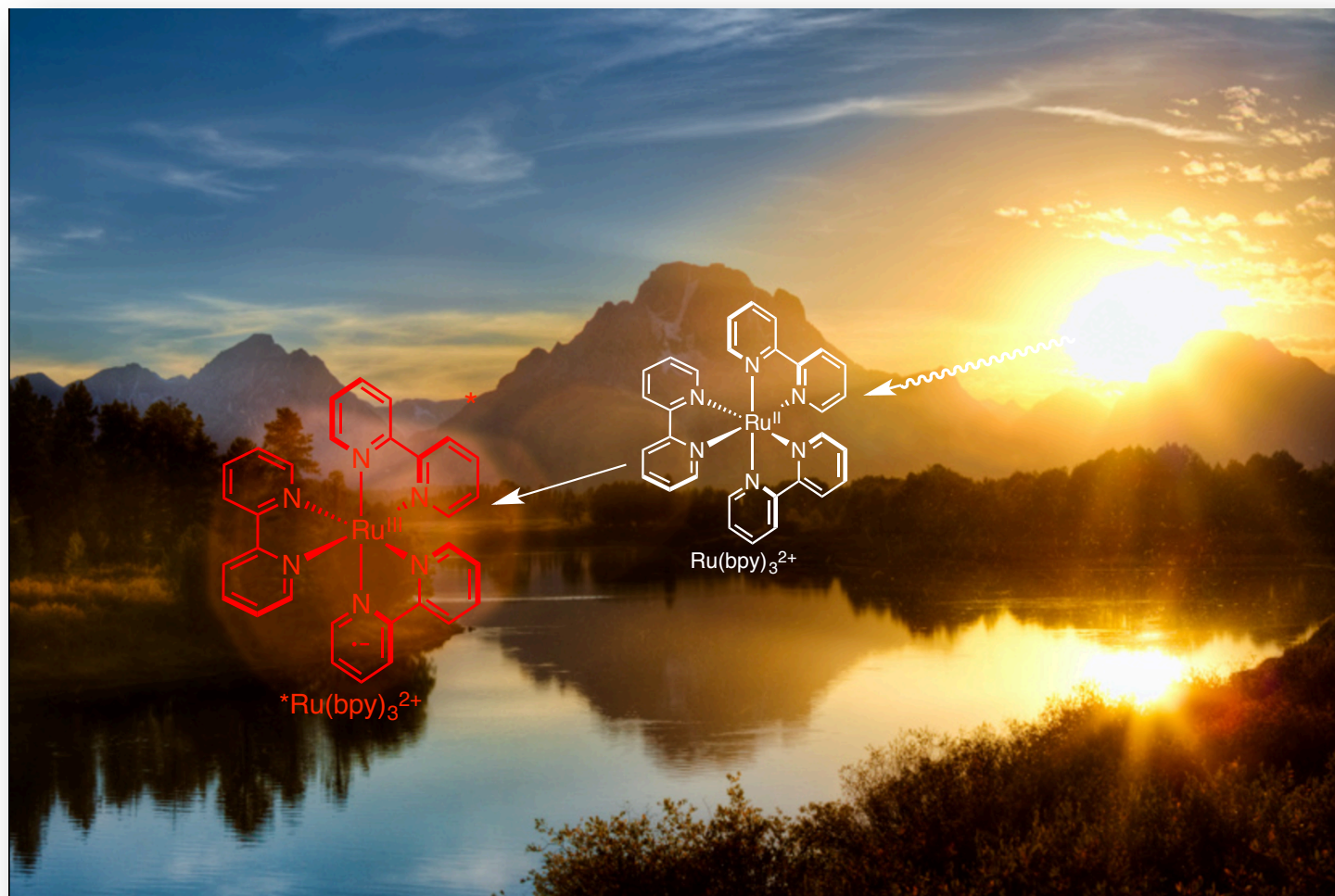


# Visible Light Mediated Photoredox Catalysis

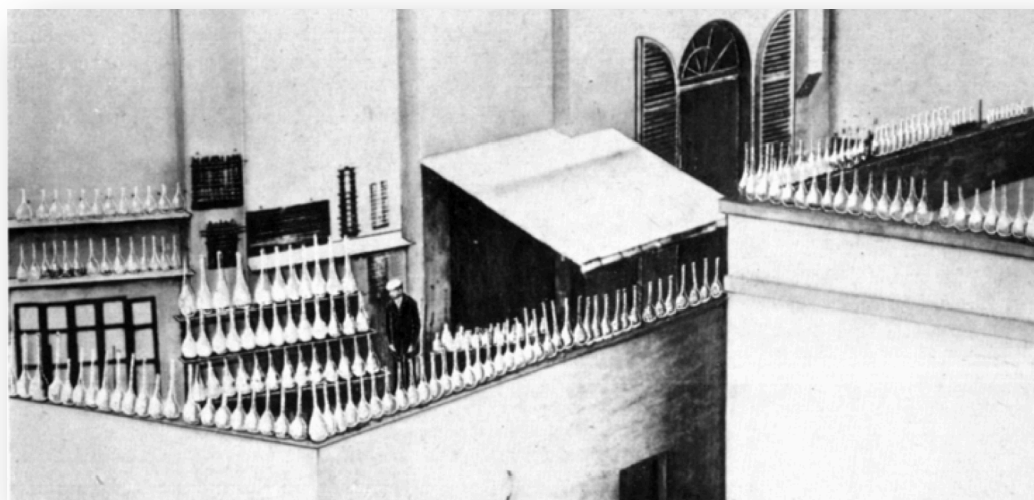


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# Giacomo Ciamician: 'The Photochemistry of the Future'



*“On the arid lands there will spring up industrial colonies without smoke and without smokestacks; forests of glass tubes will extend over the plains and glass buildings will rise everywhere; inside of these will take the place the photochemical processes that hitherto have been the guarded secret of the plants, but that will have been mastered by human industry which will know how to make them bear even more abundant fruit than nature, for nature is not in a hurry and mankind is. And if in a distant future the supply of coal becomes completely exhausted, civilization will not be checked by that, for life and civilization will continue as long as the sun shines!”*

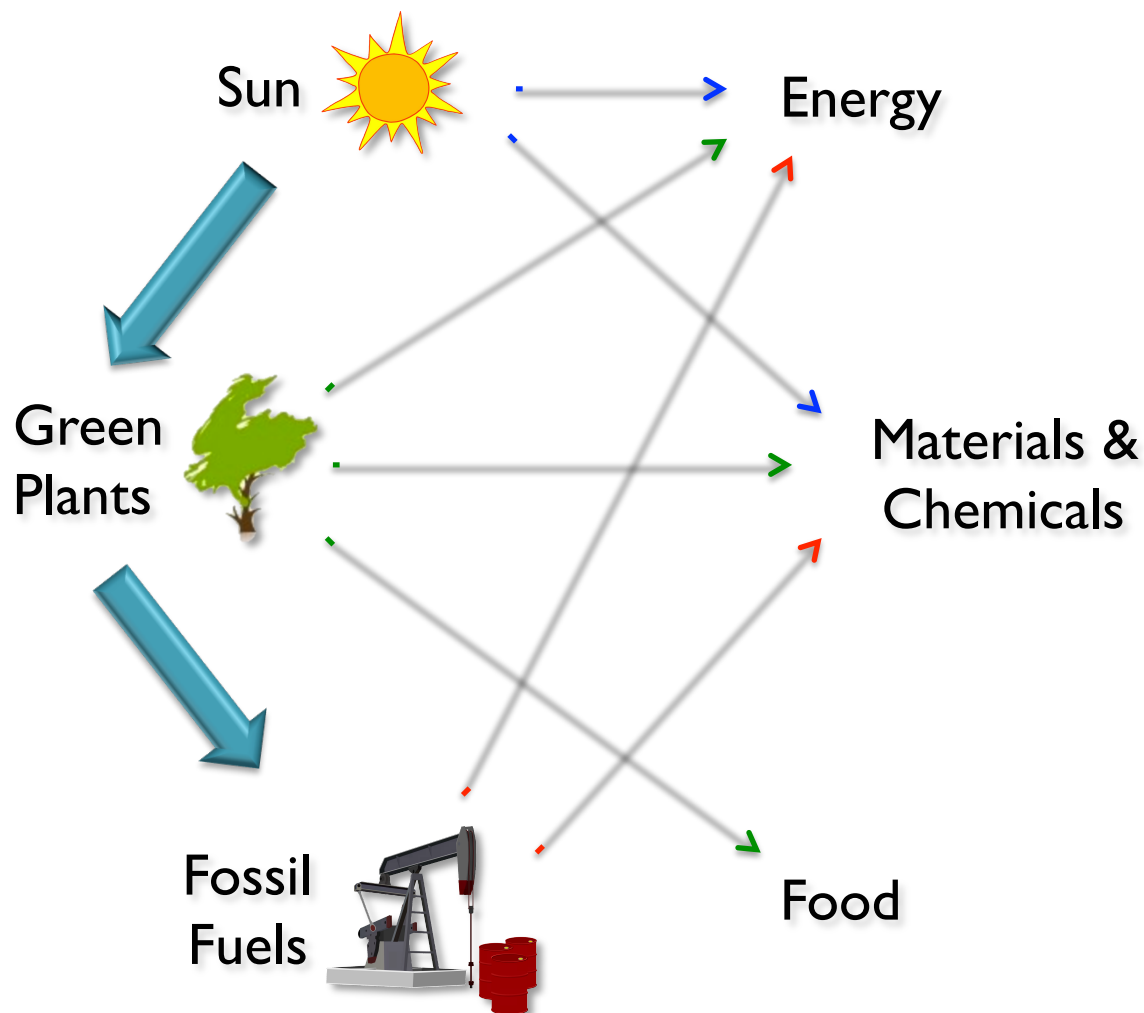


# Visible Light: Green Energy Source

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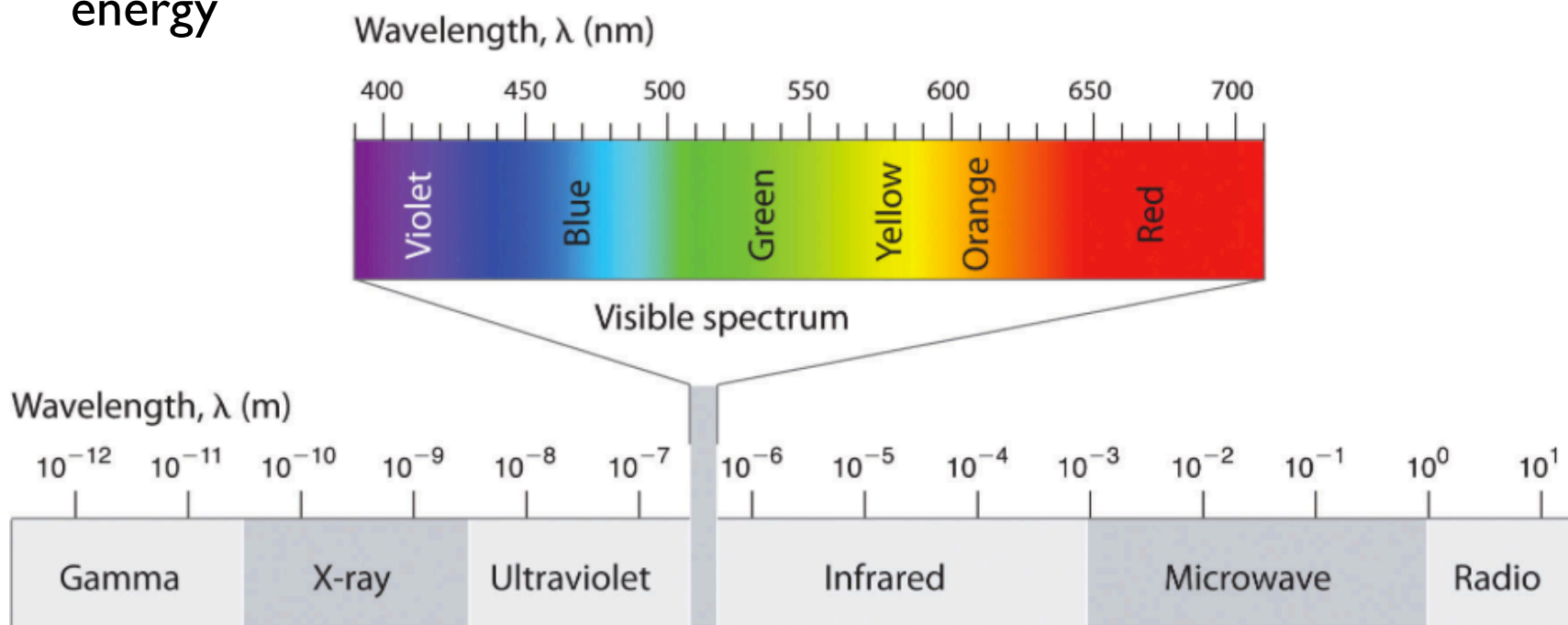
**Renewable**

**Non Renewable**



# Visible Light: Green Energy Source

- Solar irradiation is by far the main supply of the energy on Earth and exceeds every conceivable need of mankind in the future: 25,000 – 75,000 kWh per day and hectare
  - average *annual* electricity consumption for a U.S. residential utility customer in 2011 was 11,280 kWh
- Visible light is a clean, inexpensive, and “infinitely available” source of energy

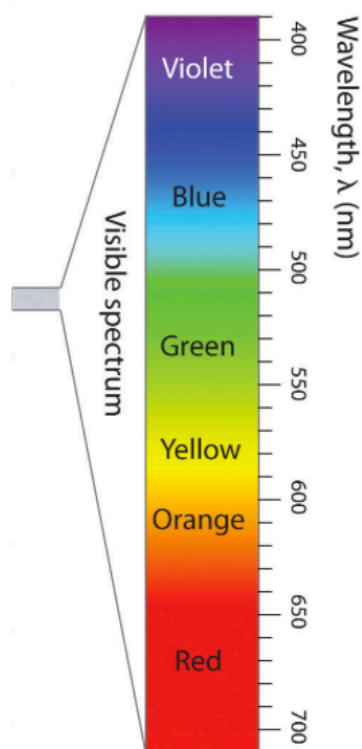


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# Photochemistry in Organic Synthesis: Fundamental Impediment

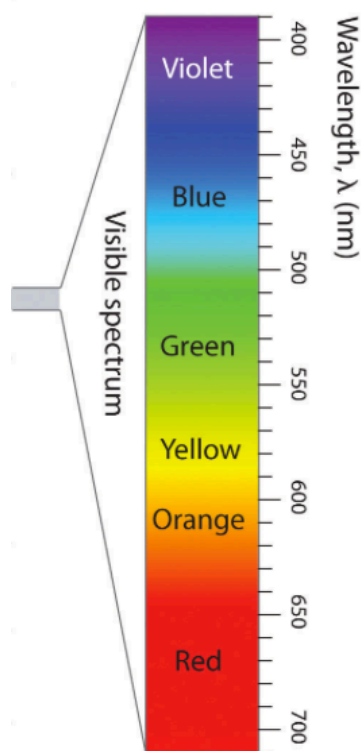
- UV wavelengths are generally required in conventional organic photochemical synthesis
  - Potential for deleterious side reactions
  - Scale of the photochemical processes are constrained by the size and/or cost of photoreactor



Chromophore	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	Chromophore	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)
C-C and C-H	<180	acetophenone	278
C-O (alcohol)	~180	naphthalene	310
C-S (alkyl sulfide)	210	anthracene	380
C-Br (alkyl bromide)	208	nitrobenzene	330
C-I (alkyl iodide)	260	C=O	280
C=C	180	N=N	350
C=C-C=C	220	-NO <sub>2</sub>	270
C=C-C=C-C=C	260	N=O	660
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	260	C=C-C=O	350
styrene	282		

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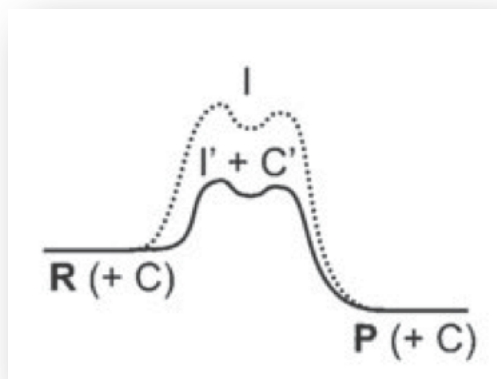


Widespread adoption of clean photochemical methods in chemical industry will require efficient photochemical reactions promoted by wavelengths of visible light.

# Visible Light Mediated Photocatalysis

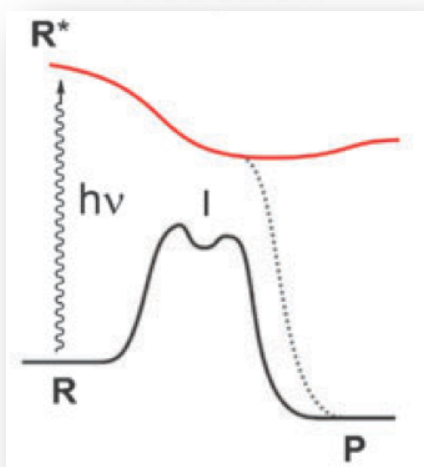
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## Thermal Reaction



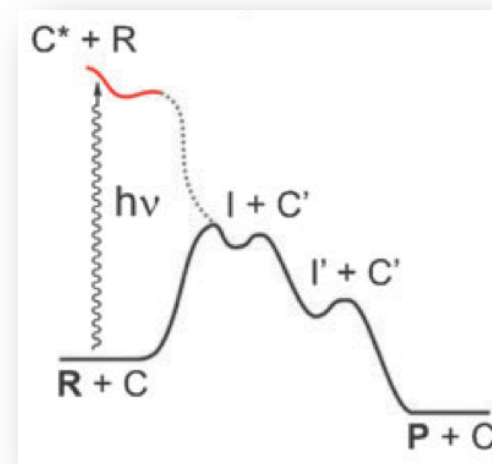
Catalyzed by **C** via intermediate **I'**

## Photochemical Reaction



The reaction starts from the excited state surface of reagent **R\***

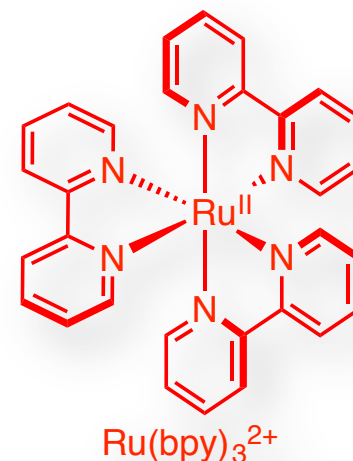
## Photocatalyzed Reaction



The catalyst **C** is active only in the excited state; the reaction of **R** occurs entirely on the ground state surface

