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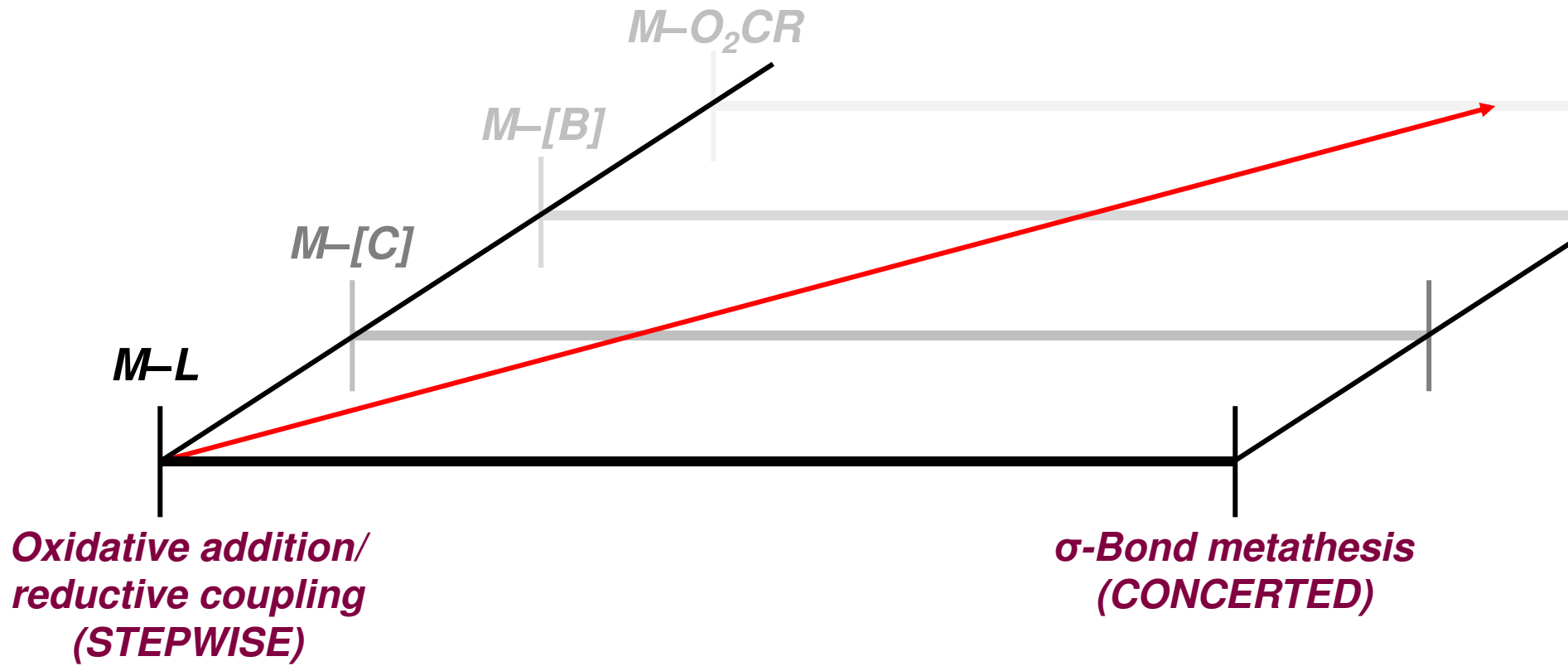
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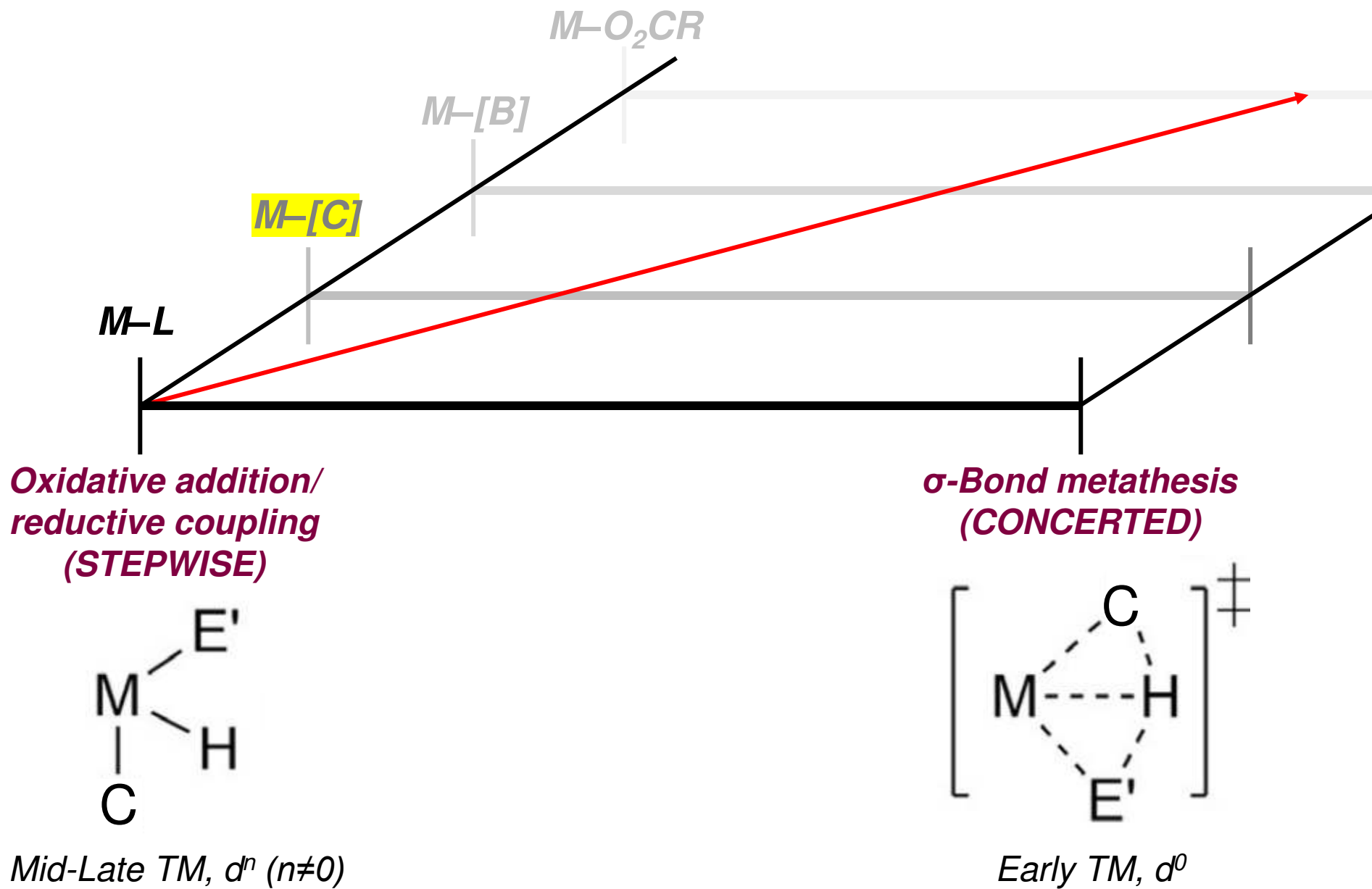
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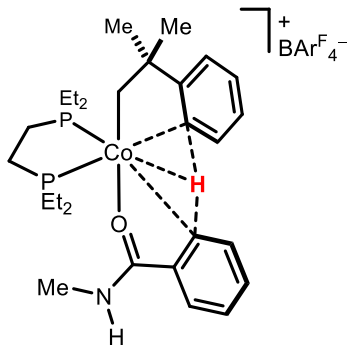


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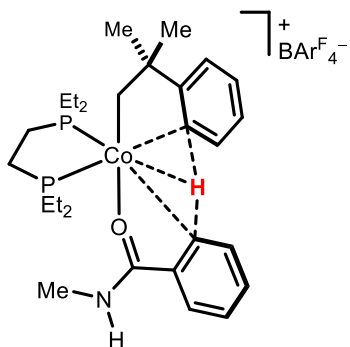
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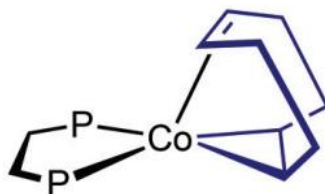
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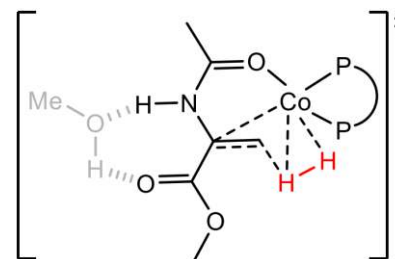


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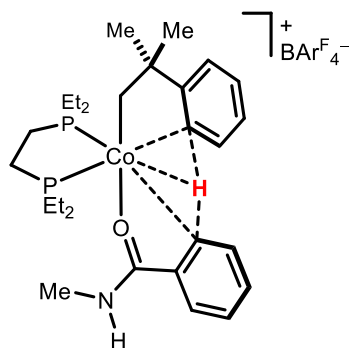
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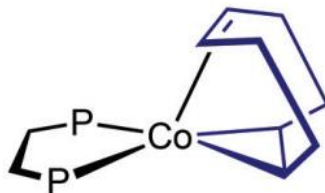
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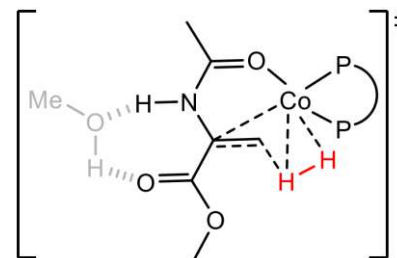


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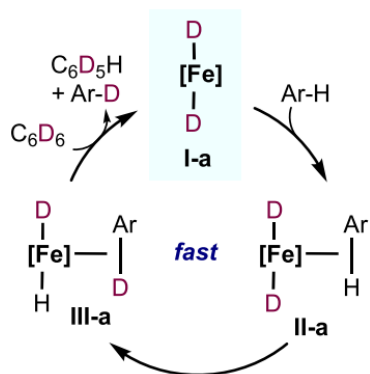
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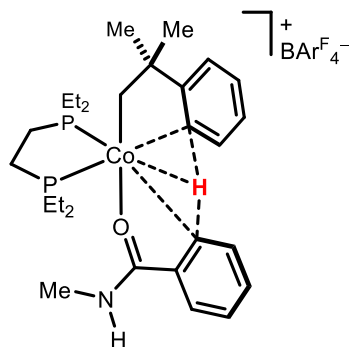
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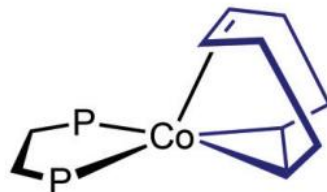
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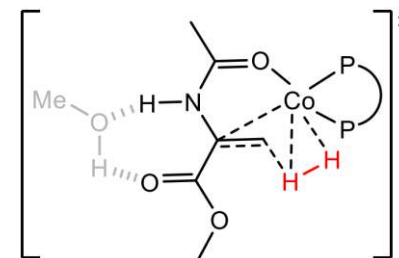


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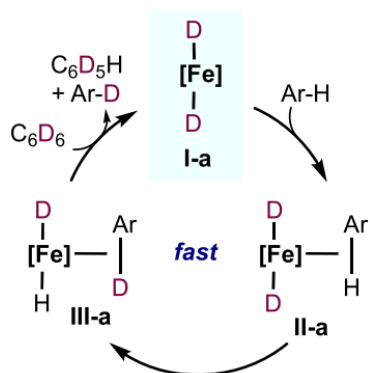
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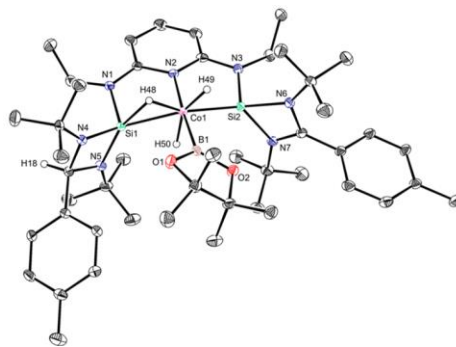
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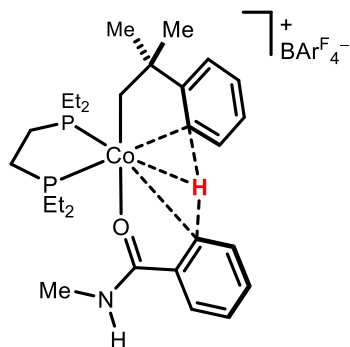
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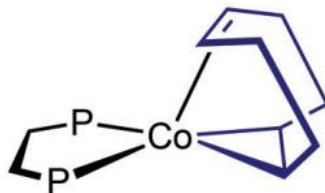
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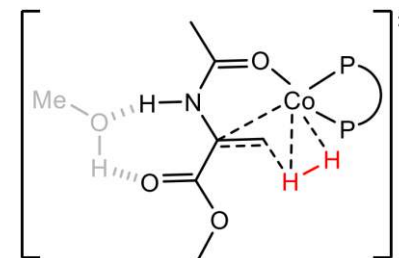


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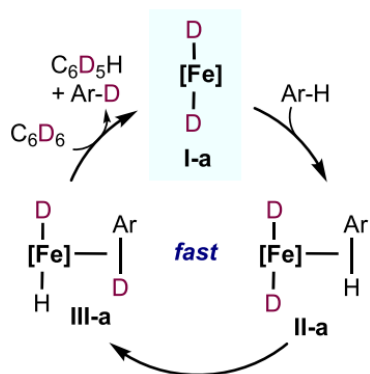
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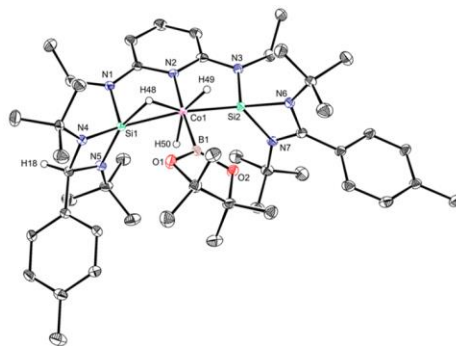
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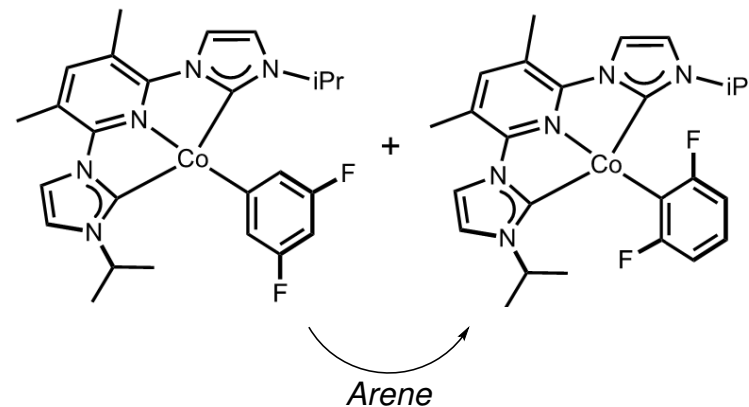
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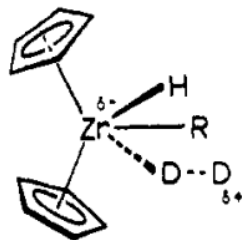
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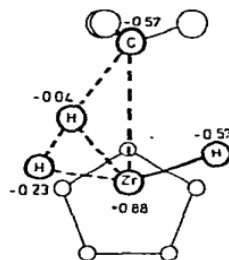


## Hydrogenolysis of $d^0$ M–alkyl

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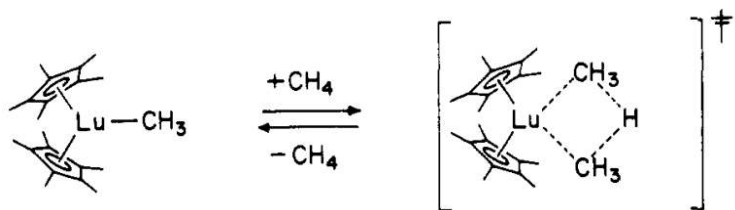
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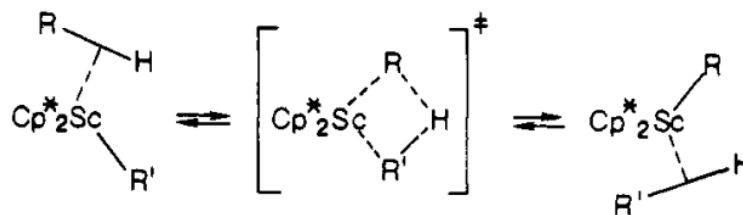
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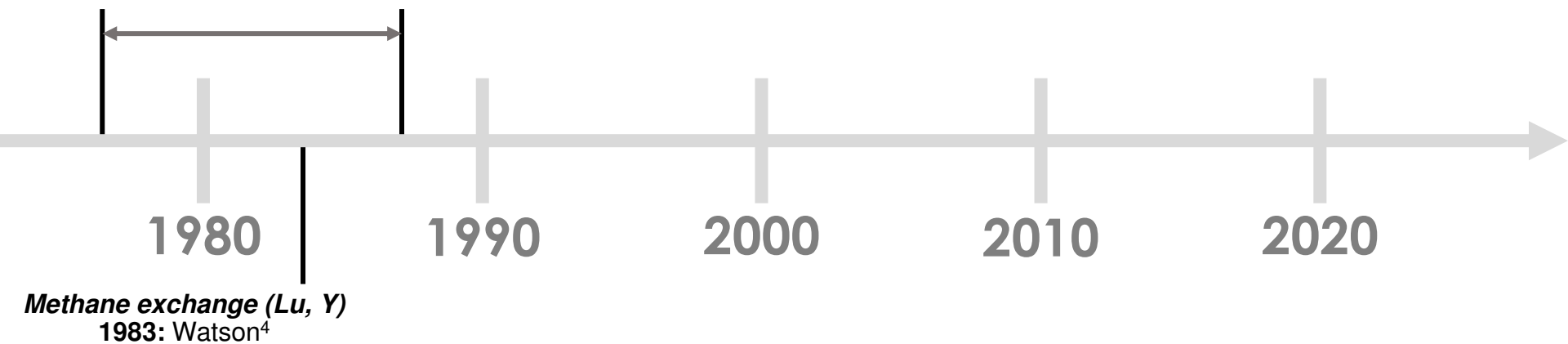
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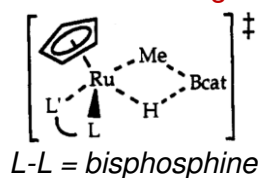
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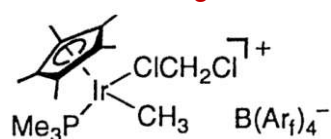
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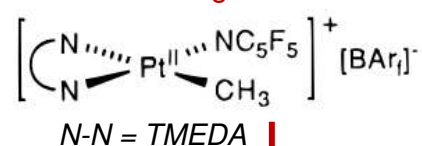
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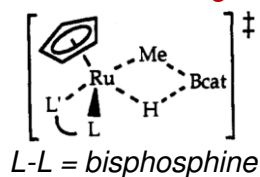
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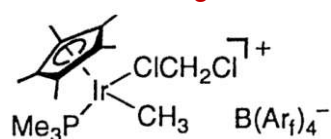
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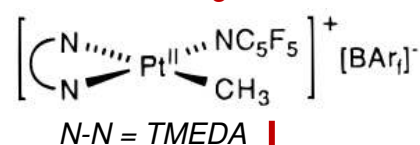
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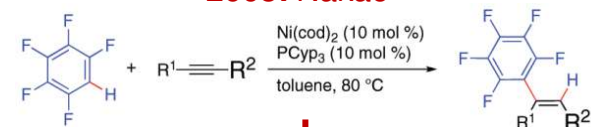
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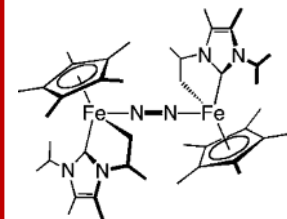
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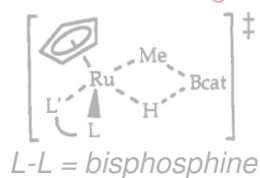
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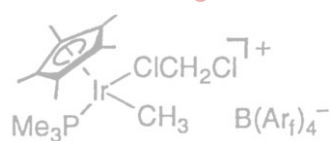
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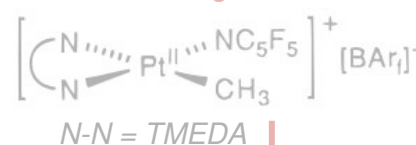
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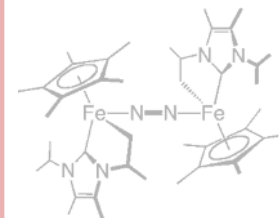


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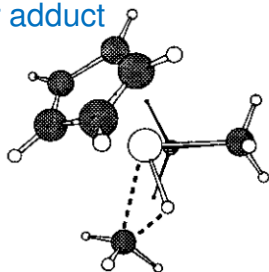
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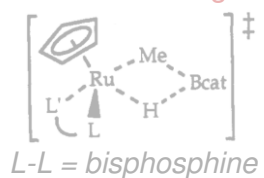
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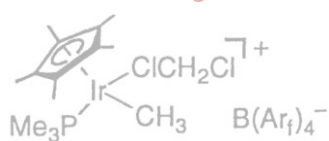


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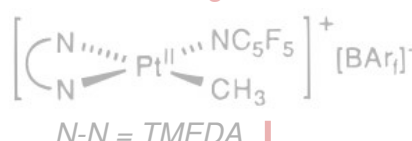
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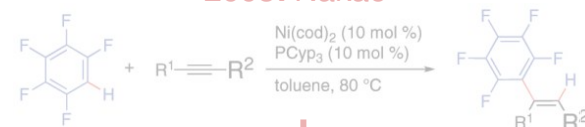
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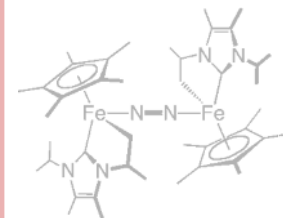
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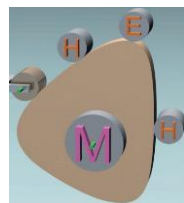
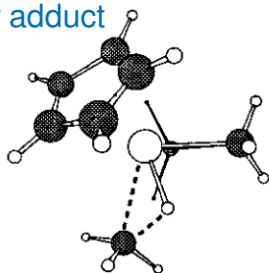
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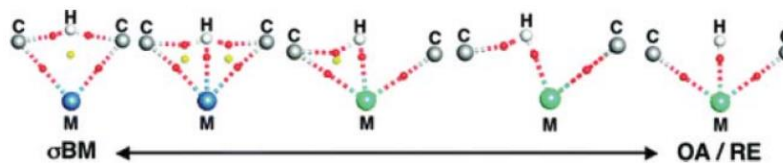
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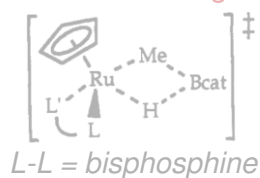
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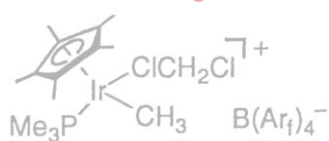


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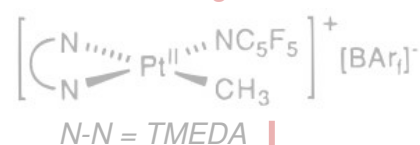
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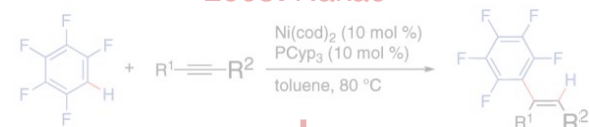
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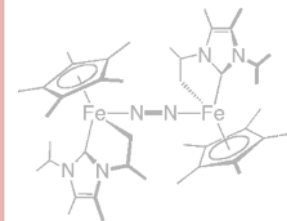


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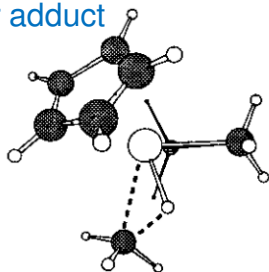
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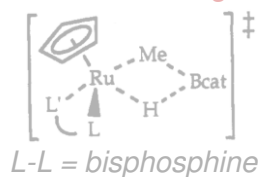


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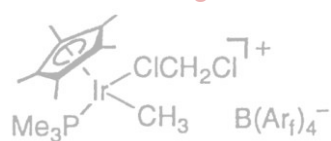
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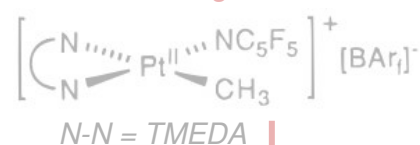
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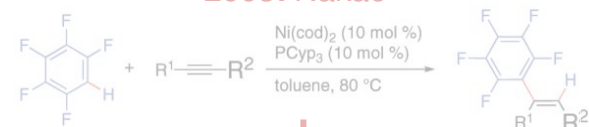
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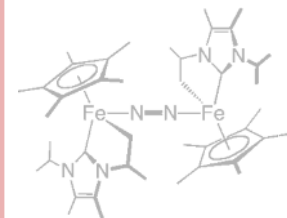
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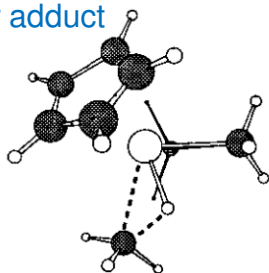
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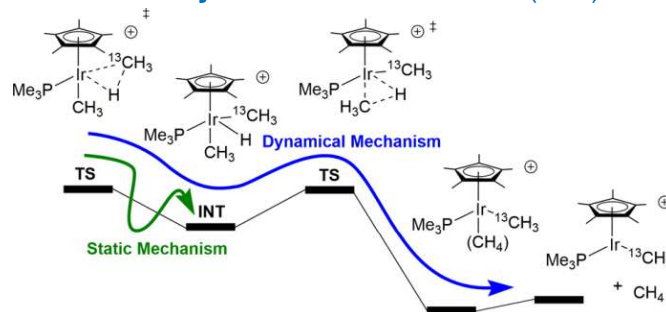
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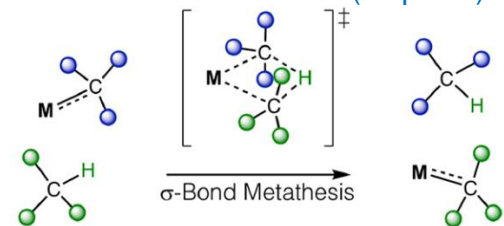
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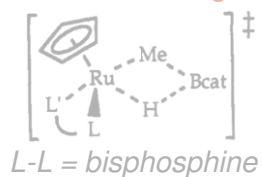
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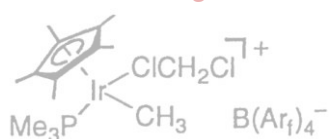


