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Nitrogen Ring Walk: a synthetic approach for substitution pattern alteration

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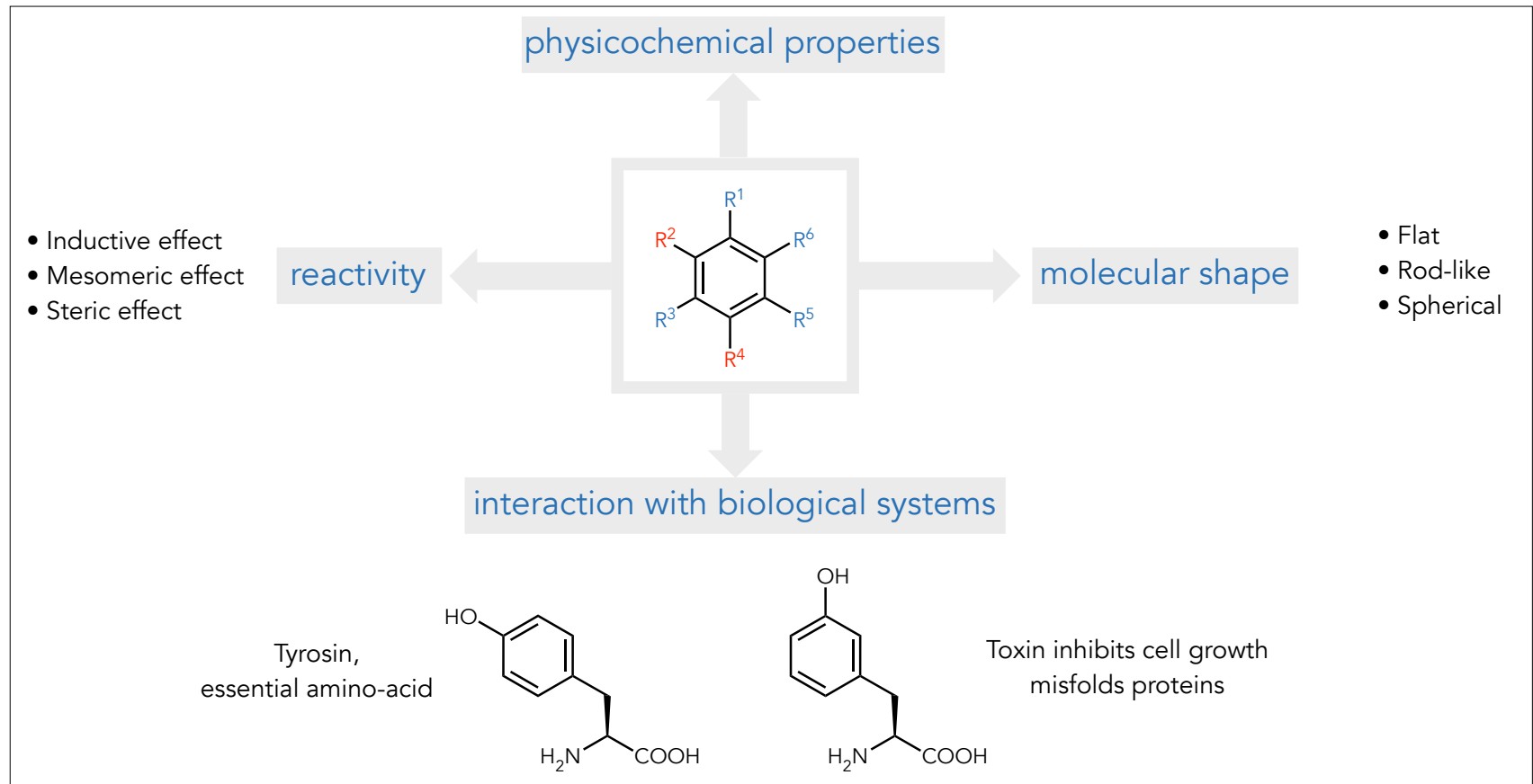
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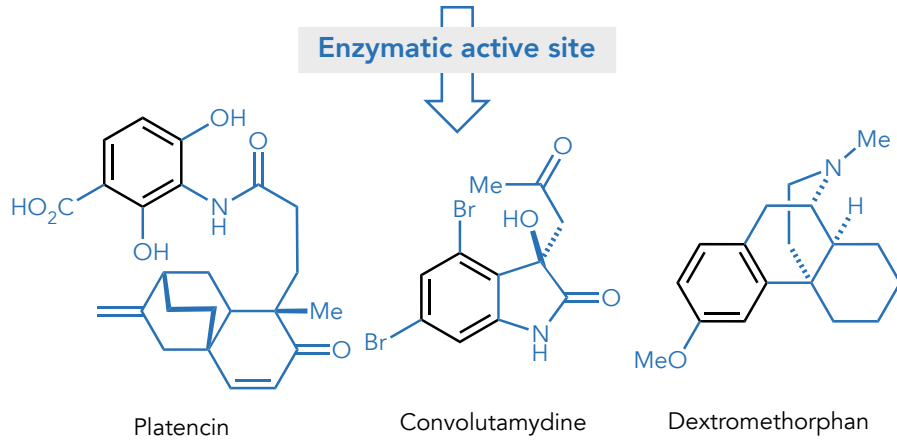


Benzene Substitution Pattern



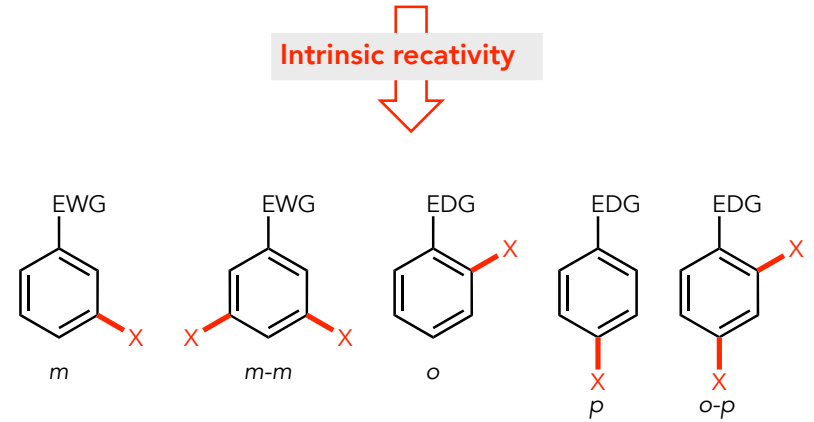
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Enzymatic active site

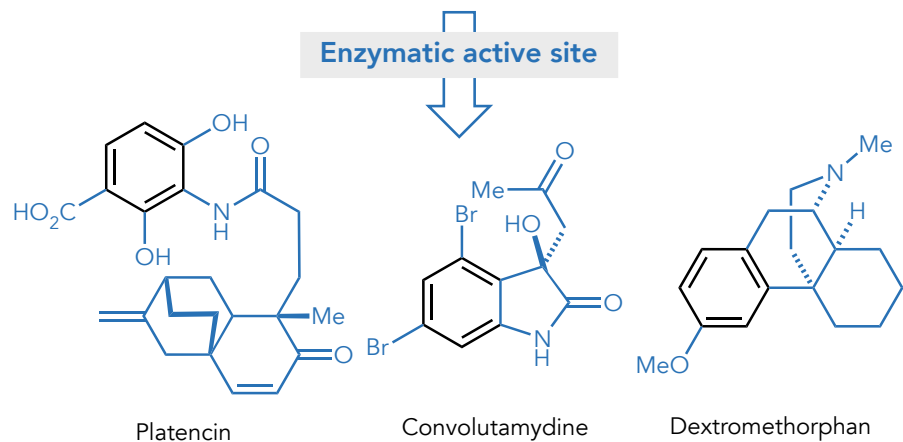


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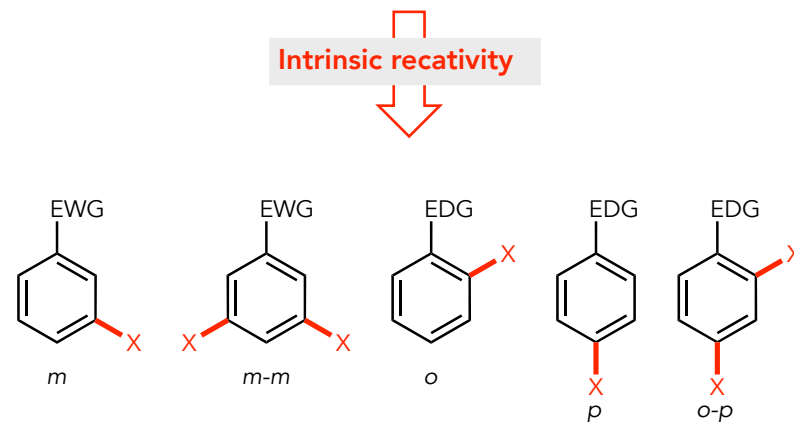
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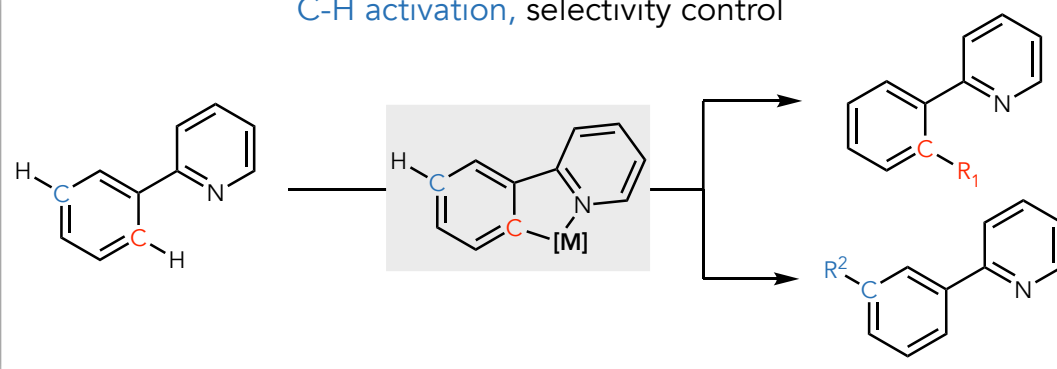
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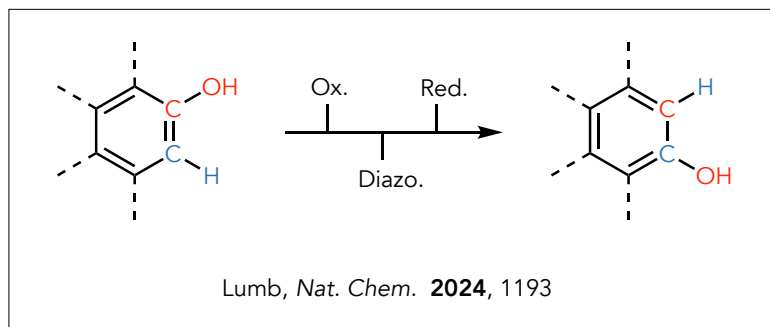
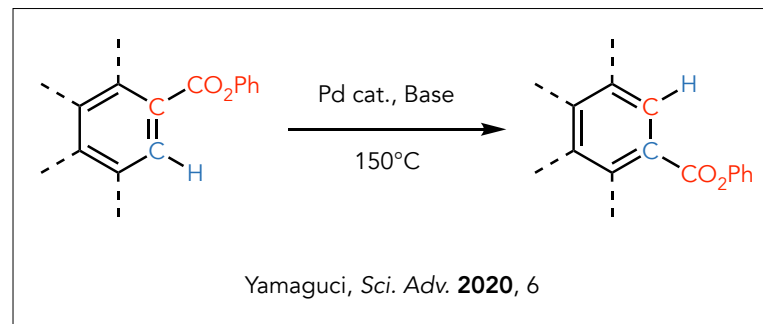
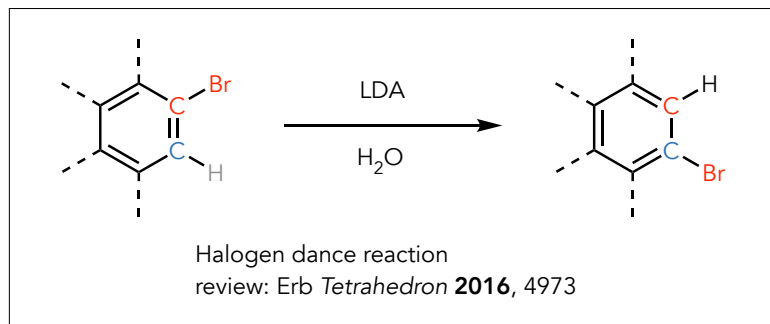
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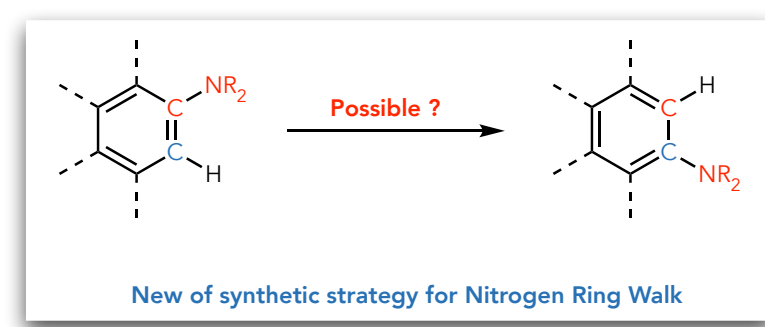
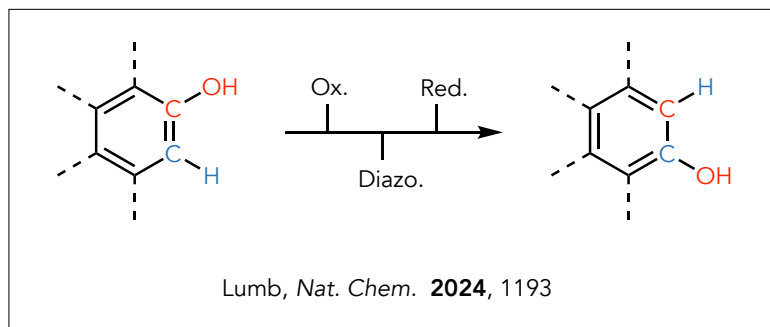
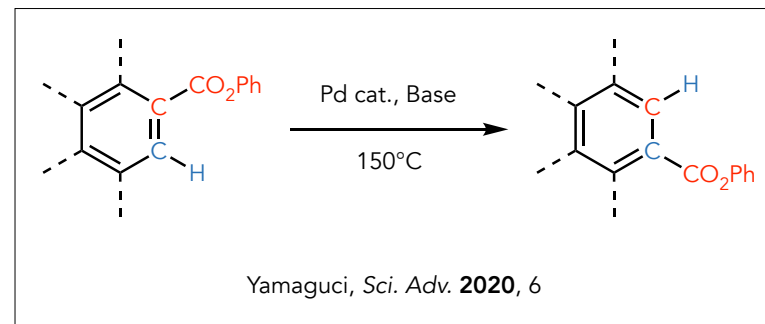
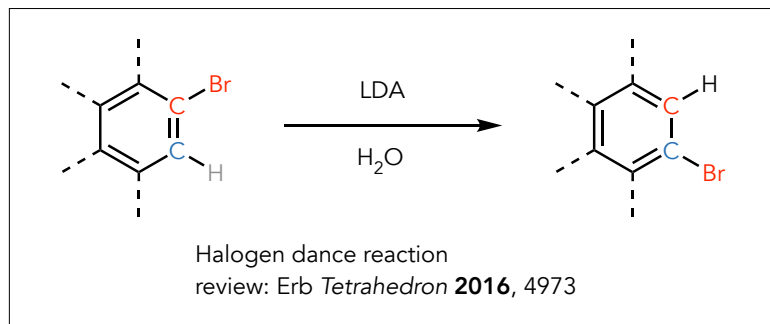
C-H activation, selectivity control



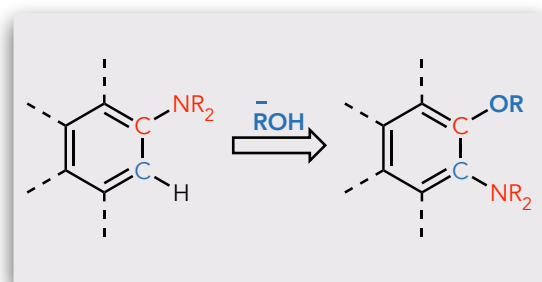
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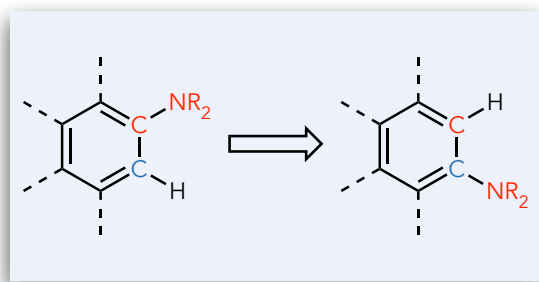


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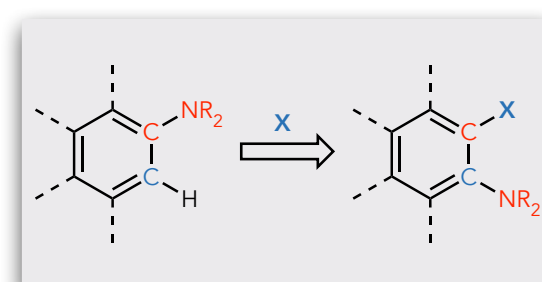


