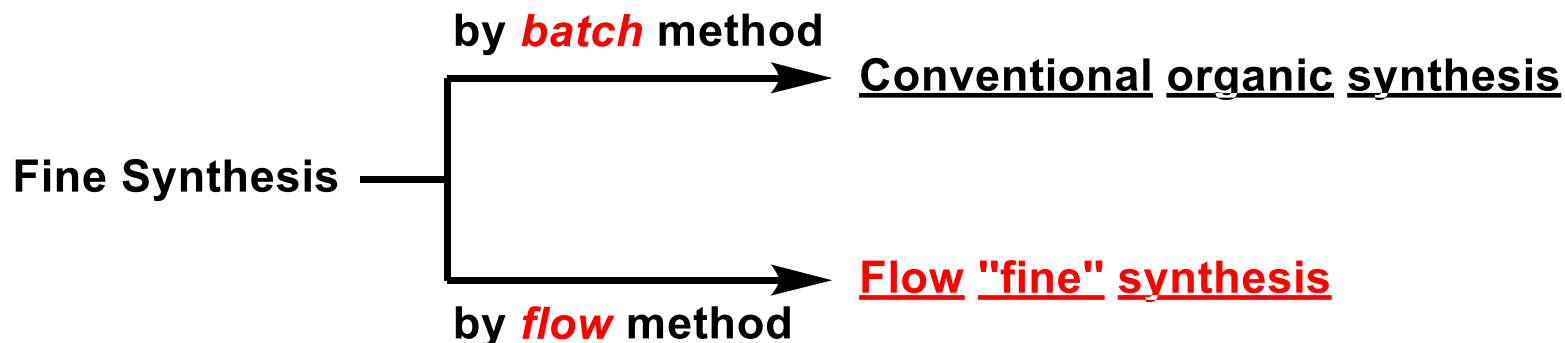
## Characteristics of micro flow

- Fast mixing
- Temperature control
- Residence time control



**Unique reactions are being developed.**

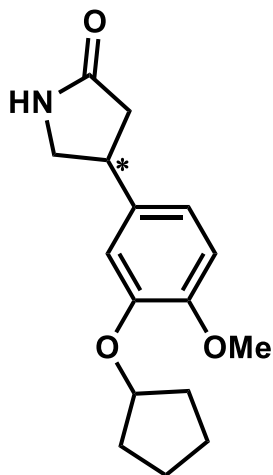
# Flow “Fine” Synthesis



## Flow "fine" synthesis

- *Reaction and synthesis that attain high yields and high selectivities by a flow method.*
- *Synthesis of structurally complex molecules using a multistep flow system.*

# Total Synthesis of (*R*)- and (*S*)-Rolipram



(*R*) - and (*S*) - Rolipram

- **Continuous-flow system**
- **Only heterogeneous catalysts**
- **Robust Asymmetric Catalyst**
- **No leaching Pd**

