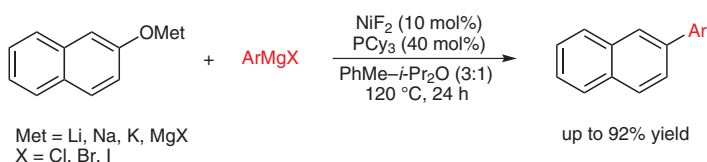
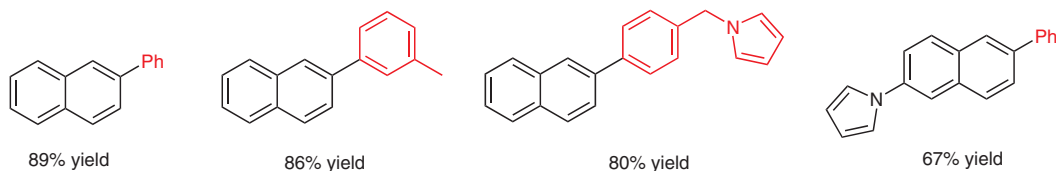


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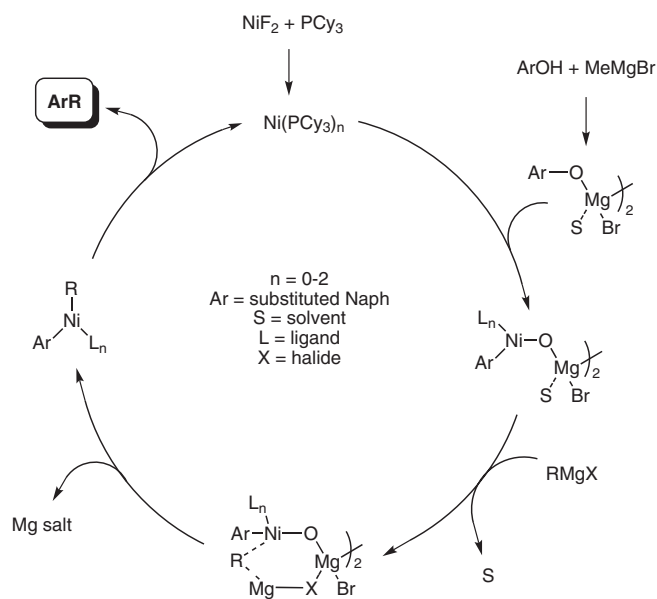
# Nickel-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Aryl Grignard Reagents to Phenolate Salts



## Selected examples:



## Catalytic pathway:



**Significance:** The first successful cross-coupling of 2-naphthol metal salts with various aryl Grignard reagents has been demonstrated. The process is atom-economical and gives a convenient access to various naphthalene derivatives.

**Comment:** It is important to note that the halide substituent on the Grignard reagent is critical to the reaction and a bromide was found to be the best. The most efficient solvent system is a mixture of toluene and diisopropyl ether (3:1), most likely because these solvents retain the metallic core framework due to their low coordinating ability.

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