

# **Reactivities of Square-Planer Cobalt (I), (II), (III) Complexes**

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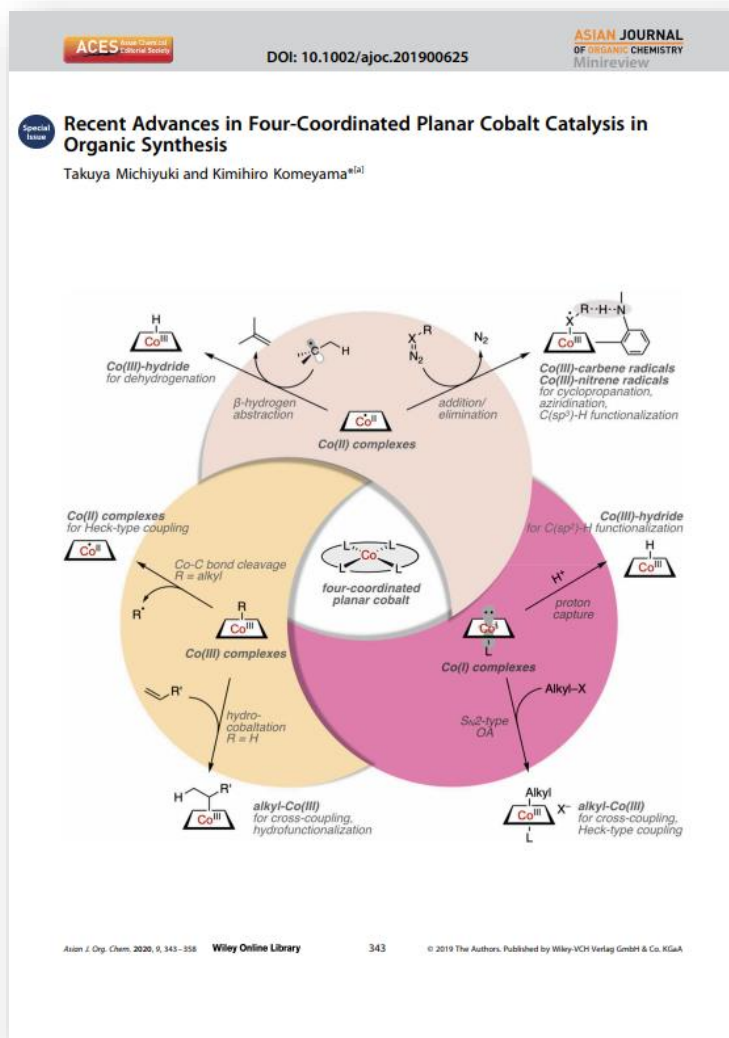
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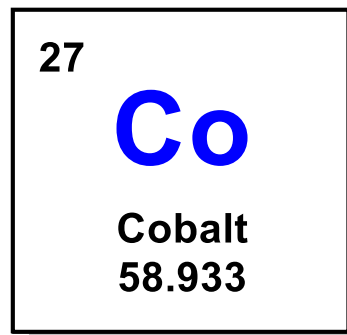
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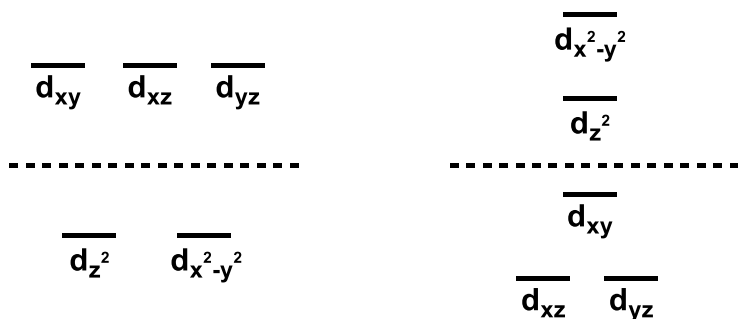
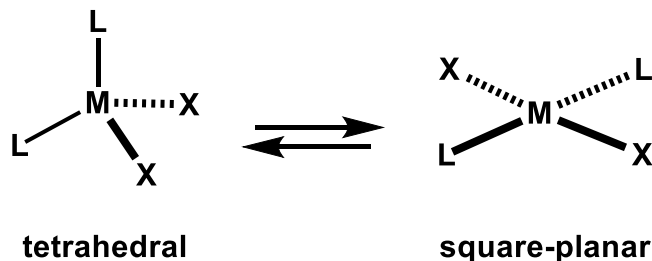
# 1. Generalities of cobalt



- Discovered in 1735
- Group: 9 (Rh, Ir), Period: 4 (Fe, Ni, Cu)
- Cheap (er than Ru, Rh, Ir, Pd, Ag, Au, Pt)
- Abundant (Congo, Canada, Zambia, Russia)
- Common oxidation states: I, II, III
- Used for Pauson-Khand reaction, Nicholas reaction, [2+2+2] cycloaddition, Wakamatsu reaction...

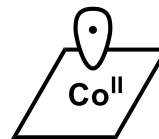
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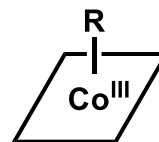
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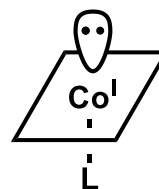
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Acting as metalloradical catalysts