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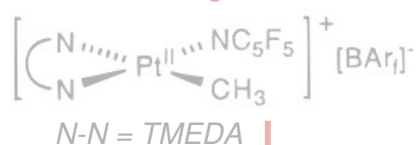
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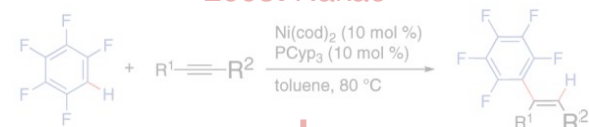
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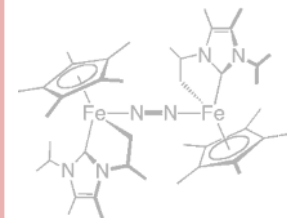
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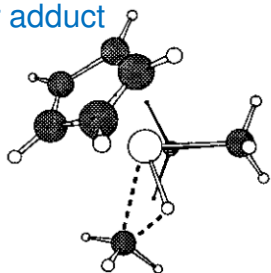
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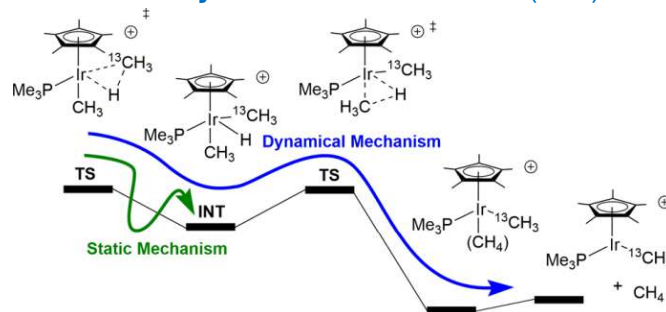
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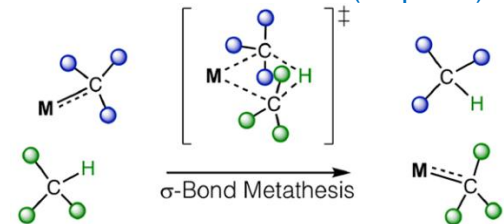
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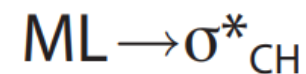
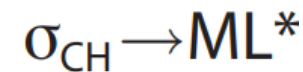
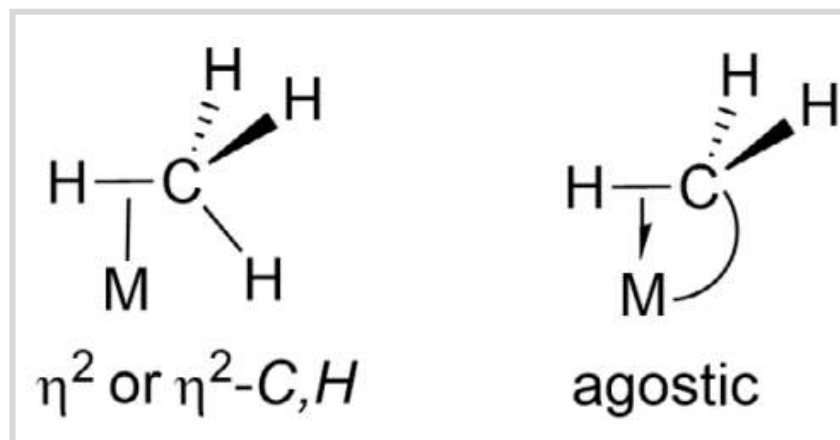
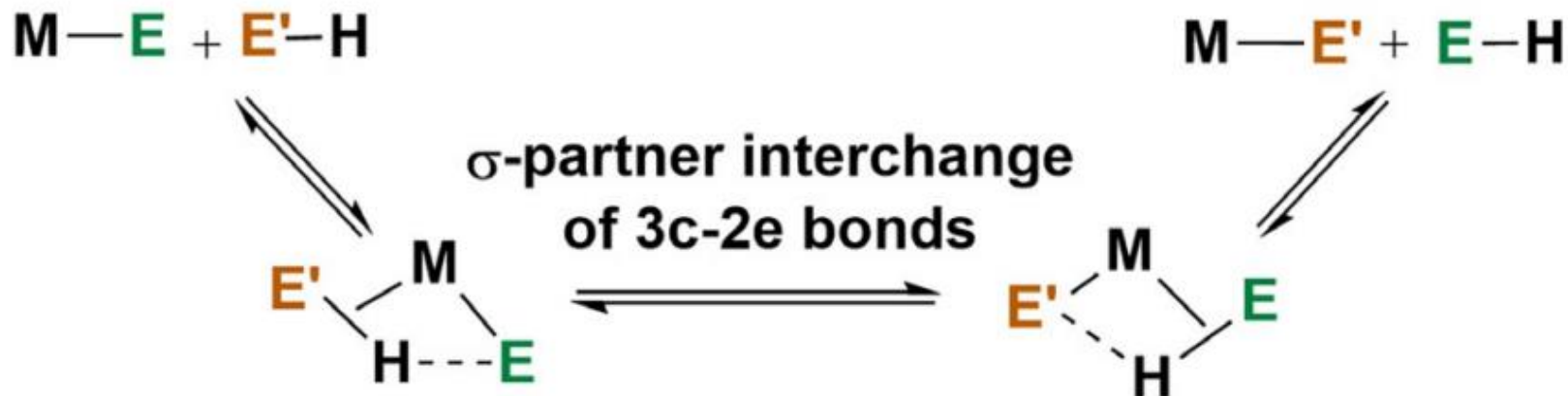


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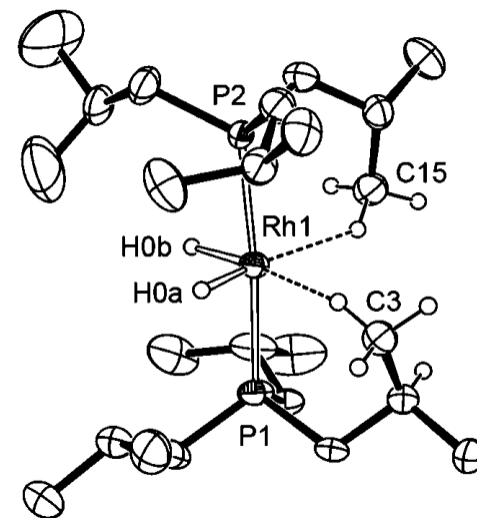
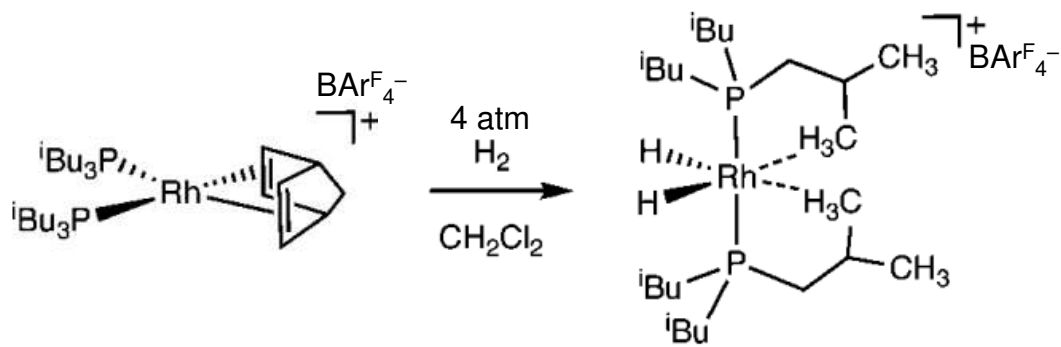
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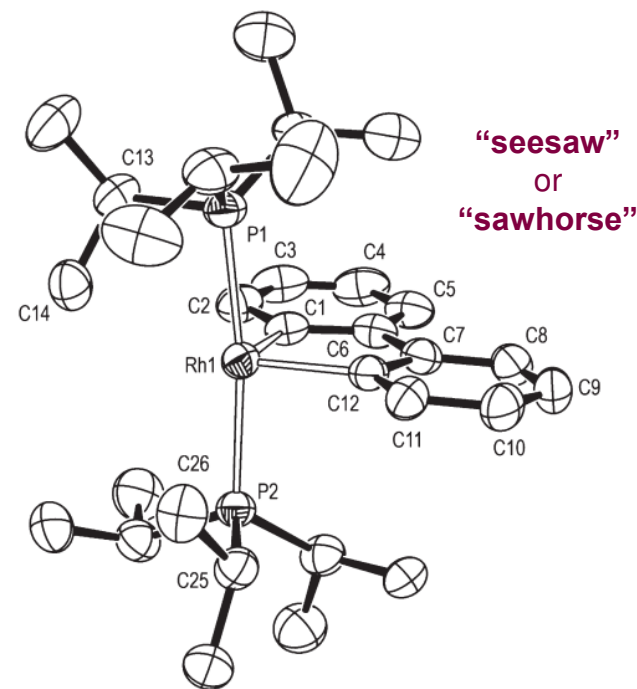
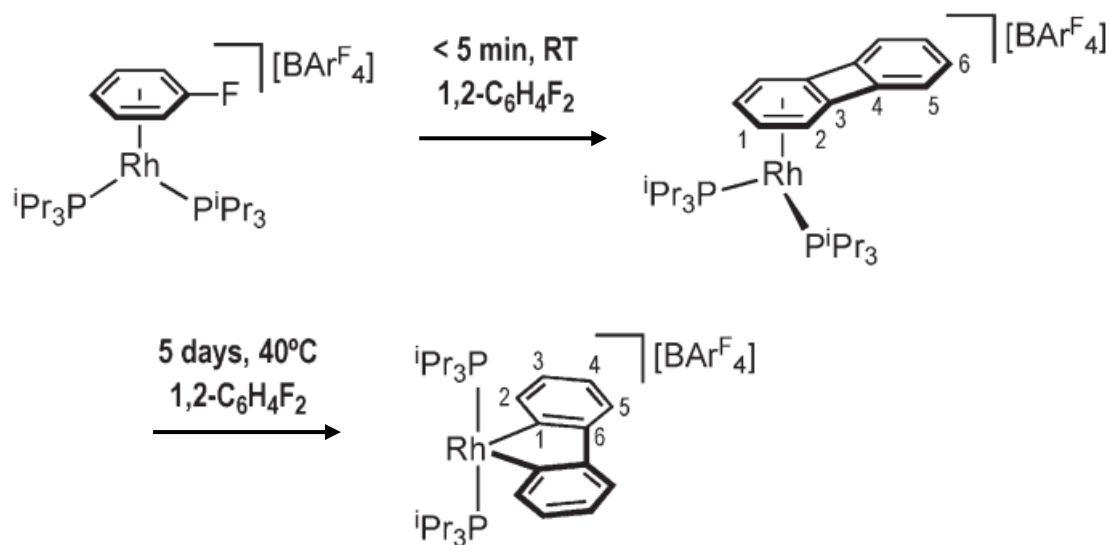
**Requires non-zero d-occupancy**

# Agostic interactions: "Close to home" examples

Weller, A. S. *Organometallics* **2008**, *27*, 2918.



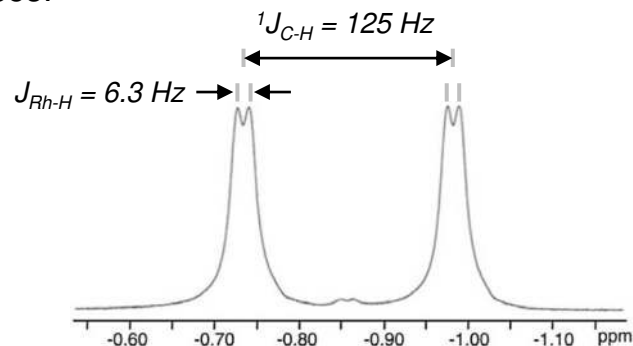
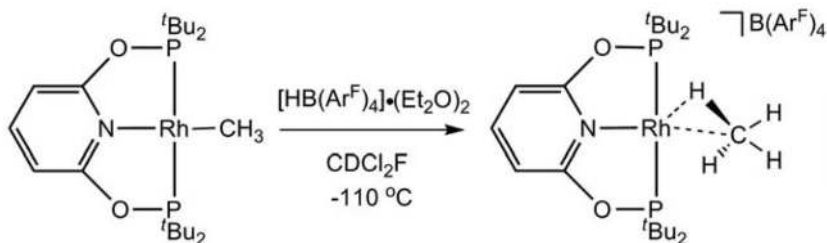
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Cationic variant of complexes with Rh (Jones, W. D. *Organometallics* **2001**, *20*, 5745)  
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# $\sigma$ -CH<sub>4</sub> complexes by NMR: Recently revitalized

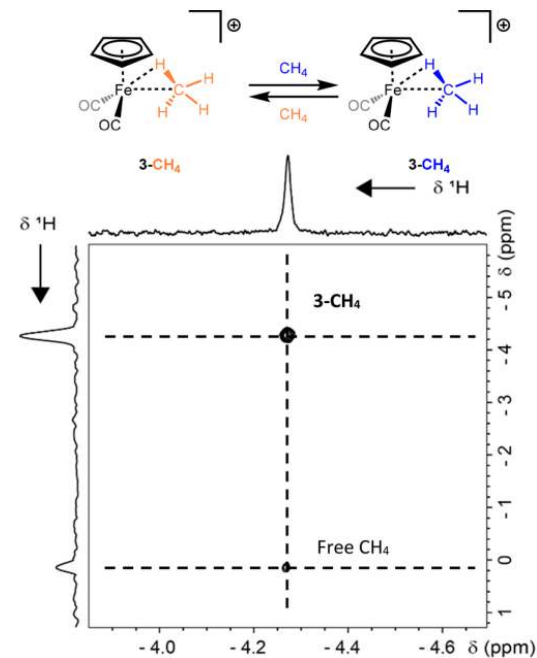
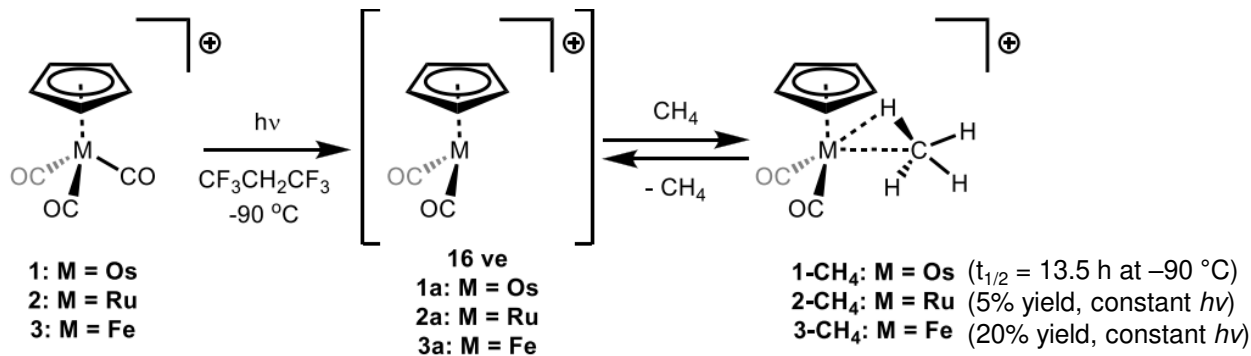
“The original”: Bernskoetter, W. H.; Brookhart M. *Science* **2009**, 326, 553.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>2</sub>F, -110 °C): <sup>13</sup>C-labeled methane

$\sigma$ -Methane revisited: (i) Ball, G. E. *Nat. Chem.* **2022**, 14, 801. (ii) Ball, G. E. *JACS* **2022**, ASAP.

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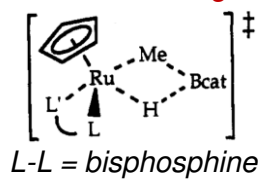


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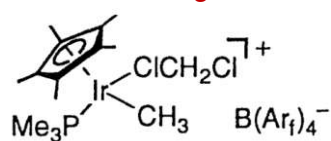
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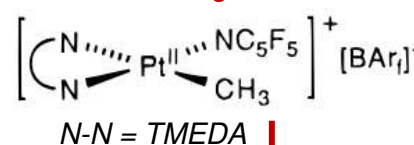
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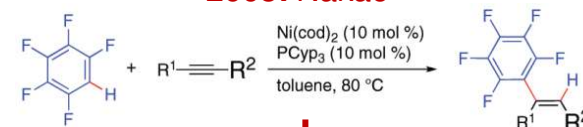
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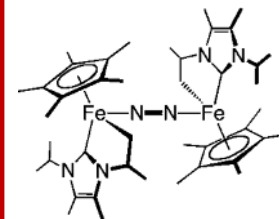
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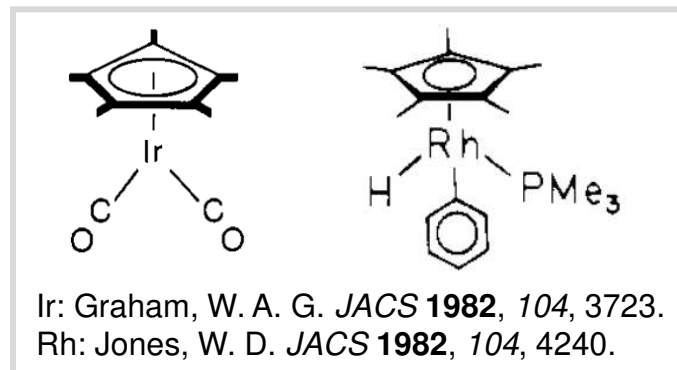
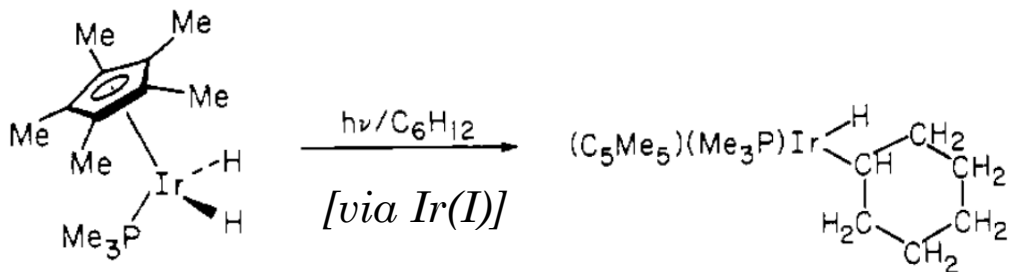
**Methane exchange (Lu, Y)**  
1983: Watson<sup>4</sup>

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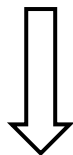
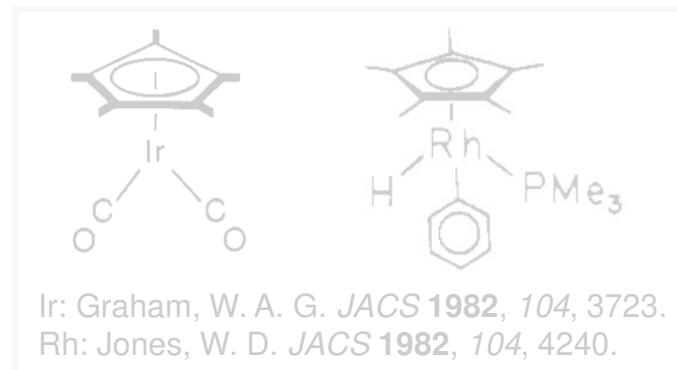
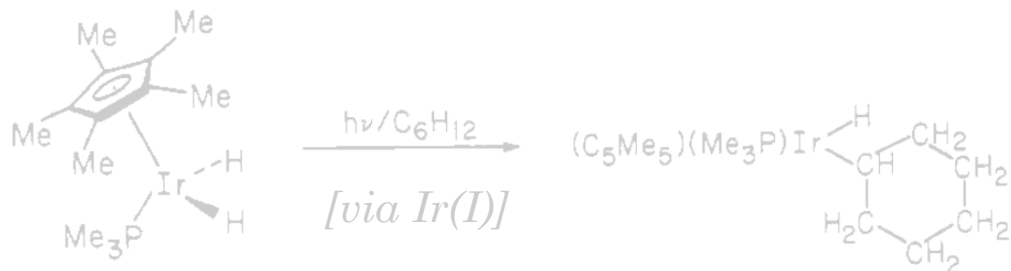
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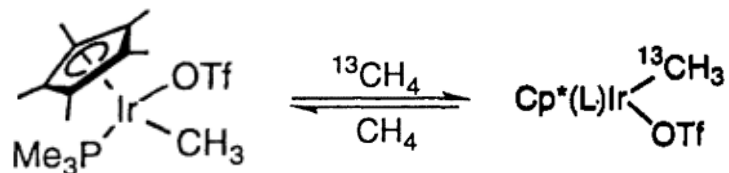
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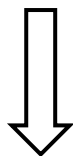
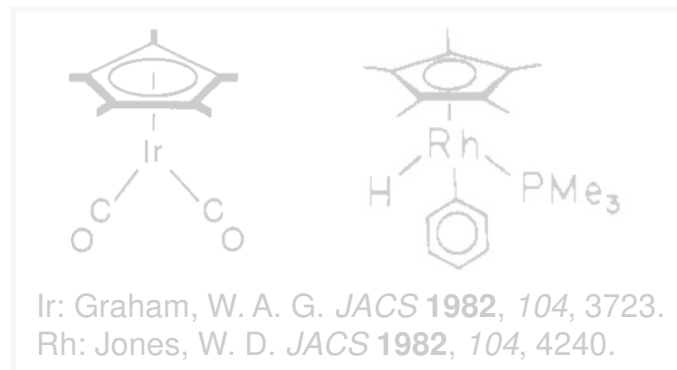
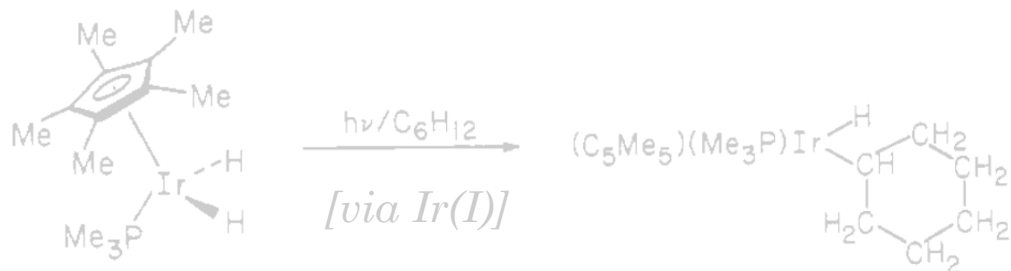
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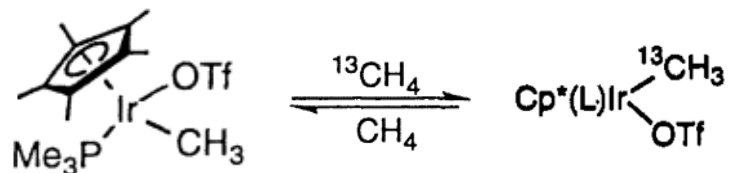
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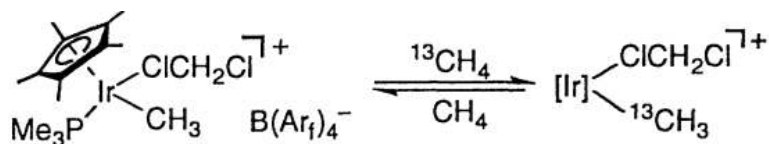
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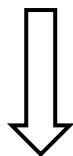
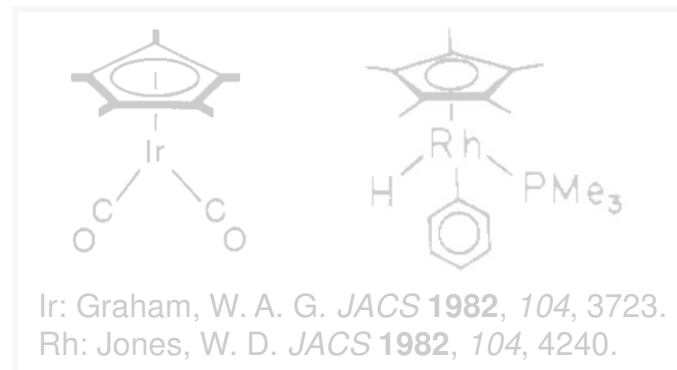
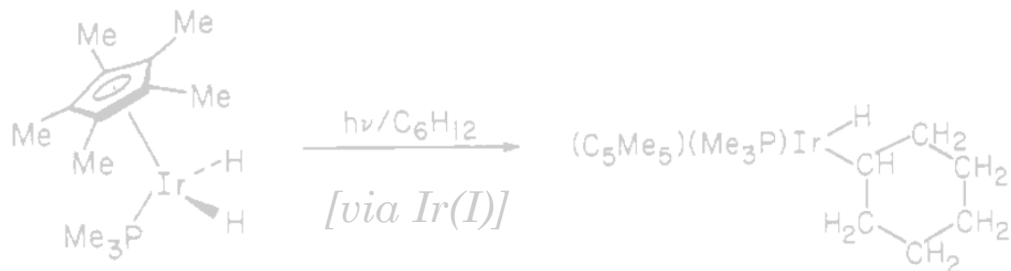
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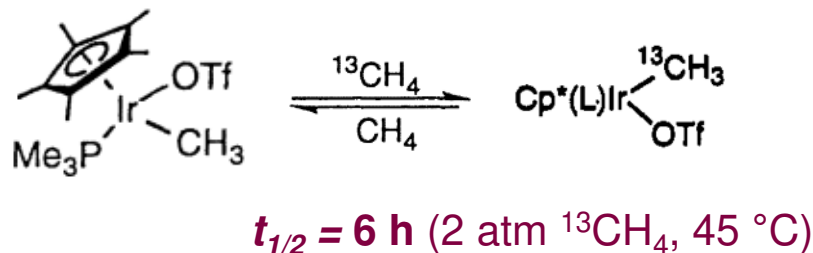
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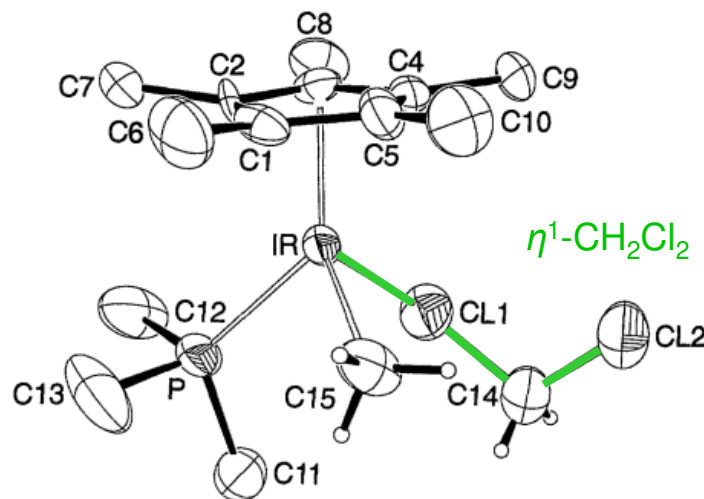
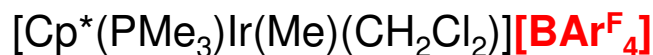
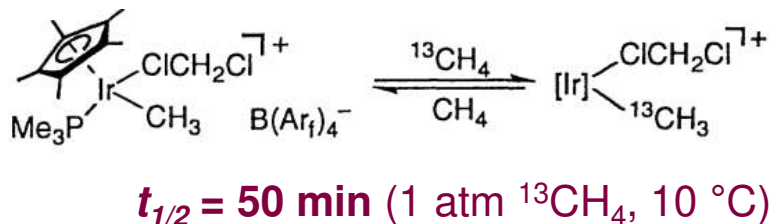
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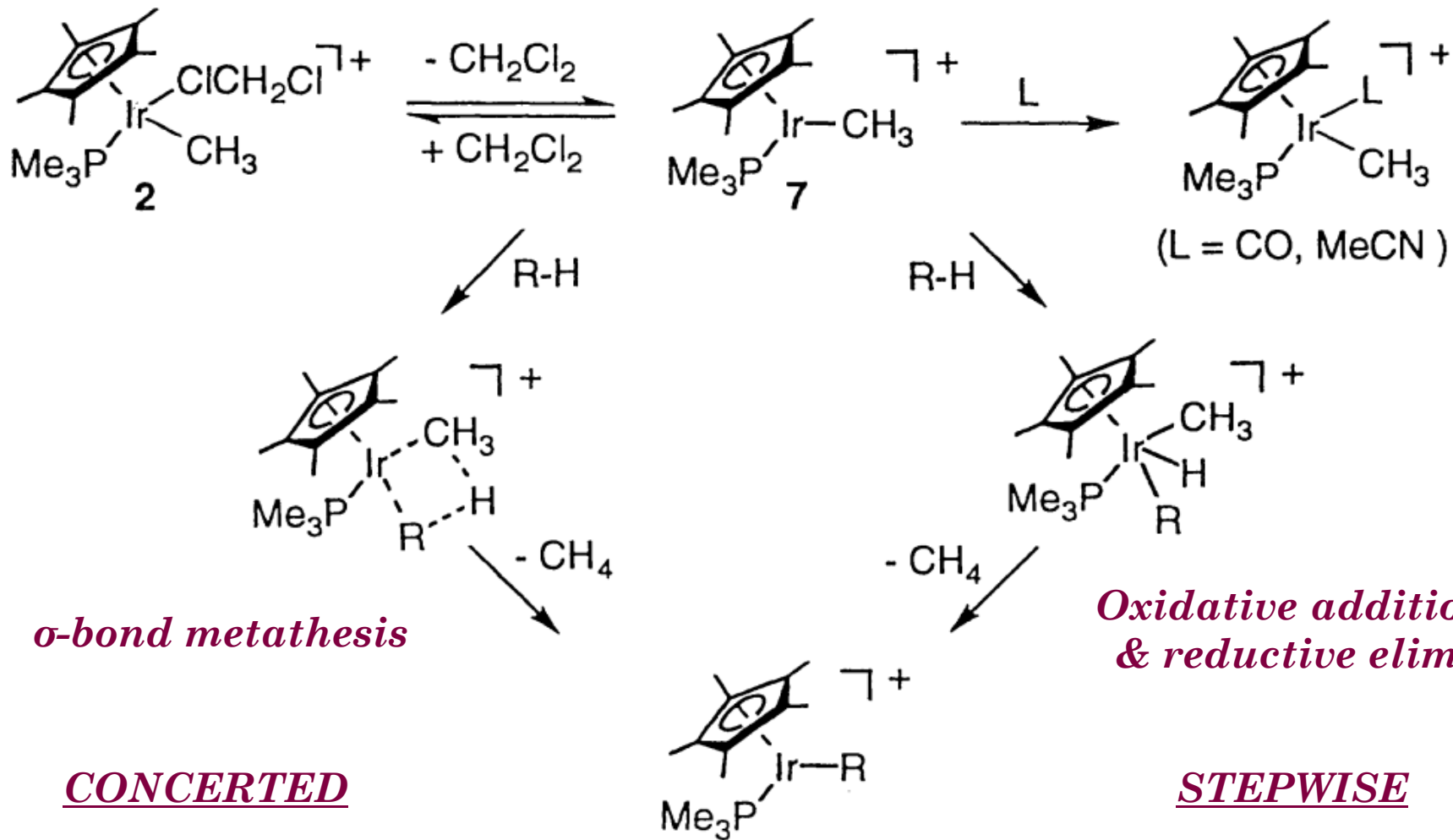


