

# *C-H Functionalization Directed by Ketone*

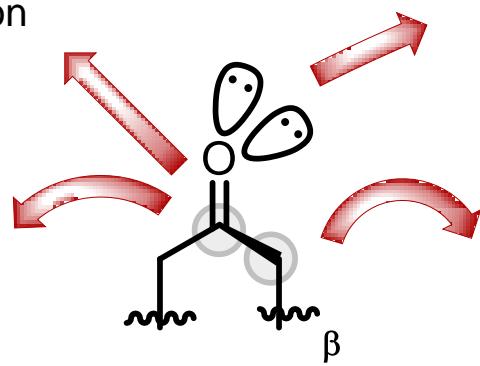
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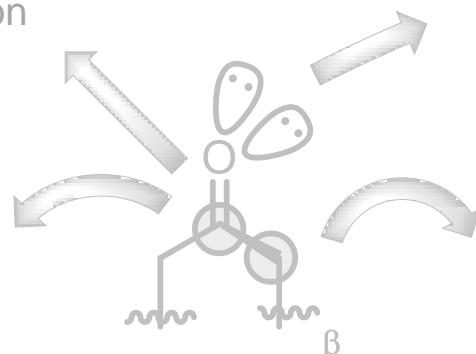
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## Ketone as Directing Group

- Scale of Lewis Basicity:  $\text{BF}_3$  affinity



$$\text{BF}_3 \text{ affinity} = -\Delta H^\circ \text{ (Eq. 1) (KJ/mol)}$$

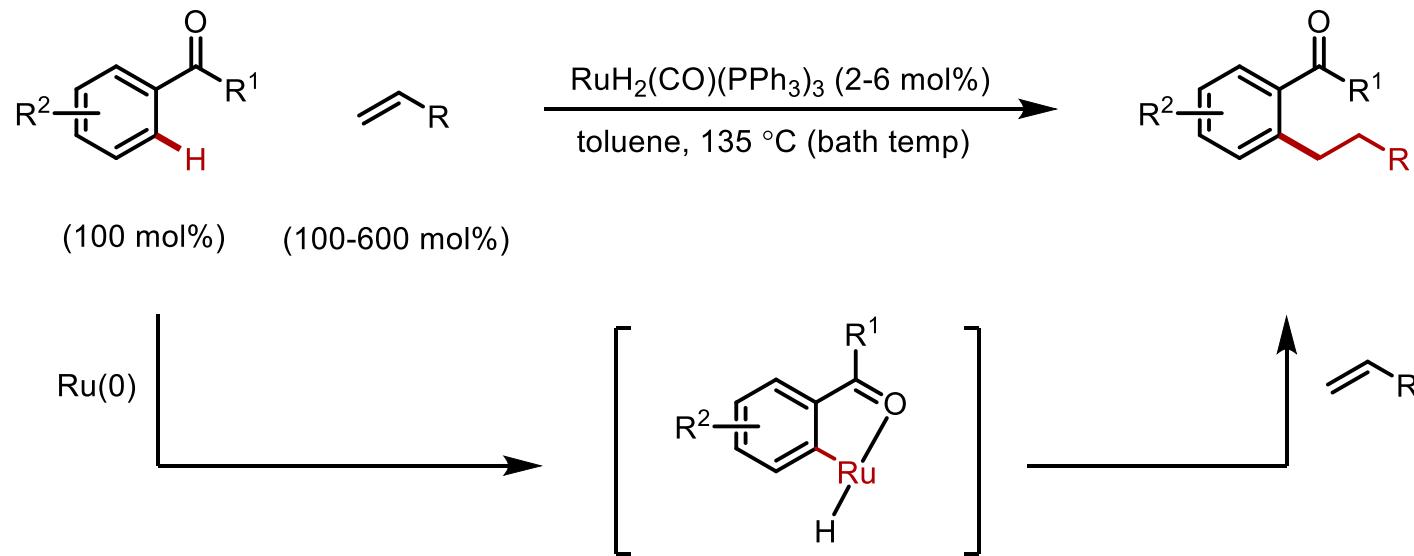
			74.88		61.2		97.37
103.35			74.52		101.75		55.44

### Team Solvent

1,4-dioxane	74.09	acetone	76.03	benzene	2.9
THF	90.40	cyclohexanone	76.36	toluene	3.3
2-MeTHF	92.83	ethyl acetate	75.55	DCM	10.0

# Ketone as Directing Group

- First report



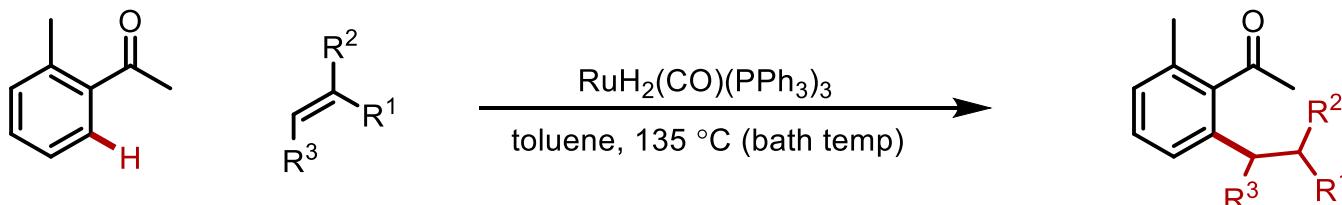
- Catalytic C-H functionalization (activation)
- Excessive substrate not necessary
- High efficiency and generality
- High selectivity enabled by directing group

'It may prove to be the first synthetically useful example of an organometallic-catalyzed transformation of a C-H bond.'

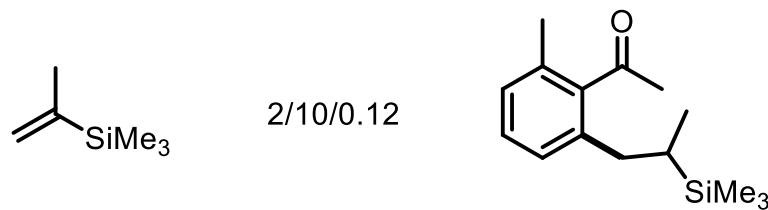
'More broadly, for either this Ru catalyst or other organometallic complexes, it remains to be seen what other functional groups will act to 'direct' the functionalization of specific C-H bonds'

# Ketone as Directing Group

## ▪ Substrate scope

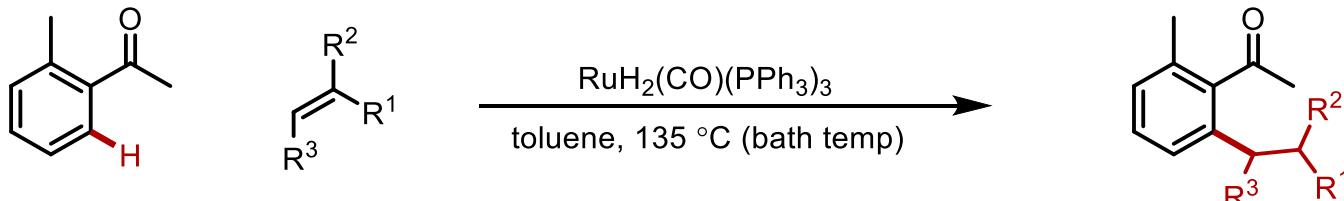


$Si =$	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3$	2/2/0.04	2h, 93%
	$\text{Si}(\text{OMe})_3$	2/2/0.04	4h, 91%
	$\text{SiMe}_2(\text{OEt})$	2/2/0.04	2h, Quant.
	$\text{SiMe}_3$	2/2/0.04	4h, 72%
	$\text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph}$	2/2/0.04	1h, 90%



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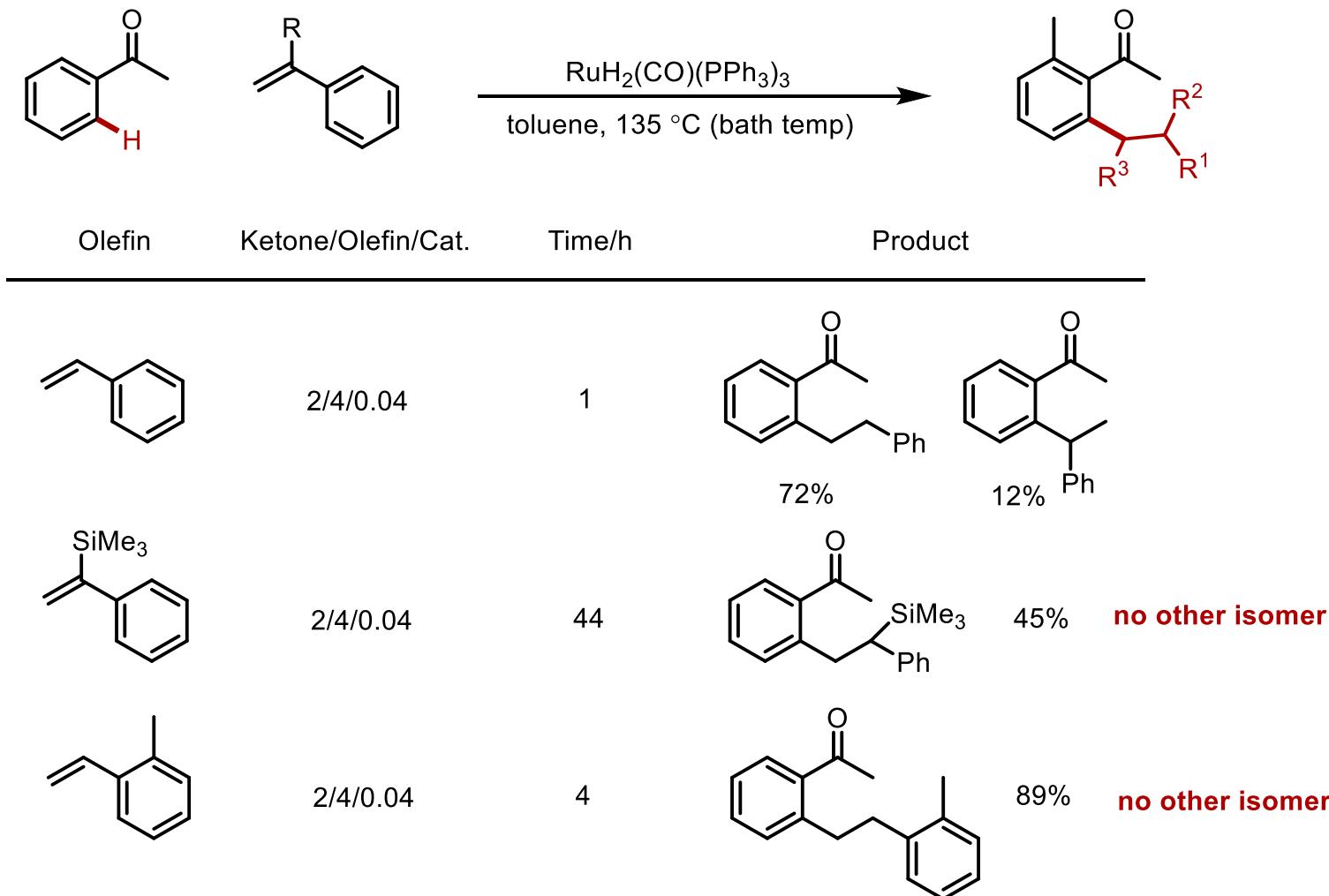


Olefin	Ketone/Olefin/Cat.	Product	
=	2/12/0.04	24h, Quant.	
	2/10/0.04	5h, 23%	
	2/2/0.04	24h, 19%	
	2/10/0.04	8h, 99%	
	2/10/0.12	4h, Quant.	
	2/10/0.12	Trace	

- Electronic property of olefin important
- $\alpha$ -deficient olefin not working (Michael)

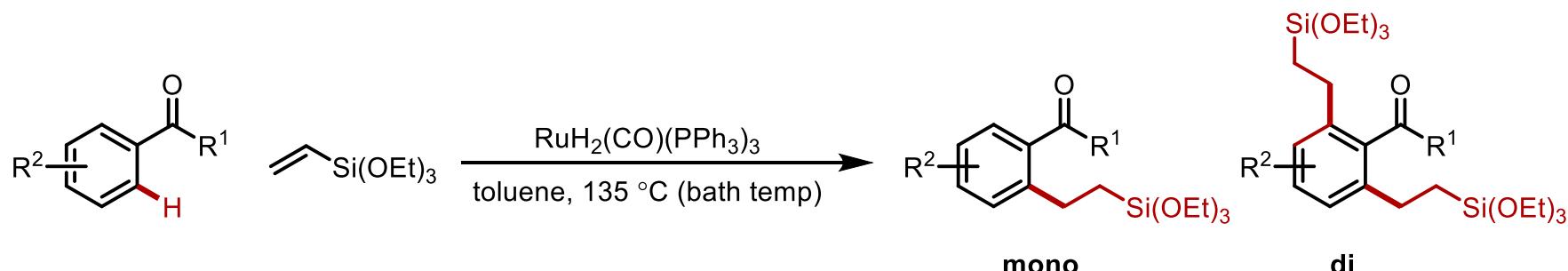
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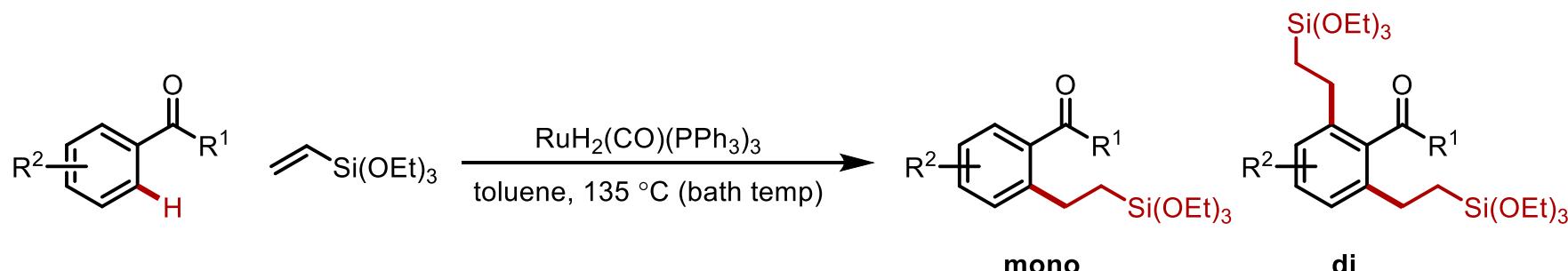


substrate				
Ketone/Olefin/Cat.	2/2/0.04	2/6/0.04	2/8/0.04	2/2/0.04
Time/h	0.23	90	24	6
Yield/%	83 (mono:di 9:1)	94 (only di)	Quant. (only mono)	Quant.
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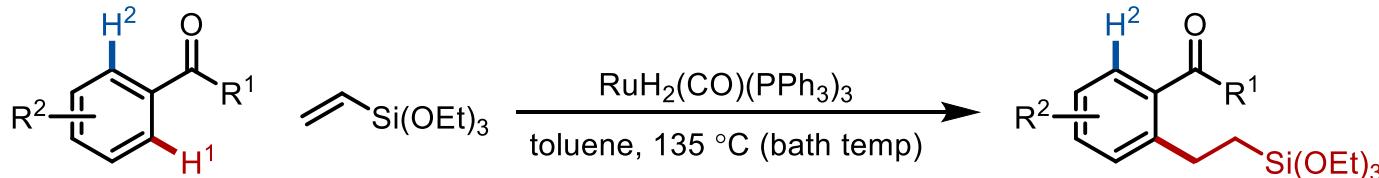


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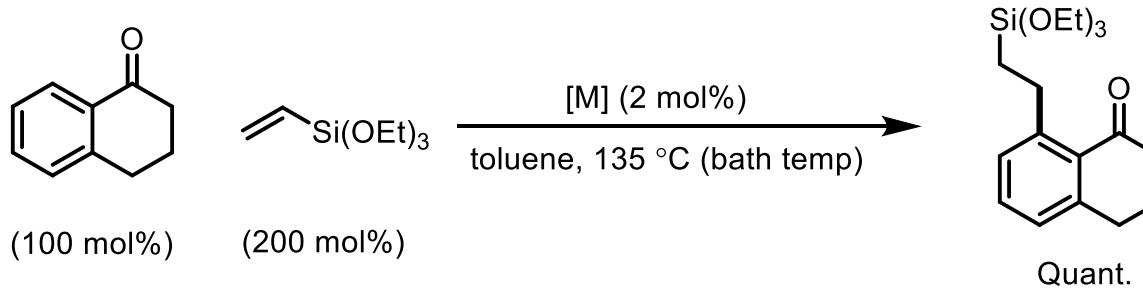
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product			
Ketone/Olefin/Cat.	2/2/0.04	2/2/0.04	2/2/0.04
Time/h	6	1	24
Yield/%	Quant.	Quant.	87

# Ketone as Directing Group

- Choice of catalyst



Catalyst	Time required	Ineffective catalysts	No reactivity
$\text{RuH}_2(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$	10 min	$\text{RuHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$	$\text{IrCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$
$\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$	1 h	$\text{RuCl}(\text{OAc})(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$	$[\text{IrH}_2(\text{acetone})_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]\text{BF}_4^-$
$\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$	2 h	$\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$	
$\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$	6.5 h	$\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$	

- Neither H nor CO necessary
- Ru(0) with at least 2PPh<sub>3</sub>

# Ketone as Directing Group

- Generation of active catalyst

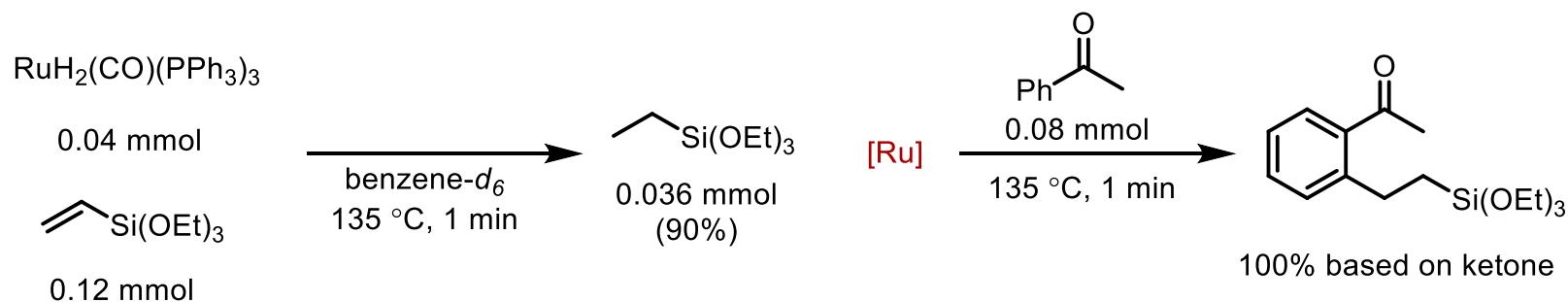
- Reductive elimination of H<sub>2</sub>

RuH<sub>2</sub>(CO)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> stable under thermal conditions

- Reduction of ketones

No ketone reduced in the reaction between Ru and ketones

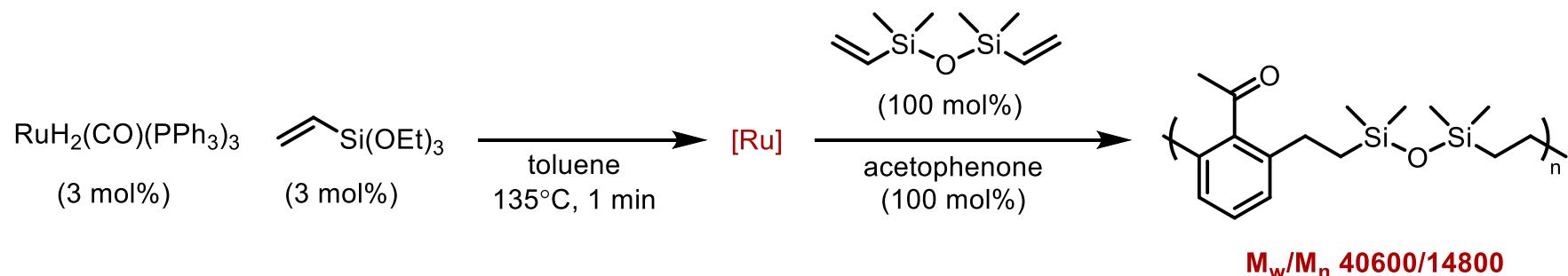
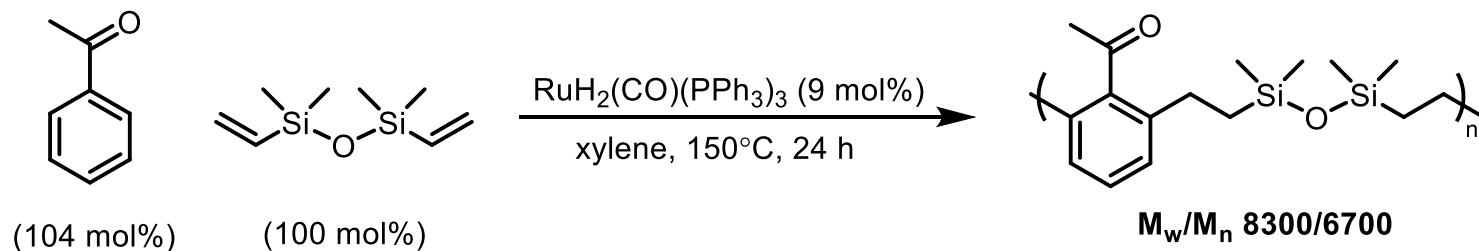
- Reduction of olefins