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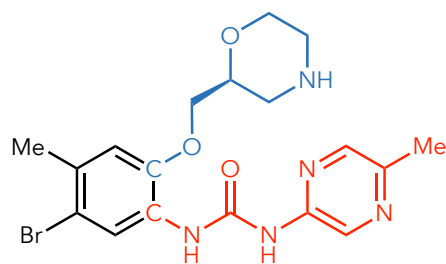
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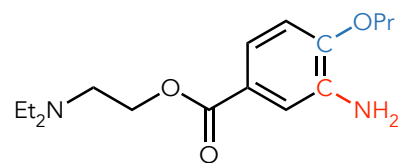
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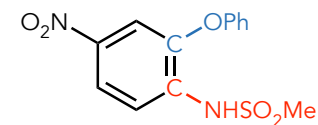
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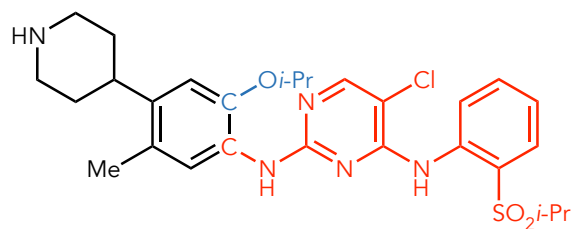
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anticancer



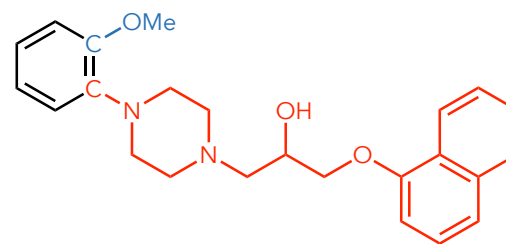
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anesthetic



Nimesulide (Vifor)
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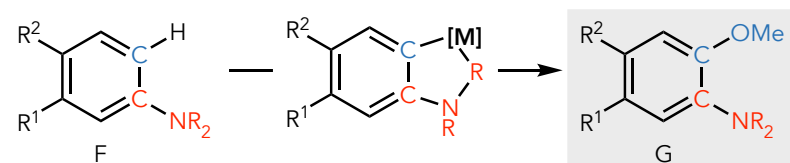
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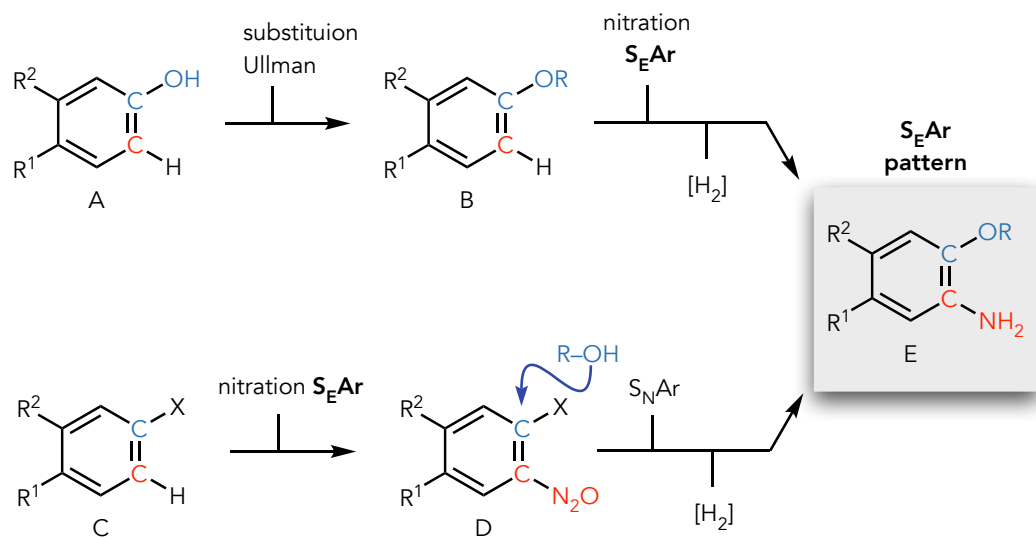
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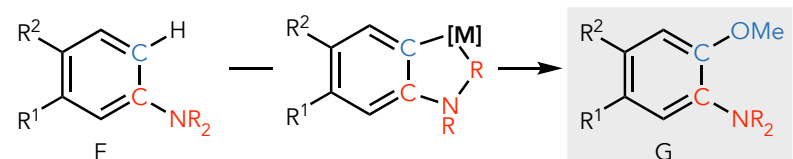


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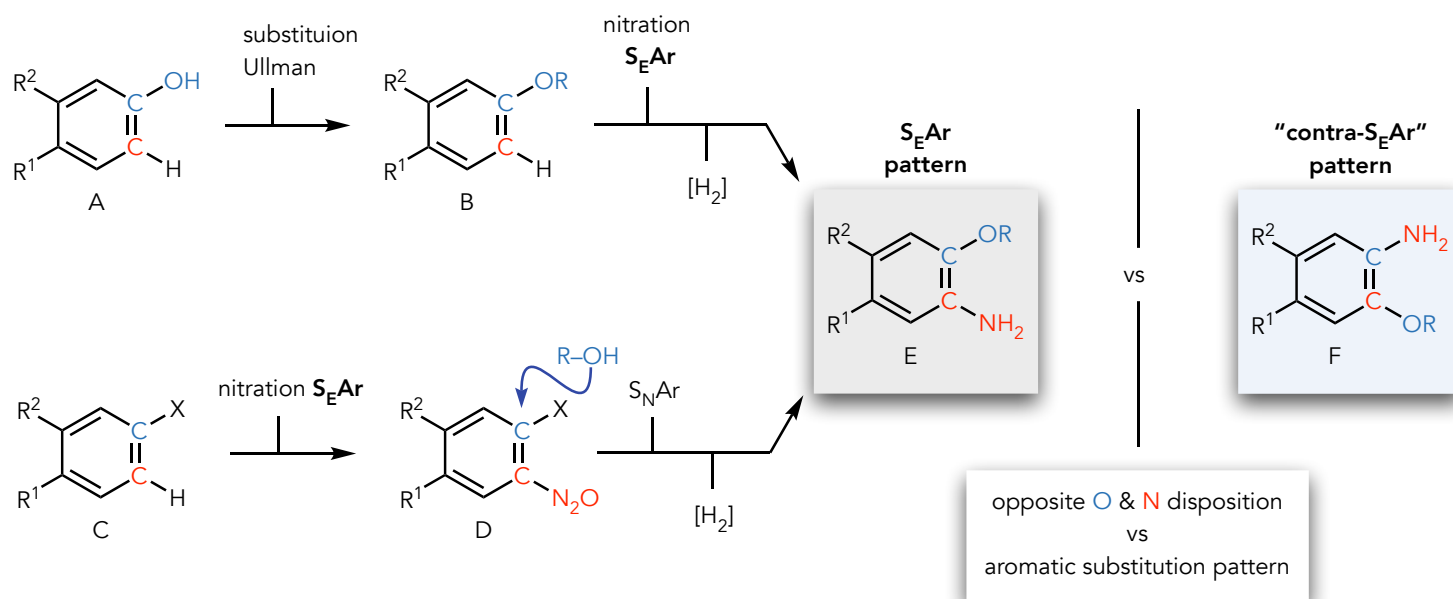
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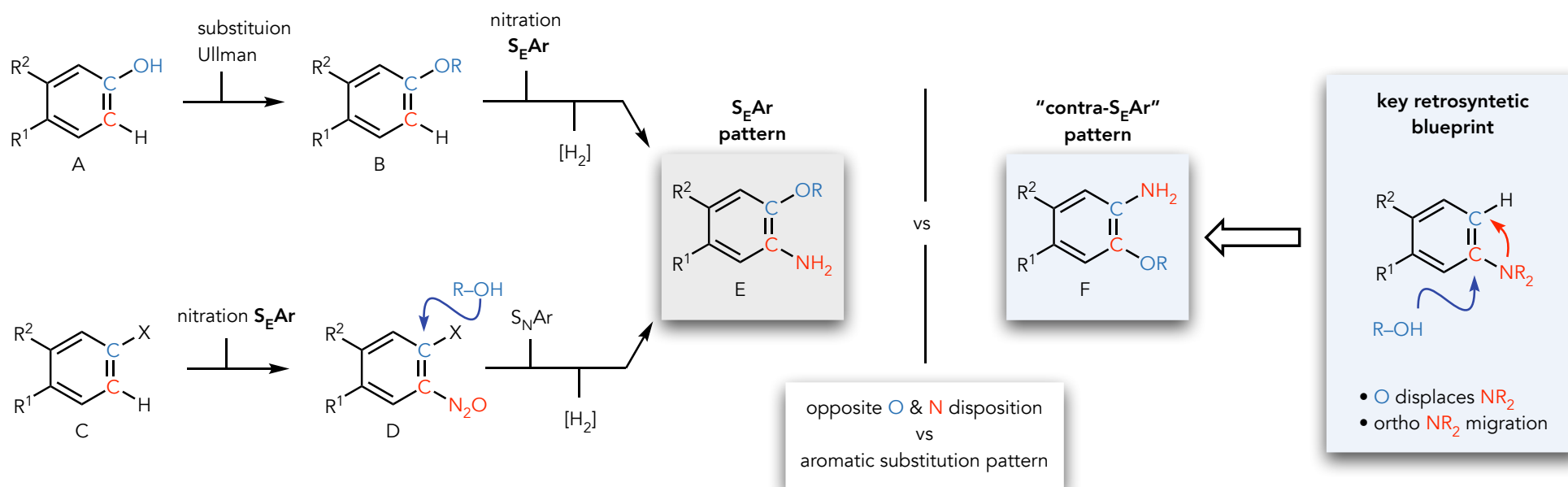
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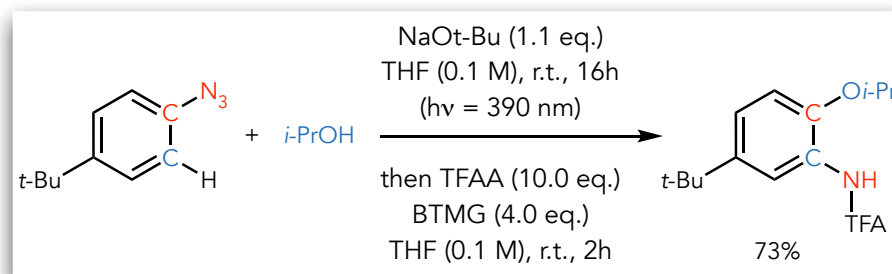
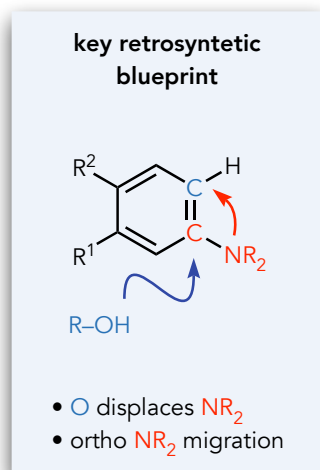


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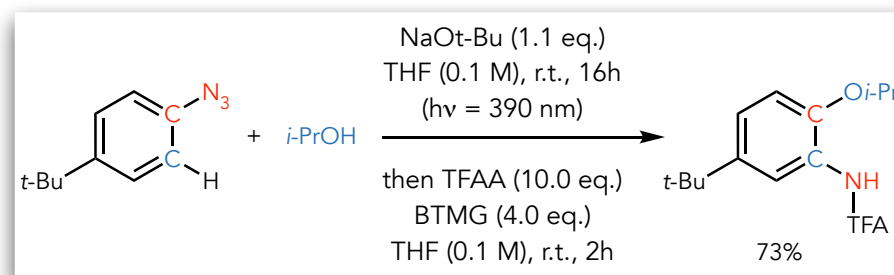
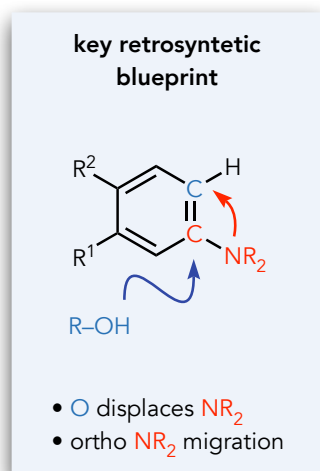
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New Approach for the Synthesis of *ortho*-Aminophenols

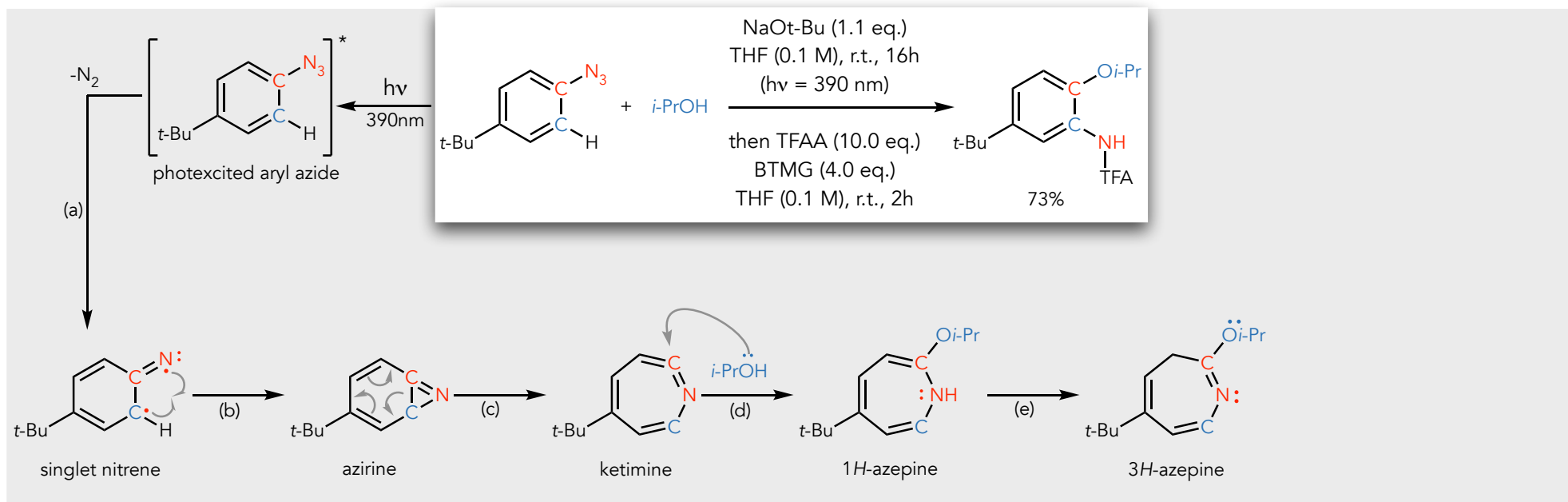


New Approach for the Synthesis of *ortho*-Aminophenols



1) Metal free formal "*Ortho*-CH oxidation" of aryl azide

2) Nitrogen ring walk along the aromatic ring



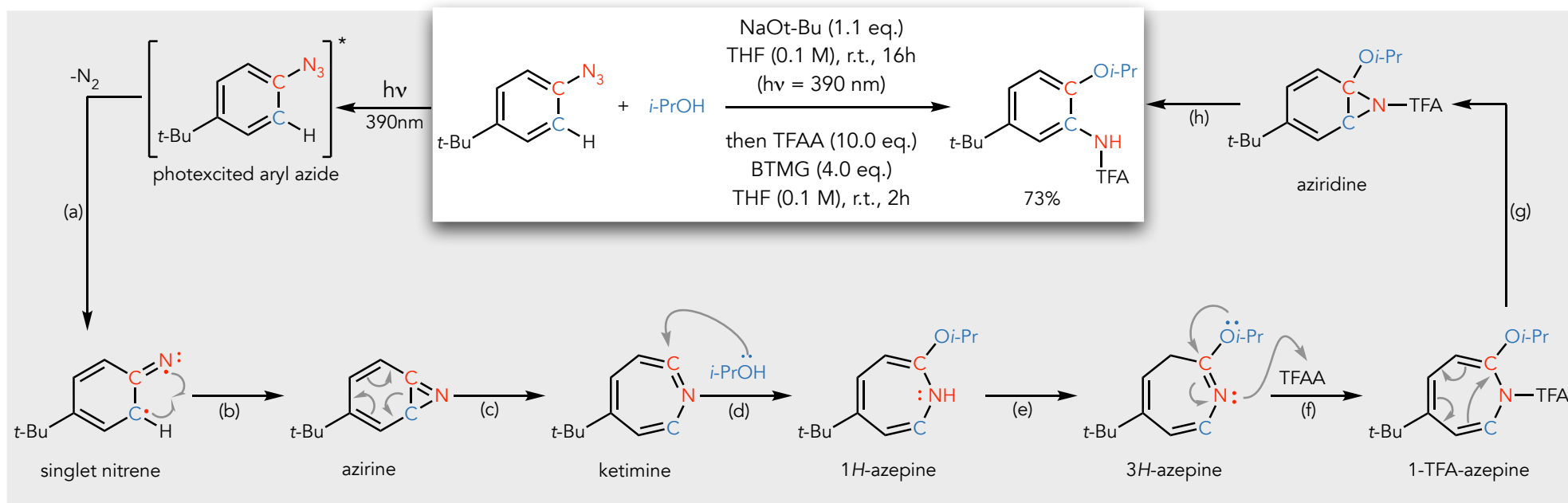
Breaking aromaticity

(a) singlet nitrene formation
(b) azirination

(c) 6π electrocyclization
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(e) isomerization
(f) N-acylation

