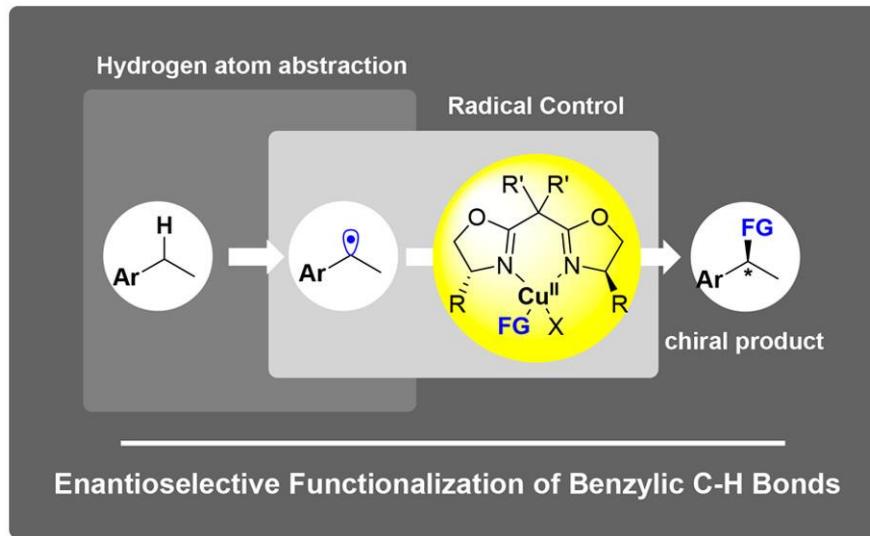


# Copper-Catalyzed Radical Relay for Asymmetric Radical Transformations



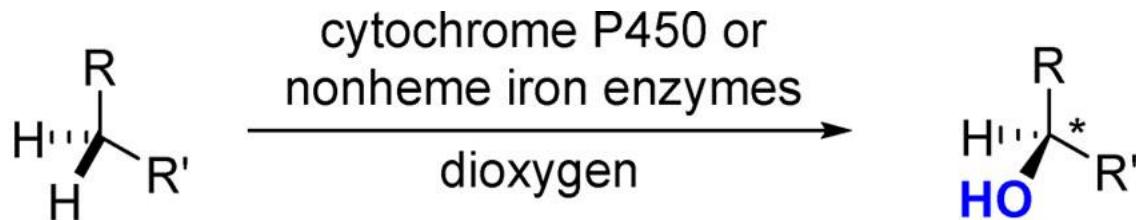
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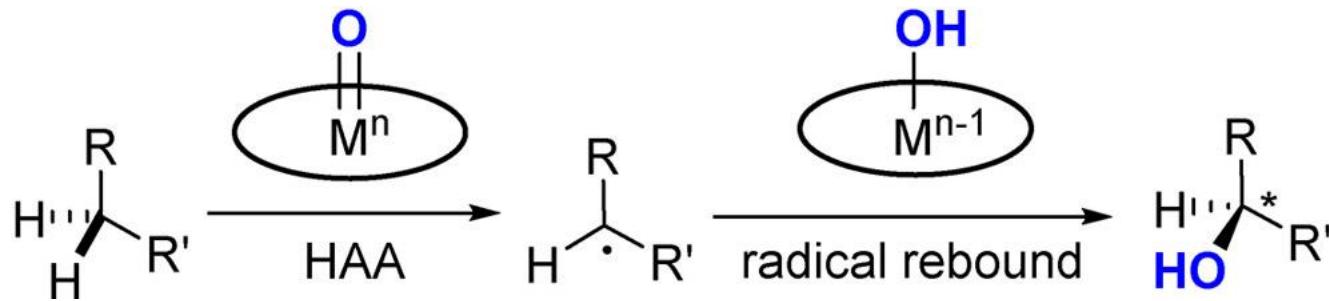
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# 1.1 Enzymatic oxygenases & halogenases: regio- & enantioselectivity.

Oxidation of sp<sup>3</sup> C–H Bonds by Cytochrome P450 or Non-heme Iron Enzymes.



metal–oxo intermediates abstracting H, then radical rebounding.

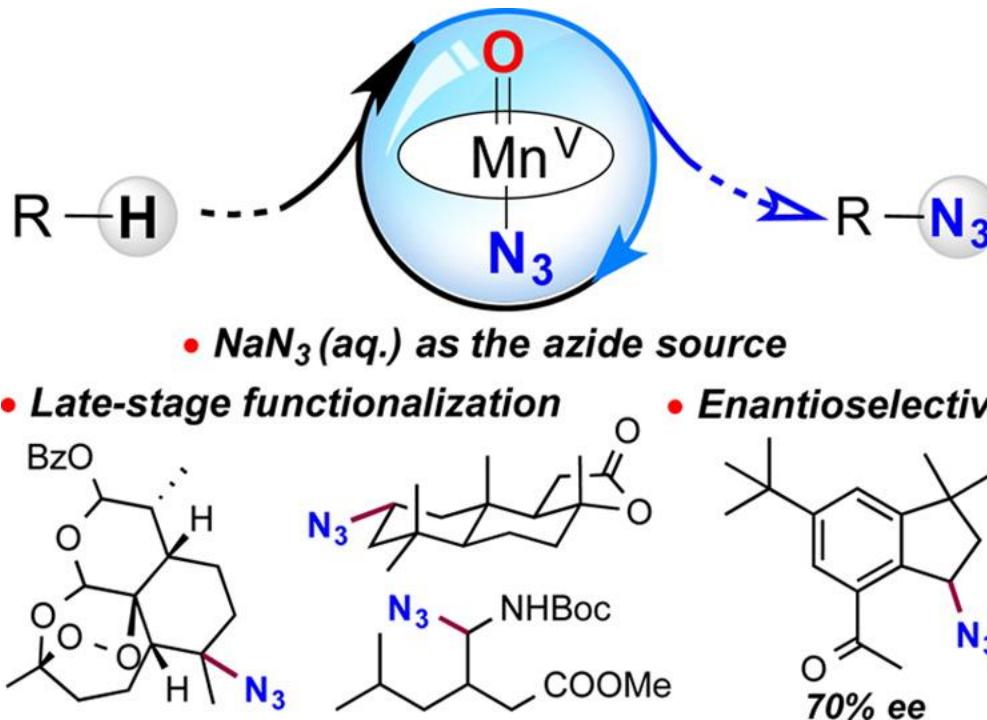


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## 1.2 Bio-inspired catalysts designing for sp<sup>3</sup> C–H functionalization.

### 1.2.1 Manganese-Catalyzed Late-Stage Aliphatic C–H Azidation.



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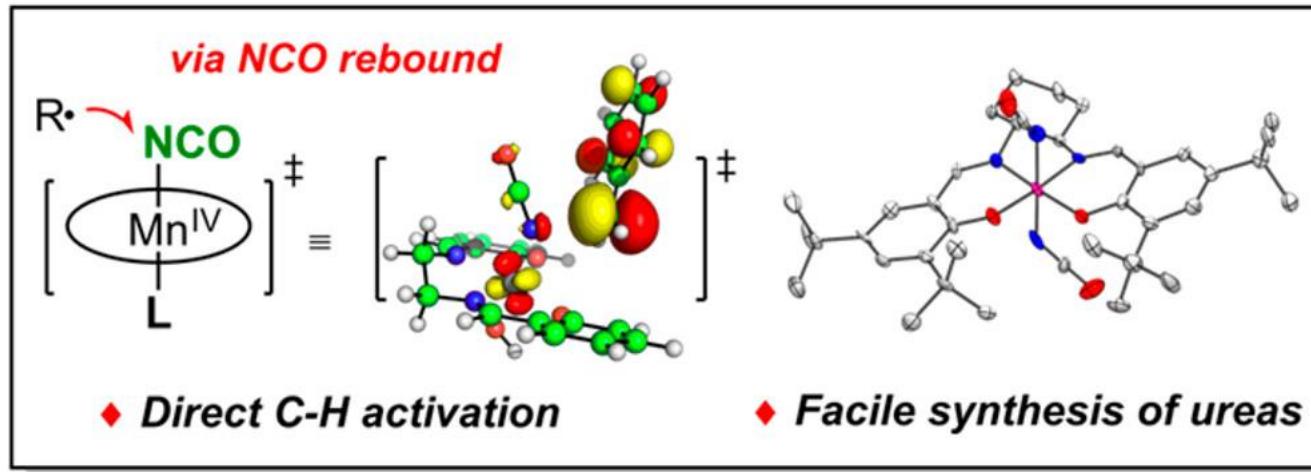
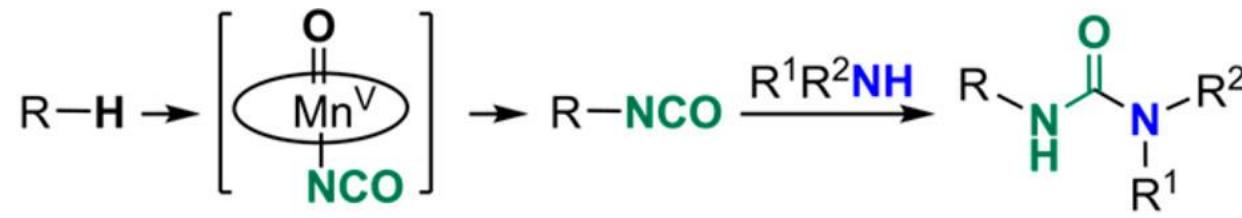
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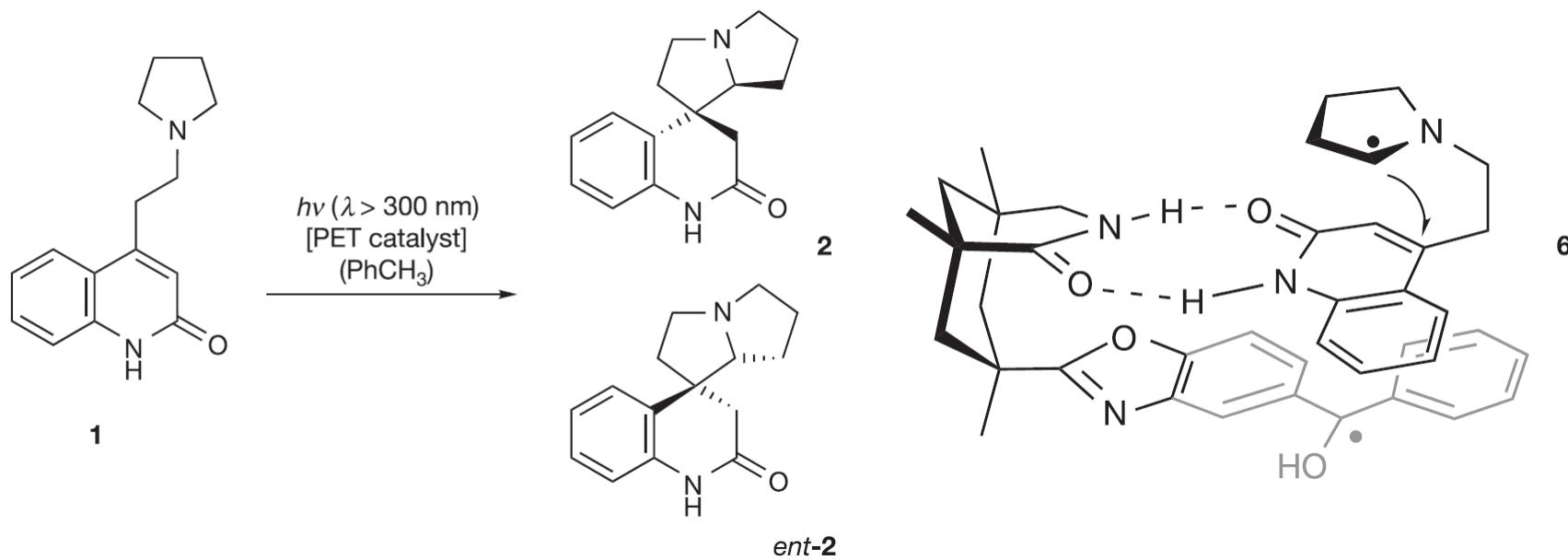
### 1.2.2 Alkyl Isocyanates via Manganese-Catalyzed C–H Activation.



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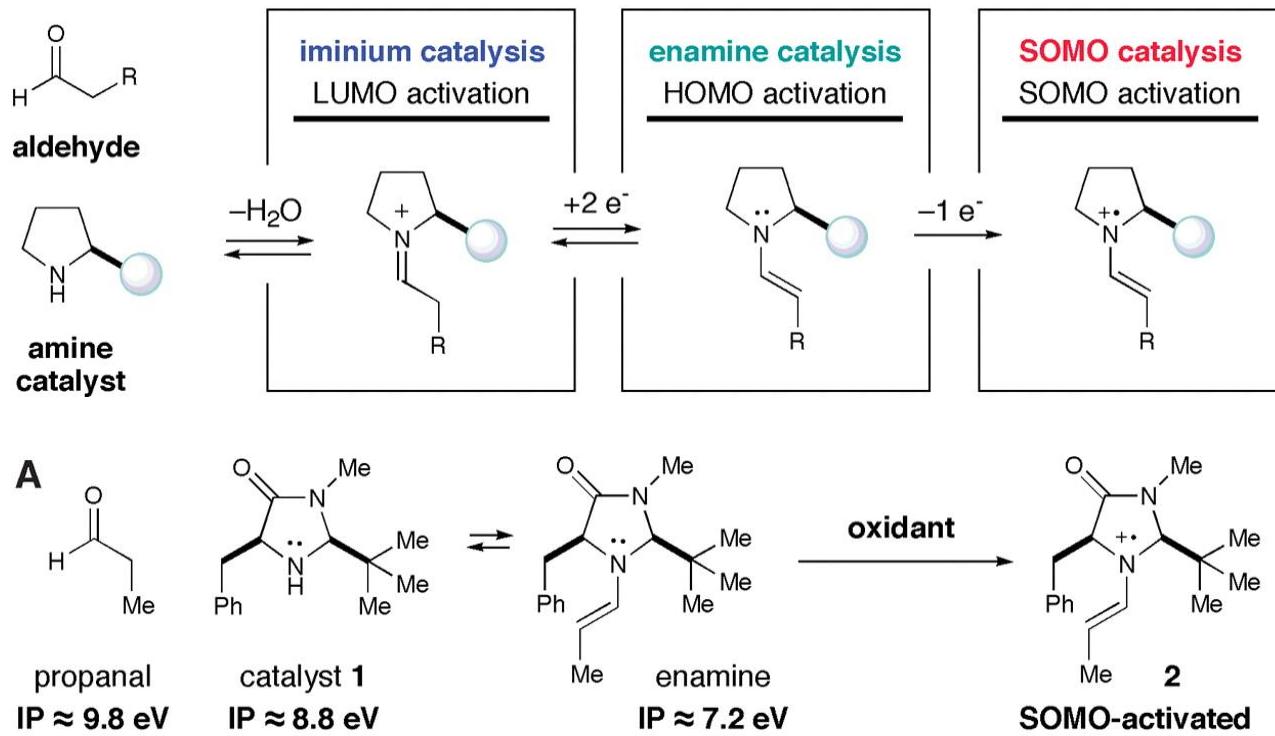
## 1.3.1 Photoinduced electron transfer catalysed cyclization.



