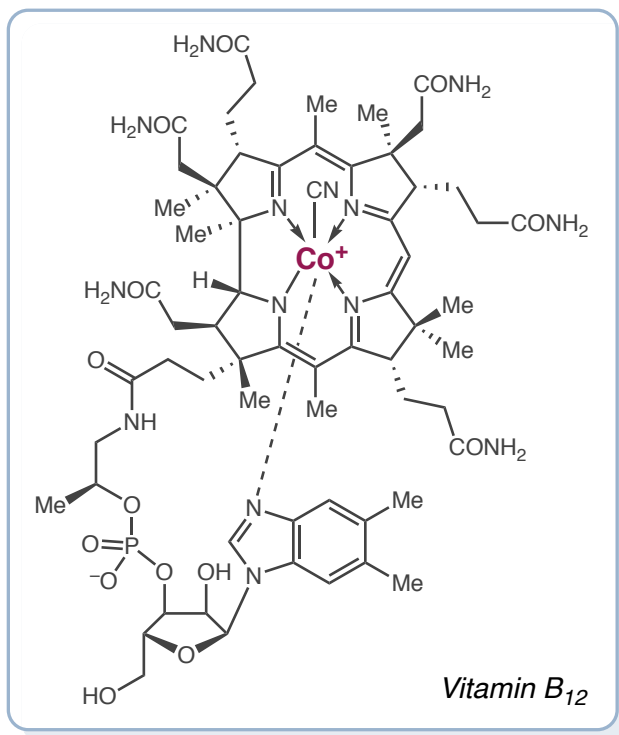


Cobalt in Organic Synthesis



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Background

■ Facts about cobalt



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Co
Cobalt
58.9332



$\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Electron configuration

$[\text{Ar}] 3d^7 4s^2$

LD₅₀ of cobalt salts

150 – 500 mg/kg

Safety

8th-most-prevalent allergen
(1st is nickel)

Nobel Prize

Alfred Werner, 1913
for his contribution to coordination
chemistry: proposed correct
structure of $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$



contains **CoCl_2**

+ H₂O

Background

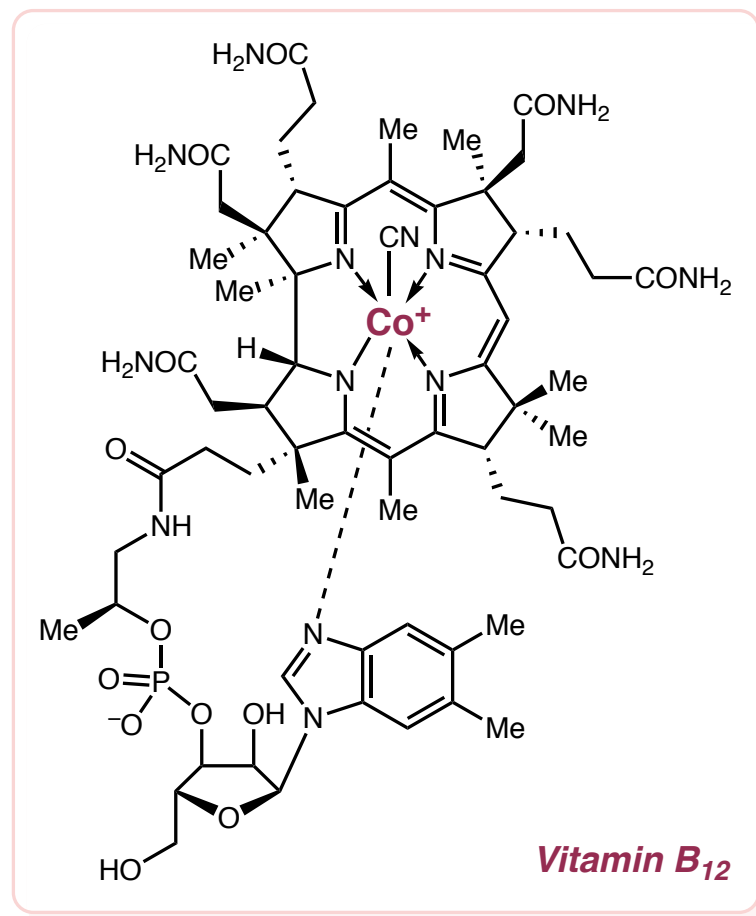
■ Oxidation state of cobalt

- Most common: +1, +2, +3
- Co(II) forms both Td and Oh complexes (L dependent)
- Co(III) prefer Oh complexes

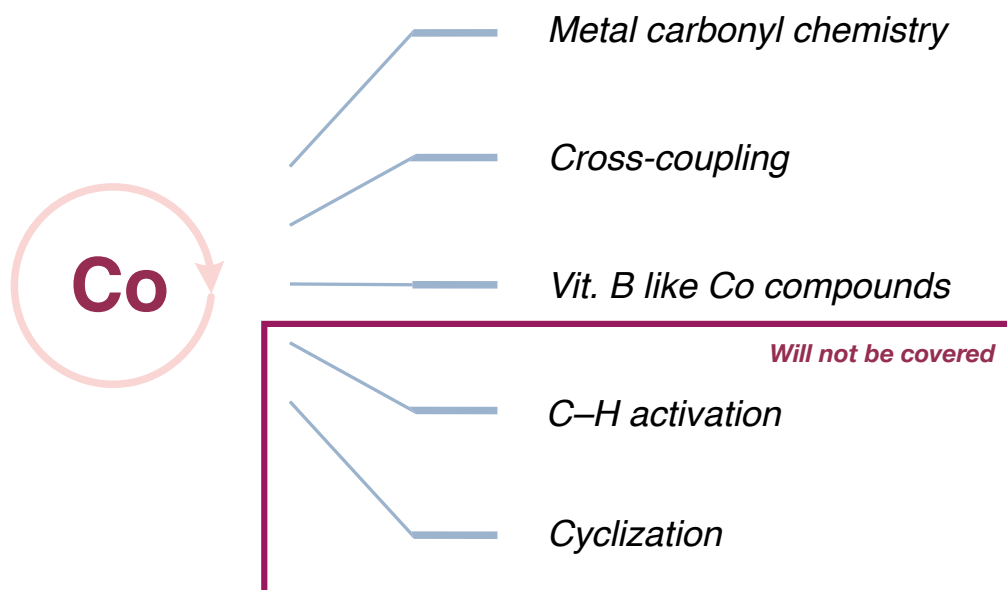


■ Cobalt in Nature: Vitamin B₁₂

- Most complex of all vitamins
- Play a key role in function of brain and nervous system and the formation of red blood cells
- Isolated in 1948 (Shorb)
- First total synthesis 1972 (Woodward)

