

# **Frontiers in Chemical Synthesis I**

## ***Sustainable Chemistry***

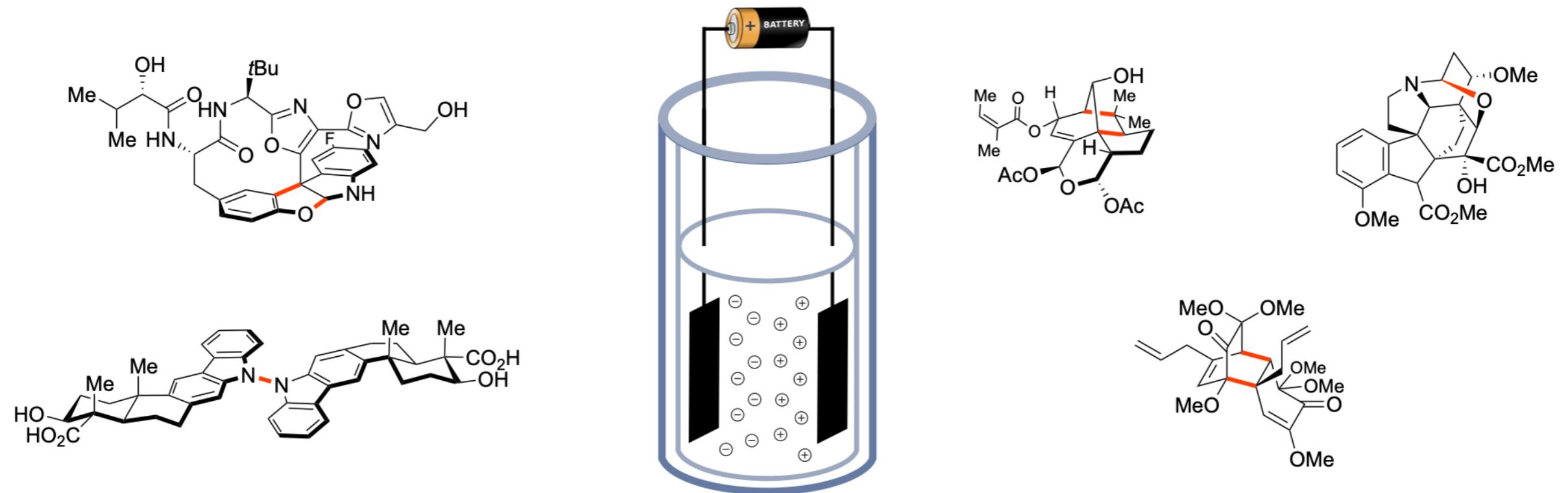
### **Seminar Program**

**May 11, Zoom**

**May 13, Zoom**

	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>May 11, 2020, Zoom: <a href="https://epfl.zoom.us/j/99900310067">https://epfl.zoom.us/j/99900310067</a></b>		
<b>Session I: (Chair: Stephanie Amos)</b>		
8h15-9h15	John Reed	<i>Use of Electrochemistry in Total Synthesis</i>
9h15-10h15	Raphael Simonet-Davin	<i>Enantioselective Radical Reactions via Transition Metal Catalysis</i>
10h15-11h15	Annabell Martin	<i>Catalytic Cascade Reactions by Radical Relay</i>
<b>May 11, 2020, Zoom: <a href="https://epfl.zoom.us/j/94781408031">https://epfl.zoom.us/j/94781408031</a></b>		
<b>Session II: (Chair: John Reed)</b>		
13h15-14h15	Alexandre Leclair	<i>Recent Advances in Iron-Catalyzed Cross Coupling Reactions</i>
14h15-15h15	Stephanie Amos	<i>Enantioselective syntheses and transformations of Cyclopropyl Ketones</i>
<b>May 13, 2020, Zoom: <a href="https://epfl.zoom.us/j/97639831812">https://epfl.zoom.us/j/97639831812</a></b>		
<b>Session III: (Chair: Alexandre Leclair)</b>		
9h15-10h15	Anastasia Gitlina	<i>Acid-Mediated Hydroaminomethylation</i>
10h15-11h15	Abhyankar Kedar	<i>Gold-catalyzed C-C bond forming reactions of non-activated olefins</i>

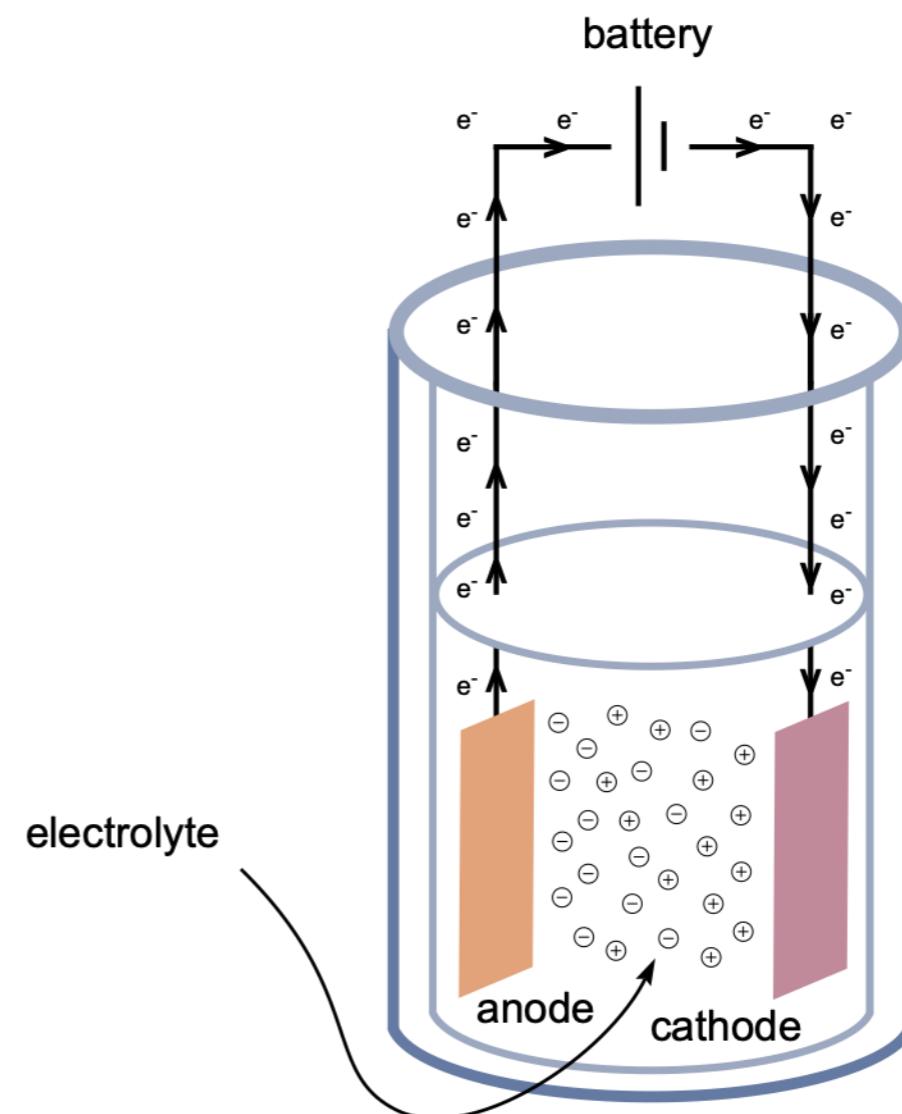
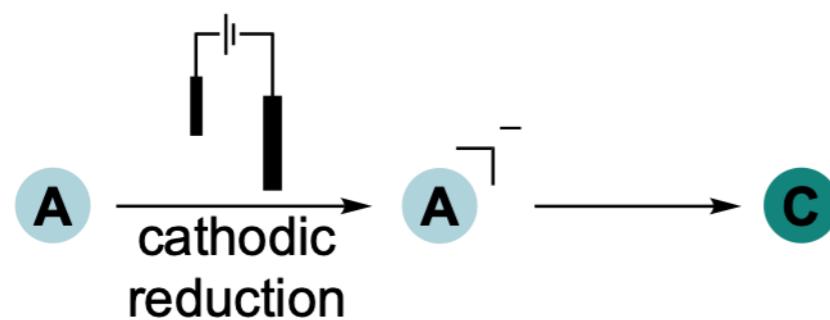
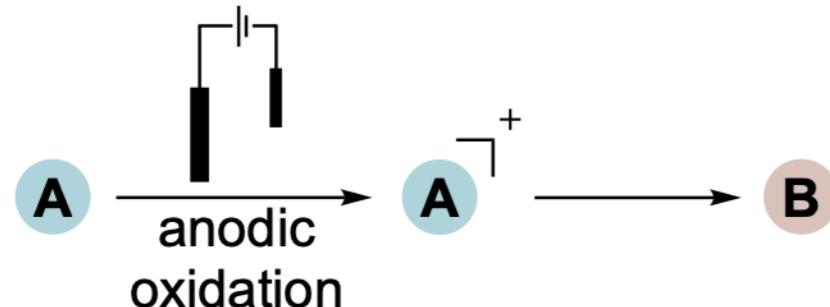
# Modernising Total Synthesis through Electrochemistry



Frontiers in Chemical Synthesis:  
Towards Sustainable Chemistry

# Organic Synthetic Electrochemistry

## Redox reactions!



-Battery (or other power source) generates a *potential difference*, measured in volts (V)

-The potential difference drives a *current*, measured in amps (A), through the wire

-Electrons flow from *anode* to *cathode*, resulting in charge accumulation

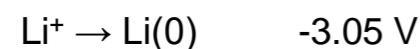
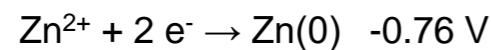
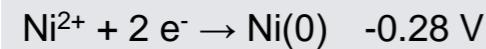
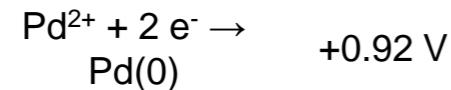
-If potential difference is large enough for the particular substrate, electron transfer can occur

# Organic Synthetic Electrochemistry

## Redox potentials ( $E_0$ ):

A measure of the potential difference needed to oxidise or reduce a compound or functional group

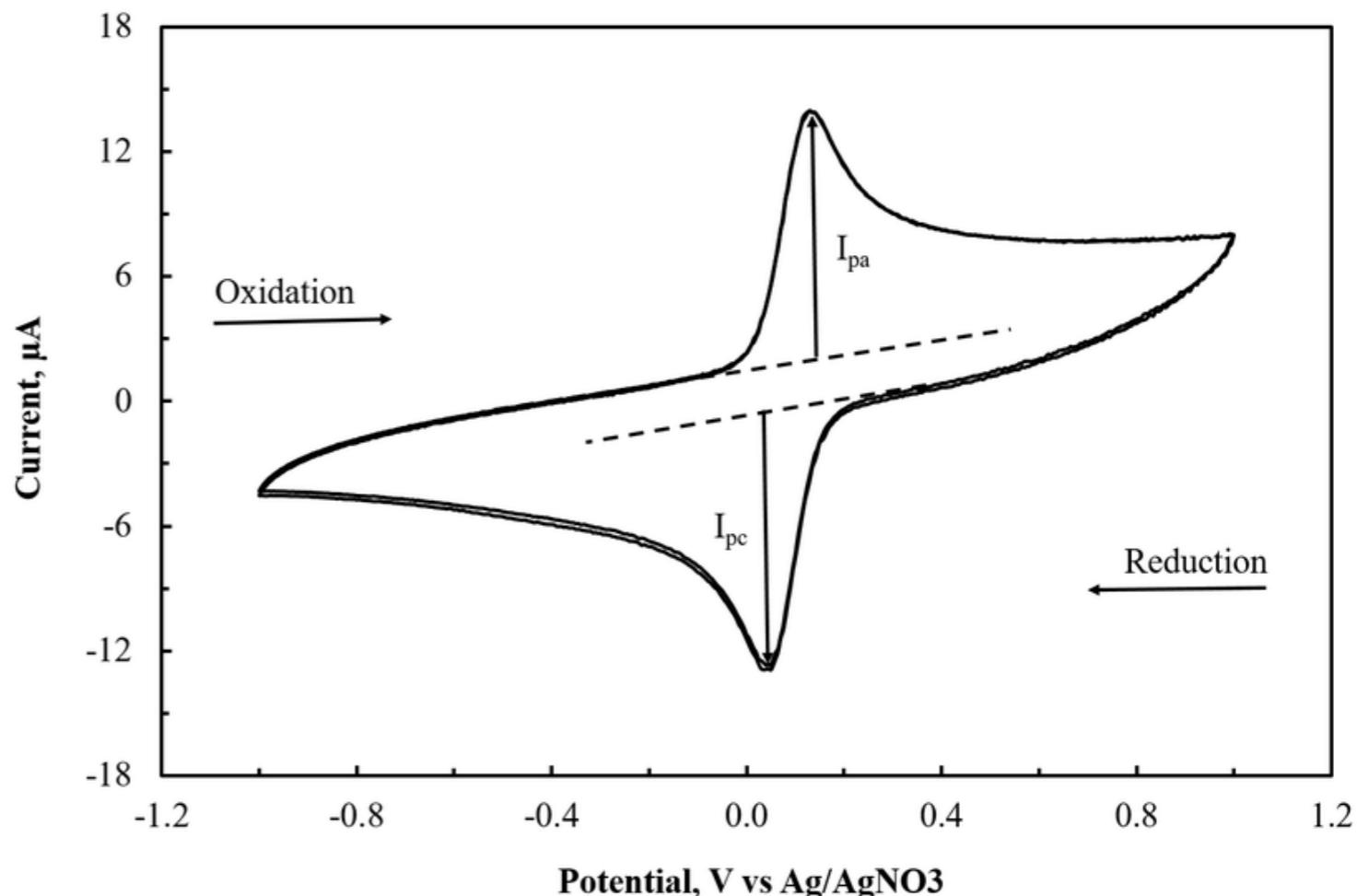
### Common reduction potentials (vs SCE)



Experimentally determined using cyclic voltammetry

Reliable for inorganic substrates

## Cyclic voltammetry:

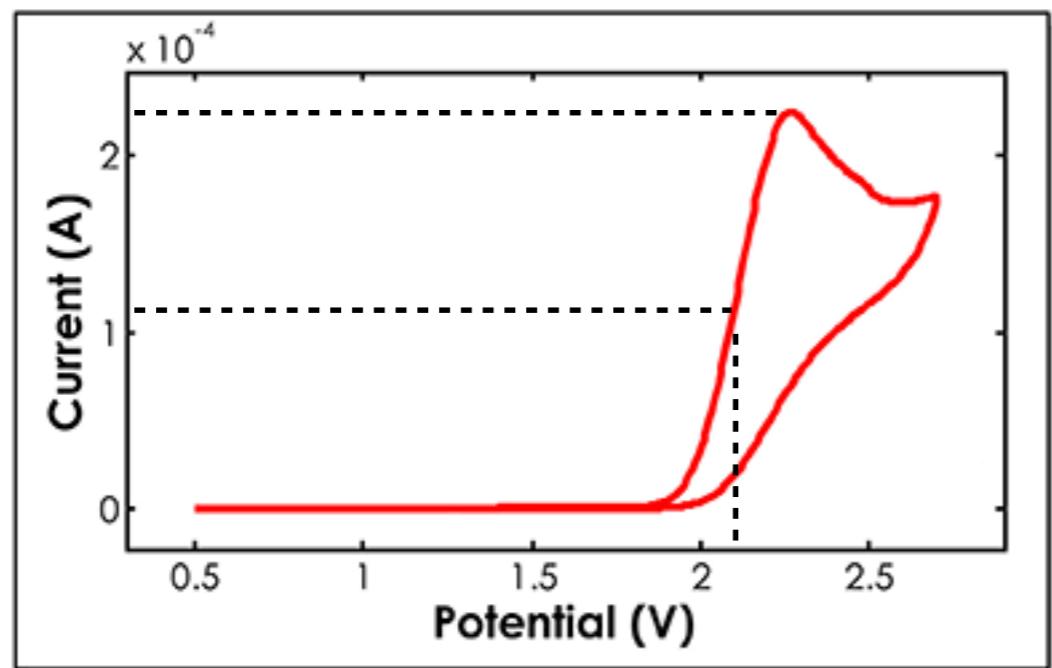


$E_0$  is given by the average of the oxidative (anodic) and reductive (cathodic) peak potentials

Reversible oxidation/reduction necessary!!!

Problematic for organic substrates

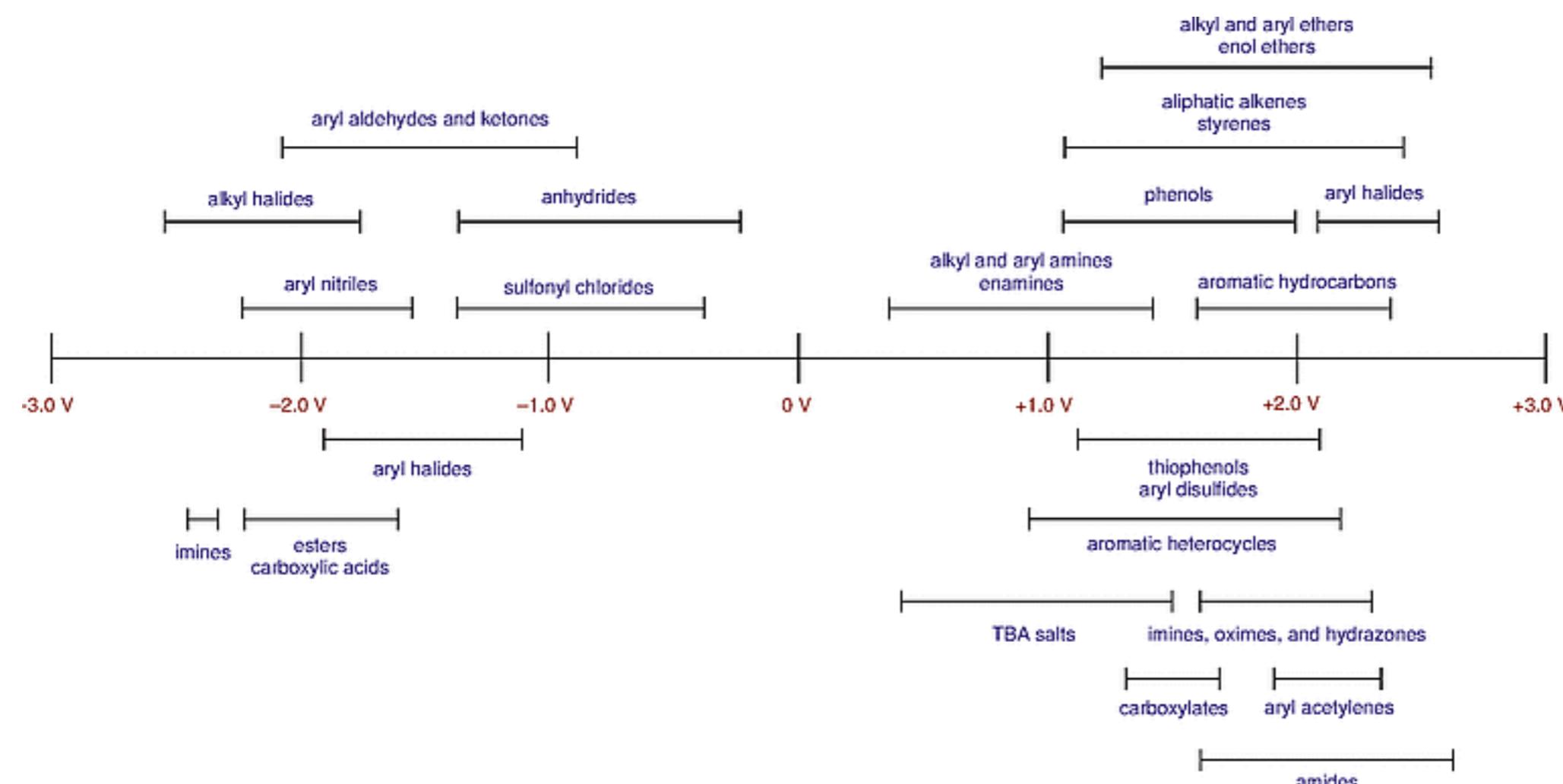
# Organic Synthetic Electrochemistry



Single electron oxidations/reductions of organic compounds often lead to unstable intermediates with downstream reactivity

Irreversibility prevents meaningful CV data

Nicewicz has argued that *half-peak potentials* offer close estimates to the true value



# Technical Aspects

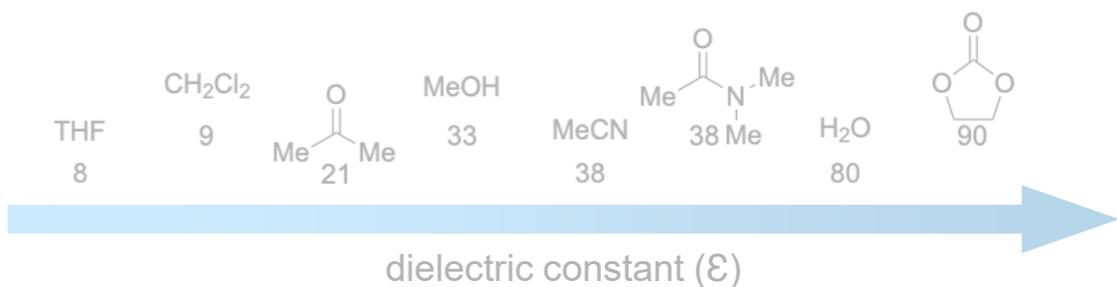
## Anode/Cathode Materials:

- Electron transfer occurs at surface
- Different materials have different potential ranges
- Sacrificial anodes can be used when reduction is desired

	Surface Area	Cost/unit
RVC foam	High	€ 26
graphite	Low	€ 185
Ni foam	High	€ 12.5
Pt	Low	€ 621
W	Low	€ 355
BDD	Low	€ 552
Zn	Low	€ 53

## Solvent:

- Stable to electrochemical conditions
- Polar protic solvents most common



## Electrolyte:

- Source of positive and negative ions
- Carries charge through reaction medium
- Increases conductivity of reaction medium
- Forms an ion layer around electrodes, affecting substrate diffusion

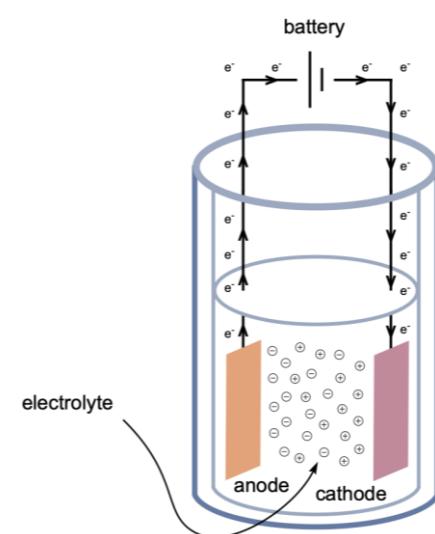


- $\text{Li}^+$  and  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+$  are common cations: good solubility and chemical inertness
- $\text{ClO}_4^-$  is a common anion: cheap and inert

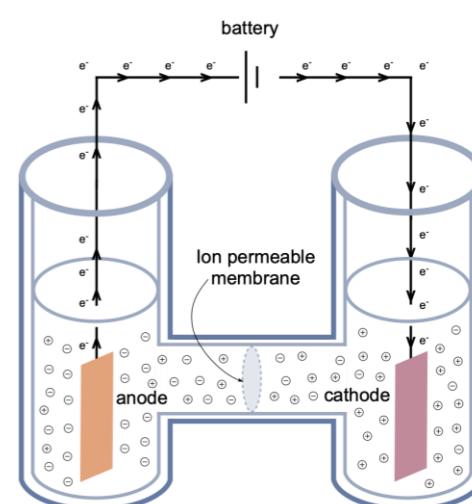
- Higher dielectric constant = higher conductivity (lower resistance)
- Protic solvents and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  can serve as sacrificial reductants when anodic oxidation is desired
- Choice of solvent affects working potential range

## Single Cell vs Split Cell:

### Single (Undivided) Cell:



### Split Cell:



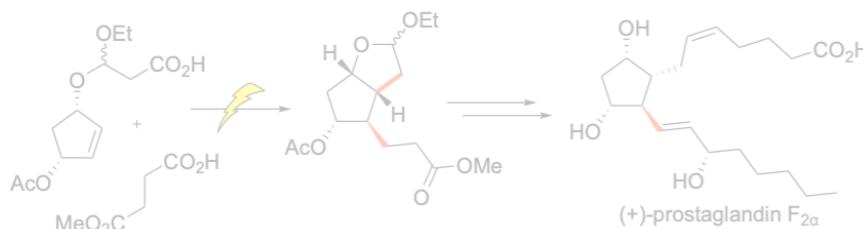
- Lower resistance
- Simpler set-up

- Higher resistance
- More complicated set-up
- Less undesired reactivity

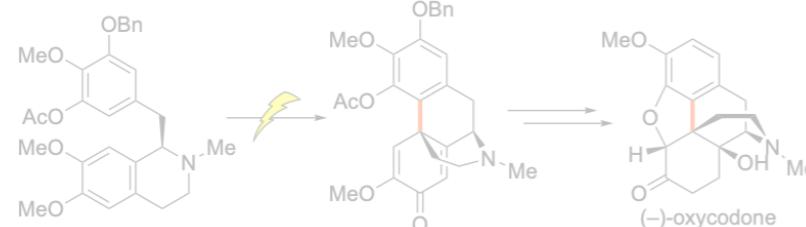
# Electrochemistry in Total Synthesis

## Anodic Oxidations:

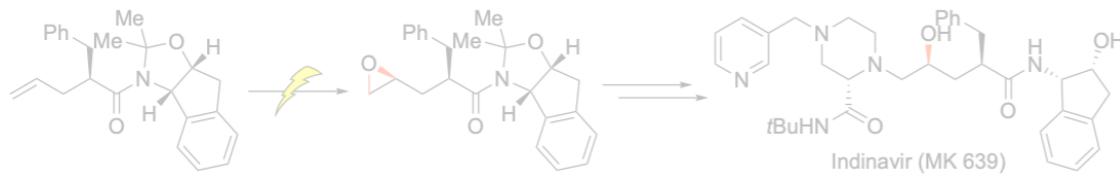
- Oxidative Decarboxylation (Kolbe Reaction)



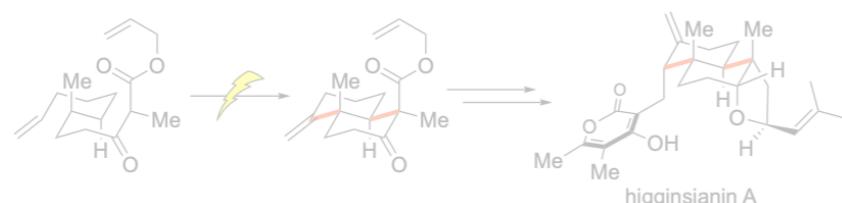
- Arene Oxidation



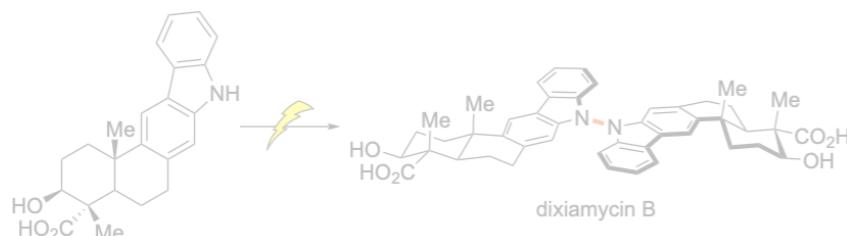
- C=C Bond Oxidation



- C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H Oxidation

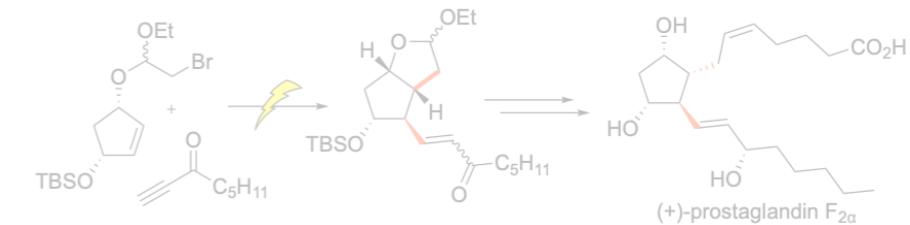


- N–H Bond Oxidation

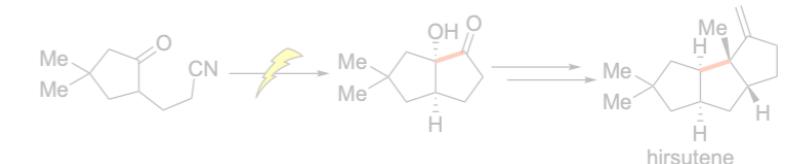


## Cathodic Reductions:

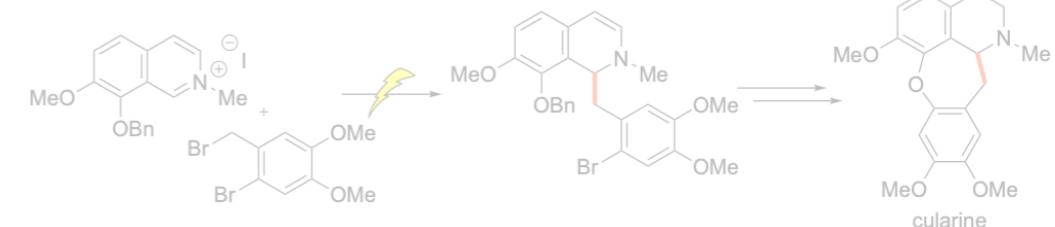
- C–X Reduction



- C=O Reduction

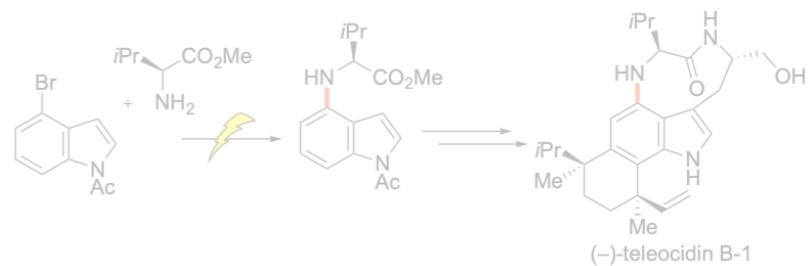


- C=N Reduction

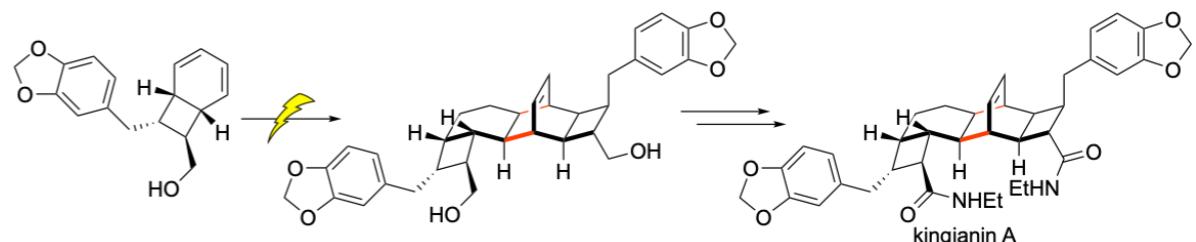


## Redox Paired Transformations:

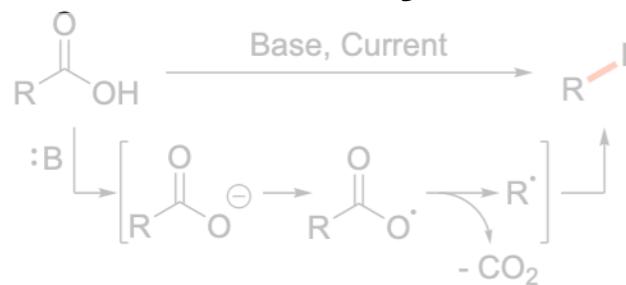
- e-Amination



- Radical Cation Diels–Alder

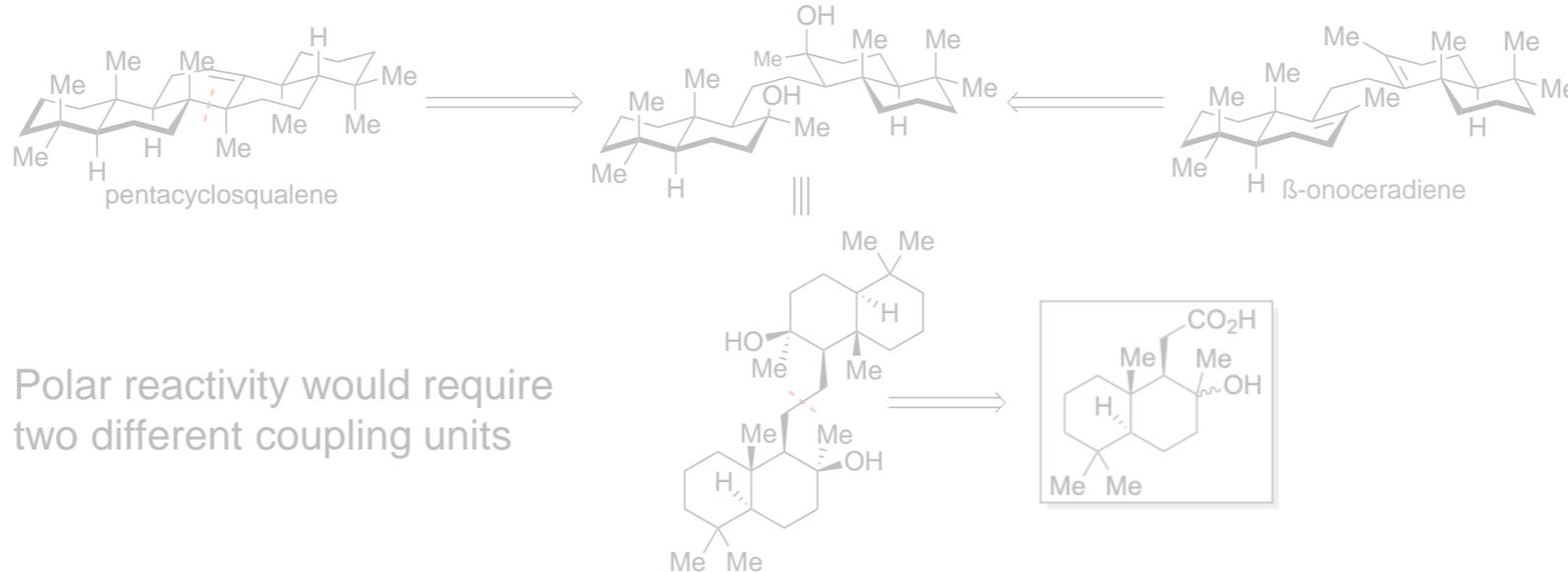


# Oxidative Decarboxylation (Kolbe Reaction)

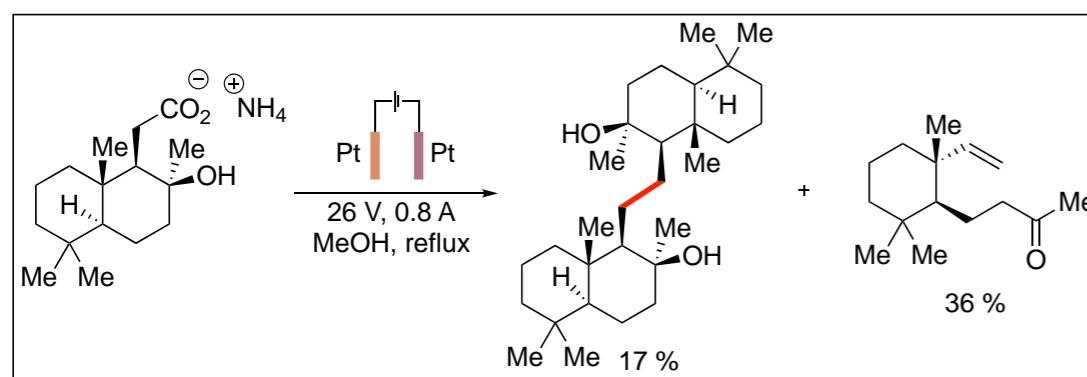
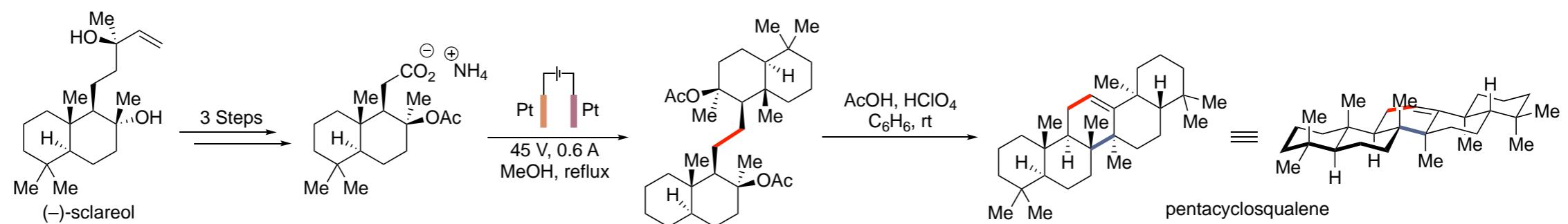


- First reported in 1848<sup>1</sup>
- Single electron oxidation of carboxylate
- Rapid decarboxylation
- Radical coupling gives product

Corey, 1959<sup>2</sup>



- Polar reactivity would require two different coupling units

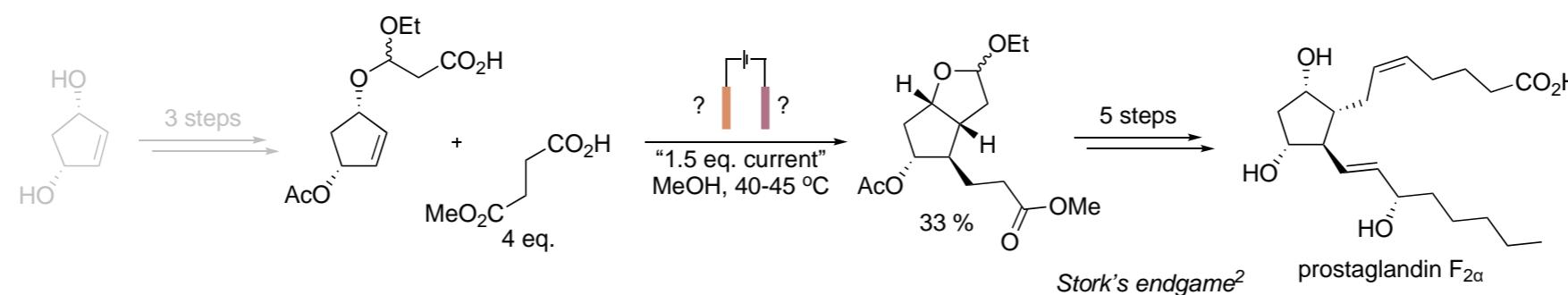
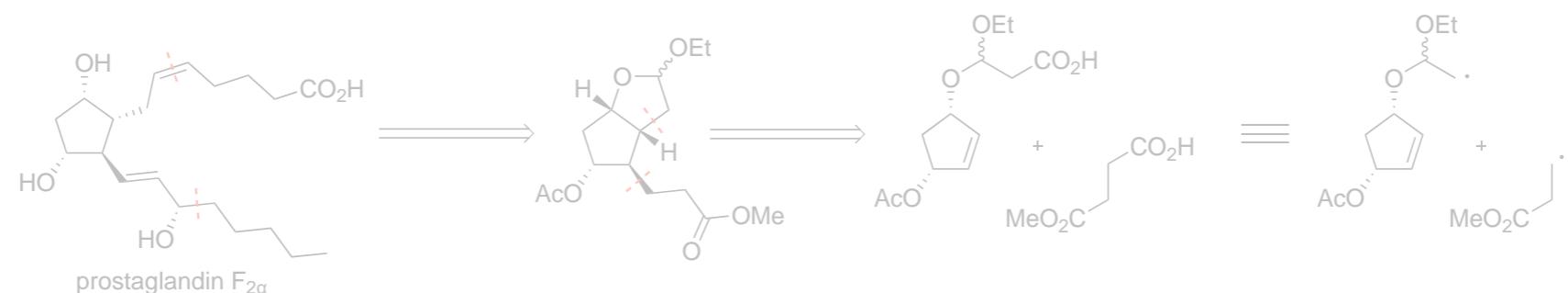


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2) E. J. Corey and R. R. Sauers, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1959**, 81, 1739

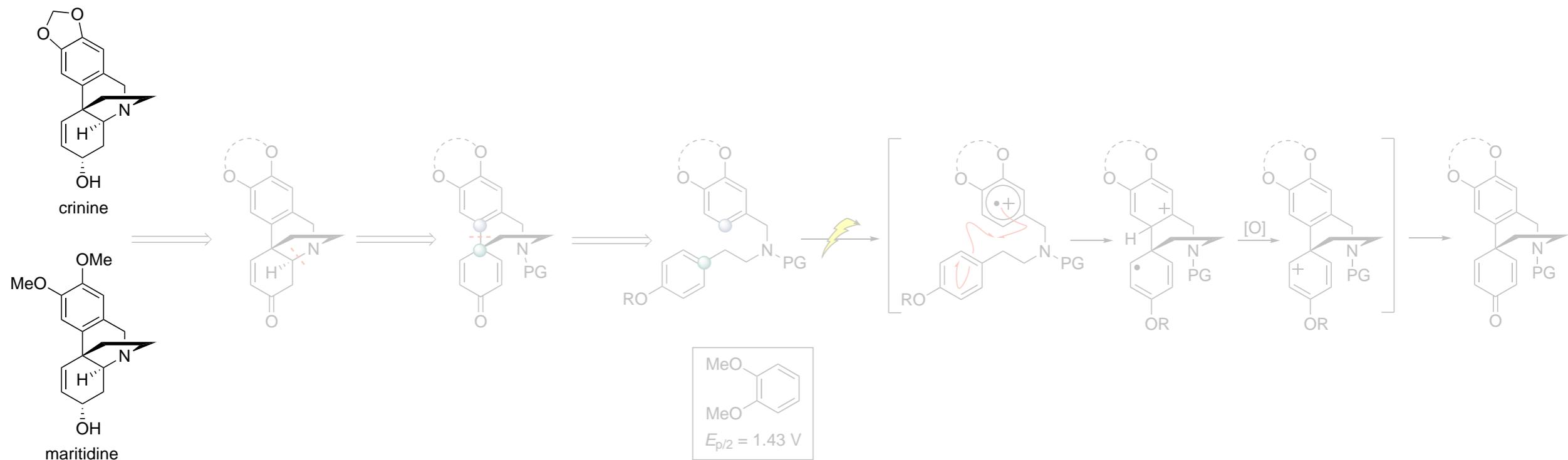
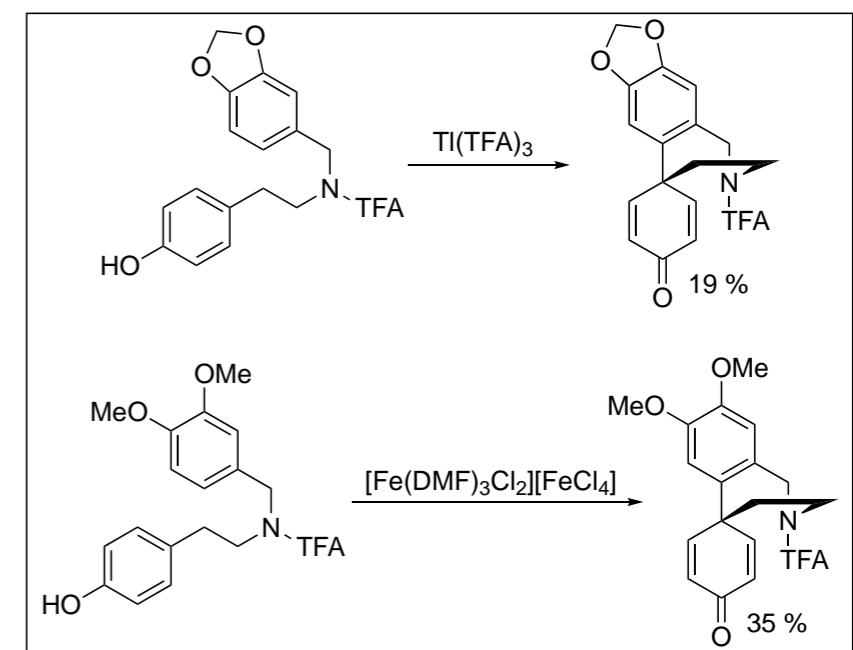
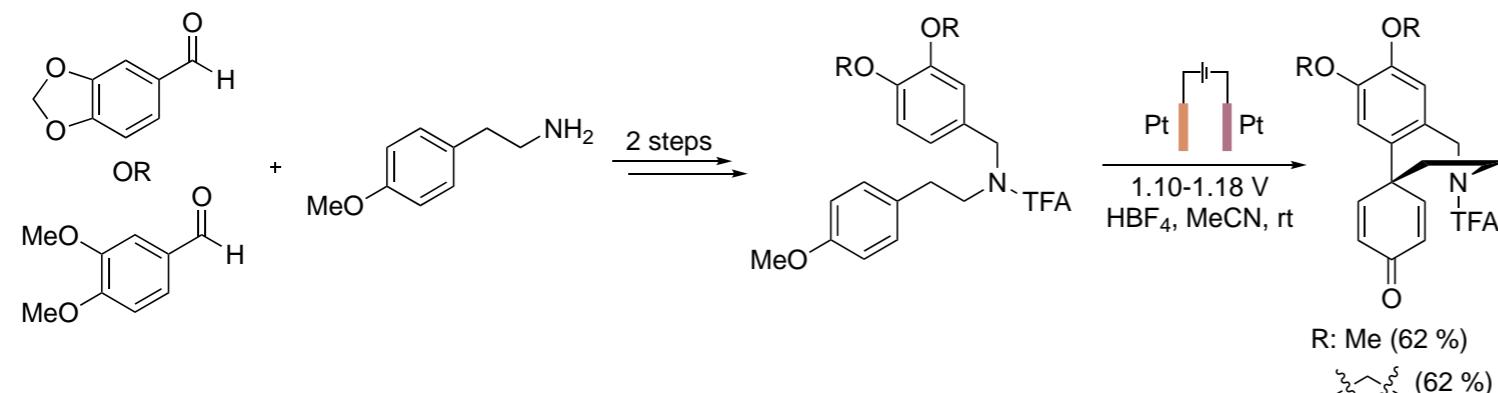
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Schäfer, 1988<sup>1</sup>

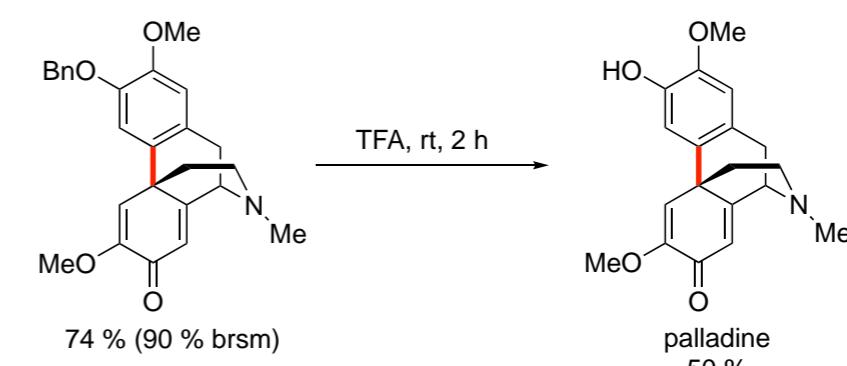
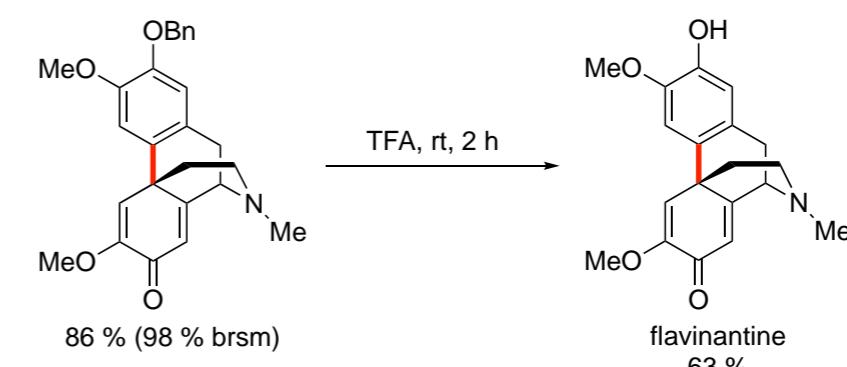
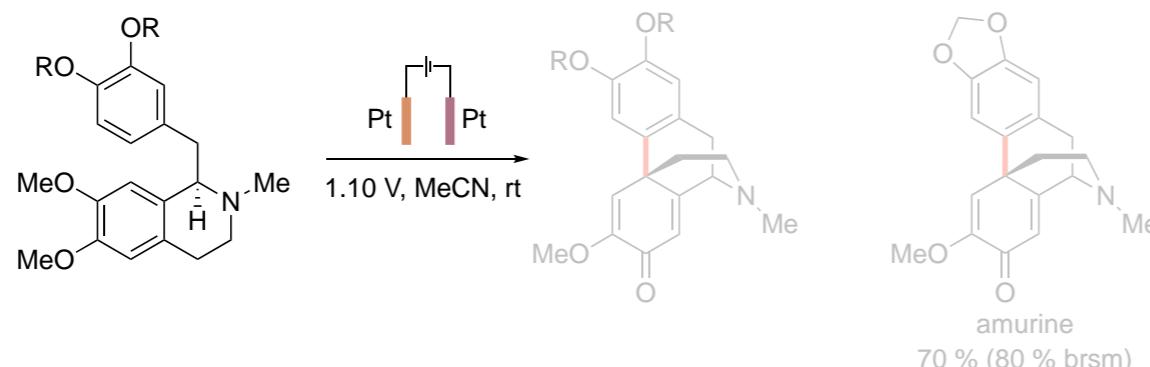
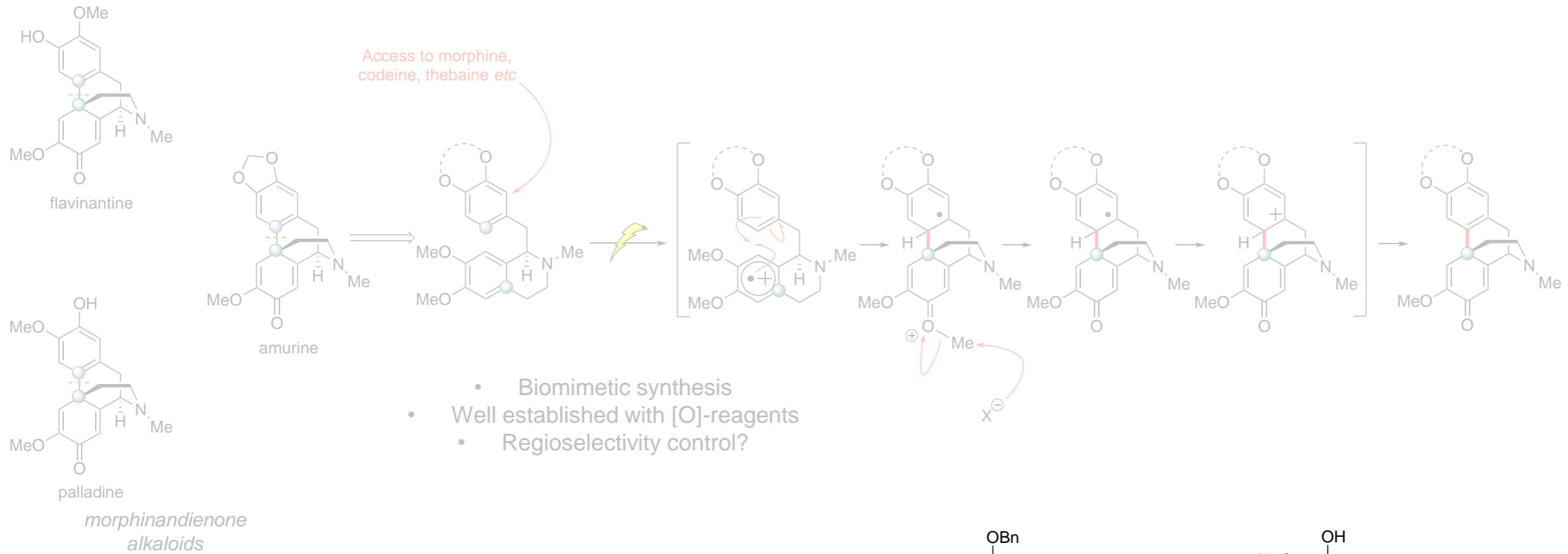


- Reduction of step count by 2
- Obviates the need for tin reagents
- More flexible choice of coupling reagent

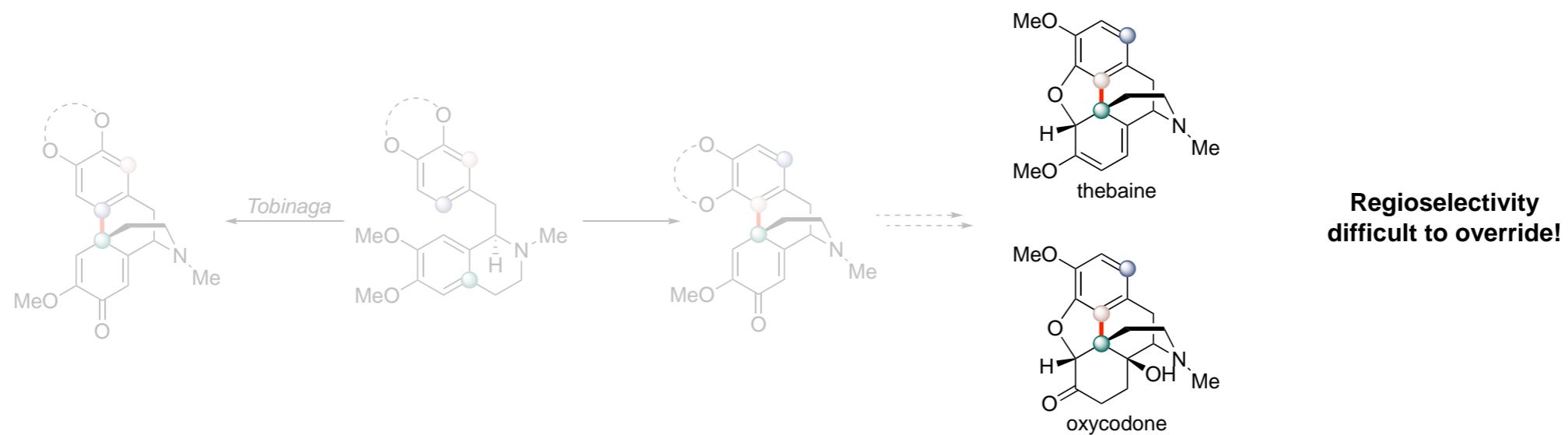
## Arene Oxidation

Tobinaga, 1973<sup>1</sup>Amaryllidaceae  
alkaloids

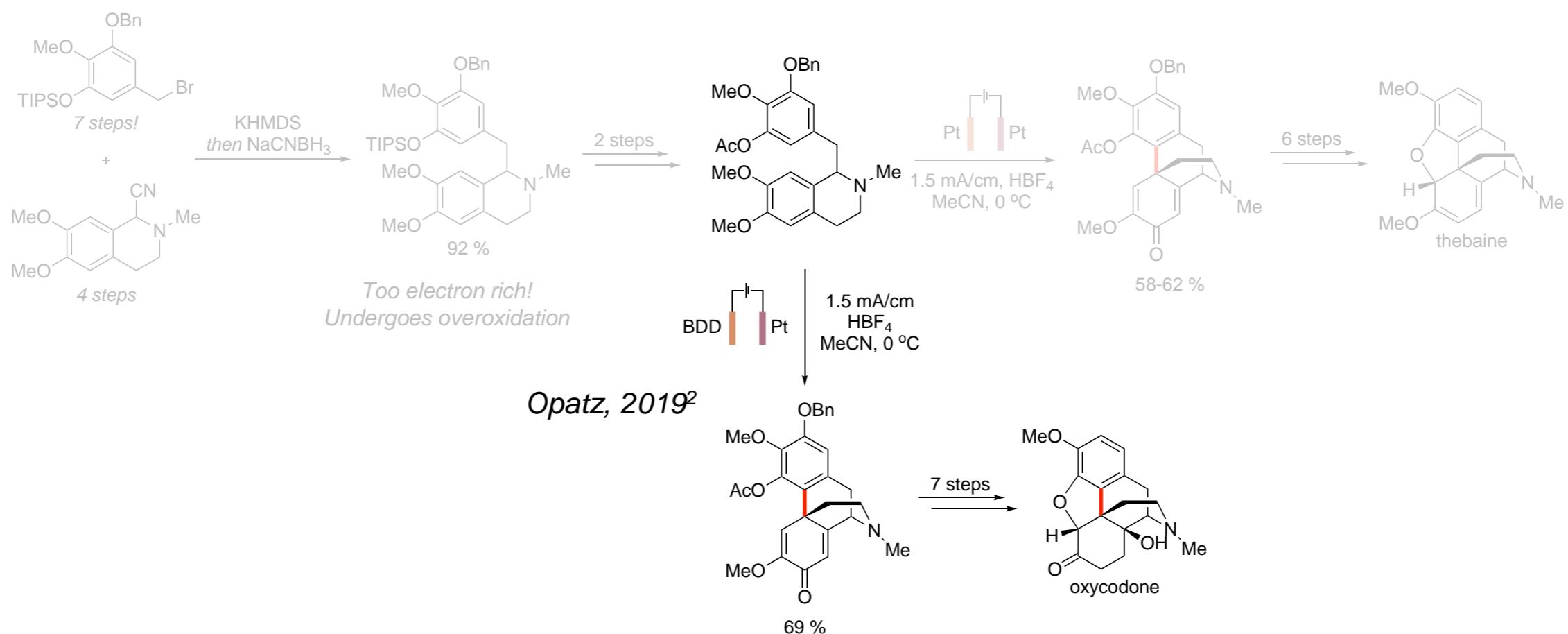
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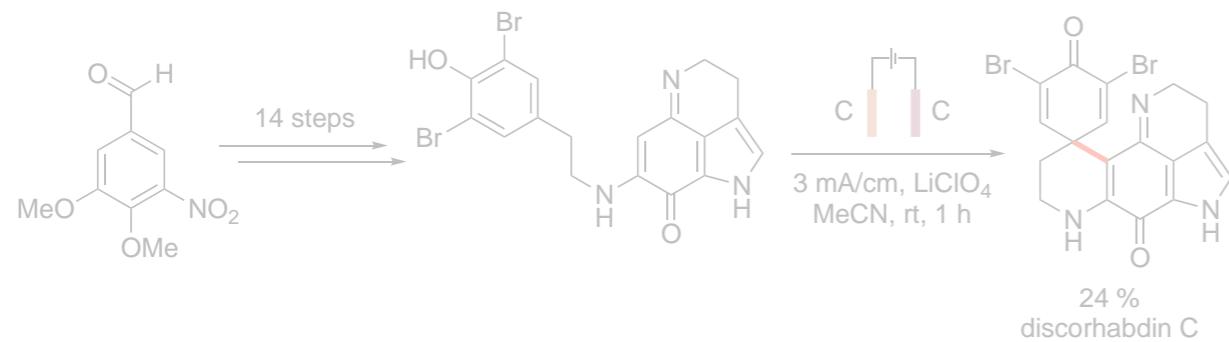
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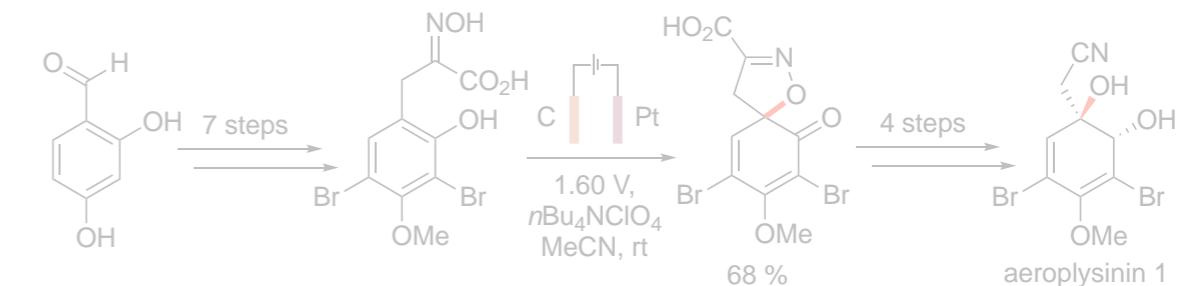
## Arene Oxidation

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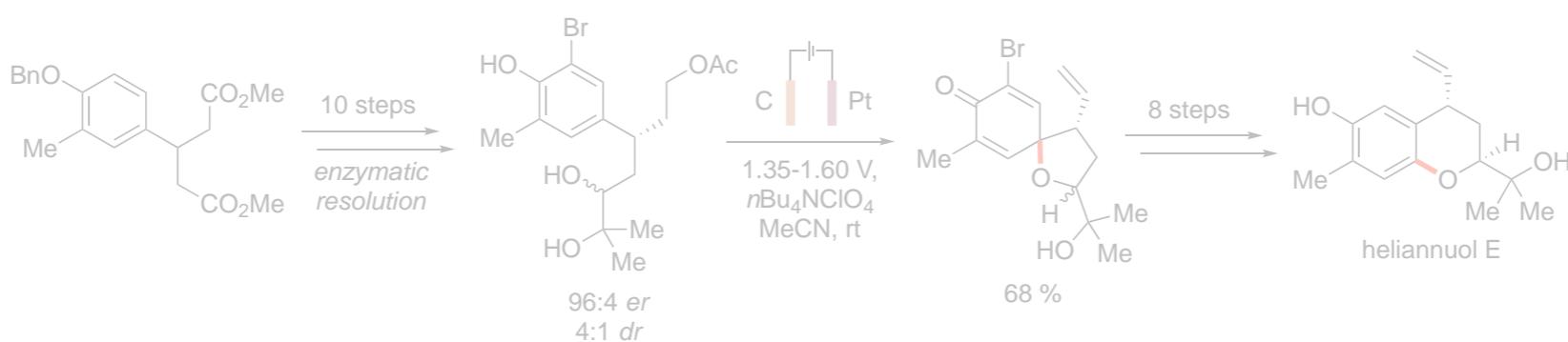
1994<sup>1</sup>



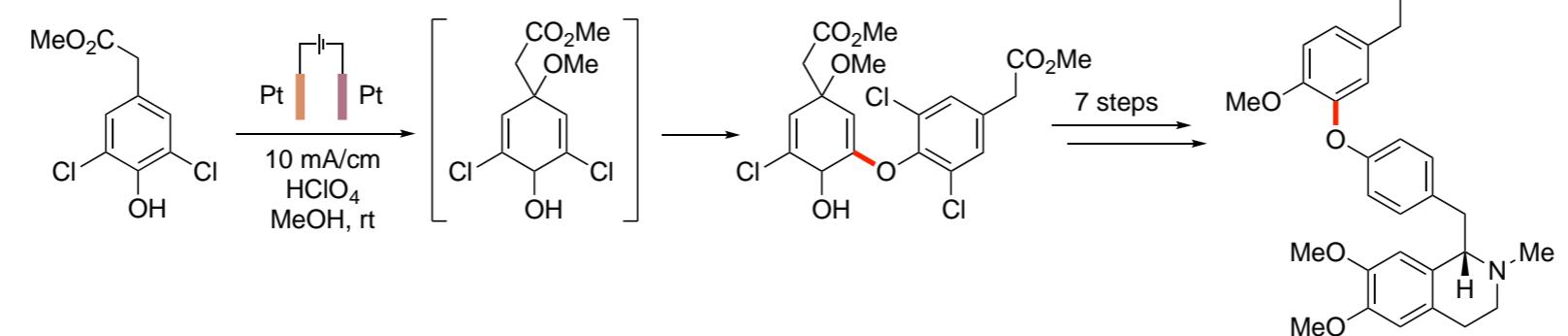
2003<sup>2</sup>



2003<sup>3</sup>



2010<sup>4</sup>



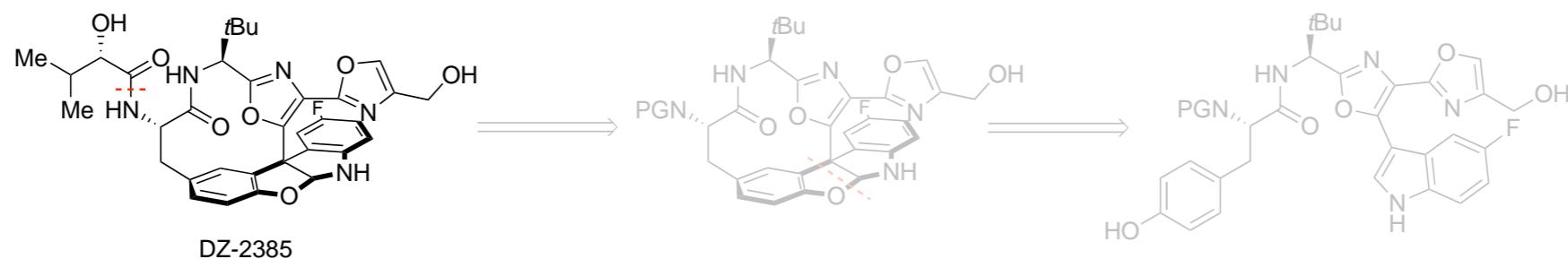
## Arene Oxidation

Chiba, 1998<sup>1</sup>

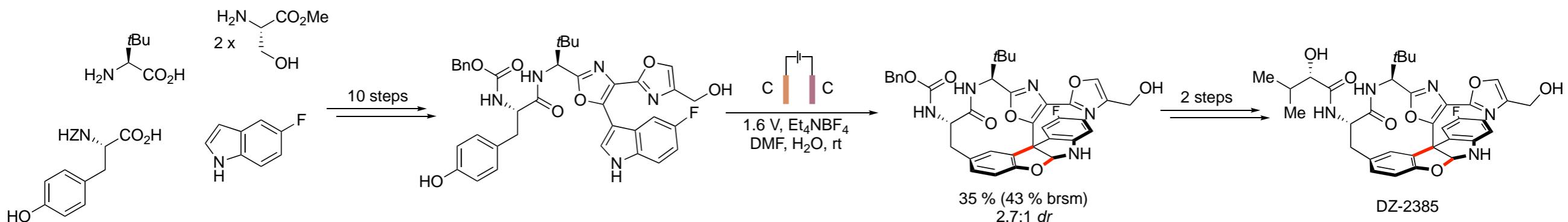
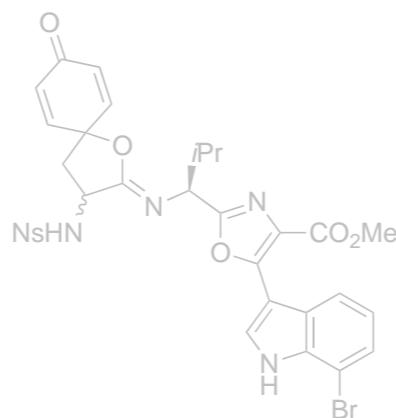
### DDQ as redox mediator:

- Oxidises substrate
- Then reoxidised by anode

## Arene Oxidation

Harran, 2015<sup>1</sup>

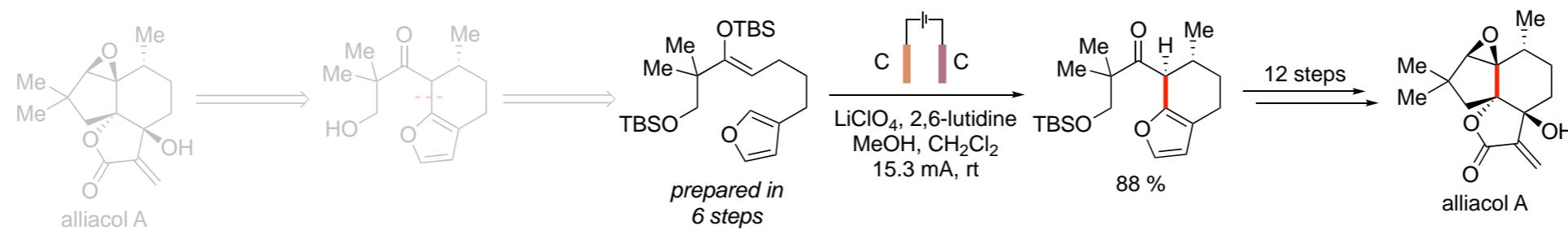
- Similar macrocyclisation achieved with PIDA
- Numerous byproducts: low yield, tricky purification



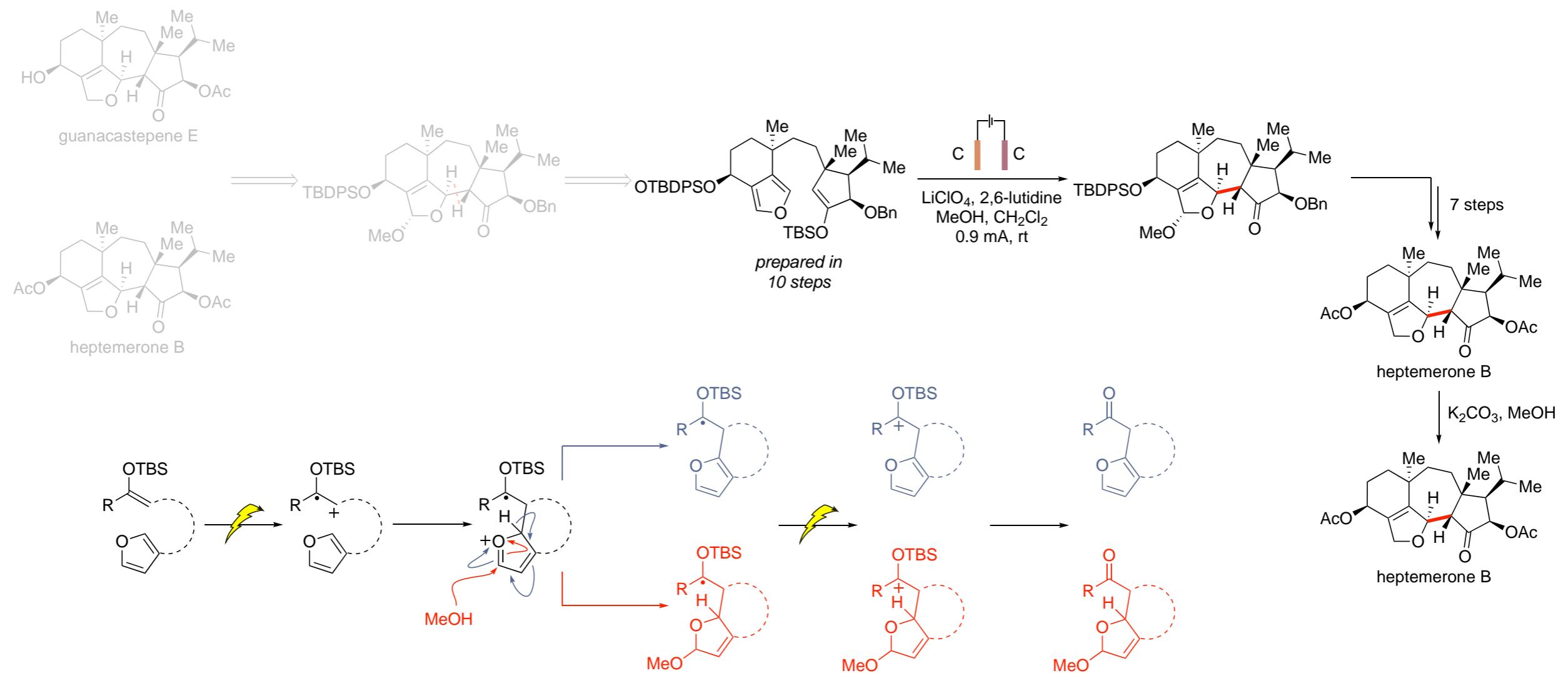
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## C=C Oxidation

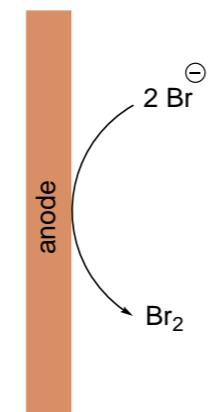
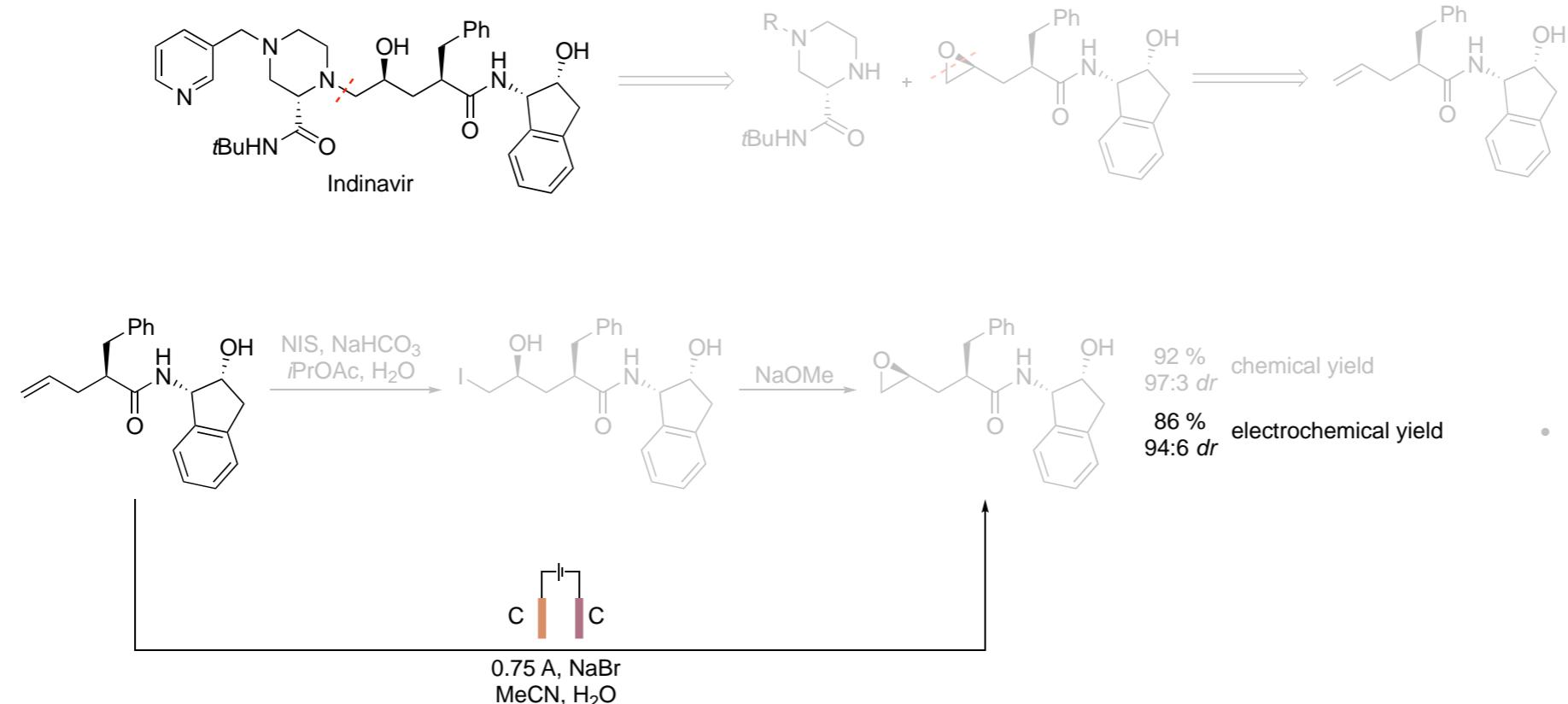
Moeller, 2004<sup>1</sup>