harnessing carbon-centered radical, moderate enantioselectivity

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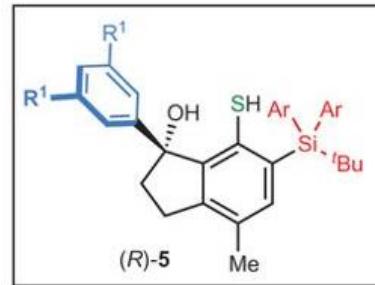
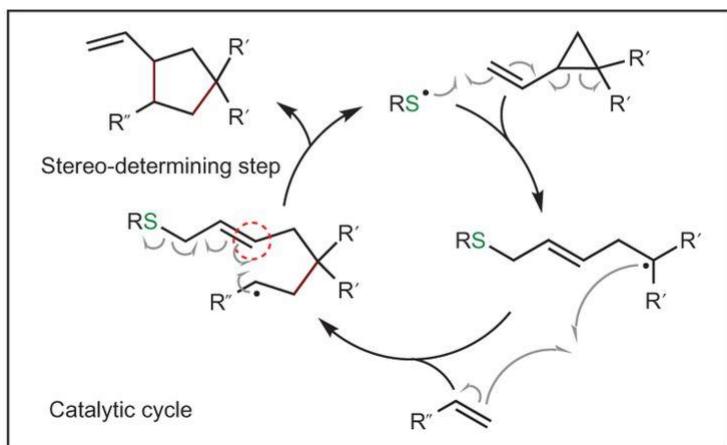
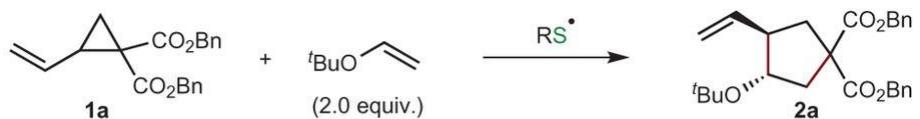
## 1.3.2 Enantioselective Organocatalysis Using SOMO Activation.



harnessing carbon-centered radical, high enantioselectivity

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## 1.3.3 An organic thiyl radical catalyst for enantioselective cyclization.

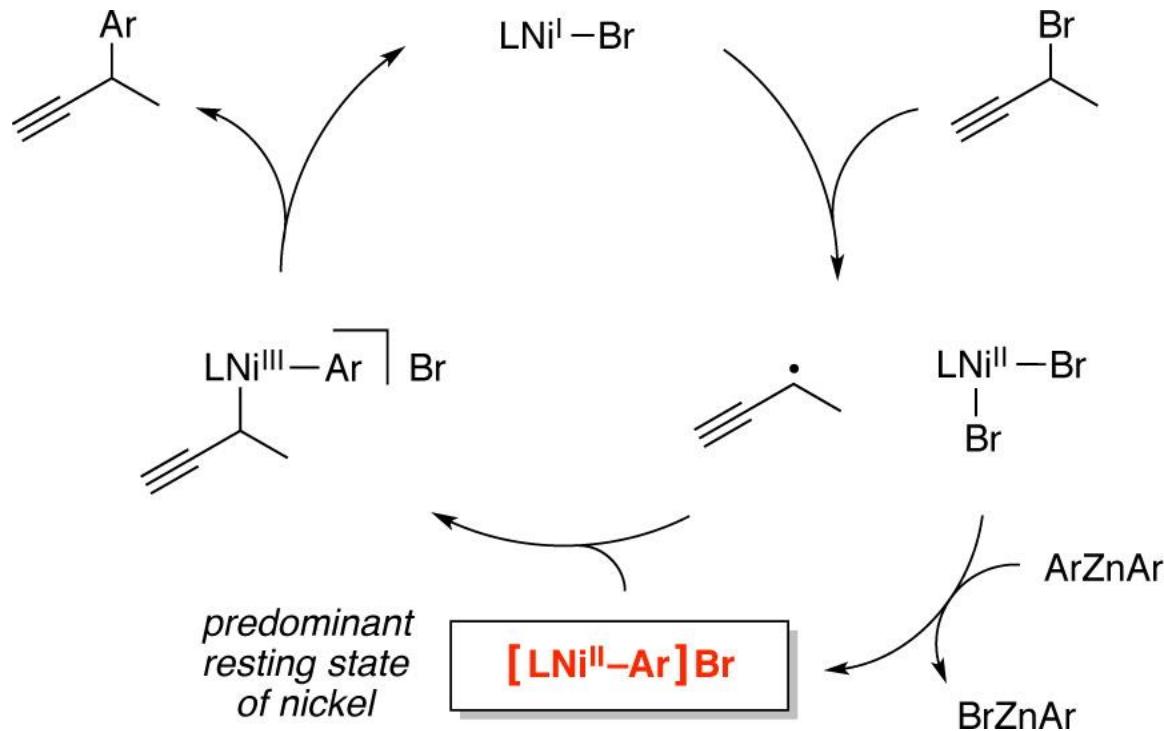


Ar = 4-CF<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>1</sub> = 10-Bu-9-anthryl;  
 Yield: 95%, 95:5 dr, 86% e.e.

harnessing carbon-centered radical, good enantioselectivity

# 1.4 Transitionmetal-catalyzed redox systems for C-H functionalizations.

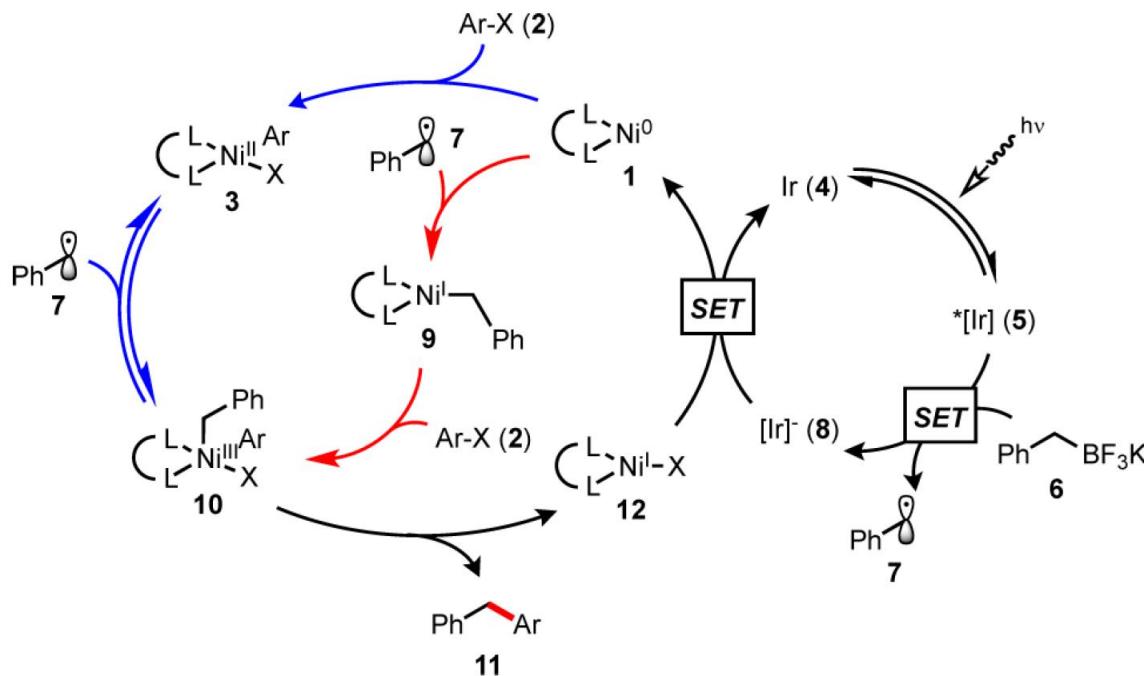
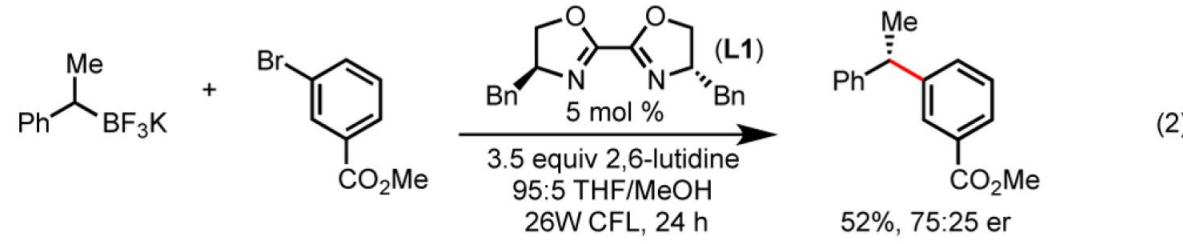
## 1.4.1 Nickel-Catalyzed Negishi Arylations of Propargylic Bromides.



the enantioselective induction of the radical species was controlled  
by the formation of an R-Ni(III)-R' species

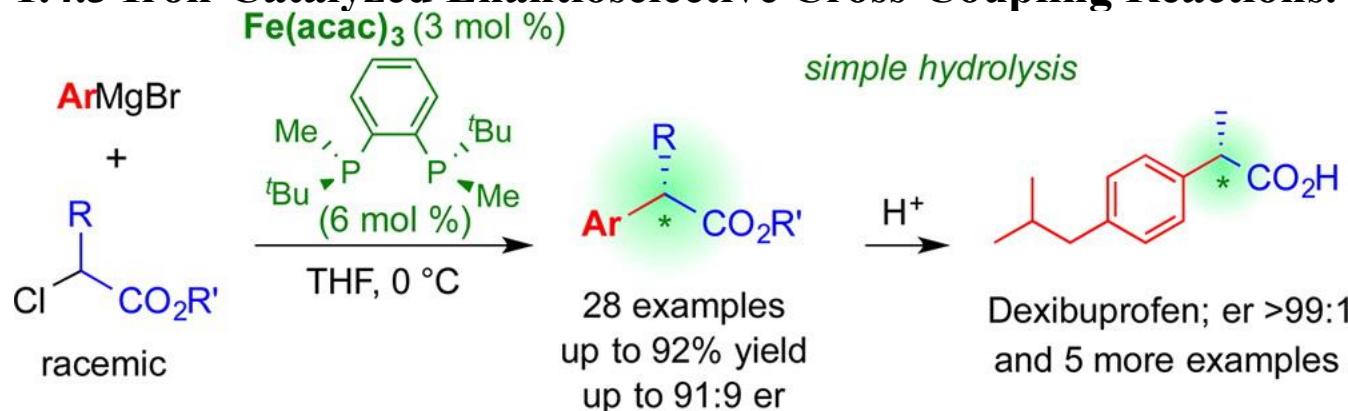
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## 1.4.2 Nickel-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Photoredox-Generated Radicals.

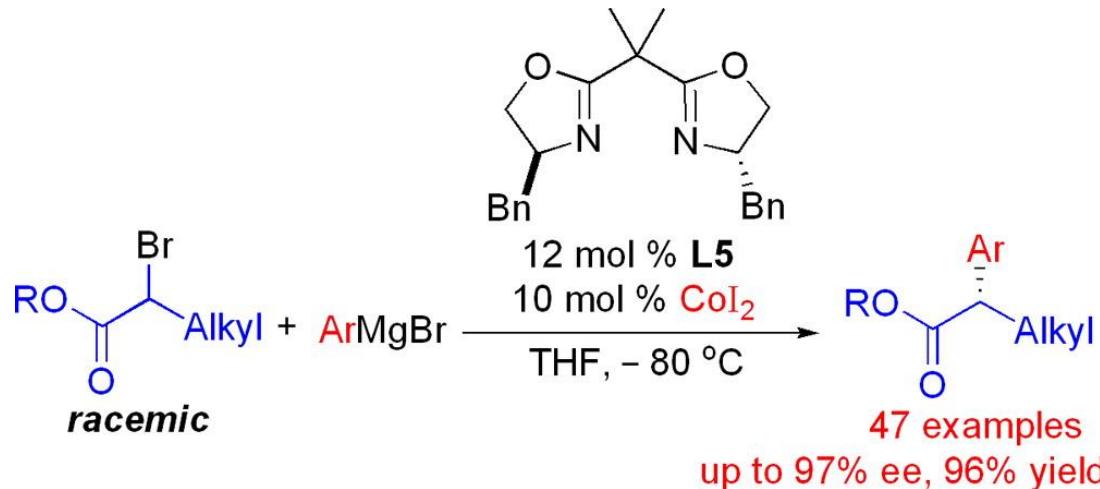


## 1.4 Transitionmetal-catalyzed redox systems for C-H functionalizations.

### 1.4.3 Iron-Catalyzed Enantioselective Cross-Coupling Reactions.



### 1.4.4 Cobalt-Bisoxazoline-Catalyzed Asymmetric Kumada Cross-Coupling.



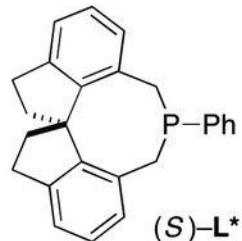
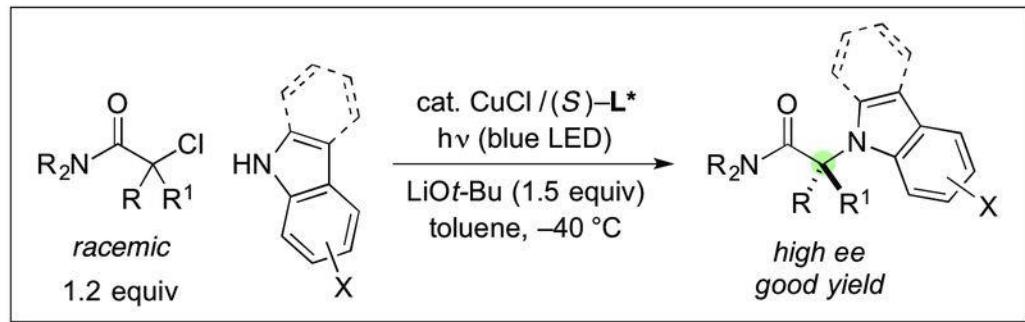
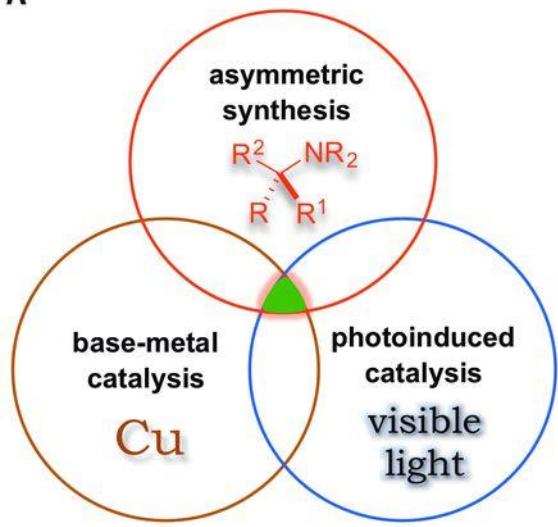
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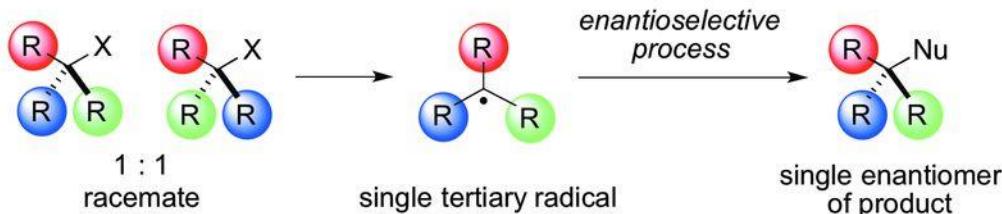
### 1.4.5 Asymmetric Copper-Catalyzed C–N Cross-Couplings Induced by Visible Light..

