

Photoredox catalysis: Light up on a shaded area

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« *Photochemistry as the key to novel structures* »,
Thorsten Bach, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed*, **2015**, 11294



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1) Reductions

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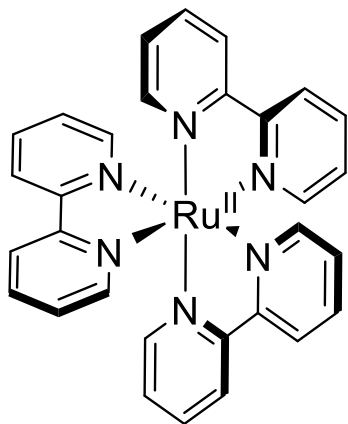
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- Visible light photoredox catalysis
 - *"Ability of metal complexes to engage in single-electron transfer processes with organic substrates upon photo excitation with visible light "* (MacMillan, *Chem. Rev*, **2013**, 5322).
 - Extremely mild conditions: _ room temperature
_ without highly reactive radical initiators
 - Irridiation source: typically commercial household light bulb
 - Very low catalyst loading (1 mol% or less)

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- Most popular photocatalyst

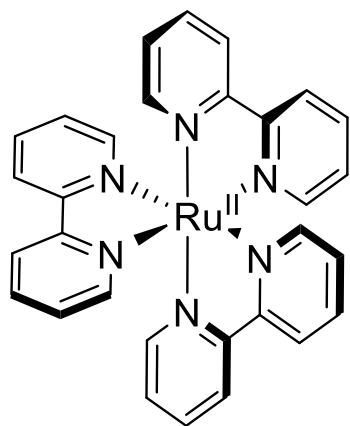


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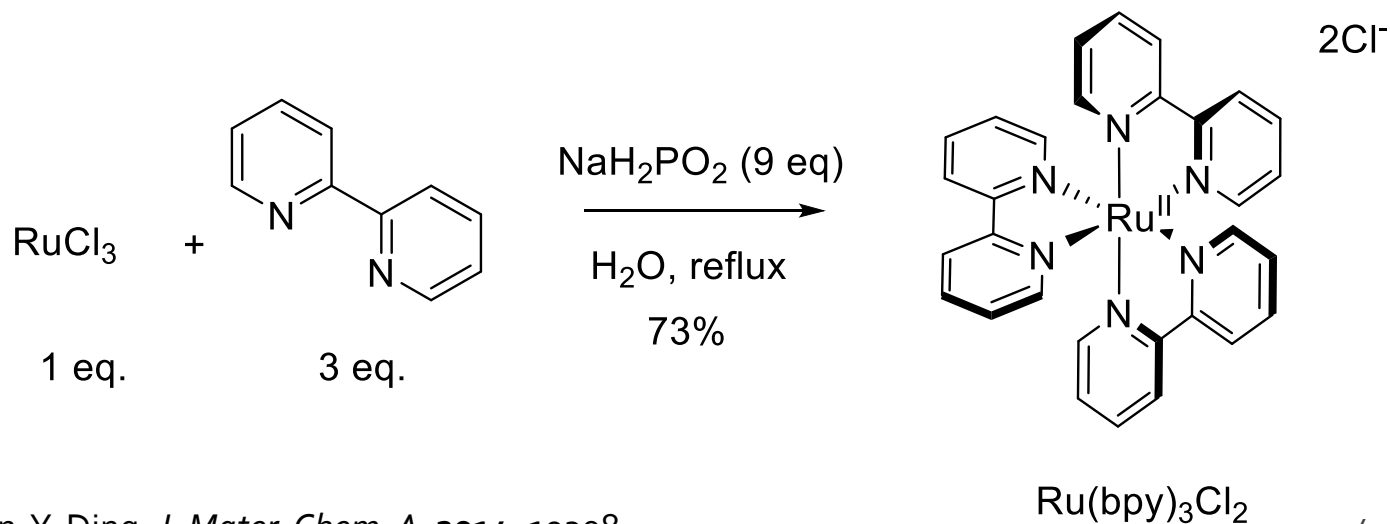
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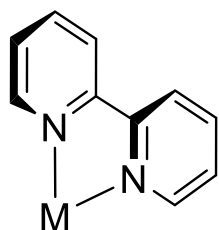
- Typical procedure for photocatalyst synthesis



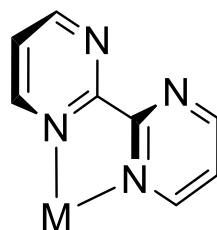
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 - Metals: ruthenium, irridium, copper

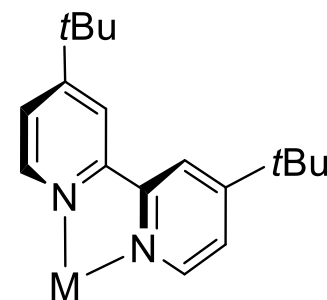
- Ligands



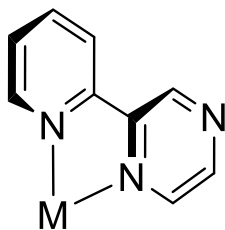
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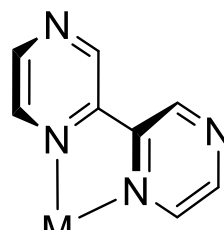
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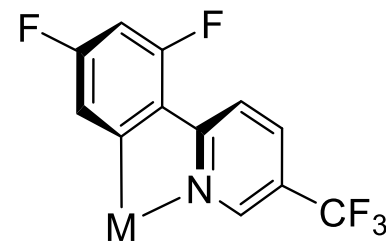
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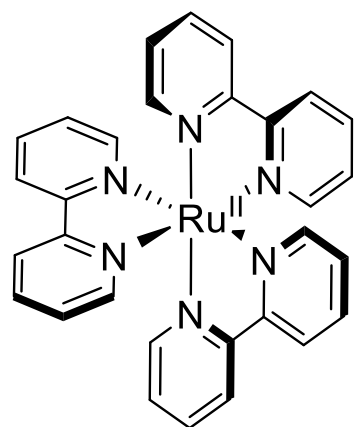


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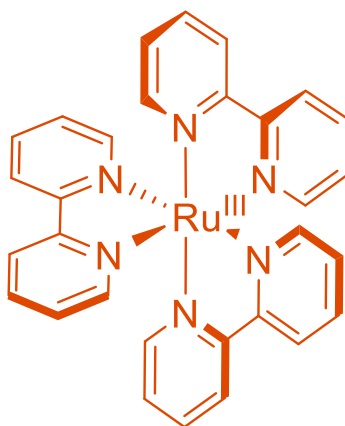
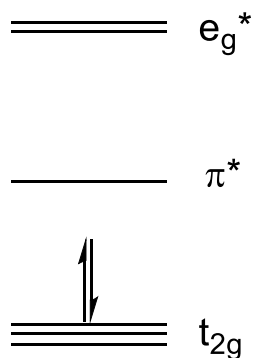


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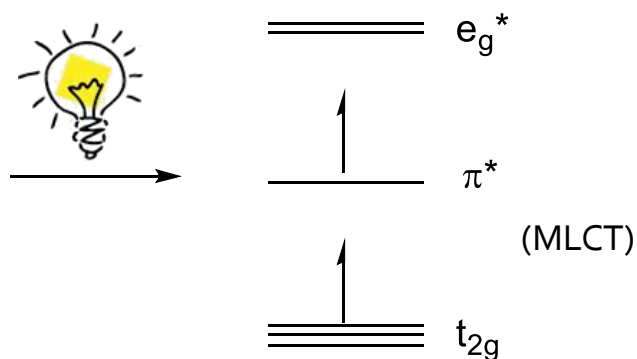
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$\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$
Ground State

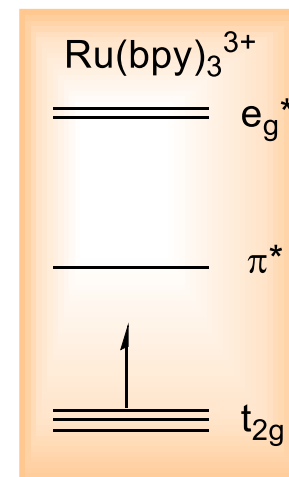
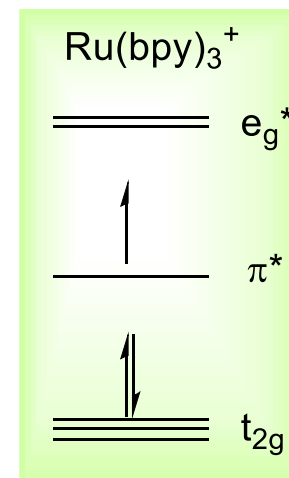


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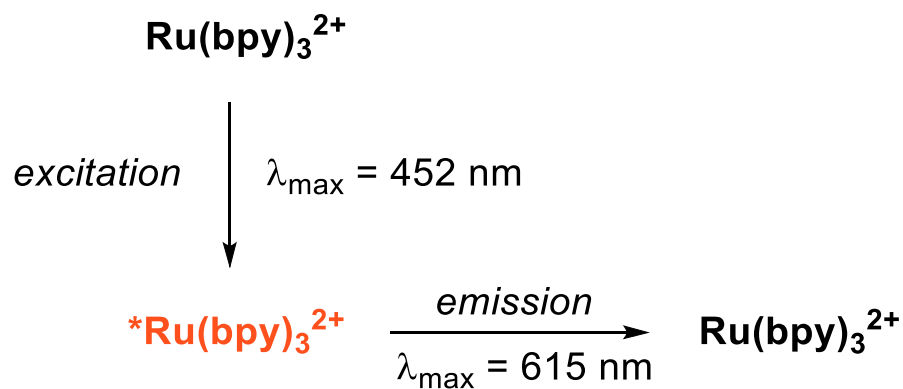


oxidant

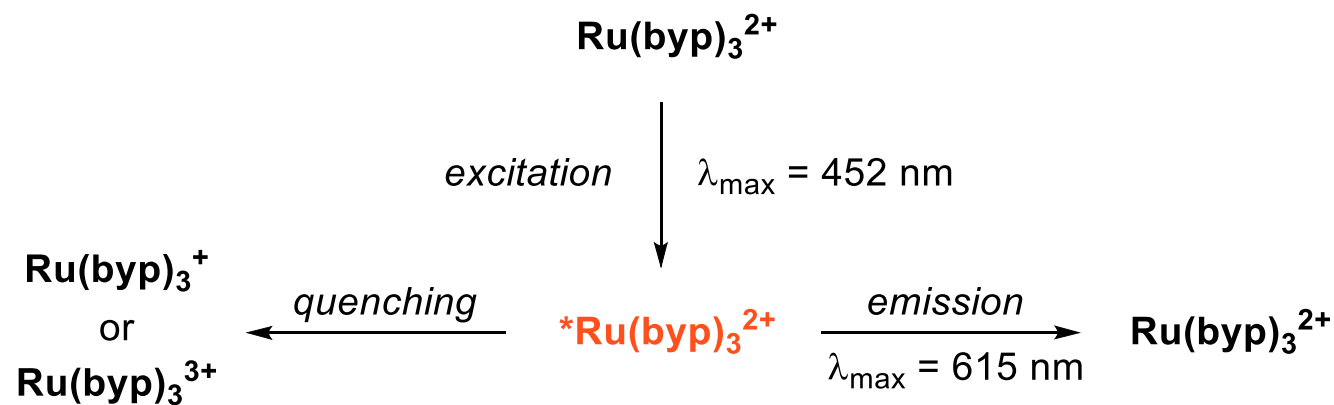
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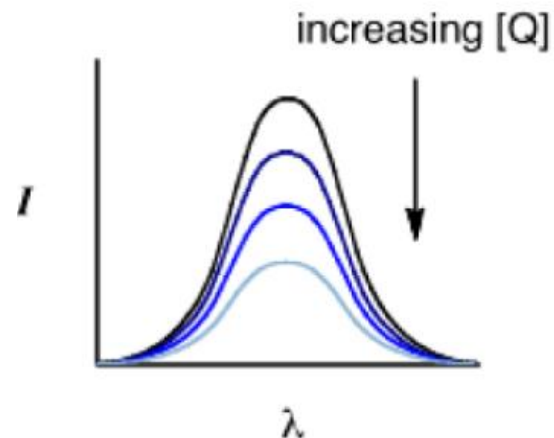
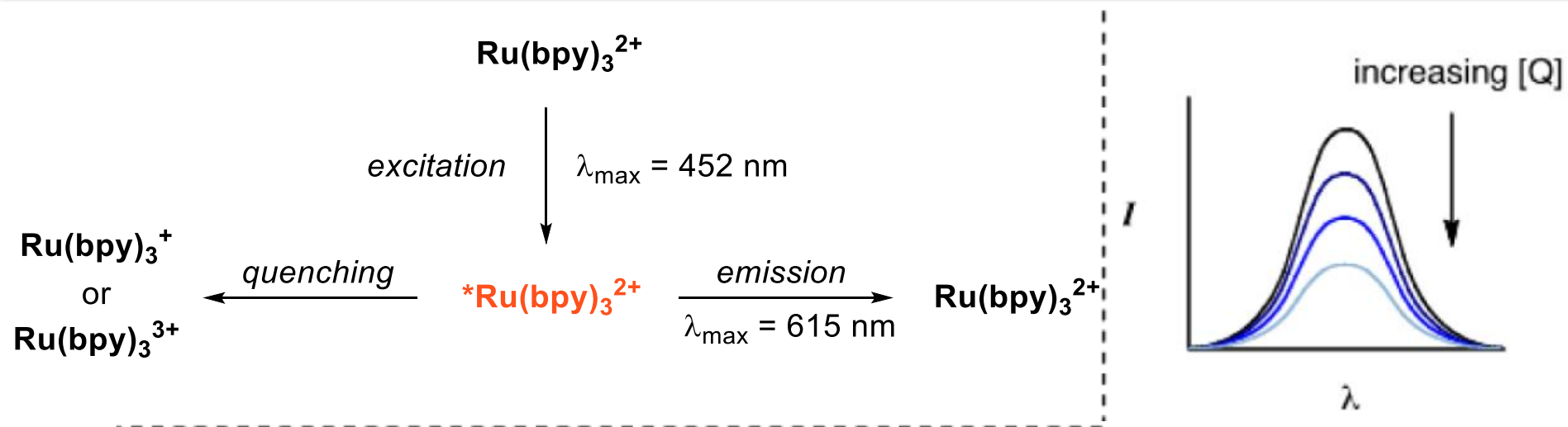
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Stern-Volmer quenching studies

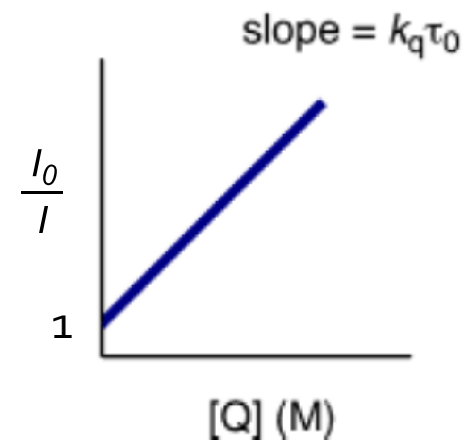
Emission intensity without quencher

Excited state lifetime without quencher

$$\frac{I_0}{I} = 1 + k_q \tau_0 [Q]$$

Emission intensity with quencher

Quencher rate constant



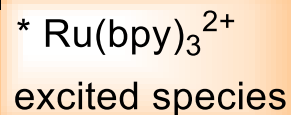
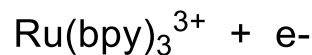
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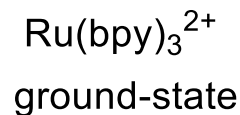
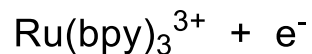
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**Reductive
catalyst**