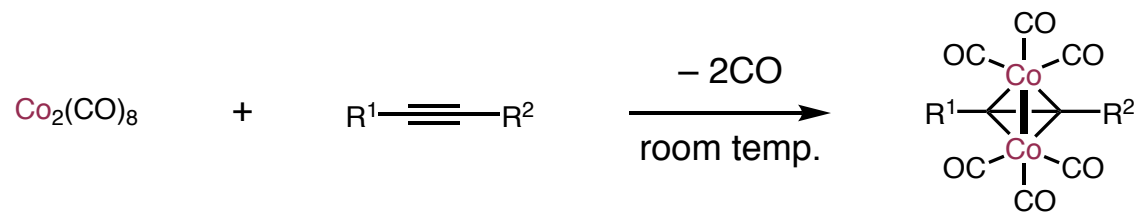


Overview of cobalt catalysis

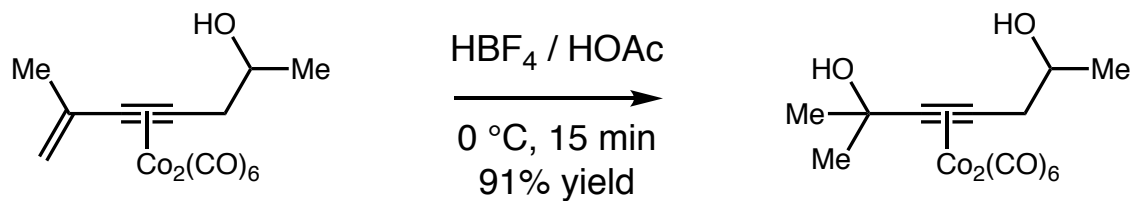


Metal carbonyl chemistry

■ Reaction with alkyne



■ Serve as an alkyne protecting group



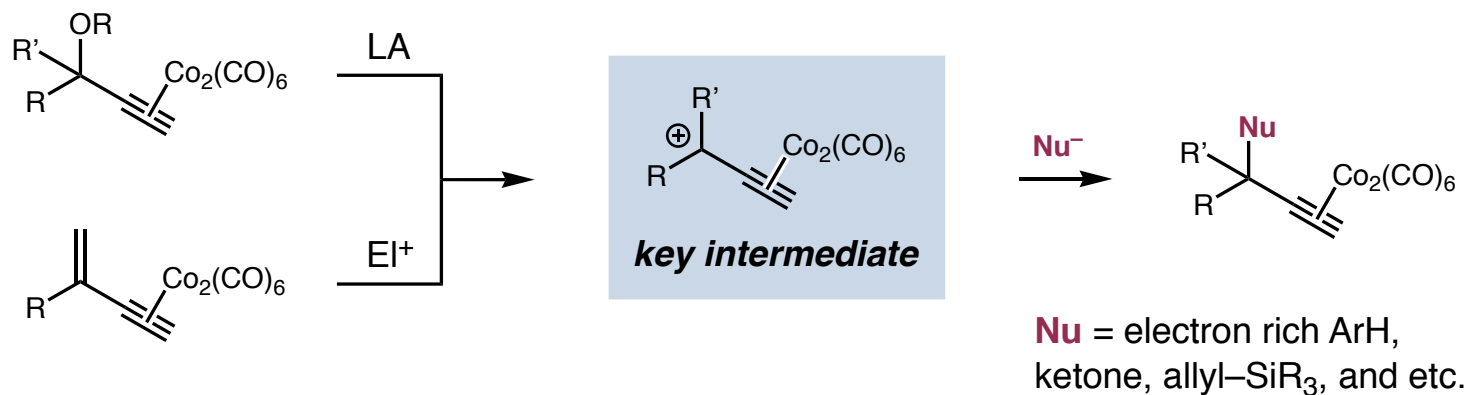
Nicholas reaction

- Highly stable propargylic carbocation



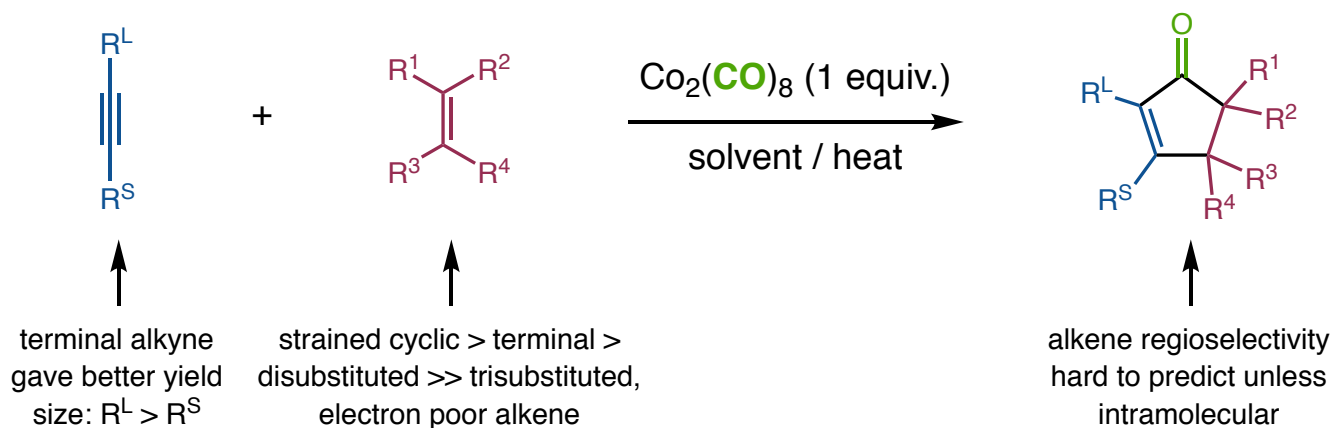
60 grams isolated
burgundy-red salt

- Nicholas reaction

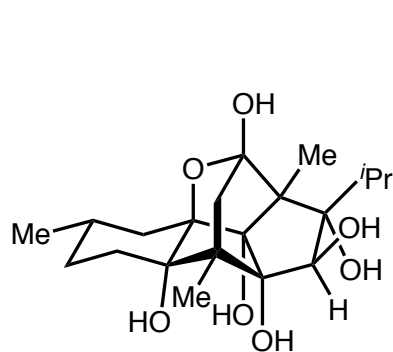


Pauson–Khand reaction

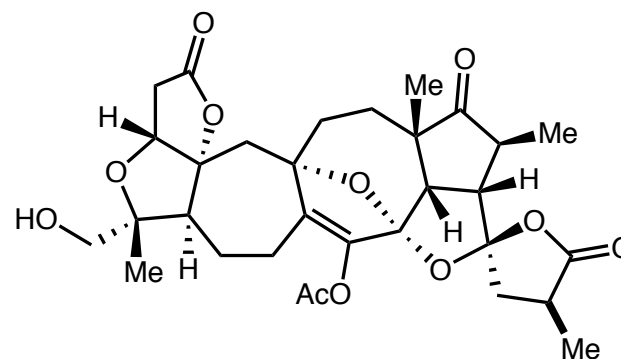
General reaction scheme



Recent total synthesis using Pauson-Khand



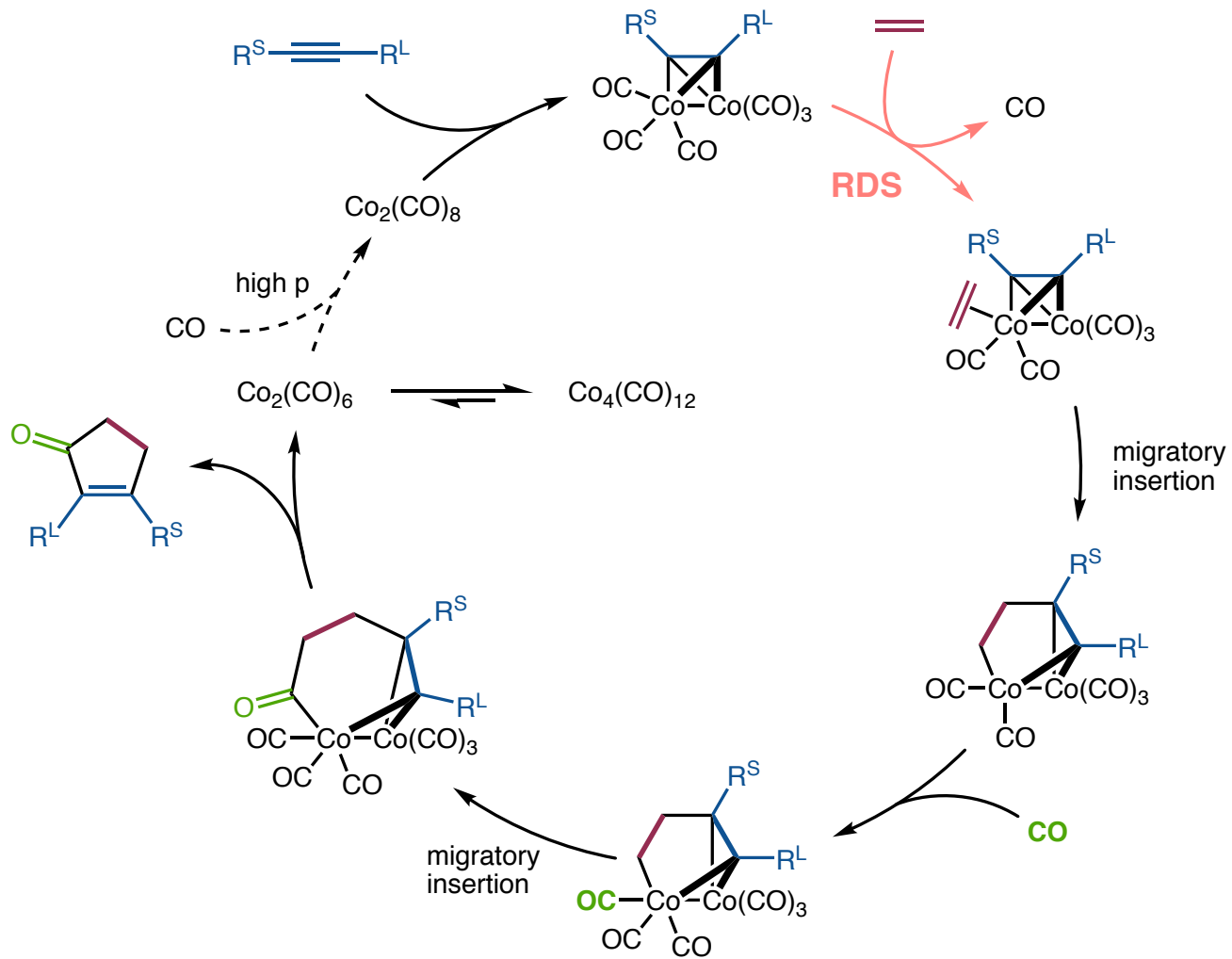
(+)-ryanodol (Reisman 2016)



lancifodilactone G acetate (Yang 2017)

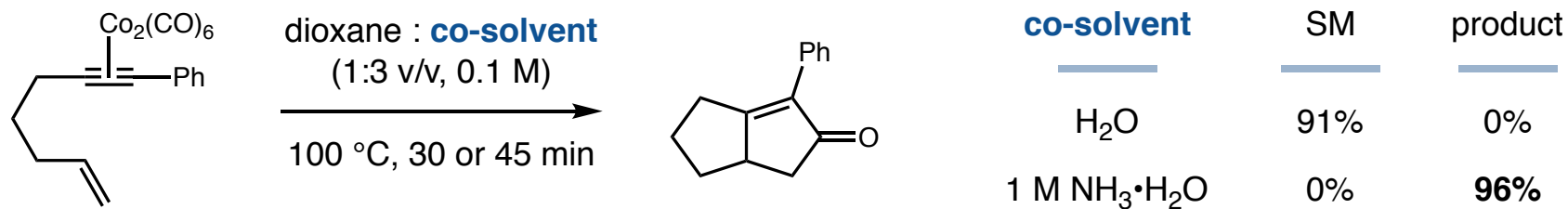
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Reaction mechanism