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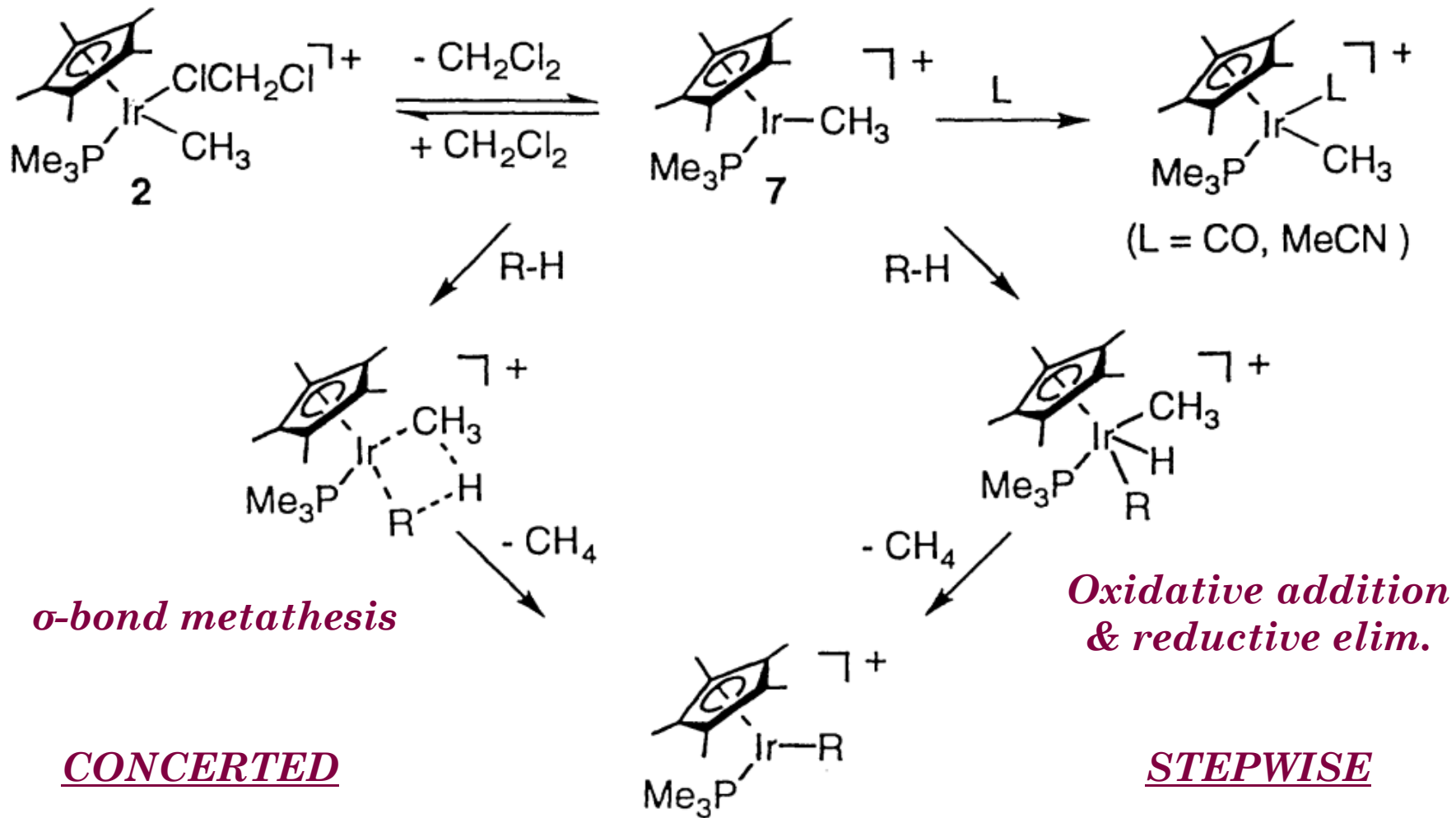


Difficult synthesis (I'm guessing) – no alkane solvent  
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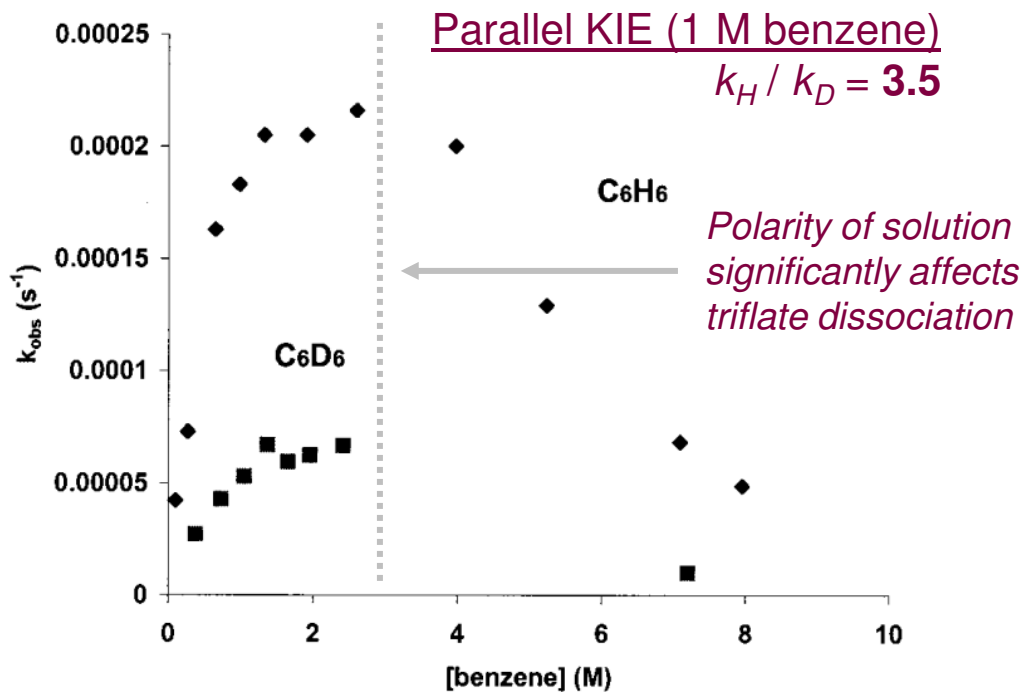
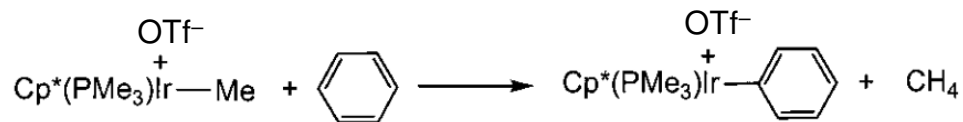
*Should we care about this mechanistic nuance?*

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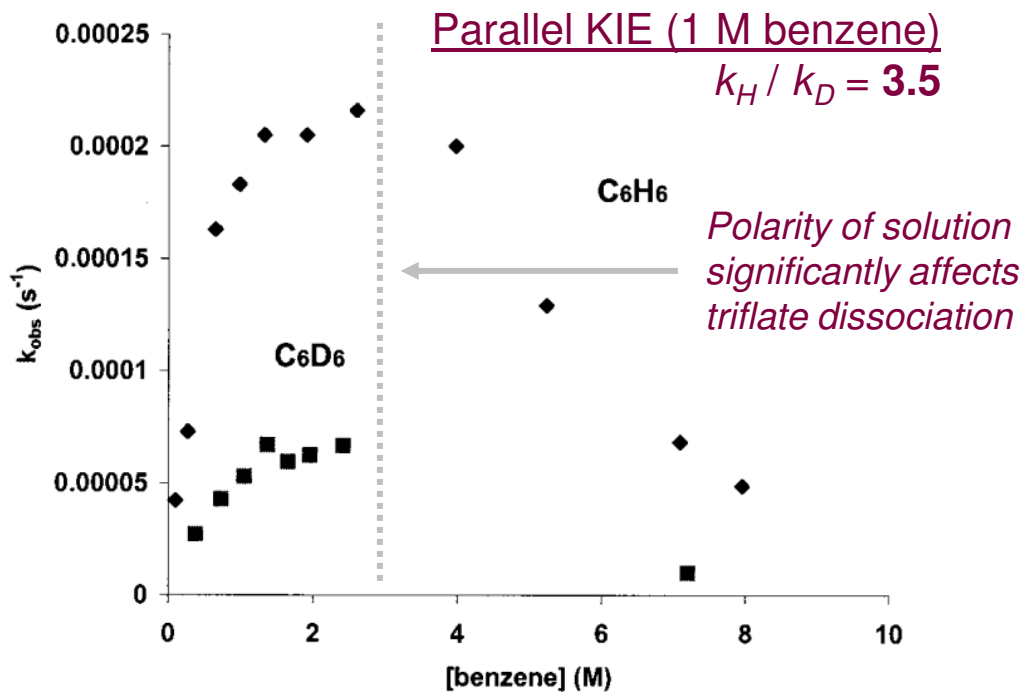
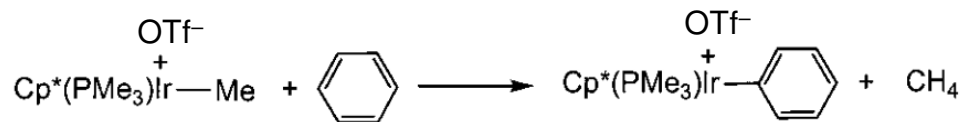
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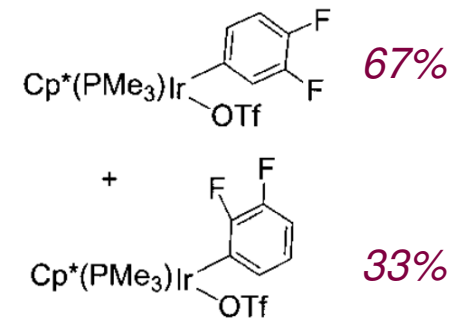
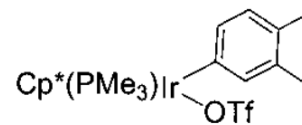
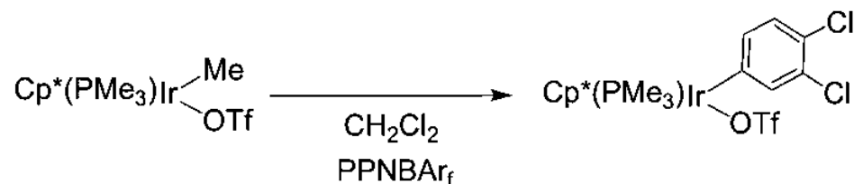


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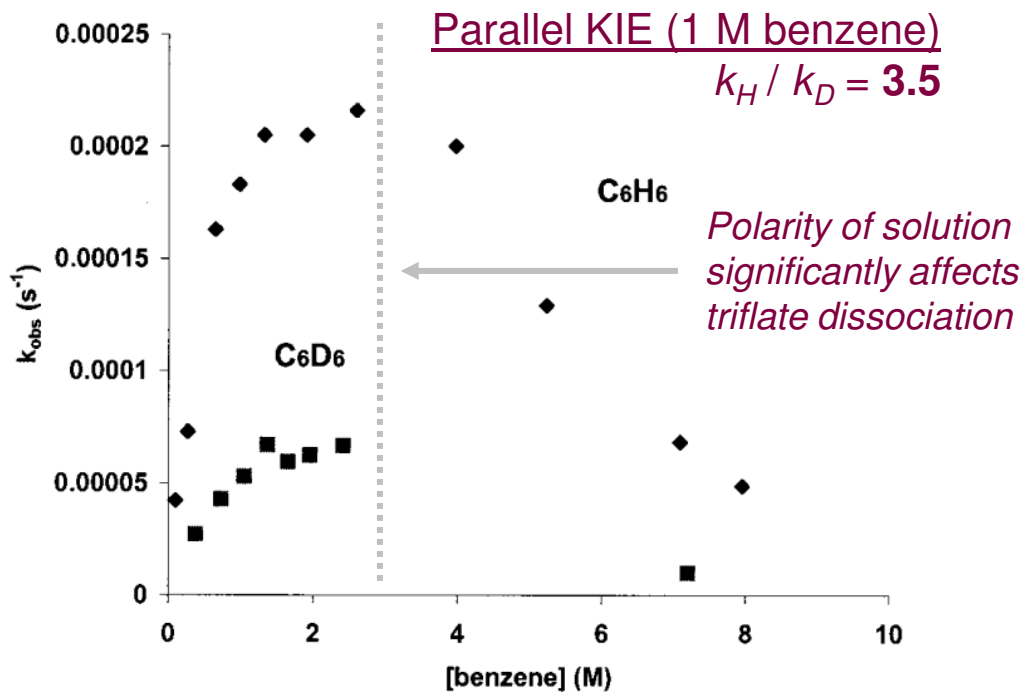
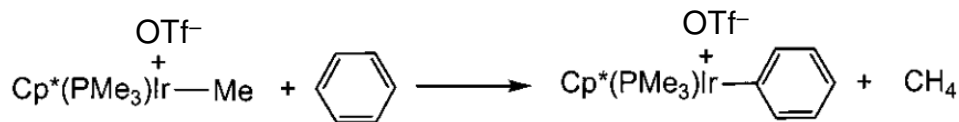


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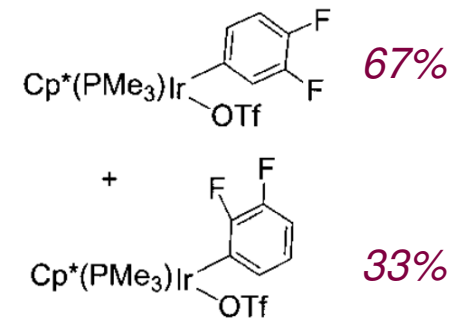
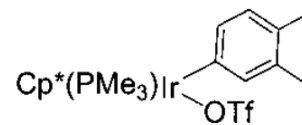
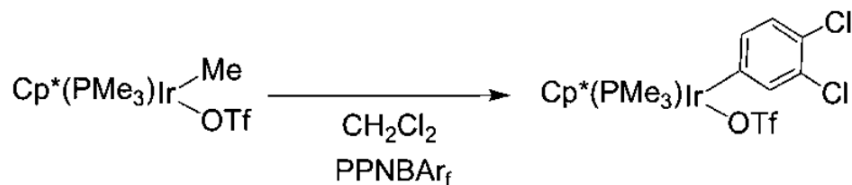


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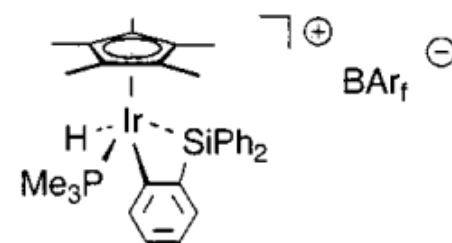
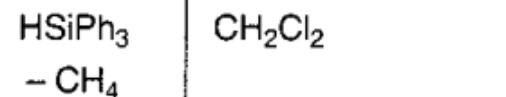
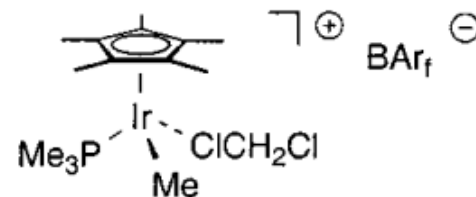
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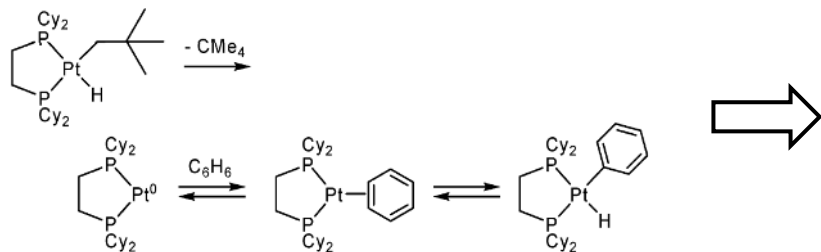
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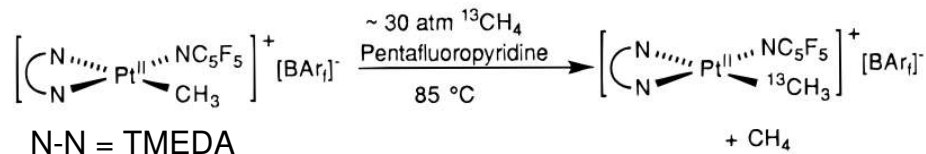
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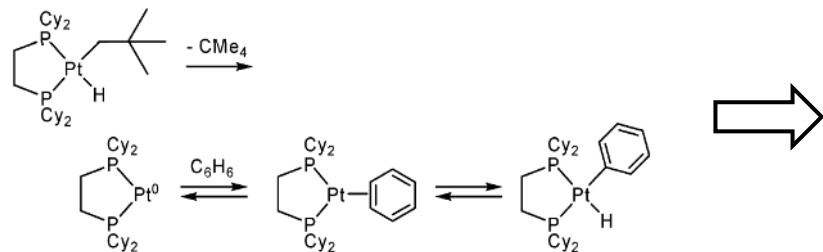
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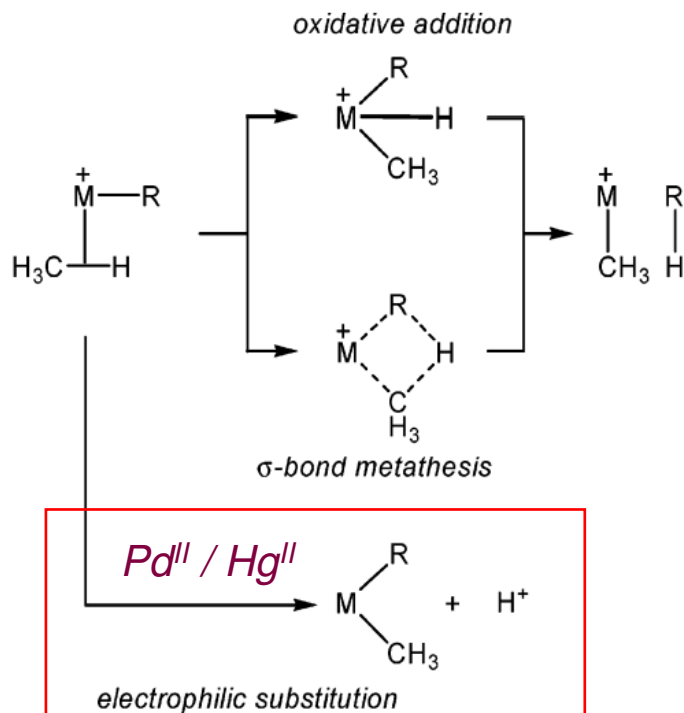
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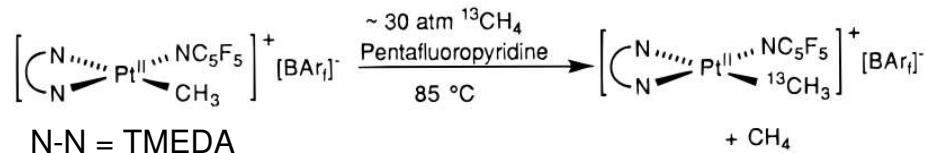


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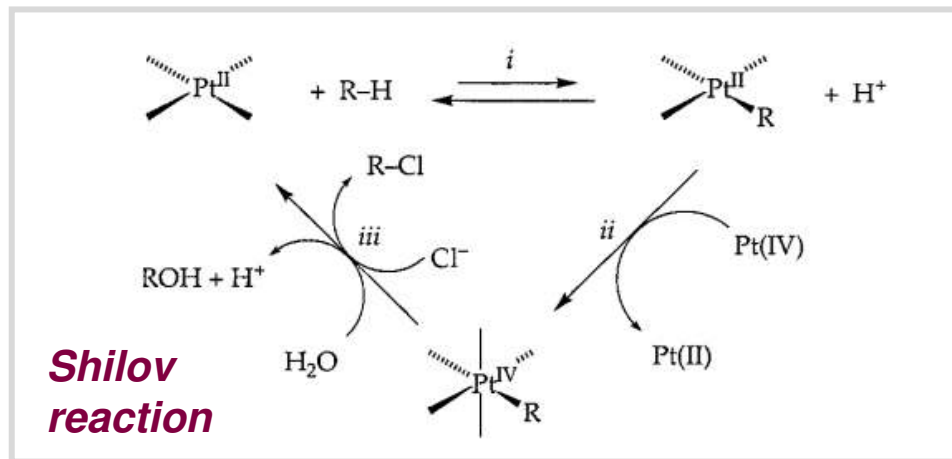
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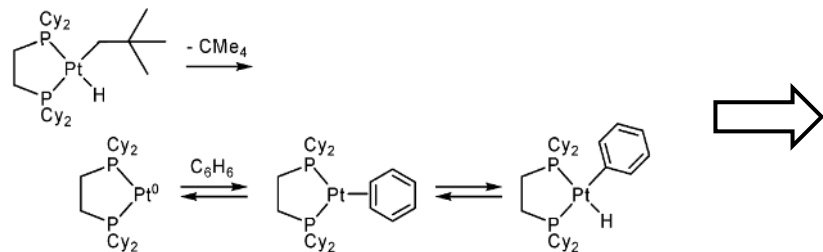
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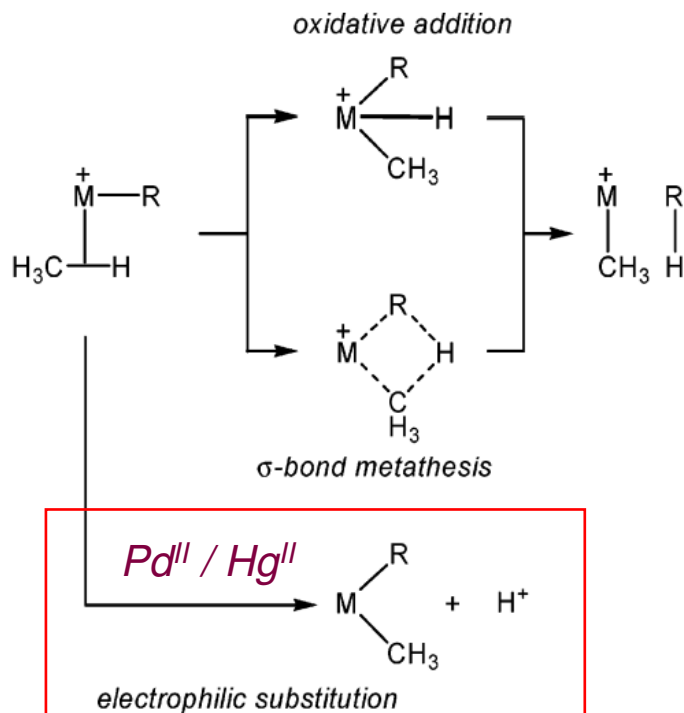
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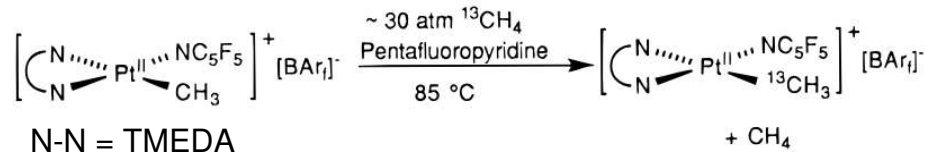


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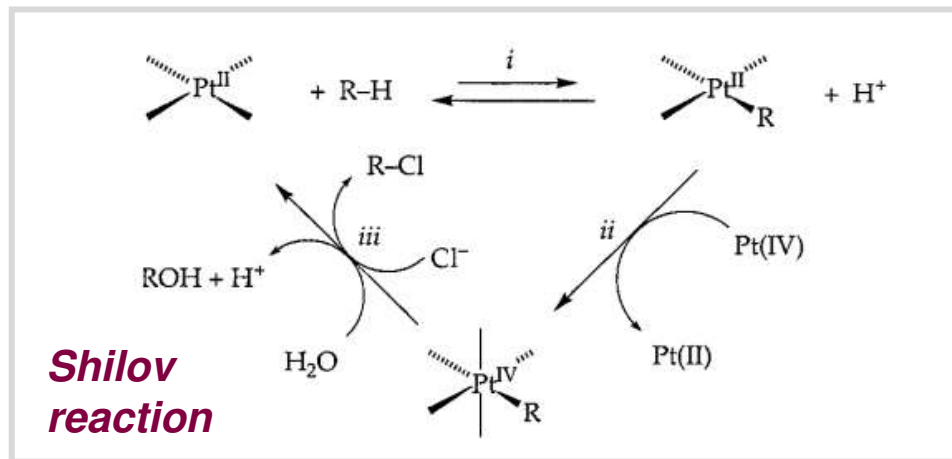
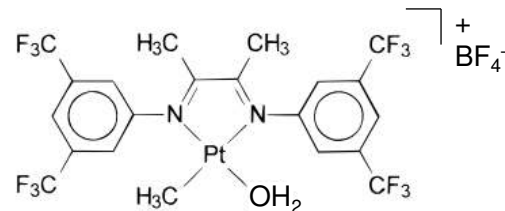


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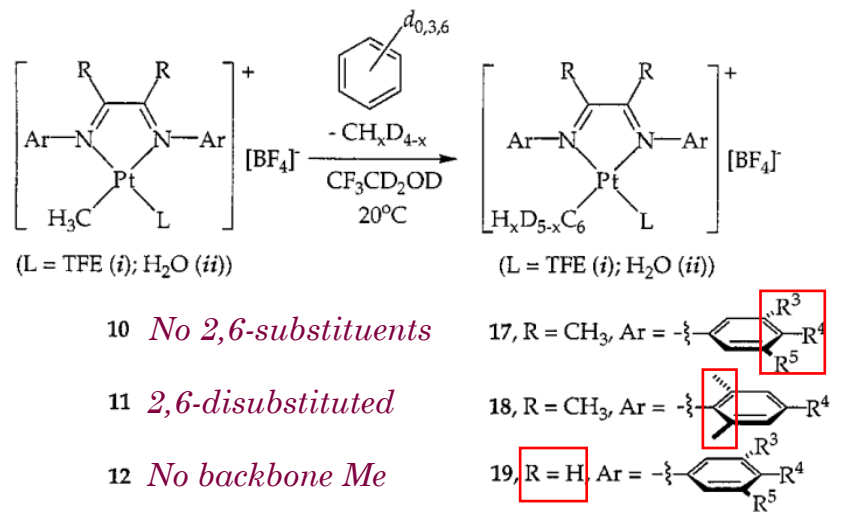
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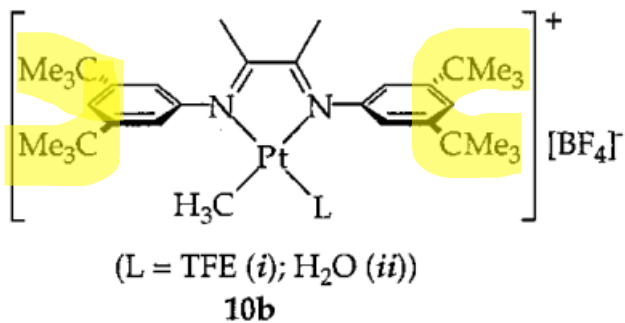
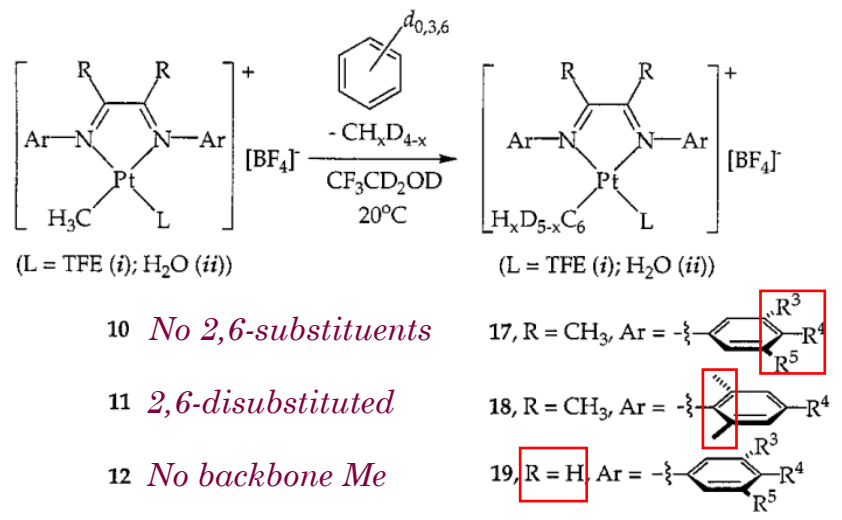
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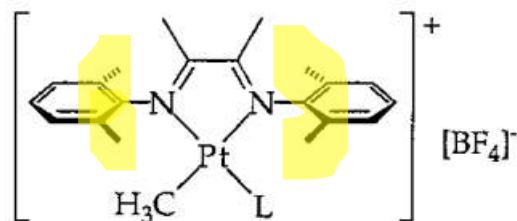
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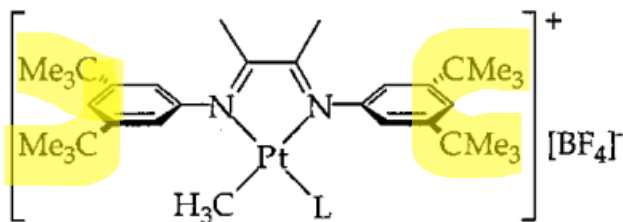