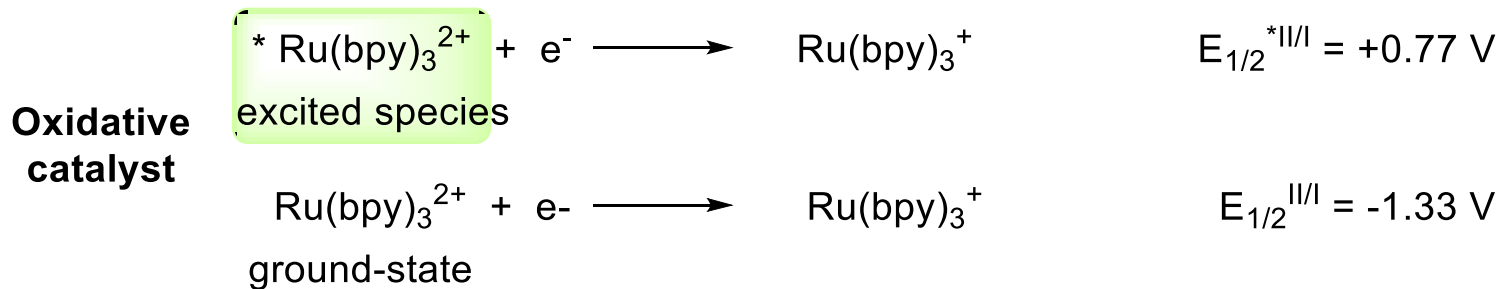
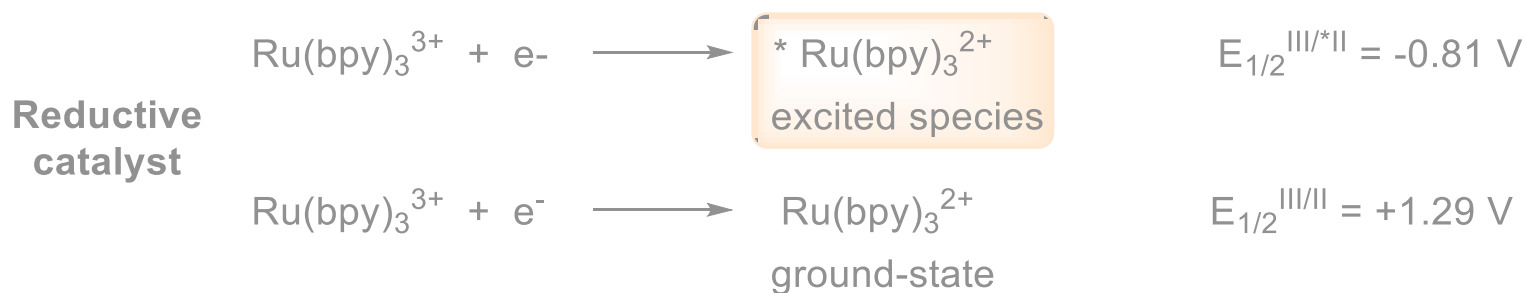
$$E_{1/2}^{\text{III}^*/\text{II}} = -0.81 \text{ V}$$



$$E_{1/2}^{\text{III/II}} = +1.29 \text{ V}$$

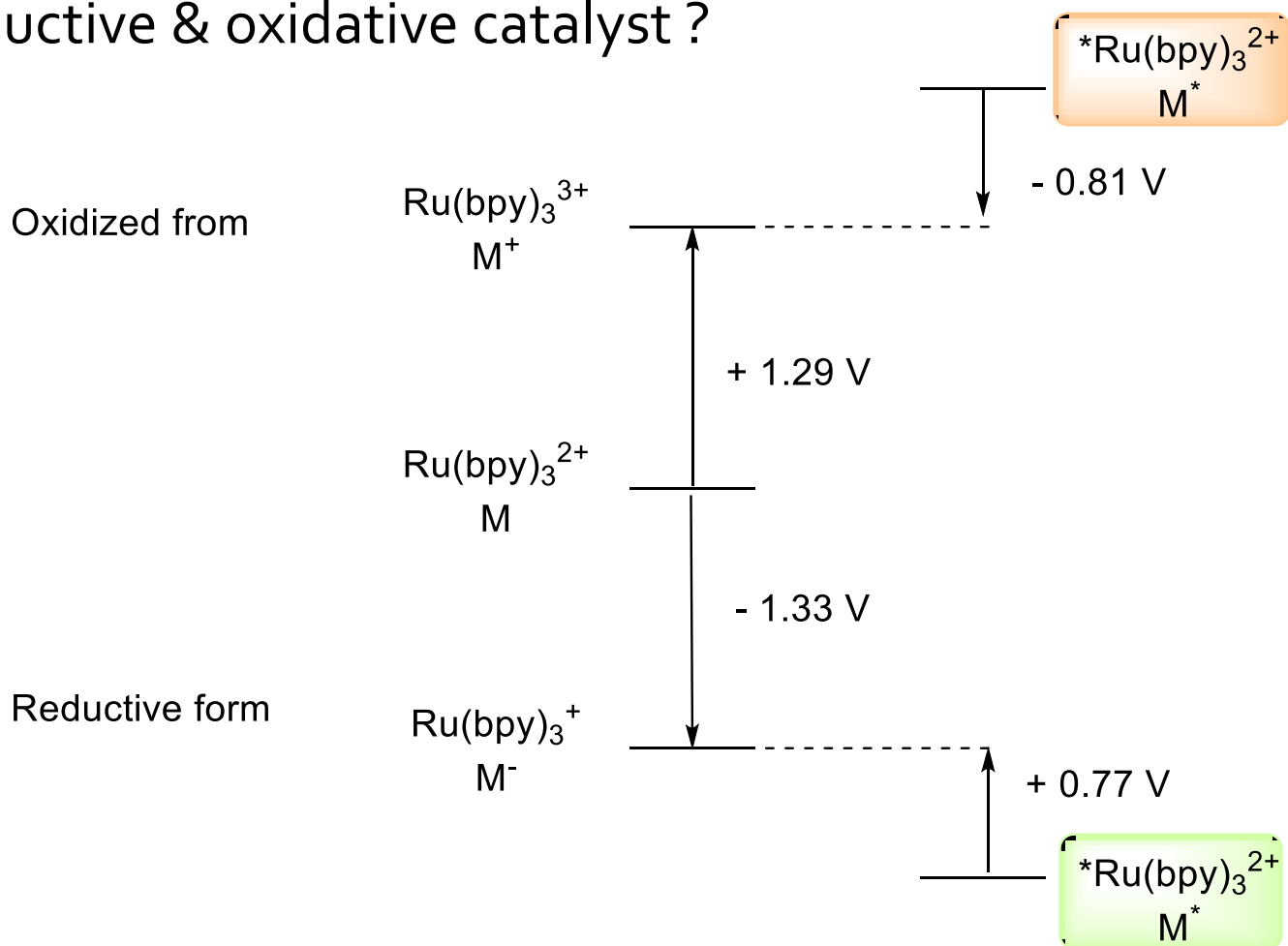
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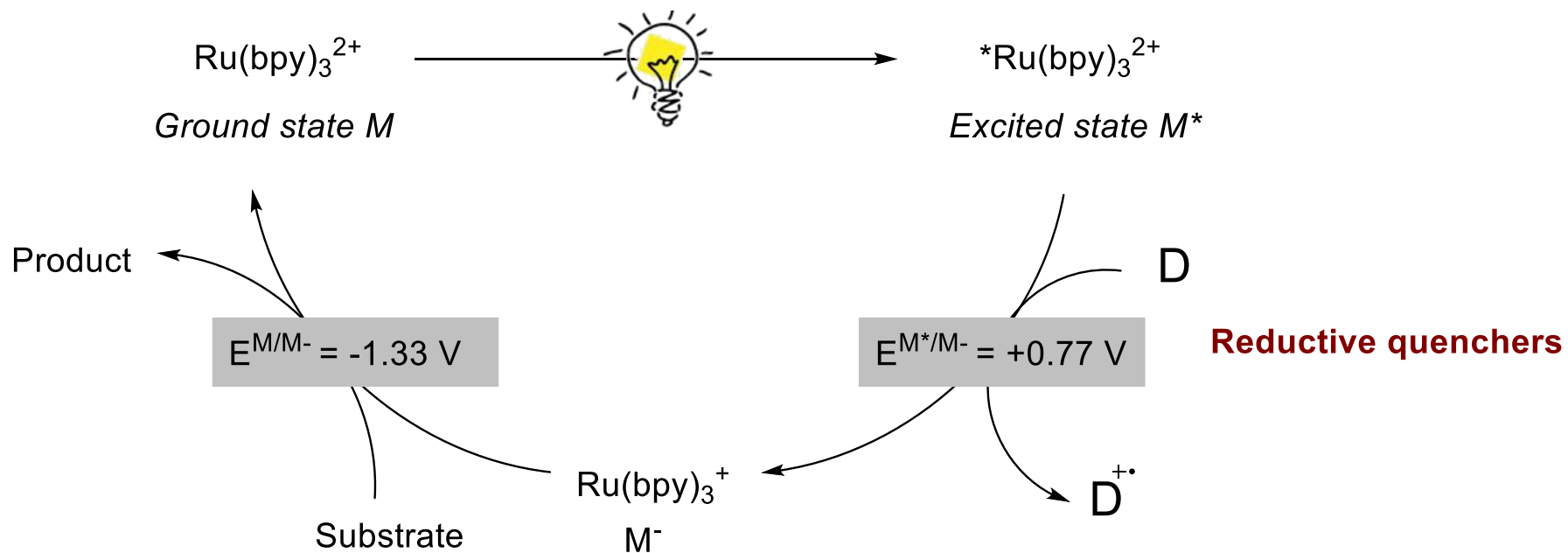
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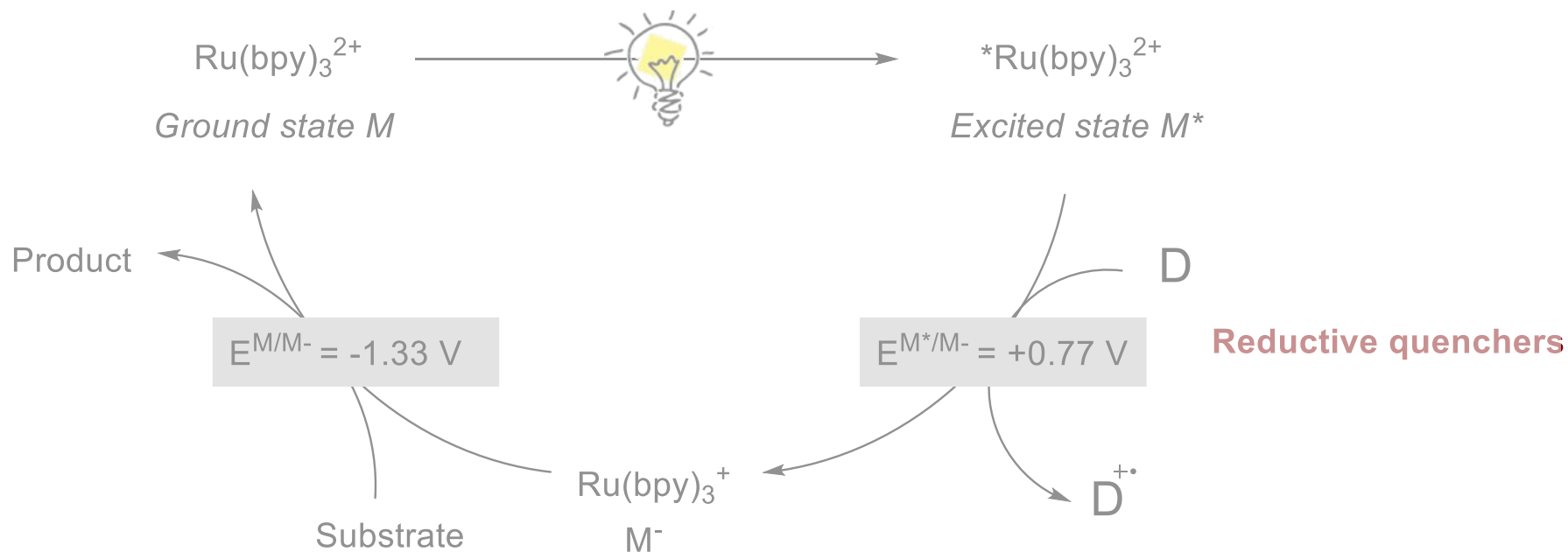
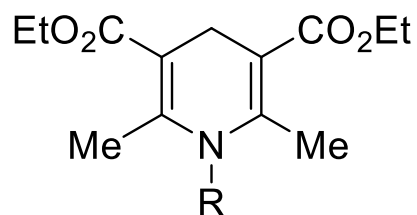
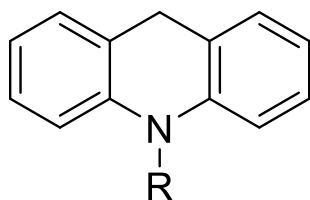
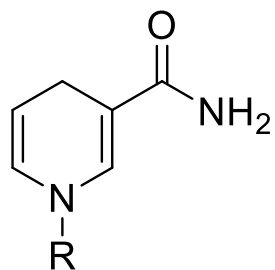
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II) Reactivity - Reductions



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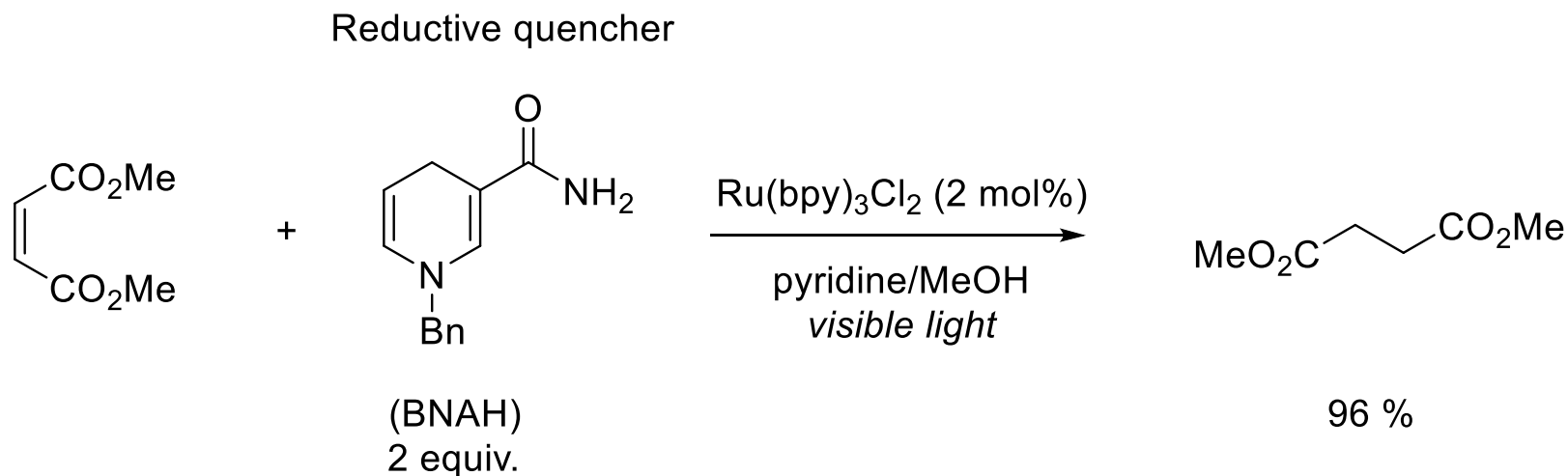
Reductive quenchers (tertiary amines)



