

Cleavage of disulfide bonds using visible light

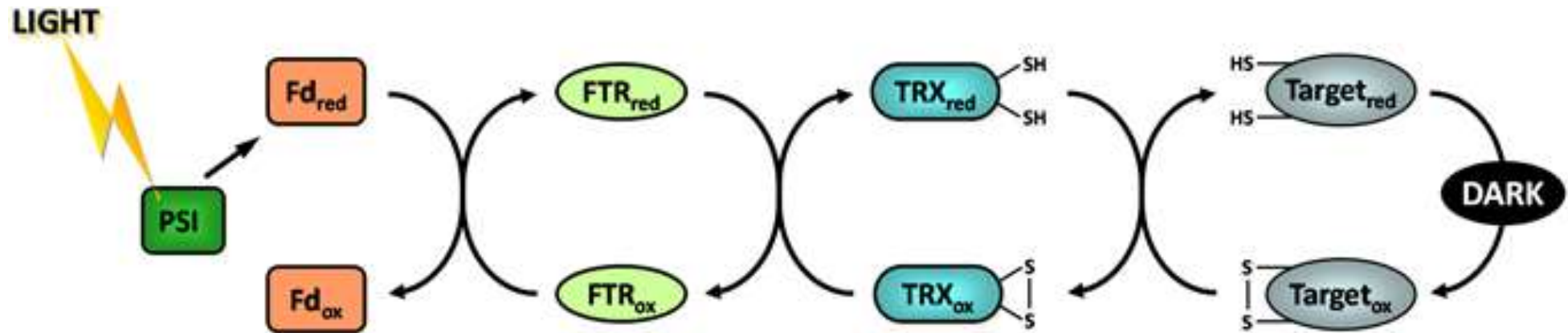
Literature seminar

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2. Formation of CTC
3. Triplet–triplet energy transfer
4. Photoreduction
5. Summary

Introduction : Disulfide cleavage

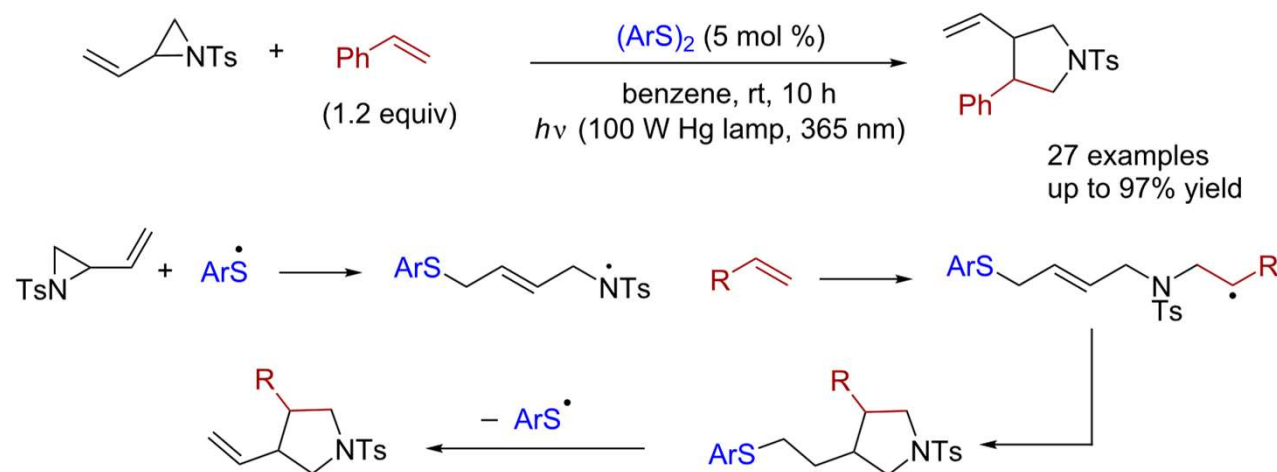
Ex. Regulation of the activity of enzymes related to photosynthesis



Introduction : Disulfide cleavage ②

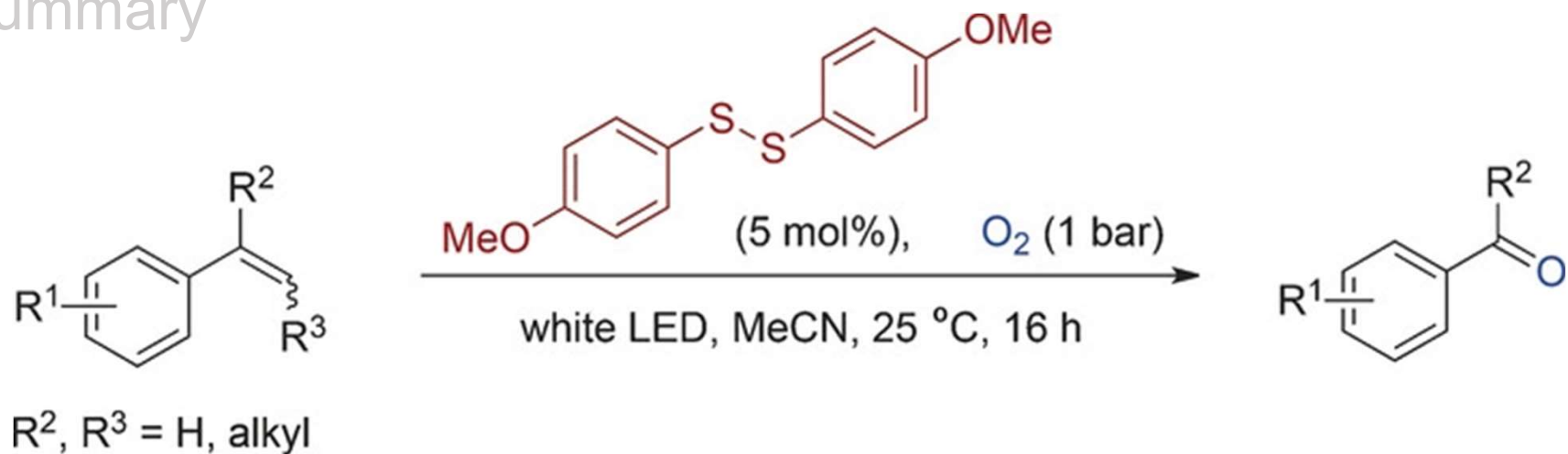
Disulfide cleaves with UV.

ex.) T. Hashimoto, K. Takino, K. Hato, K. Maruoka, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, 55, 8081.



- Visible light: more desirable (for use with biomolecules)
→How to break disulfide bonds using visible light?

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Oxidative cleavage of olefins

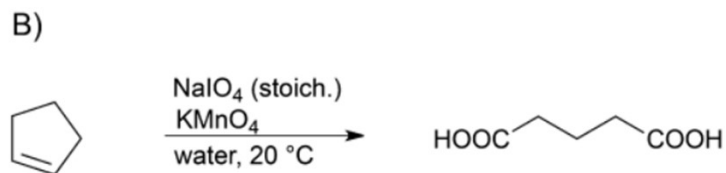
Oxidative cleavage of olefins → useful method for obtaining ketones and aldehydes from olefins

Typical Methods

ozonolysis



Oxidative cleavage with metal oxidizers: sometimes too strong

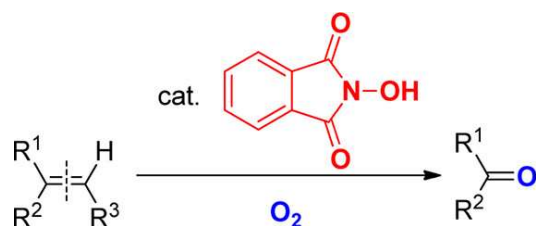


Both have safety issues.

Oxidative cleavage of olefins using molecular oxygen

Molecular oxygen + radical initiator or transition metal catalyst
Cleaner method

NHPI



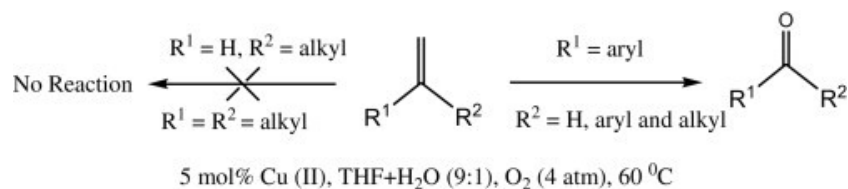
Riyuan Lin, Feng Chen, and Ning Jiao
Organic Letters **2012** 14 (16), 4158-4161

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Guang-Zu Wang, Xing-Long Li, Jian-Jun Dai, and Hua-Jian Xu
The Journal of Organic Chemistry **2014** 79 (15), 7220-7225

Cu



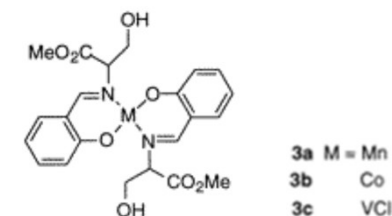
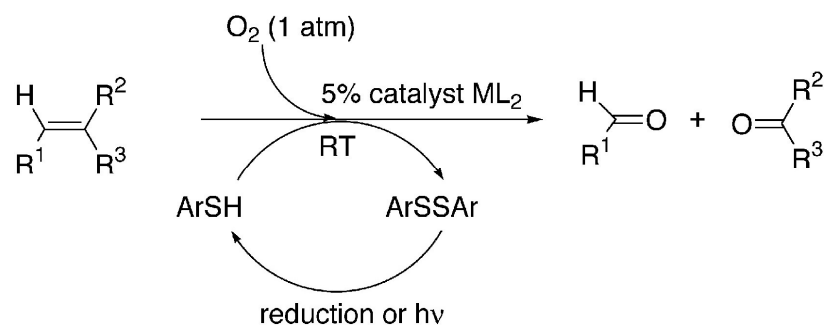
Md. Munkir Hossain, Shin-Guang Shyu,
Tetrahedron, 70, 2, 2014, 251-255, 0040-4020,

→ Both require heat

There is still no method of cleavage
under mild and safe conditions.

Oxidative cleavage of olefins using light

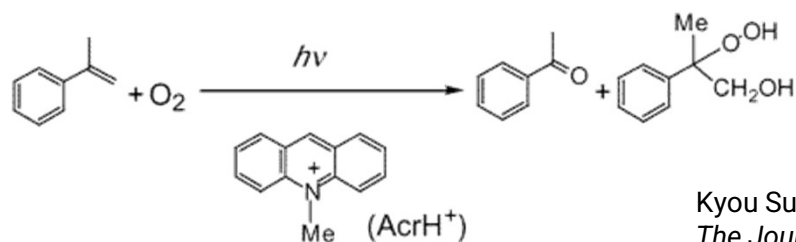
Metal or toxic non-metal catalysts



Xavier Baucherel, Jacques Uziel, and Sylvain Jugé
The Journal of Organic Chemistry **2001** 66 (13), 4504-4510

Photo-oxidation using Photoredox catalyst

→cost

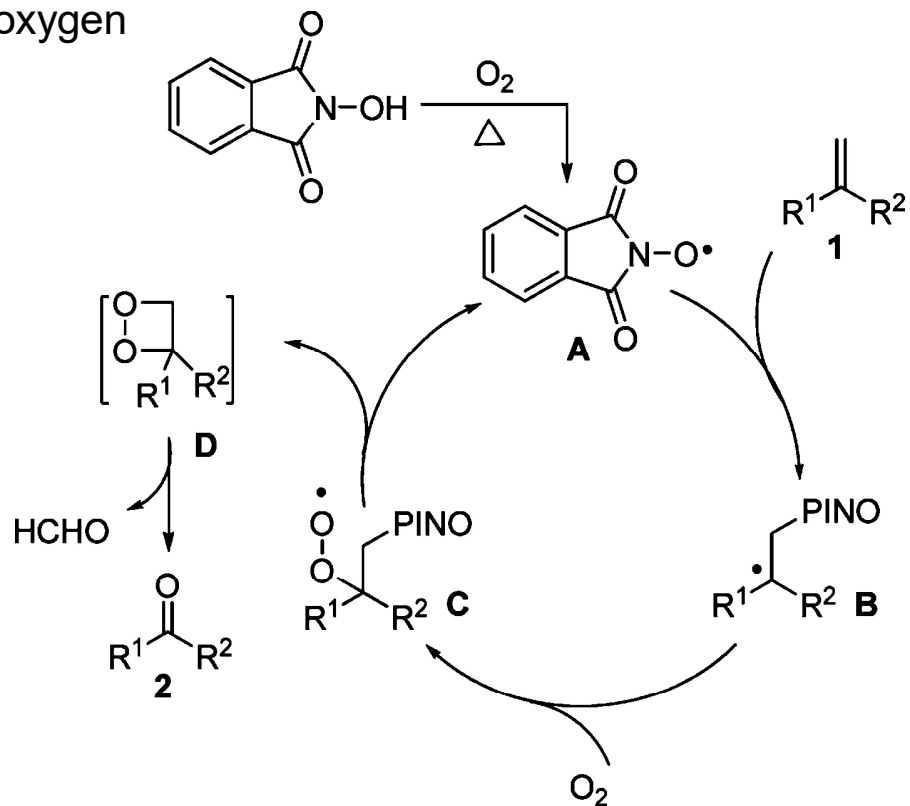


Kyou Suga, Kei Ohkubo, and Shunichi Fukuzumi
The Journal of Physical Chemistry A **2003** 107 (22), 4339-4346

Metal-free, low-cost catalysts are required.

strategy

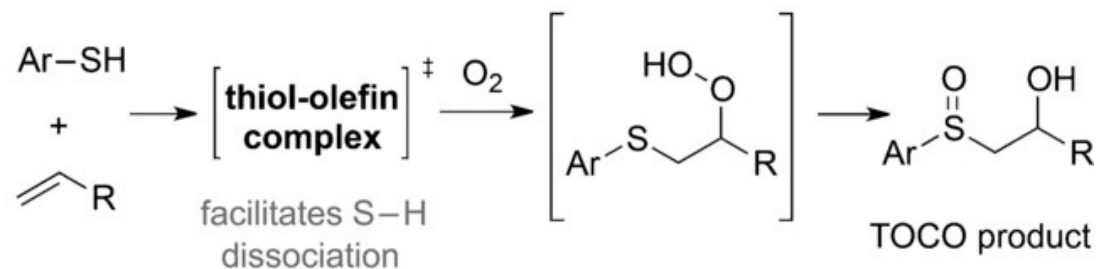
ex. Oxidative cleavage using NHPI and molecular oxygen



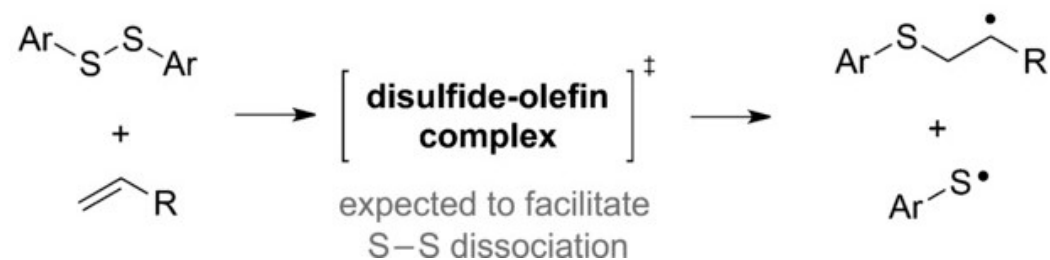
- In systems using molecular oxygen and radical initiators, dioxetane is the intermediate structure.
- They wondered if the thiyl radical could be used to catalyze the addition of oxygen and the formation of dioxetanes.
- But UV was needed.