Homogeneous catalyst

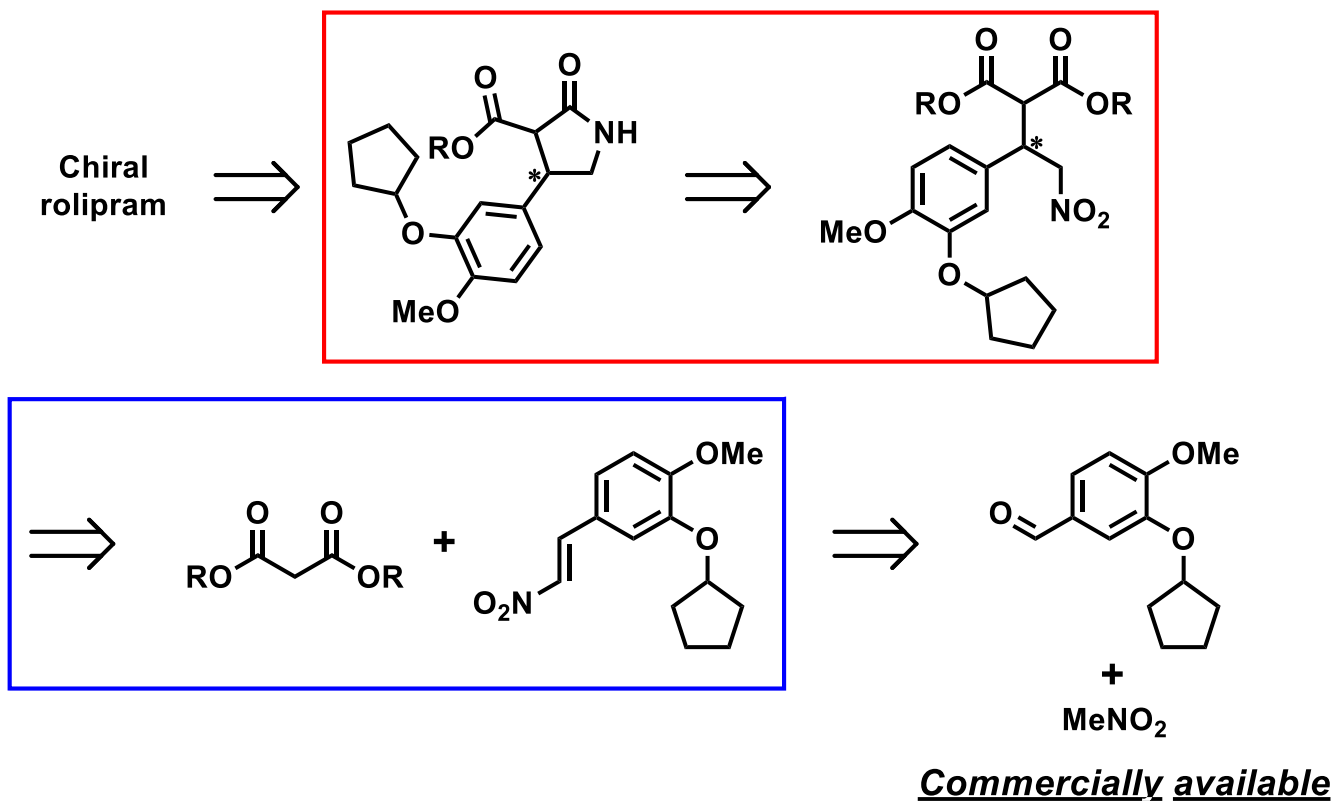


Heterogeneous catalyst







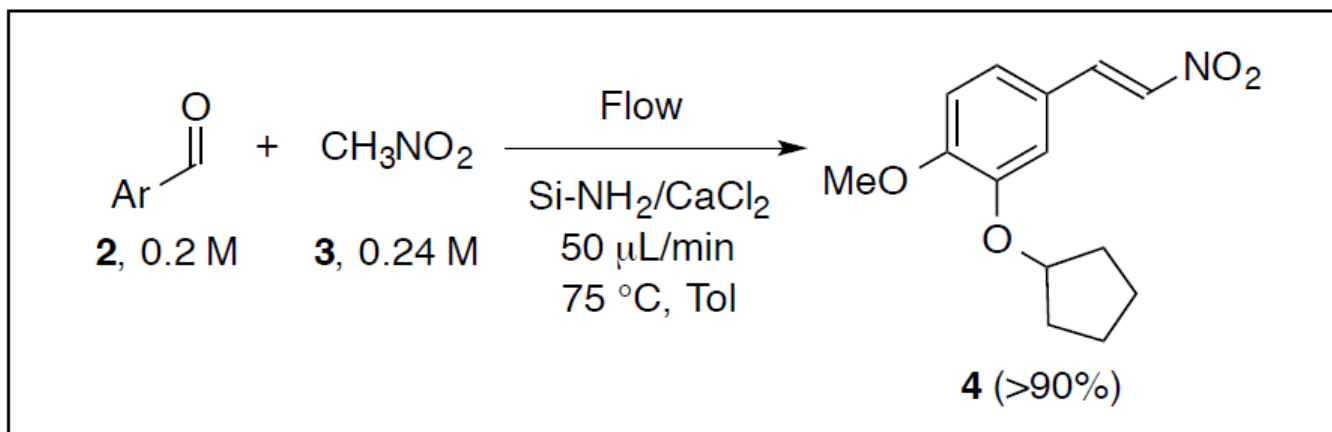
# Retrosynthesis of Rolipram



## Key Points

-  • Selective reduction by Pd catalysis and cyclization
-  • Catalytic asymmetric 1,4-addition of malonate

# Aldol Reaction



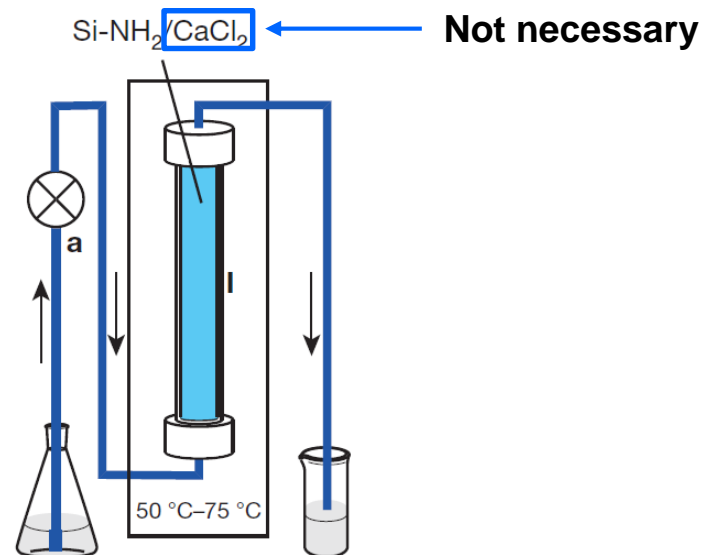
- This system is stable for more than 1 week
- Just silica-supported amine works

at 75 °C, this system found to be stable



at 50 °C, >100 h the yield slightly decreased.