A



- photochemistry and enantioselectivity via a single transition metal (copper)
- enantioconvergent C–N cross-couplings of racemic alkyl electrophiles
- high enantioselectivities with tertiary electrophiles

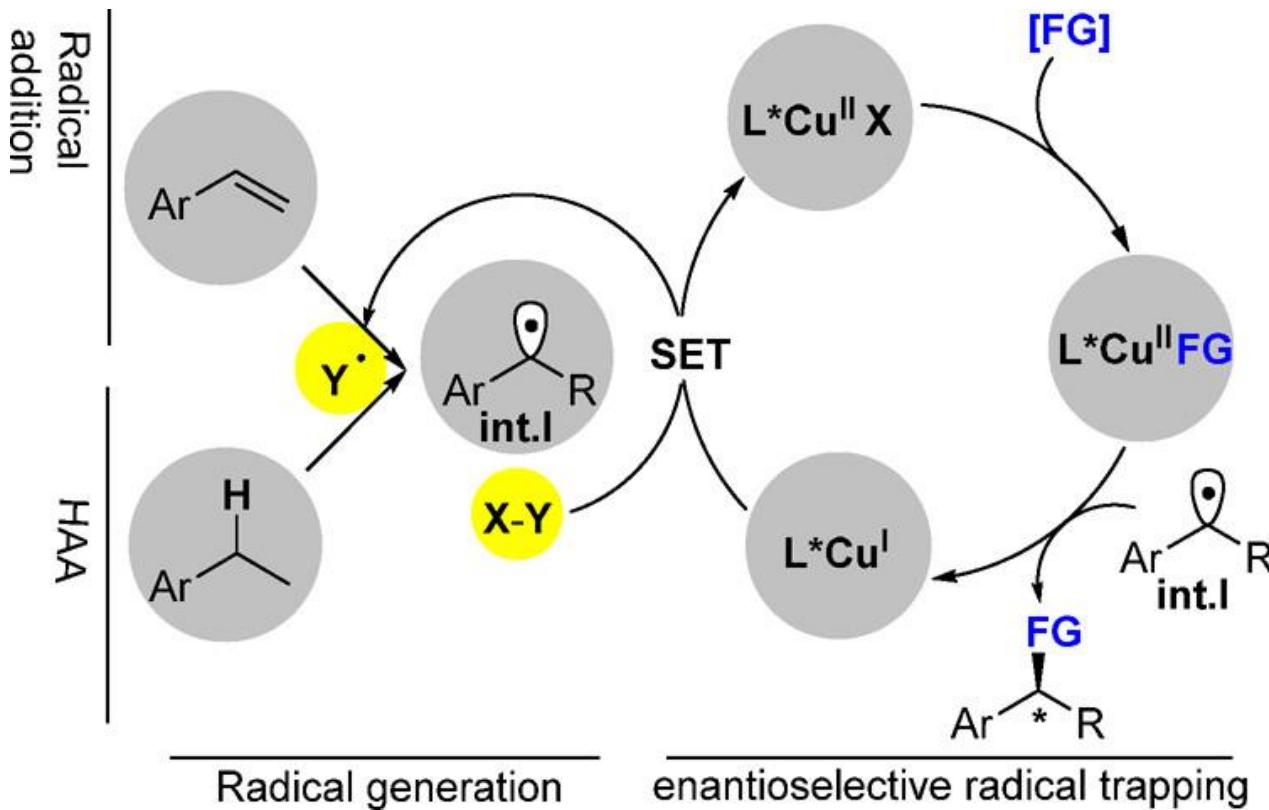
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How to apply the appealing strategy to asymmetric functionalizations of sp<sup>3</sup> C–H bonds?

## 1.5 Copper catalyzed asymmetric radical transformations (ARTs).

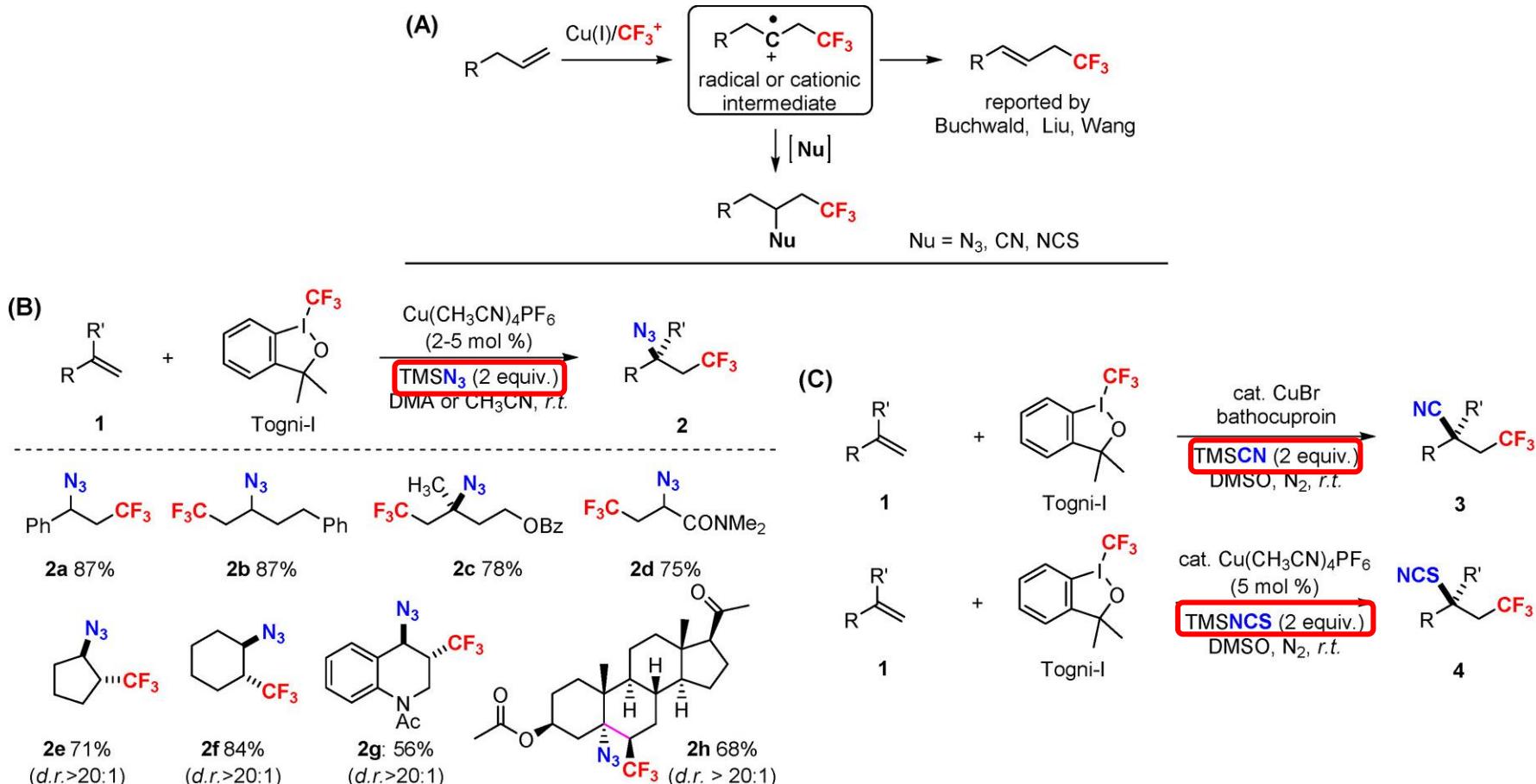
### Copper-Catalyzed ARTs through a Radical Relay Process



the initially generated radical undergoes hydrogen atom abstraction (HAA) or addition to the alkene to generate a new carbon-centered radical

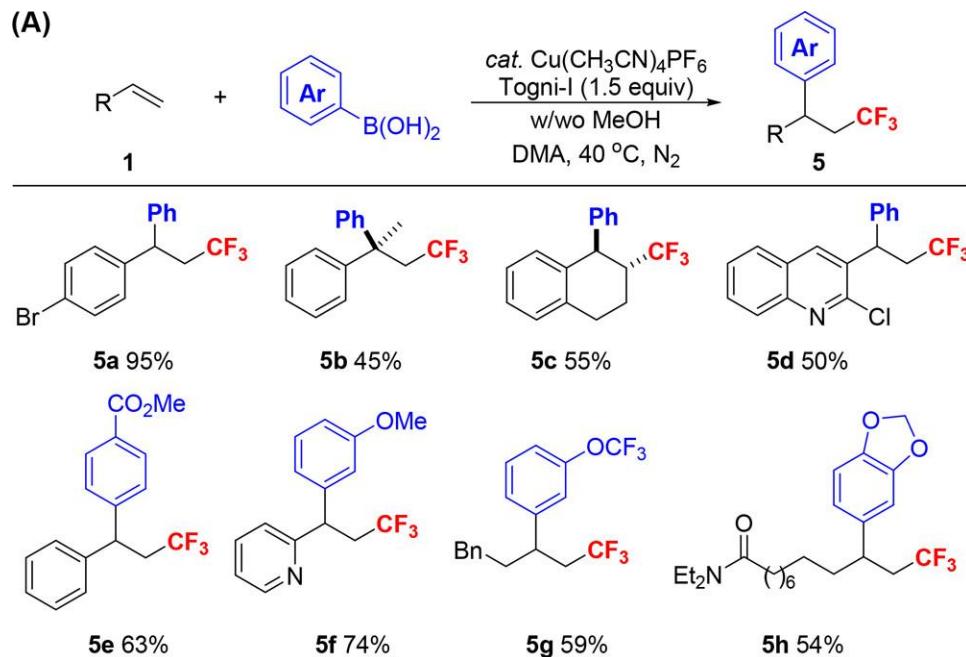
## 2 Cu-cat. intermolecular difunctionalization of alkenes.

### 2.1 azidotrifluoromethylation, trifluoromethyl-cyanation and -thiocyanation.



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## 2.2 Cu-cat. intermolecular trifluoromethylarylation of alkenes.



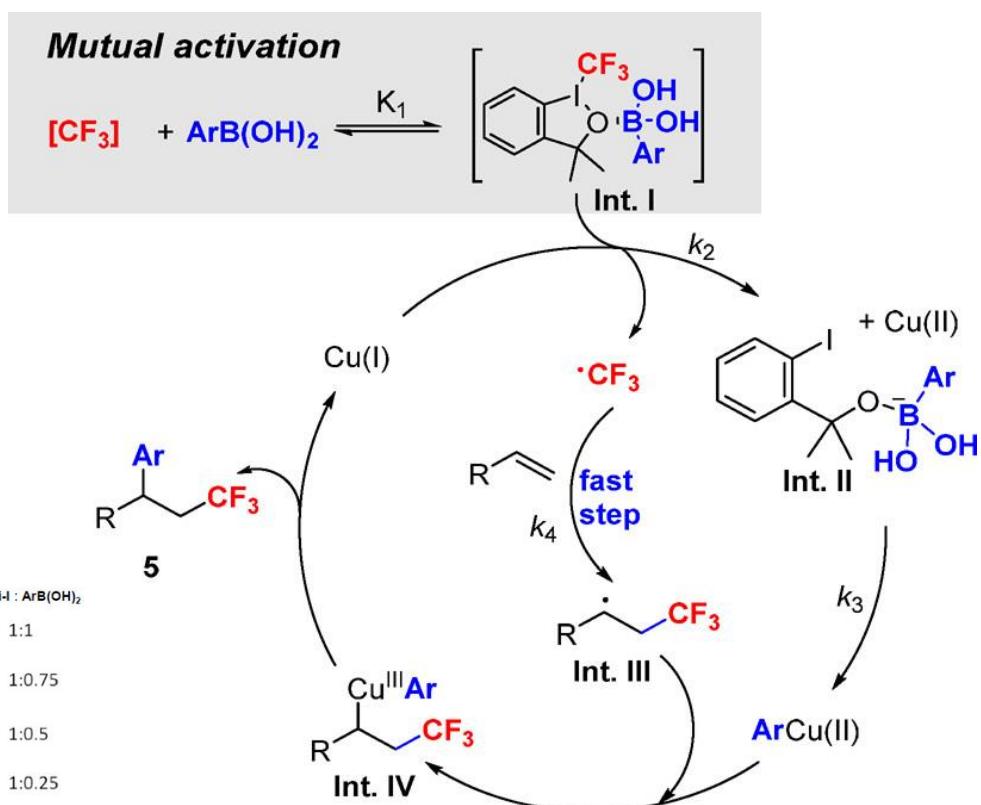
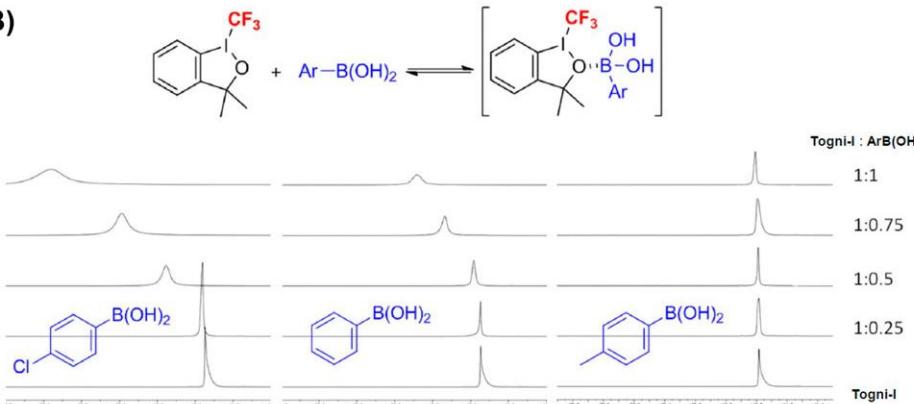
**Togni-I reagent,  $\text{ArB(OH)}_2$**