Trauner, 2006<sup>2</sup>



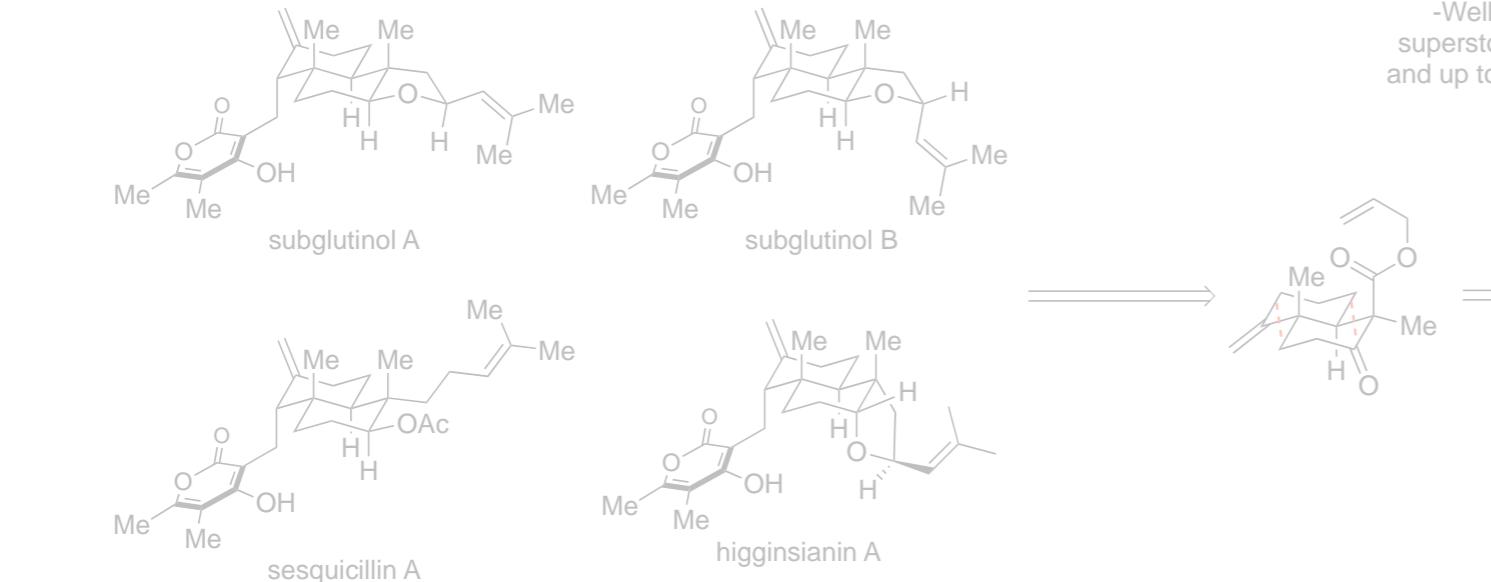
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Rossen (Merck), 1997<sup>1</sup>

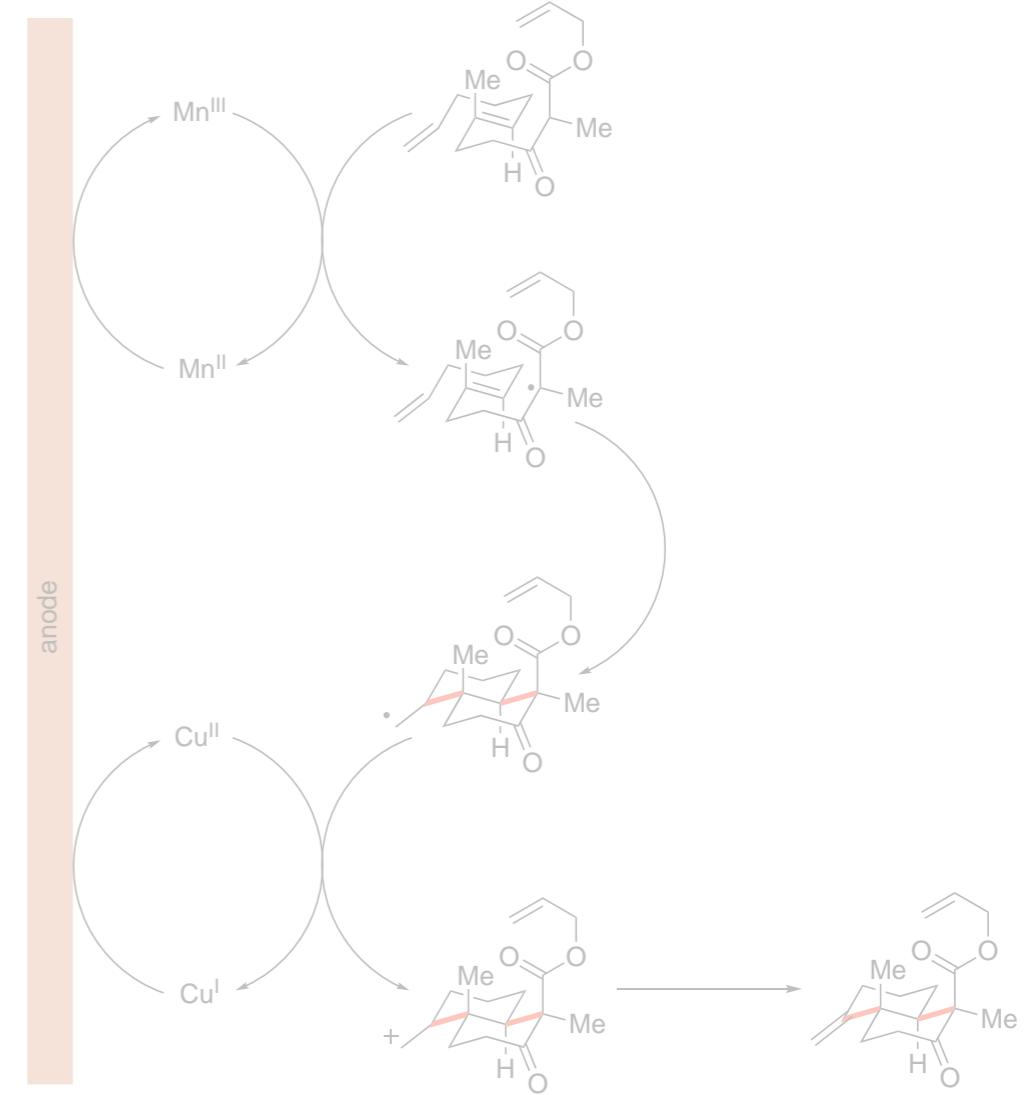
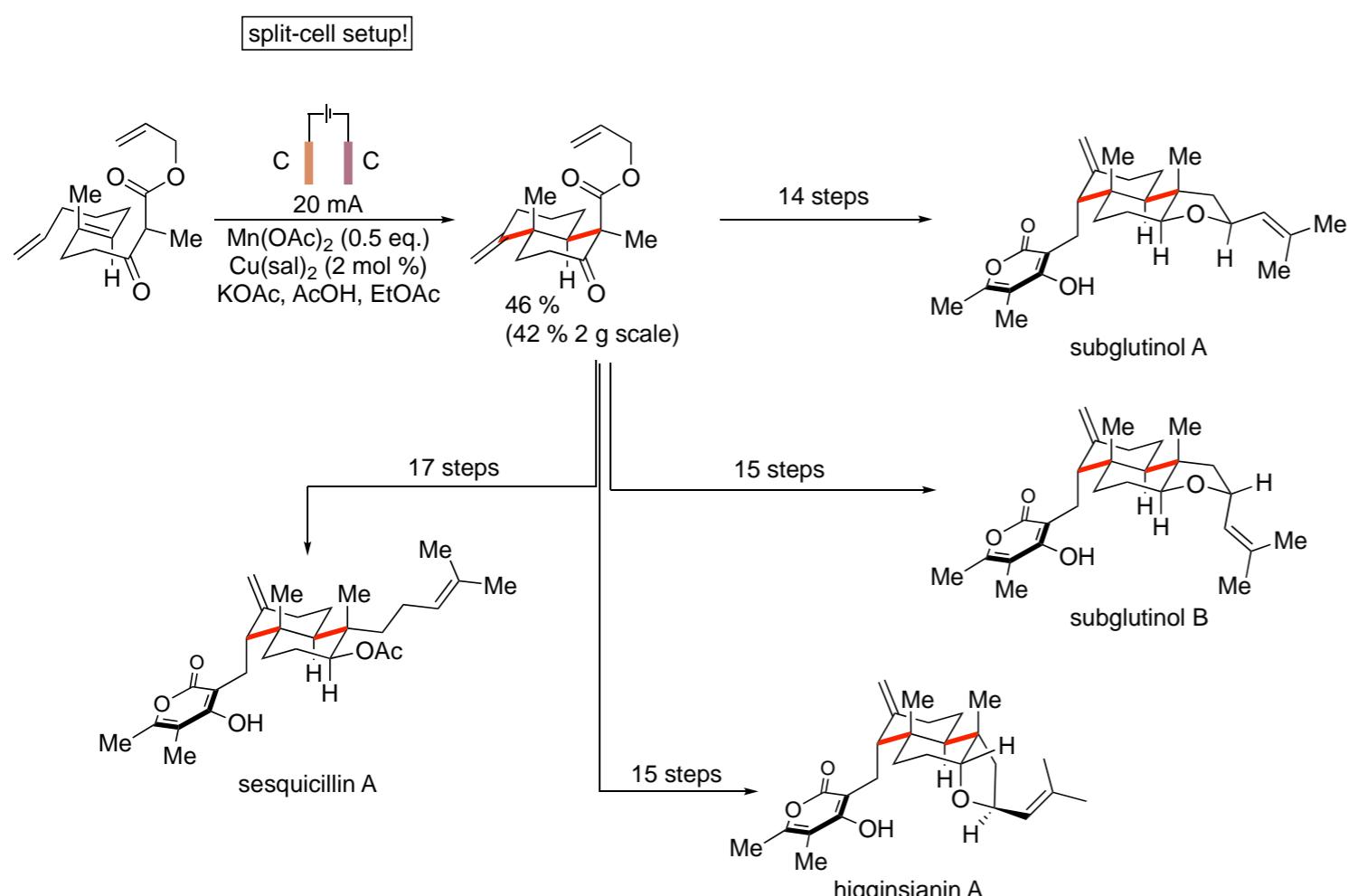
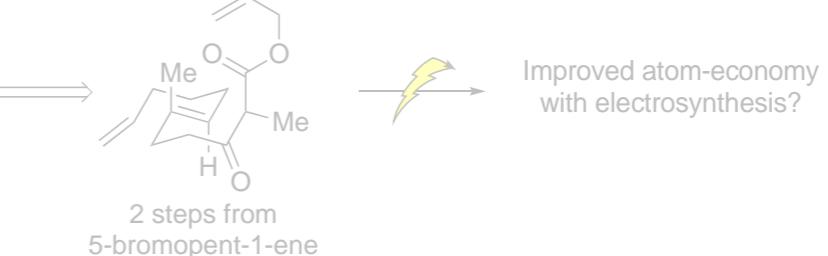
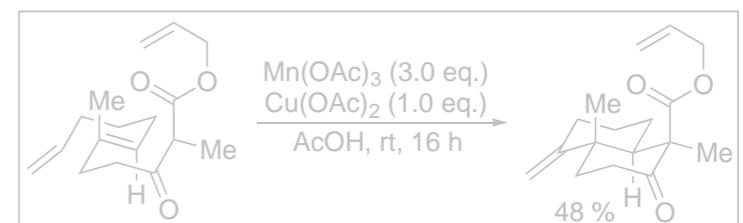
# Anodic Oxidation

## $C(sp^3)$ -H Oxidation

Baran, 2018<sup>1</sup>



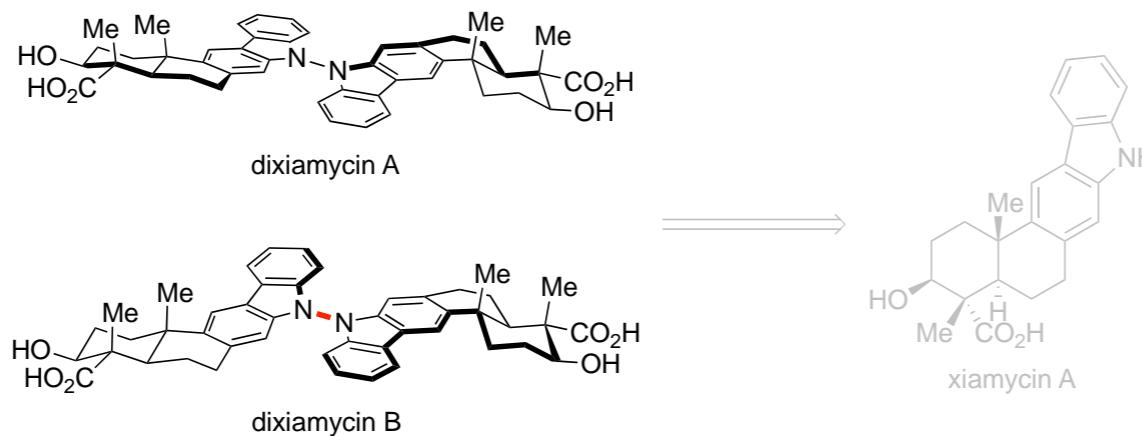
Radical polycyclisation:  
-Well developed with superstoichiometric Mn(III) and up to 1.0 eq. Cu(II) salts



# Anodic Oxidation

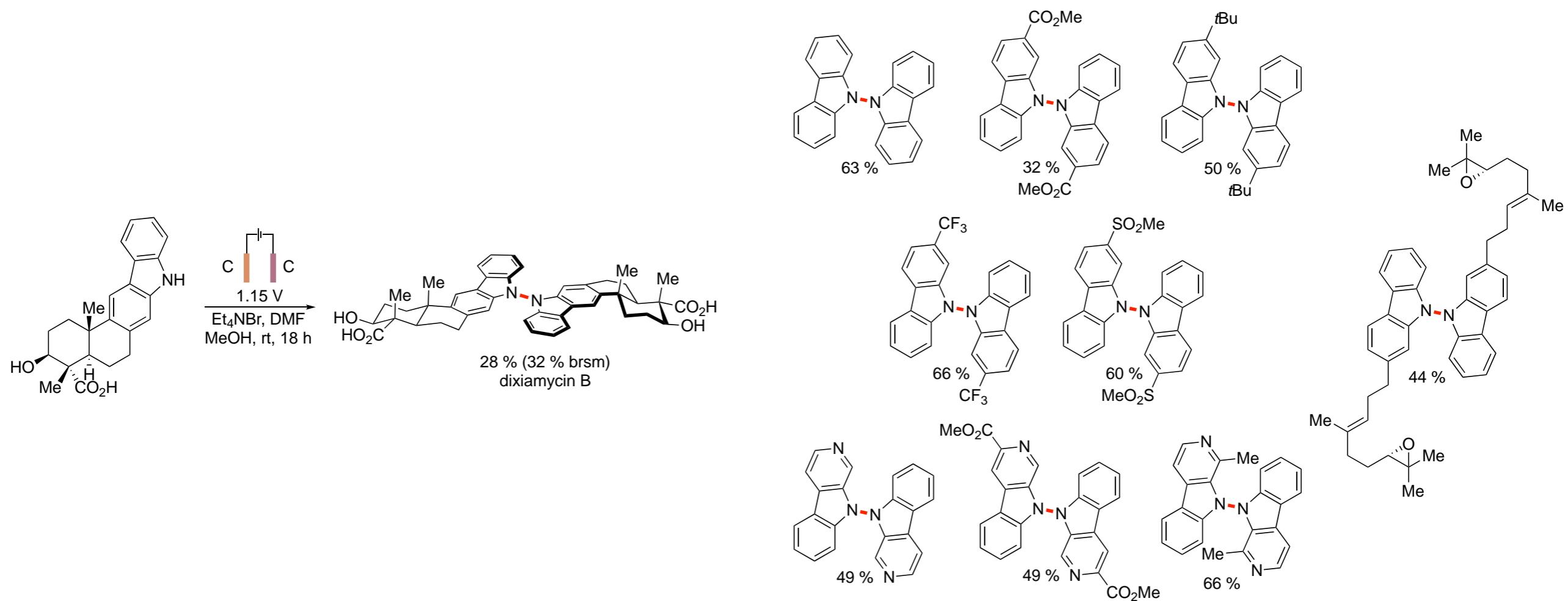
## N–H Oxidation

Baran, 2014<sup>1</sup>



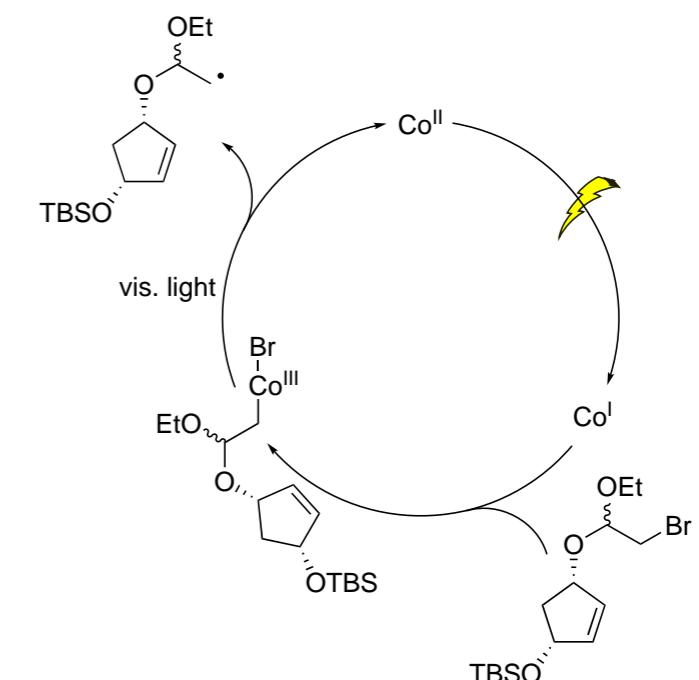
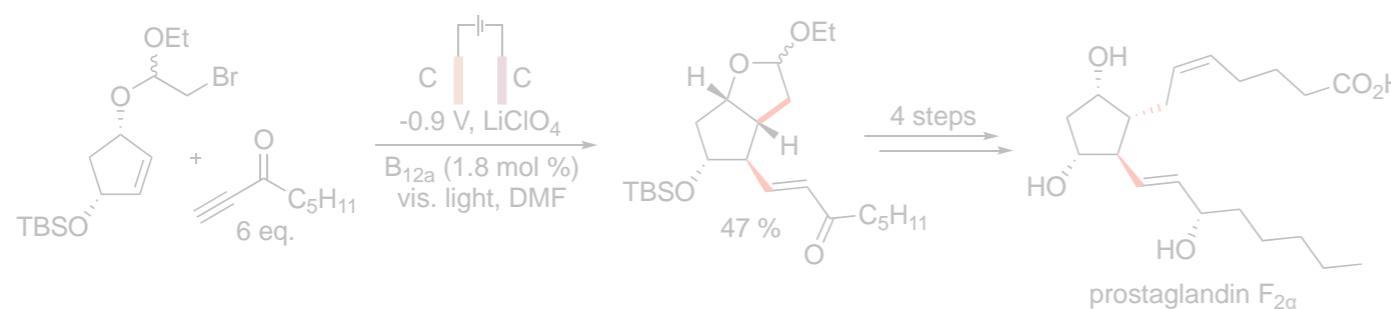
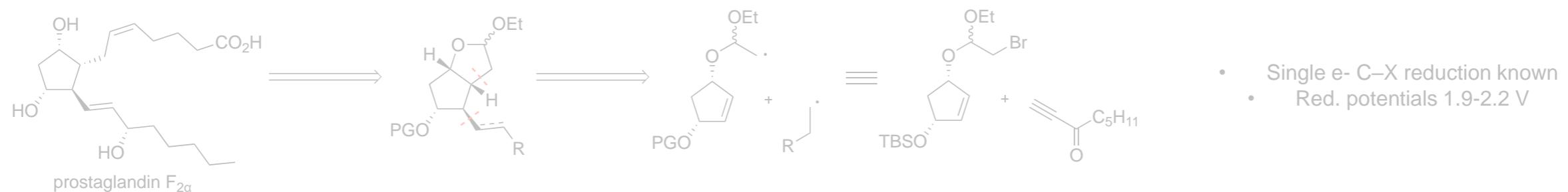
### Chemical dimerization attempts

KMnO <sub>4</sub> , acetone	<20 %, decomp.
LDA, then [Cu]	no reaction
PIFA, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	no reaction
KOtBu, tBuOCl	traces

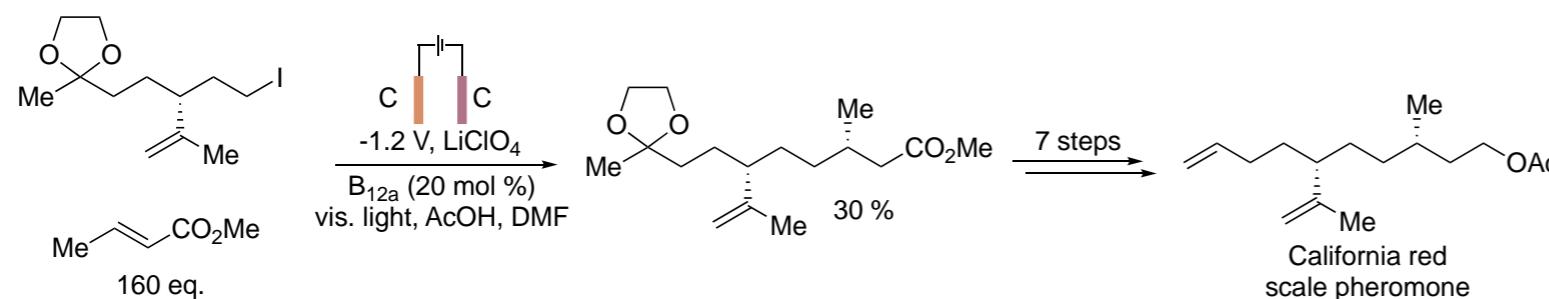


## C–X Reduction

Scheffold, 1990<sup>1</sup>



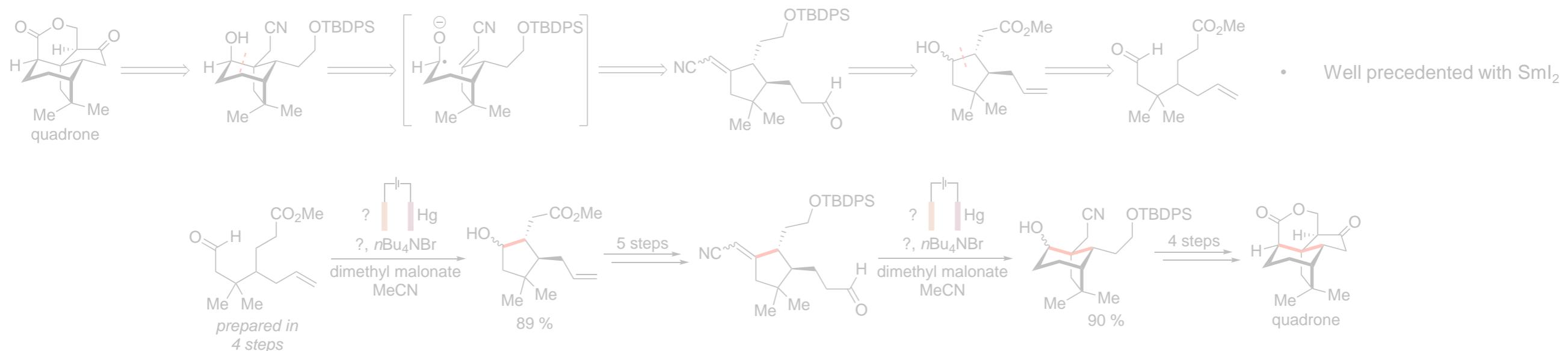
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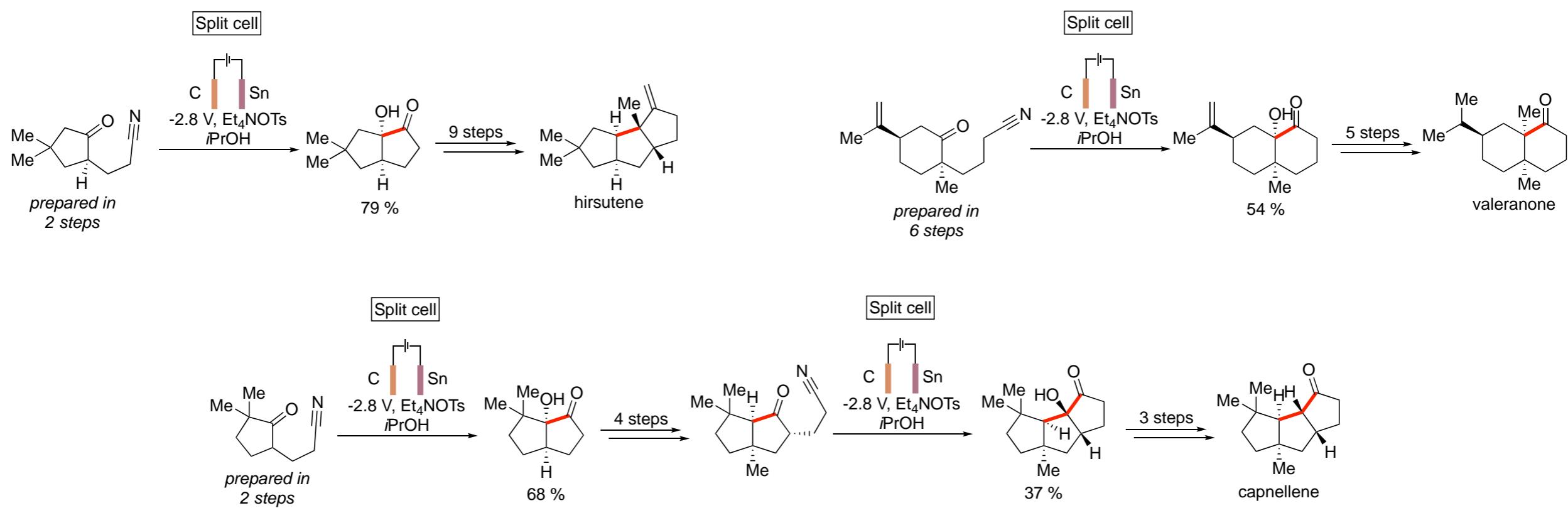
# Cathodic Reduction

## C=O Reduction

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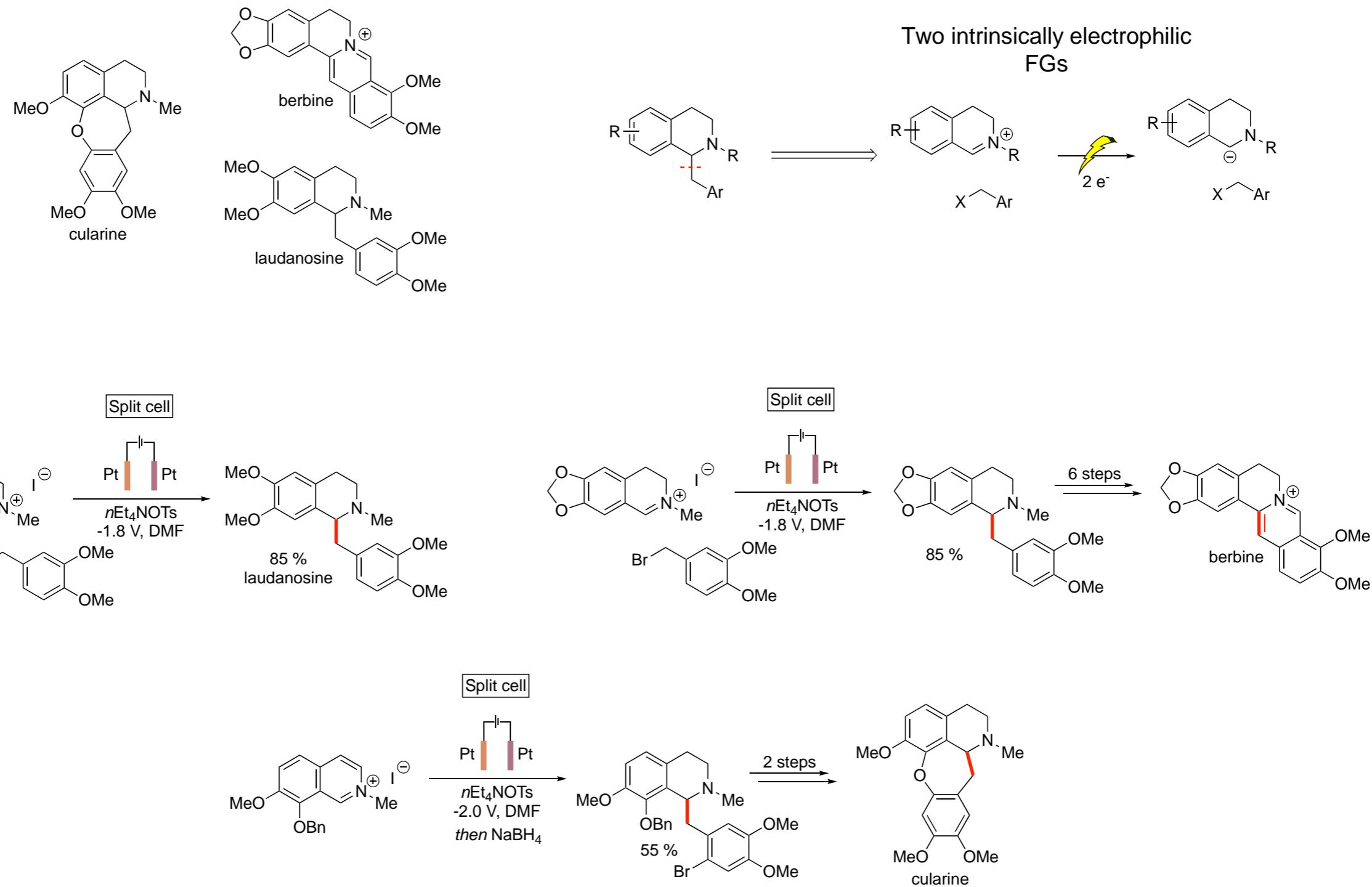


Shono, 1992<sup>2</sup>



## C=N Reduction

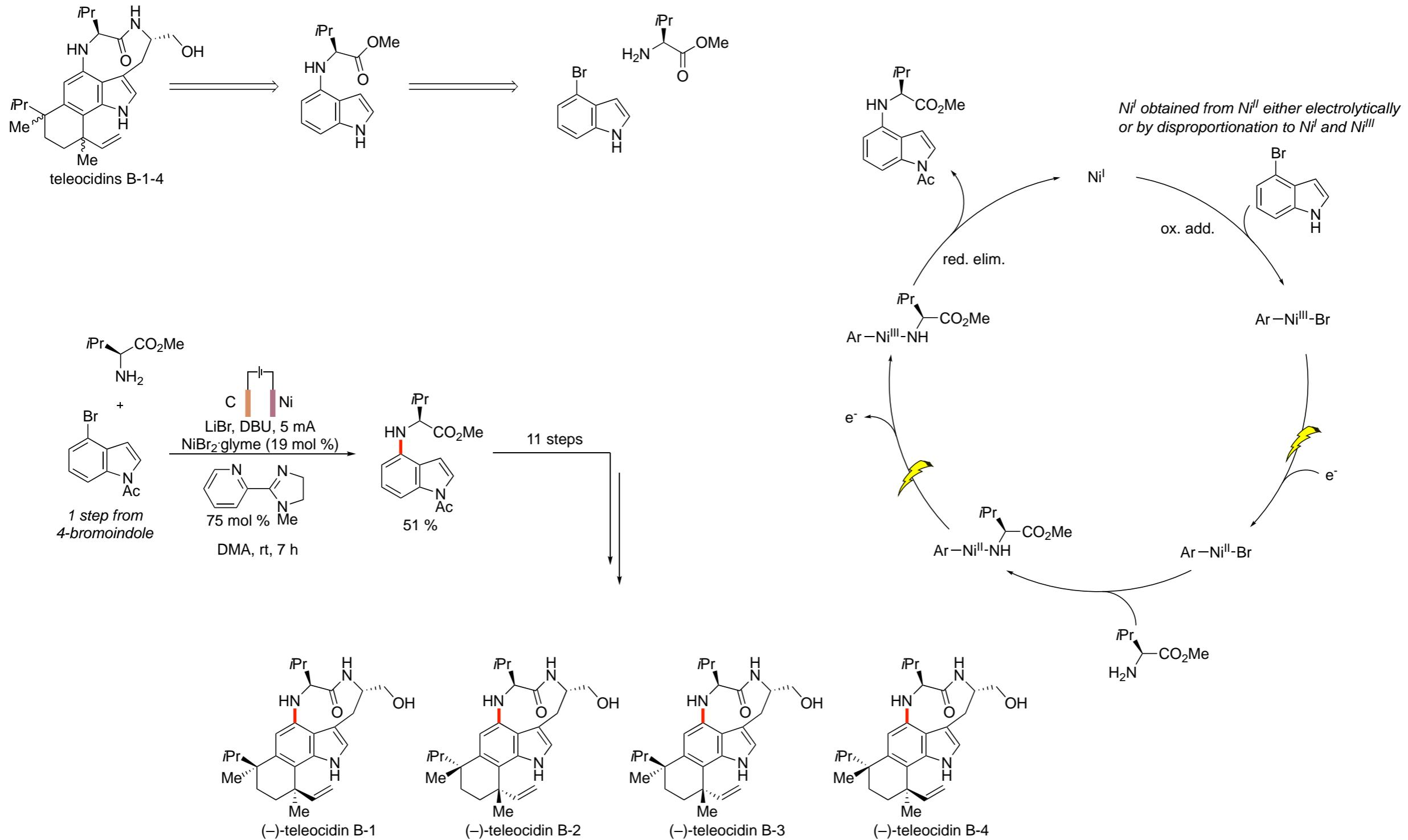
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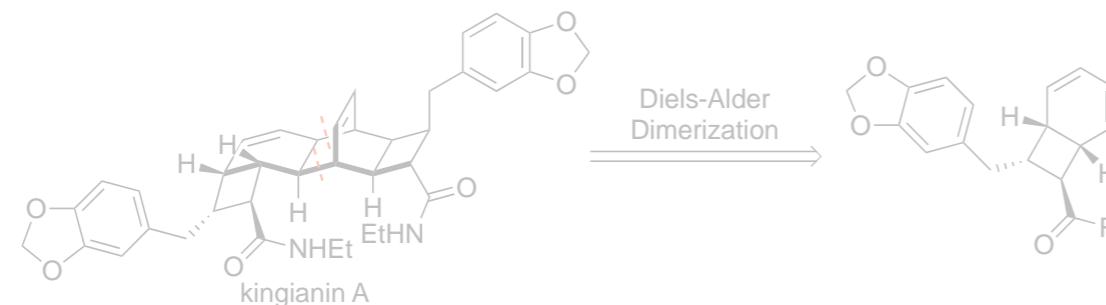
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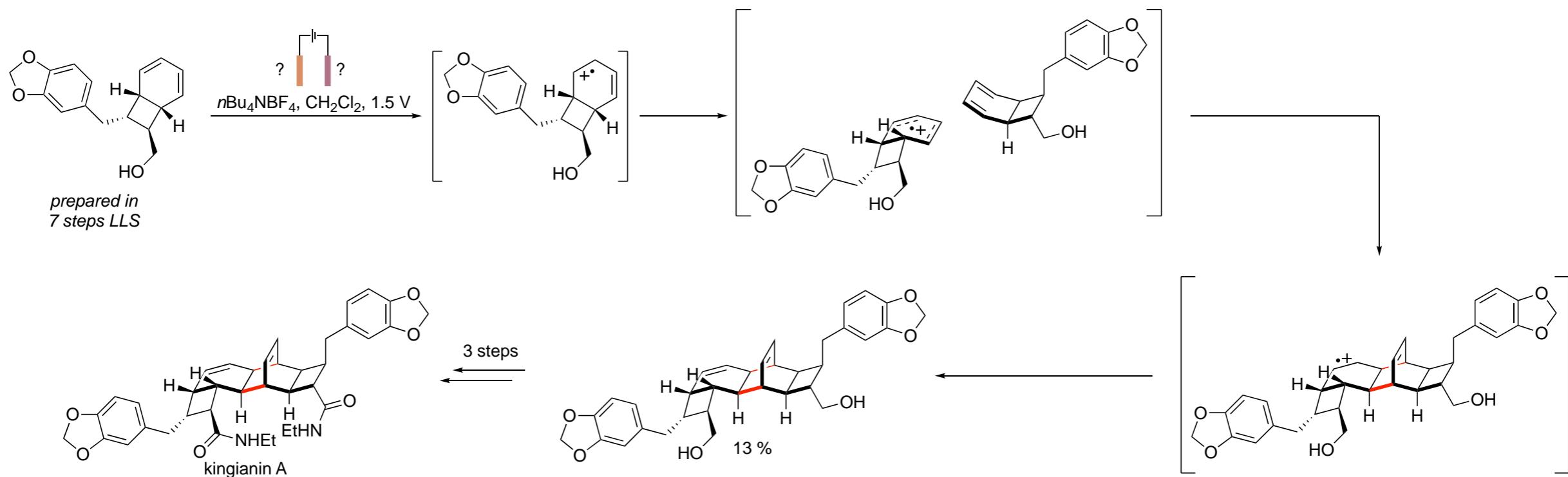
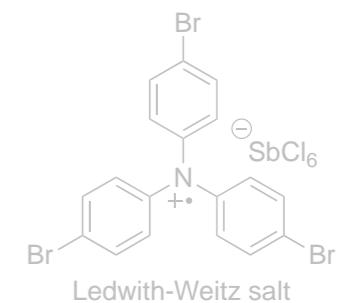
**e-Amination**Baran, 2019<sup>1</sup>

# Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction

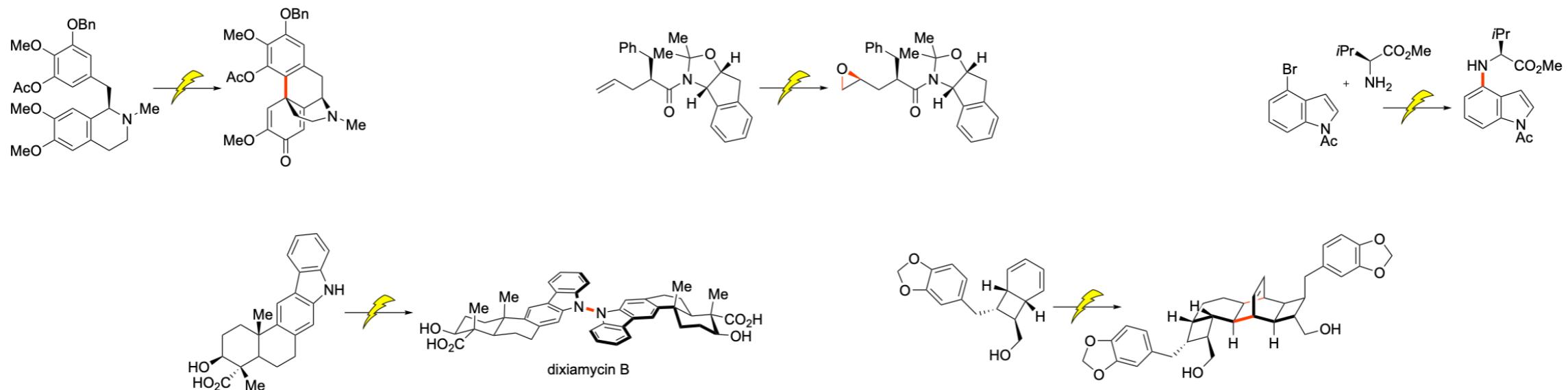
Moses, 2014<sup>1</sup>



DA dimerization: proposed biosynthesis  
R.C.D.A. previously achieved by Lawrence  
*et al.* with Ledwith-Weitz salt



## Wide Variety of Transformations



## Conditions Tailored to the Substrate

- Redox potentials can be used to indicate potential reaction pathways
- Choice of materials for the electrodes, solvent and electrolyte

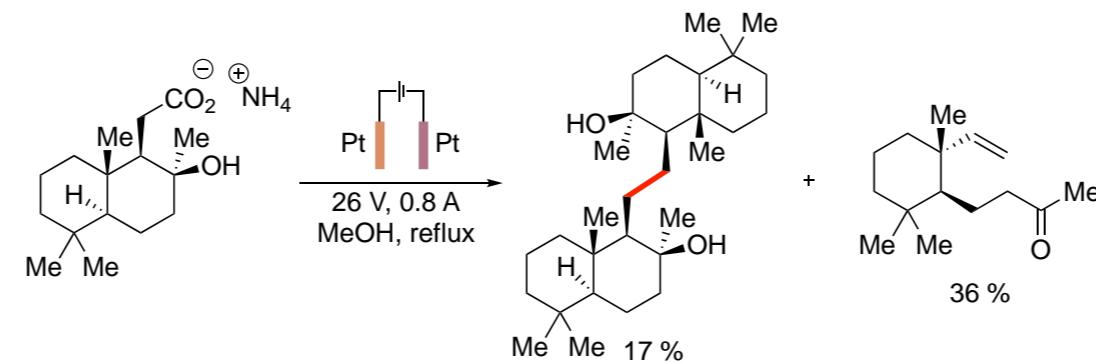
## Stoichiometric Oxidants/Reductants Avoided

- Atom economic electron transfer

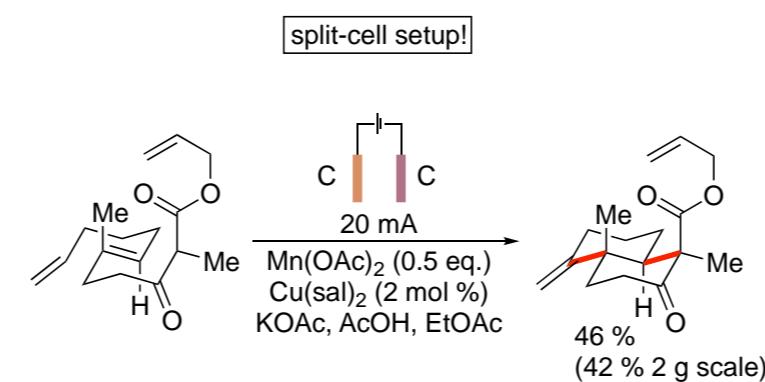
## Further Promotion/Education Needed!

- Electrochemistry still remains a niche option

**Explain the formation of the side-product:**



**Why is a split cell setup necessary for this transformation?**



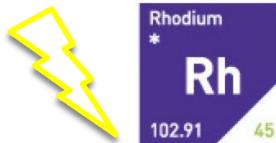


# Enantioselective Radical Reactions via Transition Metal Catalysis

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# Metals Considered



Rhodium	*	
102.91	45	

Hydrogen ***	H	1.008	1	Boron *	B	10.81	5	Carbon *	C	12.01	6	Nitrogen ***	N	14.01	7	Oxygen ***	O	16.00	8	Fluorine ***	F	19.00	9	Neon ***	Ne	20.18	10																																																
Lithium *	Li	6.941	3	Beryllium *	Be	9.012	4	Magnesium *	Mg	24.31	12	Aluminium *	Al	26.98	13	Silicon *	Si	28.09	14	Phosphorus *	P	30.97	15	Sulfur *	S	32.07	16	Chlorine ***	Cl	35.45	17	Argon ***	Ar	39.95	18																																								
Sodium *	Na	22.99	11	Potassium *	K	39.10	19	Calcium *	Ca	40.08	20	Scandium *	Sc	44.96	21	Titanium *	Ti	47.87	22	Vanadium *	V	50.94	23	Chromium *	Cr	52.00	24	Manganese *	Mn	54.94	25	Iron *	Fe	55.84	26	Cobalt *	Co	58.93	27	Nickel *	Ni	58.69	28	Copper *	Cu	63.55	29	Zinc *	Zn	65.39	30	Gallium *	Ga	69.72	31	Germanium *	Ge	72.63	32	Arsenic *	As	74.92	33	Selenium *	Se	78.96	34	Bromine **	Br	79.90	35	Krypton ***	Kr	83.80	36
Rubidium *	Rb	85.47	37	Strontium *	Sr	87.62	38	Yttrium *	Y	88.91	39	Zirconium *	Zr	91.22	40	Niobium *	Nb	92.91	41	Molybdenum *	Mo	95.94	42	Technetium *	Tc	[98]	43	Ruthenium *	Ru	101.07	44	Rhodium *	Rh	102.91	45	Palladium *	Pd	106.42	46	Silver *	Ag	107.87	47	Cadmium *	Cd	112.41	48	Indium *	In	114.82	49	Tin *	Sn	118.71	50	Antimony *	Sb	121.76	51	Tellurium *	Te	127.60	52	Iodine *	I	126.90	53	Xenon ***	Xe	131.29	54				
Caesium *	Cs	132.91	55	Barium *	Ba	137.33	56	LANTHANIDES	▼	Hafnium *	Hf	178.49	72	Tantalum *	Ta	180.95	73	Tungsten *	W	183.84	74	Rhenium *	Re	186.21	75	Osmium *	Os	190.23	76	Iridium *	Ir	192.22	77	Platinum *	Pt	195.08	78	Gold *	Au	196.97	79	Mercury **	Hg	200.59	80	Thallium *	Tl	204.38	81	Lead *	Pb	207.2	82	Bismuth *	Bi	208.98	83	Polonium *	Po	[209]	84	Astatine *	At	[210]	85	Radon ***	Rn	[222]	86						
Francium *	Fr	[223]	87	Radium *	Ra	[226]	88	ACTINIDES	▼	Rutherfordium ****	Rf	[267]	104	Dubnium ****	Db	[268]	105	Seaborgium ****	Sg	[269]	106	Bohrium ****	Bh	[270]	107	Hassium ****	Hs	[269]	108	Meitnerium ****	Mt	[278]	109	Darmstadtium ****	Ds	[281]	110	Roentgenium ****	Rg	[281]	111	Copernicium ****	Cn	[285]	112	Ununtrium ****	Uut	[286]	113	Flerovium ****	Fl	[289]	114	Ununpentium ****	Uup	[289]	115	Livermorium ****	Lv	[293]	116	Ununseptium ****	Uus	[294]	117	Oganesson ***	Og	[294]	118						

Lanthanum *	La	138.91	57	Cerium *	Ce	140.12	58	Praseodymium *	Pr	140.91	59	Neodymium *	Nd	144.24	60	Promethium *	Pm	[145]	61	Samarium *	Sm	150.36	62	Europium *	Eu	151.96	63	Gadolinium *	Gd	157.25	64	Terbium *	Tb	158.93	65	Dysprosium *	Dy	162.50	66	Holmium *	Ho	164.93	67	Erbium *	Er	167.26	68	Thulium *	Tm	168.93	69	Ytterbium *	Yb	173.04	70	Lutetium *	Lu	174.97	71
Actinium *	Ac	[227]	89	Thorium *	Th	232.04	90	Protactinium *	Pa	231.04	91	Uranium *	U	238.03	92	Neptunium *	Np	[237]	93	Plutonium *	Pu	[244]	94	Americium *	Am	[243]	95	Curium *	Cm	[247]	96	Berkelium *	Bk	[247]	97	Californium *	Cf	[251]	98	Einsteinium *	Es	[252]	99	Fermium *	Fm	[257]	100	Mendelevium *	[258]	101	Nobelium *	No	[259]	102	Lawrencium *	Lr	[262]	103	

# Historical Background

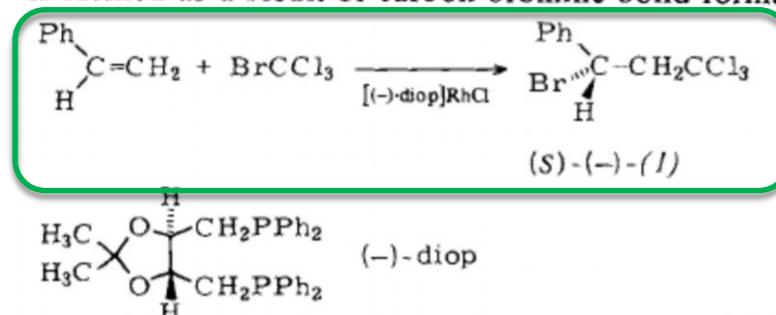
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$[(−)-\text{diop}]\text{RhCl}$ —Catalyzed Asymmetric Addition of Bromotrichloromethane to Styrene

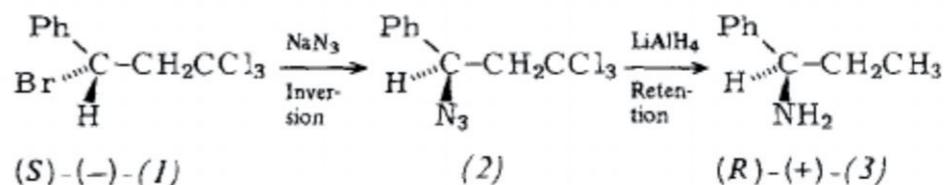
By Shinji Murai, Ryoji Sugise, and Noboru Sonoda<sup>[1]</sup>

Although a number of asymmetric reactions catalyzed by transition metal complexes to form C—H, C—C, C—Si, and C—O bonds with creation of chirality have been reported<sup>[1]</sup>, no reactions of this type which lead to the formation of chiral carbon-halogen bonds have been reported<sup>[2]</sup> to the best of our knowledge. We describe here the first example of an asymmetric reaction, catalyzed by a chiral transition metal complex, in which the chiral center is formed as a result of carbon-bromine bond formation.

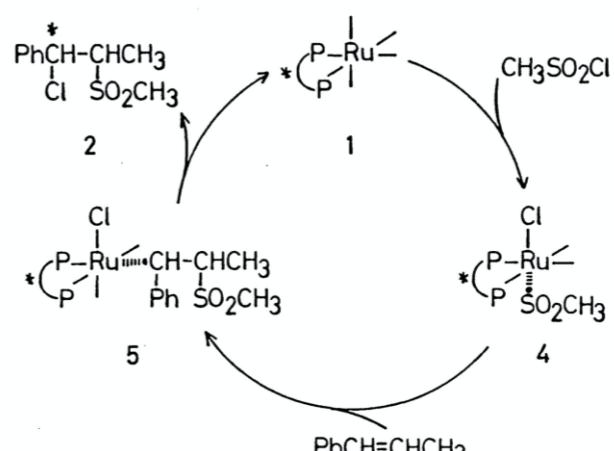
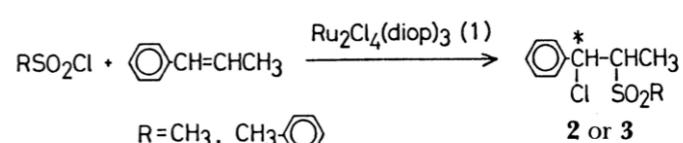
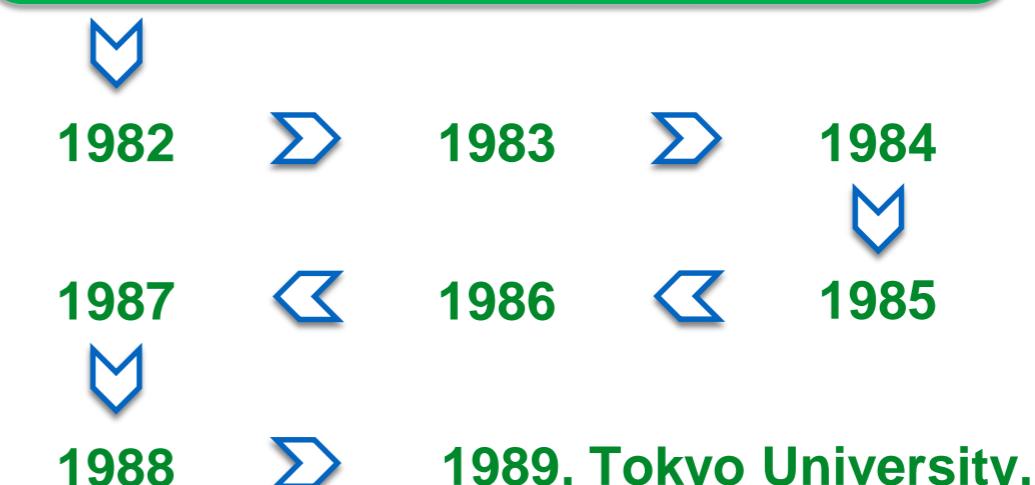


The reaction of bromotrichloromethane with styrene in 2:1 ethanol-benzene, in the presence of an optically active phosphane-rhodium complex  $[(−)\text{-diop}]\text{RhCl}$ <sup>[3]</sup> (0.30 mmol) at 80 °C for 18 h, gave the 1:1-adduct (1) in 26% yield. The adduct (1) showed an optical rotation of  $[\alpha]_D = -22.5$  ( $c=10.7, \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ) which corresponded to >32% enantiomeric excess and (S)-configuration.

The enantiomeric excess and the absolute configuration were determined in the following way using a sample of (1) with  $[\alpha]_D = -11.3^\circ$  ( $c=10.3, \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ) obtained in a separate run. This sample was treated with an excess of  $\text{NaN}_3$  to give the azide (2), which was not isolated but directly reduced with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  to (*R*)-(+)1-phenyl-1-propylamine (3) which showed  $[\alpha]_D = +3.43$  ( $c=8.4, \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ) and corresponded to an optical purity of 16%<sup>[4]</sup>. Thus, the adduct (S)-(-)-(1) with  $[\alpha]_D = -22.5$  corresponds to >32% enantiomeric excess. It should be noted that the optical purity must be much higher than 32%, since  $S_N2$  displacement of (1) with  $\text{NaN}_3$  may involve partial racemization<sup>[5]</sup>.



Since various transition metal catalysts for addition of organic halides to olefins are known<sup>[6]</sup> and a variety of chiral ligands are now available<sup>[1]</sup>, the present result opens up new possibilities for asymmetric synthesis.

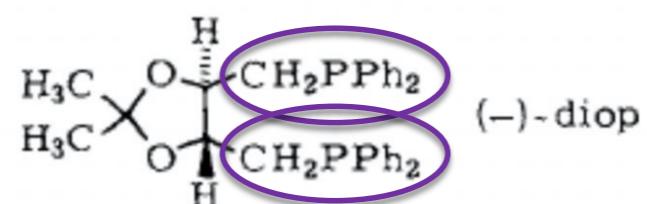
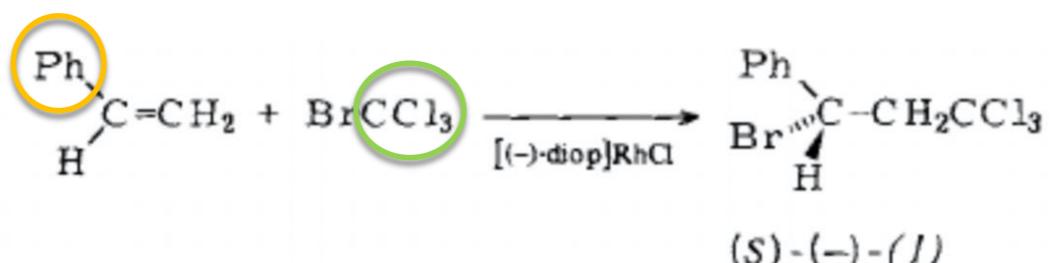
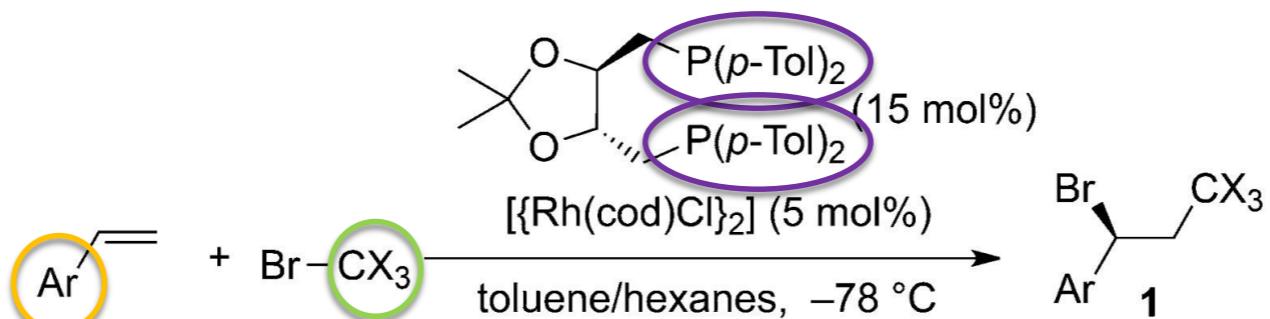


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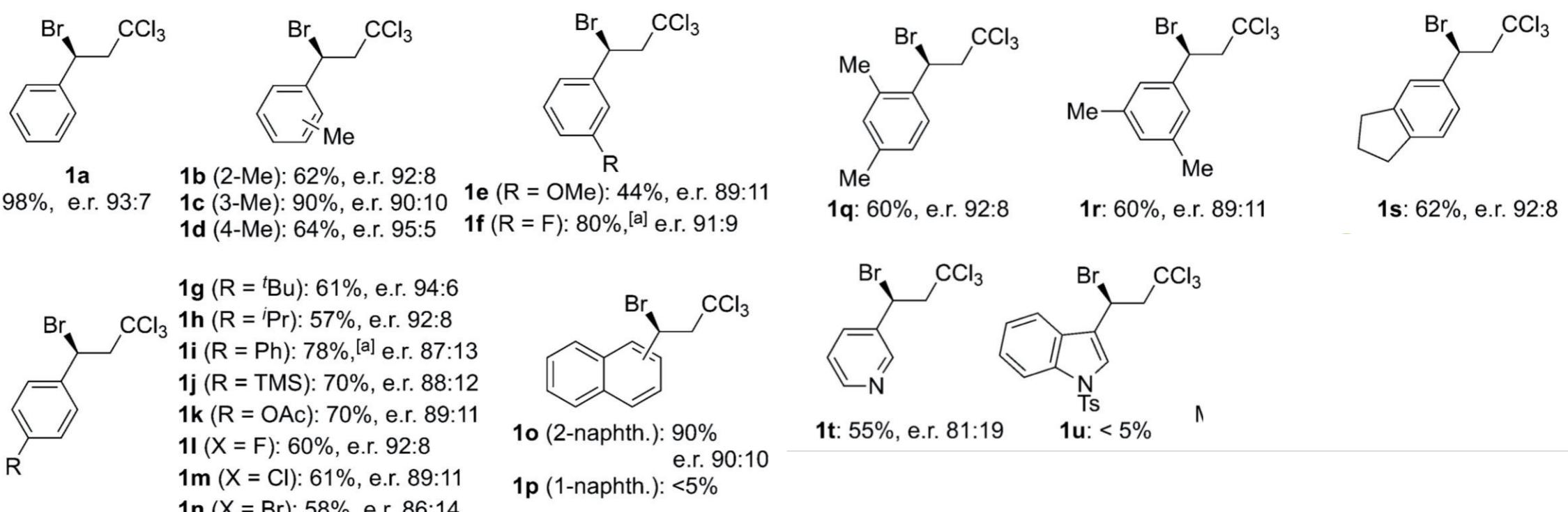
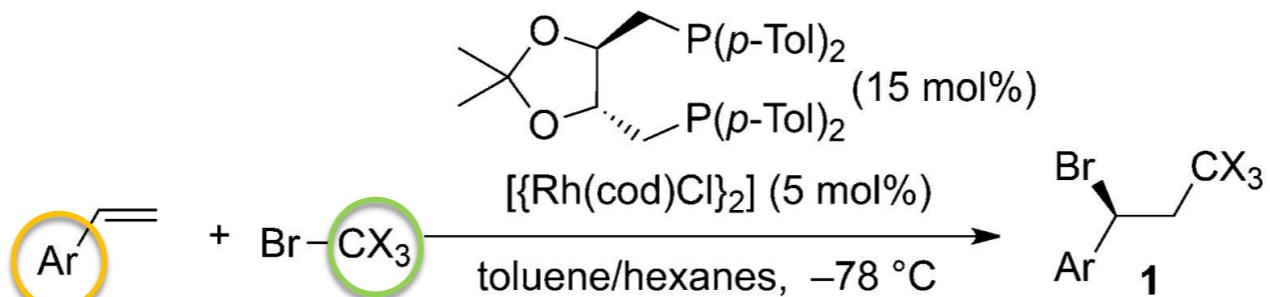
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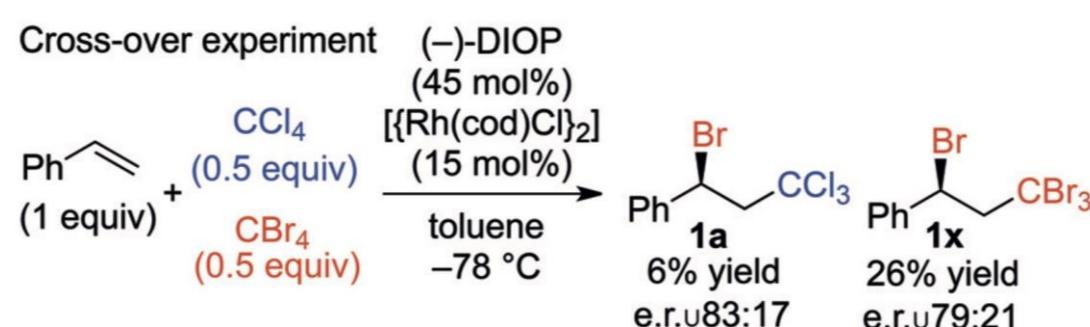
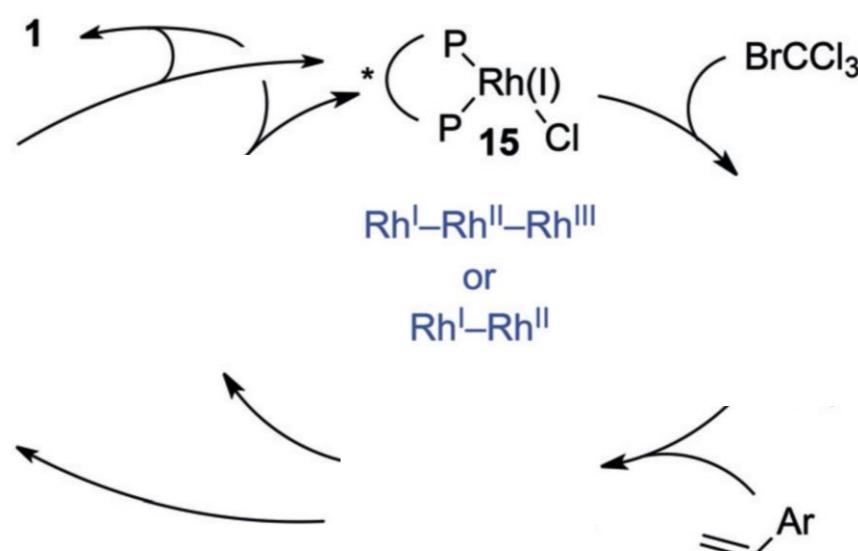
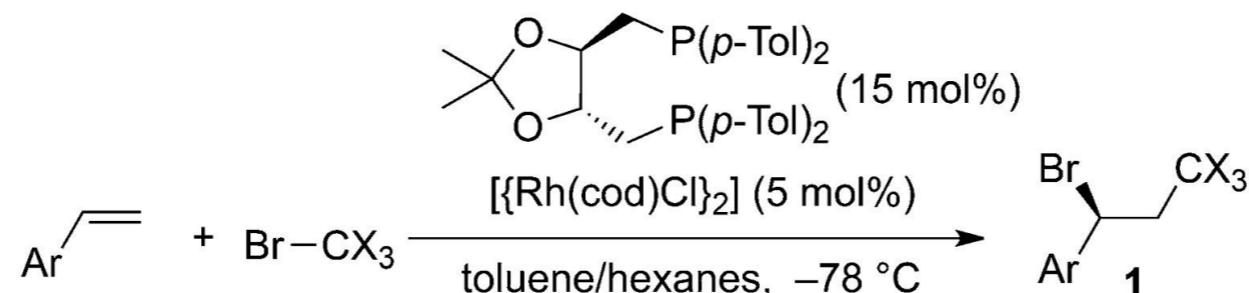
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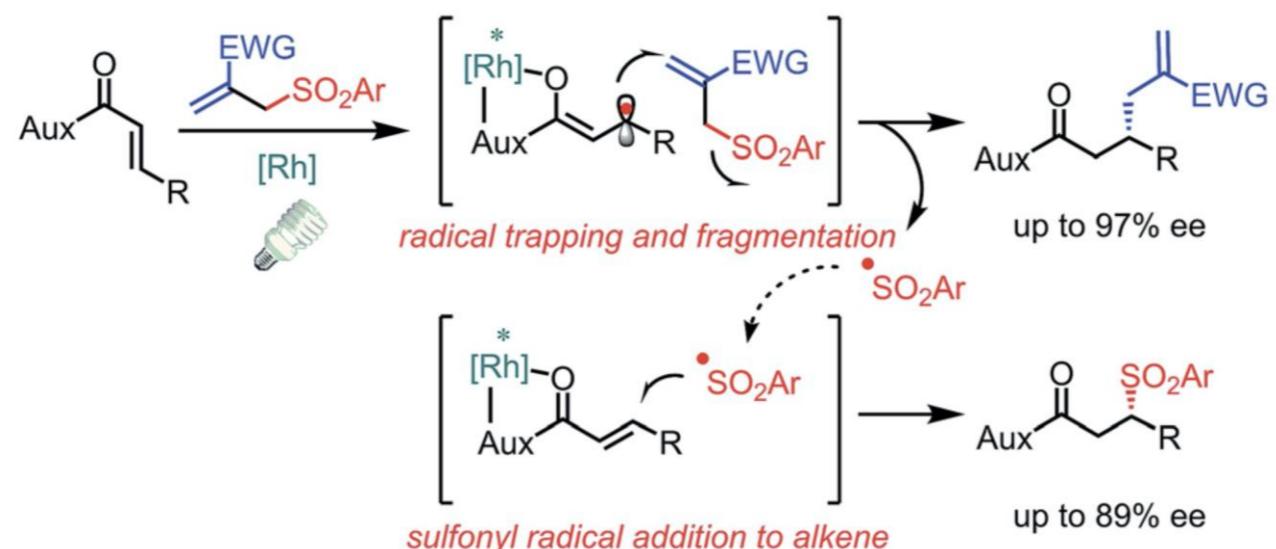
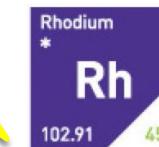
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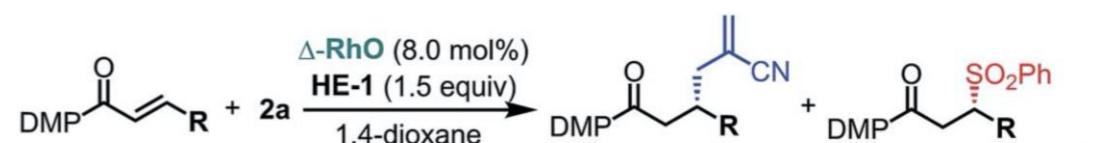
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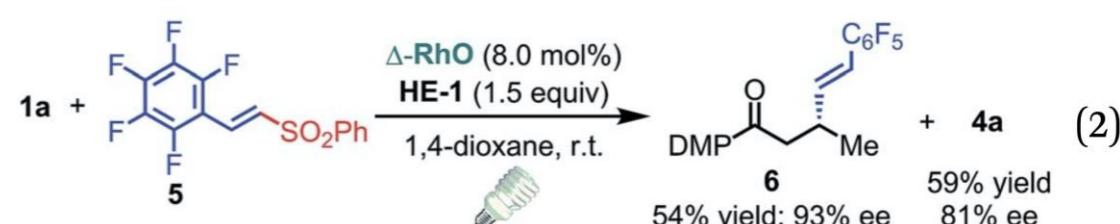
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1	CN	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	3a, 85%, 96% ee	4a, 92%, 85% ee
2	CN	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3a, 68%, 96% ee	4b, 70%, 79% ee
3	CN	4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3a, 81%, 97% ee	4c, 88%, 80% ee
4	CN	4-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3a, 78%, 95% ee	4d, 78%, 76% ee
5	CN	2-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3a, 71%, 95% ee	4e, 72%, 86% ee
6 <sup>d</sup>	CN	2,4,6-Me <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	3a, 57%, 94% ee	4f, 60%, 89% ee
7 <sup>d</sup>	CN	2-Naphthyl	3a, 82%, 94% ee	4g, 88%, 83% ee
8 <sup>d</sup>	CN	1-Naphthyl	3a, 78%, 91% ee	4h, 84%, 80% ee
9	COOEt	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	3b, 65%, 94% ee	4a, 68%, 84% ee
10 <sup>d</sup>	COOEt	4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3b, 65%, 92% ee	4i, 63%, 81% ee
11 <sup>d</sup>		C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	3c, 60%, 92% ee	4a, 69%, 82% ee
12 <sup>d</sup>		C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	3d, 62%, 92% ee	4a, 72%, 83% ee
13 <sup>d</sup>		C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	3e, 73%, 92% ee	4a, 78%, 82% ee

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2** (0.10 mmol),  $\Delta\text{-RhO}$  (0.008 mmol) and **HE-1** (0.15 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) were stirred at room temperature and irradiated with a 21 W CFL. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields.

<sup>c</sup> Determined by HPLC on a chiral stationary phase. <sup>d</sup> 35 °C.

