## Transfer hydrocyanation of alkenes and alkynes

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The derivatives of nitriles



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Otaka, K. et al. *J. Org. Chem.* 1991, 56, 6740.
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Akamanchi, K. G. et al. *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, *7*2, 662. Mizuno, N. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, *4*6, 3922.

$$C_6H_5CH_3 + NH_3 \xrightarrow{cat} C_6H_5CN$$

Mowry, D. F. et al. Chem. Rev. 1948, 42, 189.

#### Traditional hydrocyanation of alkenes and alkynes



#### New strategy for hydrocyanation of alkenes and alkynes

#### Alkene metathesis



Chauvin, Y. et al. *Makromol Chem*, **1971**, *141*, 161. Schrock, R. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 1440. Grubbs, R. H. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1992*, *114*, 3974.

### New strategy for hydrocyanation of alkenes and alkynes



Morandi, B. et al. ACS Catal. 2016, 6, 7528.

### The examples of shuttle catalysis



Catalytic transfer hydromagnesiation



Greenhalgh, M. D. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2012, 134, 11900.

#### Hydrogen cyanide as shuttle catalysis



Studer, A. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2018**, *140*, 16353. Oestreich, M. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 3579.

# Catalytic reversible alkene-nitrile interconversion through controllable transfer hydrocyanation





No HCN! Reversible! Anti-Markovnikov selectivity! Broad subtrate scope (60 examples)!

Morandi, B. et al. Science 2016, 351, 832.

#### Reversible transfer hydrocyanation of nitriles and alkenes

Catalytic Transfer Hydrocyanation (forward reaction)



Catalytic Retro-Hydrocyanation (reverse reaction)



driving froce

#### Selective manipulation of the alkene/nitrile equilibrium



#### Exploration of hydrocyanation substrate scope



#### Exploration of hydrocyanation substrate scope



Scale-up Using an Inexpensive Reagent



#### Exploration of retro-hydrocyanation substrate scope





#### Exploration of retro-hydrocyanation substrate scope



Stereoselective Installation of a Chiral Quaternary Vinyl Group



#### Mechanism of the Transfer Hydrocyanation



Unlocking Mizoroki–Heck-type reactions of aryl cyanides using transfer hydrocyanation as a turnover-enabling step





No HCN! Irreversible! Mizoroki–Heck-type!

Morandi, B. et al. Chem. Eur. J. 2016, 22, 15629.

**Traditional Mizoroki–Heck reaction** 





Heck, R. F. et al. Org. React. 1982, 27, 345.

Ar-CN +  $L_n M^0$  Lewis acid

Ar-L<sub>n</sub>M<sup>II</sup>-CN

Jacobsen, E. N. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 12594. Shi, Z. J. et al. *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*, 3374. Jiao, N. et al. *Chem. Rev.* **2014**, *114*, 8613.

Mechanism





$$H-L_nM^{II}-X + R \xrightarrow{----} R \xrightarrow{H} X + L_nM^0$$



#### Scope of the intramolecular MH-type reaction



#### Synthesis of polysubstituted naphthalene compounds



#### Scope of the intermolecular Heck-type reaction



The application in the coupling reaction



### Proposed mechanism



#### Mechanistic experiments





#### Mechanistic experiments





#### Mechanistic experiments





# Cooperative palladium/lewis acid-catalyzed transfer hydrocyanation of alkenes and alkynes





No HCN! Anti-Markovnikov selectivity! Broad scope! Chain walking!

Studer, A. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2018, 140, 16353.

CHD core as reagents for functional group transfer reactions



intermediate

Studer, A. et al. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, *3*, 2357. Studer, A. et al. *Chem. Commun.* **2002**, 1592.



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Oestreich, M. et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2013, 52, 11905.
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#### Palladium/lewis acid-cocatalyzed transfer hydrocyanation





DPEphos

#### Transfer hydrocyanation of various alkenes and alkynes



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#### Mechanistic studies



These results show that the H atom is derived from the methylene group

#### Proposed mechanism



Transfer hydrocyanation of  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha$ , $\beta$  -substituted styrenes catalyzed by boron lewis acids



No HCN! Markovnikov selectivity!



Oestreich, M. et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2019, 58, 3579.

CHD core as reagents for functional group transfer reactions



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#### Transfer hydrocyanation catalyzed by boron lewis acids

	Ph $Ph$ $+$ $R$ $H$ $-$	Lewis acid → Me CN 1,2-F <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> → Ph + 〔 120 °C, 16 h	Ph Me + Me Ph Ph $Ph Ph$	'n
	<b>4-3a 4-1</b> R = H <b>4-2</b> R = CH <sub>3</sub>	4-4a	4-5a 4-6a	
Entry	Lewis acid (mol%)	Surrogate	4-4a/4-5a/4-6a	Conv. [%]
1	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-1	42:14:44	> 99
2	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (100)	4-1	20:70:10	> 99
3	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (100)	4-2	18:79:3	> 99
4	BCl <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-2	99:1:0	> 99
5	BCl <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-1	94:3:3	> 99
6	BCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	4-2	93:7:0	> 99
7	BBr <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-2	88:11:1	> 99
8	BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub> (20)	4-2	38:62:0	85
9	B(OMe) <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-2	-	0
10	AICI <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-1	40:49:11	> 99
11	AICI <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-2	47:52:1	99

Transfer hydrocyanation of various 1,1-diarylethylenes with BCl<sub>3</sub>



Transfer hydrocyanation of trisubstituted alkenes with (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>BCI



#### Mechanism studies



#### Stoichiometric NMR experiment



#### Proposed mechanism



#### Summary



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Entry	Cat	Surrogate	Driving forces	Selectivity
1	Ni/Al	Me H Me CN	gas release	Anti-Markovnikov
2	Ni/Al or Pd/LA	CN CN	conjugated system	
3	Pd/LA		aromatization	Anti-Markovnikov
4	LA		aromatization	Markovnikov

#### Prospect







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