



# WACKER- AND HECK-TYPE NUCLEOPALLADATION

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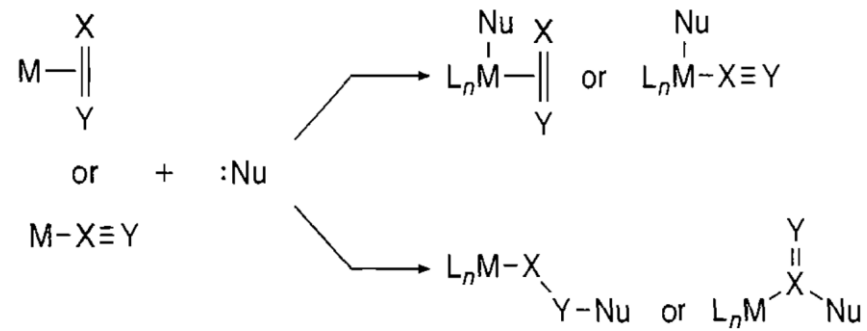
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## 7.1 NUCLEOPHILIC ATTACK ON COORDINATED LIGANDS



*i.e. ligand substitution intermediate*

*Nucleophilic attack on ligands*

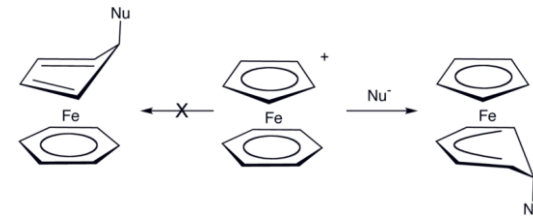
Attack at ligand favored by:

- Coordinatively saturated metal center
- E-poor metal center
- Cationic metal complexes
- Soft nucleophiles

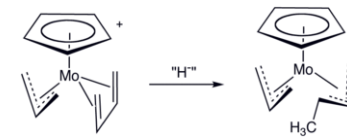


## 7.1.1 GREEN–DAVIES–MINGOS RULES

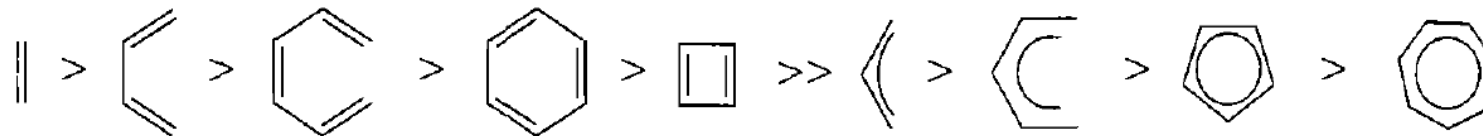
1. Nucleophilic attack is preferred on even-numbered polyenes



2. Nucleophiles preferentially add to acyclic polyenes rather than cyclic polyenes



3. Nucleophiles preferentially add to even-hapticity acyclic polyene ligands at a terminal position.  
Nucleophiles preferentially add to odd-hapticity acyclic polyene ligands at a terminal position if the metal is highly electrophilic, otherwise they add at a lateral site



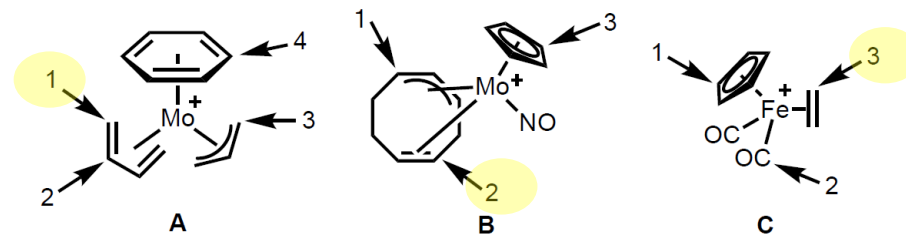
**Figure 11.4.** Order of reactivity of  $\pi$ -ligands according to the Davies–Green–Mingos rules.

Davies Green Mingos, *Tetrahedron* **1978**, 34, 3047 DOI: [dspjrq](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0040-4039(78)00000-0)