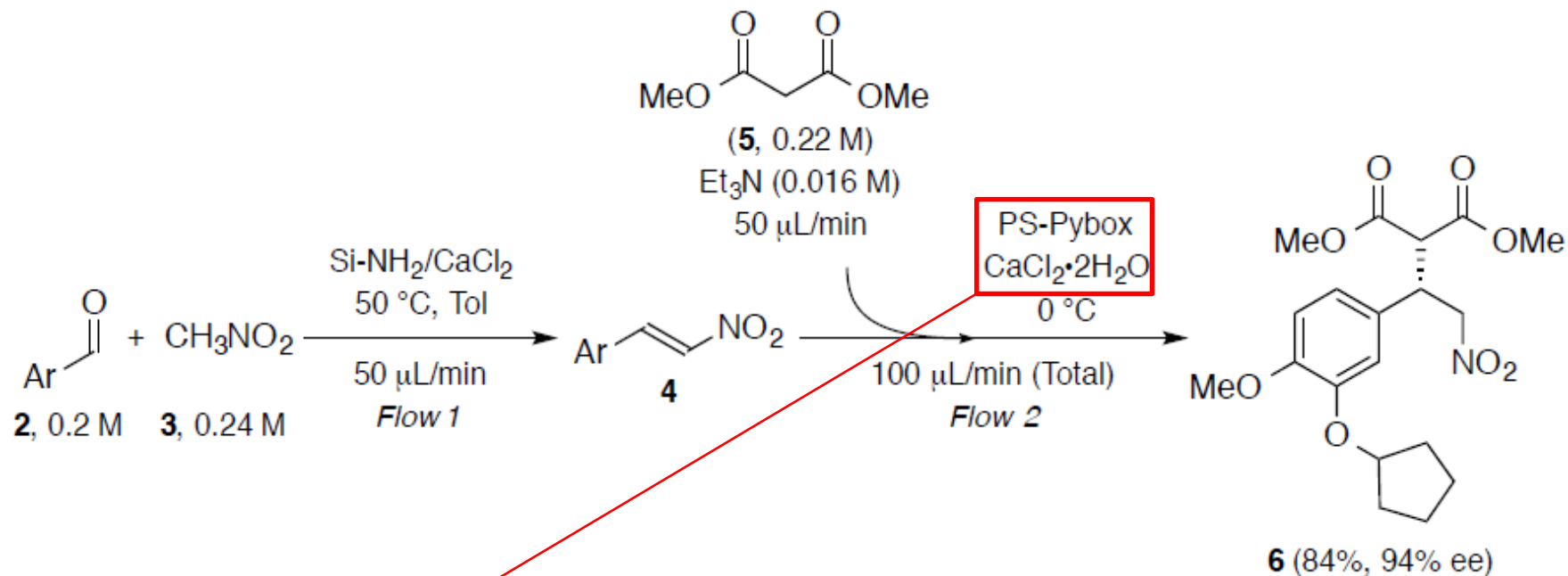
**For the following step**



Reservoir 1  
ArCHO (2, 0.2 M)  
CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (3, 0.24 M)  
in toluene

Receiver 1

# Catalytic Asymmetric 1,4-Addition



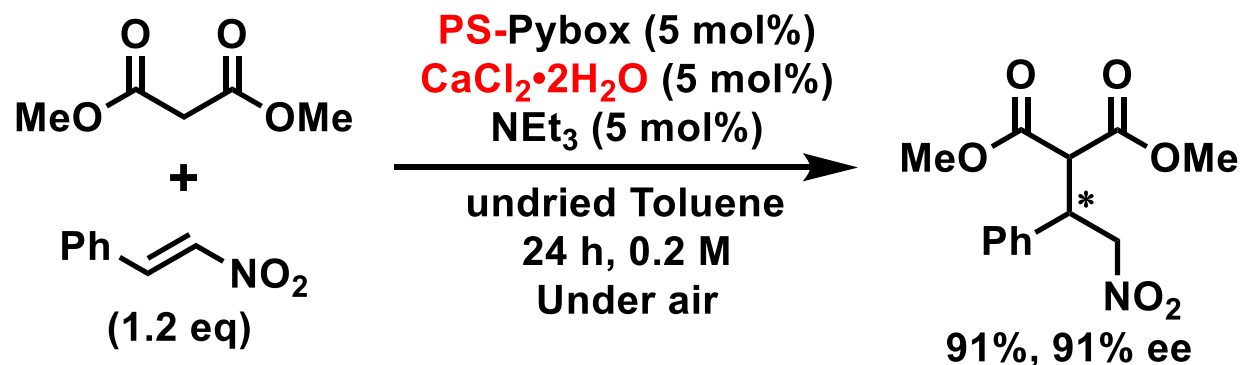
**Polymer-supported (PS) chiral calcium catalyst**