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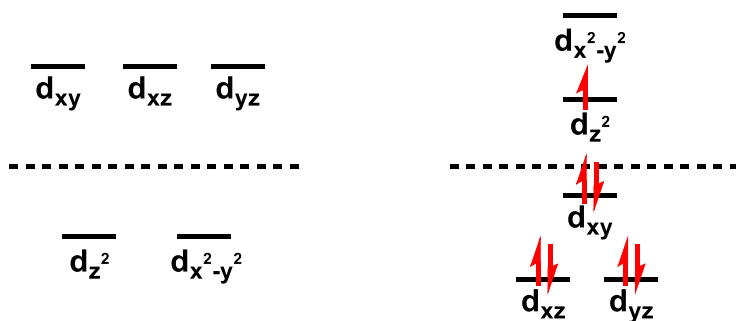
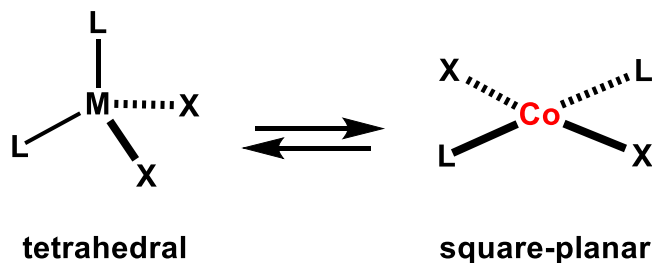
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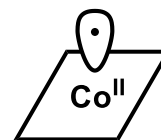
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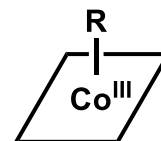
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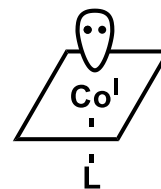
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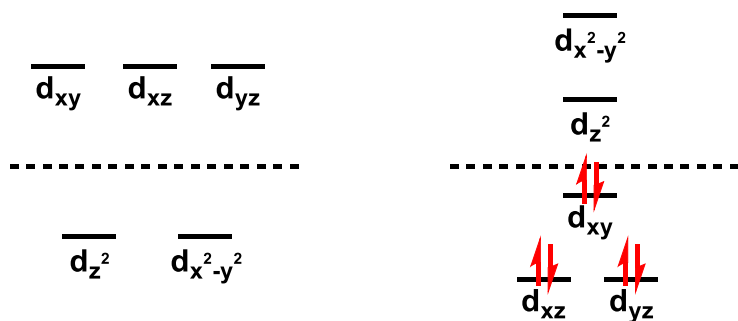
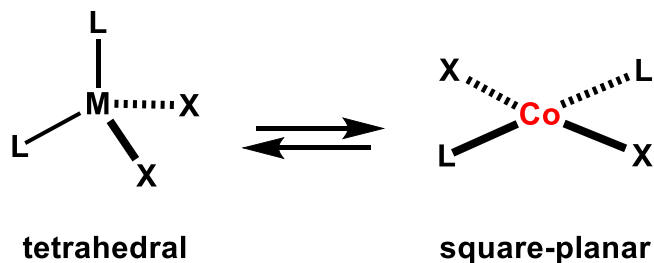
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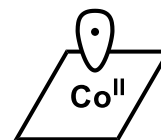
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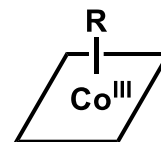
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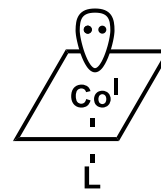
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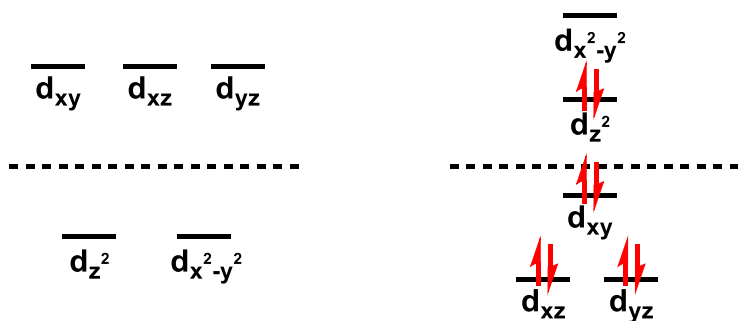
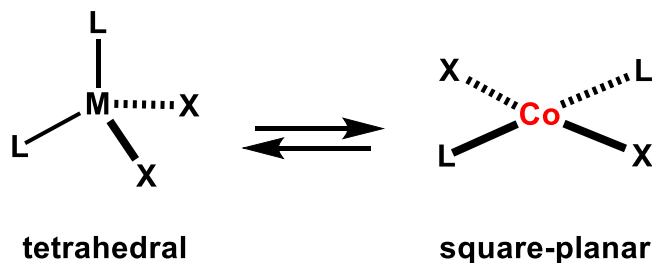
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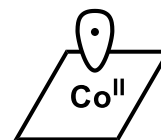
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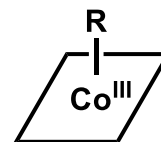
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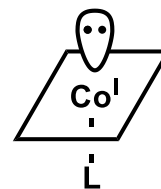
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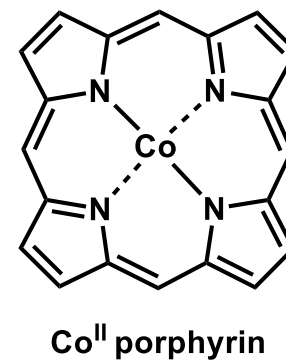
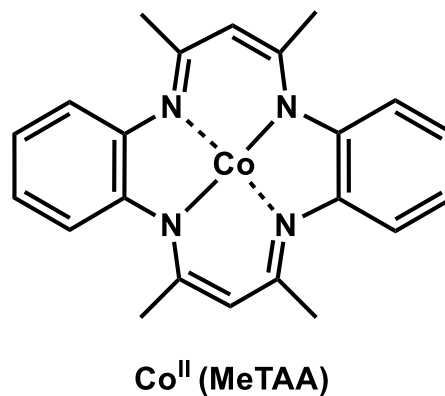
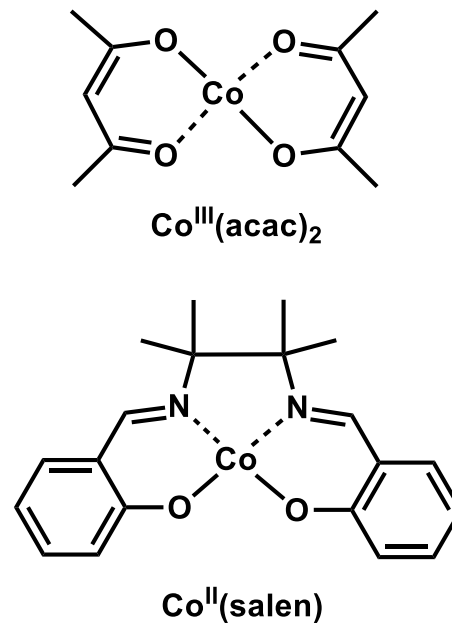
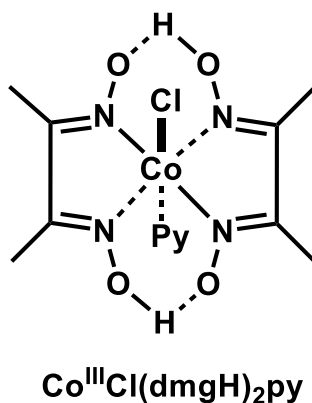
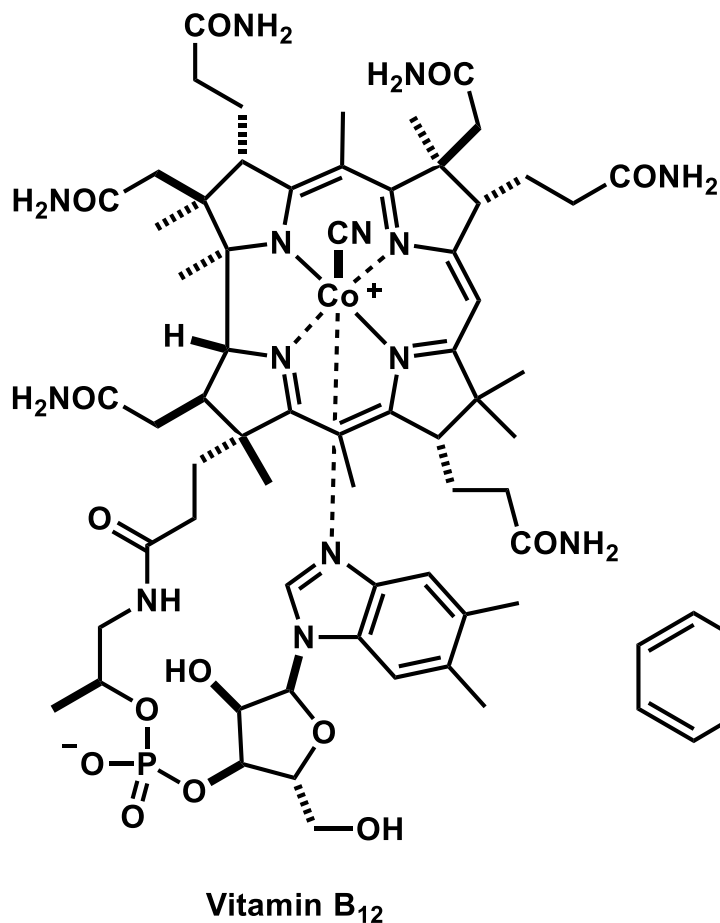
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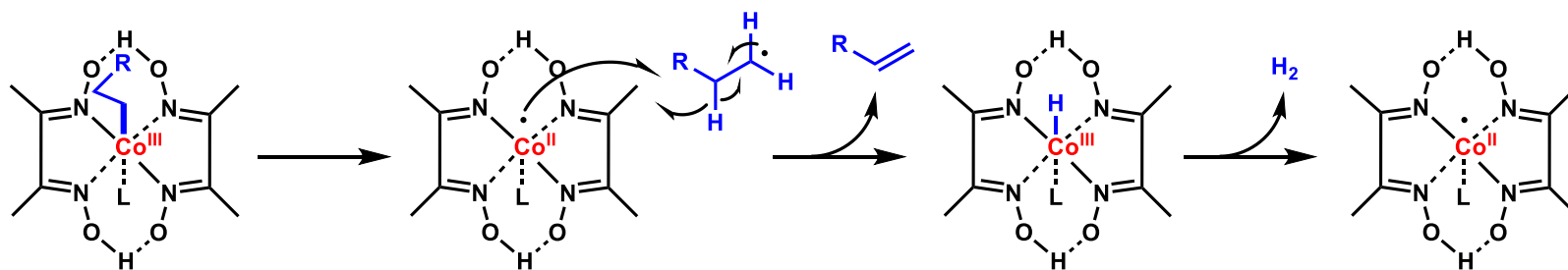
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## Representative Square-Planar Cobalt Catalysts (Ligands)



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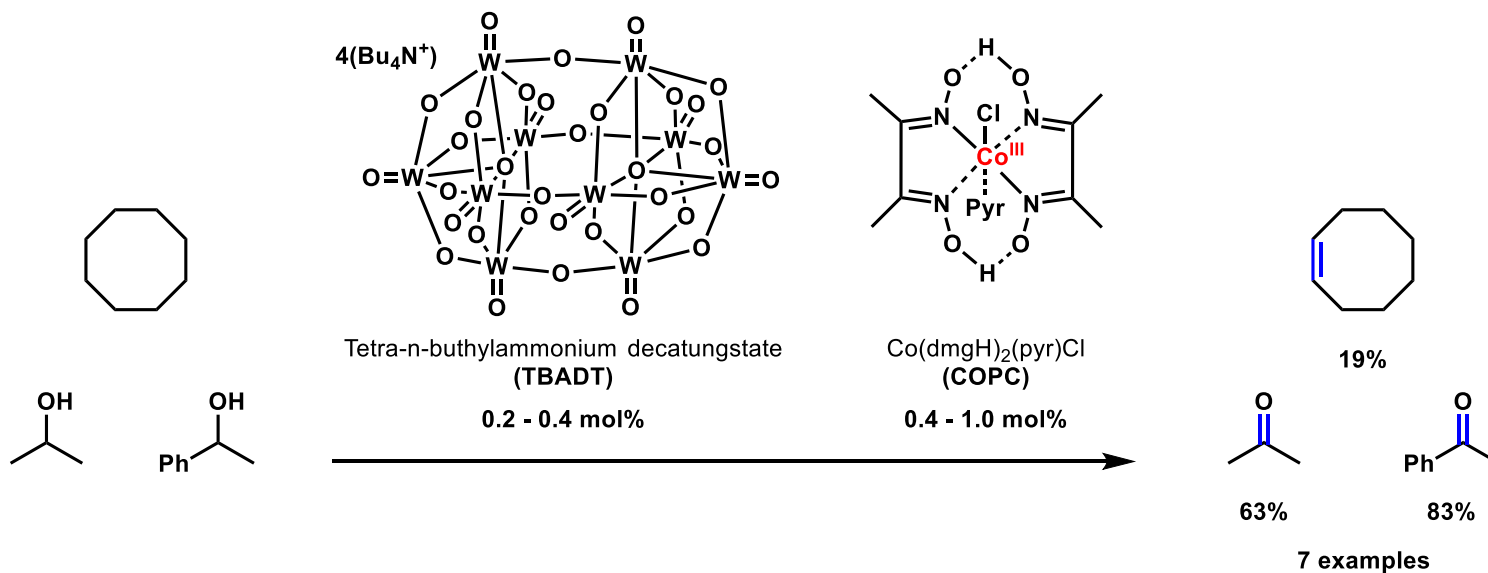
$\beta$ -hydrogen abstraction (Rampel, Ng, and Halpern, 1982)



$\text{Co}^{\text{III}}\text{R}(\text{dmgH})_2\text{L}$

[7] Ng, F. T. T. et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, 104, 621.

