

# Organic Super Electron Donors

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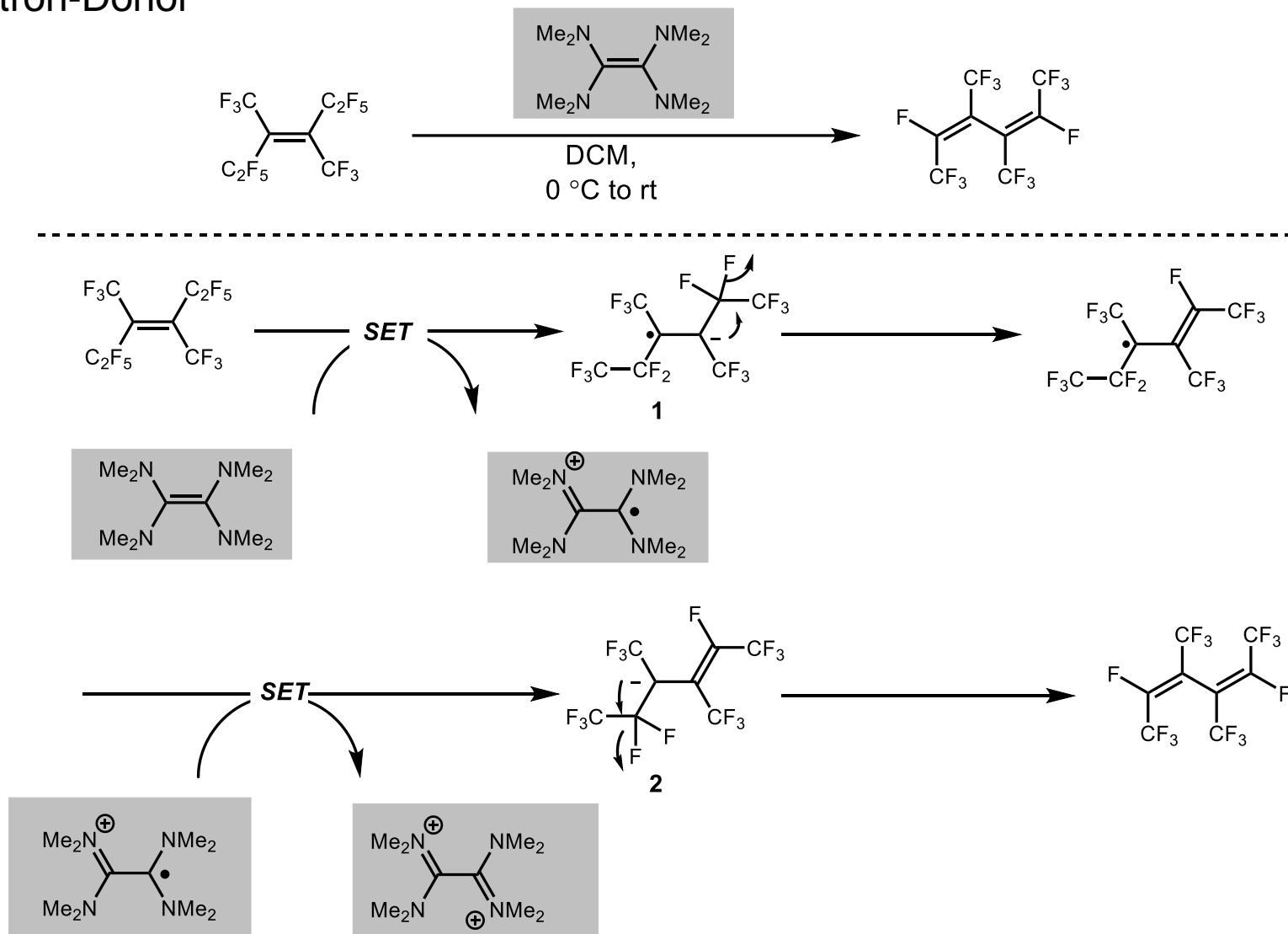
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# Discovery

## Electron-Donor



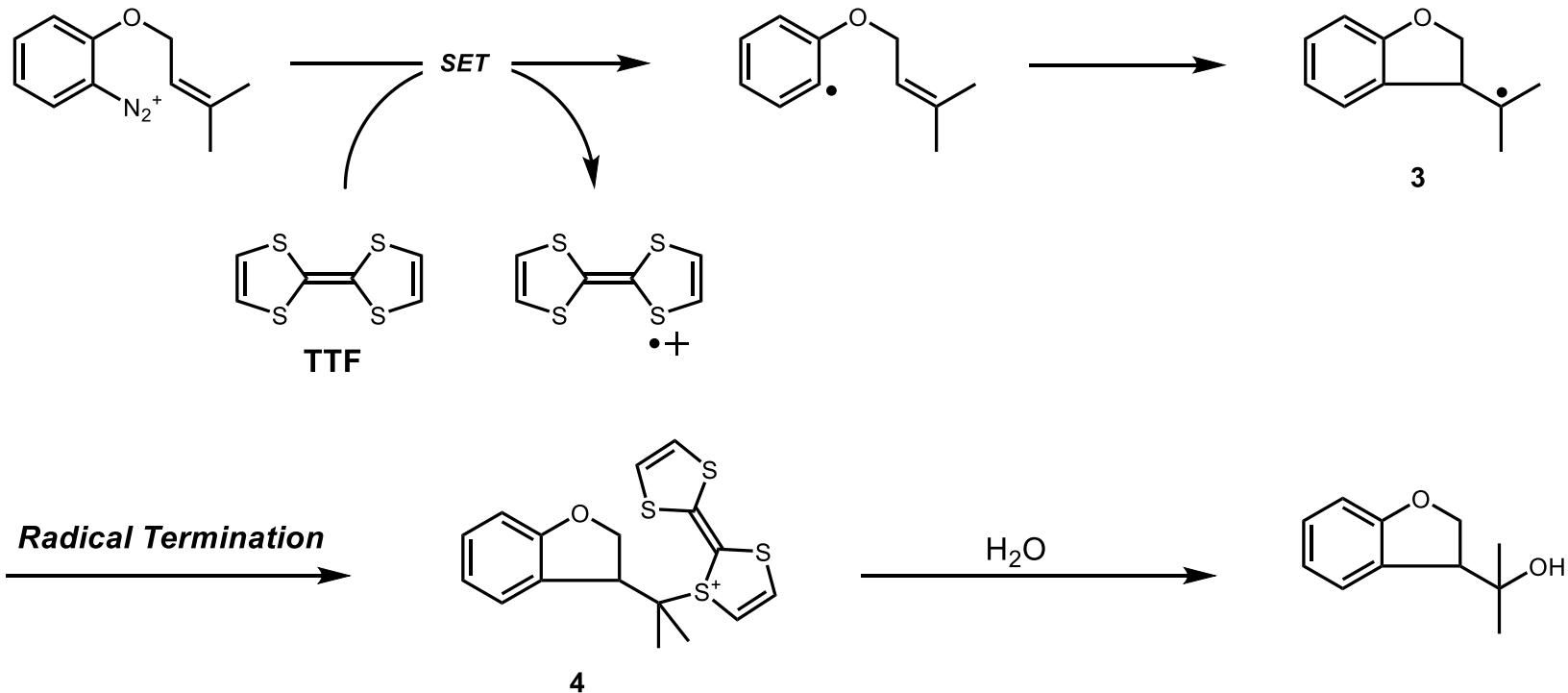
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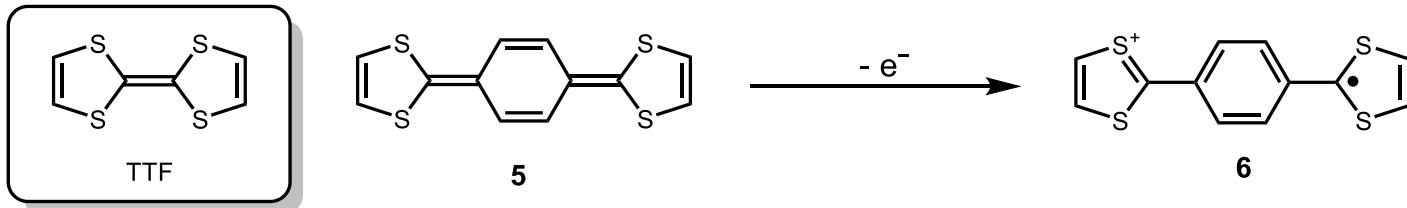
## Electron-Donor

### Radical-Polar Crossover Reactions



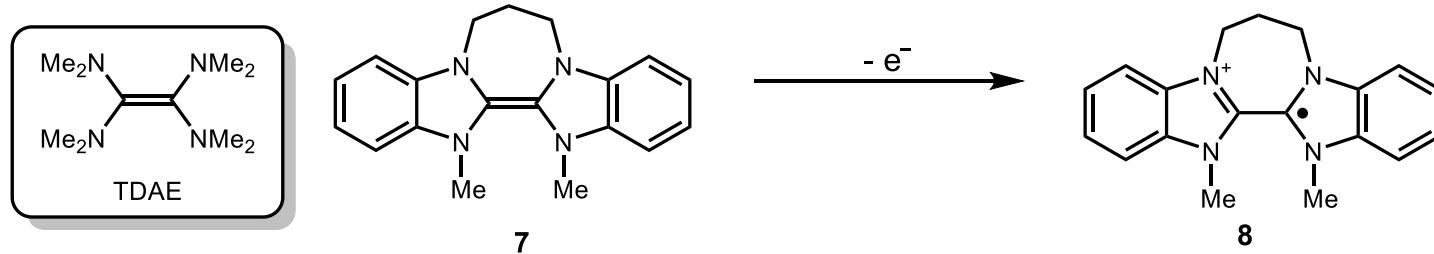
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Aromatic driving force

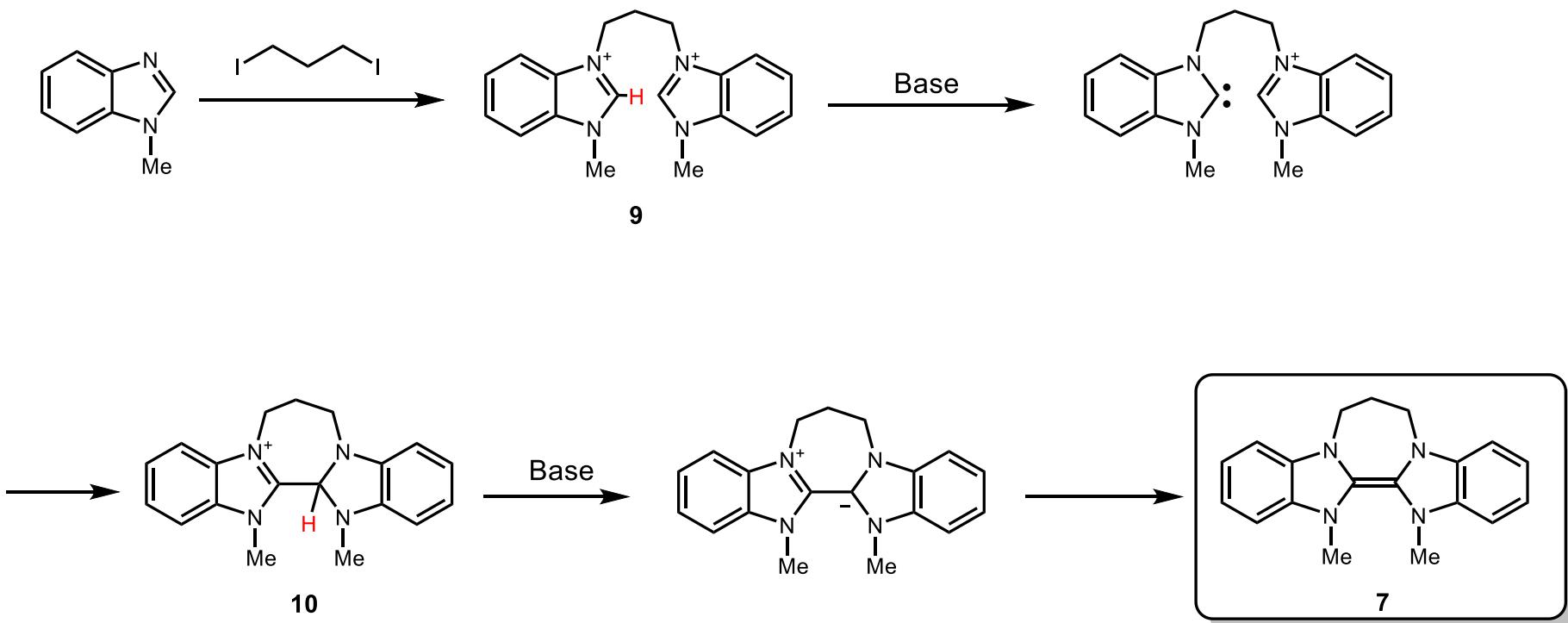
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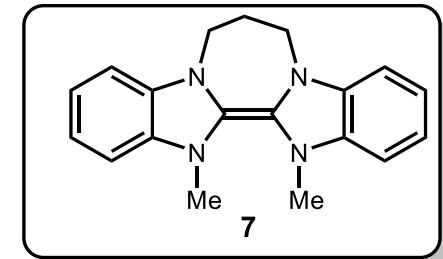
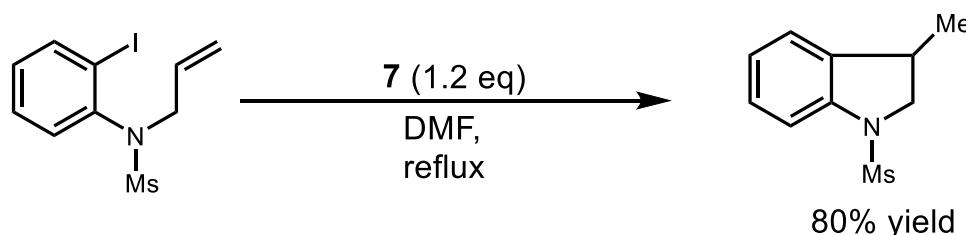
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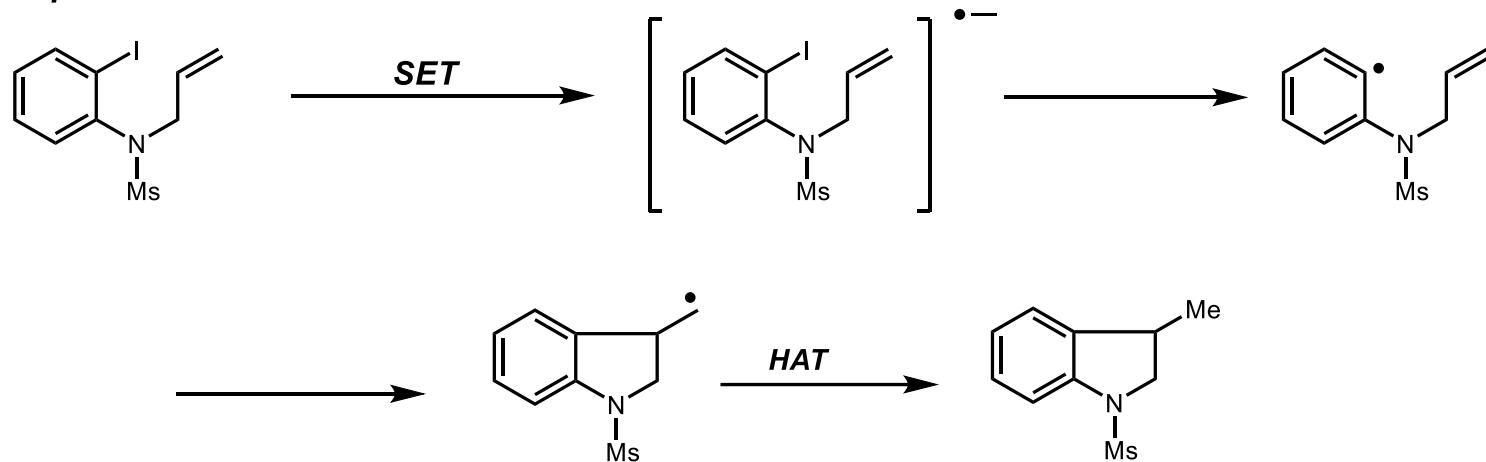
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The application of 7



*Proposed Mechanism*

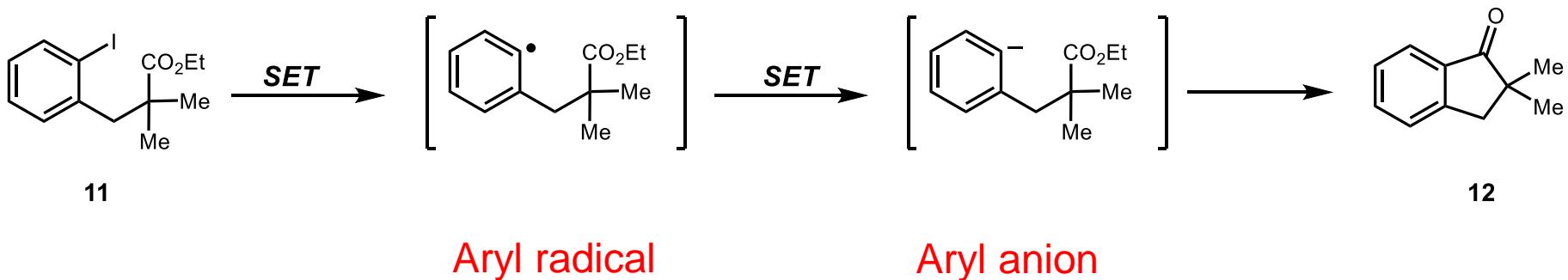


7 is the first neutral organic molecule to form aryl radicals from iodoarenes !