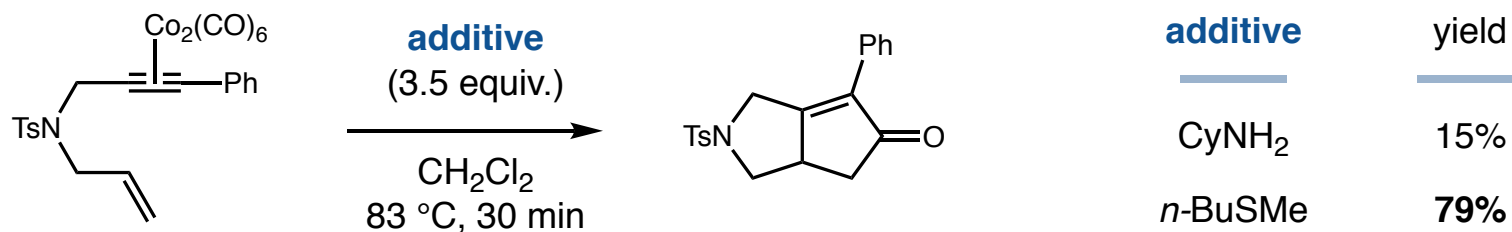


Additives promote CO dissociation

■ Amine as additive



■ Sulfide as additive

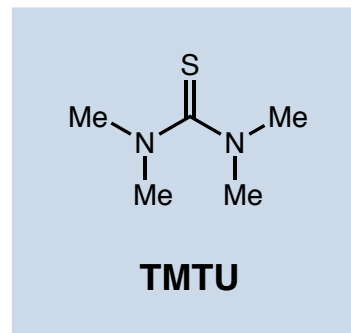
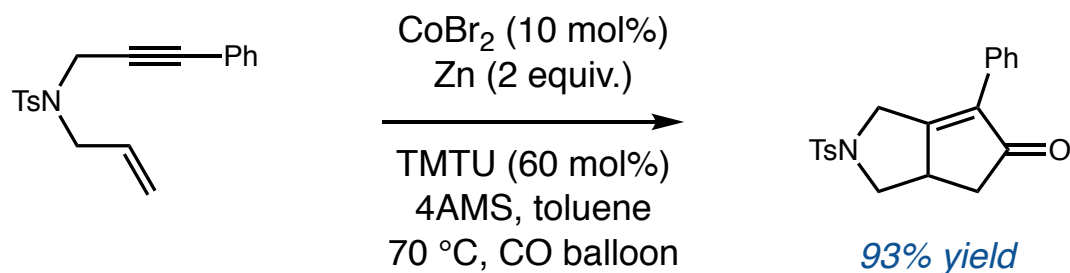


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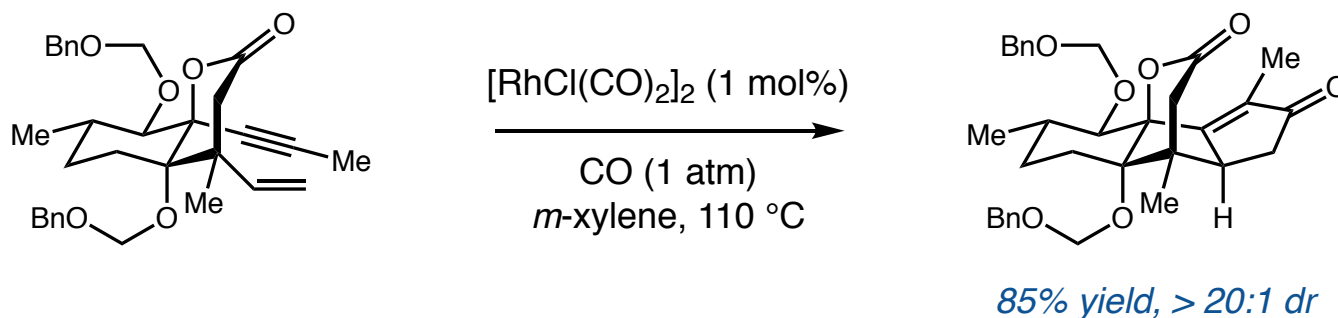
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Catalytic Pauson-Khand

■ Catalytic Pauson-Khand with cobalt



■ Other metals (eg. Pd, Rh, Ir and etc.) also work

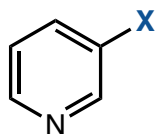
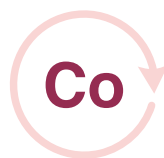


- Catalytic PKR often require fine tuning of reaction conditions

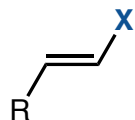
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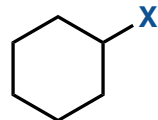
Cobalt catalyzed cross-coupling reactions



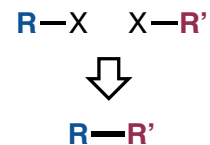
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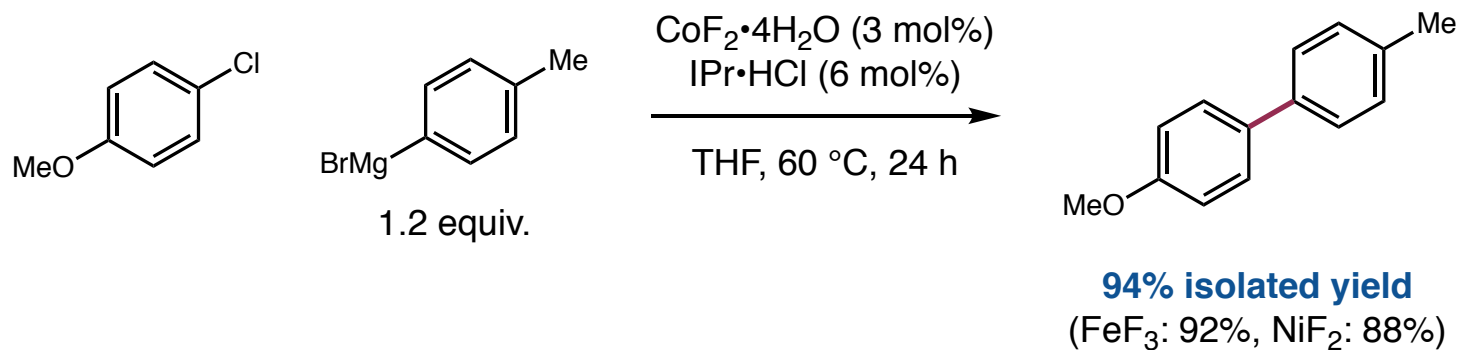
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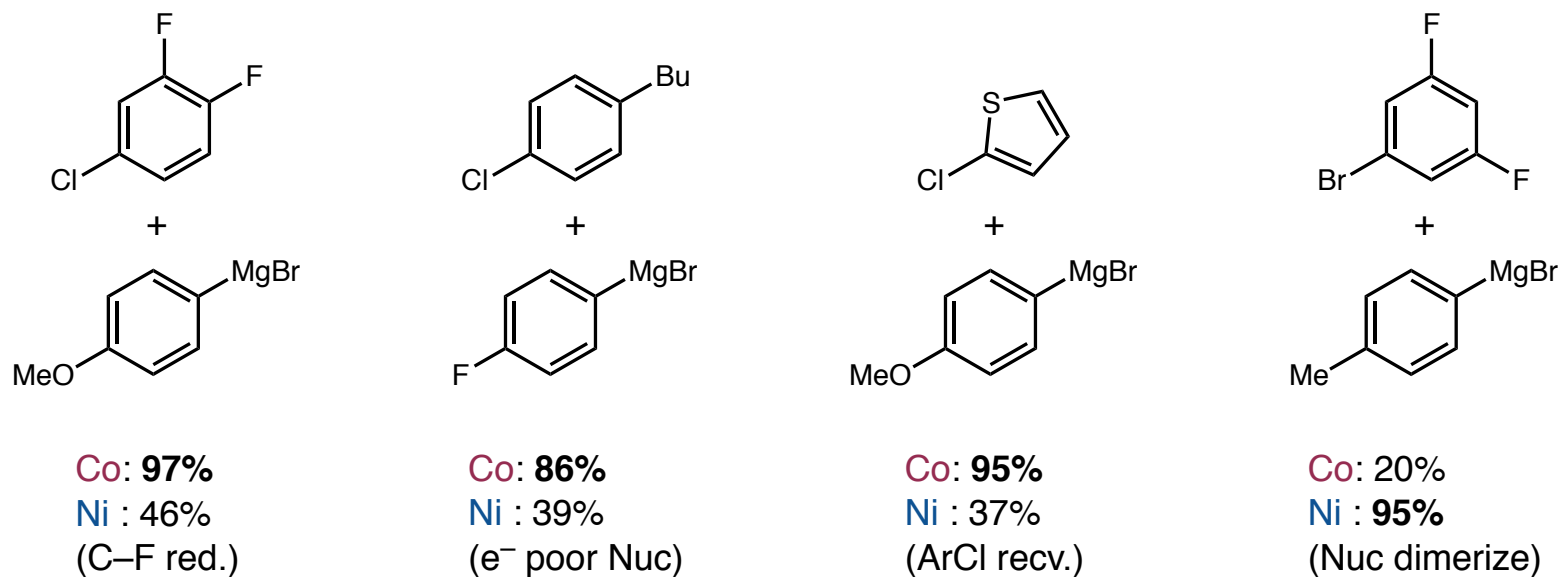
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Coupling with aryl halides using aryl nucleophiles

■ Kumada-type coupling

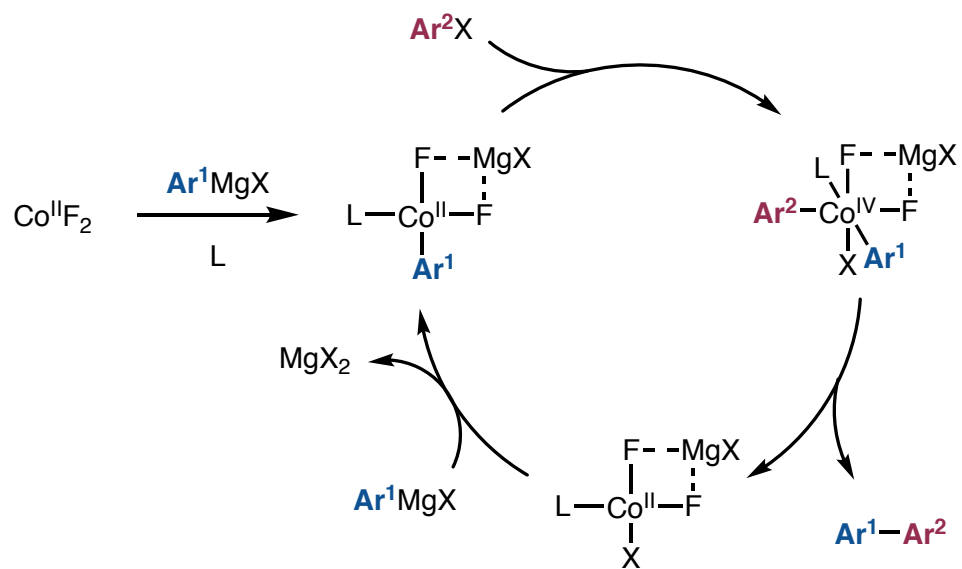


■ Scope of reaction (Co vs. Ni)



