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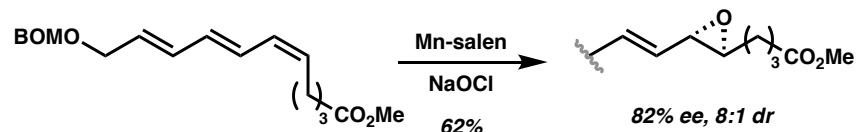
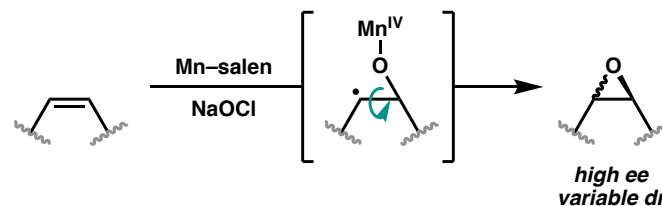
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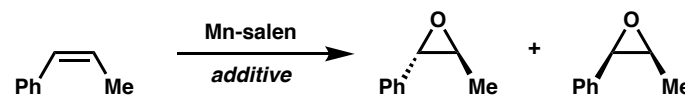
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Ph.D. work: epoxidation of *cis*-olefins

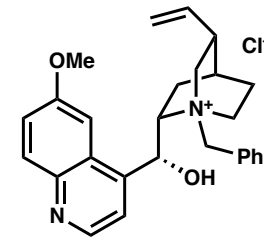


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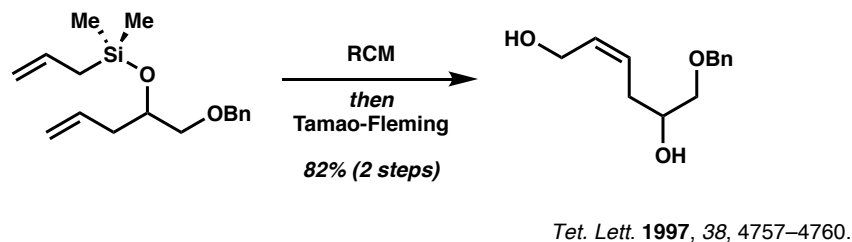
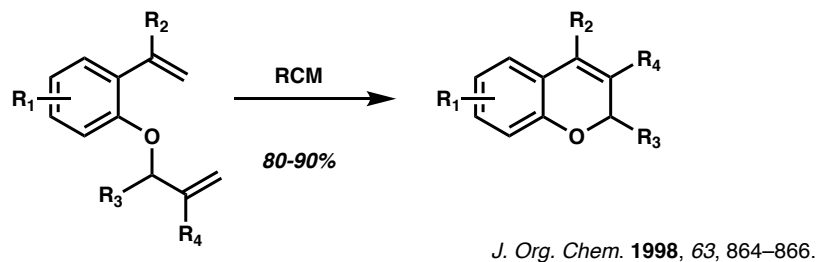
R_4N^+ =

solvent	additive	<i>trans</i> : <i>cis</i>
DCM	none	29:71
PhCl	none	39:61
PhCl	R_4N^+	95:5

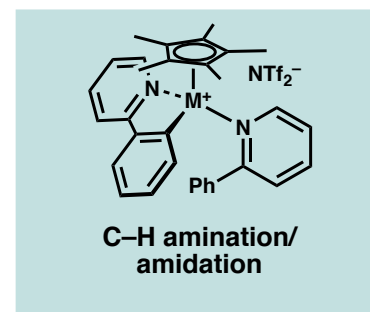
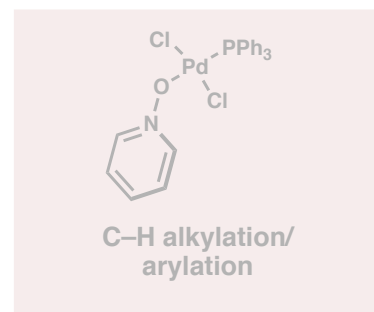
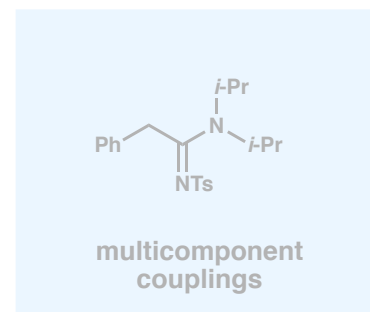
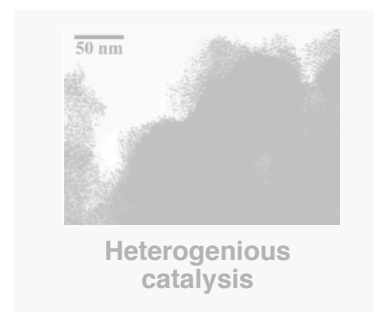


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- Postdoc work: novel applications of RCM



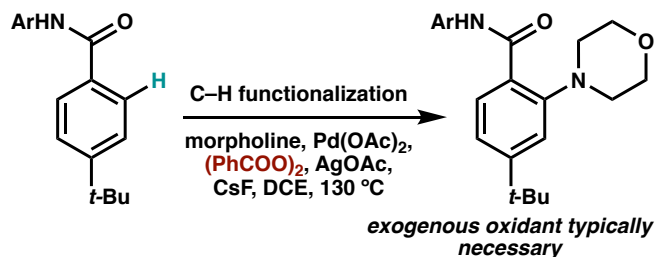
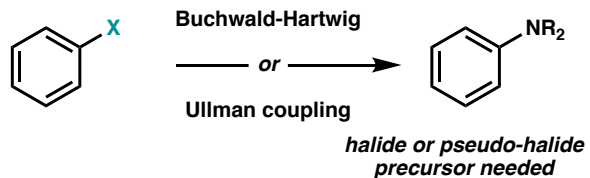
- Independent career: 206 Publications since 1999 over a broad range of subjects



Plus many many others

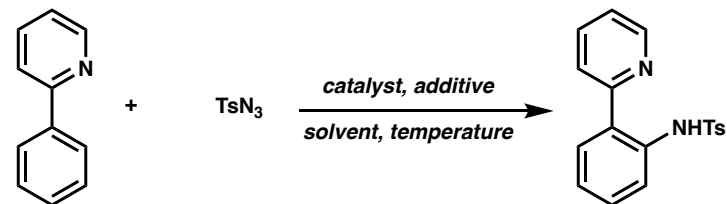
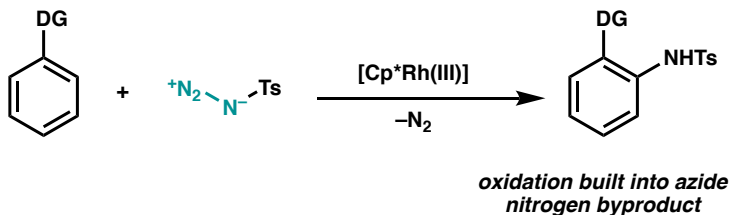
Covered in this talk: group 9 C–H amination/amidation

Strategies to prepare aryl-amines

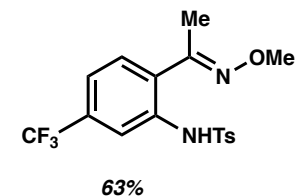
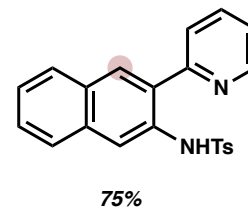
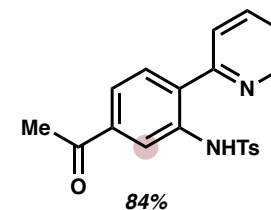
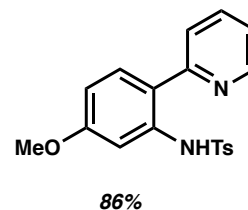


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Chang lab strategy: build in oxidation

