

Ni or Pd Catalyst for Synthesis of Conjugated Polymers

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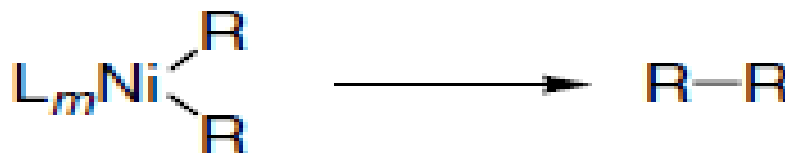
Conjugated Polymers

- **Conjugated polymers are organic macromolecules which consist at least of one backbone chain of alternating double- and single-bonds such as polyphenylvinylene (PPV) and polythiophenes (PT).** .
- **Applications:** p-Conjugated polymers containing aromatic rings in the backbone have potential applications as organic electronic materials and devices such as field effect transistors (FETs), organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs), and photovoltaic cells. .
- **Synthetic methods:** condensation polymerization methods, such as electrochemical polymerization and metalmediated polycondensation reactions. .

C-C bond formation on Ni and Pd

Basic Organometallic reaction of Ni

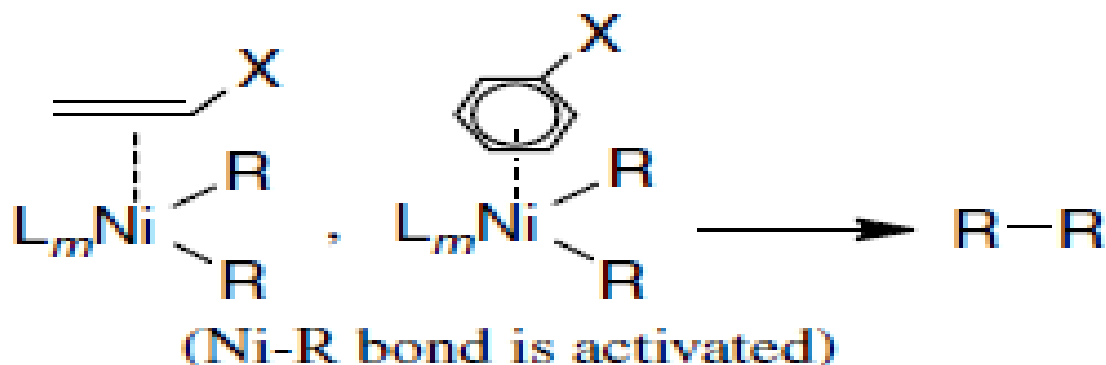
- Diorganonickel(II) complexes NiR_2L_m undergo reductive coupling (or reductive elimination) reactions to give R-R.



(L = neutral ligand such as 2,2'-bipyridyl (bpy) and tertiary phosphine):

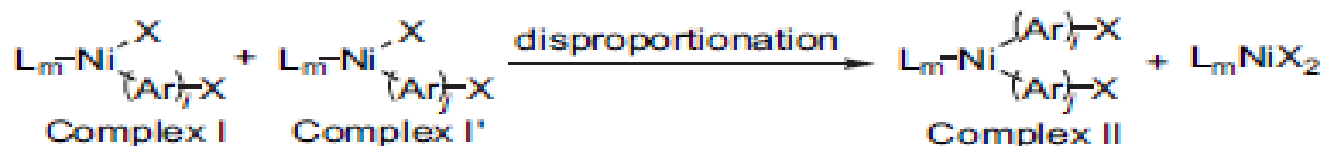
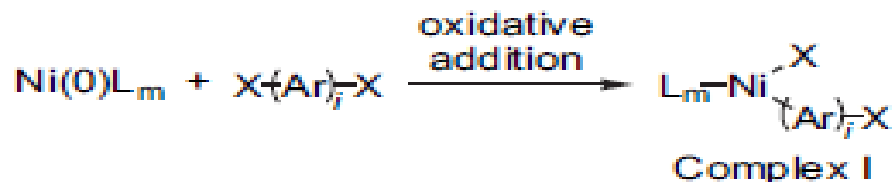
Organometallic Polycondensation for Conjugated Polymers

- The Ni–R bond in NiR_2L_m is considered to be polarized as $\text{Ni}^{\delta+}\text{-R}^{\delta-}$, whereas the reductive elimination produces an electrically neutral R–R molecule. Then, the reductive elimination is assumed to involve electron migration from the R group to Ni, and this electron migration is considered to be enhanced by coordination of an electron-withdrawing olefin (e.g., CH_2CHCN and CH_2CHBr) and an aromatic compound (e.g., $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Br}$)



Mechanistic aspects for Ni(0)-promoted polycondensation

The C-C coupling reaction by Ni catalyst contains three fundamental reaction steps:



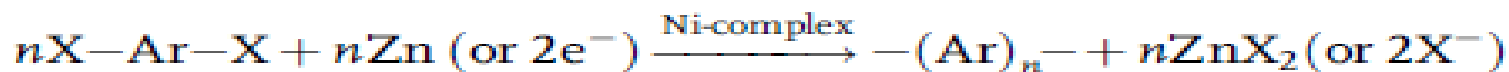
Ar = arylene (e.g., *p*-phenylene)

X-(Ar)_i-X : propagating oligomeric species

- The reductive elimination is a key step in Ni-catalyzed organic syntheses:



- In some case, Ni(0)L_m formed in situ by chemical such as Zn, NaH and hidrazine hydrate or electrochemical reduction of Ni(II) compound are also usable in polycondensation, following a catalytic reaction:



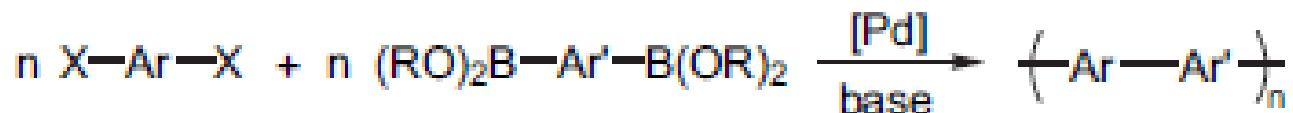
- Pd complexes are also known as useful catalysts for various polymerization reaction. Reductive of R-R from diorganopalladium(II) complexes.



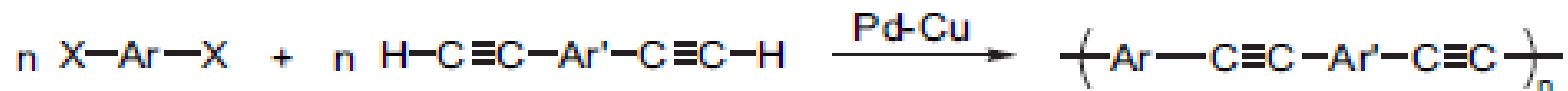
Pd-catalyzed synthesis of conjugated polymers

- Several Pd-catalyzed C-C coupling reactions have been applied to synthesis of conjugated polymers

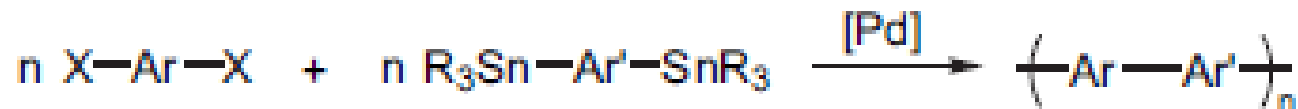
Suzuki polymerization



Sonagashira polymerization



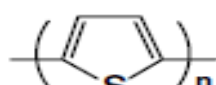
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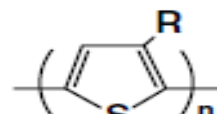
Some Examples From Yamamoto Group



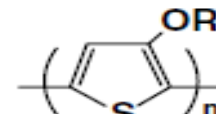
poly(*p*-phenylene)
PPP [3a,b,4b]



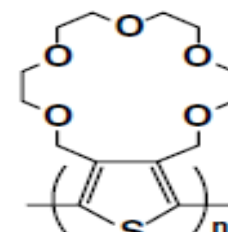
poly(thiophene-2,5-diyl)
PTh* [4b,14,15]



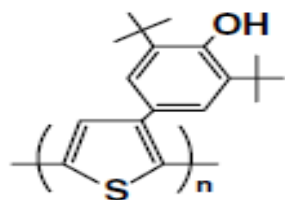
poly(3-alkyl
thiophene-2,5-diyl)
P3RTh* [4b,14,15c,16]



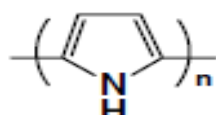
poly(3-alkoxy-
thiophene-2,5-diyl)
P3ORTh [5c,33b]



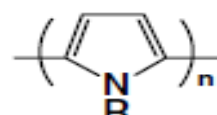
poly(crownether
thiophene-2,5-diyl)
PCrTh* [33]



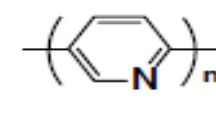
poly[3-(3,5-di-*t*-butyl
-4-hydroxyphenyl)
thiophene-2,5-diyl]
P(3-Bu₂OHPTTh)* [56]



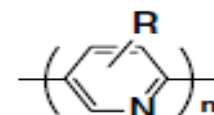
poly(pyrrole-2,5-diyl)
PPr [4h]



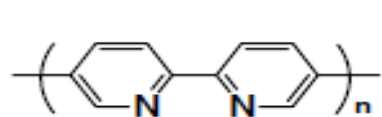
poly(N-alkyl-
pyrrole-2,5-diyl)
PRPr [4h,23g]



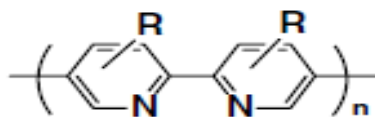
poly(pyridine-2,5-diyl)
PPy* [3b,4a,c,d]