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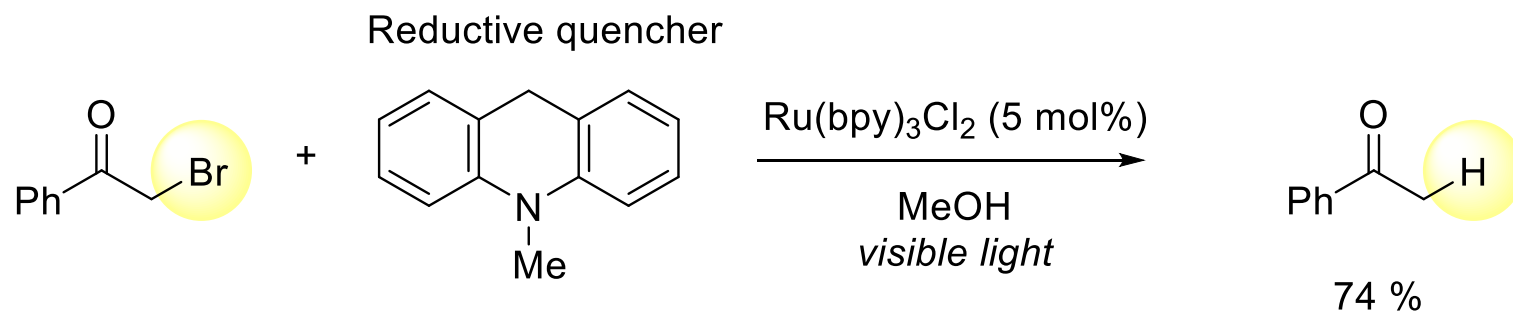
■ Reductions

- First reaction demonstrating the potential of visible light
- Earliest report by Pac and co-workers in 1981
- Reduction of electron-deficient olefins

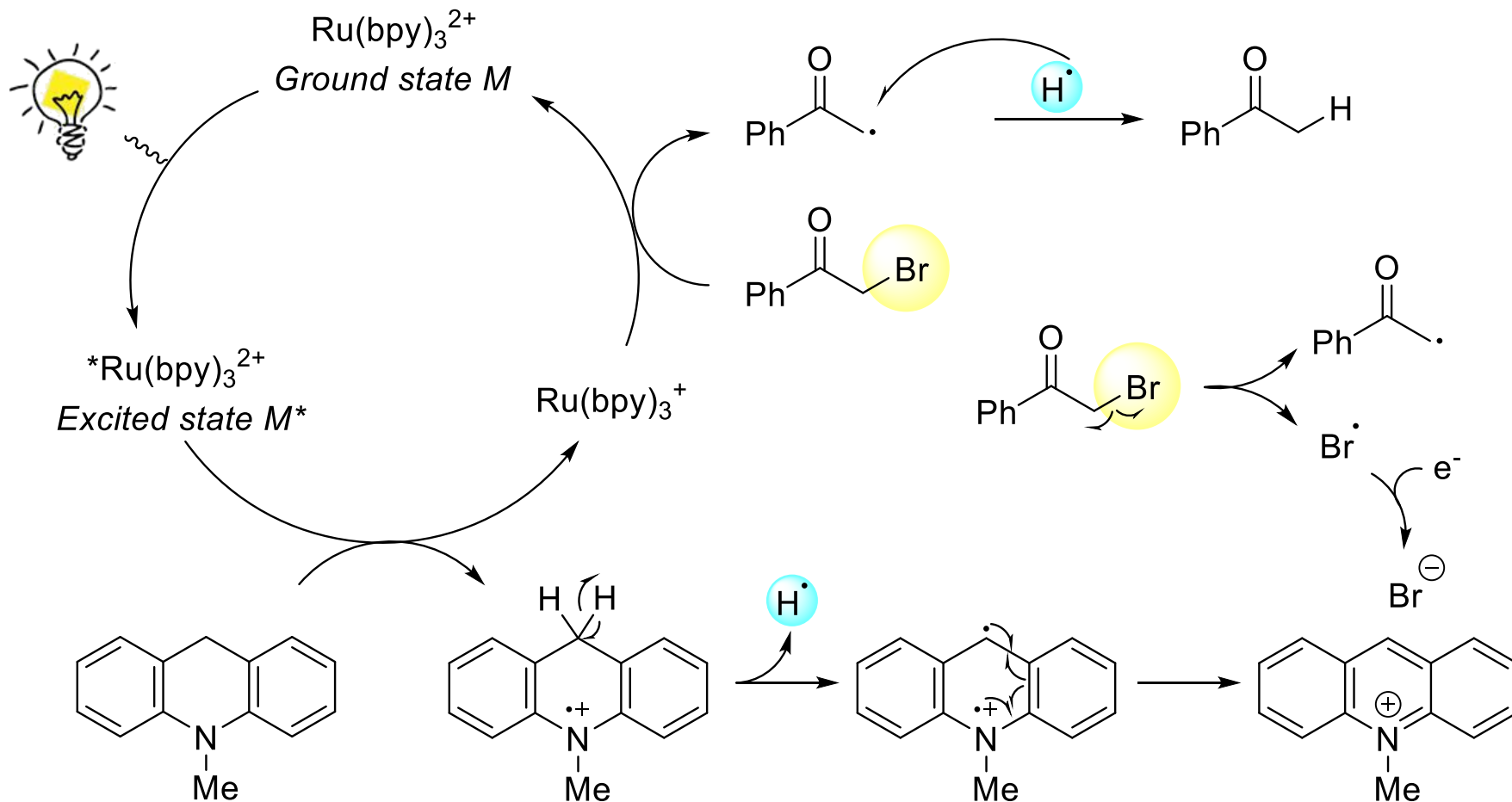


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- Reductive dehalogenations
 - Since 1990 reductive dehalogenations started to be studied

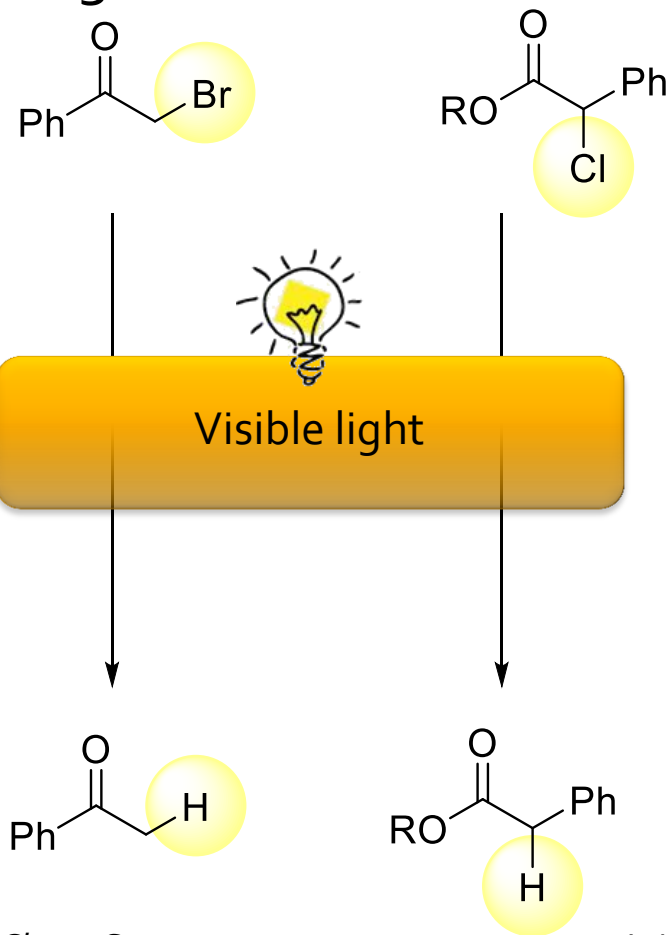


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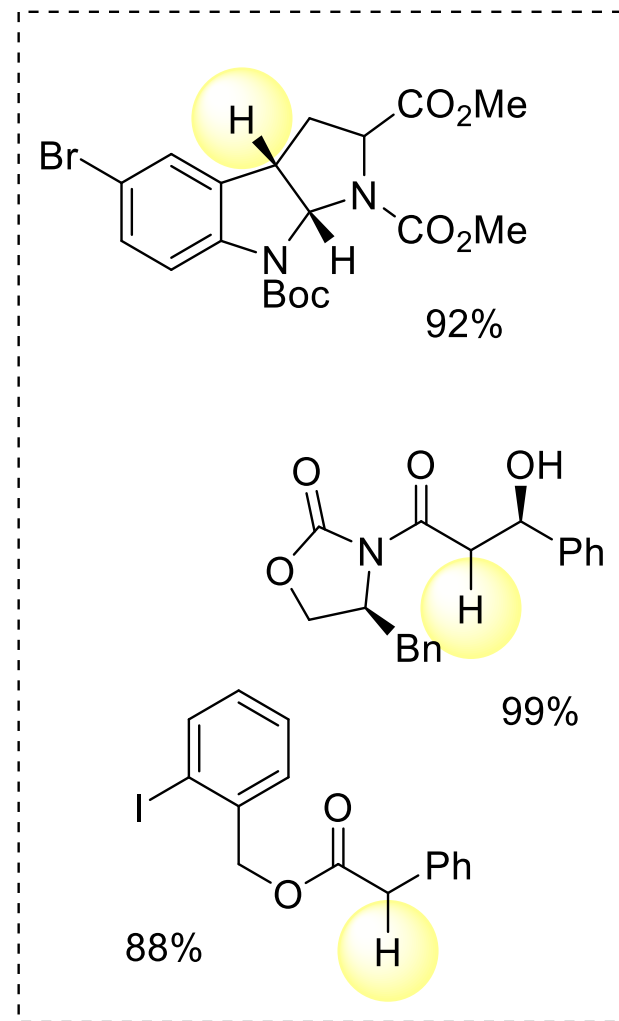


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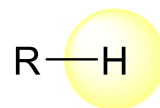
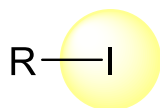
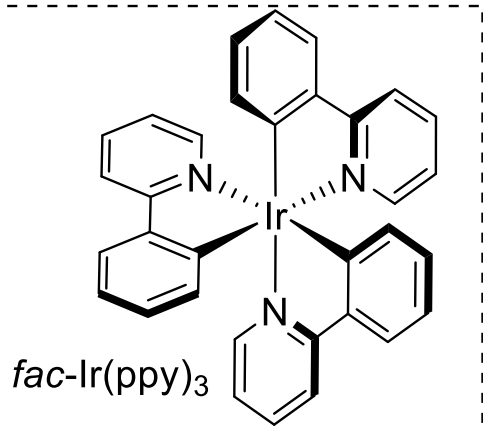


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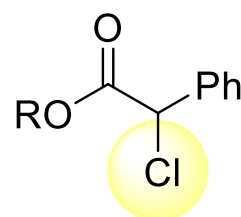
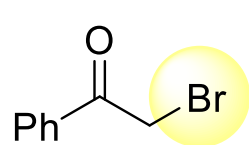
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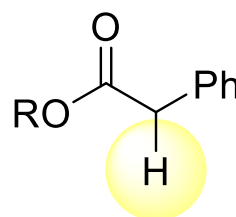
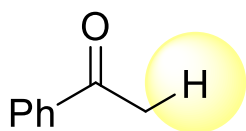
R = alkyl, alkenyl or aryl

82-97%

Nature Chem., 2012, 854



Visible light

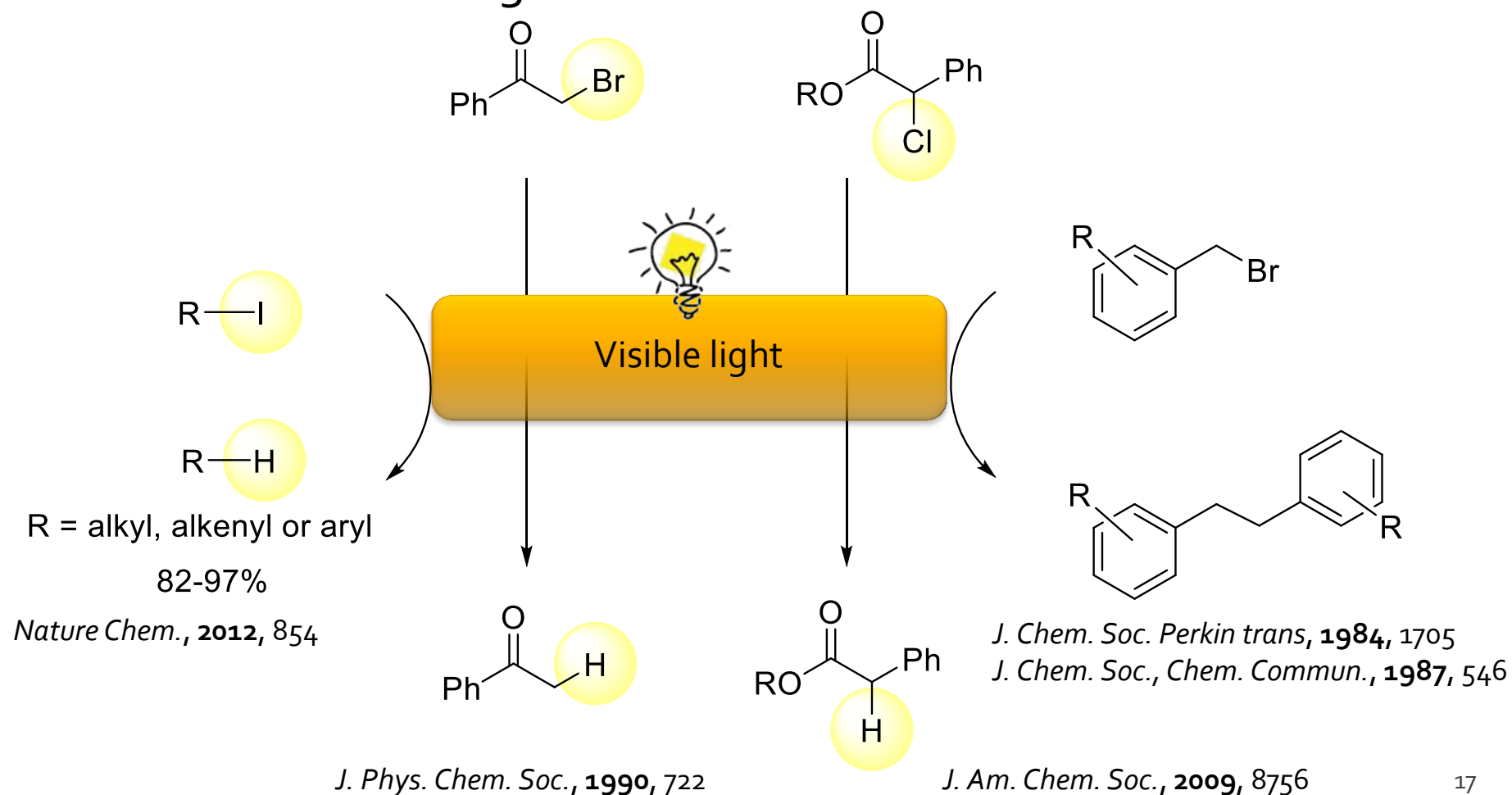


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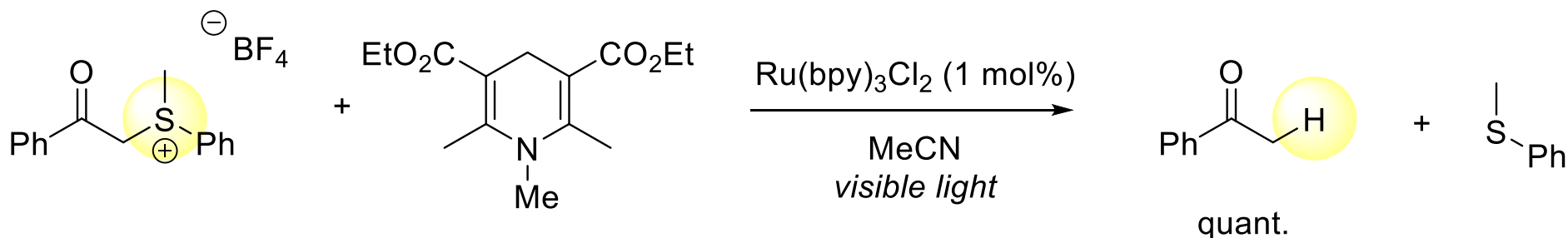
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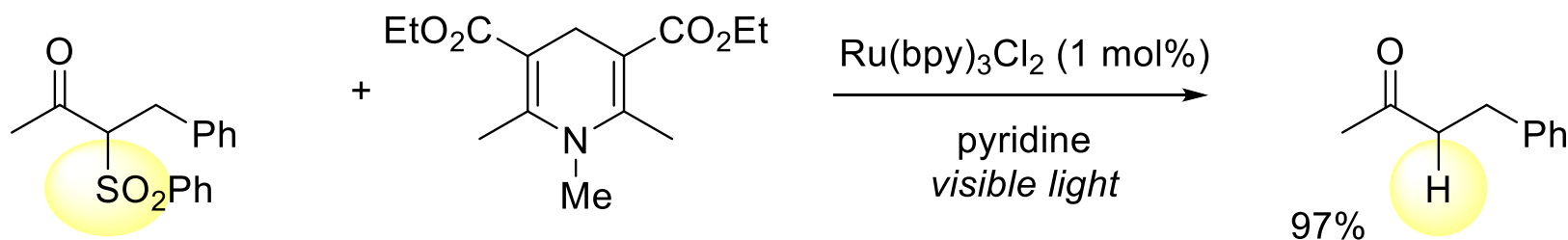


II) Reactivity - Reductions

- Reductive cleavage of sulfonium and sulfonyl groups



D. M. Hedstrand, W. M. Kruizinga, R. M. Kellogg, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **1978**, 1255



K. Nakamura, M. Fujii, H. Mekata, S. Oka, A. Ohno, *Chem. Lett.*, **1986**, 87

II) Reactivity - Reductions

- Reductions
 - Reduction of nitro to amines
 - Reduction of azides to amines
 - Reductive epoxide opening
 - Reduction aziridine opening
 - Radical cyclization
 - Reduction of protecting groups
 - ...