- **Stable more than one week**
- **Non-toxic Ca**

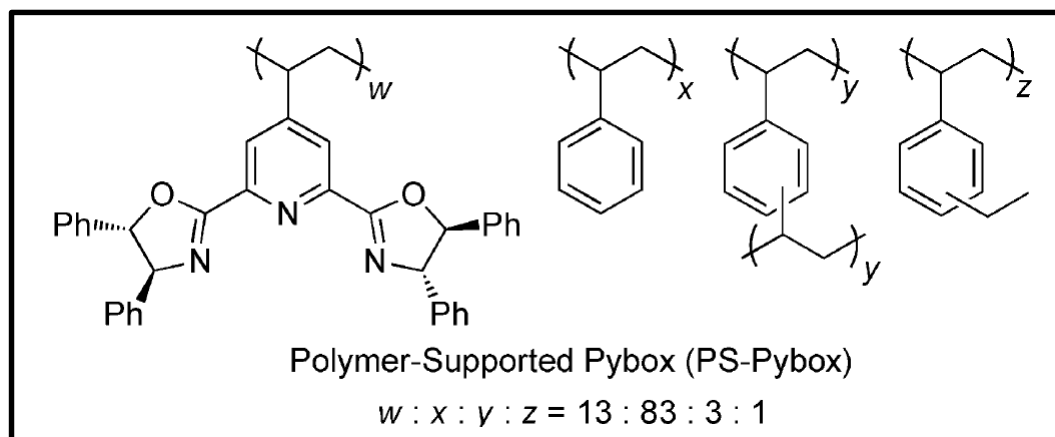
# PS Chiral Ca Catalyst in Batch

In batch method

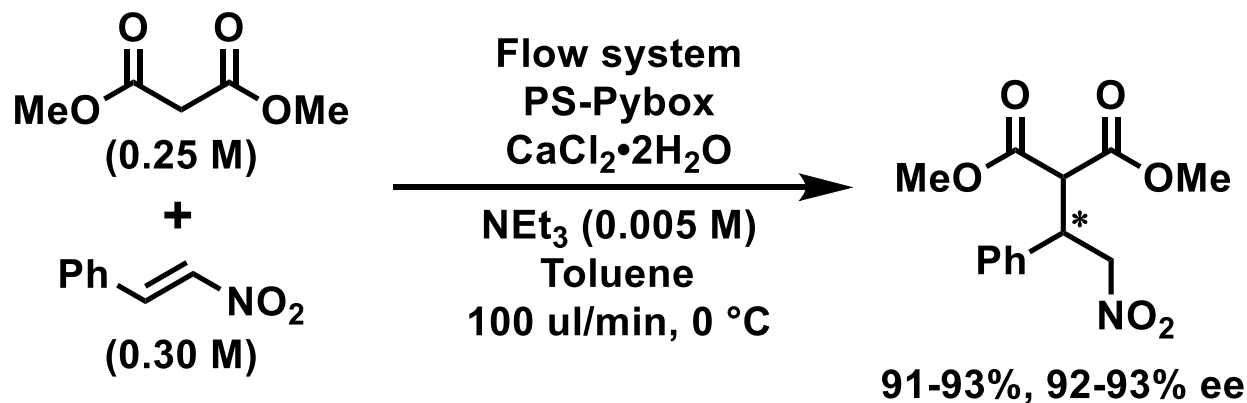
Homogenous catalyst → Heterogenous catalyst