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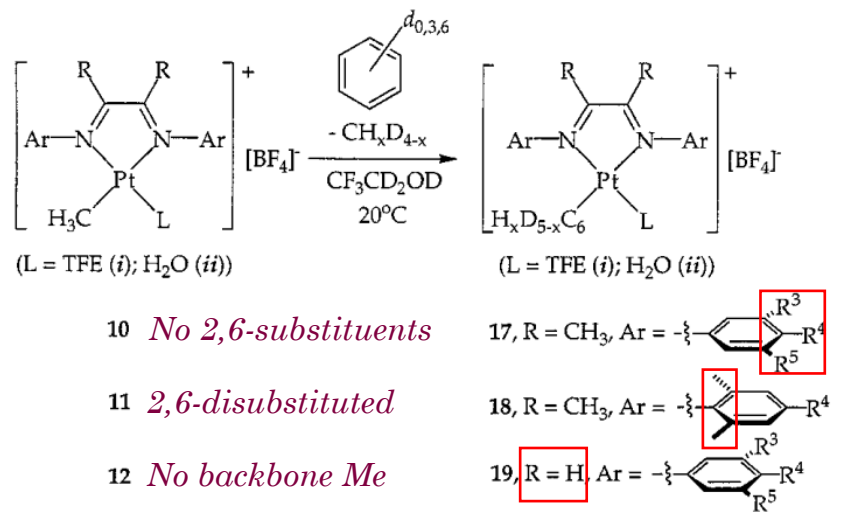


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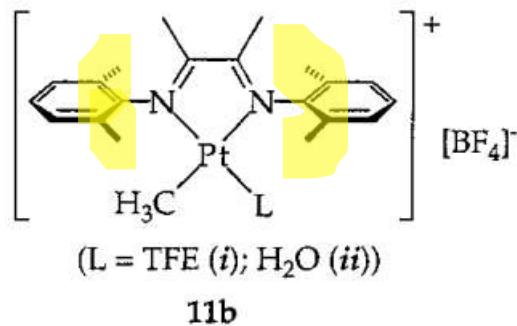




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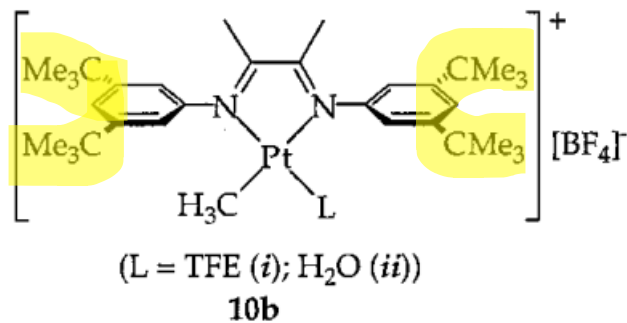


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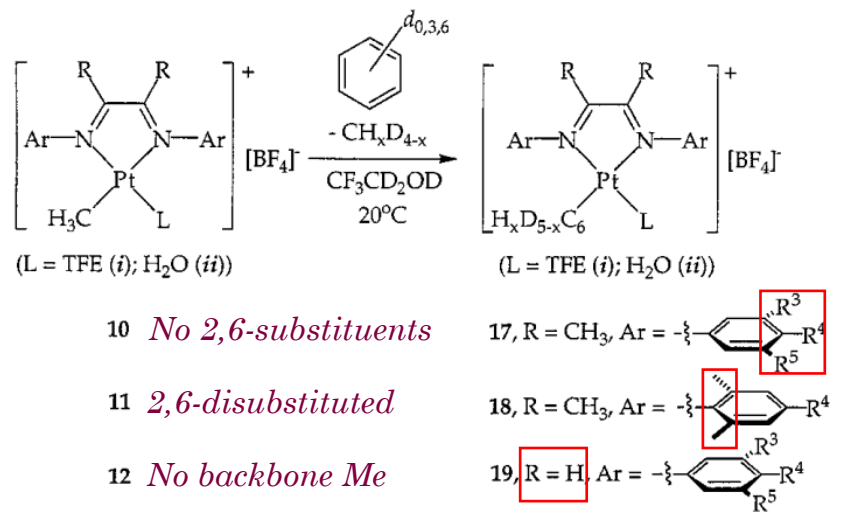
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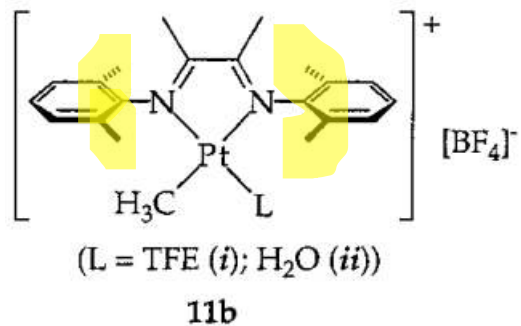
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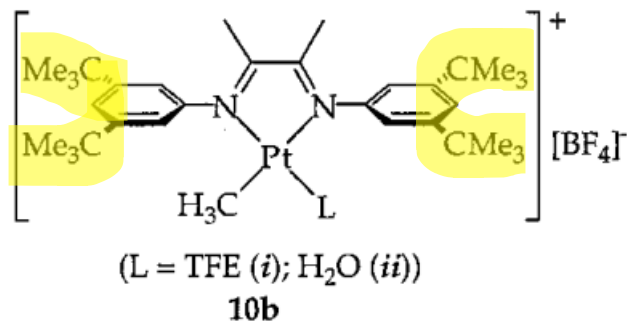


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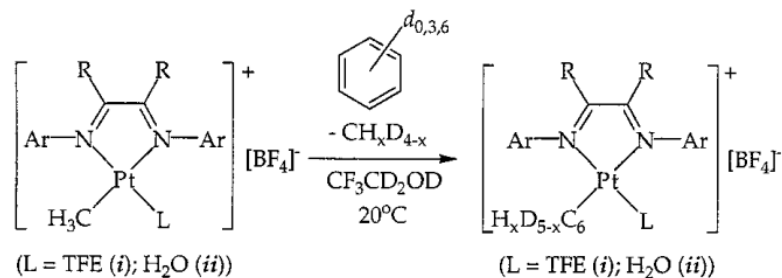
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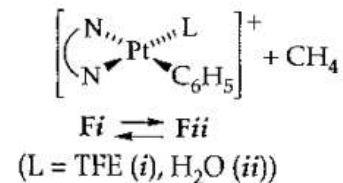
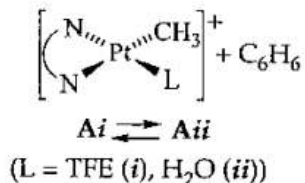
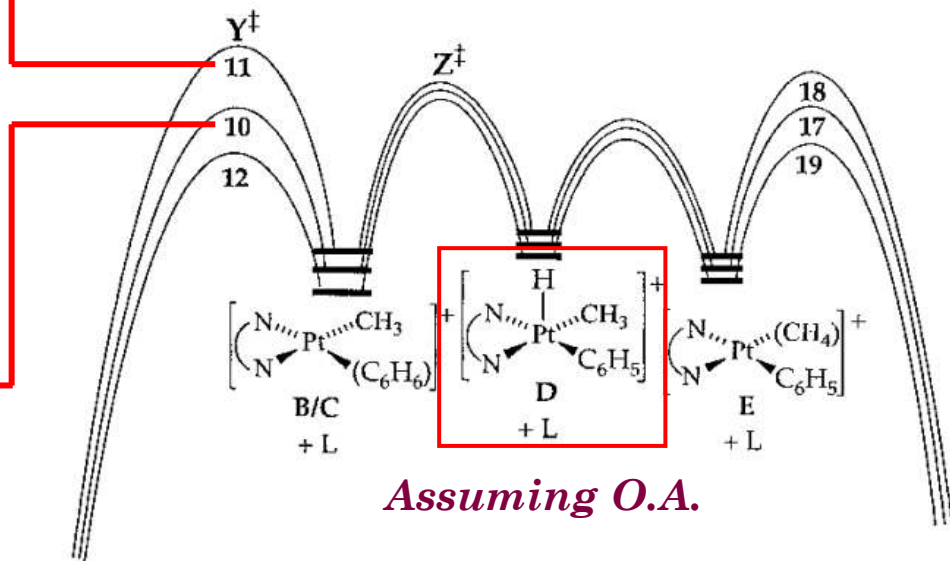
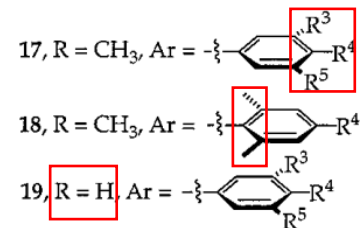
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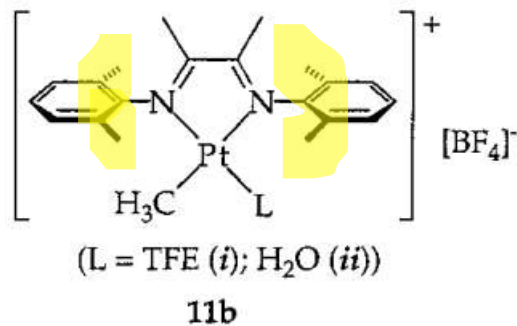
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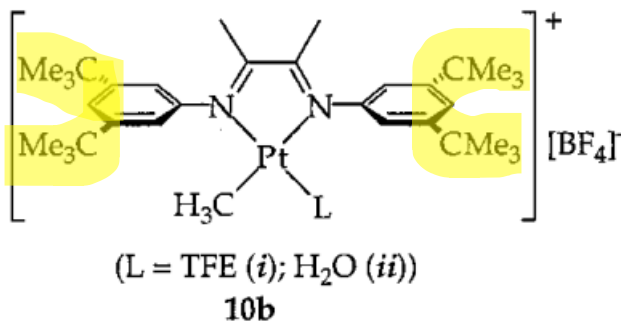


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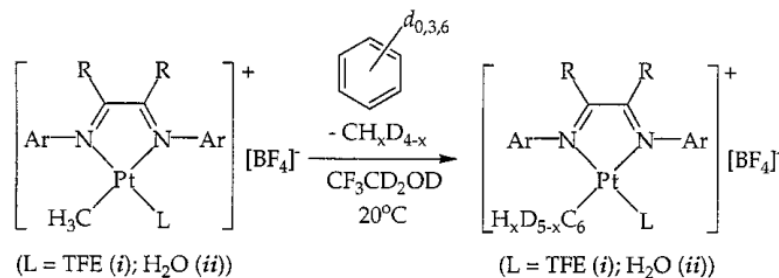
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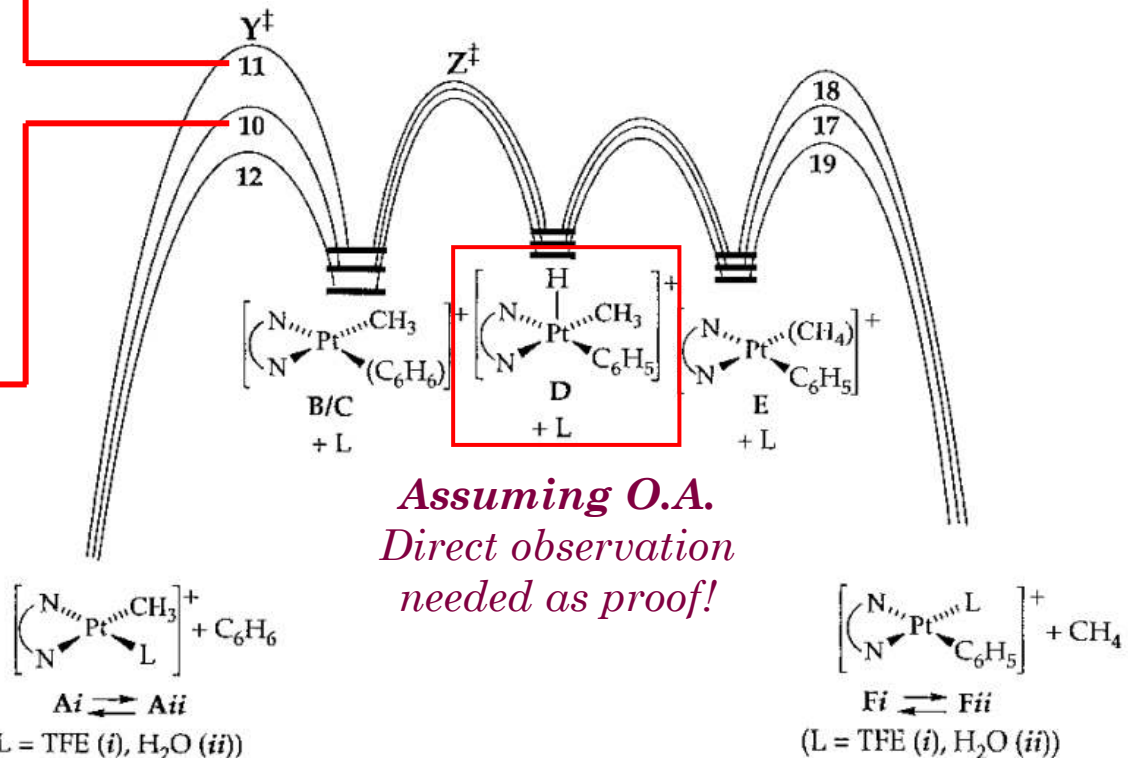
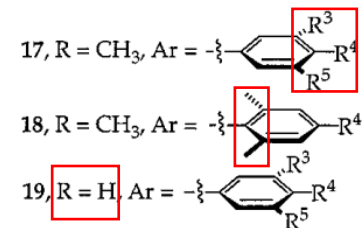
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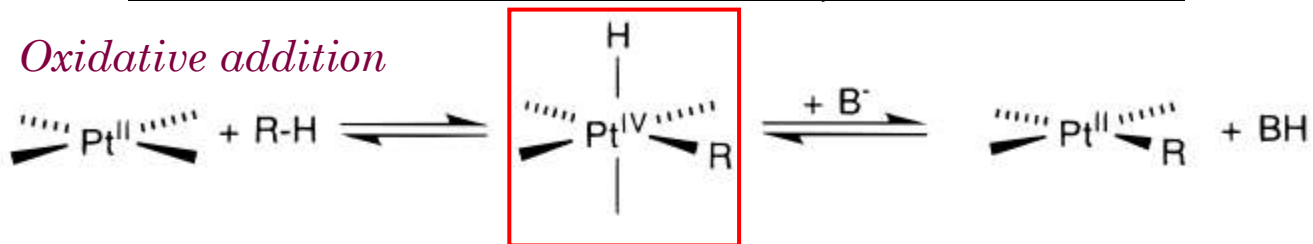
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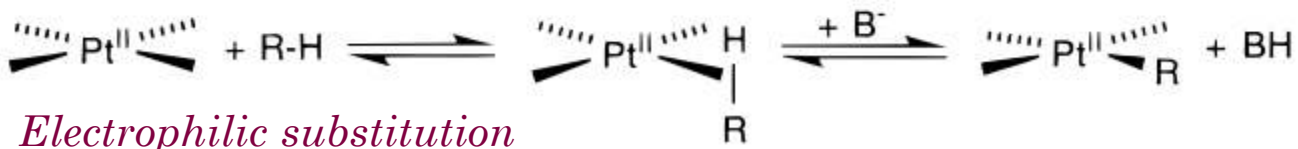
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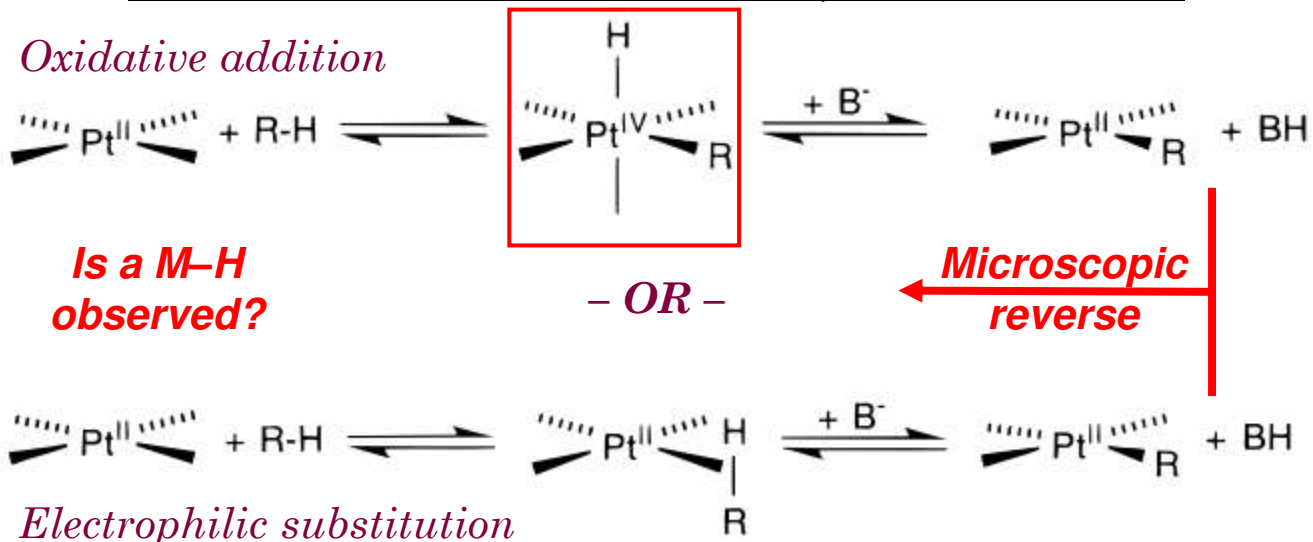
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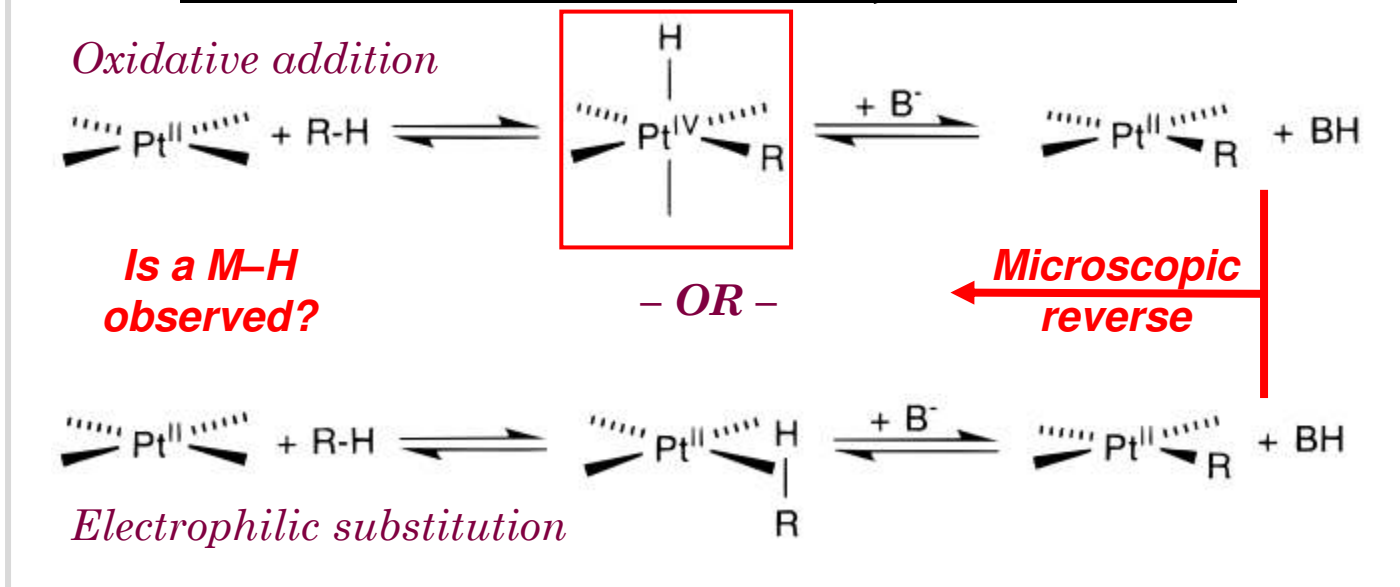
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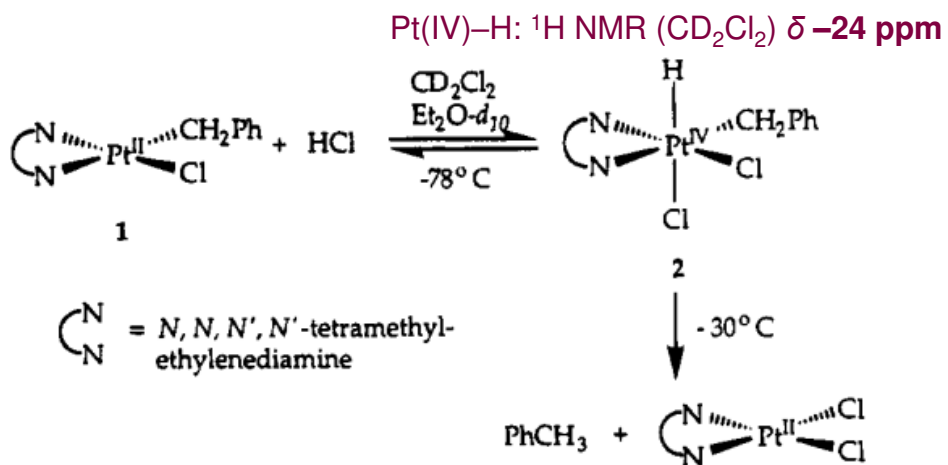


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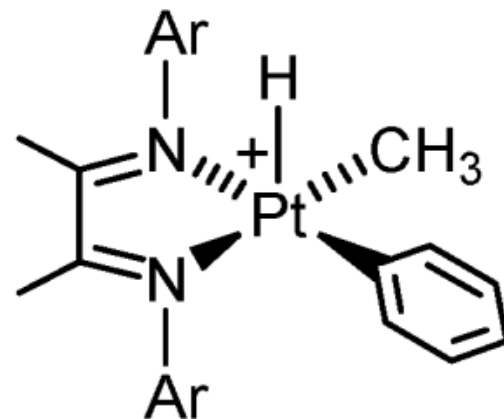
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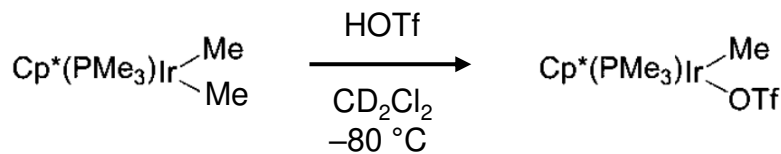


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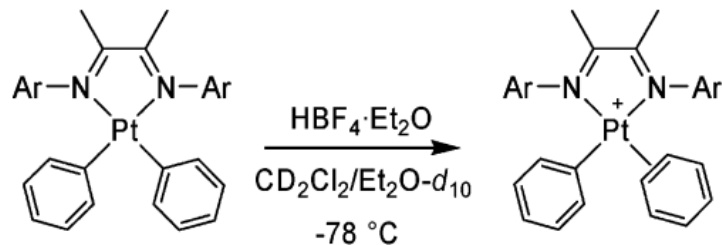
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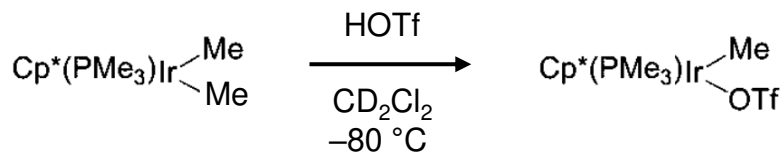
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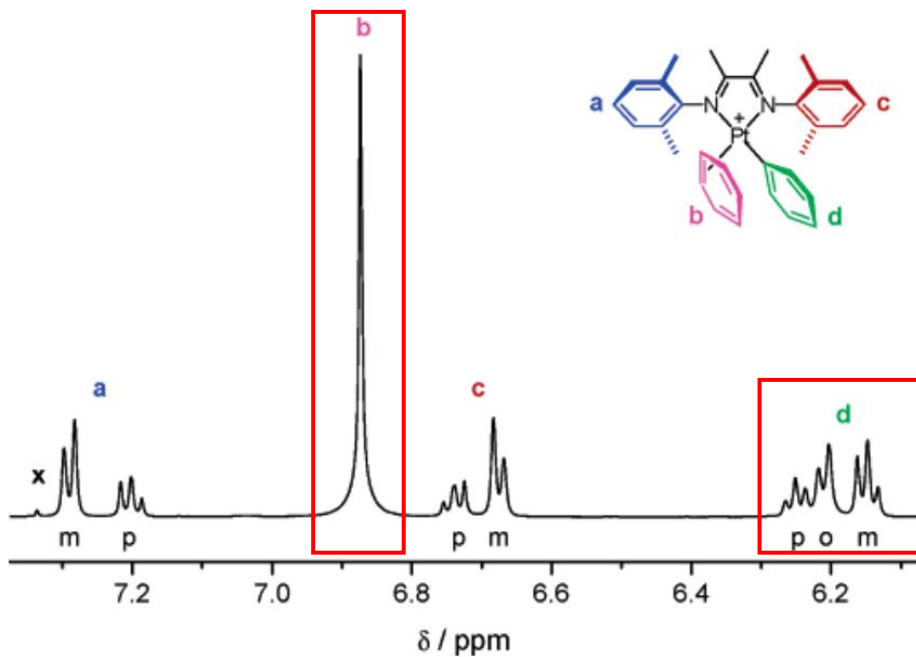
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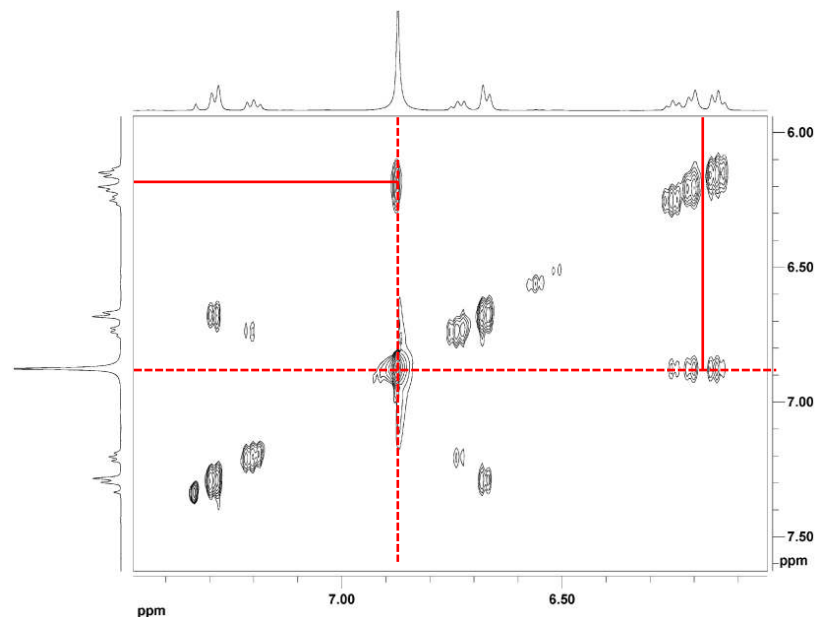
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*Pt<sup>+</sup>(phenyl)(benzene): Rapid π-benzene to phenyl exchange observed by NMR!*



