

Alkyl Electrophiles in Pd-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions

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-Diederich, F., Stang, P.J., Eds. *Metal-catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions*; Wiley-VCH: New York, 1998.

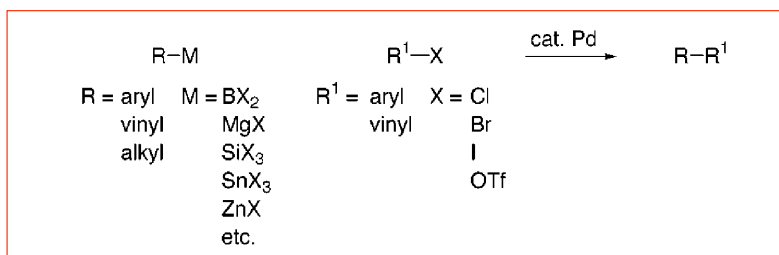
-de Meijere, A., *Organopalladium Chemistry for Organic Synthesis*; Negishi, E Ed.; Wiley: New York, Vol. 1.

Difficulty with Csp³-X couplings:

-Cardenas, D. J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2003**, *42*, 384.

Metal Mediated-Cross Couplings

- 1st reports in the mid 1970's
- Transition mediated cross-coupling reactions are important methods for forming new C-C bonds.
 - Pd(0) catalysis, Cu(I) mediated reactions, Ni- and Fe-complexes
- Advances using aryl- and alkenyl- electrophiles have seen tremendous growth, alkyl electrophiles have lagged behind.



Oxidative Addition into C-X Bond

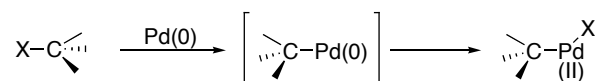
- Most cross-coupling reactions require a good leaving group which is directly attached or adjacent to a carbon atom with sp^2 (allylic or benzylic) or sp (propargylic) hybridization. Coordination at these centers facilitate cleavage of the C-X bond.

Allyl > Benzyl, Acyl > Alkenyl > Aryl >> Alkyl
Propargyl Alkynyl

- Order of reactivity

I > OTf > Br > Cl >> F

- Oxidative addition of $C(sp^3)$ -X to Pd(0) via a bimolecular S_N2 process



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Activation of C-X Bond

α -Heteroatom-Substituted C-X Bond Activation



presence of the α -heteroatom may weaken the C-X bond.

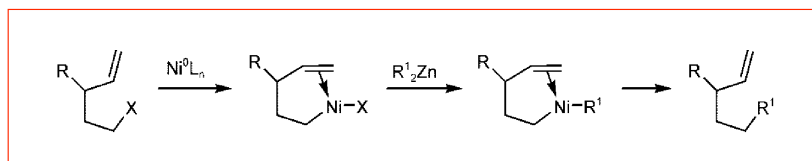
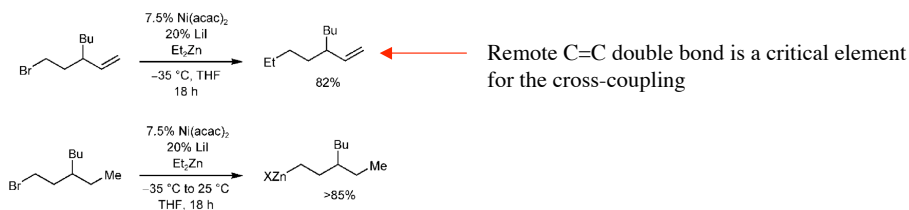
Shimizu, R.; Fuchikami, T. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 2001, 42, 6891.

Entry	Organotin	α -Haloeether	Adduct	Temp (°C)/ Time(h)	Isolated Yield(%)
1				24/1.5 ^a	82
2	"		"	24/10 ^a	84
3				80/1.5 ^b	71
4	"		"	40/8 ^c	55
5				80/2 ^b	86
6		"		80/12 ^b	81
7				80/12 ^d	61
8	"			65/12 ^b	61
9				80/4 ^b	75

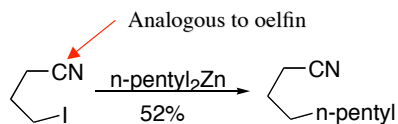
Activation of C-X Bond

Chelation Assisted Activation of a Proximal C-X bond

•1995- P.Knochel-Negishi Rxn.



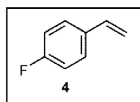
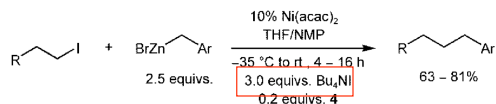
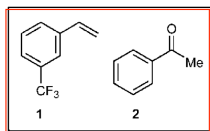
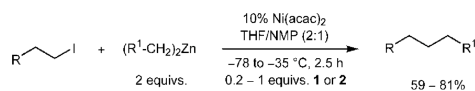
π -acidity of the olefin facilitates reductive elimination



•3-4 carbon tethers b/n olefin and halogen are allowed

Knochel, P.; Studemann, T.; Devasagayaraj, A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1995**, 34, 2723.

Expanded Scope



What about unactivated alkyl halides?

Knochel, P.; Studemann, T.; Giovannini, R.; Dussin, G. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1998**, 37, 2387.

First Examples

- 1992- A. Suzuki

- Pd(PPh₃)₄ catalyzed couplings of alkyl iodides with alkyl-, alkenyl-, and aryl-9-BBN reagents

Halide	9-R-9-BBN	Product	Yield %
CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₅ I		C ₁₄ H ₃₀	64
NC(CH ₂) ₅ I		NC(H ₂ C) ₆	61
CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₉ I		H ₃ C(H ₂ C) ₉	64
CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₉ I		H ₃ C(H ₂ C) ₉	55

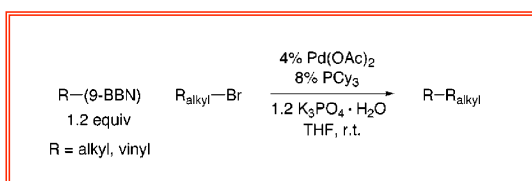
conditions: Pd(PPh₃)₄, K₃PO₄ in dioxane

- Alkyl bromides or secondary alkyl iodides never provided the corresponding coupling product

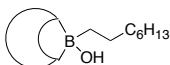
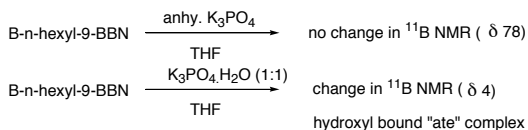
- Also looked at the reaction of various butyl metals: Bu₃B, Bu₄BLi, BuMgBr, BuZnCl, Et₃Al, Bu₄Sn, Cp₂Zr(Bu)Cl..all were ineffective, major product obtained was the β-hydride elimination product

Suzuki, A.; Ishiyama, T.; Abe, S.; Miyaura, N. *Chem. Lett.* **1992**, 691.

