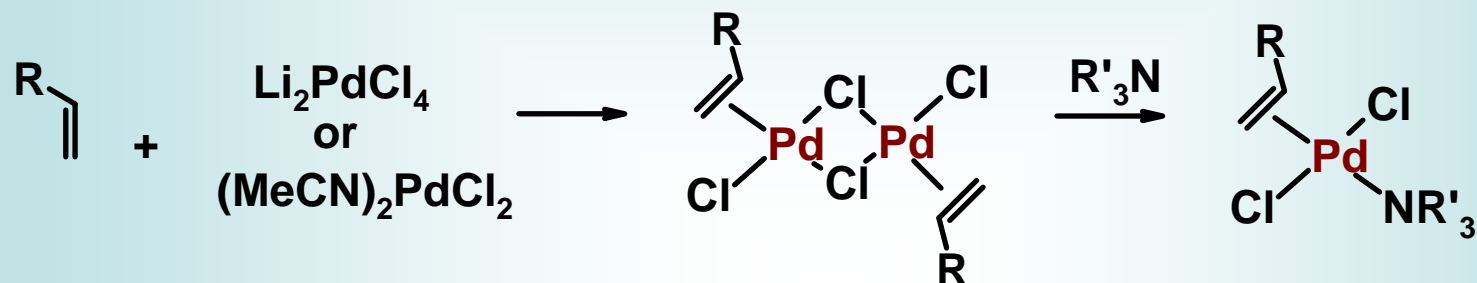


## Pd<sup>II</sup> Complexes of Alkenes

-probably the other major choice in alkene-TM complexes

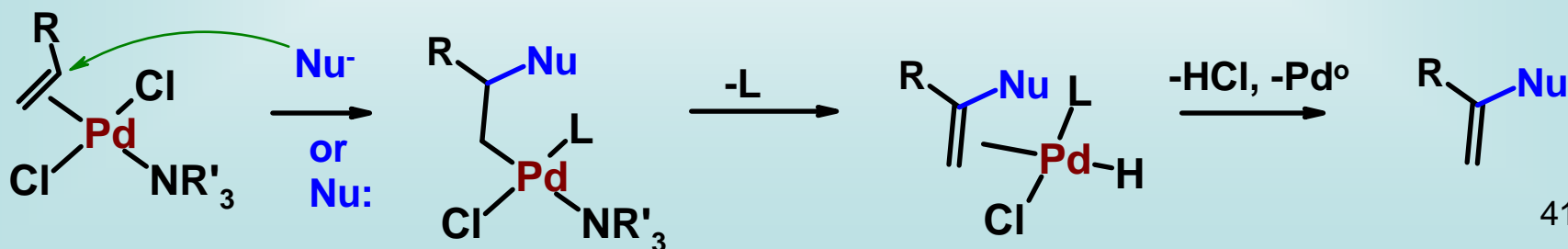
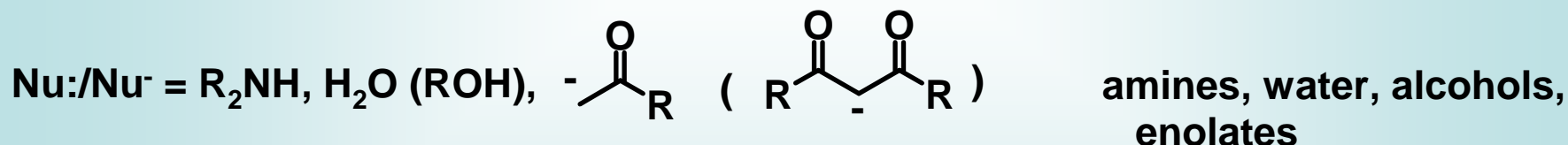
### Early Chemistry

-Pd<sup>II</sup> forms complexes with alkenes; an amine ligand is usually added to break up dimer and make a more reactive species



-susceptible to attack by nucleophiles on the more substituted C

-can sometimes reduce Pd off at low T, but mostly get β-H elimination



BUT.....This is stoichiometric in Pd, and PdCl<sub>2</sub> 1g, \$102; 25g, \$1155

see, R Hegedus p.188-201

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Holton, R.A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1985, 107, 2127 (chelating amines/sulphides)

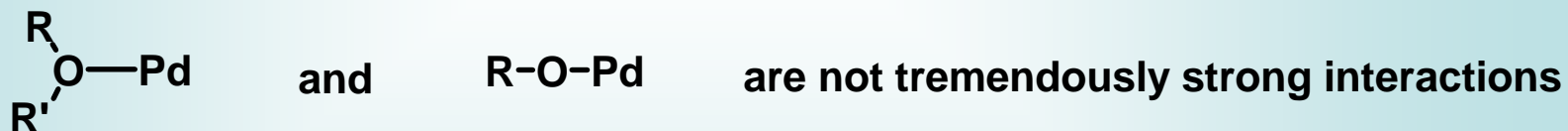
However, if one has a stoichiometric oxidant present to oxidize the Pd<sup>0</sup> back to Pd<sup>II</sup>, the could in principle be catalytic

- this can work: oxidant is most often O<sub>2</sub> or benzoquinone (BQ), or Cu<sup>II</sup>

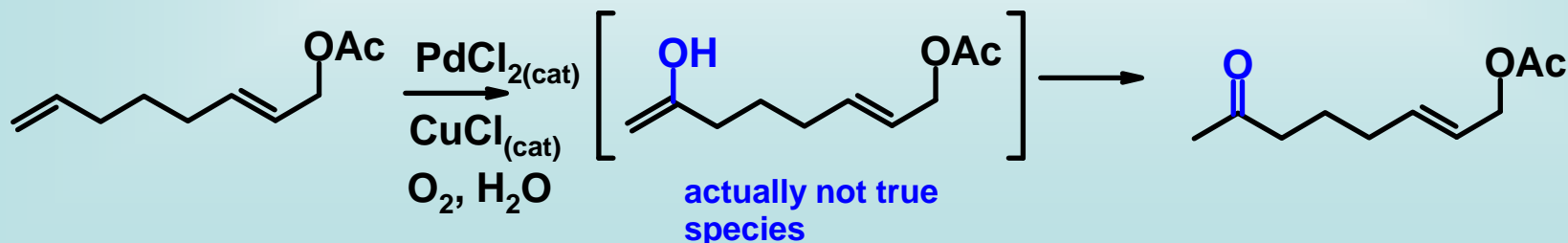
### Earliest Successes

- is with oxygen based nucleophiles (H<sub>2</sub>O, ROH)

-perhaps because oxygen nucleophiles don't displace the alkene ligand



-traditional version, with water as nucleophile, is called the Wacker process

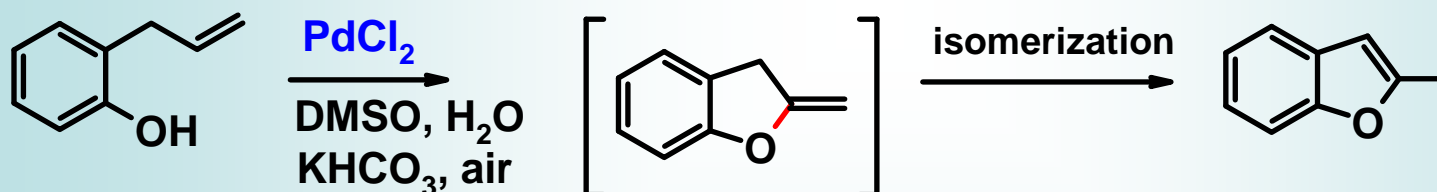


-reaction is selective for terminal alkenes; in fact intermolecular reactions for internal alkenes work poorly in most cases (*except* strong EWG substituted ones)

-Markovnikov addition - Nu: attacks most substituted side of the alkene normally  
-this can be overridden by coordinating groups within the substrate

-CuCl<sub>2</sub> oxidizes Pd<sup>0</sup> back to Pd<sup>II</sup>; O<sub>2</sub> oxidizes Cu<sup>I</sup> back to Cu<sup>II</sup>

Alcohols and phenols can do this type of chemistry too, usually as an intramolecular addition

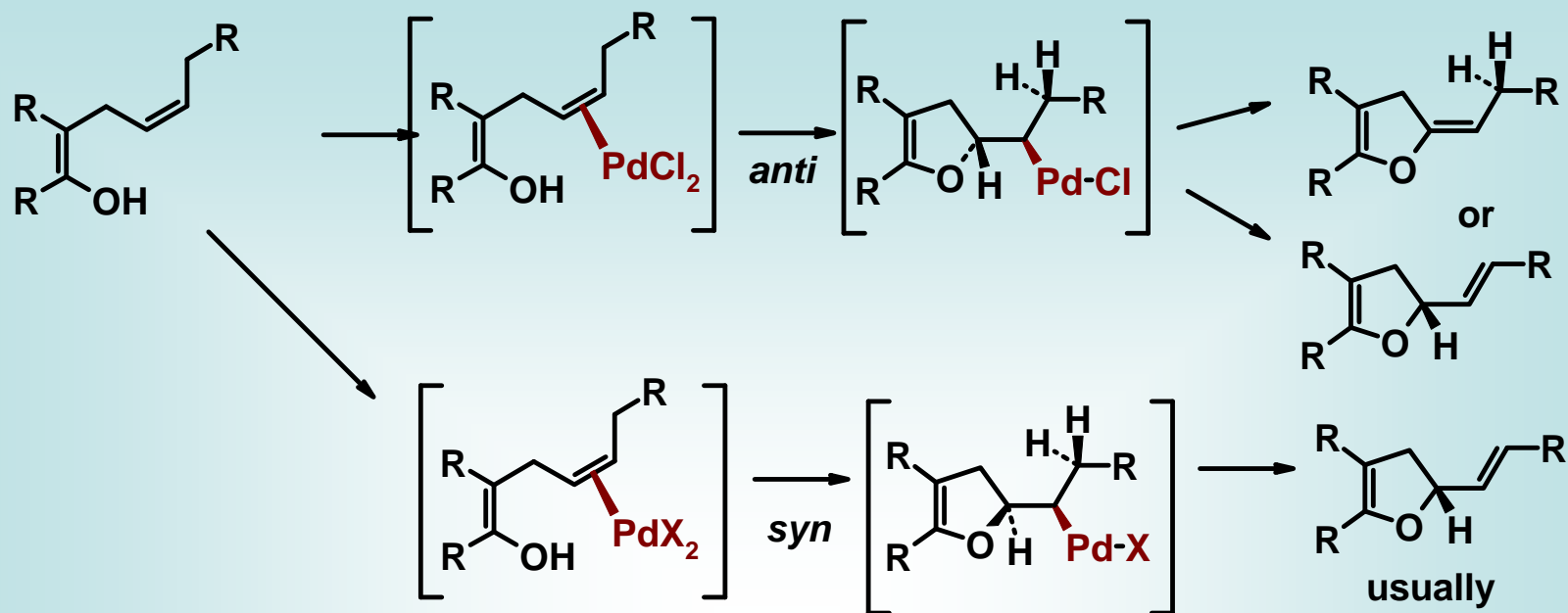


-normal tendency is to form 5- membered ring over 6- membered ring;  
this tendency can be overridden in some cases

