

Pd-Catalyzed γ -Arylation of Acylketene Synthons with Aryl Chlorides Enabled by Ylide-Functionalized Phosphines (YPhos)

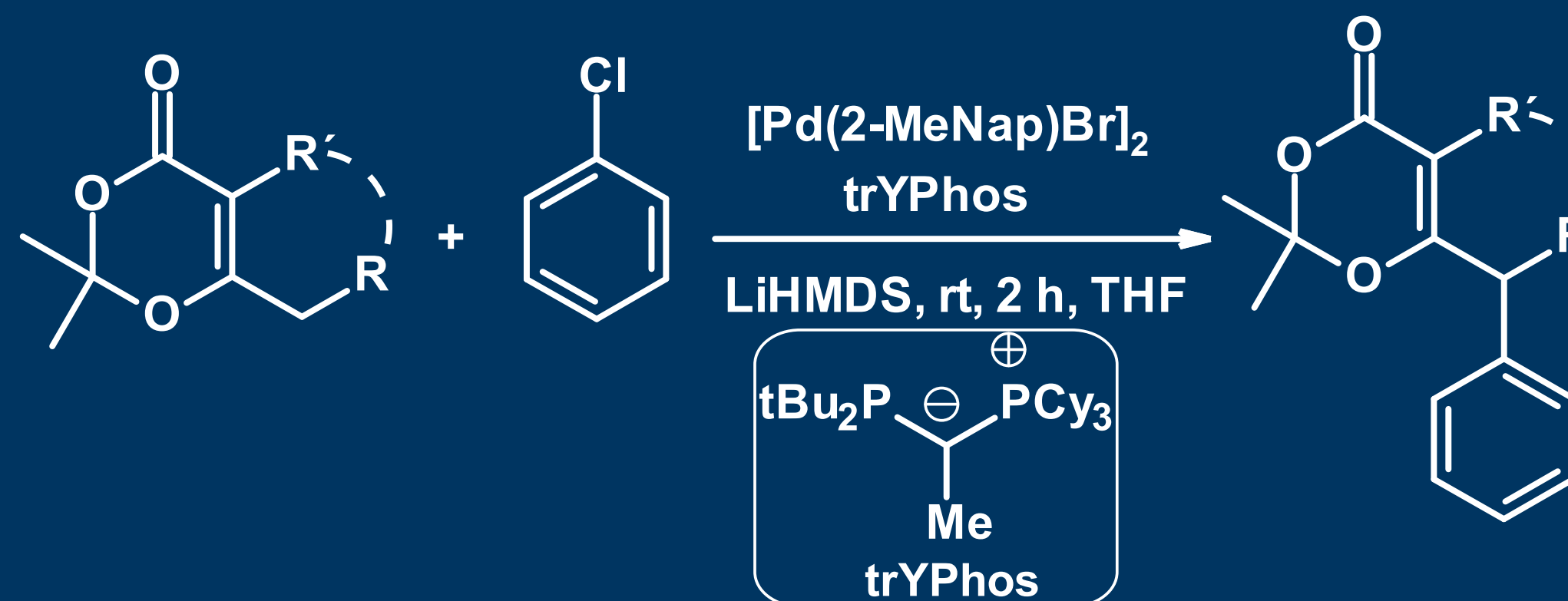
