



Roles of Bases in Transition-Metal Catalyzed Organic Reactions

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2. Factors influencing the performance of bases

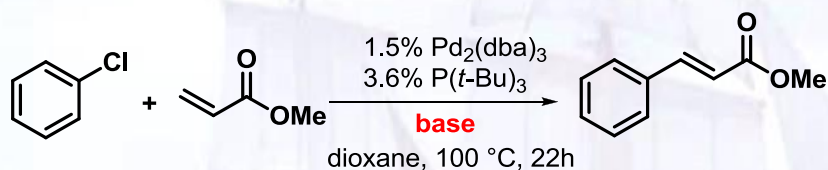
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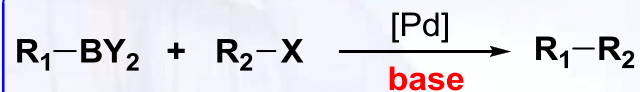
- Wide applications of bases in transition-metal catalyzed organic reactions

Heck Reaction

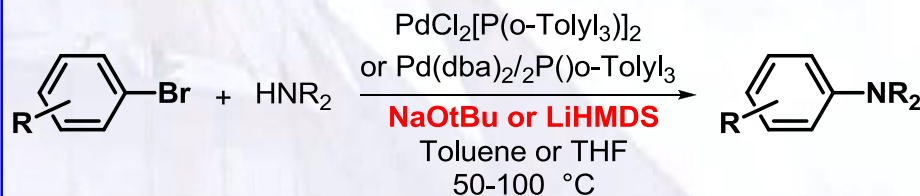


Entry	Base	%yield(GC)
1	None	5
2	K ₂ CO ₃	9
3	NaOAc	21
4	NEt ₃	37
5	K ₃ PO ₄	50
6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	56

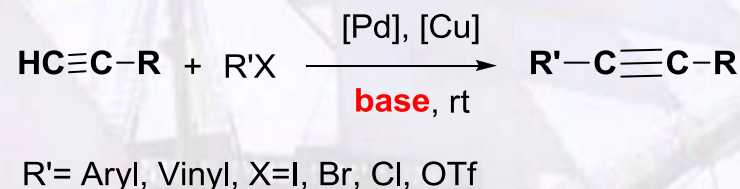
Suzuki Coupling Reaction



Buchwald–Hartwig amination

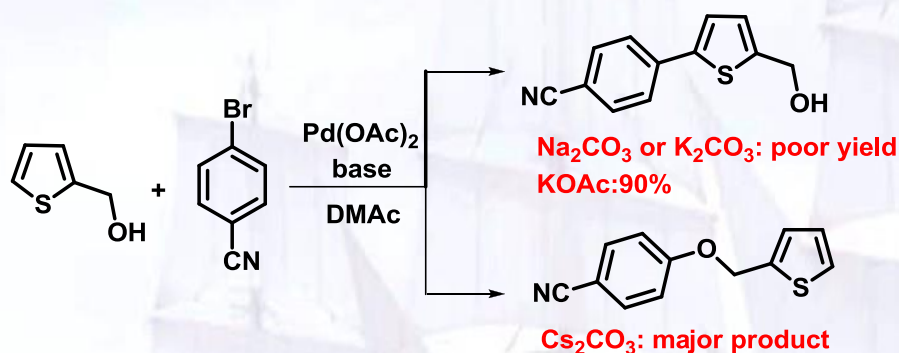


Sonogashira reaction

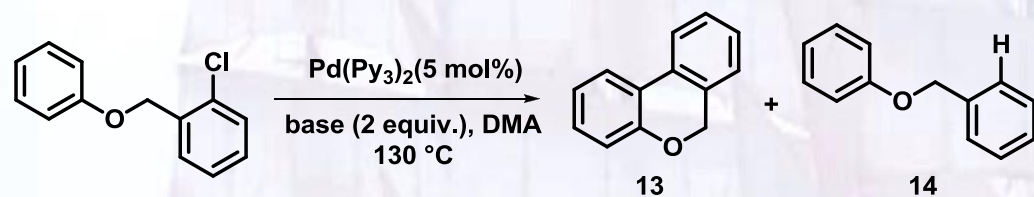


Background

■ Influence of bases on transition-metal catalyzed organic reactions



Different bases leads to different products.