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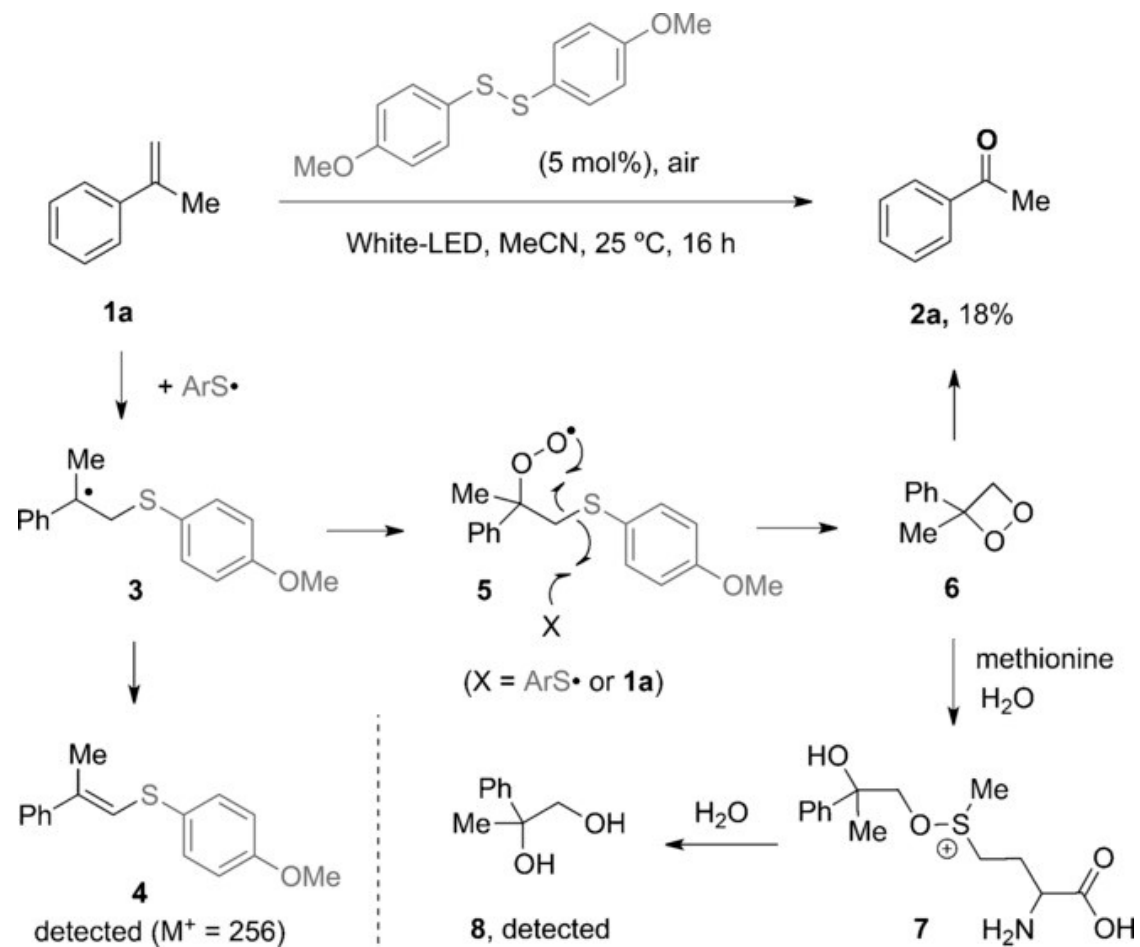
TOCO : Olefins and thiols form CTCs and promote the entire oxidation process



→ Can disulfide achieve the same effect?

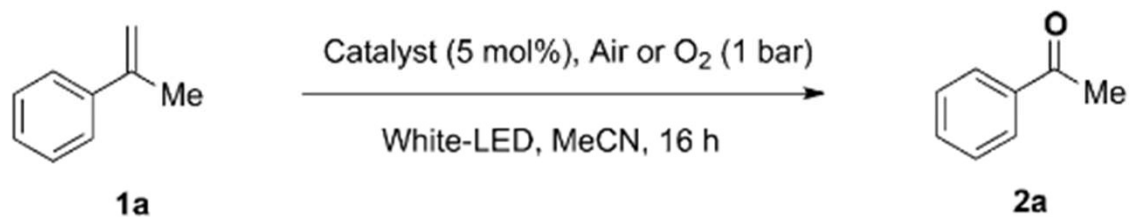


Initial conditions



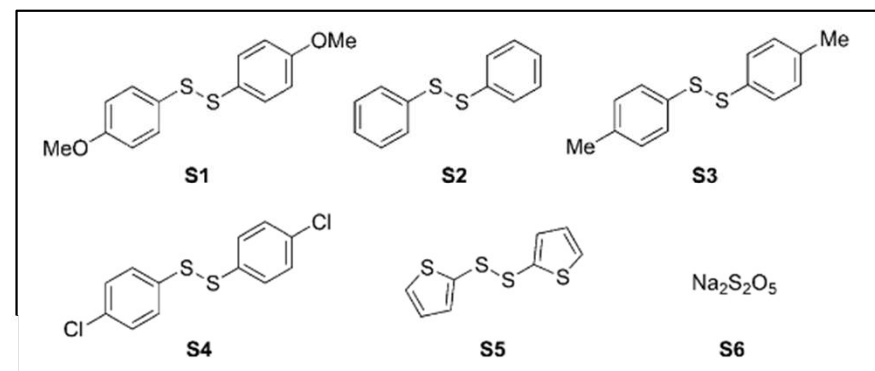
optimization

Table 1: Exploring reaction conditions.

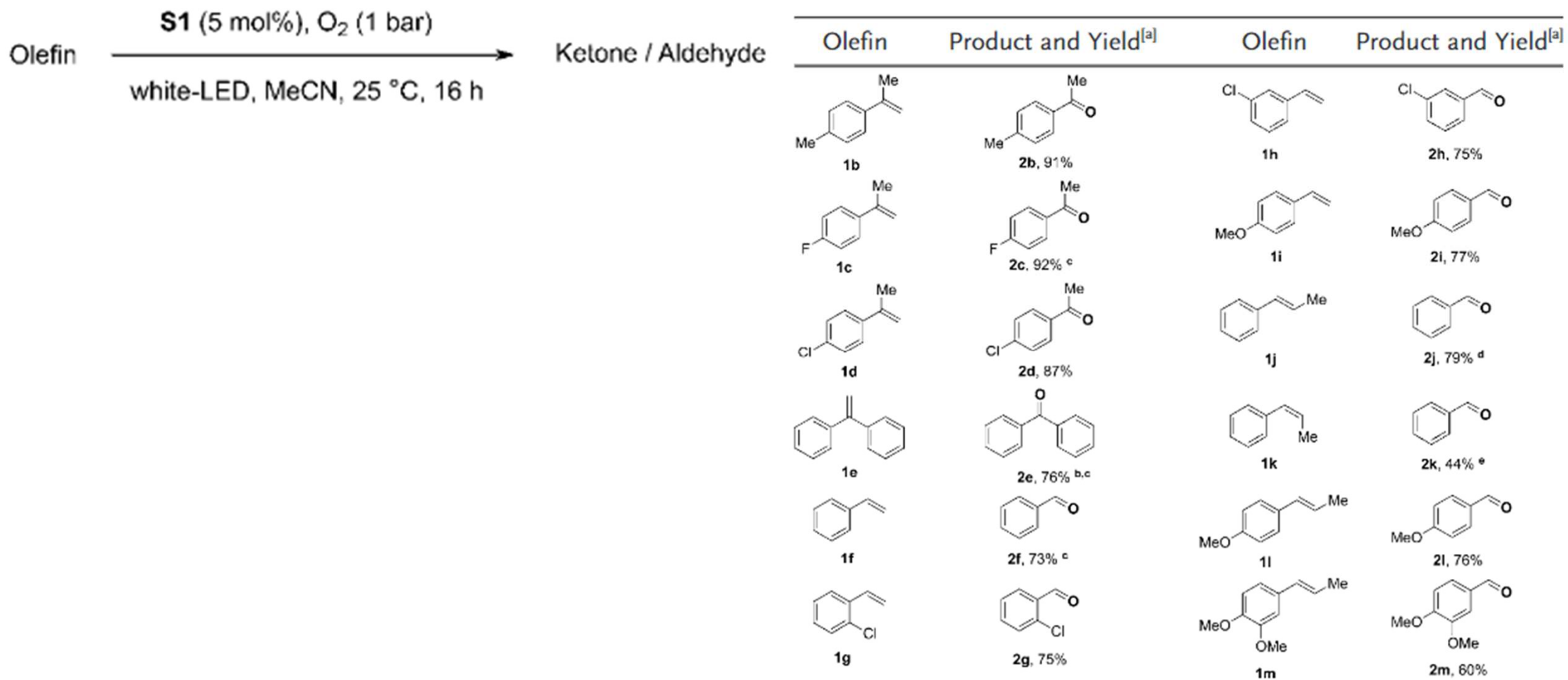


Entry	Catalyst	Oxidant	Light	T [°C]	Yield [%] ^[a]
1	none	air	white LED	25	0
2	S1	air	dark	25	0
3	S1	air	dark	45	0
4	S1	O ₂	white LED	25	83
5	S2	O ₂	white LED	25	53
6	S3	O ₂	white LED	25	72
7	S4	O ₂	white LED	25	70
8	S5	O ₂	white LED	25	29
9	S6	O ₂	white LED	25	0

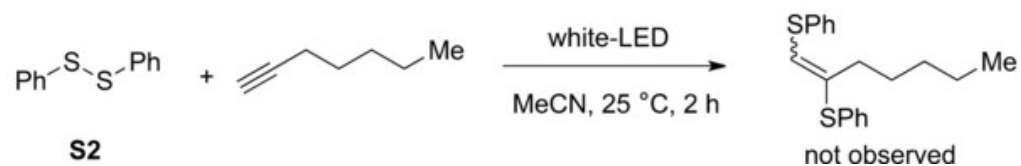
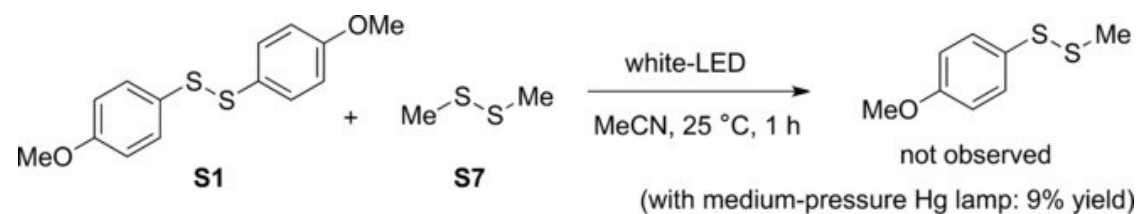
[a] Based on yields of isolated product.



substrate scope

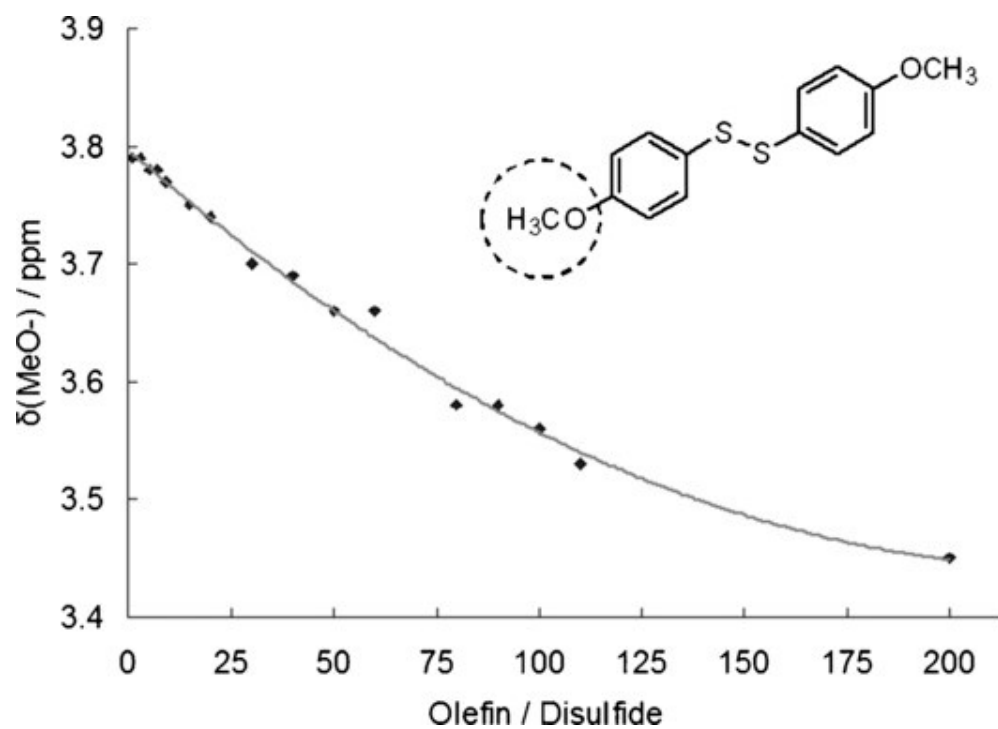


Mechanistic investigations



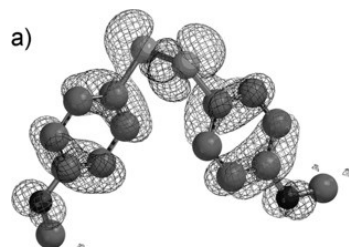
✘ Medium pressure Hg Lamp
→ Reaction progress (known)

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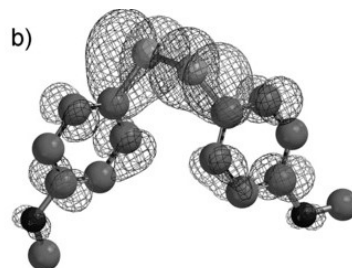


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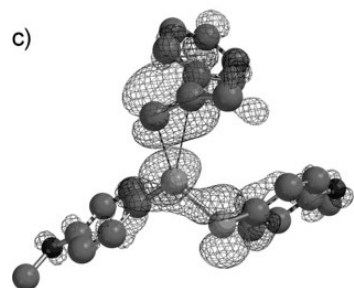
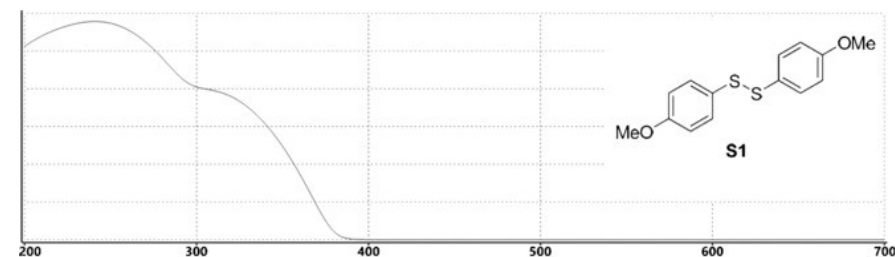
DFT calculation