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## Hypothesis

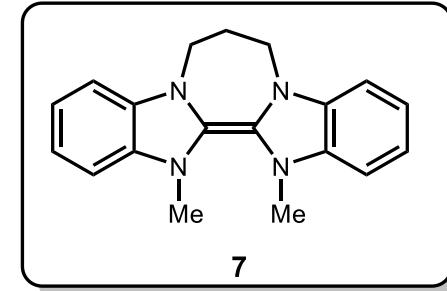
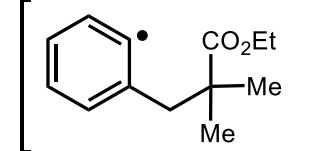
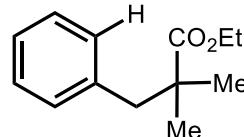
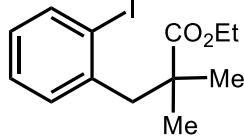


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Aryl radical

Aryl anion



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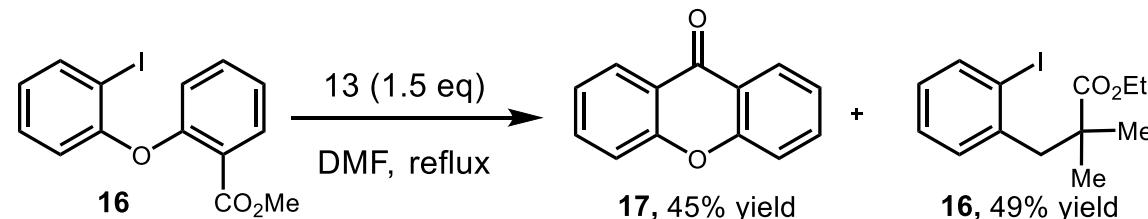
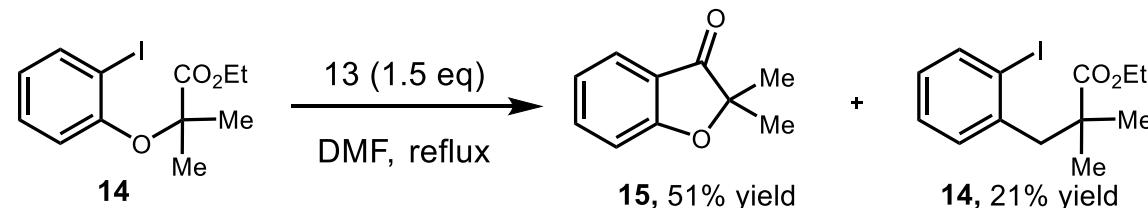
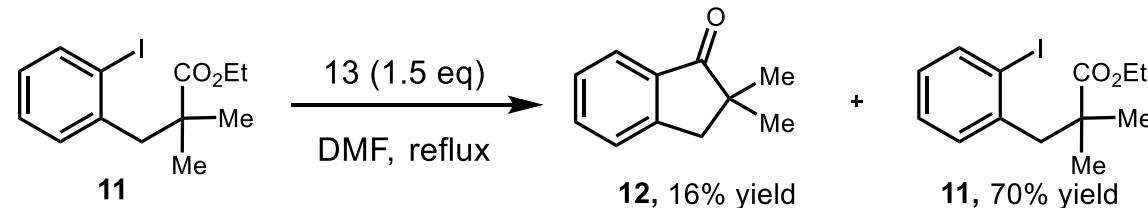
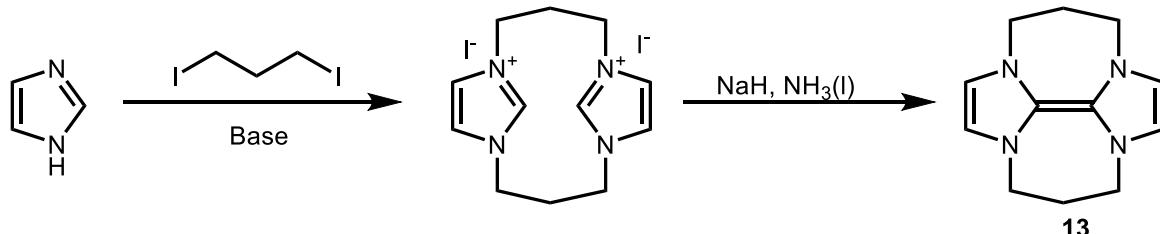
Aryl radical

We need a more-reactive Organic Electron Donor !

J. A. Murphy; T. Tuttle; et al. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2007**, *46*, 5178

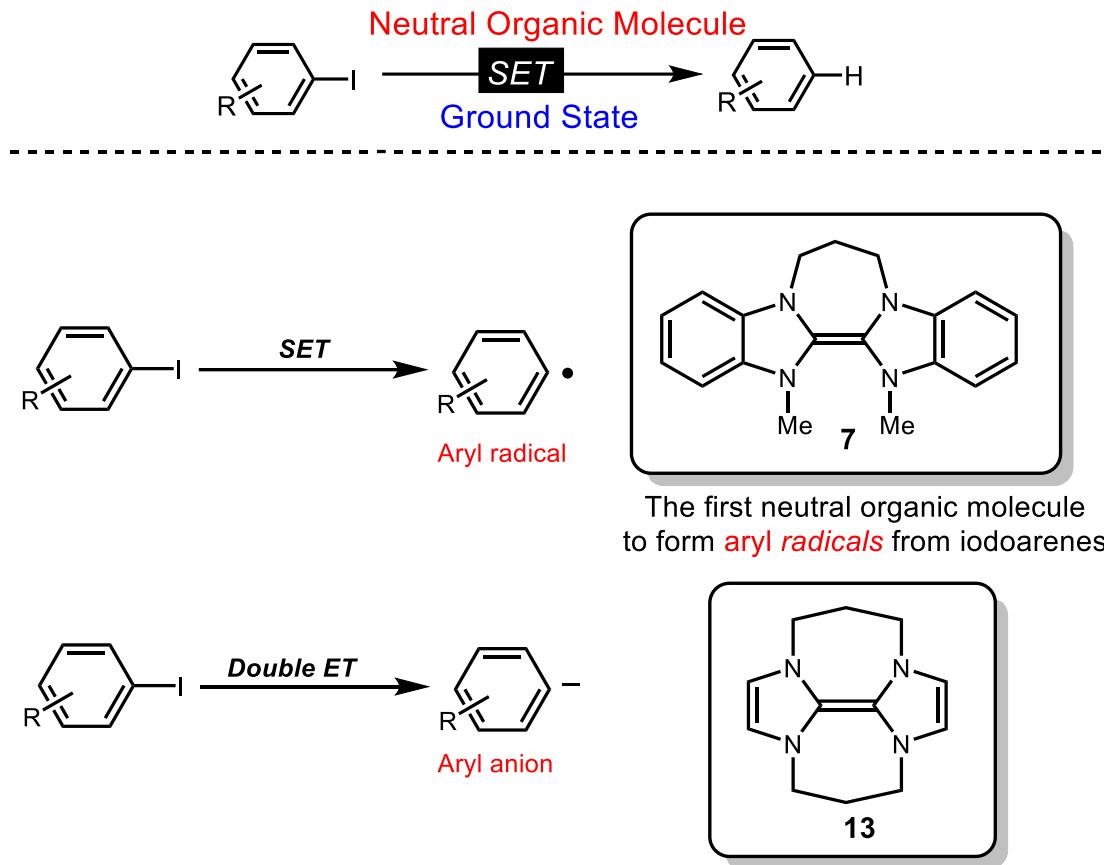
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The electron donor 13



# Super-electron Donors

## Concept



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# Super-electron Donors

## Advantages

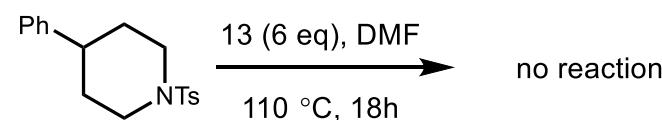
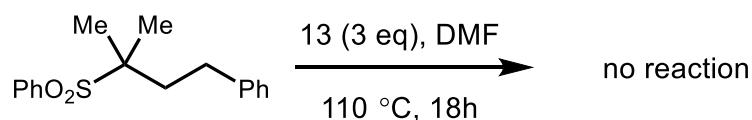
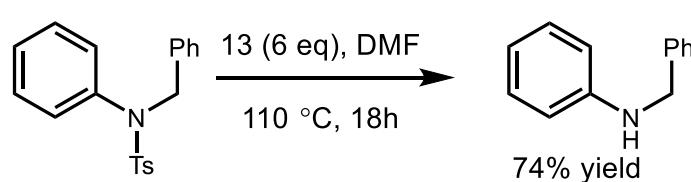
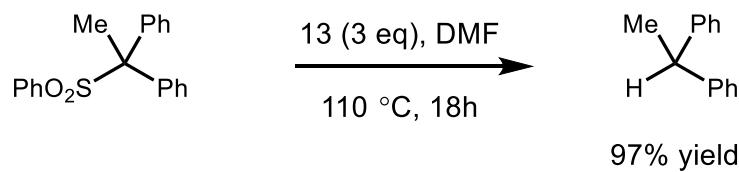
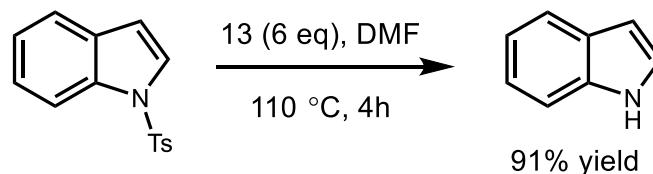
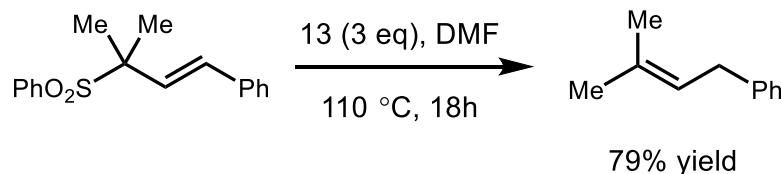
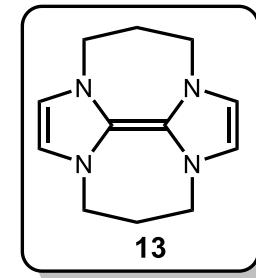
Under very mild conditions because of their neutrality

In the absence of metal ions

With wider applicability than in the case of photochemically assisted reactions

# Super-electron Donors

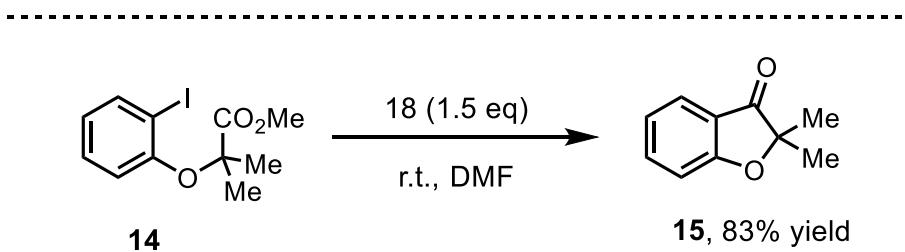
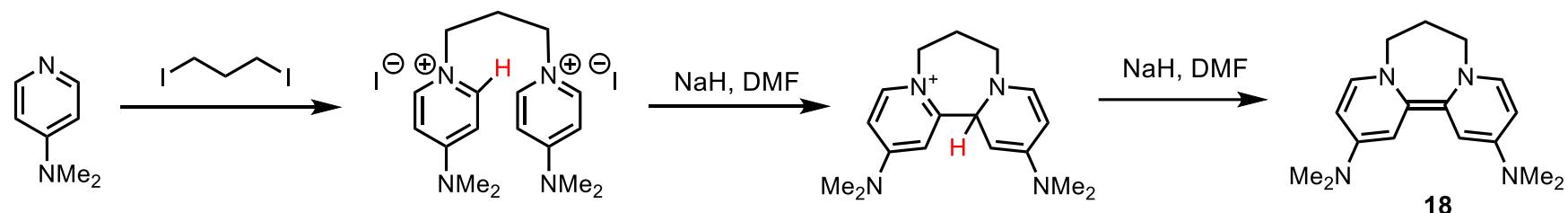
## Reductive Cleavage of Sulfones and Sulfonamides



J. A. Murphy; T. Tuttle, et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 13368

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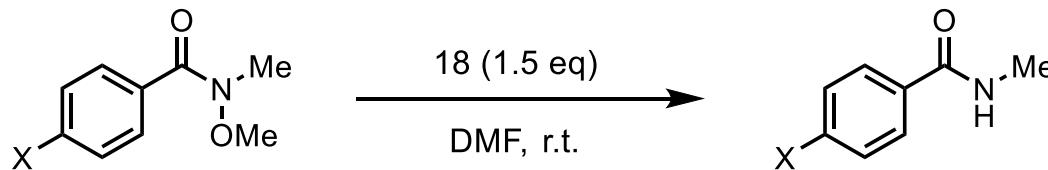
A new *Super-electron-donor* derived from DMAP