Base	Conversion/ %	Ratio 13:14
Na_2CO_3	11	20:1
K_2CO_3	100	>99:1
Cs_2CO_3	25	15:1
KOAc	81	>99:1
NaOAc	41	28:1
Et_3N	3	2:1

Why different bases have different performance?

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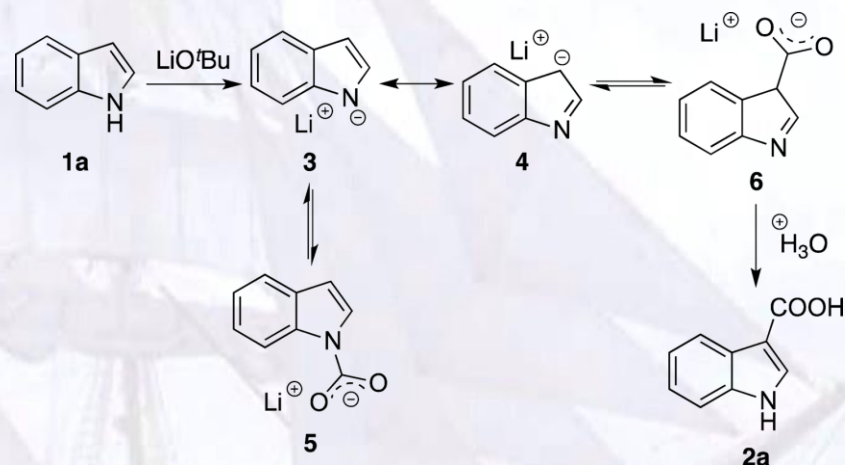
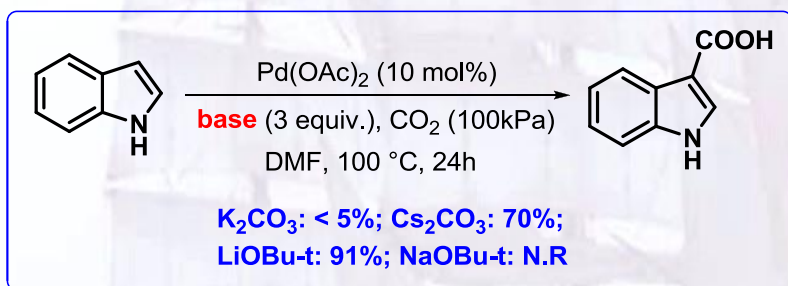
■ Factors influencing the performance of bases

basicity, solvent, solubility, ionization ability, aggregation state

metal cations: size, Lewis acidity, the HSAB theory

counter anions: size, the coordination ability

■ Effects of basicity



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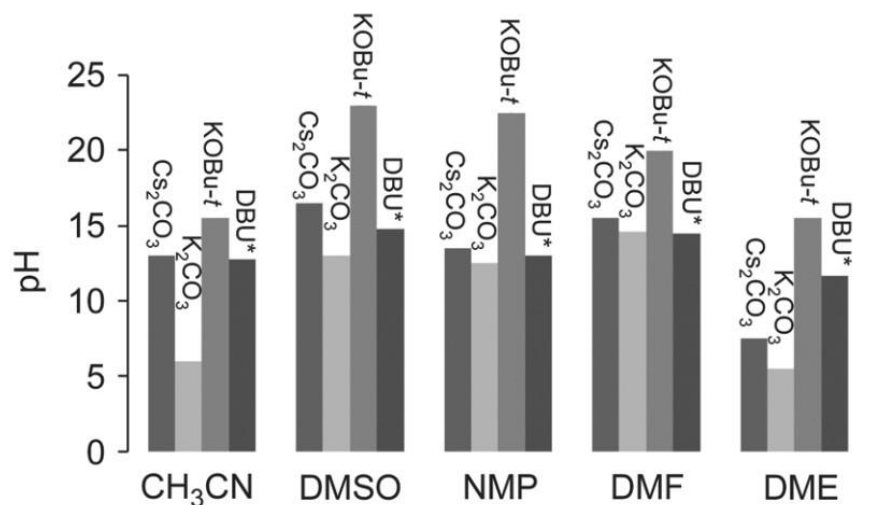
■ Study of base is complex.

