

# Organic Electrosynthesis

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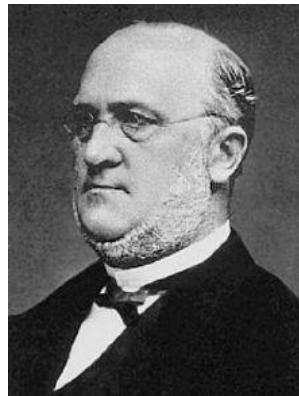
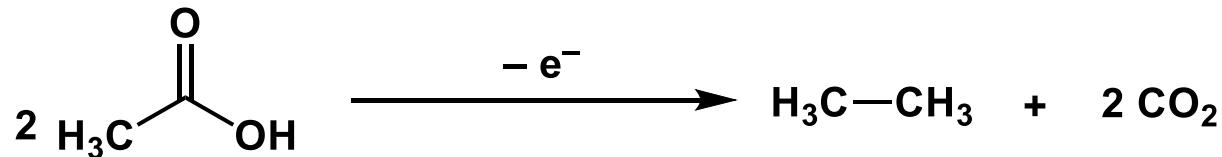
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# Introduction: Organic Electrosynthesis



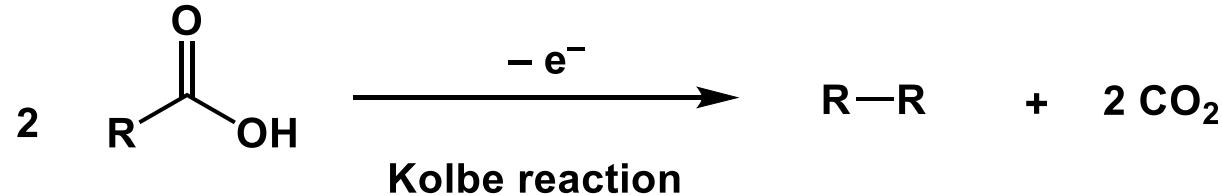
Michael Faraday  
1791-1867

Faraday showed first example of organic electrosynthesis (1834) :

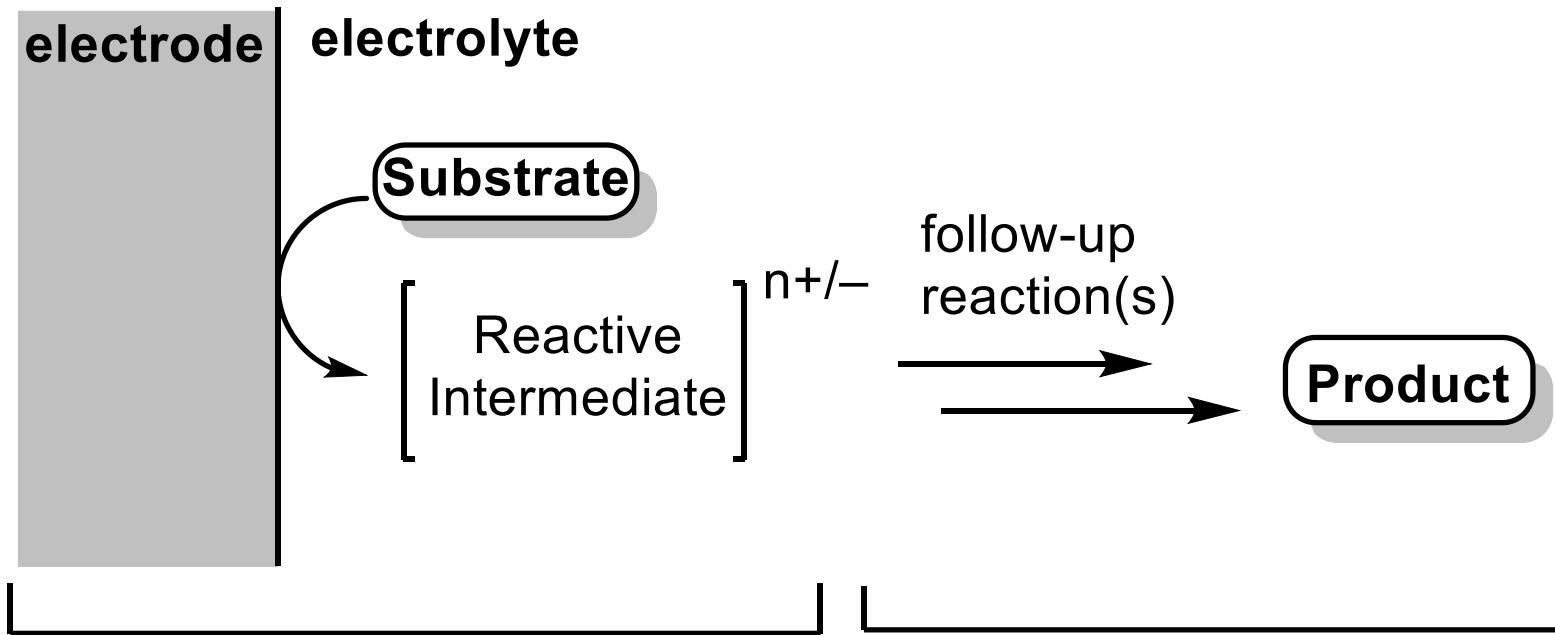


Hermann Kolbe  
1818-1884

Kolbe generalized Faraday's discovery (1849) :



# Overview of Organic Electrosynthesis



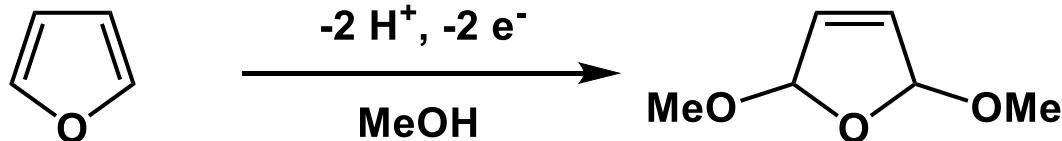
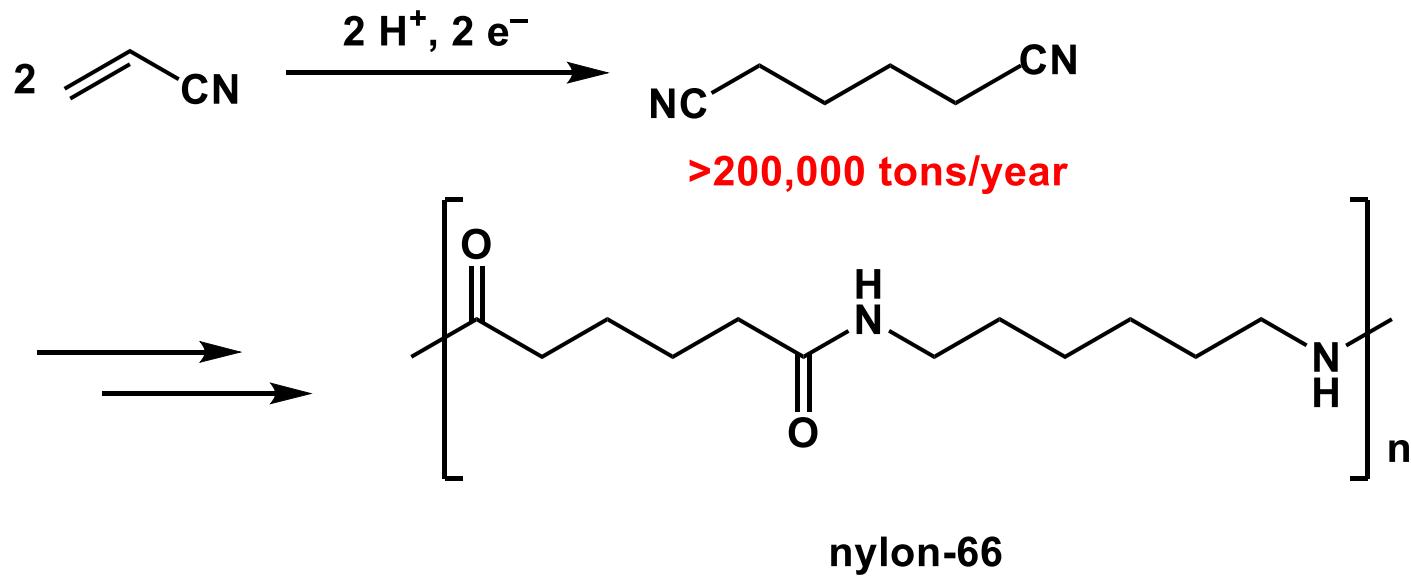
## Electrochemical Process

- electrode material
- **constant voltage / current**
- over-potential
- electrode adsorption
- electronic charge