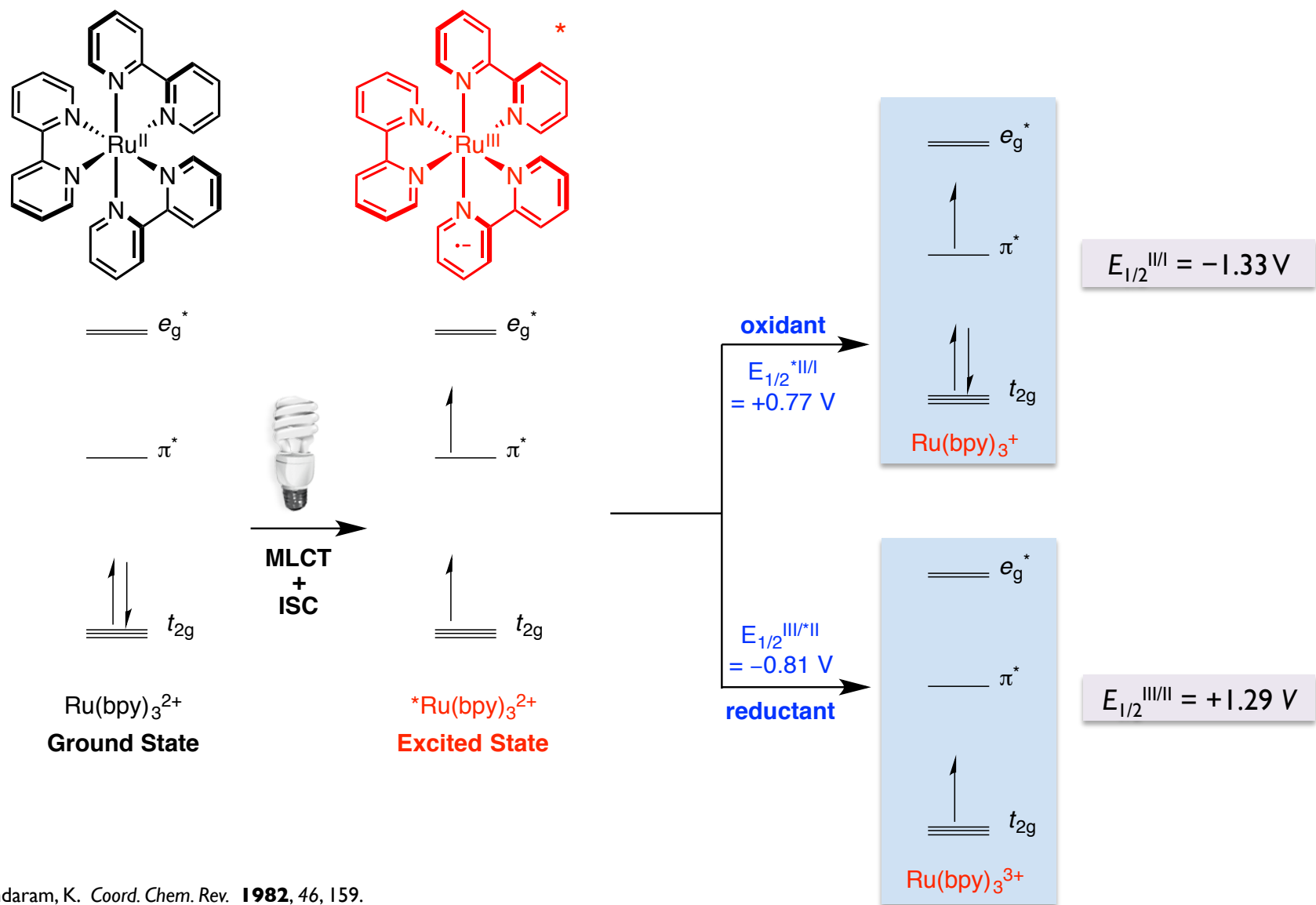
# Visible Light Photocatalysts

- Most commonly employed visible light photocatalysts are polypyridyl complexes of ruthenium and iridium
- Prototypical photocatalyst is  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ 
  - Absorption at 452 nm
  - Stable, long-lived excited state ( $\tau = 1100$  ns)
  - Single electron transfer (SET) catalyst
  - Effective excited state oxidant and reductant
- Extensively used and investigated in inorganic and materials chemistry
  - splitting of water into hydrogen and oxygen
  - reduction of carbon dioxide to methane
  - initiation of polymerization reactions
  - components of dye-sensitized solar cells and light-emitting diodes
  - used in photodynamic therapy





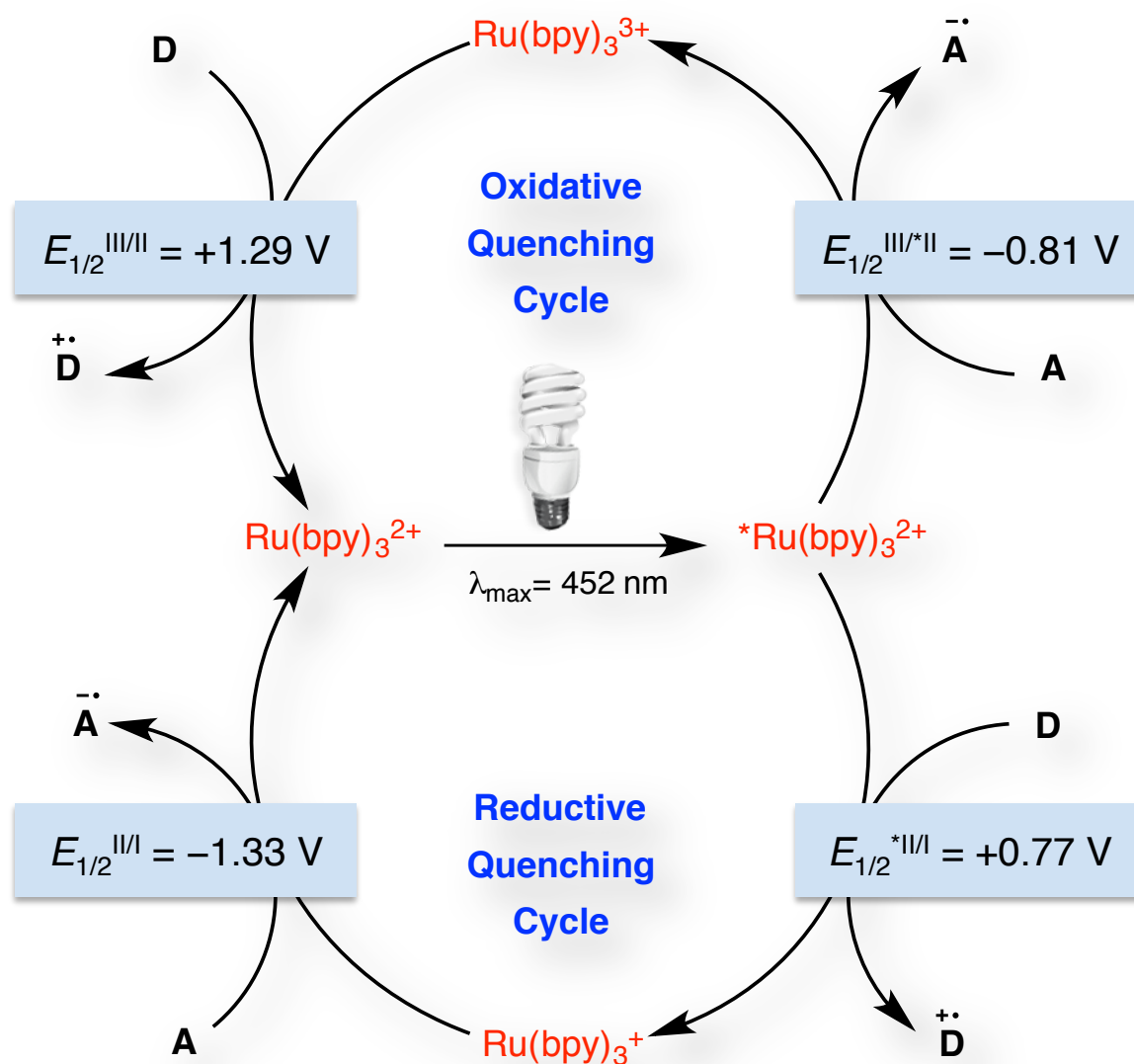
# Photochemistry of $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ : Simplified Molecular Orbital Depiction



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# Photochemistry of $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ : Oxidative and Reductive Quenching Cycle



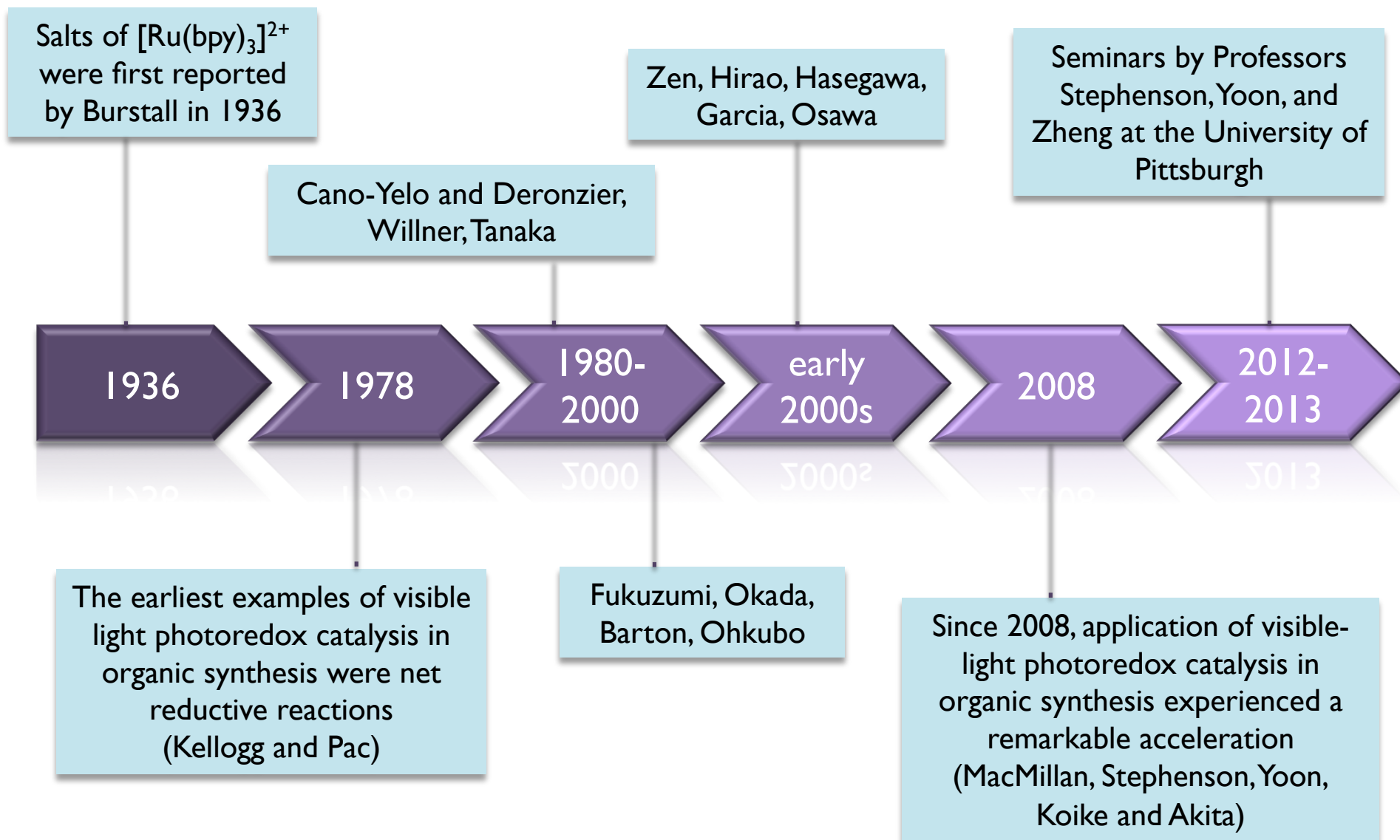
## Oxidative quenchers:

$\text{Ar-N}_2^+$	$\text{S}_2\text{O}_6^-$
$\text{ArNO}_2$	$\text{Ar}_2\text{I}^+$
Viologens	$\text{ArSO}^2\text{-SeAr}$
$[\text{Co}(\text{acac})_3]$	$\text{CBr}_4$
$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]^{3-}$	$\text{CHI}_3$

## Reductive quenchers:

$\text{Et}_3\text{N}$	$\text{Eu}^{2+}$
$\text{Ph}_3\text{N}$	$(\text{CO}_2)_2$
EDTA	xanthate
$i\text{-Pr}_2\text{NEt}$	ascorbate

# Photoredox Catalysis: Applications in Organic Synthesis



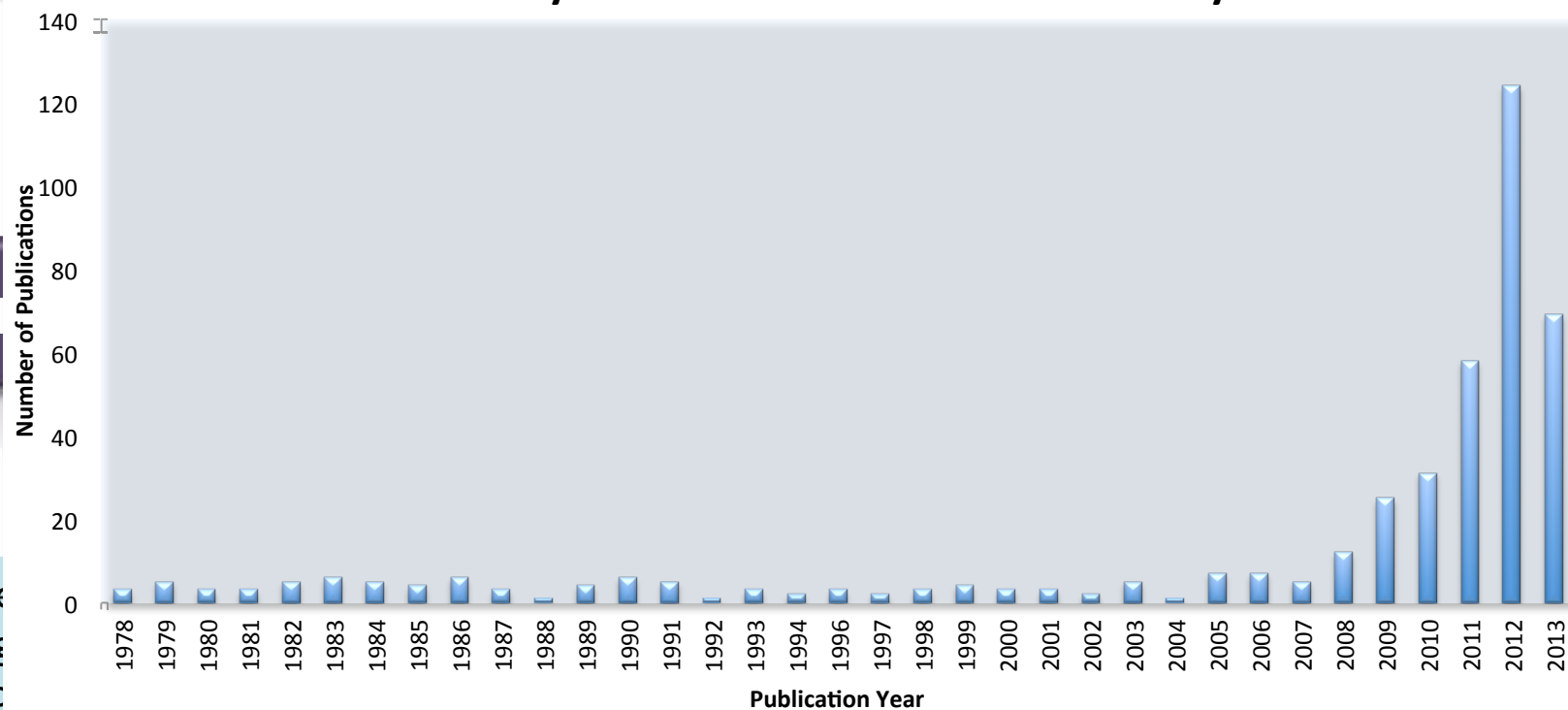
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Salts of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$   
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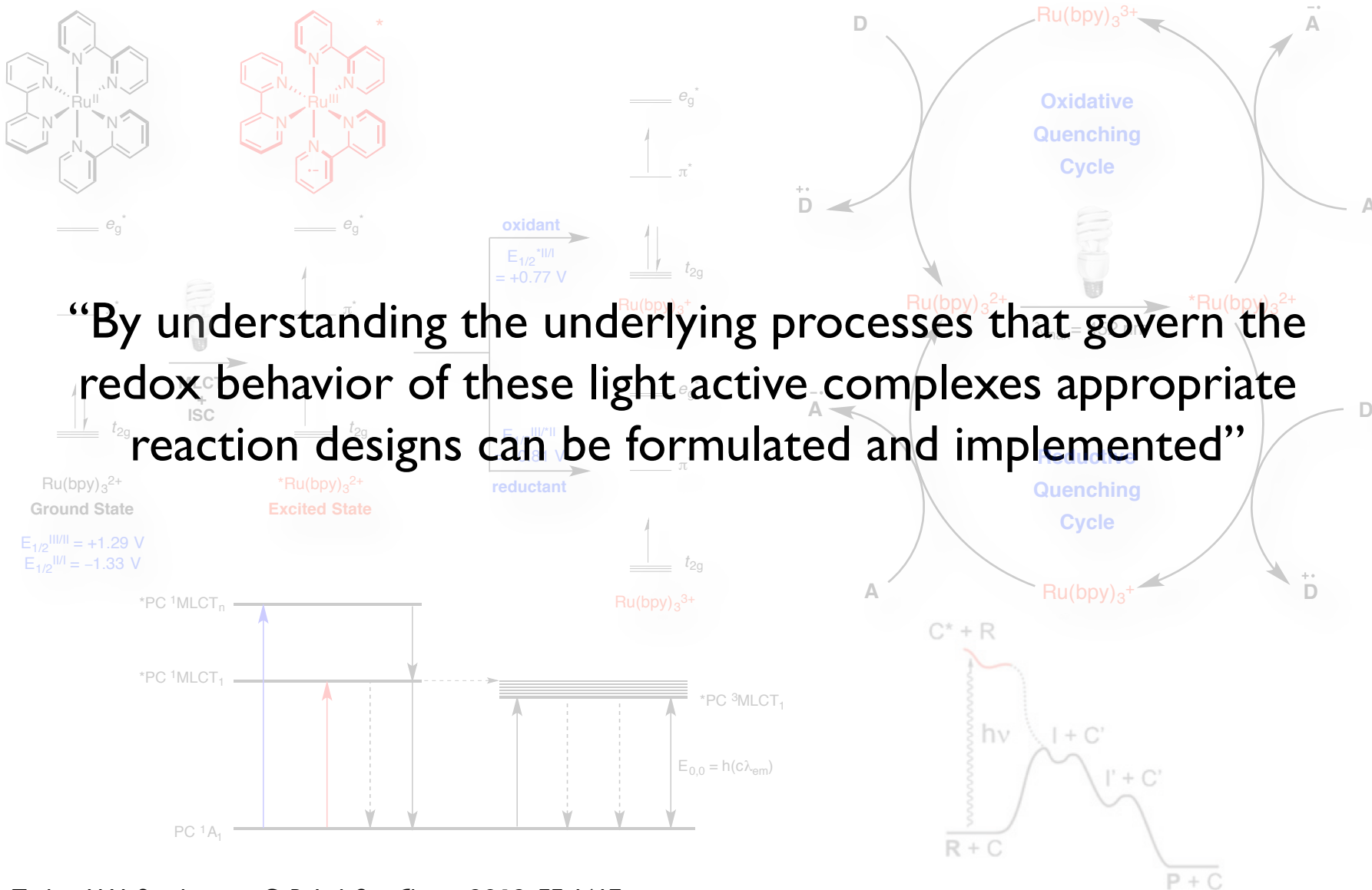


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reductive reactions  
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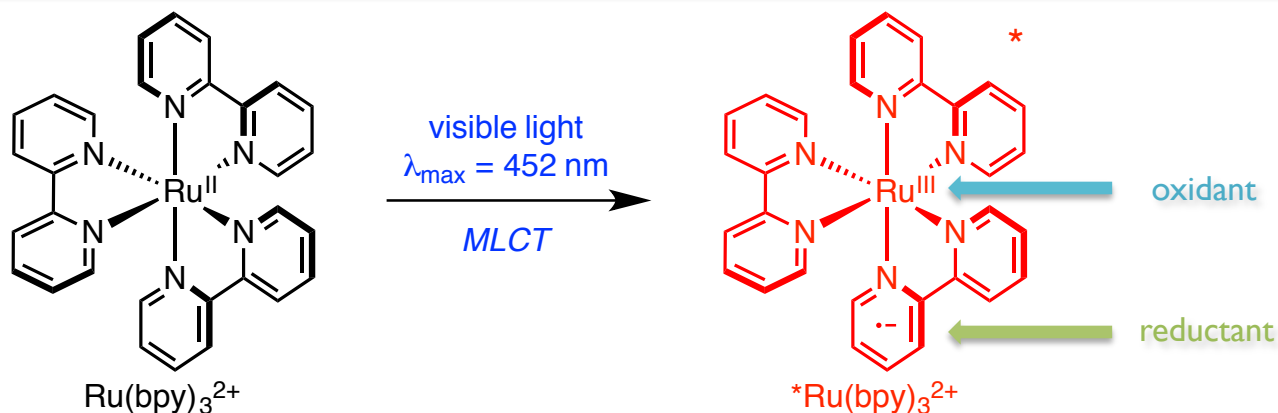
Organic synthesis experienced a  
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# Visible Light Photocatalysis: Advancing the Field