Table 1 Solubility of metal carbonate salts in dipolar aprotic solvents

Solvent	Li ₂ CO ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃
DMF	0.003	0.038	0.075	1.195
Me ₂ SO	0.014	0.143	0.470	3.625
DMAC	0.004	0.021	0.046	0.490
Sulfolane	0.021	0.031	0.160	3.950
NMP	0.014	0.208	0.237	7.224

^a Solubilities in g/10 mL determined at ambient temperature by flame photometry.

Most of inorganic bases have poor solubility in organic solvents.

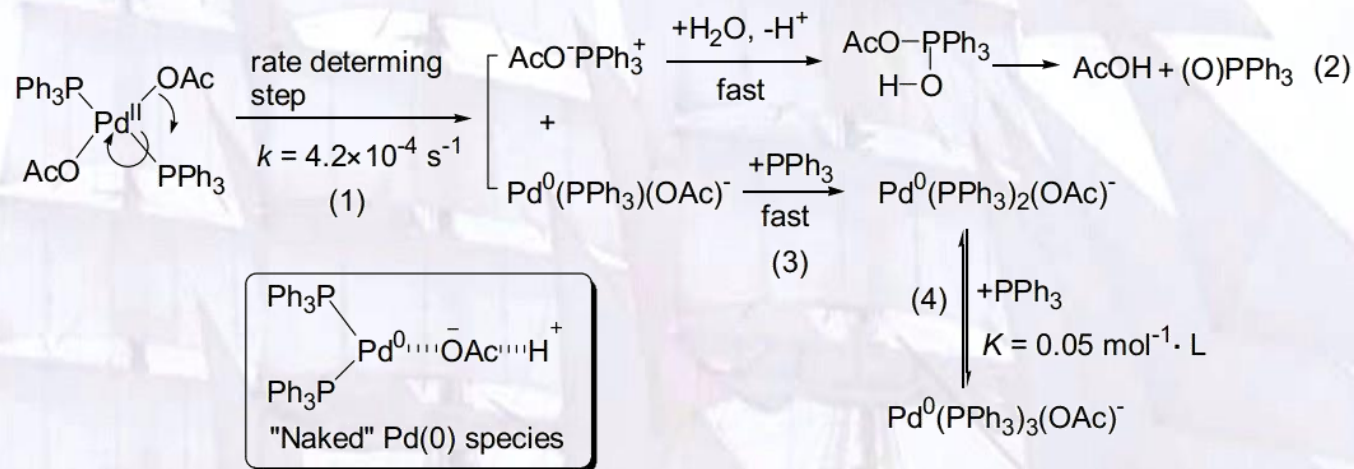
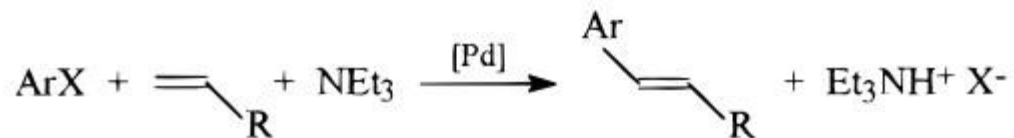


Basicity varies in different solvents.

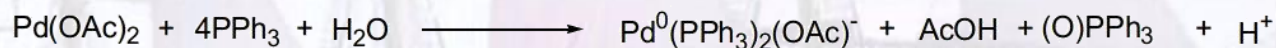
What's the role of base in transition-metal catalyzed reactions?
How do bases affect the reactions?