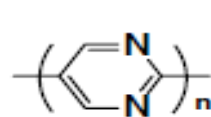
poly(alkyl
pyridine-2,5-diyl)
PRPy* [4c,k]



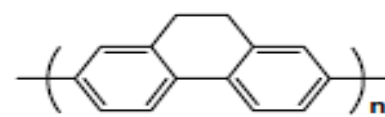
poly(2,2'-bipyridine-5,5'-diyl)
PBpy* [4c,e]



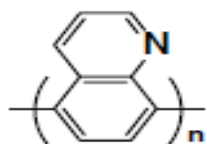
poly(dialkyl-2,2'-
bipyridine-5,5'-diyl)
PRBpy* [4c,k]



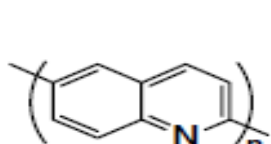
poly(pyrimidine-2,5-diyl)
PPyrim* [4j,19h]



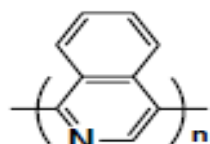
poly(9,10-dihydro-
phenanthrene-2,7-diyl)
PH₂Ph* [6a]



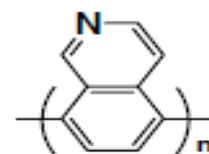
poly(quinoline
-5,8-diyl)
P(5,8-Q)* [4i]



poly(quinoline-2,6-diyl)
P(2,6-Q)* [6b,26a]



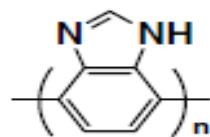
poly(isoquinoline
-1,4-diyl)
P(1,4-IQ)* [4i]



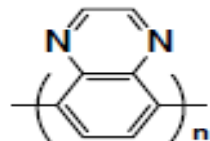
poly(isoquinoline
-5,8-diyl)
P(5,8-IQ)* [6b]



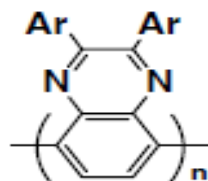
poly(benzo-[d][2,1,3]
thiadiazole-4,7-diyl)
P(4,7-Btd)* [4m]



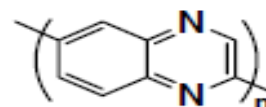
poly(benz-
imidazole-4,7-diyl)
P(4,7-Bim)* [4m,19f]



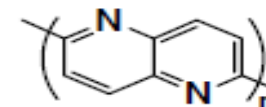
poly(quinoxaline
-5,8-diyl)
P(5,8-Qx)* [51a]



poly(2,3-diarylquinoxaline
-5,8-diyl)
P(5,8-diArQx)* [51a]

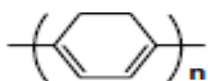


poly(quinoxaline
-2,6-diyl)
P(2,6-Qx)* [26a,51a]

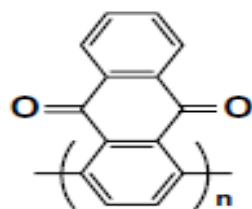


poly(1,5-naphthyridine
-2,6-diyl)
P(2,6-Nap)* [6c]

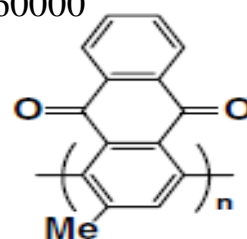
Mw ~ 260000



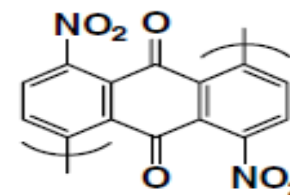
poly(1,3-cyclohexadiene
-1,4-diyl)
PCyh* [22c]



poly(anthraquinone
-1,4-diyl)
P(1,4-AQ)* [22b,32a]

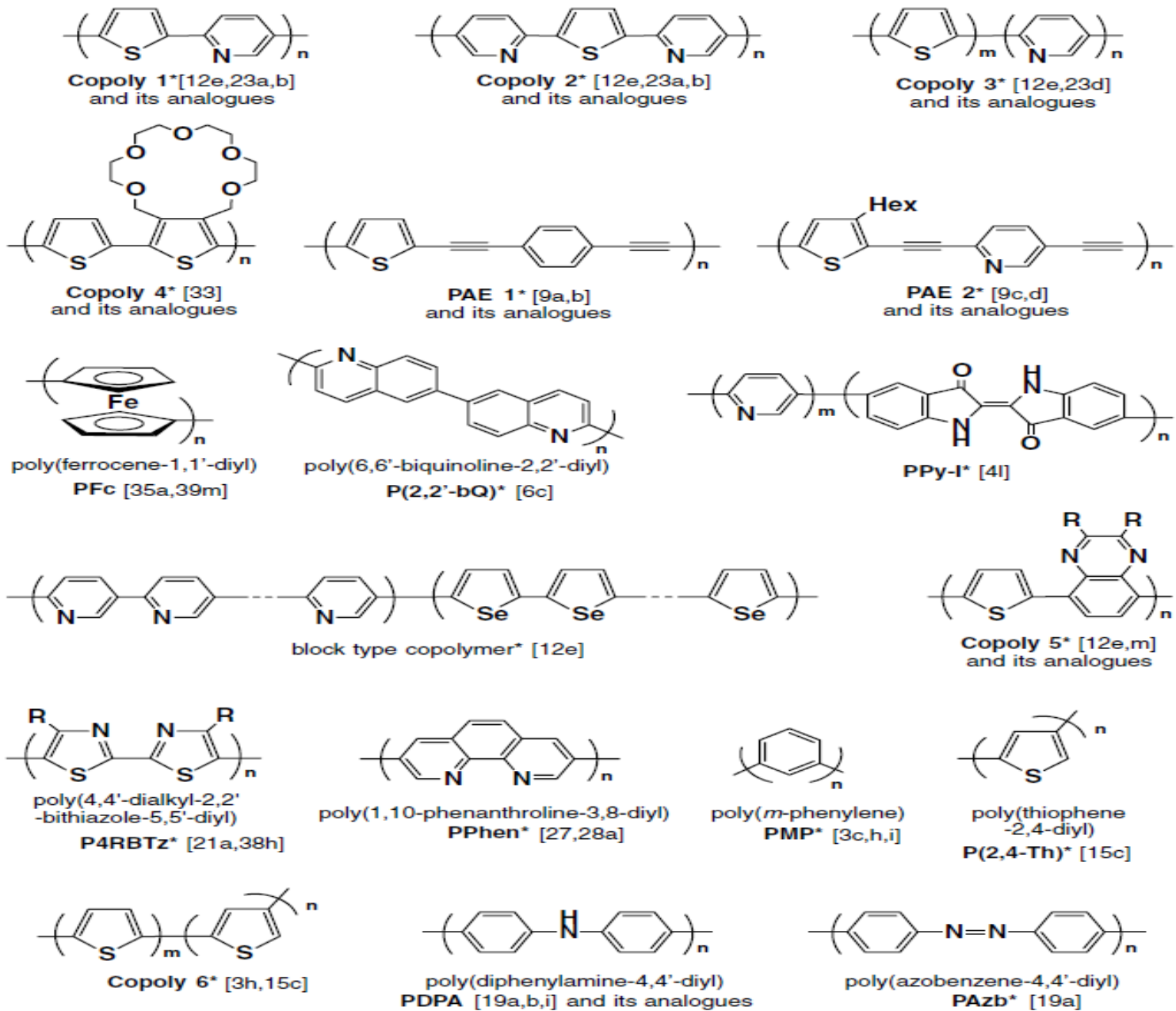


poly(2-methyl-
anthraquinone-1,4-diyl)
P(2-Me-1,4-AQ)* [22b,32a]



poly(4,8-dinitro
anthraquinone-1,5-diyl)
P(4,8-NO₂-1,5-AQ)* [20i,32b]

Mw ~ 190000



Molecular weight of polymer from Ni(0)-catalyzed polymerization

using Ni(0)L_m have the following molecular weights:

PPy: $M_w = 4300$ [4c], 6300 [18a] with $[\eta]$ of 2.29 dL g^{-1}

PBpy: 3200 [4c]

PRPy: 120 00–27 000 (R = CH₃), 36 000 (R = 2-hexyl)

PRBpy: 21 000 (R = 2-hexyl)

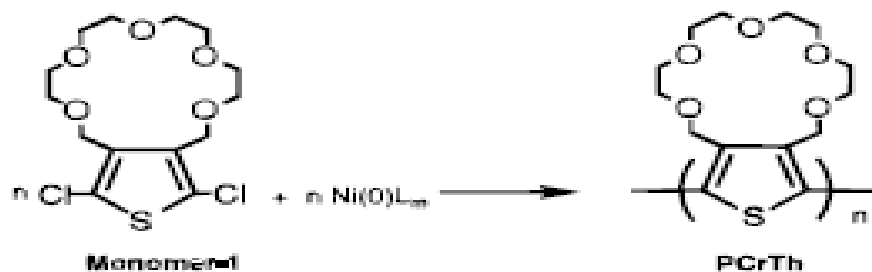
P3RTh: 190 000 (R = hexyl)

P(2-Me-1,4-AQ): 190 000

Copoly 3: about 5×10^4 – 5×10^6 .

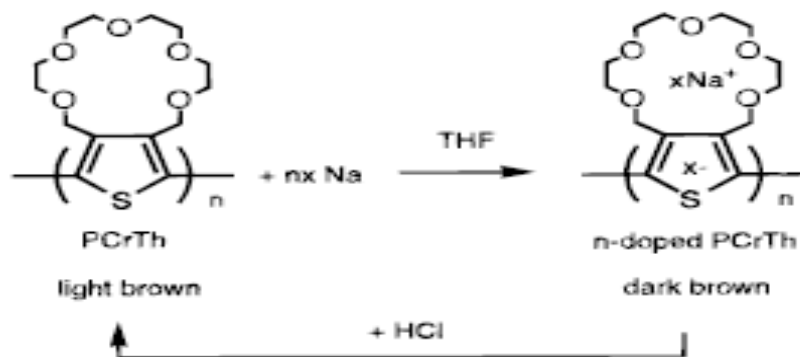
In summary: the molecular weight of polymer by the organometallic polymerization seems to depend on the solubility and crystallinity of the polymers. There seems to be a trend that crystalline polymers have a lower molecular weight. Less crystalline and/or soluble propagating species (especially those with an alkyl chain) give a higher molecular weight polymer.

