# **Photoredox Organocatalysis**

Literature seminar#2 M1 Hiromu Fuse 2017/07/15(Sat)

# Introduction



Nicewicz, D. A. et al. Science 2015, 349, 1326.

- Organic photoredox catalyzed reaction!
- Direct C-H amination!
- Access to simple aniline derivatives from ammonium



# Introduction



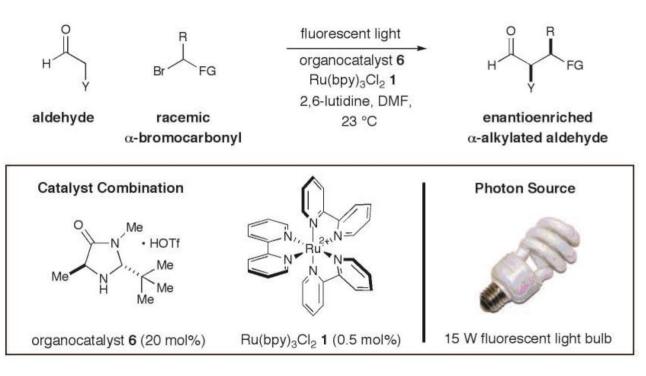
Dave was born and raised in central New Jersey. He completed his B.S. (2000) and M.S. (2001) in Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte under the direction of Craig Ogle. Dave then went on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he did his Ph.D. studies under the tutelage of Jeffrey Johnson. Under Jeff's direction, Dave investigated the use of the Brook rearrangement in synthetic methodology and its application to the total synthesis of zaragozic acid C. Upon completion of his Ph.D. studies in 2006, Dave returned to his native New Jersey where he was a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Researcher in the laboratories of Professor David MacMillan at Princeton University. While in MacMillan's lab, Dave helped develop the budding area of photoredox organocatalysis. In July of 2009, Dave returned to UNC as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

http://www.chem.unc.edu/people/faculty/nicewicz/group/biography.html

The pioneer of Photoredox Catalysis!

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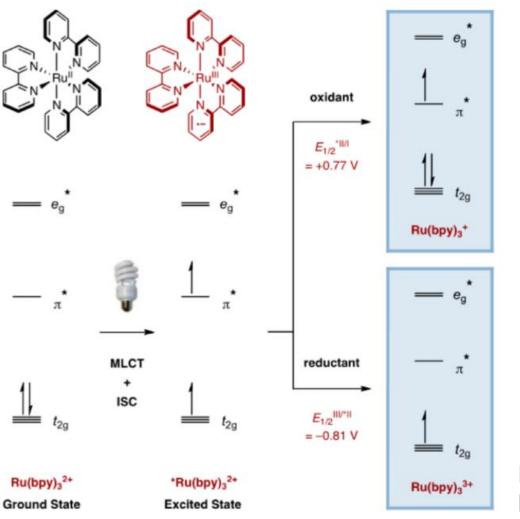




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# Photoredox catalysis

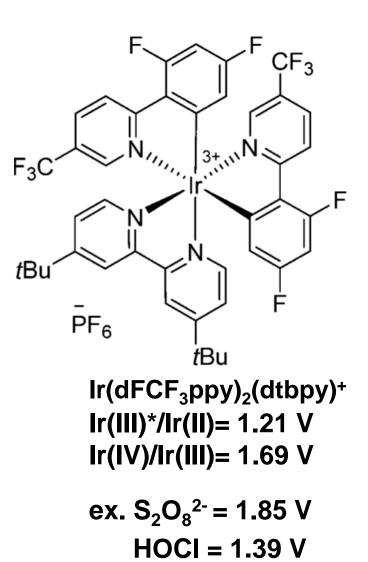


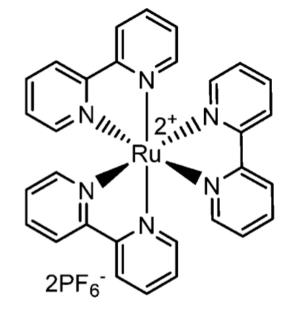
- MLCT and ISC give longlived triplet photoexcited state.
- Photoredox catalyst can work as both strong oxidant and strong reductant.

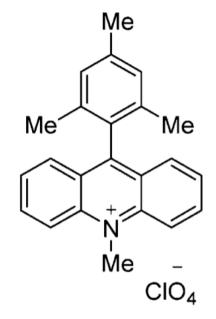
# MLCT: metal to ligand charge transfer ISC: intersystem crossing

MacMillan, D. W. C. et al. Chem. Rev. 2013, 113, 5322.

# High potential of Mes-Acr+







Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> Mes-Acr+ Ru(II)\*/Ru(I)= 0.77 V Et (S\*/S)= 2.06 V Ru(III)/Ru(II)= 1.29 V

http://chemlabs.princeton.edu/macmillan/photoredox/

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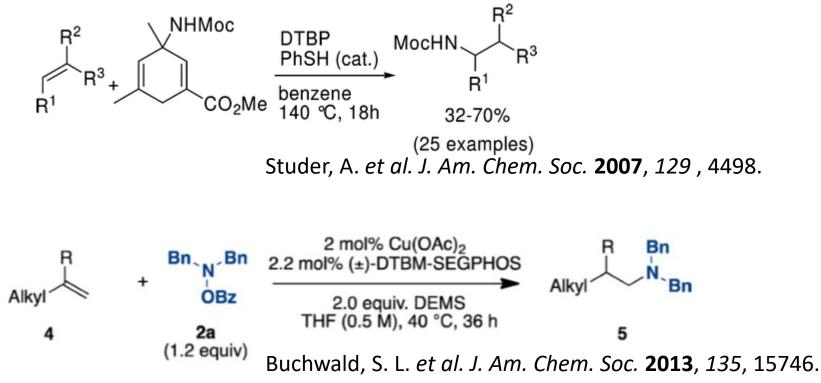
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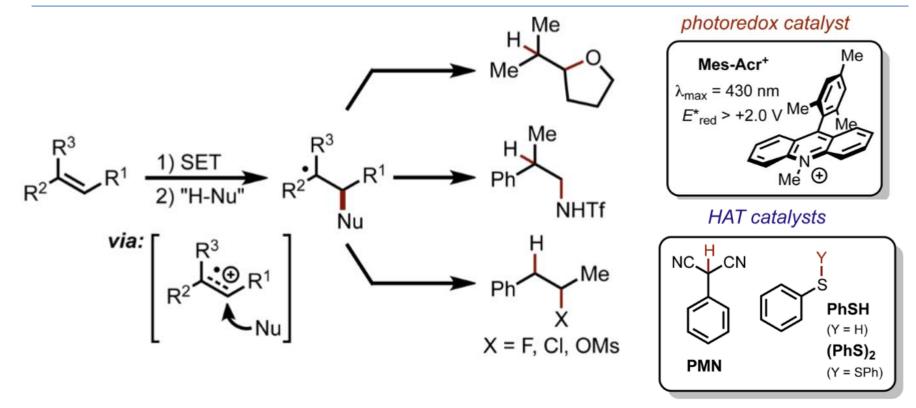
# 2. Direct C-H amination

# Anti-Makovnikov hydro-functionalization

- Although anti-Markonikov hydro-functionalization was developed, there is no general way.
- In many cases, substrates are limited such as vinylarenes or prefunctionalized heteroatom reagents.

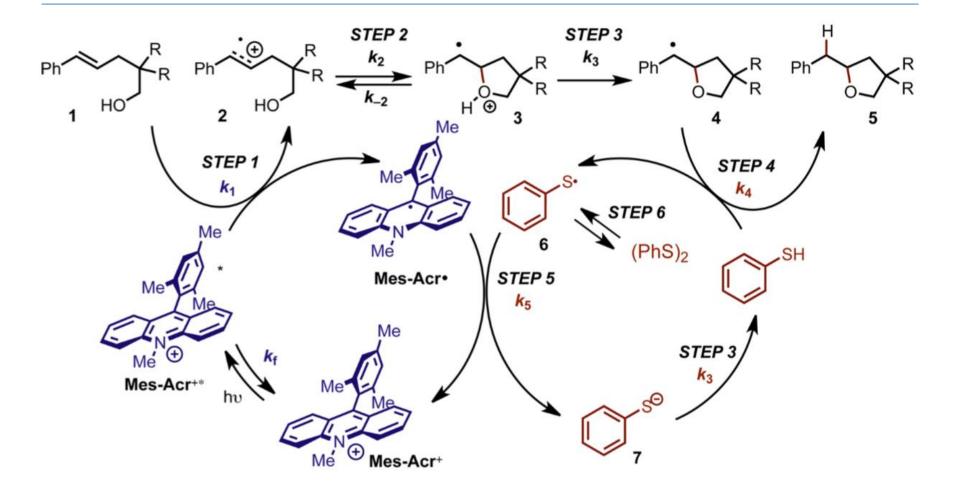


# Photoredox-catalyzed anti-Makovnikov hydro-functionalization



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## Proposed mechanism



How does this reaction proceed?