*<sup>1</sup>H NMR (-23 °C)*



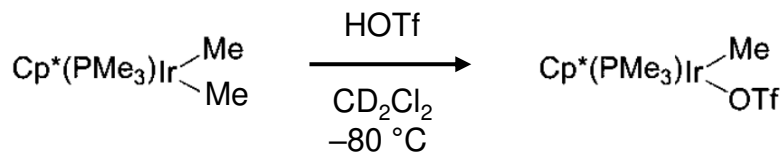
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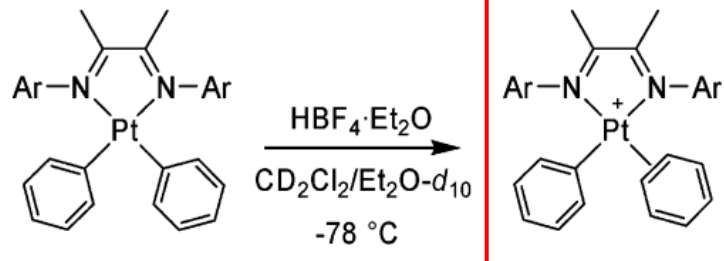
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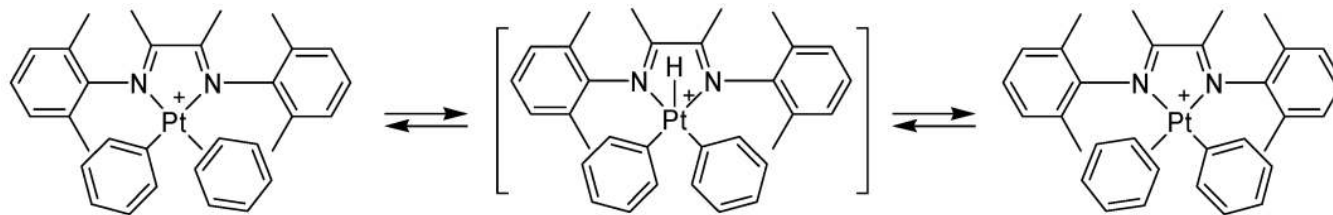
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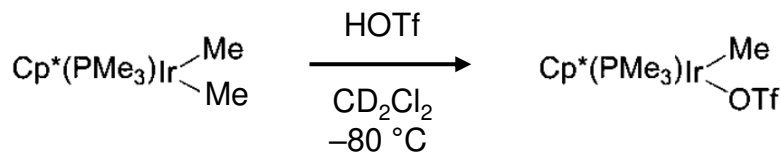
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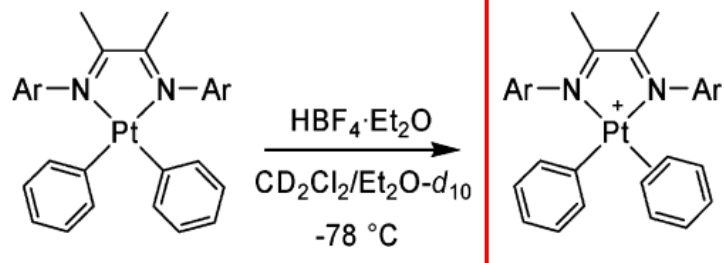
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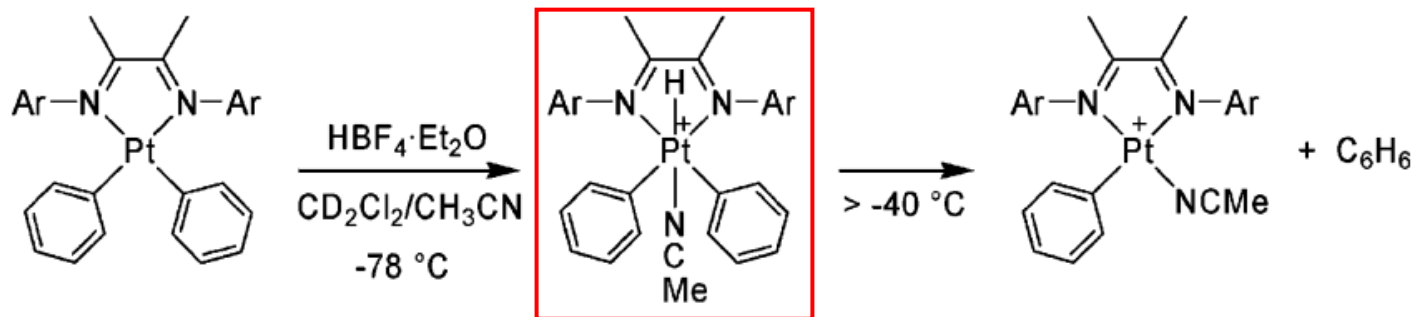
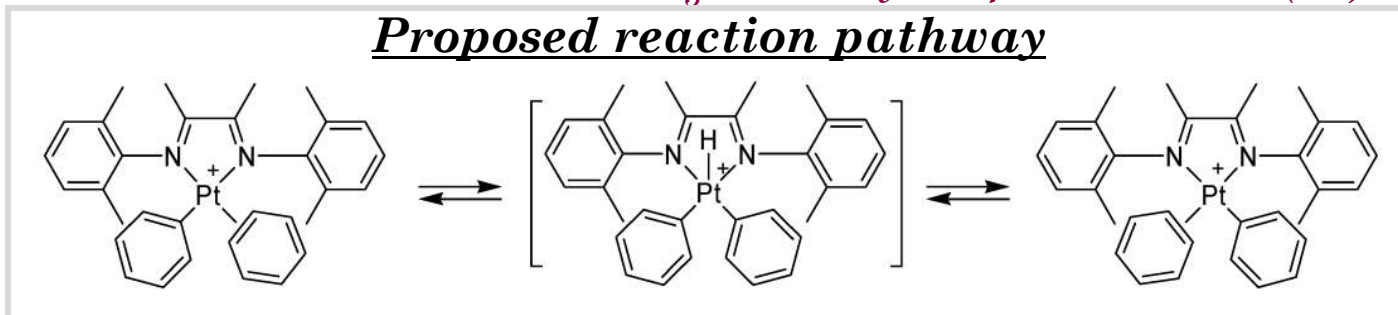


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*Mats Tilset decided to add CH<sub>3</sub>CN to try to “freeze-out” Pt(IV)-H*

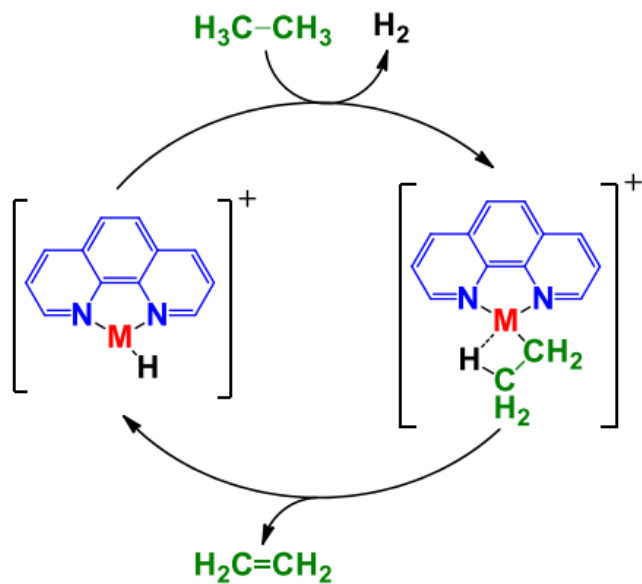
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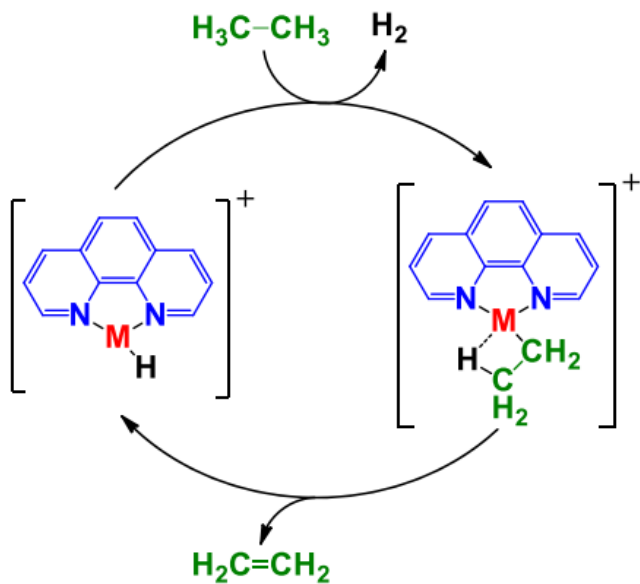


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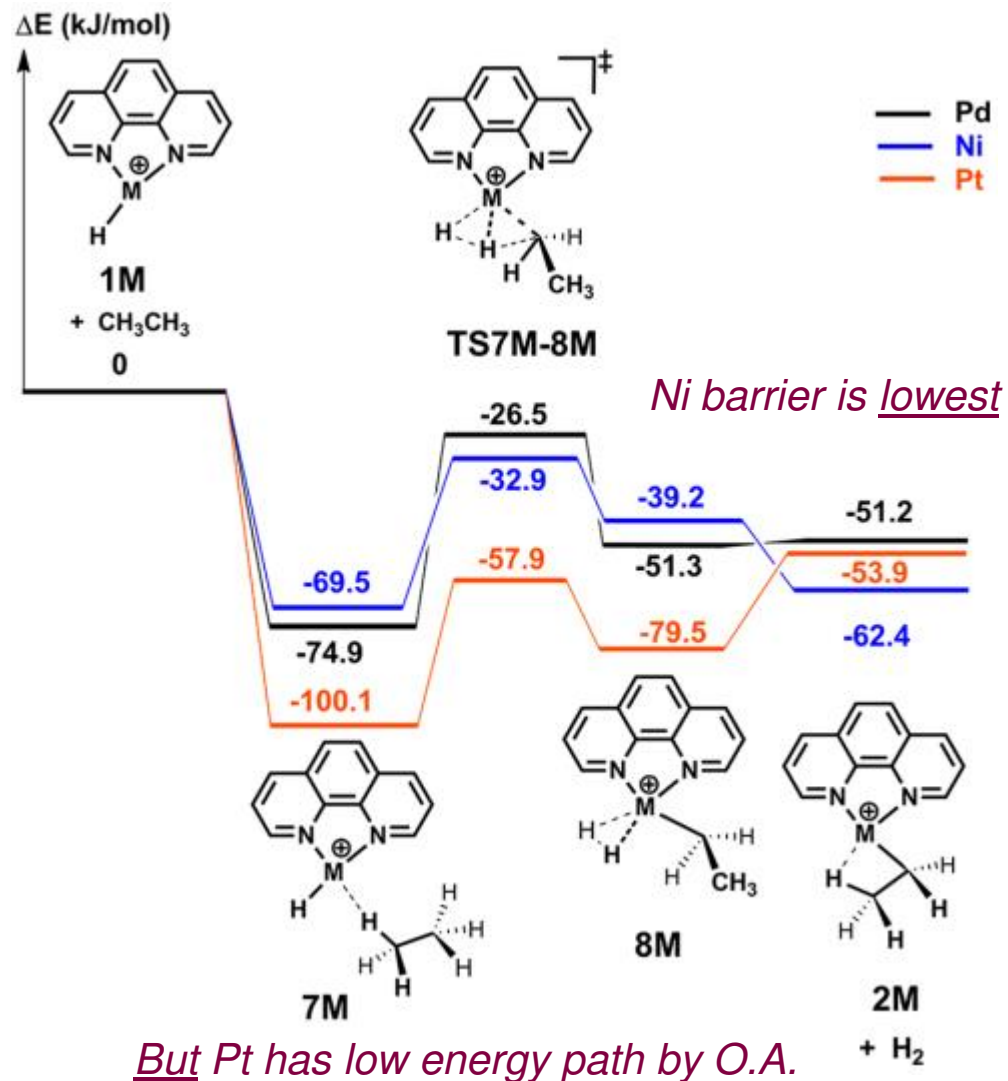
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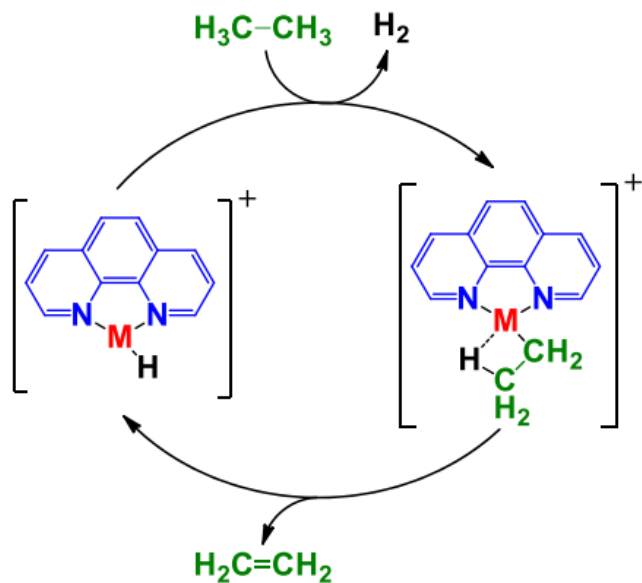
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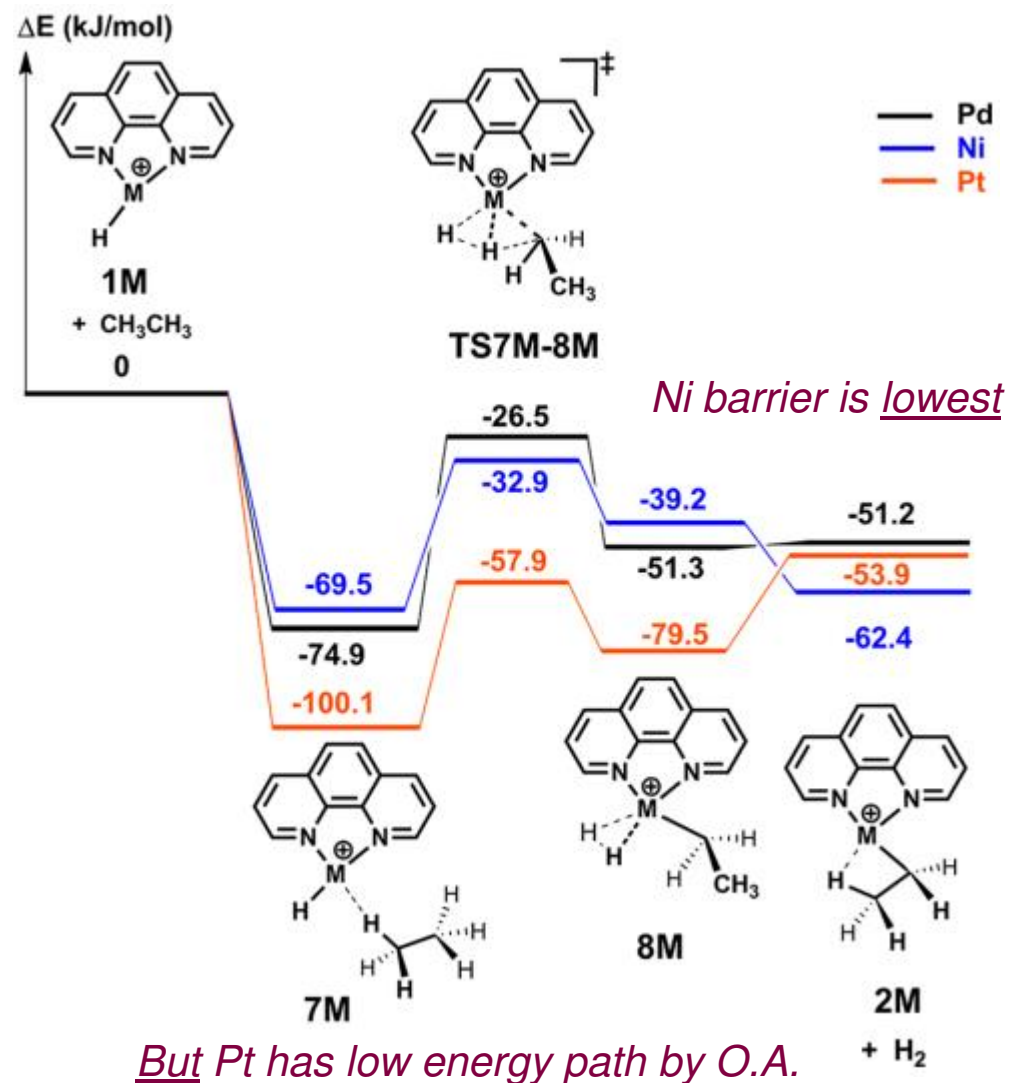


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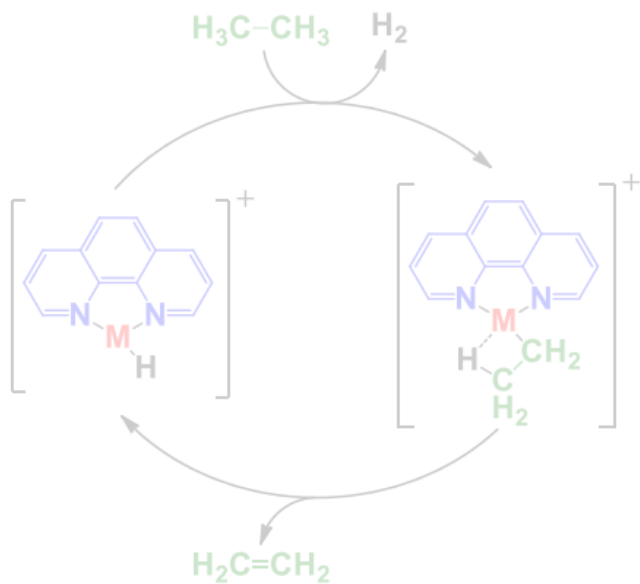
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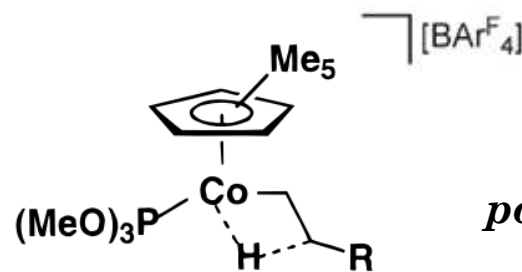
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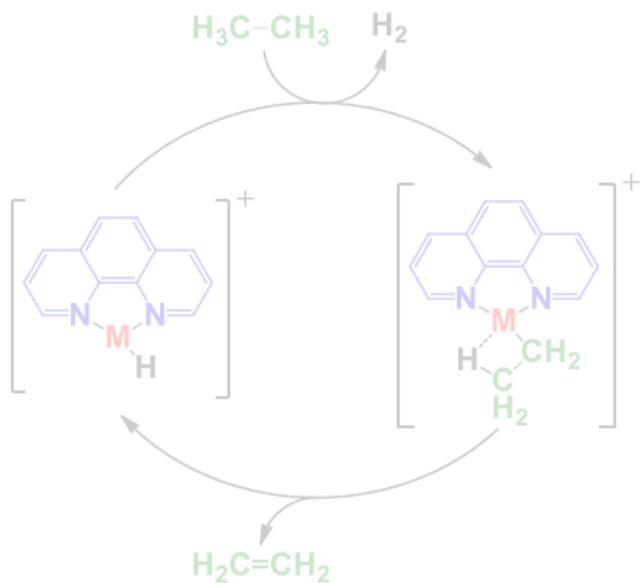
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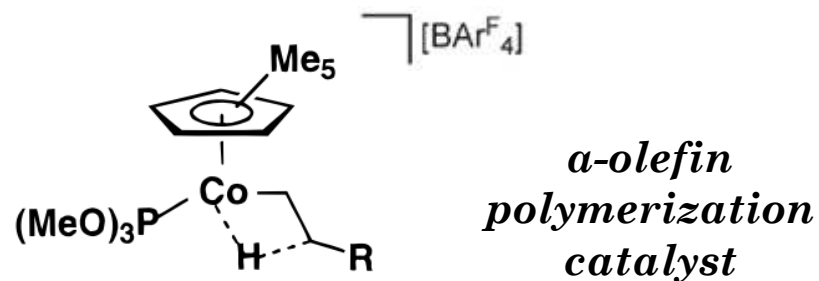
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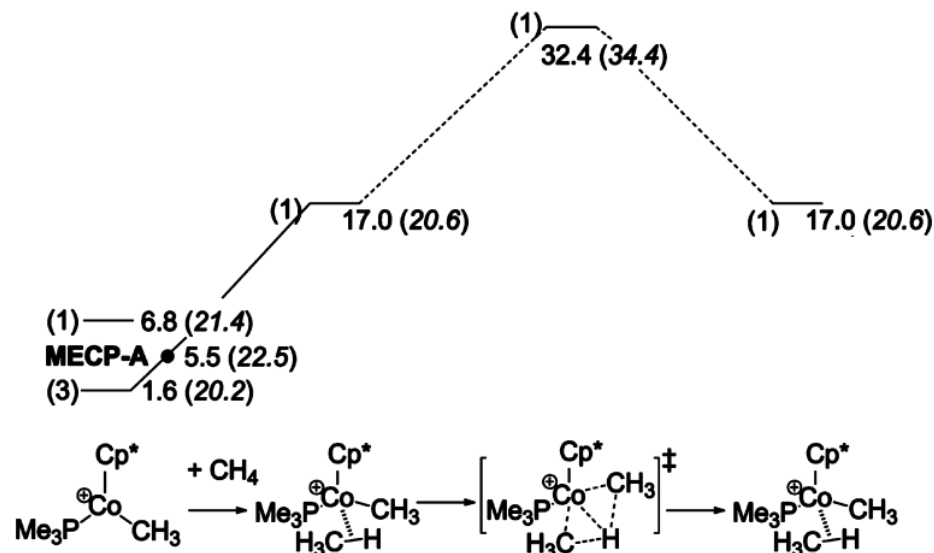
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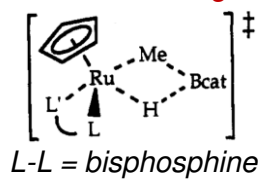


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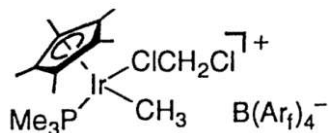


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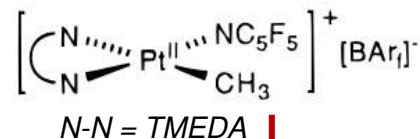
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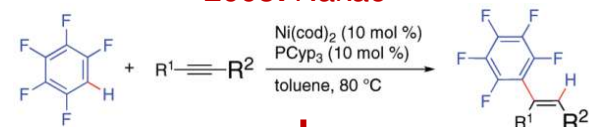
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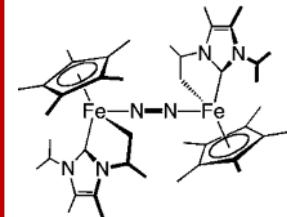
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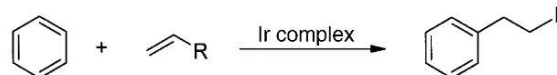
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2008: Nakao<sup>11</sup>



**Fe-mediated borylation**  
2008: Ohki<sup>10</sup>



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**Late 70s – Late 80s**  
Foundational  $d^0$  M work<sup>1-5</sup>

