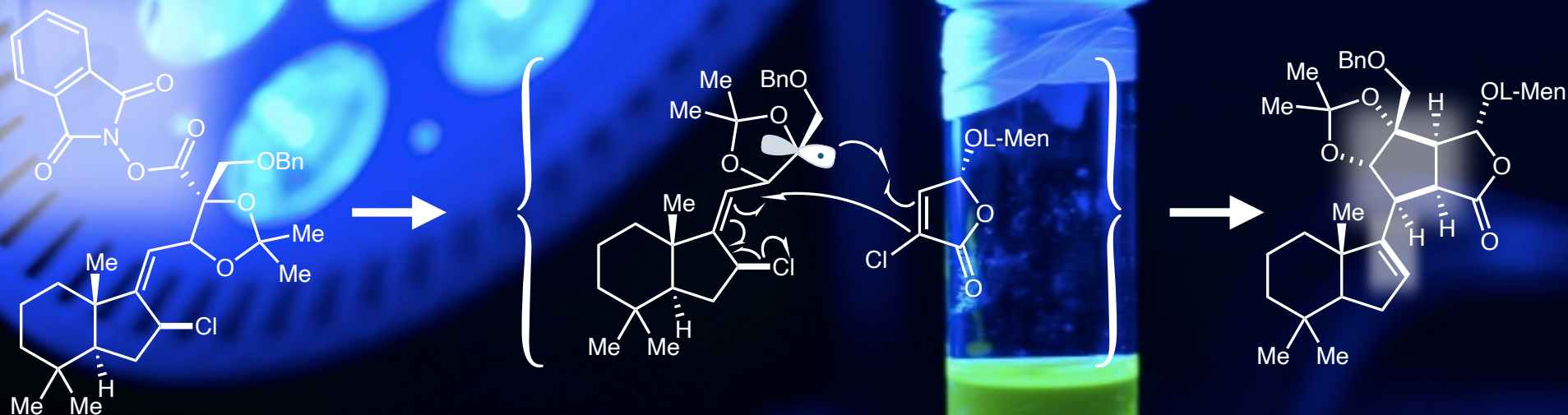


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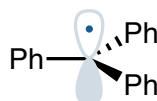
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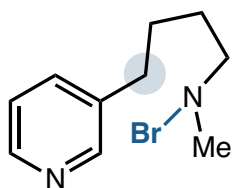
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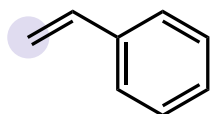
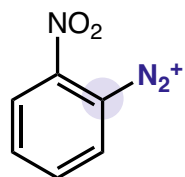
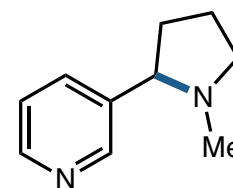
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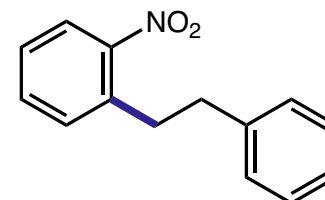
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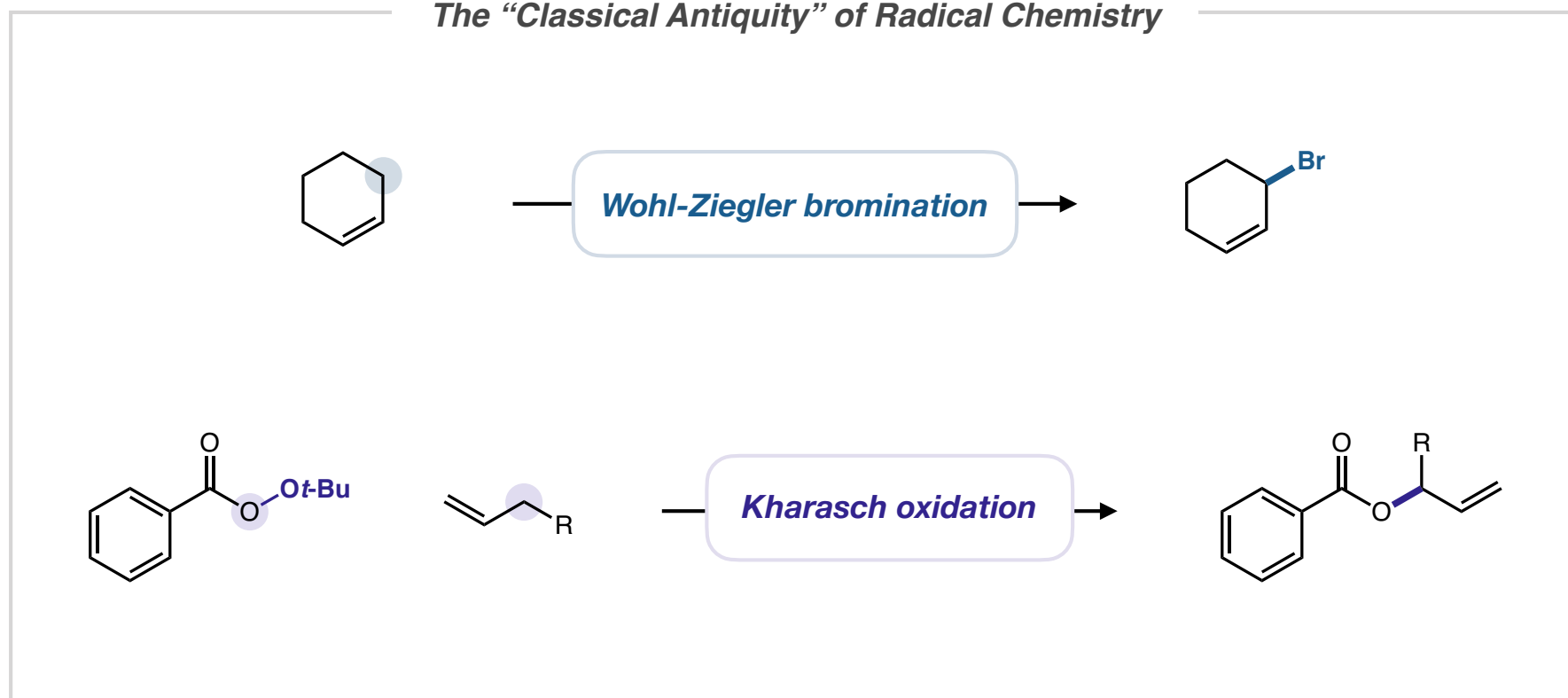
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- *Controlled C-C bond formation reactions remained largely elusive*

“Unruly and uncontrollable”

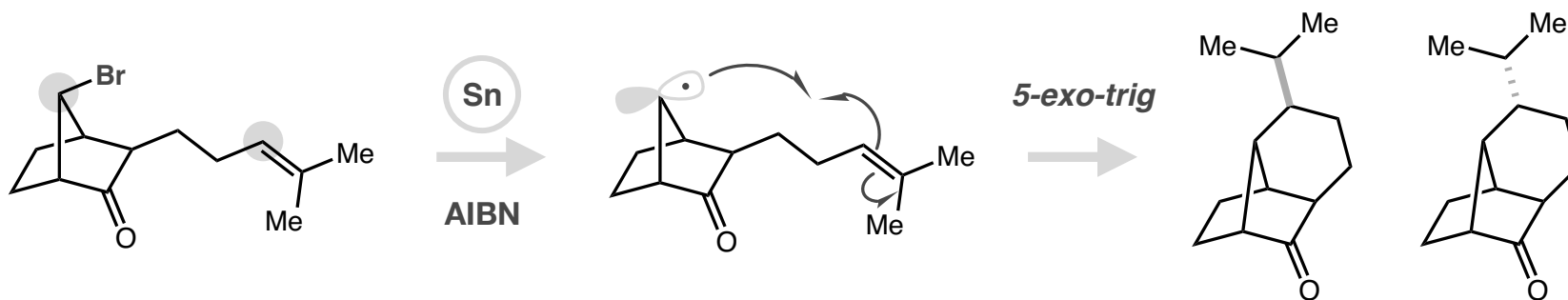
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Radical cyclization as a strategy in synthetic planning & design

Sativene

Cocamphene

3:2 mixture, 62% yield

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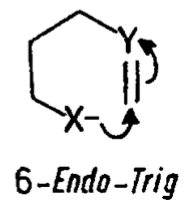
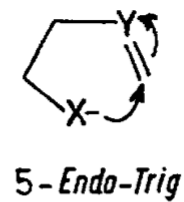
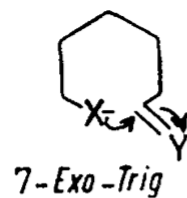
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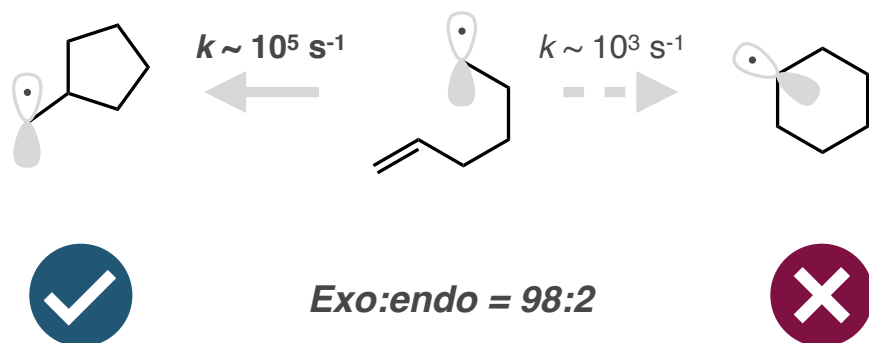
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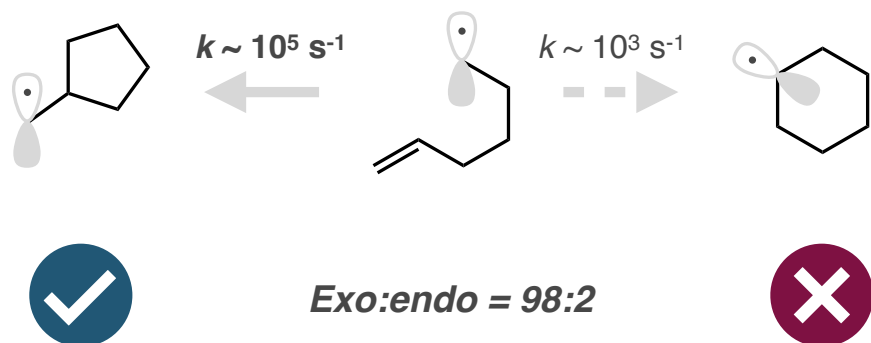
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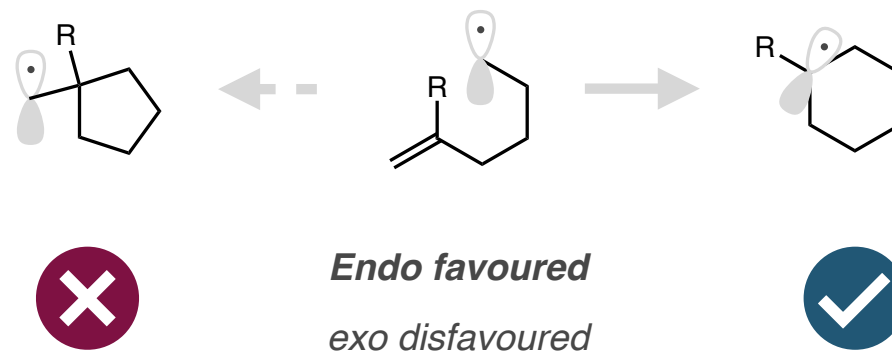


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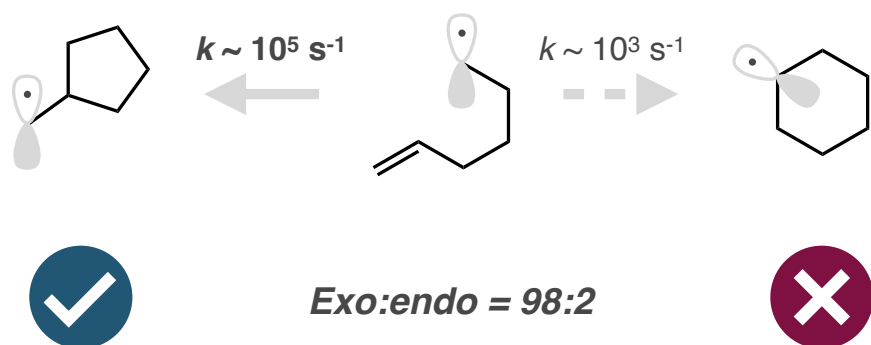


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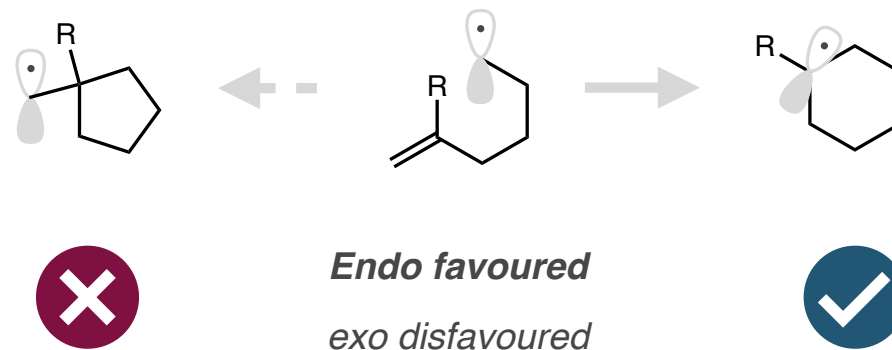


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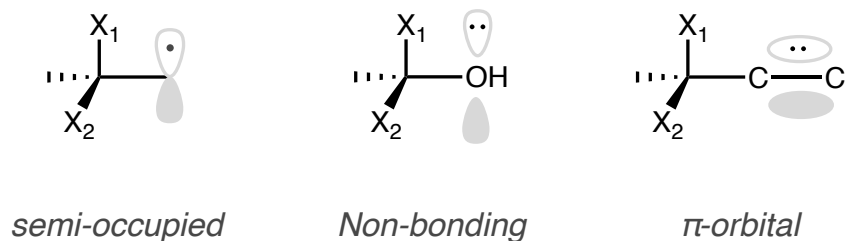
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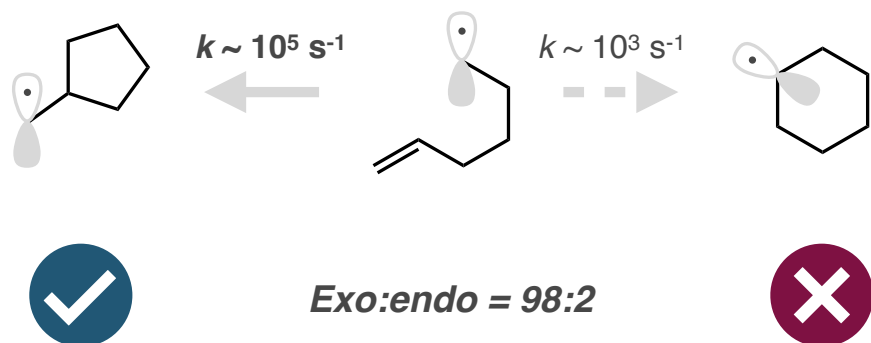
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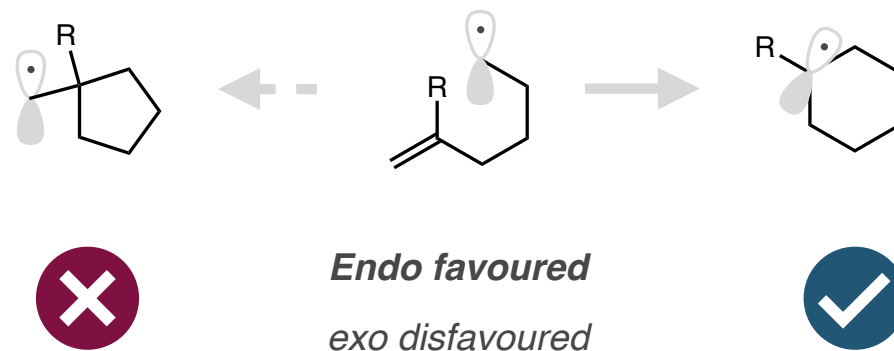
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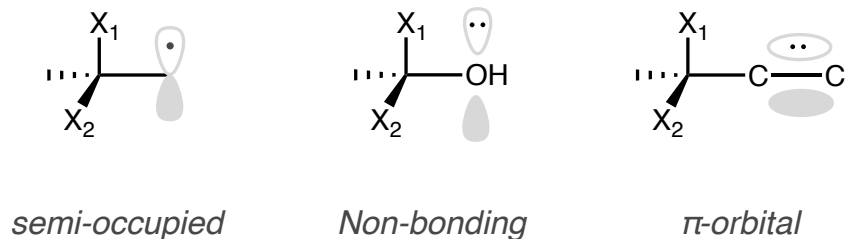
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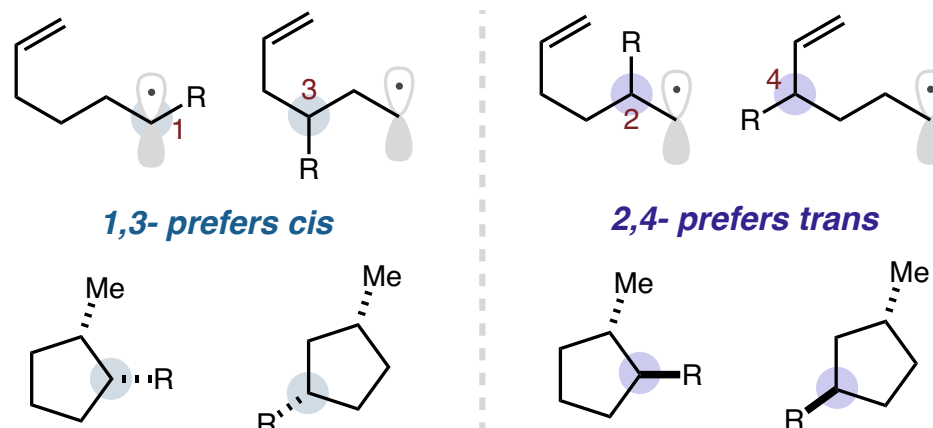


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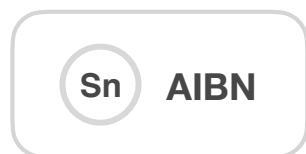
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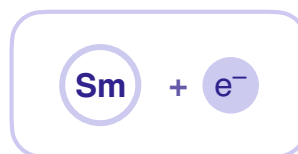
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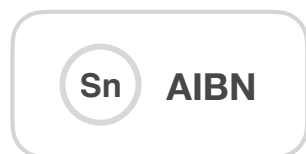
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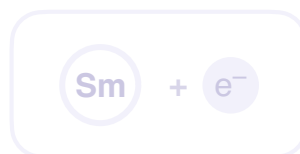
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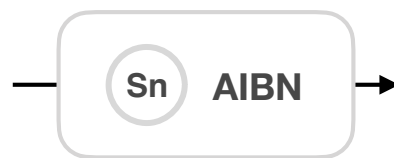
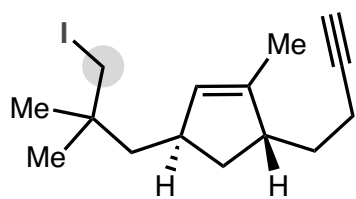
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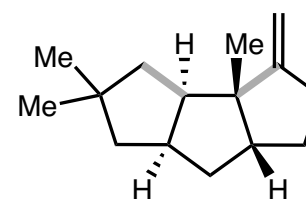
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80% yield