Poly(thiophene-2,5-diyl)s with a Crown Etheral Subunit



Mw 460 000

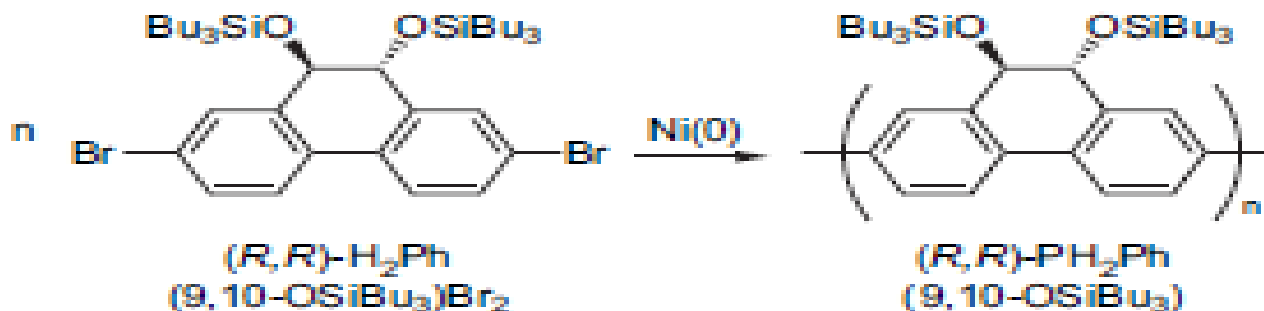
Ni(0)L_m : a mixture of bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel(0) (Ni(cod)_2) and 2,2'-bipyridyl (bpy).



Stability in air

Chiral polymer

- Poly(9,10-disubstituted-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene-2,7-diyl)s such as PH₂Ph(9,10-OSiBu₃) were light emitting and showed strong circular dichroism



R = R' = butyl : PH₂Ph (9,10-OSiBu₃) ; $M_n = 9800$; $M_w = 19600$.

R = methyl ; R' = octadecyl : PH₂Ph (9,10-OSiMe₂Ood) ; $M_n = 69000$; $M_w = 207000$.

Yamamoto, T., Asao, T., and Fukumoto, H. *Polymer*, **2004**, *45*, 8085;

Iijima, T.; Yamamoto, T. *Chem. Lett.*, **2005**, 1672;

There are two basic types of polymerization, chain-growth polymerization and step-growth polymerization

Chain-growth Polymerization

This type of polymerization is a three step process, namely, initiation, propagation and termination.

Step-growth Polymerization

This polymerization method typically produces polymers of **lower** molecular weight than chain reactions and requires higher temperatures to occur. Unlike addition polymerization, step-wise reactions involve two different types of di-functional monomers or end group that react with one another, forming a chain.

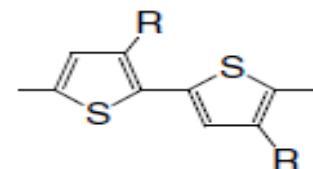
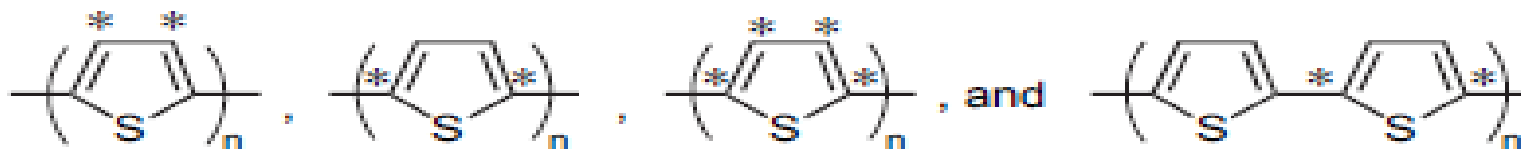
- step-growth polymerization, have a latent potential to involve a chain growth polymerization mechanism. the catalyst activates the polymer end group, followed by reaction with the monomer and the transfer of the catalyst to the elongated polymer end group.

Catalyst-Transfer Condensation Polymerization

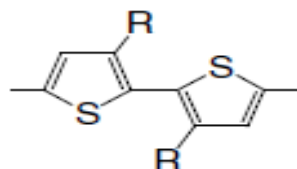
Kumada–Tamao Coupling Polymerization with
Ni Catalyst

Polythiophene (PTh)

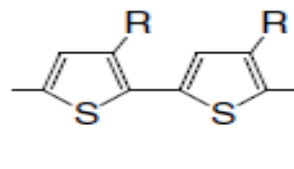
- PTh was designed as the first well characterized and stable π -conjugated polymer.



s-trans (head-to-tail)



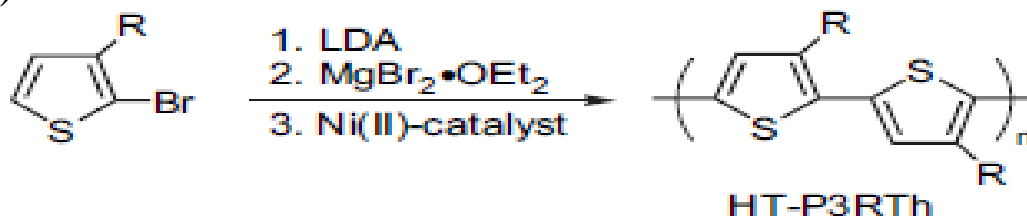
s-trans (head-to-head)



s-cis (head-to-tail)

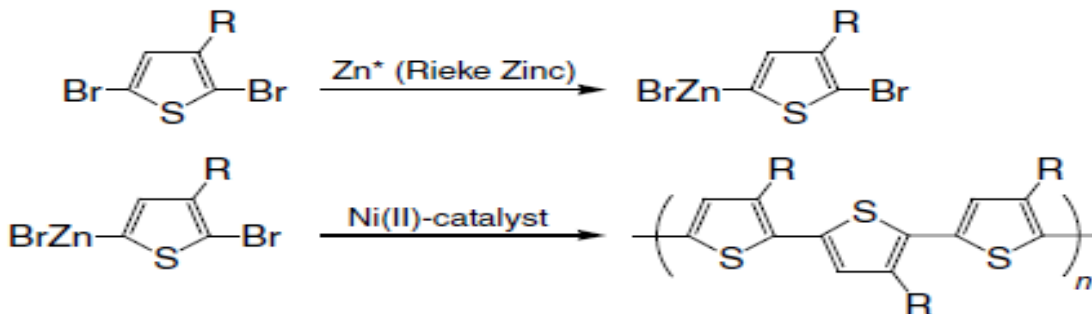
Polythiophene (PTh)

•McCullough et al. introduced Grignard reagent selectively to the 5-position of RTh ring and polymerized it with Ni catalyst, producing the high molecular weight polymer with Broad PDI (~2).



J. Org. Chem. 1993,58, 904-912 McCullough RD, et al. *J. Am Chem Soc* **1993**,115, 4910.

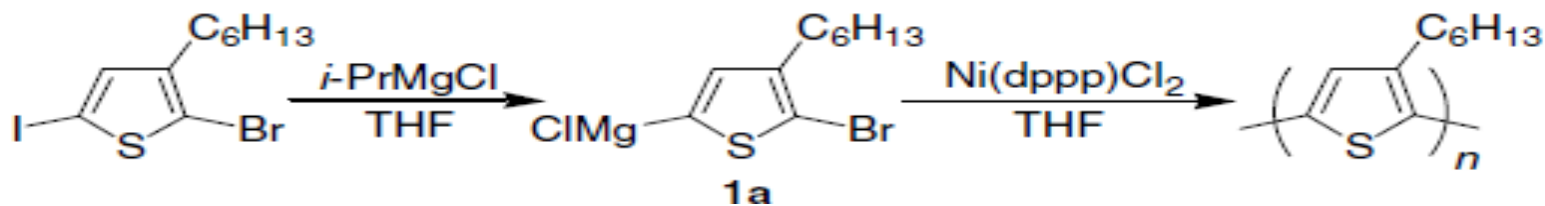
•On the other hand, Rieke et al reported that regio-controlled organozinc reagent obtained regioregular P3RTh, in which the amount of head-tail product was as high as 98.5%.



Chen, T., Wu, X., and Rieke, R.D. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1995**, 117, 233;

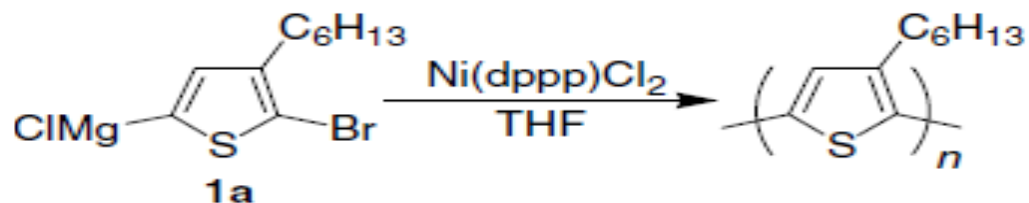
Polythiophene (PTh)

- Yokozawa and coworkers found that use the exact amount of isopropyl magnesium chloride generated the Grignard monomer **1a** from the bromiodothiophene, which polymerized with Ni catalyst at room temperature in controllable fashion.



