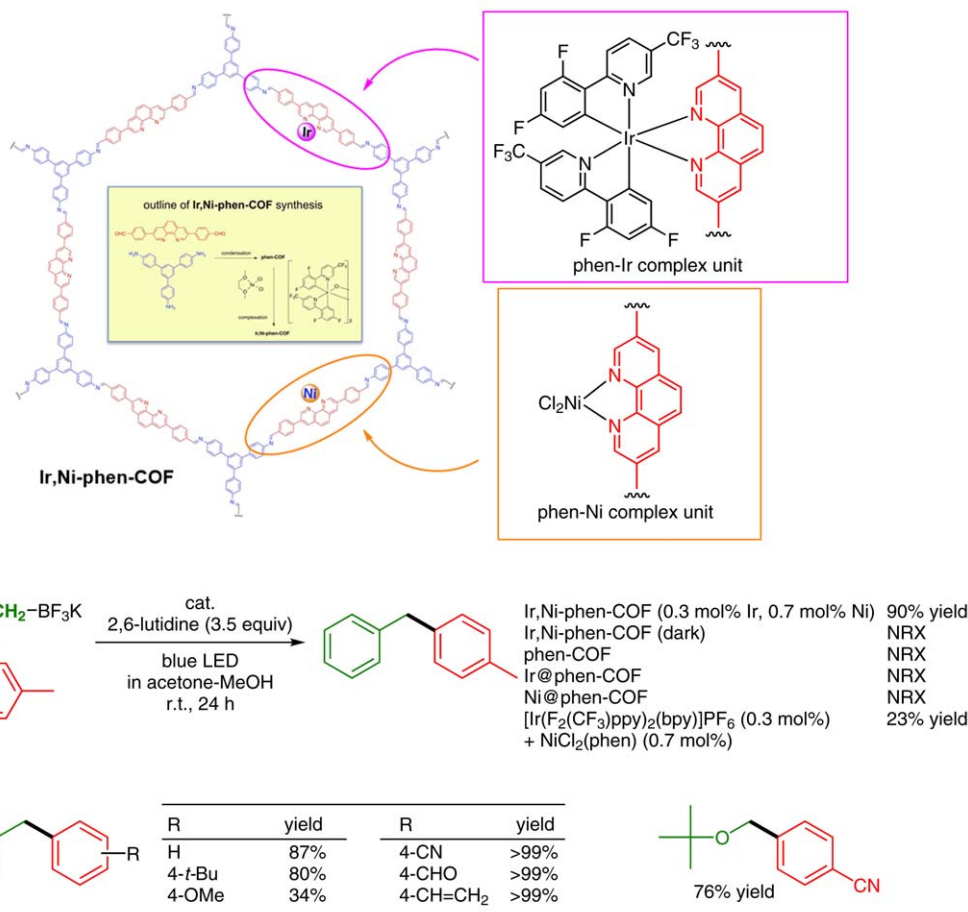


Photoinduced Cross-Coupling with a Supported Iridium–Nickel Bimetallic Catalyst



Significance: A covalent organic framework containing phenanthroline units (**phen-COF**) was prepared by condensation of 1,3,5-tris(4-aminophenyl)benzene with 3,8-bis(4-formylphenyl)-1,10-phenanthroline. A heterobimetallic **phen-COF** composite, **Ir,Ni-phen-COF**, was obtained by complexation of **phen-COF** with $[[F_2(F_3C)ppy]_2Ir-\mu-Cl]_2[F_2(F_3C)ppy] = 2-(2,4\text{-difluorophenyl})-5\text{-}(trifluoromethyl)pyridine]$ and NiCl₂·glyme. **Ir,Ni-phen-COF** catalyzed the C(sp³)–C(sp²) bond-forming cross-coupling of alkylborates with aryl bromides under photoirradiation conditions.

Comment: The cross-coupling did not take place in darkness. Heterogeneous **Ir,Ni-phen-COF** exhibited a better catalytic performance than homogeneous bimetallic systems using ppy-Ir and phen-Ni complexes [e.g., 4-MeC₆H₄Bn; yield: 90% (heterogeneous); 23% (homogeneous)]. **Ir,Ni-phen-COF** was recovered by centrifugation and reused seven times with a slight loss of its catalytic activity.