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(h) aromatization



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Re-building aromaticity

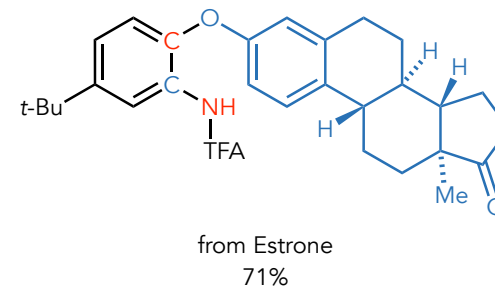
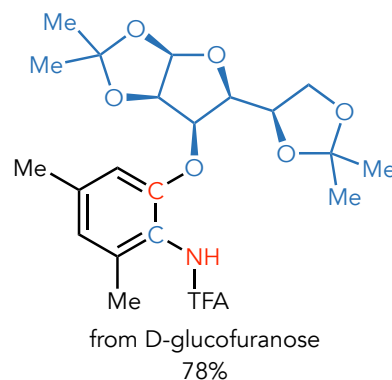
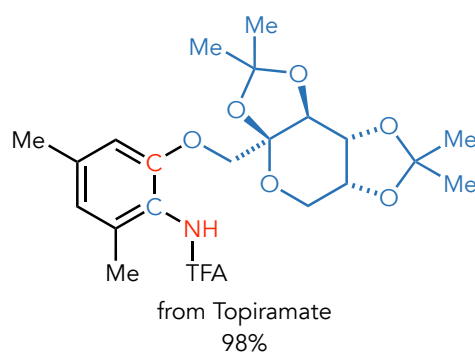
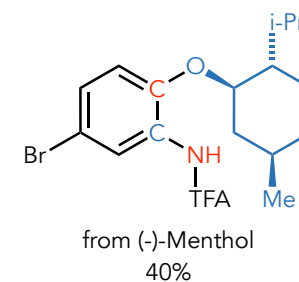
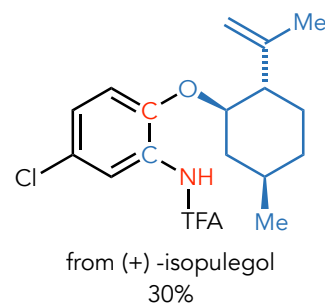
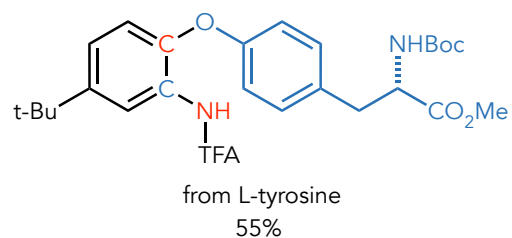
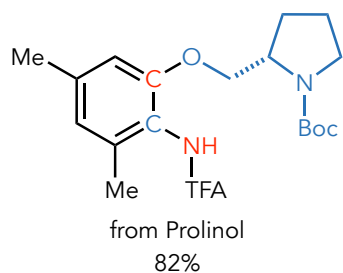
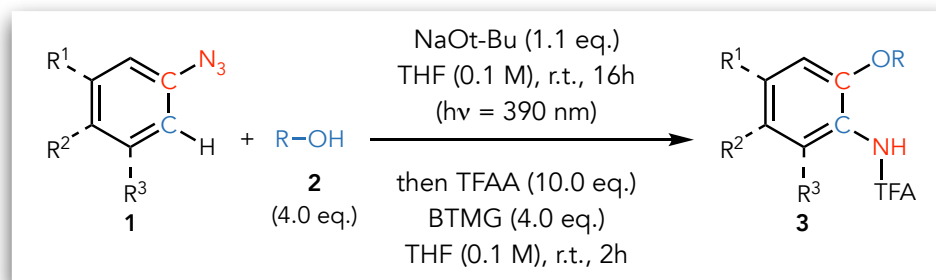
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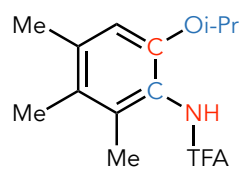
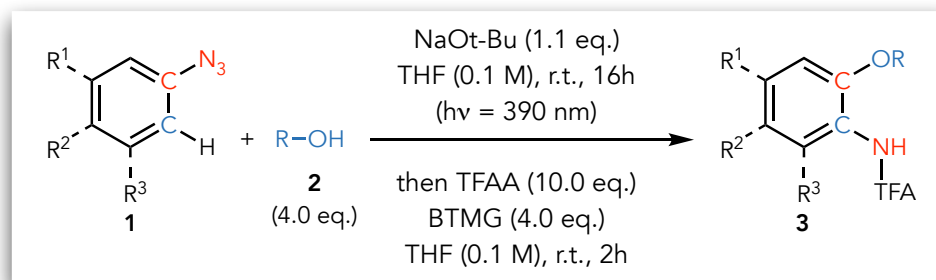
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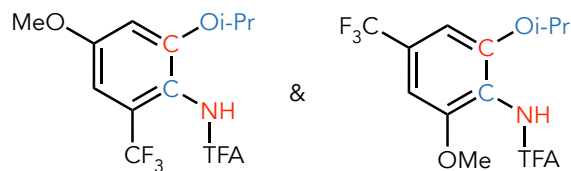
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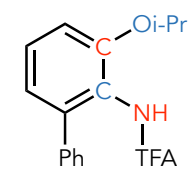
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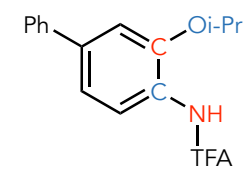
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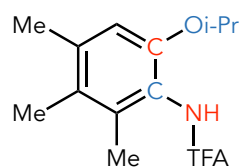
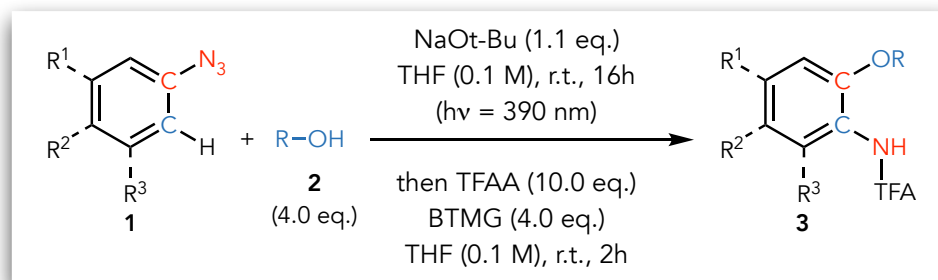
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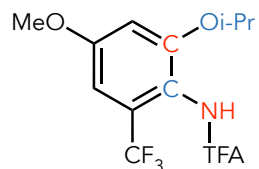
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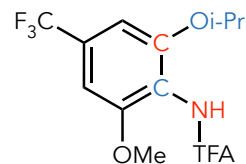
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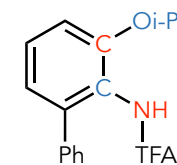
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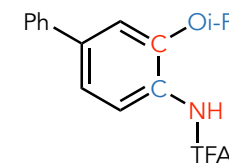
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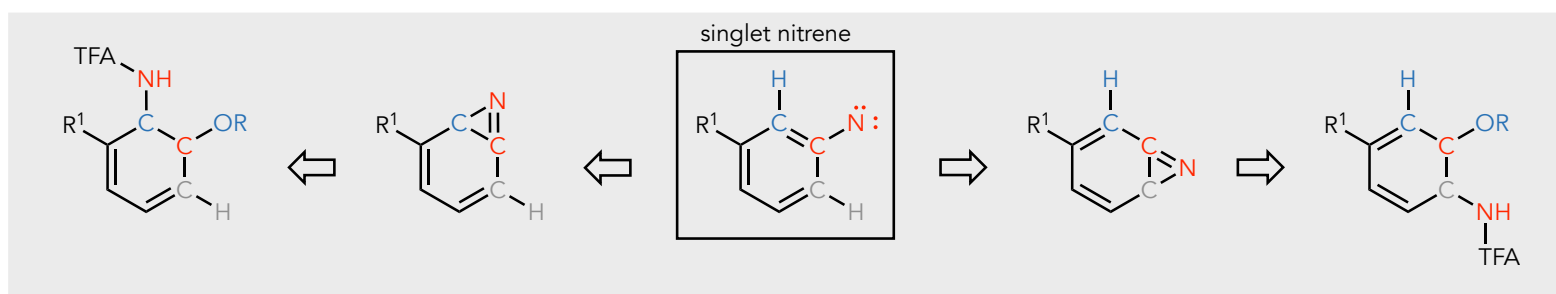
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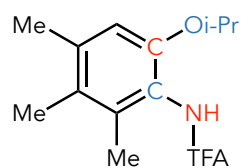
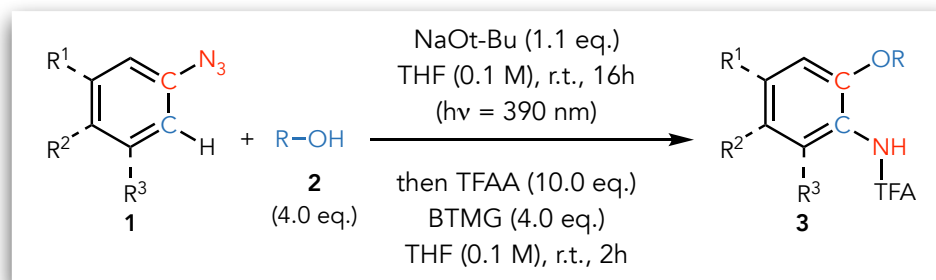
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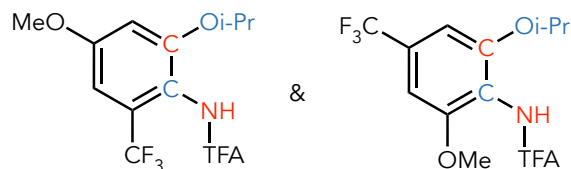
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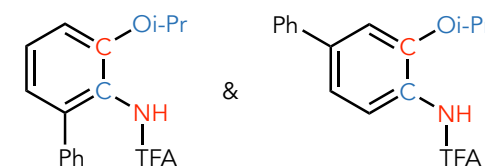
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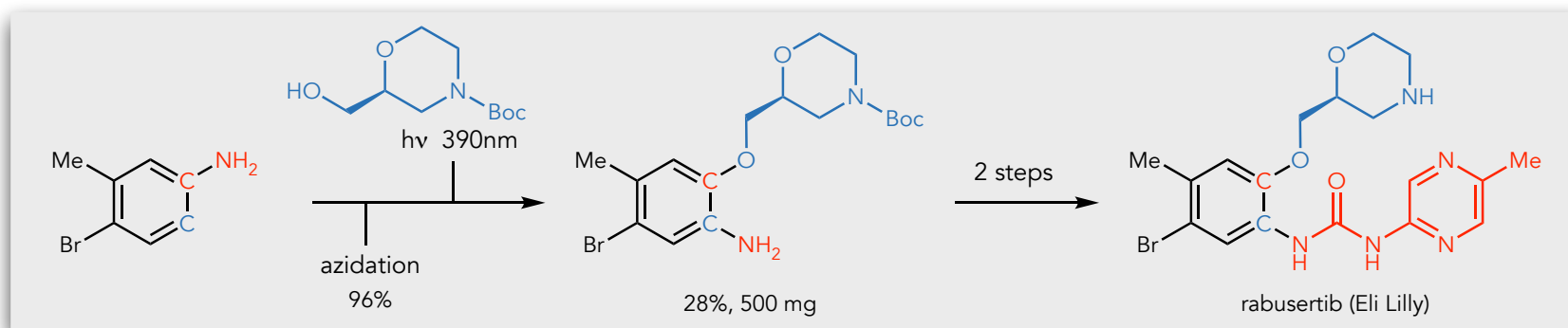
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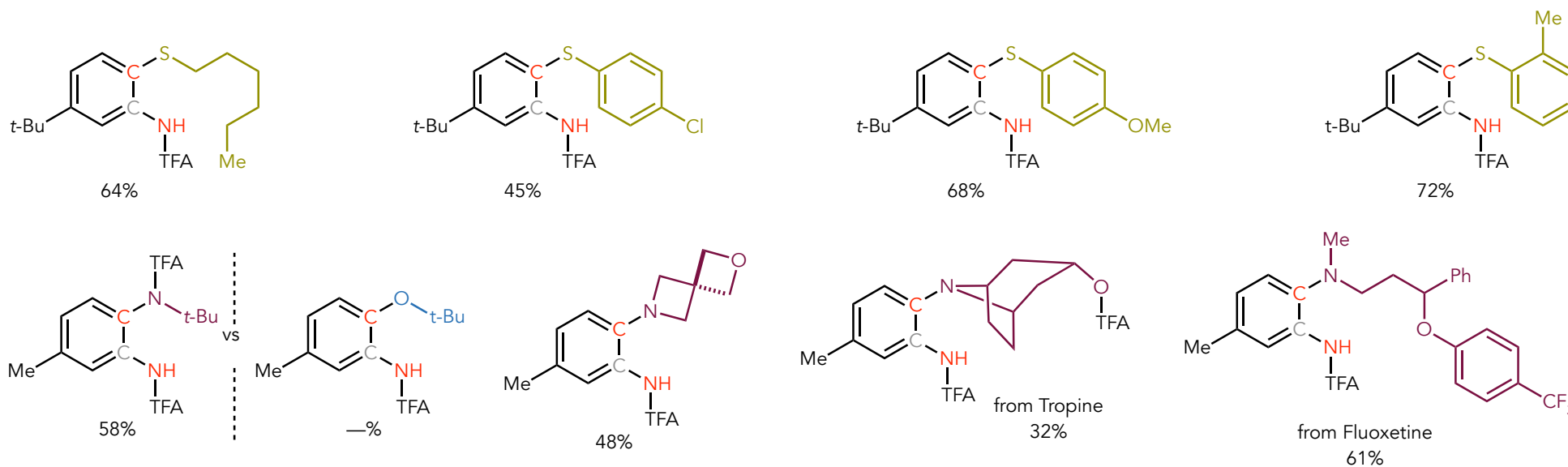
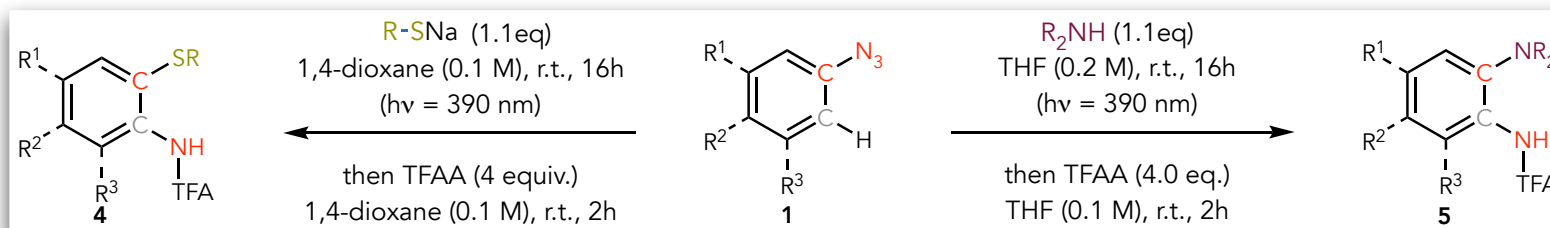
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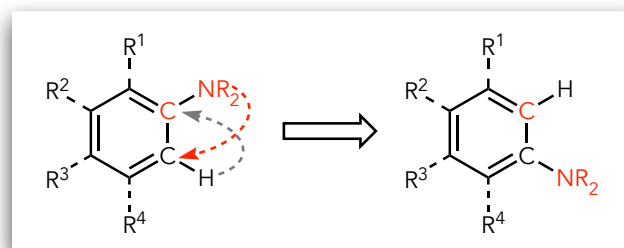


Extension to Nitrogen and Sulfur Nucleophiles

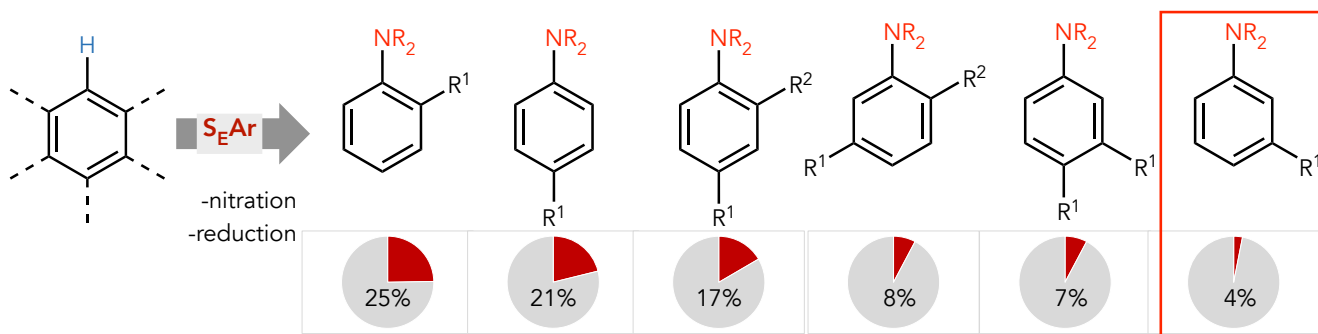


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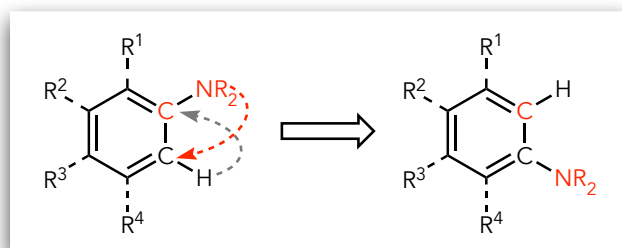