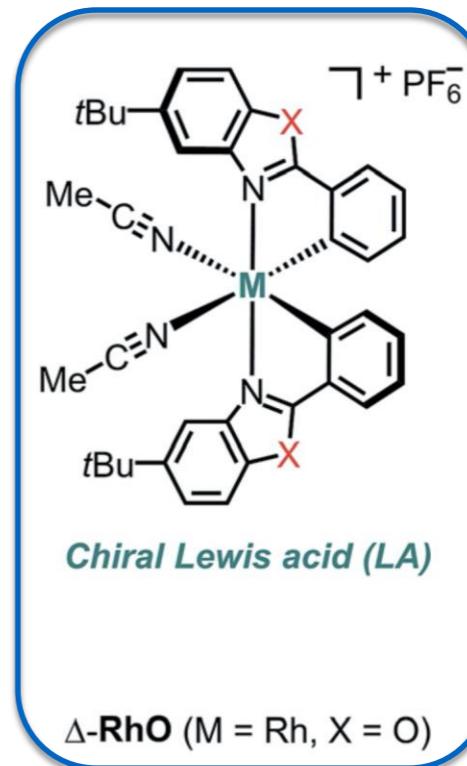
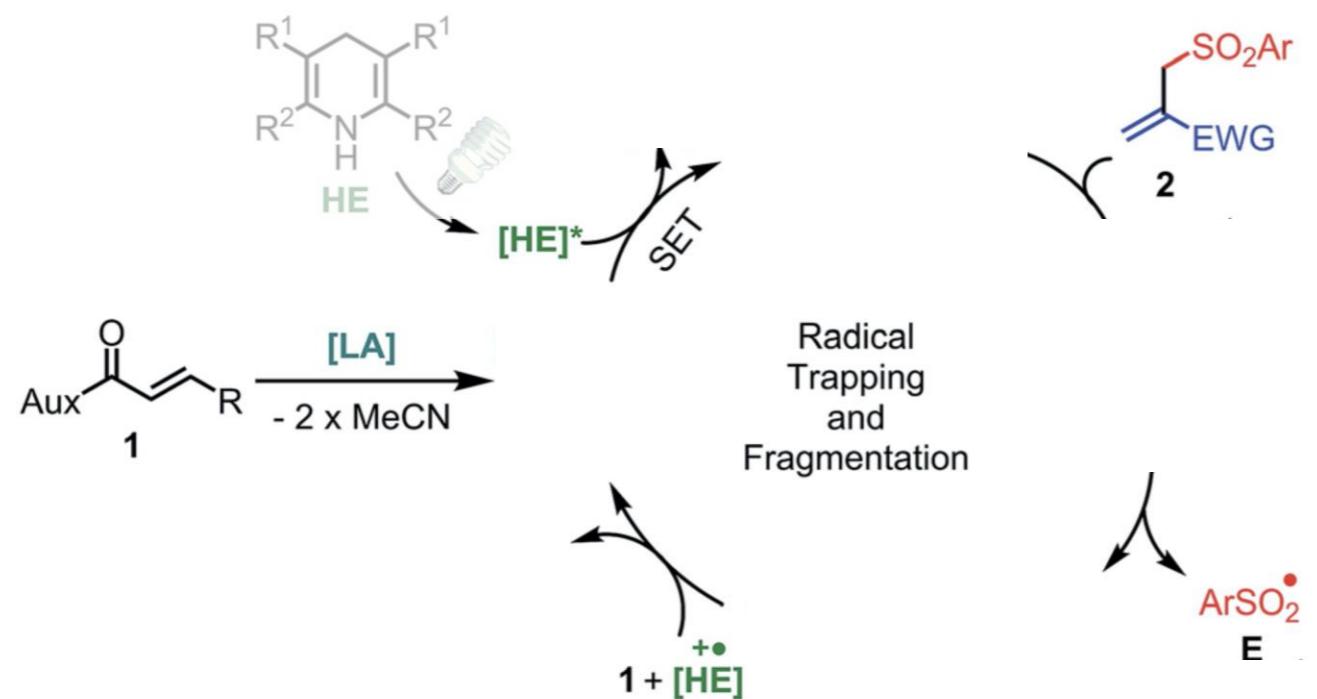


R = Et, **1b**, r.t.      3f, 82% yield; 87% ee    4j, 85% yield; 87% ee  
R = nPr, **1c**, 35 °C      3g, 78% yield; 77% ee    4k, 80% yield; 78% ee  
R = , **1d**, 35 °C      3h, 61% yield; 79% ee    4l, 62% yield; 83% ee

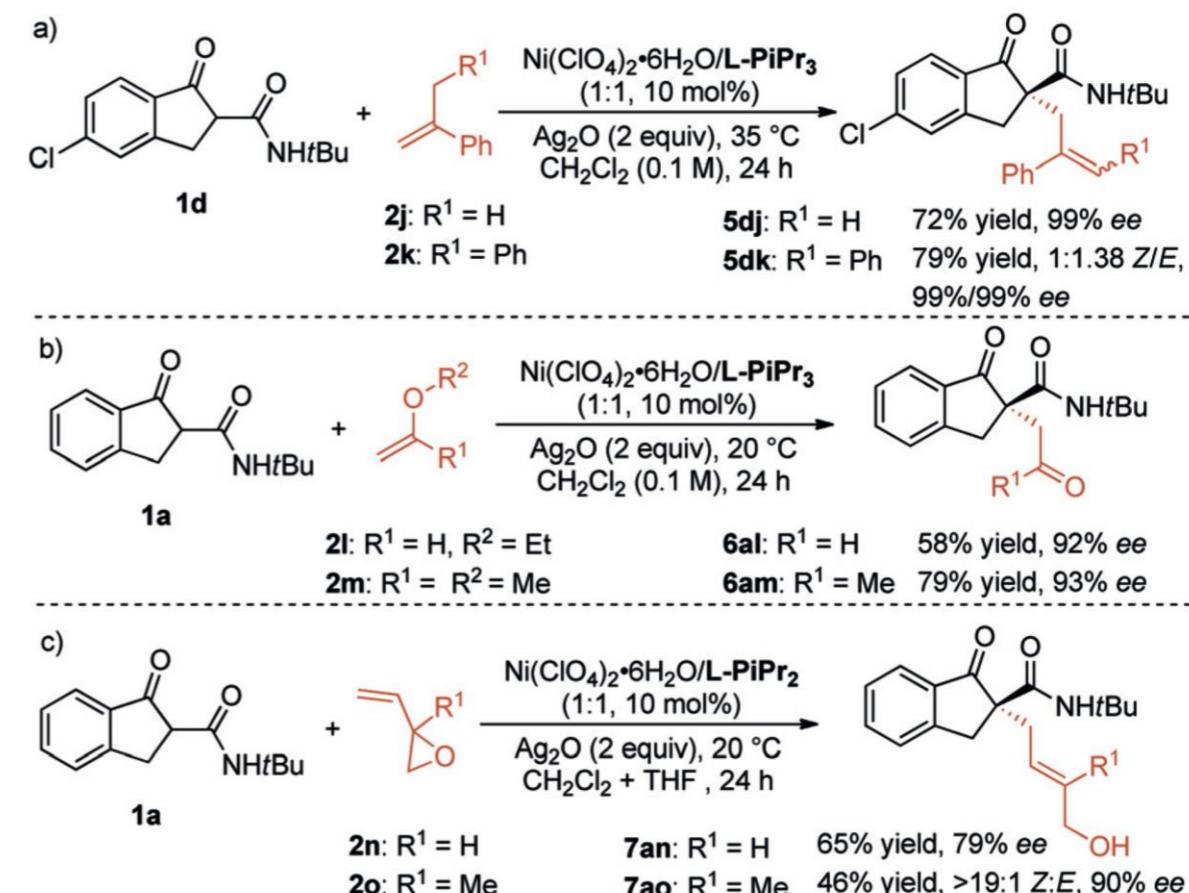
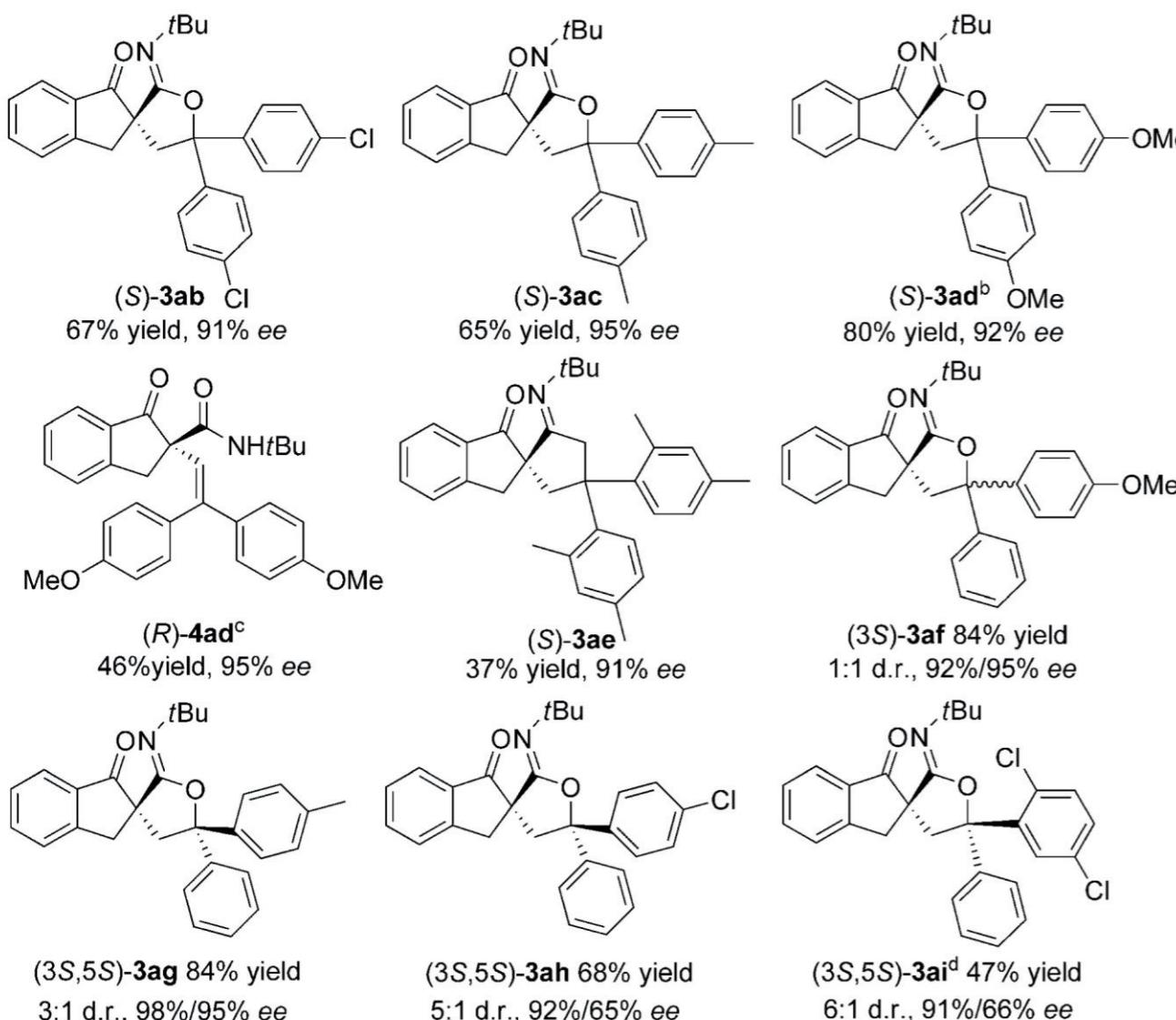
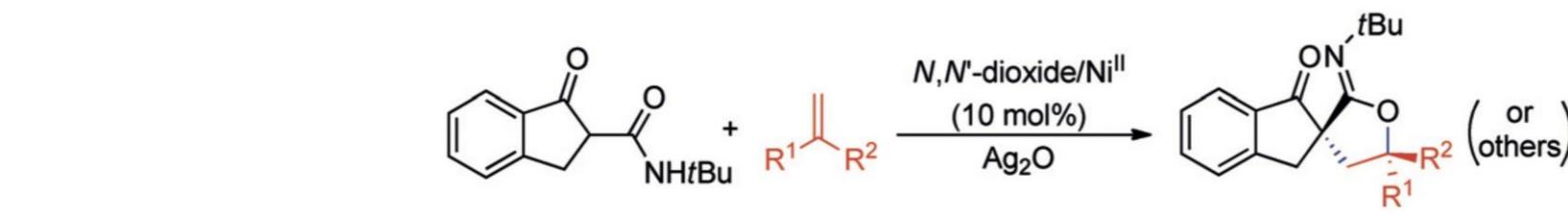


54% yield; 93% ee    59% yield    81% ee

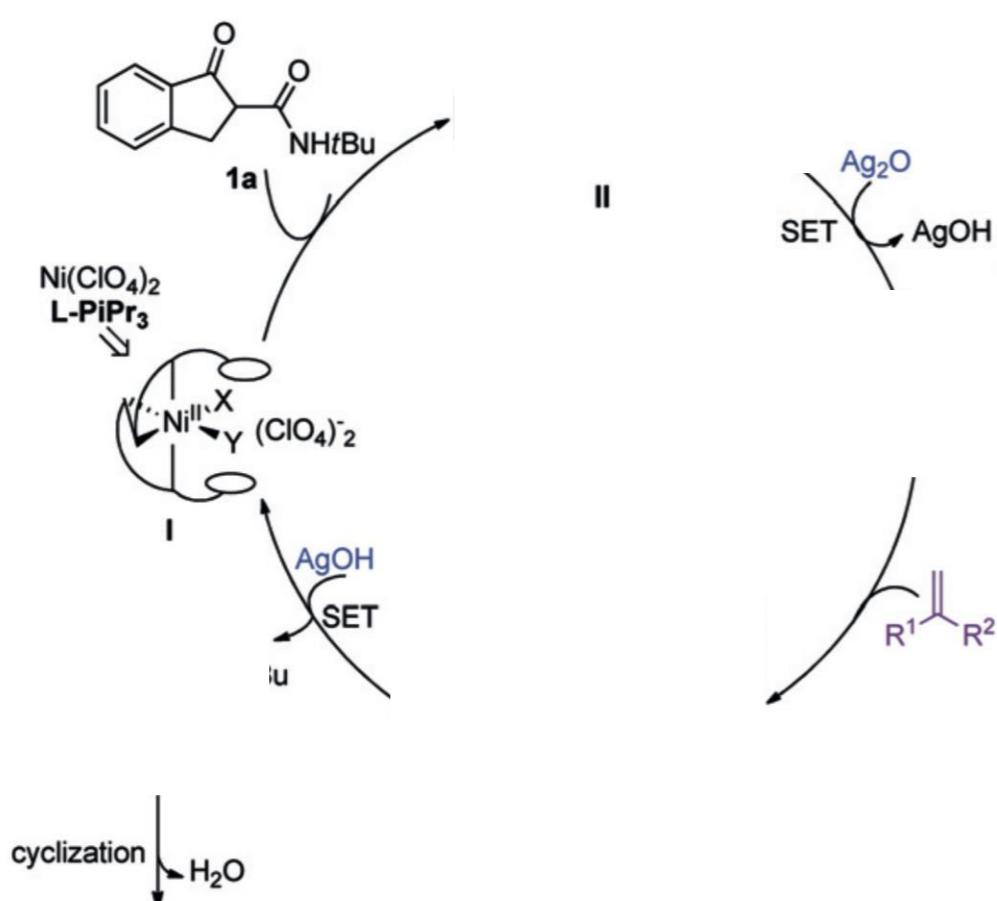
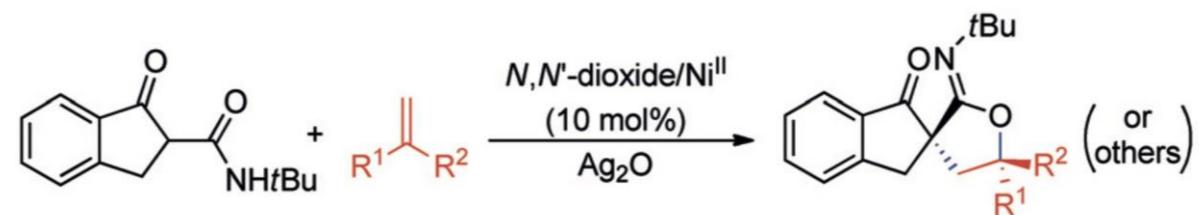
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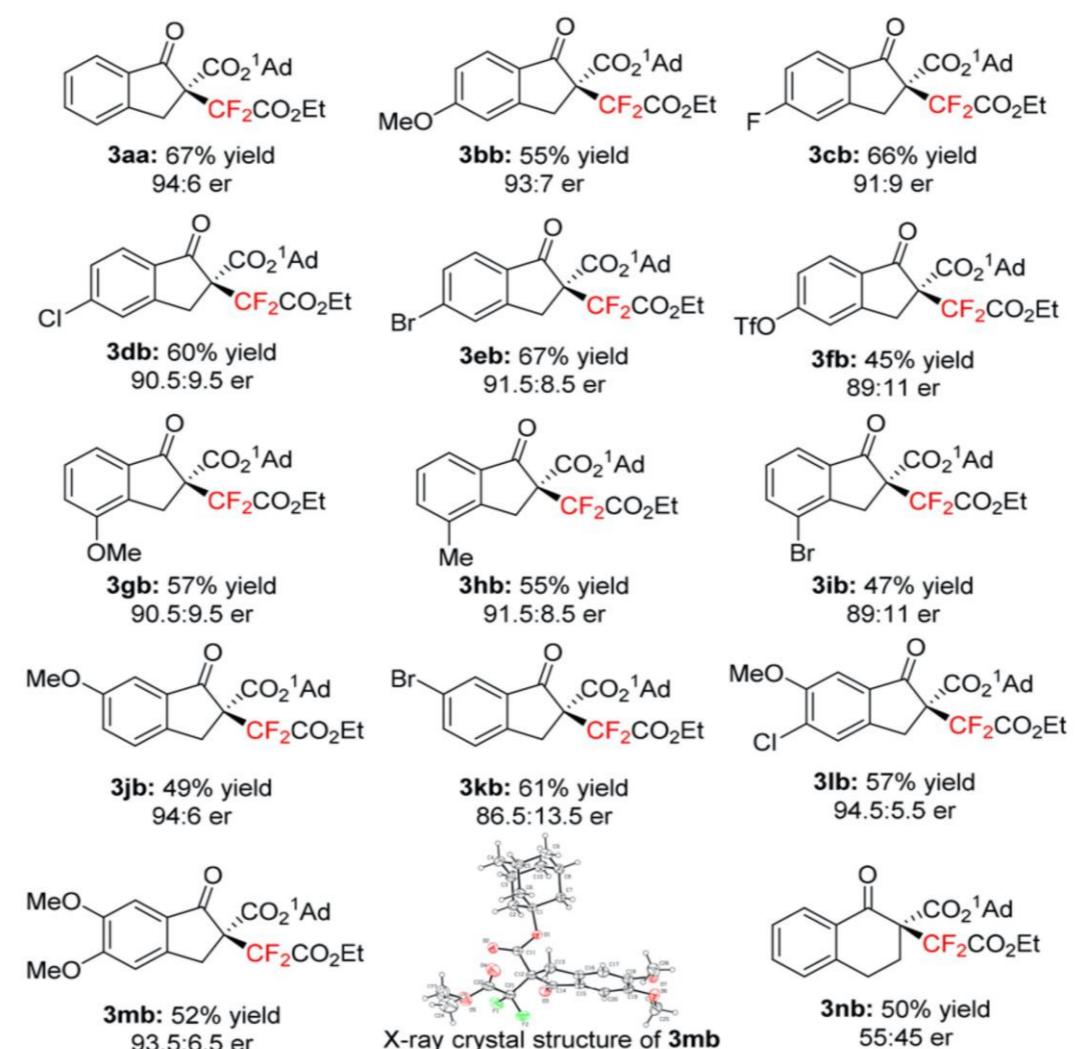
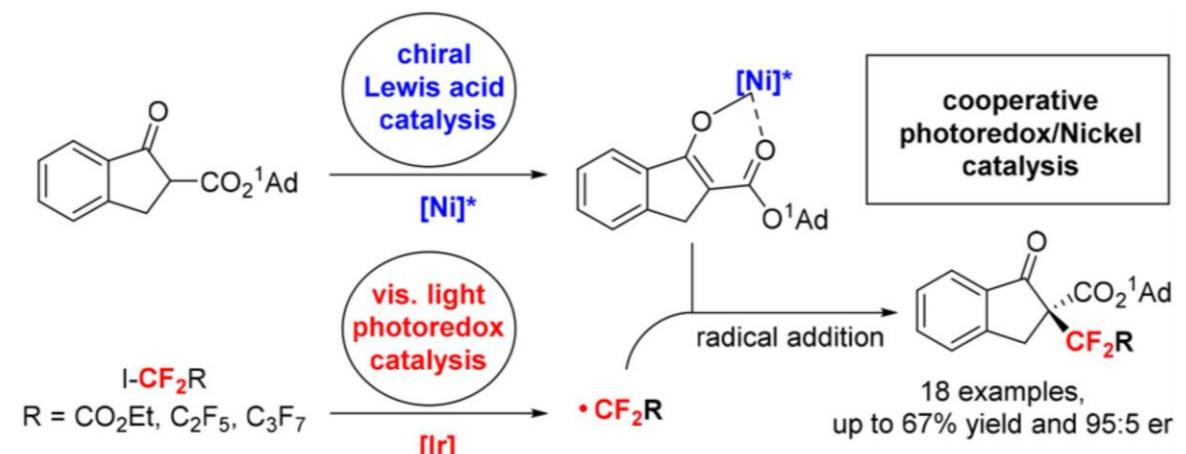
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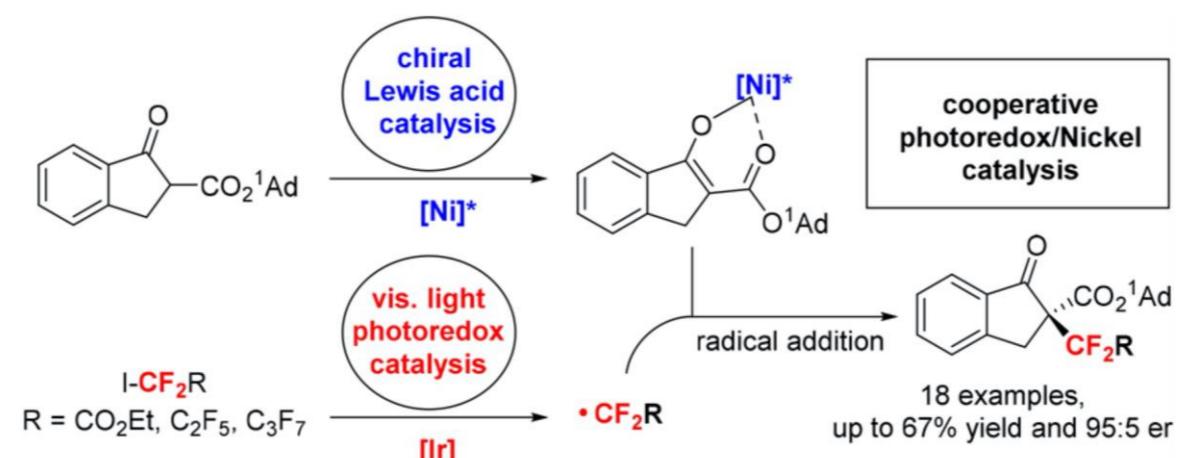
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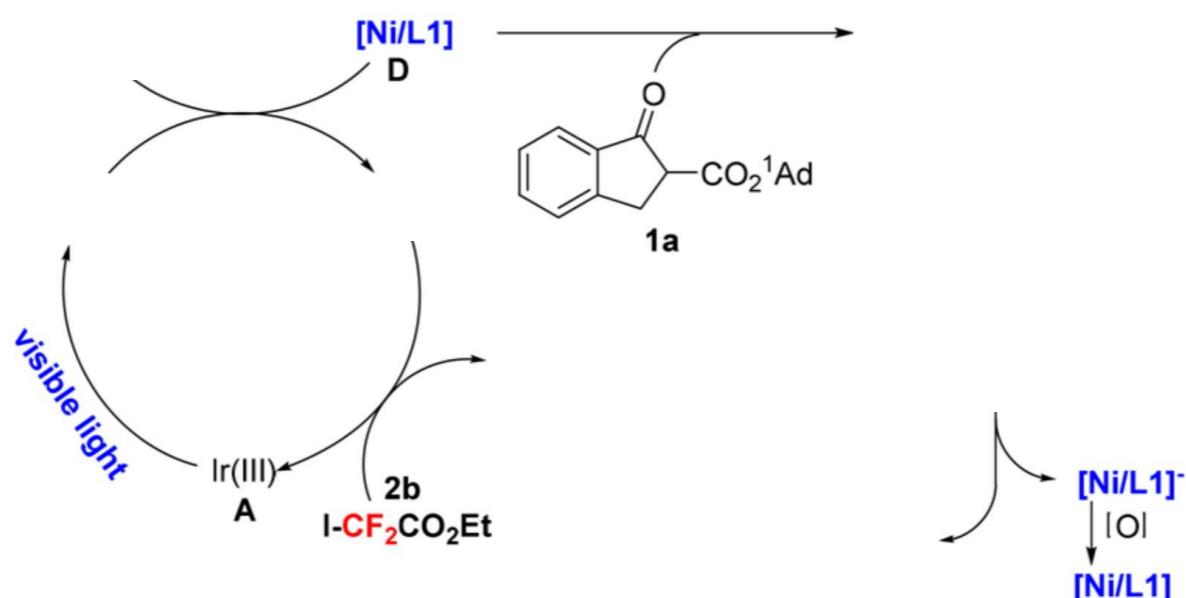
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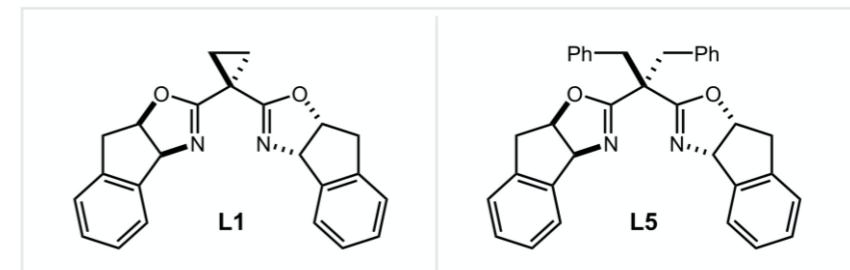
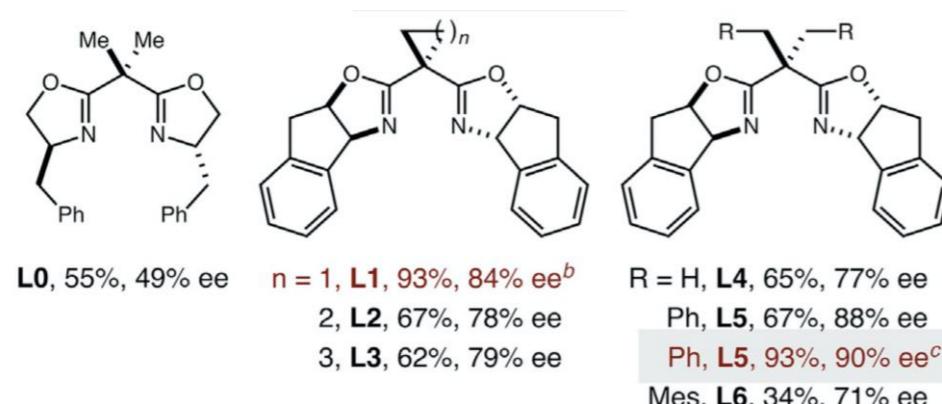
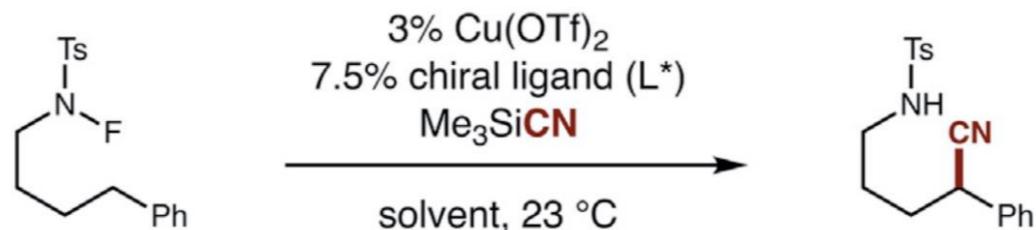
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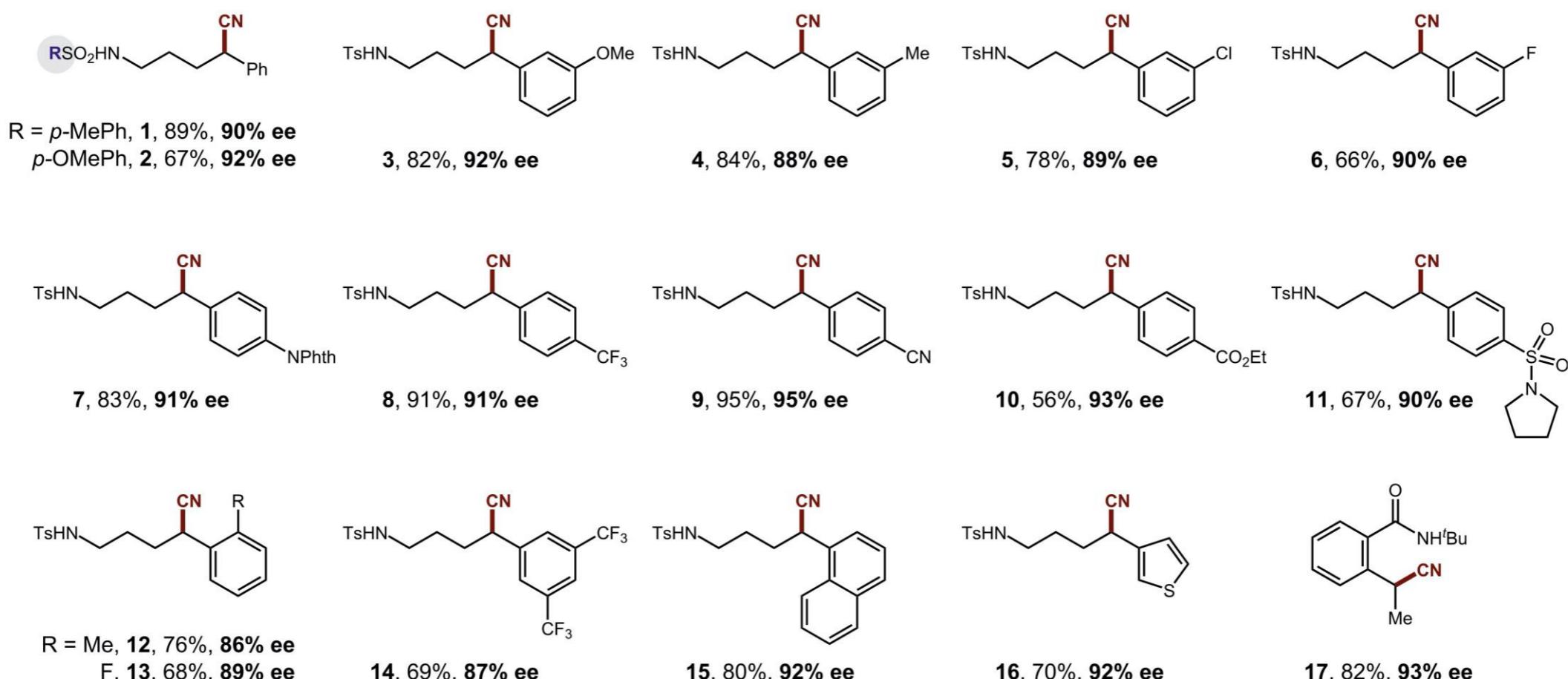
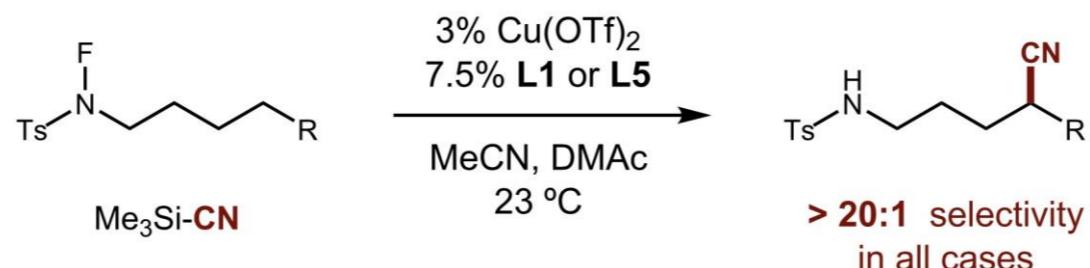
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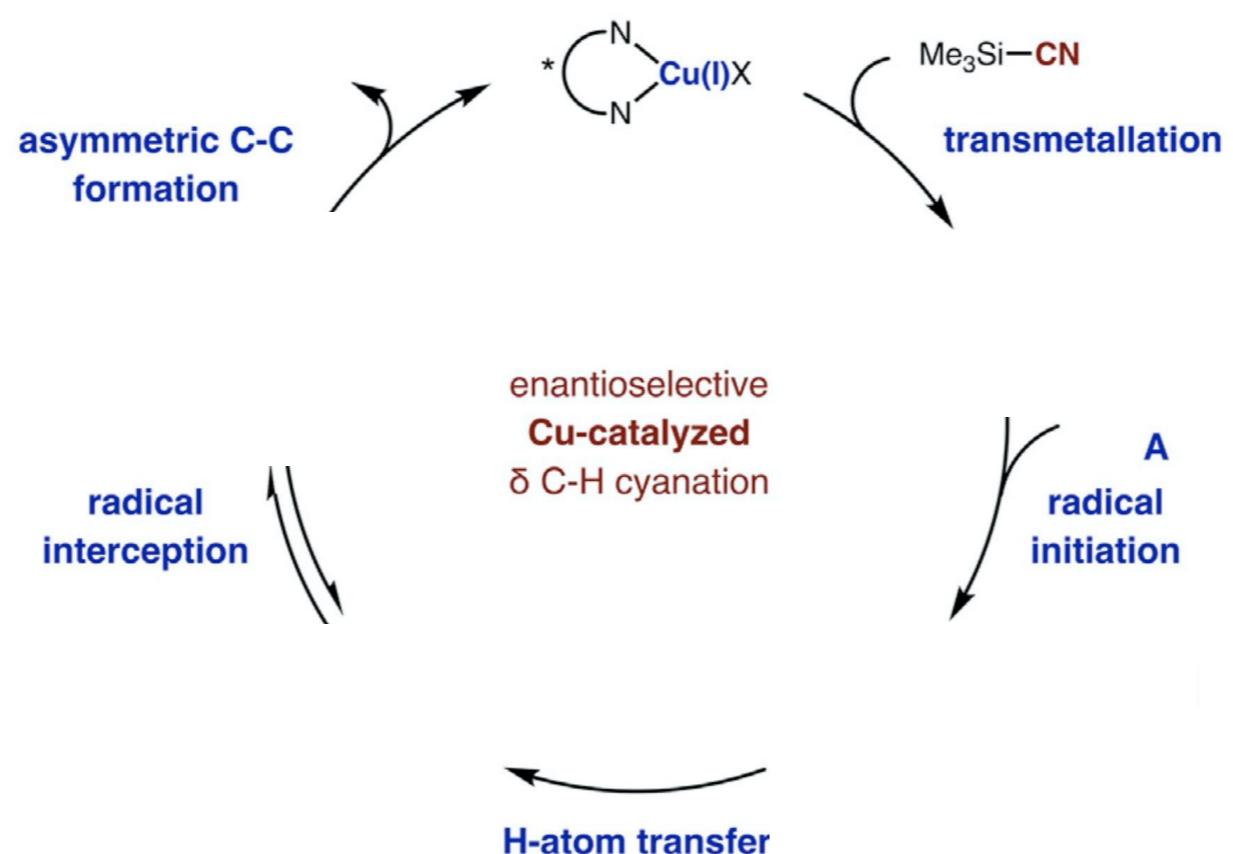
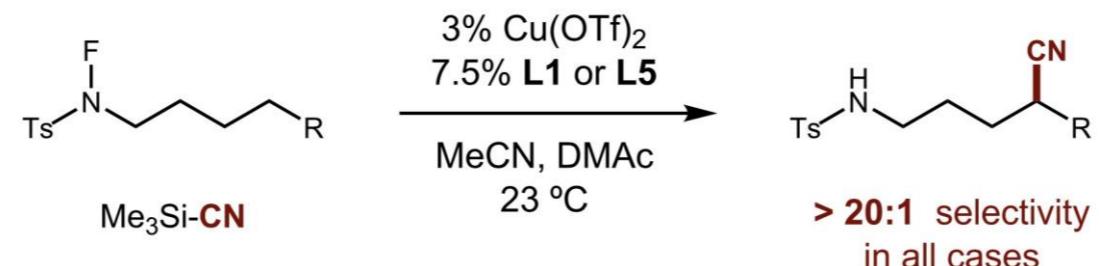
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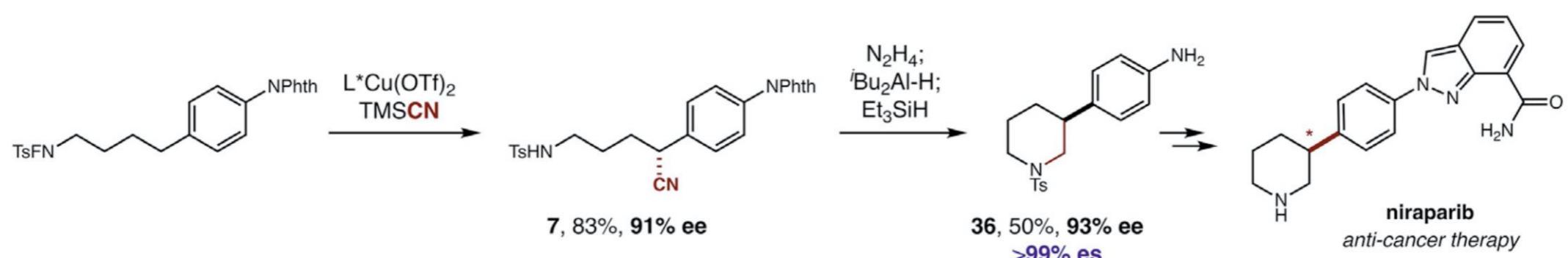
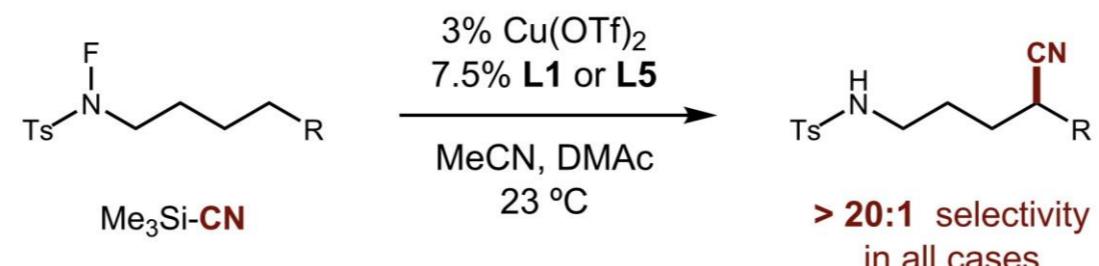
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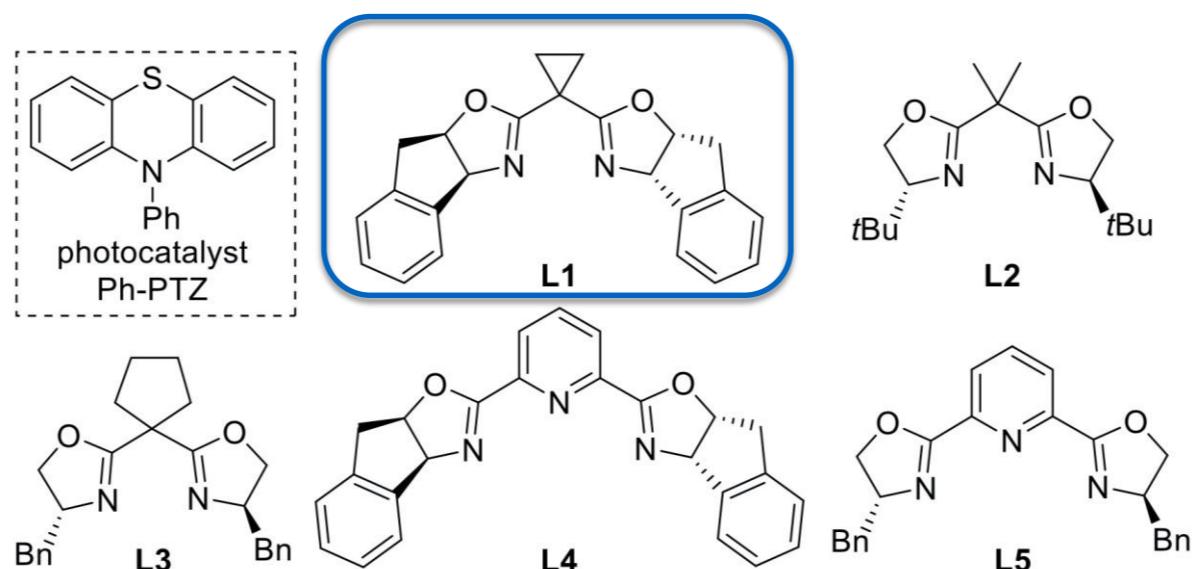
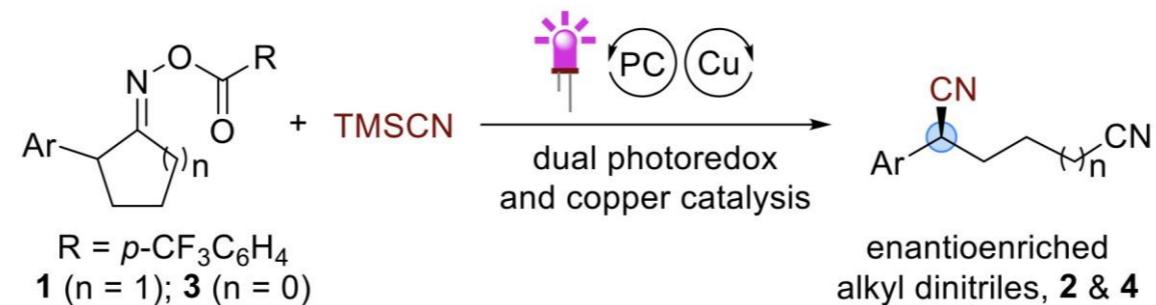
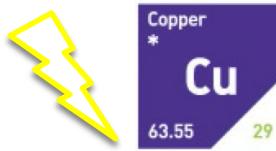
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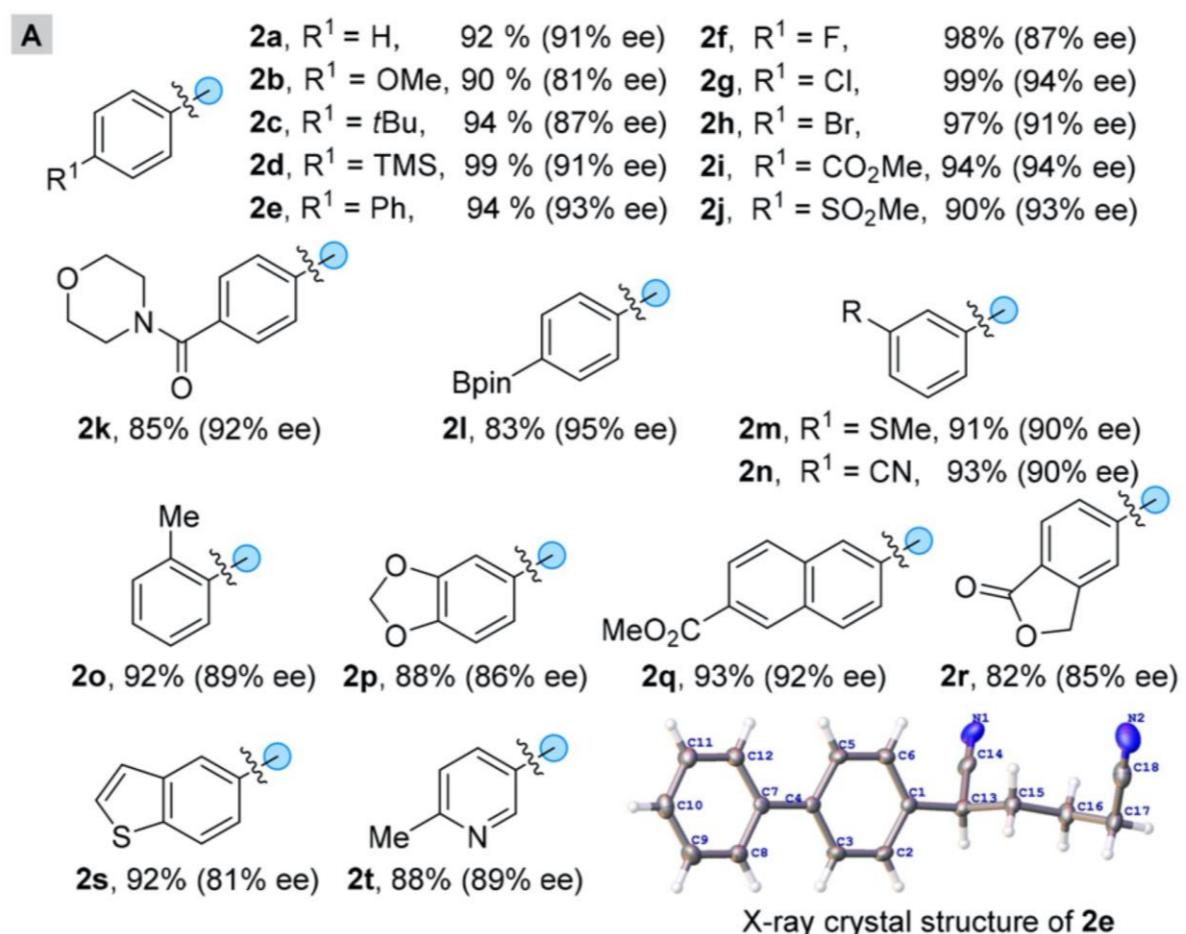
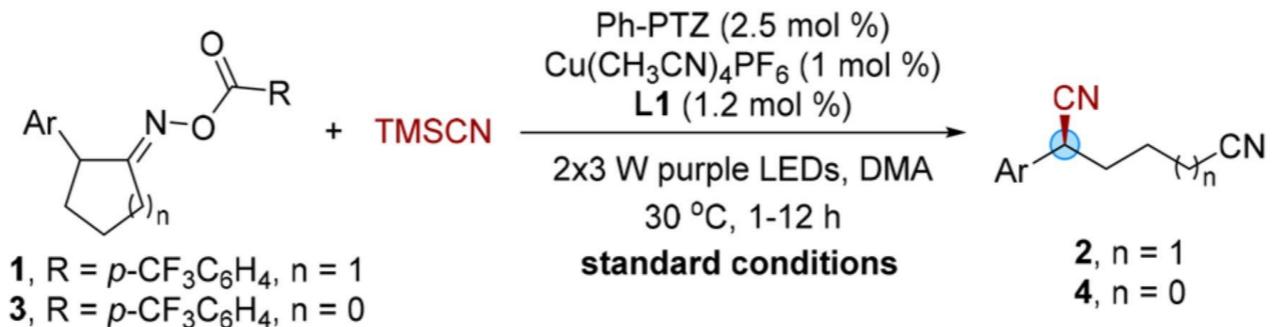
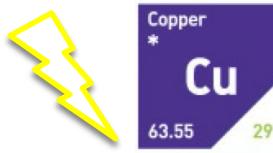
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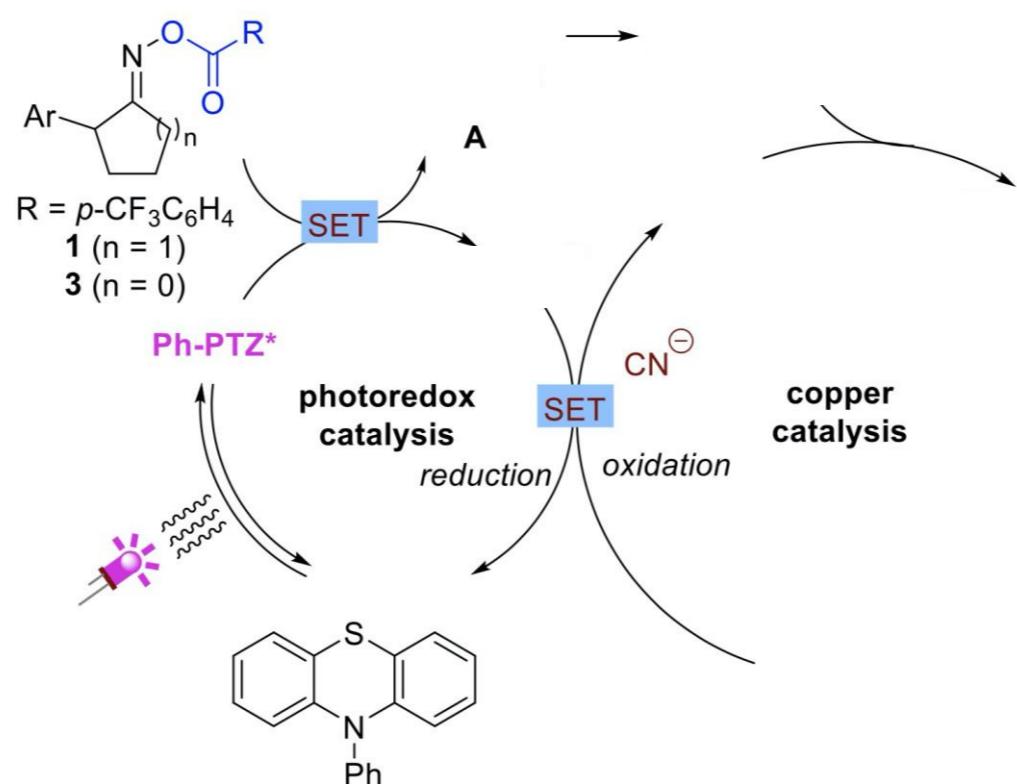
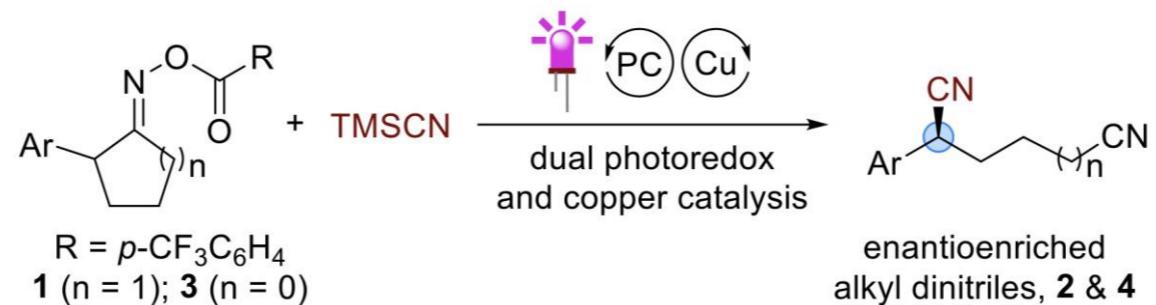
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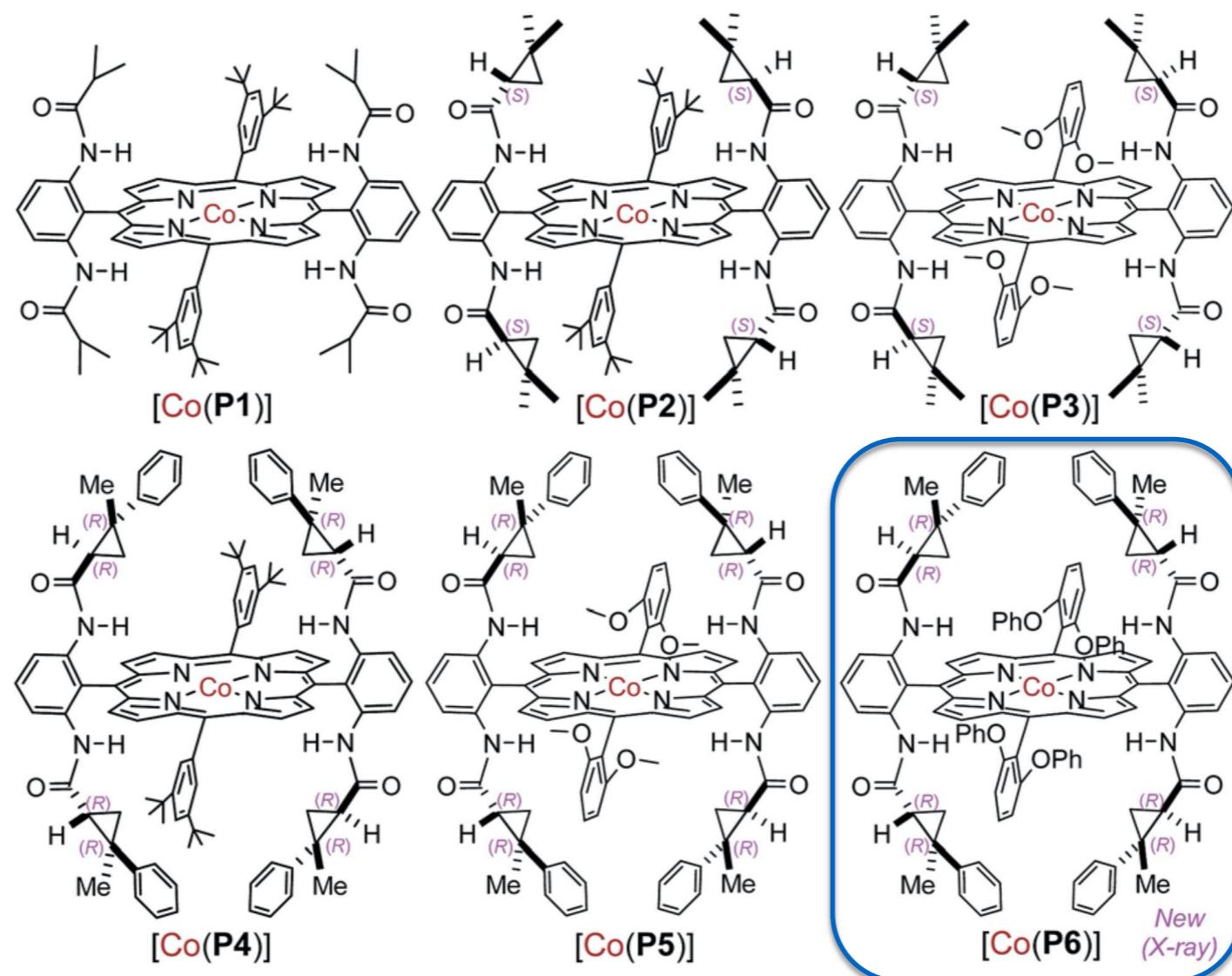
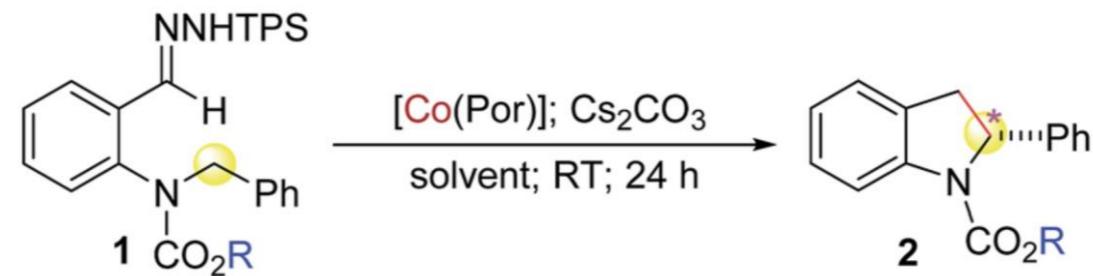
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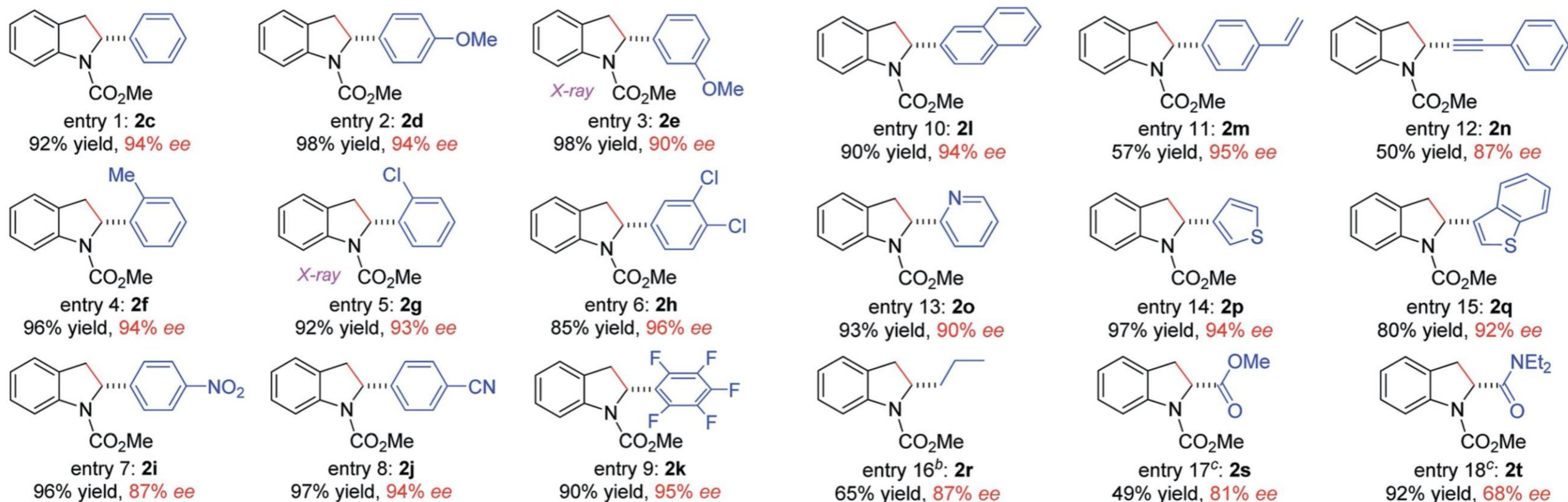
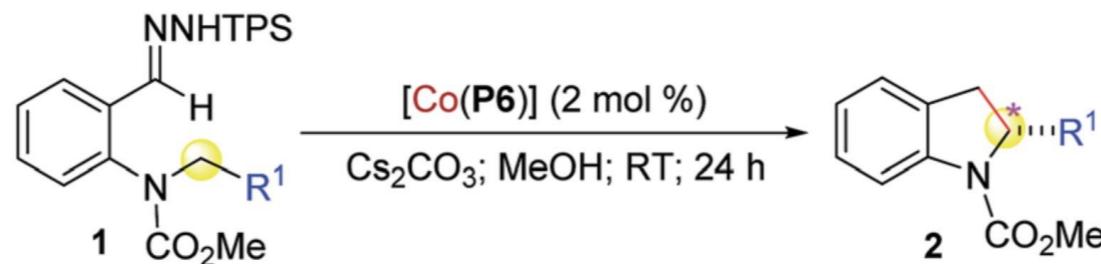
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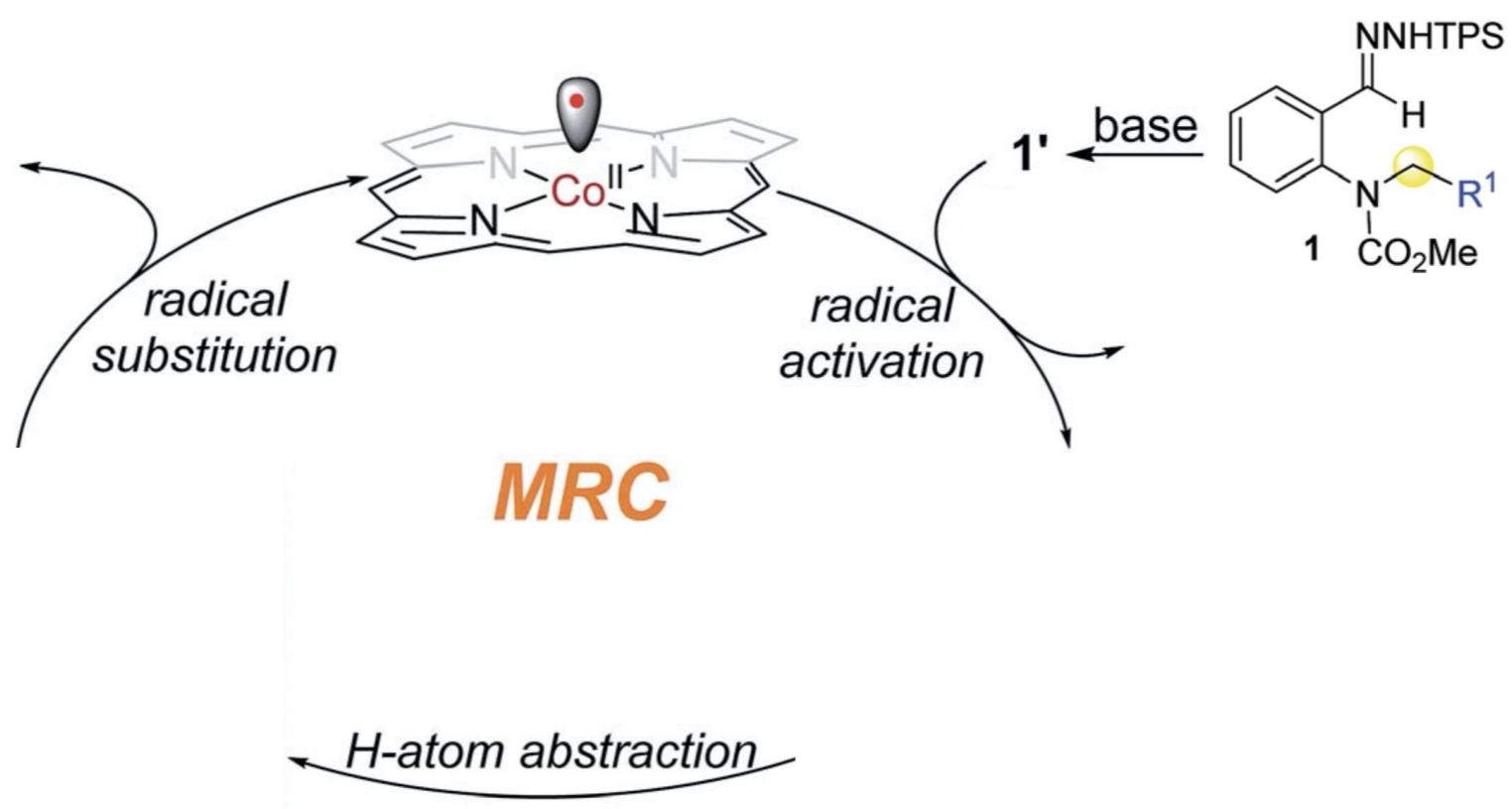
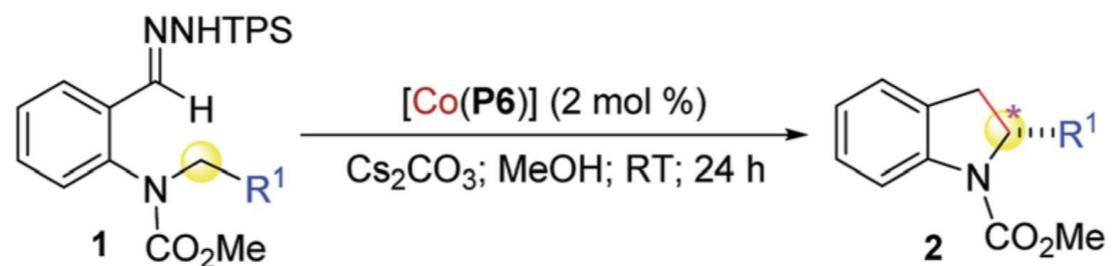
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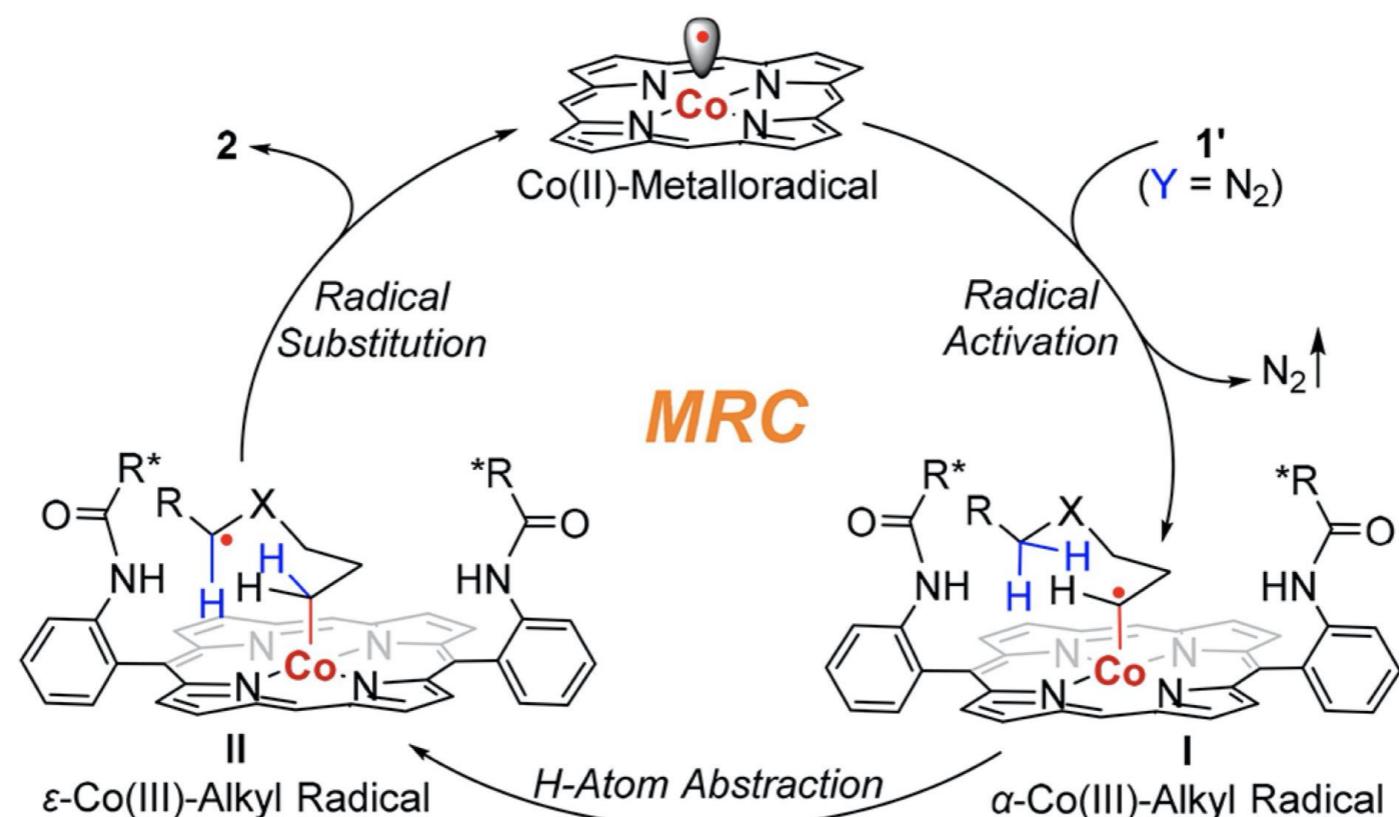
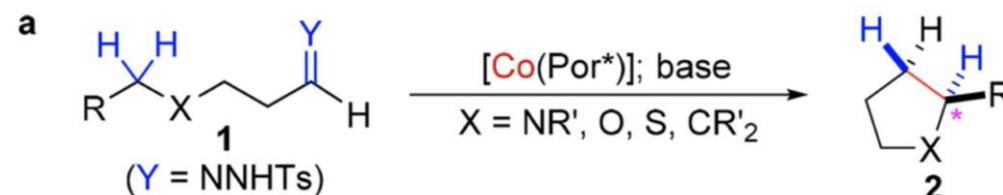
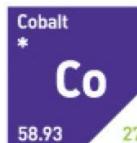
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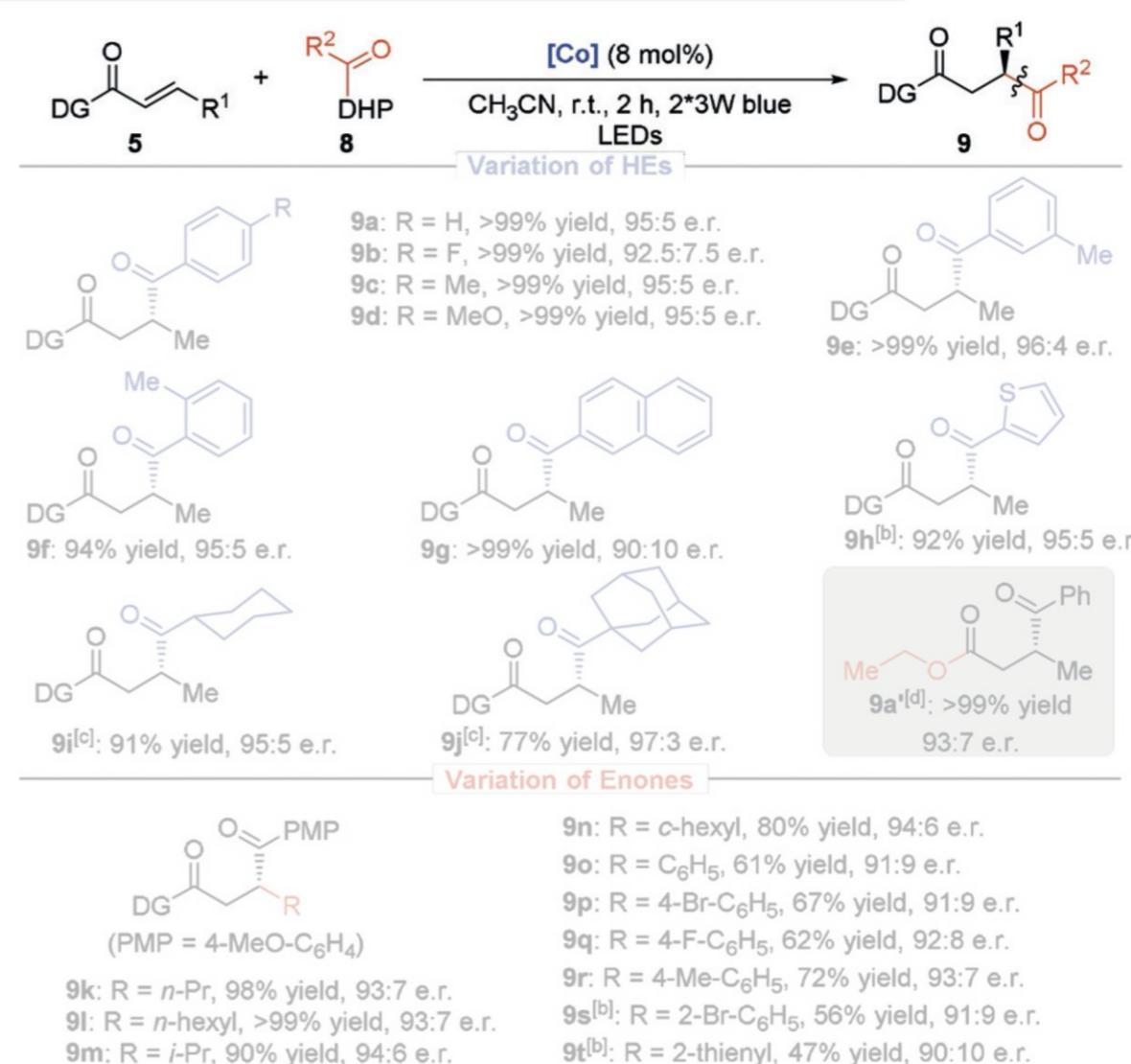
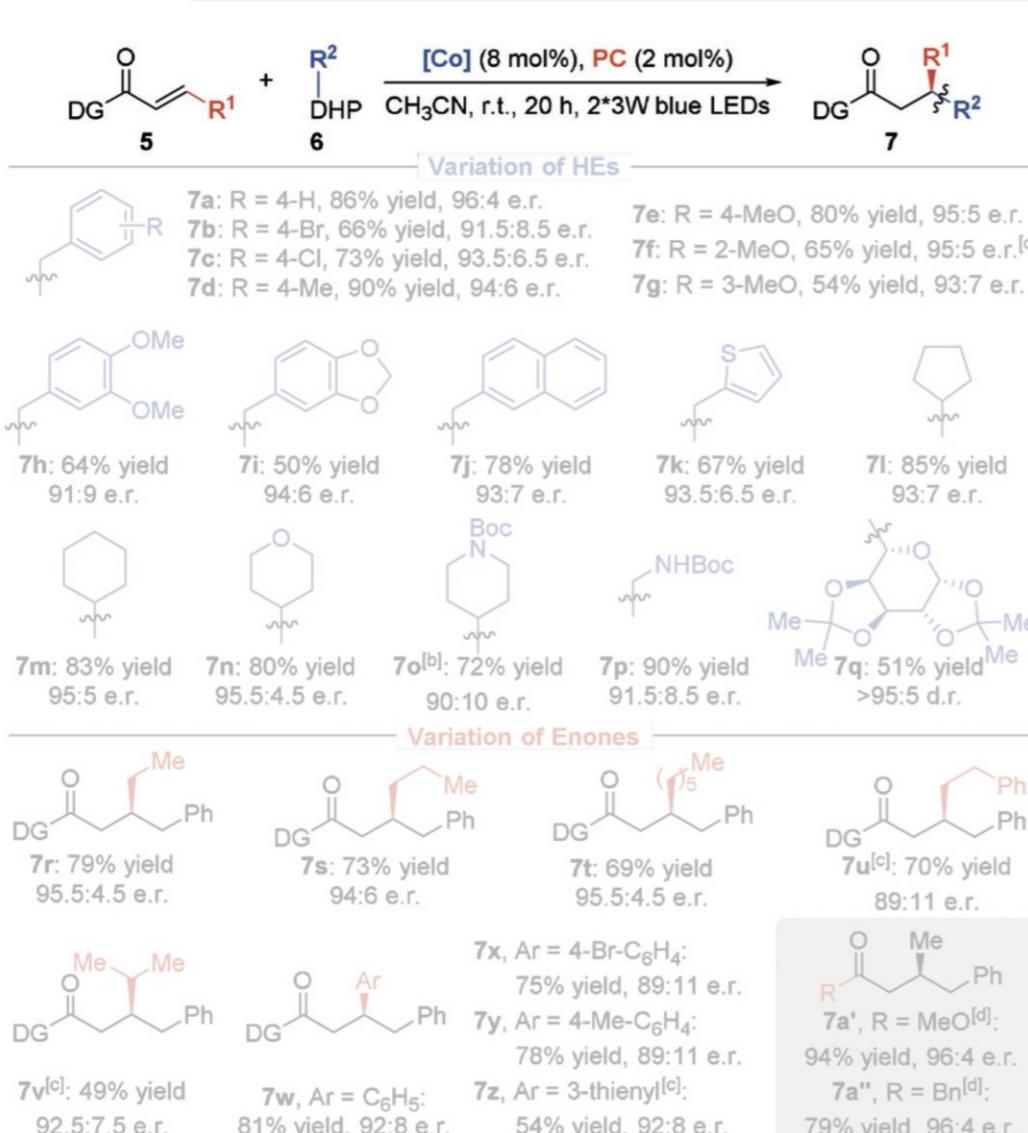
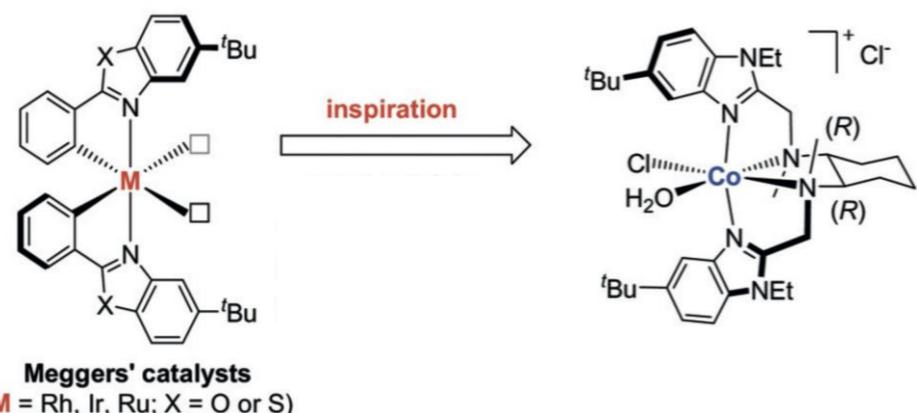
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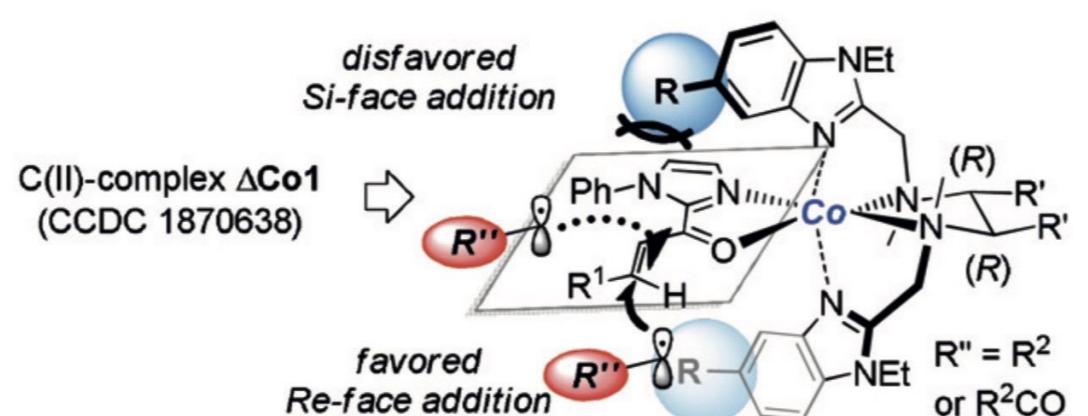
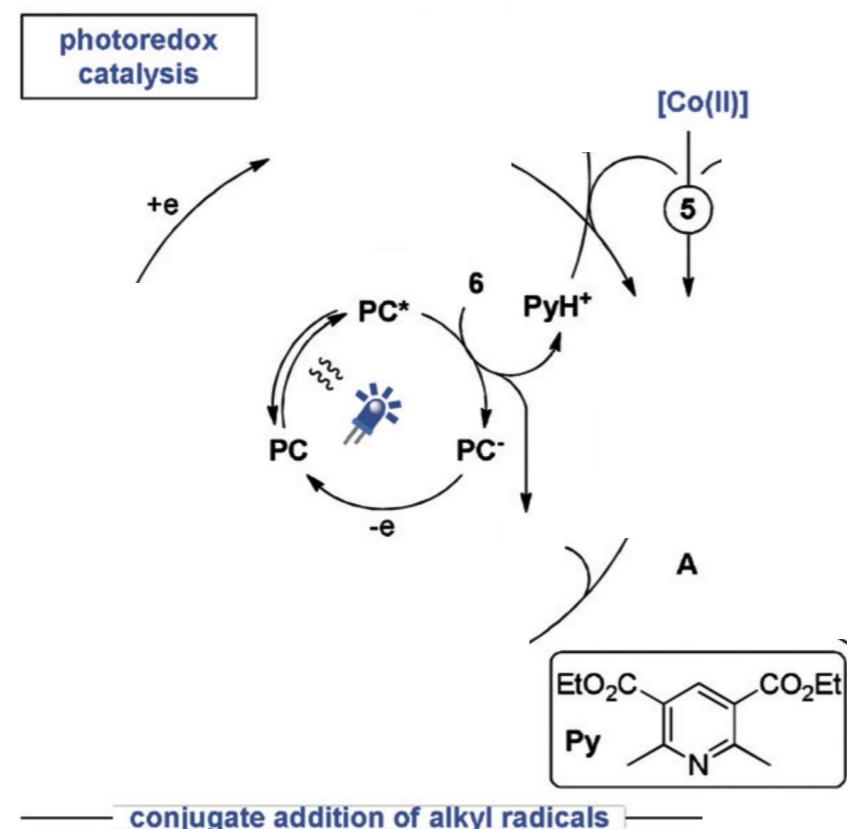
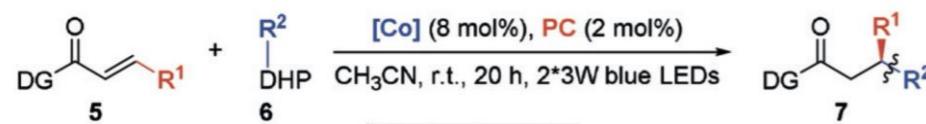
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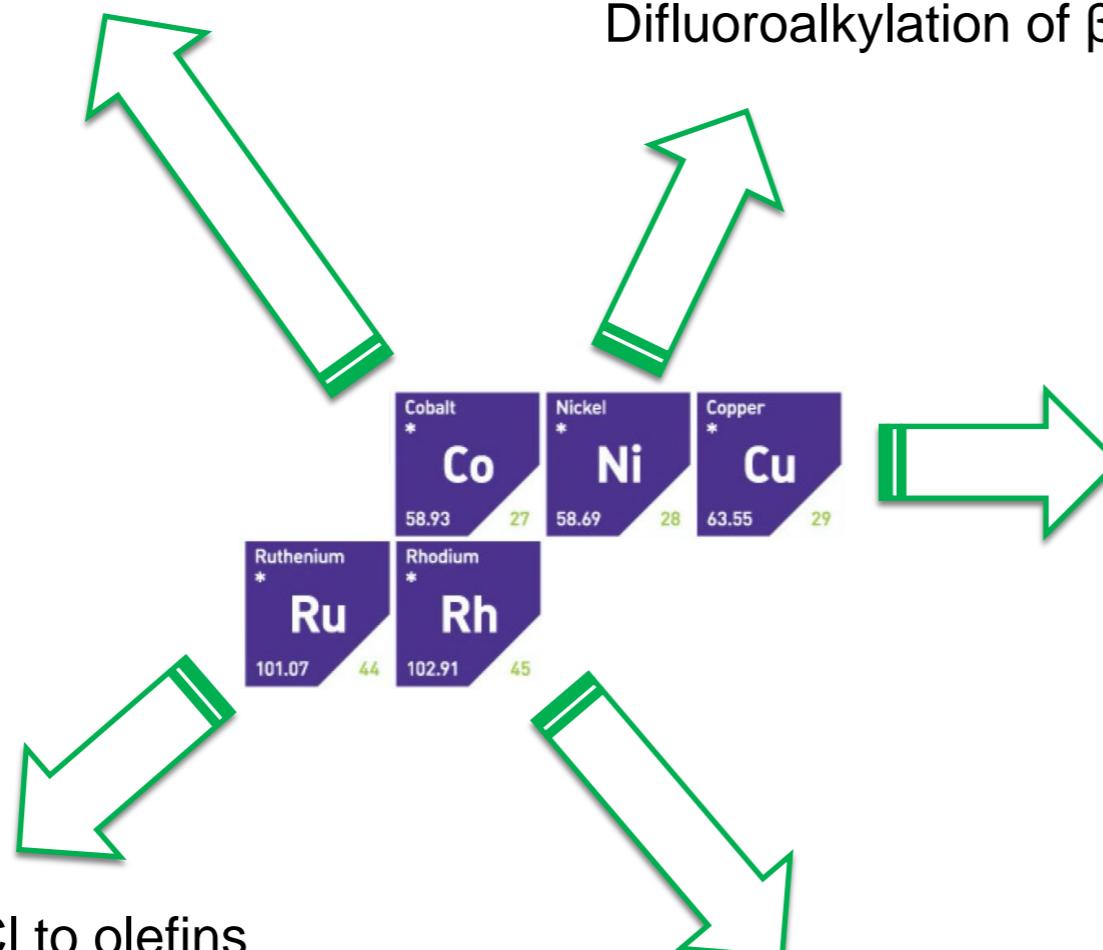
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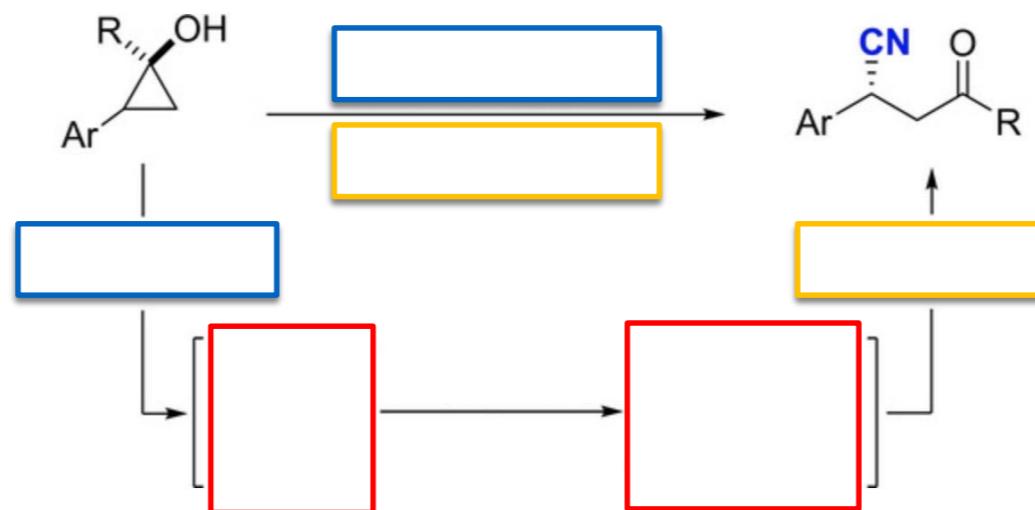
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# Exercice 1