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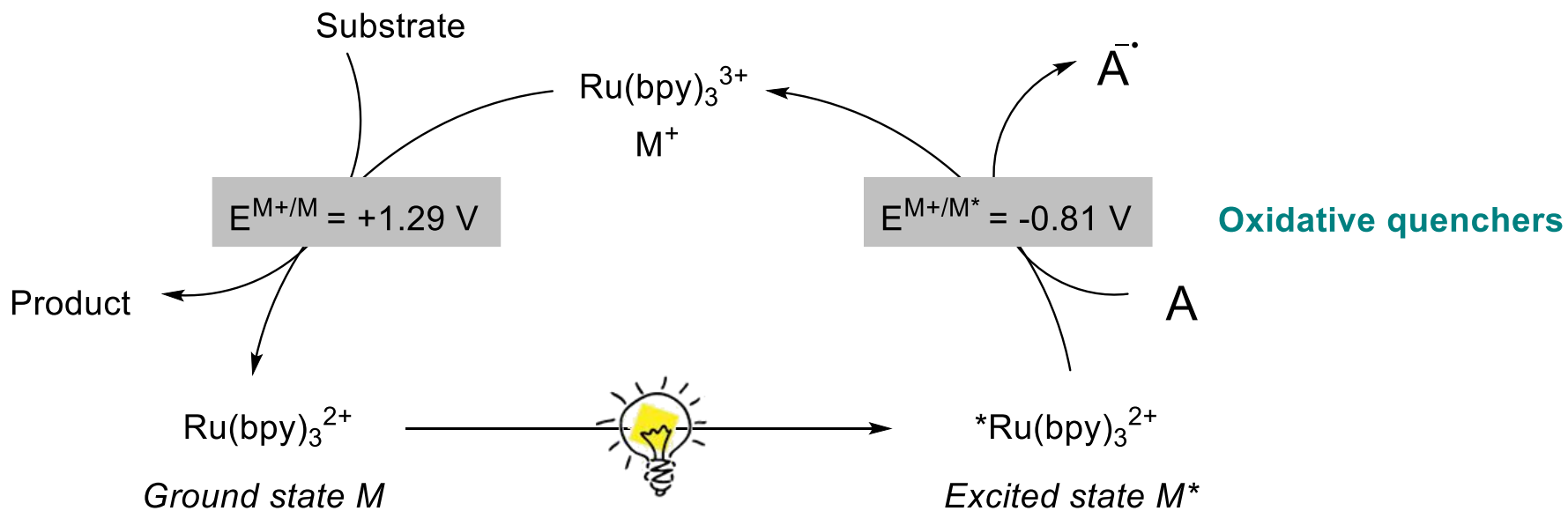
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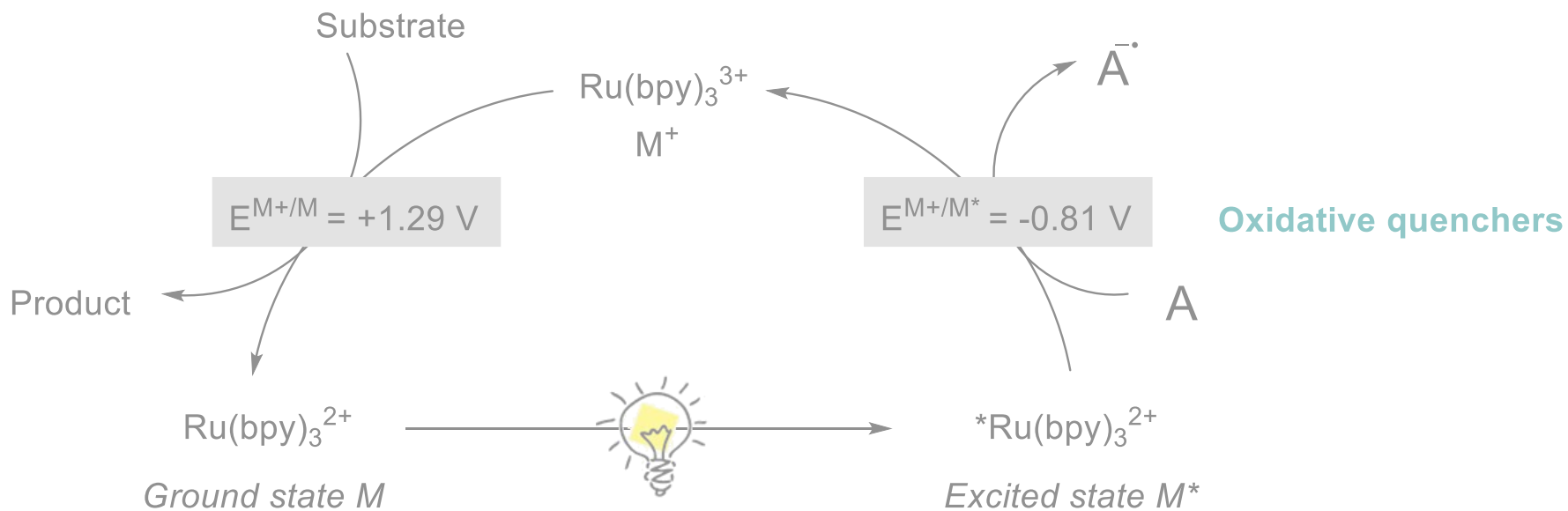
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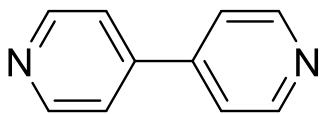
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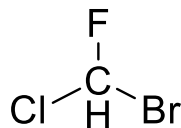
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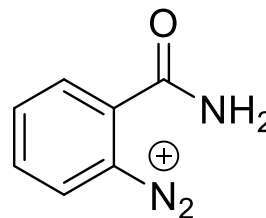
Oxidative quenchers



viologens



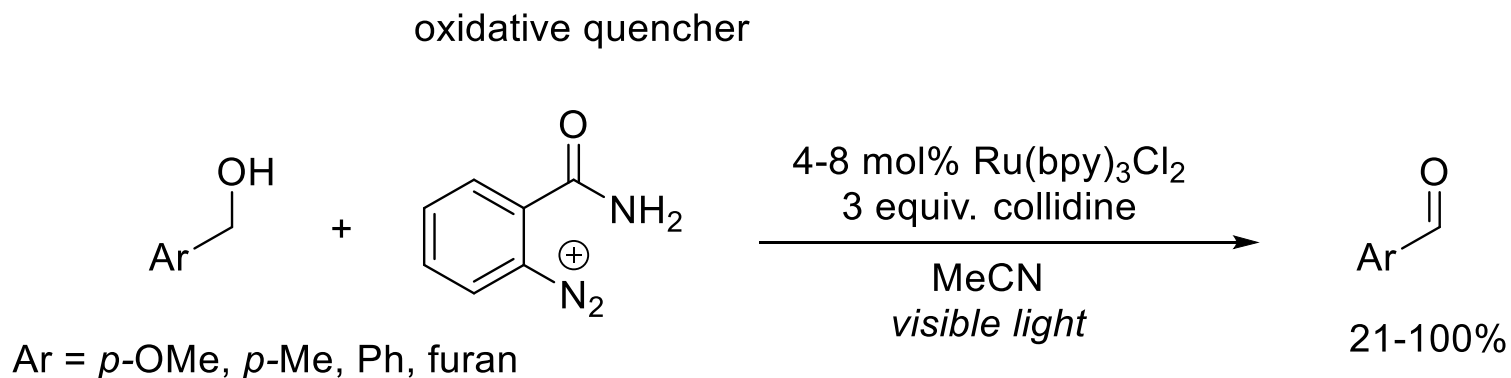
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aryldiamonium salts

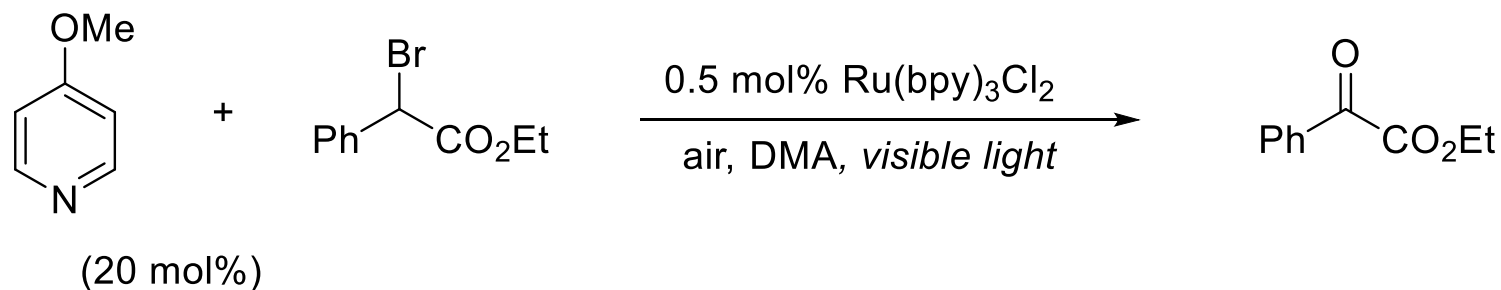
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- Oxidative reactions
 - Single-electron oxidation of particularly electron-rich functional groups:
 - Electron-rich arenes
 - Electron-rich amines
 - Since 1984, oxidative reactions were studied