18 is a more-reactive *Super-electron donor*

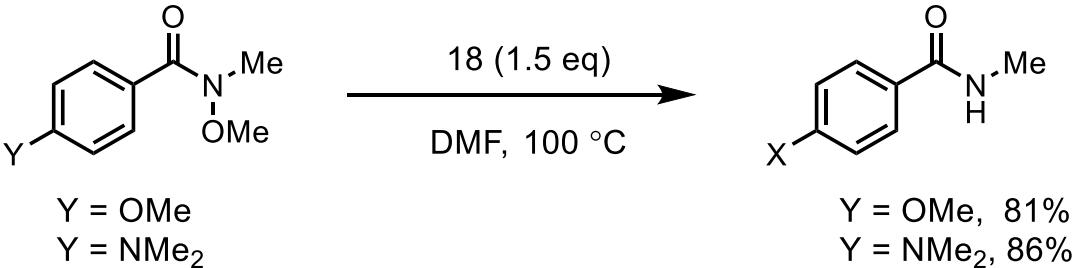
# Super-electron Donors

## Reductive Cleavage of N–O Bonds in Weinreb Amides



X = H  
X = F  
X = Cl  
X = CN

X = H, 80%  
X = F, 88%  
X = Cl, 83%  
X = CN, 87%



Y = OMe  
Y = NMe<sub>2</sub>

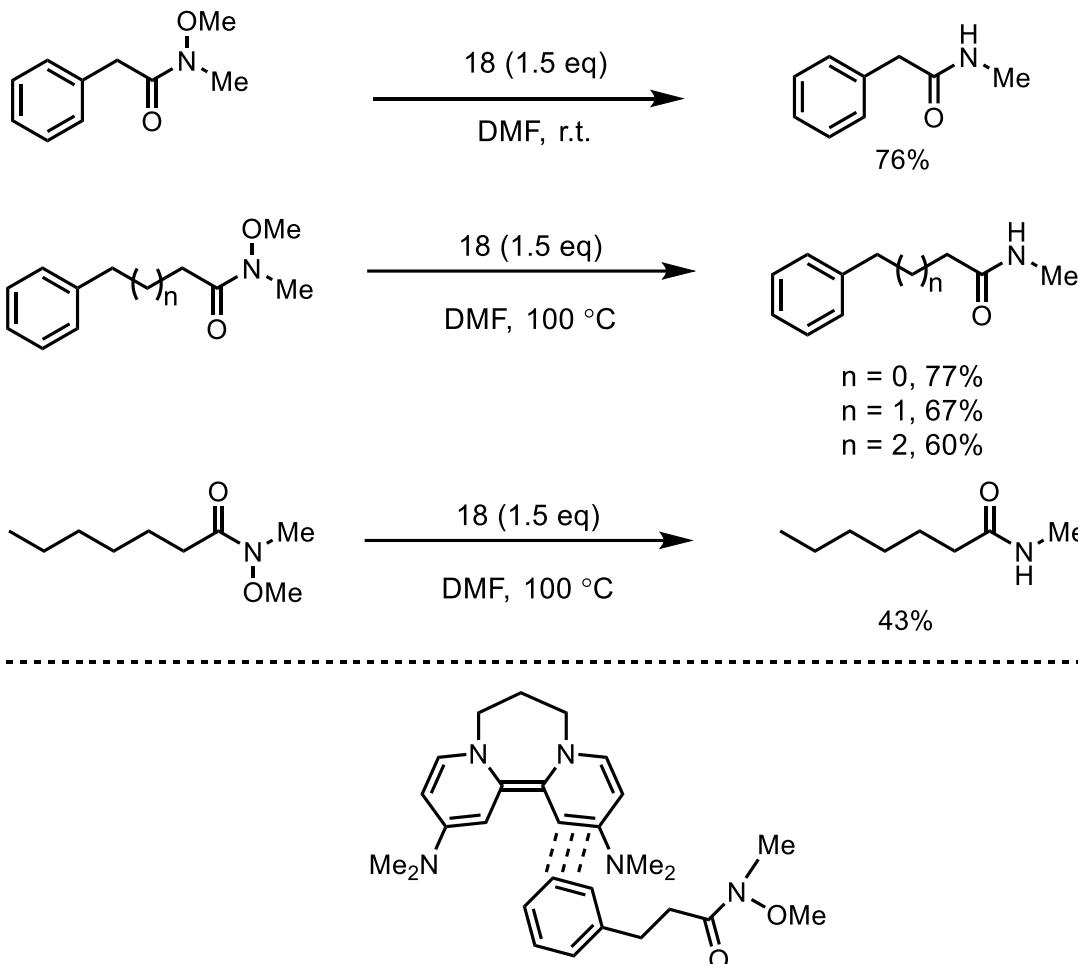
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Neighbouring-group electron-transfer effect

J. A. Murphy. et al. *Synlett*, 2008, 14, 2132

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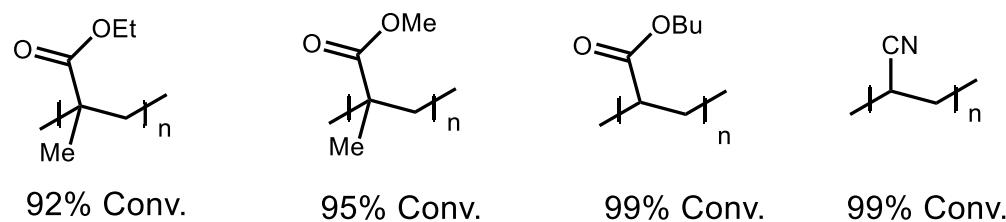
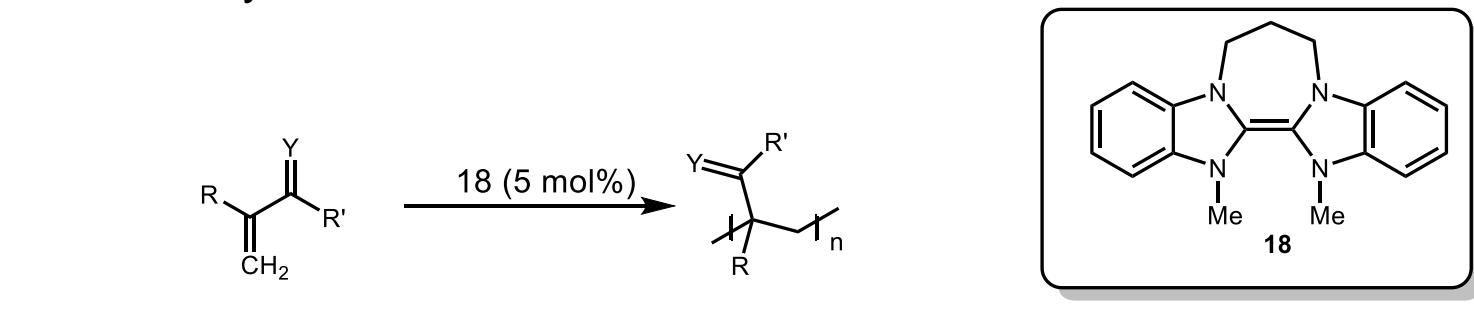
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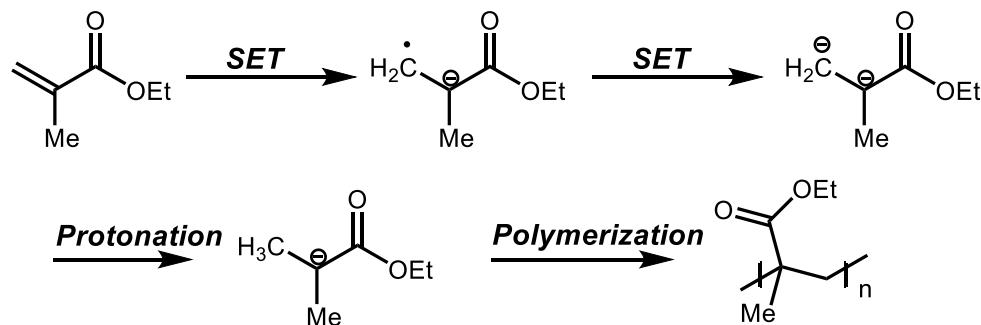
**π-stacking interaction**

# Super-electron Donors

Polymerization Initiated by *SED*

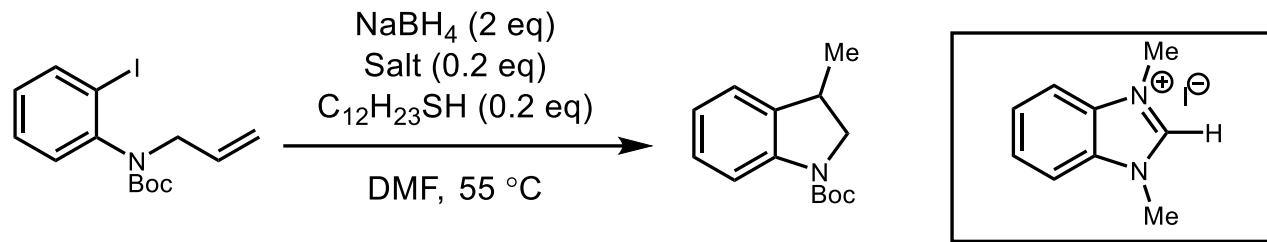


*Proposed mechanism*

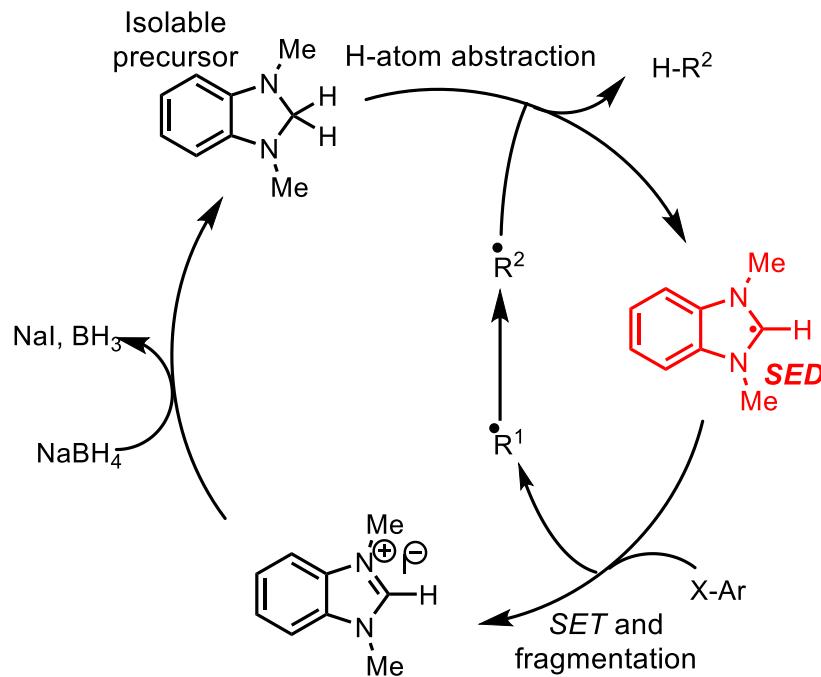


# Super-electron Donors

SEDs catalyze radical chain reactions



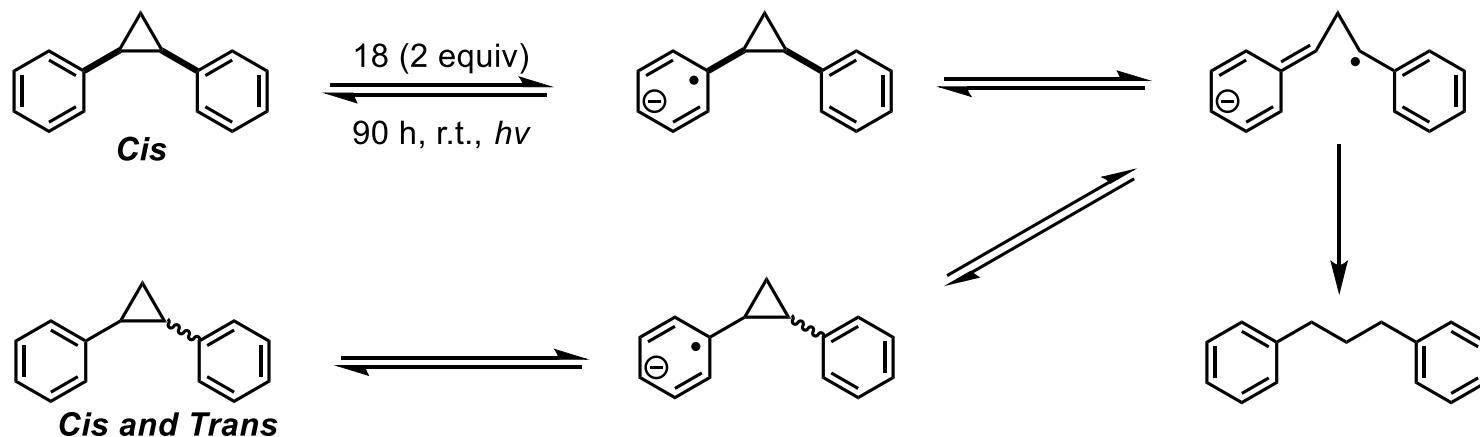
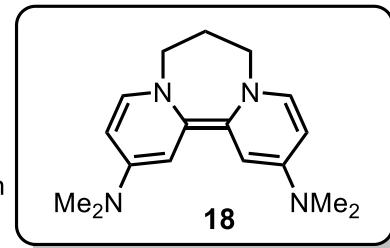
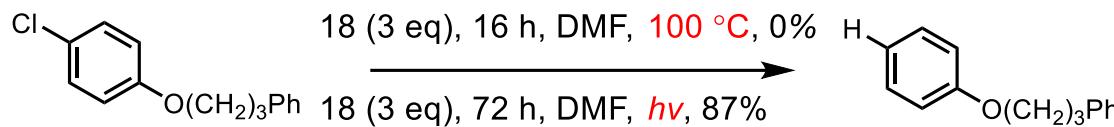
Plausible mechanism



# Photoactivation of SEDs

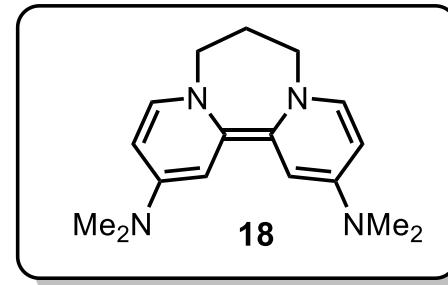
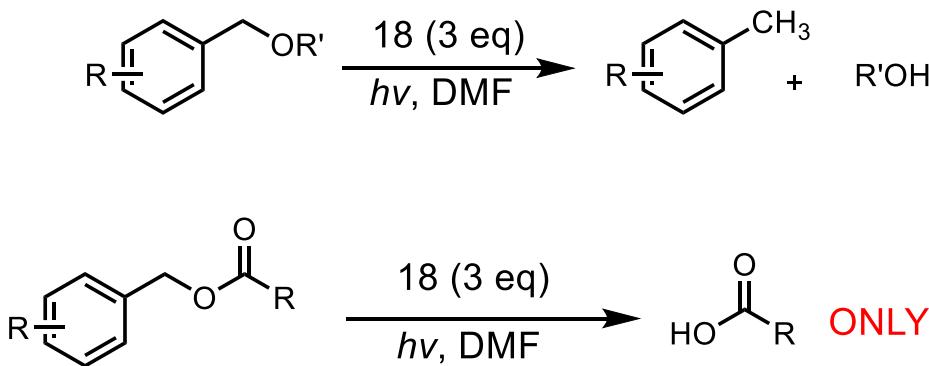
Activating Benzenes by photoactivated *SEDs*

Absorption maxima at 260, 345, and 520 nm



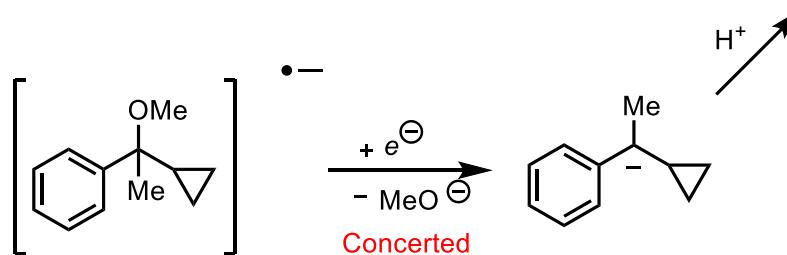
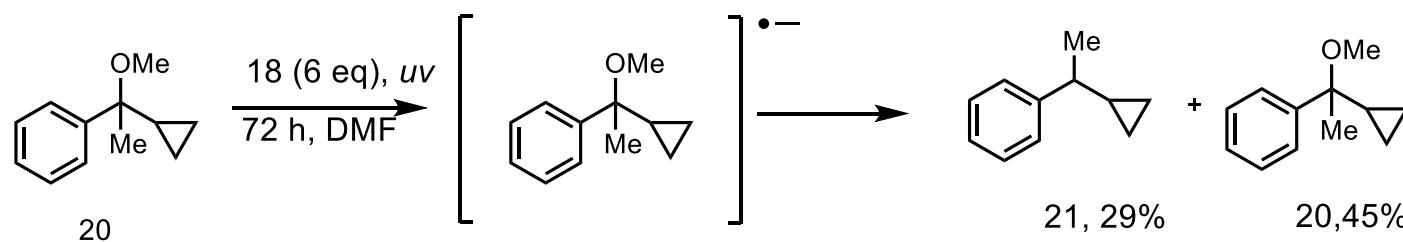
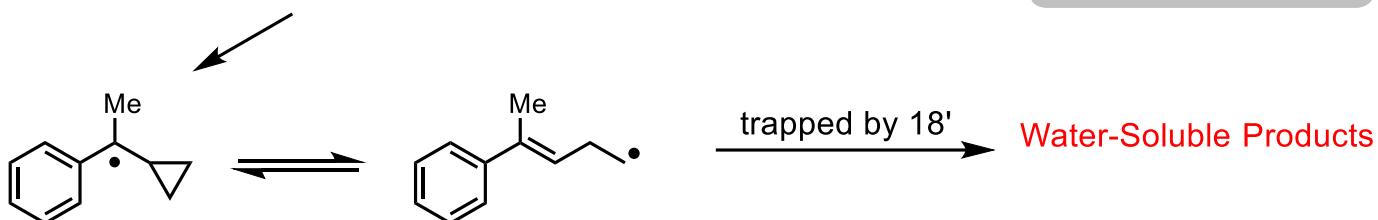
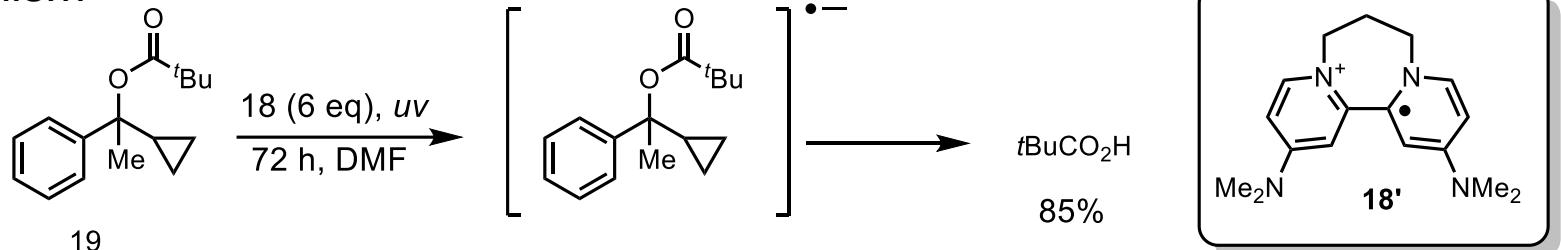
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## Reductive Cleavage of Benzylic Esters and Ethers