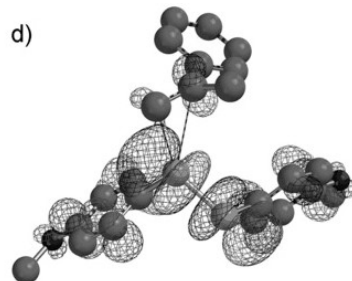
a) HOMO (**S1**) = -7.83 eV



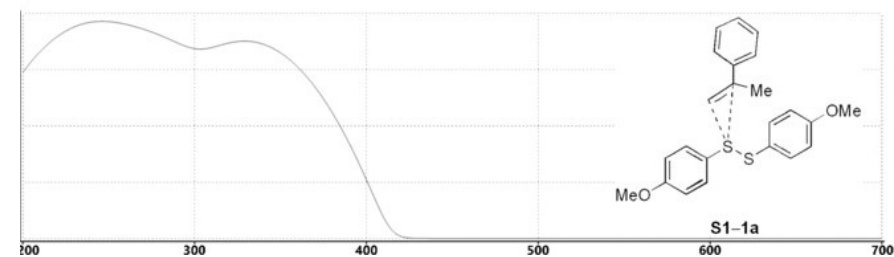
b) LUMO (**S1**) = +0.59 eV



c) HOMO (**S1-1 a**) = -6.89 eV

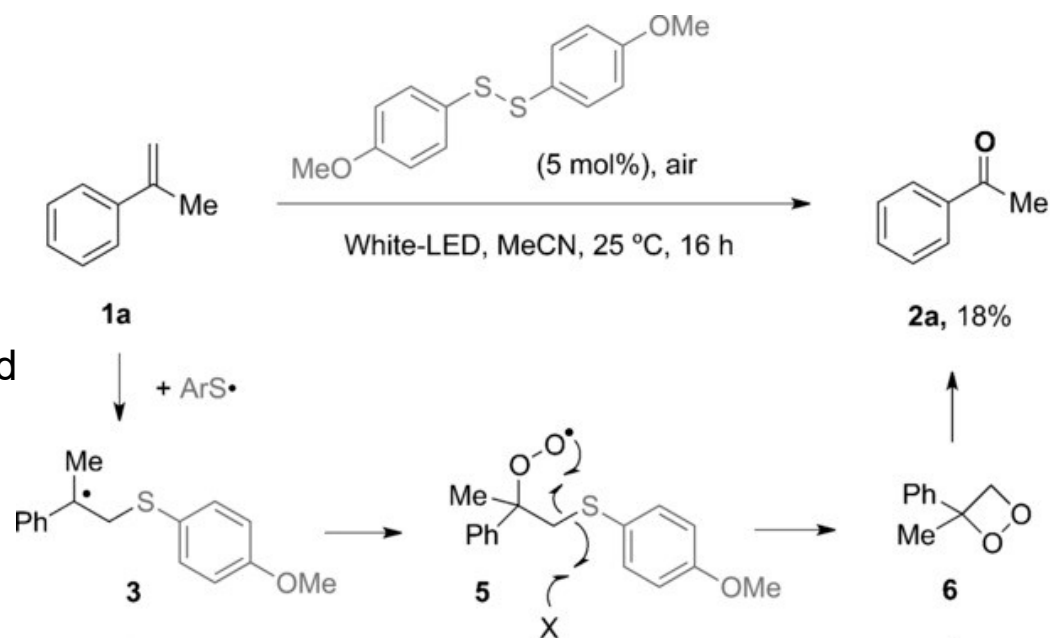


d) LUMO (**S1-1 a**) = +0.42 eV



short summary

Oxidative cleavage of olefins



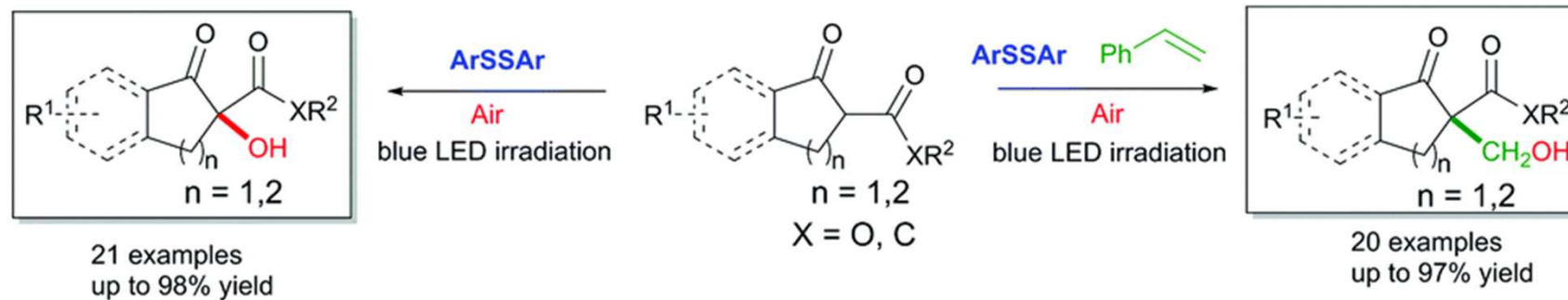
Formation of CTC

→ cleavage of disulfide bond
by visible light

Addition of oxygen
→ Formation of dioxetanes

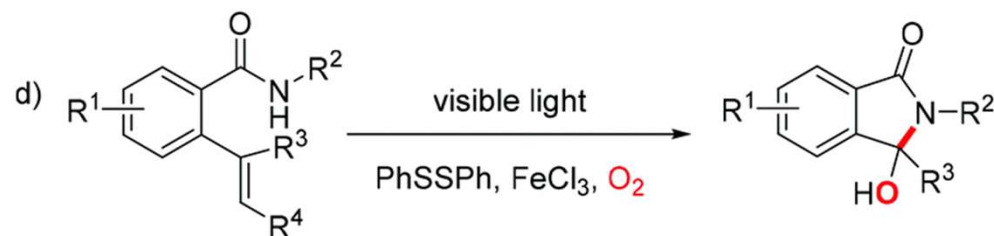
application

α -position hydroxylation of β -diketones



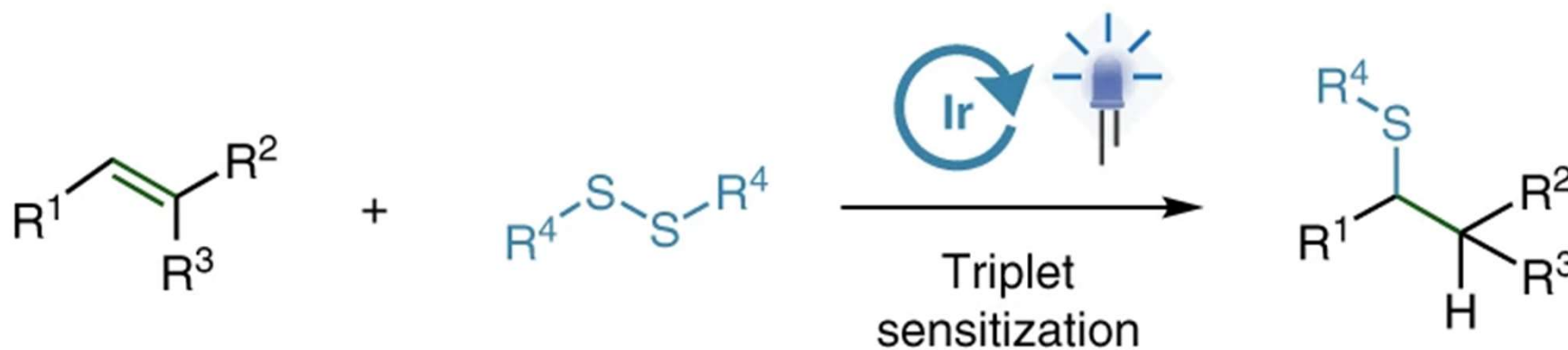
Jingnan Zhao, Fan Yang, et. al. *Chem. Commun.*, 2019, **55**, 13008-13011

Synthesis of isoindolinone



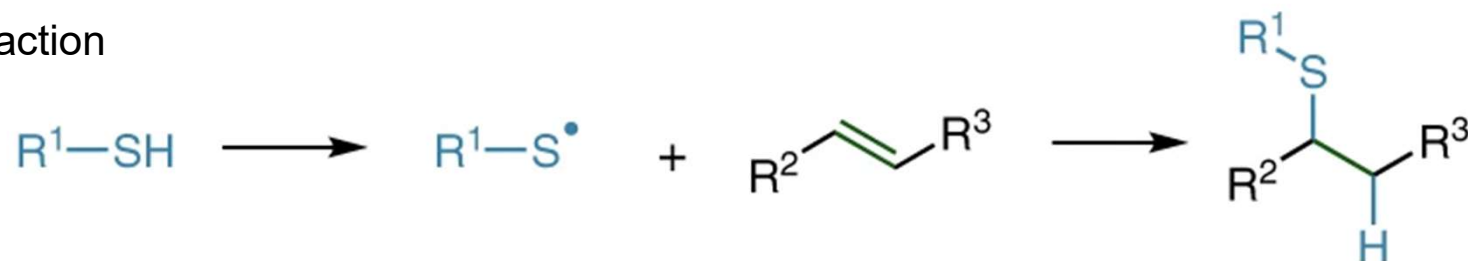
Tao Ma, Jiawei Hua, et. al., *Org. Chem. Front.*, 2022, **9**, 25-31

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thiol-ene reaction

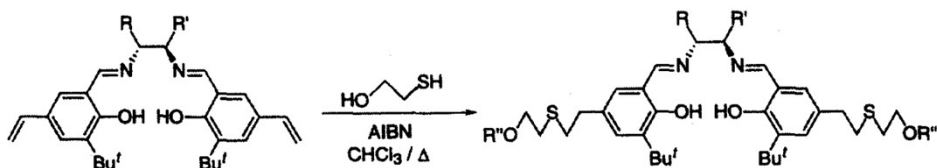
Thiol-ene reaction



Highly orthogonal \rightarrow It has been applied to biomolecules

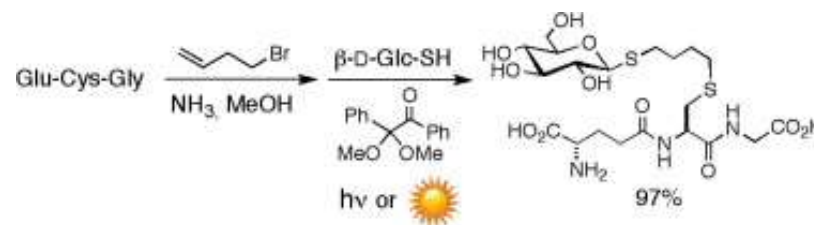
thiol-ene reaction without visible light

Radical initiator + heat



Filippo Minutolo, Dario Pini, et al.
Tetrahedron:Asymmetry, 7, 8, 1996, 2293-2302, 0957-4166,

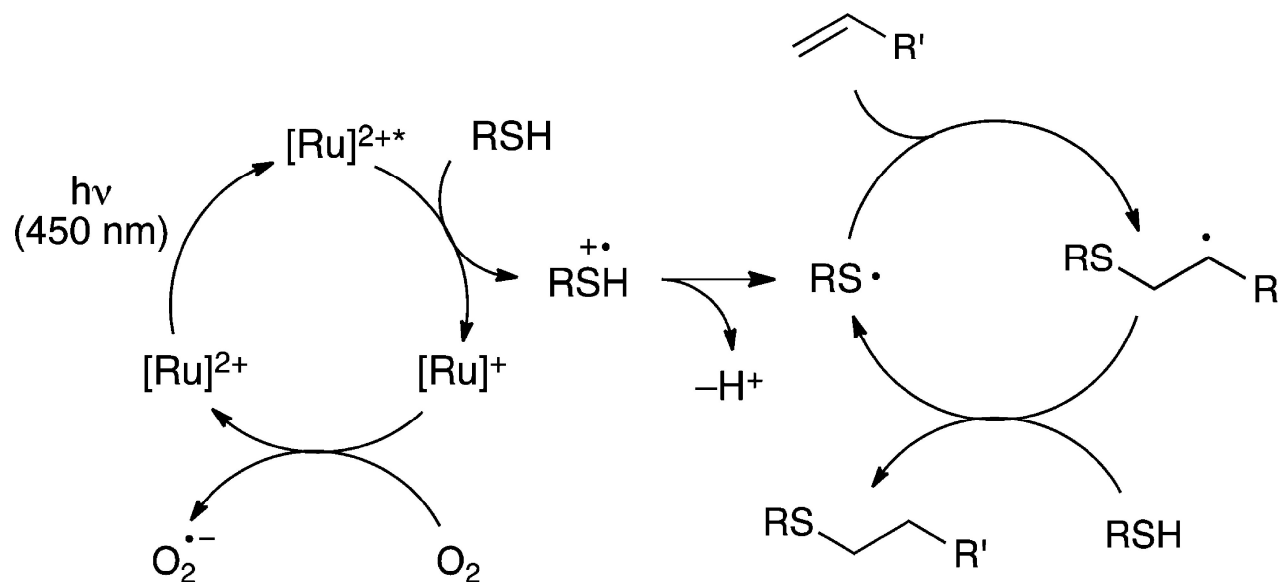
+ UV



Michele Fiore, Mauro Lo Conte, et al.,
Tetrahedron Letters, 52, 3, 2011, 444-447, 0040-4039,

- Both are difficult to apply to biomolecules
- Cannot take advantage of high bio-orthogonality

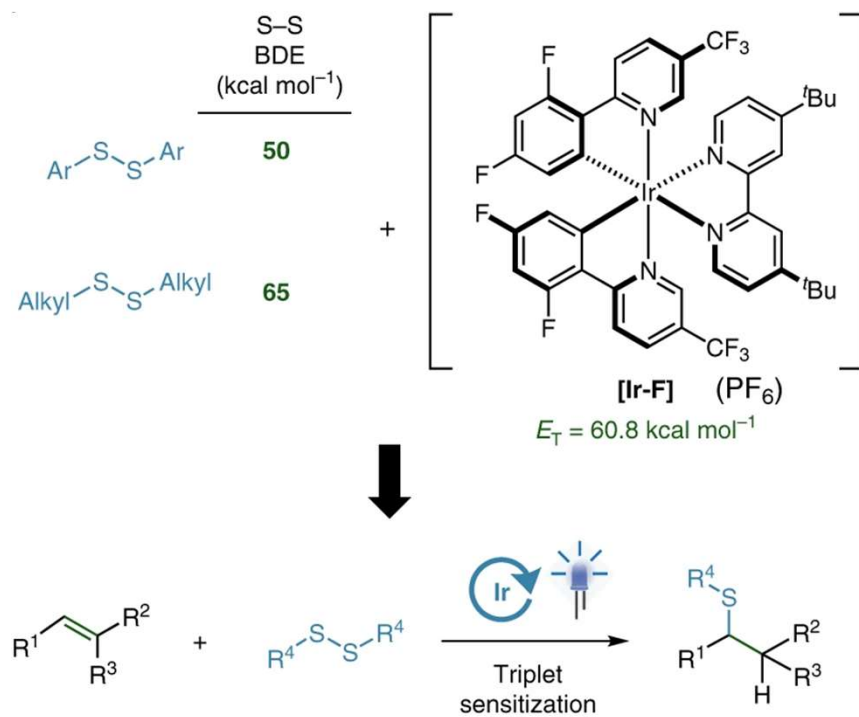
thiol-ene reaction using visible light and thiol



Elizabeth L. Tyson, Michael S. Ament, and Tehshik P. Yoon, *J. Org. Chem.* 2013, 78, 5, 2046–2050

- Mild reaction conditions
- Nucleophilicity of thiols
- Thiols that are gas at room temperature are difficult to handle
- Selectivity in the presence of other thiols

This time : thiol-ene reaction using visible light and disulfide

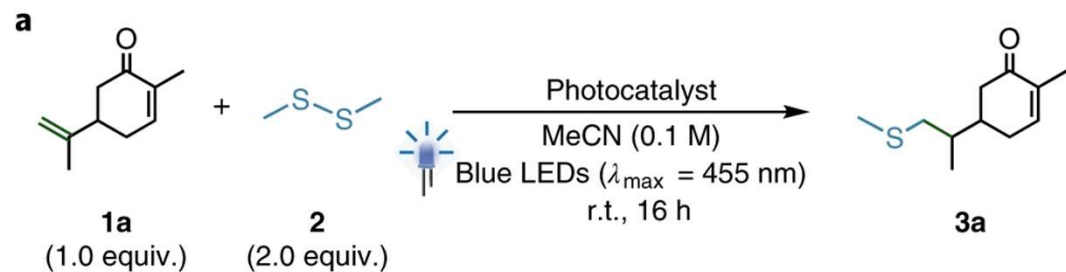


- S–S bond dissociation energies of aliphatic disulfides : ~65 kcal mol⁻¹
- direct sensitization of aryl disulfides using UV light

→alkylthiyl radicals would be accessible by using suitable photocatalysts for the energy transfer activation.