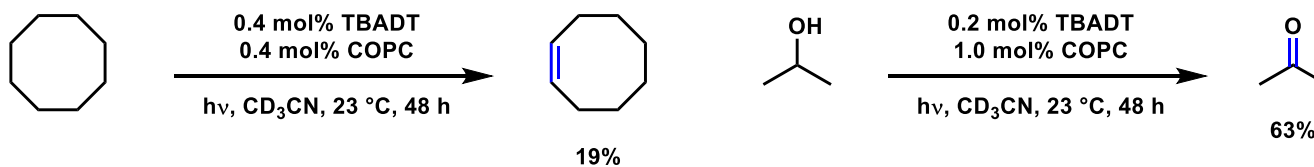
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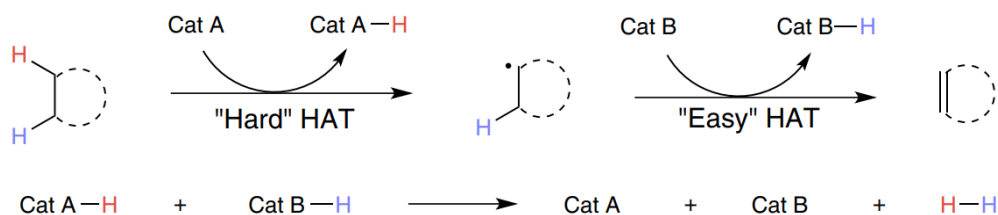
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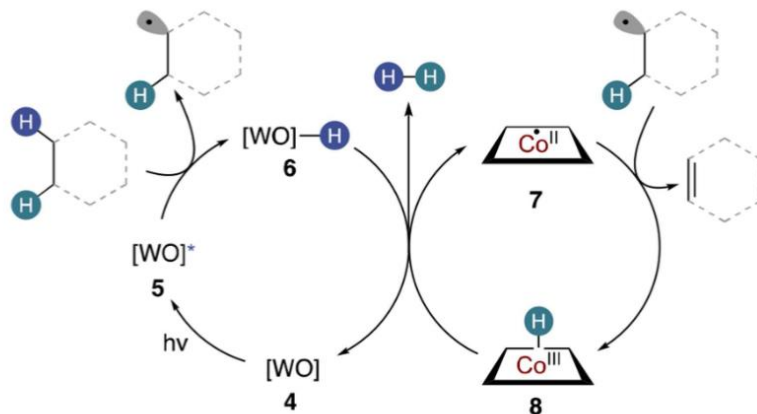
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Cooperative hydrogen atom transfer (cHAT)

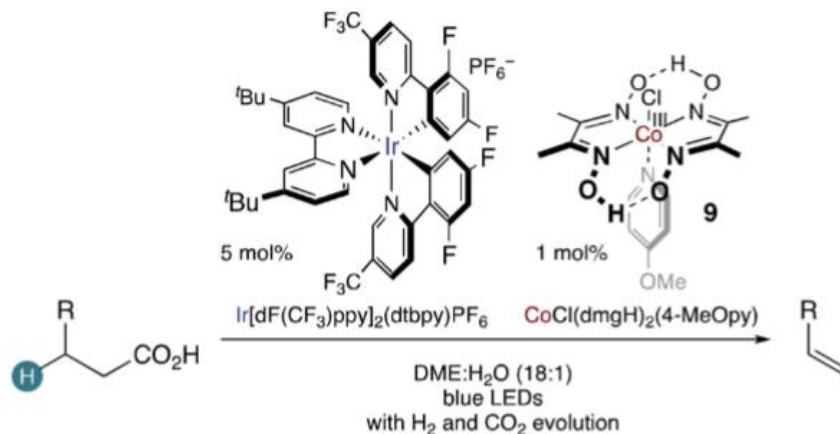


Plausible mechanism for the TBADT/COPC-catalyzed dehydrogenation of alkanes.

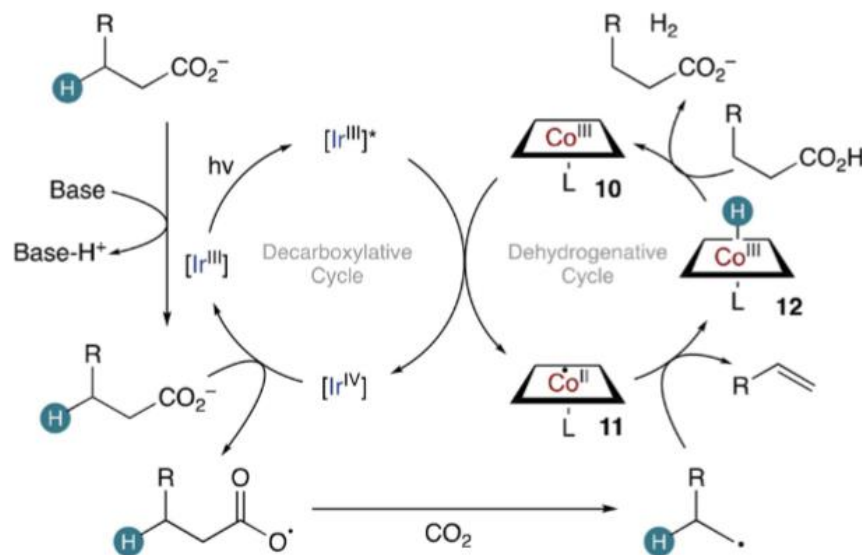


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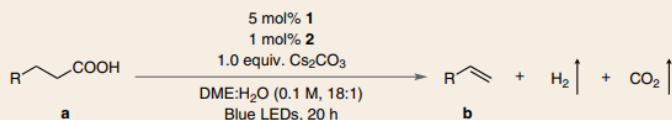
Catalytic dehydrogenative decarboxylative olefination of carboxylic acids (Ritter, 2018)



Plausible mechanism



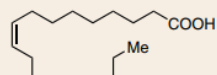
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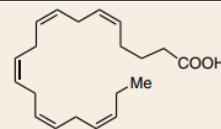
**4** 97%, 91%<sup>a</sup>  
Stearic acid



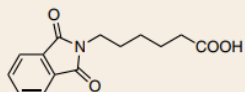
**5** 73%  
Oleic acid



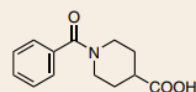
**6** 72%  
Linolenic acid



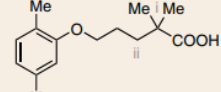
**7** 63%  
Eicosapentaenoic acid



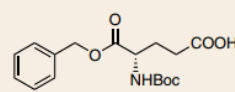
**8** 93%



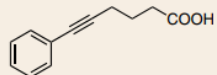
**9** 96%



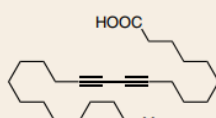
**10** 91%  
Gemfibrozil, 3.3:1



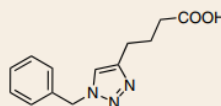
**11** 47%<sup>b</sup>  
L-Boc-Glu-OBzl



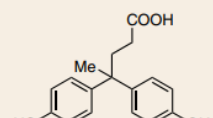
**12** 86%



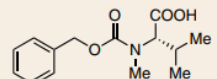
**13** 67%  
10,12-Pentacosadiynoic acid



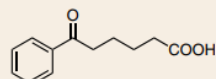
**14** 86%, 80%<sup>c</sup>



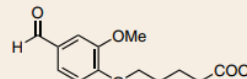
**15** 63%  
Diphenolic acid



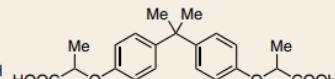
**16** 59%



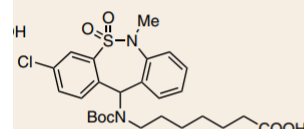
**17** 90%



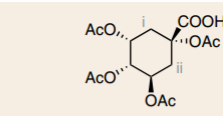
**18** 76%



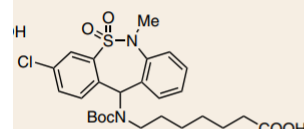
**19** 79%  
From bisphenol A



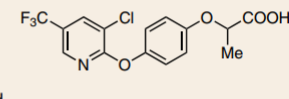
**22** 97%, 71%<sup>c</sup>  
Aleuritic acid



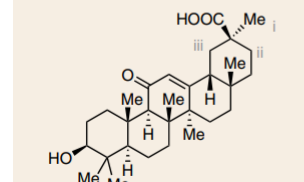
**23** 82%  
From quinic acid, 1:1



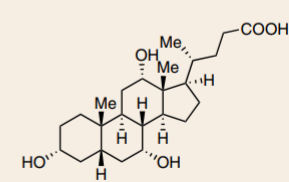
**26** 90%  
From tianeptine



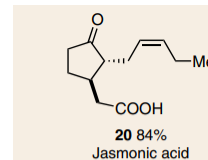
**27** 93%  
Haloxypop



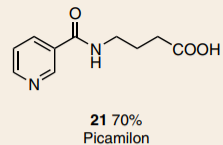
**30** 99%  
18 $\beta$ -Glycyrrhetic acid, 6 : 5 : 1



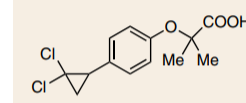
**31** 80%, 72%<sup>f</sup>  
Cholic acid



