

# A Meta-Selective Copper-Catalyzed C-H Bond Arylation

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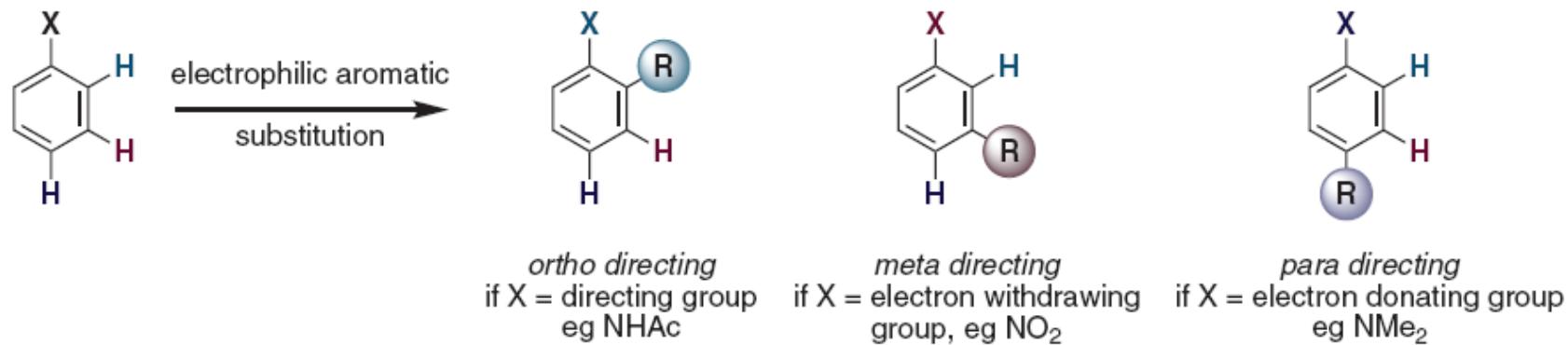
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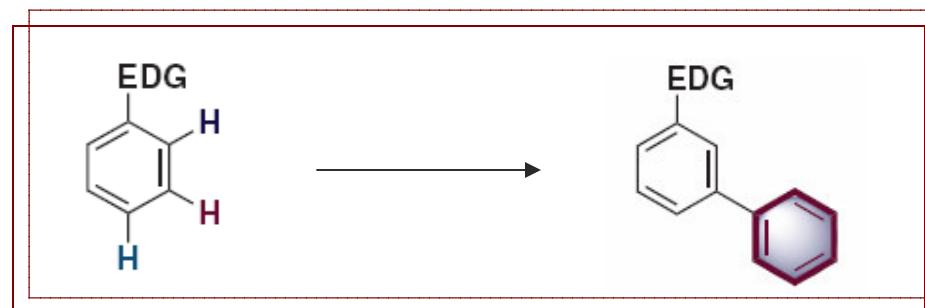
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# Conventional Way & New Challenge

Conventional electrophilic aromatic substitution



The Challenge:

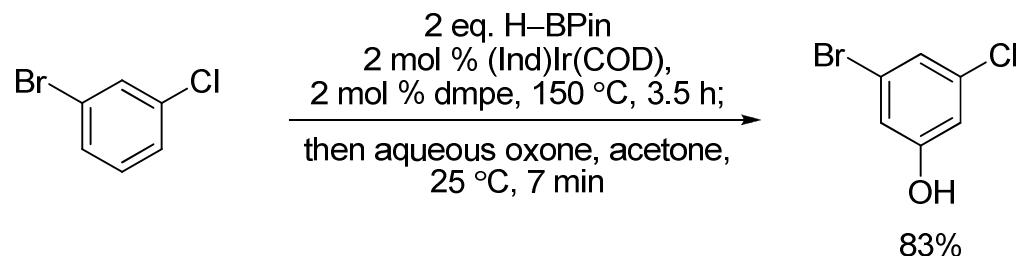


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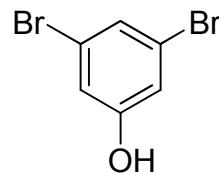
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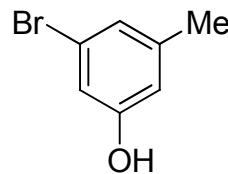
# Maleczka-Smith Approach



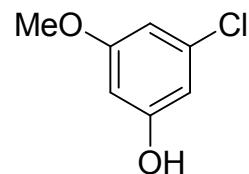
10 steps from explosive TNT  
in previous synthesis (1926)