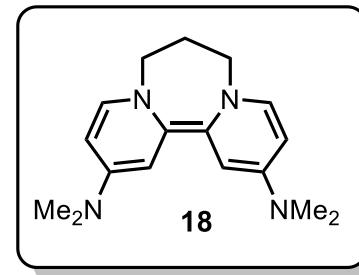
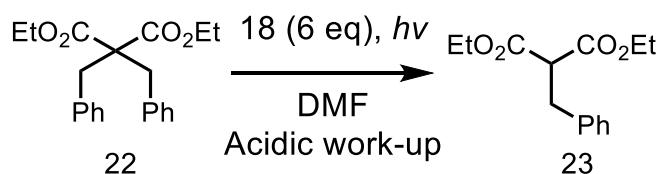
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## Mechanism

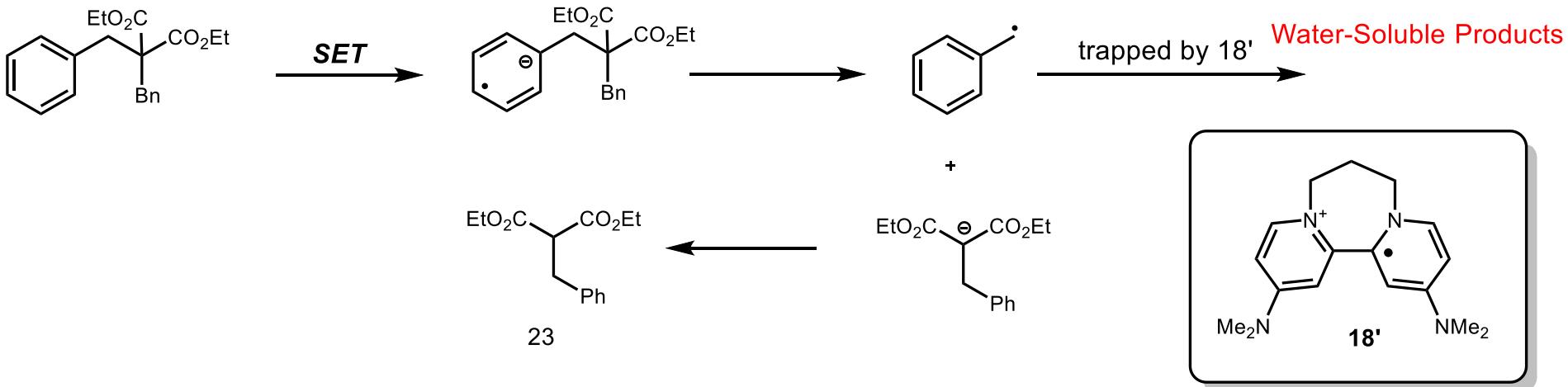


# Photoactivation of SEDs

# Reduction of Arenes by photoactivated SEDs

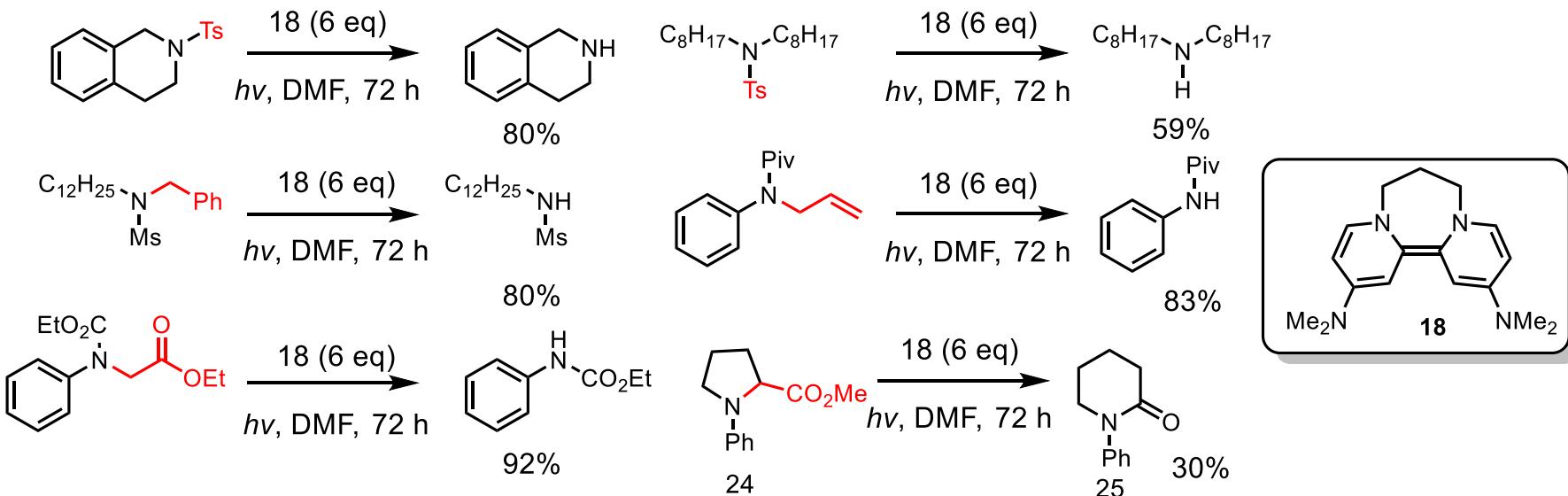


## ***Proposed mechanism***

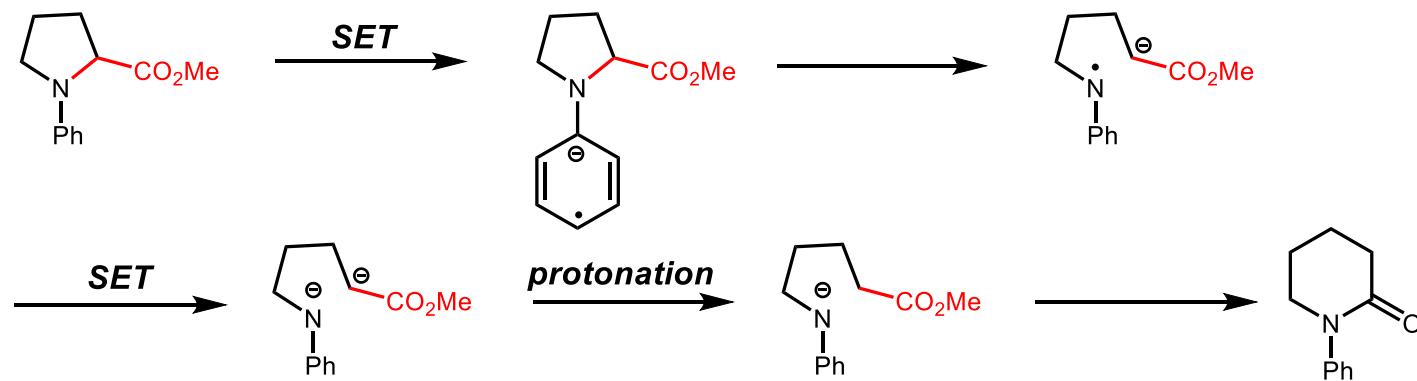


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## Reductive Cleavage of C-N and S-N

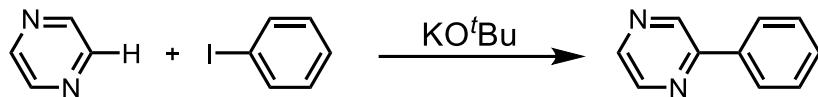


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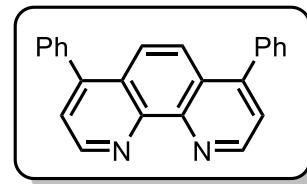
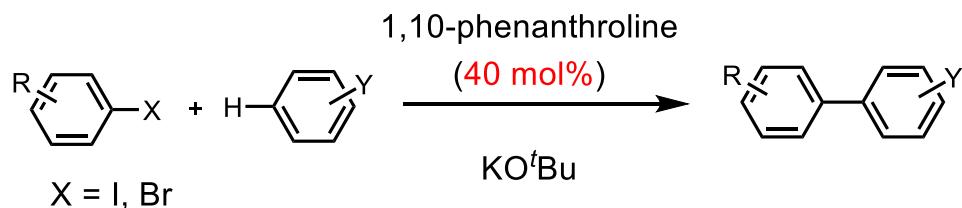


# SEDs as initiators in Haloarene–Arene Coupling

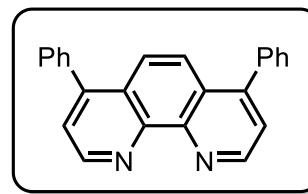
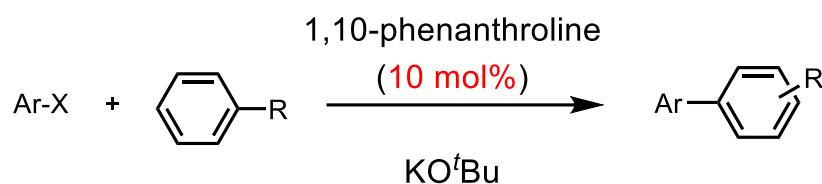
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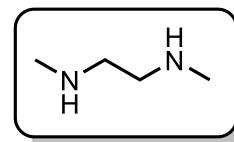
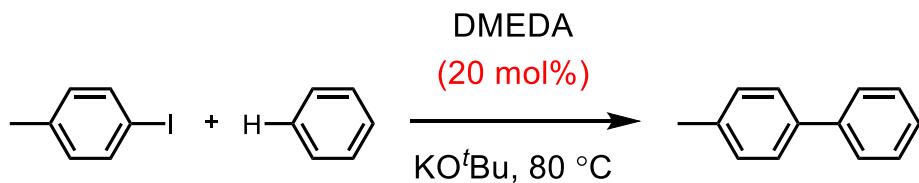
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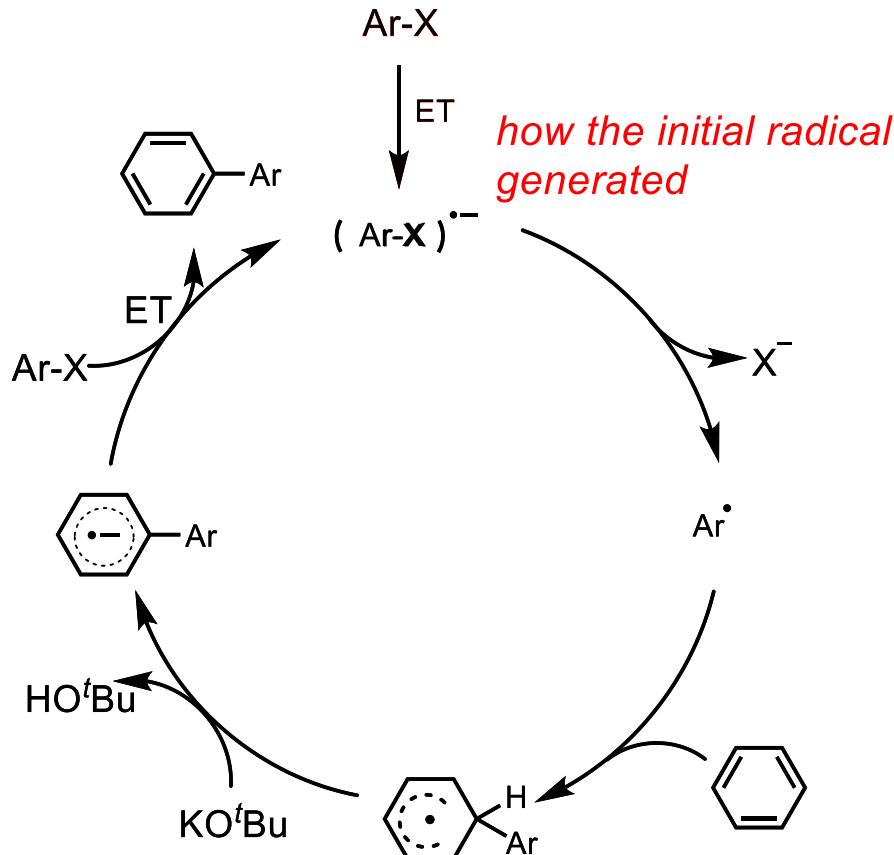
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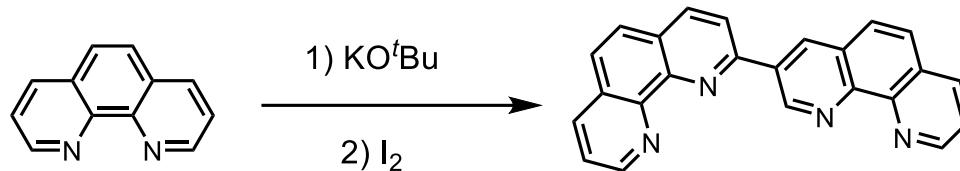
Base-promoted homolytic aromatic substitution (**BHAS**) reactions



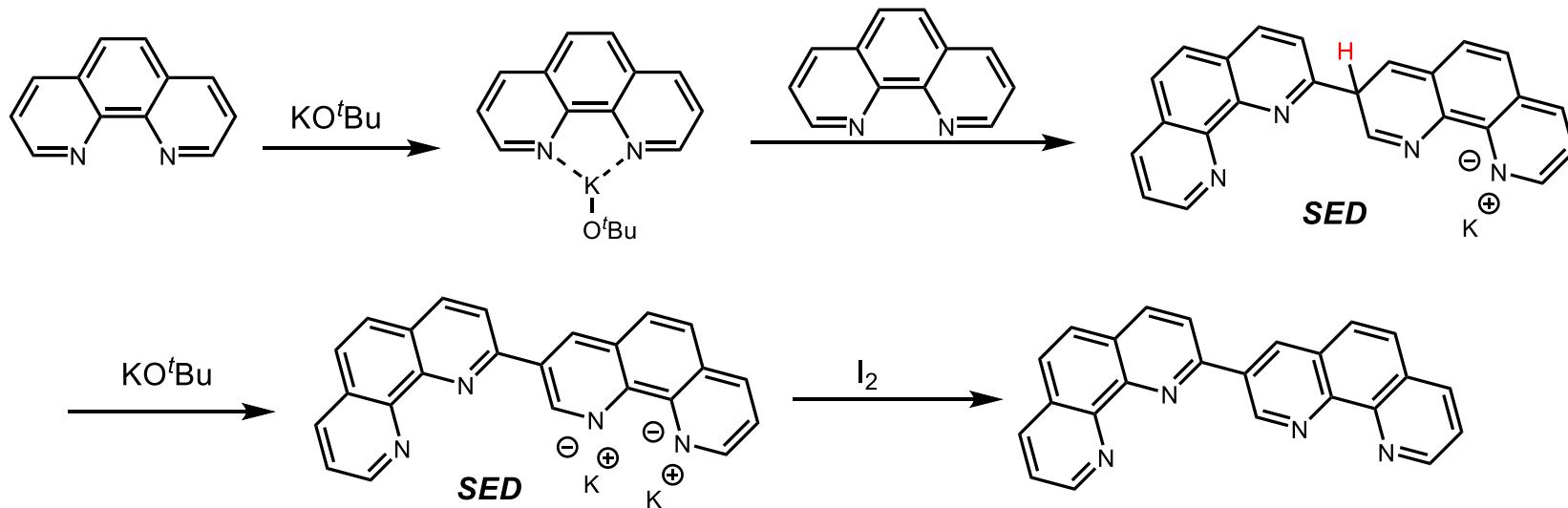
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Initiation with phenanthrolines as additives