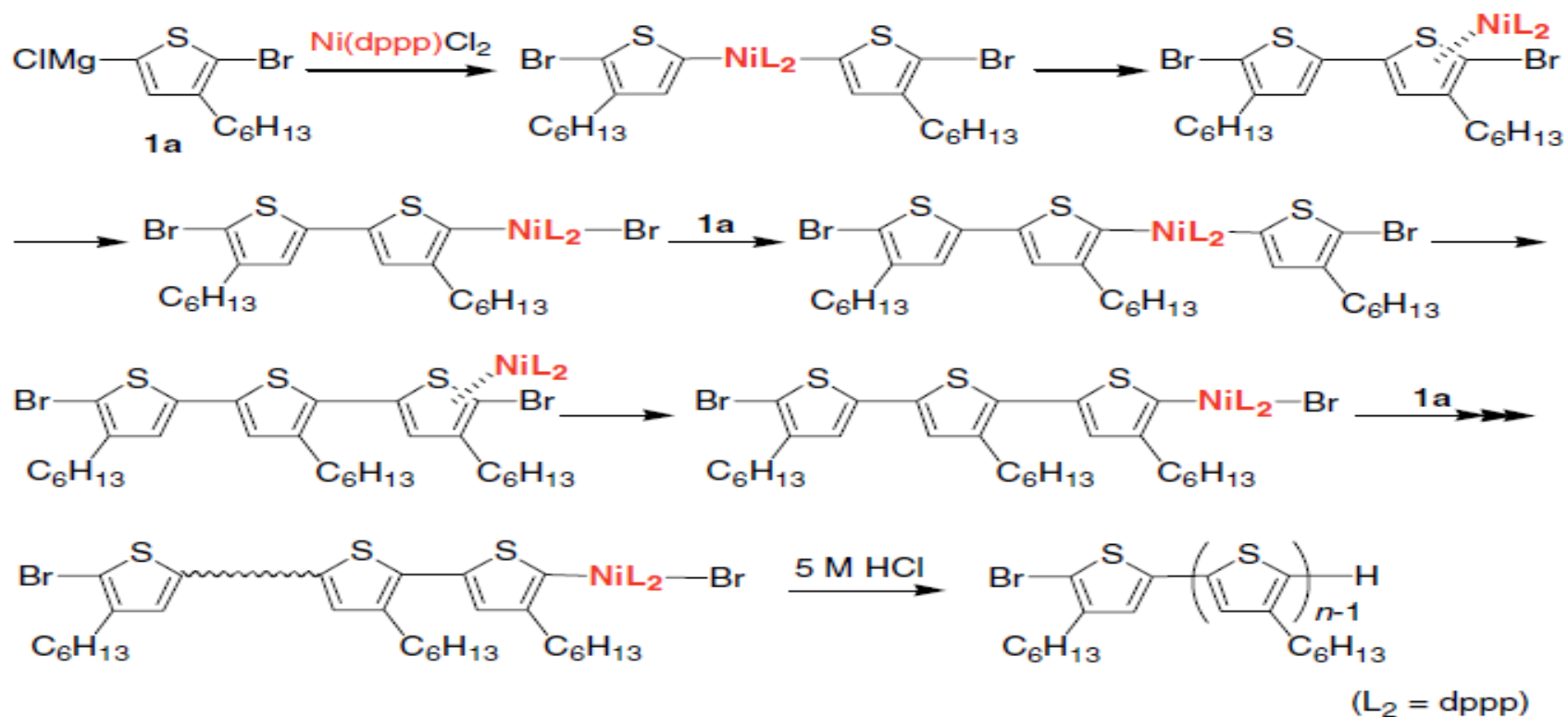
Mn:28,700

PDI: 1.1



- After a detailed study of the polymerization of **1a**, four important points were clarified:
 - (i) the polymer end groups are uniform among molecules; one end group is Br and the other is H;
 - (ii) the propagating end group is a polymer–Ni–Br complex;
 - (iii) one Ni molecule forms one polymer chain;
 - (iv) the chain initiator is a dimer of **1a** formed in situ

Catalyst-transfer condensation polymerization mechanism



Preparation of Conductive Polymer Brushes

- Kiry and coworkers used $(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Ni}(\text{Ph})\text{Br}$ as an initiator and synthesized Ph-terminated poly(3-hexylthiophene) brushes via surface-initiated chain growth polymerization.

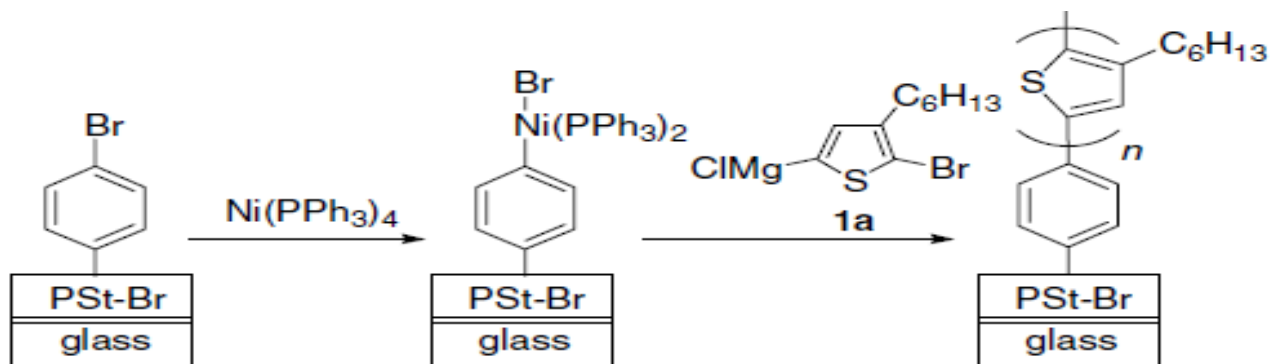
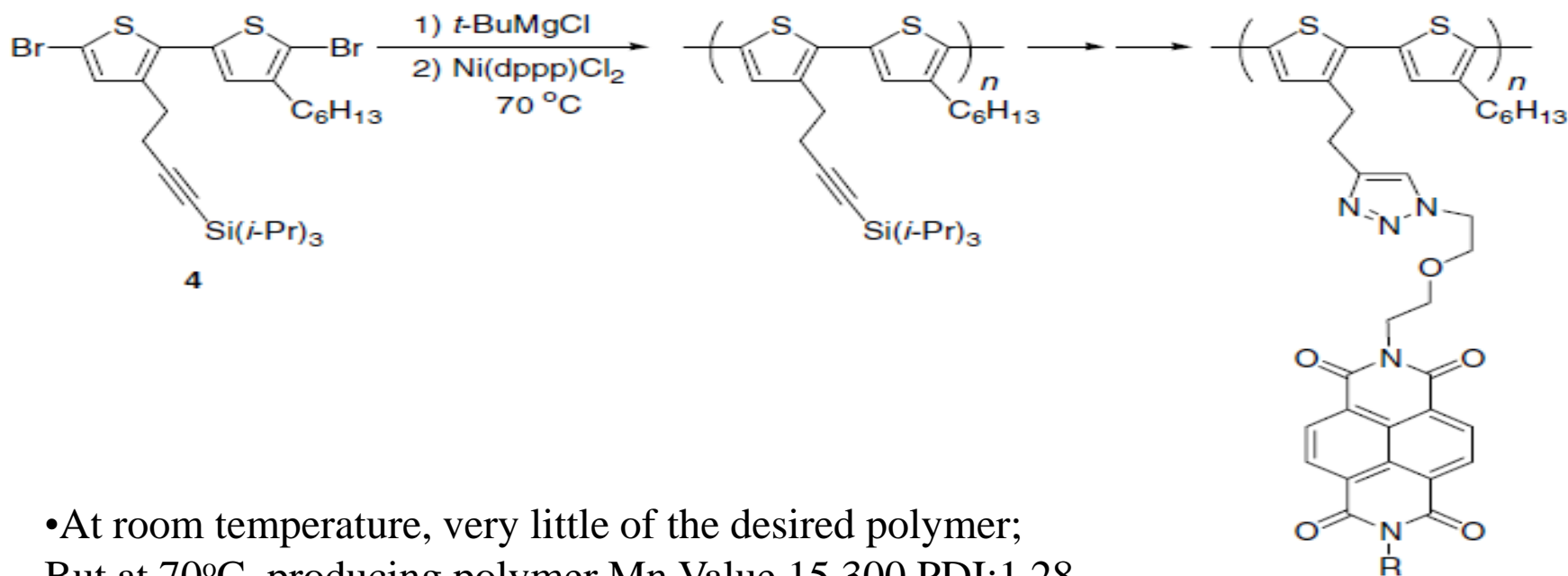


photo-cross-linked
poly(4-bromostyrene)
films

Kiry, A. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 6626–6632;
Macromolecules, **2008**, *41*, 7383–7389.