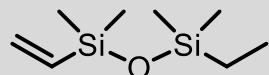
- Active catalyst
  - Structure not established

## Ketone as Directing Group

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- Pre-generation of active catalyst avoids



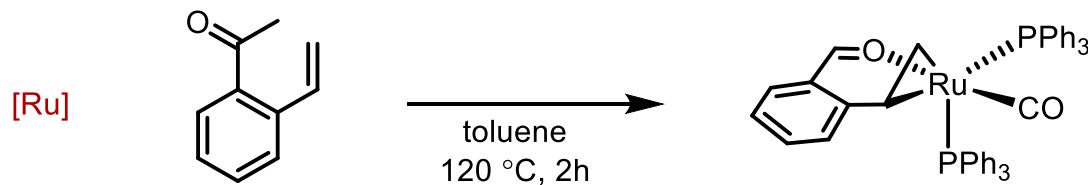
terminator

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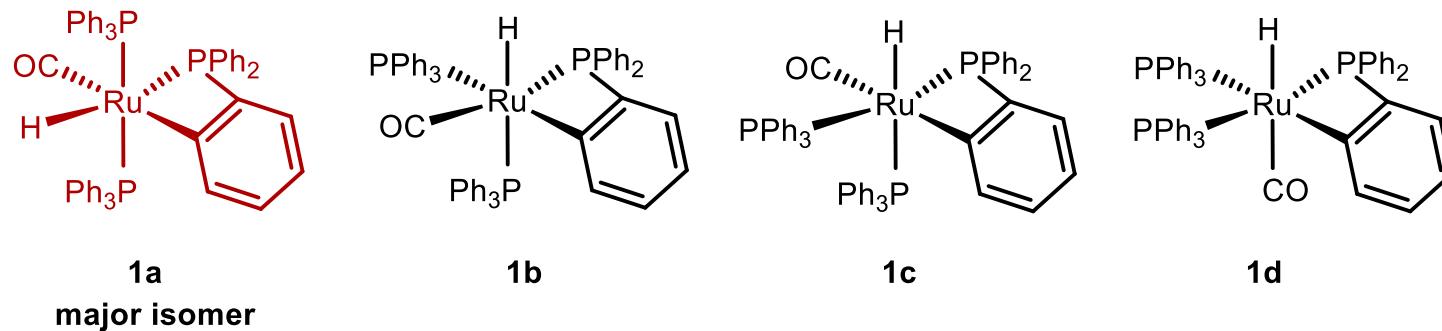
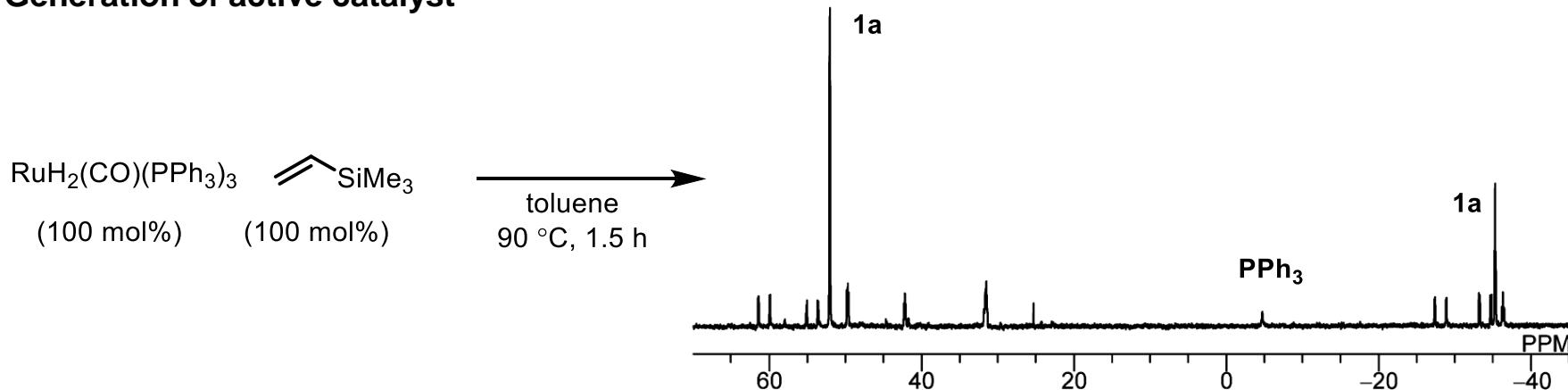
- A free  $\text{PPh}_3$  released
- Hydride peaks disappeared
- ‘Tempting’ to propose  $\text{RuCO}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$
- P-peaks non-consistent with  $\text{RuCO}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$
- May be dimer or trimer



- Active catalyst for co-polymerization
- $[\text{Ru}] = \text{RuCO}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  ?

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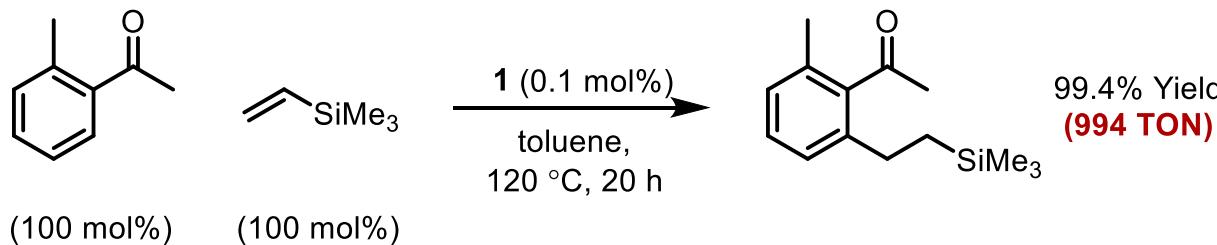
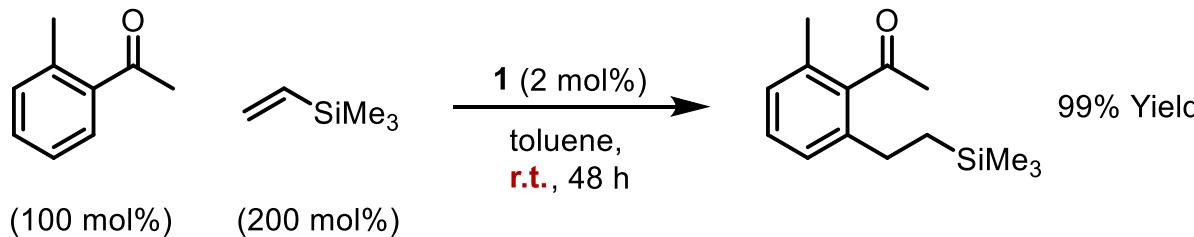
- Generation of active catalyst



- X-ray crystals unaccessible
- All assigned by NMR
- Can be considered as resting state of Ru(0)

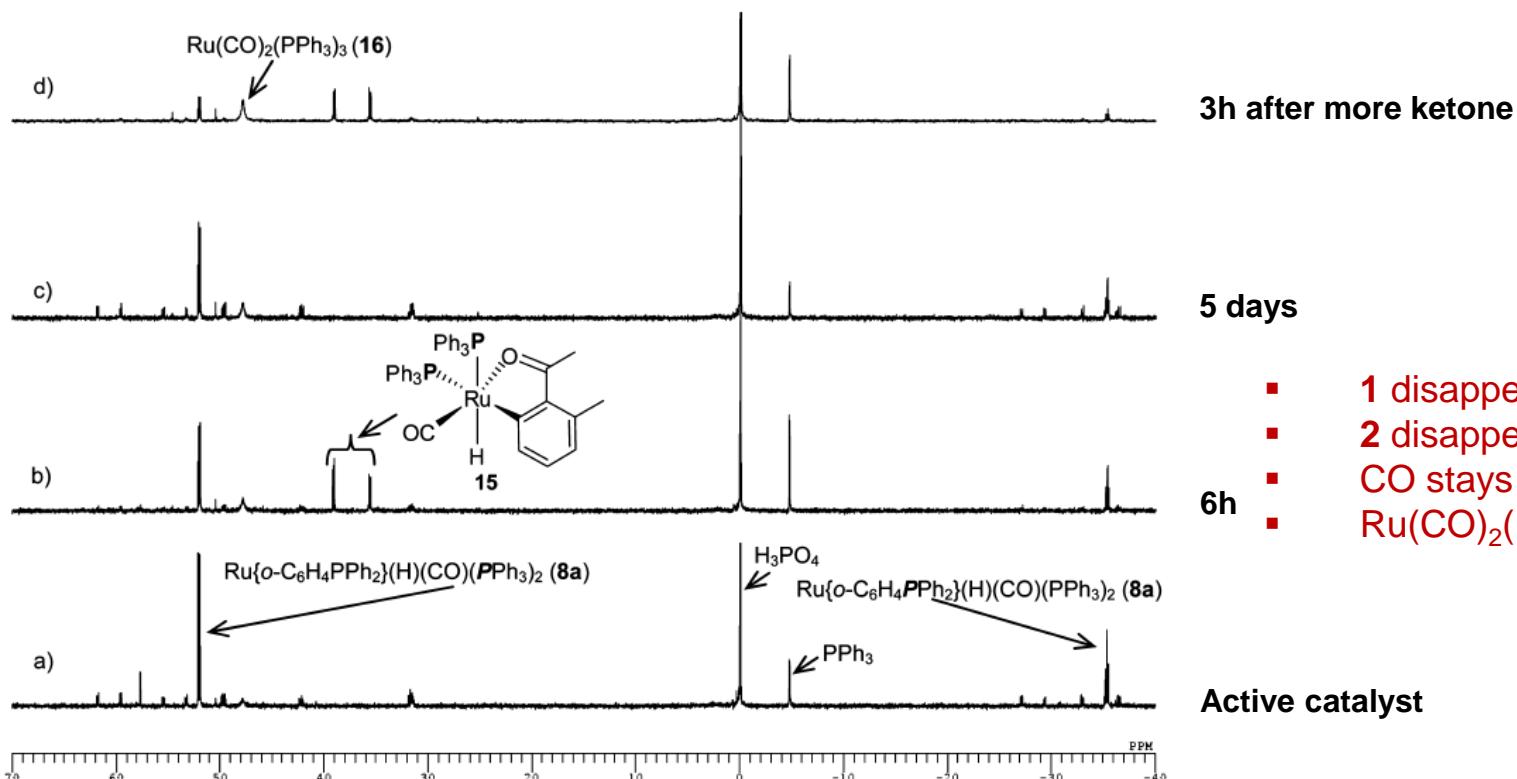
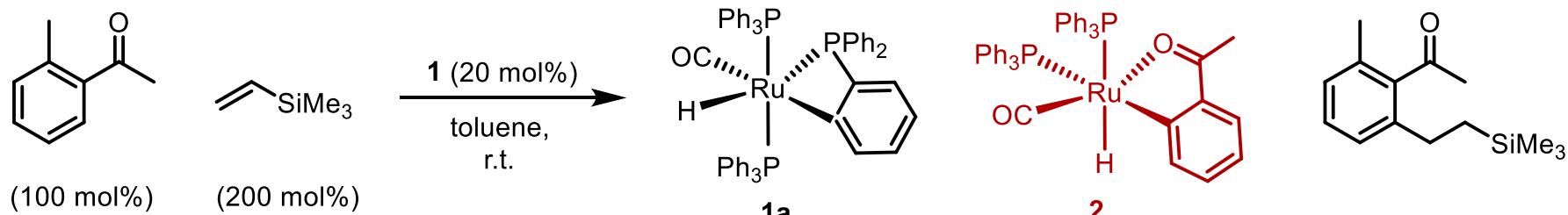
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- Reactivity of active catalyst



# Ketone as Directing Group

- Dynamic of active catalyst



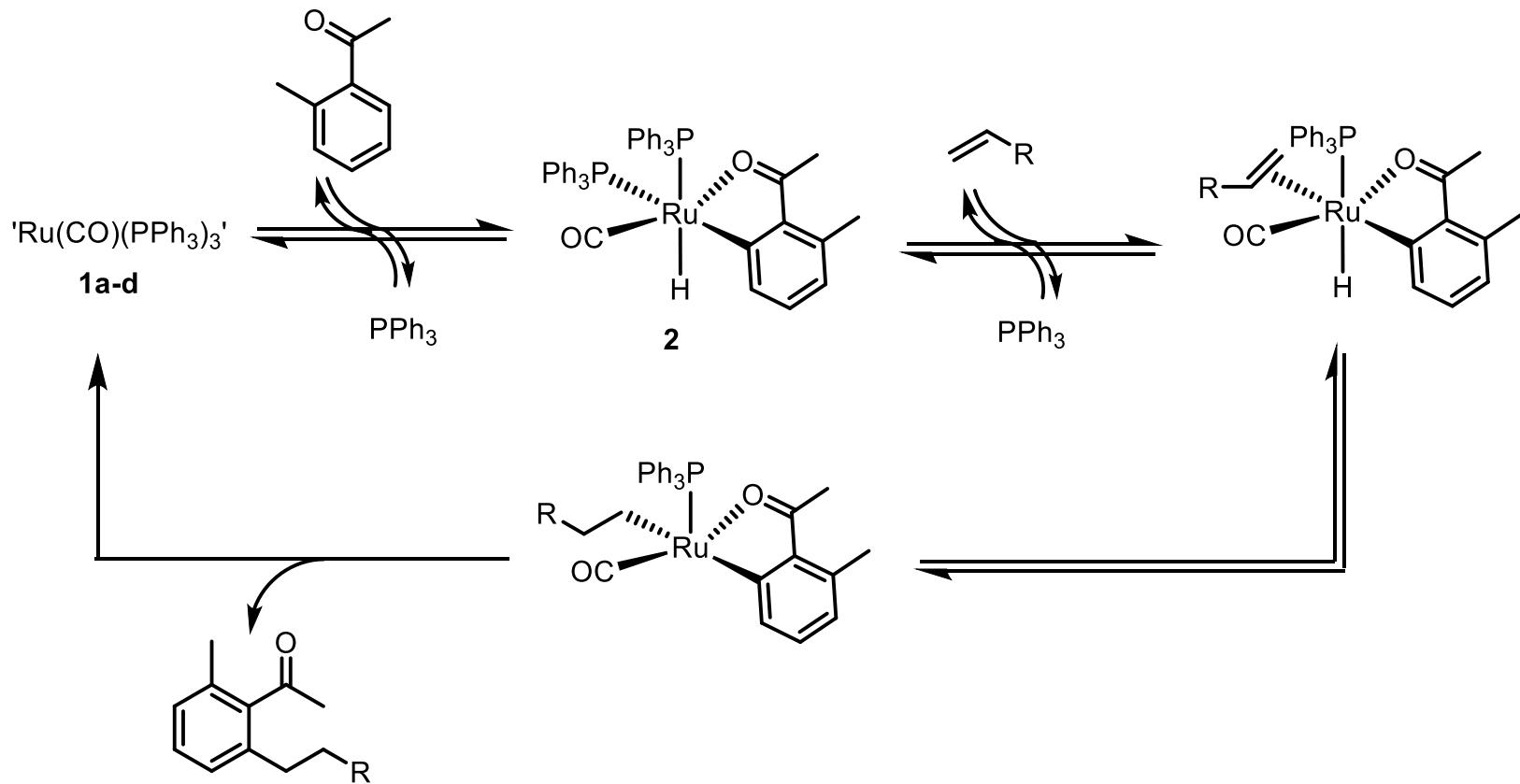
5 days

- **1** disappear and re-emerge
- **2** disappeared after rxn
- CO stays
- $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  unreactive

Active catalyst

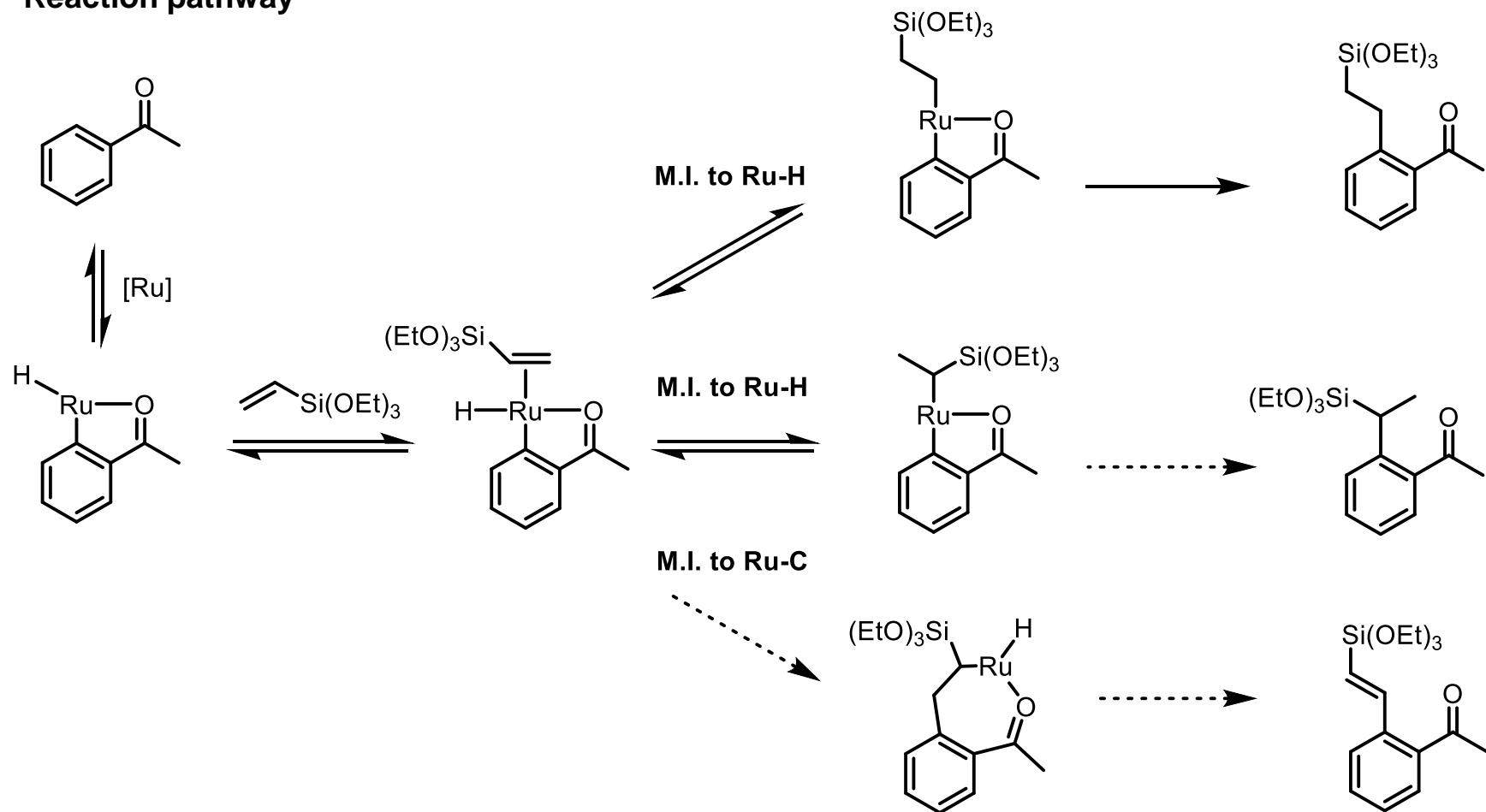
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- Proposed mechanism



