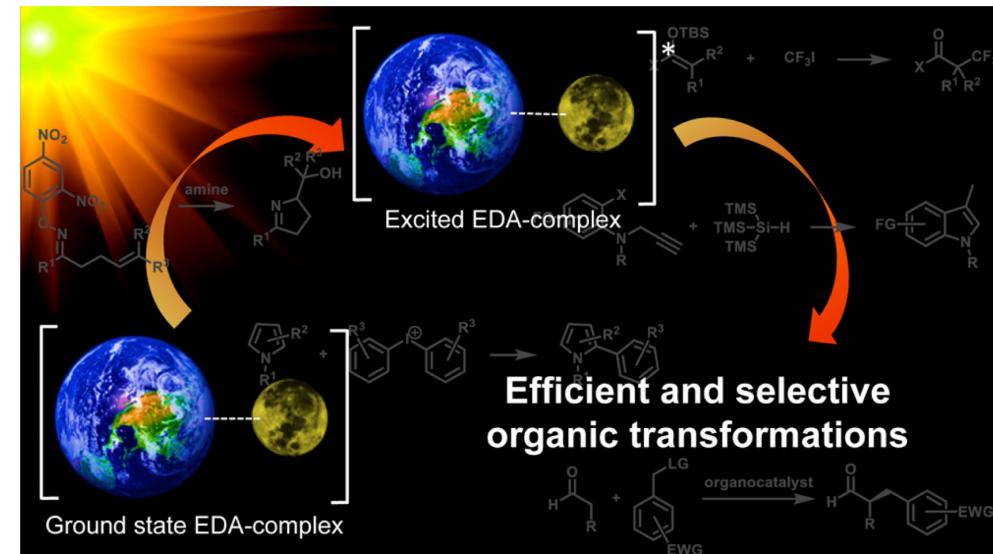


# Innovative catalytic EDA complex

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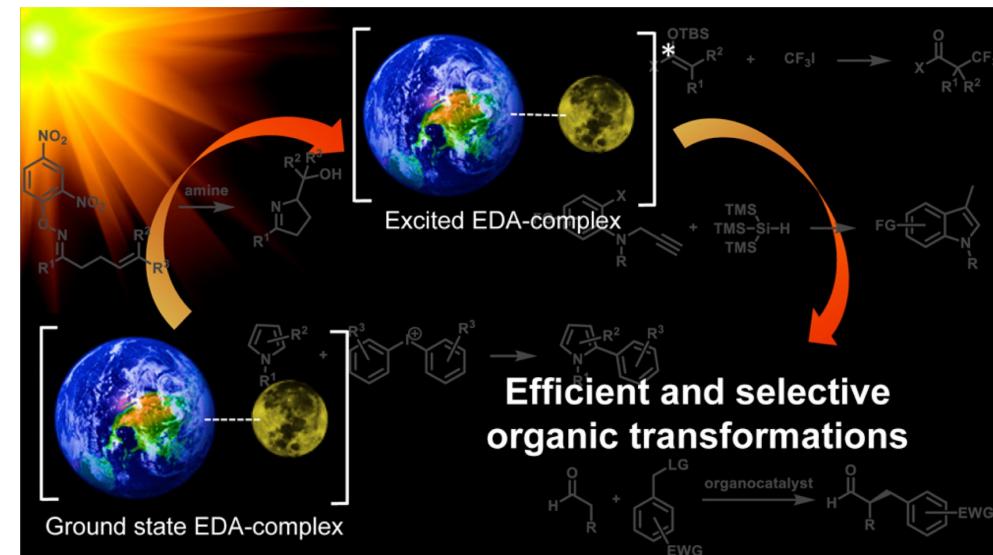


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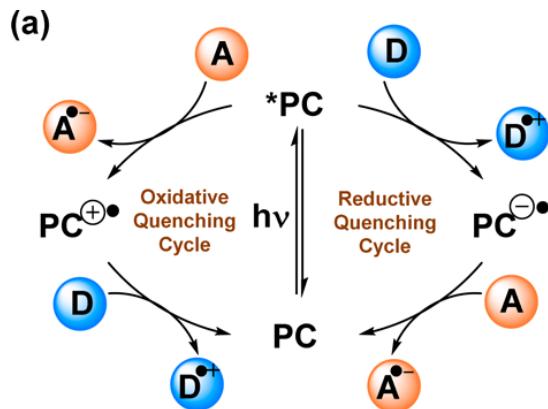
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# Photo-redox chemistry

- Photo-redox catalysts



A. Commonly-used transition metal centered photoredox catalysts

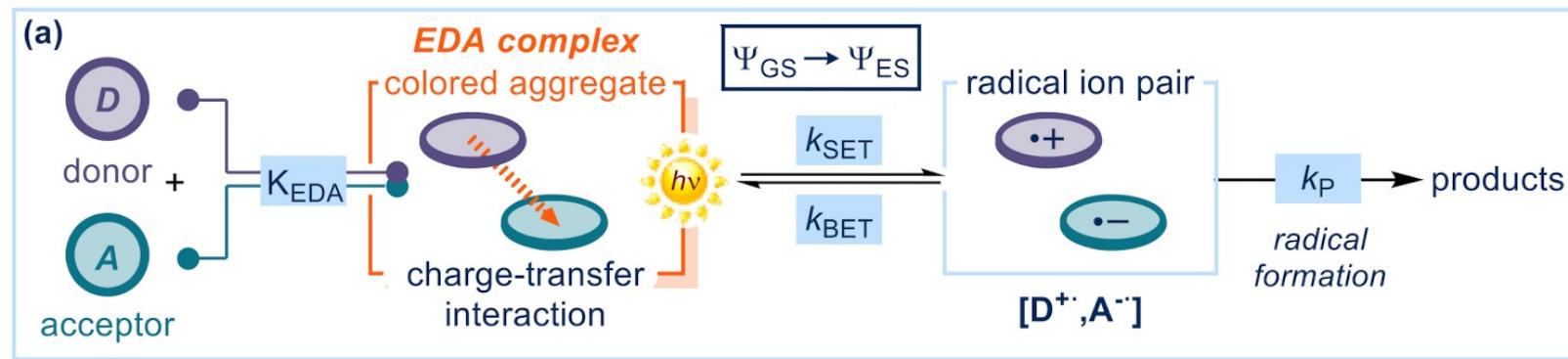
11.1 Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	11.2 Ru(phen) <sub>3</sub> (PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	11.3 Ru(bpz) <sub>3</sub> (PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	11.4 fac-Ir(ppy) <sub>3</sub>	11.5 Ir(tbbpy)(ppy) <sub>2</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	11.6 Ir[dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy] <sub>2</sub> (dtbpyp)PF <sub>6</sub>
$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +0.77 V	$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +0.82 V	$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +1.45 V	$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +0.31 V	$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +0.66 V	$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +1.21 V
$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −0.81 V	$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −0.87 V	$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −0.26 V	$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −1.73 V	$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −0.96 V	$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −0.89 V

B. Commonly-used organic photoredox catalysts

11.7 Rose Bengal	11.8 (Mes-3,6-dtb-Ph-Acr)BF <sub>4</sub>	11.9 TPPBF <sub>4</sub>	11.10 4CzIPN	11.11 PTH	11.12 Phenox O-PC™ A0202
$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +0.81 V	$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +2.18 V	$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +2.09 V	$E^*_{\text{red}}$ +1.35 V	N/A	N/A
$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −0.96 V	N/A	N/A	$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −1.04 V	$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −2.10 V	$E^*_{\text{ox}}$ −1.70 V

- Synthetically elaborated organic dyes.
- Metal complexes with polyheteroaryl ligands.
- Exogenous compounds.

# Electron donor-acceptor complex (EDA complex)



; Electron rich,  
Low ionization potential  
( i.e., reductant, nucleophile )



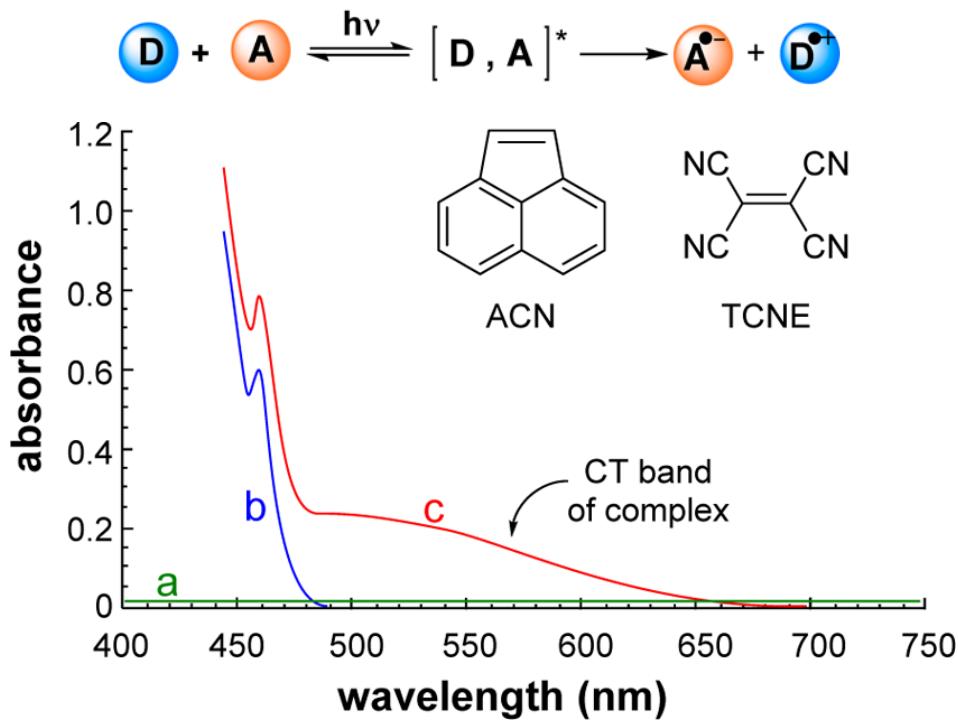
; Electron poor,  
high electron affinity  
( i.e., oxidant, electrophile )

- Generating radical species without exogenous photo-redox catalysts or metals.
- Induce various radical reaction under mild condition.
- Expand the chemical space. (new selectivity and substrate scope, etc)

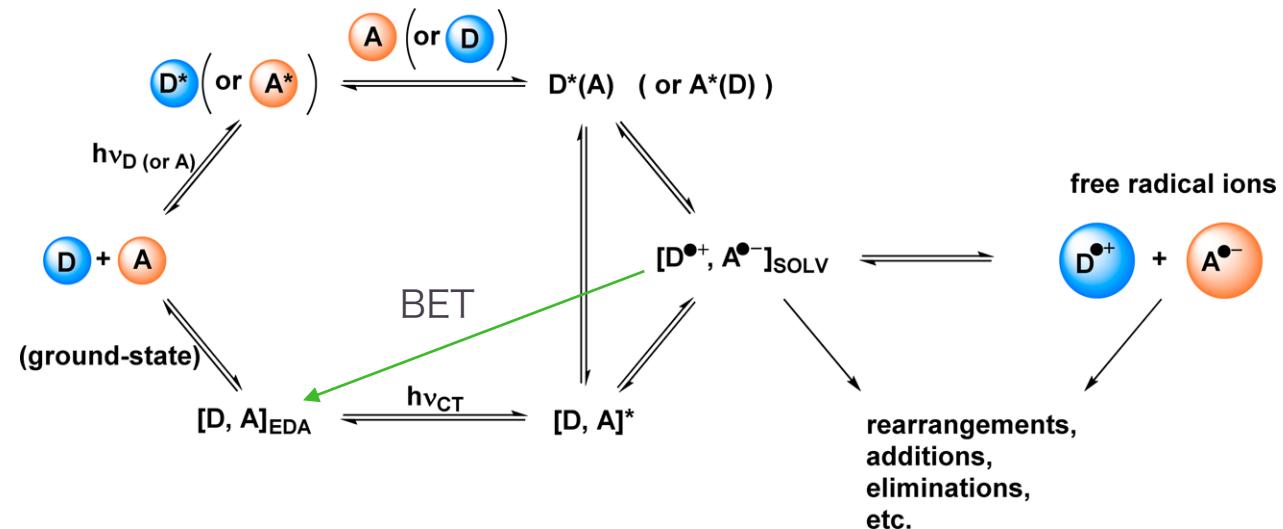
# Theoretical background

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[Charge transfer band of EDA complex]



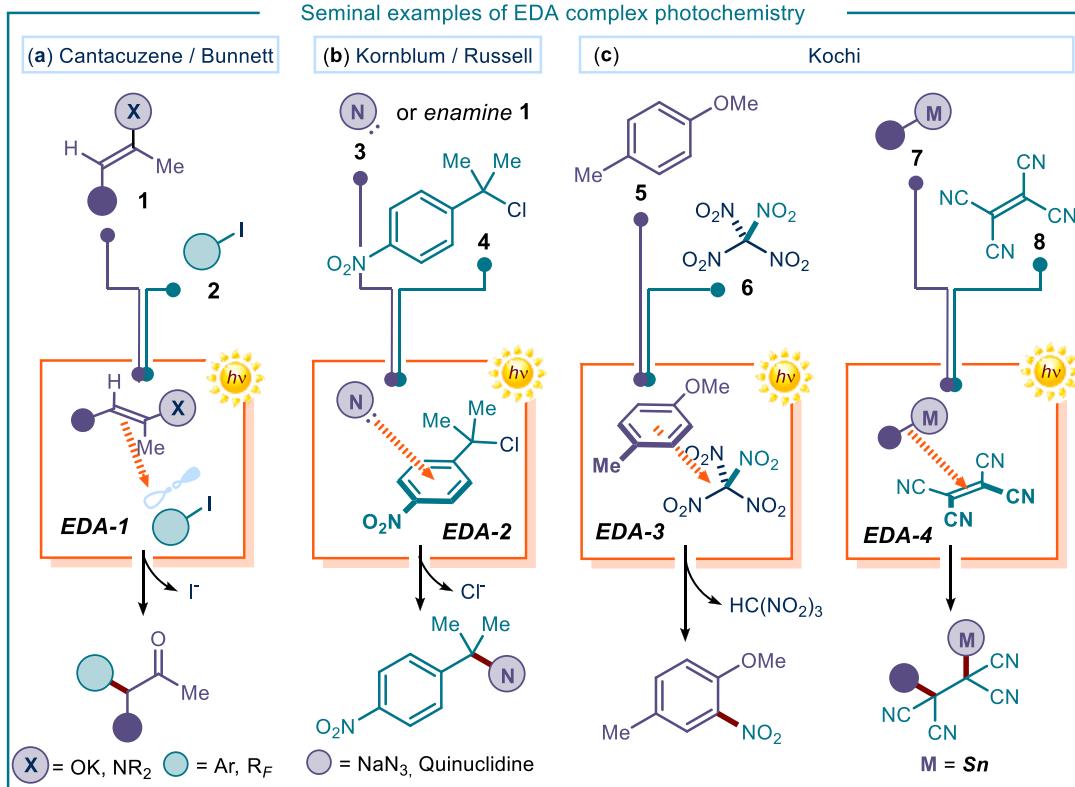
[Back electron transfer (BET)]



- EDA complex exhibits new absorption band in longer wavelength.

- Competition with BET is unavoidable problem in EDA complex.

# Pioneering synthetic applications



Electron  
donor

Enamine,  
Enolate

Enamine,  
Amine

Anisole

Alkyl  
stannene

Acceptor;

Organio  
iodide

Nitroarene

Tetranitro  
methane

TCNE

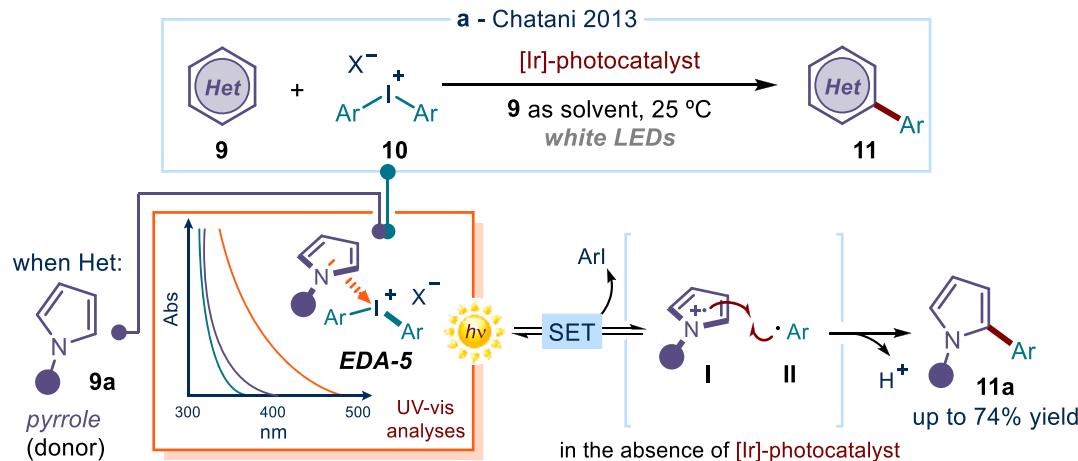
Irreversible fragmentation  
(Leaving groups)  
→ Avoid unproductive BET.