Coupling with aryl halides using aryl nucleophiles

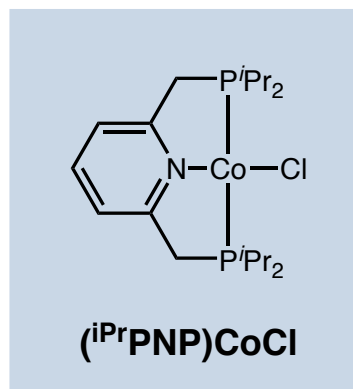
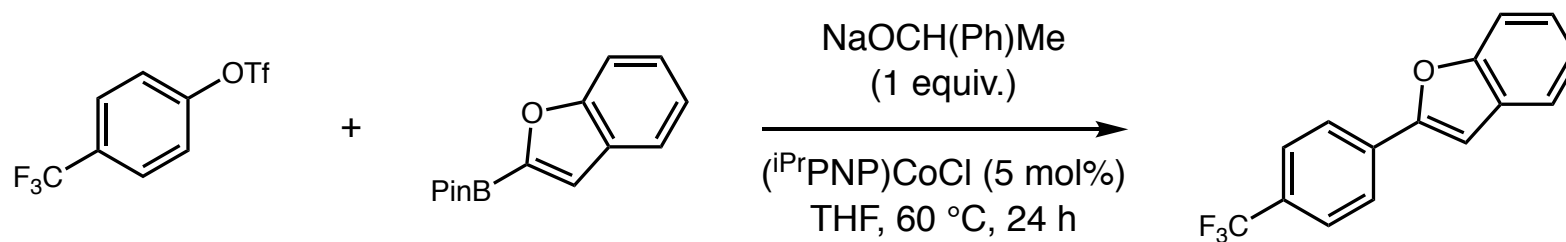
■ Proposed mechanism



metalate mechanism

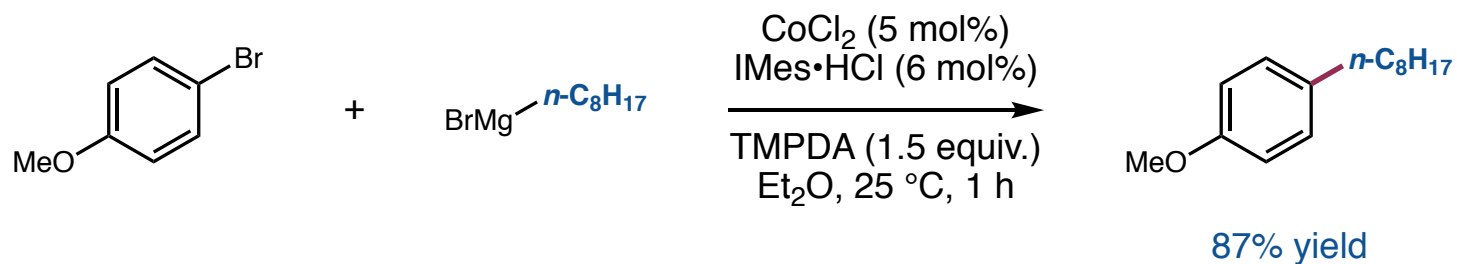
Coupling with aryl halides using aryl nucleophiles

■ Suzuki-Miyaura-type coupling



Coupling with aryl halides using alkyl nucleophiles

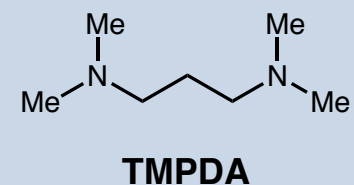
■ Kumada-type coupling



- The **ONLY** example of Co-catalyzed coupling between ArX and R-M reported to date

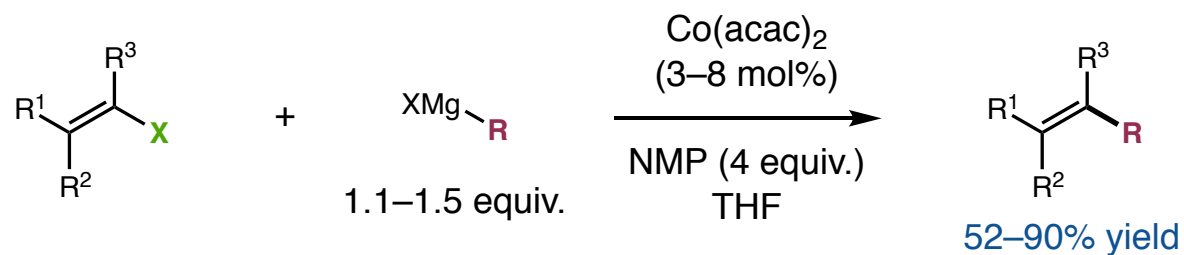
■ “Scope” of nucleophiles

$n\text{-BuMgI}$	MeMgI	Allyl-MgBr	$i\text{-PrMgCl}$
66% yield	0% yield	0% yield	9% yield