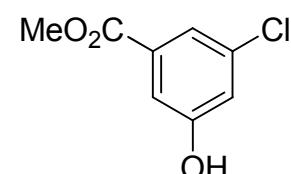
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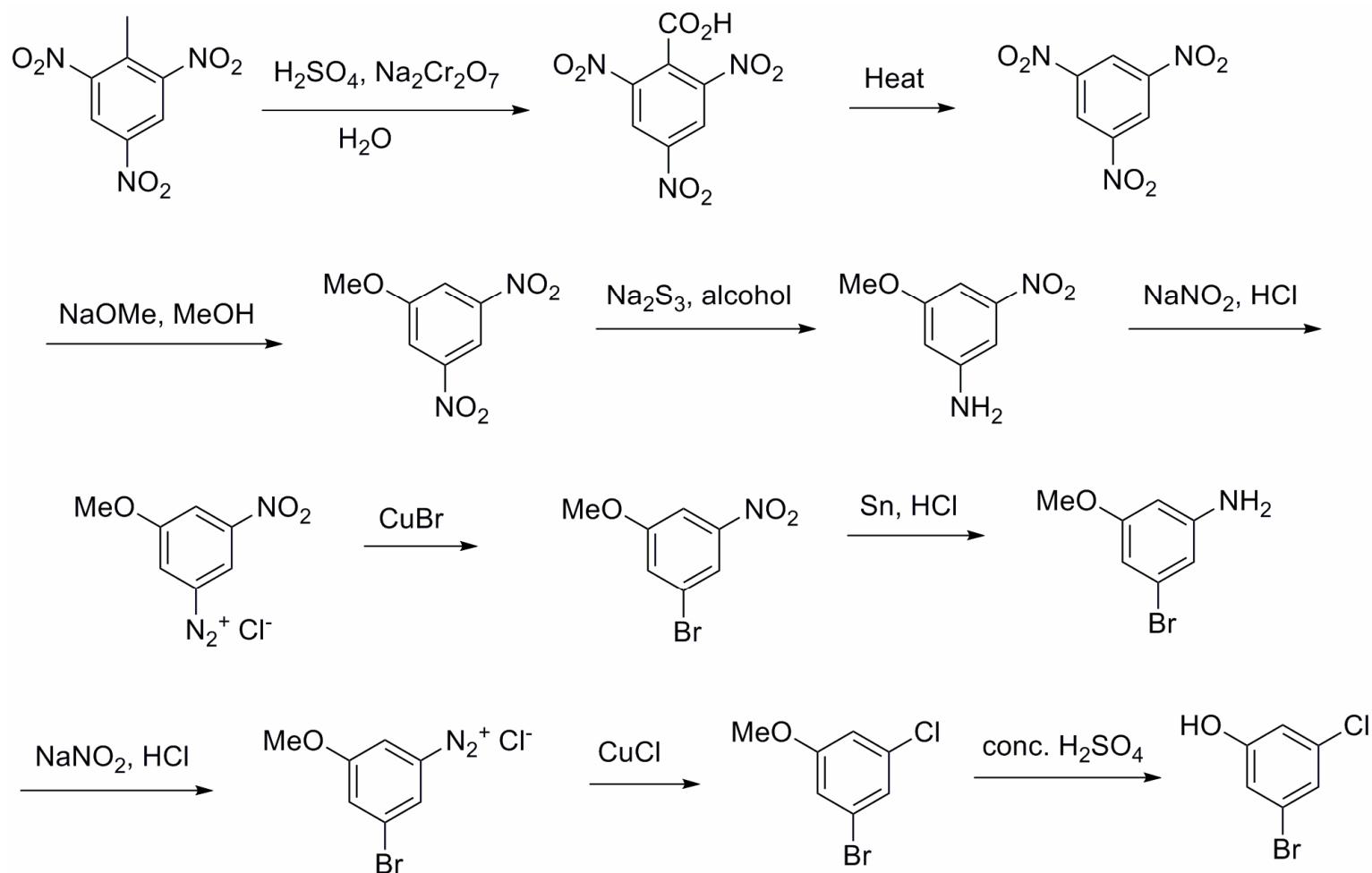