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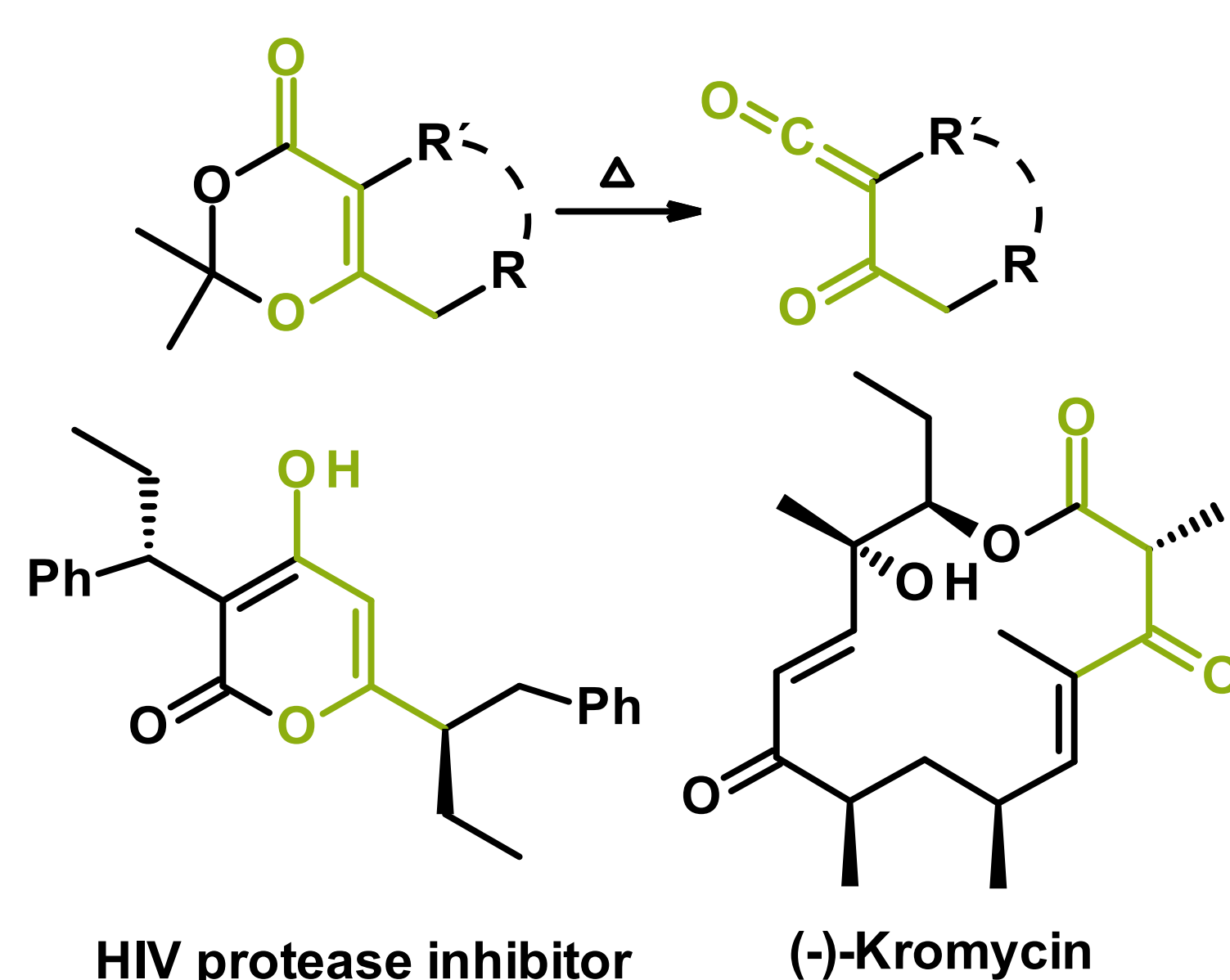
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Abstract:

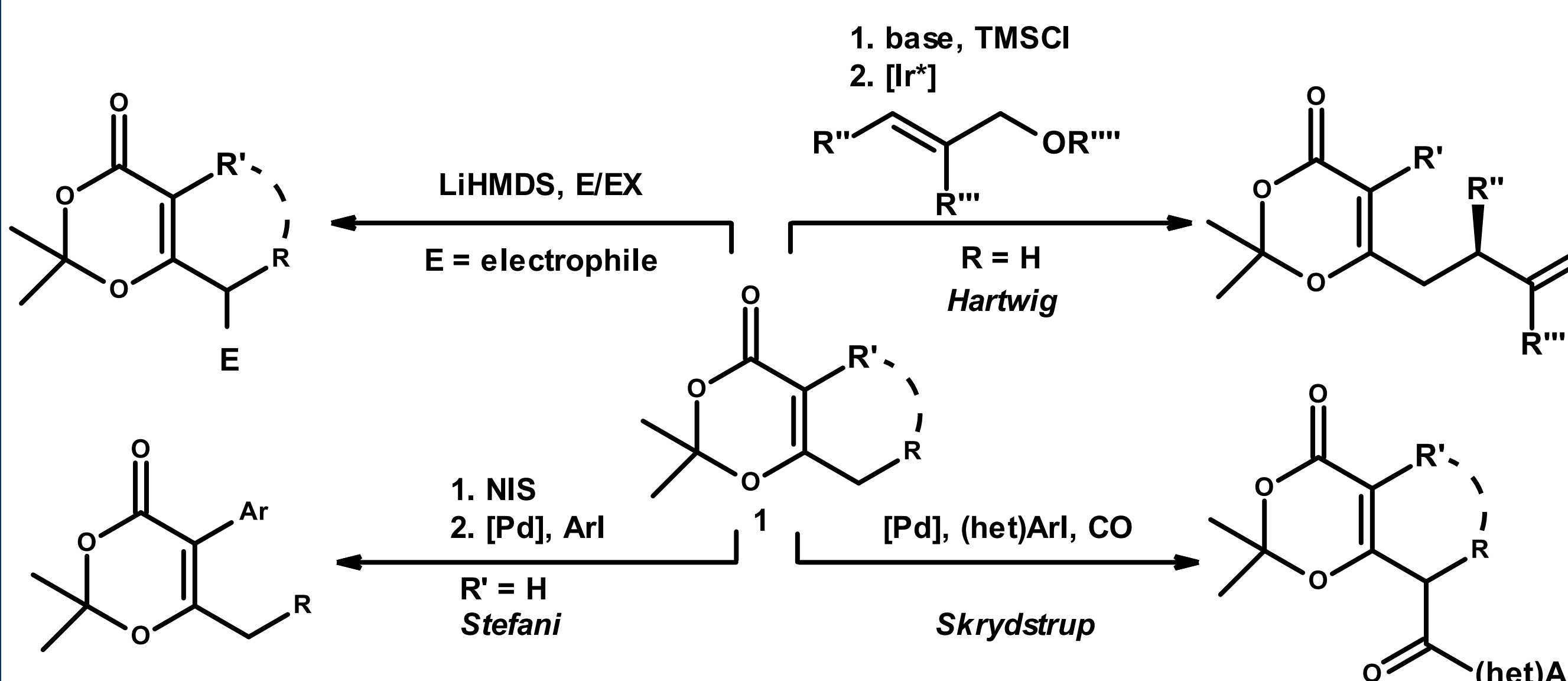
A catalyst system based on palladium 2-methylnaphthyl complexes bearing ylide-functionalized phosphines (YPhos) was found to enable the selective γ -arylation of 1,3-dioxinone derivatives with diversely functionalized aryl, heteroaryl, and vinyl chlorides. The products were further converted into 1,3-diketones and various heterocycles, highlighting their function as synthetic hubs. Experimental and computational studies revealed that bulky, electron-rich YPhos ligands are uniquely effective because they enable the oxidative addition of aryl chlorides at room temperature in the presence of the thermally sensitive enolates while at the same time efficiently promoting the rate-limiting reductive elimination step.