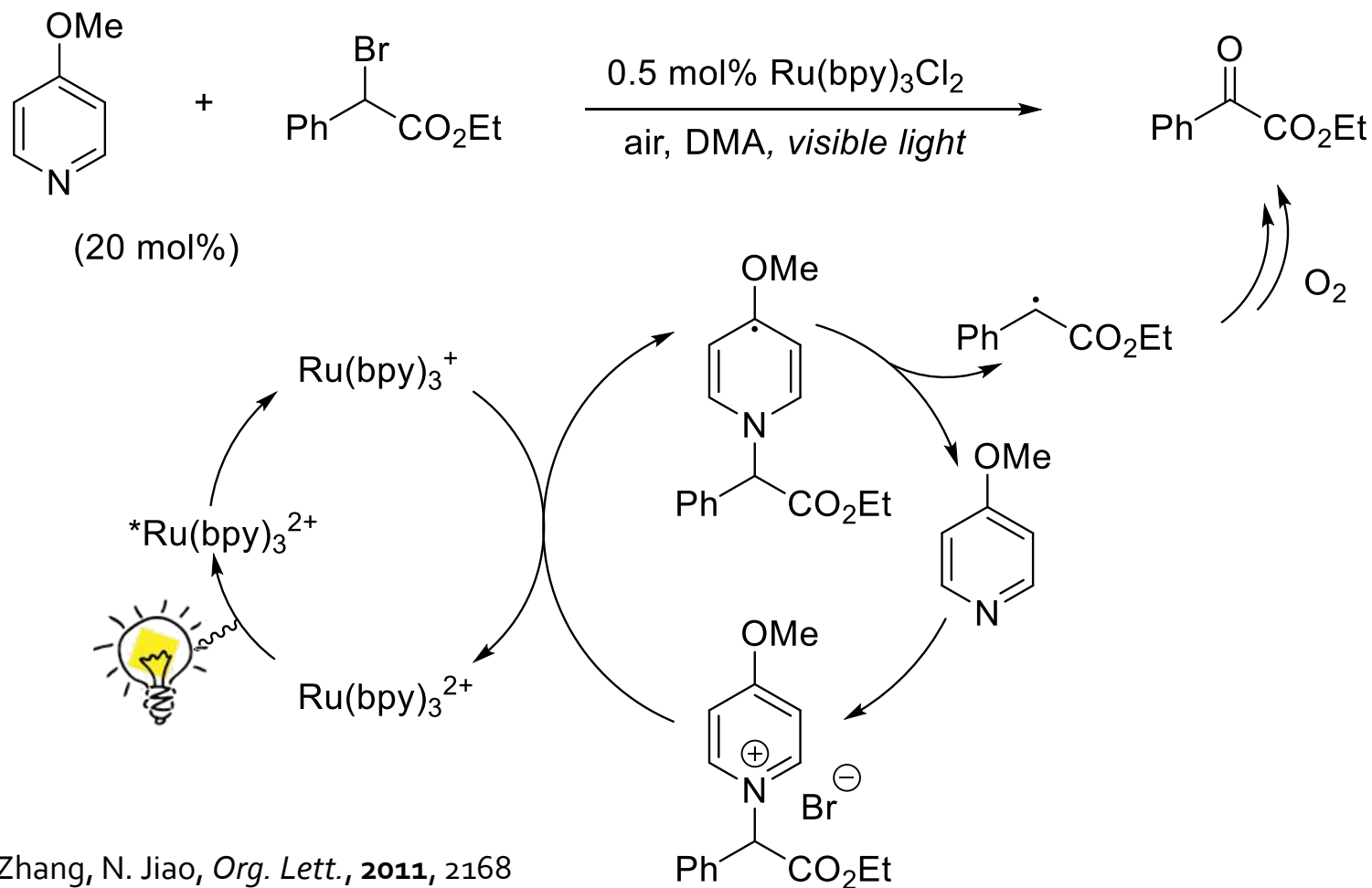
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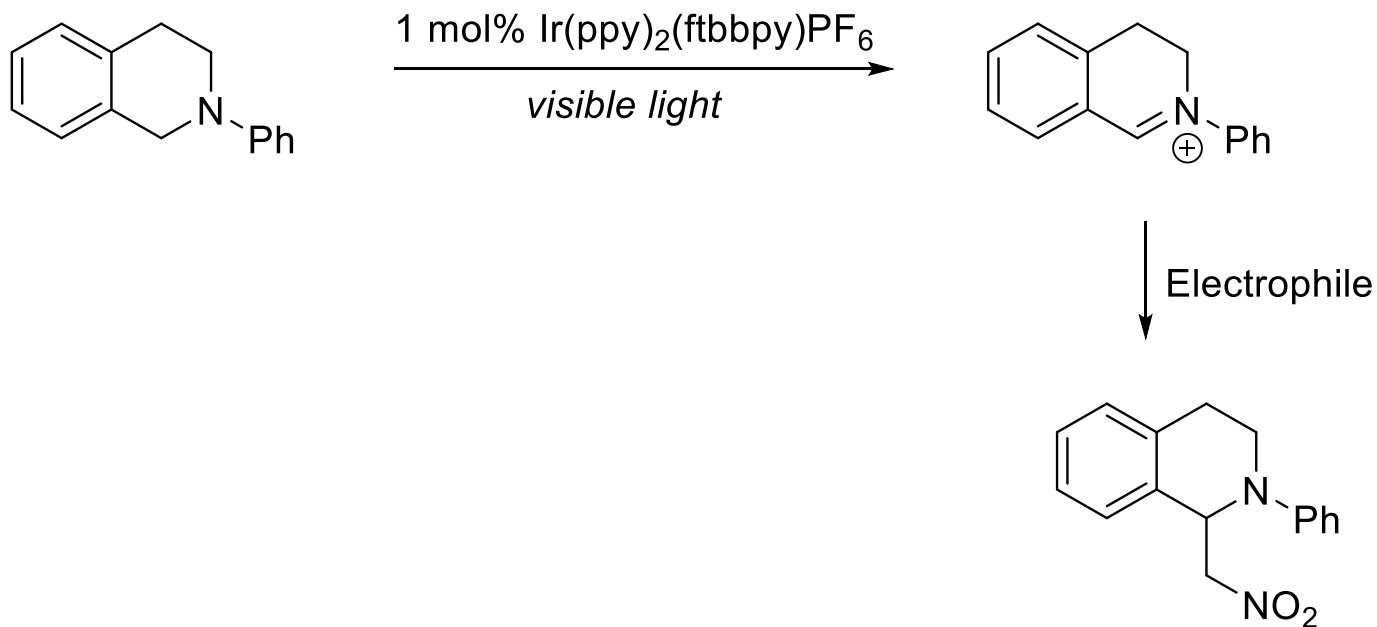
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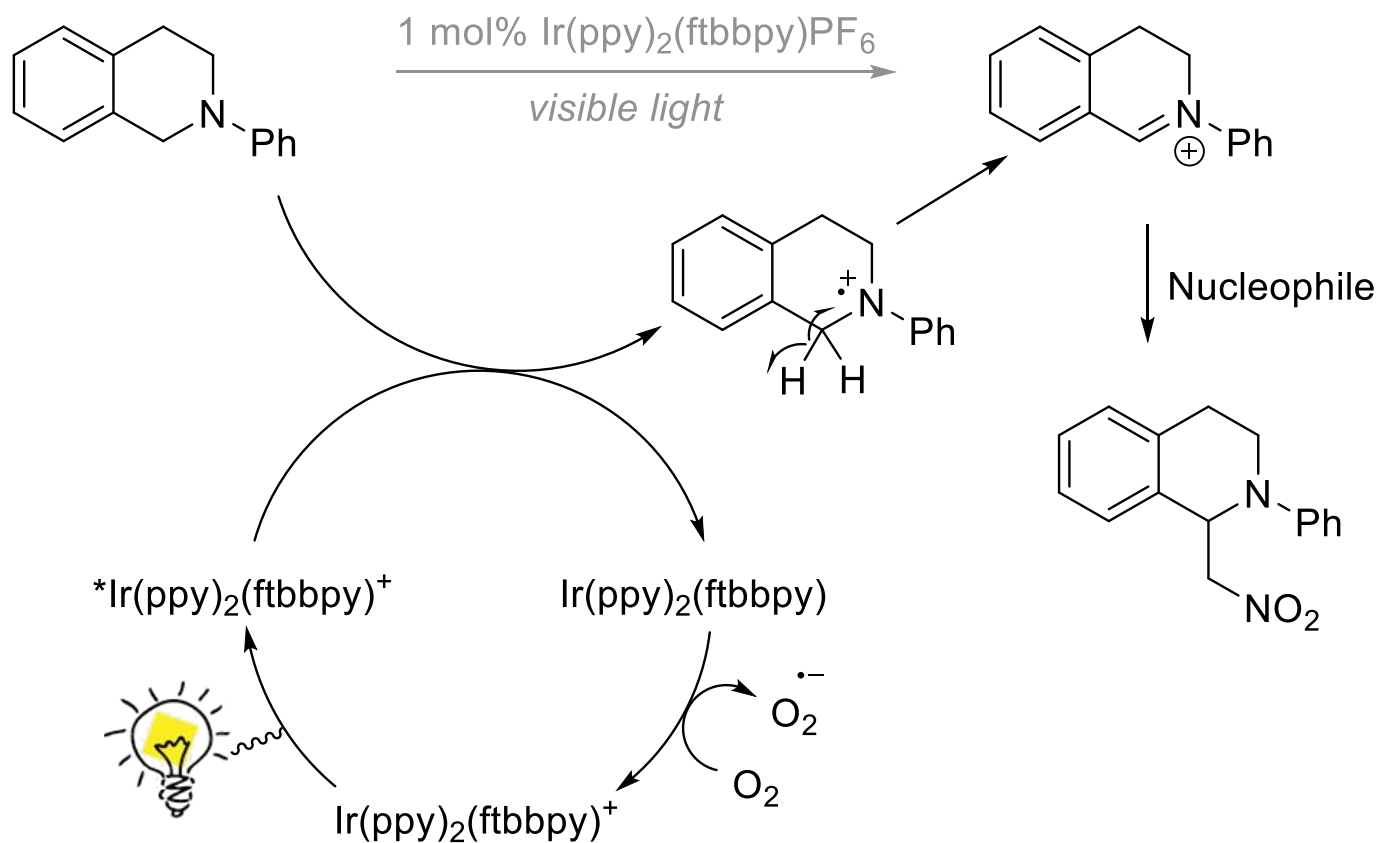
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- Amine oxidation to iminium ions



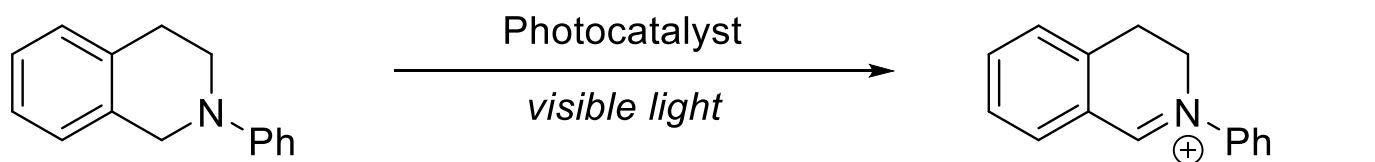
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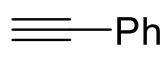


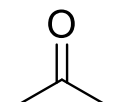
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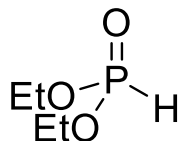
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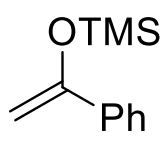
KCN
(94%)

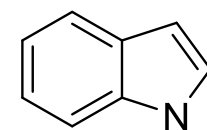
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(75%)

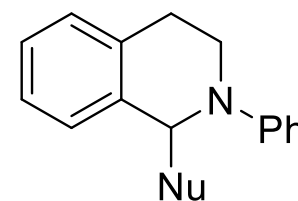

(88%)


(95%)


(89%)


(96%)

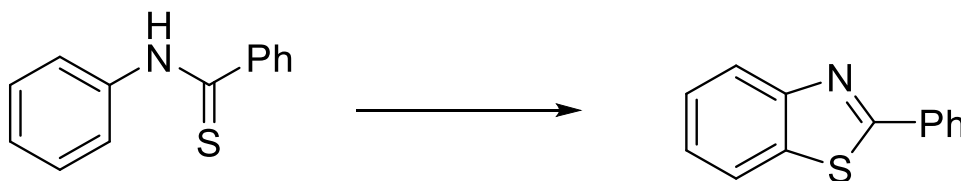

(83%)



II) Reactivity - Oxidations

- Oxidations

- Oxidative biaryl coupling
- Oxidative conversion of thiobenzanilides to benzothiazoles



- α -arylation of amides
- Oxidative deprotection of PMB
- ...

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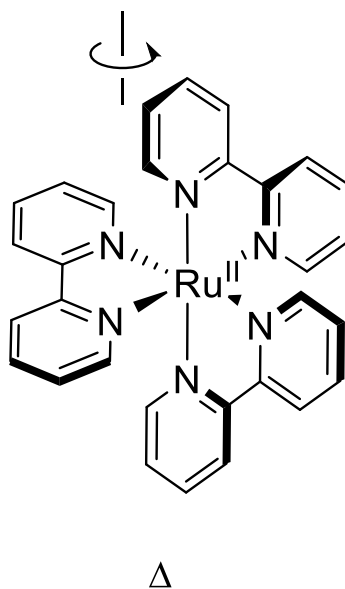
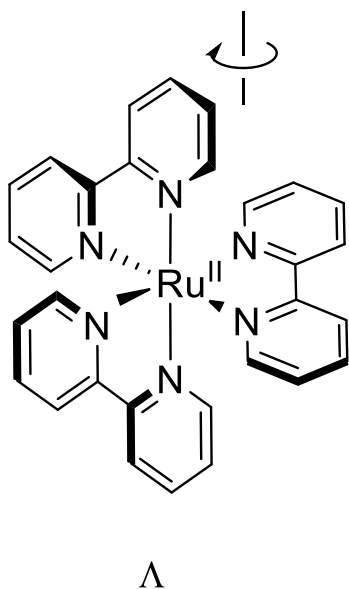
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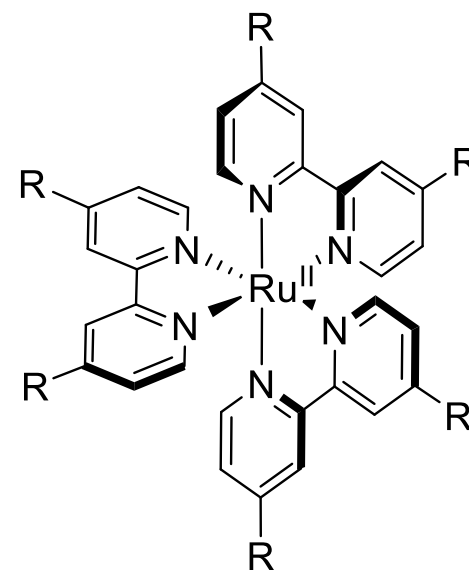
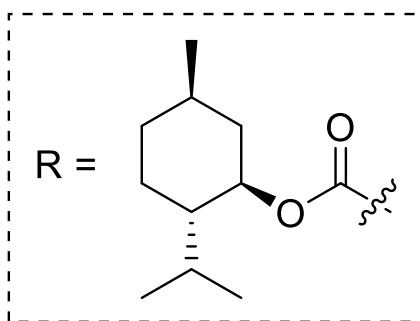
- Enantiomeric forms of $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$



- Octahedral metal complexes
- C_3 symmetry axis
- Induce enantioselectivity?

III) Enantioselective catalysis

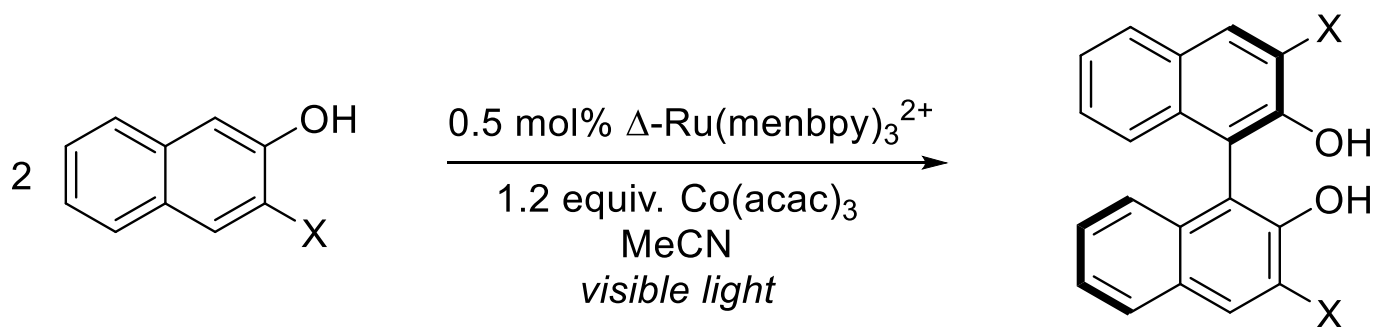
- $\text{Ru}(\text{menbpy})_3^{2+}$ used for enantioselective synthesis ?
 - Prepared as mixture of Δ and Λ forms
 - Diastereomers with R substituents
 - Simply to separate by column chromatography