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# Previous Synthesis

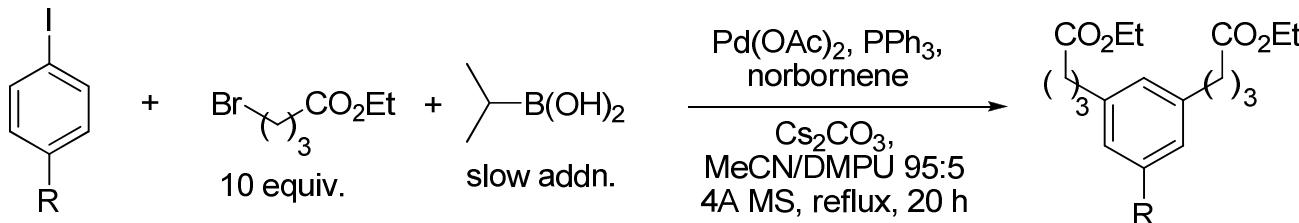


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# Lautens Approach

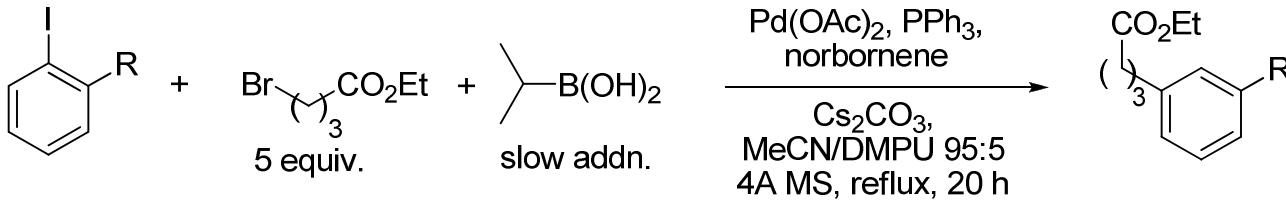
## Scope of Ortho-Substituted Iodoarenes

### Tri-Substituted Product:



R	Yield [%]
OMe	89
NMeTs	77
Me	60
Cl	68
F	64
OAc	40
CO <sub>2</sub> Et	58
CF <sub>3</sub>	53
NO <sub>2</sub>	51

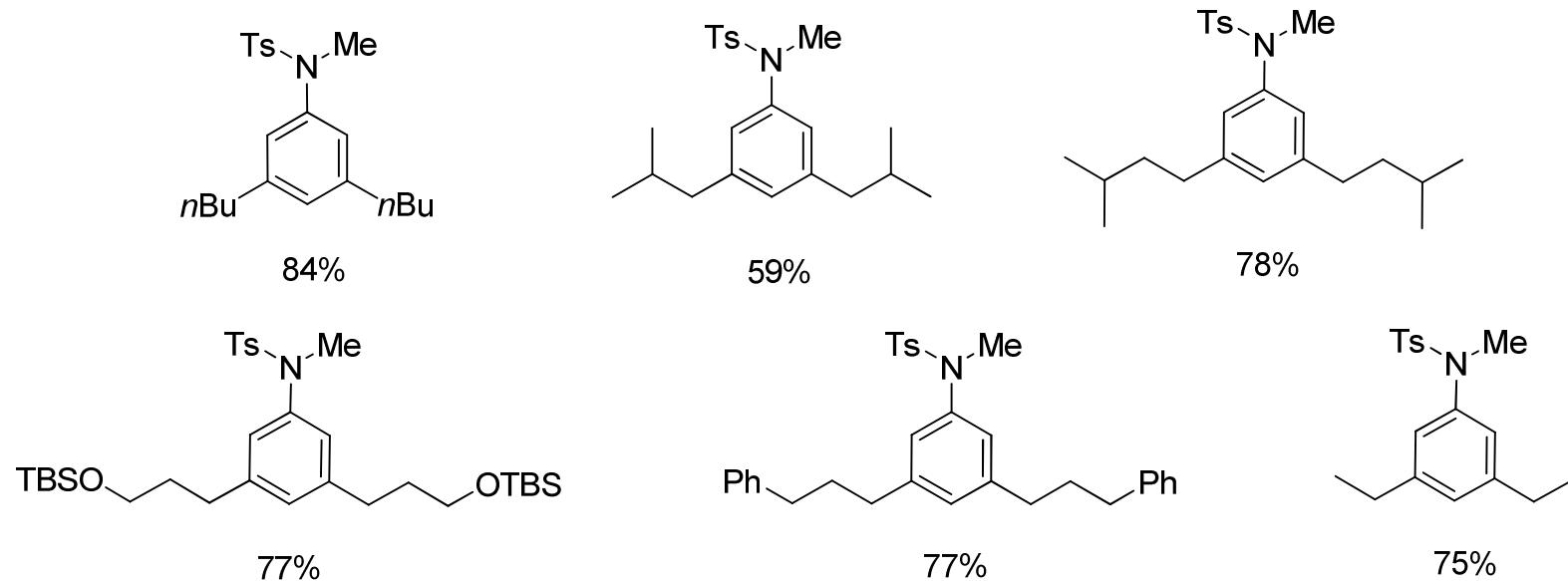
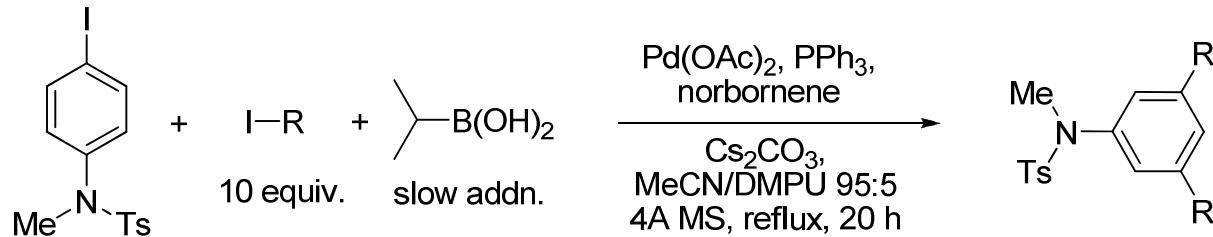
### Di-substituted Product:



R	Yield [%]
OMe	36
NMeTs	71
Me	84
naphthyl	68
CF <sub>3</sub>	82
CH <sub>2</sub> OTBS	89

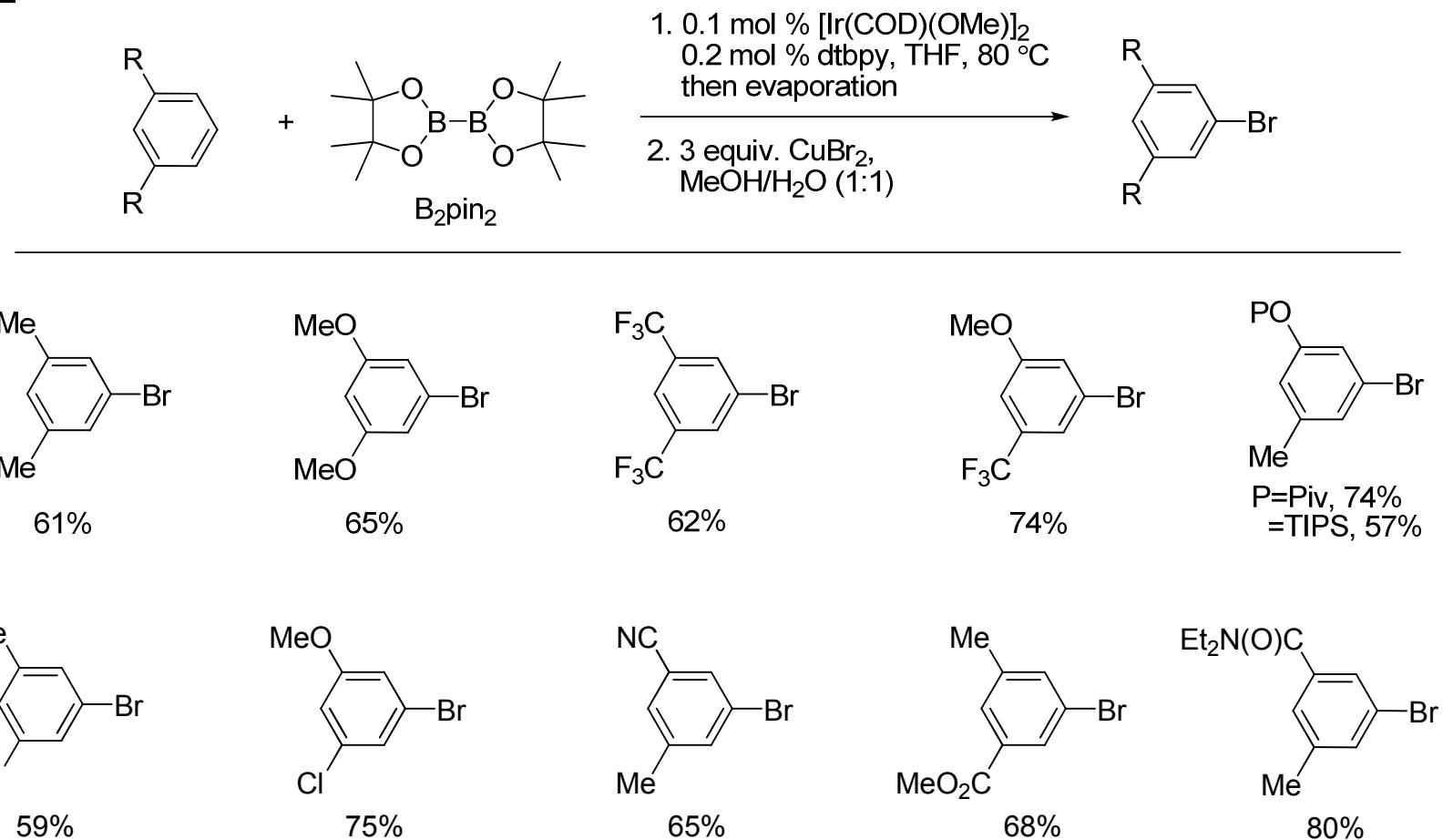
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## Scope of Alkyl Iodides

