

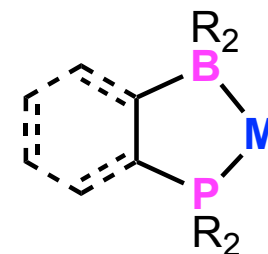
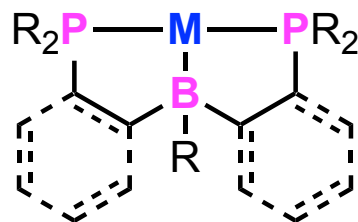
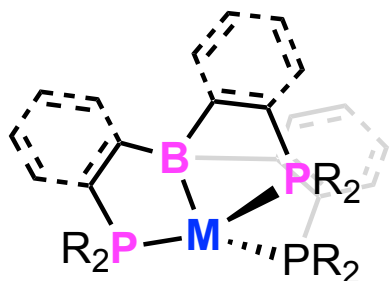
# Bidentate Boryl Ligand-Supported Complexes and Their Catalytic Applications

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2013 (Keisuke Takahashi, MR)

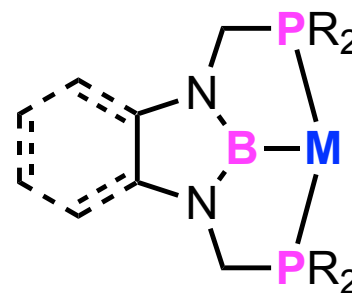
Mono-, Bis-, and Tris(phosphine)/Borane-Ligated Complexes



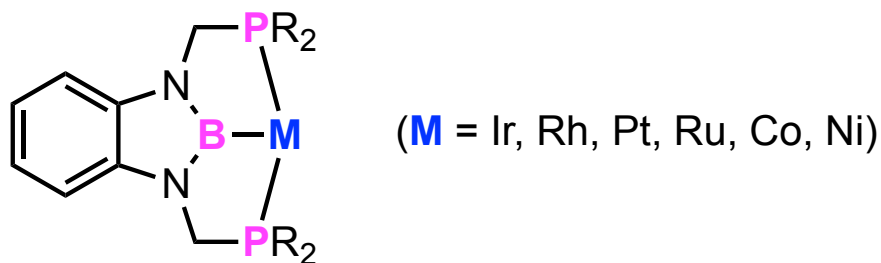
“PBP” Pincer Ligand-Supported Complexes

Our group's works

(and Thakun's current research topic)

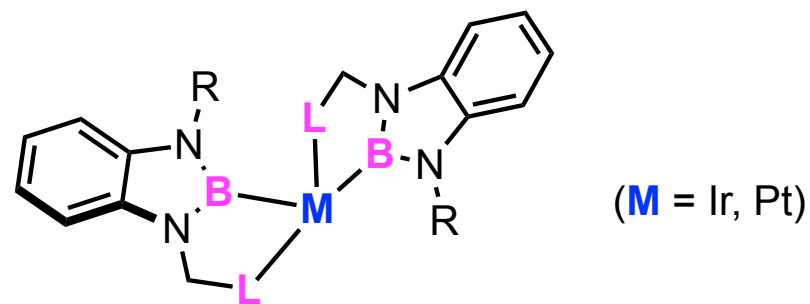


## “PBP” pincer ligand vs. bidentate boryl ligand



**PBP pincer ligand**

rigid coordination sphere  
more stable boryl group  
applications in catalysis: many

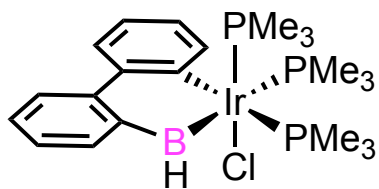


**bidentate boryl ligand**

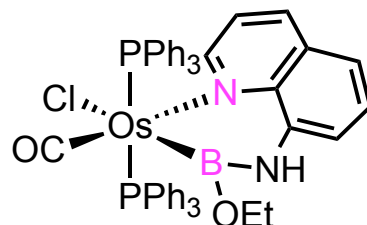
more flexible coordination sphere  
potentially less stable boryl group  
application in catalysis: rare

**Mostly borylation**

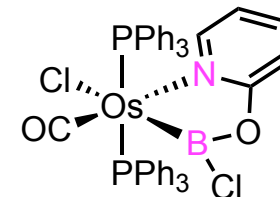
## Reported examples



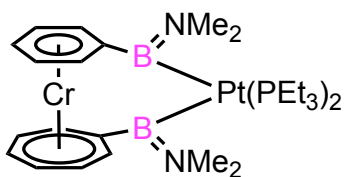
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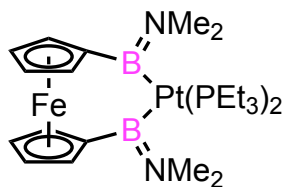
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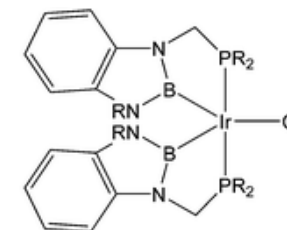
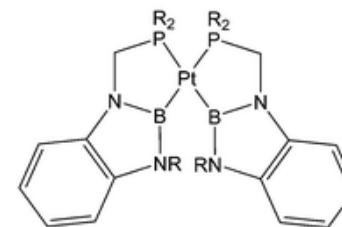
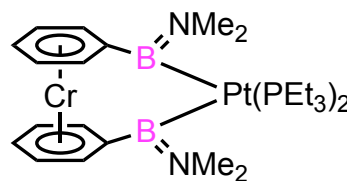
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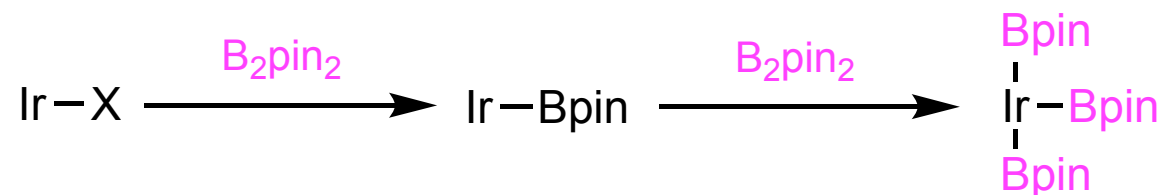


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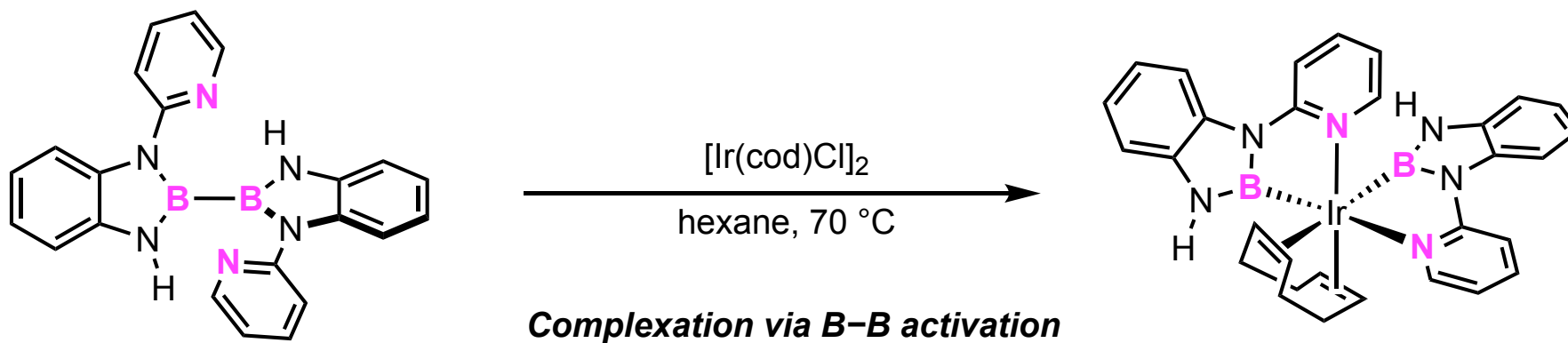
***No catalytic reaction developed by above ones***

## Inspiration of ligand

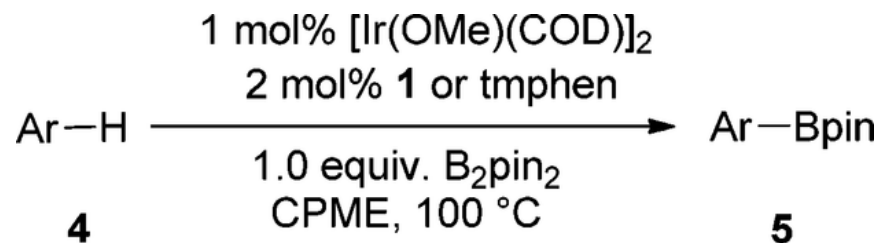
Iridium's reactivity towards B-B bond

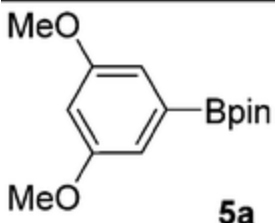
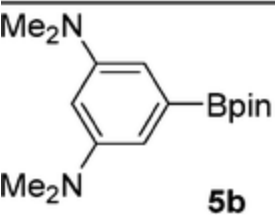


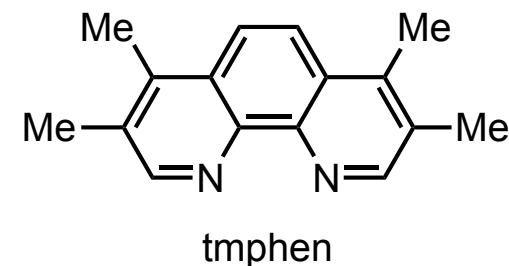
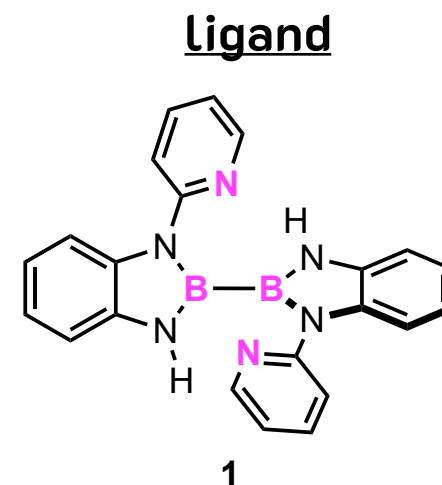
## Synthesis of N,B-bidentate ligand (via B-B activation)