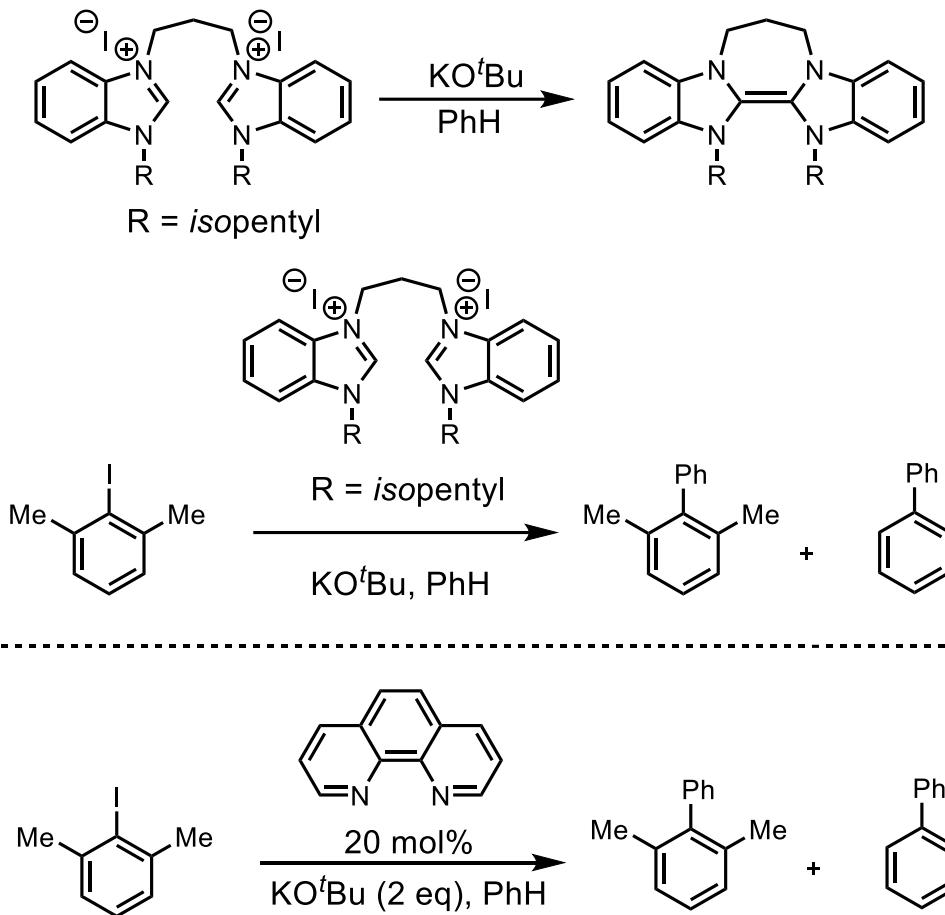


*Proposed mechanism*



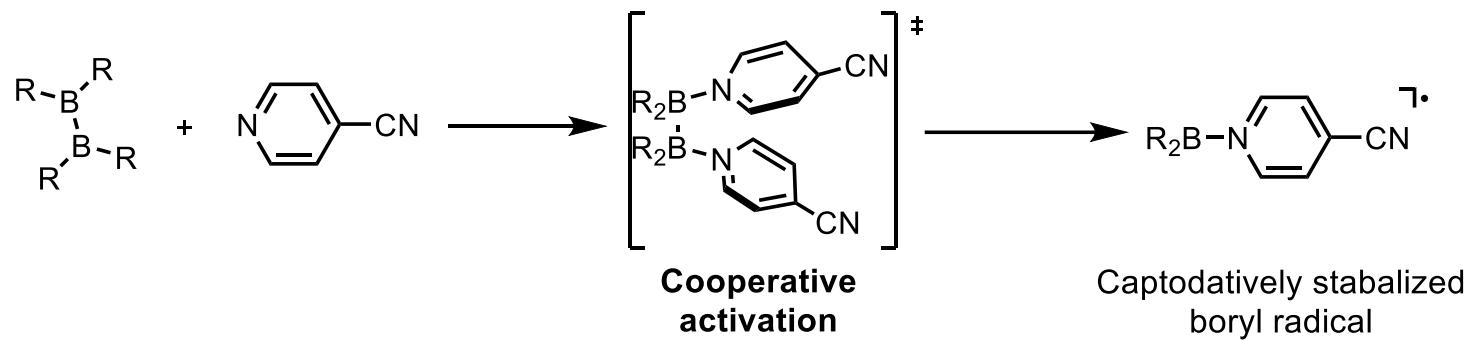
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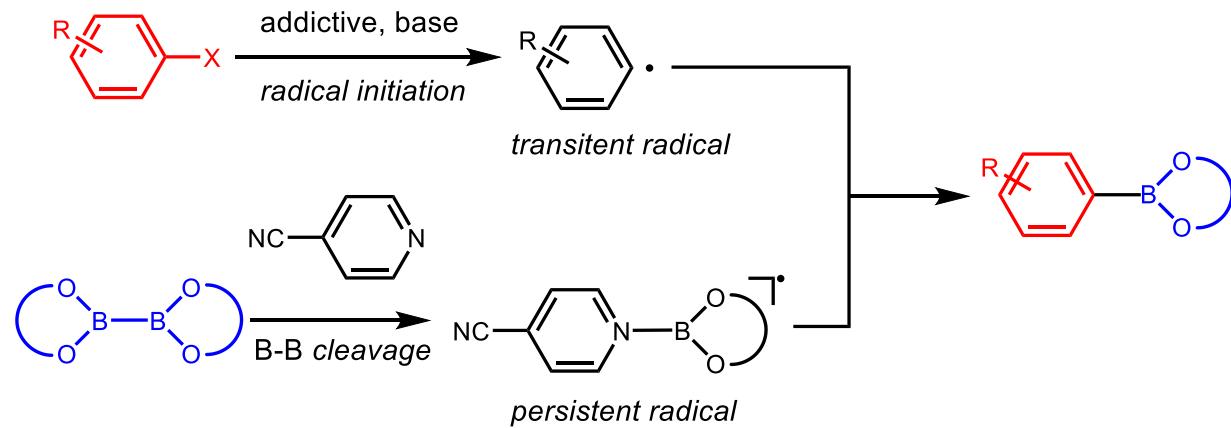
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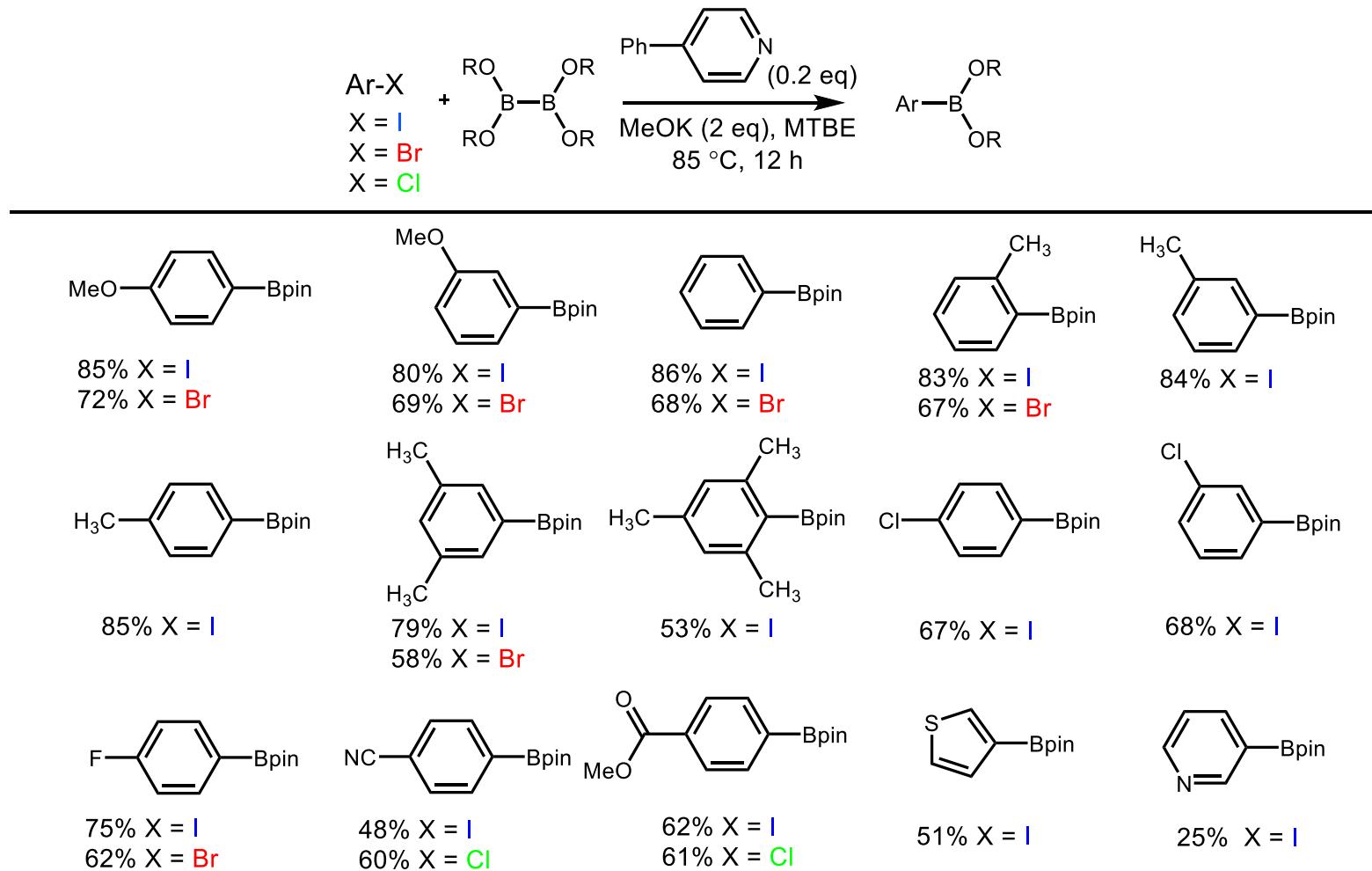
Li, S. H. et al. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2016**, 55, 5985

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Jiao's idea: Radical Borylation of Aryl Halides

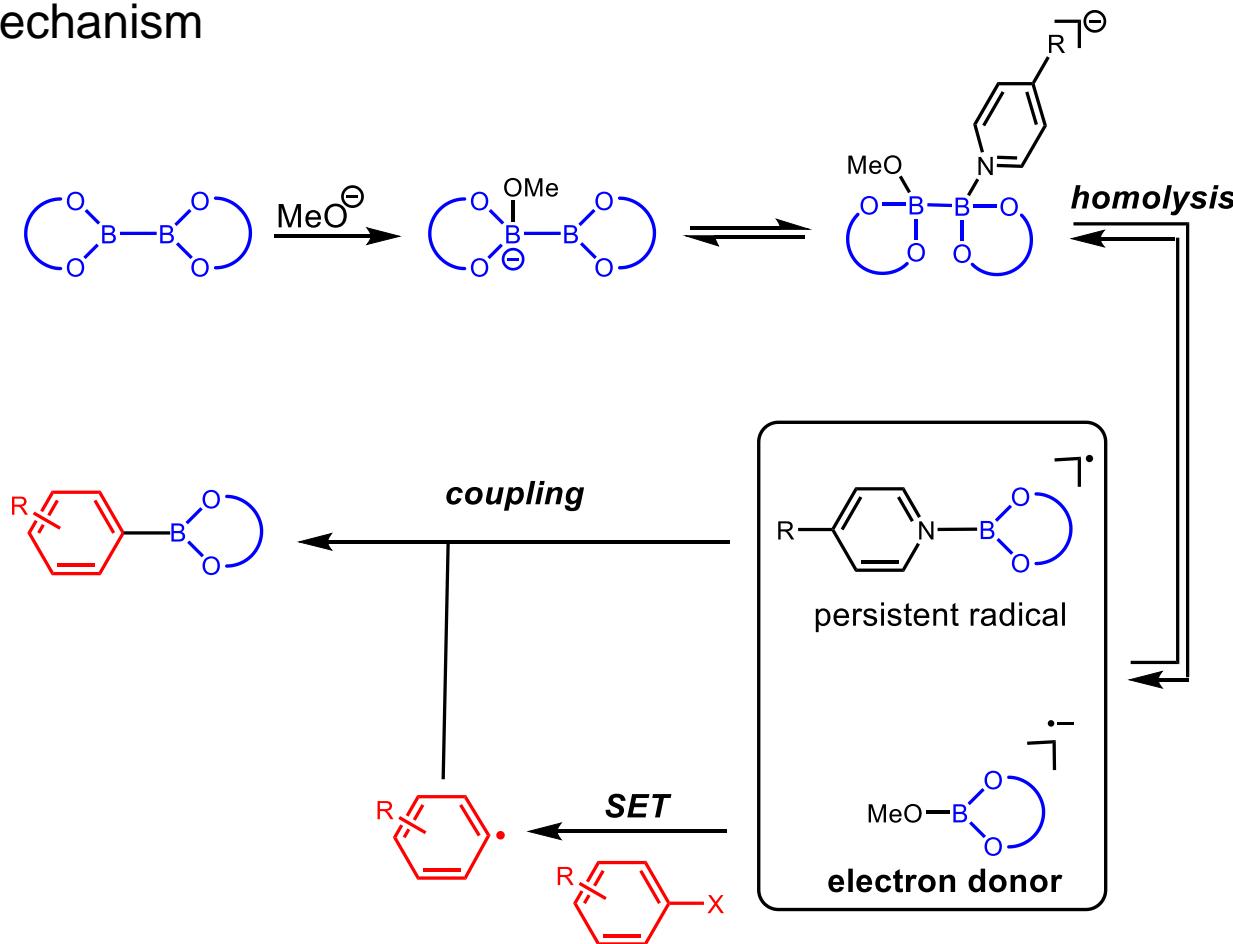


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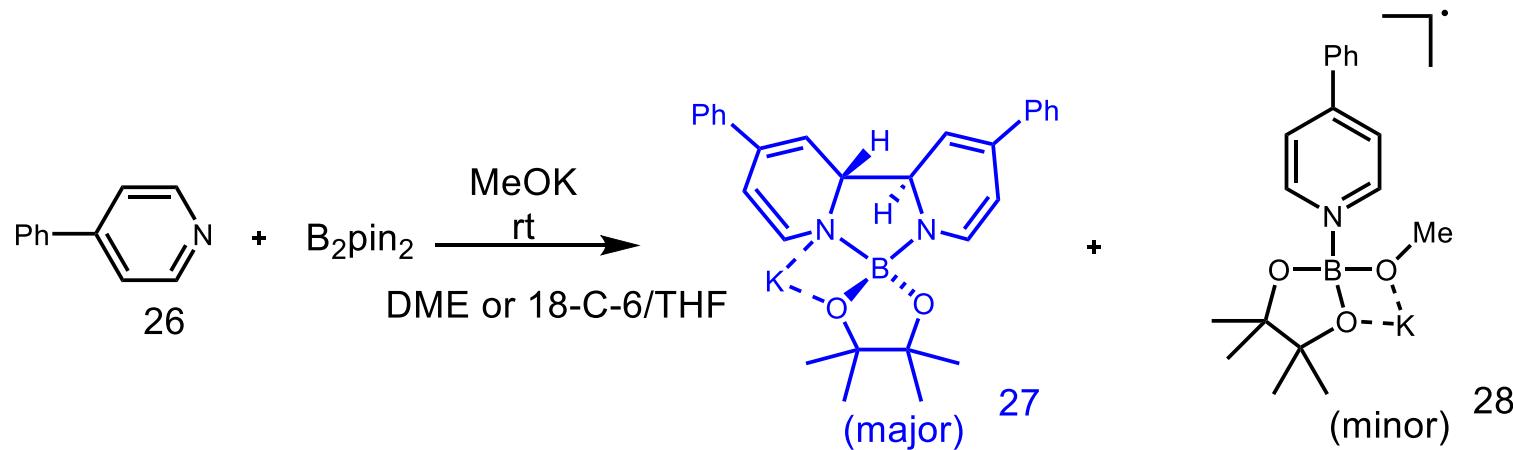
Proposed mechanism



Zhang L.; Jiao L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2017**, 139, 607

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The structure of the electron donor