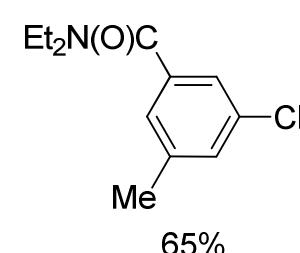
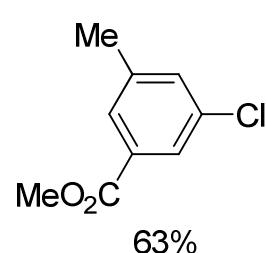
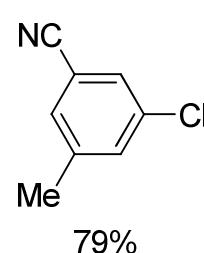
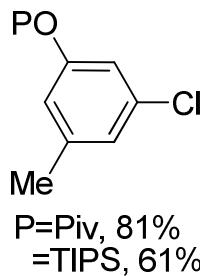
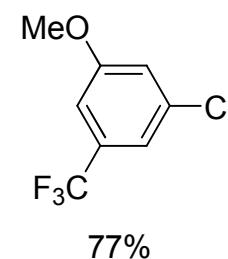
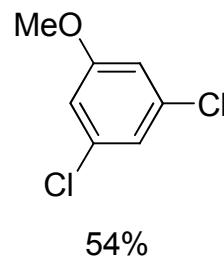
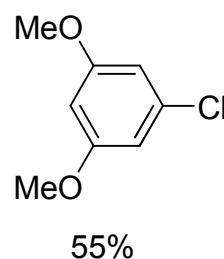
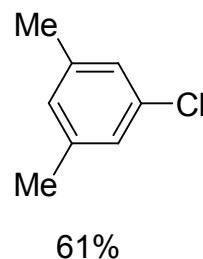
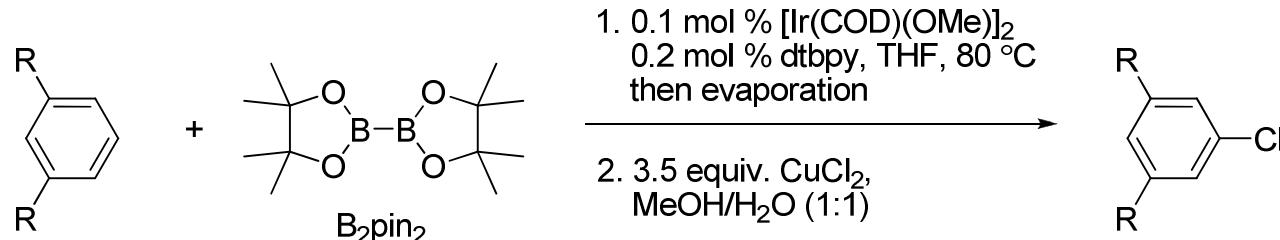


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# Hartwig Approach



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# [ Drawback ]

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- These three approaches are three new directions in this field but there is limitation -

None of these methods can start with benzene bearing a single ortho/para donor and directly afford a single exclusive meta-substituted benzene.

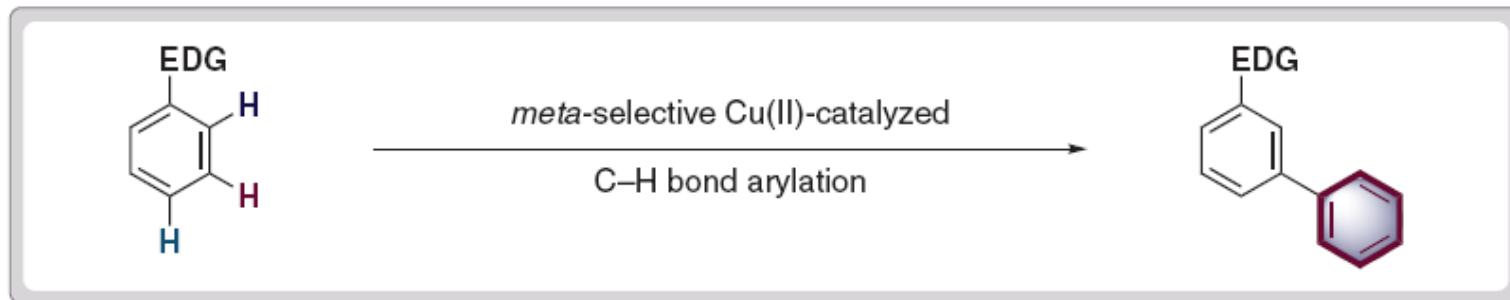
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# Gaunt Approach