-Nitrogen contains molecule substitution pattern analysis

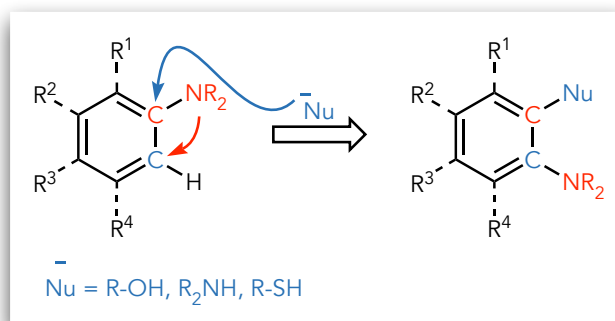


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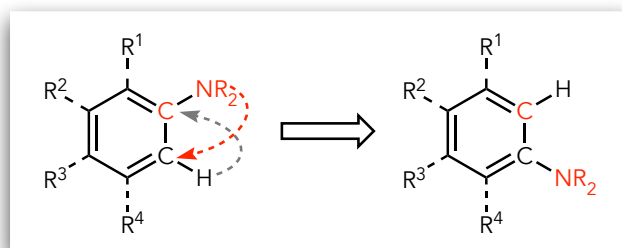


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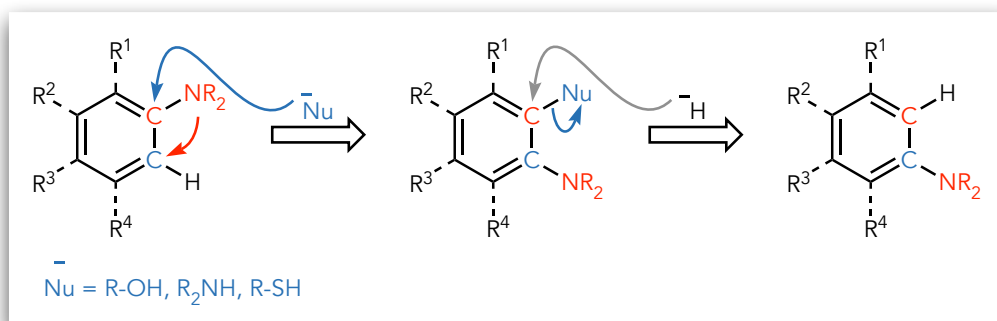


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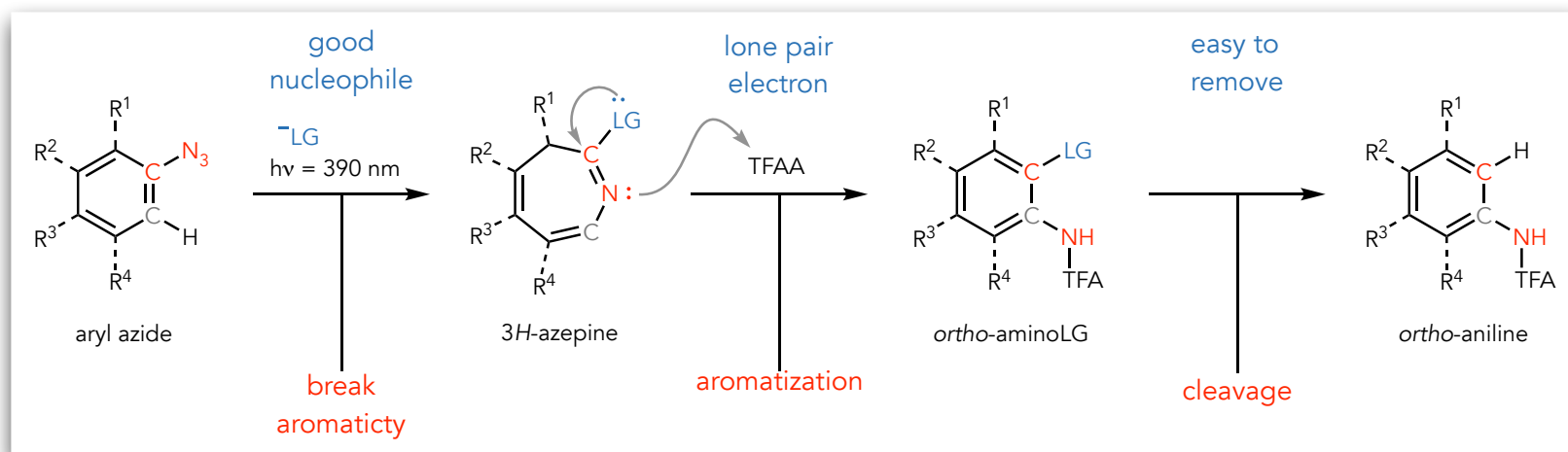
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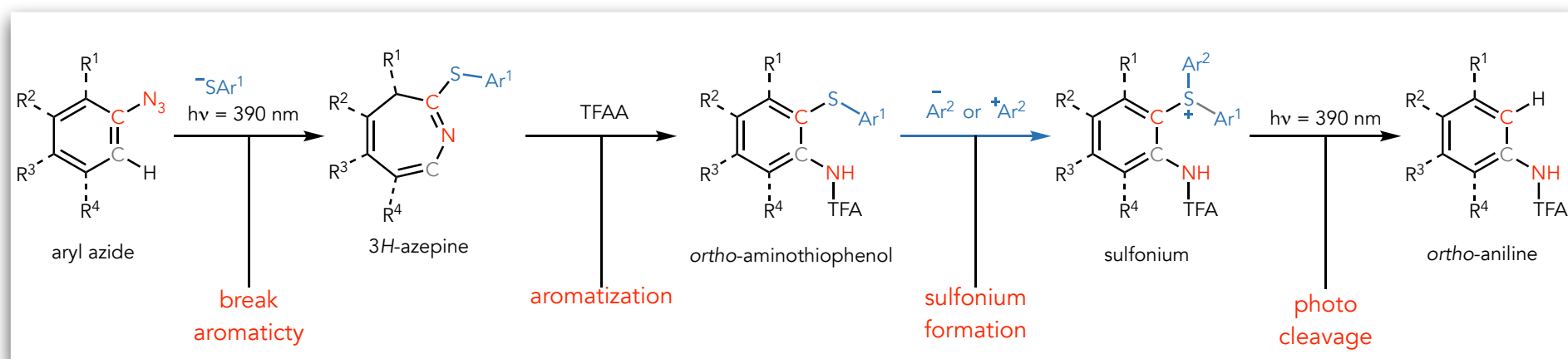


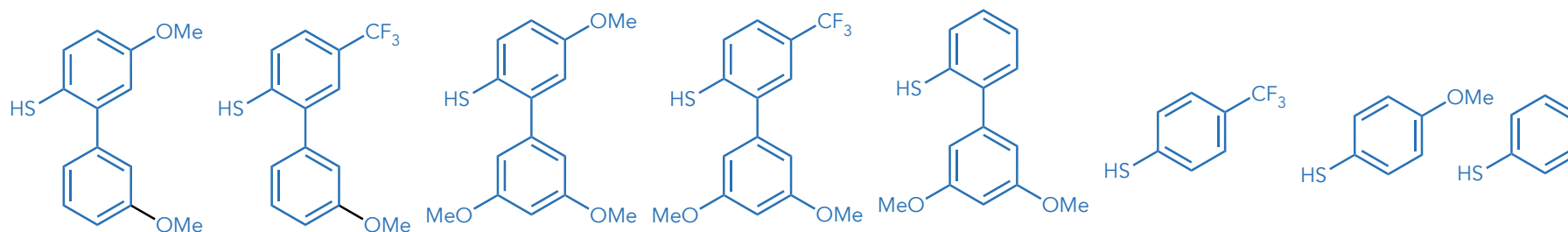
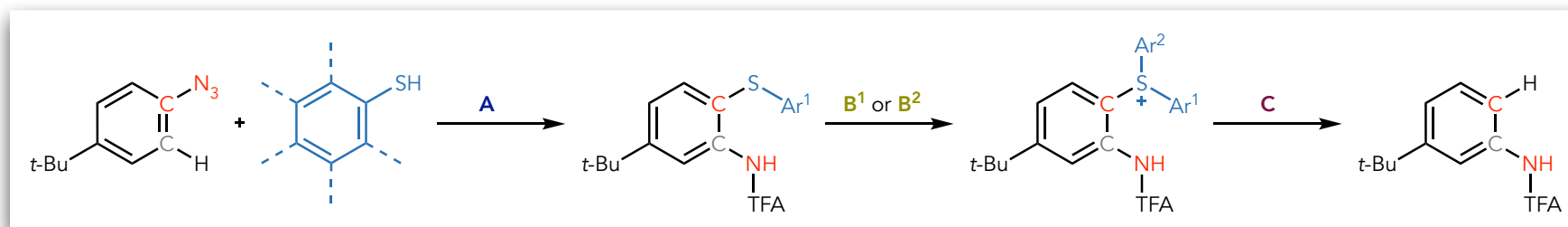
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-remove of the extra functionality





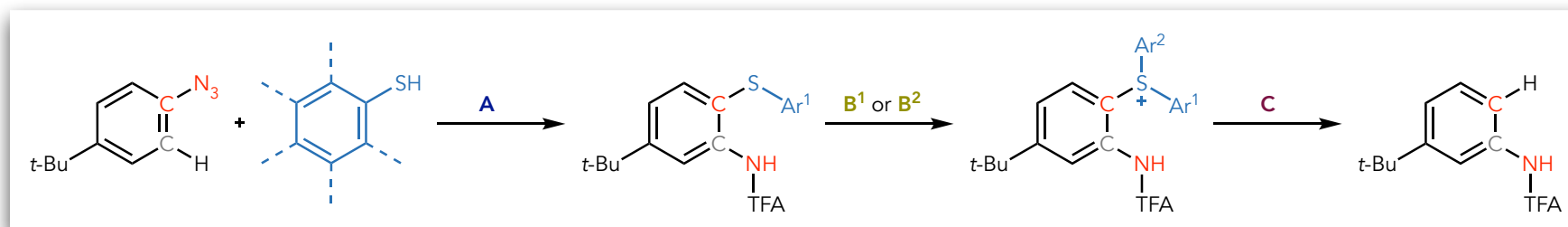


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B²: MeOTf (1.5 eq.)
 DCM (0.05 M), r.t., 8h.

C: Cs₂CO₃ (1 eq.),
 1:1 MeOH/Acetone (0.05 M)
 $h\nu = 390\text{ nm}$, r.t., 12h



A	58%	49%	52%	43%	75%	48%	67%	65%
B	69%	68%	49%	26%	78%	—	100%	—
C	12% (insoluble)	39%	13%	5%	98%	—	<5%(insoluble)	—

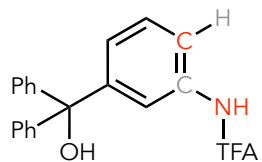
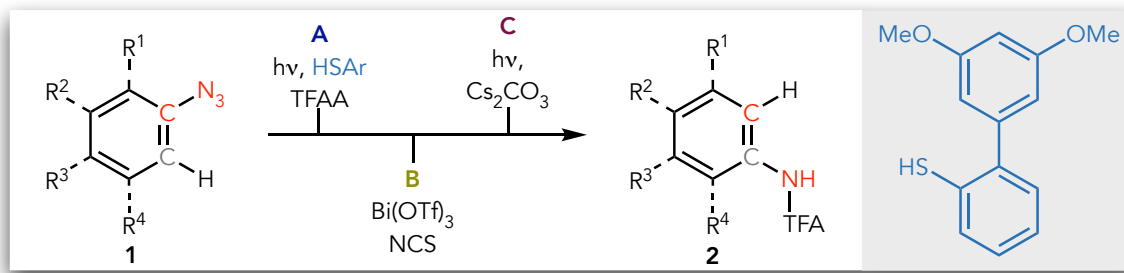
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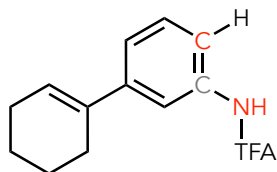
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Scope of Nitrogen Ring Walk



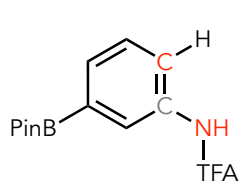
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(A 53%, B 76%, C 73%)



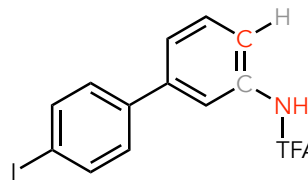
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(A 65%, B 75%, C 75%)



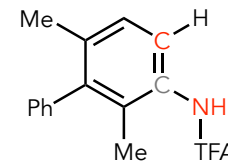
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(A 78%, B 67%, C 95%)



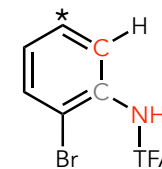
48%

(A 62%, B 78%, C 98%)



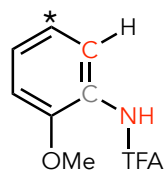
31%

(A 59%, B 55%, C 98%)



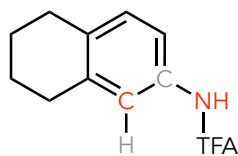
1 : 2, 36%

(A 56%, B 70%, C 92%)



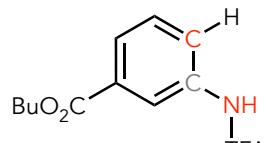
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(A 79%, B 78%, C 96%)



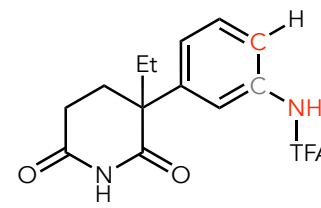
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(A 71%, B 78%, C 87%)



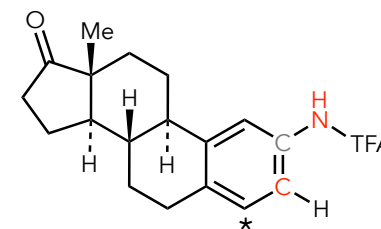
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(A 58%, B 76%, C 95%)
from Butamben



55%

(A 71%, B 81%, C 98%)
from Aminoglutethimide
1 gram scale



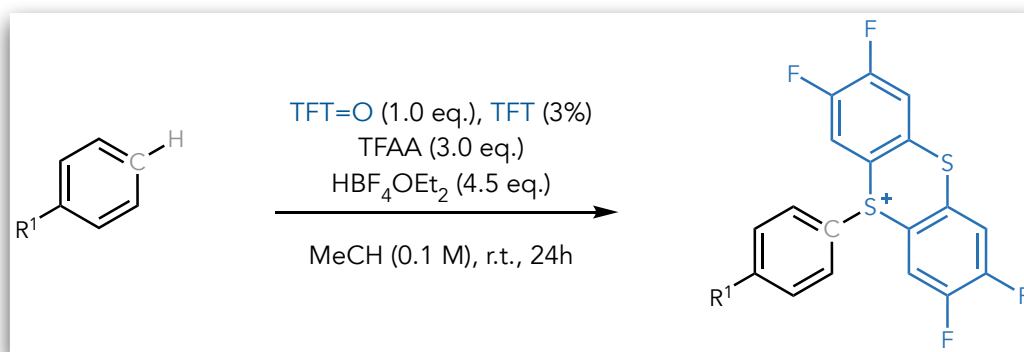
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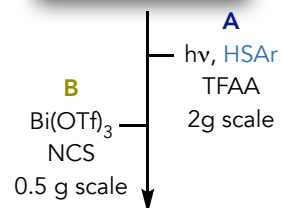
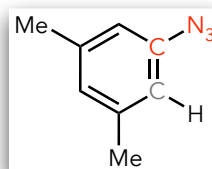
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Selective *para*-CH installation of Thianthrenium