(\pm)-Hirsutene

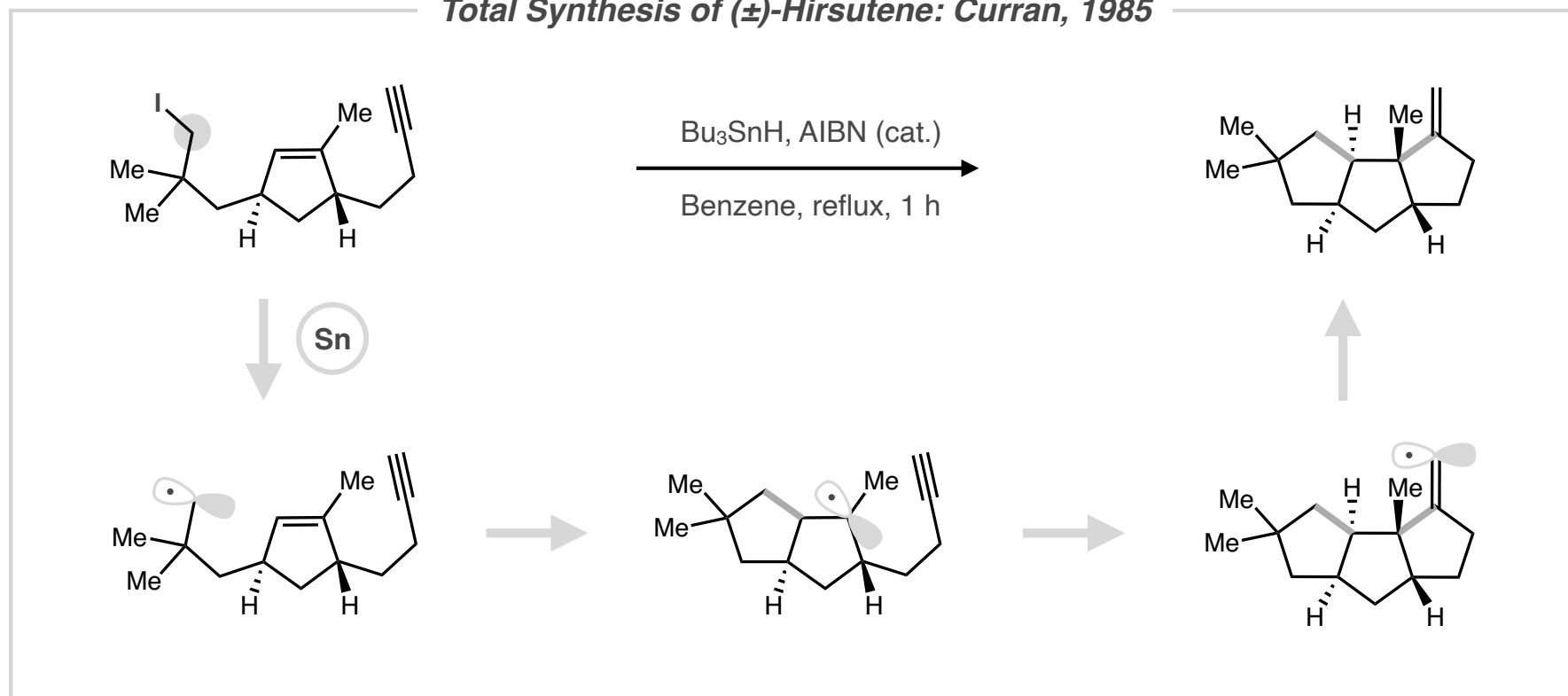
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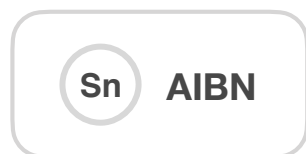
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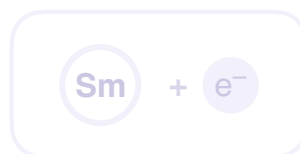
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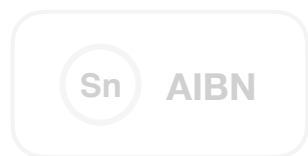
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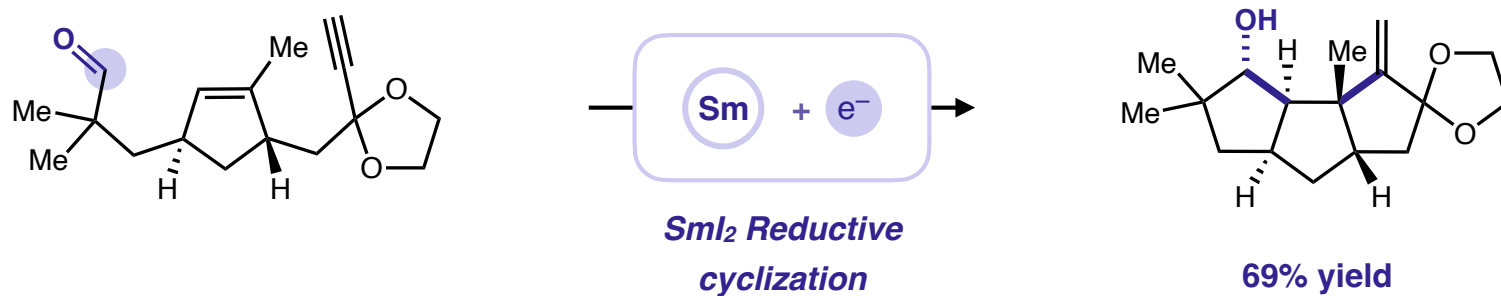
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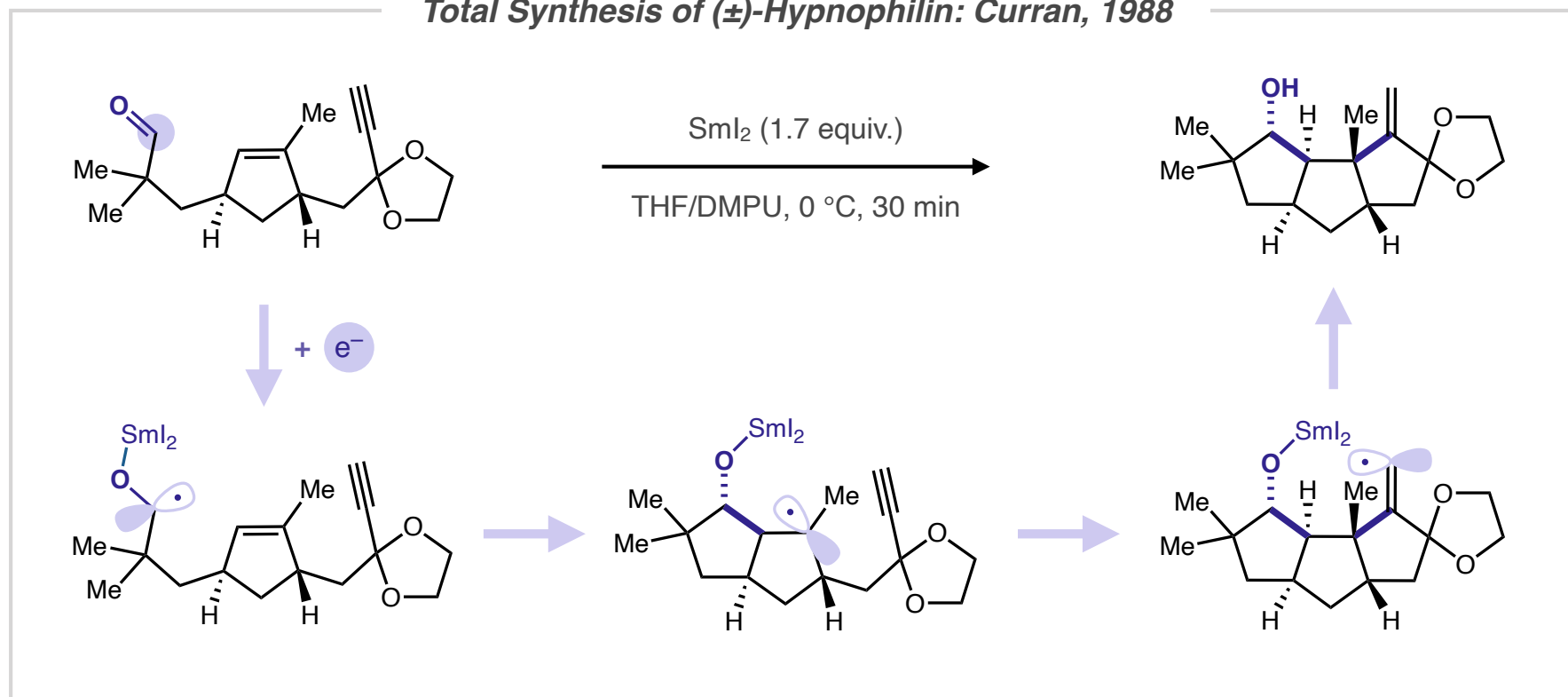
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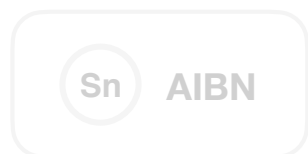
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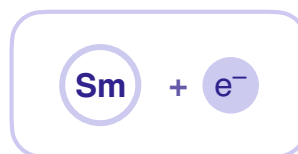
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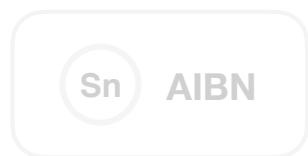
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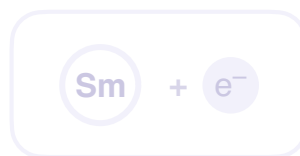
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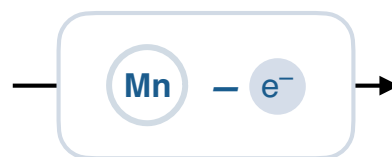
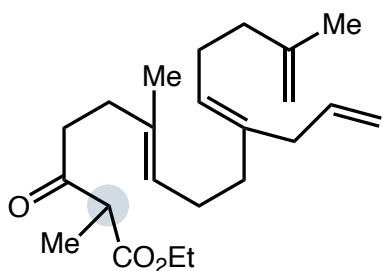
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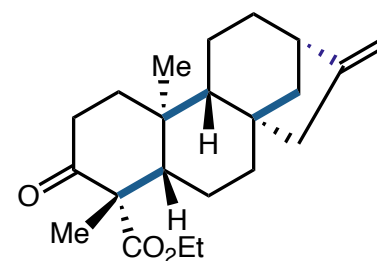
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35% yield

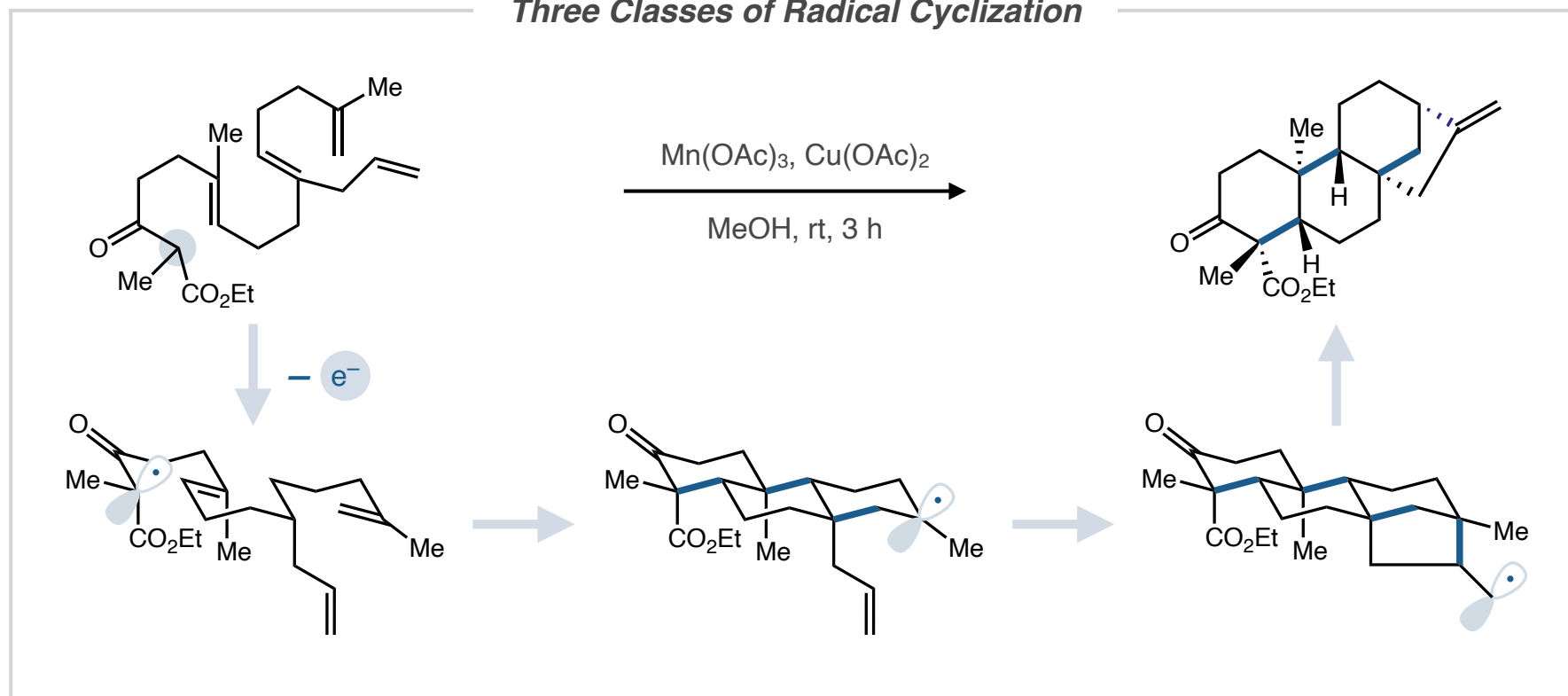
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The “Medieval Era” of Radical Chemistry

Sn



Stoichiometric activation

High energy



“The tyranny of tin”

- *Advancements: major paradigmatic shift in synthetic design and planning*
- *Continuity: mild methods allowing general access to the key reactive, high-energy radical intermediates remained limited*

**The quest for a new strategy
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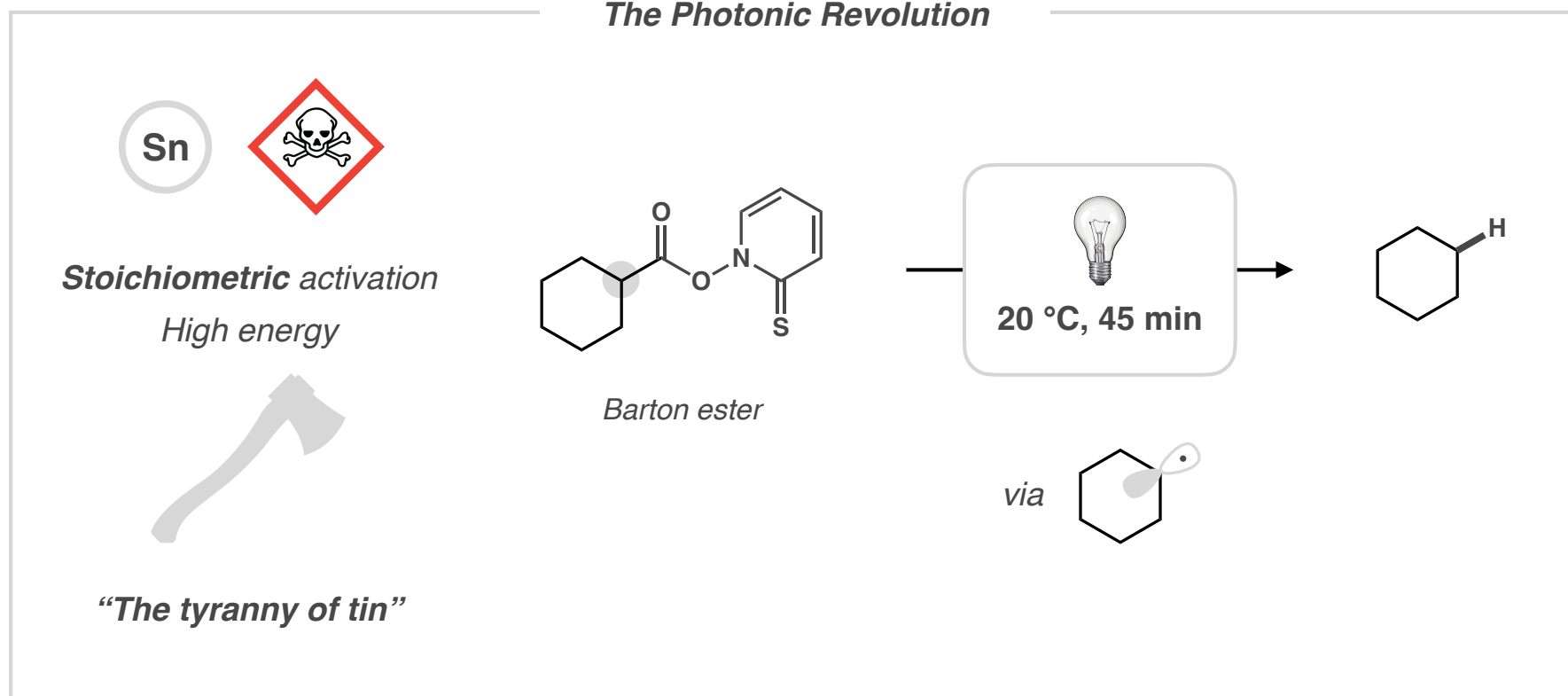
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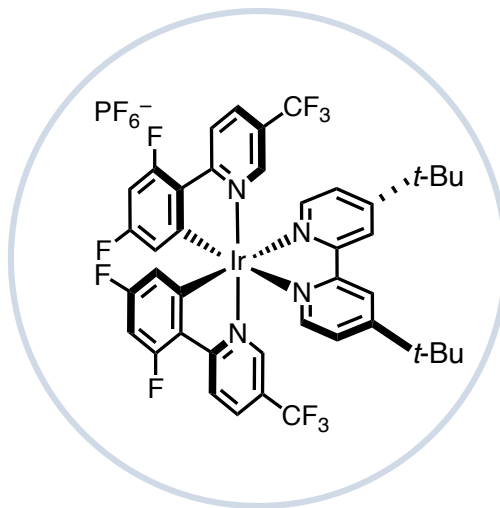
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Stoichiometric activation
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Catalytic activation
Mild, innocuous



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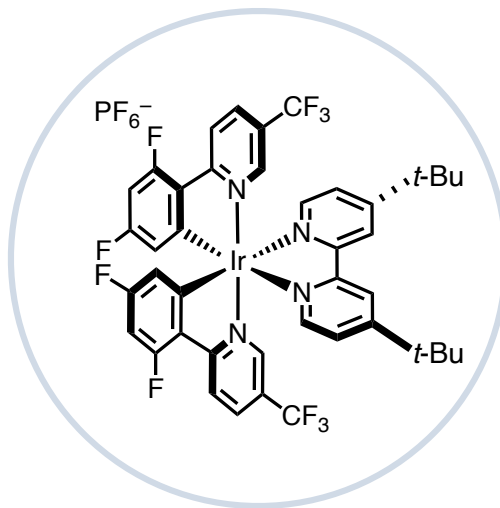
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**Photoredox
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oxidation
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**Visible light
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conversion of
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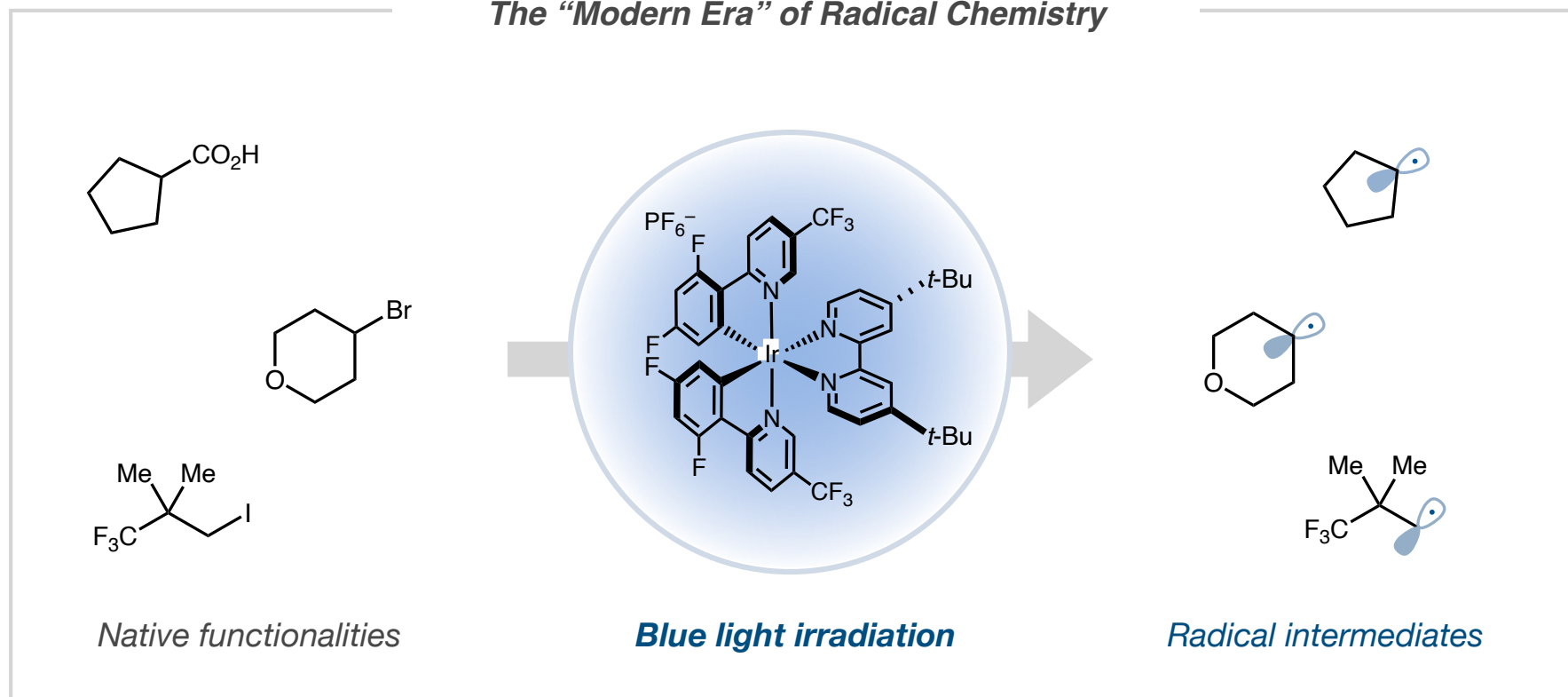
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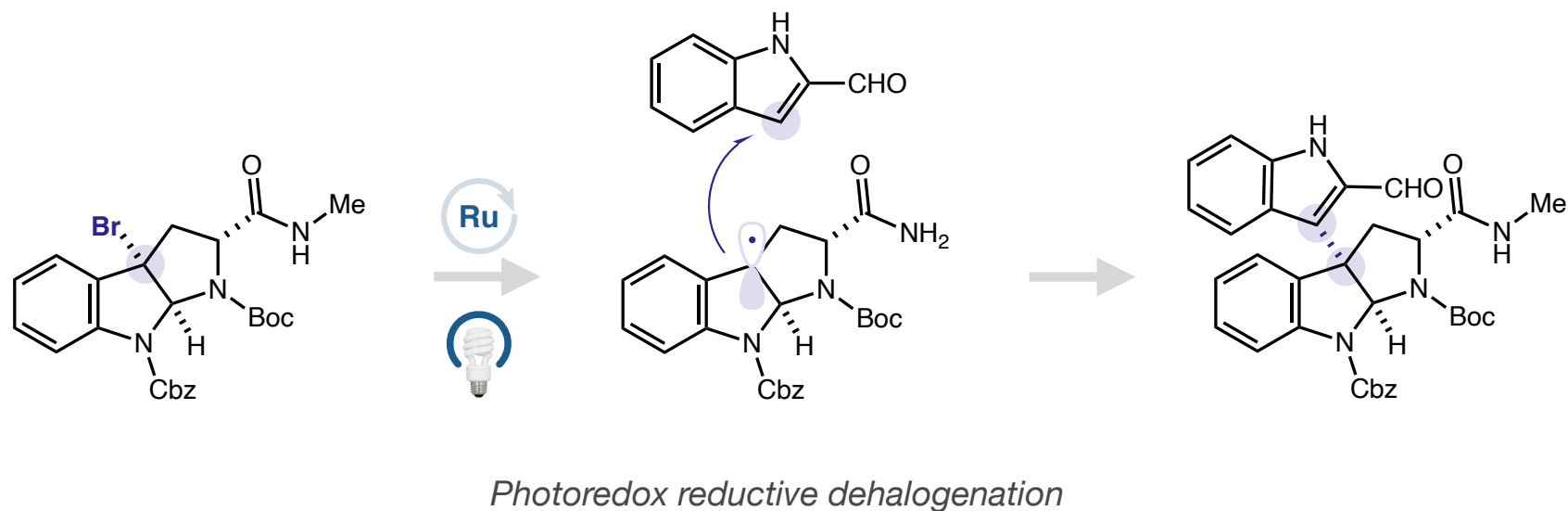
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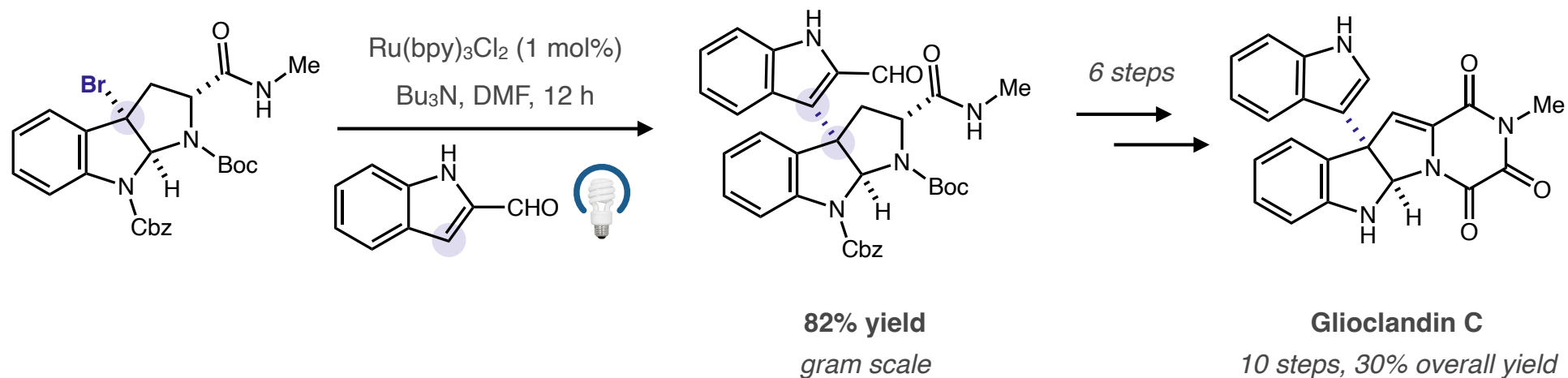
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Radical Cyclizations in Total Synthesis via Photoredox



Radical Cyclizations in Total Synthesis

Patricia Zhang →

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“

*So what is “radical” now?...No **photoredox radical cyclization in total synthesis** yet.*

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—Patricia Zhang, *Timeless Methods for Radical Cyclizations in Total Synthesis*, September 25, 2013

