

# Proton Coupled Electron Transfer

Literature Seminar #3

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**Respiration**



**Photosynthesis**

# Today's Topics

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## 0. Introduction

## 1. Backgrounds of PCET

Brief introduction of definition and thermodynamics of PCET,  
avoiding quantum mechanical discussion (difficult to understand for many of organic chemists!)

## 2. PCET in Biological Events

Some representative biological PCET will be highlighted

## 3. PCET in Organic Chemistry

Synthetic application of PCET, today's main topic

## 4. Summary

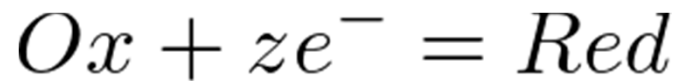
# Backgrounds of PCET



# Nernst Equation

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Nernst equation



$$E = E^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \frac{a_{Ox}}{a_{Red}}$$

$E^{\circ}$  : standard potential

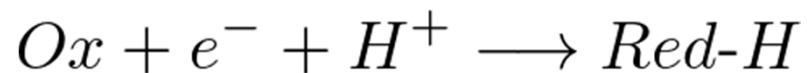
R : universal gas constant

T : absolute temperature

F : Faraday constant

a : activity

Redox reaction with dissociable proton (1 atm, 298K)



$$E = E^{\circ} + 0.059 \ln \frac{a_{Ox} a_{H^{+}}}{a_{Red-H}}$$

Nernst equation predicts the involvement of protons in redox potentials

# pH-Dependent Thermodynamics

## Variation of redox potential with pH for cis-[Ru<sup>II</sup>(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(py)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>2+</sup>

For the Ru<sup>III/II</sup> couple

(RuOH<sub>2</sub><sup>3+</sup>: pK<sub>a</sub><sup>III</sup> = 0.85 RuOH<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>: pK<sub>a</sub><sup>II</sup> = 10.6)

1) pH < pK<sub>a</sub><sup>III</sup> : 0H<sup>+</sup>/1e<sup>-</sup> pH independent



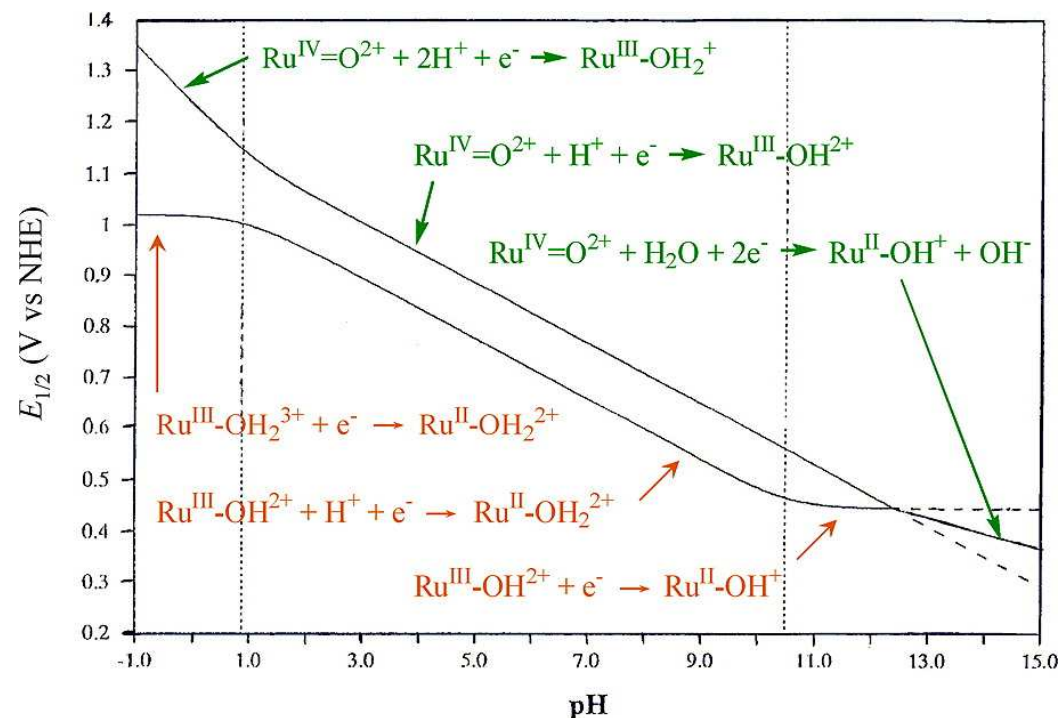
2) pK<sub>a</sub><sup>III</sup> < pH < pK<sub>a</sub><sup>II</sup> : 1H<sup>+</sup>/1e<sup>-</sup> pH dependent



$$E^{\circ'}(\text{Ru}^{\text{III/II}}) = E^{\circ'}(\text{RuOH}_2^{3+/2+}) - 0.059(\text{pH} - \text{pK}_a^{\text{III}})$$

E<sup>o'</sup>: formal potential

3) pK<sub>a</sub><sup>II</sup> < pH : 0H<sup>+</sup>/1e<sup>-</sup> pH independent



Binstead, R. A. and Meyer, T. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 3287

(Figure) Huynh, M. H. and Meyer, T. J. *Chem. Rev.* **2007**, *107*, 5004

Generally, in the redox reaction  $Ox + mH^+ + ne^- \longrightarrow Red(H)_m^{(m-n)}$

pH dependency can be described as  $-0.059 \frac{m}{n} \text{pH}$

e.g. E<sup>o'</sup> decreases by 118 mV/pH in pH < pK<sub>a</sub><sup>III</sup> region for the Ru<sup>IV/III</sup> couple (2H<sup>+</sup>/1e<sup>-</sup>)

# Proton-Coupled Electron Transfer

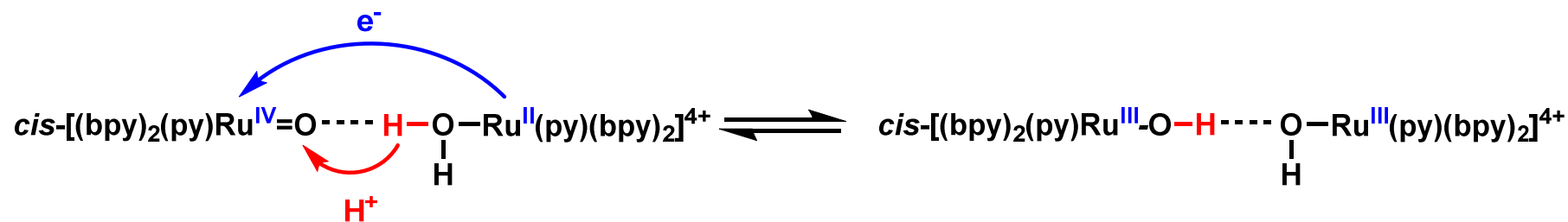
## ■ Comproportionation reaction between Ru<sup>IV/II</sup>

Meyer first coined the term “Proton-Coupled Electron Transfer” and applied it to the reaction below.



Meyer, T. J. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 2987

Proposed Mechanisms (pH 2-9)



**proton transfer is coupled with electron transfer**

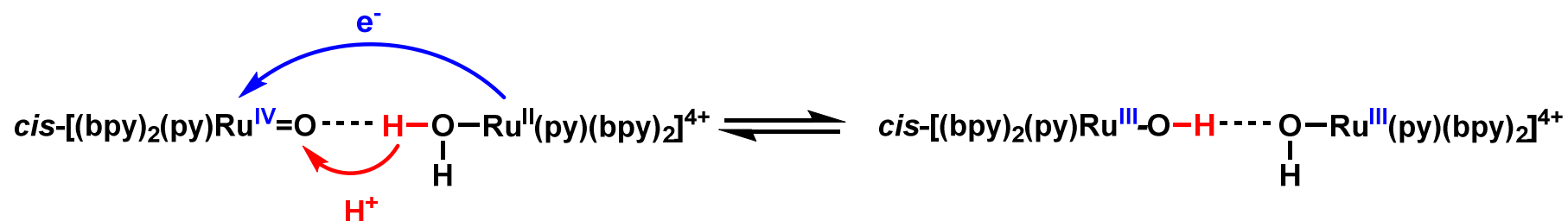
The term PCET was used to distinguish it from sequential ET-PT or PT-ET, and H-Atom Transfer

# Terminology

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The term PCET has come to be used more broadly to describe reactions and half reactions in which both electrons and protons are transferred without regard to mechanism.

Now, the new term to describe the concerted mechanism is needed.



Unfortunately, the nomenclature has not been standardized yet

- concerted proton-electron transfer (CPET)

Cukier, R. I. and Nocera, D. G. *Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem.* **1998**, *49*, 337

- concerted electron-proton transfer (CEP)

Hammarström, L *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, *127*, 3855

- electron transfer proton transfer (ETPT)

Saveant, J. M. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, *123*, 4886

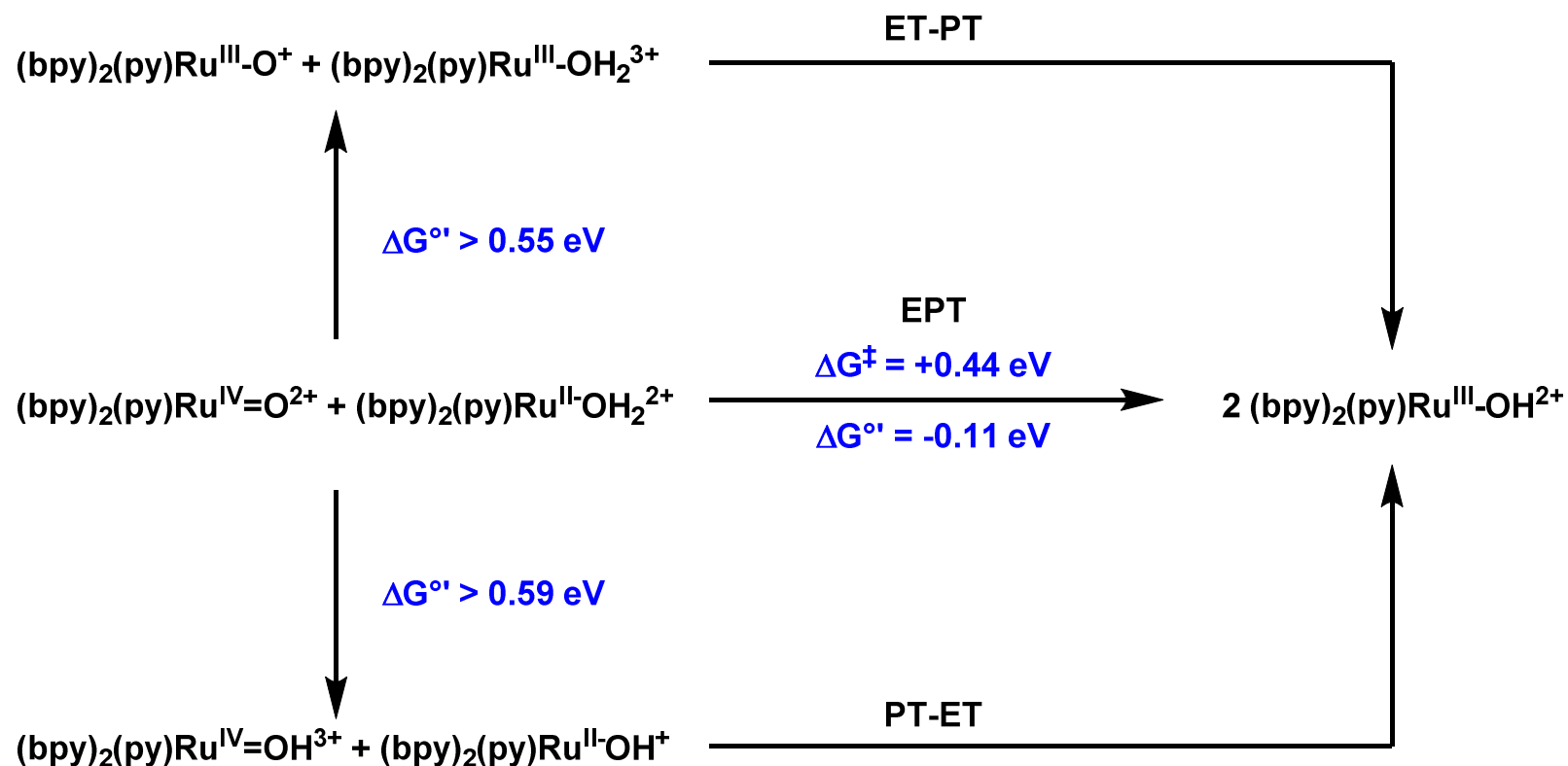
- **electron-proton transfer (EPT)** EPT will be used in this seminar

Decornez, H. and Hammes-Schiffer, S. *J. Phys. Chem. A*, **2000**, *104*, 9370



# Sequential vs Concerted

## ■ Comproportionation reaction between Ru<sup>IV/III</sup> (at pH 7)

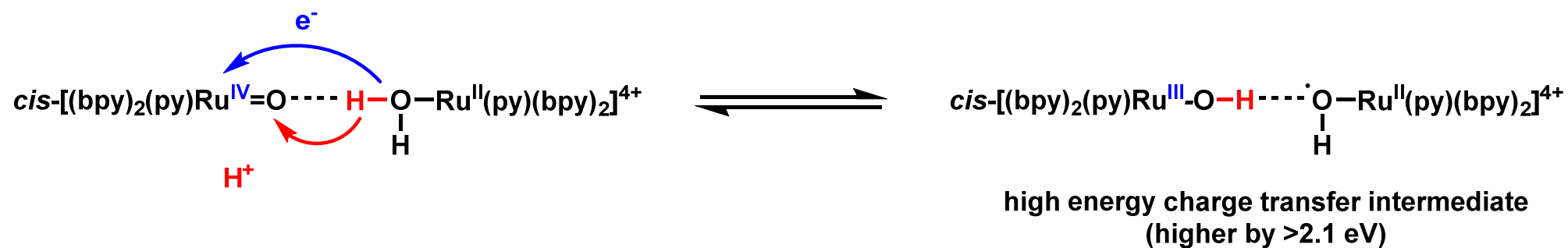


- Both ET-PT and PT-ET impose high reaction barrier in initial steps
- $\Delta G^\circ$  in ET-PT and PT-ET are larger than experimental free energy of activation (ruling these mechanisms out as major contribution)
- EPT has a significant advantage in avoiding high energy intermediate

# HAT vs EPT

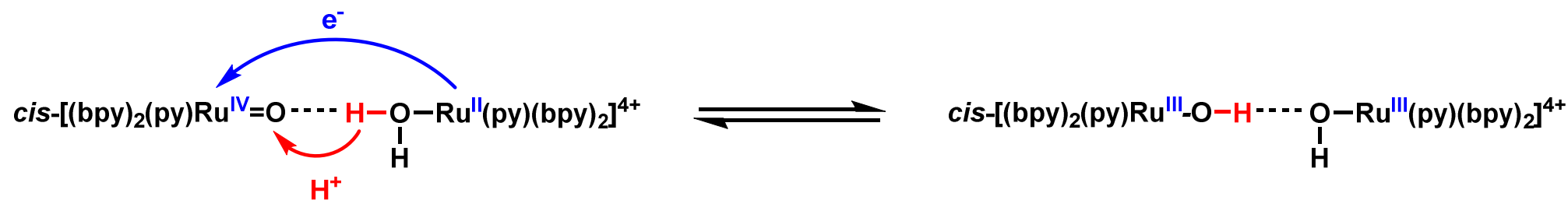
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## ■ Alternative concerted pathway, H-atom transfer (HAT)



Both transferring  $e^-/H^+$  come from the same bond

## ■ EPT



$e^-/H^+$  transfer from different orbitals on the donor to different orbitals on the acceptor

# MS-EPT

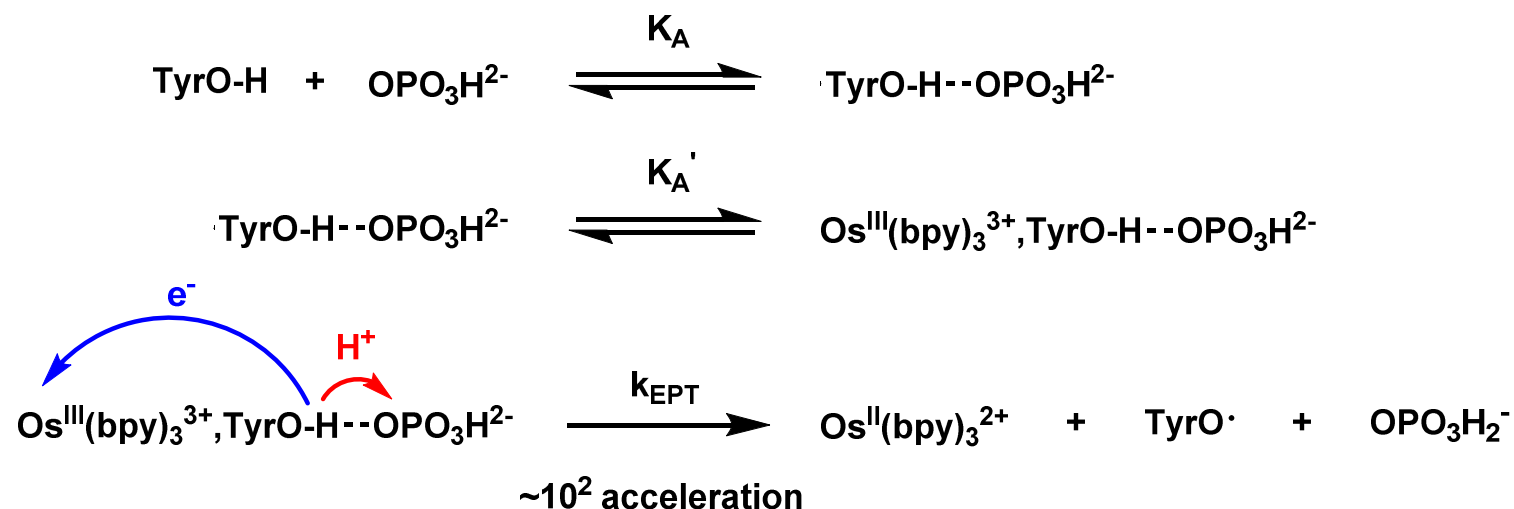
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## ■ Oxidation of Tyrosine



ET-PT is slow because of high energy intermediate ( $k_{\text{ET-PT}} = 1.7 \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )

With buffer base  $\text{HPO}_3^{2-}$

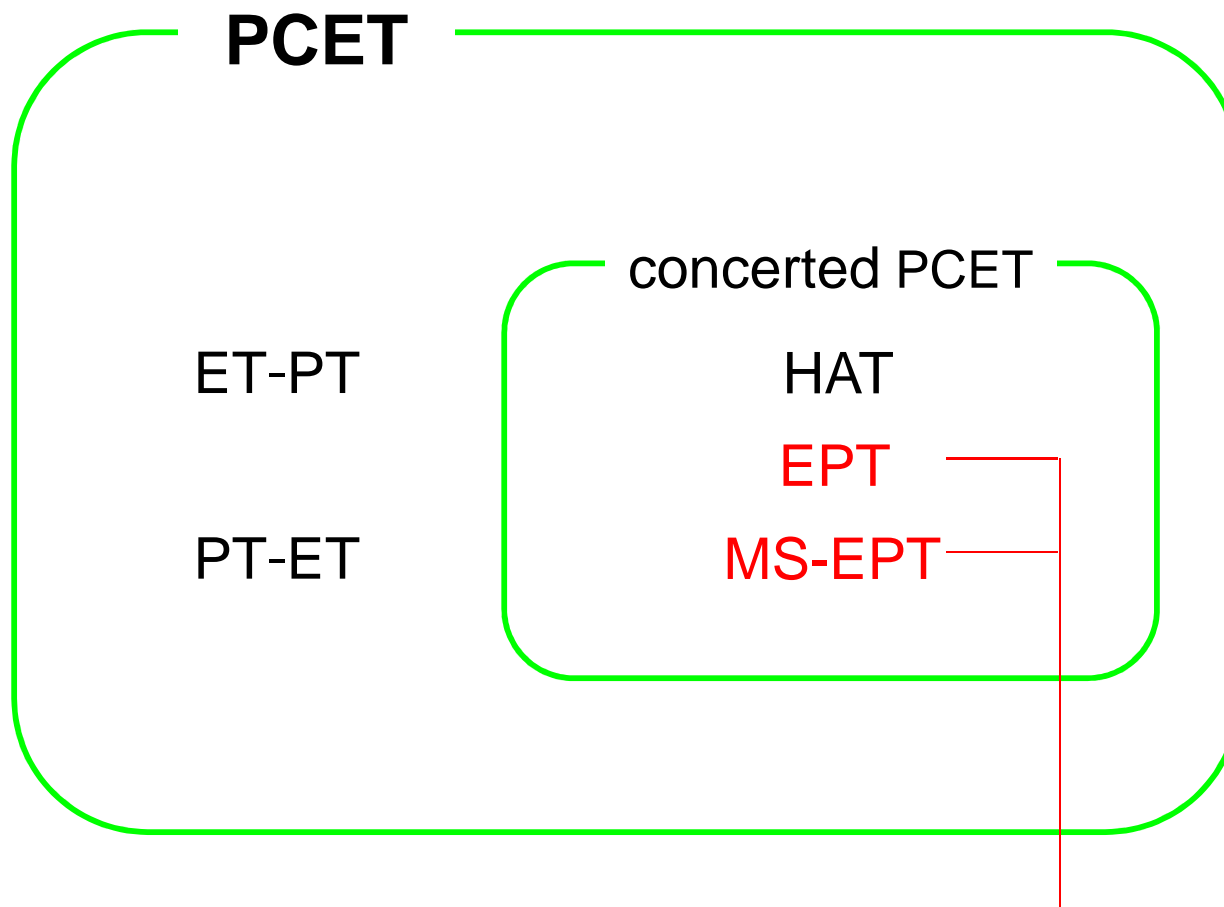


An electron-proton donor transfers  $e^-/\text{H}^+$  to spatially separated acceptors

## Multiple Site Electron-Proton Transfer (MS-EPT)

# Short Summary

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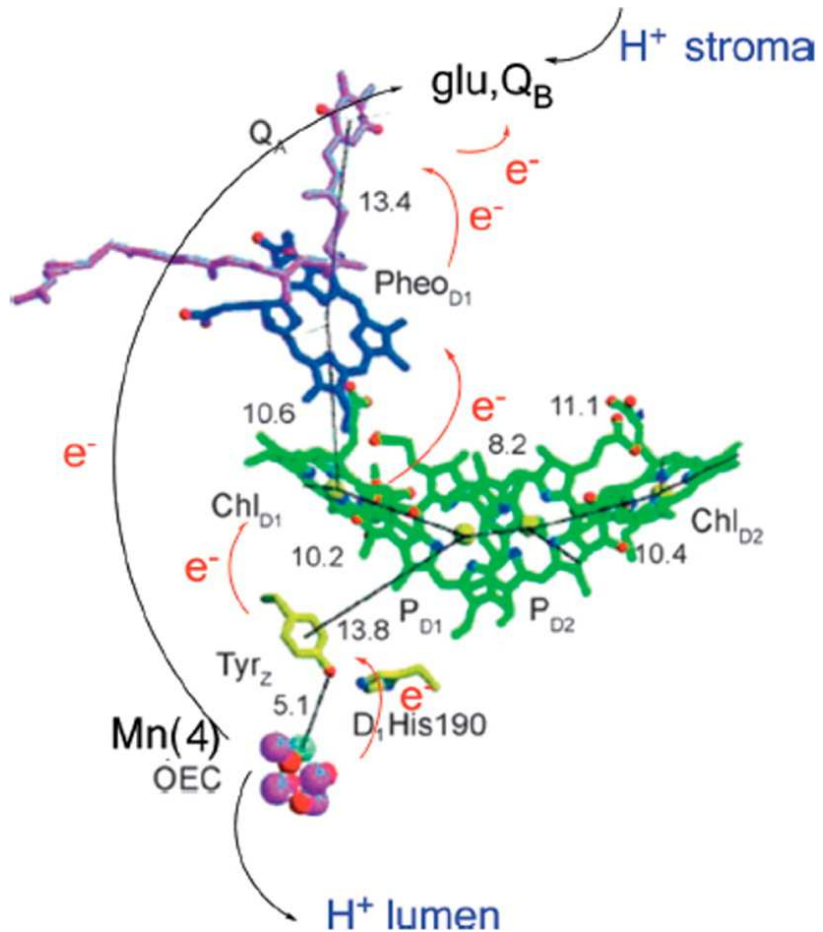
especially important in biological events