# Difficulty of mechanistic study

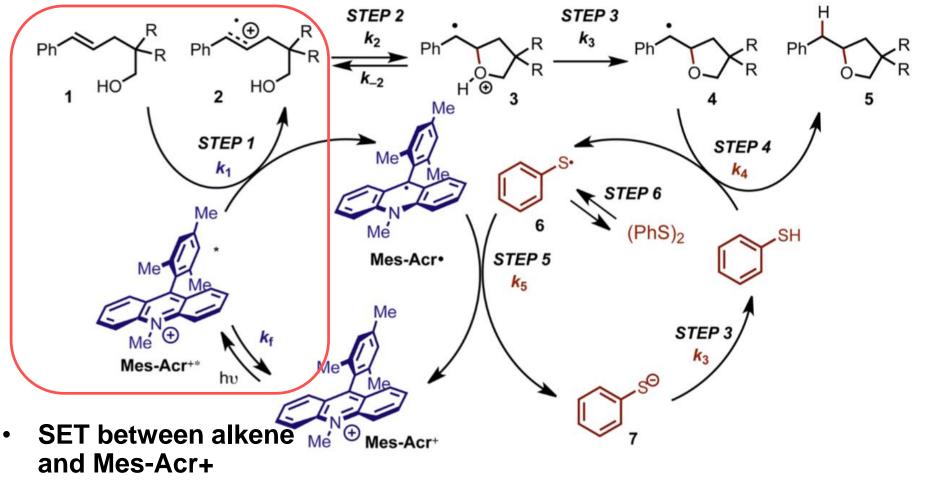
# 1. Multicomponent catalytic systems

# 2. Short-lived intermediate

# 3. SET (Single Electron Transfer)

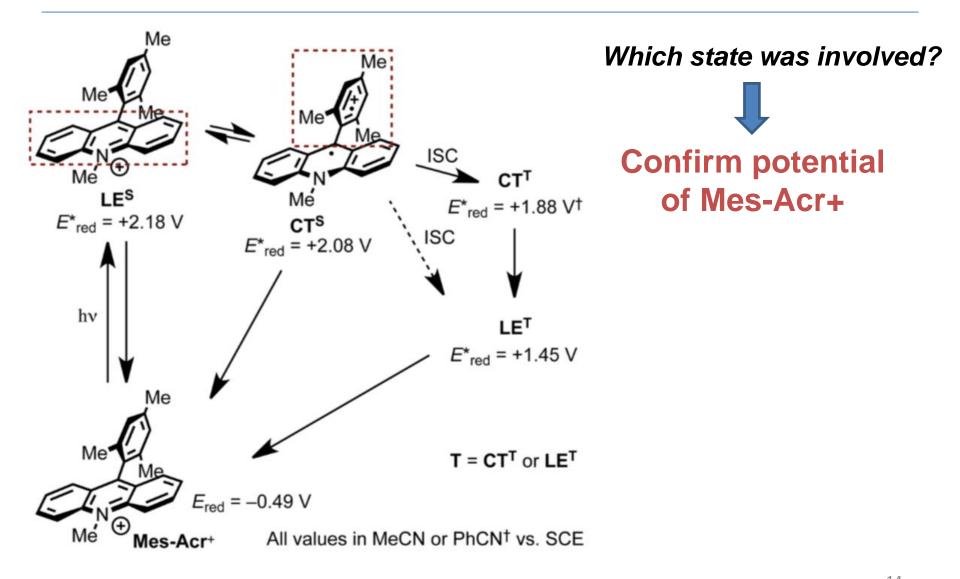
# **Spectroscopic study was employed.**

# Proposed mechanism

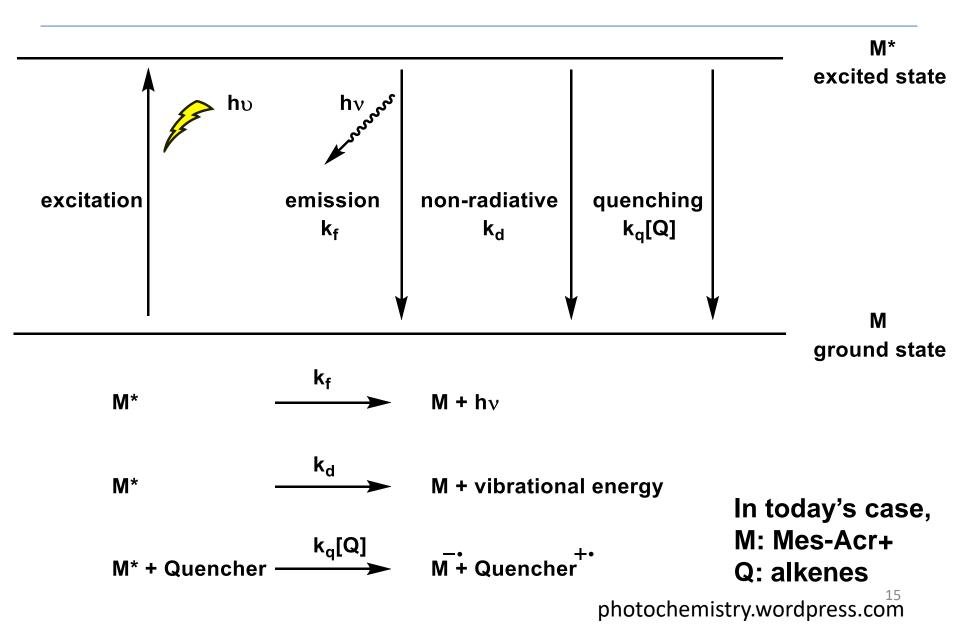


 State of Mes-Acr+ How does this reaction proceed?

#### The state of Mes-Acr+



# Fate of excited state



## Stern-Volmer Plot

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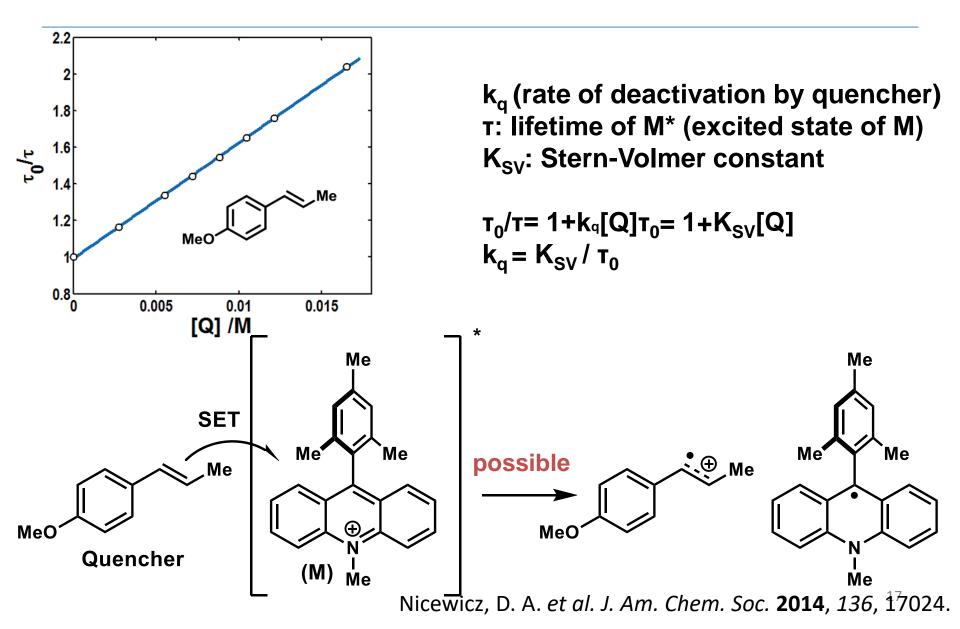
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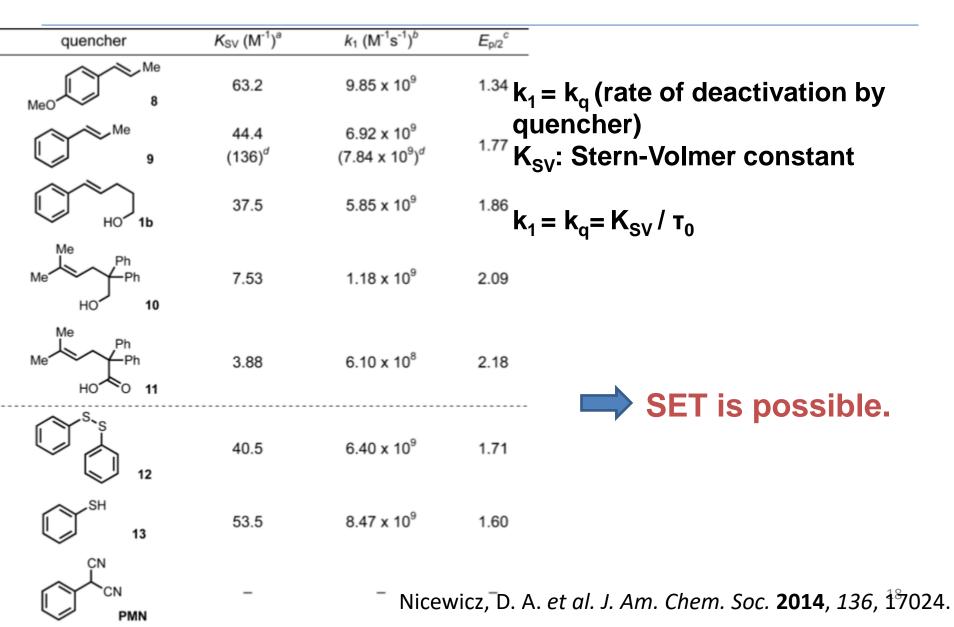
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#### Stern-Volmer Plot