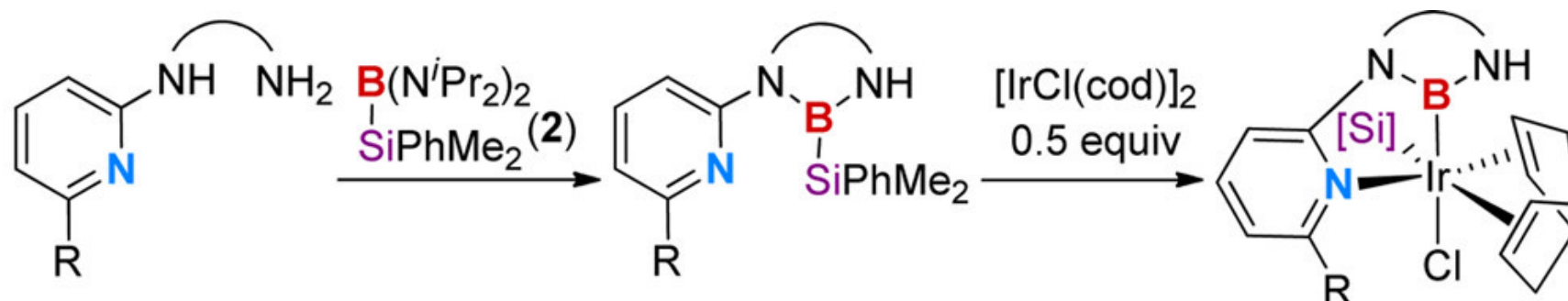
Comparison with tmphen ligand



Product	Preligand <b>1</b>		tmphen	
	Conv. (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield (%) <sup>b,c</sup>	Conv. (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield (%) <sup>b,c</sup>
 <p><b>5a</b></p>	98	98 (95)	94	81 (78)
 <p><b>5b</b></p>	94	94 (93)	50	50 (49)



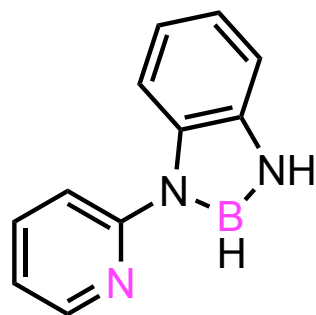
**Synthesis of Complex (via B–Si activation)**



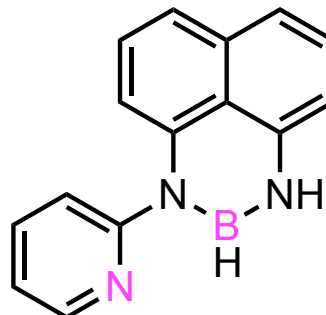
1a: R=H,  $\curvearrowright$  = *ortho*-phenylene  
 1b: R=H,  $\curvearrowright$  = 1,8-naphthydiyl  
 1c: R=OMe,  $\curvearrowright$  = 1,8-naphthydiyl

3a 78%  
 3b 92%  
 3c 91%

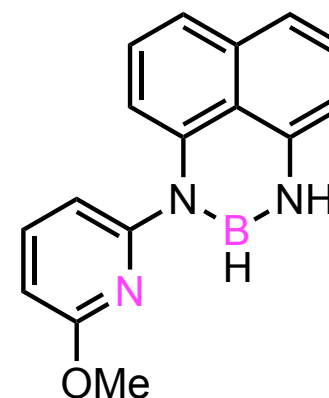
4a 85%  
 4b 78%



3a

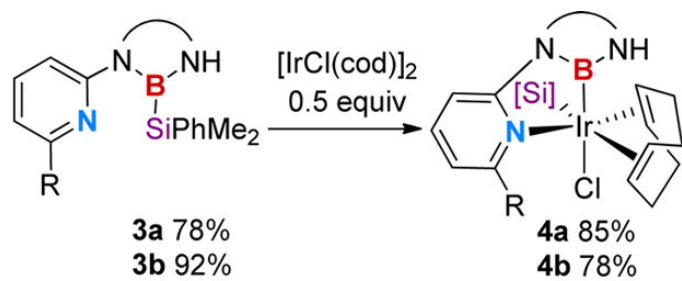


3b

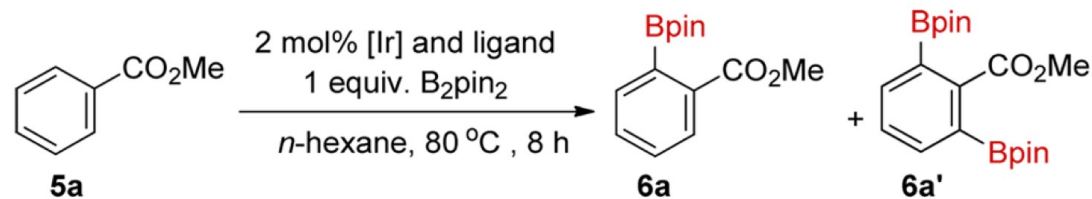
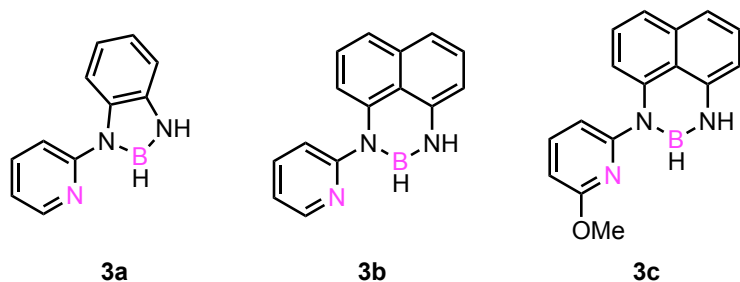


3c

## Optimization of conditions



- a: R=H,  $\curvearrowright$  = *ortho*-phenylene  
 b: R=H,  $\curvearrowright$  = 1,8-naphthydiyl  
 c: R=OMe,  $\curvearrowright$  = 1,8-naphthydiyl



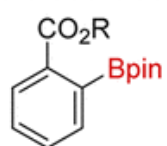
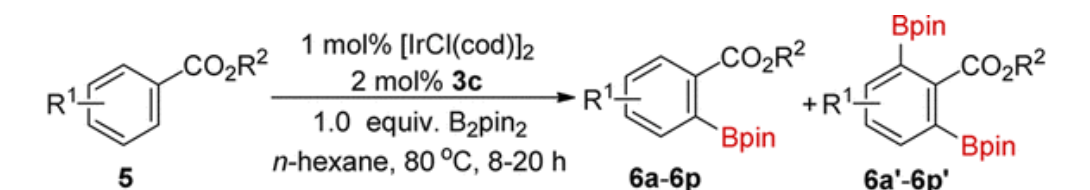
entry	precatalyst	conv. (%) <sup>b</sup>	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	Ratio of <i>o</i> /( <i>m</i> + <i>p</i> ) <sup>b</sup>
1	<b>3a</b> /[Ir(OMe)(cod)] <sub>2</sub>	89	4 ( <b>6a</b> )	5:95
2	<b>3a</b> /[IrCl(cod)] <sub>2</sub>	7	–	–
3	complex <b>4a</b>	4	–	–
4	<b>3b</b> /[Ir(OMe)(cod)] <sub>2</sub>	58	36 ( <b>6a</b> ) + 4 ( <b>6a'</b> )	69:31
5	<b>3b</b> /[IrCl(cod)] <sub>2</sub>	22	19 ( <b>6a</b> ) + 1 ( <b>6a'</b> )	91:9
6	complex <b>4b</b>	43	35 ( <b>6a</b> ) + 3 ( <b>6a'</b> )	91:9
7	<b>3c</b> /[IrCl(cod)] <sub>2</sub>	84	70 ( <b>6a</b> ) + 13 ( <b>6a'</b> )	>99:1
8	<b>3c</b> /[Ir(OMe)(cod)] <sub>2</sub>	20	7 ( <b>6a</b> )	35:65

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: methyl benzoate **5a** (0.5 mmol),  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  (0.5 mmol),  $[\text{Ir}(\text{X})(\text{cod})]_2$  (0.005 mmol), preligand (0.01 mmol) or complex (0.01 mmol) in 1.0 mL of *n*-hexane, 80 °C, 8 h.  
<sup>b</sup>Conversions, yields, and ratio were based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses of the crude products with **5a** as the limiting reagent.

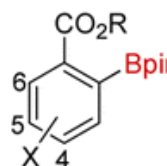


# B,N-type Boryl Ligand Directed C–H Borylation (Li, 2017)

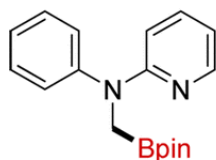
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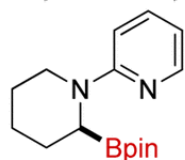
R = Me, **6a**, 68% (70%), **6a'**, (13%)  
 R = Et, **6b**, 70% (72%), **6b'**, (12%)  
 R = *i*Pr, **6c**, 75% (77%), **6c'**, (8%)  
 R = *t*Bu, **6d**, 78% (90%), **6d'**, (0)



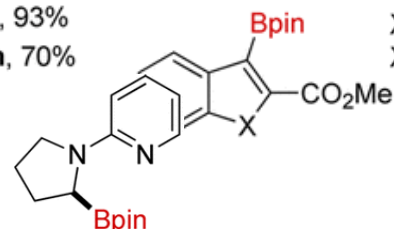
R = Me, X = 6-OMe, **6e**, 95%  
 R = Me, X = 6-Me, **6f**, 98%<sup>c</sup>  
 R = Me, X = 6-Cl, **6g**, 98%  
 R = Me, X = 6-Ph, **6h**, 96%  
 R = Et, X = 6-F, **6i**, 95%  
 R = Me, X = 4-F, 6-Cl, **6j**, 95%<sup>c</sup>  
 R = Me, X = 5-Me, **6k**, 91%  
 R = Me, X = 5-CF<sub>3</sub>, **6l**, 93%  
 R = Me, X = 4-Me, **6m**, 70%



**9a**, 70% (88%)



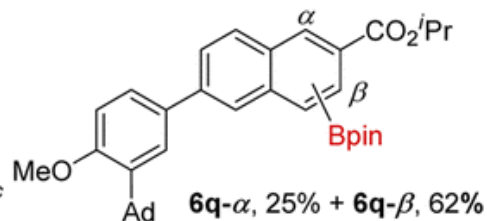
**9b**, 71% (78%)



**9c**, 80% (85%)

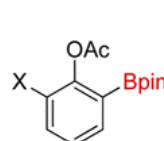
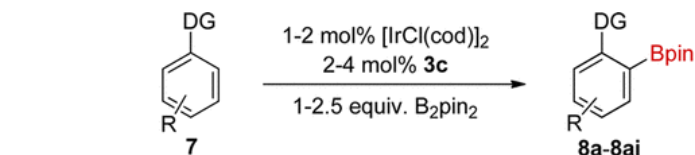


**6p**, 97%

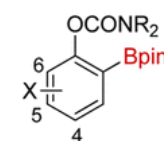


**6q-α**, 25% + **6q-β**, 62%

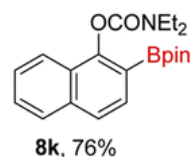
X = O, **6r**, 80%  
 X = S, **6s**, 87%



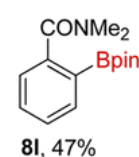
X = H, **8a**, (72%<sup>b</sup>),  
 phenol **8a'**, 68%  
 X = CF<sub>3</sub>, **8b**, (94%<sup>b</sup>)  
 phenol **8b'**, 88%  
 X = Me, **8c**, 83%  
 X = OMe, **8d**, 75%



