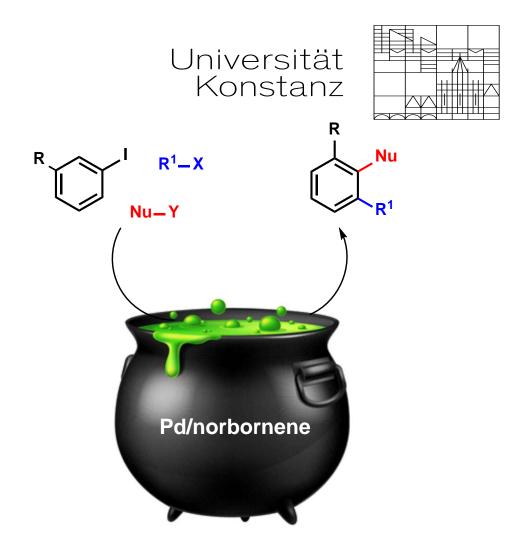
The Catellani reaction – development and application

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C-H functionalization and the need for the Catellani reaction

Directing group mediated C-H activation

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R & \hline
 & DG \\
\hline
 & X - FG^1
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R & \hline
 & FG^1
\end{array}$$

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\hline
 & X - FG^1
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
 & X - FG^1
\end{array}$$

- ortho- and meta-C-H functionalization of arenes reported
- preinstallation and removal of directing groups necessary
- site for installation of DG might be missing

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→ in situ generation of DG with subsequent departure desirable

The Catellani reaction

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R \stackrel{\text{[M]}, DG}{\longrightarrow} & R \stackrel{\text{[M]}}{\longrightarrow} & FG^{2} \\
\hline
X - FG^{1} & Y - FG^{2} & R \stackrel{\text{[M]}}{\longrightarrow} & FG^{1}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
M & X - FG^{1} & Y - FG^{2} & FG^{1}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
M & Y - FG^{2} & FG^{1}
\end{array}$$

- functionalization of *ortho* and *ipso*-position in one transformation
- trapping with a wide variety of terminating agents possible

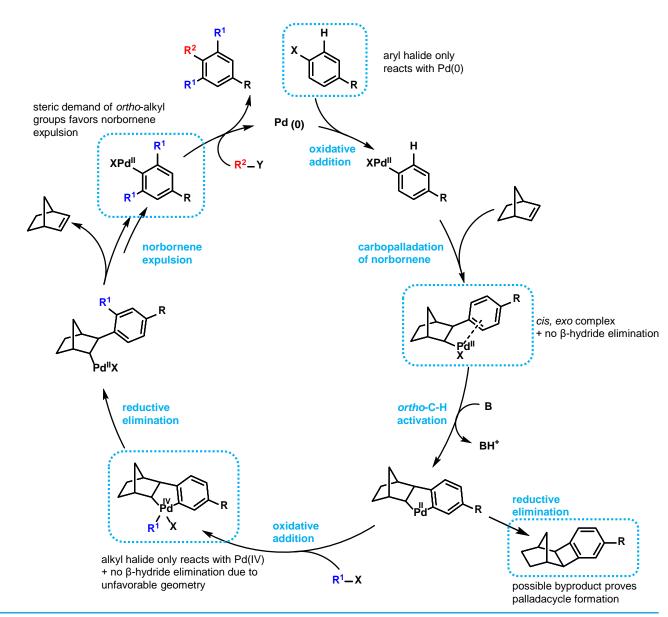
The Catellani reaction: initial studies

Initial scope

entry	R	R¹	Y	conversion	selectivity	
1	Н	<i>n</i> -But	CO ₂ Me	100	93	
2	Н	<i>n</i> -But	CO ₂ Me	86	95	
3	Н	CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	CO ₂ Me	33	95	
4	Me	<i>n</i> -But	CO ₂ Me	44	93	
5	CO ₂ Me	<i>n</i> -But	CO ₂ Me	82	89	
6	Н	<i>n</i> -But	CO ₂ Me	42	90	
7	Н	<i>n</i> -But	Ph	31	91	
8	Н	<i>n</i> -But	<i>n</i> -Hex	43	90	