Suzuki Rxn-alkyl bromides



- Use of bulky, e-rich phosphines aid in the cross coupling of aryl chlorides: variety of phosphine ligands-triaryl-, bidentate, phosphite, and arsines(AsPh)
- Not moisture sensitive, rm. temp
- Anhydrous K₃PO₄ - No reaction



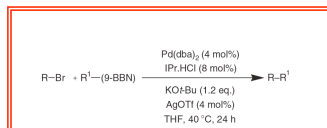
Fu, G.; Netherton, M.; Dai, C.; Neuschütz, K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 10099.

entry	R-(9-BBN) ^a	R _{alkyl} -Br	yield (%) ^b
1	<i>n</i> -Hex-(9-BBN)	<i>n</i> -Dodec-Br	93
2		<i>n</i> -Dodec-Br	78 ^c
3		<i>n</i> -Dodec-Br	85
4	<i>n</i> -Bu-alkyne-9-BBN		58
5	TESO-alkyne-9-BBN		72
6		<i>n</i> -Hex-Br	80
7		NC-(CH ₂) ₄ -Br	81
8	TESO-alkyne-9-BBN	Cl-(CH ₂) ₆ -Br	81
9		<i>n</i> -Dodec-Br	66

^a Prepared by hydroboration with 9-BBN of the corresponding ketone/alkyne and used without purification. ^b Isolated yield, average of two runs. ^c 1.05 equiv of R-(9-BBN) was used.

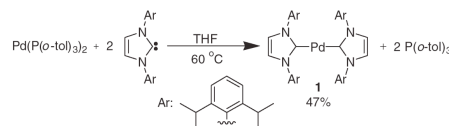
Suzuki Rxn-alkyl bromides

•N-Heterocyclic carbenes (NHC) are considered phosphine mimics



Entry	R-Br	R'-(9-BBN) ^a	Yield (%) ^b
1			56
2			46
3			39
4			37
5			53
6			52
7			28

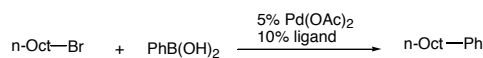
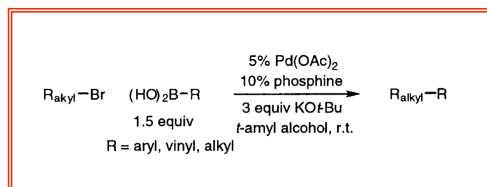
^a Organoboranes prepared from 9-BBN dimer (0.6 equiv) and terminal alkene/alkyne (1.2 equiv), not isolated or purified prior to use.
^b Isolated yield.



Using 1 in rxn yielded only 20% of cross-coupling product

Caddick, S.; Arensten, K.; Cloke, G.; Herring, A.; Hitchcock, P. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2004**, 45, 3511.

Boronic Acids



entry	additive	solvent	ligand	yield (%) ^a
1 ^b	K ₃ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O	THF	PCy ₃	<2
2	KF	THF	PCy ₃	<2
3	NaOMe	THF	PCy ₃	3
4	KOt-Bu	THF	PCy ₃	11
5	KOt-Bu	dioxane	PCy ₃	64
6	KOt-Bu	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	PCy ₃	63
7	KOt-Bu	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	PCy ₂ Et	39
8	KOt-Bu	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₃	<2
9	KOt-Bu	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₂ Et	4
10	KOt-Bu	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₂ Me	85

^a Average of two runs. Determined by GC versus a calibrated internal standard. ^b Conducted according to the procedure in ref 4b.

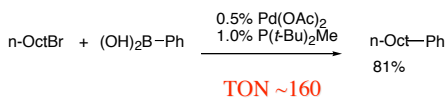
Solubility improved

- Air stable
- Commercially available
- Only one previous report
1999-β-(perfluoroalkyl)ethyl
iodides

Fu, G.; Kirchhoff, J.; Netherton, M.; Hills, I. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, 124, 13662.
Ding, Y.; Yang, G.; Xie, X.; Zhao, G. *J. Fluorine Chem.* **1999**, 2, 159.

Boronic Acids

- In the presence of 1 equiv. of H₂O, the rxn proceeds in comparable yield.
- Heteroaryl- and e- deficient arylboronic acids have not been successful.



$$\text{R}_{\text{alkyl}}\text{-Br} + (\text{HO})_2\text{B-R} \xrightarrow[3 \text{ equiv KO}^t\text{Bu}]{5\% \text{ Pd}(\text{OAc})_2, 10\% \text{ phosphine}} \text{R}_{\text{alkyl}}\text{-R}$$

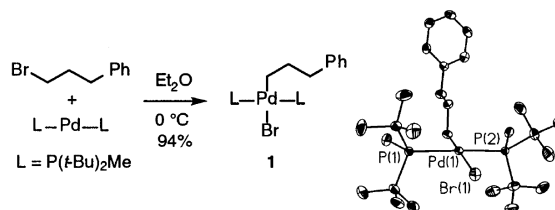
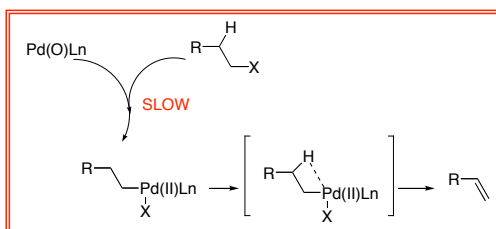
1.5 equiv
R = aryl, vinyl, alkyl
t-amyl alcohol, r.t.