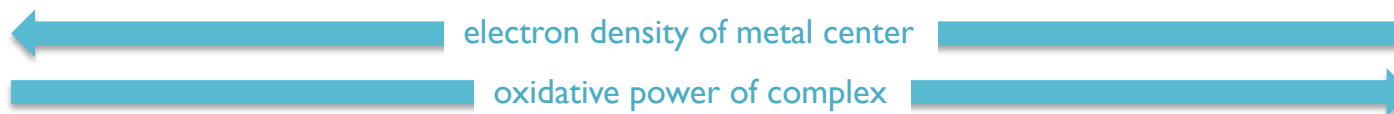
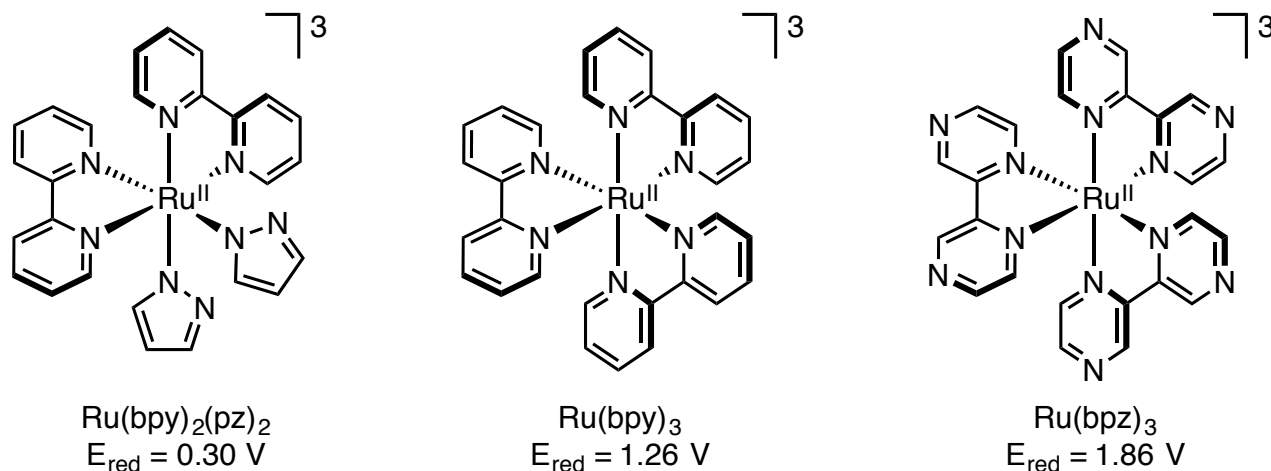


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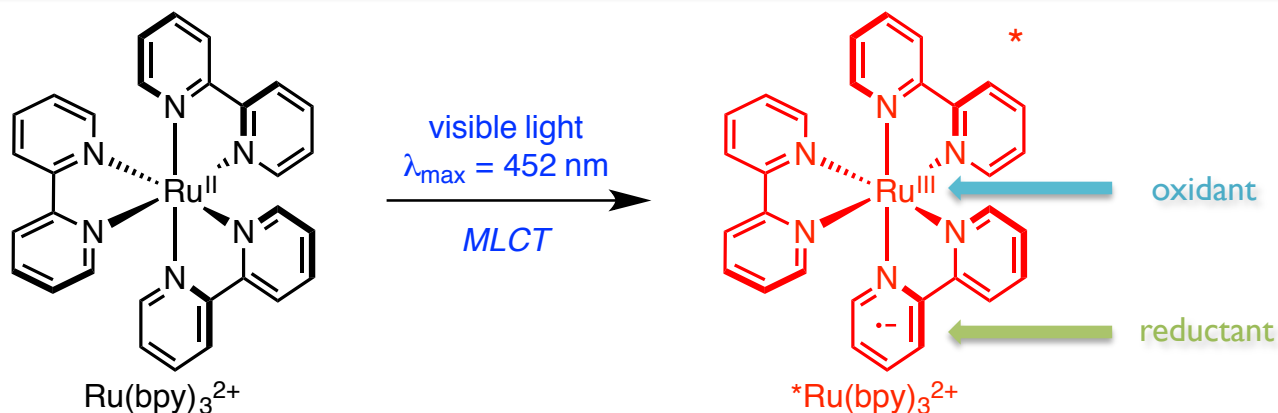
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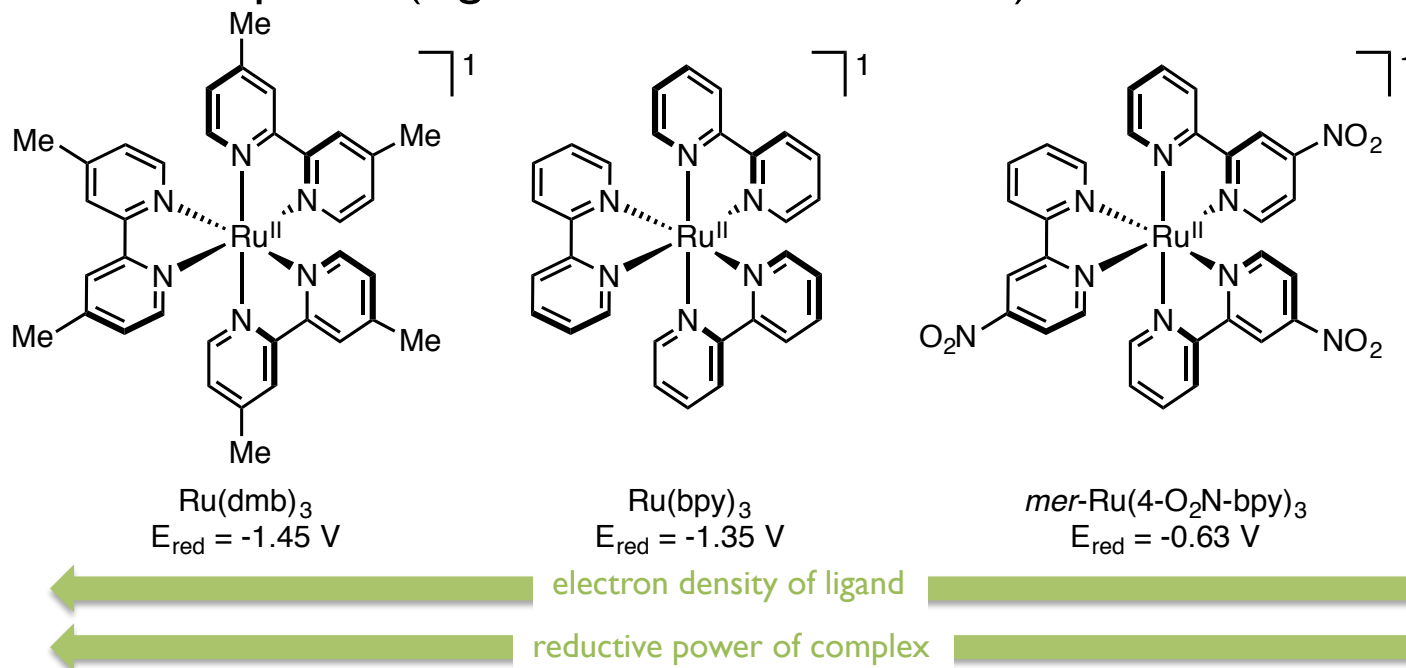
- Oxidized Complexes (Metal Centered Oxidation):



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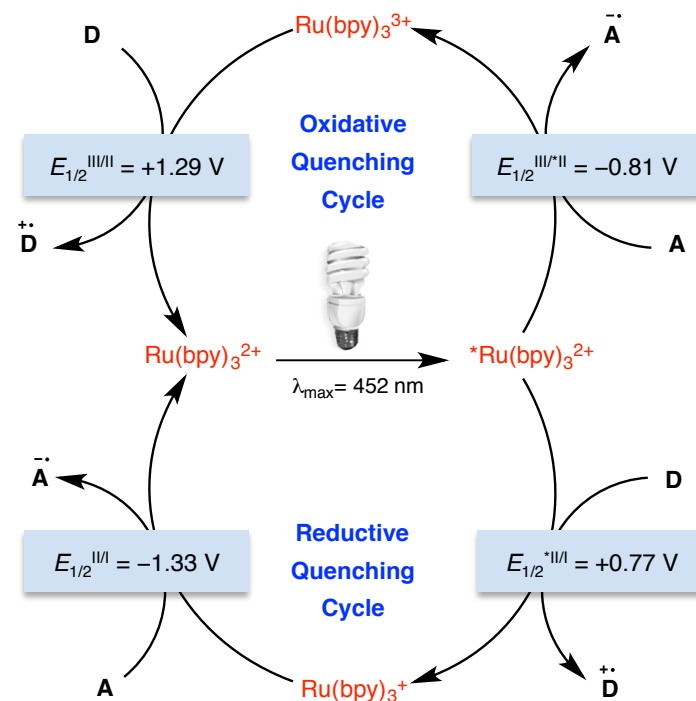
- Reduced Complexes (Ligand Centered Reduction):



# Photoredox Catalysis: Common Catalysts

- General rule:
  - electron-donating substituents on the ligands render the complex more strongly reducing
  - electron-withdrawing substituents render the complex more strongly oxidizing

Photocatalyst	$E_{1/2}$ ( $M^+/M^*$ )	$E_{1/2}$ ( $M^*/M^-$ )	$E_{1/2}$ ( $M^+/M$ )	$E_{1/2}$ ( $M/M^-$ )
$\text{Ru}(\text{bpm})_3^{2+}$	-0.21	+0.99	+1.69	-0.91
$\text{Ru}(\text{bpz})_3^{2+}$	-0.26	+1.45	+1.86	-0.80
$\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$	-0.81	+0.77	+1.29	-1.33
$\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_3^{2+}$	-0.87	+0.82	+1.26	-1.36
$\text{Ir}[\text{dF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{ppy}]_2(\text{dtbbpy})^+$	-0.89	+1.21	+1.69	-1.37
$\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})_2(\text{dtbbpy})^+$	-0.96	+0.66	+1.21	-1.51
$\text{Cu}(\text{dap})^+$	-1.43		+0.62	
$\text{fac-Ir}(\text{ppy})_3$	-1.73	+0.31	+0.77	-2.19





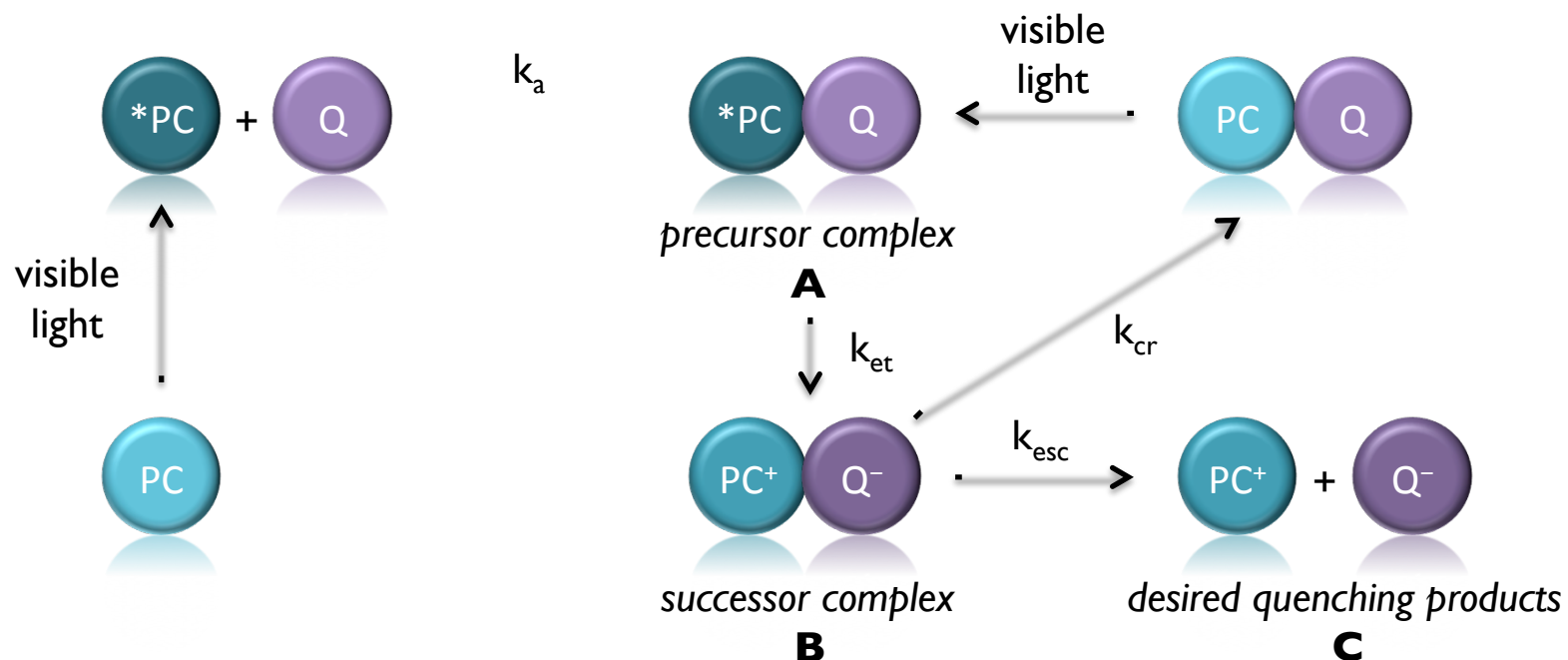
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					lifetime $\tau$ (ns)	Excitation $\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	Emission $\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)
Ru(bpm) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	-0.21	+0.99	+1.69	-0.91	131	454	639
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Ir[dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy] <sub>2</sub> (dtbbpy) <sup>+</sup>	-0.89	+1.21	+1.69	-1.37	2300	380	470
Ir(ppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbbpy) <sup>+</sup>	-0.96	+0.66	+1.21	-1.51	557		581
Cu(dap) <sup>+</sup>	-1.43		+0.62		270		670
fac-Ir(ppy) <sub>3</sub>	-1.73	+0.31	+0.77	-2.19	1900	375	494

# Photoredox Catalysis: Kinetic Parameters

- For any closed photoredox catalytic cycle there are at least two outer-sphere electron transfer processes that must occur:
  - an electron transfer to quench the excited state
  - a subsequent electron transfer to regenerate the ground-state catalyst
- Electron transfer process for oxidative quenching:



# Visible Light Photoredox Catalysis: Applications in Organic Synthesis

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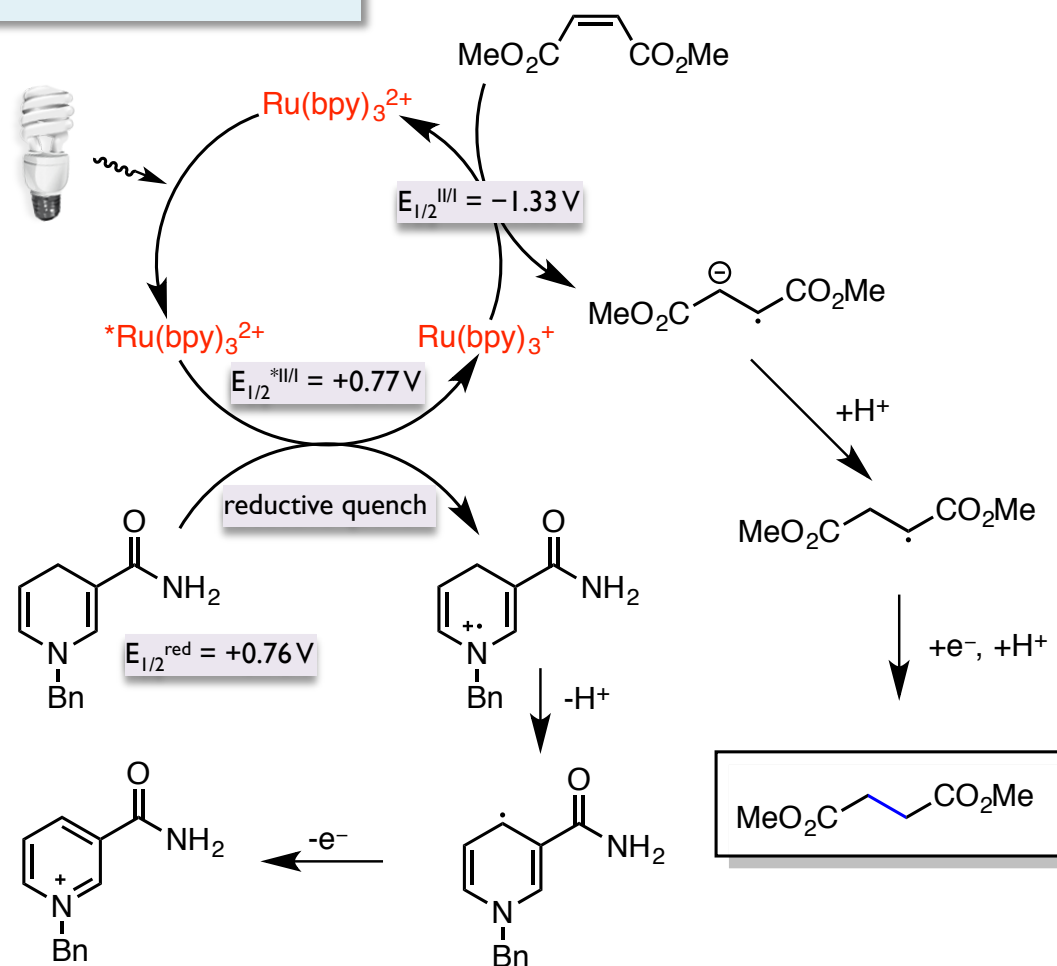
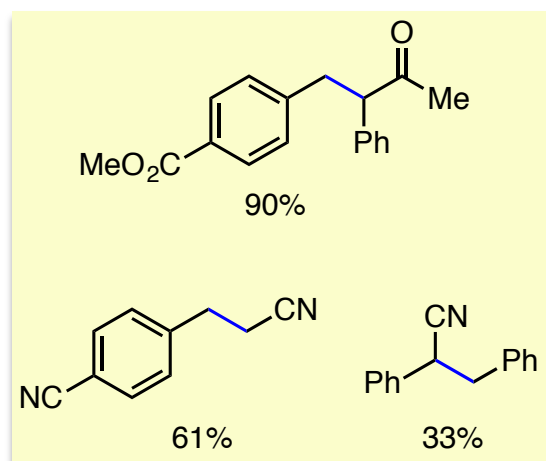
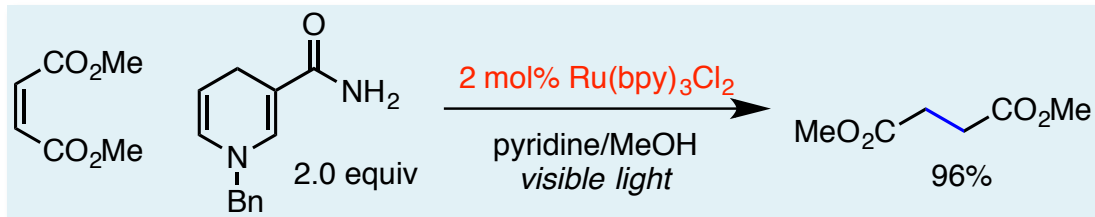
- Net Reductive Reactions
- Net Oxidative Reactions
- Redox Neutral Reactions
- Energy Transfer Reactions