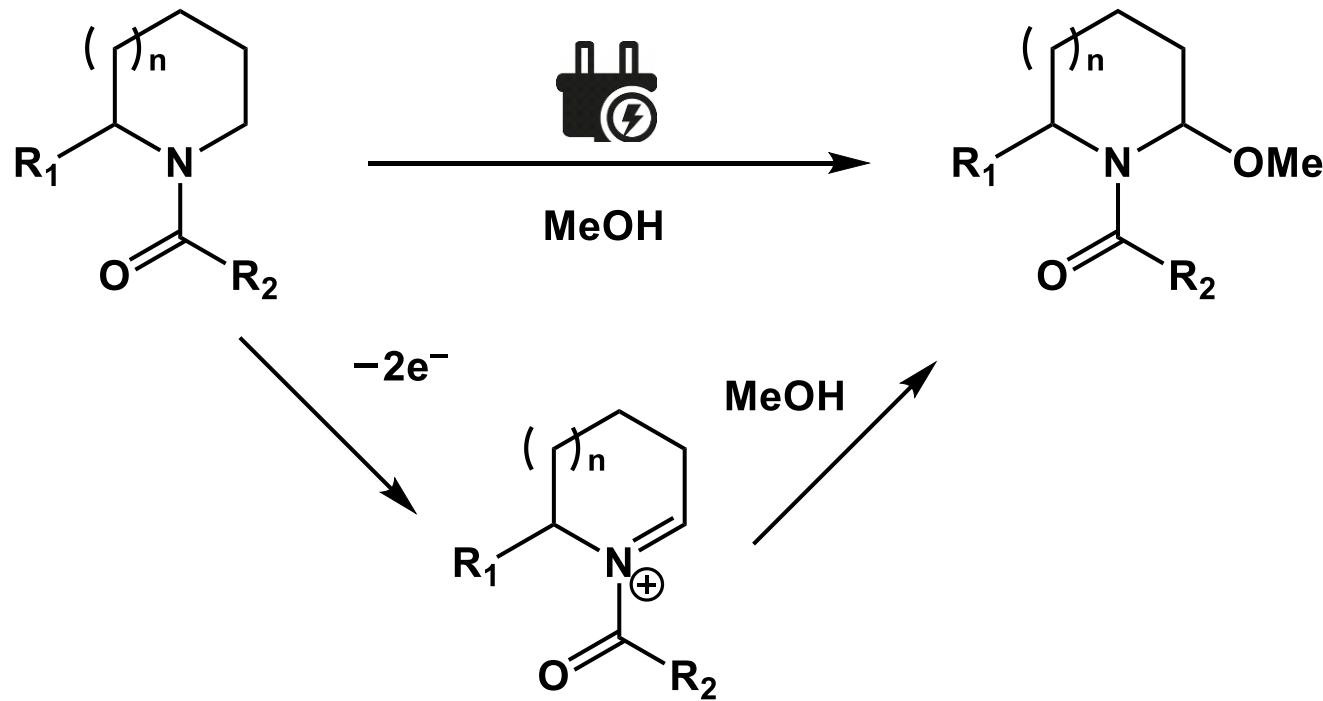
## Chemical Process

- supporting electrolyte
- solvation
- temperature
- kinetics
- convection

# Examples of Organic Electrosynthesis

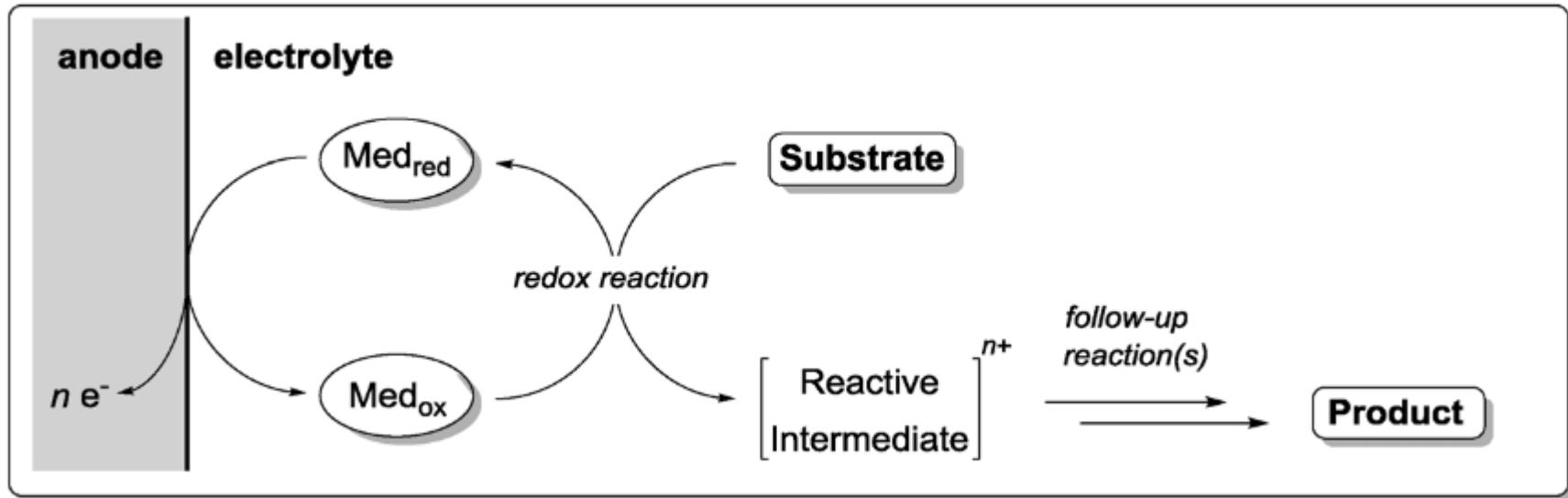


# Shono Oxidation



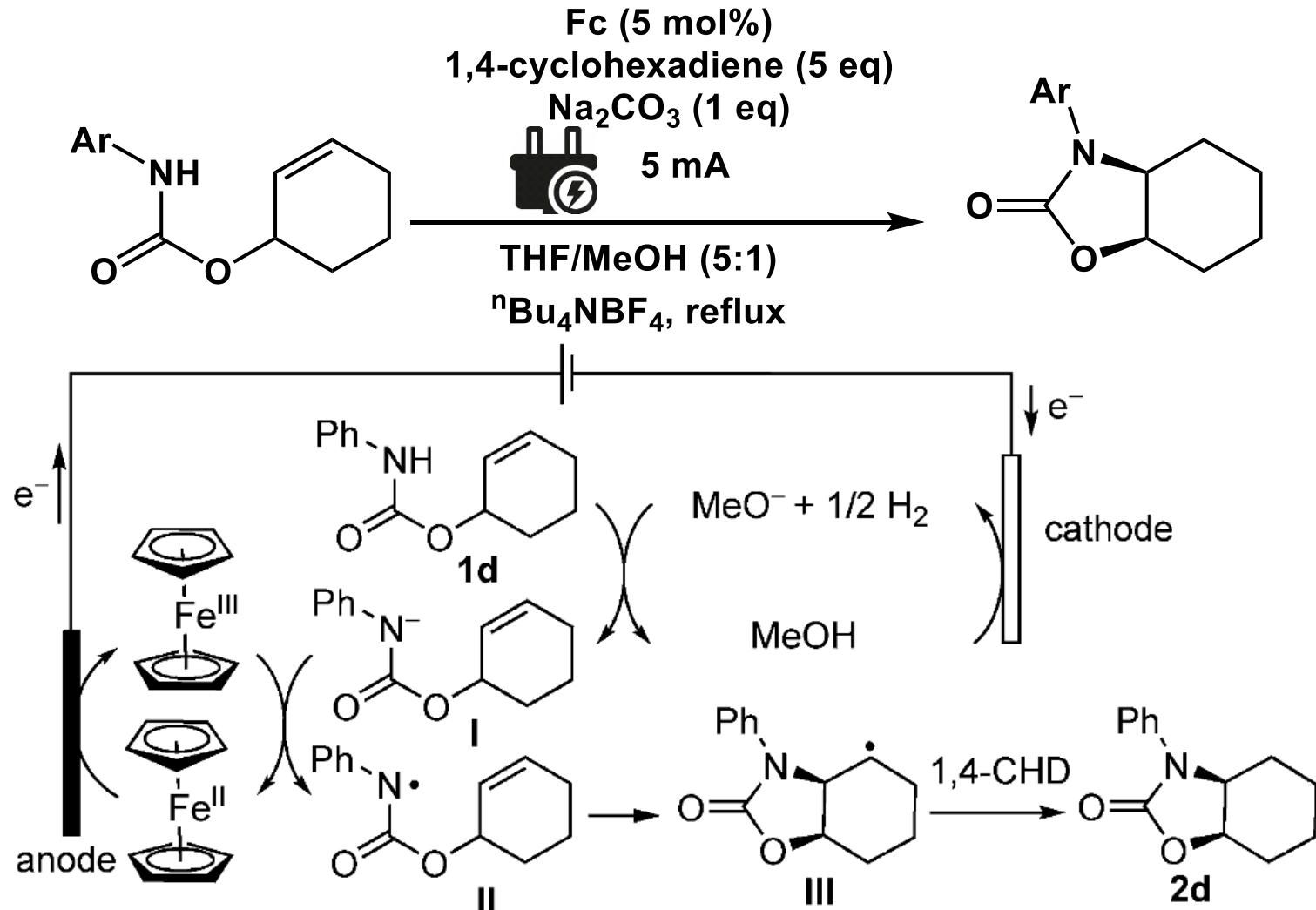
Functionalization of  $\alpha$  position of amine

# Mediator

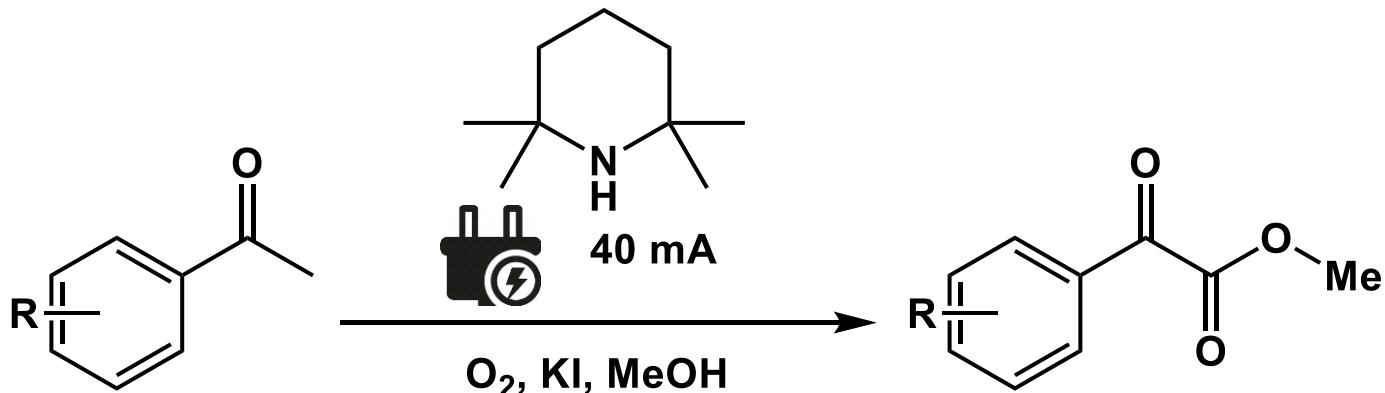


- ✓ Avoid over-potential
- ✓ Mild conditions
- ✓ Different selectivity
- ✓ Avoid passivation of electrode

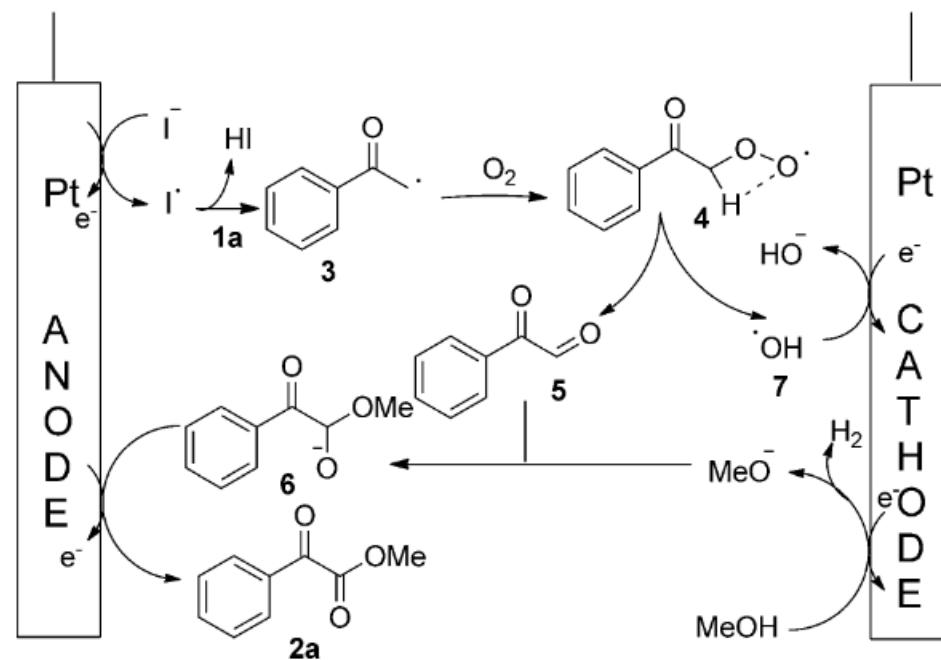
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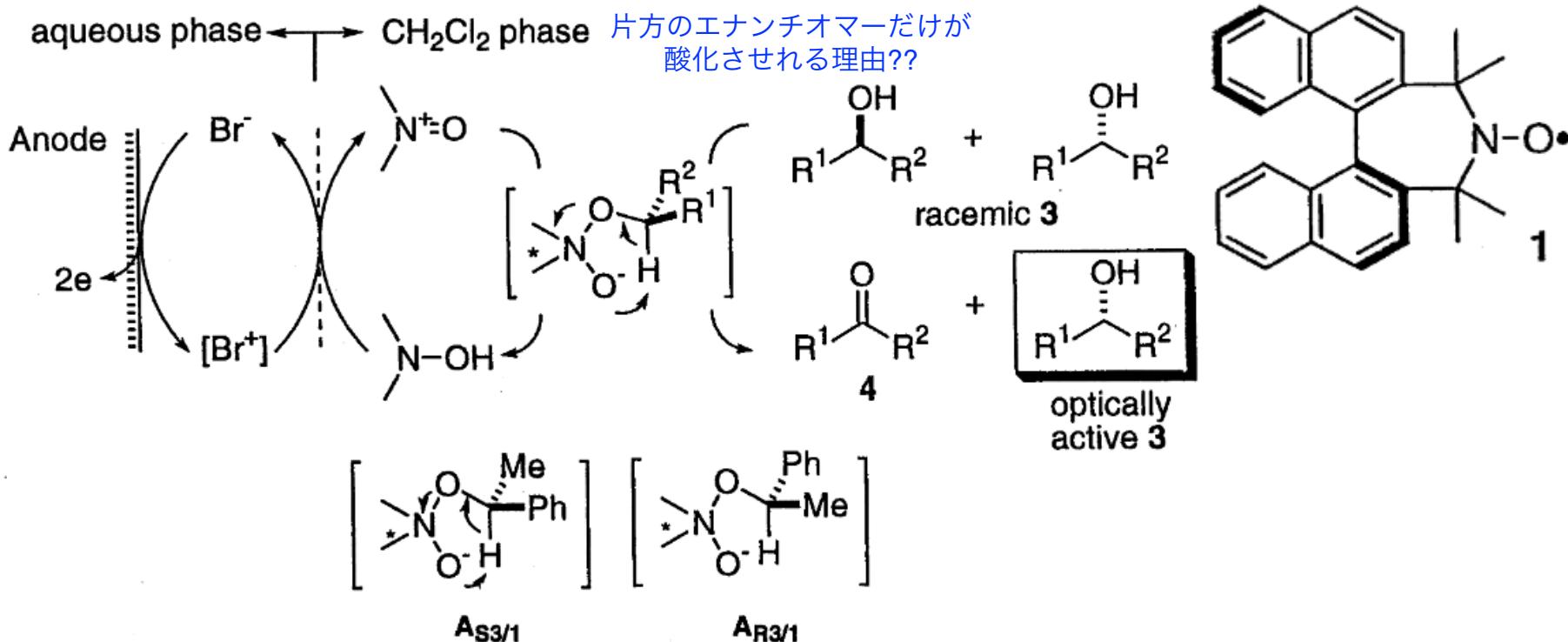
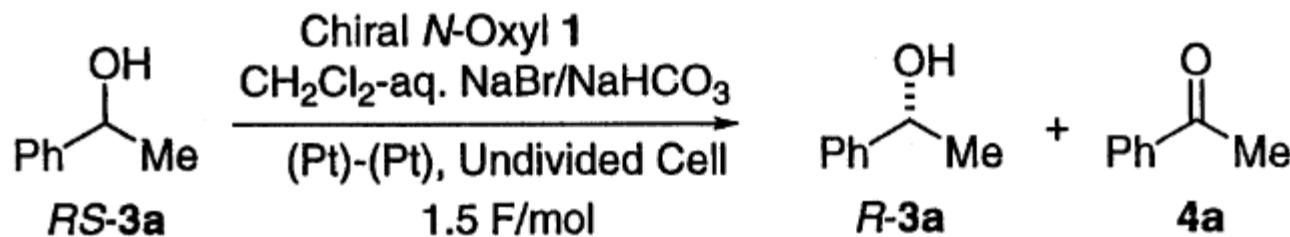
二電子的な  
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どうやって制御しているの？