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### 2.2 Possible Mechanism for the Trifluoromethylarylation of Alkenes.

mutual activation,  
facilitating the oxidation,  
strong base to activate  
 $\text{ArB(OH)}_2$

(B)

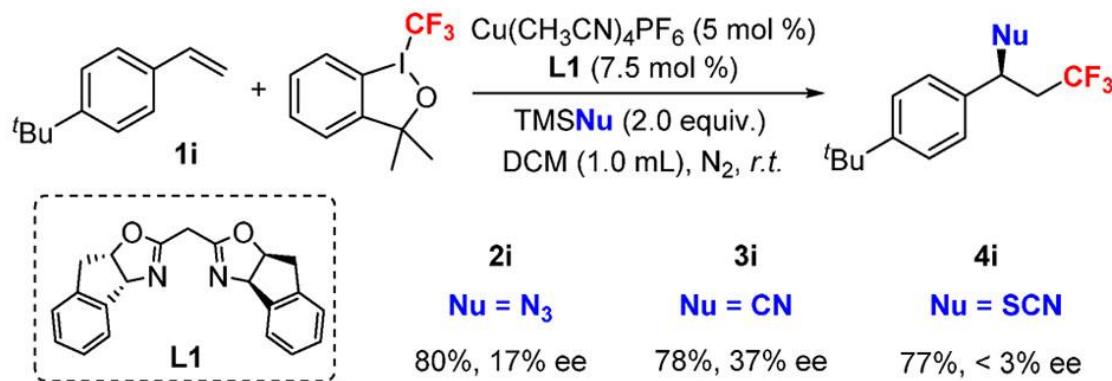


reflecting a promising approach to achieving asymmetric radical transformations

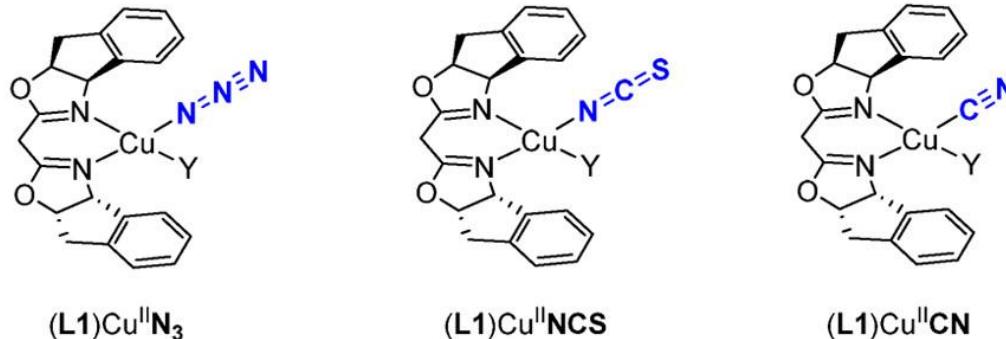
### 3 Enantioselective Cu-cat. difunctionalization of styrenes.

#### 3.1 Initial examination of the feasibility of asymmetric versions.

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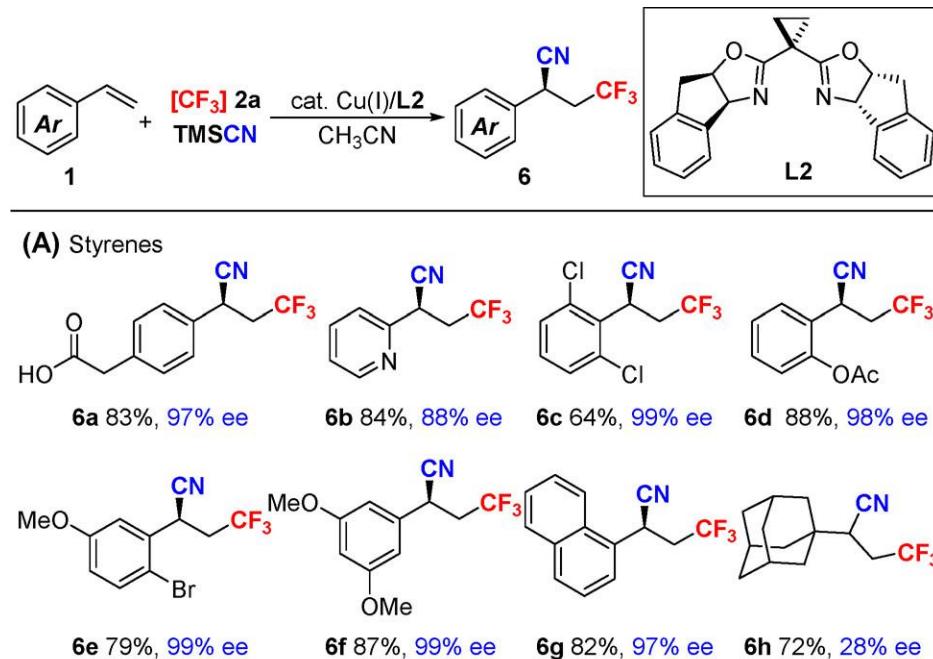
(B)



the cyanation exhibiting promising enantioselectivity, the strong coordinating ability.

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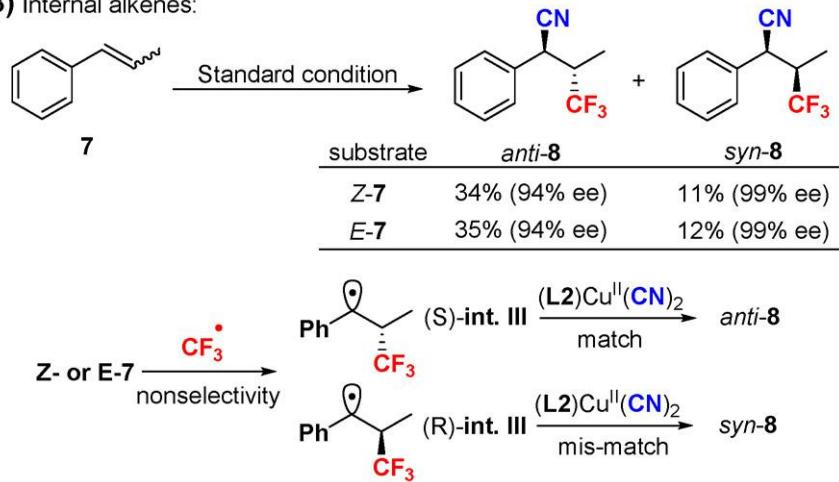


bisoxazolines being proven to be good ligands

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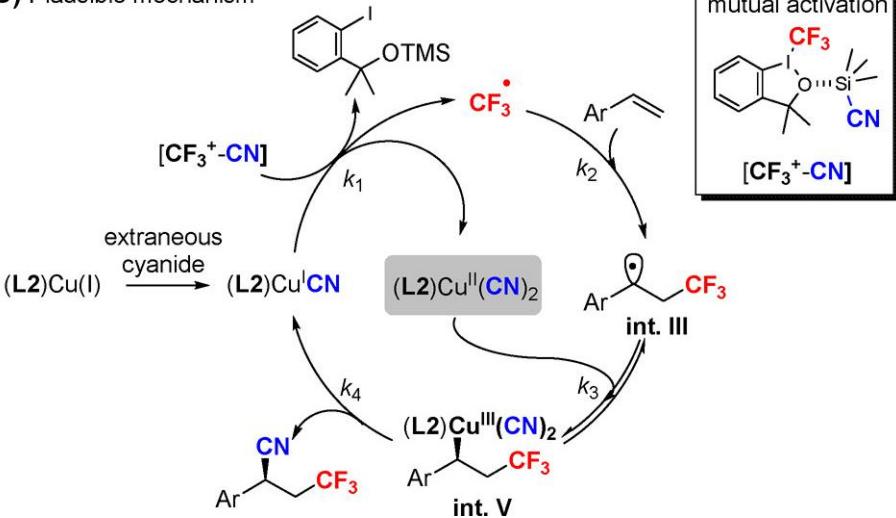
(B) Internal alkenes:



**E or Z-internal alkene,  
nonselective addition,  
match or mismatch.**

induction period,  
concentration of cyanide,  
ligand acceleration.

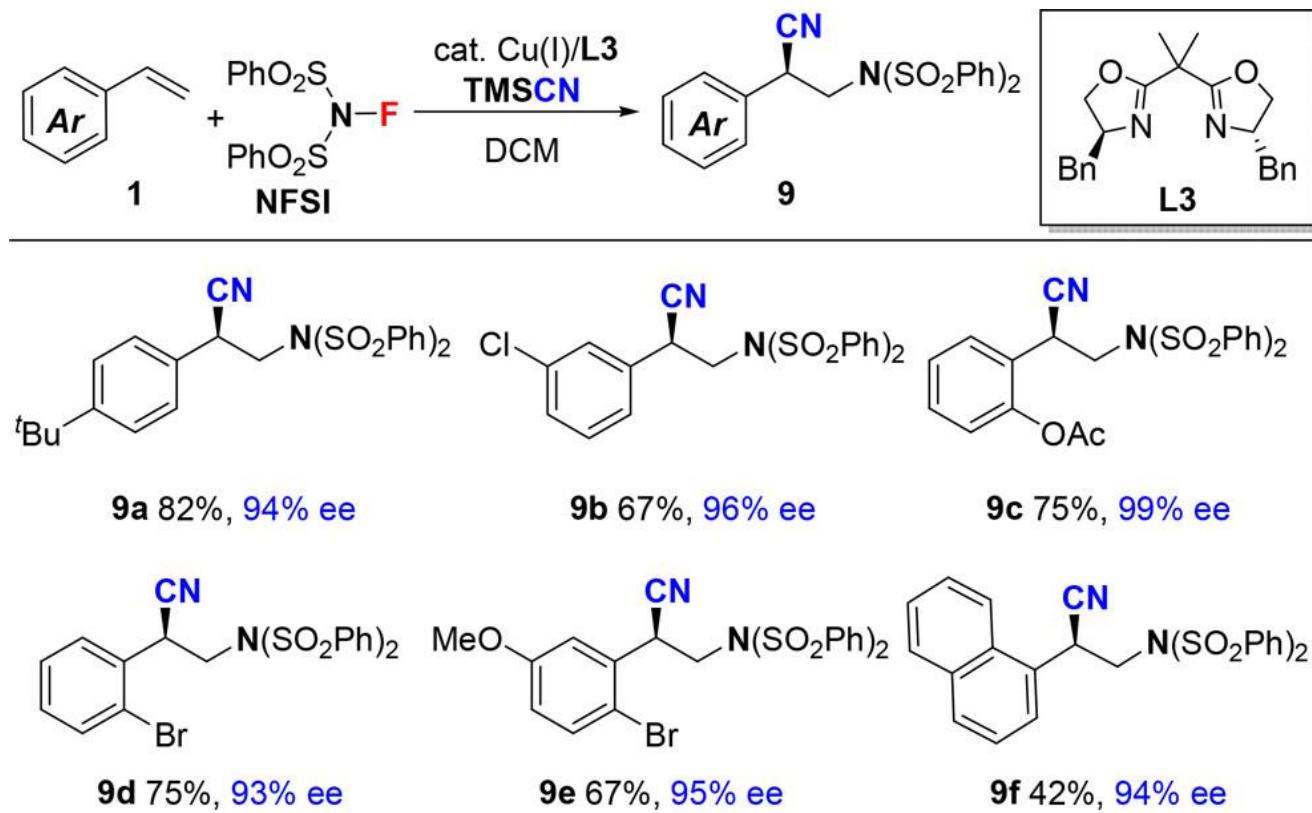
(C) Plausible mechanism



**(L2)CuI(CN) being proposed to be the active catalytic species.**

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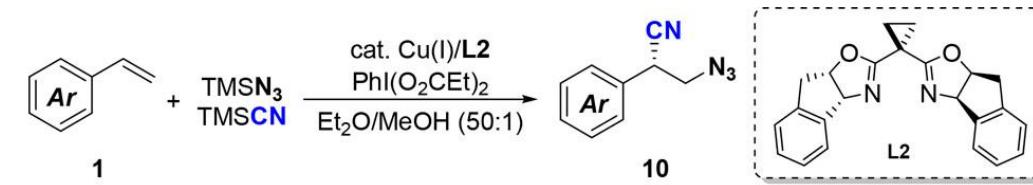
#### 3.1.2 Enantioselective Aminocyanation of Styrenes.



