# TELLURENIUM CATION AS SELECTIVE CATALYST FOR REDUCTIVE COUPLING OF ALDEHYDES

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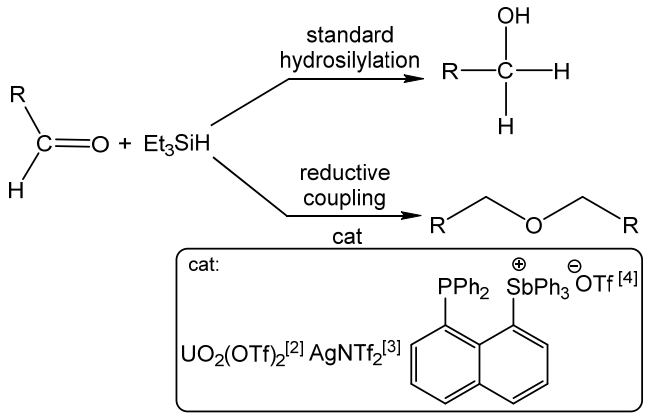
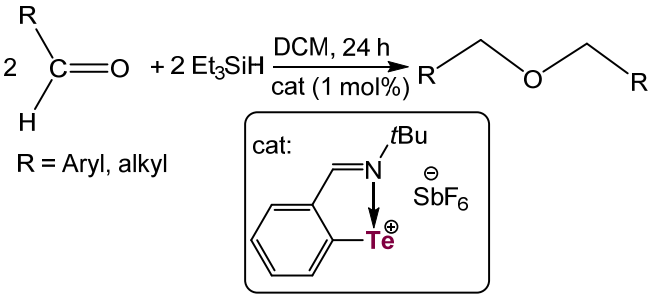
The activation of Si-H and B-H bond for use in hydrosilylation or hydroboration reactions is within the interest of many groups.[1] Although formation of alcohols is prioritized in hydrosilylation reactions with aldehydes, molecules that activate Si-H bond can also undergo reaction pathway towards ethers, but such molecules are quite rare in literature.[2,3,4]




We have recently discovered a remarkable potential of N-coordinated tellurenium cation in activation of quite inert B-H bond in carborane cages.[5] Herein, we report that related tellurenium cation may serve as a catalyst that can selectively catalyze reductive coupling of aldehydes into symmetric ethers under mild reaction conditions. The fresh results from this field will be presented and discussed.

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