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# **Reactivity of metal boryl complex**

**Literature Seminar #2**  
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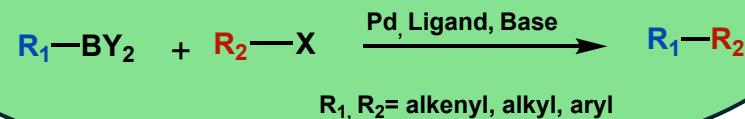
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# Reaction of boron

## Hydroborylation

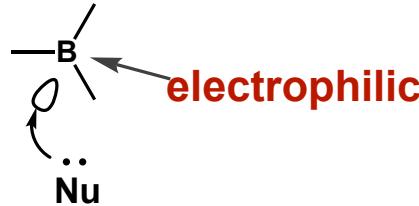


## Suzuki-Miyaura cross coupling

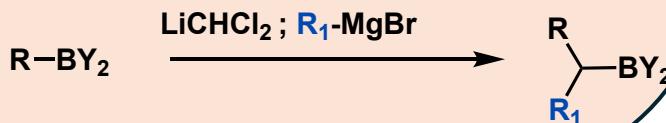


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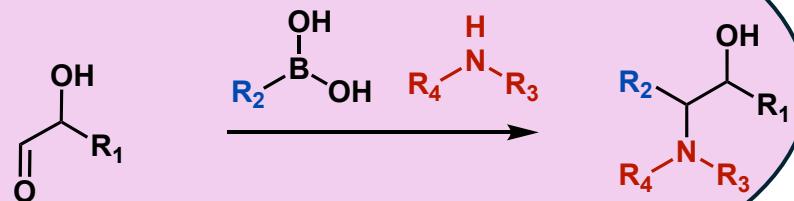
via



## Matteson homologation



## Petasis reaction

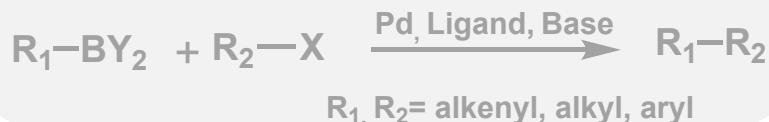


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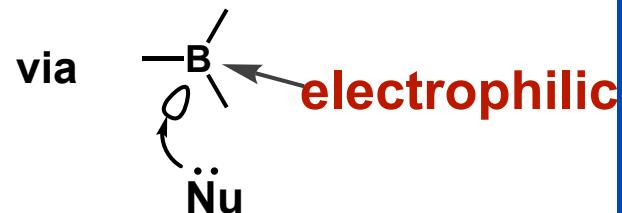
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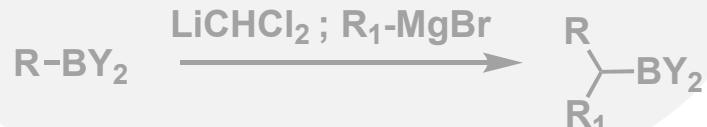
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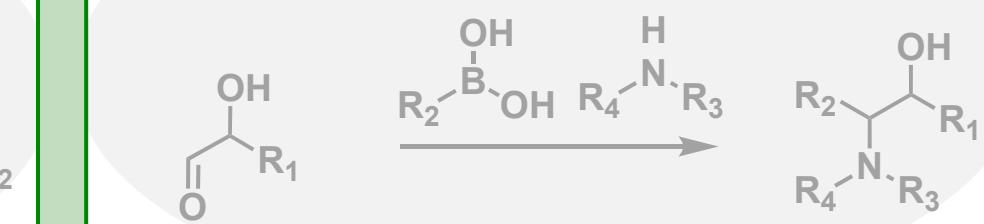
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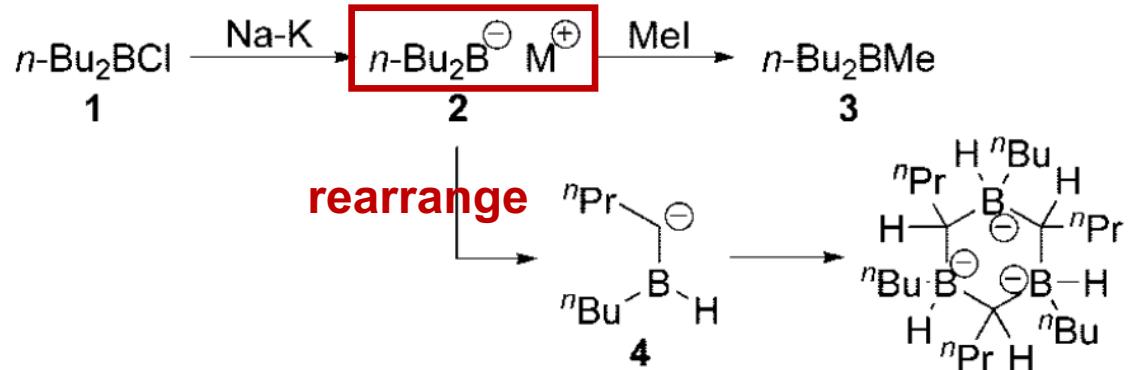
## Petasis reaction



Few observation of **nucleophilic boryl**

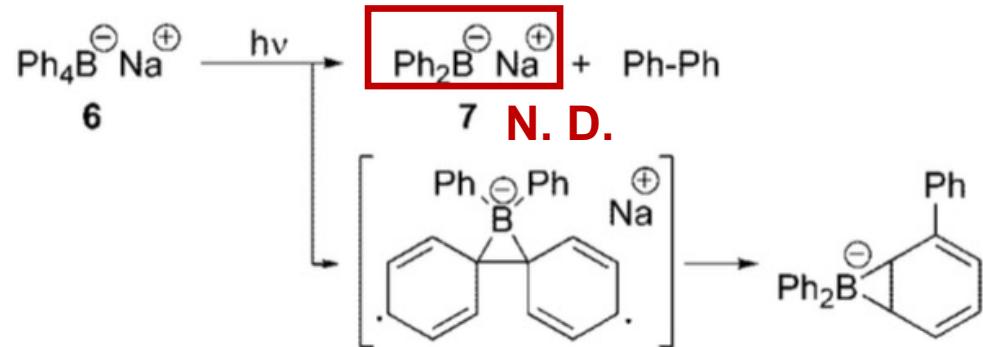
# Early attempts of boryl anion

## Attempt ①



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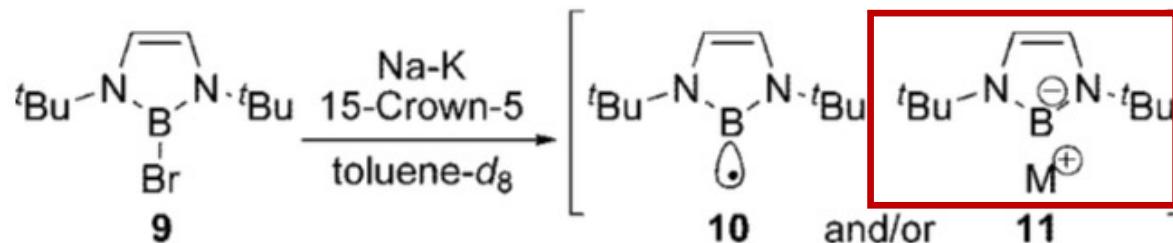
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# Early attempts of boryl anion

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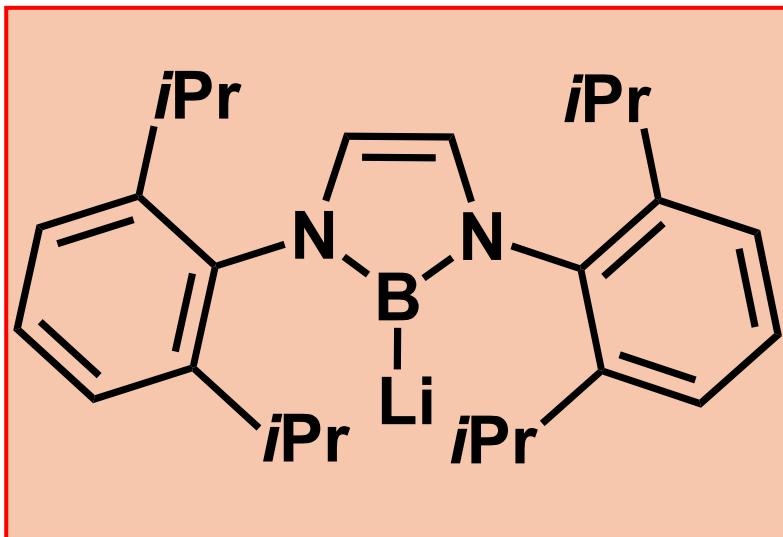


L. Weber, et al. *J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.* **2001**, 3459.

Boryl lithium could not be isolated and structurally analyzed.

# Boryl lithium

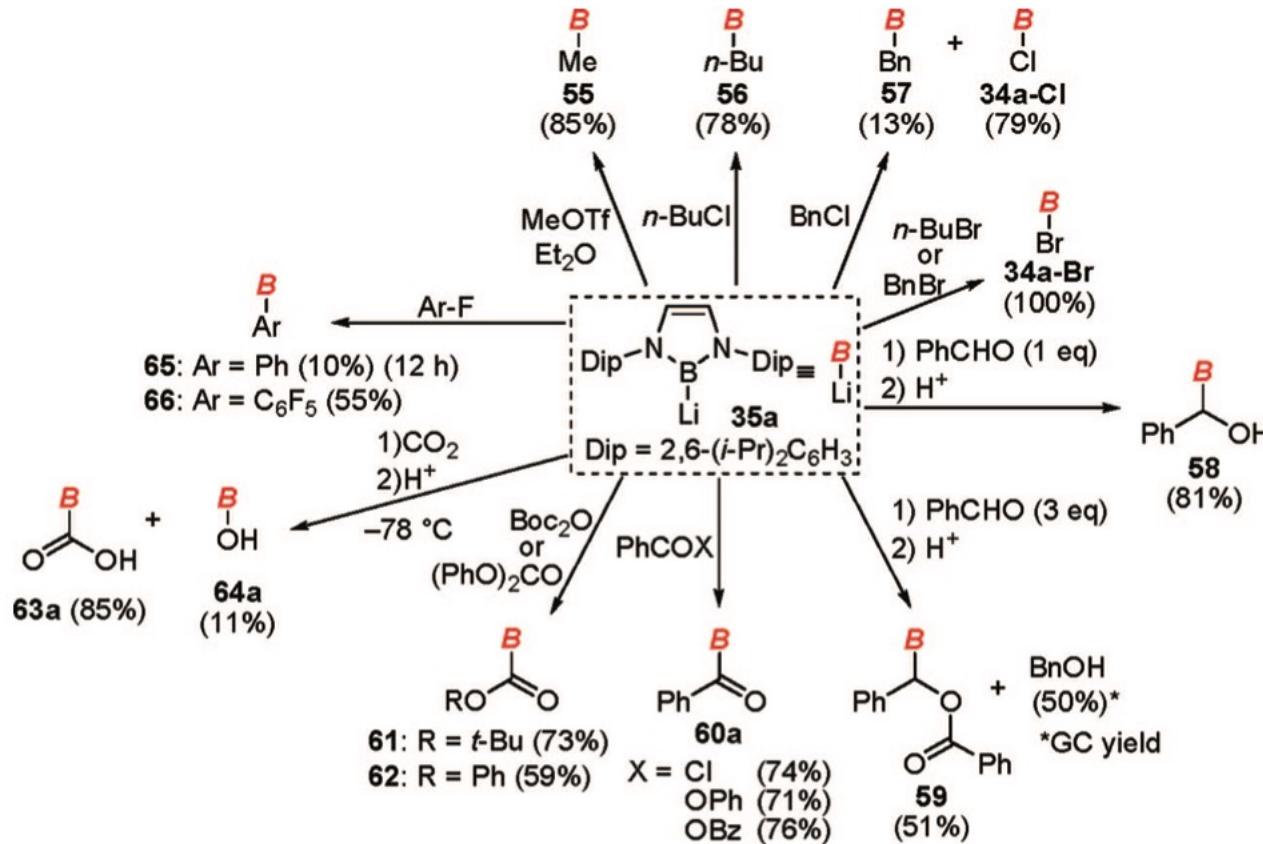
First example of isolated boryl anion



- X-ray crystallography
- Bond length and angle
- NMR
- Reaction with several electrophiles

# Boryl lithium

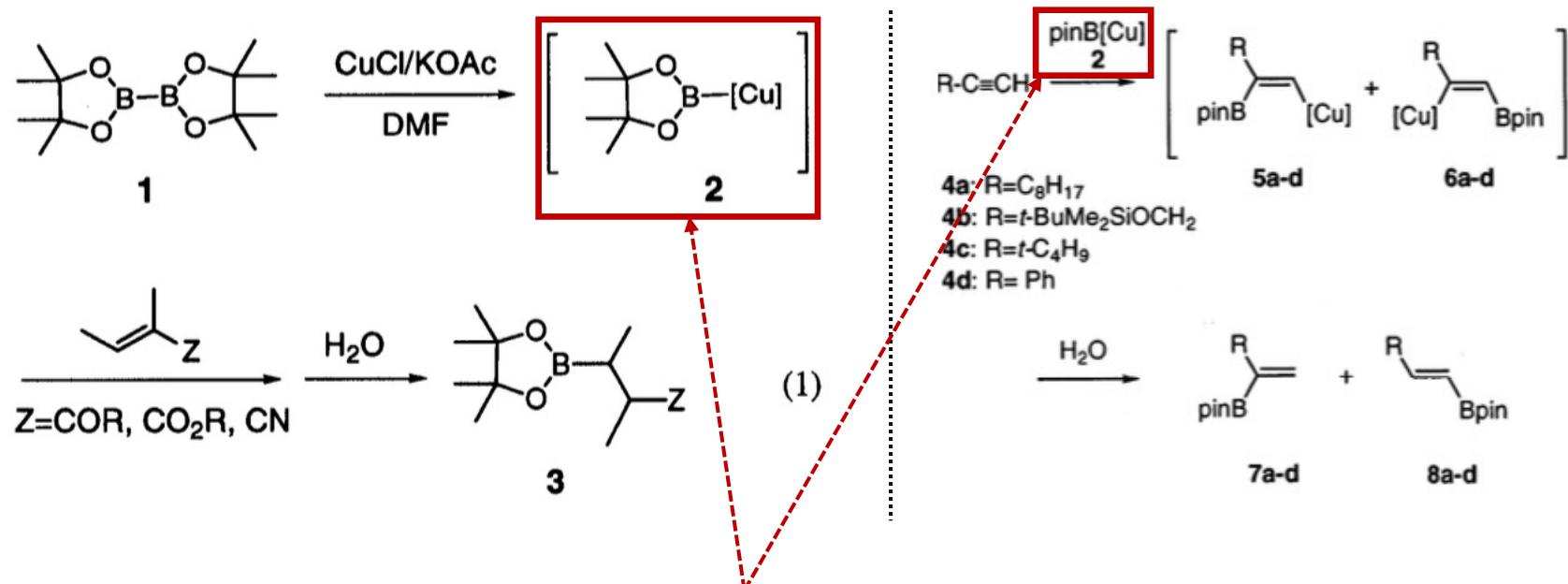
Boryl lithium can react with various electrophiles.