Roles of Bases

■ Activate catalyst, neutralize acids

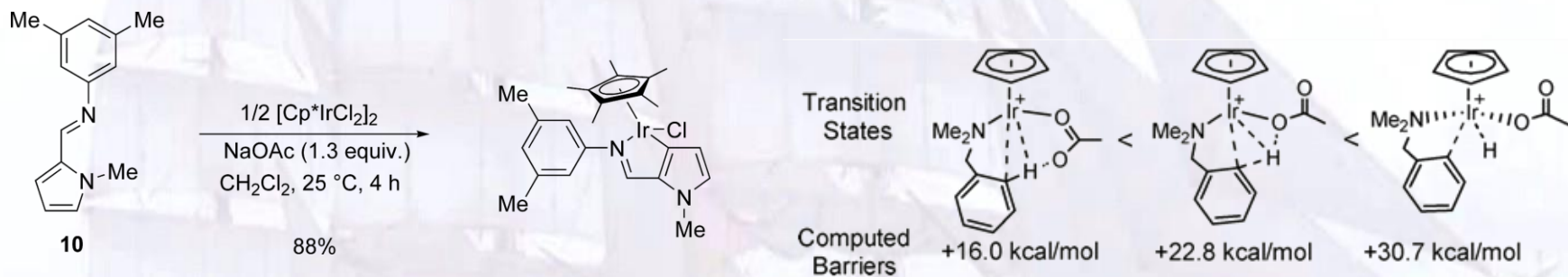
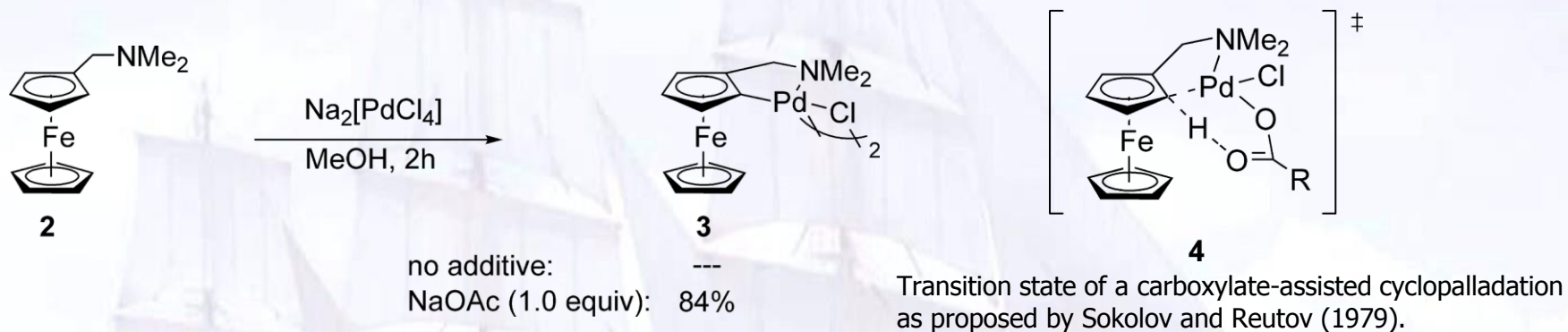