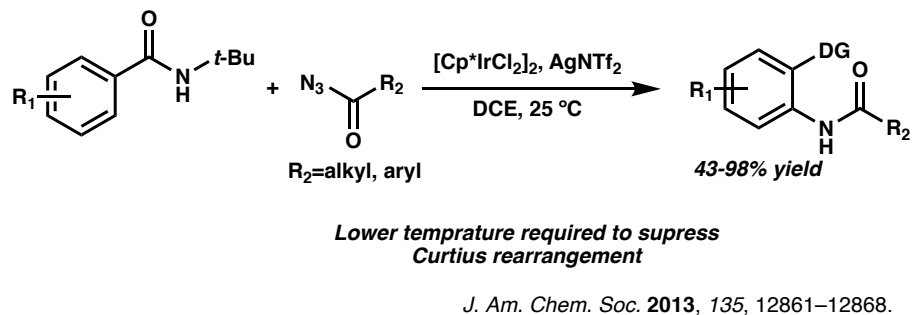
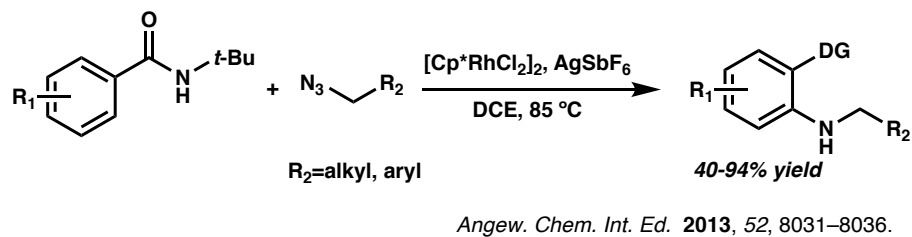
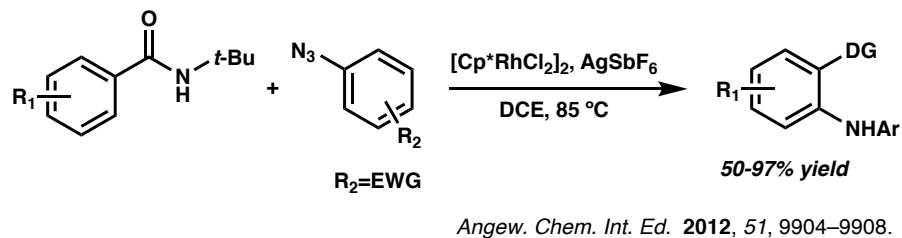


Cat.	Additive	Solvent	Temperature	Yield
Rh ₂ (O ₂ CCF ₃) ₄	none	toluene	110 °C	11%
[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	none	toluene	110 °C	10%
[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	AgSbF ₆	toluene	110 °C	77%
[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80 °C	96%
[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	AgBF ₄	DCE	80 °C	54%

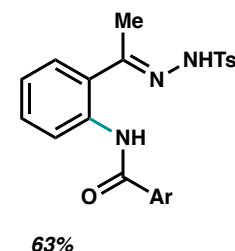
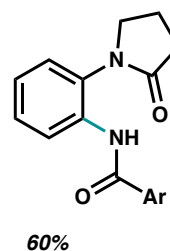
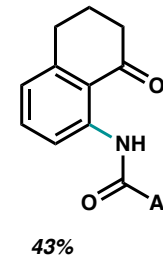
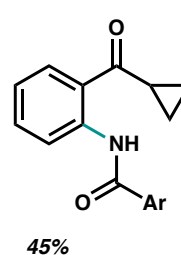


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- Applicable to aryl, alkyl, acyl azides

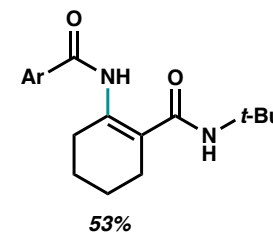
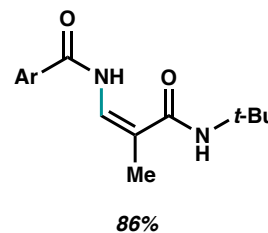


- Ir conditions tolerate diverse directing groups

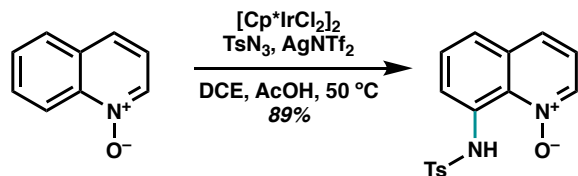


$\text{Ar} = p\text{-(NO}_2\text{)-C}_6\text{H}_4$

- Capable of aminating alkenyl substrates as well

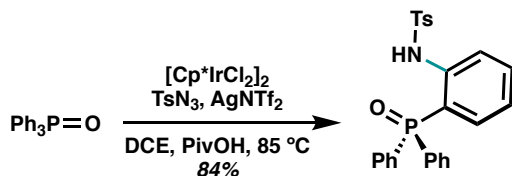


Other noteworthy applications:



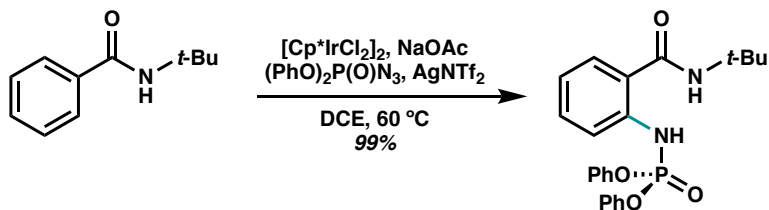
Quinoline N-oxides

J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2014**, *136*, 10770–10776.



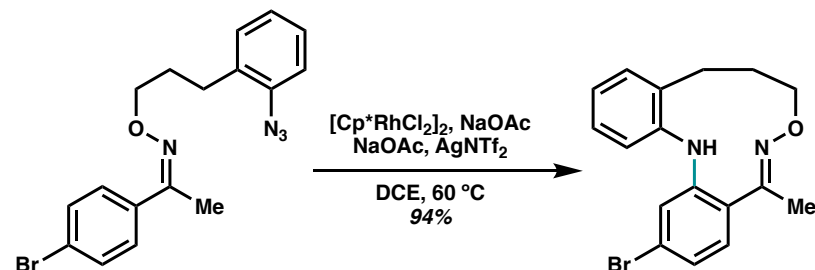
Phosphine oxides (some dr with chiral auxiliaries on P)

Chem. Eur. J. **2014**, *20*, 12421–12425.



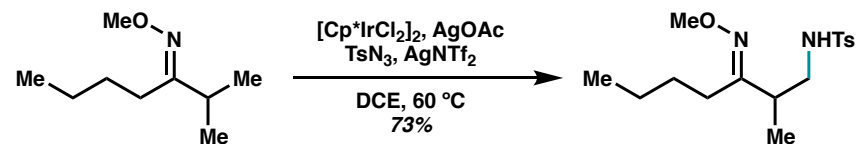
Phosphoramidates

Org. Lett. **2014**, *16*, 5466–5469.

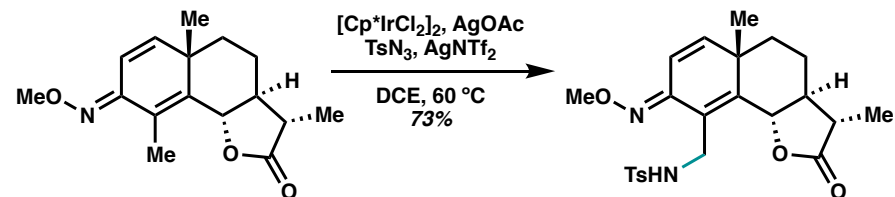


Synthesis of medium-large rings (9-11)
(up to 36-membered when dimerizing substrates)

Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2017**, *56*, 3344–3348.