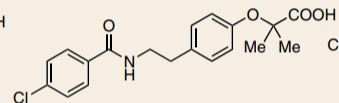
**20** 84%  
Jasmonic acid



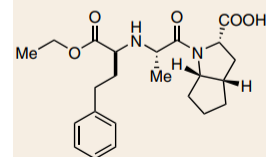
**21** 70%  
Picamilon



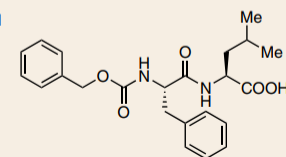
**24** 86%  
Ciprofibrate



**25** 96%, 91%<sup>c</sup>  
Bezafibrate



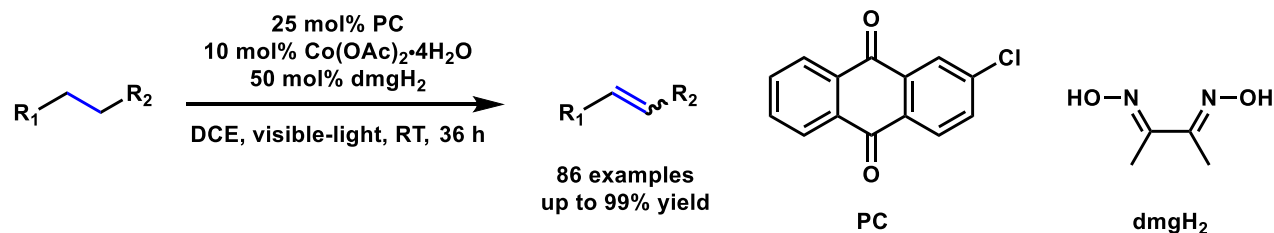
**28** 49%  
Ramipril



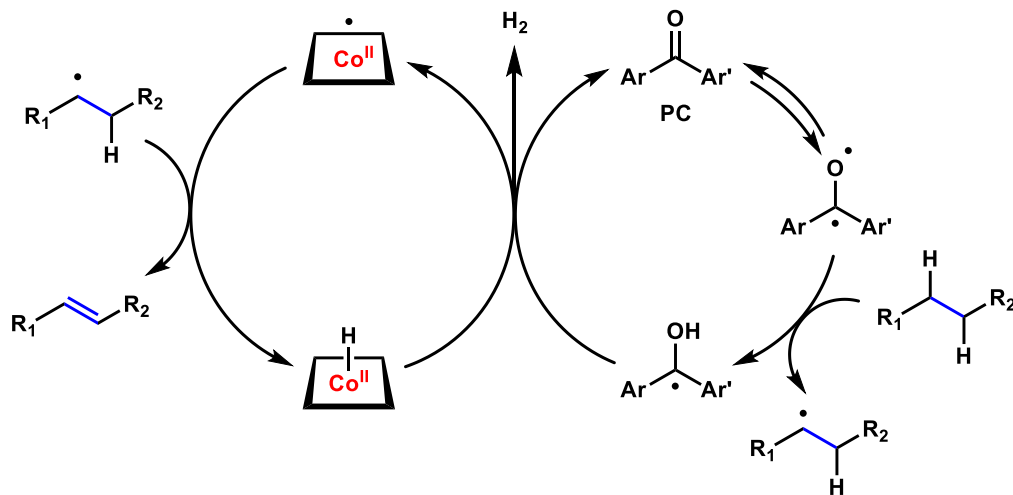
**29** 69%  
Z-Phe-Leu, Z : E = 1 : 1

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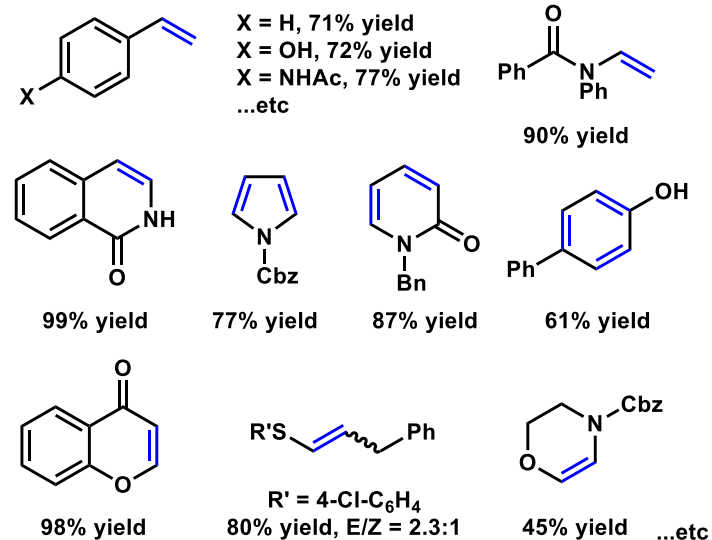
Dehydrogenation of aliphatics by photoredox/cobalt catalysts (Xu and Huang, 2021)



Plausible mechanism



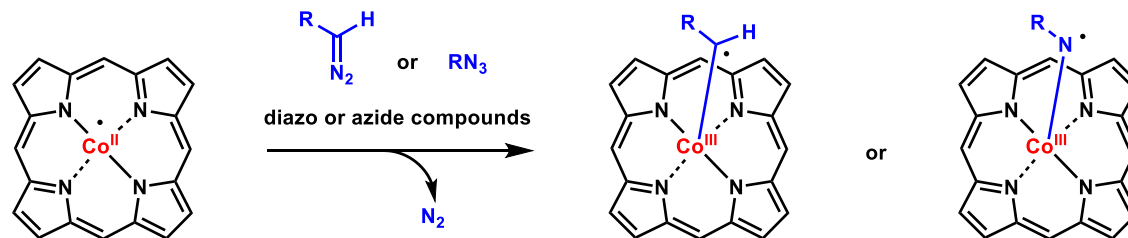
Selected examples



[10] Xu, C. et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, 143, 40.

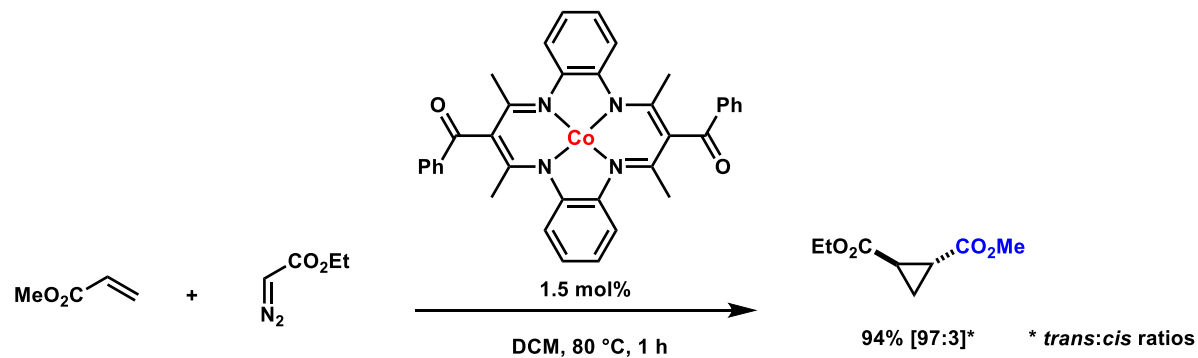
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## Co(III) Carbene (or Nitrene)-radical complexes

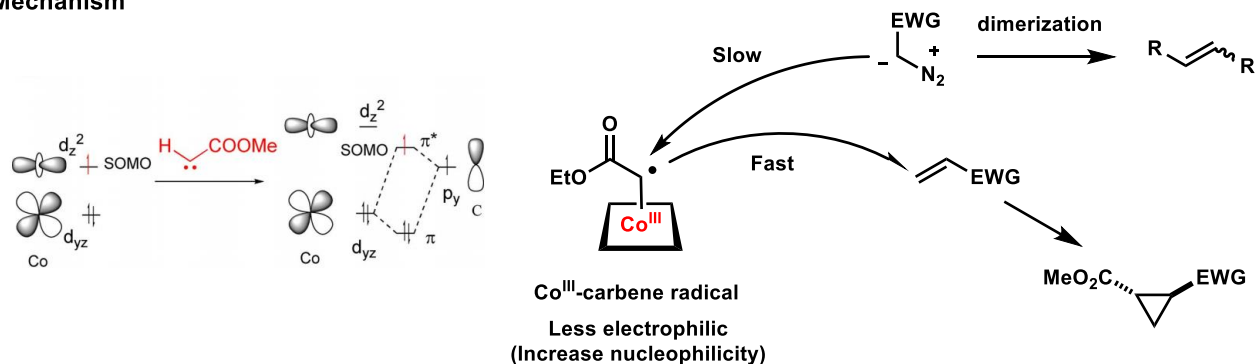


Behave as radicals rather than metallocarbenes or nitrenes

## Cyclopropanation catalyzed by Co-porphyrin complexes (de Bruin, 2017)

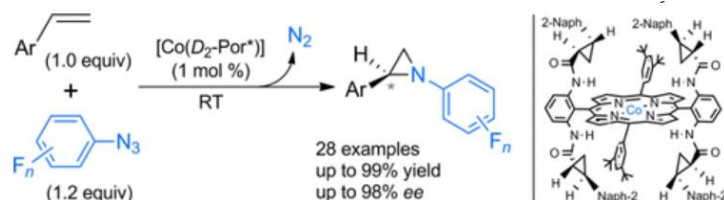


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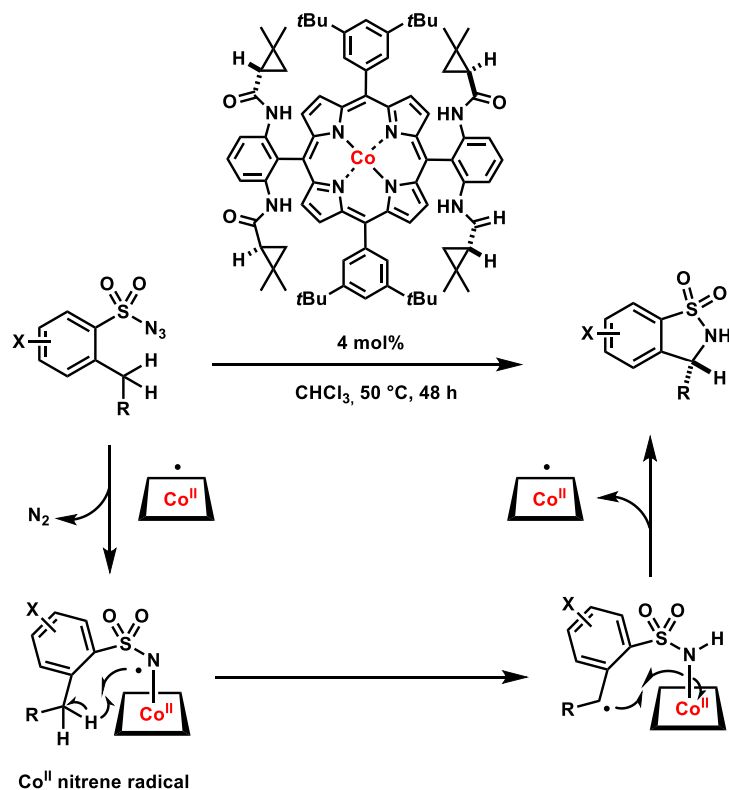
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Asymmetric aziridation catalyzed by Co-porphyrin complexes (Zhang, 2013)

