

# Anti-Markovnikov Olefin Functionalization ~Prof. Robert H. Grubbs' Work~

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# Introduction ~Flow of Research~



## Olefin Metathesis

Z-Selective Metathesis

Wacker Oxidation  
of Internal Olefin

Anti-Markovnikov  
Wacker Oxidation  
of Terminal Olefin

Ethenolysis

Substrate-Controlled

Hydration

+ Reduction

Hydroamination

Z-Selective Ethenolysis

Catalyst-Controlled

Decarbonylative Dehydration

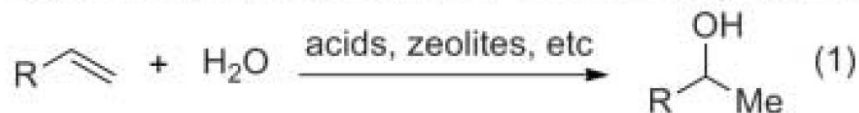
Hydrophosphonation

**Production of Terminal Olefin**

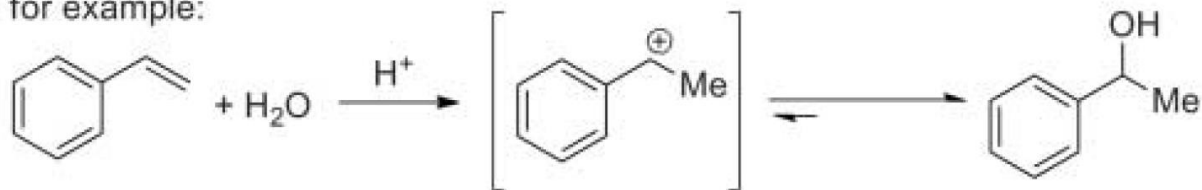
**Functionalization of Terminal Olefin**

# Introduction ~Markovnikov's Rule~

## Synthesis of secondary alcohols (Markovnikov selectivity)



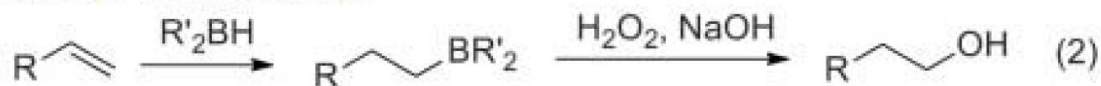
for example:



## Synthesis of primary alcohols (anti-Markovnikov selectivity)

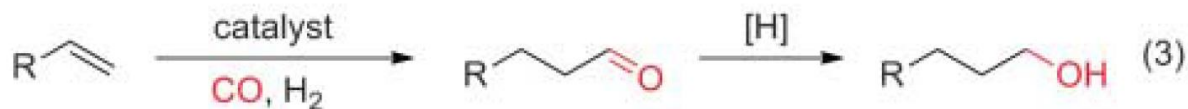
hydroboration/oxidation

Two-Step

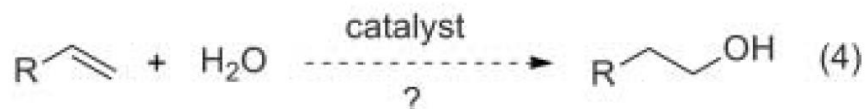


hydroformylation/reduction

Two-Step  
(+1C)



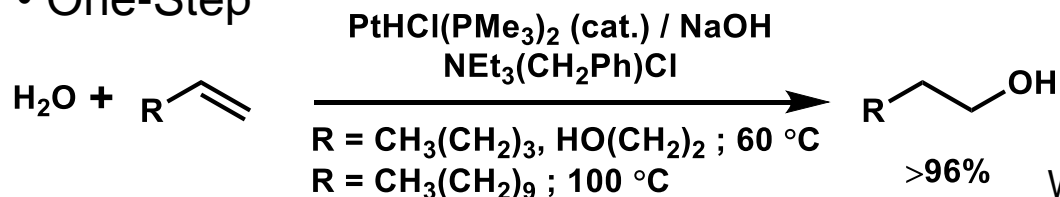
Anti-Markovnikov olefin hydration





# Anti-Markovnikov Hydration of Olefins

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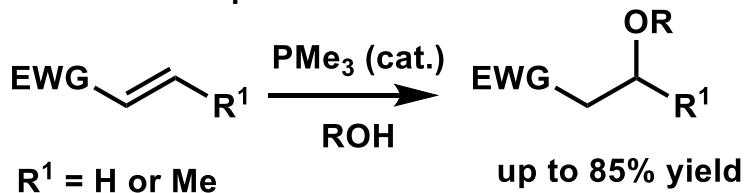


William C. Trogler *et al.* *Science* **1986**, 233, 1069.

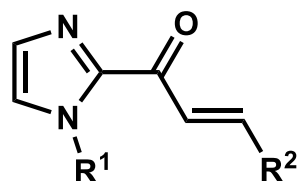


This work was difficult to reproduce. *Inorg. Chem.* **1988**, 27, 3151.

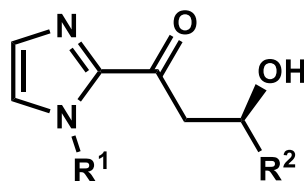
## • One-Step with Activated Olefins



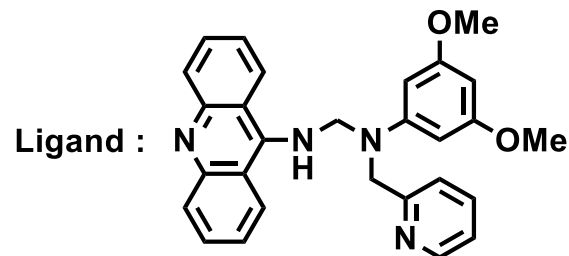
Robert G. Bergman and F. Dean Toste *et al.*  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, 125, 8696.



Cu-Ligand, st-DNA

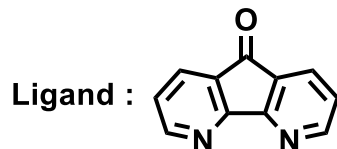
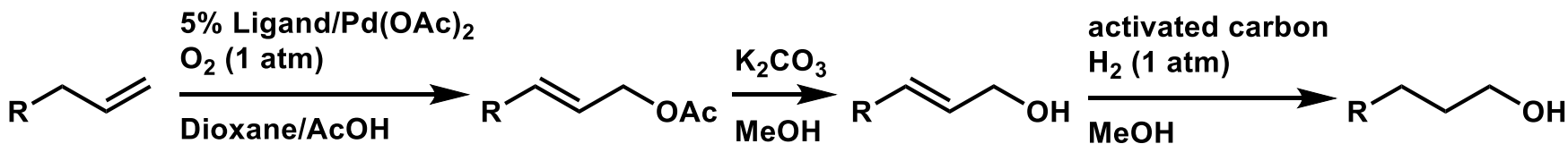


up to 82% ee



Ben L. Feringa and Gerard Roelfes *et al.* *Nat. Chem.* **2010**, 2, 991.

## • Three-Step



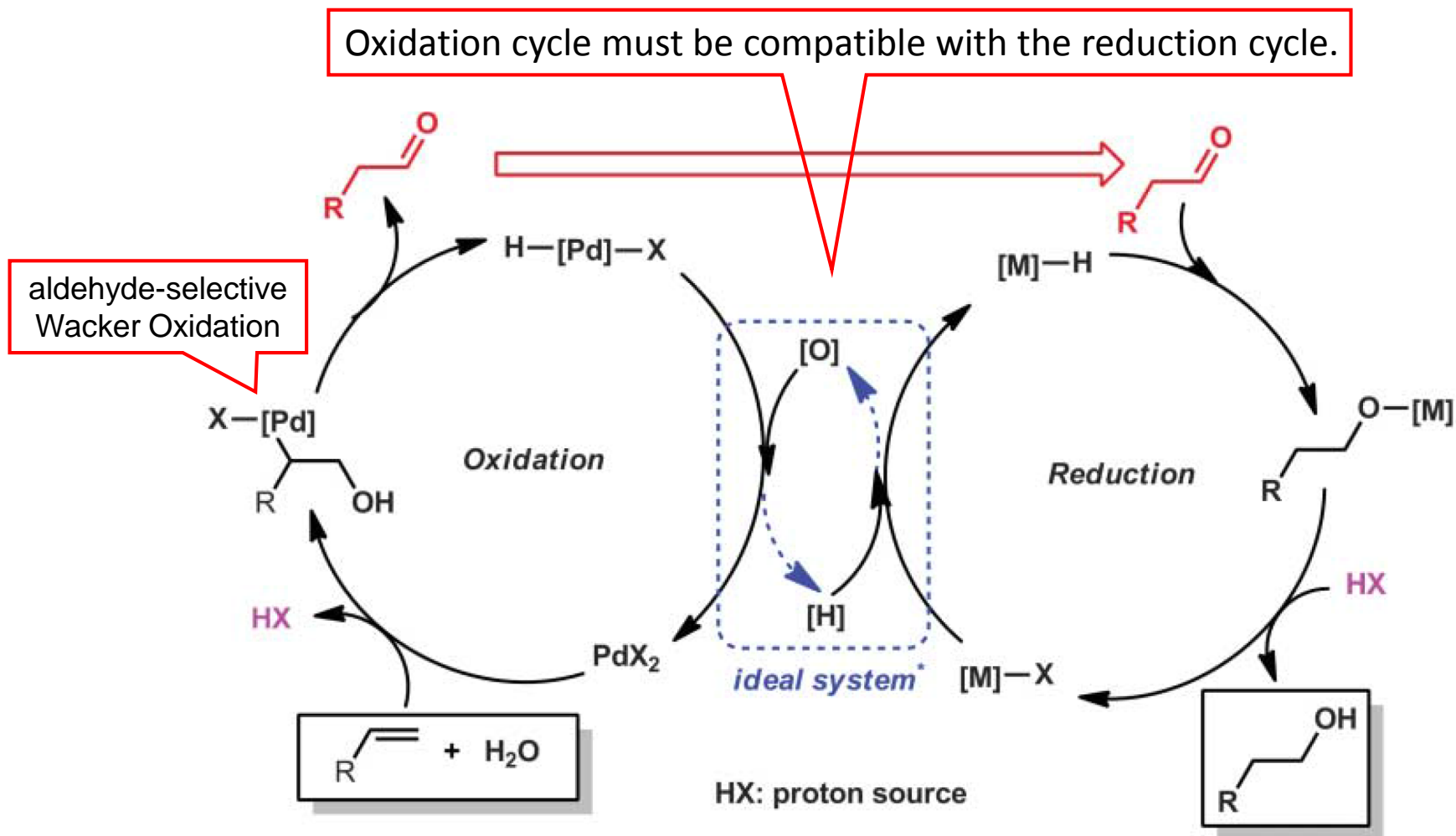
$\text{R} = \text{Ph}$  : 78% (one-pot, three-step)

$\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}$  : 70%

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Shannon S. Stahl *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, 132, 15116.

# Anti-Markovnikov Wacker Oxidation / Reduction Strategy



**Fig. 2.** Proposed cooperative catalytic system for alcohol synthesis from olefins and water. Asterisk: In the ideal system, either the hydride would be directly transferred from Pd to M or the oxidant [O] and the reductant [H] would be coupled with each other. X, anionic ligands, such as chlorides and acetates.

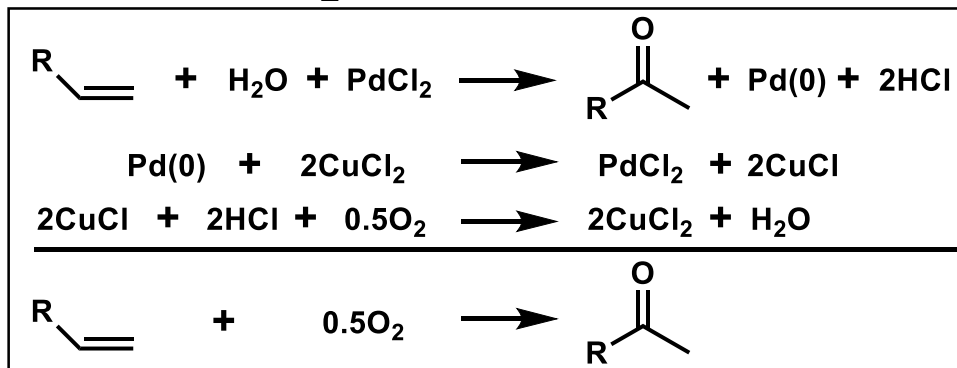
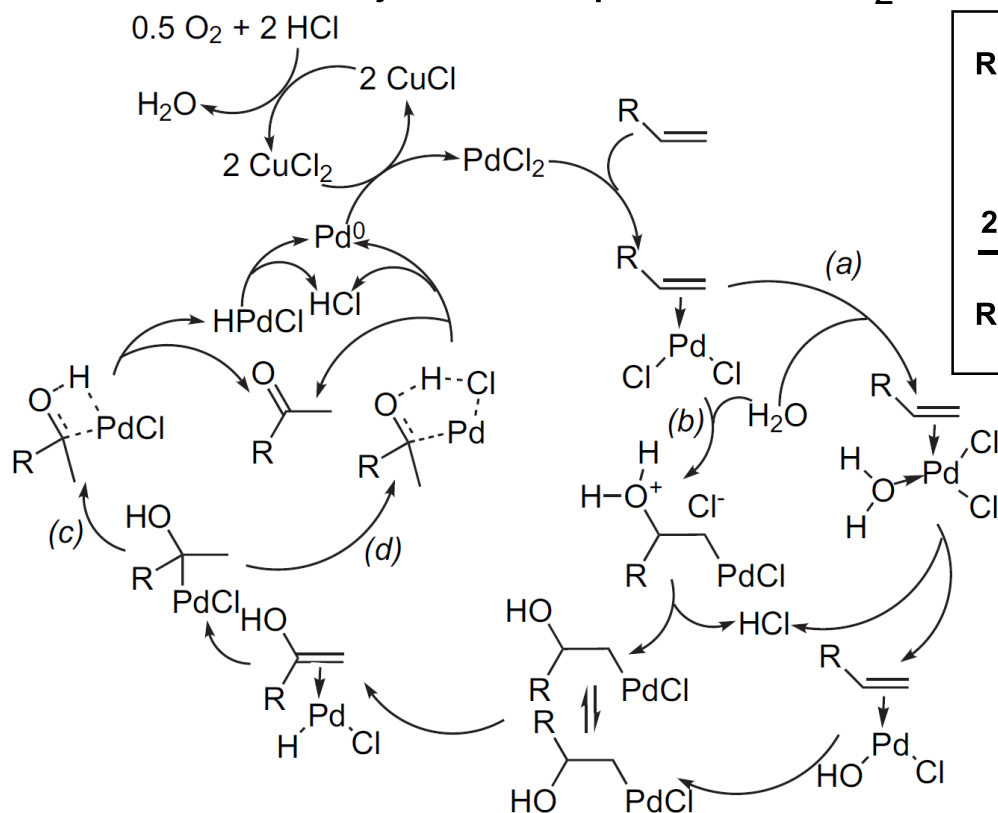
# Introduction ~Wacker-Tsuji Oxidation~

- 1894 F. C. Phillips reported stoichiometric reaction.
- 1959 J. Smidt *et al.* reported the Wacker process.

(oxidation of ethylene to acetaldehyde)

*Investigations for convenient laboratory methods*

- 1976 J. Tsuji *et al.* reported PdCl<sub>2</sub>, CuCl / DMF, H<sub>2</sub>O method.



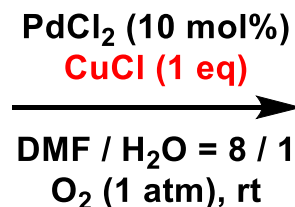
*“Terminal alkenes may be viewed as masked ketones.”*

# DMF / H<sub>2</sub>O System

TABLE I

CONVERSION OF 1-DODECENE TO 2-DODECANONE<sup>a</sup>

Run	Solvent		1-Dodecene content of olefin, %	Yield, <sup>b</sup> %
	DMF, ml.	water, ml.		
1 <sup>c</sup>		25	84	0
2	50	4	96	78
3	50	7	96	78
4	50	7	94	81
5	50	7	84	85
6	50	7	96	87
7	50	10	84	85
8	40	15	96	51
9	25	25	84	20



<sup>a</sup> Each experiment was carried out at 60–70° using 0.020 mole of PdCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.020 mole of CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.20 mole of olefin, and an O<sub>2</sub> flow of 3.3 l./hr. In run 6 the olefin was added over a 3.5-hr. period; in all other cases the time of introduction was 2.5 hr. <sup>b</sup> Determined by v.p.c. <sup>c</sup> This experiment was stopped after 1.5 hr. as no reaction occurred.

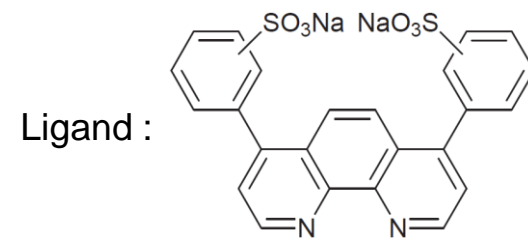
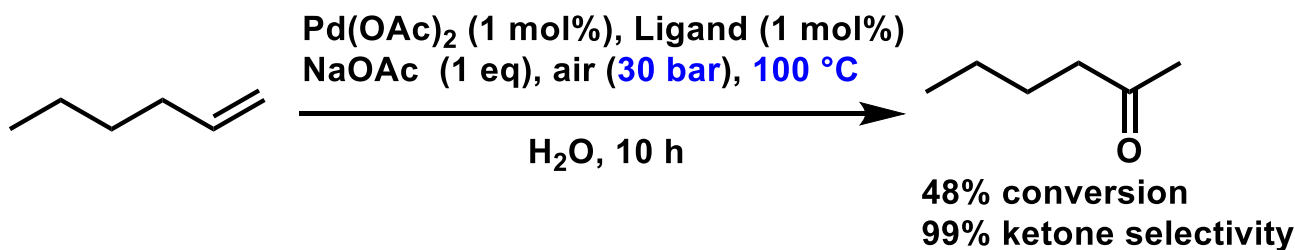
“CuCl<sub>2</sub> tends to chlorinate ketones.”

Jiro Tsuji *et al.*  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 2975.

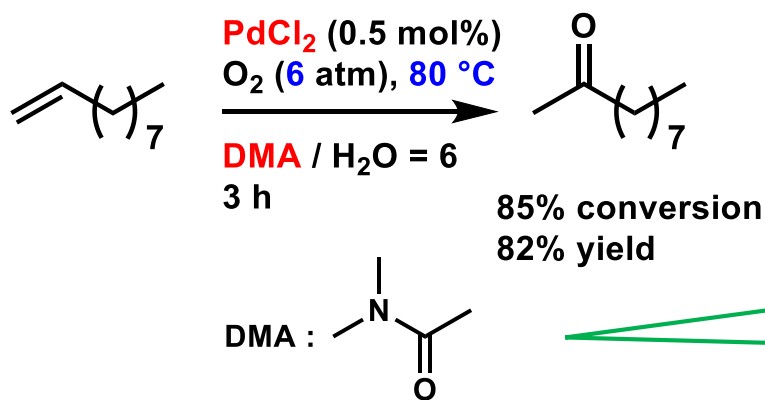
DMSO, acetone, AcOH, THF, dioxane, MeCN were not good.

Charles M. Selwitz *et al.* *J. Org. Chem.* **1964**, 29, 241.