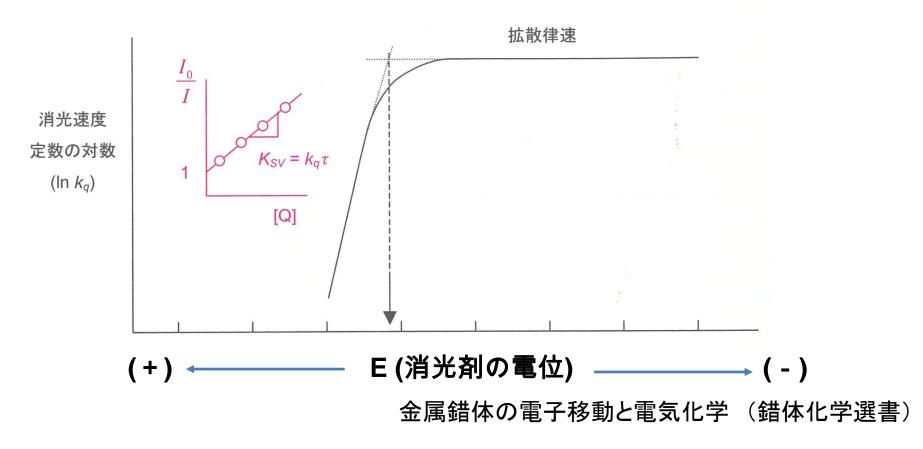
# Rate of quenching



# How to confirm potential of excited state?

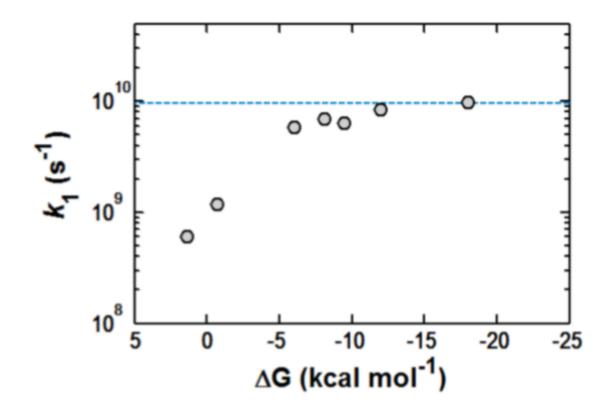
- Rehm-Weller plot
  - Experimental techniques
- $E^*_{red} = E_{0,0} + E_{red}$ - Calculation approach

# Rehm-Weller plot



• Potential could be revealed by Rehm-Weller plot.

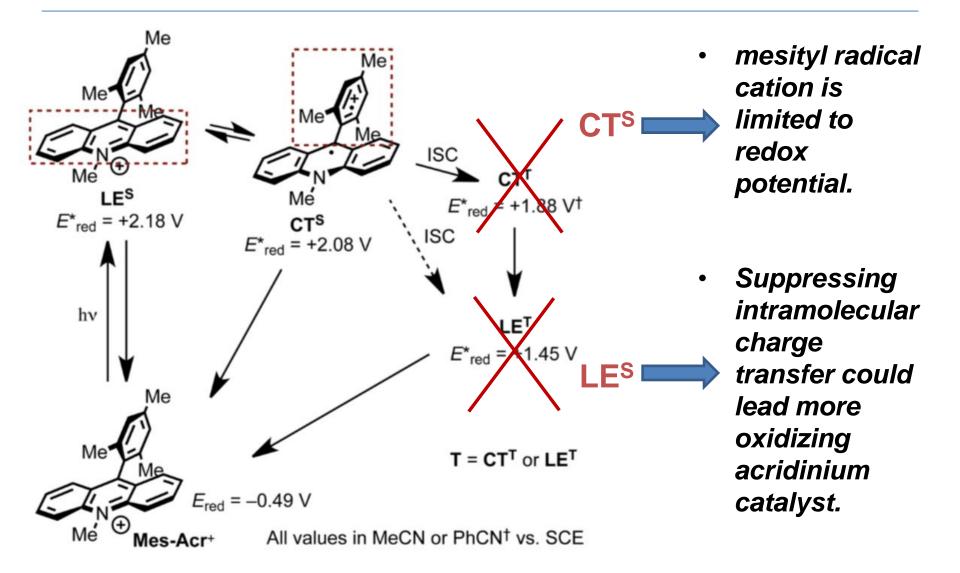
# Rehm-Weller plot



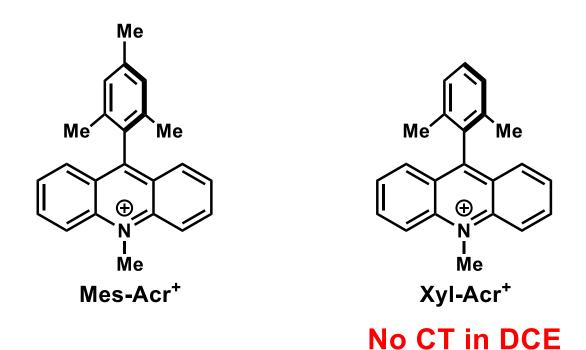
• Potential of Singlet State was needed.