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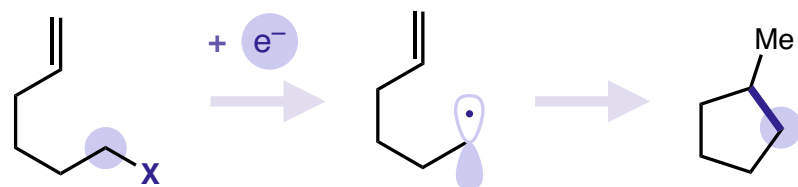
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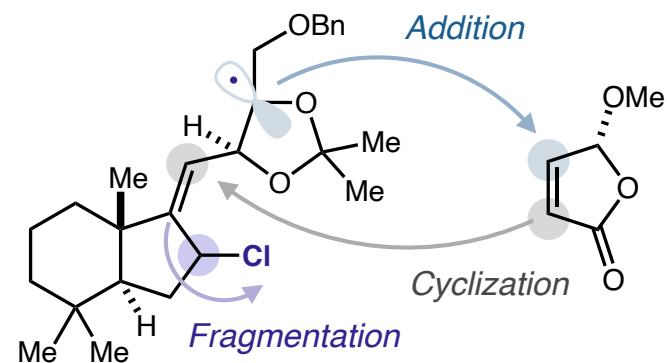


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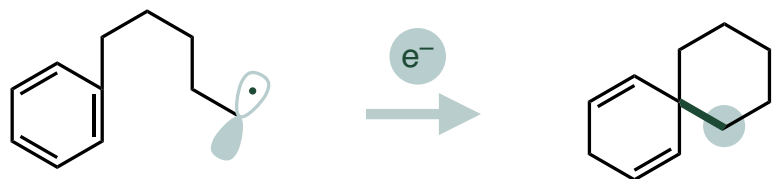
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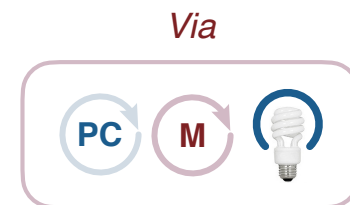
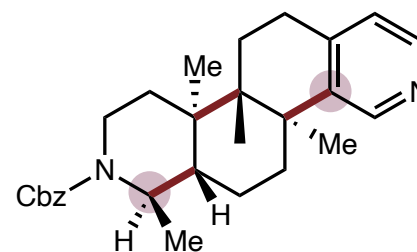
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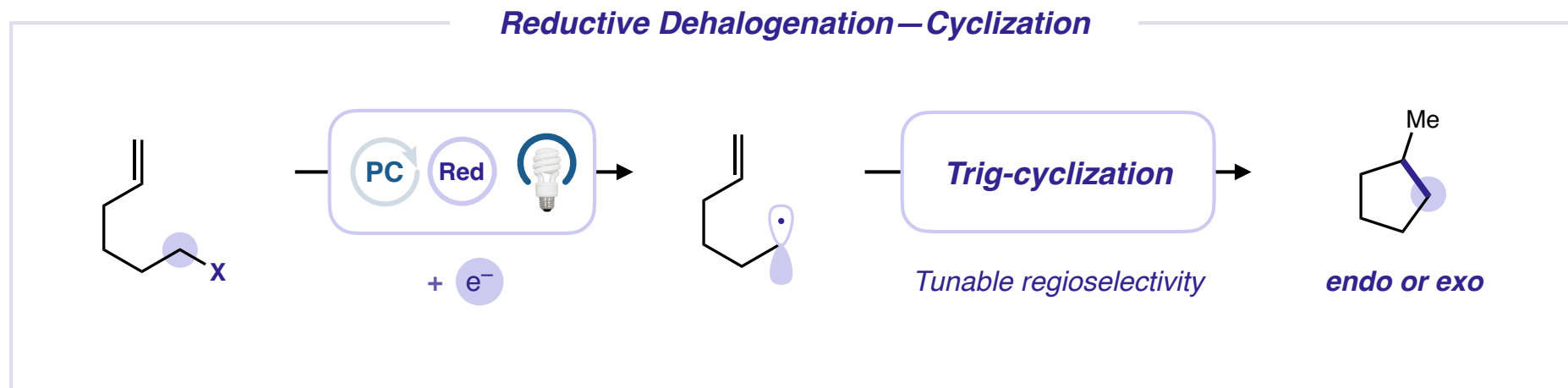
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Concluding Remarks & Outlook



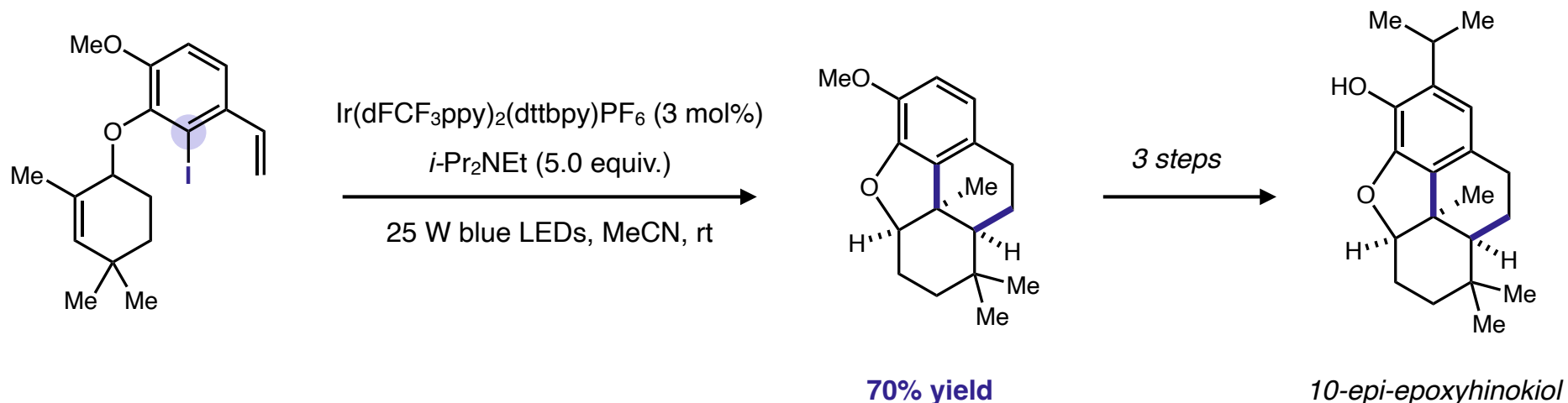
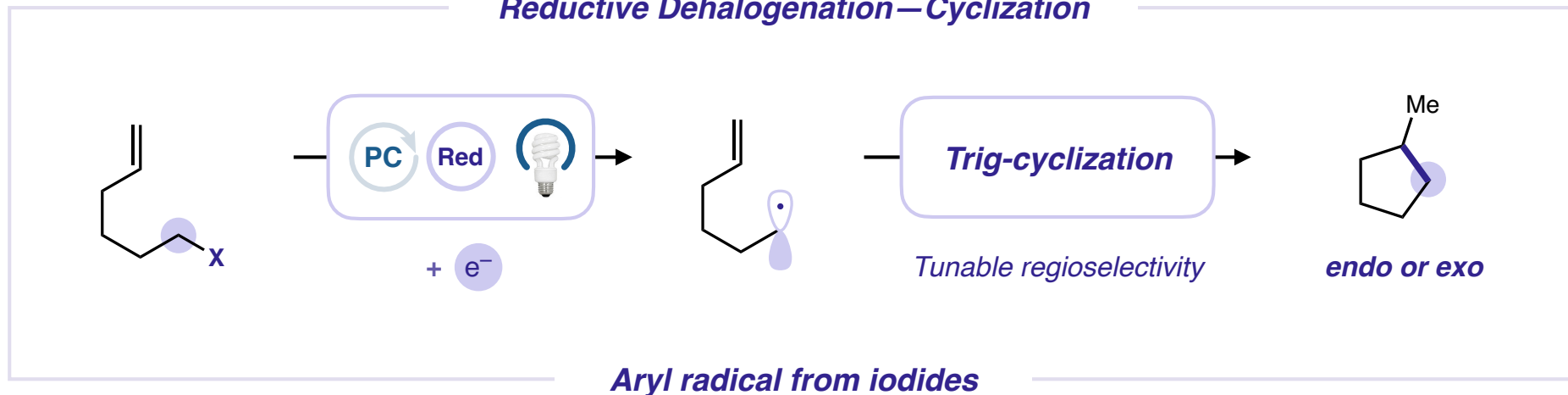
Radical Cyclizations via Photoredox Reductive Dehalogenation



- Reliable and most **common** mode of radical generation in **cyclization cascades**
- **Tertiary amines** as sacrificial **reductants**
- Homolysis of **aryl iodides**, **vinyl iodides**, and **activated alkyl iodides + bromides**
- Can be interfaced with other radical processes (**e.g.**, **1,5-HAT**)

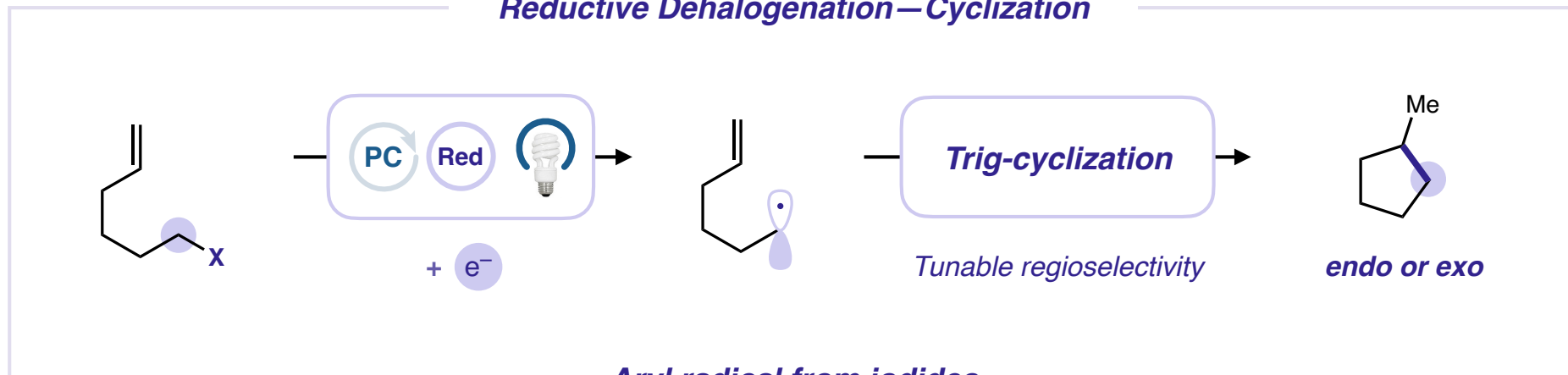
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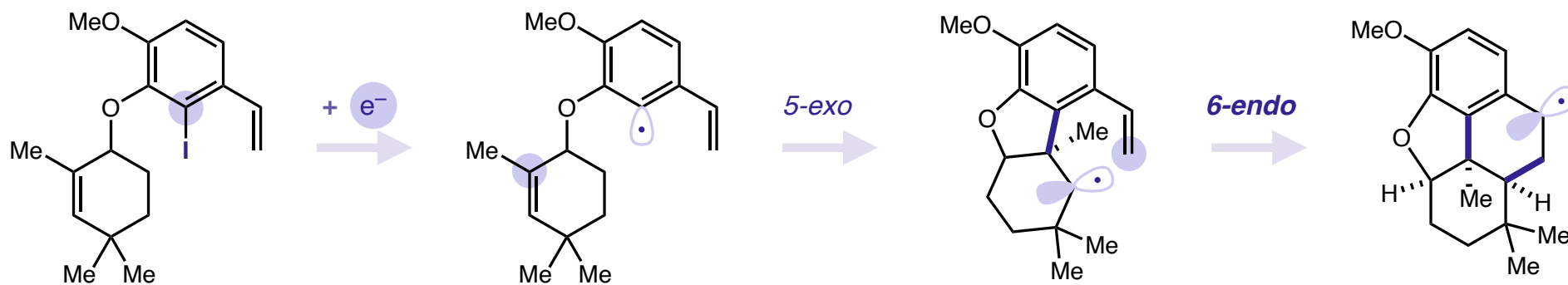


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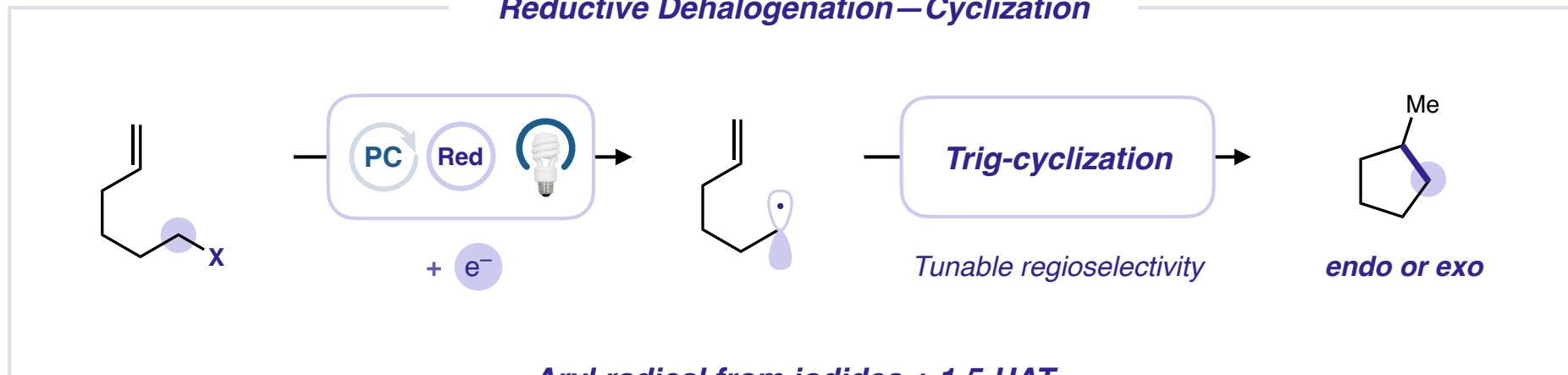
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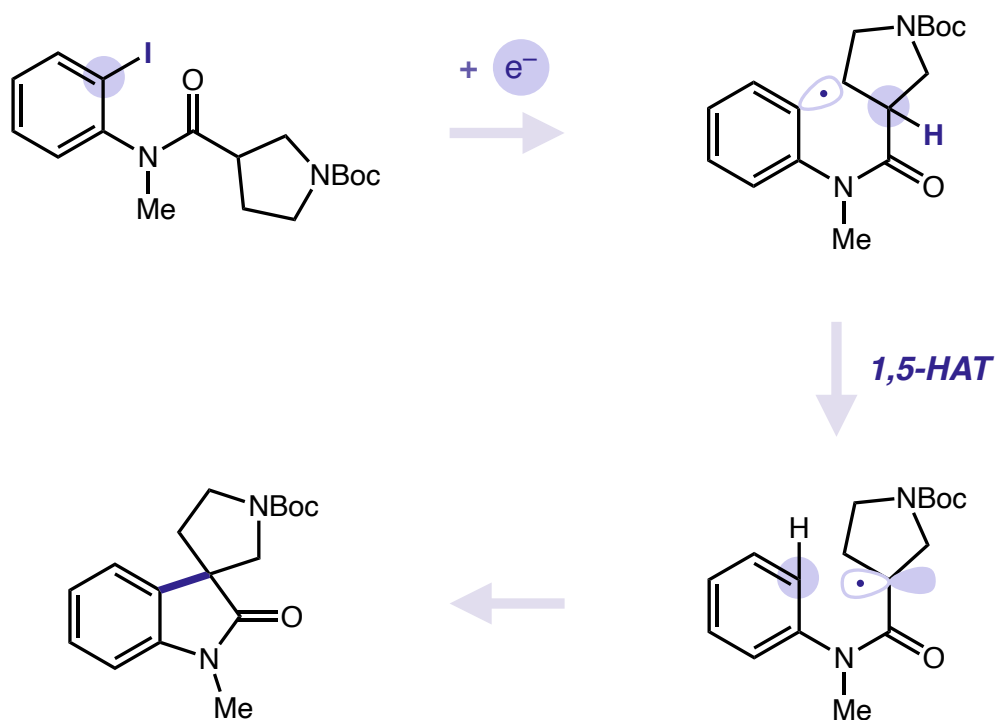
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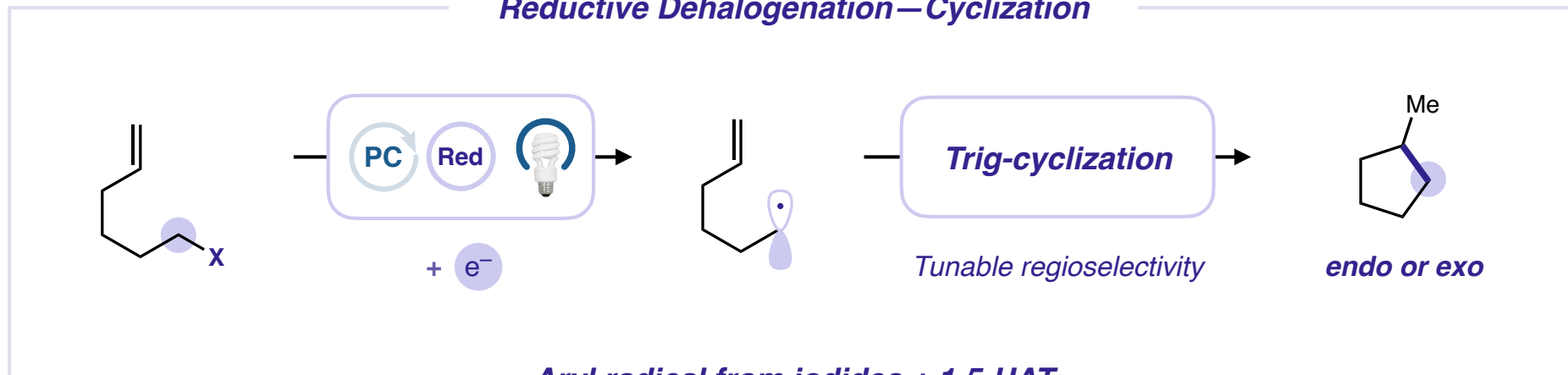


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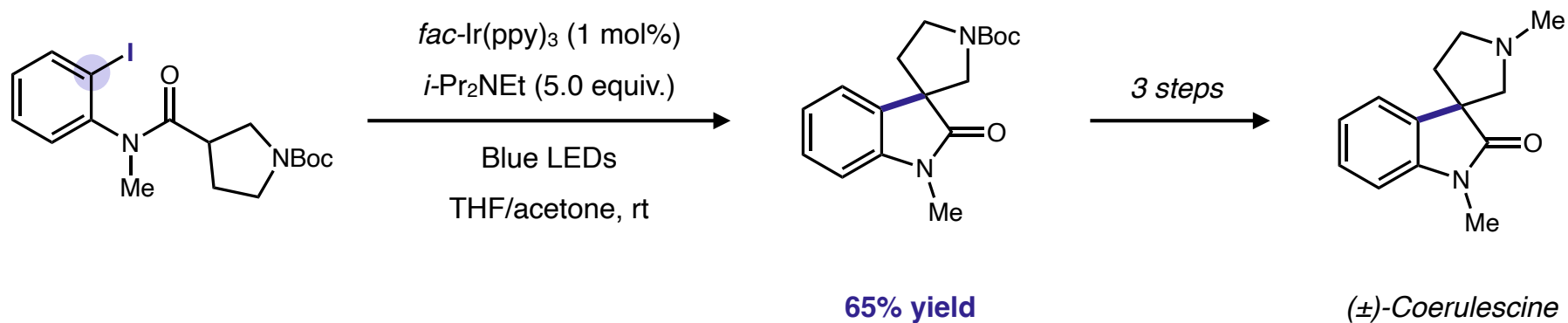


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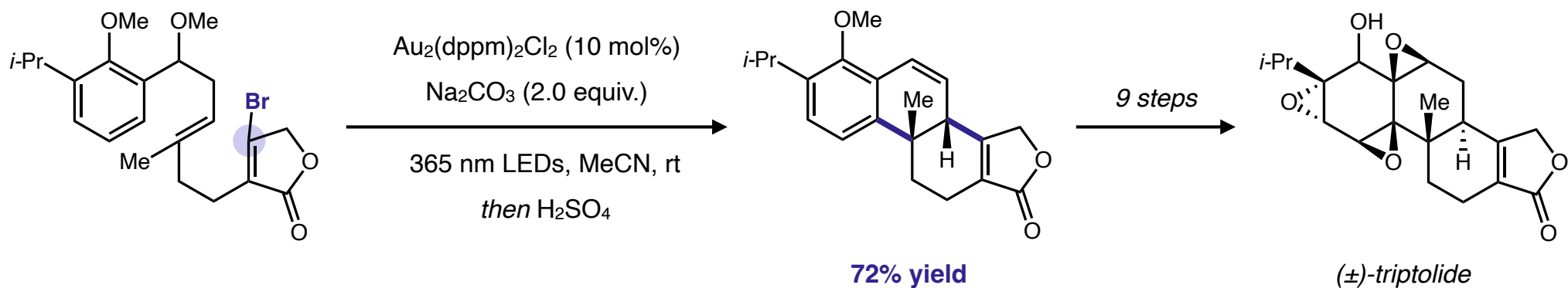
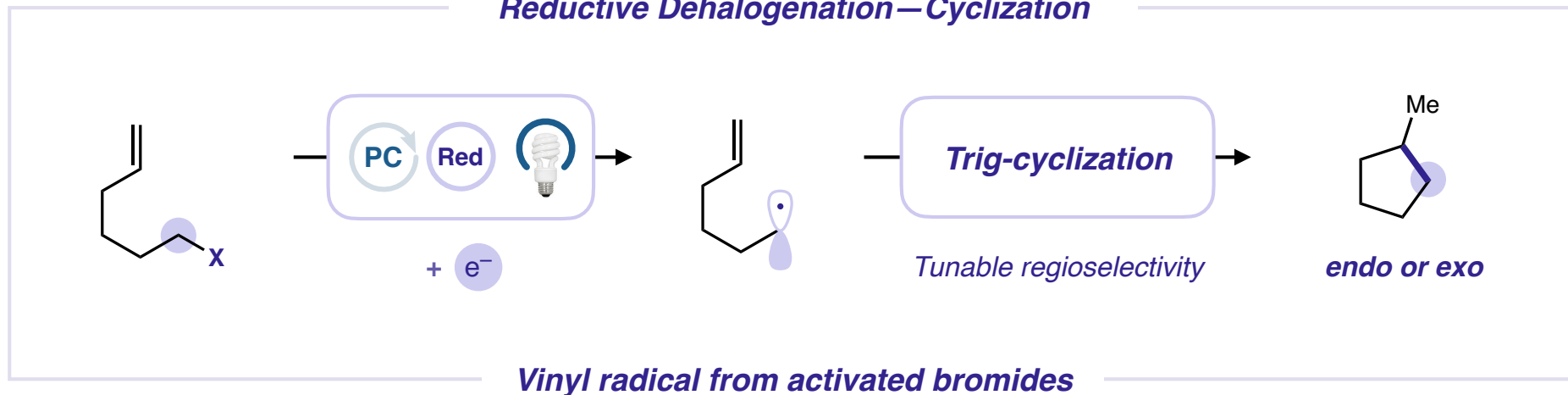


