### Recent Advances of Radical Oxidative Cross-Couplings

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**Nucleophile**: In chemistry, a nucleophile is a molecule or ion with a lone pair of electrons. It donates both bonding electrons to its reaction partner (the electrophile) when forming a chemical bond.



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4 models for radical oxidative cross-coupling:

$$Nu^{1} + Nu^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{Oxidant}} Nu^{1} - Nu^{2}$$

$$Model I \qquad Model II \qquad Model III \qquad Model IV$$

$$R^{-} + R^{-} \qquad R^{+} + R^{-} \qquad R^{+} + R^{-} \qquad R^{-} + R^{+}$$

$$Model I \qquad Nu^{1} + \cdot Nu^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{Oxidant}} [Nu^{1} - Nu^{2}]^{-e} - Nu^{1} - Nu^{2}$$

$$Model II \qquad Nu^{1} + \cdot Nu^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{Oxidant}} Nu^{1} + [Nu^{2}]^{+} \longrightarrow Nu^{1} - Nu^{2}$$

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$$Model IV \qquad [Nu^{1}]^{+} + \cdot Nu^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{Oxidant}} [Nu^{1} - Nu^{2}]^{+} \xrightarrow{\text{Oxidant}} Nu^{1} - Nu^{2}$$

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Model I in Radical Oxidative Cross-Couplings					
	-CHO +	[M], TBHP, solvent N <sub>2</sub> , 80 °C, 12h			0
1a	2a		3a	Ву	product
-	Entry	[M]	Solvent	Yield(3a)[%] <sup>[b]</sup>	-
	1	[Ni(acac) <sub>2</sub> ]	benzene		_
	2	[Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	benzene		
	3	CoCl <sub>2</sub>	benzene		
	4	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	benzene		
	5	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	benzene	28	
	6	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	dioxane		
	7	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	DCE		
	8	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	benzene	38 <sup>[c]</sup>	
_	9	CuCl <sub>2</sub>		76 <sup>[d]</sup>	_

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(A) Kinetic profile of the reaction. (B) IR spectra of component A (blue curve) and the authentic sample of benzoyl chloride(red curve)





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(A) The 2D-Kinetic profile of the reaction of p-toluenesulfinic **2b** (2.0 mmol) and pyridine (1.64 mmol), and **1a** (0.4 mmol) added to CHCl<sub>3</sub> (4.0 mL) at 45 °C in succession; the reaction was monitored by operando IR. (B) ConcIRT spectra of the new component **1** (black curve) and authentic sample (**pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate**, red curve). (C) ConcIRT spectra of the new component **2** (black curve) and authentic sample (**pyridium p-toluenesulfinate**, red curve).



- (1) Kinetic profile of the autoxidation of p-toluenesulfinic 2b monitored by in situ IR under different conditions : (A) 2b(2.0 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (4.0 mL) at 45 °C, monitored by pyridinium *p*-toluene sulfonate; (B) 2b(2.0 mmol), pyridine (0.41 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (4.0 mL) at 45 °C, monitored by pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate.
- (2) Kinetic profiles of the pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate monitored by in situ IR under different conditions: (A) p-toluenesulfinic **2b** (2.0 mmol) and pyridine (1.64 mmol), and **1a** (0.4 mmol) in CHCl<sub>2</sub> (4.0 mL) at 45 °C: (B) autoxidation of **2b** under the same conditions without **1a**.





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The 2D kinetic profiles of the oxidation of heterobenzylic methylenes. Reaction conditions: (a) 4-ethylpyridine (1.0 mmol), ethyl chloroacetate (1.0 mmol), and  $CuCl_2 2H_2O(0.10 mmol)$  successively added to 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL) at 100 °C. b) 4-Benzylpyridine(1.0 mmol), ethyl chloroacetate(1.0 mmol) and  $CuCl_2 2H_2O(0.10 mmol)$  successively added to 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL) at 100 °C. b) 4-Benzylpyridine(1.0 mmol), ethyl chloroacetate(1.0 mmol) and  $CuCl_2 2H_2O(0.10 mmol)$  successively added to 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL) at 100 °C. b) 4-Benzylpyridine(1.0 mmol), ethyl chloroacetate(1.0 mmol) and  $CuCl_2 2H_2O(0.10 mmol)$  successively added to 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL) at 100 °C.





Electron paramagnetic resonance(EPR) spectra (X band, 9.4 GHz, room temperature)





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Along with the development of transition metal catalyzed oxidative cross-couplings, especially of those with no noble transition metal catalysis system, the radical process becomes dominant in this reserch area. There are still many unexplored methods and unknown insightful mechanisms left. Therefore, chances and challenges still remain, such as finding milder reaction conditions and proper ways to control the reactivity and chemoselectivity of radical species.