# Development: Direct O<sub>2</sub>-Coupled Wacker Oxidation



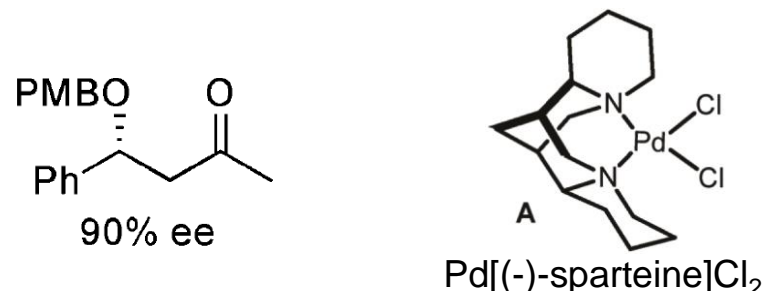
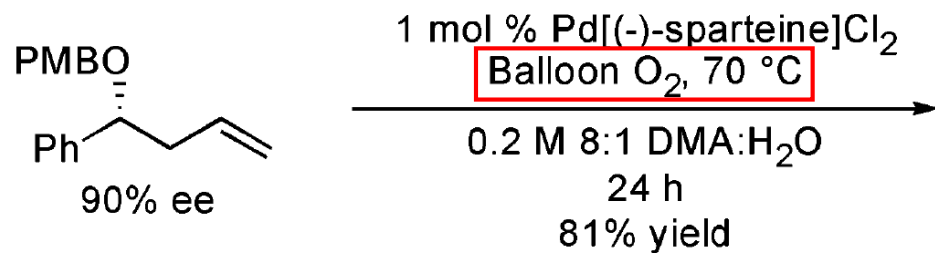
Roger A. Sheldon *et al.* *Chem. Commun.* **1998**, 2359.



**Pd cat. (1 mol%), O<sub>2</sub> (1 atm), 80 °C**

Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>
1	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	DMA	84
2	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	NMP	74
3	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	DMPA	33
4	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	DMF	trace
5	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	EtOH	trace
6	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	trace
7	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	DMA	trace
8	[PdCl <sub>2</sub> (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	DMA	trace

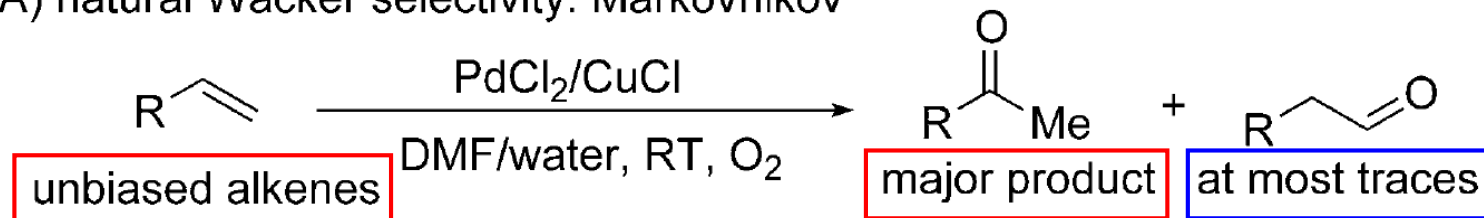
Kiyotomi Kaneda *et al.* *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, 45, 481.



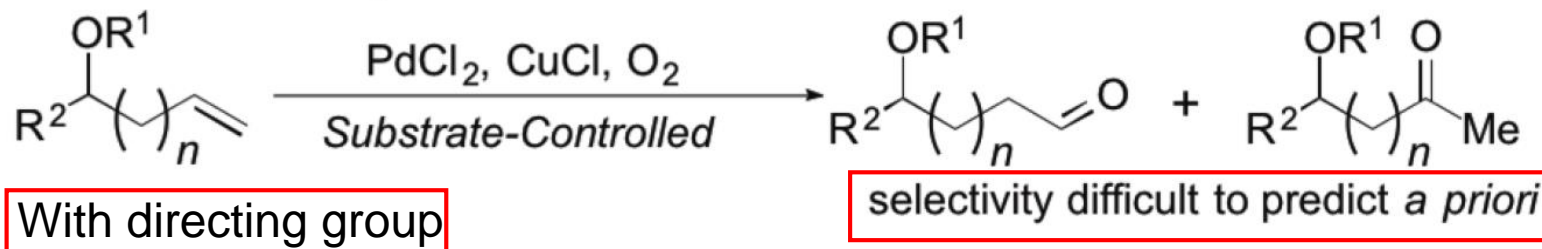
Matthew S. Sigman *et al.* *Org. Lett.* **2006**, 8, 4117.

# Selectivity of Wacker Oxidation

A) natural Wacker selectivity: Markovnikov



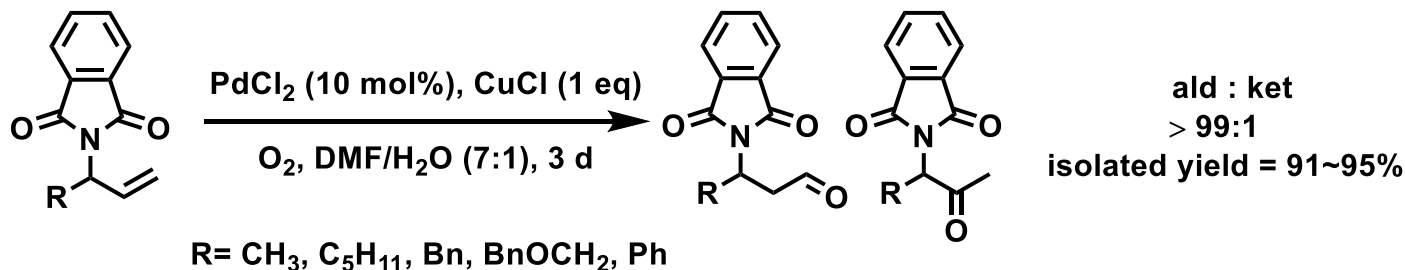
## A. Traditional Tsuji–Wacker Oxidation



Catalyst-controlled selectivity is required.

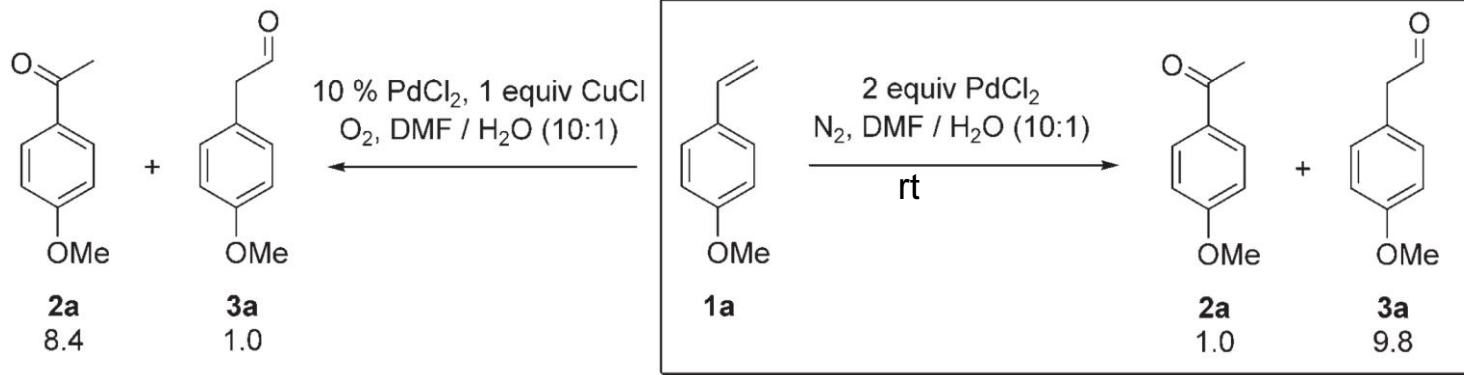
# Anti-Markovnikov Wacker Oxidation Strategies

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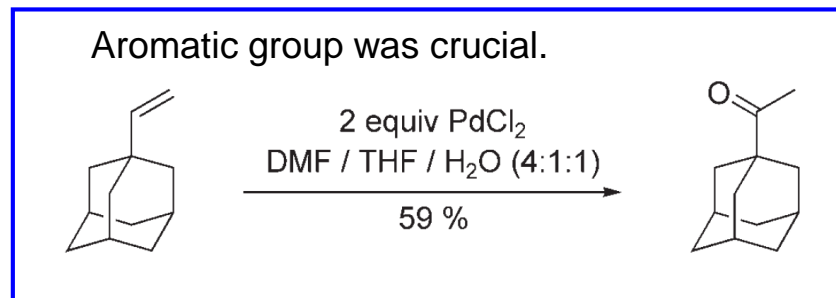
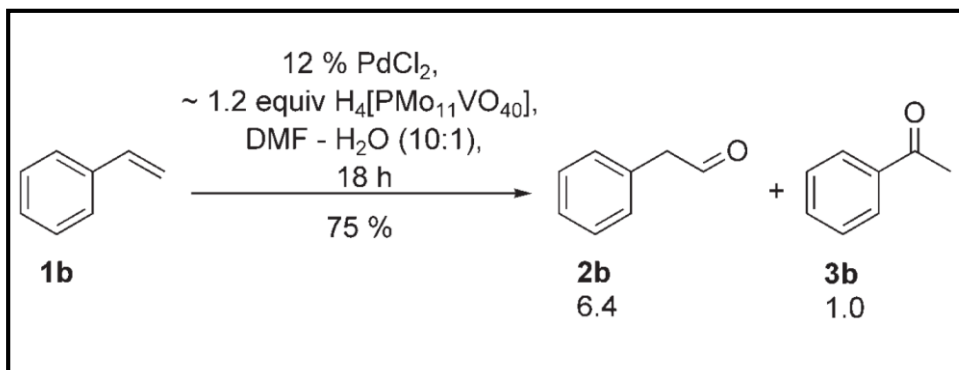


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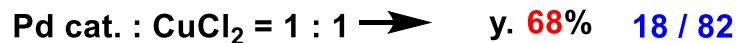
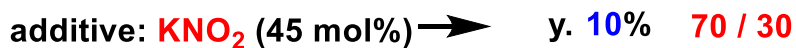
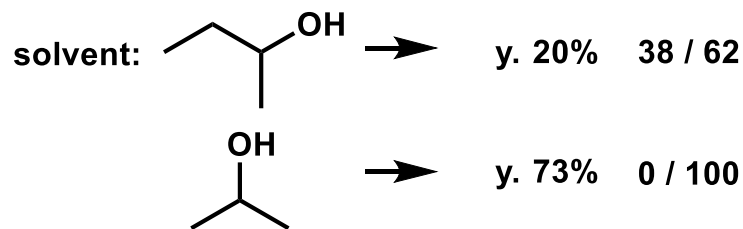
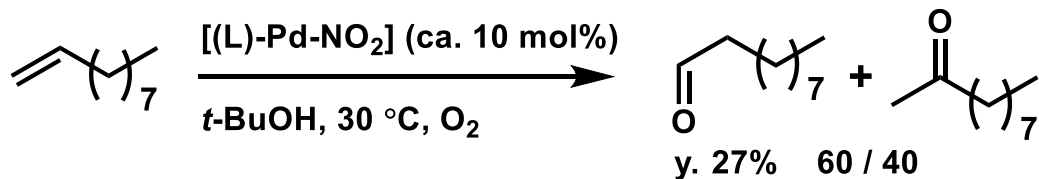
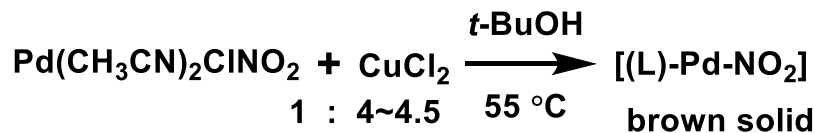
- with Stoichiometric Palladium or Excess Heteropolyacid



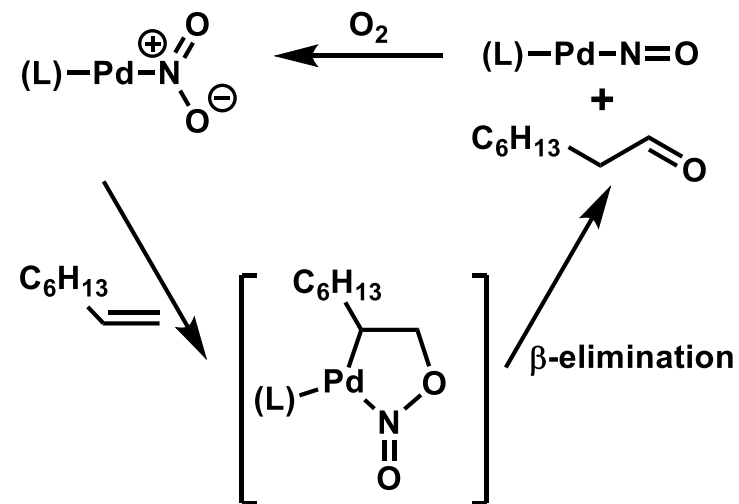
Other Pd(II) such as Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> and Pd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> gave exclusively the methyl ketone.



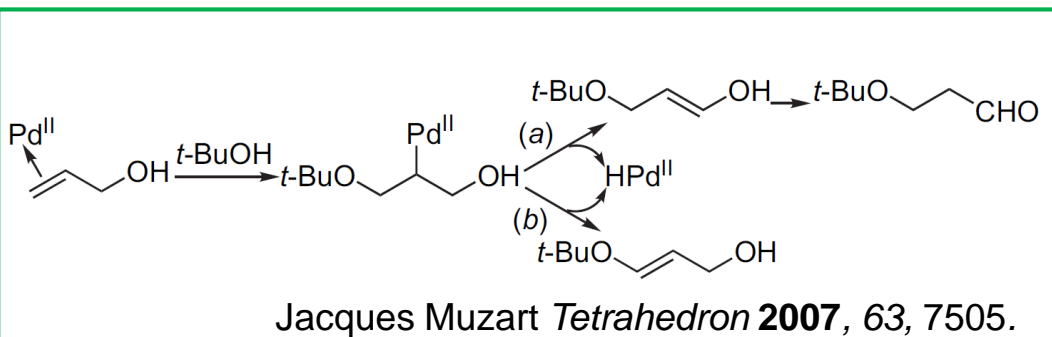
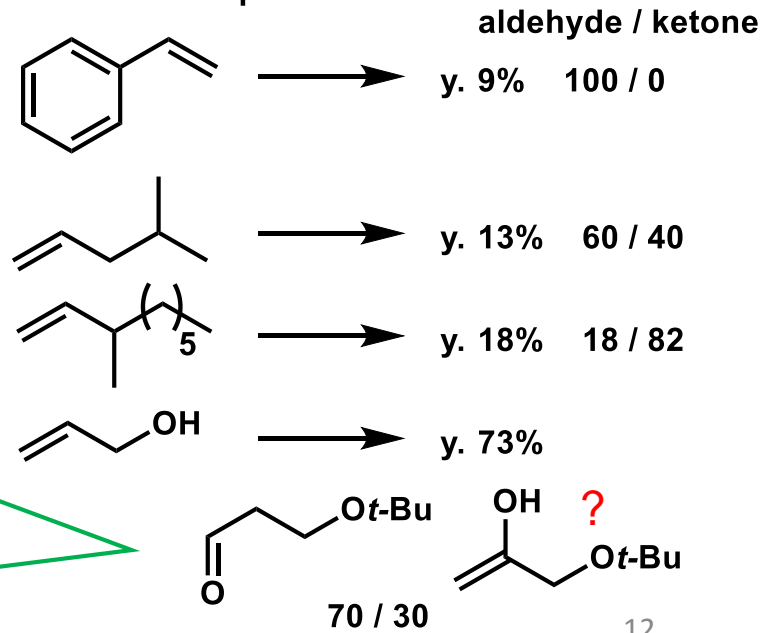
• Catalyst-Controlled (or Solvent-Controlled?)



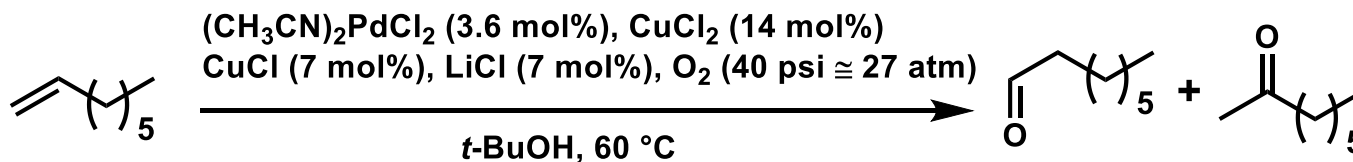
Proposed Mechanism



Substrate Scope

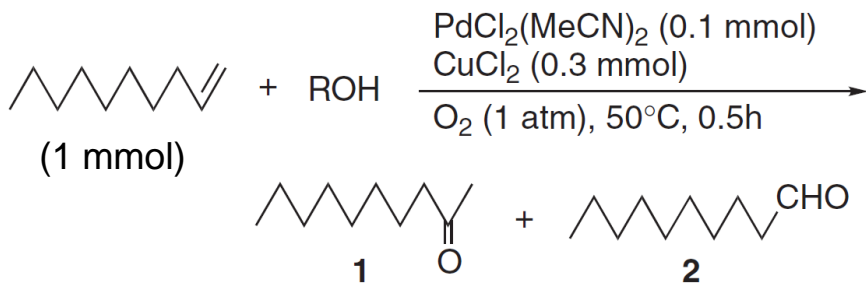




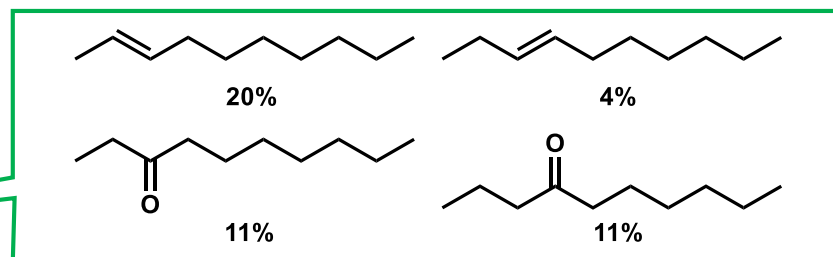


	t (h)	conversion (%)	yield ald + ket (%)	ald / ket
	0.5	12	8	30 / 70
	3	49	38	31 / 69
no CuCl	0.5	4	1	57 / 43
no CuCl	3	56	39	28 / 72

Timothy T. Wenzel *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1993**, 862.



R	Yield / %	1 : 2
Me	26	97 : 3
Et	22	84 : 16
<i>i</i> -Pr	11	58 : 42
<i>t</i> -Bu	7	16 : 84



Similar Trends

No Isomerization

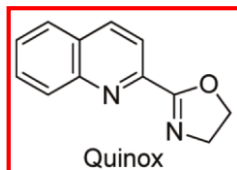
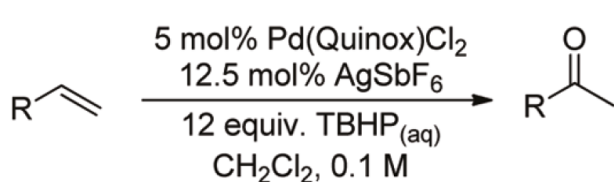
High Selectivity  
 Low Yield

Scheme 1.