entry	R _{alkyl} -Br	R	yield (%) ^a	
			P(t-Bu) ₂ Me	(HP(t-Bu) ₂ Me)BF ₄
1	n-Oct-Br	Ph	87	90
2		4-(MeS)C ₆ H ₄	68	66
3	BrO-(CH ₂) ₆ -Br	4-(MeO)C ₆ H ₄	85	84
4	TBSO-(CH ₂) ₆ -Br	4-(F ₃ C)C ₆ H ₄	63	67
5		o-tolyl	71	76
6		1-naphthyl	97	93
7	Cy-(CH ₂) ₂ -Br	mesityl	89	91
8	NC-(CH ₂) ₆ -Br	(E)-1-hexenyl	85	87
9	n-Dodec-Br	n-Hex	66	62

^aIsolated yield.

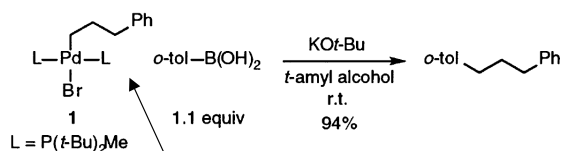
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Oxidative Addition



when warmed to 50 °C, β-elimination occurs

Cross-Coupling



also serves as a catalyst for the coupling of alkyl bromides to boronic esters @ rm. temp.

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Alternative to Trialkylphosphines

- Trialkylphosphines ($P(n\text{-Bu})_3$) can furnish reactivities that are not accessible with more commonly used triarylphosphines (PPh_3)
 - Electron richness
 - Shape/steric
- **air-sensitive- readily undergo oxidation**
 - “Improperly stored bottles of Bu_3P are invariably contaminated with tributylphosphine oxide and butylphosphinate. Oxygen should be rigorously excluded to avoid free radical chain oxidation. Tributylphosphine is pyrophoric.”

- **Strategy:**

Use conjugate acid---> use as the phosphonium salt and a weak base in the reaction mixture would form the phosphine *in situ*

1991-Whitesides applied tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine hydrochloride as a water soluble reducing agent for disulfides.

Fu, G.; Netherton, M. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3(26), 4295.

Whitesides, G.; Burns, J.; Butler, J.; Moran, J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 2648.

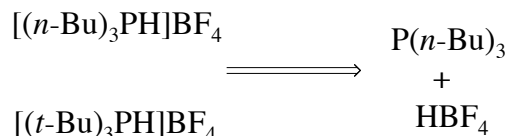
Diver, S.T. In *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis*; Paquette, L.A., Ed.; Wiley: New York, 1995; Vol. 7, pp 5014-5016.

Phosphonium Salts

$P(n\text{-Bu})_3$ pK_a 8.4

$P(t\text{-Bu})_3$ pK_a 11.4

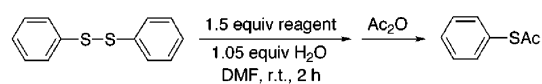
To maximize the likelihood that the chemistry of the phosphine salt would mimic that of the free phosphine a non-coordinating counterion was chosen.



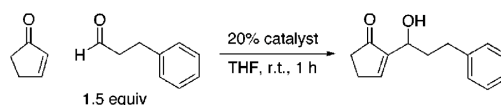
Stable to oxygen, moisture, and can be stored in air (4 months) without any deterioration---heating @ 120 C for 24 h in air also reveals no decomposition
Salts are not hygroscopic.

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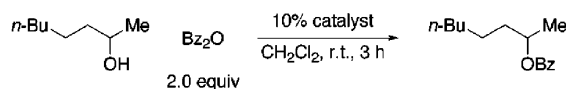
Phosphonium Salts



Reagent	Yield
$(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{P}$	91%
$[(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{PH}]\text{BF}_4 / (i\text{-Pr})_2\text{NEt}$ (1:1)	91%



Catalyst	Yield
$(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{P} / \text{PhOH}$ (1:1)	96%
$[(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{PH}]\text{BF}_4 / \text{PhONa}$ (1:1)	94%

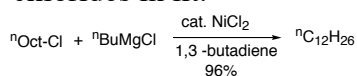


Catalyst	Yield
$(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{P}$	96%
$[(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{PH}]\text{BF}_4 / \text{NaOBz}$ (1:1)	97%
$[(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{PH}]\text{BF}_4 / (i\text{-Pr})_2\text{NEt}$ (1:1)	98%

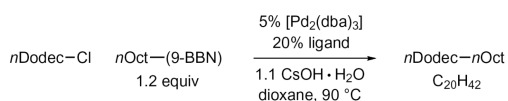
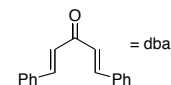
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Suzuki Rxn.- Alkyl Chlorides

- One examples of simple alkyl chlorides in lit.



- Lower reactivity of alkyl chlorides
 - Decreased leaving group ability
 - Higher strength of the C-Cl bond
- C-Cl** ~79 kcal/mol
C-Br ~66 kcal/mol
C-I ~52 kcal/mol



Entry	Ligand ^[a]	Yield of C ₂₀ H ₄₂ [%] ^[b]
1	PCy ₃	77
2	P(cyclopentyl) ₃	57
3	PtPr ₃	53
4	PrBu ₃	<2
5	PnBu ₃	5
6 ^[c]	dcpe	<2
7	PPh ₃	<2
8	P(<i>o</i> -tol) ₃	<2
9	P(2-furyl) ₃	4
10 ^[c]	dppf	<2
11 ^[c]	binap	<2
12	AsPh ₃	<2
13	P(OPh) ₃	<2
14		8

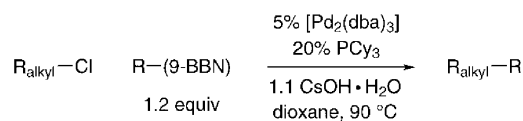
Kambe, N.; Terao, J.; Watanabe, H.; Ikumi, A.; Kuniyasu, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, 124, 4222.