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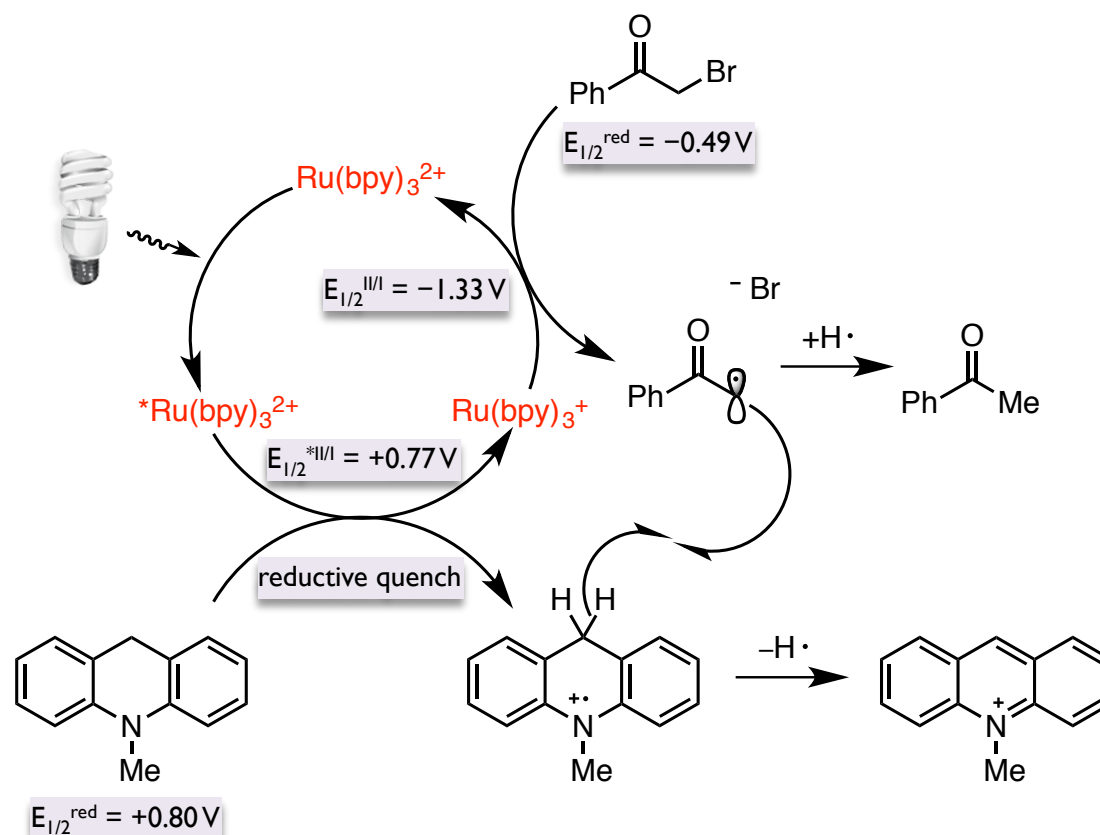
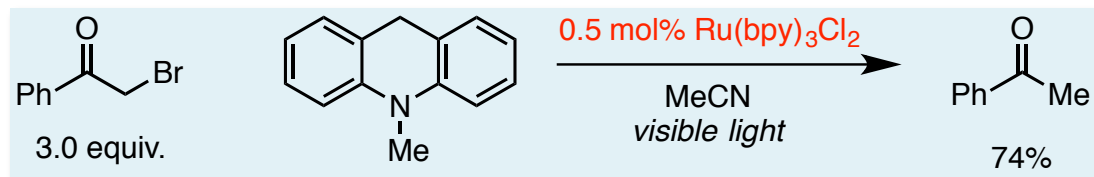
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- Net Reductive Reactions
  - Reduction of Electron-Poor Olefins
  - Reductive dehalogenation
  - Reductive Cleavage of Sulfonium and Sulfonyl Groups
  - Nitrogen Functional Group Reductions
  - Radical Cyclizations
  - Reductive Epoxide and Aziridine Opening
  - Reduction-Labile Protecting Groups

# Net Reductive Reactions: Reduction of Electron Poor Olefins



# Net Reductive Reactions: Reductive Dehalogenation

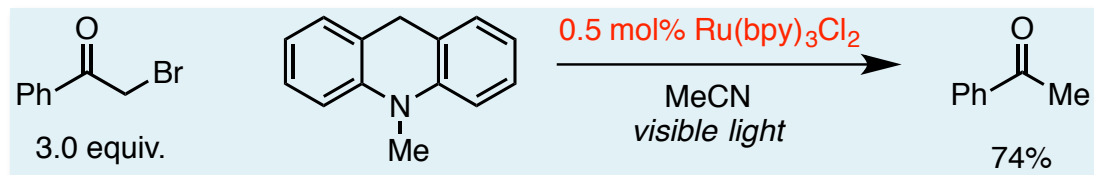


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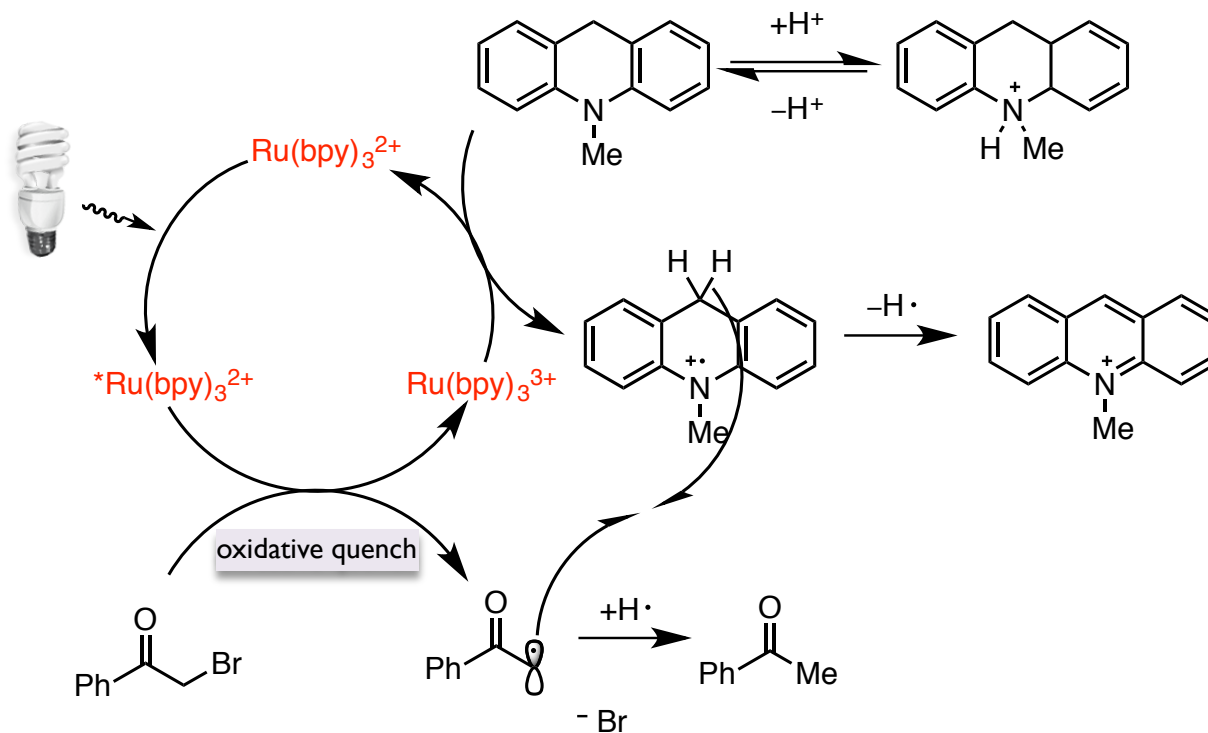
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# Net Reductive Reactions: Reductive Dehalogenation



- Addition of acid (HClO<sub>4</sub>) results in a switch from reductive to oxidative quenching

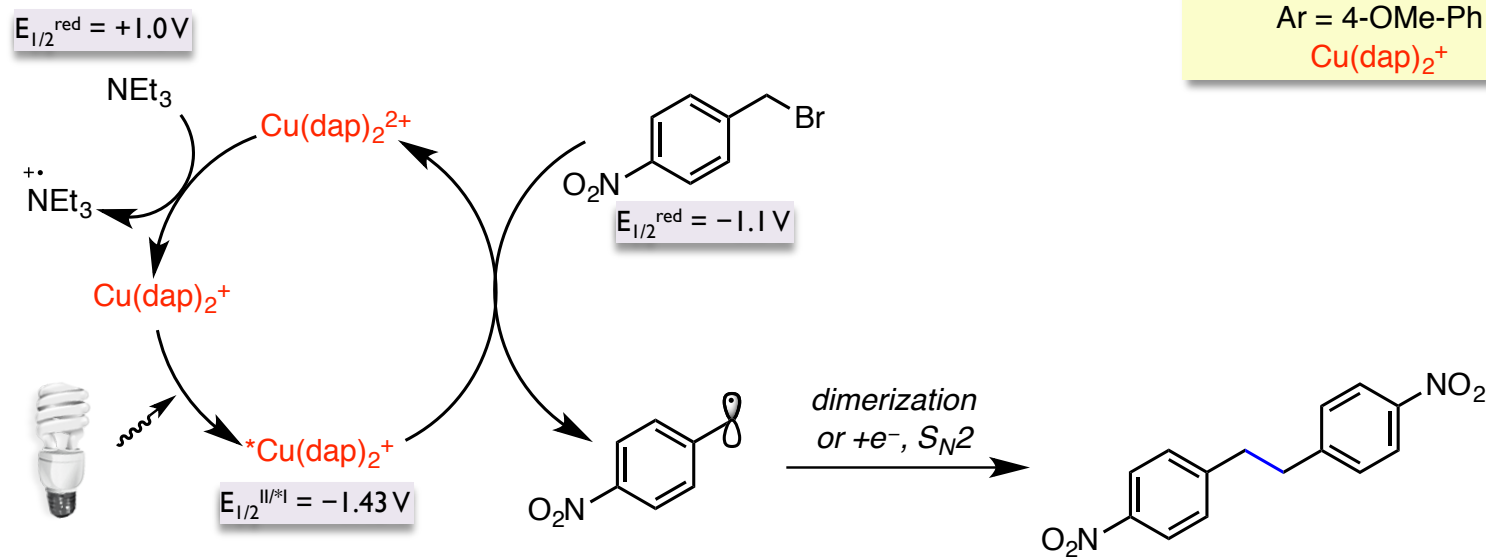
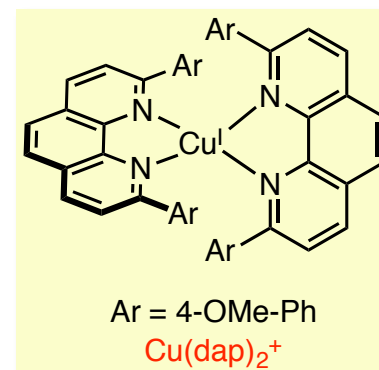
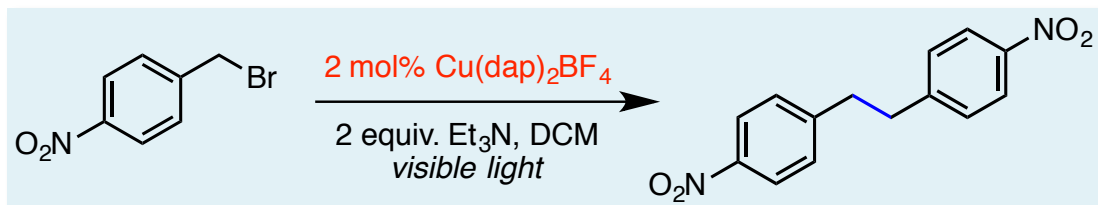


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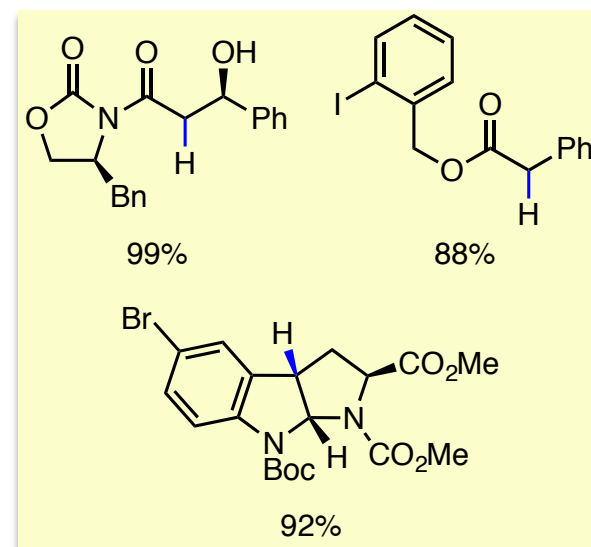
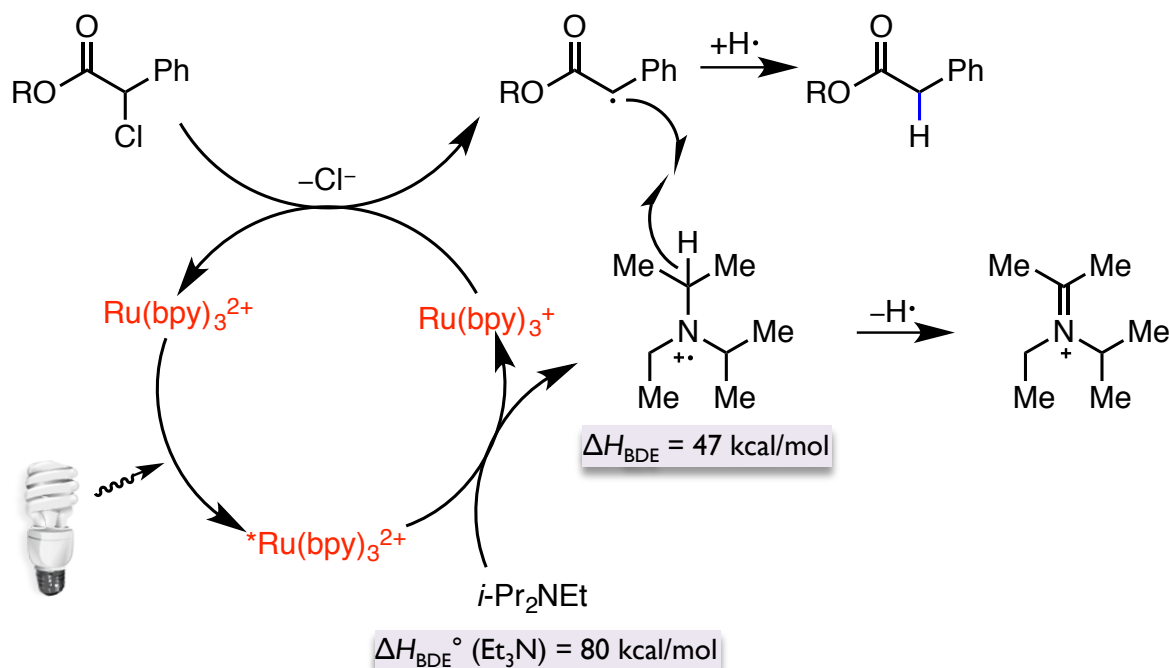
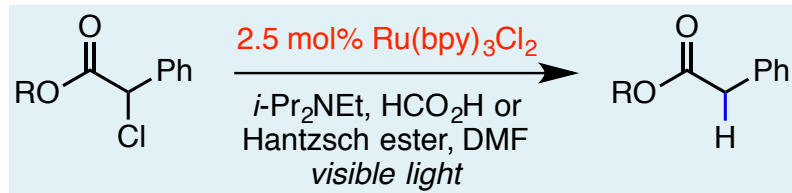
# Net Reductive Reactions: Reductive Dehalogenation



- $\text{Cu(dap)}_2^+$  is substantially more reducing than  $\text{Ru(bpy)}_3^{2+}$  and can perform the reduction directly from its photoexcited state



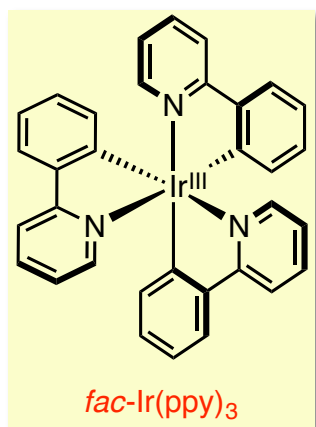
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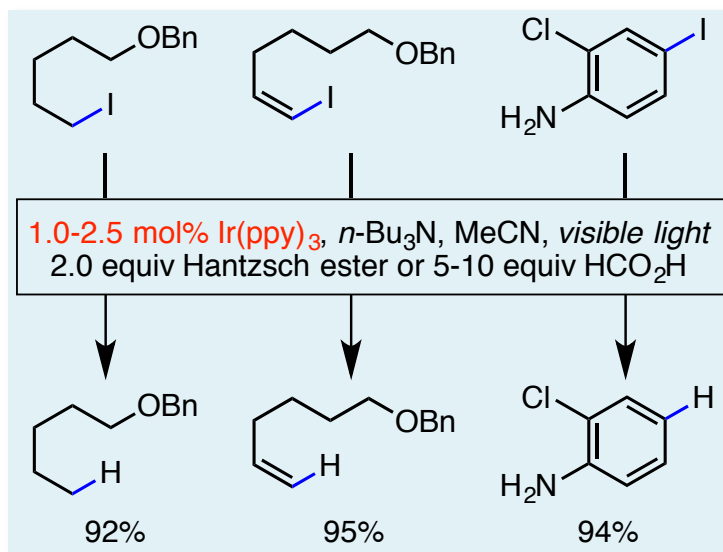
- Selective for the dehalogenation of alkyl bromides and chlorides  $\alpha$ -to electron-withdrawing groups over vinyl iodides and aryl bromides and iodides
- Tolerant of protecting groups (silyl ethers and carbamates)

# Net Reductive Reactions: Reductive Dehalogenation

- Limitation of reduction dehalogenation with  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})^{2+}$  is the requirement for activated halides
- The reductive dehalogenation of alkyl, alkenyl, and aryl iodides can be achieved using iridium photocatalyst  $\text{fac-Ir}(\text{ppy})_3$
- Allows for the selective dehalogenation of aryl iodides in the presence of aryl bromides and chlorides



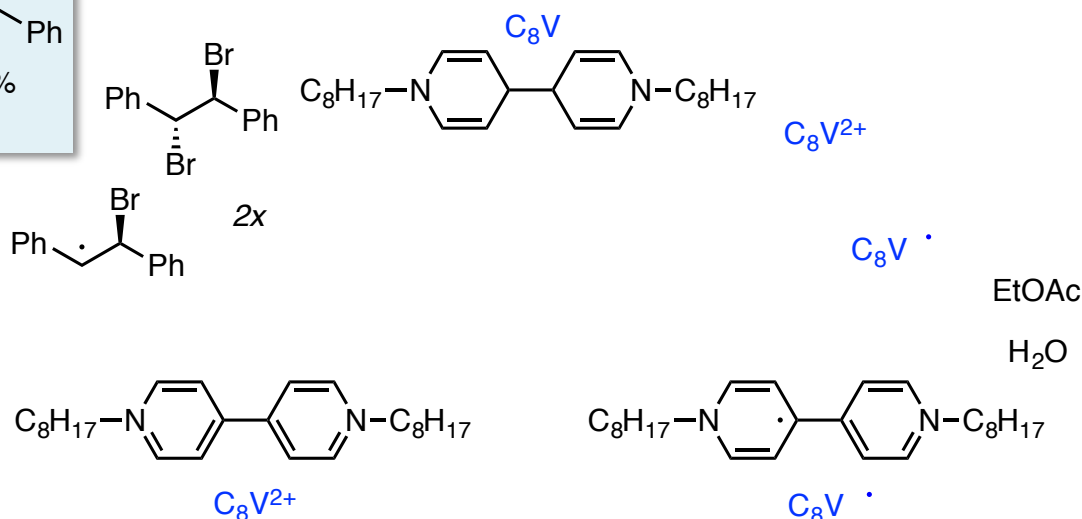
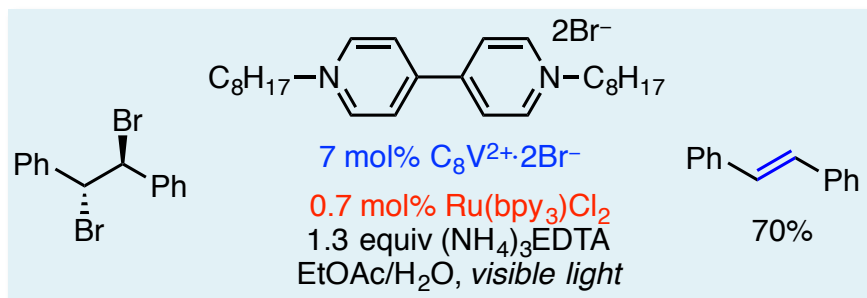
$$E_{1/2}^{\text{IV/III}} = -1.73 \text{ V}$$



$$E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} (\text{ethyl iodide}) = -1.67 \text{ V}$$

# Net Reductive Reactions: Reductive Dehalogenation

- Reduction of vic-dibromides via photoredox and viologen catalysis in a biphasic system



When reaction mixture is monophasic, the cis isomer forms as the reaction progresses via energy transfer from photocatalyst