***Concerted PCET have advantage in avoiding high-energy intermediate***

# PCET in Biological Events

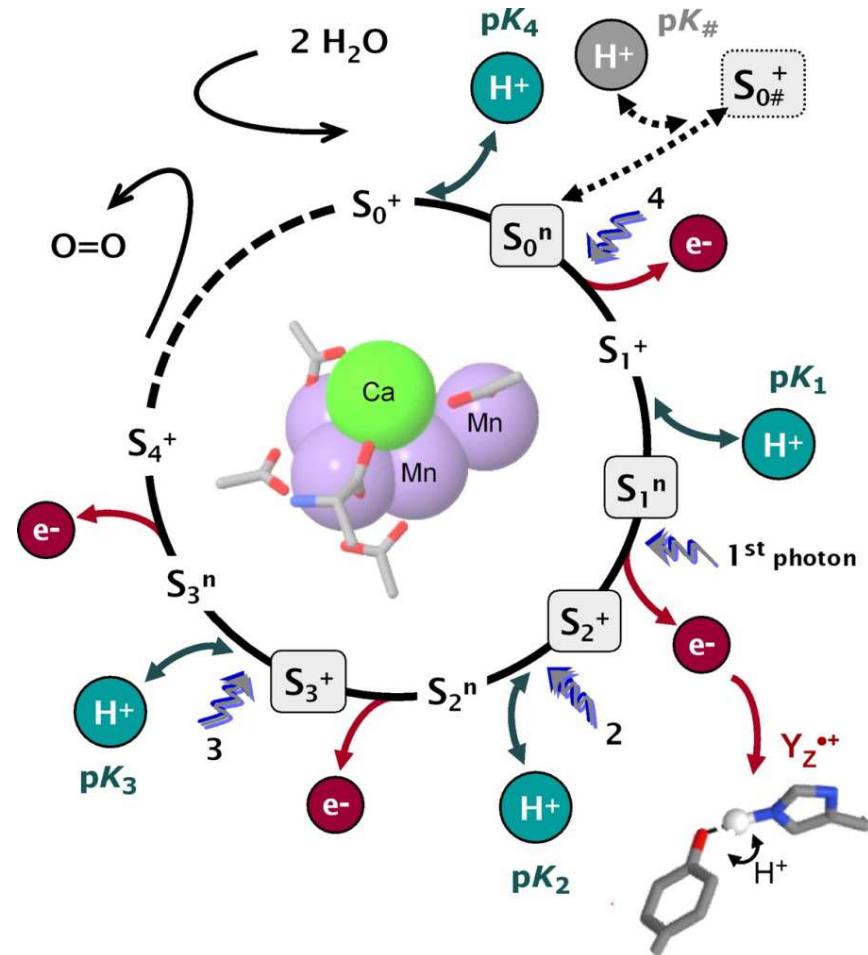
# Photosystem II

Key function of PS II is water oxidation



Iwata, S. *et al. Science*, **2004**, 303, 1831

Photooxidation catalyzed by Oxygen-evolving complex (Kok cycle)

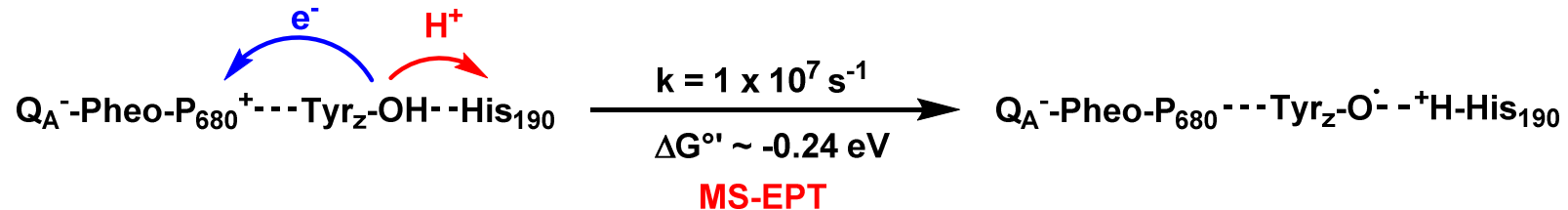
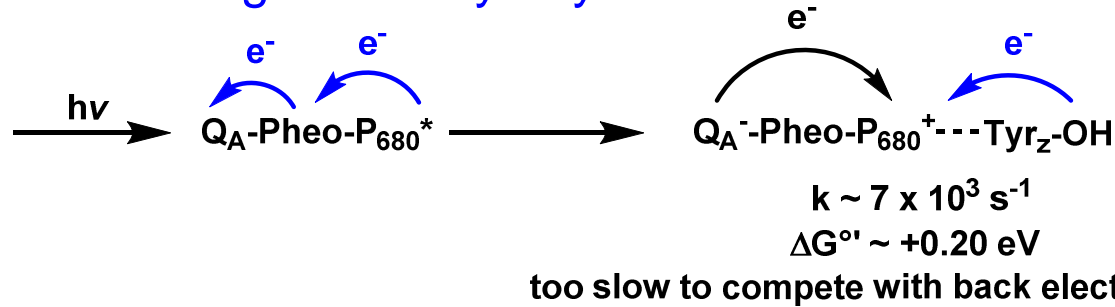


Dau, H. *et al. J. Biol. Chem.* **2011**, 286, 18222

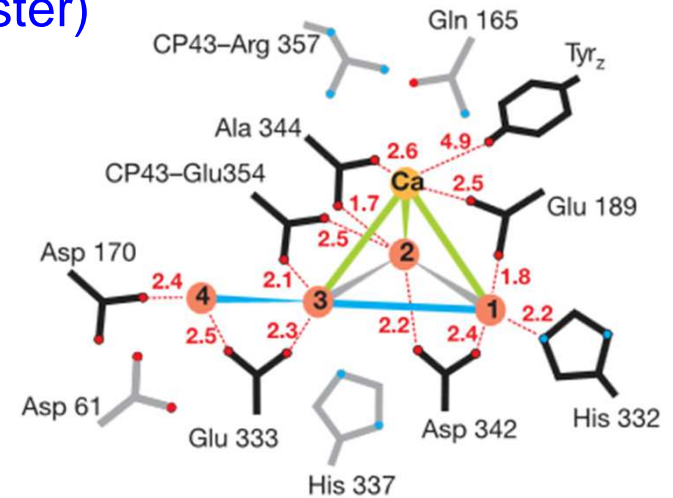
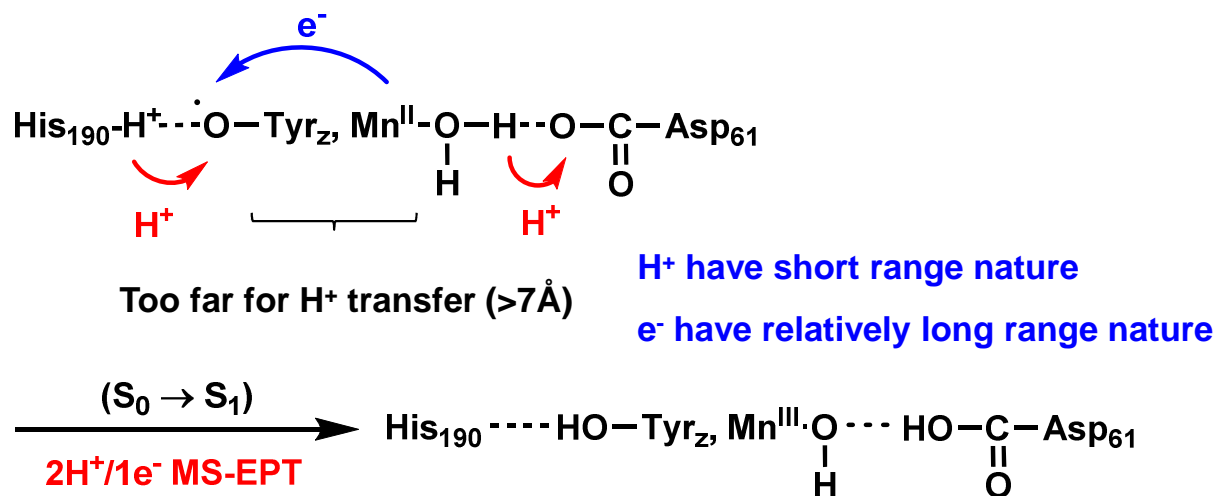


# PCET in Photosystem II

## Y<sub>z</sub> oxidation to generate tyrosyl radical



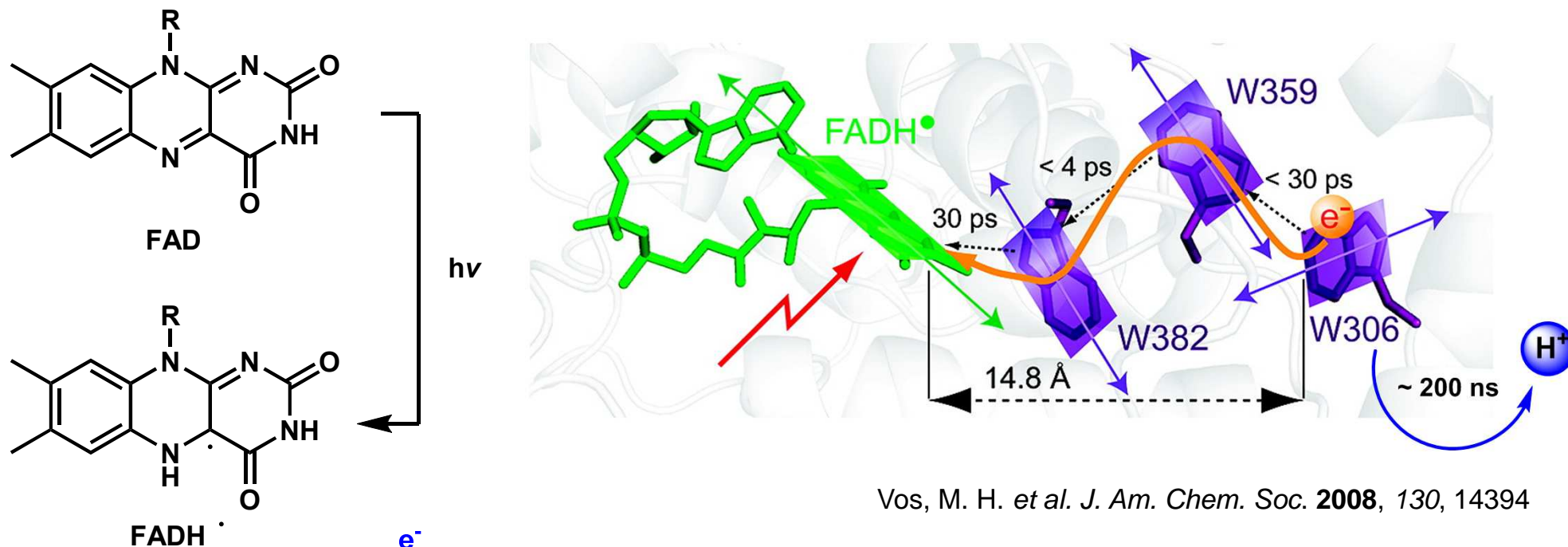
## S<sub>0</sub>-S<sub>1</sub> transition (H-atom abstraction from CaMn<sub>4</sub> cluster)



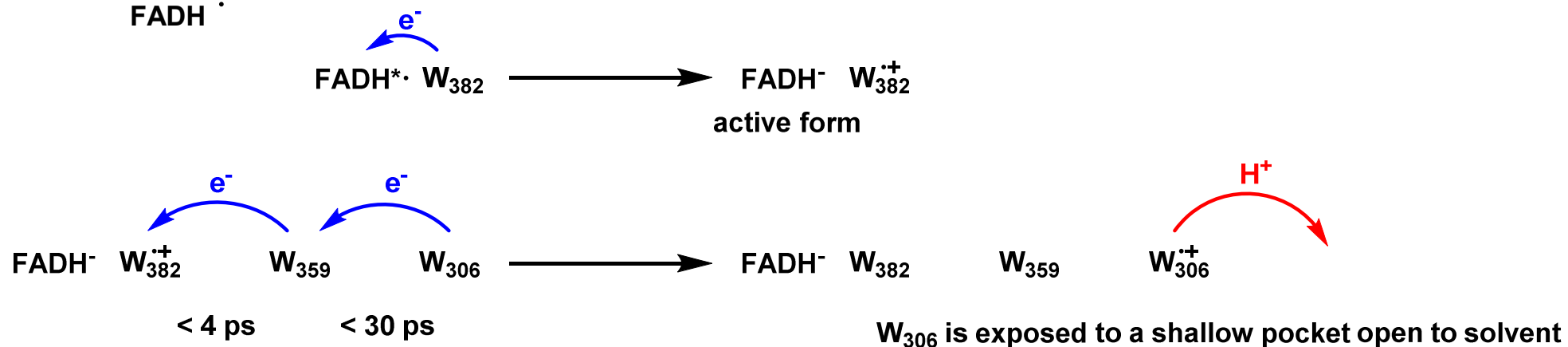
Biesiadka, J. *et al. Nature*, 2005, 438, 1040

# DNA Photolyase

## Photoactivation of *Escherichia coli* DNA photolyase



Vos, M. H. *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 14394

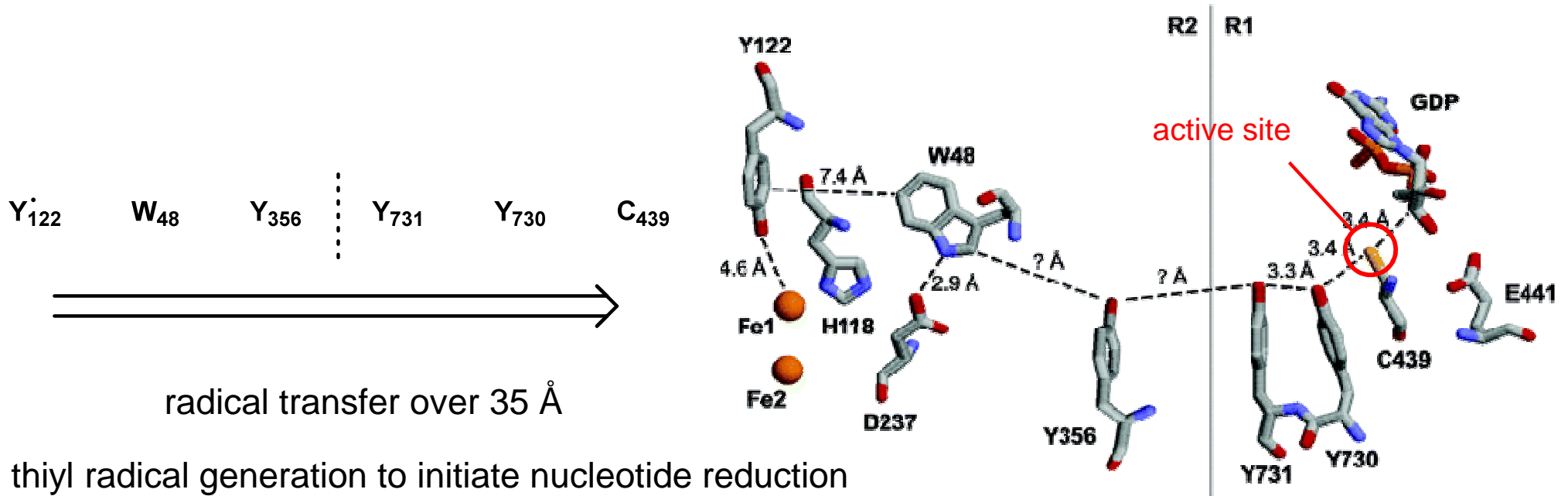
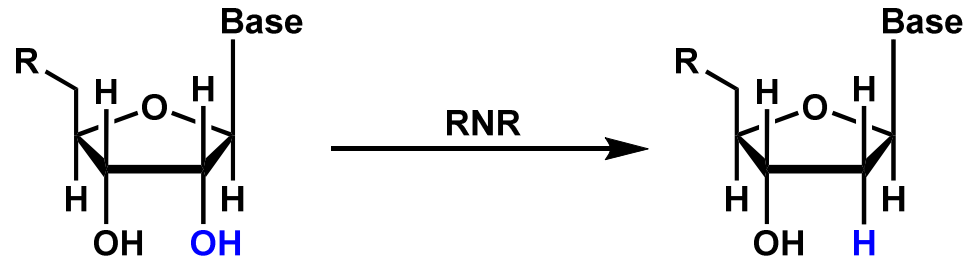


*Trp chain works as a "wire" to transfer electron*

# Class I Ribonucleotide Reductase

## ■ Long-range EPT “shuttle”

Class I RNRs found in *E. coli* catalyze reduction of nucleotides



Stubbe, J. *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 1562

# PCET in Organic Chemistry

# Robert R. Knowles



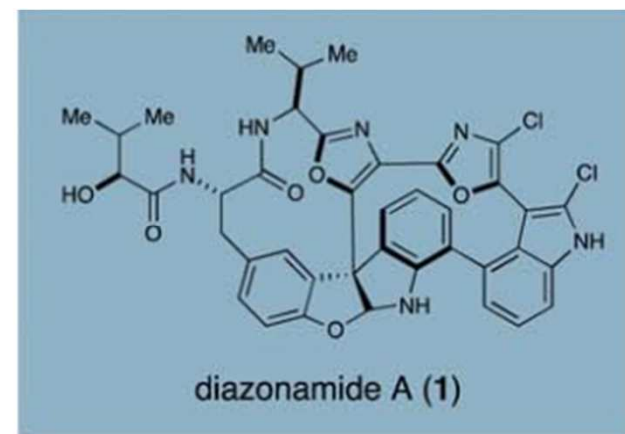
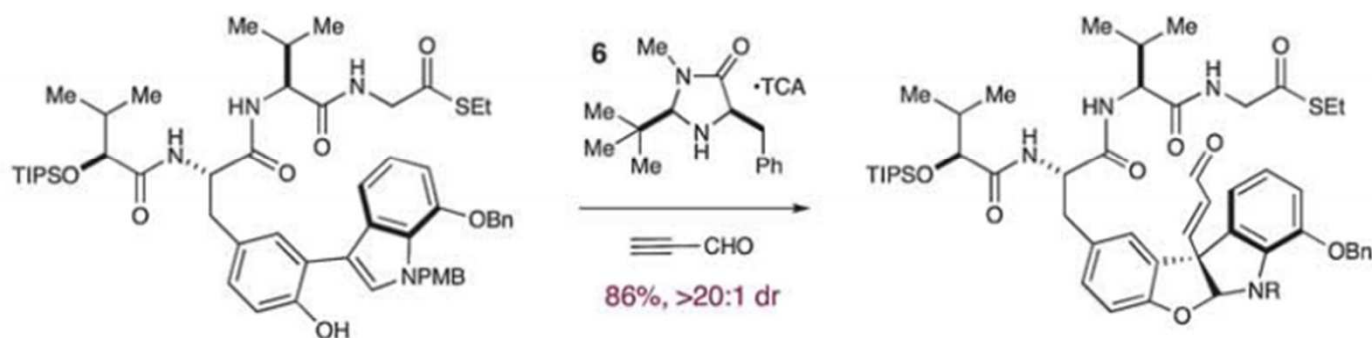
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## ■ Total Synthesis of Diazonamide A



Knowles, R. R.; MacMillan D. W. C. *et al. Chem. Sci.* **2011**, 2, 308

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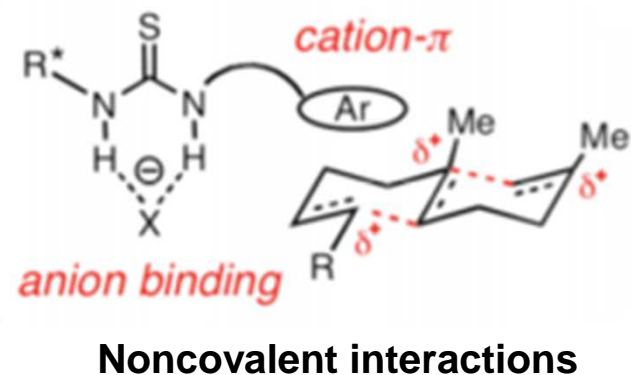
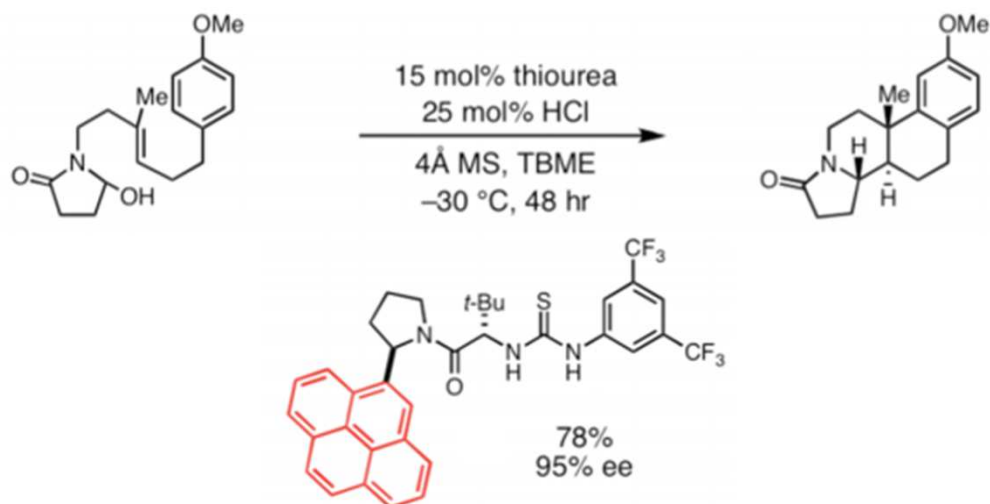
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## ■ Enantioselective Thiourea-Catalyzed Cationic Polycyclizations



Noncovalent interactions

Knowles, R. R.; Lin, S.; Jacobsen, E. N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, 132, 5030