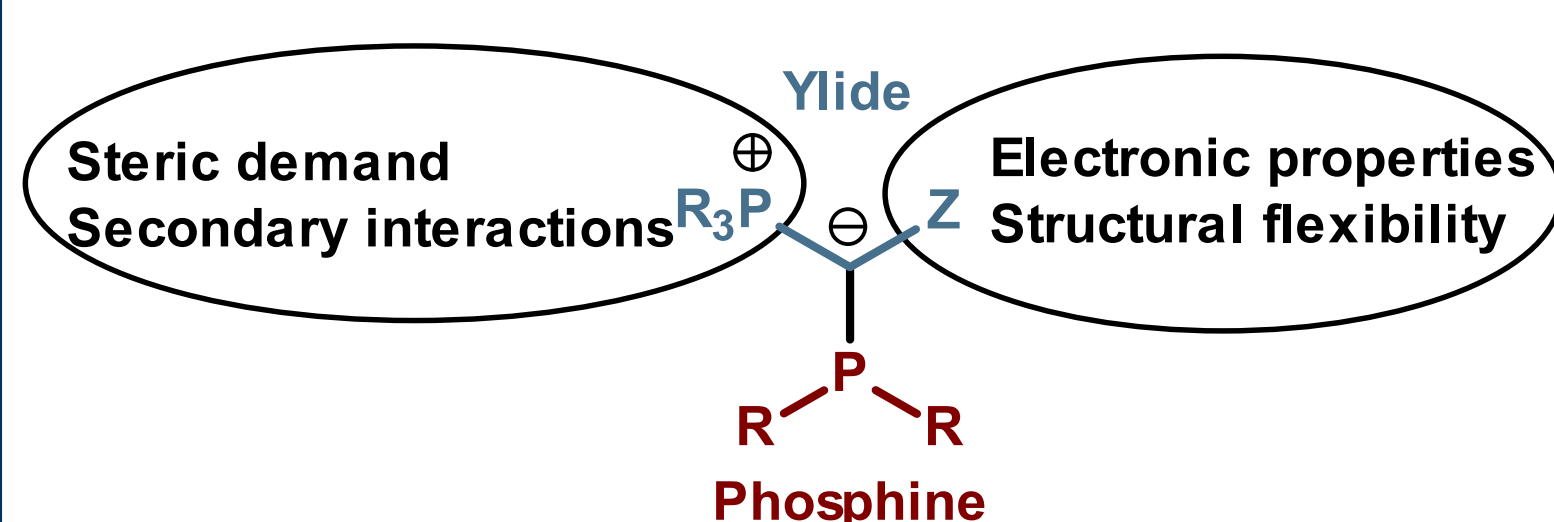
Importance of 1,3-dioxinone