J. March, *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, Wiley, New York, **1992**, p.24.

Fu, G.; Kirchhoff, J.; Dai, C. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2002**, 41(11), 1945.

[a] dcpe = 1,2-bis(dicyclohexylphosphanyl)ethane, tol = tolyl, dppf = 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)ferrocene, binap = 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)-1,1'-binaphthyl, Mes = mesityl. [b] Determined by GC versus a calibrated internal standard. [c] For bidentate ligands, 10% of the ligand was used.

Suzuki Rxn.- Alkyl Chlorides



Entry	R _{alkyl} -Cl	R-(9-BBN) ^[a]	Yield [%] ^[b]
1	<i>n</i> -Dodec-Cl	<i>n</i> -Oct-(9-BBN)	83
2	<i>n</i> -Pent-Cl		82
3		BnO-(CH ₂) ₃ -(9-BBN)	74
4		BnO-(CH ₂) ₃ -(9-BBN)	70
5	TBSO-(CH ₂) ₄ -Cl		72
6 ^[c]	TBSO-(CH ₂) ₄ -Cl		73
7	NC-(CH ₂) ₄ -Cl	<i>n</i> -Oct-(9-BBN)	73
8 ^[d]		BnO-(CH ₂) ₃ -(9-BBN)	65

If no phosphane is present, no coupling product is observed

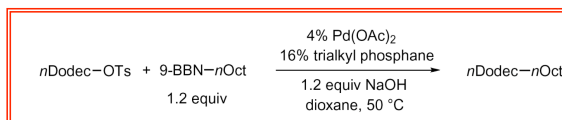
No products observed for 2° alkyl chlorides or 2° alkyl bromides

[a] Prepared by hydroboration with 9-BBN of the corresponding alkene and used without purification. [b] Yield of isolated product, average of two runs. [c] 1.05 equiv of R-(9-BBN) was used. [d] KOH was used instead of CsOH·H₂O.

KOH was used to decrease the amount of hydrolysis

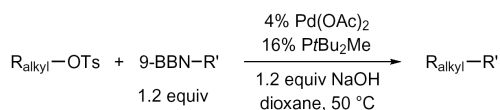
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Suzuki Rxn.- Alkyl Tosylates



for PCy₃: 46% yield

	R =		
	<i>i</i> Pr	Et	Me
PCy ₂ R	44%	70%	48%
PtBu ₂ R	<2%	<2%	78%



Entry	R _{alkyl} -OTs	9-BBN-R'	Yield [%] ^[a]
1	<i>n</i> Dodec-OTs	9-BBN- <i>n</i> Oct	80
2		9-BBN-(CH ₂) ₁₁ OTES ^[b]	67
3		9-BBN-(CH ₂) ₂ OBn	61 ^[c]
4		9-BBN-(CH ₂) ₂ OBn	60
5		9-BBN- <i>n</i> Oct	76
6		9-BBN-(CH ₂) ₁₁ OTES ^[b]	55
7	NC(CH ₂) ₈ -OTs	9-BBN-	64
8		9-BBN-	63
9 ^[d]	TsO-(CH ₂) ₁₂ -OTs	9-BBN- <i>n</i> Oct	73

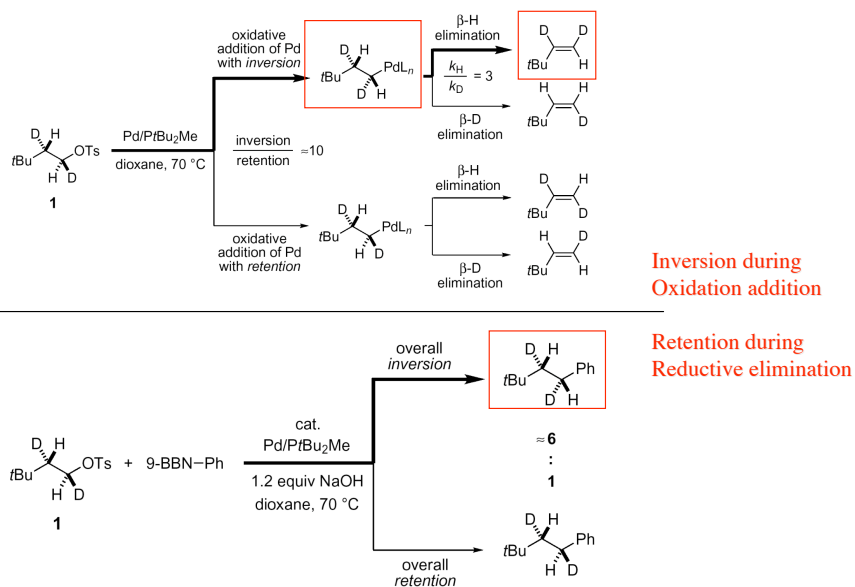
[a] Yield of isolated product, average of two runs. [b] TES = triethylsilyl. [c] Isolated as 8-cyclopentyl-octan-1-ol (after hydrogenolysis). [d] 2.4 equiv of 9-BBN-R', 8% Pd(OAc)₂, 32% PtBu₂Me, and 2.4 equiv of NaOH were used.

- Can be run at room temperature with longer reaction times
- Coupling is noteworthy while aryl tosylates are not suitable substrates for Pd-catalyzed cross-couplings
- Analogues mesylate in entry 1--> 51% yield
- Cannot be coupled with boronic acids