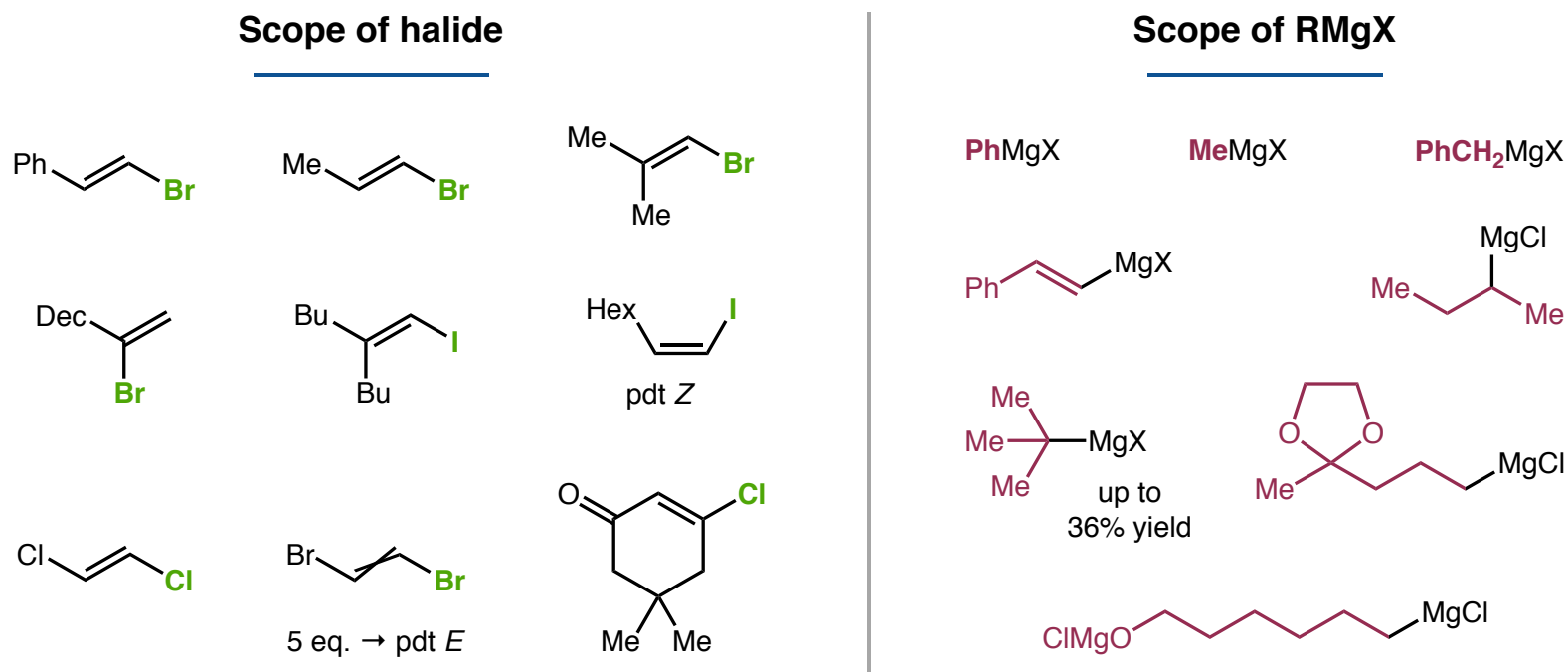


Coupling with vinyl halides

■ Coupling with $\text{Co}(\text{acac})_2$ – THF/NMP system

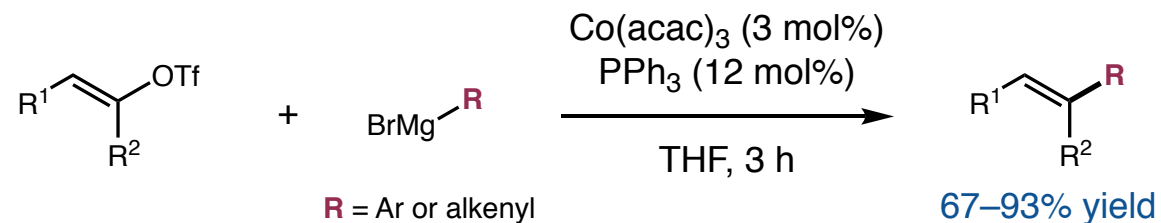


- Addition of NMP is crucial to suppress dimerization of Grignard reagent

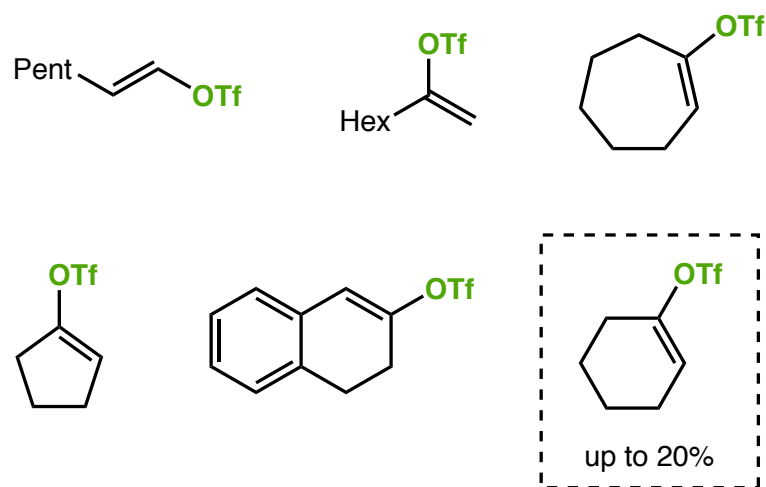


Coupling with vinyl halides

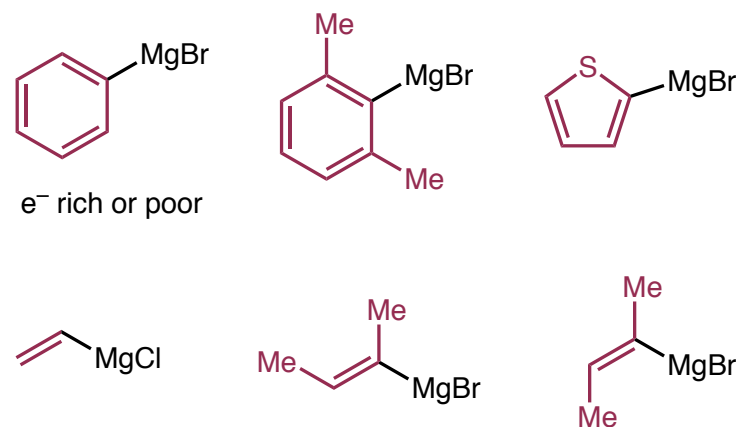
- $\text{Co}(\text{acac})_3\text{-PPh}_3$ allowed use of triflates as electrophiles



Scope of triflate

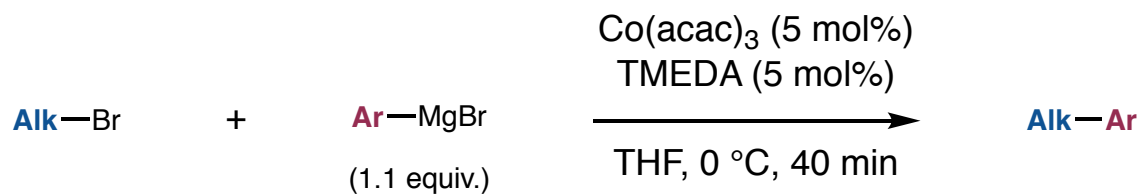


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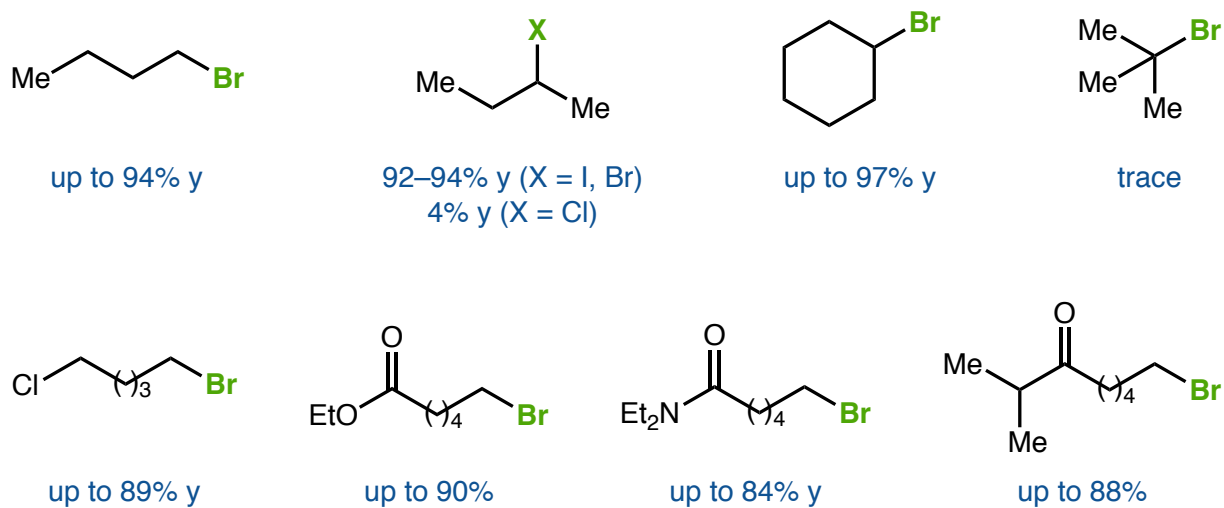


Coupling with alkyl halides using aryl nucleophiles

■ Kumada-type coupling



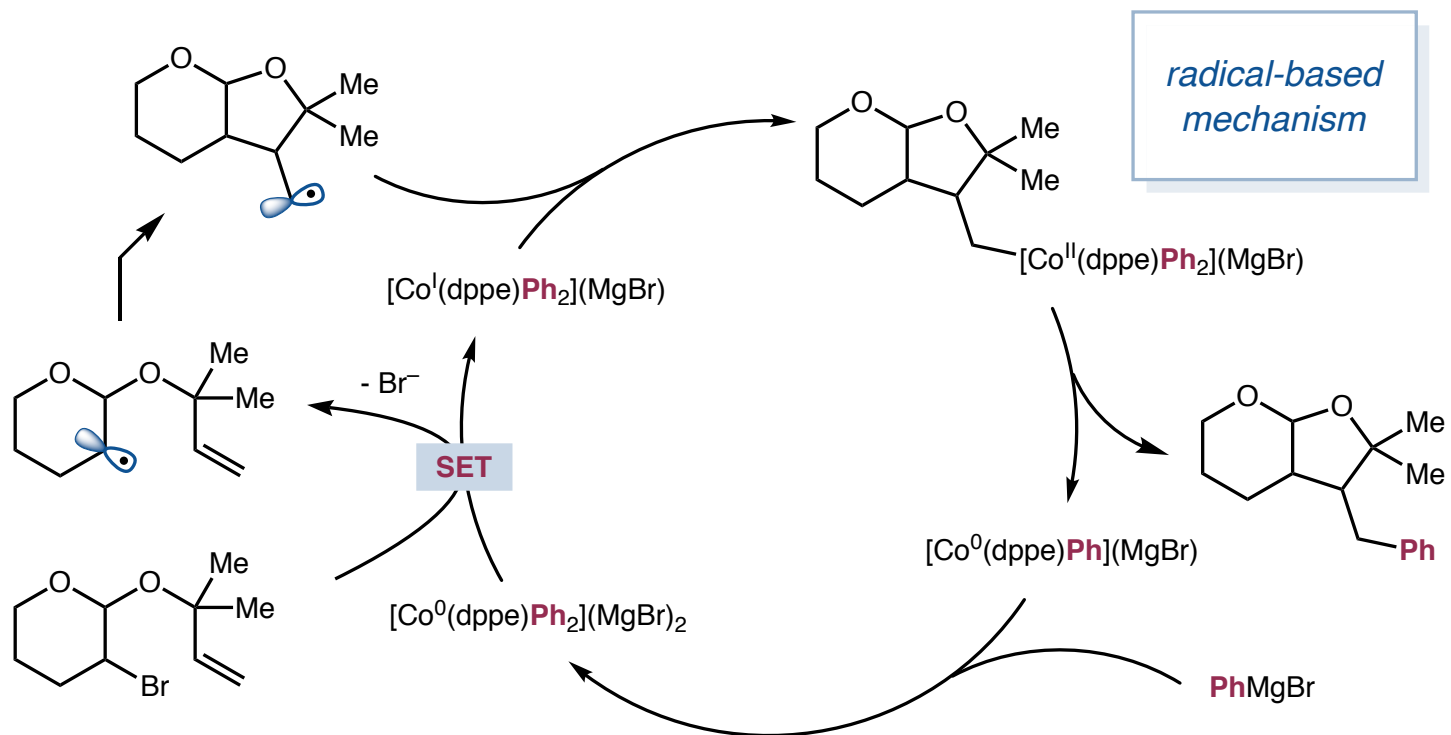
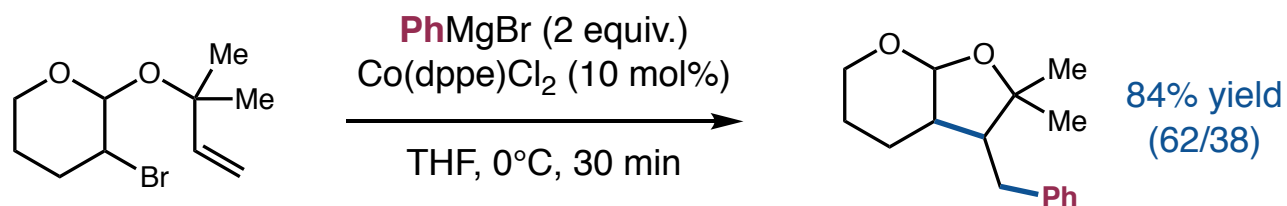
Scope of halide