Synthetic modifications of 1,3-dioxinones^{[1],[2],[3]}

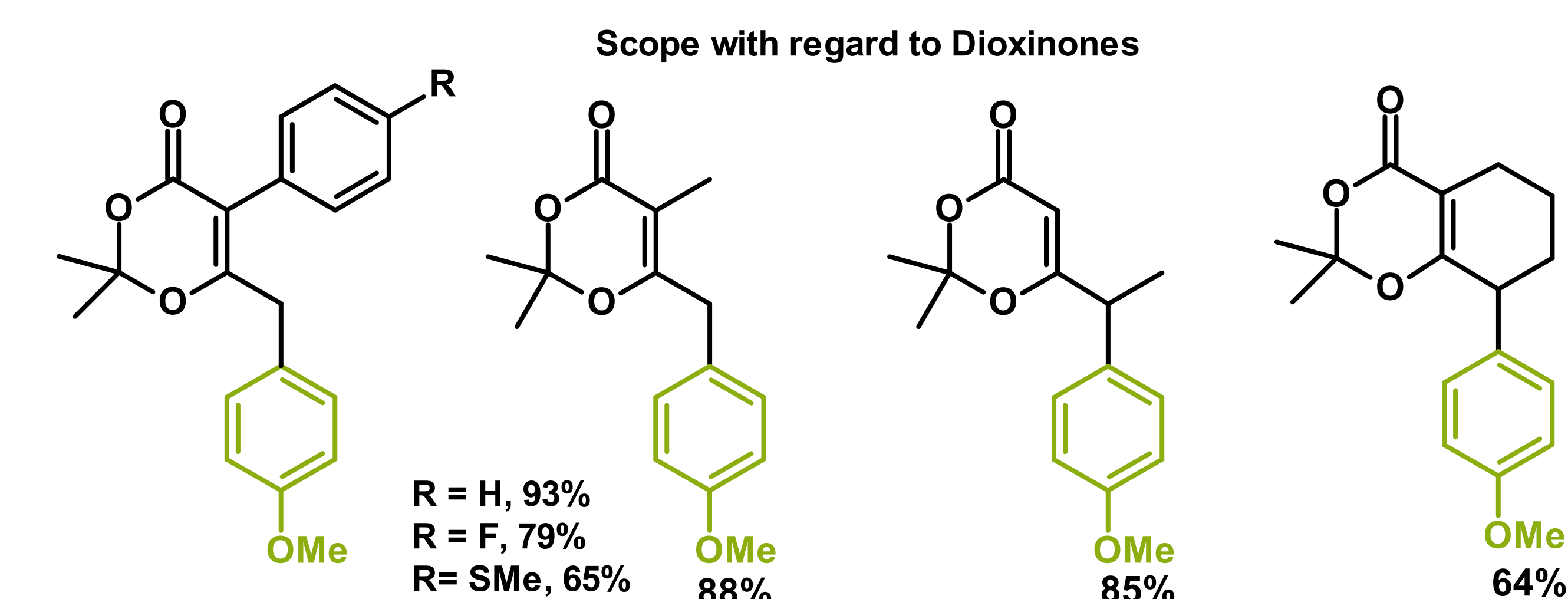