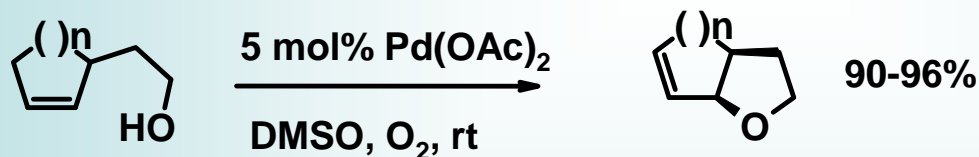
- first work was with PdCl<sub>2</sub> as the Pd<sup>II</sup> source, but now it is often replaced with other Pd<sup>II</sup> salts

-Reason - with Cl<sup>-</sup> salts, attack of Nu is *anti* to Pd; whereas with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, Pd(OCOCF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, attack is *syn* to Pd

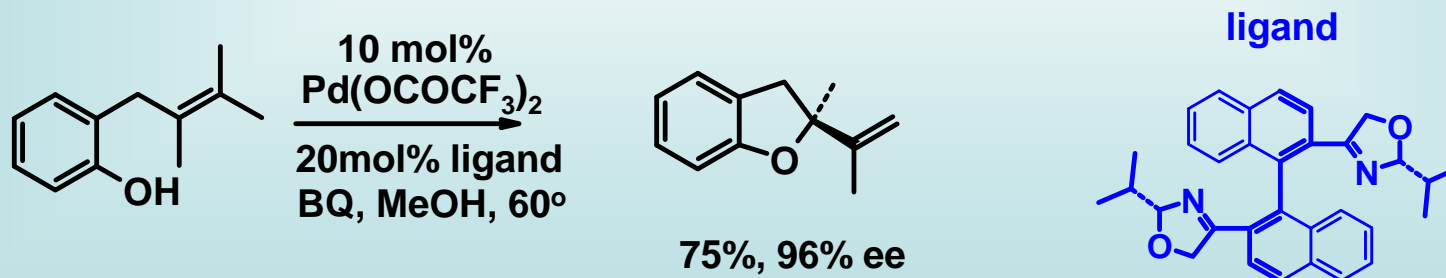
-*syn* attack allows/forces β-H elimination away from ring



Hayashi, T.; Yamasaki, K.; Mimura, M.; Uozumi, Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 3036.



-this even allows asymmetric synthesis at the newly formed chiral centre



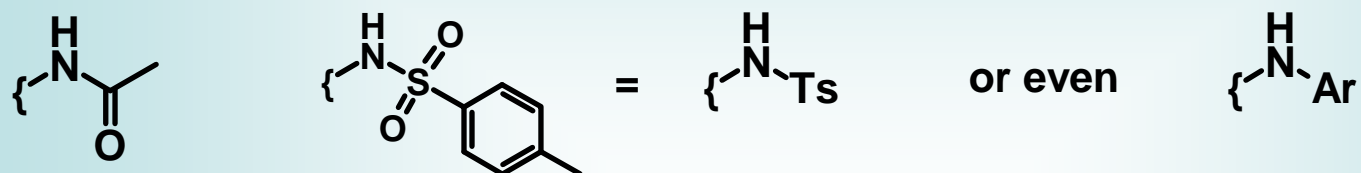
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## N Nucleophiles

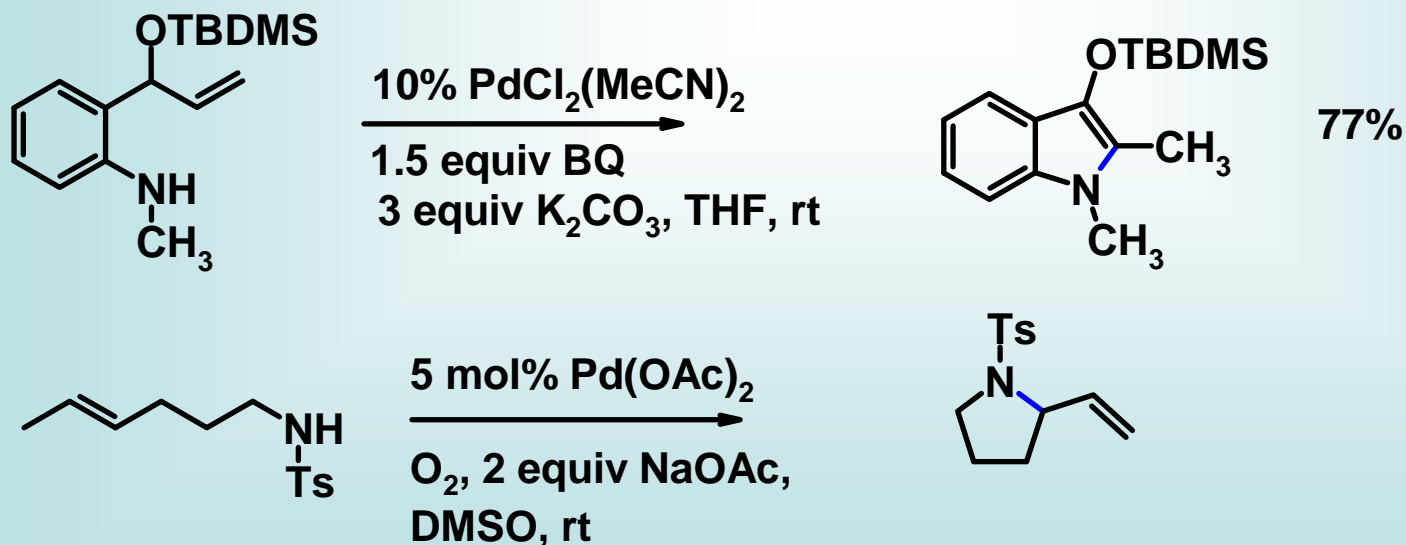
-sometimes called aza-Wacker

-problem with amine ligands - these are generally too basic/nucleophilic; tend to displace alkene as ligand

-as a result, in the vast majority of successful cases, the lone pair on N is deactivated

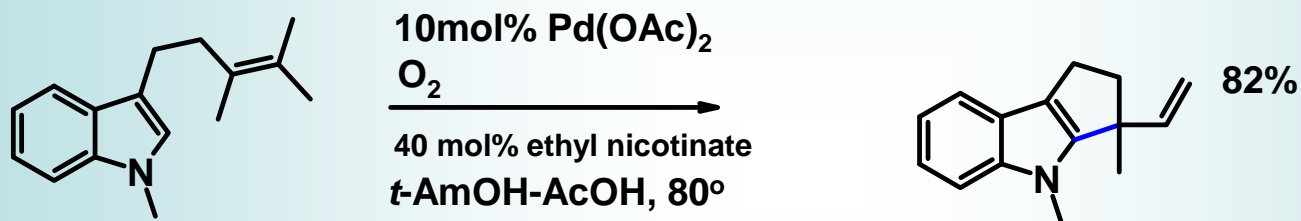
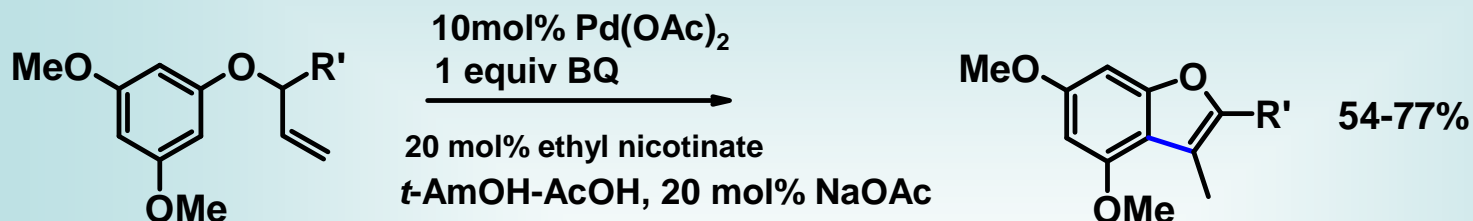


- with this restriction, this has become an increasingly important way of making heterocycles; especially possible for indole type systems

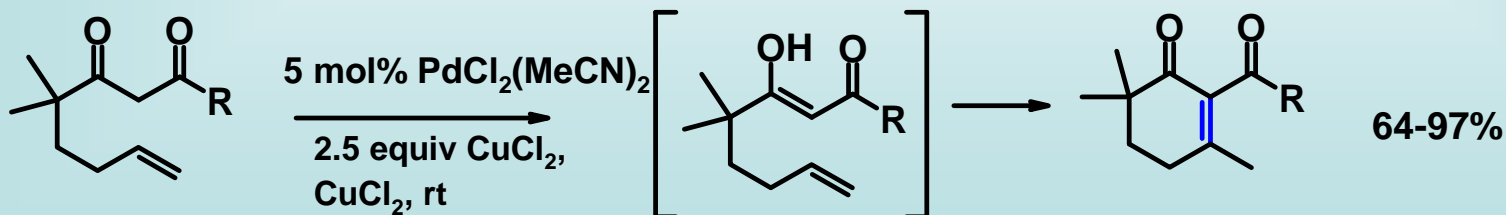
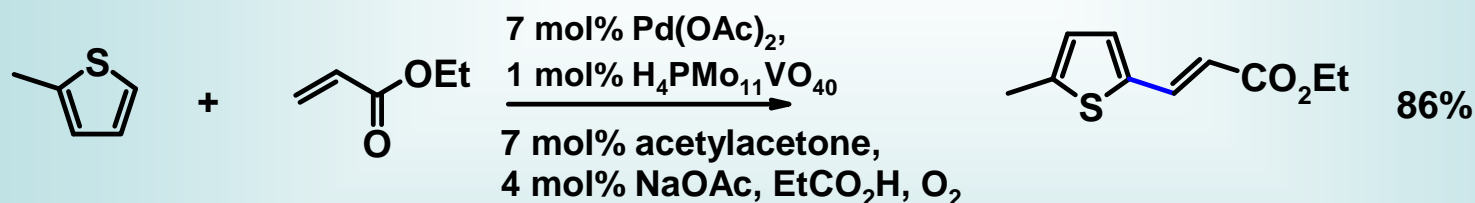