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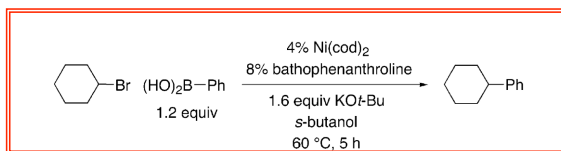
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Mechanistic Work:
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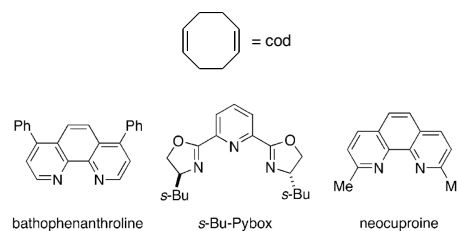
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Suzuki Rxn.- Secondary alkyl bromides and iodides



entry	deviation from the "standard" conditions ^b	yield (%) ^a
1	none	91
2	Ni(acac) ₂ [instead of Ni(cod) ₂]	24
3	NiBr ₂ [instead of Ni(cod) ₂]	<3
4	Pd(OAc) ₂ or Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ [instead of Ni(cod) ₂]	<3
5	s-Bu-Pybox [instead of BP]	<3
6	PPh ₃ or P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₂ Me [instead of BP]	<3
7	1,3-bis(1-adamantyl)imidazol-2-ylidene [instead of BP]	<3
8	1,10-phenanthroline [instead of BP]	65
9	neocuproine [instead of BP]	<3
10	bpy [instead of BP]	43
11	4,4'-dimethoxy-2,2'-bipyridine [instead of BP]	57
12	4% bathophenanthroline [instead of 8%]	49
13	no bathophenanthroline	<3
14	KOEt [instead of KO <i>t</i> -Bu]	83
15	r.t.	8
16	2% Ni(cod) ₂ , 4% BP [instead of 4% Ni(cod) ₂ , 8% BP]	76

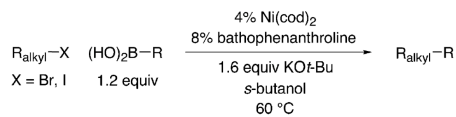
^aYield according to GC, versus a calibrated internal standard (average of two runs). ^bBP = bathophenanthroline.



Used in 2003 in the Negishi reaction of secondary halides

Fu, G.; Zhou, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 1340.

Suzuki Rxn.- Secondary alkyl bromides and iodides



entry	R _{alkyl} -Br	(HO) ₂ B-R	yield (%)
1			74 ^a
2			71 ^a
3			90
4			68
5			44
6			63 ^b
7			63
8			67
9			75

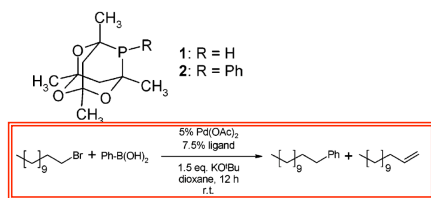
^a The exo product is formed. ^b The trans product is formed.

entry	R _{alkyl} -I	(HO) ₂ B-R	yield (%)
1			62
2			65
3			75
4			63

- 1° and 3° alkyl bromides, alkyl chlorides, 3° alkyl iodides, alkylboronic acids, and ortho substituted arylboronic acids are not suitable substrates.

Fu, G.; Zhou, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 1340.

Library Synthesis



Ligand ^a	Yield (%) ^b	
	Coupled Product	Elimination
	5	23
	6	17
	2	7
	71	15
	34	5
	64	26

“One size fits all ligand”

8		96	4
9		40	33
10		23	45
11		51	17
12		34	37
13		44	21
14		6	23
15		3	45

- Air stable, crystalline, easily prepared and handled

^a PA = phosphadamantane. ^b Percent coupled product and percent elimination product determined by GC/MS.

Capretta, A. *et al. J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, *69*, 7635.

Library Synthesis

$R-X + Ar-B(OH)_2 \xrightarrow[3.0 \text{ eq. KO}^t\text{Bu, dioxane, 12-24 h, r.t.}]{4\% Pd(OAc)_2, 5\% \text{ ligand } \mathbf{8}}$
 $\rightarrow R-Ar$

Entry	Alkyl Halide	Boronic Acid	Yield ^a
1			97
2			97
3			94
4			96
5			54
6			44
7			95
8 ^b			72
9 ^b			65
10			59

^a Isolated yield and average of two runs. ^b Reaction carried out at 90 °C.

•Dioxane- best solvent to minimize elimination product

← Rapid β-H elimination

← Elevated temperatures, 90 °C

$R-CH=CH_2 \xrightarrow[3h]{9-BBN-H} R-CH_2-CH_2-B(OH)_2 \xrightarrow[Pd(OAc)_2, \text{ ligand } \mathbf{8}]{R'-X} R-CH_2-CH_2-R'$

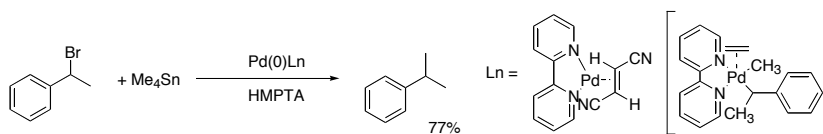
Entry	R	R'-X	Yield ^a
1 ^a			93
2 ^a			84
3 ^a			62
4 ^a			66
5 ^a			73
6 ^a			76
7 ^a			46
8 ^a			55
9 ^a			77
10 ^a			73
11 ^a			51
12 ^a			74
13 ^a			80

Manipulation of bases necessary

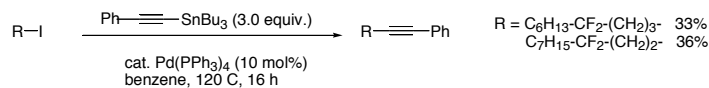
^a Isolated yield and average of two runs. ^b 4% Pd(OAc)₂, 5% ligand **8**, 1.2 equiv of K₃PO₄·H₂O, THF, rt, 24 h. ^c 4% Pd(OAc)₂, 16% ligand **8**, 1.2 equiv NaOH, dioxane, 50 °C, 24 h. ^d 10% Pd(OAc)₂, 20% ligand **8**, 1.1 equiv CsOH·H₂O, dioxane, 90 °C, 48 h. ^e 10% Pd(OAc)₂, 20% ligand **8**, 1.1 equiv KOH, dioxane, 90 °C, 48 h.

Capretta, A. *et al. J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, *69*, 7635.

Stille Rxn.-Earlier Work



Sustmann, R.; Lau, J.; Zipp, M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 5207.



Mioskowski, C.; Bhatt, R.K.; Shin, D.-S.; Falck, J. R. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1992**, *33*, 4885.

All either activated towards oxidative addition or stabilized against β-H elimination

Stille Rxn.