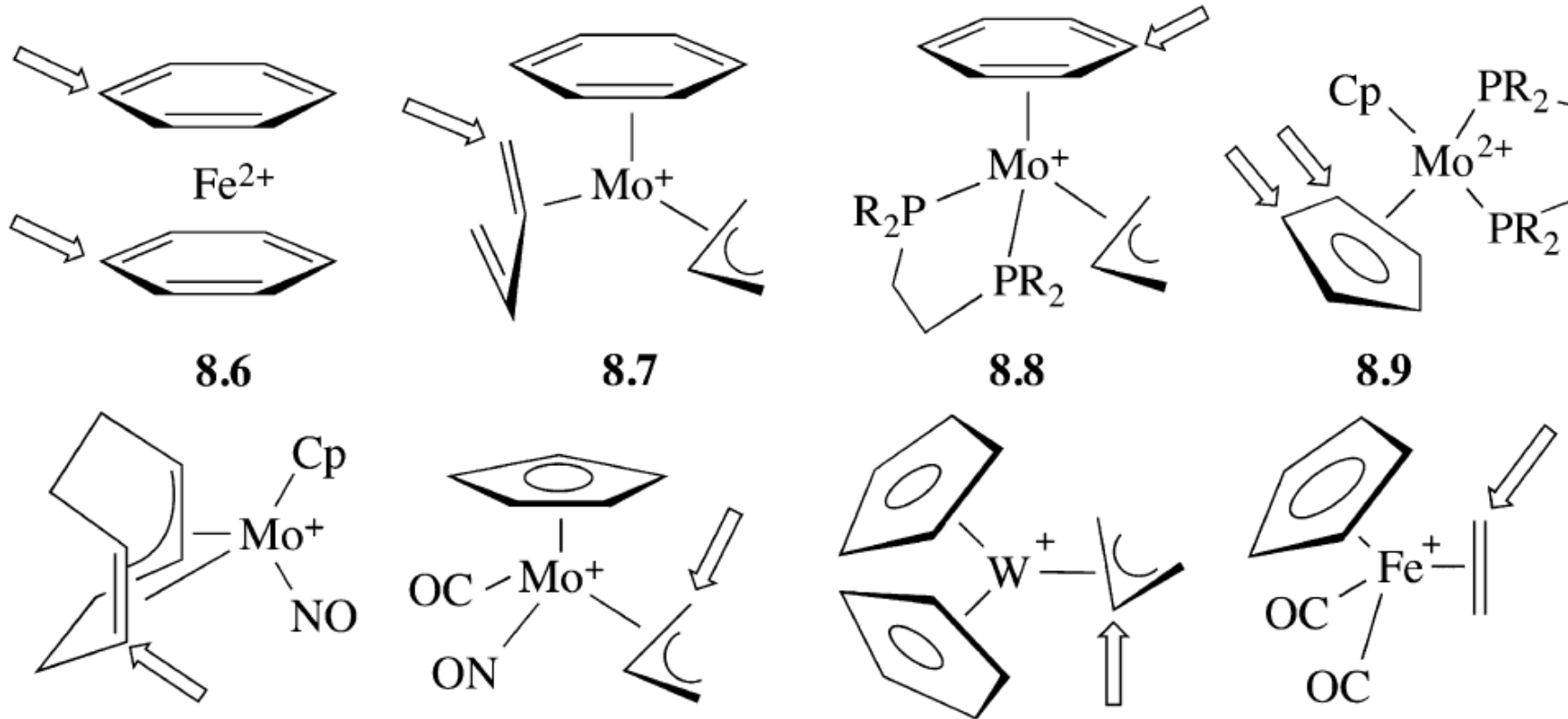
# POD #1

Consider the following three complexes A, B, and C. **Predict the site of nucleophilic attack (1 or 2 or 3..)** according to **Green–Davies–Mingos rules**.





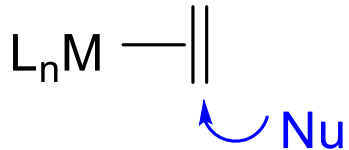
## 7.1.1 GREEN-DAVIES-MINGOS – MORE EXAMPLES





## 7.2 WACKER OXIDATION

Two possible mechanism:



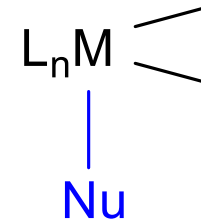
**Outer-sphere**

“nucleometalation”

Wacker-type

**Metal**

cationic, electron poor, high-valent



**Inner-sphere**

“migratory insertion”

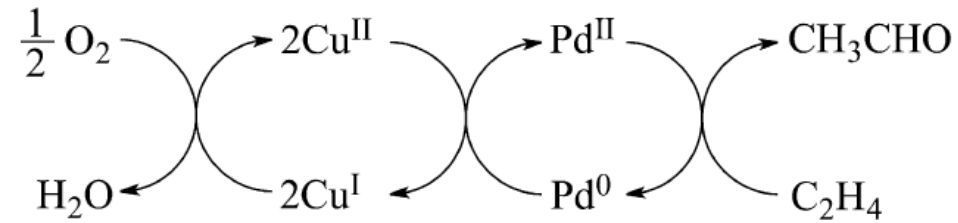
Heck-type

**Metal**

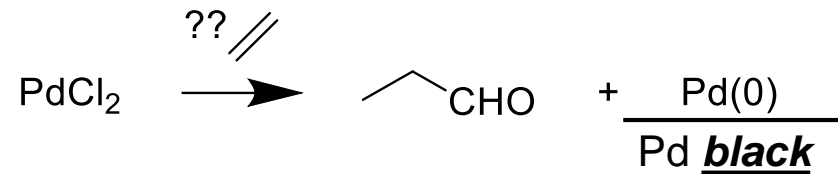
anionic, electron rich/neutral, low-valent



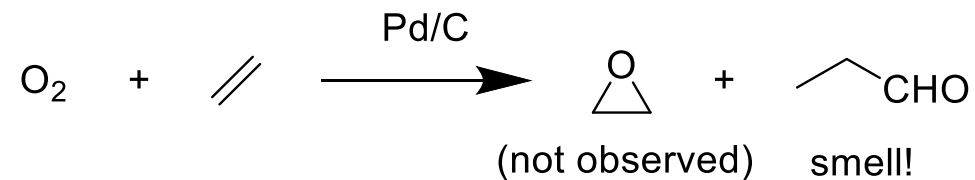
## 7.2 WACKER OXIDATION



Philips, 1894, colorimetric test for alkenes



- Walter Hafner (Wacker Chemie) 1950s
- Attempted reaction:

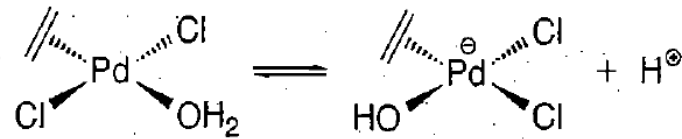




## 7.2.1 WACKER PROCESS - KINETICS

**Industrially relevant conditions  
(low Cl<sup>-</sup>)**

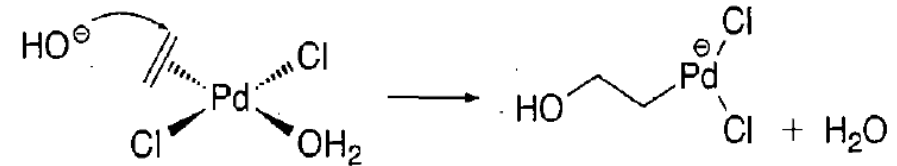
$$\text{Rate} = \frac{k[\text{PdCl}_4^{2-}][\text{C}_2\text{H}_4]}{[\text{Cl}^-]^2[\text{H}^+]}$$



*Inner sphere - syn*

**lab conditions  
(high Cl<sup>-</sup>)**

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{k[\text{PdCl}_4^{2-}][\text{C}_2\text{H}_4]}{[\text{Cl}^-]}$$