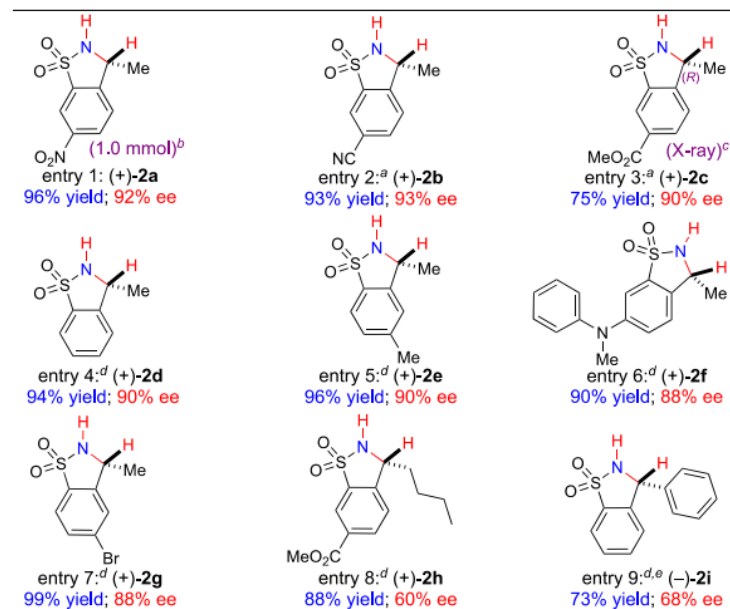


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Asymmetric C-H amination catalyzed by Co-porphyrin complexes (Zhang, 2019)



[13] Zhang, X. P. et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, 141, 18160.

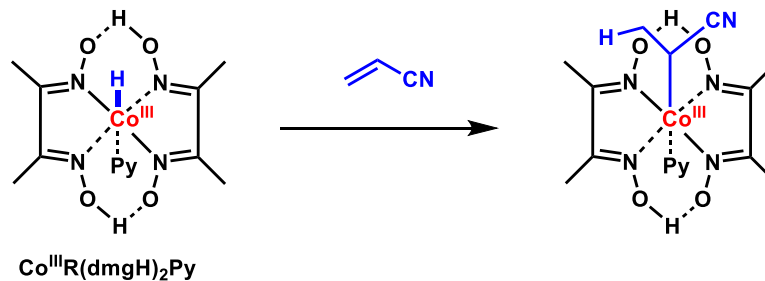


<sup>a</sup>Reactions were carried out in chloroform at 50 °C for 48 h on 0.10 mmol scale under N<sub>2</sub>; [1] = 0.25 M. Isolated yields enantiomeric excess determined by chiral HPLC. <sup>b</sup>At 1.0 mmol scale. <sup>c</sup>Absolute configuration determined by X-ray analysis. <sup>d</sup>At 80 °C. <sup>e</sup>In chlorobenzene.



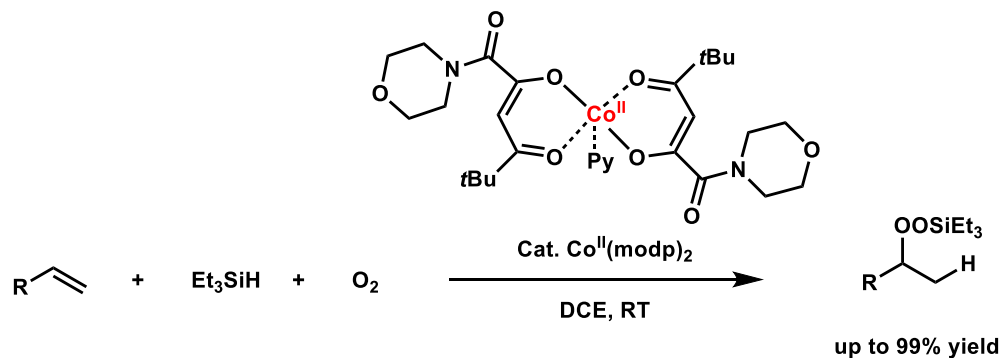
# 4. Hydrocobaltation

Hydrocobaltation (Schrauzer, 1967)



[14] Schrauzer, G. N. et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1967**, 89, 1999.

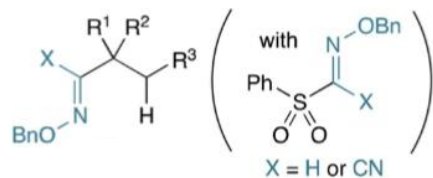
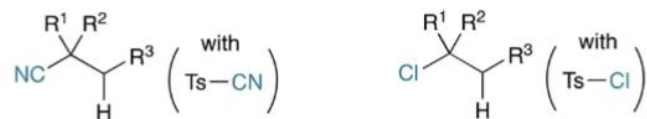
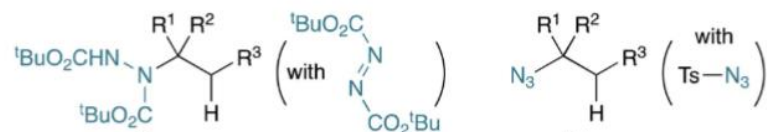
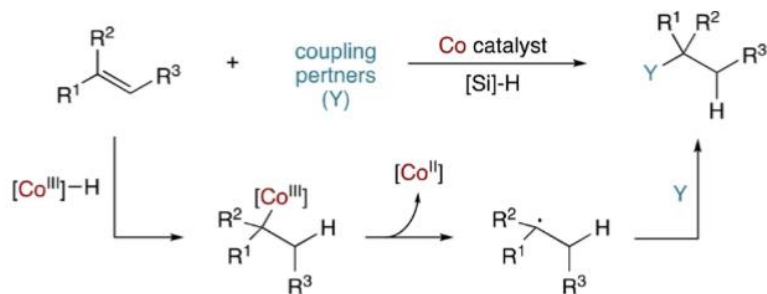
Seminal work for hydrofunctionalization *via* hydrocobaltation (Isayama and Mukaiyama, 1989)



[15] Isayama, S. et al, *Chem. Lett.* **1989**, 18, 573.

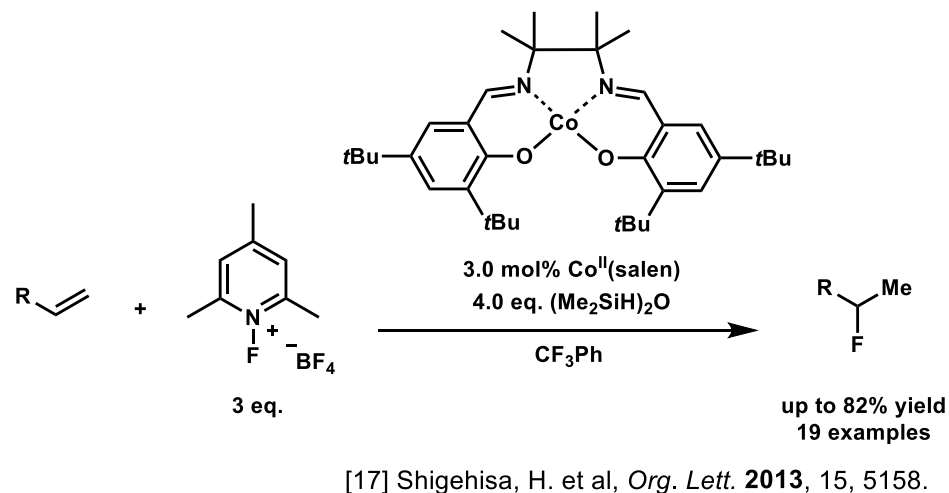
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## Hydrofunctionalizations (Carreira)

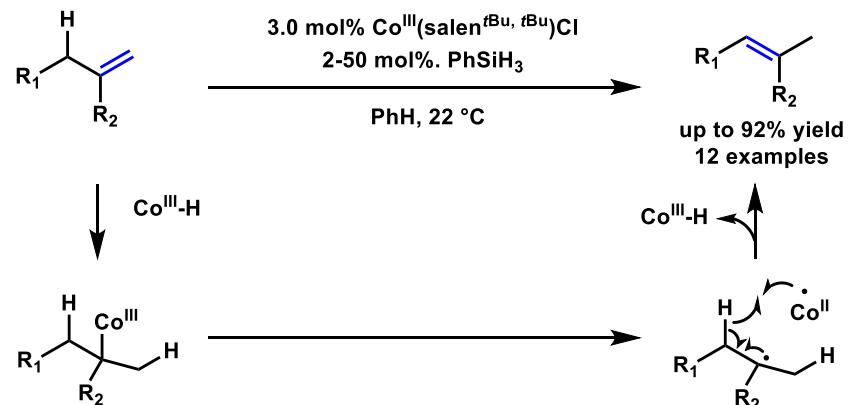


[16] a) Carreira, E. M. et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, 126, 5676. b) Carreira, E. M. et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, 127, 8294. c) Carreira, E. M. et al, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, 46, 4519. d) Carreira, E. M. et al, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2008**, 47, 5758. e) Carreira, E. M. et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, 131, 13214.

## Hydrofluorination (Shigehisa and Hiroya, 2013)

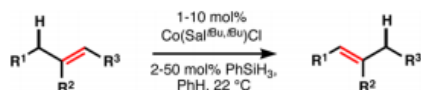


## Isomerization of alkenes (Shenvi, 2014)



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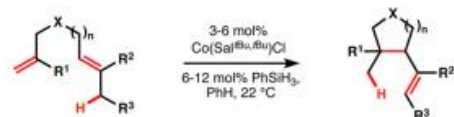
Isomerization of alkenes (Shenvi, 2014)



entry	substrate	product	yield	E / Z
1			91% <sup>a</sup>	–
2			83% <sup>b,c</sup>	3 : 1
3			65% <sup>d</sup>	–
4			83% <sup>e</sup>	–
5			90% <sup>f</sup>	–
6			69% <sup>d</sup>	10 : 1
7			77% <sup>e</sup>	–
8			81% <sup>e</sup>	–
9			92% <sup>e</sup>	3 : 1
10			74% <sup>d</sup>	–

<sup>a</sup>2 mol% [Co], 2 mol% [Si]. <sup>b</sup>10 mol% [Co], 50 mol% [Si] at 60 °C. <sup>c</sup>86:14 2-decene:decenes. <sup>d</sup>5 mol% [Co], 10 mol% [Si]. <sup>e</sup>3 mol% [Co], 6 mol% [Si]. <sup>f</sup>1 mol% [Co], 2 mol% [Si].