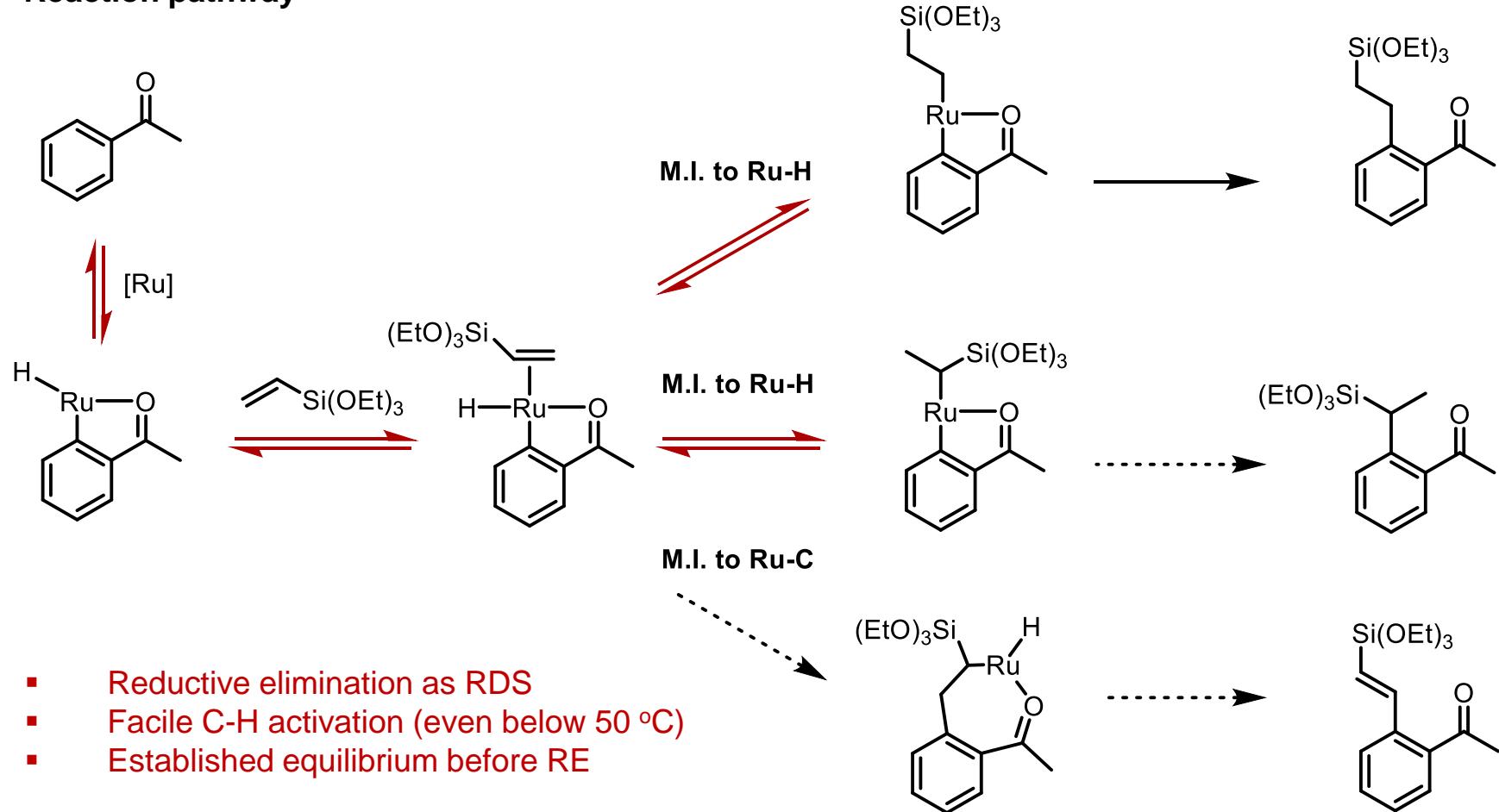
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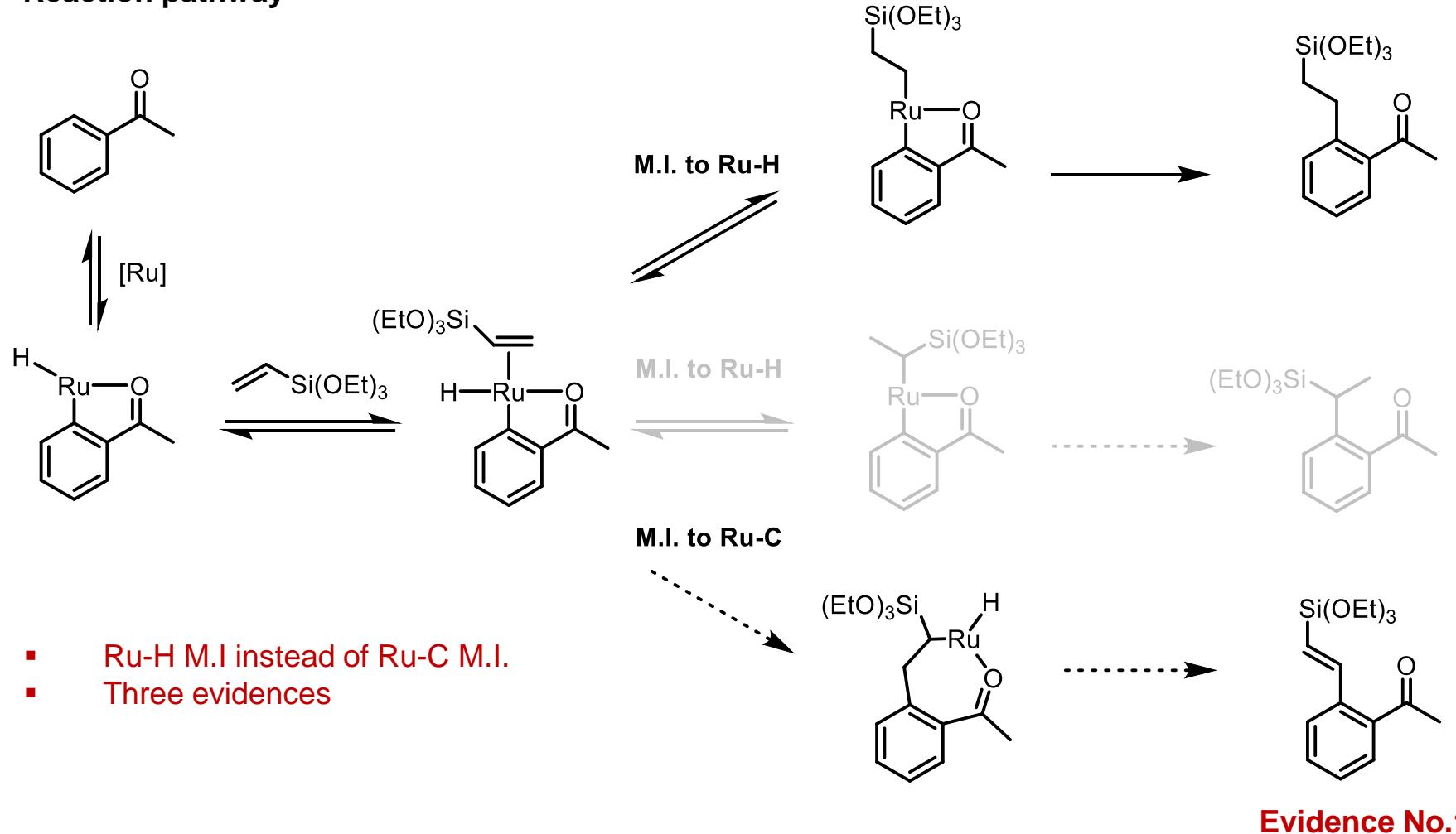
### Reaction pathway



- Reductive elimination as RDS
- Facile C-H activation (even below 50 °C)
- Established equilibrium before RE

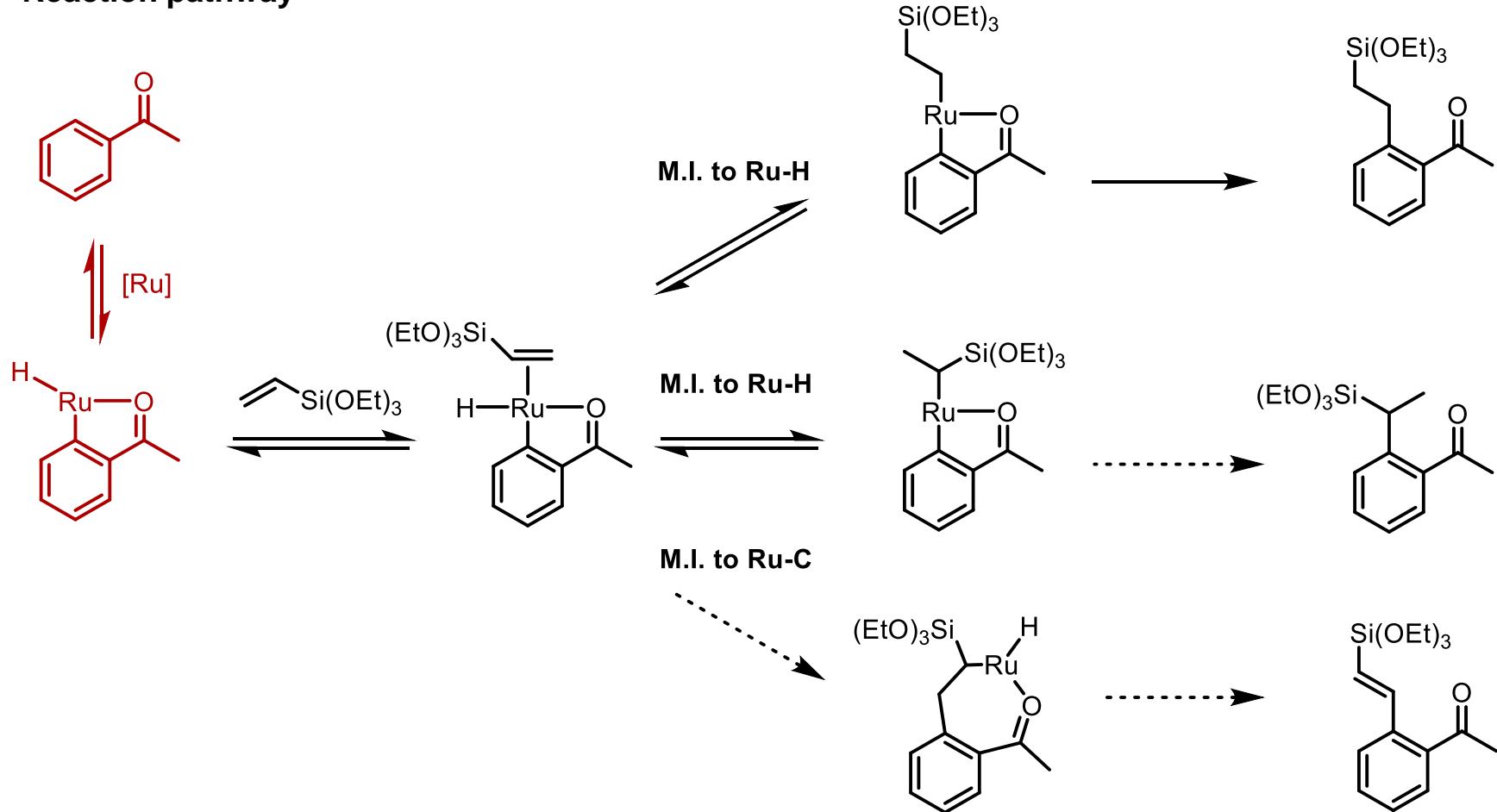
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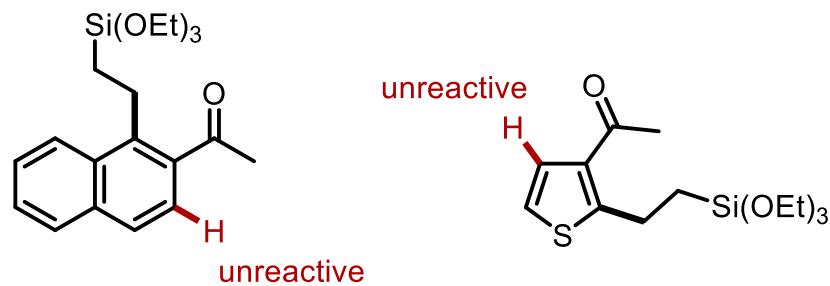
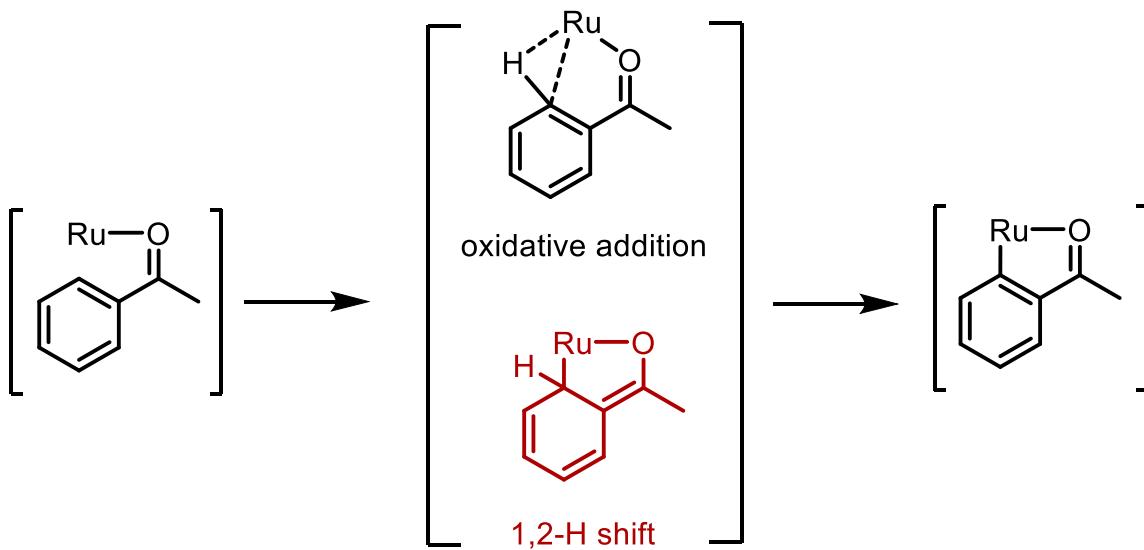
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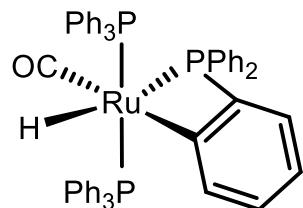
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# Catalyst Modification and Improvement

## Ruthenium precursors



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Ru(0)

3PPh<sub>3</sub>

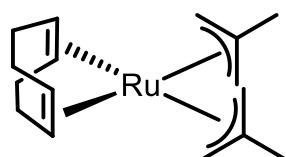
strong σ-donor

CO

π-acid

### Criteria for active catalyst

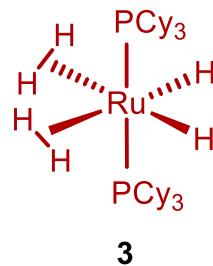
- Easy to generate Ru(0)
- Coordinately unsaturated Ru(0)
- Electron-rich Ru(0)



(100 mol%)

PCy<sub>3</sub>

H<sub>2</sub> (6 bar) →

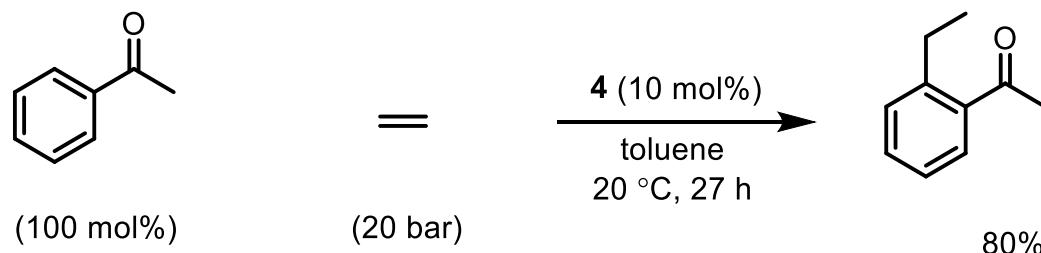
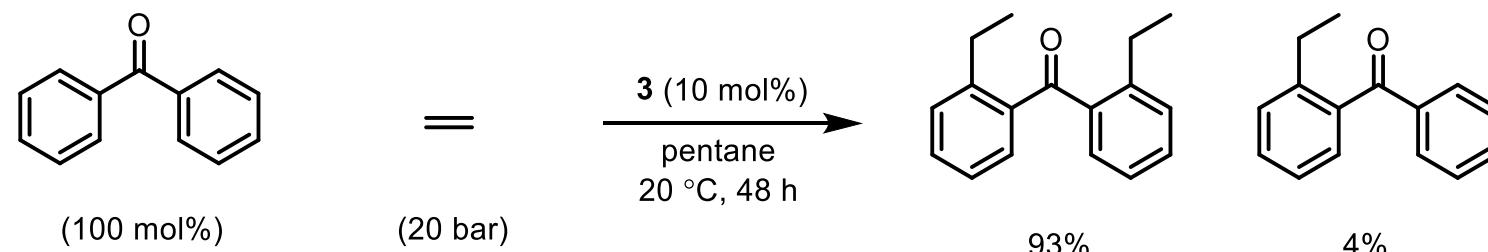
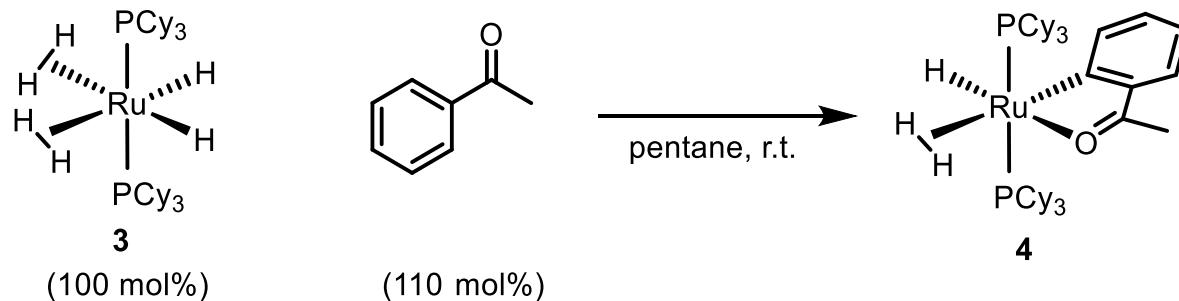


(200 mol%)

- Two dihydrogen ligands
- Two e-donating P-ligands
- Cy-H hard to insert
- Higher concentration of Ru(0)

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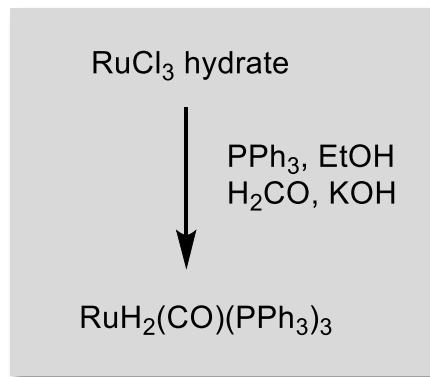
- Ruthenium precursors



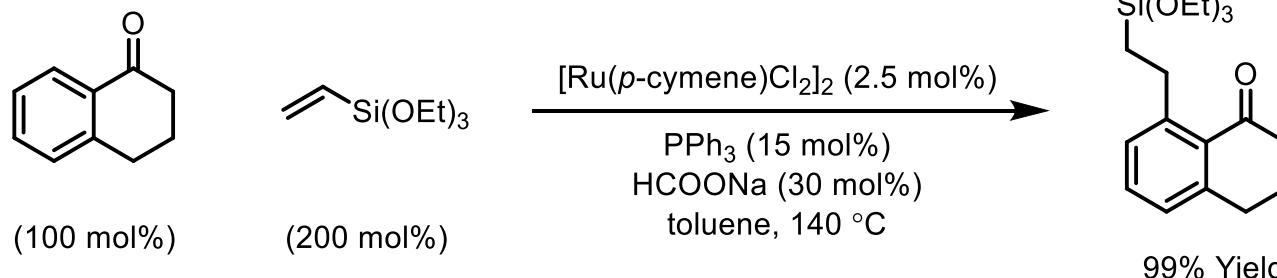
- Only ethylene works
- Bad solubility of 3 in pentane
- Bad stability of 3 in toluene

# Catalyst Modification and Improvement

- In-situ generation of active catalyst



- Air- and moisture-sensitive
- Tedious preparation
- Complexation with various ligand not allowed

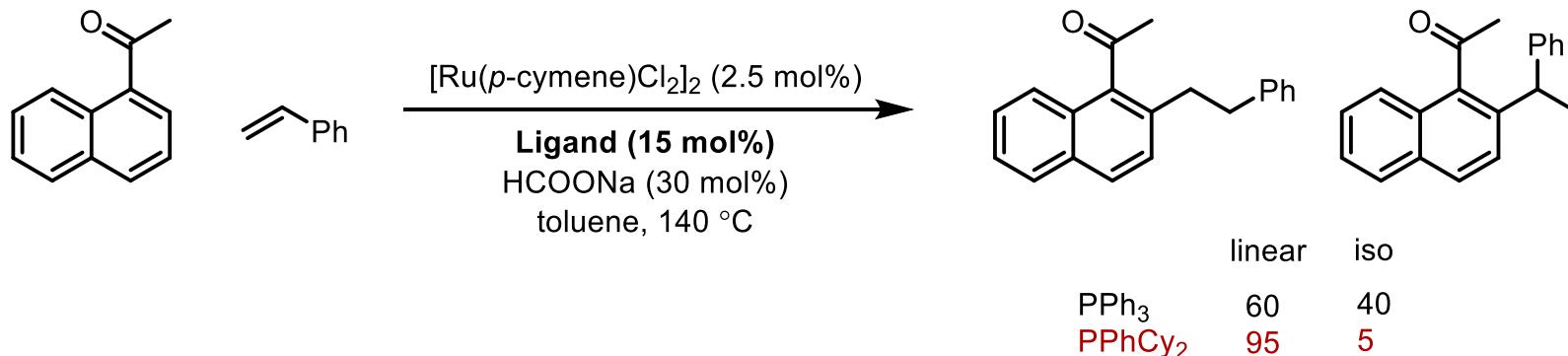


- 3 equiv. of ligand optimal
- PPh<sub>3</sub> as best ligand
- Thallium salt also works as reductant
- Comparable yield and scope as Murai's
- Higher catalyst loading