1980

1990

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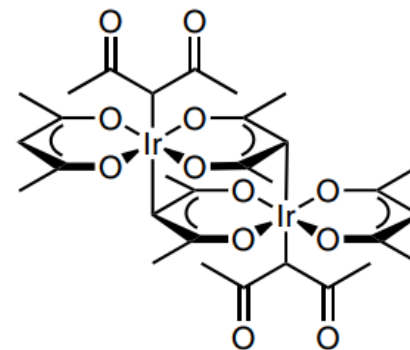
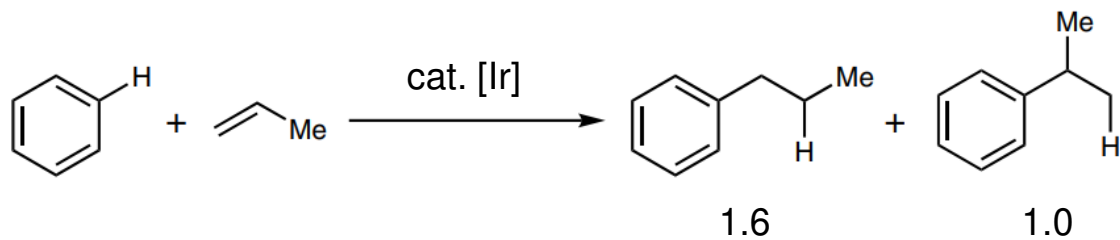
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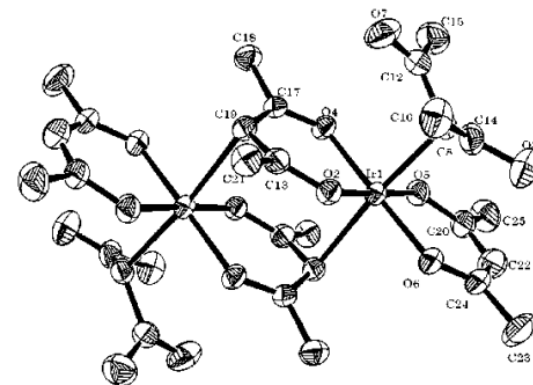
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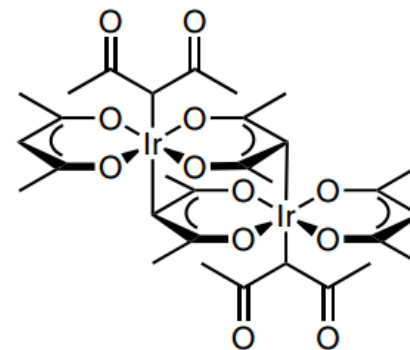
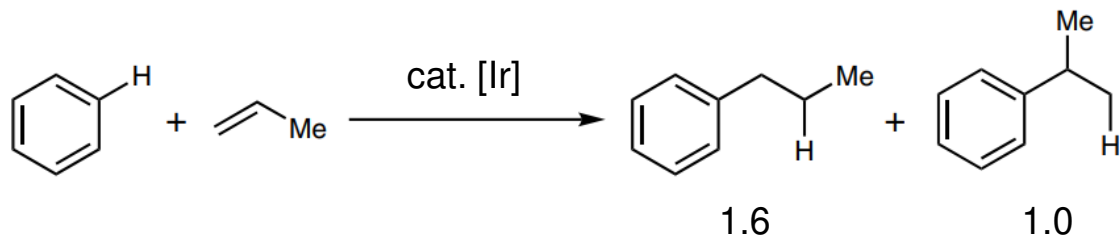
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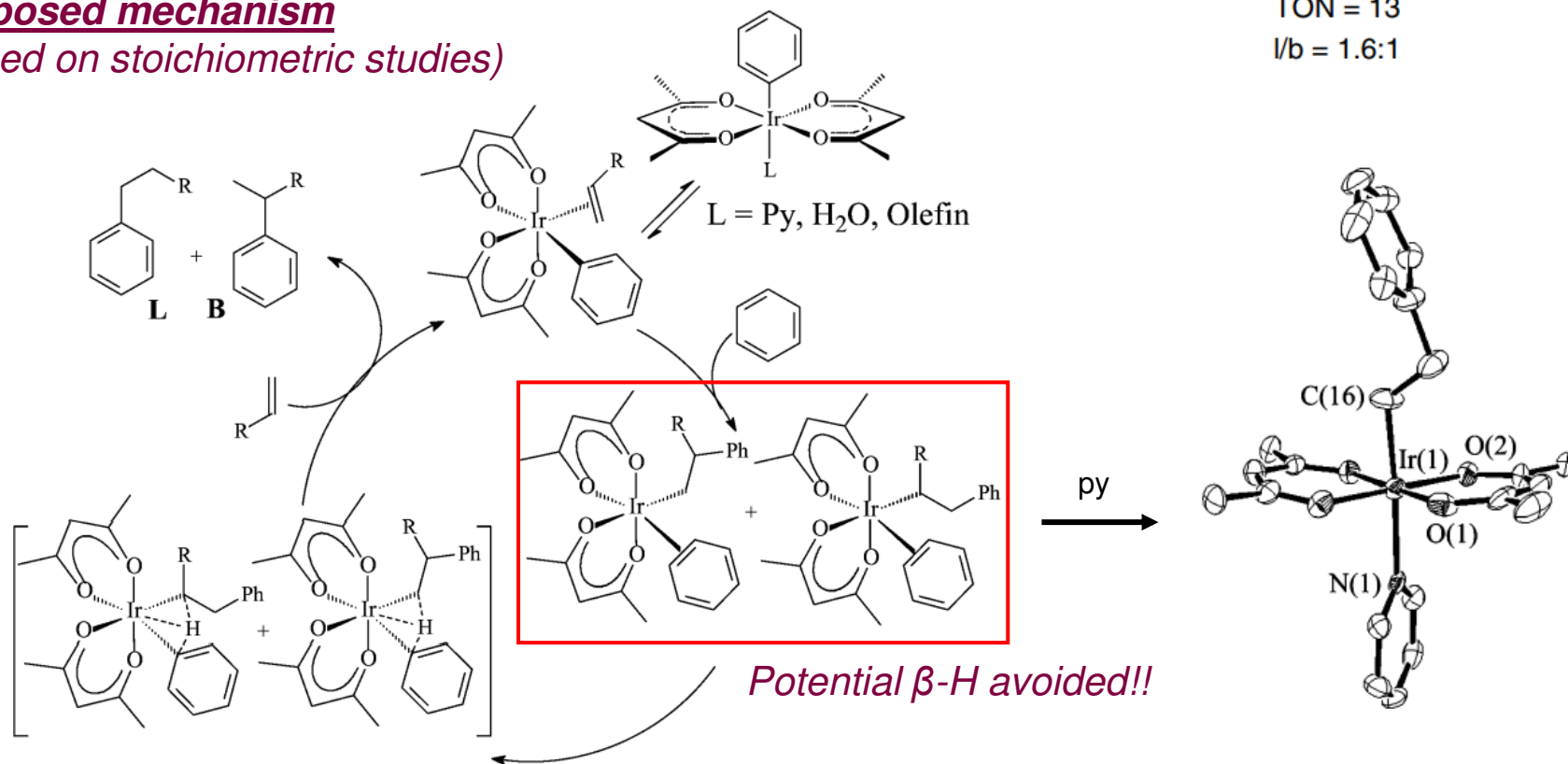
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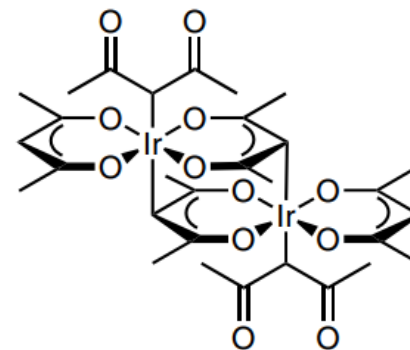
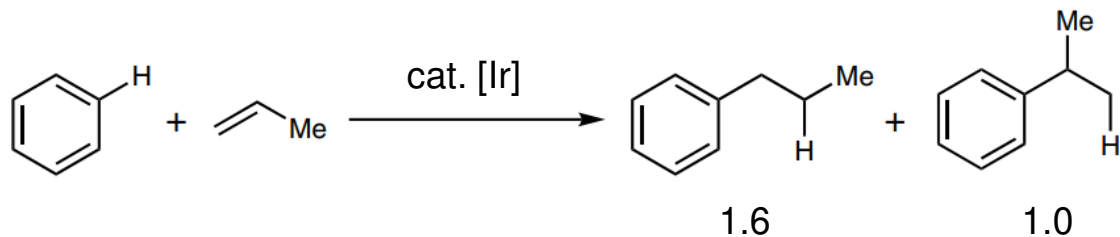
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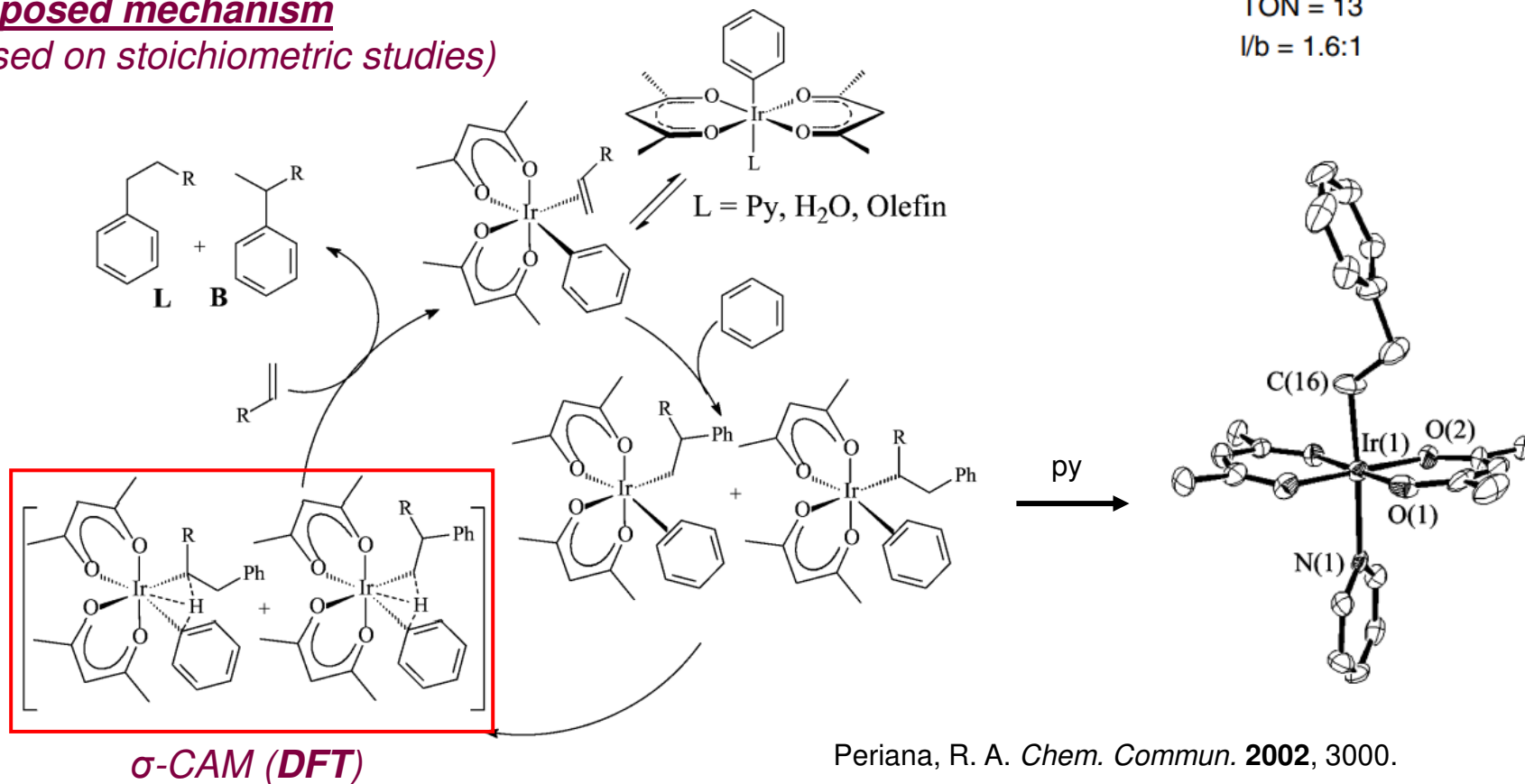
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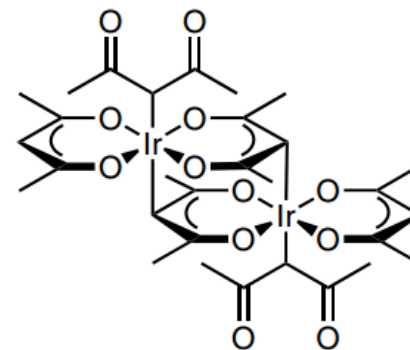
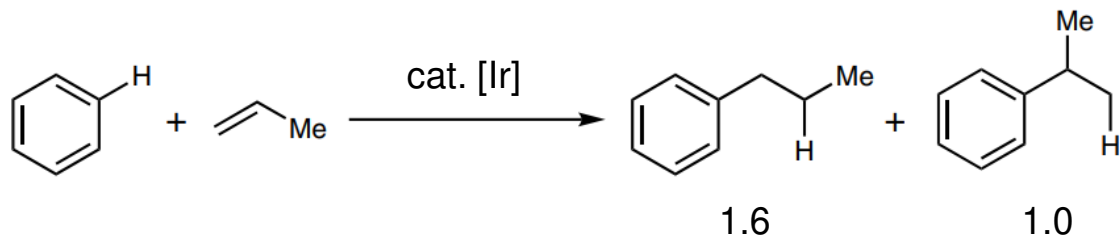
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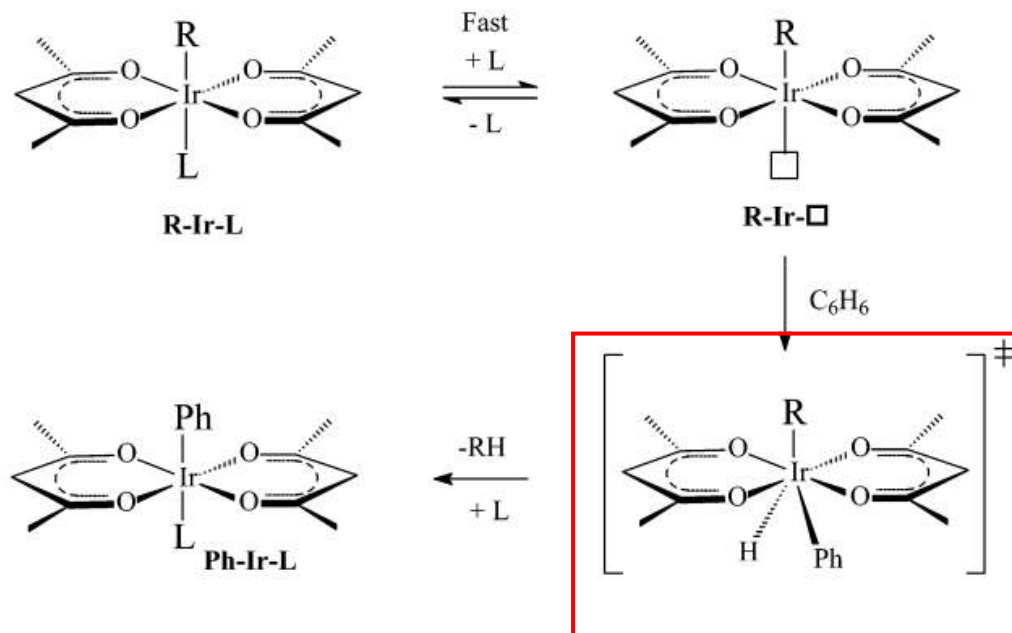
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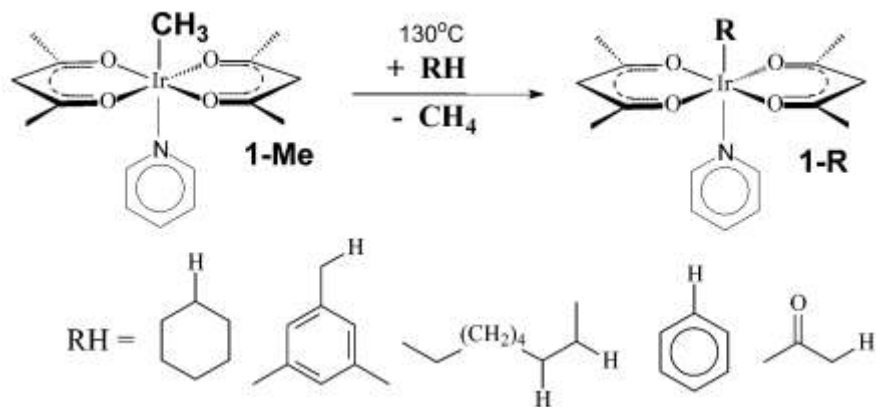
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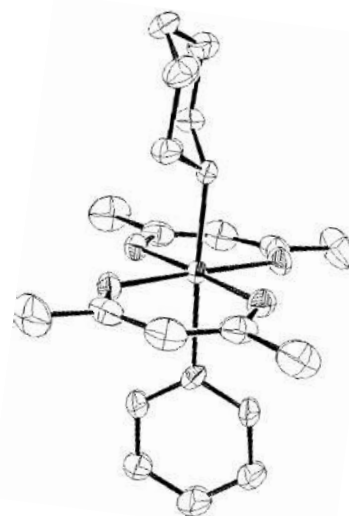
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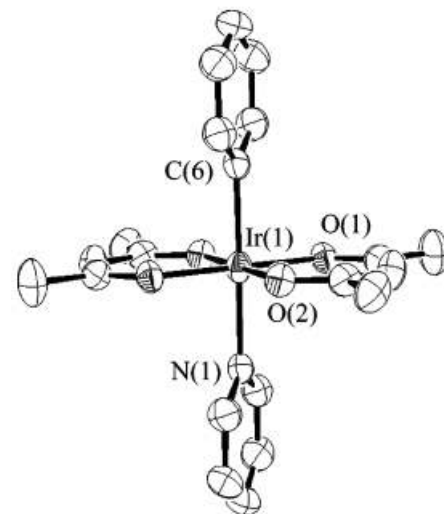
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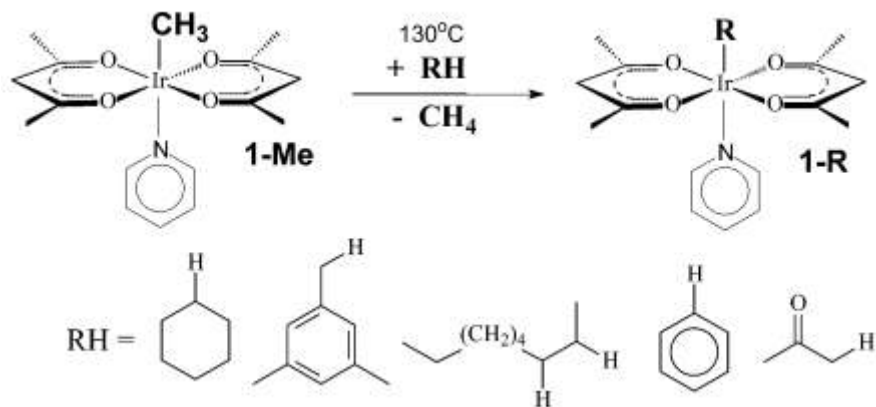
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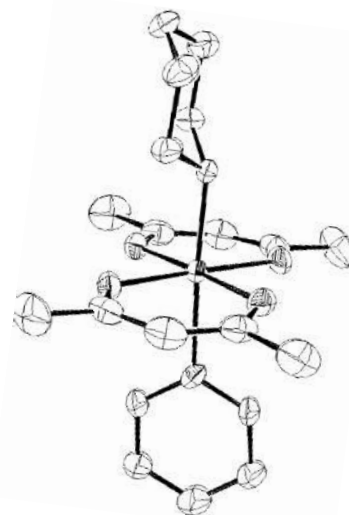
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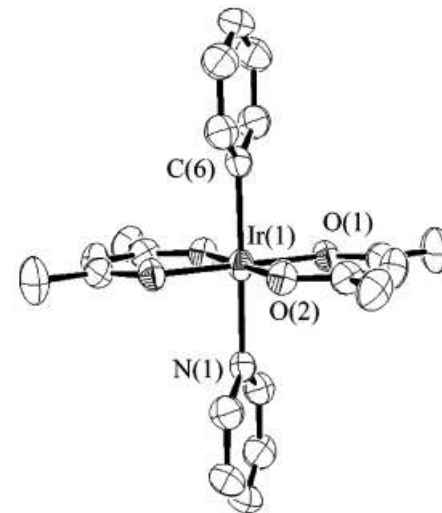
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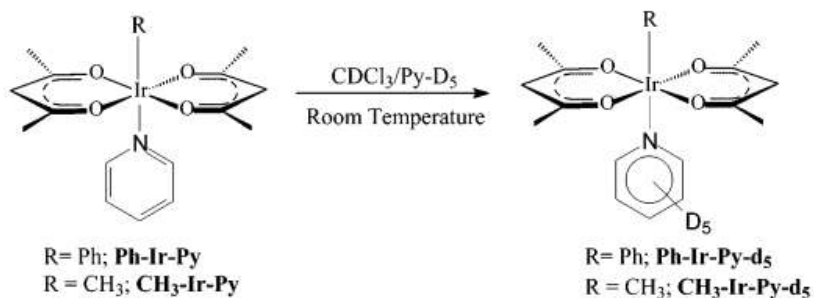


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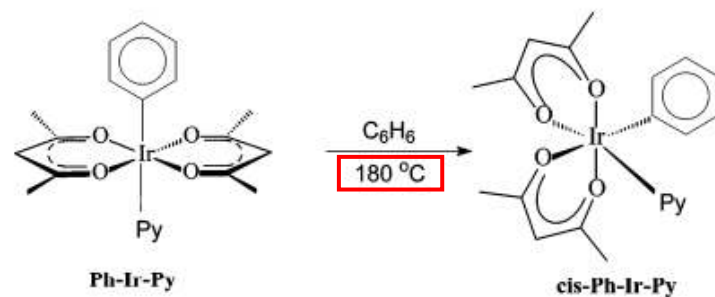
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*Facile pyridine exchange (dissociative)*



*Trans effect of the hydrocarbyl group*

*Trans-to-cis isomerization*



*cis-isomer more stable (& py non-labile!)*

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# Periana, Ir: Kinetic studies

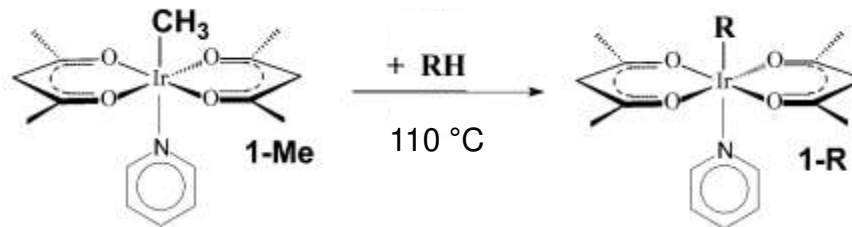
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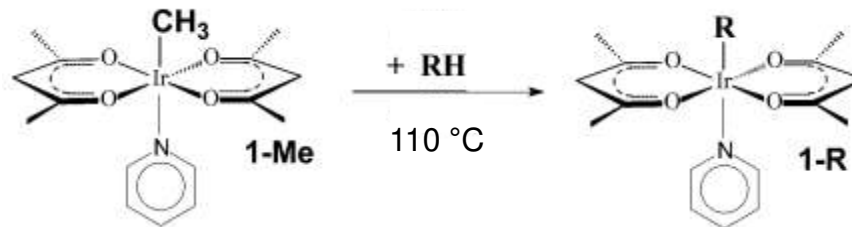
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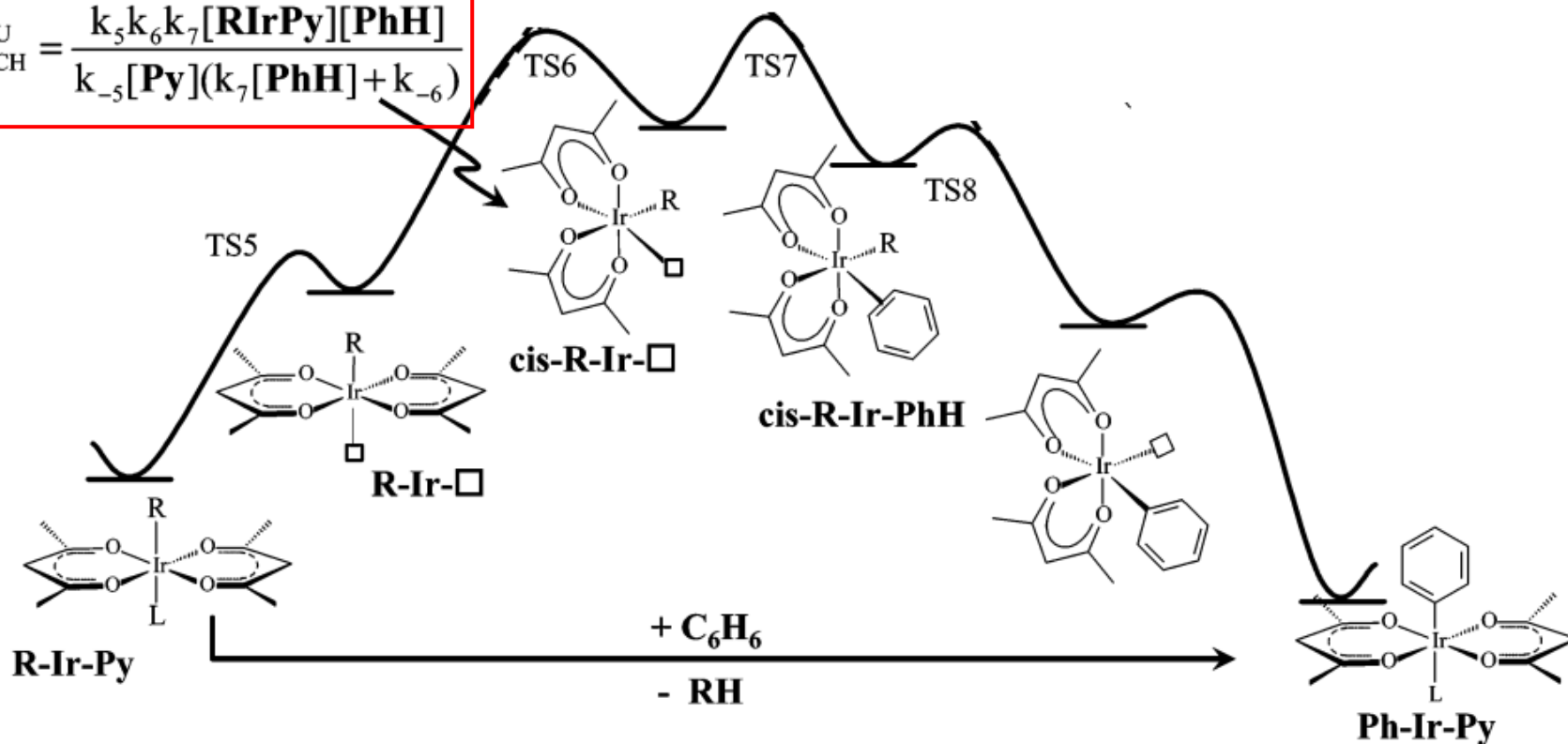
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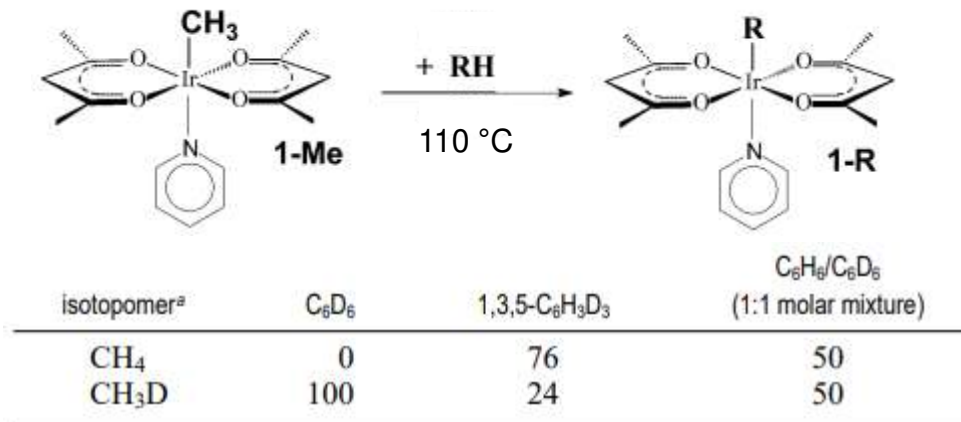
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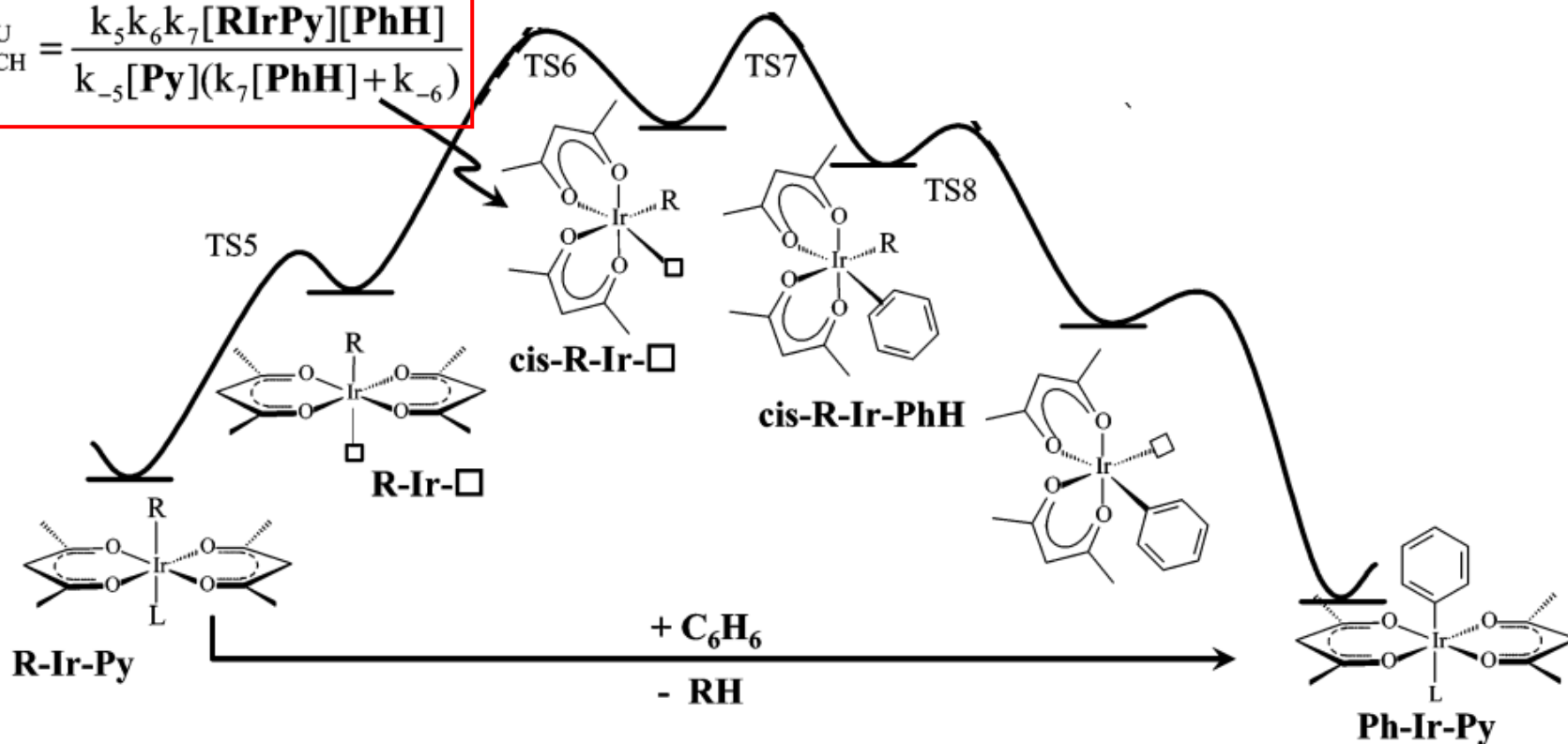


**KIE**

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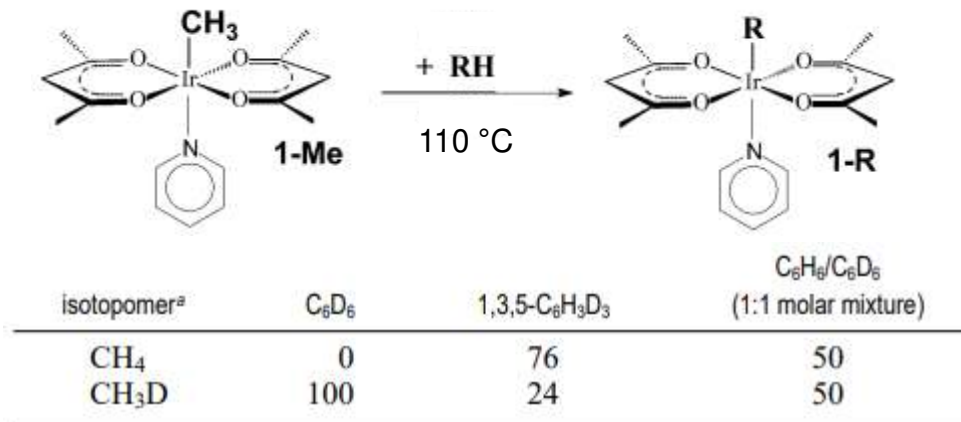
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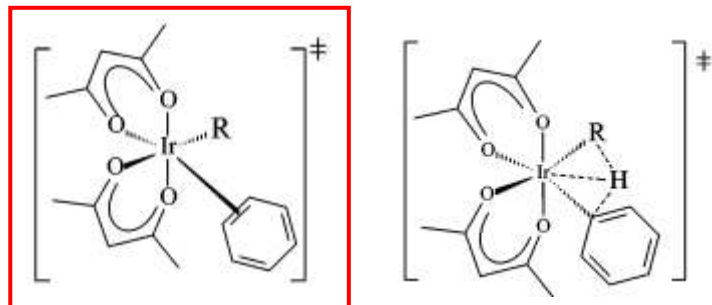