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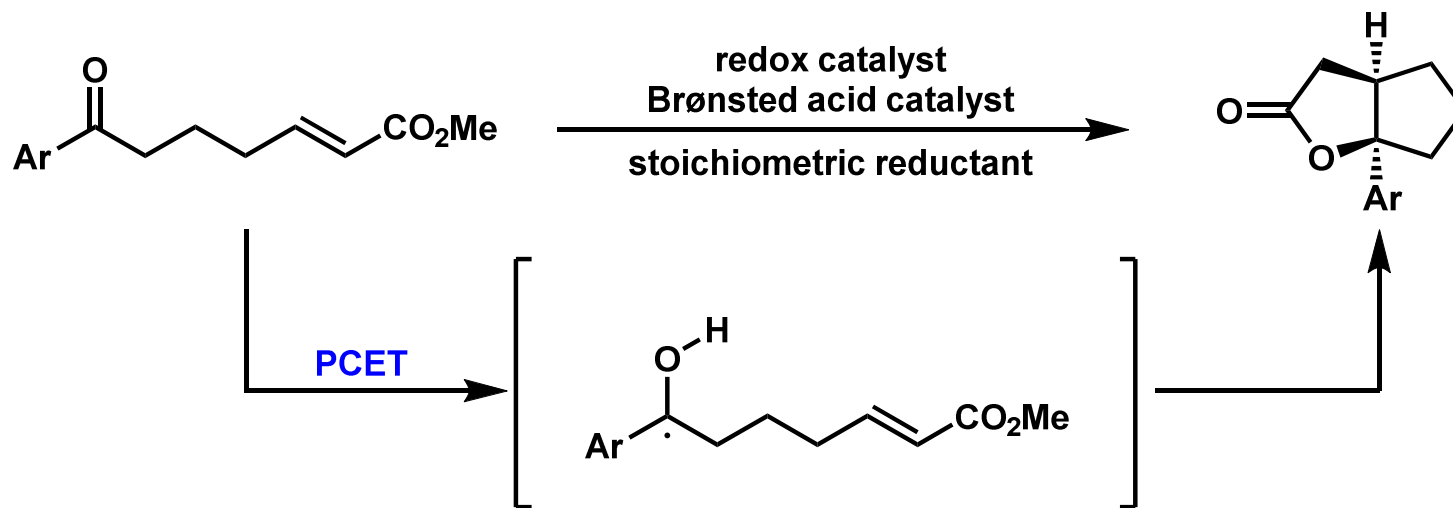
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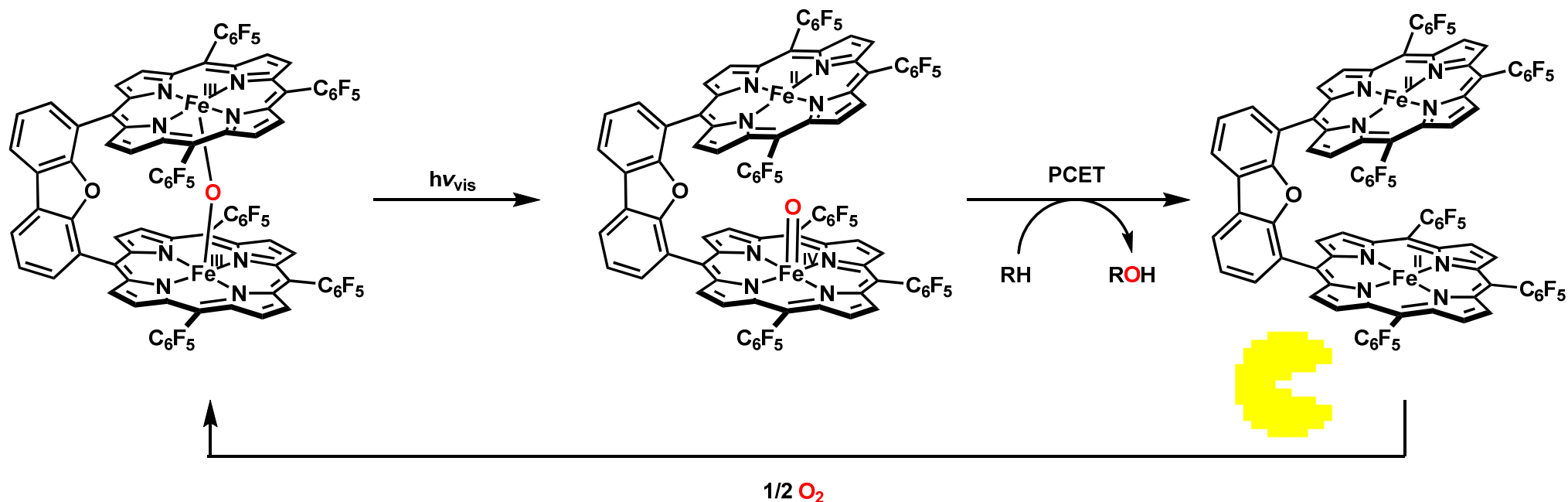
## ■ Synthetic Application of PCET (Today's Topic)



Tarantino, K. T.; Liu, P.; Knowles, R. R. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 10022

# Precedent

## Aerobic C-H oxidation with Pacman system



substrate	product	IE (eV)	$k_{\text{ox}}$ (M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )
fluorene	fluorenone	$1.52 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.36 \times 10^7$
diphenylmethane	benzophenone	$2.76 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.41 \times 10^6$
cumene	acetophenone cumyl alcohol	$1.99 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.74 \times 10^6$
toluene	benzaldehyde	$1.51 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.32 \times 10^6$
toluene- <i>d</i> <sub>8</sub>		$9.79 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.53 \times 10^5$

IE- $k_{\text{ox}}$  correlation and KIE suggest asynchronous PT-ET rather than HAT

# Advantages of concerted PCET

How can we utilize concerted PCET for the development of catalyst system?

## ■ Bond dissociation free energy

HAT reactivity can be described by BDFE

$$\text{BDFE} = 1.37 \text{ pKa} + 23.06 E^\circ + C_{\text{solv}}$$

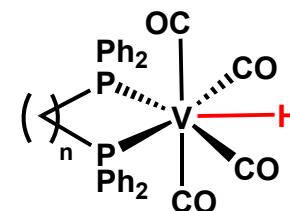
Bordwell, F. G. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 1229

Unfortunately, pKa and  $E^\circ$  are interdependent and inversely correlated

—————> BDFE range is limited

Norton, J. R. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 4250

(Even with one of the weakest HAT donor, BDFE > 50 kcal/mol)



V-H BDFE  
55~58 kcal/mol

## ■ “Effective” bond dissociation free energy

BDFE formalism can be applied to MS-EPT,

while no bond is homolytically cleaved

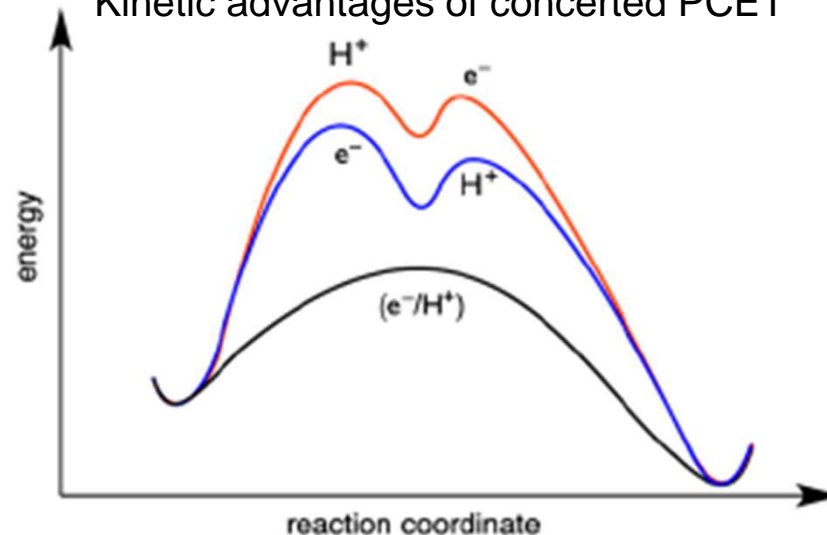
$$\text{'BDFE'} = 1.37 \text{ pKa}(\text{HX}) + 23.06 E^\circ(\text{Red}) + C_{\text{solv}}$$

pKa and  $E^\circ$  are independent with each other

—————> ‘BDFE’ < 50 kcal/mol can be achieved?

**With kinetic advantage and ‘BDFE’, PCET can generate the radicals inaccessible by HAT?**

Kinetic advantages of concerted PCET



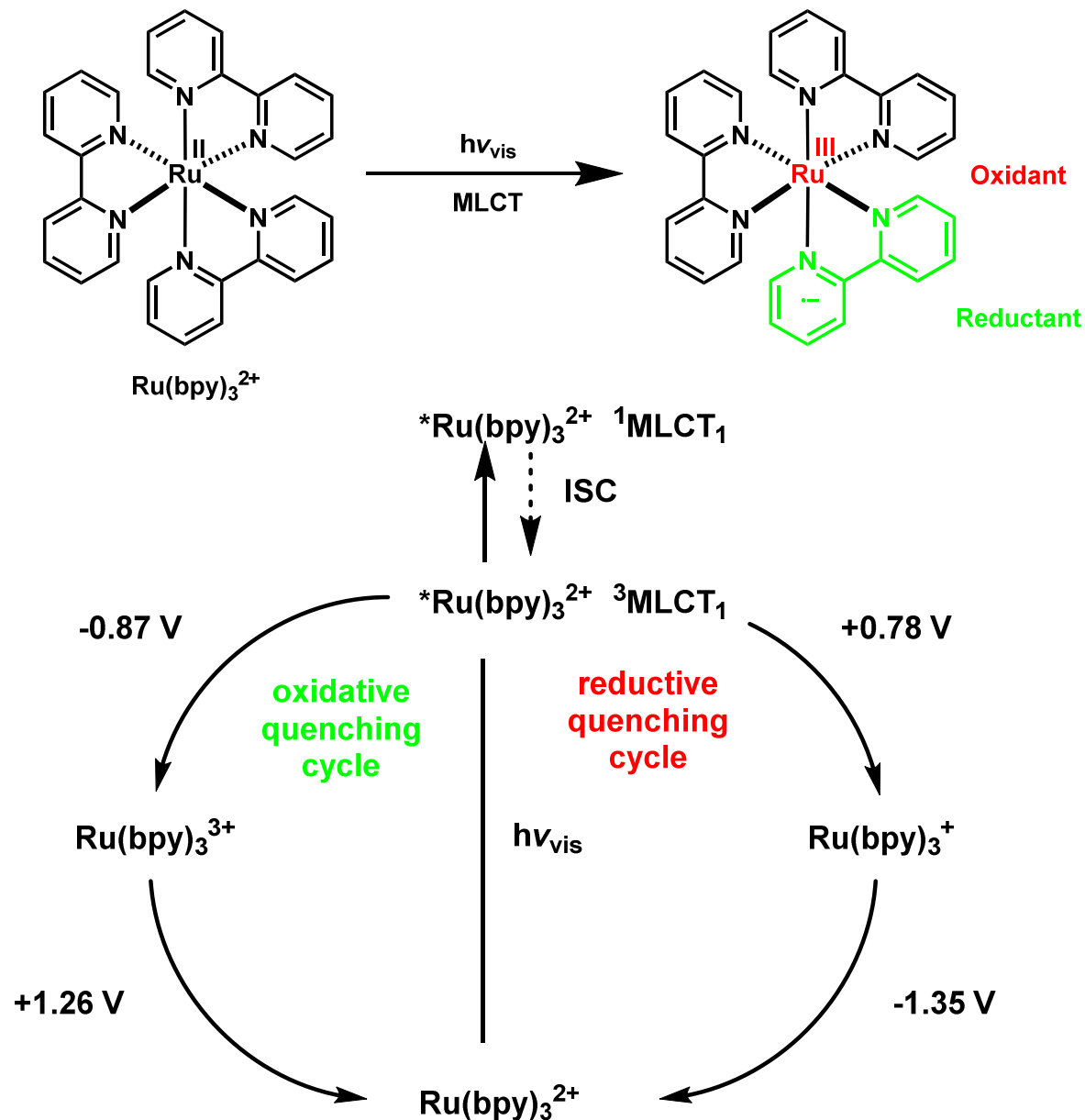
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**Photoredox Catalysis**

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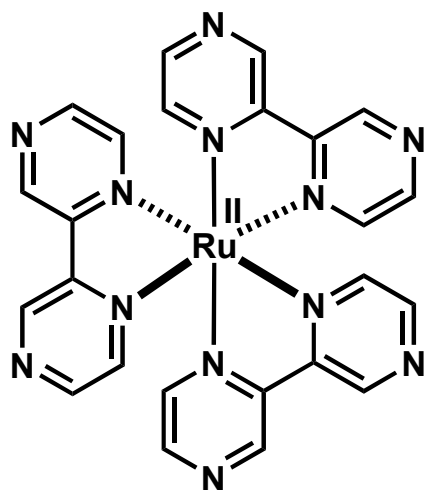
**PCET**

# Photoredox Catalyst



# Photoredox Catalyst

Redox potential can be tuned by changing metal and ligands



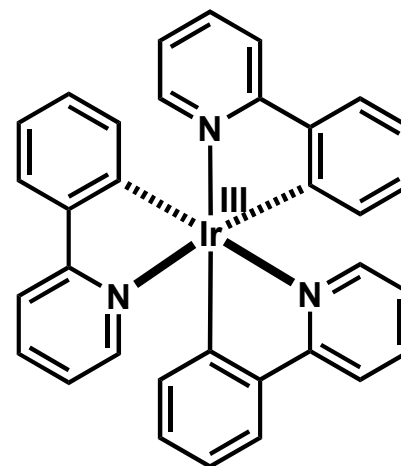
$\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3^{2+}$

Redox potential (vs SCE)

$$E_{1/2}(\text{Ru}^{\text{III/II}}) = +1.86 \text{ V}$$

**strong oxidant**

$$E_{1/2}(\text{Ru}^{\text{II/I}}) = -0.80 \text{ V}$$



$\text{fac-Ir}(\text{ppy})_3$

Redox potential (vs SCE)

$$E_{1/2}(\text{Ir}^{\text{IV/III}}) = +0.77 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{1/2}(\text{Ir}^{\text{III/II}}) = -2.19 \text{ V}$$

**strong reductant**

Tunable redox potential = Tunable 'BDFE'

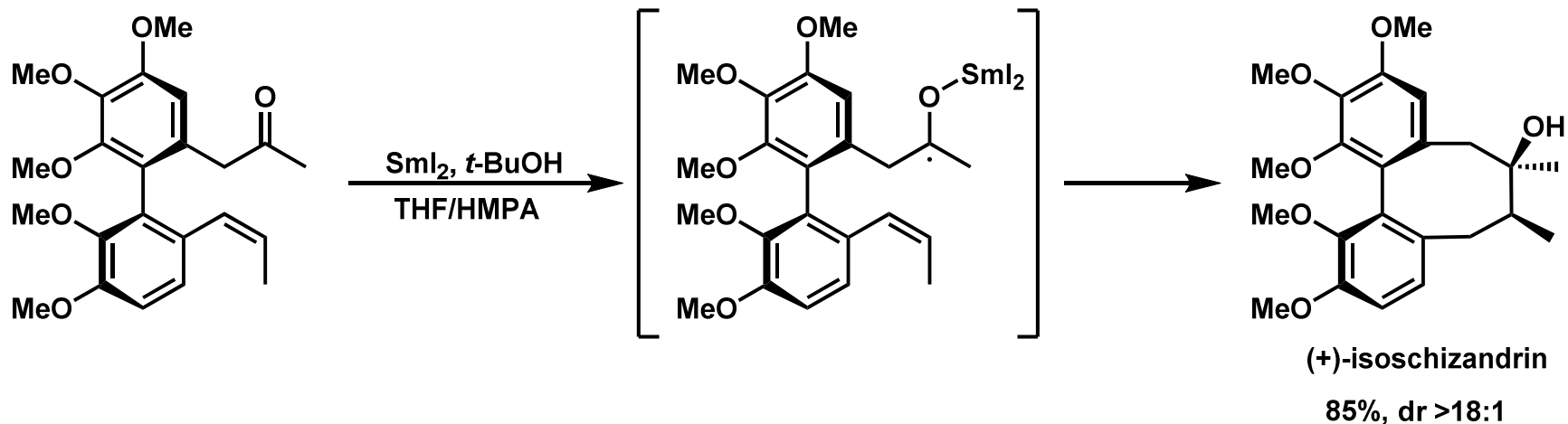
$$\text{'BDFE'} = 1.37 \text{ pKa}(\text{HX}) + 23.06 E^\circ(\text{Ox}) + C_{\text{solv}}$$

**Photoredox catalysts are ideal partner for PCET!**



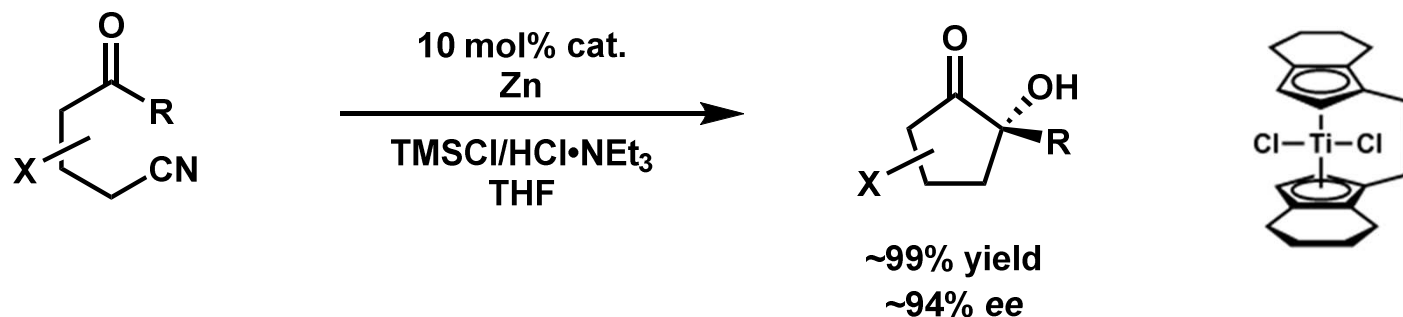
# Ketyls

## ■ $\text{SmI}_2$ mediated keyl-olefine cyclization



Molander, G. A. *et al. J. Org. Chem.*, 2003, 68, 9533

## ■ Titanocene catalyzed enantioselective cyclization

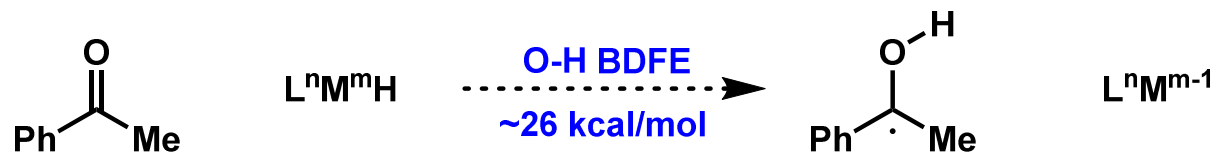
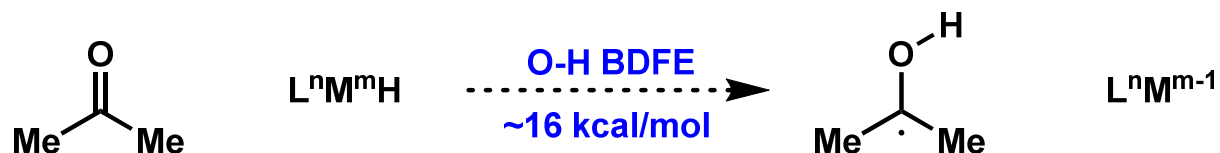


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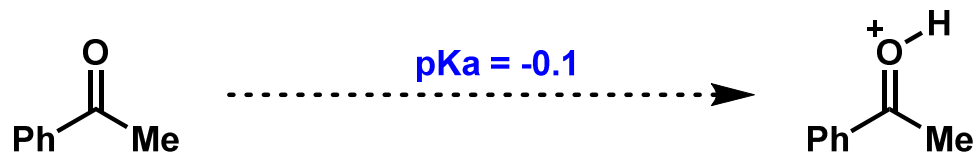
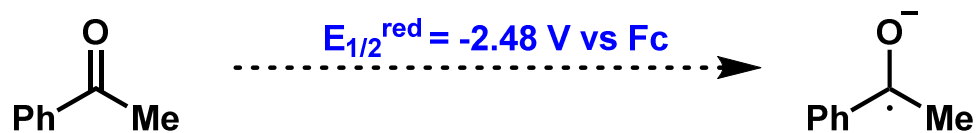
***Ketyls are versatile radical intermediates***

# Challenges in Ketyl Generation

## ■ Thermodynamic challenges in reductive HAT

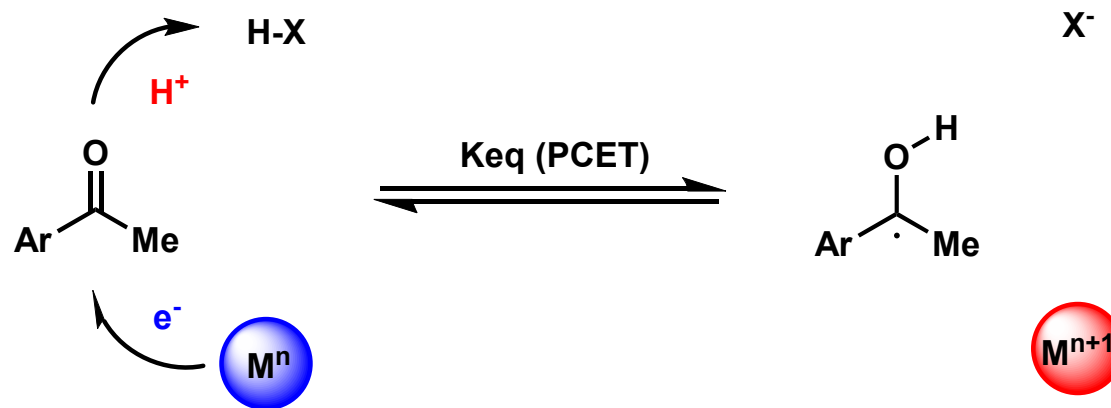
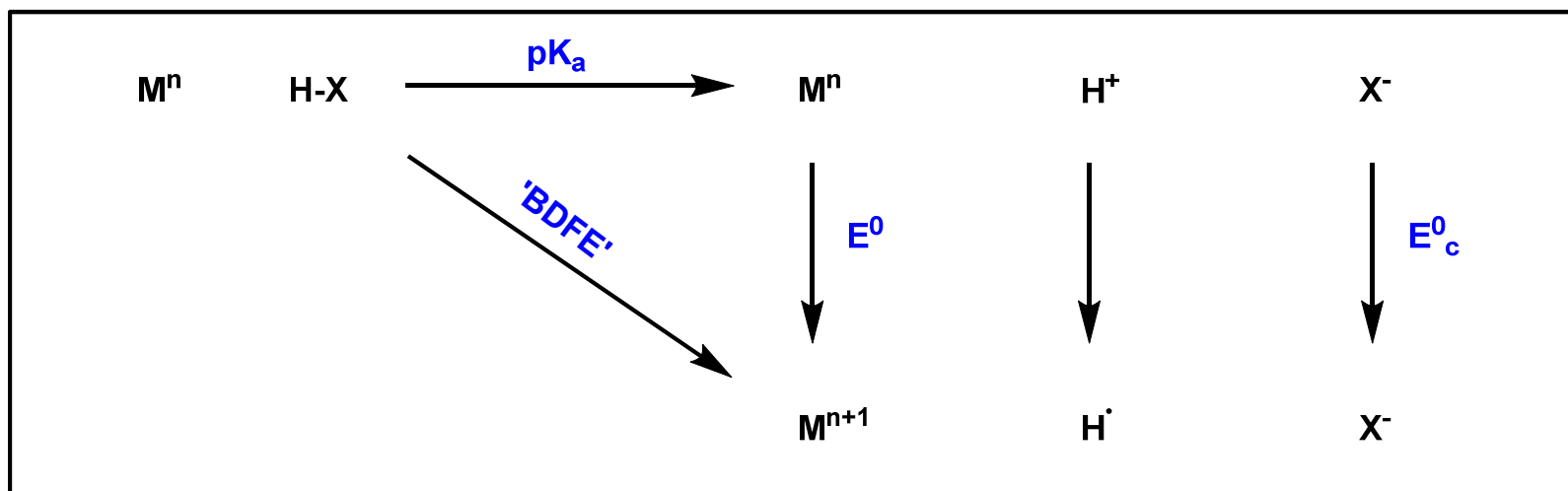