## Carbon Nucleophiles

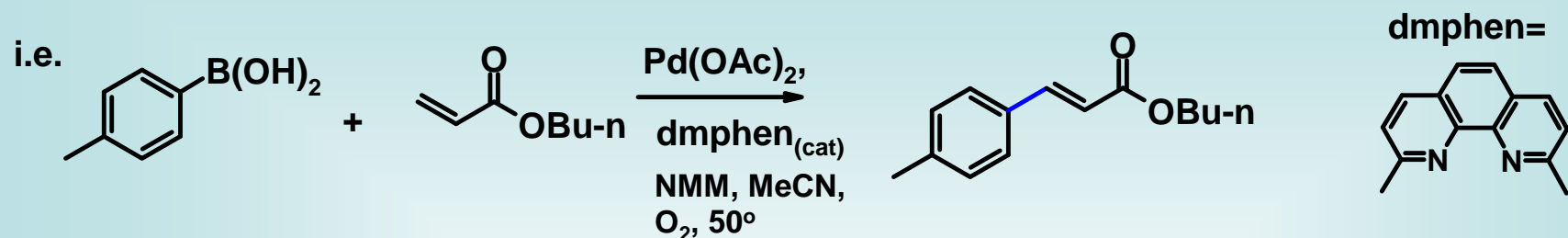
-success in these nucleophilic attack reactions has even been extended to carbon based nucleophiles such as silyl enol ethers, enolizable  $\beta$ -dicarbonyls, electron rich aromatics and heterocycles - there are even some intermolecular cases



Ferreira, E. M.; Stoltz, B. M.\* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 9578.



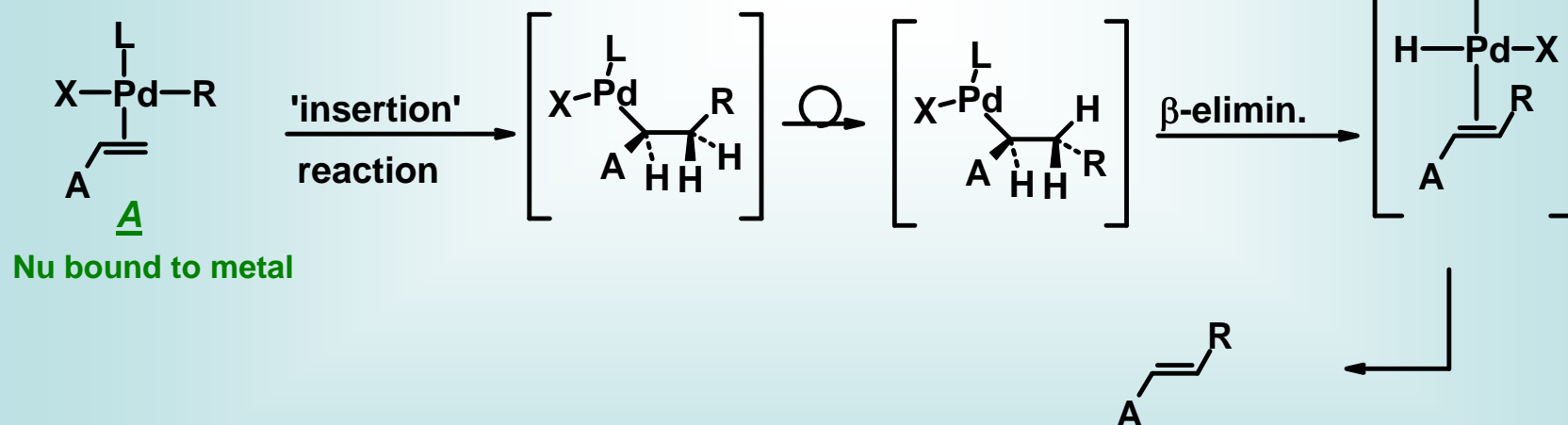
even organometallics, i.e.,  $\text{Ar-HgOAc}$  (ancient history),  $\text{ArB(OH)}_2$ ,  $\text{ArSnR}'_3$



exhaustive review [R](#) Becalli, E. M.; Broggini, G.; Martinelli, M.; Sottocomola, S. *Chem. Rev.* **2007**, *107*, 5318.

We have been hiding an important point for a bit now, though

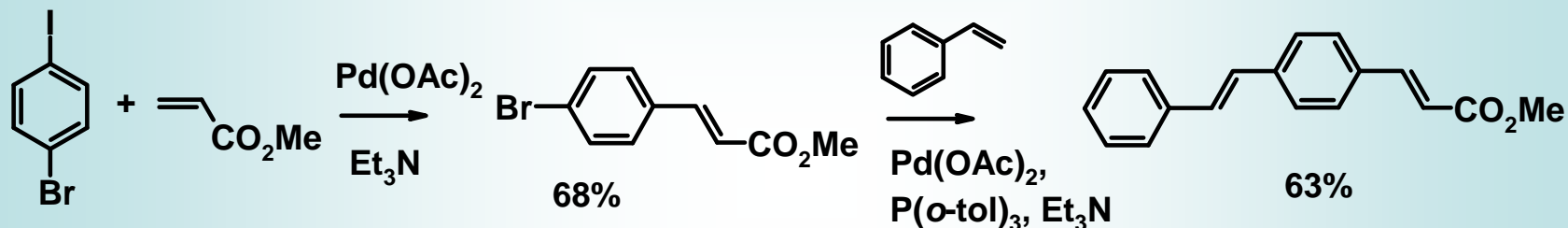
Some of these (the organometallics, *syn* attack cases) are probably going through a different intermediate than has been presented



- much more common way to get at the intermediates A
- by oxidative addition of  $\text{Pd}^0$  to organic halides/triflates
- called Heck reaction

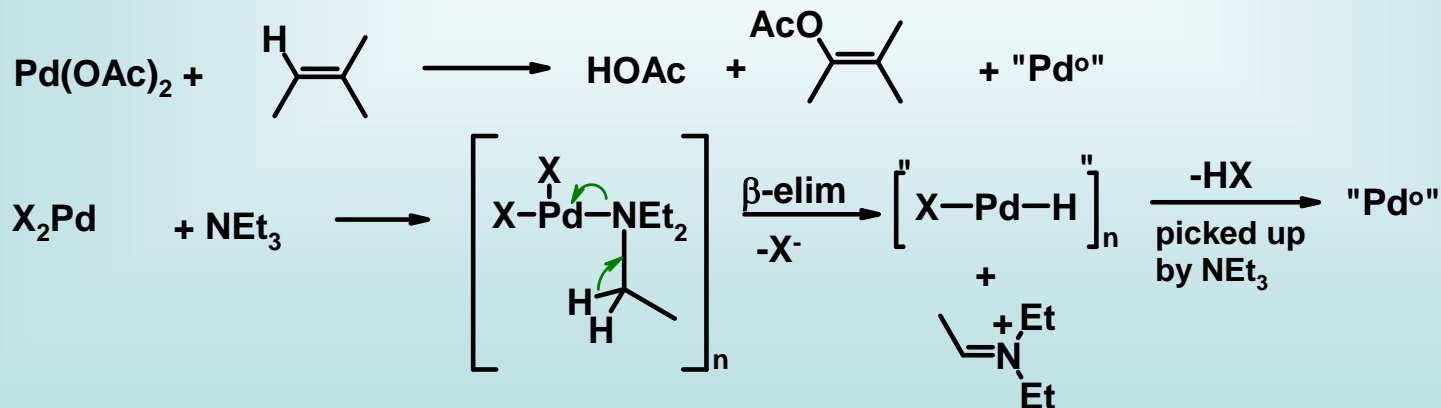
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R Larock, *Adv. Met-Org. Chem.* 1994, **3**, 97.  
R Jefery, T. *Adv. Met. Org. Chem.* 1996, **5**, ch.4.  
R Crisp, G. T. *Chem. Soc. rev.* 1998, **27**, 427. (mechanistic detail)  
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R Ionso, F.; Beletskaya, I. P.; Yus, M.. *Tetrahedron* 2005, **61**, 11771.  
R Miyaura, N. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2004, **346**, 1522.  
R Jutand, A. *Pure Appl. Chem.* 2004, **76**, 565 (mechanistic detail)  
R Dounay, A. B.; Overman, L. E. *Chem. Rev.* 2003, **103**, 2945 (asymmetric synthesis)  
R Link, J. T. *Org. React.* 2002, **60** 157 (intramolecular rxns)