- (a) Cantacuzene *et al.* *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* 1977, 1365-1371.  
Bunnett. *Acc. Chem. Res.* 1978, 11, 413-420.
- (b) Russell *et al.* *J. Org. Chem.* 1987, 52, 3102-3107.  
Kornblum *et al.* *J. Org. Chem.* 1991, 56, 3475-3479.
- (c) Kochi *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1987, 109, 7824-7838.  
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# Synthetic renaissance of EDA complex photochemistry

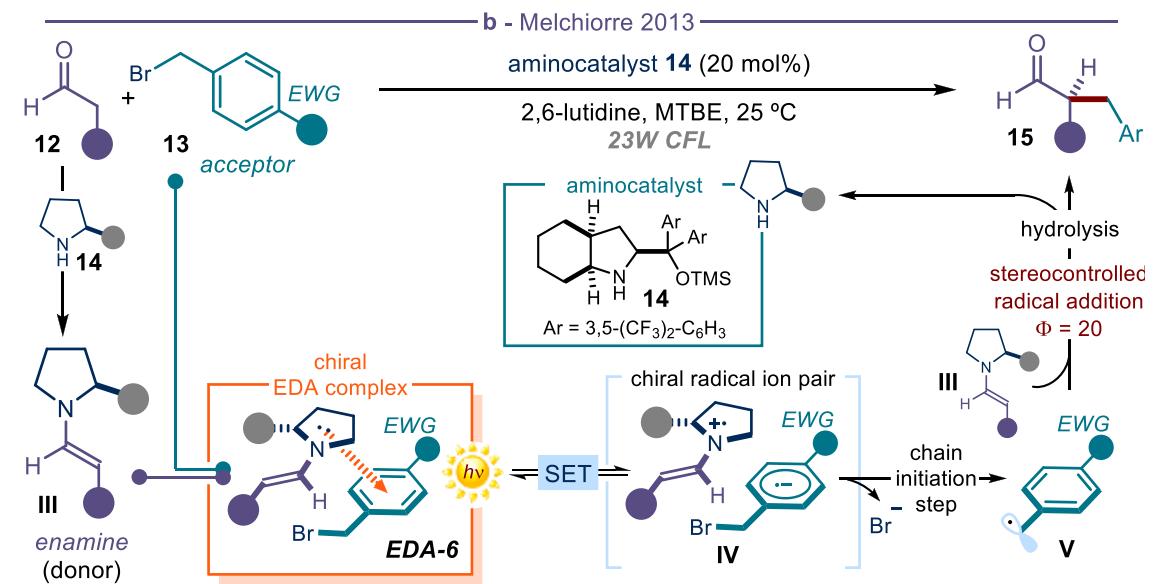
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- Pyrrole and iodonium cation



Chatani *et al.* *Chem. Lett.* 2013, 42, 1203-1205.

- Enamine and benzyl bromide



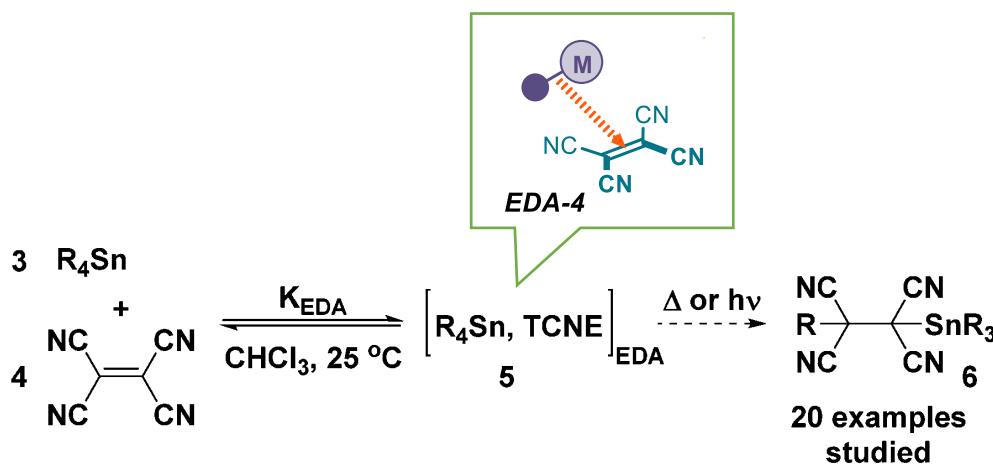
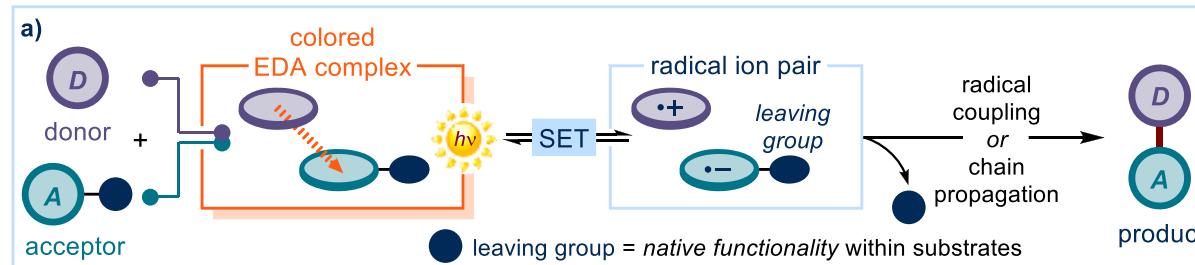
Melchiorre *et al.* *Nat. Chem.* 2013, 5, 750-756.

Serendipitous observation (linked to control experiment).  
→ Reintroduced EDA complex photochemistry.

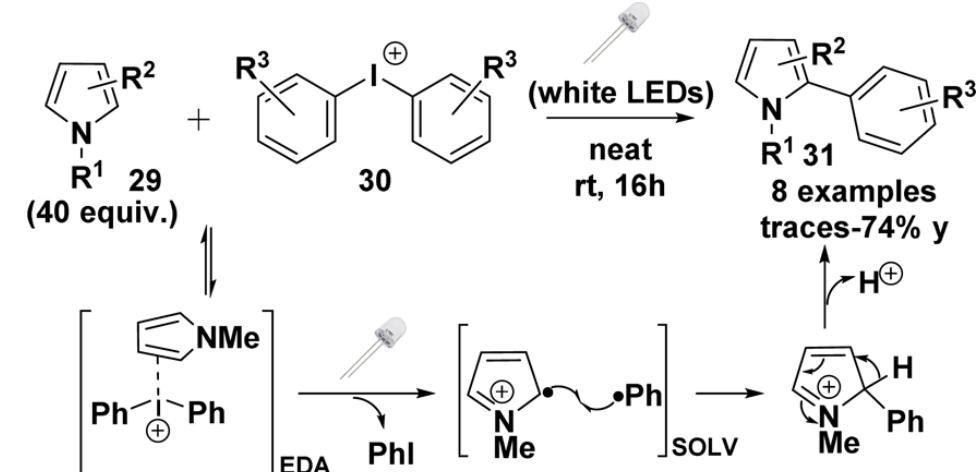
# Stoichiometric EDA complex

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[Coupling of stoichiometric donor and acceptor]



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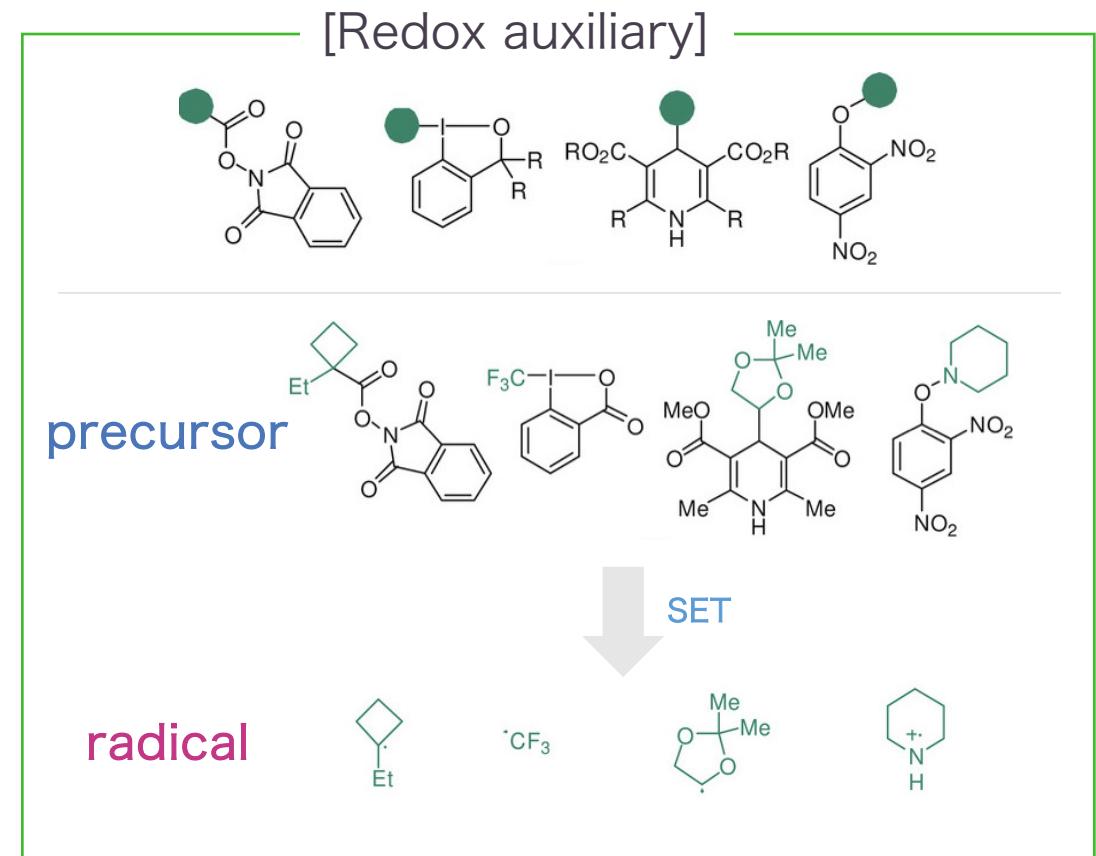
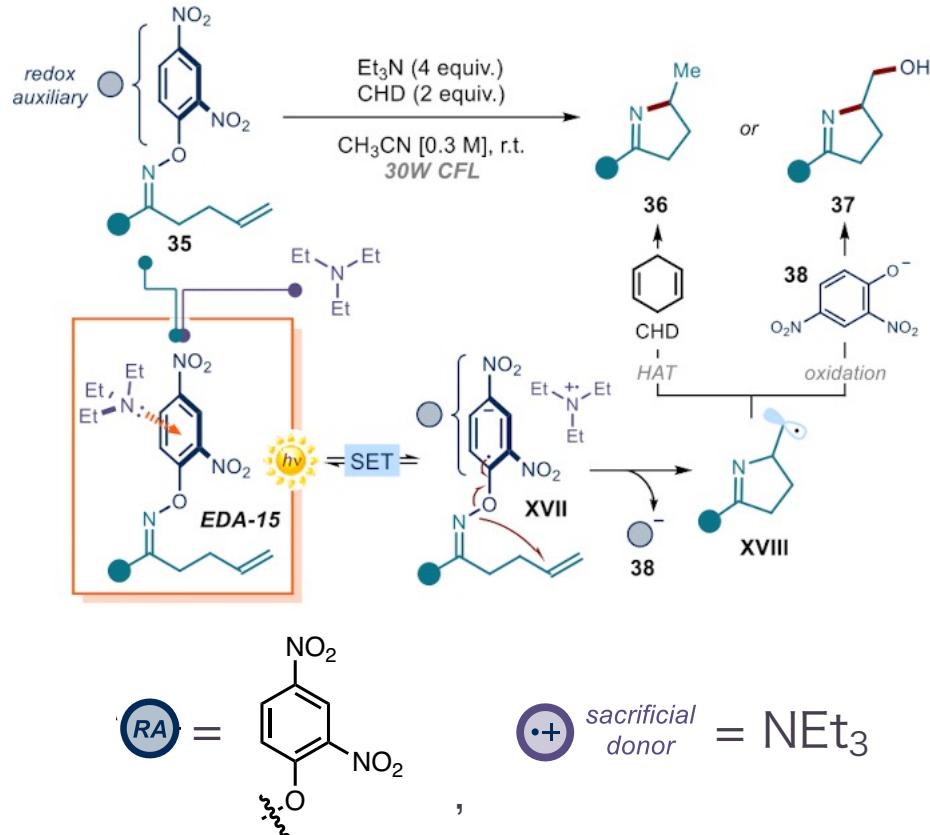
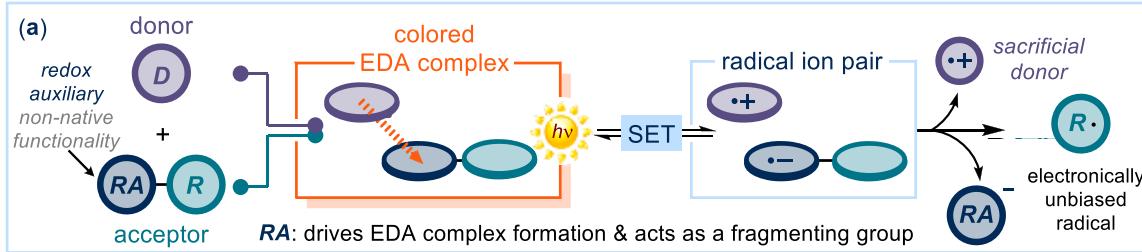


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- Electron donor and acceptor finally end up in product scaffold.
- Electronically biased substrates.
- Low applicability in synthesis.

# Sacrificial donor and redox auxiliary

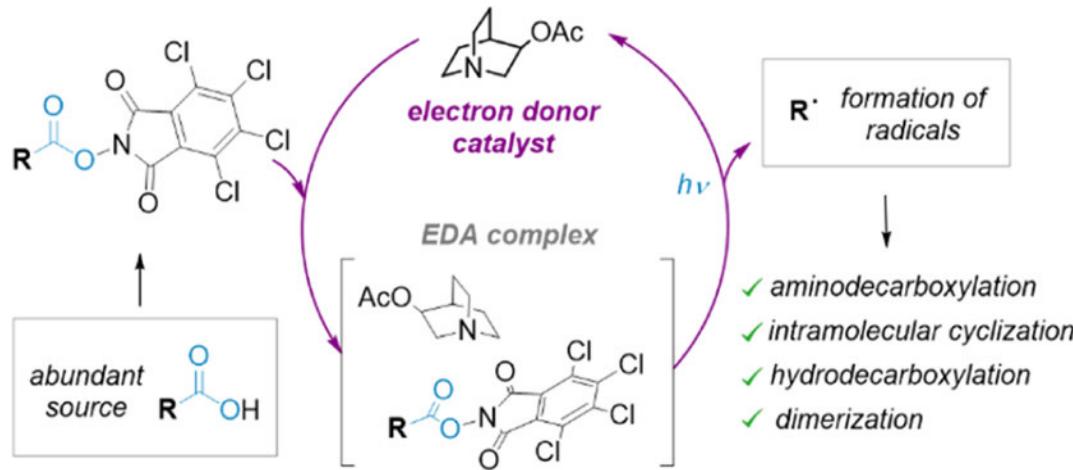
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# Catalytic EDA complex

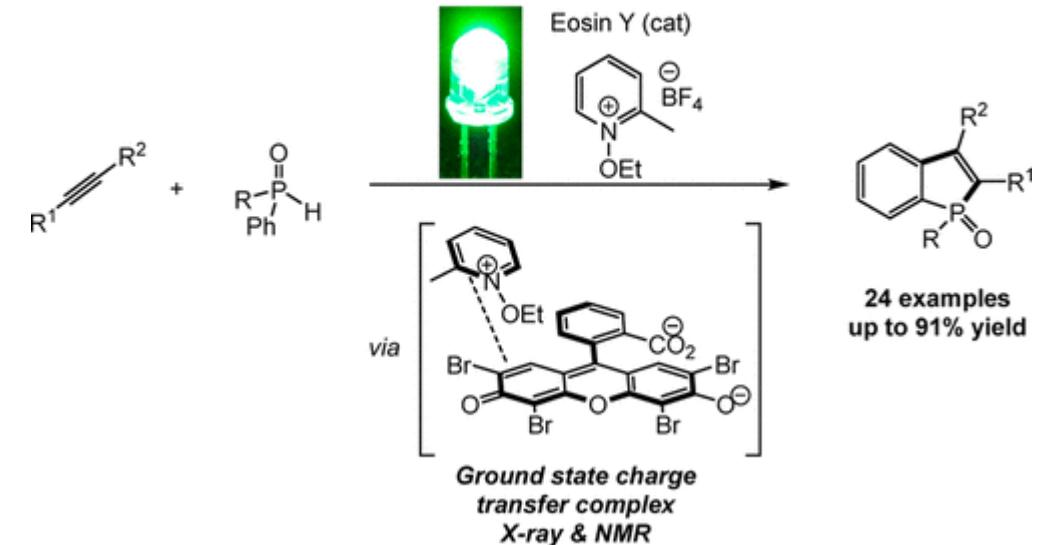
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- Quinuclidine + Tetrachlorophthalimide



Bach *et al.* *ACS Catal.* 2019, 9, 9103–9109.