• 1976

2.5% [(π -allyl)PdCl]₂
15% PCy₃
THF, 24 h, r.t.
additive (1.1 equiv)

n-Dec-Br + Bu₃Sn-CH=CH₂ → *n*-Dec-CH=CH₂

Slow transmetalation

2.5% [(π -allyl)PdCl]₂
15% **ligand**
1.9 equiv Me₄NF
3 Å molec. sieves
THF, 24 h, r.t.

n-Dec-Br + Bu₃Sn-CH=CH₂ → *n*-Dec-CH=CH₂

entry	additive	yield (%) ^a
1	none	<2
2	N(<i>i</i> -Pr) ₂ Et	<2
3	CsOH·H ₂ O	7
4	NaOMe	4
5	KF	<2
6	CsF	<2
7	Bu ₄ NF·3H ₂ O	32
8	Me ₄ NF (1.9 equiv), 3 Å molec. sieves	73

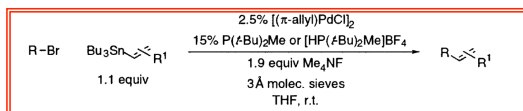
entry	ligand	yield (%) ^a
1	PCy ₃	73
2	PCy ₂ Et	17
3	PCy ₂ Me	<2
4	PCy ₂ (<i>t</i> -Bu)	9
5	P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₃	<2
6	P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₂ Et	<2
7	P(<i>t</i>-Bu)₂Me	86 ←
8	P(OPh) ₃	<2
9	PPh ₃	<2
10	P(<i>o</i> -tol) ₃	<2
11	P(2-furyl) ₃	<2
12	AsPh ₃	<2
13	IMeSHCl ^b	<2

^a Determined by GC versus a calibrated internal standard (average of two runs).

^a Determined by GC versus a calibrated internal standard (average of two runs). ^b 1,3-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)imidazolium chloride.

Fu, G.; Menzel K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 3718.

Stille Rxn.



entry	R-Br	tin reagent	yield (%) ^a	
			P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₂ Me	[HP(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₂ Me]BF ₄
1		Bu ₃ Sn-CH=CH ₂ (<i>n</i> -Hept)	96	92
2		Bu ₃ Sn-CH=CH ₂ (OTHP)	71	70
3		Bu ₃ Sn-CH=CH ₂ (OTHP)	62	64
4		Bu ₃ Sn-CH=CH ₂ (OTHP)	60	66
5		Bu ₃ Sn-CH=CH ₂ (<i>n</i> -Hept)	59	59
6		Bu ₃ Sn-CH=CH ₂ (Ph)	74	77
7		Bu ₃ Sn-CH=CH ₂ (Ph)	58	65
8		Bu ₃ Sn-CH=CH ₂ (Ph)	55	53
9		Bu ₃ Sn-CH=CH ₂ (Me, OTHP)	55	53

^a Isolated yield, average of two runs.

• Use of [HP(*t*-Bu)₂Me]BF₄ shows comparable yields.

• Allyl-, aryl-, alkynyltin reagents, and hindered alkyl bromides are not reactive under these conditions.

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Improved Stille Rxn.

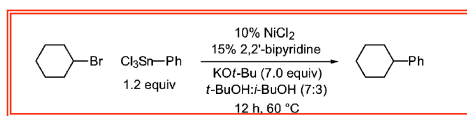
Problem:

- toxicity of organotin compounds
- separation of Sn-byproduct from coupling adduct
 - Polymer supported Sn reagents
 - Fluorous Sn reagents
 - Catalytic hydrostannation/stille reactions

Solution:

- an organotin reagent that does not generate $R_3SnX \rightarrow$ monoorganotin compounds

Improved Stille Rxn.-2° alkyl bromides



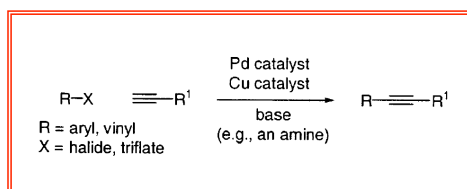
entry	variation from the "standard conditions"	yield ^a (%)
1	none	83
2	no NiCl ₂	<5
3	10% Pd(OAc) ₂ or Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ [instead of NiCl ₂]	<5
4	10% Ni(cod) ₂ , NiBr ₂ , or NiBr ₂ -diglyme [instead of NiCl ₂]	82–86
5	no 2,2'-bipyridine	<5
6	15% bathophenanthroline [instead of 2,2'-bipyridine]	33
7	no KOt-Bu	<5
8	5.0 equiv of KOt-Bu [instead of 7.0 equiv]	55
9	<i>t</i> -BuOH [instead of <i>t</i> -BuOH/ <i>i</i> -BuOH]	76
10	<i>t</i> -BuOH [instead of <i>t</i> -BuOH/ <i>i</i> -BuOH]	<5
11	KO <i>t</i> -Bu in <i>i</i> -BuOH [instead of KOt-Bu in <i>t</i> -BuOH/ <i>i</i> -BuOH]	61
12	5% NiCl ₂ , 7.5% 2,2'-bipyridine [instead of 10% NiCl ₂ , 15% 2,2'-bipyridine]	69
13	room temperature [instead of 60 °C]	<5

← Air stable
less expensive

^a Determined by GC analysis versus a calibrated internal standard (average of two experiments).

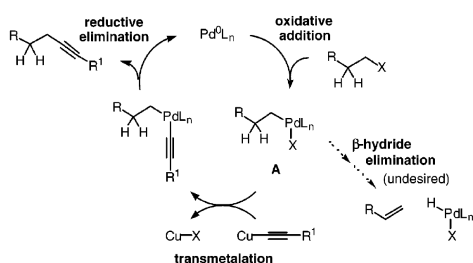
Role of KOt-Bu maybe to generate a hypervalent tin species which would undergo efficient transmetalation.