So now we need Pd<sup>0</sup>, but we added Pd<sup>II</sup>

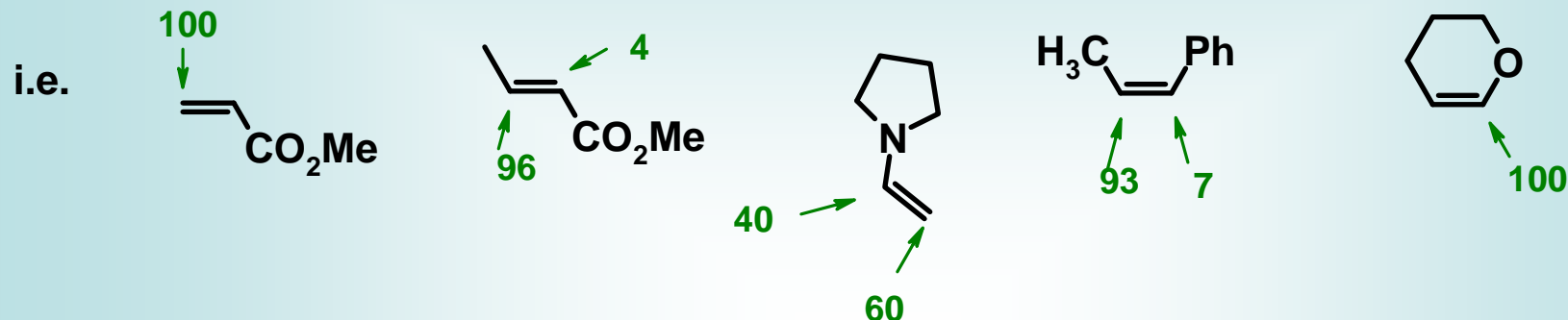
Not a typo; Pd<sup>II</sup> complexes often used and reduced *in situ*





## Regiochemistry

- somewhat different than intermolecular cases
- some tendency to go away from EWG's and towards EDG's, but sterics now (apparently) dominates
- Nu: goes 'towards' the less substituted site



## Stereochemistry

- resulting alkene is usually the most thermodynamically stable one, meaning *trans* .....all else being equal

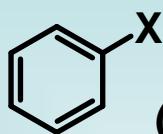
## Nature of the Organic Halide

R-X (usually) can't have  $\beta$ -hydrogens on an  $sp^3$  carbon atom, because of  $\beta$ -elimination

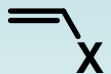


$\beta$ -elimination takes place before any coupling can occur

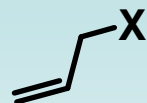
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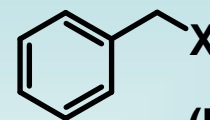
(aryl)



(vinyl)



(allyl)



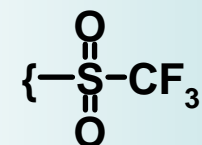
(benzyl)

Halides

-Br is most common choice

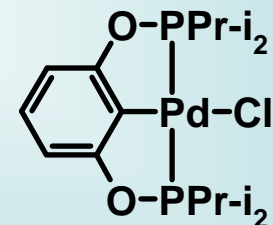
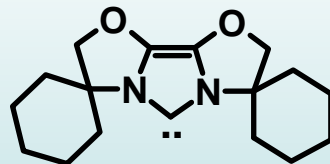
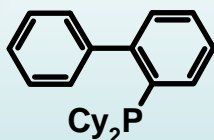
-I faster at oxidative addn, but more side rxns  
(sometimes better, sometimes worse)

-triflates are excellent pseudohalides



-Cl historically sluggish, but coming along nicely with new catalysts,  
including sterically hindered phosphines, carbenes as ligands, and  
ortho- metallated palladacycles

i.e.,



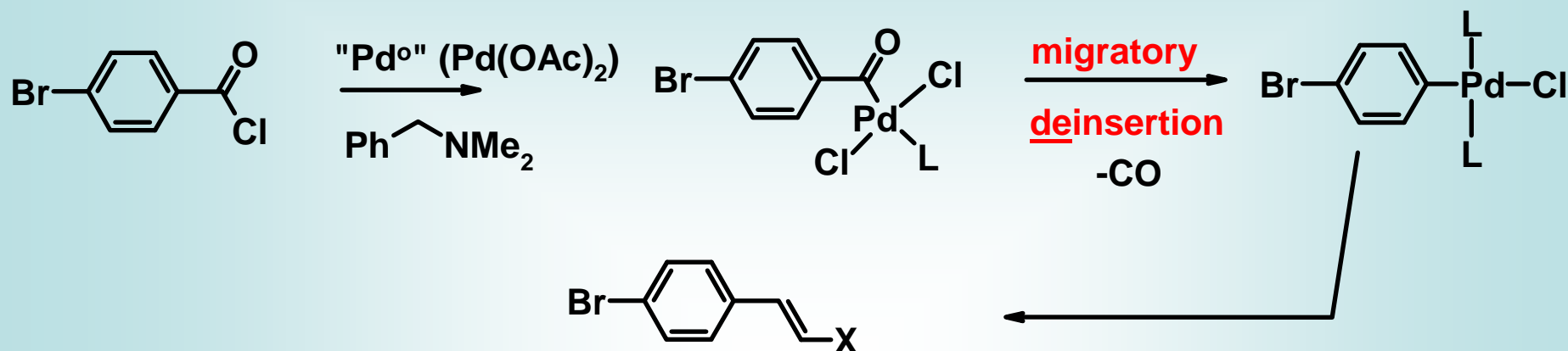
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R Christmann, U.; Vilar, R.\* *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, *44*, 366

## A cute but increasingly irrelevant variation - acid chlorides

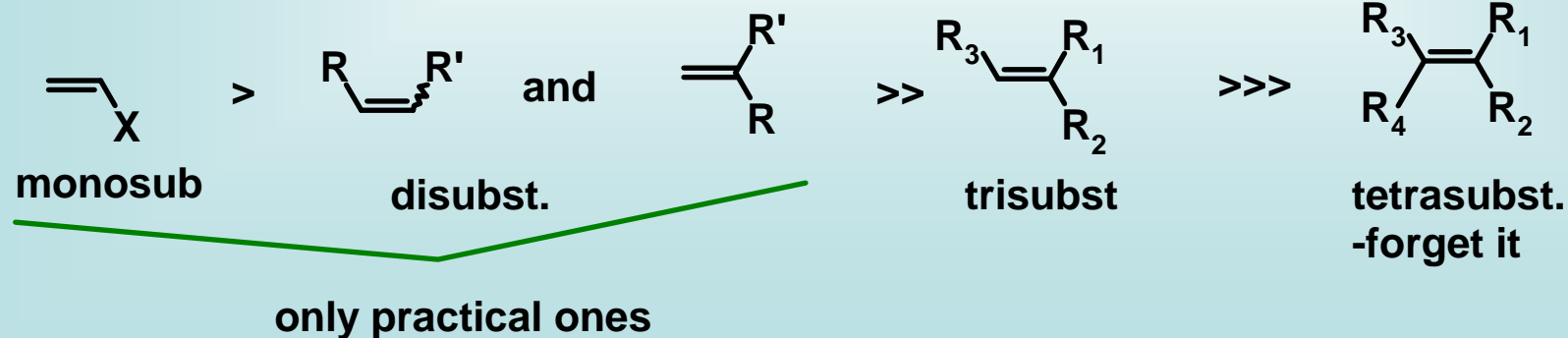
-aryl chlorides are very reactive to oxidative addition, and may be accessible when the halides are not



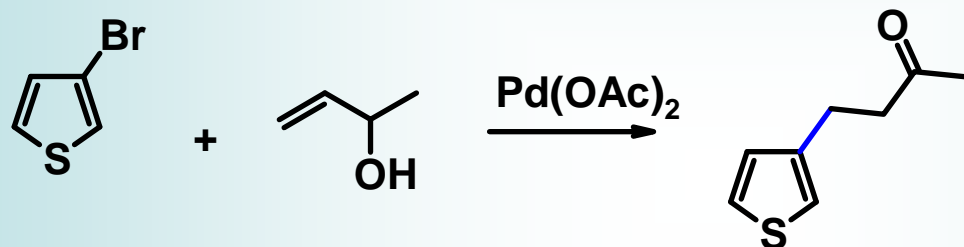
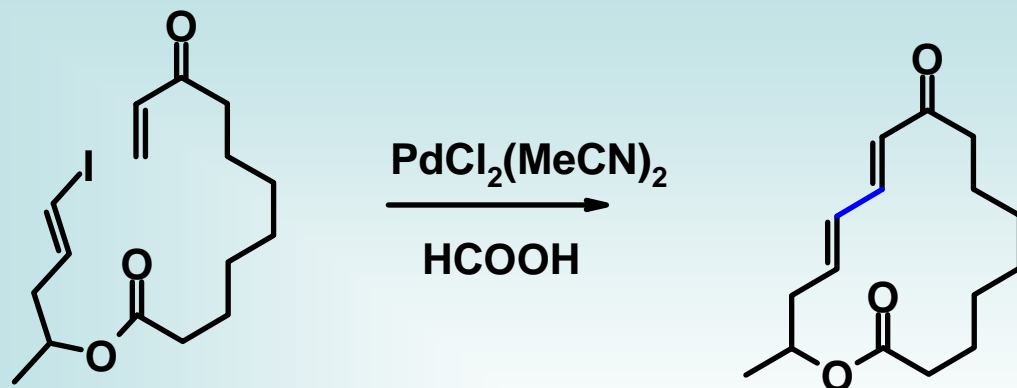
-can occur under very mild conds, in some cases - being made obsolete by improvements to aryl chloride Heck reactions

Spenser, A. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1983**, 247, 113; **1984**, 265, 273.  
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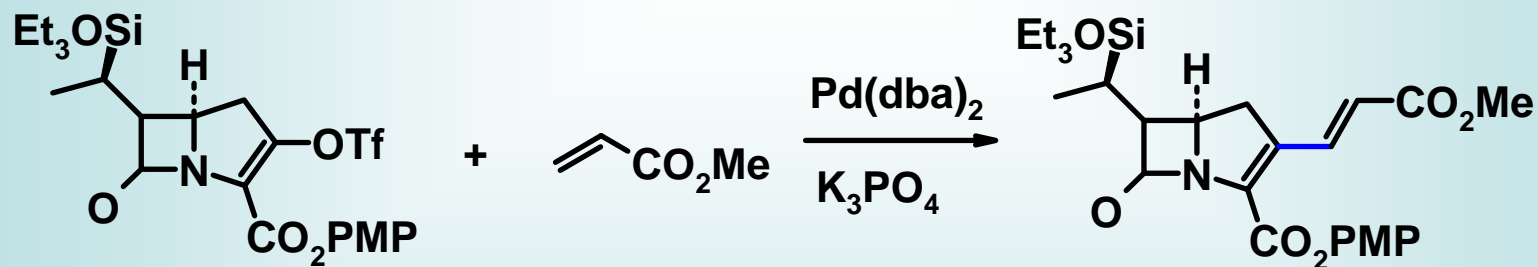
## The Alkene