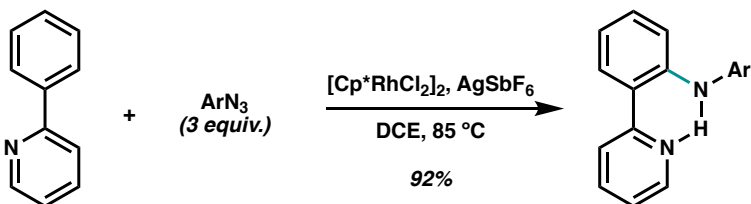
Selective amination of 1° C-H bonds, including in complex settings



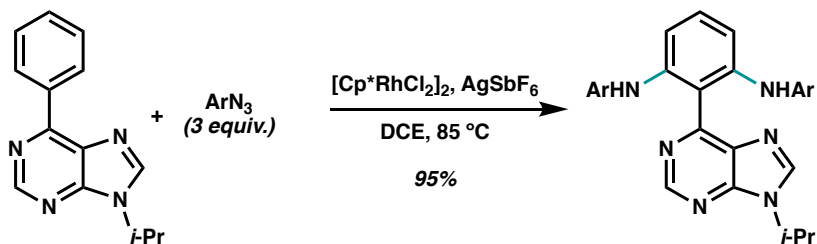
(-)-santonin derivative

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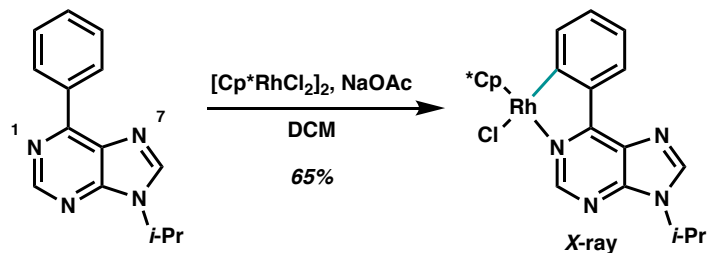
■ The curious case of purine



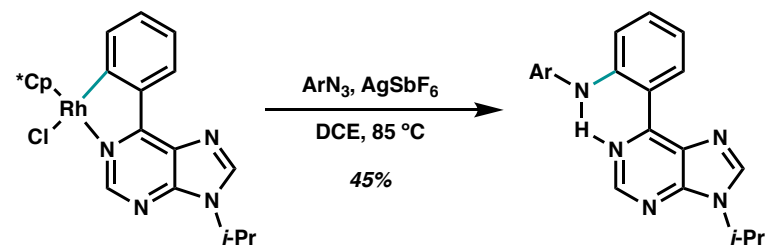
Hydrogen bonding restricts rotation suppressing second C–H amination



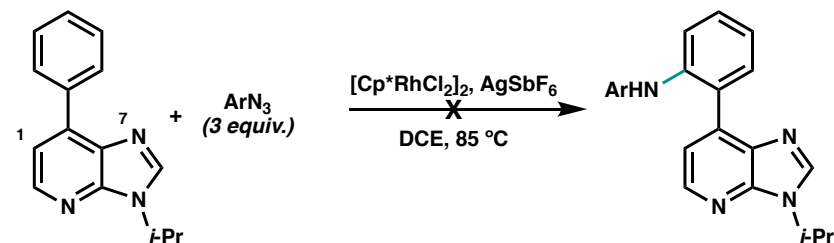
Two C–H aminations directed by different nitrogens?



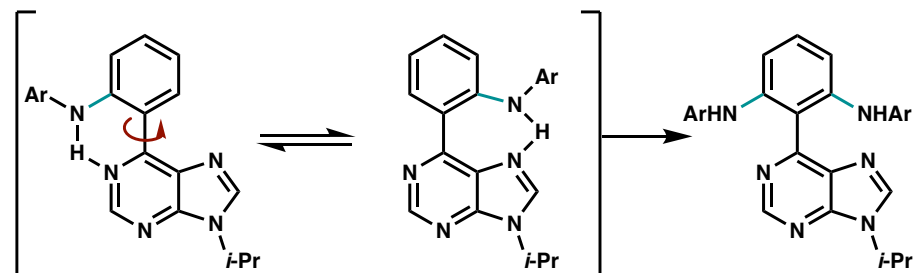
First C–H activation is directed by N1



Rhodacycle is an intermediate

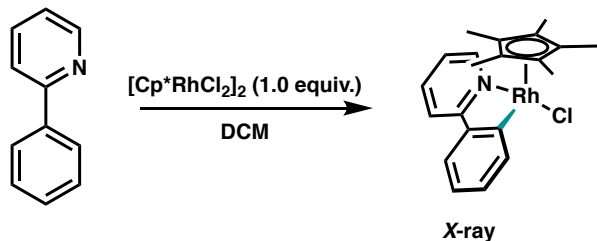


*91% mono-amination with N1 and C7
N7 is not a competent director*

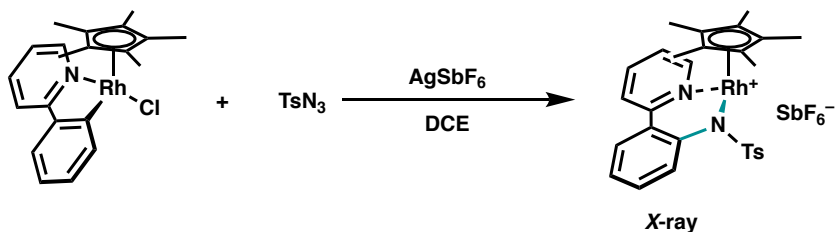


*Hydrogen bonding with N7 makes the other ortho position accessible
N1 mediates both aminations!*

Key mechanistic experiments:



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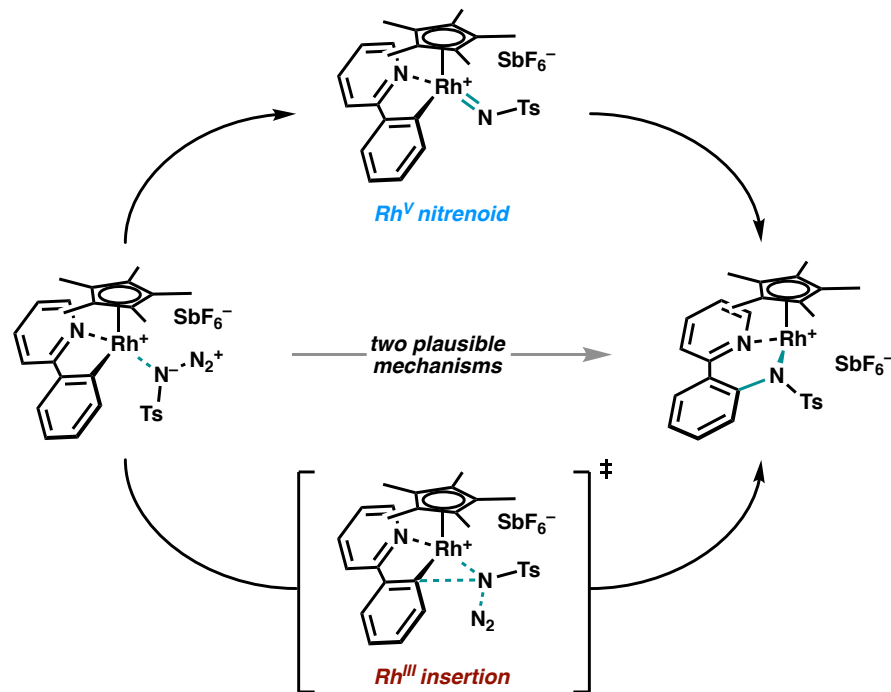
Rhodacycle is an intermediate in the reaction (corroborated by other groups working in the same space)

Rhodium bound Ts-amine is presumably also an intermediate in the reaction

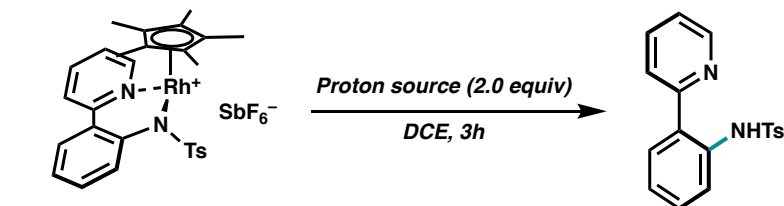


azide-bound rhodium not observed but presumed to be an intermediate based on precedent by Shi with Ts-imines (more on this later)