M. Yamashita, K. Nozaki, et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 16069.

# Boryl copper complex

Addition of boryl copper complex to alkenes and alkynes



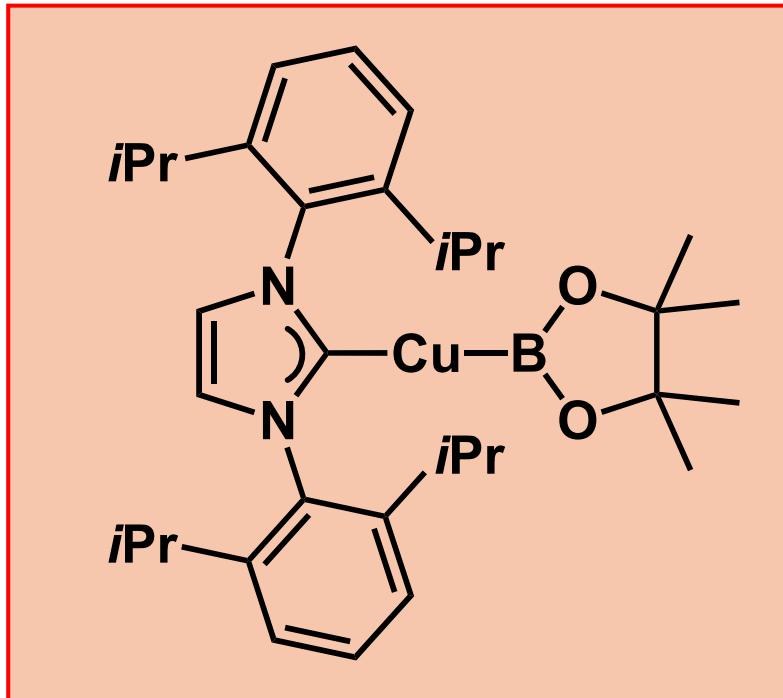
Nucleophilicity of boron center in copper boryl complex was suggested.

N. Miyaura, et al. *Chem. Lett.* 2000, 982.

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# Boryl copper complex

First example of isolated boryl anion

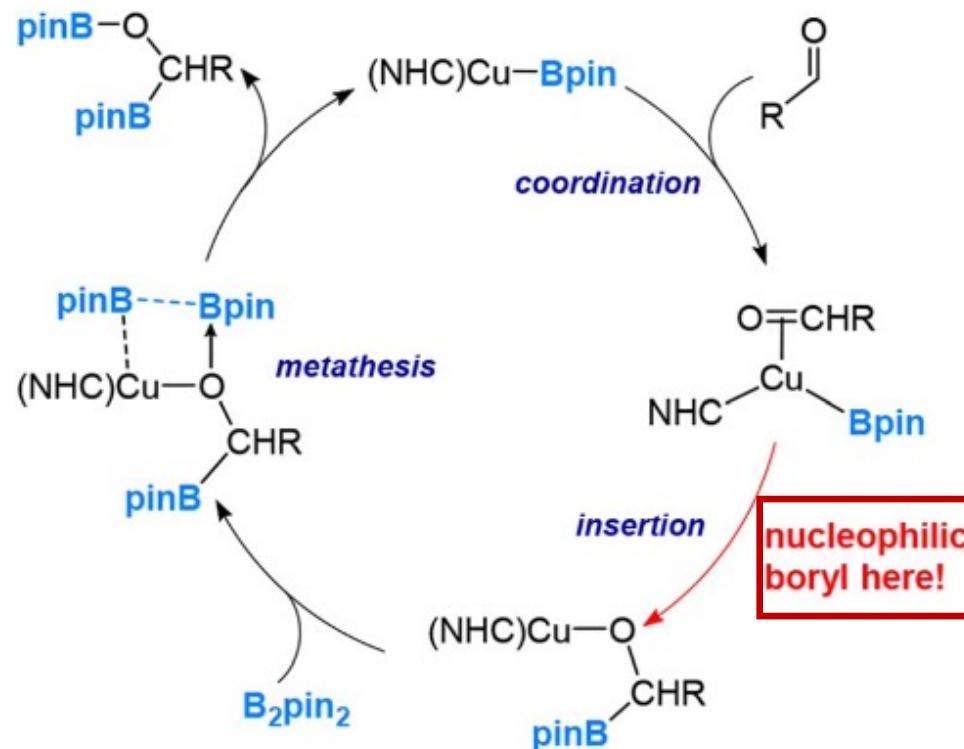
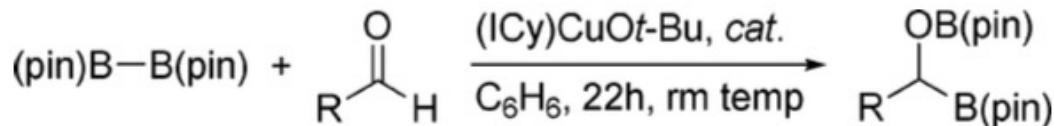


- X-ray crystallography
- Bond length and angle
- NMR
- Reaction with CO<sub>2</sub> and aldehydes as electrophiles

J. P. Sadighi, et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, 127, 17196.  
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# Boryl copper complex

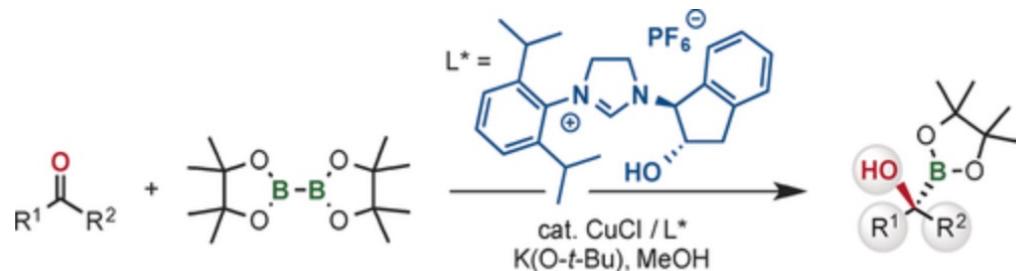
## Borylation of aldehydes



# Boryl copper complex

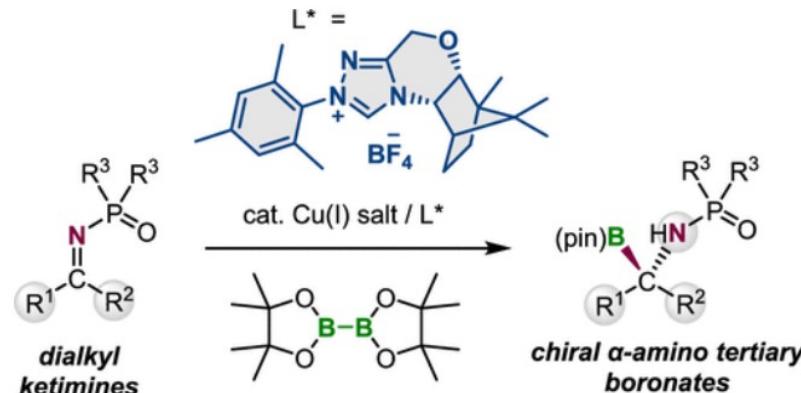
Boryl copper complex can react with various electrophiles.

## Borylation of ketone



H. Ito, et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2017**, 56, 6646.

## Borylation of dialkyl ketimine



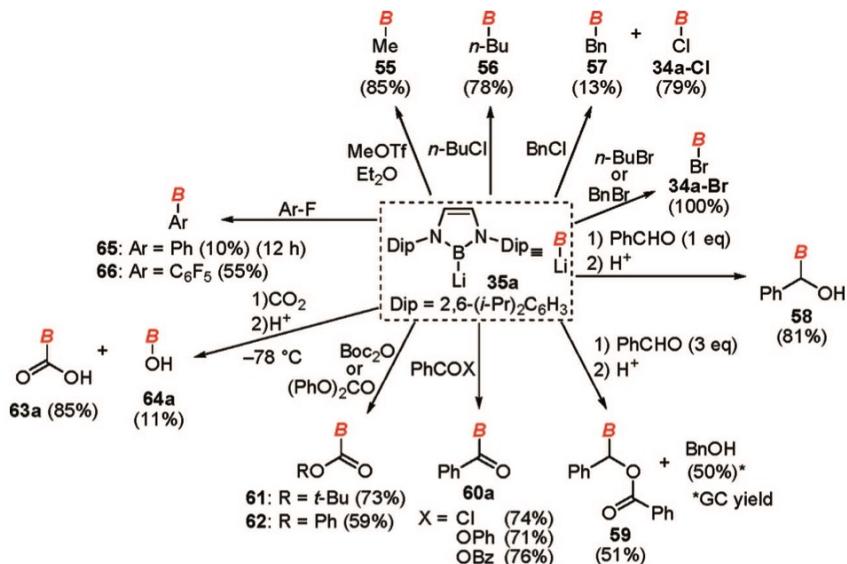
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# Nucleophilic boryl

## Application to nucleophilic boryl

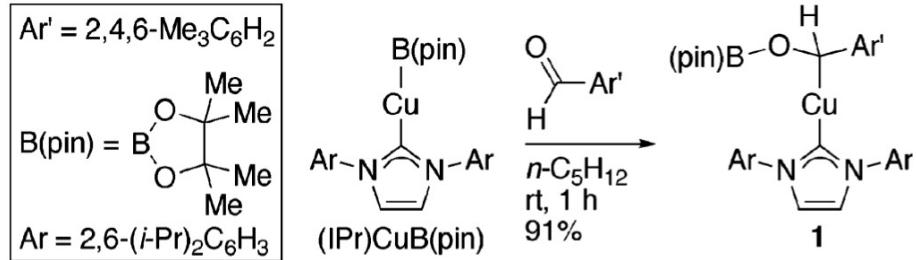
### Borylation of electrophiles

#### Boryl lithium

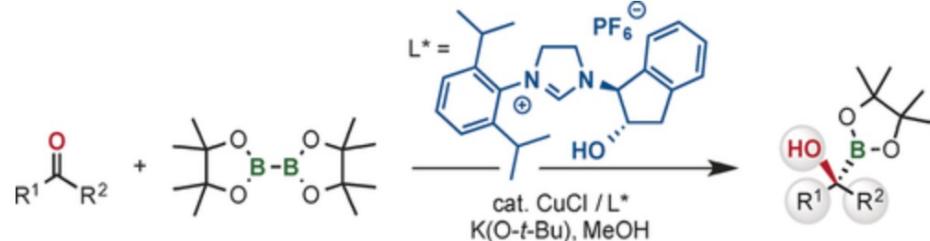


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#### Boryl copper complex



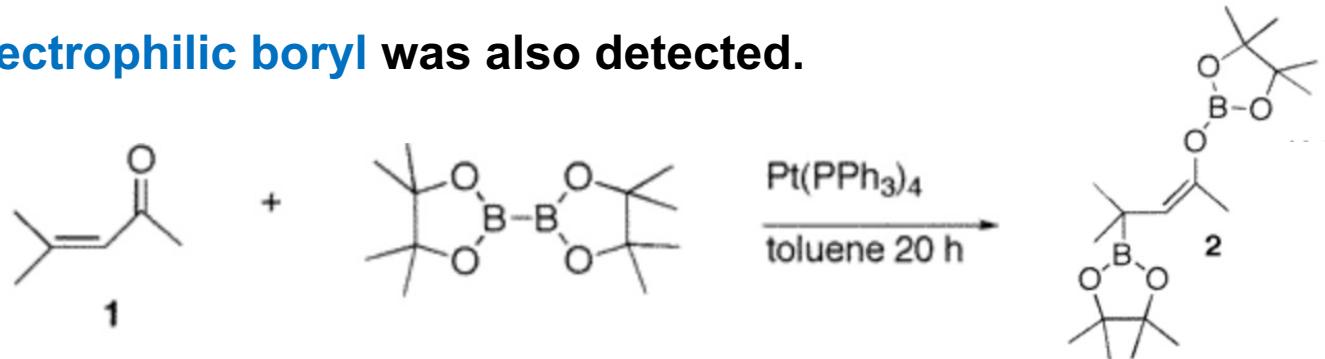
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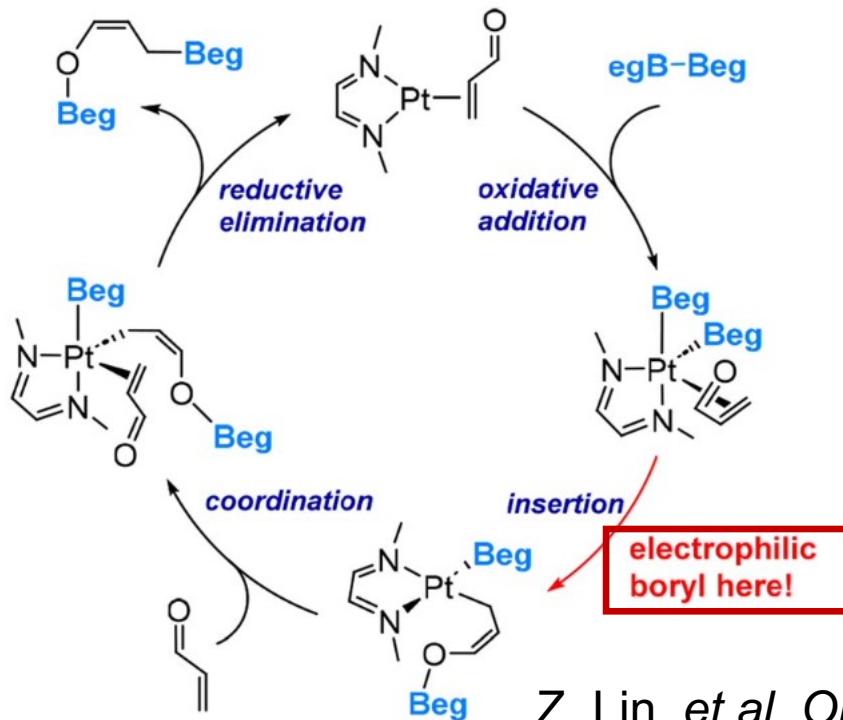
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# Other metal boryl complex

Electrophilic boryl was also detected.