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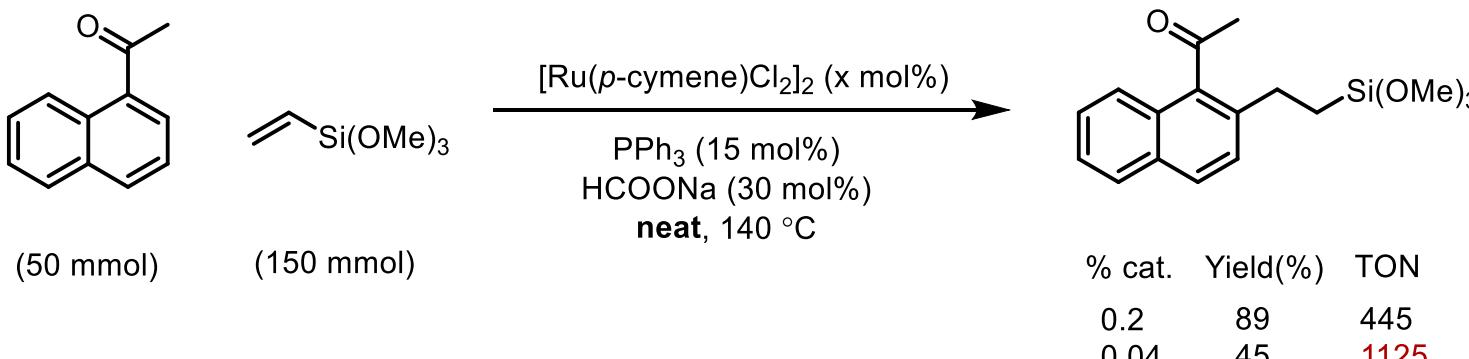
- In-situ generation of active catalyst

  - Ligand-controlled selectivity





  - High catalyst turnover

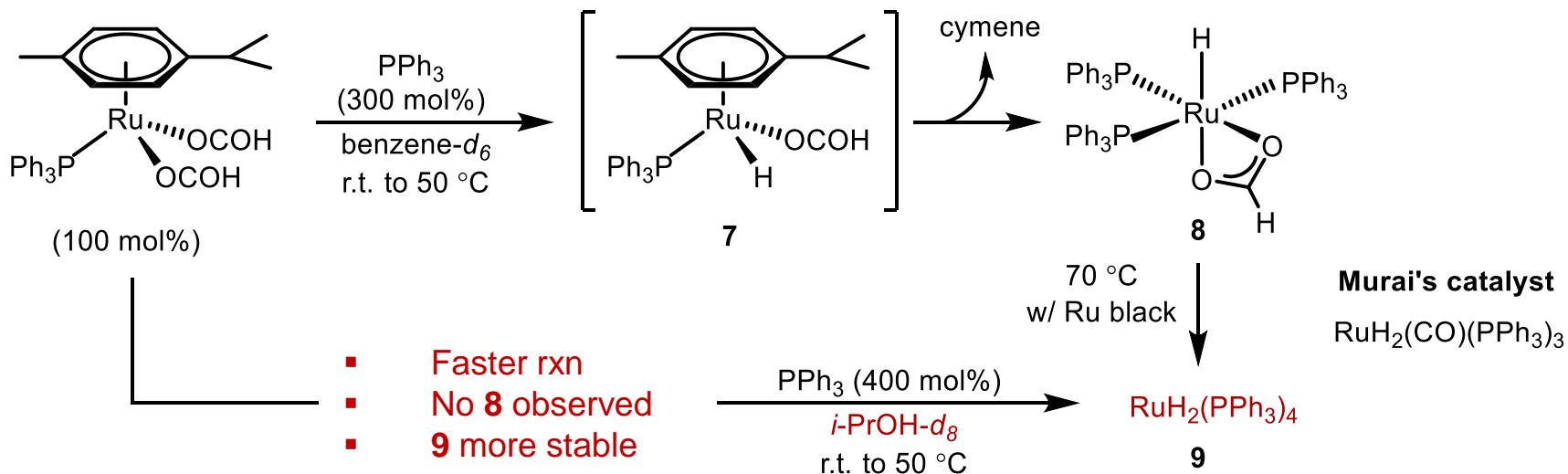
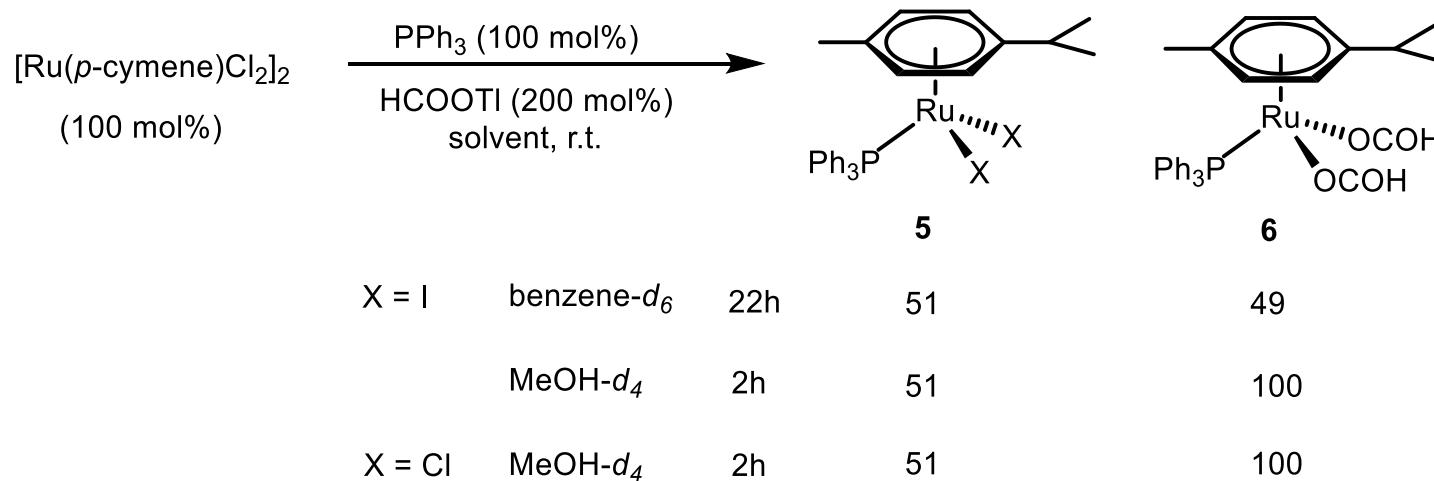




  - Low conversion though

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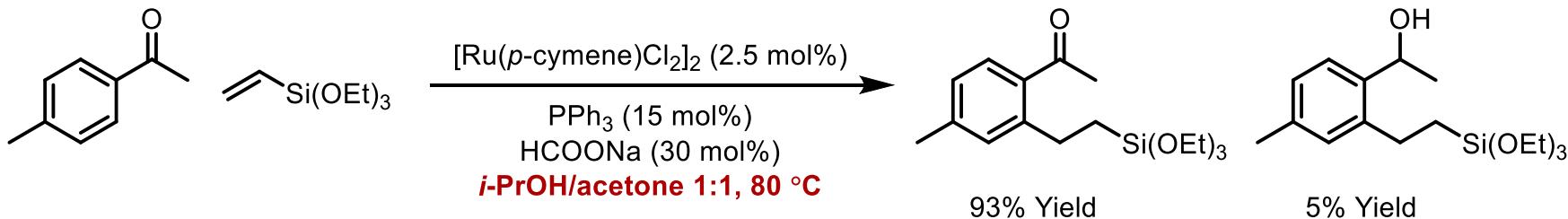
- Mechanism elucidation



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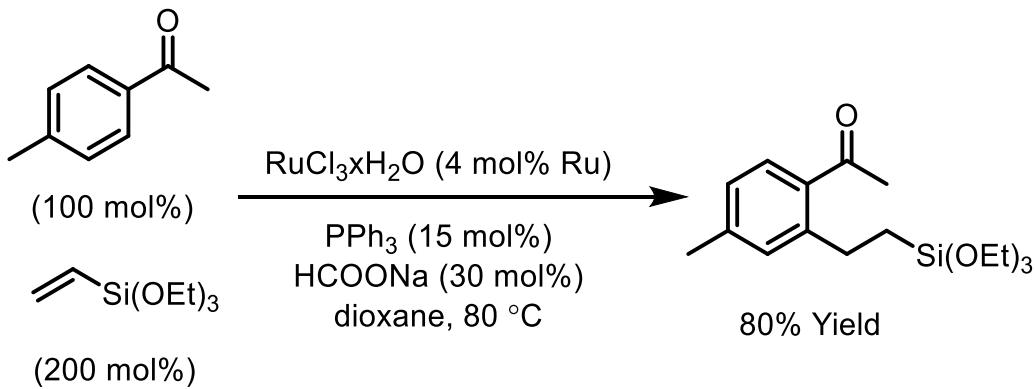
- In-situ generation of active catalyst

  - i*-PrOH as solvent

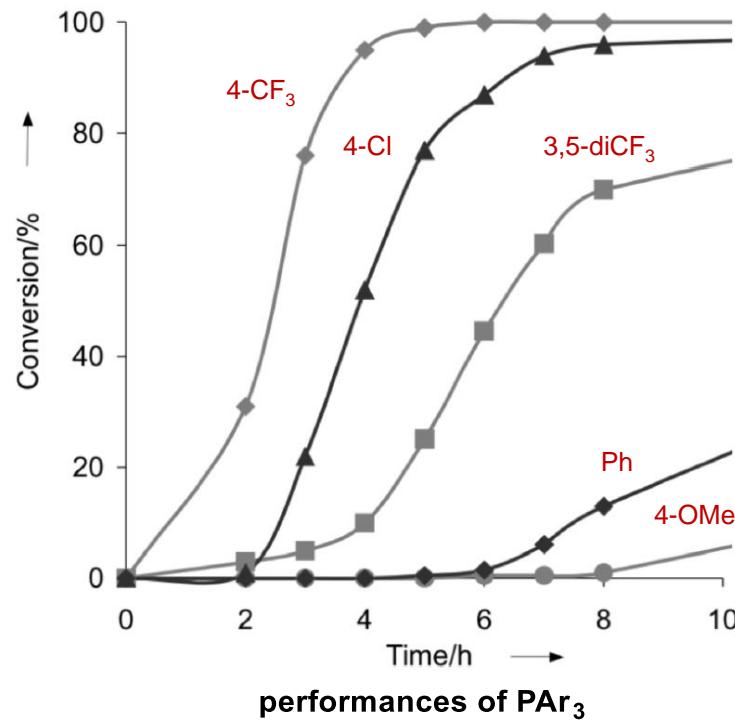




  - RuCl<sub>3</sub> as precursor



Precursor	price(euro/mmol)
$RuCl_3$	2.7
$RuH_2(CO)(PPh_3)_3$	87
$RuH_2(PPh_3)_4$	160
$Ru_3(CO)_{12}$	38
$[RuCl_2(p\text{-cymene})]_2$	21



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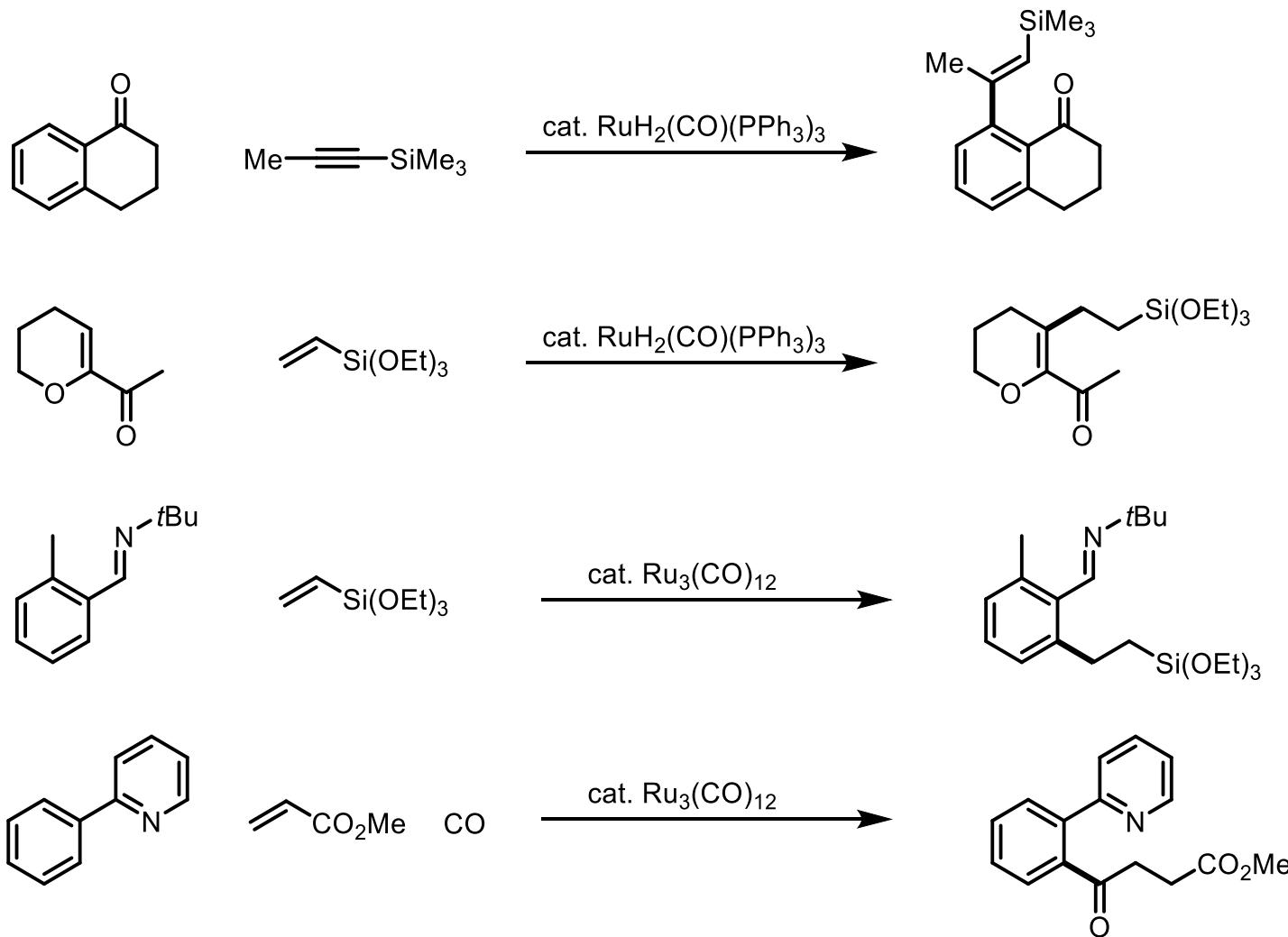
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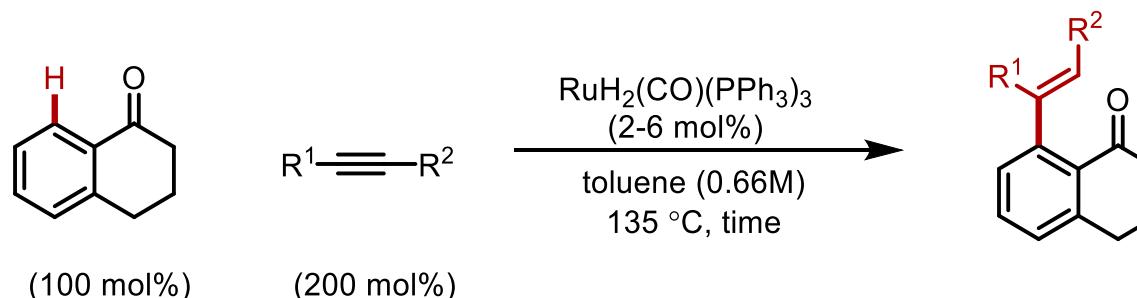
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- Murai's preliminary results

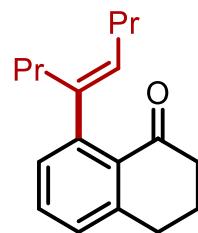


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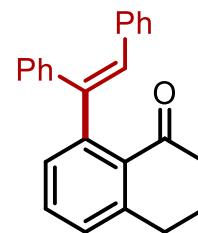
## Addition to alkynes



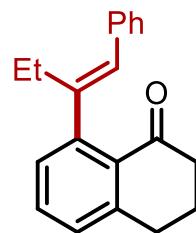
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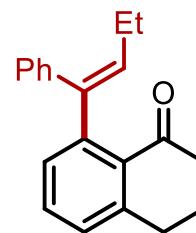
4h, 72%  
(E/Z 16/1)



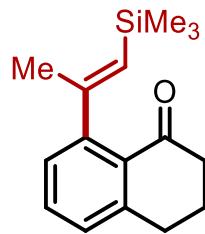
1h, 85%  
(E/Z 9/1)



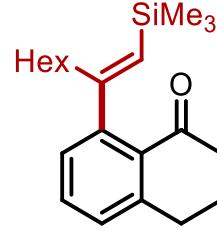
4h, 73%  
(5/1)



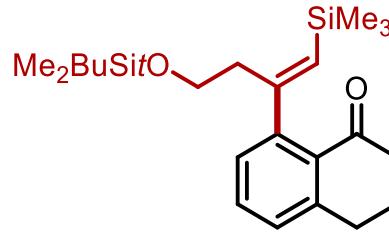
27%  
(5/1)



3h, 83%  
(only E isomer)



2h, Quant.  
(E/Z 11/1)



21h, 55%  
(E/Z 11/1)

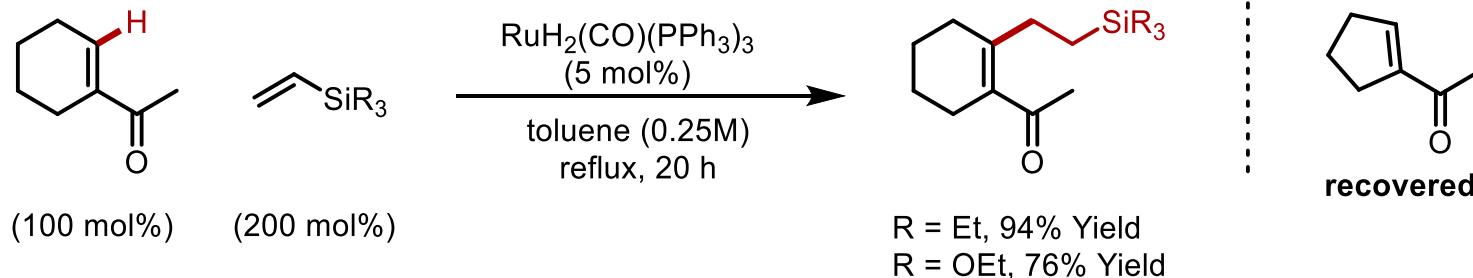
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- Internal olefin not working

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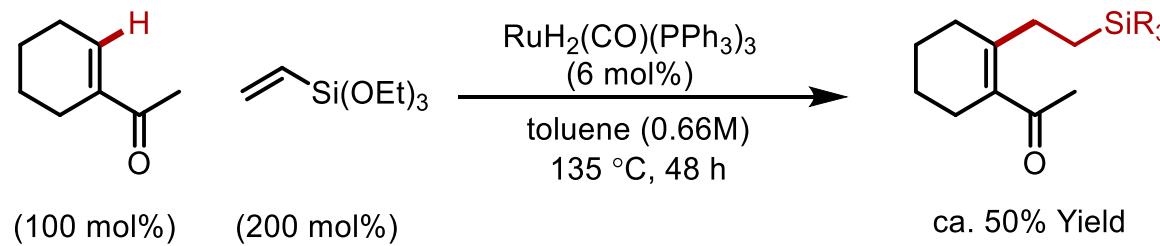
- Functionalization of olefinic C-H bond