#### Which is the dominant state, LE<sup>s</sup> or CT<sup>s</sup>?

# What is the motivation?

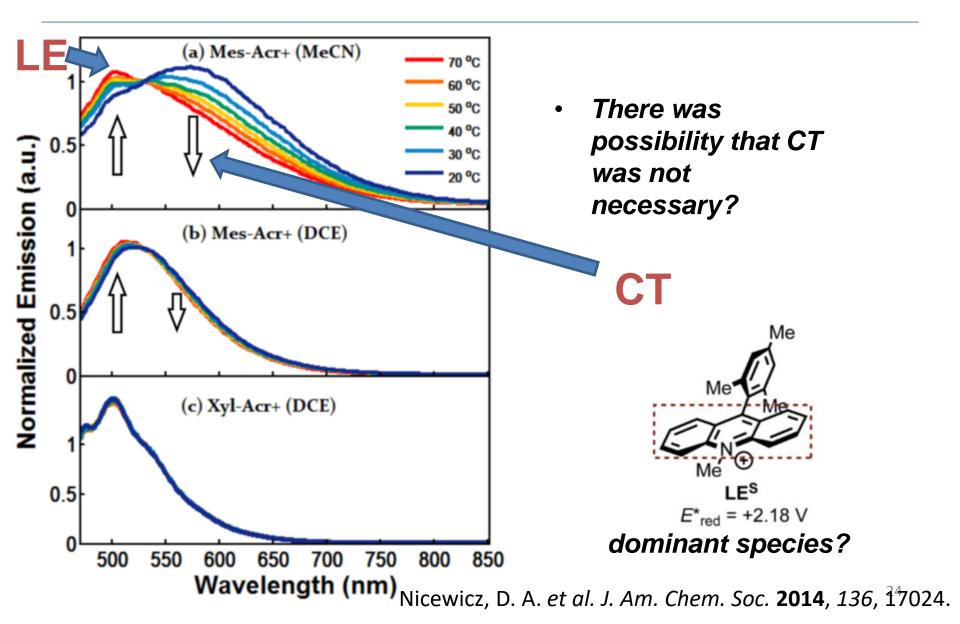


# How to confirm?

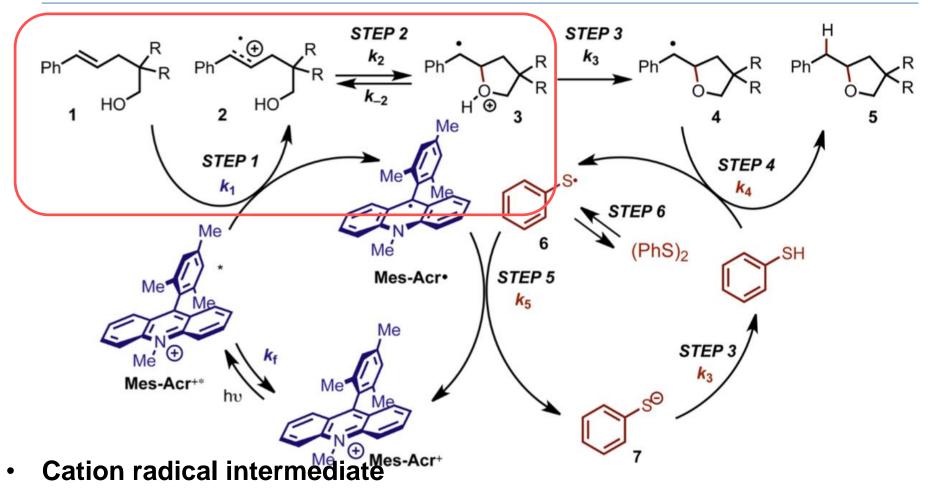


compare the spectrums of these two species

#### Comparing spectrum



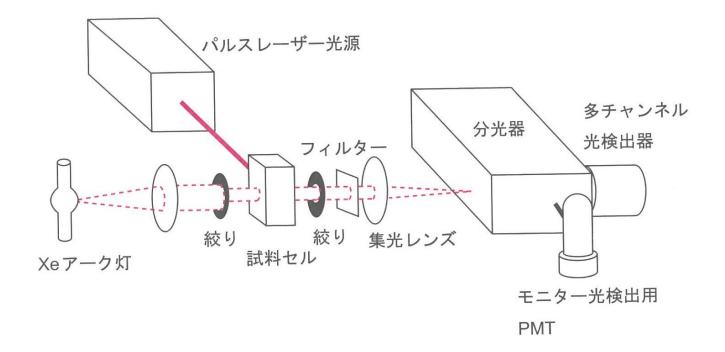
# Proposed mechanism



k<sub>2</sub>(rate of cyclization)

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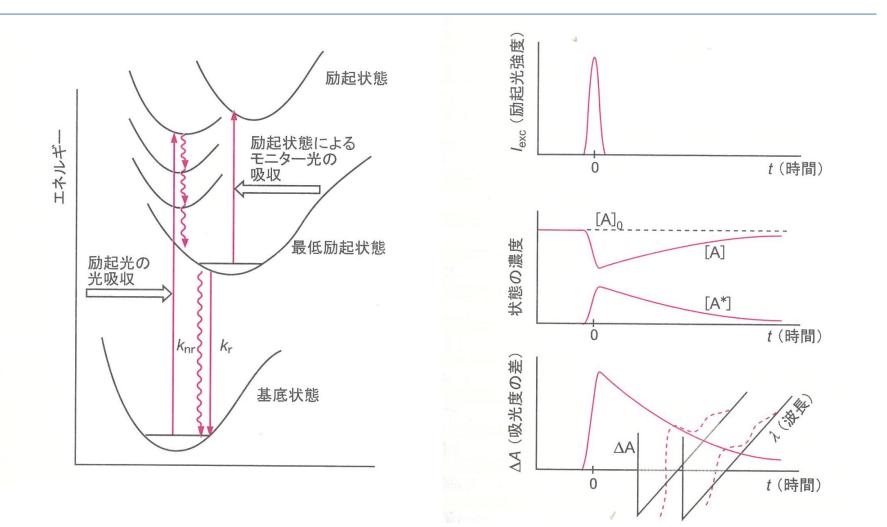
#### Transient absorption spectroscopy



• It can detect the chemicals which have short life.

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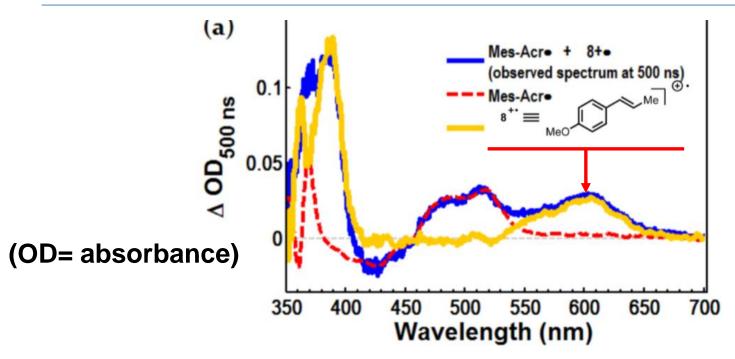
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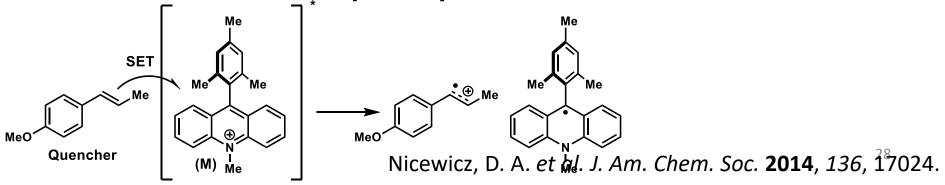
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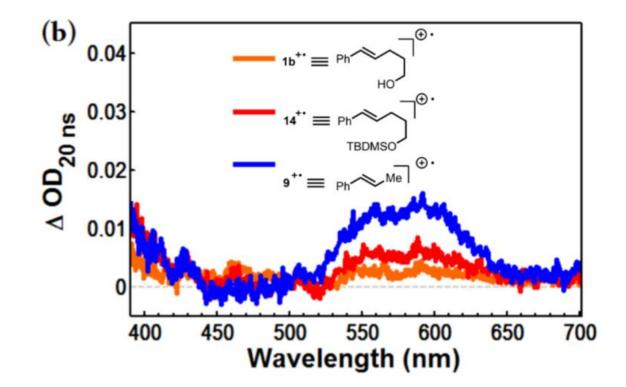
# Detection of cation radical intermediate



• The spectrum of cation radical is obtained by subtraction of Mes-Acr - from the transient absorption spectrum at 500 ns.



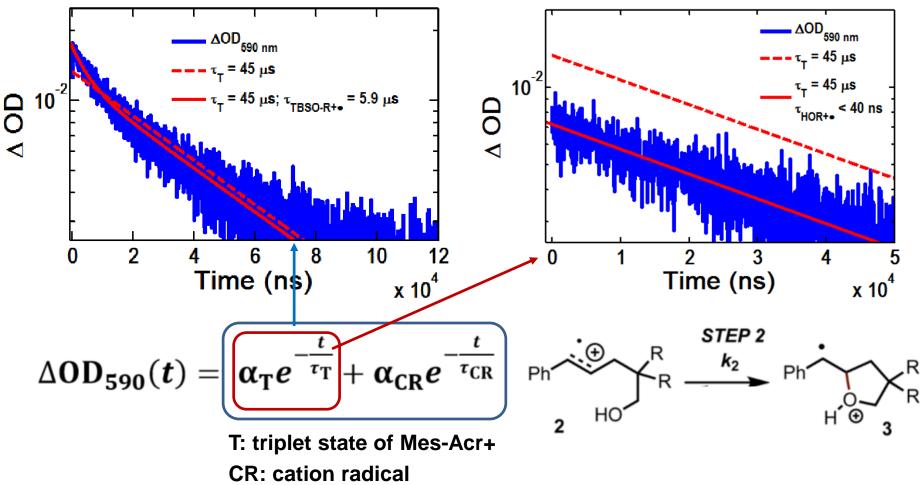
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• Each cation radical could be observed.

