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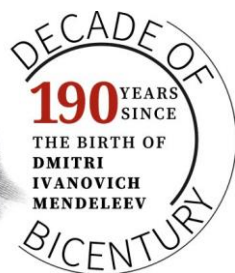
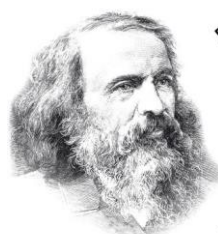
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## EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF «FLIPPING» METALATION OF 4-DIMETHYLAMINOPYRIDINE

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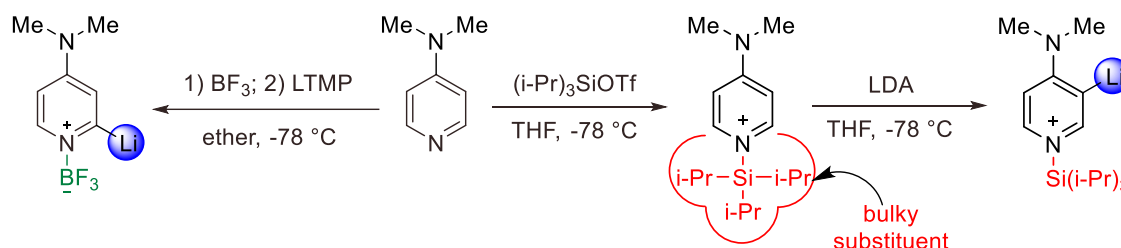
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For a long time, it was believed that the metalation of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) is possible only in the position 2(6), due to the conjugation of the NMe<sub>2</sub> group with the ring and as a result, the absence of the DOM-effect. It was only in 2006 that DMAP metalation was achieved in the position 3(5) using sterically hindered Caubère's salt [1].

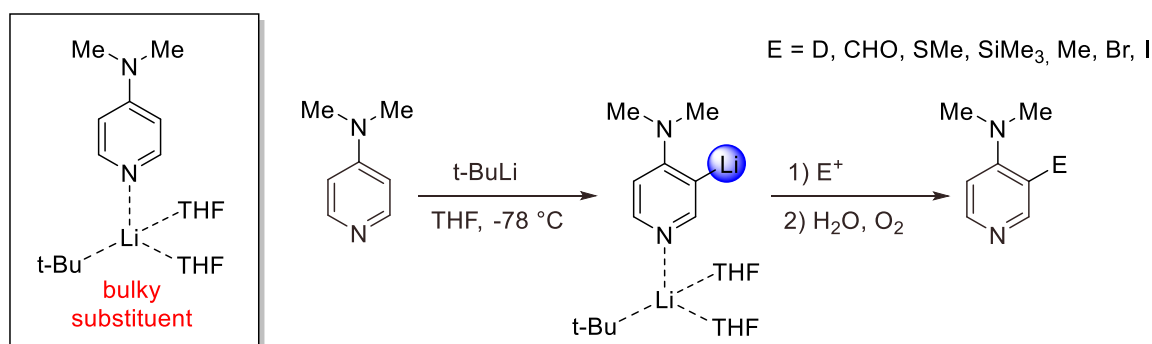
In the early work of our laboratory, it was shown that the introduction of bulky groups leads to a change in the direction of metalation reactions. Thus, the main idea of this work is to study the effect of various substituents on the direction of metalation.

In our work, we have investigated the interaction of the DMAP molecule with weakly nucleophilic organometallic reagents such as lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) and lithium tetramethylpiperidine (LTMP). Usually, these reagents do not react with DMAP. For this reason, the nitrogen atom of the aza group was quaternized by various groups, such as BF<sub>3</sub> and Alk<sub>3</sub>Si, to increase the acidity of the CH-bonds. It was found that an increase in the volume of the substituent leads to a change direction of the metalation reaction from positions 2(6) to positions 3(5) (scheme 1).



**Scheme 1.** Interaction of DMAP and its 1-derivatives with weakly nucleophilic organometallic reagents.

In addition, the interaction of strong base organolithium reagents such as tert-BuLi with DMAP·Me<sub>3</sub>Si leads to an increase in conversion. Moreover, as theoretical calculations have shown, the organometallic reagent itself coordinates to the aza group and blocks positions 2(6), thus it leads to metalation at position 3(5). This made it possible to obtain a set of different products with high yields (scheme 2).



**Scheme 2.** Interaction of DMAP with strong nucleophilic organometallic reagents.

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