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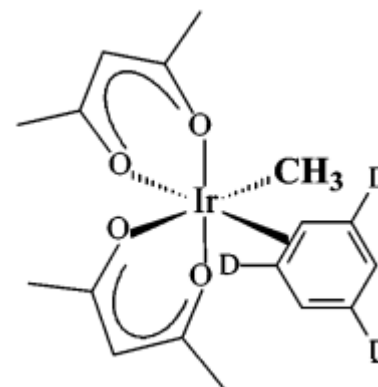
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Rate-determining  
formation of  $\pi$ -arene complex



then  
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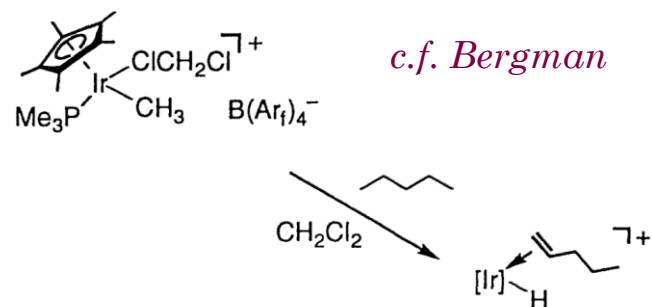
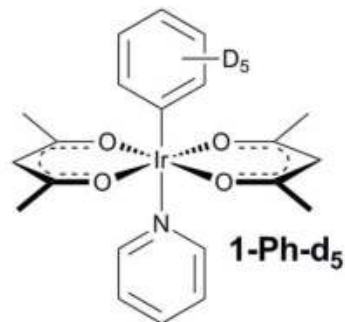
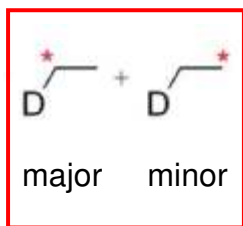
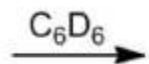
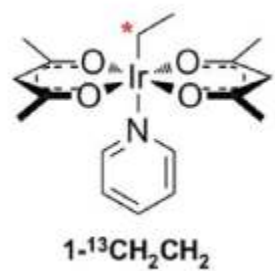


Intramolecular competition

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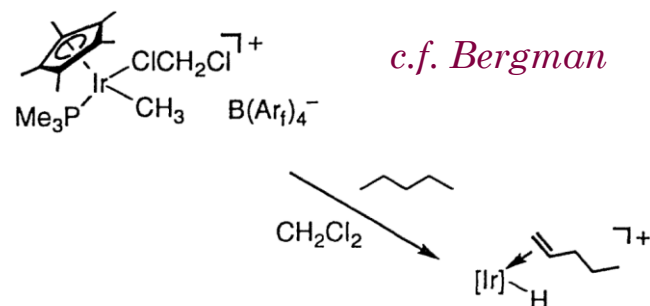
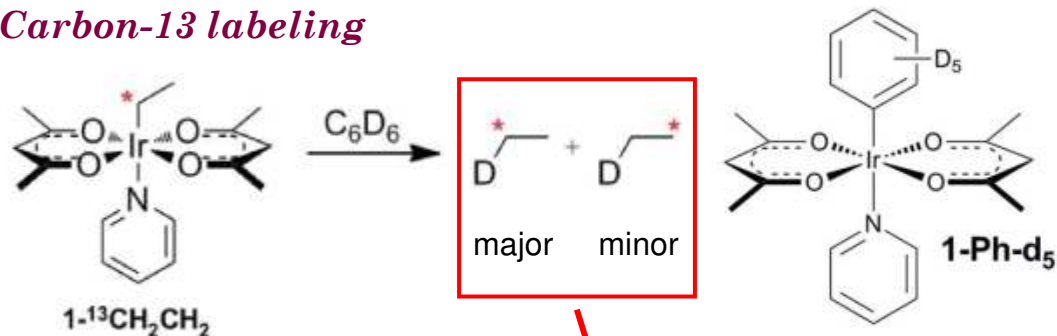
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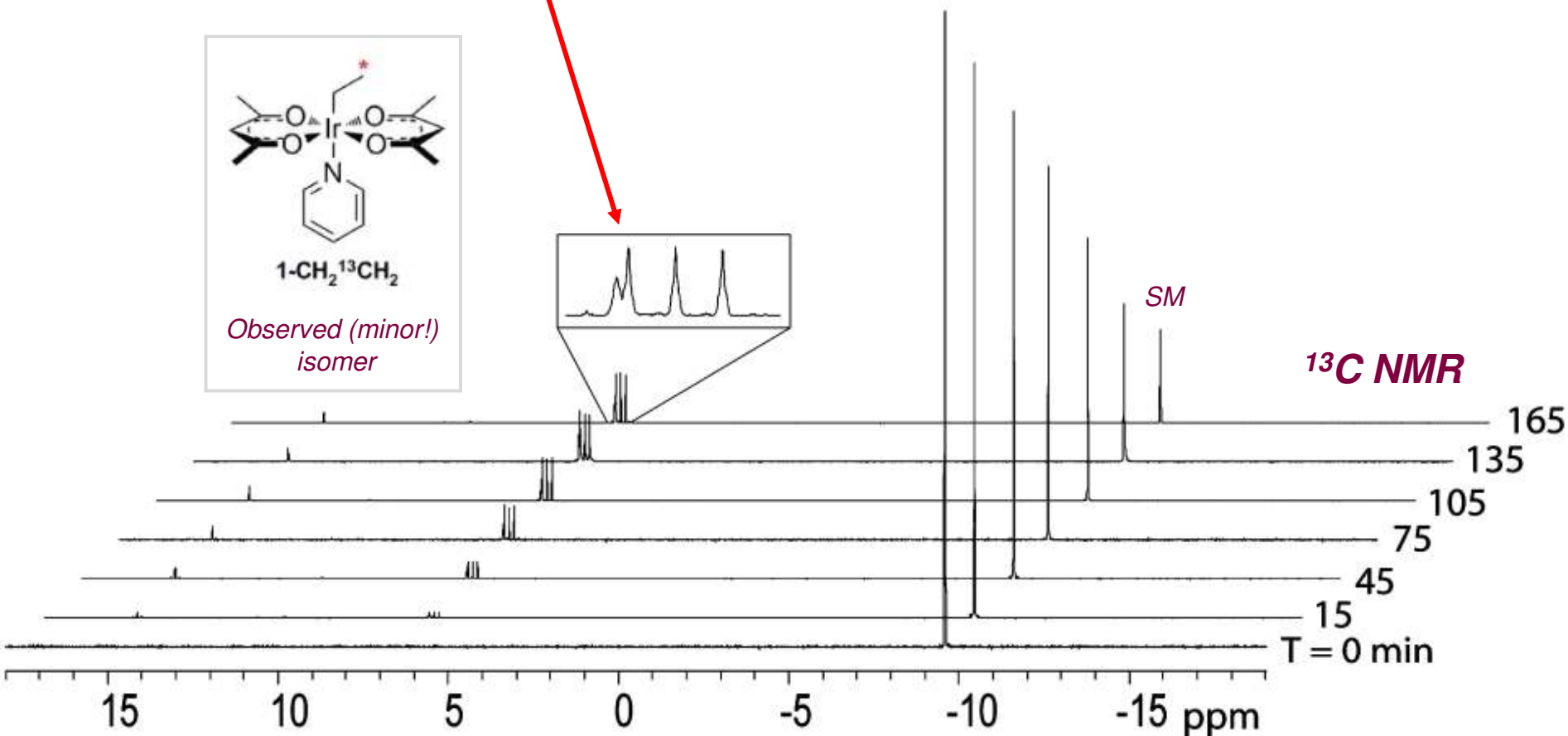
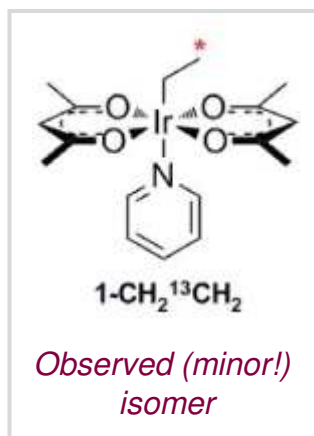
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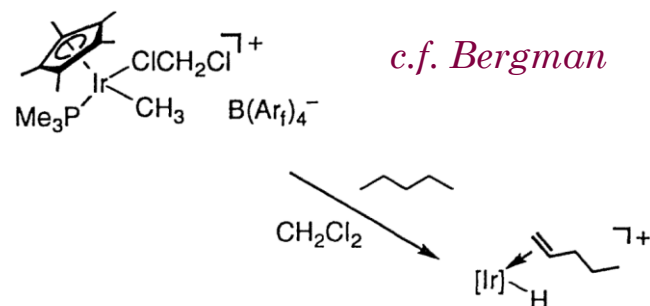
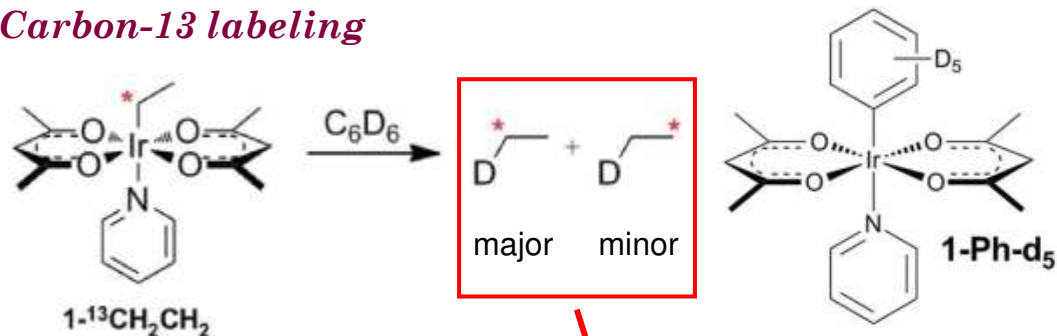
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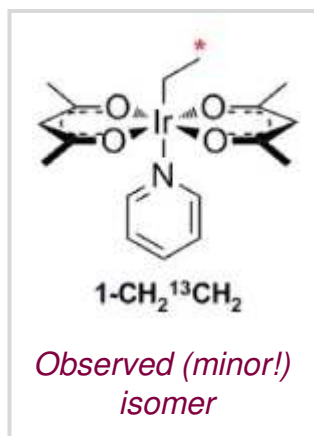


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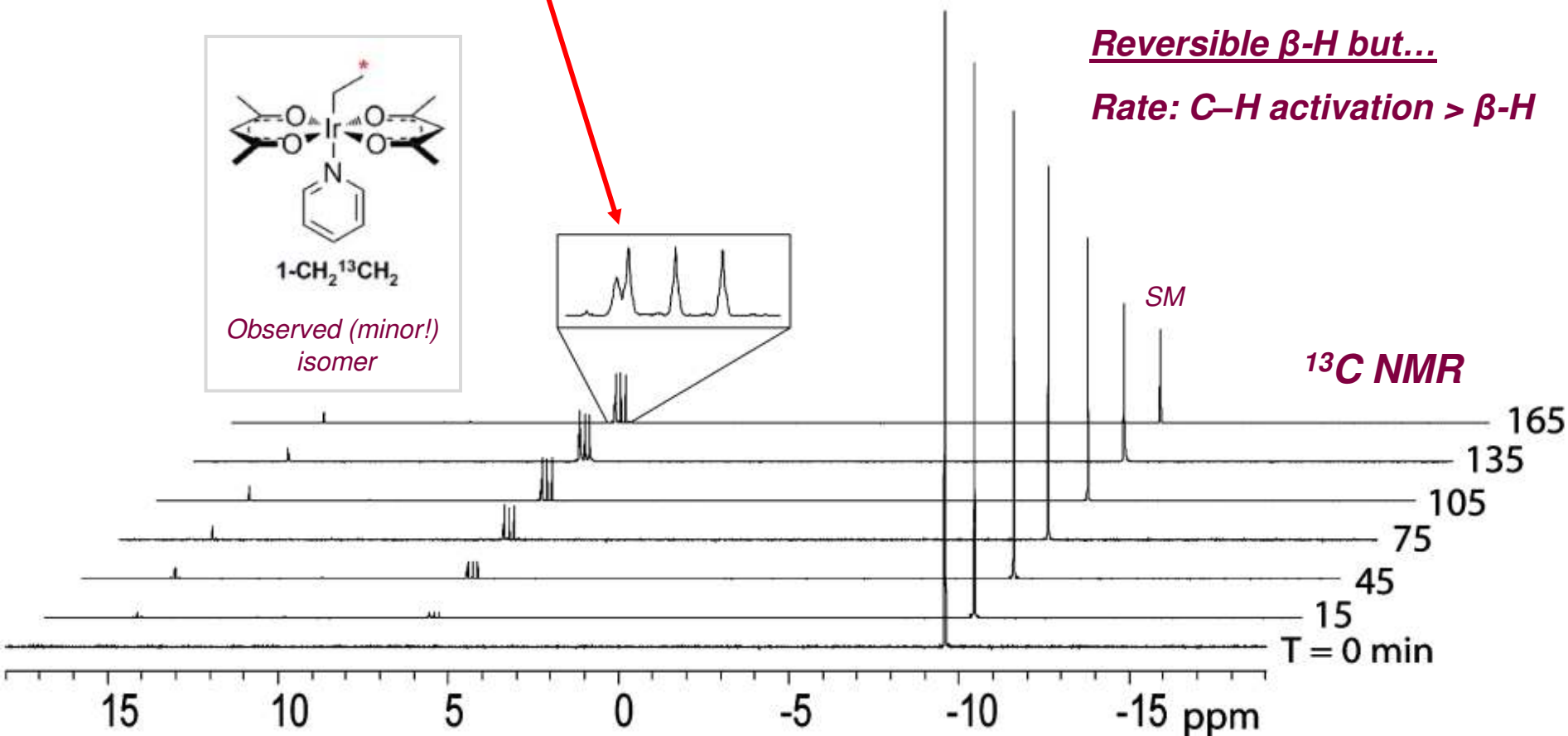
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Reversible  $\beta\text{-H}$  but...

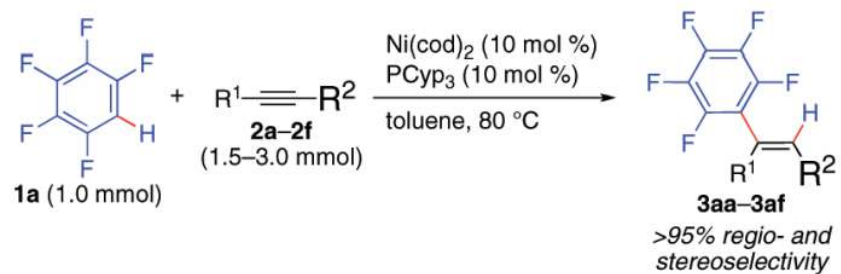
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR



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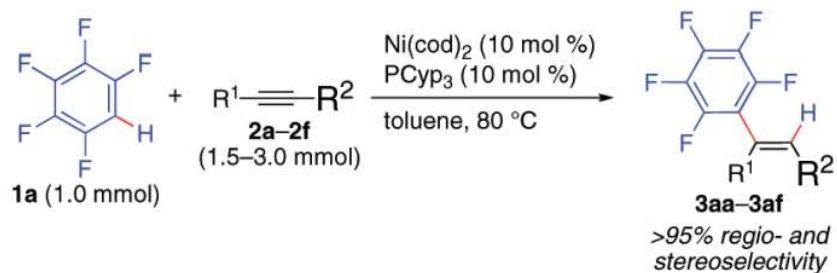
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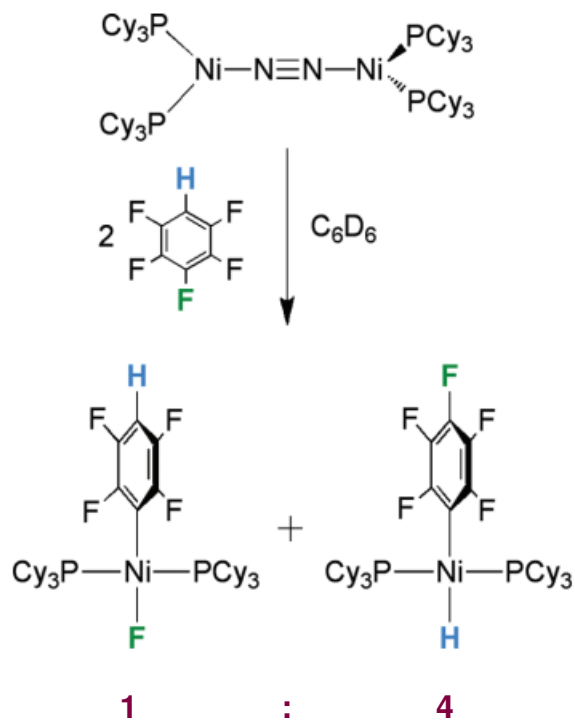
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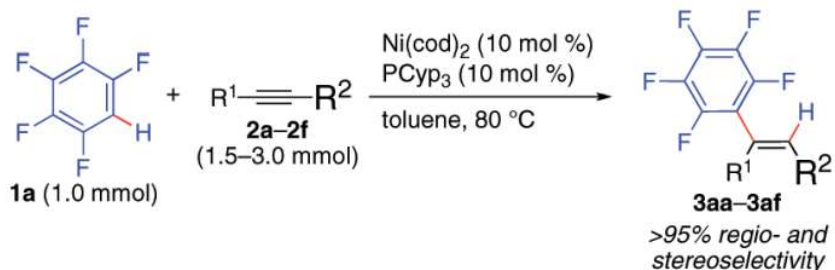
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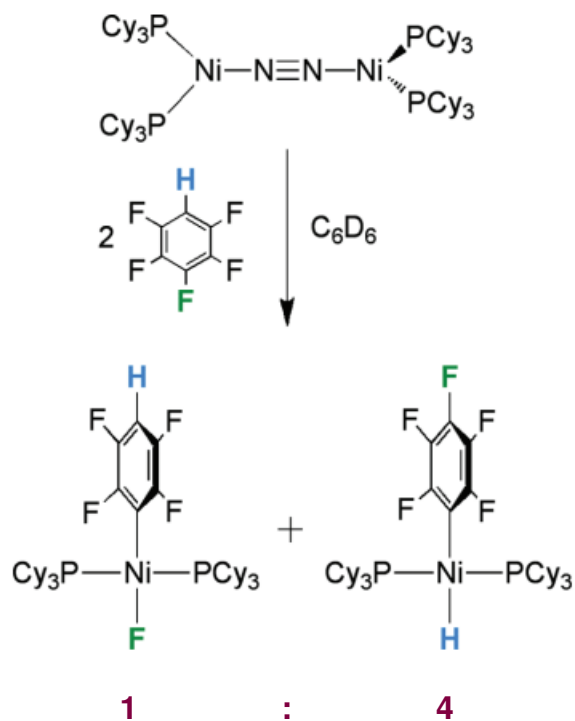
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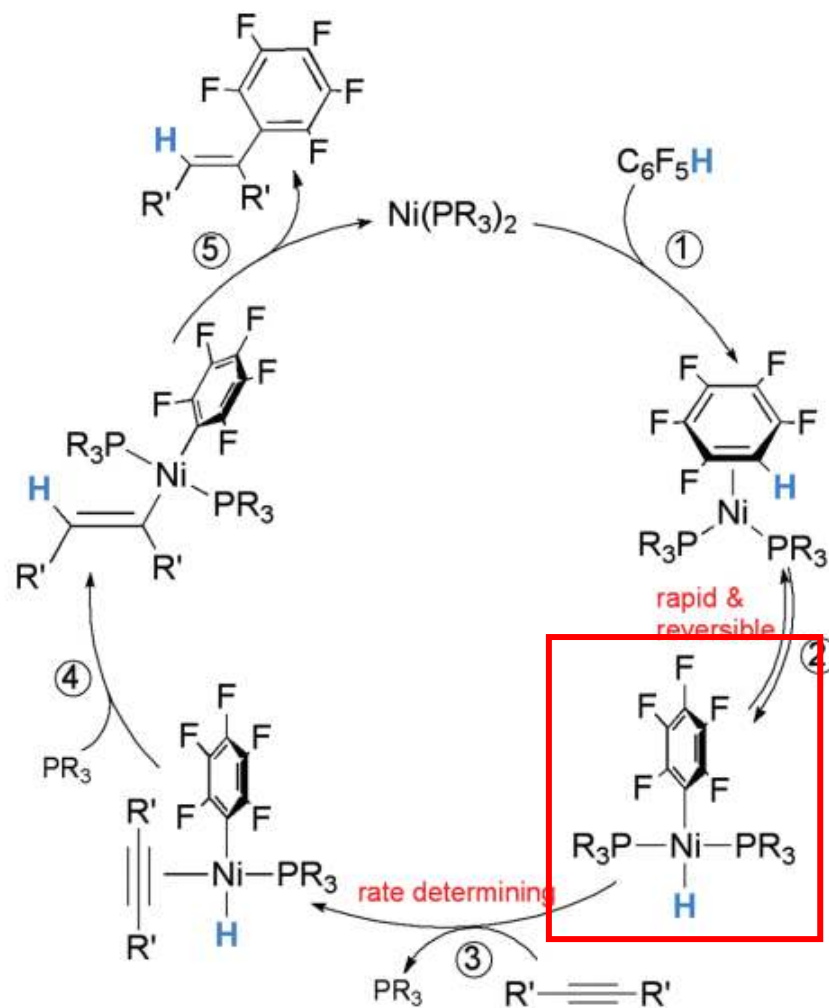


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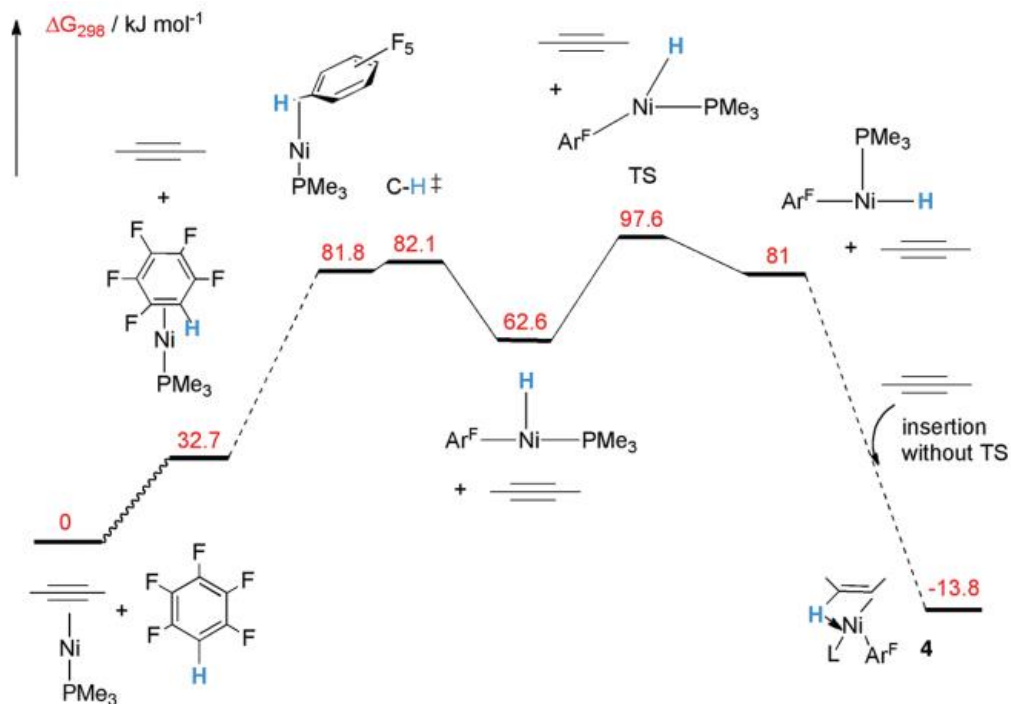


**Parallel KIE ~1**

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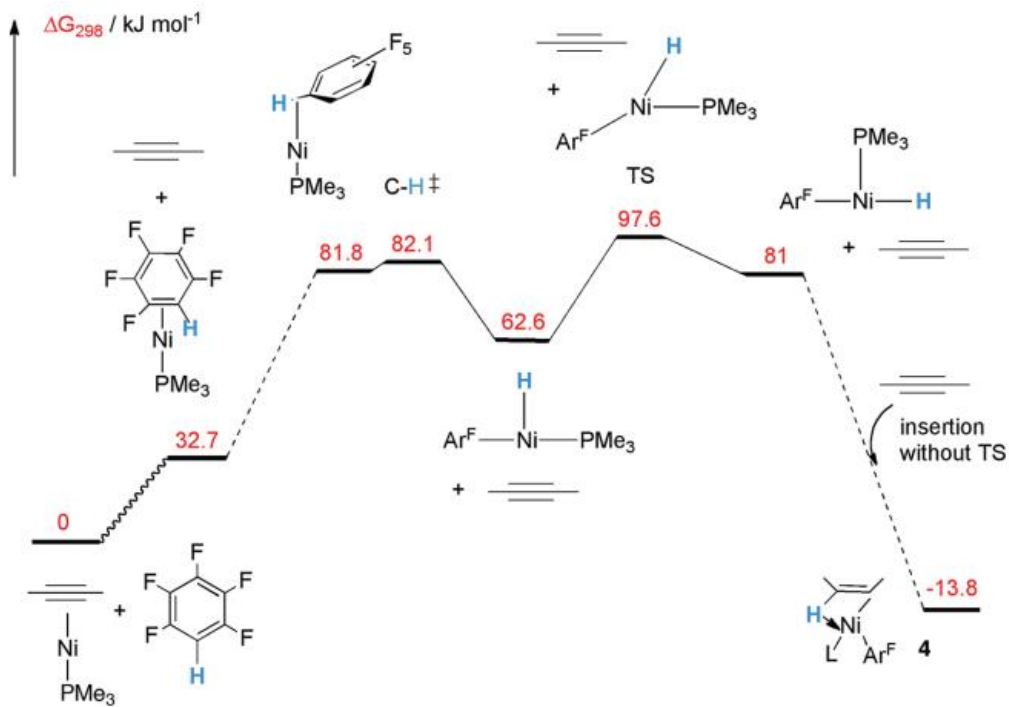


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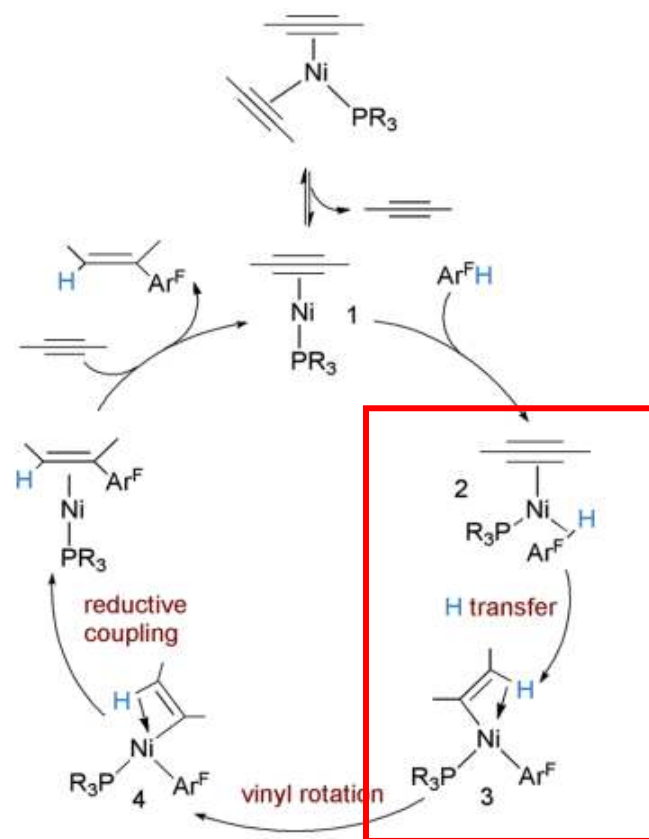
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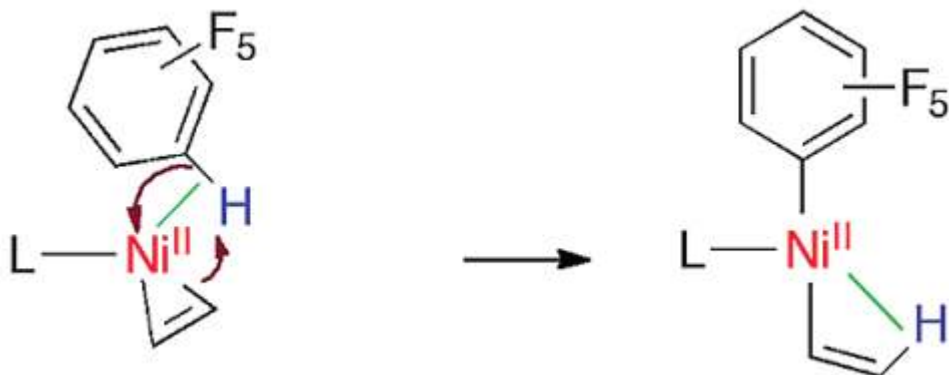
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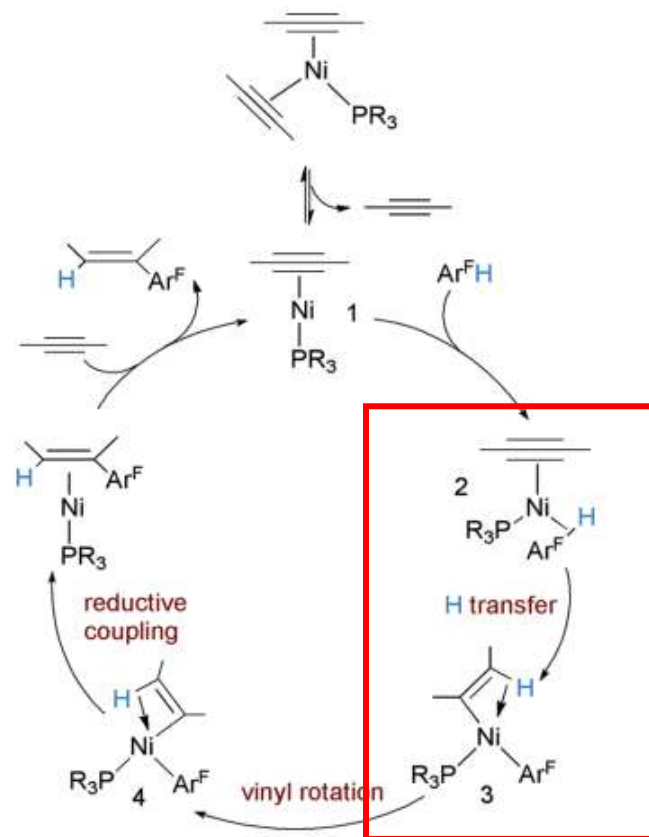