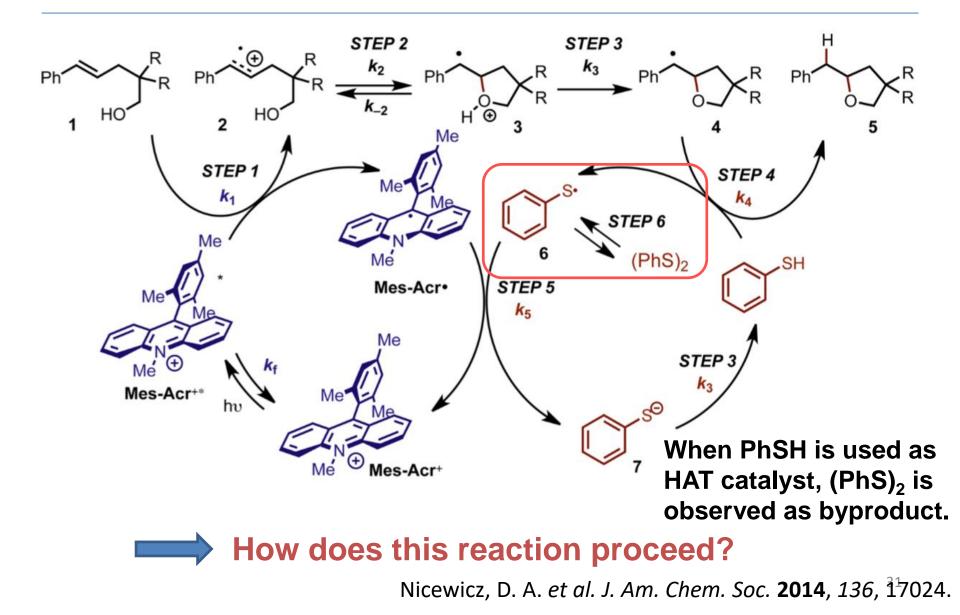
# Detection of cation radical intermediate

• Transient absorption spectroscopy at 40 ns

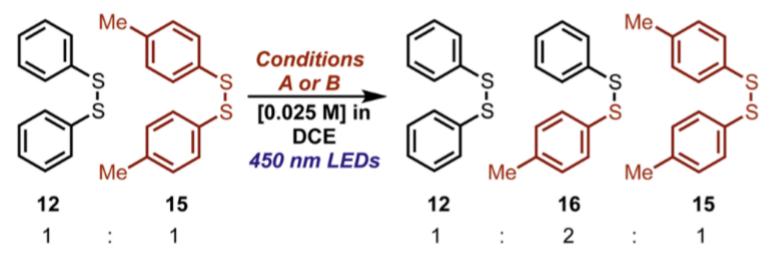


• In 40 ns, cyclization was finished.  $\Rightarrow k_2 > 2.5 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

# Proposed mechanism



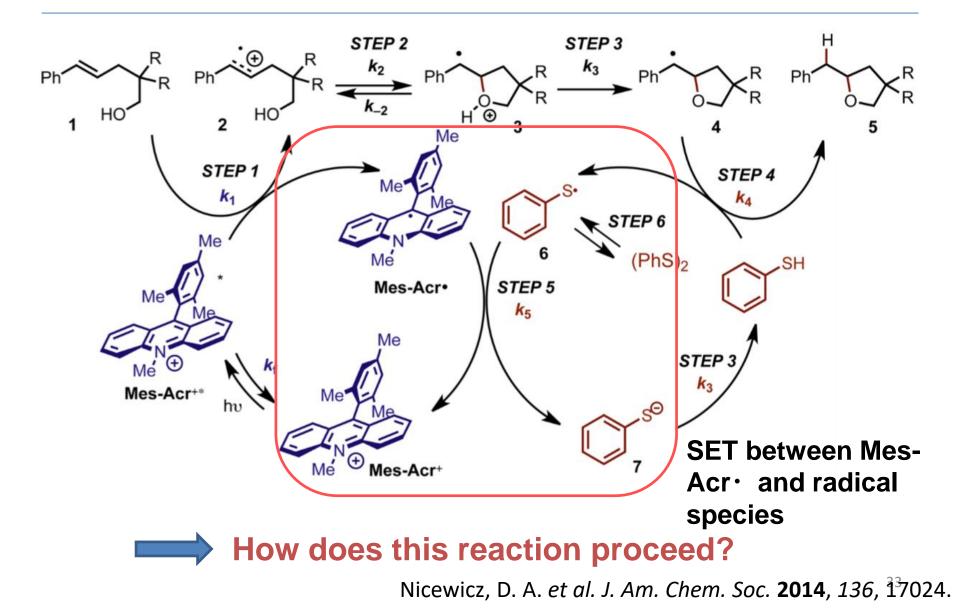
#### Disulfide crossover experiment



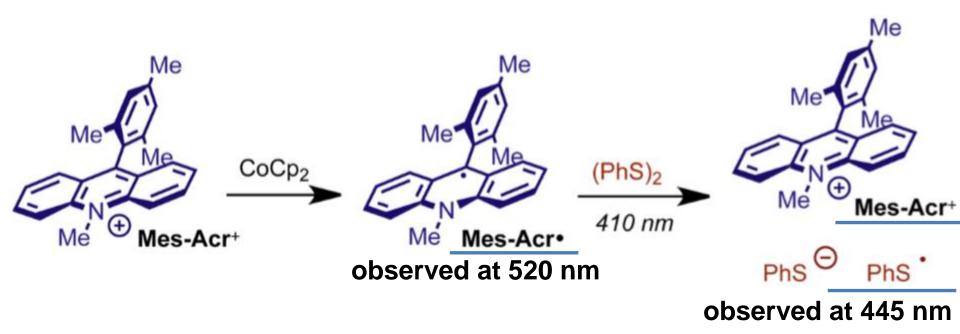
Condition A: Mes-AcrBF<sub>4</sub> [0.013 M] Condition B: no Mes-AcrBF<sub>4</sub>

- Disulfides were competent HAT catalysts .
- Disulfide bond was cleaved by visible light irradiation.

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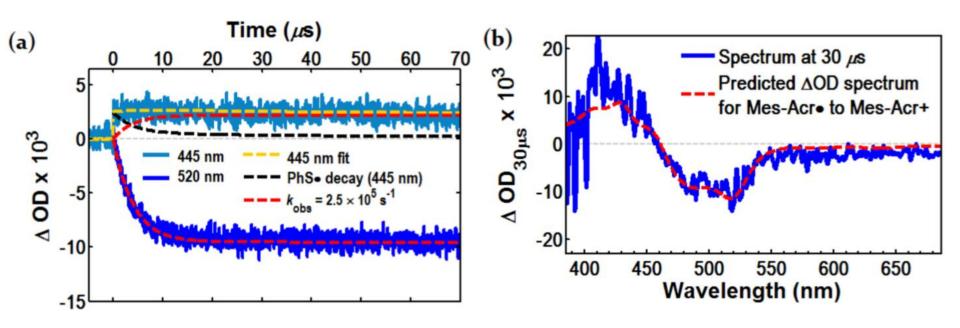


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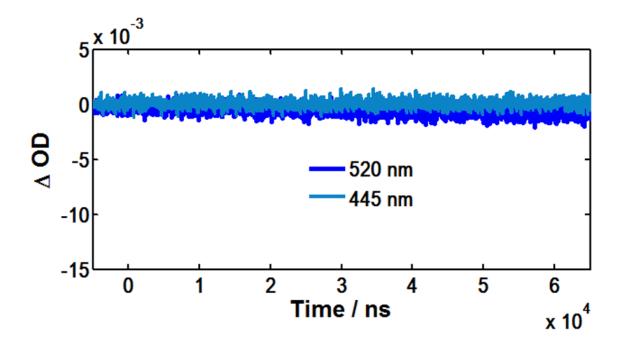
- Reduction by CoCp<sub>2</sub> produces Mes-Acr · .
- $\lambda_{ex}$ = 410 nm, where Mes-Acr<sup>,</sup> absorption is at a minimum.