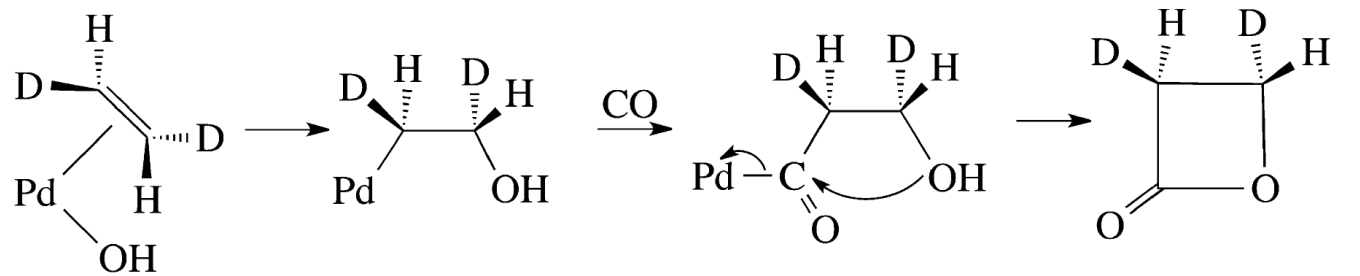


*Outer sphere - anti*

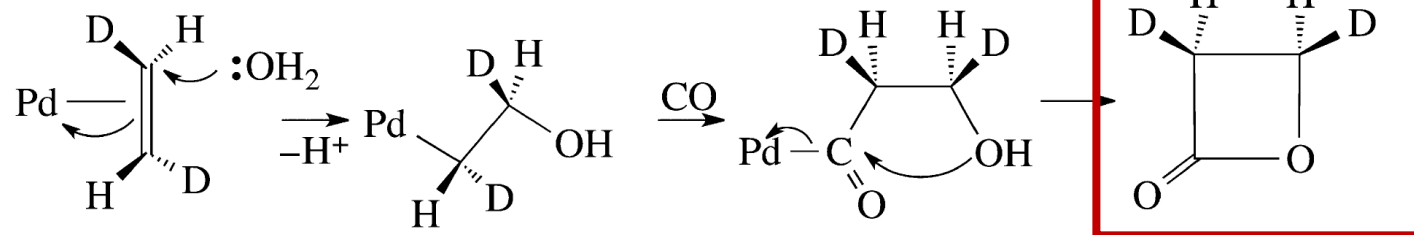




## Stille 1978



(8.22)



(8.23)

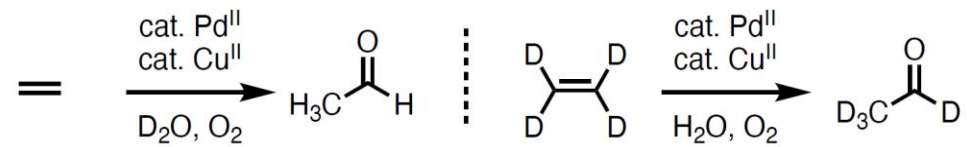
Stille *JACS* **1978** 100, 1303. DOI: [10.1021/ja00472a052](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja00472a052)

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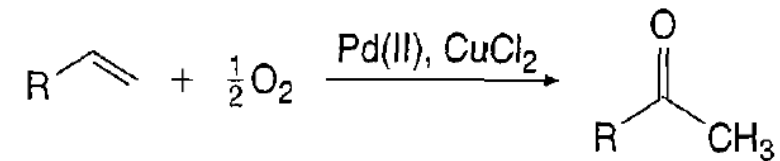
Consider the following results from deuterium labeling experiments. **Propose a mechanism that is consistent with these results.**





## 7.2.2 WACKER-TYPE OXIDATIONS

Wacker-type oxidations -> Markovnikov selectivity



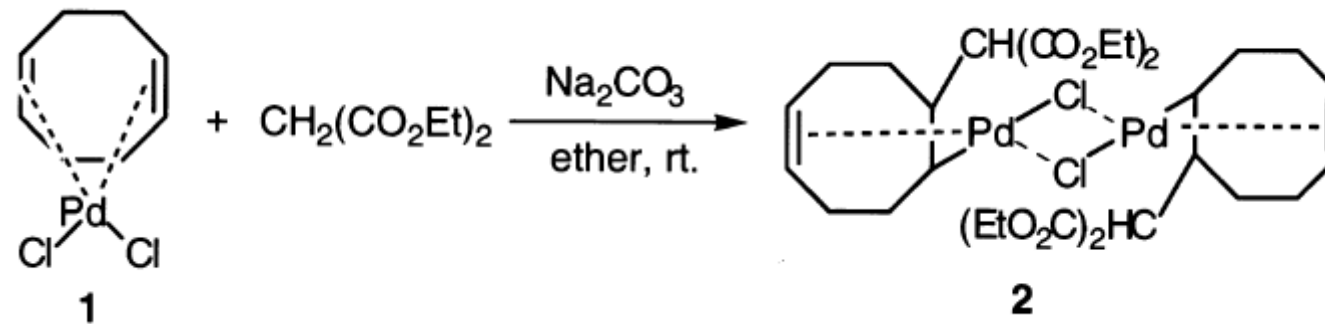
Anti-Markovnikov reported (ref below) but different mechanism

Grubbs, *Science* **2011** 333, 6049, 1609. DOI: [10.1126/science.1208685](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1208685)



## 7.3.1 OTHER NUCLEOPHILES - CARBON

Tsuij, 1965 (stoichiometric)

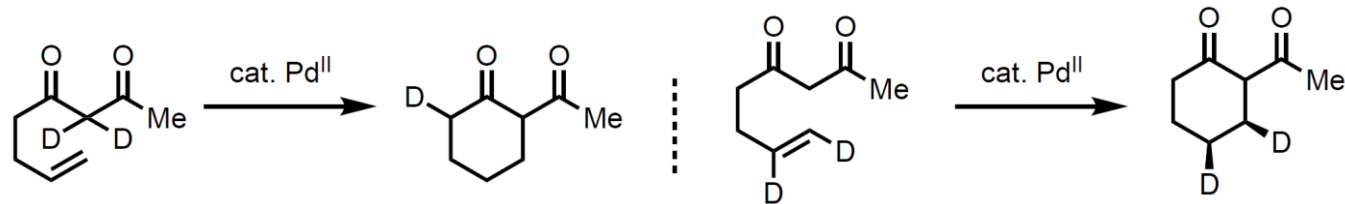


Tsuij, *JACS* **1965** 87, 3275. DOI:[10.1021/ja01092a067](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja01092a067)



## POD #3

Widenhoefer performed several deuterium labeling experiments to elucidate the mechanism of a palladium(II)-catalyzed intramolecular hydroalkylation. **Based on the results below, propose a viable mechanism.**

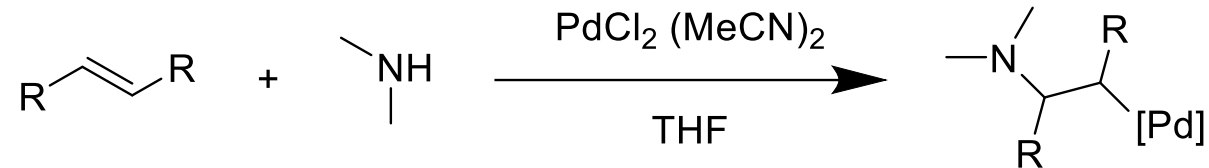


Widenhoefer, *JACS* **2003** 125, 8, 2056. DOI: [10.1021/ja0293002](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja0293002)