- Addition to alkenes

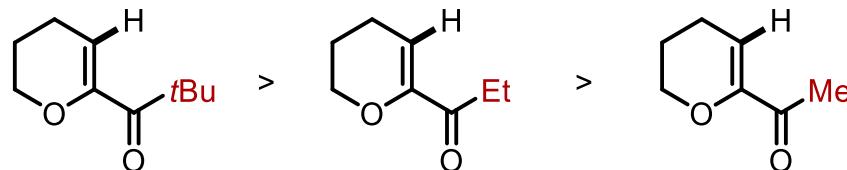
Trost



Murai



reaction  
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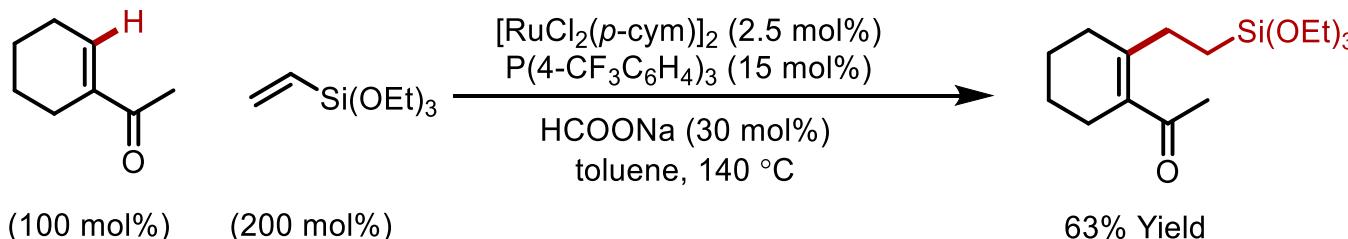
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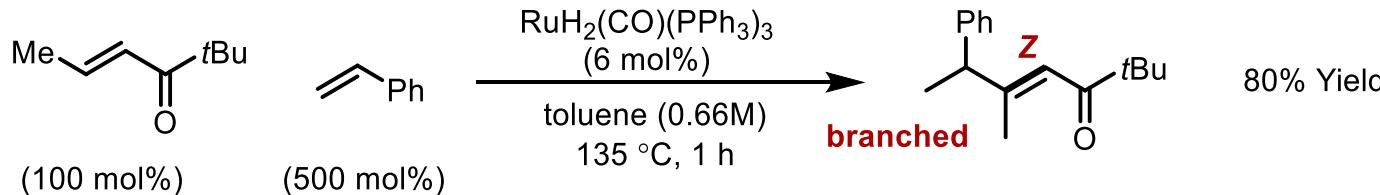
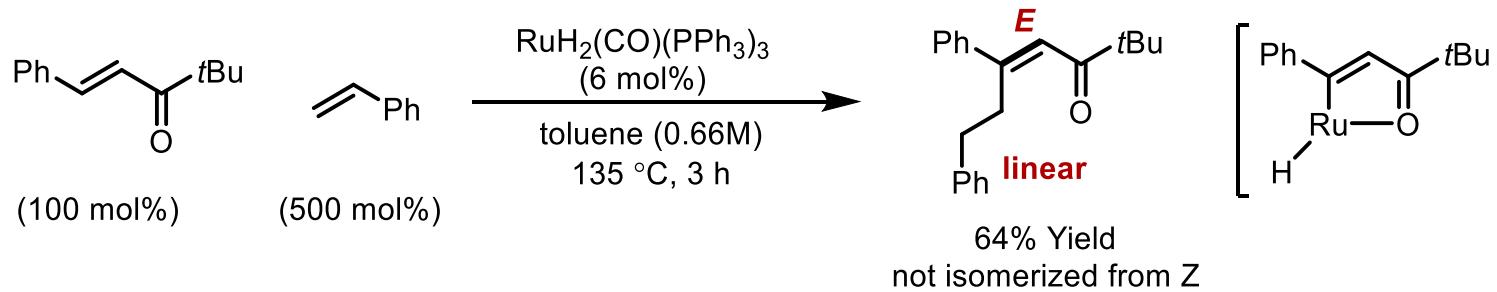
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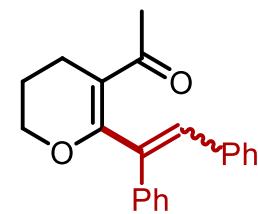
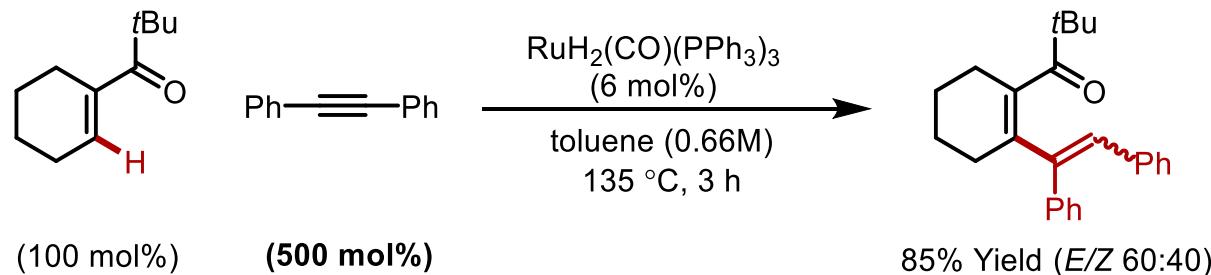


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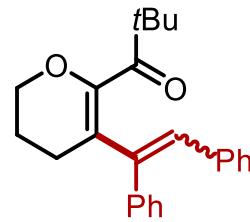
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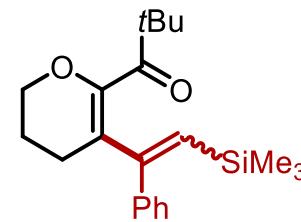
Murai



56% Yield (*E/Z* 93:7)



71% Yield (*E/Z* 76:24)

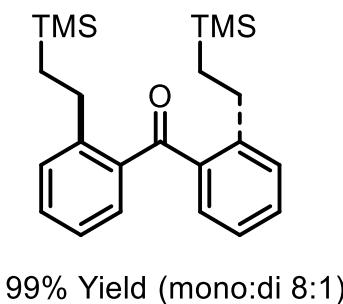
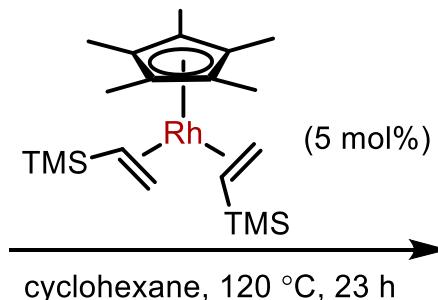
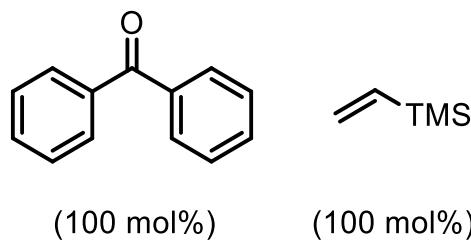


96% Yield (*E/Z* 94:6)

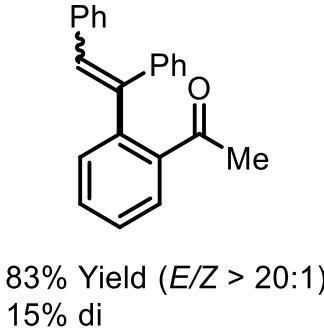
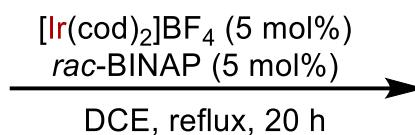
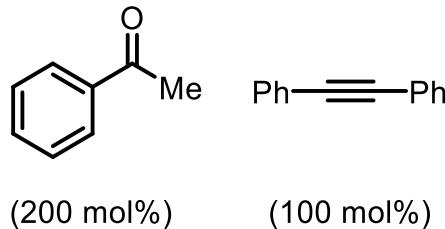
## C-C Bond Formation

- Addition to olefin or alkyne using other metals

Brookhart



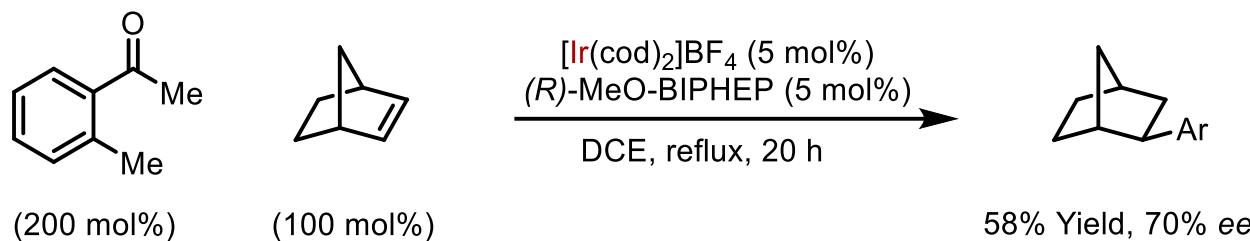
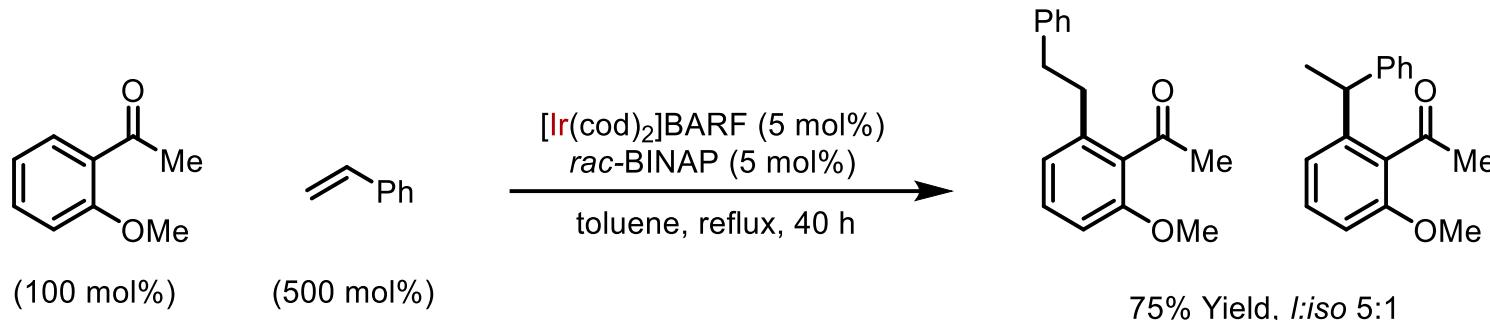
Shibata



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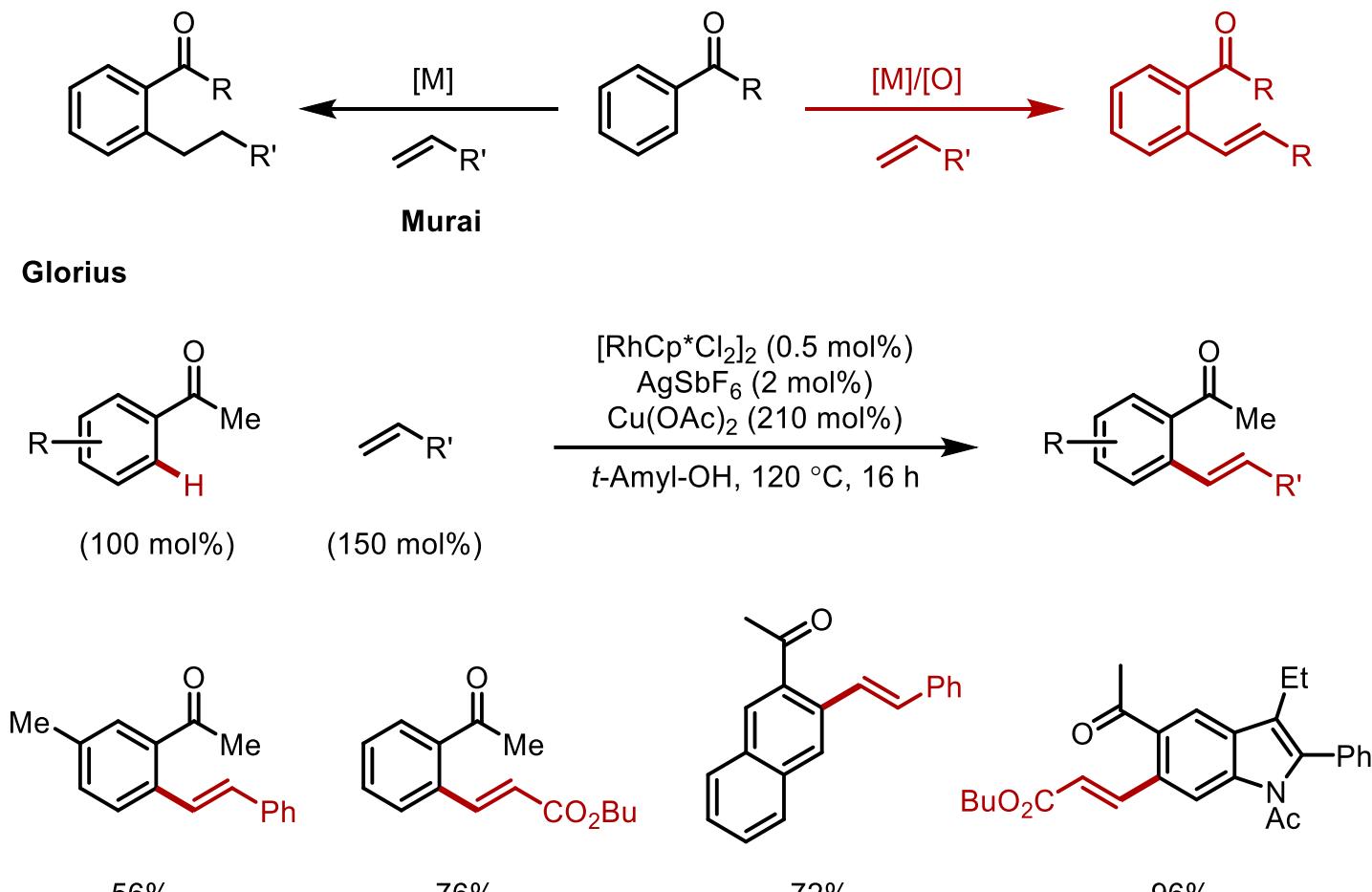
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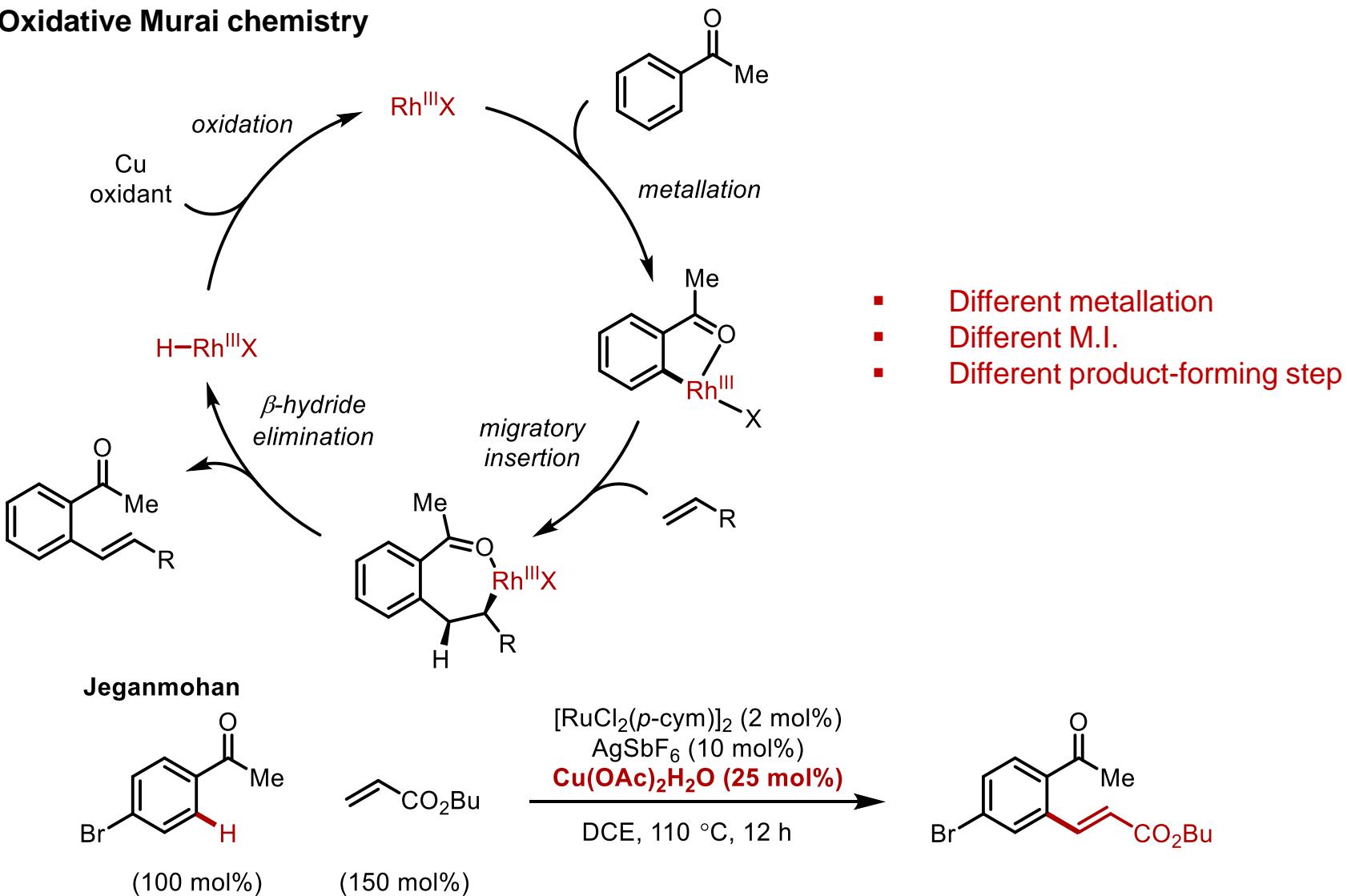
## ▪ Oxidative Murai chemistry



- Michael acceptor
- Regioselectivity

# C-C Bond Formation

- Oxidative Murai chemistry

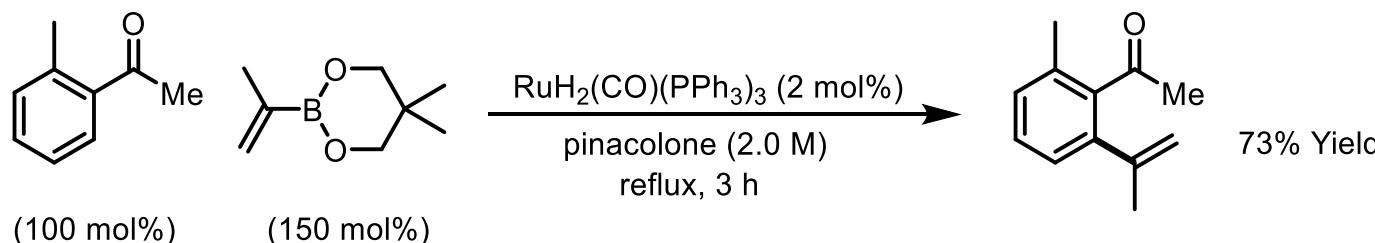
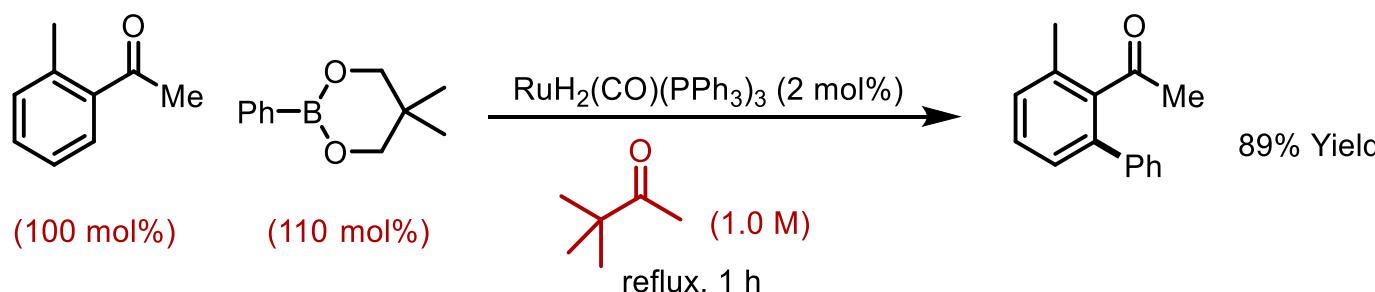
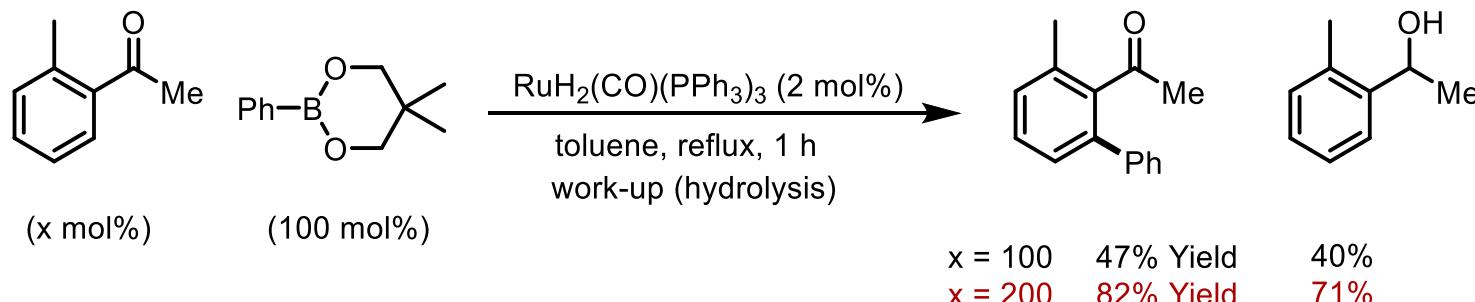


Glorius, F. et al *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2011**, *50*, 1064