## Transient absorption spectroscopy



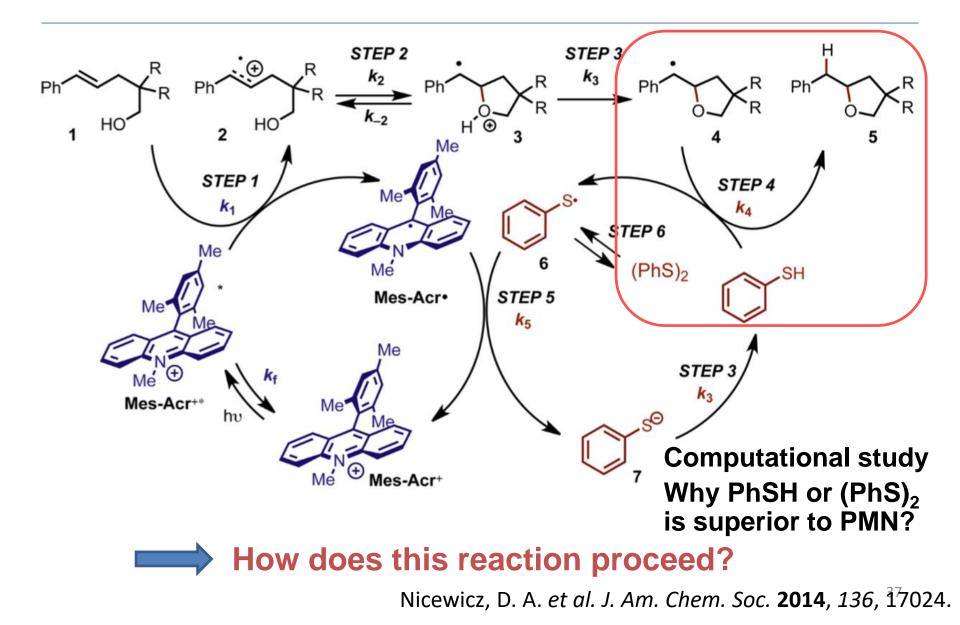
- 520 nm indicates Mes-Acr · .
- 445 nm indicates a combination of Mes-Acr+ growth and PhSdecay.
- k<sub>obs</sub> confirms that MesAcr+ grows in at the same rate that Mes-Acr<sup>,</sup> disappears.

#### Control experiment

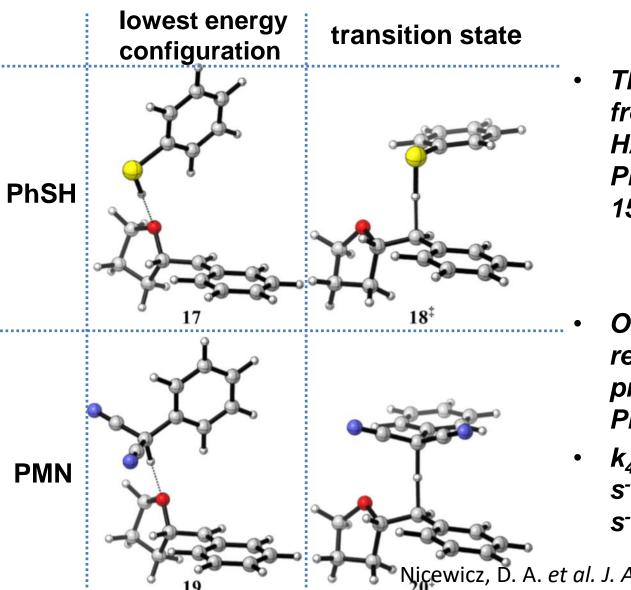


• In the absence of (PhS)<sub>2</sub>, no change was confirmed.

### Proposed mechanism



## HAT process

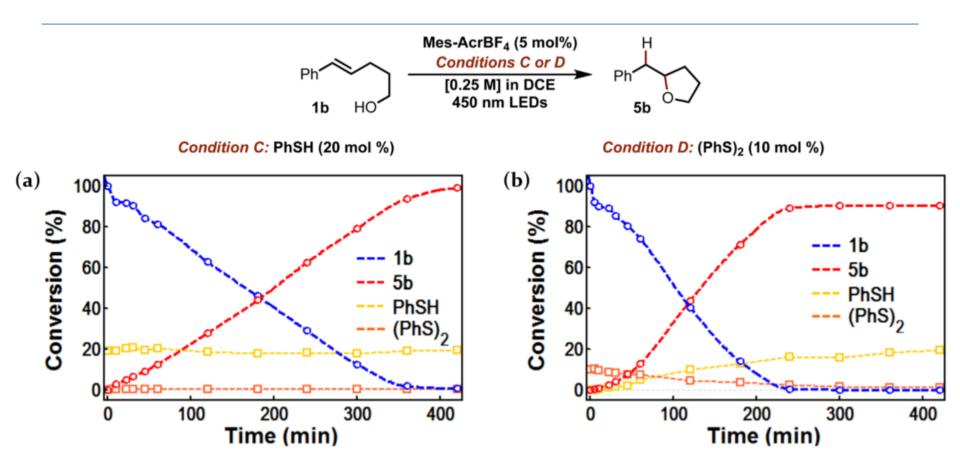


The calculated activation
 free energy barrier for
 HAT is 9.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for
 PhSH, as compared with
 15.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for PMN.

- Owing to structure reorganization, HAT process is less costly for PhSH.
- k<sub>4</sub> for PhSH is 6.2×10<sup>5</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>(for PMN is 5.0×10<sup>1</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>)

<sup>•</sup> Nicewicz, D. A. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136*, 17024.

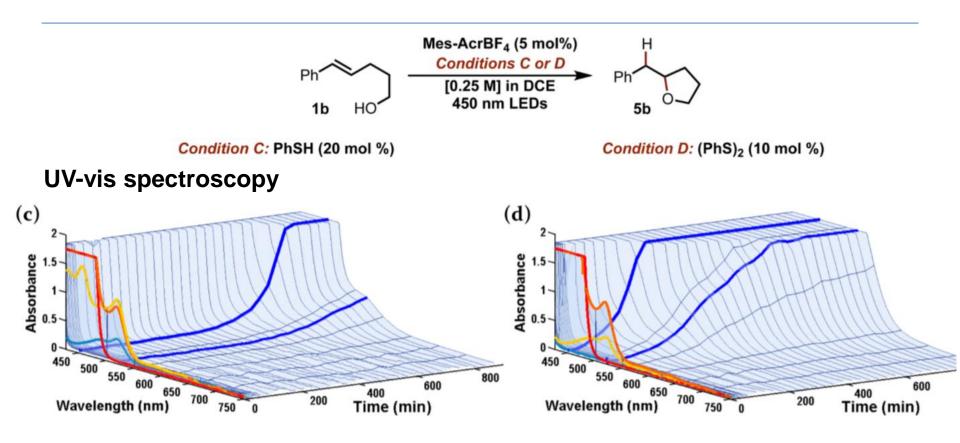
#### Preparative scale reaction kinetics



- In condition D, reaction proceeded faster.
- In both conditions, PhSH is dominant species.

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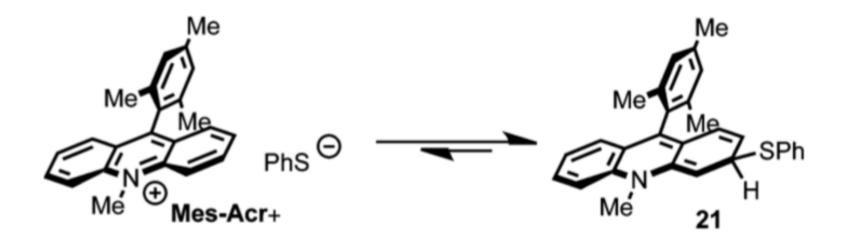
Red= 0 min, Orange= 1 min, Yellow= 2 min, Cyan= 3 min

Time traces of absorbance at 450 nm (Mes-Acr+) and 520 nm (Mes-Acr  $\cdot \ )$  are highlighted in blue.

 In both cases, Mes-Acr+ and Mes-Acr · were not detectable in early stages.