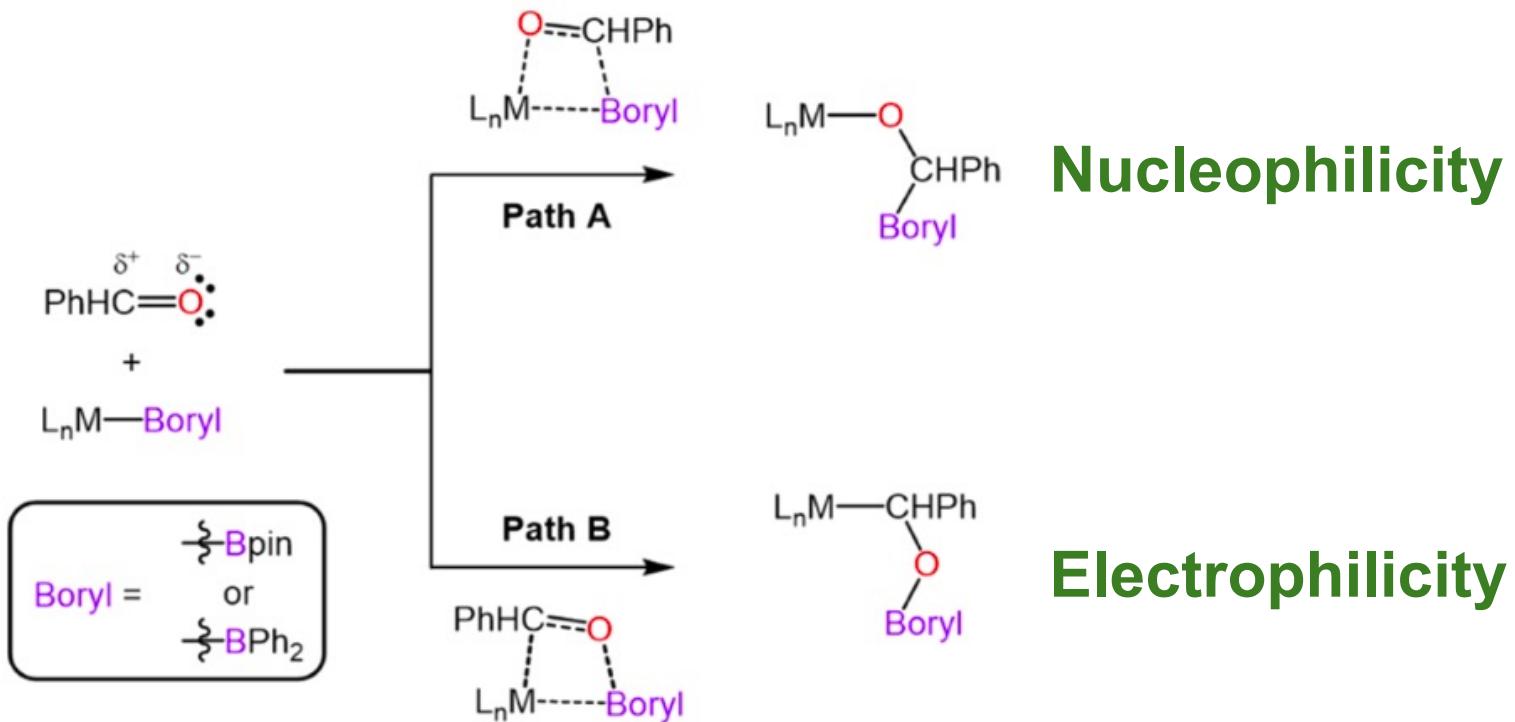
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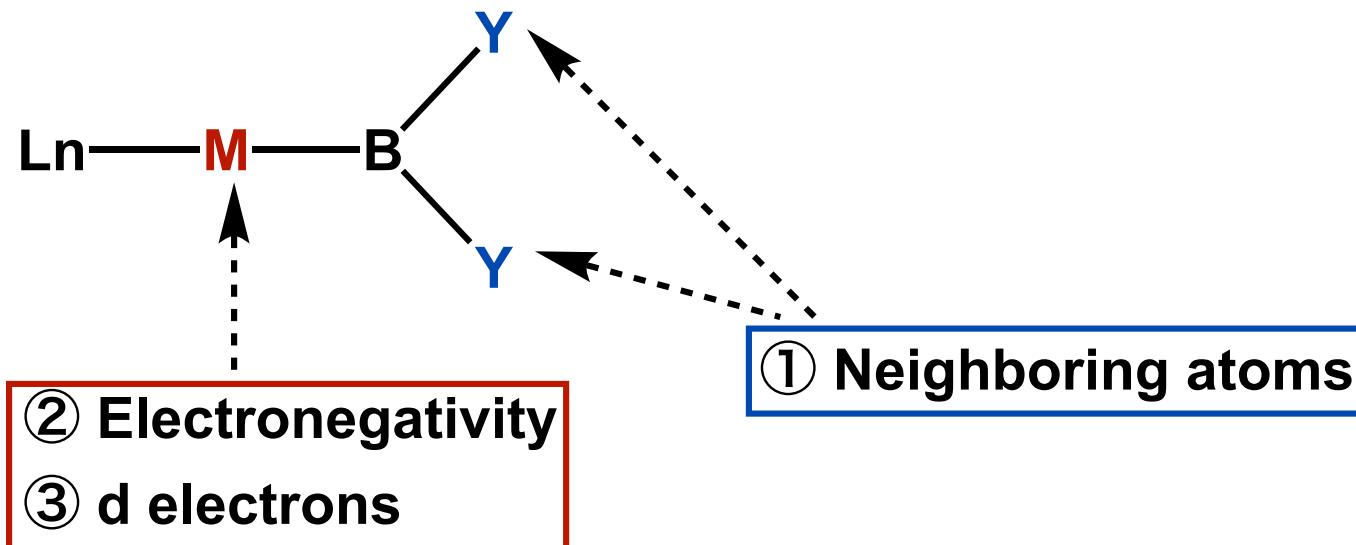
# Transition metal boryl complex

## Difference of reactivity of transition metal boryl complex



# Transition metal boryl complex

Reactivity of metal boryl complex is affected by 3 factors below.



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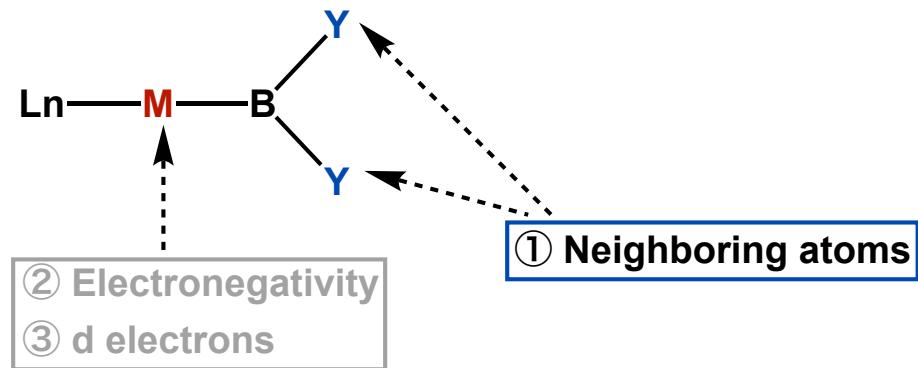
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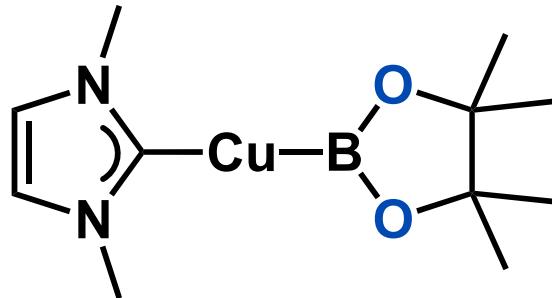
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# Model

Neighboring atom is O

(NHC)Cu-Bpin

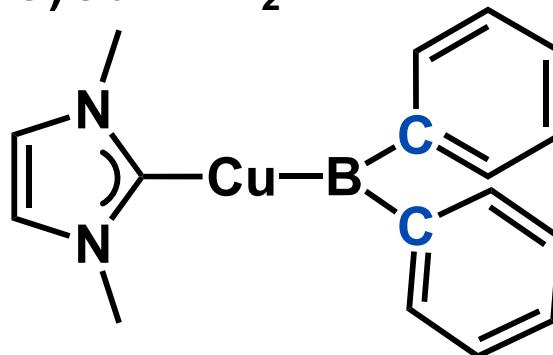


Isolated as  
(Icy)Cu-Bpin (J. P. Sadighi, 2005)

Many application  
to borylation of electrophiles

Neighboring atom is C

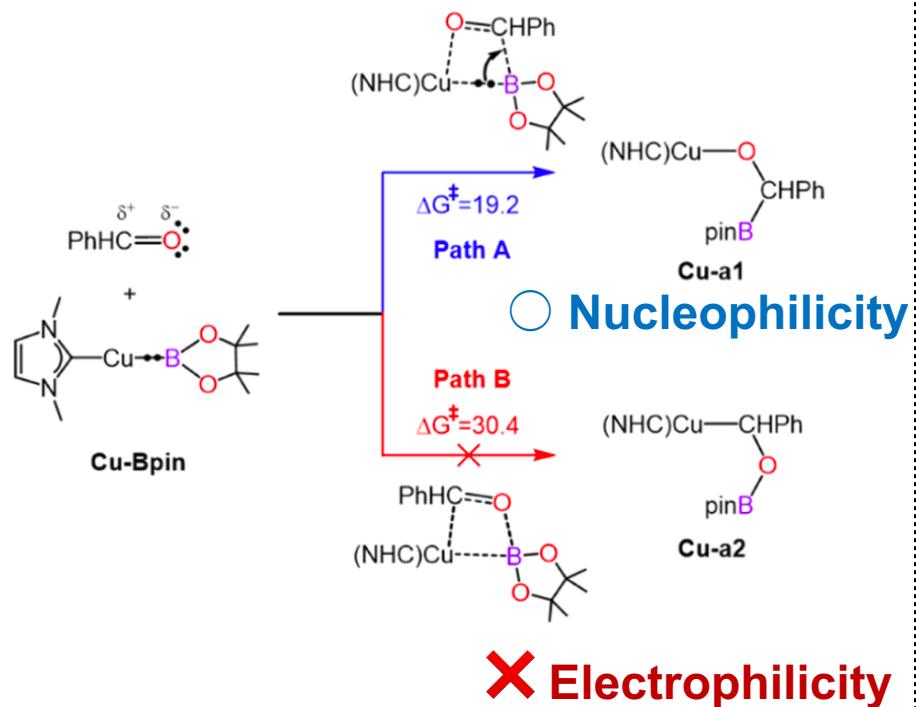
(NHC)Cu-BPh<sub>2</sub>



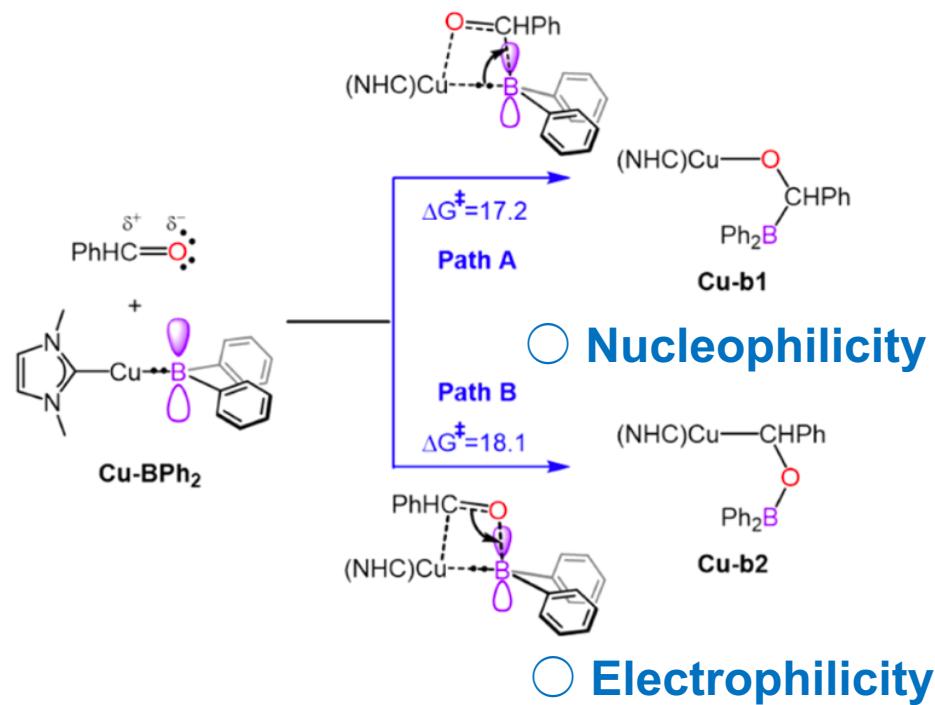
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# DFT calculation

## (NHC)Cu-Bpin

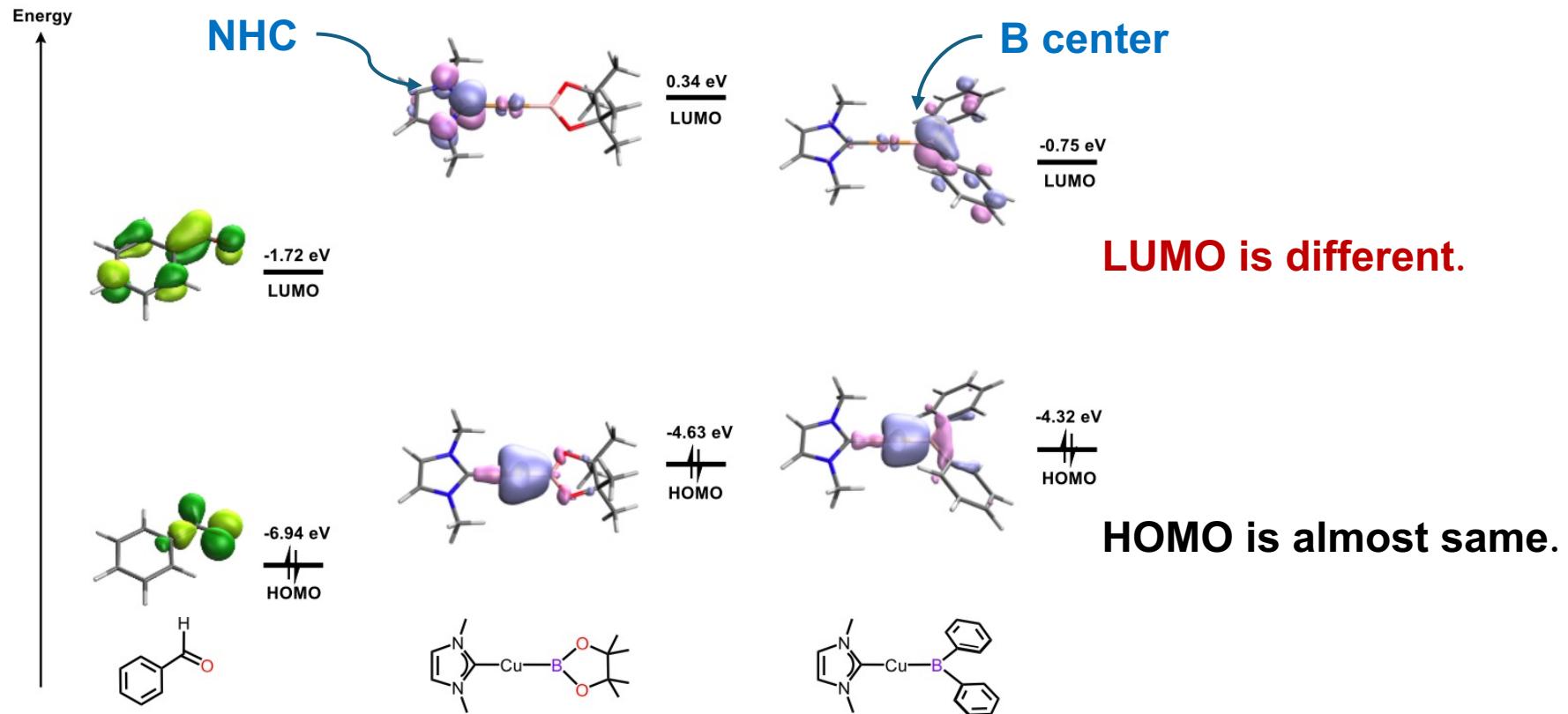


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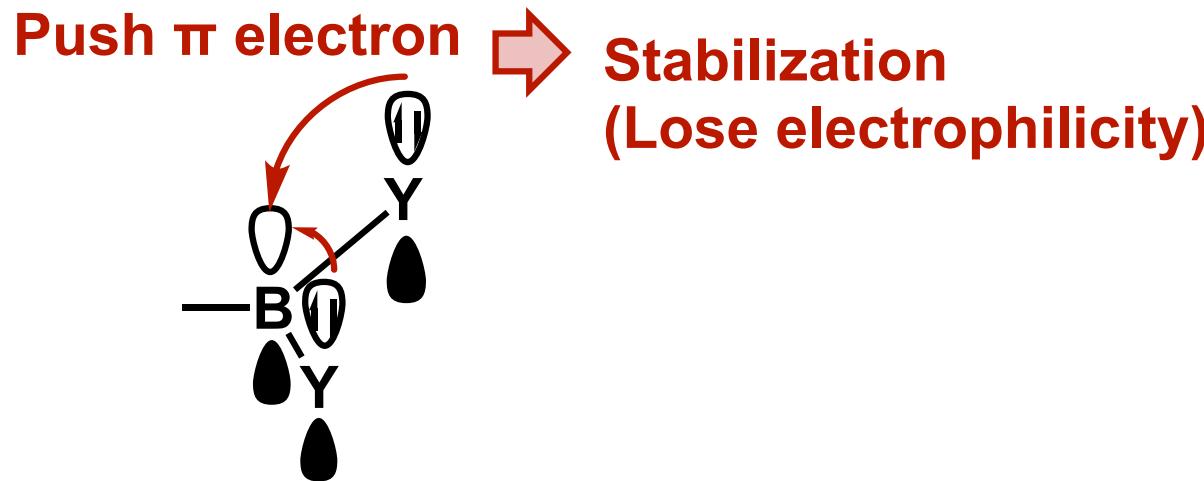
Neighboring atoms affect electrophilicity of boryl.