- *Stable under Air and Water*
- *immobilized PS-Pybox catalyst*

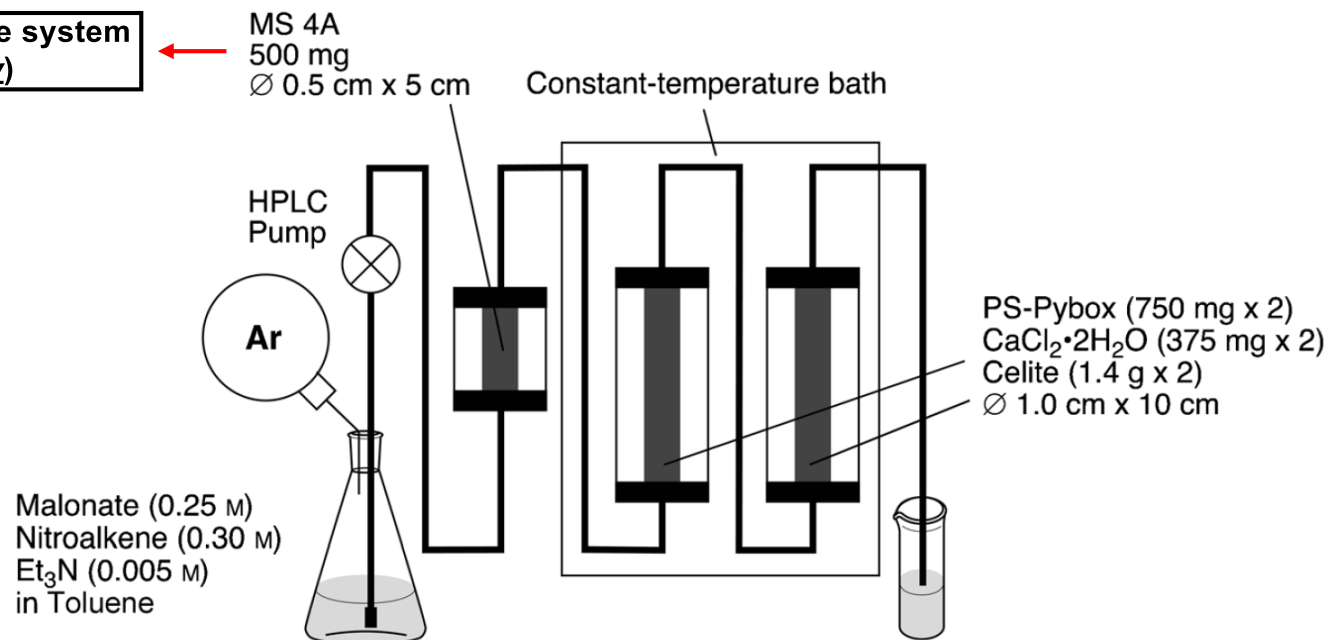


# PS Chiral Ca Catalyst in Flow

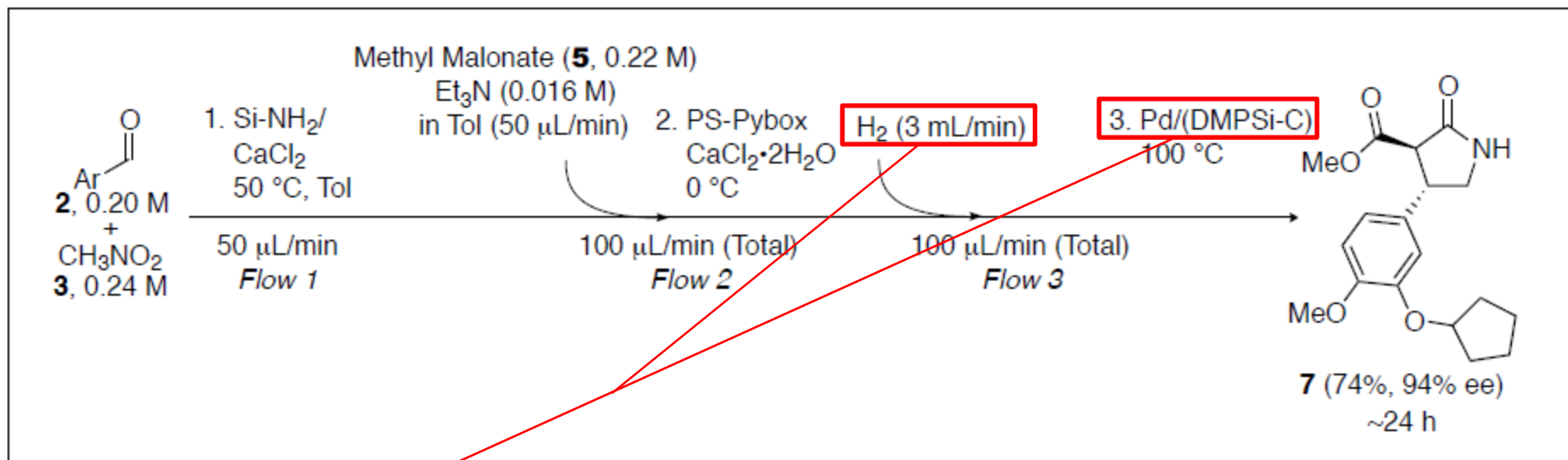


- **Robustness** (average : 96% yield, 92% ee for 8.5 days)

• **Precolumn to stabilize system**  
(*not necessary*)