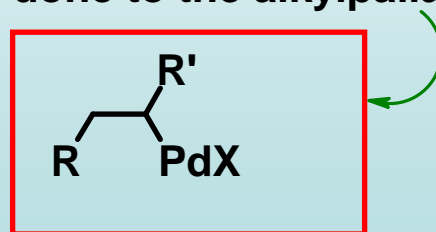
- ligands generally stabilize palladium intermediates, but aren't always added
- inorganic base is often used (instead of amine) to consume H-X



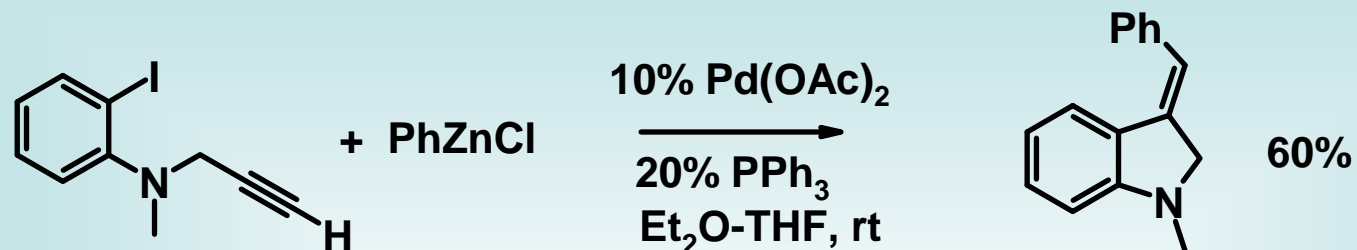
Note what happens to  $\beta$ -elimination process



In some cases, other things can be done to the alkylpalladium

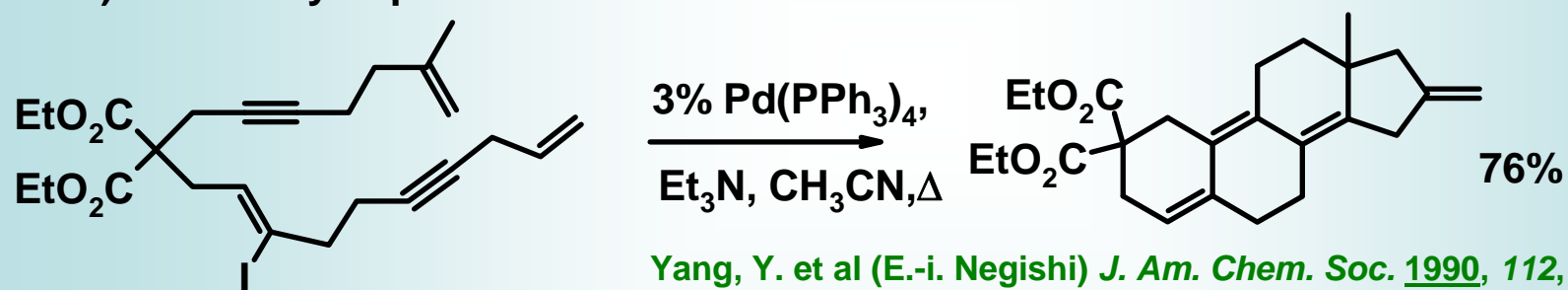


### a) Trap with organometallics



Grigg, R. et al *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1990, 31, 6573 & refs therein

### b) Further cyclopalladation



Yang, Y. et al (E.-i. Negishi) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1990, 112, 8590.

For still more reviews, see...

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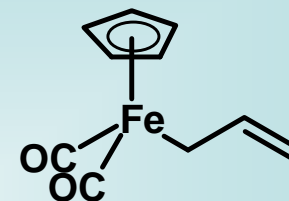
## $\eta^3$ - Hydrocarbon Metal Complexes

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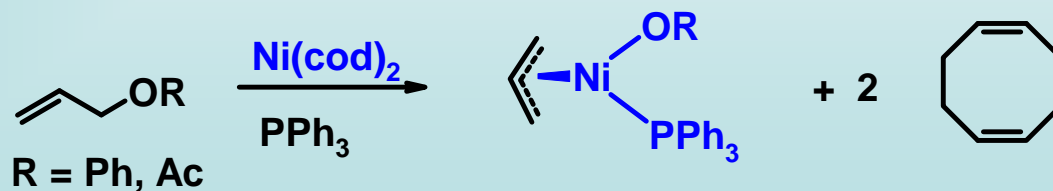
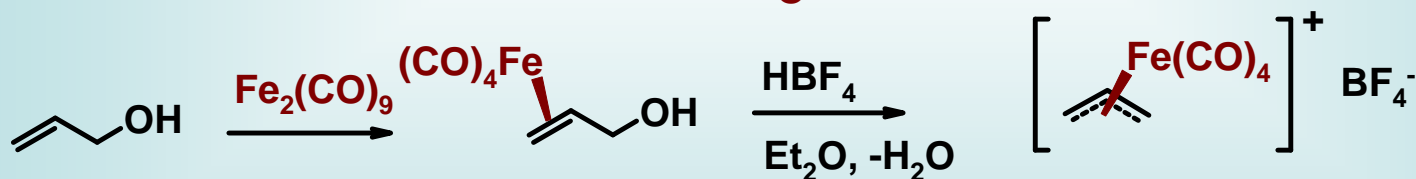
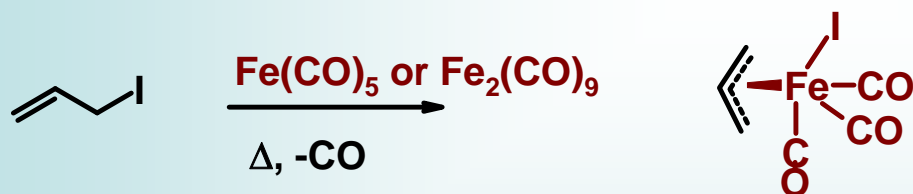
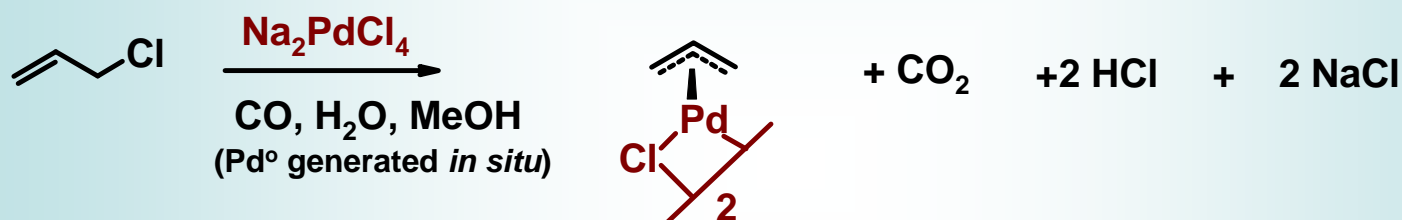
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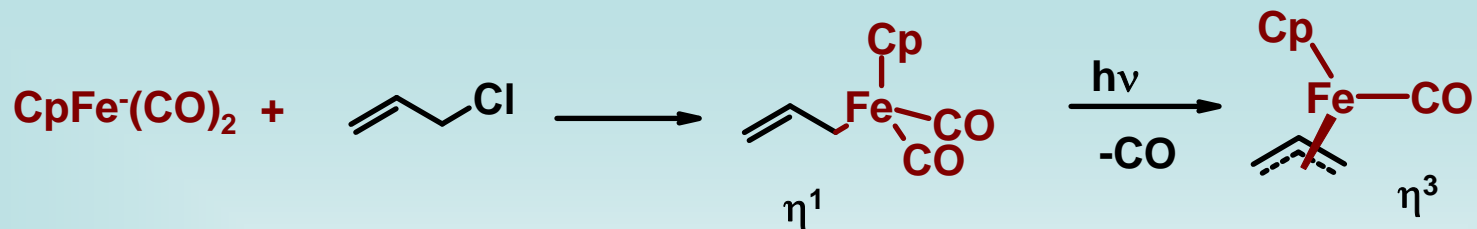
Note: We will discuss these here, too; even though they're  $\eta^1$



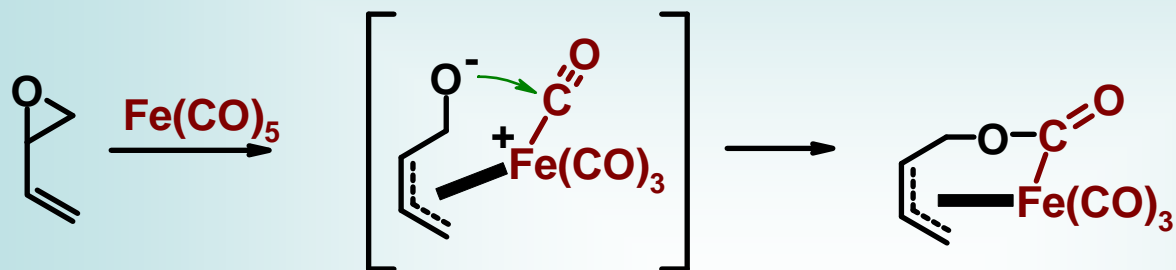
### Preparation of $\eta^3$ -allyl Complexes