# FMO calculation

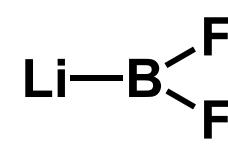
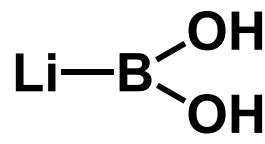
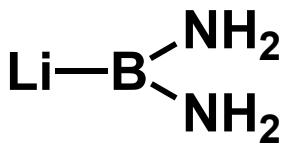
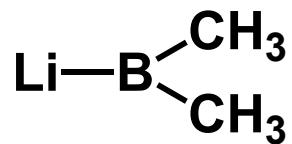


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# Effects of neighboring atoms



## Example of stabilization of boryl lithium



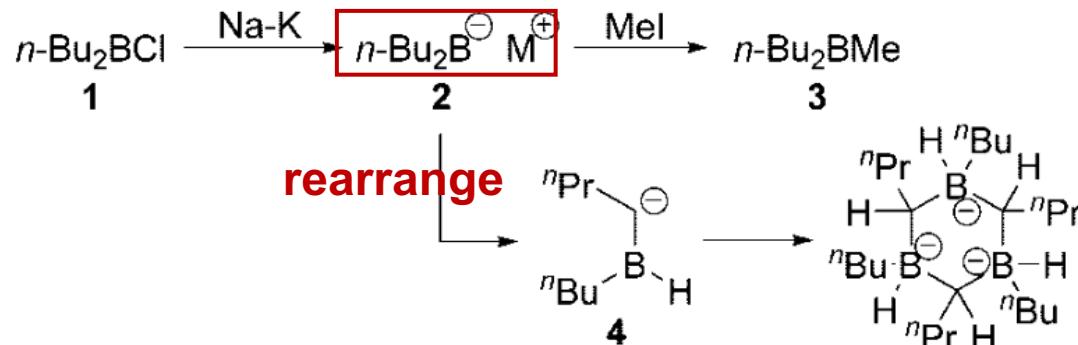
Boron p<sub>z</sub> occ — 0.30  
(occ = occupancy of boron p<sub>z</sub> orbital)

— 0.19

0.18

# Stable boryl lithium

Early attempt to generate boryl anion

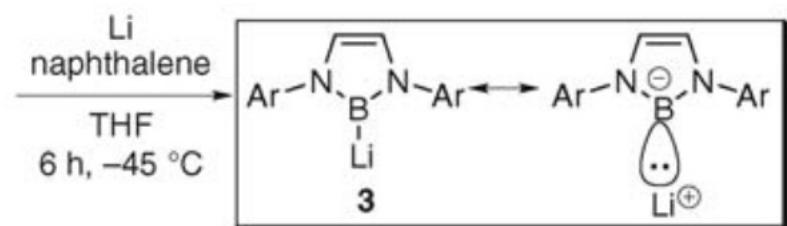
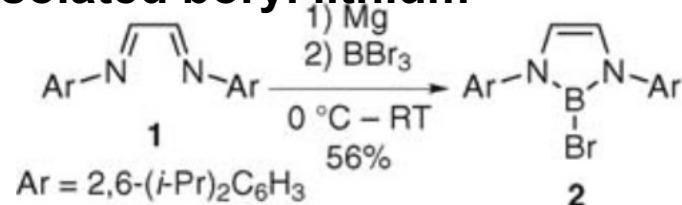


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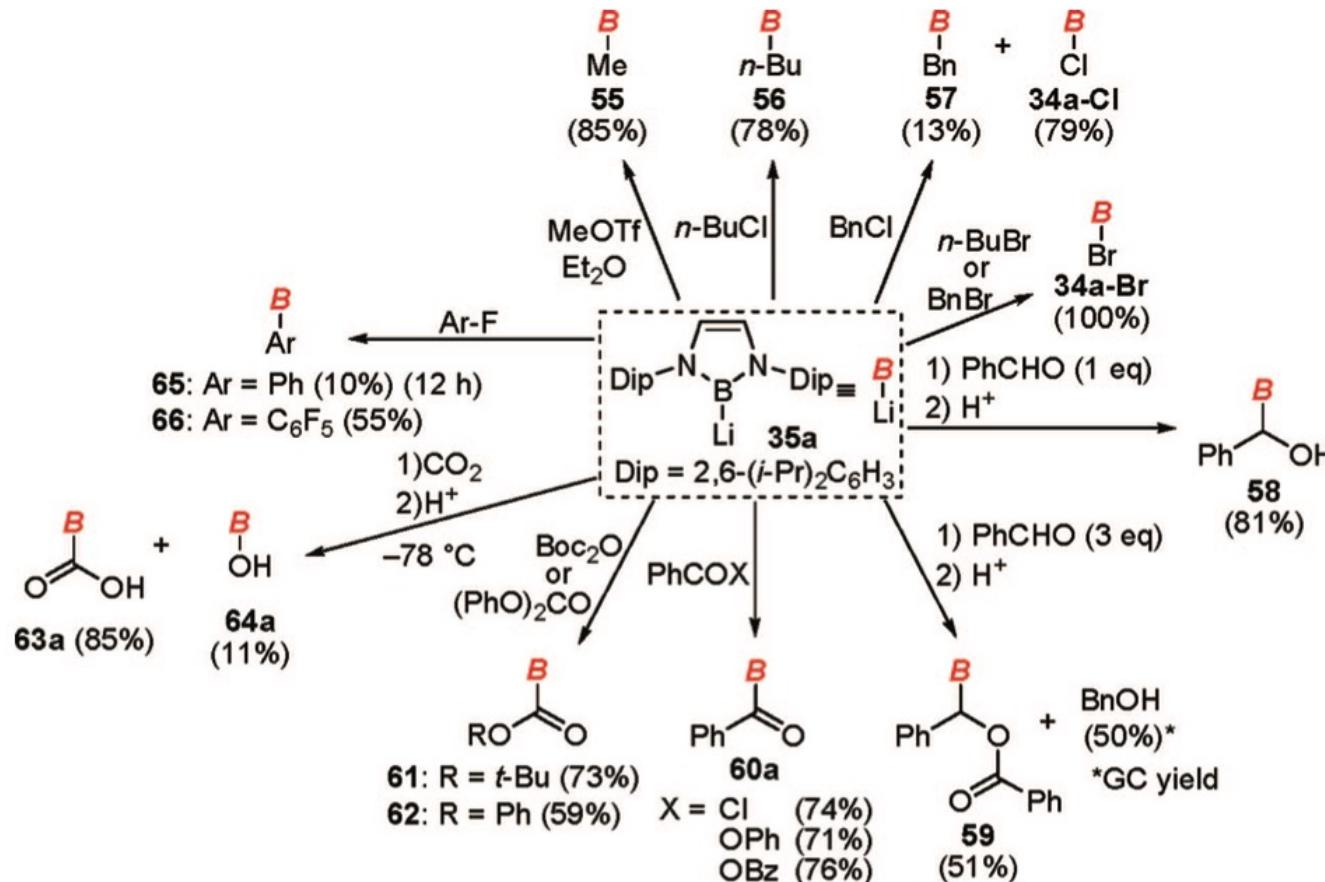


Isolated

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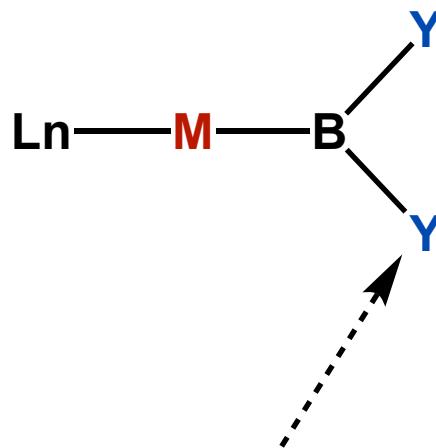
# Stable boryl lithium

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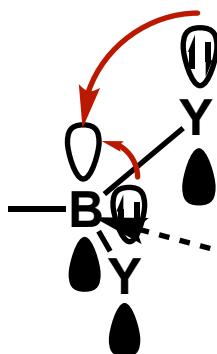
# Short summary



① Neighboring atoms

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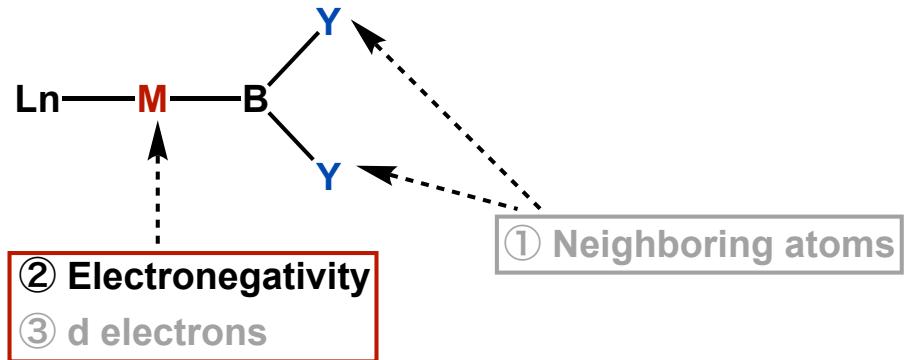
Push  $\pi$  electron



Stabilized  
(Lose electrophilicity)

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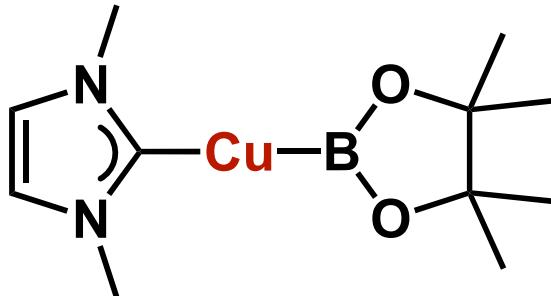
# Model

**Electronegativity (Pauling)**

Cu: 1.90 B: 2.04 Au: 2.54

Electropositive metal (Cu)

(NHC)Cu-Bpin

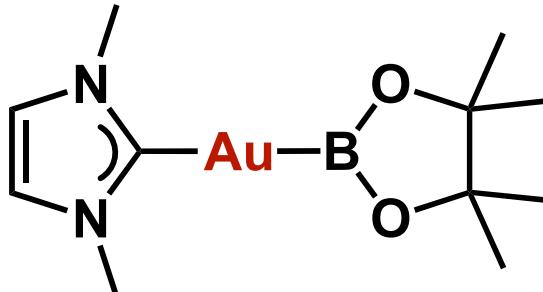


Isolated as  
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**Many application  
to borylation of electrophiles**

Electronegative metal (Au)

(NHC)Au-Bpin

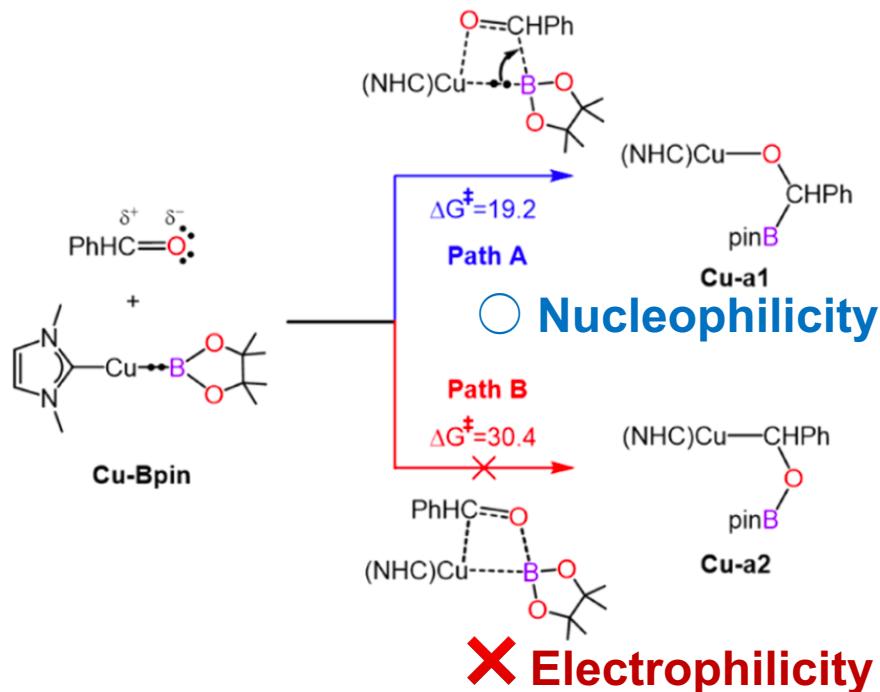


Isolated as  
(IPr)Au-Bpin (S. P. Nolan, 2019)