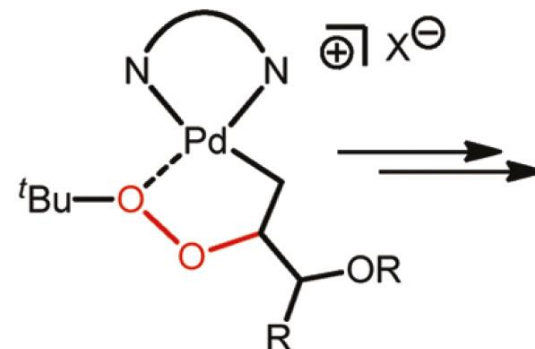
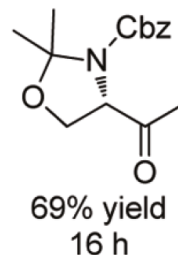
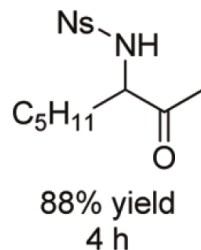
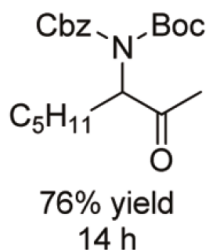
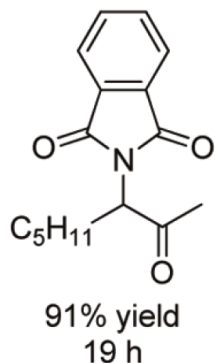
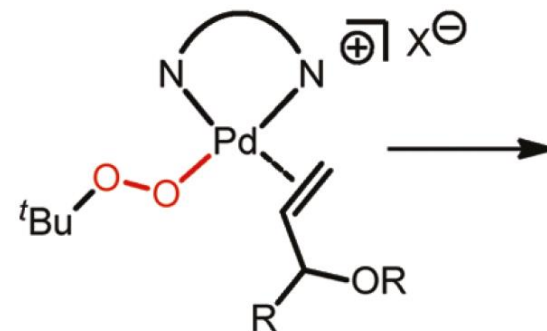
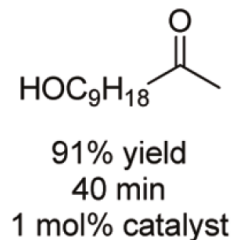
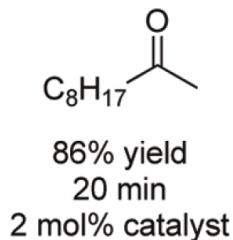
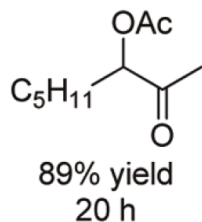
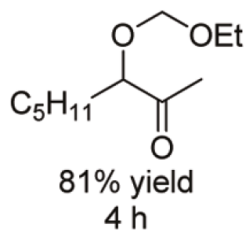
The use of LiCl and/or CuCl reduced the regioselectivity.

# Ketone-Selective Wacker-Type Oxidation

b)



*bidentate ligand  
to discourage substrate chelation*



*syn addition of TBHP  
to encourage Markovnikov addition*

*Catalyst-Controlled!!*

Matthew S. Sigman *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 6076.

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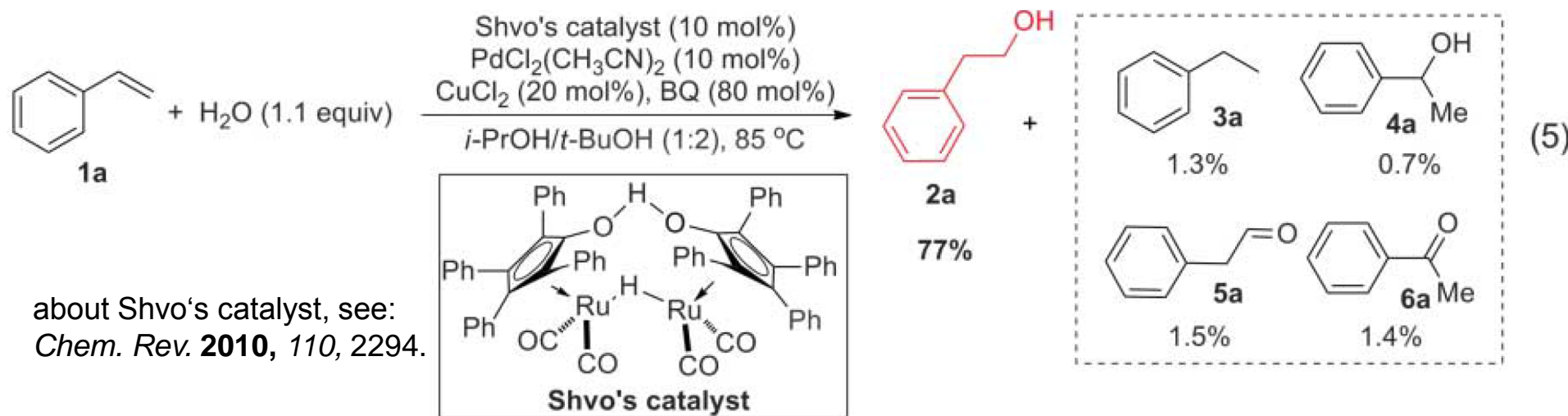
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# General Reaction Scheme

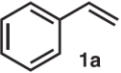
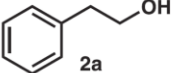
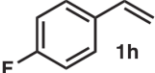
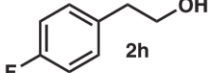
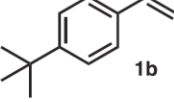
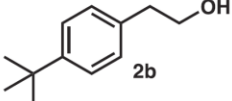
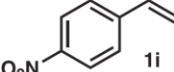
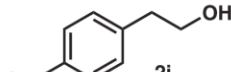
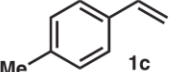
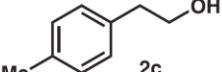
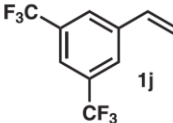
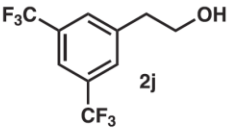
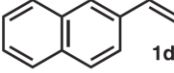
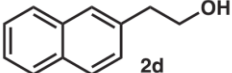
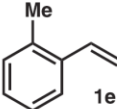
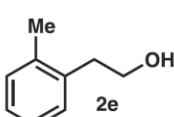


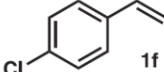
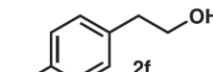
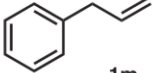
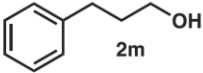
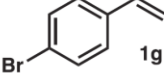
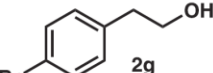
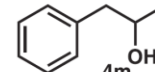


$$\text{Anti-Markovnikov selectivity} = \frac{[\text{1}^\circ \text{alcohol}] + [\text{aldehyde}]}{[\text{2}^\circ \text{alcohol}] + [\text{ketone}]} = 38 \quad (6)$$

## Control Experiments

Change	Conversion (%)	Yield (%)	Yield of byproduct (%)			
None	89	77	1.3	0.7	1.5	1.4
No PdCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>2</sub>	34	0	26	0	0	0
No Shvo's catalyst	80	0	0.2	0	42	0
No CuCl <sub>2</sub>	>99	48	32	5.9	0.5	1.4
No BQ	58	0	0.9	0	0	0
No <i>i</i> -PrOH	88	0	0.5	0	57	0
No <i>t</i> -BuOH	48	18	2.0	trace	trace	trace
No <i>t</i> -BuOH, but 28 equiv H <sub>2</sub> O	75	64	2.0	4.9	0.96	9.9
Replace H <sub>2</sub> O with 4A MS	>99	0	57	0	0	0

# Substrate Scope

Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield	Selectivity (1°OH : 2° OH) <sup>#</sup>	Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield	Selectivity (1°OH : 2° OH) <sup>#</sup>
1			61% (GC yield 65%) <sup>*</sup> 84% (GC yield 83%) <sup>‡</sup>	≥ 20:1	8			63% <sup>*</sup> 84% <sup>‡</sup>	≥ 20:1
2			42% <sup>†</sup>	≥ 20:1	9			83% <sup>‡</sup>	≥ 20:1
3			61% <sup>†</sup>	≥ 20:1	10			74% <sup>†</sup>	≥ 20:1
4			60% <sup>‡</sup>	≥ 20:1					
5			72% <sup>†</sup>	≥ 20:1	11			56% <sup>  ,§</sup> (2k:4k = 1:1.4) 54% <sup>  ,§</sup> (2k:4k = 1:1.9)	
6			75% <sup>‡</sup>	≥ 20:1	12			12% <sup>‡</sup> (2m) (2m:4m = 1:2.1) <sup>#</sup>	
7			72% <sup>†</sup>	≥ 20:1					Major Byproduct

<sup>\*</sup>Isolated yield and [C] (initial substrate concentration) = 0.25 M.

[C] = 0.067 M, and 1 equiv of BQ was employed.

<sup>†</sup>Isolated yield and [C] = 0.125 M.

<sup>‡</sup>Isolated yield, [C] = 0.067 M, and 1 equiv of BQ.

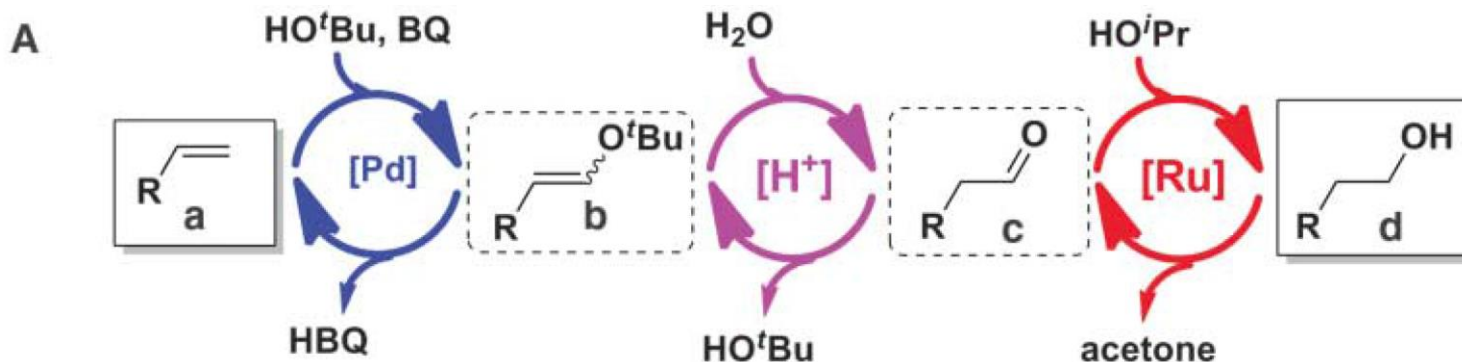
<sup>§</sup>Attempted purification through column chromatography; yield was determined via <sup>1</sup>H-NMR using mesitylene as the internal standard.

<sup>||</sup>*i*-PrOH:*t*-BuOH = 1:1, [C] = 0.067 M, and 1 equiv of BQ.

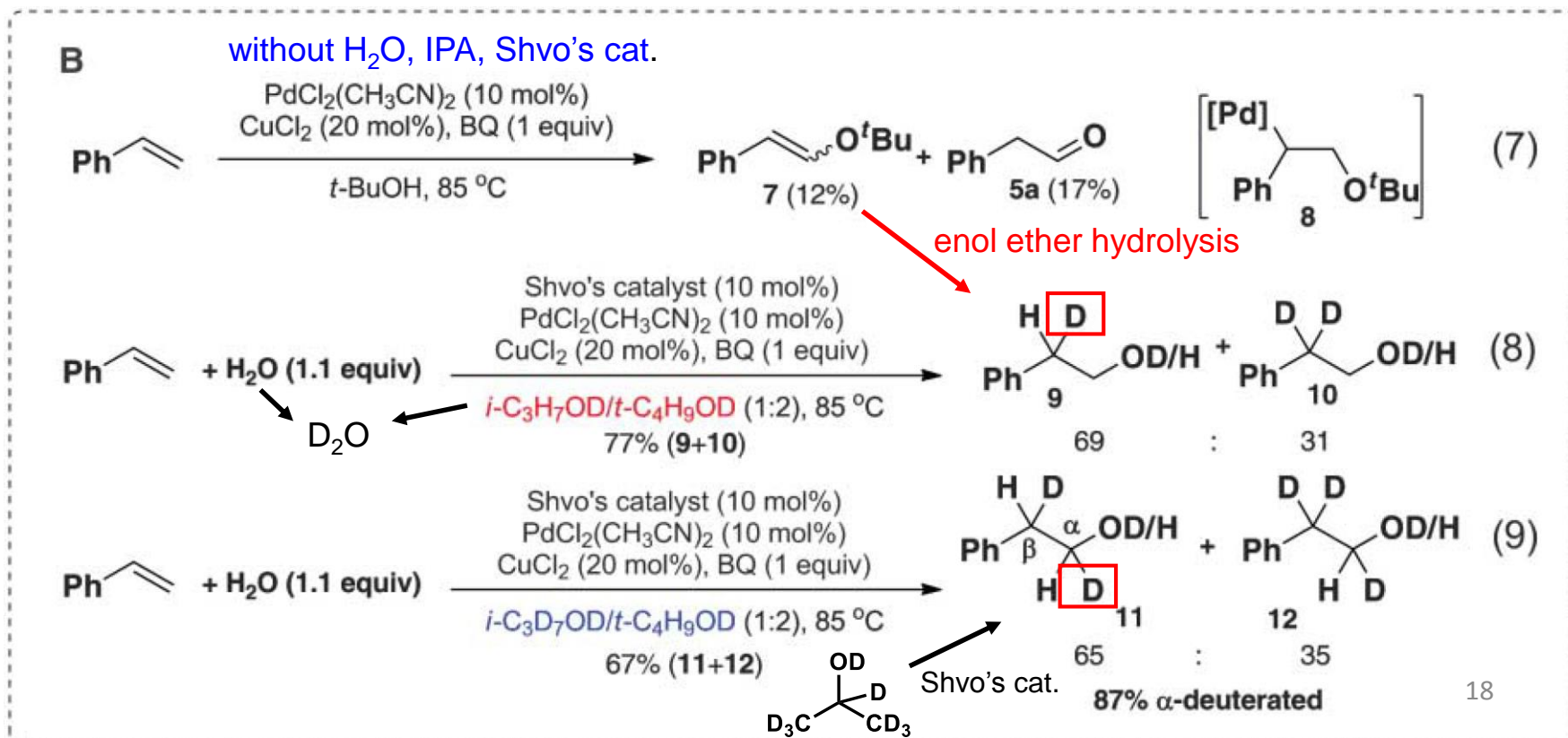
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# Triple Relay Catalysis System

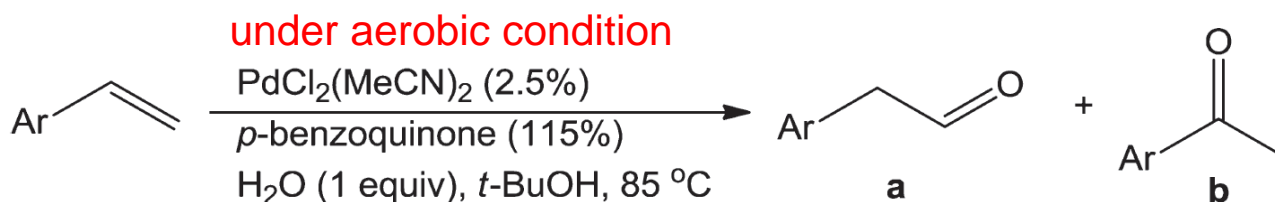
## Proposed Mechanism



## Initial Mechanistic Study



# Aldehyde Selective Wacker Oxidation



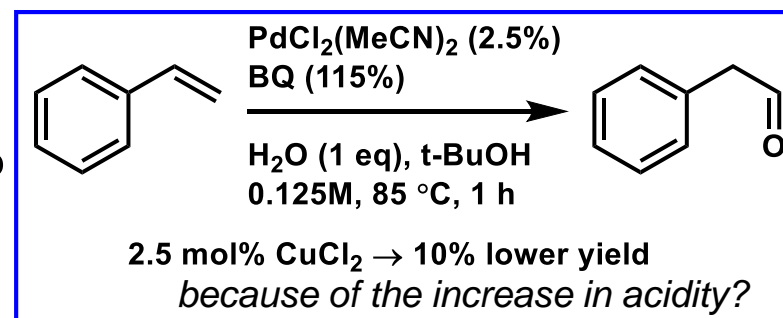
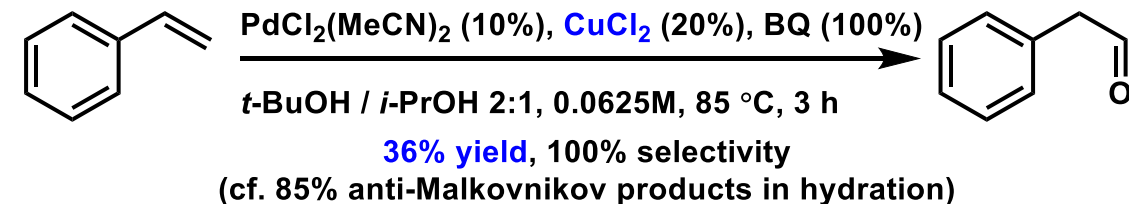
entry	substrate	aldehyde (a) yield <sup>b</sup>	selectivity <sup>c</sup>	entry	substrate	aldehyde (a) yield <sup>b</sup>	selectivity <sup>c</sup>
1		83 (90 <sup>d</sup> )	98 (97 <sup>d</sup> )	7		74	99
2		81	97	8		92	99
3		90	96	9		90	99
4		42	98	10		59	96
5		96	99	11		72	99
6		96	> 99				

<sup>a</sup> Reactions carried out with 2.5 mol % catalyst loading in 0.125 M solution for 60 min at 85 °C. <sup>b</sup> Isolated aldehyde (a) yield (%) (as 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone derivative (c)). <sup>c</sup> (c)/(c + d) (%). <sup>d</sup> GC yield and selectivity of aldehyde (a).



# Aldehyde Selective Wacker Oxidation

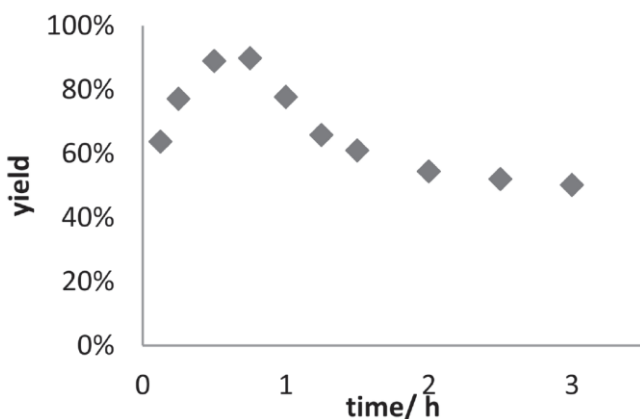
Previous condition without reductants



**Table 1.** Styrene Oxidation Control Experiments<sup>a</sup>

BQ/%	solvent	H <sub>2</sub> O/%	yield/%	selectivity/% <sup>b</sup>
115	<i>t</i> -BuOH	110	83	98
115	<i>i</i> -PrOH	110	40	74
0	<i>t</i> -BuOH	110	5	100
115	<i>t</i> -BuOH	0	38	95

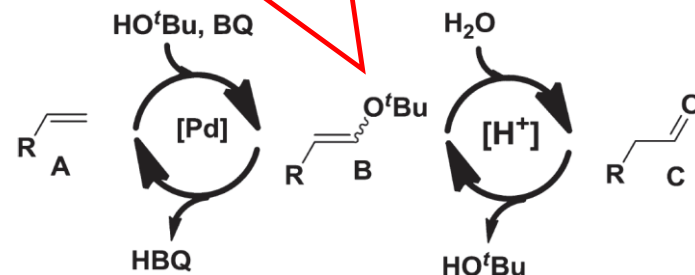
<sup>a</sup> Reactions carried out in 0.125 M solution (0.1 mmol) with 2.5 mol % catalyst loading at 85 °C. <sup>b</sup> Selectivity and yield determined by GC with tridecane as internal standard.



Product yield starts decreasing likely due to self-condensation.