Meta-selective catalytic C–H bond arylation



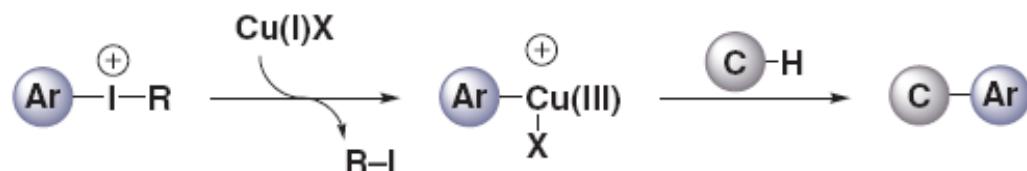
- Outcome not predicted by the conventional rules associated with electronic factors, directing groups, or steric effects.
- Provides direct access to the meta isomer.
- Process is simple, proceeds under mild conditions, uses inexpensive copper catalysts, and forms valuable products that would be difficult to synthesize by other methods.

# Background

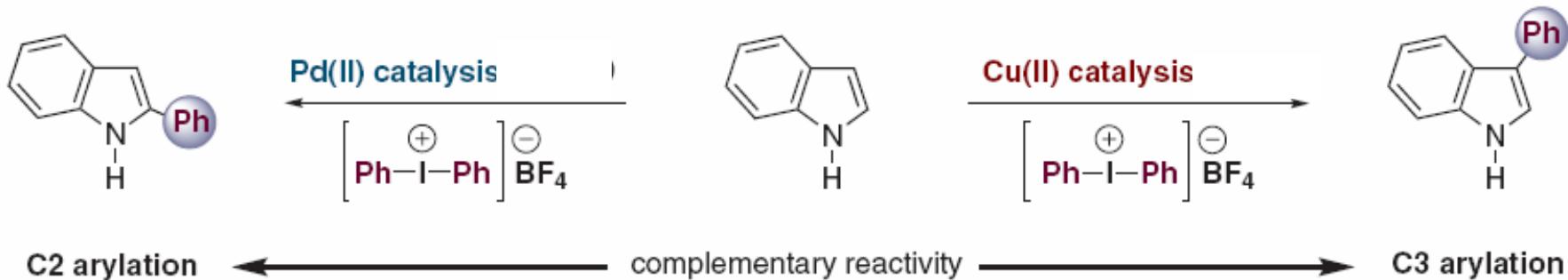
## (A) Copper-catalyzed C–H bond functionalization concept

- Pd(II) is a d<sup>8</sup> metal  
– electrophilic

- Cu(III) is a d<sup>8</sup> metal  
– more electrophilic



## (B) Complementary catalysis between Pd(II) and Cu(II)



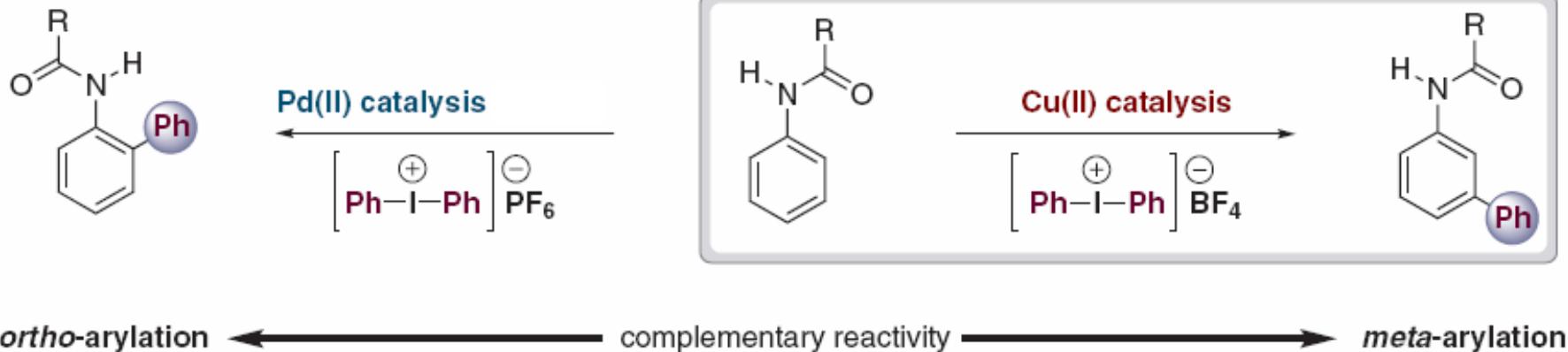
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# Reaction and Mechanism