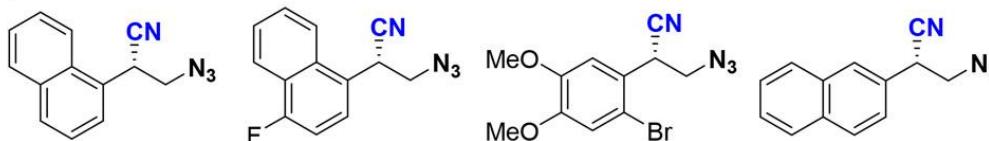
**deprotection of the sulfonyl group in 9 resulting in significant erosion of the enantiopurity**

### **3 Enantioselective Cu-cat. difunctionalization of styrenes.**

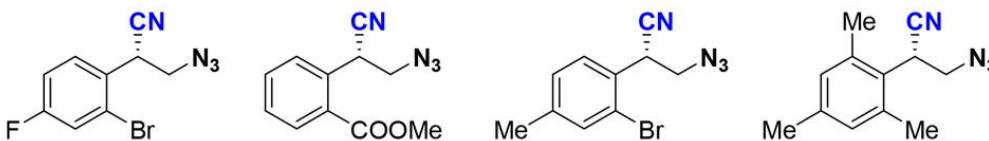
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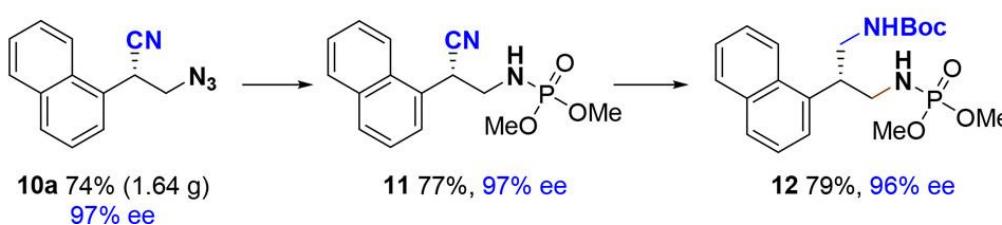


**10a** 85%, **97%** ee    **10b** 55%, 95% ee    **10c** 72%, **97%** ee    **10d** 70%, **89%** ee



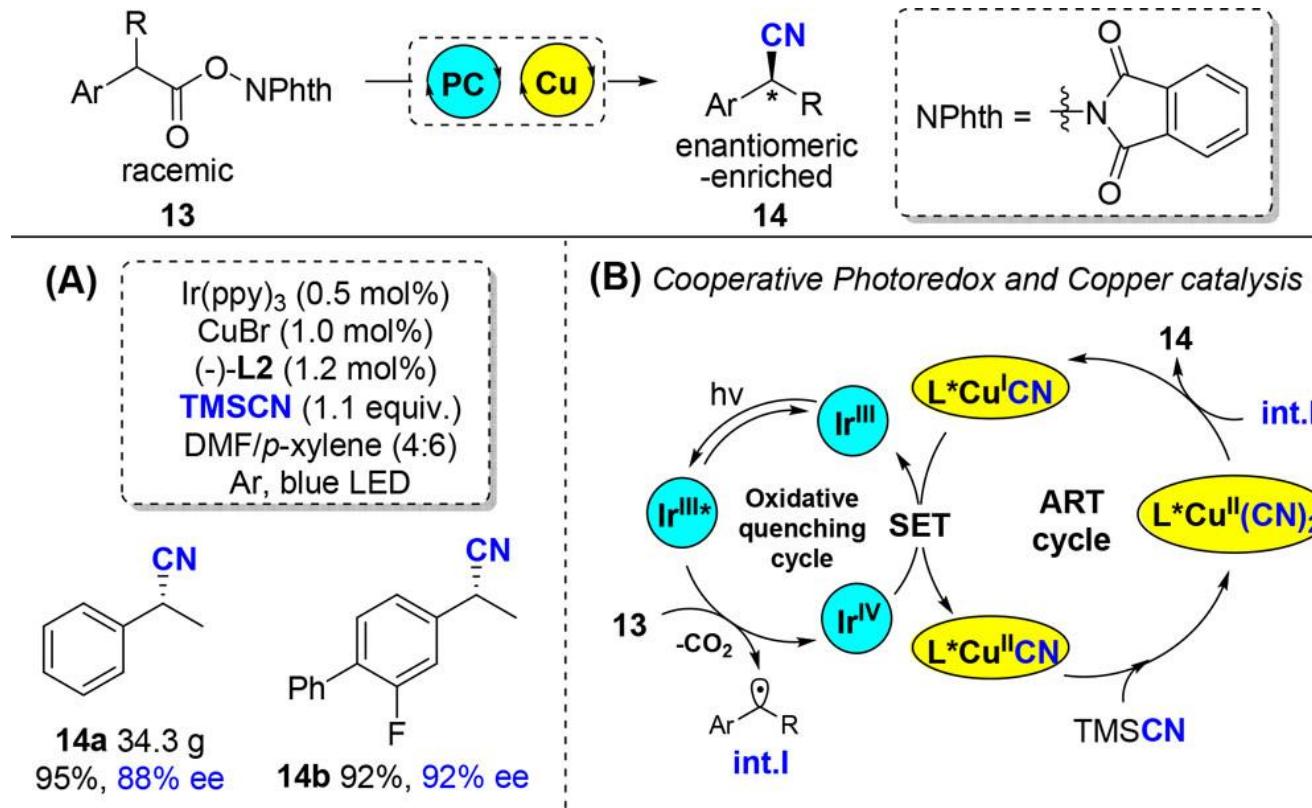
**10e** 53%, 94% ee    **10f** 59%, 90% ee    **10g** 74%, 94% ee    **10h** 50%, 97% ee

### 3) Synthetic application



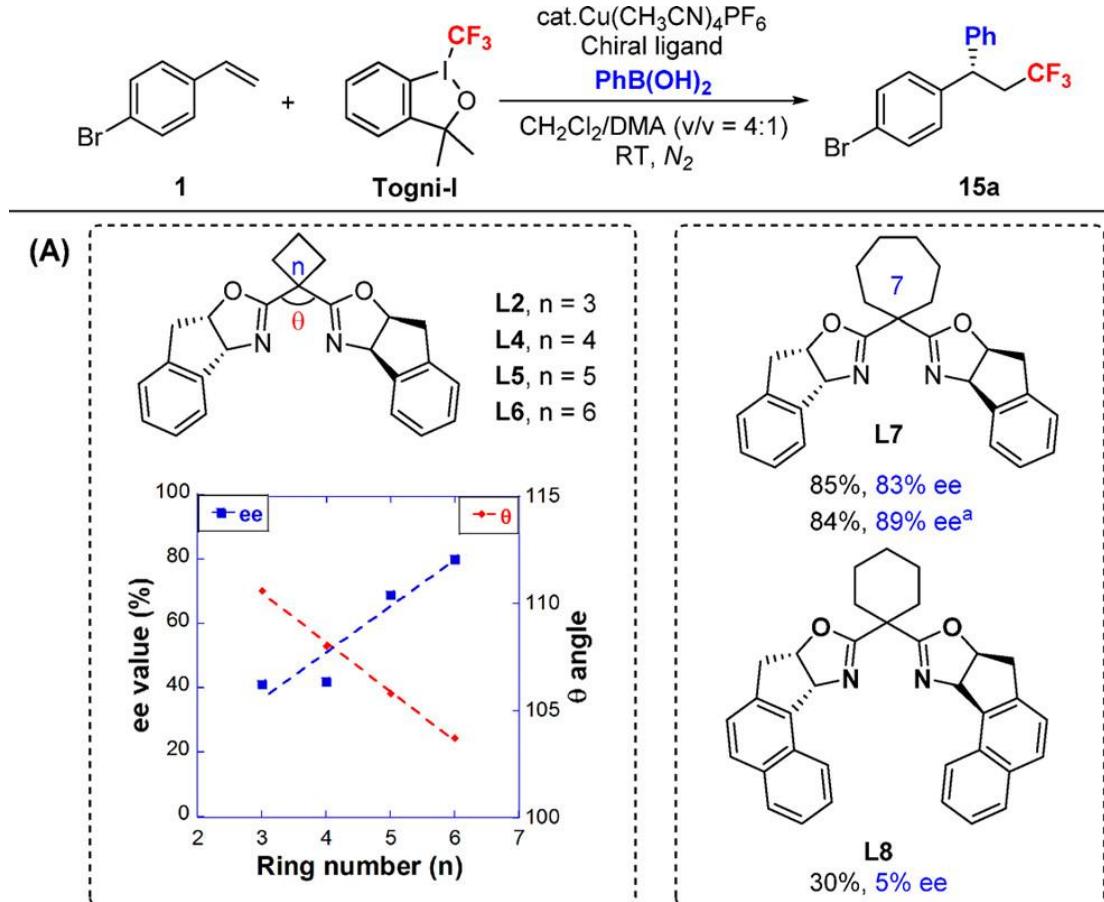
### 3 Enantioselective Cu-cat. difunctionalization of styrenes.

#### 3.1.4 Enantioselective Decarboxylative Cyanation with Cooperative Catalysis.



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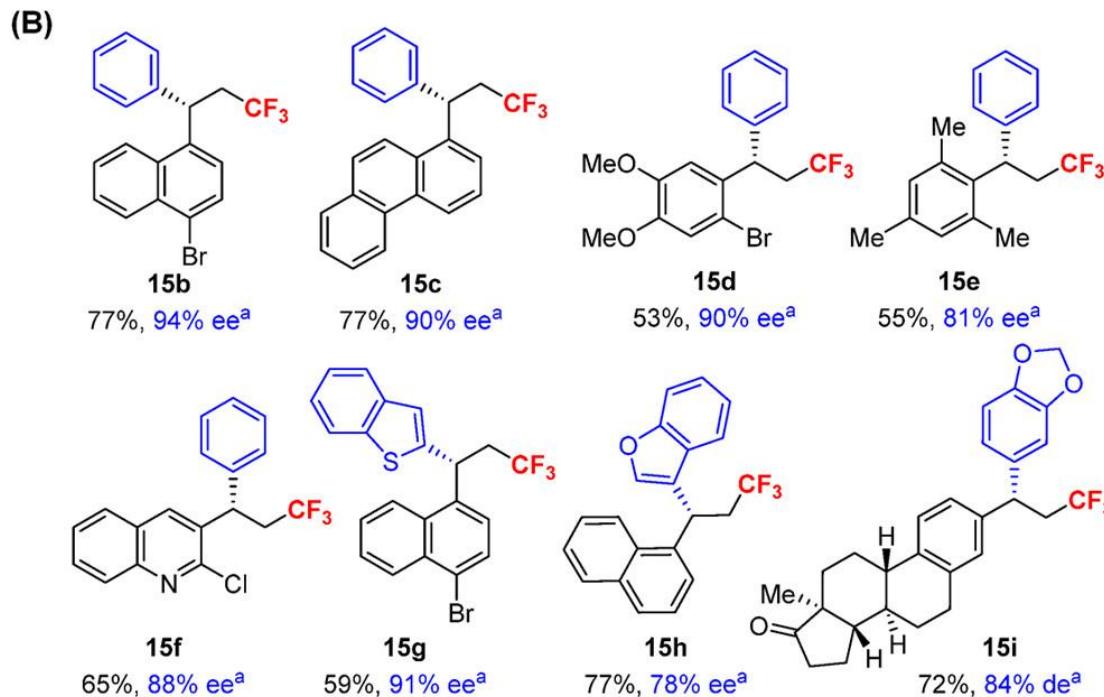
#### 3.2 Enantioselective Copper-Catalyzed Arylation of Styrenes.



a correlation between the enantiomeric excess and the bite angle of the Box ligand

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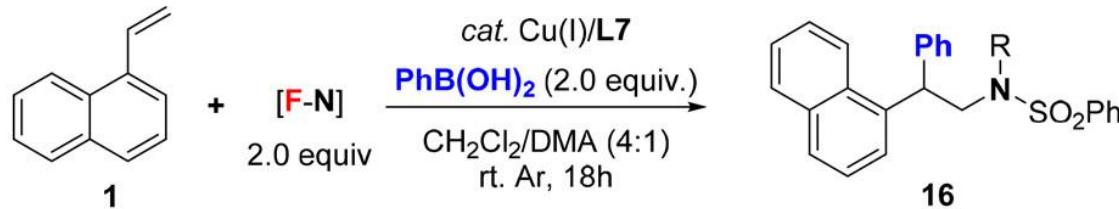


<sup>a</sup>The reaction using L7 and EtOH (2.0 equiv.) was conducted at 0 °C.

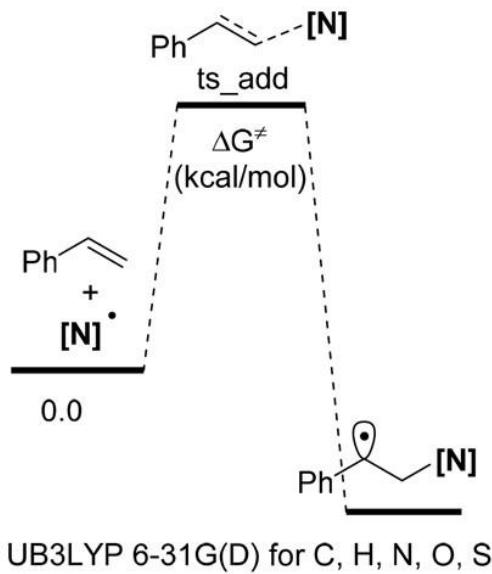
chiral 1,1-diarylethane moieties in natural products and bioactive molecules

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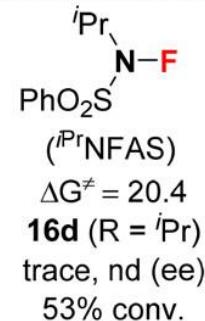
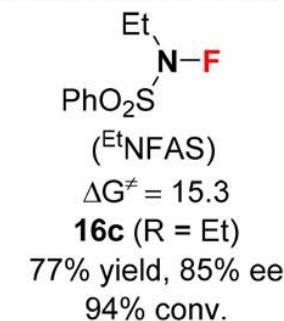
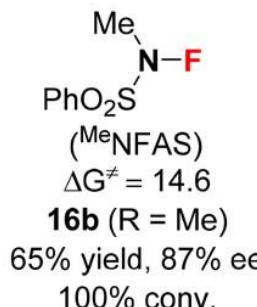
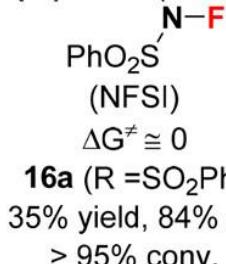
#### 3.3 DFT Calculations for the Amino Radical Addition Process.