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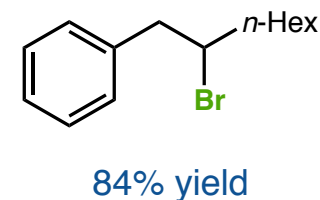
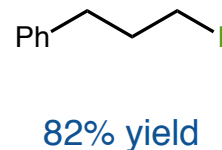
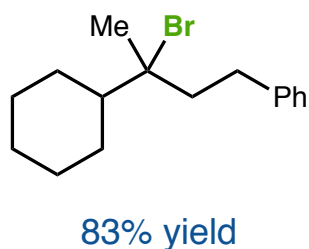
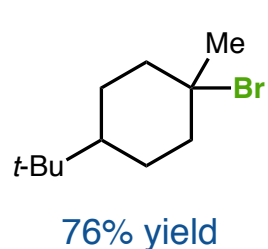
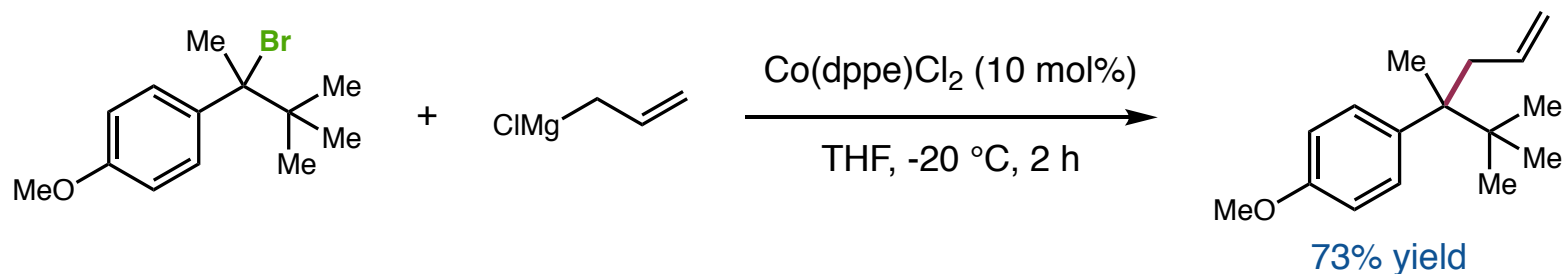
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Reaction mechanism