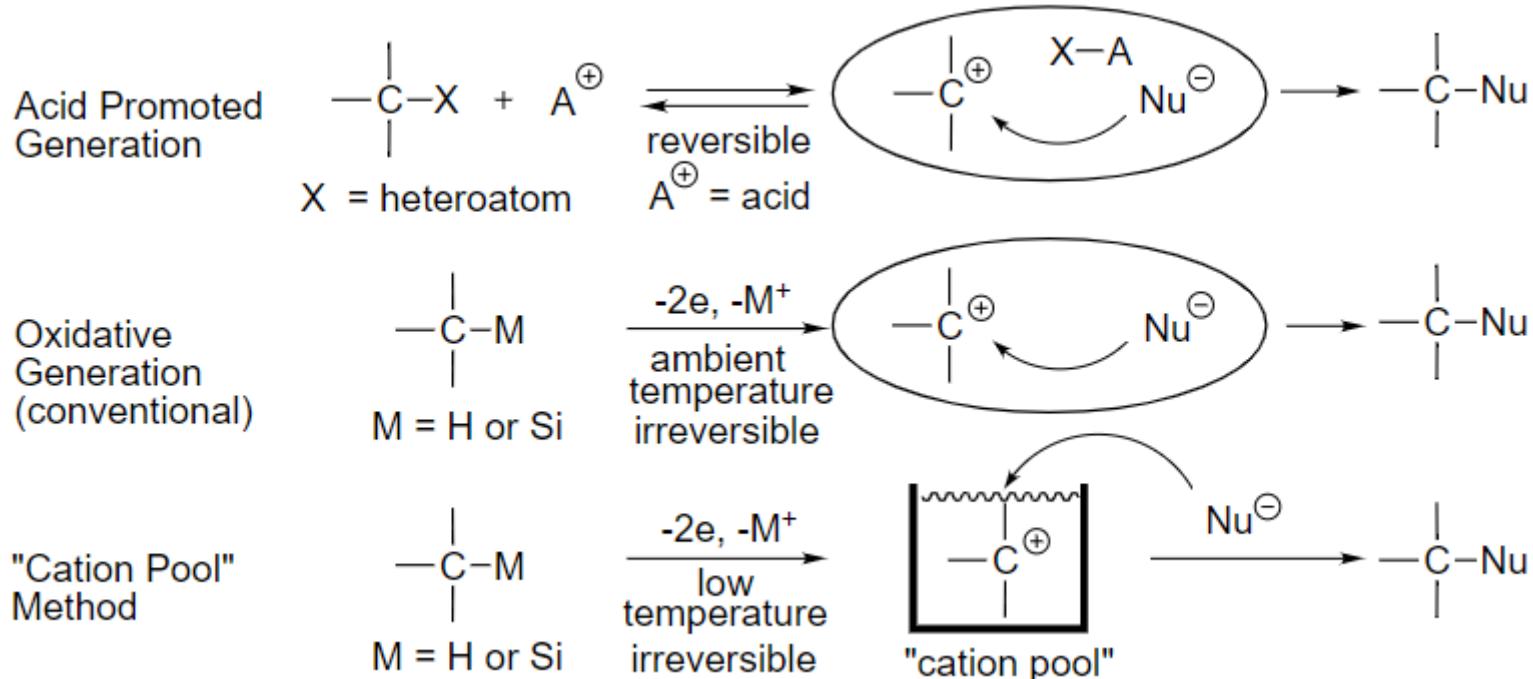
ヒドロキシラジカル出  
せる  
▶この方法機構解析に  
使えるか？

ヒドロキシラジカルだけを  
出す方法があるか？

# Examples of Mediator (3)



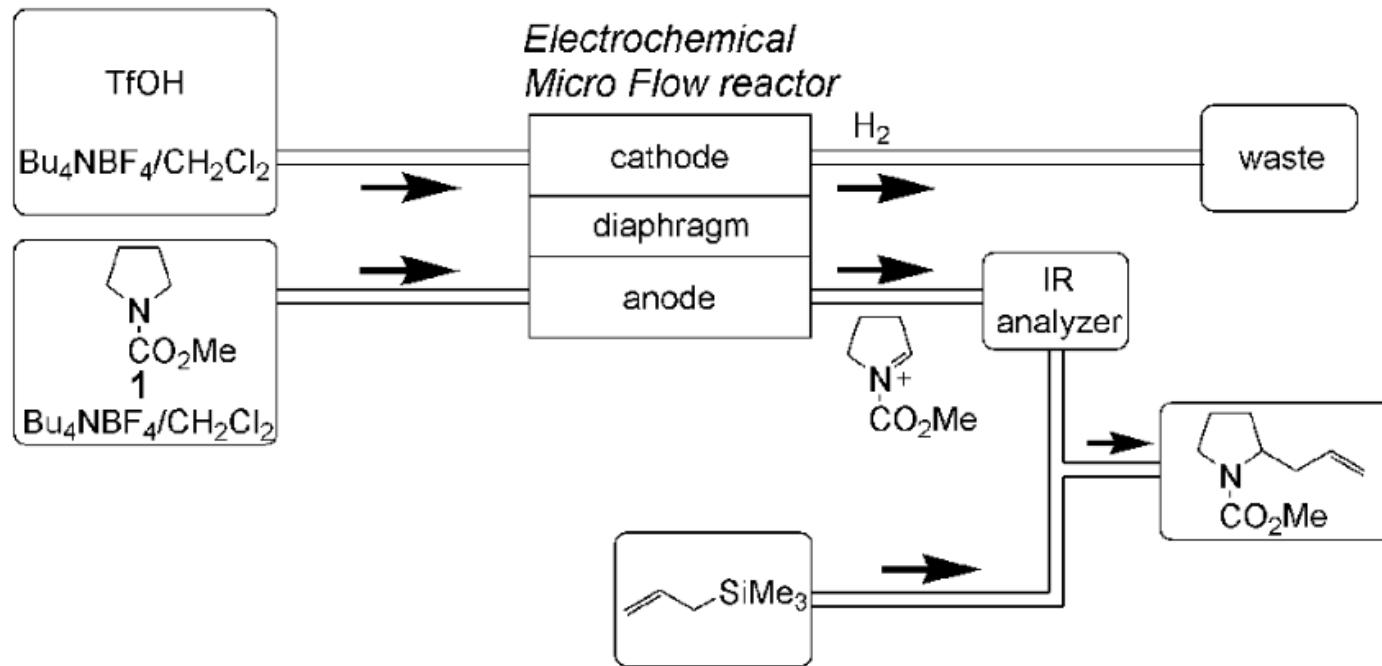
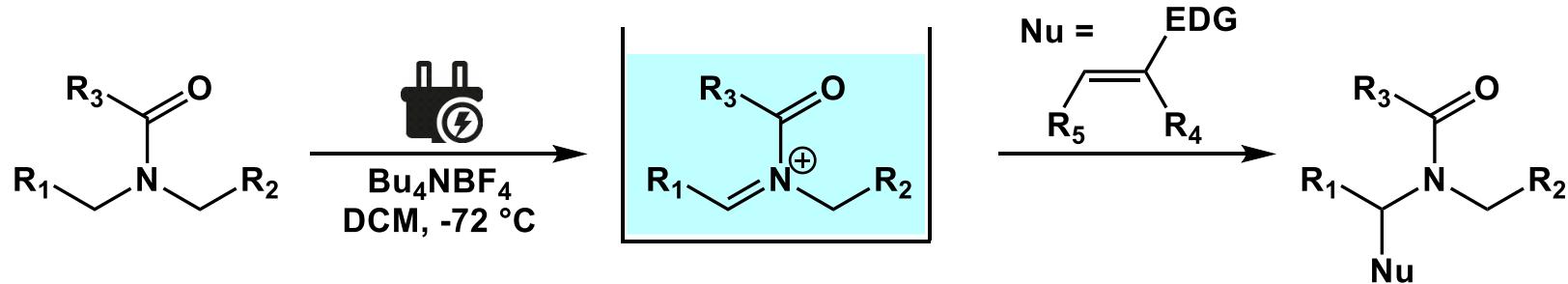
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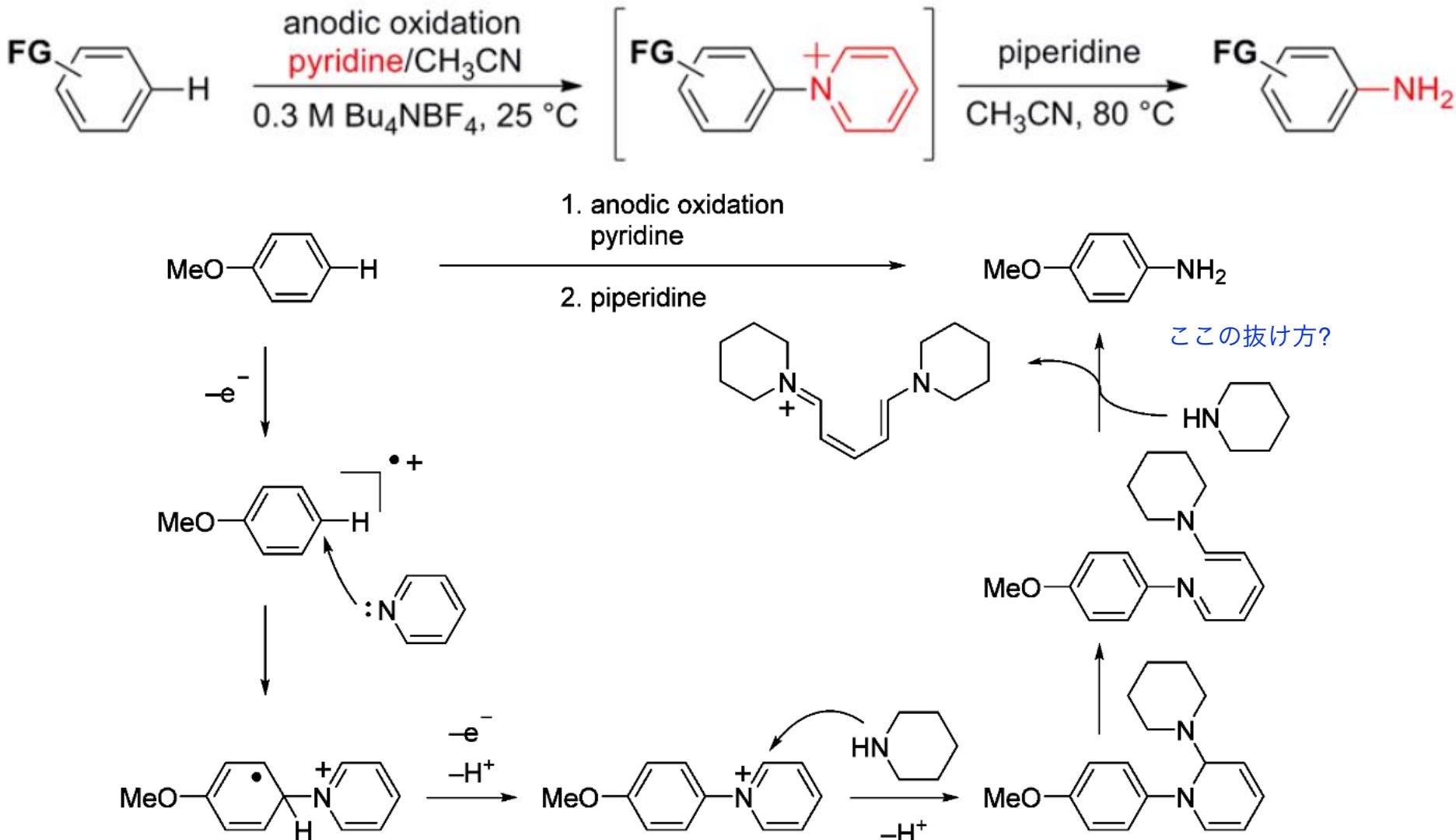
✓ Cation intermediate accumulation

✓ Various nucleophile can be introduced

# Examples of Cation Pool Method (1)



# Examples of Cation Pool Method (2)



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His work is focused on synthesizing complex organic compounds, the development of new reactions, and the development of new reagents.