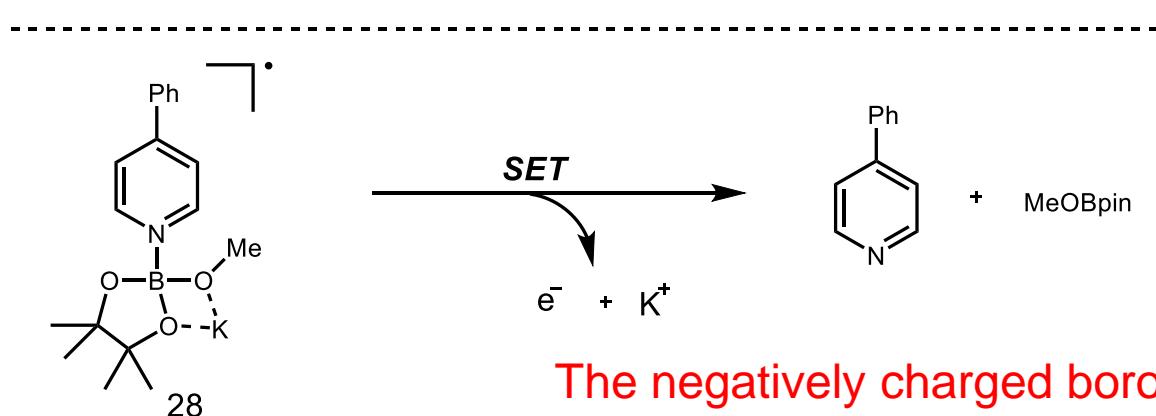
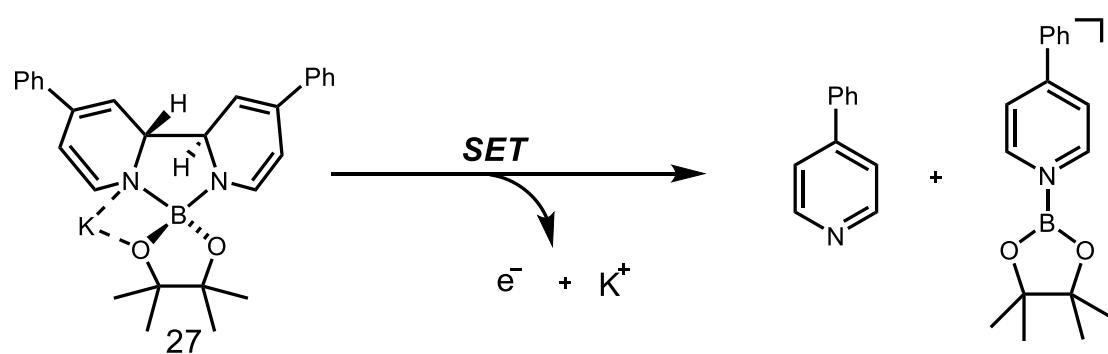
Pyridine- and boron-containing  
complexes as super electron donors



Zhang L.; Jiao L. *Chem. Sci.* **2018**, 9, 2711

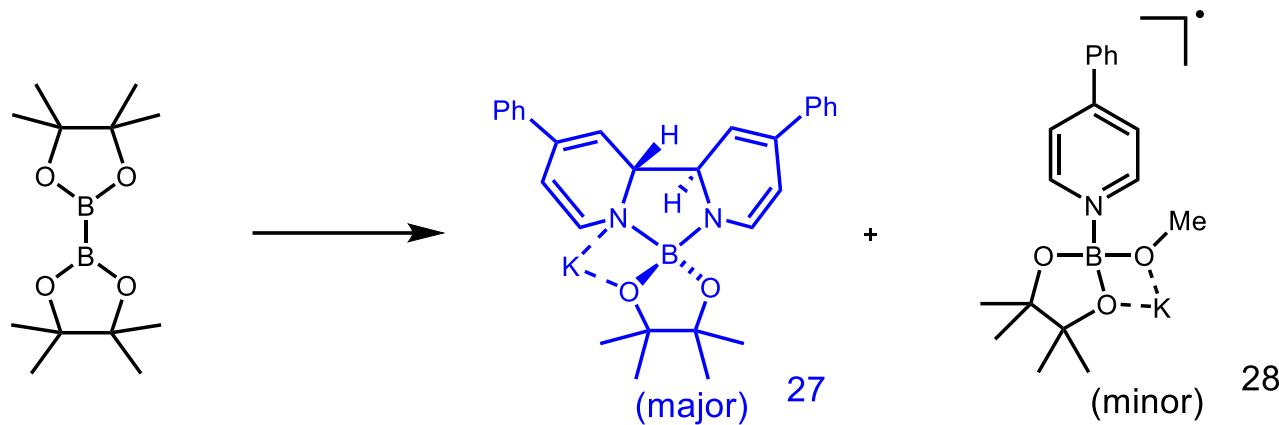
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Driving force



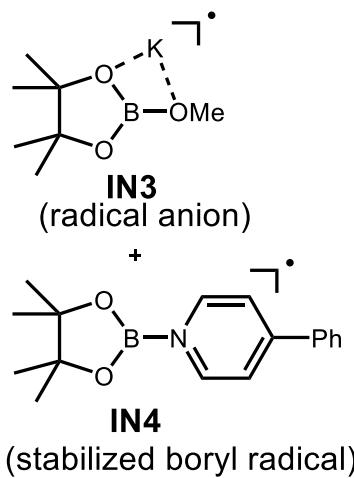
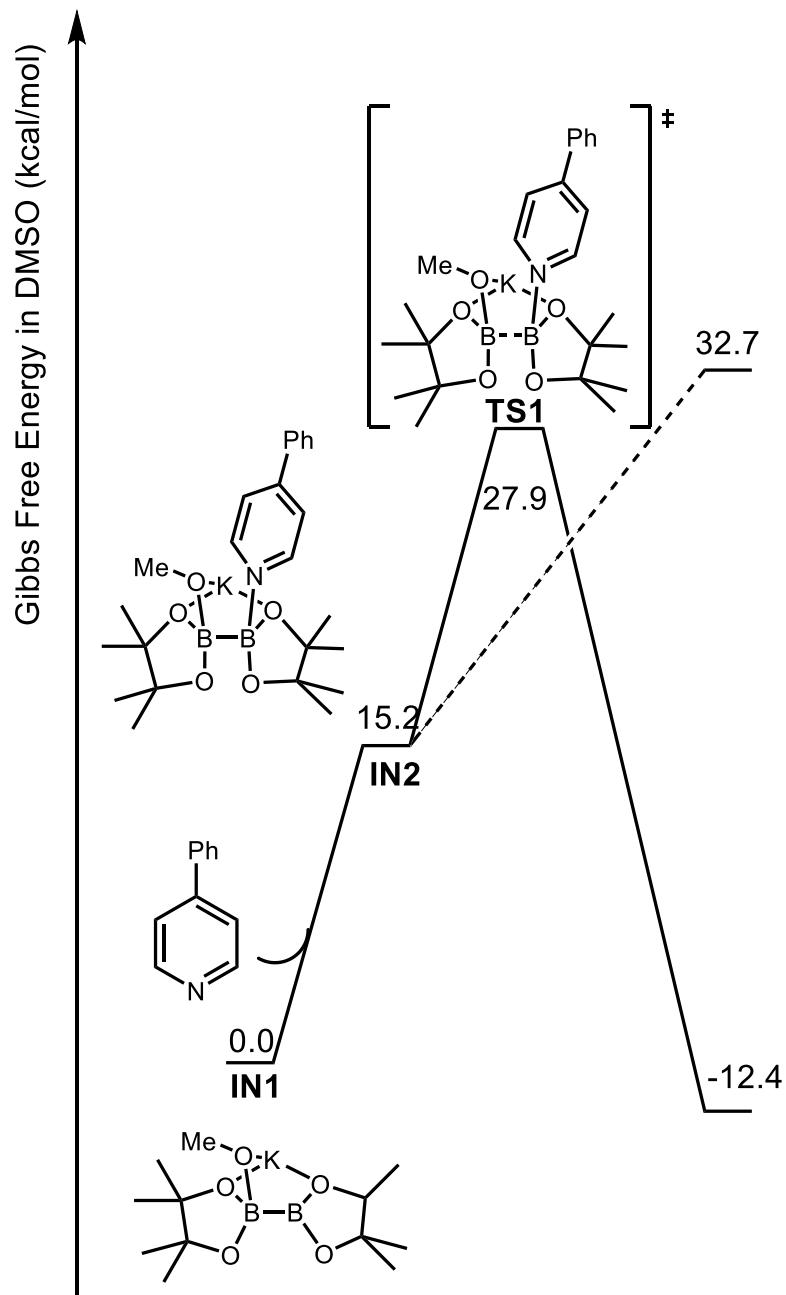
The negatively charged boron center  
The aromaticity of the pyridine ring

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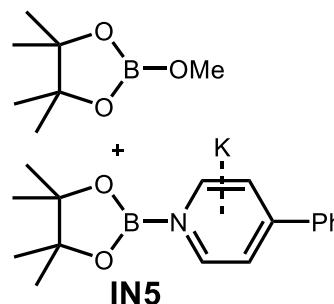


Two questions

- ? The mode of boron–boron bond cleavage
- ? Mechanism for the formation of super-electron-donors

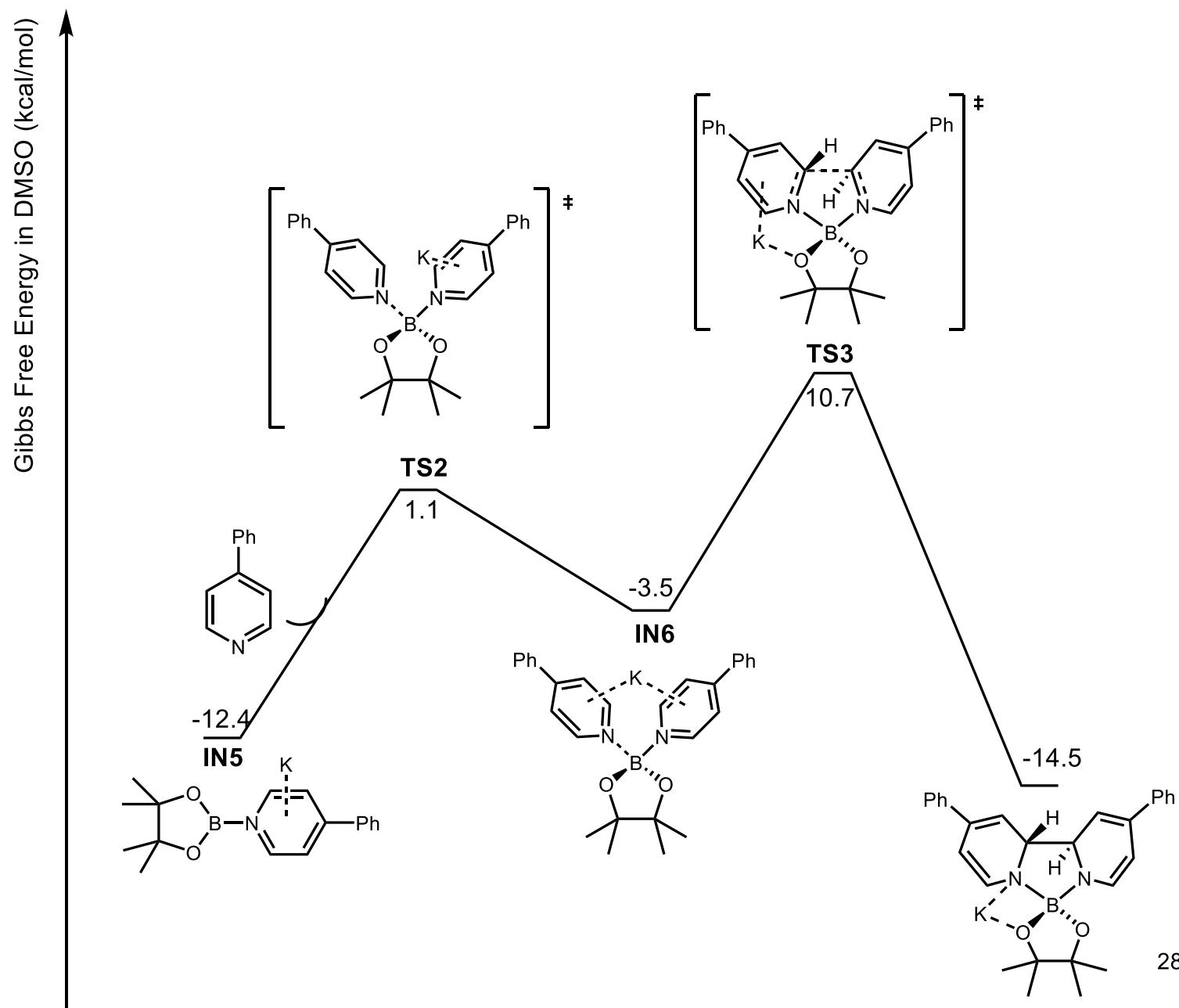


*Homolytic cleavage*



*Heterolytic cleavage*

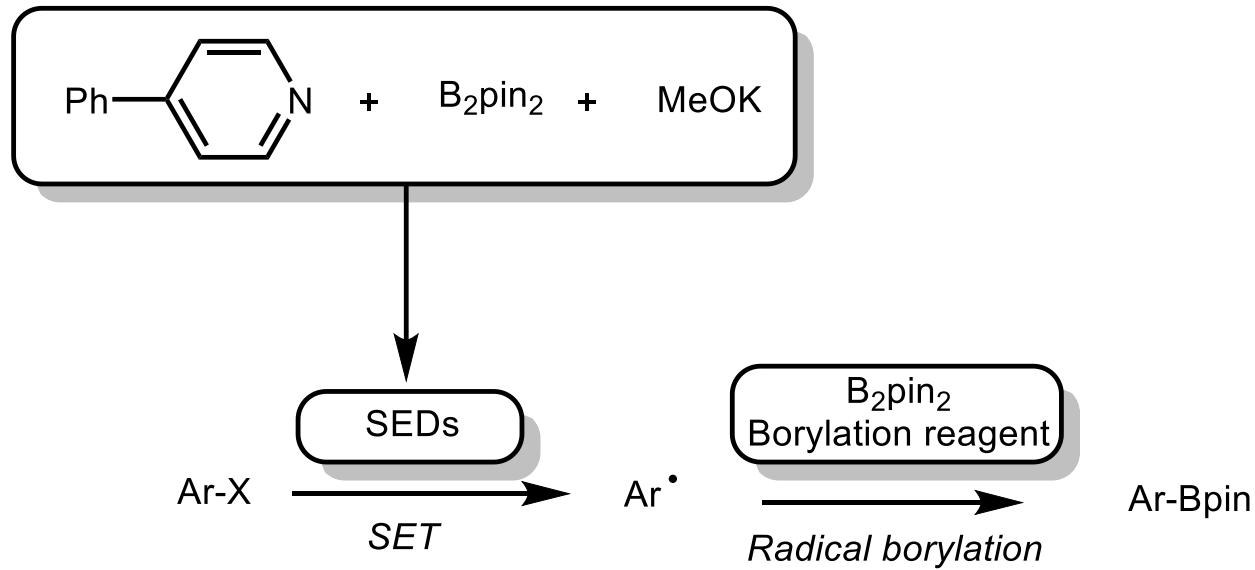
Gibbs free energy profile for the homolytic and heterolytic cleavage pathways of diboron.