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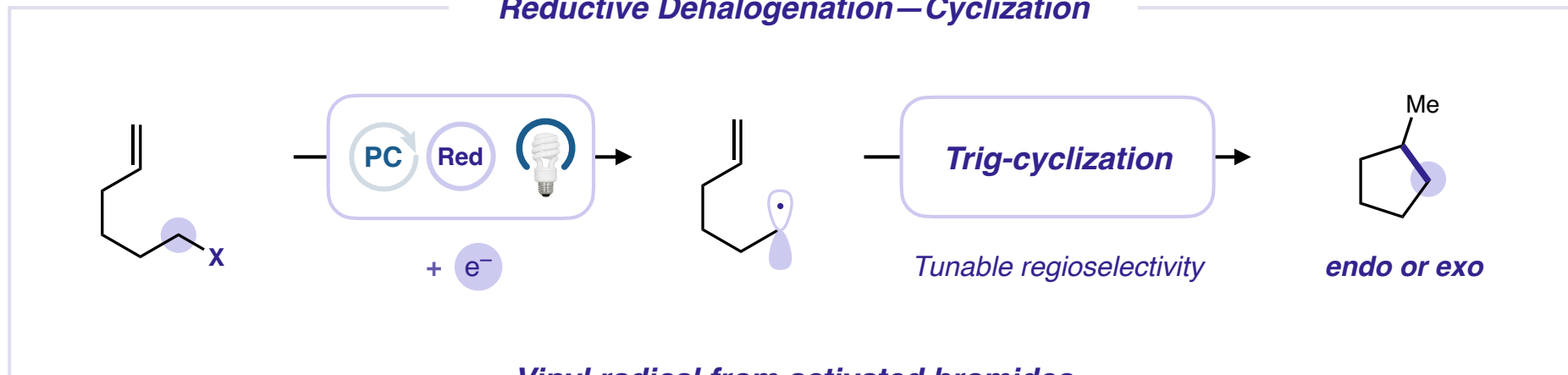
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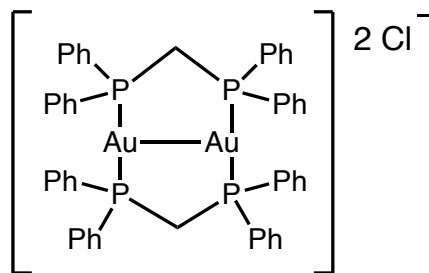


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Vinyl radical from activated bromides



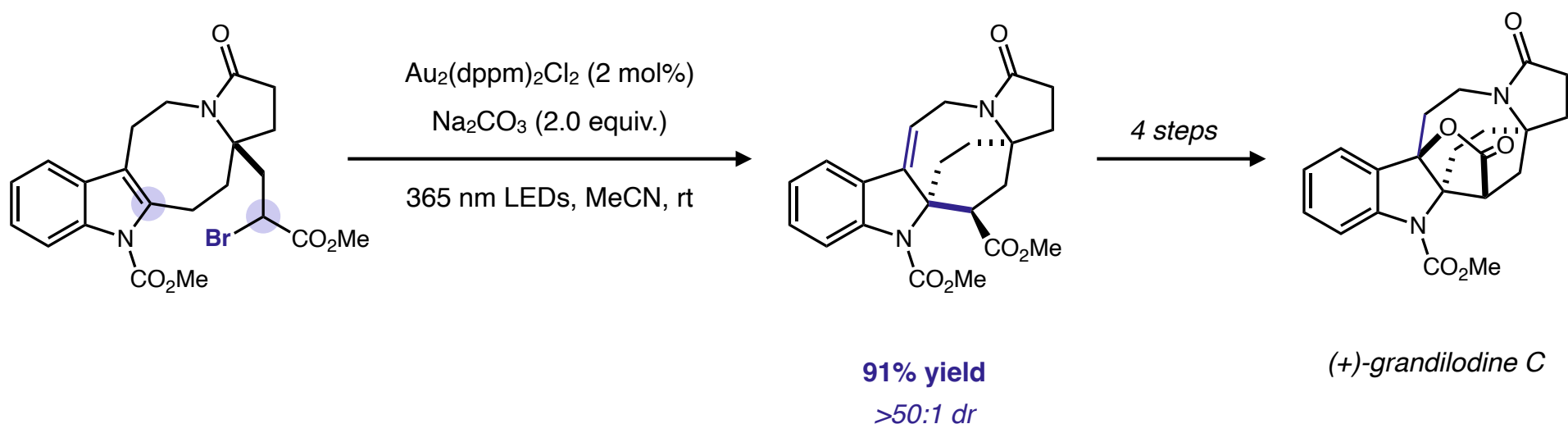
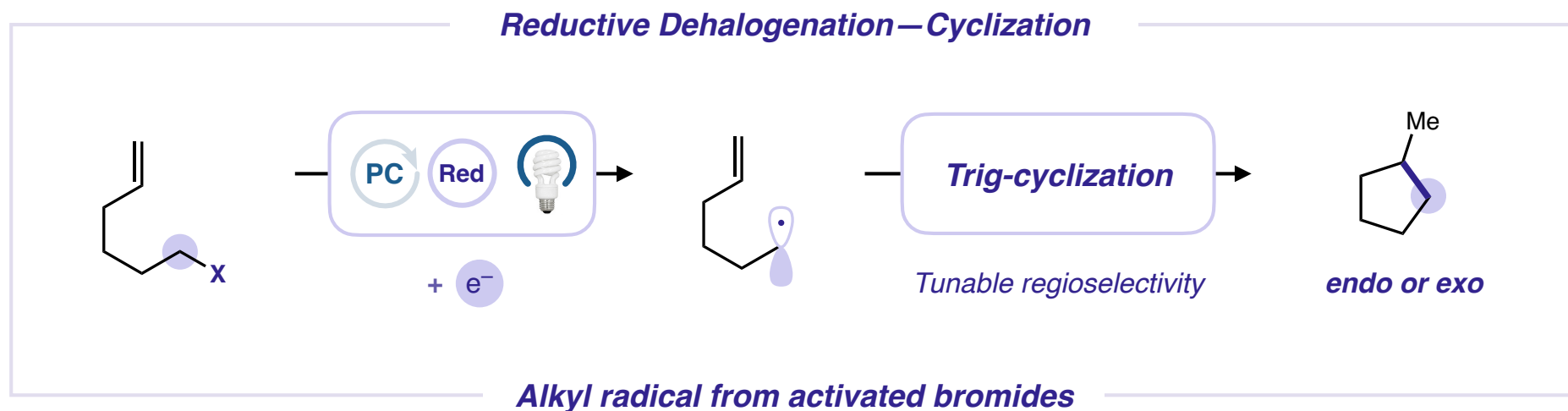
$\text{Au}_2(\text{dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$

- Absorbs UVA very strongly, reaction can be run **under sunlight**
- **First C–C bond formation** reaction discovered in **1992**
- Use for dehalogenative radical **cyclization** by **Louis Barriault** in **2013**

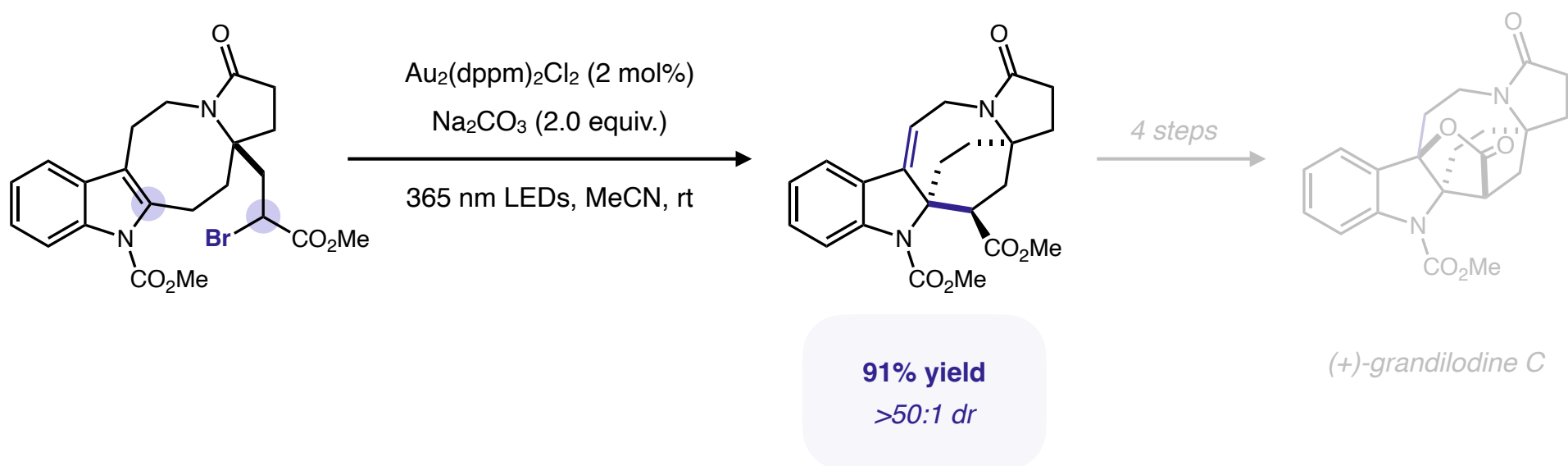
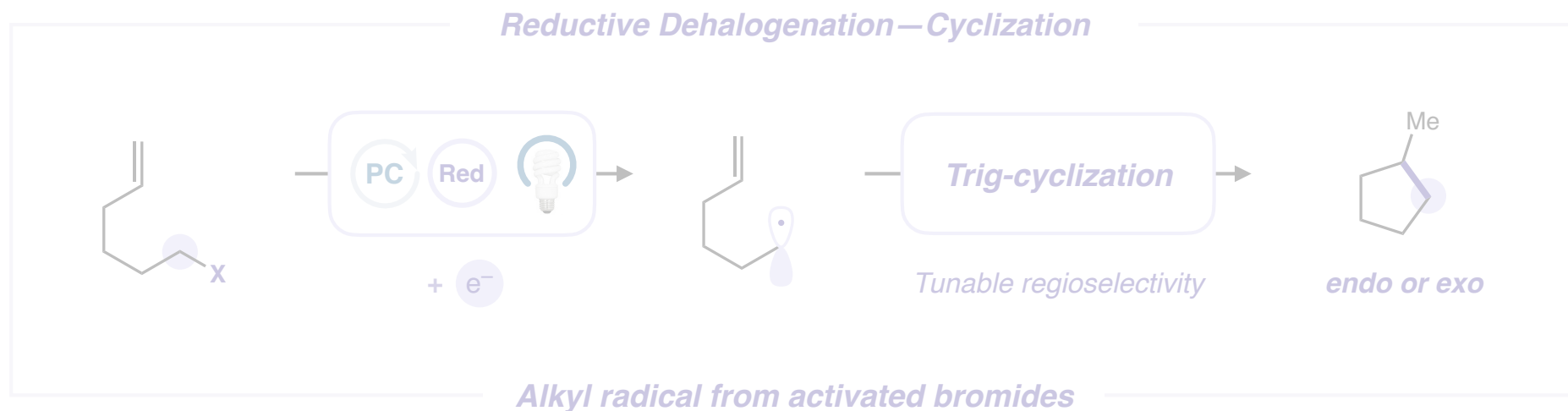
“Let the sunshine in!”

—Louis Barriault, 2013

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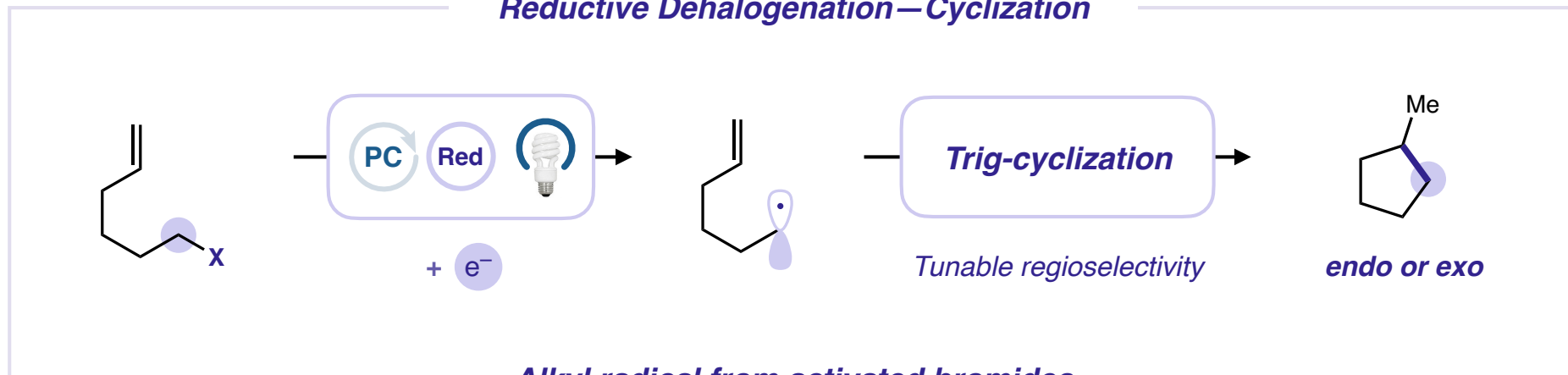


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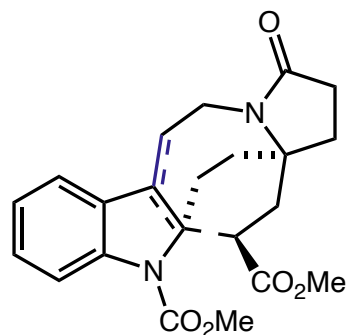


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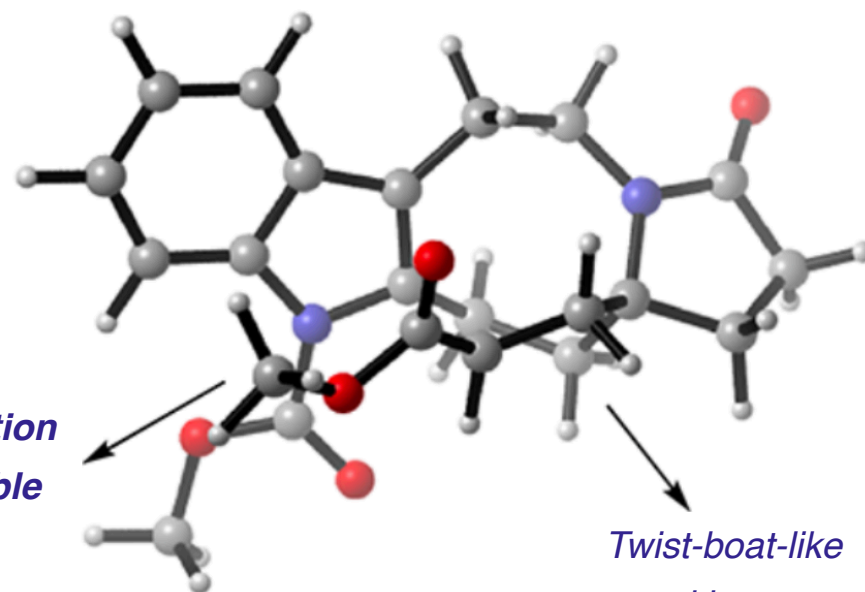
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Alkyl radical from activated bromides



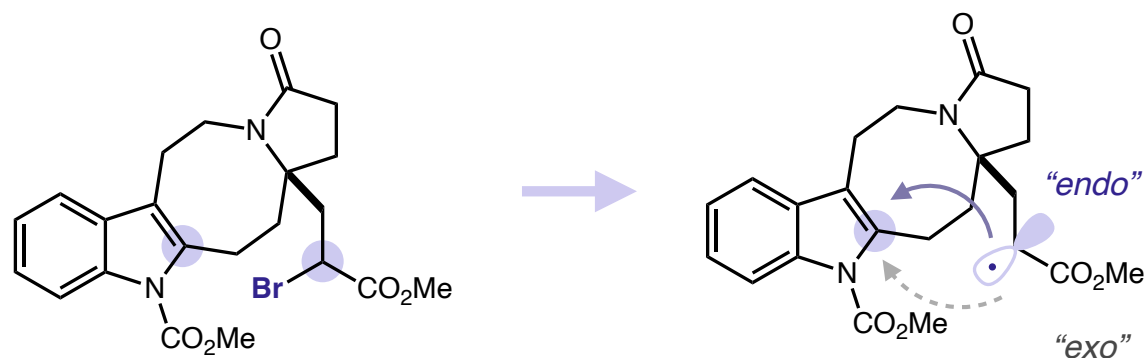
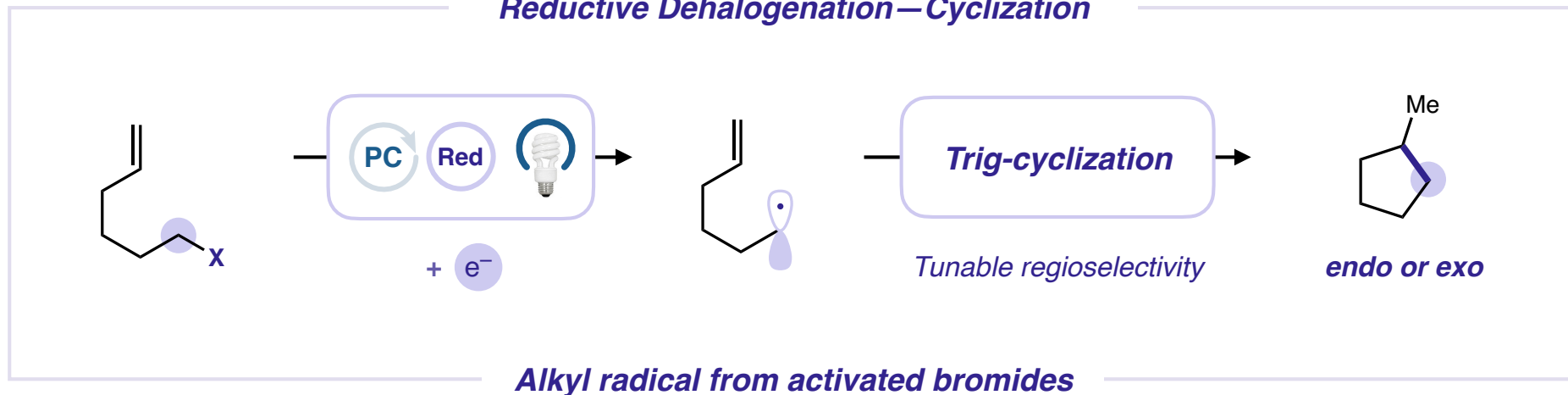
Chair-like transition state inaccessible



TS_{R1-R2a}

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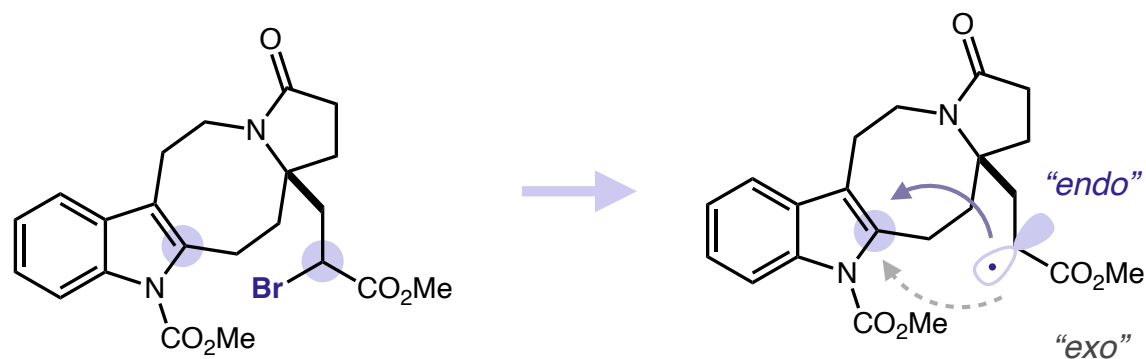
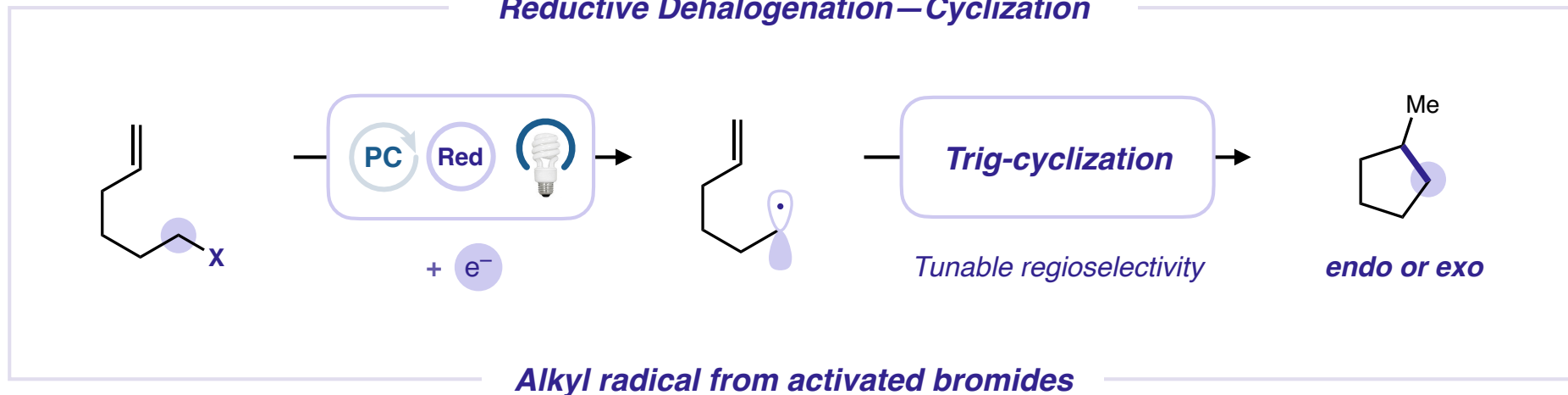
$$\Delta G^\circ (\text{endo}) = +1.7 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$\Delta G^\circ (\text{exo}) = +7.5 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Cyclization energetically uphill

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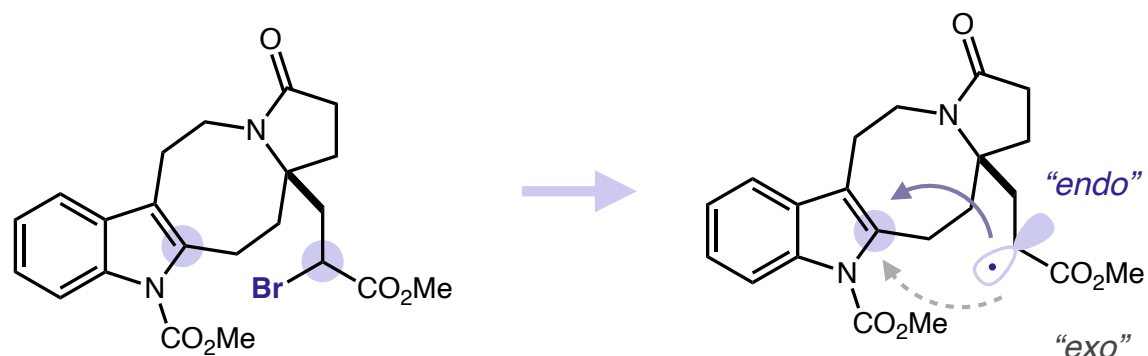
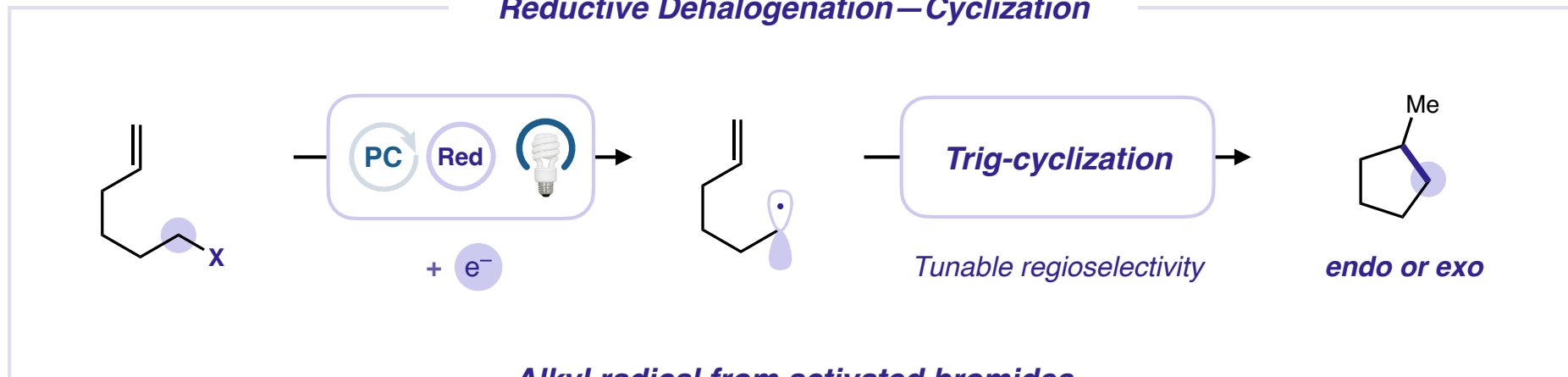
$$\Delta G^\ddagger (\text{endo}) = 20.2 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$\Delta G^\ddagger (\text{exo}) = 23.2 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Endo favoured by 3.0 kcal/mol