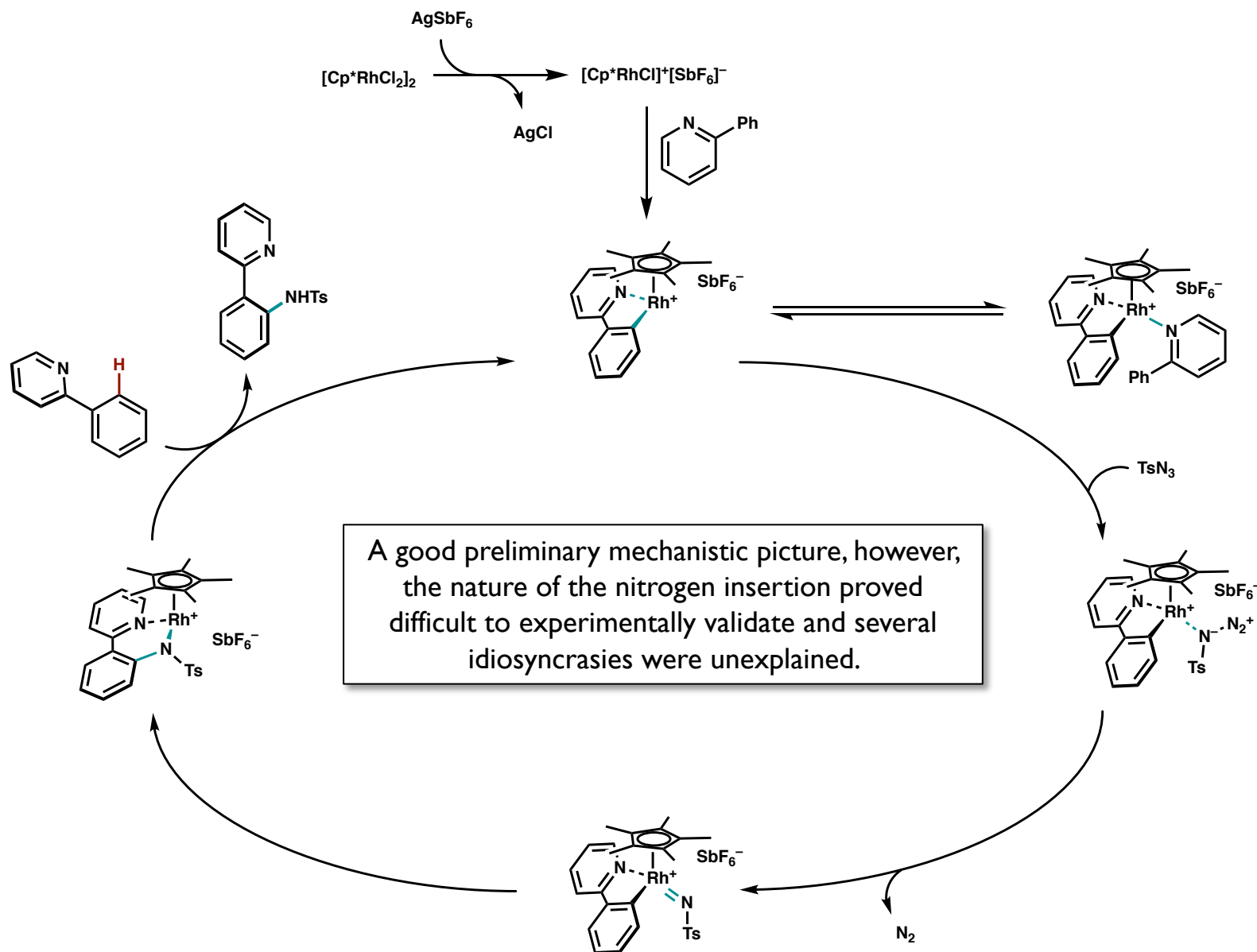
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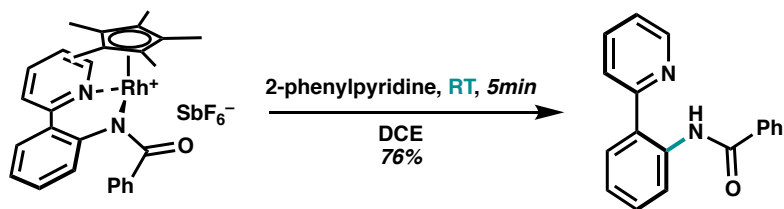
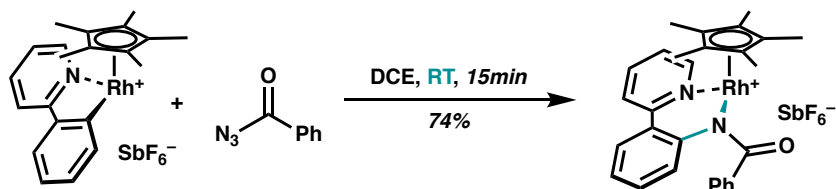
Unable to detect either species spectroscopically but Rh^{V} TS is favored computationally by 20.3 kcal/mol



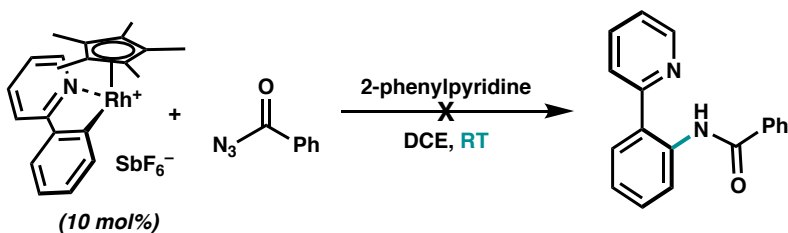
Substrate C–H bond turns over catalyst rather than simple protonation



- Some things didn't quite add up



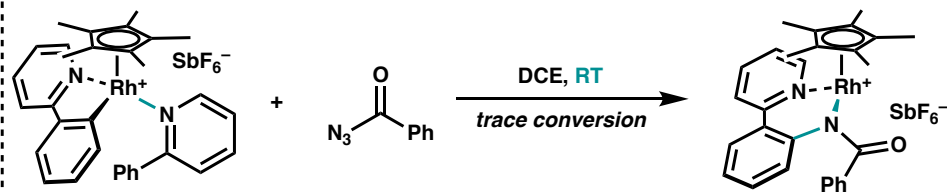
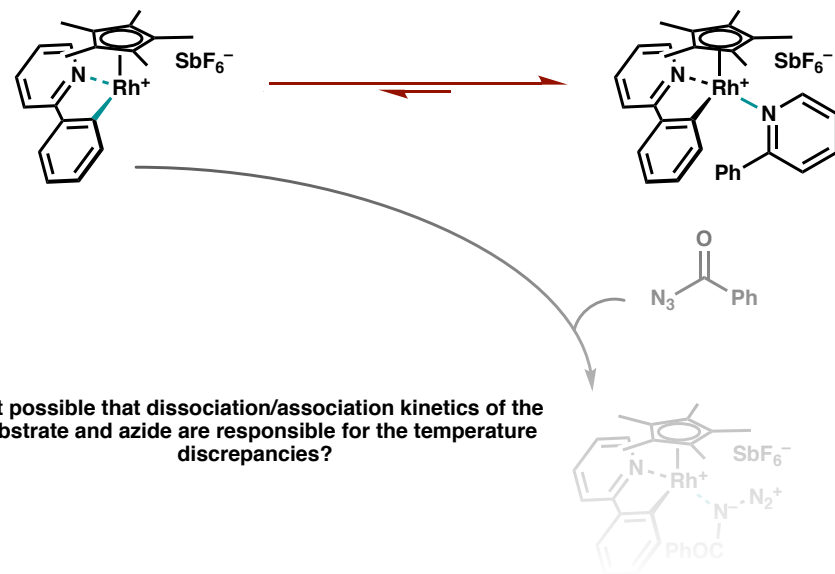
However:



Despite every on cycle process being promoted at room temperature stoichiometrically, the catalytic process gave no reaction

In their initial mechanistic investigation, a product inhibitory effect was observed, presumably due to competitive binding on Rh

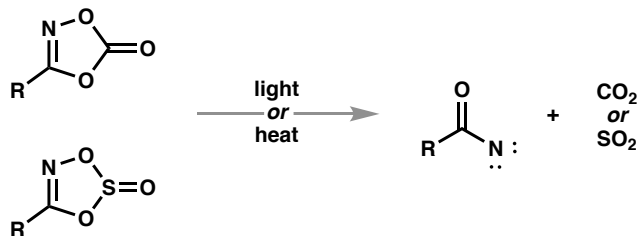
Recall from our catalytic cycle:



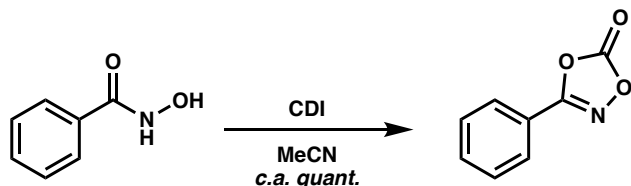
Addition of substrate as a ligand on Rh inhibits the stoichiometric reaction

A new nitrenoid precursor class that binds more strongly to Rh could solve this issue

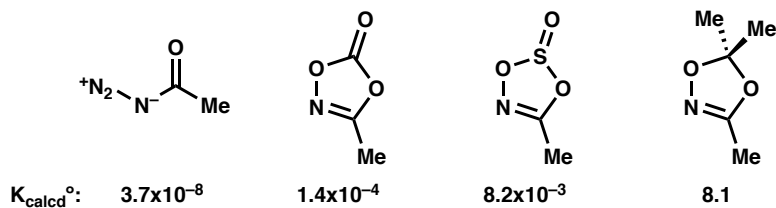
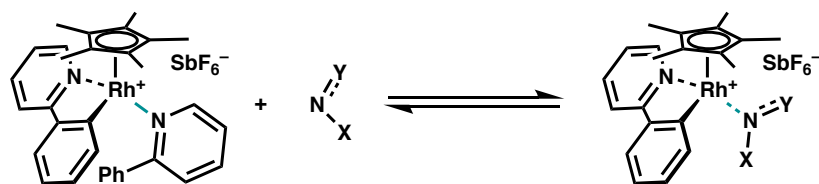
■ Dioxazoles as a convenient nitrene precursor



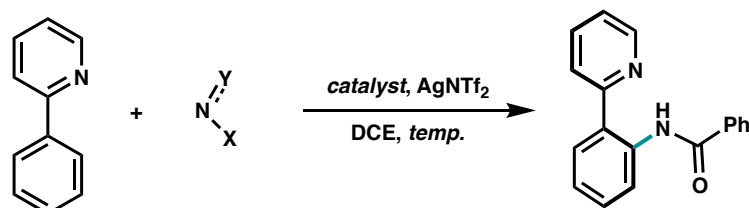
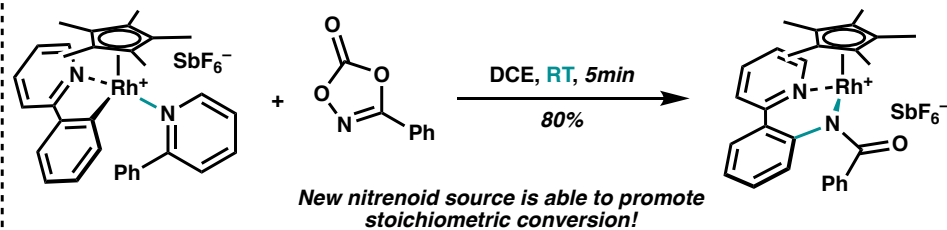
Easy to handle on scale (as compared to organic azides)
and relatively simple to prepare



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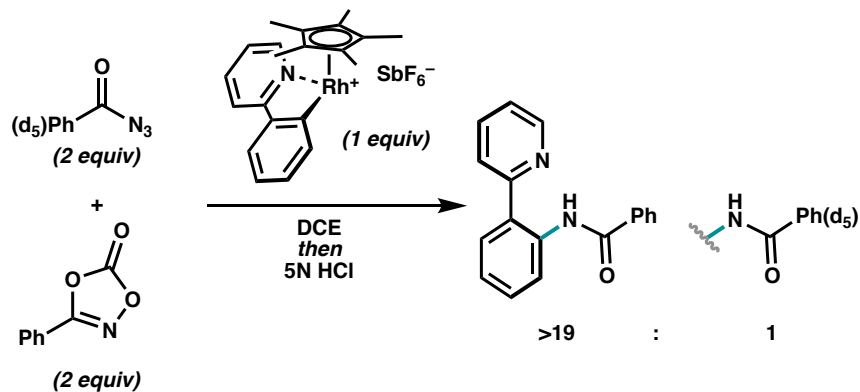


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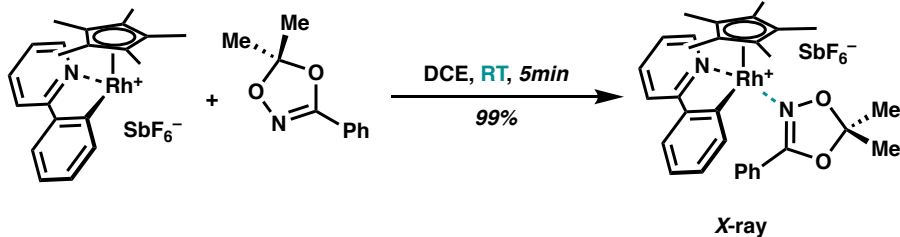


N-source	Catalyst (mol%)	Temperature	Yield
	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (5)	RT	trace
	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (5)	RT	trace
	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (5)	100 °C	74%
	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (5)	RT	75%
	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (5)	40 °C	80%
	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (5)	RT	99%
	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (1)	40 °C	99%
	[Cp*IrCl ₂] ₂ (5)	RT	4%

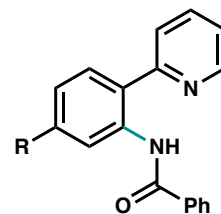
The dioxazole not only binds more favorably, but also has a lower barrier to imido formation than azide ($\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger_{\text{calcd}}=7.8$ kcal/mol)



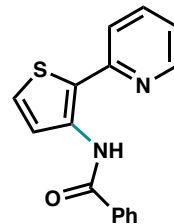
Competition experiment dioxazole is more competent even in the absence of a second substrate to displace



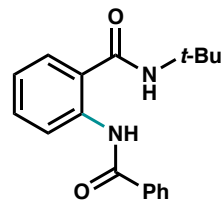
Crystal structure confirms presence of N-bound species. Moreover, upon heating this structure generates the nitrogen inserted rhodacycle



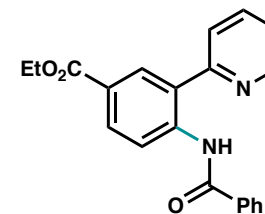
R = OMe, 92%
CF₃, 90%
CO₂Et, 98%



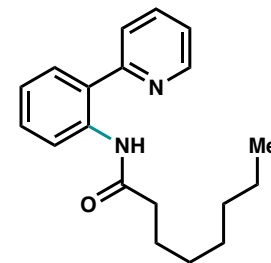
75%



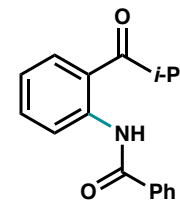
72% (80 °C)
vs 93% w/ Ir^{III}



97%



93%

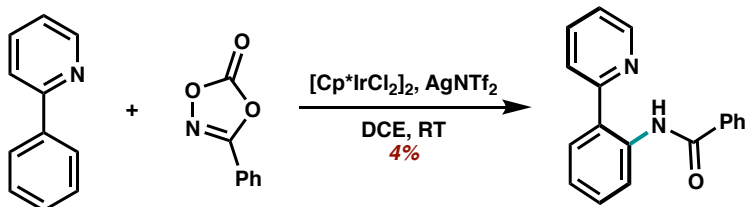


N.R.
vs 48% w/ Ir^{III}

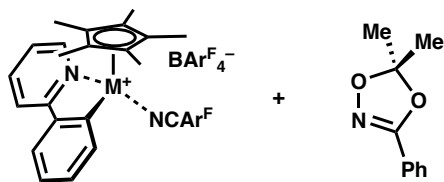
* Ir^{III} used p-NO₂Ph*

Examining the details: Ir^{III} vs Rh^{III}

Recall:



In some circumstances Ir^{III} is superior (e.g. acyl azides) to Rh^{III} but in others it underperforms, what gives?