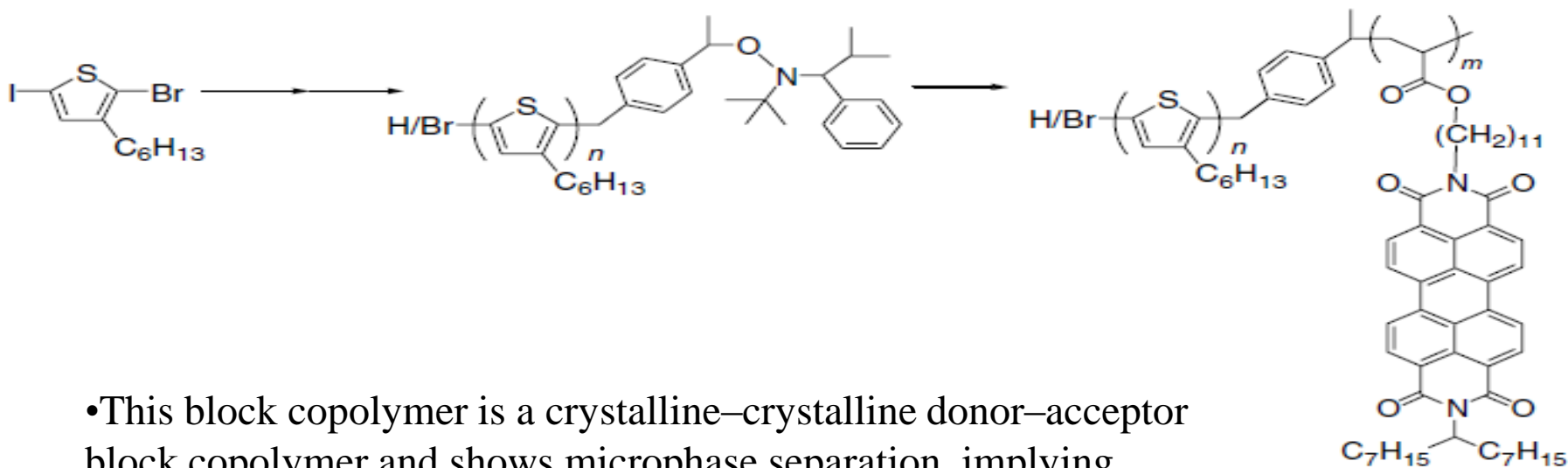
Block Polythiophenes

- the polymerization of thiophene dimer with Ni(dppp)Cl_2



- At room temperature, very little of the desired polymer;
But at 70°C , producing polymer Mn Value 15,300 PDI:1.28-1.35. functionalized by azide bearing a naphthalimide moiety under .click chemistry. conditions

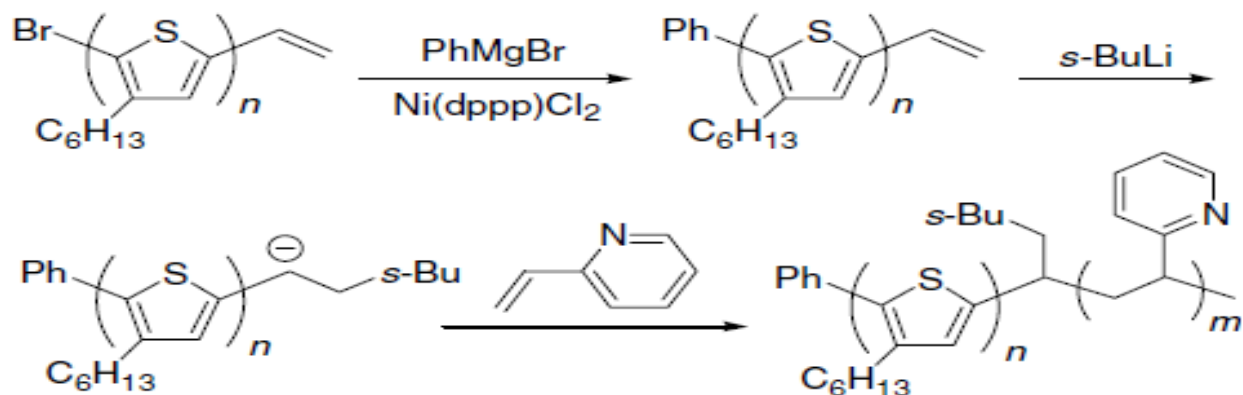
Crystalline-crystalline donor-acceptor block copolymer



- This block copolymer is a crystalline–crystalline donor–acceptor block copolymer and shows microphase separation, implying efficient photovoltaic applications.

block copolymers of polythiophene and poly(vinylpyridine)

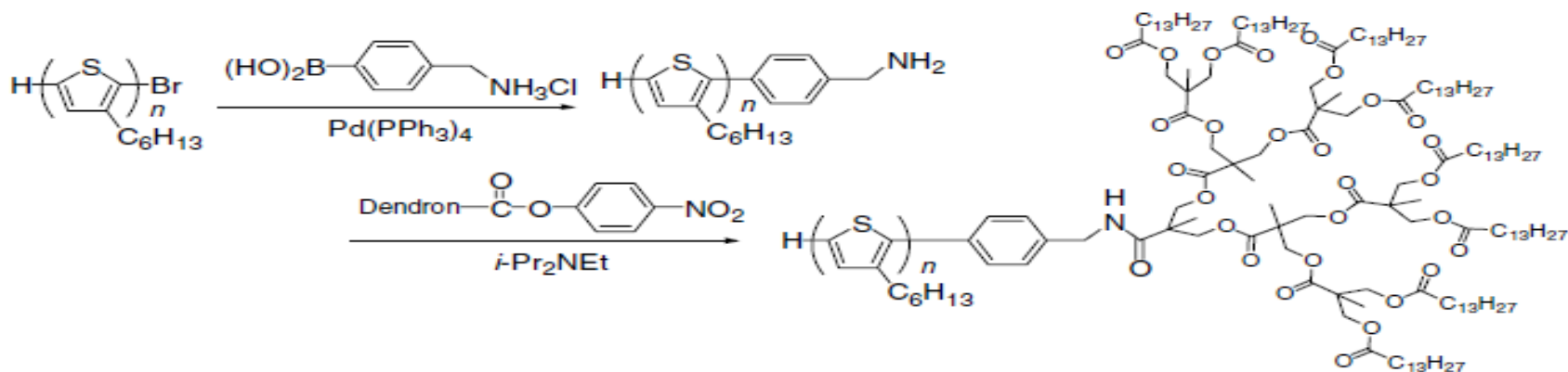
- Su and coworkers synthesized block copolymers of polythiophene and poly(vinylpyridine) by means of living anionic polymerization of 4-vinylpyridine



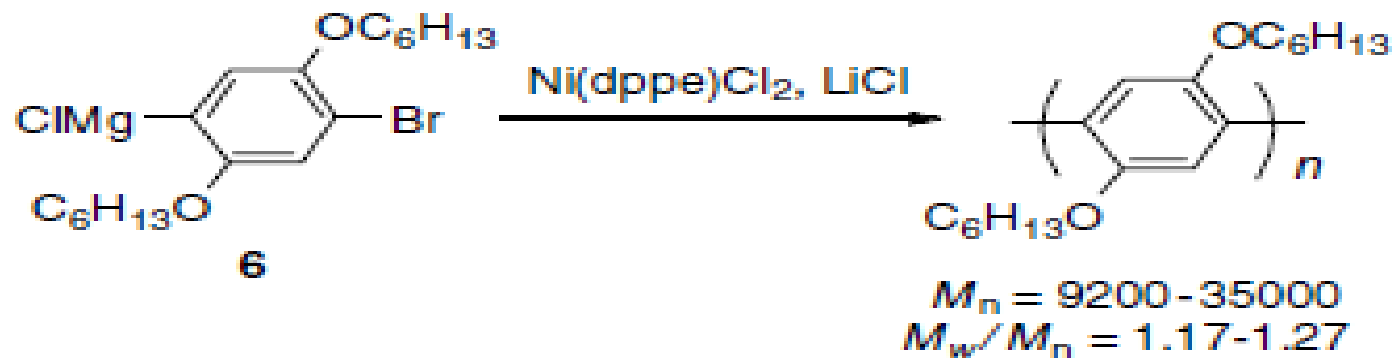
These block copolymers were able to undergo microphase separation and self-assembly into nanostructures of sphere, cylinder, and nanofiber structure with increasing polythiophene segment ratios.

Dendron-modified polythiophene

- Frechet and coworkers reported the synthesis of a dendron-modified polythiophene, in which one terminus of poly(3-hexylthiophene) is linked to the focal point of a polyester-type dendron



Polyphenylenes

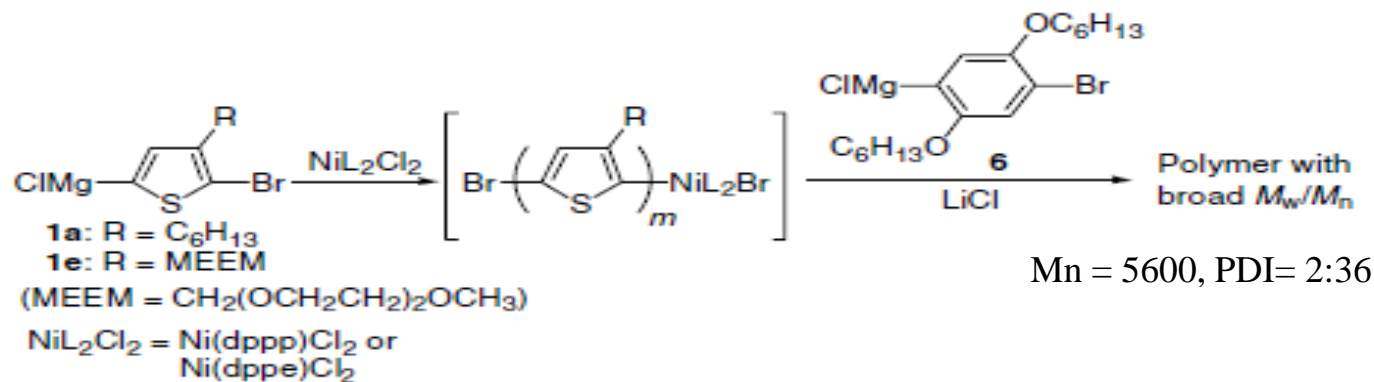


- Polymerization of monomer with Ni(II) produced low molecular weight polymer having broad PDI;
- However, adding LiCl resulted in polymer with low PDI, and that the molecular weight was controlled by feed ratio of monomer to catalyst

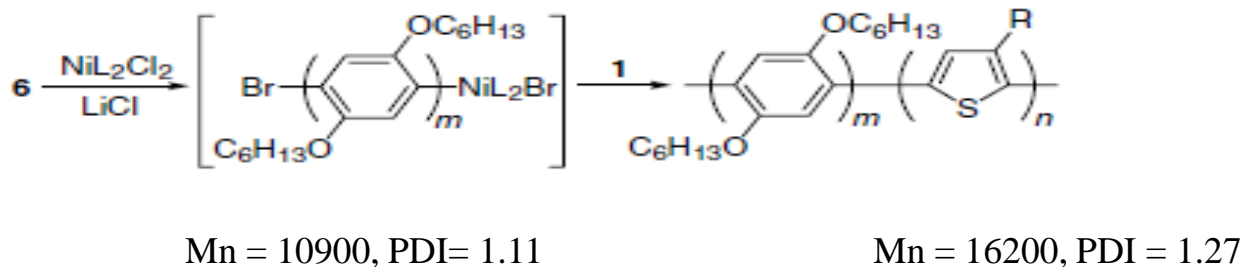
Block copolymers of polythiophene and poly(p-phenylene)

- First example of catalyst transfer polymerization for the synthesis of block copolymers consisting of a different type of conjugated polymers.