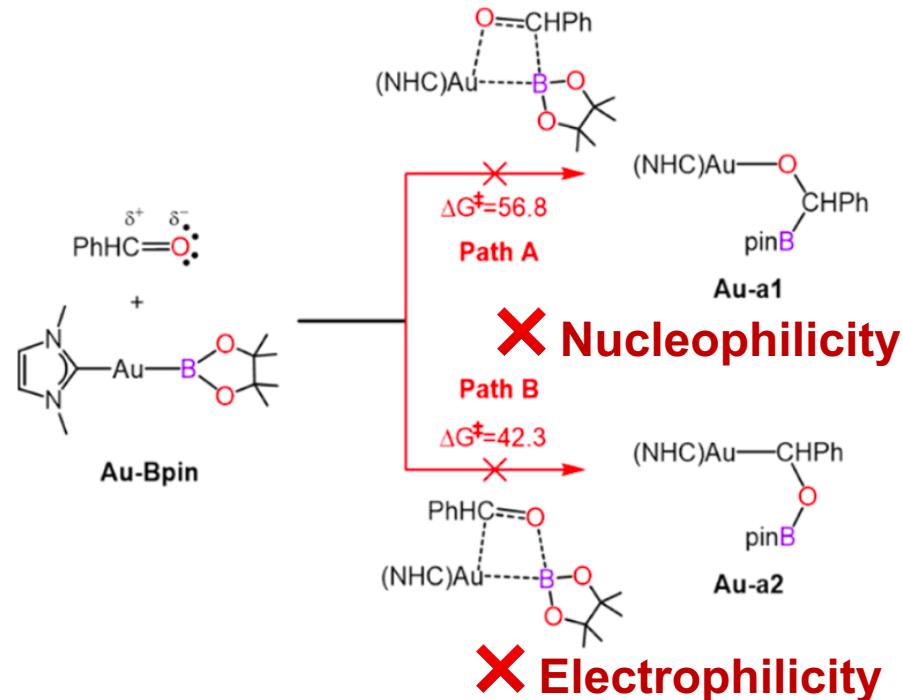
**Low reactivity and high stability**

# DFT calculation

## (NHC)Cu-Bpin

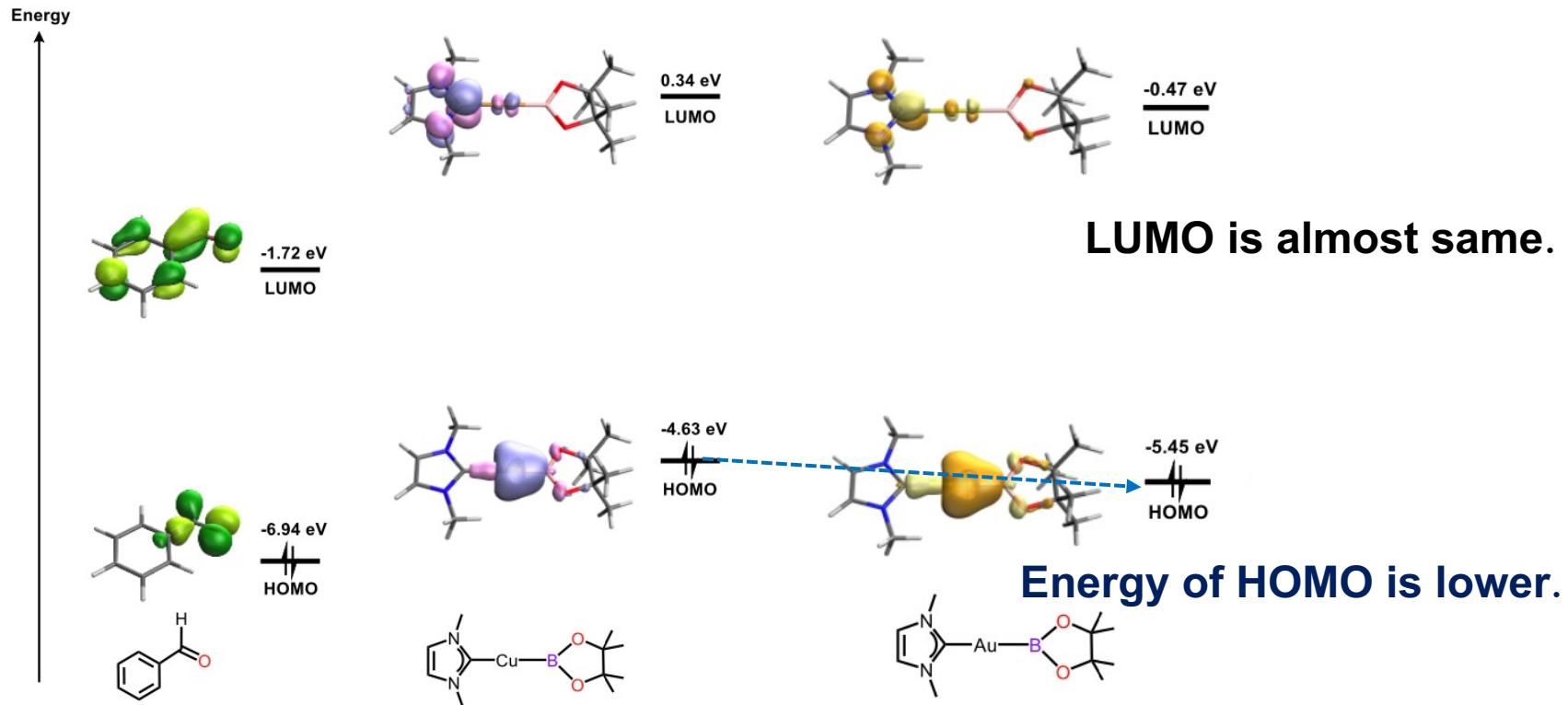


## (NHC)Au-Bpin



Transition metal affect nucleophilicity of boryl.

# FMO calculation



Transition metal affect nucleophilicity of boryl.

# Electronegativity of metal

## The charge population calculated by NBO analysis

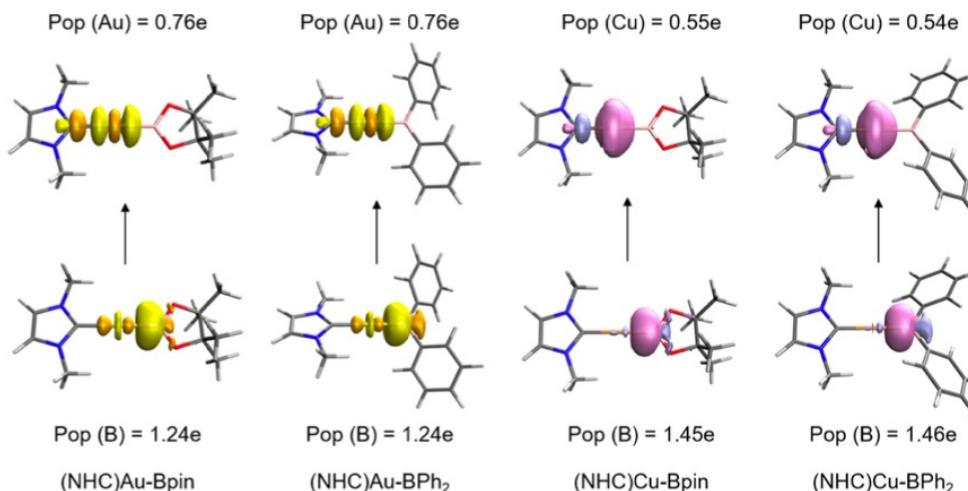
species	population of M (%)	population of B (%)
[Au]-Bpin	43.69	56.31
[Au]-BPh <sub>2</sub>	43.70	56.30
[Cu]-Bpin	31.02	68.98
[Cu]-BPh <sub>2</sub>	30.74	69.26



B of electron population  
→ lower

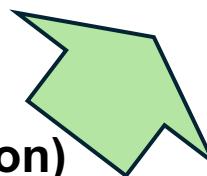


## PIO analysis



**Due to Electronegativity**  
Cu: 1.90   B: 2.04   Au: 2.54  
(Pauling)

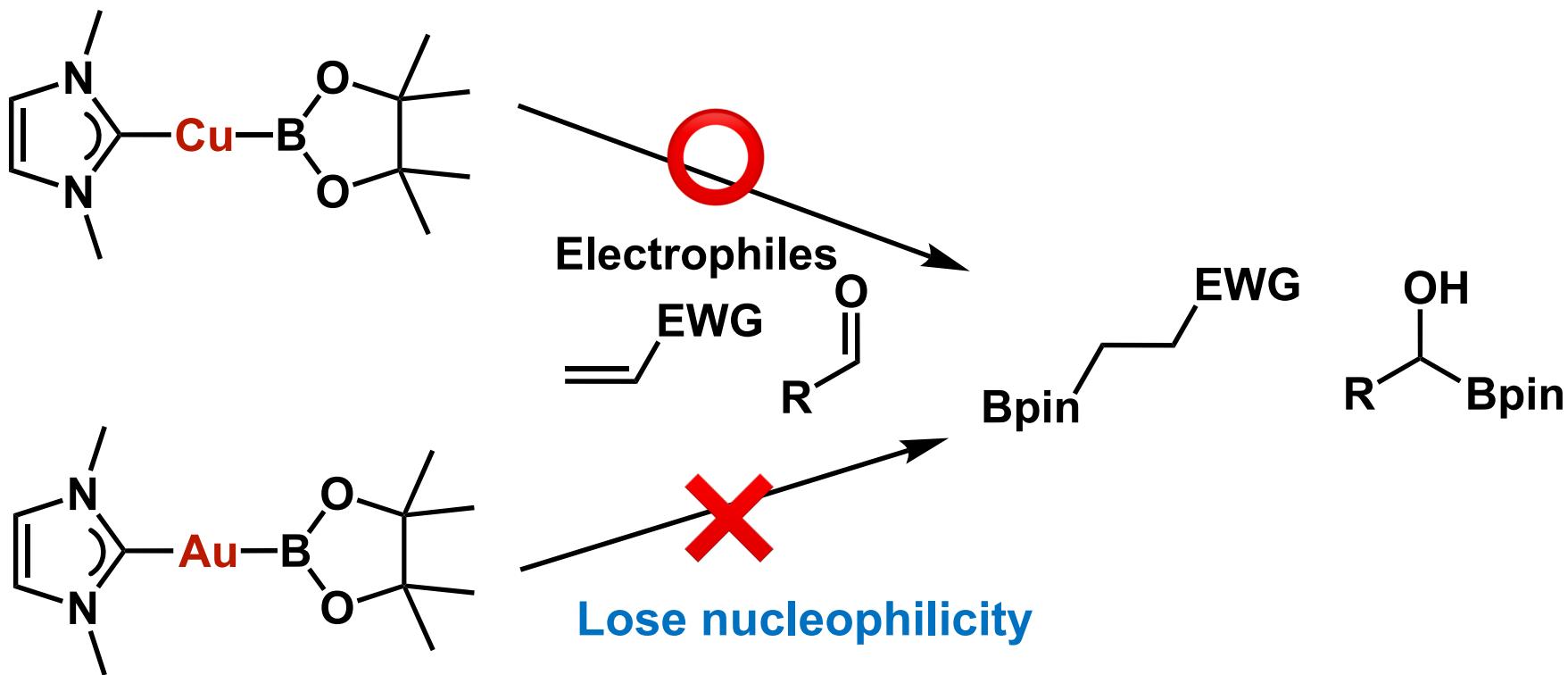
Electronegative metal loses nucleophilicity of metal boryl complex



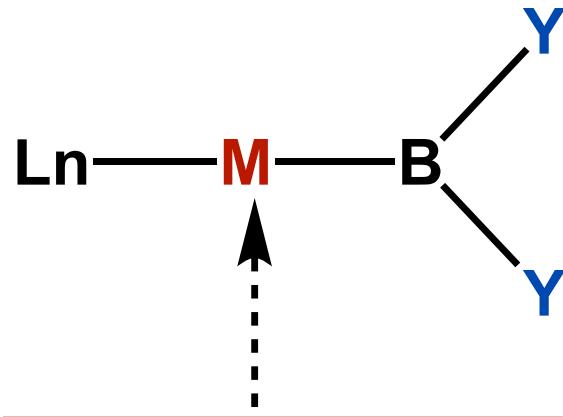
B of Pop (Occupation number of electron)  
→ lower

# Au(NHC)Bpin complex

## Reaction with electrophiles



# Short summary



## ② Electronegativity

$M < B$  (M: electropositive)

→ B gets nucleophilicity

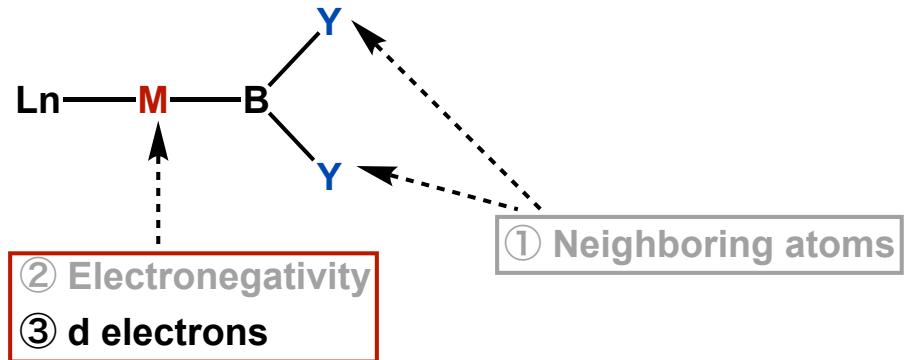
$M > B$  (M: electronegative)

→ B loses nucleophilicity

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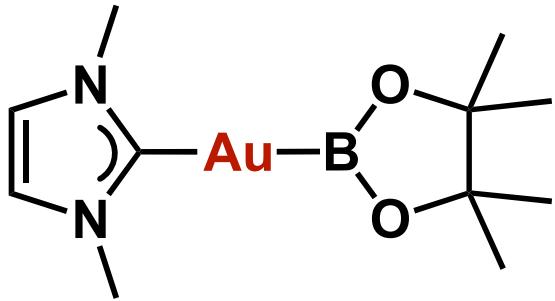
3. Summary



# Model

Electronegativity (Pauling)  
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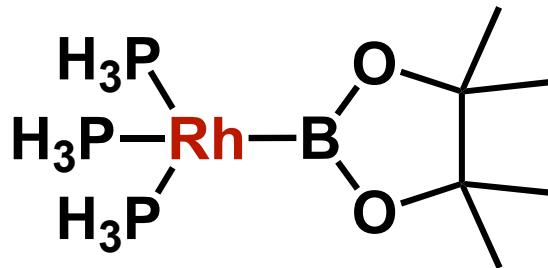
(NHC)Au-Bpin



Isolated as  
(IPr)Au-Bpin (S. P. Nolan, 2019)

Low reactivity and high stability

(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Rh-Bpin

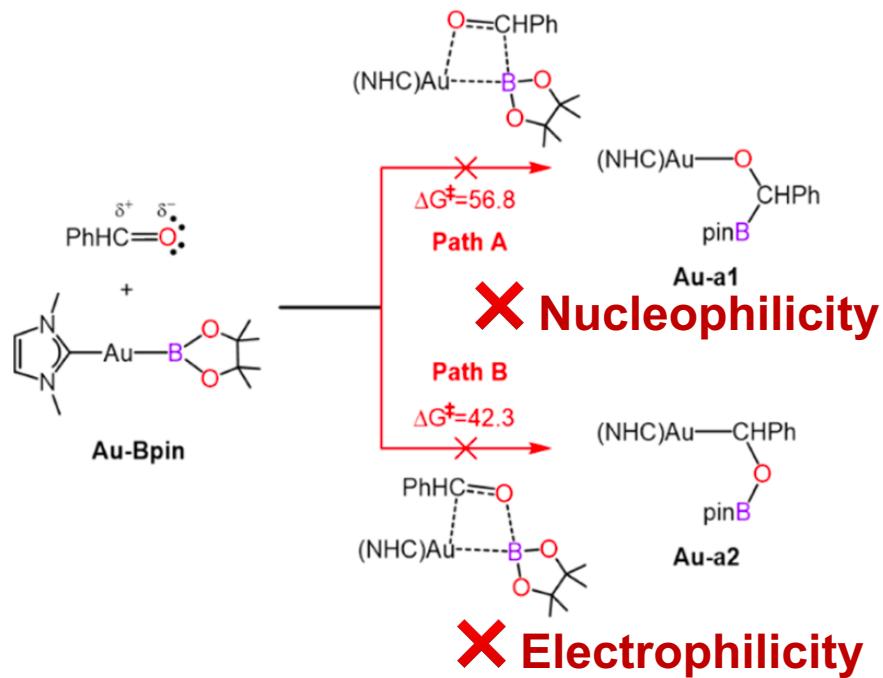


Use as catalyst  
Rh-Bpin (W. Zhao 2020)