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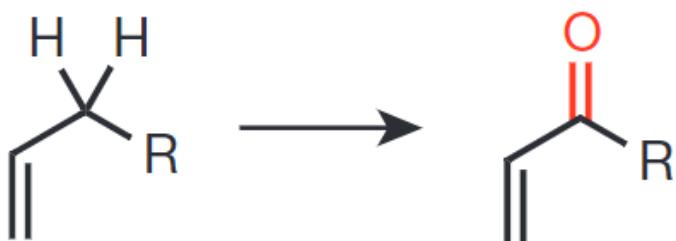
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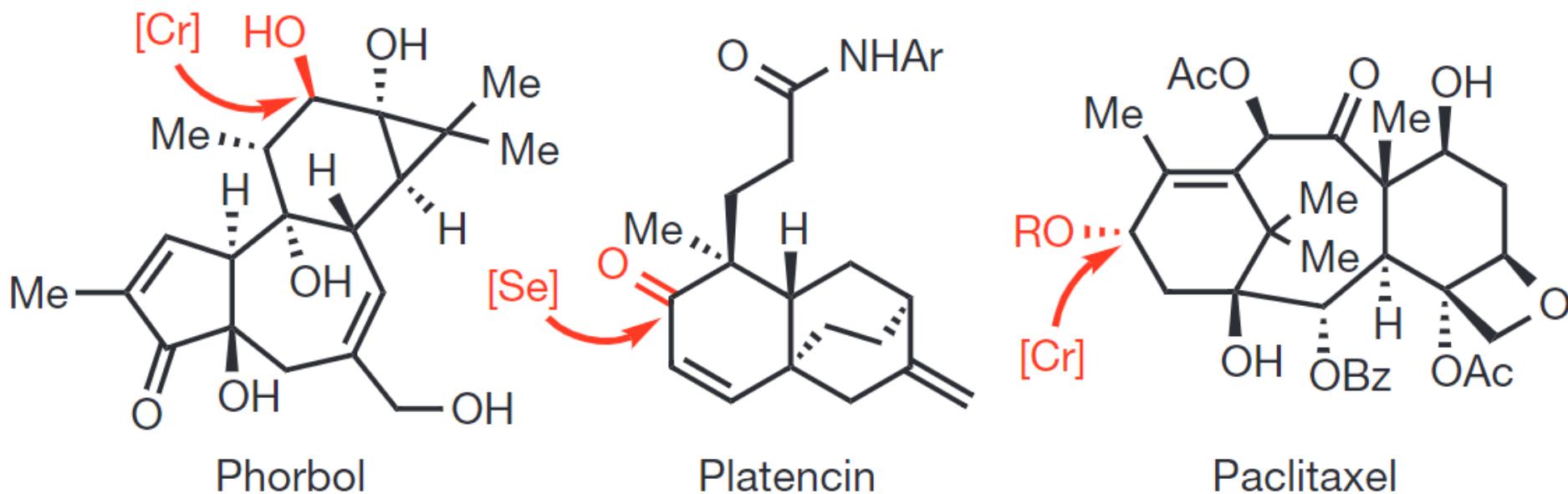
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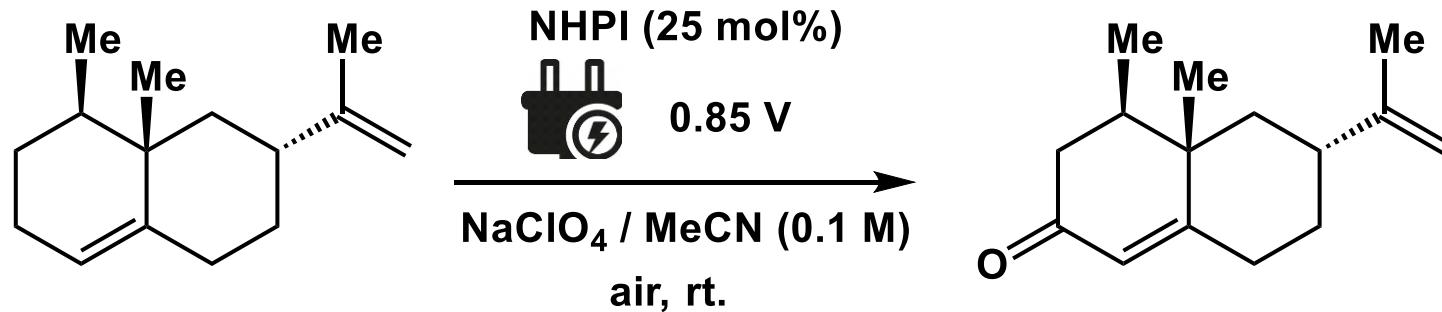
# Allylic C-H Oxidation



- Fundamental organic transformation
- Featured in >100 natural product syntheses
- About 80% use Cr, Se, Pd or Rh reagents



# Initial Trial

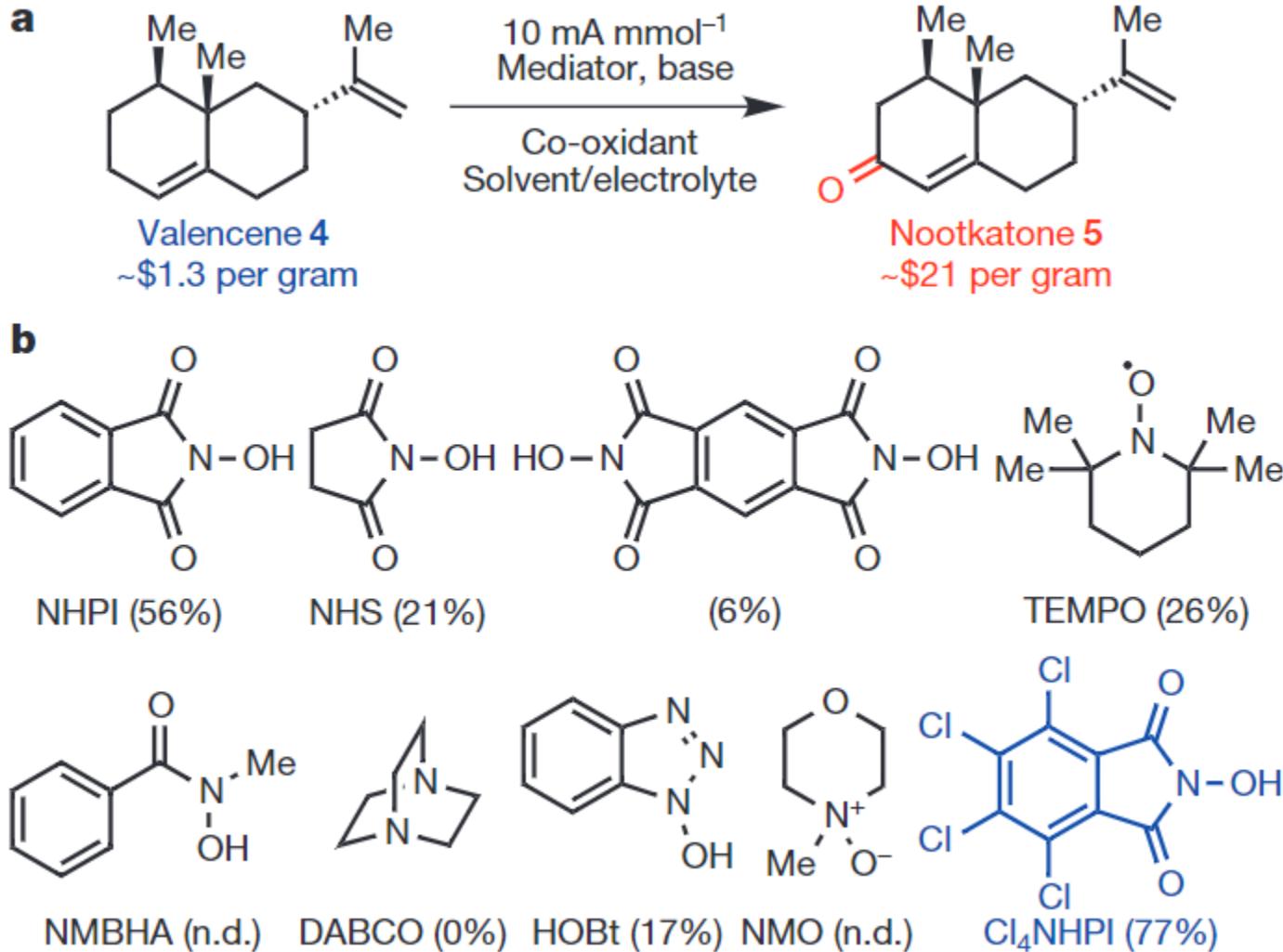


O source	yield
air	6%
O <sub>2</sub> bubbling	18%
tBuOOH	51%

Masui, M., Hosomi, K., Tsuchida, K. & Ozaki, S. *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* **1985** 33, 4798.

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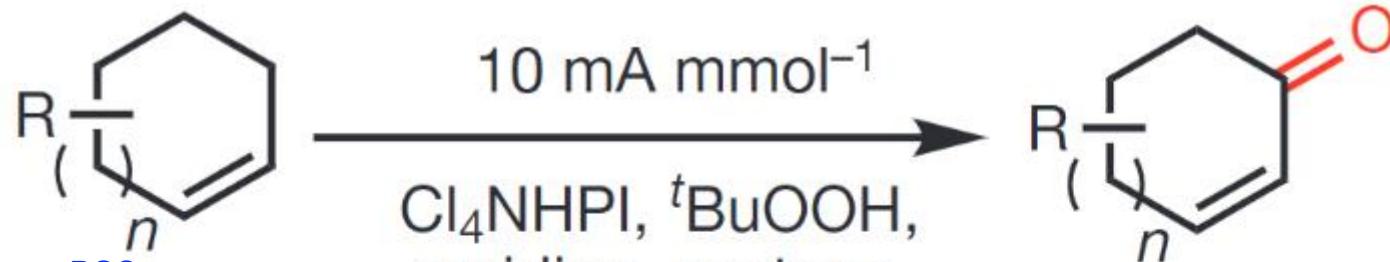
# Screening of Mediator



メディエーター分子  
どんな指針で決められているのか？

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# Electrochemical Allylic C-H Oxidation