Gibbs free energy profile for the formation of the complex

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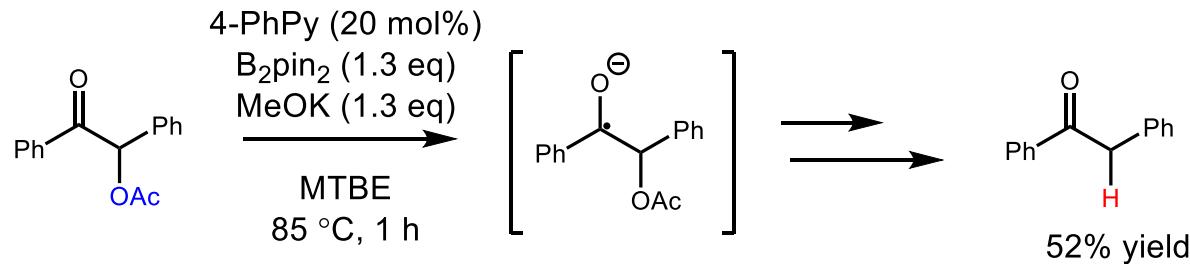
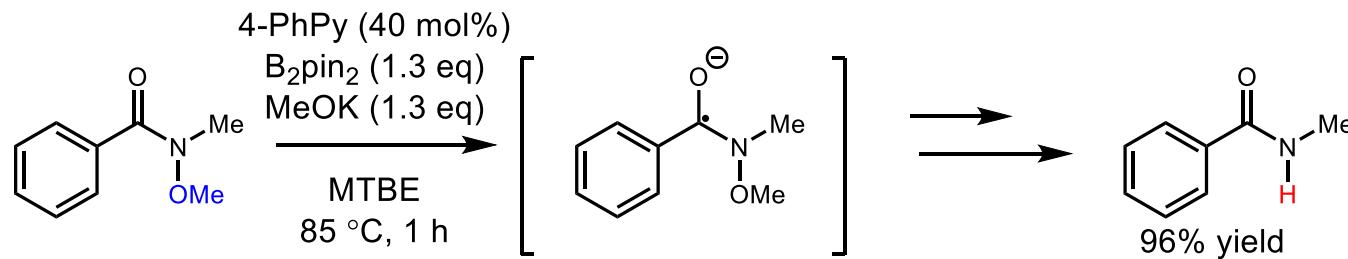
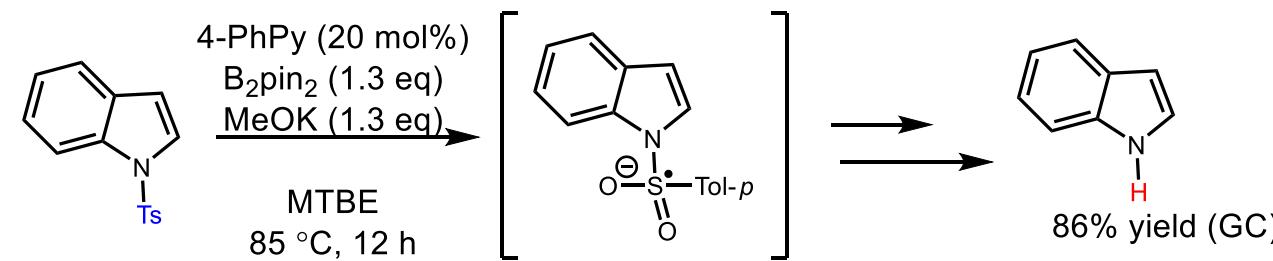
Revised radical borylation mechanism



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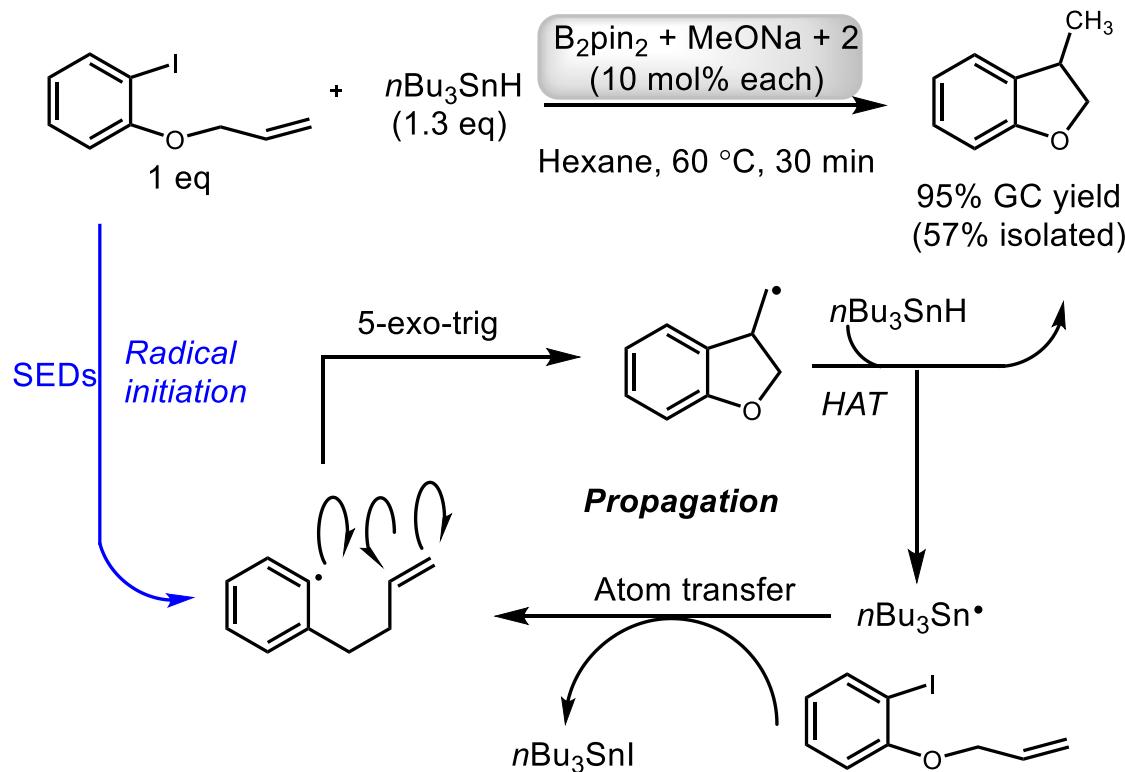
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## Reductive Cleavage of S-N, N-O and C-O



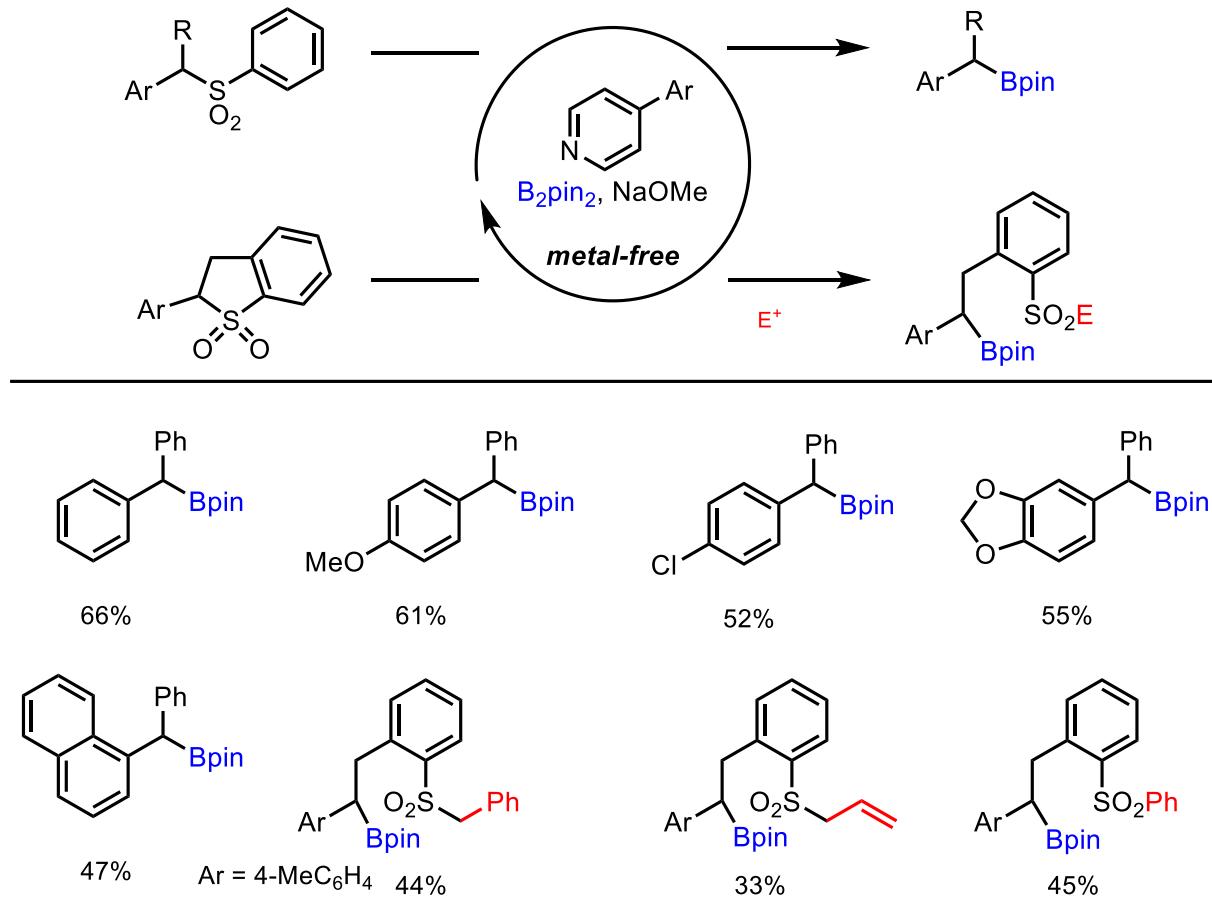
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SEDs mixture as the radical initiator

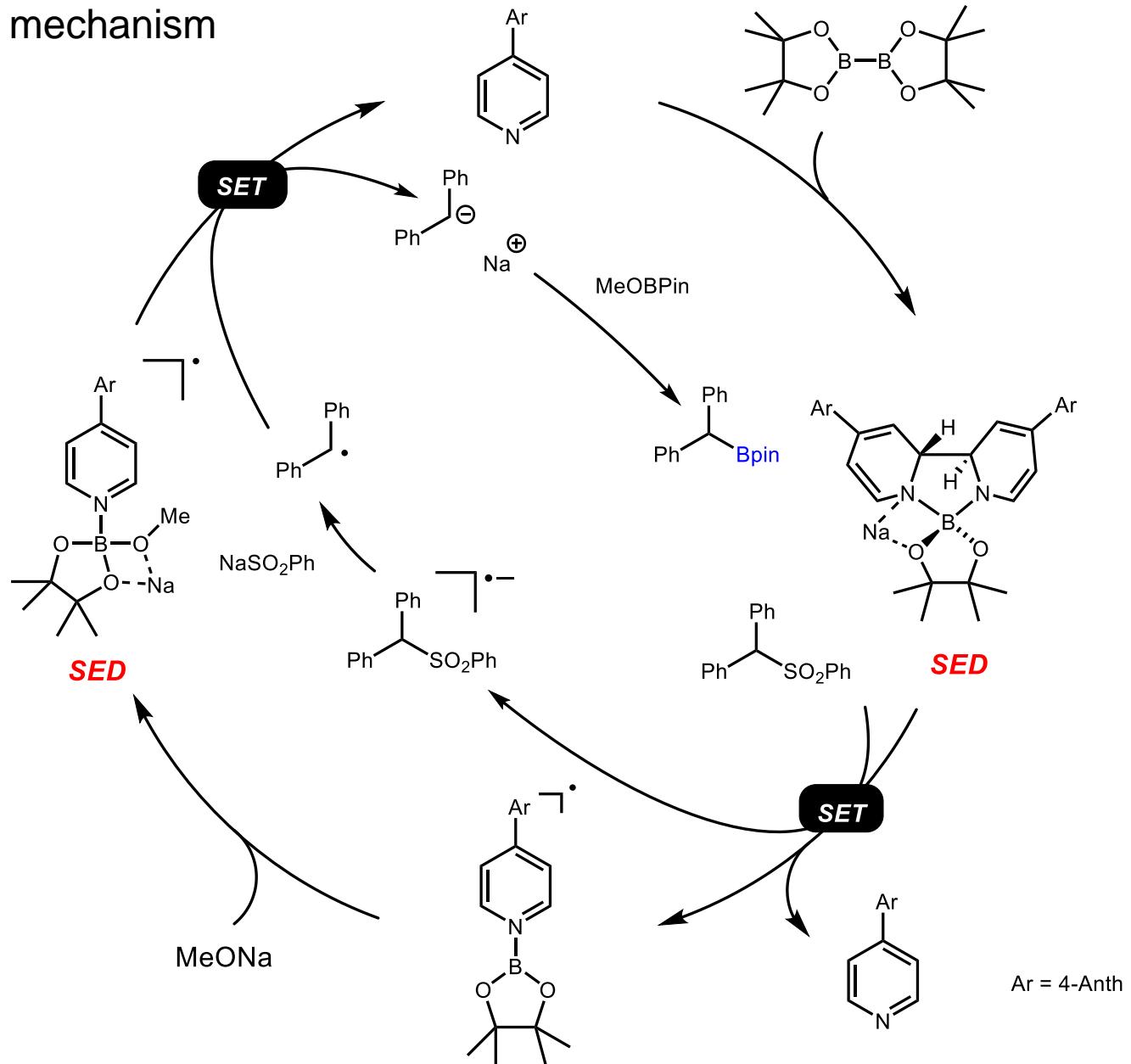


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Desulfonative borylation of benzyl sulfones

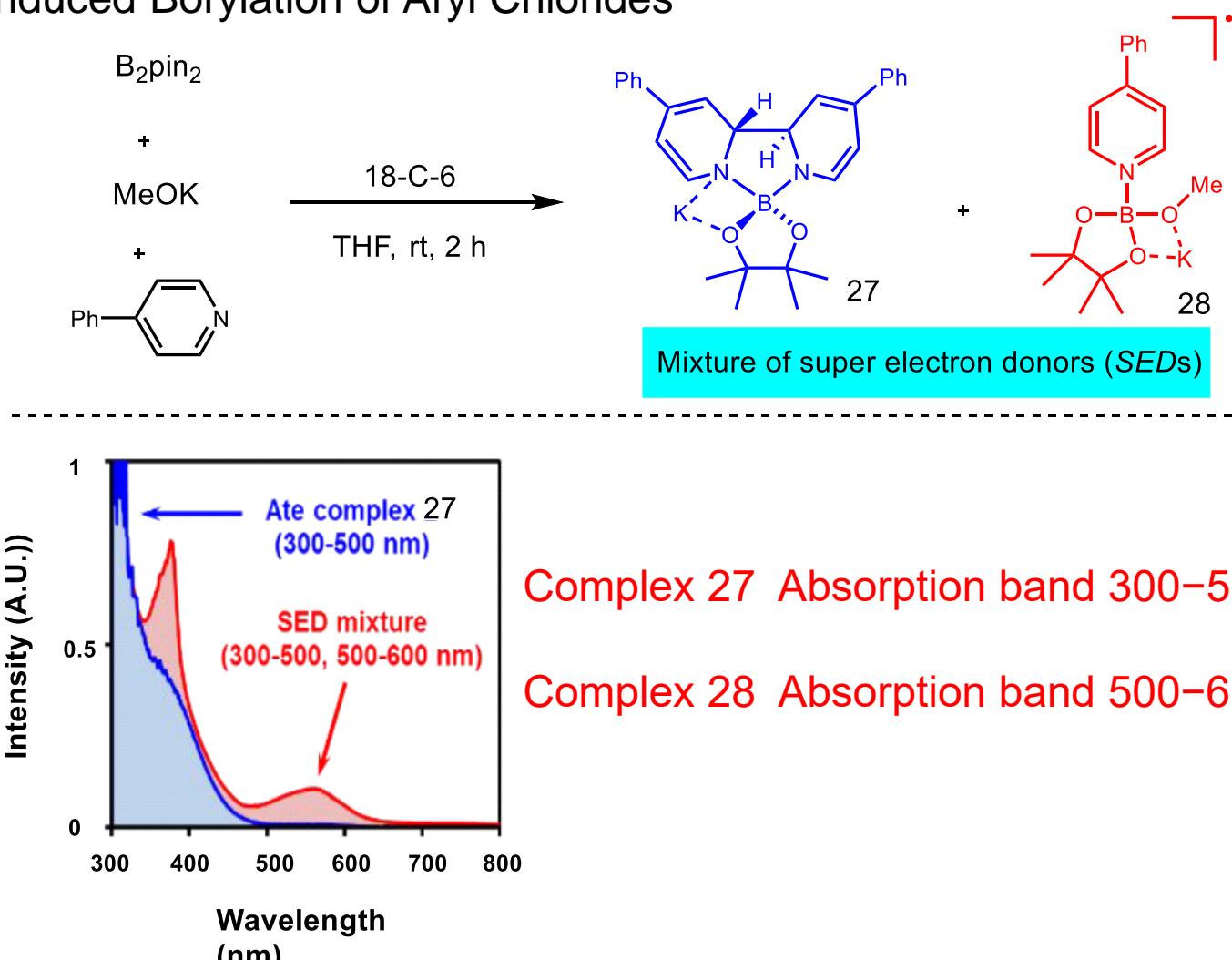


## Proposed mechanism



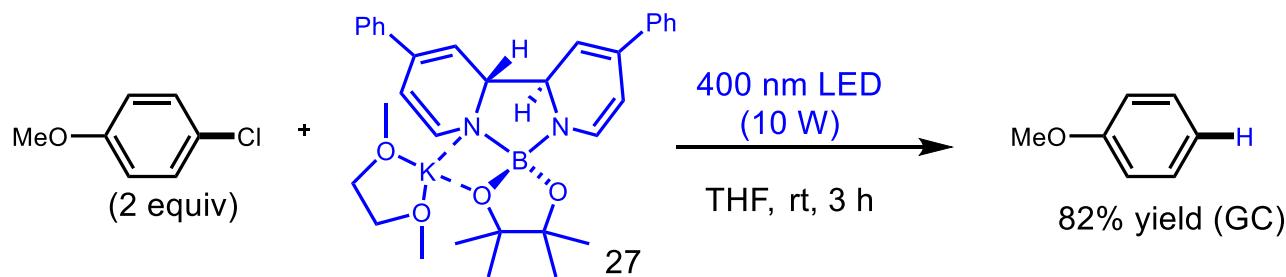
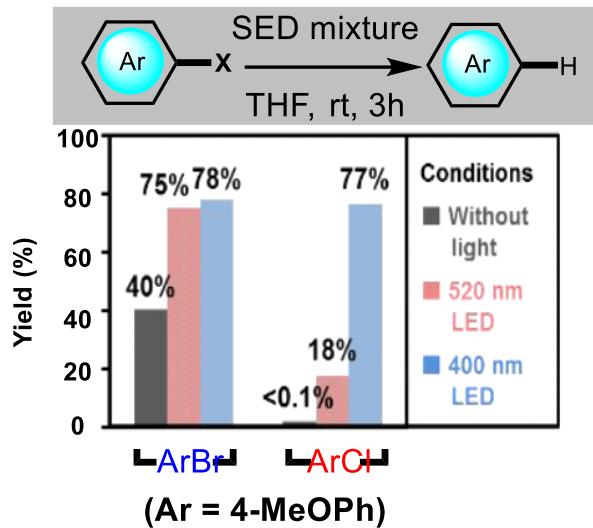
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## Visible-Light-Induced Borylation of Aryl Chlorides