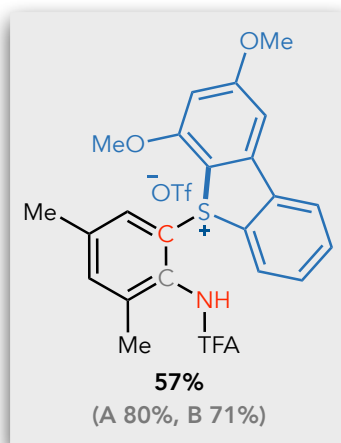


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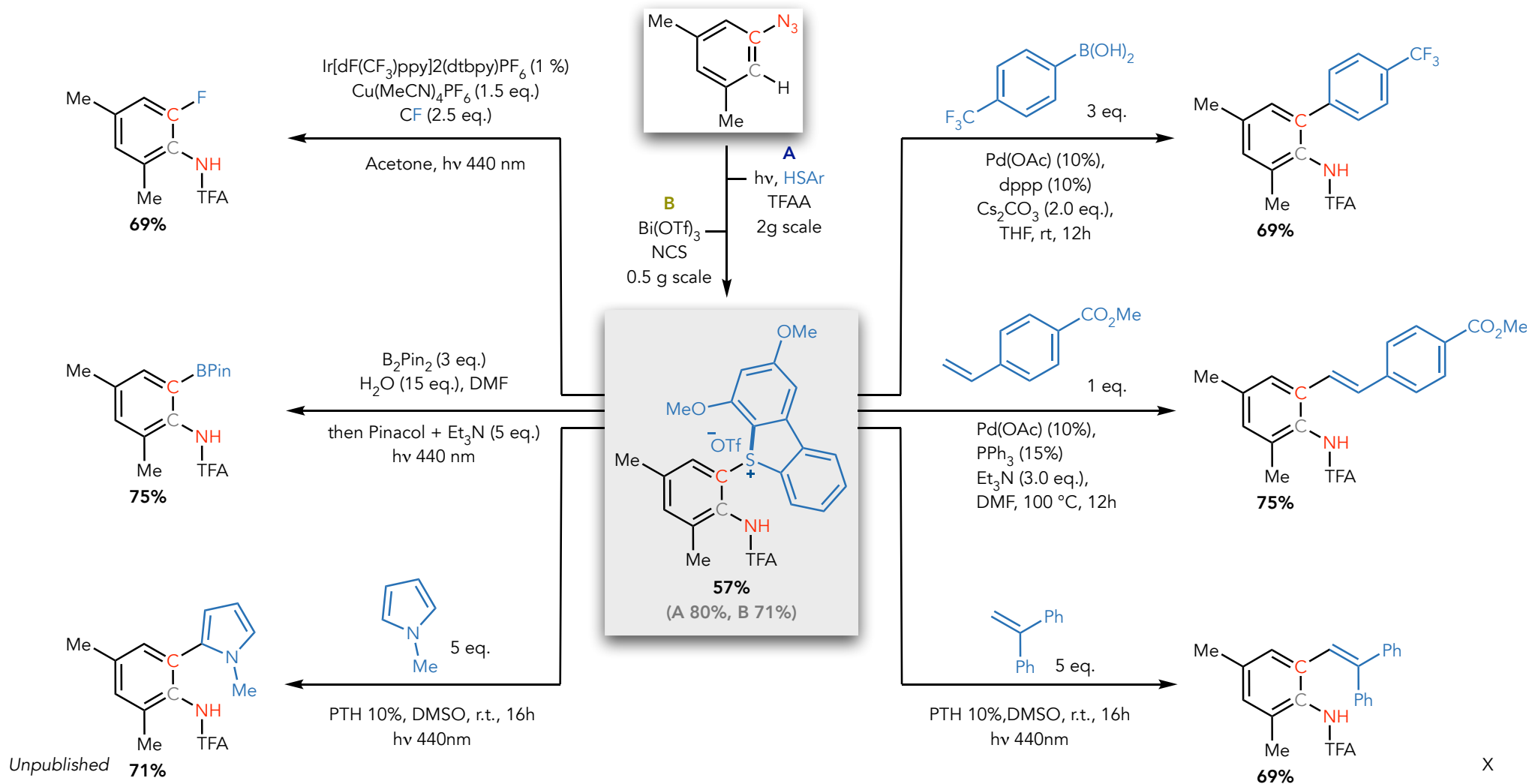


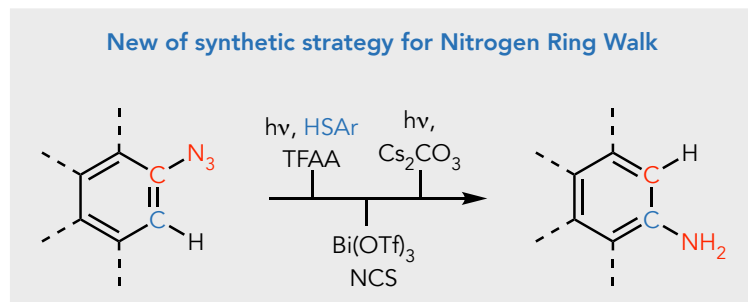
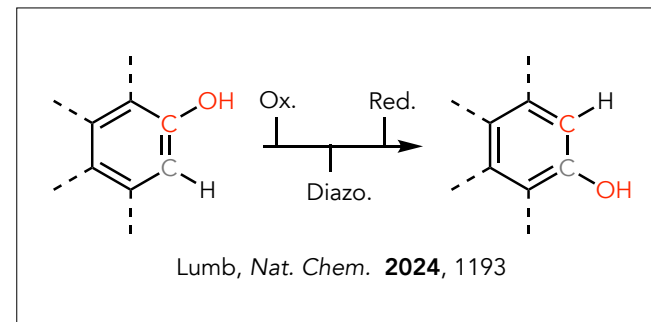
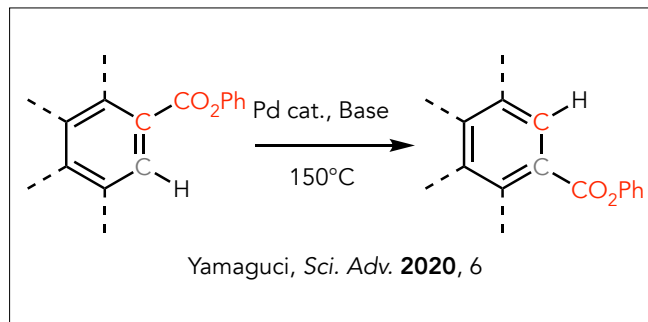
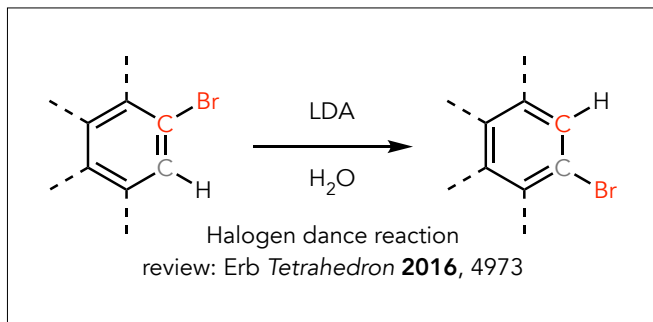
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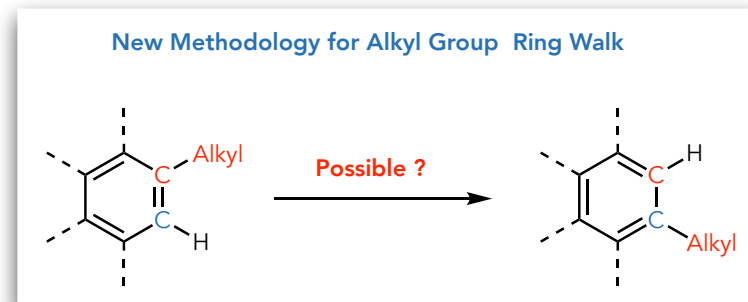
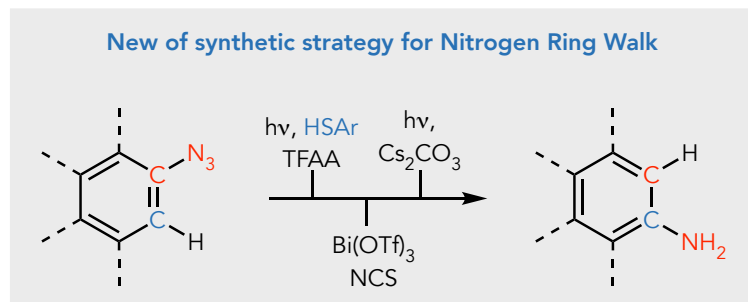
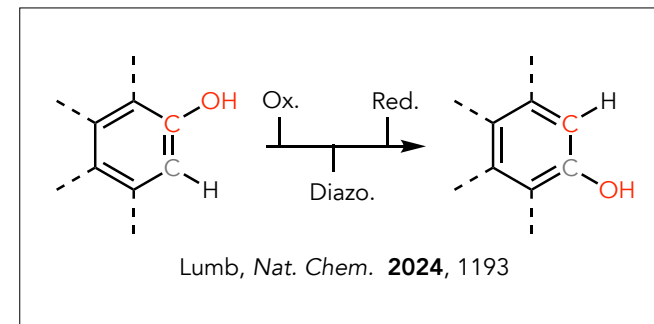
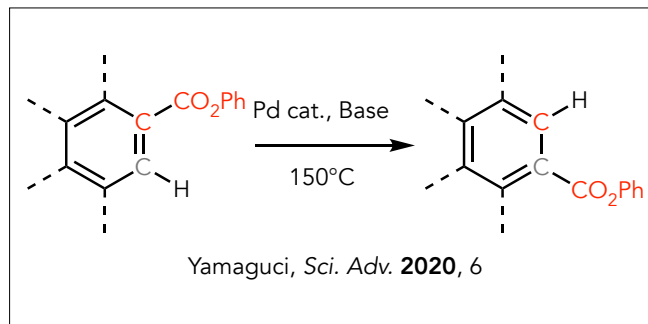
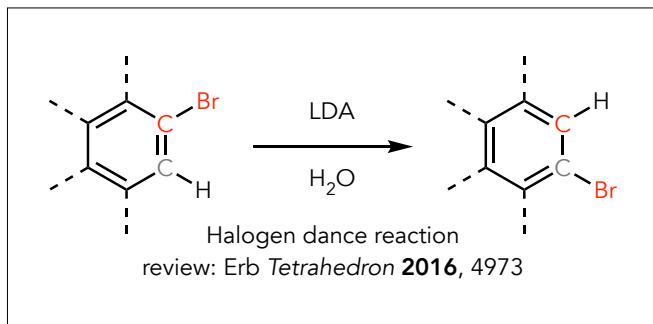


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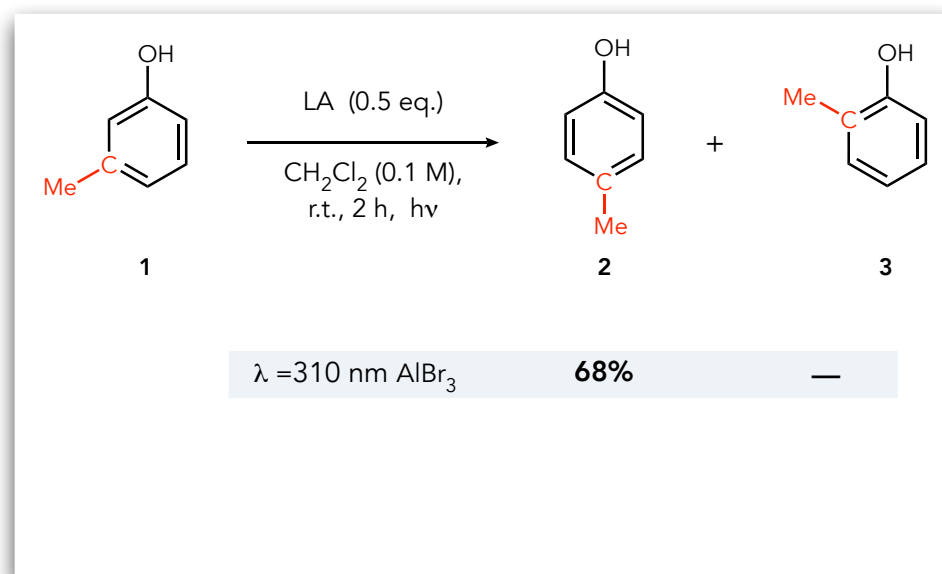
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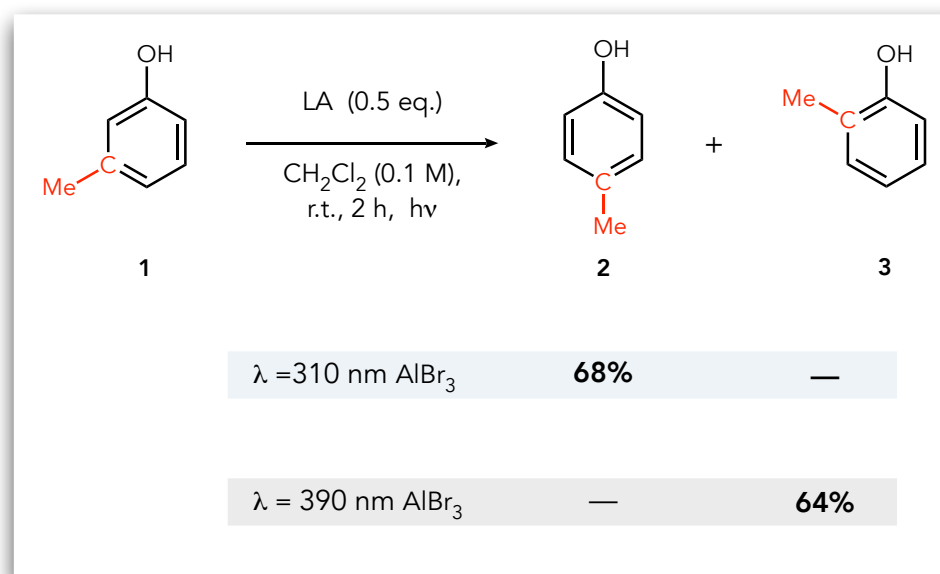