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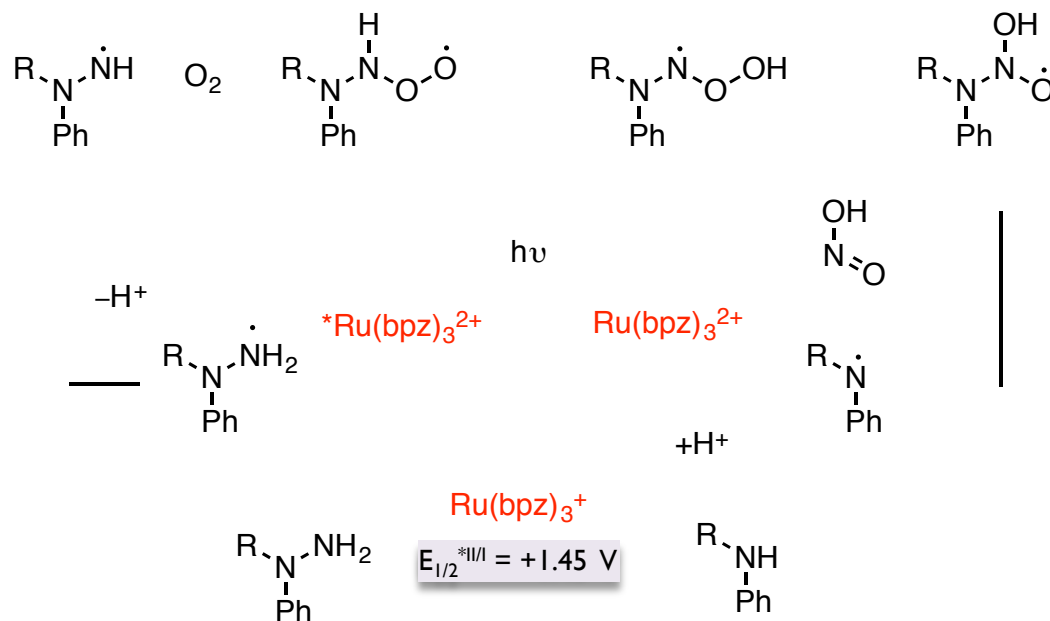
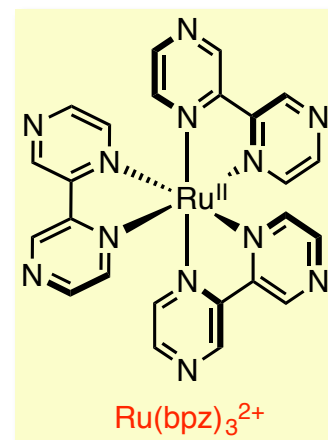
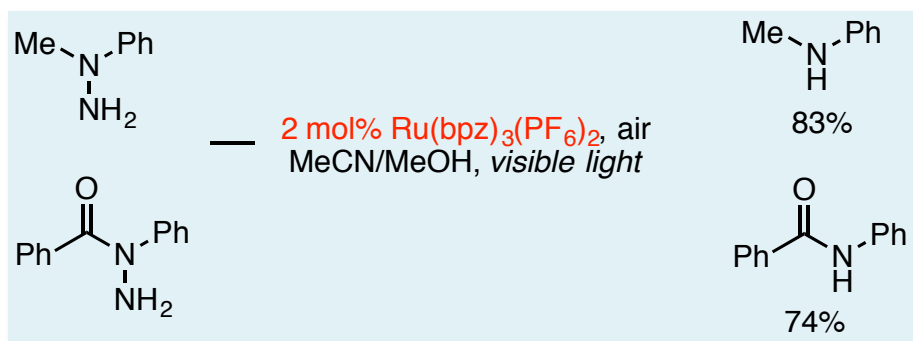
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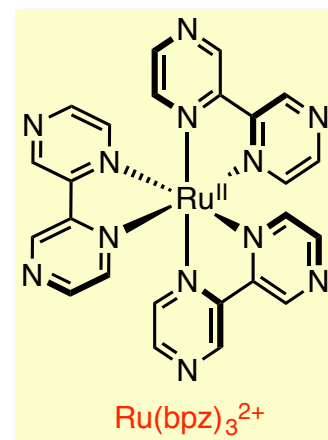
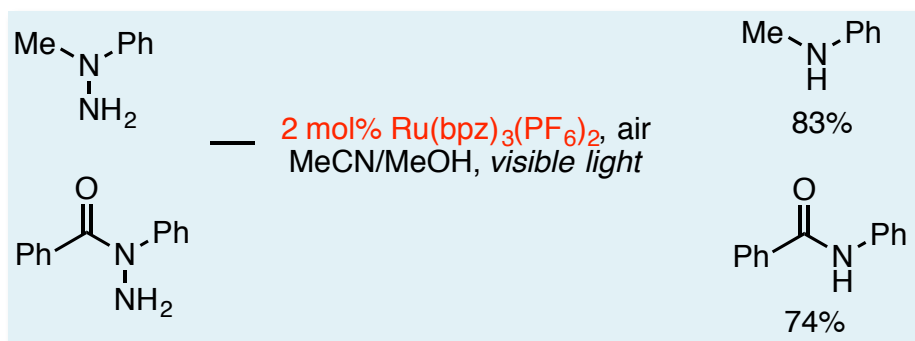
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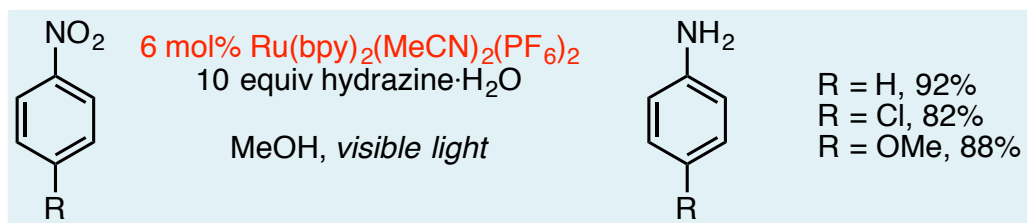
$\text{NH}_2$  group required and tri- or tetra-substituted hydrazines do not give the products of N-N bond cleavage

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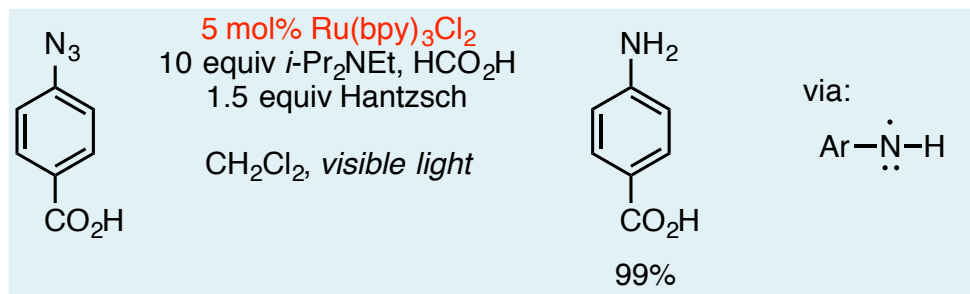
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- Reduction of nitrobenzenes to anilines

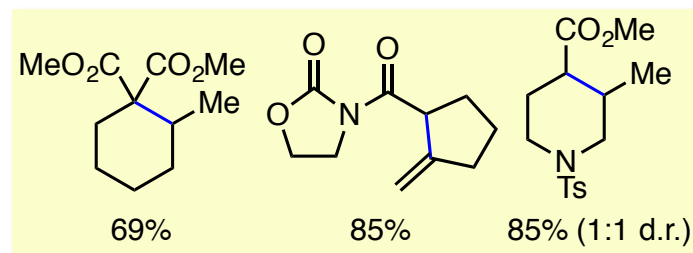
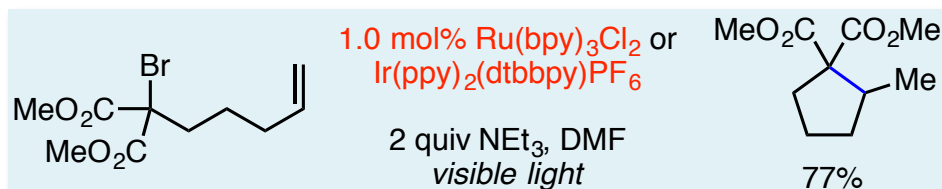


- Reduction of azides to amines

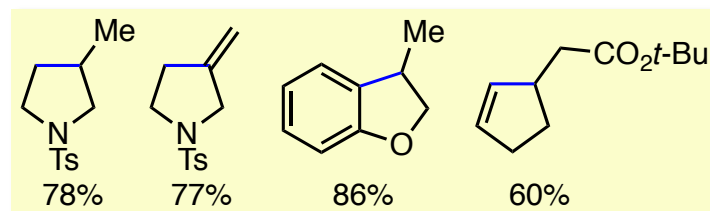
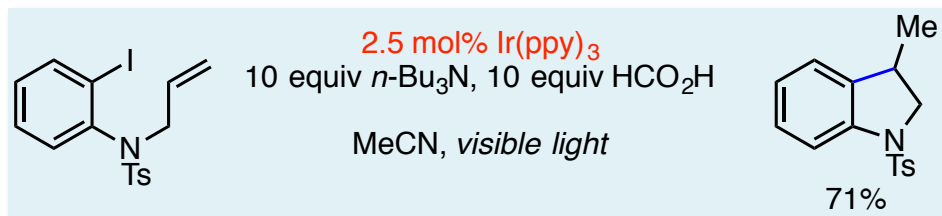


# Net Reductive Reactions: Radical Cyclizations

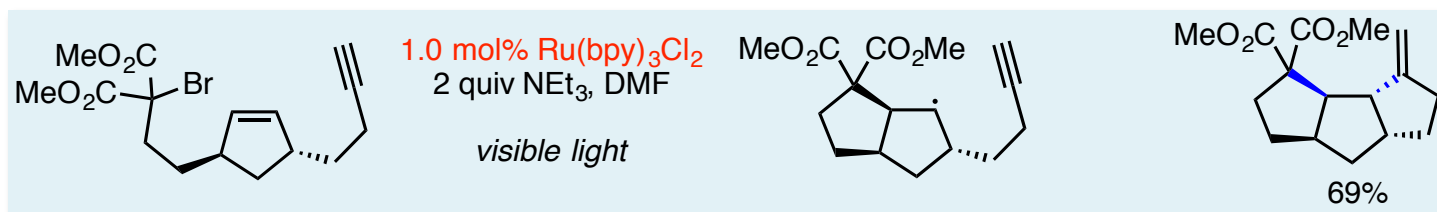
- Photoredox-catalyzed reductive radical cyclization



- Radical cyclizations of alkyl, alkenyl, and aryl iodides



- Cascade photoredox cyclization reactions



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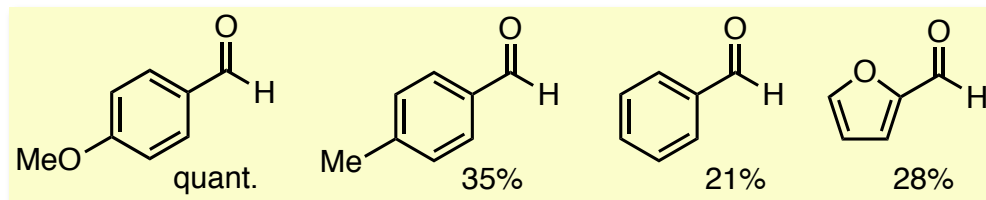
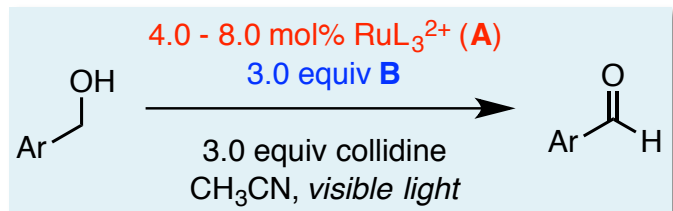
# Visible Light Photoredox Catalysis: Applications in Organic Synthesis

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- Net Oxidative Reactions
  - Functional Group Oxidations
  - Oxidative Removal of the PMB Group
  - Oxidative Biaryl Coupling
  - Oxidative Generation of Iminium Ions
  - Azomethine Ylide [3+2] Cycloadditions
  - Cyclizations of Aminium Radical Cations

# Net Oxidative Reactions: Functional Group Oxidations

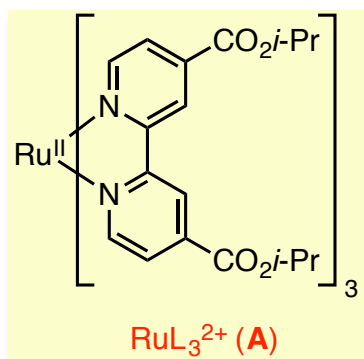
- Oxidation of benzylic alcohols to aldehydes



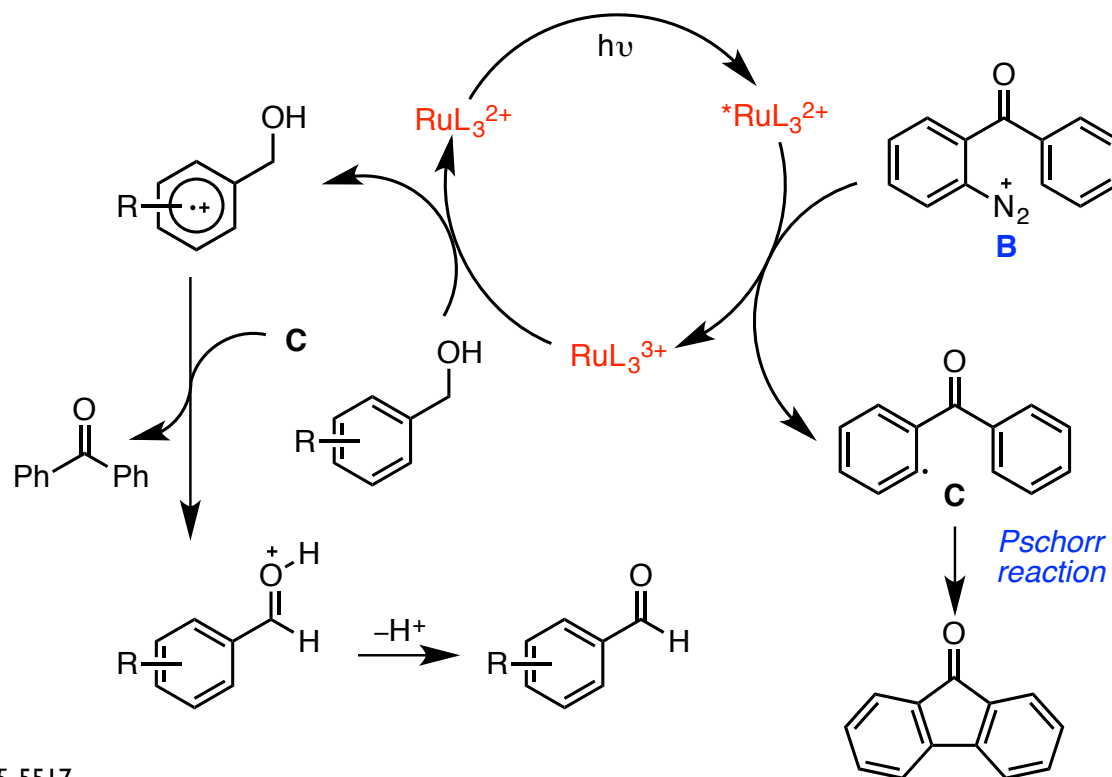
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$E_{1/2}^{\text{red}}(\text{OH}) = +1.89 \text{ V}$

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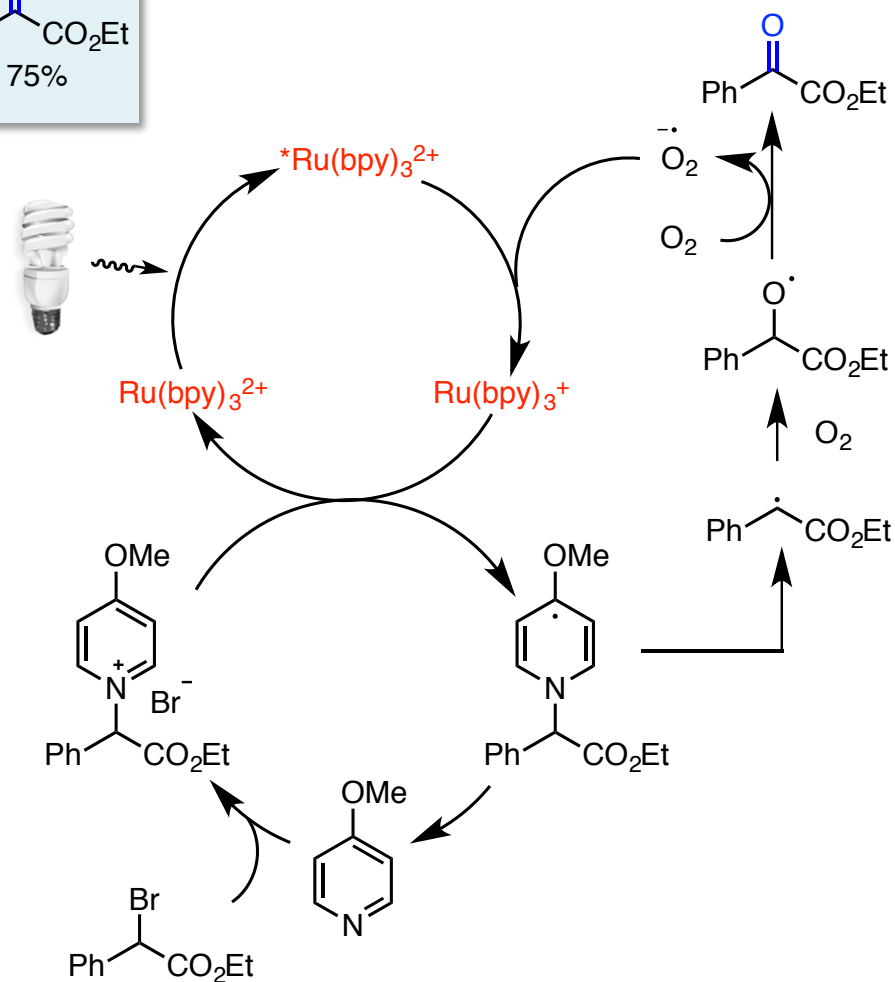
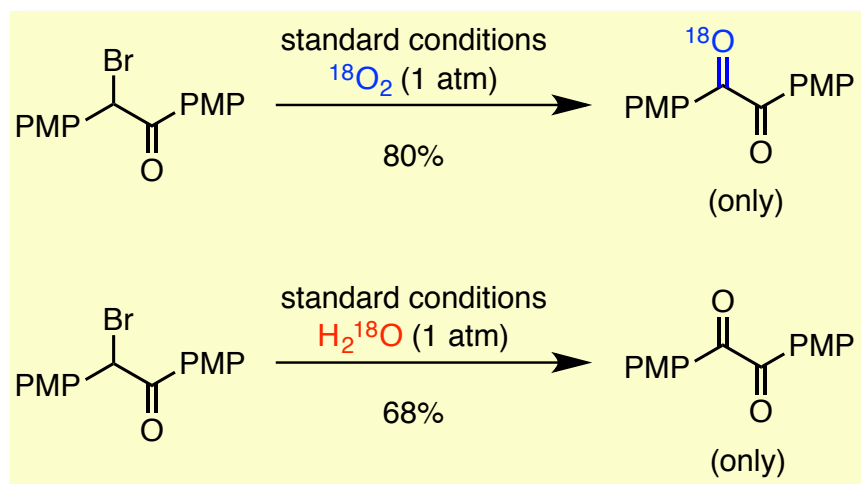
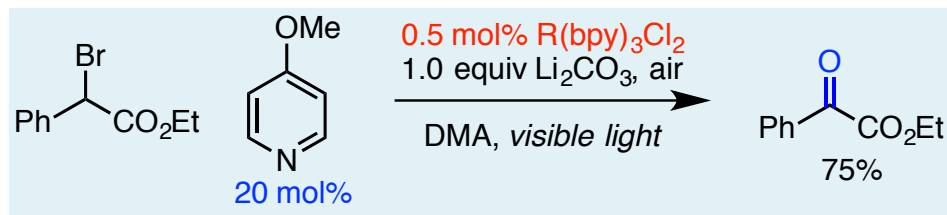
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# Net Oxidative Reactions: Functional Group Oxidations