**(A)** DFT calculation:



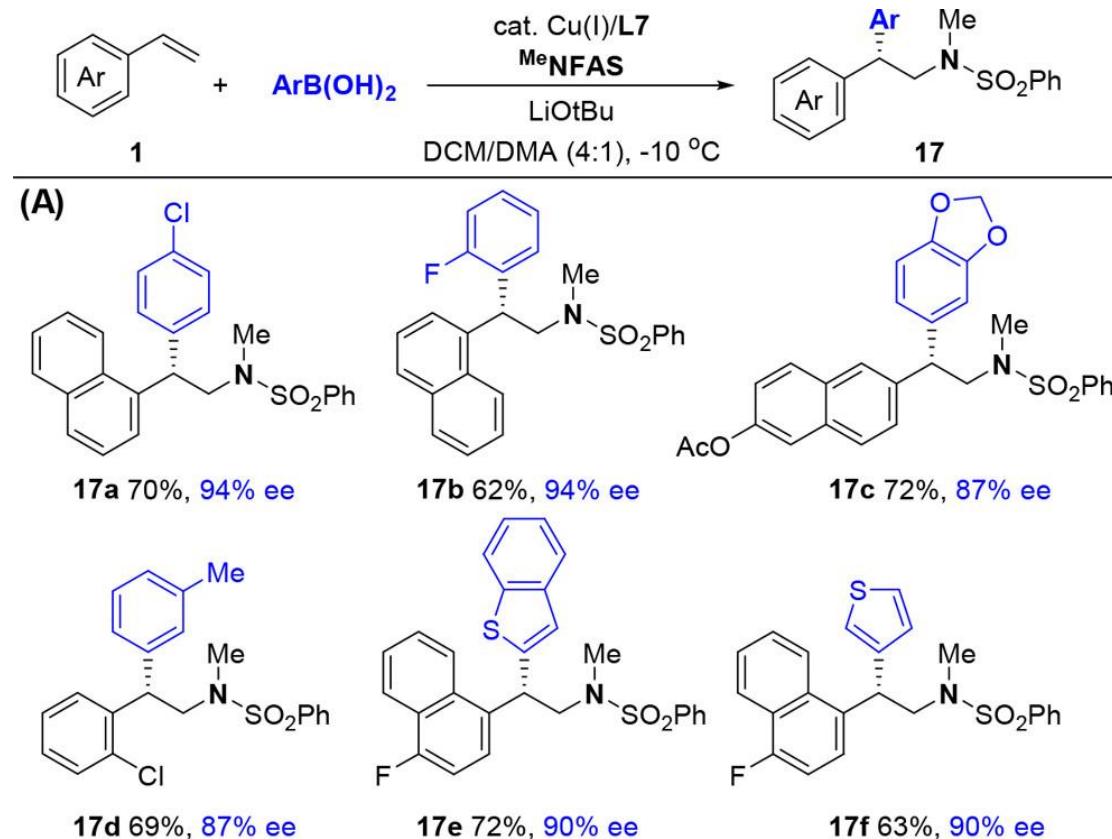
**(B)**



the rate of formation of the ArCu(II) and benzylic radical generation, compatibility

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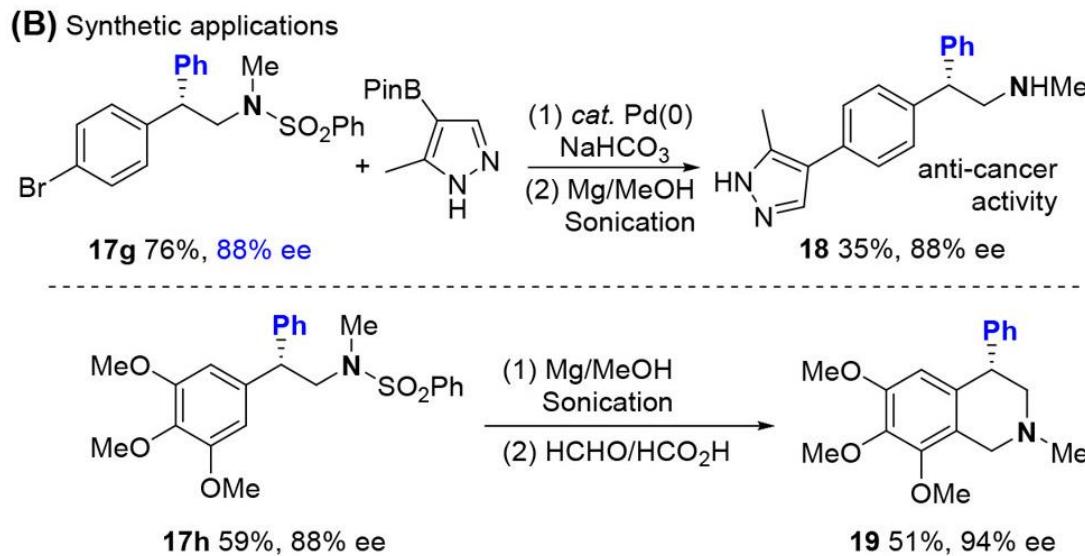
#### 3.3 Enantioselective Aminoarylation of Styrenes.



**featuring good functional group tolerance**

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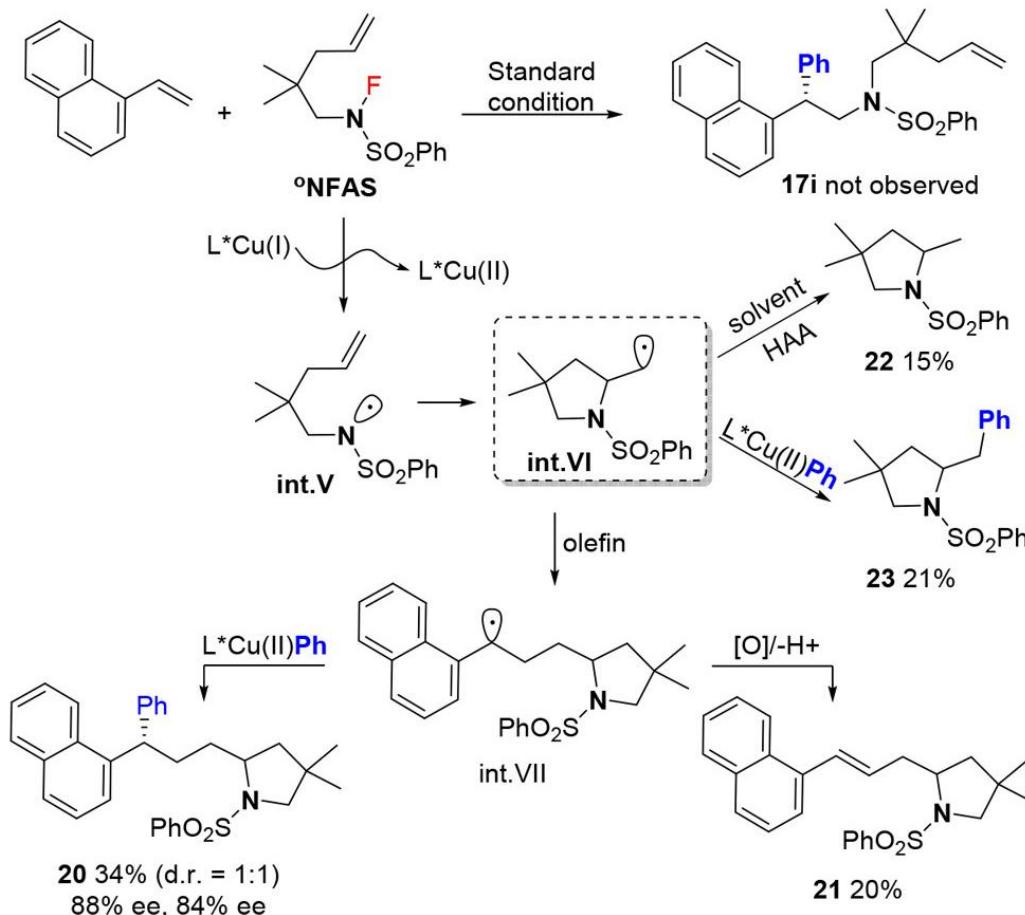


being easily deprotected to afford the corresponding free amines in high yields with retention of the enantiopurity

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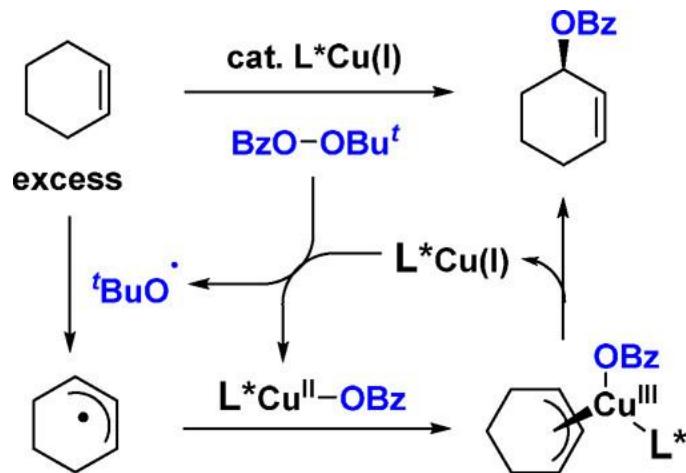
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**(C) Mechanistic studies**



# 4 Cu-cat. Enantioselective Functionalization of Benzylic C-H Bonds.

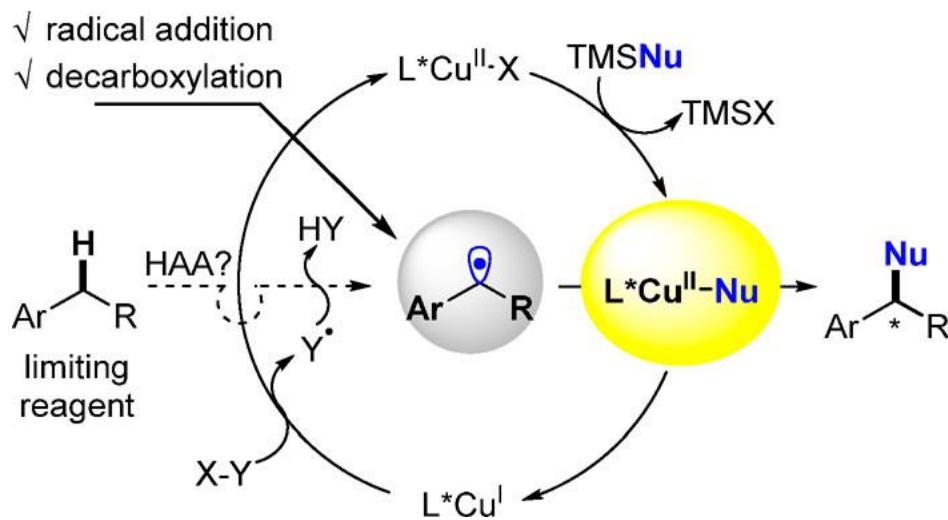
## Kharasch–Sosnovsky Reaction.



**a large excess of the alkene, enantioselective reaction being limited to cyclic alkenes**

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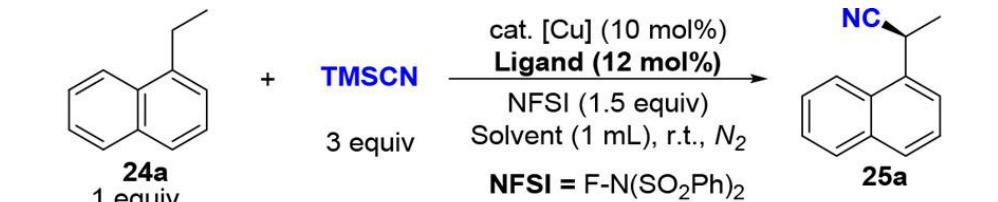
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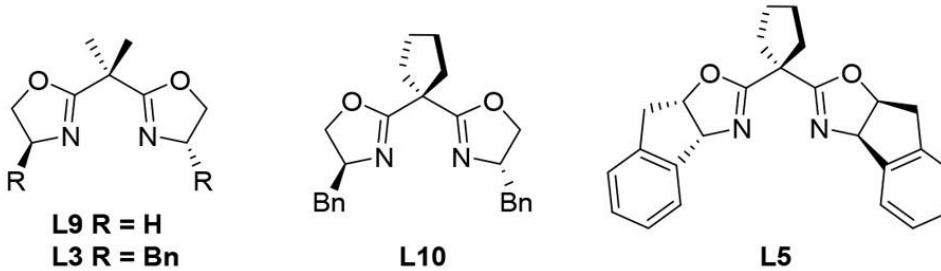
**HAA of a benzylic C–H bond, compatibility with the trapping process**

# 4 Cu-cat. Enantioselective Functionalization of Benzylic C–H Bonds.

## 4.1 Copper-Catalyzed Enantioselective Cyanation of Benzylic C–H Bonds.


  
 24a (1 equiv.) + TMSCN (3 equiv)  $\xrightarrow[\text{NFSI} (1.5 \text{ equiv})]{\text{cat. } [\text{Cu}] (10 \text{ mol\%}), \text{ Ligand (12 mol\%)}}$  NFSI = F-N(SO<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  25a

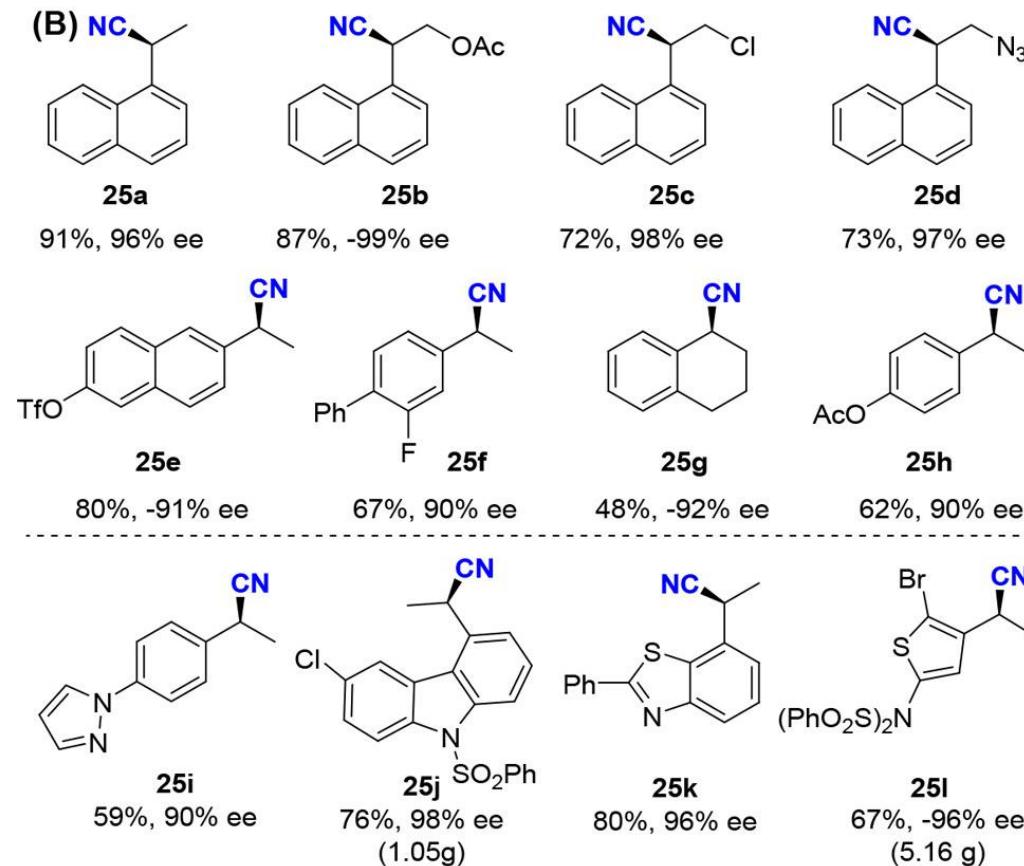
(A)	Entry	Cu Source	Ligand	Solvent	Yield (ee)
	1	[Cu(MeCN) <sub>4</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	L9	MeCN	5% (N/A)
	2	[Cu(MeCN) <sub>4</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	L9	PhCl	12% (N/A)
	3	CuOAc	L9	PhCl	25% (N/A)
	4	CuOAc	L3	PhCl	75% (94%)
	5	CuOAc	L3	PhH	91% (96%)
	6	CuOAc	L10	PhH	84% (95%)
	7	CuOAc	L5	PhH	71% (-97%)



bisulfonimidyl radicals for HAA(ineffective oxygen-centered radicals), solvent effect.