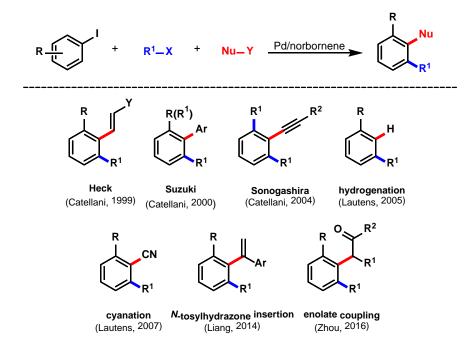
Selectivity in the catalytic cycle

- competing reactivity of alkyl halide and aryl halide
- selectivity relies on different reactivities of Pd(0), Pd (II) and Pd(IV)



Aromatic ortho-alkylation

General overview



Mechanistic reminder

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Some more complex examples



EWG





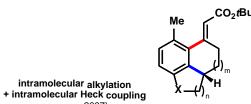
alkylation + intramolecular Heck coupling (Lautens, 2000)

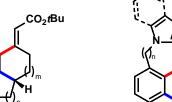
(Lautens, 2007)

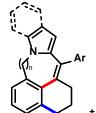
intramolecular alkylation + Heck coupling (Lautens, 2003)

alkylation + intramolecular Heck coupling and aza-Michael intramolecular amination (Catellani, 2004)

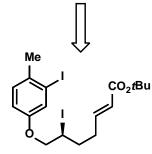
alkylation + (Lautens, 2007)

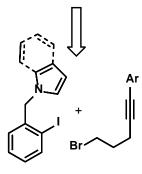






alkylation + intramolecular alkyne insertion (Lautens, 2007)





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Selectivity problems in the Sonogashira termination approach

$$R \longrightarrow X + PdL_2 \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow \frac{L}{L} \longrightarrow \frac{L}{R} \longrightarrow R$$

$$R \longrightarrow \frac{R^1}{L} \longrightarrow \frac{R^1}{L} \longrightarrow \frac{R}{R^1} \longrightarrow \frac{R}$$

prevention of byproduct formation by:

- 1) employing KOAc instead of K₂CO₃
- 2) large excess of alkyl bromide + gradual addition
- 3) run reaction at rt
- 4) gradual addition of phenylacetylene

Chiral helical alkenes

Chiral tetrasubstituted helical alkenes

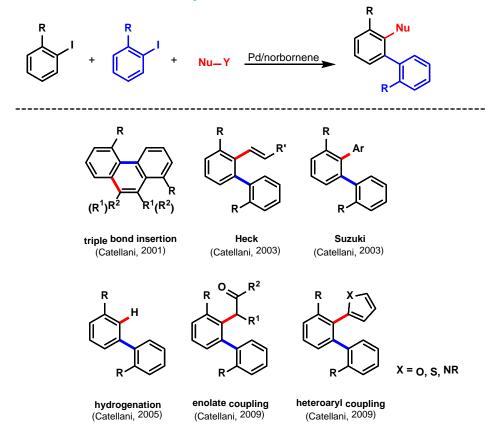
- harvesting of the previously observed reactivity for the synthesis of chiral helical alkenes
 - → domino sequence featuring two C-H functionalizations

Chiral tetrasubstituted helical alkenes without incorporation of norbornene

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Aromatic ortho-arylation and the ortho-effect

Aromatic ortho-arylation



ortho-Effect

path a

- strong tendency of sp²-sp³ C-C bond formation
- migration of aryl occurs onto norbornyl site of palladacycle

path b

- sp²-sp² C-C bond formation upon introduction of ortho-substituent

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Aromatic ortho-arylation: cross-coupling of aryl halides

Chemoselectivity issue

- → 1) tuning of electronic properties of aryl halides to distinguish between Pd(0) and Pd(II)
 - 2) ortho-coordination-induced chemoselective addition to Pd(II)

1) Adjustment of electronic properties (Catellani, 2004)

entry	R¹	R²	yield	entry	R¹	R²	yield
1	Me	o-CO ₂ Me	80	8	Ме	p-CO ₂ Me	71
2	<i>t</i> Bu	o-CO ₂ Me	37	9	Me	o-CN	13
3	OMe	o-CO ₂ Me	83	10	Me	m-CN	62
4	NMe ₂	o-CO ₂ Me	82	11	Me	p-CN	79
5	Ph	o-CO ₂ Me	73	12	Me	m-CF ₃	71
6	Me	m-CO ₂ Me	37	13	Me	p-CF ₃	80

2) ortho-Coordination induced selectivity (Catellani, 2012)

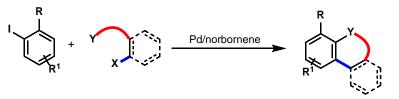
entry	R¹	R²	R³	R⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶	yield
1	Me	Н	Н	Н	Me	Me	79
2	<i>i</i> Pr	Н	Н	Н	Me	Me	75
3	(CH=CH) ₂		Н	Н	Me	Me	66
4	<i>n</i> Pr	Н	Н	Н	Et	Et	98
5	OMe	Н	Н	Н	Et	Et	90
6	(CH=CH) ₂		Н	OMe	Et	Et	98

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Polycyclic compounds from bifunctional reagents



X = halide

Y = alkene, heteroaryl, amide, amine, alcohol, aldehyde, ester, ketone etc.