Jeganmohan, M. et al *Org. Lett.* **2011**, *13*, 6144

## C-C Bond Formation

- Arylation and alkenylation using boron reagents



- Complementary to alkyne addition

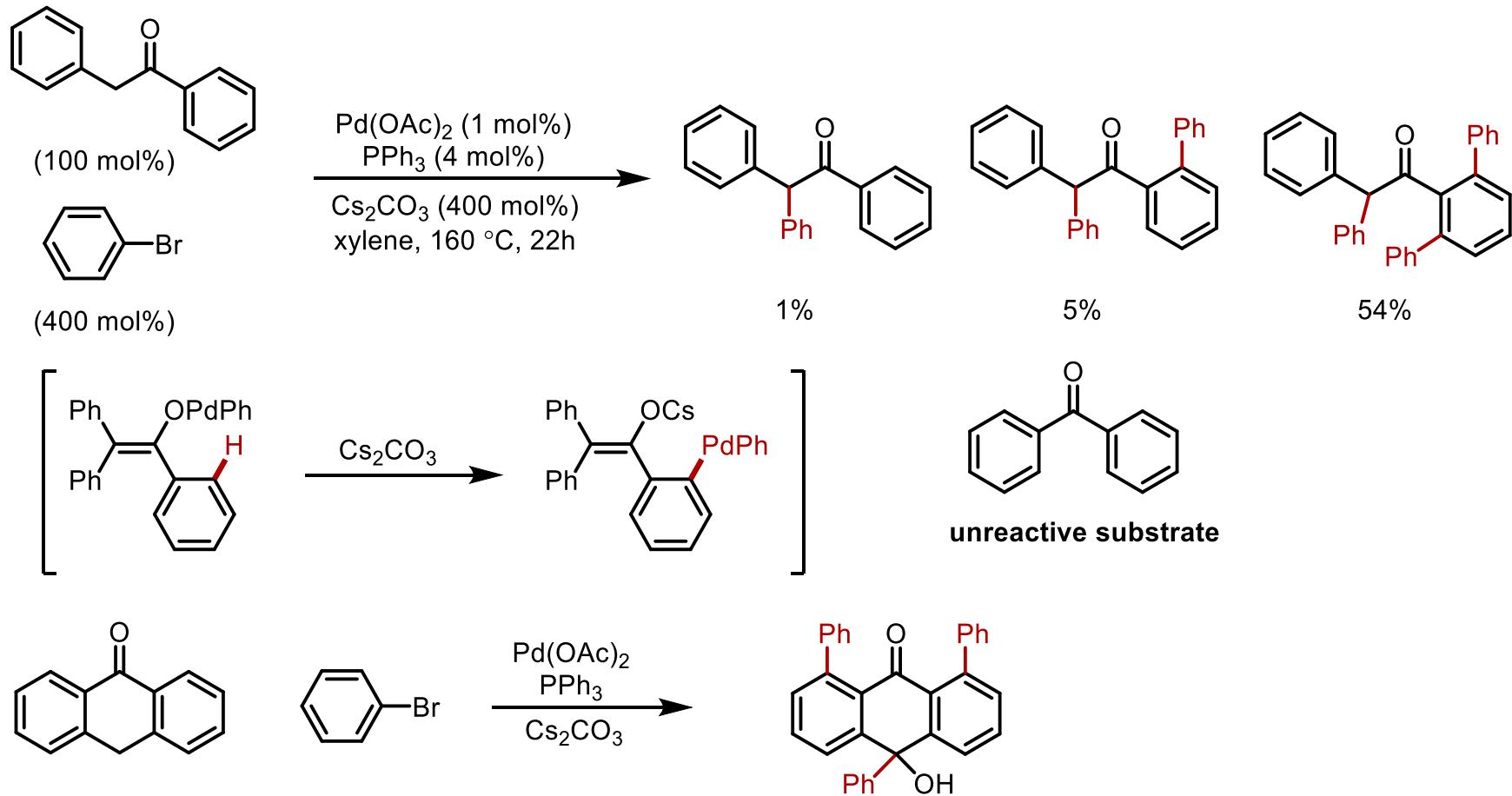
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## C-C Bond Formation

- Global arylation using aryl bromide

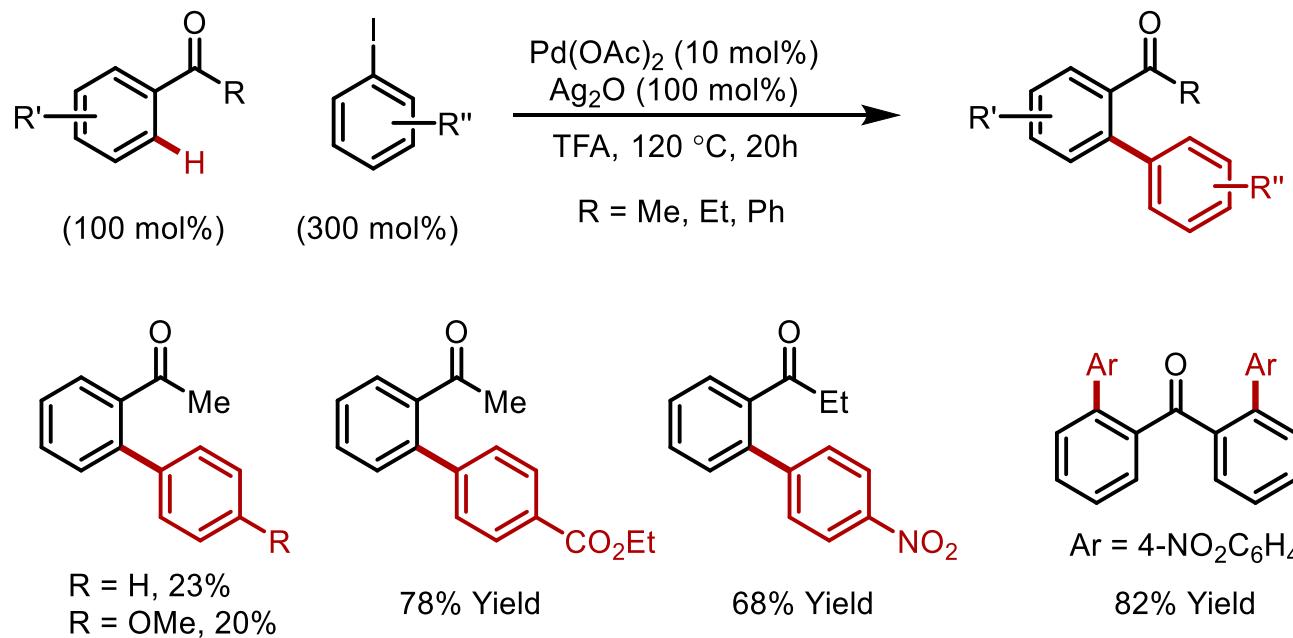


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## C-C Bond Formation

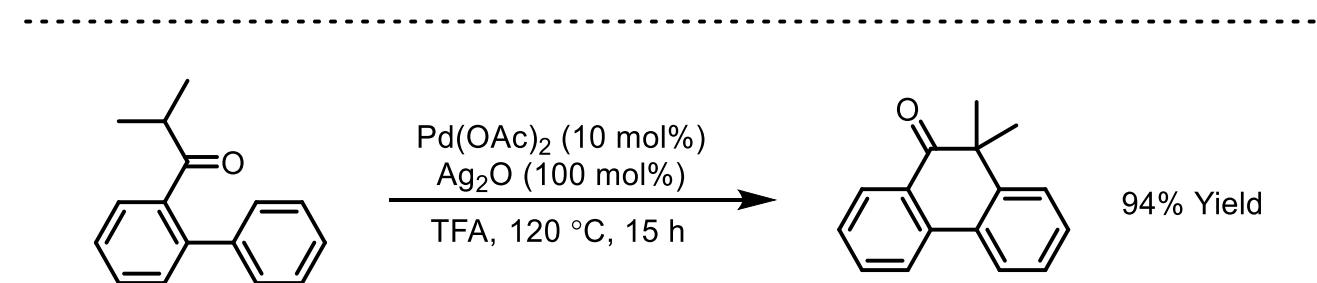
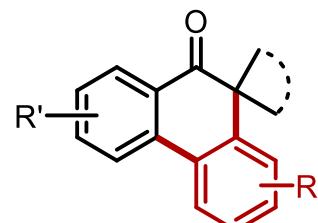
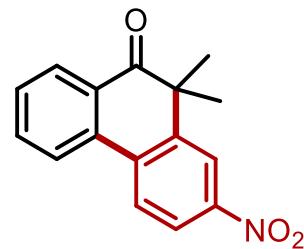
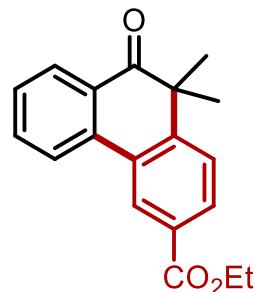
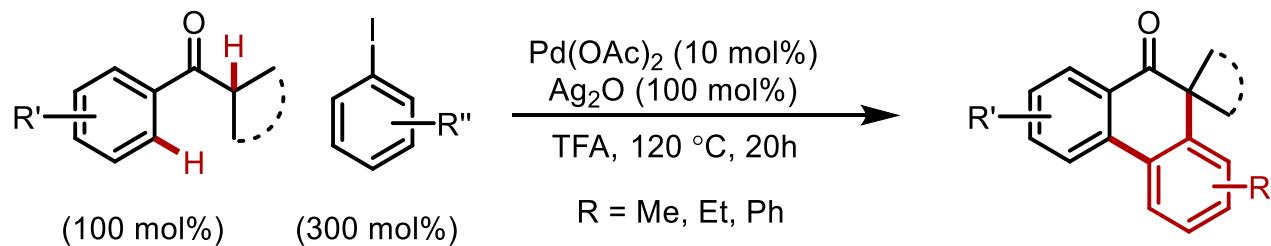
- Arylation using aryl bromide



- Acidic conditions
- Only electron-poor aryl iodides work well
- Non-enolizable ketone works

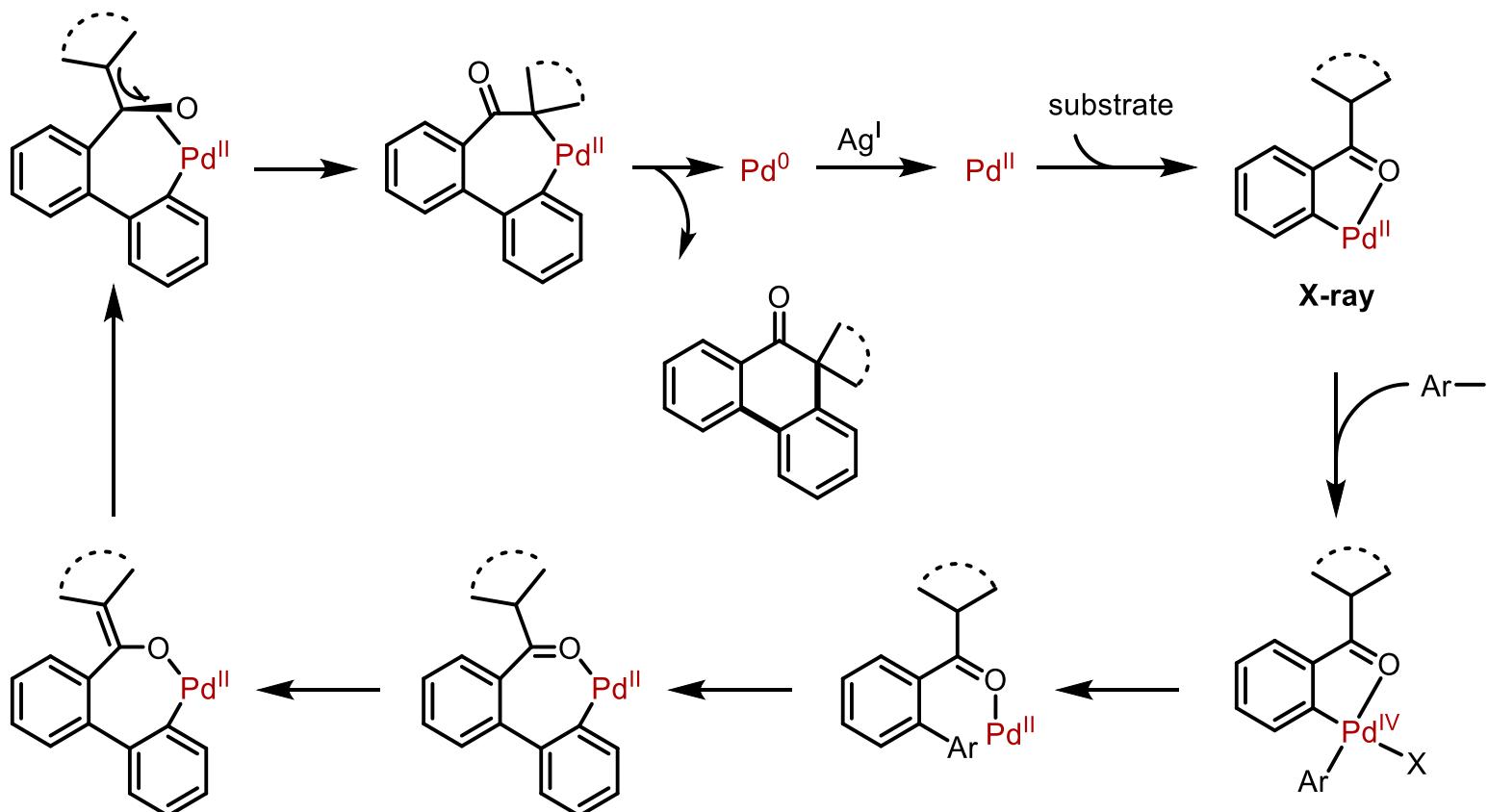
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- Arylation using aryl bromide



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- Arylation using aryl bromide

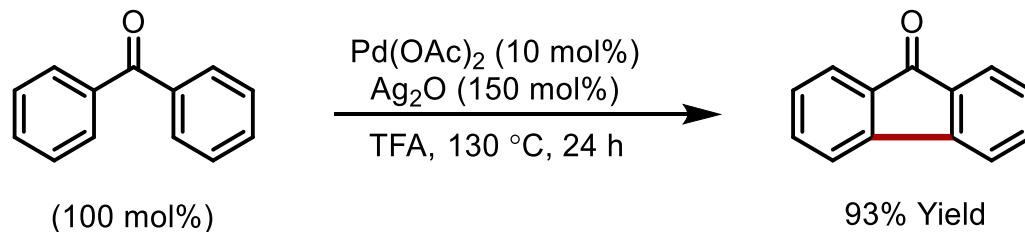


- Weaker C-H bond
- More stable enolate

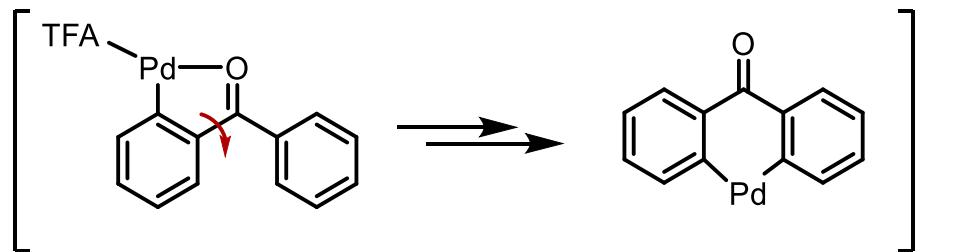
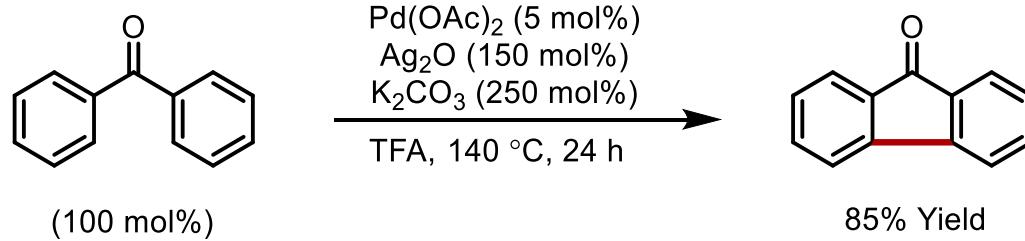
## C-C Bond Formation

### ▪ Fluorenone Synthesis

Cheng



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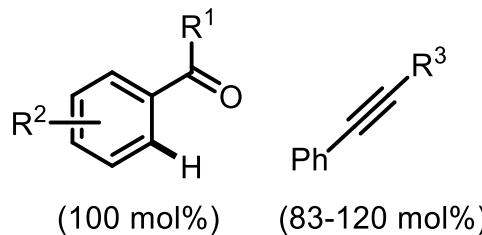


Benzophenone imine, oxime, and hydrazone not working

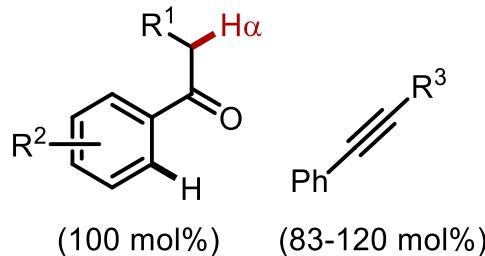
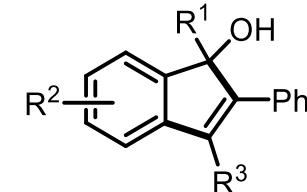
# C-C Bond Formation

- Indenol and fulvene synthesis

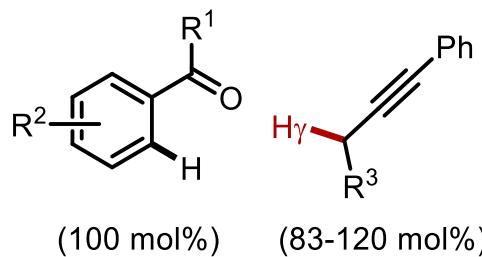
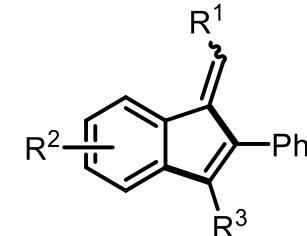
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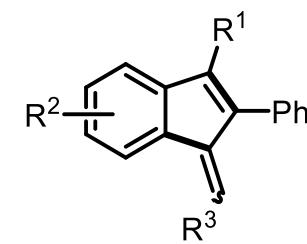
[RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mol%)  
AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (2 mol%)  
Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (210 mol%)  
PhCl, 120 °C, 16 h



[RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mol%)  
AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol%)  
Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (210 mol%)  
dioxane, 140 °C, 16 h



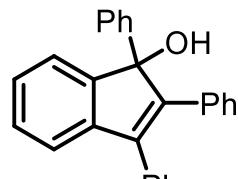
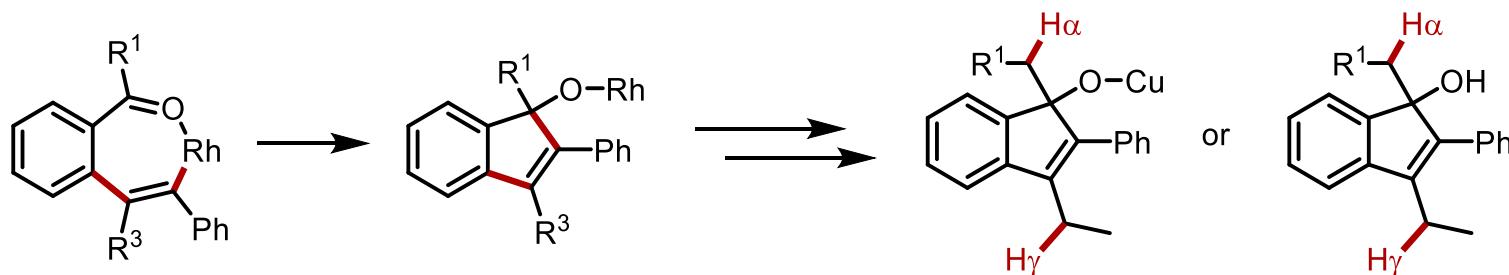
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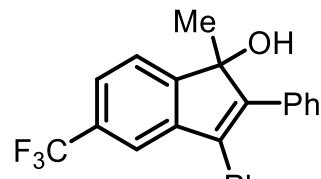
- Redox-neutral but stoichiometric Cu needed

## C-C Bond Formation

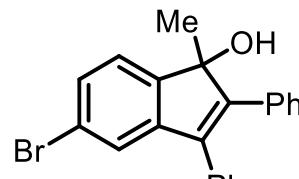
- Indenol and fulvene synthesis



66%

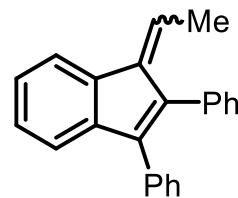


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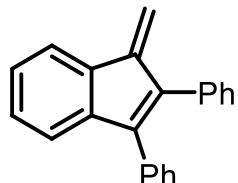


66%

- Electron-neutral and rich arenes favor dehydration



$\alpha$ : 69% (*E/Z* 2.3:1)  
 $\gamma$ : 80% (*E/Z* 2.8:1)