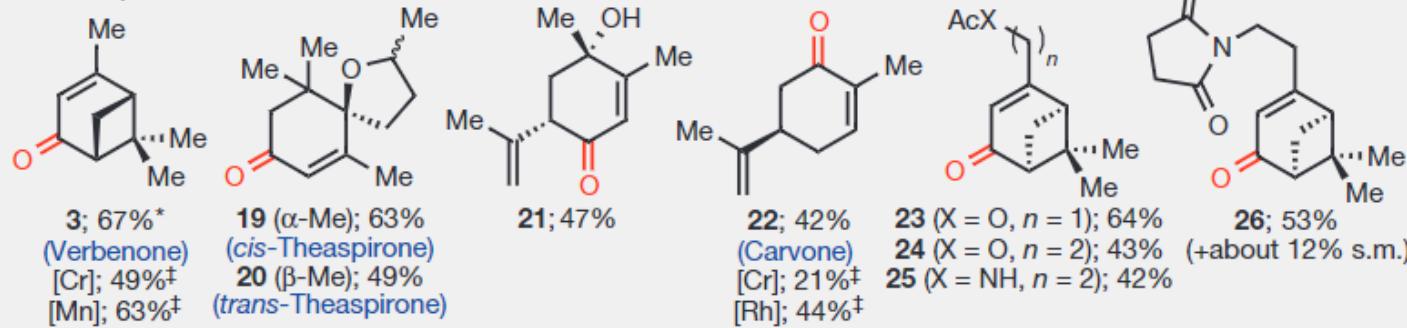


Crなど ca 37 %  
本反応 ca 58 %

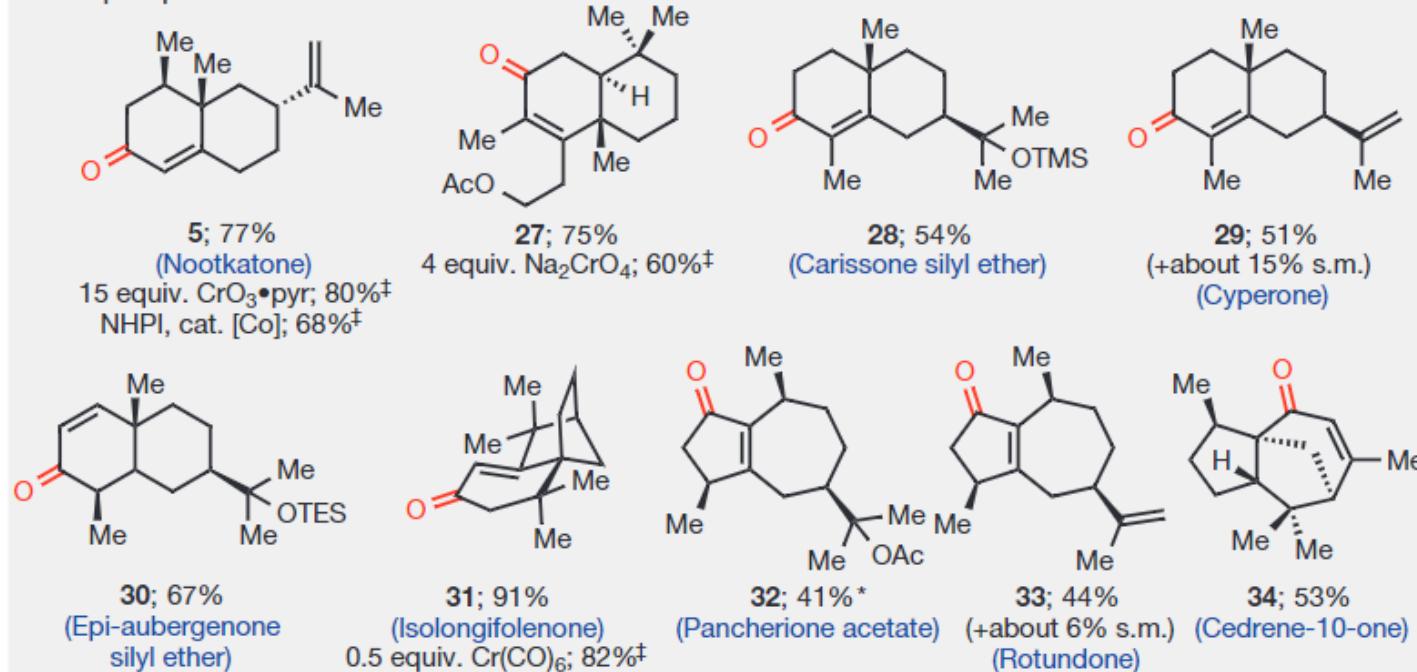
- 40 examples
- 15 natural products
  - Sustainable
  - Scalable
- Inexpensive carbon electrodes
  - Inexpensive reagents
    - Open flask

# Substrate Scope (1)

## Monoterpene-derived

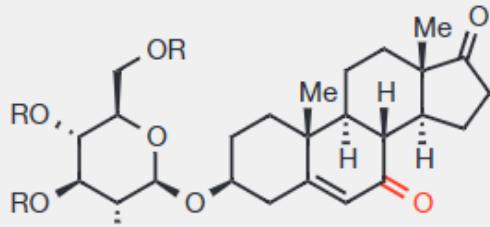
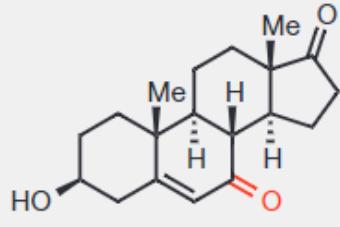
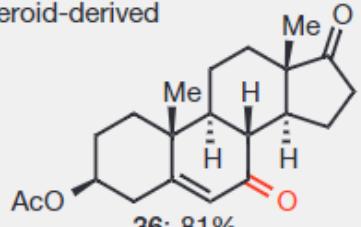


## Sesquiterpene-derived

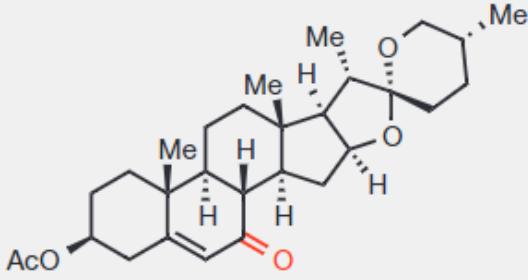
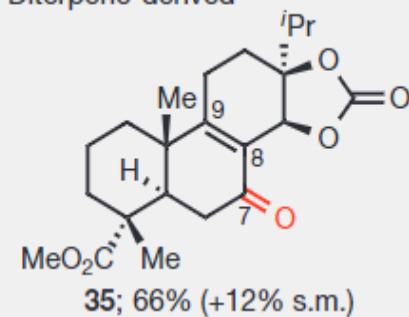


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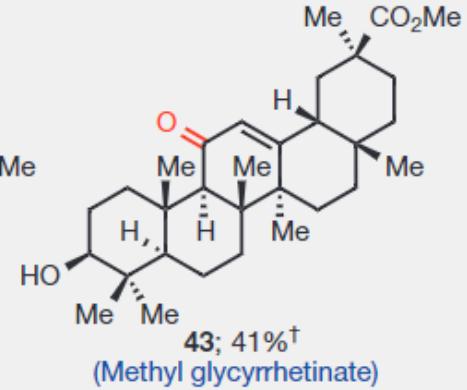
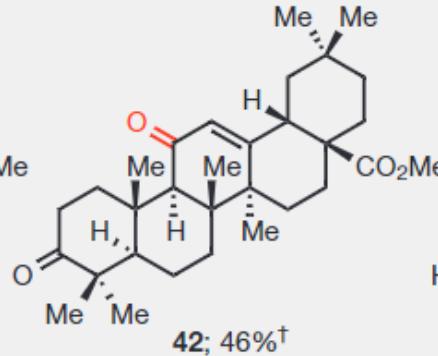
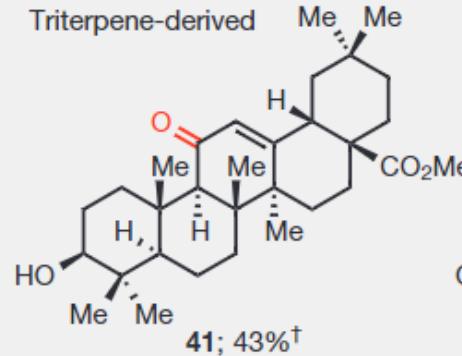
Steroid-derived



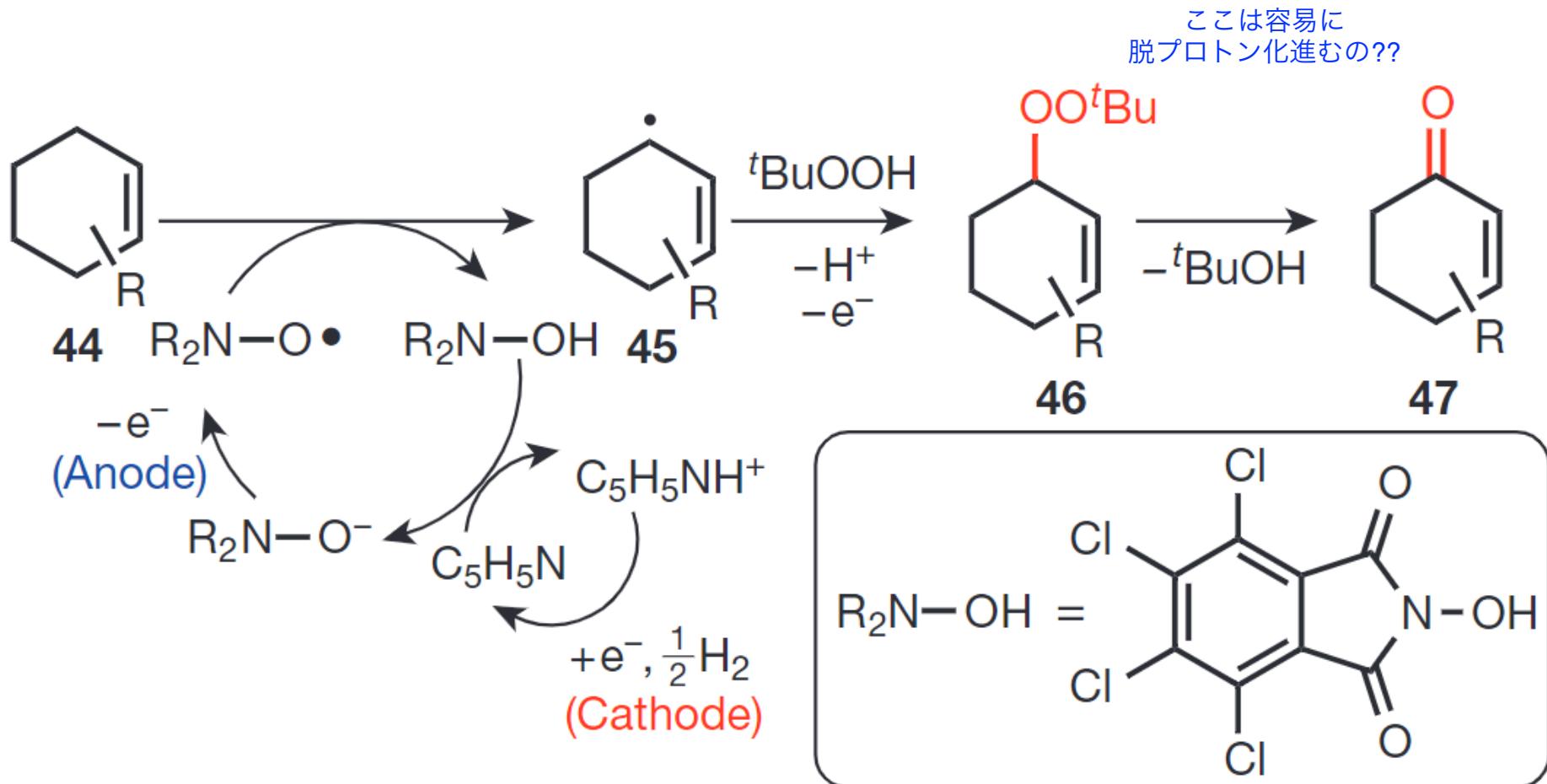
Diterpene-derived



Triterpene-derived



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# Birch Reduction



**Birch, 1946:** [undivided cell, NH<sub>3</sub>/EtONa/EtOH, -78 °C]

- R = hydrocarbon only
- Cryogenic temperatures required
- Ammonia condensation required

**Benkeser, 1963 & 1964:** [undivided cell, MeNH<sub>2</sub>/LiCl, Pt(+)/Pt(-), 0 °C]

- R = hydrocarbons only
- Solvent-quantity amine
- Precious metal electrodes

**Kariv-Miller, 1983 & 1984:** [divided cell, H<sub>2</sub>O/THF/TBAOH, Pt(+)/Hg(-)]

- R = ethers only
- Precious metal anode
- Unsafe mercury cathode
- Inconvenient divided cell

