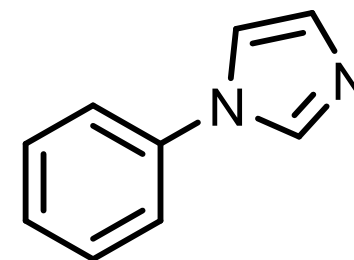
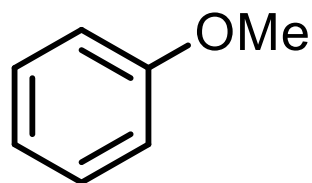
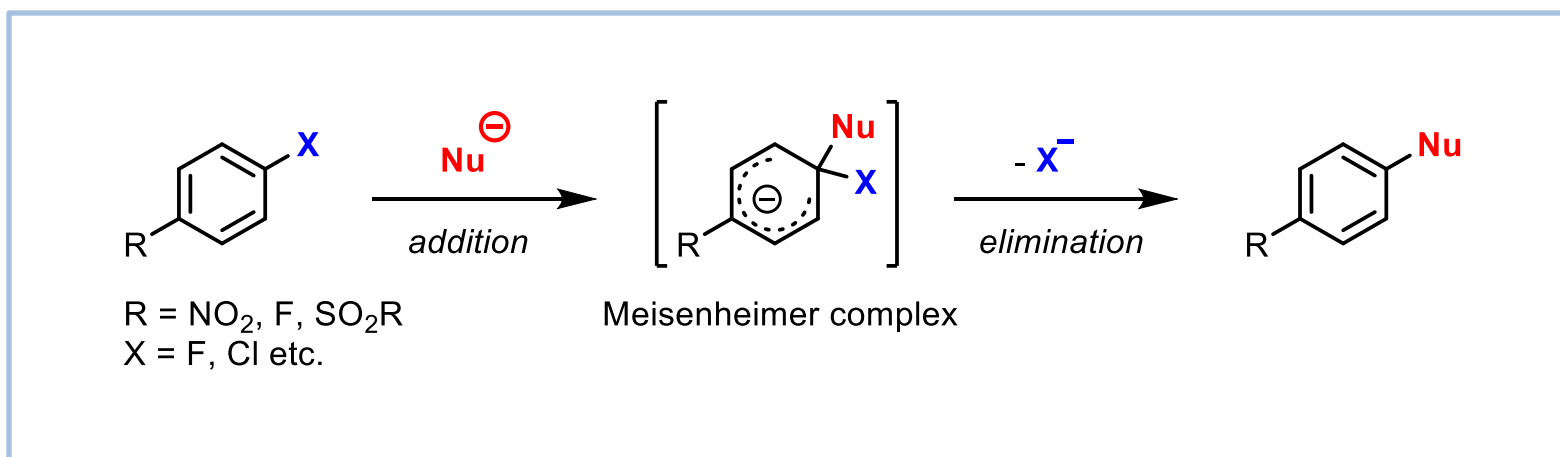

Cation Radical Accelerated Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution via Organic Photoredox Catalysis

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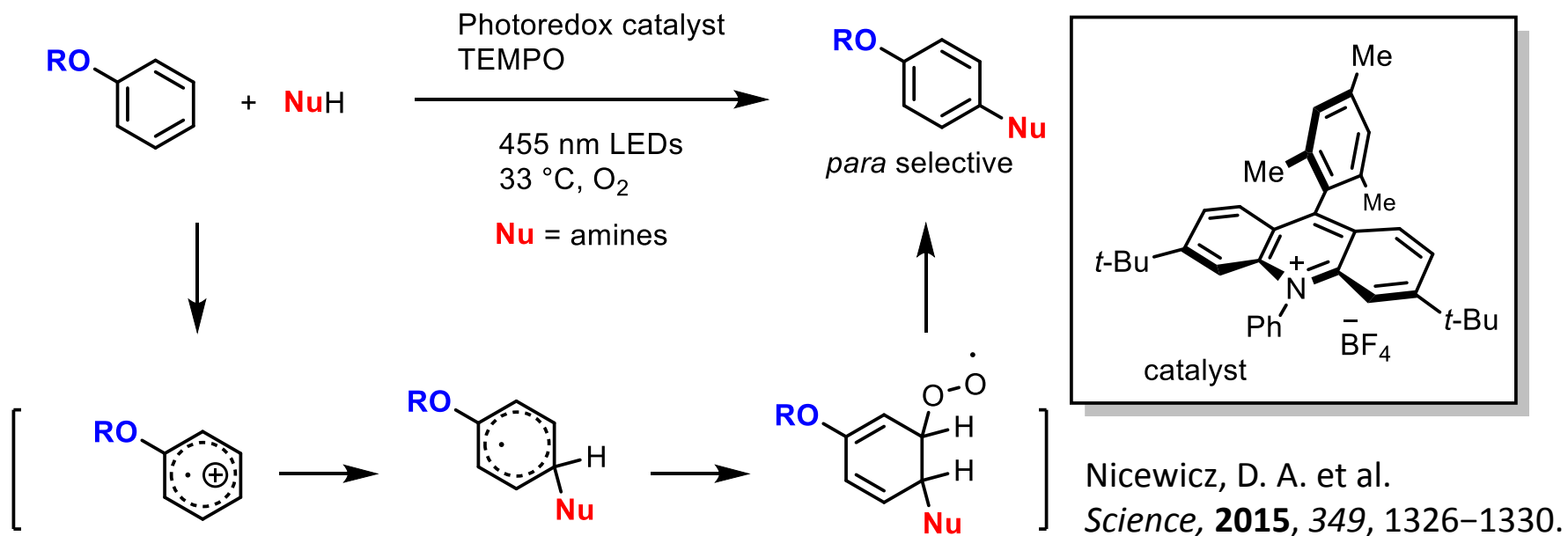


Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution (S_NAr)

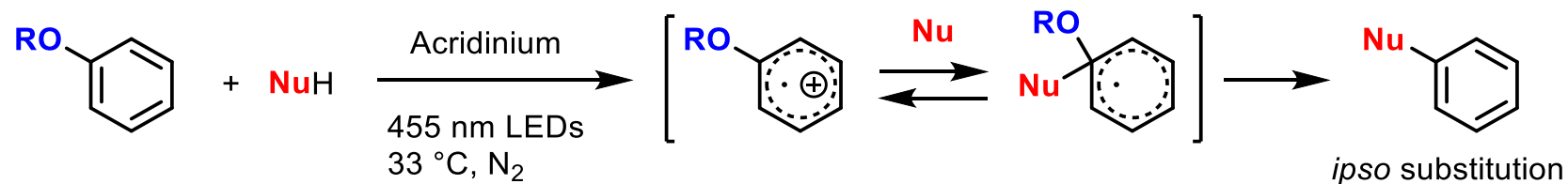


S_NAr requires **electron-withdrawing groups**
at either the *ortho* or *para* positions

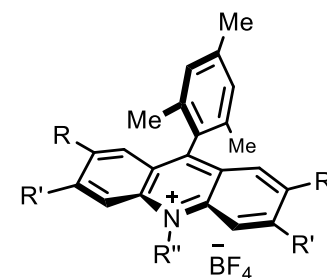
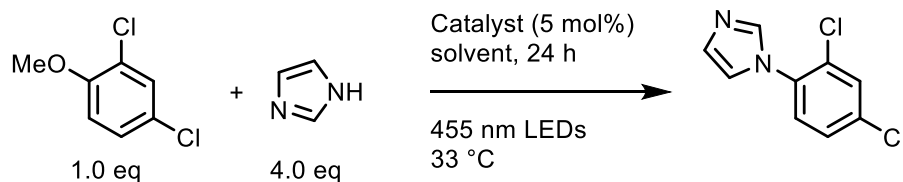
Nicewicz group work