$\alpha$ : 70%  
 $\gamma$ : 77%

- Cationic Ir: Shibata
- Rh w/ Cu: Cheng
- Ru w/ cat. Cu: Jeganmohan

Shibata, T. et al *Synlett.* **2010**, 1, 97

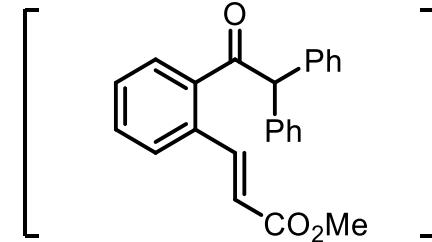
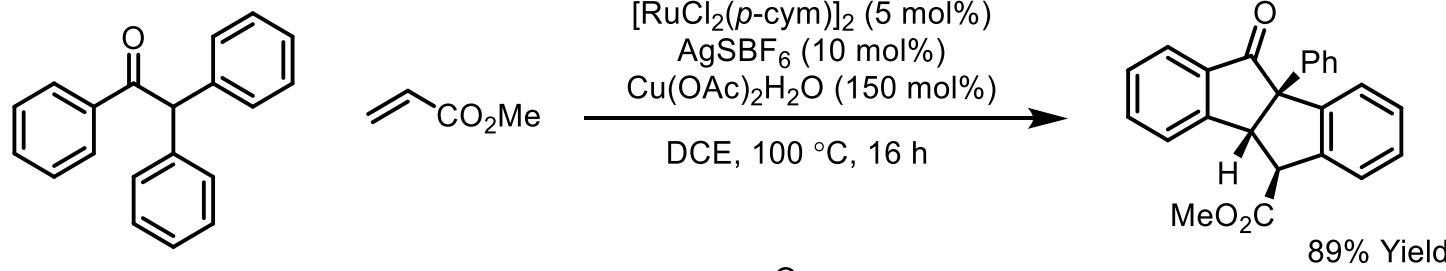
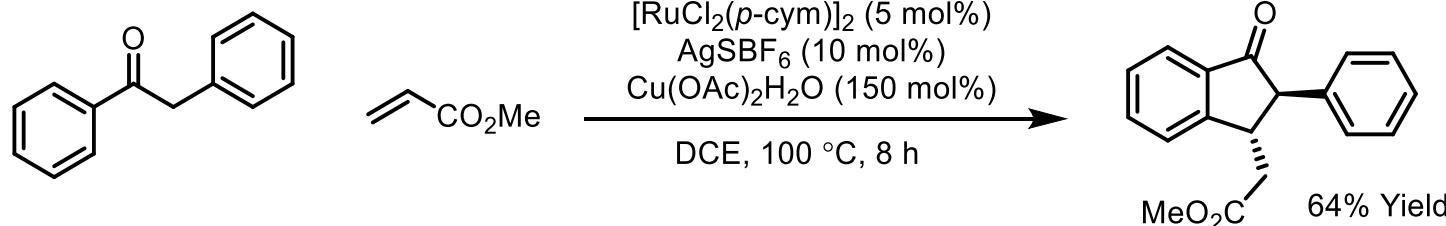
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## C-C Bond Formation

- Some cascade examples

Greaney

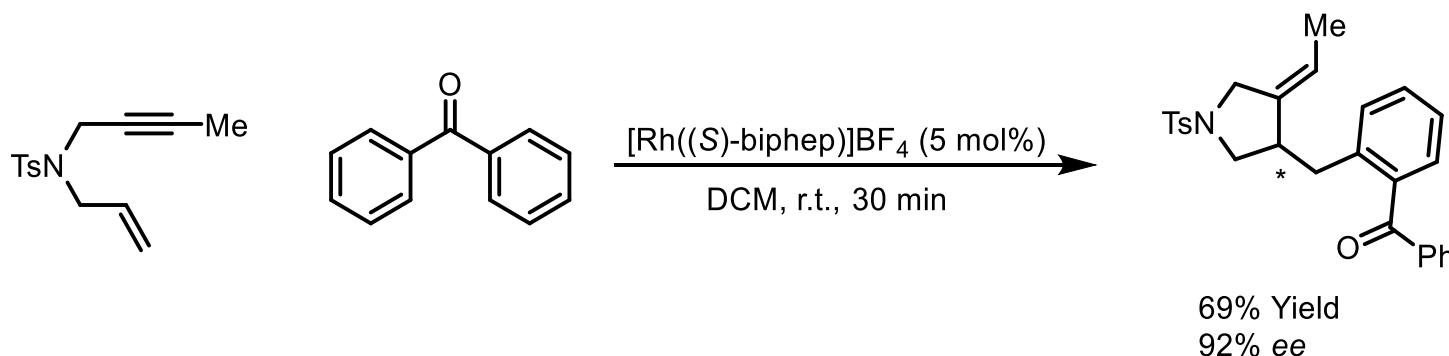
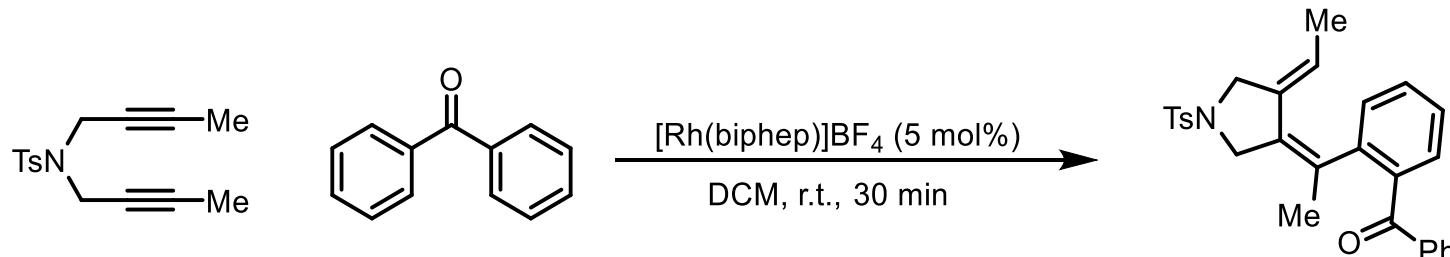


- Ru is necessary for alkenylation
- Cyclization can be mediated by Cu alone

# C-C Bond Formation

- Some cascade examples

Shibata



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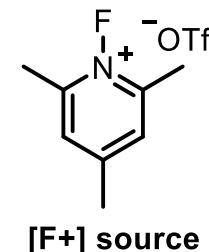
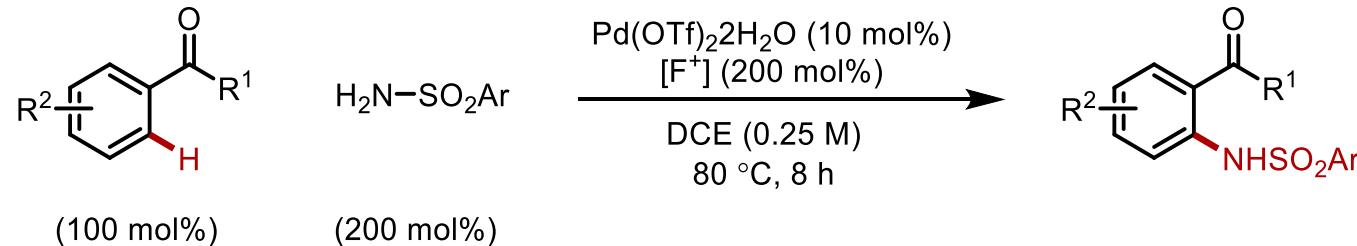
## *Directions of Development*

- *Catalyst Modification and Improvement*
- *C-C Bond Formation*
- ***C-X Bond Formation***

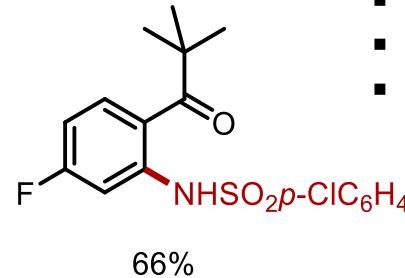
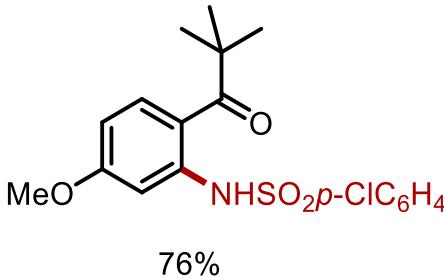
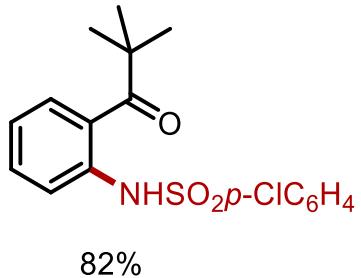
# C-X Bond Formation

## ▪ C-N bond formation

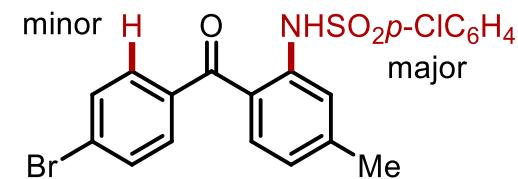
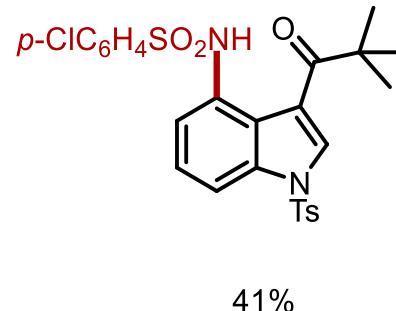
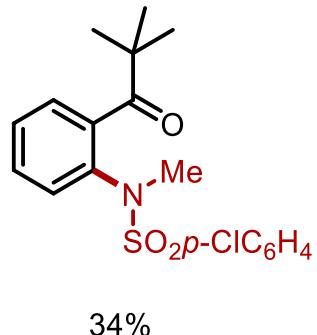
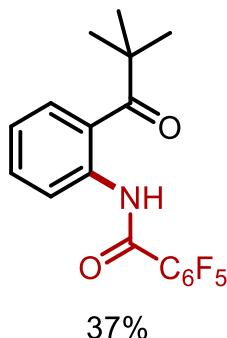
Liu



## selected examples



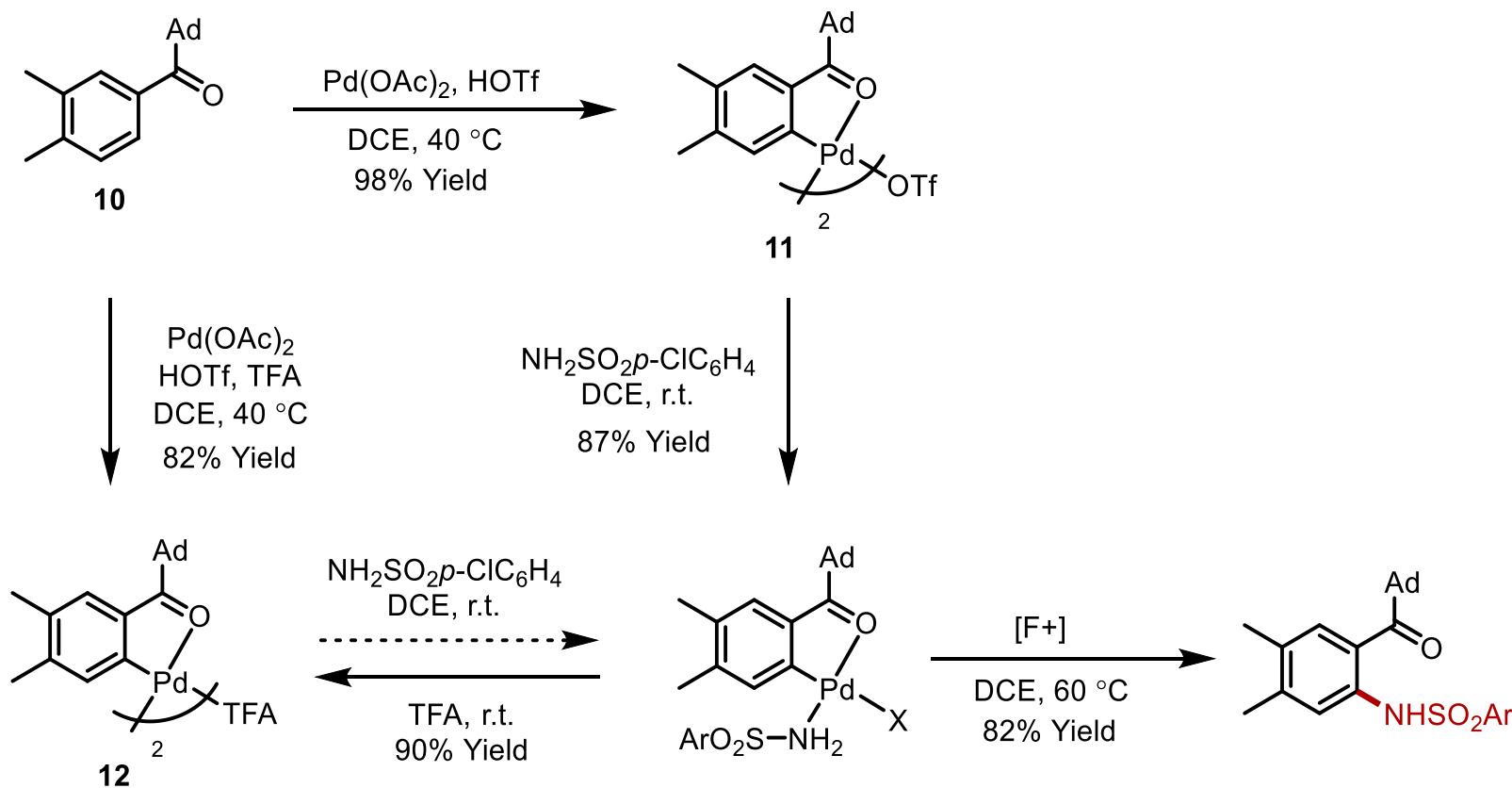
- Super-electrophilic Pd
- Non-enolizable ketones
- E-rich better than e-poor



Weak coordination => electrophilic catalyst

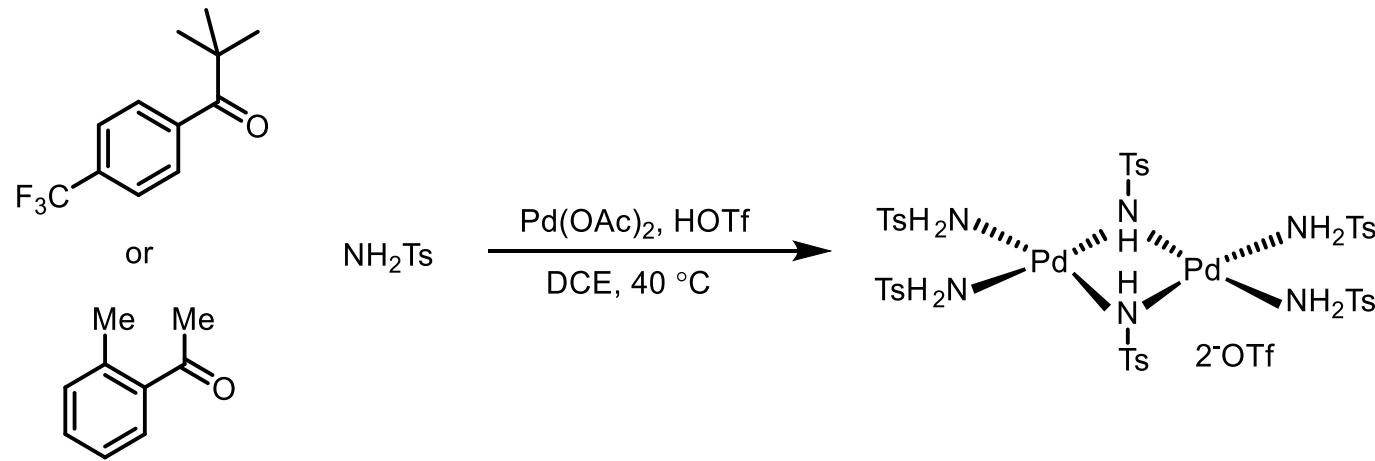
## C-X Bond Formation

- C-N bond formation



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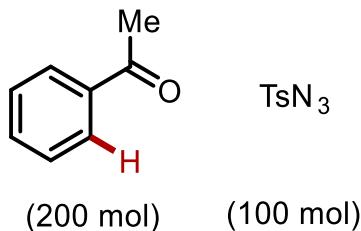
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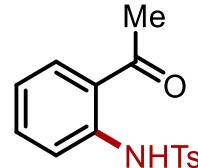
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### ▪ C-N bond formation

Chang



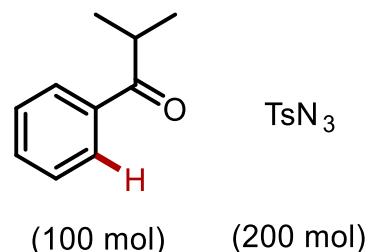
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NaOAc (20 mol%)  
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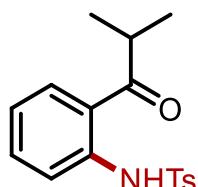
- No NaOAc, 5% yield

70% Yield

Jiao



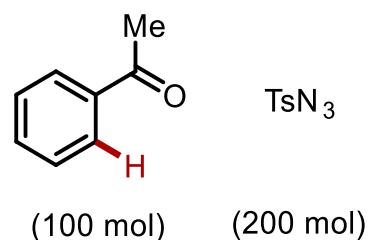
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Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (30 mol%)  
DCE, 80 °C, 24 h



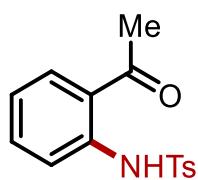
- No Cu, no reaction

74% Yield

Sahoo



[RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cym)]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)  
AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%)  
Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mol%)  
DCE, 100 °C, 24 h



- No Cu, no reaction

74% Yield

Chang, S. et al *Chem. Eur. J.* 2013, 19, 7328

Jiao, N. et al *Chem. Commun.* 2013, 49, 5654

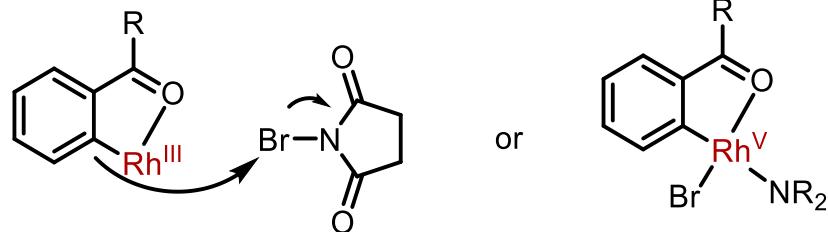
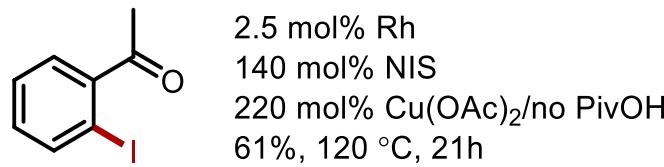
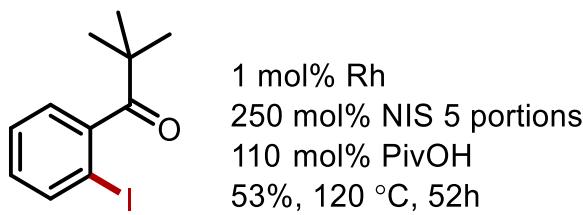
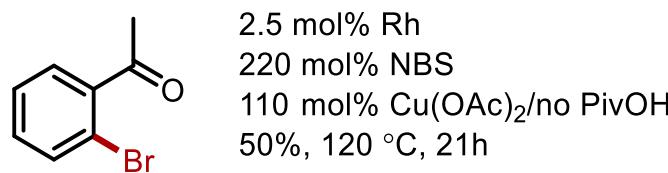
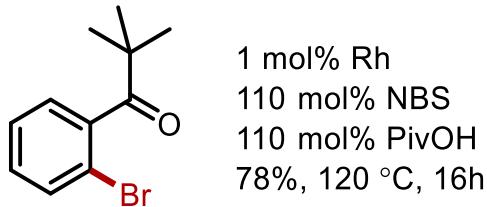
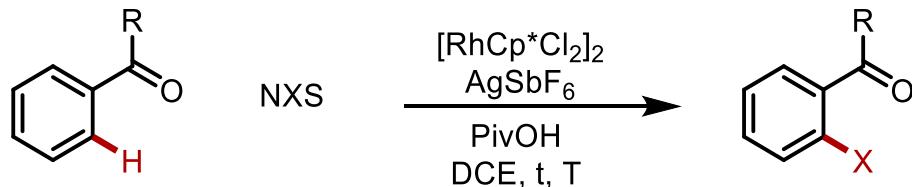
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Weak coordination => electrophilic catalyst  
=>cationic metal center=>ligand not basic enough  
=>difficult C-H activation