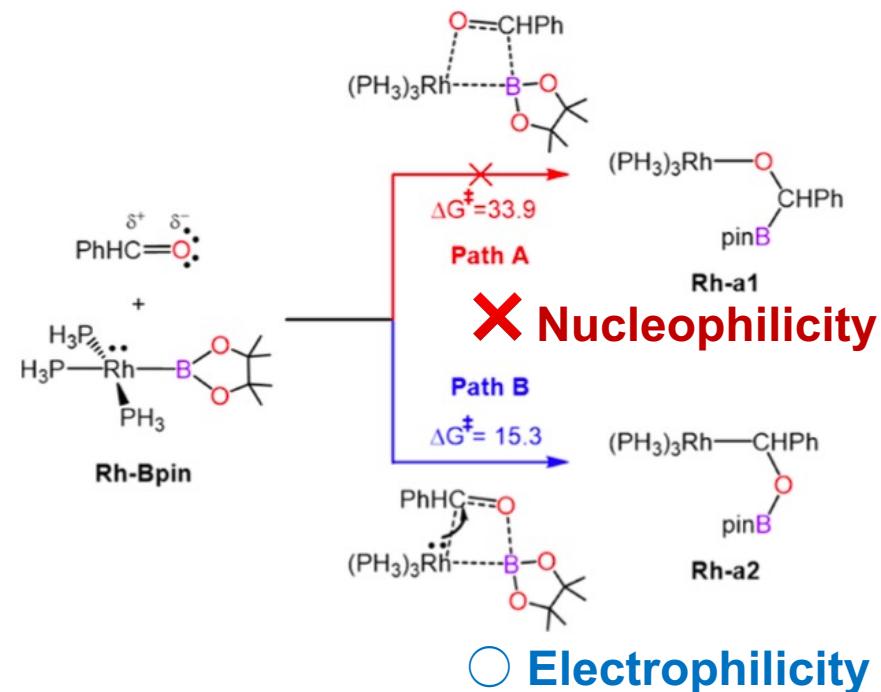
B exhibits electrophilicity

# DFT calculation

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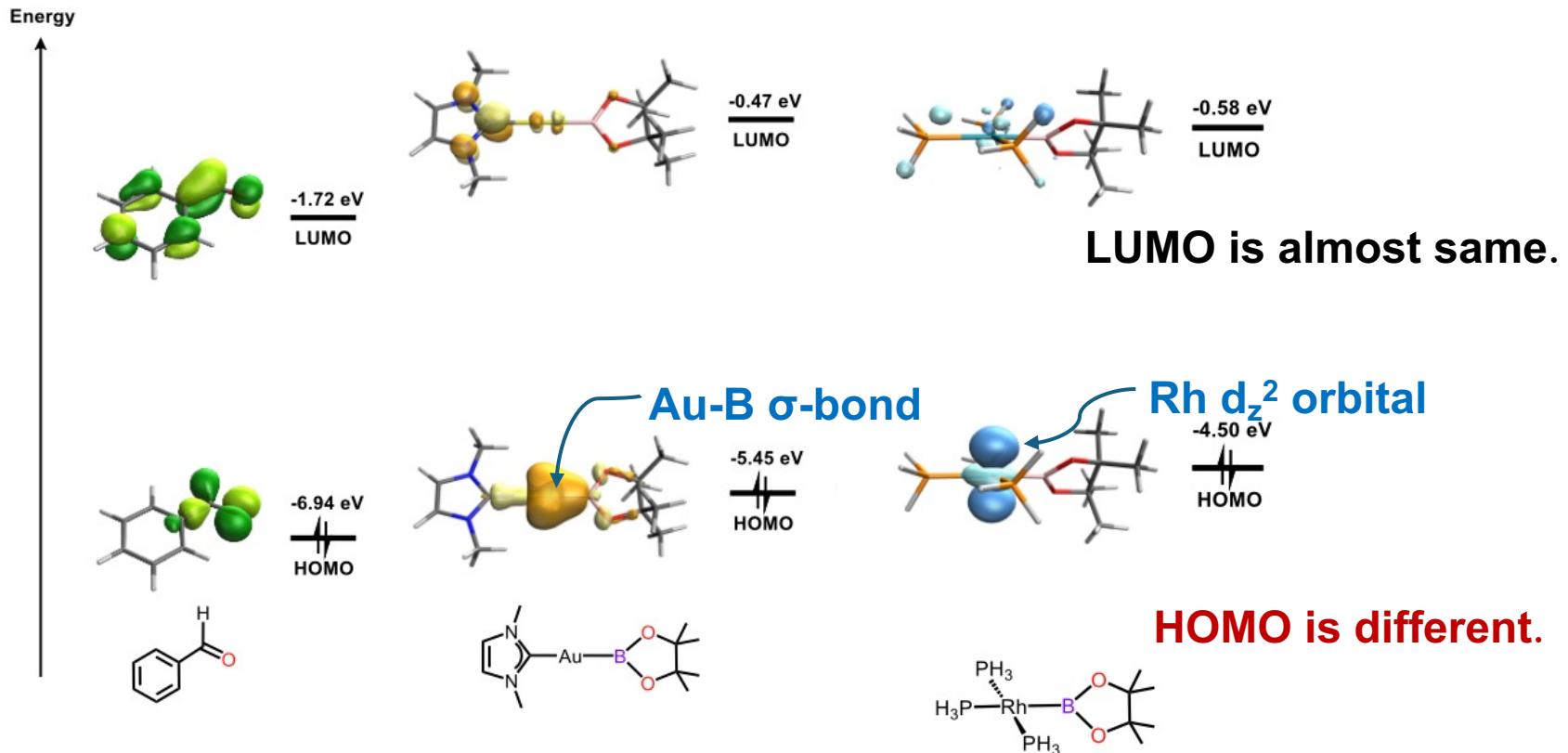


(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Rh-Bpin



Transition metal affect electrophilicity of boryl.

# FMO calculation



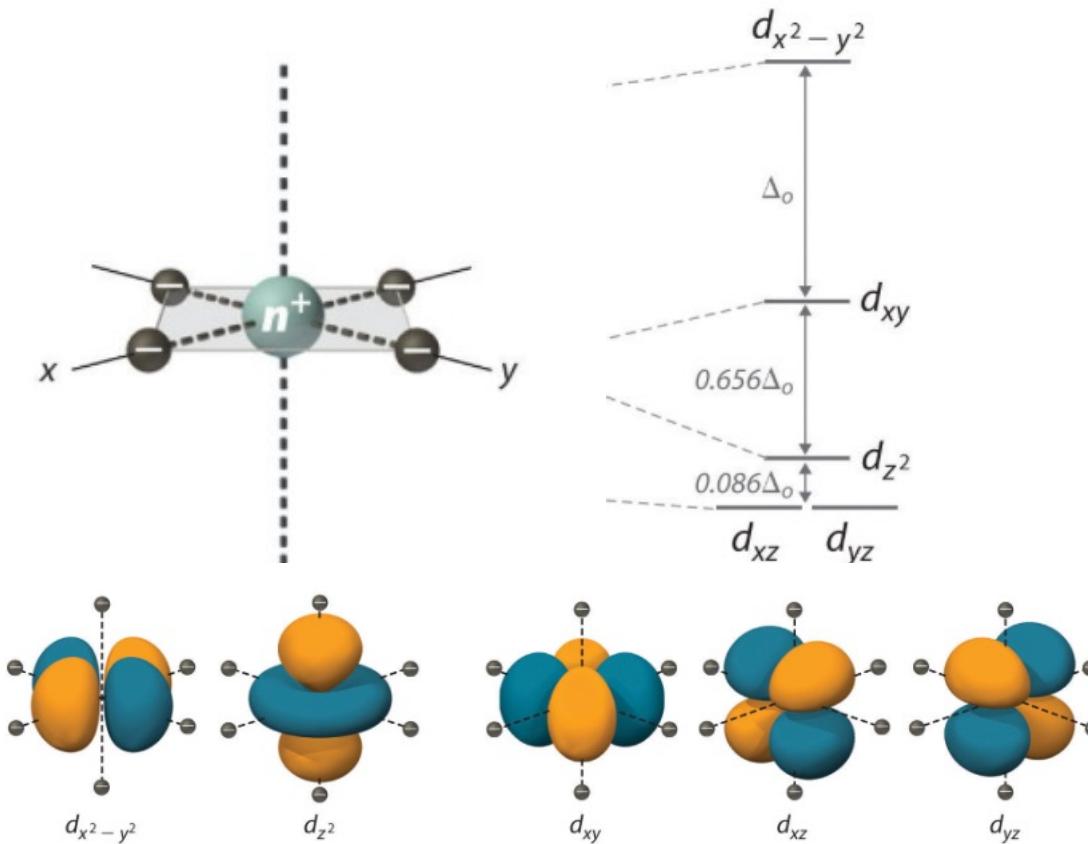
Have nucleophilicity of d orbital in transition metal depending on transition metals

# 8 d electrons metal complex

Pt( II ), Pd( II ), Ir( I ) , Rh( I )

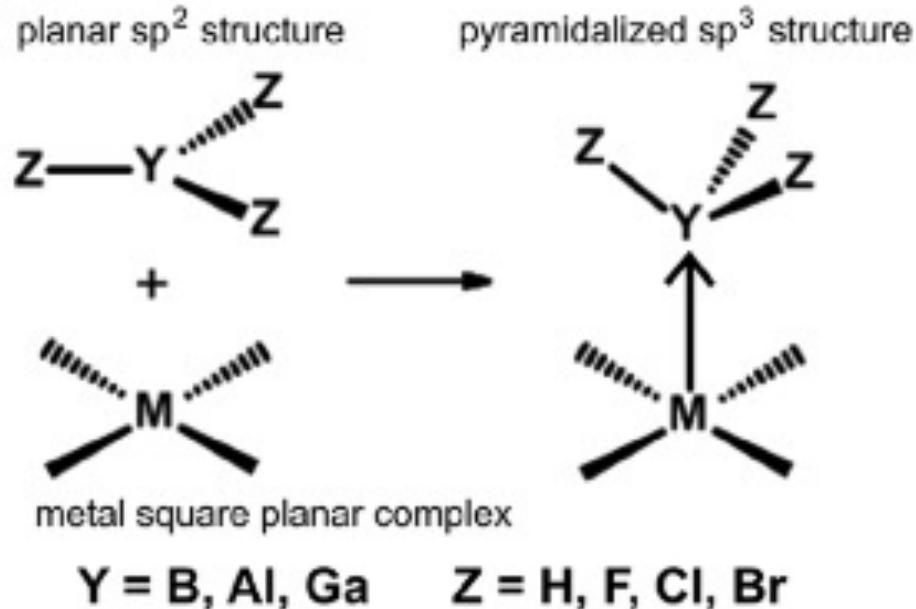
(Tetracoordination complex of 8 d electrons metal)

→Form **square planar** complex

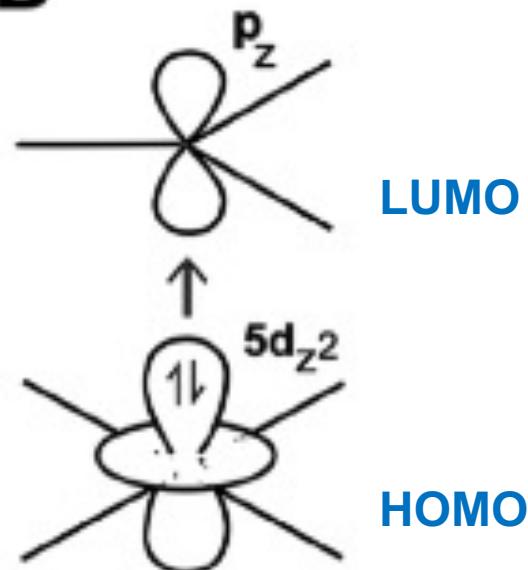


# 8 d electrons metal complex

**A**



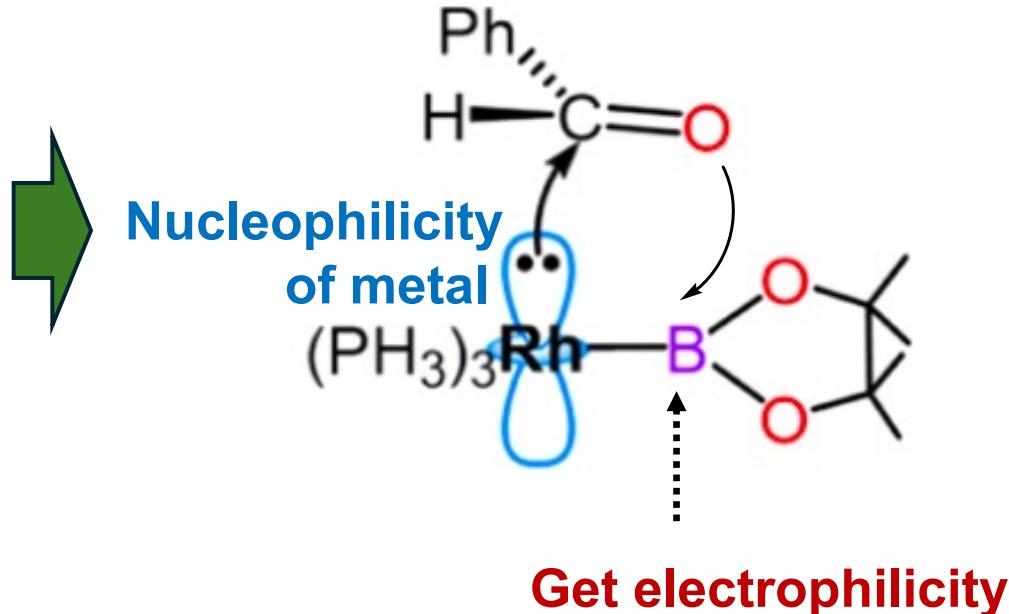
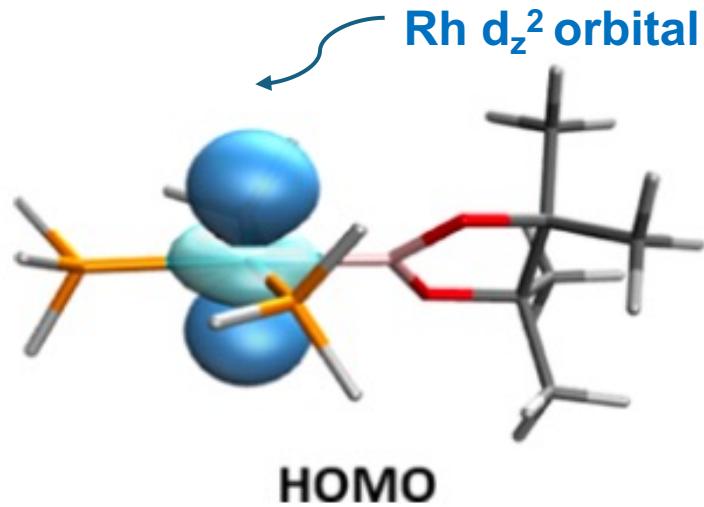
**B**



**d<sub>z<sup>2</sup></sub> orbital of square planar complex (Pt( II ), Ir( I )) has nucleophilicity showed by natural atomic orbital analysis.**