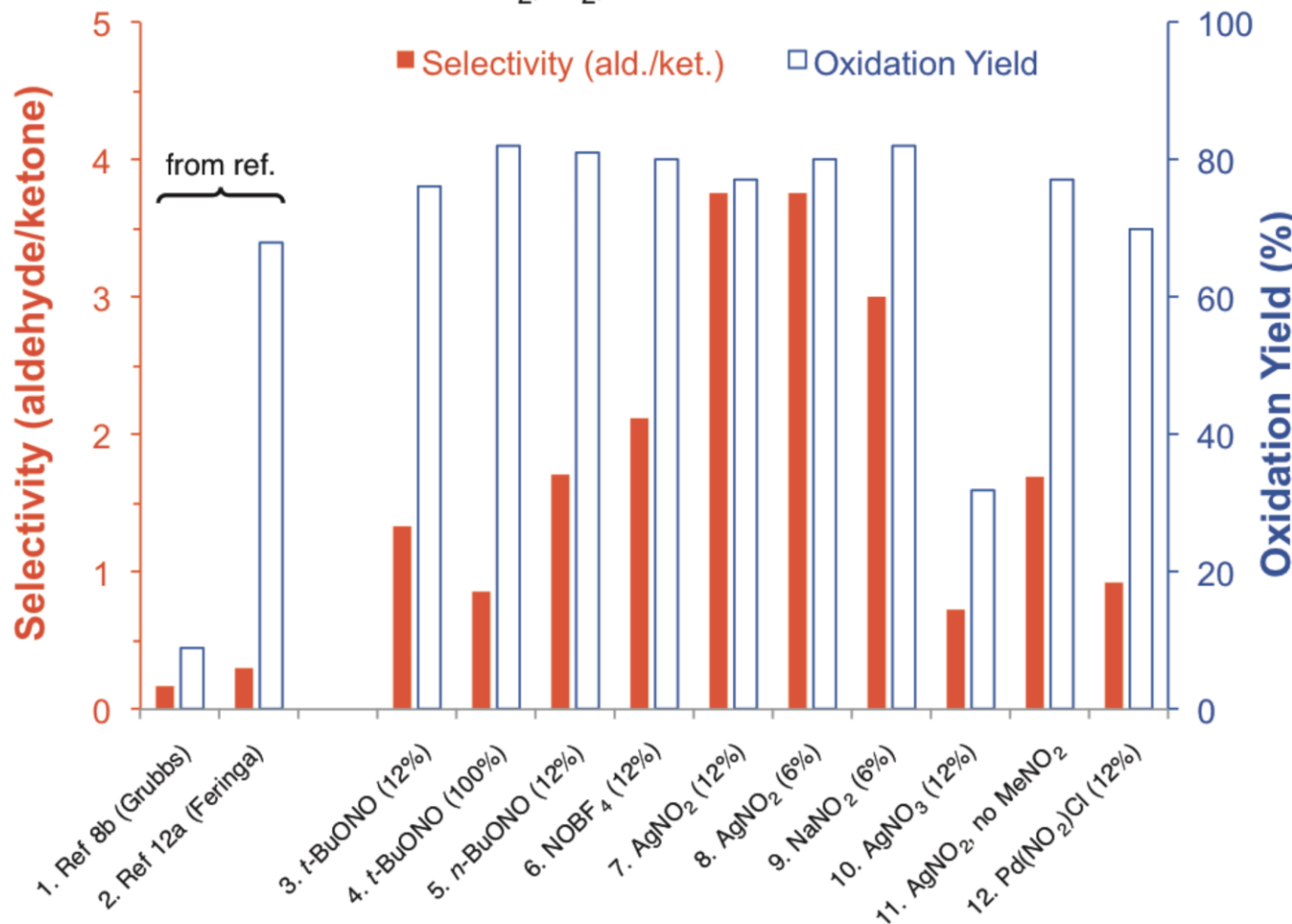
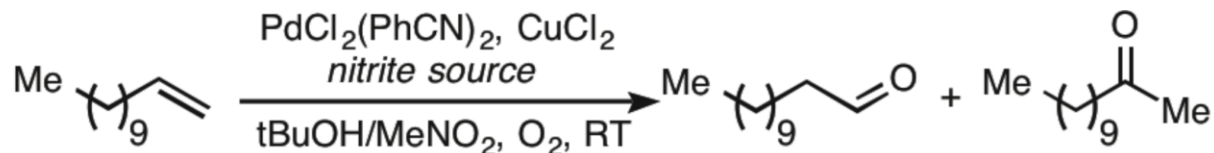
**Figure 1.** Aldehyde yield (%) as a function of reaction time (h) for styrene Wacker on 0.1 mmol scale.

The bulkiness of *t*-BuOH is important for aldehyde-selectivity.





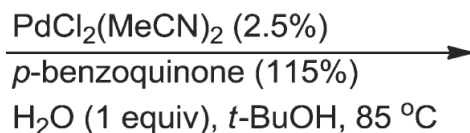
# Catalyst-Controlled Wacker-Type Oxidation



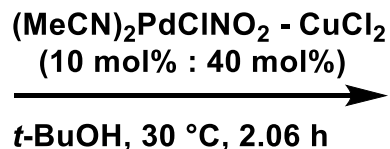
**Figure 1.** Catalyst optimization. Entries 3–12: 1-dodecene (0.2 mmol), [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PhCN)<sub>2</sub>] (12 mol%), and CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (12 mol%) were used. Entry 12: [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PhCN)<sub>2</sub>] was replaced by [PdNO<sub>2</sub>Cl(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>].

• Without *t*-BuOH (only MeNO<sub>2</sub>), no conversion was observed.

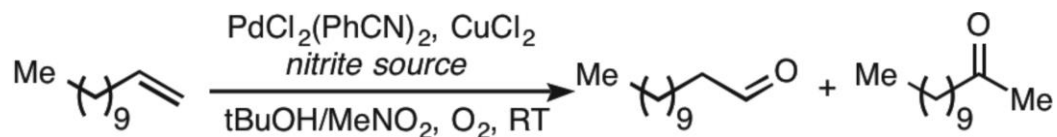
## • Entry 1



## • Entry 2



# Detailed Yield & Selectivity

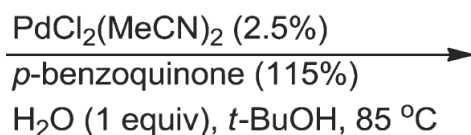


**Table S1. Nitrite sources**

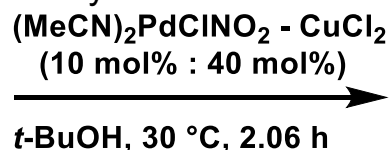
entry	Nitrite source	Overall yield (aldehyde yield)	aldehyde/ketone (% selectivity)
1	Ref 8b (Grubbs)	9 (<1)	.16 (14)
2	Ref 12a (Feringa)	68 (12)	.22 (18)
3	<i>tert</i> -BuONO	76 (43)	1.3 (57)
4	<i>tert</i> -BuONO <sup>a</sup>	82 (38)	.85 (46)
5	<i>n</i> -BuONO	81 (51)	1.7 (63)
6	NOBF <sub>4</sub>	80 (54)	2.1 (68)
7	AgNO <sub>2</sub>	77 (61)	3.8 (79)
8	AgNO <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	80 (63)	3.8 (79)
9	NaNO <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	82 (62)	3 (75)
10	AgNO <sub>3</sub>	32(13)	.72 (42)
11	AgNO <sub>2</sub> <sup>c</sup>	77 (49)	1.7 (63)
12	PdNO <sub>2</sub> Cl(MeCN) <sub>2</sub> <sup>d</sup>	70 (34)	.9 (48)

<sup>a</sup>1 equiv *tert*-BuONO used instead of 12%. <sup>b</sup>6% nitrite used <sup>c</sup>MeNO<sub>2</sub> was omitted and reaction run at 30 °C. <sup>d</sup>No PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PhCN)<sub>2</sub>

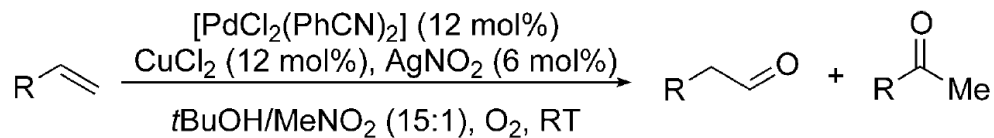
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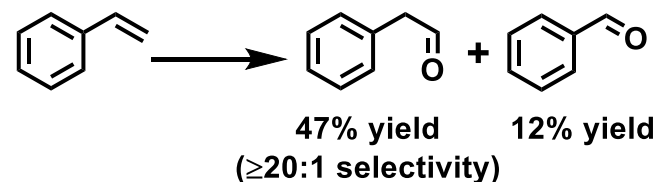
## • Substrate Scope



Entry	Substrate	Yield of oxidation (aldehyde) <sup>[b]</sup> [%]	Sel. <sup>[c]</sup> [%]
1		80 (63) <sup>[d]</sup>	79
2		74 (61)	79
3		78 (70)	89
4		72 (59)	79
5		68 (51) <sup>[e]</sup>	67
6		77 (65)	82
7		70 (59)	81
8		80 (45)	57
9		75 (60) <sup>[e]</sup>	80
10		77 (69)	89
11		71 (64) <sup>[e]</sup>	90

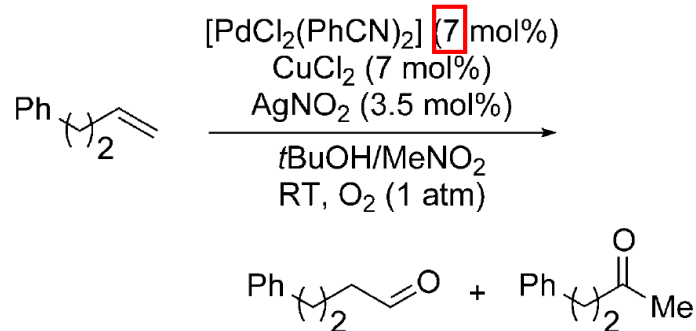
[a] Alkene (0.5 mmol) treated with [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PhCN)<sub>2</sub>] (12 mol%), CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (12 mol%), and AgNO<sub>2</sub> (6 mol%) in *t*BuOH/MeNO<sub>2</sub> (15:1, 8 mL) under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1 atm) at 20–25 °C. [b] Yield of isolated aldehyde. Overall yield (of oxidation) calculated using selectivity. [c] Selectivity determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. [d] Yield and selectivity both determined by GC analysis. [e] Yield determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

With styrene...



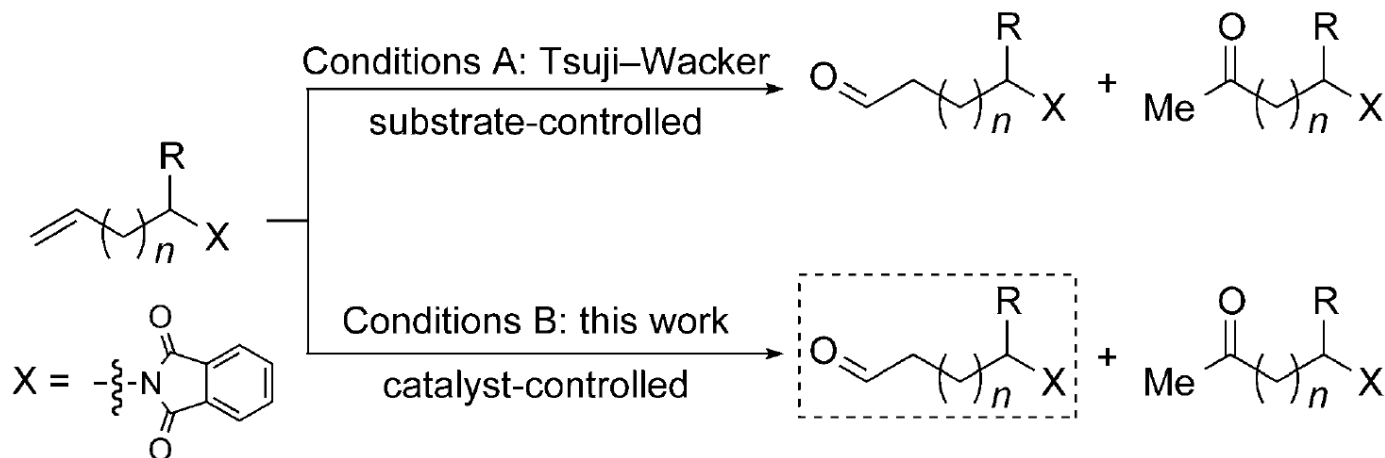
Intermolecular Markovnikov Attack  
+  
Hydrolysis

• Aldehyde-Selective Wacker Oxidation on a 10 mmol Scale with Reduced Catalyst Loading



71% overall yield  
85% aldehyde selectivity  
gram scale (10 mmol)

# Comparison of Innate Selectivity



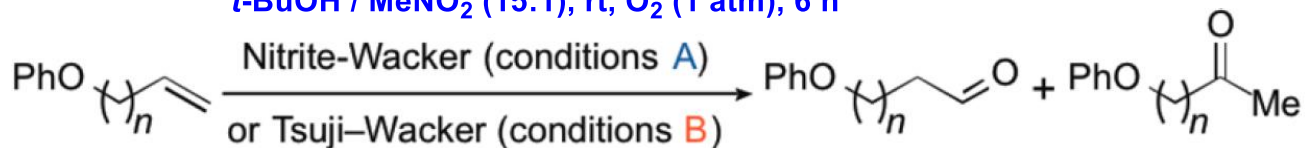
Substrate	Conditions A selectivity	Conditions B selectivity (yield)
$n = 0, R = \text{Me}$	<b>99:1</b>	<b>99:1</b> (79)
$n = 0, R = \text{H}$	<b>60:40</b>	<b>98:2</b> (75)
$n = 1, R = \text{H}$	<b>15:85</b>	<b>90:10</b> (77)

without assistance from a Thorpe-Ingold effect

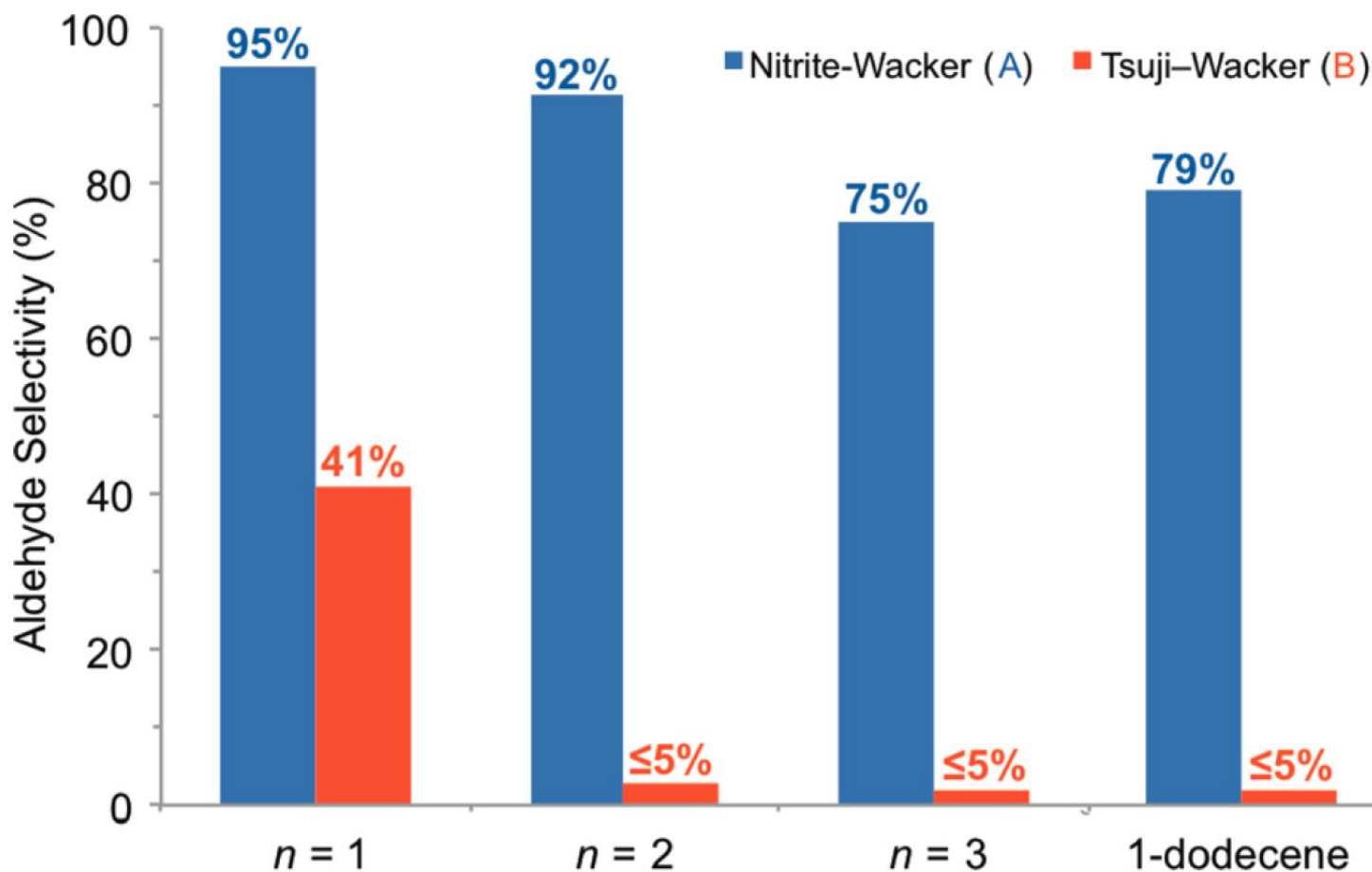
**Scheme 3.** Comparison of innate selectivity (conditions A) to catalyst-controlled selectivity (conditions B). Conditions A: (Ref. [4b])  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (10–30 mol%),  $\text{CuCl}$  (1 equiv),  $\text{DMF}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (7:1), RT,  $\text{O}_2$  (1 atm). Conditions B: alkene (0.5 mmol),  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PhCN})_2]$  (12 mol%),  $\text{CuCl}_2$  (12 mol%),  $\text{AgNO}_2$  (6 mol%),  $t\text{BuOH}/\text{MeNO}_2$  (15:1), RT,  $\text{O}_2$  (1 atm). Aldehyde yield determined after purification. Selectivity determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis prior to purification.

# Influence of PhO-Proximity

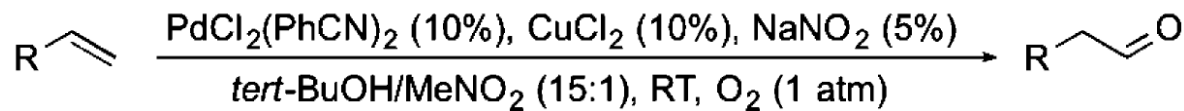
$\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PhCN})_2$  (12 mol%),  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (12 mol%),  $\text{AgNO}_2$  (6 mol%)  
 $t\text{-BuOH} / \text{MeNO}_2$  (15:1), rt,  $\text{O}_2$  (1 atm), 6 h



$\text{PdCl}_2$  (10 mol%),  $\text{CuCl}$  (1 eq)  
 $\text{DMF} / \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (7:1), rt,  $\text{O}_2$  (1 atm), 24 h



# Influence of Oxygen Functionality

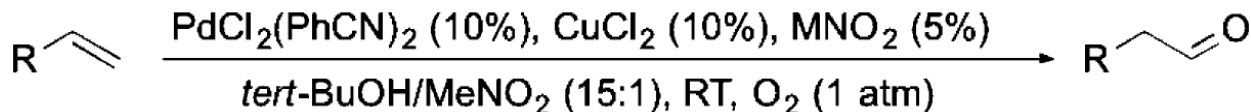


Entry	Substrate	Oxidation Yield (Aldehyde Yield) <sup>b</sup>	Selectivity <sup>c</sup>	Innate Selectivity (Tsuji-Wacker) <sup>d</sup>
1		76%	aldehyde / ketone 90:10	4:96
2		76%	90:10	20:80
3		71% <sup>e</sup>	92:8	9:91
4		88%	91:9	3:97
5		85%	94:6	7:93
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6 <sup>f</sup>		75% <sup>e</sup>	94:6	64:46
7		82%	96:4	41:59
8		64% <sup>e</sup>	92:8	86:14

<sup>a</sup>0.5 mmol of alkene (0.0625 M), 5 h. <sup>b</sup>Yield of isolated aldehyde product. <sup>c</sup>Selectivity (aldehyde/ketone) obtained by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture. <sup>d</sup>Reaction conditions:<sup>1b</sup> 0.1 mmol of alkene, PdCl<sub>2</sub> (10 mol %), CuCl (1 equiv), DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (7:1, 0.125M), rt (20–25 °C), run to ≥95% conversion. <sup>e</sup>Yield determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture. <sup>f</sup>AgNO<sub>2</sub> used in place of NaNO<sub>2</sub>.

