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Metal-Metal Bonds — Diversity of the Phenomenon



Metal-Metal Bonds Play Multiple Roles in Catalysis





Palladium-Catalyzed C–H Bond Acetoxylation – Historical Perspective







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Substrate Directed Palladium-Catalyzed C–H Bond Functionalization





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Discrete Pd(IV) Complexes as Putative Intermediates





Bimetallic Pd(III) Complexes in Carbon–Heteroatom Bond Formation





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• not observed during catalysis



- catalyst resting state
- chemically competent catalyst
- kinetically incompetent catalyst





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Catalysis with Palladium(I) Dimers — Historical Development



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Catalysis with Palladium(I) Dimers — Early Mechanistic Studies



Control experiment	ArBr yield	
Pd₂(dba)₃/P <i>t</i> -Bu₃ + TBABr	1%	
Pd(P <i>t</i> -Bu ₃) ₂ + TBABr	3%	
Pd(0) catalysis is inefficient		

Direct Reactivity of a Pd(I) Dimer with an Aryl lodide



Direct Reactivity of a Pd(I) Dimer with an Aryl lodide



The reaction is unlikely to proceed via intermediate aryl radicals

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Trifluoromethylthiolation and Trifluoromethylselenolation of Aryl lodides and Bromides



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• in situ ³¹P NMR did not detect any Pd(0) or Pd(II) species

• computations support proposed dimeric Pd(I)/Pd(II) cycles

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Pd catalyst	Yield
Pd(OAc) ₂ /SPhos	8% yield
RuPhos-G2	2% yield
PEPPSI-IPr	13% yield
Pd(I) dimer	93% yield



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Ni2 cluster stays intact upon redox processes

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with 0.5 equiv. Bu₄NBr₃

with 1 equiv. Bu₄NBr₃

with 1 equiv. Bu₄NBr₃ then 1 equiv. [Cp₂Fe]PF₆

Multiple oxidation states are accessible while pertaining Ni₂ cluster

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mononuclear Ni catalysis were inefficient

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Catalytic Reductive Vinylidene Transfer Reactions



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