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 R^1









ortho-arylation + N-aryl coupling (Catellani, 2004)

ortho-arylation + N-aryl coupling (Lautens, 2009) (Malacria, 2010) ortho arylation + aldehyde addition (Lautens, 2009)

ortho arylation + ketone addition (Lautens, 2009)

ortho arylation + Heck + aza-Michael (Malacria, 2014) ortho-arylation +
Heck + aza-Michael +
"retro-Mannich"
(Catellani, 2010)

ortho-arylation + O-aryl coupling (Catellani, 2012)

$$R^1$$
 R^2

ortho-arylation + O-aryl coupling (Catellani, 2013)

$$R^1$$

ortho-arylation + norbornene insertion + C-N- coupling (Catellani, 2011)

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Phenanthridines (Lautens, 2009/Malacria, 2010)

Dibenzoazepines (Catellani, 2011)

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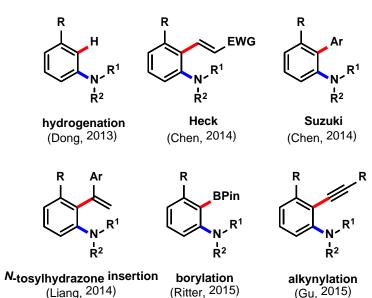
Phenanthridines (Catellani, 2010)

Dihydrophenanthrene (Malacria, 2011)

$$\begin{array}{c} R \\ R^{1} \stackrel{\square}{=} \\ R^{1} \stackrel{\square}{=} \\ R^{2} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Pd(OAc)_{2} \\ trifurylphosphine \\ Cs_{2}CO_{3} \\ DMF, 130 \, ^{\circ}C \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R^{1} \\ Coupling \\ R^{2} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R^{1} \\ Coupling \\ R^{2} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R \\ Coupling \\ R^{2} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R^{1} \\ R^{1} \\ R^{2} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R^{1} \\ R^{1} \\ R^{2} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R^{1} \\ R^{1} \\ R^{2} \end{array}$$

Aromatic ortho-amination/-acylation

ortho-Amination



ortho-acylation

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Aromatic ortho-amination + hetero-bond formation

General scope

C-X bond

Reoccurring motif in pharmaceuticals

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C2-Alkylation of indole and pyrrole derivatives

Alkylation of indoles

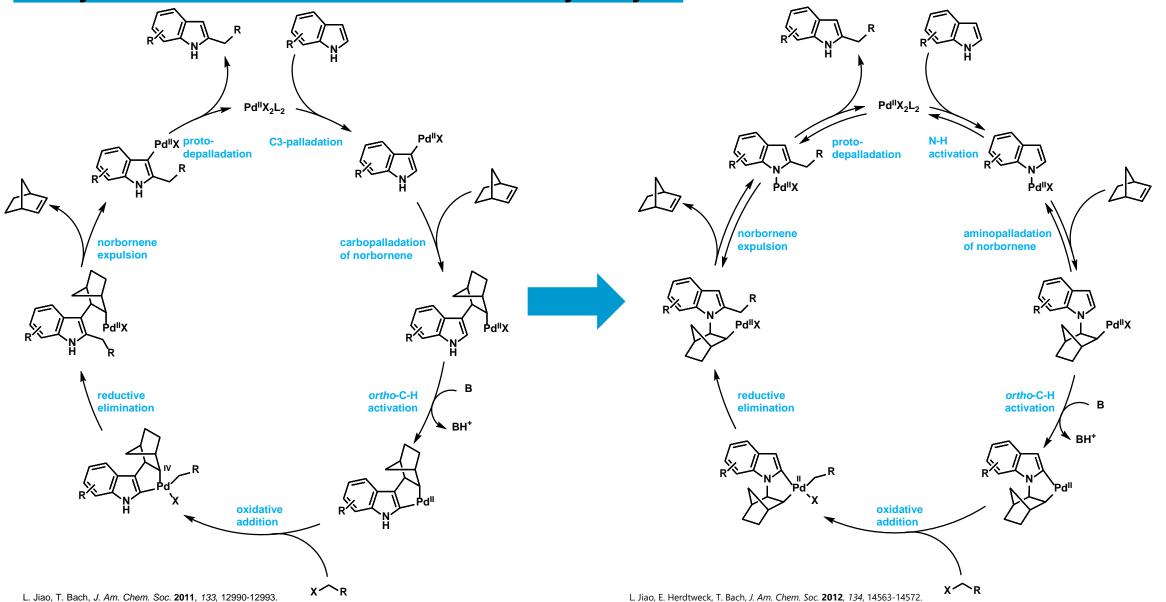
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Alkylation of pyrroles