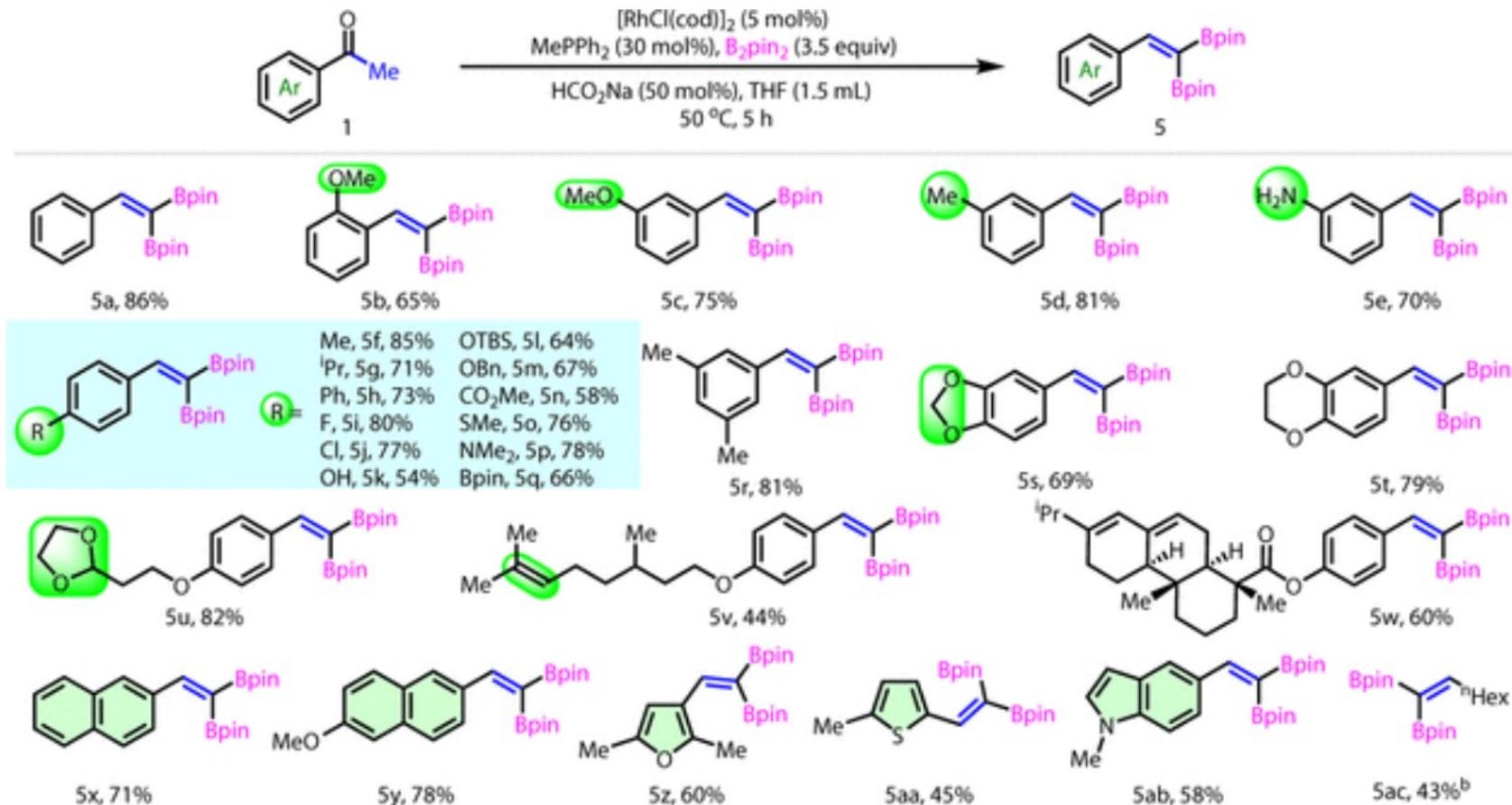
# Nucleophilicity of transition metal

( $\text{PH}_3$ )<sub>3</sub>Rh-Bpin

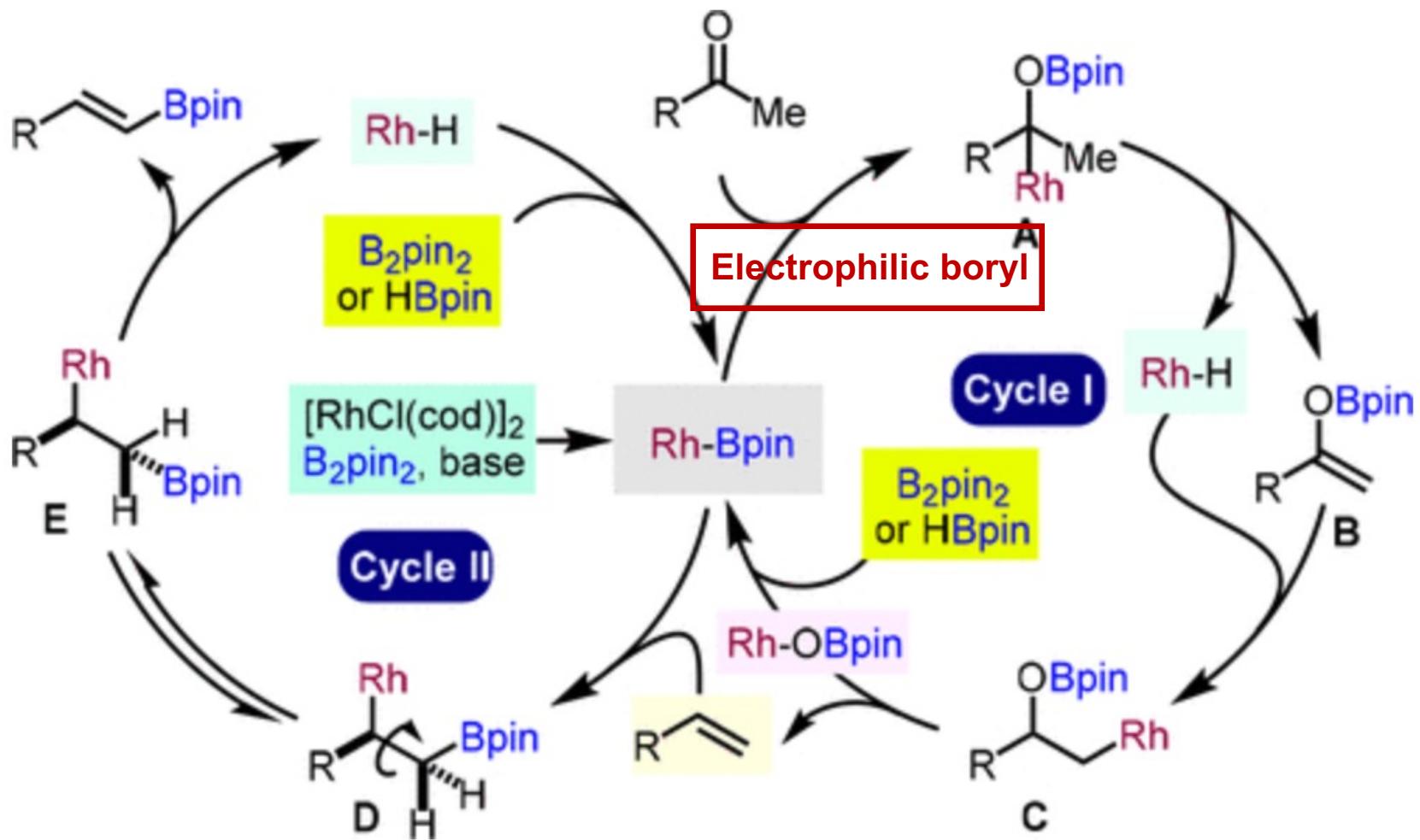


# Rh boryl complex

Via Rh ( I ) boryl complex (8 d electrons)



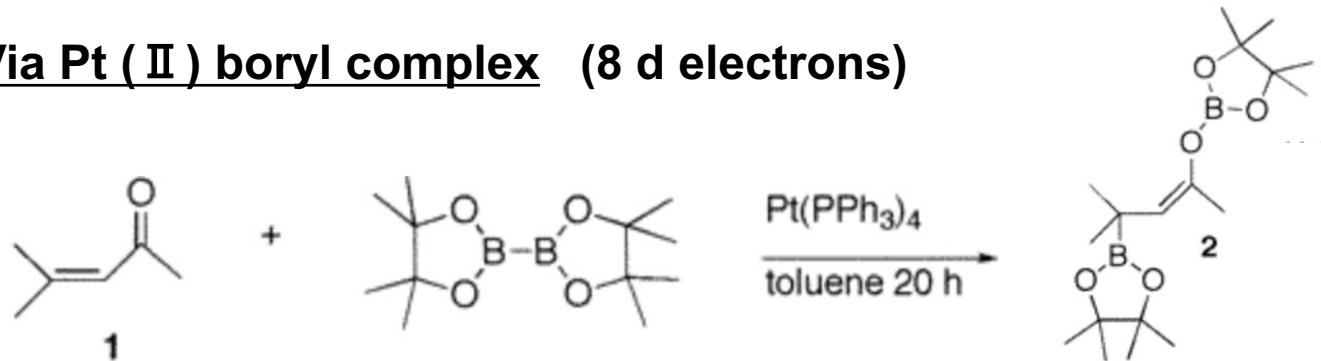
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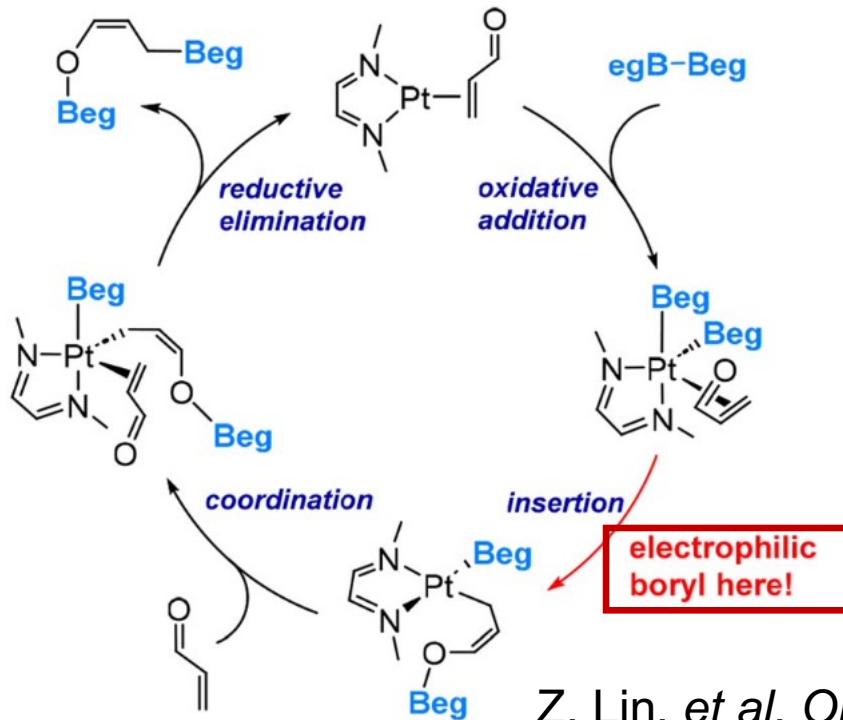
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# Pt boryl complex

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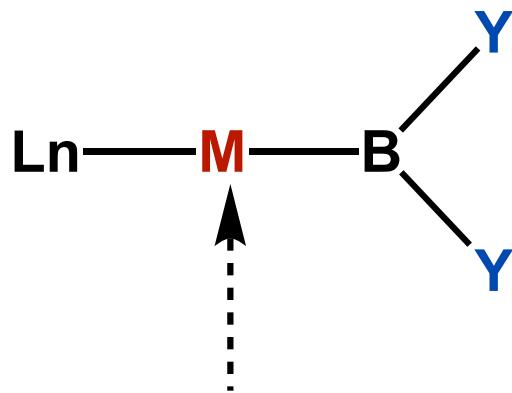


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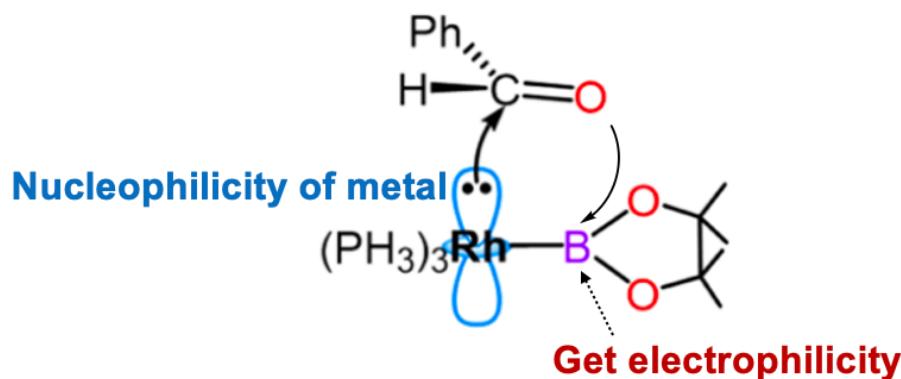
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# Short summary



③ d electrons

8 d electrons metal (square planar complex)



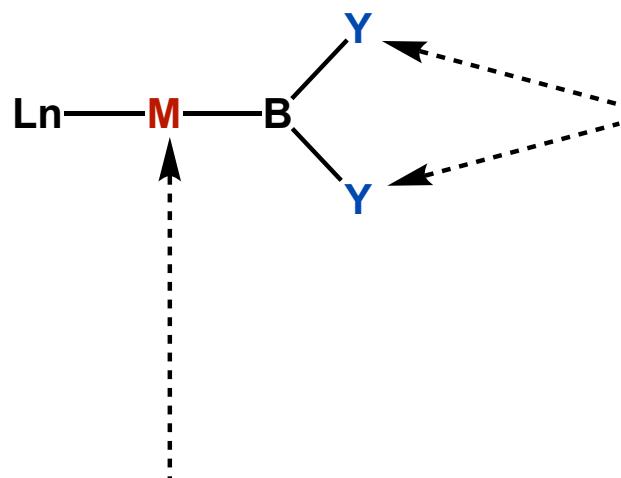
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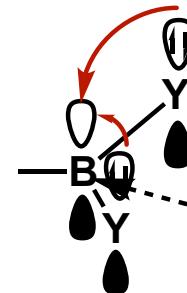
# Summary

## Reactivity of metal boryl complex



### ① Neighboring atoms Y= N, O, F

Push  $\pi$  electron



Stabilized  
(Lose electrophilicity)

### ② Electronegativity

M<B (M: electropositive)

→ B gets nucleophilicity

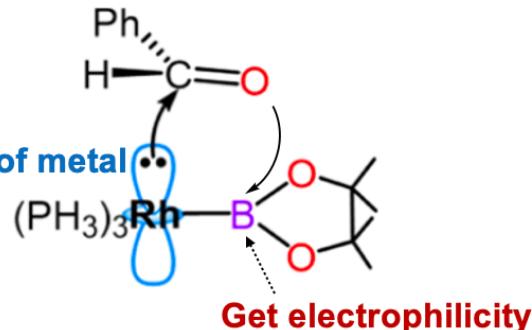
M>B (M: electronegative)

→ B loses nucleophilicity

### ③ d electrons

8 d electrons metal (square planar complex)

Nucleophilicity of metal



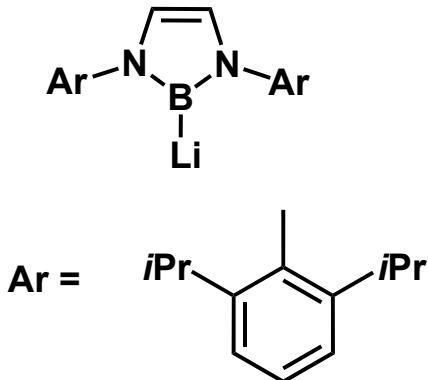
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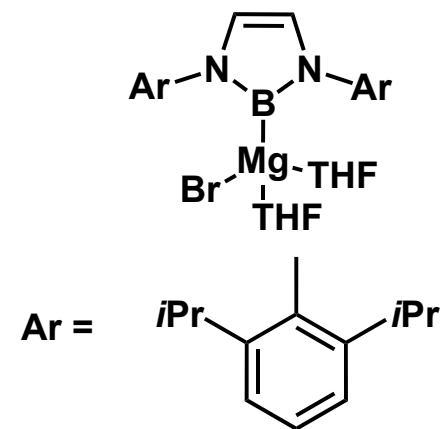
# Nucleophilic boryl

## Example of nucleophilic boryl

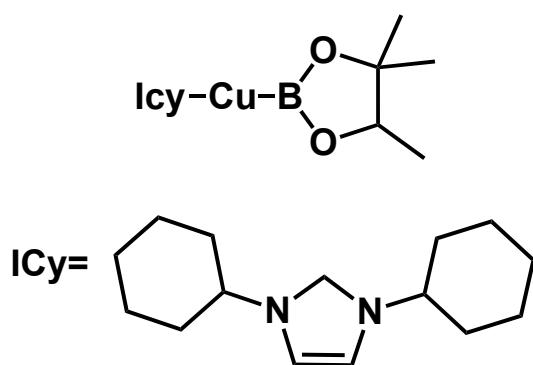
Boryl lithium (K. Nozaki, 2006)



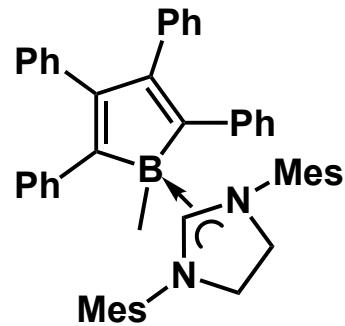
Boryl magnesium (K. Nozaki, 2007)



Boryl copper (J. P. Sadighi, 2005)

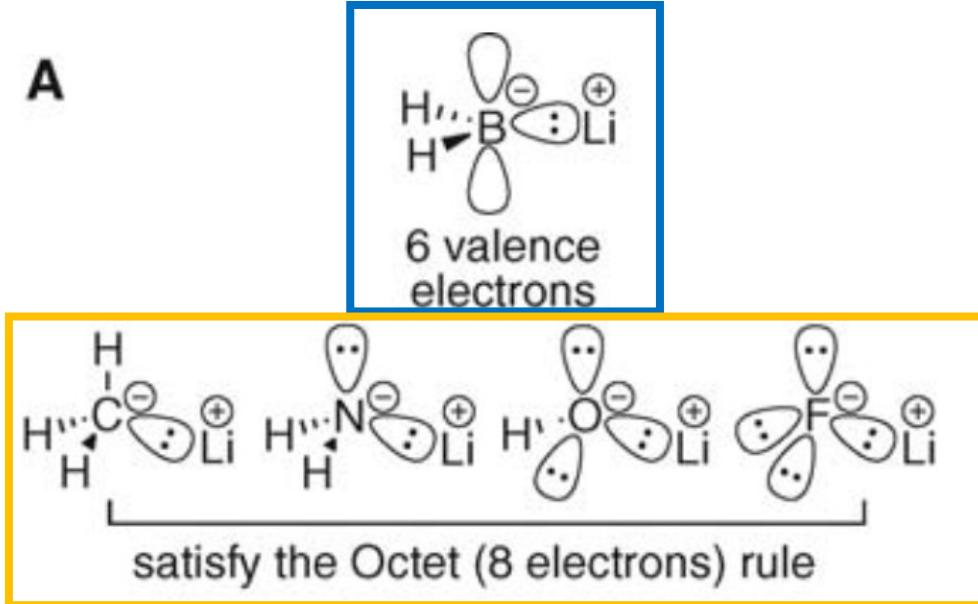


Carben stabilized π-boryl anion  
(H. Braunschweig, 2010)