Overall reaction



Roles of Bases

■ Deprotonation---base assisted deprotonation



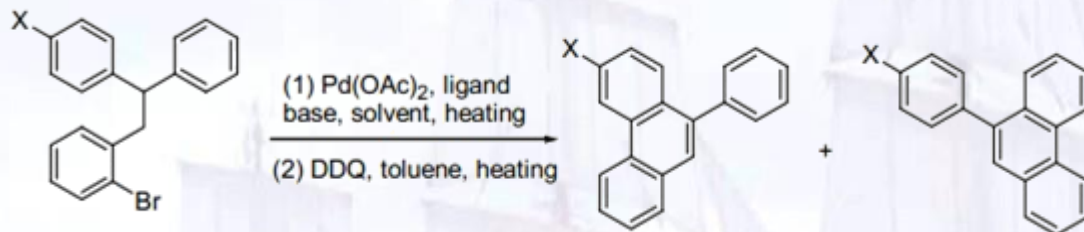
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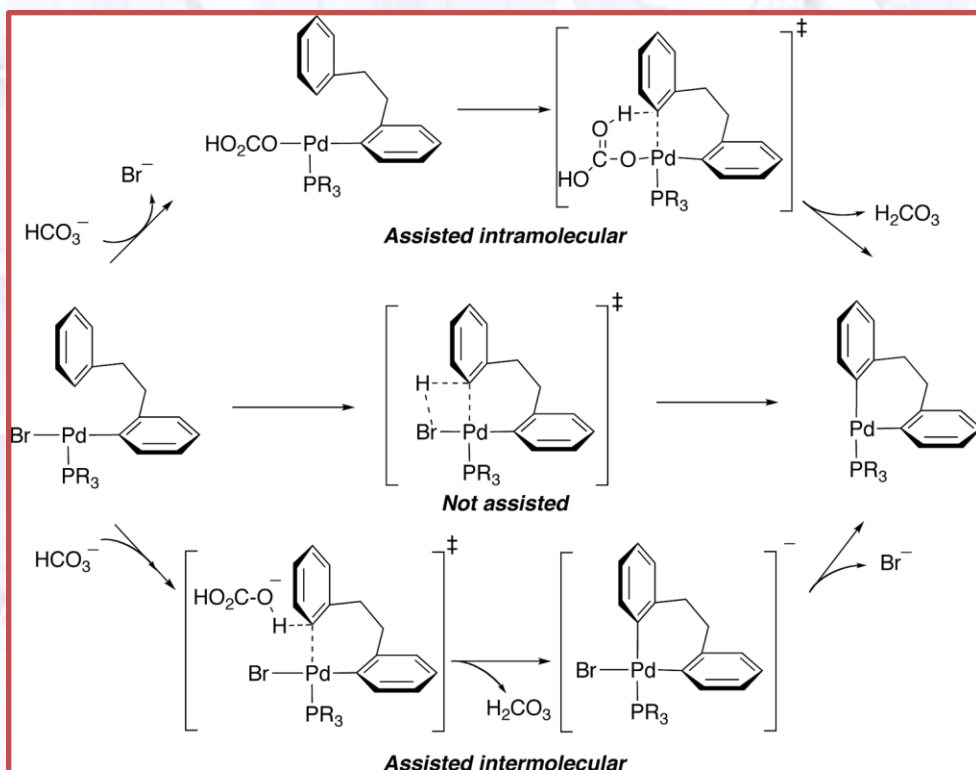
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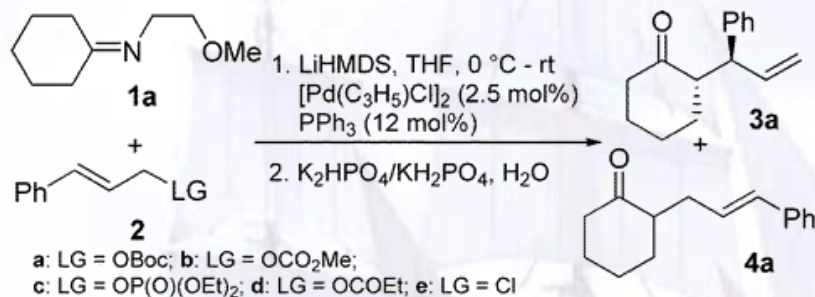


Base	Yield/%	11/12 ratio
K ₂ CO ₃	84	2:1
DBU	—	—
Et ₃ N	—	—
K ₂ CO ₃ /PivOH	>95	1.7:1