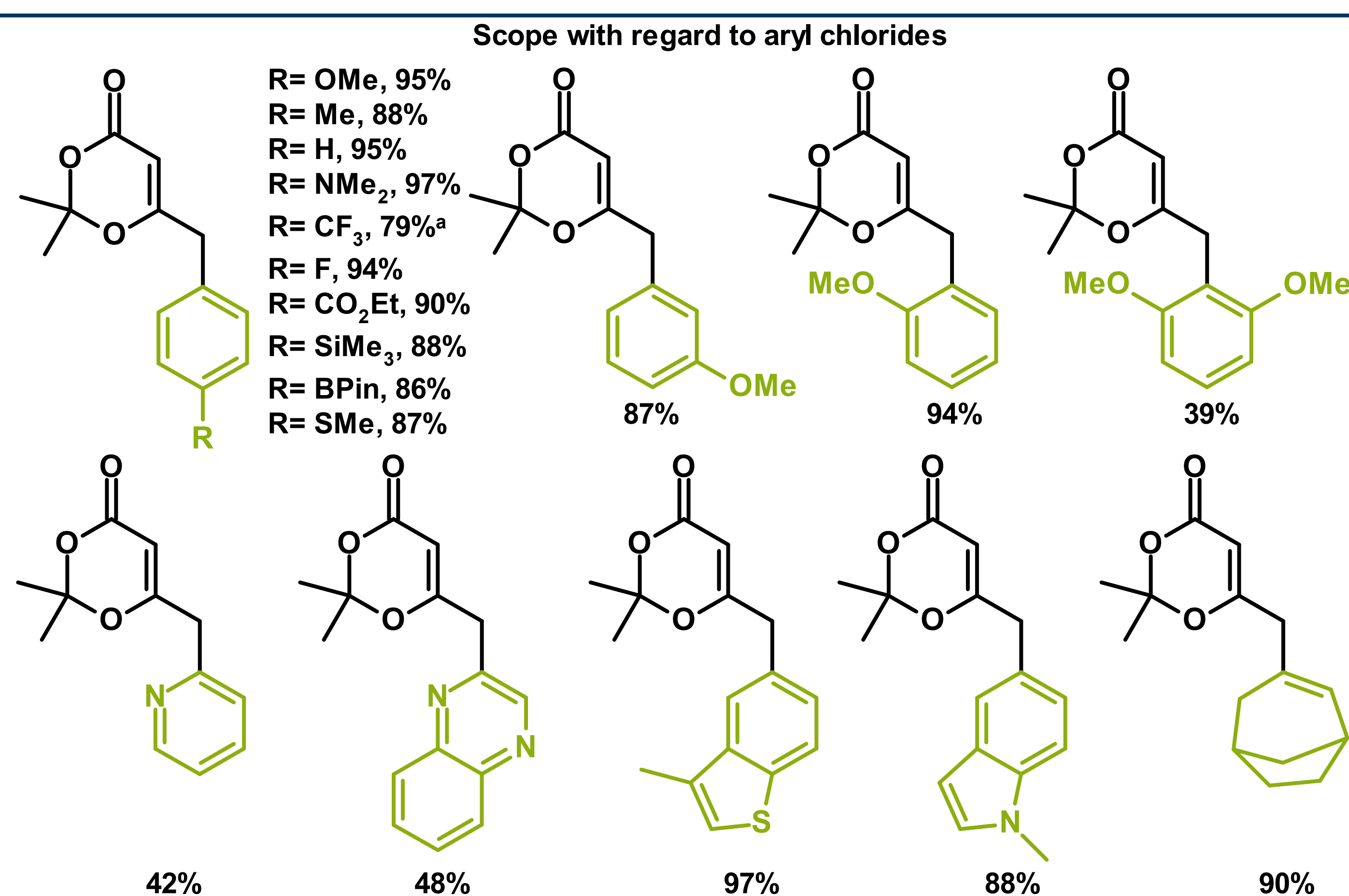
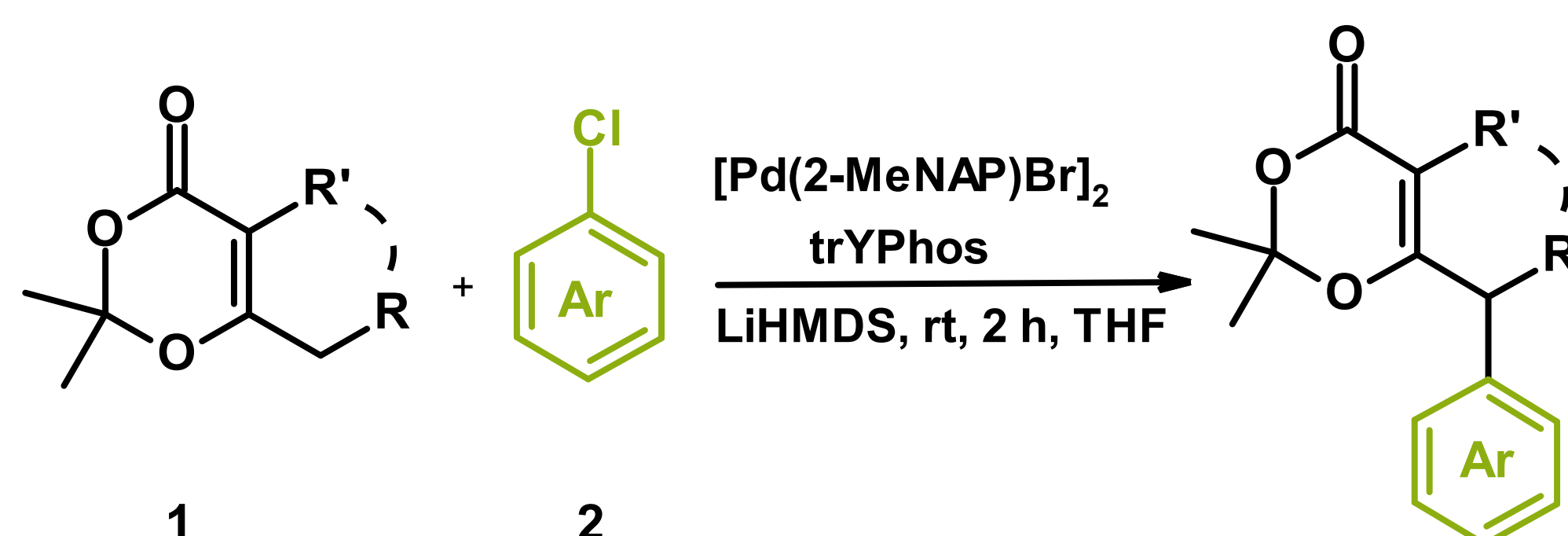