# Difficulty of boryl anion

## Difficulty ①: 6e<sup>-</sup> structure



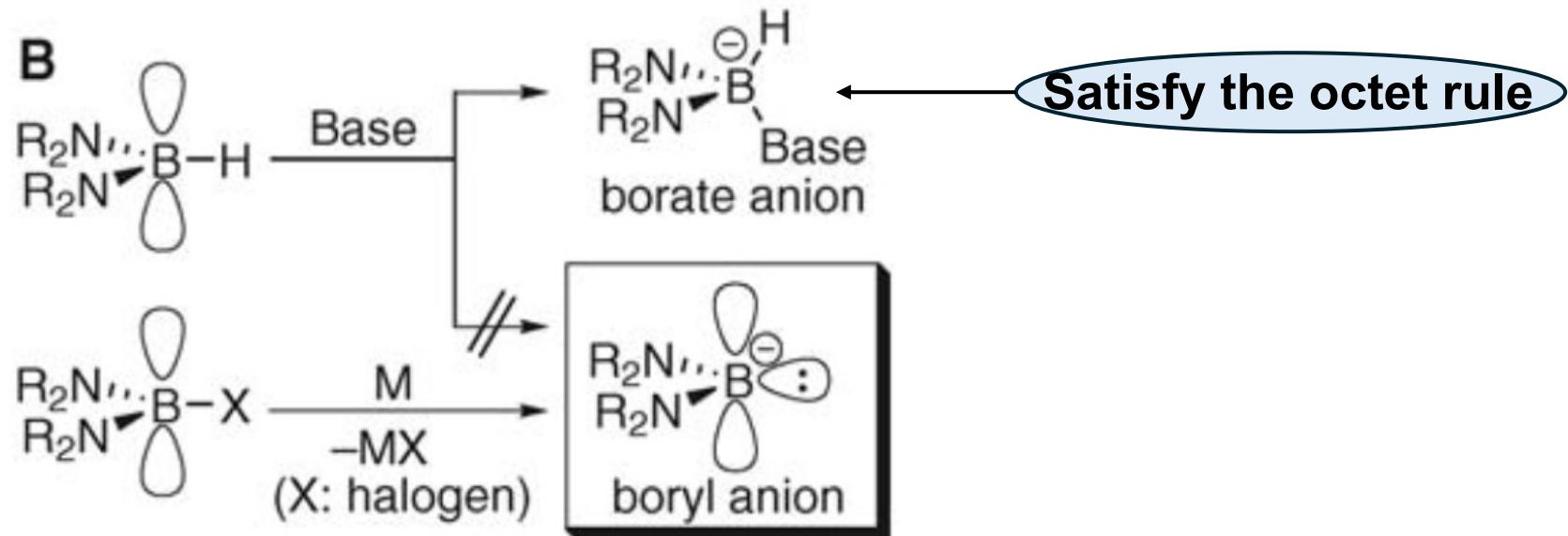
## Difficulty ②: Low electronegativity

→ Lower stability for boryl anions

B: 2.04 C: 2.55 N: 3.04 O: 3.44 F: 3.98

# Difficulty of boryl anion

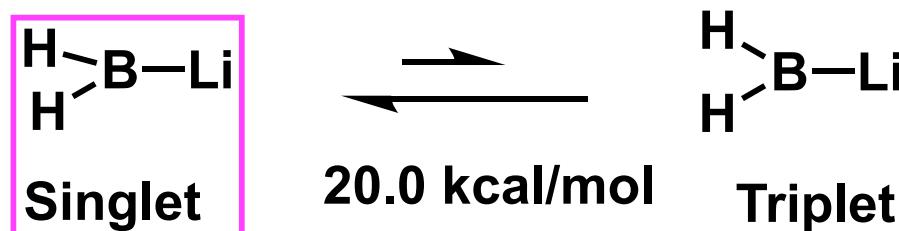
Difficulty ③: Synthesis (Can't use base)



# Design for boryl lithium

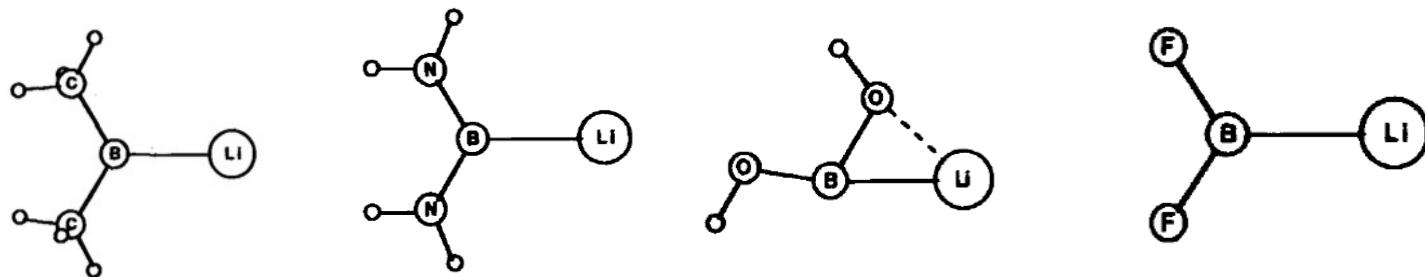
## Design ①

Boryl lithium has a **singlet** ground state.



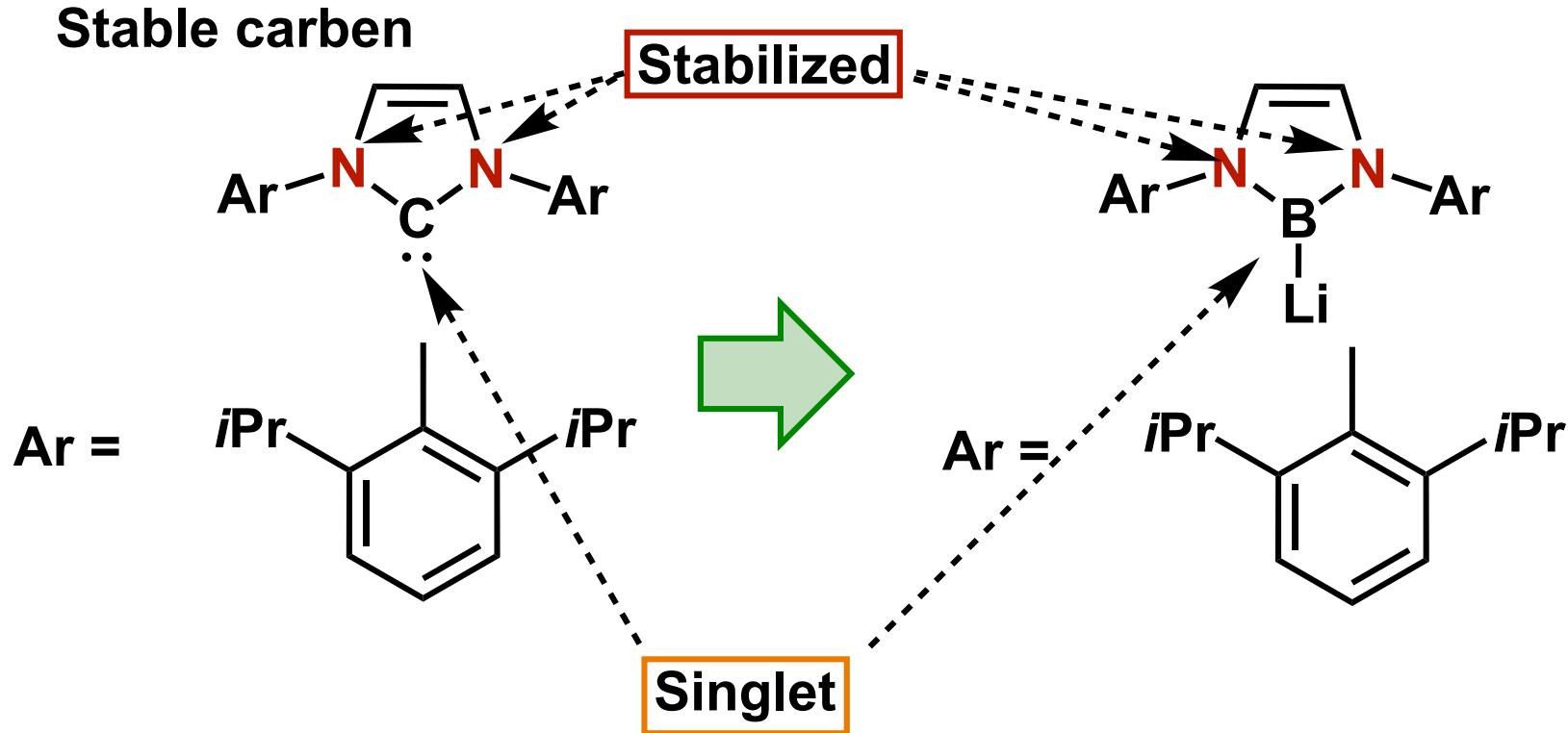
## Design ②

Boryl lithium is **more stabilized by N than O, F.**



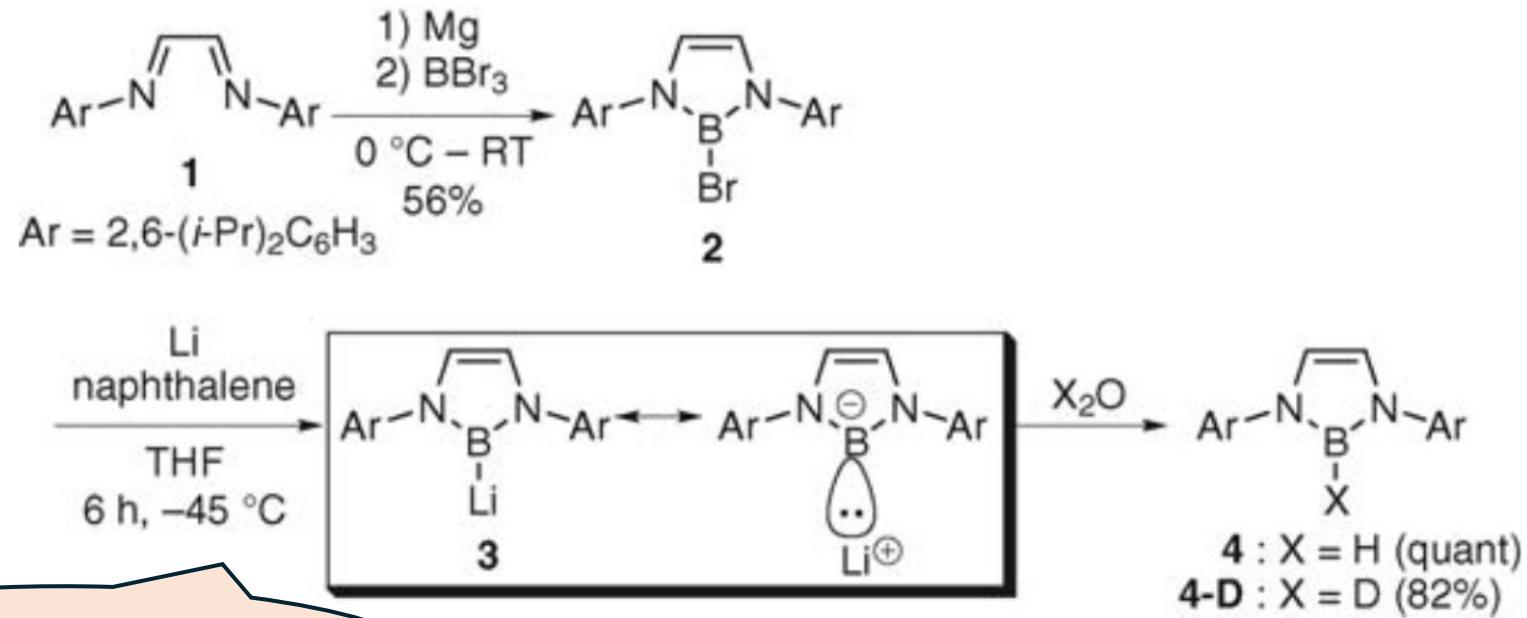
NBO charges Y	-0.99	-1.20	-1.00	-0.61
NBO charges B	0.19	0.36	0.50	0.58
Boron p <sup>z</sup> occ	—	0.30	0.19	0.18

# Design for boryl lithium



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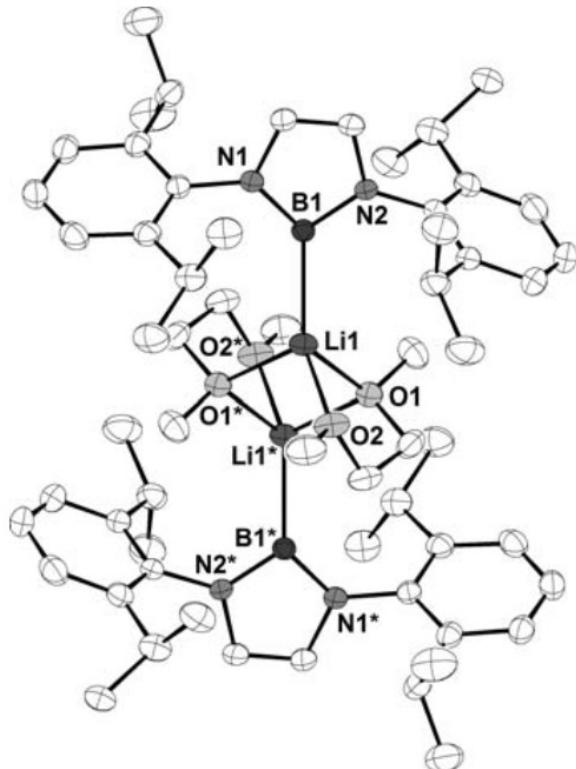
# Synthesis of boryl lithium



Reduction of halogen borane

# X-ray crystallography

Crystal structure of the boryl lithium  
with an included DME(1,2-dimethoxyethane) molecule.

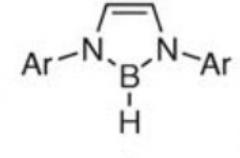
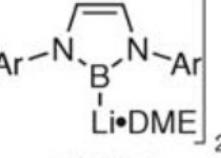
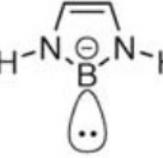
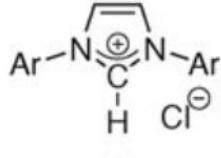
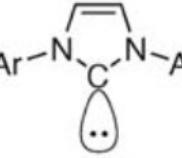


$$\angle \text{N1-B1-Li1} + \angle \text{N2-B1-Li1} \\ = 359.2^\circ$$

→ **sp<sup>2</sup> character of boron center of 3-DME**

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# X-ray crystallography

compounds					
	4	3-DME	6	8	5
B(or C)-N (Å)	1.418(3) 1.423(3)	1.465(4) 1.467(4)	1.475	1.341 1.338	1.364 1.369
N-B(or C)-N (°)	105.25(16)	99.2(2)	97.72	107.6	101.4
reference	this work	this work	23	34	34

## B-N length and N-B-N angle

- **3-DME is closer to 6 than 4.**
- **Structural change from 4 to 3-DME is similar to that from 8 to 5.**  
→ **Anionic character of boron center of 3-DME**

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