In the absence of O₂



Reaction optimization

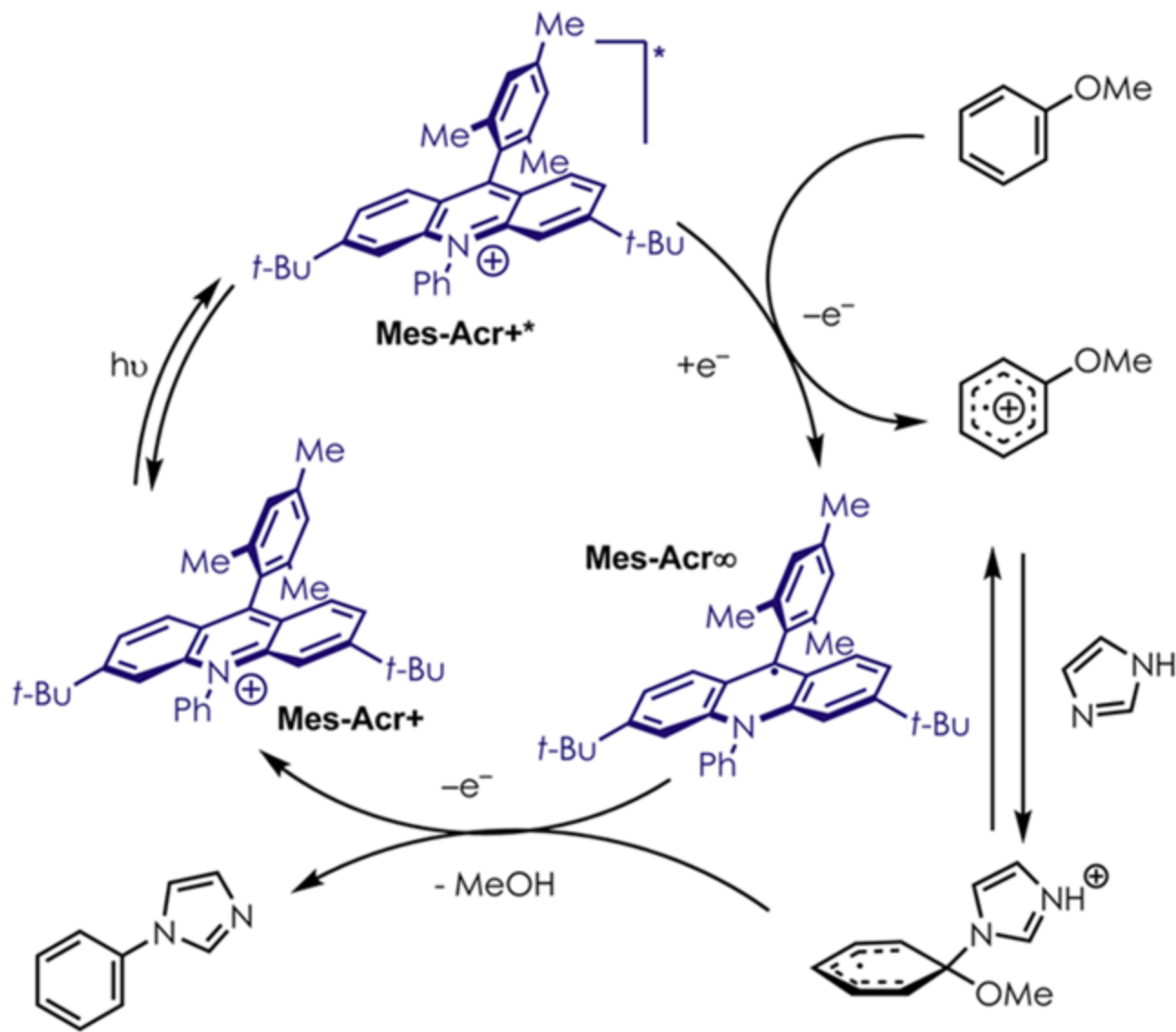


A: R = H; R' = *t*-Bu; R'' = Ph; $E_{\text{red}}^* = +2.15 \text{ V}$
 B: R = H; R' = H; R'' = Me; $E_{\text{red}}^* = +2.18 \text{ V}$
 C: R = H; R' = H; R'' = Ph; $E_{\text{red}}^* = +2.20 \text{ V}$

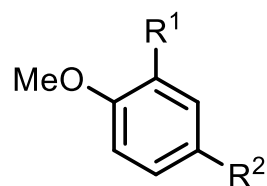
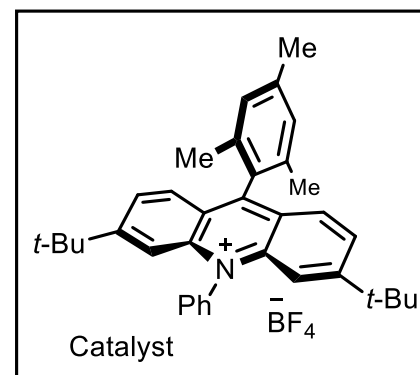
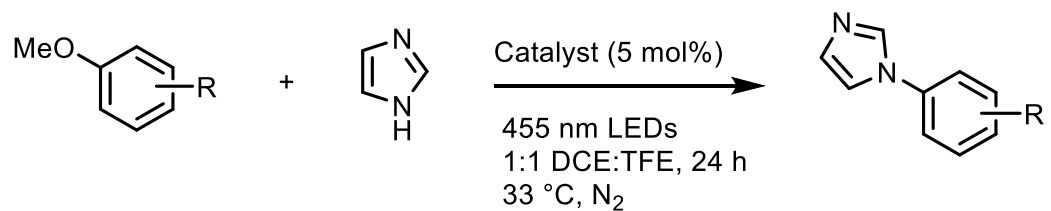
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1	As described	A	MeCN	4%
2	As described	A	TFT	6%
3	As described	A	MeOH	13%
4	As described	A	TFE	87%
5	As described	A	DCE:TFE (9:1)	23%
6	As described	A	DCE:TFE (1:1)	95%
7	No catalyst	—	DCE:TFE (1:1)	0%
8	No light	A	DCE:TFE (1:1)	0%

Entry	conditions	catalyst	solvent	Yield
9	O ₂ atmosphere	A	DCE:TFE (1:1)	66%
10	Air atmosphere	A	DCE:TFE (1:1)	88%
11	As described	B	DCE:TFE (1:1)	27%
12	As described	C	DCE:TFE (1:1)	65%
13	20 mol% TEMPO	A	DCE:TFE (1:1)	18%
14	2.0 eq. nucleophile	A	DCE:TFE (1:1)	84%

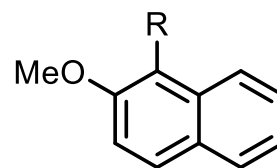
Proposed Mechanism



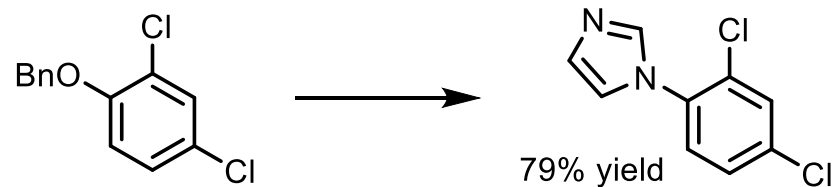
Benzenoids and naphthalenes



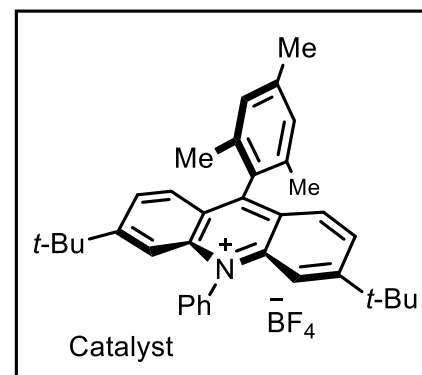
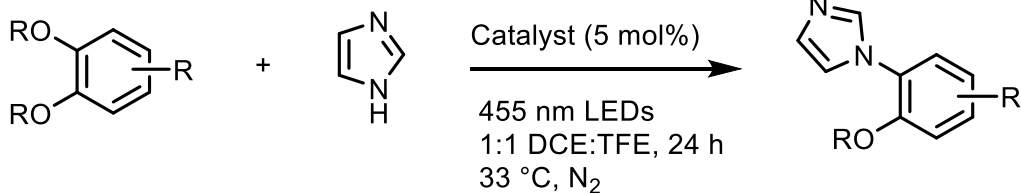
R ¹	R ²	Yield
Cl	Cl	79%
Cl	Br	57%
Br	Cl	78%
Cl	F	30%
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Cl	<i>t</i> -Bu	87%
Cl	Ph	99%
H	Cl	93%
Cl	H	64%
H	H	39%