Pathway 1.

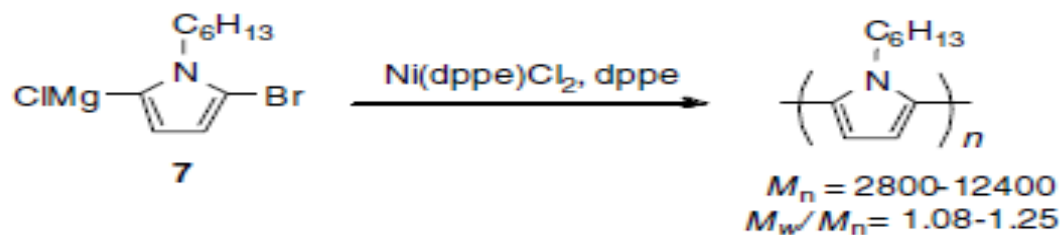


Pathway 2.



Why? Question 2

Polypyrroles

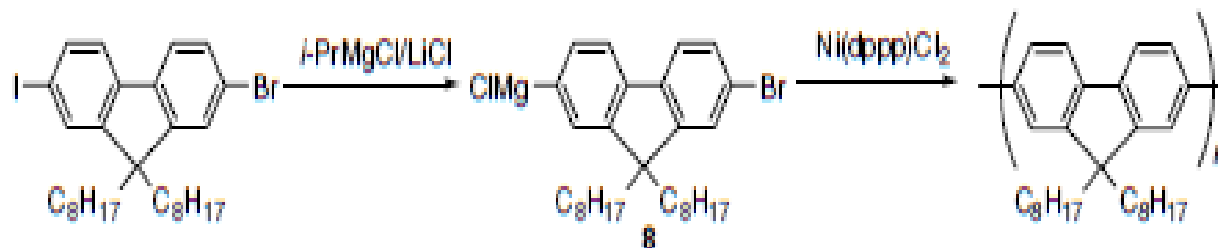


- polymerization of **7** with $\text{Ni}(\text{dppe})\text{Cl}_2$, a polymer with PDI of 1.26 as obtained, accompanied by low-molecular-weight oligomers.
- In the presence of additional dppe , equimolar to the catalyst, at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ gave the polypyrrole with a narrow PDI = 1.11 without formation of by-products

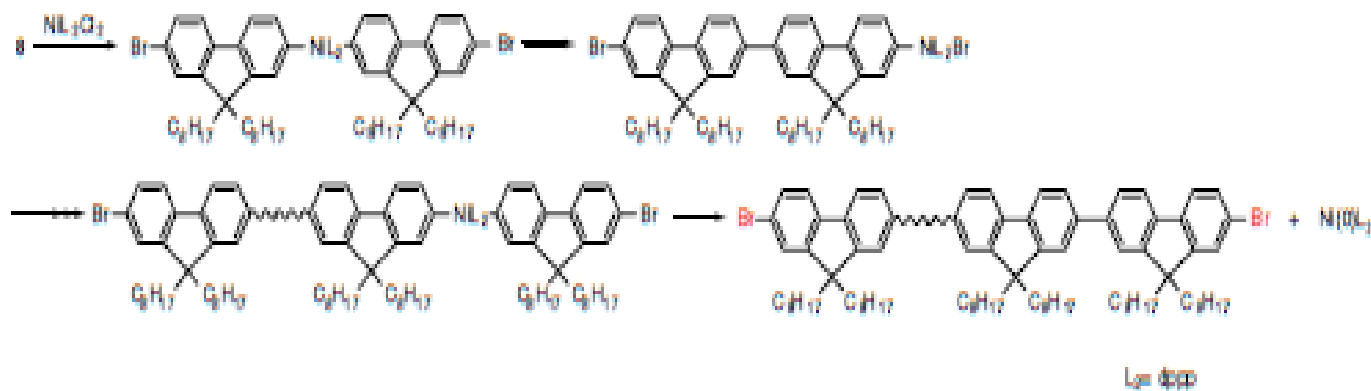
Block copolymer of poly(p-phenylene) and polypyrrole

•Yokozawa and coworkers also synthesized a block copolymer of poly(p-phenylene) and polypyrrole by their method. The p-phenylene monomer was polymerized first with Ni(dppe)Cl₂ in the presence of LiCl, followed by addition of pyrrole monomer and dppe to yield the desired block copolymer with a PDI around 1.16.

Polyfluorenes



Mn: 18800–86 000; PDI : 1.49-1.77



The polymerization proceeded very fast at 0°C and was almost over in 10 min.

The polymerization of lithiated fluorene monomer

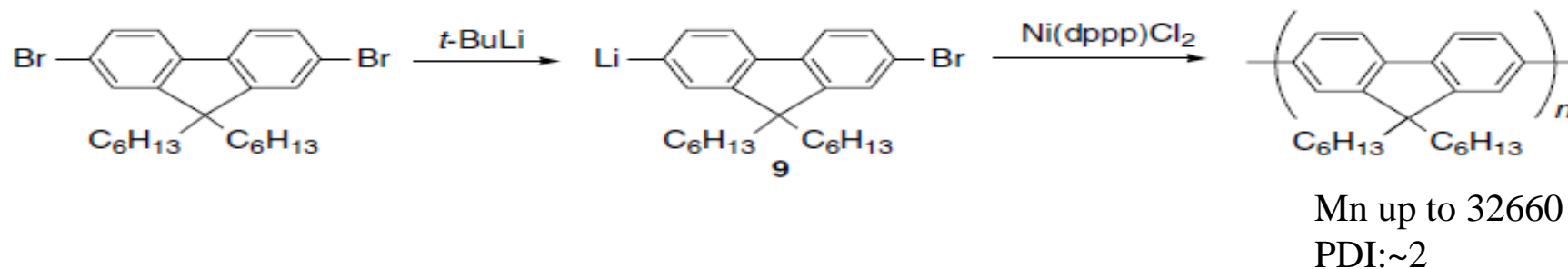
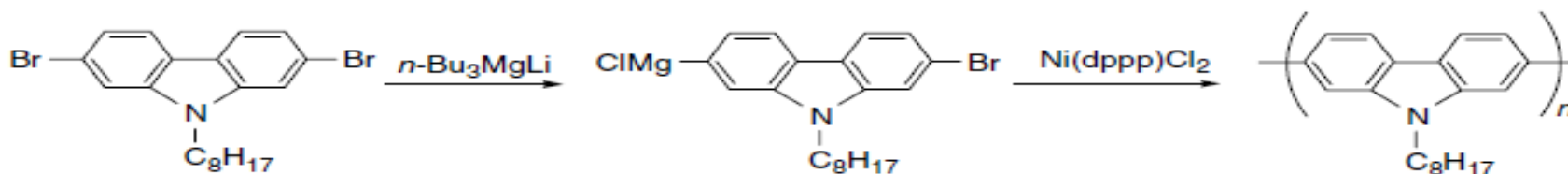


Table 1. Synthesis of Poly(9,9-dihexylfluorene) Using Different Alkylolithium Reagents and Varying Amounts of Catalyst and Bipyridine (bpy)^a

R-Li	monomer 1		Ni(dppp)Cl ₂ (mg)	Bpy (mg)	R-Li		yield ^b		M _n ^c	PDI ^c
	(mg)	(mmol)			(mL)	(mmol)	(mg)	(%)		
<i>n</i> -BuLi	250	0.51	1.2	2.0	0.32	0.51	100	59	32 660	1.92
<i>n</i> -BuLi	250	0.51	1.2	2.0	0.78	1.25	100		<1 800	
<i>sec</i> -BuLi	250	0.51	4.0	2.8	0.36	0.51	95	56	22 830	1.97
<i>t</i> -BuLi	250	0.51	2.0	4.0	0.30	0.45	50	30	24 840	2.30
<i>t</i> -BuLi	250	0.51	1.0	1.8	0.28	0.42	135	80	23 650	2.91
<i>t</i> -BuLi	250	0.51	2.0	1.4	0.50	0.75	128	76	16 880	2.16

^a Ni(dppp)Cl₂ = 4 mg, bpy = 2.8 mg, THF = 2 mL. *t*-BuLi solution (1.5 M in pentane) was added at 0 °C followed by stirring at room temperature for 24 h. ^b Yields are based upon weight of dried polymer isolated after precipitation in water followed by water and acetone washes. ^c M_n and PDI were obtained by GPC in THF using polystyrene standards.

The synthesis of polycarbazole



$M_n = 2600$

$PDI = 1.23$

•The magnesium halogen exchange of 2,7-dibromo-N-octylcarbazole with $i\text{-PrMgCl LiCl}$ was significantly slower compared to both fluorene and pyrrole monomers. In contrast, lithium tributylmagnesate ($n\text{-Bu}_3\text{MgLi}$) was effective for the magnesium halogen exchange. The polymerization of this Grignard type monomer was carried out with Ni(dppp)Cl_2 to afford a polycarbazole with $M_n=2600$ and $PDI=1.23$.