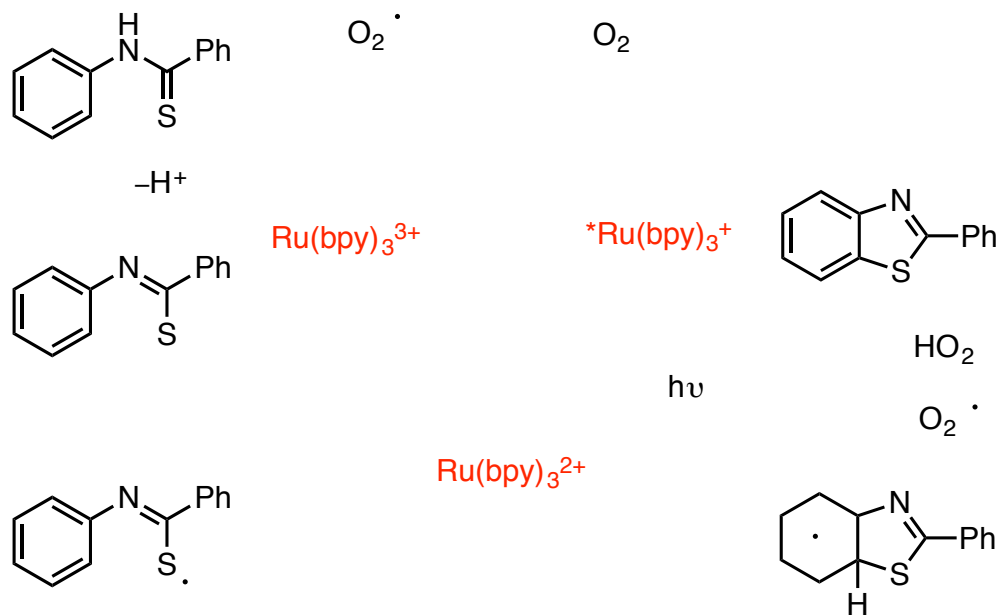
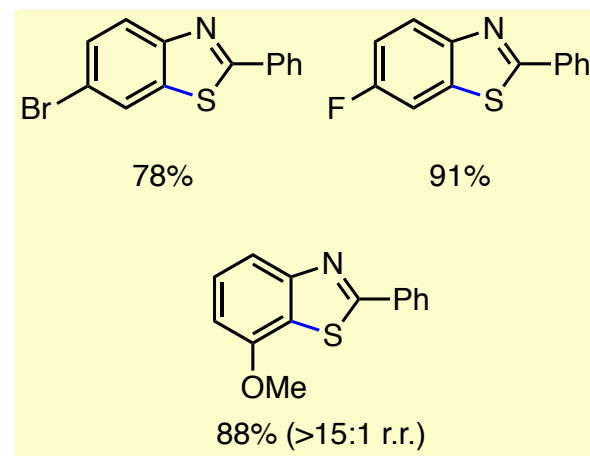
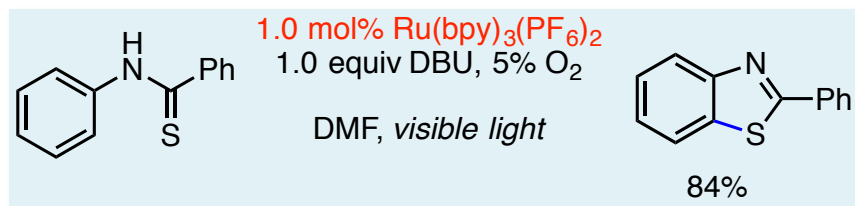
- Photoredox oxidation of  $\alpha$ -haloester to  $\alpha$ -ketoesters



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# Net Oxidative Reactions: Functional Group Oxidations

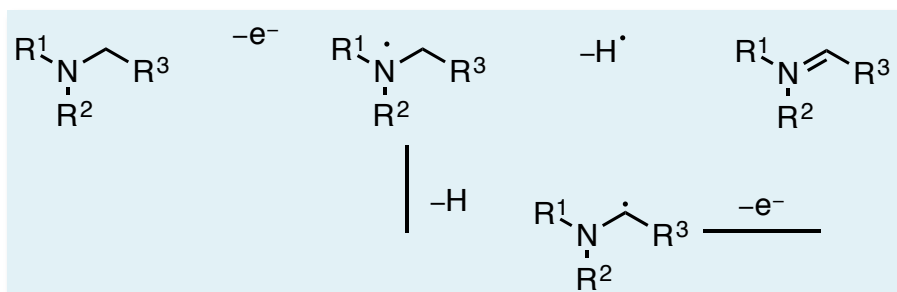
- Oxidative conversion of thiobenzamides to benzothiazoles



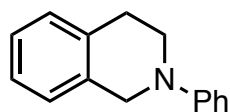
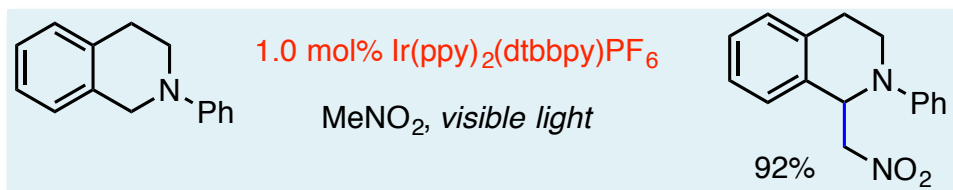
High regioselectivity for  
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functional group

# Net Oxidative Reactions: Oxidative Generation of Iminium Ions

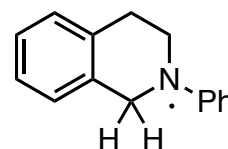
- Pathways of amine oxidation to iminium ions



- Photoredox aza-Henry reaction via iminium intermediate



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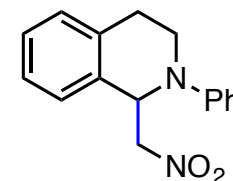
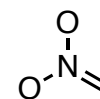
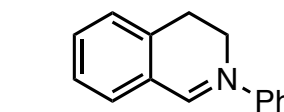


$Ir(ppy)_2(dtbbpy)$

$O_2^{\cdot}$

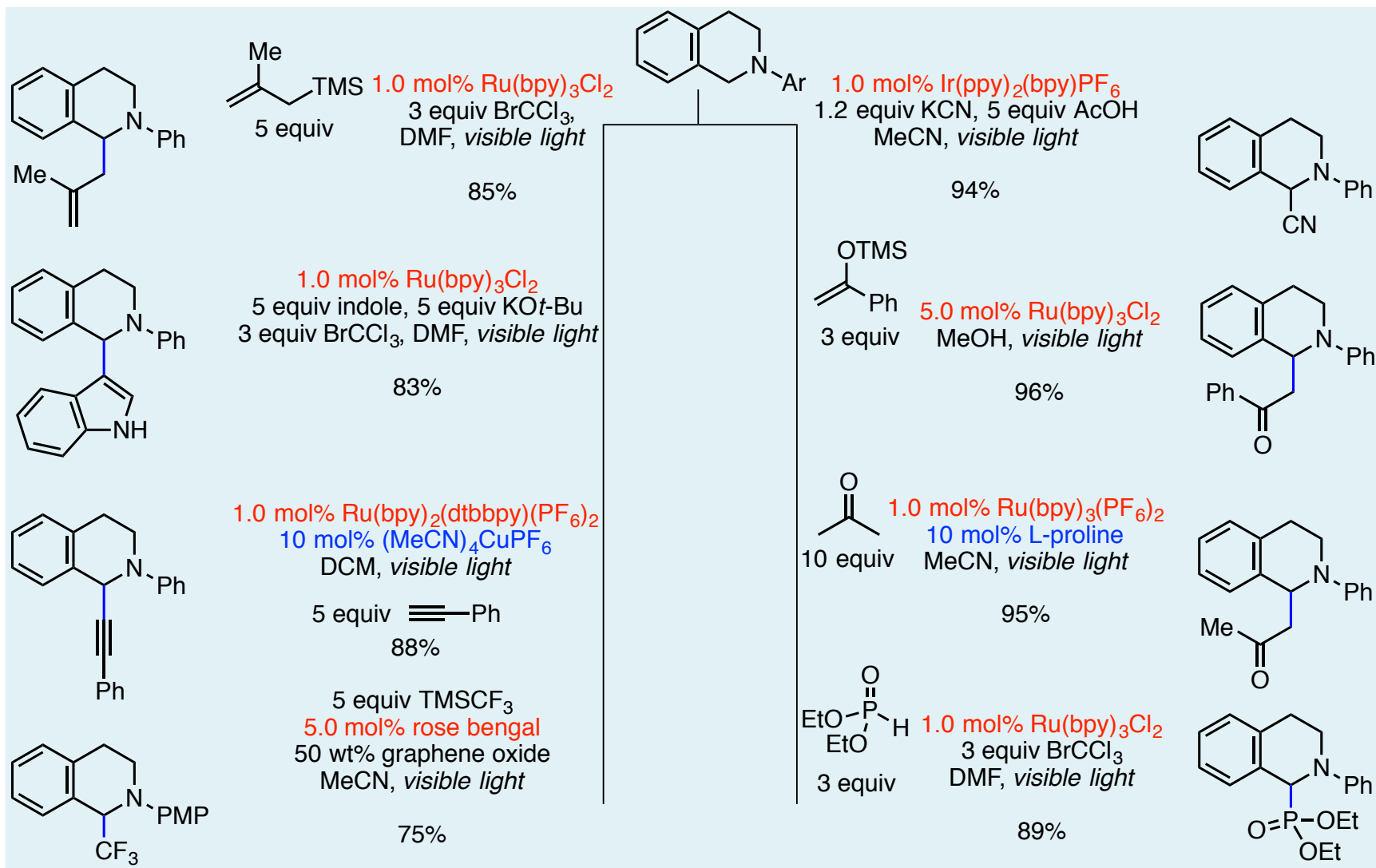
$O_2$

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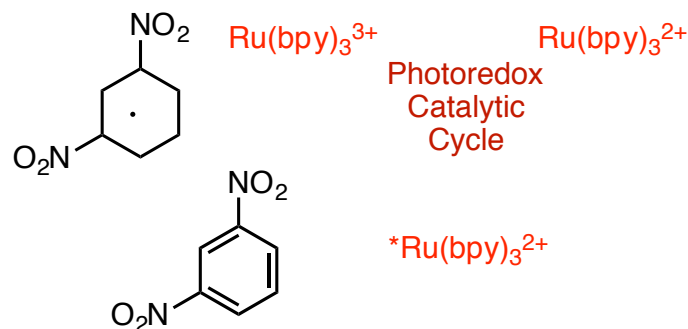
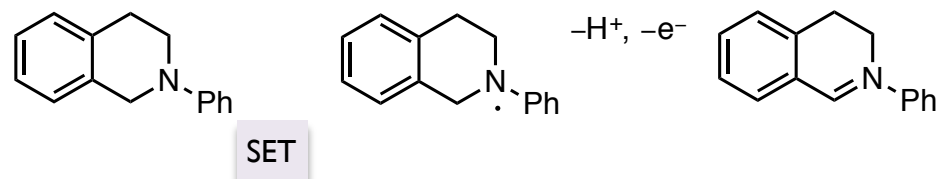
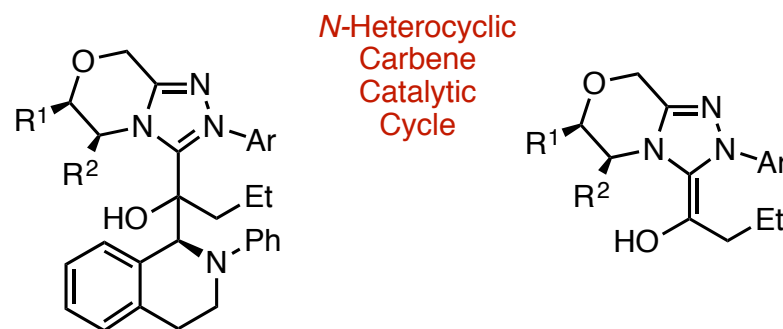
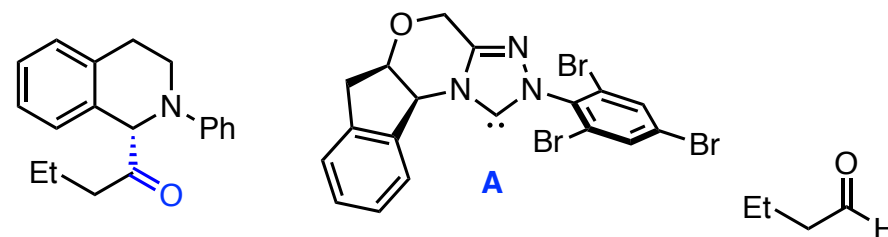
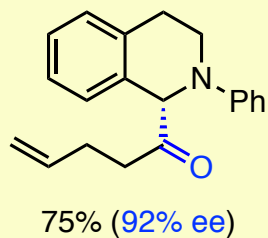
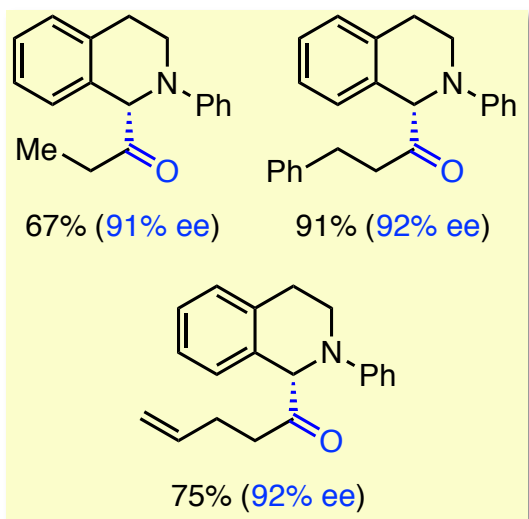
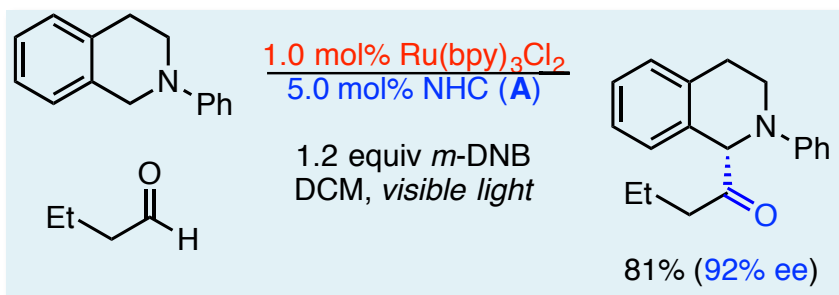


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# Net Oxidative Reactions: Oxidative Generation of Iminium Ions

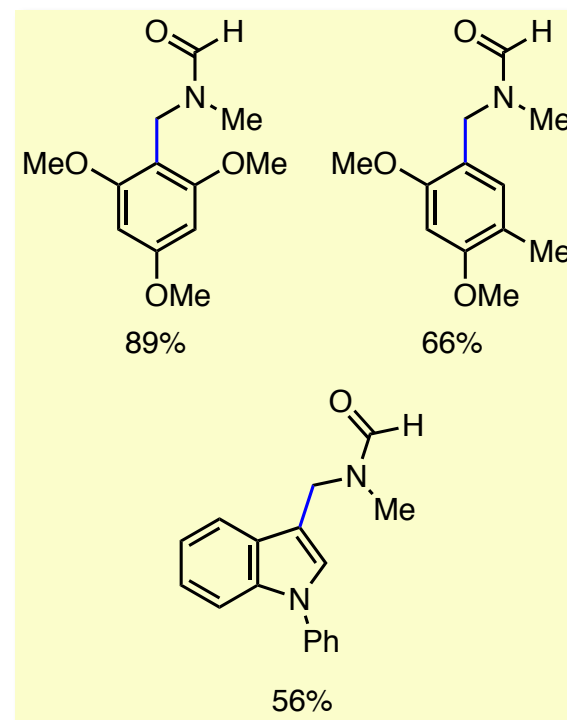
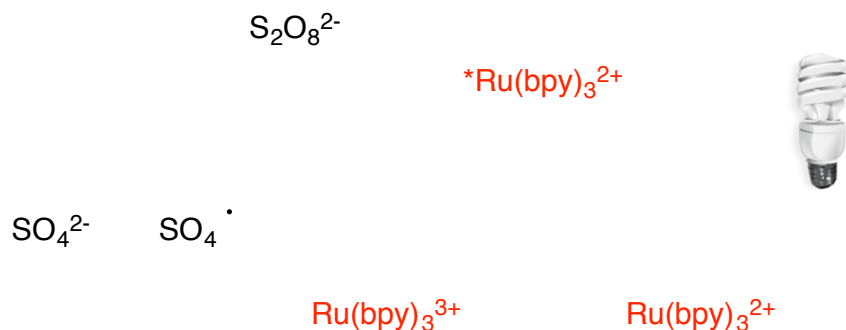
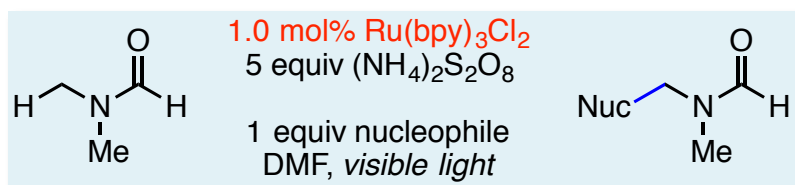
$\alpha$ -Acylation of amines:  
Rovis's merger of photoredox catalysis  
with *N*-heterocyclic carbene catalysis



# Net Oxidative Reactions: Oxidative Generation of Iminium Ions

- $\alpha$ -Arylation of amides via hydrogen atom abstraction

– DMF:  $E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} = +2.3 \text{ V}$  vs.  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ :  $E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} = +1.0 \text{ V}$