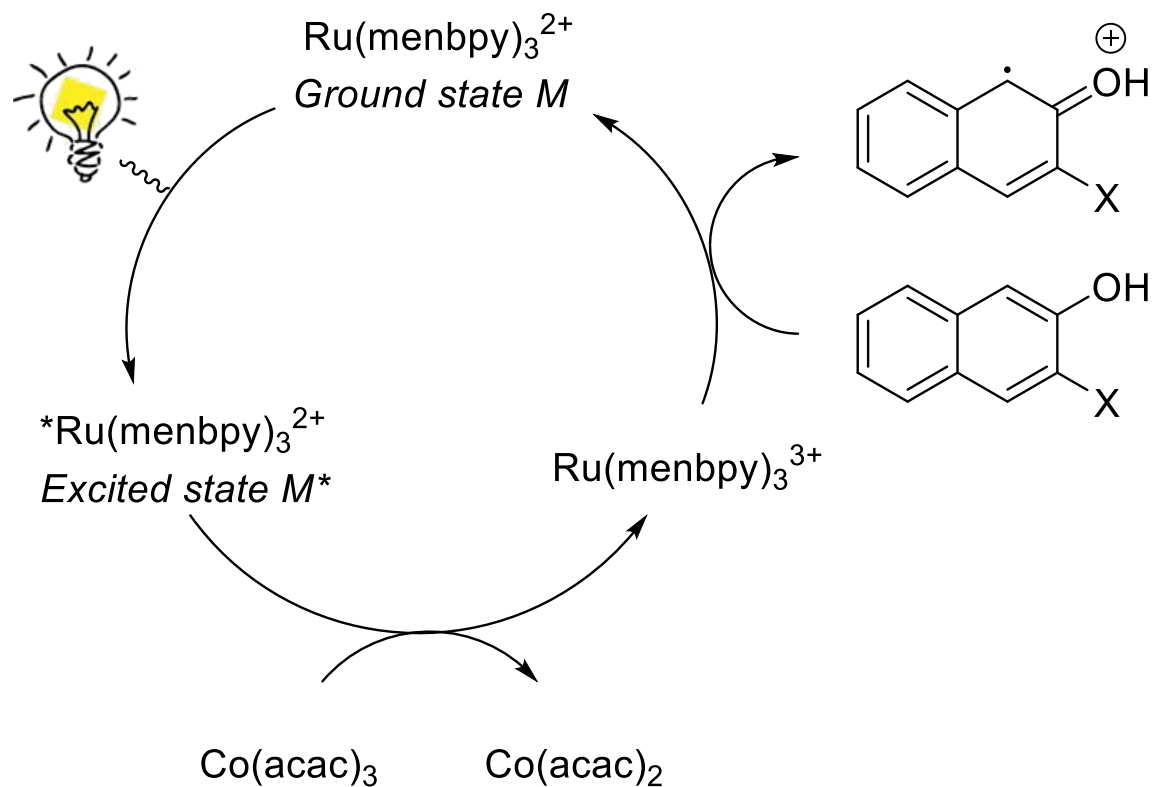
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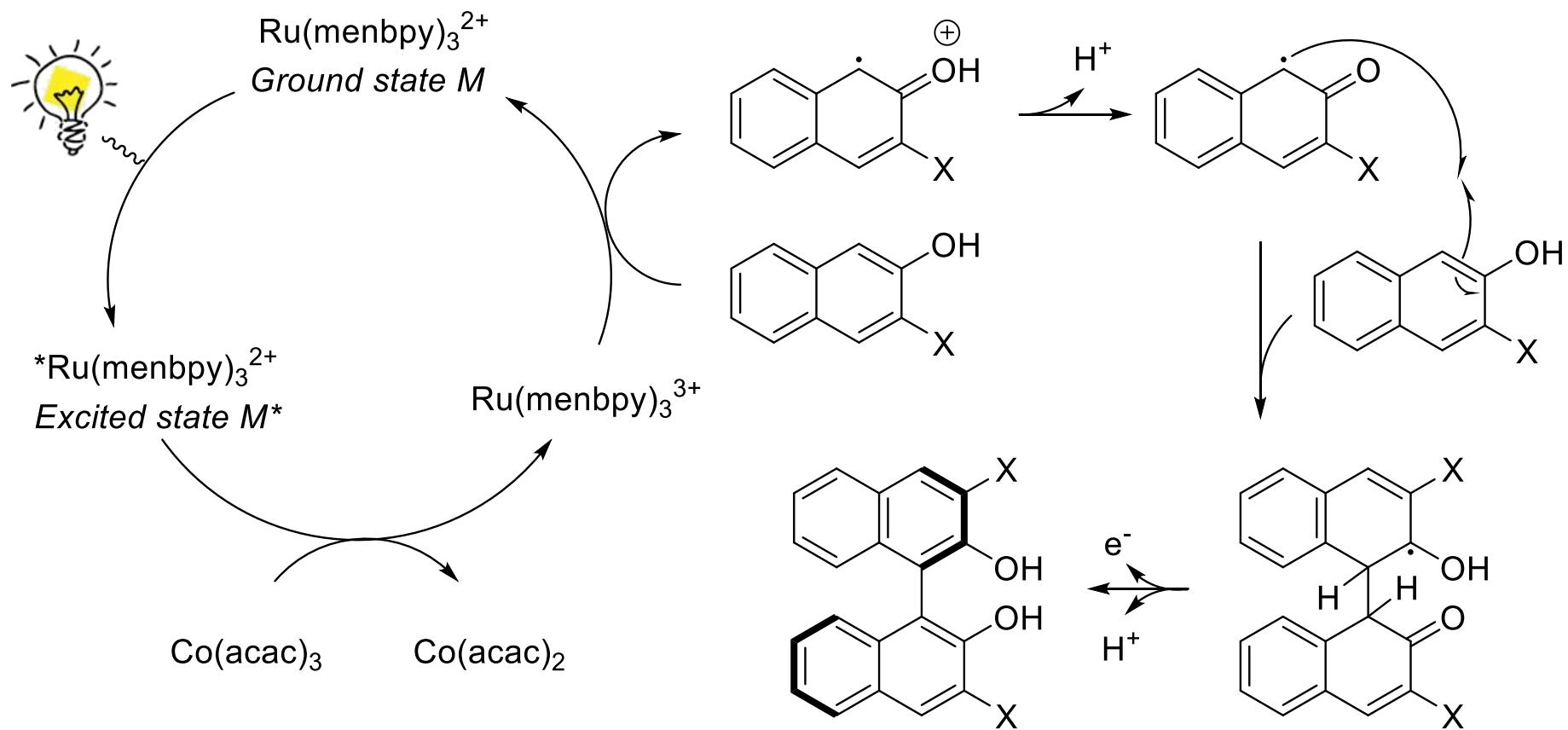
- $\text{Ru}(\text{menbpy})_3^{2+}$ used for enantioselective synthesis ?



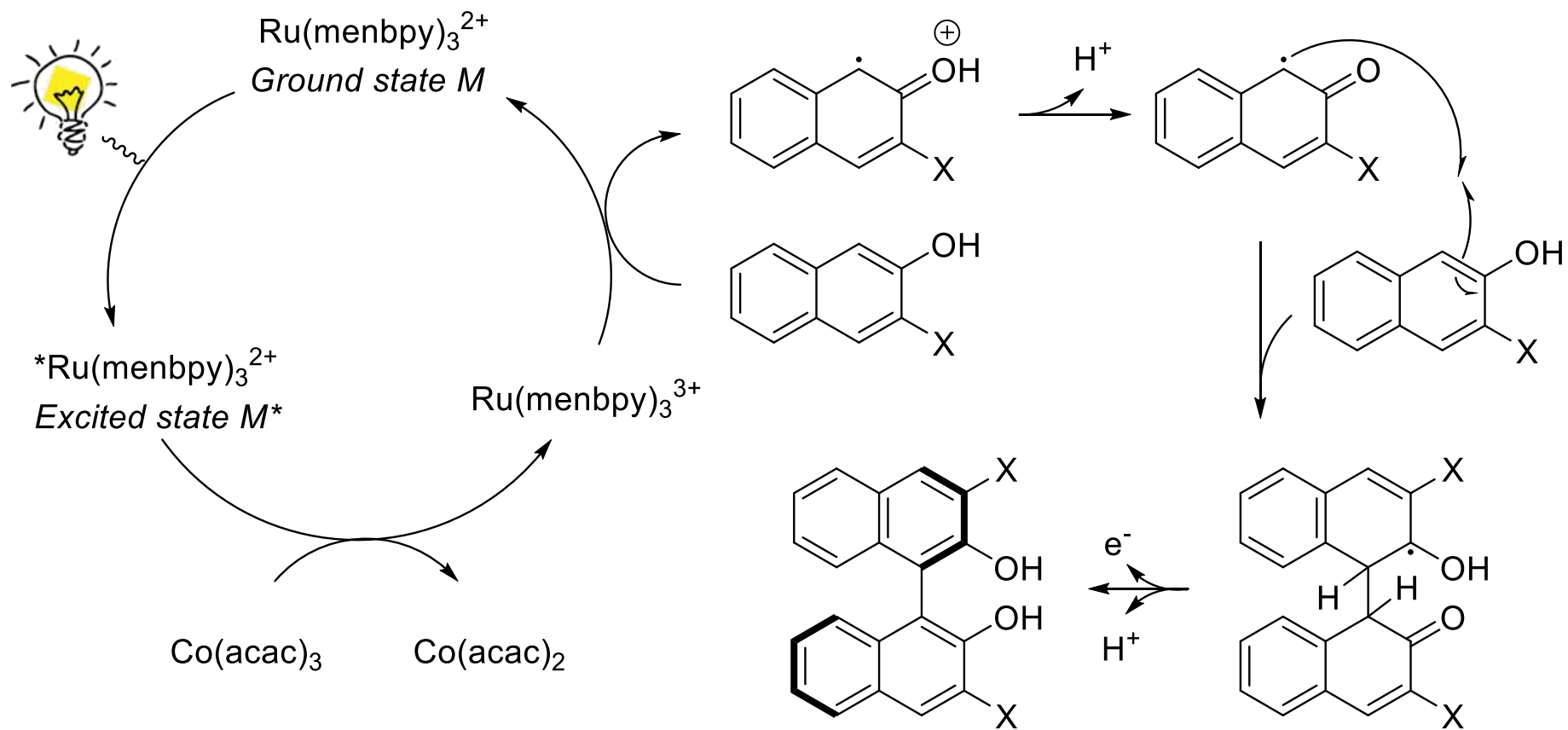
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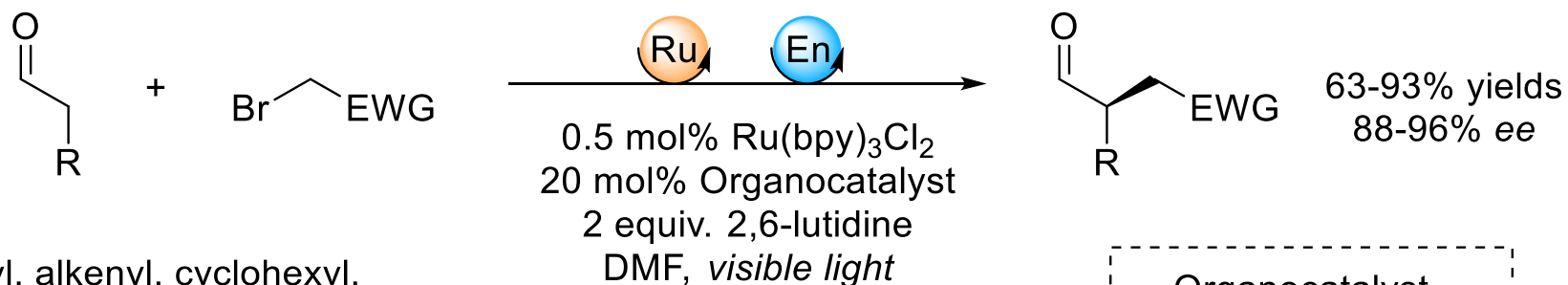
R = H, 16% ee
 OMe, 4% ee

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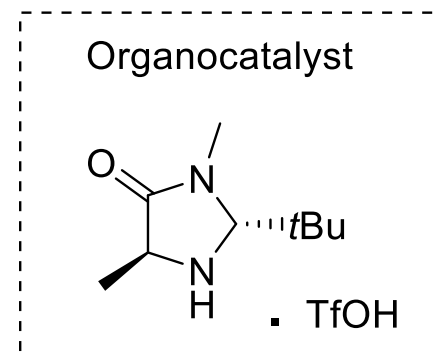
- Low enantioselectivities reflect:
 - Catalyst:
 - Only generates reactive radical species
 - Catalyst does not serve for bond-formation
 - Not present in the transition-state
 - No effect on the stereochemical outcome
- Low enantioselectivities highlight:
 - Enantioselectivity challenge

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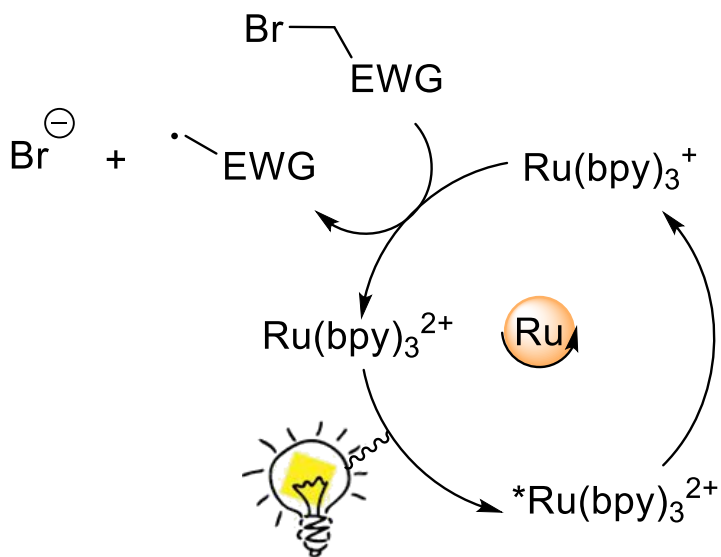
- Enantioselective α -alkylation of aldehydes by visible-light
 - In 2008, first enantioselective α -alkylation of aldehydes by Nicewicz and MacMillan.
 - Dual catalysis: photoredox catalysis & enamine organocatalysis