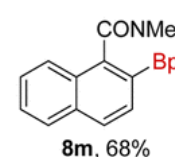
X = H, R = Me, **8e**, 47%  
 X = H, R = Et, **8f**, 78%  
 X = 6-F, R = Et, **8g**, 91%  
 X = 6-Cl, R = Et, **8h**, 91%  
 X = 5-CF<sub>3</sub>, R = Et, **8i**, 70%  
 X = 4-Me, R = Et, **8j**, 51%



**8k**, 76%



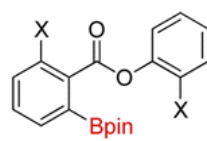
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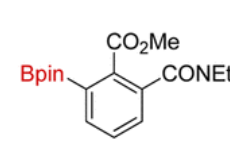
**8m**, 68%



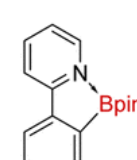
**8n**, 91%



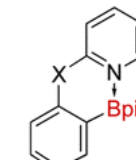
X = Me, **8o**, 89%  
 X = OMe, **8p**, 78%



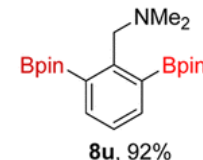
**8q**, 67%



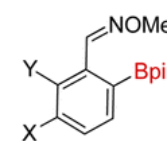
**8r**, 67%<sup>c</sup>



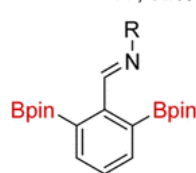
X = C, **8s**, 58%<sup>c</sup>  
 X = O, **8t**, 68%<sup>c</sup>



**8u**, 92%



X = H, Y = Bpin, **8v**, 80%  
 X = OMe, Y = Bpin, **8w**, 94%<sup>d</sup>  
 X = OMe, Y = H, **8x**, 65%  
 X = CF<sub>3</sub>, Y = H, **8y**, 73%

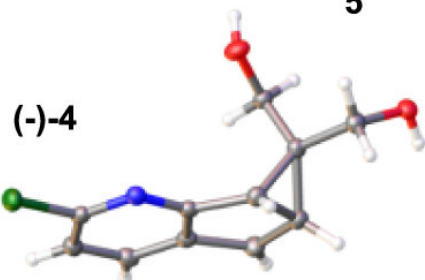
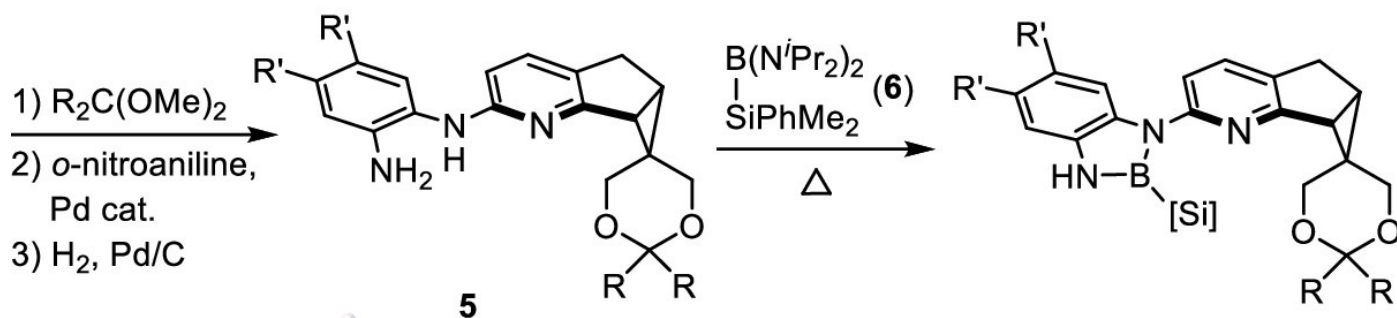
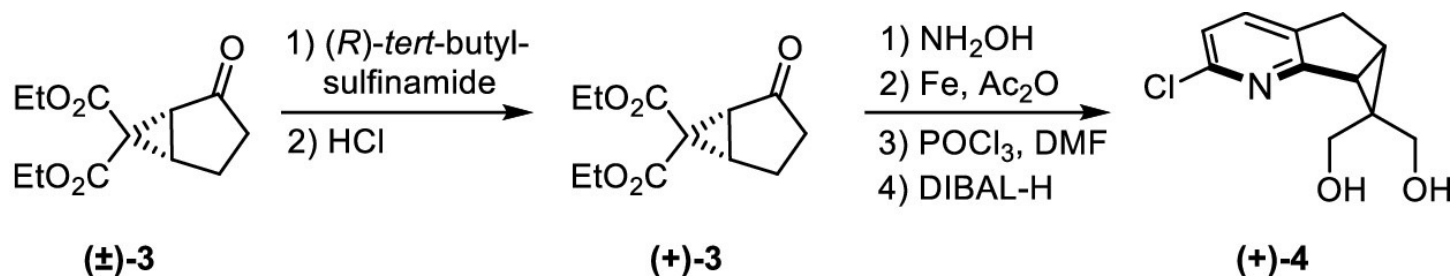


R = , **8z**, 93%  
 R = , **8aa**, 81%



X = H, **8ab**, di-, 90%  
 X = 5-F, **8ac**, di-, 92%  
 X = 4-CF<sub>3</sub>, **8ad**, di-, 92%

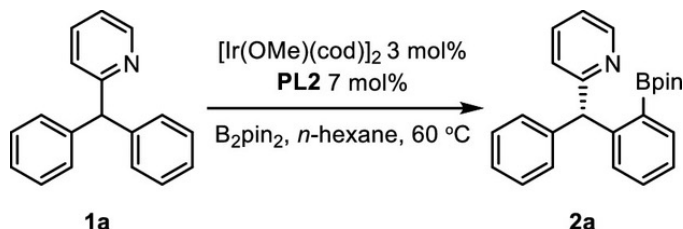
**Synthesis of chiral ligand**



- PL2-1: R = Me; R' = H
- PL2-2: R = Bn; R' = H
- PL2-3: R = Ph; R' = H
- PL2-4: R = 3,5- $t$ Bu<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>; R' = H
- PL2-5: R = Ph, R' = OMe;

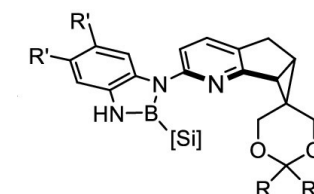
# B,N-type Boryl Ligand Asymmetric C–H Borylation (Li, 2021)

## Ligand optimization

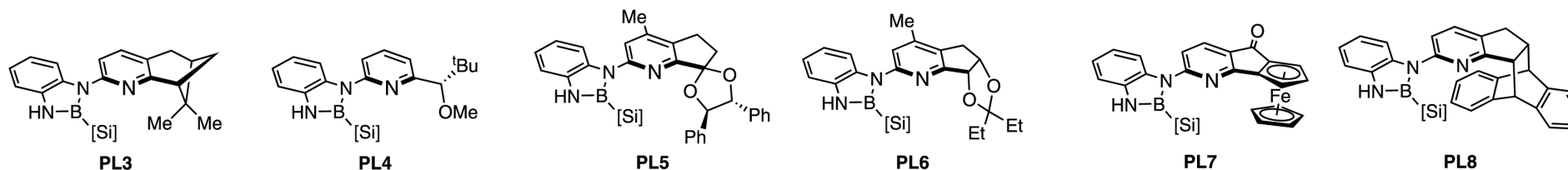


entry	ligand	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	PL2-1	85	45
2	PL2-2	79	62
3	PL2-3	89	84
4	PL2-4	92	83
5	PL2-5	54	83
6 <sup>d</sup>	PL2-3	93	94
7 <sup>e</sup>	PL2-3	58	76
8	PL3	86	35
9	PL4	79	6
10	PL5	83	-5
11	PL6	70	10
12	PL7	trace	
13	PL8	trace	

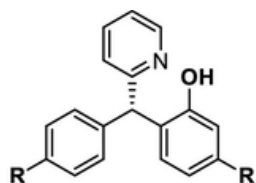
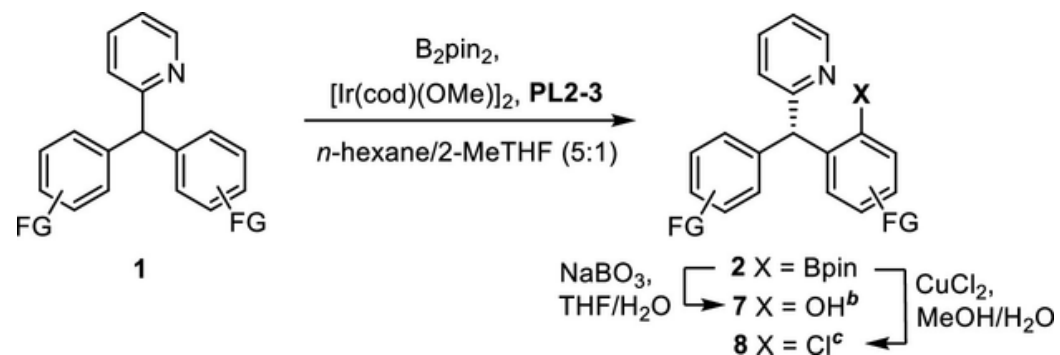
<sup>a</sup>Unless otherwise noted, all of the reactions were carried out with **1a** (0.1 mmol),  $[\text{Ir}(\text{OMe})(\text{cod})]_2$  (0.003 mmol), PL (0.007 mmol), and  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  (0.15 mmol) in *n*-hexane (1.0 mL) at 60 °C for 6 h. <sup>b</sup>Yield of **2a** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard. <sup>c</sup>After an oxidative workup, the corresponding phenol was isolated and the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on a chiral AD-H column. <sup>d</sup>The reaction was carried out in a solvent mixture containing *n*-hexane and 2-MeTHF (5:1, v/v). <sup>e</sup> $[\text{IrCl}(\text{cod})]_2$  was used.