- mild reaction conditions
- No reaction with Michael acceptor
- Dimethyldisulfide is liquid→No need to handle gases
- Reduced odor and toxicity
- No other thiols in the system are involved

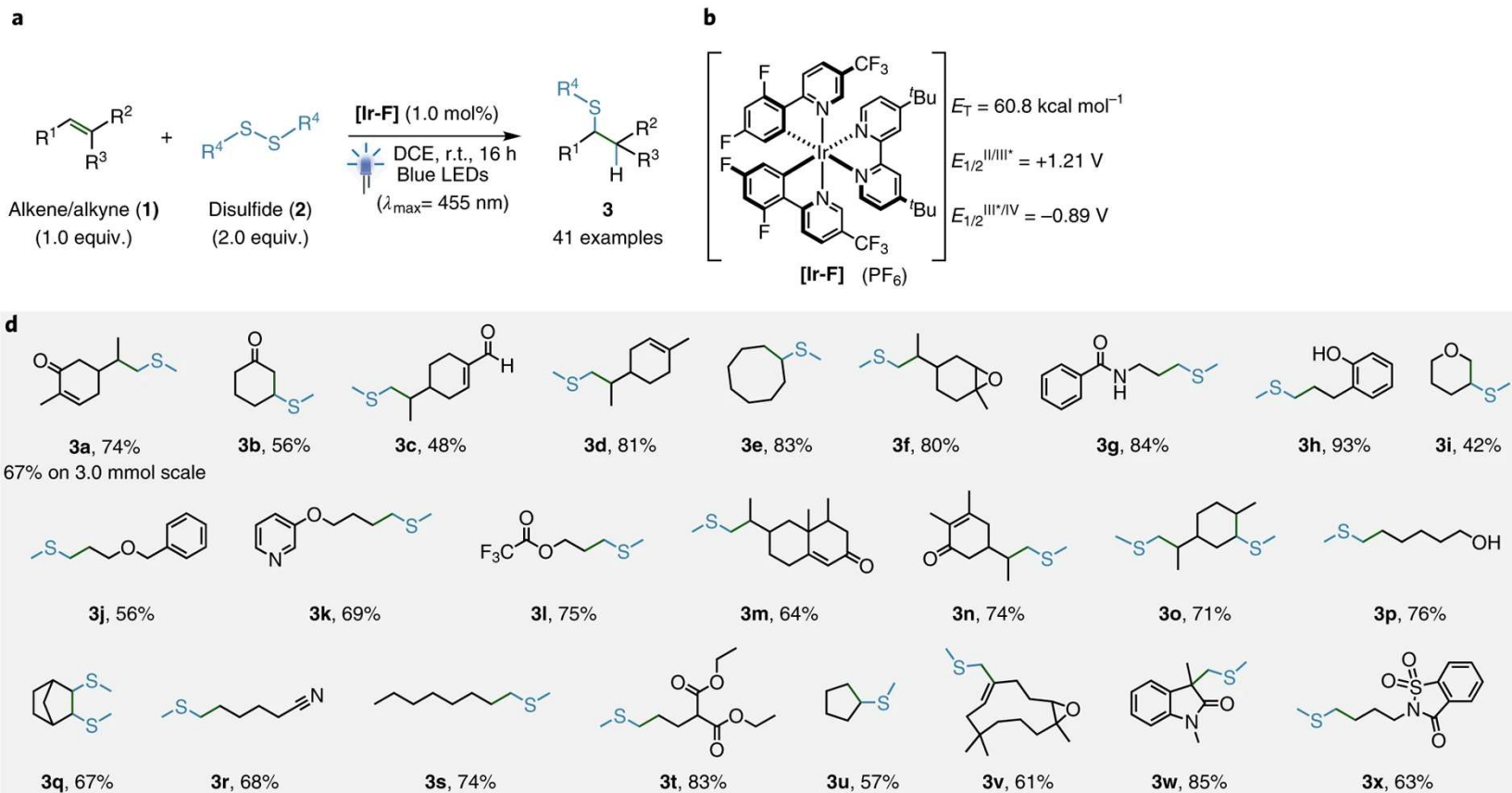
Initial screening



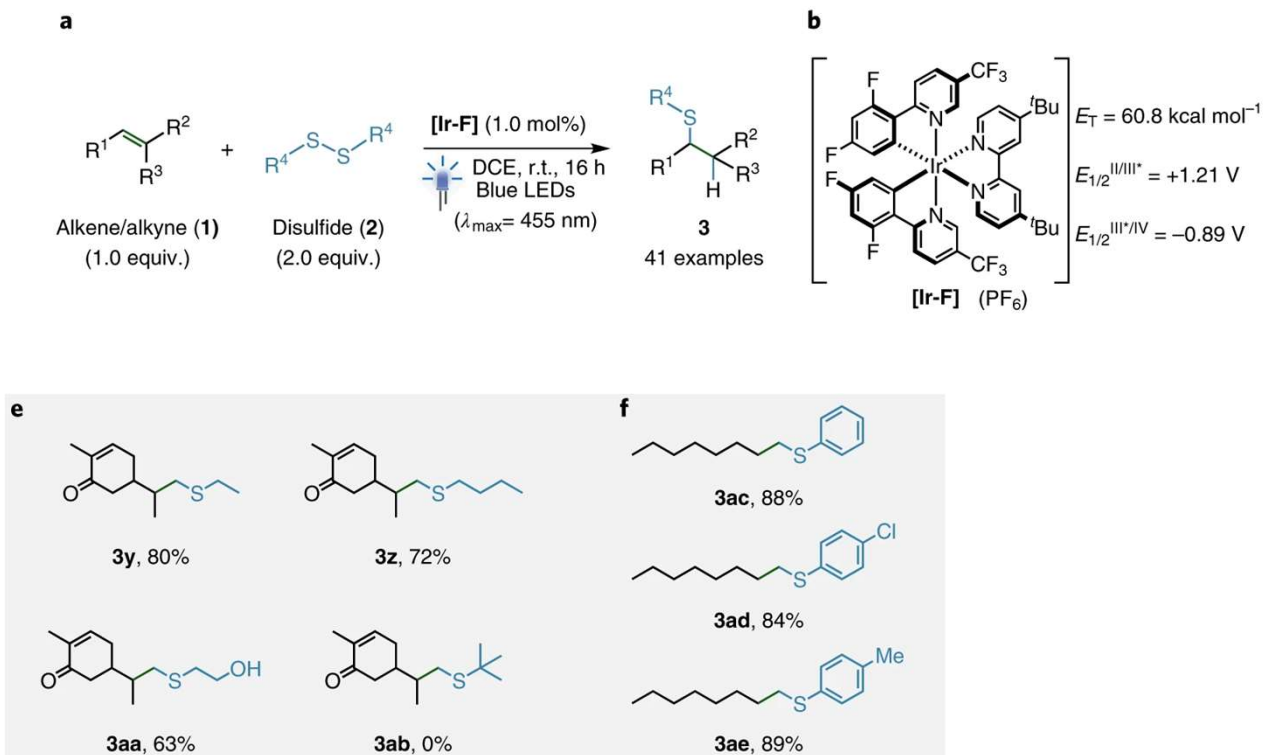
Photocatalyst	E_T (kcal mol ⁻¹)	$E_{1/2}^{II/III^*}$ (V)	$E_{1/2}^{III^*/IV}$ (V)	Quenching fraction F	Yield 3a (%)
[Ir-F]	60.8	+1.21	-0.89	42	58
<i>fac</i> -[Ir(dF(ppy)) ₃]	59.1	+0.34	-1.44	24	53
[Ir(ppy) ₂ (NHC-F ₂)]	57.8	+0.38	-1.49	31	47
<i>fac</i> -[Ir(ppy) ₃]	57.8	+0.31	-1.73	19	46
[Ir(ppy) ₂ (dtbbpy)](PF ₆)	49.2	+0.66	-0.96	<5	0
[Ru(bpz) ₃](PF ₆) ₂	48.4	+1.45	-0.26	<5	0
[Ru(phen) ₃](PF ₆) ₂	46.8	+0.82	-0.87	<5	0
[Ru(bpy) ₃](PF ₆) ₂	46.5	+0.77	-0.81	<5	0

Increasing triplet excited-state energy

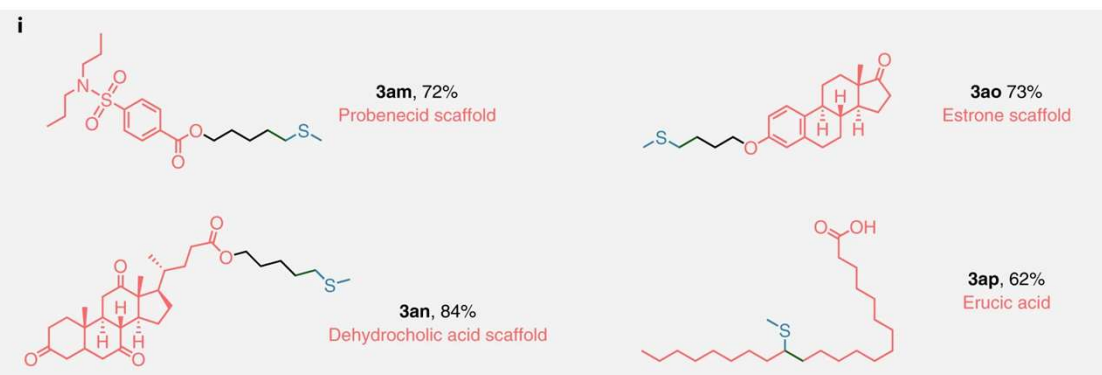
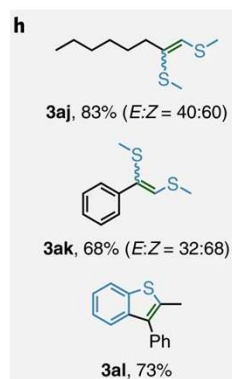
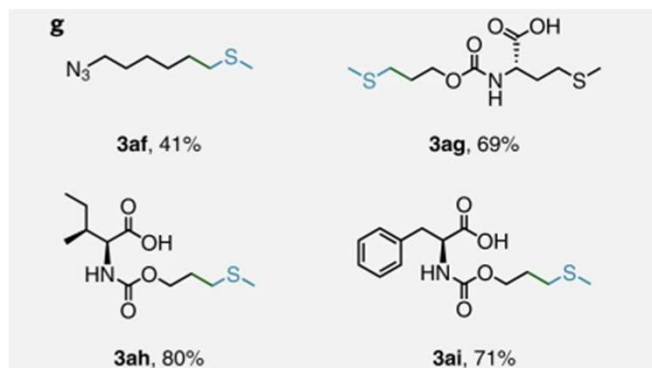
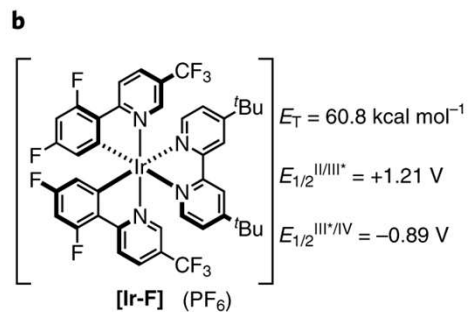
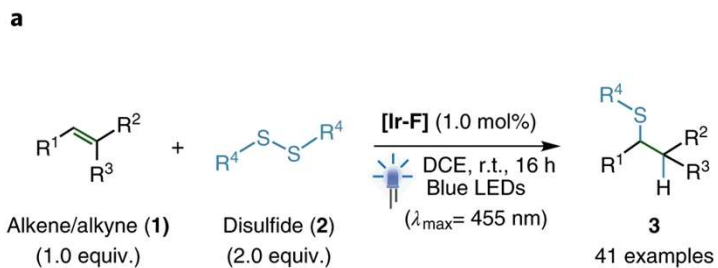
substrate scope (olefin)



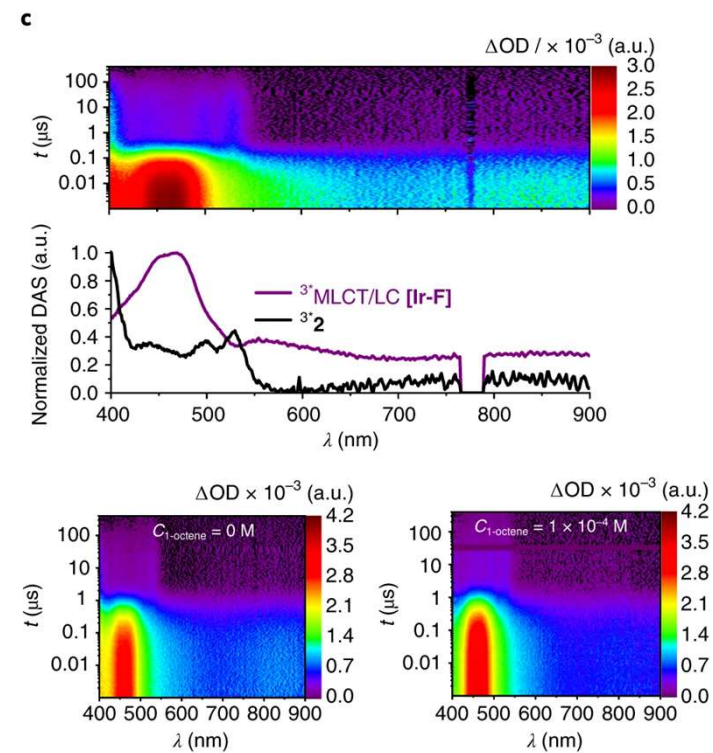
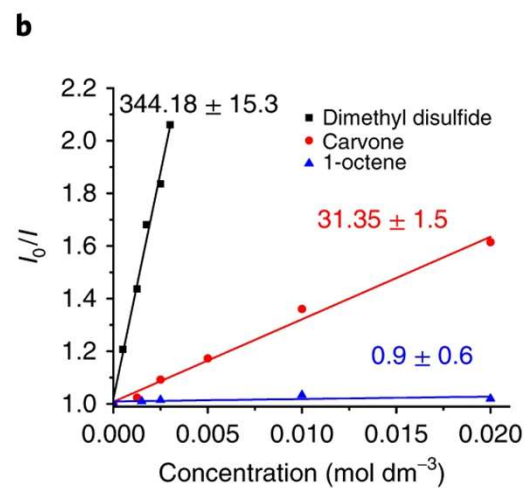
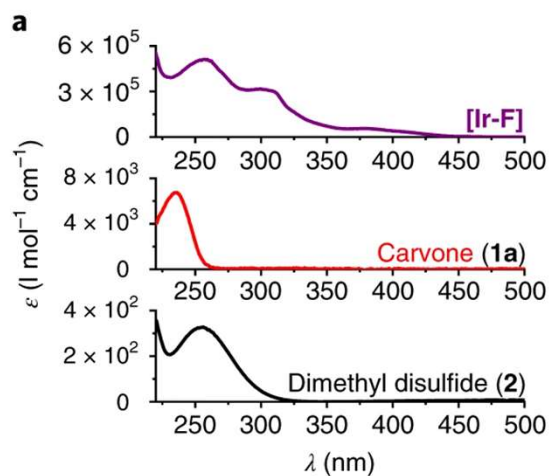
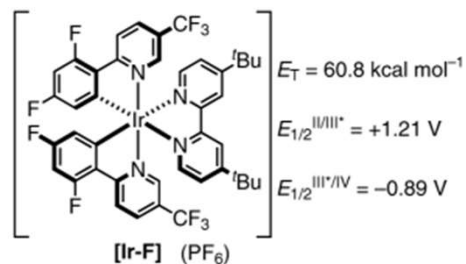
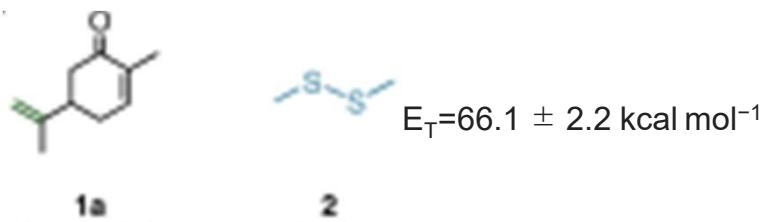
Substrate scope (disulfide)