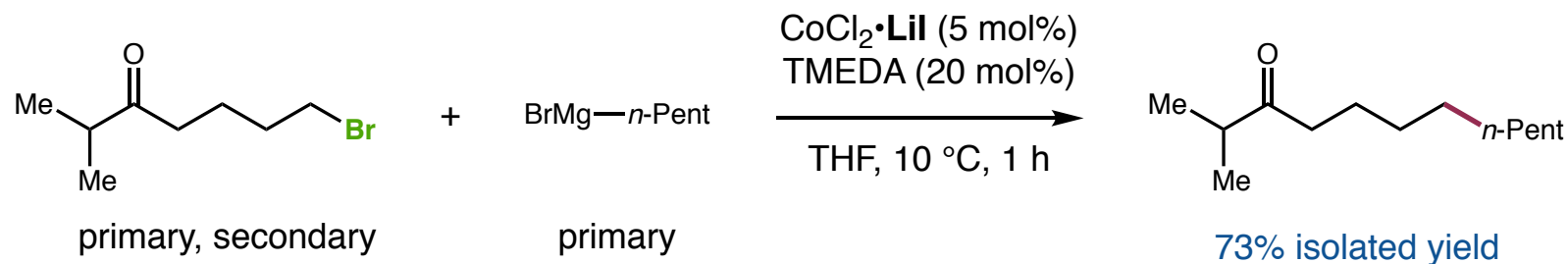


Coupling with alkyl halides using alkyl nucleophiles

- Allylation works with sterically hindered halides – a “free” radical reaction

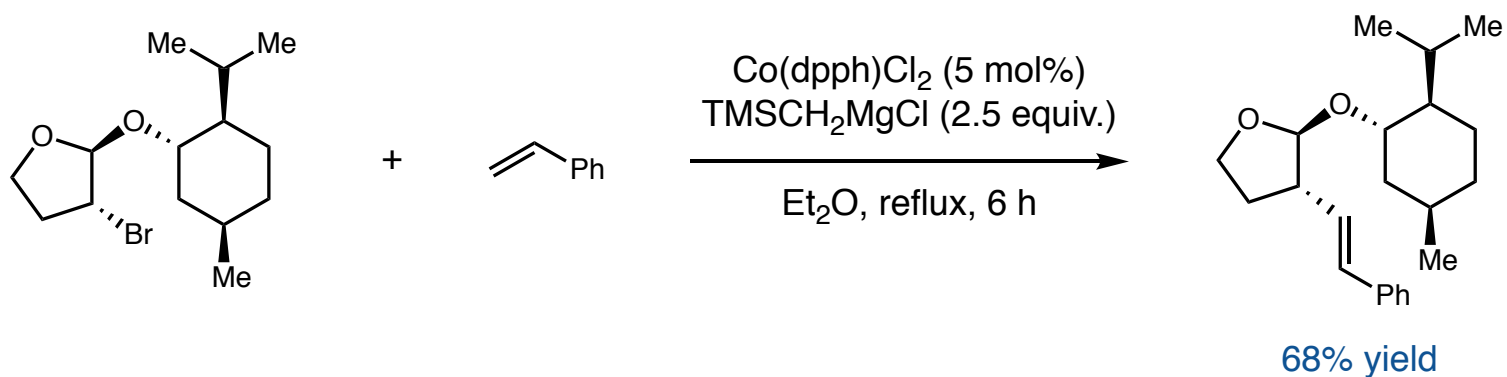


- Alkyl nucleophiles also works in presence of iodide anion

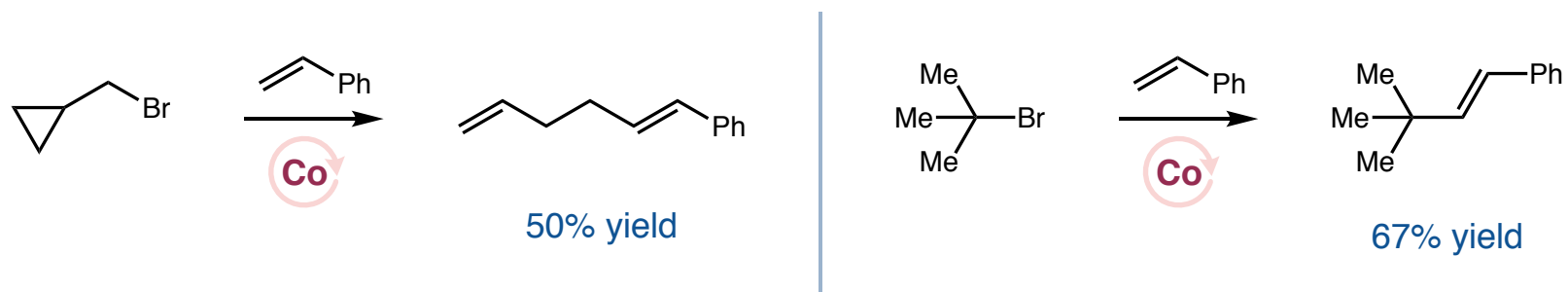


Coupling with alkyl halides

■ Intermolecular Heck-Type coupling

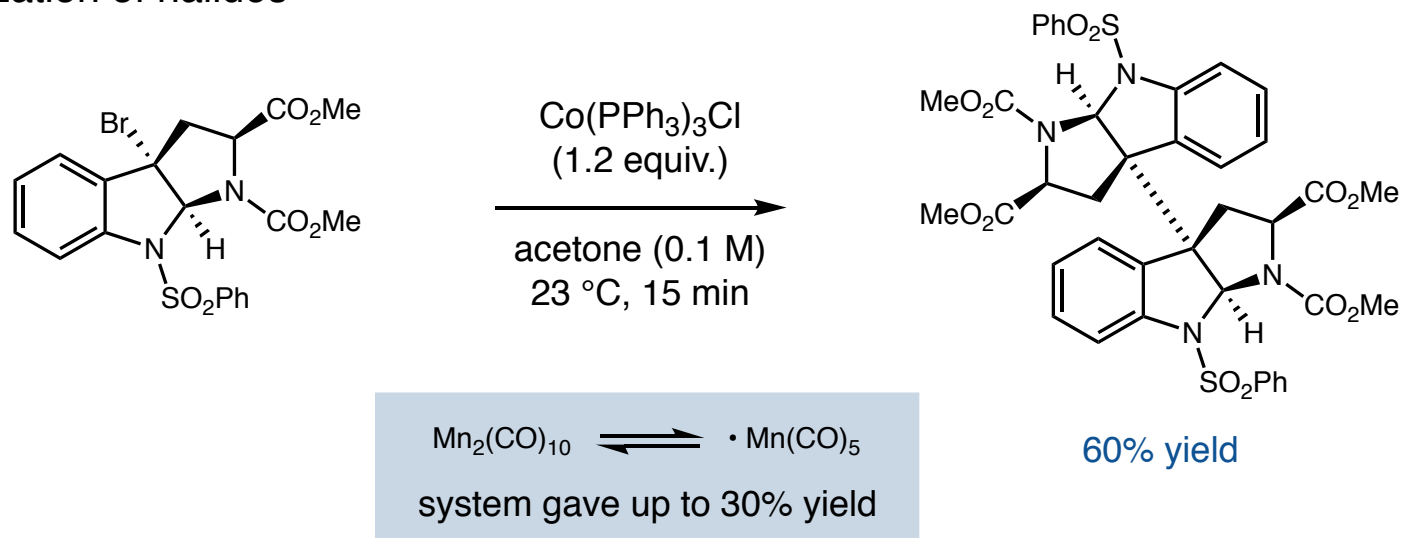


■ Radical nature of the reaction

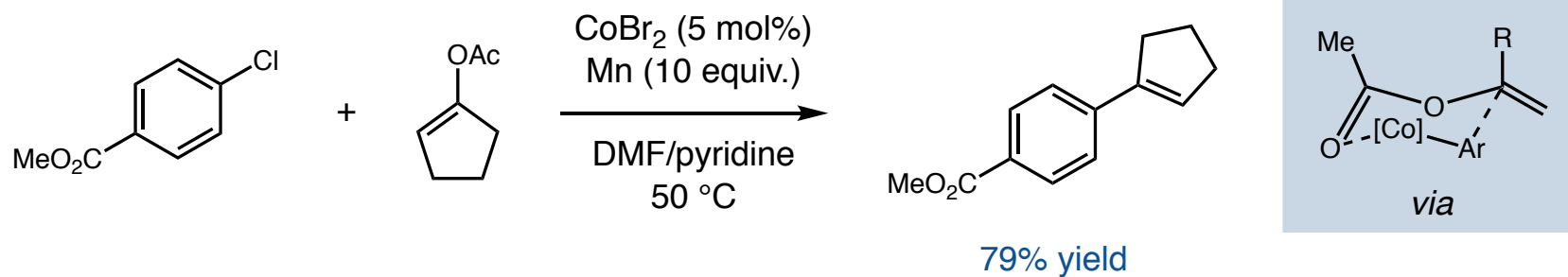


Reductive coupling

■ Dimerization of halides



■ Aryl chloride/bromide with vinyl acetates

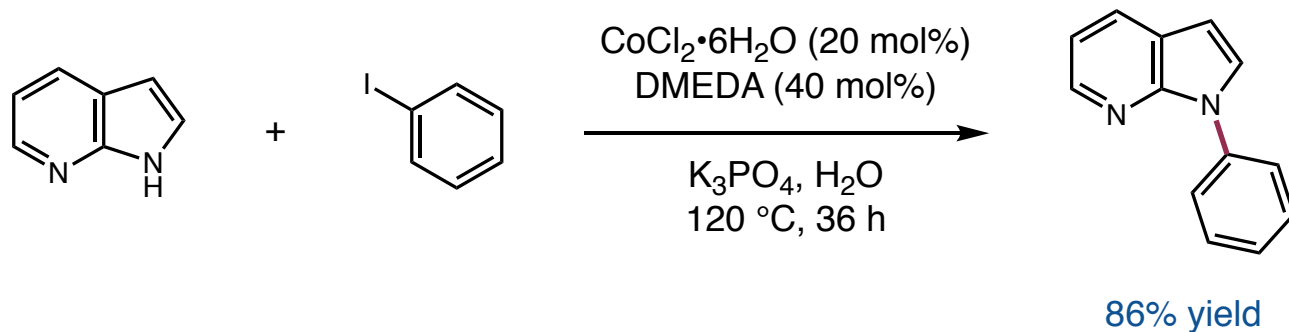


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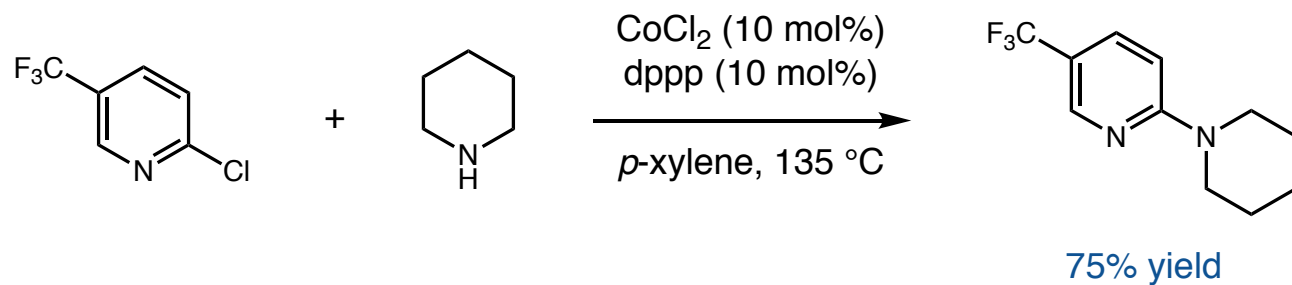
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C–N bond formation

■ Coupling with aryl iodides



■ Coupling with chloropyridine

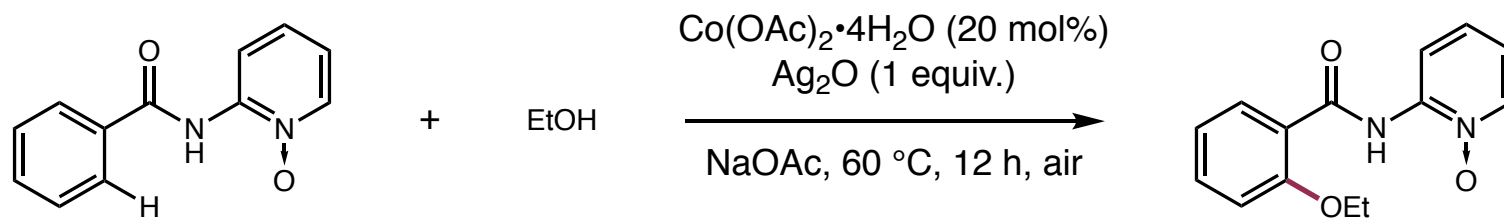


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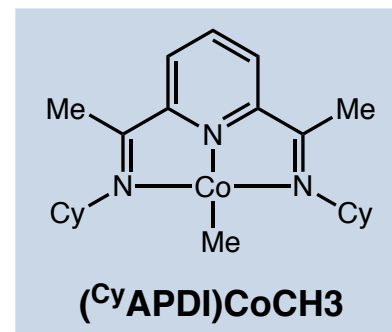
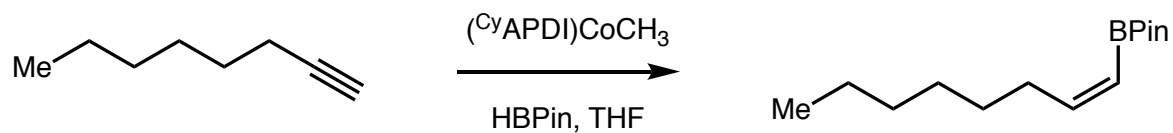
Other C–heteroatom bonds

■ C–O bond formation



- Only two reports demonstrated C–O formation via Co catalysis
- For cobalt–catalyzed C–H activation. See review: *ACS Catal.* **2016**, 6, 498–525.

■ C–B bond formation

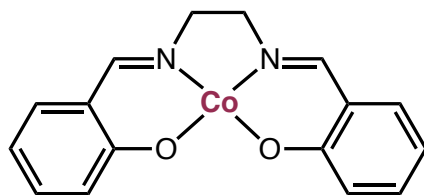


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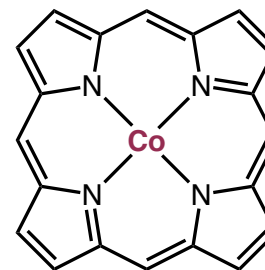
Vitamin B like Co complexes

- Some vitamin B₁₂ like Co compounds



Co(salen)

- Enzyme mimics: reversibly binds O₂
replicate certain aspects of vitamin B₁₂
- Jacobsen hydrolytic kinetic resolution

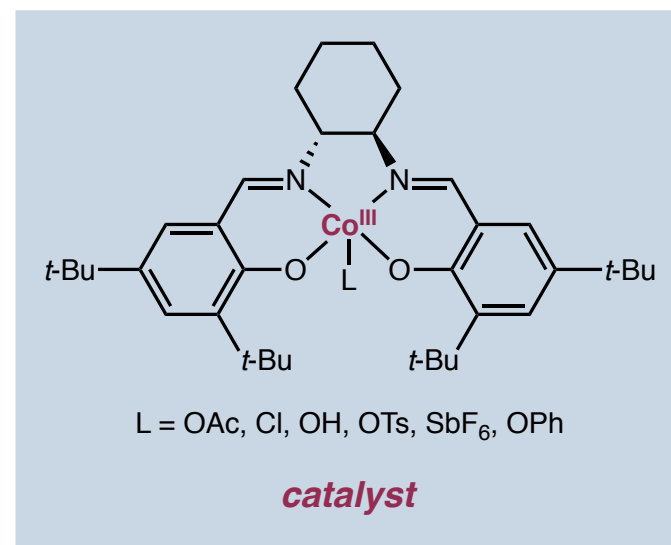
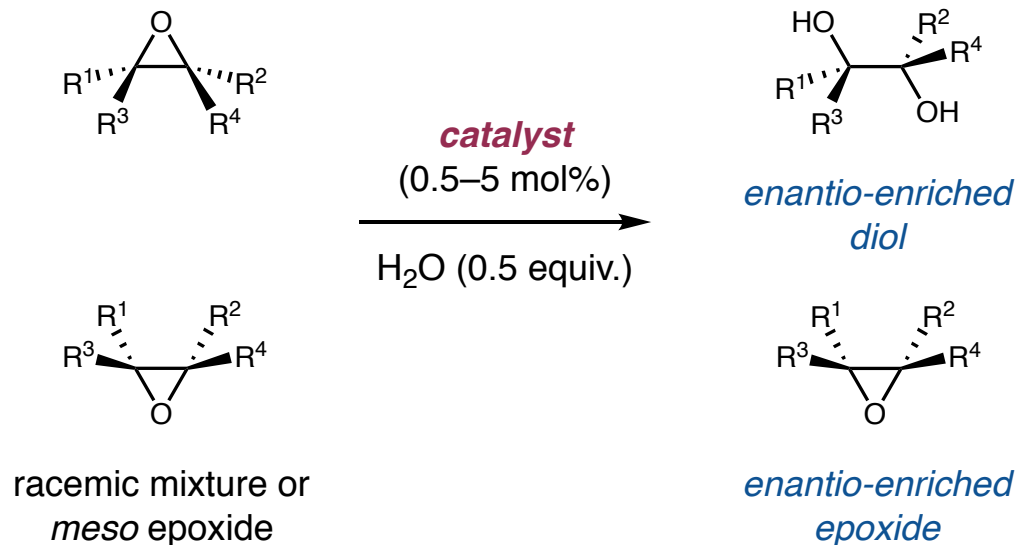