PL2-1: R = Me; R' = H  
 PL2-2: R = Bn; R' = H  
 PL2-3: R = Ph; R' = H  
 PL2-4: R = 3,5-<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>; R' = H  
 PL2-5: R = Ph, R' = OMe;

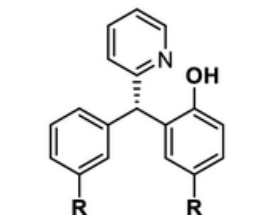


## Compatibility

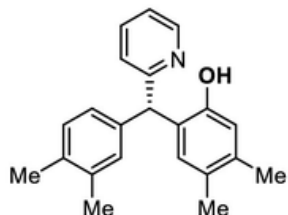


**7a** R = H, 82% yield, 94% ee;  
**7b** R = Me, 86% yield, 89% ee;  
**7c** R = *t*-Bu, 85% yield, 88% ee;  
**7d** R = OPh, 85% yield, 95% ee;  
**7e** R = OCF<sub>3</sub>, 82% yield, 82% ee;

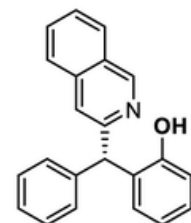
**7f** R = Ph, 92% yield, 96% ee;  
**7g** R = F, 88% yield, 90% ee;  
**7h** R = Cl, 89% yield, 83% ee;  
**7i** R = Br, 85% yield, 89% ee;  
**7j** R = CF<sub>3</sub>, 90% yield, 88% ee;



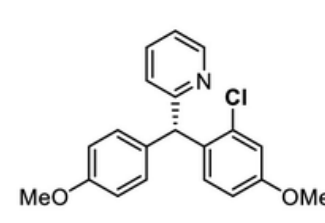
**7k** R = Me, 73% yield, 86% ee;  
**7l** R = Cl, 87% yield, 94% ee;  
**7m** R = Br, 80% yield, 89% ee;  
**7n** R = CF<sub>3</sub>, 80% yield, 91% ee;  
**7o** R = Ph, 81% yield, 89% ee;



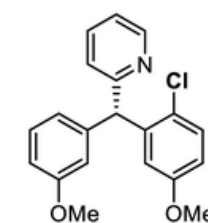
**7p** 76% yield, 90% ee



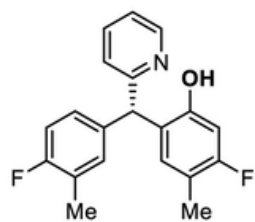
**7t** 81% yield, 48% ee



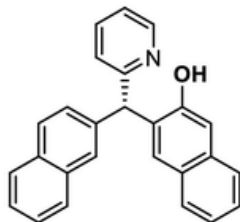
**8a** 77% yield, 94% ee



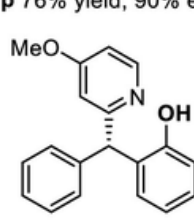
**8b** 78% yield, 88% ee



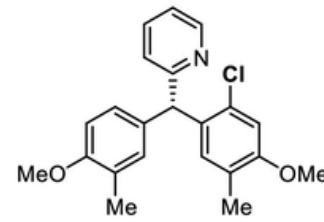
**7q** 74% yield, 91% ee



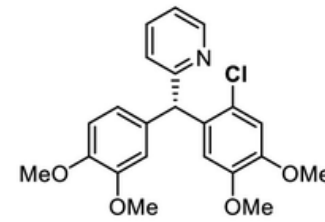
**7r** 92% yield, 90% ee



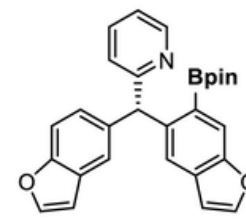
**7s** 90% yield, 85% ee



**8c** 76% yield, 94% ee



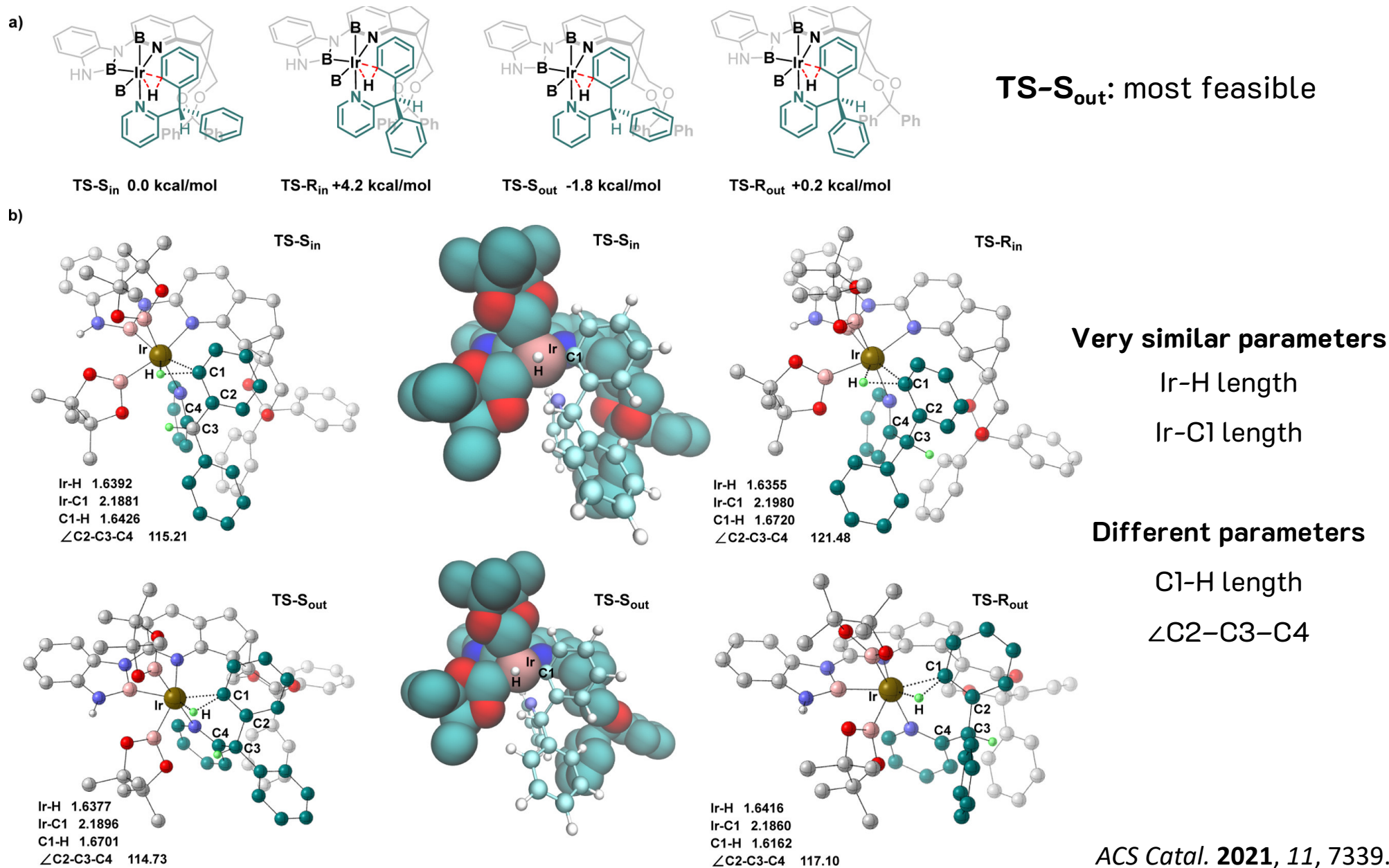
**8d** 74% yield, 90% ee



**2b** 34% yield, 94% ee

# B,N-type Boryl Ligand Asymmetric C–H Borylation (Li, 2021)

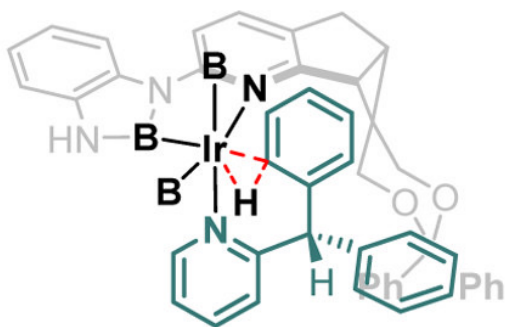
## TS for C–H activation step



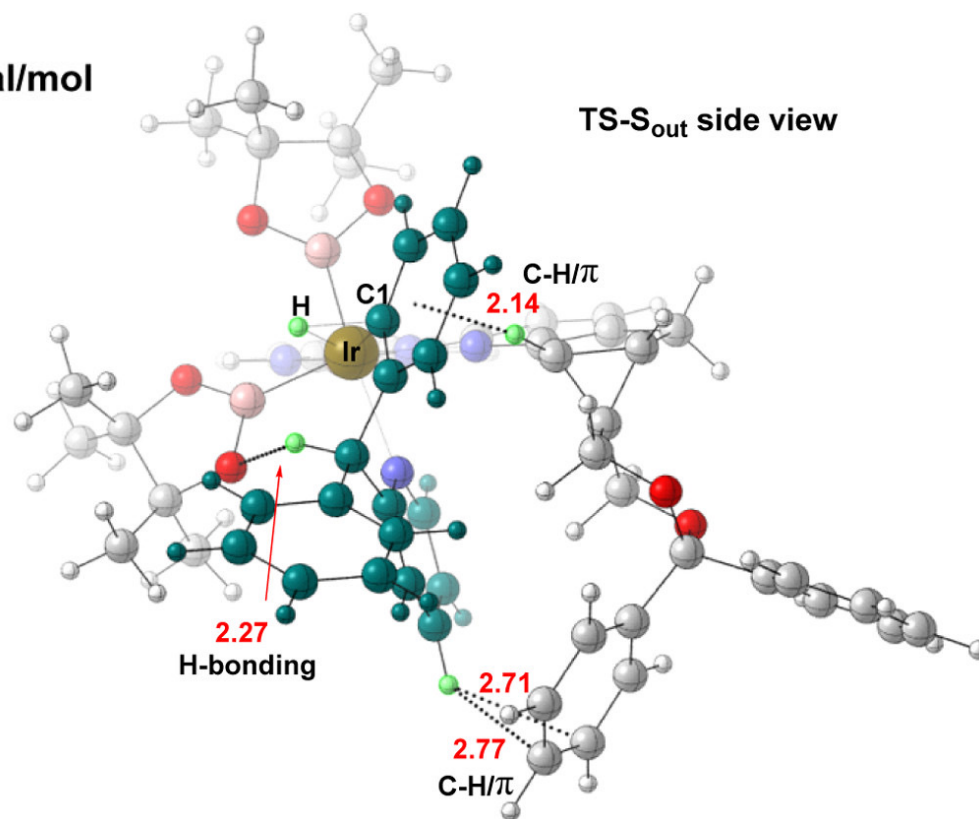
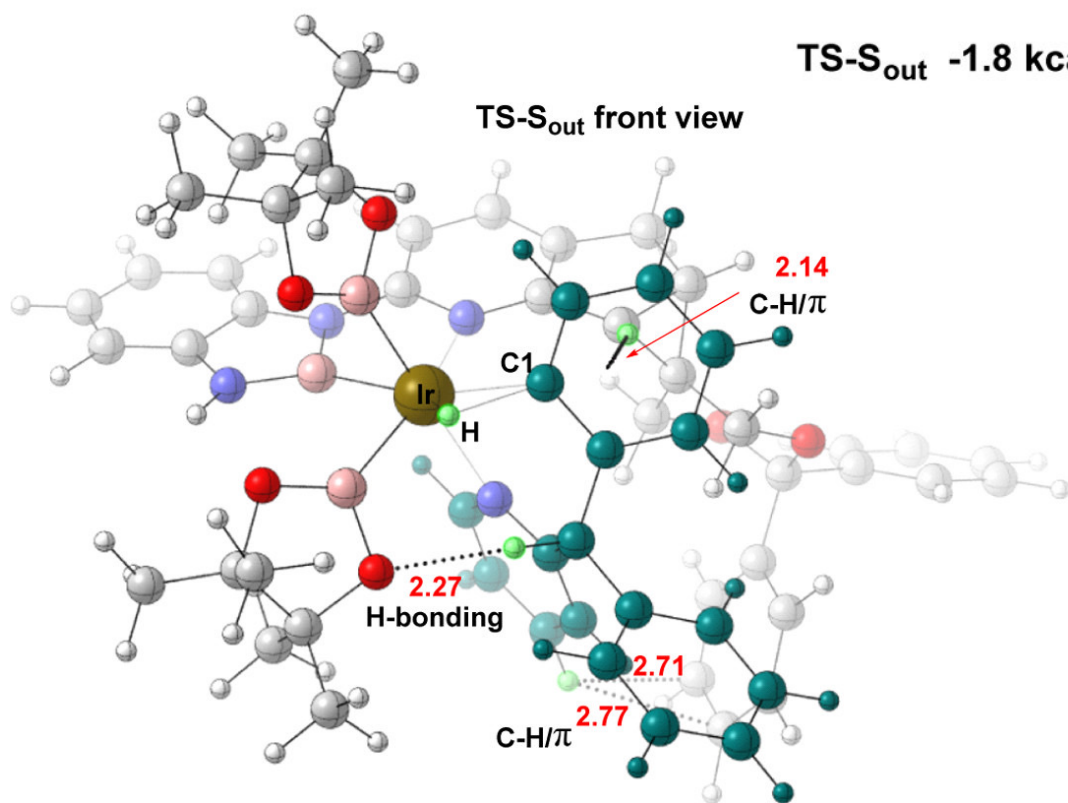