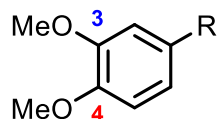
R = Cl: 52% yield
 R = CN: 99% yield



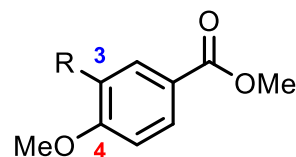
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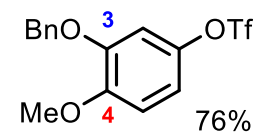
C4 selective



R	Yield (%)	C4 : C3
CO ₂ Me	92	7 : 1
CN	99	15 : 1
OTf	76	2 : 1
CHO	44	1 : 8

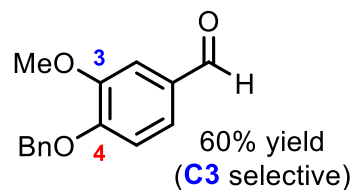
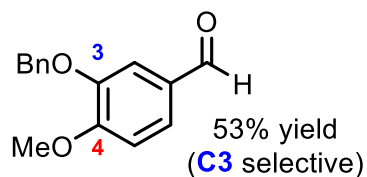


R = OBn: 80% yield (**C4** selective)
R = OTIPS: 80% yield (**C4** selective)

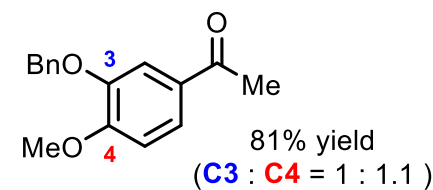
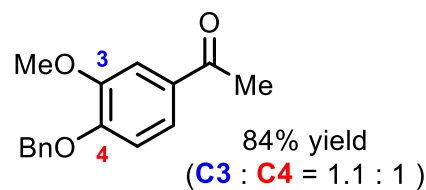


76% yield
(**C4** selective)