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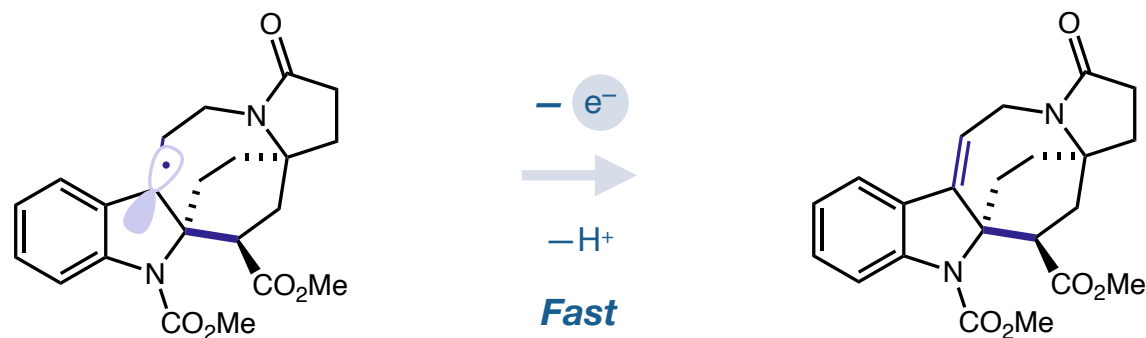
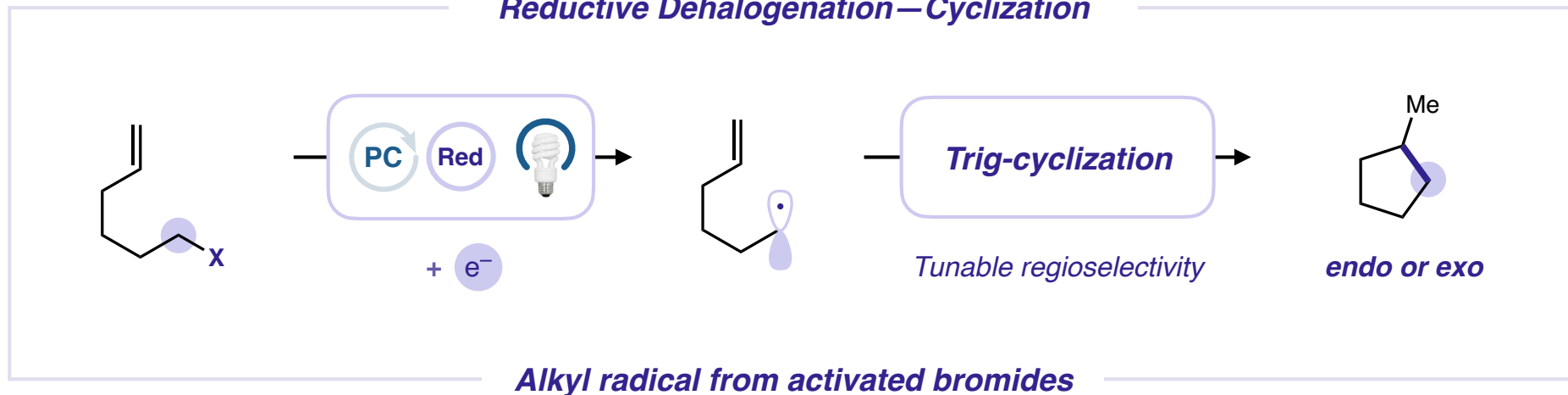


4-6 orders of magnitude
slower than...



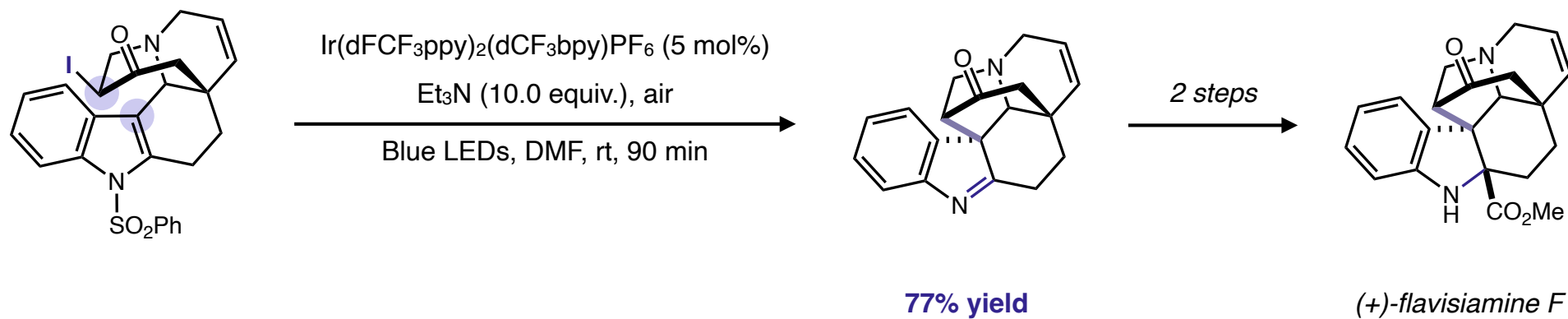
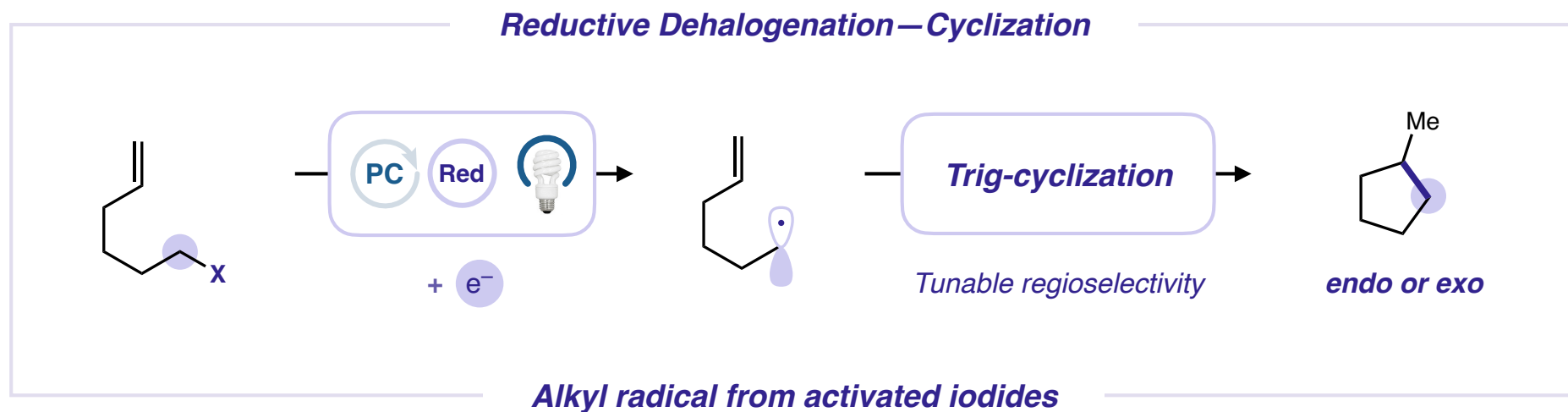
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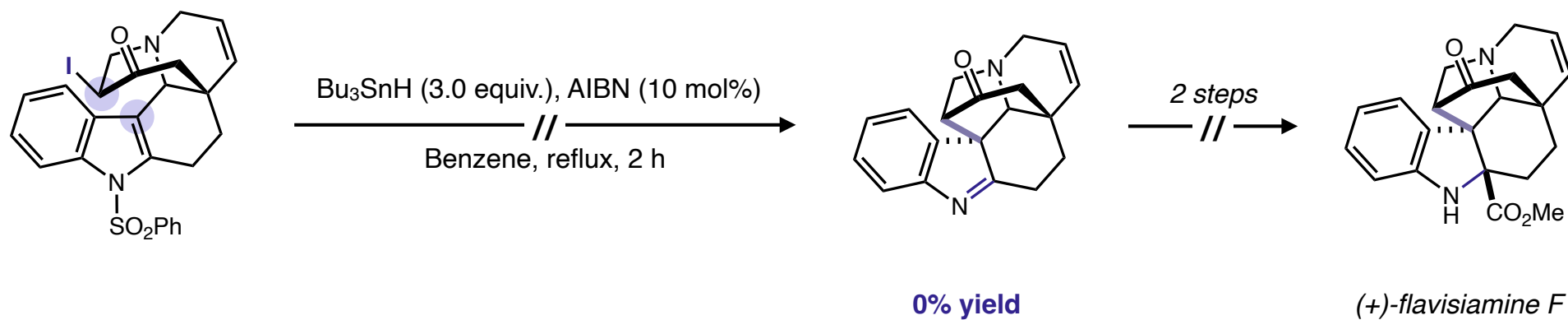
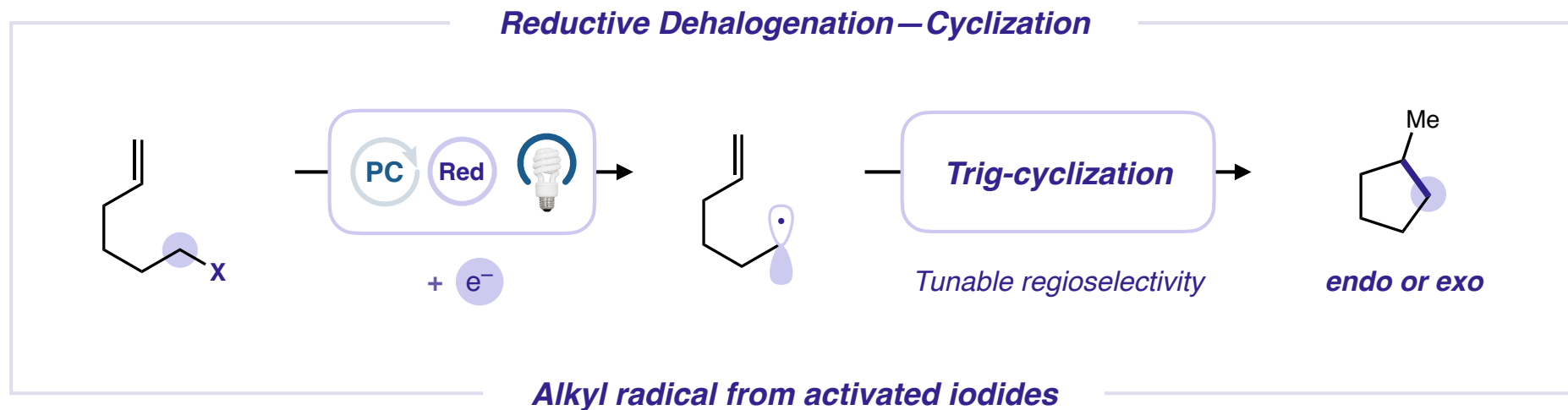


Fast oxidation serves as the major driving force

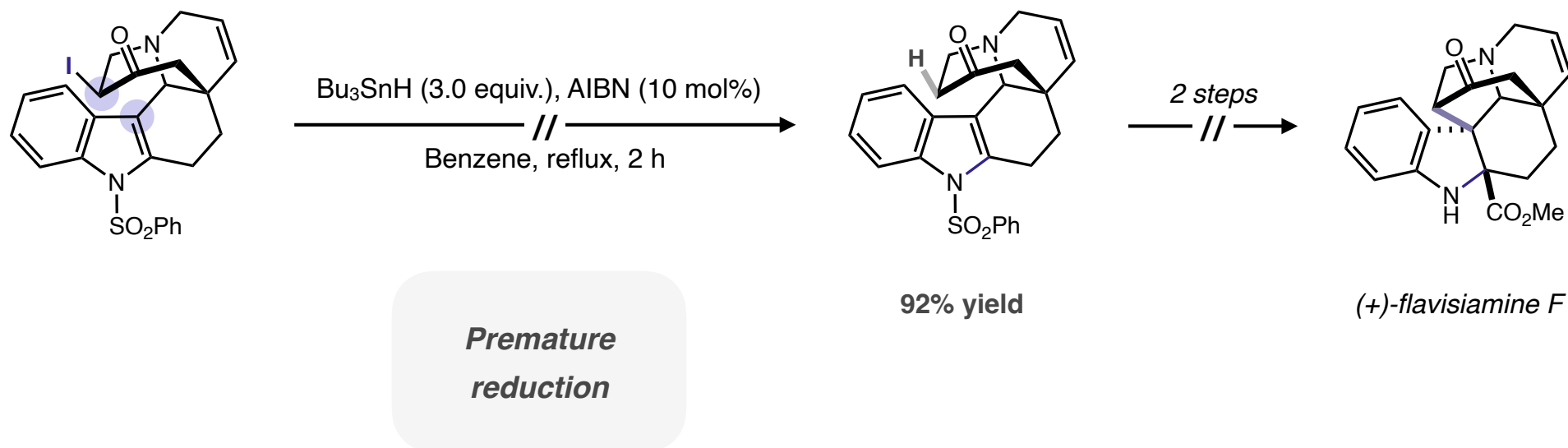
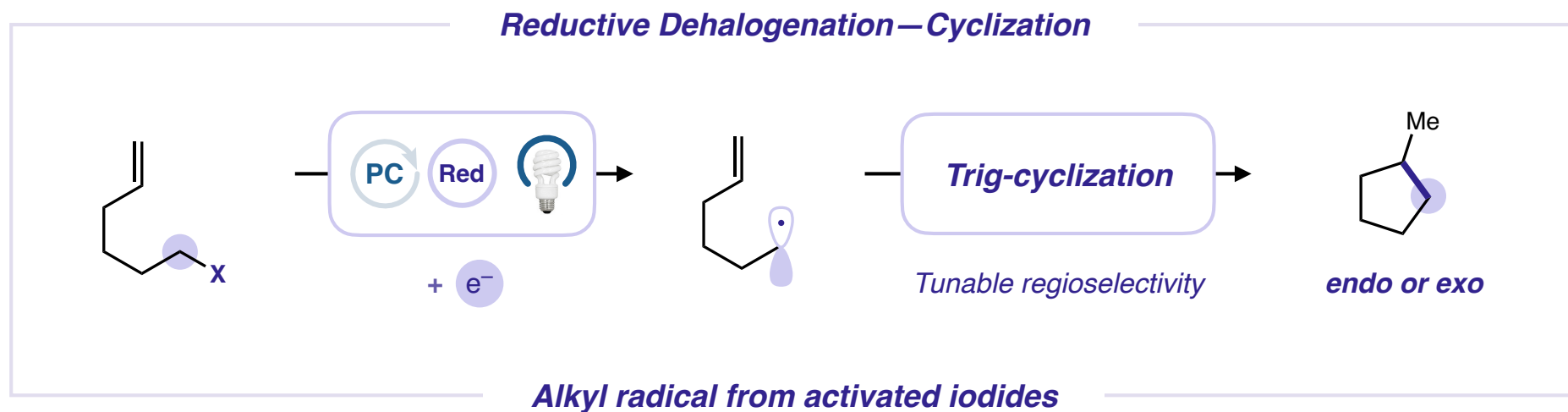
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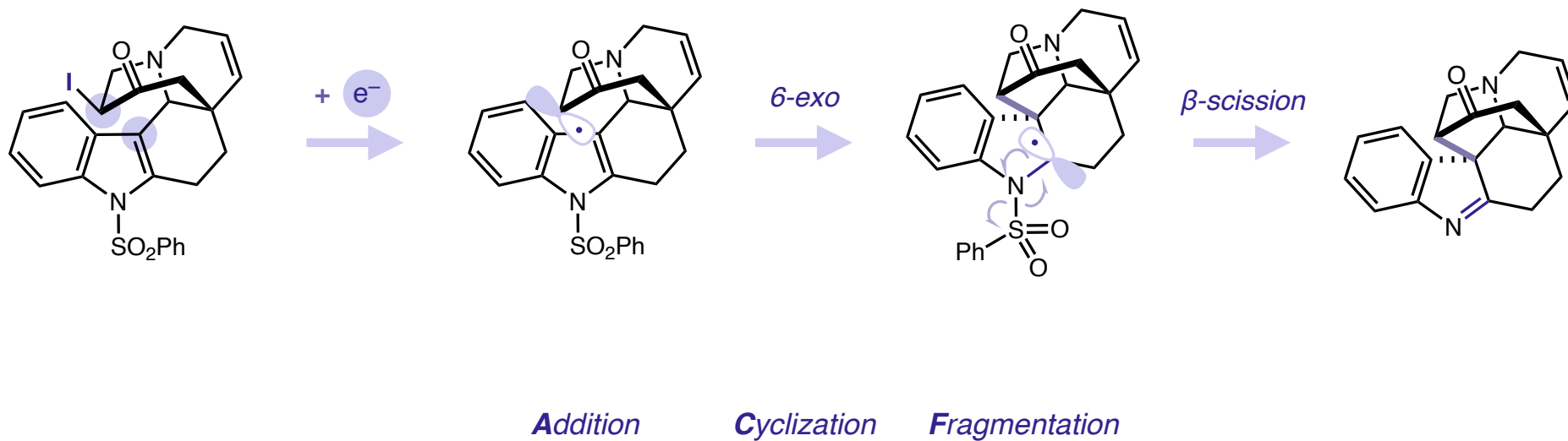
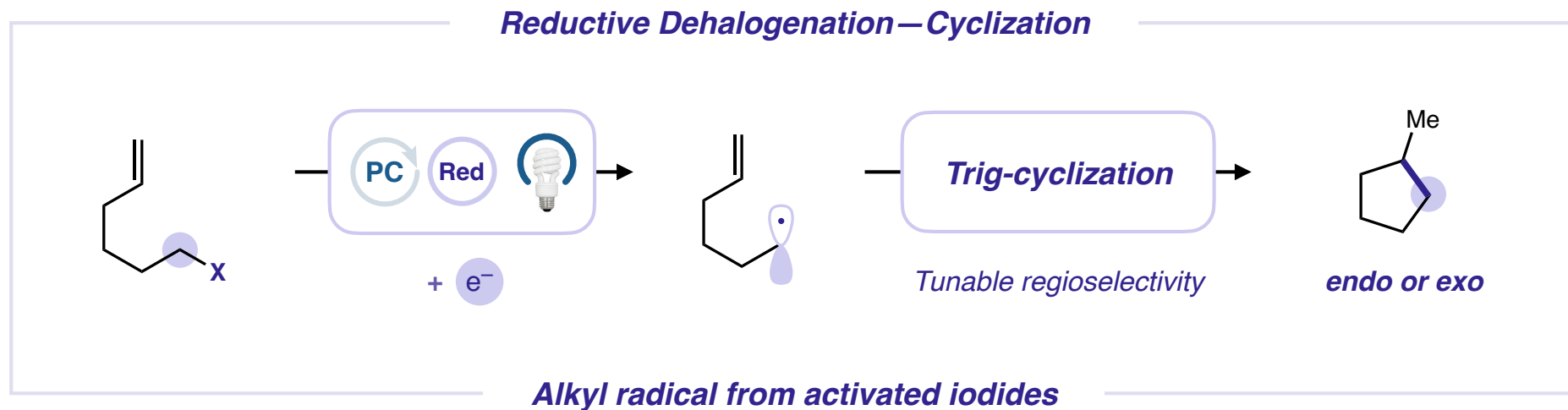
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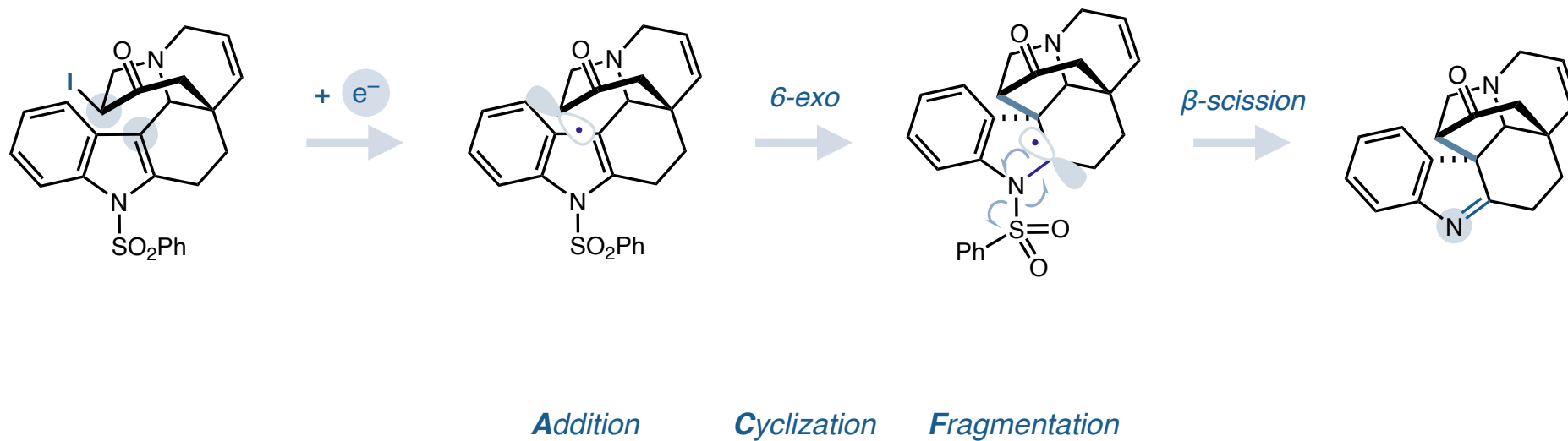
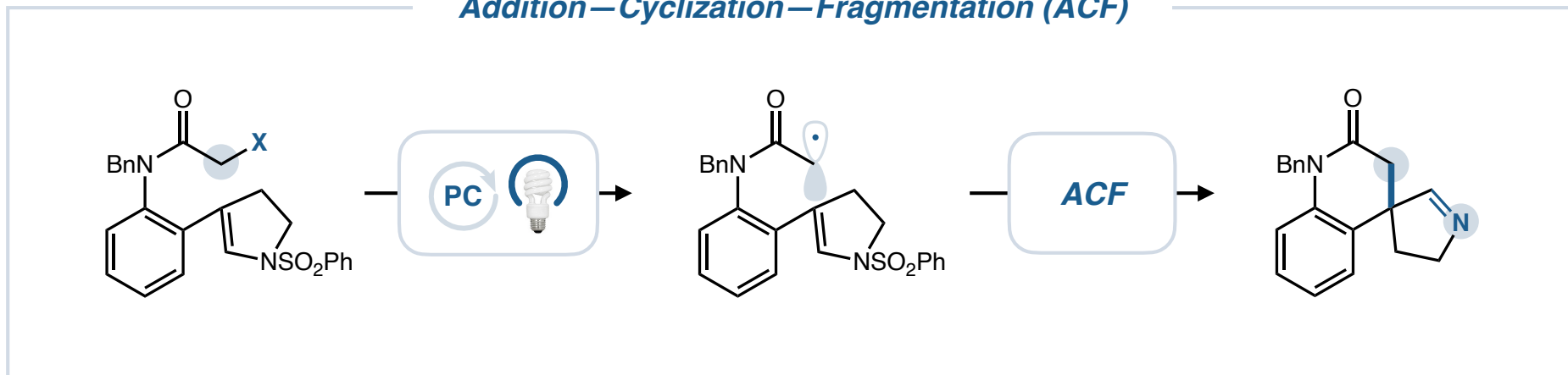