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TS-S<sub>out</sub>: A weak interaction

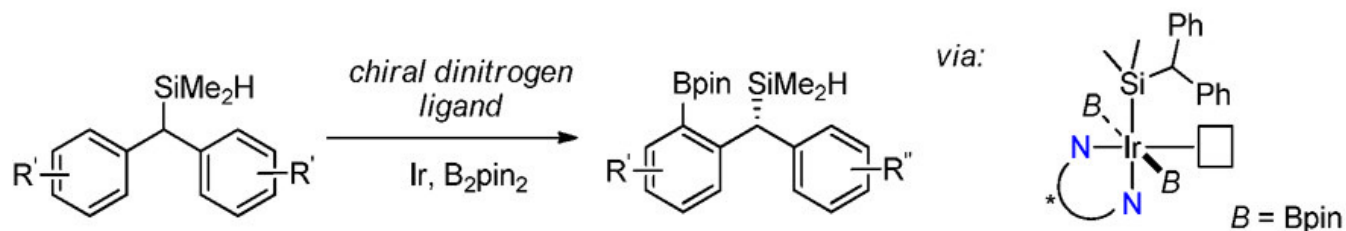


TS-S<sub>out</sub> -1.8 kcal/mol

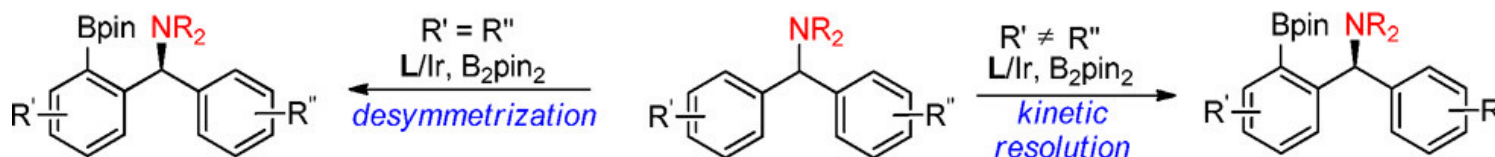


## Introduction

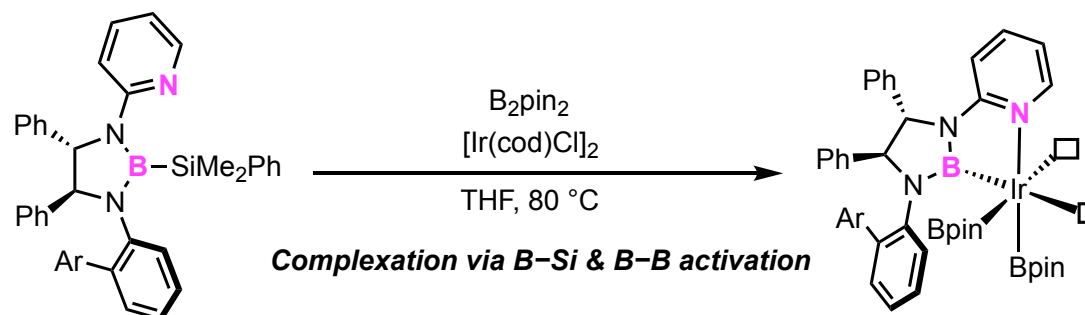
A: Asymmetric C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-H Activation Borylation (Shi, Hartwig): Relay-directed



B: Ir-catalyzed C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-H Borylation Using Chiral Boryl Ligand (This Work): Chelate-directed

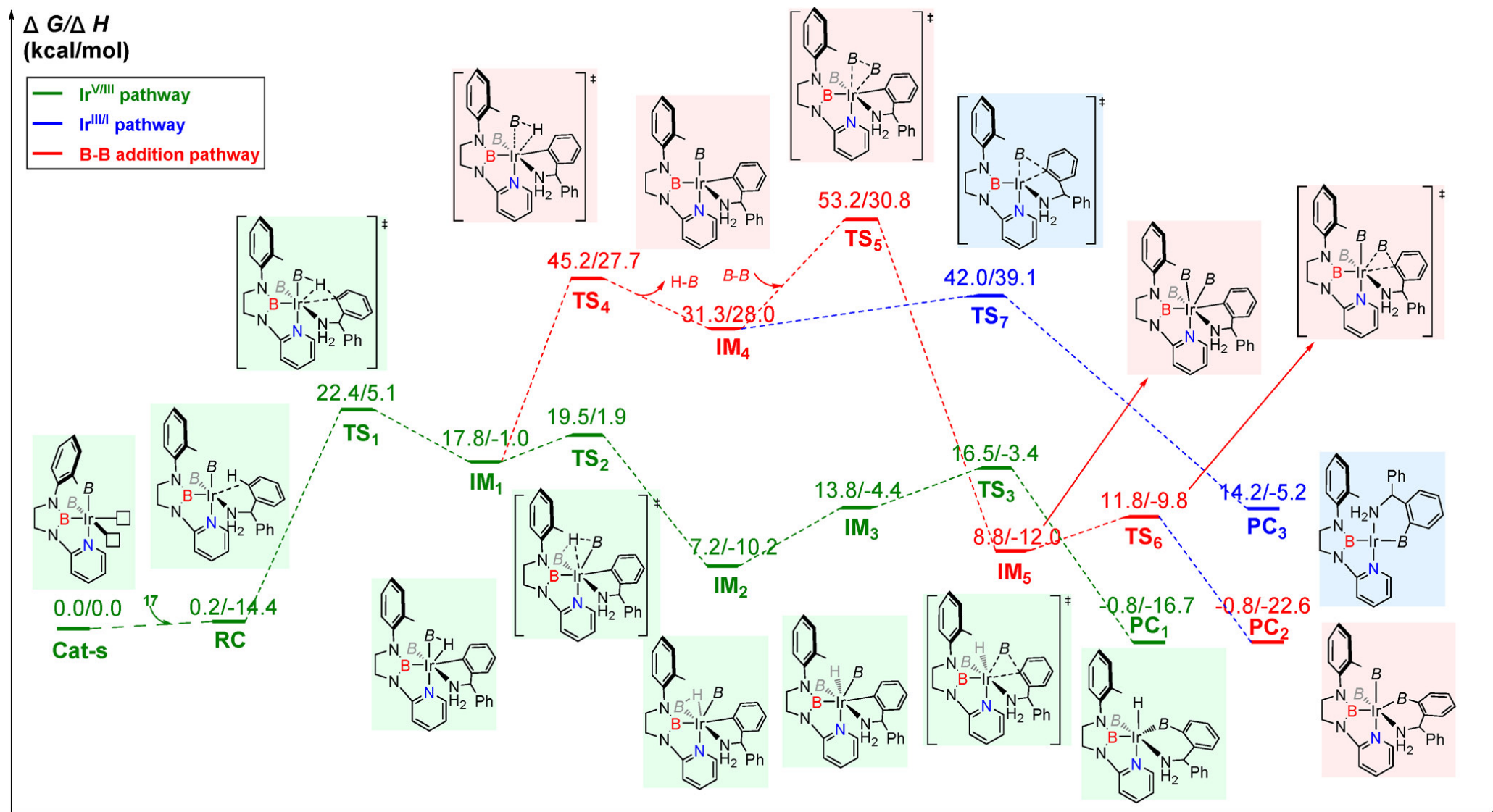


## In-situ generation of active species



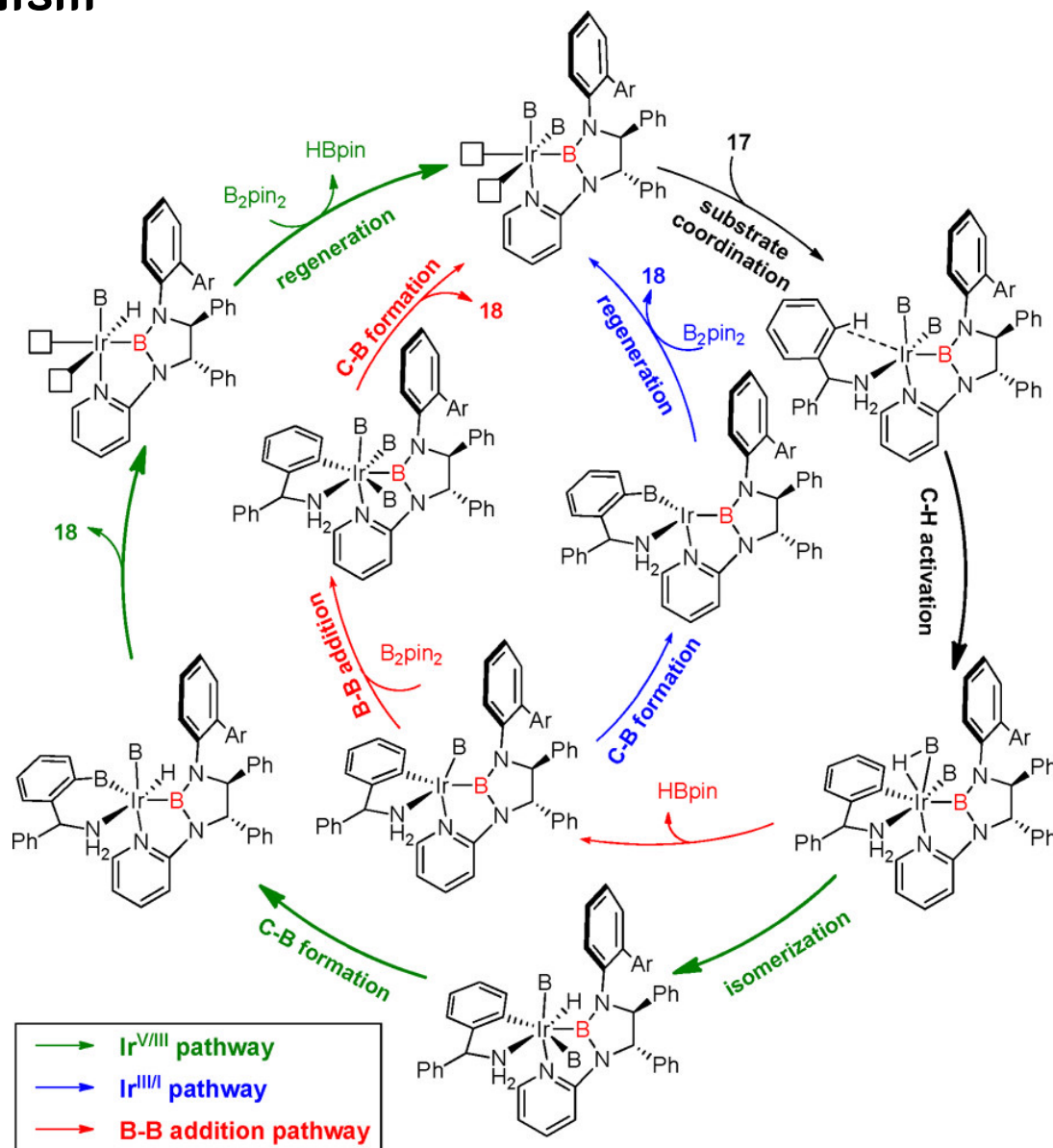
# B,N-type Boryl Ligand Asymmetric C–H Borylation (Ke & Xu, 2019)