i) From olefins (alkenes) with allylic leaving groups

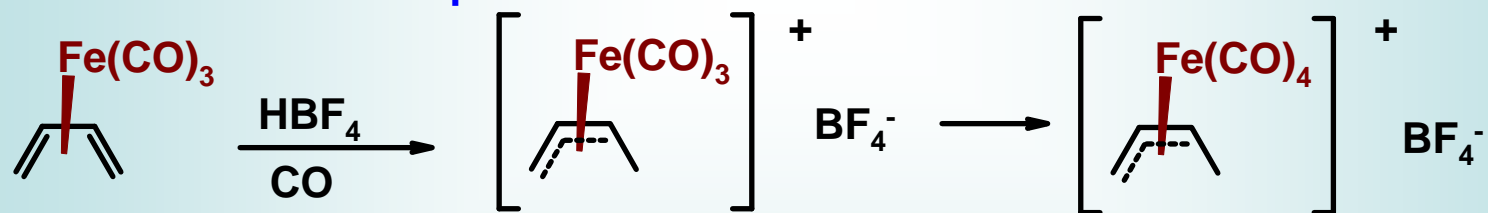




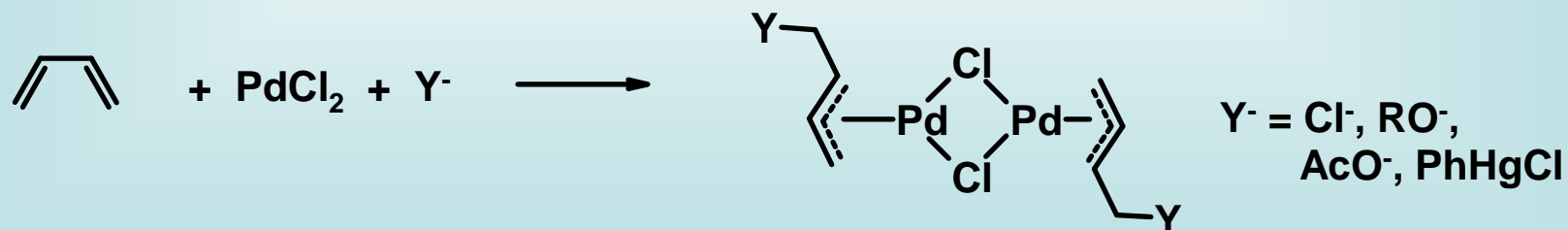
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## ii) From Metal-Diene Complexes

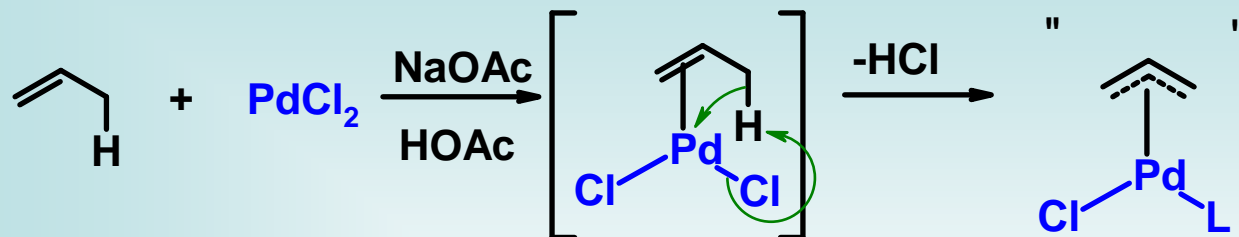


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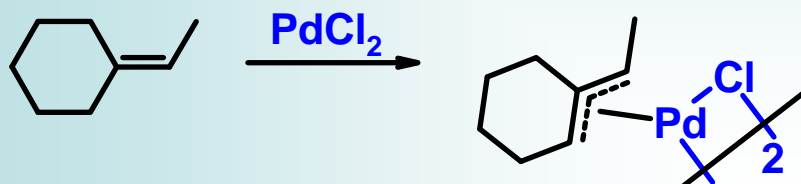


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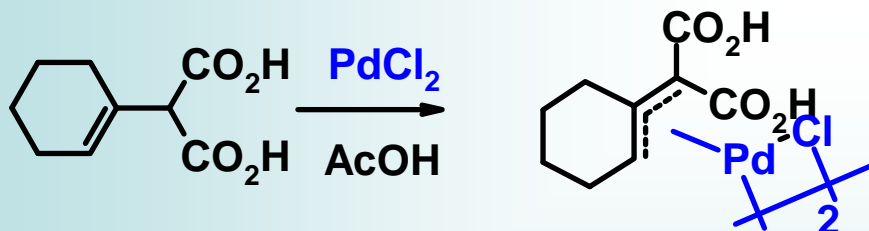
### iii) Activation of allylic C-H Bonds -most applicable for Pd complexes



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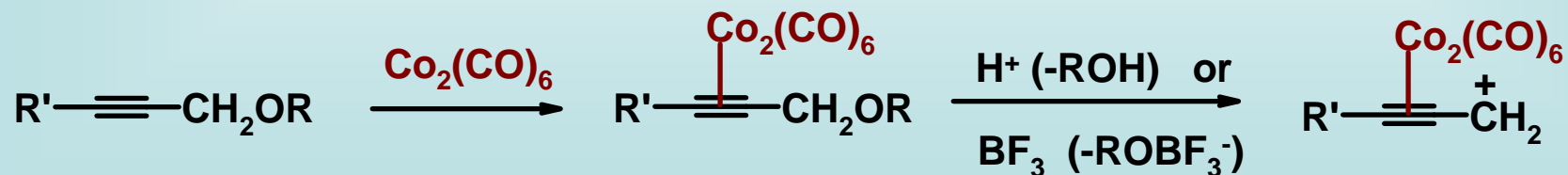
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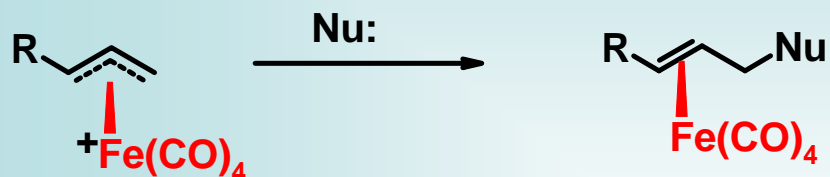
### iv) Propargyl (di)Co complexes





## Allyl/Propargyl $\eta^3$ - Complexes as Electrophiles

### a) Cationic allyl tetracarbonyl complexes



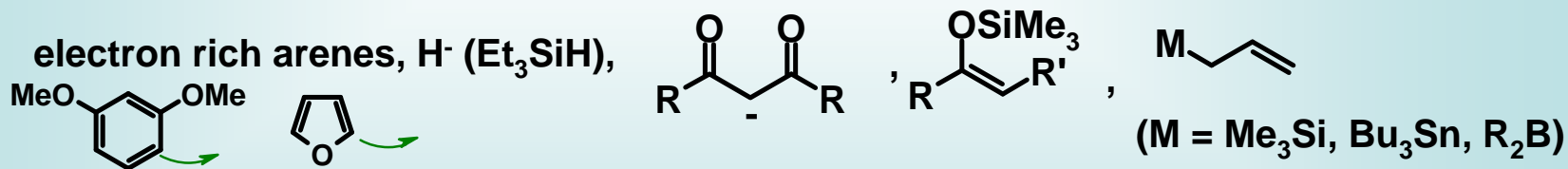
-complexes react with a pretty wide range of nucleophiles to give  $\eta^2$ -alkene complexes as immediate products

-these  $\eta^2$ -alkene complexes are not all that stable, easily decomplexed by mild oxidant

-allyl attack is presominantly at less substituted side of allyl unit (more later)

Nu: can be...

$\text{R}_3\text{N}$  (amines),  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$  (phosphines),  $\text{R}_2\text{Cd}$  ( $\text{RMgBr}$ ),  $\text{RCu(CN)ZnI}$



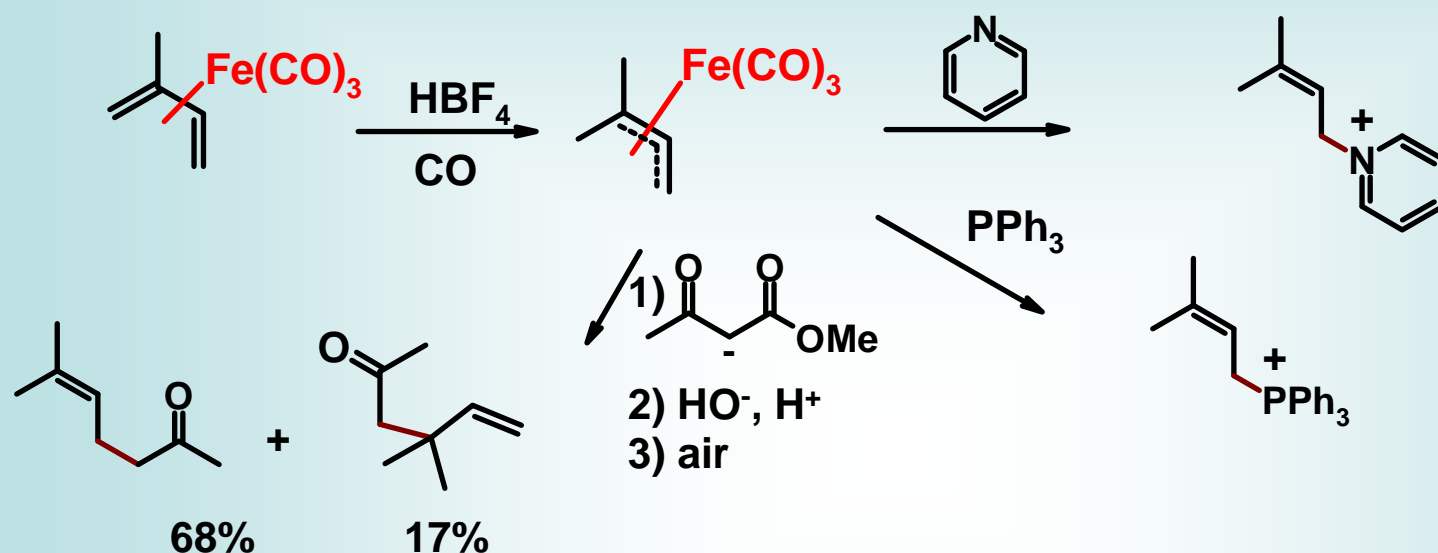
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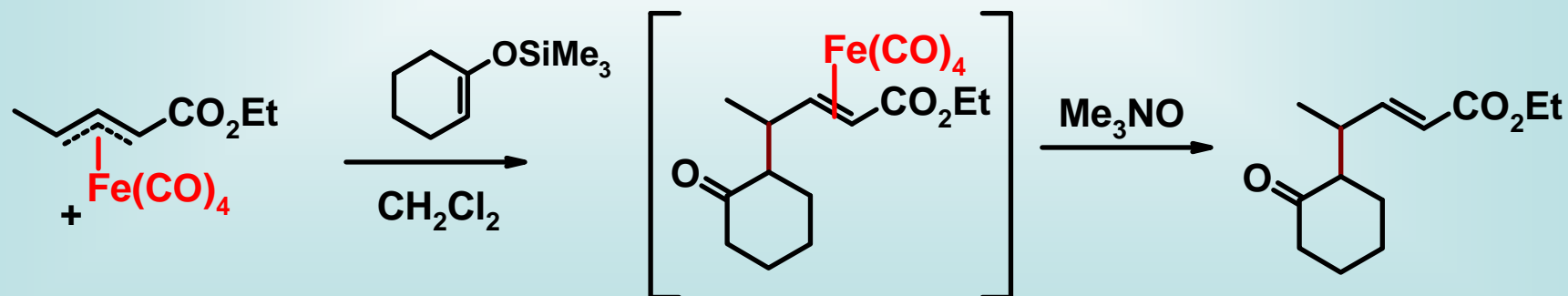
## Regiochemistry

-Site of attack is normally at the less substituted end of the allyl unit

-C2 attack has never been observed



-Site of attack is away from electron withdrawing group



Why care?