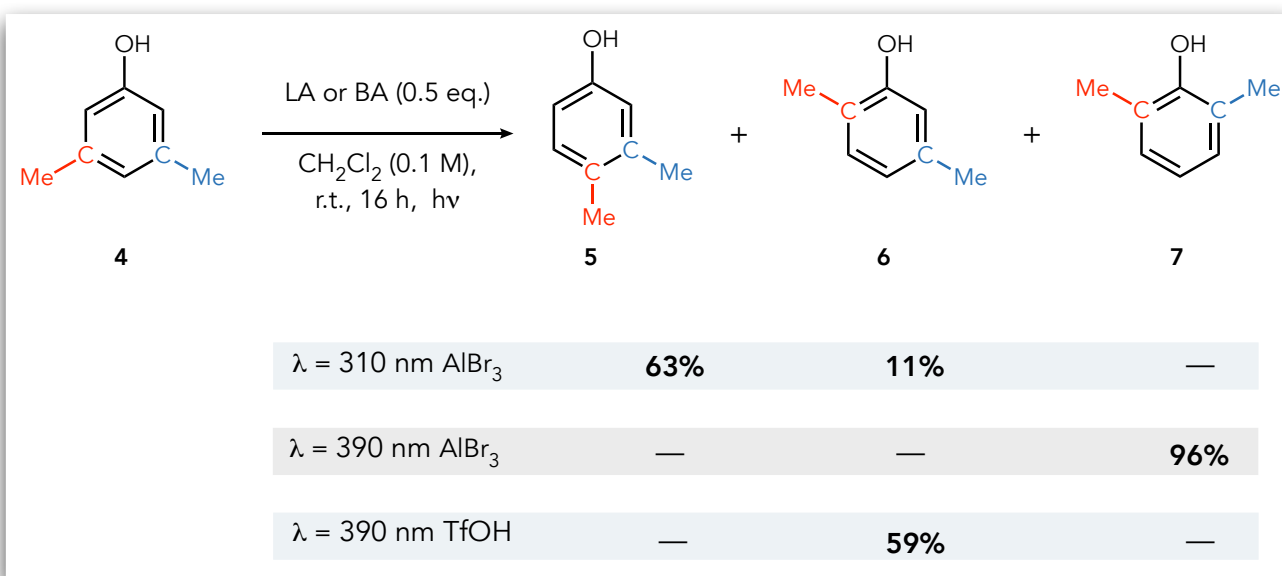
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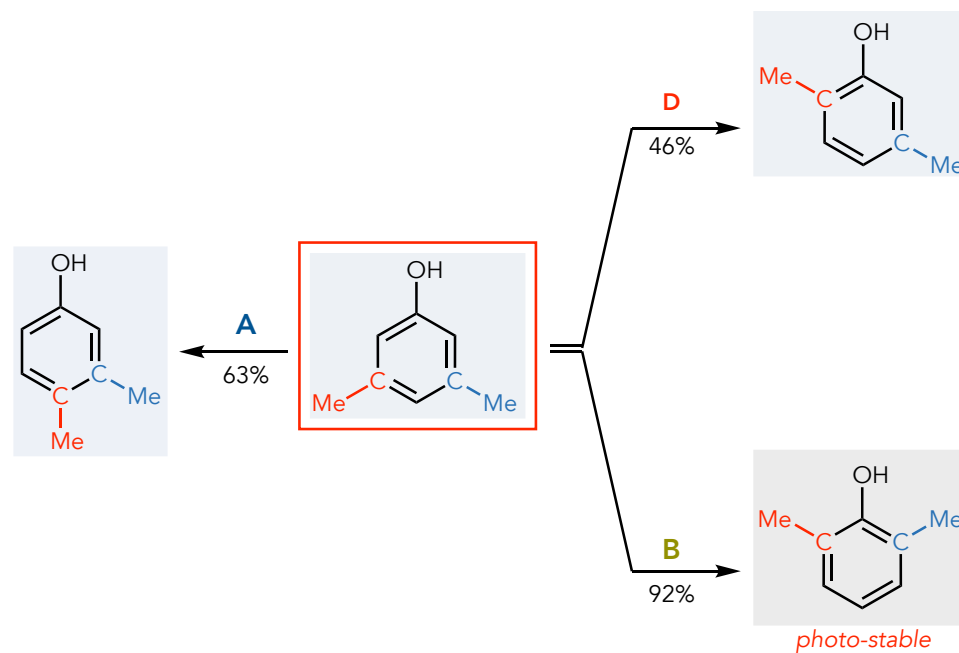
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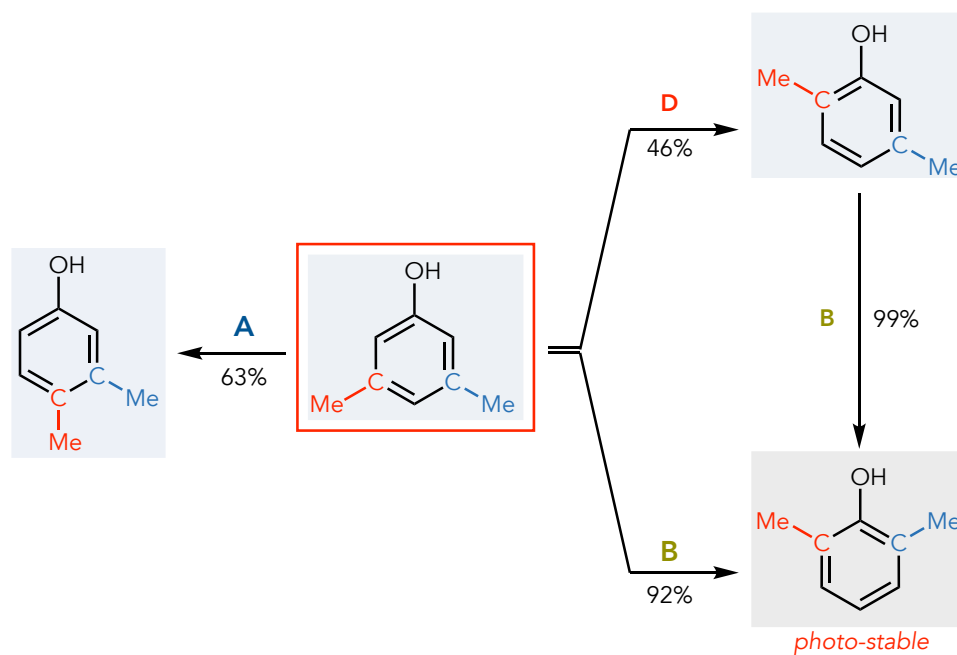
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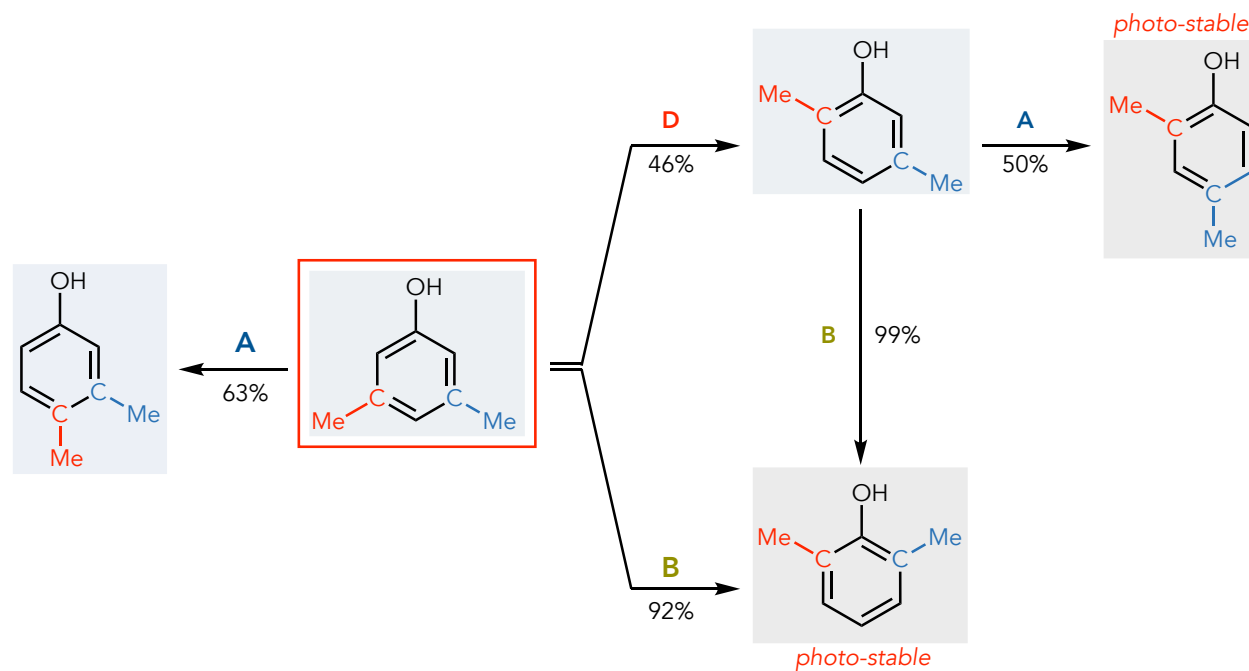
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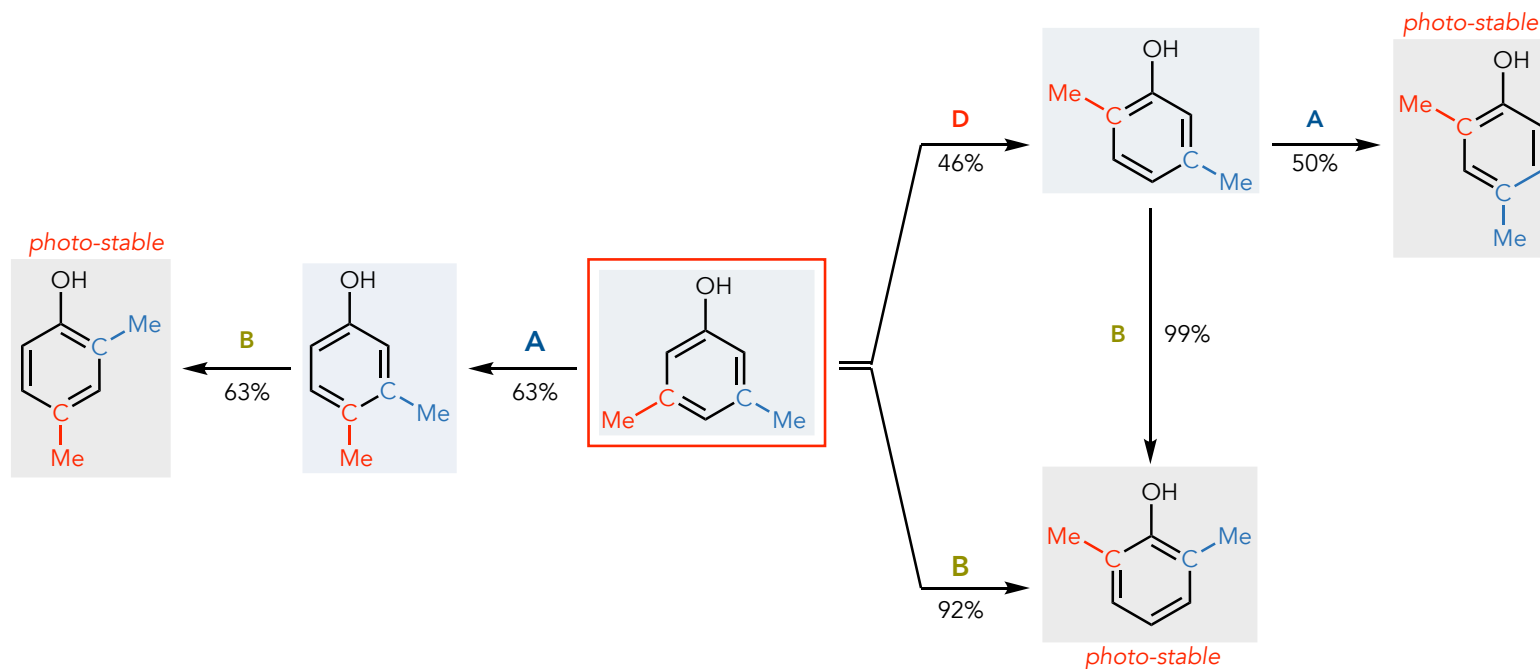
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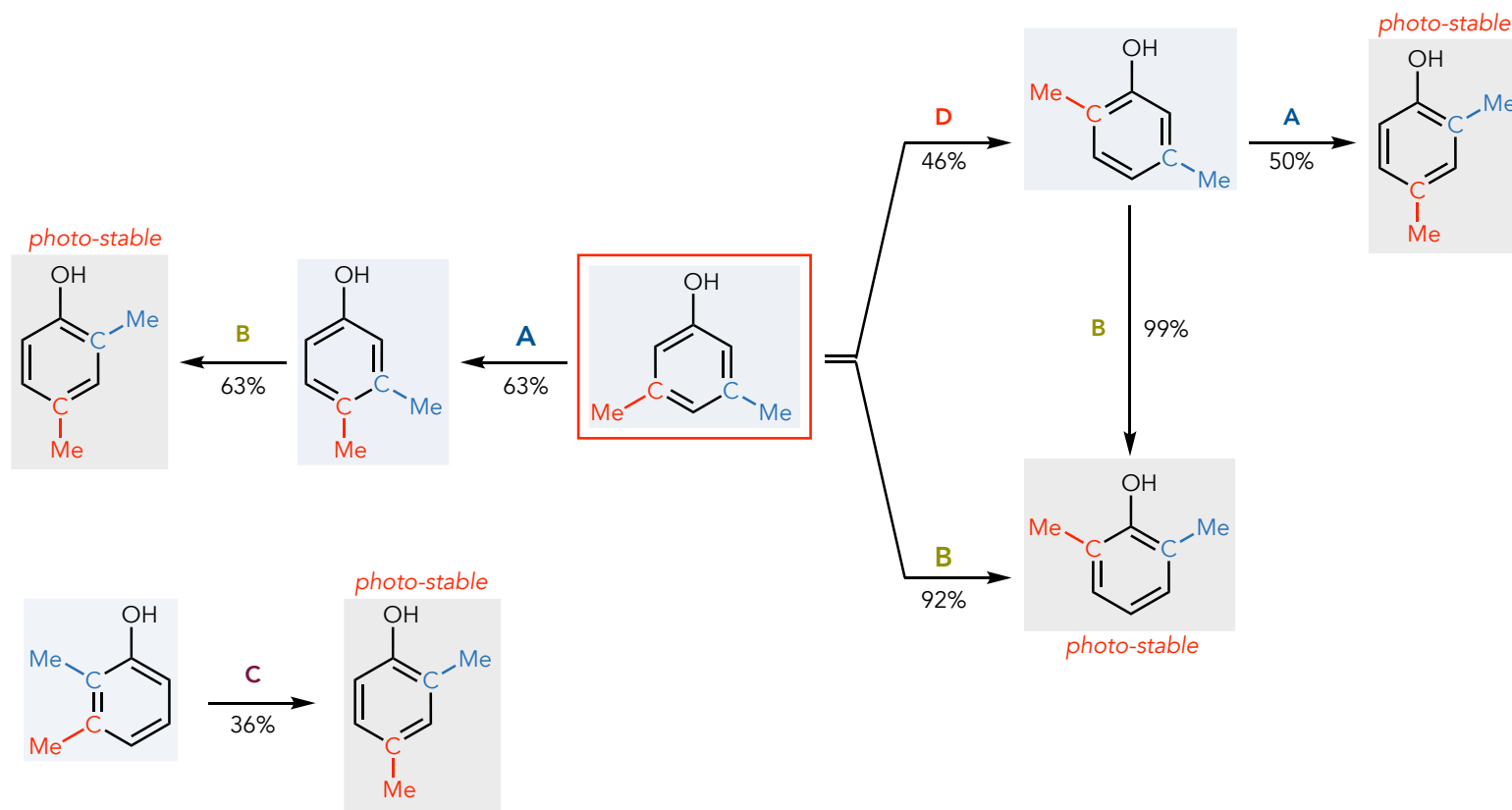
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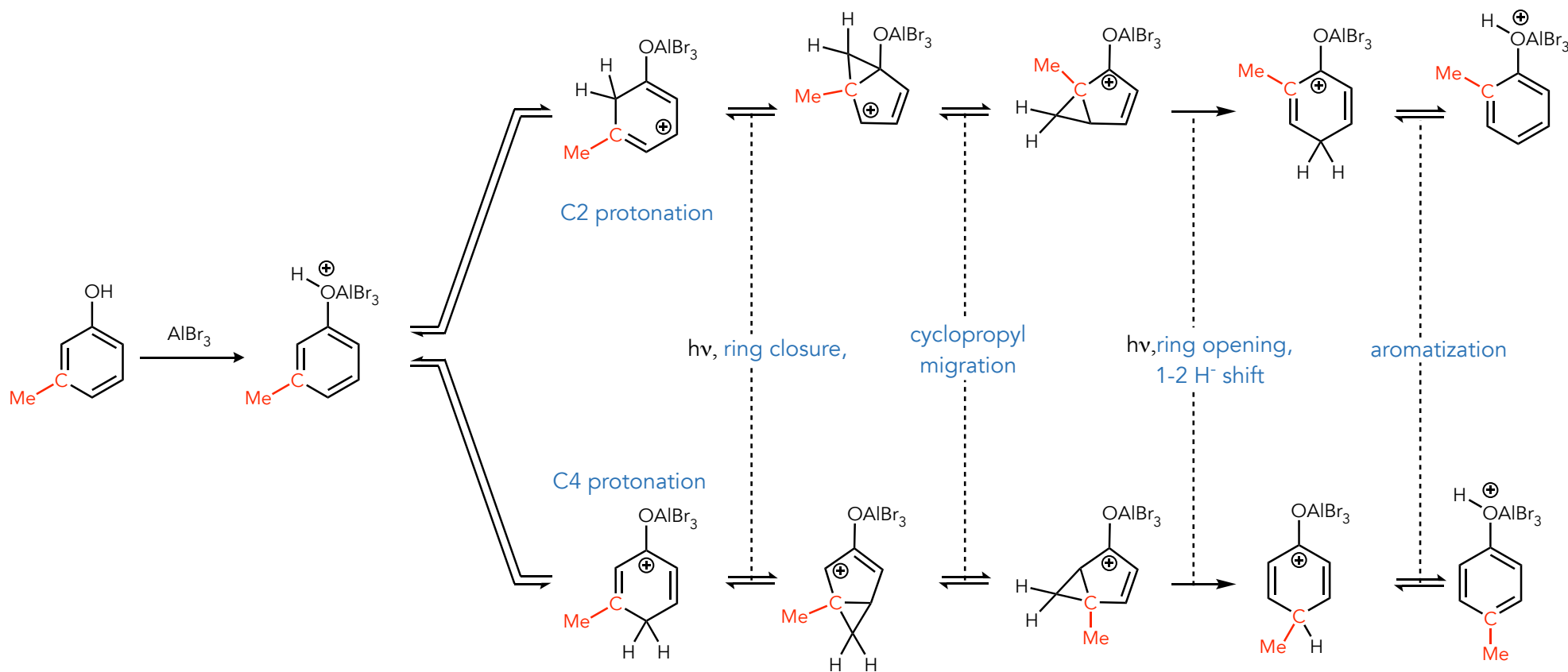
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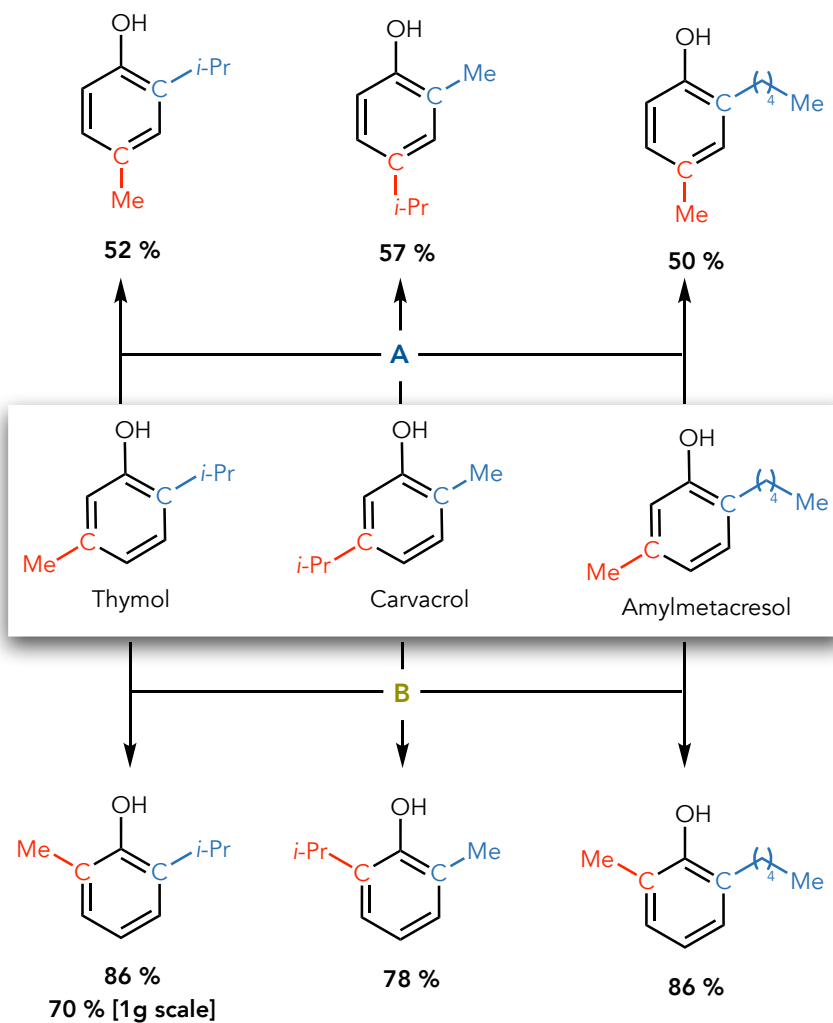
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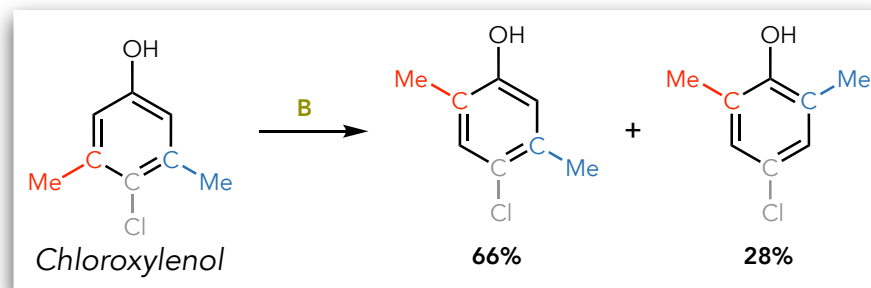
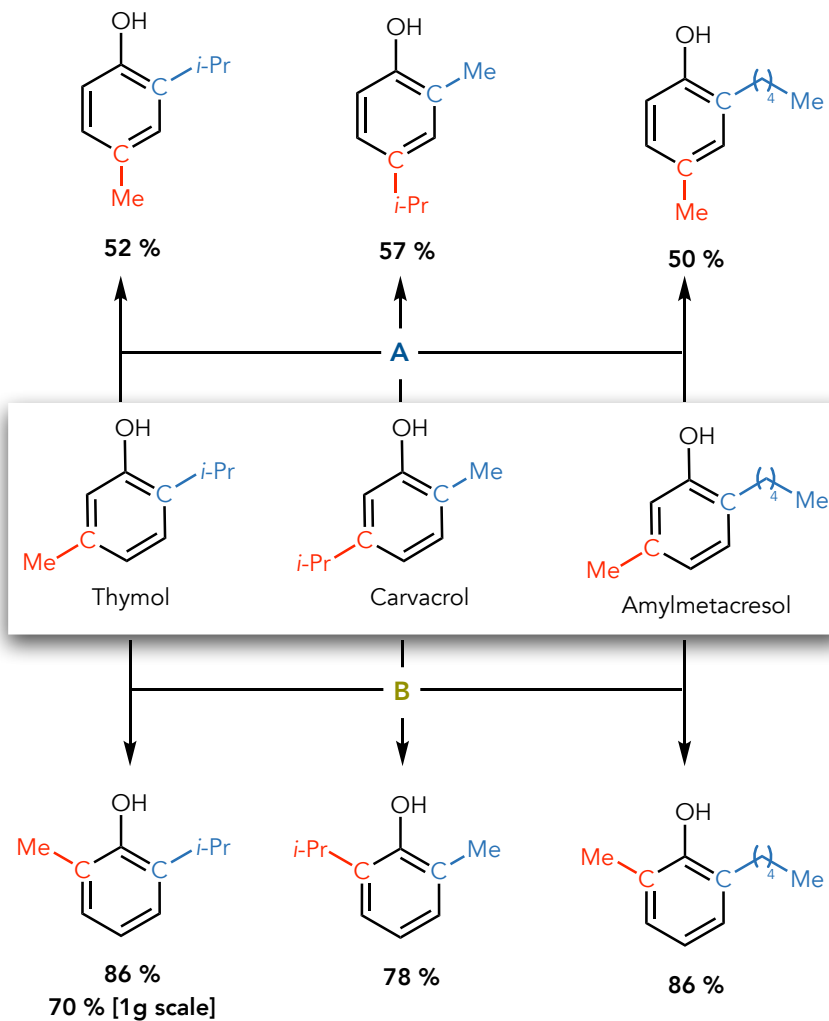
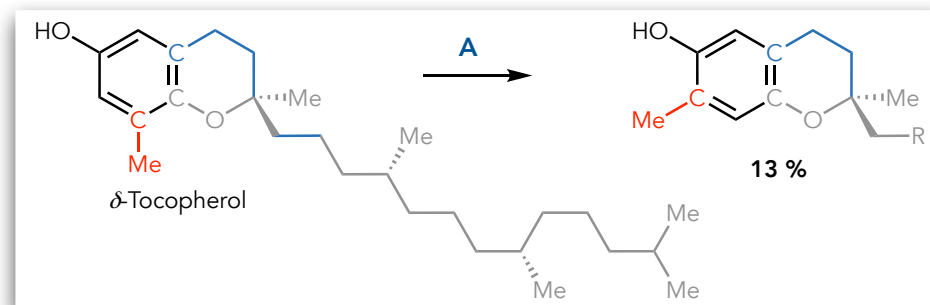
Aryl-Alkyl Group Ring Walk - Mechanism