## Computational study on mechanism



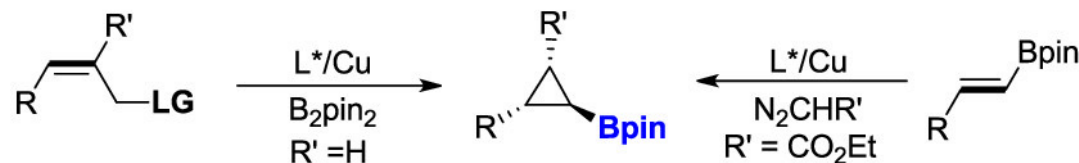


## Proposed mechanism

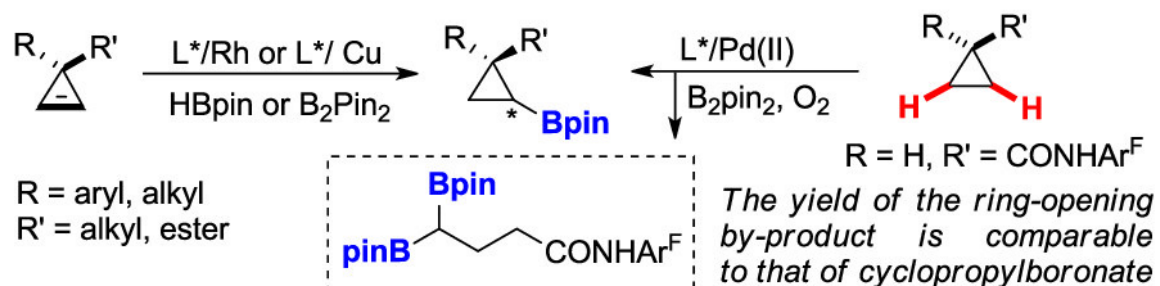


## Asymmetric C–H borylation of cyclopropanes

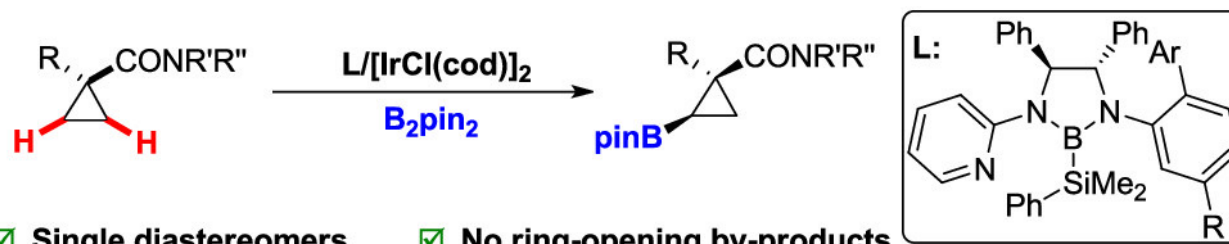
### A: Catalytic asymmetric cyclopropanation of alkenes



### B: Catalytic Asymmetric transformations of cyclopropenes and cyclopropanes

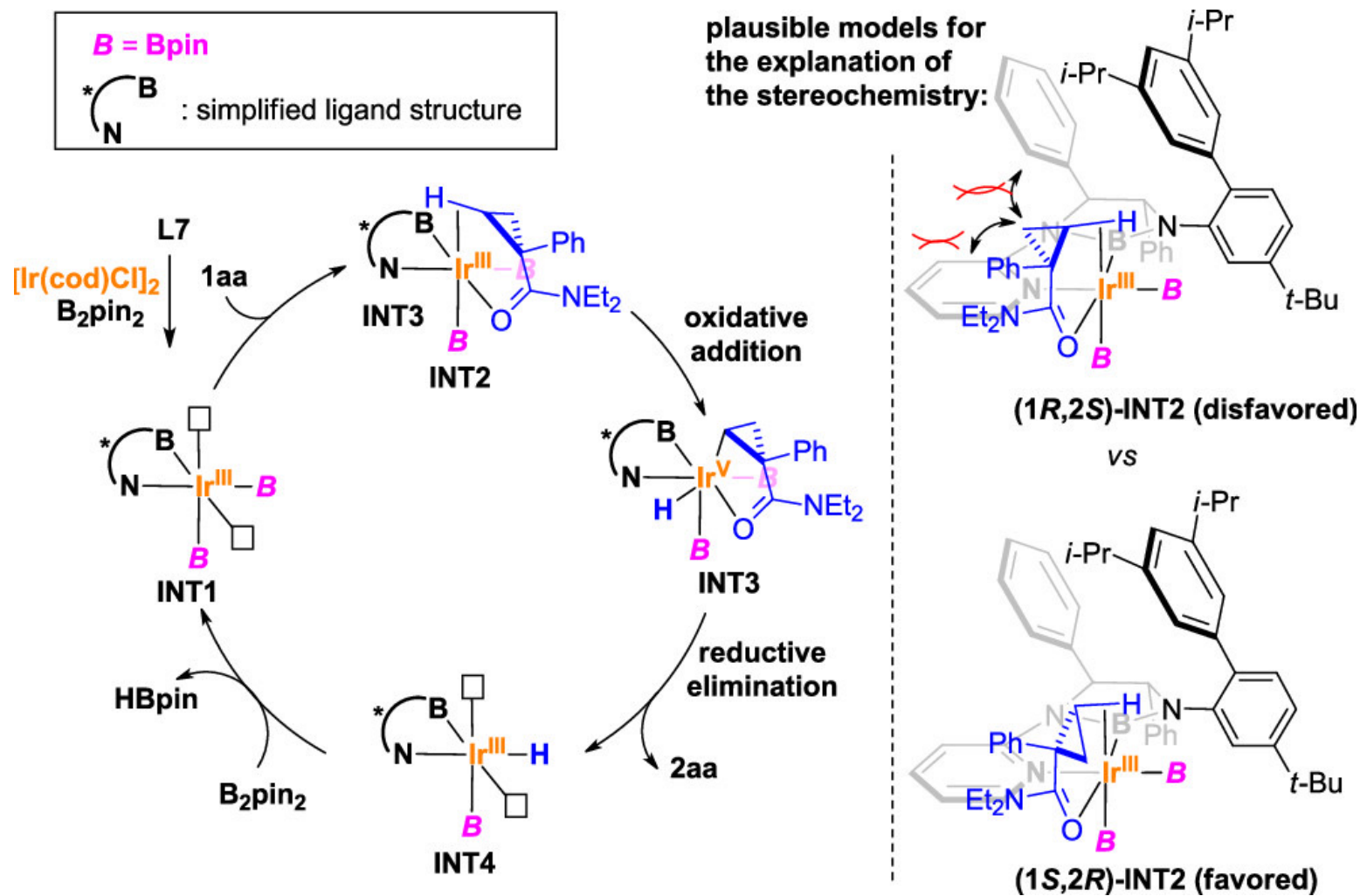


### C: Iridium-catalyzed C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H borylation of cyclopropanes (*this work*)

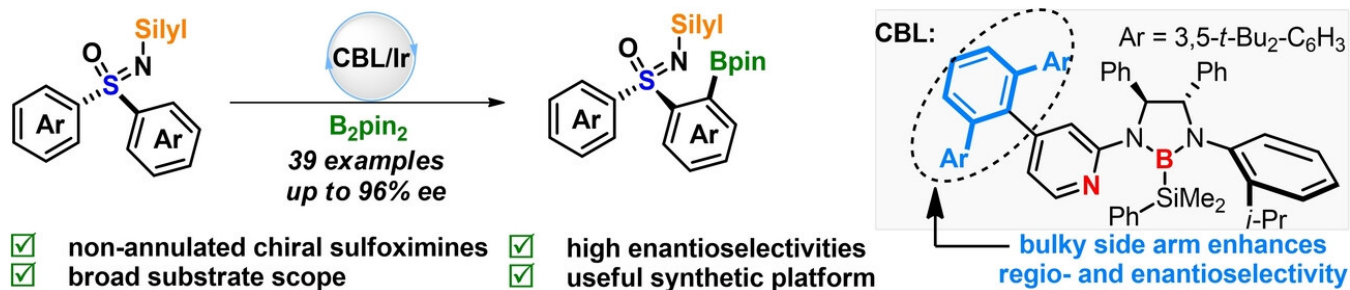


- ✓ Single diastereomers
- ✓ High enantioselectivities
- ✓ No ring-opening by-products
- ✓ Useful synthons