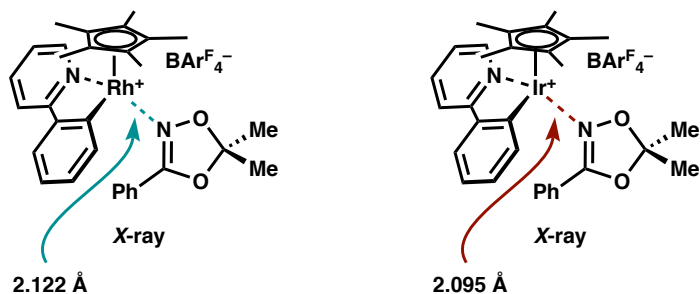


M = Rh, Ir

Rh reaction is notably faster than Ir with a nearly identical k_{obs} at $-50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Rh) vs $-37\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Ir)

45
Rh

77
Ir

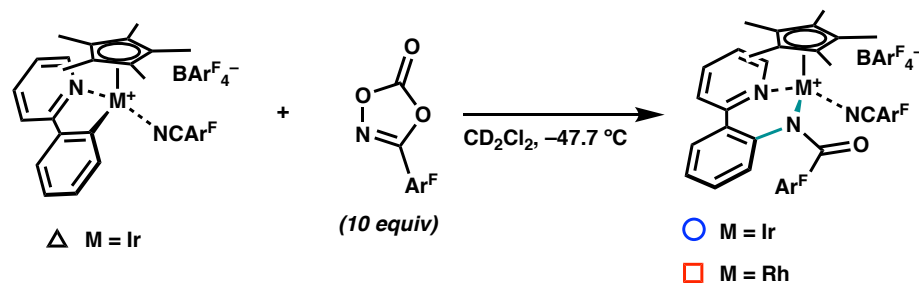


Relativistic contraction present in Ir makes the C–N bond shorter in the Ir complex than the Rh complex

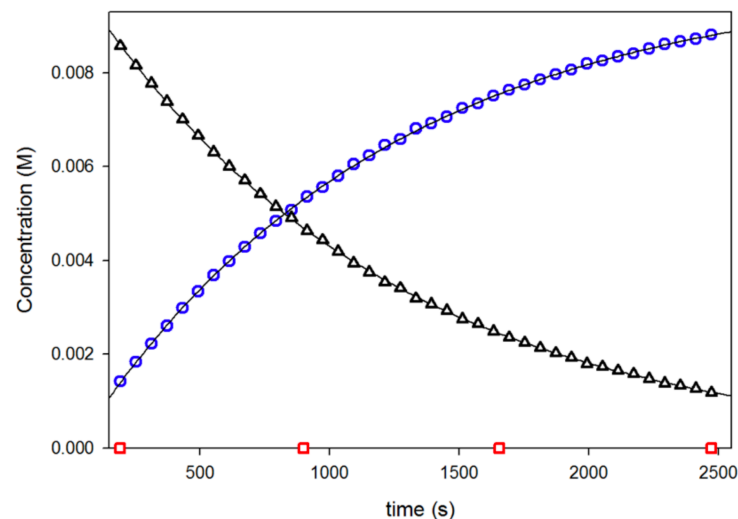
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Contraction of the Ir radius makes it a harder Lewis acid than Rh meaning that dative ligands are bound more tightly and have higher dissociation barriers.

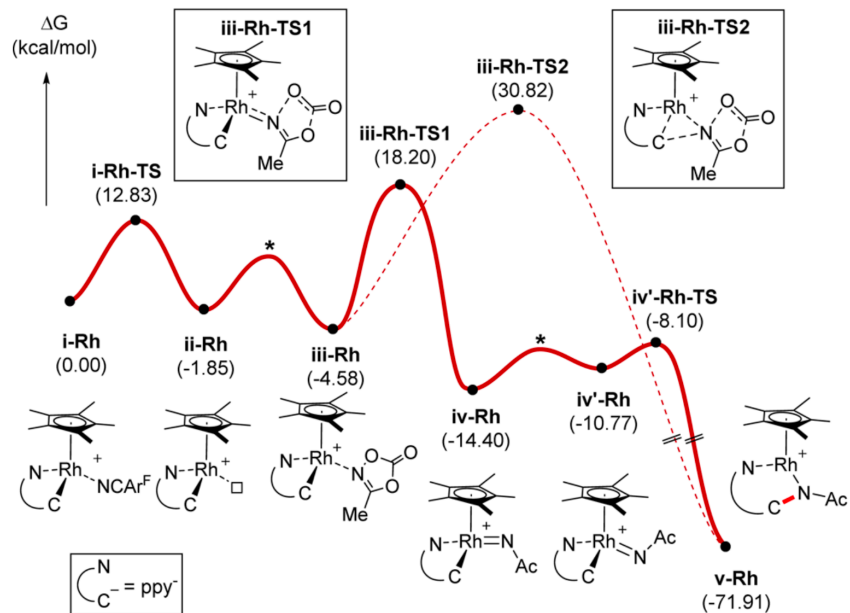
This explains why Ir underperforms in some cases but does not rationalize why it is better in others.



Kinetics paint a clear picture; while ligand exchange is faster for Rh, the imido formation and rearrangement are much faster for Ir.

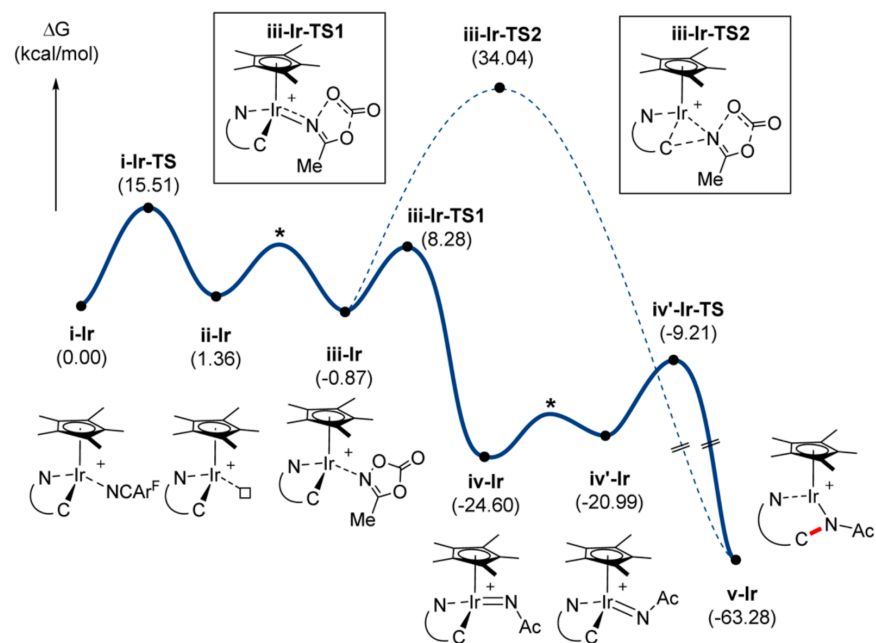


- Extensive computation and Eyring analysis corroborate this conclusion



For Rhodium, ligand exchange is facile but imido formation is challenging and is the turnover-limiting step.