(C) This study – *meta*-C–H arylation of acetanilides with Cu(II) catalysis



*ortho*-arylation ← complementary reactivity → *meta*-arylation



(D) Proposed mechanistic hypothesis



*meta*-C–H bond cupration via dearomatizing 'oxy-cupration'

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# Optimization

## Reaction optimization

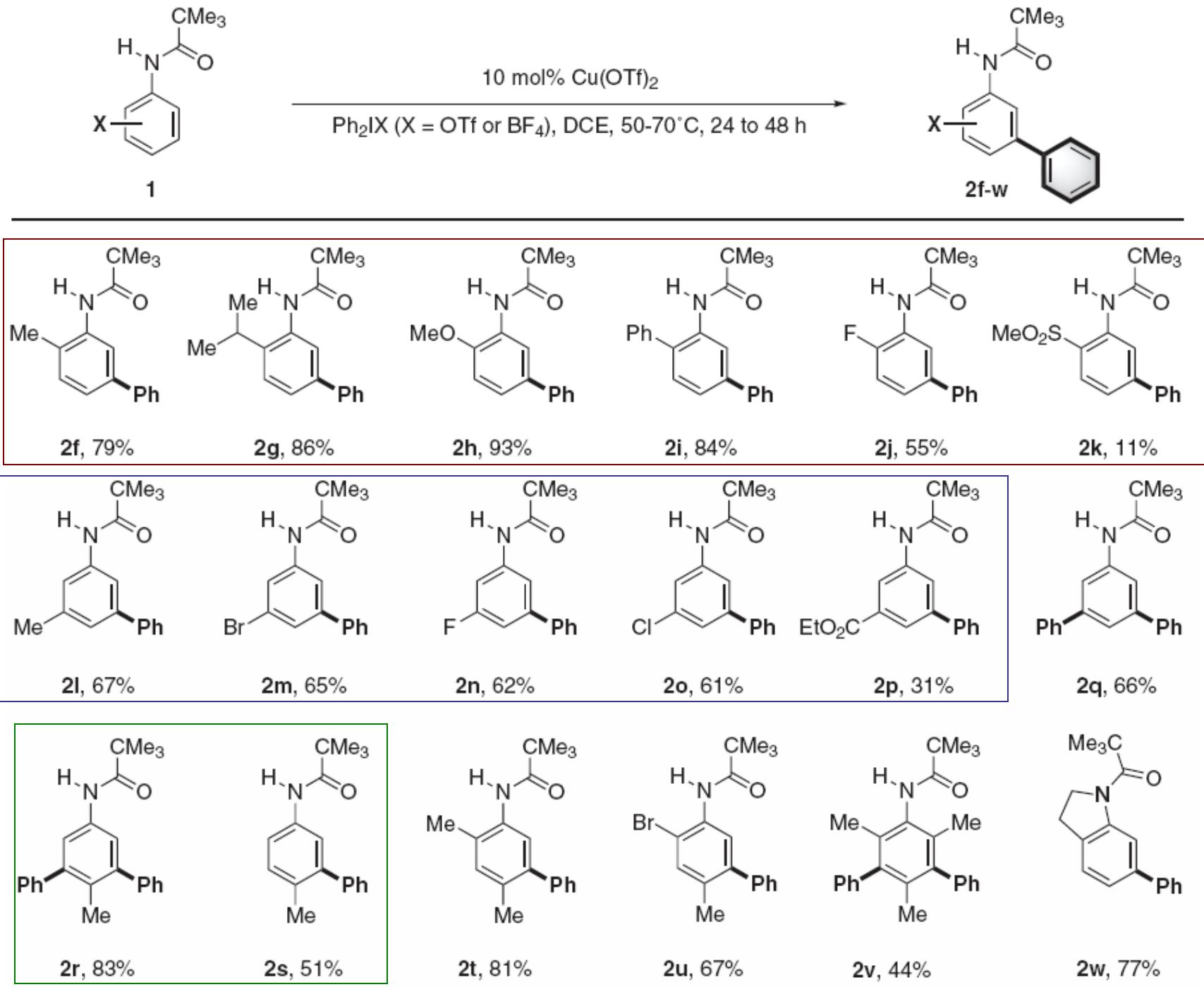
Reaction scheme:

Starting materials: **1a** ( $R^1 = H, R^2 = Me$ ) and **1b** ( $R^1 = Me, R^2 = Me$ )