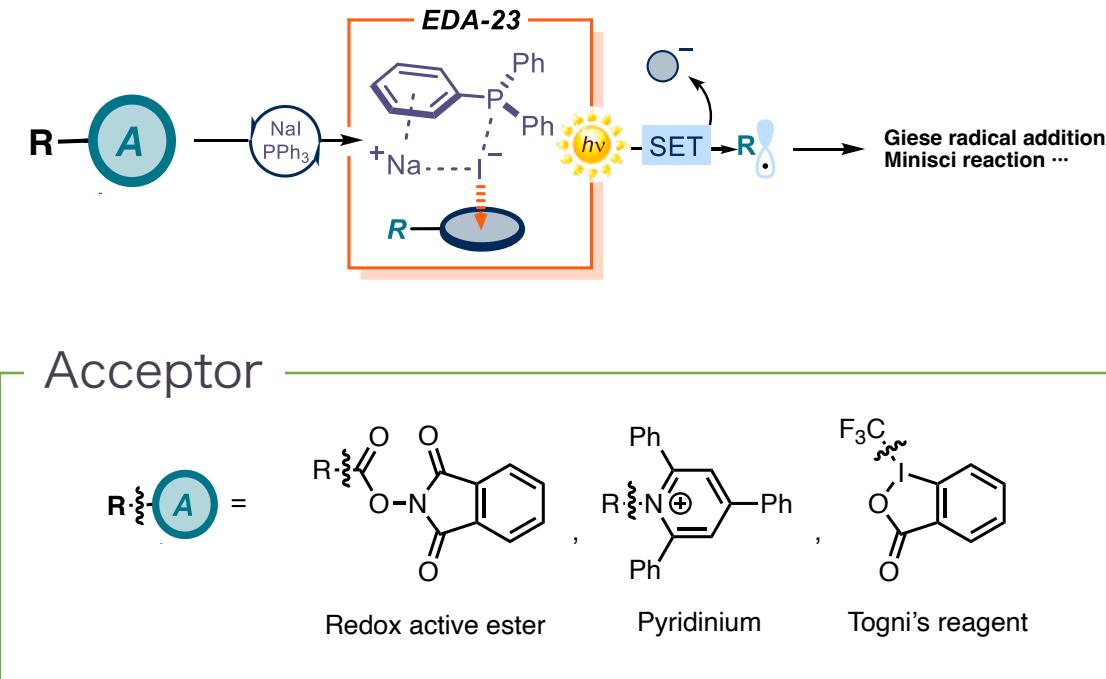
- Eosin Y + Pyridinium



Lakhdar *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2016, 138, 7436–7441.

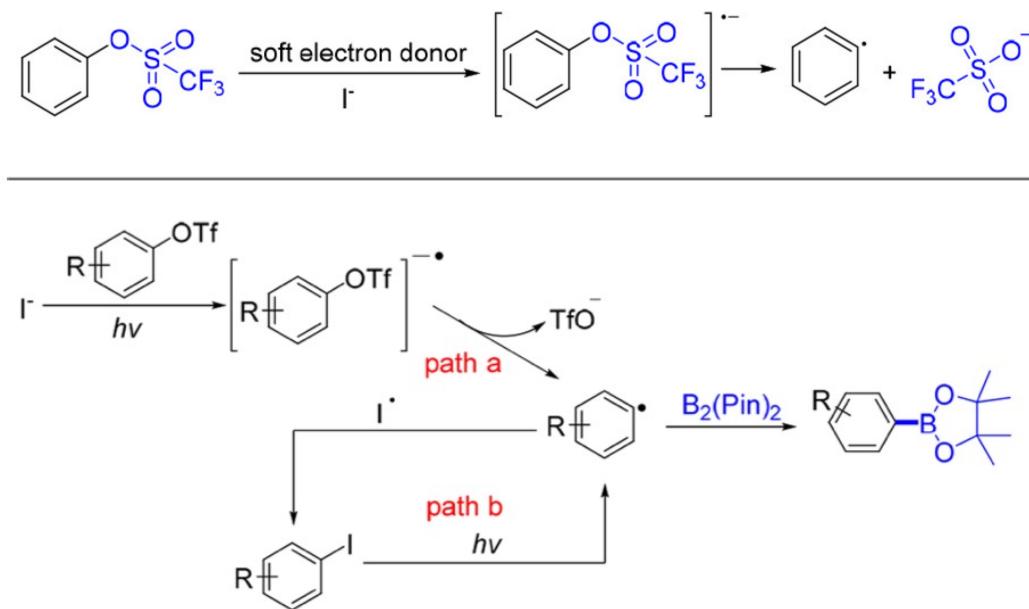
- Specific pair of electron donor and acceptor.  
↔ Limited to selected substrates.

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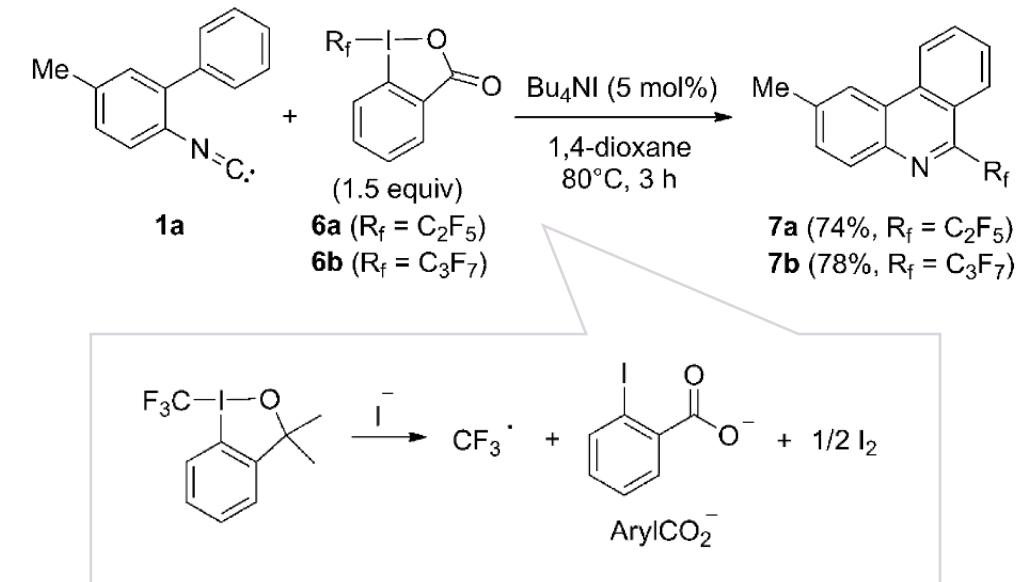
- Combination of simple compound (PPh<sub>3</sub> + NaI) works as catalytic donor.
- EDA complex formation with several acceptors.
- Visible light.

## [Aryl triflate]



Li *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2017, 139, 8621–8627.

## [Hypervalent iodine]



Studer *et al.* *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2013, 52, 10792–10795.

- Iodide is known to reduce various organic molecules.
- UV irradiation or high temperature is required.

## This work

- Reduction of RAE via EDA complex.
- Visible light excitation with  $\text{PPh}_3$ .

# Delocalized radical between iodide and PPh<sub>3</sub>

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[Observation of Ph<sub>3</sub>P—I· by ESR]

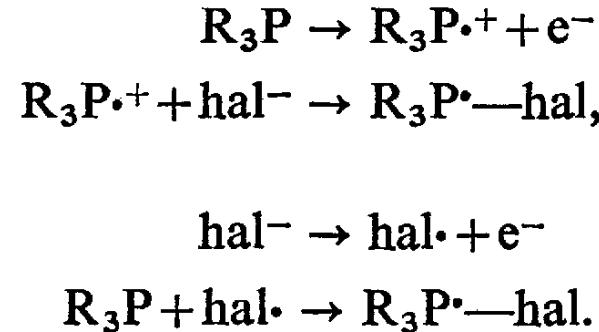
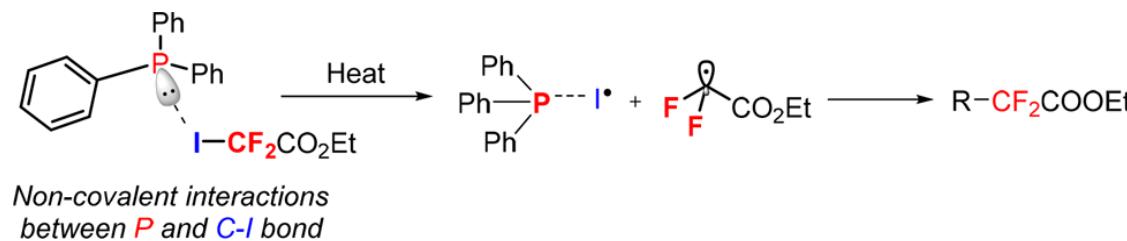


TABLE 3.—ORBITAL POPULATIONS ESTIMATED FROM E.S.R. PARAMETERS<sup>a, b</sup>

radical	atom	$a_s^2$	$a_p^2$	total
$\text{R}_3\text{P}^{\cdot}\text{—Cl}$	P	0.164	0.58	0.744
	Cl	0.0131	0.26	0.291
$\text{R}_3\text{P}^{\cdot}\text{—Br}$	P	0.136	0.46	0.596
	Br	0.026	0.36	0.386
$(\text{MeO})_2\text{P(S)}^{\cdot}\text{—Br}$	P	0.180	0.59	0.77
	Br	0.022	0.32	0.34
$\text{R}_3\text{P}^{\cdot}\text{—I}$	P	0.148	0.48	0.468
	I	0.030	0.38	0.410
$\text{R}_2\text{S}^{\cdot}\text{—Cl}$	Cl	0.050	0.30	0.35
$\text{R}_2\text{S}^{\cdot}\text{—Br}$	Br	0.026	0.43	0.456
$\text{R}_2\text{S}^{\cdot}\text{—I}$	I	0.033	0.43	0.463

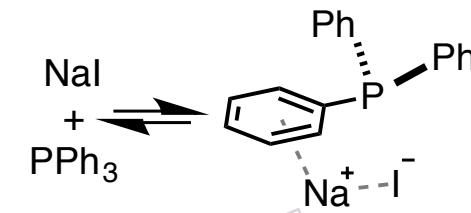
Petersen *et al.* *J. Chem. Soc. Faraday Trans. II*. 1979, 75, 210–219.

[Reaction example]



He *et al.* *Org. Lett.* 2019, 21, 6705–6709.

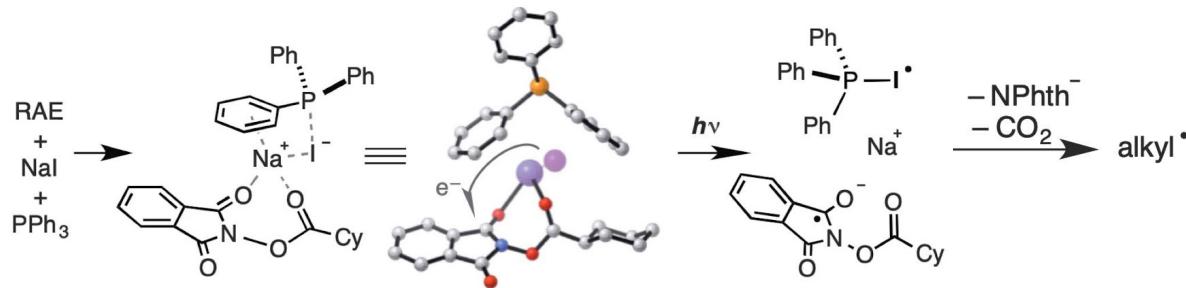
[Complexation of NaI and PPh<sub>3</sub>]



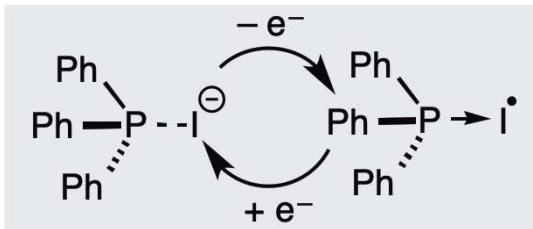
Exergonic by 4.6 kcal/mol

# Simulations of charge transfer energetics

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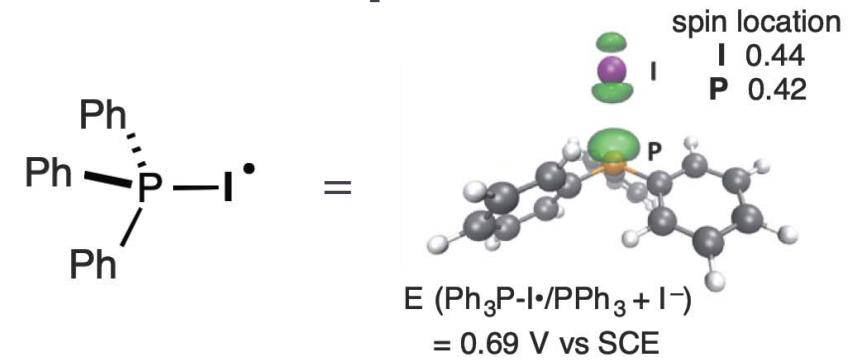


[DFT calculation]



D	$\Delta G$
NaI	56.2 kcal/mol
NaI·PPh <sub>3</sub>	44.3 kcal/mol (alkyl = cyclohexyl)

[Spin delocalization]



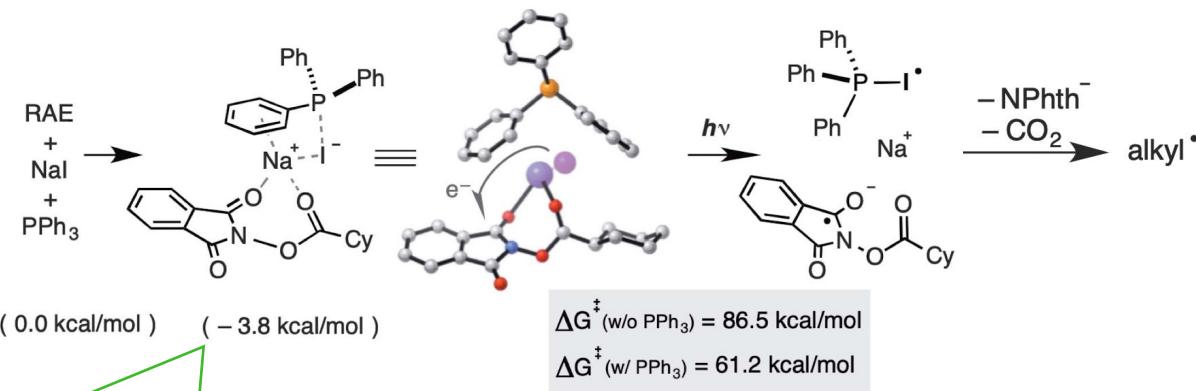
PPh<sub>3</sub> stabilizes the iodide radical.

→ Relatively favorable formation of PhP<sub>3</sub>-I<sup>·</sup> radical.

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[The energy barrier of charge transfer]



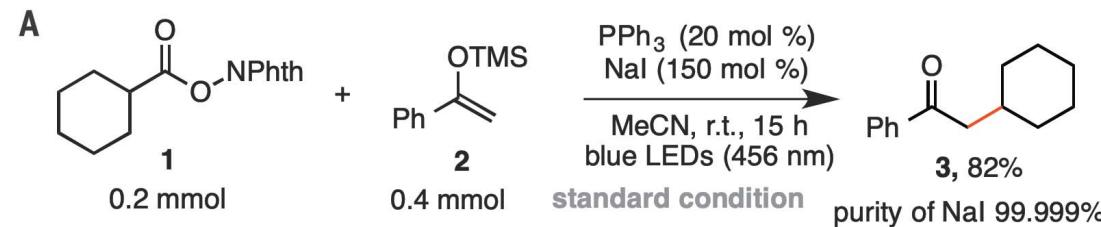
Coulombic interaction  
+  
Cation- $\pi$  interaction

(w/ LiI ; -1.1kcal/mol, w/ KI ; -2.9kcal/mol)

PPh<sub>3</sub> lowers energy barrier of charge transfer.  
→ SET with visible light.