Sonogashira Rxn - alkyl bromides and iodides



• 1975

Experimental simplicity
High atom-economy
FG tolerant

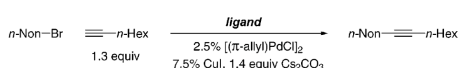


• most coupling reactions of alkyl halide with a terminal alkyne require strong base

• catalytic amount of copper to generate copper acetylide

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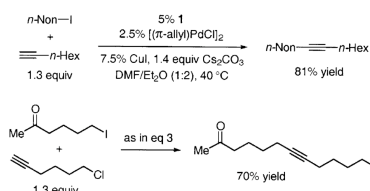
Sonogashira - alkyl bromides and iodides



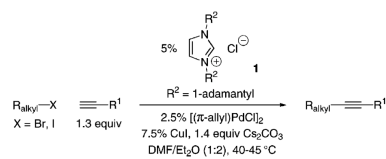
entry	ligand	yield (%) ^a
1	10% PPh ₃	<5
2	10% PCy ₃	<5
3	10% P(<i>t</i> -Bu) ₂ Me	<5
4	10% PCy(1-pyrrolidinyl) ₂	<5
5	R = mesityl (5%)	<5
6	R = 2,6-(<i>i</i> -Pr) ₂ Ph (5%)	58
7	R = 2,6-(<i>i</i> -Pr) ₂ Ph (5%)	67
8	R = <i>t</i> -Bu (5%)	81
9	R = 1-adamantyl (5%) ^b	80
10	R = 1-adamantyl (5%) ^b	<5
11	R = 1-adamantyl (5%) ^c	<5

w/o Pd
w/o Cu

^a Determined by GC versus a calibrated internal standard (average of at least two runs). ^b Reaction was conducted without [(π -allyl)PdCl]₂. ^c Reaction was conducted without Cu.



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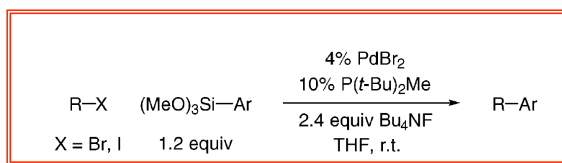


entry	R-Br	\equiv R'	yield (%) ^a
1	<i>n</i> -Non-Br	\equiv <i>n</i> -Hex	77
2	AcO-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Br	\equiv <i>n</i> -Hex	71
3	NC-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Br	\equiv <i>n</i> -Hex	79
4	Cl-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Br	\equiv <i>n</i> -Dec	50
5	HO-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Br	\equiv <i>n</i> -Bu	59
6	NC-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Br	\equiv <i>t</i> -Bu	70
7	Ph-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Br	\equiv CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Cl	74
8	NC-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Br	\equiv CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Cl	74
9	AcO-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Br	\equiv CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Cl	73
10		\equiv CH ₂ -OTHP	67
11		\equiv CH ₂ -OTHP	69
12		\equiv CH ₂ -OAc	58 ^b
13		\equiv CH ₂ -OAc	51 ^b
14	NC-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -Br	\equiv Ph	61 ^c

^a Isolated yield, average of two runs. ^b Reaction was conducted at 60 °C. ^c 7.5% [(π -allyl)PdCl]₂, 22.5% CuI, and 15% ligand were employed.

1st example of a nonphosphine-based palladium catalyst for cross-coupling unactivated alkyl electrophiles

Hiyama



- Organosilicon compounds are attractive due to their ease of handling and low toxicity.
- 1st. example of Hiyama cross-coupling of unactivated alkyl electrophiles.
- Absence of PdBr₂ or P(t-Bu)₂-no product observed
- Increasing or decreasing the steric demand of the trialkylphosphine shows a substantial drop in yield.

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$$\text{R-Br} \quad (\text{MeO})_3\text{Si-Ph} \xrightarrow[\text{THF, r.t.}]{\begin{array}{l} 4\% \text{ PdBr}_2 \\ 10\% \text{ P}(t\text{-Bu})_2\text{Me} \\ 2.4 \text{ equiv Bu}_4\text{NF} \end{array}} \text{R-Ph}$$

1.2 equiv

entry	R-Br	yield (%) ^a	
		P(t-Bu) ₂ Me	[HP(t-Bu) ₂ Me]BF ₄
1		75	88
2		81	85
3		68	46
4		71	69
5		70	47
6		65	42
7		79	66
8		73	66

^a Isolated yield, average of two runs.

Hiyama-arylsilanes

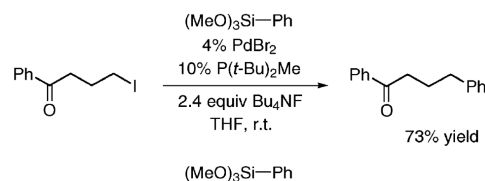
$$\text{R-Br} \quad (\text{MeO})_3\text{Si-Ar} \xrightarrow[\text{THF, r.t.}]{\begin{array}{l} 4\% \text{ PdBr}_2 \\ 10\% \text{ P}(t\text{-Bu})_2\text{Me} \\ 2.4 \text{ equiv Bu}_4\text{NF} \end{array}} \text{R-Ar}$$

1.2 equiv

entry	R-Br	Ar	yield (%) ^a
1		<i>p</i> -anisyl	66
2		<i>p</i> -fluorophenyl	55
3		<i>o</i> -tolyl	59
4		2-naphthyl	67
5		<i>p</i> -anisyl	69
6		<i>p</i> -fluorophenyl	36
7		<i>o</i> -tolyl	76
8		2-naphthyl	70
9		<i>p</i> -anisyl	82
10		<i>p</i> -fluorophenyl	50
11		<i>o</i> -tolyl	72
12		2-naphthyl	84

^a Isolated yield, average of two runs.

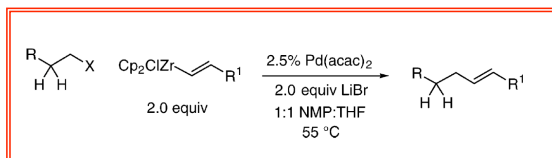
- Conditions are not effective for alkyl chlorides or tosylates and ally- or vinyl-silanes



- e*- poor arylsilanes are the least suitable reaction partners.