YPhos Ligands^[4]



- Oxidative Addition of ArCl at rt.
- Enable Challenging Transmetalation
- Promoting challenging Reductive elimination (This Work).

Scope of Aryl Chlorides and Dioxinones

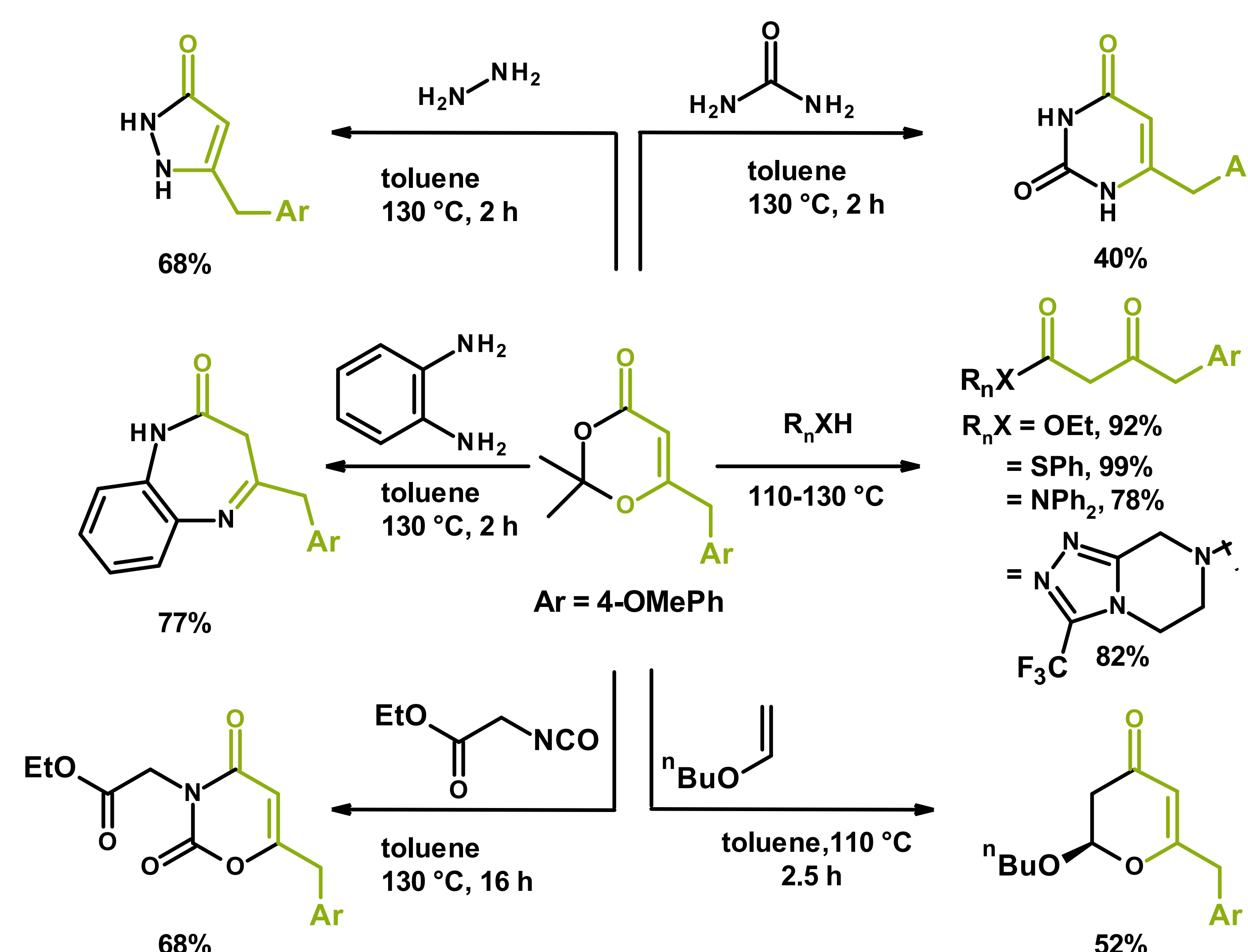


Conditions: 0.50 mmol 2, 1.1 equiv. 1, 2.5 mol% [Pd(2-MeNap)Br]₂, 5.0 mol% trYPPhos, 1.5 equiv. LiHMDS, THF, rt, 2 h. Isolated yield.