# Investigation of key reaction parameters

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different alkali halides instead of NaI

LiI	KI	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> Ni	NaF	NaCl	NaBr	w/o PPh <sub>3</sub>	w/o NaI	w/o blue LEDs	addition of 10 mol% I <sub>2</sub>
74%	50%	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%	<5%	<1%	0%	0%

✗ Cation interaction with RAE.

control experiments

different catalyst instead of PPh<sub>3</sub>

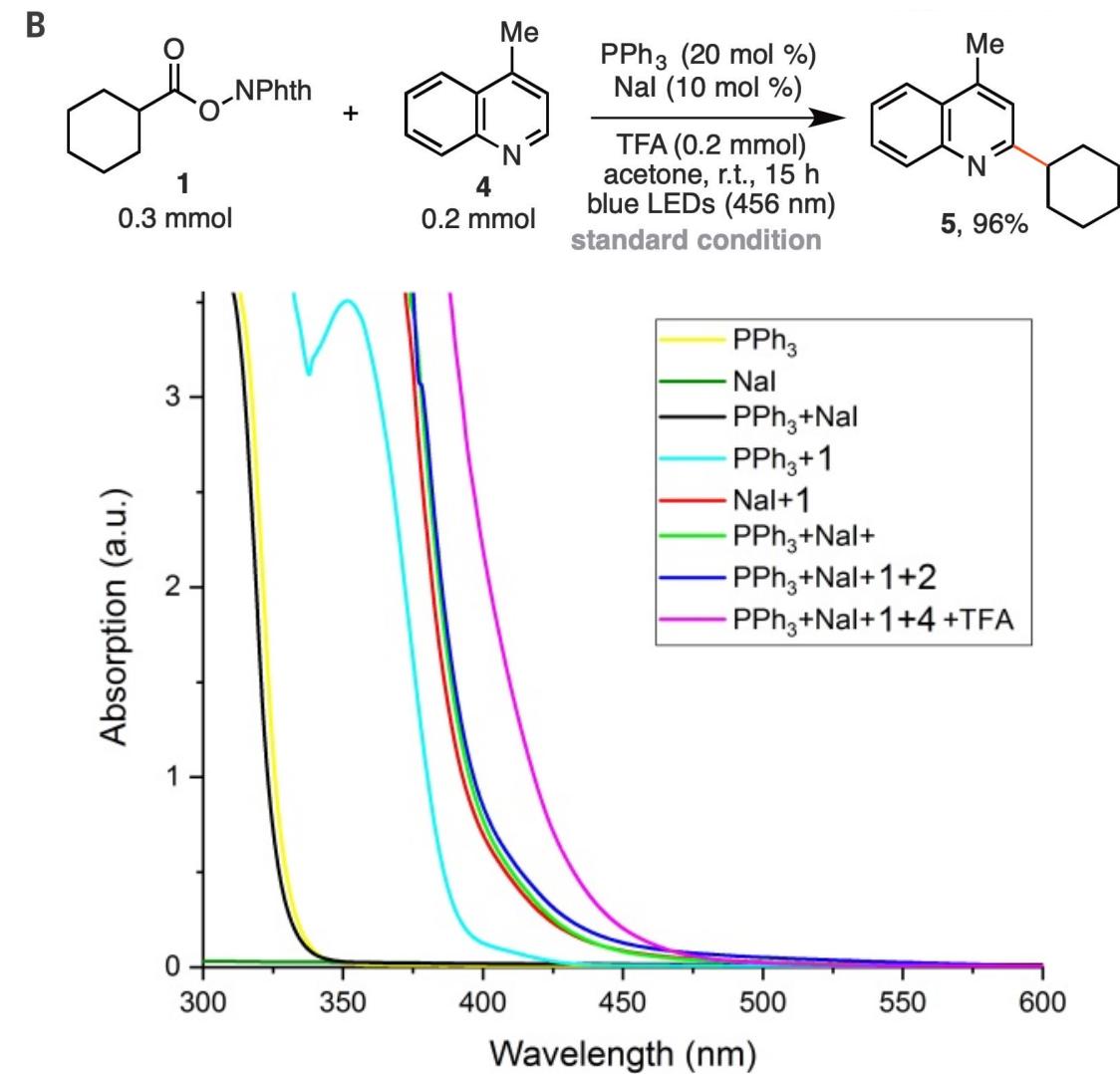
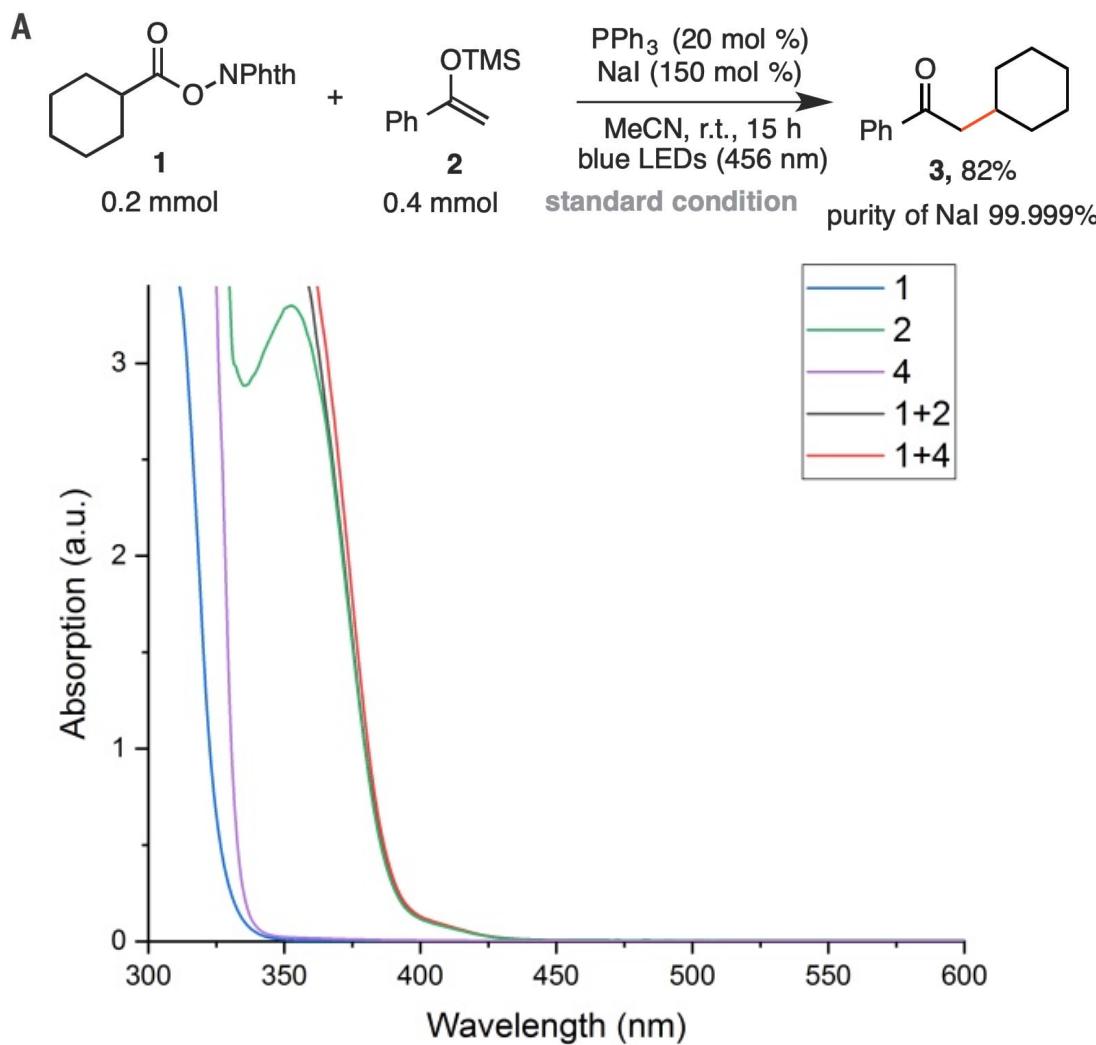
P( <i>p</i> -Fluorophenyl) <sub>3</sub>	P( <i>p</i> -OMephenyl) <sub>3</sub>	P(cyclohexyl) <sub>3</sub>		P( <i>p</i> -Trifluoromethylphenyl) <sub>3</sub>	green LEDs (520 nm)	<5%
90%	85%	32%	27%	<5%	blue LEDs (440 nm)	81%
					purple LEDs (427 nm)	80%
					purple LEDs (390 nm)	71%
					UV (365 nm)	36%
					white LEDs	47%

✗ Electron donating capacity.

Steric hinderance.

# UV-vis spectroscopy

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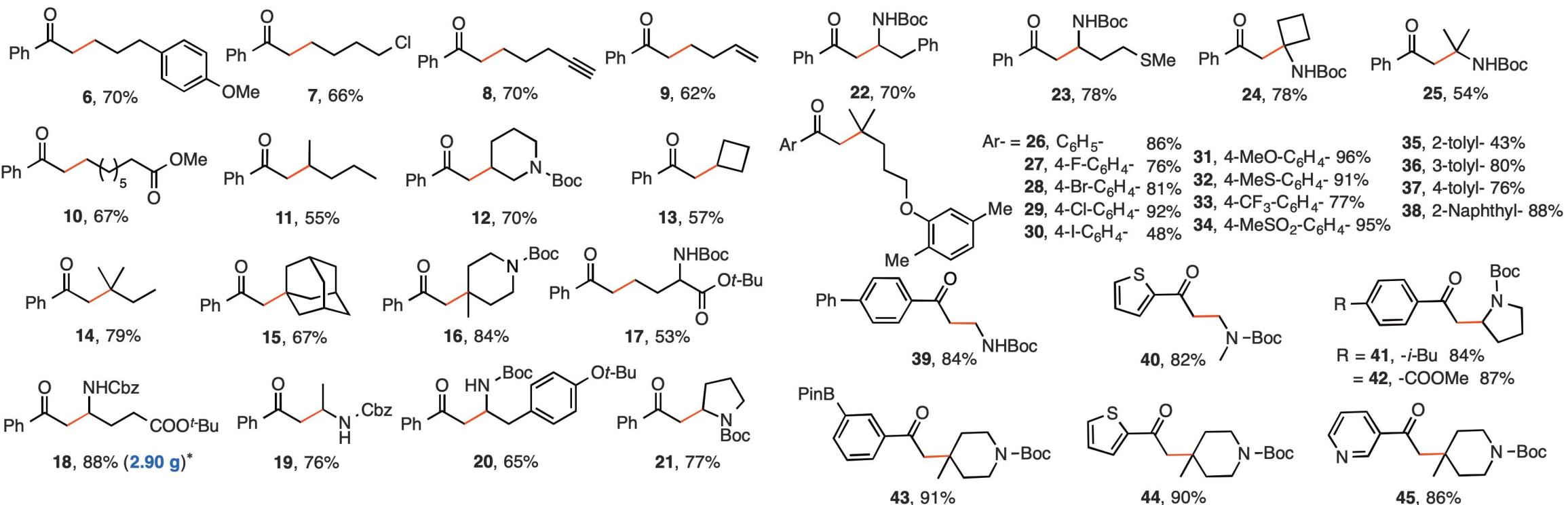
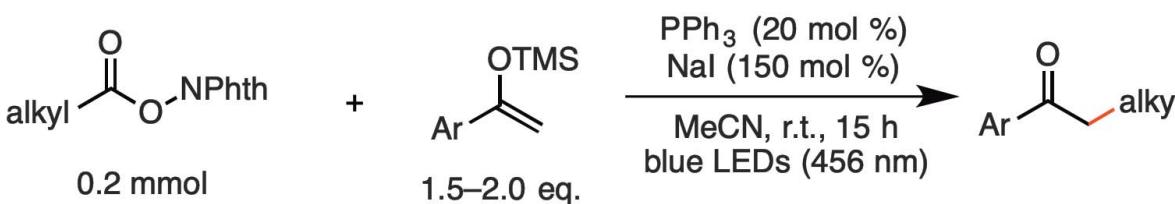


Red shift was observed.

→ Formation of EDA complex between NaI/PPh<sub>3</sub> and RAE.

# Substrate scope of decarboxylative alkylation of silyl enol ether

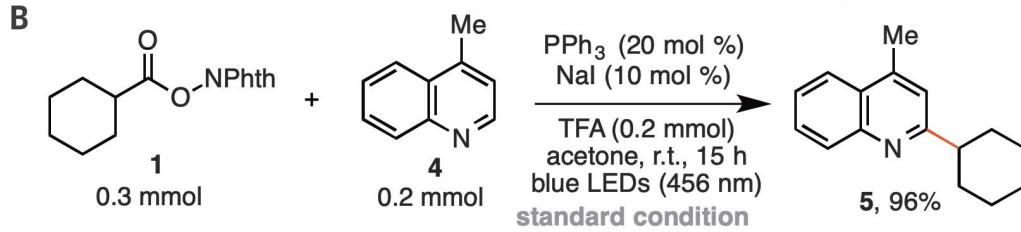
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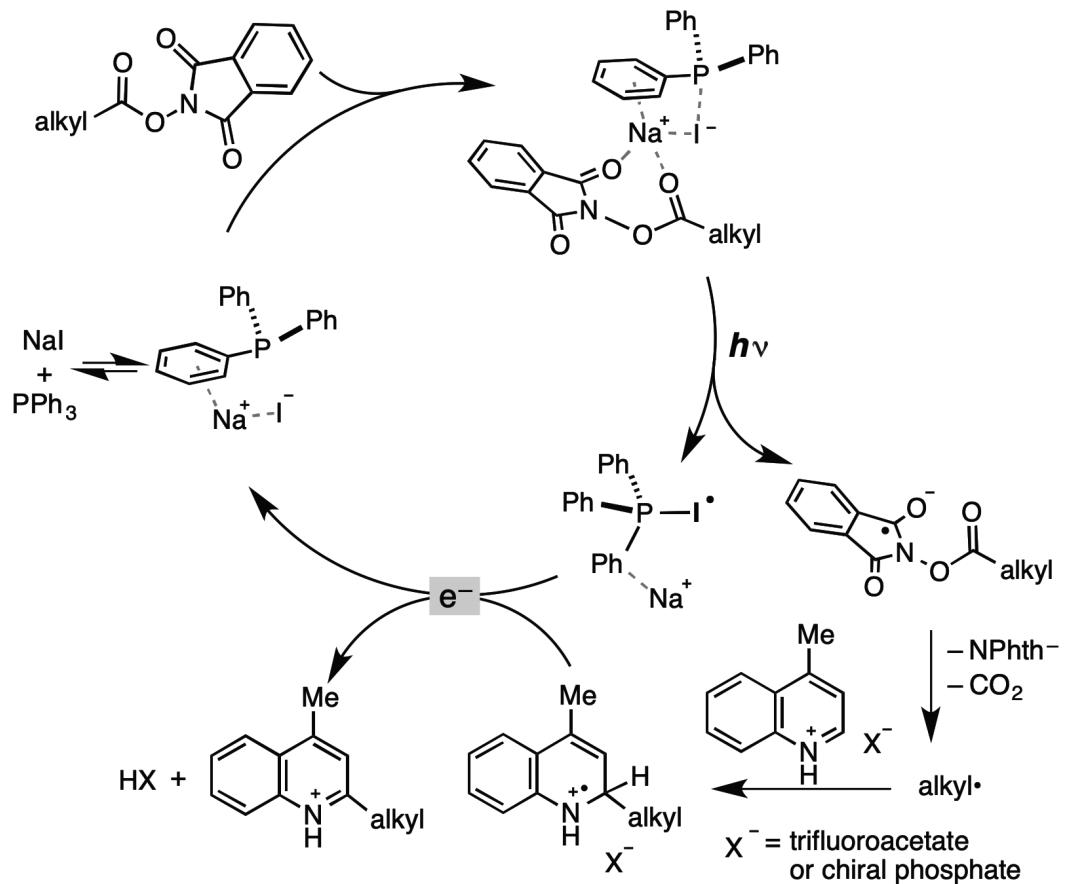
# Minisci-type addition to heterocycle

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Control experiment.