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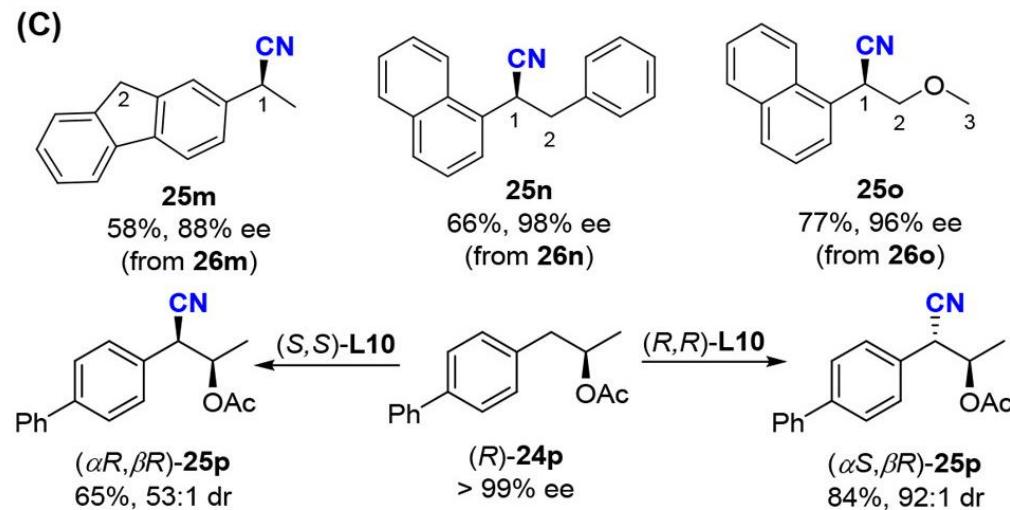
## 4.1 Copper-Catalyzed Enantioselective Cyanation of Benzylic C–H Bonds.



broad substrate scope

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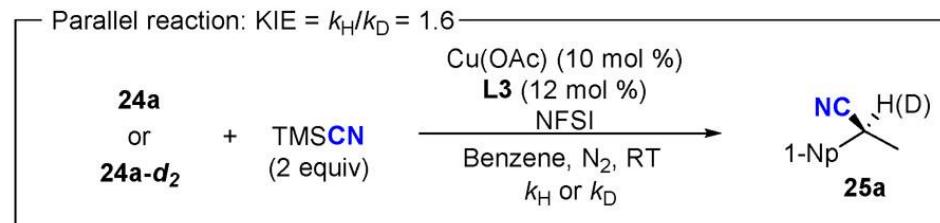
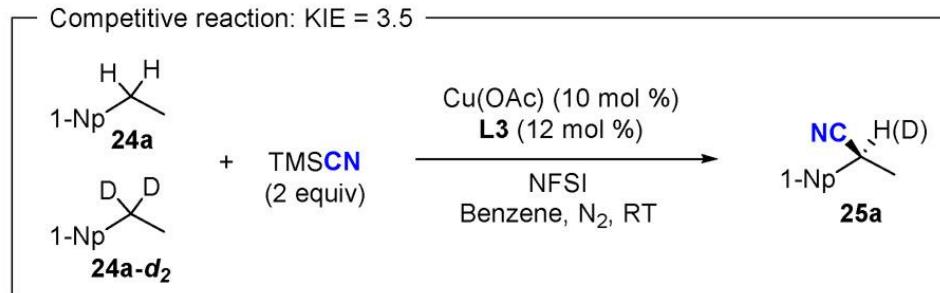


great site selectivity at the C-1 benzylic position,  
 excellent diastereoselectivities indicating the chiral catalyst determined stereoselectivity  
 rather than the substrates.

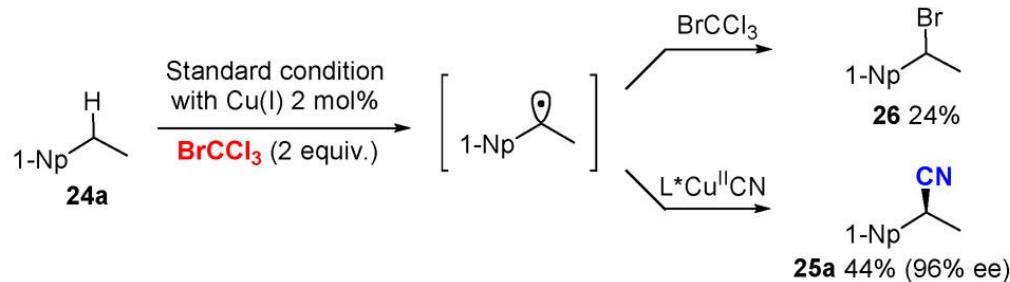
# 4 Cu-cat. Enantioselective Functionalization of Benzylic C-H Bonds.

## 4.1 Mechanistic Studies of Enantioselective Benzylic C–H Bond Cyanation.

**(A)** Kinetic isotopic effect experiments



**(B)** Trapping radical intermediates

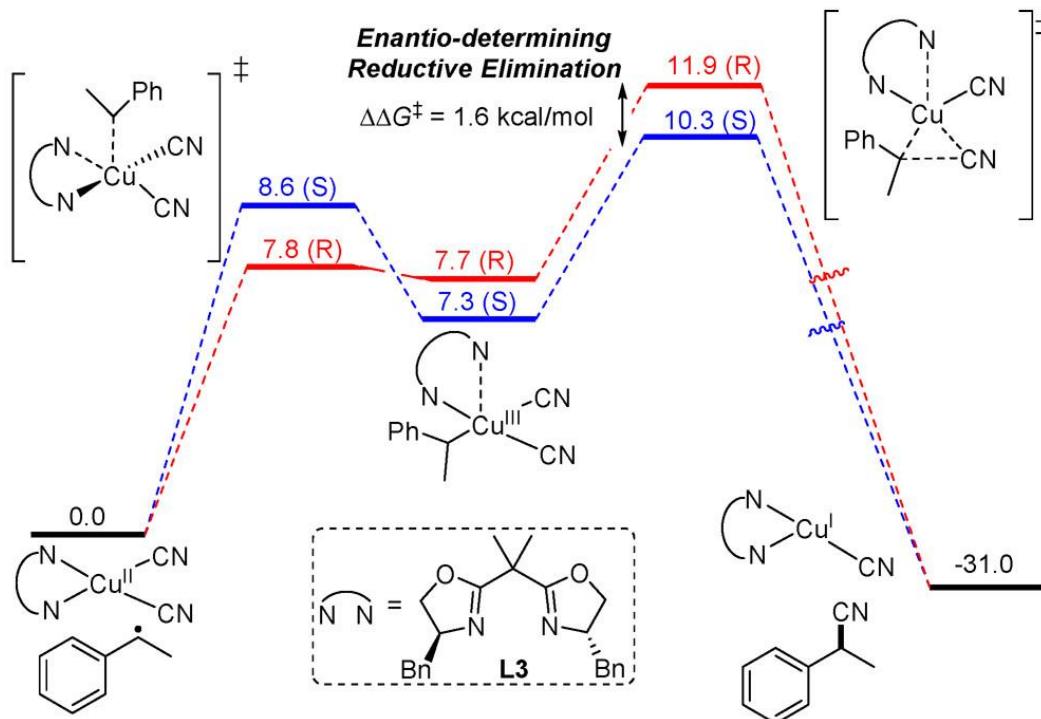


C–H bond cleavage being partially involved in RDS, benzylic radical

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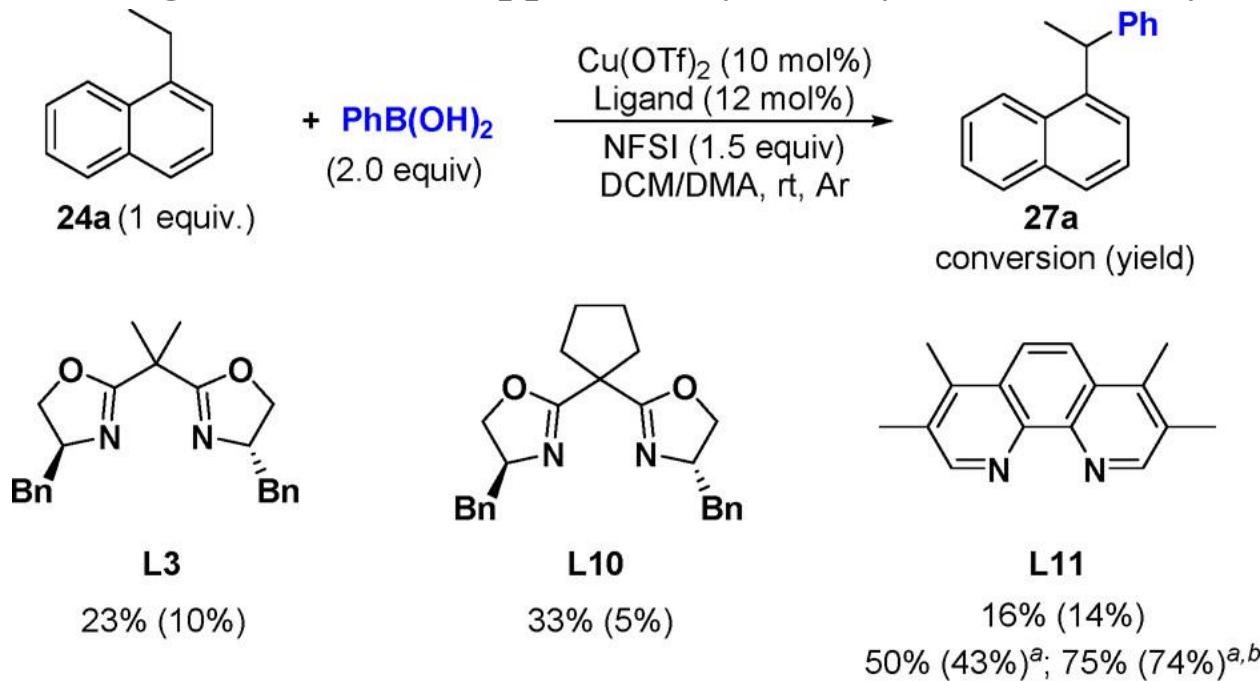
(C) DFT calculations



suggesting that the formation of the Cu(III) complex was reversible, and the reductive elimination from the Cu(III) intermediate was the enantioselectivity-determining step

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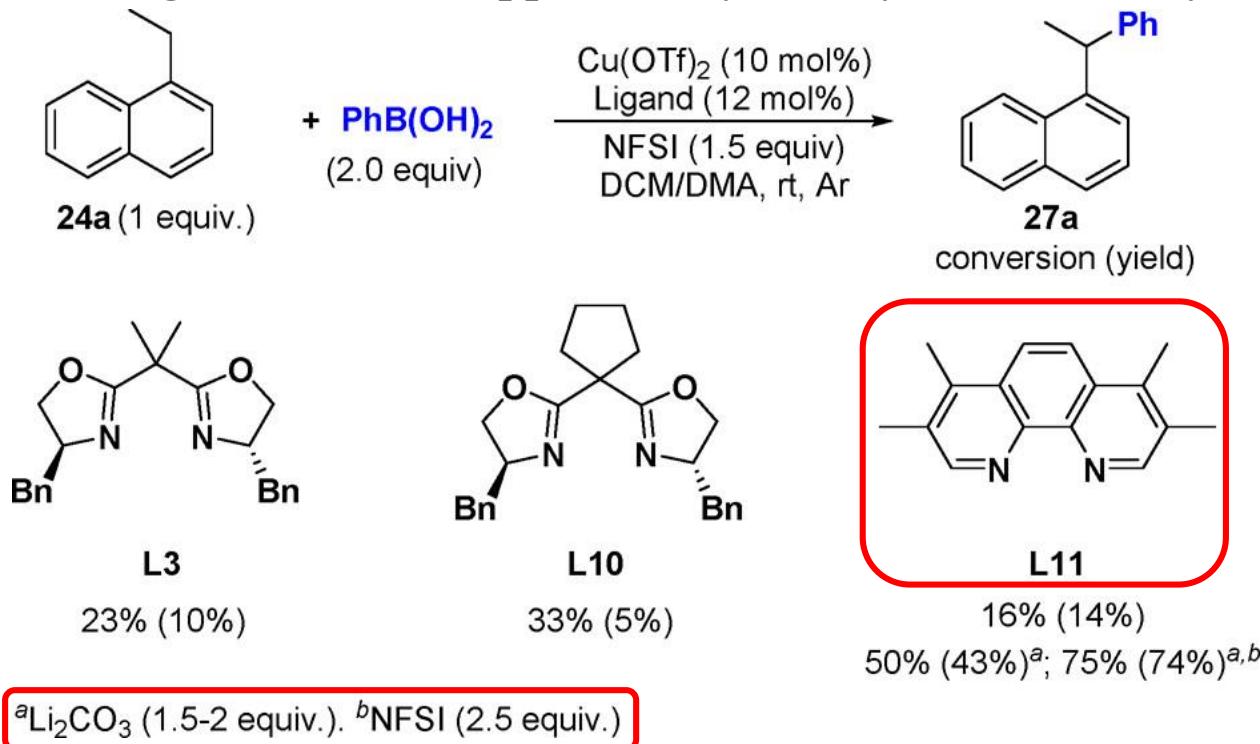