*Catalyst-Controlled Regioselectivity*

# Influence of Steric Profile



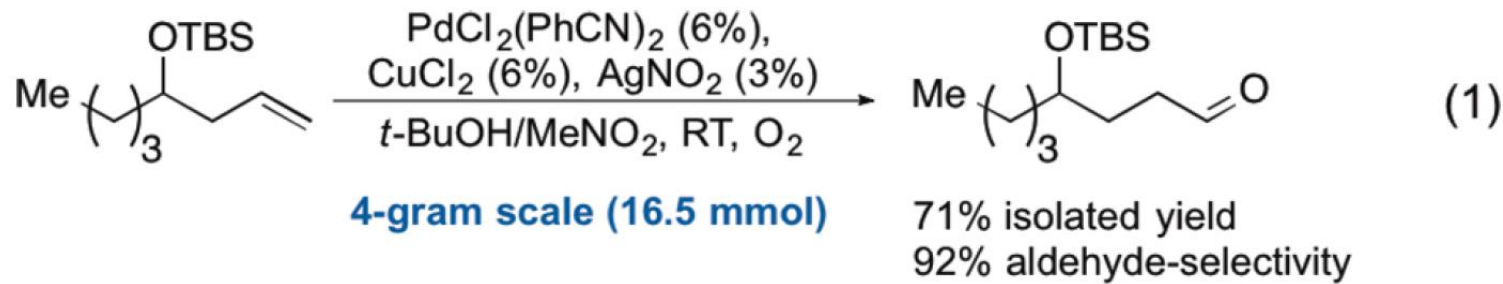
Entry	Substrate	Nitrite Source	Aldehyde Yield <sup>b</sup>	Selectivity <sup>c</sup>	Innate Selectivity (Tsuji–Wacker) <sup>d</sup>
1		NaNO <sub>2</sub>	80%	93:7	7:93
2		NaNO <sub>2</sub>	74%	94:6	20:80
3		NaNO <sub>2</sub>	51% <sup>e</sup>	93:7	9:91
4		AgNO <sub>2</sub>	77% <sup>f</sup>	90:10	–
5		NaNO <sub>2</sub>	37% <sup>e</sup>	5 h 95:5	8:92
6 <sup>g</sup>		NaNO <sub>2</sub>	75% <sup>e</sup>	24 h 88:12	–
7 <sup>g</sup>		AgNO <sub>2</sub>	77%	24 h 95:5	–
8		NaNO <sub>2</sub>	38% <sup>e</sup>	5 h 66:34	10:90
9 <sup>g</sup>		AgNO <sub>2</sub>	65%	24 h 75:25	–

<sup>a</sup>0.5 mmol of alkene (0.0625 M), 5 h. <sup>b</sup>Yield of isolated aldehyde product. <sup>c</sup>Selectivity (aldehyde/ketone) obtained by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture. <sup>d</sup>0.1 mmol of alkene, PdCl<sub>2</sub> (10 mol %), CuCl (1 equiv), DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (7:1, 0.125 M), rt (20–25 °C), run to ≥95% conversion (24 h). Selectivity determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>e</sup>Yield determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>f</sup>Isolated as an inseparable mixture of aldehyde and ketone. <sup>g</sup>24 h reaction time



# Applicability of Nitrate-Modified Wacker Oxidation

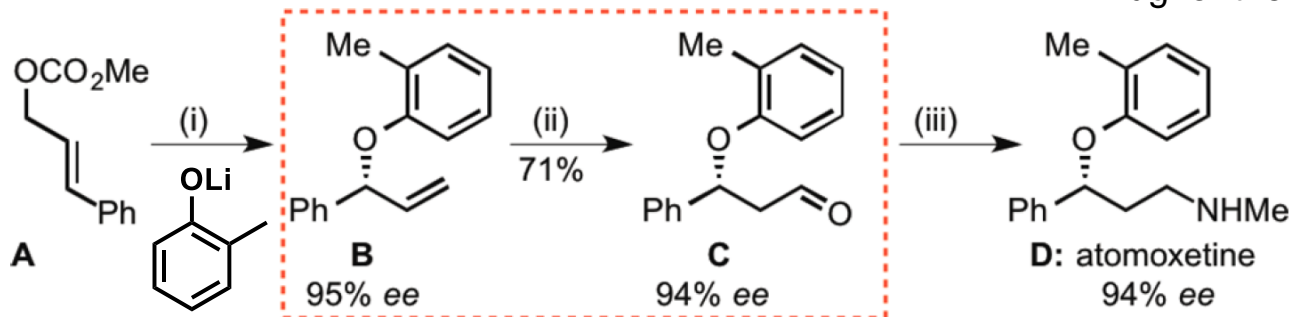
- On a Larger Scale



- Synthesis of Atomoxetine

Retention of Stereochemical Information

Drug for the treatment of ADHD



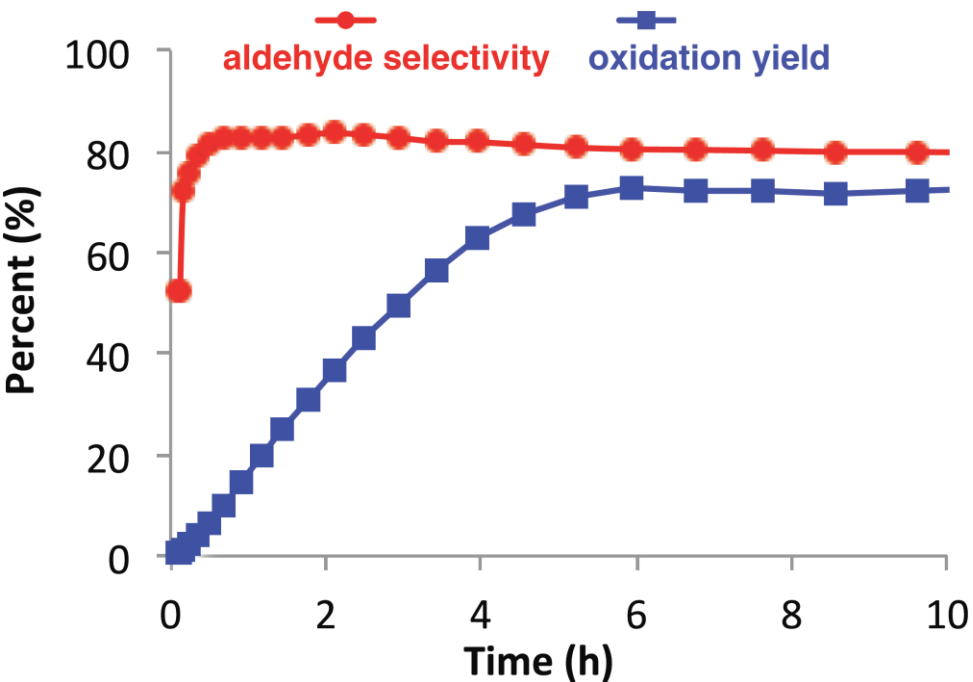
<sup>a</sup>(i) [Ir(COD)Cl]<sub>2</sub> (1 mol %), (*R,R,R*)-(3,5-dioxa-4-phospha-cyclohepta[2,1-a;3,4-a']dinaphthalen-4-yl)bis(1-phenylethyl)amine (2 mol %), THF, 50 °C, 16 h; (ii) PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PhCN)<sub>2</sub> (10%), CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (10%), AgNO<sub>2</sub> (5%), *t*-BuOH/MeNO<sub>2</sub> (15:1), O<sub>2</sub> (1 atm), rt, 5 h; (iii) NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 equiv), MeNH<sub>3</sub>Cl (excess), rt, 24 h.

about Ir catalyst, see John F. Hartwig *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 3426.



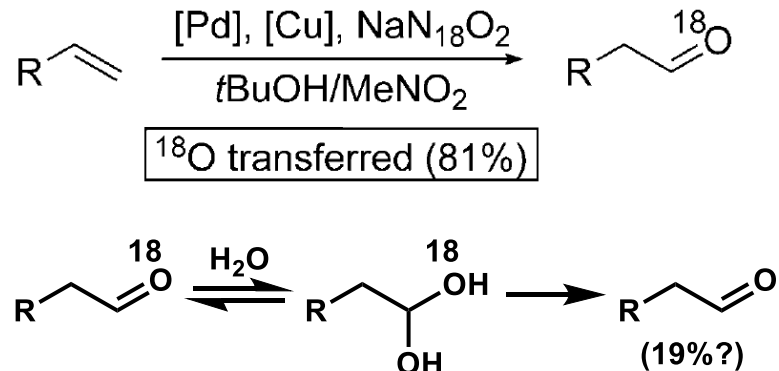
# Preliminary Mechanistic Insight

**Figure 2.** Reaction profile of nitrite-modified Wacker oxidation to assess stability of aldehyde-selective catalytically active species.

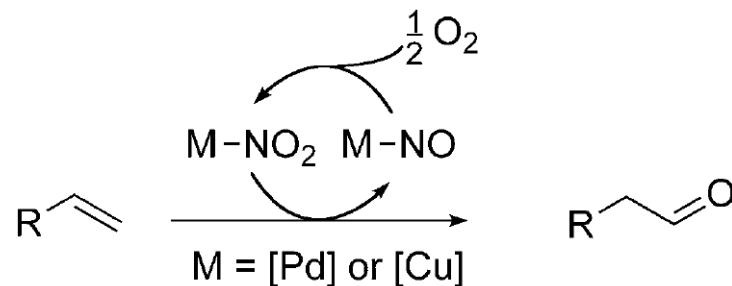


- ✓ Brief induction period
- ✓ The same catalytic species remains active.

## Stoichiometric $^{18}\text{O}$ -Labeling Experiment

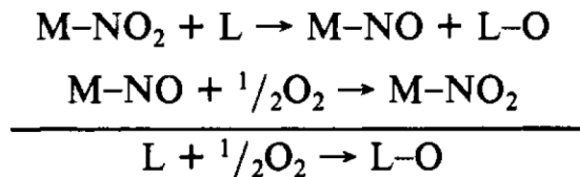


## Plausible Mode of Oxygen Transfer

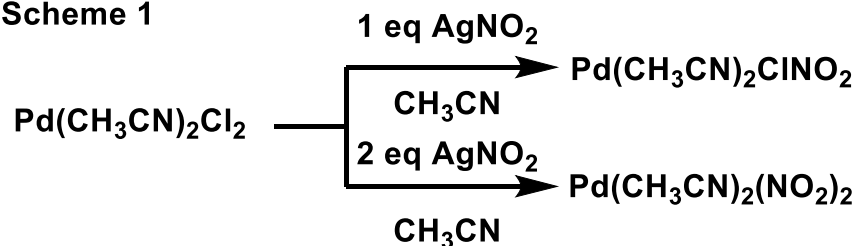


# Oxidation of Olefins with Nitro-Nitrosyl Redox Couple

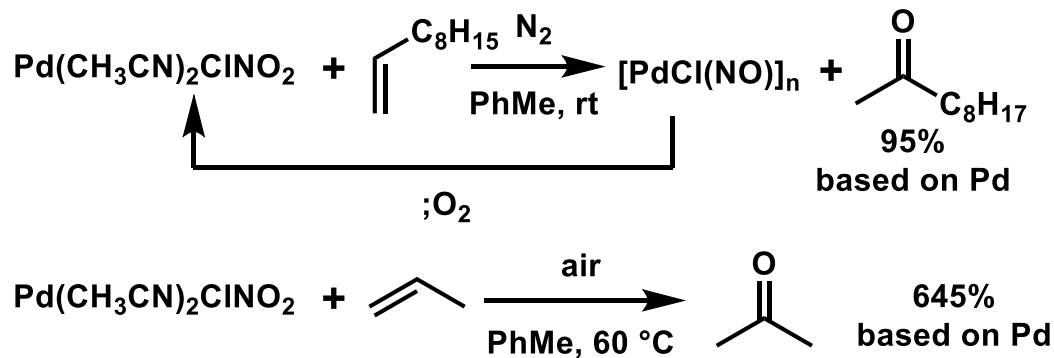
- Transition-Metal Nitro-Nitrosyl Redox Coupling



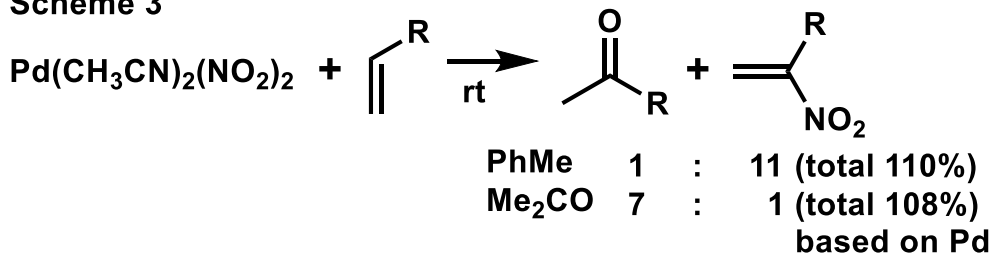
Scheme 1



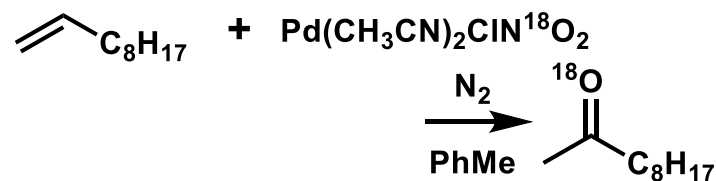
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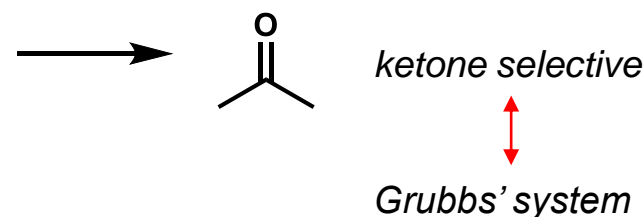
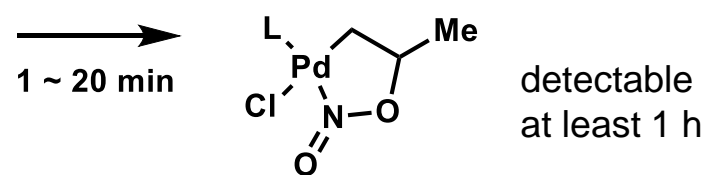
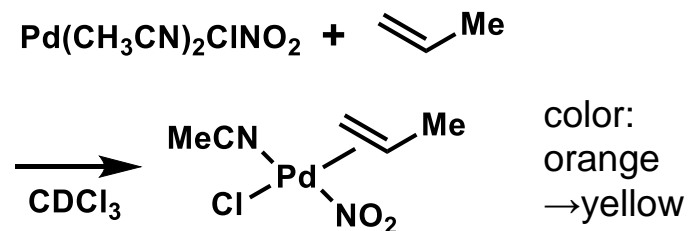
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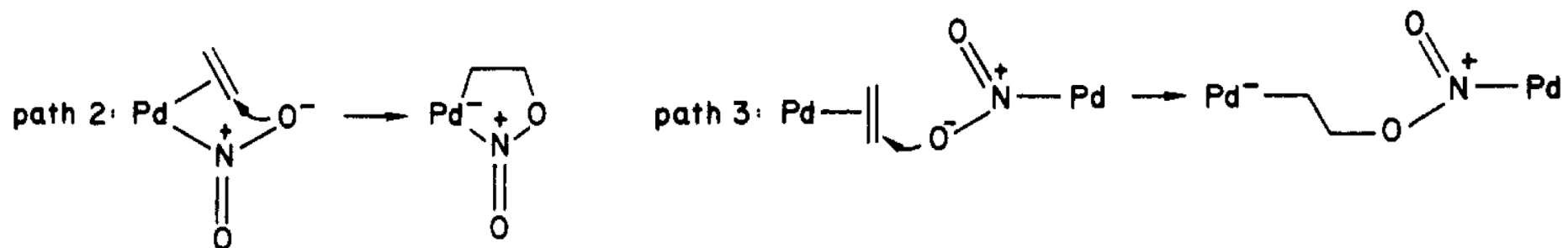
## <sup>18</sup>O-Labeling Experiment



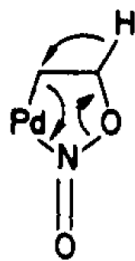
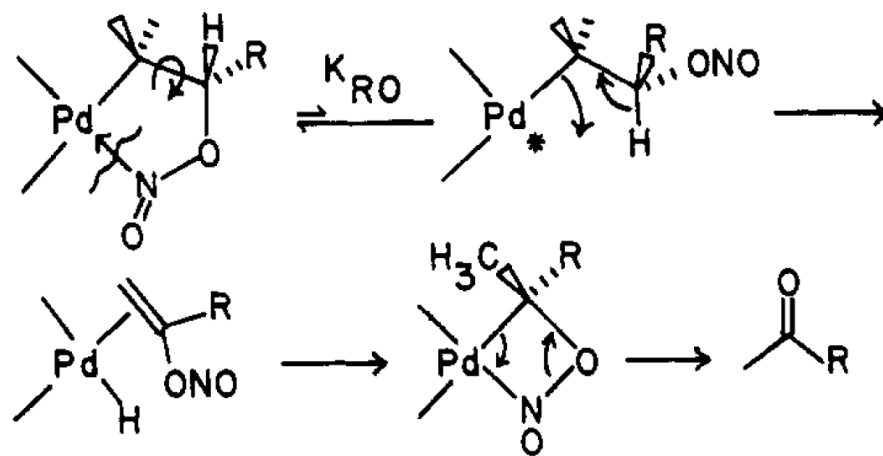
IR & NMR showed...