**Kashimura, 2003:** [undivided cell, <sup>1</sup>BuOH/THF, LiClO<sub>4</sub>, Mg(+)/Mg(-)]

- R = ethers and hydrocarbons only
- Continuous sonication required
- Dangerous and toxic perchlorate salts

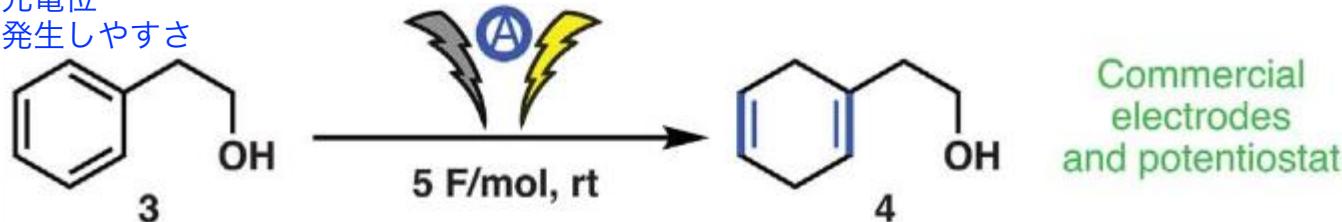
✗ Low chemo-selectivity

✗ Not Scalable

# Screening

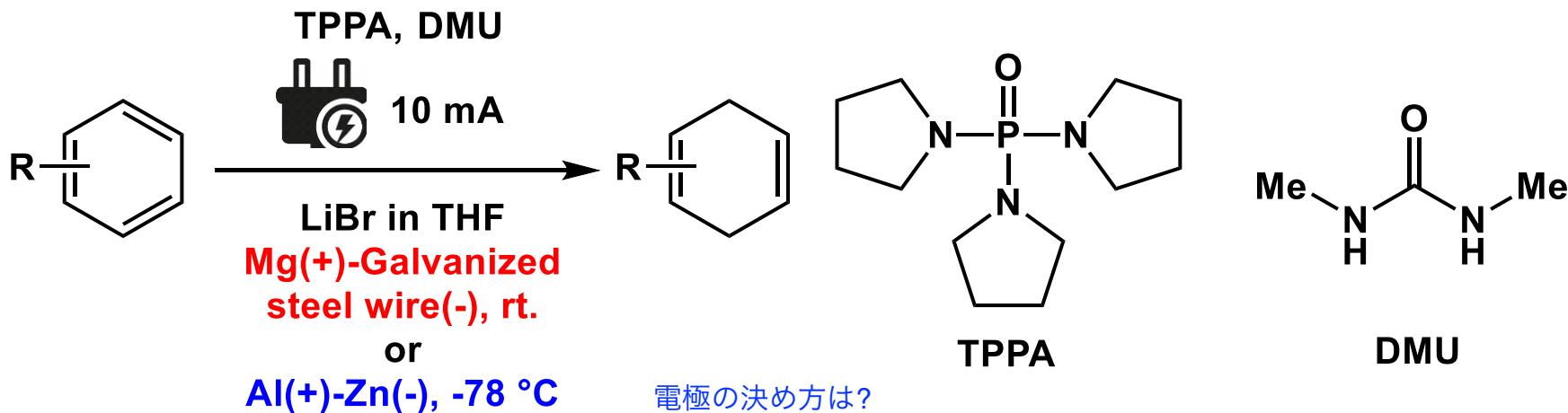
電極の選び方

- 化合物の吸着能
- 酸化還元電位
- 陰極は水素を発生しやすさ



Entry	Ref	Electrodes	Conditions	Yield	By-prod.
1	13, 37	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeNH <sub>2</sub> , LiCl	<5%	-
2	12, 44	SS(+)/Hg(-)	THF/H <sub>2</sub> O, TBAOH	<5%	-
3	38	C(+)/Al(-)	HMPA/EtOH, LiCl, divided cell	<5%	過充電により Li <sup>+</sup> が析出してしまう。
4	15	Mg(+)/Mg(-)	THF/ <sup>t</sup> BuOH, LiClO <sub>4</sub> , sonication	<5%	これはリチウムイオン電池の開発 でも見られる現象
5	-	Al(+)/Zn(-)	THF, <sup>t</sup> BuOH, LiBr	<5%	Li <sup>+</sup> イオンのトラップ剤 TPPA
6	-	Al(+)/Zn(-)	THF, <sup>t</sup> BuOH, LiBr, TPPA	50%	30%
7	-	Al(+)/Zn(-)	THF, DMU, LiBr, TPPA	65%	14%
8	-	Al(+)/Zn(-)	THF, DMU, LiBr, TPPA, -78 °C	74%	<5%
9	-	Mg(+)/GSW(-)	THF, DMU, LiBr, TPPA	70%	<5%

# Electrochemical Birch Reaction



電極の決め方は?  
電圧などによる??  
なん電子か?

✓ Safe

✓ Ammonia / amine free

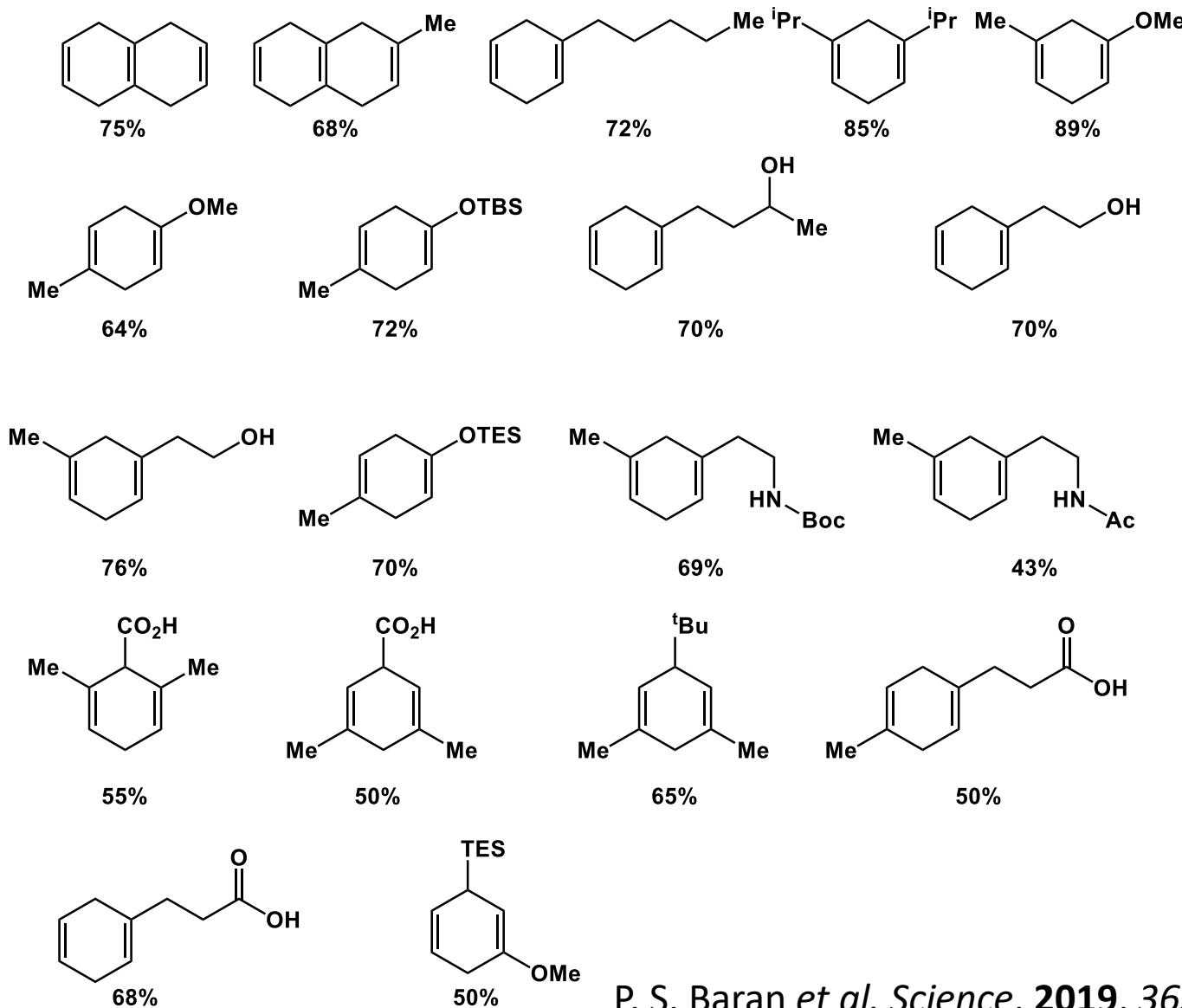
✓ Improved substrate scope

✓ Scalable (batch and flow)