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Suzuki polymerization of AB type monomer

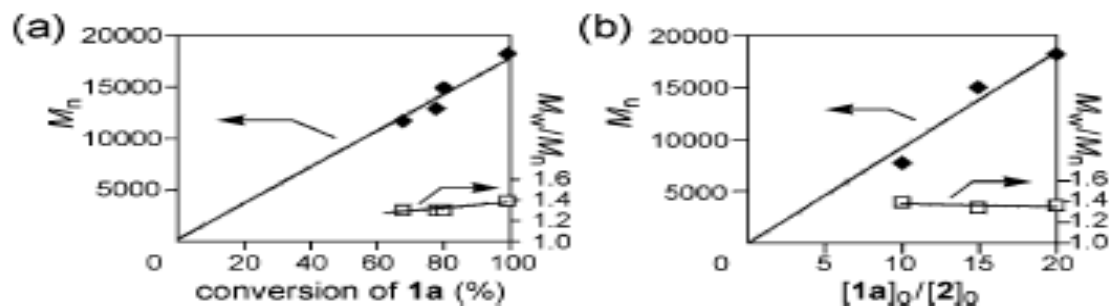
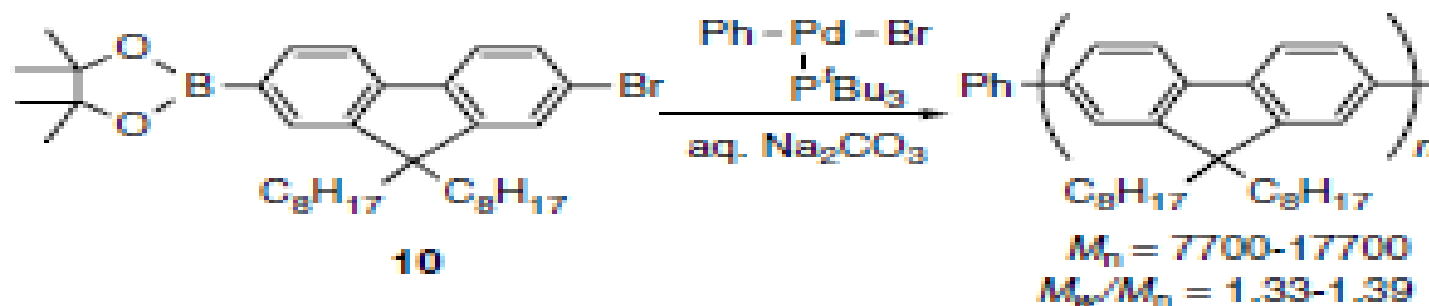


Figure 2. M_n and M_w/M_n values of poly(9,9-dioctylfluorene) as a function of (a) monomer conversion, obtained with **1a** and 5 mol % of **2** and (b) the feed ratio of **1a** to **2** ($[\mathbf{1a}]_0 = 25$ mmol/L; $[\mathbf{2}]_0 = 2.5$ mmol/L (10 mol %), 1.67 mmol/L (6.7 mol %), 1.25 mmol/L (5 mol %)). All the polymerizations were carried out in a mixture of THF and 2 mol/L aqueous solution of Na_2CO_3 at room temperature. M_n and M_w/M_n values were determined by GPC relative to polystyrene standards.

One pot suzuki polymerization

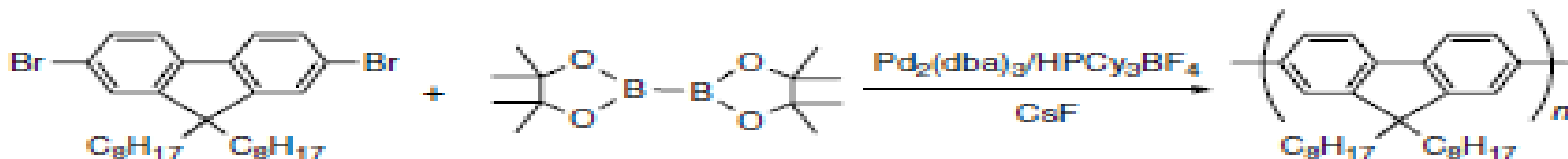


Table 1. Optimization of the Polymerization of Poly(9,9-dioctylfluorene) (All Reactions Were Performed at 80 °C Unless Otherwise Indicated)

no.	catalyst	ligand	ligand (mol %)	salt	TBAB (mol %)	solvent	yield (%)	<i>M_n</i> (kDa)	<i>M_w</i> (kDa)	PDI
1	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HPCy ₃ BF ₄	6	CsF		dioxane	84	2.1	23.2	1.92
2	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	DPPF	3	CsF		dioxane	80	9.7	16.6	1.70
3	Pd(OAc) ₂			CsF		dioxane	0			
4	Pd(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂			CsF		dioxane	34	9.8	16.7	1.71
5	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	DPPF	1.5	CsF		THF	31	2.4	3.0	1.26
6	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HP(^t Bu) ₃ BF ₄	6	CsF		dioxane	7	8.2	13.7	1.66
7	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HPCy ₃ BF ₄	6	Bu ₄ NF		dioxane	4	6.4	9.8	1.54
8	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HPCy ₃ BF ₄	6	CsF		25% PhCH ₃ in dioxane	70	9.4	16.7	1.77
9	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HPCy ₃ BF ₄	6	CsF		50% PhCH ₃ in dioxane	56	7.2	11.0	1.53
10 ^a	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HPCy ₃ BF ₄	6	CsF	20	PhCH ₃	94	24.2	50.9	2.10
11	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HPCy ₃ BF ₄	6	CsF	5	PhCH ₃	70	9.4	15.3	1.63
12 ^{a,b}	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HPCy ₃ BF ₄	6	CsF	20	PhCH ₃	23	6.8	8.2	1.21
13 ^c	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HPCy ₃ BF ₄	6	CsF	20	PhCH ₃	88	18.4	35.9	1.96
14 ^{a,d}	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	HPCy ₃ BF ₄	6	CsF	20	PhCH ₃	98	26.9	58.3	2.17

^a TBAB was added after 22 h of reaction. ^b The reaction was heated at reflux (ca. 112 °C). ^c TBAB was added after 1 h of reaction. ^d Monomer concentration was 0.09 M.

One pot suzuki polymerization

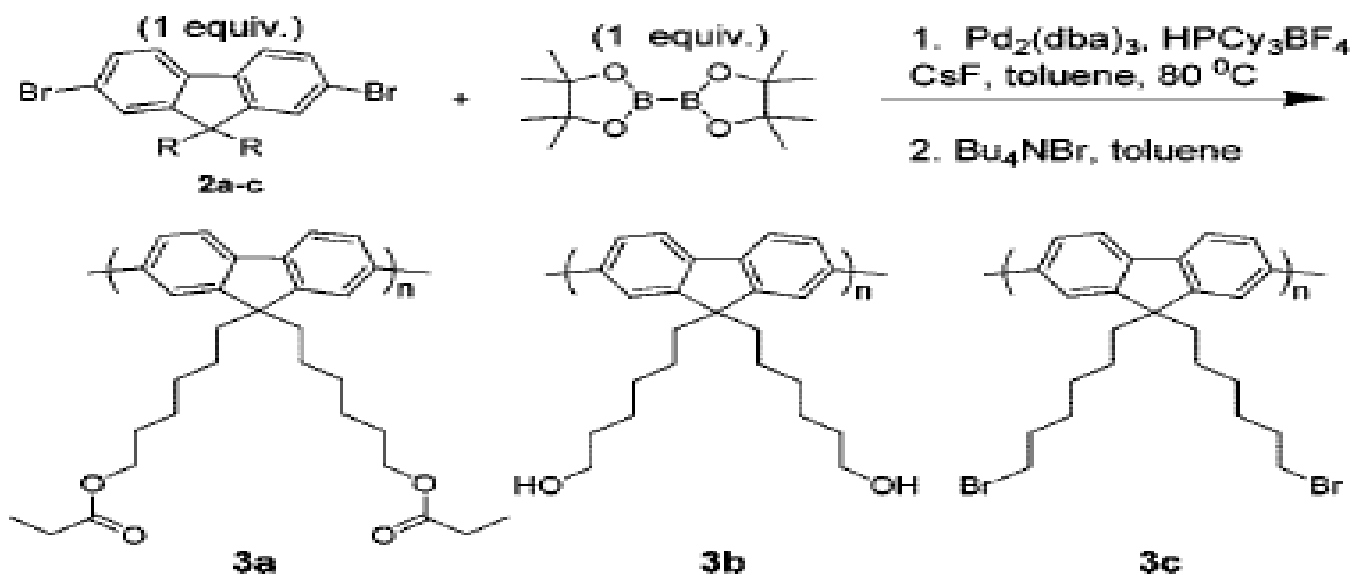
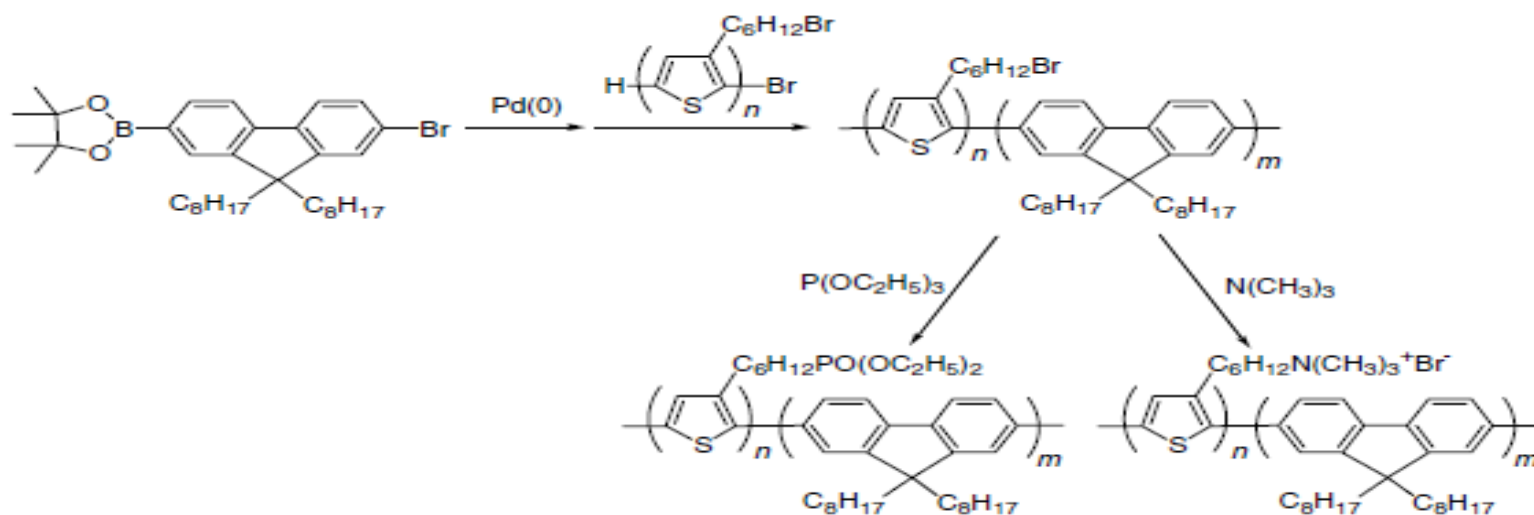
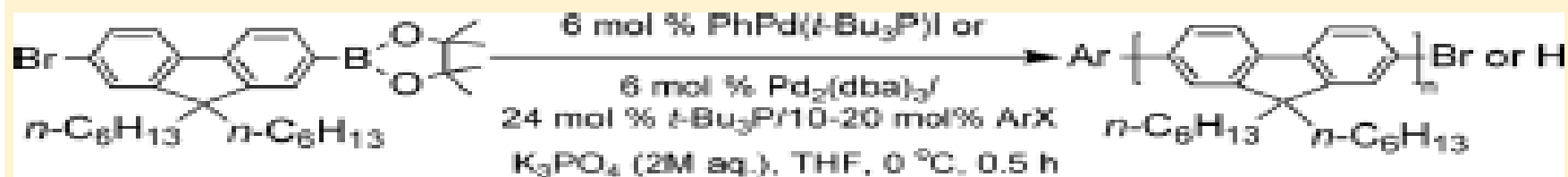