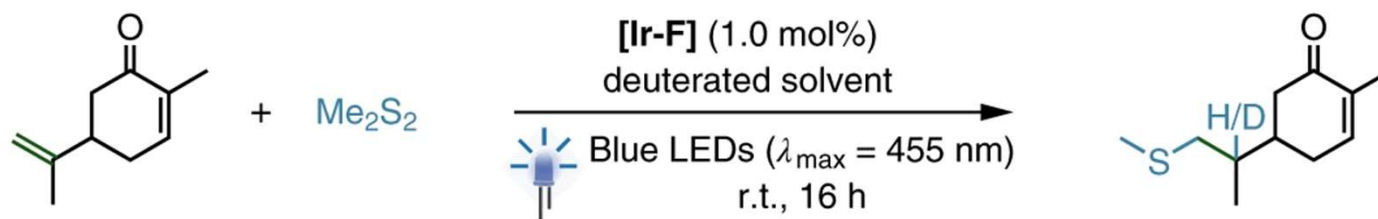
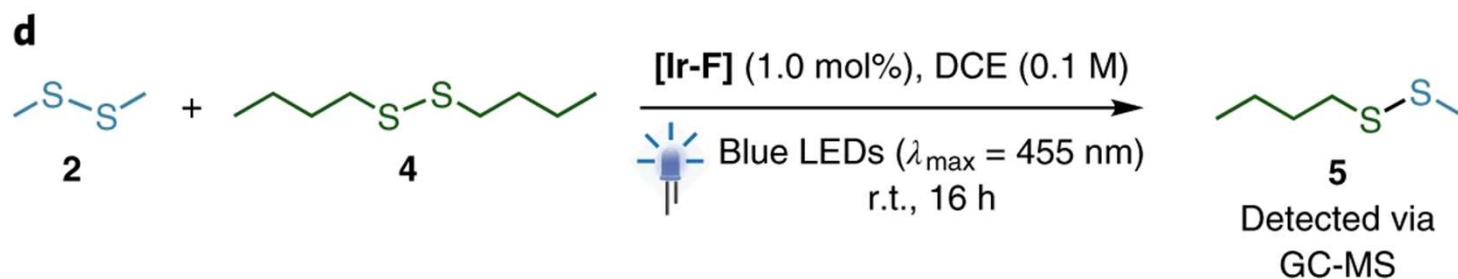
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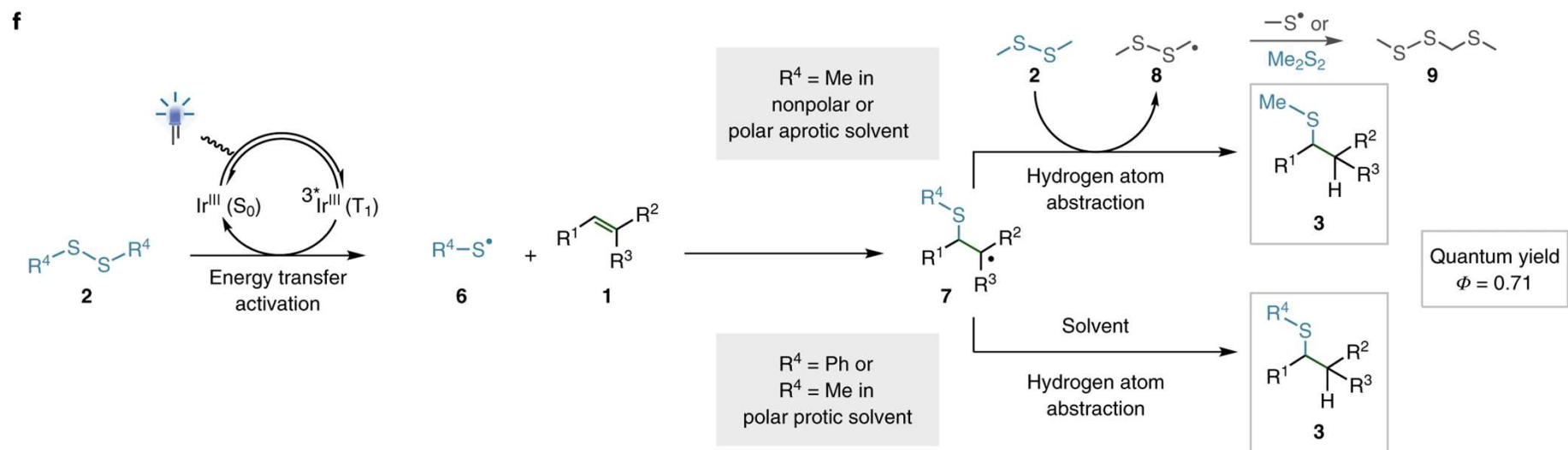
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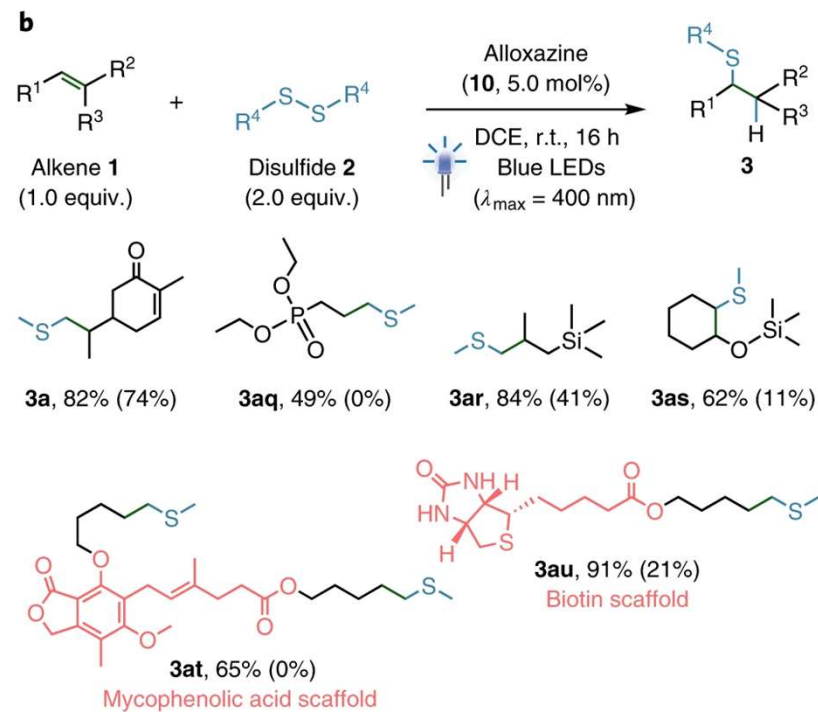
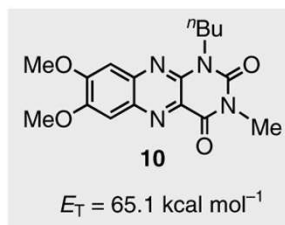
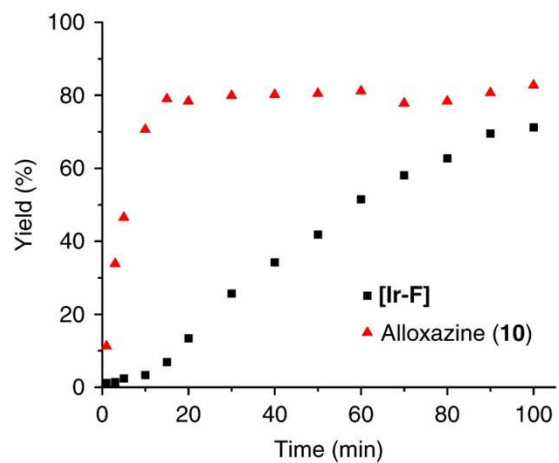
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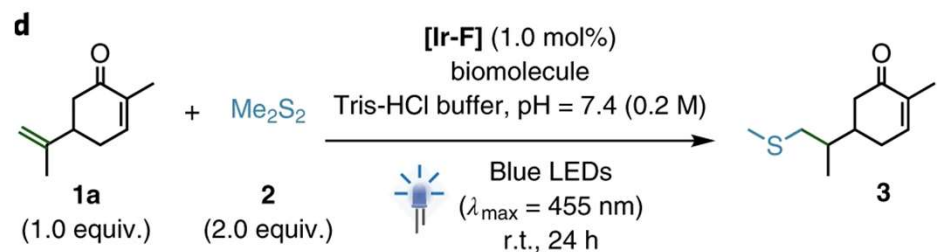
Proposed reaction mechanism



application

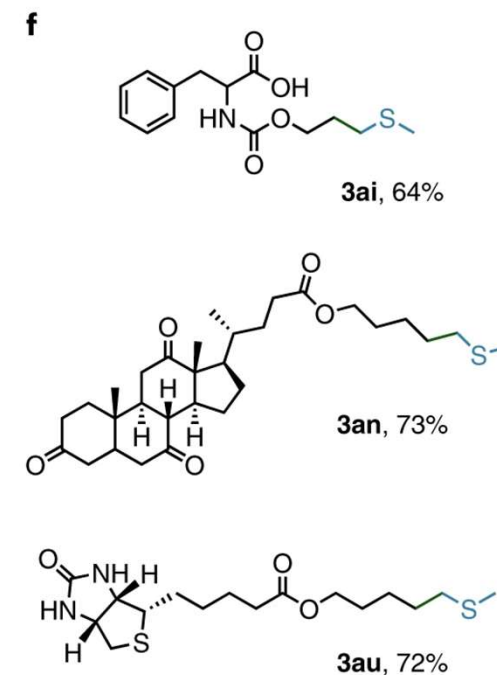
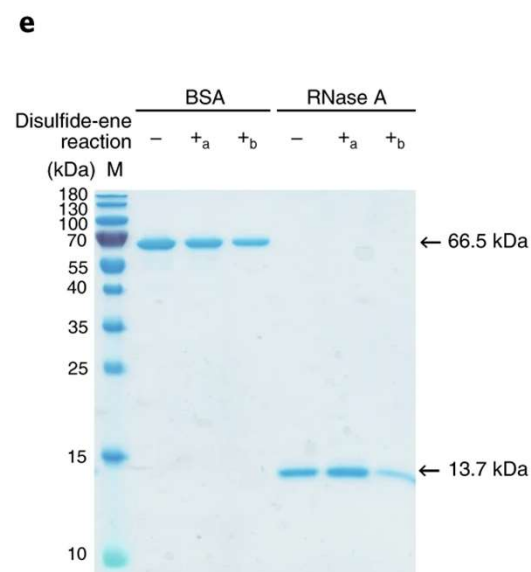


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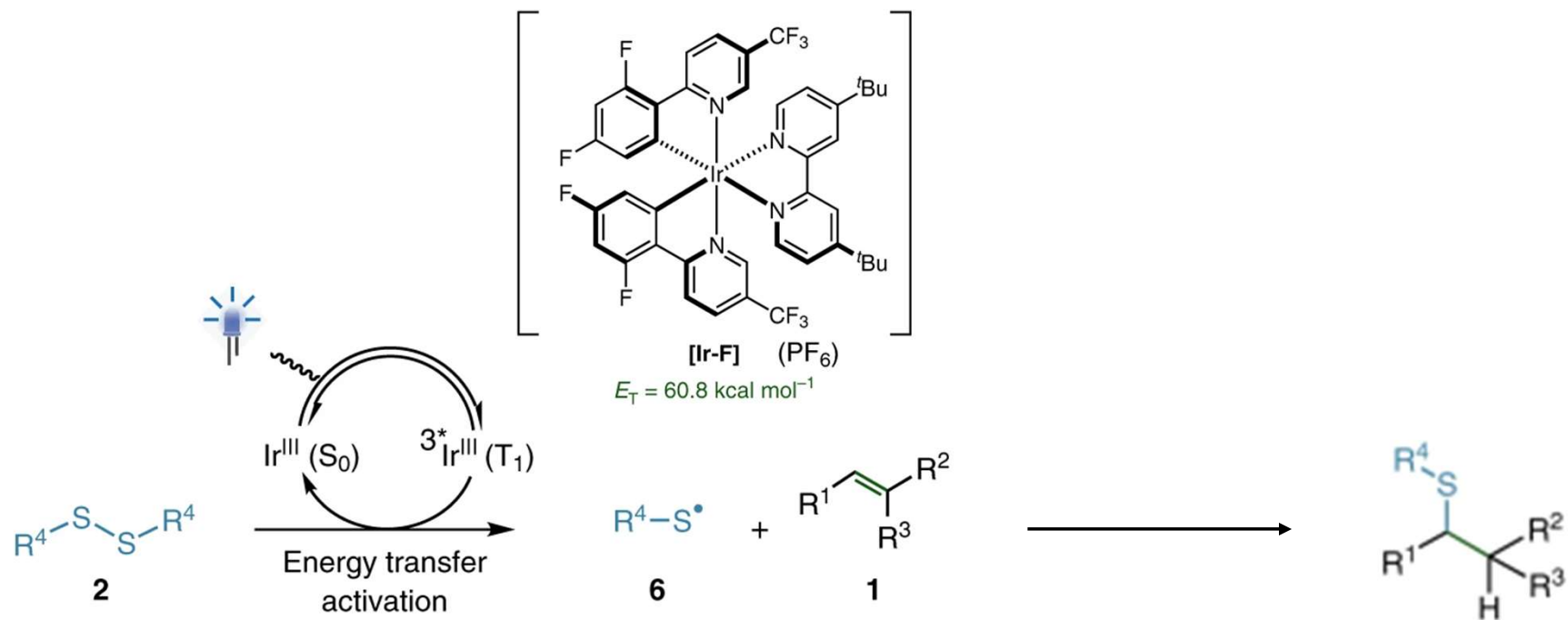


Entry	Bio-additive	Conversion (%)	Yield (%)	Additive recovery
1	None	99	68	-
2	L-glutathione (1.0 equiv.)	98	65	B
3	Bovine serum albumine (100 μM)	98	54	A
4	RNase A (100 μM)	98	63	A
5	ssDNA (5 μM)	98	66	A
6	RNA (2.5 μM)	98	68	C
7	Total RNA (5.5 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$)	98	64	C
8	Cell lysate (1:10 vol/vol)	98	62	ND

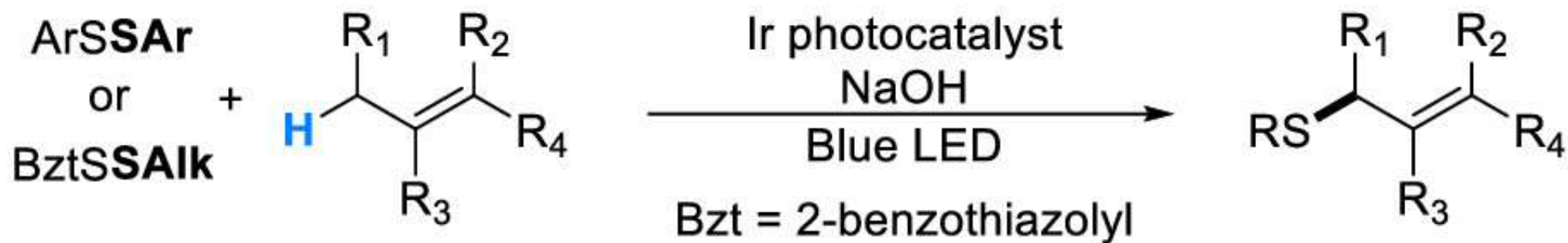
- 20 biomolecule additives investigated
- No significant influence on yield
- Overall good biomolecule preservation



Short summary

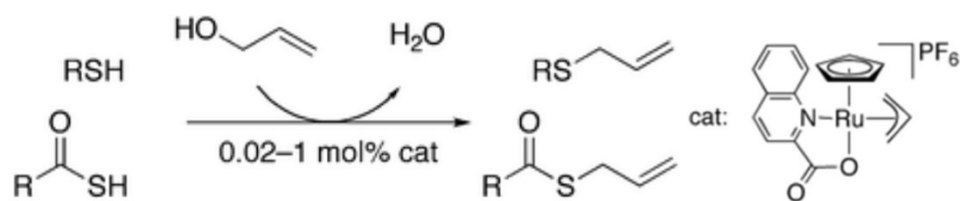


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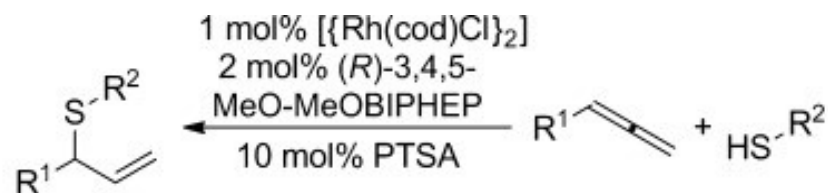
synthesis of allyl thioethers

- allyl (pseudo)halide



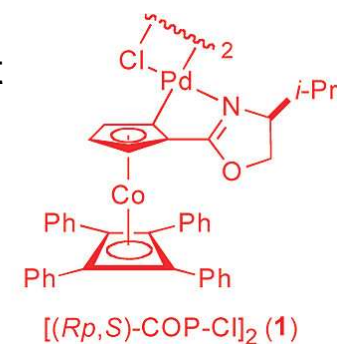
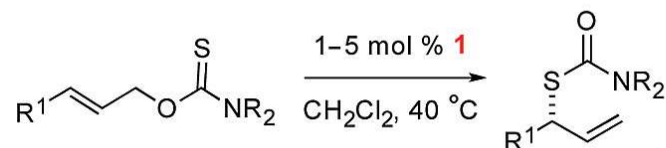
Shinji Tanaka, Prasun Kanti Pradhan, et al.,
Chem. Commun., 2010, **46**, 3996-3998

- hydrothiolation of allenes or 1,3-dienes



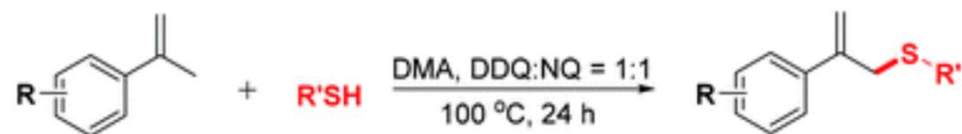
Pritzius, A.B. and Breit, B. (2015)
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 54: 3121-3125.