Diene cycloisomerization

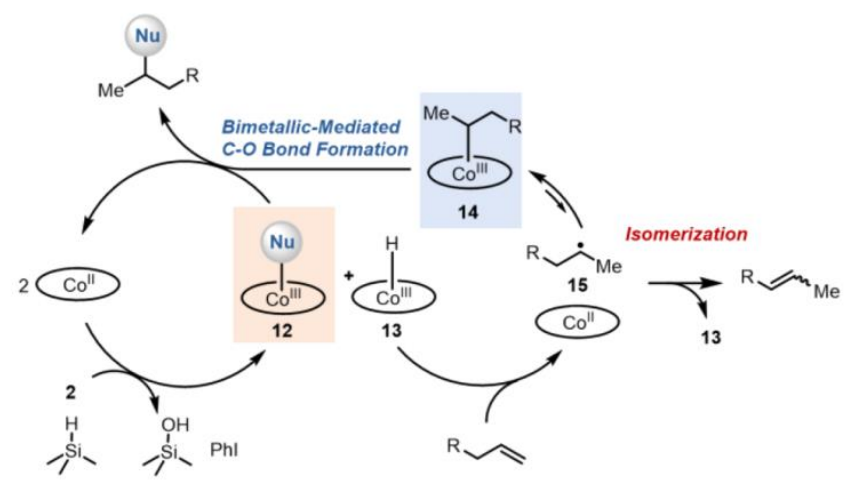
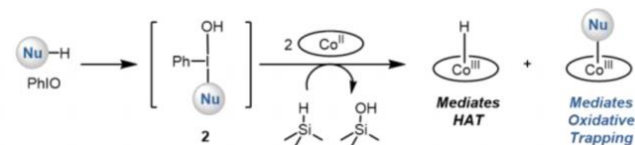
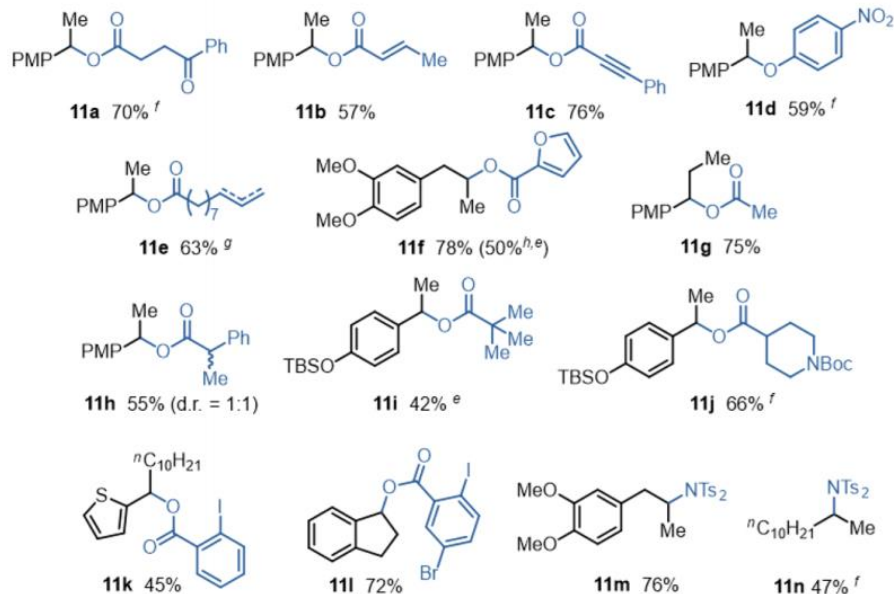
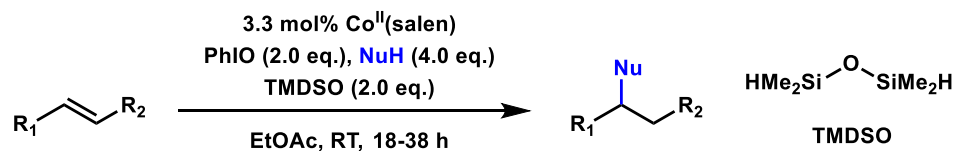


4 (82%, 6:1 d.r.) <sup>a,b</sup>	5 (94%) <sup>f</sup>	6 (+ 27; 3:1) (83%) <sup>f</sup> see Figure 3
7 (89%, 5:1 E/Z) <sup>f</sup>	8 (86%) <sup>f</sup>	9 (96%; >20:1 d.r.) <sup>f</sup>
10 (88%; >20:1 d.r.) <sup>f,e</sup>	11 (92%) <sup>f</sup>	12 (58%) <sup>d</sup>
13 (86%, 1.4:1 d.r.) <sup>f</sup>	14 (89%, >20:1 d.r.) <sup>f</sup>	15 (81%) <sup>f</sup>
16: R = Ph (89%; 2.4:1 d.r.) <sup>f</sup>	18 (76%) <sup>a,b</sup>	19 (77%) <sup>f,e</sup>
17: R = C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Ph (90%; 2.4:1 d.r.) <sup>f</sup>		

<sup>a</sup>At 60 °C. <sup>b</sup>5 mol% [Co], 10 mol% [Si]. <sup>c</sup>3 mol% [Co], 6 mol% [Si]. <sup>d</sup>at 100 °C. <sup>e</sup>6 mol% [Co], 12 mol% [Si]. <sup>f</sup>Stereoisomer tentatively assigned by NOE.

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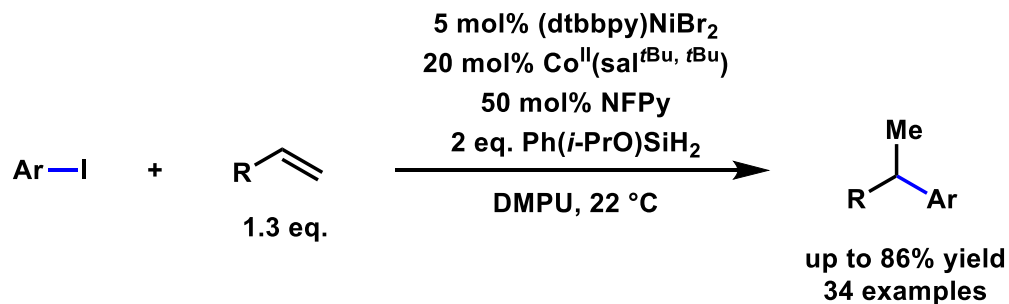
Hydrofunctionalization of alkenes trapping Co-Nu intermediates (Zhu, 2019)



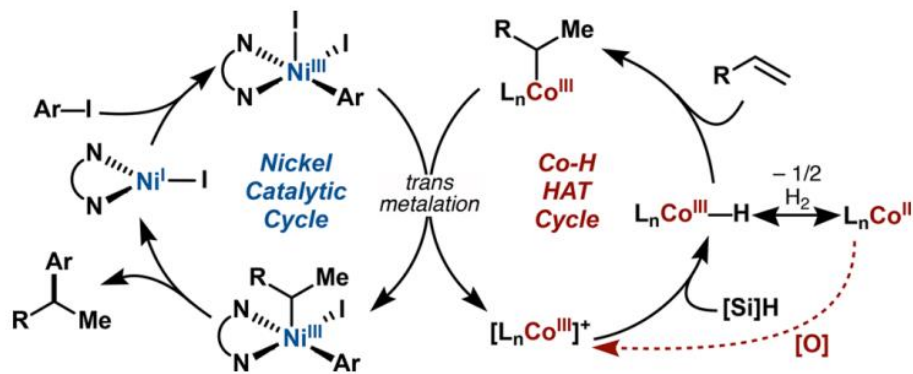
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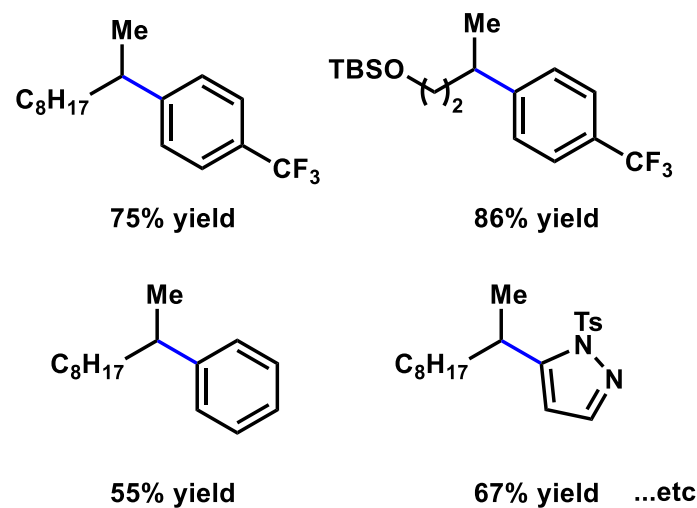
Hydroarylation catalyzed by Ni/Co complexes (Shenvi, 2016)