## C-X Bond Formation

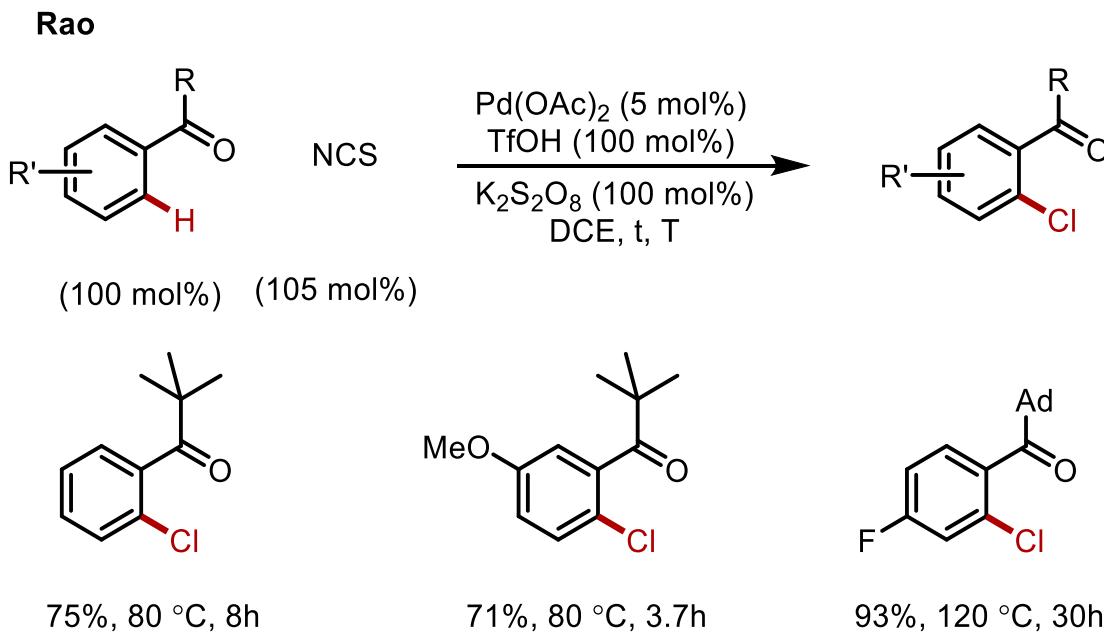
- C-I, Br, Cl bond formation

Glorius



## C-X Bond Formation

- C-I, Br, Cl bond formation

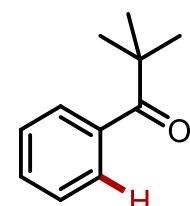


- K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> as necessary co-oxidant

## C-X Bond Formation

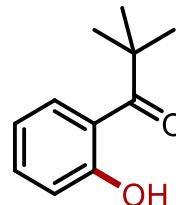
### ▪ C-O bond formation

Momo



(100 mol%)

Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)  
PIFA (200 mol%)  
DCE, 80 °C, 3 h  
84% Yield

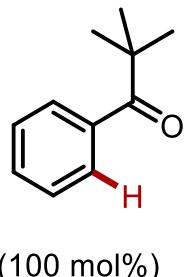


Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)  
K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (200 mol%)

TFA, 50 °C, 3 h  
88% Yield

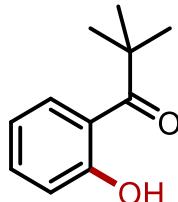


Rao



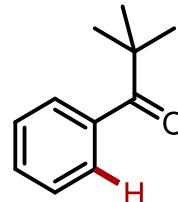
(100 mol%)

Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)  
K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (200 mol%)  
TFA/TFAA 9:1  
50 °C, 4 h



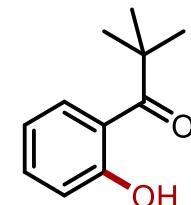
84% Yield

Kwong



(100 mol%)

Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%)  
PIFA (150 mol%)  
DCE, 80 °C, 2 h



62% Yield

- Primary, secondary, tertiary and aryl aryl ketones all work
- e-rich arenes favored

Rao, Y. et al *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2012**, 51, 13070

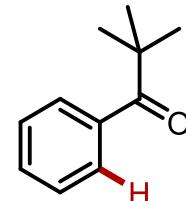
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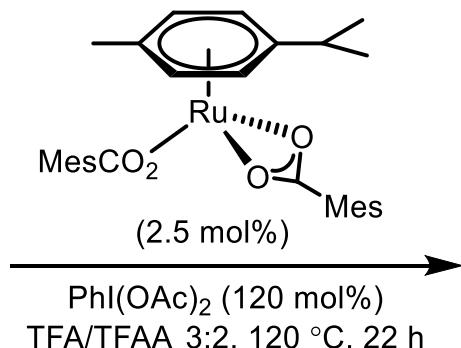
## C-X Bond Formation

### ▪ C-O bond formation

Ackermann

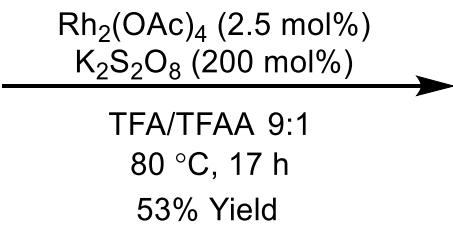
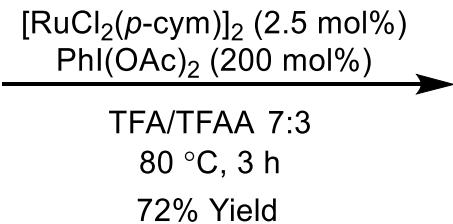
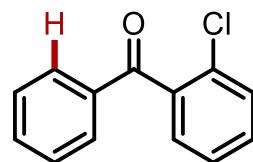


(100 mol%)



- Neutral Ru precursor
- RuCl<sub>3</sub> also works
- Only tertiary or aryl ketones work
- Favor e-rich arenes

Rao



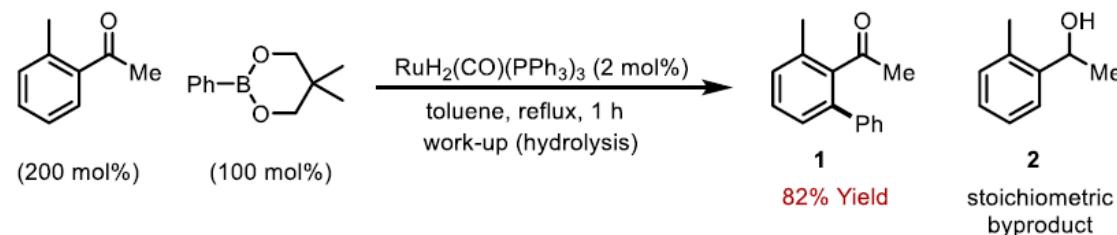
- Primary, secondary ketones work

## **Summary**

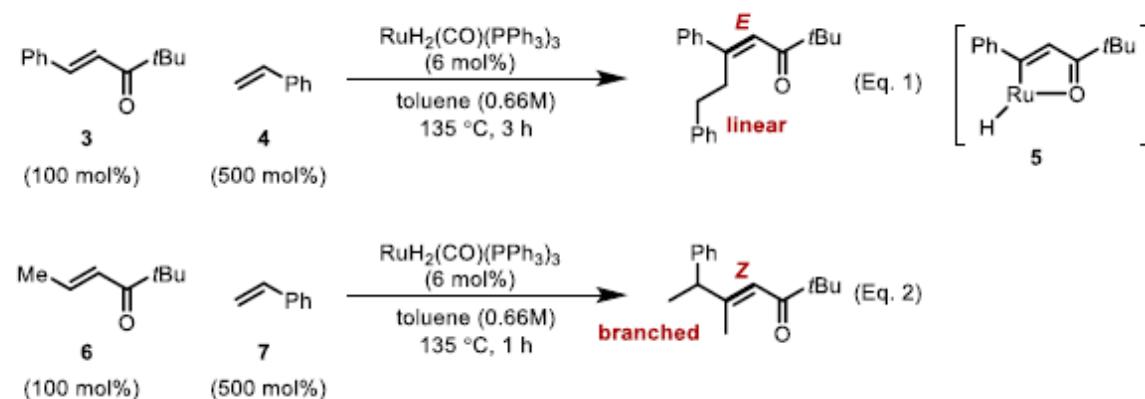
- First directing moiety in catalysis
- Common functional group, ‘natural directing group’
- Weak coordination, restricted scope
- Still versatile
- Sp<sub>3</sub> C-H functionalization of ketones is a promising direction
- Not covered today: polymerization (10~20 literatures)

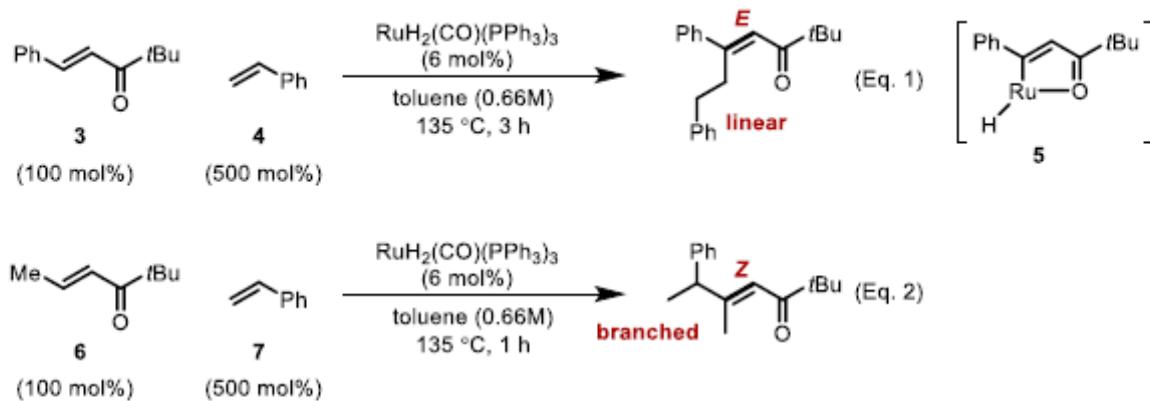
Thank  
you!

1. Please draw the mechanism of the coupling between 2-methyl acetophenones and phenylboronates shown below. Note that the stoichiometric byproduct **2** is only generated after reaction work-up (hydrolysis).

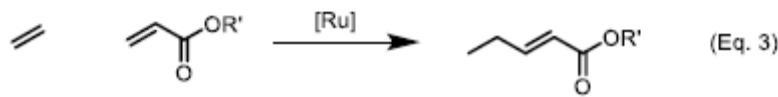


2. During Murai's study of the addition of olefinic C-H bond to alkenes, two similar reactions (Eq. 1 and 2) gave totally different results in terms of regio- and stereoselectivity. The results (*E* and linear) in Eq. 1 can be explained by a mechanism involving direct oxidative addition of Ru(0) into olefinic C-H bond (**5**), followed by migratory insertion and reductive elimination. However, a different mechanism should be responsible for the selectivity (*Z* and branched) in Eq. 2.



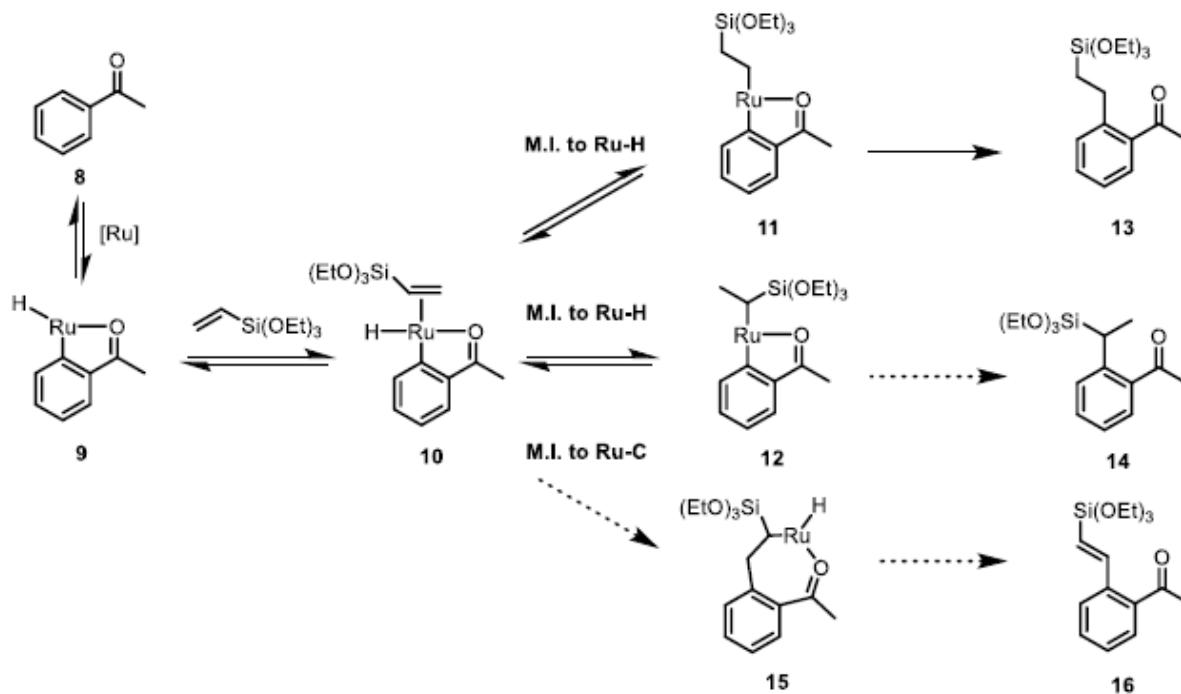


Now, let's start from a simplified system below. Except the pathway of direct oxidative addition, there are two other plausible mechanisms for the Eq. 3.

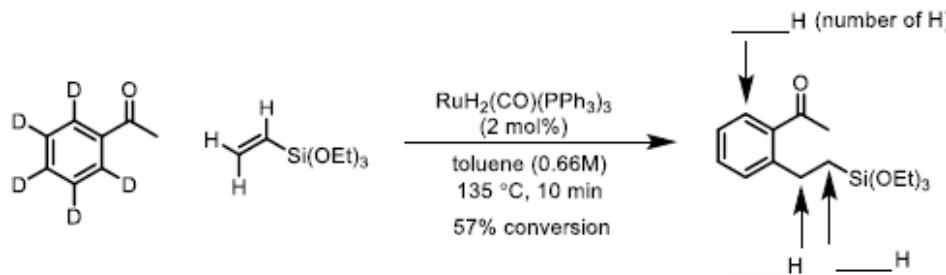


- Draw a possible mechanism of Eq. 3 starting from Ru-H species.
- Draw a possible mechanism of Eq. 3 starting from Ru(0) species.
- In terms of regio- (branched) and stereoselectivity (*Z*), which of the mechanism is more plausible for Eq. 2 and why?

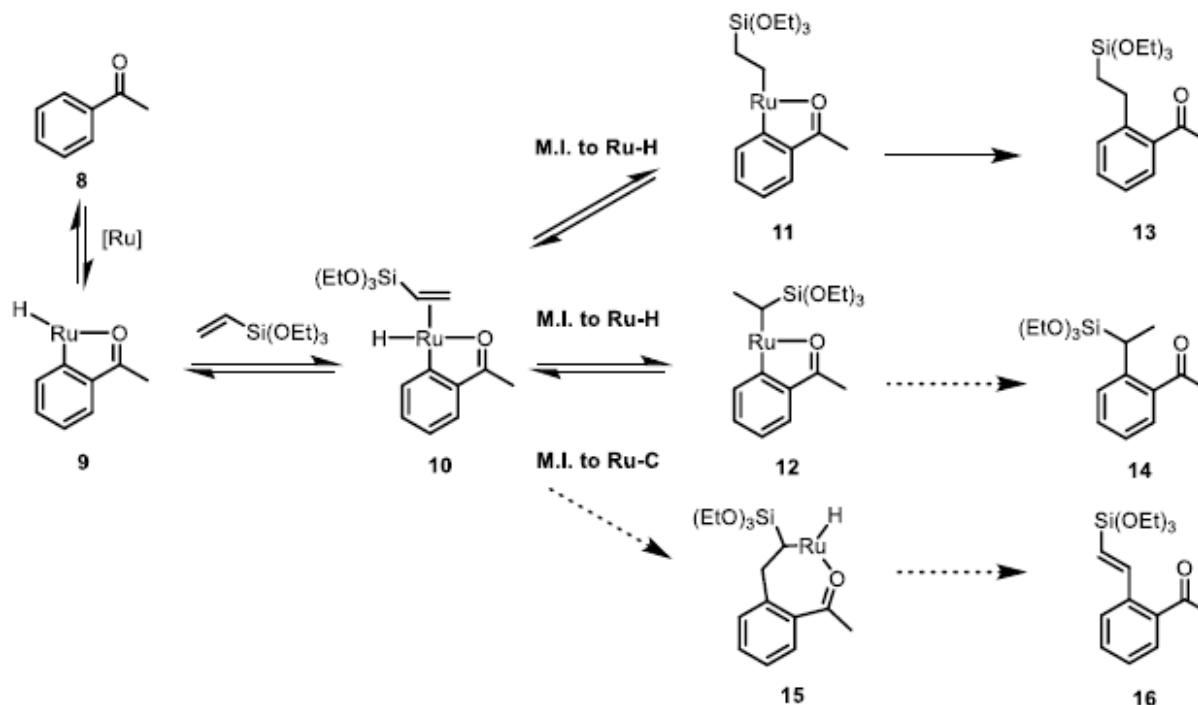
3. Drawn below is the proposed mechanism of the Ru-catalyzed C-H addition to olefin directed by ketones.



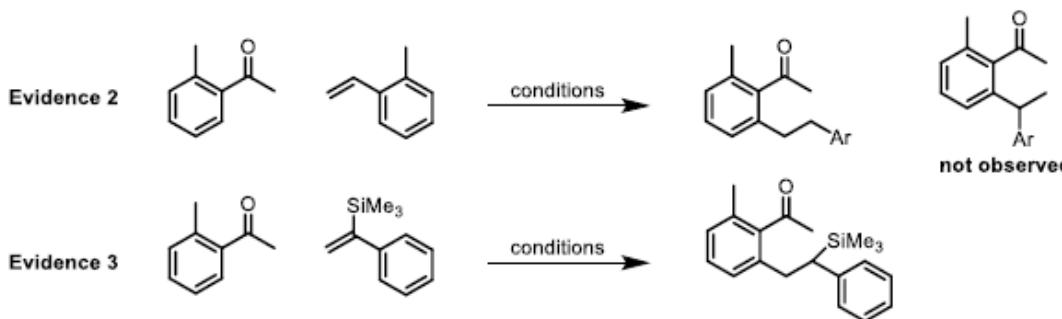
- (a) Reductive elimination was proposed as the rate determining step in the reaction, which means, under the reaction conditions, species before the product-forming step (8-12) are in fast equilibrium with each other. Based on this, predict the theoretical result of the deuterium labeling reaction below.



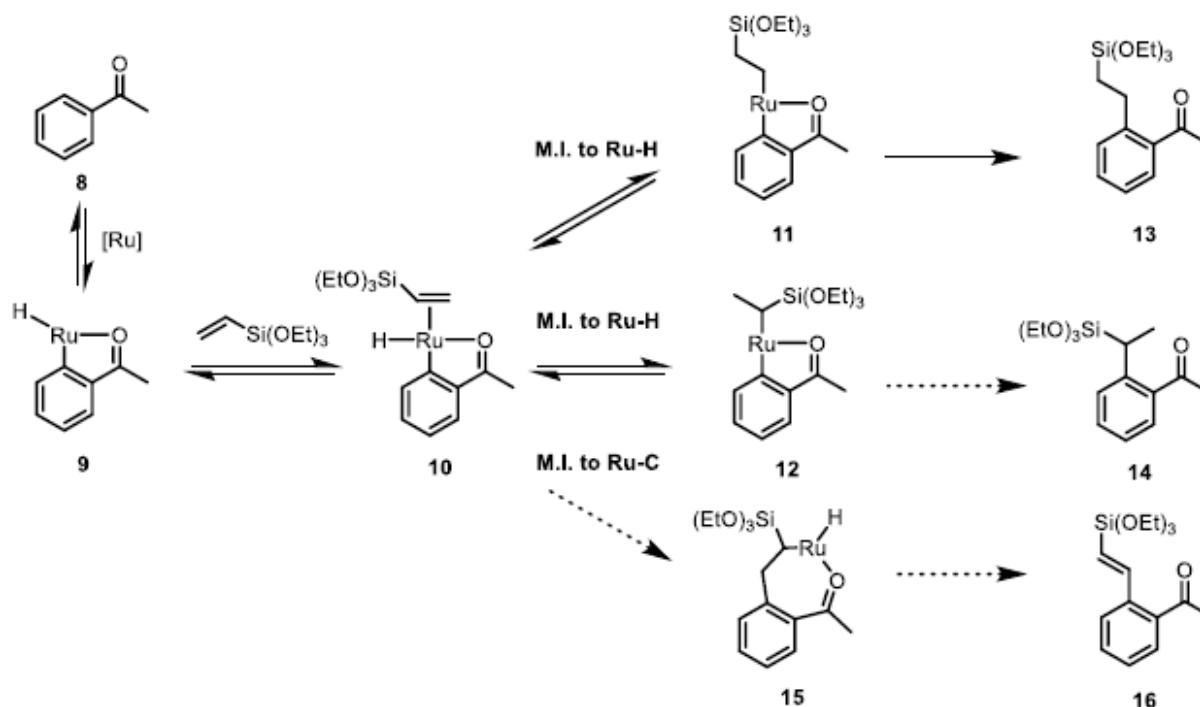
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- (b) The authors proposed the migratory insertion into Ru-H bond instead of Ru-C bond based on three evidences. The first evidence is the absence of product **16**. The other two evidences are listed below. Explain why these two results support the authors' proposal.



3. Drawn below is the proposed mechanism of the Ru-catalyzed C-H addition to olefin directed by ketones.



- (a) For the formation of **9**, the author proposed a pathway to explain the regioselectivity of **17** and **18**. The pathway can be viewed as the ‘1,4-addition’ of Ru(0) to an ‘enone’ shown below. Please explain the regioselectivity of **17** and **18** using this pathway.