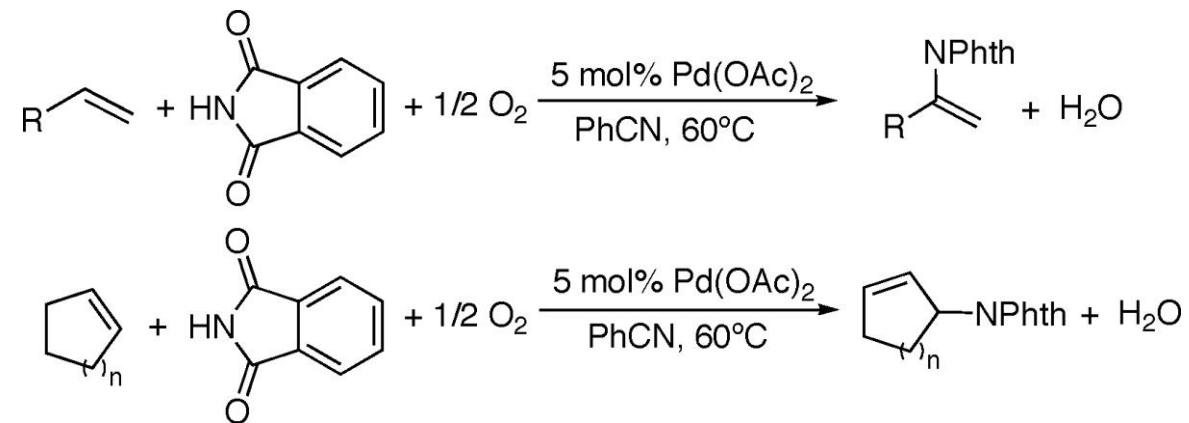


## 7.3.2 OTHER NUCLEOPHILES – NITROGEN (AZA-WACKER-TYPE)

Åkermark (1974) - stoichiometric



Stahl (2005) – catalytic

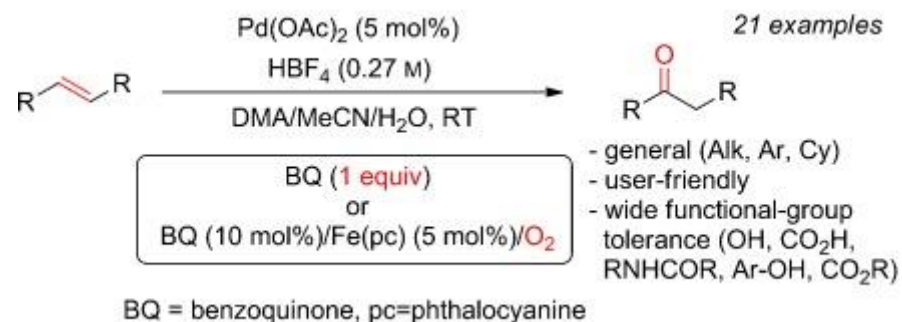


Tsuij, *JACS* **1968** 90, 20, 5518. DOI: [10.1021/ja01022a034](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja01022a034)



## 7.3.3 WACKER FOR INTERNAL ALKENES

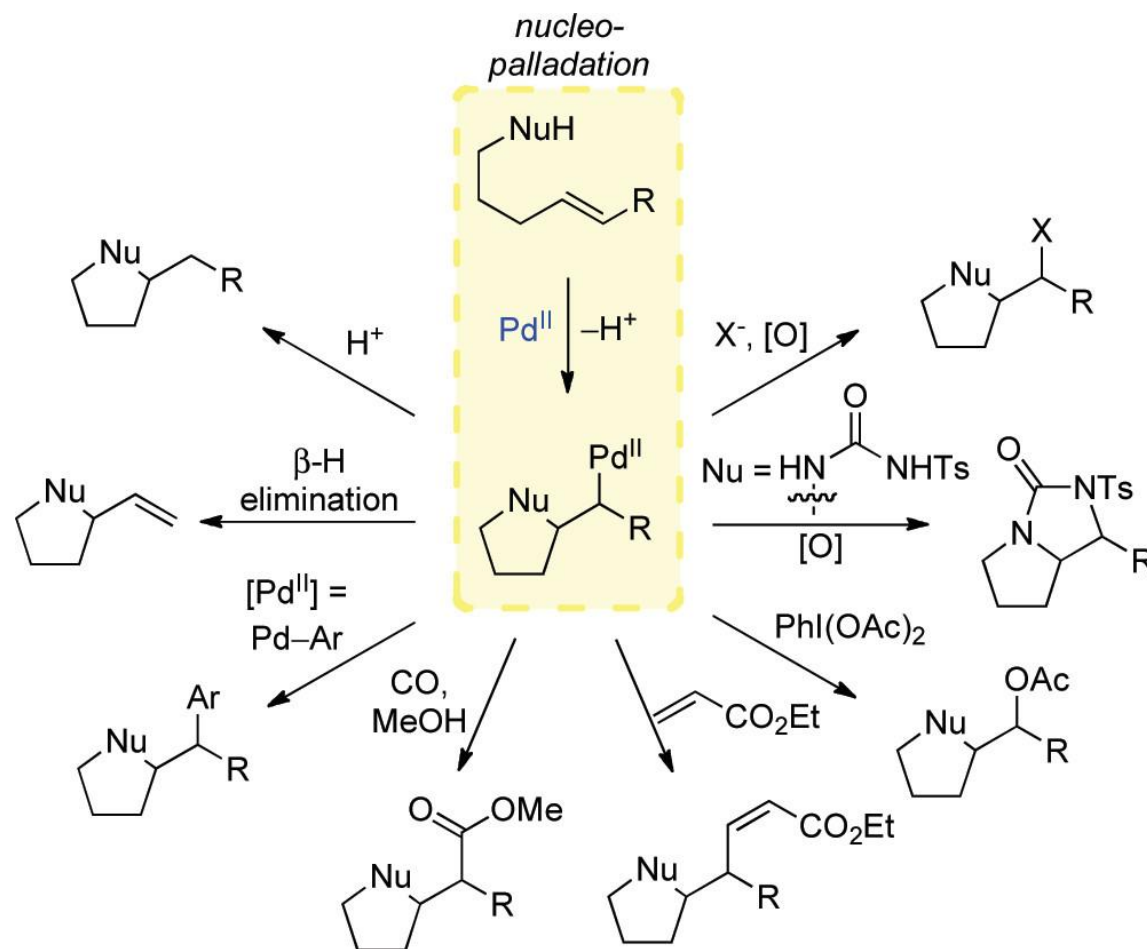
Dicationic Pd(II) complex ( $[\text{Pd}(\text{MeCN})_4](\text{BF}_4)_2$  generated in-situ from  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  and  $\text{HBF}_4$ ) necessary to increase the electrophilicity of the catalyst towards the less reactive internal double bonds



Morandi *ACIE* 2013 DOI: [10.1002/anie.201209541](https://doi.org/10.1002/anie.201209541)