Plausible mechanism



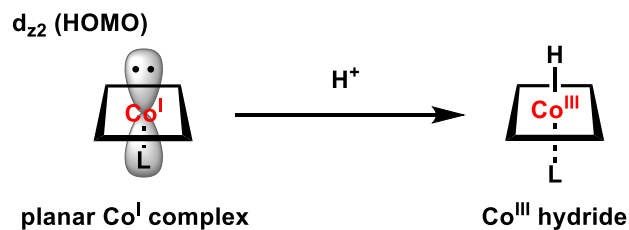
Selected examples



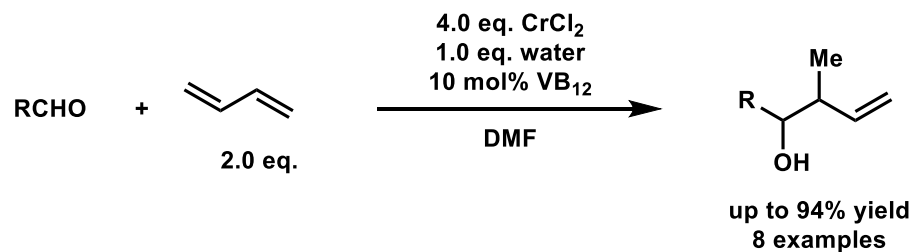
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# 5. Co(I) bases

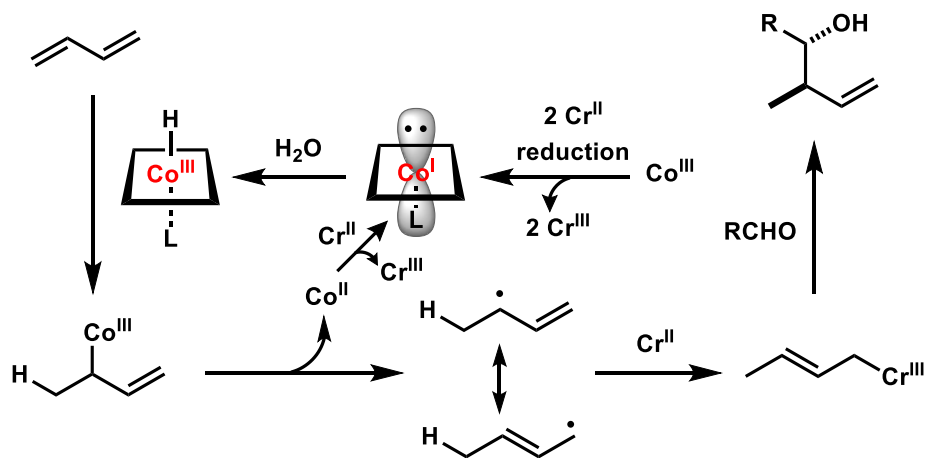
## Co<sup>III</sup>-Hydride from Co<sup>I</sup> bases



## Three-component coupling using Co<sup>III</sup>-hydride (Takai, 1998)

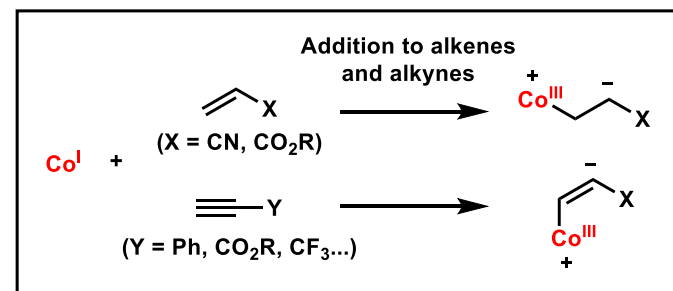
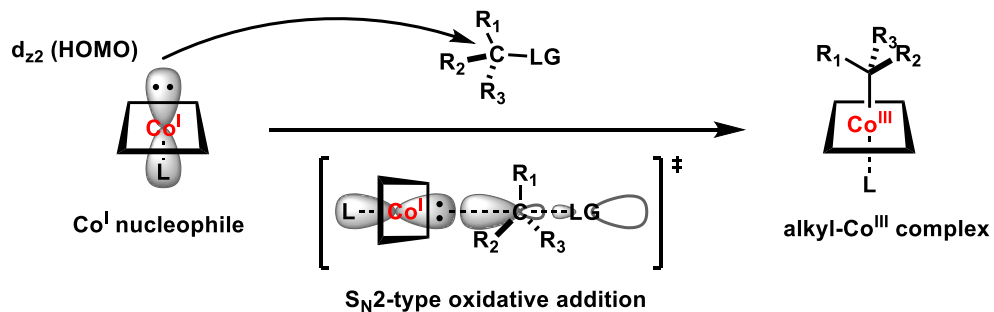


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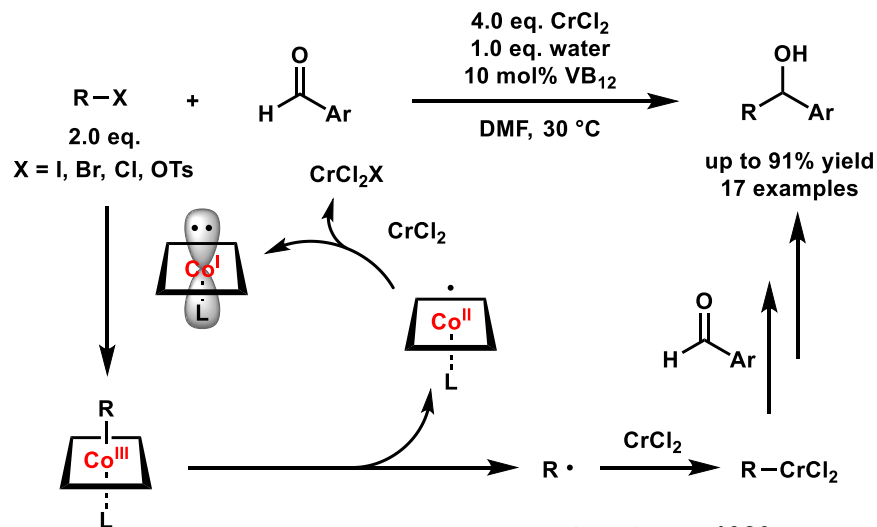
# 6. S<sub>N</sub>2-type oxidative addition

Co<sup>I</sup> nucleophile



Seminal work for the use of nucleophilic Co<sup>I</sup> catalyst (Takai and Utimoto, 1989)

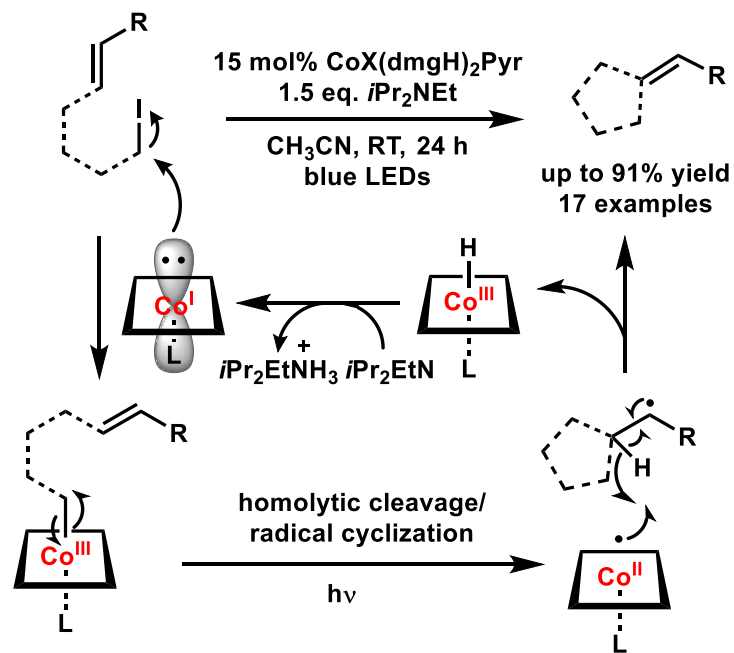
[22] Gupta, B. D. et al, *Inorg. Chim. Acta.* **1988**, 146, 209.



[23] Takai, K. et al, *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, 54, 4732.

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Intramolecular Heck reaction of alkenes using nucleophilic Co<sup>I</sup> catalyst (Carreira, 2011)

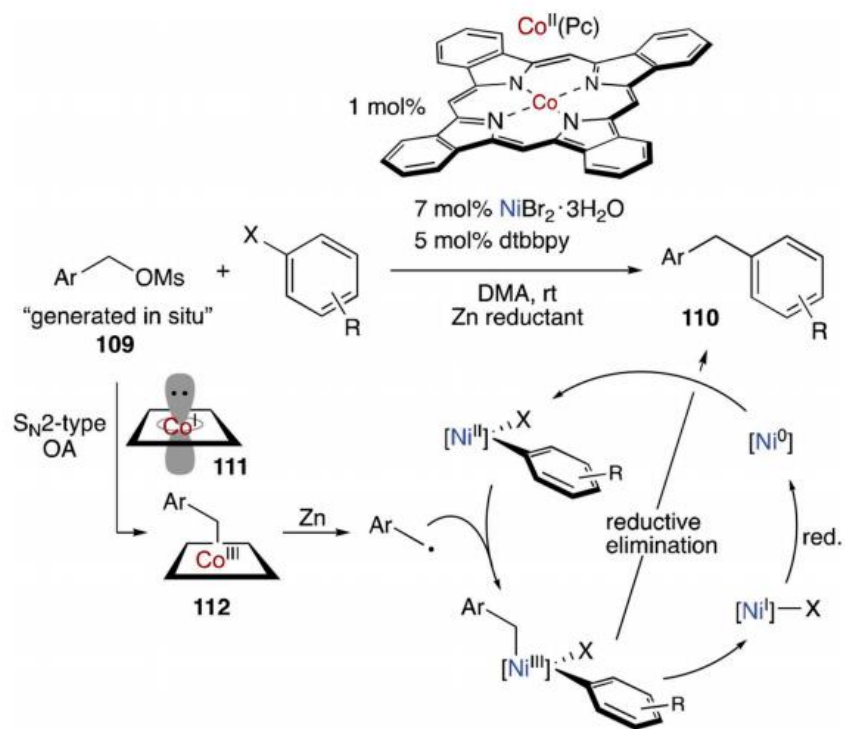
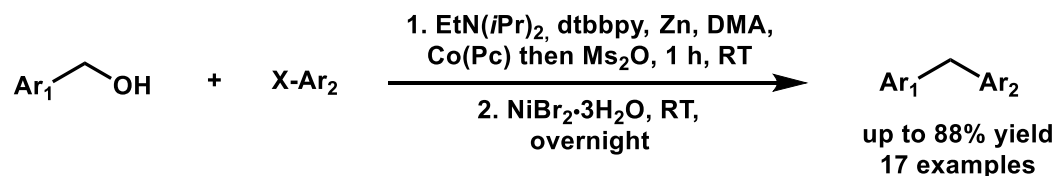


[24] Carreira, E. M. et al, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2011**, *50*, 11125.