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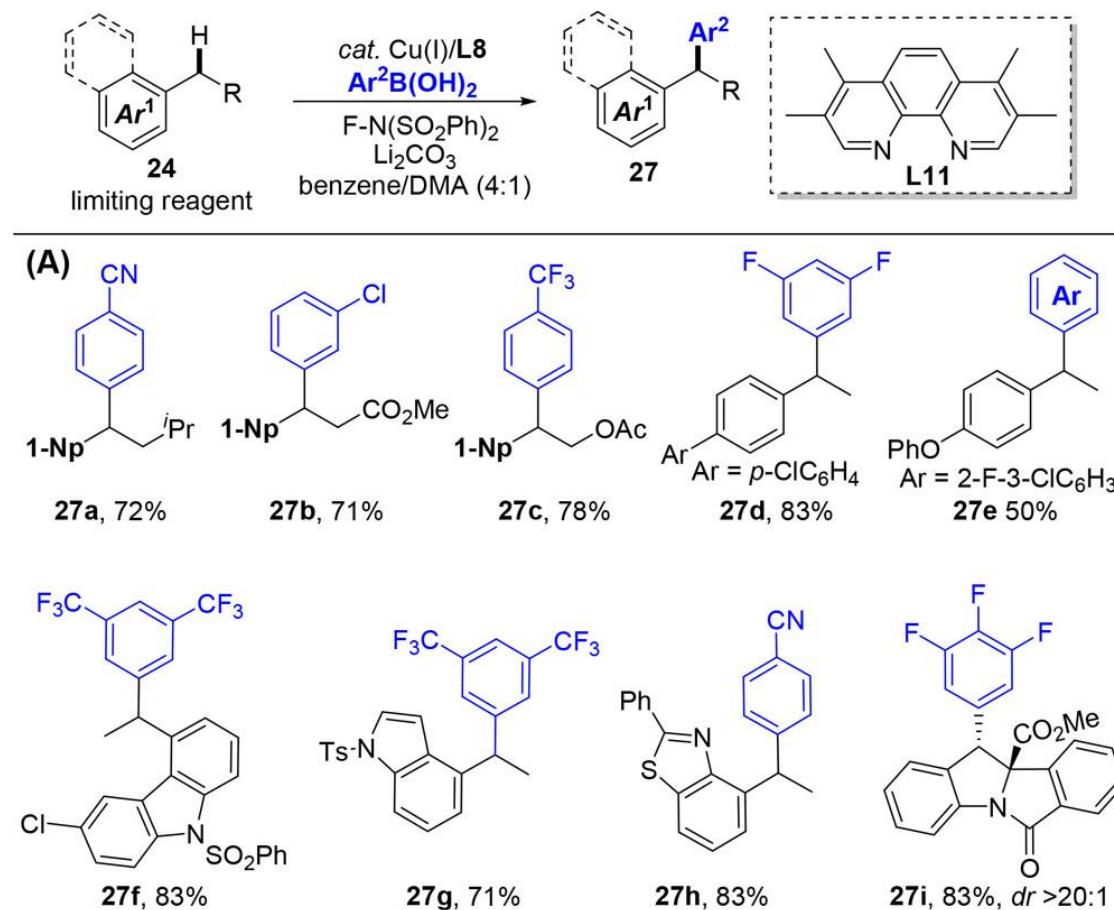


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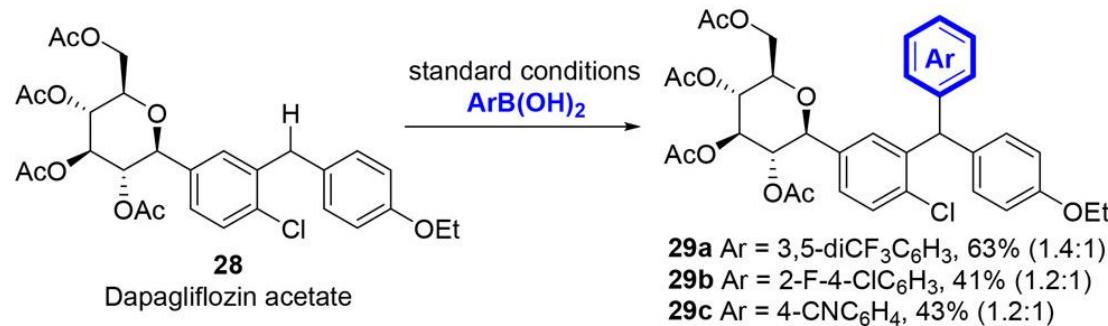


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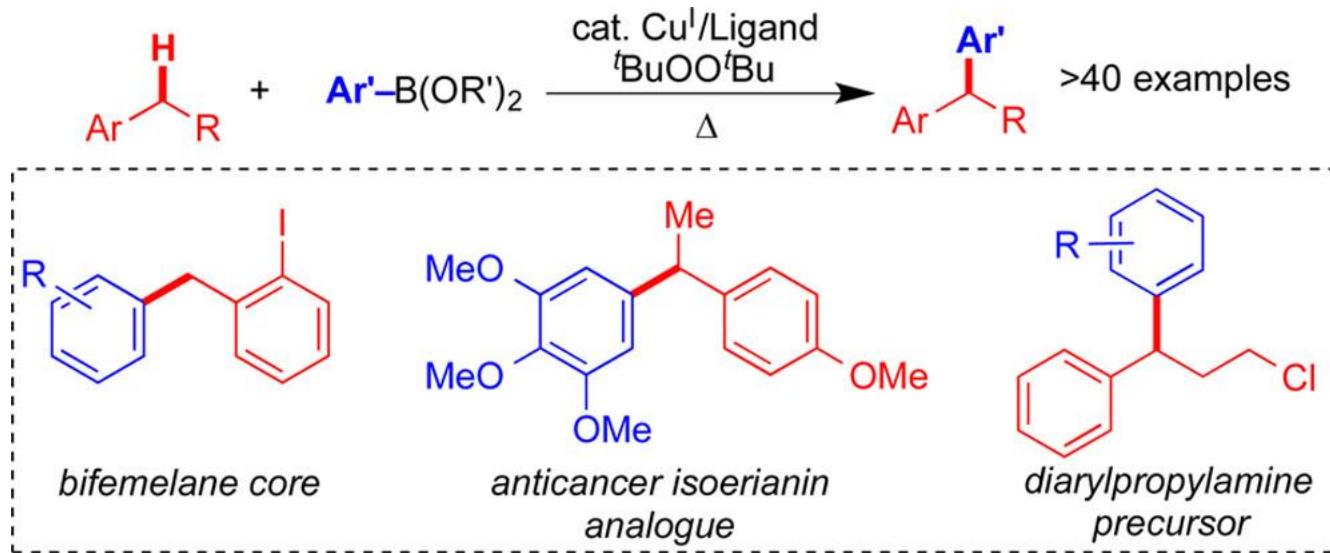
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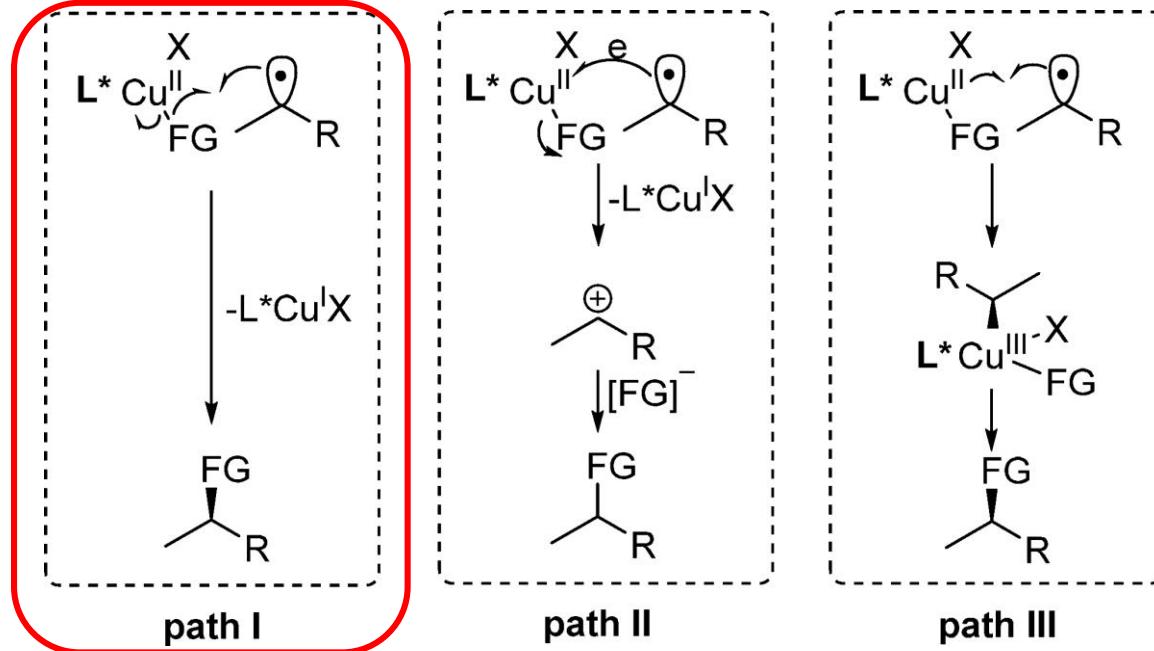
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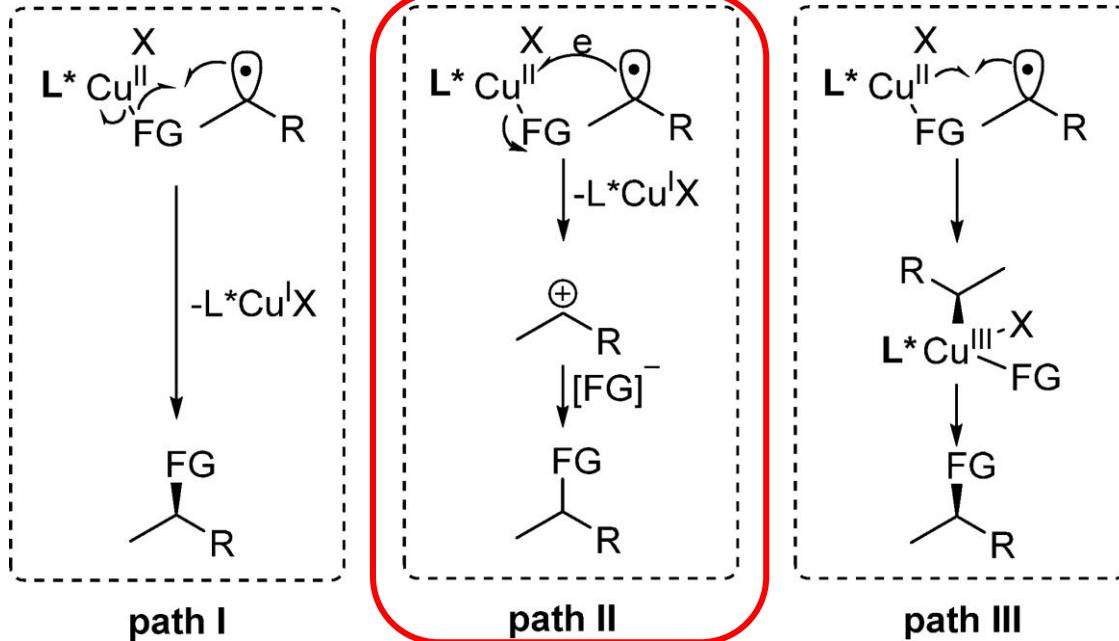


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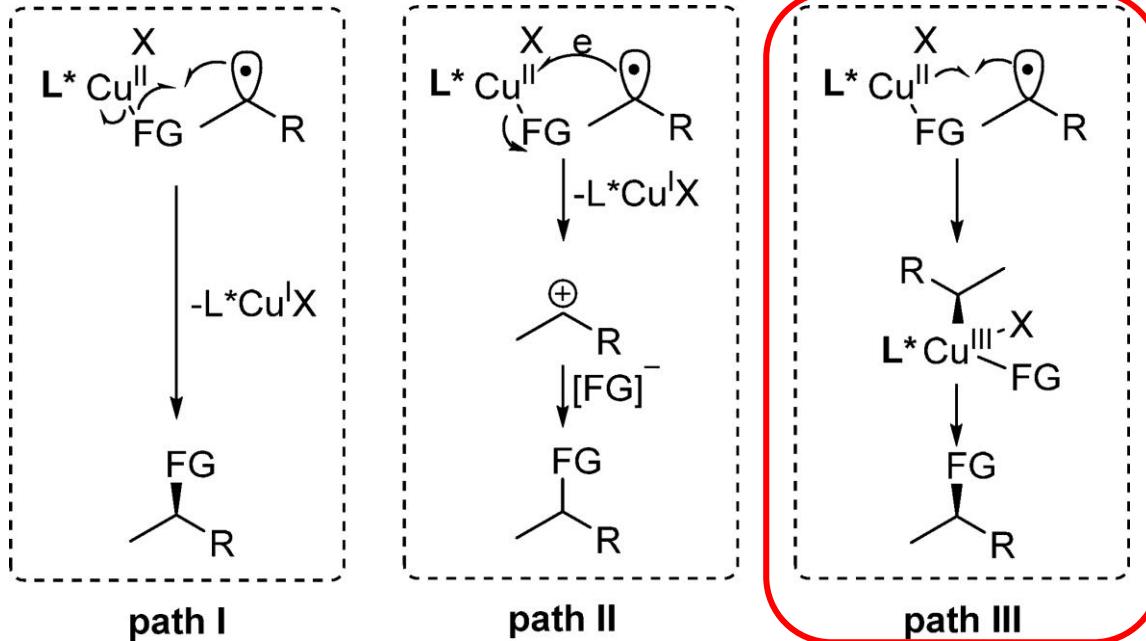
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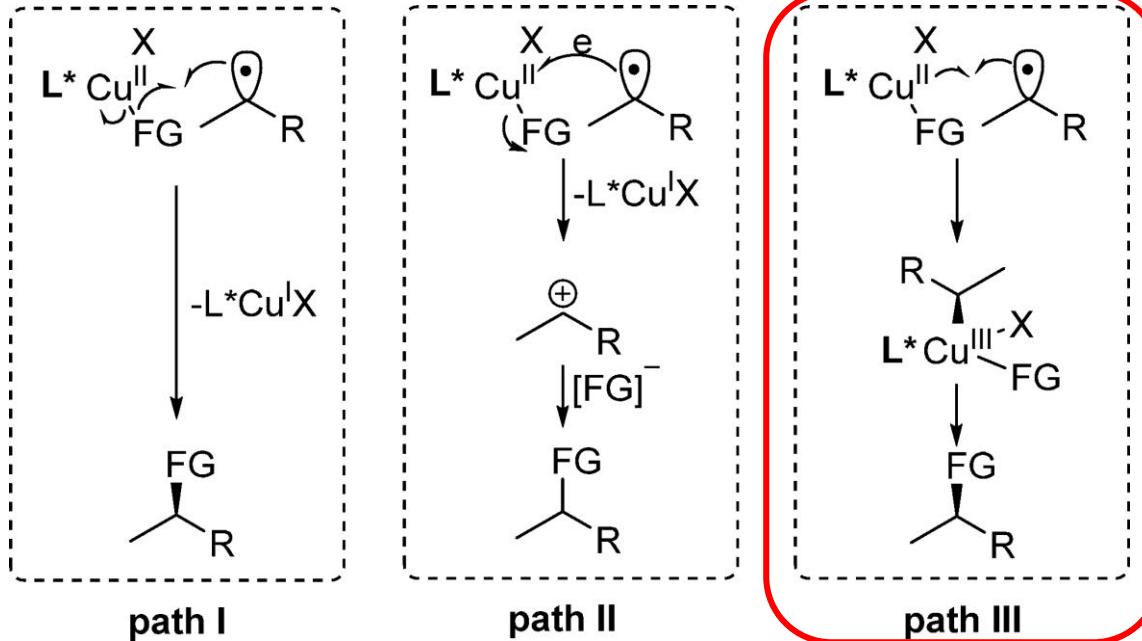
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**Limitations:** poor enantioselectivity for non-benzylic radicals, tertiary benzylic radicals; further extensions to intermolecular asymmetric oxygenation and amination; limited asymmetric benzylic C–H cyanation, limited HAA mediator.

# Thank you!

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