# Metal Nitro Complexes as Catalysts



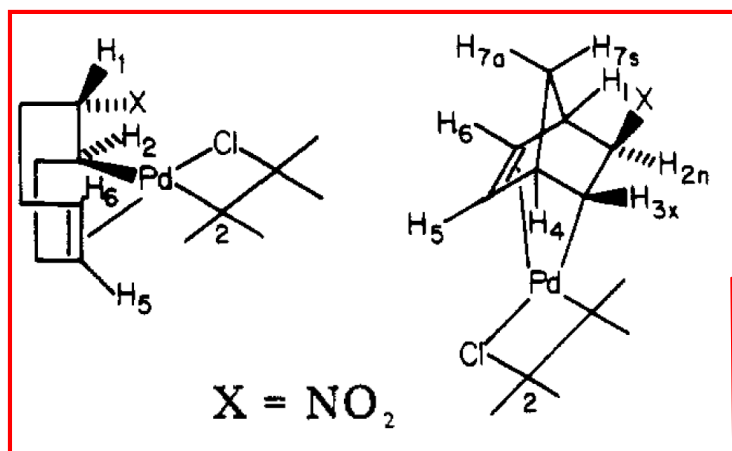
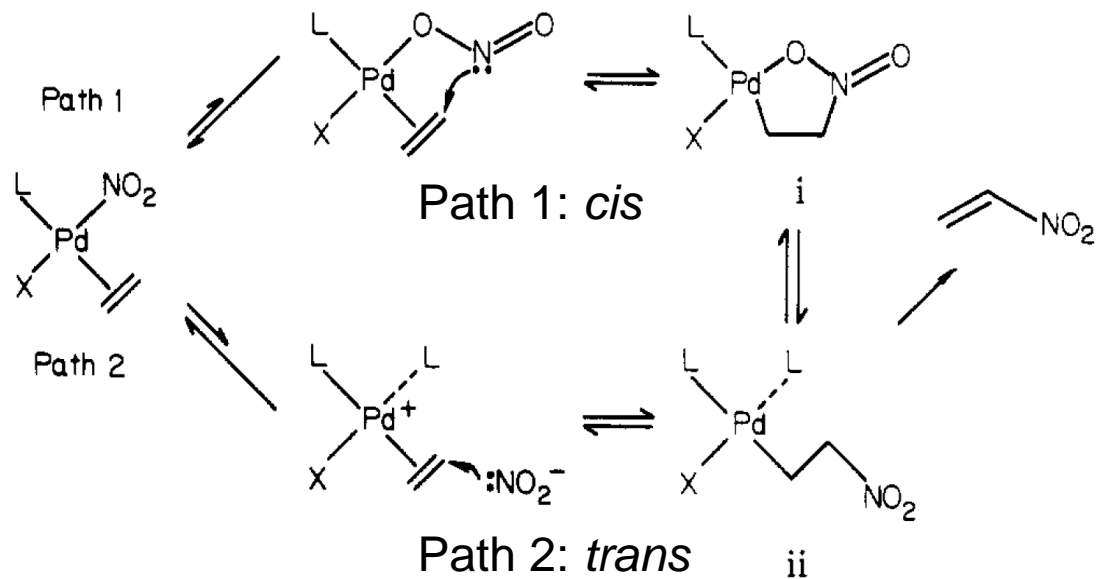
Scheme II. Proposed Mechanism for Ketone Formation



*"we believe far less likely"*

# Nitration of Alkenes by Palladium Nitro Complexes

**Scheme I. Possible Mechanisms for Alkene Nitration by  $\text{Pd}(\text{RCN})_2\text{XNO}_2$   $\text{X} = \text{NO}_2$**

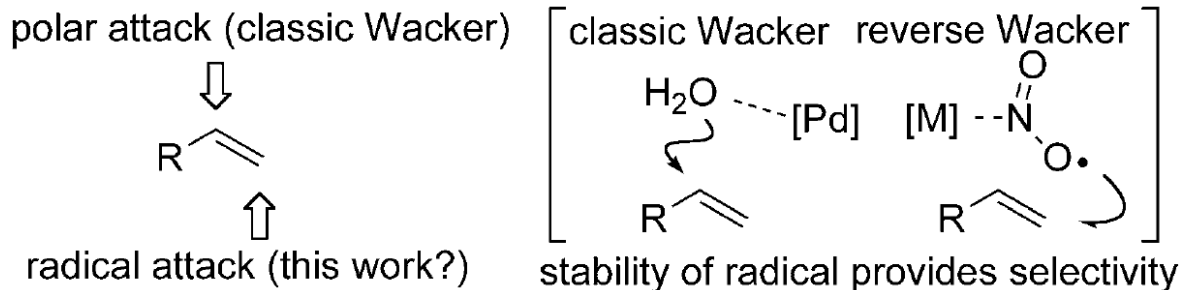


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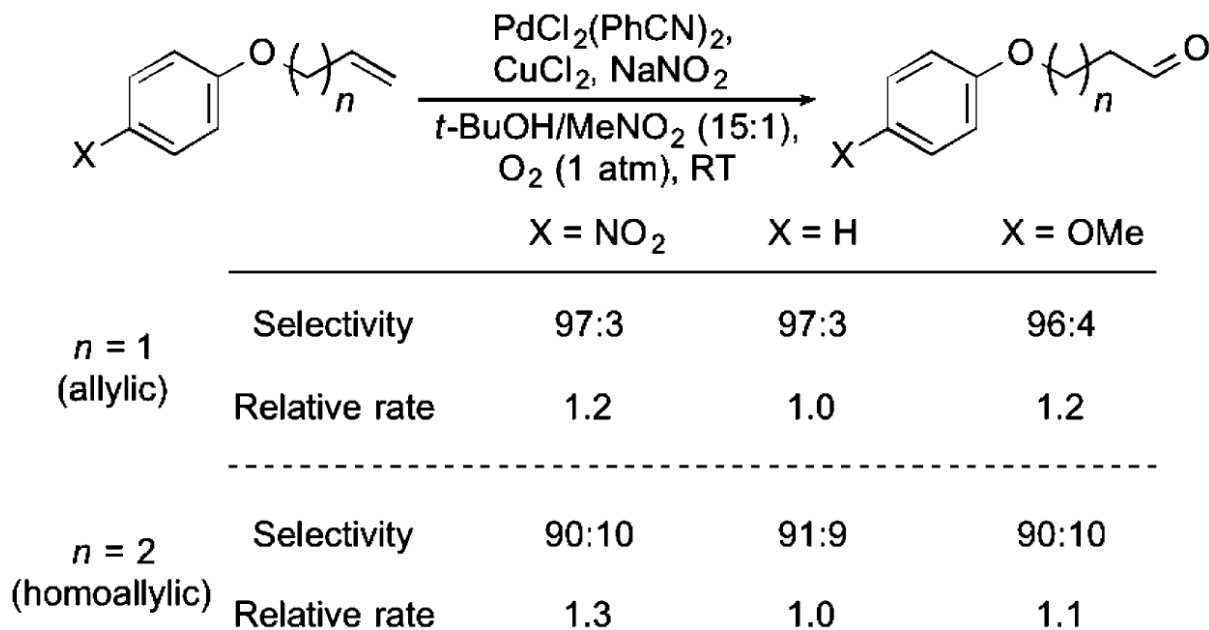
# Preliminary Mechanistic Insight

- Radical Model to Explain Anti-Markovnikov Selectivity



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- Influence of Electronic Properties

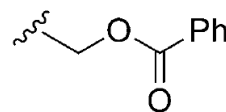
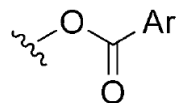
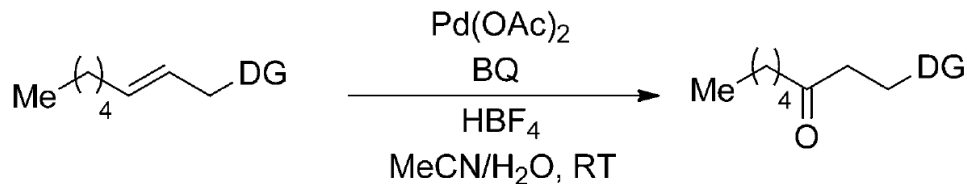


electron-deficient ←

# Compared with Cationic Transition State

## • Intermolecular Competition Experiments

a)



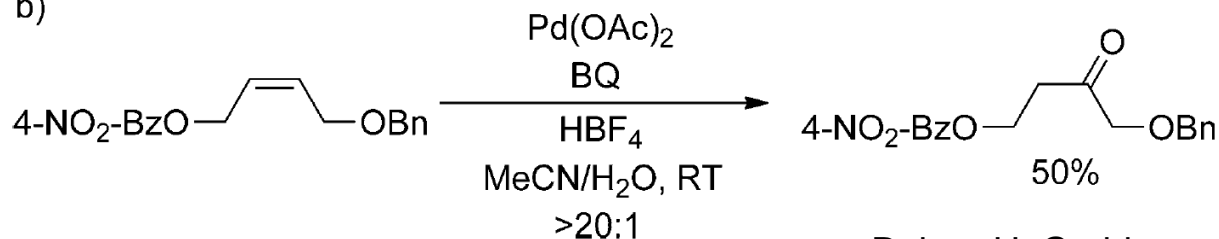
DG	4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	OBn	
<u>Relative rate:</u>	0.5	< 1	< 1.2	< 3.5	7.7
<u>Selectivity:</u>	28:1	> 20:1	> 16:1	> 9:1	10:1
<u>Yield:</u>	76%	80%	74%	71%	83%

electron-deficient ←



## • Intramolecular Competition Experiments

b)



# Preliminary Mechanistic Insight

✓ Is  $\text{NO}_2$  generated?

in a **sealed** vessel (air)

$\text{NO}_2$  (gas) flies away?

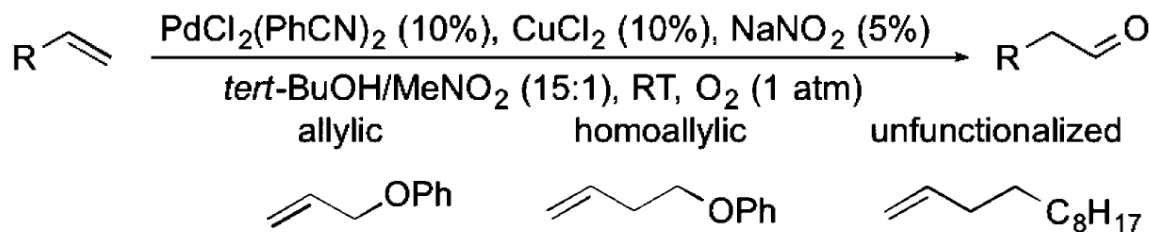
When the reaction is run in an **unsealed** vessel, **significantly lower** yield and selectivity is observed.

✓ What mediates  $\text{NO}_2$  delivery?

Stoichiometric reaction of  $\text{CuCl}_2$  and  $\text{AgNO}_2$  with an alkene (**without Pd**) gave **no conversion of alkene**.

➡ Pd may mediate  $\text{NO}_2$  delivery.

## • One-pot Intermolecular Competition Experiments



Relative rate:

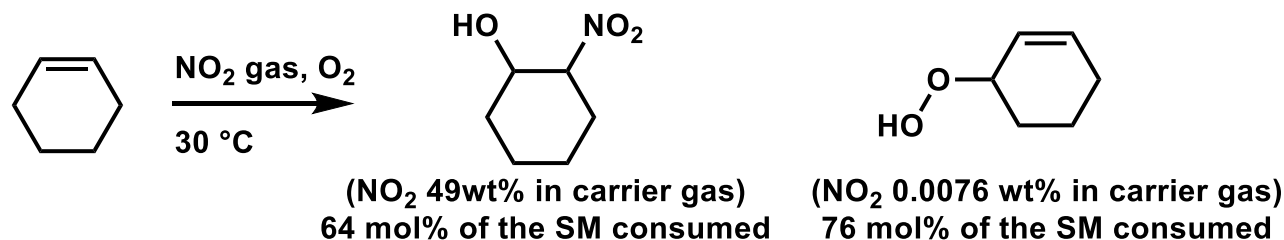
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**2.8**

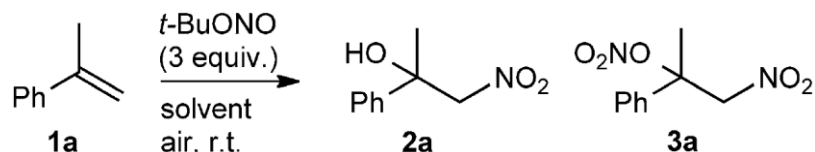
**1.0**

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✓ Without metal...



# cf. Plausible Mechanism of Radical Nitration



[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), *t*-BuONO (1.2 mmol) and in solvent (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm).

[b] Isolated yield.

[c] Conversion was determined by GC analysis with dodecane as an internal standard.

[d] 2-Methoxy-1-nitro-2-phenylpropane was obtained instead of **3a**.

[e] 3 equivalents of water (21.6  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were added.

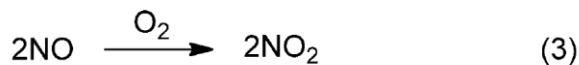
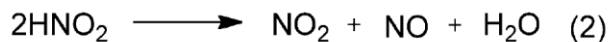
[f] A solution of *t*-BuONO (1.2 mmol) in hexane (2.5 mL) was added to a solution of **1a** (0.4 mmol) in hexane (2.5 mL)- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5 mL) over 1 h and the mixture was further stirred for 2 h.

[g] *i*-AmONO was employed instead of *t*-BuONO.

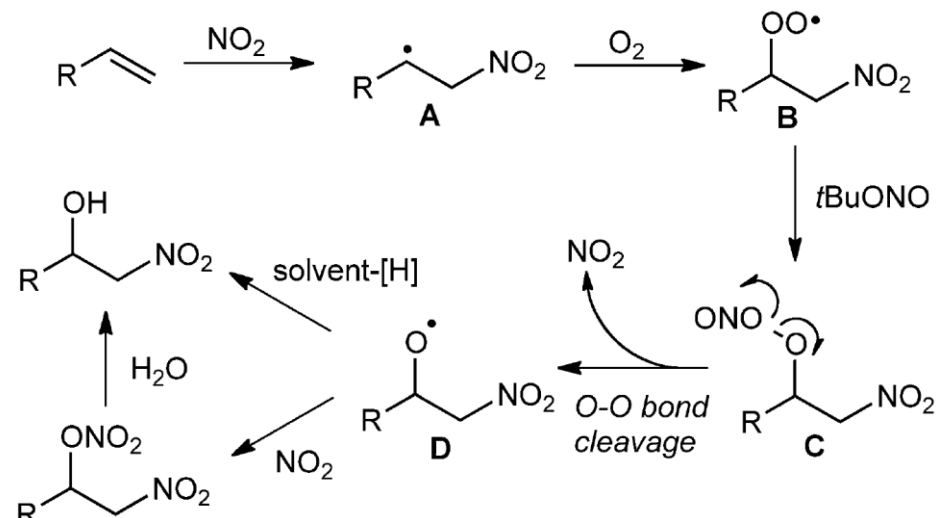
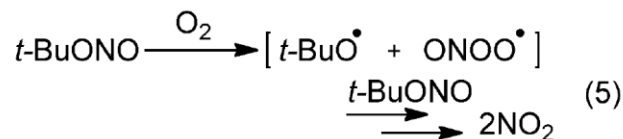
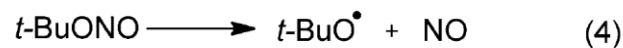
[h] Under  $\text{O}_2$  atmosphere (1 atm).

Entry	Solvent	Time [h]	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>		Conversion [%] <sup>[c]</sup>
			<b>2a</b>	<b>3a</b>	
1	toluene	120	32	20	93
2	MeOH	48	51	9 <sup>[d]</sup>	> 99
3	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	2.5	45	–	> 99
4	toluene- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1)	3	48	28	94
5	THF- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1)	3	60	–	95
6	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1)	2	40	31	95
7	EtOAc- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1)	2	41	19	93
8	hexane- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1)	3	74	–	> 99
9 <sup>[e]</sup>	hexane	6	26	32	96
10 <sup>[f]</sup>	hexane- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1)	3	71	–	> 99
11 <sup>[g]</sup>	hexane- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1)	17	56	–	> 99
12 <sup>[h]</sup>	hexane- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1)	1.5	54	–	97

## In the presence of water (major path)

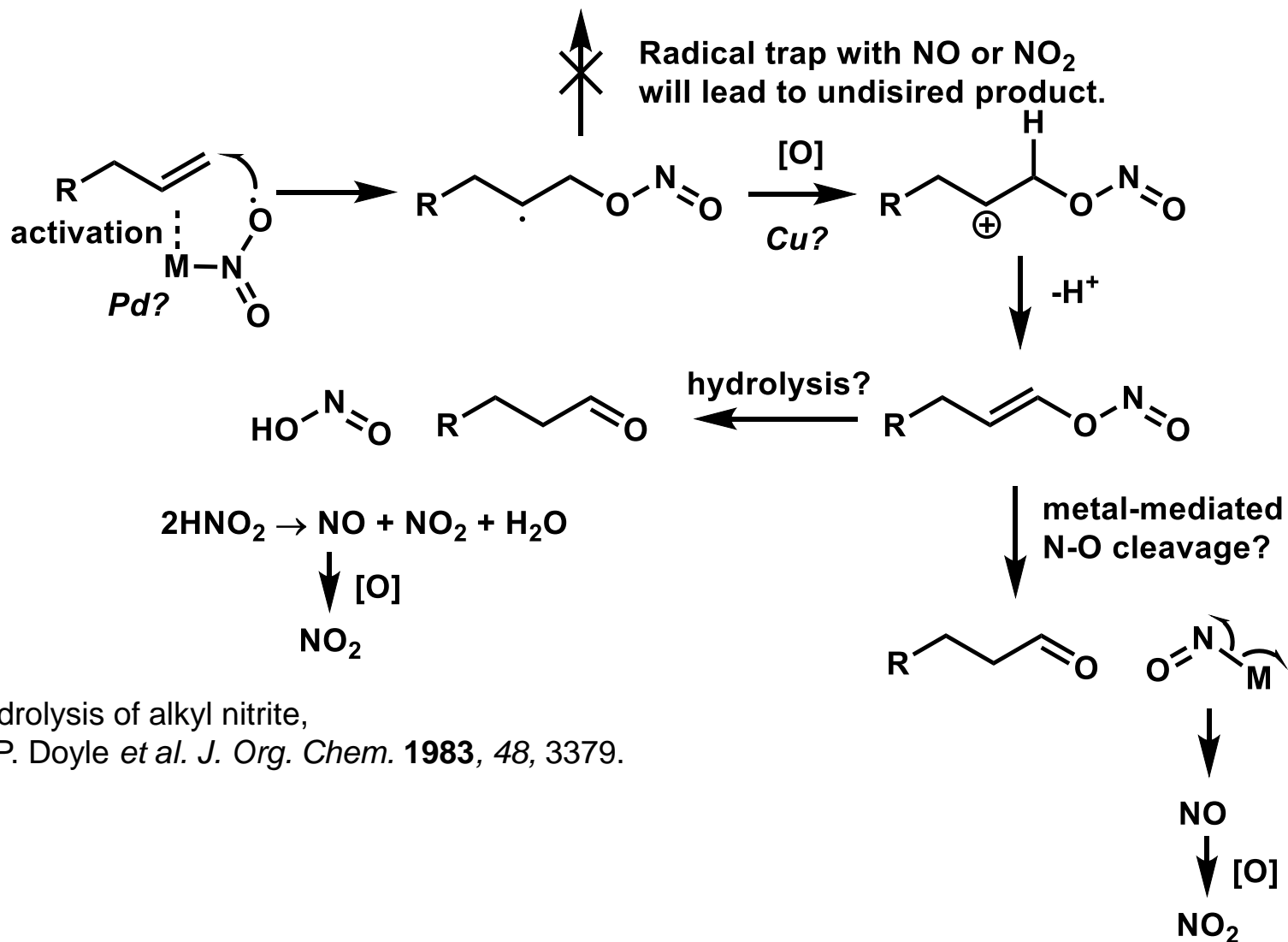


## In the absence of water (minor path)





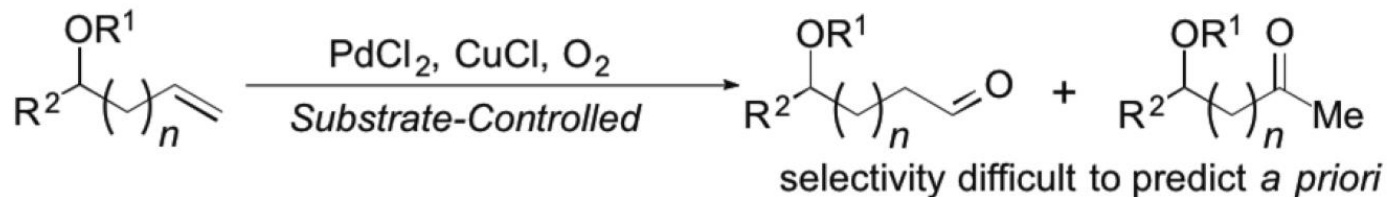
# Mechanism?