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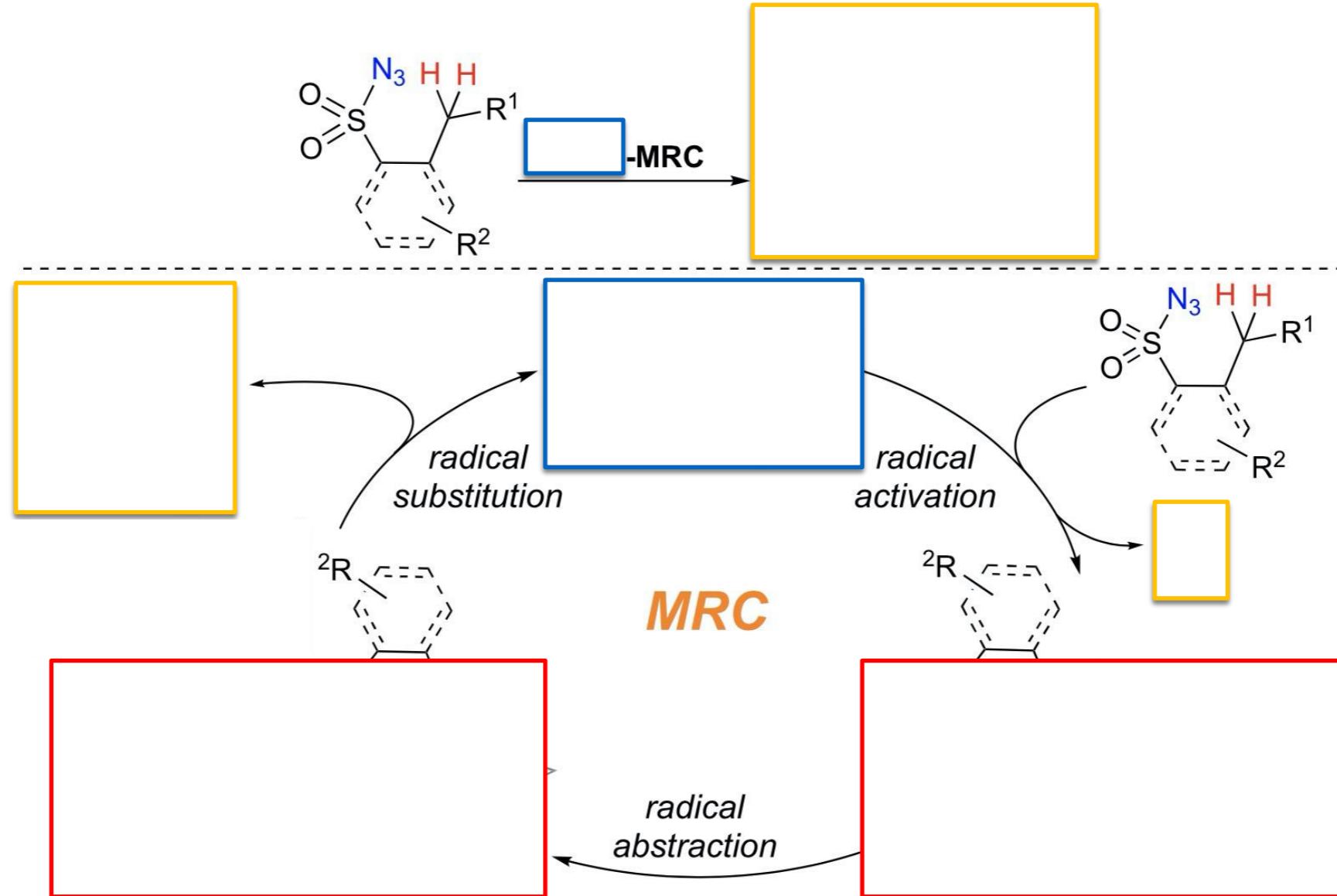


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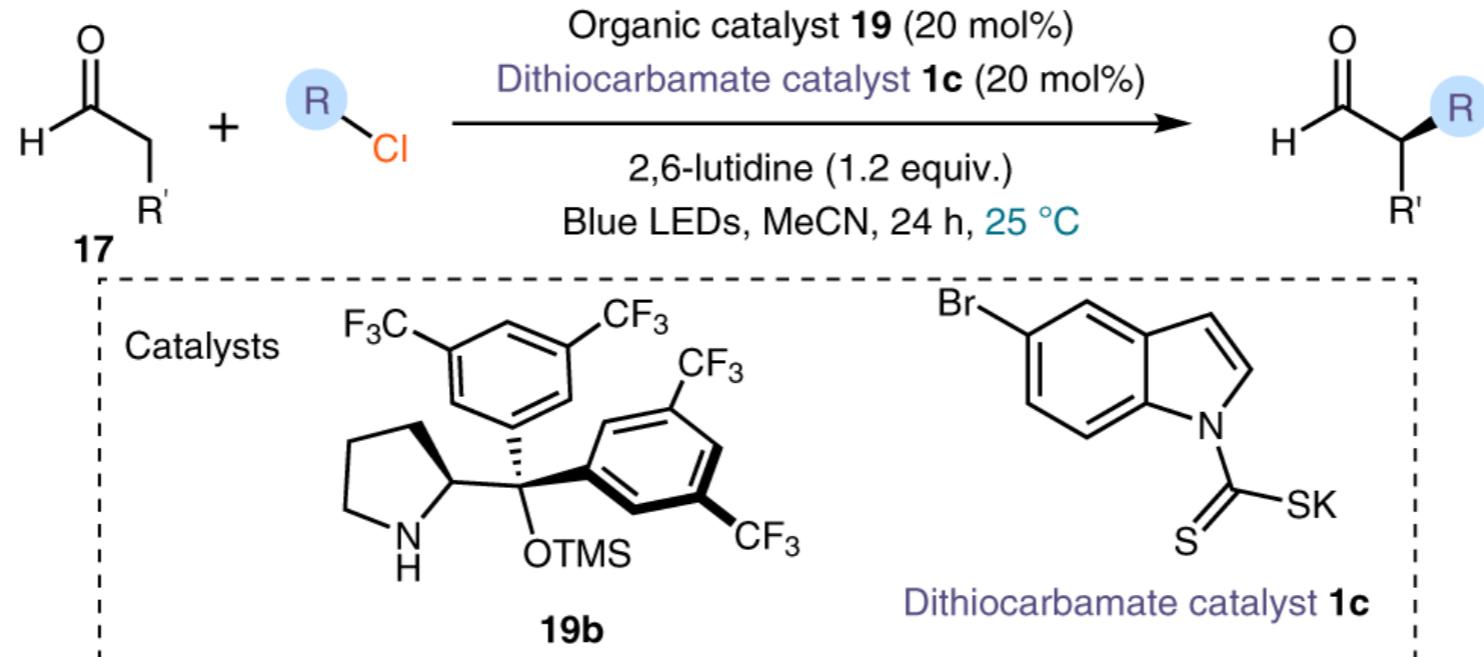
3/ Propose the missing intermediates

# Exercice 2



- 1/ Propose a metal/ligand for this reaction
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# Outlook - Beyond Metals



# Acknowledgements

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**Thank you for your attention!**

**Stay safe**

# Catalytic Cascade Reactions by Radical Relay

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# Introduction – Cascade Reactions

**Cascade/Domino Reactions:** a process involving **two or more** consecutive reactions in which subsequent reactions result as a consequence of the functionality formed by bond formation or fragmentation in the previous step

- each reaction composing the sequence occurs spontaneously
- no isolation of intermediates
- same reaction conditions throughout the consecutive cascade steps
- no addition of reagents after the initial step

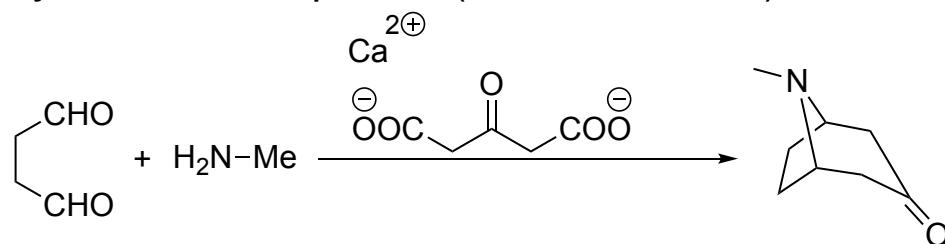
**vs**

**One-pot Reactions:** a process in which another reagent, mediator or catalyst is **added after** the first transformation without isolation of the first formed product

- **any cascade reaction = one-pot reaction**
- **any one-pot reaction ≠ cascade reaction**

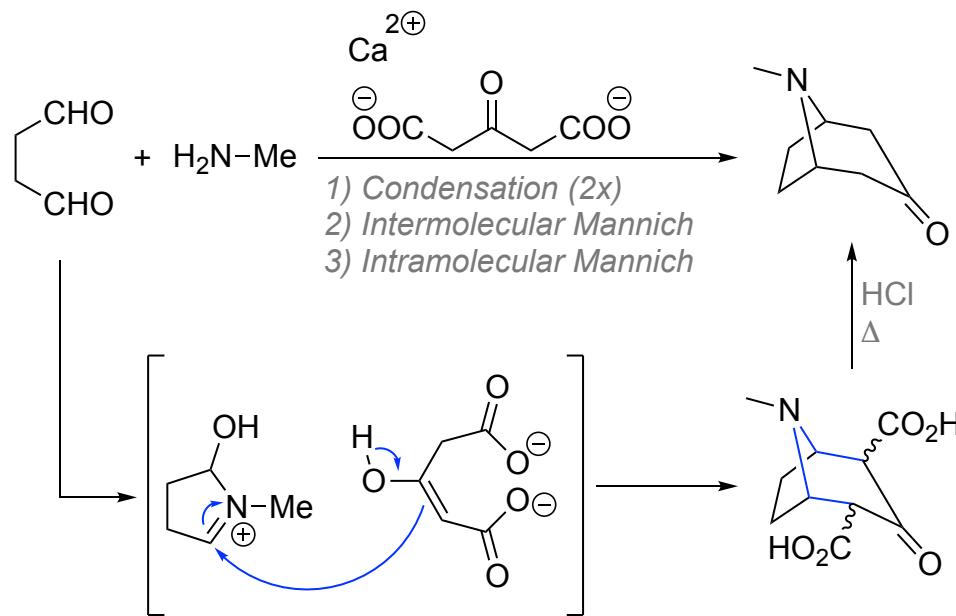
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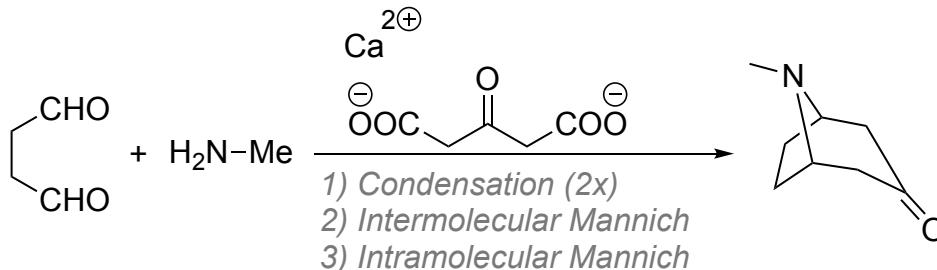
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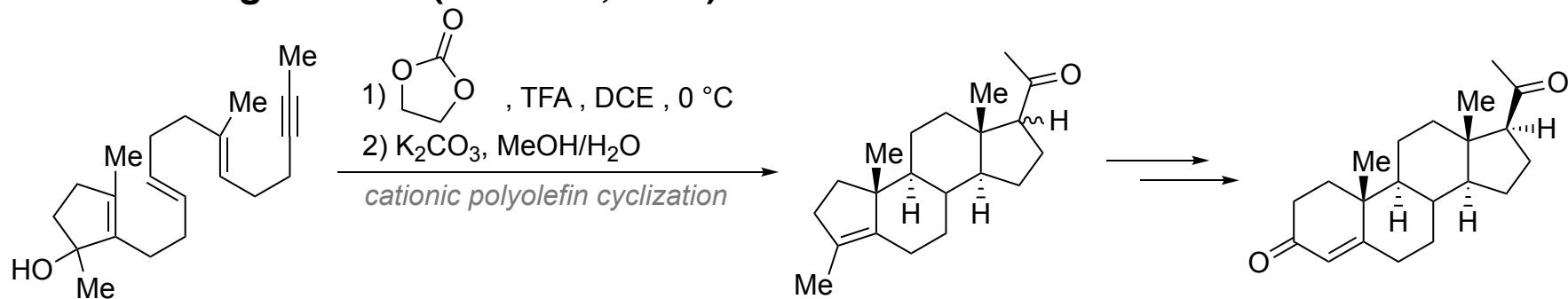


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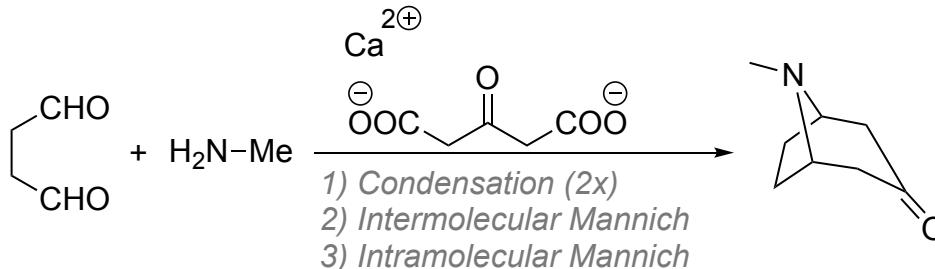


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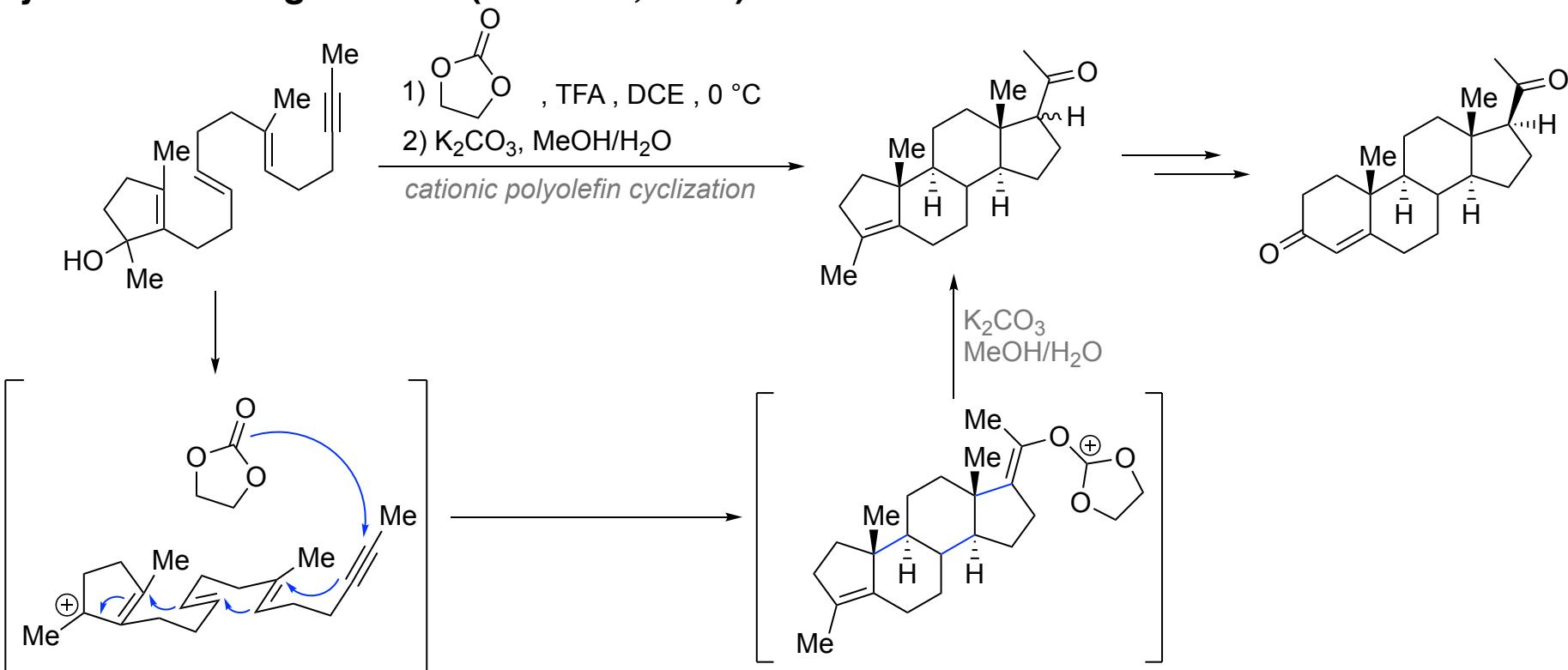


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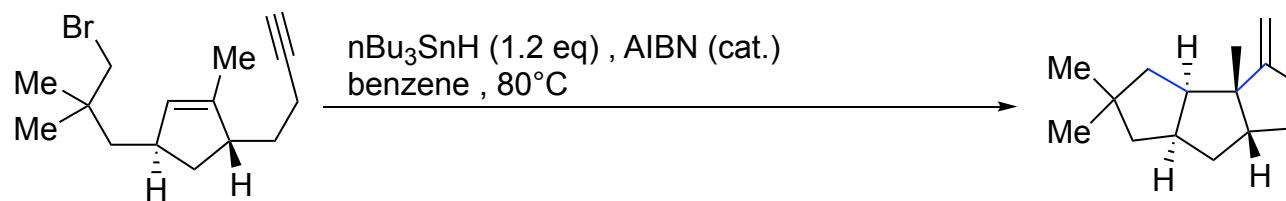


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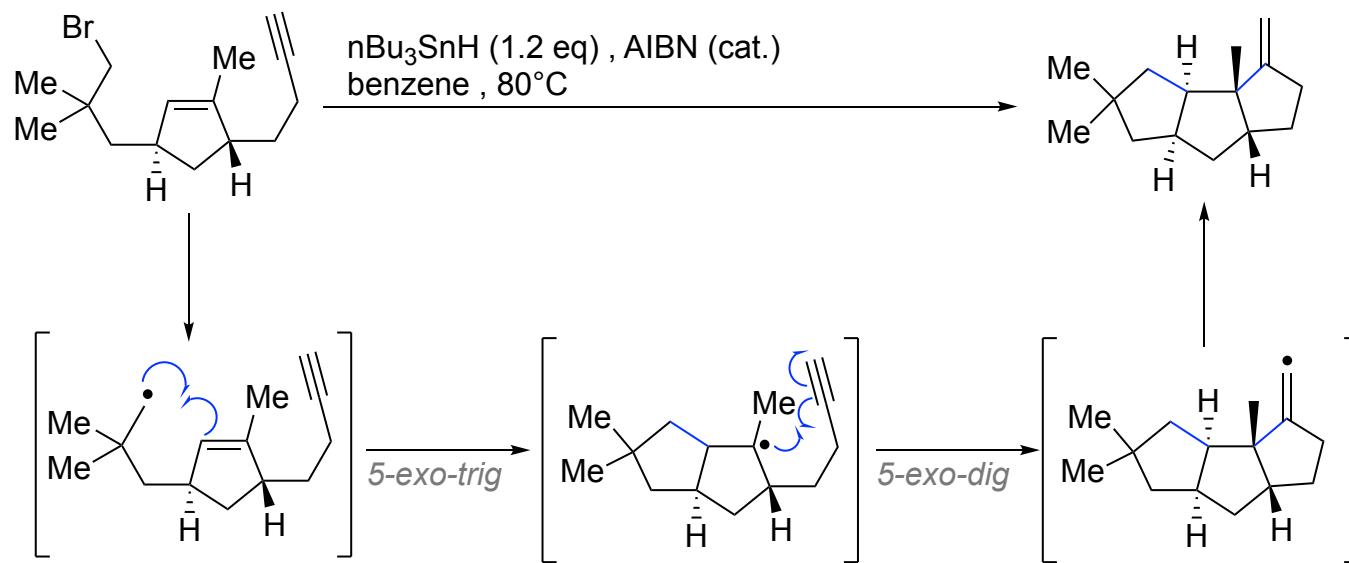
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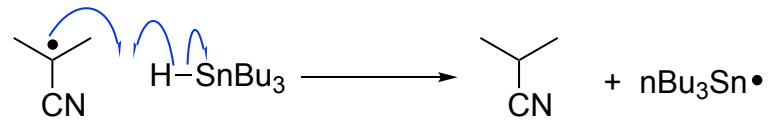
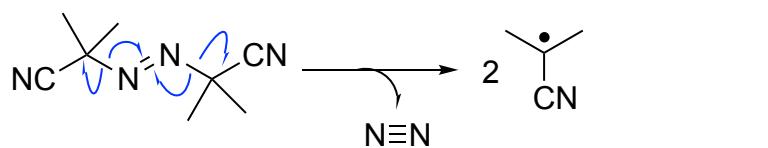


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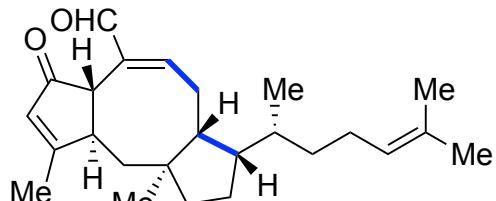


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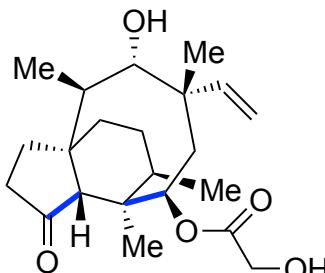


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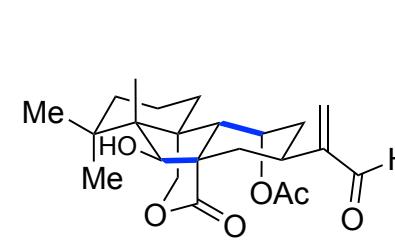
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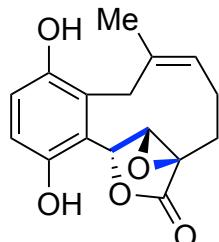
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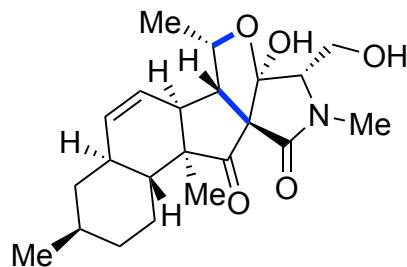
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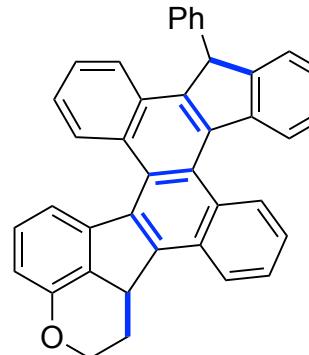
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( $+$ / $-$ )-clavilactone



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🚫 stoichiometric amounts of reagents and/or additives required to mediate these strategies

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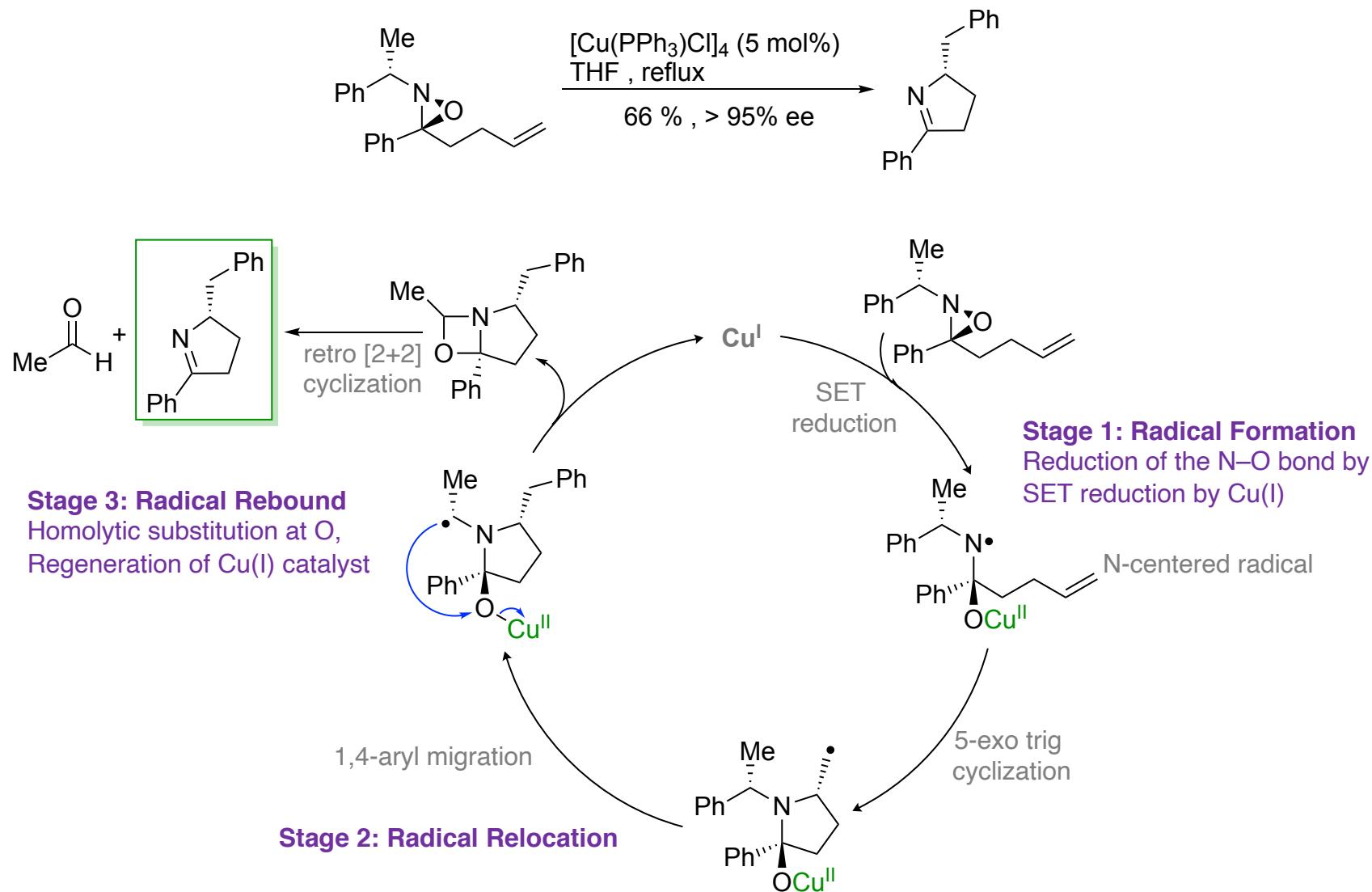
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**Definition:** redox-neutral process in which radical character is re-generated and thus  
**(by Procter)** only a catalytic amount of radical-generating reagent is required

- 3 key stages:**
- 1) Radical Formation: Radical character is generated by SET or addition of radical
  - 2) Radical Relocation: Radical character is propagated during a bond-forming / breaking sequence
  - 3) Radical Rebound: Radical character is recycled, typically by SET back to metal catalyst or expulsion of a radical that acts as a catalyst

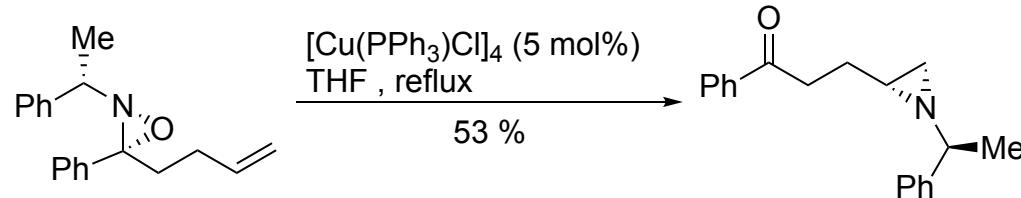
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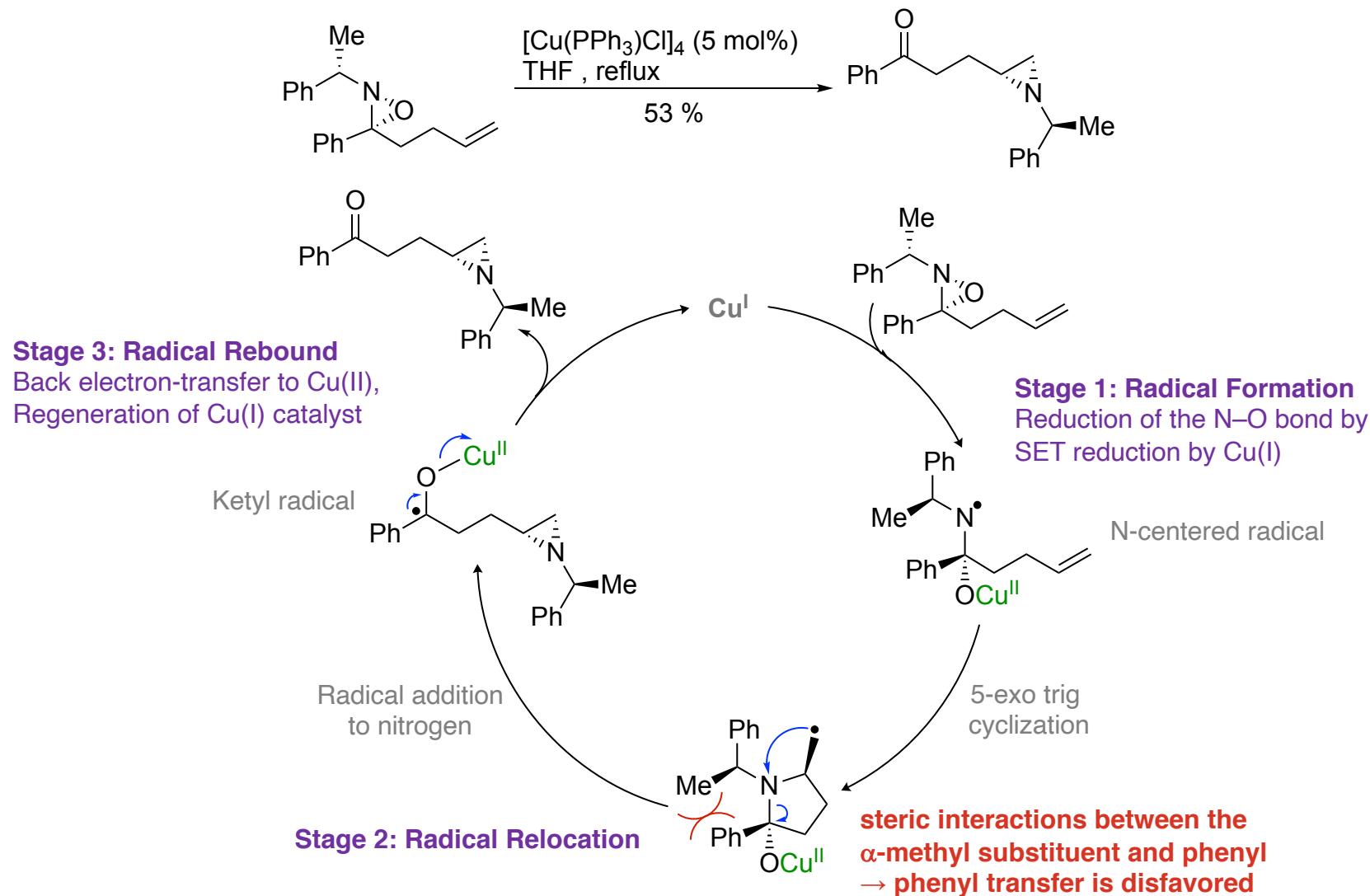
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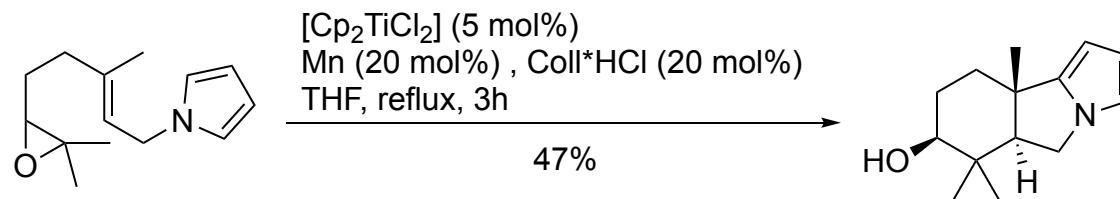
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Ti(III)-catalyzed cascade synthesis of dihydropyrrolizine scaffolds (Gansäuer 2016)

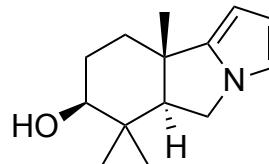


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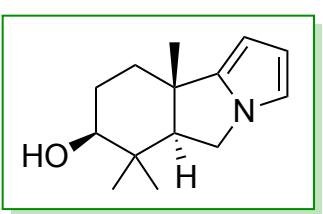
Intramolecular electron-transfer,  
Regeneration of Ti(III)

[Cp<sub>2</sub>TiCl<sub>2</sub>] (5 mol%)  
Mn (20 mol%), Coll\*HCl (20 mol%)  
THF, reflux, 3h

47%

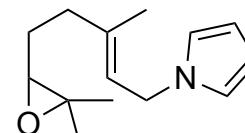


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Reductive epoxide opening by Ti(III)



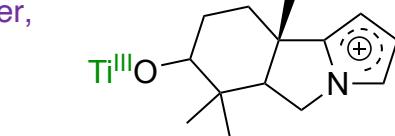
Ti<sup>III</sup>

proton transfer  
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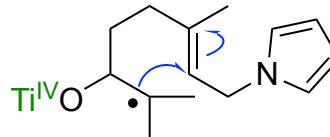


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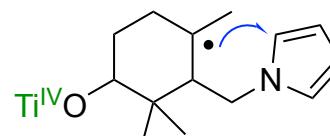
intramolecular  
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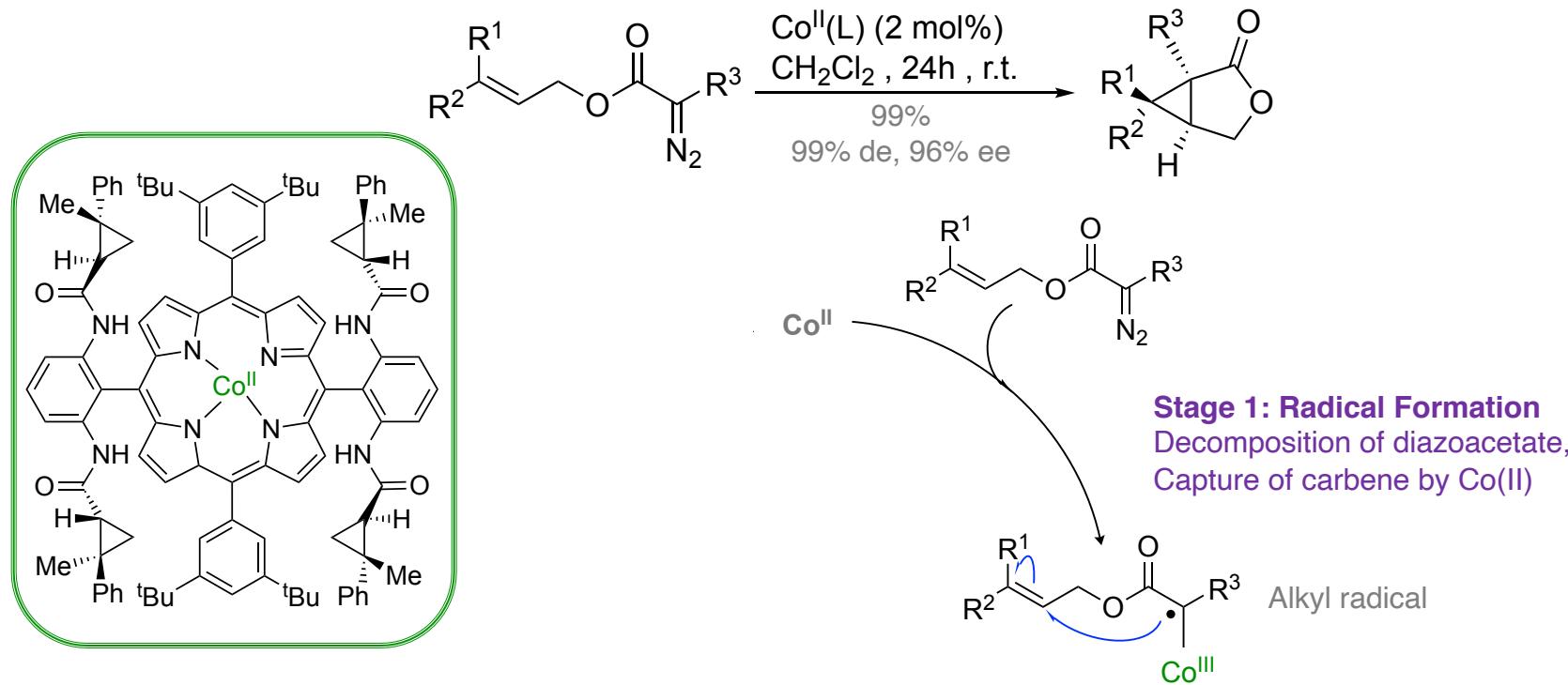
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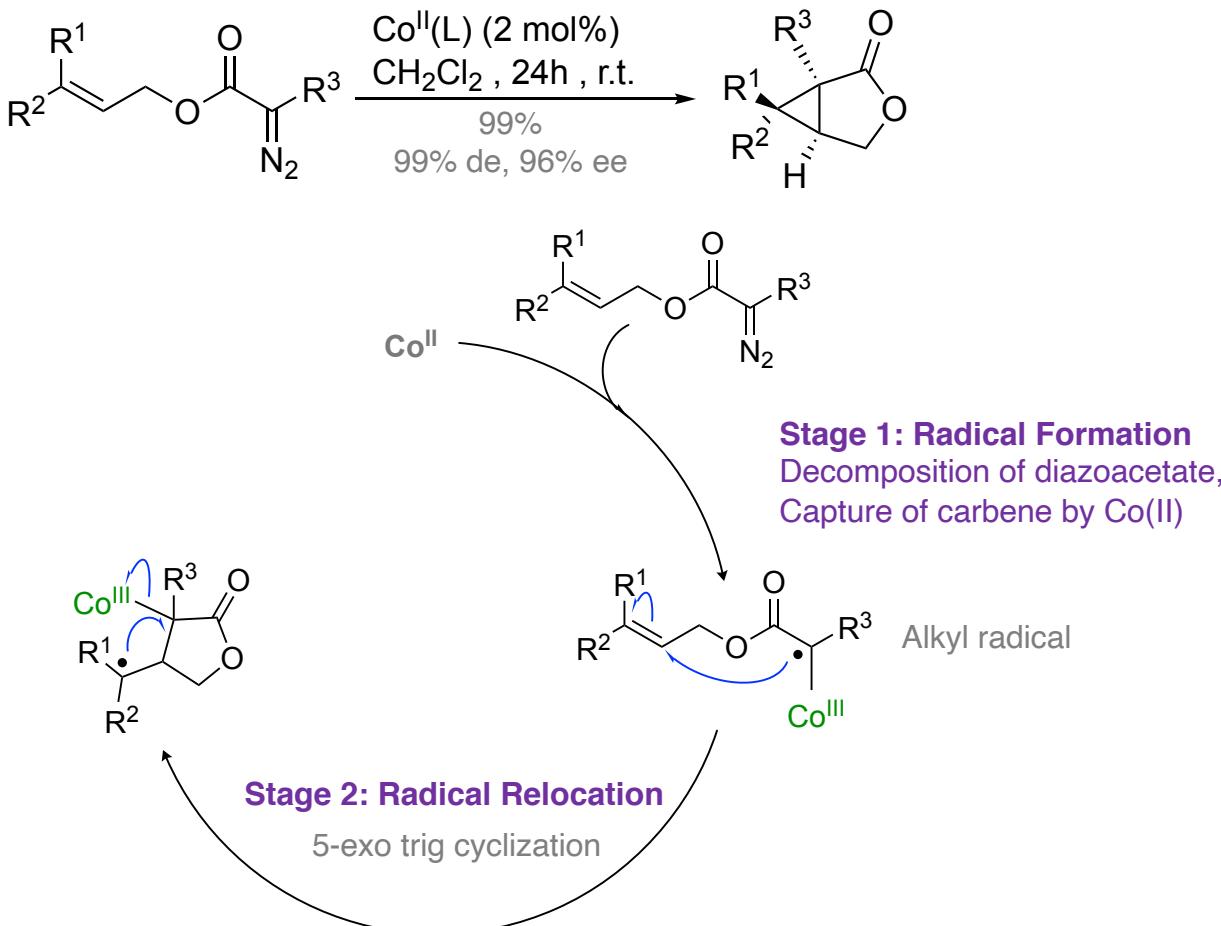
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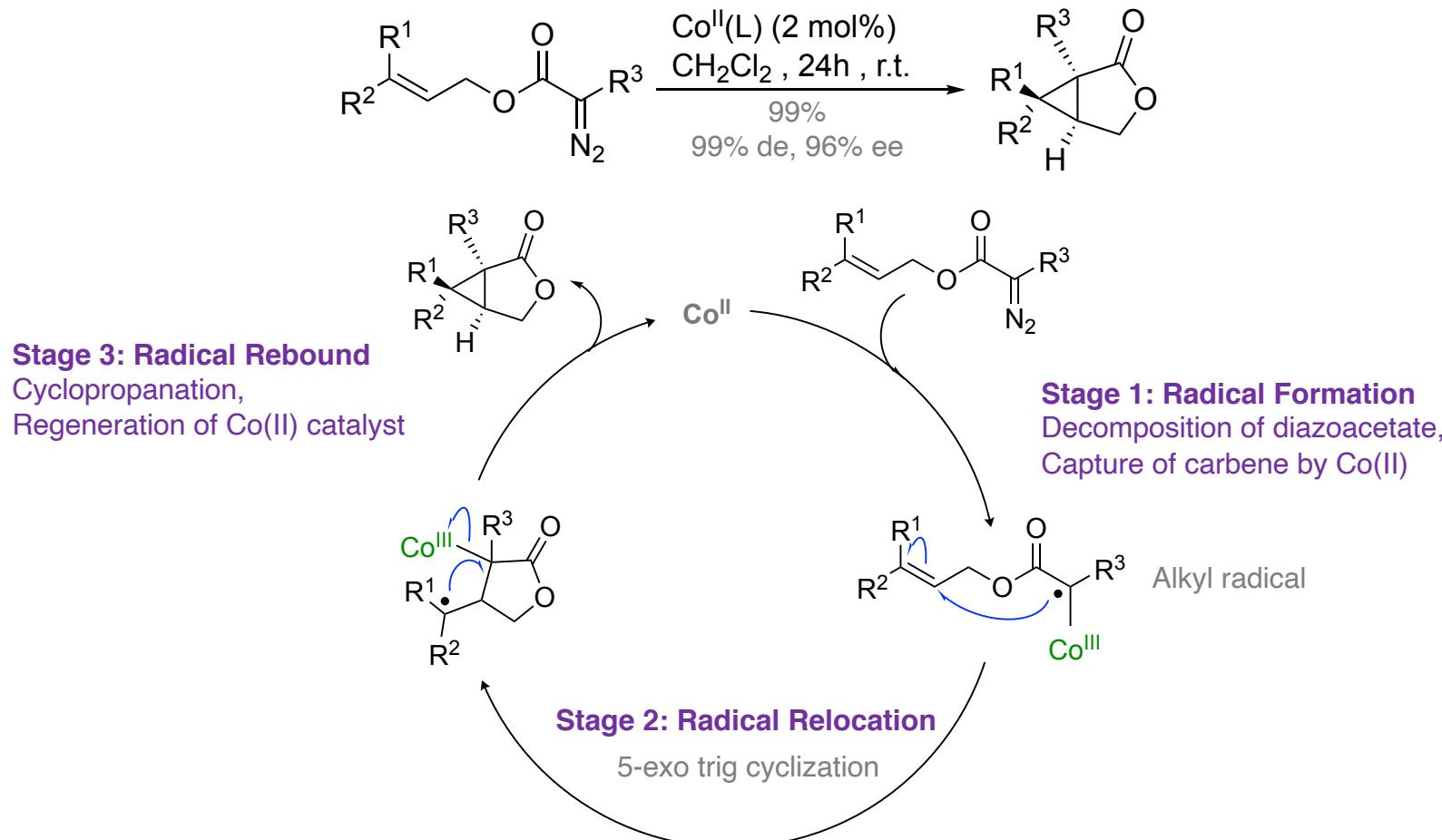
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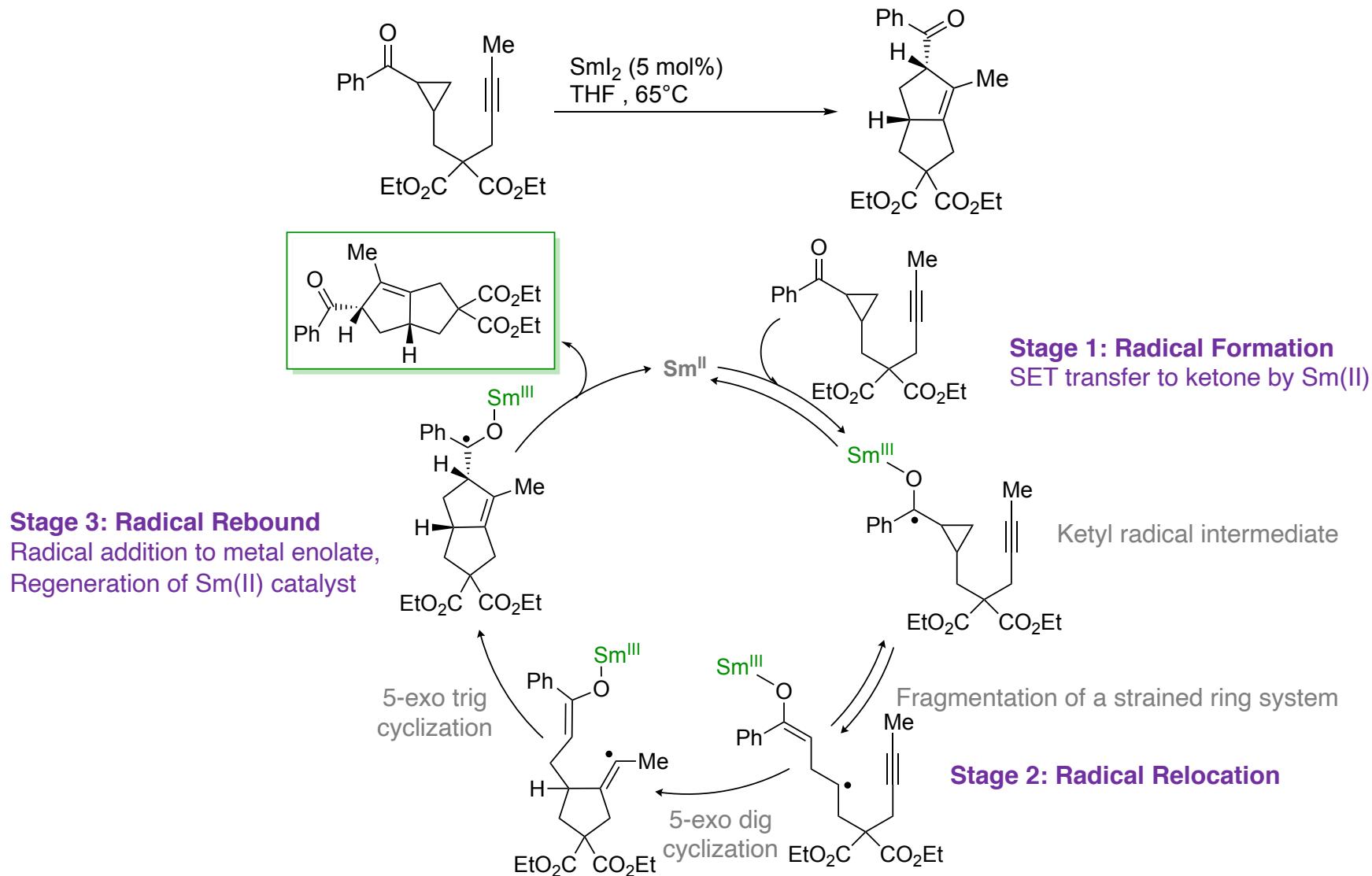
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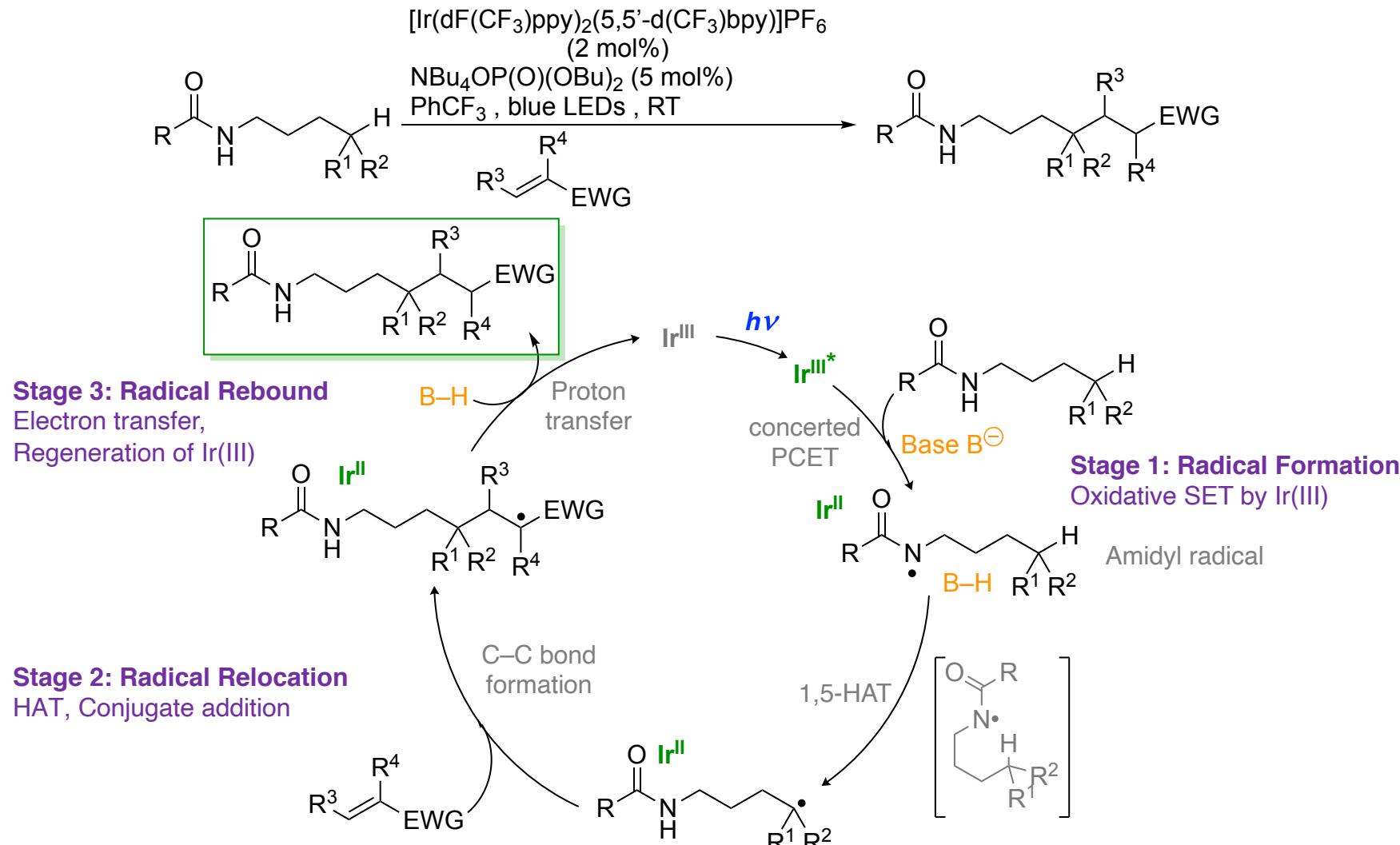
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## Sm(II)-catalyzed cyclization cascade (Procter 2019)



# Examples – Radical Relays involving HAT

## Ir(III)-catalyzed cascade reaction (Knowles and Rovis, 2016)

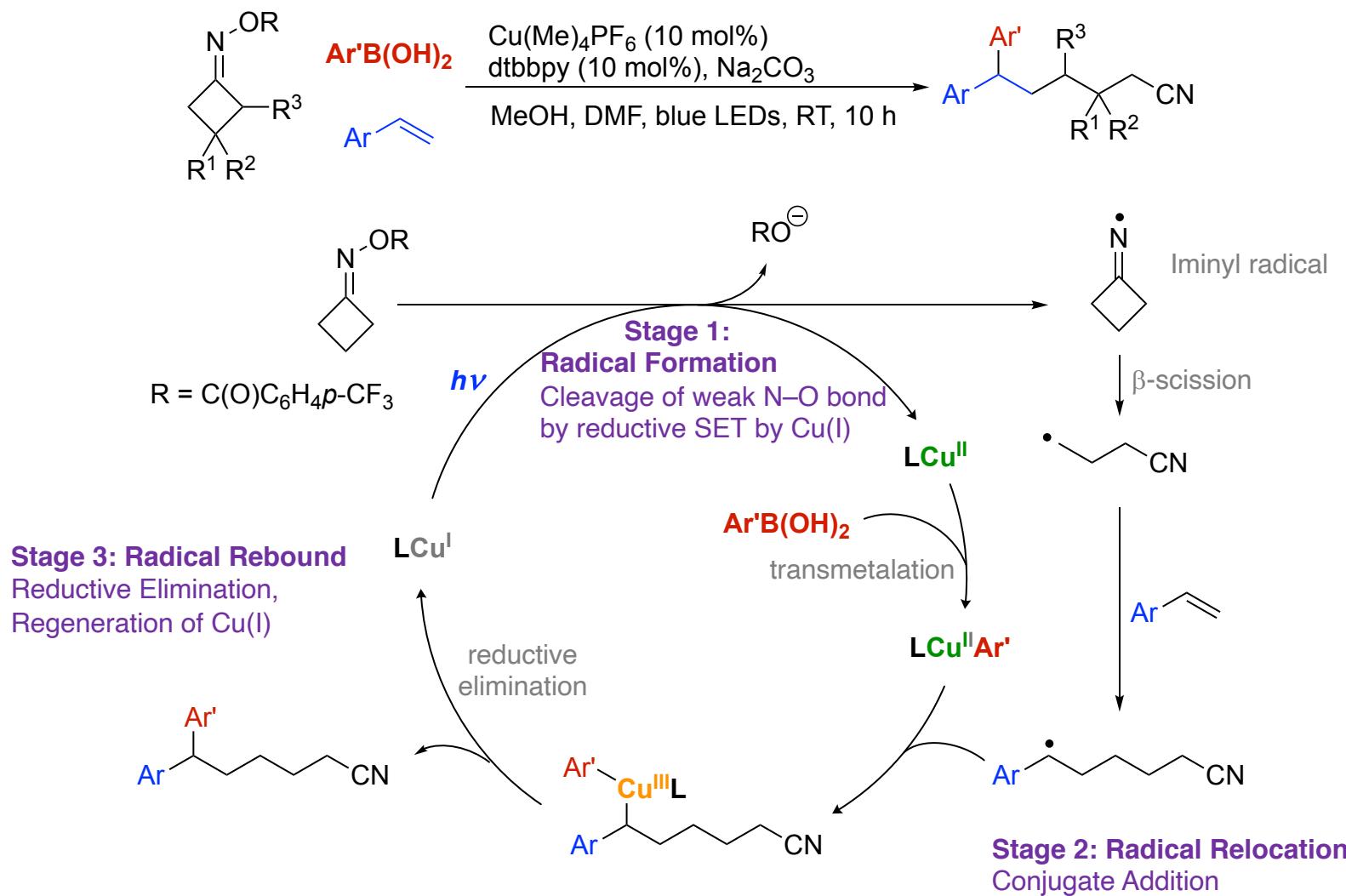


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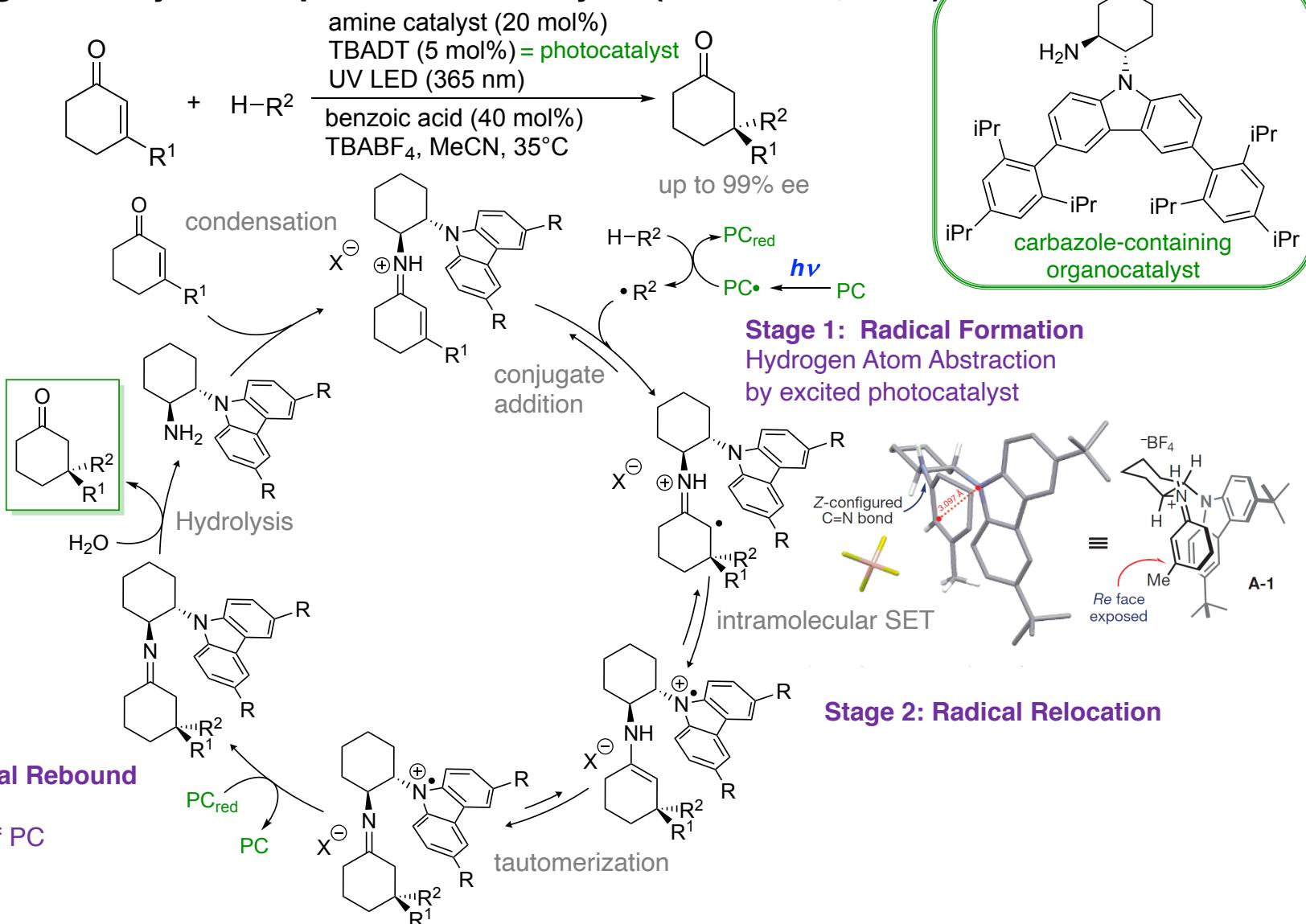
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Cu(I)-catalyzed multicomponent coupling (Xiao and Chen, 2018)



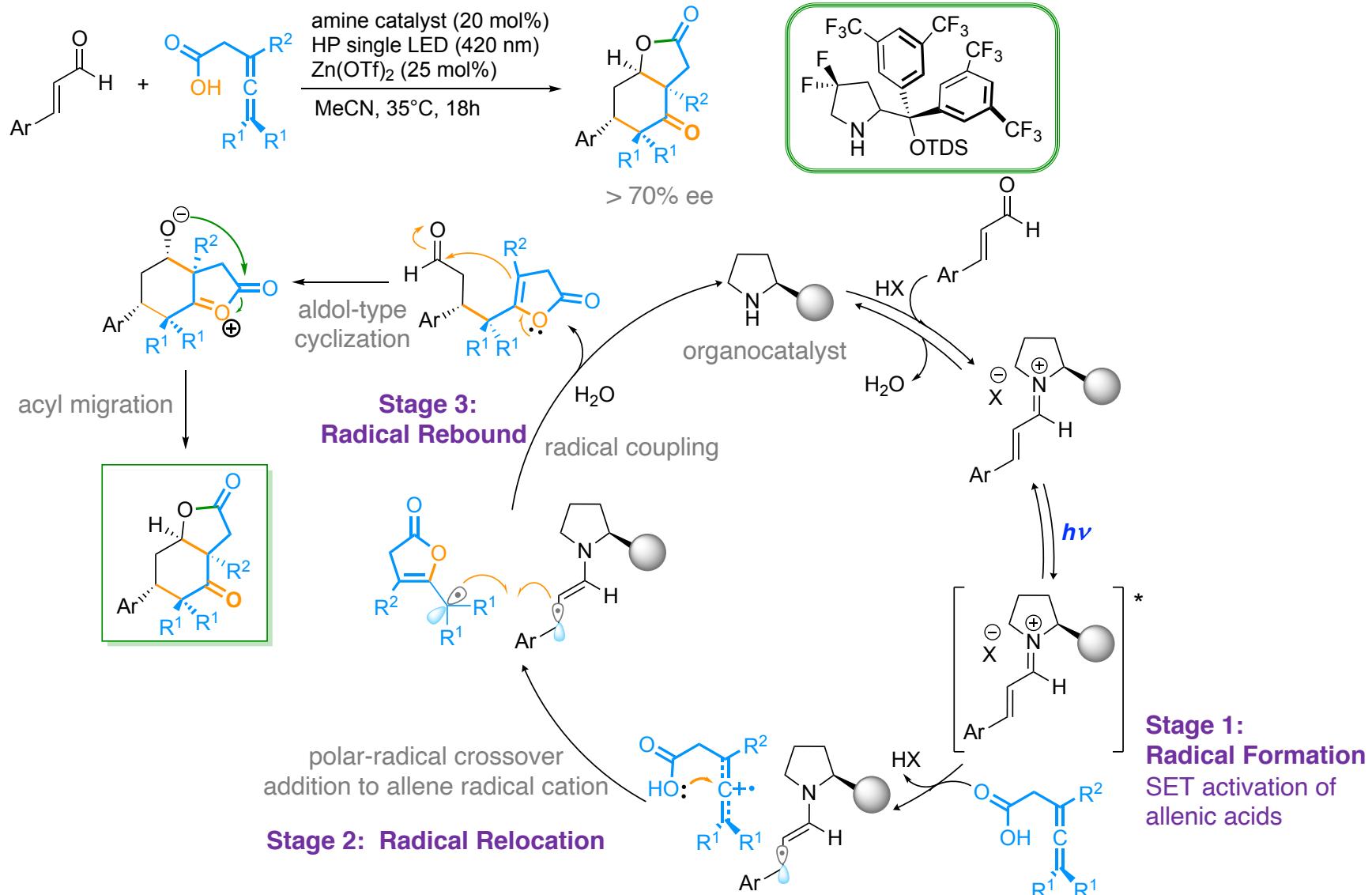
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# Summary – Cascade Reactions by Radical Relay

## Strategies for radical formation:

1. Cleavage of a weak bond by reductive SET from a low valent metal
2. Fragmentation of a strained ring system
3. Capture of a carbene by a low valent metal catalyst
4. Fragmentation promoted by visible light

## Strategies for radical relocation:

1. Driven by release of ring strain
2. Hydrogen Atom Transfer (HAT)
3. Conjugate Addition

Following the Baldwin Rules

## Strategies for radical rebound:

1. Homolytic substitution (at oxygen)
2. Intramolecular electron-transfer to regenerate the catalyst
3. Radical addition to a metal enolate



Enantioselective Radical Relays



Metal-free Radical Relays using organocatalysts

# Outlook

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- \* (radical) cascades as versatile tools for the construction of complex, molecular architectures
- \* high sustainability:
  - atom-economic
  - energy-efficient
  - waste minimization (only catalytic amounts)
- \* challenging starting materials – strained ring systems, diazo-compounds etc.

Can more general starting materials serve as an input?

Can general design principles be developed to upgrade any radical process to a catalytic relay process?

Thank you very much for your attention!

# Recent advances in iron-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions

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# Important literature

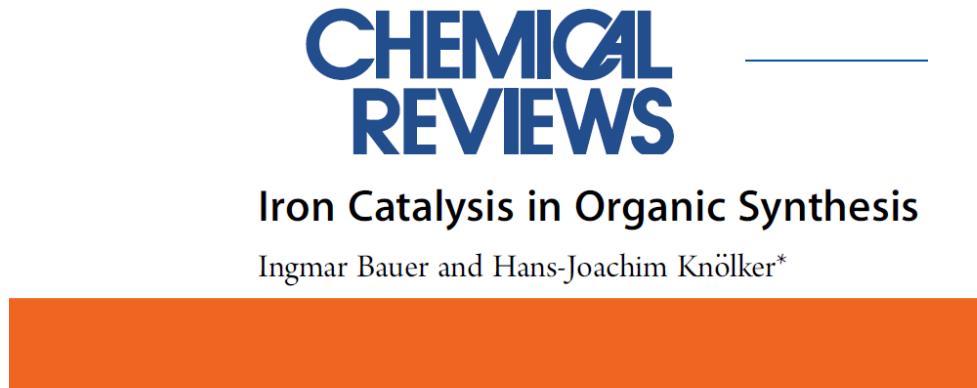
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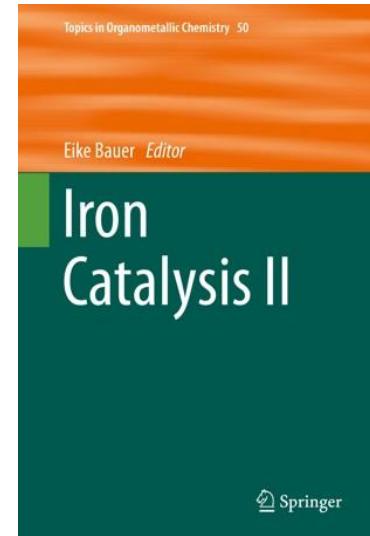
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43 <b>Tc</b>	44 <b>Ru</b>	45 <b>Rh</b>	46 <b>Pd</b>



**Fe**  
[Ar] 3d<sup>6</sup> 4s<sup>2</sup>  
Transition metal



**Stable isotopes:** <sup>54</sup>Fe, <sup>56</sup>Fe, <sup>57</sup>Fe, <sup>58</sup>Fe

**Oxidation states:** -II, -I, **0**, +I, **+II**, **+III**, +IV, +V, +VI

FeCl<sub>2</sub>, FeCl<sub>3</sub>, Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>

**Readily available:** 4<sup>th</sup> more abundant element in the Earth's crust

**Cheap:** 0.081 €/kg

**Relatively non-toxic:**

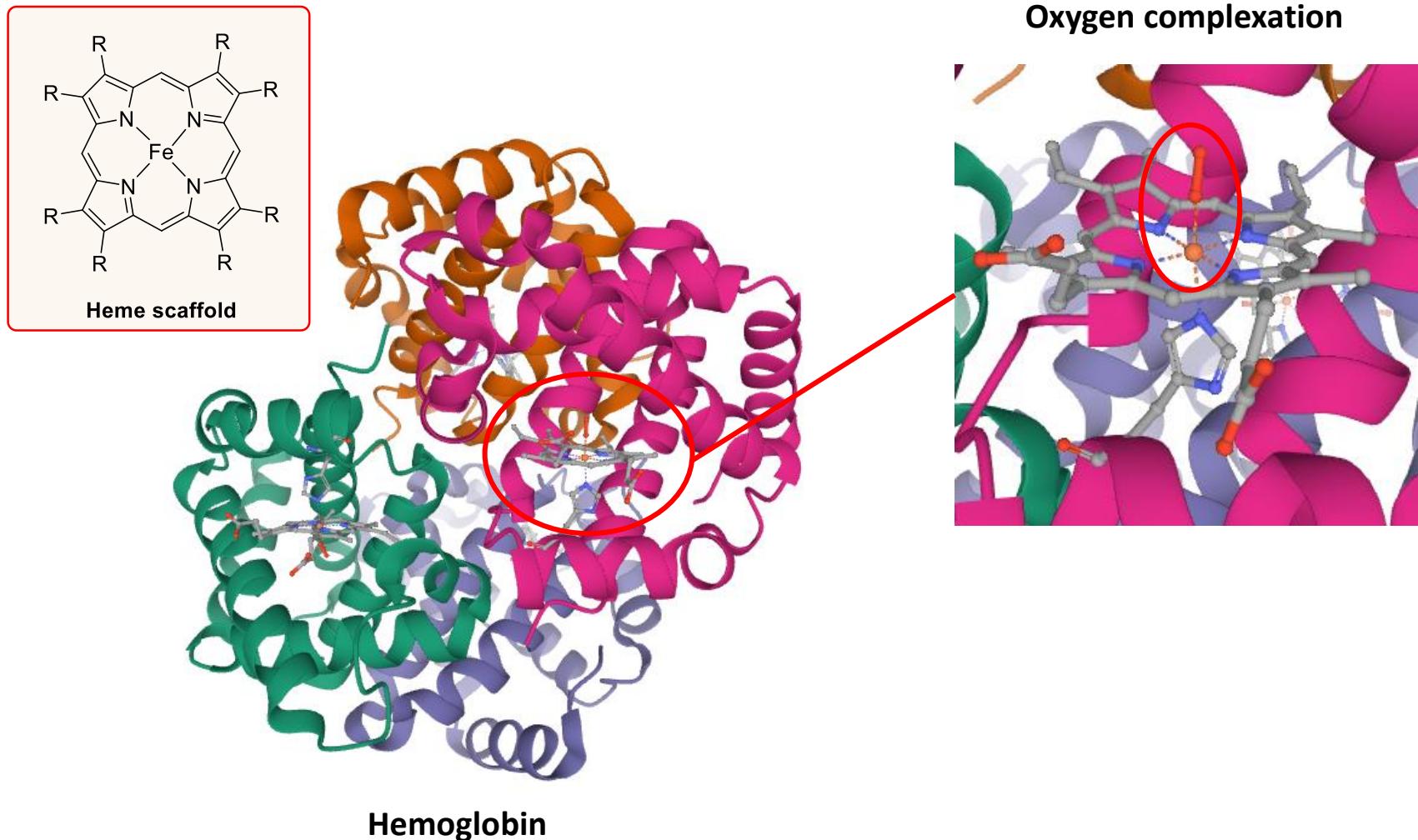
Acceptable level in drugs → 1300 ppm Vs ≤10 ppm for most transition metals

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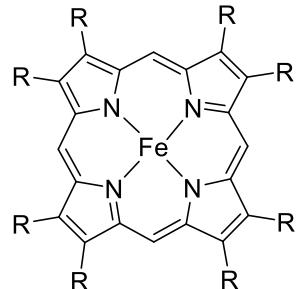
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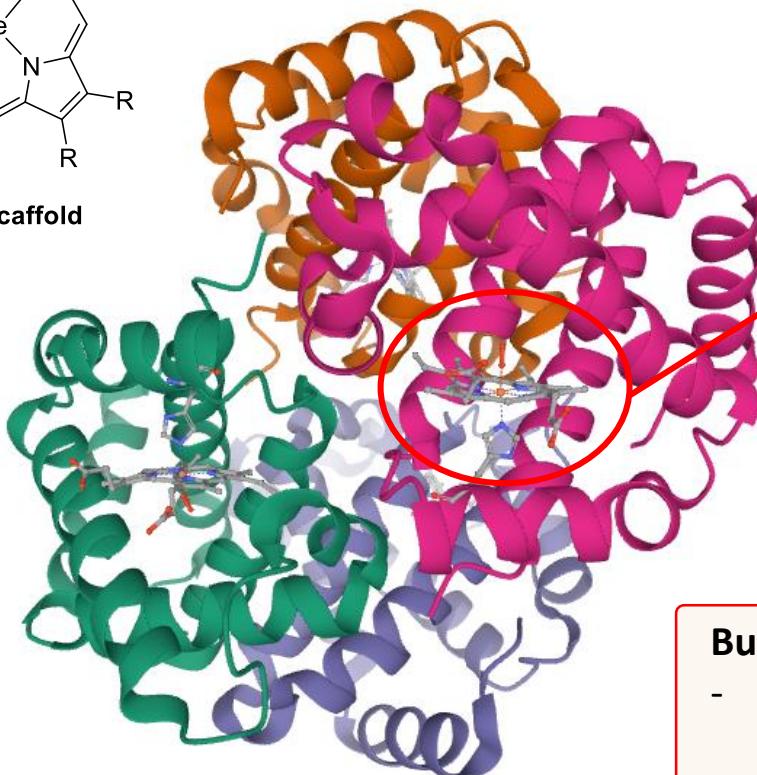


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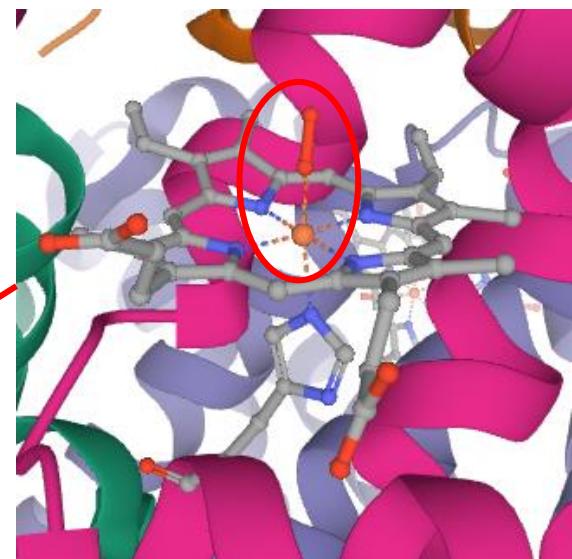


Heme scaffold



Hemoglobin

### Oxygen complexation



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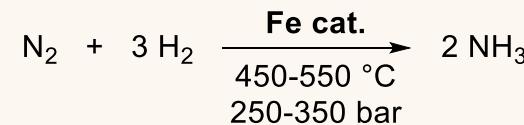
- For the transfer of electrons in the cellular respiration (**Fe-S proteins**)
- For the immune system (**lactoferrin**)
- ...