## ■ Thermodynamic challenges in sequential PCET



*Both HAT and sequential PCET are highly demanding*

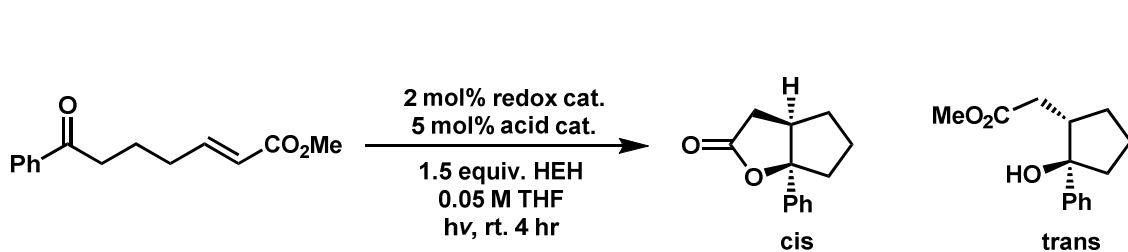
# Reaction Design



$$\text{'BDFE' (kcal/mol)} = 2.3RTpK_a(HX) + 23.06E^0(M^n) + C_{solv}$$

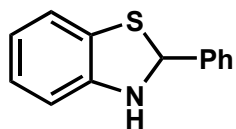
O-H BDFE ~26 kcal/mol

# Optimization

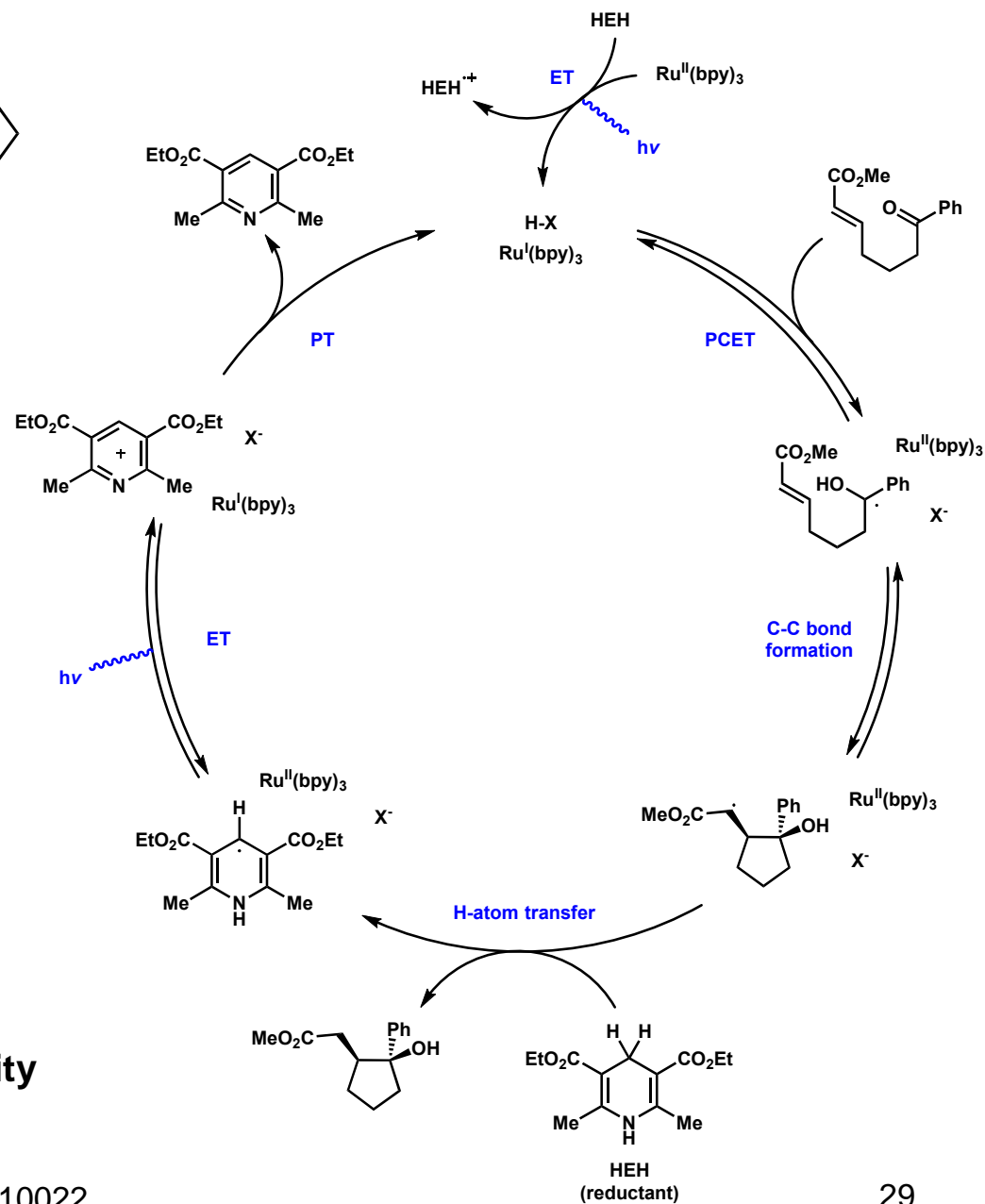


entry	acid catalyst	redox catalyst	'BDFE' (MeCN)	% yield	cis:trans
1	none	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (BAr <sup>F</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	—	0	—
2	BzOH	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (BAr <sup>F</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	45	0	—
3	NEt <sub>3</sub> ·HBF <sub>4</sub>	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (BAr <sup>F</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	41	0	—
4	lutidine·HBF <sub>4</sub>	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (BAr <sup>F</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	35	0	—
5	(PhO) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> H	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (BAr <sup>F</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	33	78	4.6:1
6	<i>p</i> TSA	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (BAr <sup>F</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	27	74	4.3:1
7	(PhO) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> H	Ir(ppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	29	93	4.8:1
8	(PhO) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> H	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) <sub>3</sub>	24	92	4.8:1
9	lutidine·HBF <sub>4</sub>	Ir(ppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	33	74	4.9:1
10 <sup>a</sup>	(PhO) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> H	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (BAr <sup>F</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	31	89	10:1

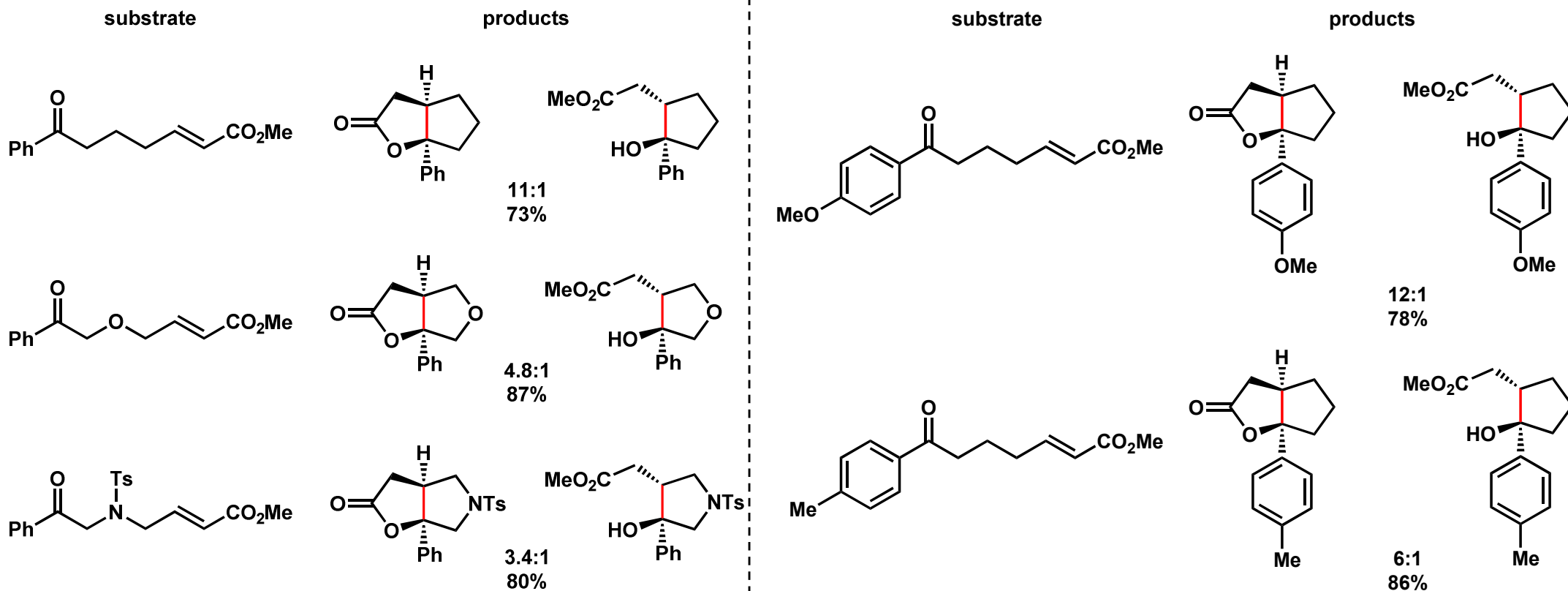
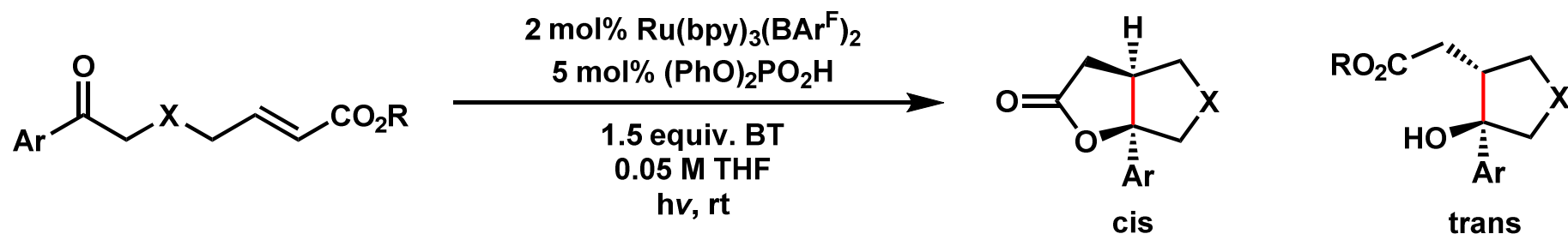
<sup>a</sup>BT was used in place of HEH



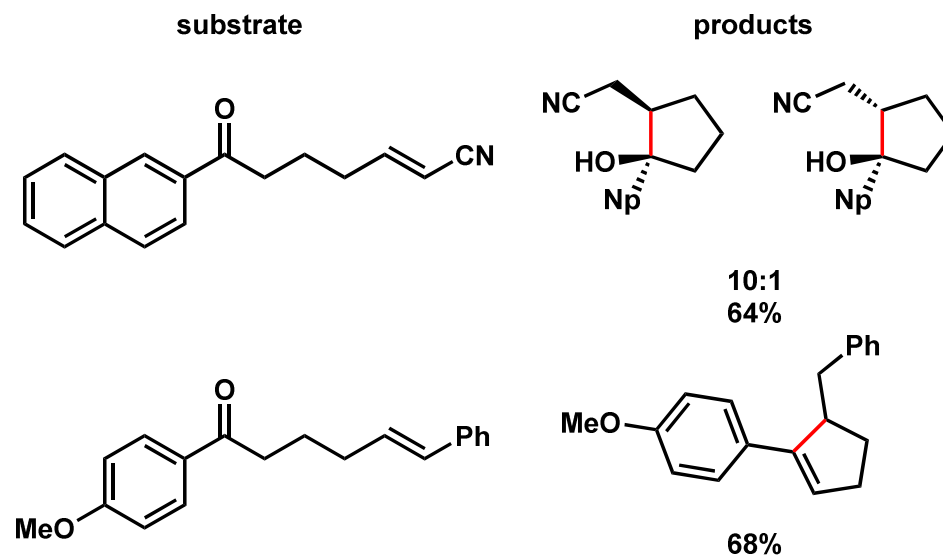
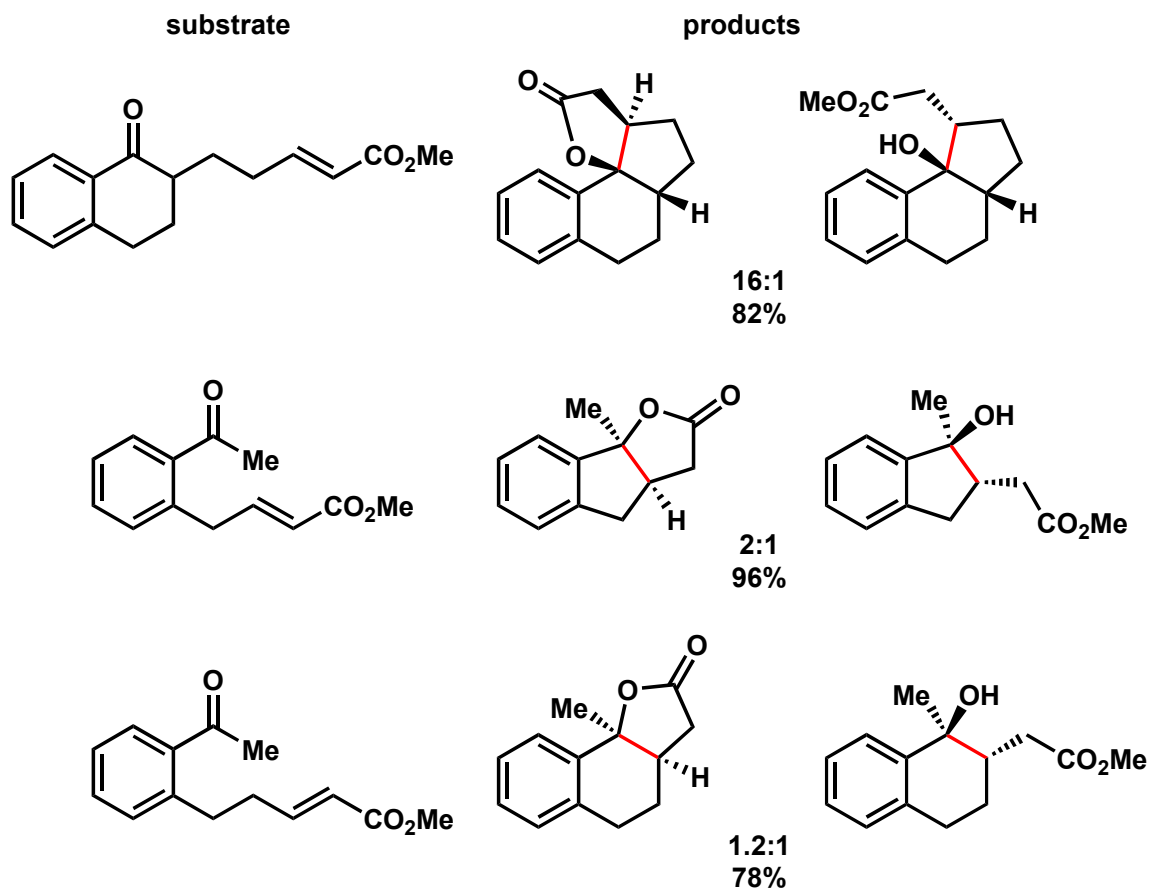
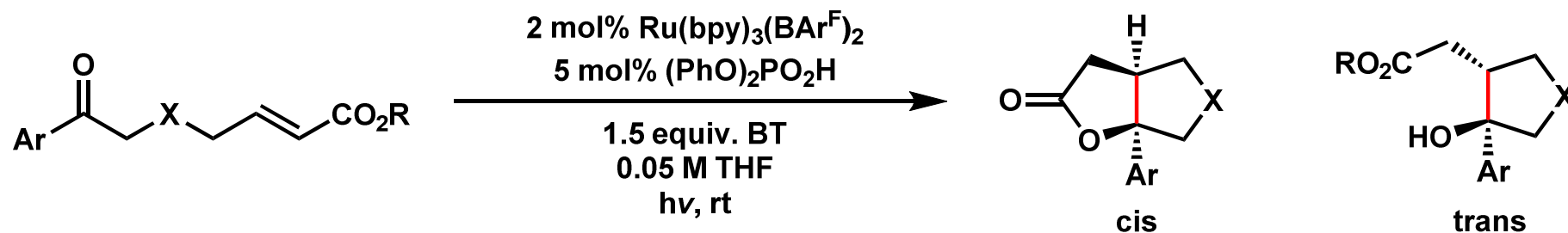
Sml<sub>2</sub> shows reversed selectivity



# Substrate Scope



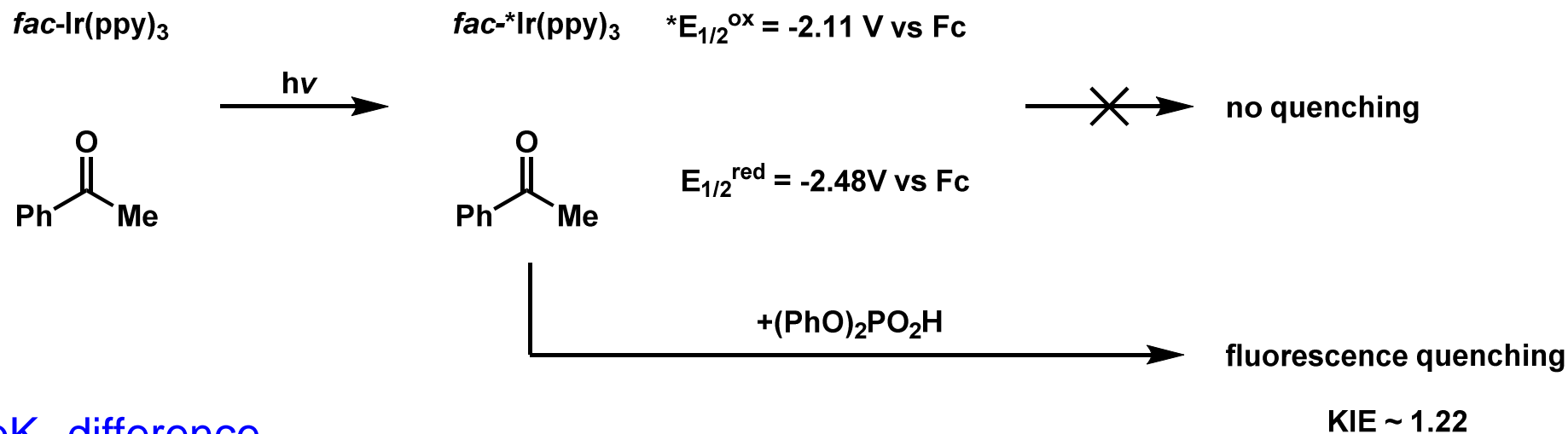
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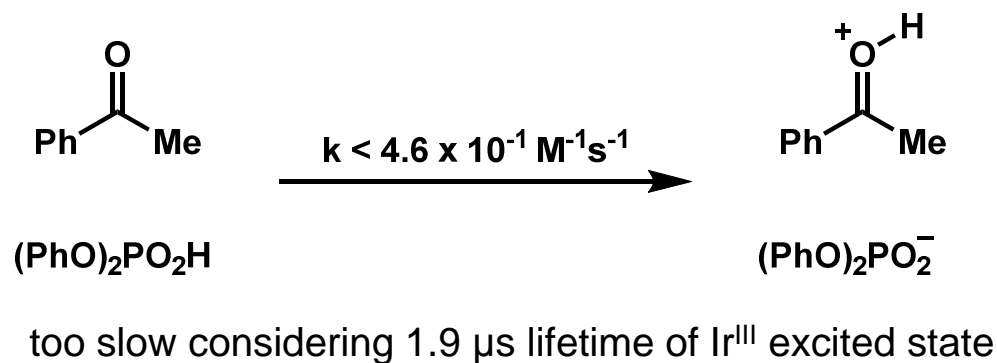
# Mechanism

## Fluorescence quenching technique



## pK<sub>a</sub> difference

	pK <sub>a</sub> in MeCN
<chem>CC(=O)c1ccccc1</chem>	-0.1
<chem>(PhO)2PO2H</chem>	13



✗ET-PT

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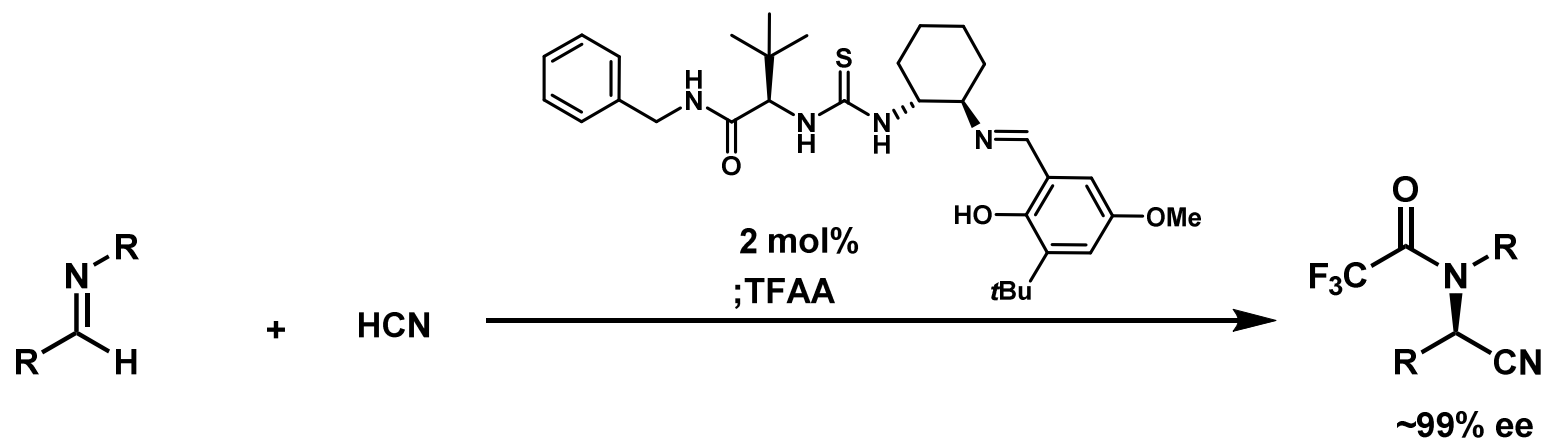
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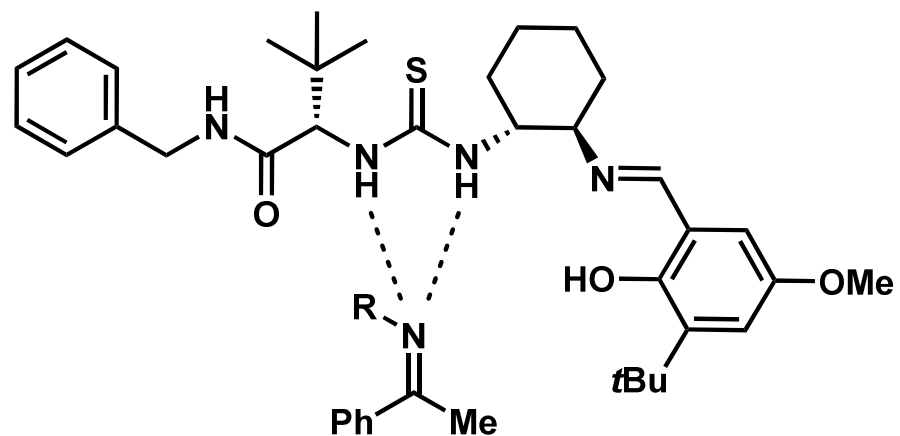
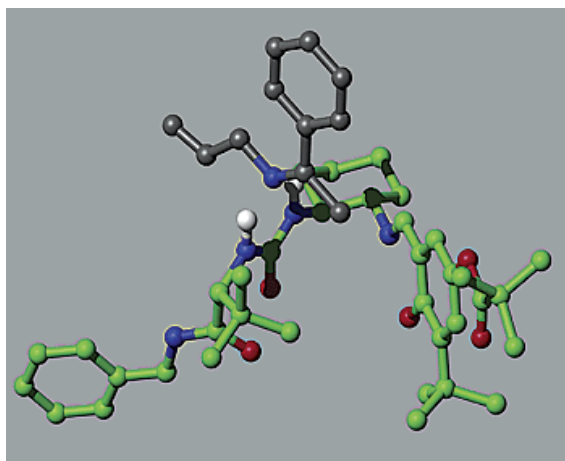
## ■ Ground-breaking thiourea catalyzed asymmetric Strecker reaction