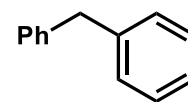


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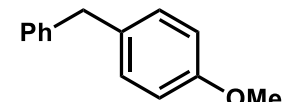
Cross-coupling using nucleophilic Co<sup>I</sup> catalyst (Weix, 2015)



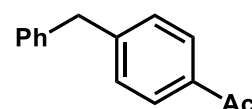
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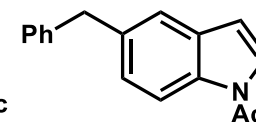
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X = I, 73% yield



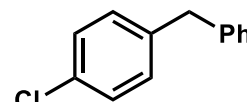
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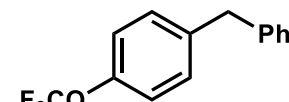
X = I, 71% yield



X = Br, 52% yield

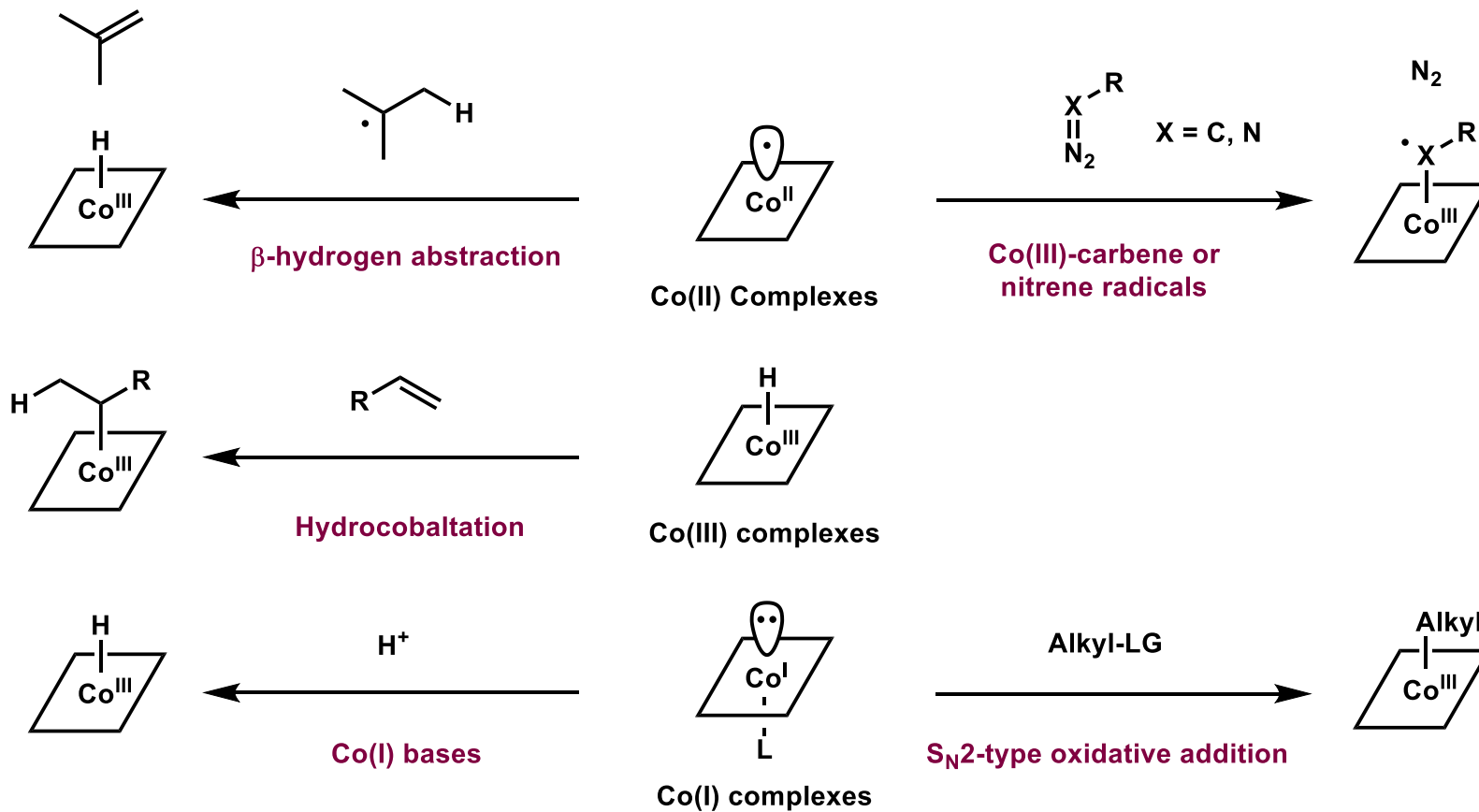


X = Br, 81% yield



X = Br, 78% yield

# 7. Conclusion



**Thank you for your time and  
attention.**

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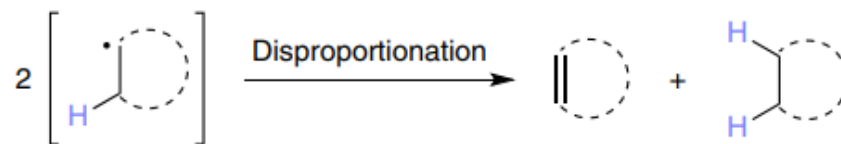
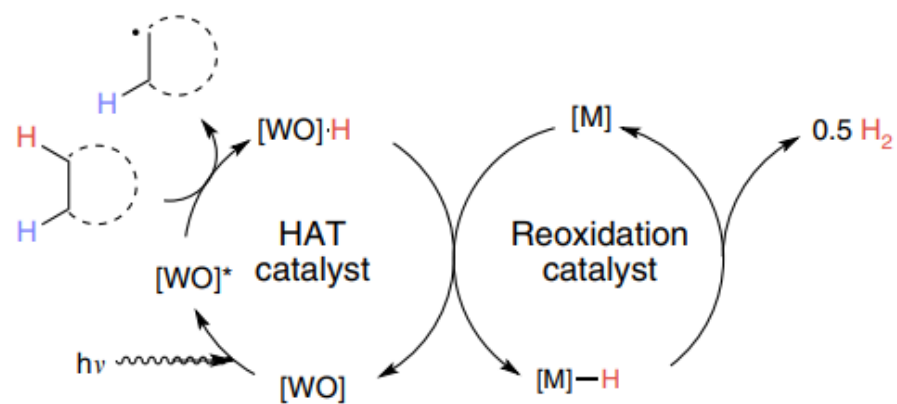
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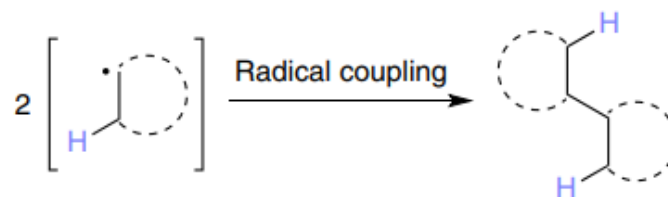
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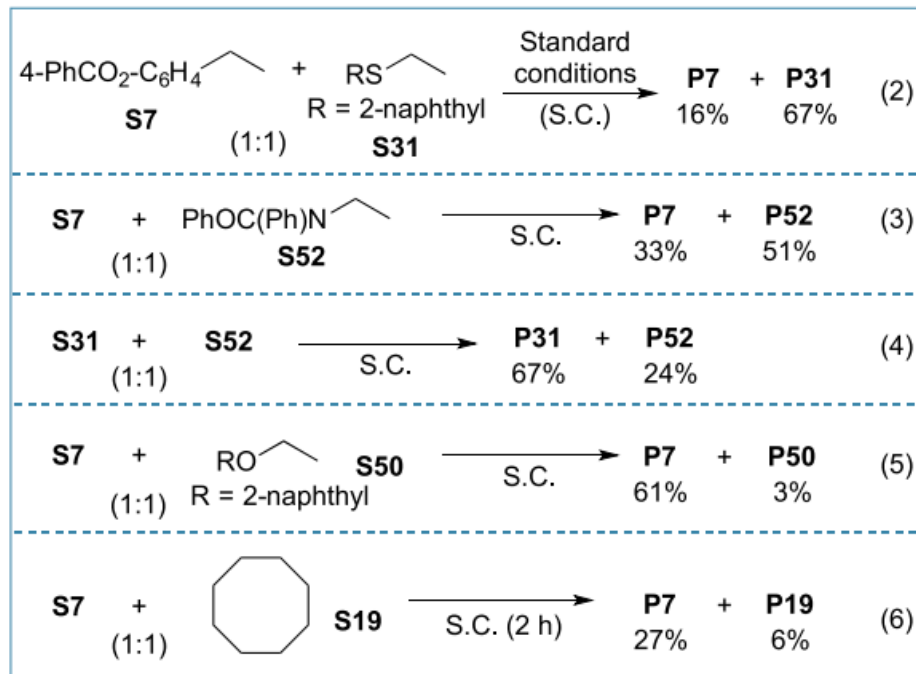
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## Yamase/Hill mechanism

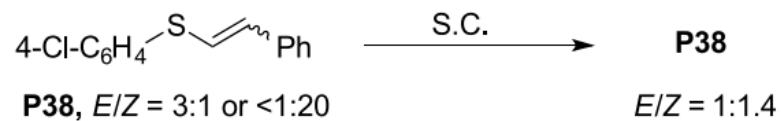


OR





Reactivity order: thioether, amide, acryl alkane, ether, cycloalkane



Photoisomerization under the reaction condition