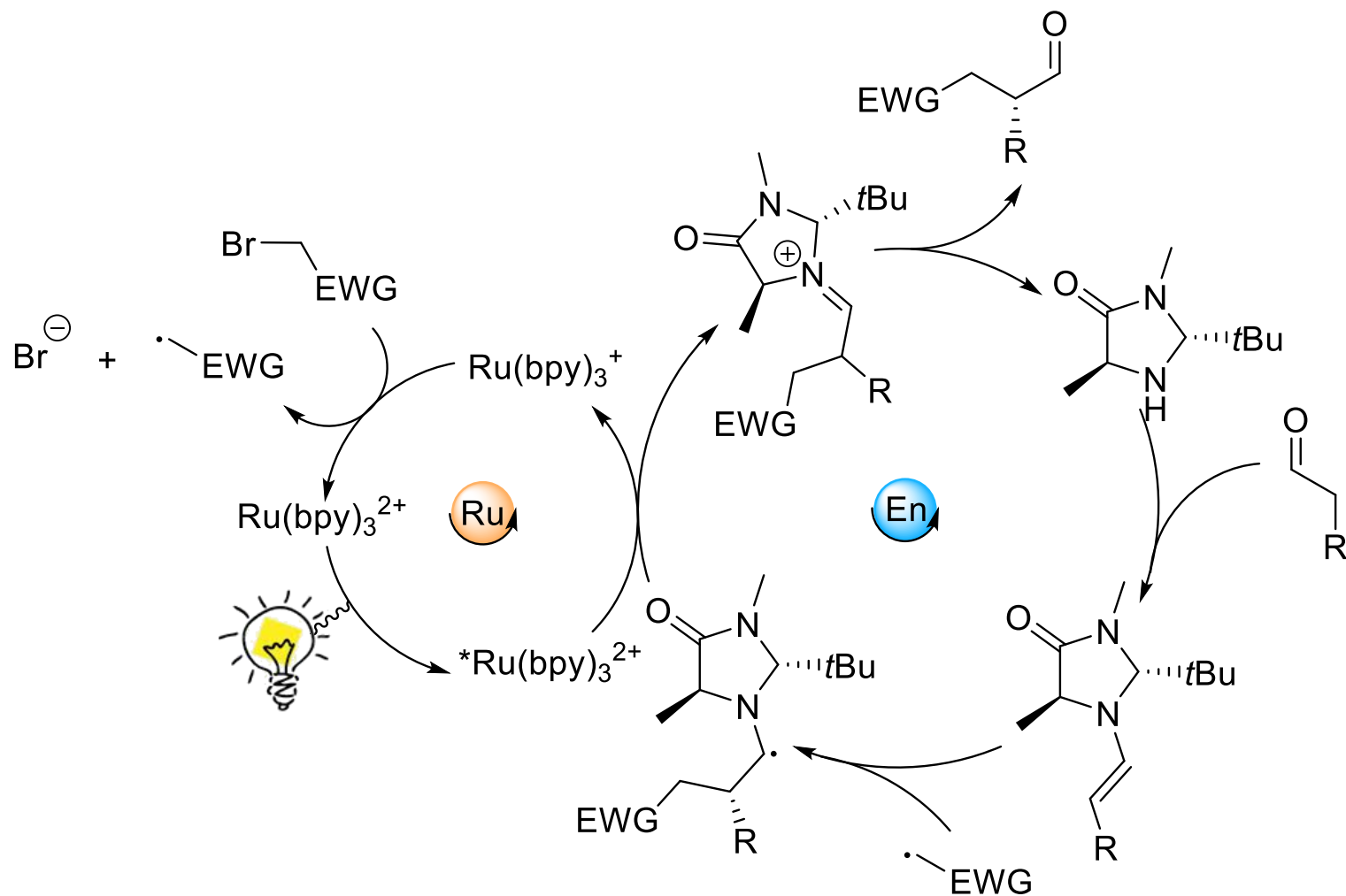
R = alkyl, alkenyl, cyclohexyl,



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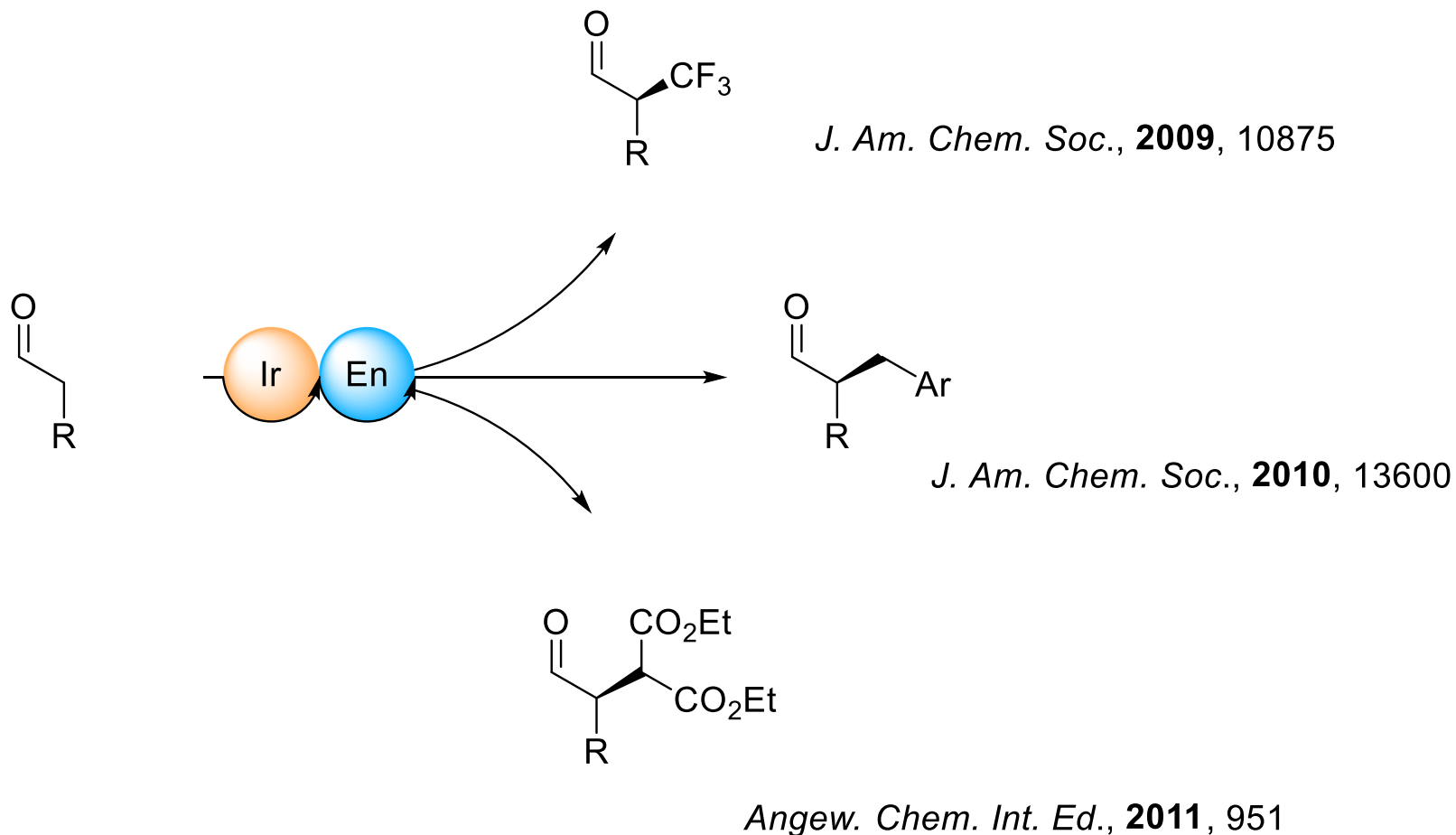


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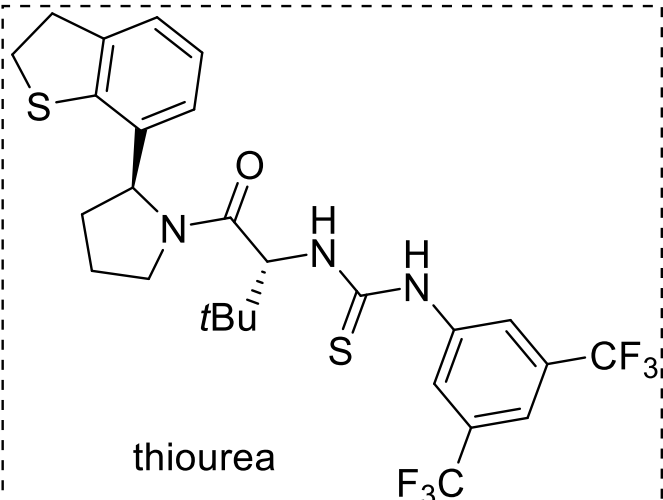
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- Enantioselective α -functionalization of aldehydes

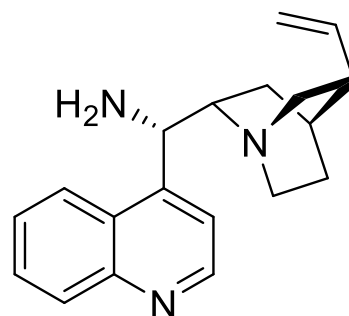


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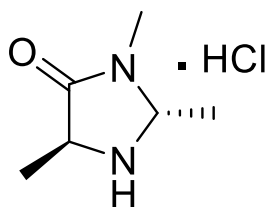
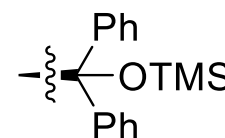
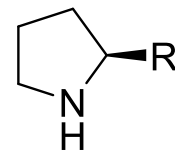
- Organocatalyst used in combinations with photocatalysts



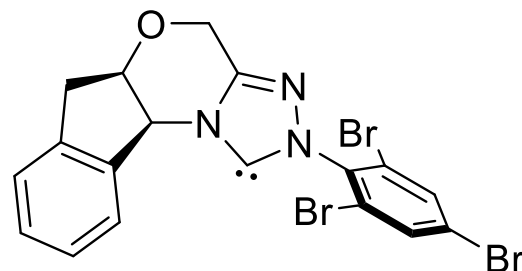
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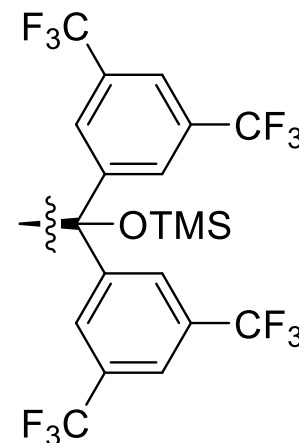
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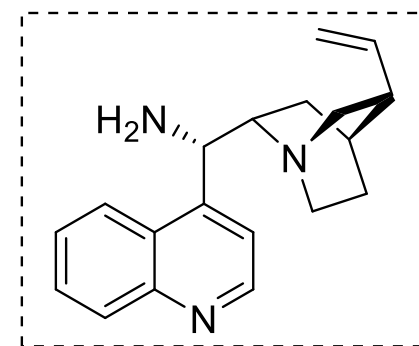
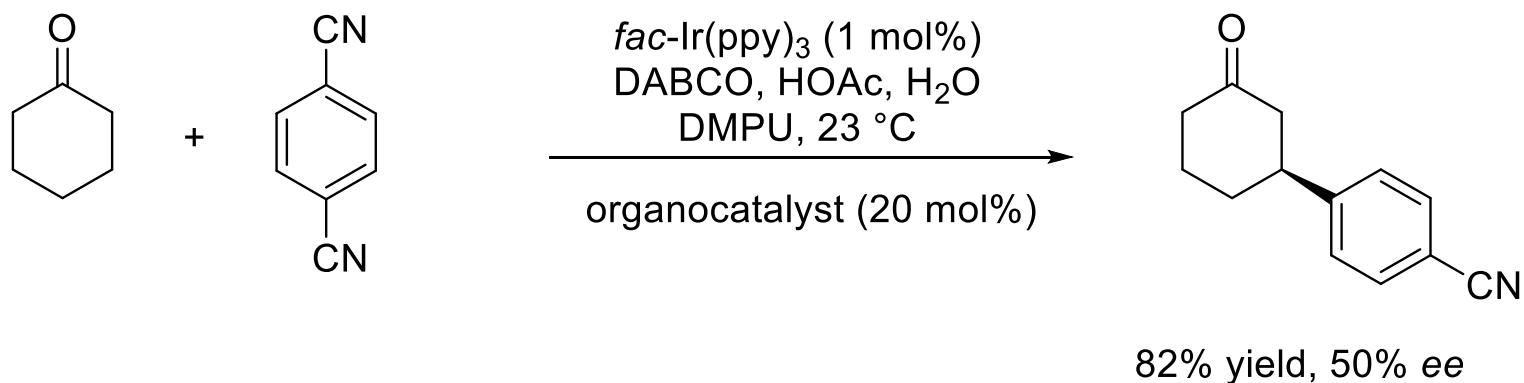


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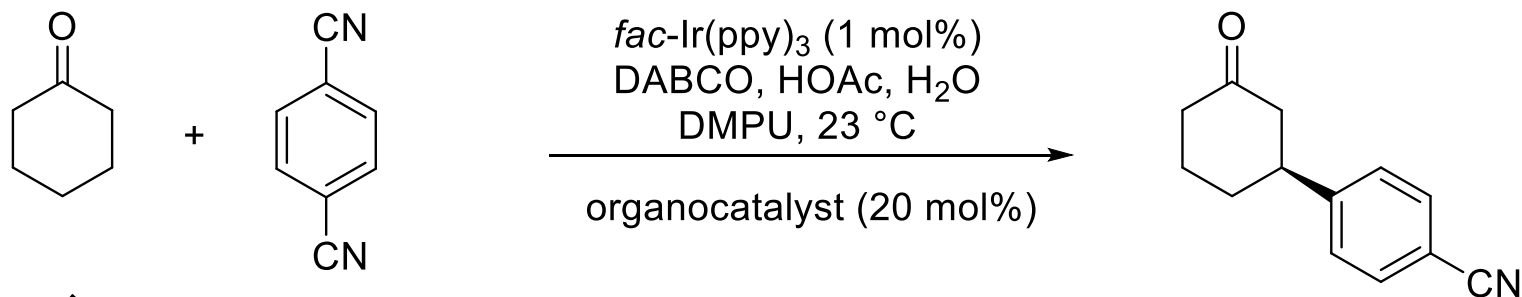
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- Enantioselective functionalization of ketones

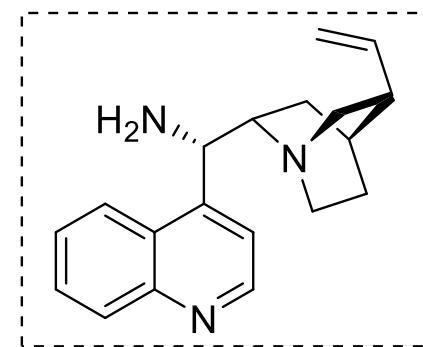
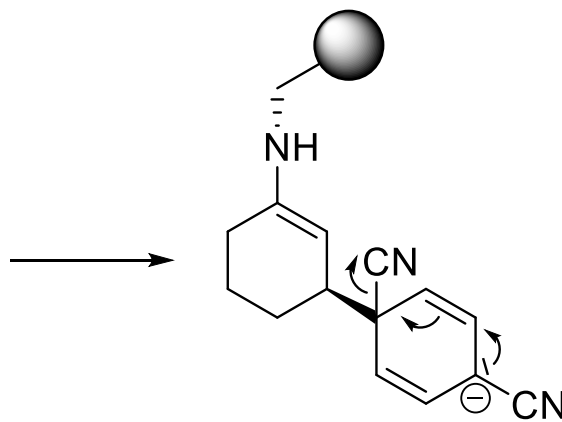
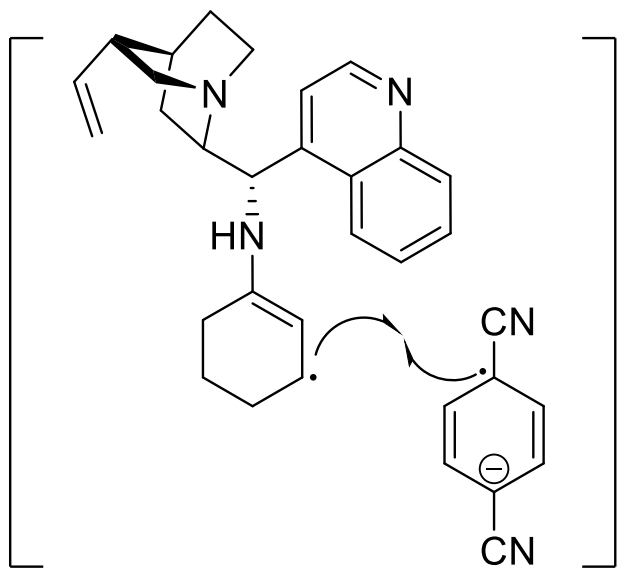


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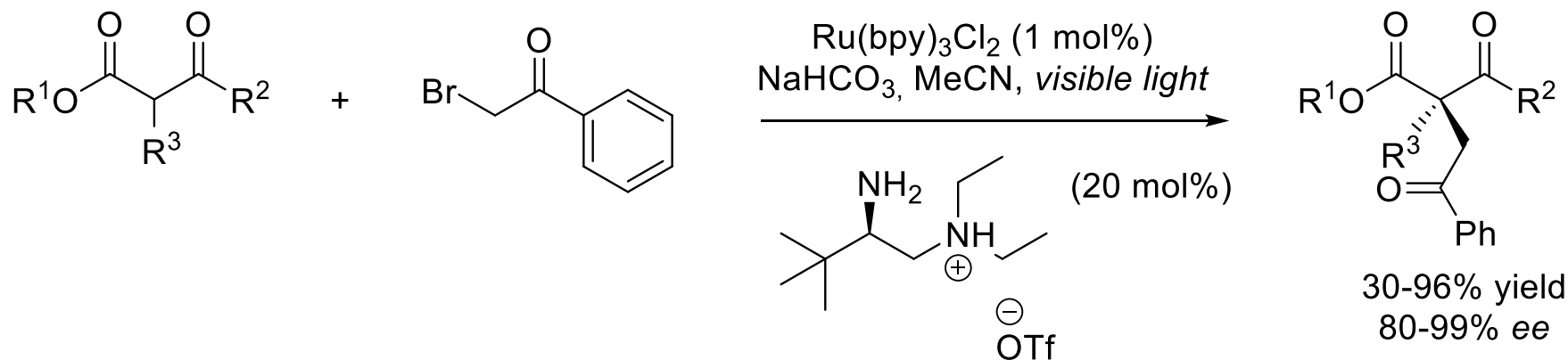