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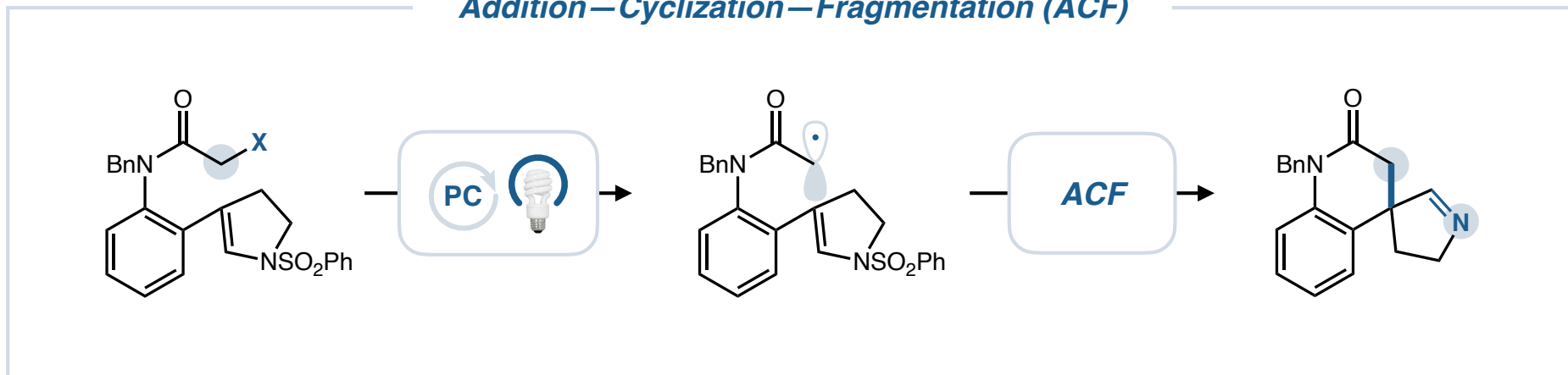
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Addition–Cyclization–Fragmentation (ACF)



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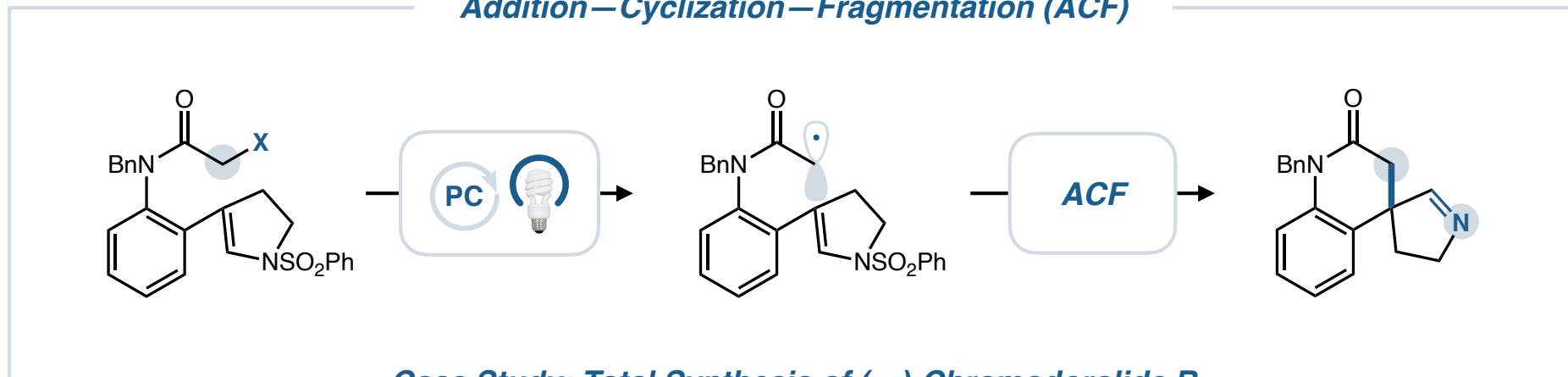
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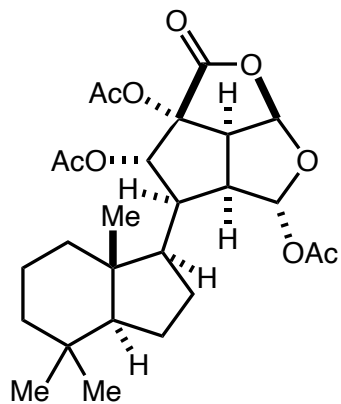
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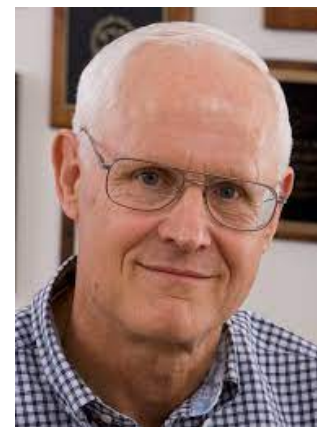
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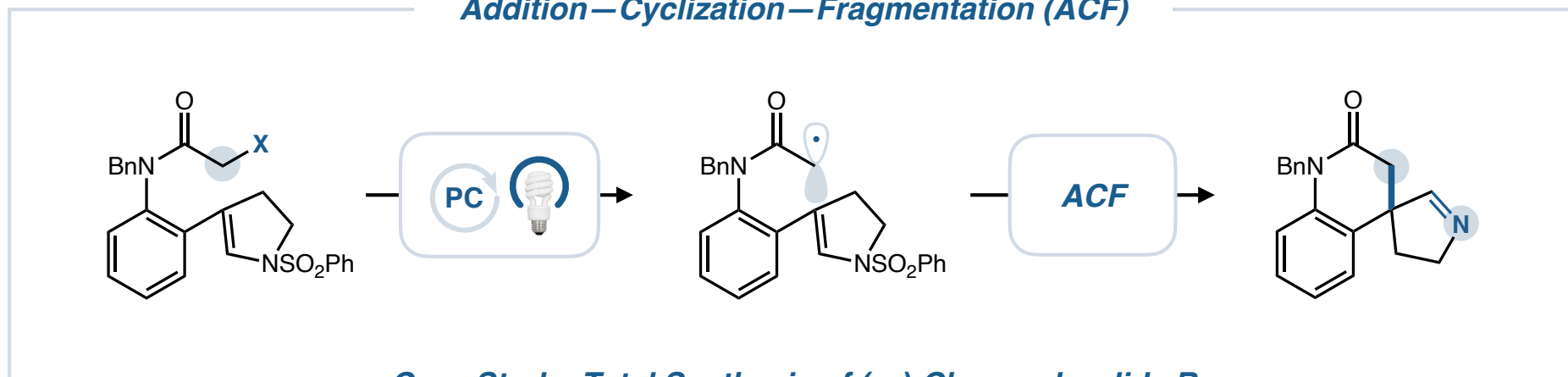
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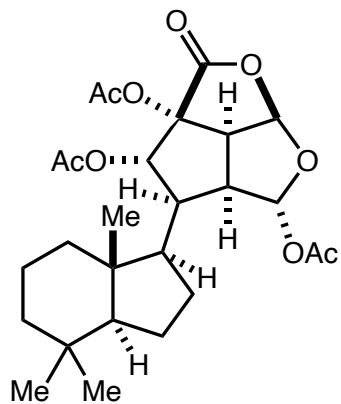
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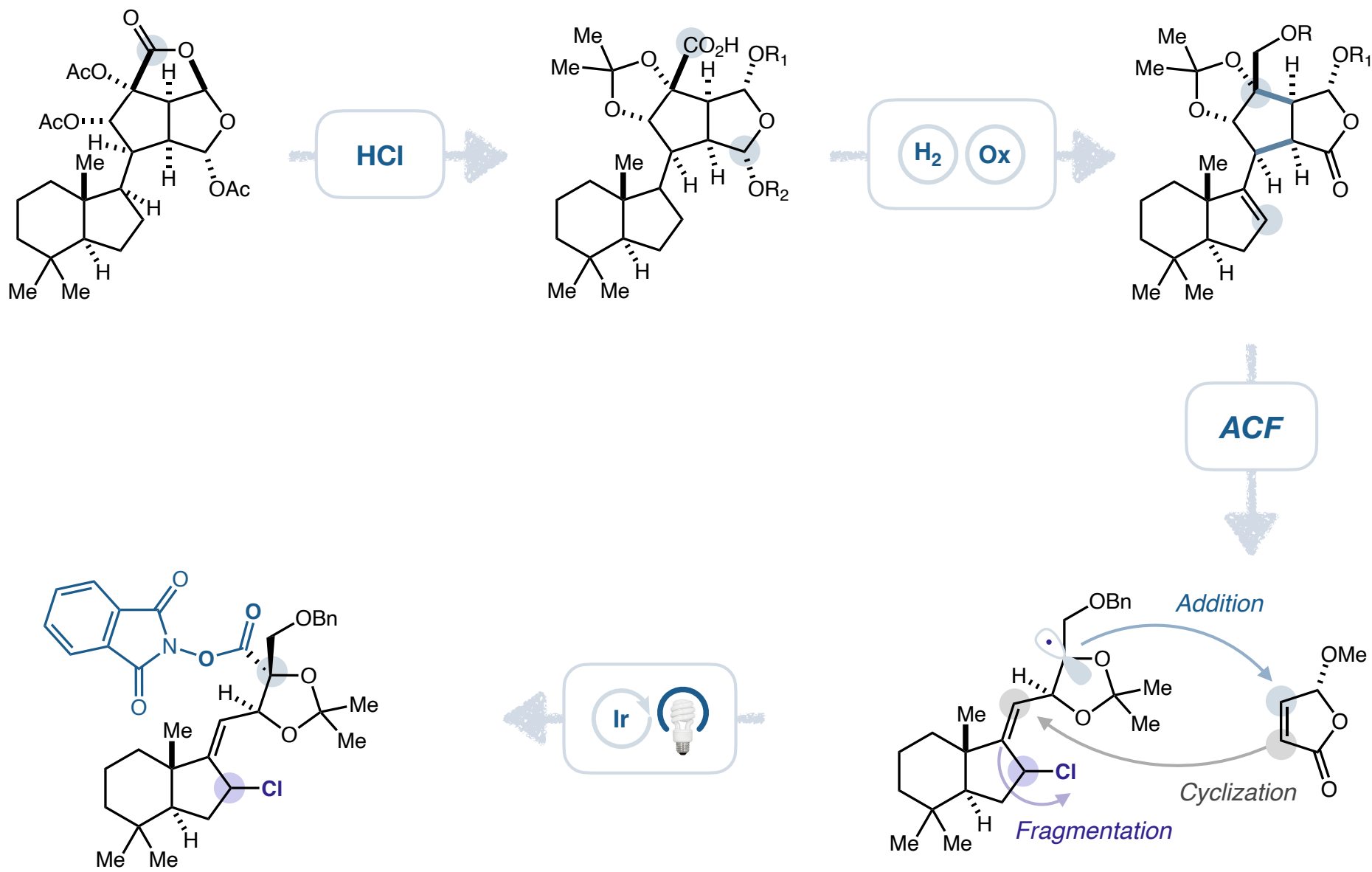


(–)-Chromodorolide B

- **Most structurally intricate** of the spongian diterpenoids; largely isolated from marine sources
- **Ten contiguous stereocentres** arrayed upon the pentacyclic ring system
- Modest *in vitro* **anti-tumour, nematocidal, and antimicrobial** activities

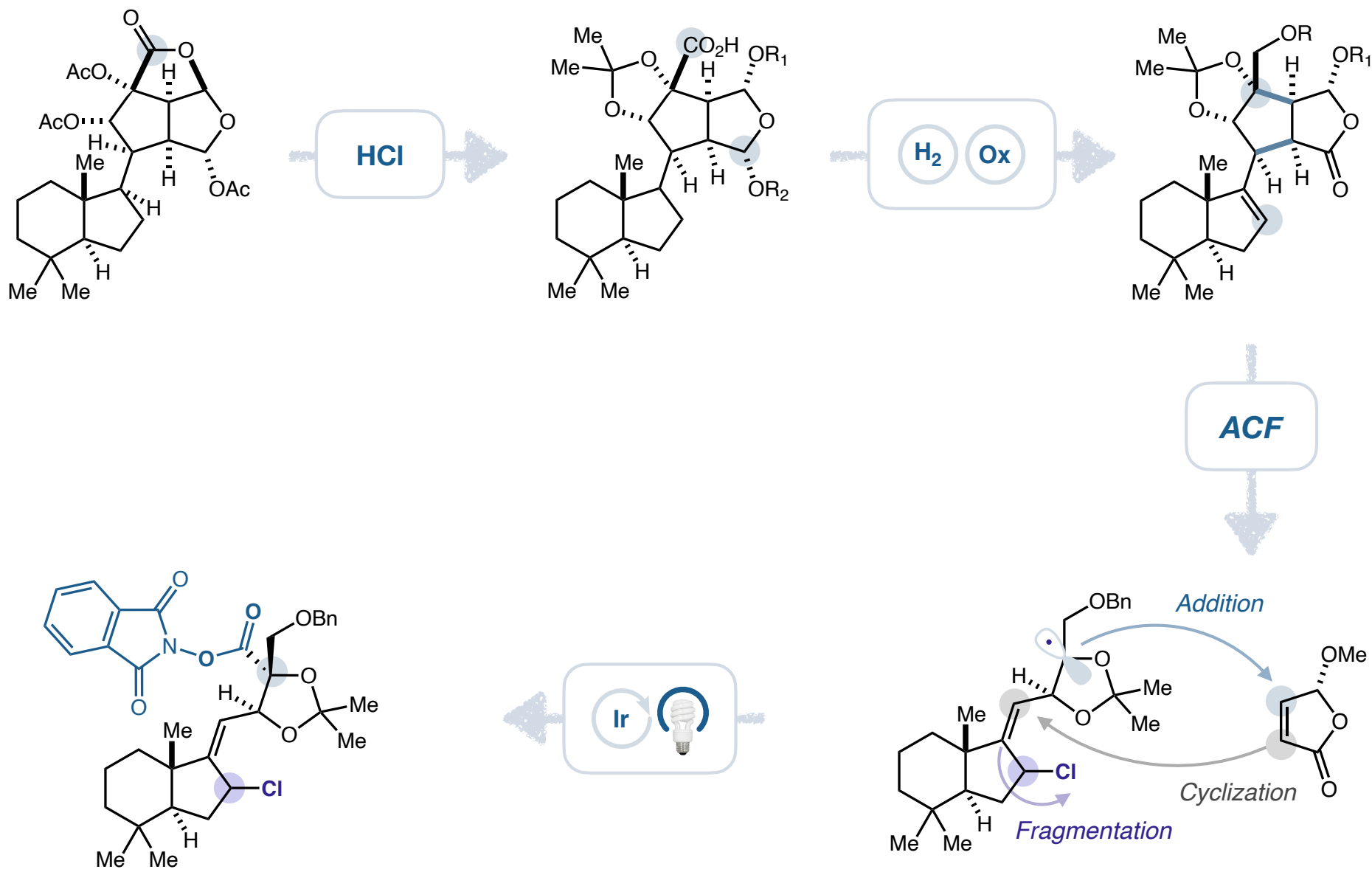
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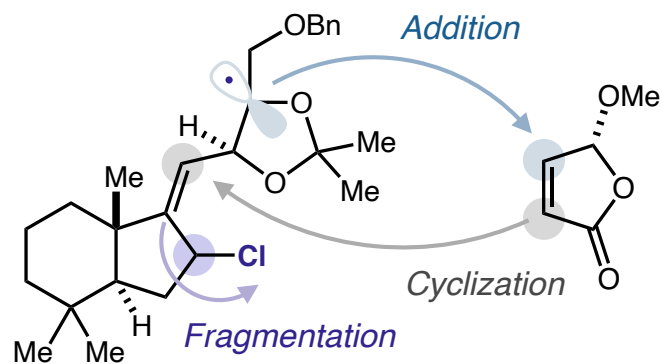
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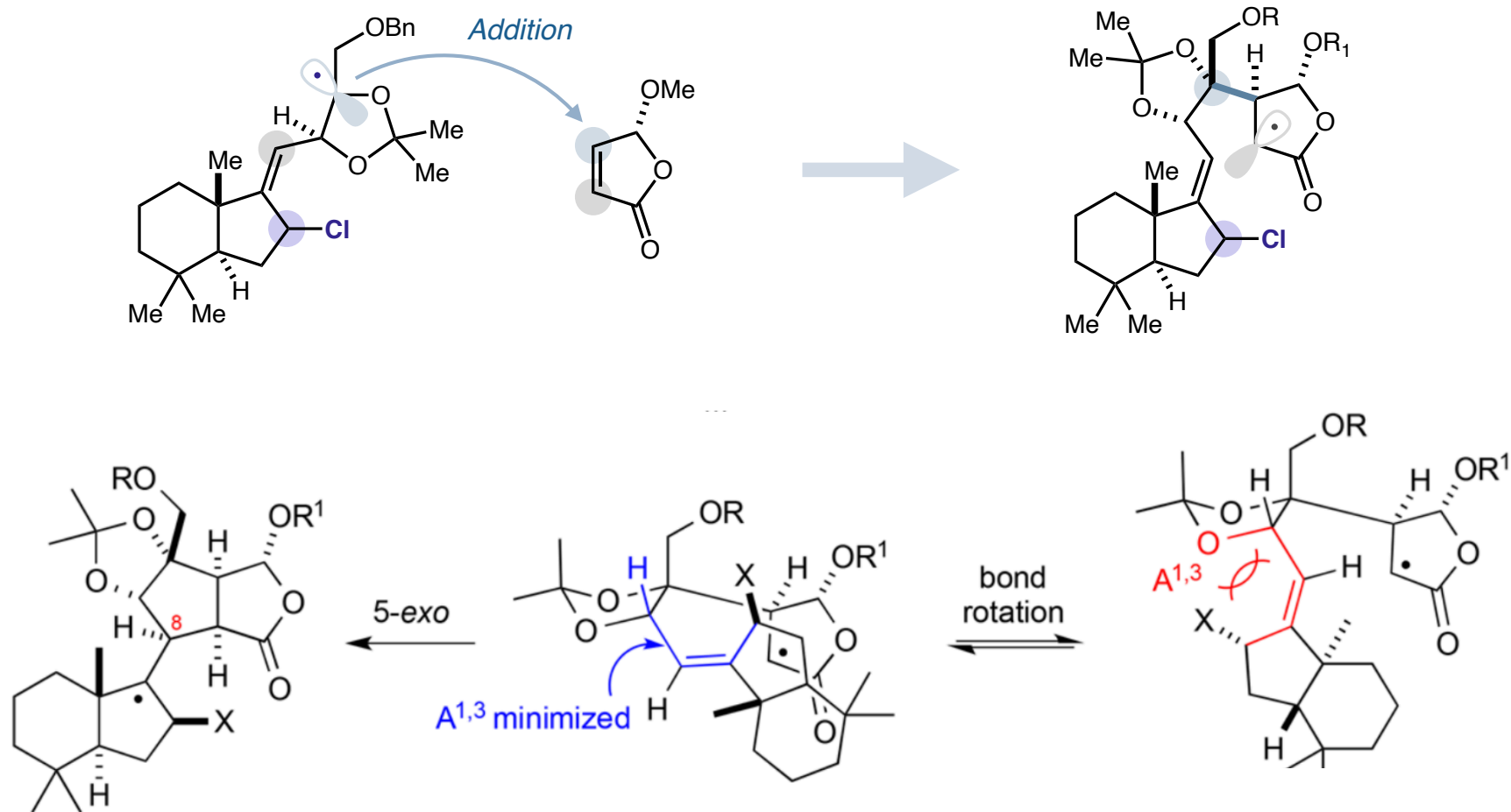
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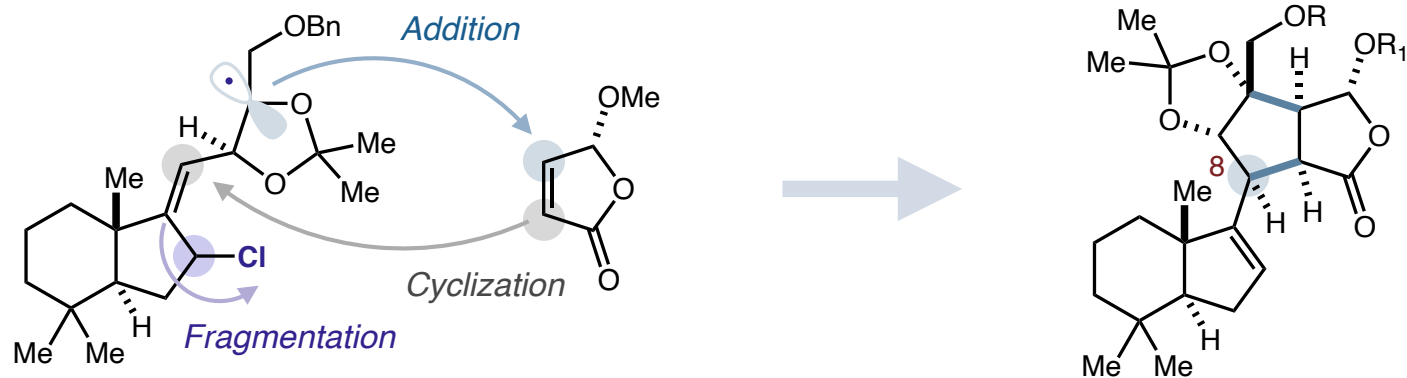
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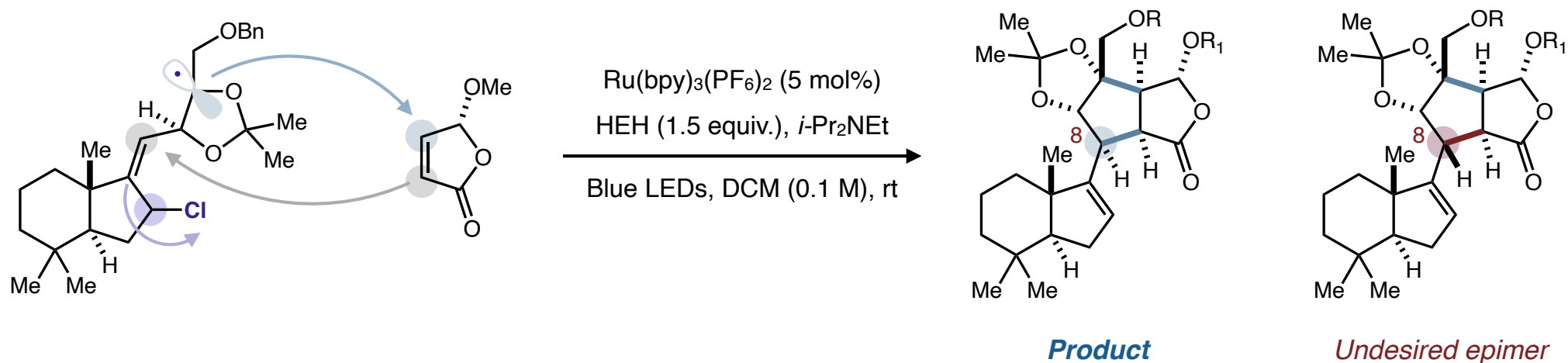
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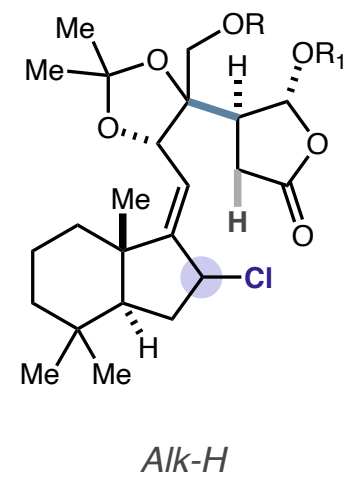