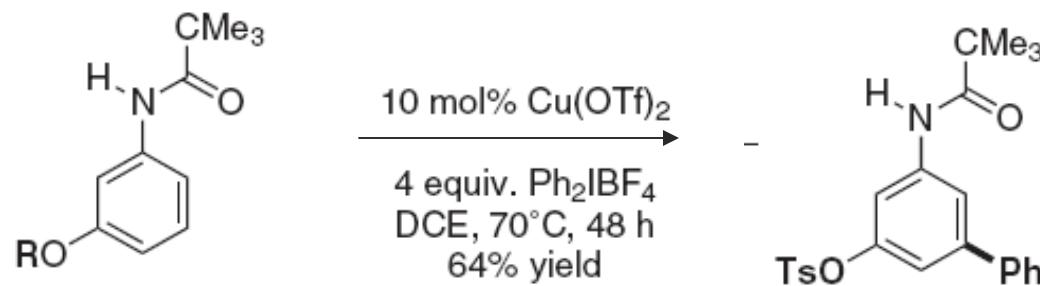
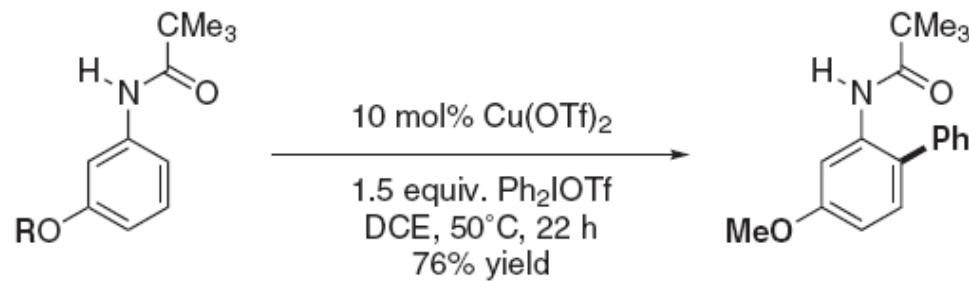
Reagents and conditions:  $10 \text{ mol\% Cu(OTf)}_2$ , 2 equiv.  $\text{Ph}_2\text{IOTf}$ , DCE,  $70^\circ\text{C}$

Products: **2a-f**

entry	$R^1$	$R^2$	product	yield %
1	H	Me	<b>2a</b>	14
2	Me	Me	<b>2b</b>	43
3	Me	OMe	<b>2c</b>	45
4	Me	NEt <sub>2</sub>	<b>2d</b>	31
5	Me	Ph	<b>2e</b>	73
6	Me	CMe <sub>3</sub>	<b>2f</b>	79

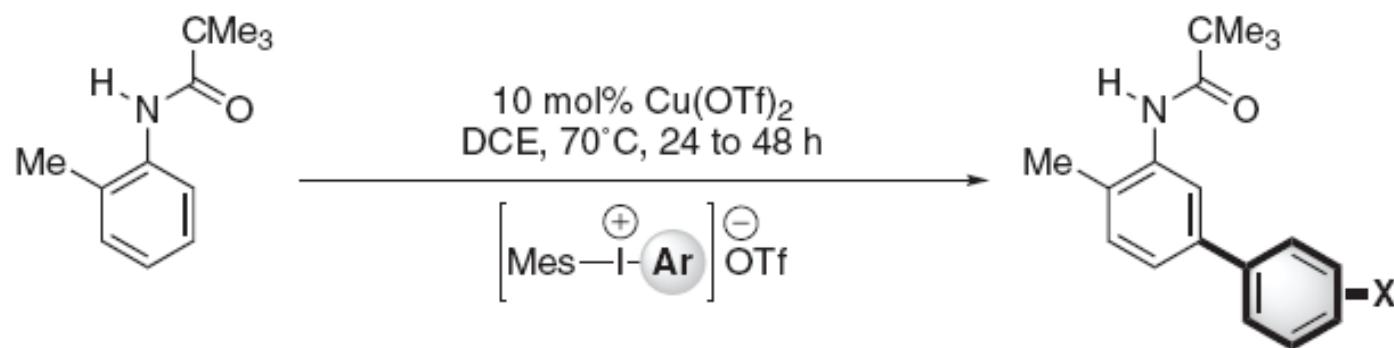


# Controlling Regioselectivity



# Variation of Aryl Substitution

## Scope of aryl group transfer



X	yield
4-Me	82%
4-F	78%
4-I	49%
4-CO <sub>2</sub> Eт	82%
4-NO <sub>2</sub>	60%
3-CF <sub>3</sub>	70%
3-Br	72%
2-Me	44%

# Conclusion

- Broad range of substrates is compatible with this operationally simple and mild copper-catalyzed arylation process.
- The method is best suited to more electron-donating substituents on the anilide ring, but still tolerates electron withdrawing groups.
- Amide group is a versatile motif that can be transformed into a range of other functionalities.
- Since organo-copper components need not be isolated, The reaction can be considered green.
- There are drawbacks to hypervalent iodides such as availability, by-product formation, and cost.

But still this reaction opens a new direction of light for this challenge

**What besides aryl groups can be transferred?**

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