Proposed mechanism

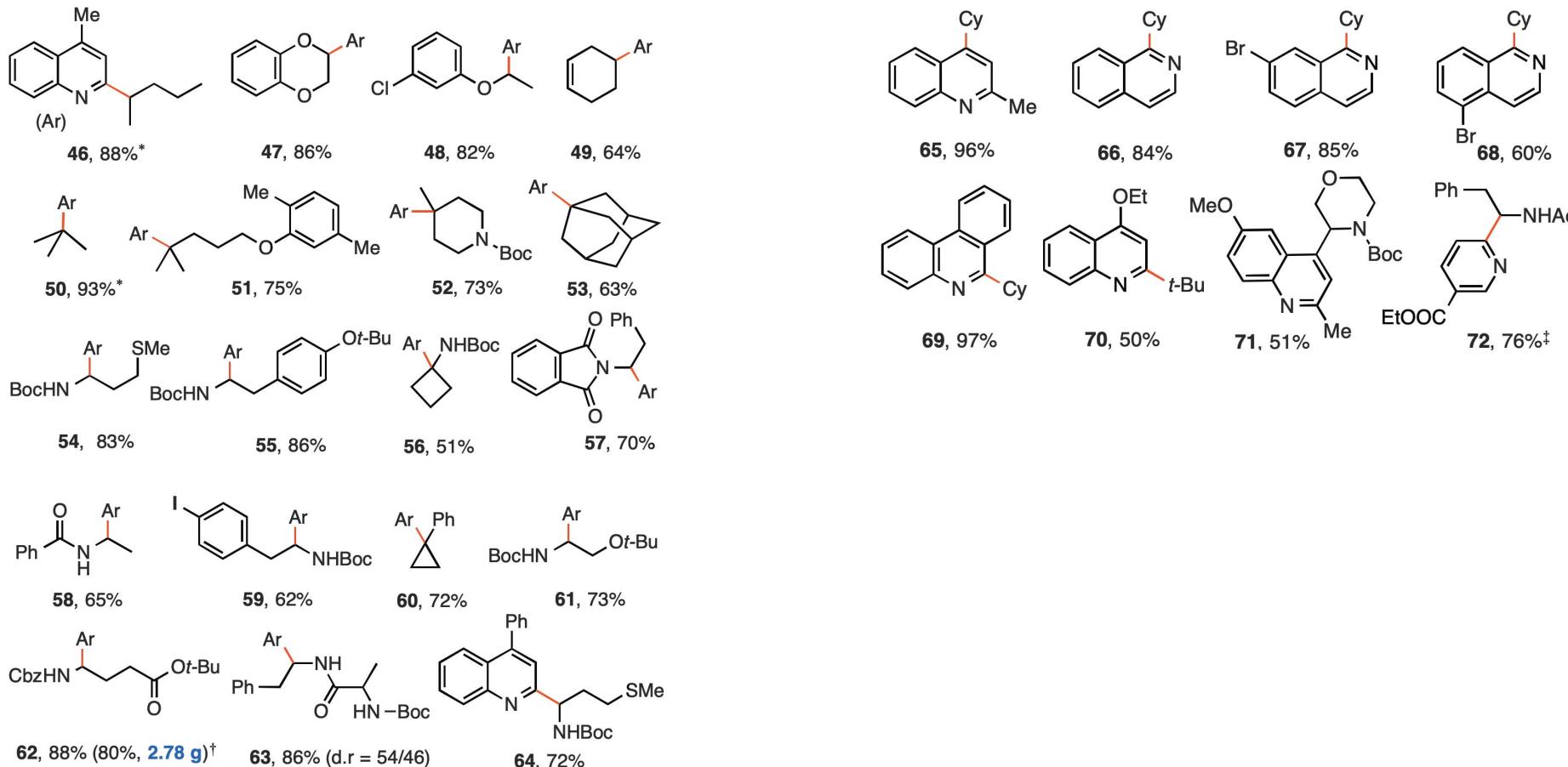


Quantum yield = 0.15

→ Closed catalytic cycle rather than radical chain process

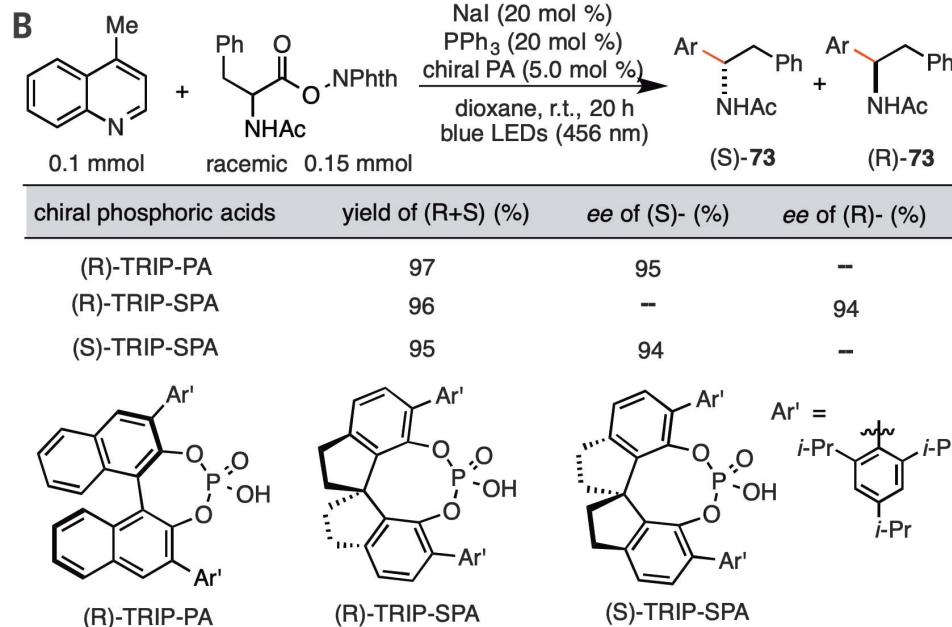
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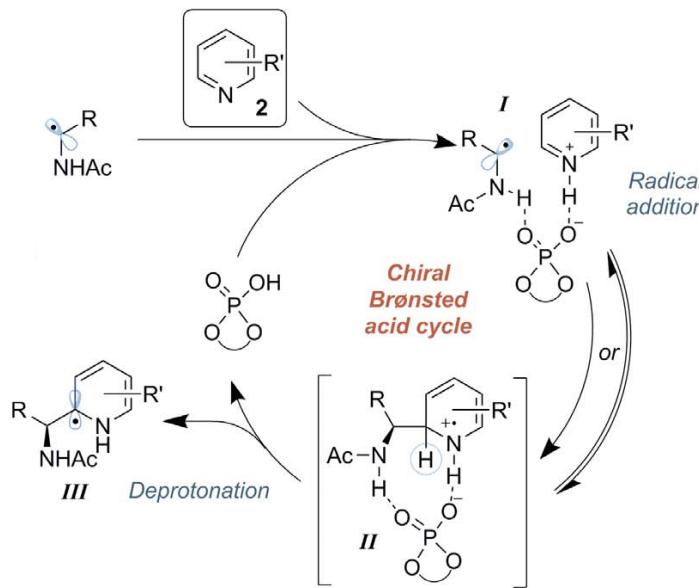


# Enantioselective minisci-type reaction

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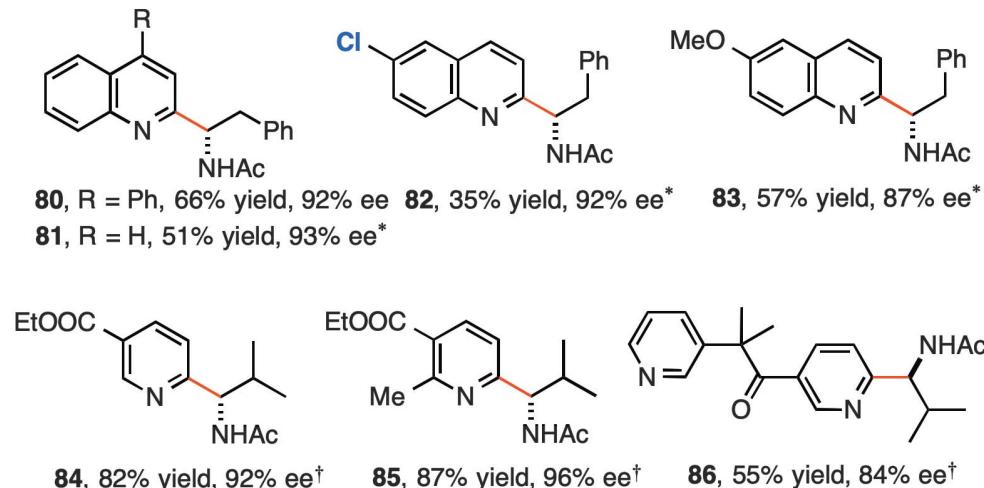
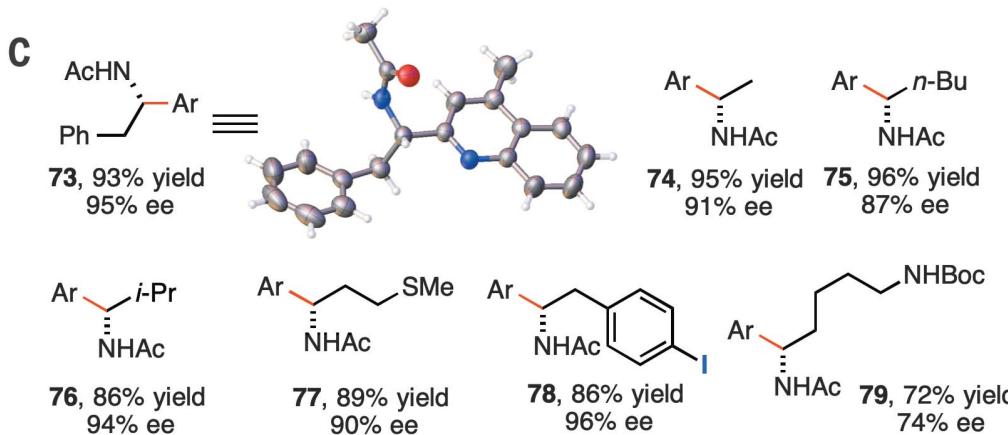


## [Reaction mechanism]



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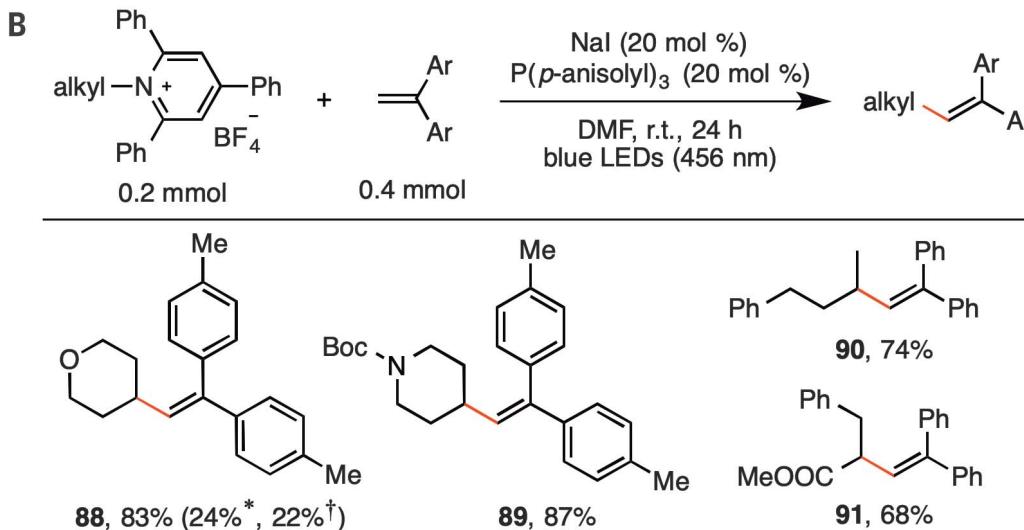
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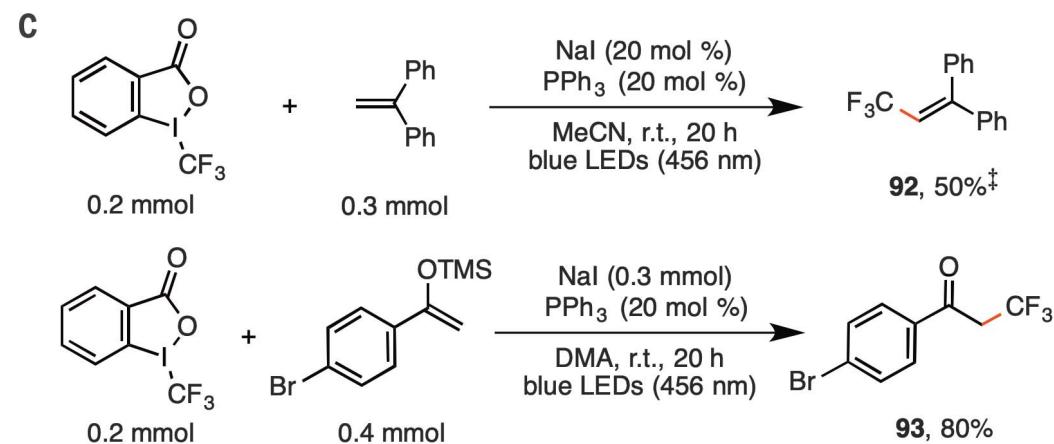
# EDA complex formation with other acceptors

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## EDA complex with pyridinium



## EDA complex with Togni's reagent

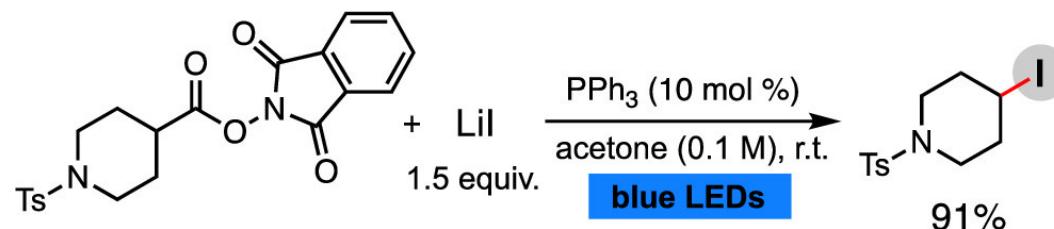


- Applicable to various electron acceptors.  
→ Wide substrate activation.

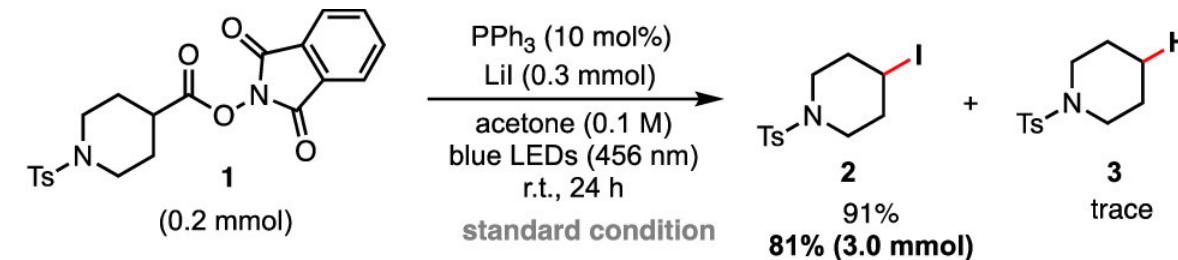
# Other applications of NaI/PPh<sub>3</sub> system

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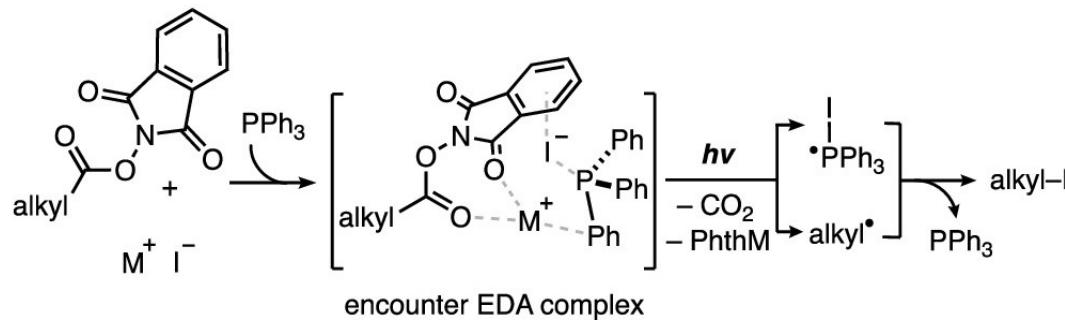
## 1. Iododecarboxylation using LiI/PPh<sub>3</sub>



[Investigation of key reaction parameters]



## [Reaction mechanism]



different iodides instead of LiI

	Nal	KI	Rbl	CsI	CaI <sub>2</sub>	ZnI <sub>2</sub>	n-Bu <sub>4</sub> NI
2 (%)	72	64	56	10	46	trace	trace
3 (%)	trace	trace	40	40	trace	trace	trace

different solvents instead of acetone

	DMF	DMA	MeCN	EtOAc	DCM	PhCF <sub>3</sub>	THF	dioxane	acetone/THF (v/v = 1/1)
2 (%)	trace	15	8	16	0	0	81	0	92
3 (%)	60	50	trace	trace	0	trace	trace	trace	trace
	Et $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{Me}$				$n\text{-Bu}\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{Me}$			$i\text{-Pr}\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{Me}$	
		2 (%) 83	3 (%) trace		2 (%) 0	3 (%) trace		2 (%) 0	3 (%) trace

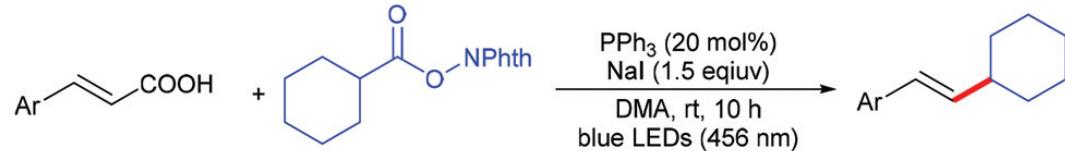
different catalysts instead of PPh<sub>3</sub>

	P( <chem>Oc1ccccc1</chem> ) <sub>3</sub>	P( <chem>Oc1cc(F)ccc1</chem> ) <sub>3</sub>	PCy <sub>3</sub>	Ph <sub>2</sub> PCy	P(NMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	AsPh <sub>3</sub>	Ph <sub>2</sub> P( <chem>c1ccccc1</chem> )PPh <sub>2</sub>
2 (%)	54	65	39	70	42	16	52
3 (%)	11	trace	trace	8	trace	trace	trace