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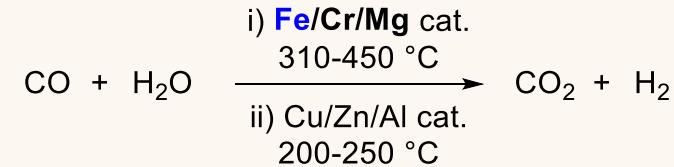
→ Main source of ammonia for nitrogen fertilizer



- Production of alkanes (**Fischer-Tropsch process**):



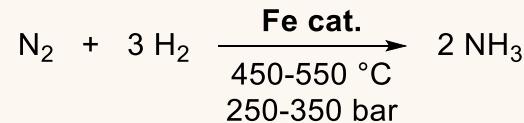
- Production of hydrogen gas (**Water-gas shift reaction**):



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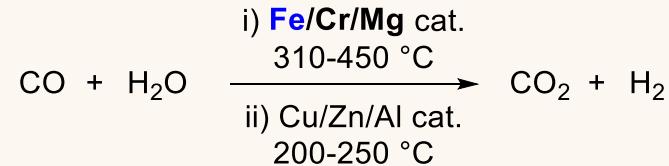
- Production of ammonia (**Haber-Bosch process**):  
→ Main source of ammonia for nitrogen fertilizer



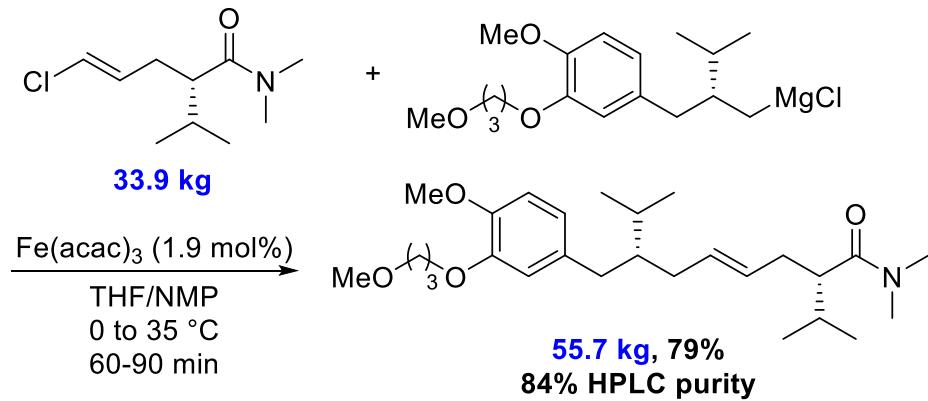
- Production of alkanes (**Fischer-Tropsch process**):



- Production of hydrogen gas (**Water-gas shift reaction**):



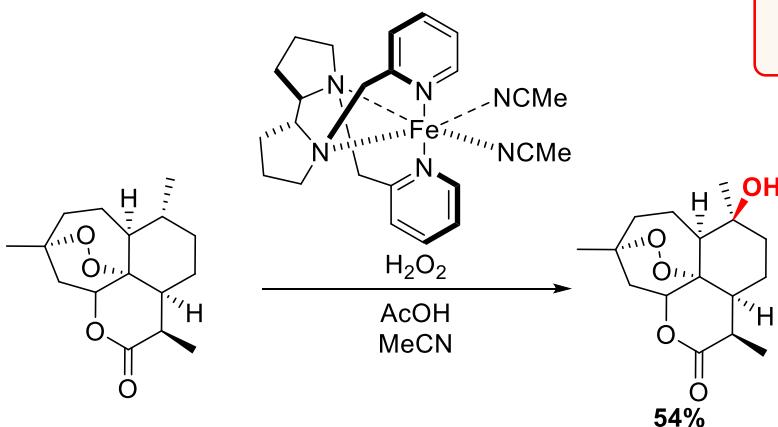
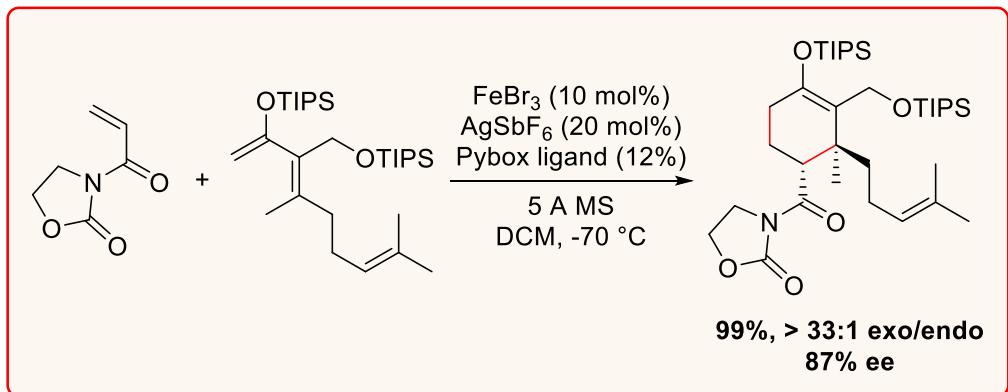
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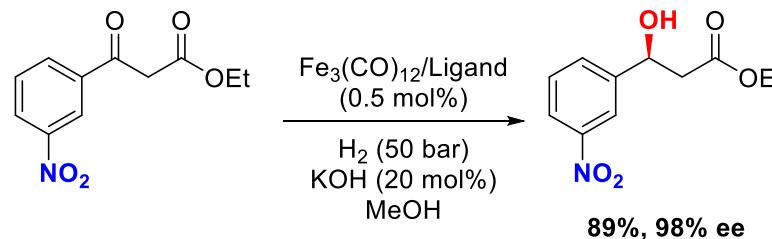
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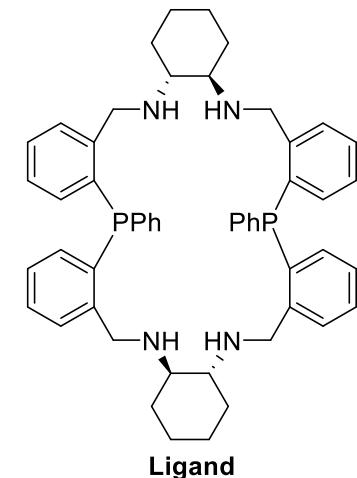
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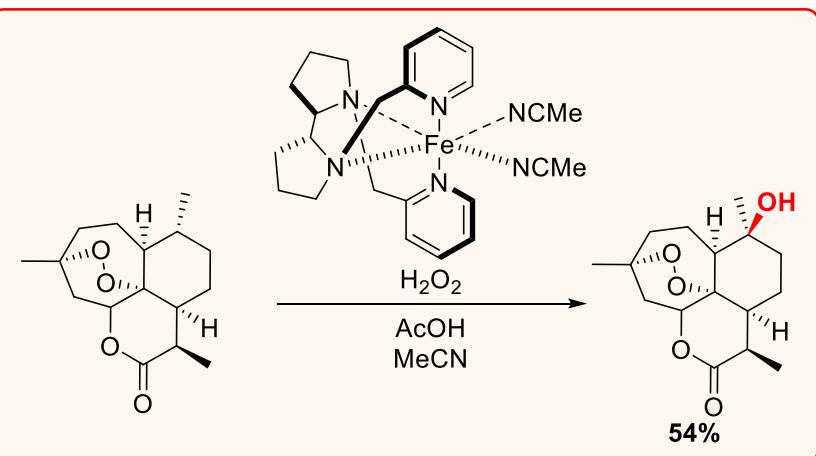
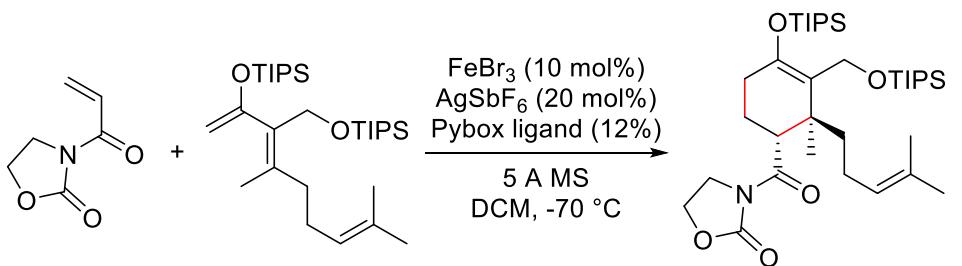
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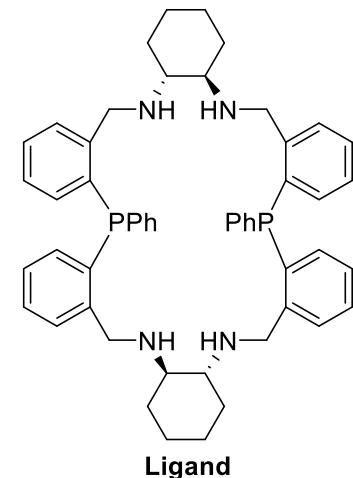
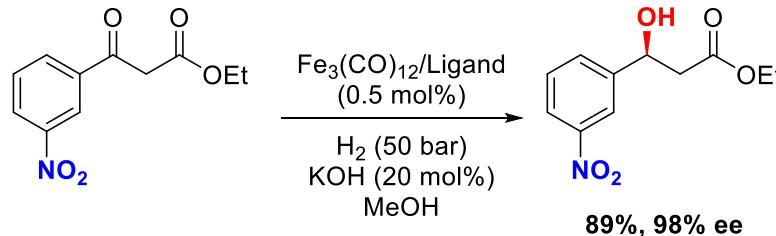
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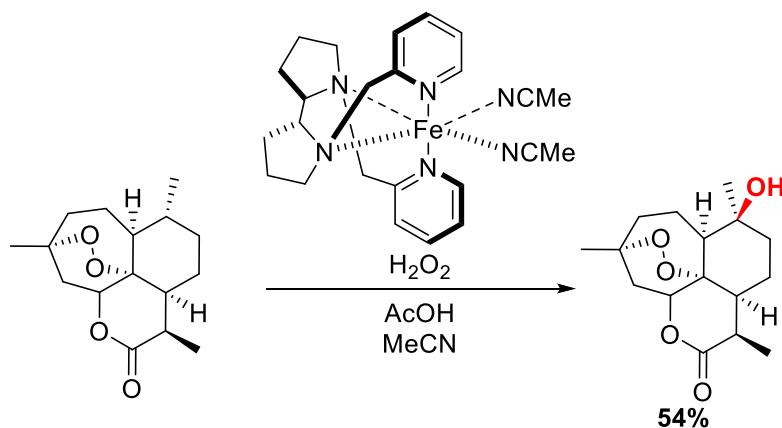
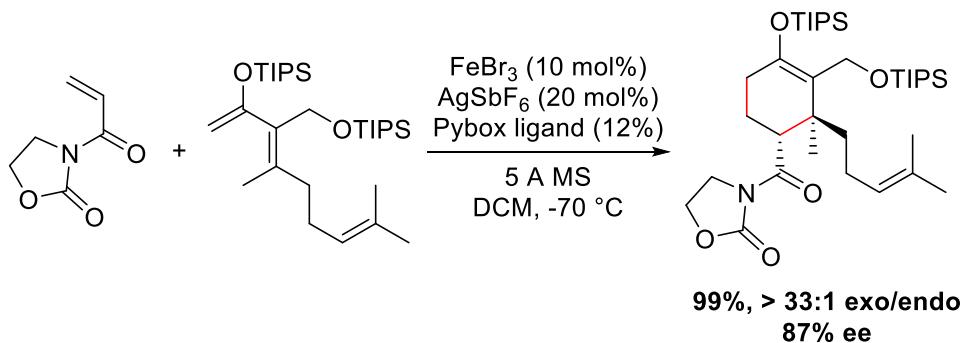
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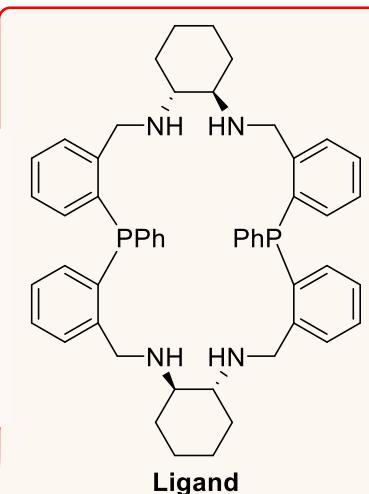
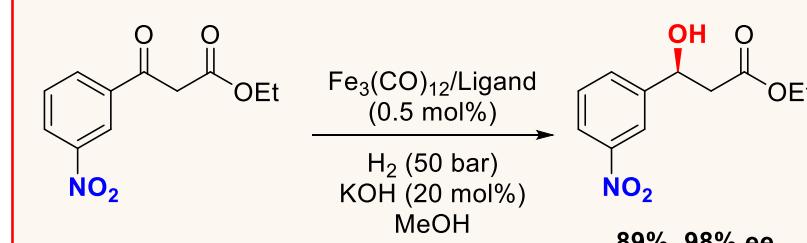
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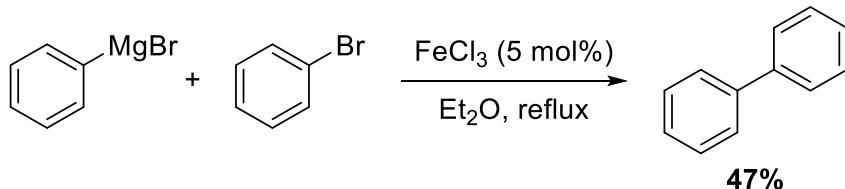
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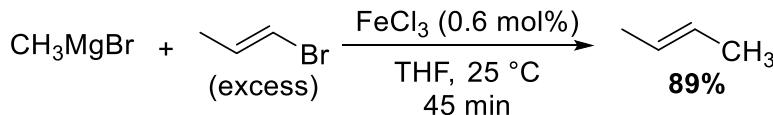
## Initial report by Kharash, 1941

- Exploring the effect of metallic halides (Fe, Co, Ni, ...) on the reaction of ArMgBr and RX

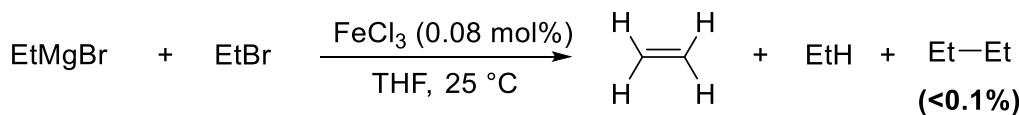


## Development of Fe-catalyzed Kumada-Corriu cross coupling (Kochi, 1971)

- Applicable to alkenyl bromide and Grignard reagents



- Alkyl bromides converted in corresponding alkenes



Further developed only 27 years later by Cahiez

M. S. Kharash, E. K. Fields, J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1941**, 63, 2316-2320

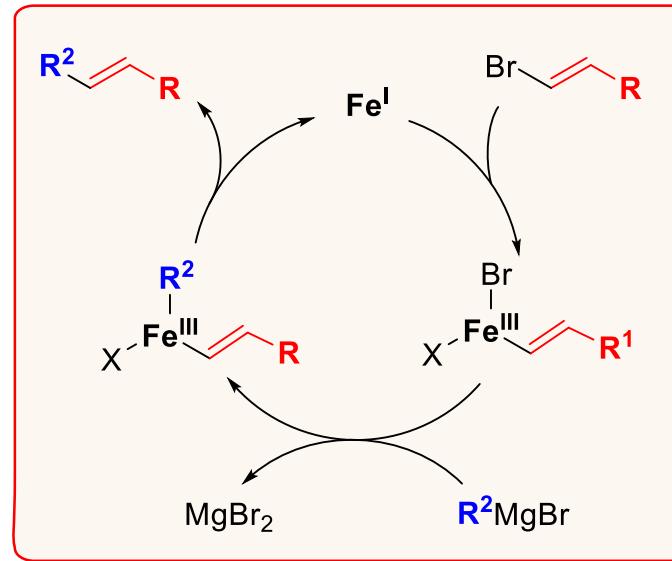
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## Proposed mechanism:

Fe<sup>I</sup>/Fe<sup>III</sup> catalytic cycle

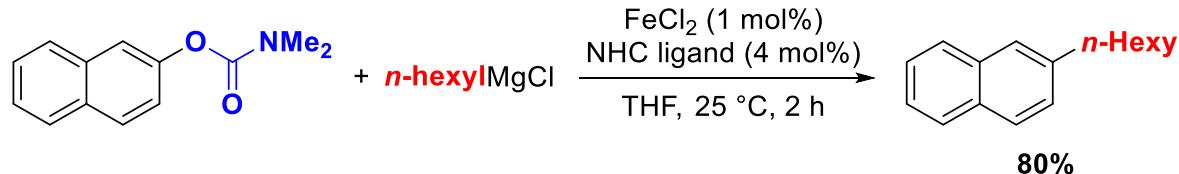


→ Intense ESR spectrum comparable with the one of HFe<sup>I</sup>(dppe)<sub>2</sub>

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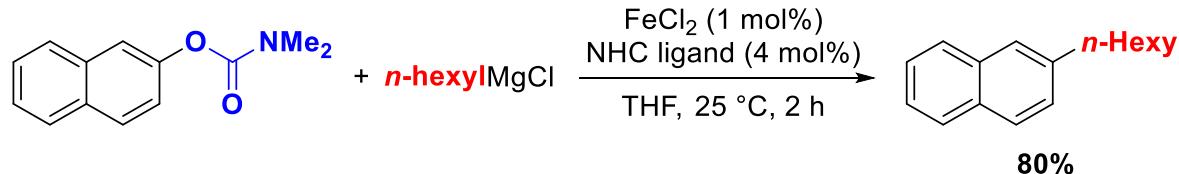
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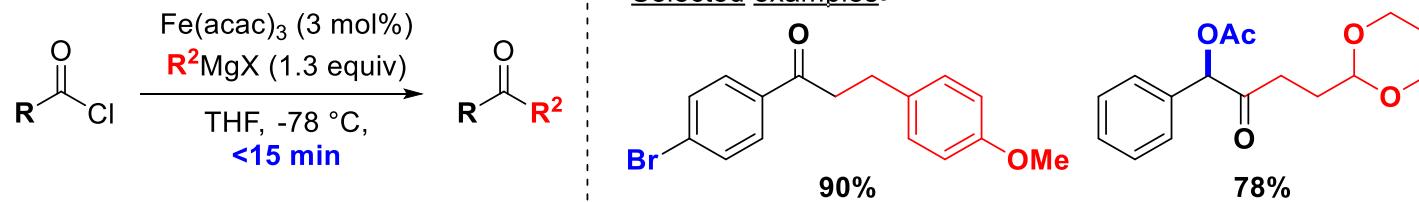
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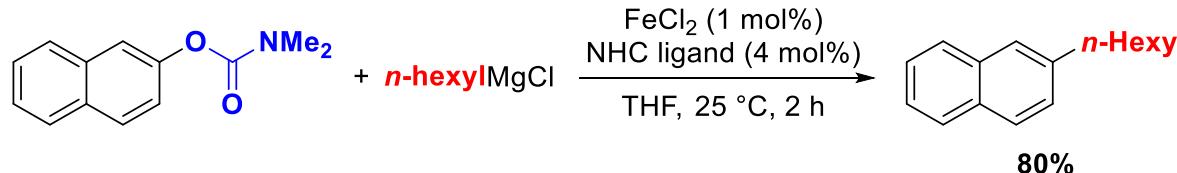
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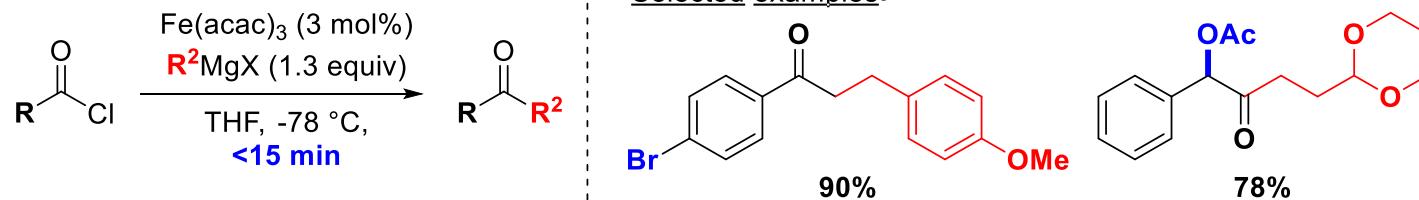
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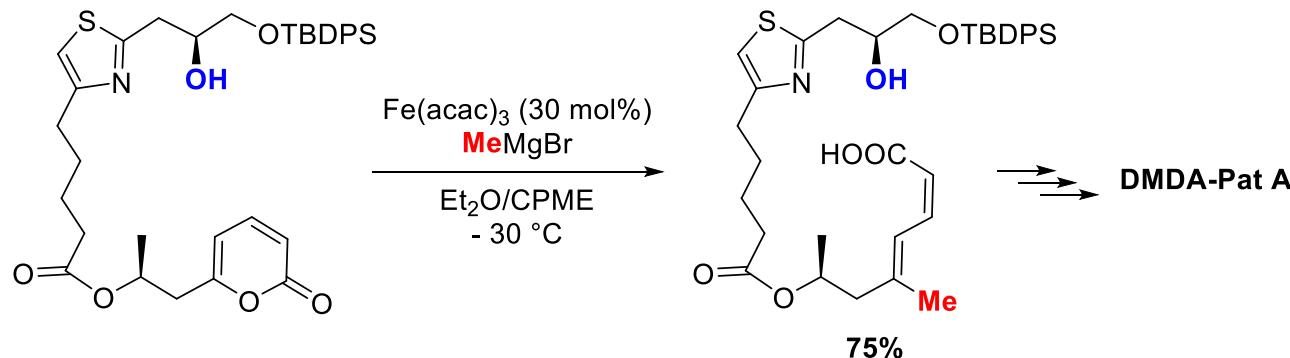
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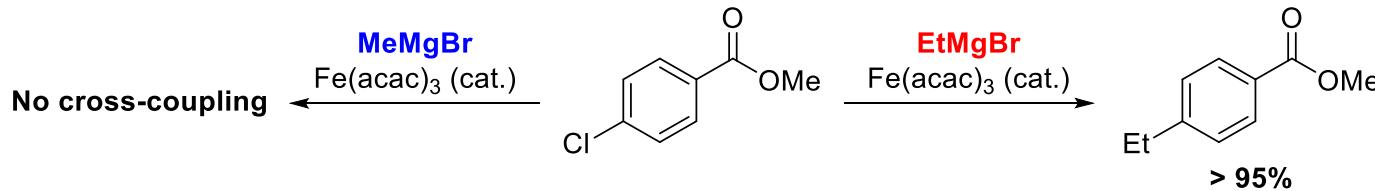
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Centered on the mechanism:

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- Highly dependent on the conditions (Nucleophiles, ligands, solvents, additives)



- Both one- and two-electron process possible
- Difficult elucidation of the mechanism:
  - Paramagnetic nature of many iron species
  - Air/thermal sensitivity of most reactive iron intermediates

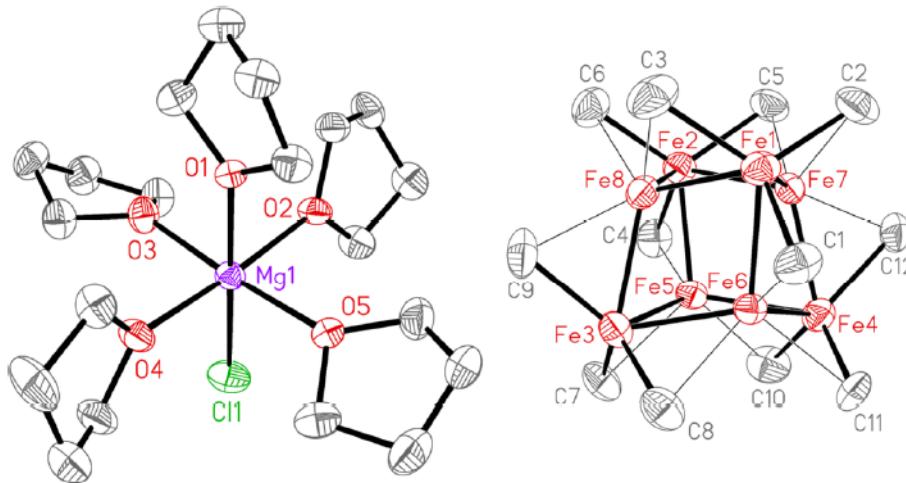


- Numerous techniques applied:
- Electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR)
  - Magnetic circular dichroism (MCD)
  - $^{57}\text{Fe}$  Freeze-trapped Mössbauer spectroscopy
  - X-ray diffraction, ...

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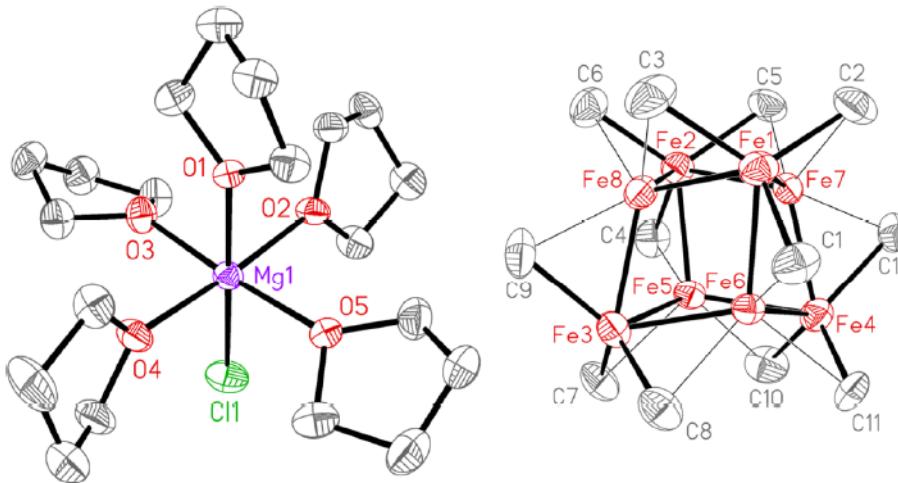
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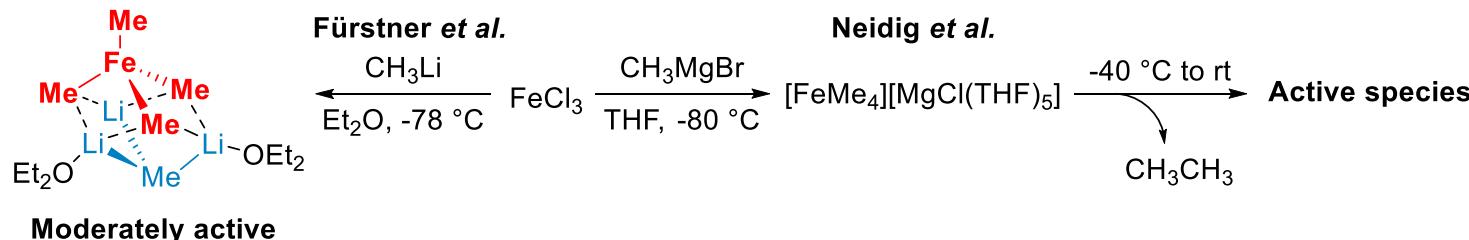
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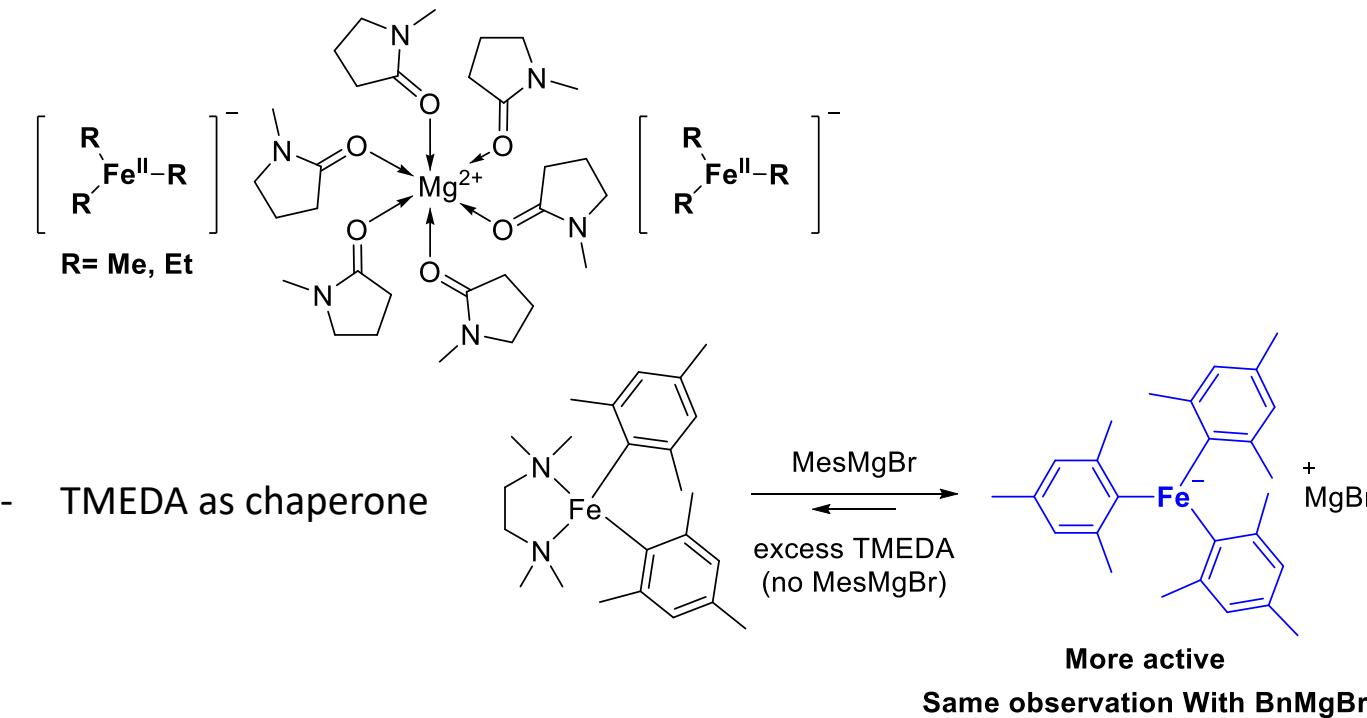
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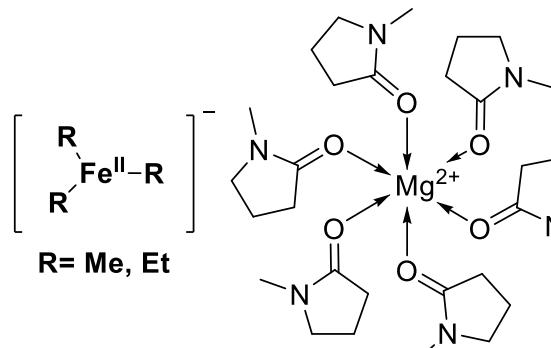
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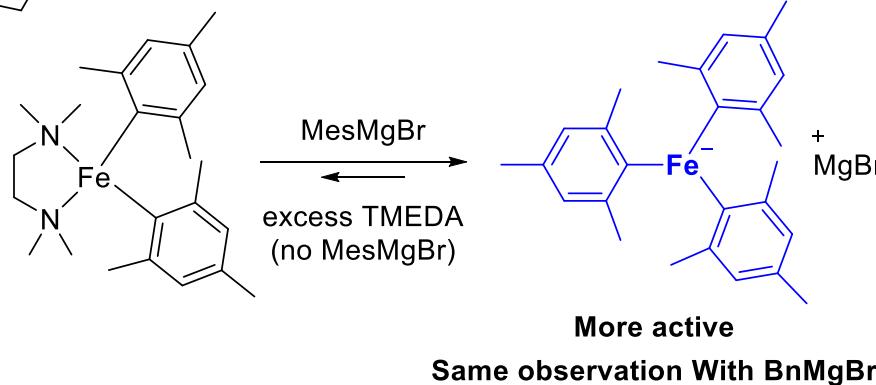
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- TMEDA as chaperone



→ **Exact mechanism not fully understood...** ( $\neq$  for trialkyl ferrate than iron cluster)

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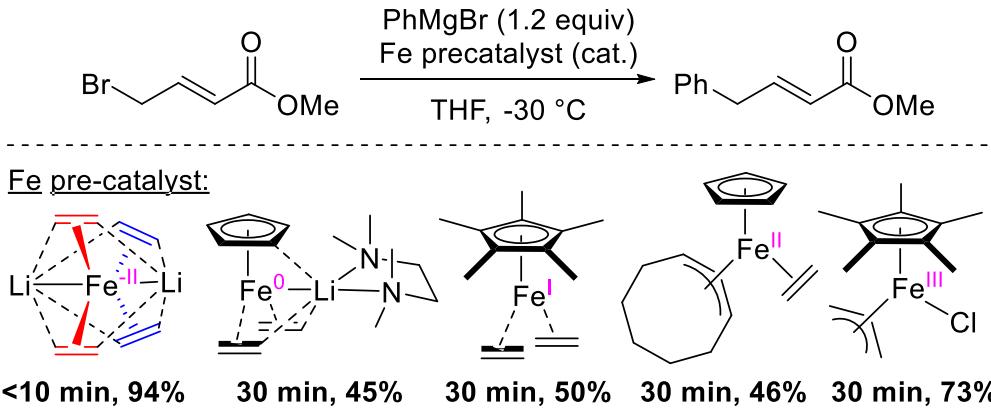
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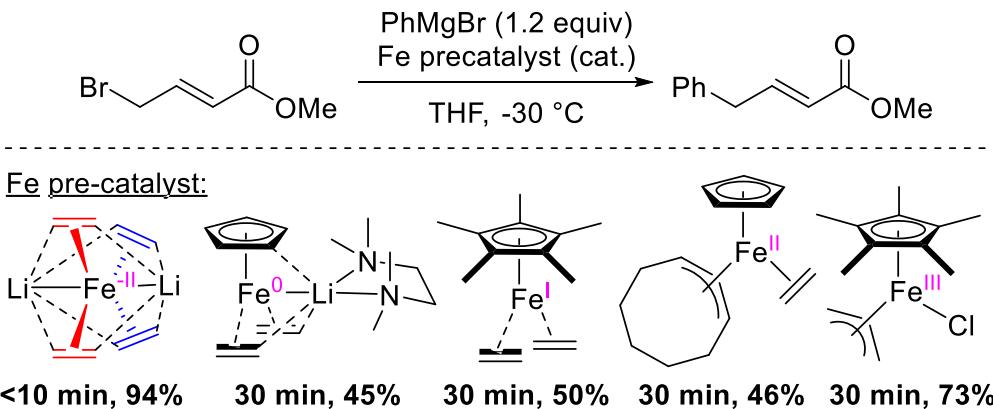
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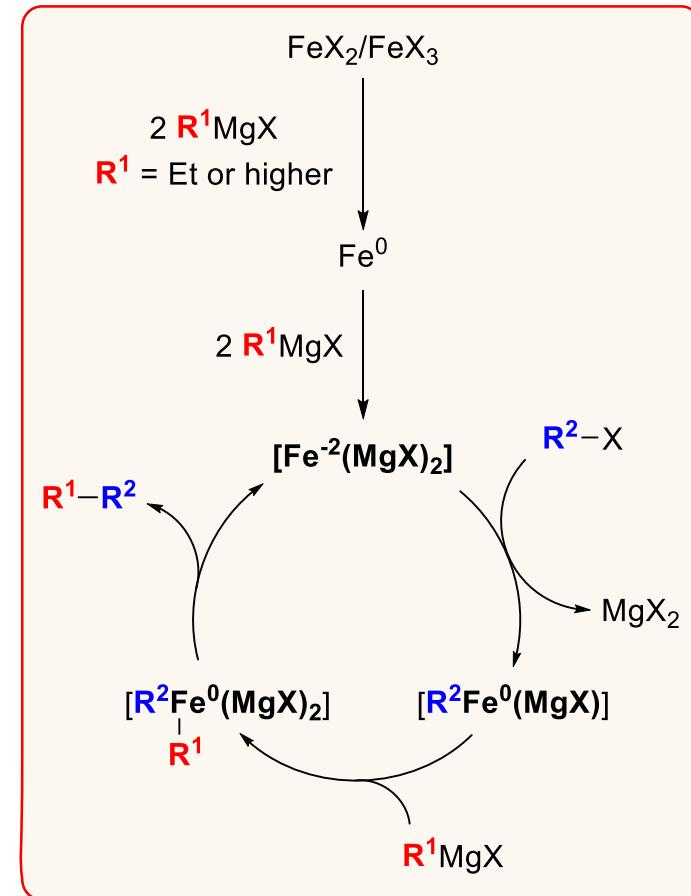
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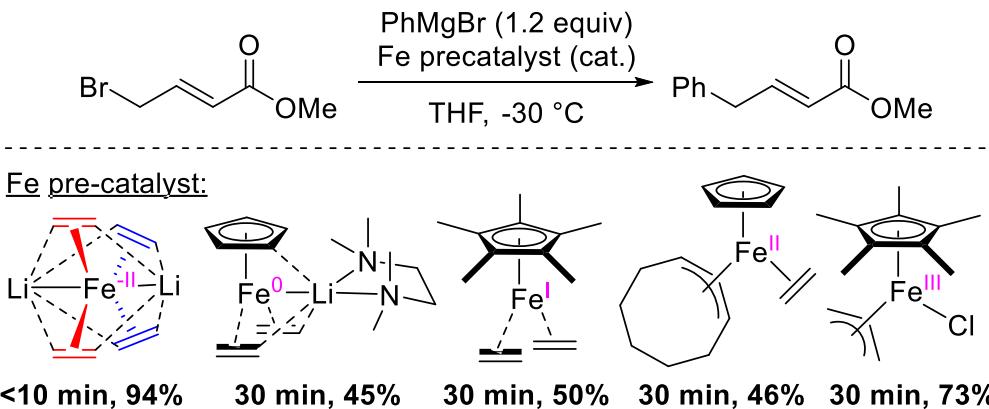


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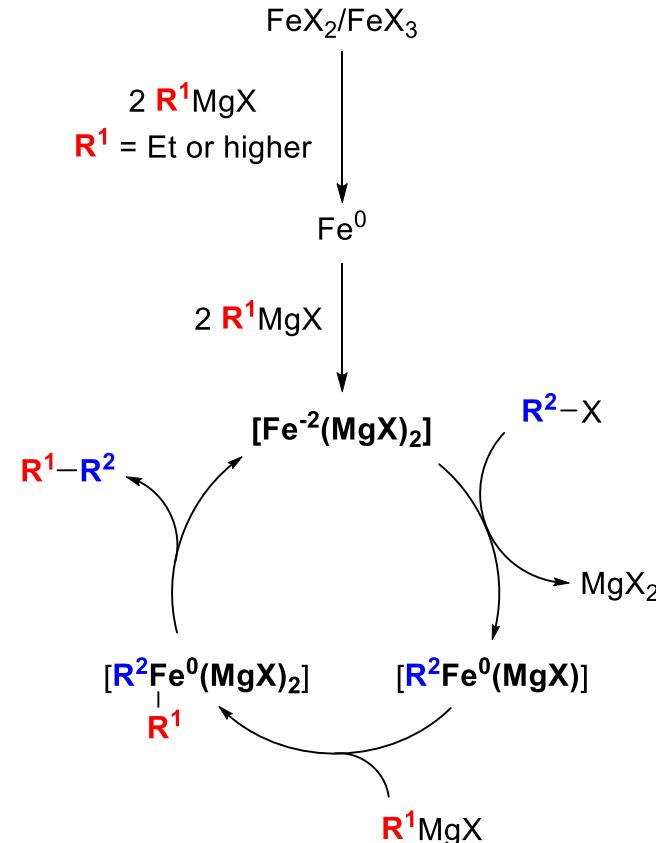


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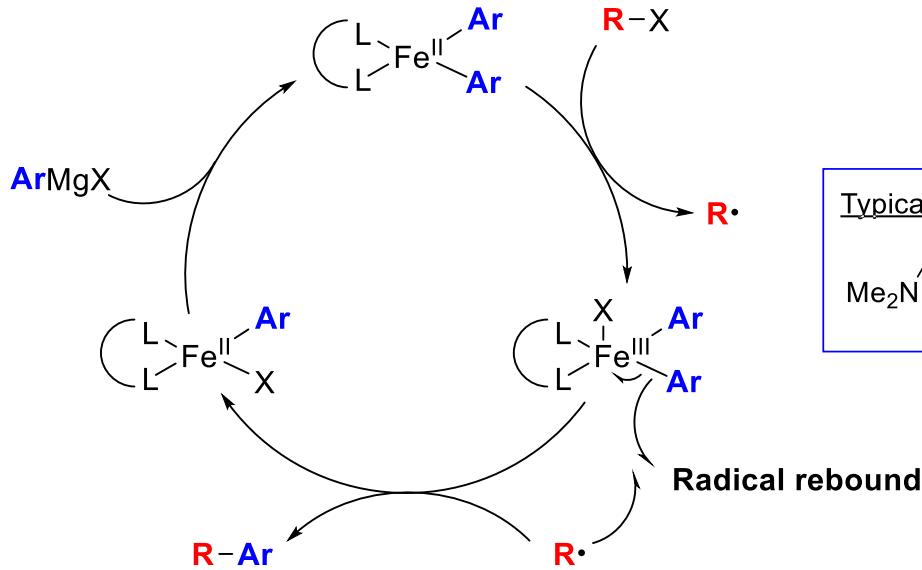
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- Possible concomitant mechanisms
- Only pre-catalysts
- Different ligands → strong influence

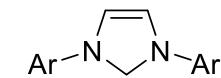
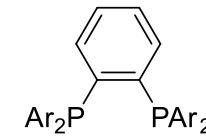
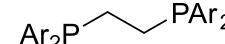


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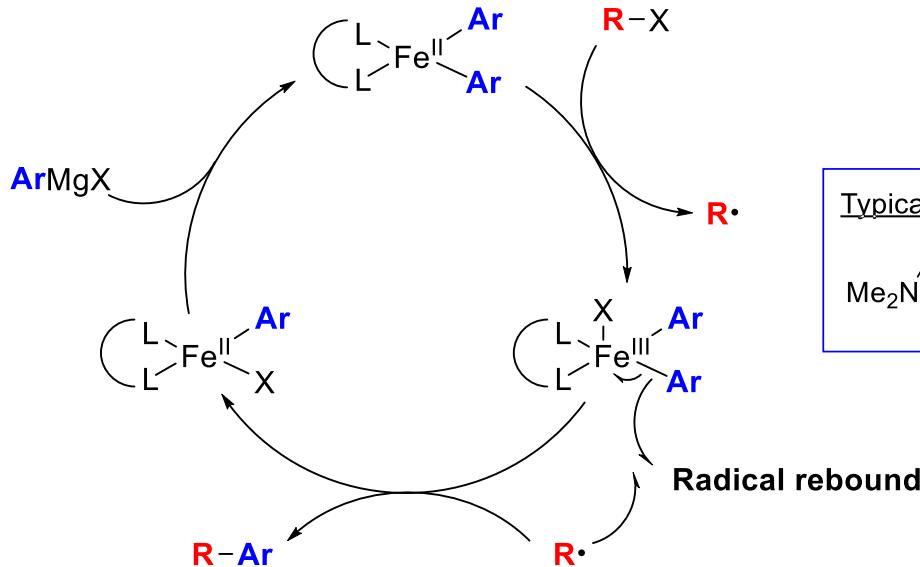


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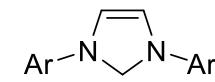
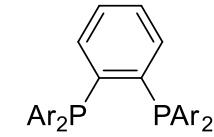
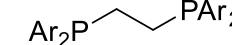
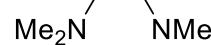


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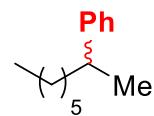
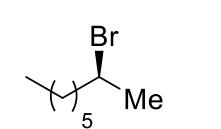
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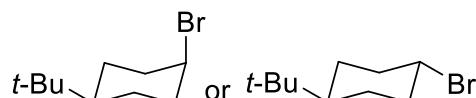
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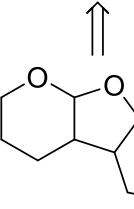
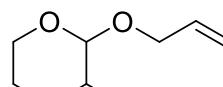
→ Whatever the mechanism, several experiments in favor of alkyl radicals:



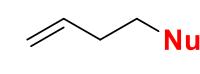
Racemisation



Diastereoselective



Cyclization



Major product

Radical clock

C.-J. Wallentin et al., ACS Catal. 2016, 6, 1640–1648

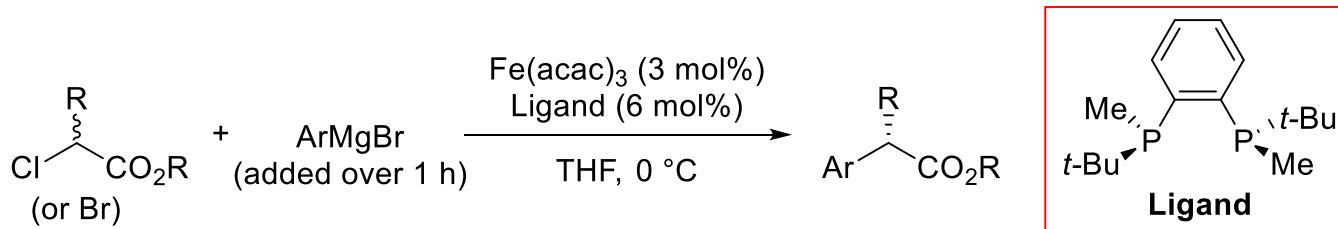
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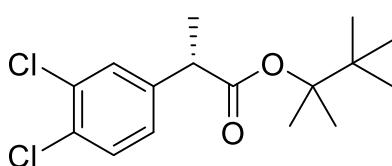
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Only one report to date (Nakamura *et al.* 2015)

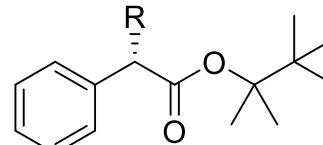
- Enantioconvergent coupling of aryl Grignard reagents with  $\alpha$ -chloroesters



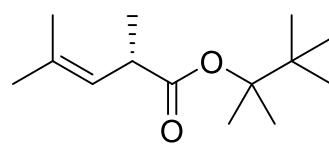
Selected examples:



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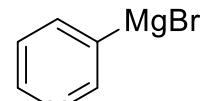


R = Et, 67% (88:12 er)  
R = i-Bu, 38% (74:26 er)  
R = CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, 42% (77:23 er)

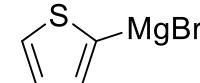


52% (91:9 er)

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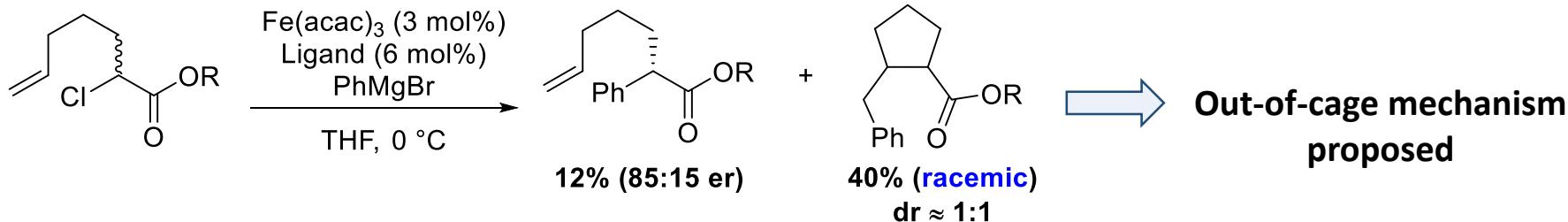
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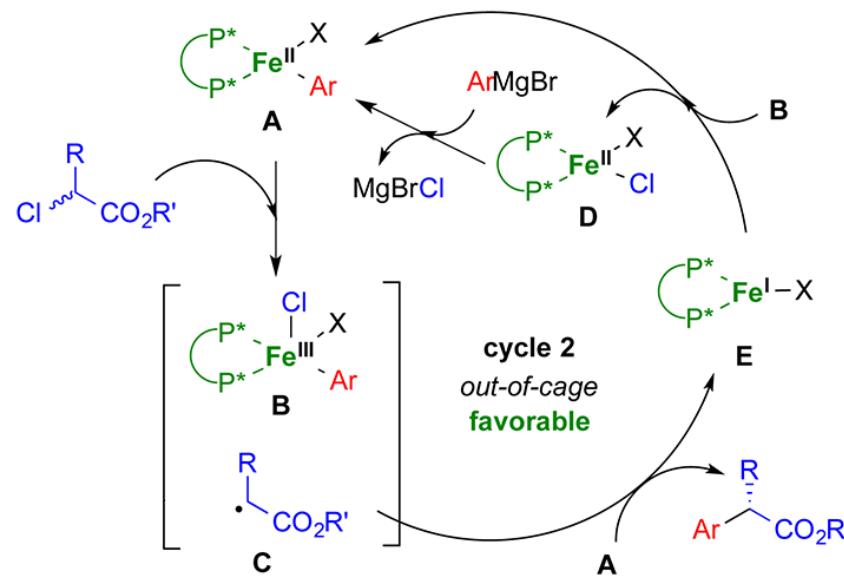
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## Mechanistic investigations:



→ First-order relationship between [Fe cat.] and ratio not cyclized-cyclized

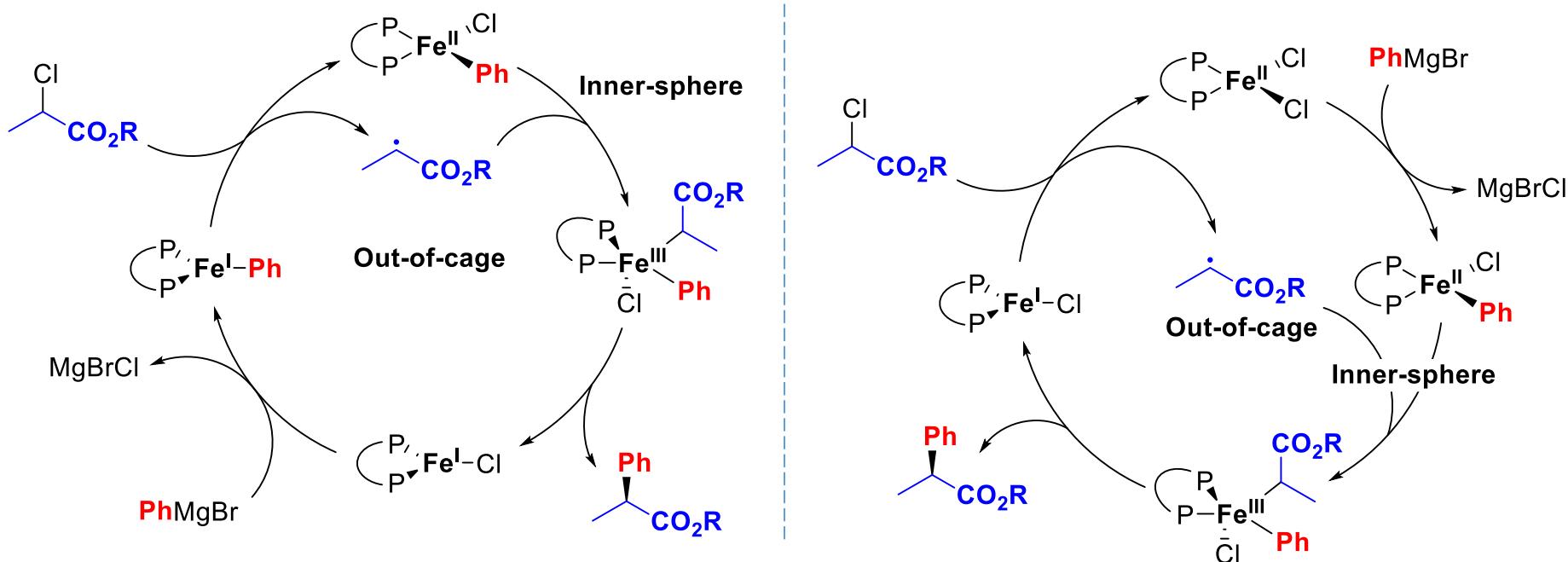
## Bimetallic mechanism proposed:



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## Computational studies:

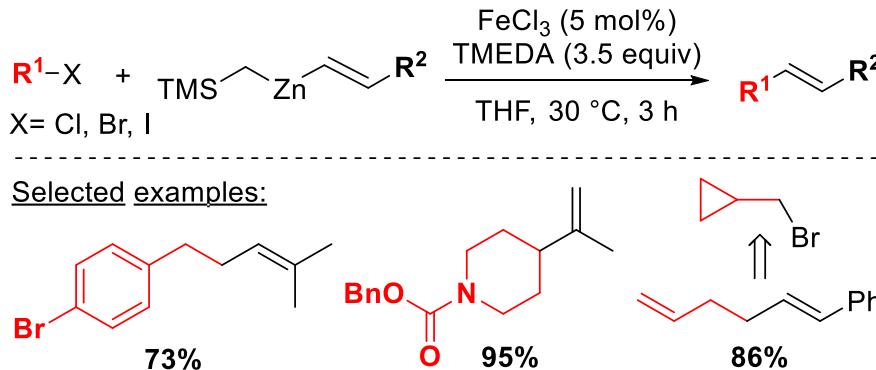
→ 2 slightly different mechanisms proposed



- C-Cl activation high in energy for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$  species →  $\text{Fe}^{\text{I}}$  more favorable
- Dropwise addition of Grignard reagent important to avoid  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{PhPh}$  (biphenyl formation)
- Inner-sphere out-of-cage mechanism

# New development in Negishi cross-coupling

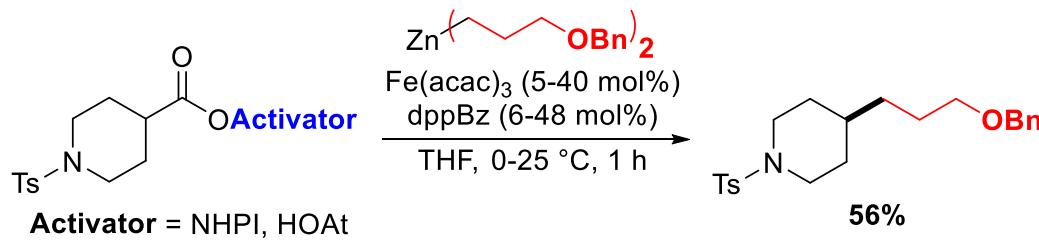
First reported with vinyl zinc reagents



Only scarce numbers of reports

- With benzyl-X:  

73%
- Extended further with redox-active esters ( $1^\circ$ ,  $2^\circ$ ,  $3^\circ$  alkyl-COOH/ Ar- and  $\text{R}_2\text{Zn}$ ):



M. Nakamura *et al.*, *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*, 4496-4499

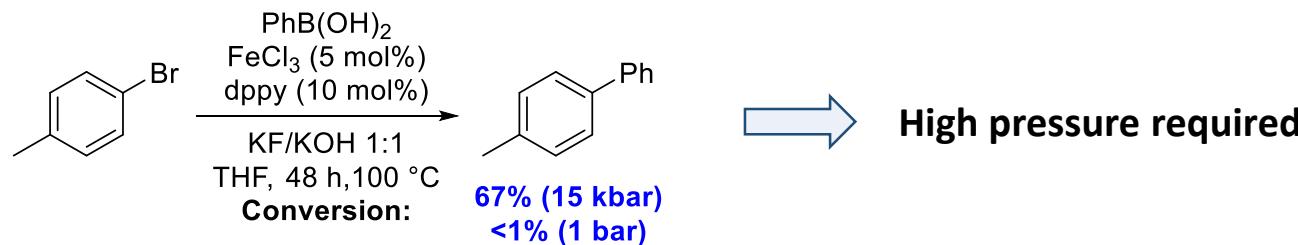
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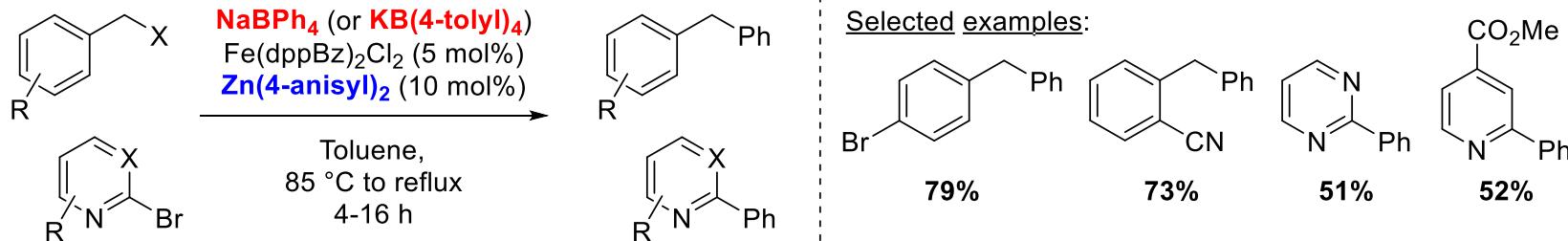
# Progress in Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling

Few reports → Difficulty with the transmetalation/reduction step

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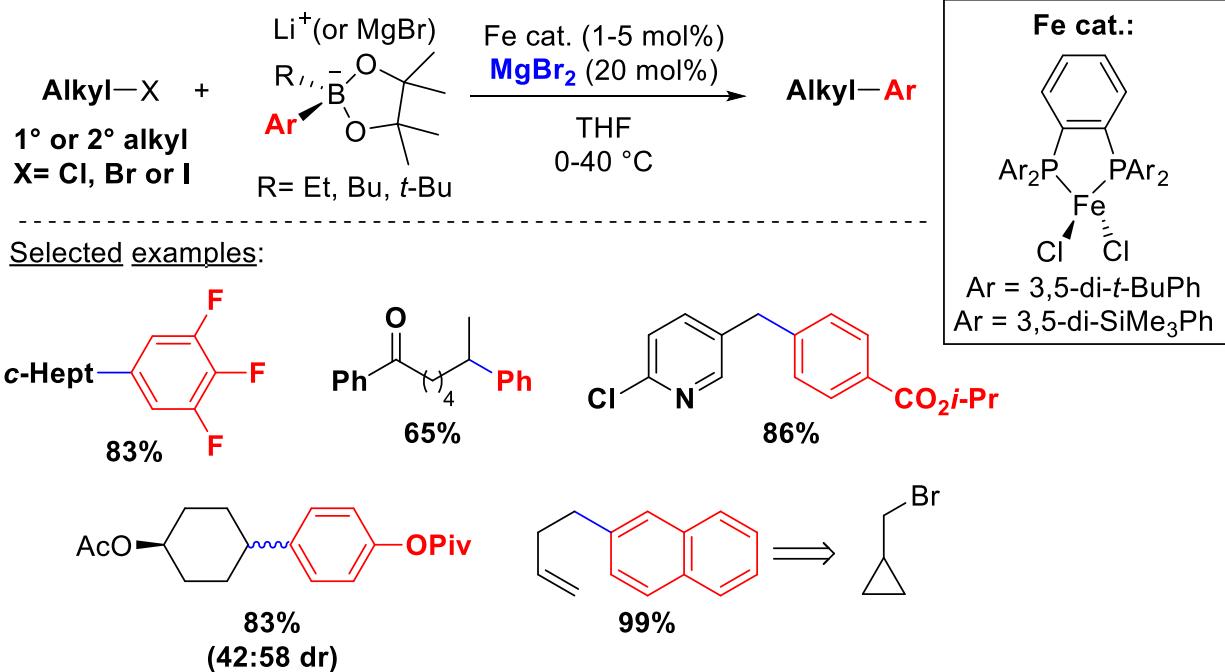


## Solution: Use activated borate as nucleophile (Bedford *et al.*, 2009)

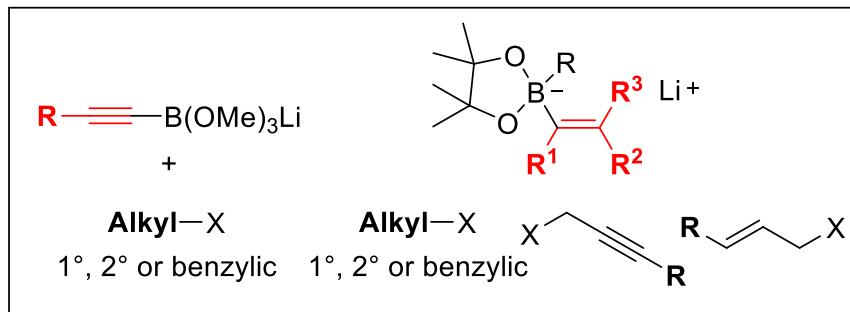


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Nakamura 2010



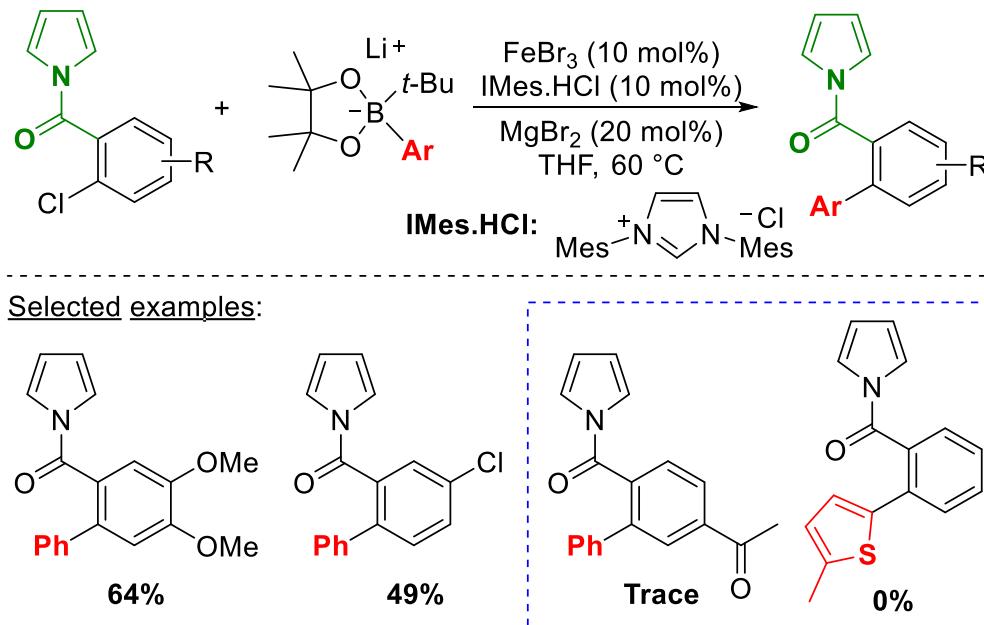
Extension of the scope



# Progress in Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling

## Only few reports with aryl electrophile

- First reports → Due to palladium contaminations (articles retracted later)
- Observed as side-product with 2-halobenzyl halides (< 41%)
- Directing group required (Bedford et al., 2018)

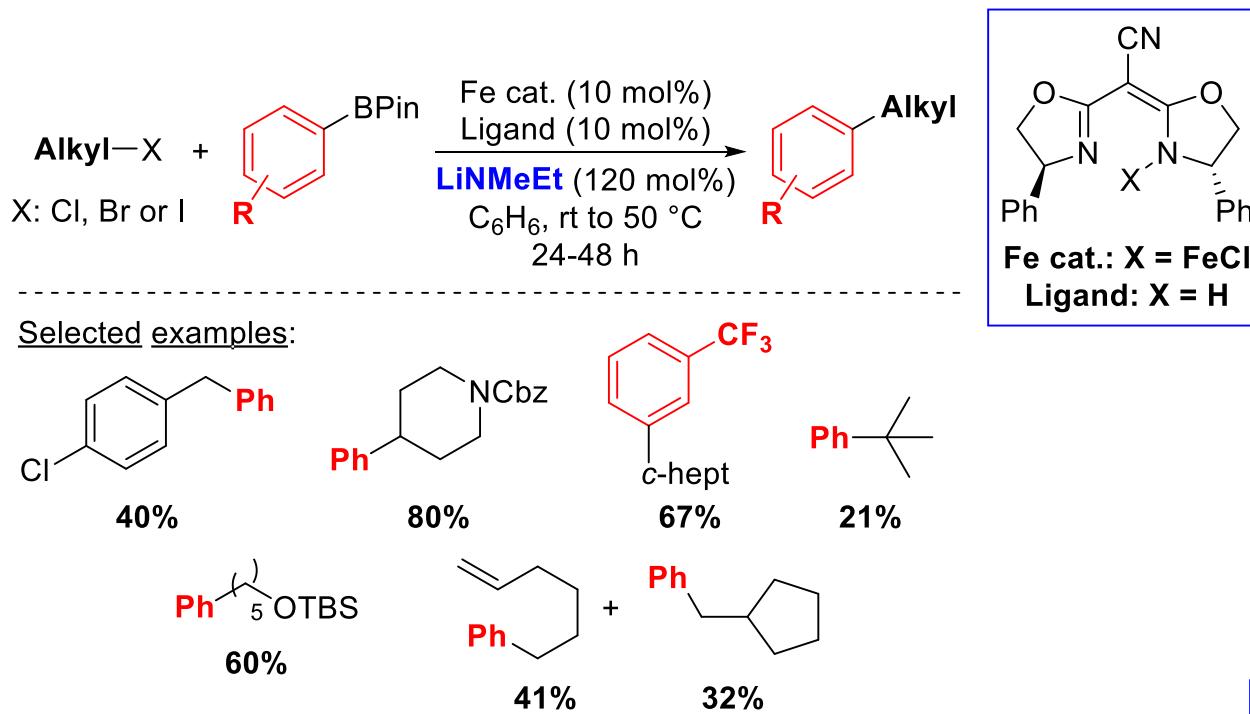


Proof of contaminations: R. B. Bedford, M. Nakamura *et al.*, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2009**, *50*, 6110-6111  
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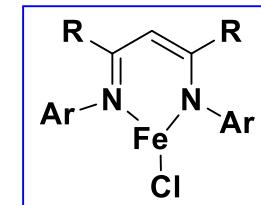
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## Byers's work with ligand tuning

- Alkoxide to help the transmetalation → Iron aggregates: inactive
- Anionic ligand and amide base → improved transmetalation / monomeric iron species



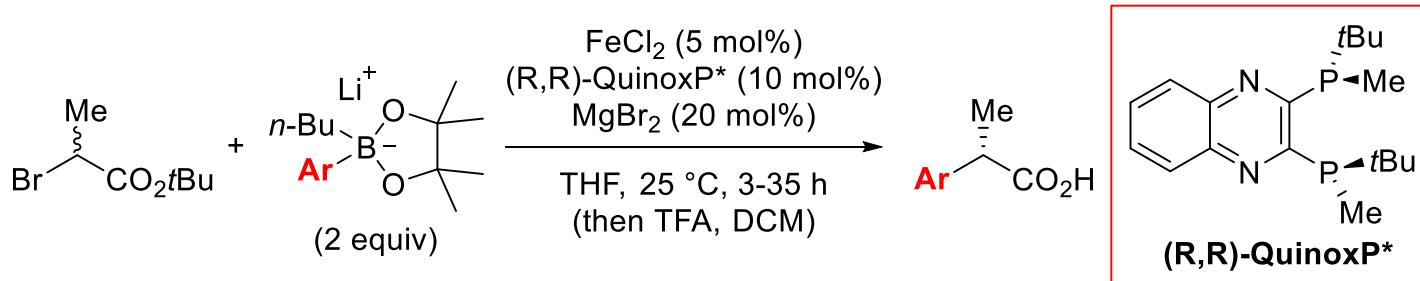
- Improvement of the scope (heteroaromatic-BPin, 3° alkyl) and efficiency with:



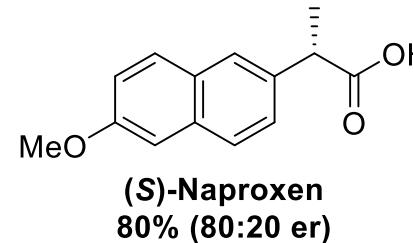
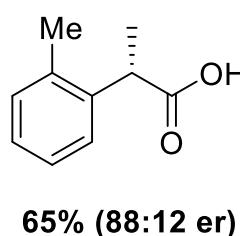
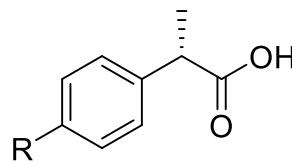
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(Nakamura *et al.* 2019)

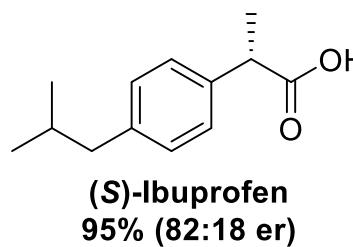
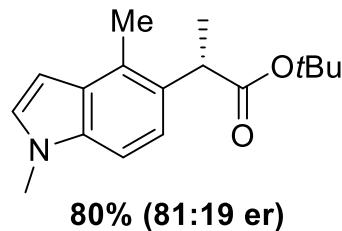
- Enantioconvergent coupling of lithium arylborates with  $\alpha$ -bromoesters



Selected examples:



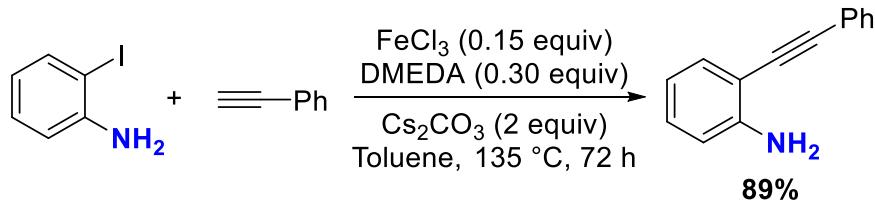
R = OMe, 85% (82:18 er)  
R = NMe<sub>2</sub>, 89% (82:18 er)  
R = CF<sub>3</sub>, 81% (76:24 er)  
R = Cl, 83% (84:16 er)



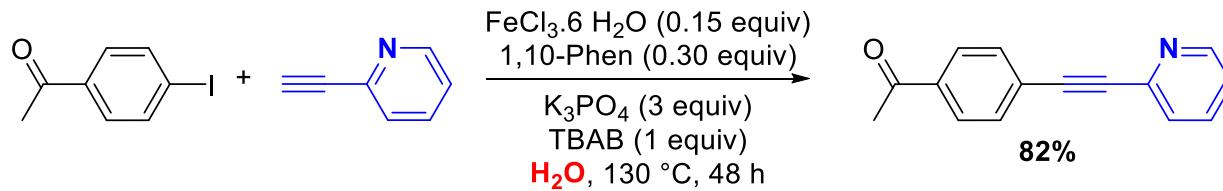
# Point on Fe-catalyzed Sonogashira

Still under developed ...