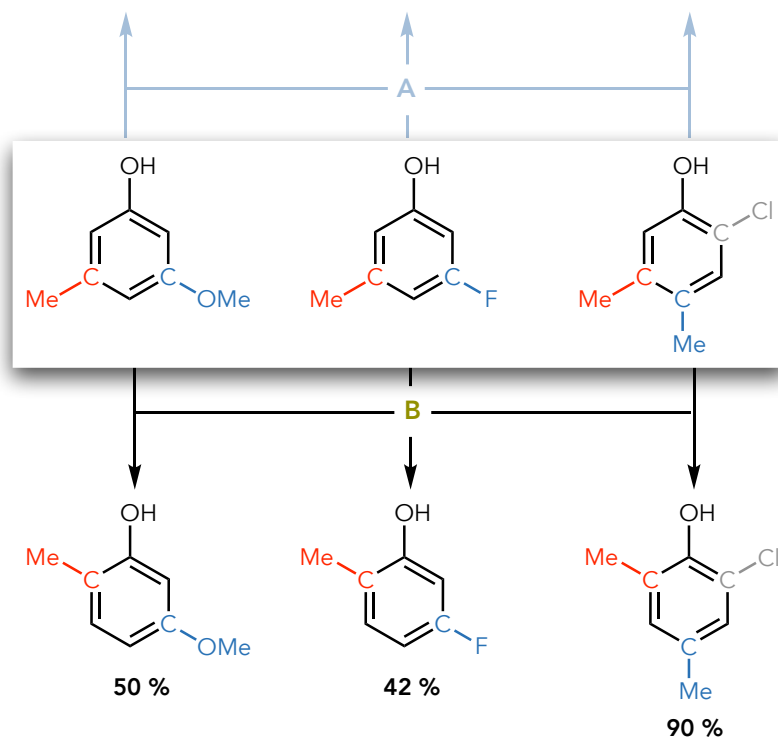
Alkyl Group Ring Walk : Scope



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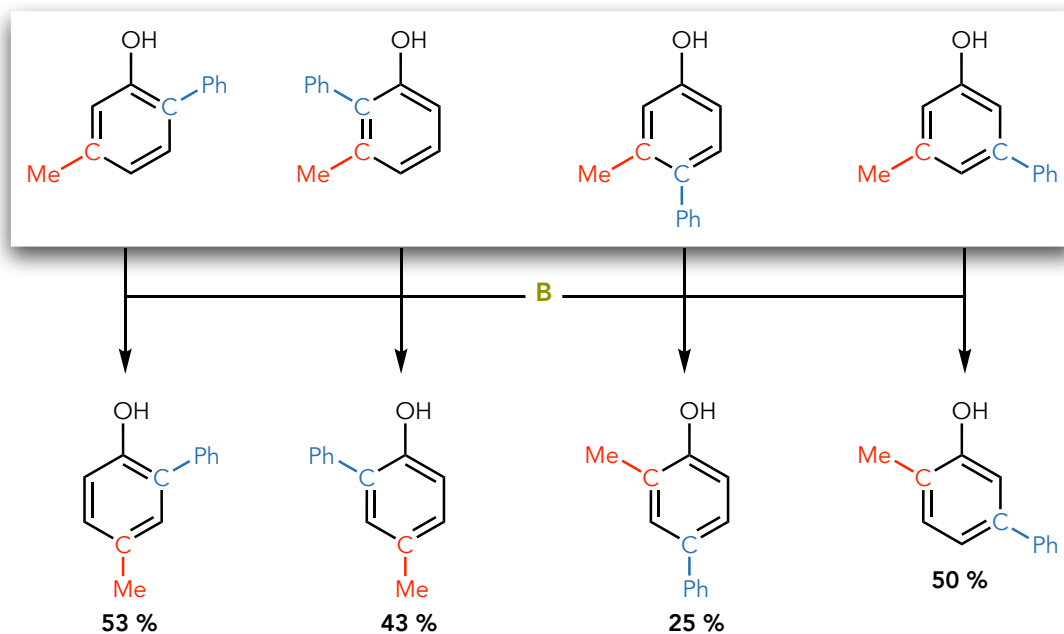
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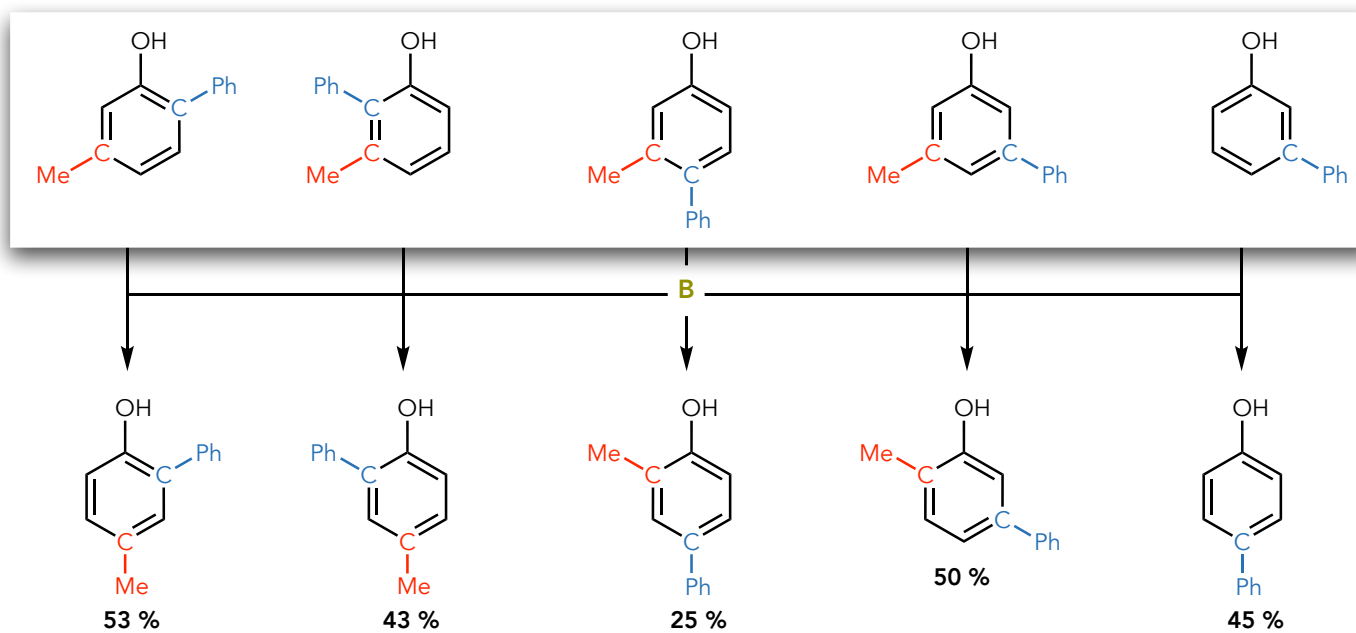
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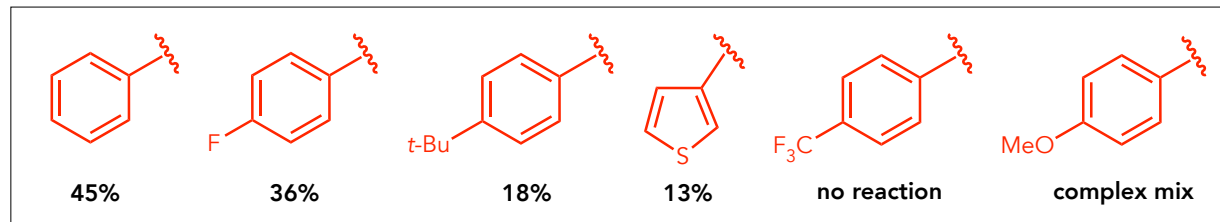
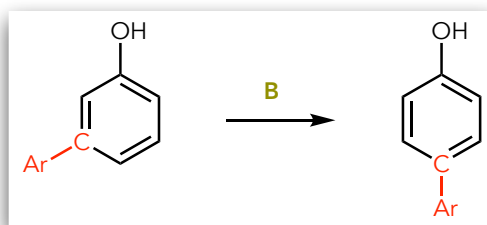
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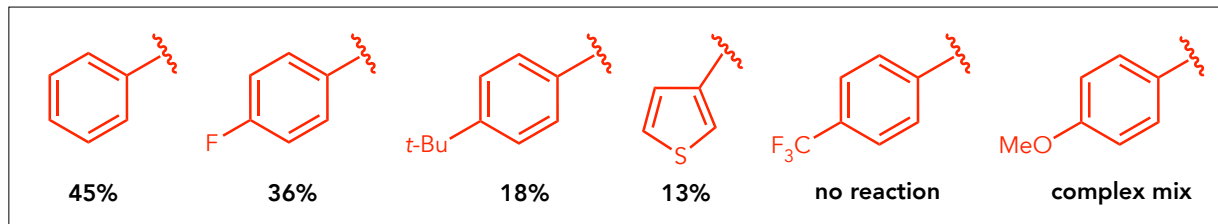
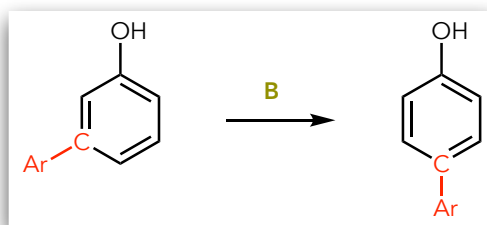
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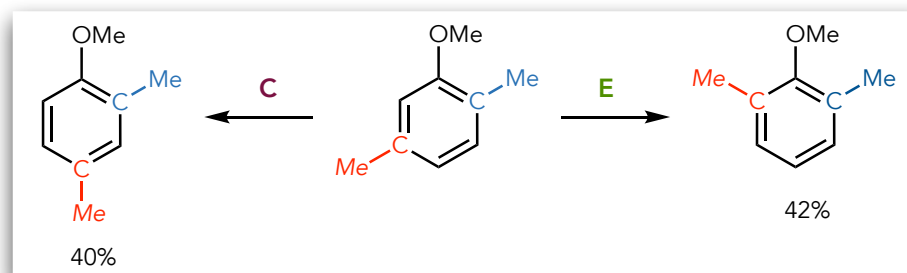