- [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement



Larry E. Overman, Scott W. Roberts et al.
Organic Letters **2008** *10* (7), 1485-1488

- Direct conversion using DDQ

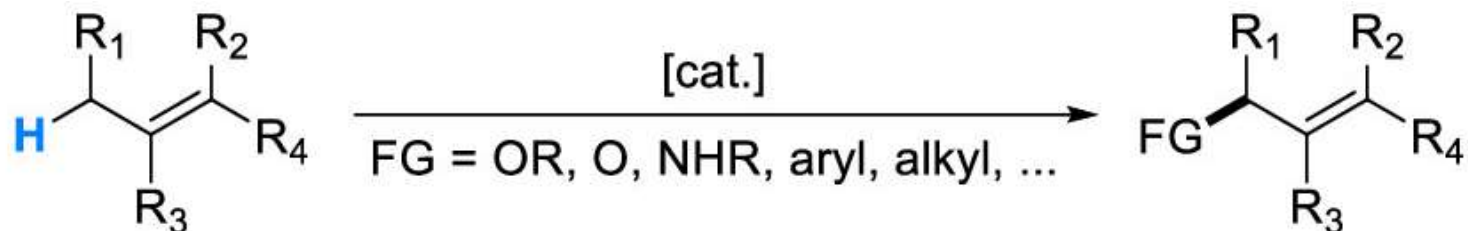


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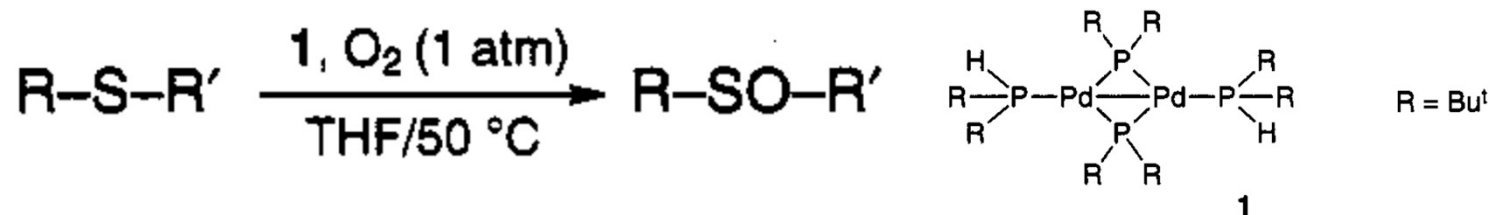
✂ Catalytic direct conversion had not yet been achieved.

Direct catalytic conversion of allyl C-H→C-S had not been achieved

- There are many examples of direct catalytic conversion of allylic C-H



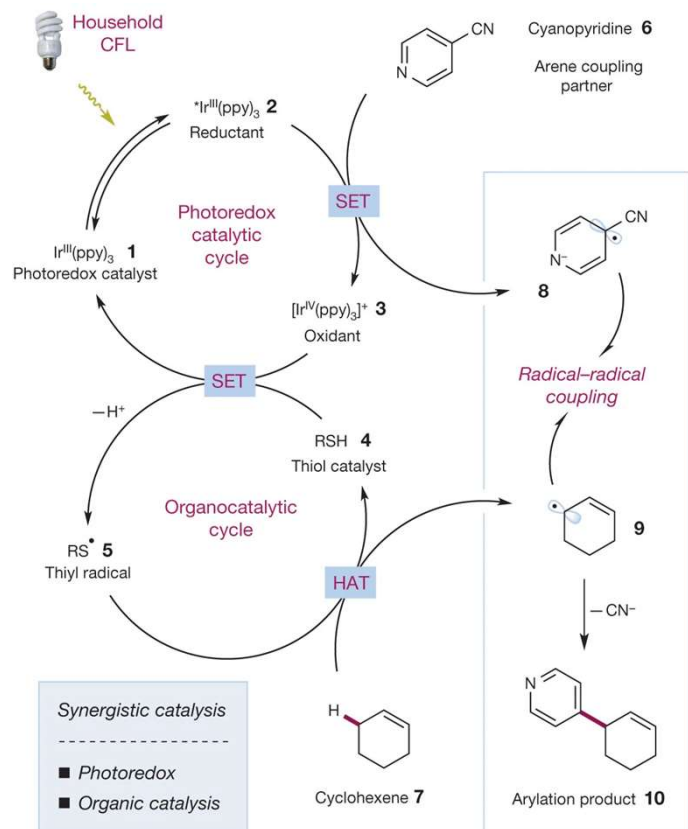
- Catalytic direct conversion had not yet been achieved.
 - Tends to act as a catalytic poison due to high coordination ability of sulfur atoms
 - Under conditions that oxidize the allyl position, oxidation to sulfur itself also tends to proceed



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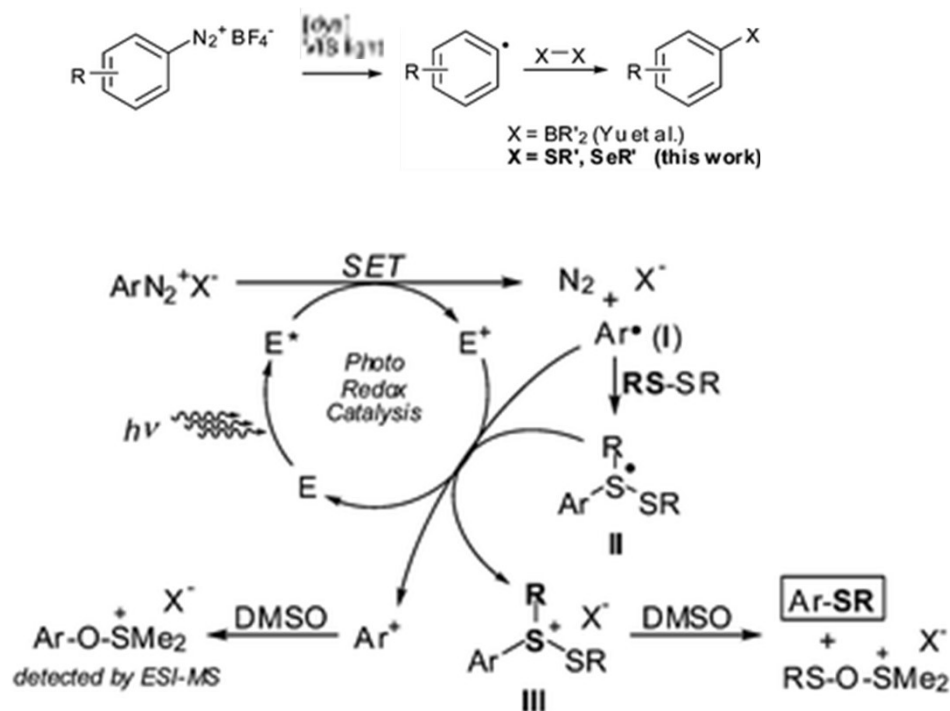
This time : Strategies using photocatalyst

- Photocatalytic conversion of allylic C-H



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- Example of disulfide reacted by photocatalyst

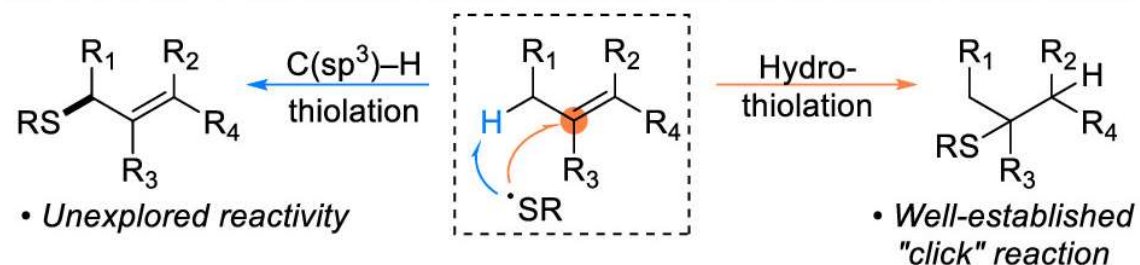


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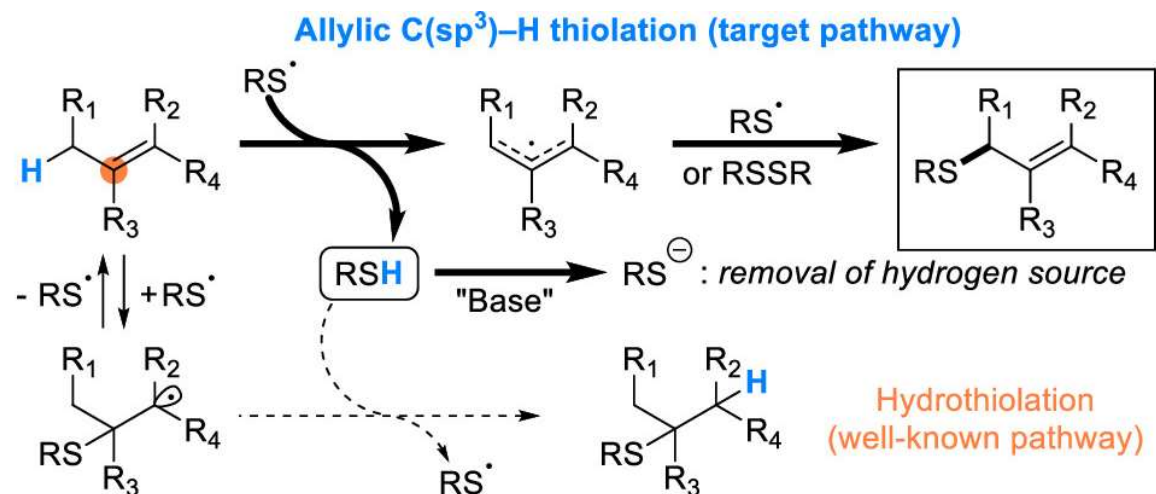
- Couldn't these be combined?

Competition with thiol-ene reaction

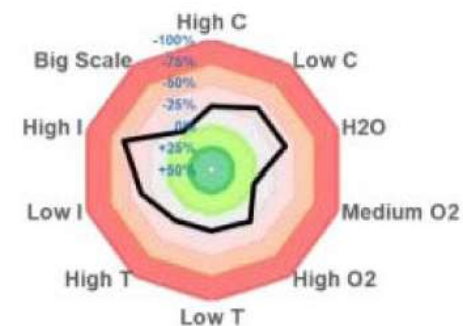
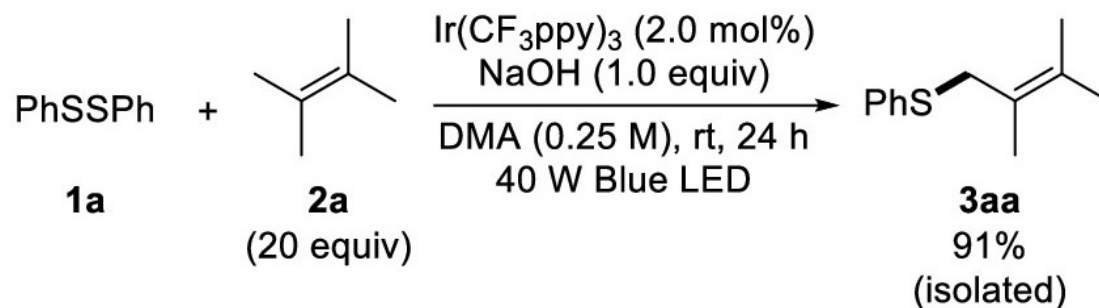
- There was concern that this approach would be preceded by additions to alkenes (thiol-ene reactions).



- adding a base → preventing addition?



Initial optimization

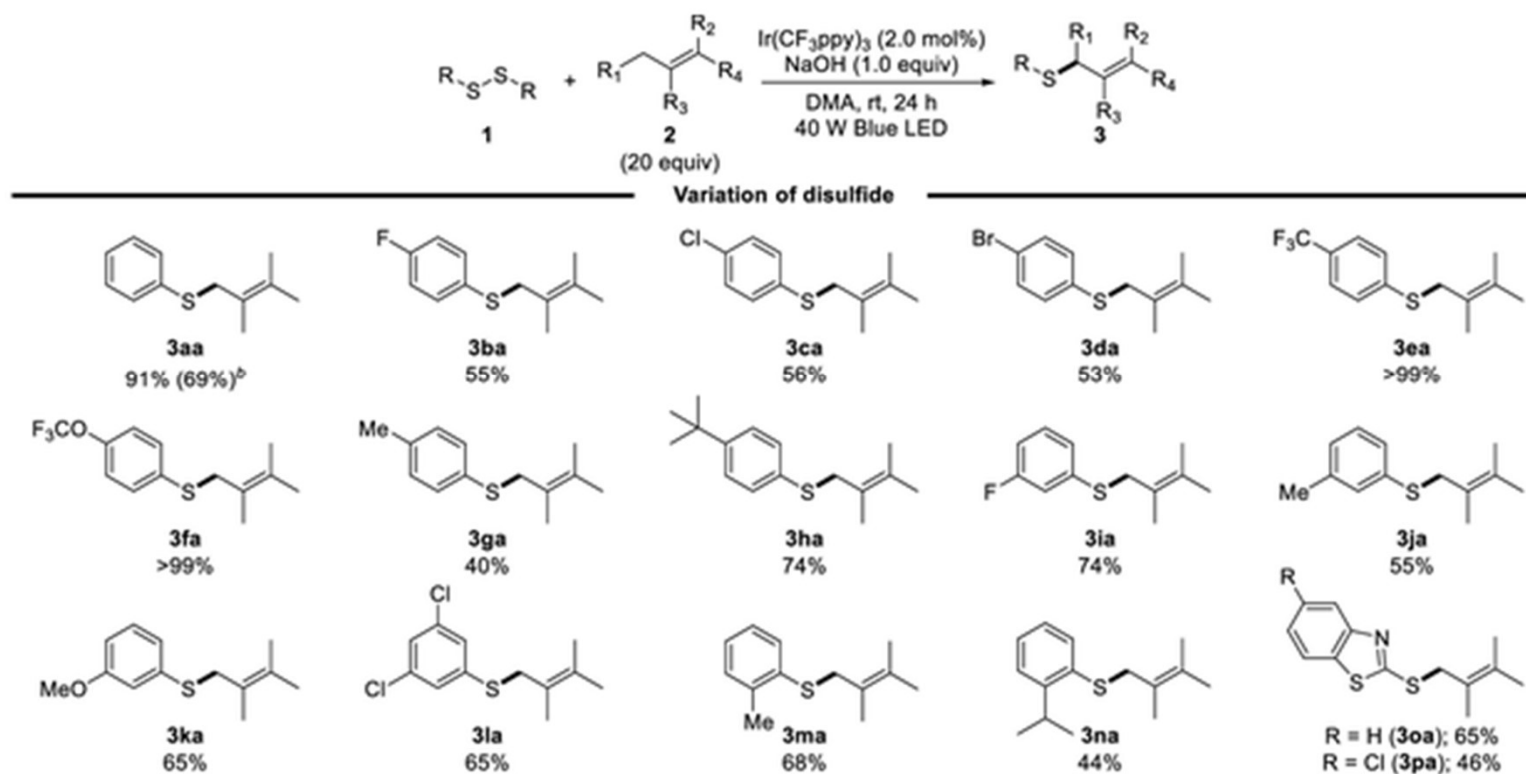


thiol-ene reaction product wasn't produced.