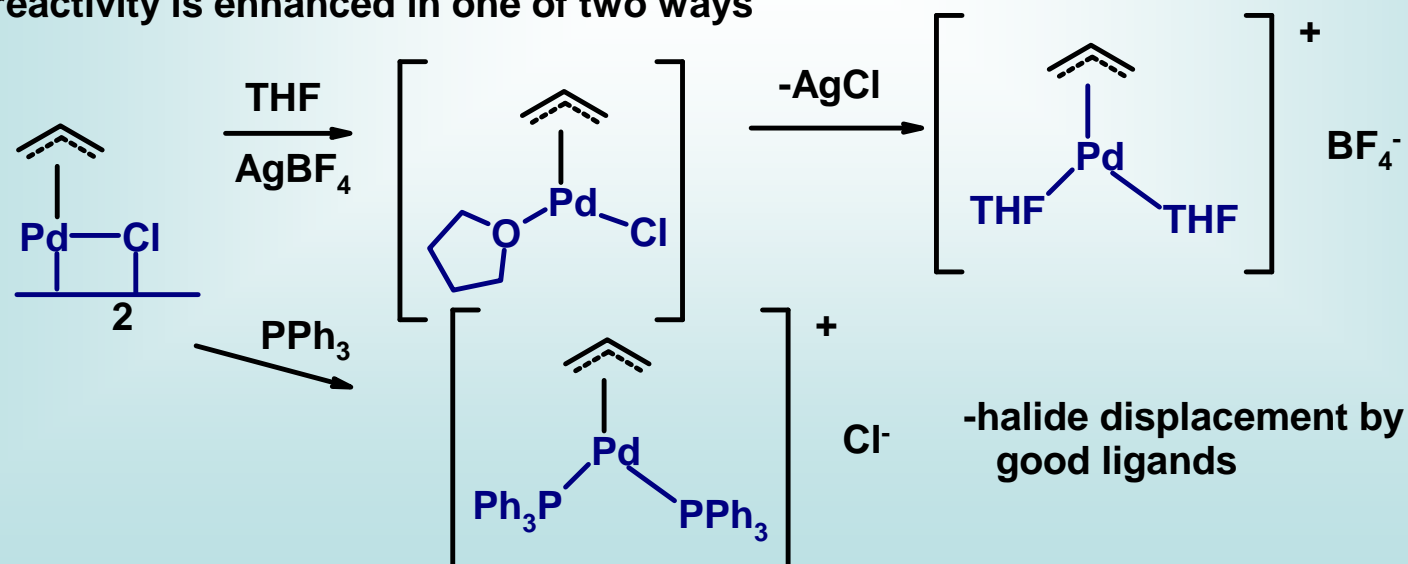
- allyl cations are very highly reactive; either too unstable to prepare or too reactive to be isolated or control their reactivity
- site  $\gamma$ -to carbonyl is normally nucleophilic; therefore this is *umpolung* reactivity
- iron allyls are geometrically stable

R de Koning, H.; Hiemstra, H.; Moolenaar, M. J.; Speckamp, W. N. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, 1729.  
R Enders, D.; Jandeleit, B.; von Berg, S. *Synlett* **1997**, 421.

## b) Allylpalladium<sup>II</sup> Complexes

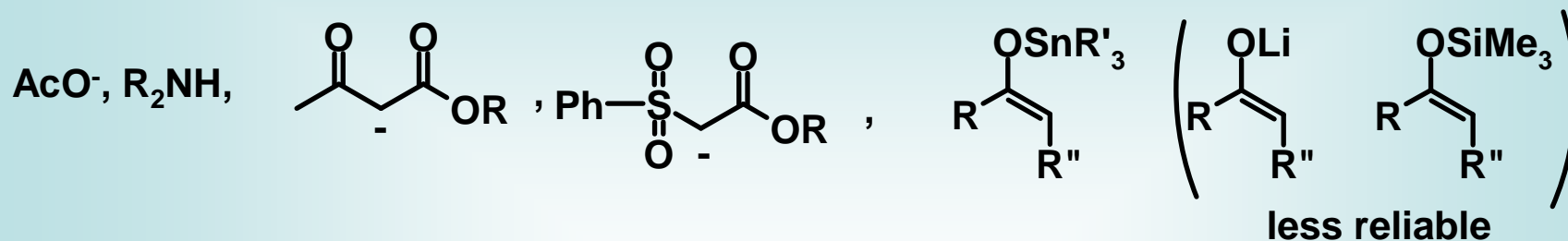
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- by FAR, the most widely used  $\eta^3$ -allylmetals
- like the Pd alkene complexes, the chloro- bridged dimers usually aren't reactive enough
- reactivity is enhanced in one of two ways



-can also be activated by other ligands (esp. phosphines), dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO), hexamethylphosphoric triamide (HMPA)

- once 'activated', these can undergo nucleophilic attack by several reagents



-attack superficially similar to allylirons

-i.e., normally at the less substituted allyl terminus

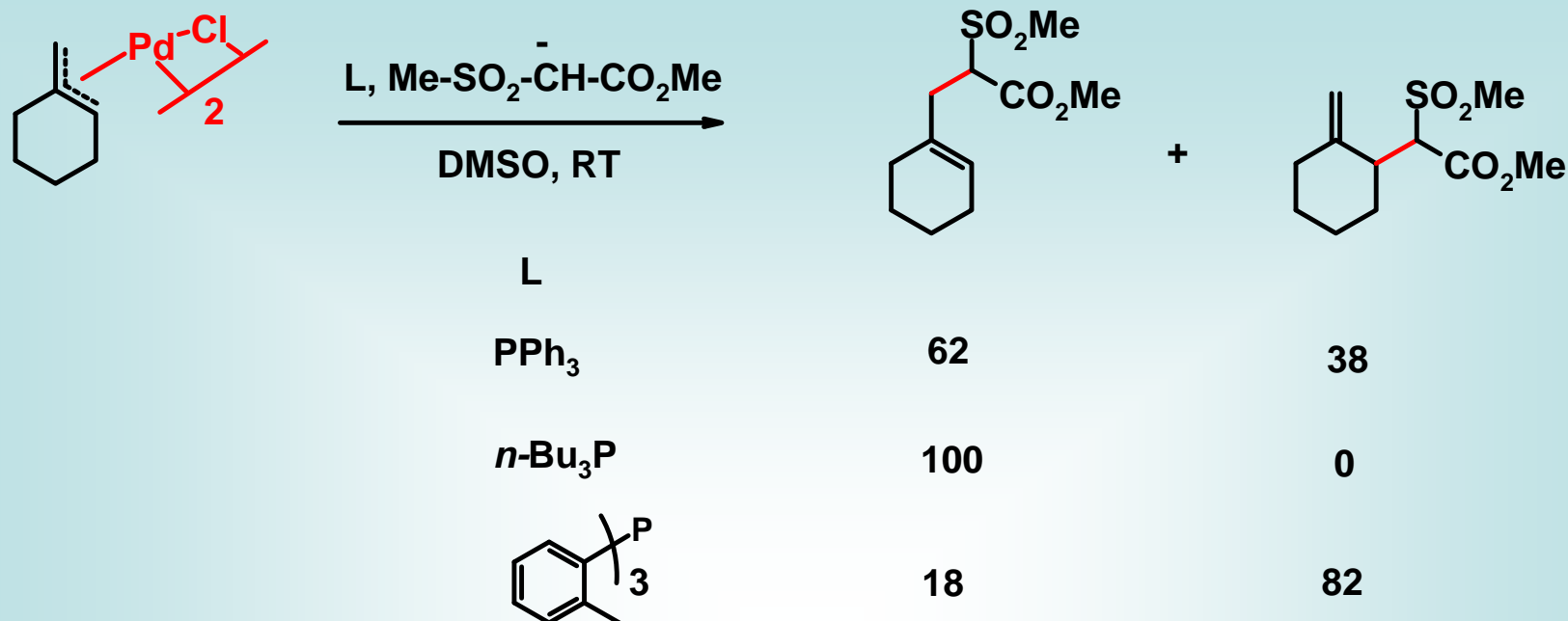
-this can, however, be affected by choice of phosphine ligand

-rationale - more electron rich C-Pd bond should be the stronger one - this is the more substituted one

- therefore the less substituted one is more weakly held, so  $\text{Nu}^-$  attacks there