## 7.4 INTERCEPTING NUCLEOPALLADATE INTERMEDIATES

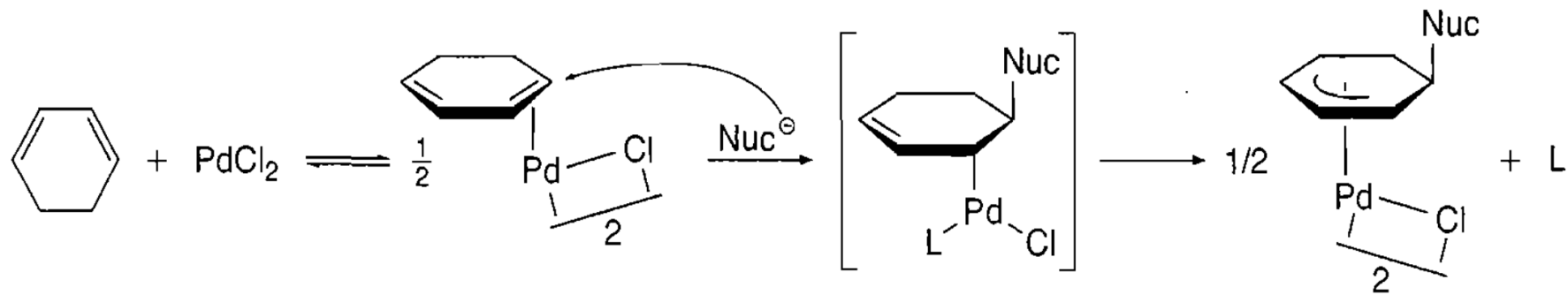


Stahl, *Chem Rev* **2011** 111, 4, 2981. DOI: [10.1021/cr100371y](https://doi.org/10.1021/cr100371y)





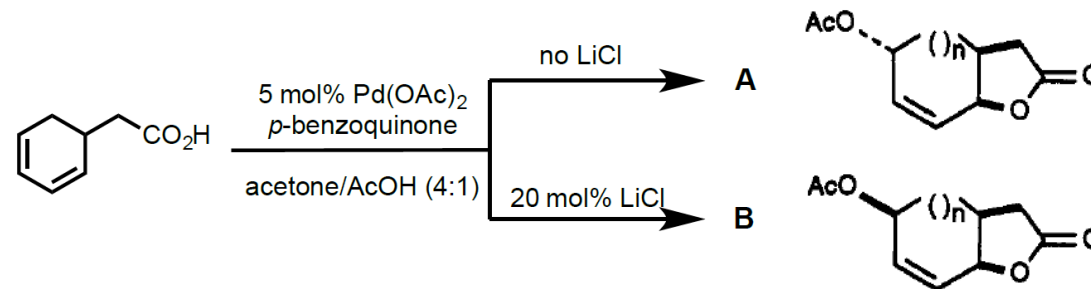
## 7.5 NUCLEOPHILIC ATTACK ON DIENES





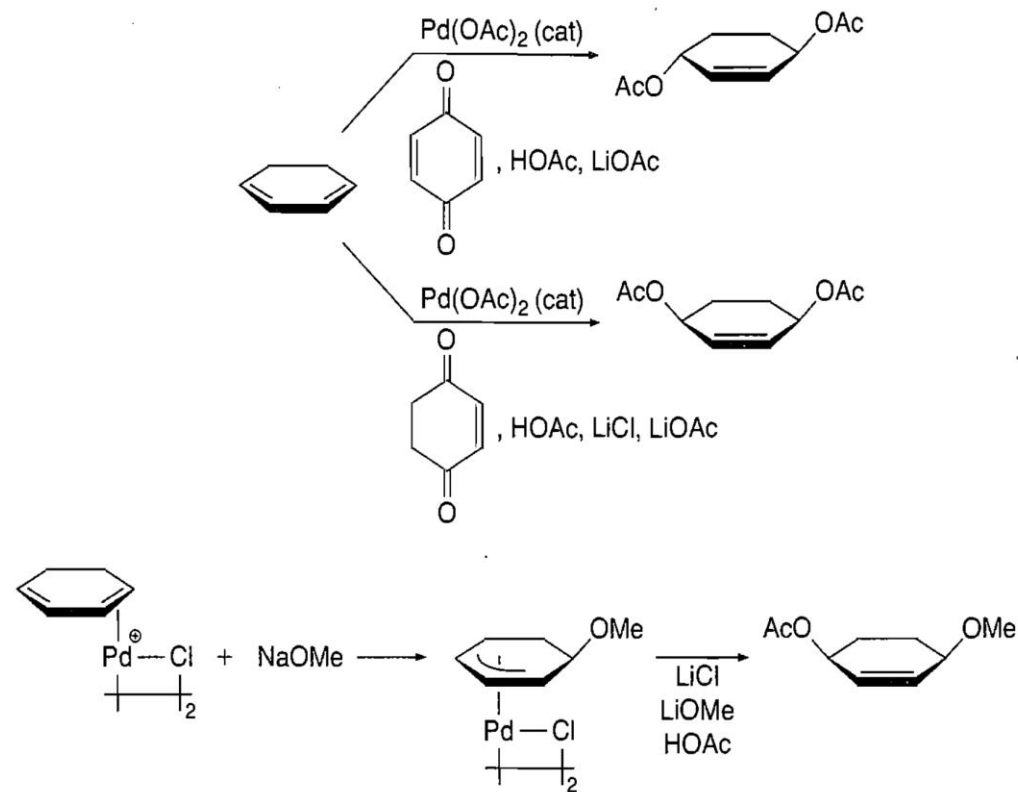
# POD #1

The following catalytic system was found to give divergent outcomes in the presence or absence of LiCl (*JOC* 1993, 58, 5445). **Predict the structures for products A and B, propose the mechanisms that account for product formation, and, explain the origin of the observed selectivity.**





## 7.5.2 NUCLEOPHILIC ATTACK ON Pd(II) DIENE COMPLEXES

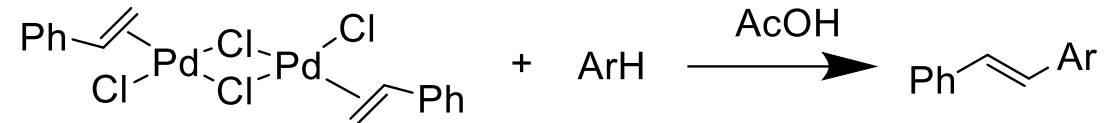




## 7.6.1 MIZOROKI-HECK REACTION – HISTORY

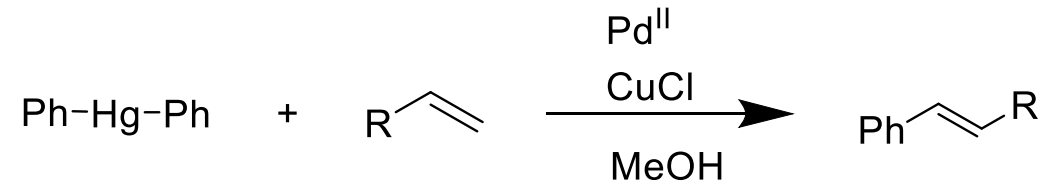
### Fuijwara-Moritani

Moritani and Fuijwara *Tet Lett* **1967**, 11119 DOI: [doi.org/cjpvnm](https://doi.org/cjpvnm)