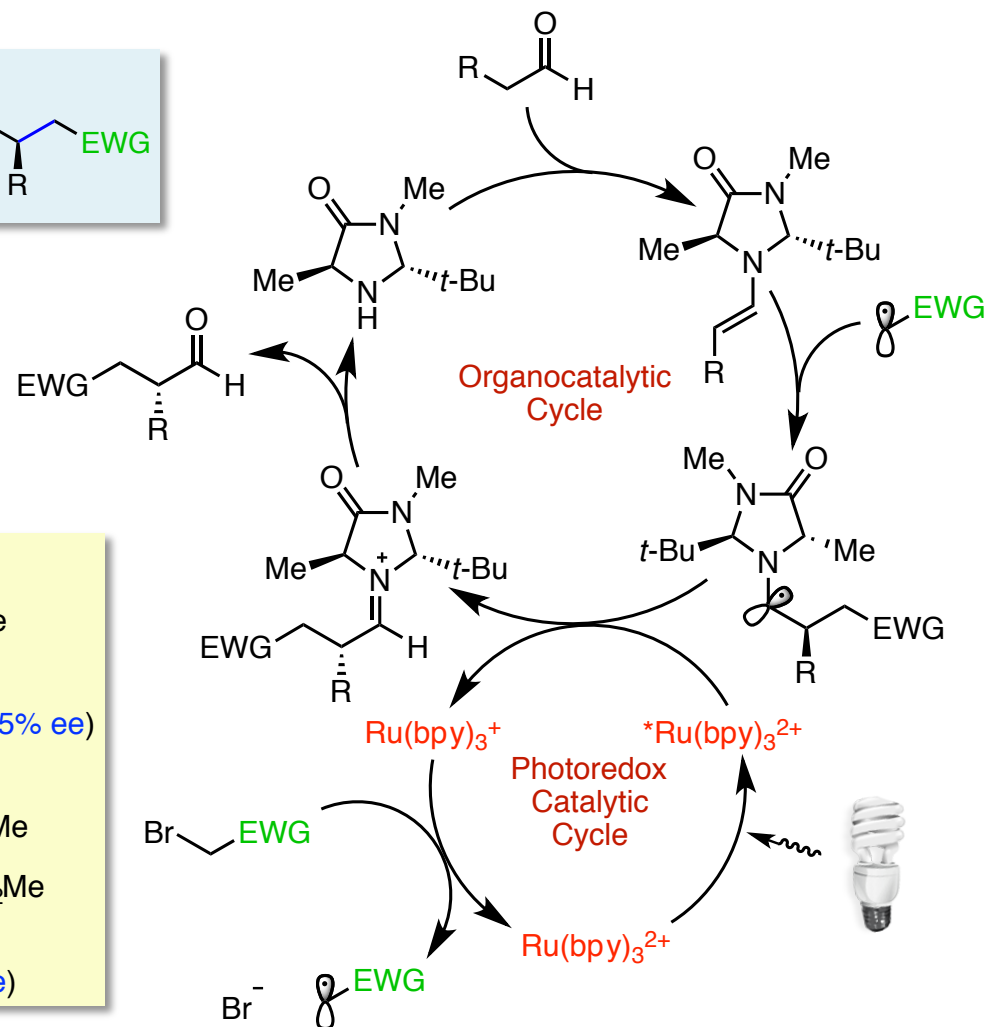
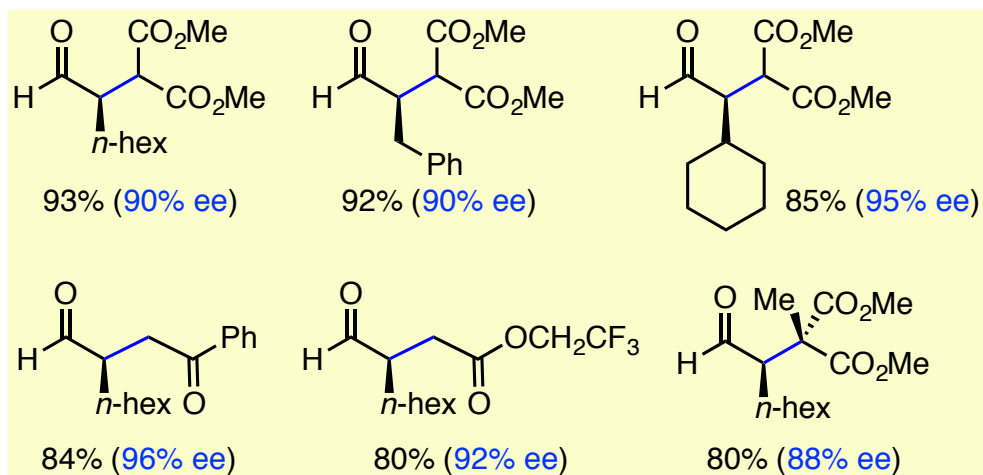
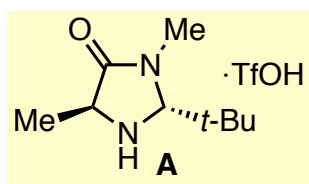
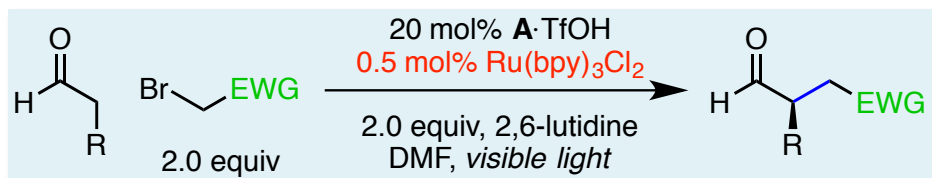


# Visible Light Photoredox Catalysis: Applications in Organic Synthesis

- Redox Neutral Reactions
  - Atom Transfer Radical Addition
  - Photoredox Organocatalysis
  - Radical Additions to Arenes
    - Arylation of Arenes: Diazonium Salts
    - Alkylation of Arenes
    - Trifluoromethylation of Arenes
    - Oxygenation of Arenes
  - Radical Additions to Other  $\pi$  Nucleophiles
  - Reactions of Enamine Radical Cations
  - [2 + 2] Cycloadditions
  - [4 + 2] and [2 + 2 + 2] Cycloadditions
  - [3 + 2] Cycloadditions: Cyclopropane Ring-Opening
  - Radical Conjugate Addition Reactions
  - $\alpha$ -Arylation of Amines
  - Hydrothiolation
  - Generation of the Vilsmeier-Haack Reagent

# Redox Neutral Reactions: Photoredox Organocatalysis

- Merger of photoredox catalysis and enamine catalysis: asymmetric  $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes



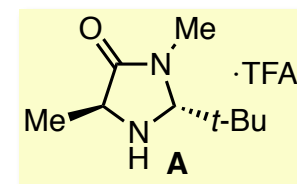
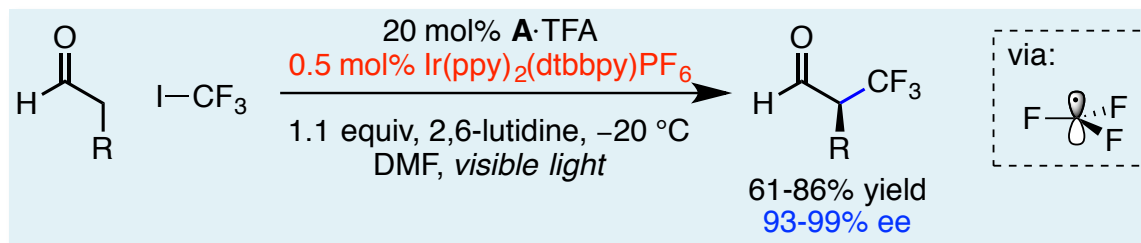
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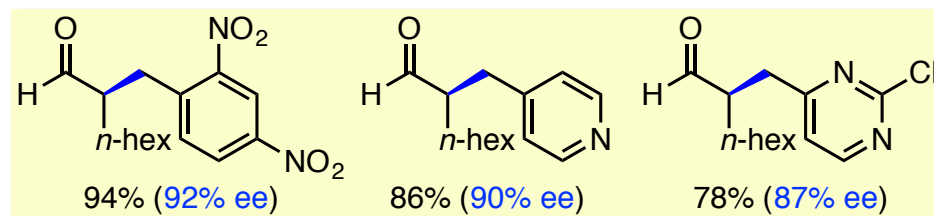
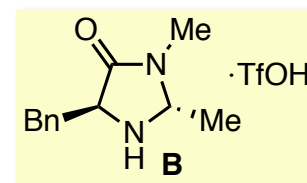
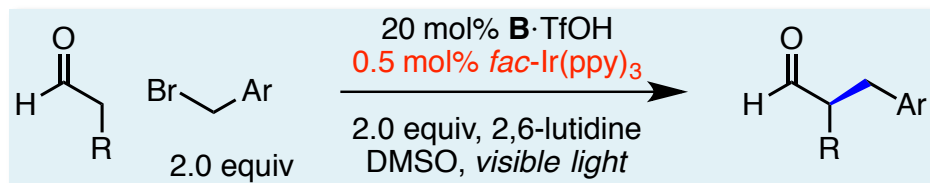


# Redox Neutral Reactions: Photoredox Organocatalysis

- $\alpha$ -Trifluoromethylation of aldehydes



- $\alpha$ -Benzylation of aldehydes via photoredox organocatalysis

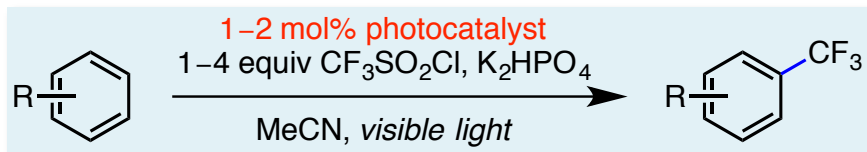


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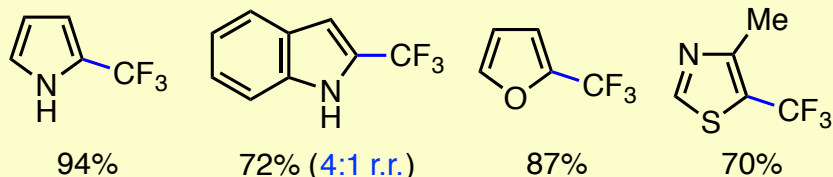
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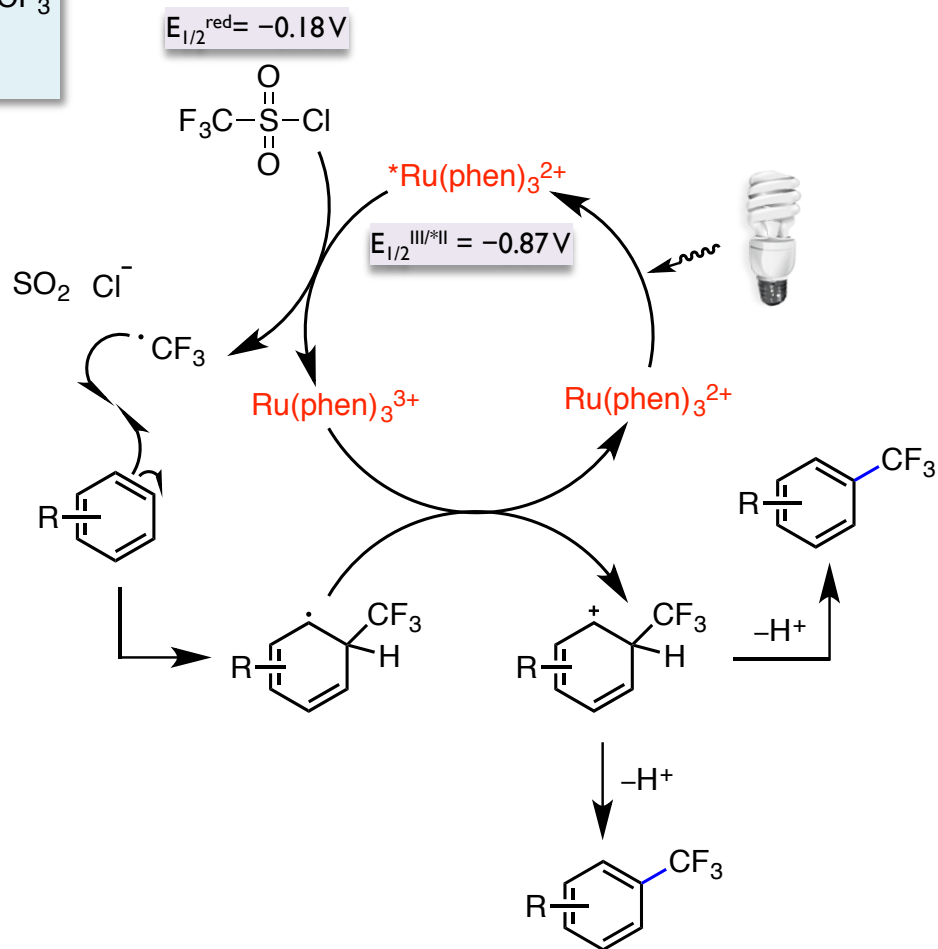
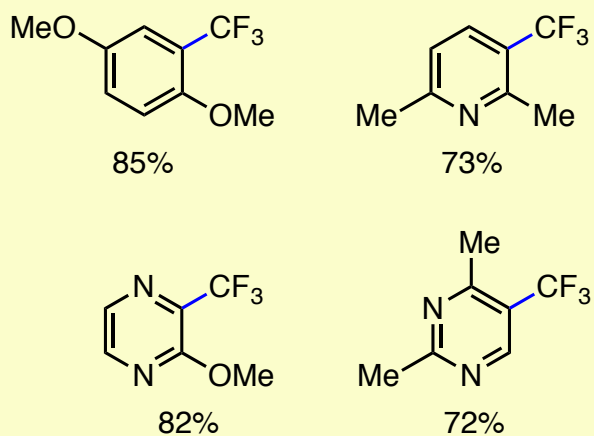
- Photoredox arene and heteroarene trifluoromethylation



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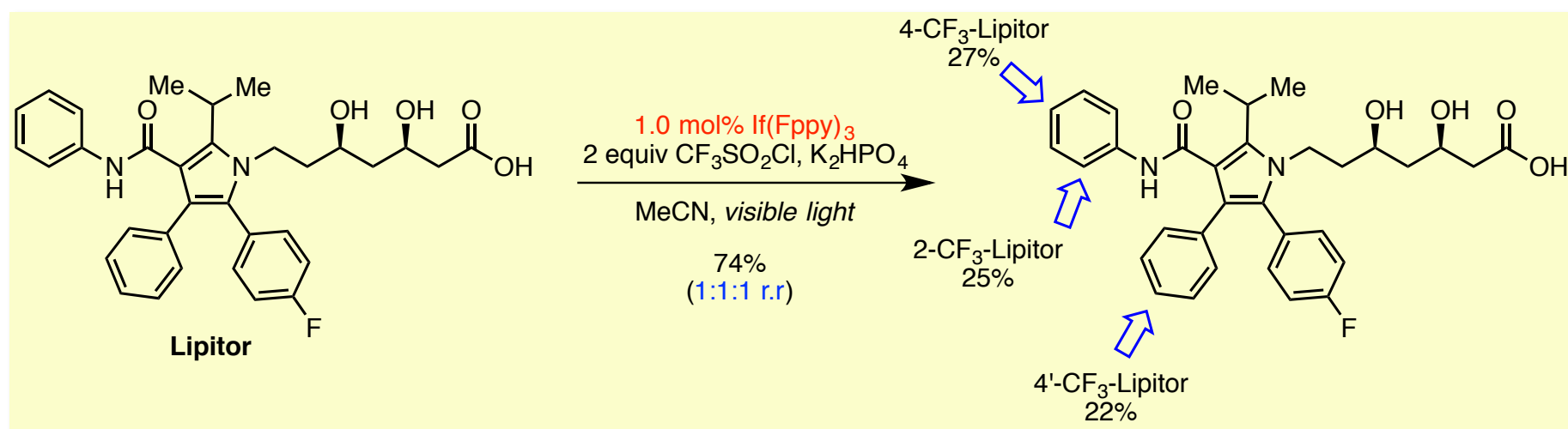
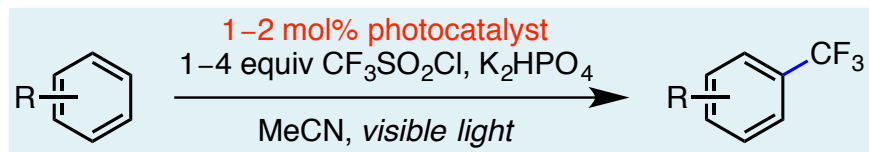


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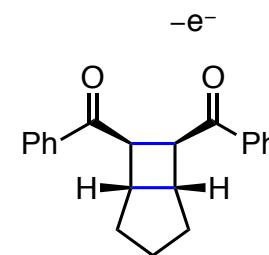
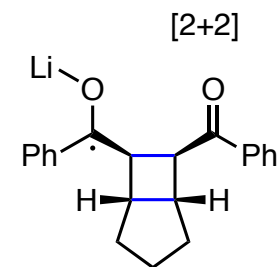
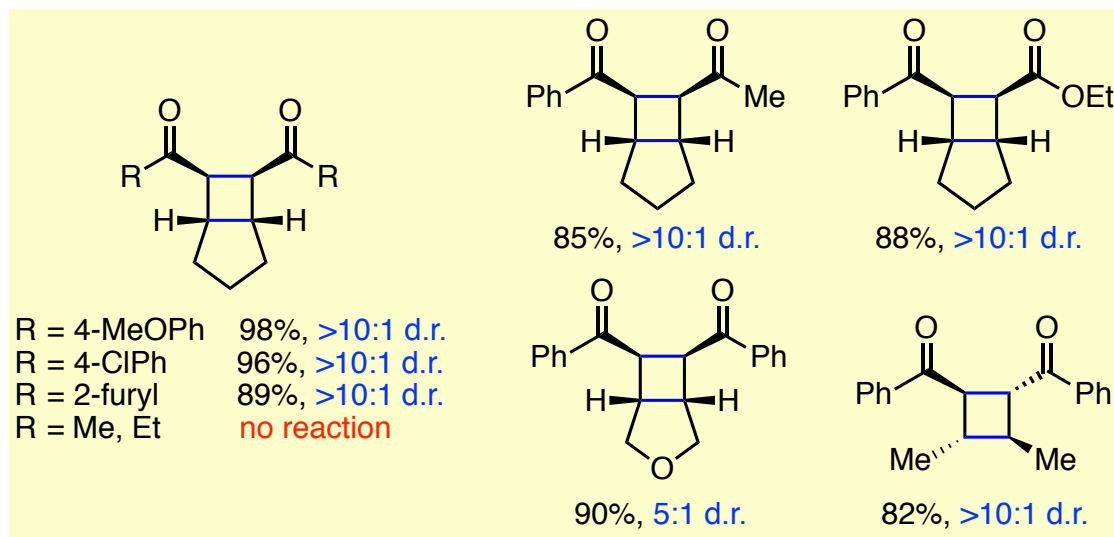
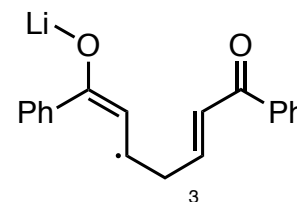
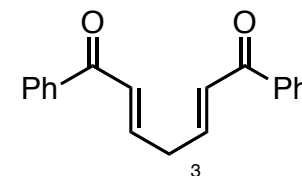
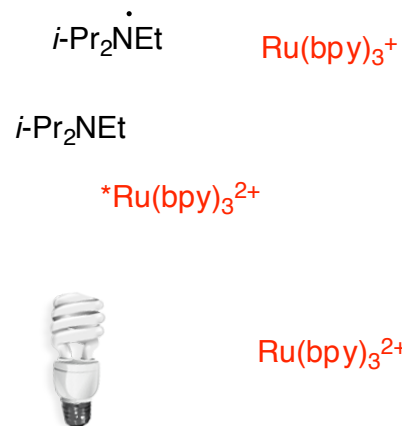
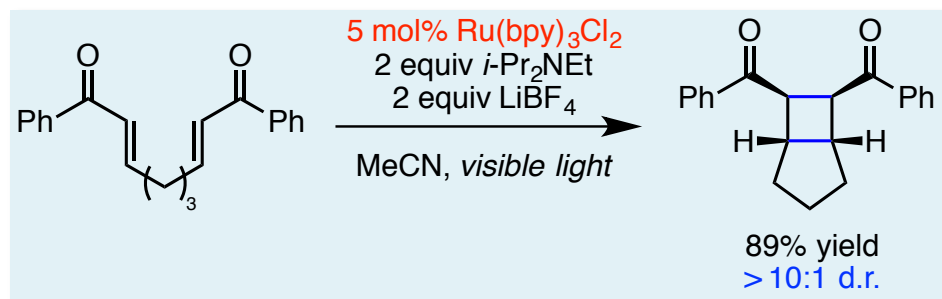
# Redox Neutral Reactions: Trifluoromethylation of Arenes

- Photoredox arene and heteroarene trifluoromethylation



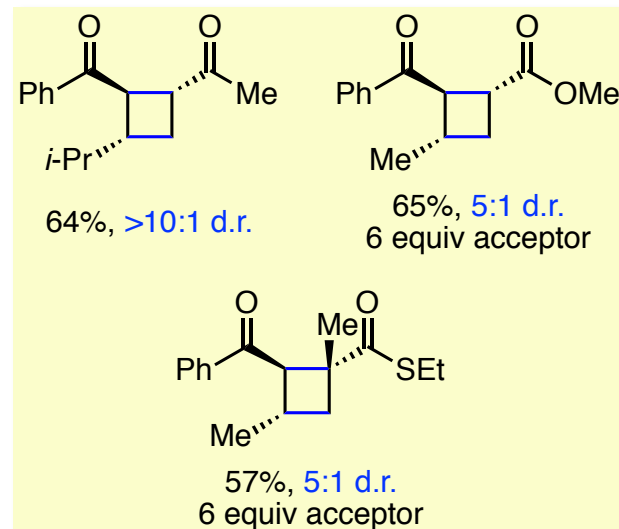
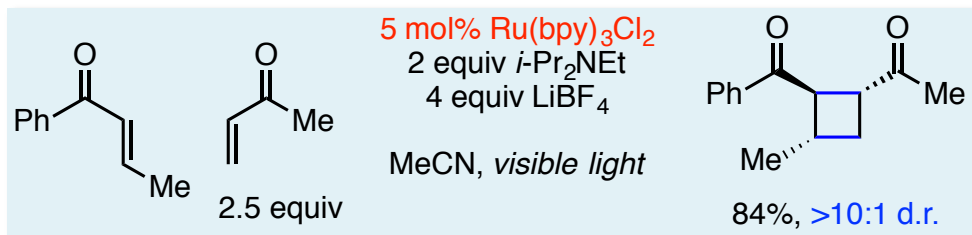
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- Photoredox eneone [2+2] cycloaddition