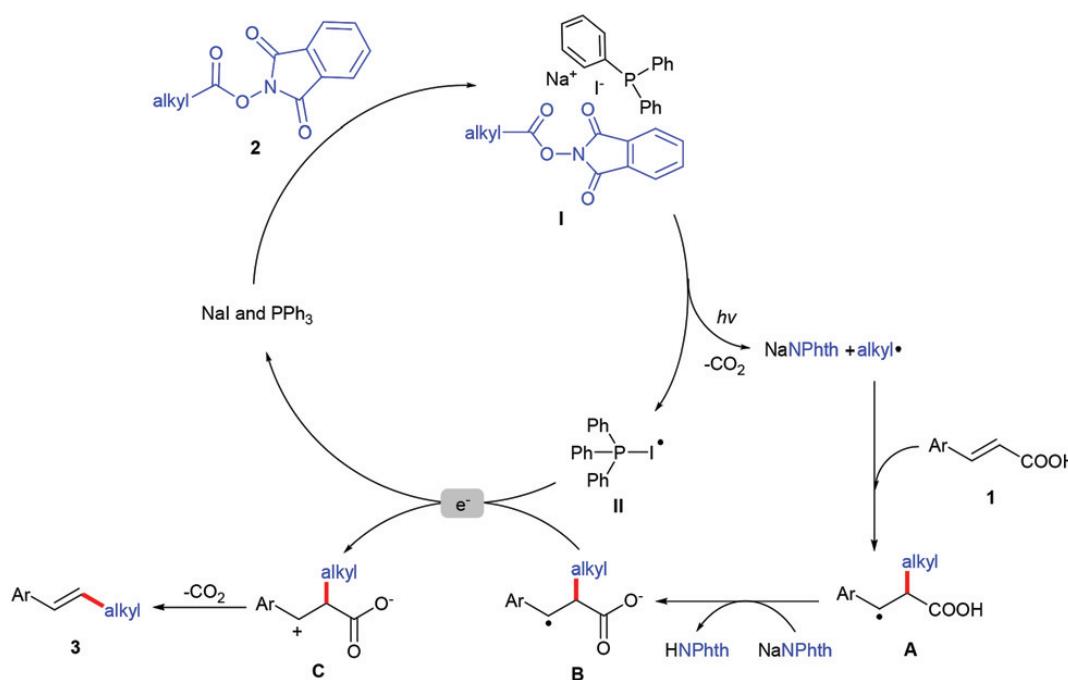
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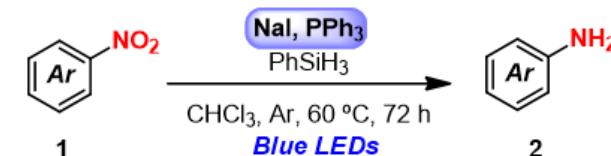
## 2. Decarboxylative cross-coupling



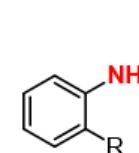
### Reaction mechanism



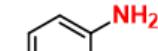
## 3. Reduction of nitroarene



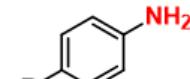
- 2a**, R = Ph, 98%  
**2b**, R = Me, 97%  
**2c**, R = Cl, 95%  
**2d**, R = I, 99%  
**2e**, R = CN, 99%  
**2f**, R = CHO, 98%  
**2g**, R = COOH, 95%



- 2h**, R = Br, 97%  
**2i**, R = I, 86%  
**2j**, R = Ac, 96%  
**2k**, R = CN, 82%

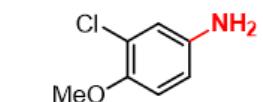


- 2l**, R = Br, 99%, 86%<sup>a</sup>  
**2m**, R = I, 99%  
**2n**, R = CN, 97%  
**2o**, R = Ac, 98%  
**2p**, R = OMe, 91%  
**2q**, R = Ph, 75%

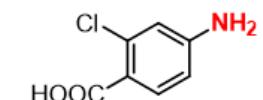


**2r**, 73%

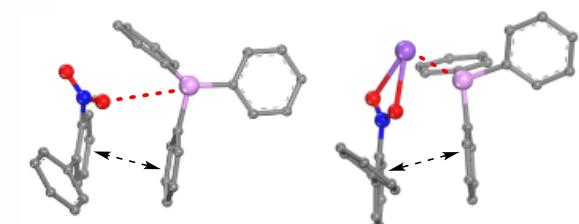
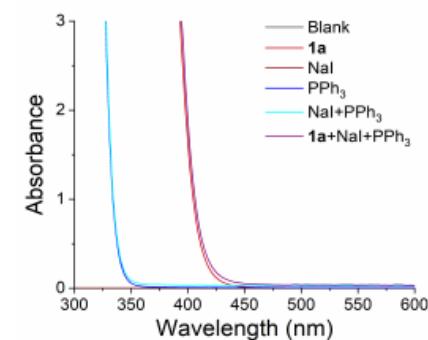
**2s**, 64%



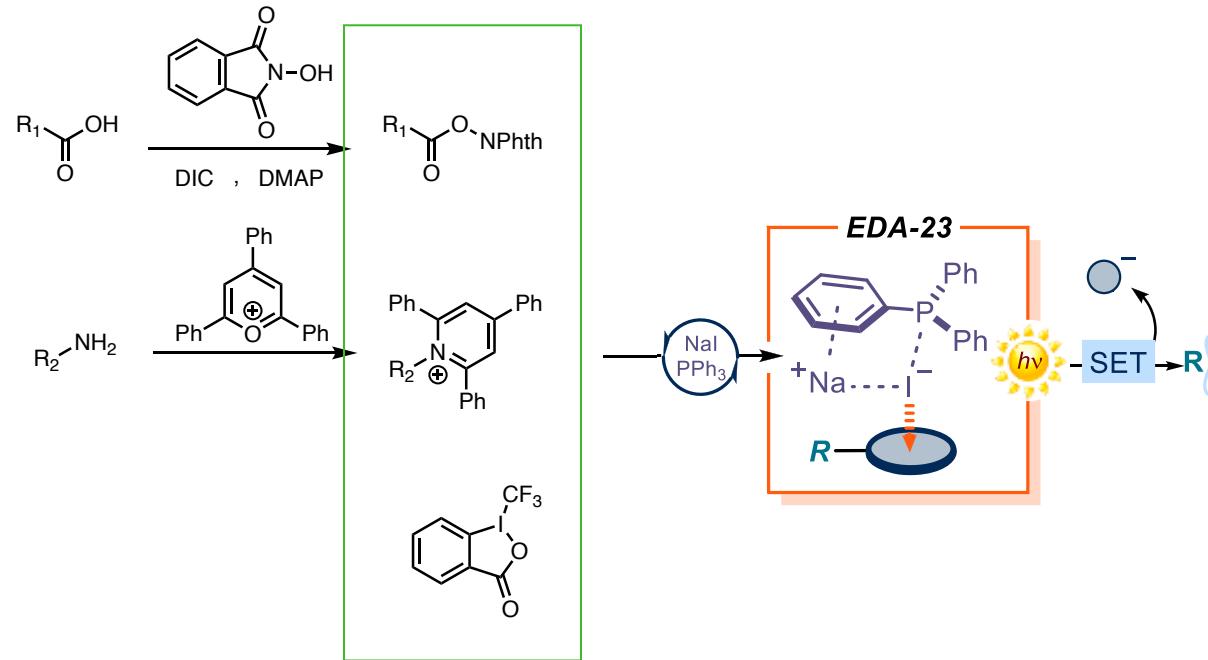
**2t**, 59%



**2u**, 92%



Catalytic electron donor; NaI + PPh<sub>3</sub>



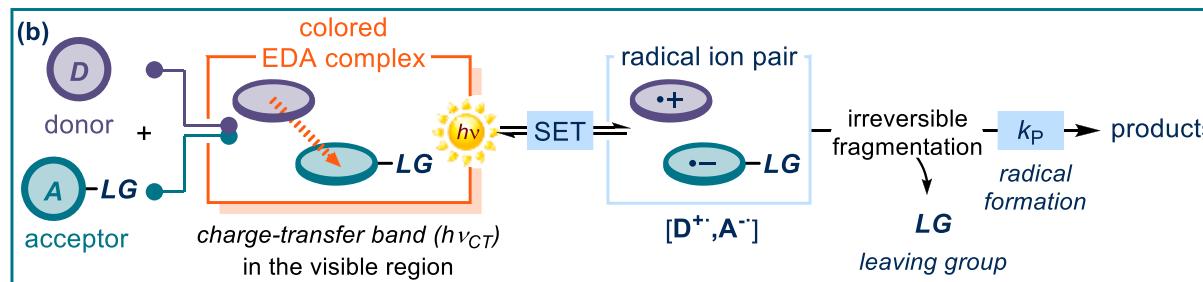
- Combination of the simple compounds (NaI + PPh<sub>3</sub>).  
→ Application to large-scale synthesis.
- PPh<sub>3</sub> enables SET from iodide to acceptors by visible light irradiation.
- Wide substrate activation.

- Introduction
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# General strategy to suppress back electron transfer

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[General strategy]

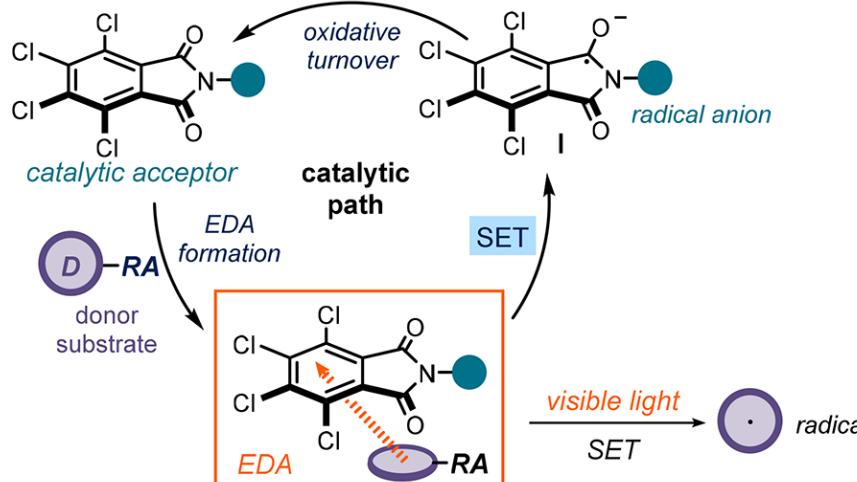


Incorporation of leaving groups in electron acceptor to suppress BET.

→ Requires equivalent amount of electron acceptor.

↔ Few examples of catalytic electron acceptor.

This work ; Tetrachlorophthalimide as a catalytic electron acceptor.



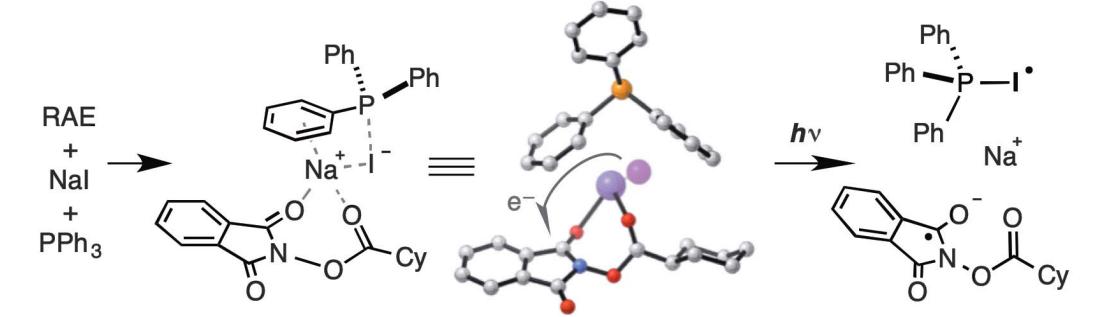
- ✓ Catalytic acceptor
- ✓ Effective turnover
- ✓ Wide substrate activation

- Quinuclidine + Tetrachlorophthalimide



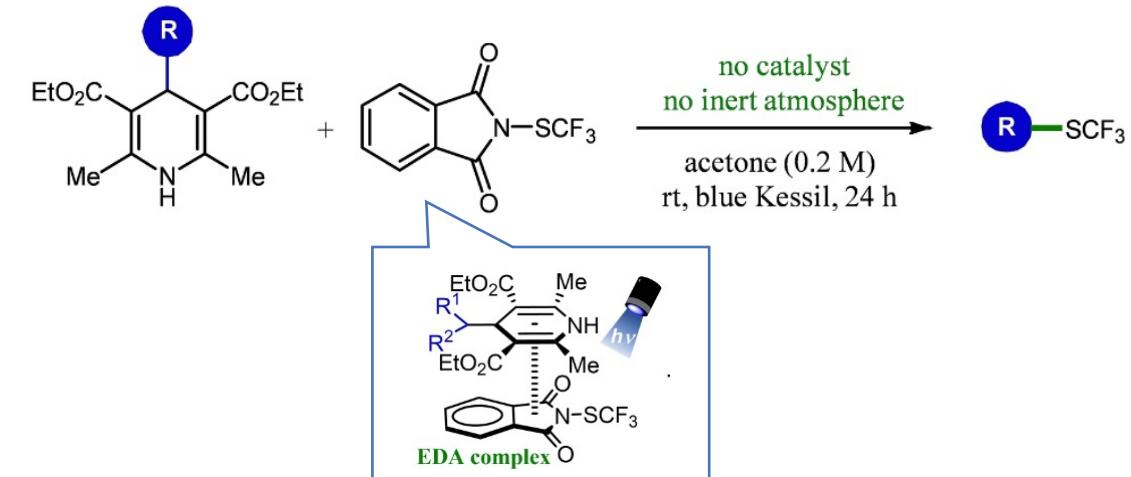
Bach *et al.* *ACS Catal.* 2019, 9, 9103–9109.

- $\text{NaI}/\text{PPh}_3$  and Phthalimide



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- DHP and Phthalimide

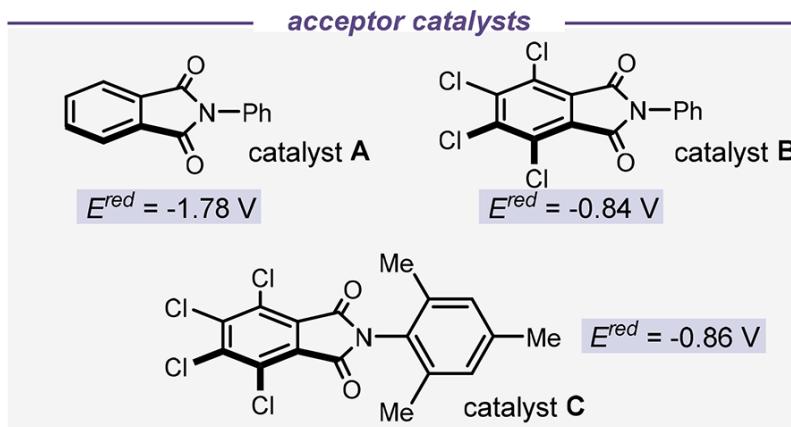


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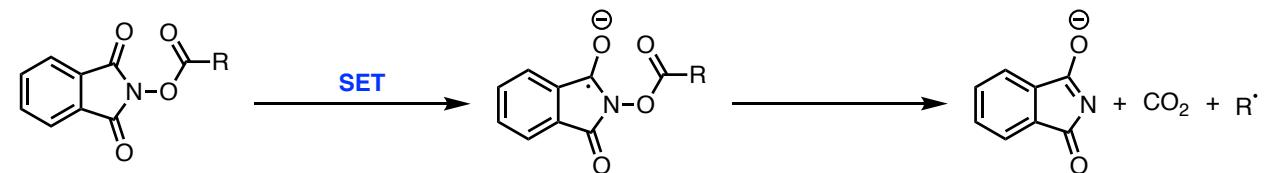
Phthalimide effectively forms EDA complex with various electron donors.