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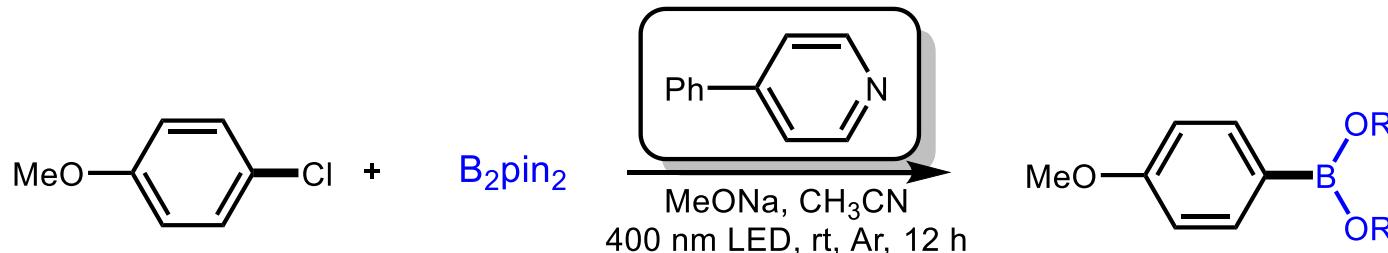
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Complex 27 exhibits a superior reactivity!

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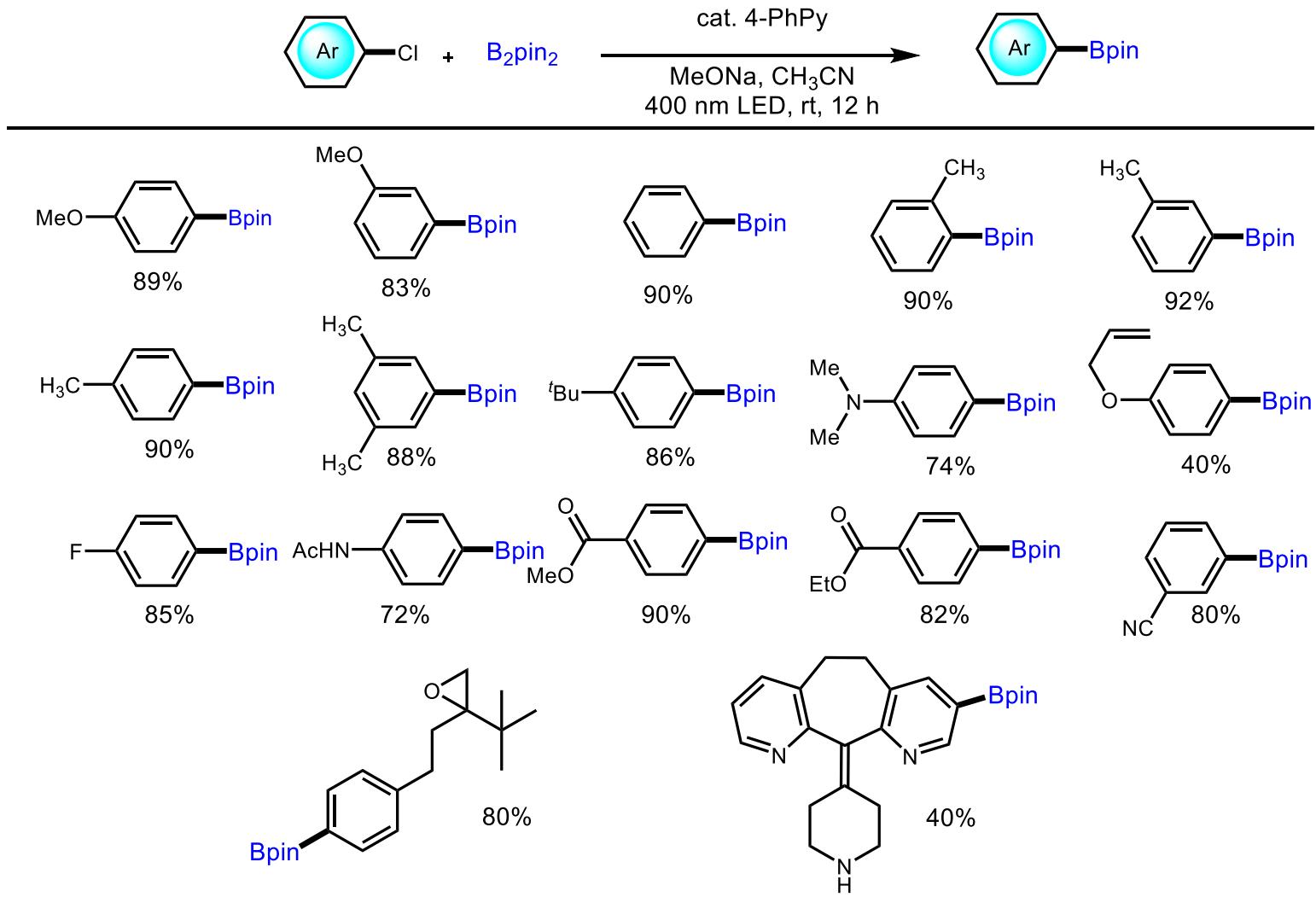
## Optimization of Reaction Conditions



entry	change from standard conditions	conv. (%)	yield (%)
1	none	99	92
2	365 nm LED instead of 400 nm LED	40	35
3	450 nm LED instead of 400 nm LED	66	53
4	254 nm Hg lamp (28 W) instead of 400 nm LED	6	5
5	without light	1	1
6	without 4-phenylpyridine	1	1
7	reaction set up under air	94	88

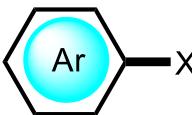
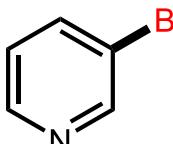
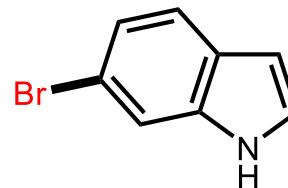
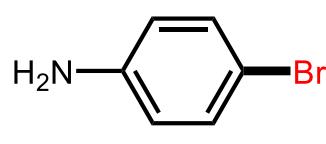
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## Borylation of Aryl Chlorides



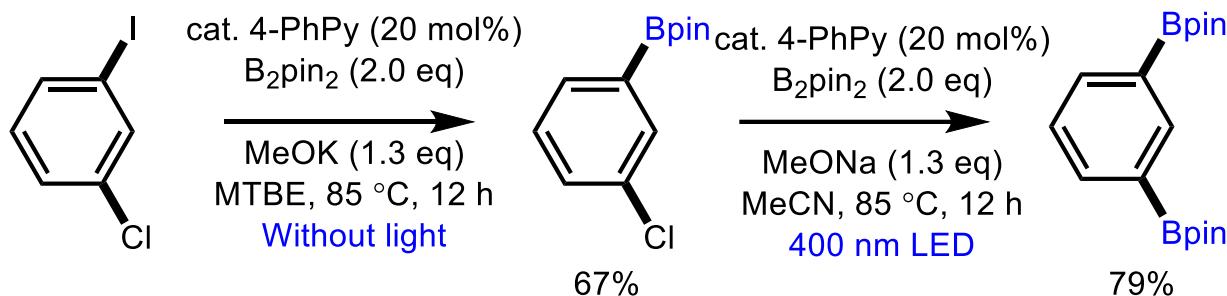
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## Enabling Difficult Borylation Reactions

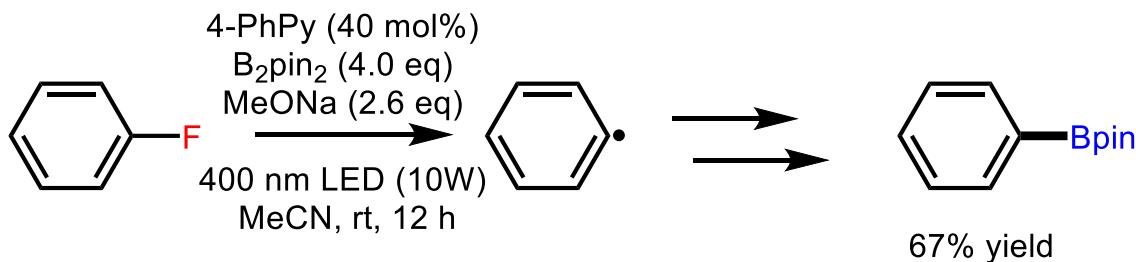
	<p><b>Thermal method</b> py (20% mol%), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (2.0 eq) MeOK (2.0 eq), MTBE 85 °C, 12 h</p>	
	<p>— or —</p>	
	<p><b>Photoinduced method</b> py (20% mol%), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (2.0 eq) MeONa (1.3 eq), MeCN 400 nm LED (10W), rt, 12 h</p>	
Aryl halide substrates		
		
<i>Thermal method</i>	10% yield	0% yield
<i>Photoinduced method</i>	48% yield	56% yield
		78% yield

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## *Application in sequencial diborylation*

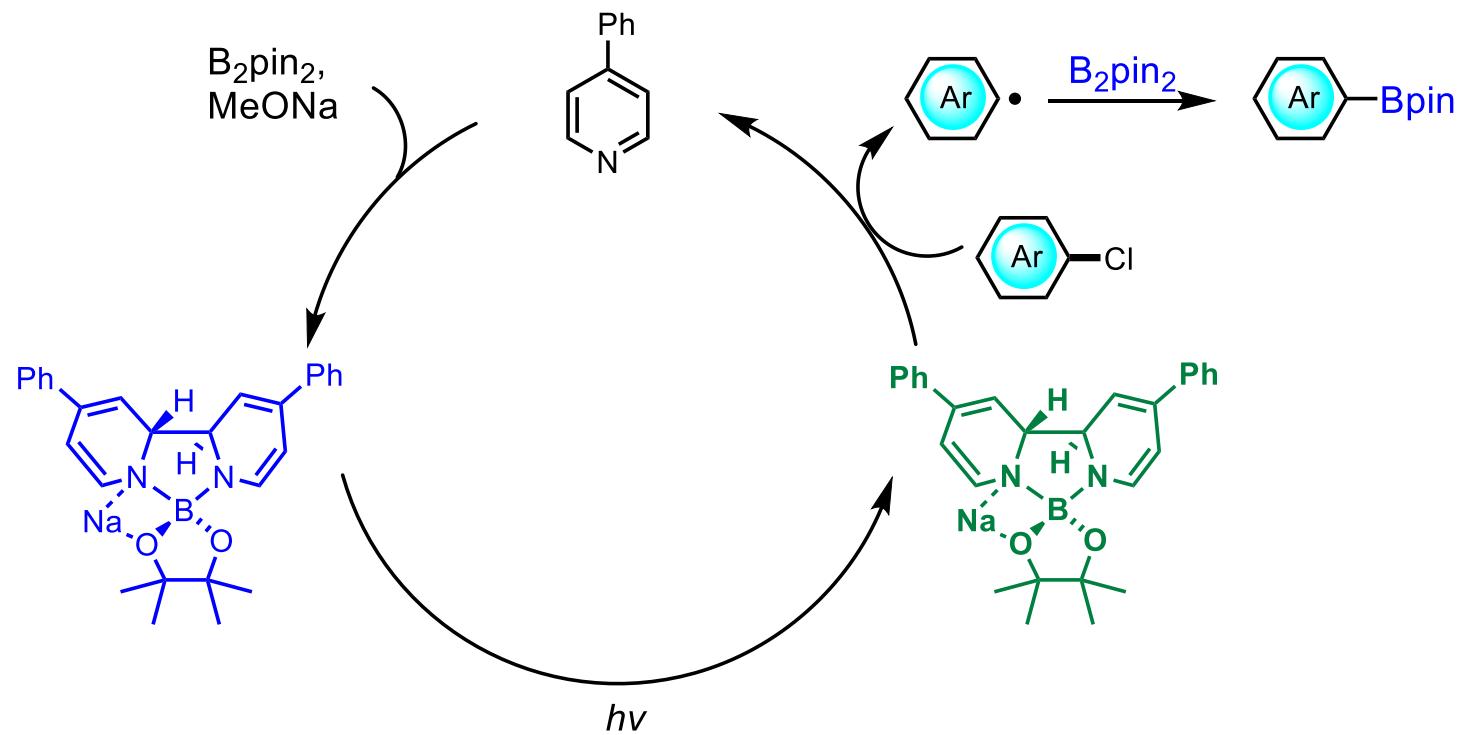


## *Borylation of Fluorobenzene*

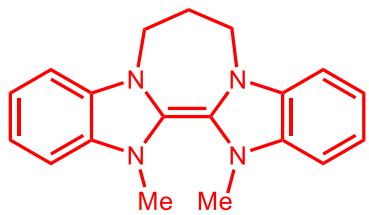


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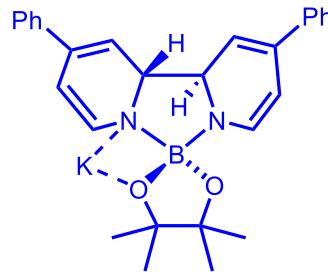
# Summary



The electron-rich olefins

2005-2019

- ◆ Reactions in the ground state
- ◆ Reactions in the photo-excited state
- ◆ Haloarene–Arene Coupling



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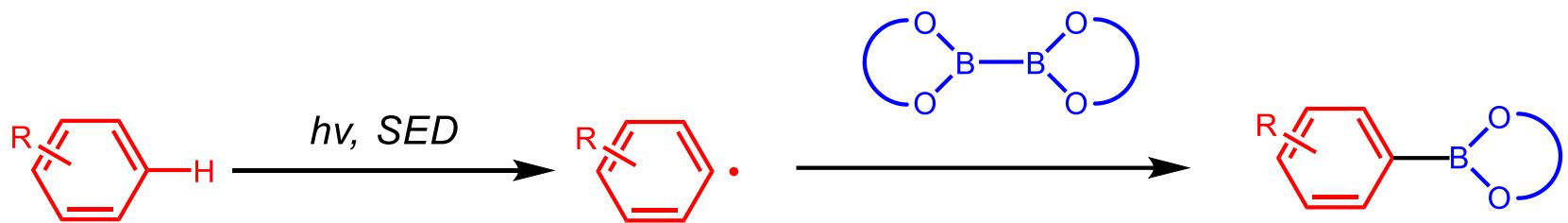
2018-2019

- ◆ Radical Borylation of Aryl Halides
- ◆ Desulfonative borylation of benzyl sulfones
- ◆ Visible-Light-Induced Borylation of Aryl Chlorides

# Summary

## Hypothesis

Photo-Induced Borylation of Aryl Chlorides



Thanks for your attention