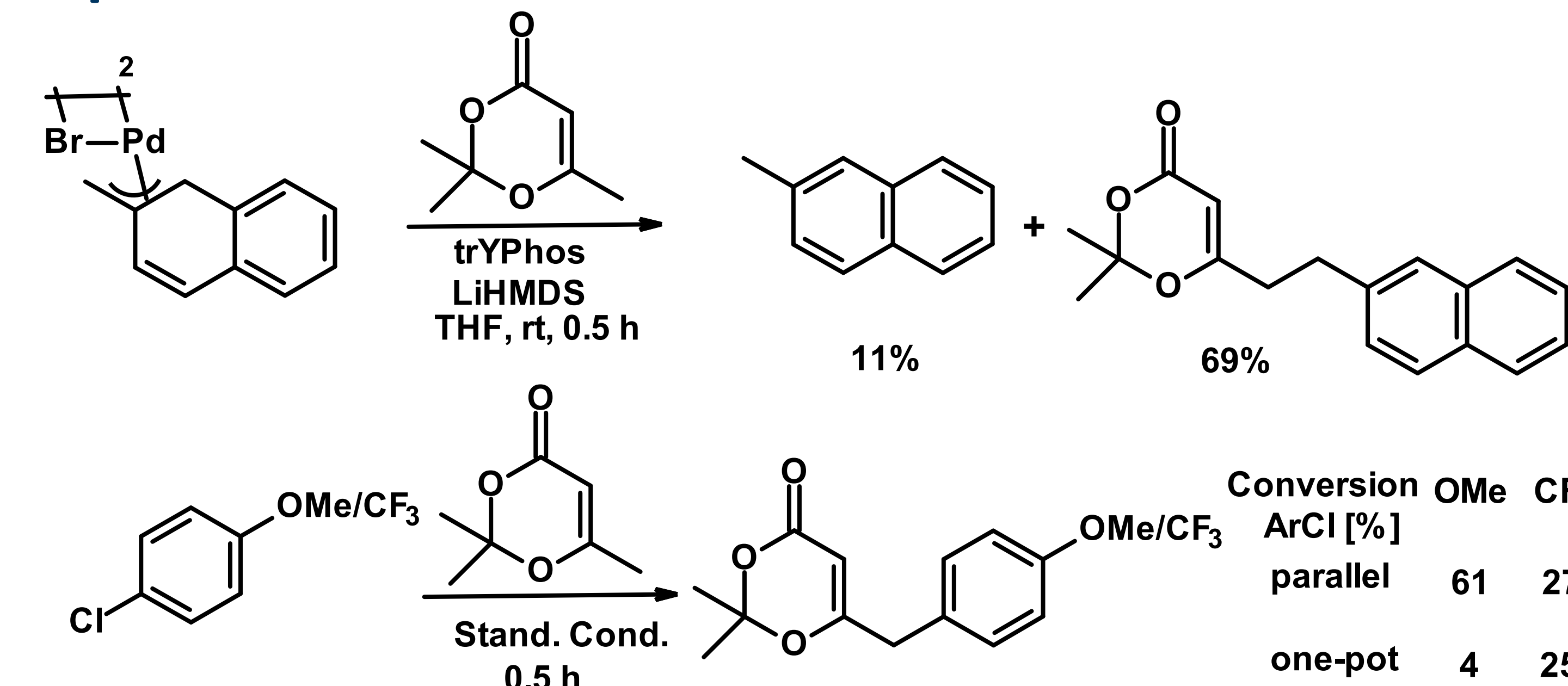
Conclusion and Outlook

A catalyst generated from a bromo-bridged methylnaphthyl palladium dimer and trYPPhos effectively promotes γ -arylations of acylketene synthons with aryl, heteroaryl and vinyl chlorides. This demonstrates that despite their strongly electron-donating character that is vital for the smooth activation of aryl chlorides, YPhos ligands can still be tuned in a way that they enable challenging reductive elimination steps.

Follow-up transformations



Experimental mechanistic studies



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