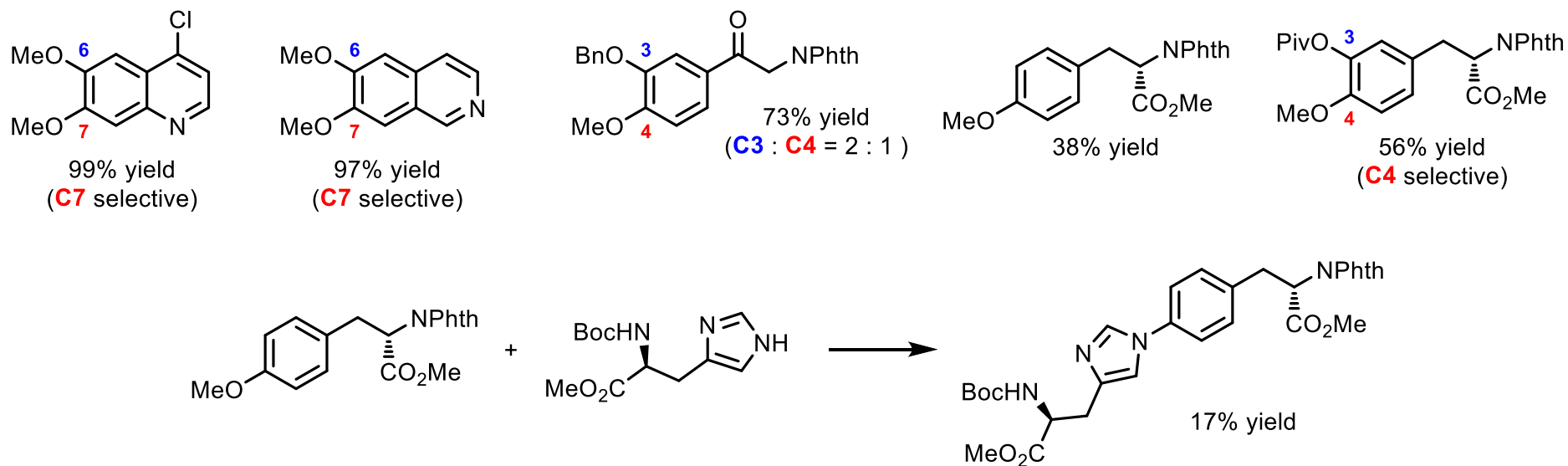
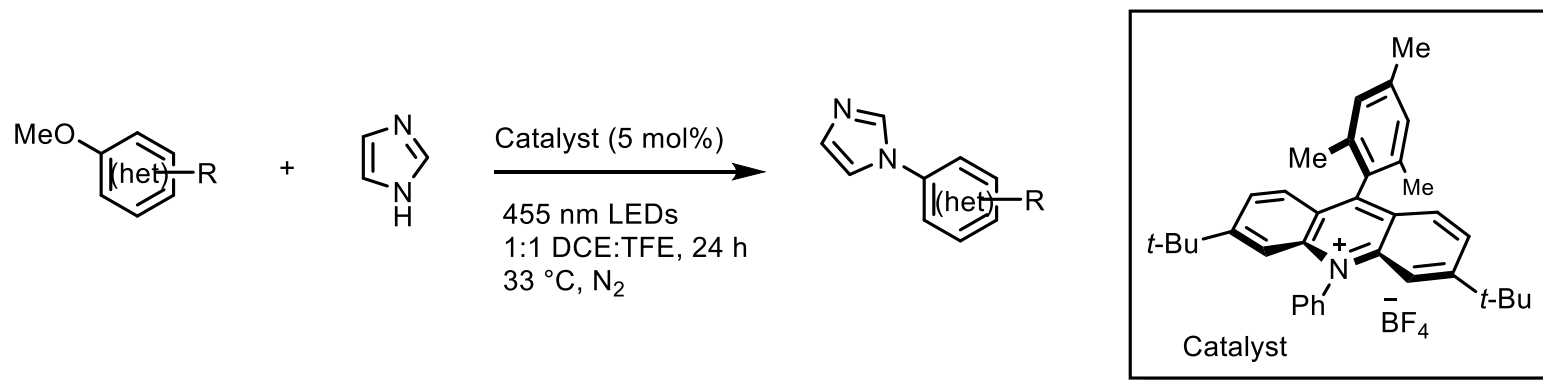
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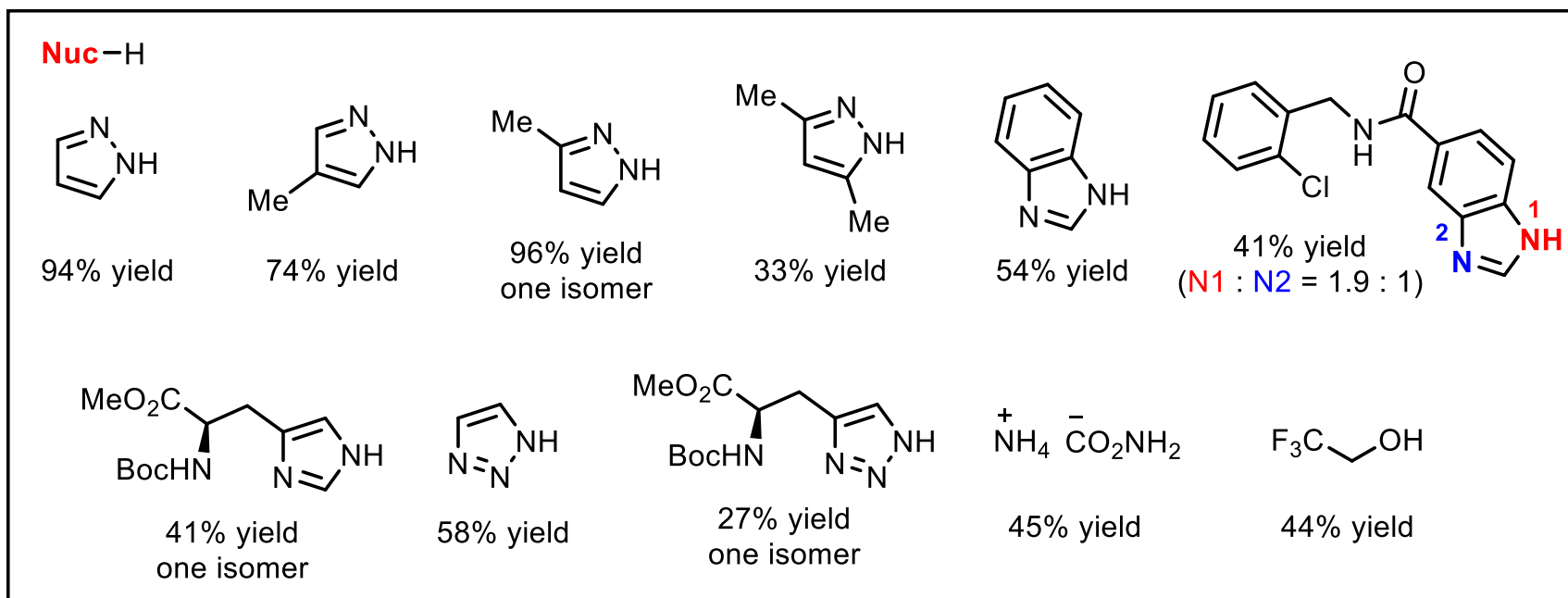
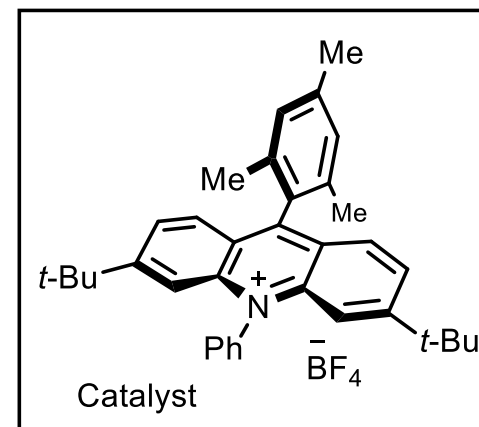