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Negishi Reaction of Organozirconium Reagents

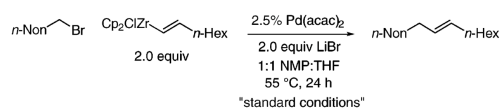


• 1977

• “ligandless” palladium complexes - no phosphine present

• Cost, simplicity, and ease of purification

• If the alkenylzirconium reagent is replaced with a zinc reagent, essentially no cross-coupling is observed. (<2%)

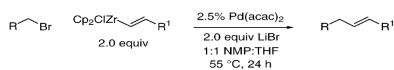


entry	change from the "standard conditions"	yield (%) ^a
1	none	99
2	PdBr ₂	100
3	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	100
4	NiBr ₂	57
5	Ni(cod) ₂	62
6	no Pd(acac) ₂	0
7	LiI	100
8	no LiBr	20
9	room temp	14
10	1.0% Pd(acac) ₂	80

^a Yield according to GC, versus a calibrated internal standard (average of two runs).

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Negishi Reaction of Organozirconium Reagents



entry	alkyl bromide	zirconium reagent	yield (%)
1			99
2			86
3			96
4			72
5			99
6			73 ^b
7			82
8			97
9			68
10			77
11			77
12			74
13			60 ^b
14			85
15			76 ^c

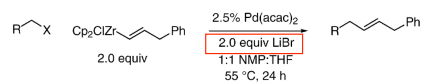
^a All yields are isolated yields (average of two runs). ^b 5% Pd(acac)₂ was used. ^c 5% Pd(acac)₂ was used. Reaction time: 48 h.

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• 2° alkyl bromides are not suitable substrates

• Conditions also effective for coupling of arylbromides

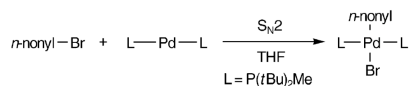
• Entry 1-under microwave condition(100 °C, 15 min, 30W) ---> 94% yield



entry	alkyl halide	yield (%)
1		82
2		83
3		46

^a All yields are isolated yields (average of two runs).

Rate of Oxidative Addition



$\Delta G = 20.8 \text{ kcal/mol}$; $\Delta H = 2.4 \text{ kcal/mol}$; $\Delta S = -63 \text{ eu}$.

Solvent polarity

$$n\text{-nonyl-Br} + \text{L-Pd-L} \xrightarrow[\text{L = P}(\text{tBu})_2\text{Me}]{\text{solvent, } 0^\circ\text{C}} \begin{array}{c} n\text{-nonyl} \\ | \\ \text{L-Pd-L} \\ | \\ \text{Br} \end{array}$$

Entry	Solvent	Polarity	ΔG^\ddagger [kcal mol ⁻¹]
1	hexane	0.68	> 23.0 ^[b]
2	toluene	1.66	20.0
3	THF	2.08	19.5
4	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	2.46 ^[c]	18.1
5	NMP ^[d]	2.62	18.0
6	DMF ^[d]	2.80	17.8

[a] All data are the average of two runs. [b] No reaction at 0–60°C. ΔG^\ddagger was calculated for 60°C. [c] Value for *tert*-butanol. [d] NMP = *N*-methylpyrrolidinone. [d] DMF = dimethylformamide.

Leaving group ability

$$n\text{-nonyl-X} + \text{L-Pd-L} \xrightarrow[\text{L = P}(\text{tBu})_2\text{Me}]{\text{THF}} \begin{array}{c} n\text{-nonyl} \\ | \\ \text{L-Pd-L} \\ | \\ \text{X} \end{array}$$

Entry	X	$t_{1/2}$
1	I	2.2 h at –60°C
2	Br	2.3 h at 0°C
3	Cl	2.0 d at 60°C
4	F	< 2% reaction after 43 h at 60°C
5	OTs ^[b]	10.4 h at 40°C

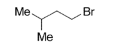
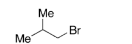
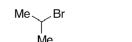
[a] All data are the average of two runs. [b] Ts = toluenesulfonyl.

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Rate of Oxidative Addition

Steric demand

$$\text{R-Br} + \text{L-Pd-L} \xrightarrow[\text{L = P}(\text{tBu})_2\text{Me}]{\text{THF, } 0^\circ\text{C}} \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ | \\ \text{L-Pd-L} \\ | \\ \text{Br} \end{array}$$

Entry	R-Br	k_{rel}	ΔG^\ddagger [kcal mol ⁻¹]
1	<i>n</i> -pentyl-Br	1.0	19.5
2		0.19	20.3
3		0.054	21.0
4		< 0.0001	> 24.0 ^[b]

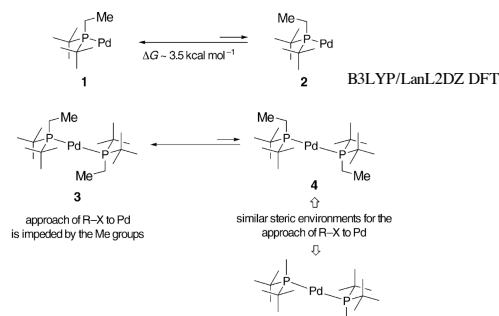
[a] All data are the average of two runs. [b] Extrapolated from a reaction run at 60°C.

Effect of phosphane

$$n\text{-nonyl-Br} + \text{L-Pd-L} \xrightarrow{\text{THF}} \begin{array}{c} n\text{-nonyl} \\ | \\ \text{L-Pd-L} \\ | \\ \text{Br} \end{array}$$

Entry	L	ΔG^\ddagger [kcal mol ⁻¹] ^[b]
1	P(<i>t</i> Bu) ₂ Me	19.5 (0°C)
2	PCy ₃	20.0 (0°C)
3	P(<i>t</i> Bu) ₂ Et	25.4 (60°C)
4	P(<i>t</i> Bu) ₃	> 28.4 (60°C)

[a] All data are the average of two runs. [b] The temperature at which ΔG^\ddagger was measured is noted in parentheses.



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Summary

- Variety of conditions are now available for the Pd cross coupling of alkyl halides and tosylates in Suzuki, Stille, Sonigashira, Hiyama, and Negishi reactions.
- Preliminary mechanistic work sheds light on the unusual reactivity of Pd⁰/trialkylphosphane catalysts.

Future Work

- Sterically hindered alkyl halide substrates
- Introduction of diverse functionality on the alkyl halide substrates
- Further elucidation of precise mechanism
- “one size fits all ligand”