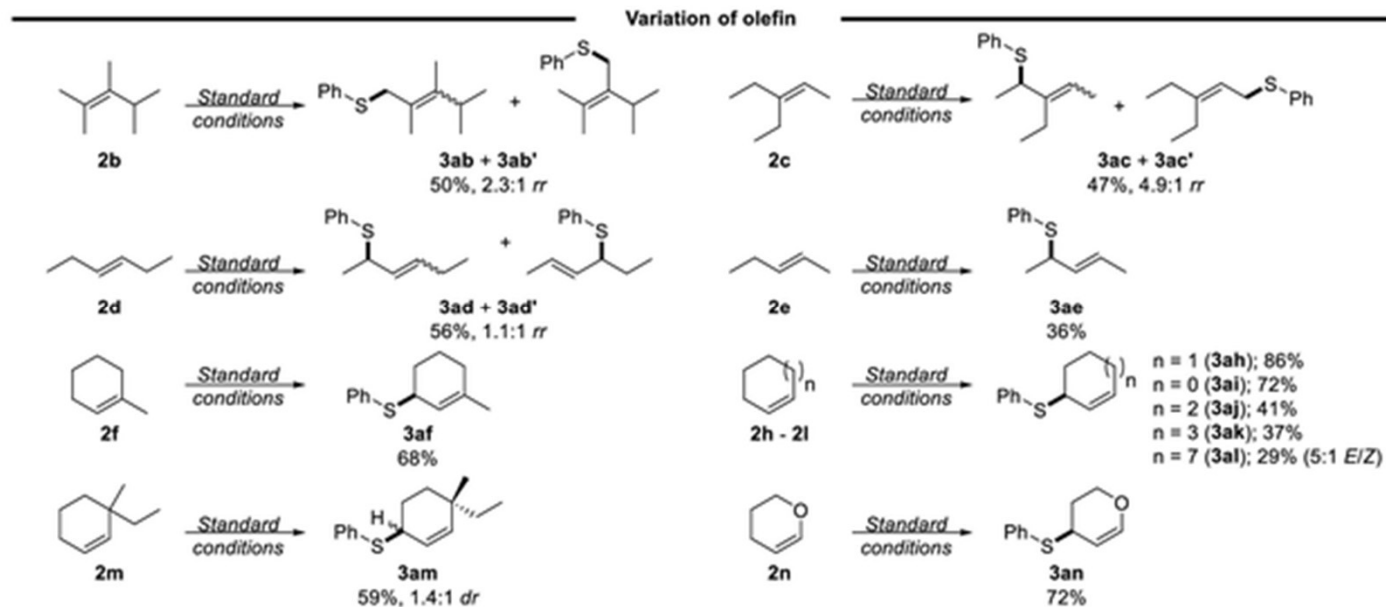
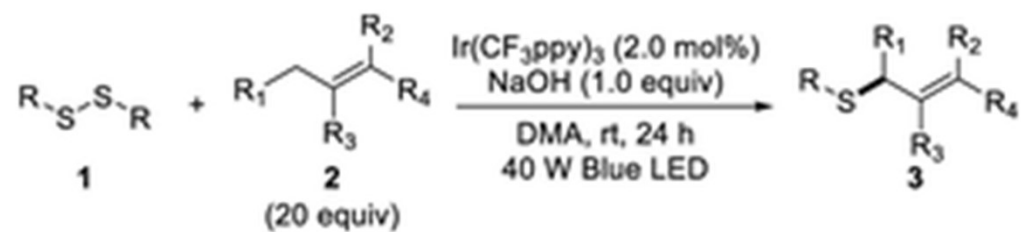
- Suppression of addition by bases

Substrate scope (disulfide)

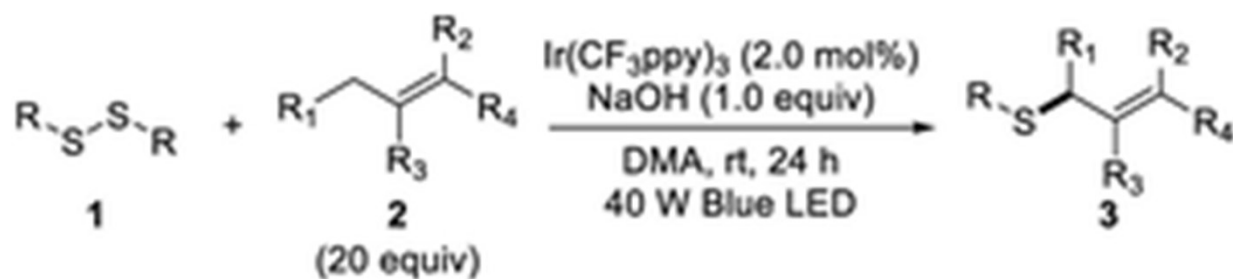


- Reaction did not proceed with dibenzyl disulfide (only produced thiols)

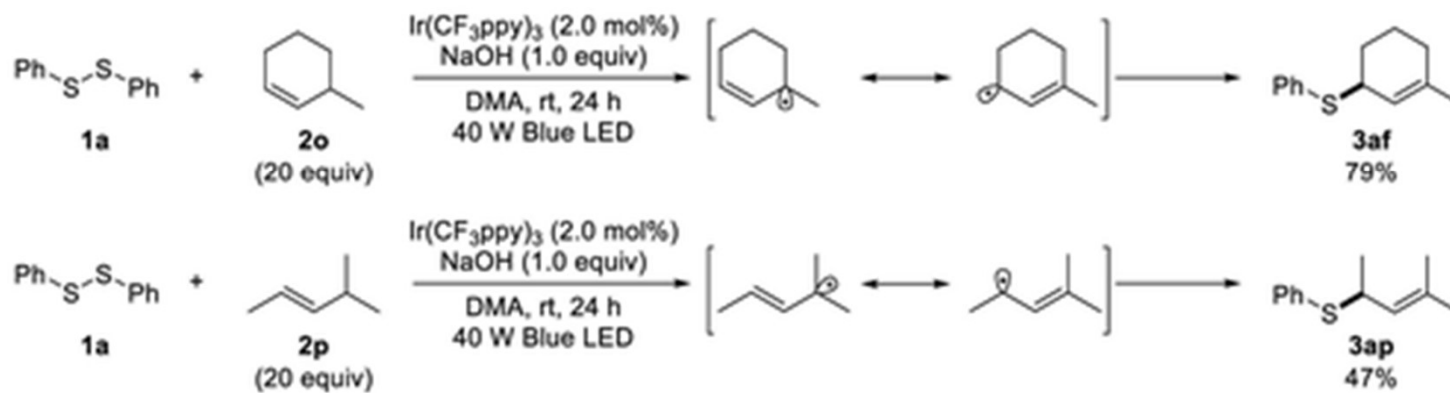
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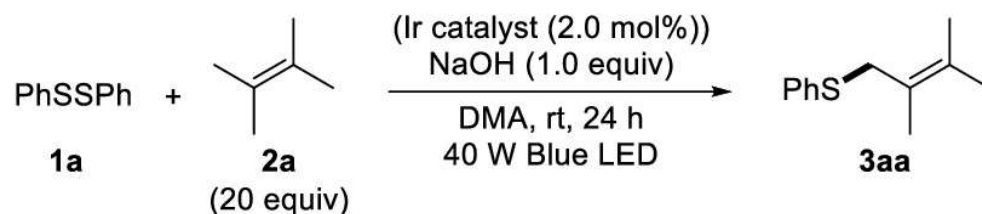


Migration of double bond



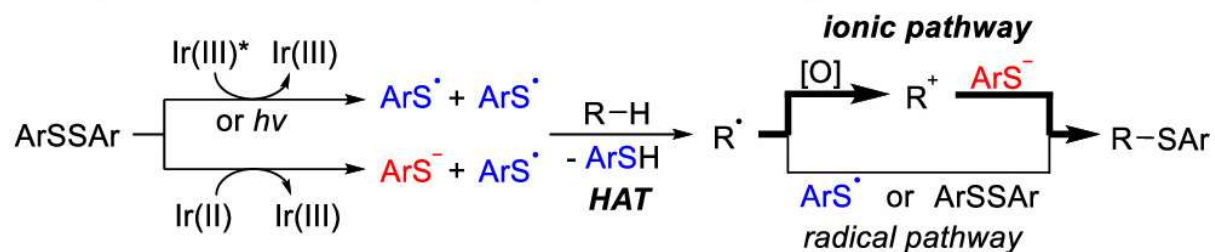
Mechanistic study

- Initially, the reaction was thought to proceed by the addition of allyl radicals to the disulfide...

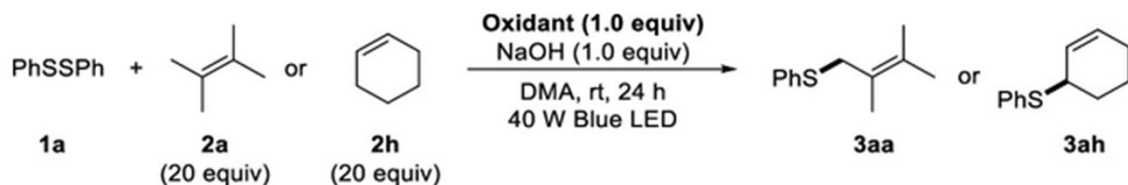


Entry	Variation	Yield 3aa
1	with Ir(CF ₃ ppy) ₃ (E _T = 56.4 kcal/mol)	91%
2	without Ir catalyst	<2%
3	with [Ir(dFCF ₃ ppy) ₂ (dtbbpy)](PF ₆) (E _T = 60.4 kcal/mol)	<2%
4	without Ir catalyst, 370 nm LED	<1%

B. Proposed reaction mechanism - possible role of Ir photocatalyst

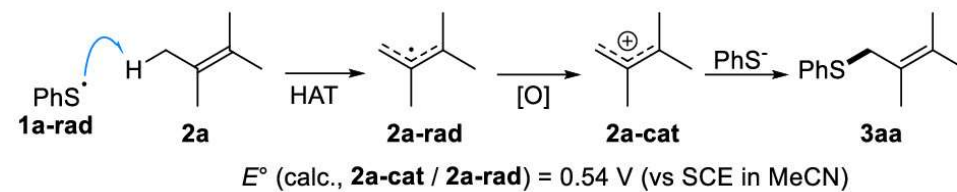


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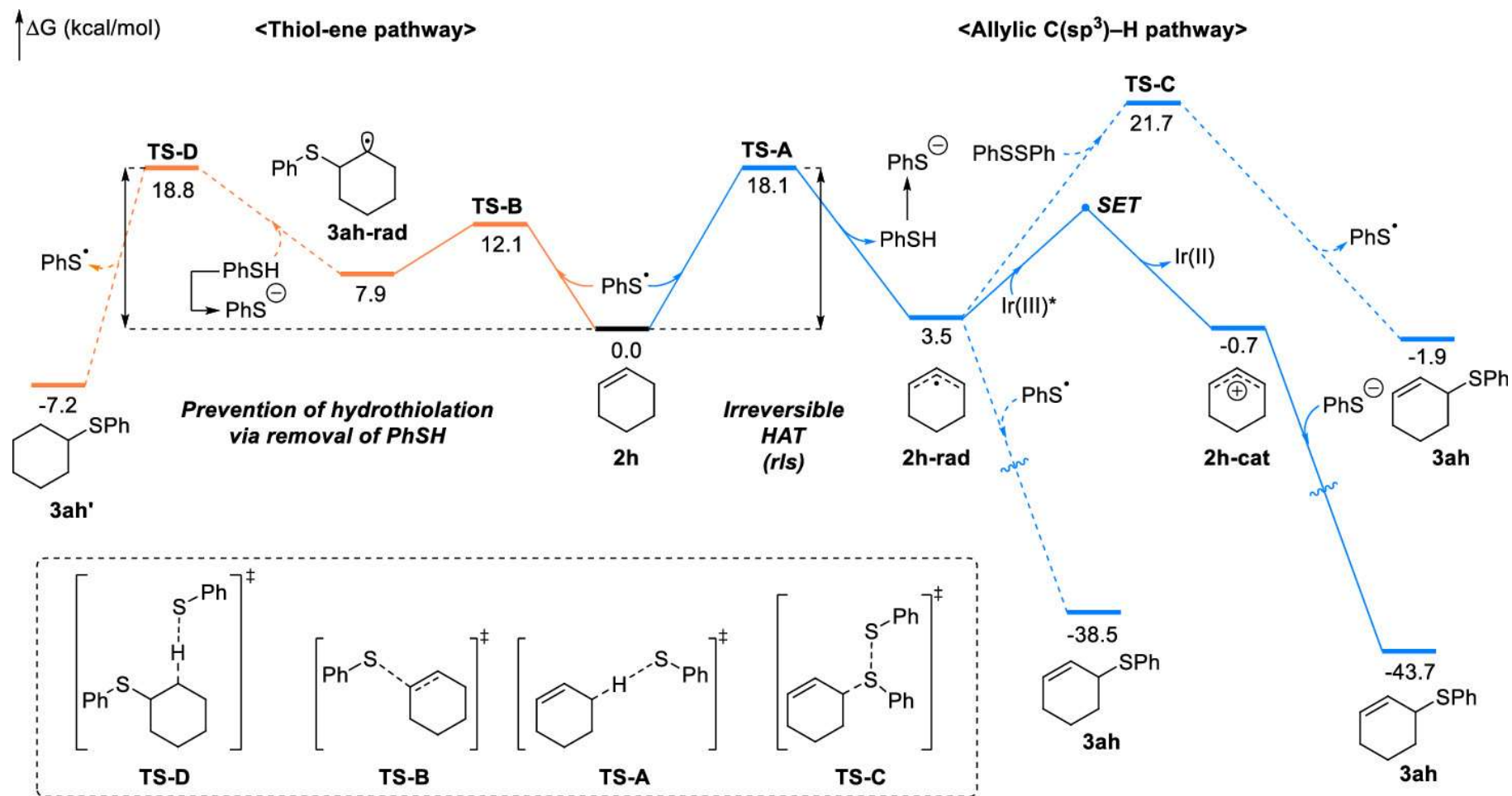


entry	Oxidant	E° _b	yield 3aa _c	yield 3ah _c
1	None		<2%	N. D.
2	Ce(NH ₄) ₂ (NO ₃) ₆	1.06 V _d	17%	19% _e
3	(TBPA)(SbCl ₆)	1.05 V _f	36%	6%
4	TEMPO	0.65 V _g	13%	23%
5	DDQ	0.51 V _h	3%	<1%
6	(Fc)(BF ₄)	0.4 V _i	N. D.	N. D.
7j	(TBPA)(SbCl ₆)	1.05 V _f	N. D.	N. D.