# Synthesis of $\gamma$ -lactams



## Continuous-flow reduction

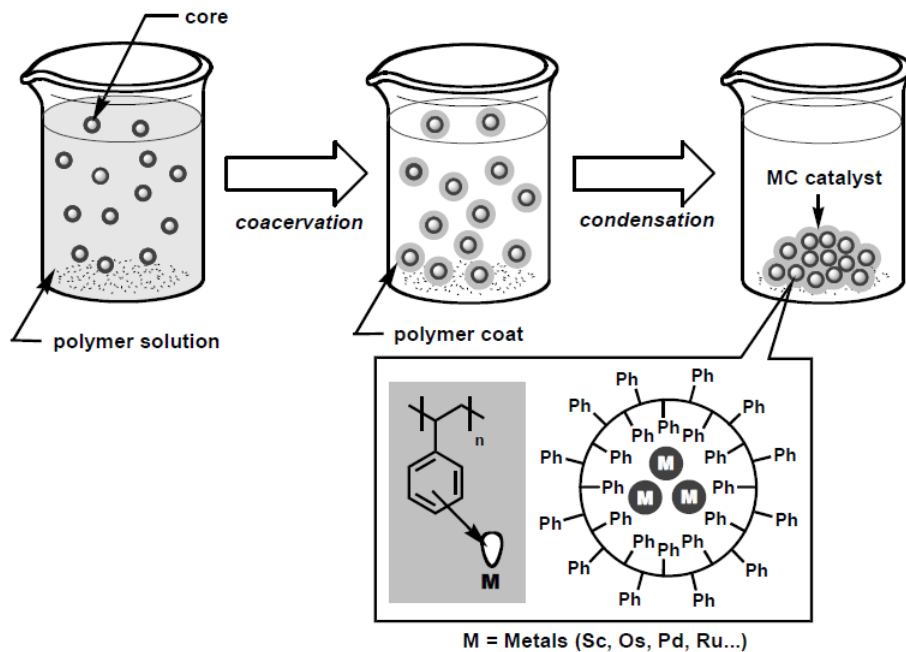
- **Microencapsulated Pd**
- **Newly developed Pd/DMPSi-C (polysilane-supported Pd/C)**



**Pd/PSi-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> cat. did not work**

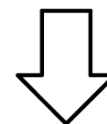
# Immobilized Catalyst for Toxic Metals

## • MC (Microencapsulated) Catalyst



- Recycle and reuseable
- High activity
- **No leaching toxic metals** (Pd, Os, Ru...)

- Recoverable & Reusable
- Highly Active

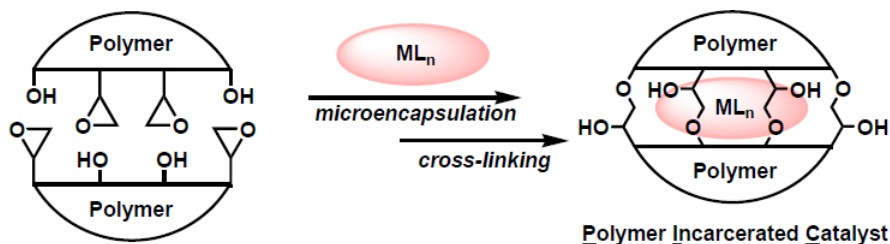


*Green Chemistry*

*Process Chemistry*

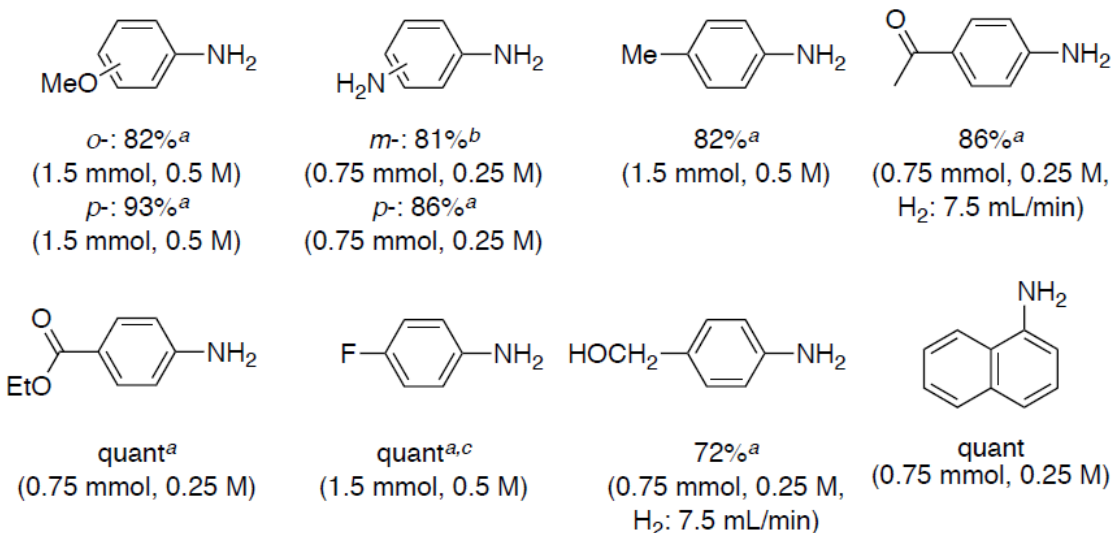
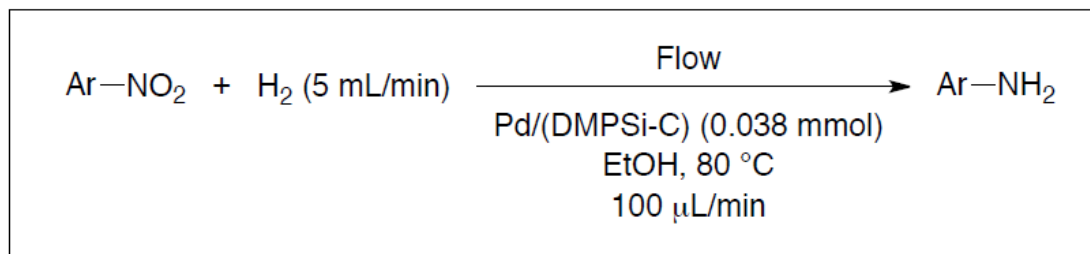
## • PI (Polymer-Incarcerated) Catalyst

e.g. Kobayashi S. *et al. Science*, 2004,304, 1305.