# Properties of acceptor catalysts

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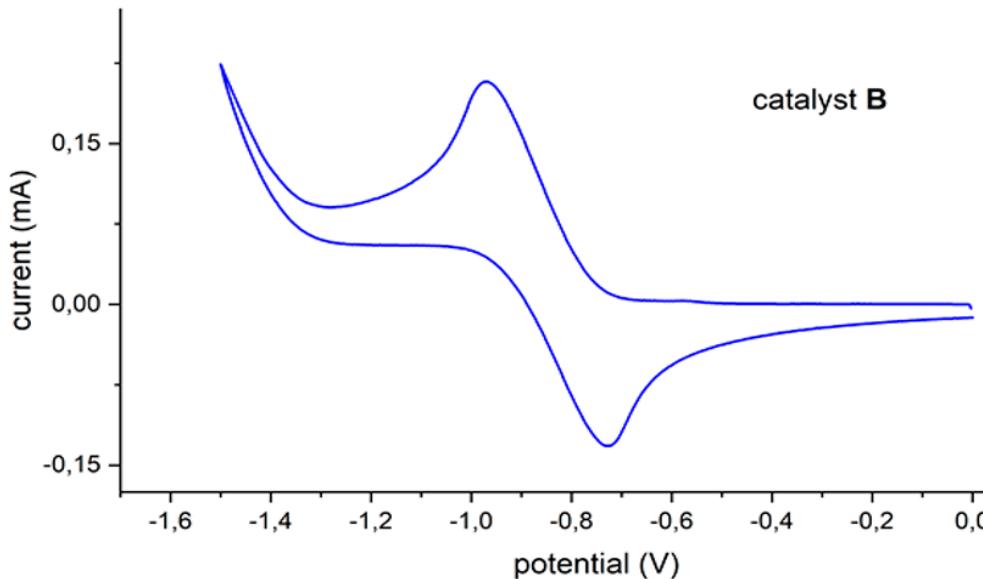
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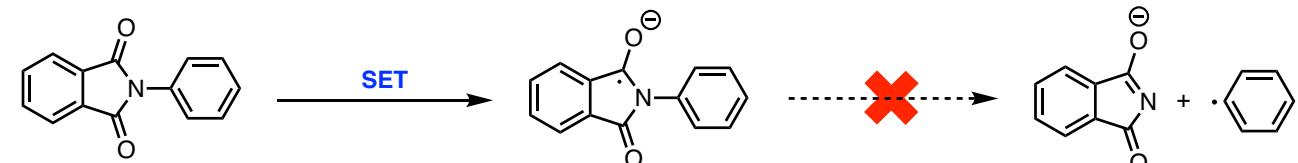
*cyclic voltammetry*

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catalyst B

[acceptor catalysts]

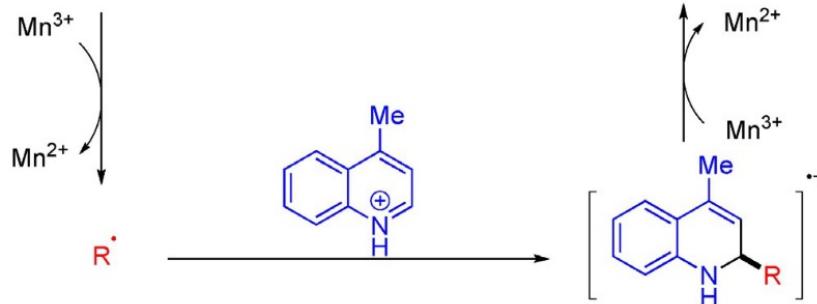
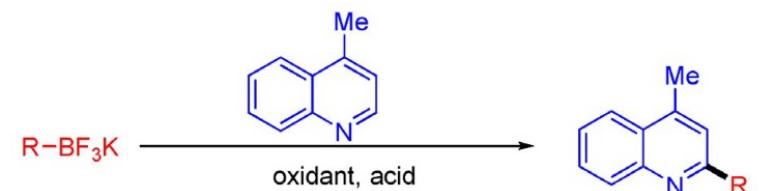
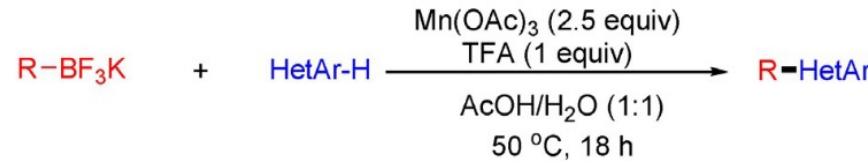


Reduced catalyst B is kinetically stable.  
→ Effective turn over.

# Electron donors as radical source

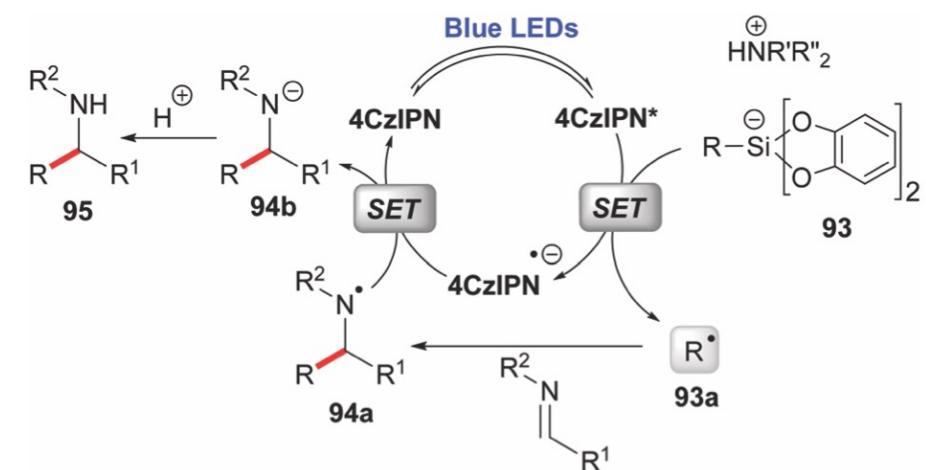
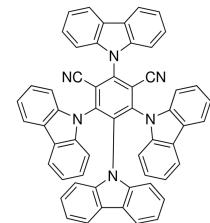
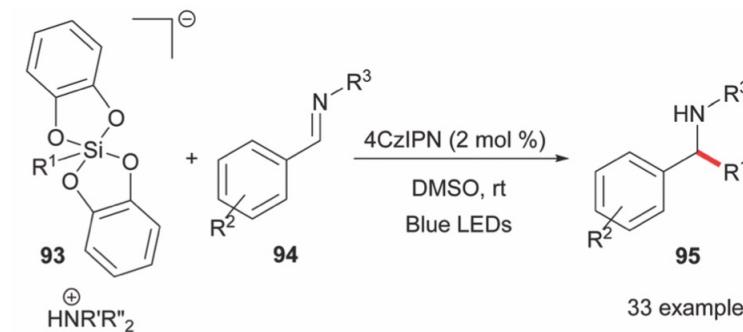
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## [Trifluoroborate]



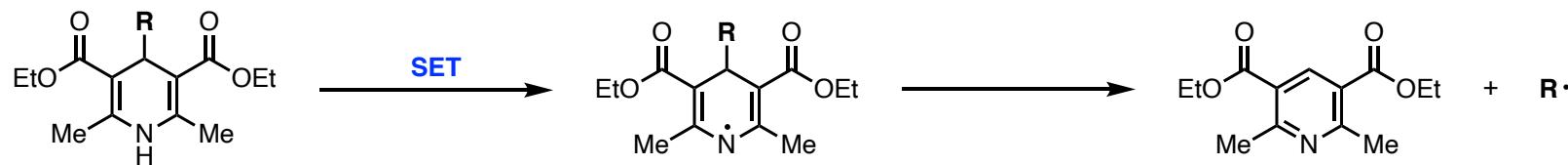
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## [silicate]



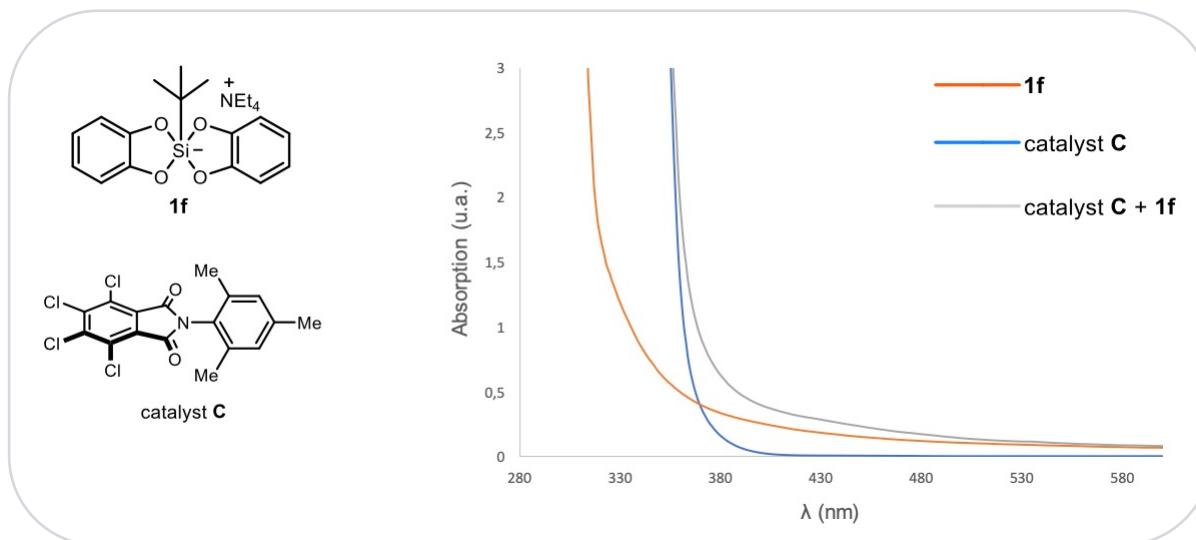
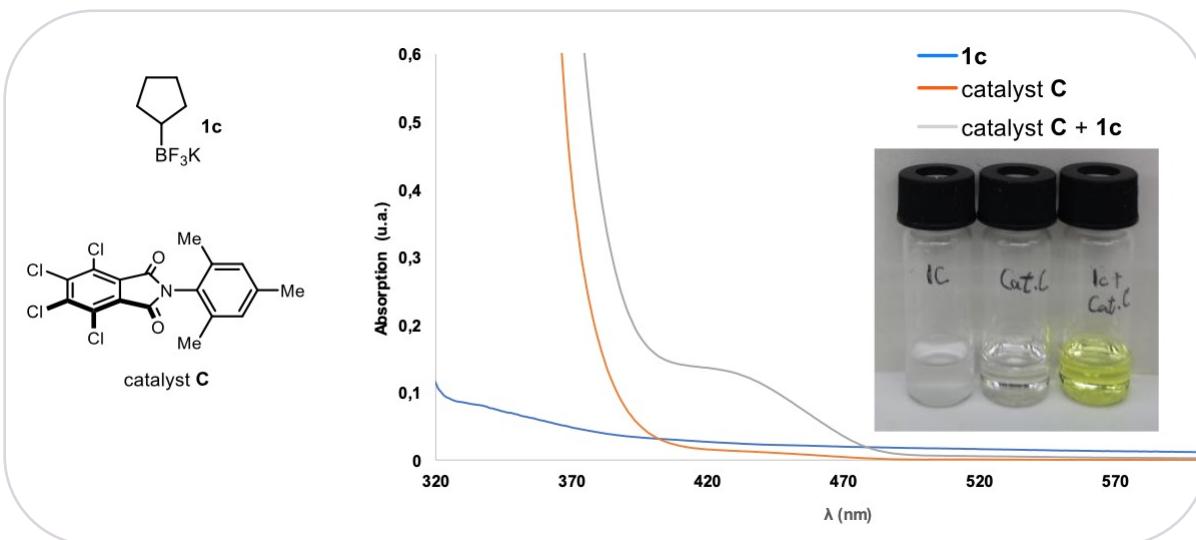
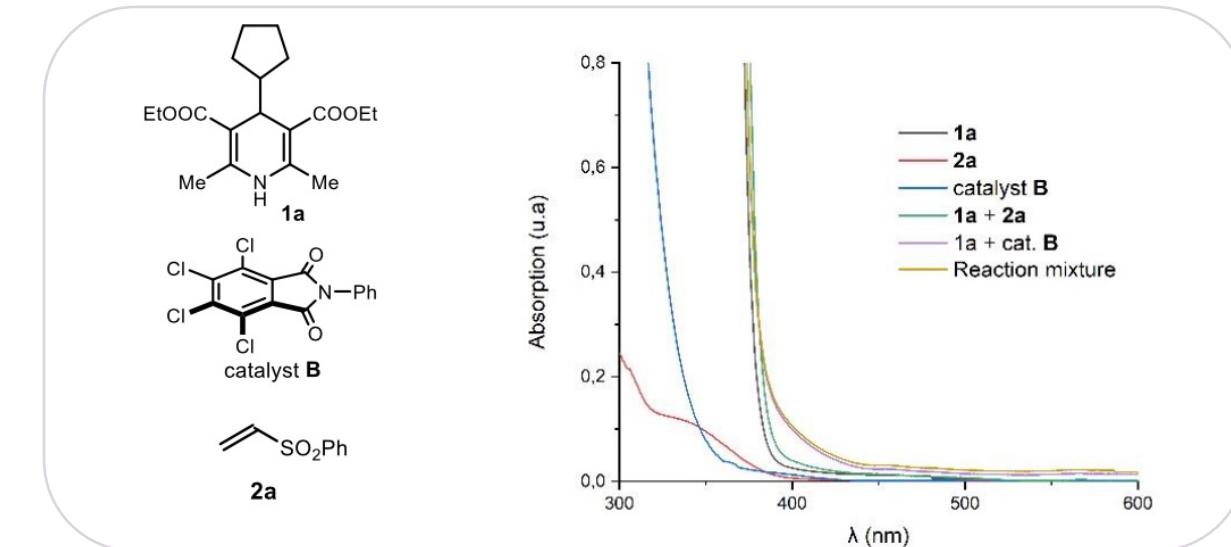
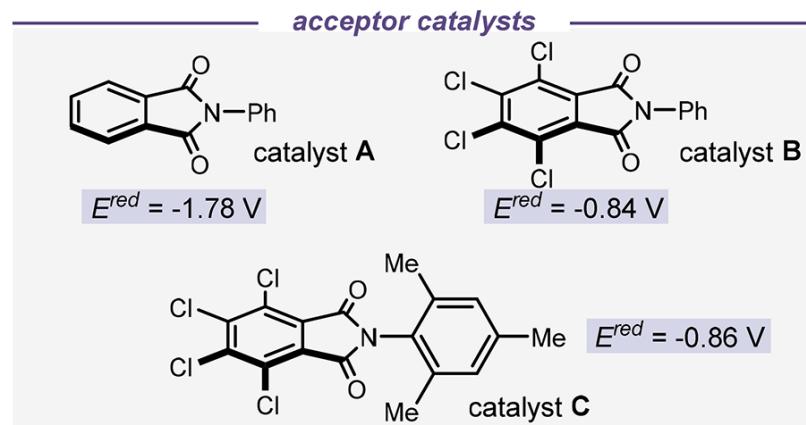
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## [Dihydropyridine]



# UV-vis spectroscopy

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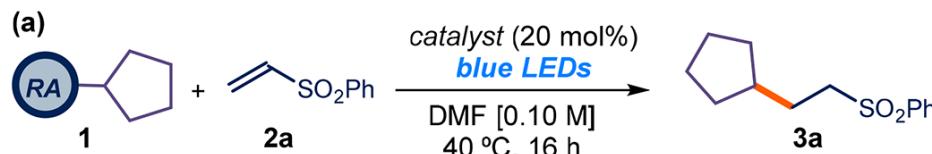


Red shift was observed. → EDA complex formation.

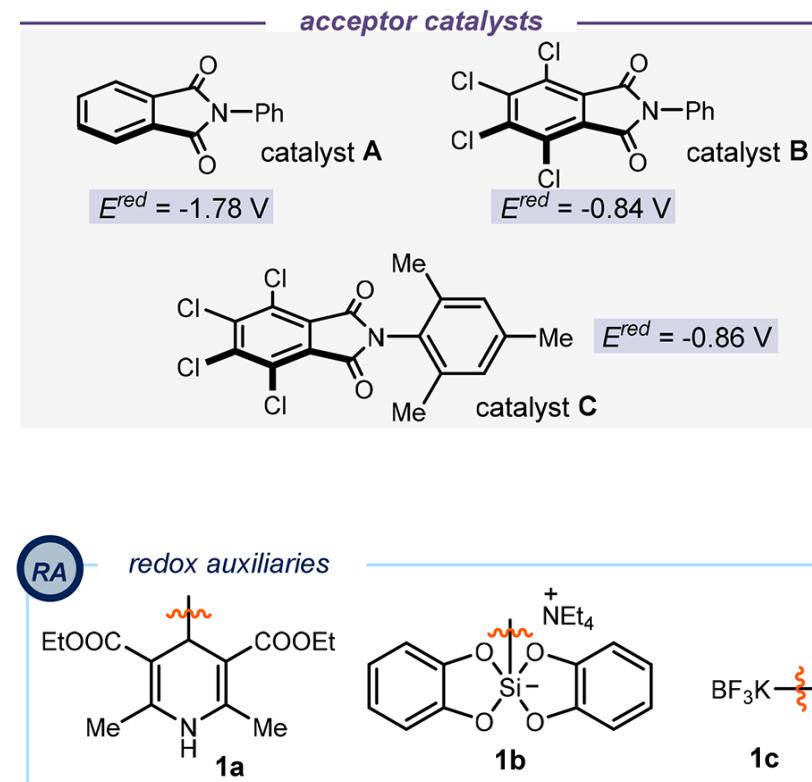
# Screening of acceptor catalysts

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[Giese-type radical addition]



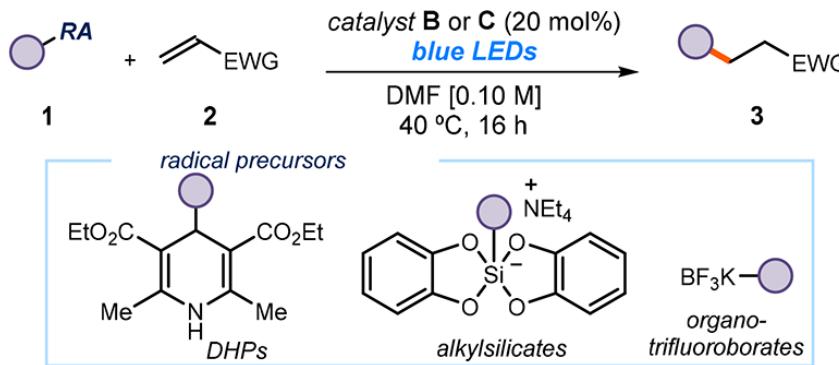
entry	catalyst	1	deviation	yield 3a (%)
1	A	1a	none	0
2	B	1a	none	89(87)*
3	C	1a	none	85
4	B	1b	none	52
5	C	1b	none	74 (70)*
6	B	1c	none	41
7	C	1c	none	64 (63)*
8	B	1a	green light	39
9	C	1b	green light	55
10	B	1c	green light	27
11	C	1a-c	no light	0
12	none	1a-c	none	0