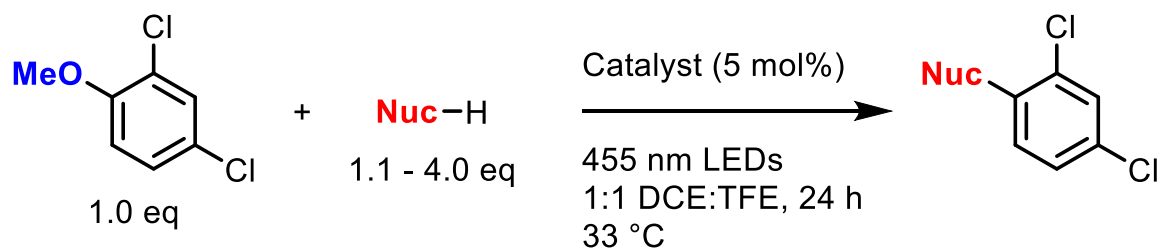
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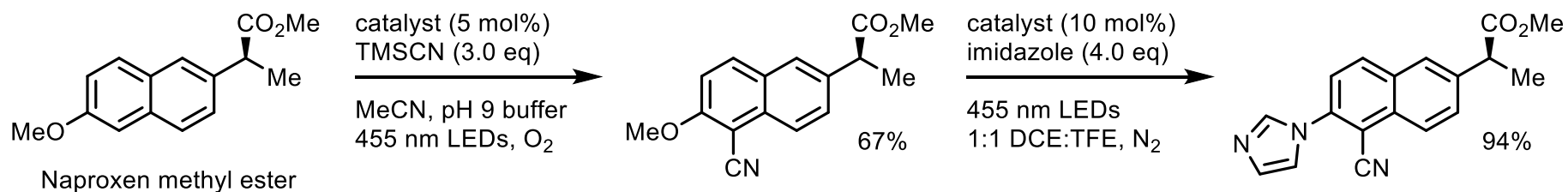
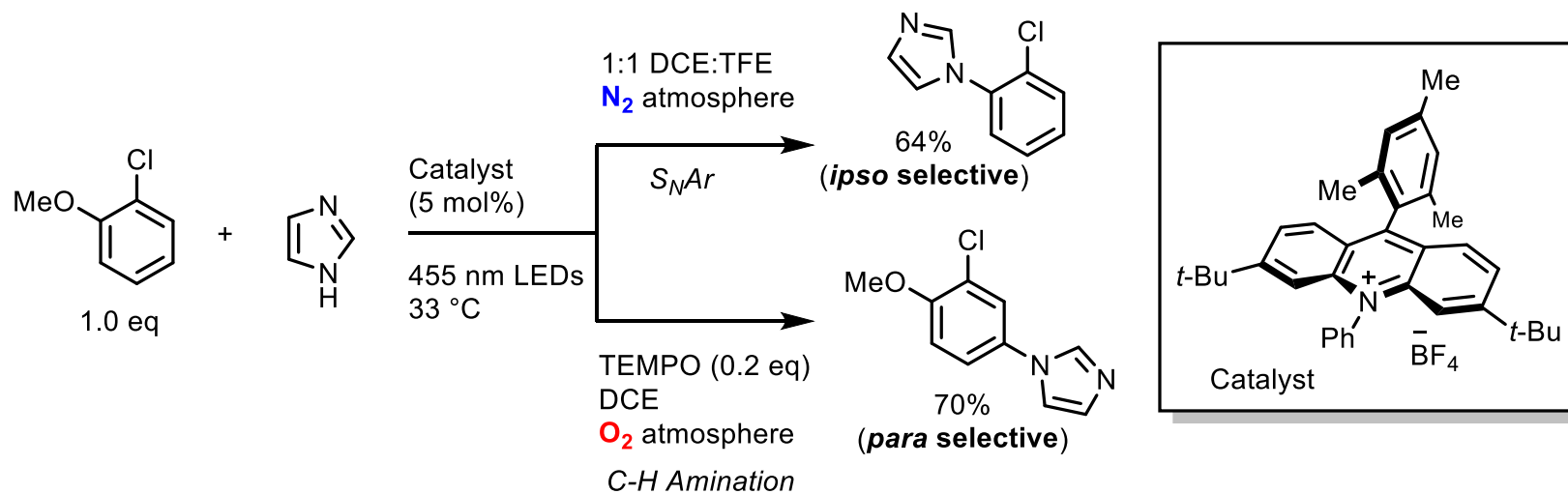
Heterocycles and complex arenes