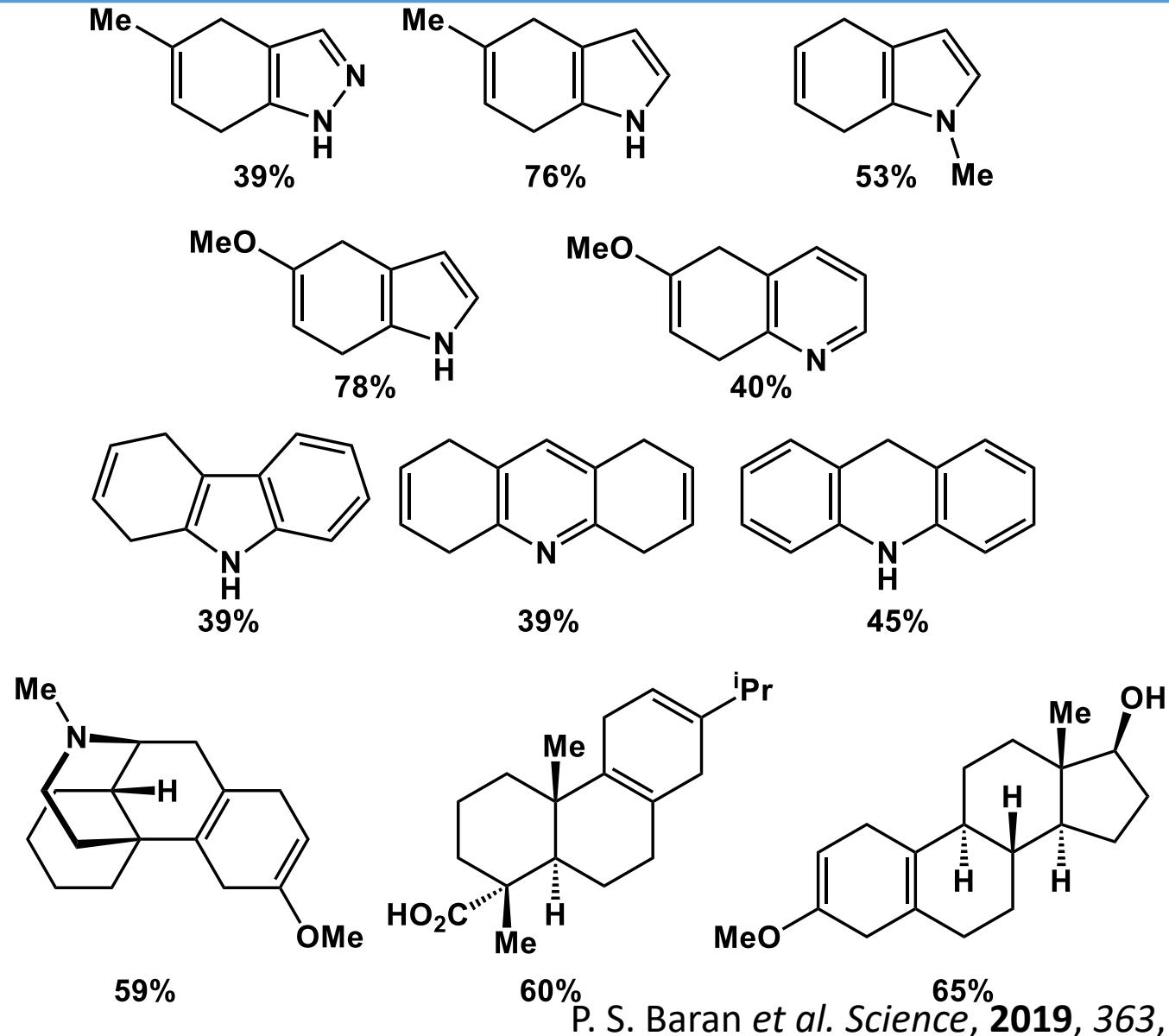


100 g scale

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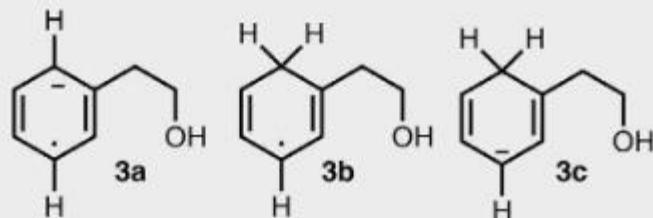
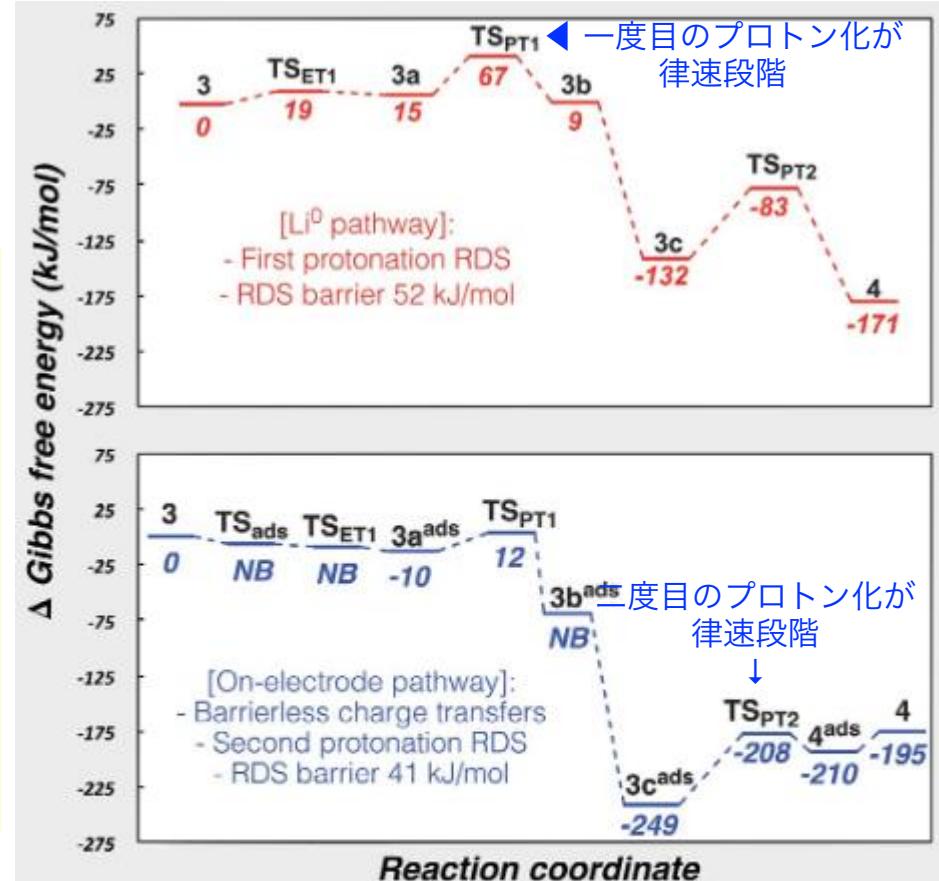
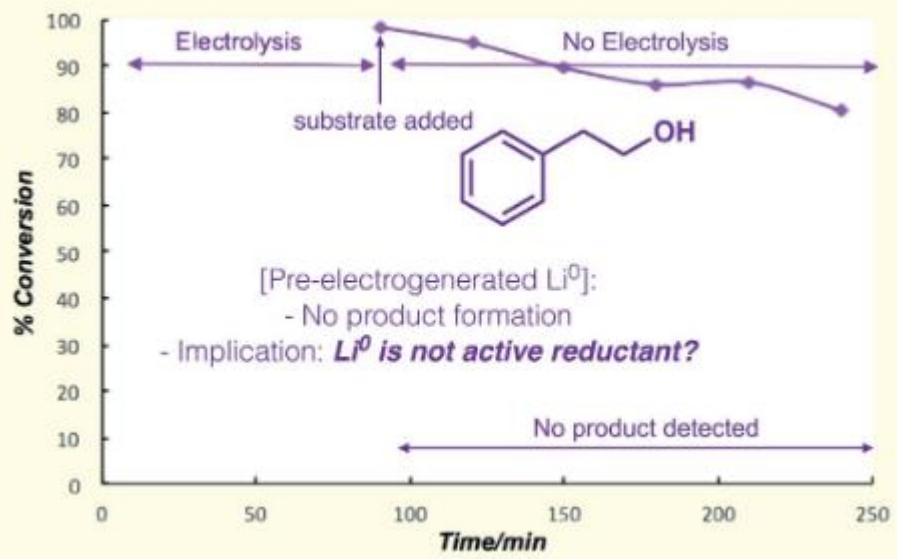


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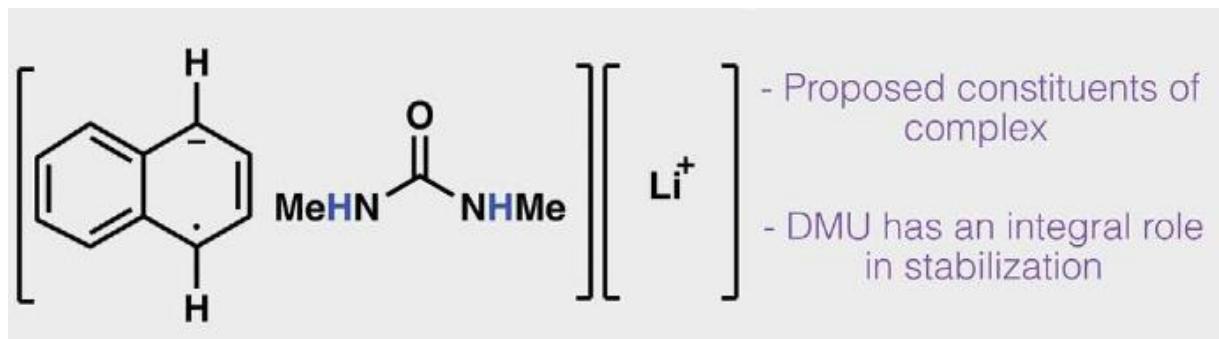
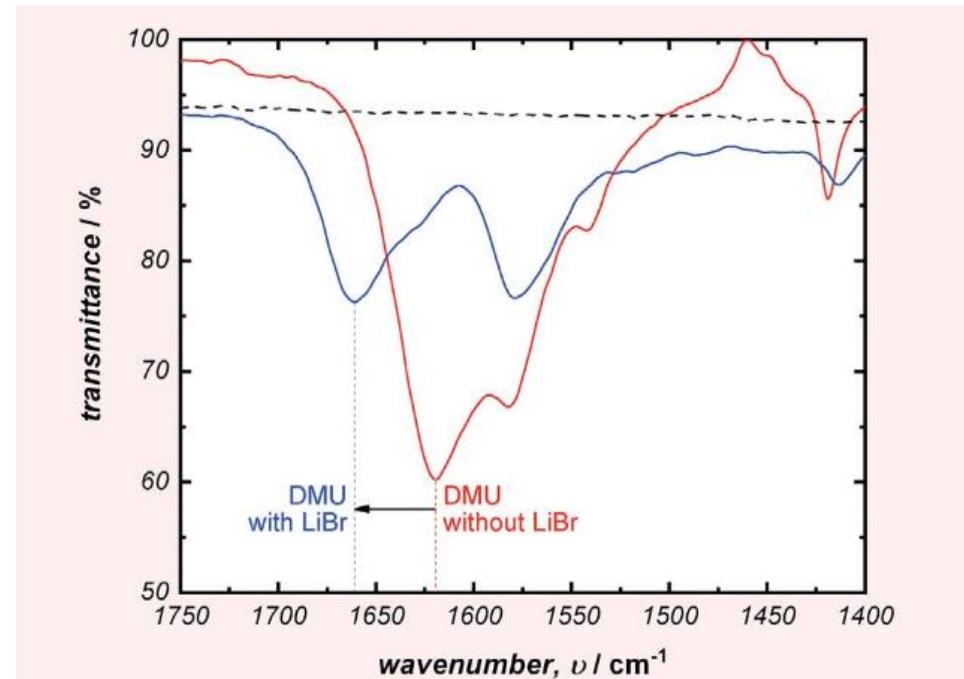
# $\text{Li}^0$ pathway vs On-electrode pathway