Observed $\Delta S^\ddagger = -14.6$ is consistent with a transition from Rh^{III} to Rh^V in the turnover limiting step.

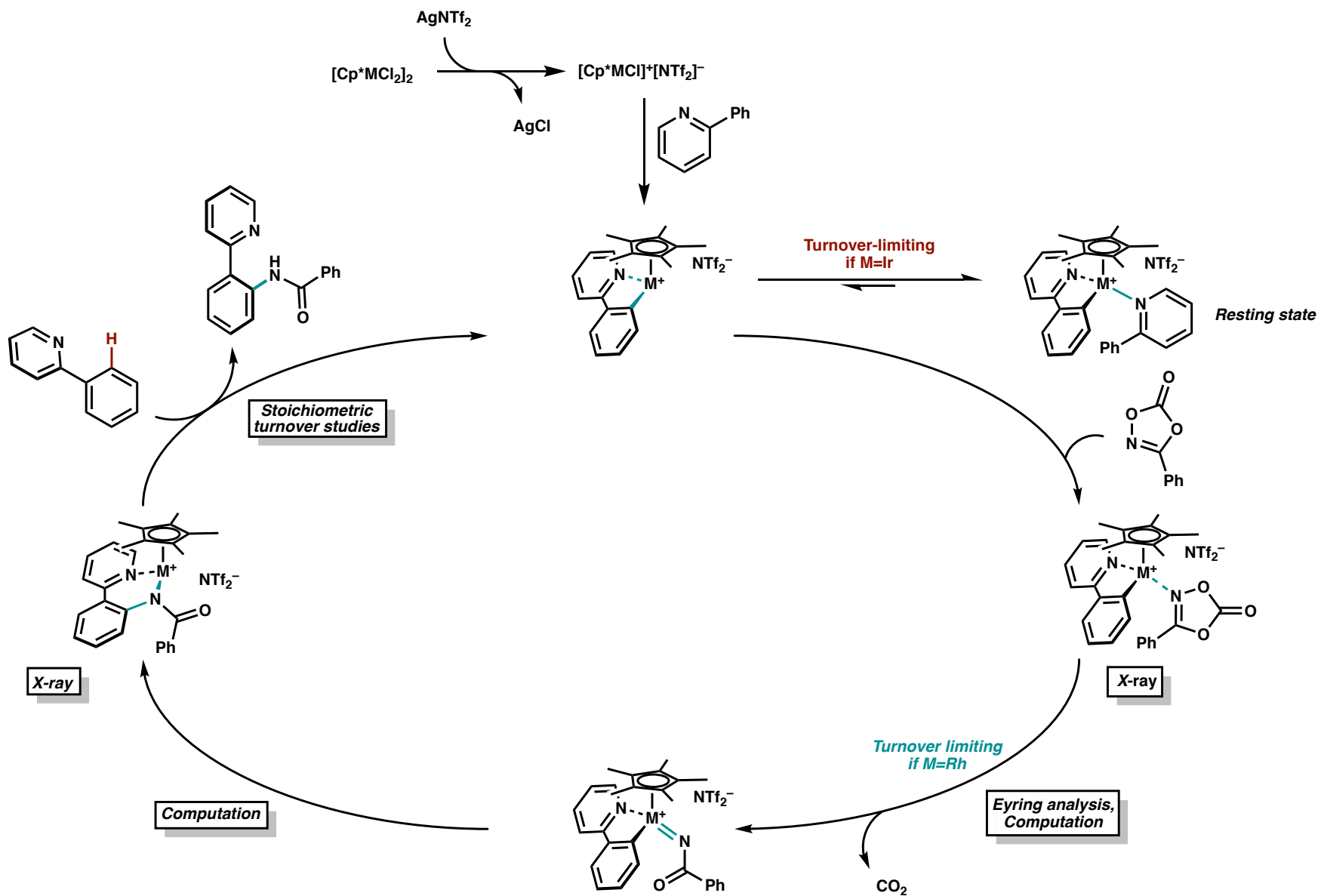


For Iridium, imido formation is facile but ligand exchange is challenging and is the turnover-limiting step.

Observed $\Delta S^\ddagger = 5.2$ is consistent with a dissociative process in the turnover limiting step.

First order with respect to dioxazole (Rh) vs zeroth order (Ir) also supports this conclusion.

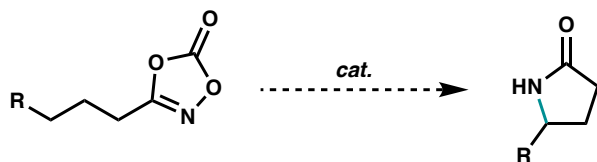
- A more detailed mechanistic picture:



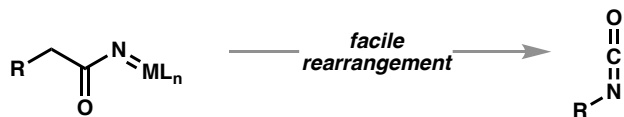
- What are the takeaways and what are the next steps?

Because Ir^{III} catalyzed nitrenoid formation is so facile, the use of dioxazoles allows typically difficult to promote transformations to be run at low temperatures.

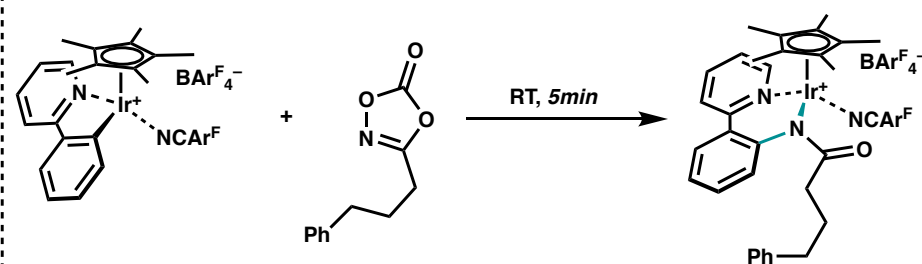
A case in point:



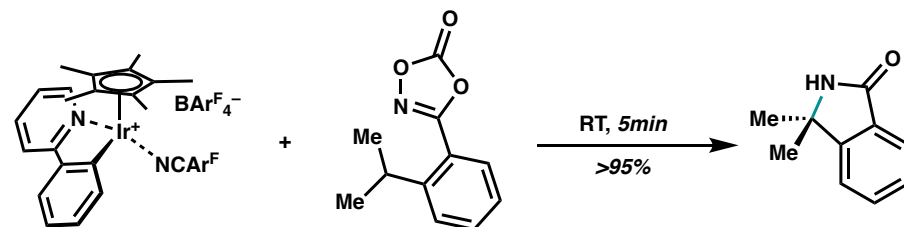
γ -lactam formation has long eluded the C–H activation community because the facile Curtius-type rearrangement of nitrenoid species typically outcompetes C–H insertion at synthetically relevant temperatures



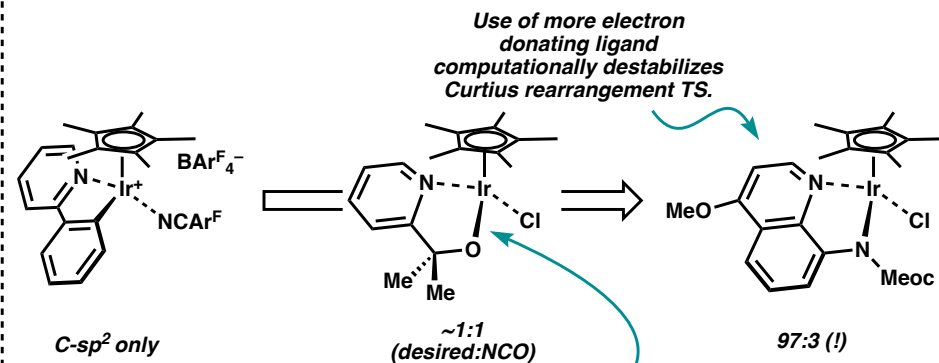
Computed energy profile shows that while rearrangement is higher in energy than C–sp² coupling, it is more favorable than C–H insertion.