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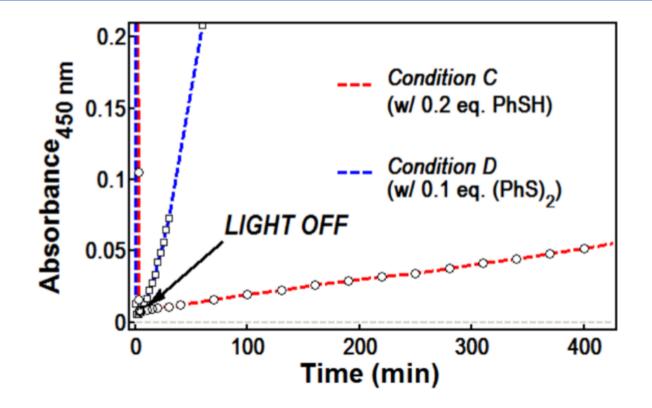
### Resting state of Mes-Acr+



 Reversible adduct can explain that absorption for both Mes-Acr+ and Mes-Acr · was not detectable, but Mes-Acr+ could be isolated after reaction was completed.

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#### Recovery of Mes-Acr+



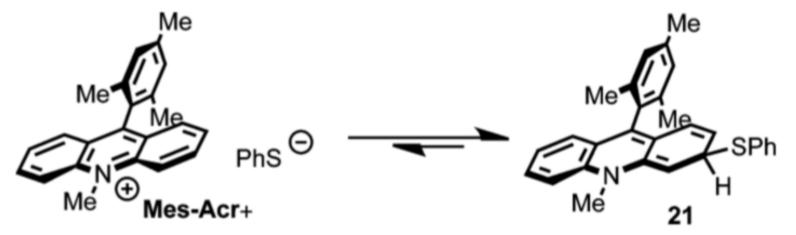
• Recovery of Mes-Acr+ was observed.

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# Rate-limiting factors

- 1. Deprotonation step has rate-limiting effect?
  - (PhS)<sub>2</sub> does not depend on HAT for generation of thiyl radical.
  - PhSH is required to encounter radical 4 (benzyl radical).

# 2. Off-cycle intermediate



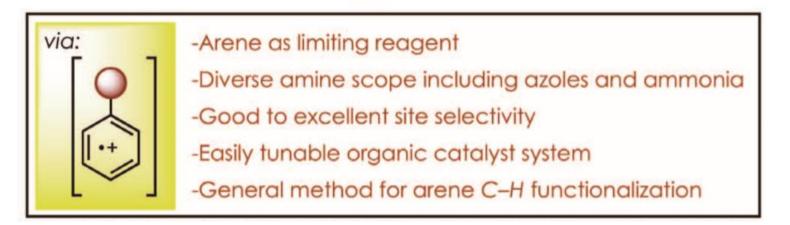
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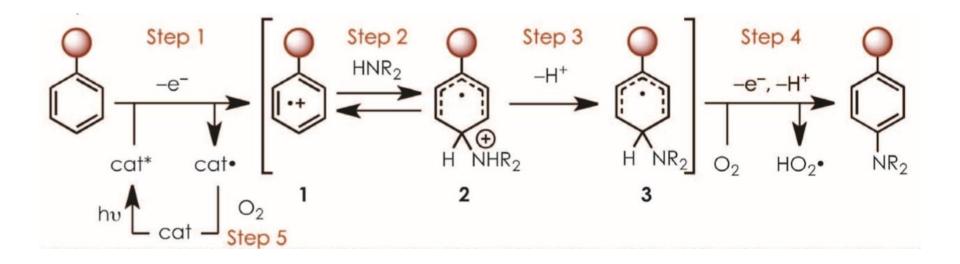
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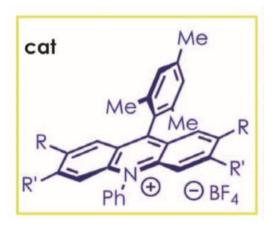
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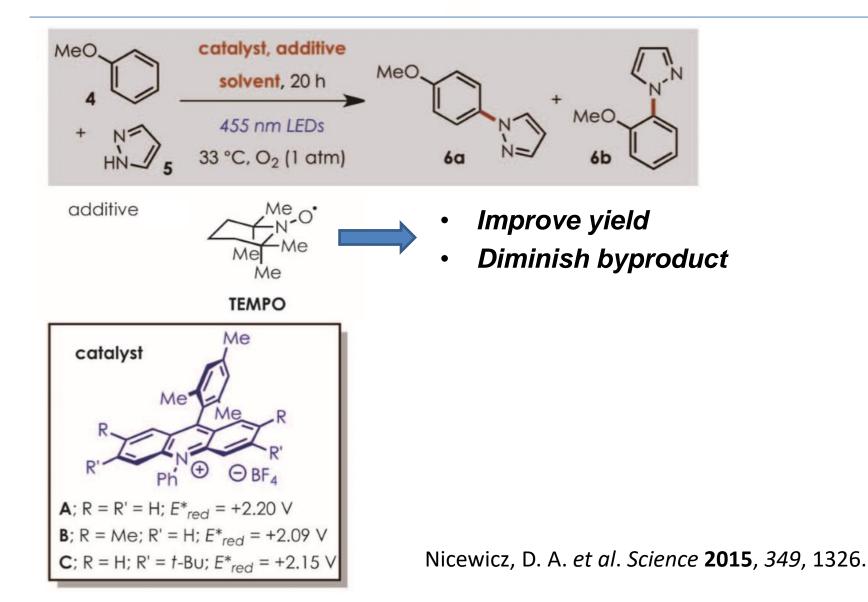


#### Outline of arene C-H amination



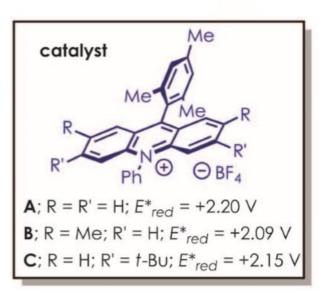


### Photoredox-Catalyzed Reaction

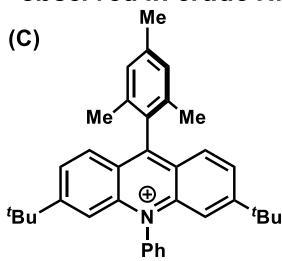


# Optimization of Mes-Acr+

| entry | additive               | catalyst | solvent [M] | yield | p:o   |
|-------|------------------------|----------|-------------|-------|-------|
| 14    | <b>TEMPO</b> (0.2 eq.) | А        | DCM[0.1]    | 61%   | 6.8:1 |
| 15    | <b>TEMPO</b> (0.2 eq.) | В        | DCM[0.1]    | 79%   | 6.7:1 |
| 16    | <b>TEMPO</b> (0.2 eq.) | С        | DCM[0.1]    | 88%   | 6.9:1 |



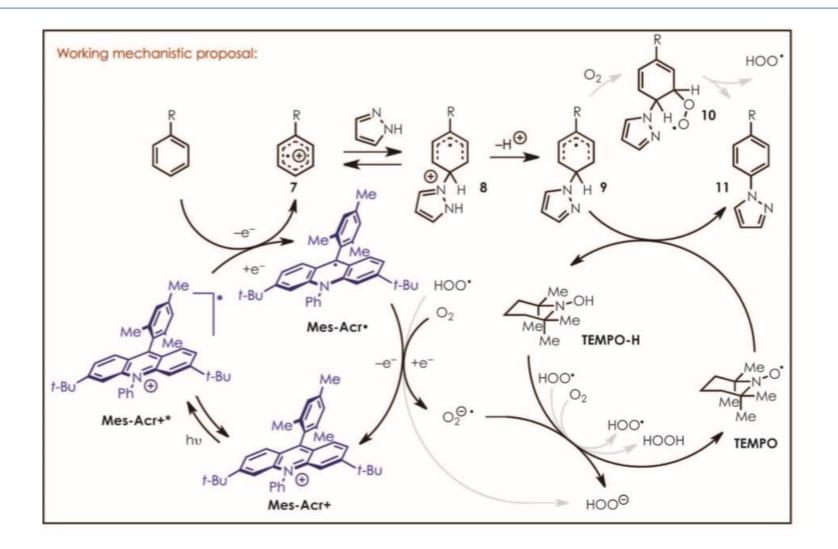
In initial study, cat A or cat B could not be observed in crude NMR.