Nucleophile Scope



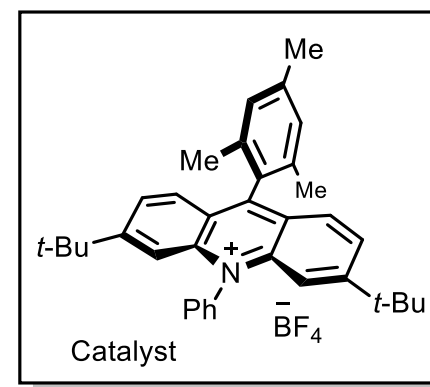
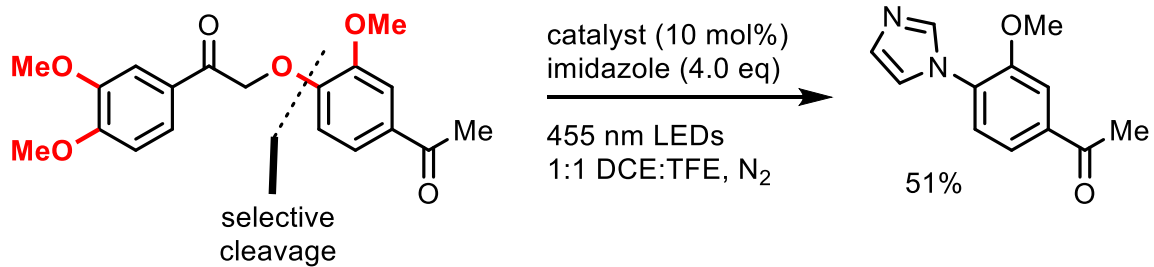
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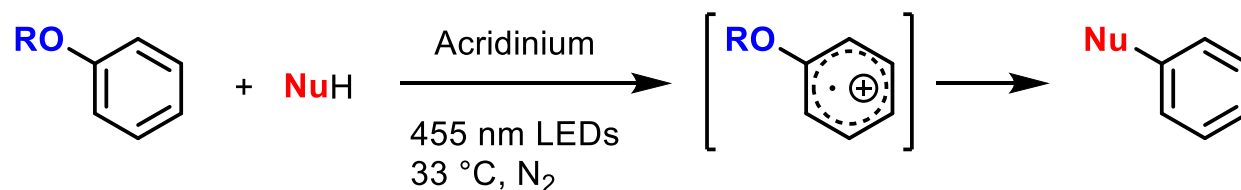
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Selective C-O bond cleavage

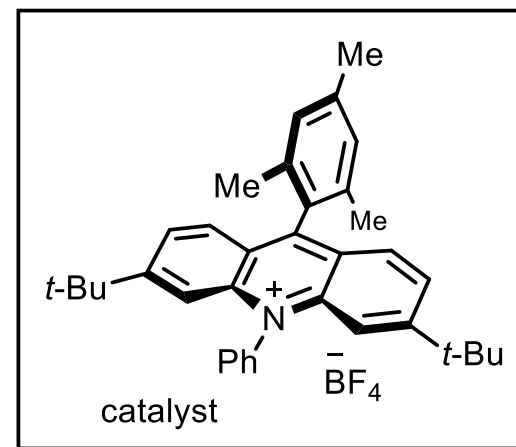


Conclusion



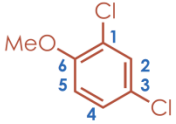
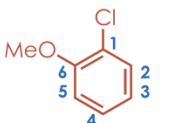
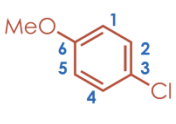
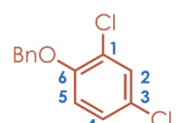
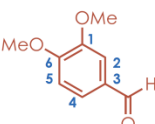
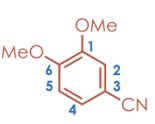
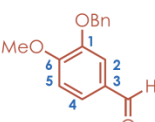
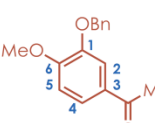
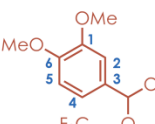
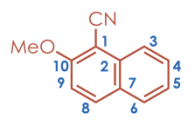
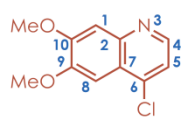
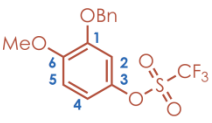
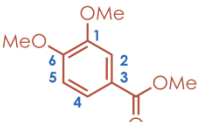
OR = OMe and OBn