Table 2. Yield and Molecular Weight Properties for Functionalized Polyfluorenes

compound	functional group description	yield (%)	M_n (kDa)	M_w (kDa)	PDI
3a	ester	90	14.0	32.6	1.44
3b	alcohol	51	34.9	69.2	1.98
3c	halogen	57	13.1	24.3	2.24

Diblock Copolymer of Polythiophene and Polyfluorene by Suzuki Polymerization





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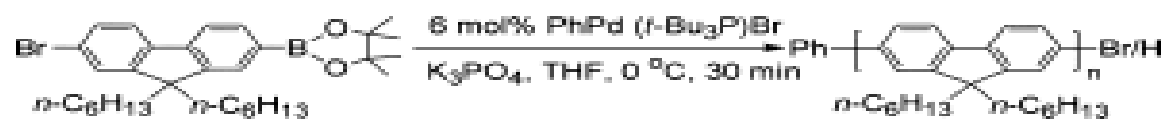
$M_n = 14\,800$ (PDI = 1.33)

Pd₂(dba)₃/*t*-Bu₃P/*p*-BrC₆H₄I as the initiator:

$M_n = 15\,300$ (PDI = 1.15)

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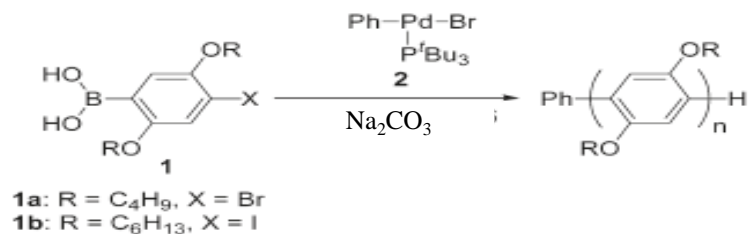
$M_n = 16\,600$ (PDI = 1.18)



entry	additive	yield (%) ^b	M_n (PDI) ^c
1	none	86	12 300 (1.29)
2	<i>t</i> -Bu ₃ P (1.0 equiv)	83	12 000 (1.19)
3	dba (1.5 equiv)	80	10 900 (1.24)
4	<i>t</i> -Bu ₃ P (1.0 equiv) + dba (1.5 equiv)	83	13 500 (1.19)

^aPolymerization conditions: monomer (1 equiv), initiator (6 mol %), K₃PO₄ (10 equiv), THF, 0 °C, 30 min. ^bIsolated yield. ^cGPC analysis (polystyrene as standard, THF, 40 °C).

Polyphenylene

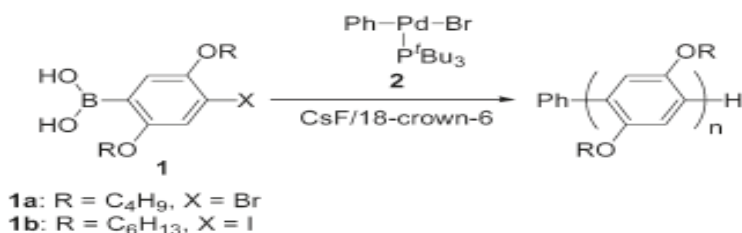


M_n up to 22200
PDI ~2

Table 1. Polymerization of 1b with 2 by Using Aqueous Na₂CO₃^a

entry	temp (°C)	[1b] ₀ /[2] ₀	M _n ^b	M _w /M _n ^b
1	40	50	22 200 ^c	2.71 ^c
2	reflux	20	9 600	1.87
3	reflux	50	17 900	1.79

^aPolymerization was carried out in the presence of Na₂CO₃ in THF–H₂O ([1b]₀ = 0.02 mol/L in THF, [Na₂CO₃]₀ = 2 mol/L in water, THF/water = 3/1 (v/v)). ^bEstimated by GPC based on polystyrene standards (eluent: THF). ^cPolymer was precipitated during polymerization.



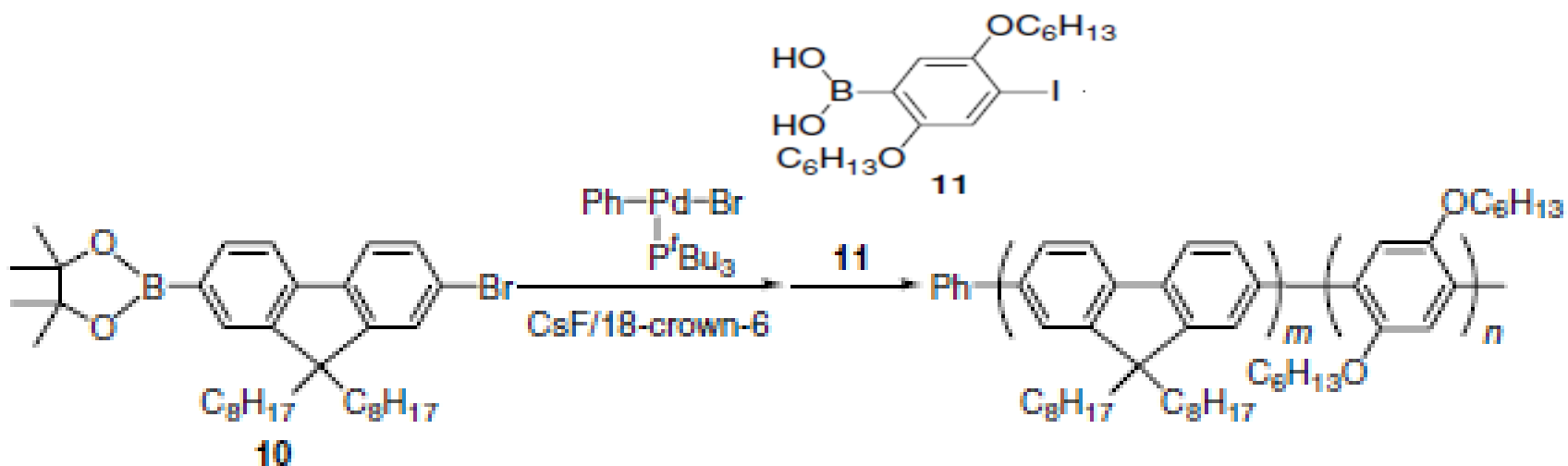
M_n up to 21200
PDI ~1.5

Table 3. Polymerization of 1b with 2 at Various Temperatures^a

entry	temp (°C)	[1b] ₀ /[2] ₀	time (h)	M _n ^b	M _w /M _n ^b
1	rt	60	20	18 300	1.84
2	0	60	3.5	16 100	1.47
3	0	80	5	21 200	1.52
4	0	100	6	15 500 ^c	1.44
5	–20	60	48	18 700	1.45
6	–20	80	4	15 100 ^c	1.89
7	–50 ^d	60	48 ^c	5 300 ^c	1.25

^aPolymerization of 1b was carried out with 2 in the presence of 4 equiv of CsF and 8 equiv of 18-crown-6 in THF ([1b]₀ = 8.0 mmol/L) and water (water/THF = 1/17 (v/v)). ^bEstimated by GPC based on polystyrene standards (eluent: THF). ^cPolymer was precipitated during polymerization. ^dCsF was precipitated. ^eMonomer 1b remained.

Copolymer of Polyfluorene and Polyphenylene



polymerization of **10** under these condition and then the successive polymerization of **11** were carried out to yield a block copolymer of polyfluorene and polyphenylene