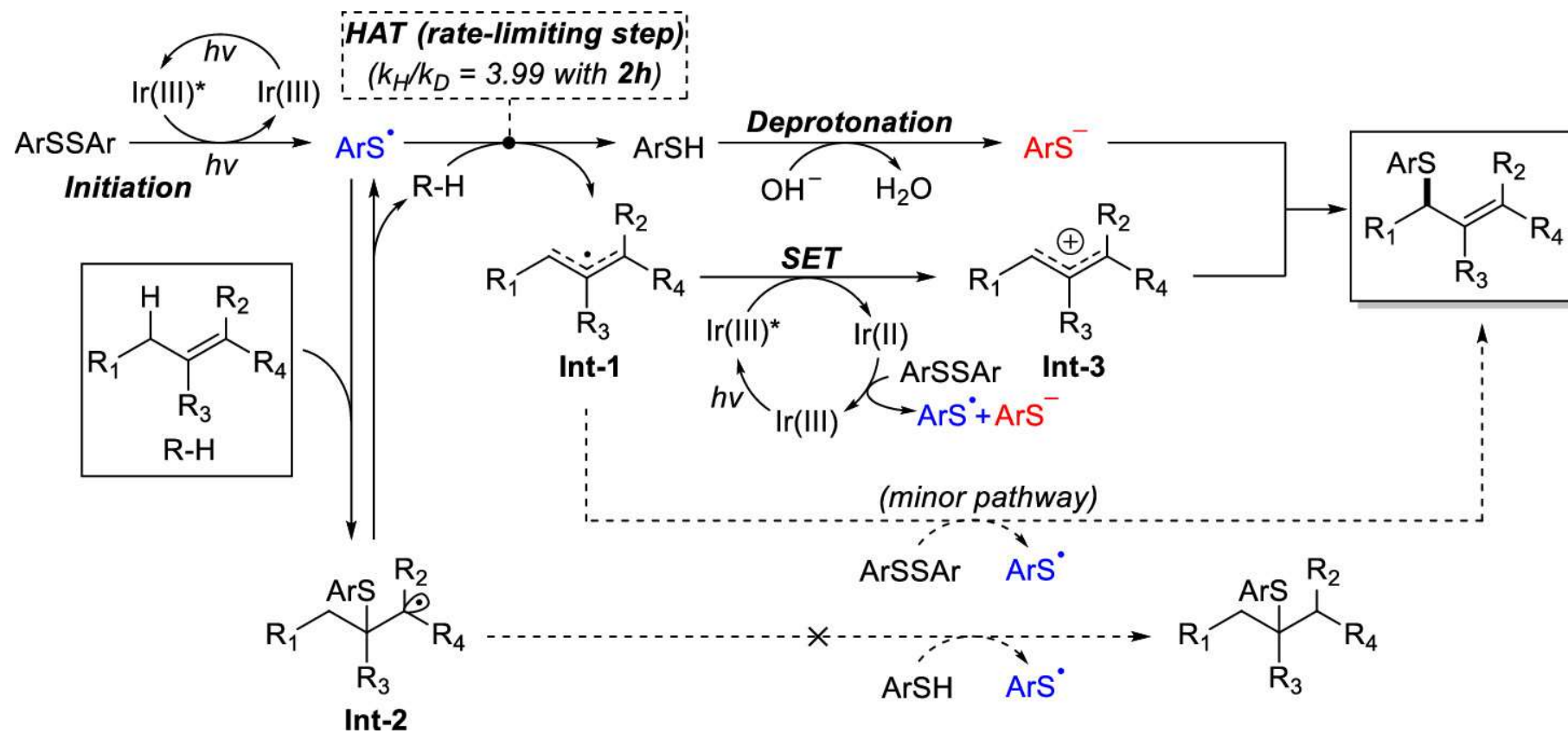
A. Reaction pathway between diphenyl disulfide (1a) and 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene (2a)



Mechanistic study : Allyl substitution vs thiol-ene reaction



Proposed reaction mechanism



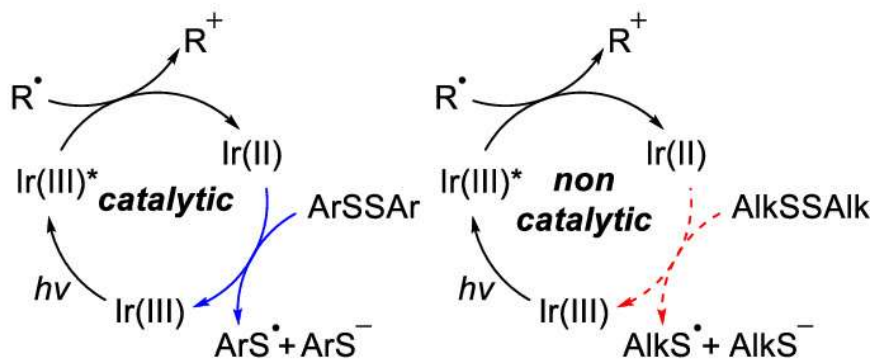
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A. Problem in utilization of dialkyl disulfide - catalyst turnover

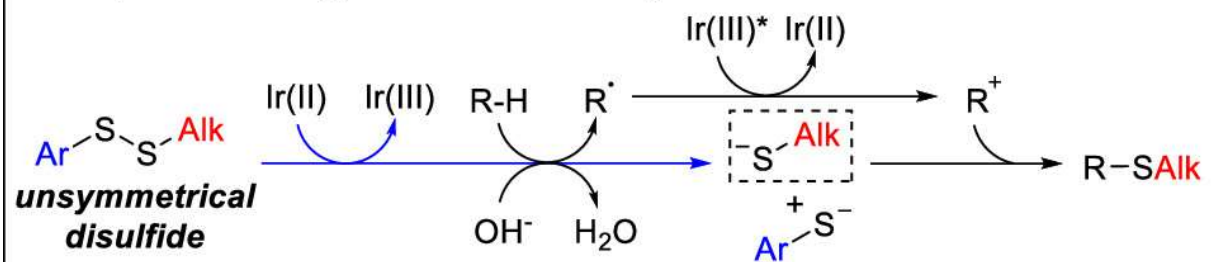
Ir(II)
 $E^\circ(\text{Ir(III)/Ir(II)}) = -2.13\text{V}$
 (vs SCE in MeCN)

PhSSPh
 $E_p^{\text{red}} = -1.65\text{V}$
 (vs SCE in DMF)

MeSSMe
 $E_p^{\text{red}} = -2.43\text{V}$
 (vs SCE in DMF)

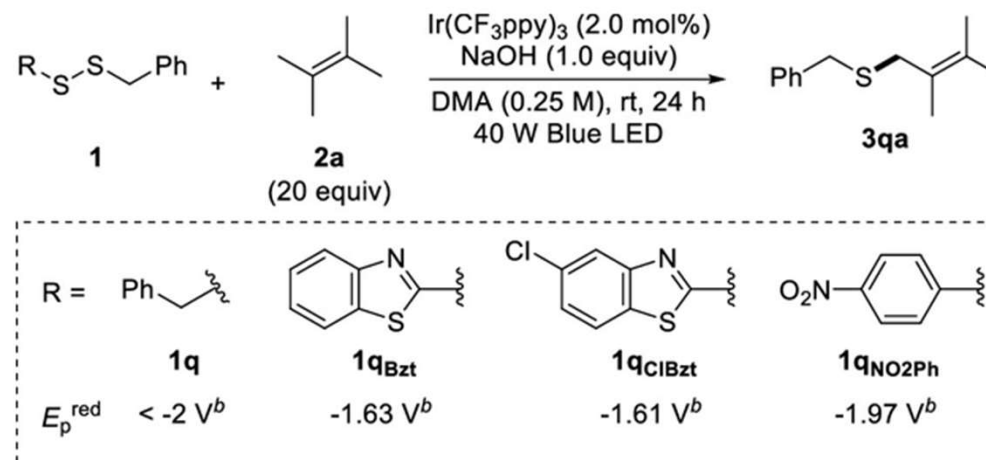


B. Proposed strategy: utilization of unsymmetrical disulfide



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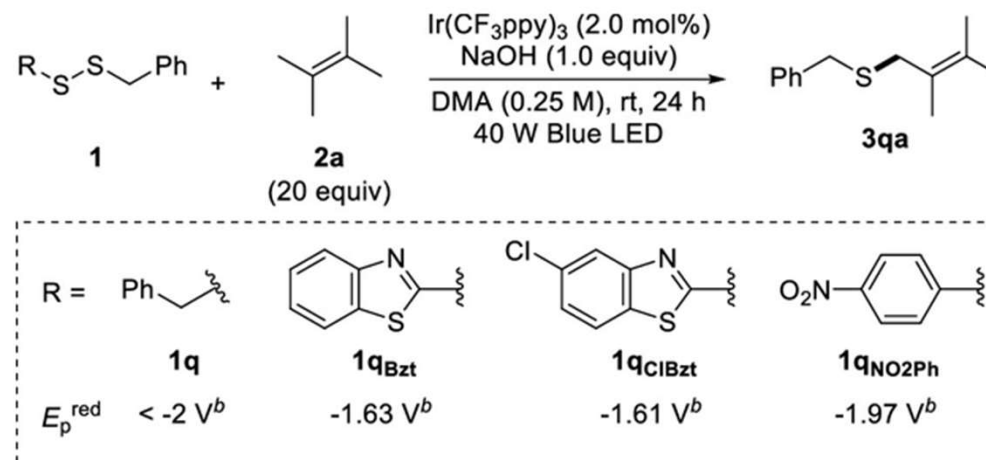
Table 3. Survey of Unsymmetrical Disulfides^a



entry	disulfide	changes in conditions	yield 3qa ^c
1	1q	None	N. D.
2	1q_{Bzt}	None	26%
3	1q_{ClBzt}	None	23%
4	1q_{NO2Ph}	None	5%

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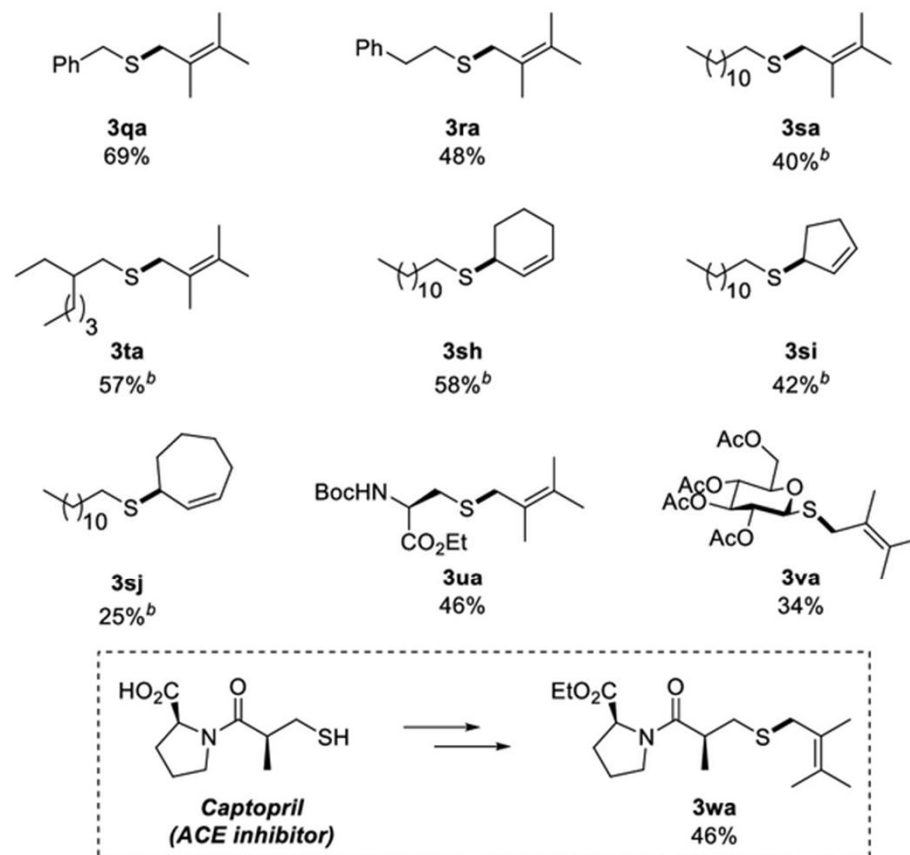
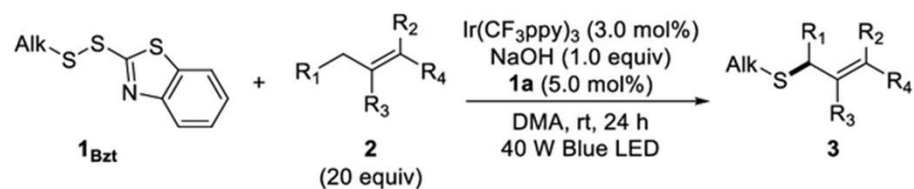
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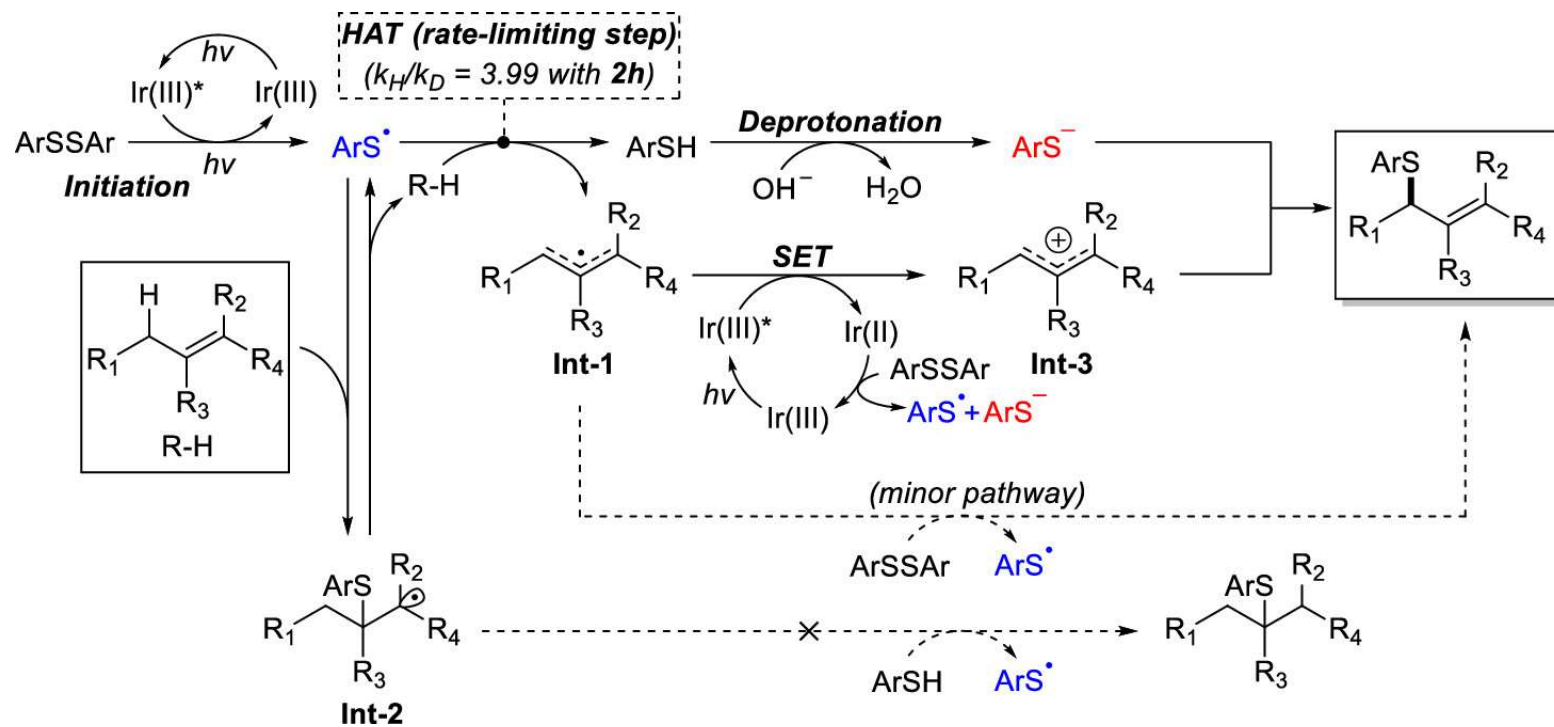
5	1qBzt	+5.0 mol % 1a	48%
6	1qBzt	+10.0 mol % 1a	26%
7	1qBzt	+5.0 mol % 1a , 3.0 mol % Ir(CF ₃ ppy) ₃	57%
8	1qBzt	+5.0 mol % 1a , 3.0 mol % Ir(CF ₃ ppy) ₃ , 0.17 M	70% (69%) ^d

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Table 4. Synthesis of Alkyl Allyl Sulfides^a



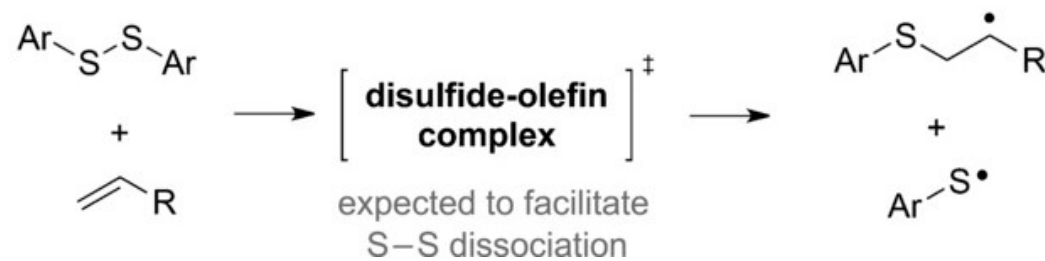
Short summary



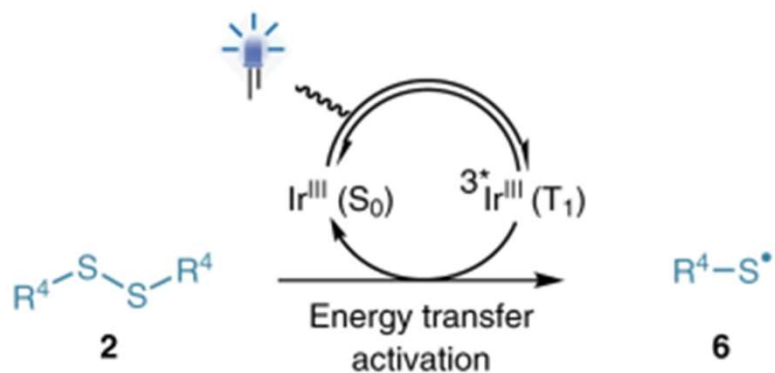
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