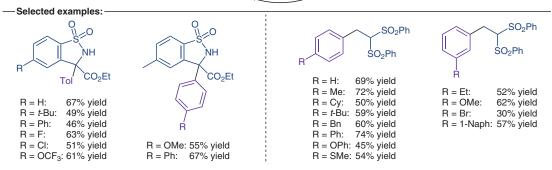
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**Significance:** A rhodium(III)-catalyzed desilylation of (trialkylsilyl) arenes with fluoride is reported, giving access to stabilized phenyl anion intermediates that eventually undergo addition to electrophiles. The desilylation is facilitated by the  $\pi$ -coordination of the rhodium complex.

**Comment:** Mechanistic as well as computational studies support the shown mechanism, involving nucleophilic addition of the fluoride to the aromatic ring, followed by 1,2-migration and C(sp<sup>2</sup>)–Si heterolysis.

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