Nu = amines and alcohols

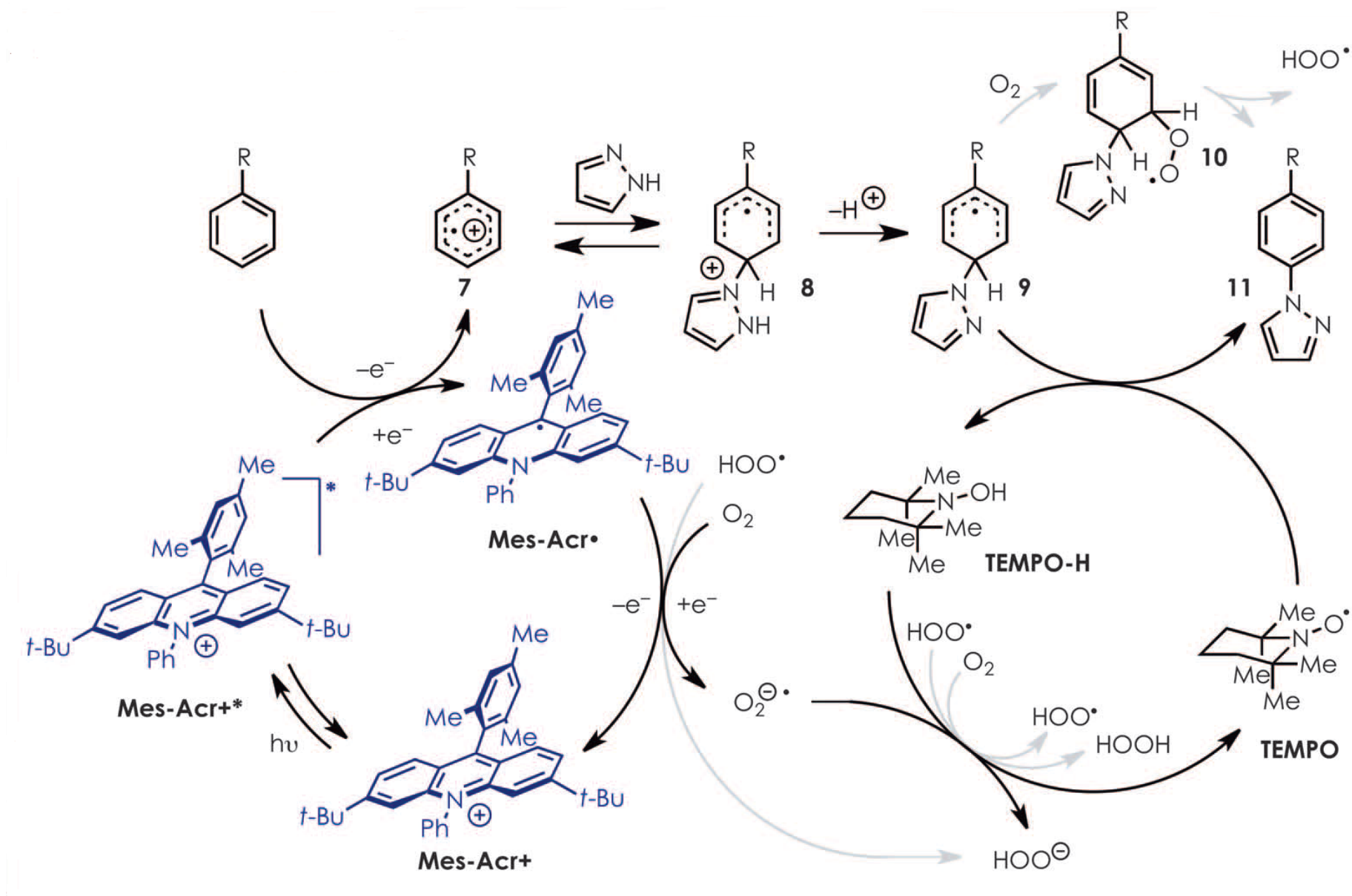


- ◆ Selective for OMe and OBn groups
- ◆ Amination and Oxygenation
- ◆ Mild and transition metal-free condition

Natural population analyses

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	<p>Ground state</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> -0.102 -0.245 -0.268 -0.231 -0.313 0.304 	<p>Radical cation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> -0.023 -0.257 -0.088 -0.164 -0.276 0.447
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Proposed mechanism of photocatalysed C-H amination



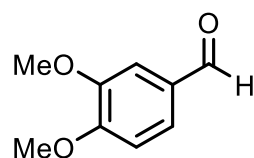
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Solvent properties

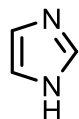
Alcohol	Ionizing power, Y	Nucleophilicity, N
Ethanol–water (80:20 v/v)	0.00	0.00
2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol	1.74; 1.80	2.67; –3.0
HFP	3.82	
HFP–water (3% <i>m/m</i>)	3.53; 3.61	–4.91; –4.27
Formic acid	3.04	–2.35
Acetic acid	–0.61	–2.35
Trifluoroacetic acid	4.57	–4.74, –5.56

Solvent	δ ^{59}Co	AN	E_{N}^{T}	β	α	π^*
Methanol	91.0	41.3	0.762	0.62	0.93	0.60
Ethanol	129.3	37.1	0.654	0.77	0.83	0.54
Water	28.1	54.8	1.00	0.18	1.17	1.09
2,2,2-Trifluoro- ethanol	18.6	53.3	0.898	0.00	1.51	0.73
HFP	–22.5	83.6	1.068	0.00	1.96	0.65
Formic acid	–7.28	83.6	0.728			
Acetic acid	13.4	52.9	0.648		1.17	1.09
Trifluoroacetic acid		105.3				0.50

Comparison between experimental and calculation data

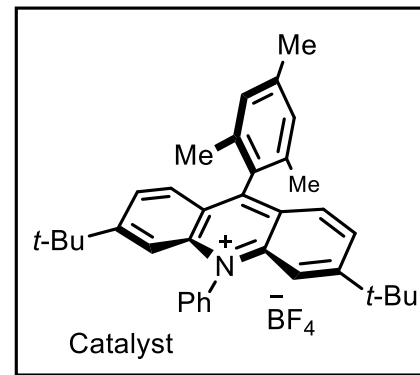
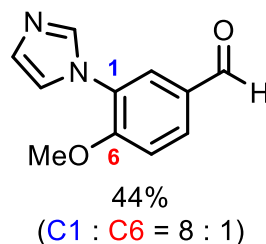


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Catalyst (5 mol%)

455 nm LEDs
1:1 DCE:TFE, 24 h
33 °C, N₂



	Ground state	Radical cation
	1. 0.282	1. 0.376
	2. -0.268	2. -0.261
	3. -0.184	3. -0.077
	4. -0.208	4. -0.149
	5. -0.273	5. -0.256
	<u>6. 0.304</u>	<u>6. 0.434</u>

	Ground state	Radical cation
	1. 0.262	<u>1. 0.419</u>
	2. -0.253	2. -0.251
	3. -0.124	3. -0.025
	4. -0.223	4. -0.113
	5. -0.315	5. -0.313
	<u>6. 0.288</u>	6. 0.380