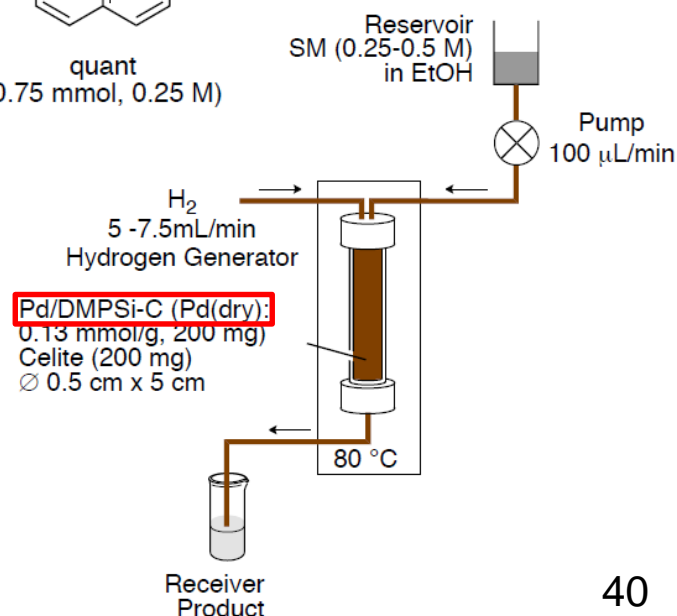
- MC catalyst & cross-linking
- **Many solvents can be used**

# Hydrogenation in Flow



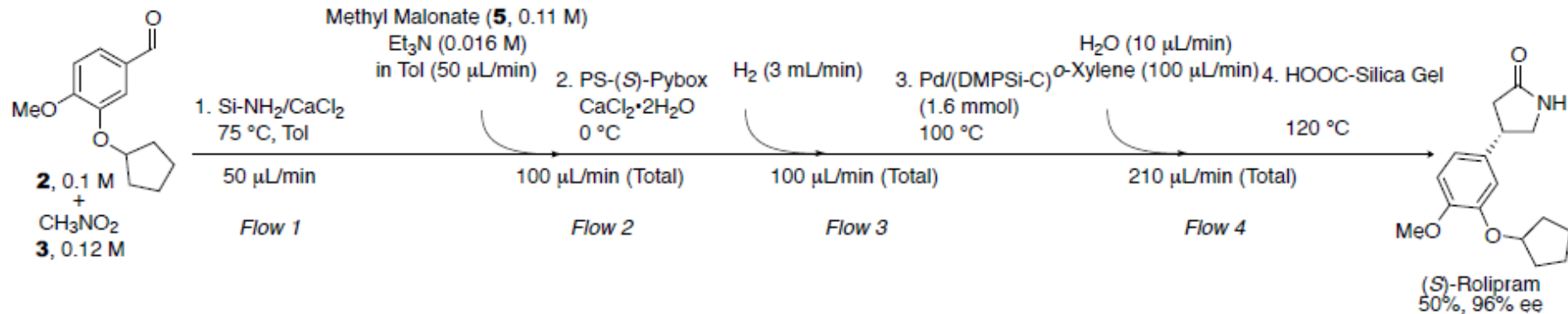
- Pd/PSi-xx, where **xx is for prevent leaching metals**.
- Pd/PSi, Pd/PSi-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Pd/PSi-TiO<sub>2</sub>... are generally used for hydrogenation.

Rolipram is not suitable substrate.