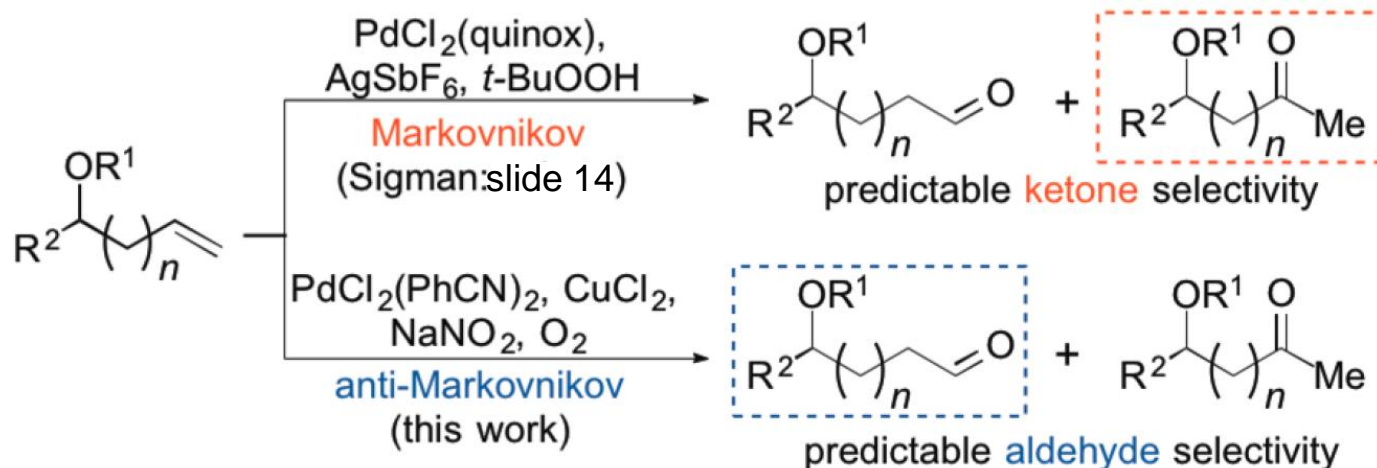
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# Summary

## A. Traditional Tsuji–Wacker Oxidation

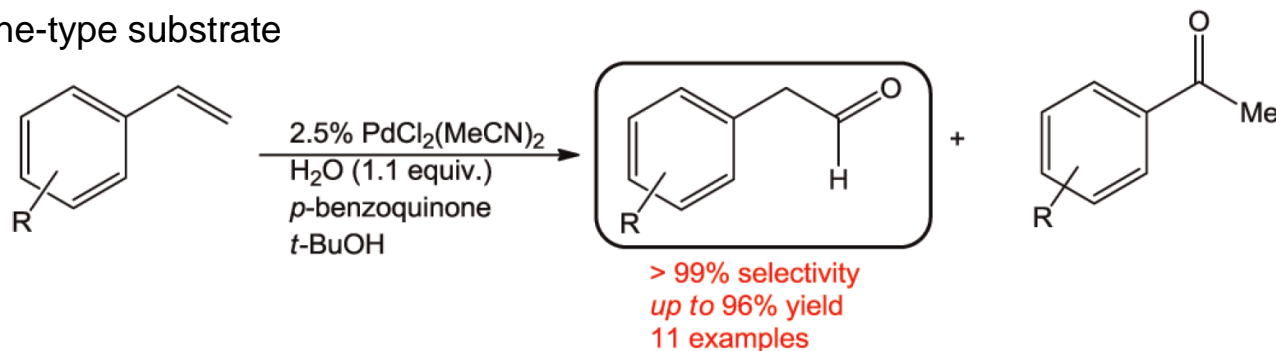


## B. Catalyst-Controlled Wacker-Type Oxidations



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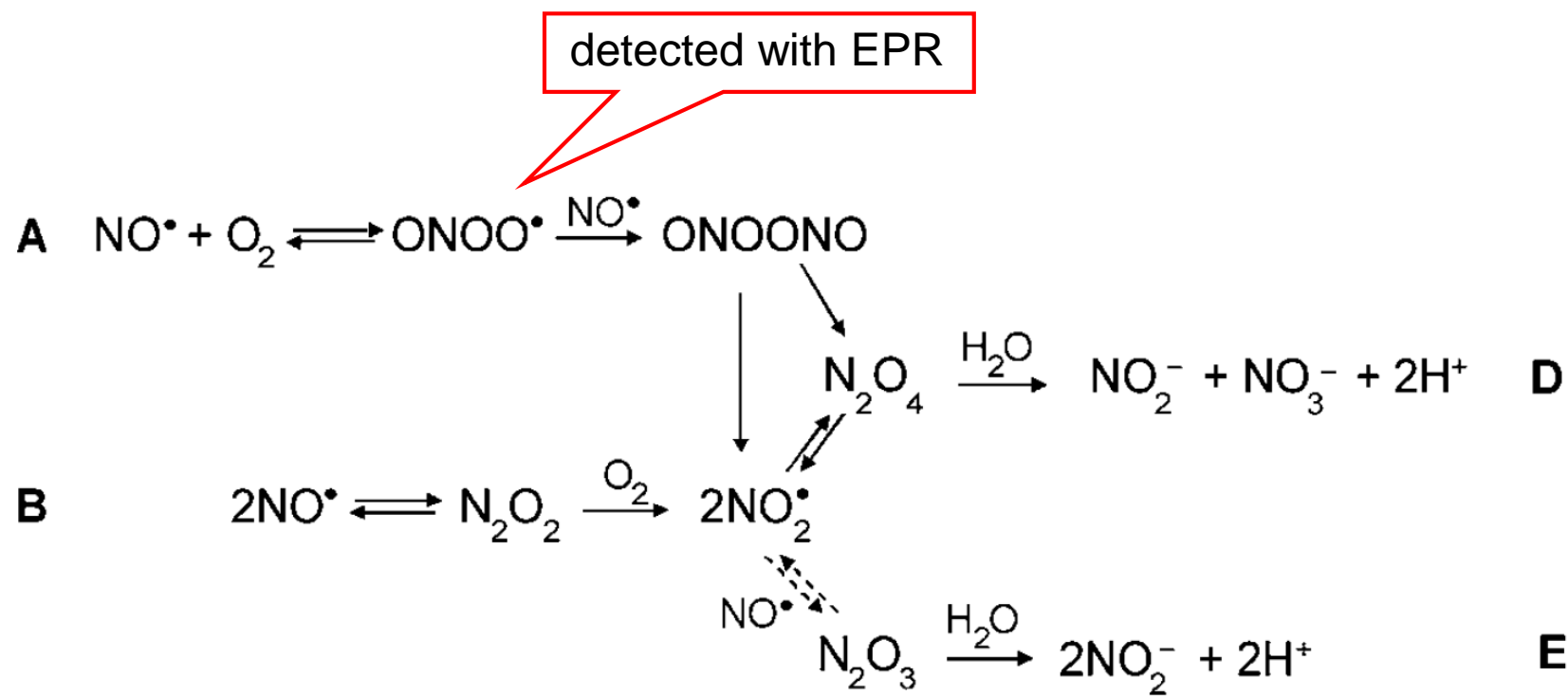
Styrene-type substrate



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# Appendix

# Intermediates in the Autoxidation of Nitrogen Monoxide



# cf. Nitration of Olefins with $\text{AgNO}_2$ and TEMPO

## Scheme 8. Proposed Mechanism for Nitration of Olefins

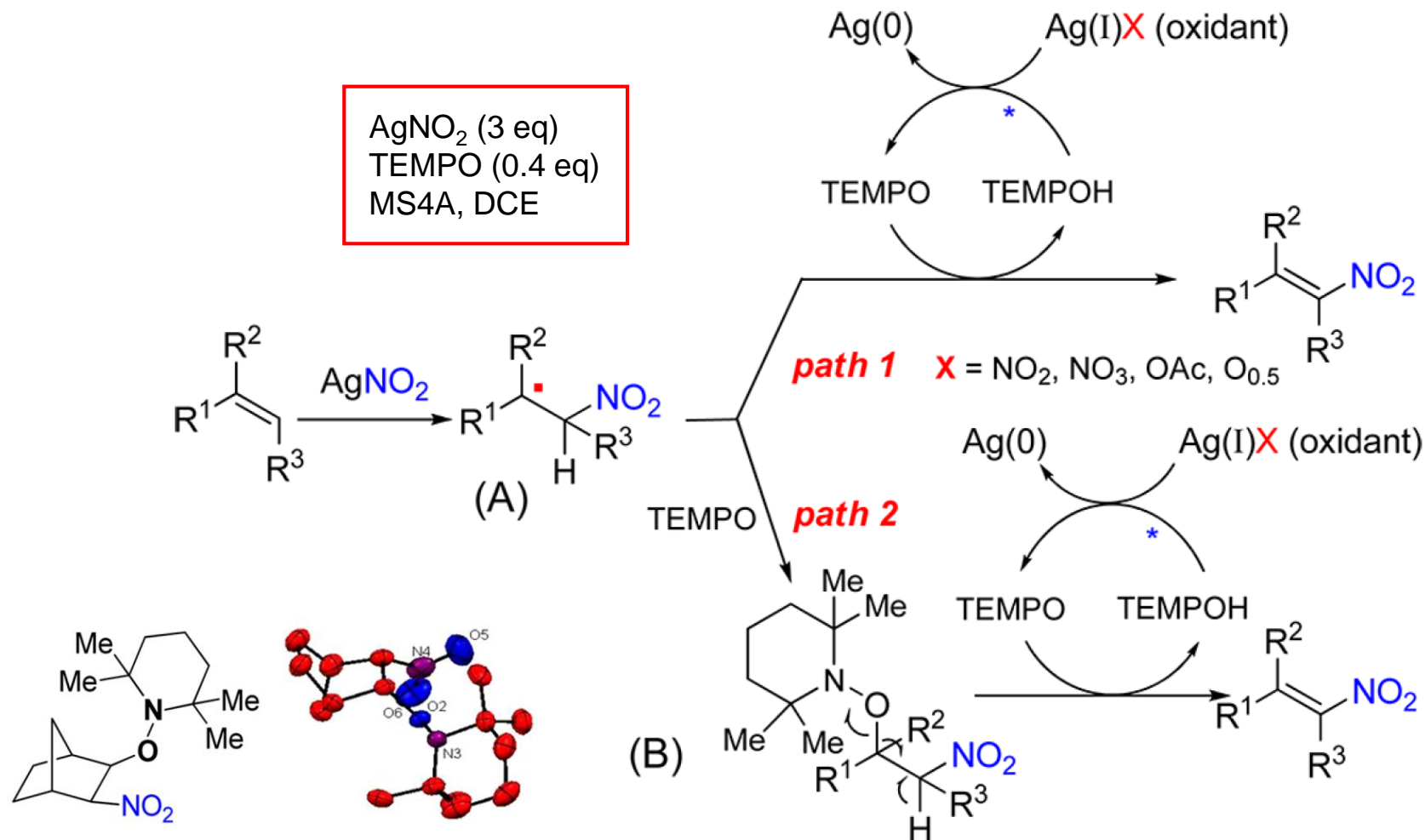
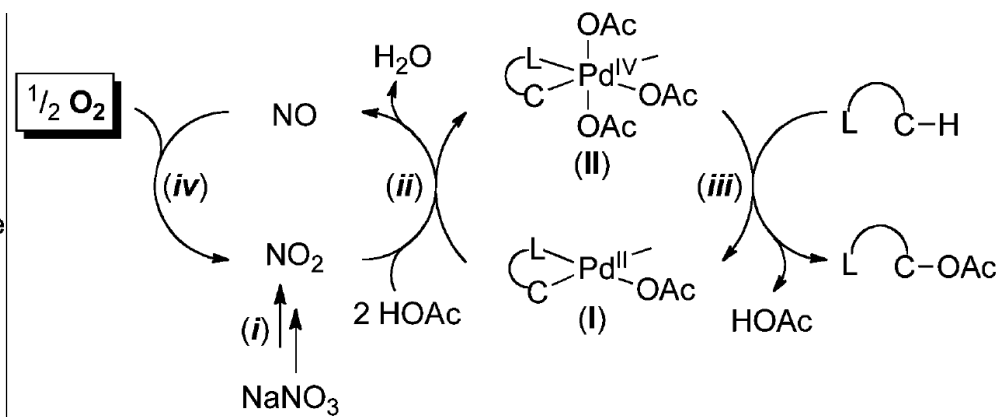
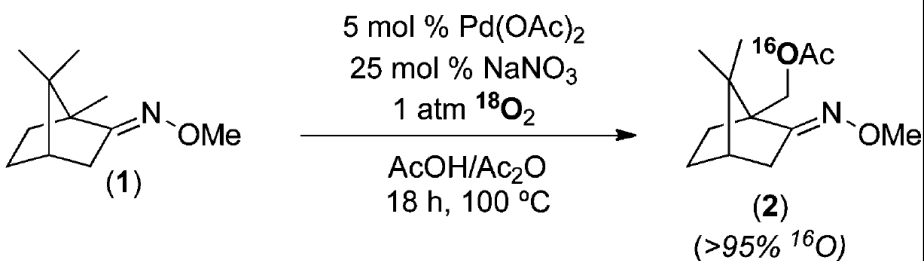
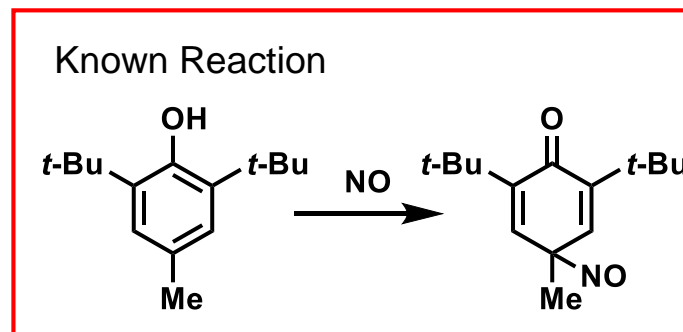
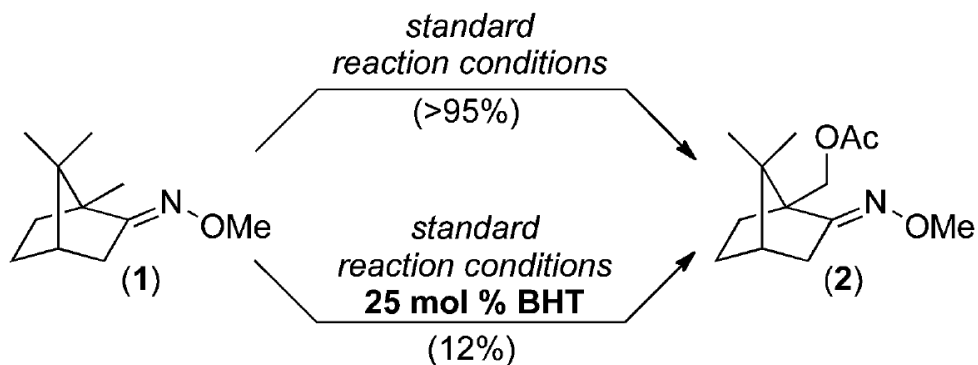
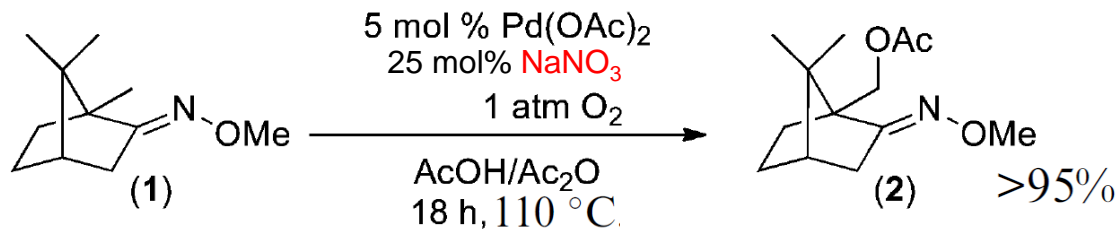


Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of plausible intermediate.

# cf. Nitrate as a Redox Co-Catalyt



Proposed catalytic cycle

# Other Olefin Functionalizations

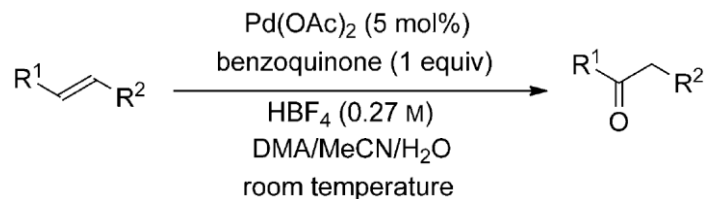
- Hydroamination

Wacker Oxidation / Transfer Hydrogenative Reductive Amination

Two-Step, One-Pot Hydroamination Protocol

see: Robert H. Grubbs *et al. Chem. Sci.* **2014**, 5, 101.

- Wacker Oxidation of Internal Olefins



see: Robert. H. Grubbs *et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2013**, 52, 2944.

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- Hydrophosphonation

see: slide 44,45

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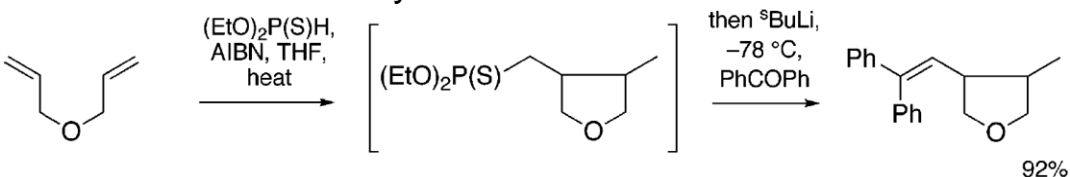
- Pd-Catalyzed Decarbonylative Dehydration of Fatty Acids

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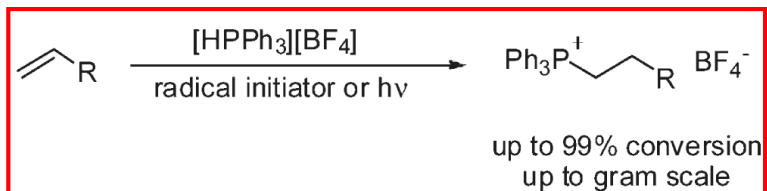
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# Hydrophosphonation

Precedent : Radical Cyclization – HWE Reactions

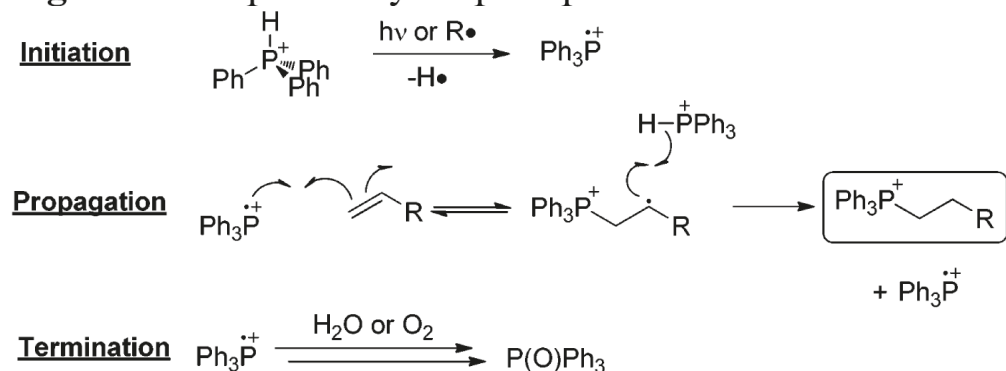


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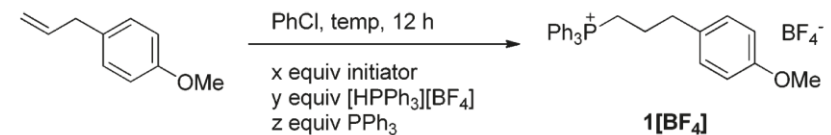


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**Figure 1.** Proposed hydrophosphonation mechanism.