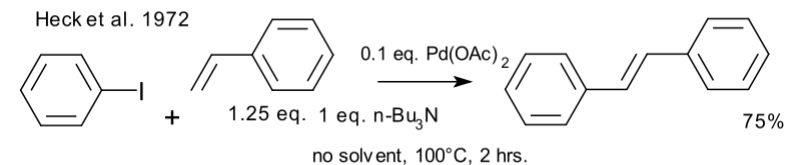
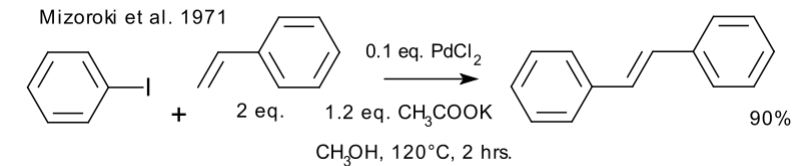
### Oxidative Heck

Heck, *JACS* **1968** 90, 5518. DOI: [10.1021/ja01022a034](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja01022a034)



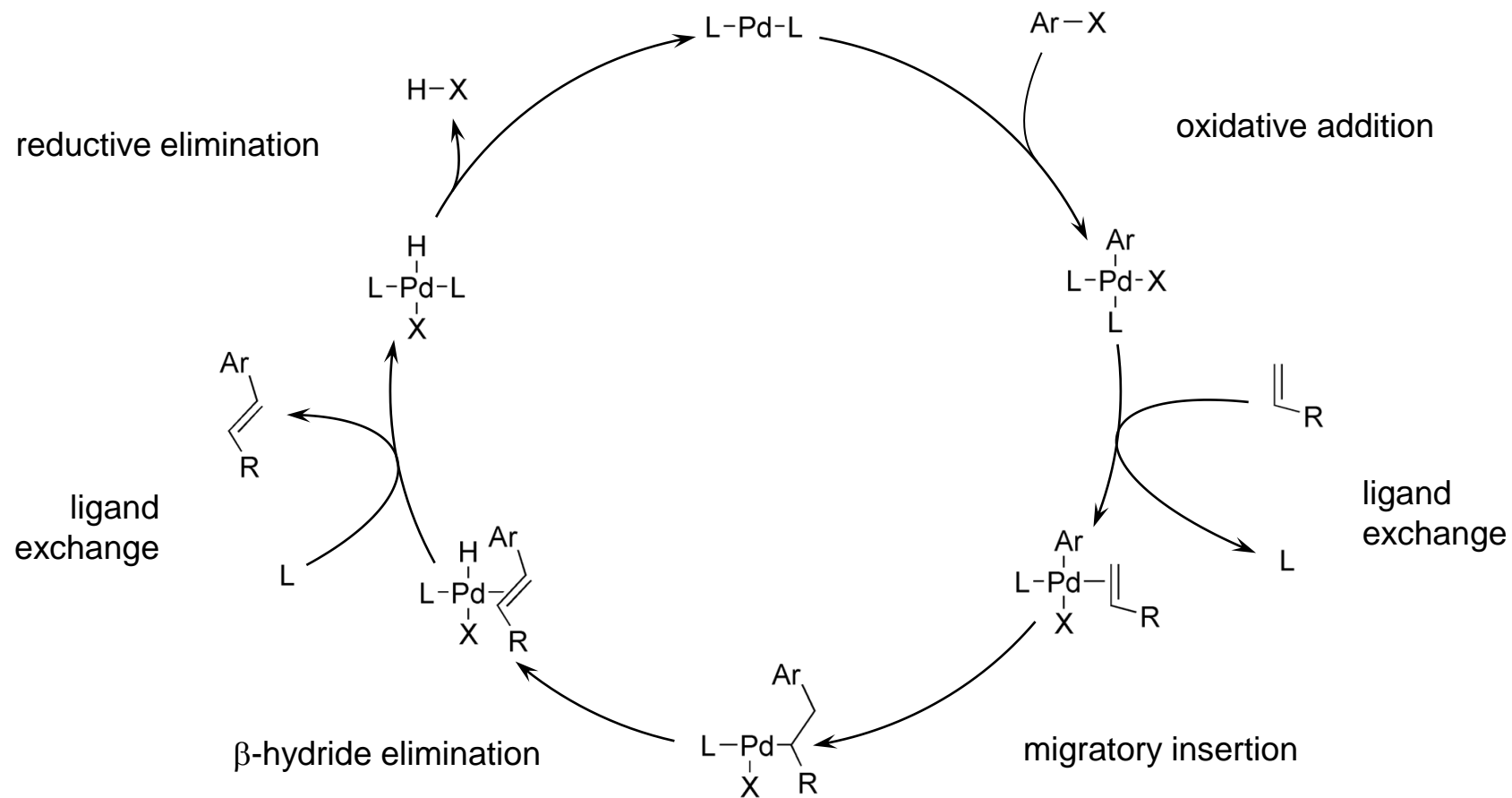
### Mizoroki

Mizoroki *Bull Chem Soc Jpn* **1971** 44, 581. DOI: [10.1246/bcsj.44.581](https://doi.org/10.1246/bcsj.44.581)





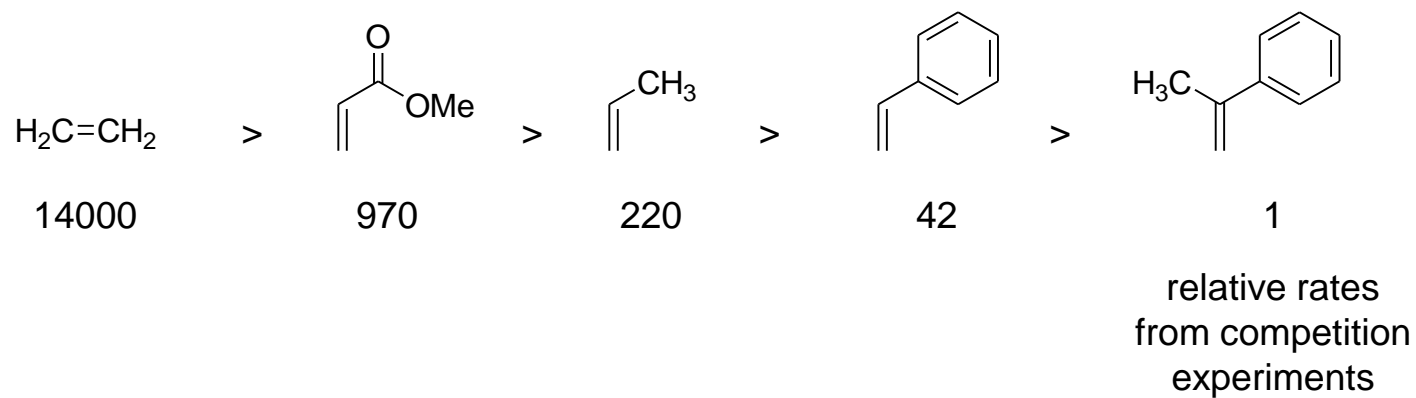
## 7.6.2 MIZOROKI-HECK REACTION – MECHANISM