Sigman, M. S. and Jacobsen, E. N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 4901

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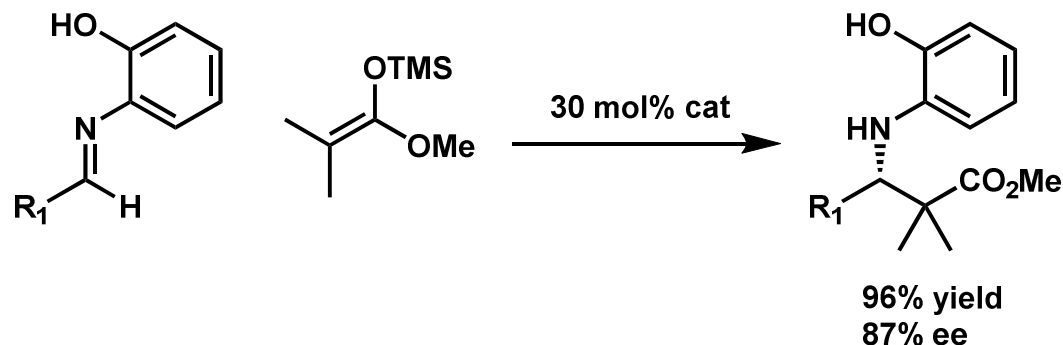
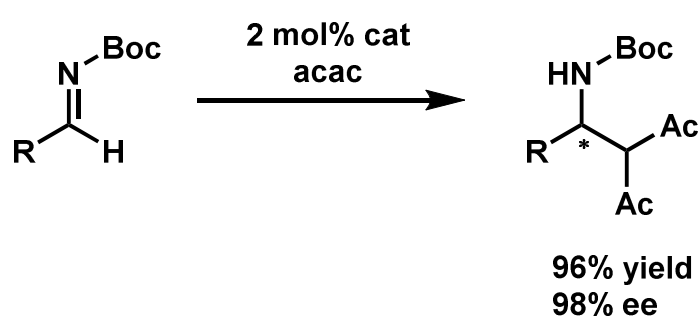
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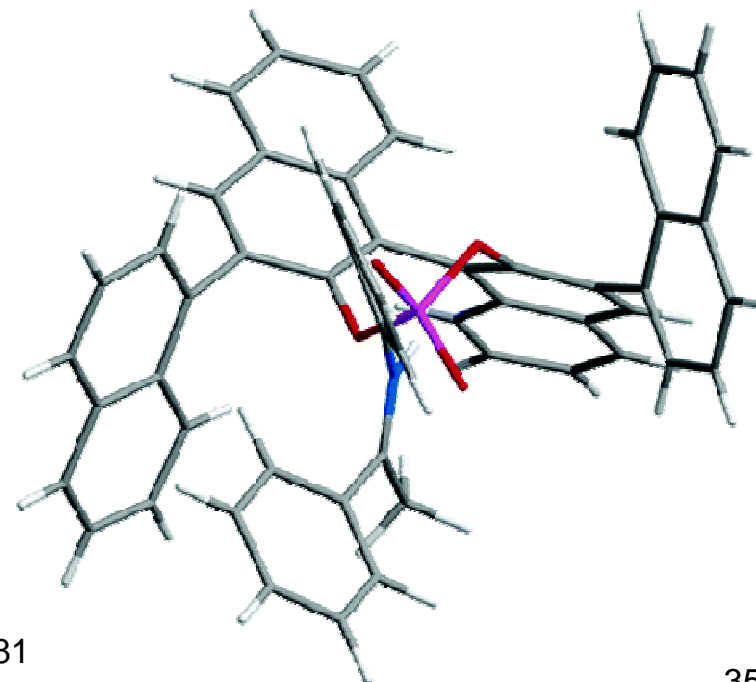
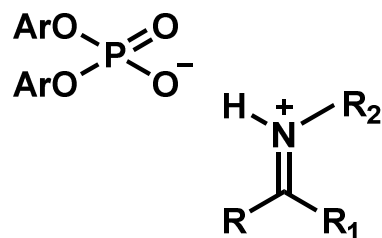
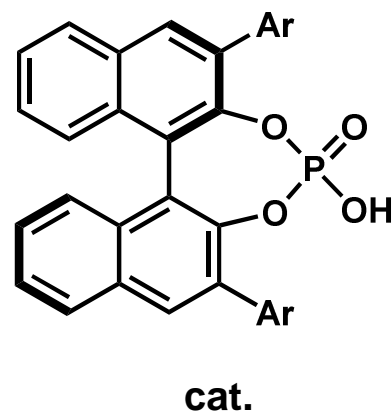
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## ■ Another Class of Chiral Brønsted Acid – Phosphoric Acid Catalyst



Uraguchi, D. and Terada, M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, 126, 5356

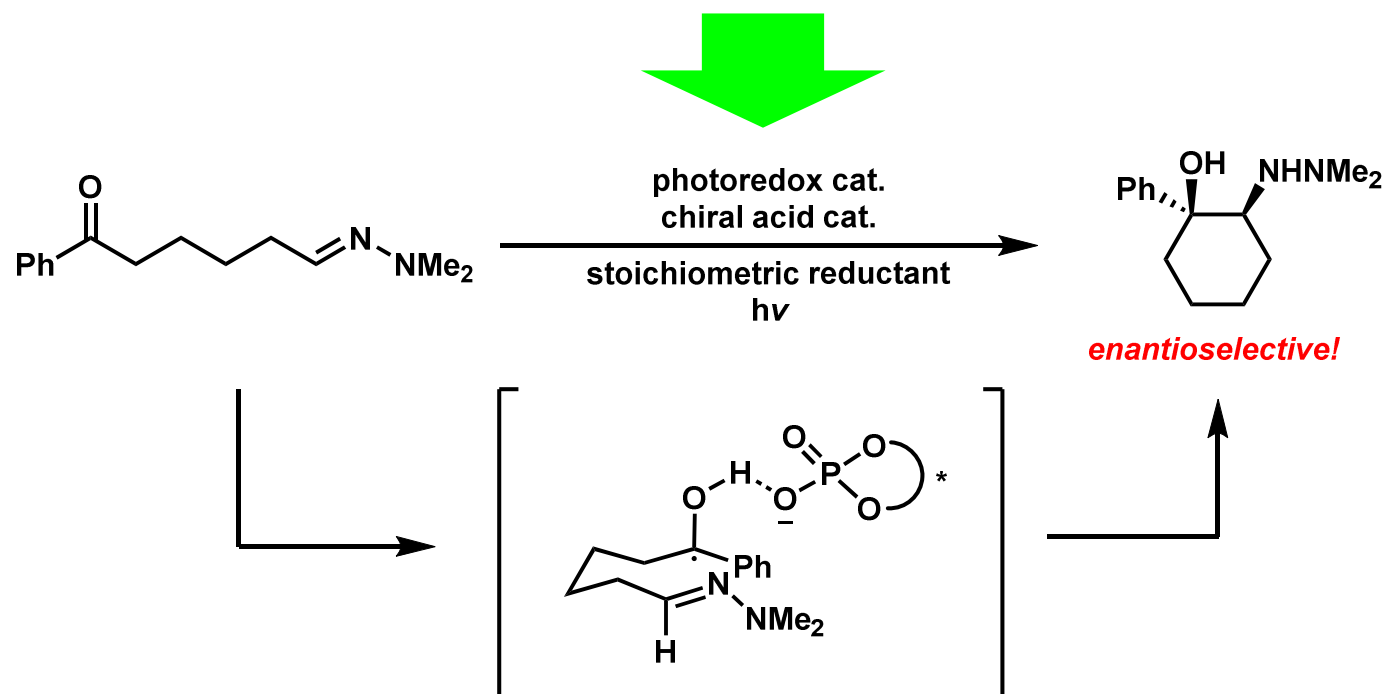
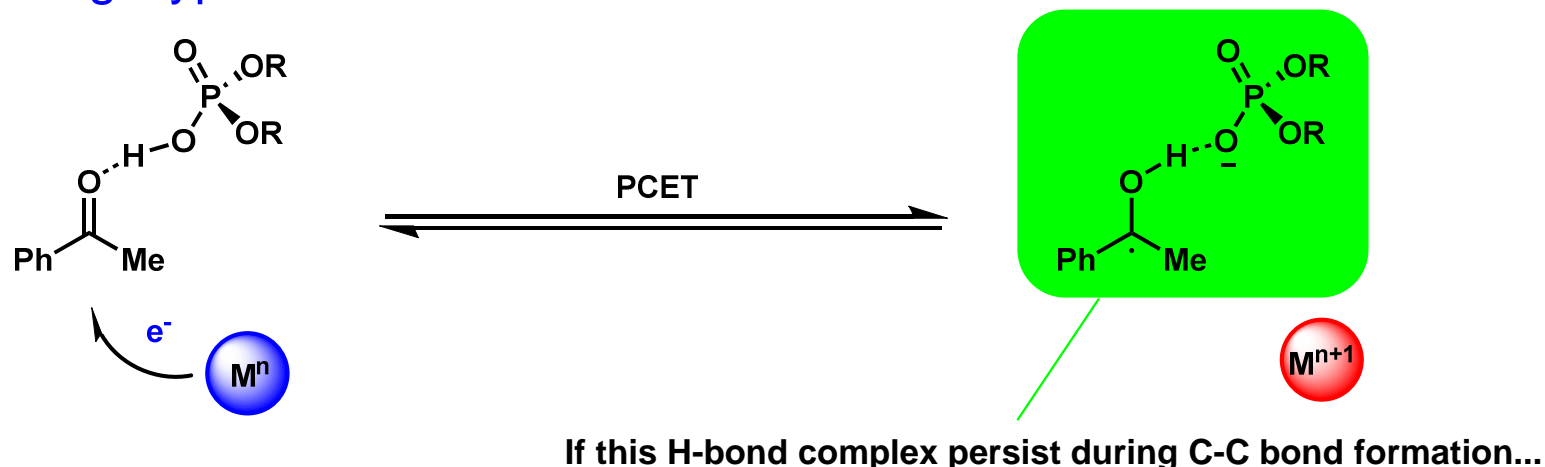
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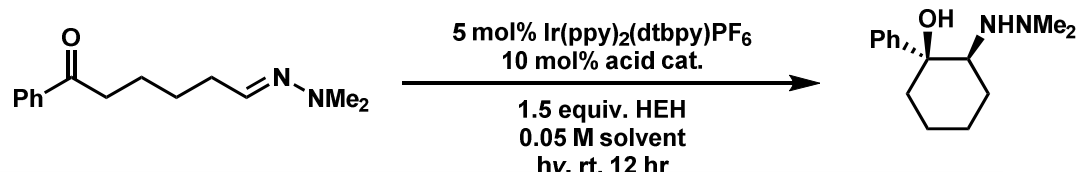
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# Enantioselective Aza-Pinacol Cyclization

## Working Hypothesis

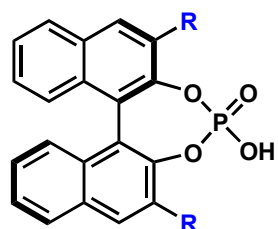


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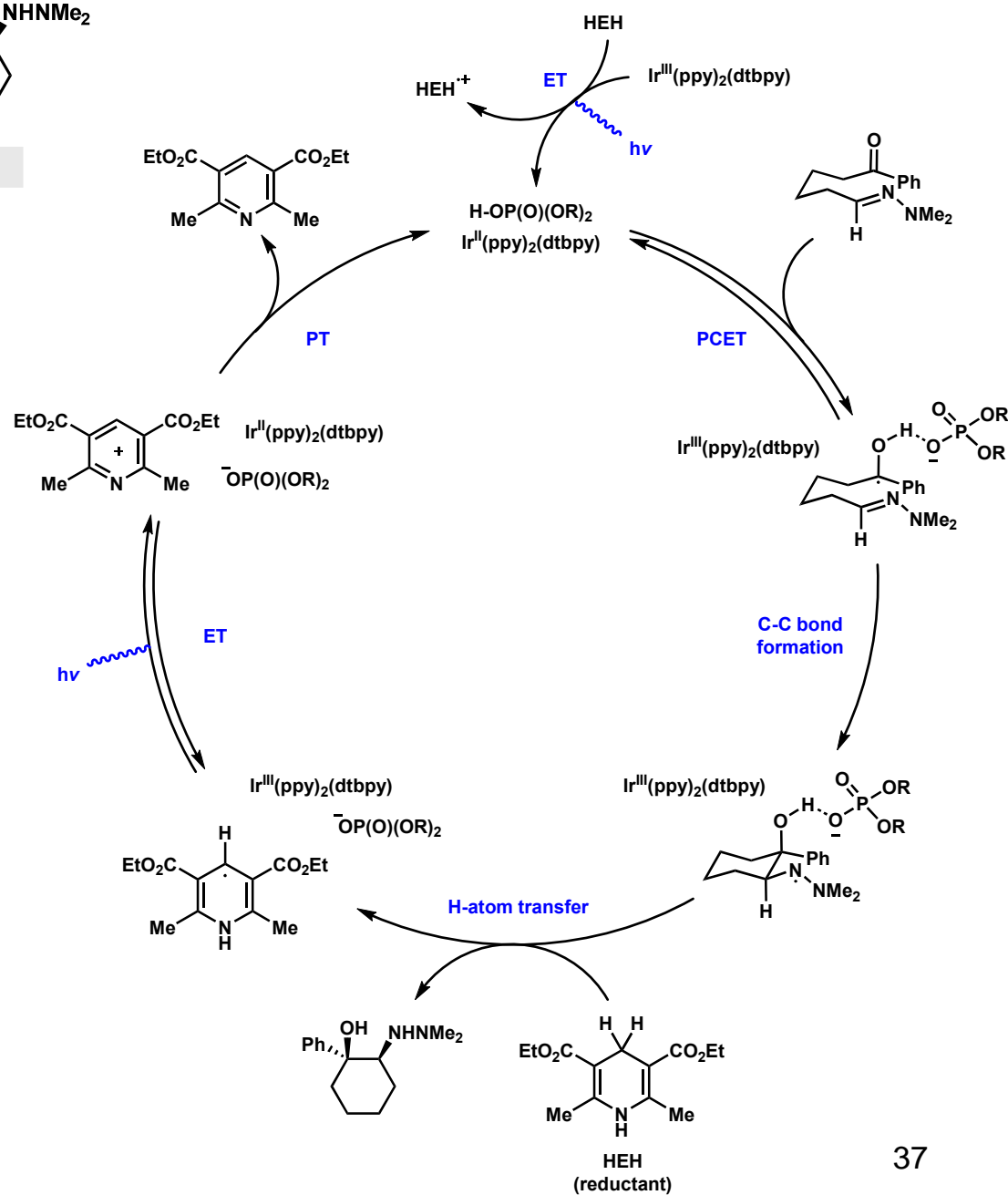
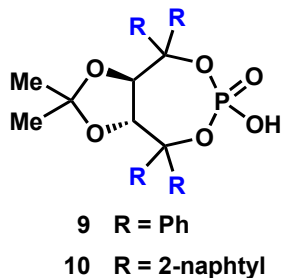


entry	acid catalyst	solvent	% yield	% ee
1	(PhO) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> H	THF	91	—
2	1	THF	89	0
3	2	THF	84	30
4	3	THF	96	58
5	4	THF	80	68
6	5	THF	84	82
7	6	THF	92	89
8	7	THF	90	0
9	8	THF	85	0
10	6	DME	90	88
11	6	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	30	86
12	6	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	99	88
13	6	MeCN	77	81
14	6	dioxane	94	92
15 <sup>b</sup>	6	dioxane	90	92

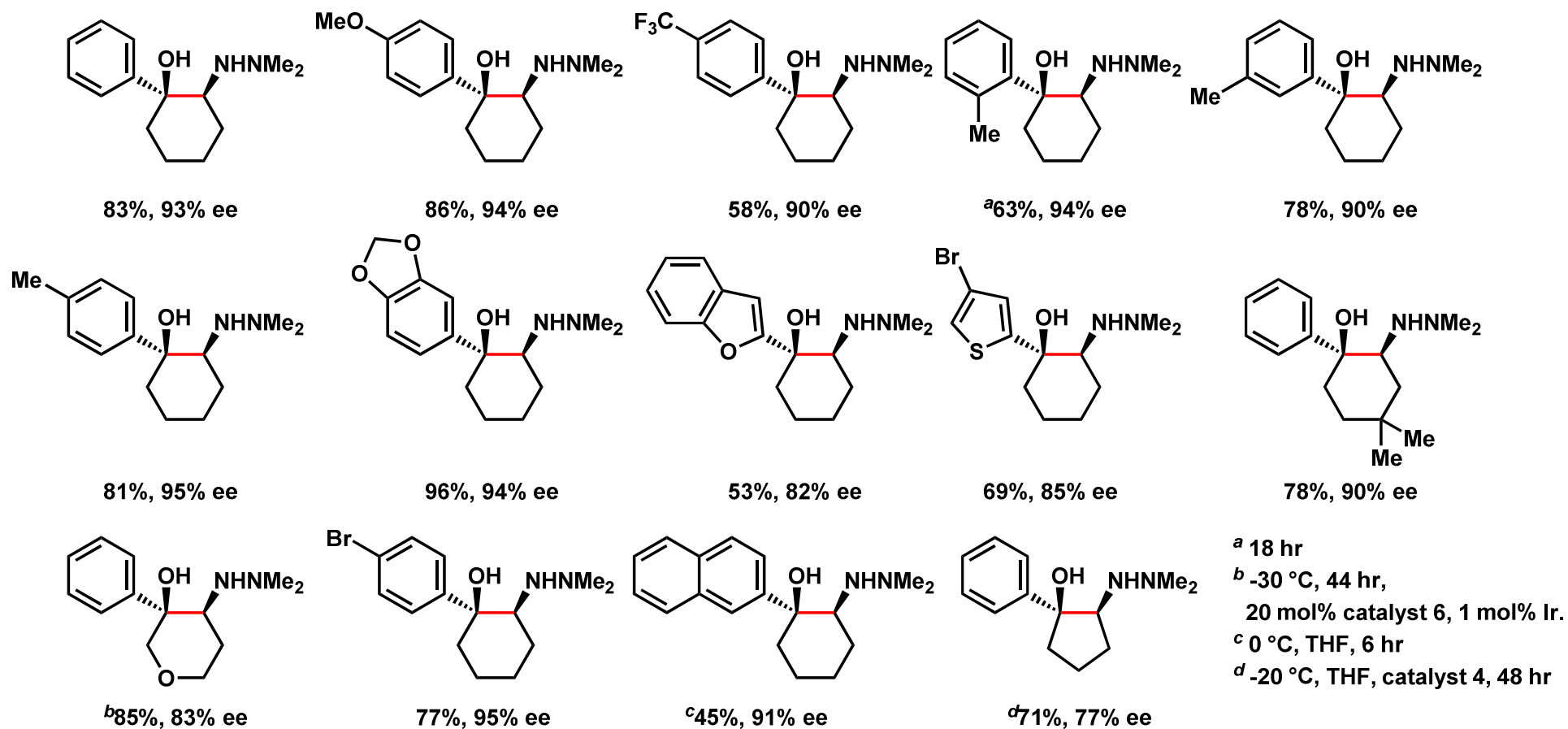
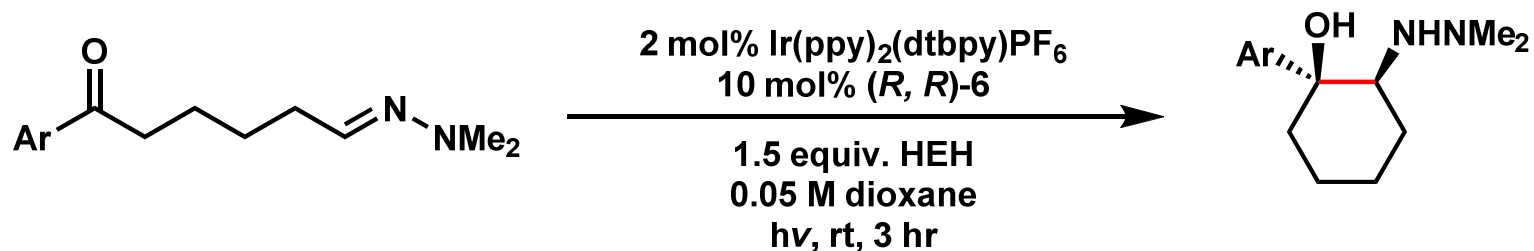
<sup>b</sup>3 hr, 2 mol% photocatalyst



- R = H
- R = 2-naphtyl
- R = Mesityl
- R = 2,4,6-*i*Pr<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>
- R = *i*Pr<sub>3</sub>Si
- R = Ph<sub>3</sub>Si