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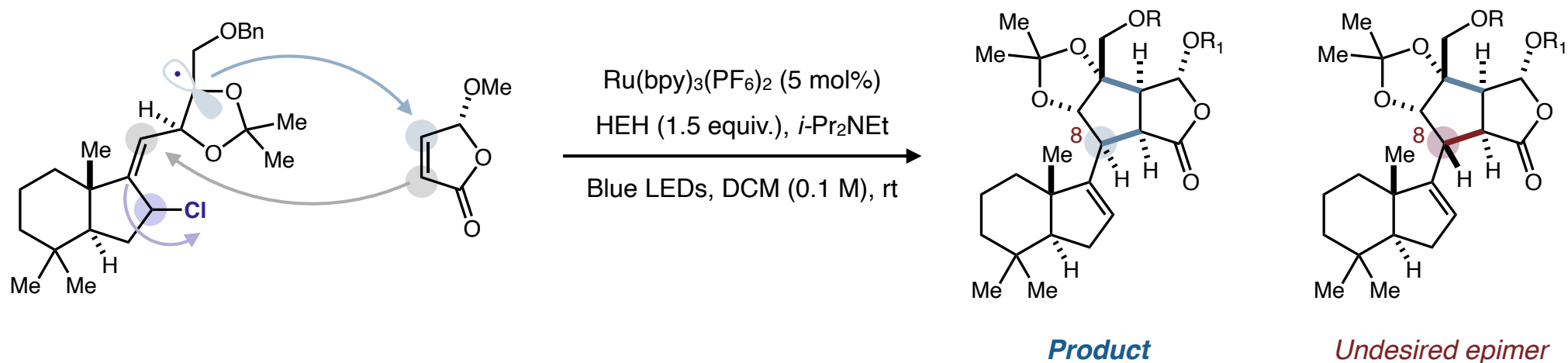


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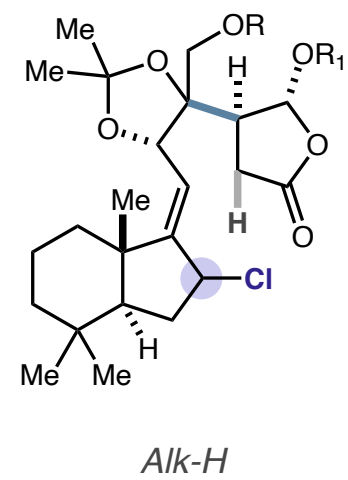


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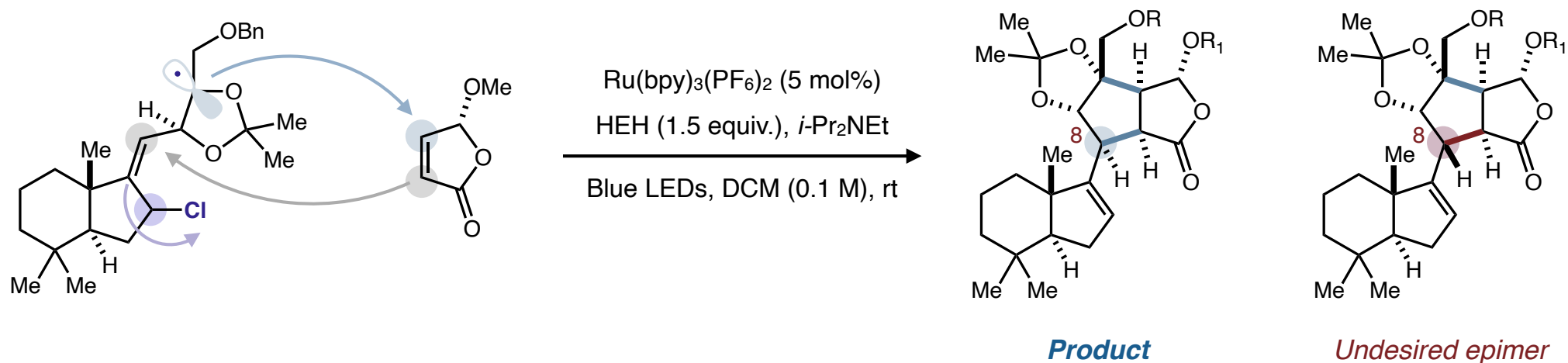


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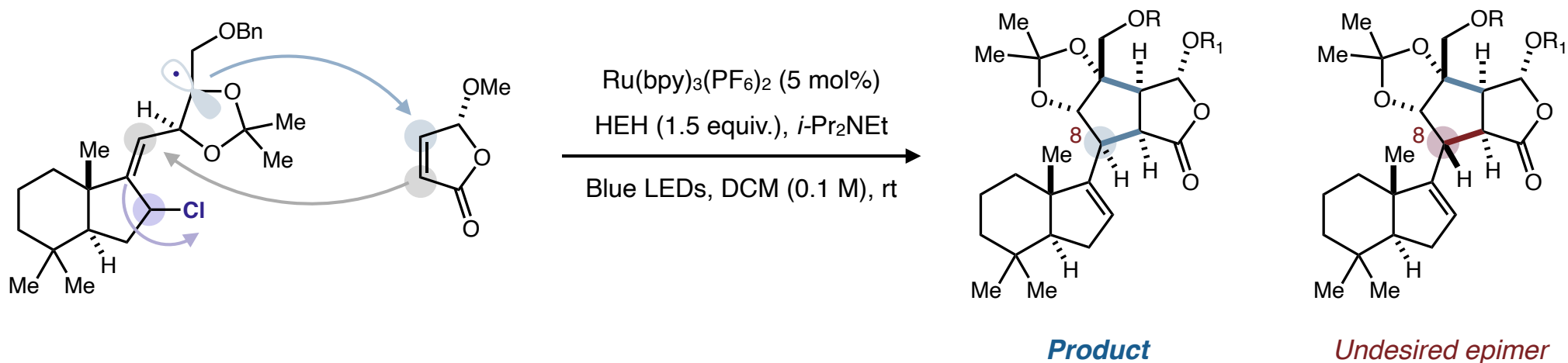


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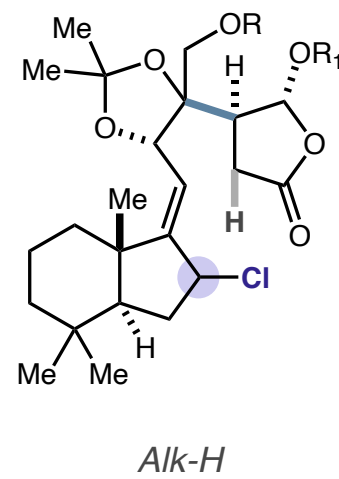
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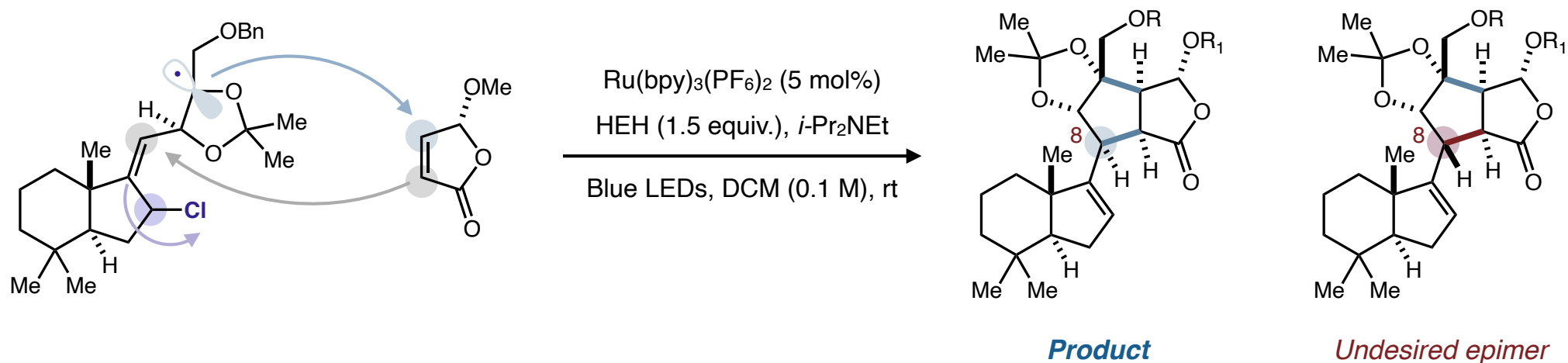


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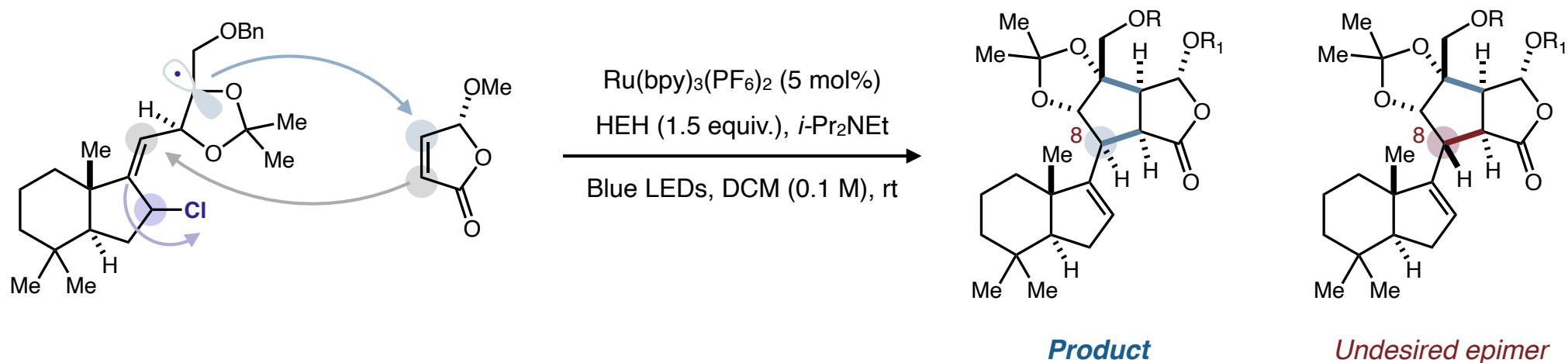


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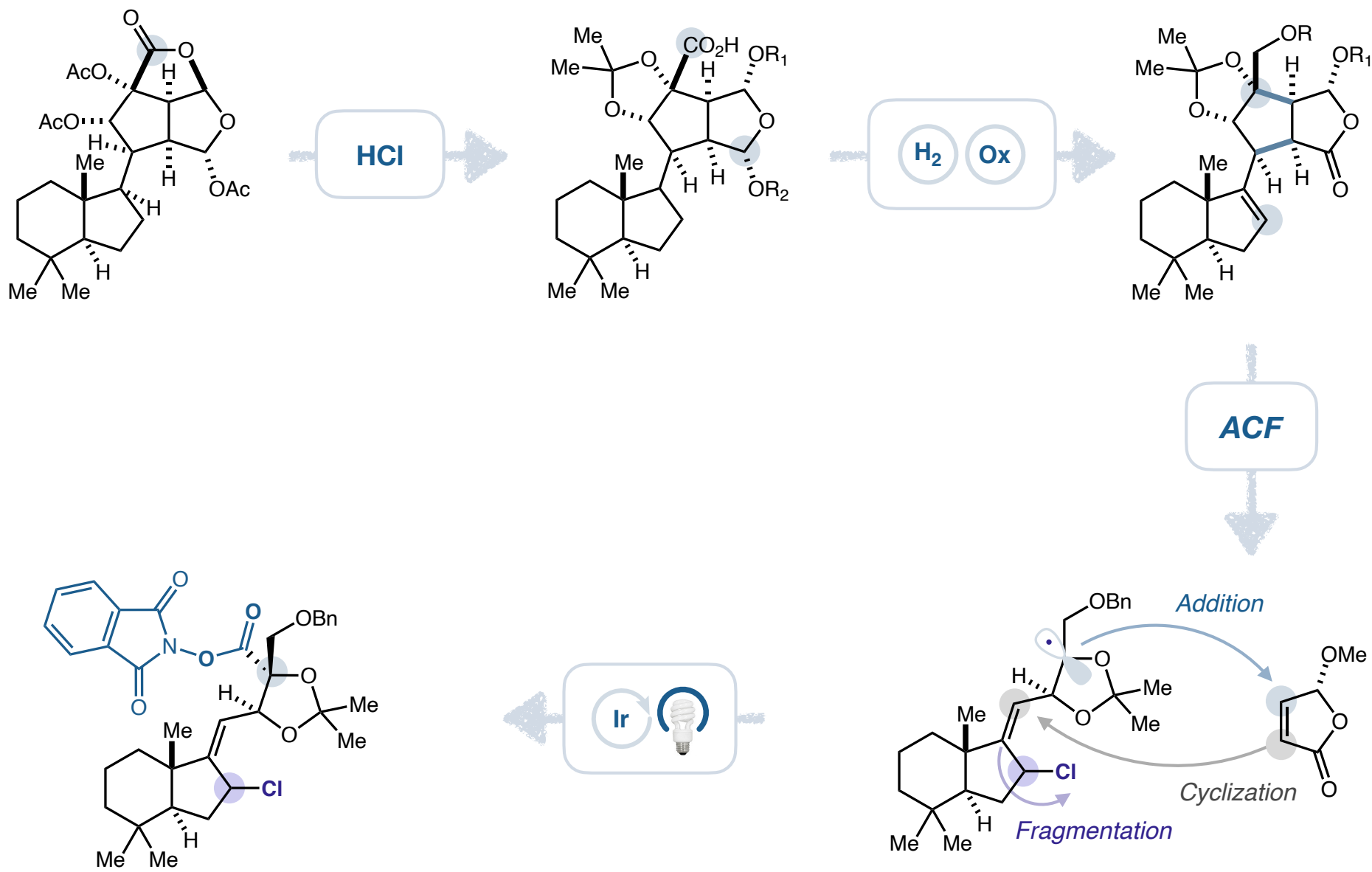


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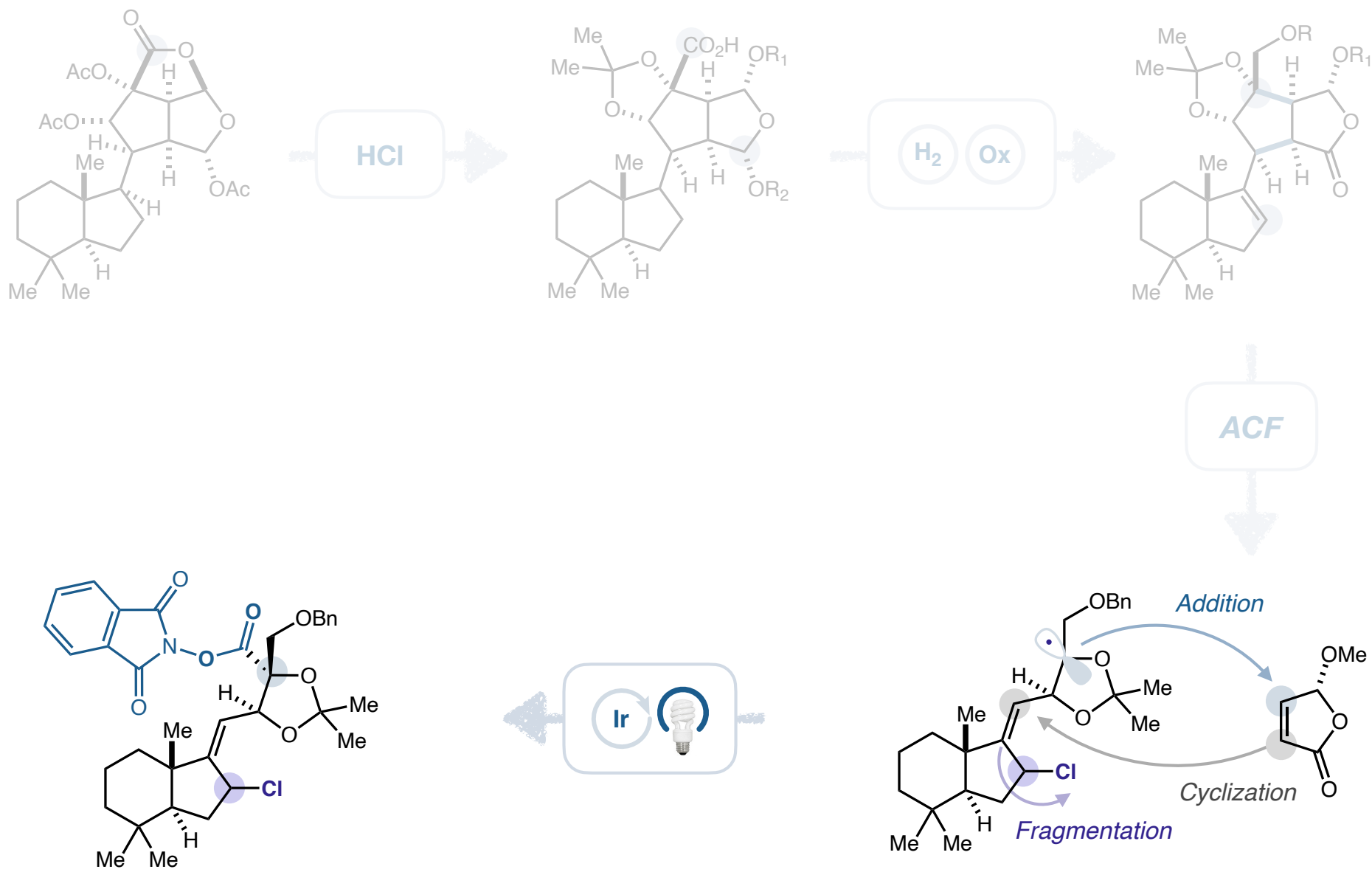
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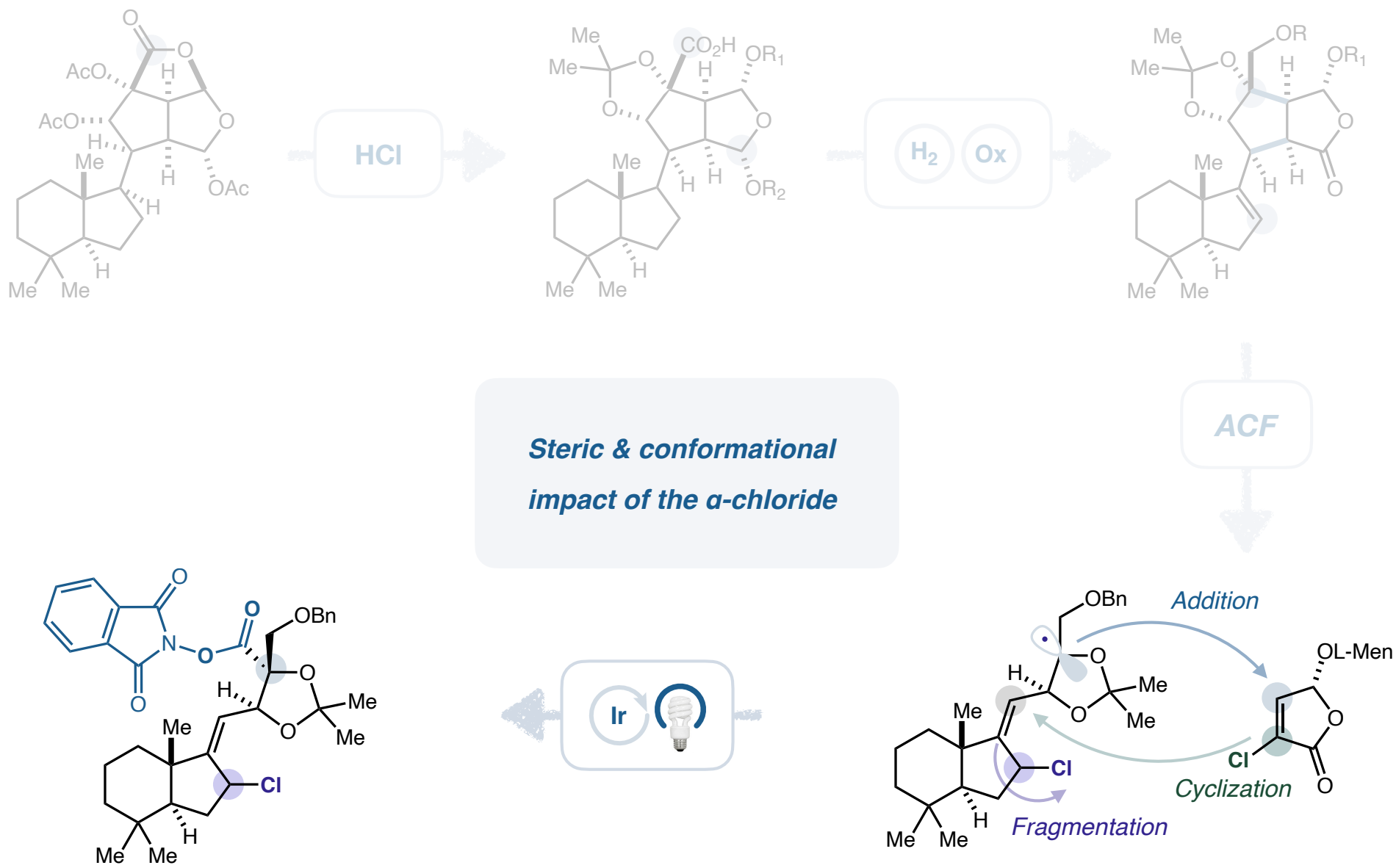
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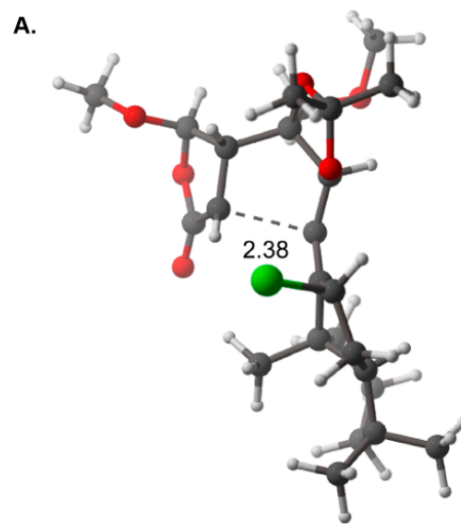
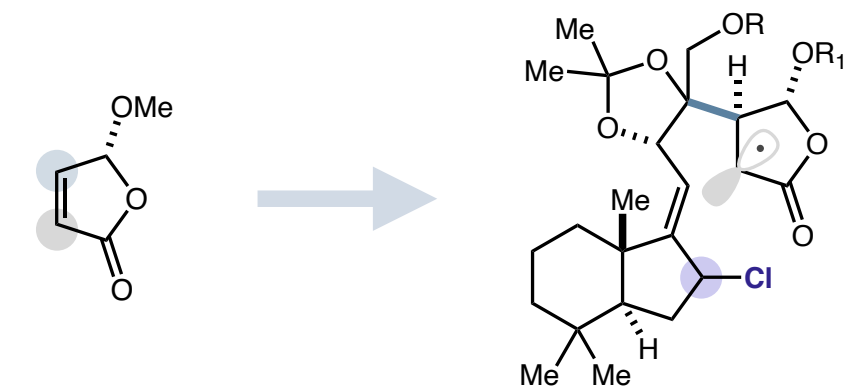
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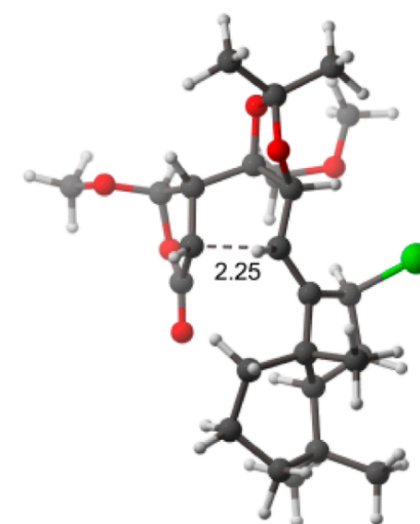