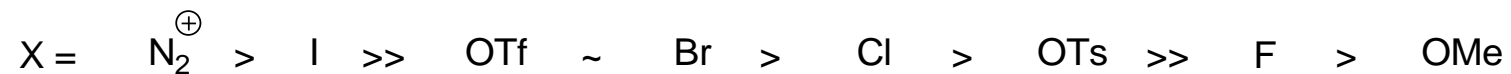


## 7.6.3 MIZOROKI-HECK REACTION – REACTIVITY

### Olefin

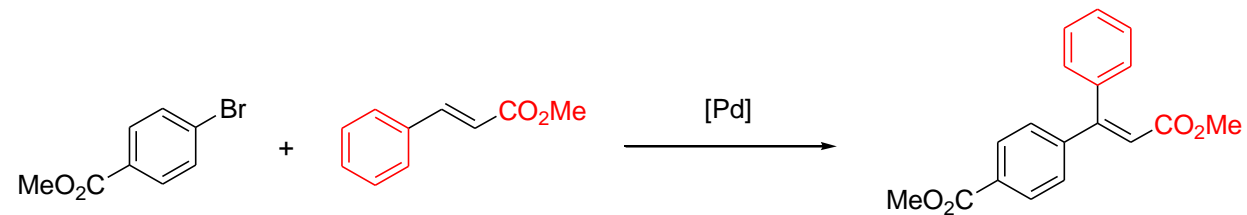
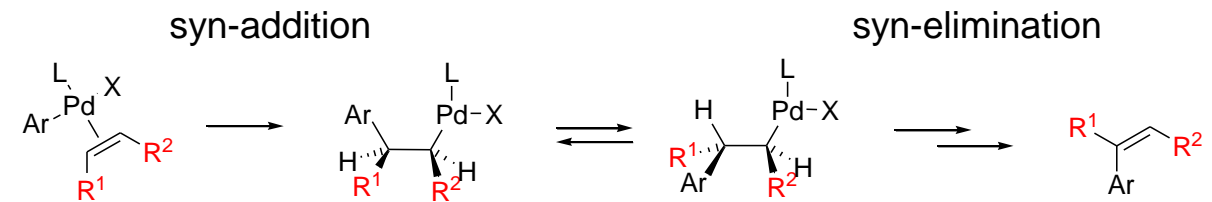


### Ar-X





## 7.6.4 MIZOROKI-HECK REACTION – STEREOCHEMISTRY

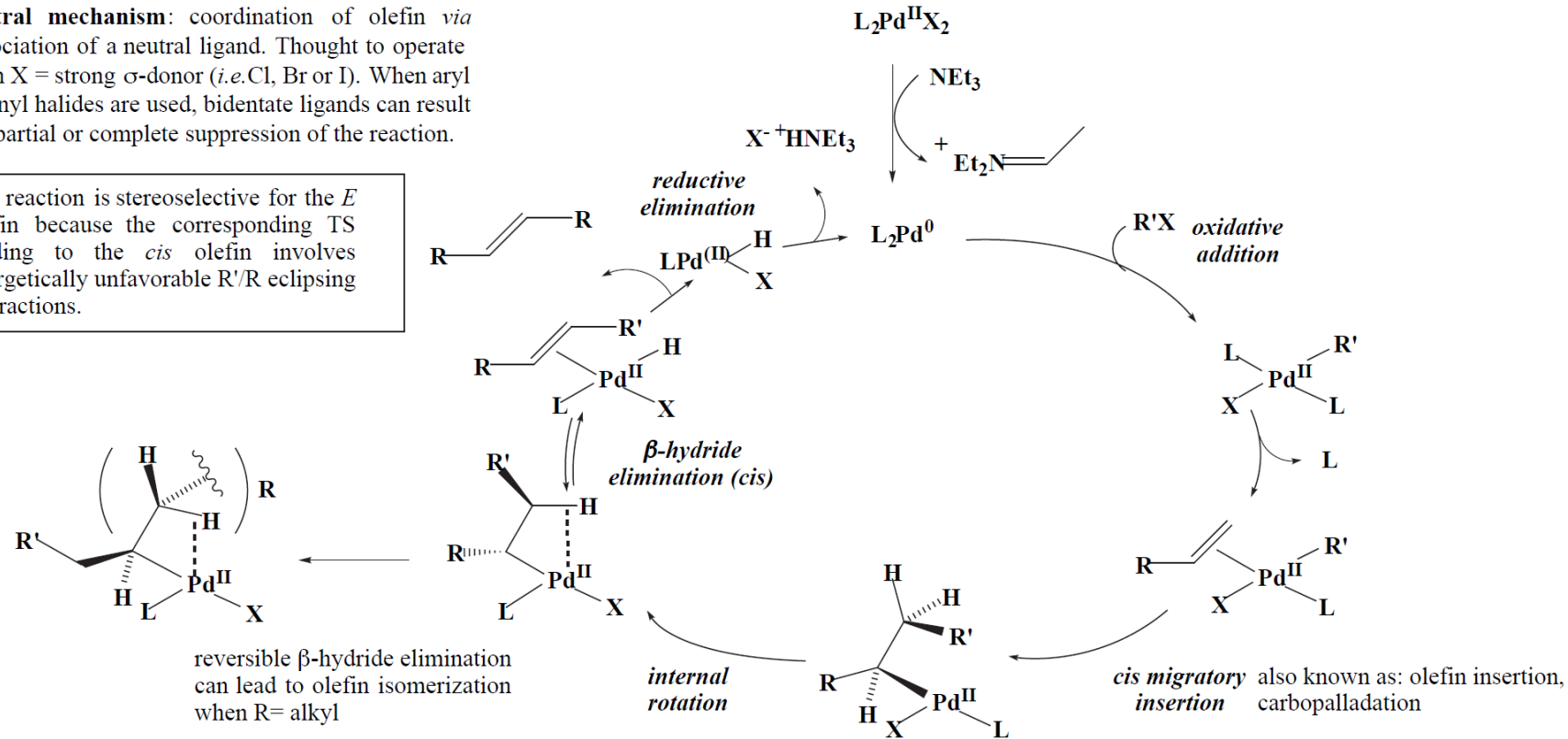




## 7.6. MIZOROKI-HECK REACTION – NEUTRAL MECHANISM

**Neutral mechanism:** coordination of olefin *via* dissociation of a neutral ligand. Thought to operate when X = strong  $\sigma$ -donor (*i.e.* Cl, Br or I). When aryl or vinyl halides are used, bidentate ligands can result in a partial or complete suppression of the reaction.