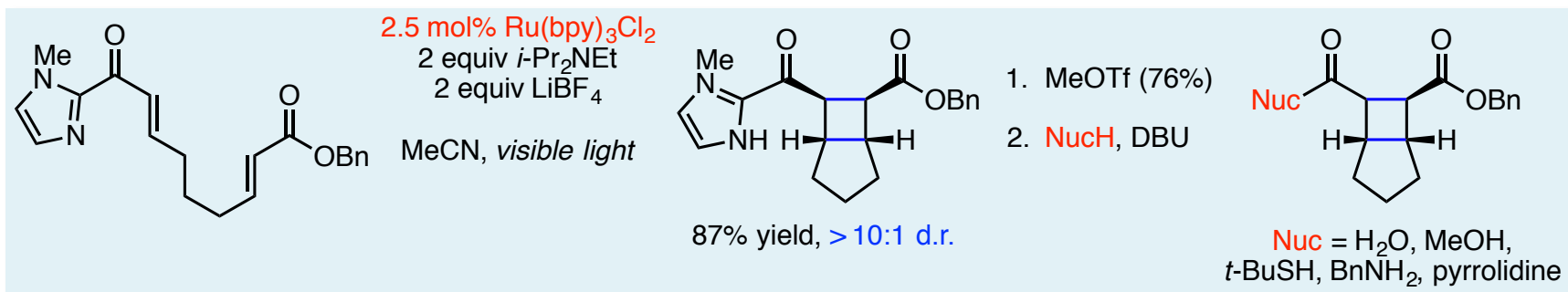


# Redox Neutral Reactions: [2+2] Cycloadditions

- Crossed intermolecular [2+2] cycloaddition

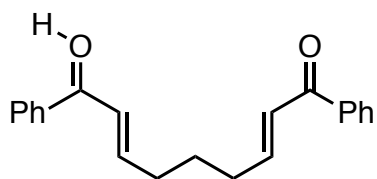
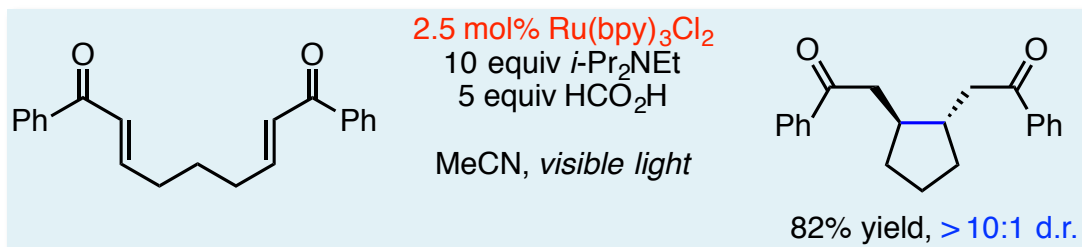


- Use of the *N*-methylimidazolyl group as a redox auxiliary

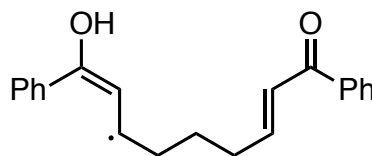


# Redox Neutral Reactions: [2+2] Cycloadditions

- Photoredox reductive cyclization of bis(enones)



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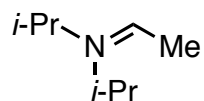
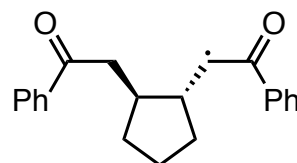
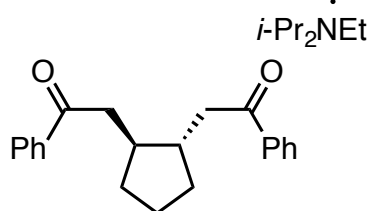


$\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$

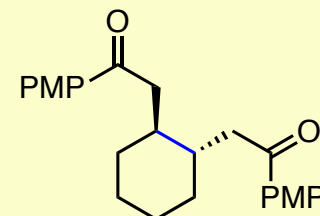
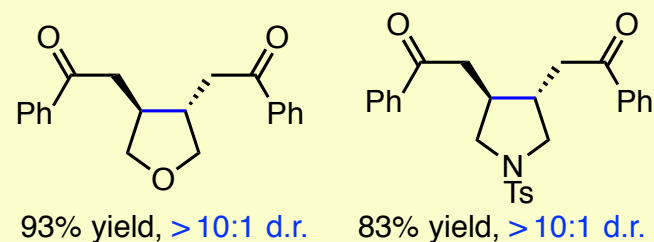
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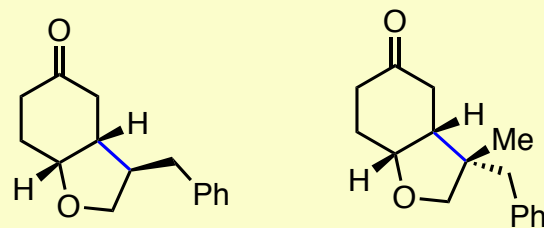
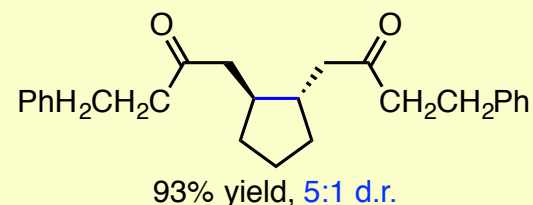


photocatalyst =  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3\text{Cl}_2$



92% yield, >10:1 d.r.

photocatalyst =  $\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})_2(\text{dtbbpy})\text{PF}_6$

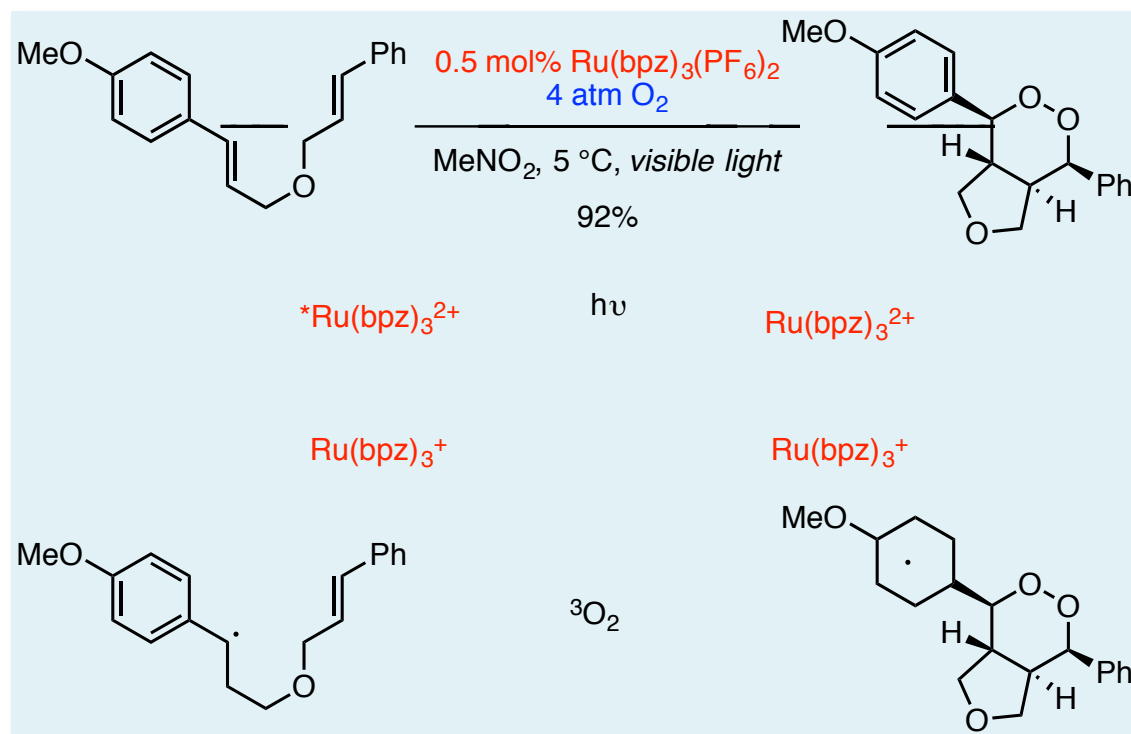


60% yield, 10:1 d.r.

73% yield, >10:1 d.r.

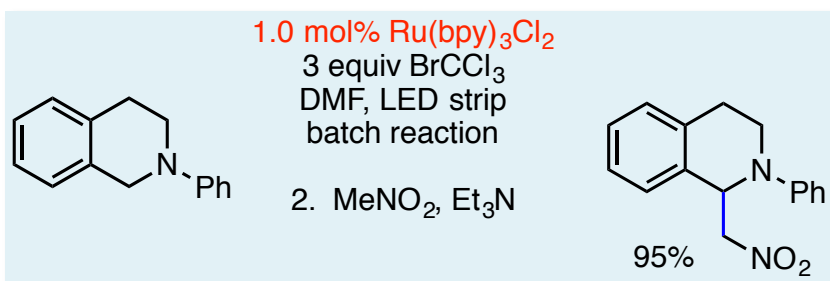
# Redox Neutral Reactions: [2+2+2] Cycloadditions

- Synthesis of endoperoxides via [2+2+2] cycloaddition of bis(styrenes) with molecular oxygen

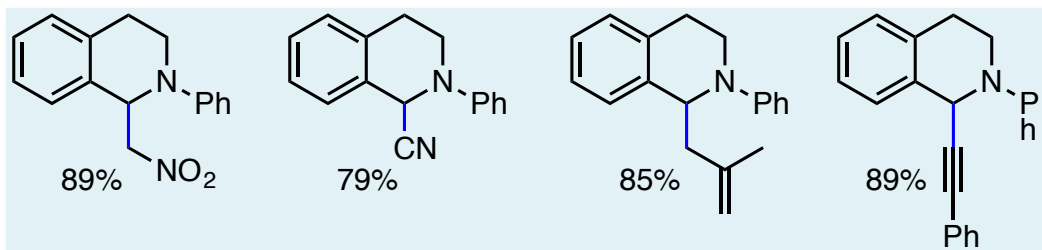


# Visible Light Photocatalysis: Flow

- Stephenson and co-workers observed that large-scale reactions were often slower than those conducted on a larger scale
- Beer-Lambert Law
  - $A = \epsilon lc$
- Flow reactor
  - Direct irradiation, unlimited reaction scale, short reaction times



Batch reaction time for iminium formation:  
3 h - 0.081 mmol h<sup>-1</sup>

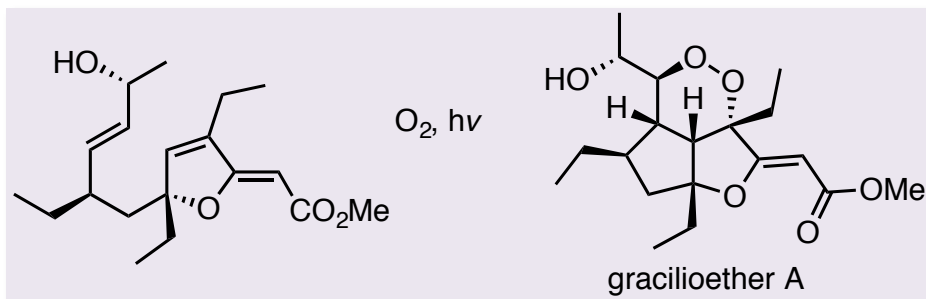


$t_r$  for iminium formation in flow:  
0.5 min – 5.75 mmol h<sup>-1</sup>  
(with a 479  $\mu\text{L}$  reactor)

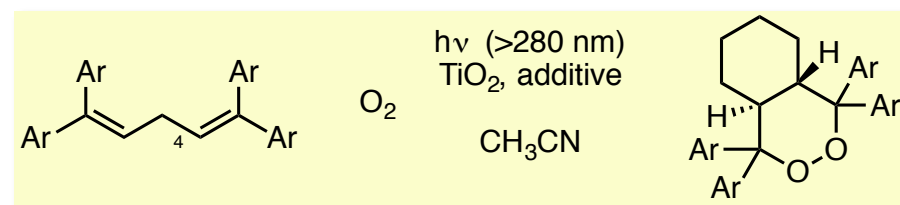
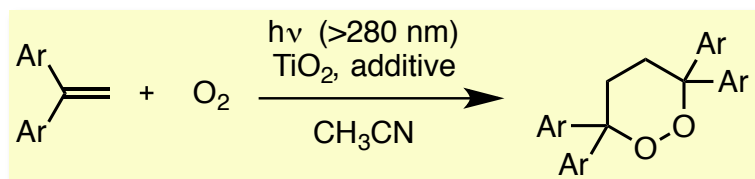


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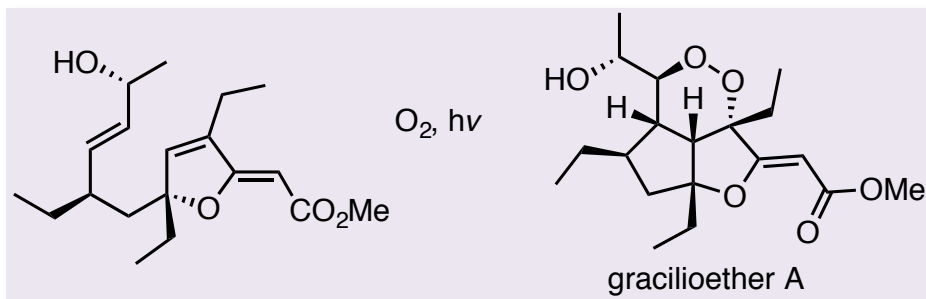


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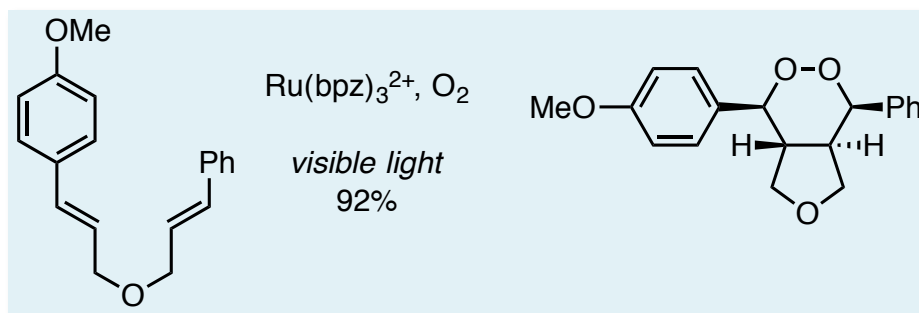
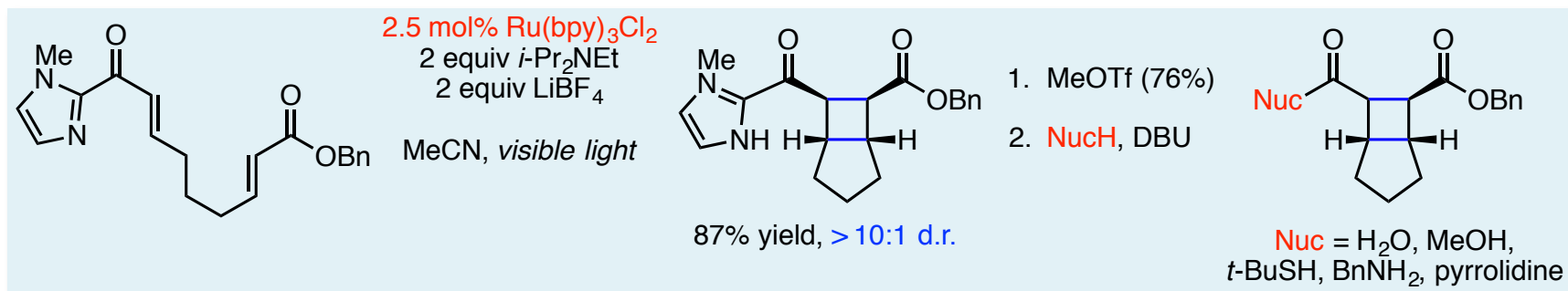


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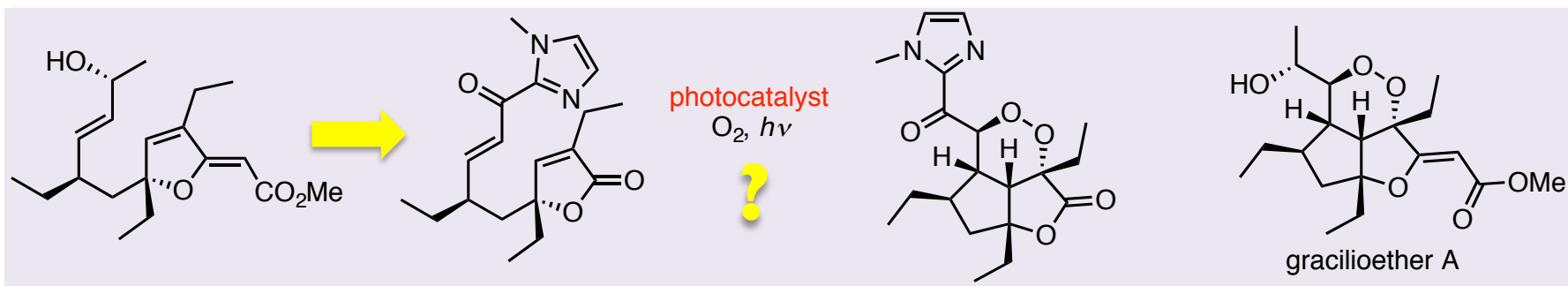


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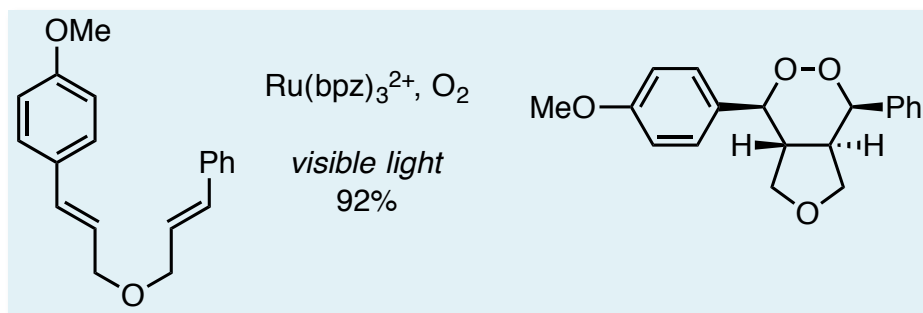
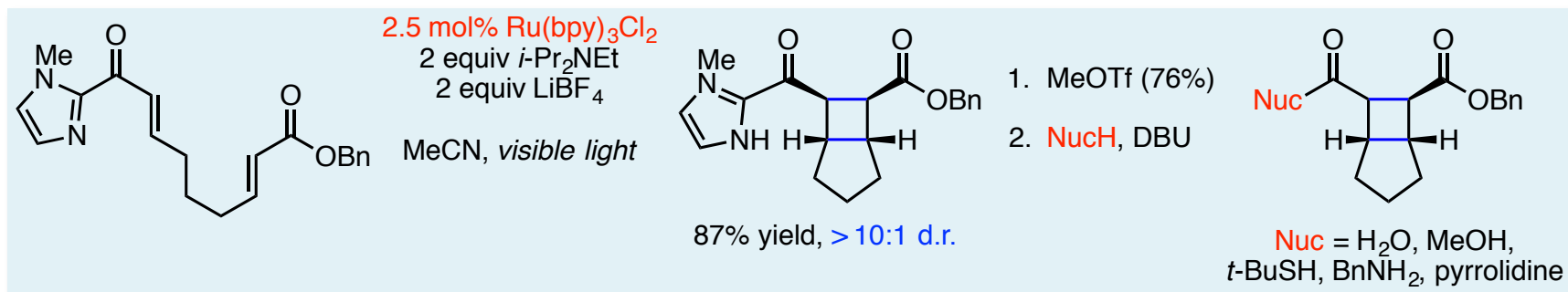


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- Need for environmentally responsible chemical processes
  - Inexpensive, abundant, and non-toxic first-row transition metal elements
- Ideally no sacrificial donor/acceptor
  - Rely on tertiary amine and halogen compounds for reaction initiation
- Asymmetric transformations
  - Radical intermediates generated via photoredox catalysis are rarely utilized in enantioselective bond-forming reactions
- Long-term goal will be utilization of large-scale photochemical processes in commercial applications
  - Must not remain an academic exercise

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