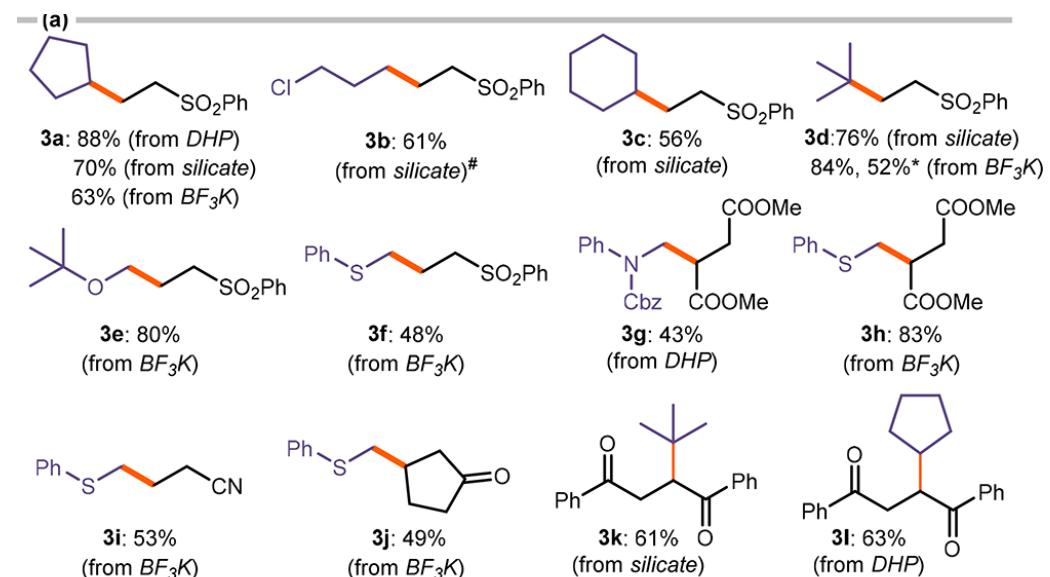
- Catalyst B and C afforded product in high yield.
- Radical generation via EDA complex. (entry 8~10)

# Substrate scope of Giese-type radical addition

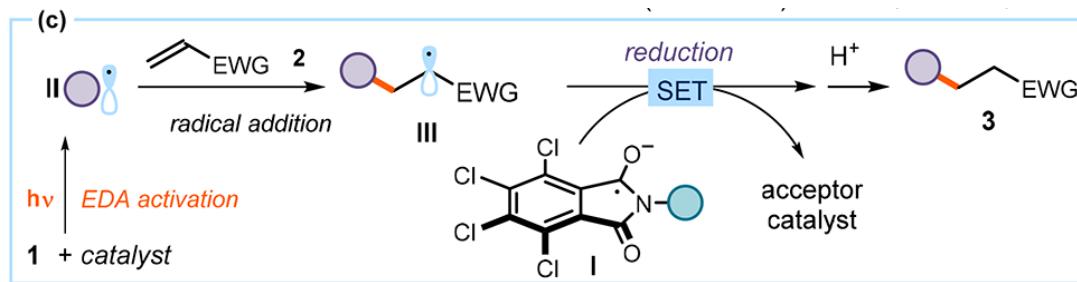
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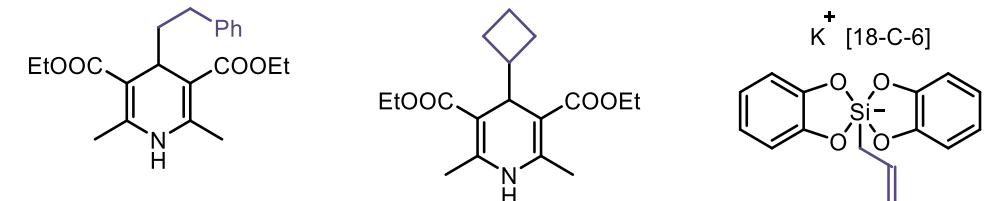
## [Substrate scope]



## [Reaction mechanism]



## Unsuccessful substrates

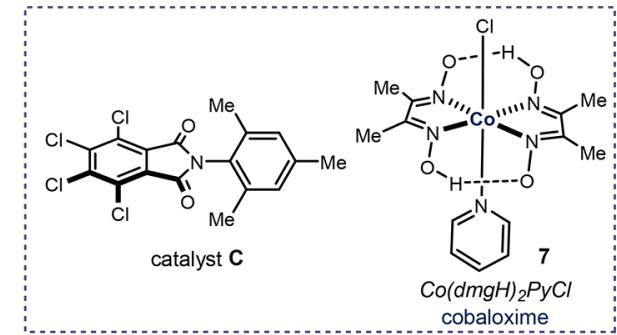
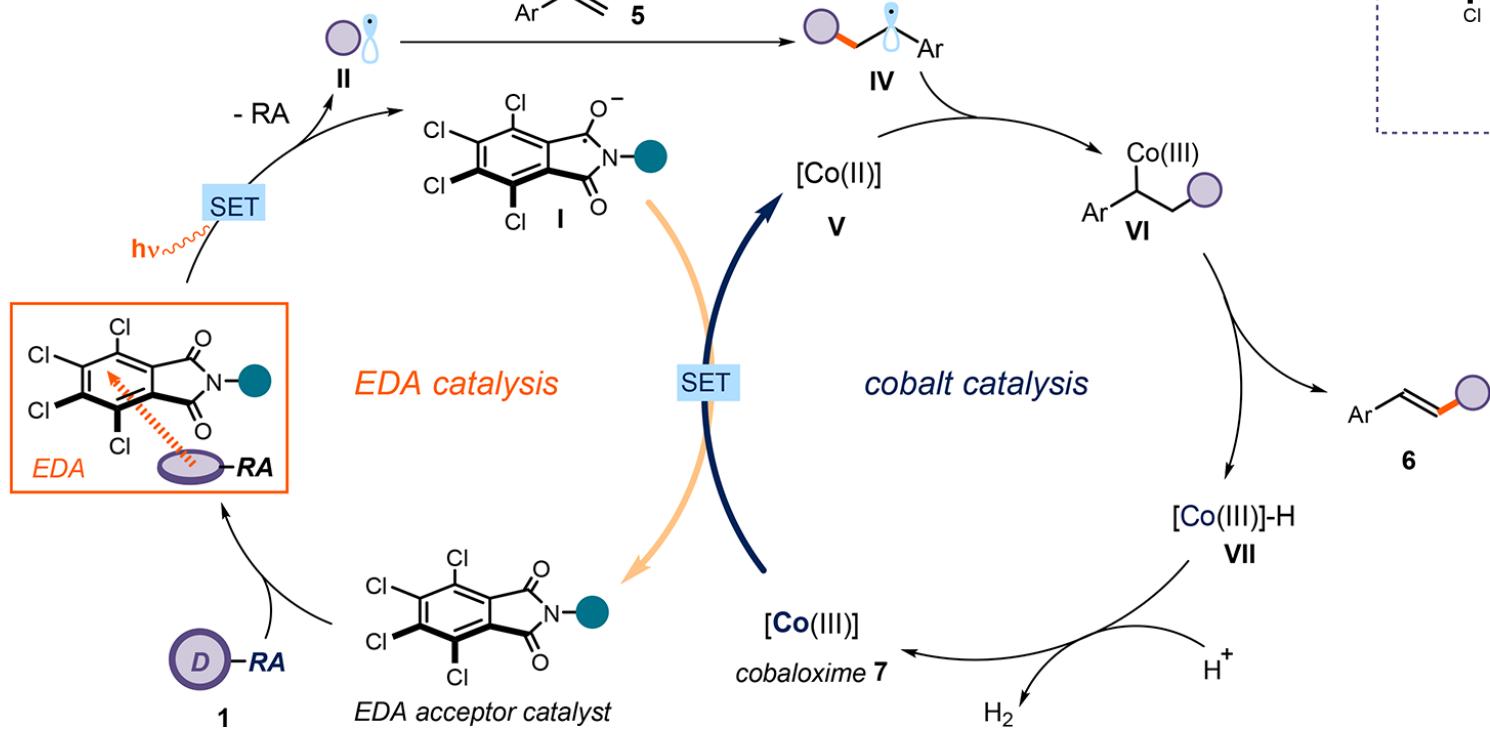


Quantum yield = 0.04

# Heck-type reaction with cobaloxime

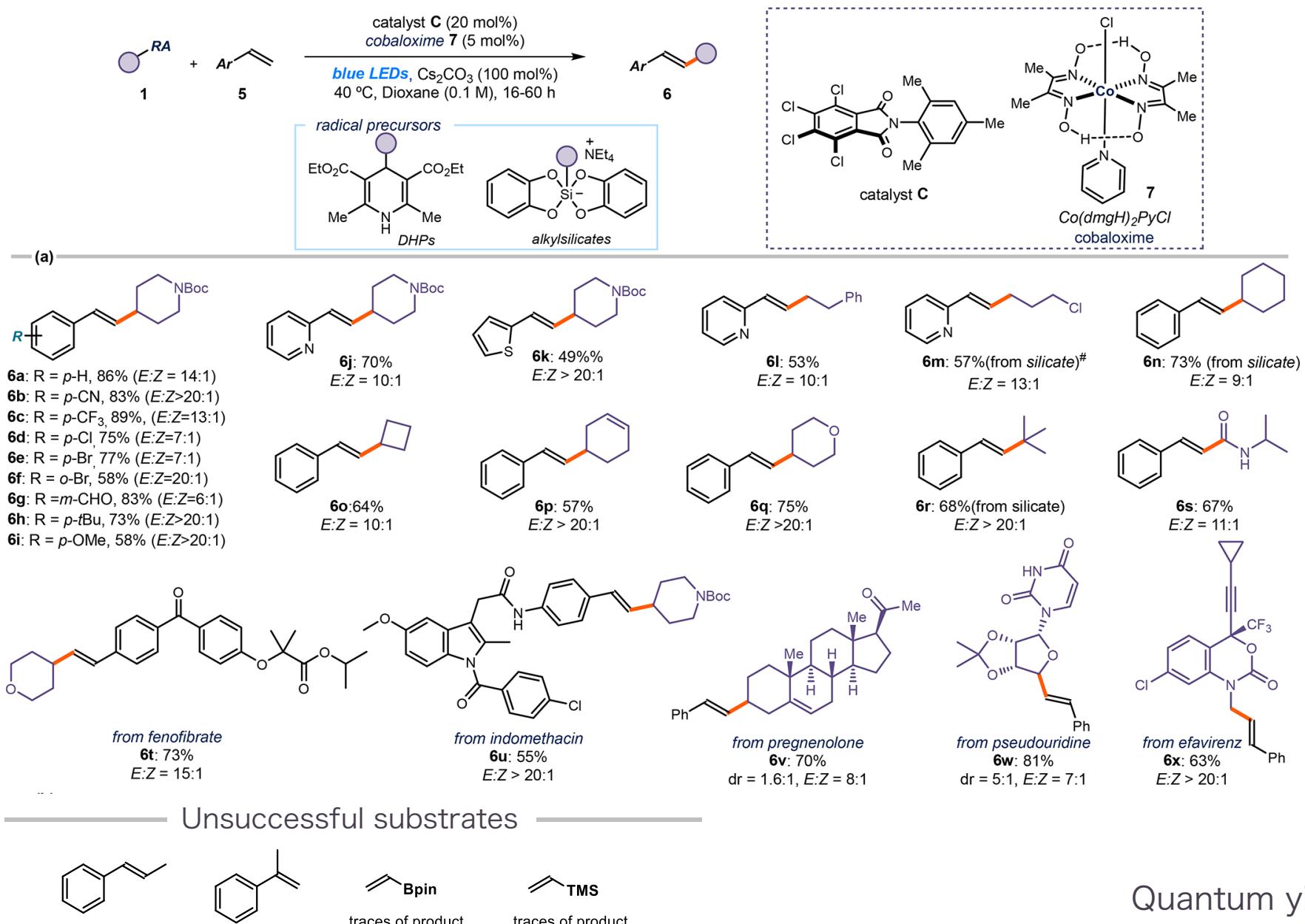
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## [Reaction design]



# Substrate scope of Heck-type reaction

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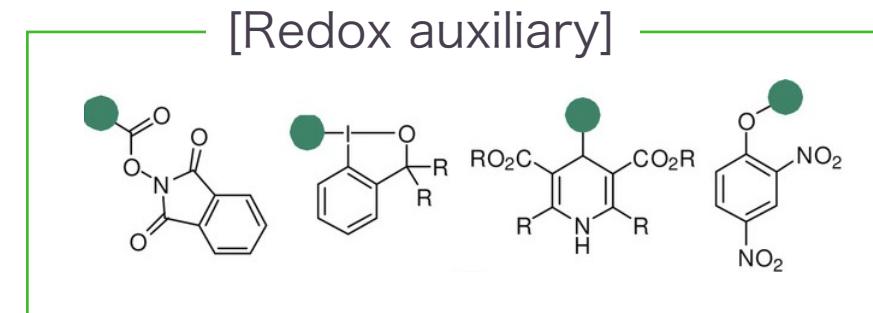
[NaI and PPh<sub>3</sub>]

- Tricomponent EDA complex.
- Industrial application to large-scale synthesis.
- Applicable to wide range of electron acceptor.

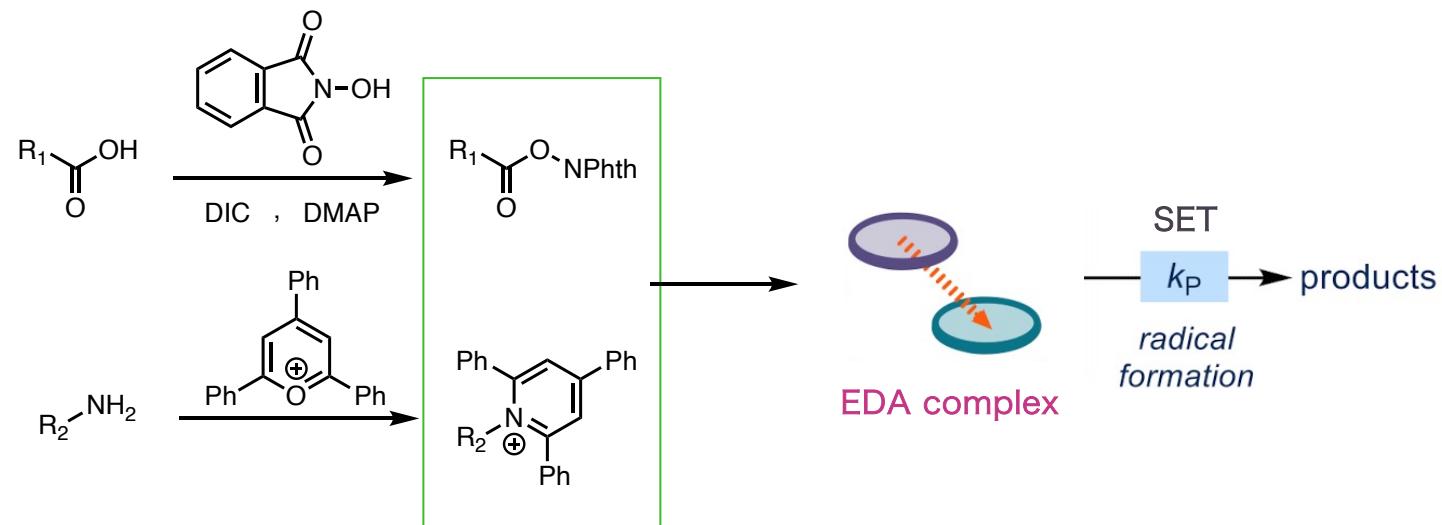
[Tetrachlorophthalimide]

- One of the few examples of catalytic acceptors.
- Applicable to wide range of electron donors.
- Combination with metal-based catalytic system.

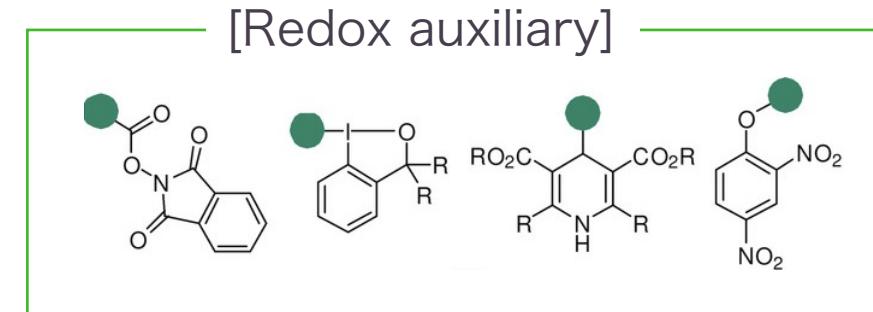
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