The reaction is stereoselective for the *E* olefin because the corresponding TS leading to the *cis* olefin involves energetically unfavorable R'/R eclipsing interactions.



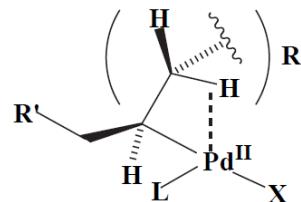




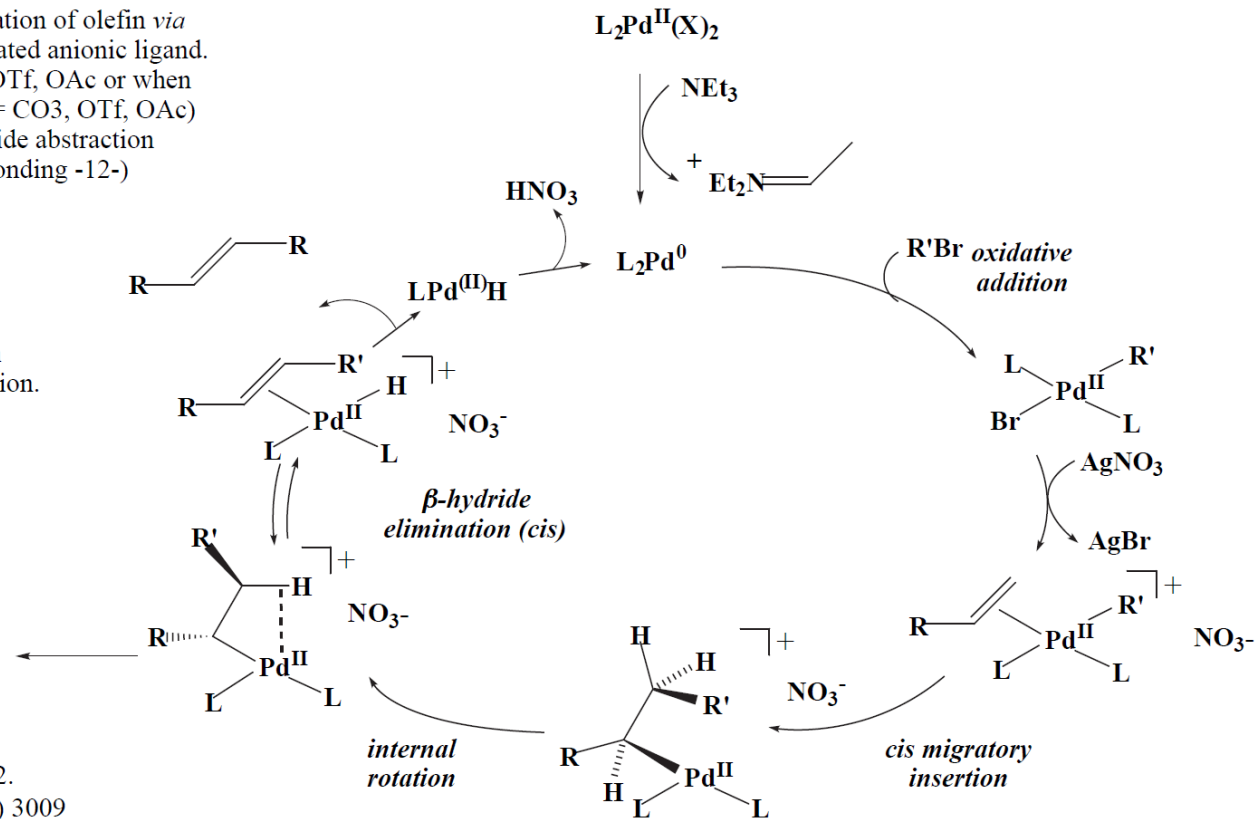
## 7.6. MIZOROKI-HECK REACTION – CATIONIC MECHANISM

**Cationic mechanism:** coordination of olefin *via* dissociation of a weakly associated anionic ligand. Thought to operate when X = OTf, OAc or when Ag or Tl salts (AgY or TlY; Y= CO<sub>3</sub>, OTf, OAc) are used that are capable of halide abstraction (metathesis- see Structure & Bonding -12-)

Faster dissociation of the olefin leads to less  $\beta$ -hydride elimination.

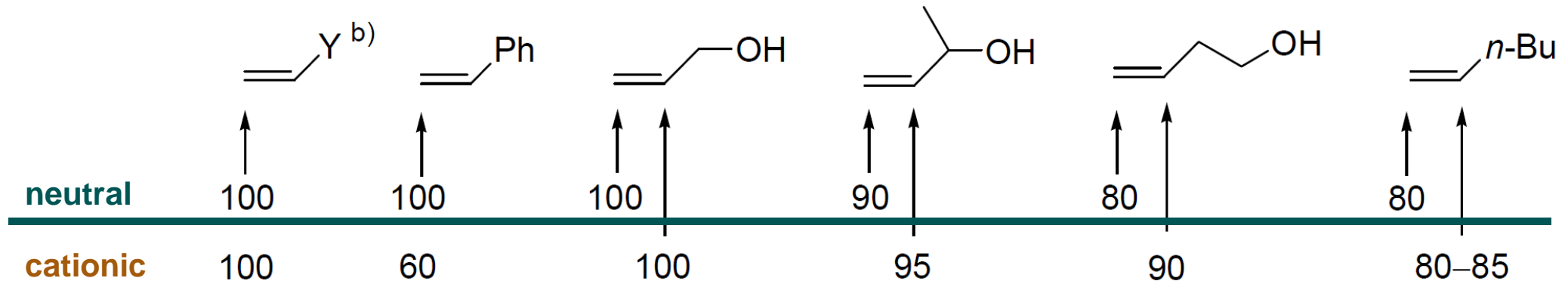


Cabri *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1995** (28) 2.  
Beletskaya *Chem. Rev.* **2000** (100) 3009





## 7.6. MIZOROKI-HECK – MECHANISM AND REGIOCHEMISTRY



Cabri *Acc Chem Res* **1995** 28 2  
Hallberg *TH* **1994** 50 285  
*JOC* **2000** 65 7235