Roles of Bases

Effects of cation



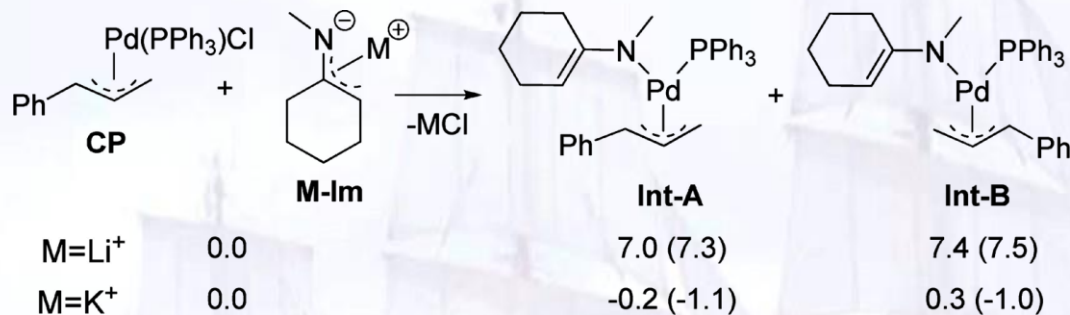
K salts get branched products

Li salts get linear products

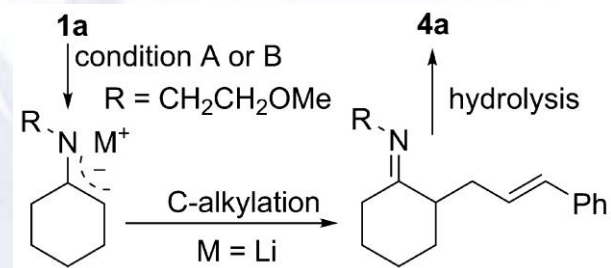
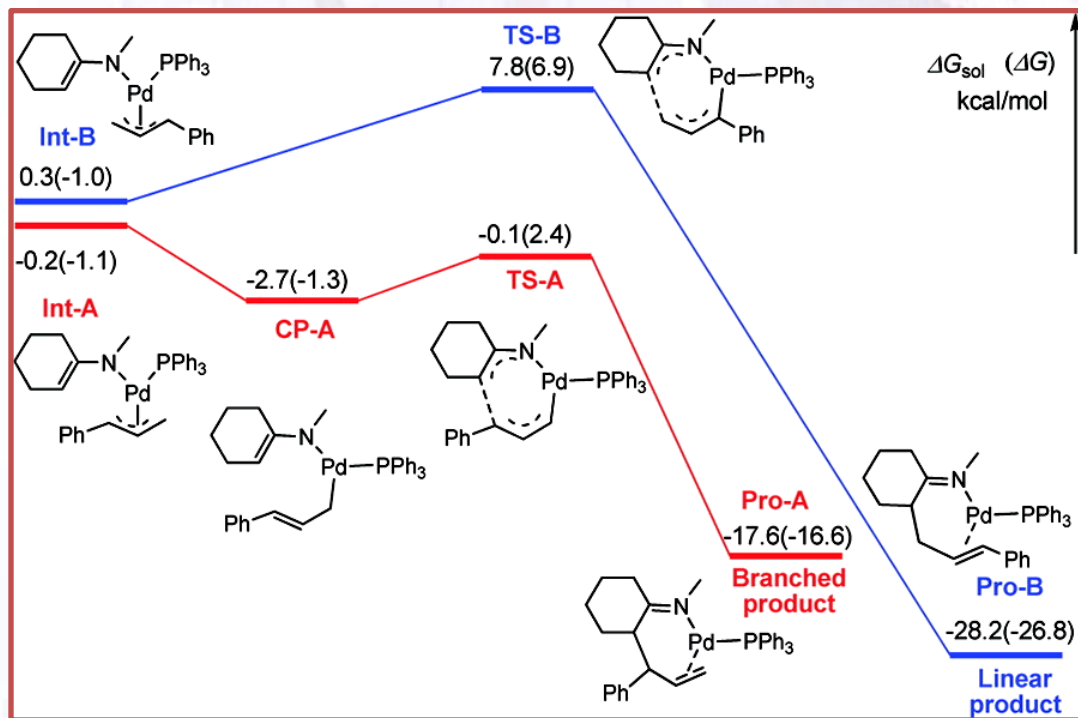
Why?