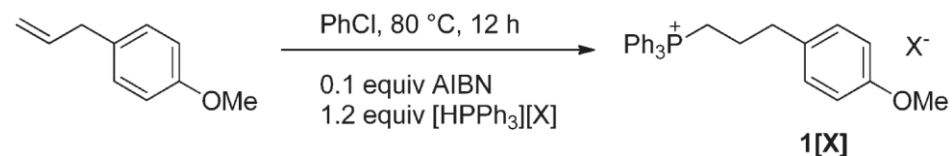


**Table 1.** Hydrophosphonation Optimization



entry	initiator <sup>a</sup>	$x^b$	$y$	$z^b$	conv (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	ACN	0.01	2.4	0	78
2	ACN	0.02	2.4	0	72
3	ACN	0.02	2.4	0	81
4	ACN	0.02	2.4	0.1	86
5	ACN	0.02	2.4	0.5	76
6	ACN	0.02	2.4	1	65
7	ACN	0.1	1.2	0	50
8	ACN	0.2	1.5	0	57
9	ACN	0.2	1.5	0.1	67
10	ACN	2×(0.1)	1.5	0.1	72
11	ACN	2×(0.1)	2	0	81
12	ACN	2×(0.1)	2.4	2×(0.1)	94
13	AIBN	0.02	2.4	0	34
14	AIBN	0.2	1.2	0	36
15	AIBN	0.5	2	0	52
16	DBP	0.2	2.4	0	35
17	DBP	2×(0.1)	2.4	0	17

<sup>a</sup> ACN and DBP were activated at  $110\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . AIBN was activated at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . <sup>b</sup>  $2\times(0.1)$  indicates that 0.1 equiv of initiator was added at the beginning and halfway through the reaction. <sup>c</sup> Conversion measured by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and based on recovered starting material.



**conversion**

**1** $[\text{BF}_4]$  = 50%

**1** $[\text{PF}_6]$  = 13%

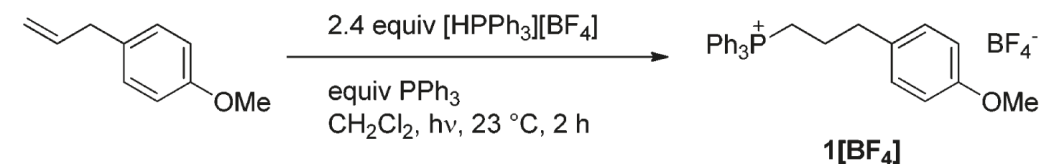
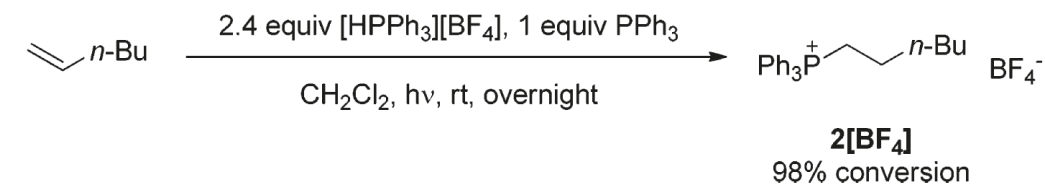
**1** $[\text{Br}]$  = 0%

**Scheme 1.** Anion Effect



# Hydrophosphonation

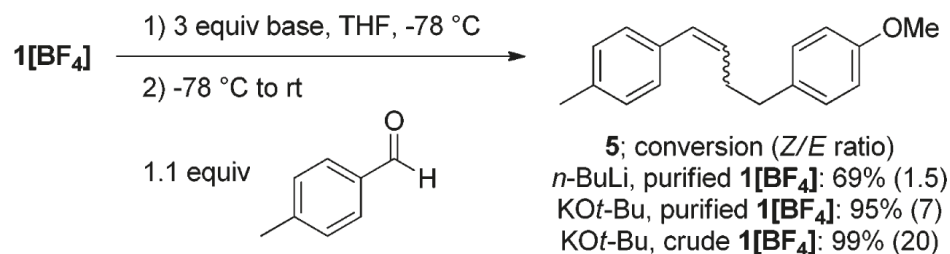
**Scheme 2.** Photochemical Hydrophosphonation of 1-Hexene



equiv PPh <sub>3</sub>	conv (%)
0.00	0
0.10	31
0.25	65
0.50	61
1.00	72

**Figure 2.** Effect of PPh<sub>3</sub> in photochemical hydrophosphonation.

**Scheme 3.** Wittig Reaction with Hydrophosphonation-Derived Phosphonium Salts

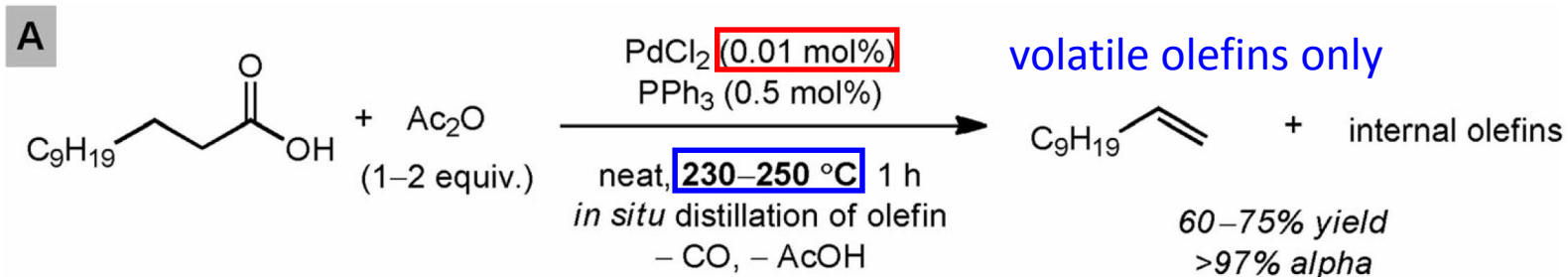


**Table 2.** Substrate Scope

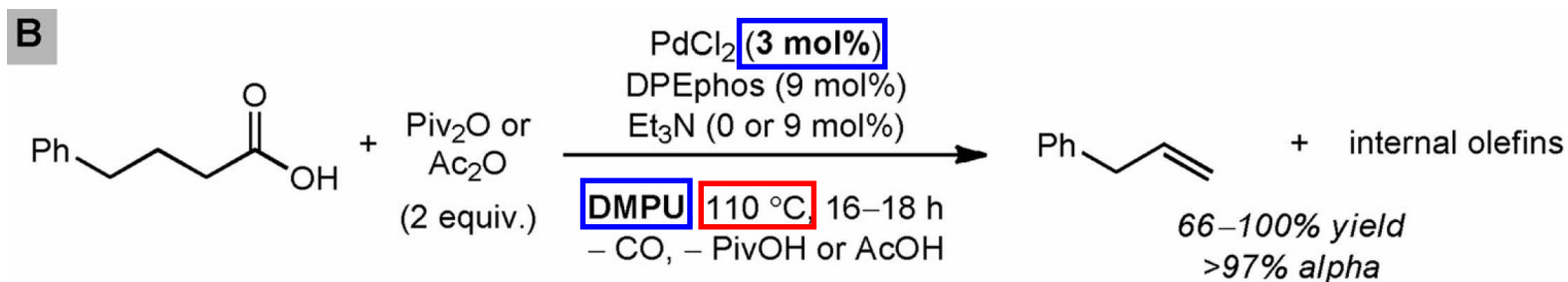
entry	olefin	product	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
olefin $\xrightarrow[\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2, \text{h}\nu, 24 \text{ h, rt}]{1.5 \text{ equiv } [\text{HPPH}_3][\text{BF}_4], 1 \text{ equiv PPh}_3}$ hydrophosphonation product			
1			95
2			93
3			41
4			96
5			62

# Pd-Catalyzed Decarbonylative Dehydration of Fatty Acids

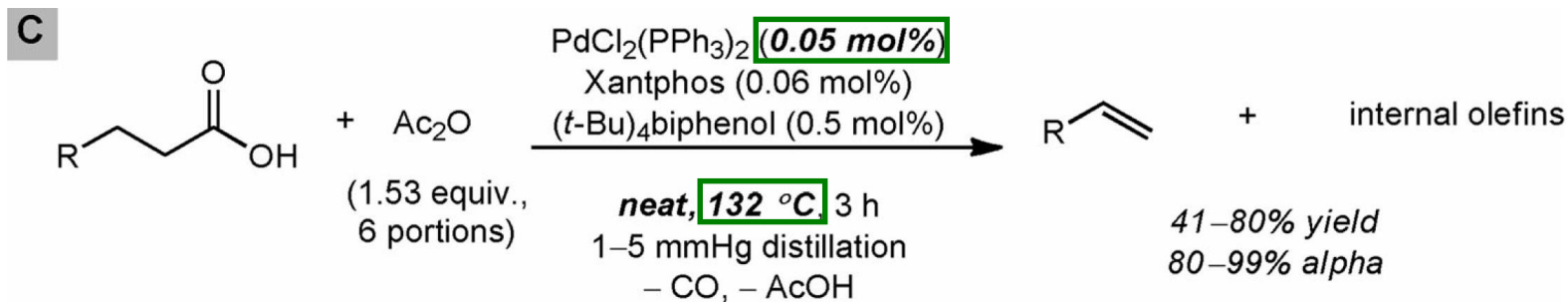
- High Temperature Process (Miller, Kraus)



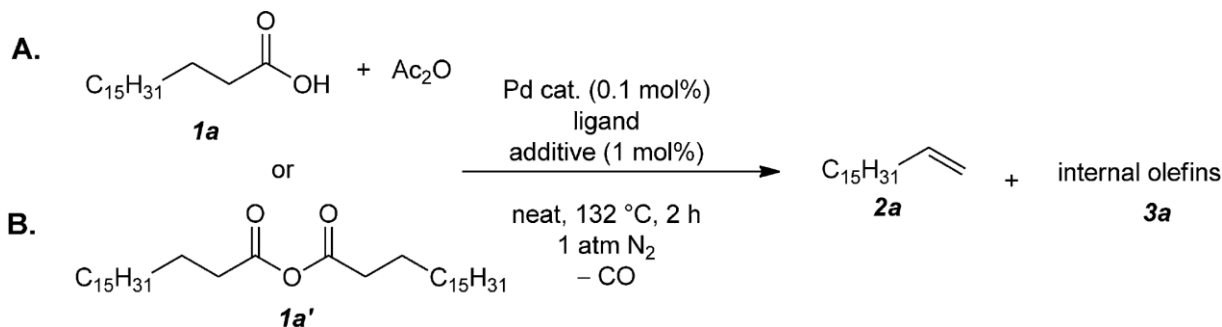
- Low Temperature Process (Gooßen, Scott)



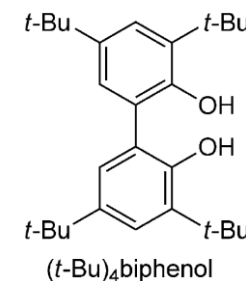
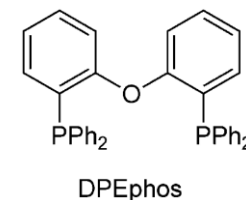
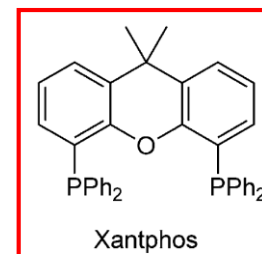
- Grubbs' Work



# Effect of Catalyst, Ligand, and Additive



Entry	Rxn	Pd cat.	Ligand (mol%)	Additive	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	Alpha [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	Y x A [%] <sup>[c]</sup>
1	A	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (nbd)	PPh <sub>3</sub> (0.8)	--	0	--	0
2	A	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (nbd)	dppp (0.4)	--	0	--	0
3	A	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (nbd)	DPEphos (0.4)	--	43	59	25
4	A	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (nbd)	Xantphos (0.4)	--	60	55	33
5	B	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (nbd)	Xantphos (0.4)	--	12	100	12
6	B	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (nbd)	Xantphos (0.4)	isophthalic acid	22	96	21
7	B	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (nbd)	Xantphos (0.12)	isophthalic acid	92	31	29
8	B	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos (0.12)	isophthalic acid	90	54	49
9	B	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos (0.12)	<i>p</i> -TsOH·H <sub>2</sub> O	86	5	4
10	B	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos (0.12)	salicylamide	60	90	54
11	B	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Xantphos (0.12)	2,2'-biphenol	59	91	54
<b>12</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>Xantphos (0.12)</b>	<b>(<i>t</i>-Bu)<sub>4</sub>biphenol</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>59</b>

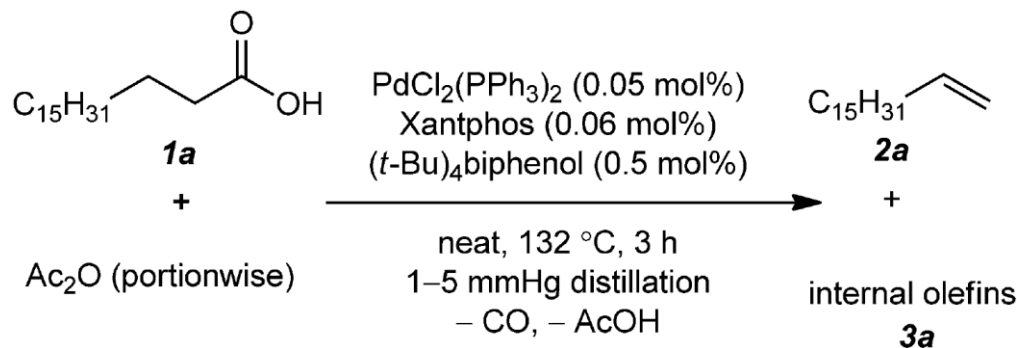


<sup>[a]</sup> Conditions: **A**) 1 equiv. **1a** (5 mmol), 2 equiv. Ac<sub>2</sub>O; **B**) 1 equiv **1a'** (5 mmol).

<sup>[b]</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with methyl benzoate as internal standard. Alpha = 2a/(2a+3a).

<sup>[c]</sup> Y x A = Yield x Alpha.

· Portionwise Addition of Acetic Anhydride

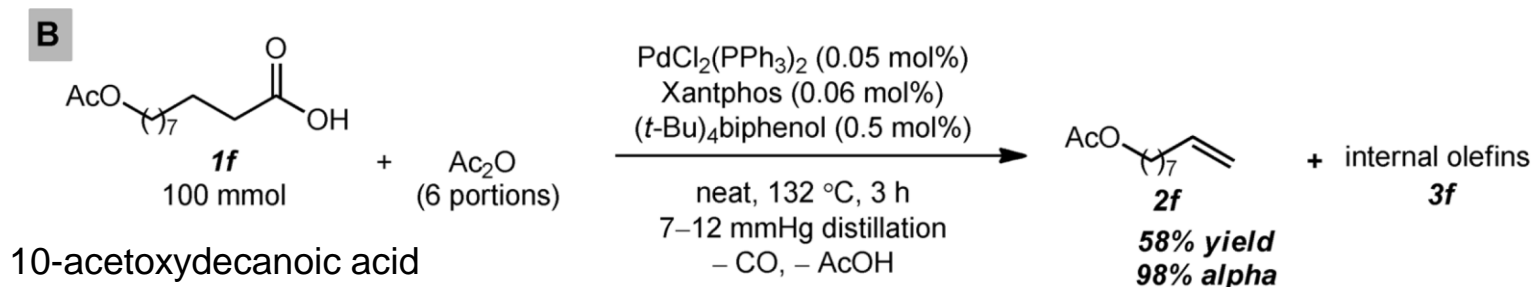
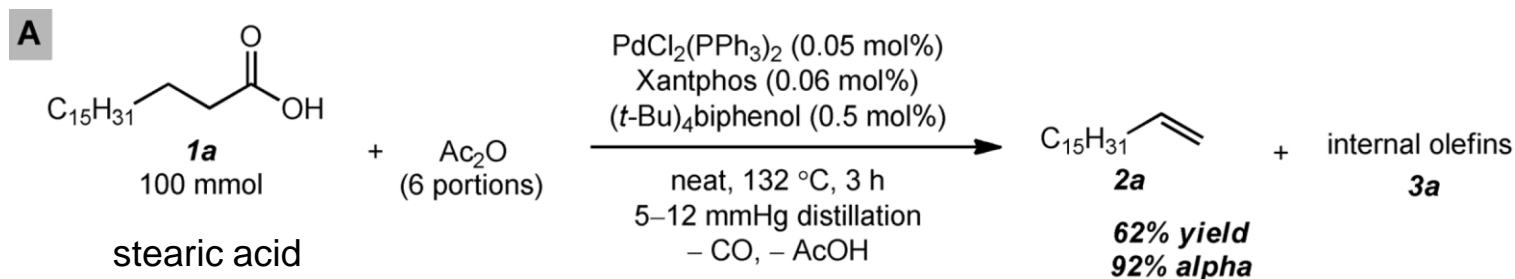


Entry	Equiv. of Ac <sub>2</sub> O	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	Alpha [%] <sup>[b]</sup>
1	1+0.5 (once every 1.5 hours)	69	62
2	1+0.5+0.25 (once every hour)	67	86
3	<b>1+0.14+0.12+0.1+0.09+0.08</b> (once every half hour)	<b>68 (67)</b>	<b>89</b>

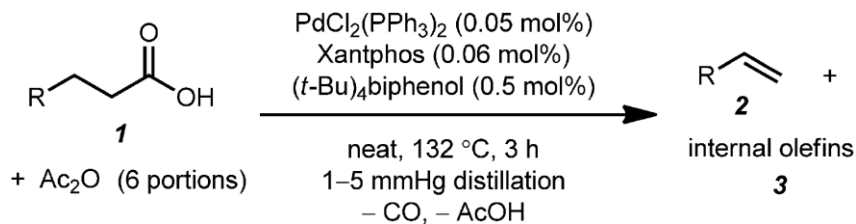
[a] 20 mmol **1a**.

[b] Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (isolated yield in parentheses).

· Large-Scale Decarbonylative Dehydration



# Substrate Scope



Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	TON	Alpha [%] <sup>[c]</sup>	Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	TON	Alpha [%] <sup>[c]</sup>
1			67	1340	89	9			76	1520	83
2			41	820	97	10			64	1280	80
3			65	1300	99	11			80	1600	91
4			73	1460	99	12			49	980	88
5 <sup>[d,e]</sup>			63	1260	98	13			59	1180	87
6 <sup>[d]</sup>			67	1340	96	14 <sup>[f]</sup>			20 80 <sup>[h]</sup>	400 320 <sup>[h]</sup>	... <sup>[g]</sup> ... <sup>[h]</sup>
7 <sup>[d]</sup>			60	1200	89	15			19	380	... <sup>[g]</sup>
8			75	1500	86	16 <sup>[i]</sup>			71	71	... <sup>[i]</sup>

<sup>[a]</sup> Conditions: 20 mmol **1**, 6 portions of Ac<sub>2</sub>O, 1 + 0.14 + 0.12 + 0.10 + 0.09 + 0.08 equiv., added every 30 min.

<sup>[b]</sup> Isolated yield (column chromatography).

<sup>[c]</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

<sup>[d]</sup> Purified by distillation.

<sup>[e]</sup> 18.5 mmol **1e**.

<sup>[f]</sup> PdCl<sub>2</sub>(nbd) (0.05 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.05 mol%), Xantphos (0.06 mol%), 1.5 h, 3 portions of Ac<sub>2</sub>O (1 + 0.15 + 0.10 equiv.).

<sup>[g]</sup> Single isomer observed.

<sup>[h]</sup> PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.25 mol%), Xantphos (0.30 mol%), (t-Bu)<sub>4</sub>biphenol (1 mol%), **2n**:**3n** = 49:51.

<sup>[i]</sup> 2-Methyldecanoic anhydride (10 mmol), no Ac<sub>2</sub>O, PdCl<sub>2</sub>(nbd) (1 mol%), Xantphos (1.1 mol%), salicylamide (2 mol%), 160 °C, 10 mmHg distillation, 10 h, **3p**:**2p** = 73:27.