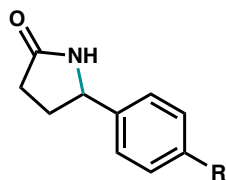
Use of a typical substrate gives sp² C–N bond formation



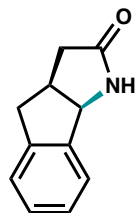
However, C–H insertion can be observed in engineered substrates!



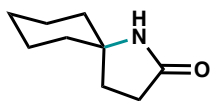
Use of Het–Ir bond suppresses C–sp² pathway



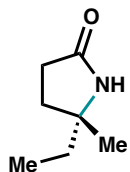
R=H, 95%
Br, 94%
NO₂, 85%
OMe, 68%



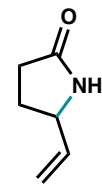
99%, >20:1dr



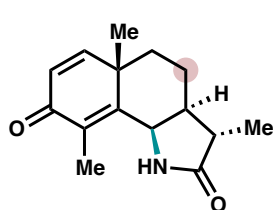
75%



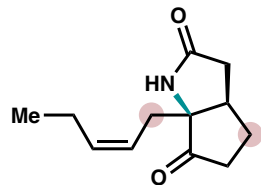
83%, 99% es



63%
(no aziridination)

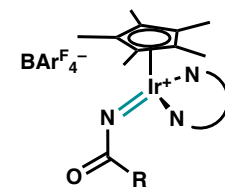
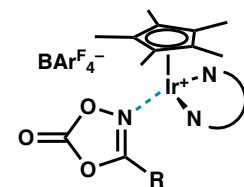


43%
(-)-santonin derivative



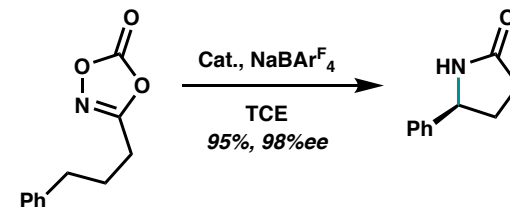
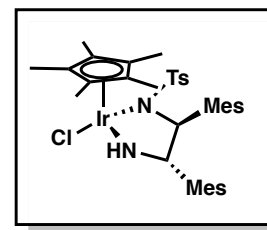
70%
(±)-jasmonic acid derivative

Enantioselectivity achieved by two strategies in two (nearly) back to back publications

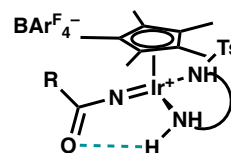


4 possible diastereomers

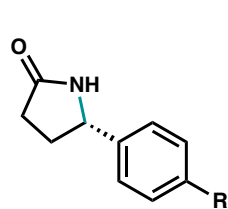
Must diastereoselectively form the dioxazole complex as well as enantioselectively perform C-H insertion



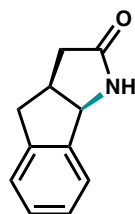
Computation and solid state structure of amido (Ir-N) analogue suggest hydrogen bonding helps organize substrate.



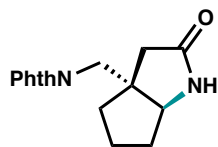
Although all four diastereomers of the dioxazole adduct can form, only one is calculated to efficiently undergo decarboxylation



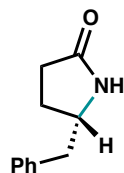
R=H, 96%, 98% ee
 Br, 98%, 96% ee
 NO₂, 51%, 82% ee
 Me, 80%, 94% ee



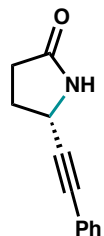
98%, >20:1 dr, 94% ee



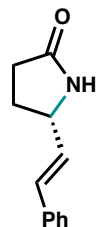
88%, 92% ee



86%, 92% ee



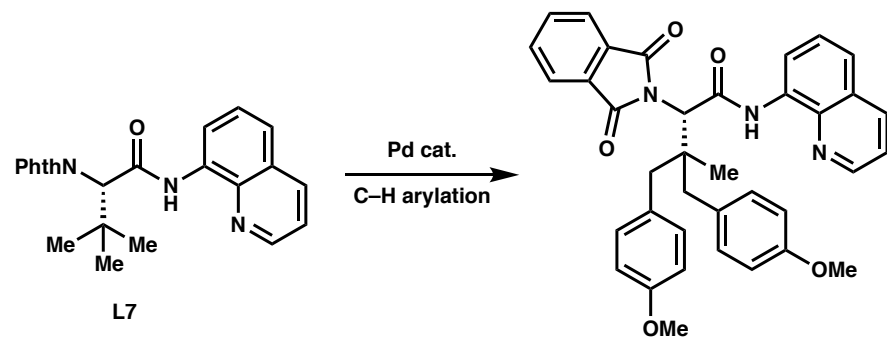
67%, 72% ee



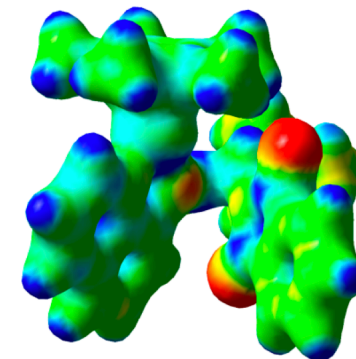
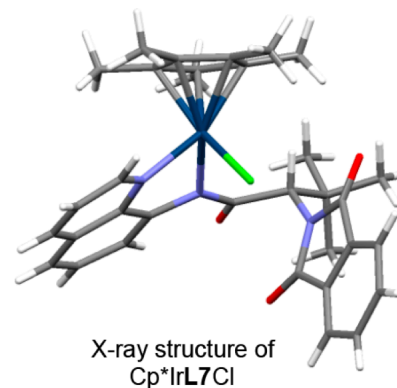
40%, 74% ee

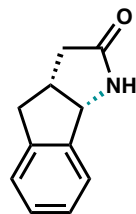
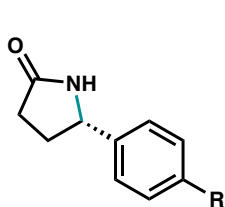
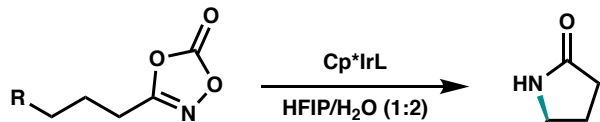
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Second approach: exploit hydrophobic effect and noncovalent interactions to create a chiral pocket



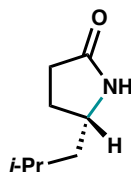
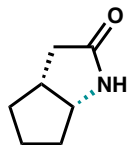
New ligand class with chiral information further away from Ir center





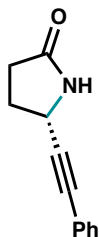
R=H, 98%, 98% ee
Br, 84%, 99% ee
NO₂, 68%, 92% ee (82% ee)
Me, 95%, 99% ee

98%, >20:1dr, 94% ee

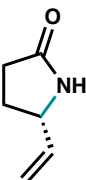


88%, 92% ee

70%, 99% ee



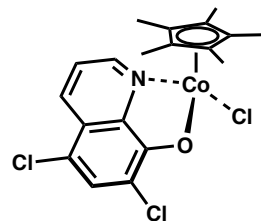
89%, 99% ee (72% ee)



90%, 99% ee

Conclusions:

- Careful mechanistic work can lead to big advances
- Look out for Cp*Co^{III} chemistry in the coming years!



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Co

45
Rh

77
Ir

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“Be persistent and never give up”

– Sukbok Chang’s favorite saying

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High levels of enantiocontrol in previously challenging contexts!

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