Stable against addition of nucleophiles and radicals

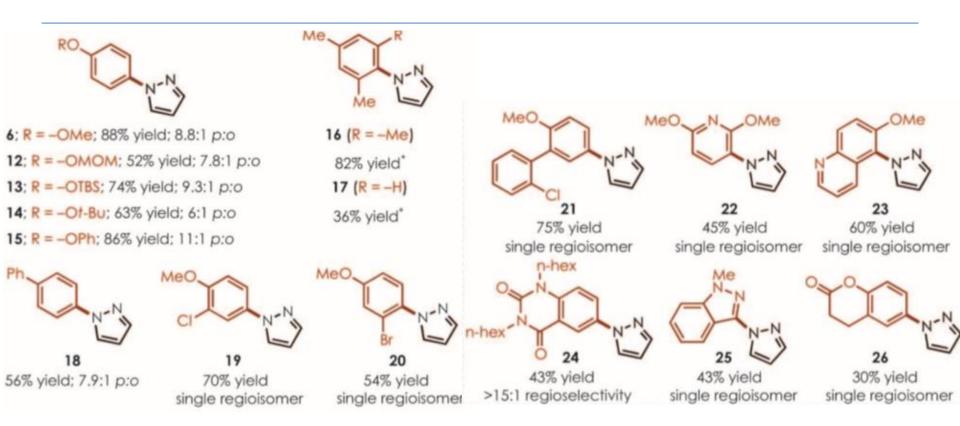
photoredox catalyst designed originally!!

### Plausible catalytic cycle



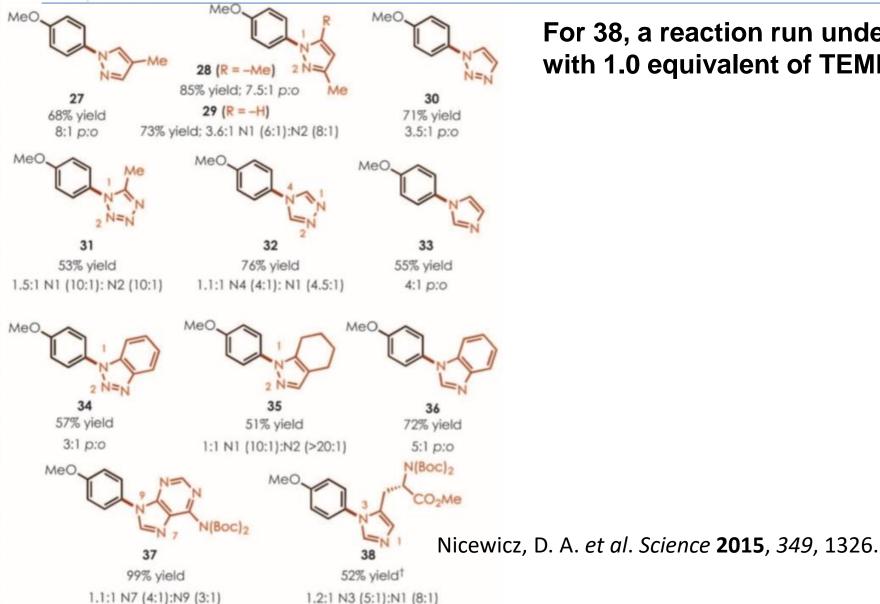
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### Substrate scope for arenes



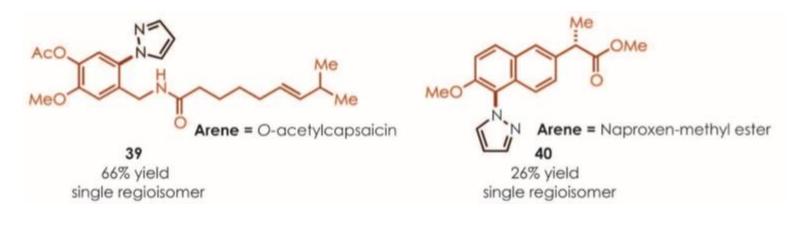
For 16 and 17, reactions run with 2.0 equivalents of arene, 1.0 equivalent of amine, and 1.0 equivalent of TEMPO under an  $N_2$  atmosphere for 44 hours.

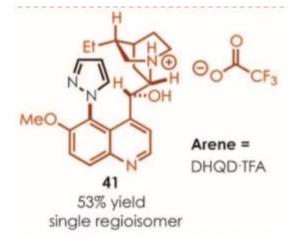
### Substrate scope for amines



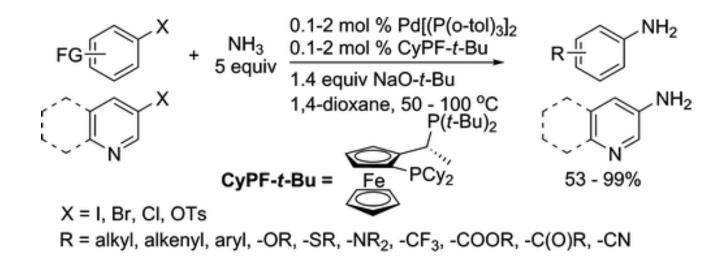
For 38, a reaction run under  $N_2$ with 1.0 equivalent of TEMPO.

## Application for late-stage functionalization





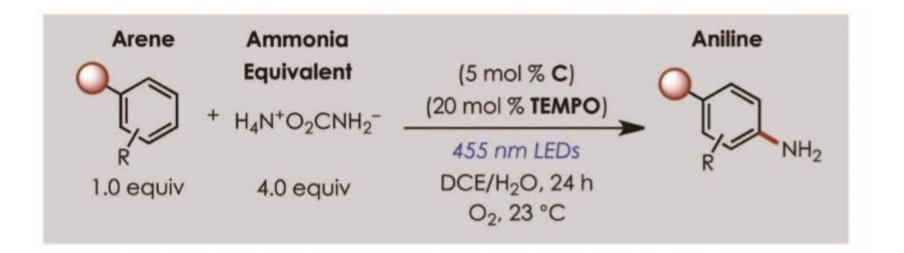
### Synthesis of aniline from ammonia



Hartwig, J. F. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131,11049.

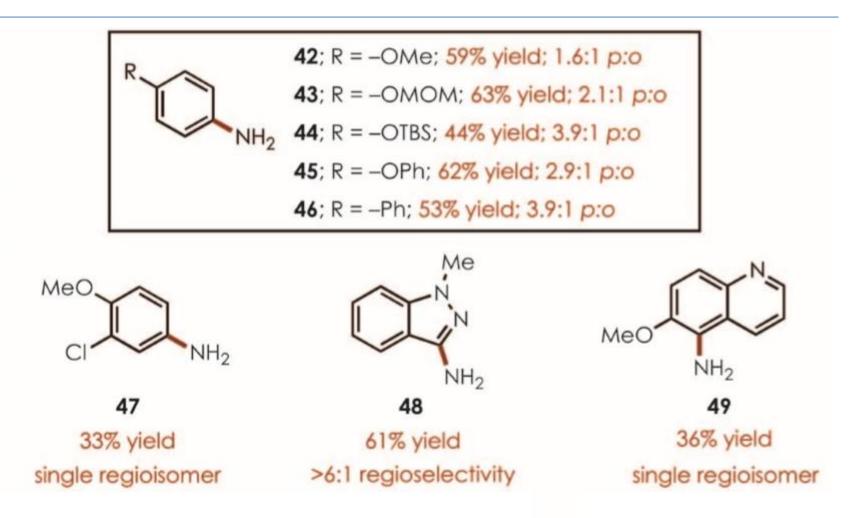
- Ammonia is one of the most abundant N1 sources.
- However, metal-catalyzed amination using ammonia is very rare.

## Synthesis of aniline



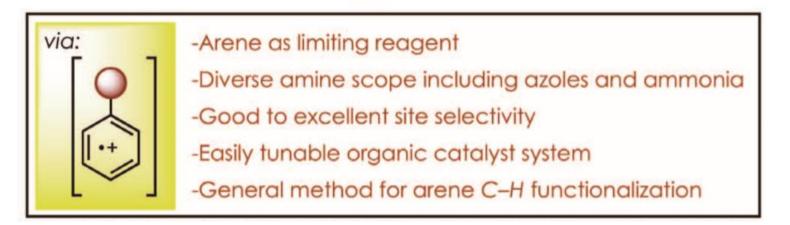
 Benchtop-stable solid salt which is less costly on a molar basis than liquid ammonia could be used as N1 source.

### Substrate scope for aniline



### **Direct C-H amination**





The photoredox organocatalyst

# 1. High potential in catalytic amount

- Access to unstable intermediate

# 2. Easily tunable system

 Changing stability and redox potential based on organic structure