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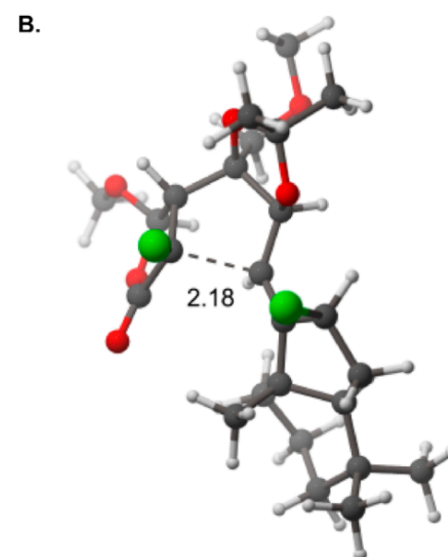
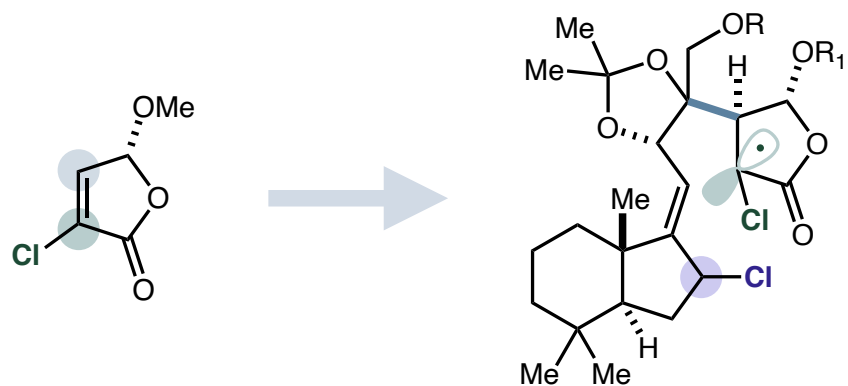
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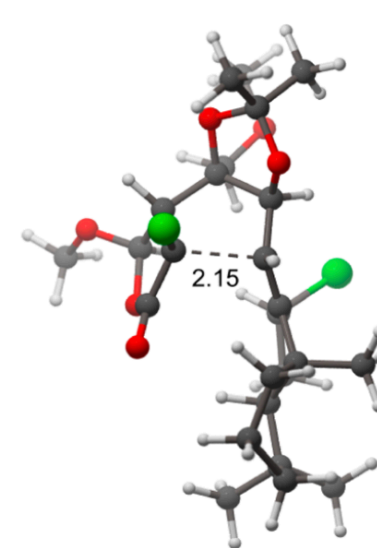
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TS-A-cis (1.0 kcal/mol)



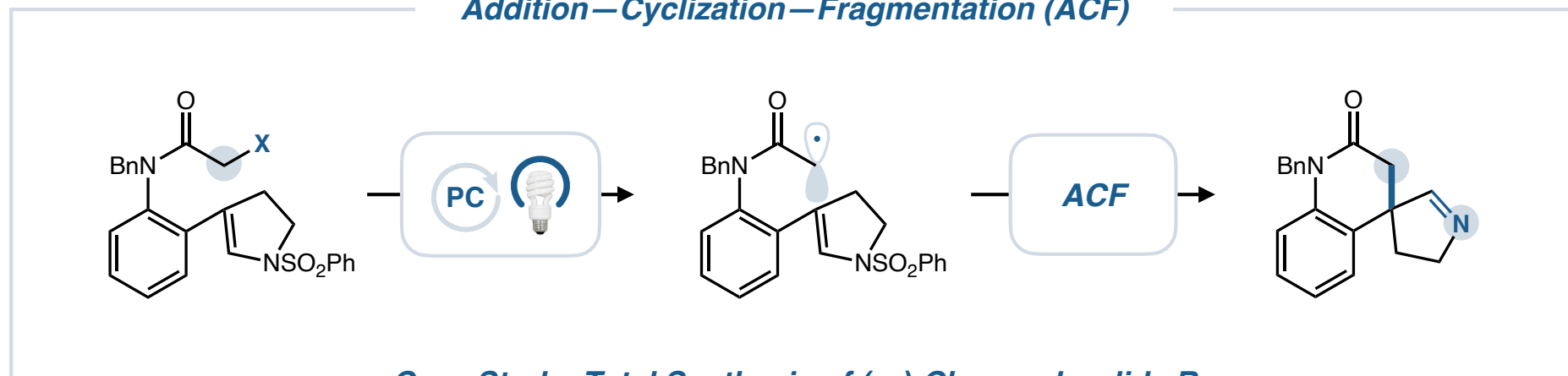
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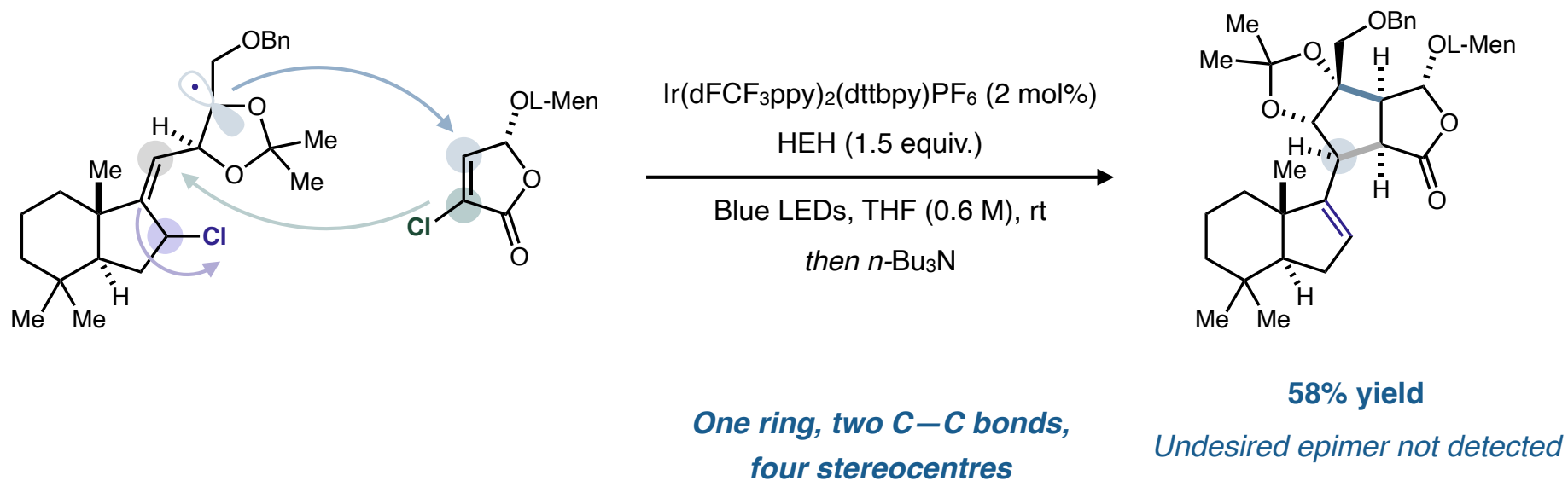
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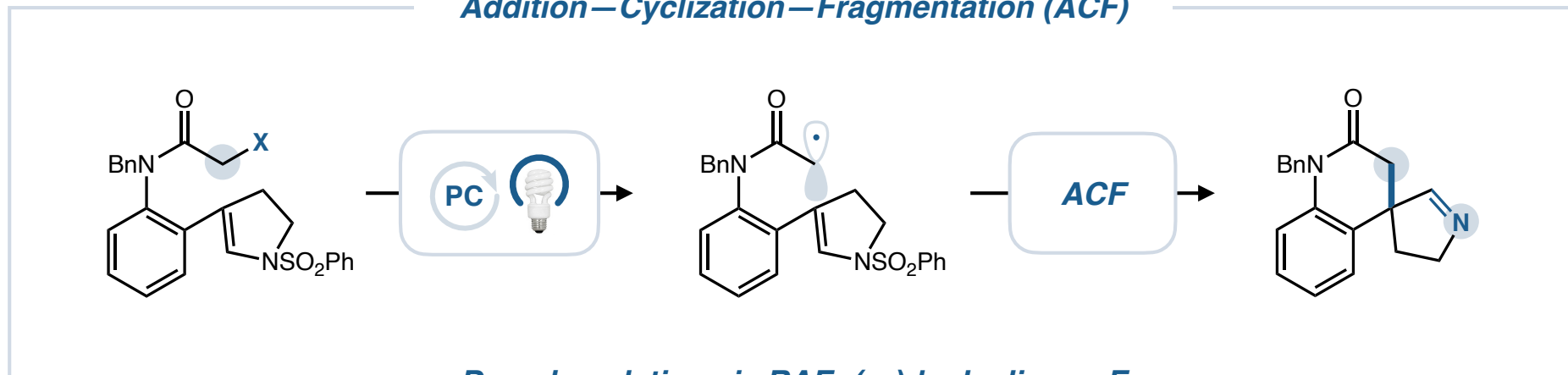


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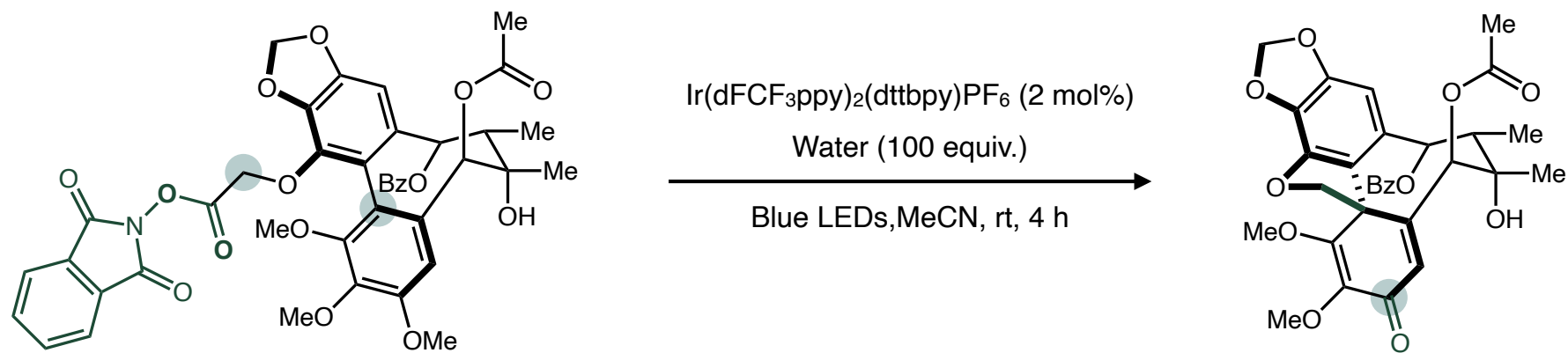


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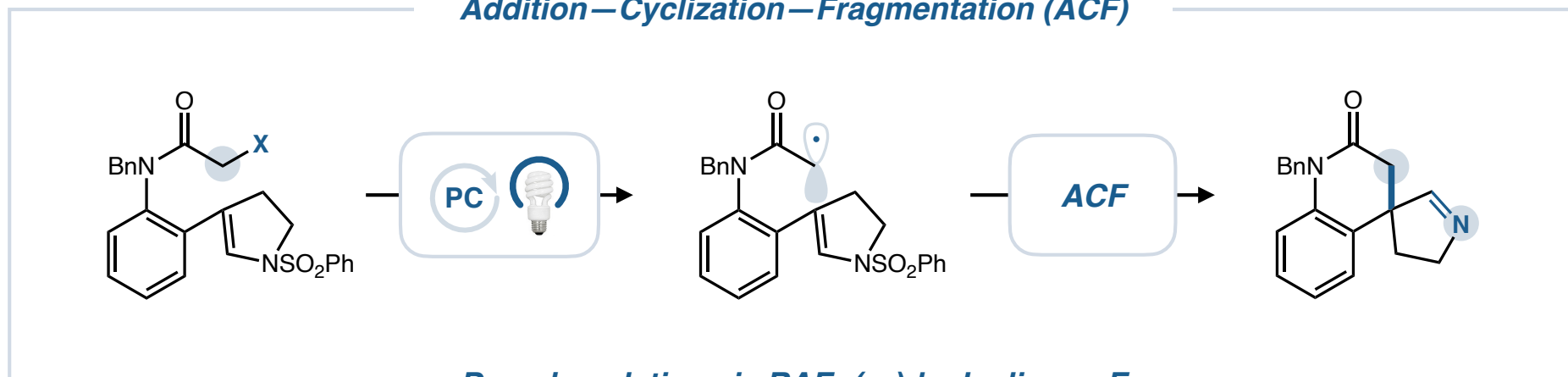


43% yield

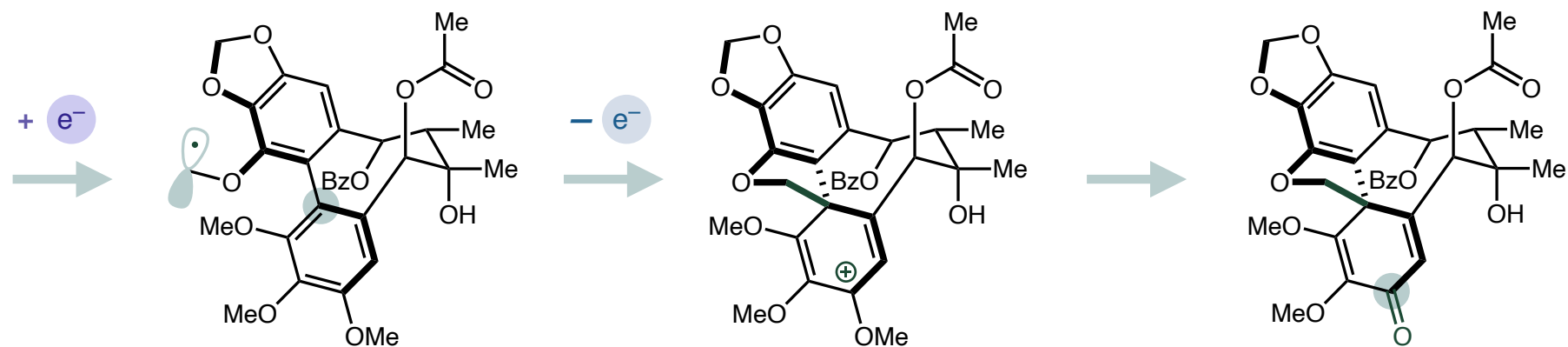
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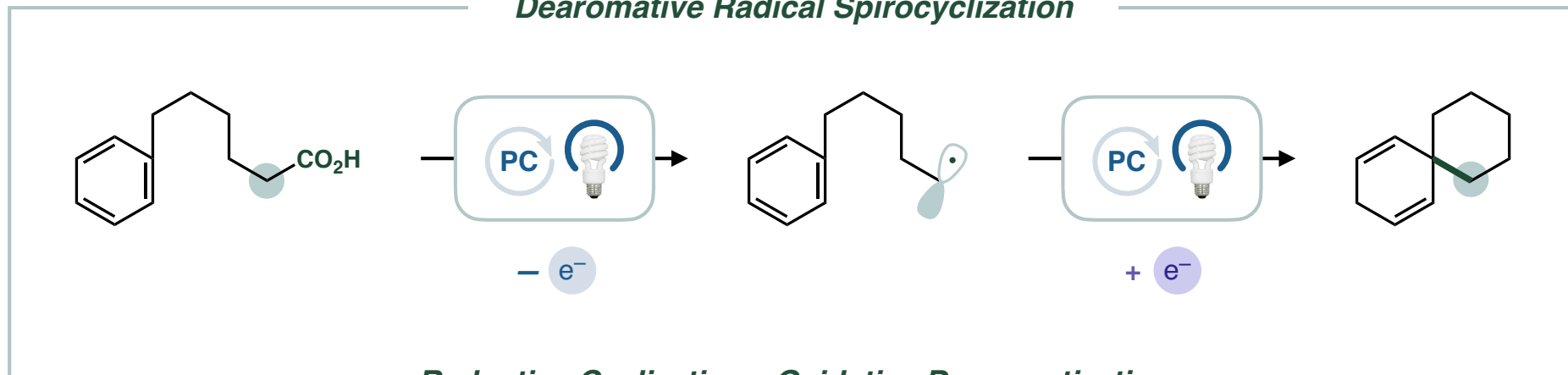


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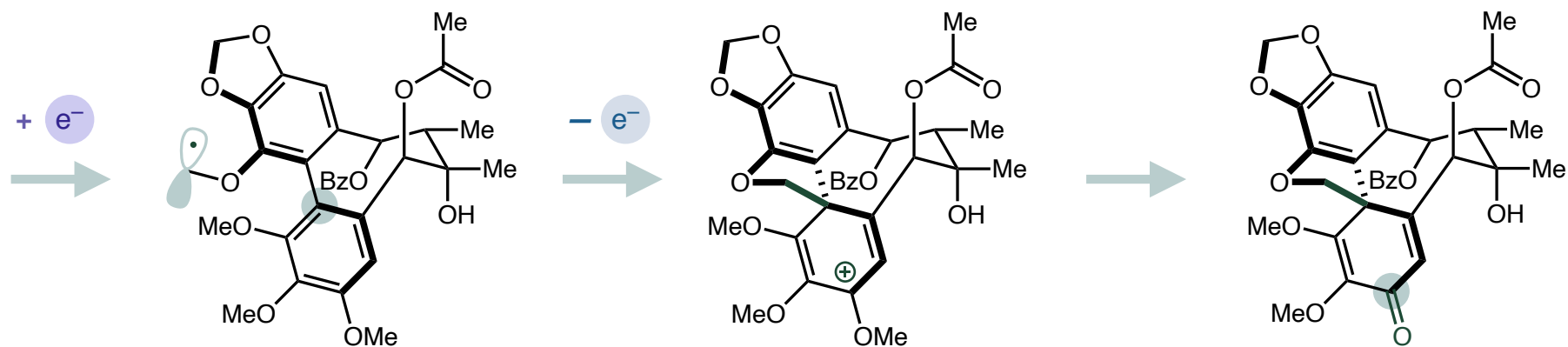


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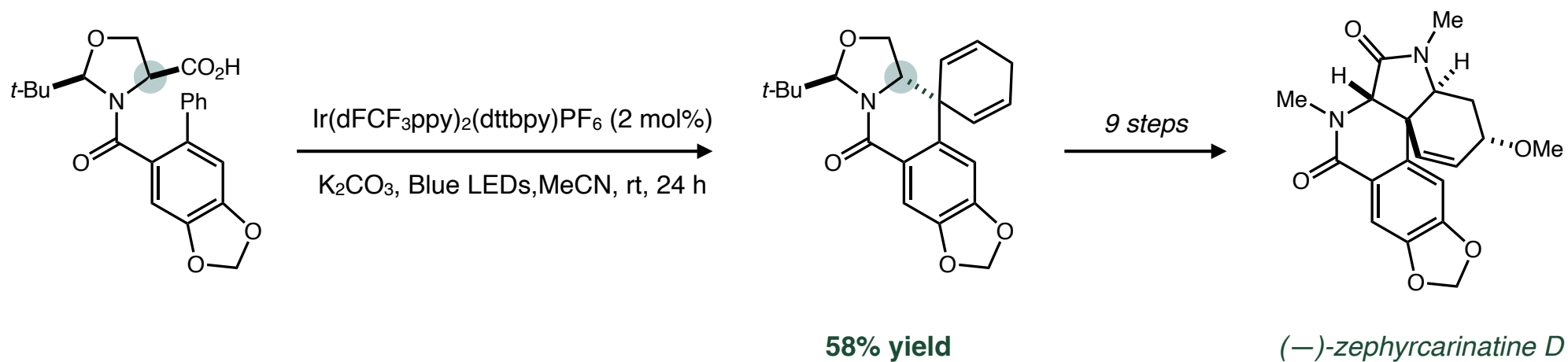
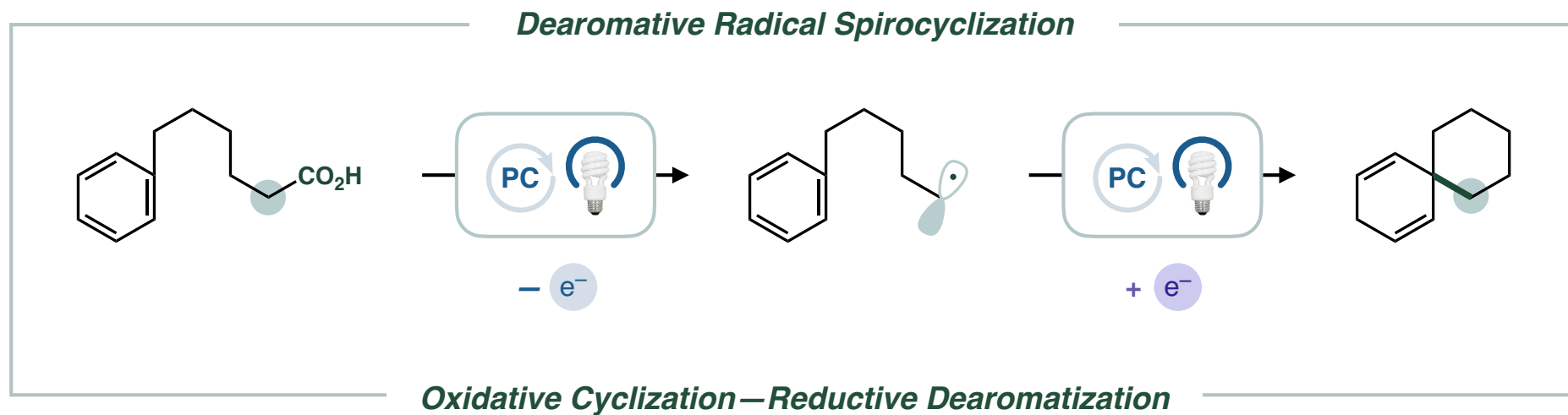
Dearomative Radical Spirocyclization




Reductive Cyclization—Oxidative Dearomatization



Redox-neutral Radical Cyclization—Dearomatization



Radical Cyclizations: The Future



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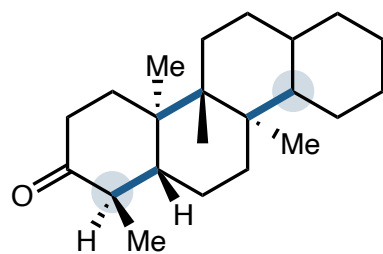
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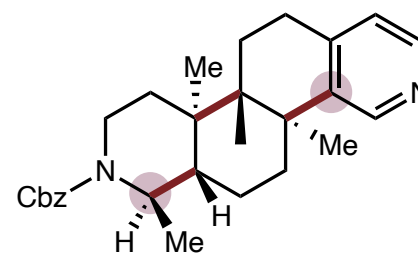
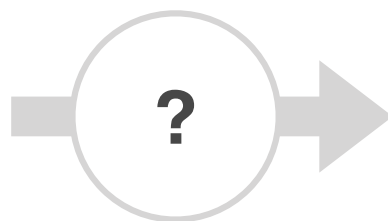
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