- First report by Bolm and coworkers



- Designed in water

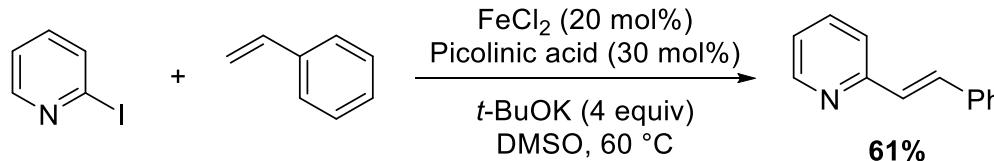


→ Few other reports but only very high temperature

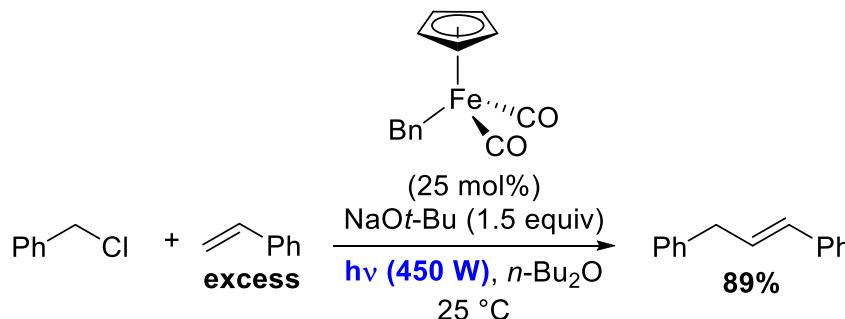
# Fe catalysis in Heck-type cross-coupling

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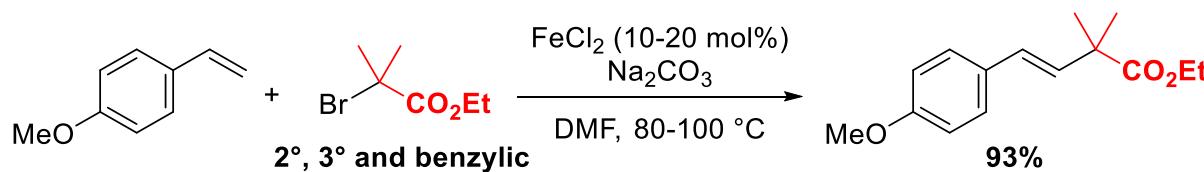
- Initial report by Vogel



- Extended to benzylic substrates via UV-irradiated iron catalyst



- Applied in 2017 to alkyl electrophiles



P. Vogel *et al.*, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2008**, 350, 2859– 2864

G. W. Waldhart, N. P. Mankad, *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2015**, 793, 171-174

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**Tuning of the ligands might be key ...**

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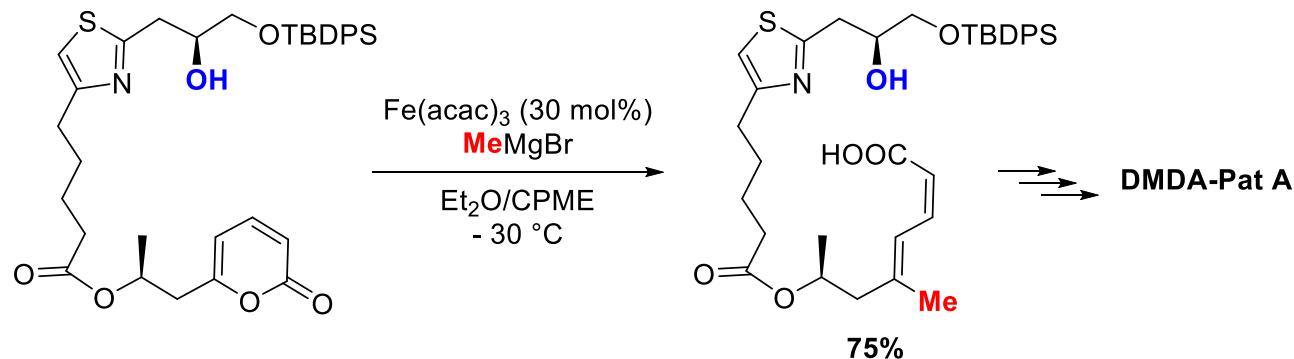
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# Questions

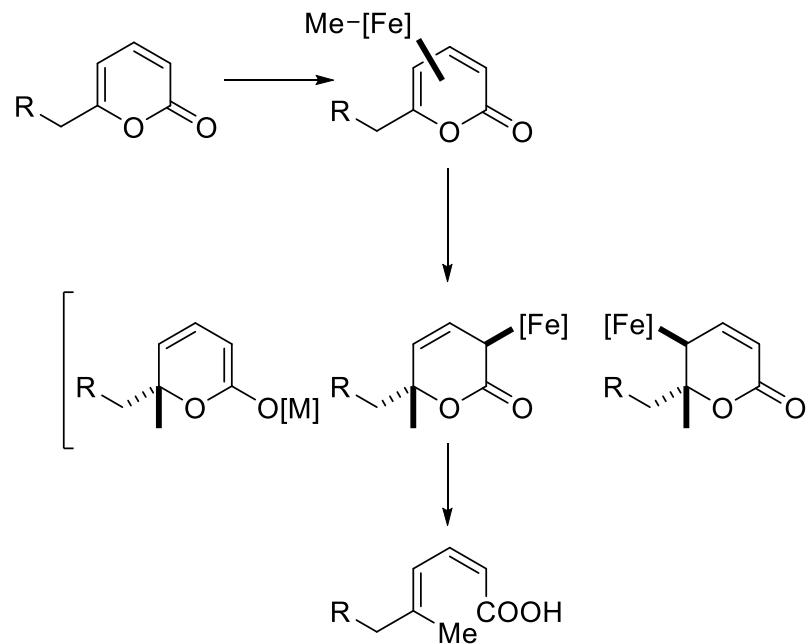
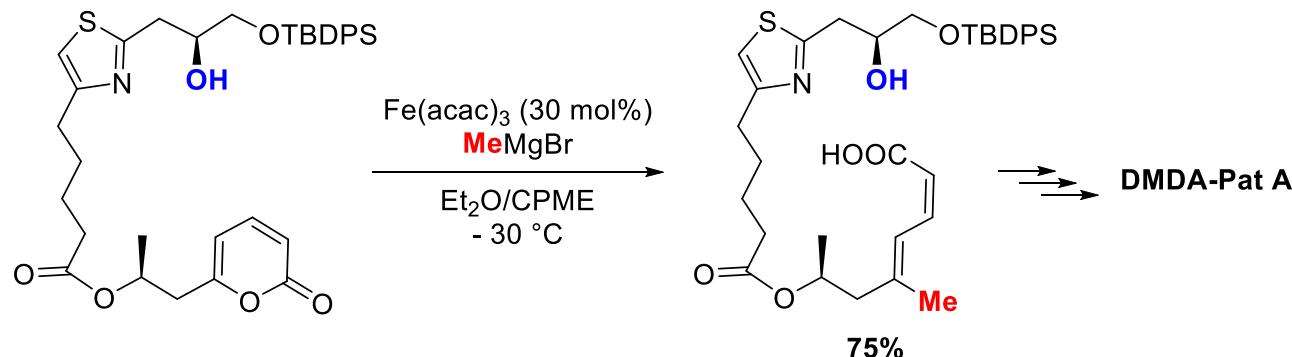
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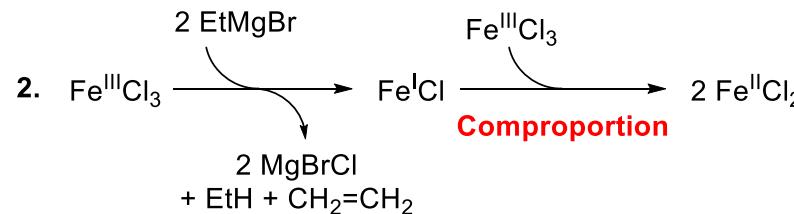
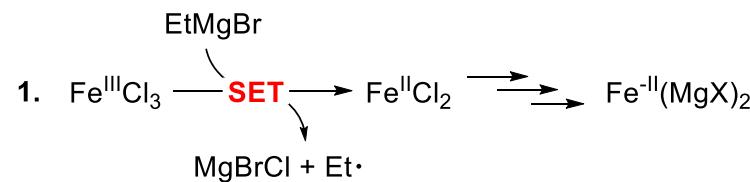
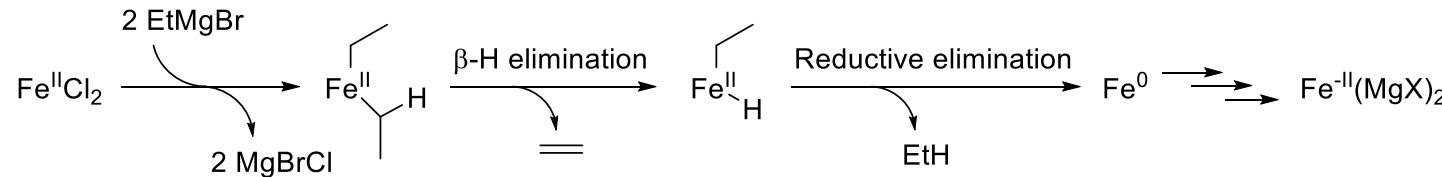
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# Catalytic Enantioselective Syntheses and Transformations of Cyclopropyl Ketones and Derivatives

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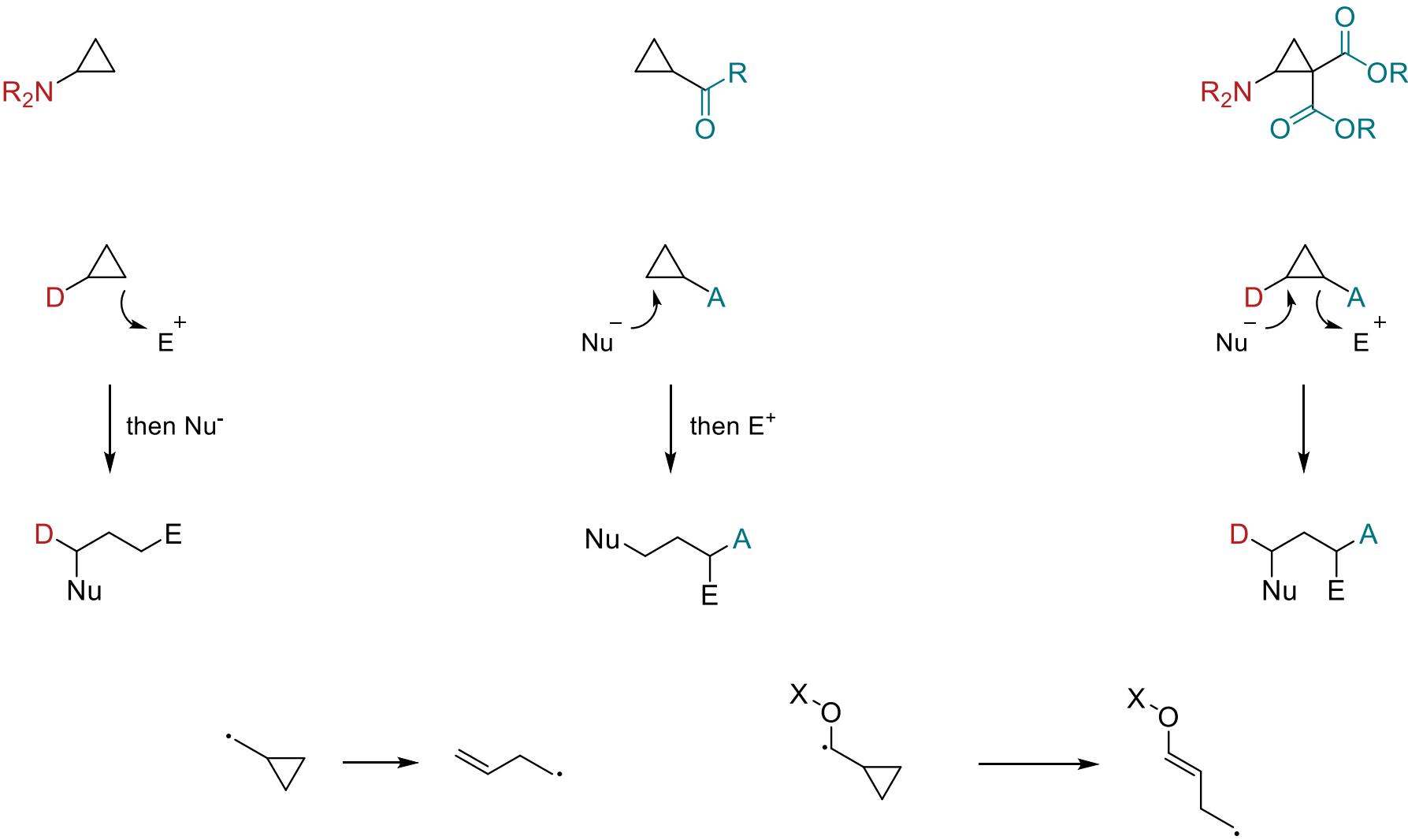
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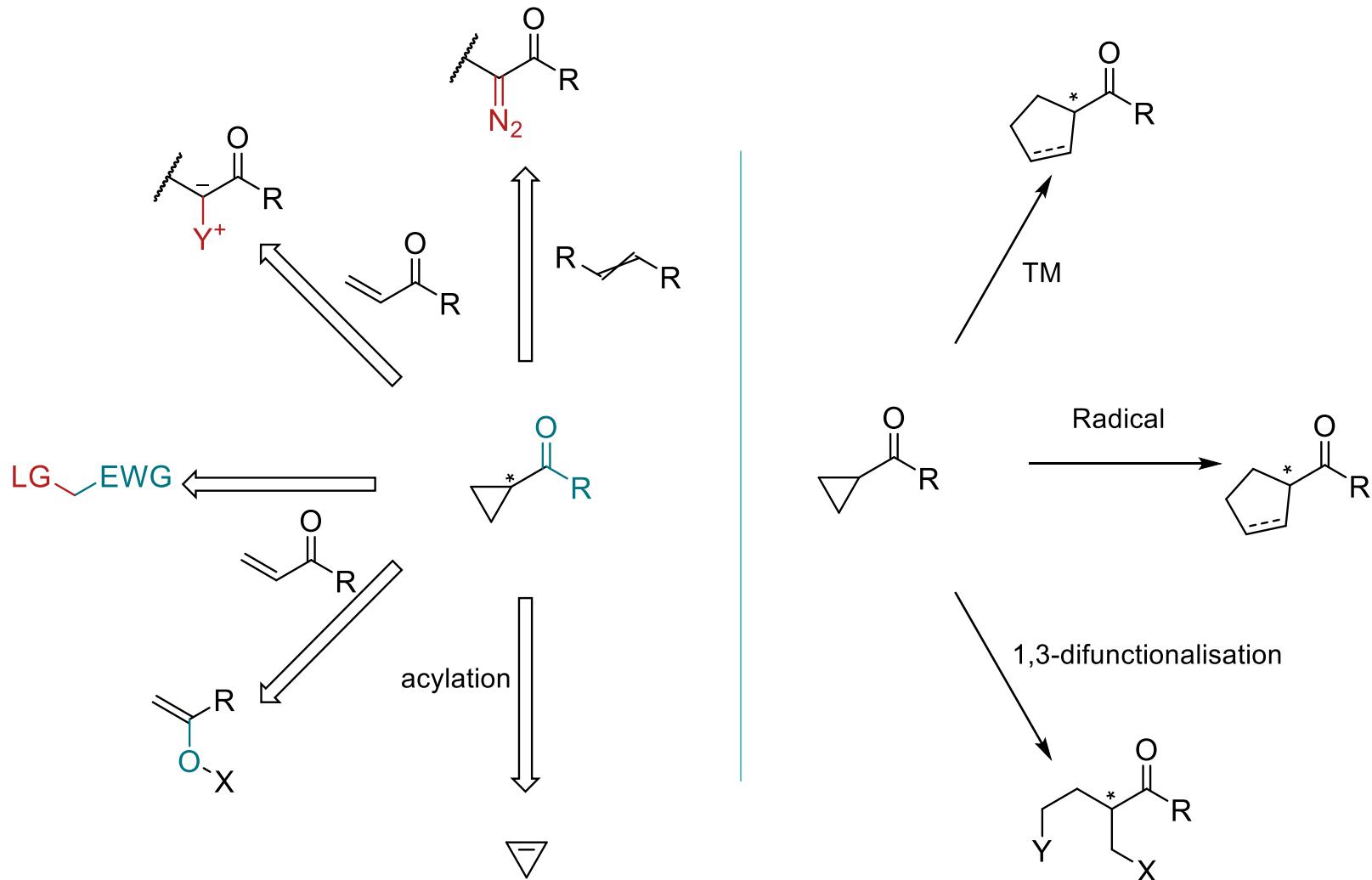
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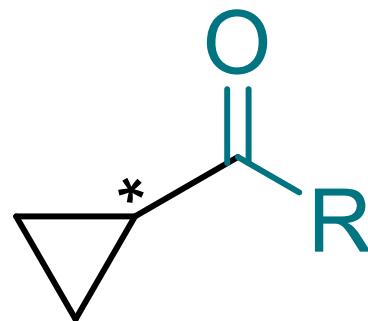
▪ Cyclopropanes for difunctionalisation



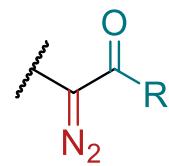
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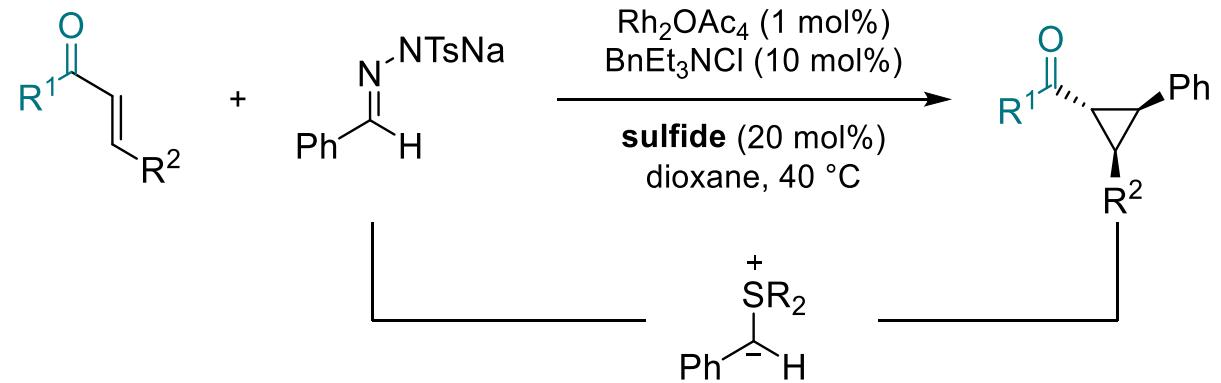
- Chiral lewis acids
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- Chiral ligands



## Synthesis of chiral cyclopropyl ketones

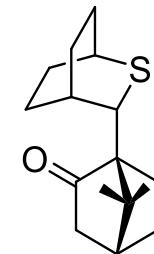
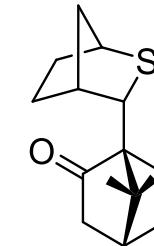


Aggarwal, ACIE, 2001

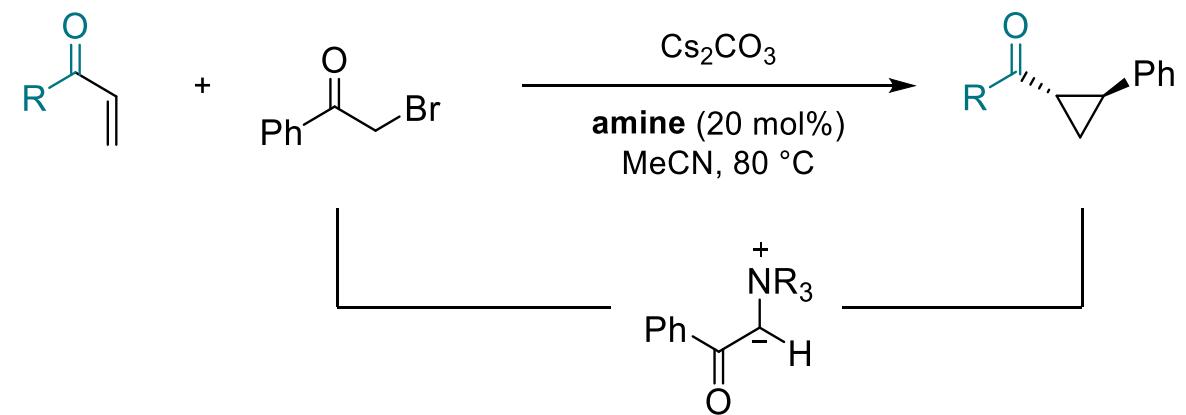


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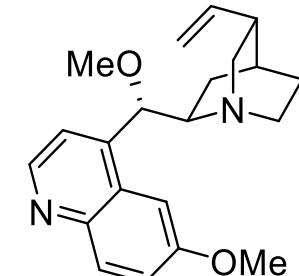
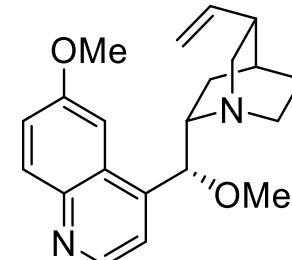


Gaunt, ACIE, 2004



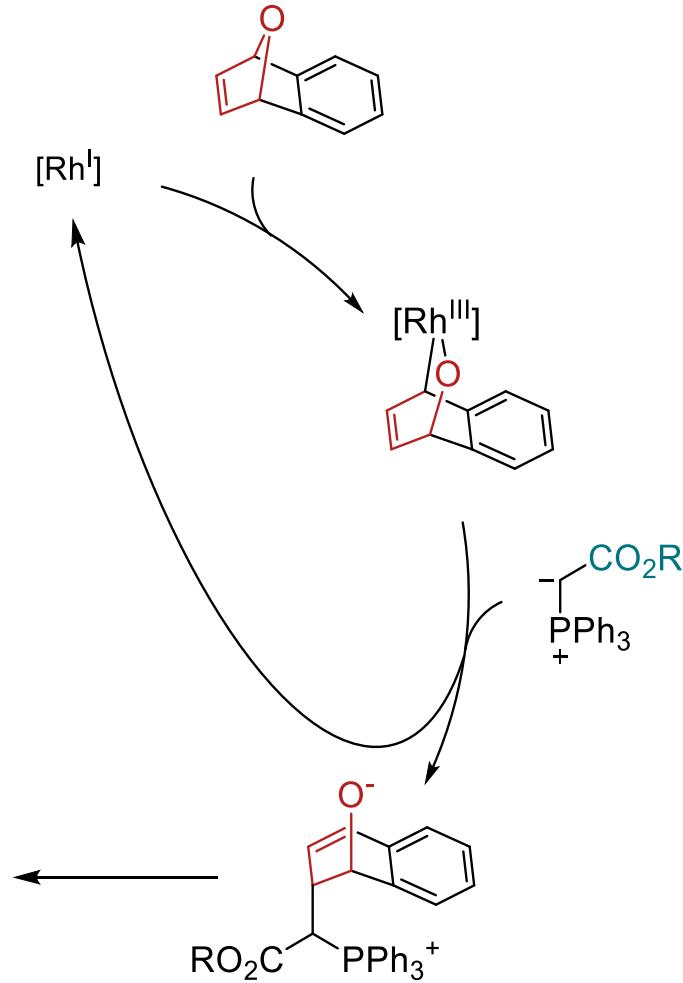
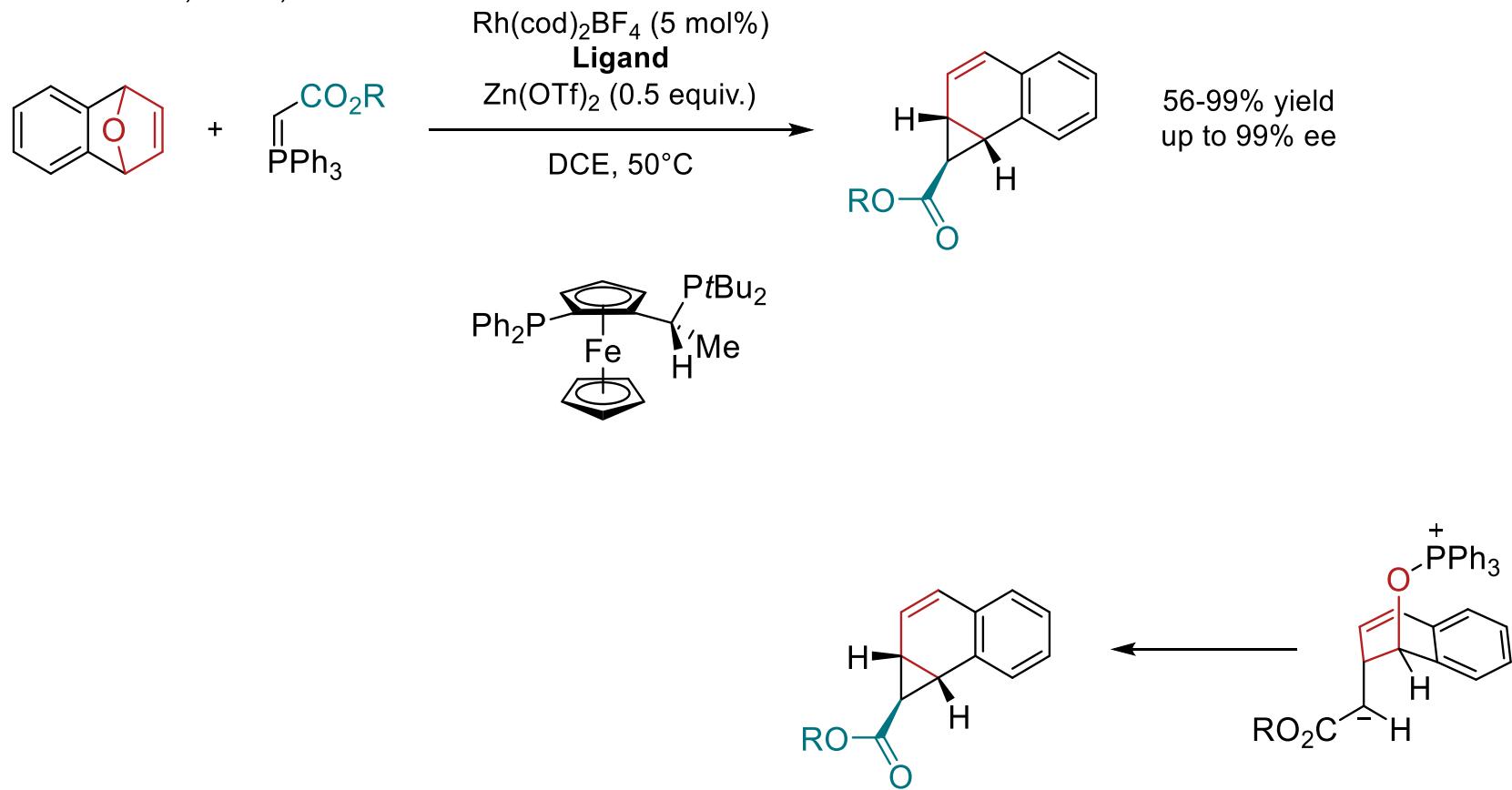
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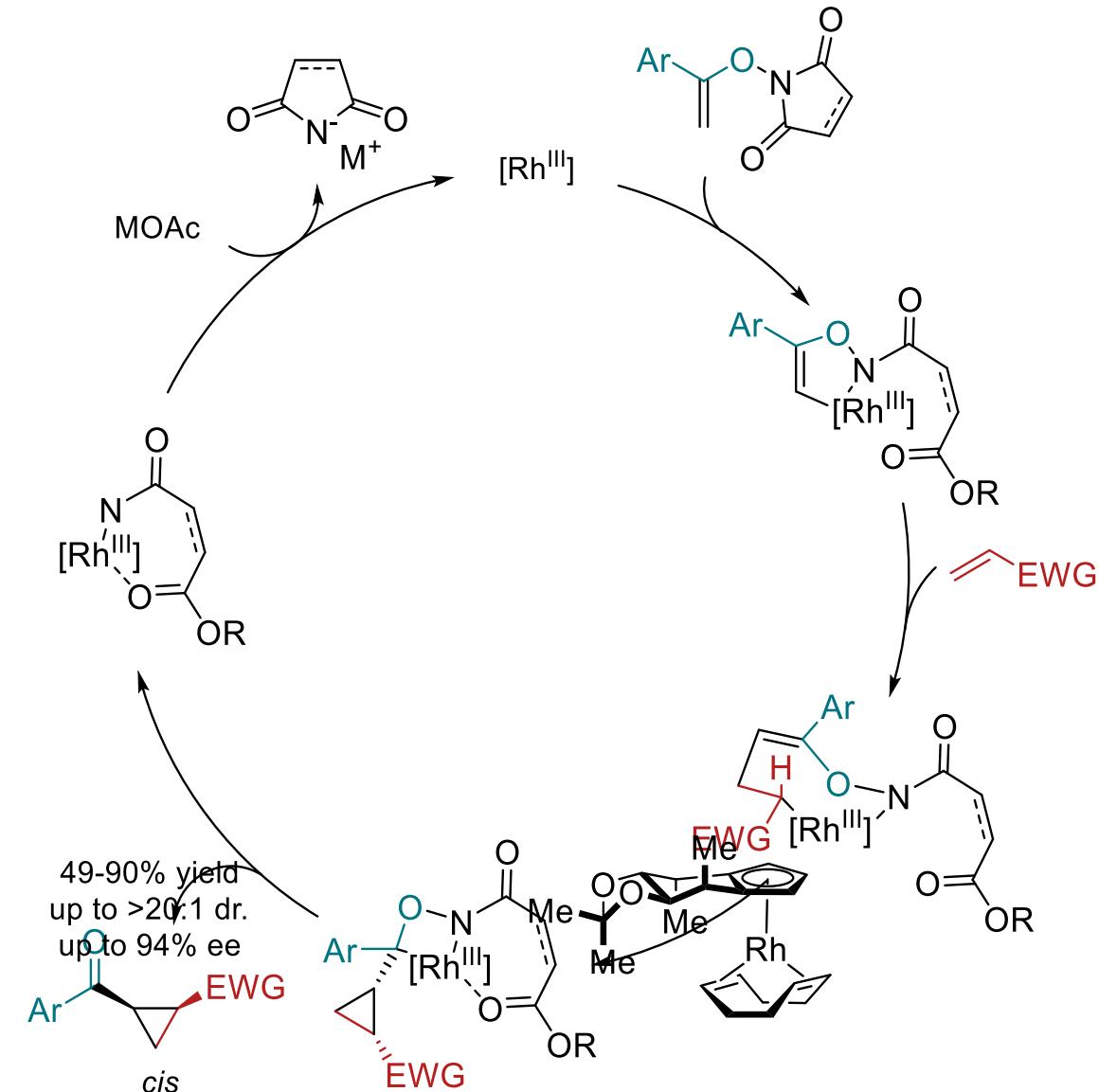
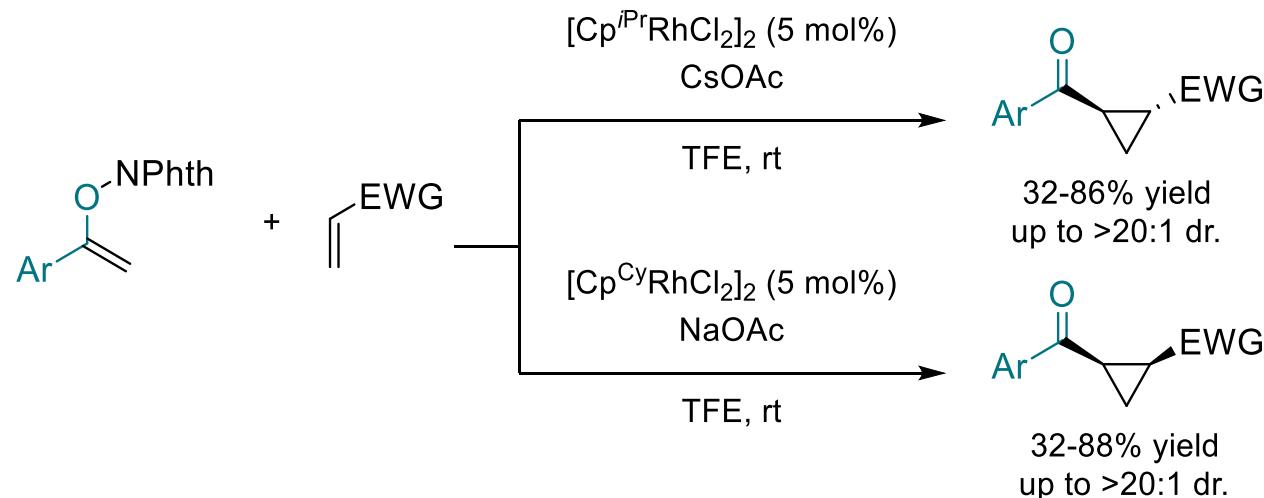
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Lautens, ACIE, 2019

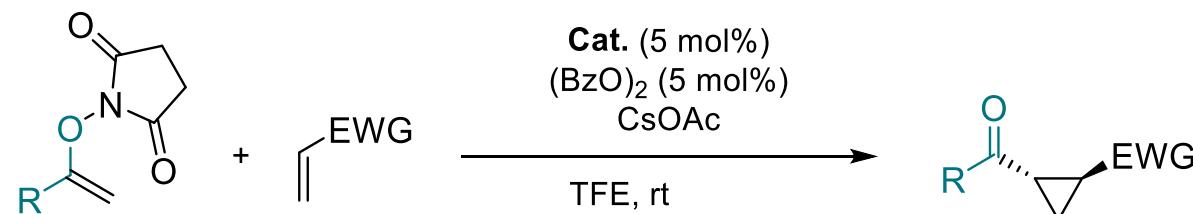


## ▪ N-Enoxyimide mediated cyclopropanations

Rovis, JACS, 2014 and 2016



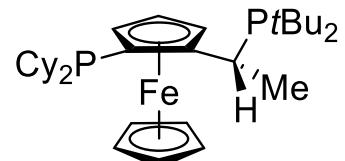
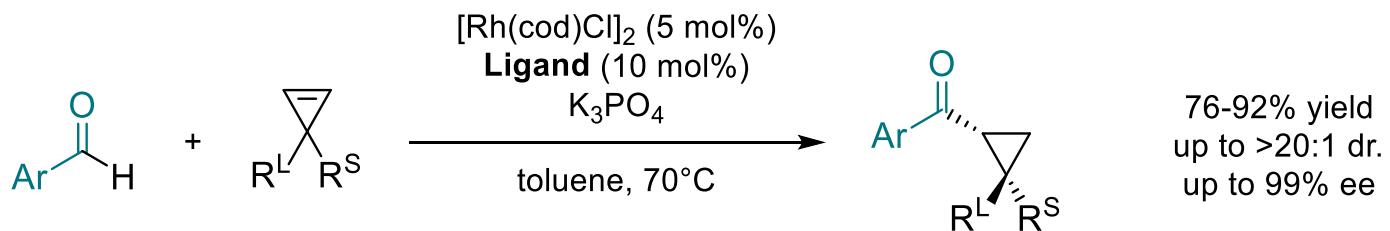
Cramer, Chem. Sci. 2019



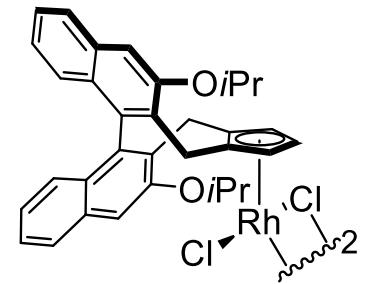
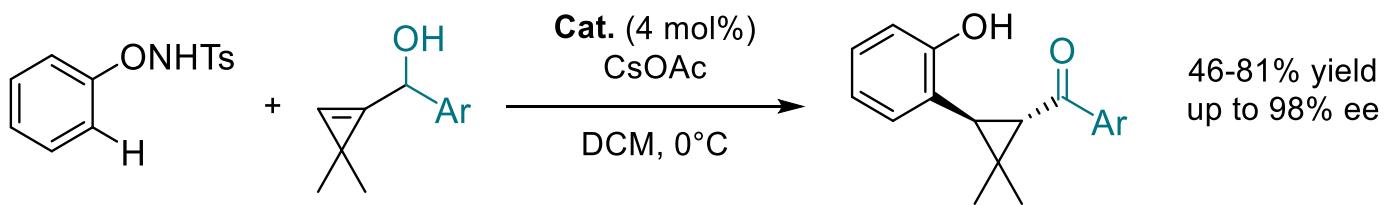
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## ▪ Transition metal catalysed cyclopropene difunctionalisation

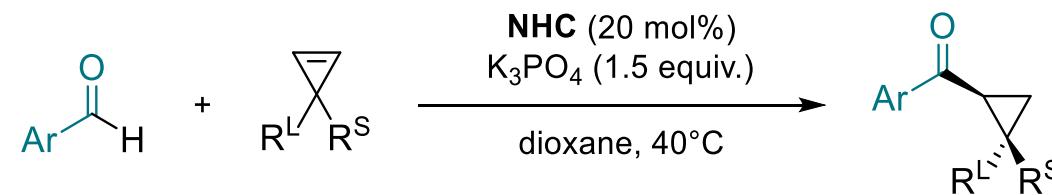
Dong, JACS, 2010



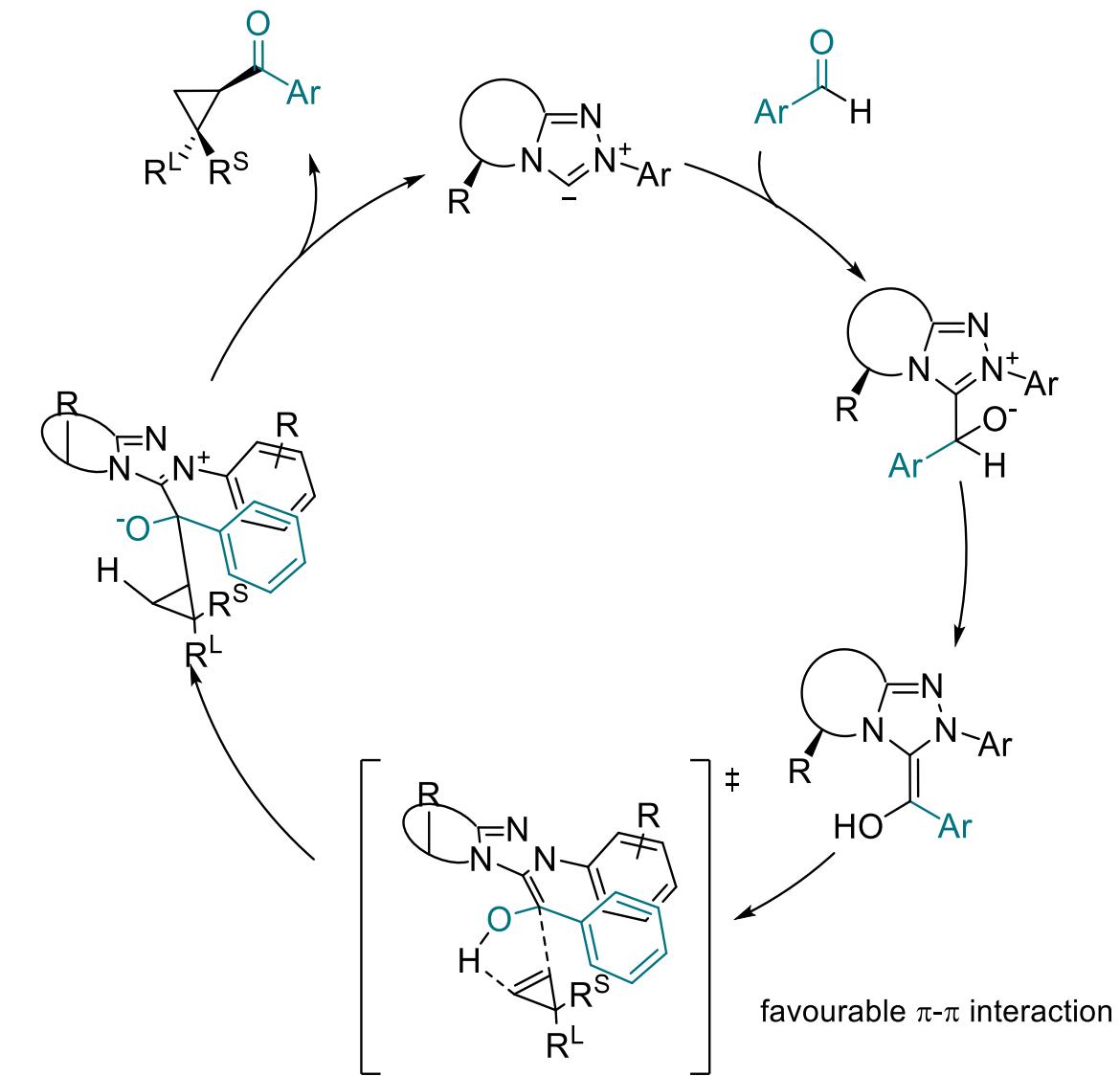
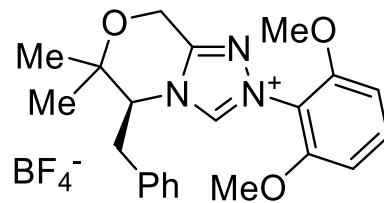
Li, ACIE, 2020

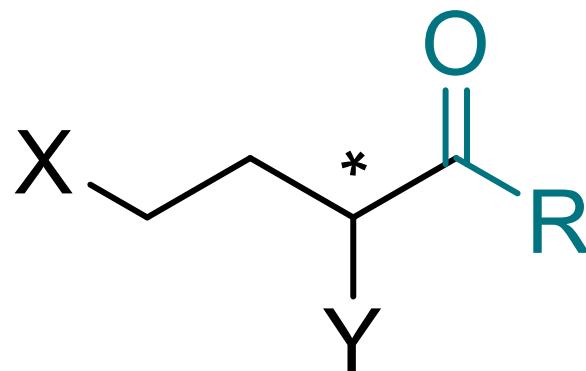


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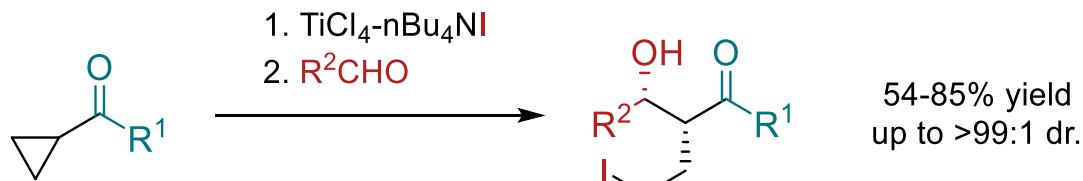




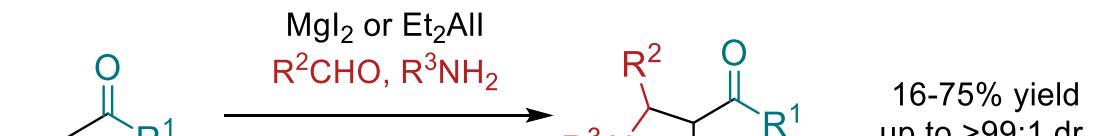
Enantioselective cyclopropyl  
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# EPFL • Diastereoselective transformations

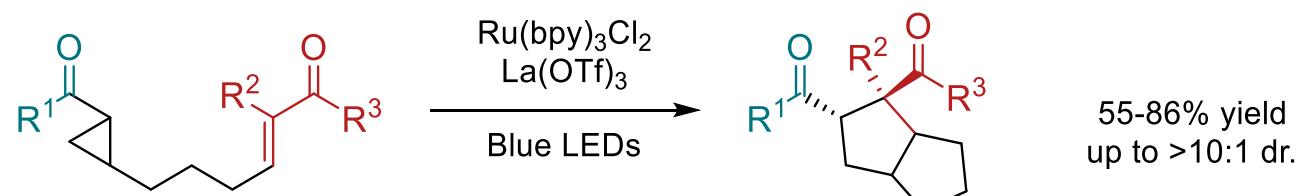
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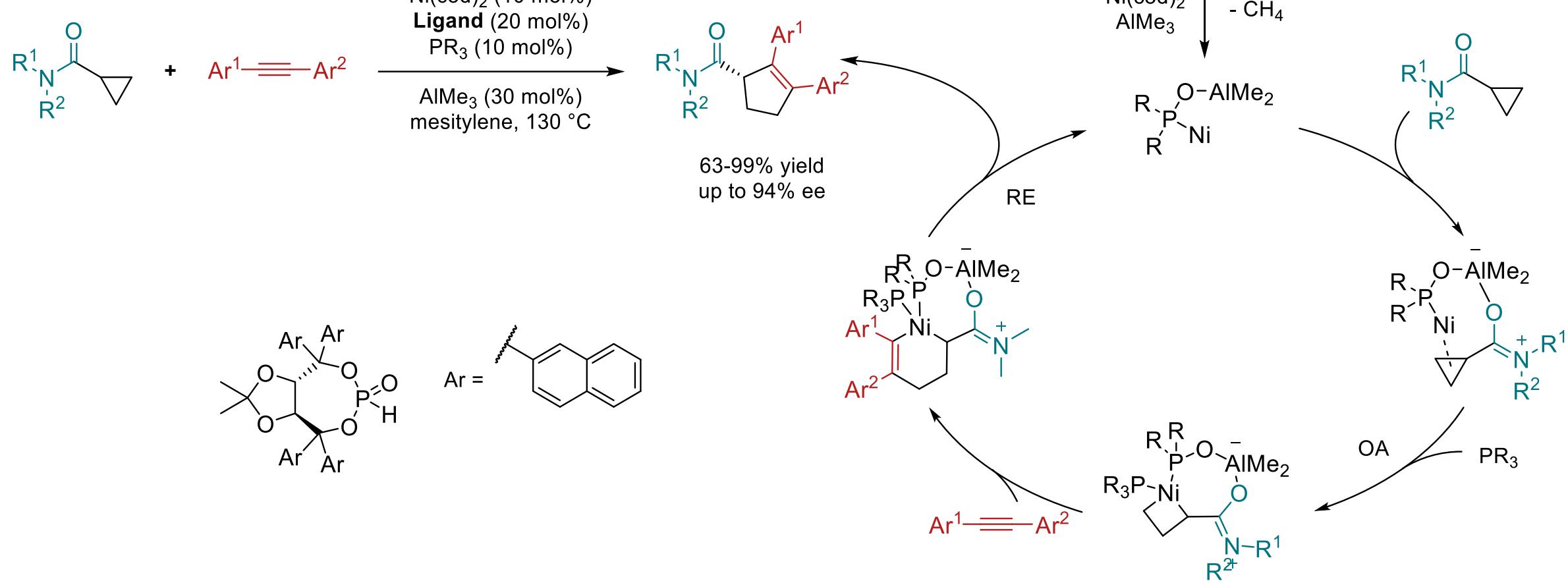
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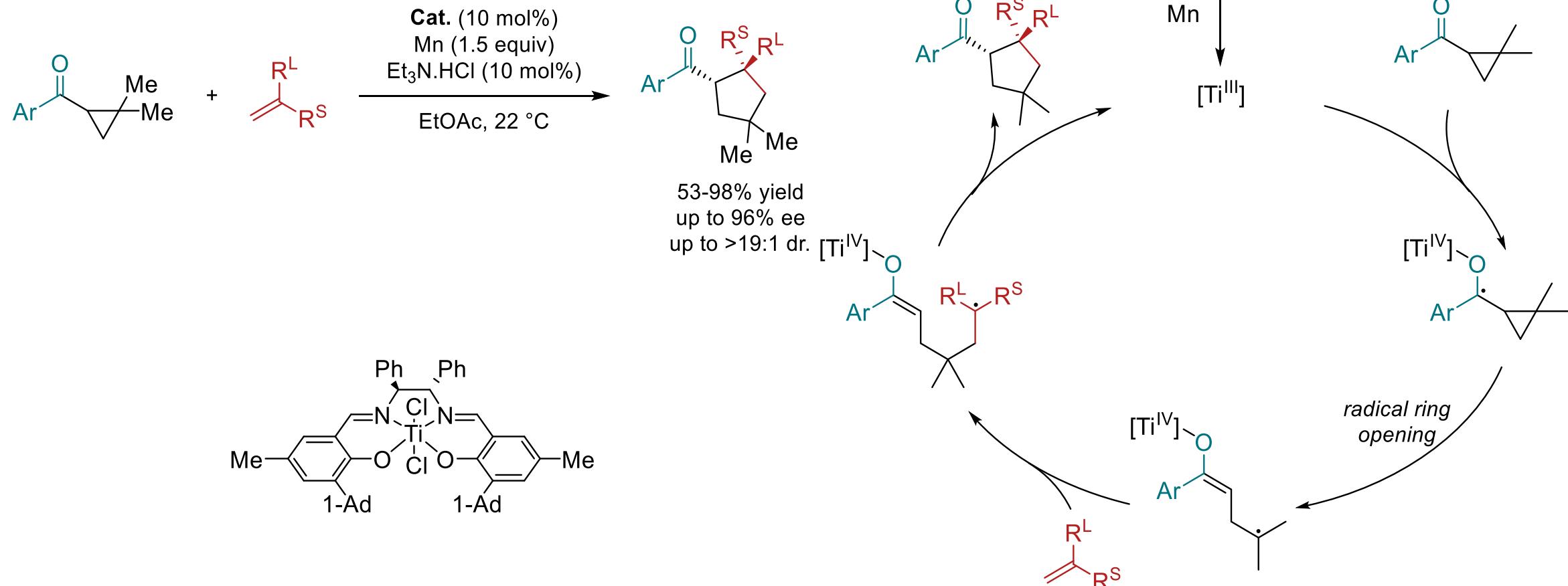
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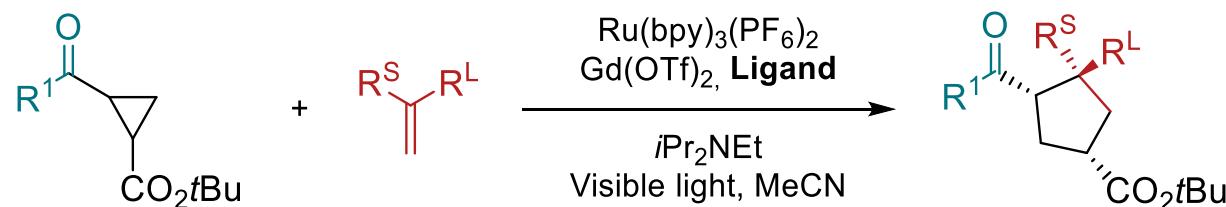
## ▪ Radical ring-opening with Ti-based catalyst

Lin, JACS, 2018

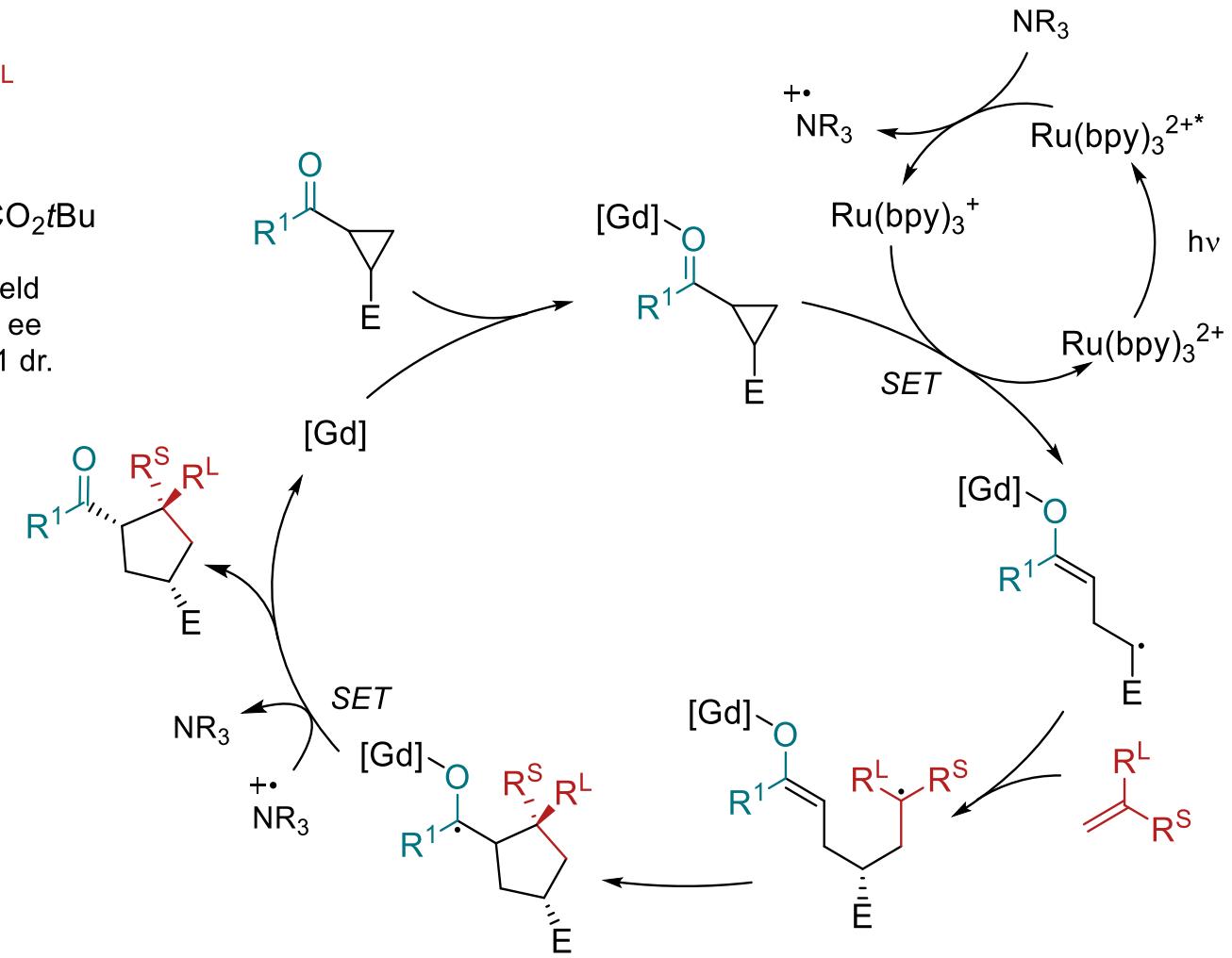
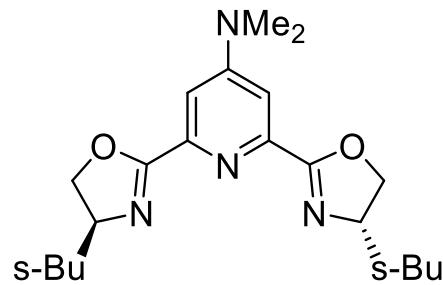


## ▪ Lewis acid and photocatalysed radical [3+2] cycloaddition

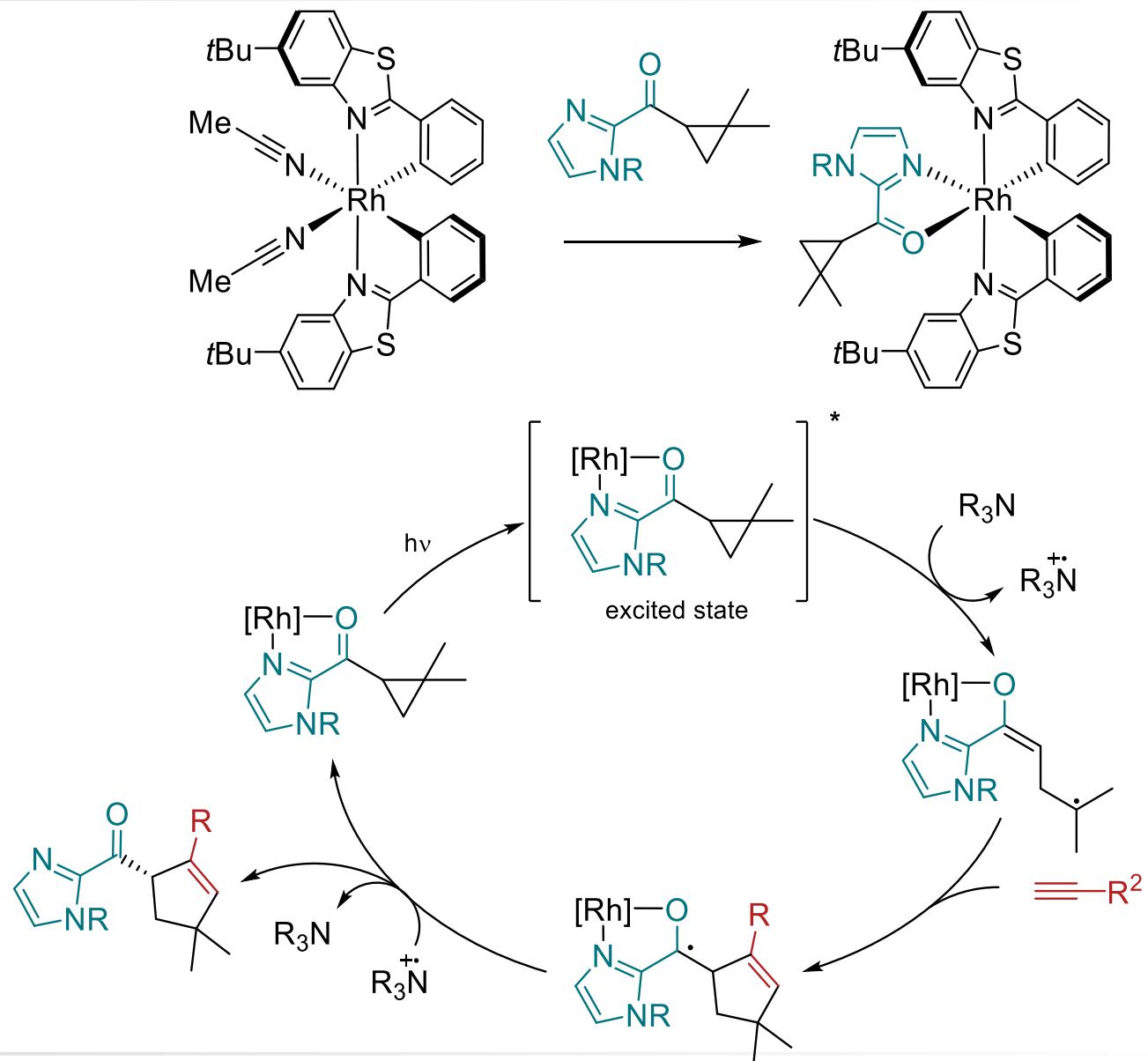
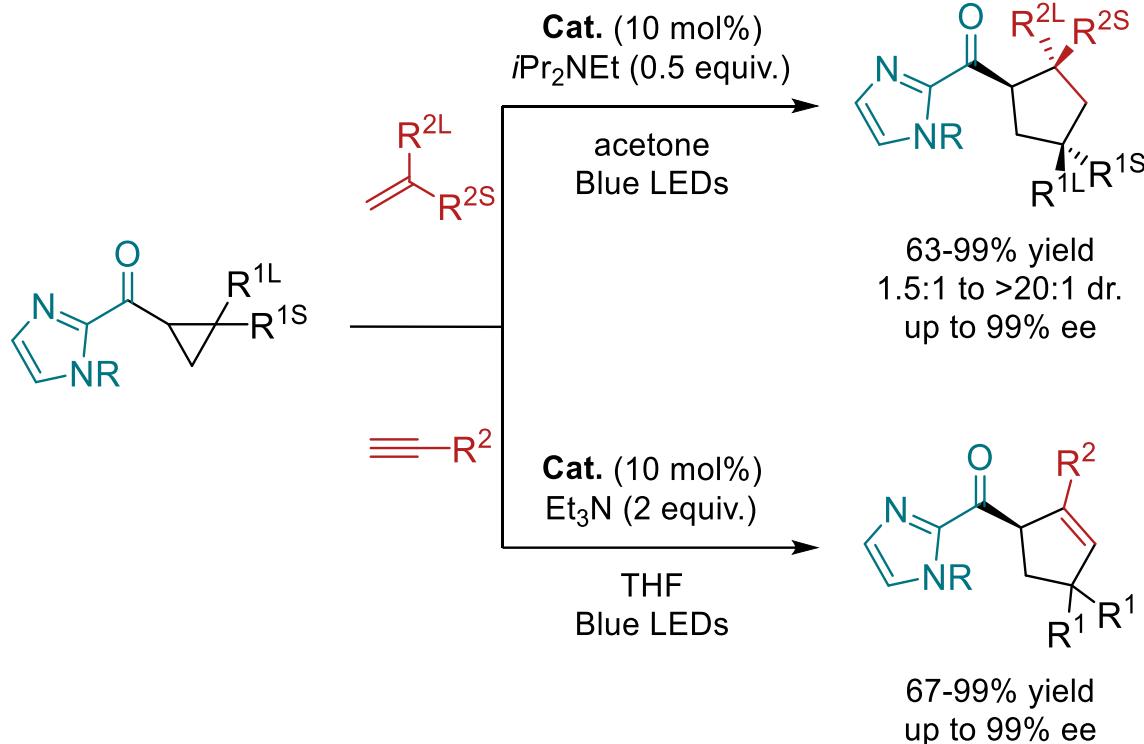
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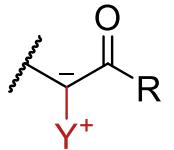
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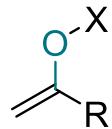
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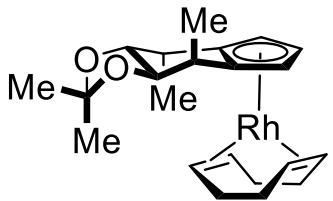
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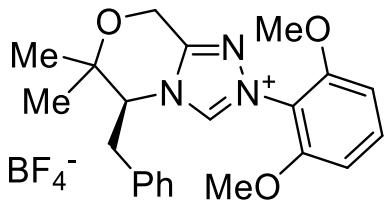
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- Variety of different C1 building blocks
- trans* and *cis* cyclopropanes



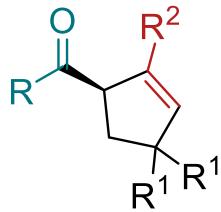
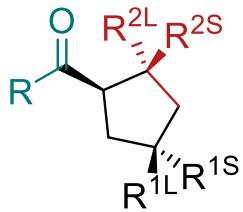
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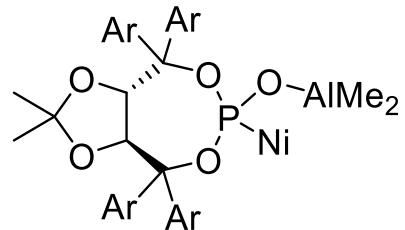
- Organocatalysis

- but also radical ring closures or rearrangements

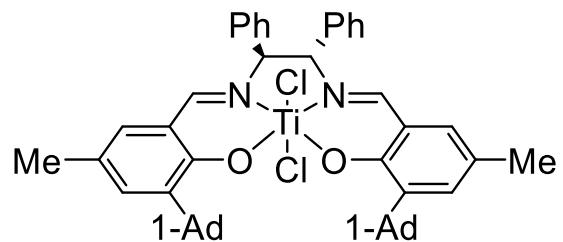
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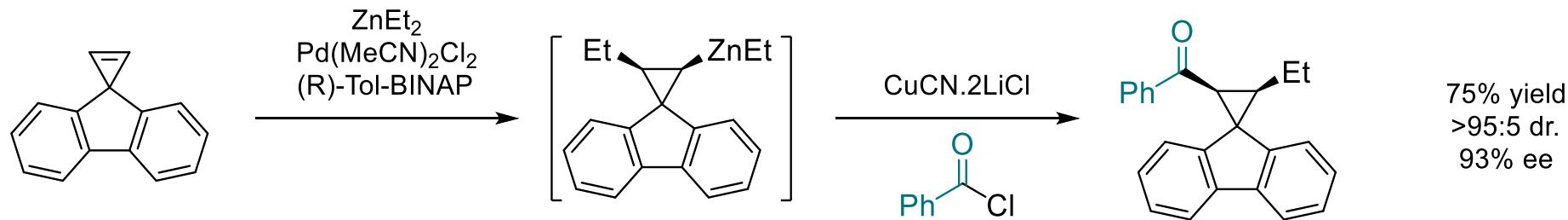
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- Radical/LA dual catalysis

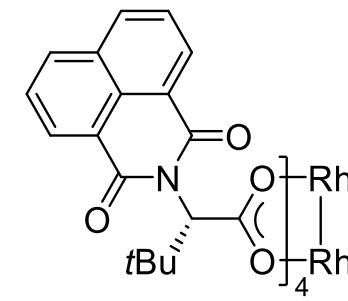
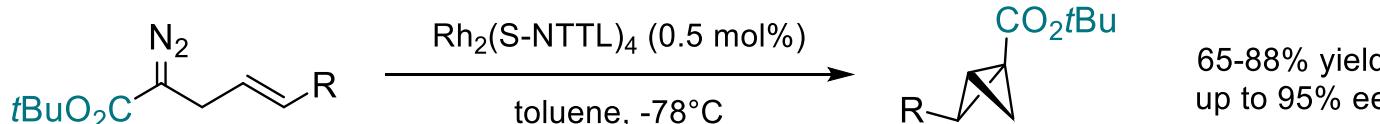
- Propose the starting material and a mechanism for this transformation

Lautens, OL, 2011



- Propose a structure for the following transformation

Fox, JACS, 2013

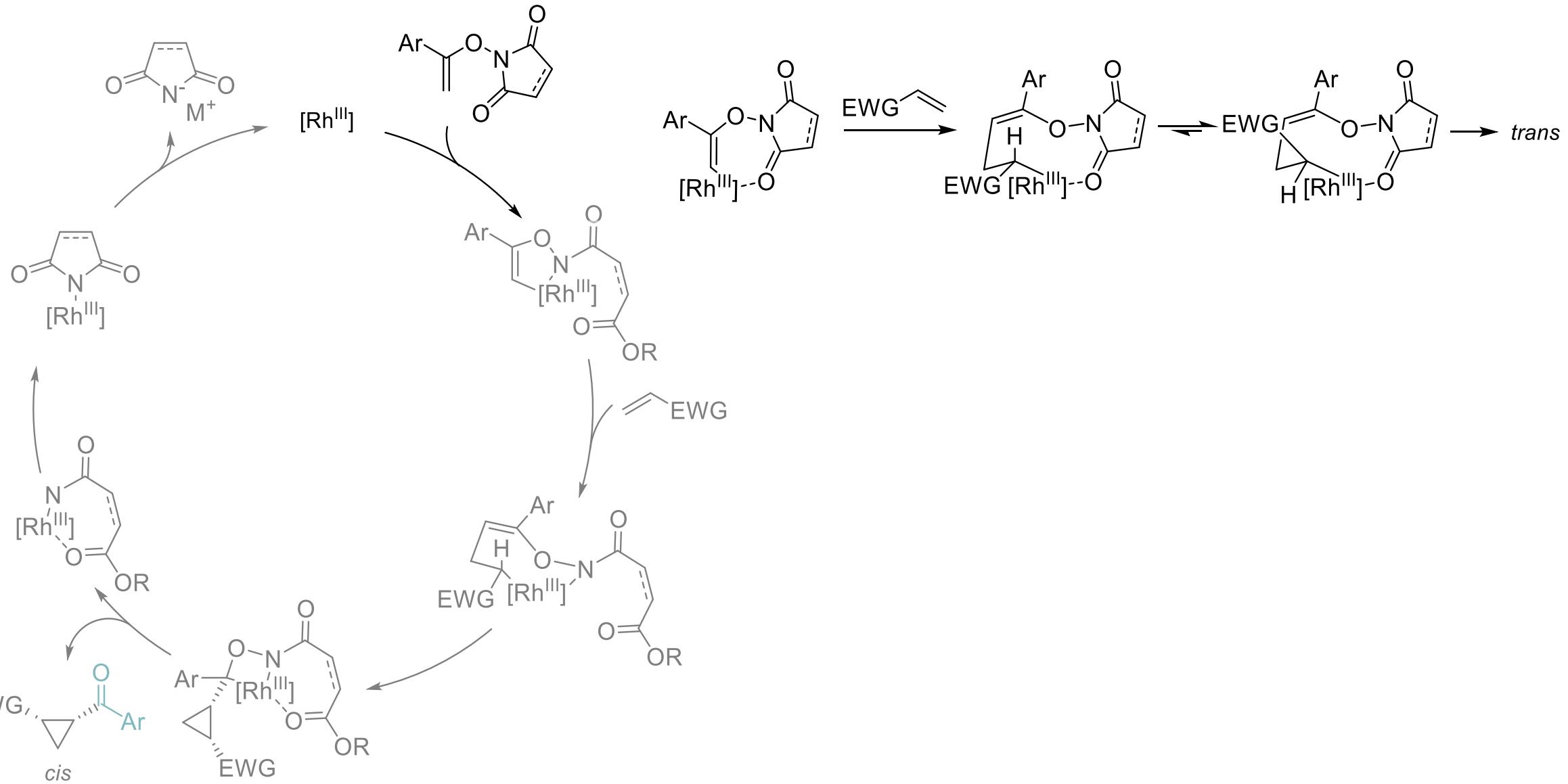


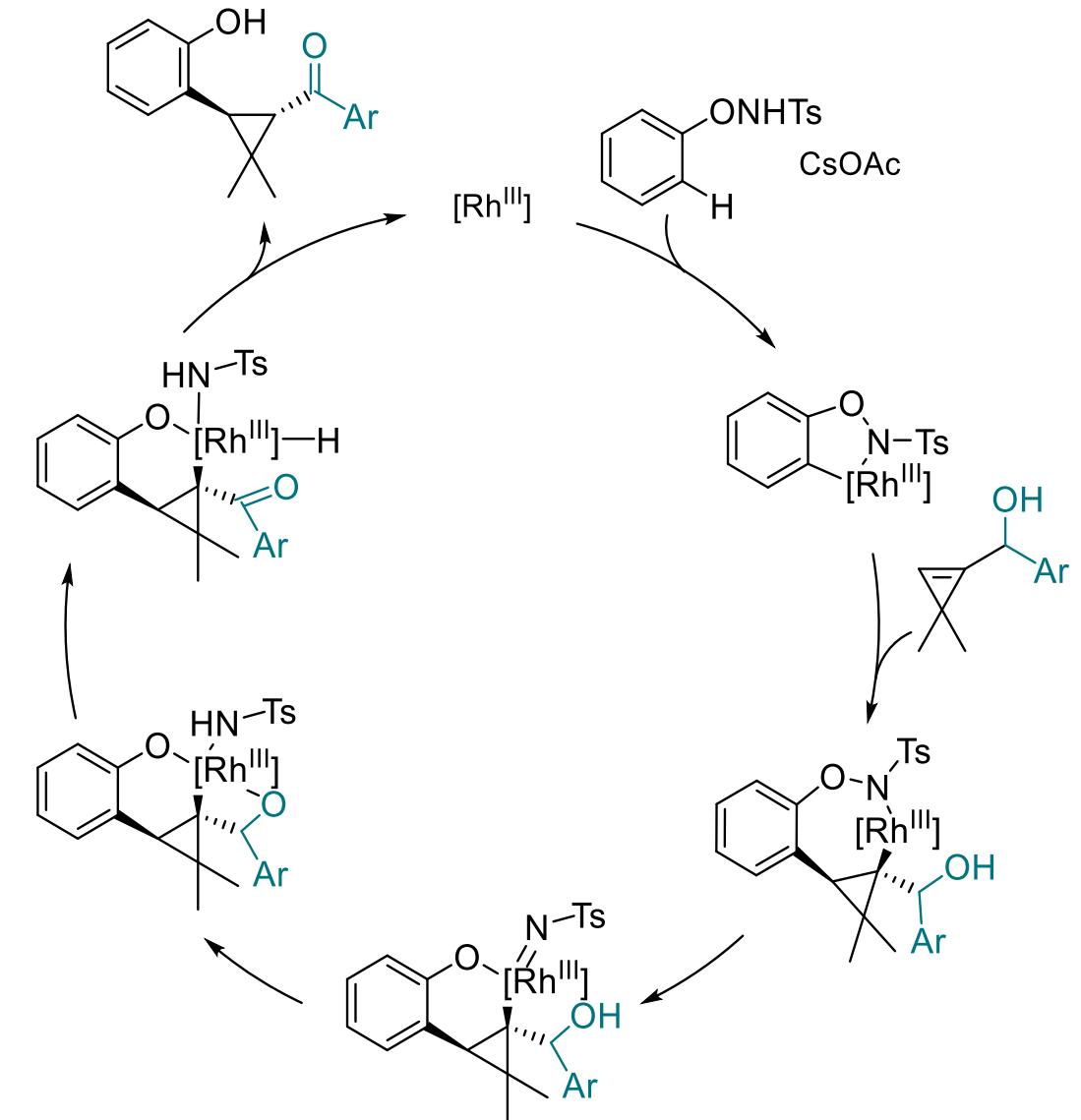
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Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?