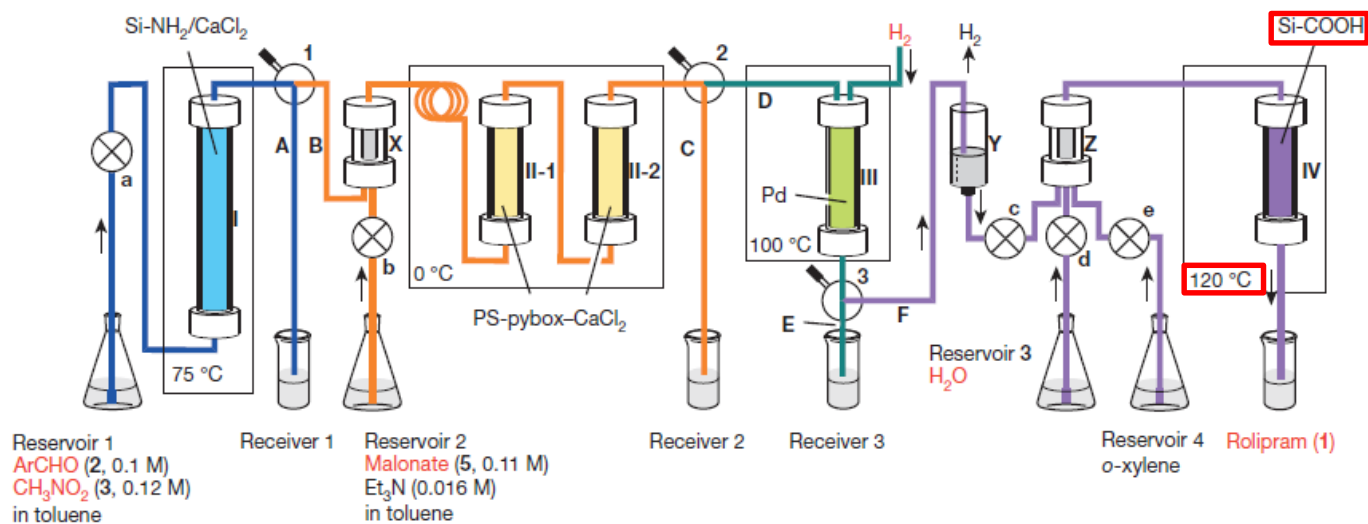




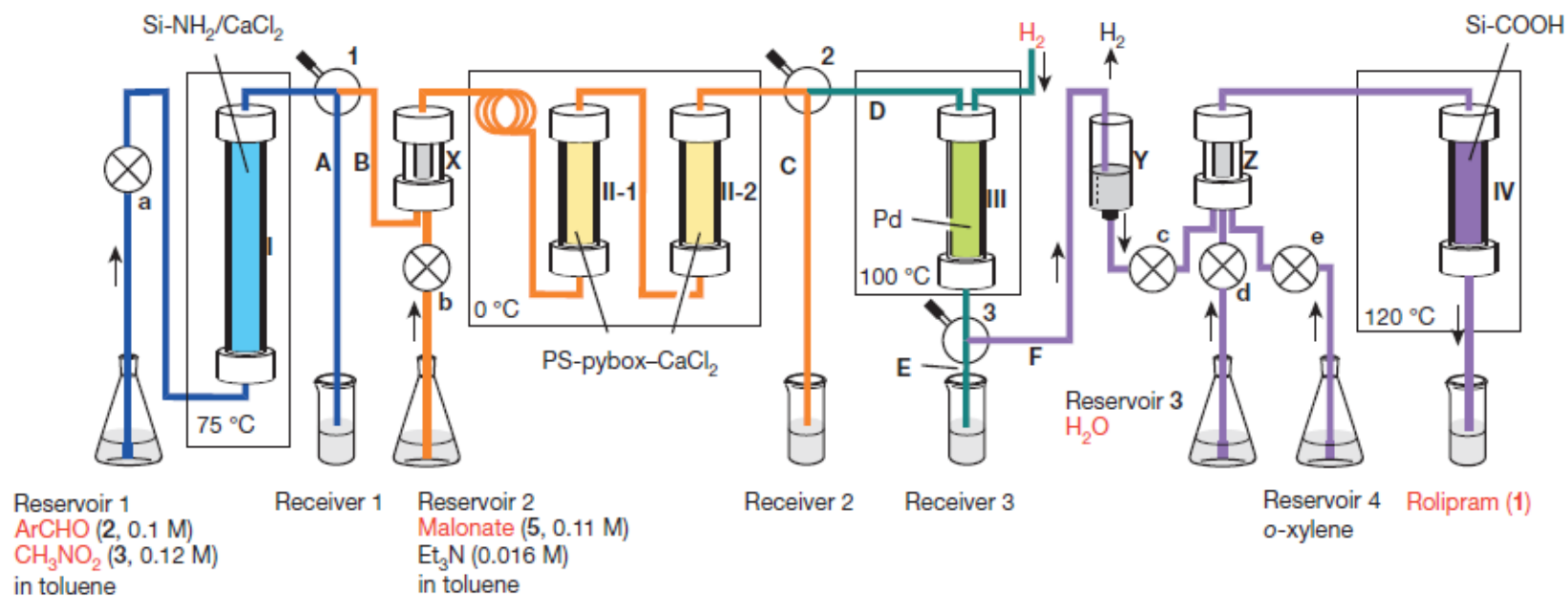
# Hydrolysis and Decarboxylation



**silica-supported carboxylic acid and heating promote hydrolysis and decarboxylation.**



# Summary of Rolipram



## Summary and key points

- (S)-Rolipram, 50% yield (997.8 mg/ 24h), 96% ee
- (R)-Rolipram (50%, 96% ee) is also got
- 8 steps 4 columns
- **Stable more than 1 week**
- Only heterogenous catalyts
- **No leaching Pd** detected by ICP

# Summary

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**Flow chemistry : reaction development and total synthesis**



**unique reactions**



**fine synthesis**

**In the future, flow chemistry might be the main stream of synthesizing molecules in academic and company ?!**