entry	base	2	% yield ^b	3a/4a ^c	3a anti/syn ^c
1	LiHMDS	2a	60	36/64	6/1
2	NaHMDS	2a	25	78/22	7/1
3	KHMDS	2a	12	68/32	7/1
4	<i>t</i> -BuONa	2a	26	98/2	9/1
5	<i>t</i> -BuOK	2a	51	99/1	7/1
6	<i>t</i> -BuOK	2b	60	98/2	7/1
7	<i>t</i> -BuOK	2c	64	98/2	24/1
8	<i>t</i> -BuOK	2d	17	95/5	13/1
9	<i>t</i> -BuOK	2e	70	99/1	32/1
10 ^d	<i>t</i> -BuOK	2e	88	99/1	24/1
11 ^e	<i>t</i> -BuOK	2a	48	95/5	4/1
12 ^e	LiHMDS	2a	29	7/93	—
13 ^e	<i>s</i> -BuLi	2a	61	12/88	—
14 ^e	LDA	2a	77	8/92	—

Roles of Bases



The transmetalation reaction between CP and M-Im is favorable if the metal ion is the soft acid K⁺.

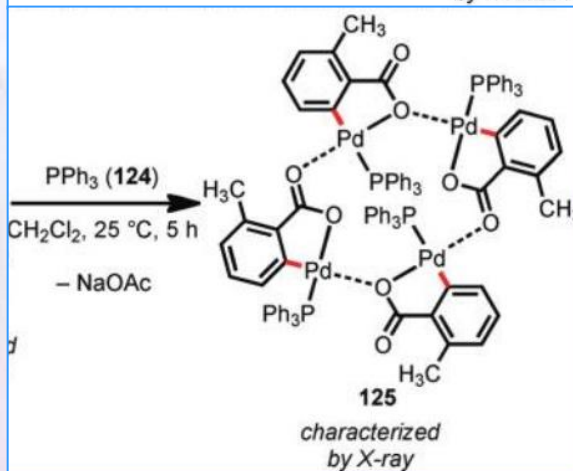
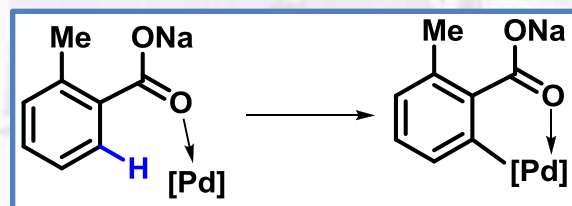
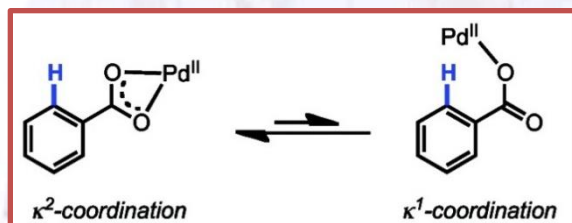
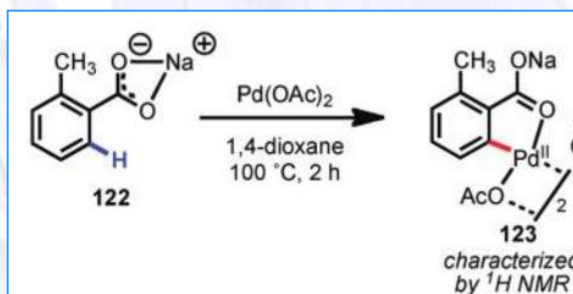


Roles of Bases

Effects of cation---interact with substrate ?



Base	Yield [%]
none	5
NaOAc	85



Summary



- Bases influence catalytic reaction efficiency, yield, selectivity...

- Factors influencing the performance of bases

basicity, solvent, solubility, ionization ability, aggregation state

metal cations: size, Lewis acidity, the HSAB theory

counter anions: size, the coordination ability

- Study of base is complex and limited.
- Roles of base: (1) Activate catalyst, neutralize acids
(2) base assisted deprotonation
(3) interact with substrate

A large, multi-masted traditional Chinese sailing ship (junk) with white sails, set against a bright, hazy sky. The ship is the central focus of the background image.

Thanks for your attention!