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2-Alkylation of indoles: revision of the catalytic cycle



Advancement in methodology and synthetic applications

C2-arylation (Jiang, 2017)

 R = EWG or EDG tolerated, but e⁻-rich indole + e⁻-deficient aryl iodide work best

C2-trifluoroethylation (Liu, 2018)

anionic ligands needed to enhance nucleophilicity of palladacycle

C-H alkylation of tryptophan (Bach, 2013)

NHBoc
$$CO_2Et$$
 + R Br CO_2Et CO_2Et CO_2Et CO_2Et CO_2Et CO_2Et CO_2Et CO_2Et CO_2Et

 Boc-protection prevents interference of the NH-position with palladation of indolic nitrogen

Natural products

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{OHC} \\ \text{N} \\ \text{N} \\ \text{N} \\ \text{N} \\ \text{N} \\ \text{PdCl}_2 \\ \text{norbornene} \\ \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 \\ \text{DMF/DMSO/H}_2\text{O}, 70 \, ^{\circ}\text{C} \\ \text{H} \\ \end{array}$$

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meta-Selective C-H bond activation

General idea

- combination of chelation-assisted Pd(II) ortho-C-H activation and Pd(II)/Pd(IV) norbornene chemistry

meta-Alkylation (Yu, 2015)

R²

NHAr_F

$$R^{1}$$

NHAr_F
 R^{2}

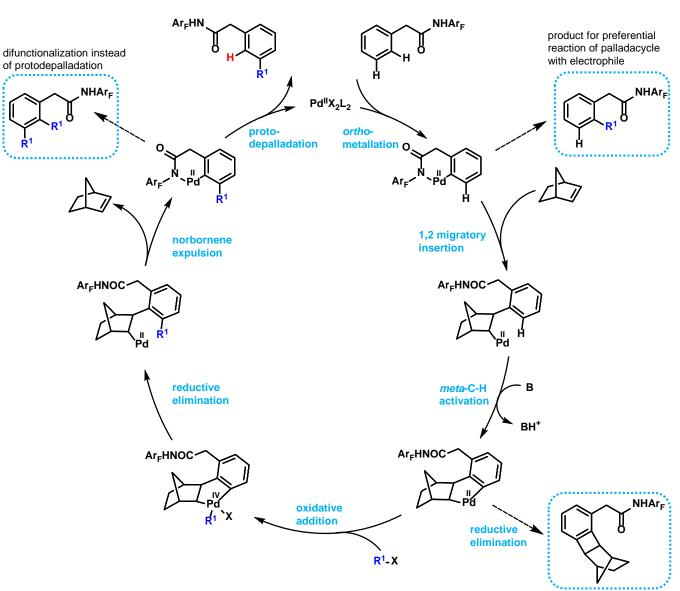
NHAr_F
 R^{2}
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NHAr_F
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 R^{2

meta-Arylation (Dong, 2015)

acetate cocktail...? → LiOAc•2H₂O, CsOAc, Cu(OAc)₂•H₂O





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Applications: Total synthesis of (+)-linoxepin

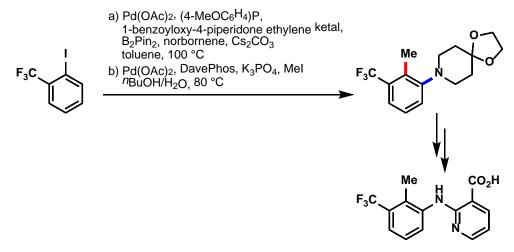
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Applications: The Catellani reaction as key step in total synthesis

Abilifly

Flunixin



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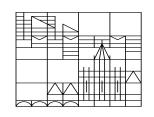
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