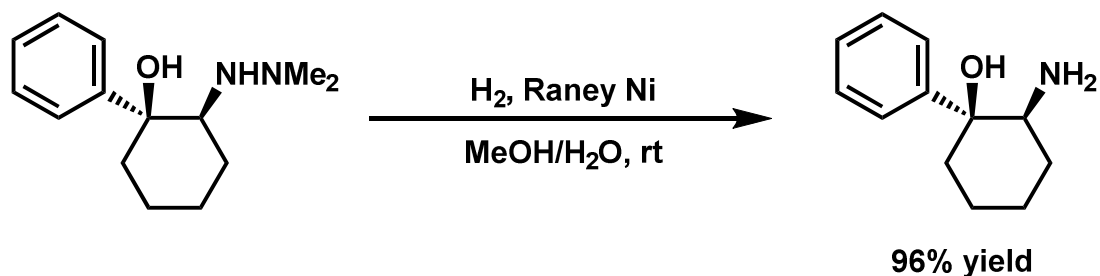


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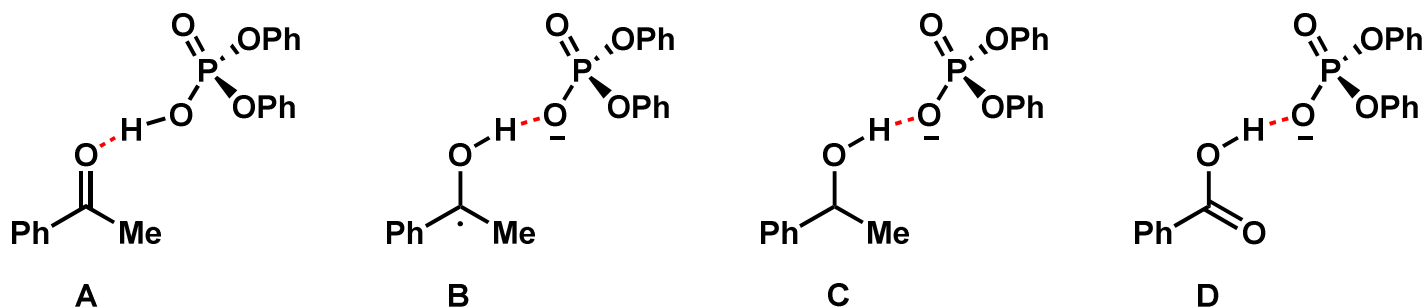


# Further Study

## ■ Cleavage of N-N Bond



## ■ DFT Evaluation of Ketyl-phosphate H-bonding



complex	$\Delta E_{\text{H-bond}}^*$	$d_{\text{OH} \cdots \text{O}}$ (Å)	O-H $pK_a$ (MeCN)	Mulliken charge (H)
A	-9.2	1.642	13	0.39
B	<b>-14.4</b>	1.629	20	0.59
C	-10.4	1.737	~38	0.51
D	-12.6	1.551	21.5	0.60

\*Calculated at UB3LYP/6-311+g(d, p)

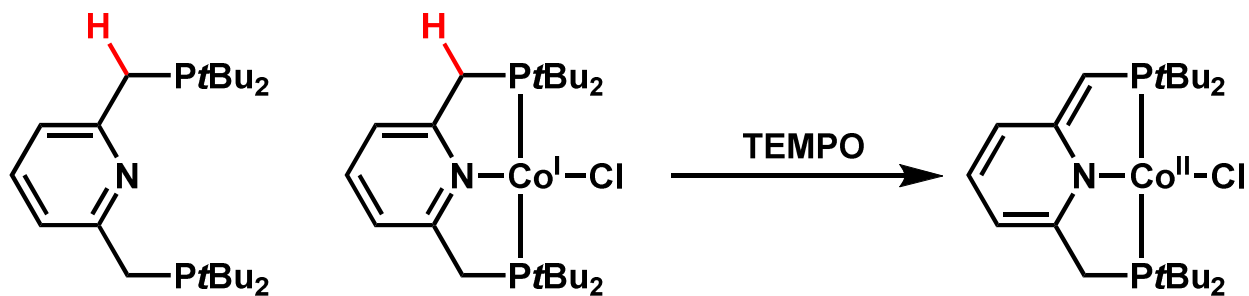


# Bond-Weakening Chemistry

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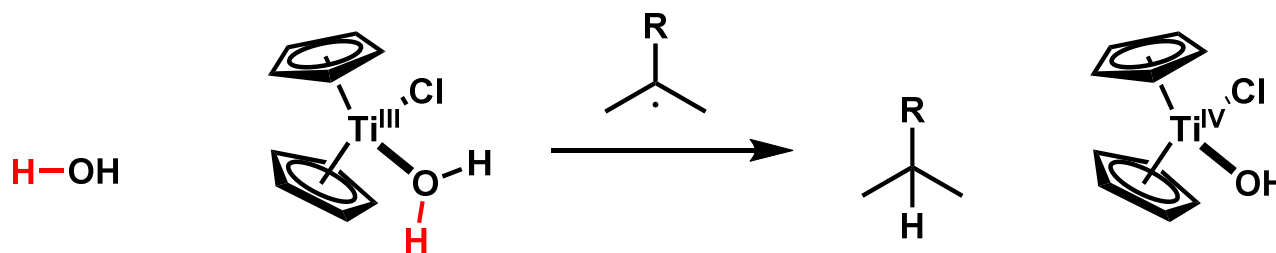
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# Bond Weakening Chemistry



C-H BDFE      79.8 kcal/mol      **49.9 kcal/mol**

Chirick, P. J. *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, 136, 9211

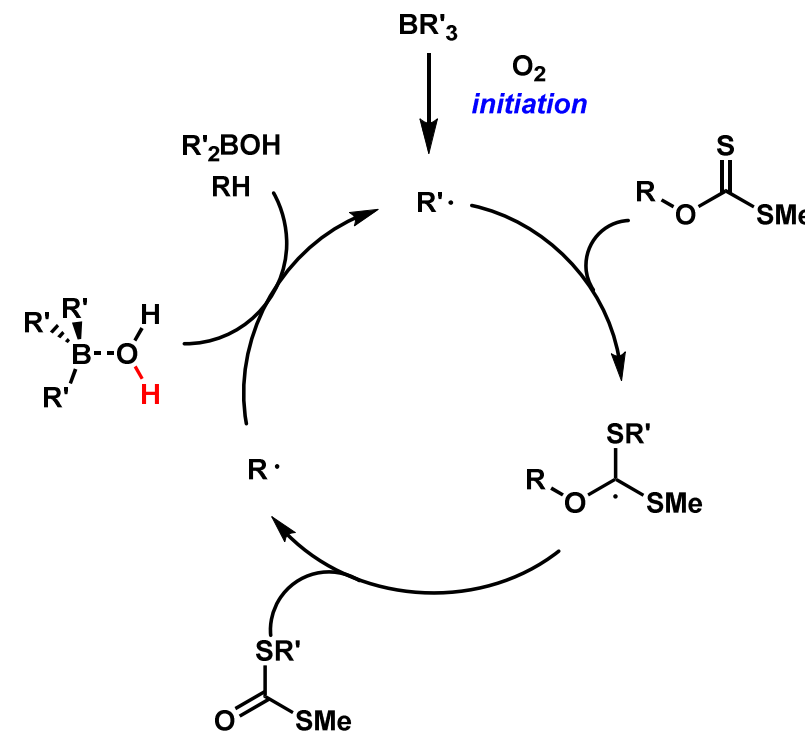
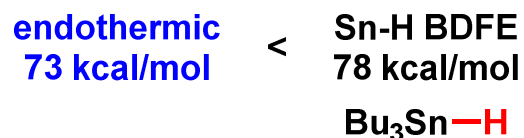
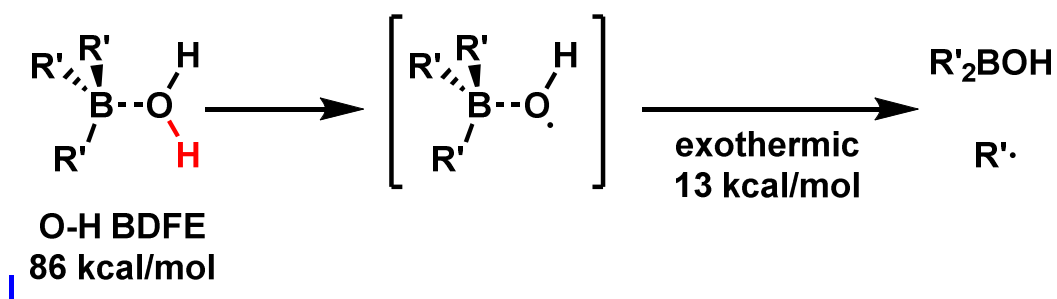
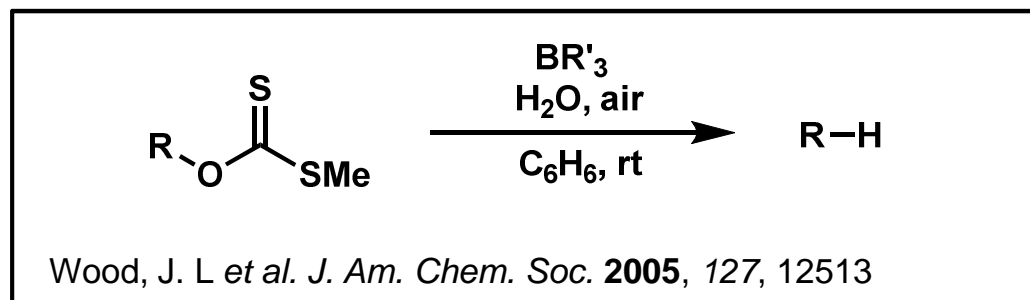


O-H BDFE      108.1 kcal/mol      **49.4 kcal/mol**

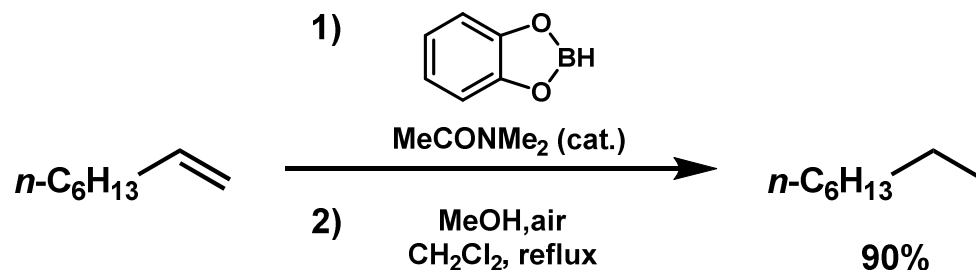
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# Bond-Weakening Catalysis

## Tin-free Barton-McCombie Deoxygenation



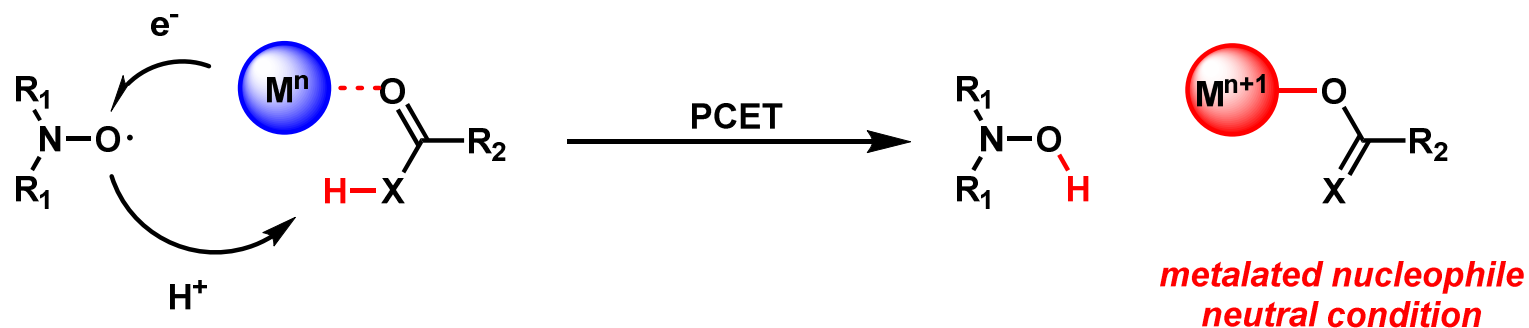
## Reduction of *B*-Alkylcatecholboranes to Alkanes



Renaud, P. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 14204

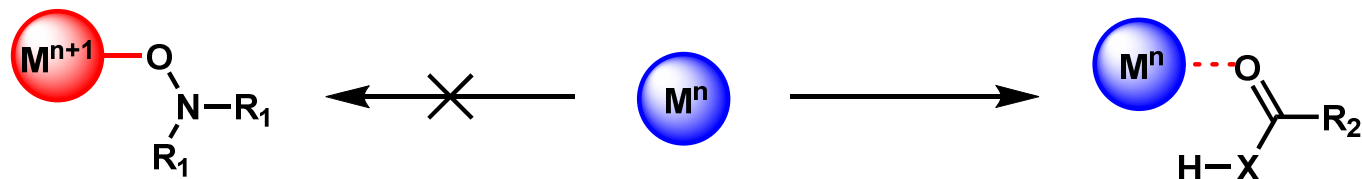
# Reaction Design

## ■ Working Hypothesis



Homolytic activation of strong X-H bond with a weak H-atom acceptor

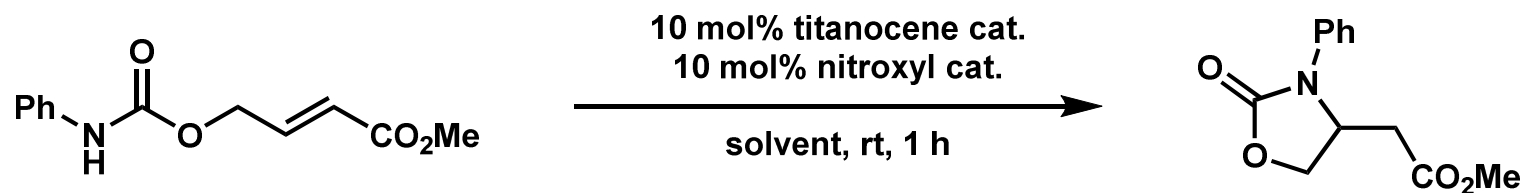
## ■ Requirement



complex formation with a large N-oxyl ligand

coordination to a less hindered substrate

# Optimization Study



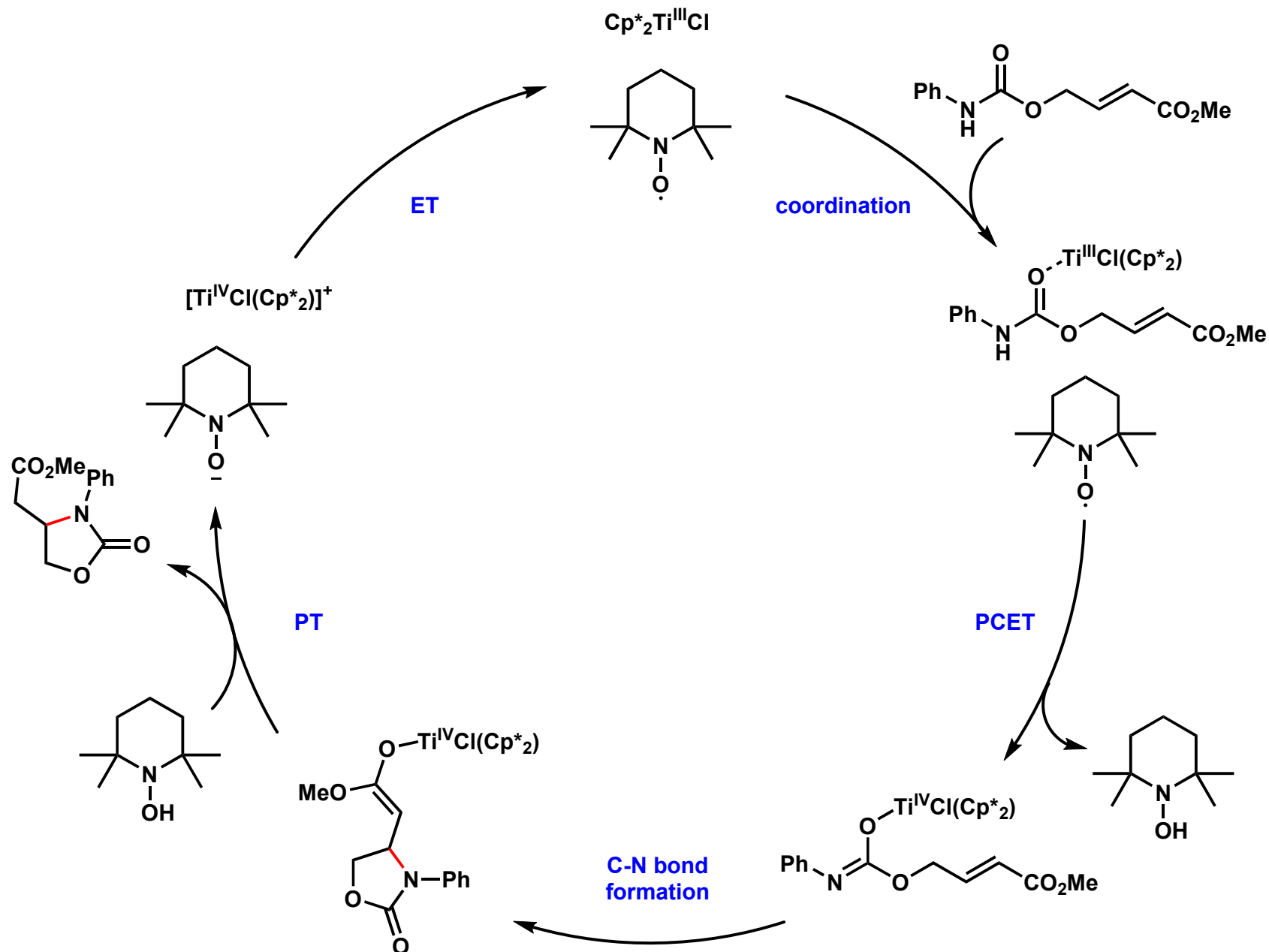
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2	( <i>t</i> -BuCp) <sub>2</sub> TiCl	TEMPO	MeCN	0
3	Cp <sub>2</sub> Ti <sup>IV</sup> Cl(TEMPO)	TEMPO	MeCN	0
4	Cp(Cp*)TiCl	TEMPO	MeCN	95
5	Cp* <sub>2</sub> TiCl	TEMPO	MeCN	98
6	Cp* <sub>2</sub> TiCl	TEMPO	DMF	96
7	Cp* <sub>2</sub> TiCl	TEMPO	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	15
8	Cp* <sub>2</sub> TiCl	TEMPO	THF	25
9	Cp* <sub>2</sub> TiCl	TEMPO	DCM	20
10	Cp* <sub>2</sub> TiCl	AZADO	MeCN	96
11	—	TEMPO	MeCN	0
12	Cp* <sub>2</sub> TiCl	—	MeCN	0
13	Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti <sup>IV</sup> Cl <sub>2</sub>	TEMPO	MeCN	0
<b>14<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Cp*<sub>2</sub>TiCl</b>	<b>TEMPO</b>	<b>MeCN</b>	<b>95</b>

× less bulky

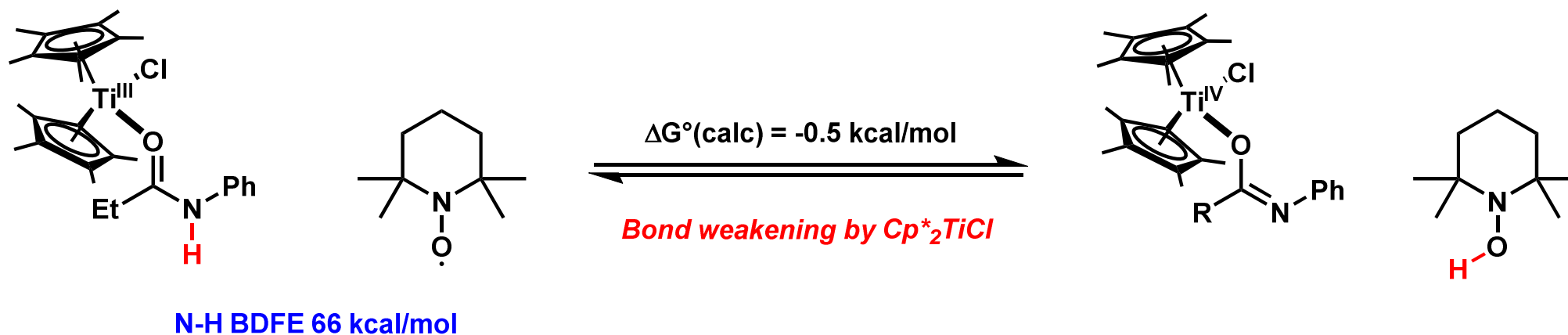
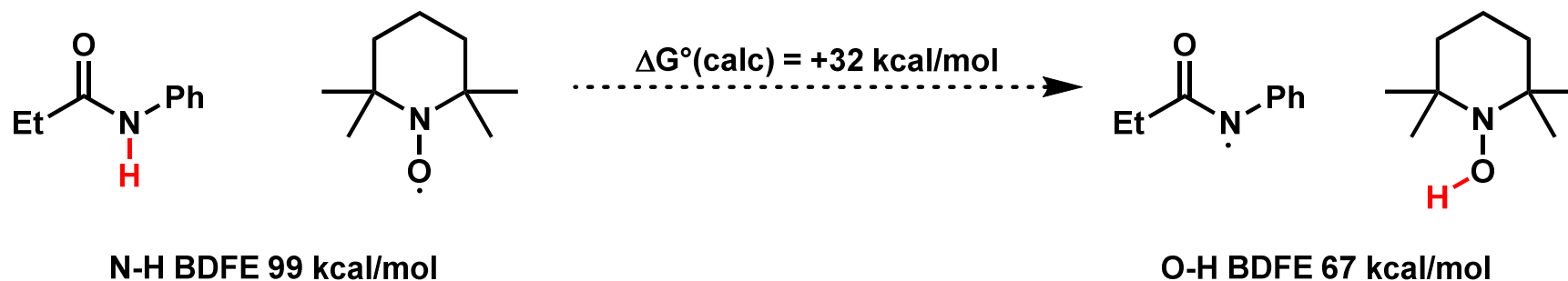
○ sufficiently bulky

