

Transition-metal-catalyzed ...

... activations of C_{sp^3} —H bonds usually need the assistance of directing groups for site-selective activation. In their Communication on page 7305 ff., Y. Oonishi, Y. Sato, and co-workers describe a new method for the activation of C_{sp^3} —H bonds; this activation is triggered by the formation of a metallacycle. In the picture, the statue of Dr. William S. Clark points out the hydrogen that should be activated in the key step of this reaction.