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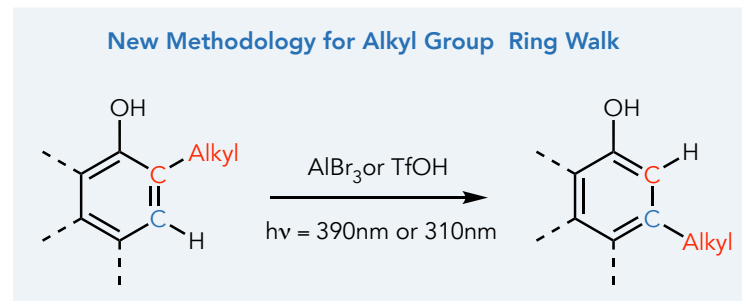
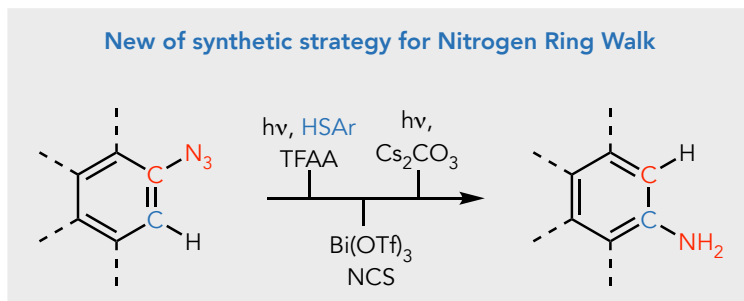
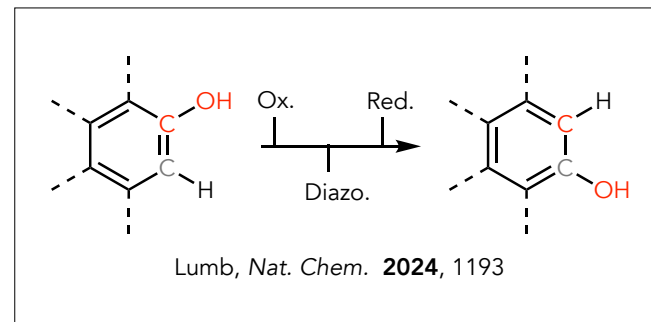
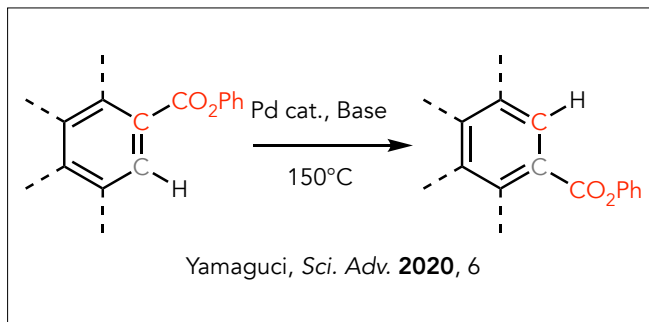
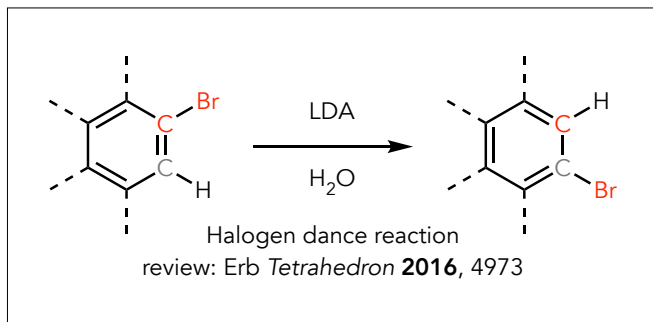
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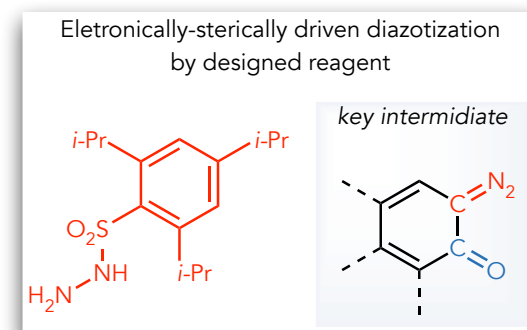
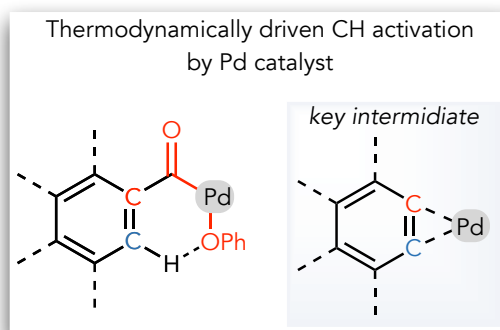
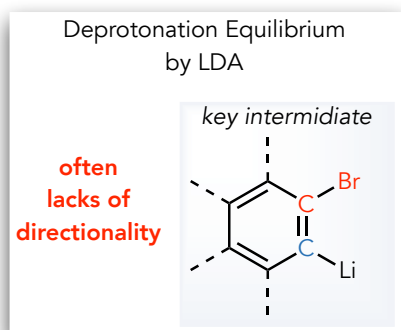
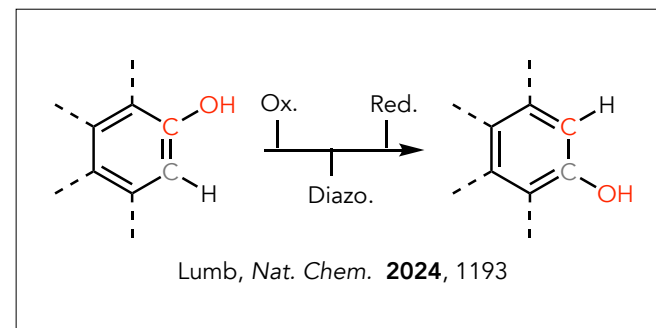
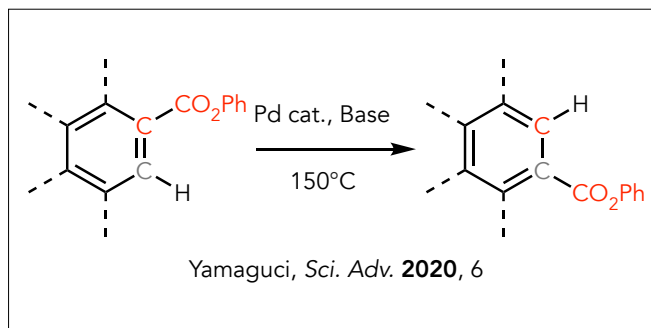
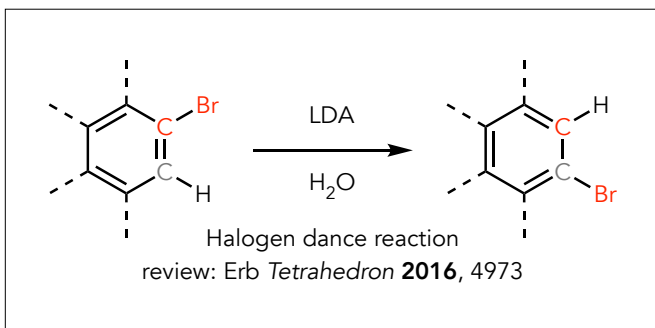


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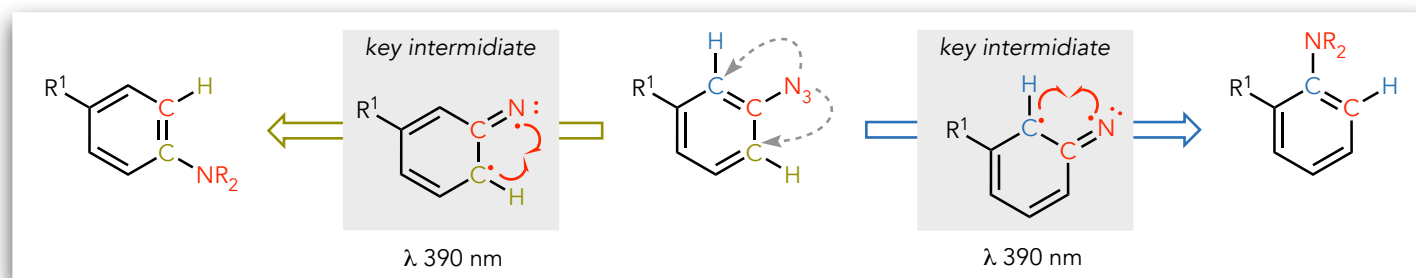
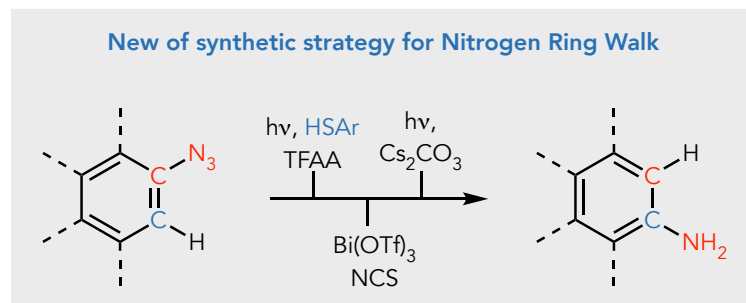


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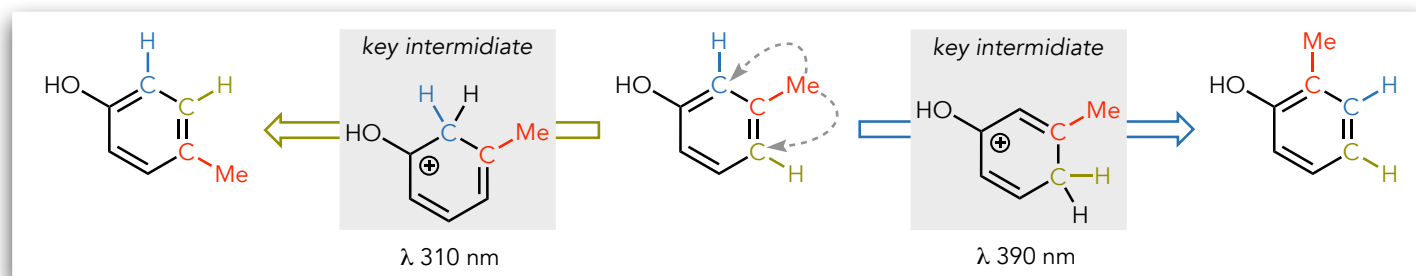
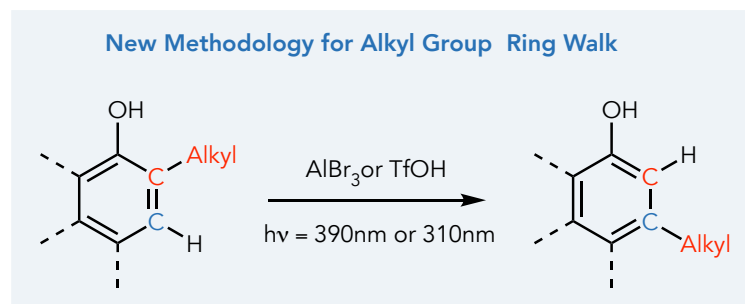
Substitution Pattern Alteration: Directionality



Single Nitrene delocalization-insertion

Inherent directionality

Substitution Pattern Alteration: Directionality



Protonation and Absorption are fundamental for the directionality

Group translocation can be controlled by different wave length



Photochemistry for Benzene Substitution Pattern Alteration

Photochemistry Rearrangements :

Sustainable : Avoids precious metals like iridium, platinum, and ruthenium.

Energy Efficiency: No heat required, with the potential to harness solar light as an energy source (energy savings)

Atom Economy: Promotes highly efficient photochemical transformation, all atoms are already into the final product.

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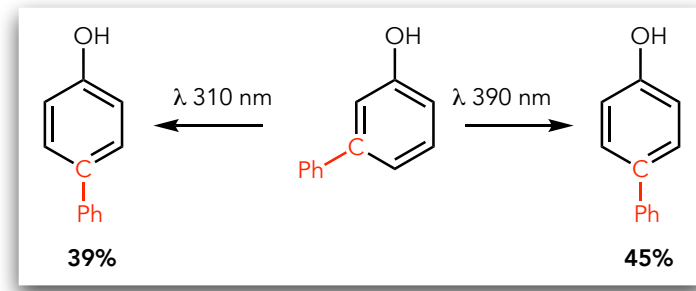
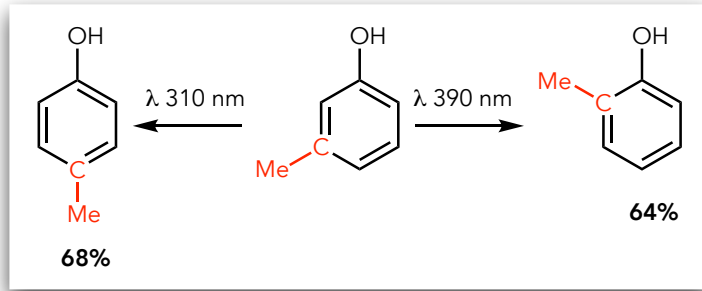
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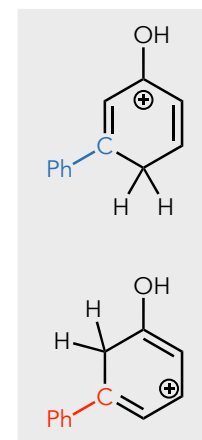
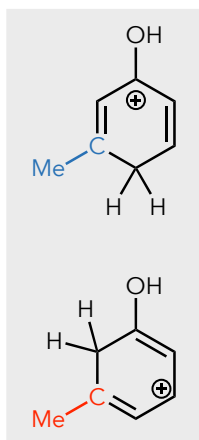
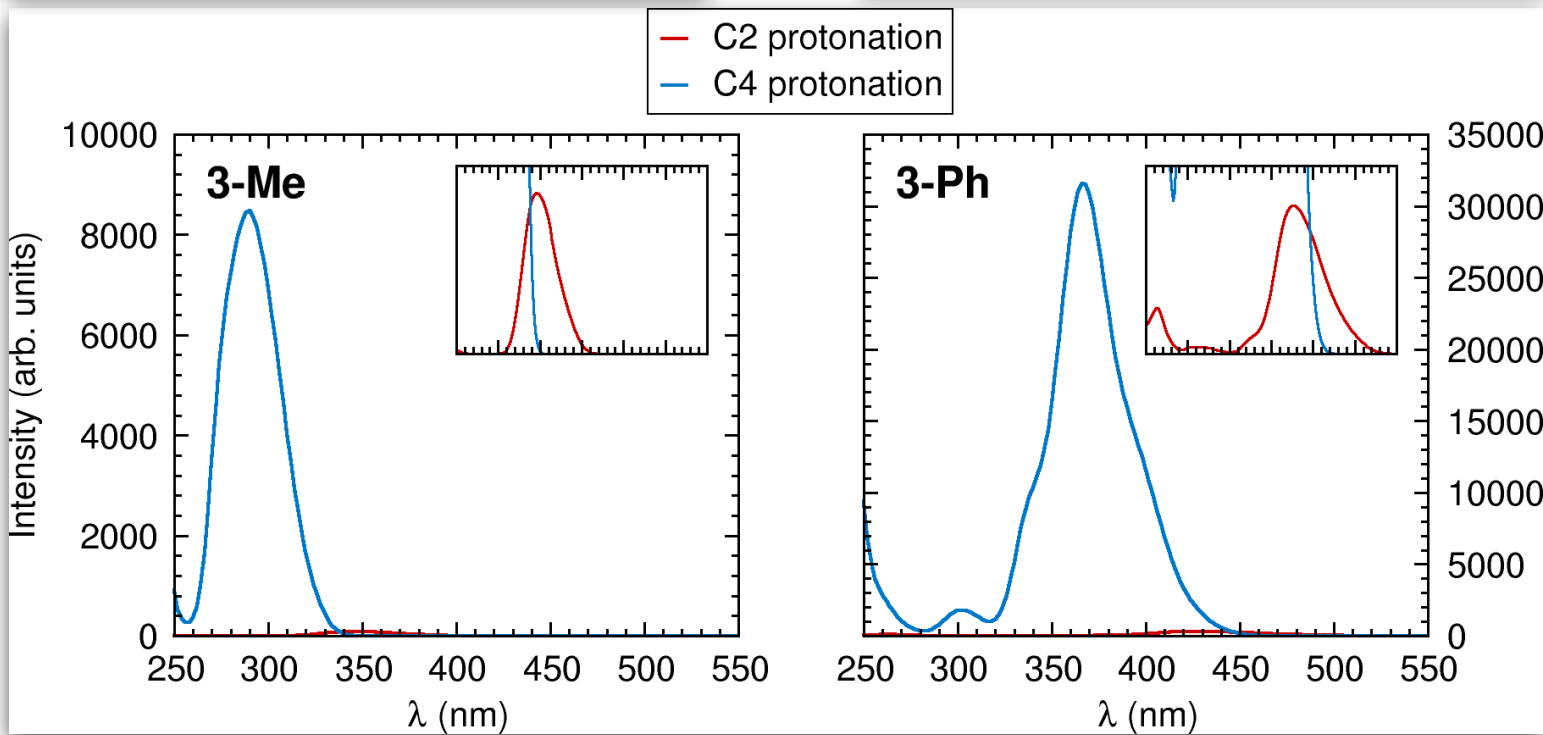
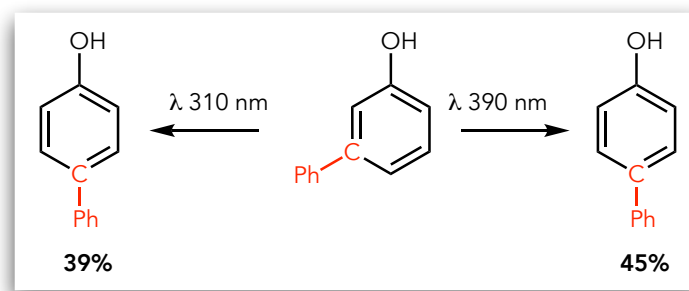
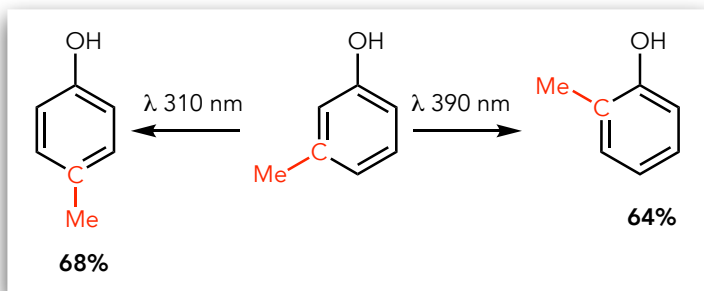
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Selectivity



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Alkyl Group Ring Walk - Mechanism

