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Gold(I) Catalysis:

Mechanistic Insights, Reactivity of Intermediates and its Applications

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1. Rereading a thesis of a former PhD student and putting it in context with a new publication might be a good start for a research project.
(M. Ackermann, *PhD thesis*, "Goldkatalysierte Zyklisierungsreaktionen", Heidelberg University, **2011** and R. Döpp, *PhD thesis*, "Methodische Untersuchung von palladium- und goldkatalysierten Kreuzkupplungsreaktionen", Heidelberg University, **2011** vs. *J. Org. Chem.* **2016**, *81*, 7182-7190)
2. Crying in someone's office is valued differently depending whose office it is.
3. Control experiments should be chosen carefully. If you miss one parameter, your publication might miss a whole topic.
(*J. Org. Chem.* **2016**, *81*, 7182-7190, Table 1, entry 5 vs. this thesis, chapter two)
4. If you are told that a substance has a low stability in some solvents, stubbornness might teach you better.
(*Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2010**, *352*, 971-975 vs. this thesis, chapter three)
5. Sometimes one entry makes the difference in how to interpret your data and finally write your thesis.
(This thesis, chapter 5, page 91, figure 21, substance **32_{Me,CF3}**)
6. Once you find a common ground (how to talk about the same topic) with your supervisor, your work will be fruitful.
7. If a pandemic disease is necessary to remind us of values like humanity, solidarity, equality, to care about others including the environment, we have lived a selfish, superficial and sad life.
8. One thesis
Two countries
Three supervisors
Four opinions
Five chapters
Six hundred kilometers
Seven days a week
∞ infinite combinations for chances and challenges when doing a double doctorate degree.