82% yield, 50% ee



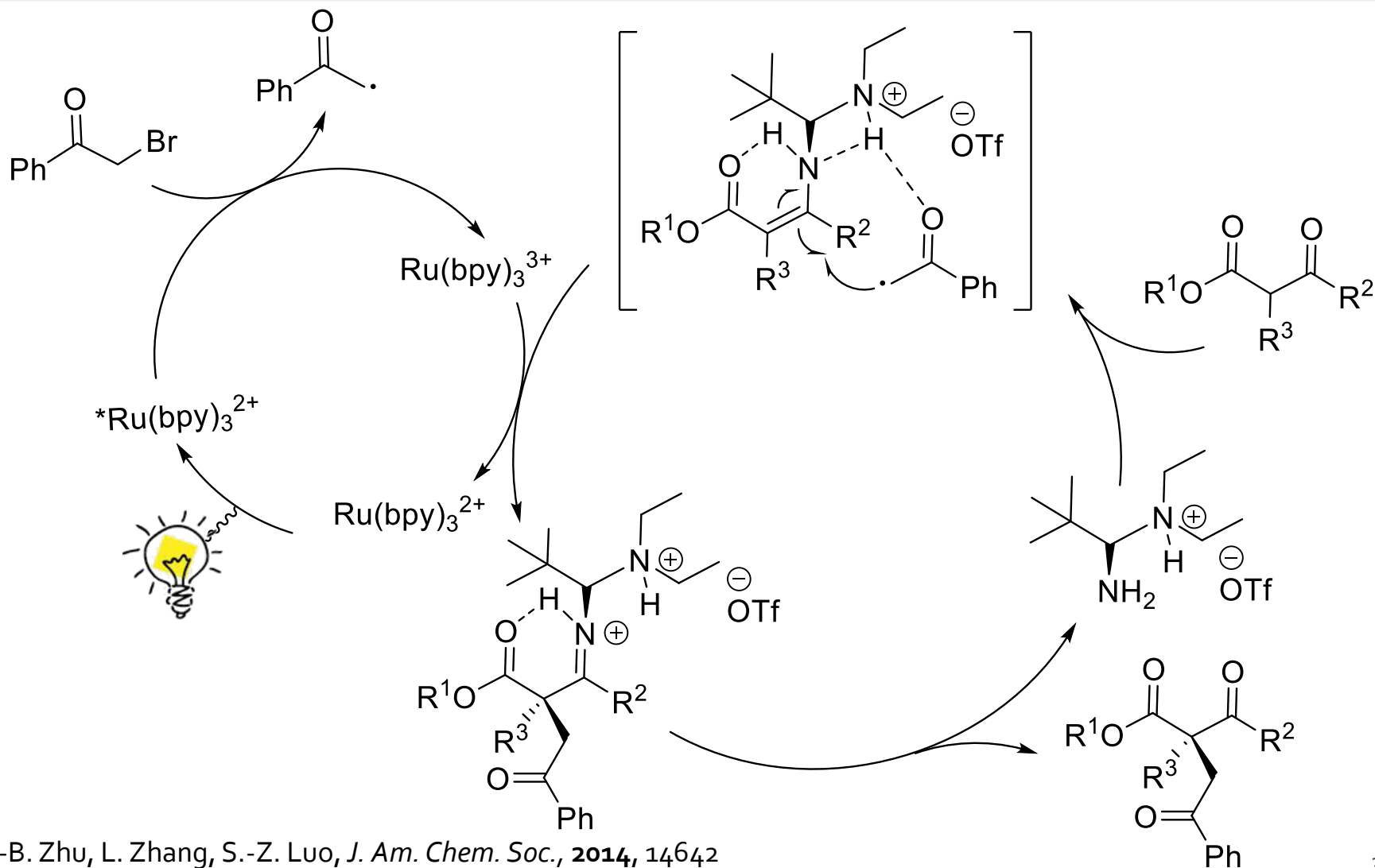
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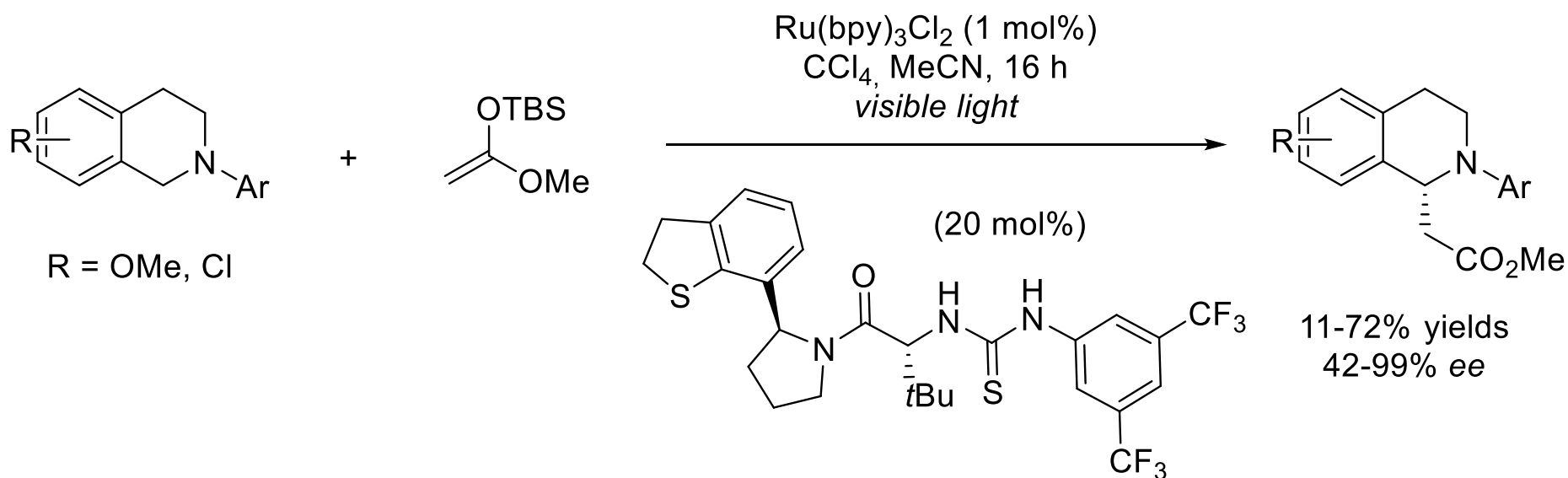
- Possibility of functionalization of β-ketoamides

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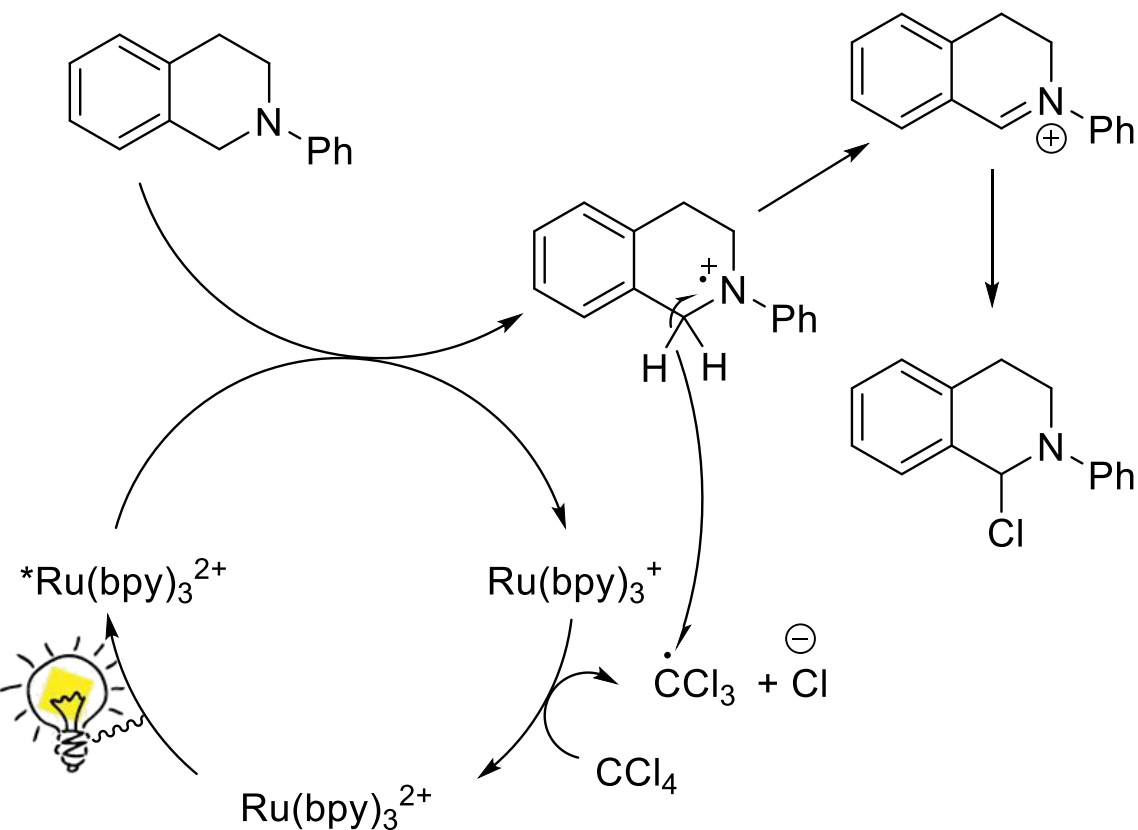


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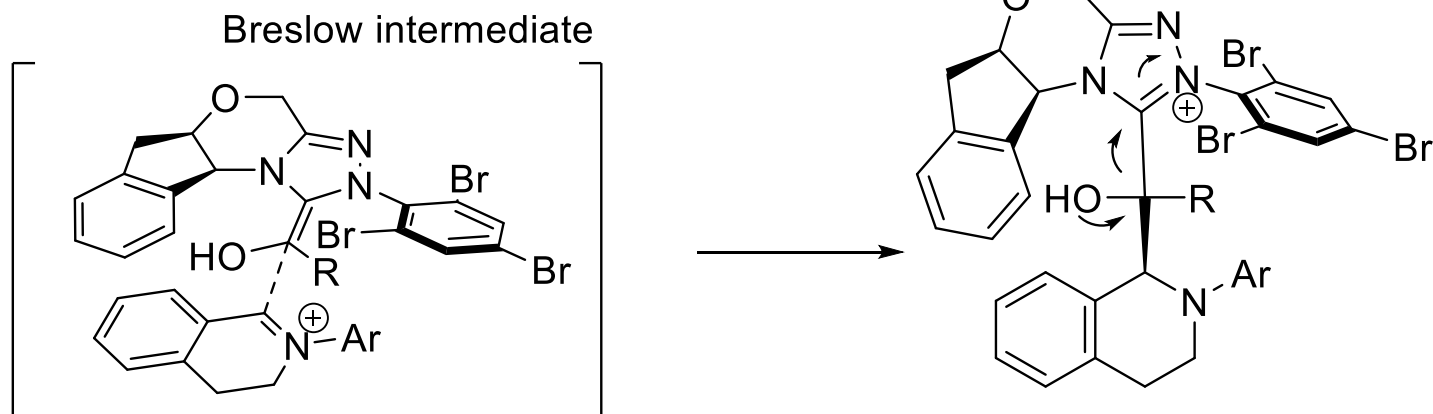
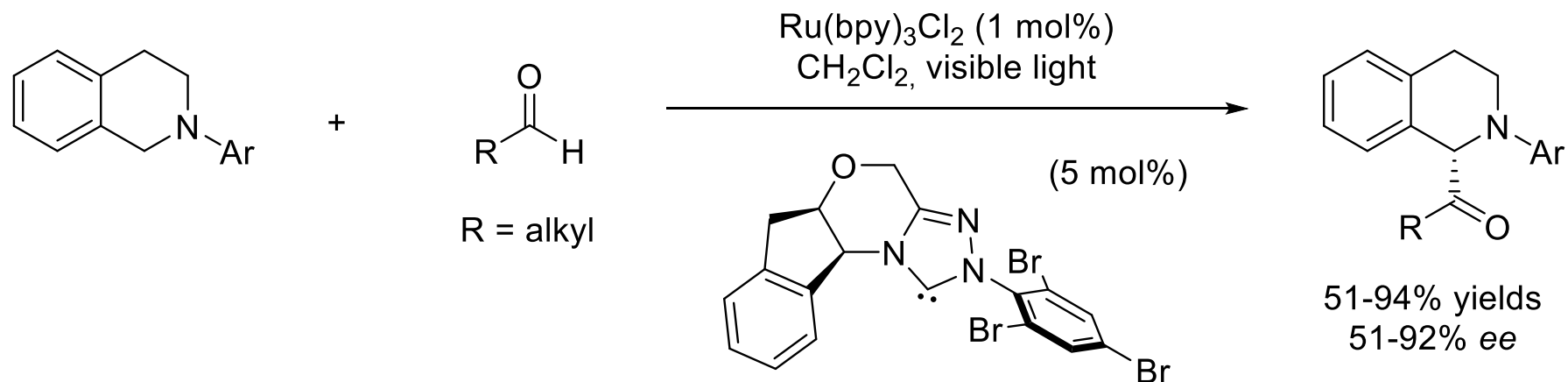
- Enantioselective functionalization of amines
 - Stephenson, using Iridium catalyst (*JACS*, **2010**, 1464)
 - Combination of thiourea catalyst with photocatalyst



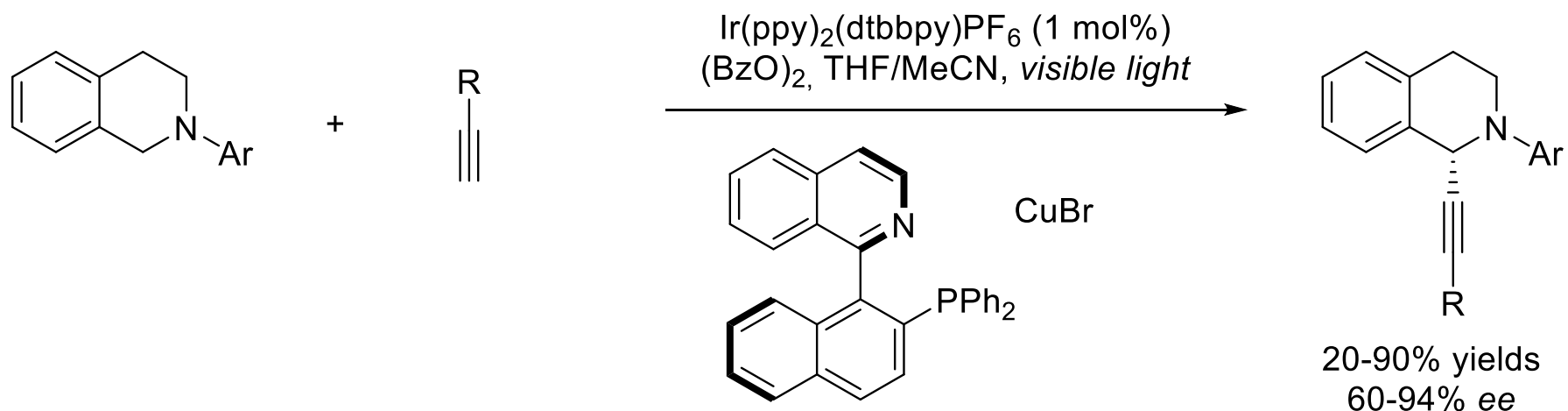
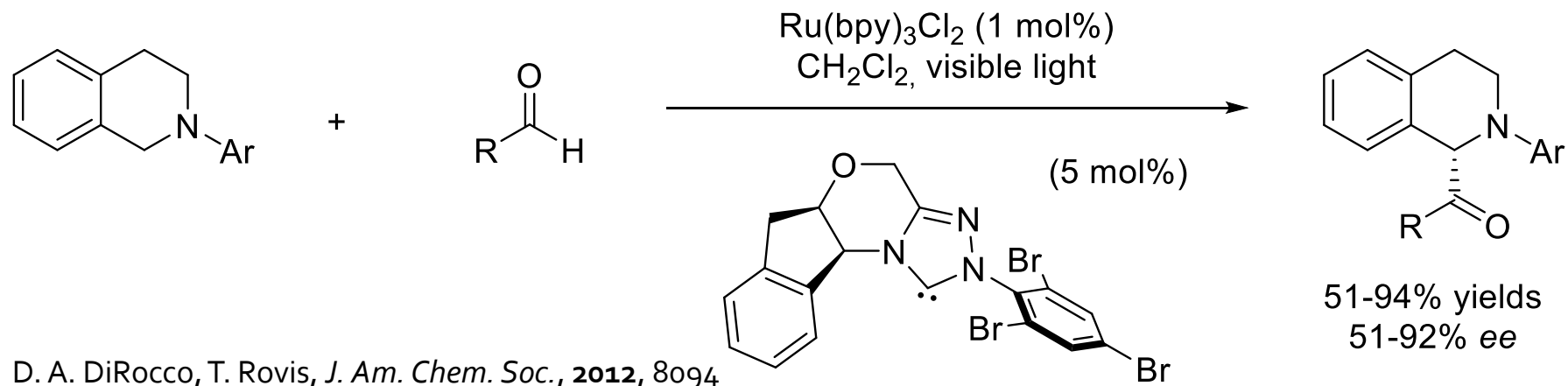
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II. Reactivity

1) *Reductions*

2) *Oxidations*

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IV. Conclusion

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- Photocatalysis avoid the use of stoichiometric oxidant or reductant
- Extremely mild conditions were used
- Two properties of the photocatalyst enabling reductions & oxidations
- Access in one-pot to complexes & functionalized molecules
- Variety of substrate
- Enantioselective processes well developed
- Dual catalysis: photocatalyst and metal (Cu, Ni, ..)

IV) Conclusion

Thank you for your attention

Any questions ?