<sup>a</sup>1 mol% Cp\*<sub>2</sub>TiCl, 1 mol% TEMPO

# Proposed Catalytic Cycle

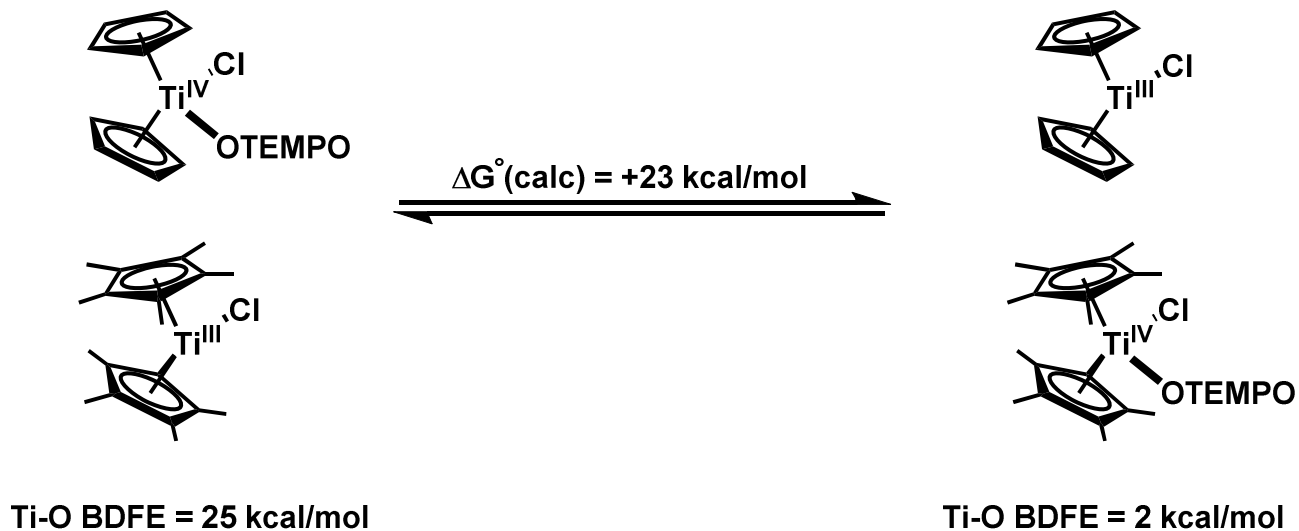


# DFT Calculations

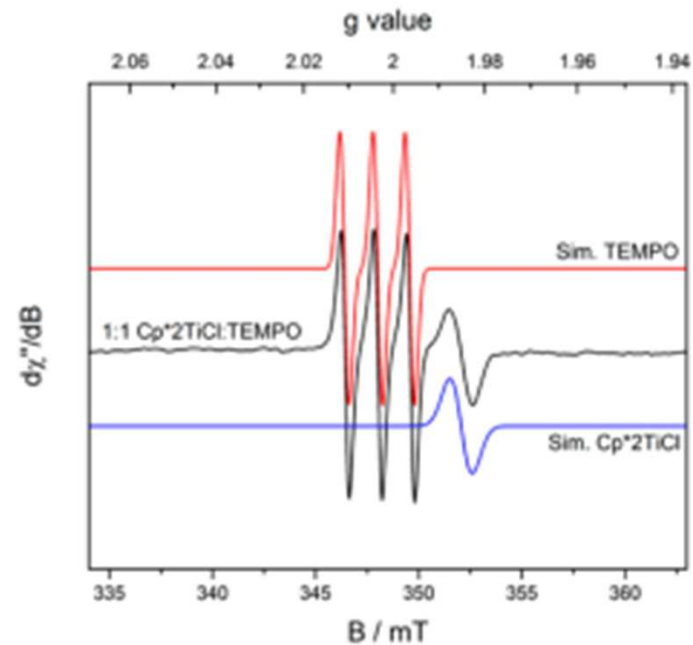
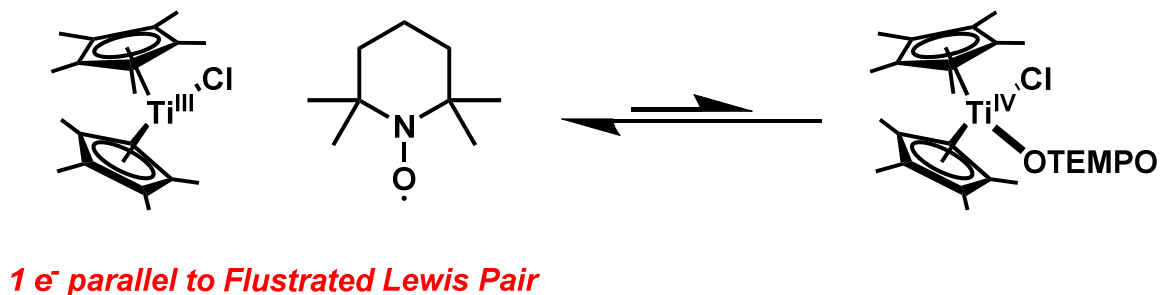


# Compatibility of Cp\*<sub>2</sub>TiCl & TEMPO

## ■ Isodesmic Estimation

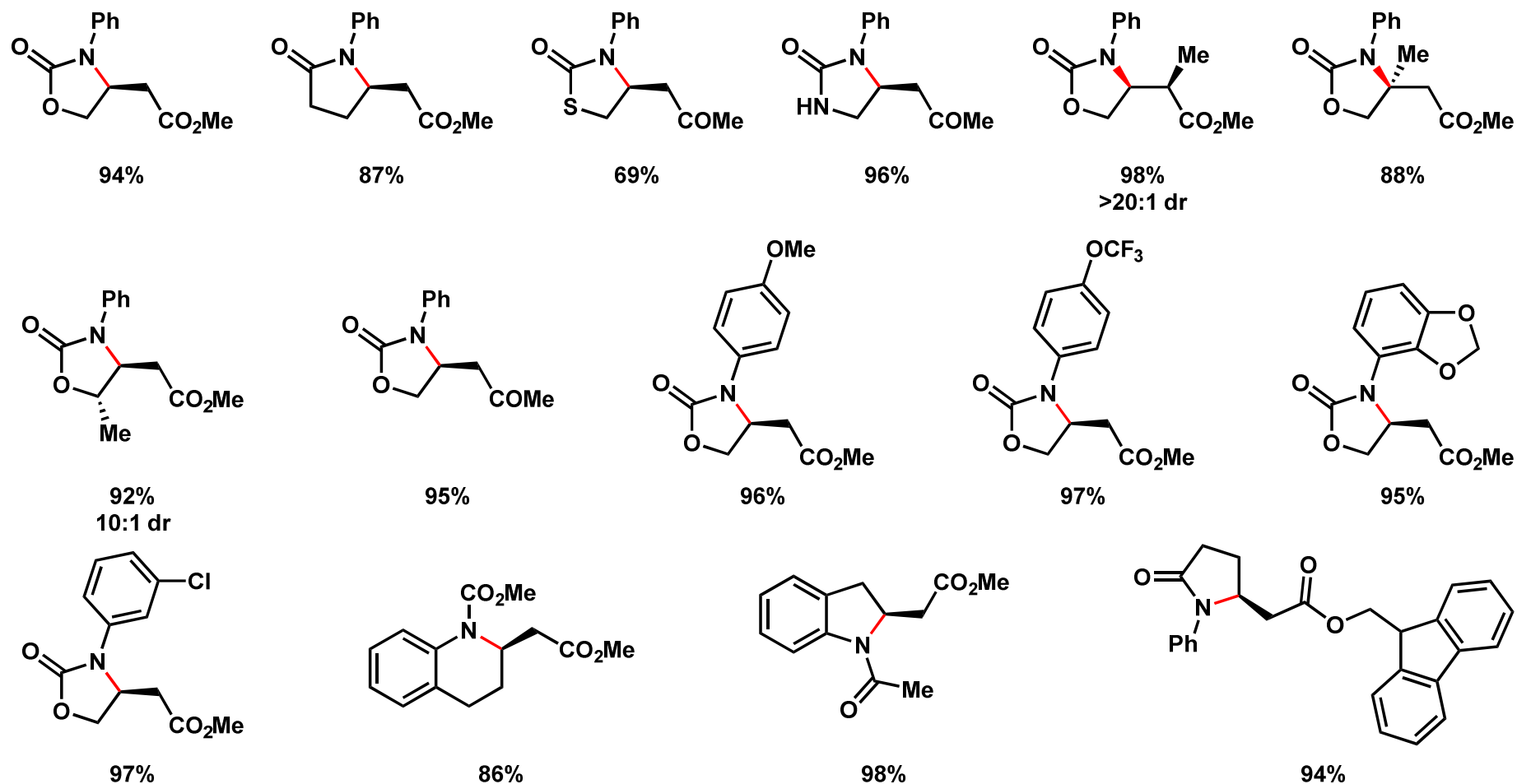
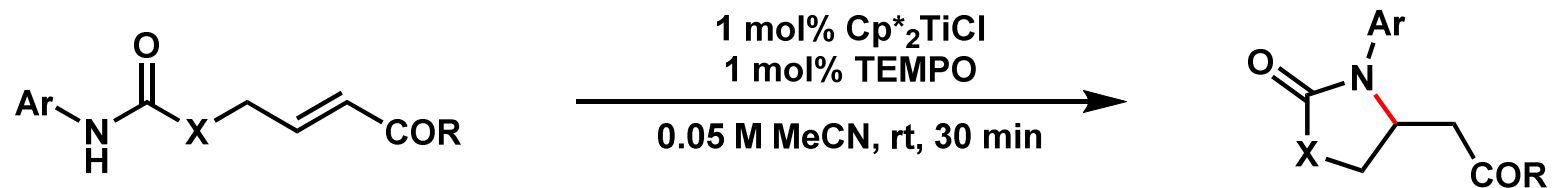


## ■ EPR Spectra





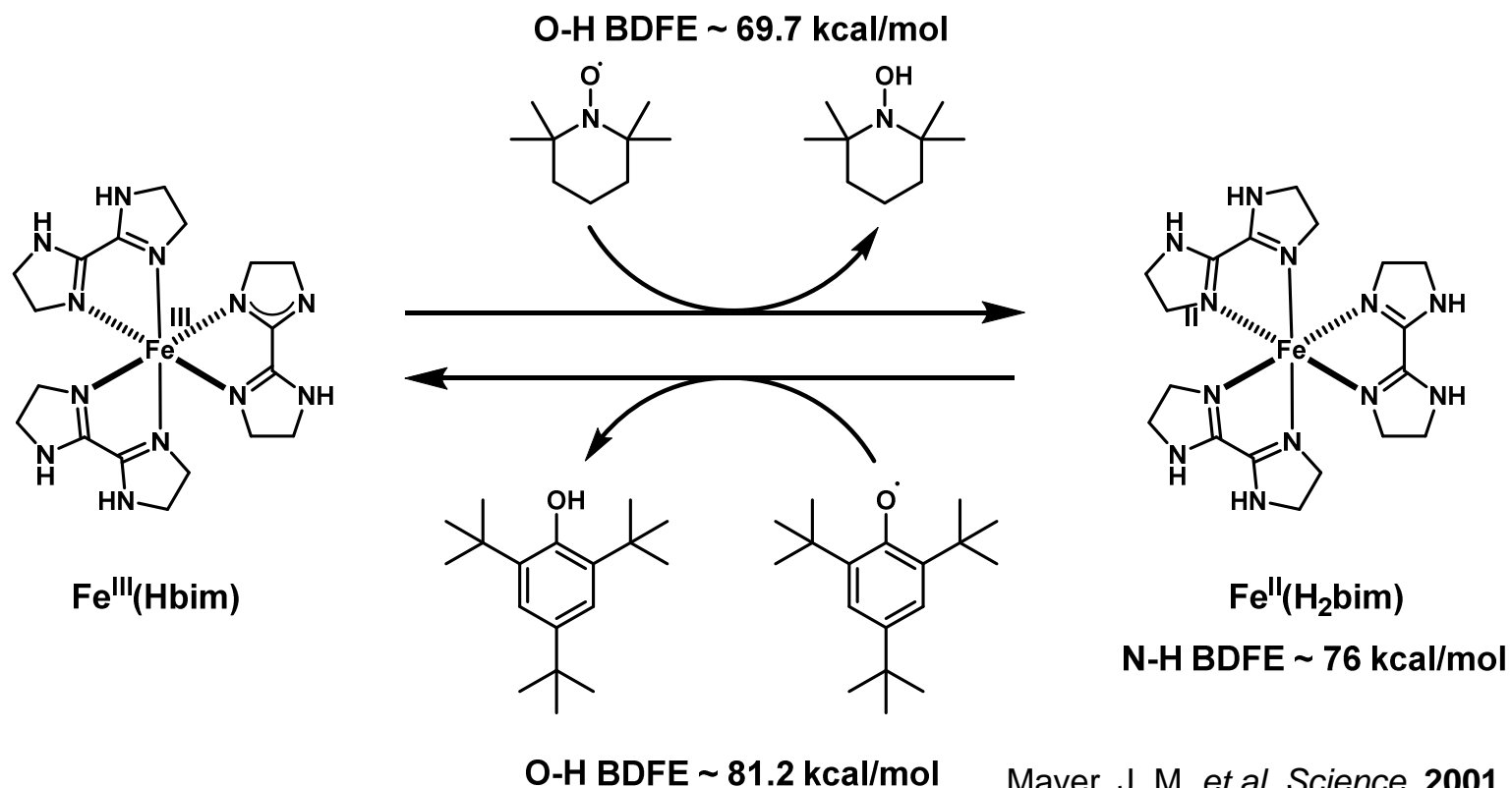
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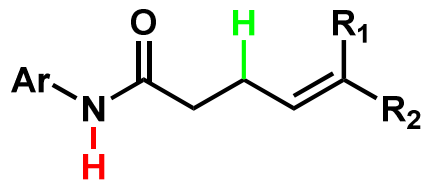
# Hydrogen Atom Transfer VS PCET

# Limitation of HAT activation

Reactivity of HAT donor is highly correlated with BDFE of broken bond



C-H BDFE ~ 89 kcal/mol

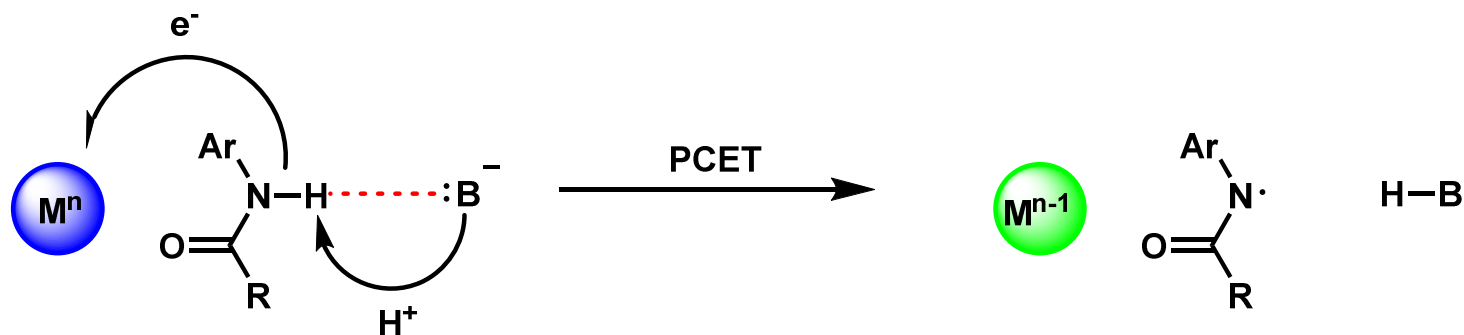


N-H BDFE ~ 100 kcal/mol

Homolytic activation of strong N-H bond  
in the presence of weaker C-H bond by HAT is difficult

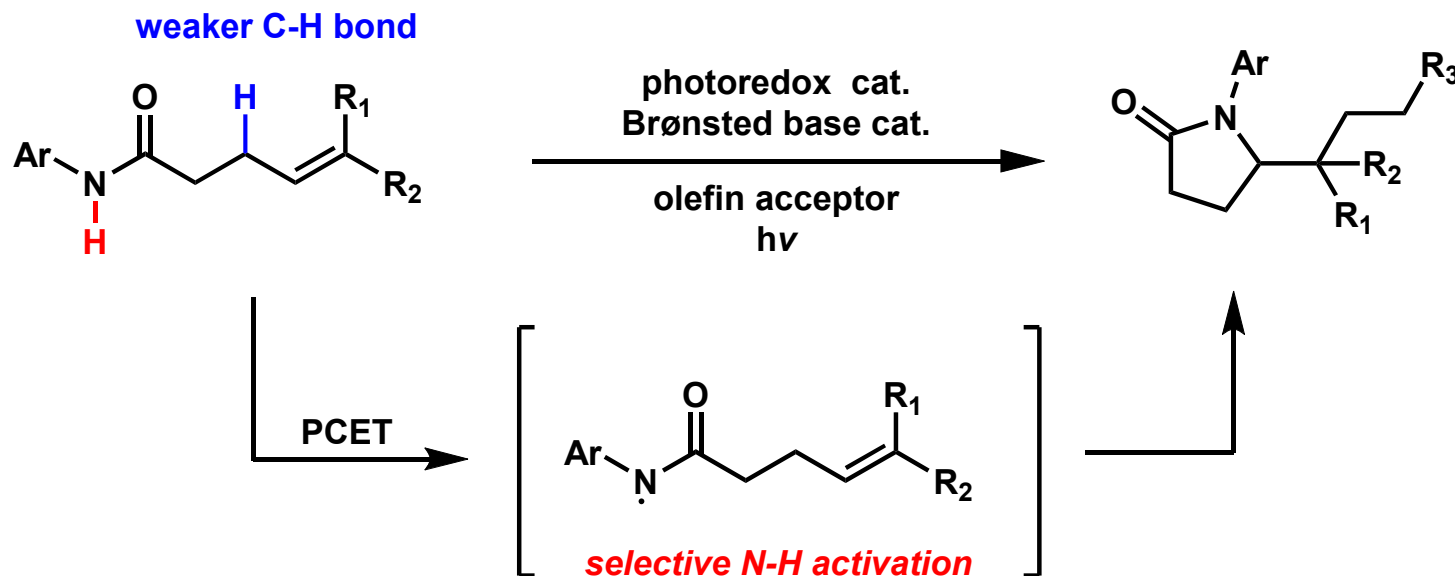
# Carboamination

## Working Hypothesis

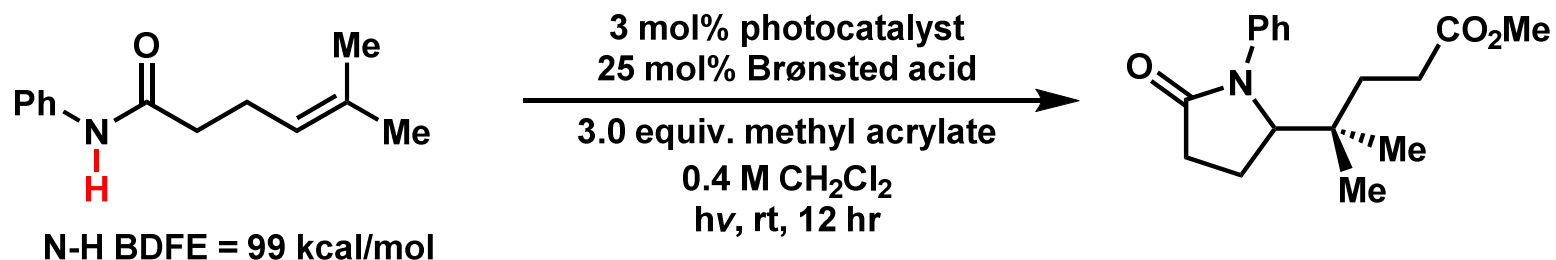


N-H BDFE for N-aryl amide  $\sim 100$  kcal/mol

$$\text{'BDFE'} \text{ (kcal/mol)} = 1.37 \text{ p}K_a(\text{H-B}) + 23.06 \text{ E}(\text{M}^n) + C_{\text{solv}}$$



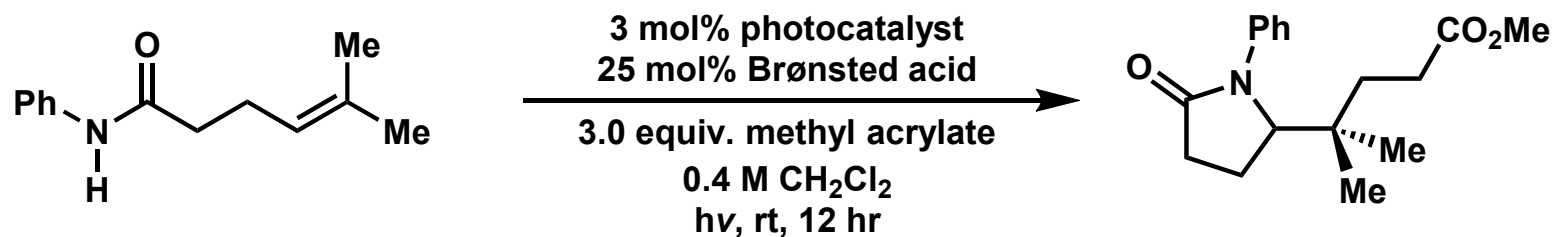
# Optimization Study



entry	photocatalyst	base	'BDFE'	% yield
1	Ir(ppy) <sub>2</sub> (phen)PF <sub>6</sub>	NBu <sub>4</sub> OP(O)(OBu) <sub>2</sub>	80	0
2	Ir(ppy) <sub>2</sub> (phen)PF <sub>6</sub>	lutidine	82	0
3	Ir(Fmppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	NBu <sub>4</sub> OP(O)(OBu) <sub>2</sub>	82	0
4	Ir(Fmppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	lutidine	83	0
5	Ir(Fmppy) <sub>2</sub> (phen)PF <sub>6</sub>	NBu <sub>4</sub> OP(O)(OBu) <sub>2</sub>	83	trace
6	Ir(Fmppy) <sub>2</sub> (phen)PF <sub>6</sub>	lutidine	85	0
7	Ir(ppy) <sub>2</sub> (phen)PF <sub>6</sub>	DMAP	87	trace
8	Ir(Fmppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	DMAP	89	0