# EPFL • Rovis trans cyclopropanation





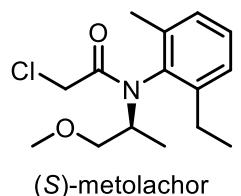
# Acid-mediated hydroaminomethylation

*Gitlina Anastasia*

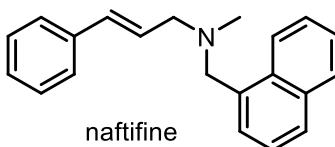
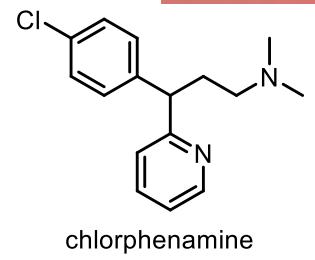
*PhD student, LCS, Prof. Kay Severin*

# Amines

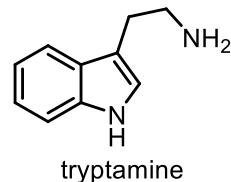
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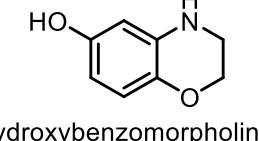
## Pharmaceutics



## Food-additives



## Cosmetics



## Lubricants

## Antiseptics

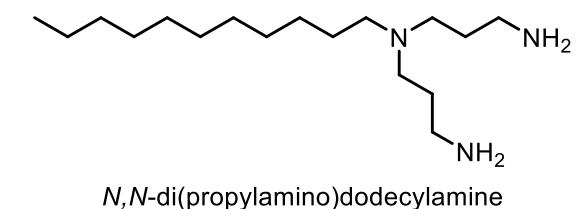
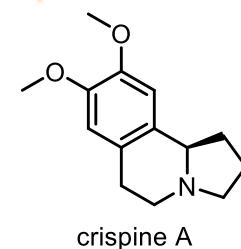
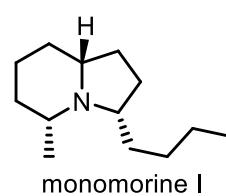
## Textiles

## Solvents

## Detergents

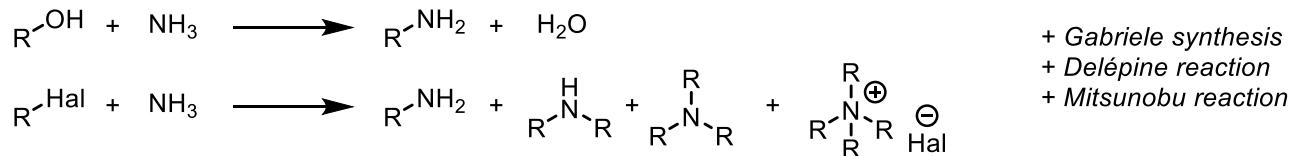


## Natural products

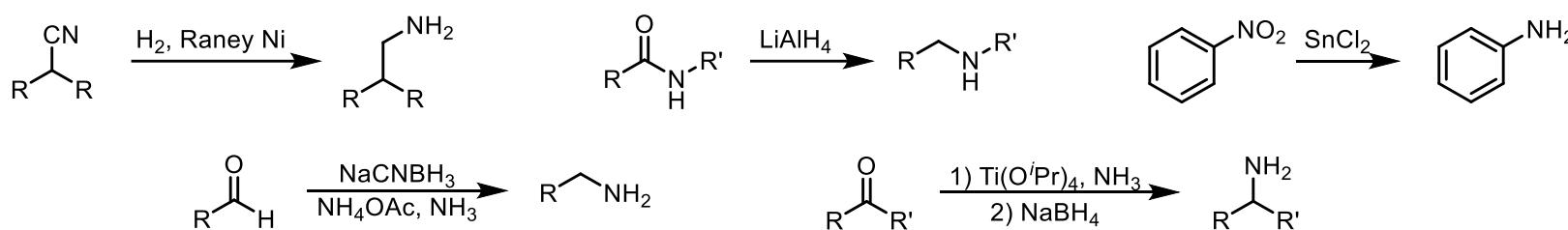


# Summary of amines synthesis

## Classical S<sub>N</sub>2 reactions:



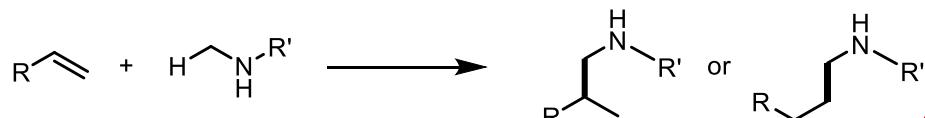
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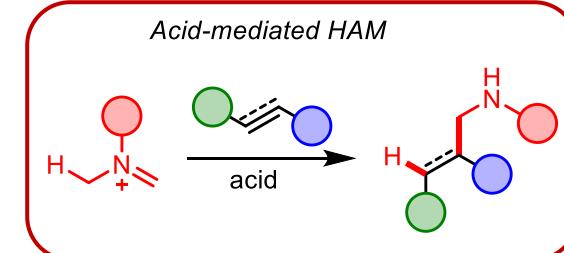
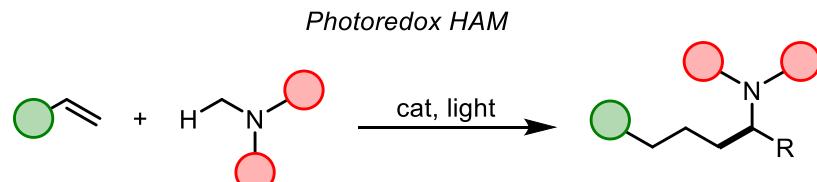
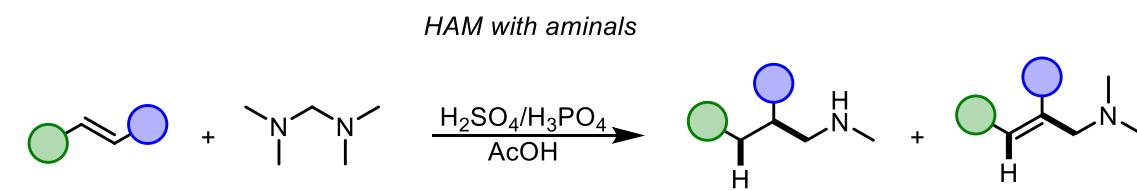
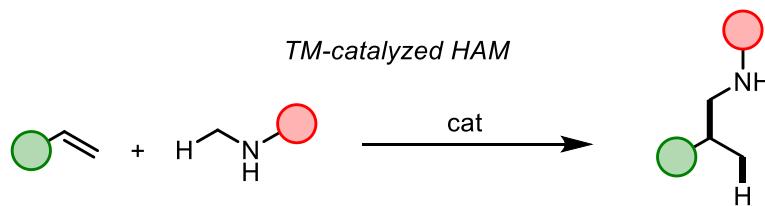
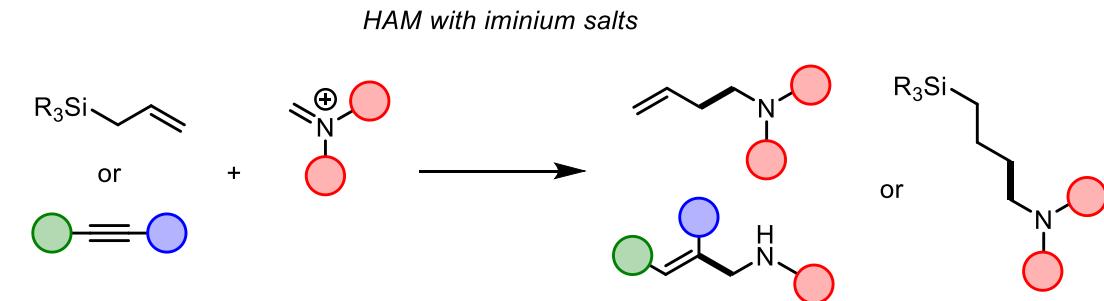
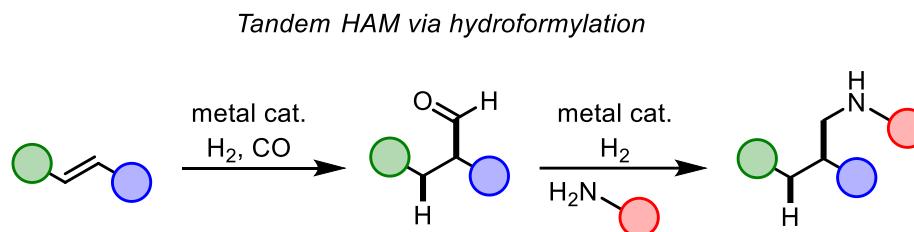
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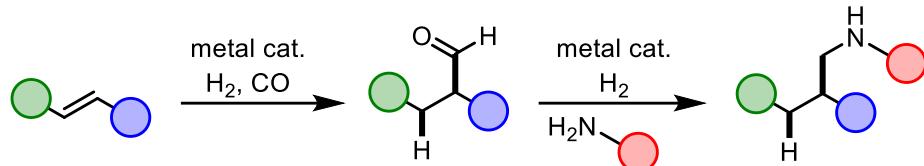
## Hydroaminomethylation (HAM):



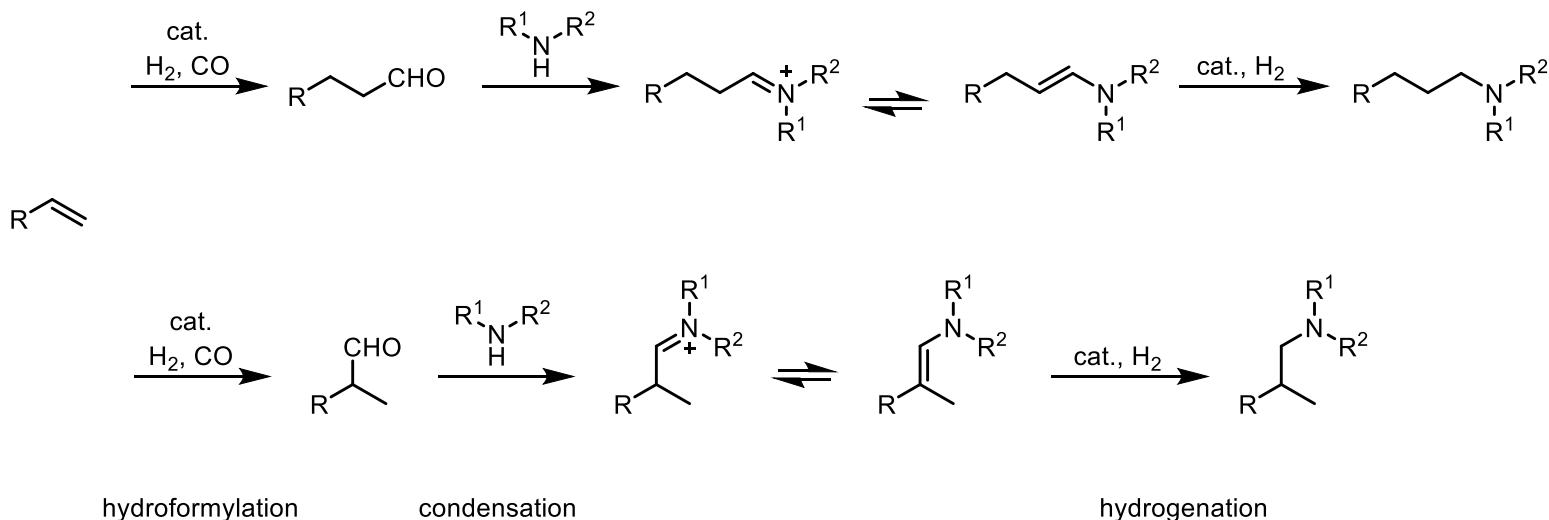
# HAM methods



# Tandem HAM via hydroformylation

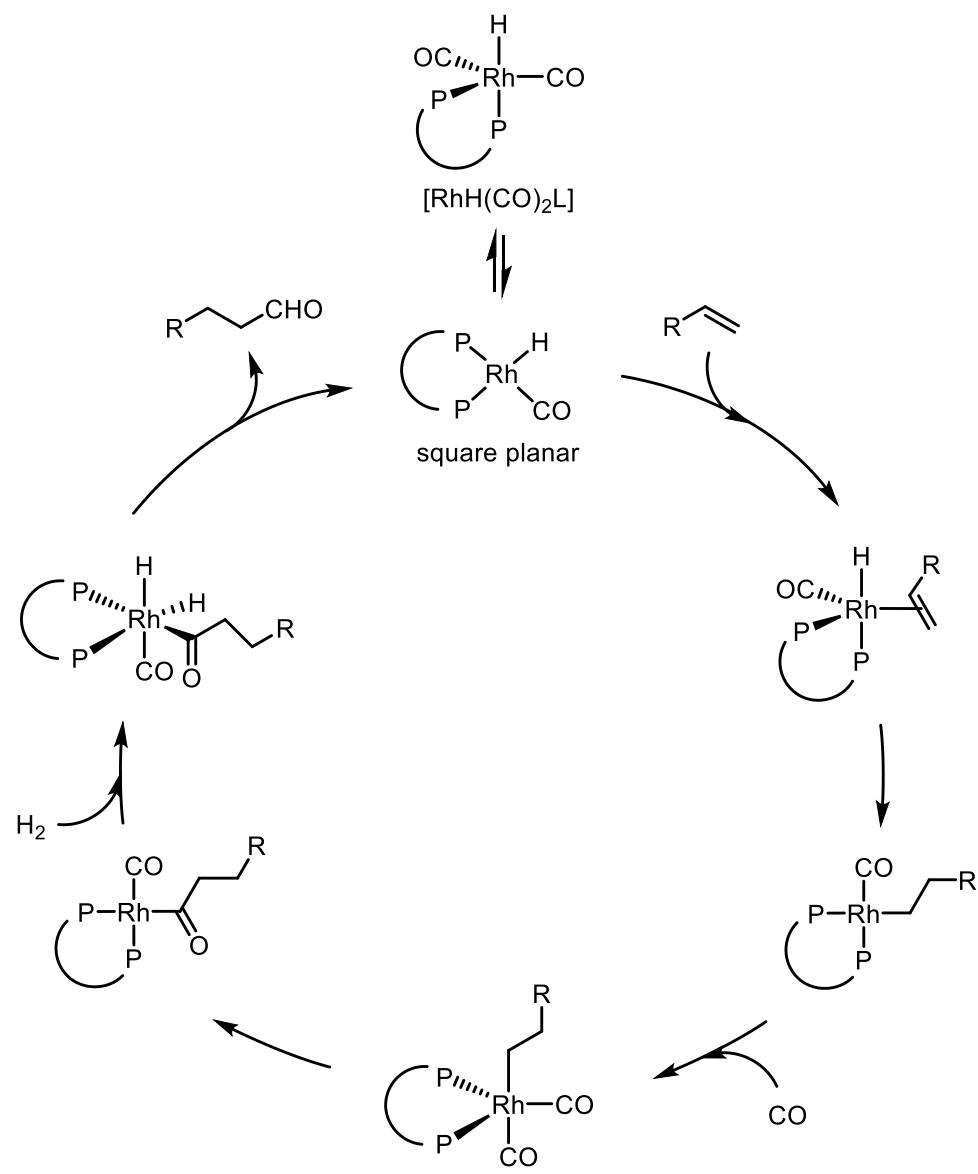


Kaiser et al., *Angew. Chem. In. Ed.*, **2019**, 58, 14639

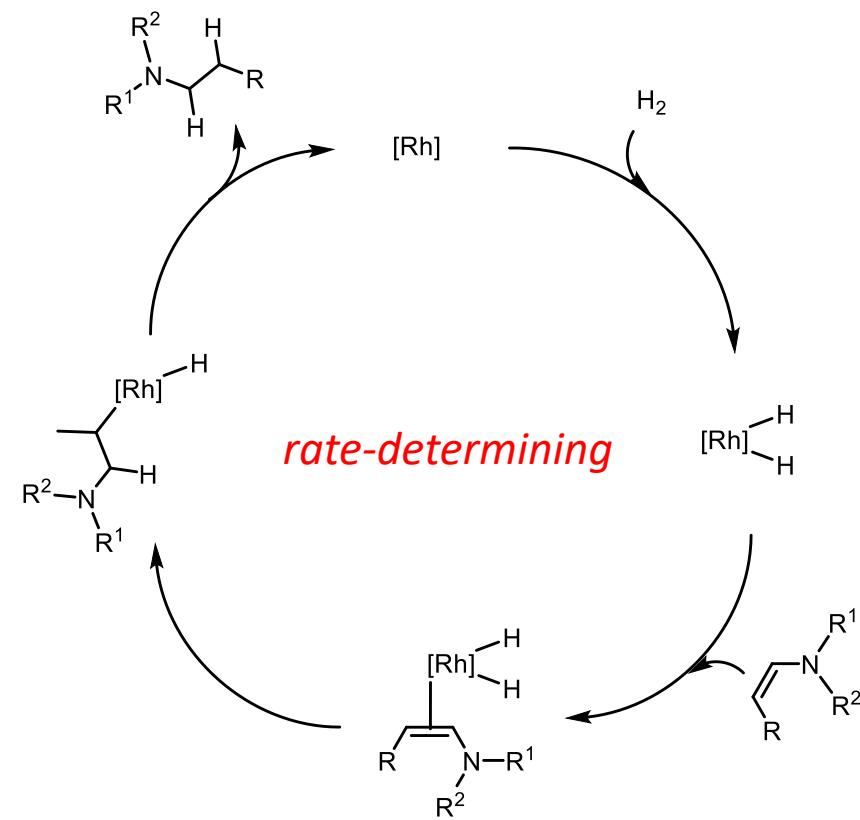


Kalck et al., *Chem. Rev.*, **2018**, 118, 3861

*Catalytic cycle of hydroformylation step*

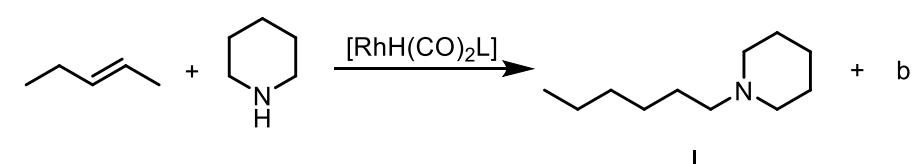
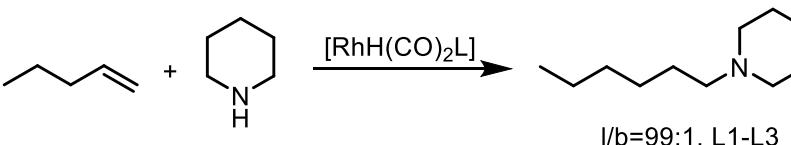


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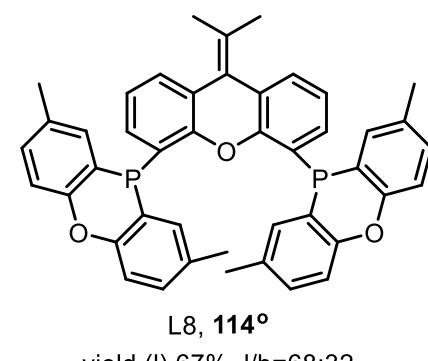
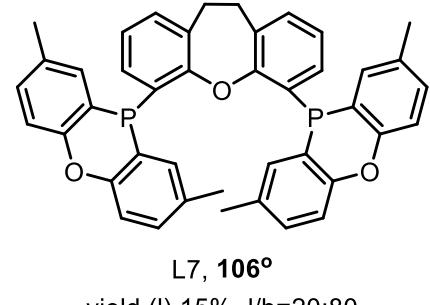
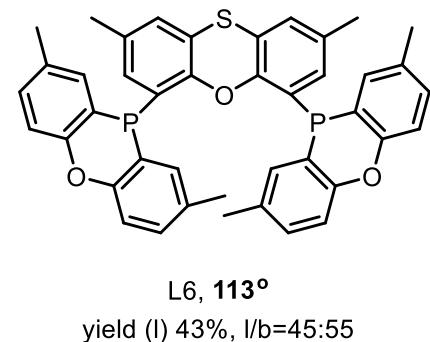
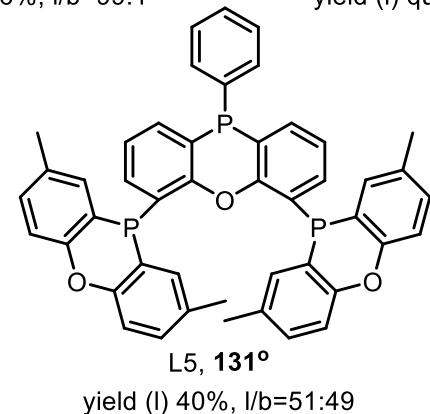
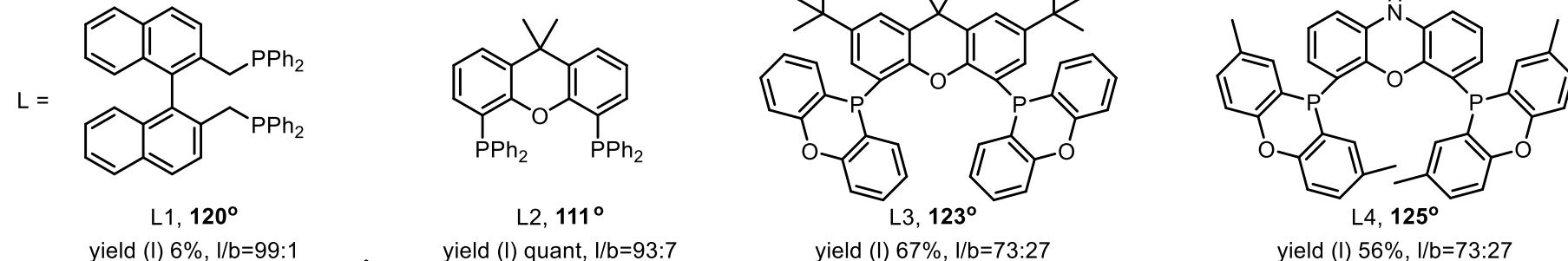
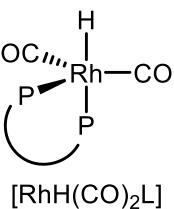
General conditions:

90 to 130 °C, 30 to 60 bar  
 CO/H<sub>2</sub> (1:1 to 1:5)  
 30 min to 72 h



Unmodified catalysts:

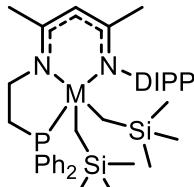
- Rh<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
- [Ru<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>]
- [Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub>]
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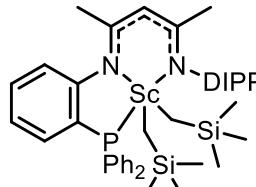
# Metal-catalyzed HAM of alkenes

## Recent catalytic systems:

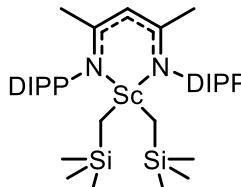
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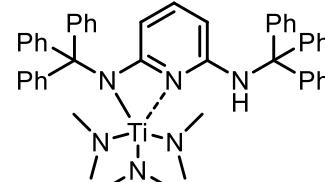
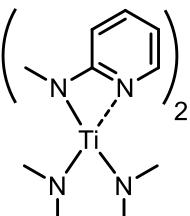
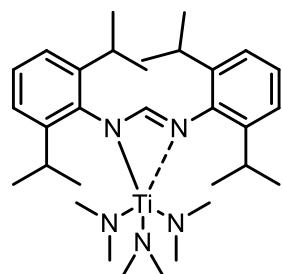
M = Sc, Y



Gao et al, Org. Chem. Front., 2018, 5, 59

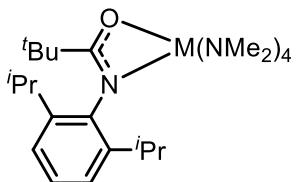


4 group

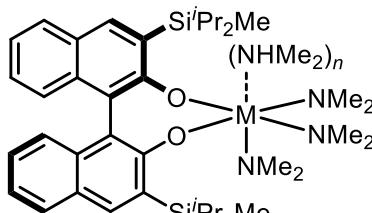
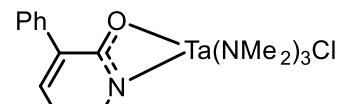


Lehning et al, Chem. Eur. J., 2017, 23, 4197  
Bielefeld et al, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2017, 56, 15155

5 group



M = Nb, Ta

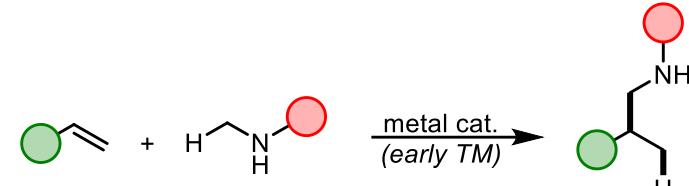


M = Ta, n = 1  
M = Nb, n = 0

Lauzon et al, ACS Catal., 2017, 7, 5921

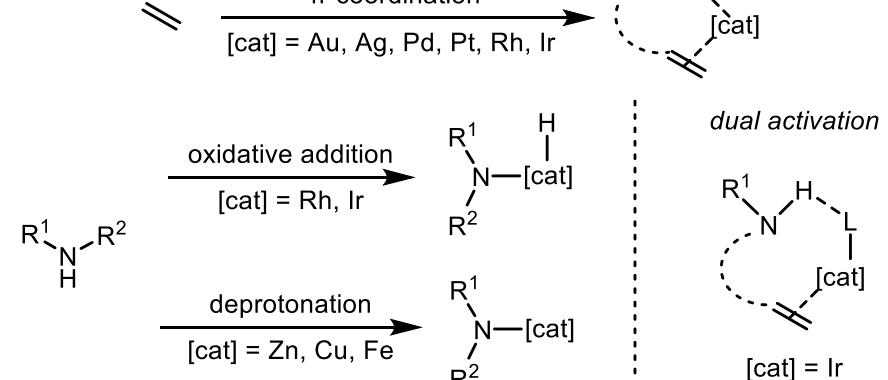
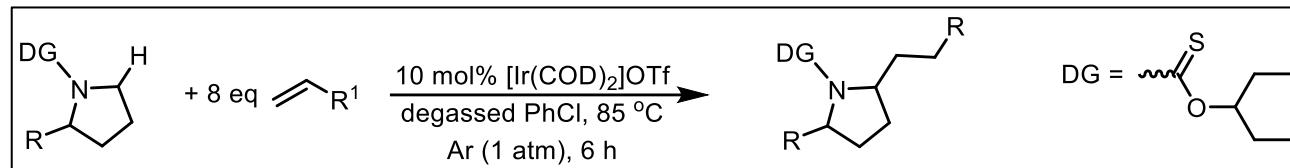
Chong et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2014, 136, 10898

Reznichenko et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2012, 134, 3300



Overall:

- + 1°, 2°, 3° amines
- + activated and nonactivated alkenes
- + moderate to good yields
- terminal alkenes
- double HAM
- mixture of linear and branched products
- moderate FG tolerance
- air sensitivity



Bernoud *et al*, *Catal. Sci. Technol.*, 2015, 5, 2017

#### Olefins scope, R = H

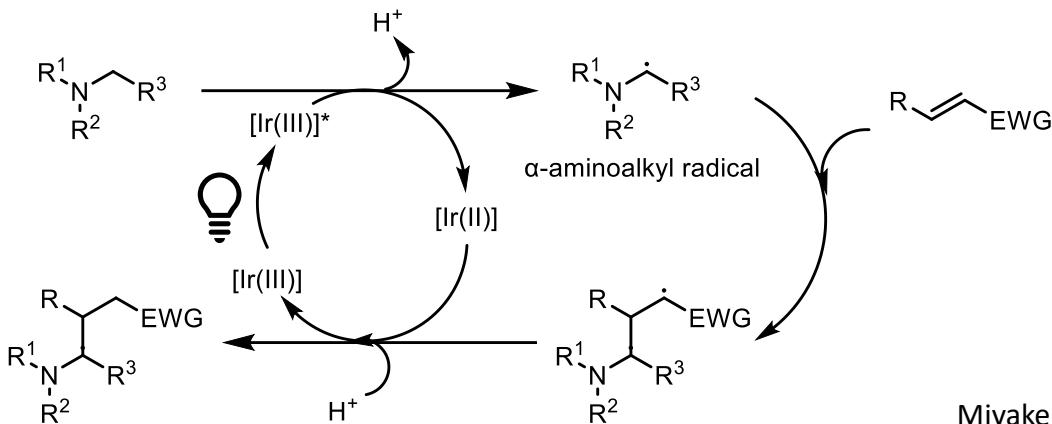
68%	<5%	42%	37%	62%
di:mono = 1.8:1	di:mono = 1.2:1	di:mono = 0.19:1	di:mono = 1.2:1	
56%	52%*	62%*	59%*	96%*
di:mono = 1.5:1				
62%*	40%*	73%*	55%*	70%*

\*only dialkylated products (d.r. > 20:1) were obtained for these substrates

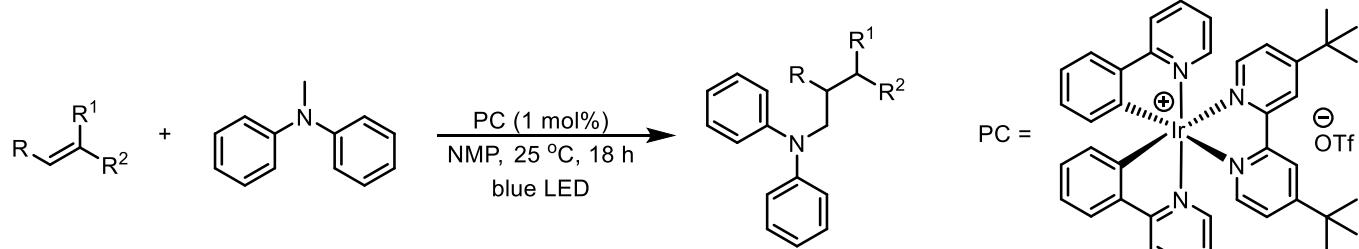
#### Amines scope

Pyrrolidines		
62%	76% d.r. = 1.2:1	68% d.r. = 1:1
Boc-NH		
30% d.r. = 1.3:1	42%	40%
Piperidine and isoquinoline		
30%	35%	
Proline and trans-hydroxyproline		
48% d.r. = 6:1	35% d.r. = 3.3:1	

# Photocatalytic approach to HAM



Miyake et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2012, 134, 3338



## Olefins scope

$\text{nPr}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$i\text{Bu}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{Cyclohexyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{Phenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{4-Methylphenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$
91%	91%	61%	89%	68%
$\text{Phenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{4-Chlorophenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{4-Phenylphenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{2-Phenylphenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{2-Methoxyphenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$
86%	83%	81%	84%	52%
$\text{Phenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Me})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$	$\text{Phenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{COMe})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{Phenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{COMe}$	$\text{Phenyl}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	
78%	79%	36%	81%	9%

## Amines scope

$\text{Phenyl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$	$\text{4-Methylphenyl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$	$\text{4-Methoxyphenyl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$	$\text{4-Fluorophenyl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$	$\text{4-Chlorophenyl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$
89%	89%	80%	91%	79%
$\text{4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$	$\text{4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$	$\text{4-(Isopropyl)phenyl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$	$\text{4-(Isopropyl)phenyl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$	$\text{4-(Benzyl)indolin-3-yl}-\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2$
80%	90%	73%	94%	97% mono:di = 3.6:1
				83% <b>10</b>

# Pros vs Cons of metal-catalyzed methods of HAM of alkenes



- one-pot
- atom economy
- orthogonal/autotandem catalysis
- high yields\*
- high chemo-, regio-, enantioselectivity\*
- good functional group tolerance\*

*\*if catalyst is well-designed*



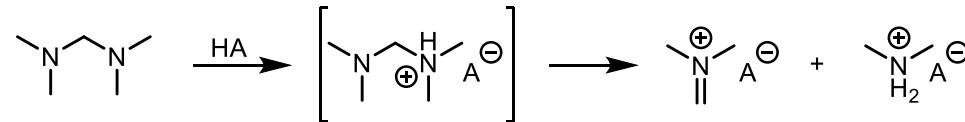
- moderate yields in general
- catalyst design
- catalyst-based substrate design
- early TM incompatible with air conditions
- limited olefins scope (nonactivated, terminal)
- selectivity restrictions
- double alkylation
- metal or oxidant additives in principle



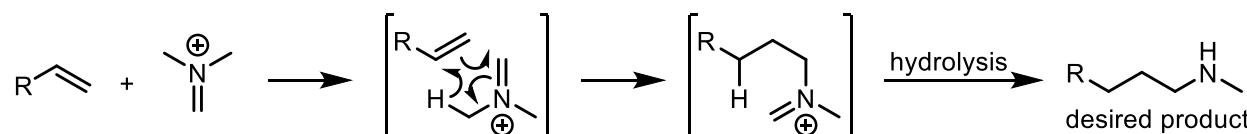
metal-free?  
activated  $\pi$ -systems?

# Acid-mediated HAM with aminals

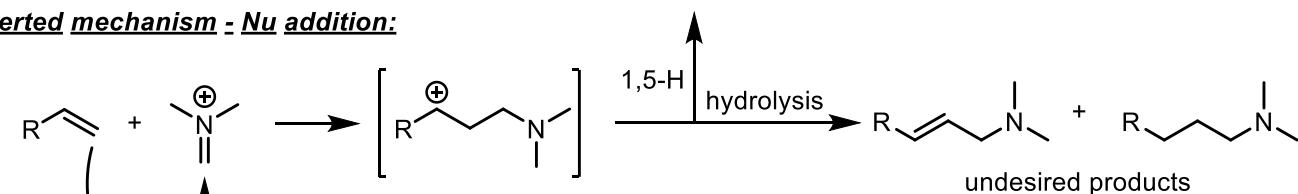
Formation of iminium salts - cleavage of aminals with mineral acid:



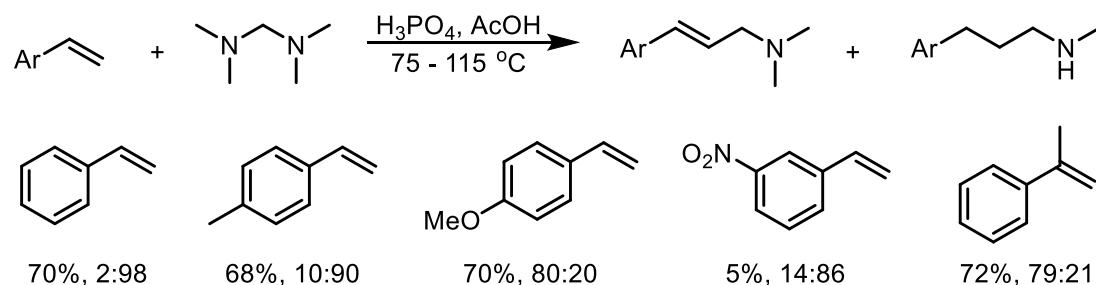
Concerted mechanism - ene reaction:



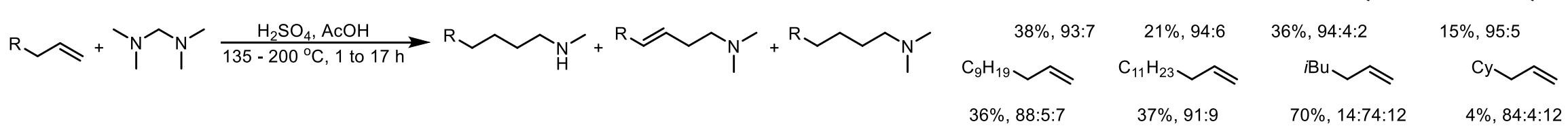
Unconcerted mechanism - Nu addition:



**Aryl olefins**

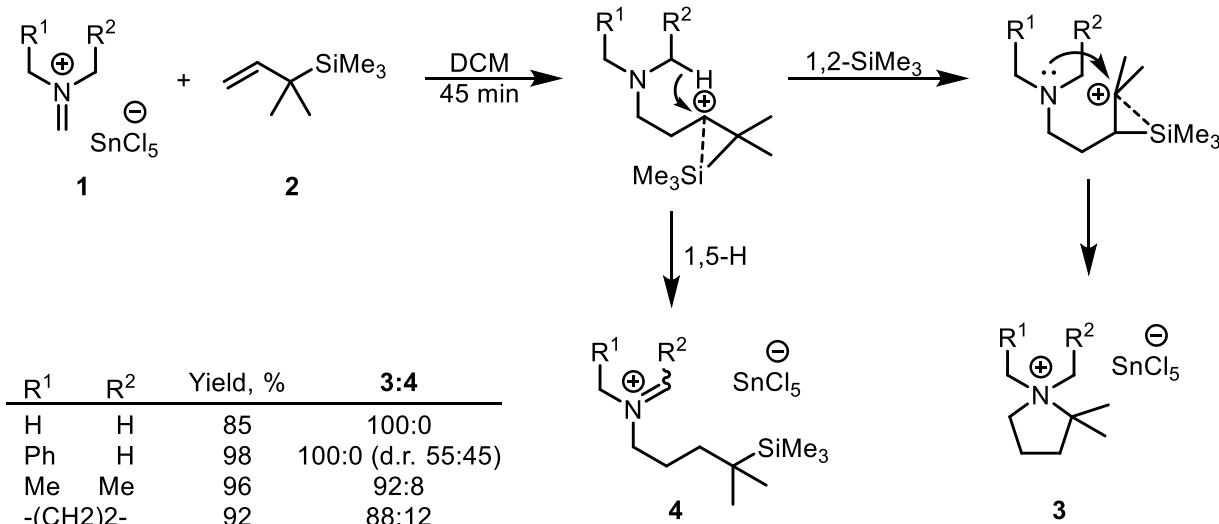
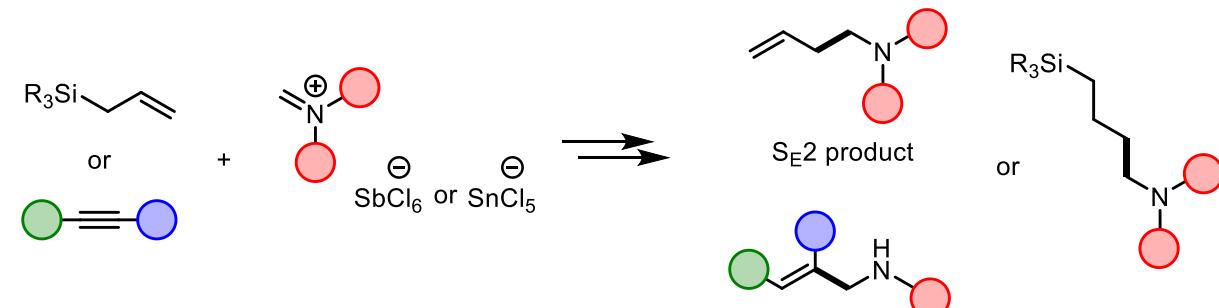
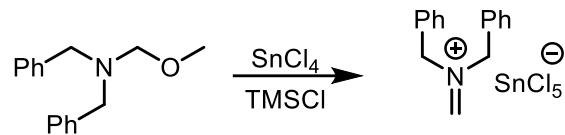


**Nonconjugated olefins**

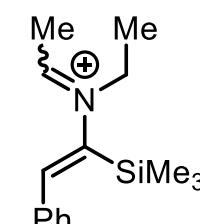
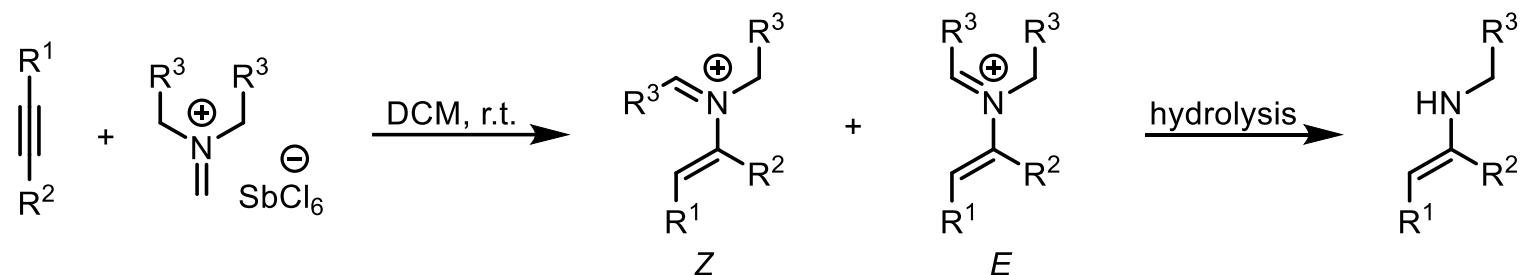


# HAM of activated substrates with N,O-acetals

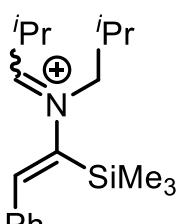
Formation of iminium salts - cleavage of N,O-acetals with Lewis acids:



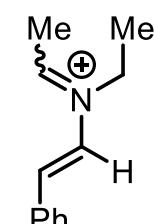
- β-silyl effect
- poor chemoselectivity
- poor regioselectivity
- only activated alkenes



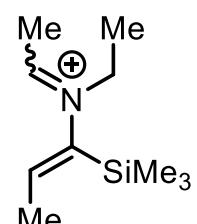
91%,  $Z:E=70:30$



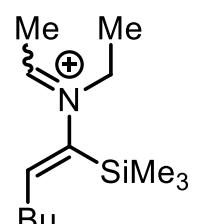
81%,  $Z:E=95:5$



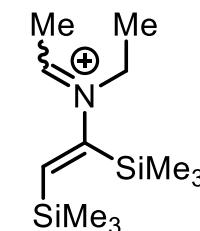
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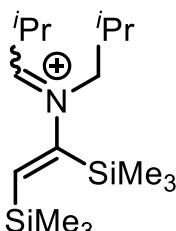
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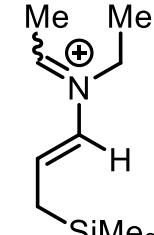
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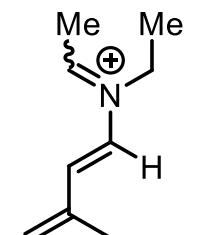
83%,  $Z:E=70:30$



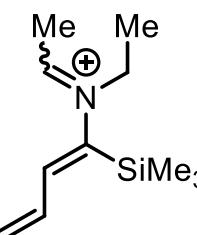
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86%,  $Z:E=63:37$



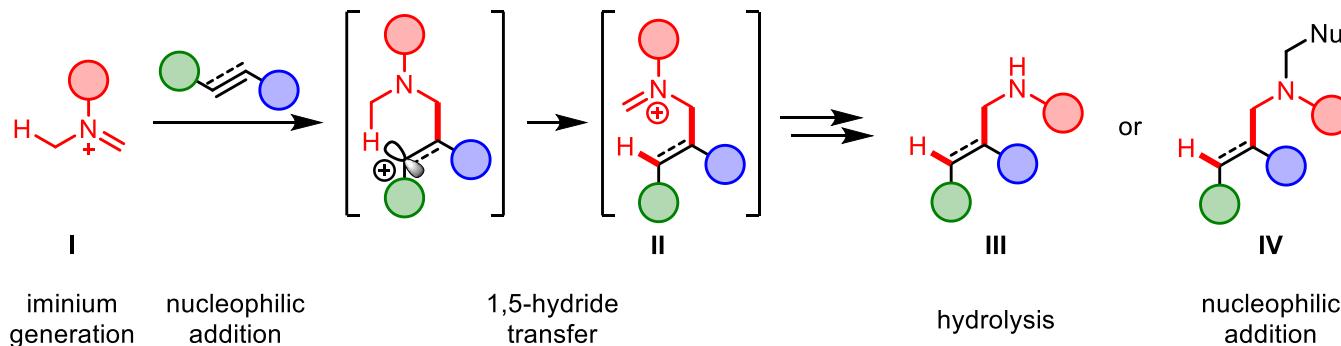
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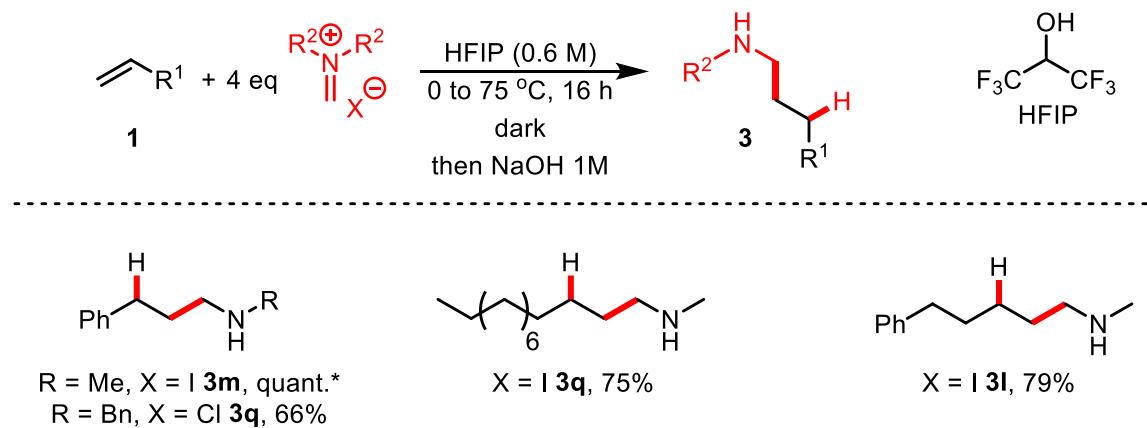
# Acid-mediated HAM

The concept

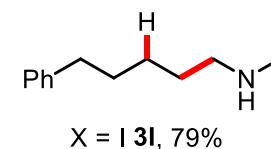
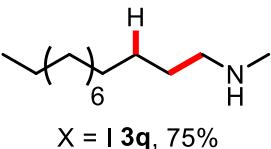


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First steps

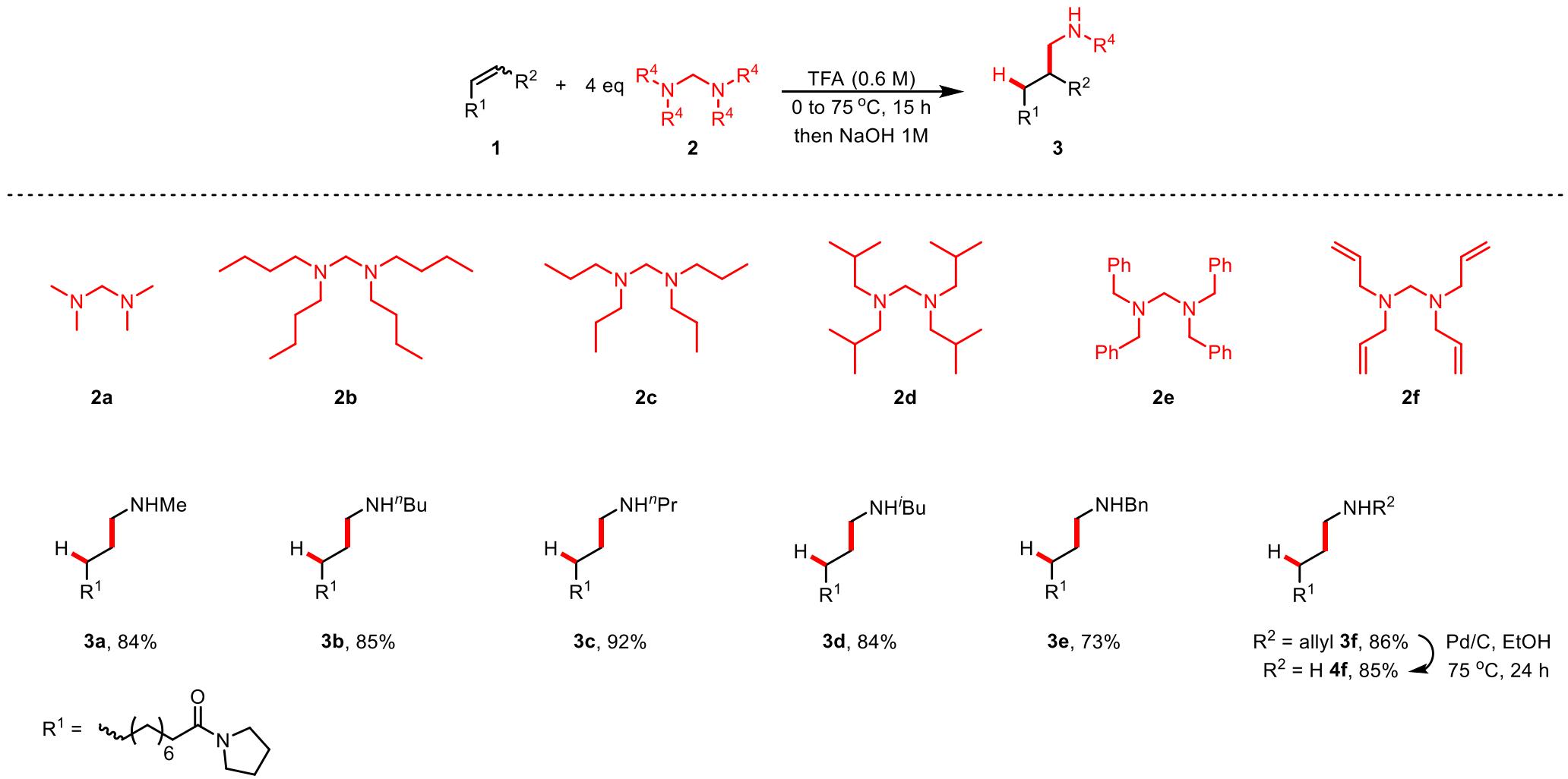


$\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{X} = \text{I } 3\text{m}$ , quant.\*  
 $\text{R} = \text{Bn}, \text{X} = \text{Cl } 3\text{q}$ , 66%

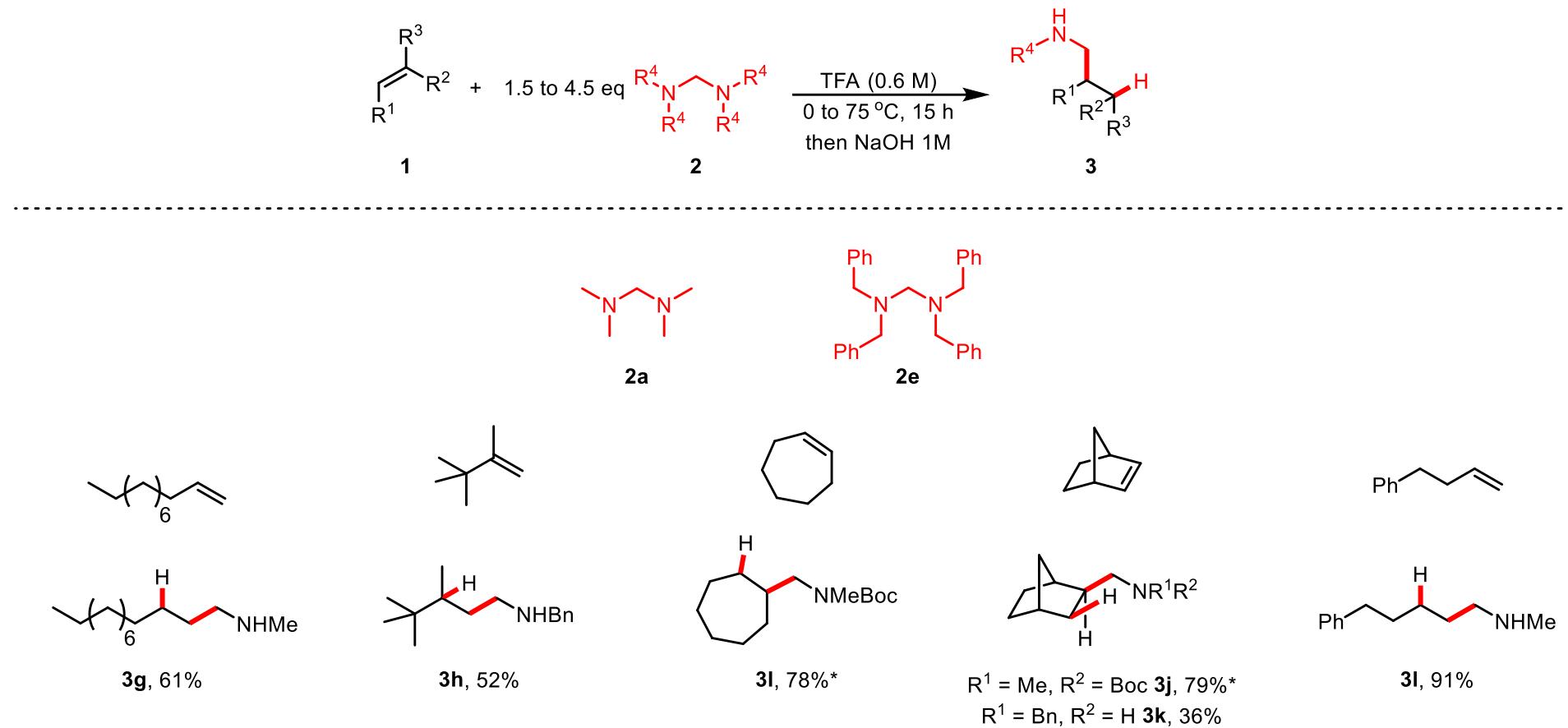


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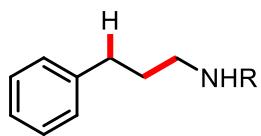
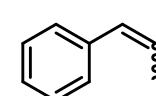
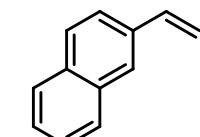
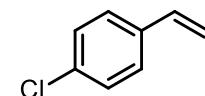
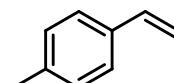
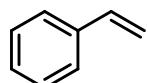
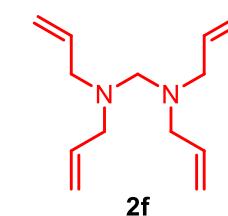
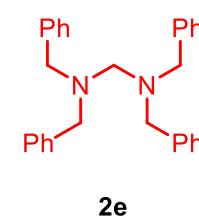
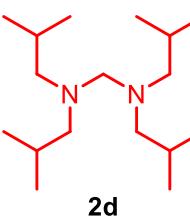
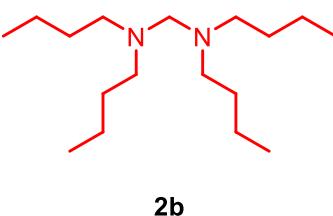
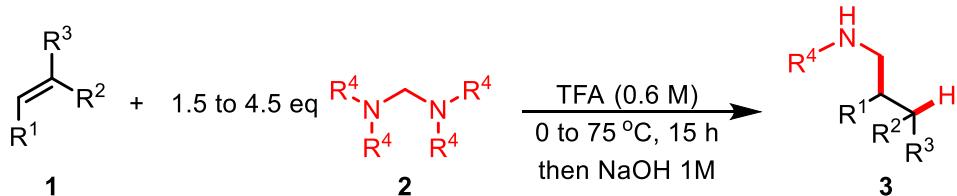
# Aminals scope



# Olefins scope



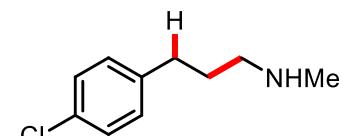
\*Yield after acylative protection with  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$  to facilitate isolation



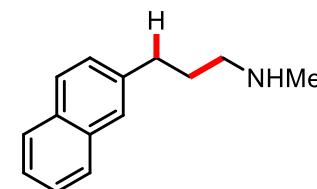
$R = \text{Me } \mathbf{3m}$ , 82%  
(86% on 50 mmol)



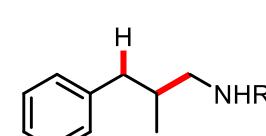
$\mathbf{3n}$ , 85%



$\mathbf{3o}$ , 86%



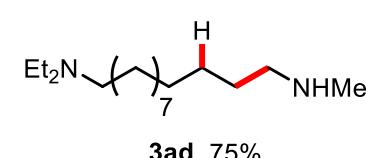
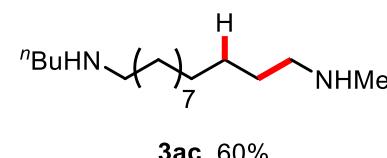
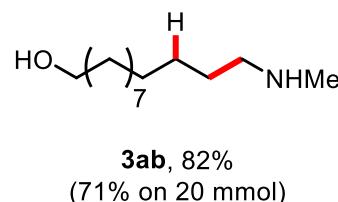
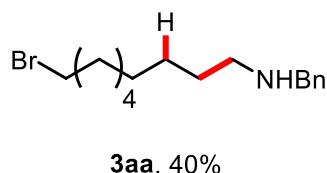
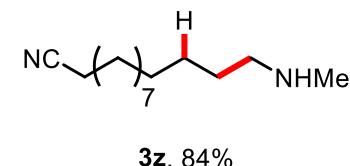
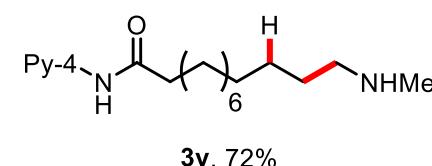
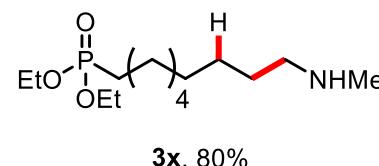
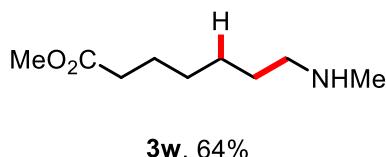
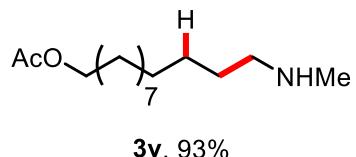
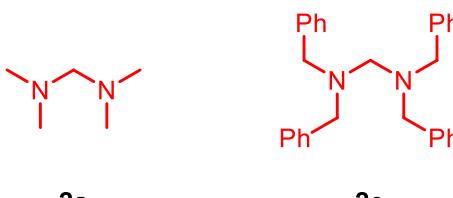
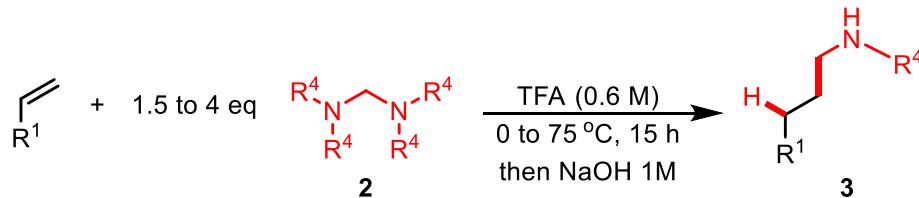
$\mathbf{3p}$ , 55%



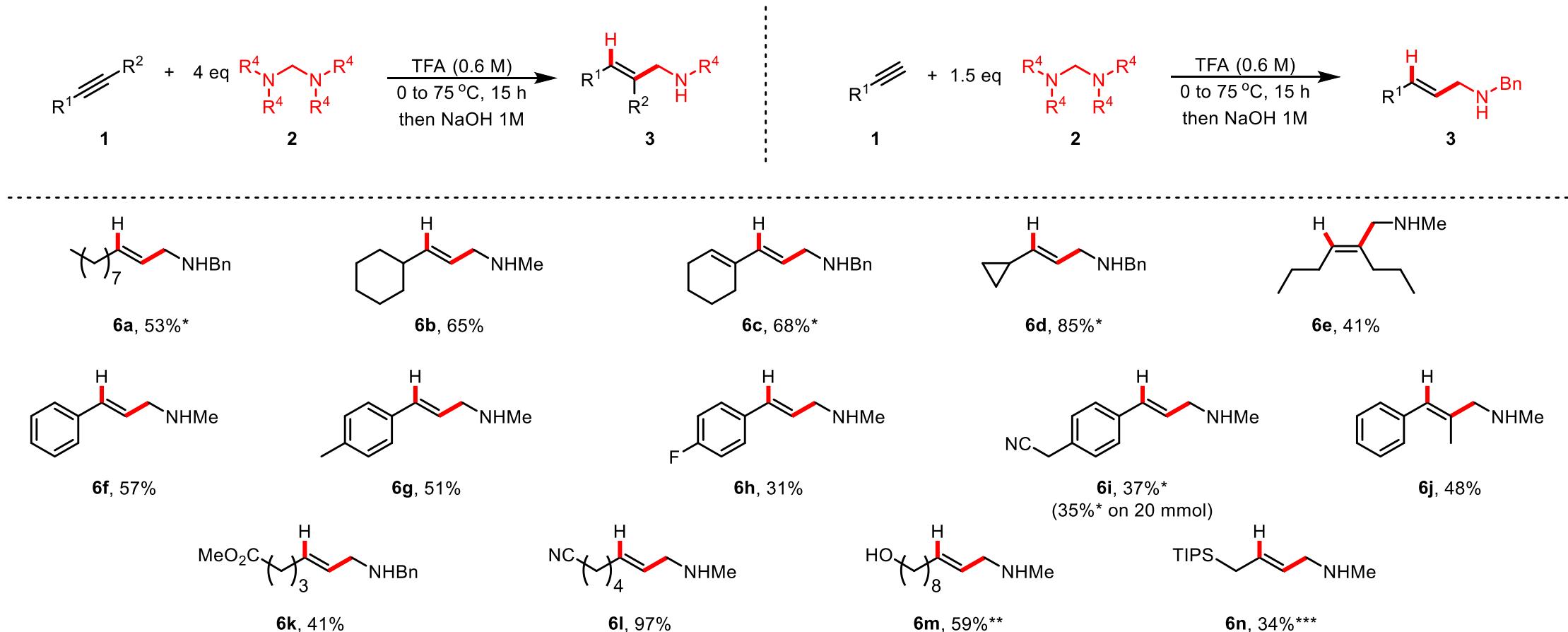
$R = {^i\text{Bu}} \mathbf{3t}$ ,  
61% from *cis*- and 60% from *trans*-  
 $R = \text{Me } \mathbf{3u}$ ,  
39% from *cis*-

$R = \text{Bn } \mathbf{3q}$ , 42%  
 $R = {^n\text{Bu}} \mathbf{3r}$ , 86%  
 $R = \text{allyl } \mathbf{3s}$ , 69%

# Functional group tolerance



# Alkynes scope

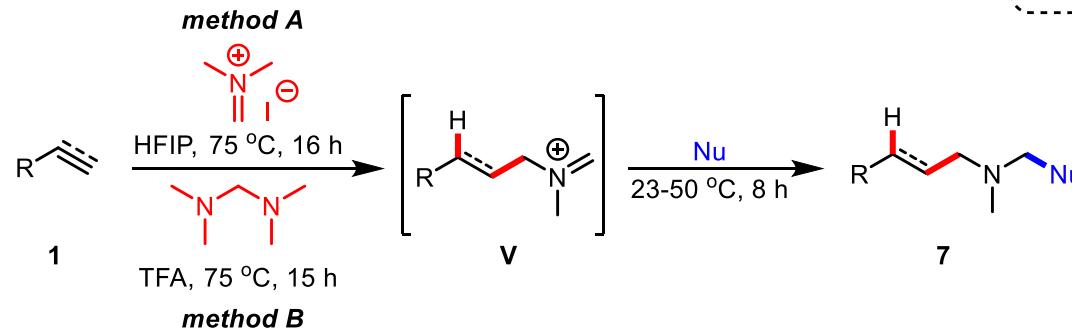
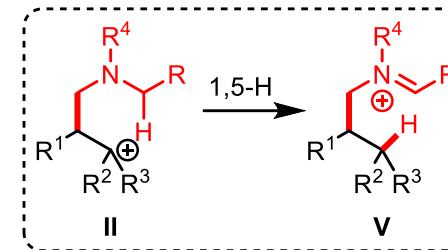


\*DCE used as co-solvent

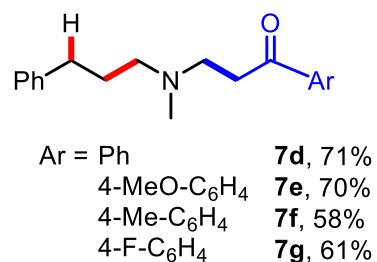
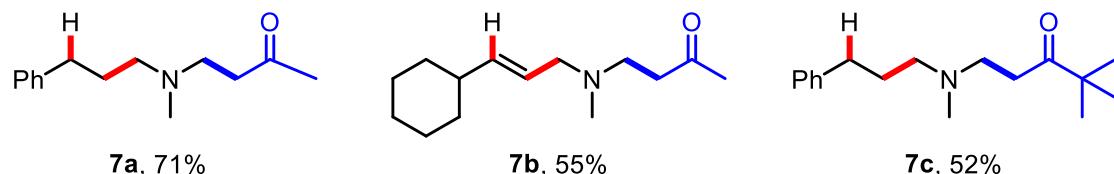
\*\*Reaction was run for 5 h

\*\*\*Reaction was run at room temperature

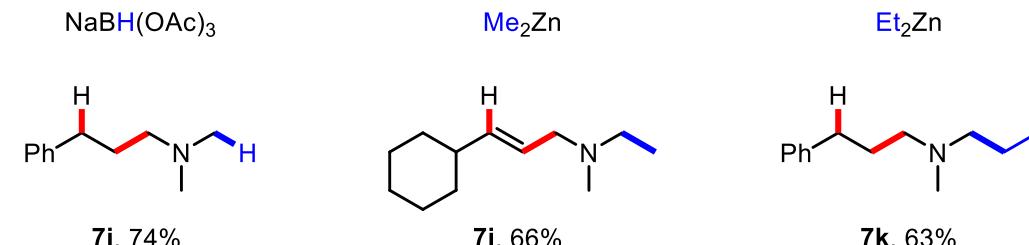
# Domino functionalization



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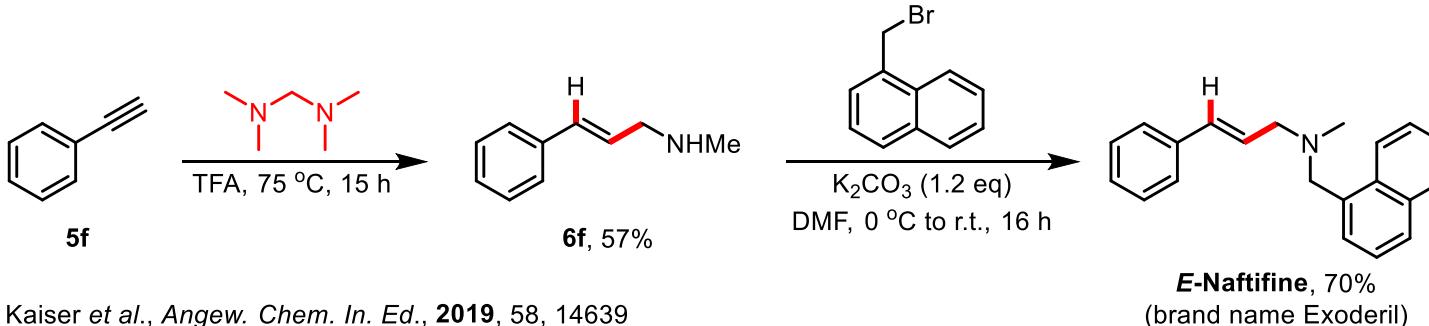


*following method A, in HFIP*



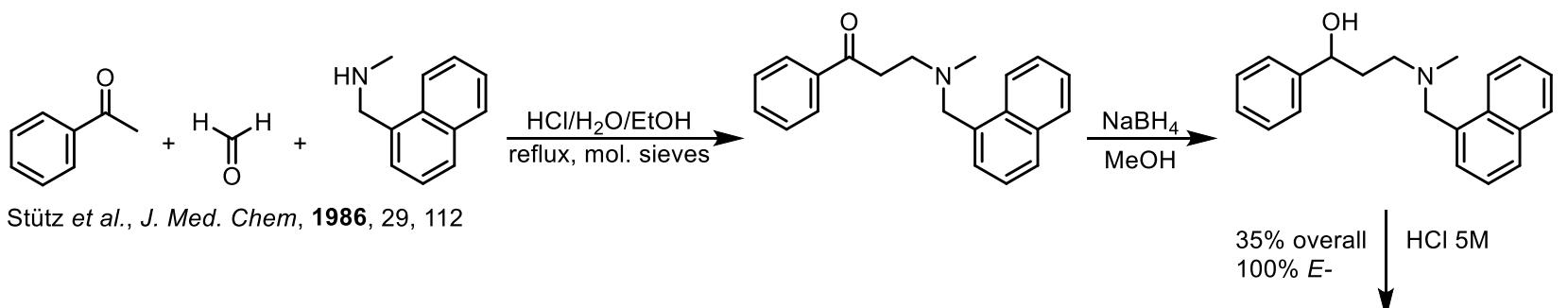
# Pharmaceutical products synthesis

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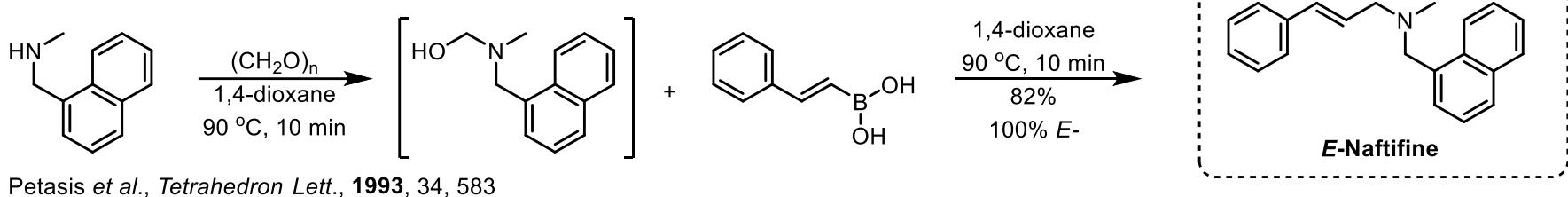


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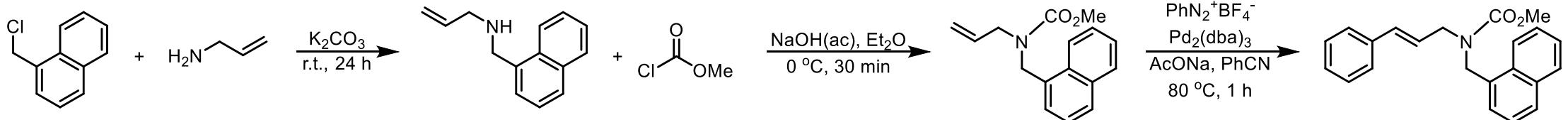
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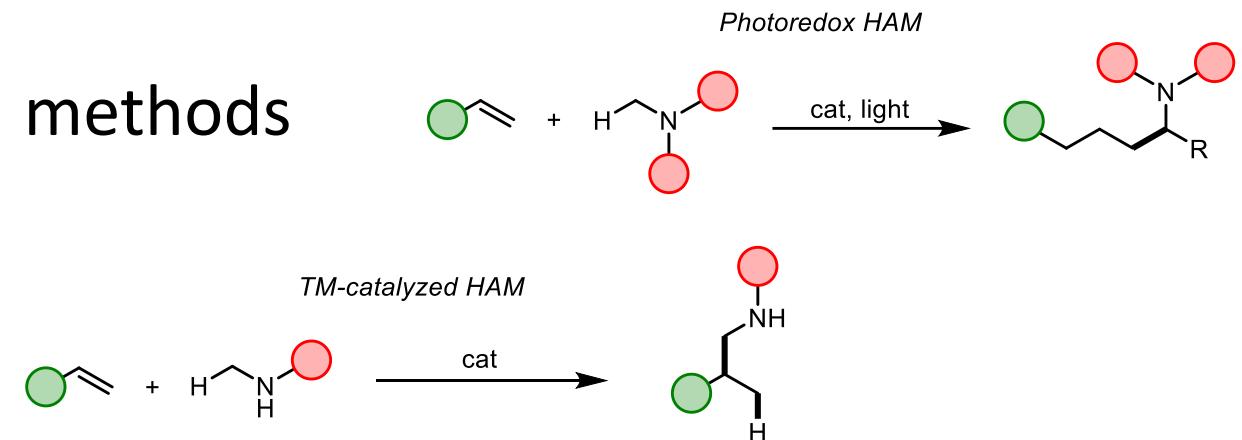
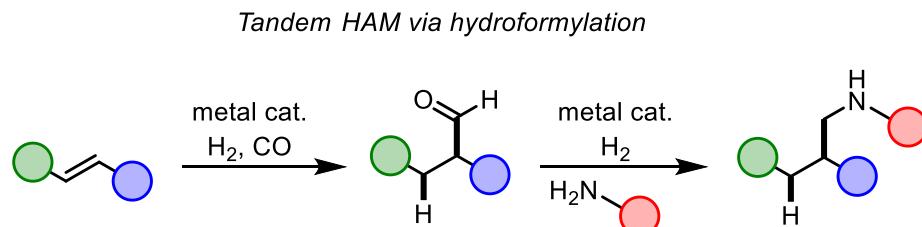
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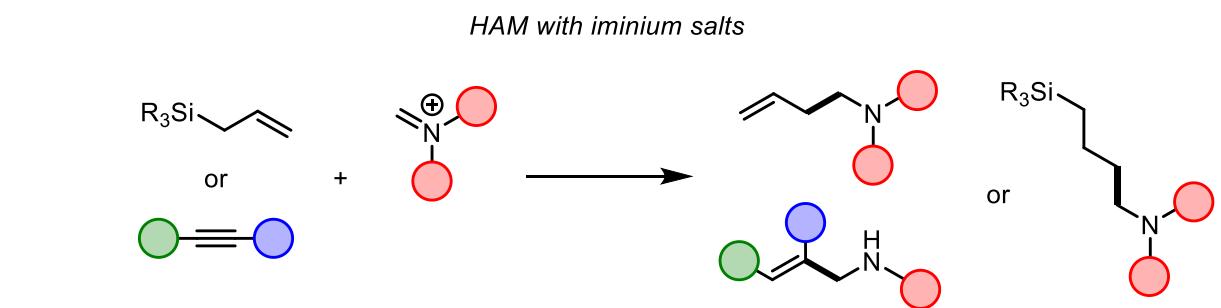
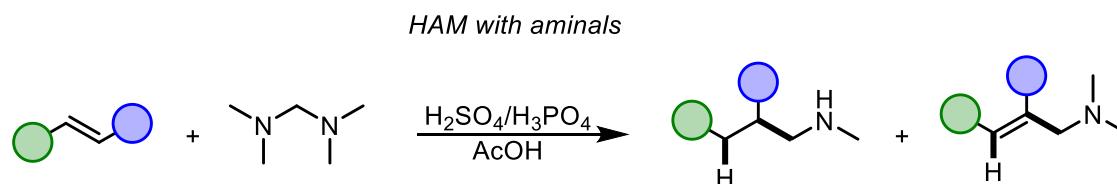
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# Conclusion

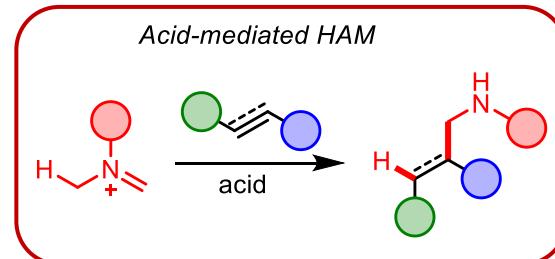
- lots of limited TM-catalyzed HAM methods



- number of limited metal-free HAM procedures



- one general acid-mediated HAM method



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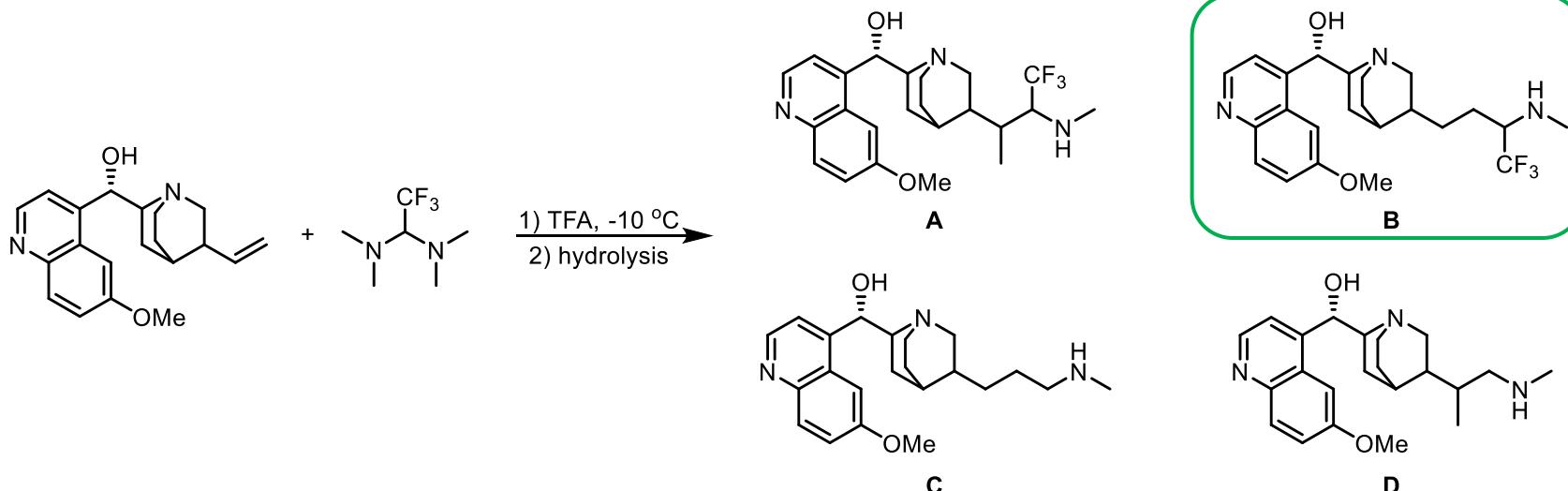
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# Question + Exercise

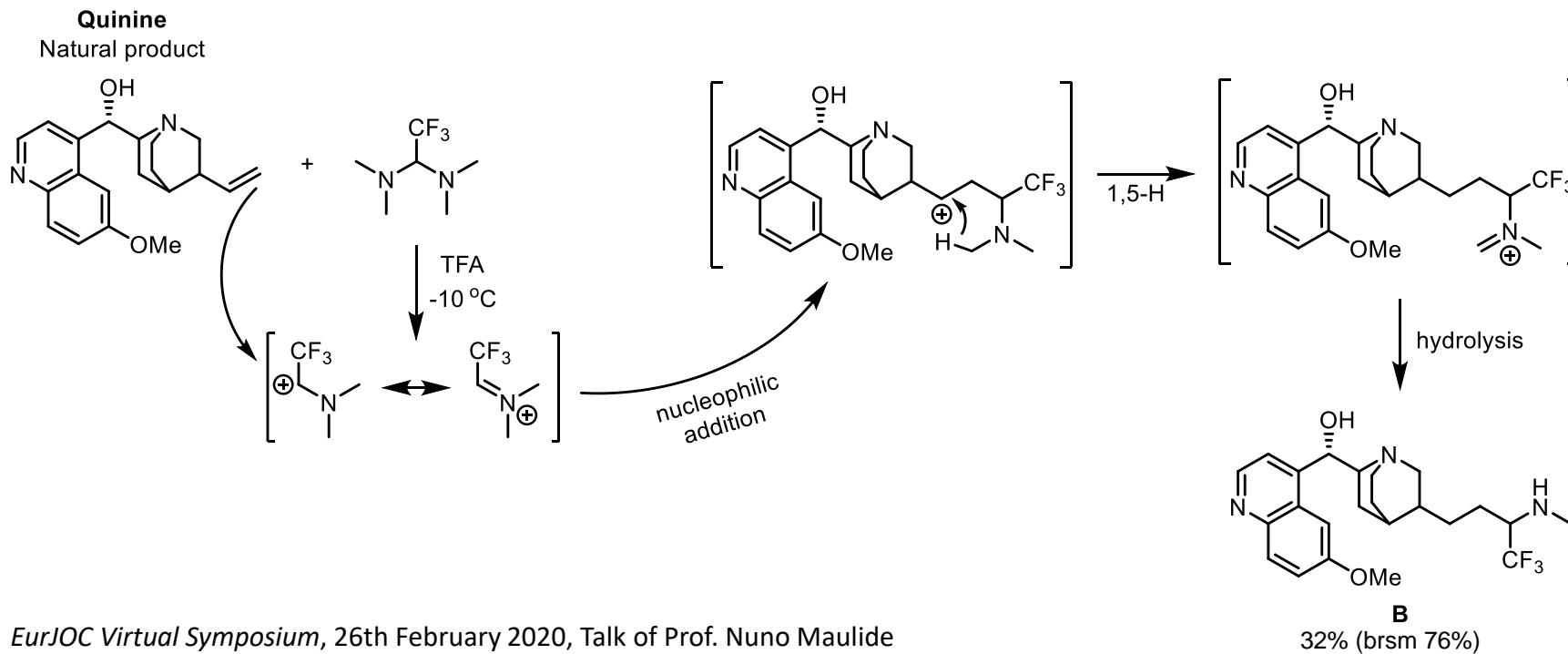
- Do you have any ideas regarding the choice of TFA in the work of Prof. Maulide group?