## Proposed mechanism

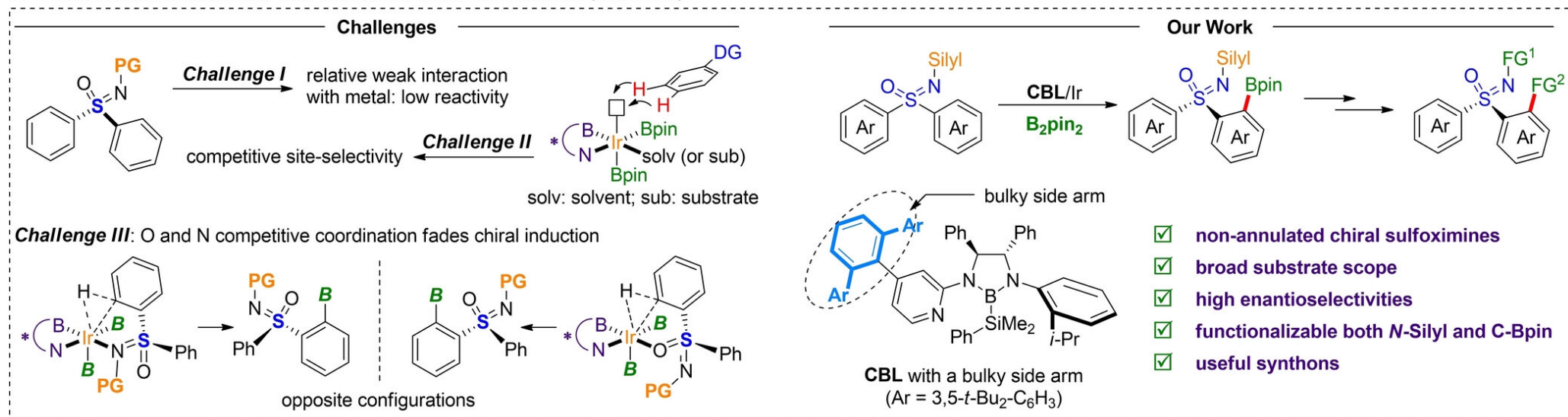


## Regio- and enantioselective C–H borylation of sulfoximine

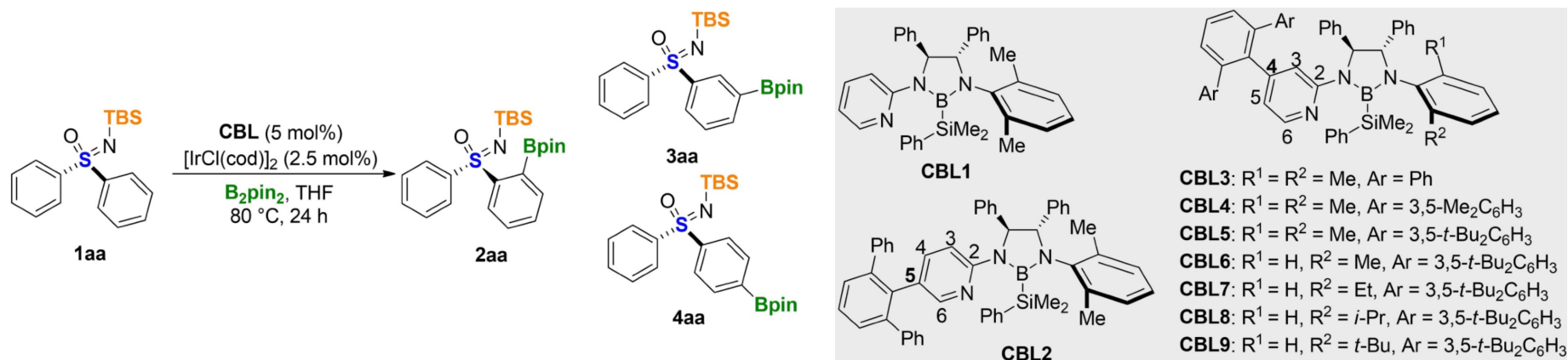


## Challenges on the substrate

### D: C–H activation that leads to non-annulated chiral sulfoximines (this work)



## Ligand optimization



$$rr = 2aa/3aa+4aa$$

Entry <sup>[a]</sup>	CBL	$rr$ <sup>[b]</sup>	Yield [%] <sup>[c]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[d]</sup>
1	CBL1	81:19	60	-26 Inverse ee
2	CBL2	29:71 Inverse $rr$	19	66
3	CBL3	69:31	52	66
4	CBL4	83:17	63	83
5	CBL5	54:46	41	91
6	CBL6	61:39	50	91
7	CBL7	71:29	56	91
8	CBL8	81:19	64	90
9	CBL9	62:38	51	82
10 <sup>[e]</sup>	CBL8	95:5	74	89
11 <sup>[f]</sup>	CBL8	88:12	65	90
12 <sup>[e-g]</sup>	CBL8	96:4	79	93

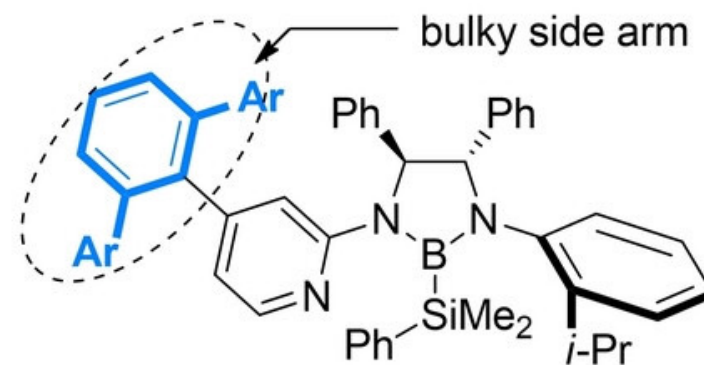
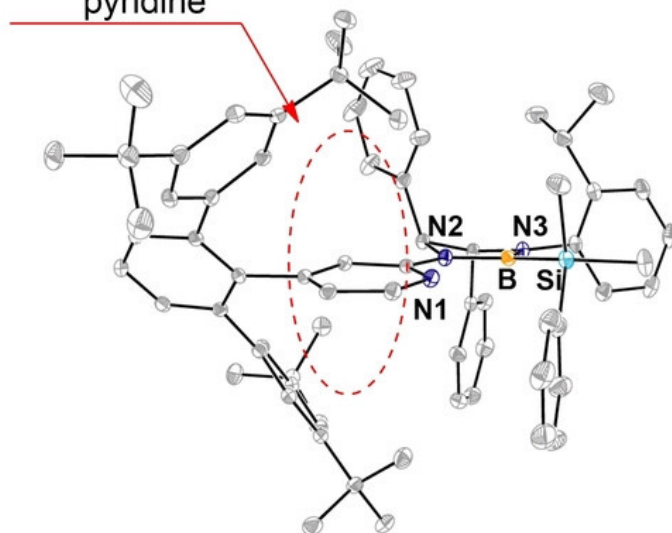
[a] Unless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out with **1aa** (0.20 mmol), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (0.30 mmol), CBL (0.01 mmol), and [IrCl(cod)]<sub>2</sub> (0.005 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) at 80 °C for 24 h. [b] The  $rr$  values were determined by gas chromatography (GC) analysis. [c] Isolated yield of **2aa**. [d] Enantiomeric excess (ee) was determined by HPLC on a chiral stationary IC column. [e] *n*-hexane (2.0 mL) as the solvent. [f] [Ir(OMe)(cod)]<sub>2</sub> in lieu of [IrCl(cod)]<sub>2</sub>. [g] The reaction was carried out at 60 °C for 36 h.