'BDFE' < N-H BDFE

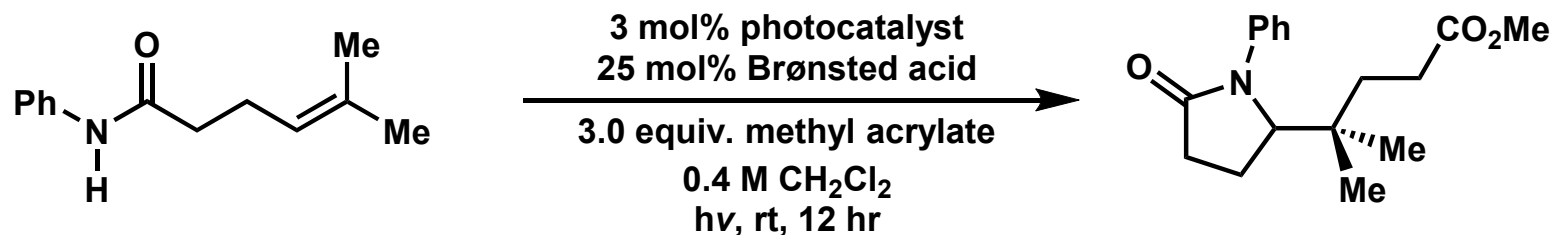
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10	Ir(ppy) <sub>2</sub> (phen)PF <sub>6</sub>	NBu <sub>4</sub> OBz	92	20
11	Ir(dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	NBu <sub>4</sub> OP(O)(OBu) <sub>2</sub>	92	76
12	Ir(dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	lutidine	93	22
13	Ir(Fmppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	NBu <sub>4</sub> OBz	93	56
14	Ir(Fmppy) <sub>2</sub> (phen)PF <sub>6</sub>	NBu <sub>4</sub> OBz	95	35
<b>15</b>	<b>Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(bpy)PF<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>NBu<sub>4</sub>OP(O)(OBu)<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>97</b>	<b>92</b>
16	Ir(dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy) <sub>2</sub> (bpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	lutidine	98	24
17	Ir(dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	DMAP	99	34
18	Ir(dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy) <sub>2</sub> (bpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	DMAP	103	16
19	Ir(dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	NBu <sub>4</sub> OBz	104	76
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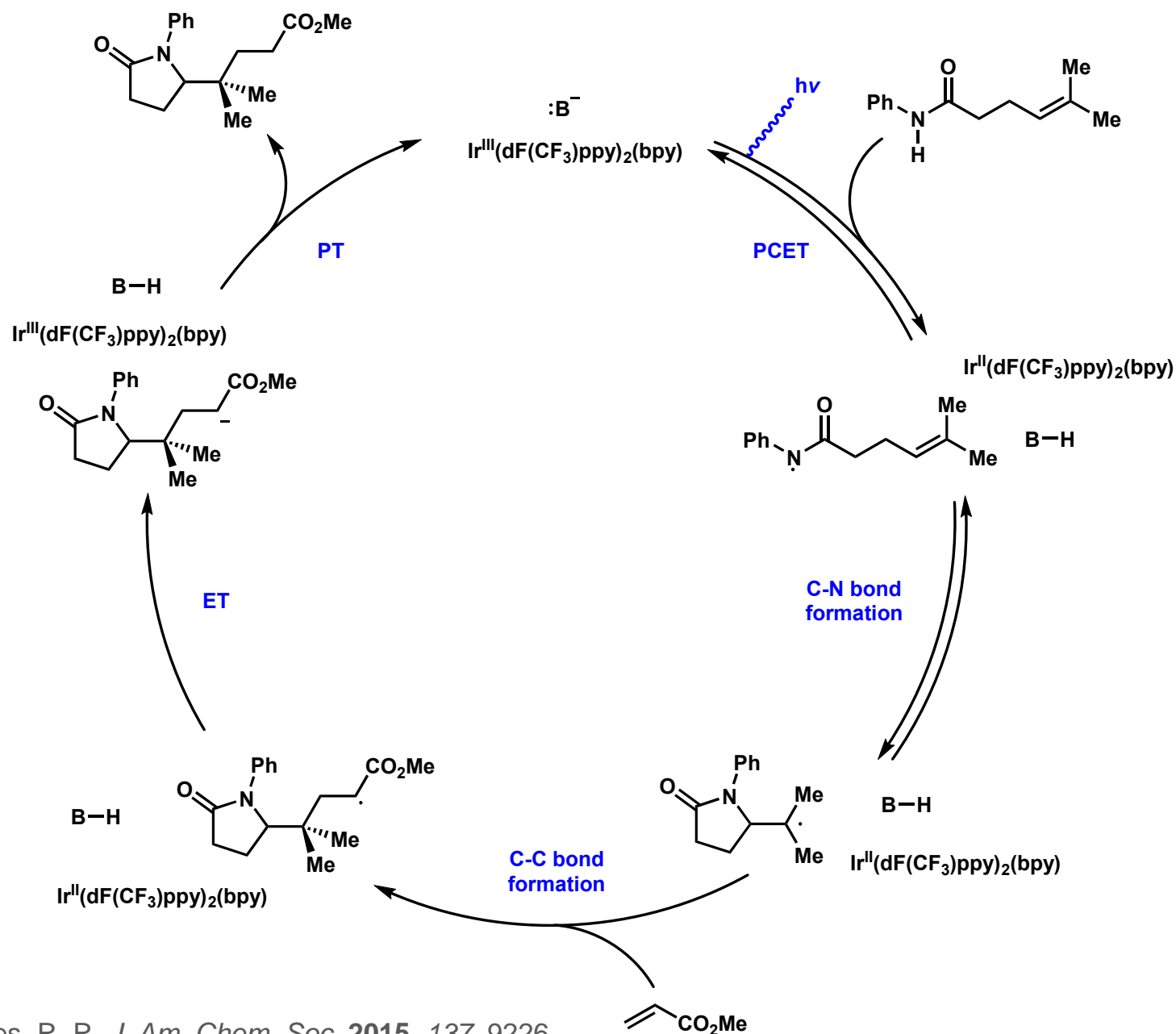
'BDFE' ~ N-H BDFE

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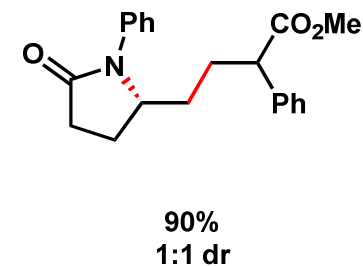
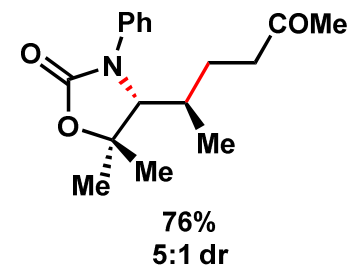
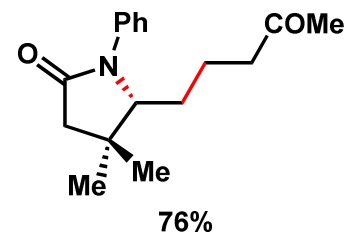
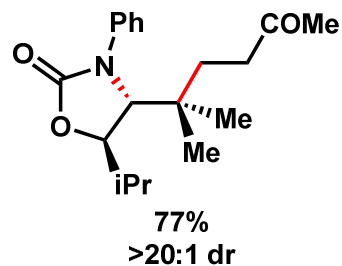
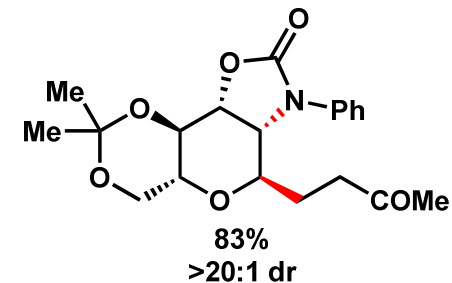
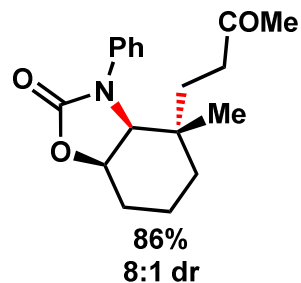
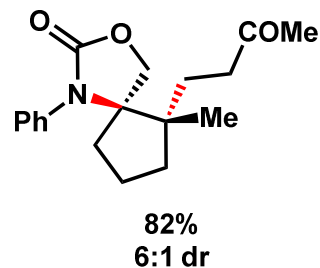
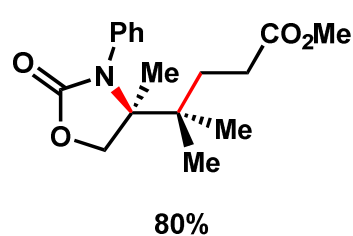
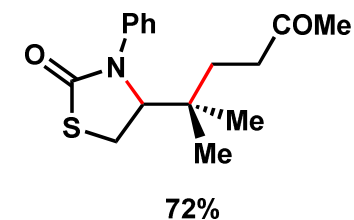
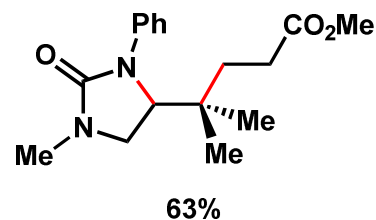
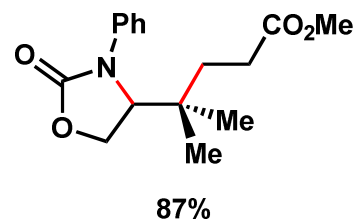
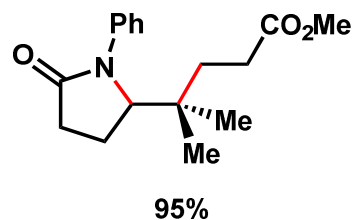
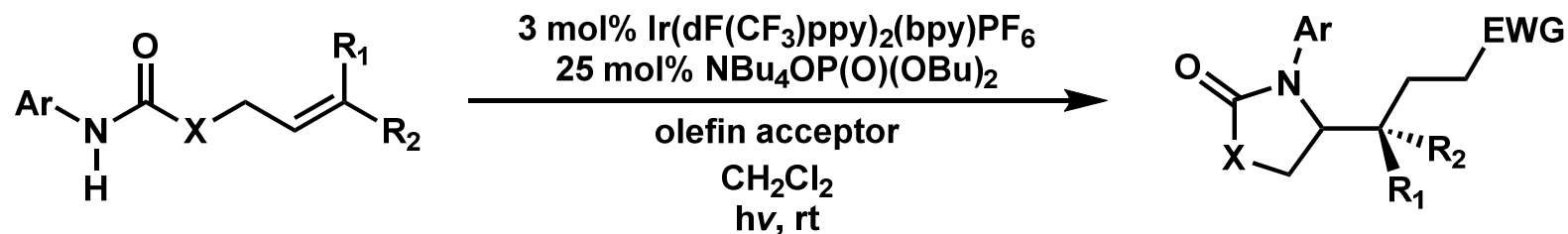
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22	no photocatalyst	0
23	no NBu <sub>4</sub> OP(O)(OBu) <sub>2</sub>	<5
24	1 mol% Ir(dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy) <sub>2</sub> (bpy)PF <sub>6</sub>	76
25	10 mol% NBu <sub>4</sub> OP(O)(OBu) <sub>2</sub>	78
26	1.1 equivalent of acrylate	68
27	0.1 M in CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	80

# Proposed Catalytic Cycle

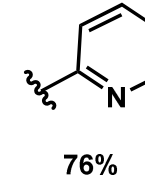
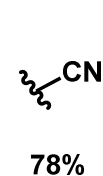
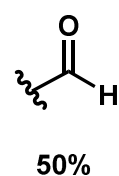
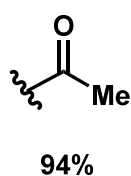
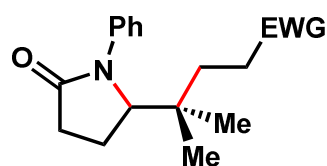
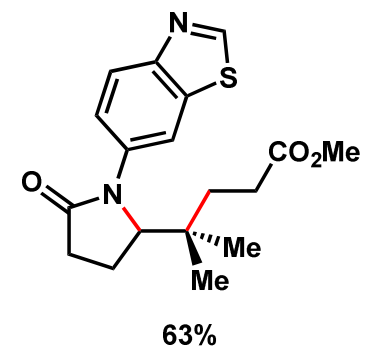
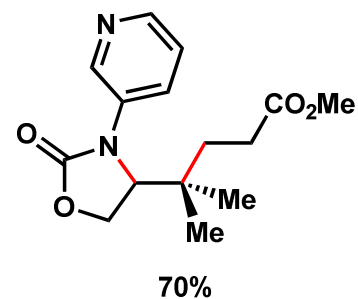
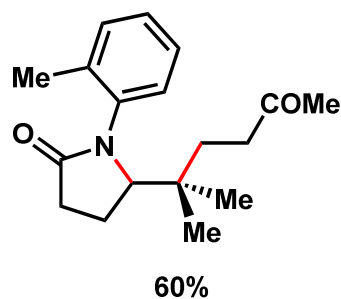
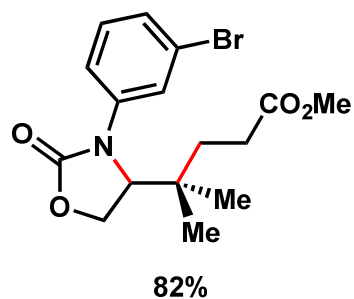
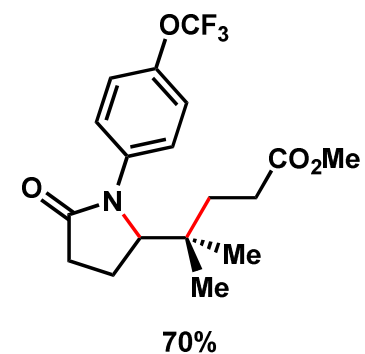
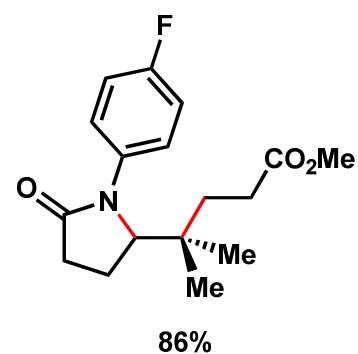
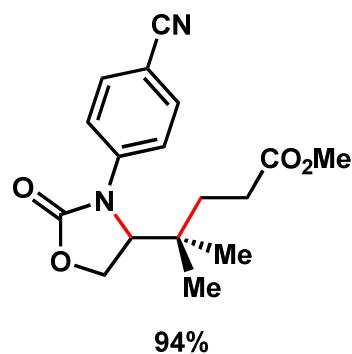
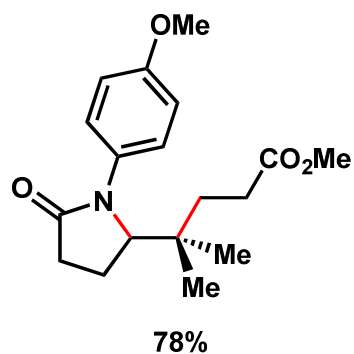
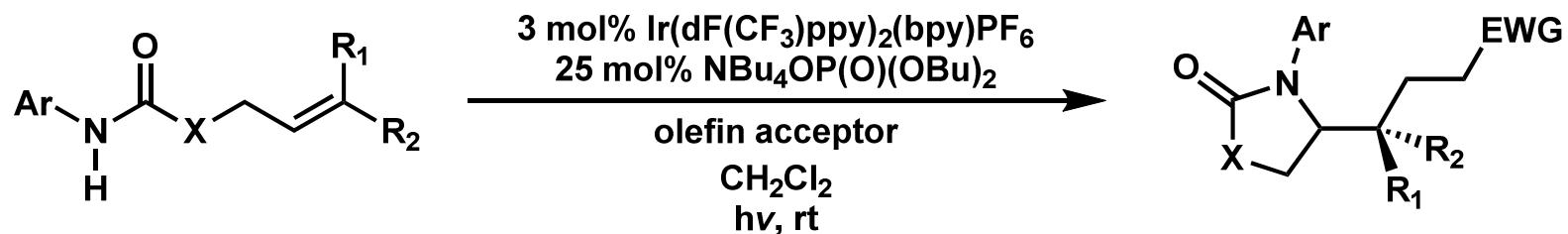




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## Photoredox Catalysis

Chiral Brønsted Acid  
Bond-Weakening Chemistry

Well-established Chemistry

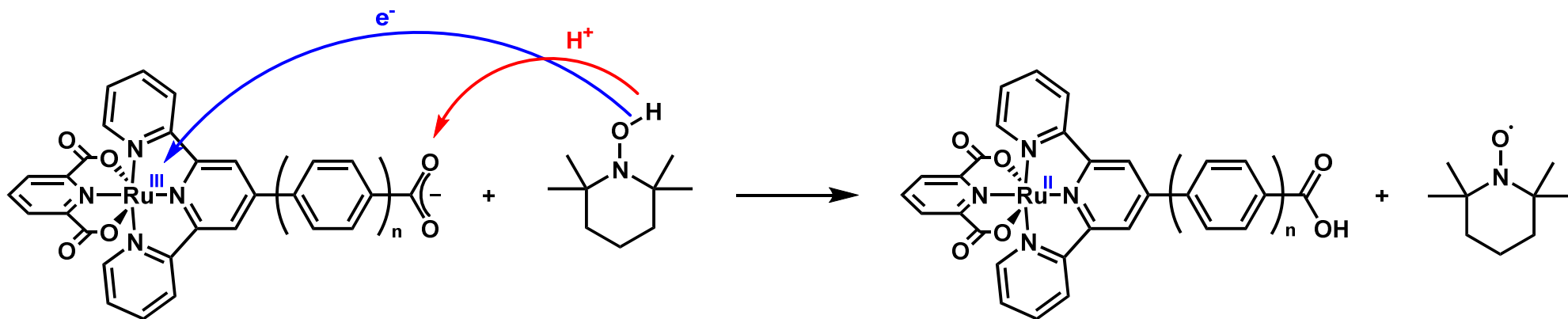
## Proton Coupled Electron Transfer

Ubiquitous in biology  
Studied over decades

## PCET Activation Chemistry

Novel catalysis platform  
Providing catalytic access to valuable neutral free radical intermediates

# Ambiguity between HAT and EPT



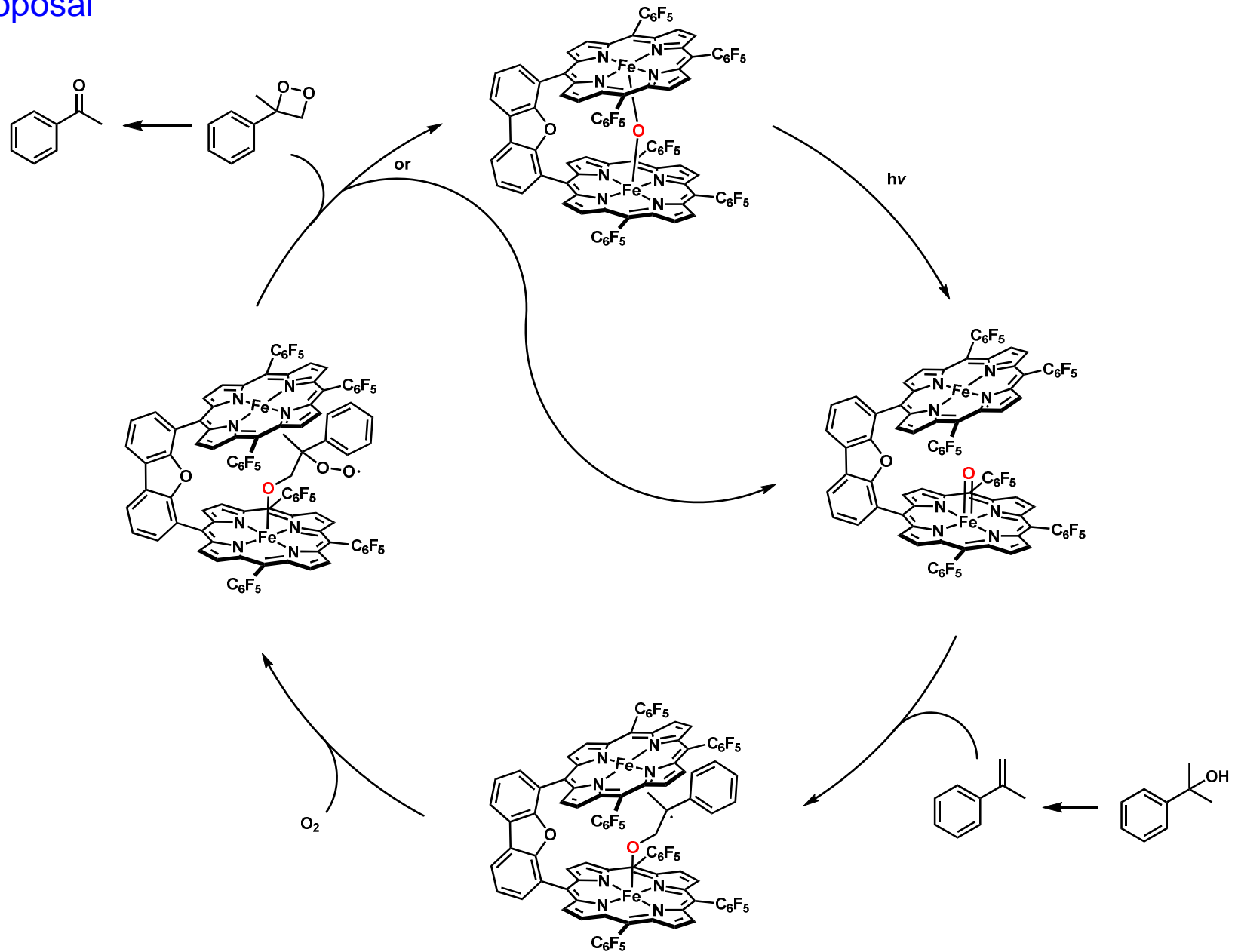
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Essentially no communication between  $e^-/H^+$  acceptor sites

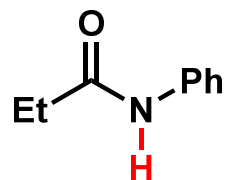
***MS-EPT character***

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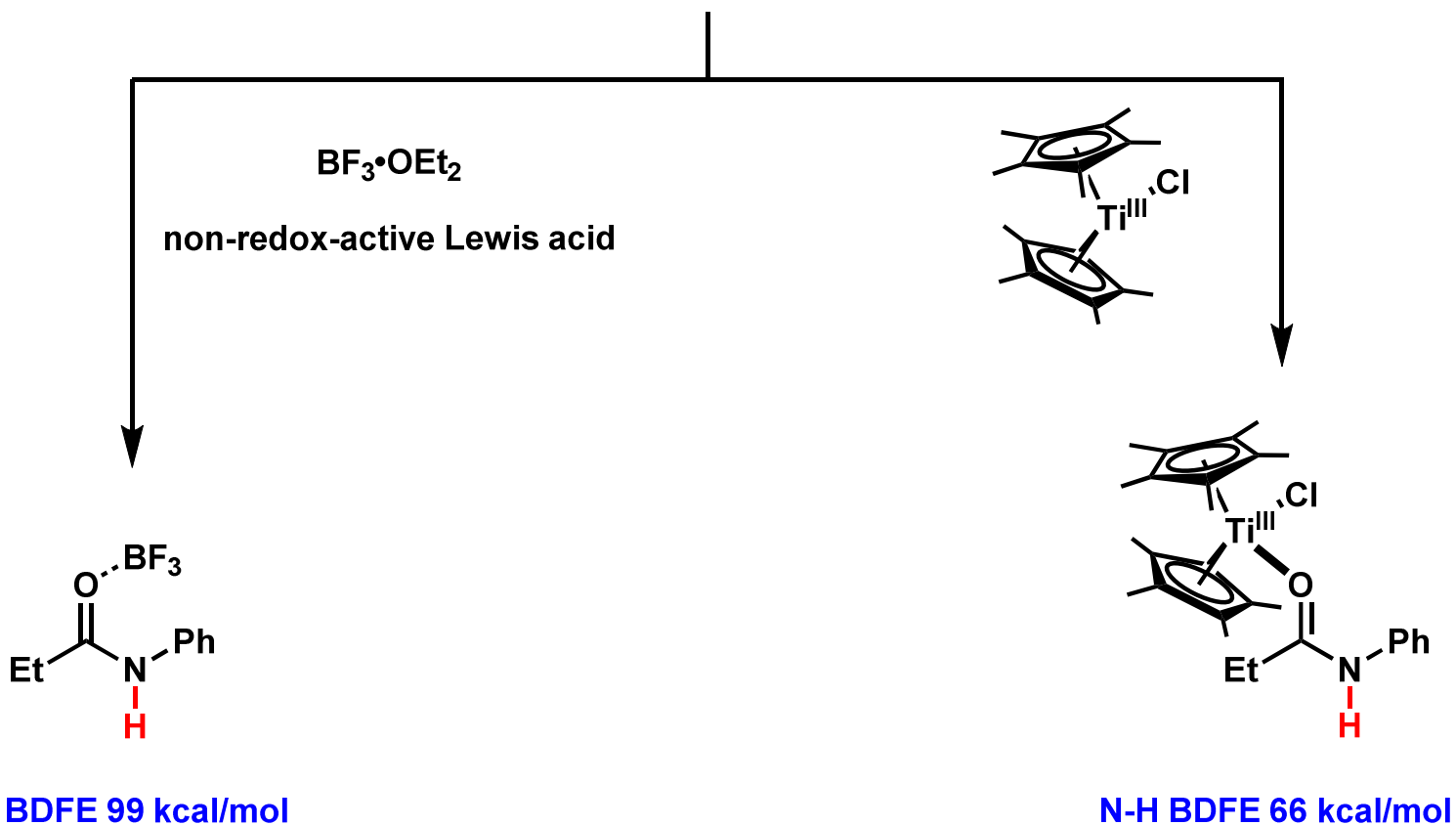
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# Bond-Weakening Effect



N-H BDFE 99 kcal/mol



Homolytic bond-weakening is not a simple Lewis-acid-mediated process