*“...we suspect the solvating properties of TFA, as well as the low nucleophilicity and low basicity of the corresponding conjugate base play important roles in dictating the reaction outcome by facilitating the hydride transfer event.”*

- Choose the product of HAM

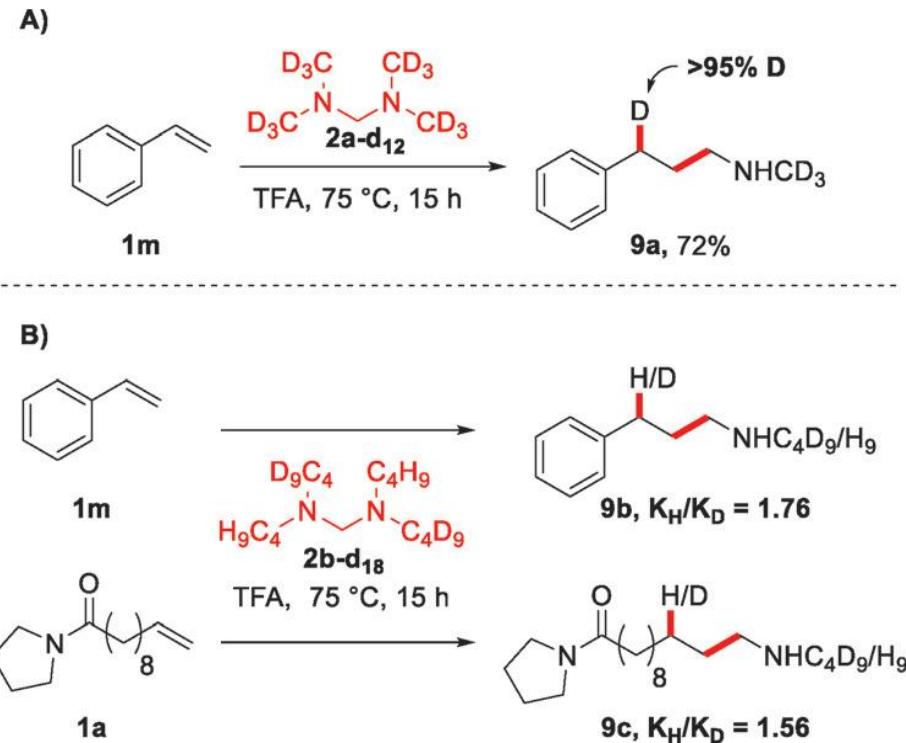


# Exercise



EurJOC Virtual Symposium, 26th February 2020, Talk of Prof. Nuno Maulide

# Additional slide – mechanistic studies of acid-mediated hydroaminomethylation



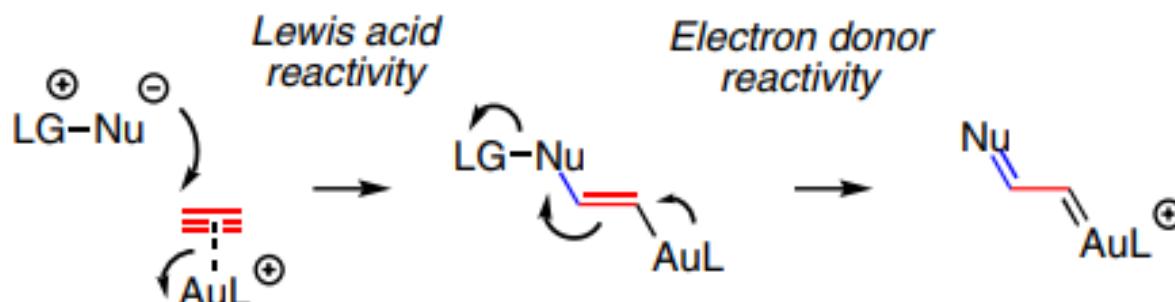
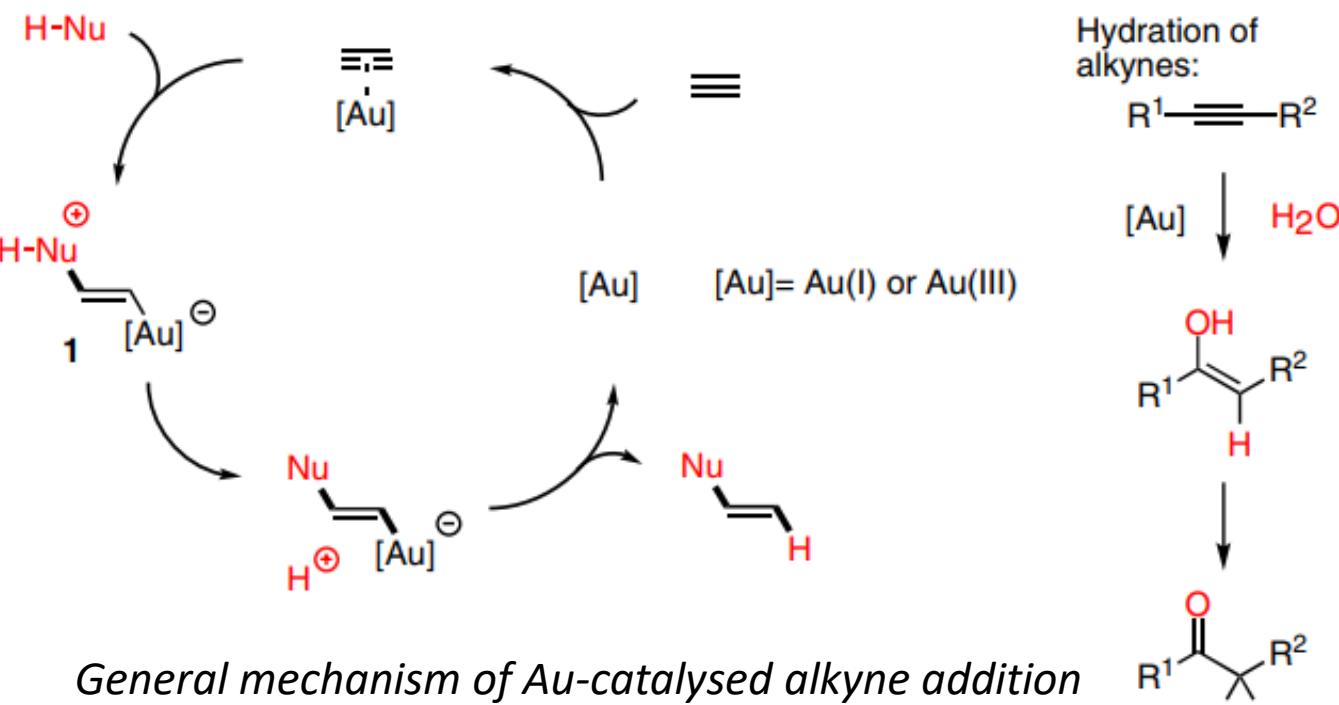
# Gold catalysed C-C bond forming reactions of unactivated olefins

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Prof. Dyson Group

# Gold catalysis: Introduction

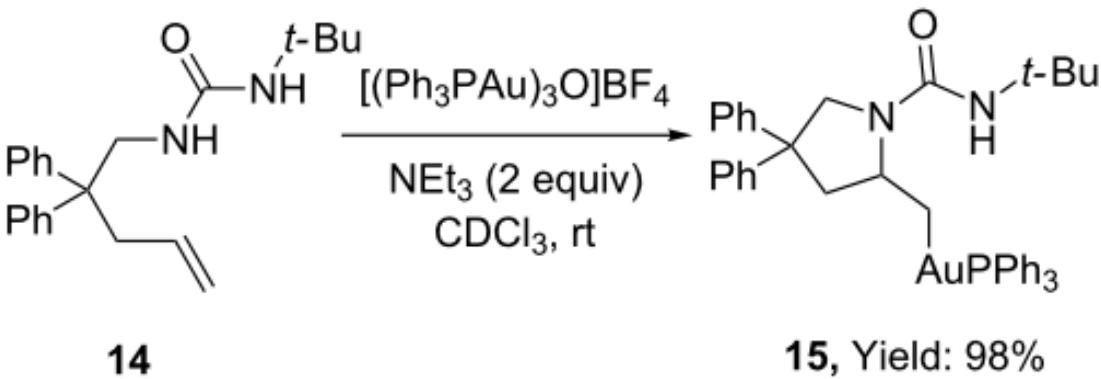
- Relatively less scarce
- Gold is commonly recycled
- Hydrolytically/aerobically stable
- Rational catalyst design less developed
- Alkynes and allenes common substrates
- Typically formulated as pi-acid catalysis



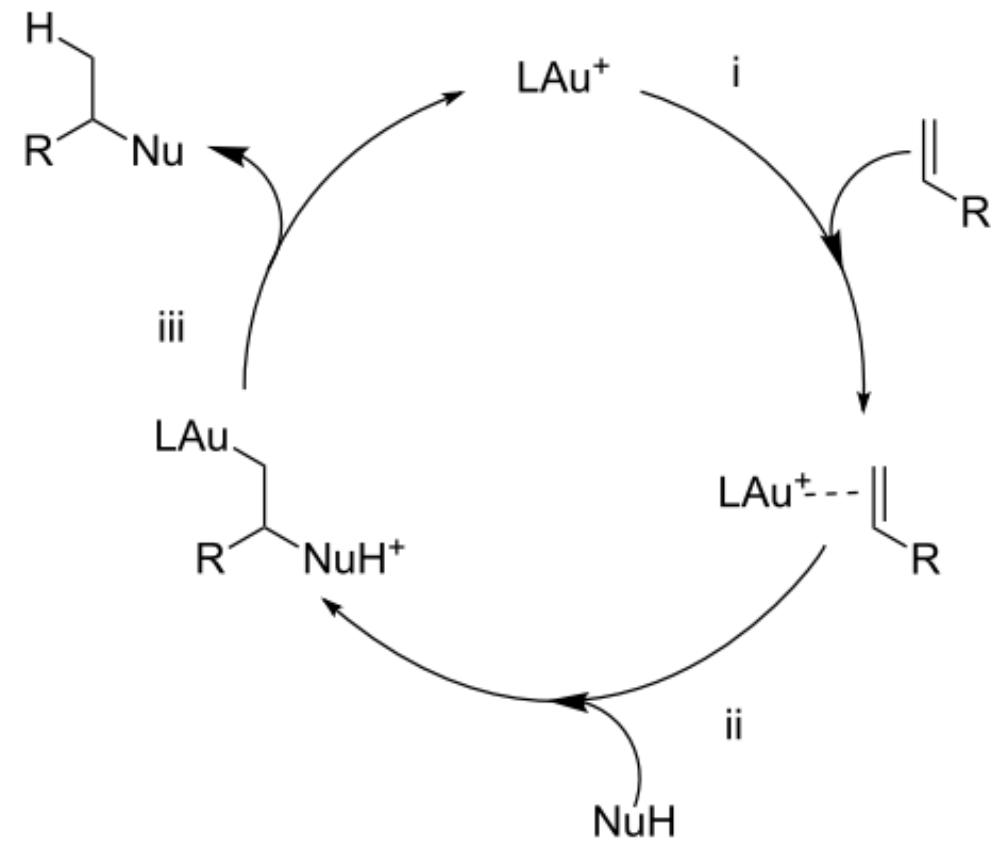
- However:
- Oxidative coupling processes /cross-coupling processes
- Au carbene species invoked as intermediates
- 6s contraction, 5d expansion
- Dual behaviour

# Olefins as substrates

- Alkenes: key petrochemical feedstock
- Less reactive than alkynes
- Functionalisation of high synthetic utility
- C-C bond forming reactions always in vogue
- Focus here is on unactivated alkenes: not dienes, ene-ynes, allenes



*Isolation of alkyl species in Au-catalysed hydroamination*

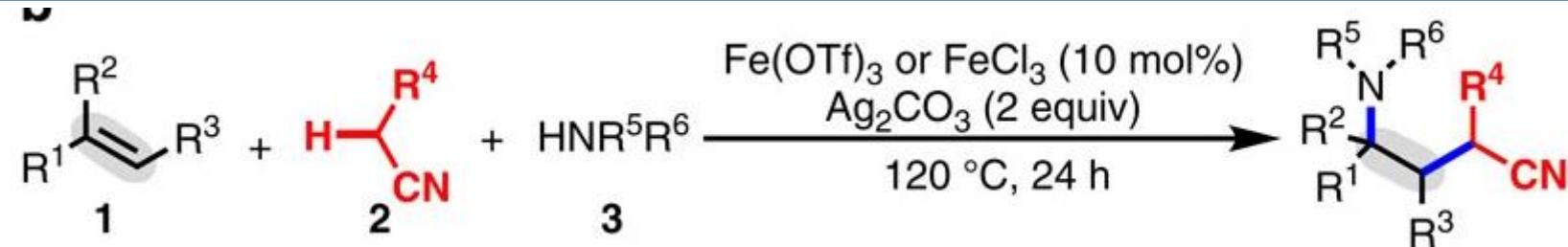


*General mechanism of Au catalysed addition to alkenes*

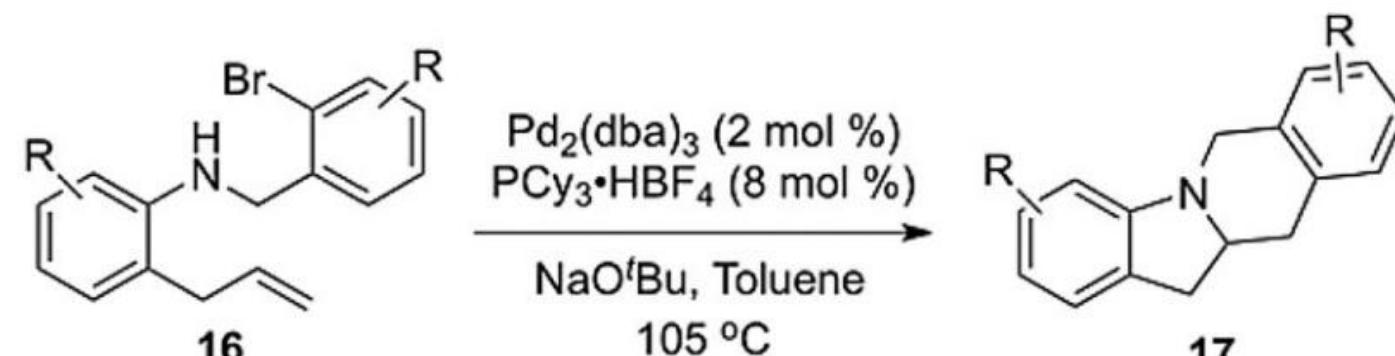
- Inertness of alkyl intermediates accounts for scarce reactivity
- Focus: C-C bond forming reactions that feature i) powerful transformations ii) novel catalytic systems

# Carboheterofunctionalisation of alkenes

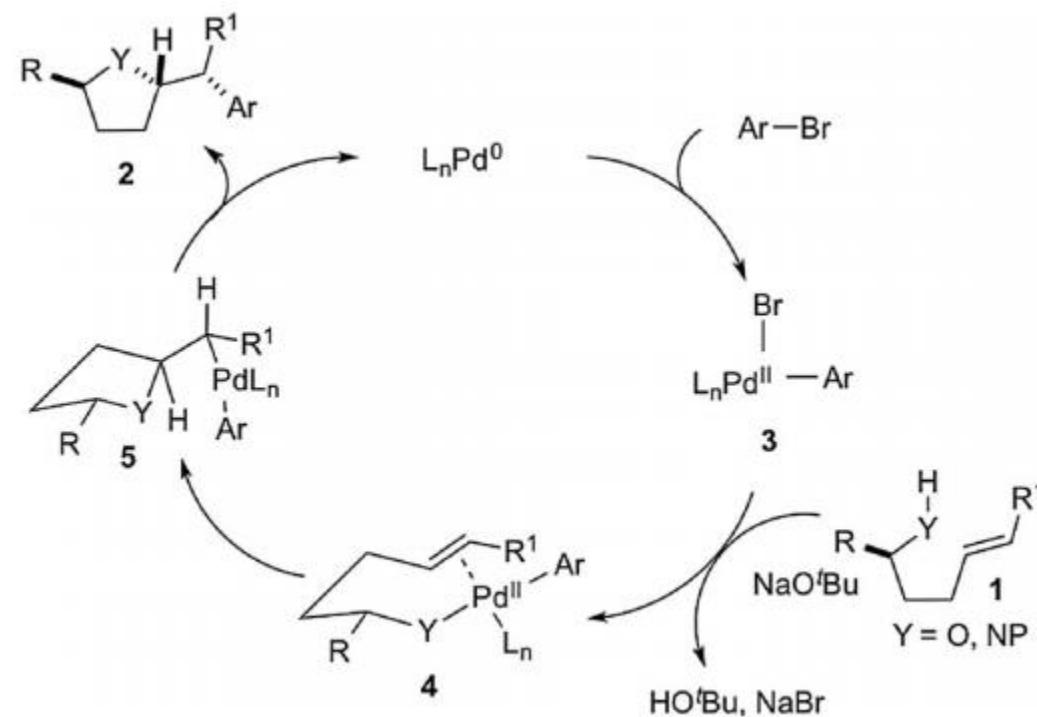
- Controlled heterocycles synthesis is of immense value
- As well as direct conversion of alkenes
- Limited intermolecular variants/multi-component couplings
- Au(I) hasn't lagged behind: development has been alongside more common Pd and Rh systems



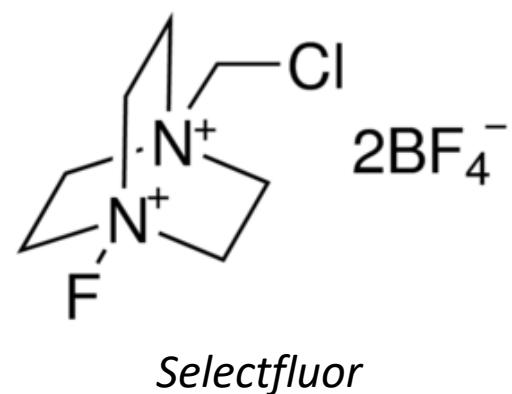
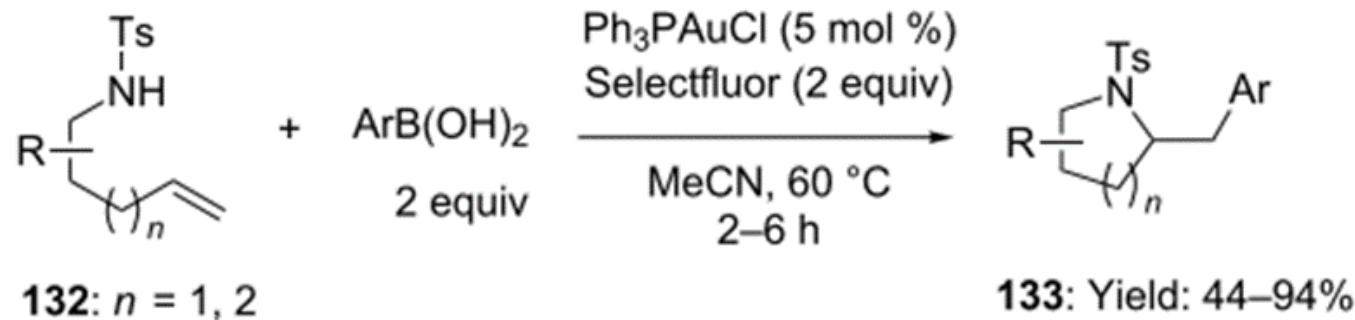
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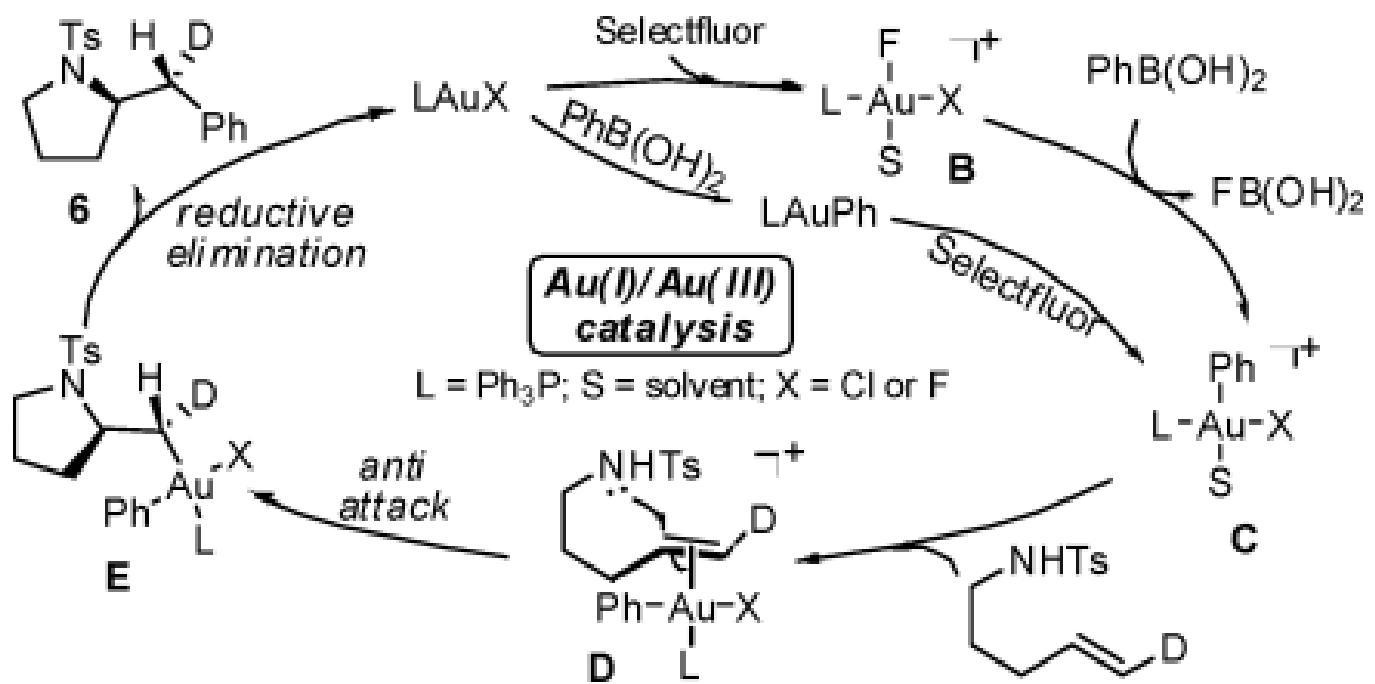
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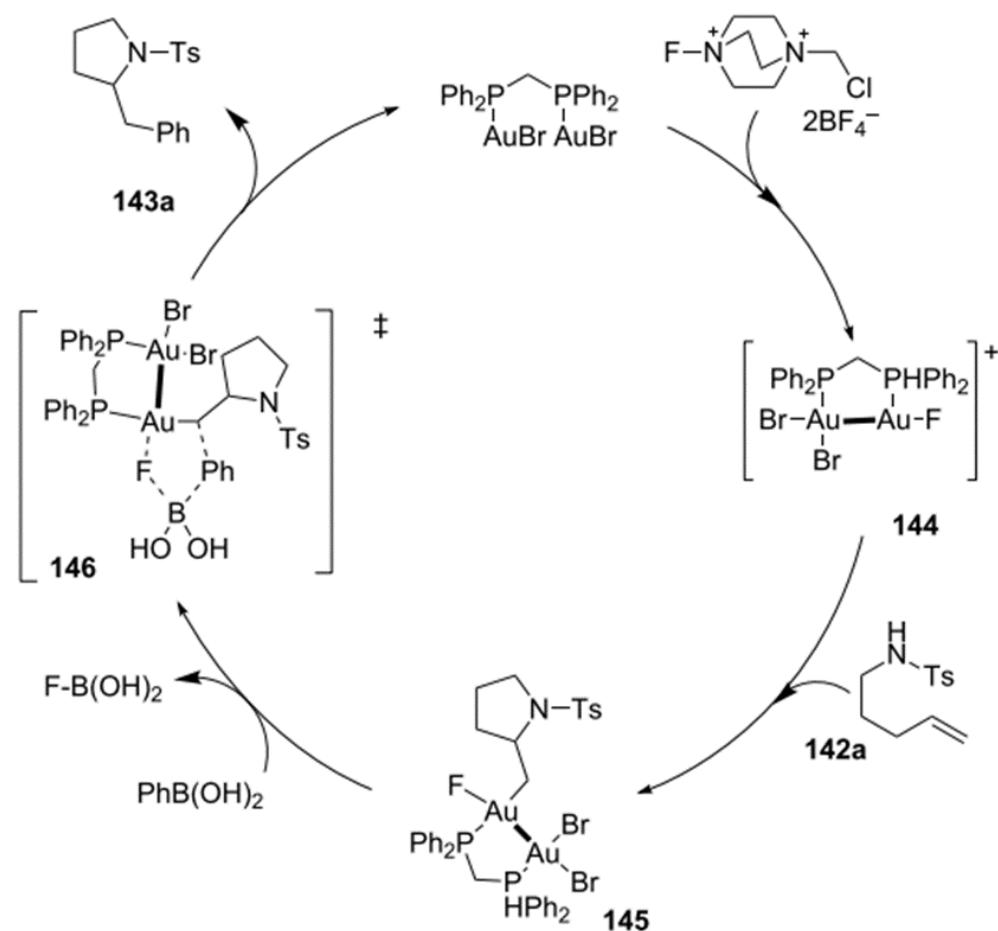
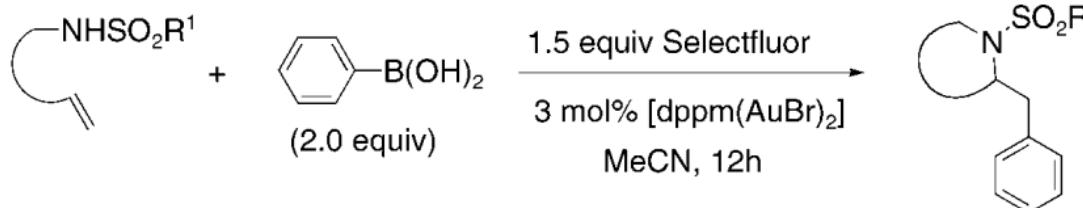
# Carboamination



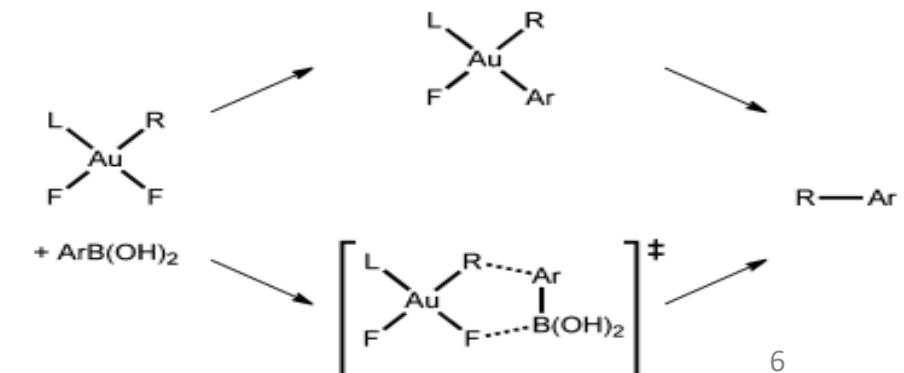
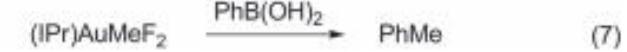
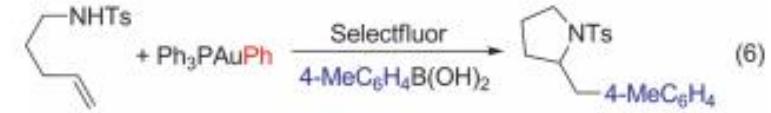
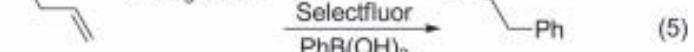
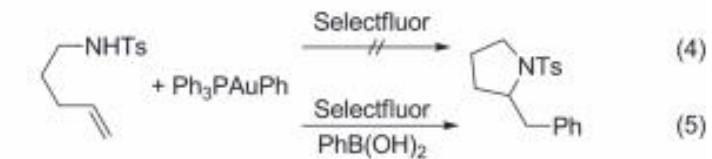
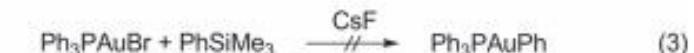
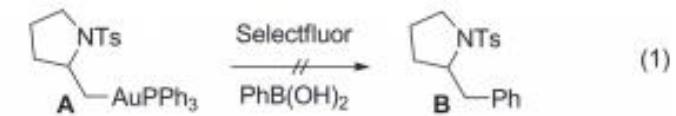
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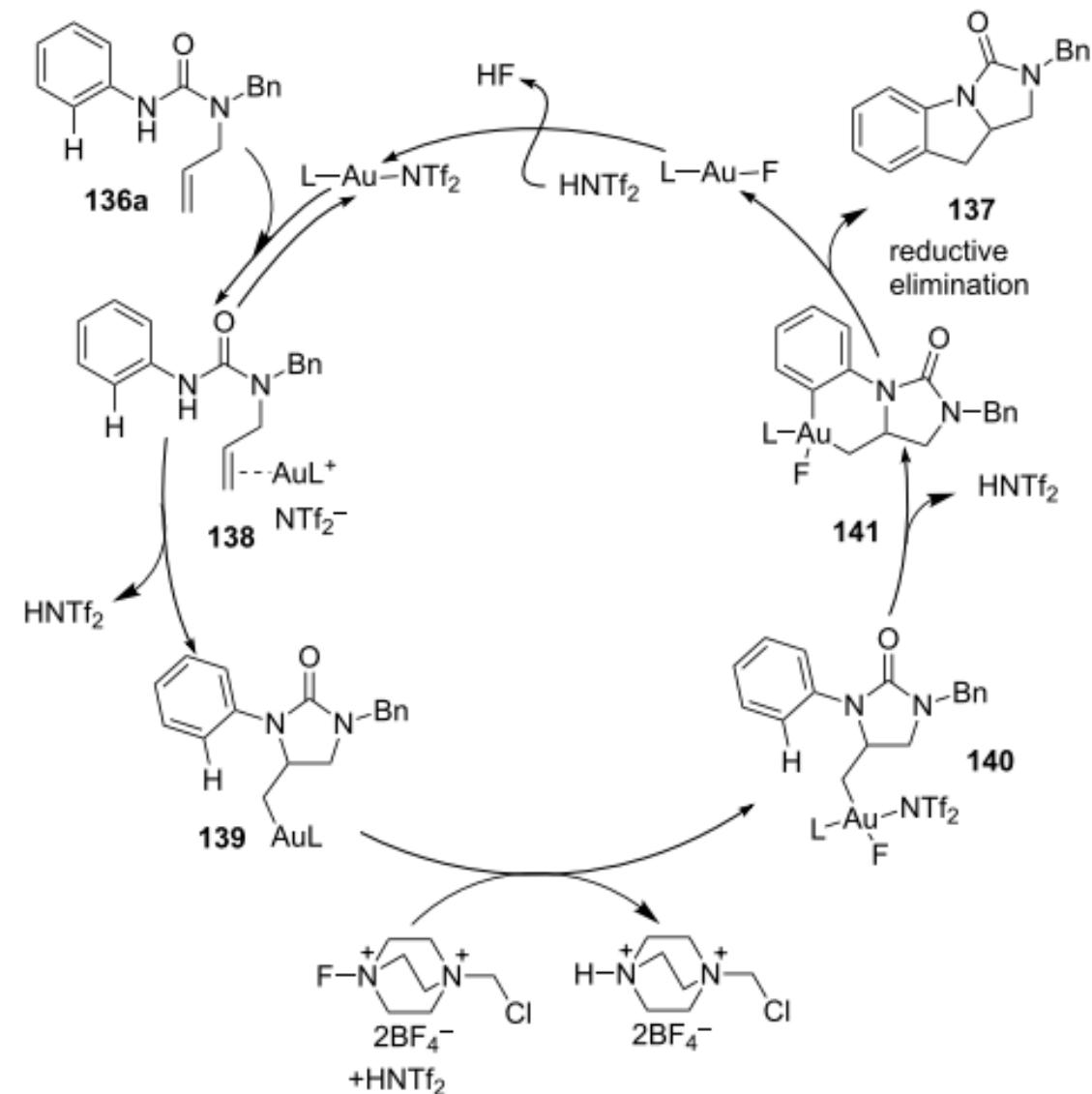
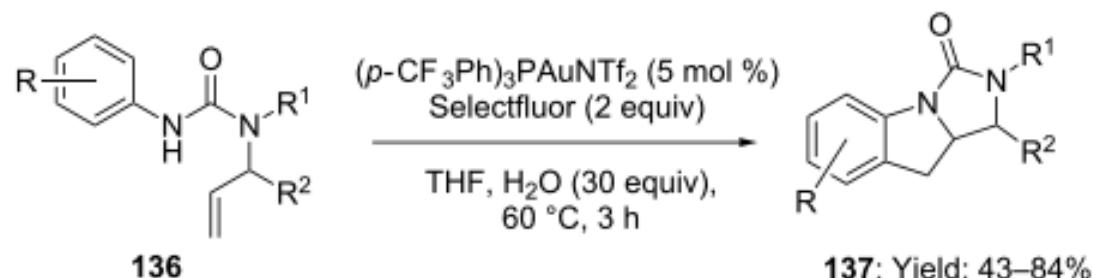
# Carboamination: A new mechanistic proposal



- Bimetallic system by Toste
- Catalytically superior (milder conditions)
- Tolerates a wide range of substituted sulphonamides
- Even those without Thorpe-Ingold driving force
- 6-membered rings cyclised at slightly elevated temperatures

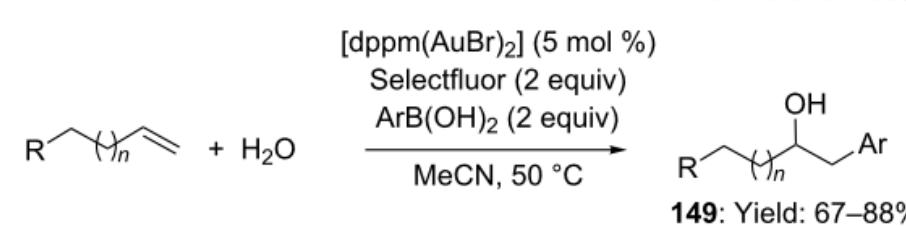
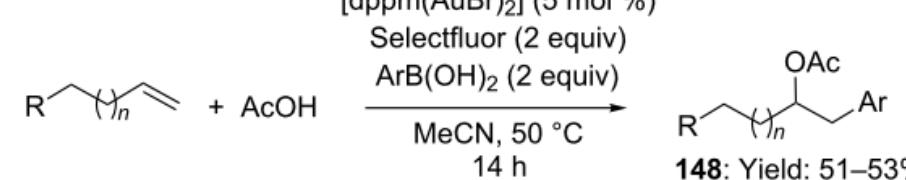
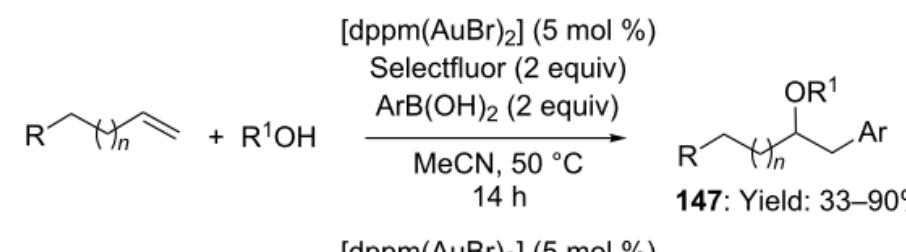
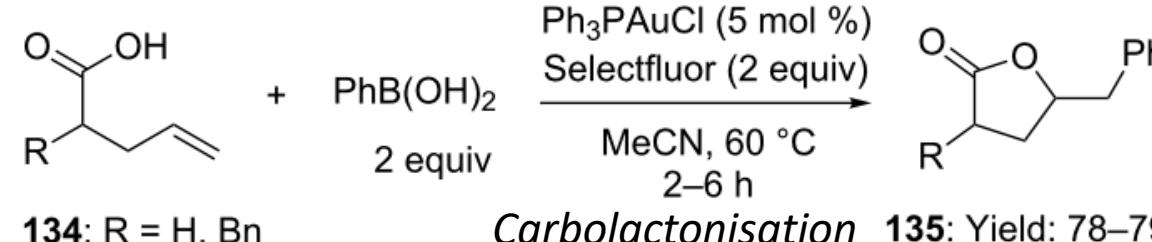
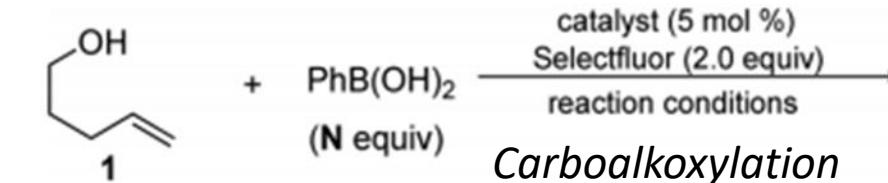


# Intramolecular variant: Aryl C-H functionalisation

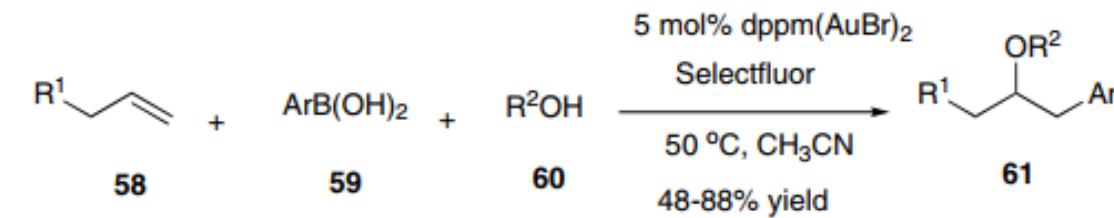


- In conflict mechanistically with prior approach
- First example of C-H functionalisation with Au-alkyl
- 30eq H<sub>2</sub>O required
- cf. *ortho*-metalation by platinum group metals

# Carboalkoxylation

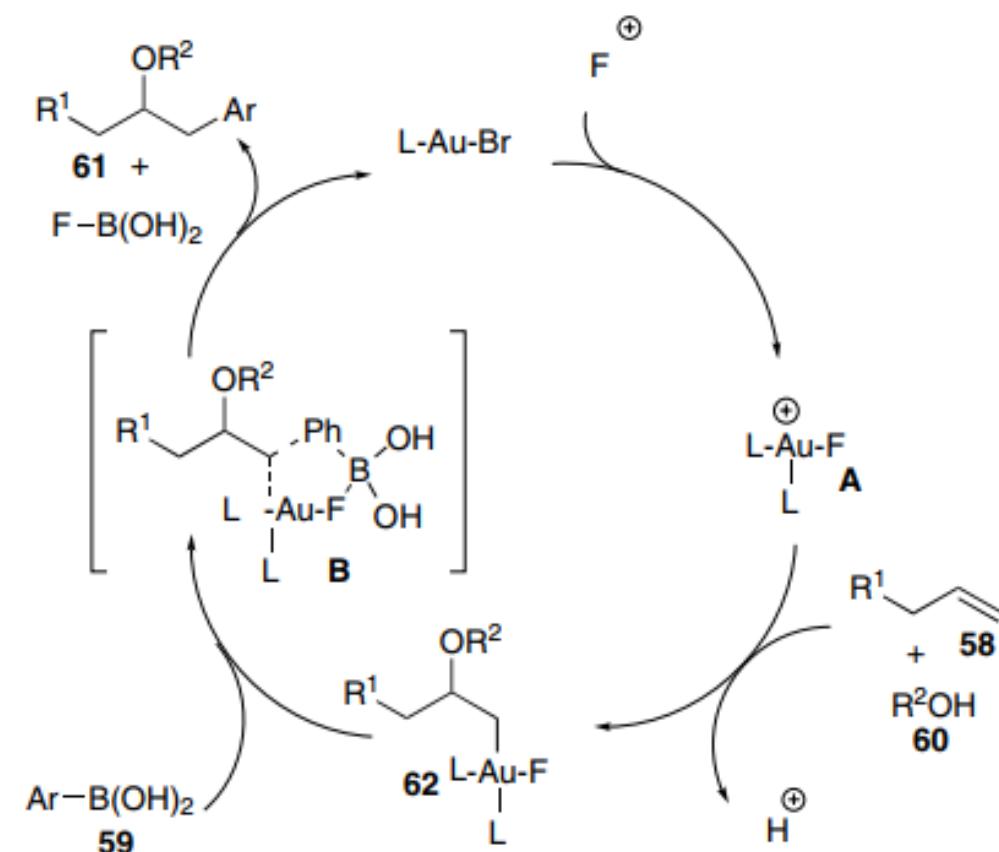


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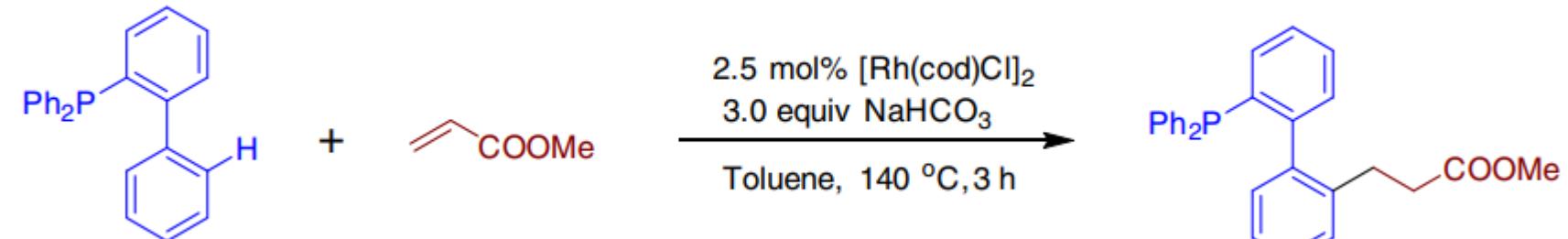
$R^1 = \text{Bn, Ar, alkyl, phtalimide}$   
 $R^2 = \text{H, alkyl, cyclic alkyl, alkylketone}$

- Mechanistically similar
- 3 component intermolecular coupling
- Range of terminal alkenes functionalised



# Hydroarylation

- A tertiary centre bearing 2 aryl groups is an essential structural motif in both natural and pharmaceutical products
- Direct access from alkenes is would be of immense synthetic value

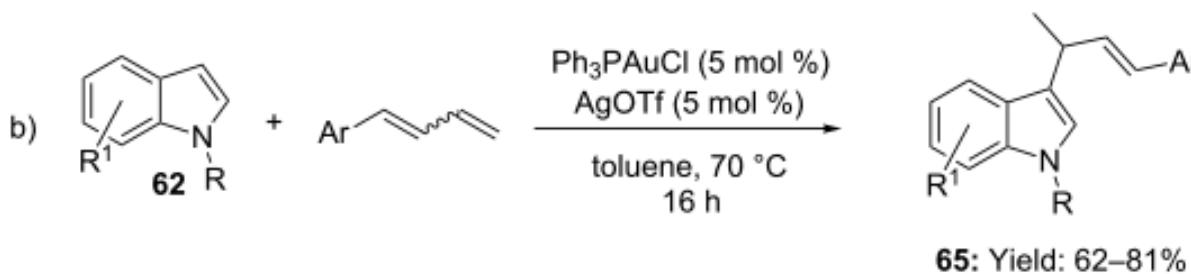
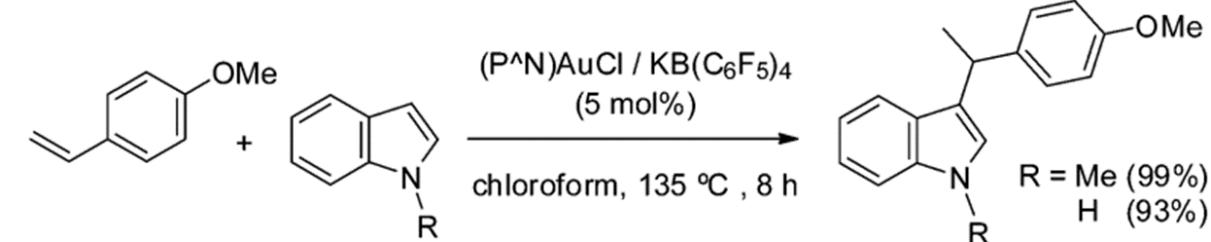
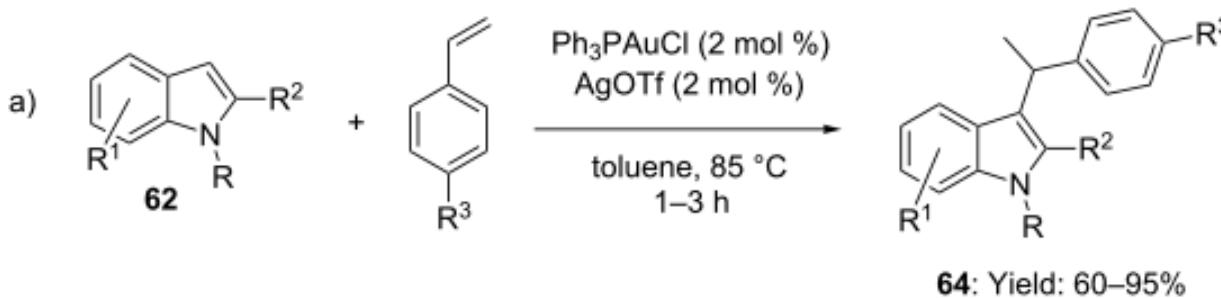


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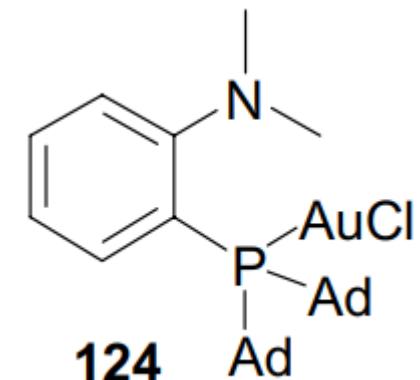
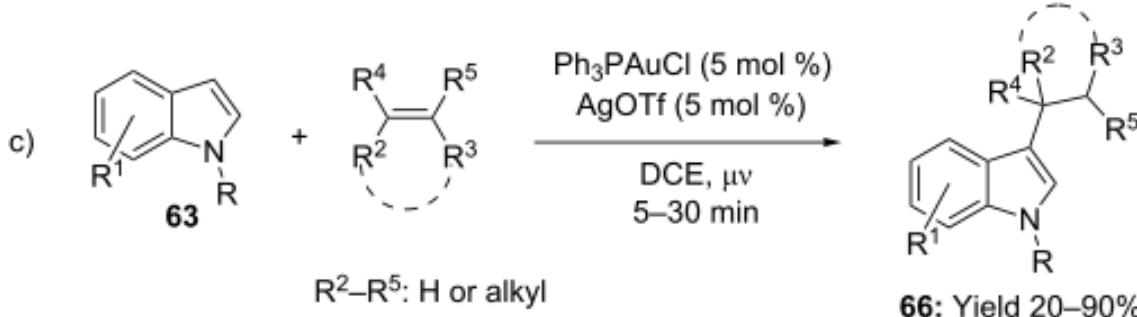


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# Addition of indoles to alkenes using Au(I)



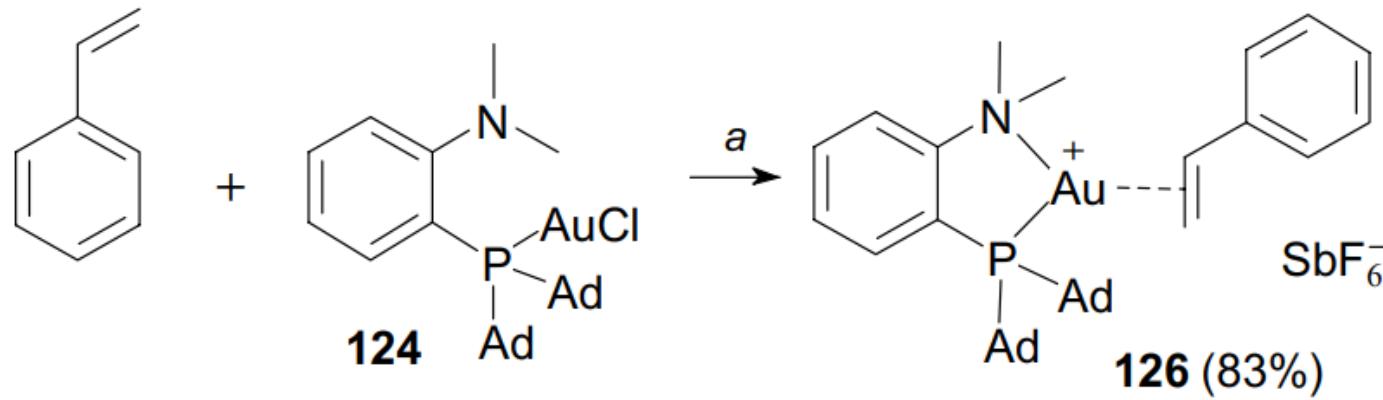
- Reasonable substrate scope
- Styrenes react under thermal conditions, aliphatic alkenes only under microwave irradiation (but with C=C isomerisation)
- Alkene activation prior to nucleophilic attack from indole C3



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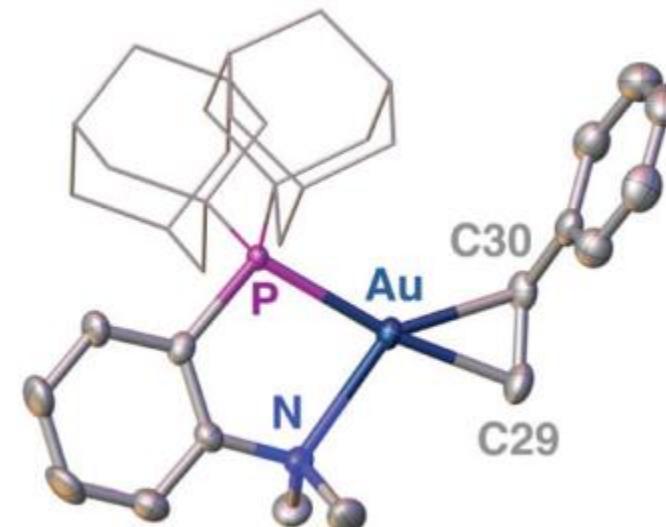
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# Isolation of intermediate Au(I) alkene complex

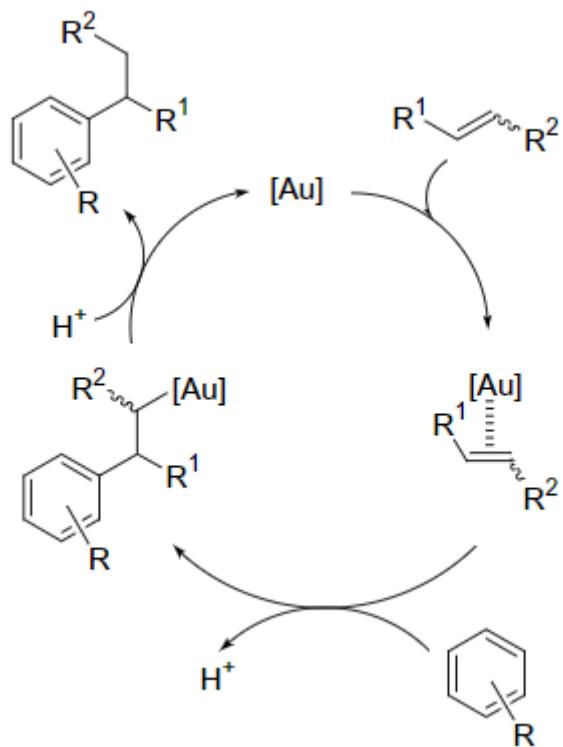
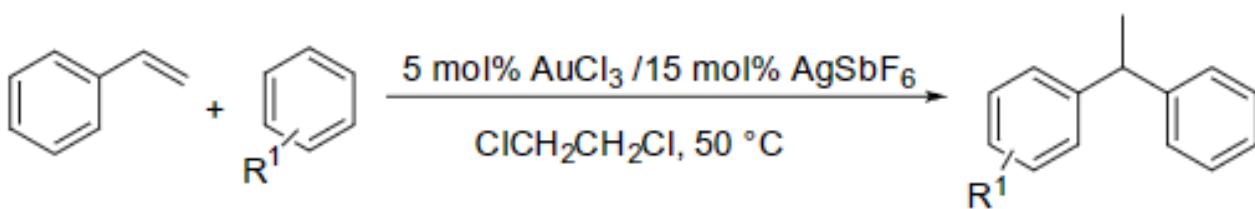


(a)  $\text{AgSbF}_6$ , DCM, from  $-30$  to  $0$   $^\circ\text{C}$ , 0.5 h

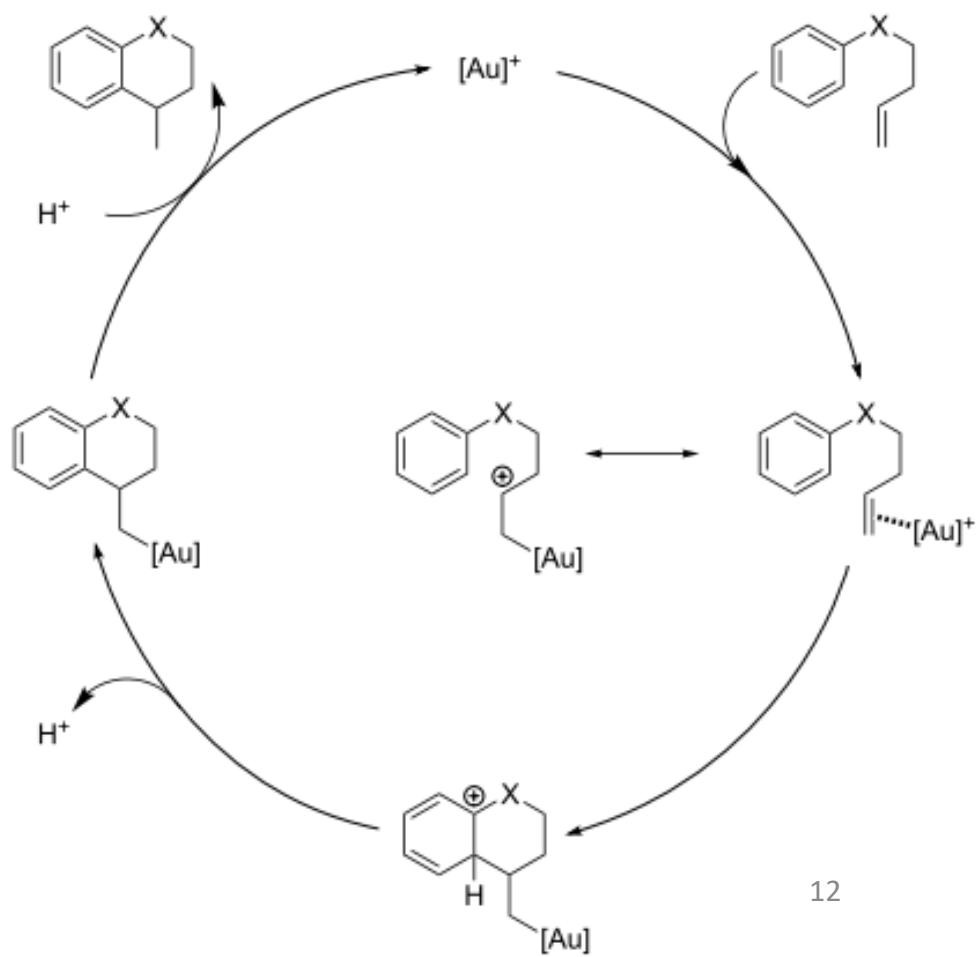
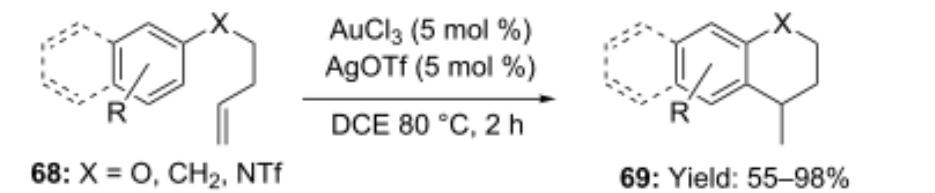
- Recently isolated (Bourissou 2019)
- Interesting geometry and bonding (between T and Y)
- Increased metallacyclopropane character relative to monodentate species
- Key catalytic intermediate



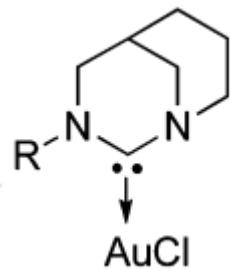
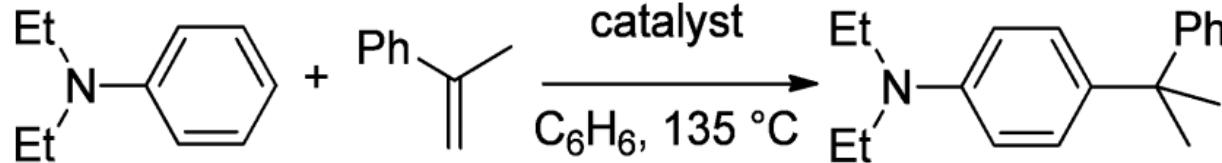
# Au(III) catalysed hydroarylation of alkenes with benzene derivatives



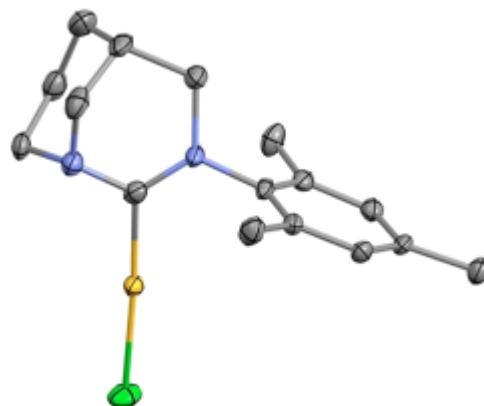
- Au(III) with silver, conceptually similar to classic Lewis acid
- Thiophene also utilised



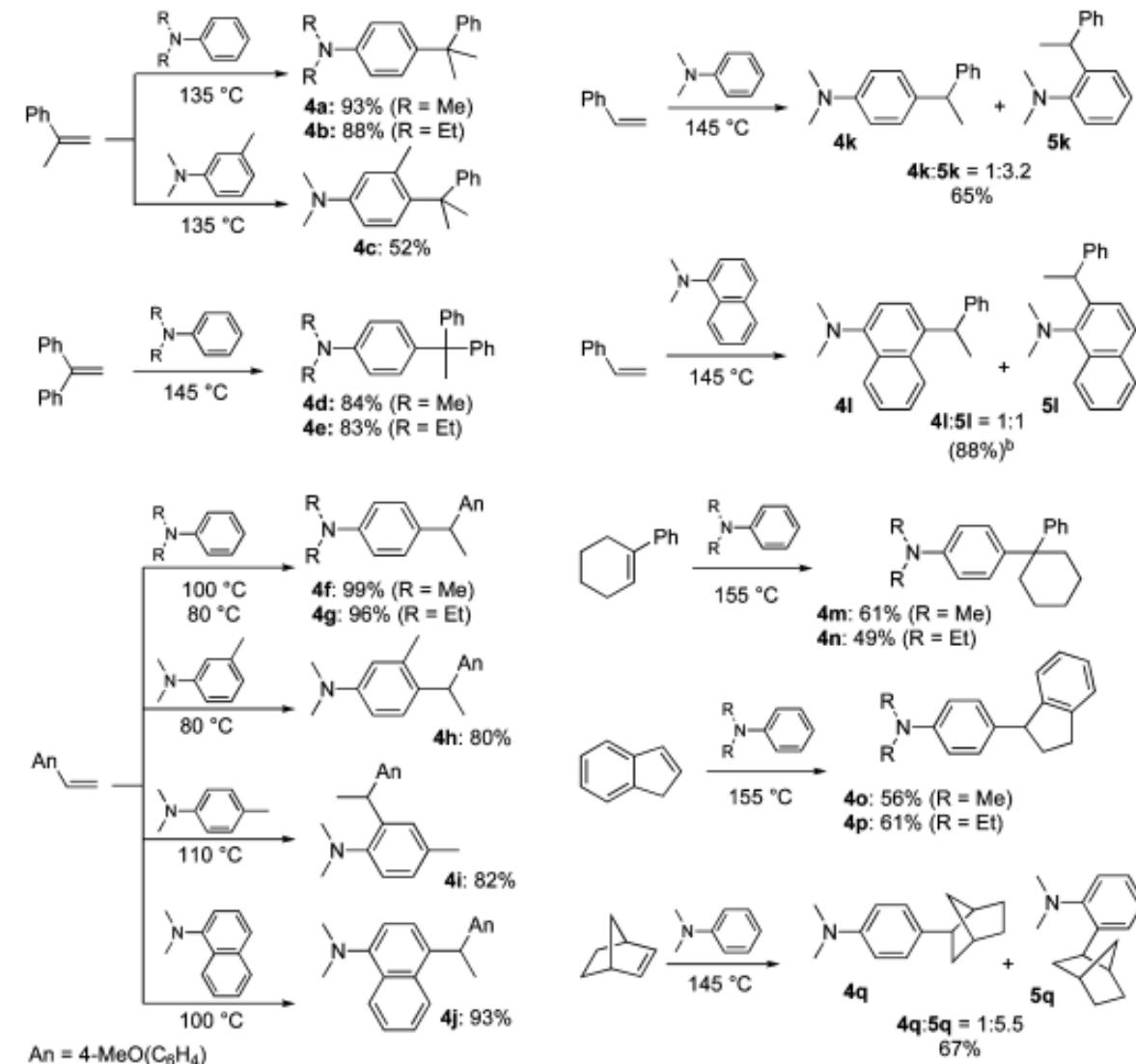
# Au(I) catalysed hydroarylation with dialkylanilines



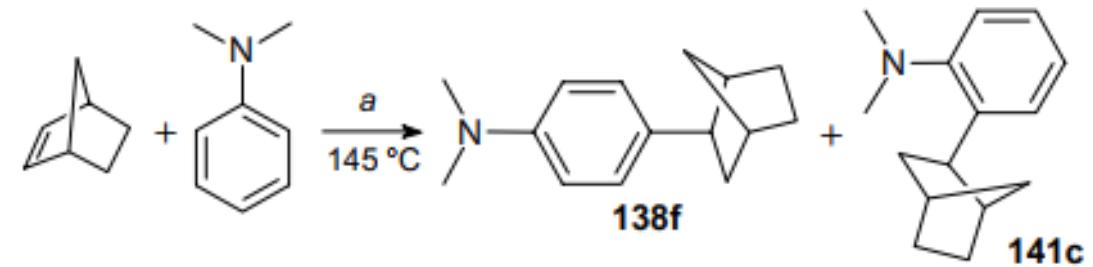
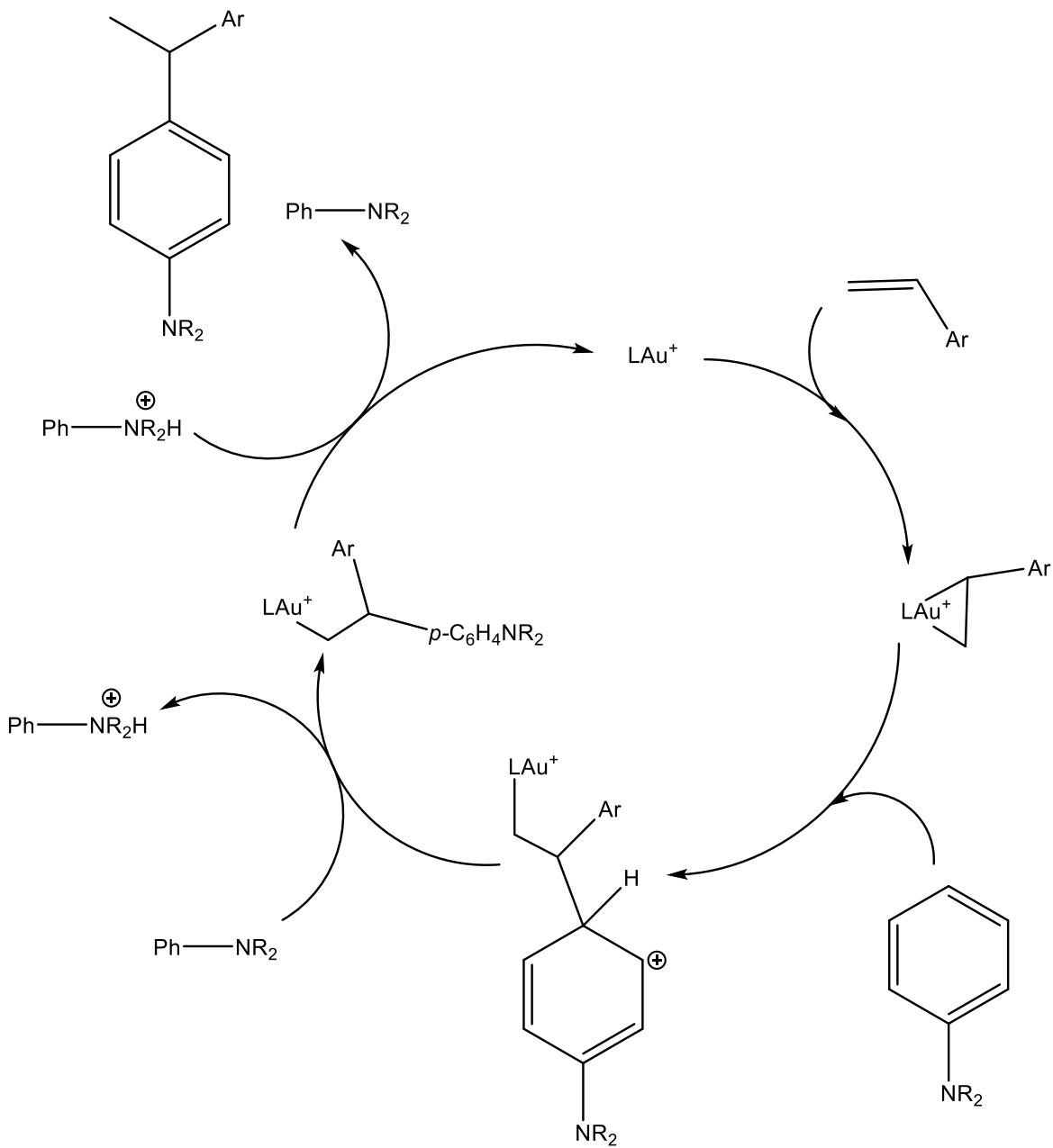
Precatalyst ( $R=$ Mes)



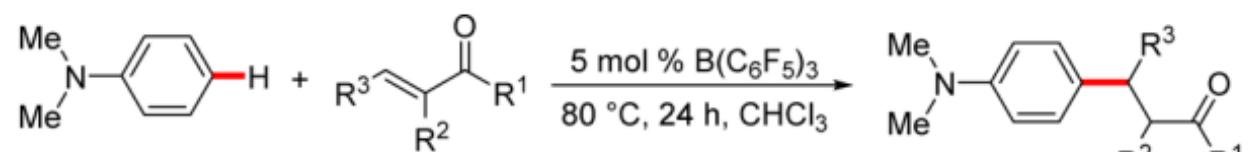
- Hydroarylation catalysts not usually compatible with dialkylanilines and other Lewis basic substrates
- *para*-selective
- Markovnikov and anti markovnikov pattern observed, depending on alkene substrate



# Au(I) catalysed hydroarylation with dialkylanilines (cont.)

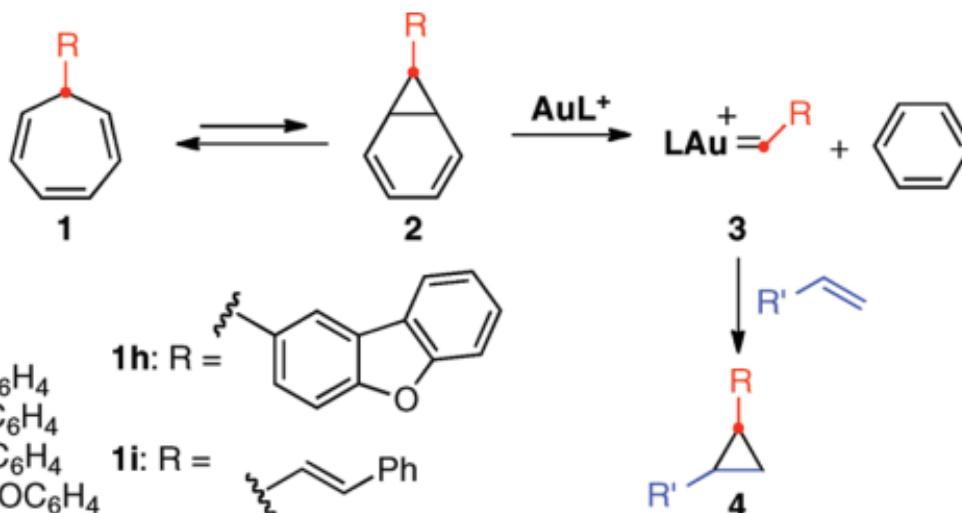


- *Para*-selective in majority of cases, occasional *ortho*-competition
- Borane-catalysed variant, only active with Michael acceptors. Same anti-Markovnikov product

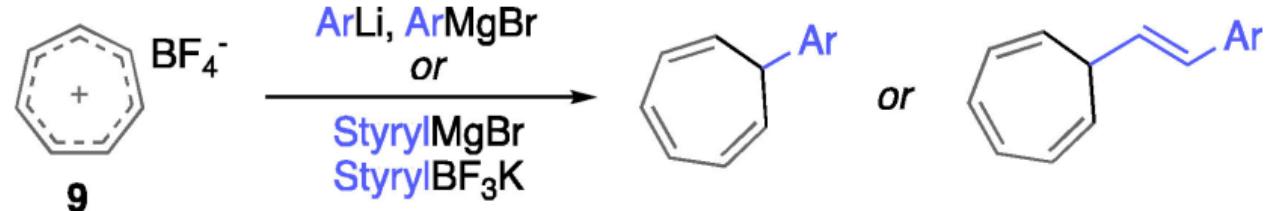
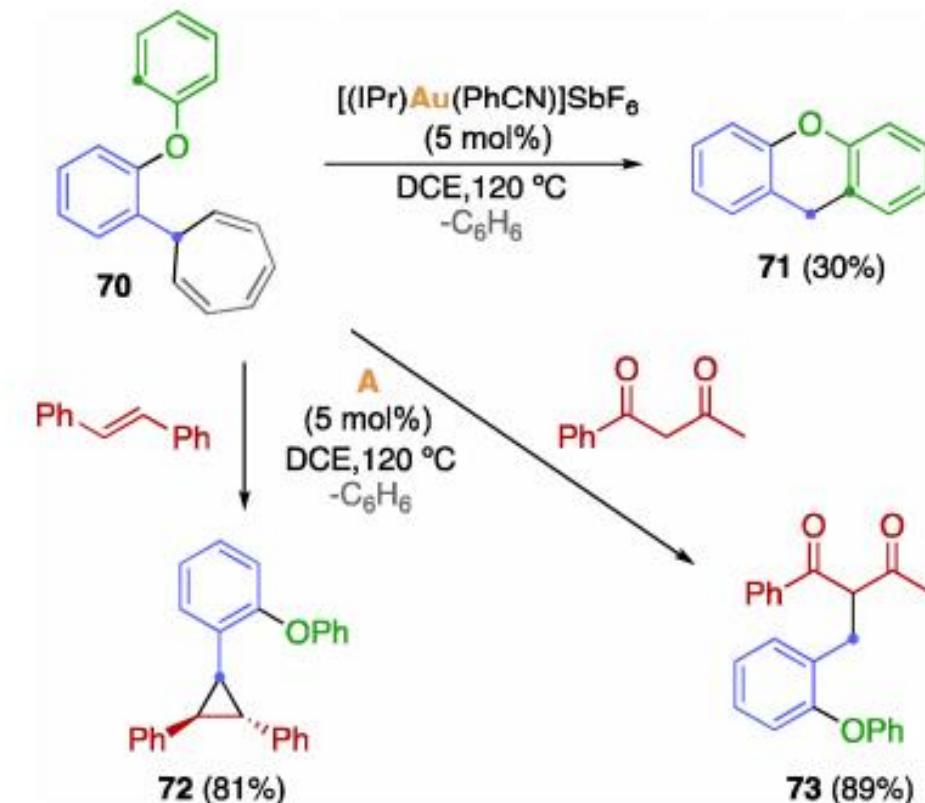


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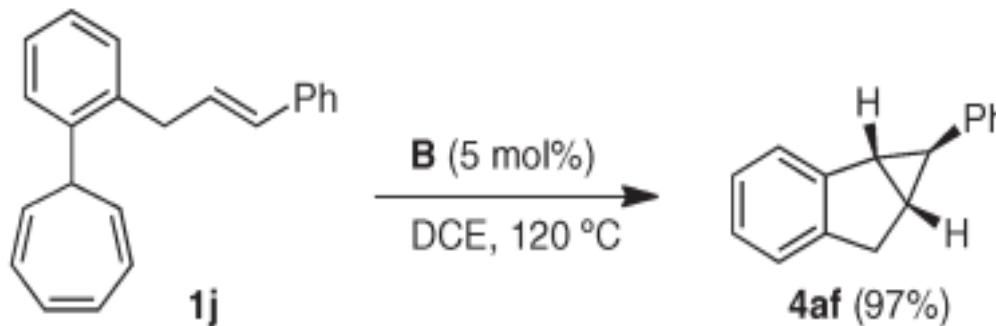
# Cyclopropanation: Au carbenes from cycloheptatrienes



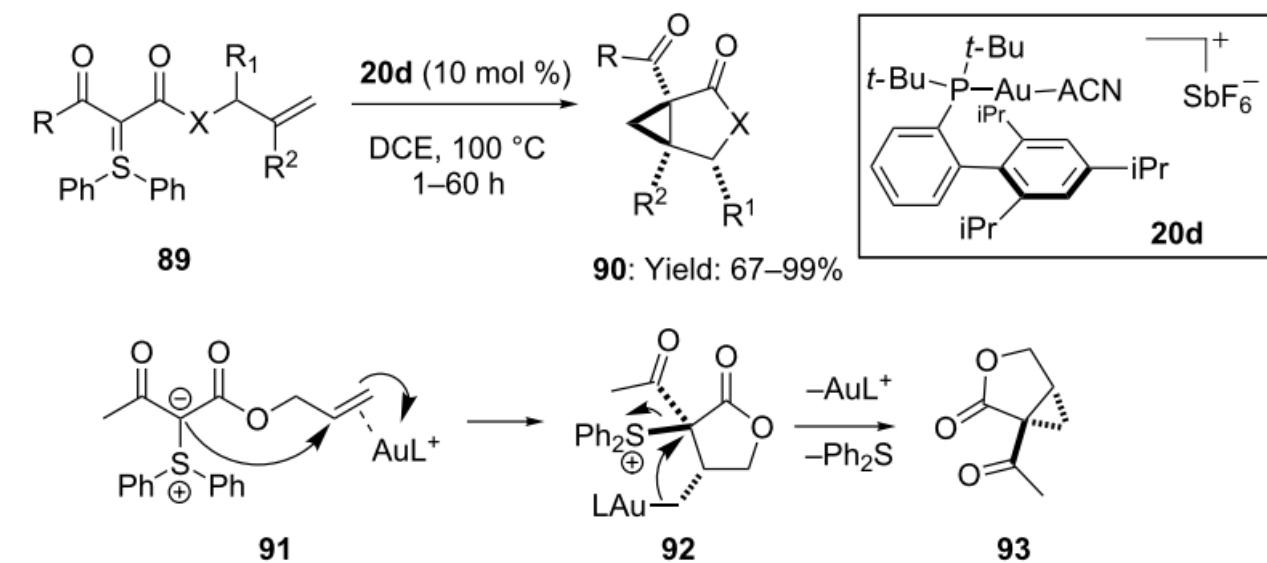
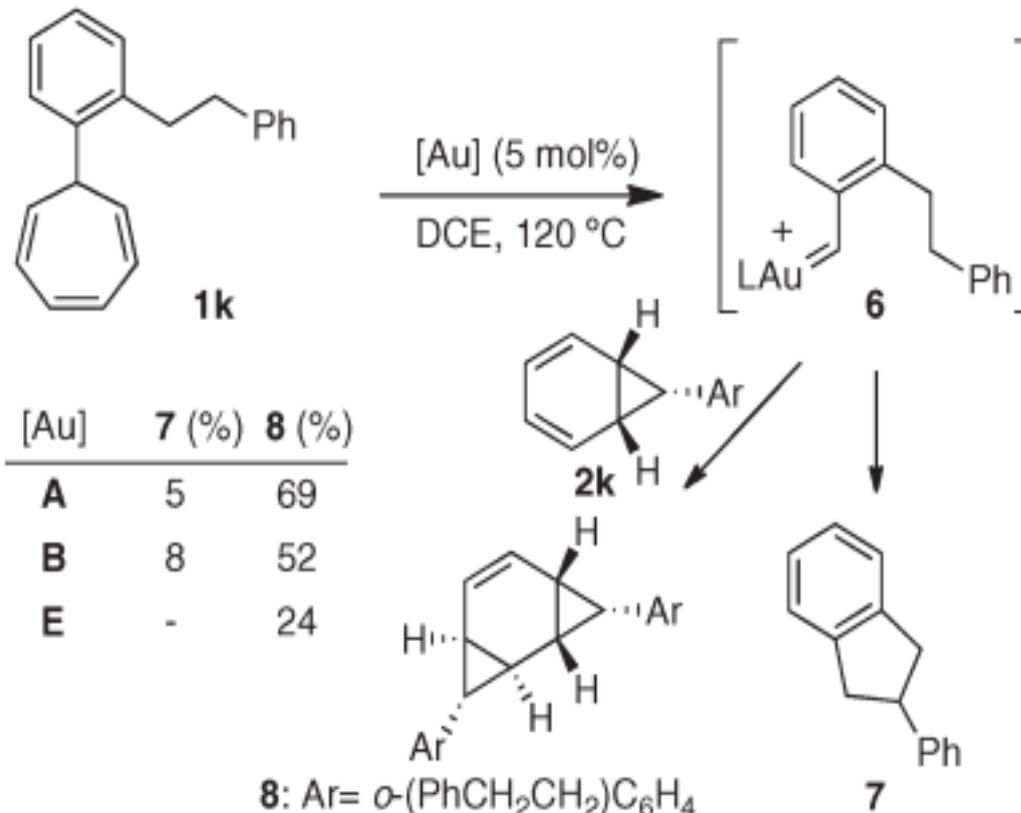
- Trisubstituted arycyclopropanes easily prepared via Au(I) catalysed Retro-Buchner reaction
- Utilising cycloheptatrienes as carbene/carbenoid sources
- A methodology well developed work with Au(I) systems
- Starting aryl or styryl cycloheptatrienes are easily prepared from tropylum
- Potentially wide substrate scope



# Cyclopropanation cont.



- Favours reaction with alkene over C-H insertion
- Intramolecular ylid cyclisation another methodology (activation of olefin by Au(I) )

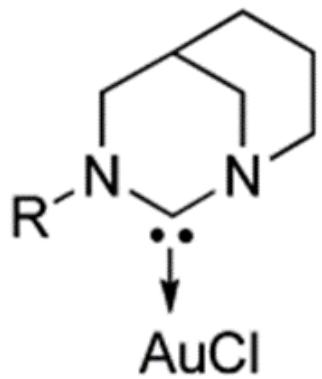


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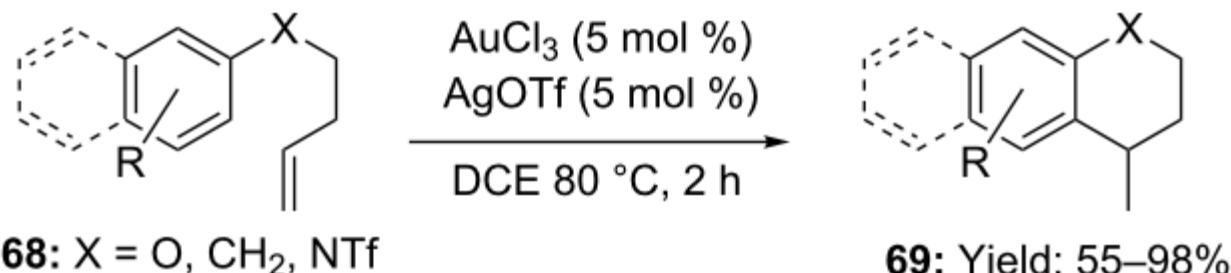
# Summary

- Gold mediated C-C bond forming reactions of unactivated olefins: some key reactions of interest (carboheterofunctionalisation, hydroarylation, Retro-Buchner reaction of cycloheptatrienes in formation of Au carbenes)
- By no means exhaustive: the utility of allylic alcohols, addition of active methylene compounds, hydroalkylation, Au-Heck with aryl diazonium salts and dual photoredox/Au catalysed processes

# Exercises



Suggest a synthesis of this precatalyst. Given that the free ligand is relatively less stable, the preparation utilised constructs the ligand within the protective environment of the metal coordination sphere.



Suggest a plausible catalytic cycle for this transformation

# Answers