$\text{Li}^0$  は実験からも計算からも否定的

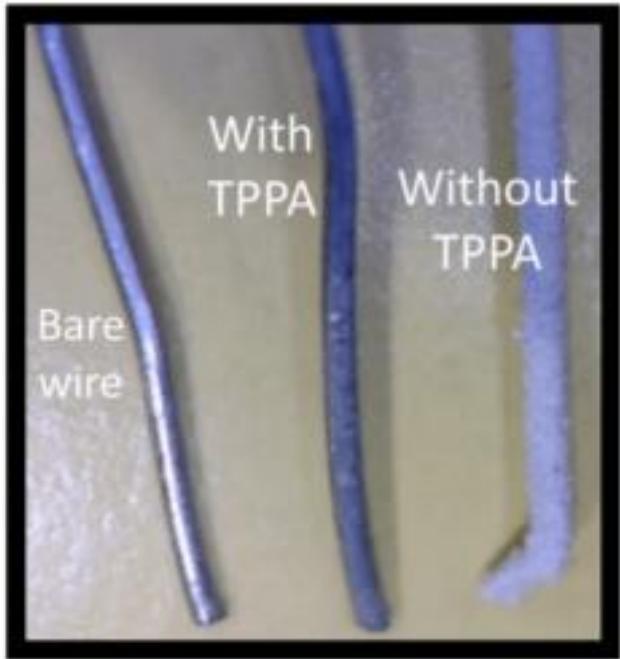


# Role of DMU and LiBr

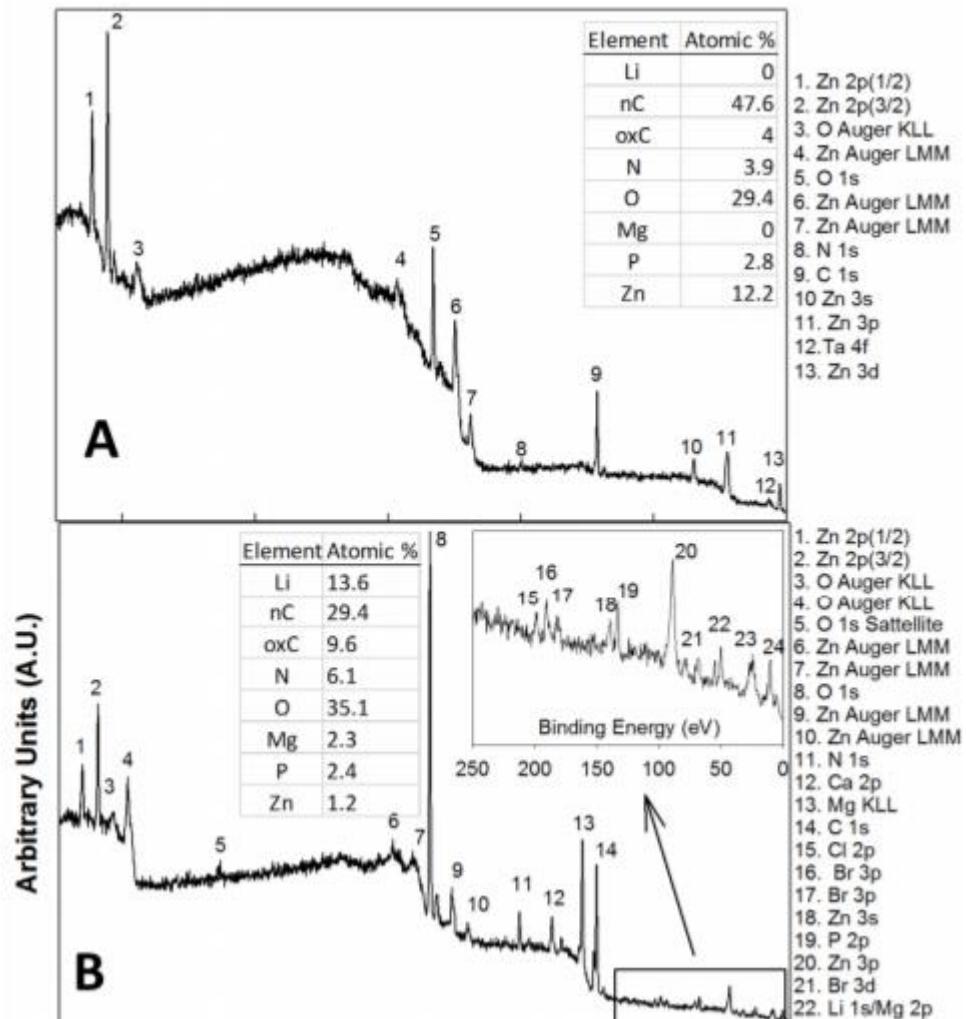
## ATR IR of DMU with / without LiBr



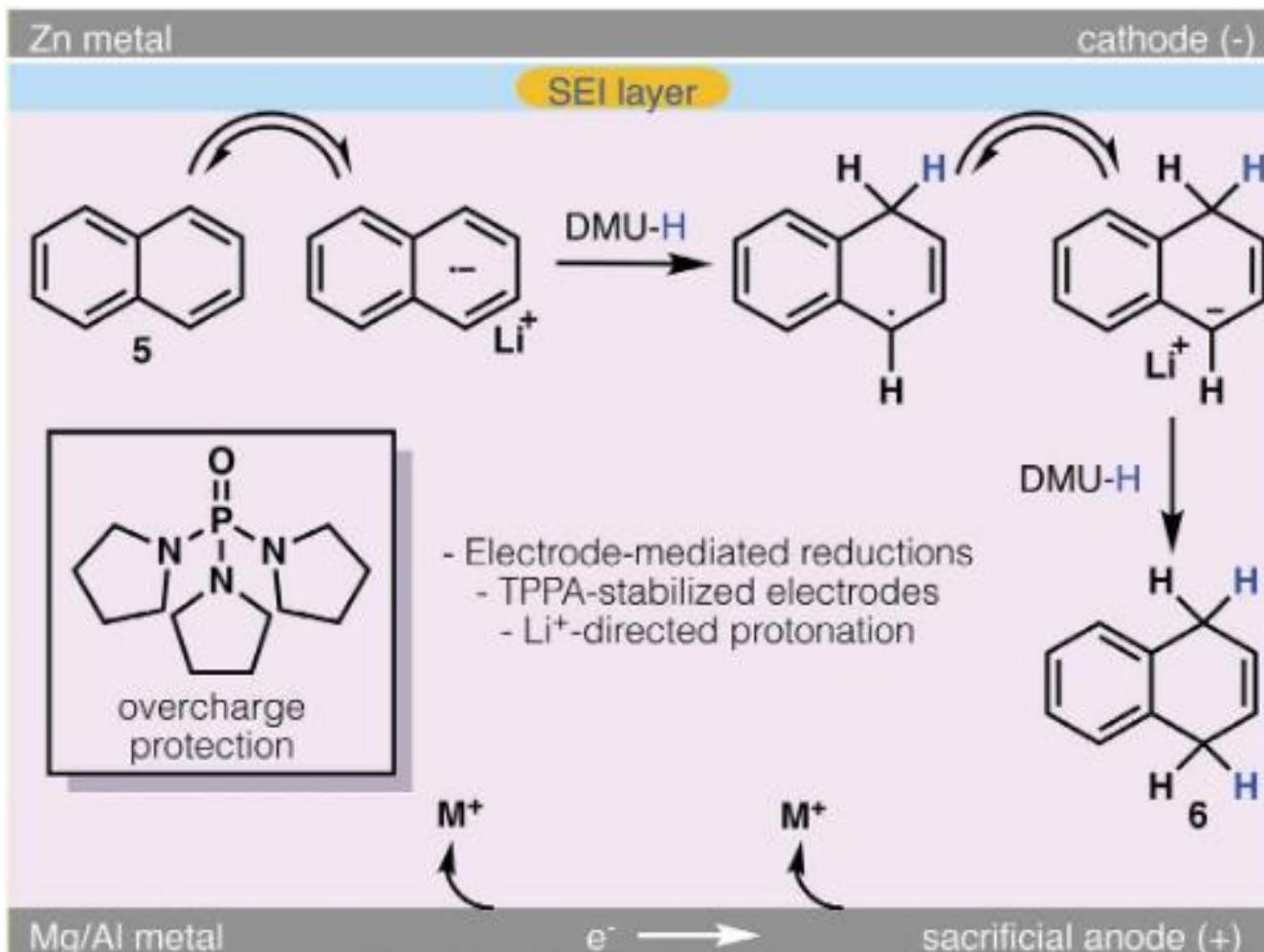
# Role of TPPA



With TPPA, Zn electrode was still accessible.



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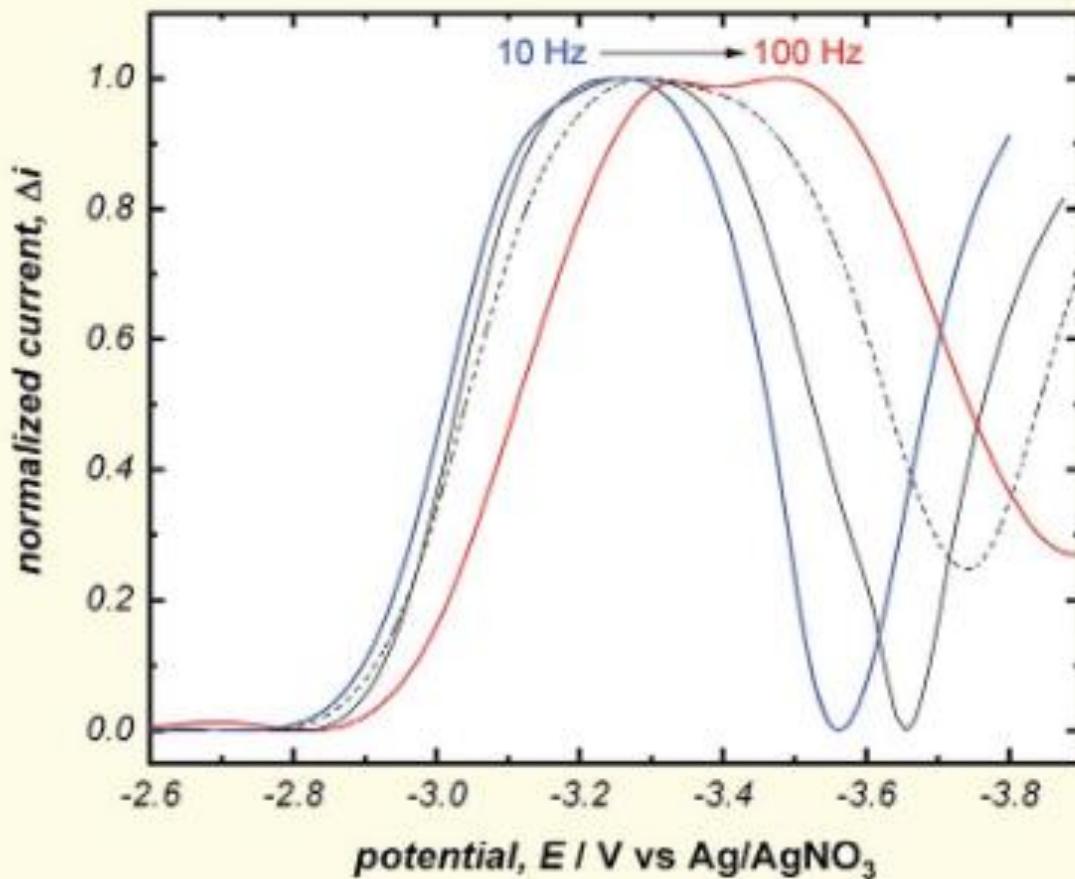
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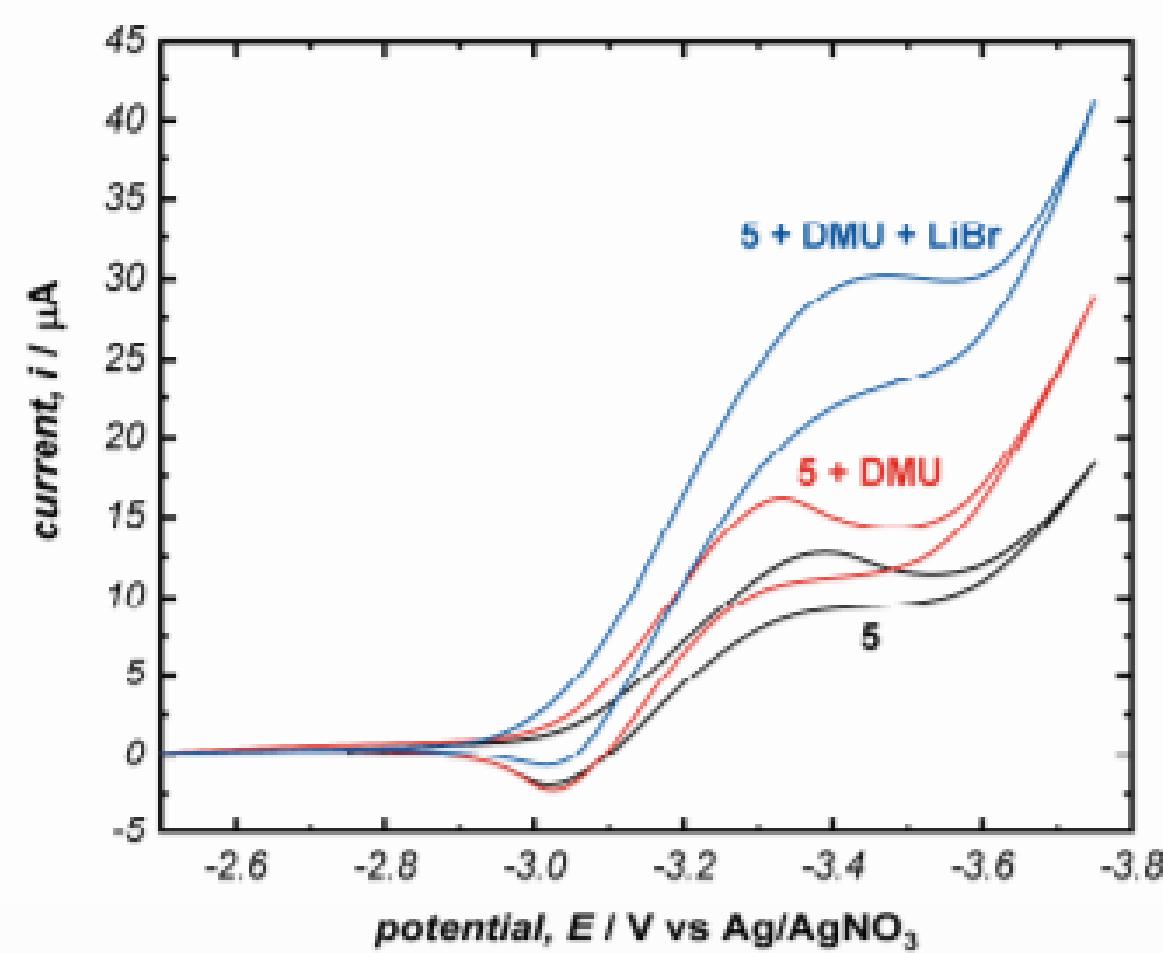
- Organic electrosynthesis can avoid toxic oxidant / reductant.
- Redox potential can be easily tunable.
- Chemoselectivity can be tunable by mediator and cation pool method.
- Mild allylic C-H bond oxidation was developed using  $\text{Cl}_4\text{-NHPI}$  mediator.
- Mild electrochemical Birch reduction was developed with LiBr, DMU, TPPA

# Appendix: square wave voltammetry

## A Variable-frequency square wave voltammetry of 5



# Appendix: Cyclic voltammetry



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