## Optimized ligand (CBL8)

Side arms on pyridine clearly show steric effect

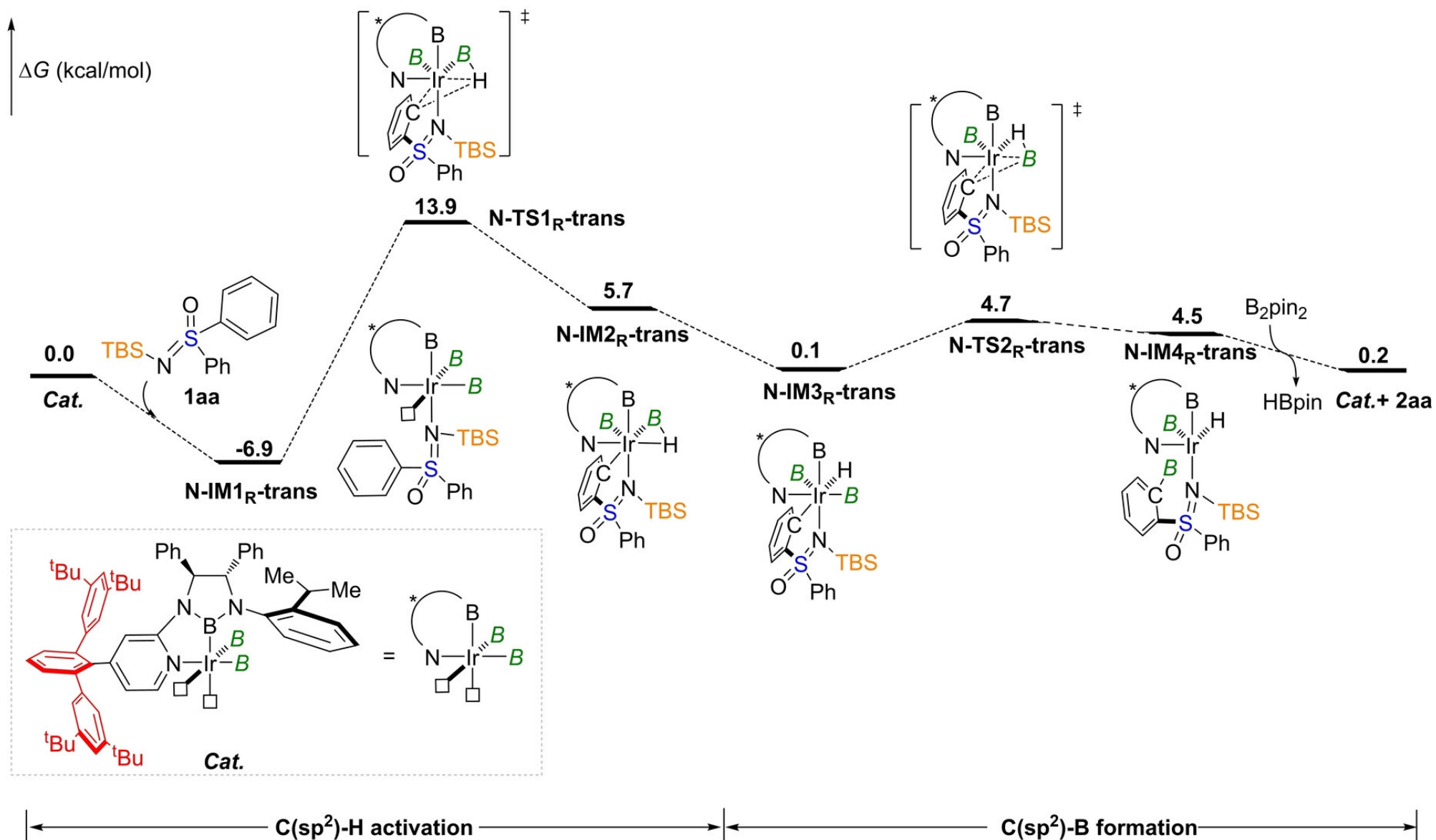
congested environment around  
pyridine



**CBL** with a bulky side arm  
(Ar = 3,5-*t*-Bu<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)

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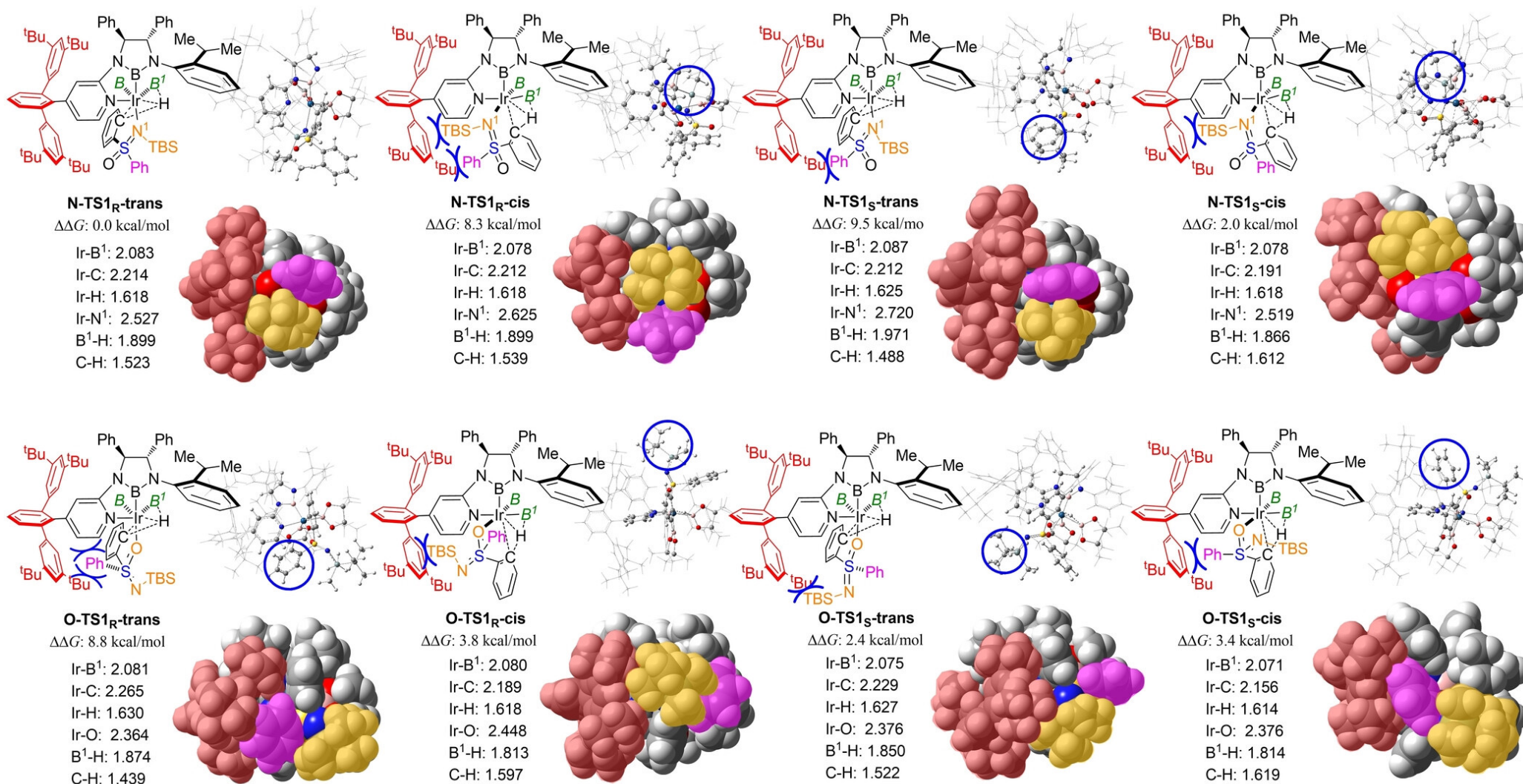
## Computational study



# B,N-type Boryl Ligand Asymmetric C–H Borylation (Ke & Xu, 2023)

## Discussion on TS1 (OA of C–H bond is the enantio-determining step)

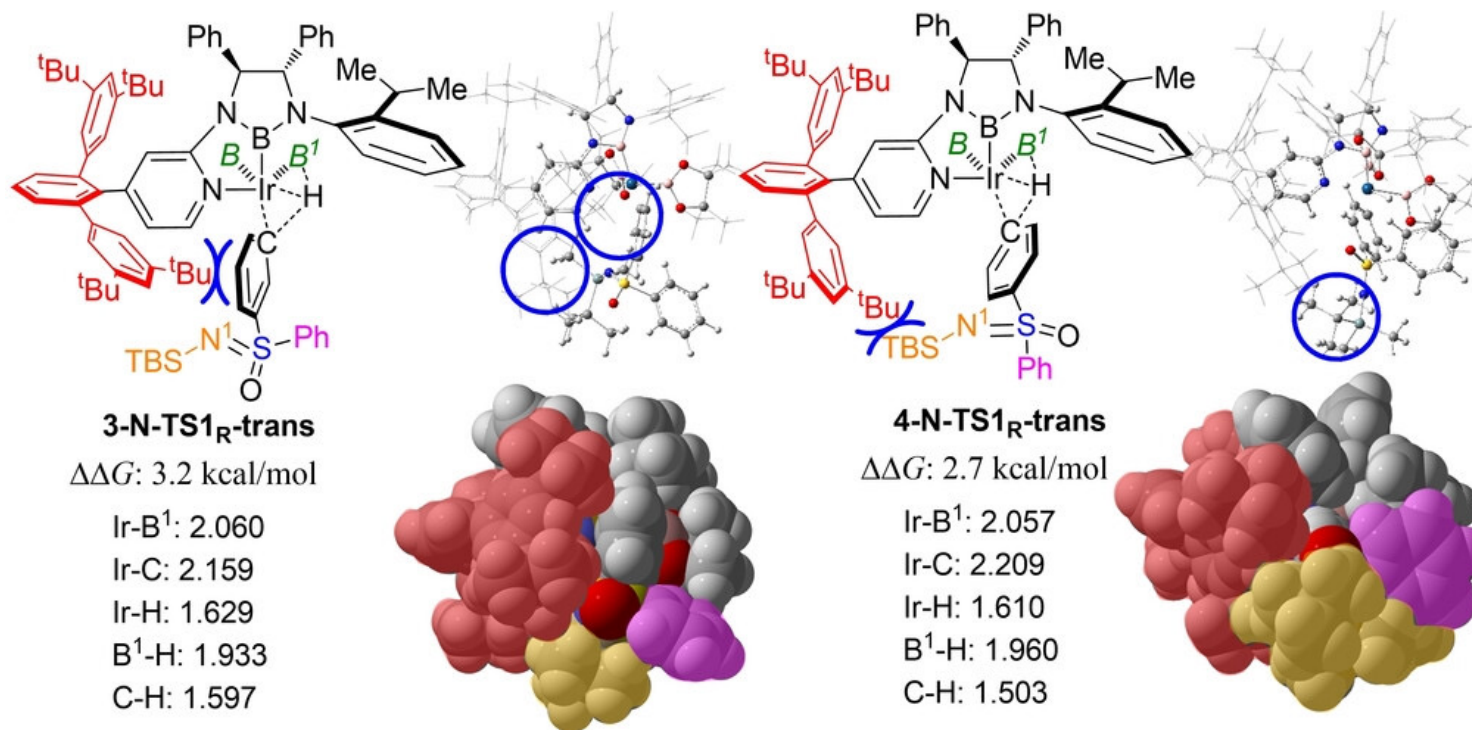
Selectivity on **1)** N-/O-atom; **2)** *trans*-/*cis*- of C/B; **3)** R/S of sulfoximine



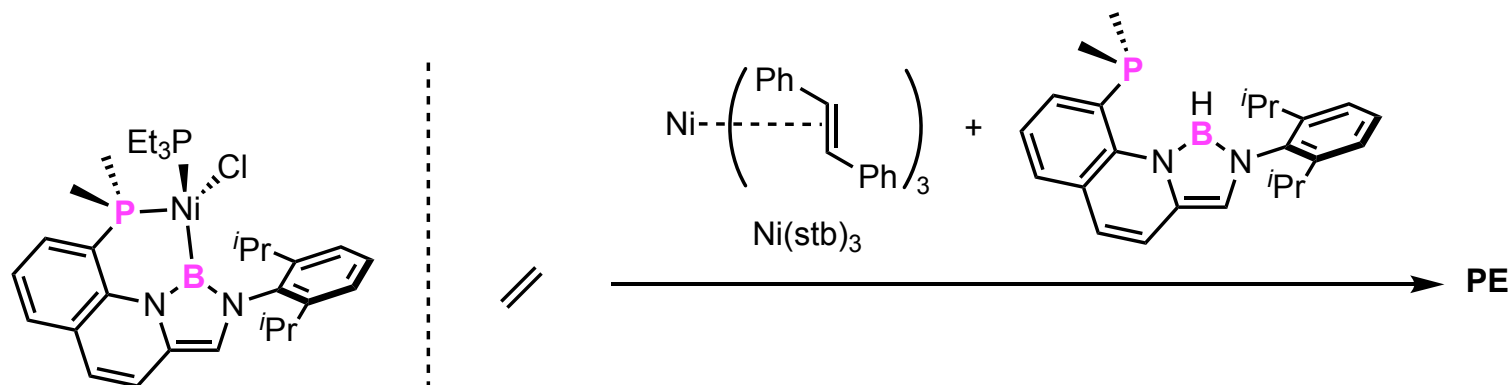


## Discussion on *ortho*- and *para*-borylation

Selectivity on 1) N-/O-atom; 2) *trans*-/*cis*- of C/B; 3) R/S of sulfoximine

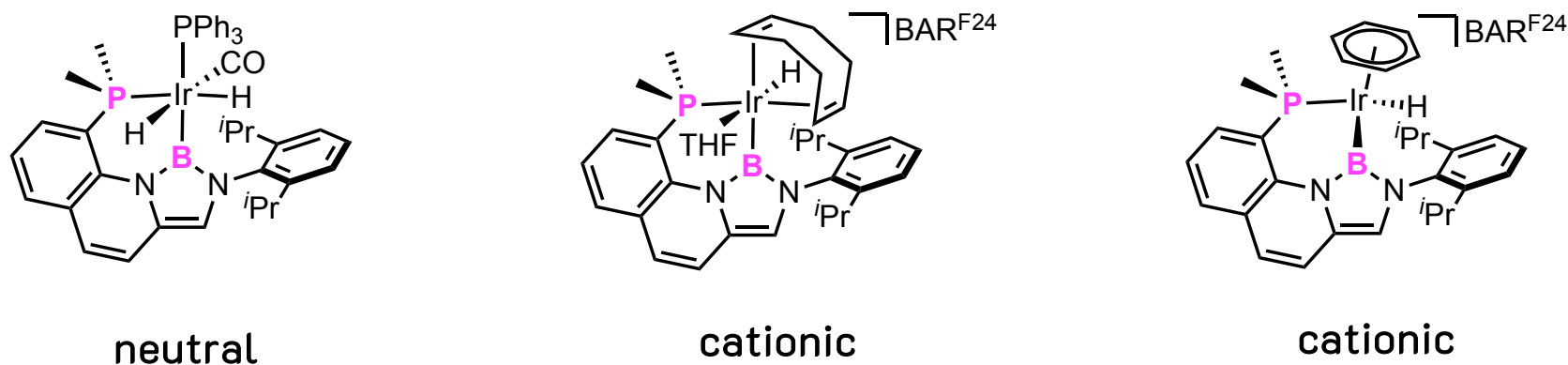


## B,P-type ligand-supported Ni complex (Nozaki, 2022)



*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**, *61*, e202111691.

## B,P-type ligand-supported Ir complexes (Nozaki, 2022)



*Organometallics* **2022**, *41*, 1063.

### **Flexible coordination**

Nature of bidentate ligand enables various stereo structures, where the rational choice of substituent could direct the reaction process selectively.

### **Limited reaction variety**

Most developed examples were C–H borylation (racemic or enantioselective borylation).

More catalytic applications are expected.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE***

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