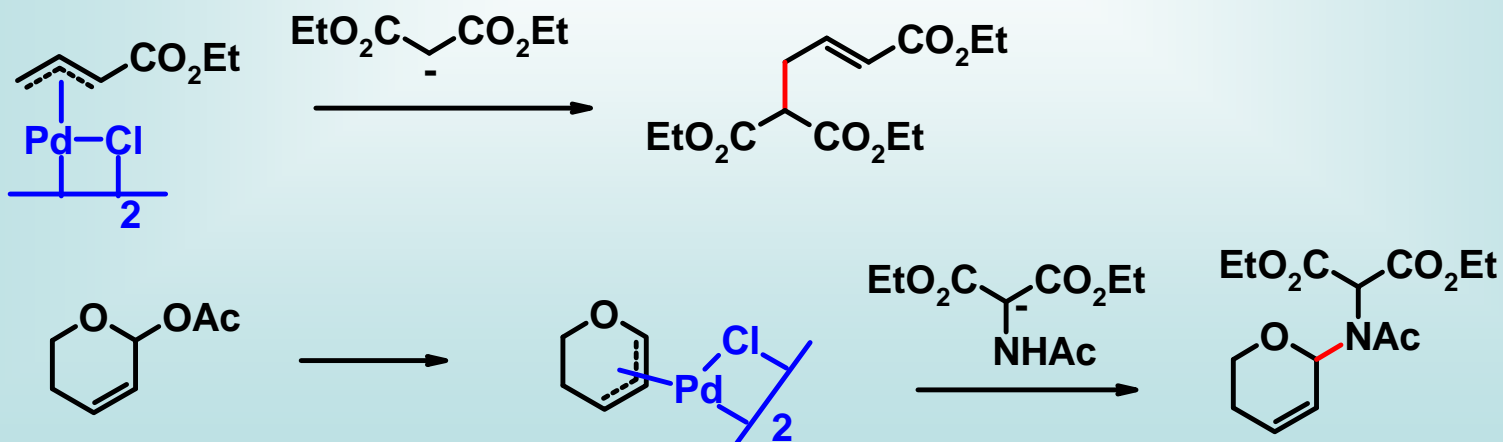
-BUT , with a bigger ligand (i.e., (*o*-tol)<sub>3</sub>P), there is a steric repulsion between  $\text{PdL}_2$  and the more substituted C - makes that bond weaker, more easily attacked

Consider.....

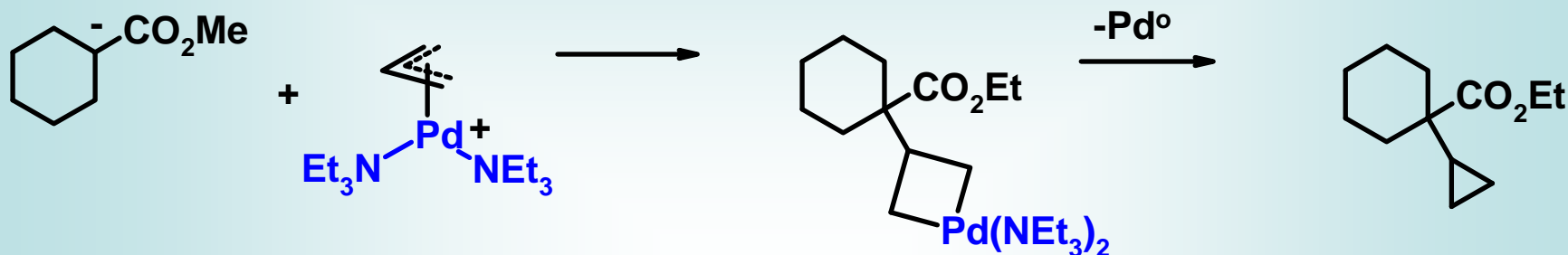


Trost, B. M. et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1978, 100, 3416.

- electron withdrawing groups direct attack to the end site remote to the group
- electron donating groups direct attack to the end near the EDG



- there are rare cases of attack at the central carbon of the allyl unit - C-2 attack
- usually observed for Nu<sup>-</sup> with high pK<sub>a</sub>'s (20-30), or where the central carbon has a leaving group
- C-2 attack has very limited use in synthetic organic chemistry so far

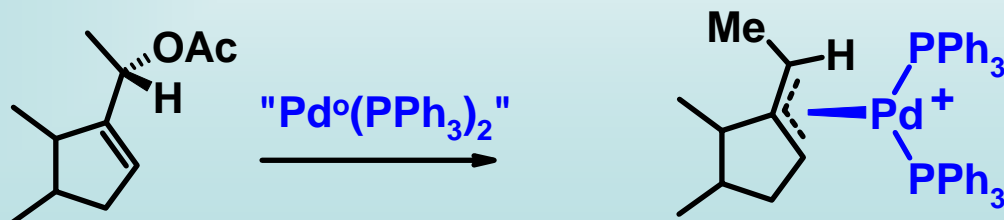


-for a good discussion and lead refs, see...

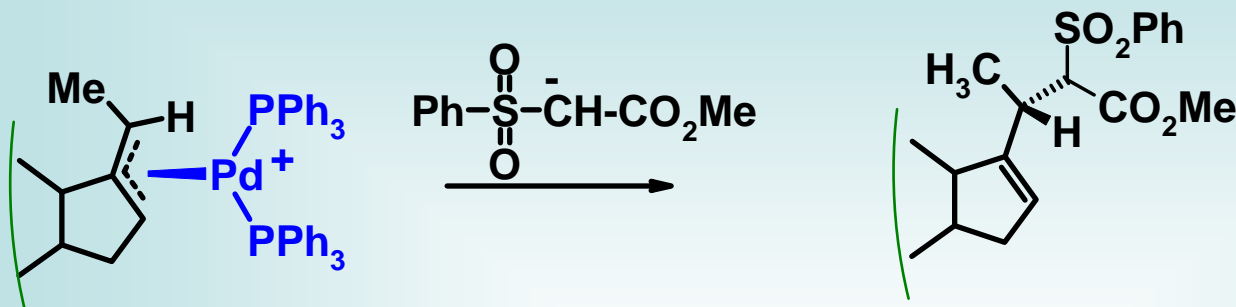
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## Stereochemistry of Attack

- recall - oxidative addition to for  $\pi$ - allyl is on a alkyl centre, and therefore goes with inversion of configuration

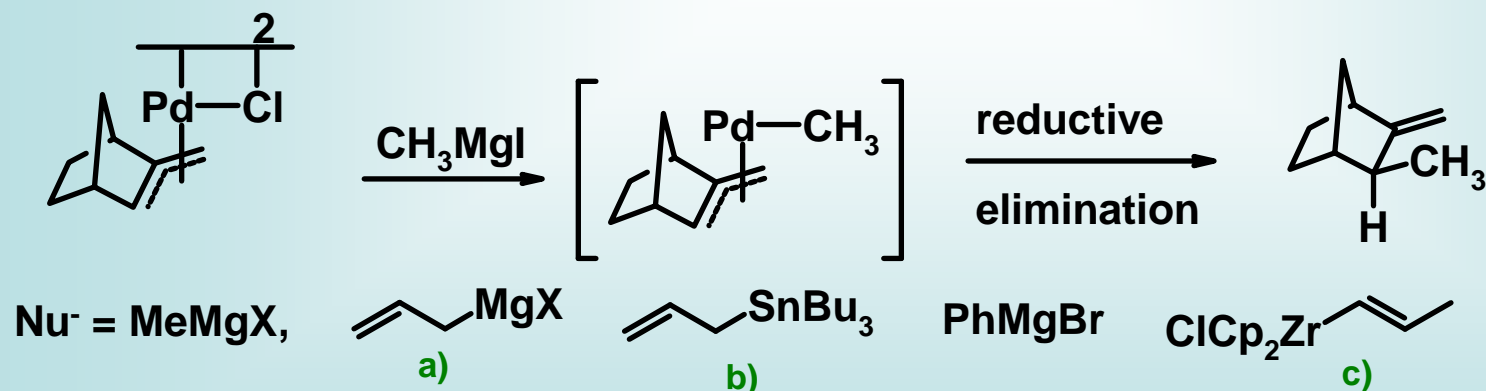


-now, nucleophilic attack on the allylpalladium normally occurs *away* from the palladium (it could be called backside attack, too), so overall there is a retention of configuration at carbon



**Note:** This is the normal (and ideal) situation  
non-stabilized carbanions are not usually good for attack on these species;  
when they do work, the mechanism is different....

- then, the initial attack step is on the metal, which is followed by reductive elimination to give retention for this step



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*J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* 1984, 107

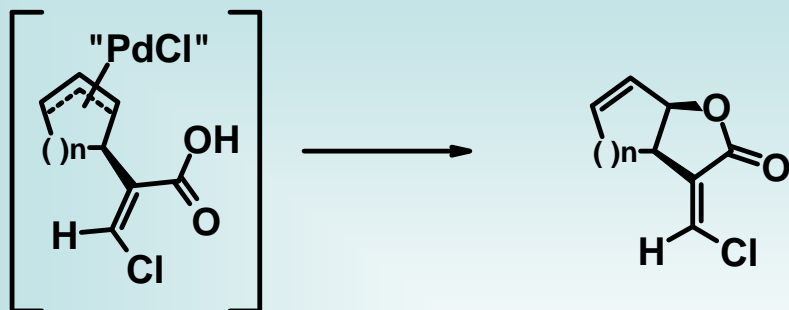
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c) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1982, 104, 1310 and 5028.

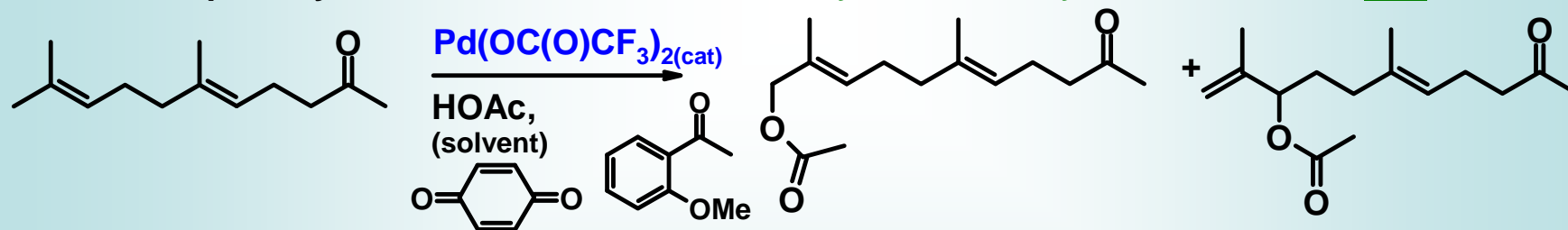
-Acetate/carboxylate will attack with retention under special conditions, or if forced by the constraints of the molecule



Larock, R.C. *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 3662.

The best news is that many, many, many of these reactions can be done as catalytic reactions

for example, allylic oxidation



or most commonly.....