Co porphyrin

- High “radical character” on Co
- No *cis*-coordination sites available

$Co^{III}(\text{salen})$ chemistry

Jacobsen hydrolytic kinetic resolution

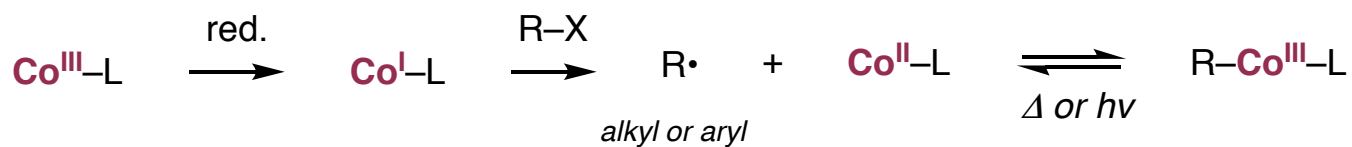


Mechanism: second order dependence on the catalyst

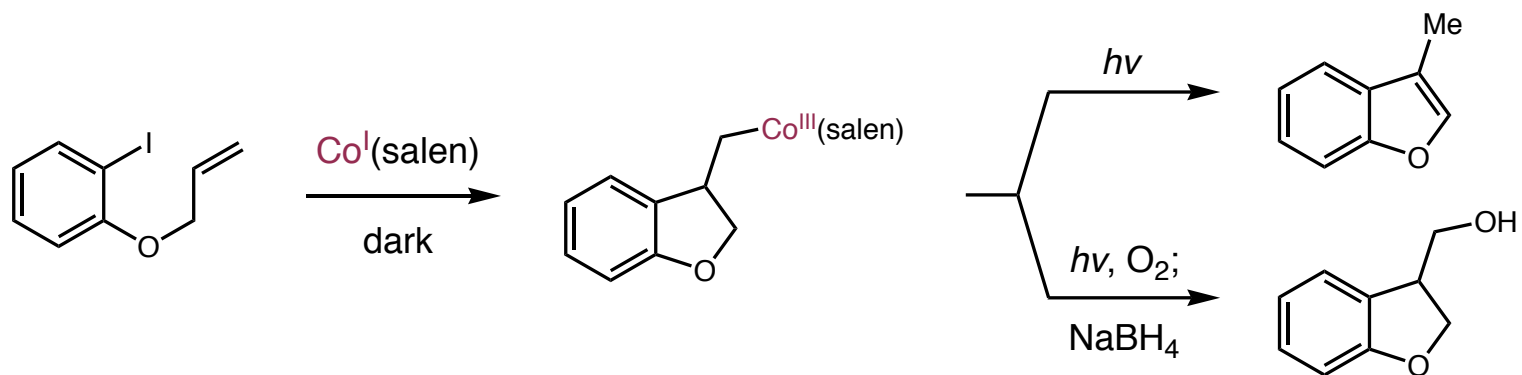


Co(salen) radical chemistry

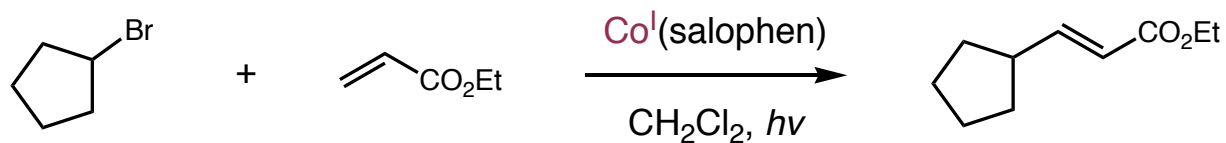
■ General reactivity



■ Aryl halides



■ Alkyl halides: michael addition

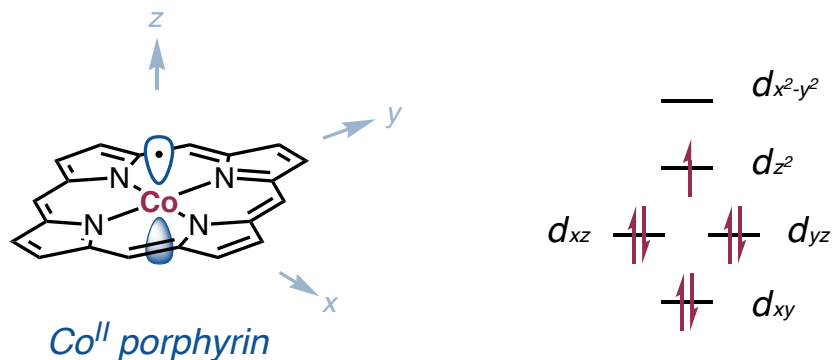


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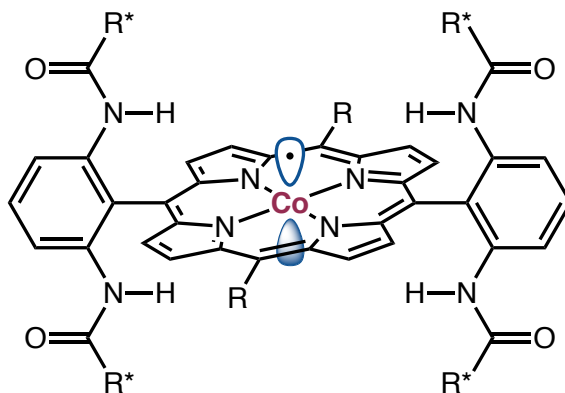
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Co^{II}-porphyrin catalysis

- Structure of Co^{II}-porphyrin: metalloradical catalysis (MRC)

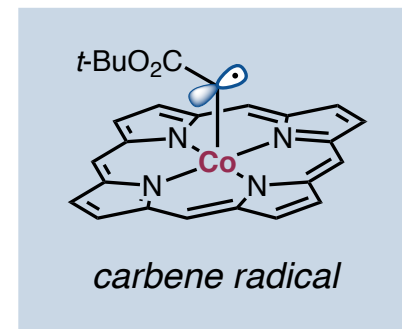
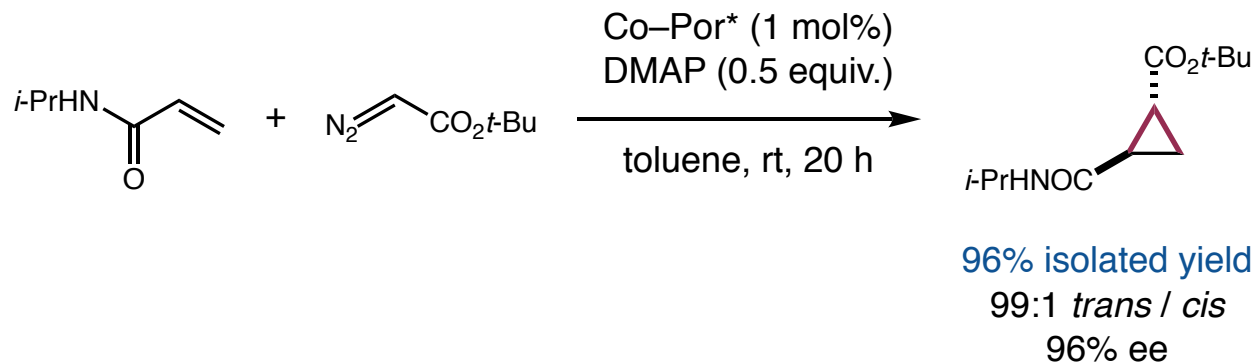


- Porphyrin ligand can be fine tuned and achieve asymmetric catalysis

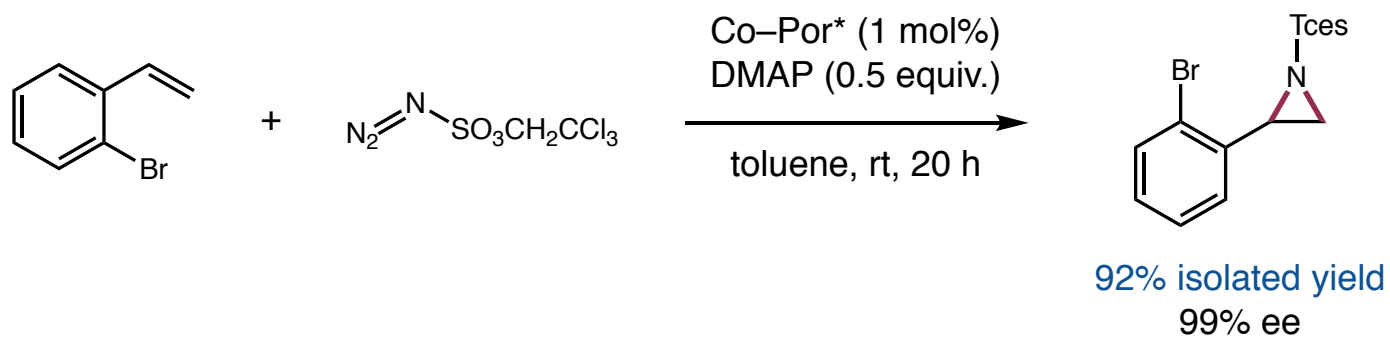


Modes of reactions

■ Cyclopropanation of alkenes



■ Aziridination of alkenes



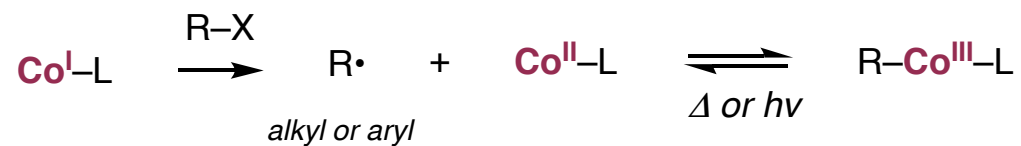
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Summary



- Excellent catalyst for carbon-centered radicals reactions



- Versatile reactivity w/ moderate efficiency. Less studied area.