Ni(II) metallacycle

“**Reduction first**” mechanism

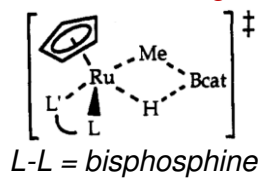
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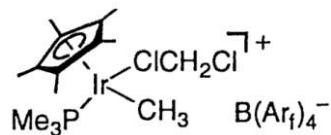


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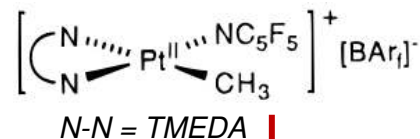
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1994: Hartwig<sup>6</sup>



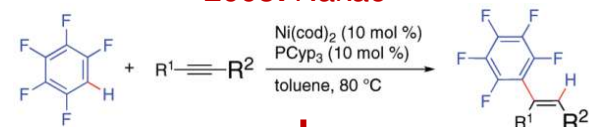
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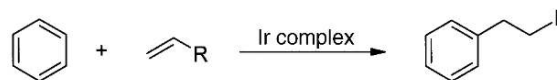


**Ni-catalyzed alkyne hydroarylation**  
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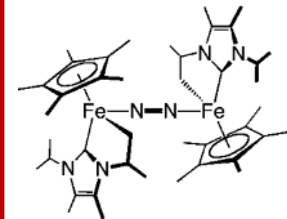


**Late 70s – Late 80s**  
Foundational  $d^0$  M work<sup>1-5</sup>

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2000: Matsumoto/Periana<sup>9</sup>



**Fe-mediated borylation**  
2008: Ohki<sup>10</sup>



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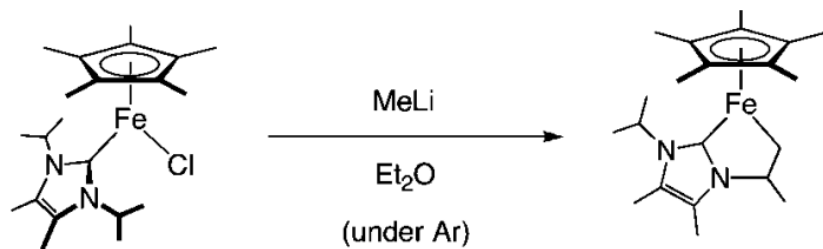
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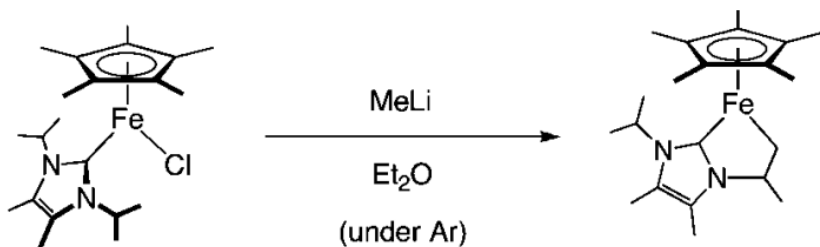
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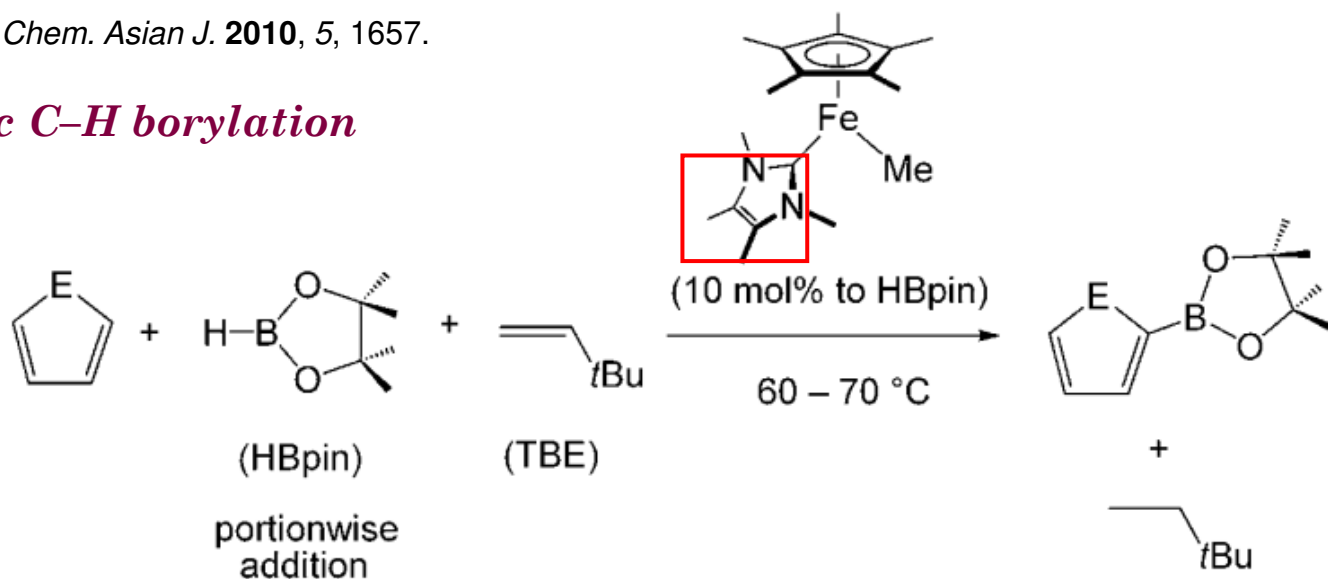
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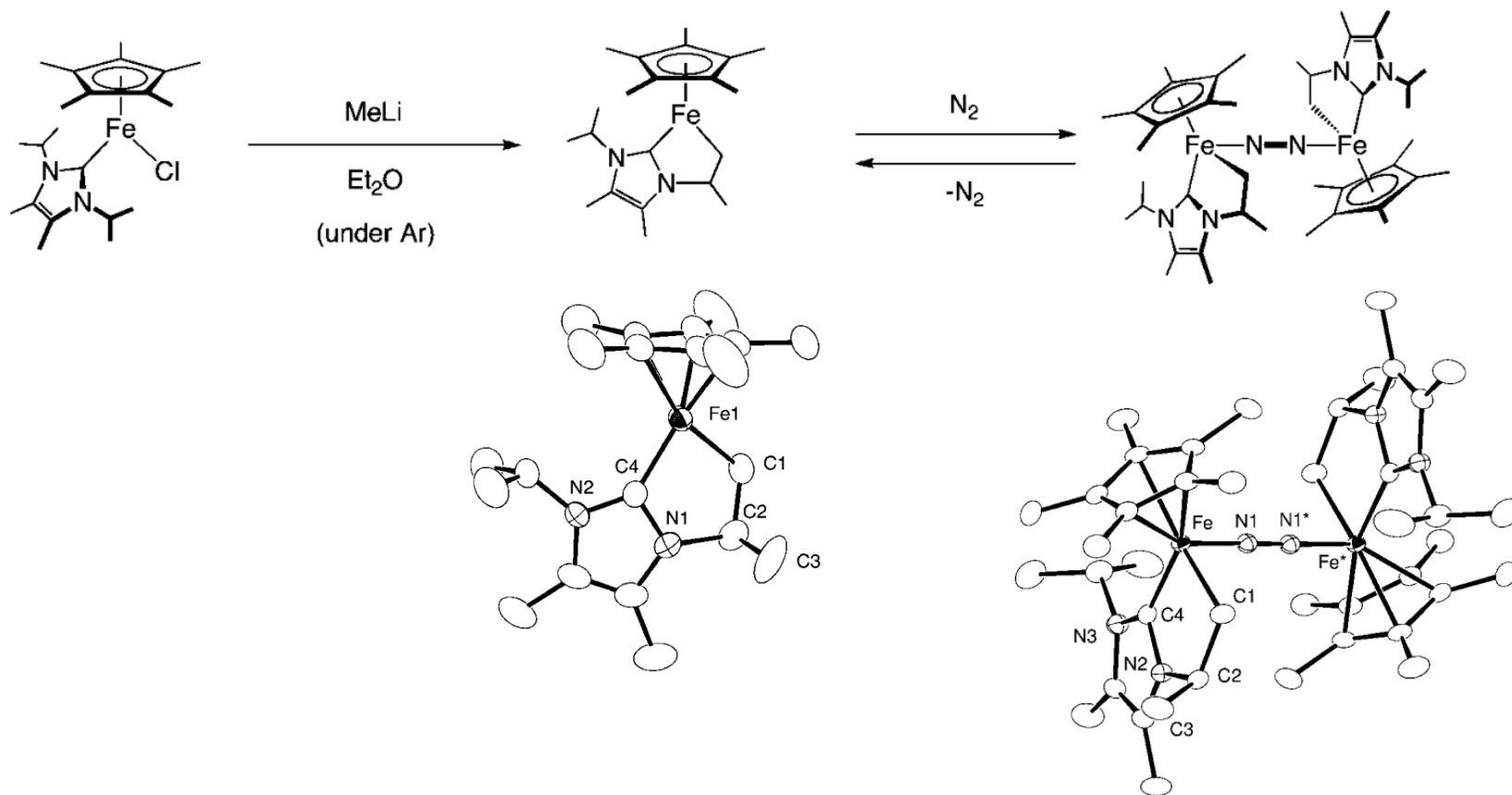
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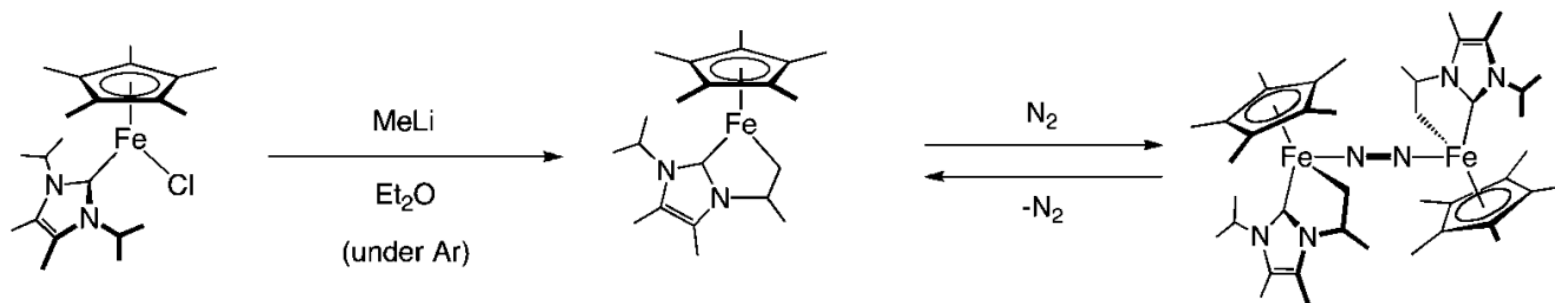
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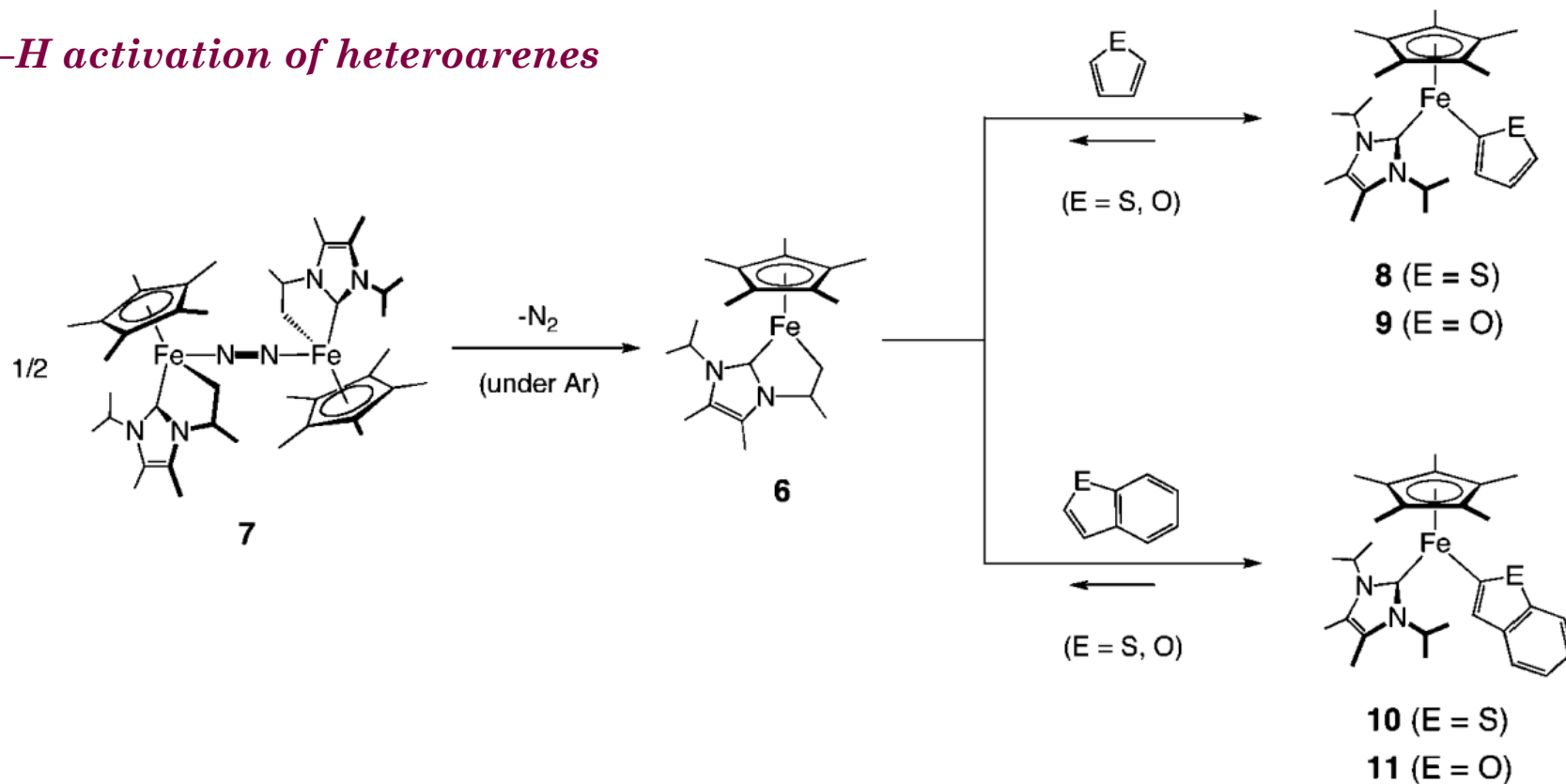


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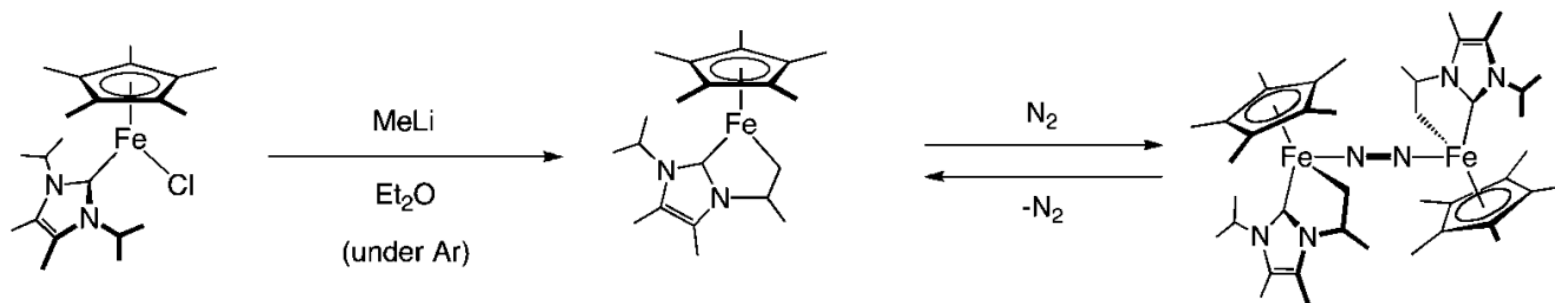


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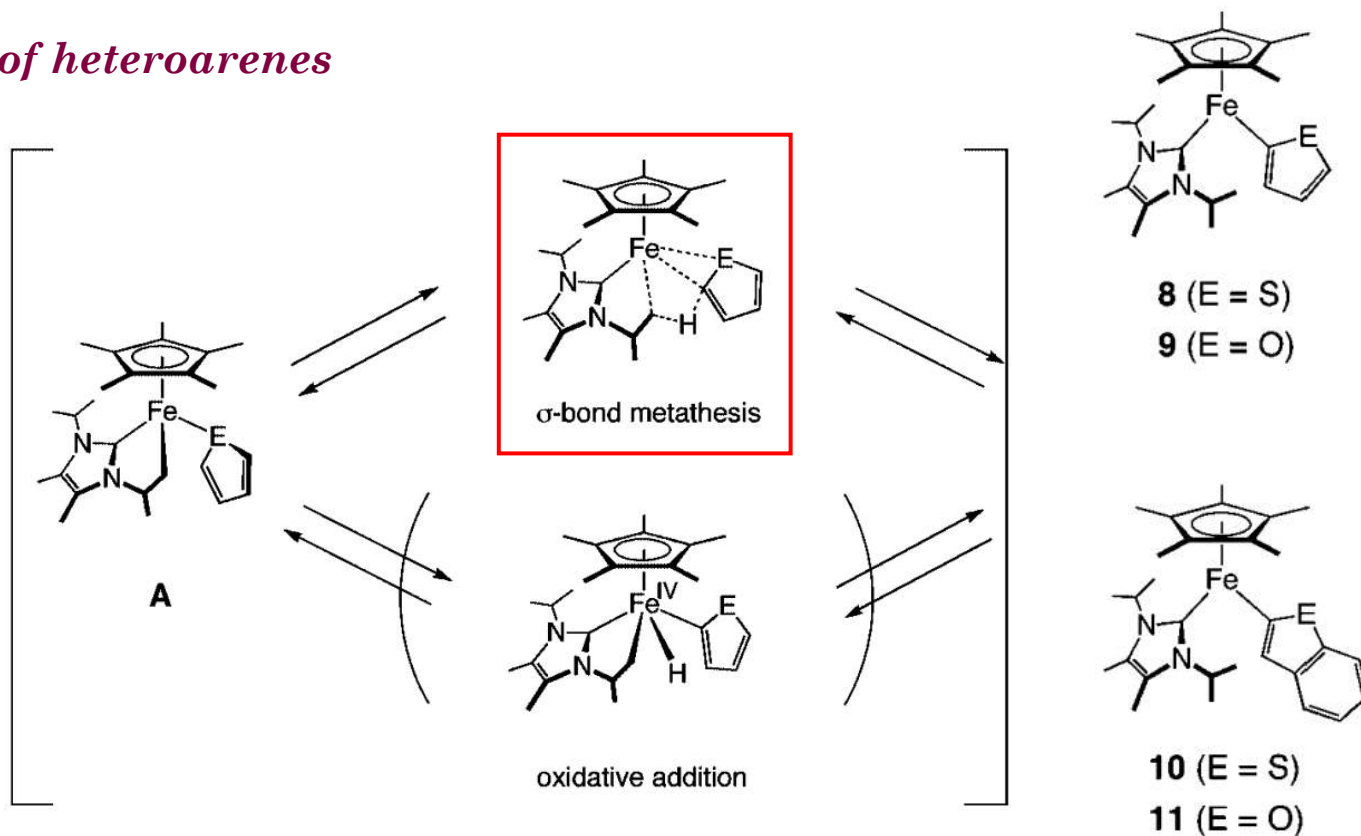


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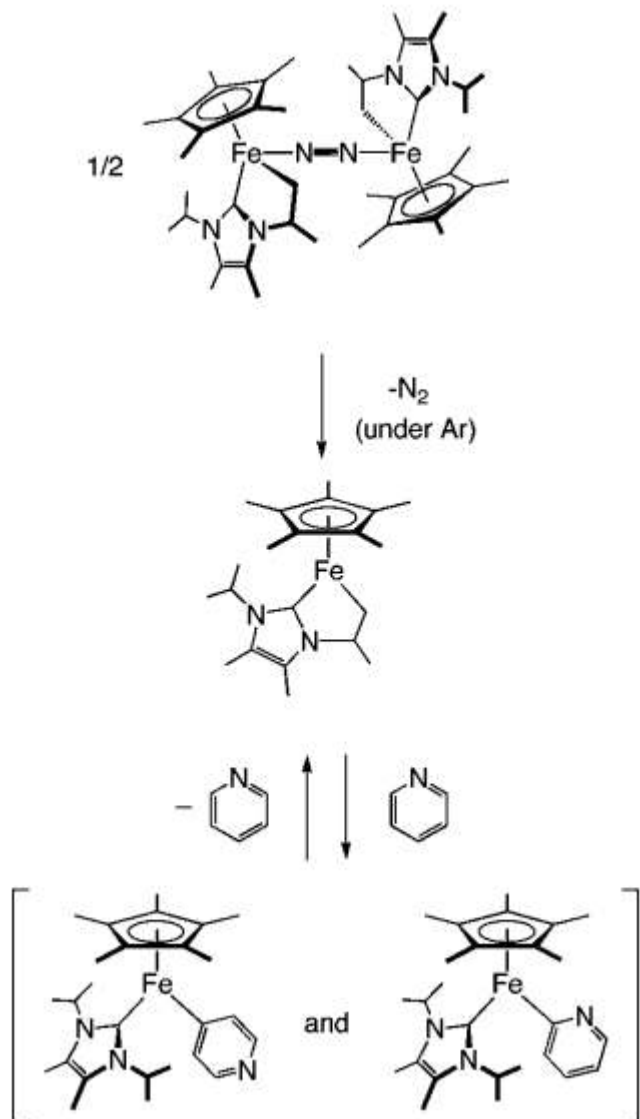


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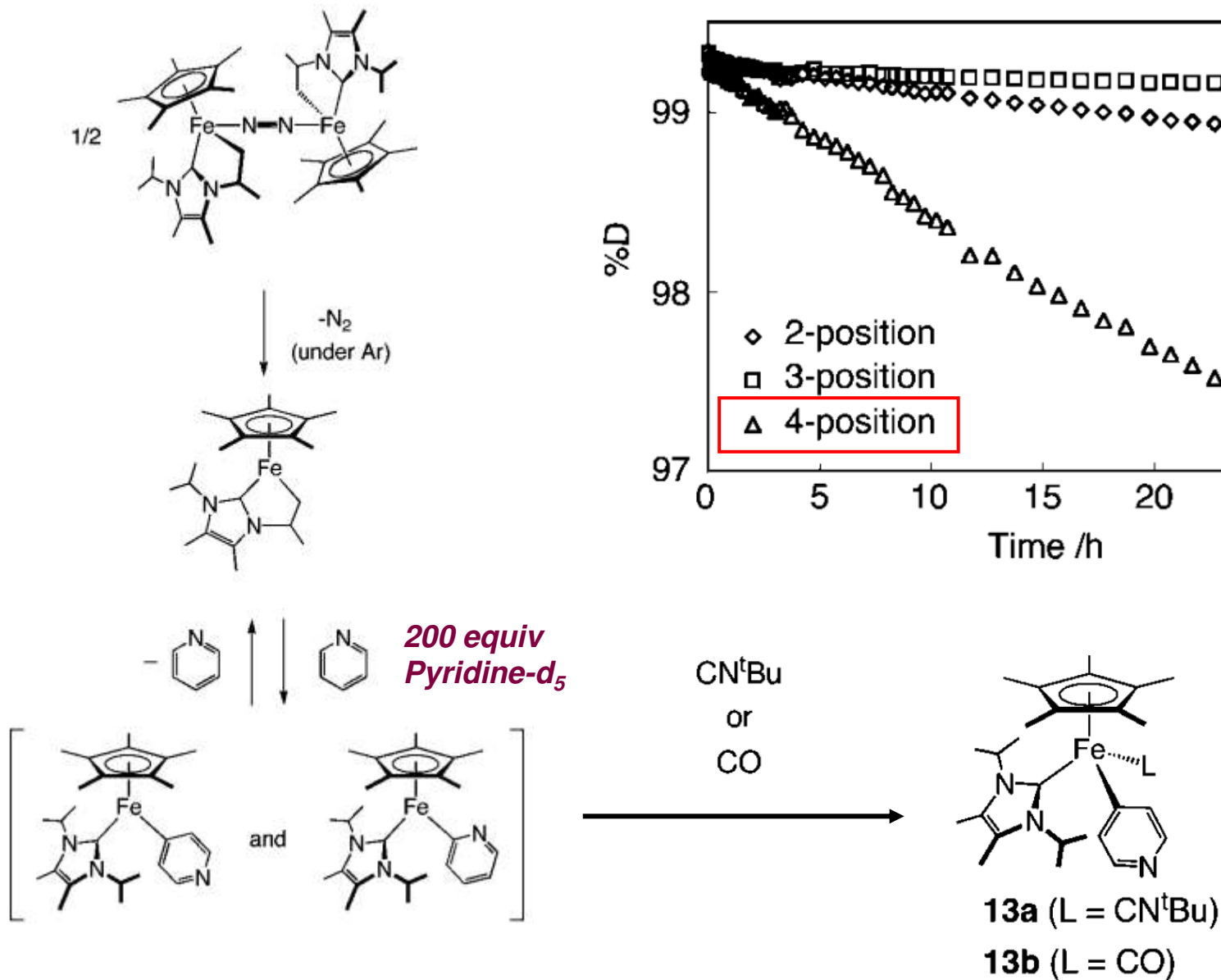
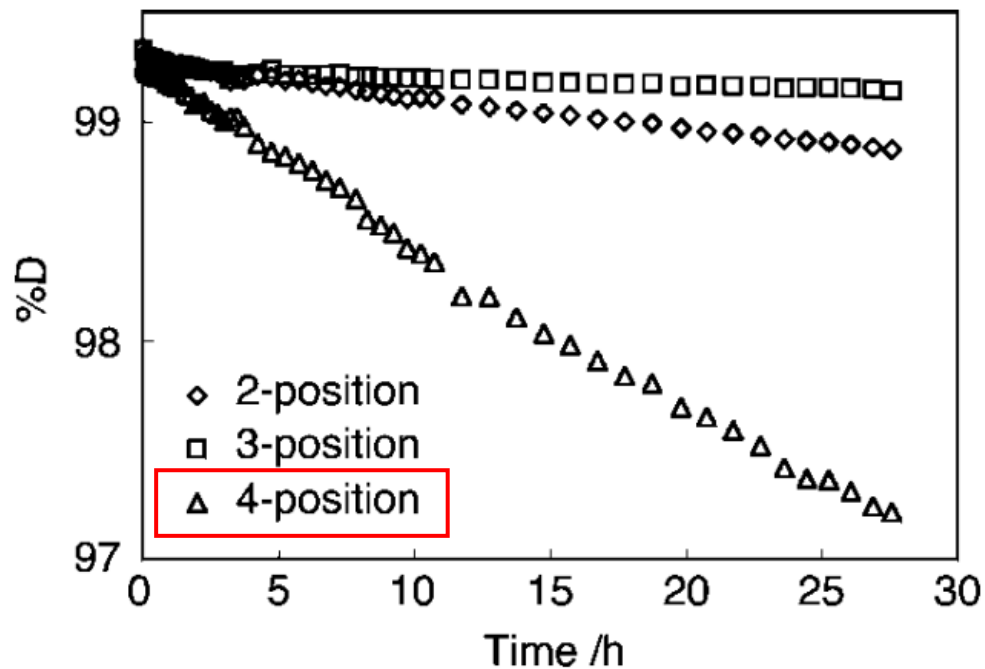
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(Surprising?) Selectivity for the 4-position



# *Conclusion*

*Development of new reactions requires...*

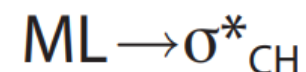
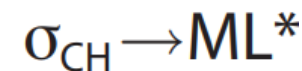
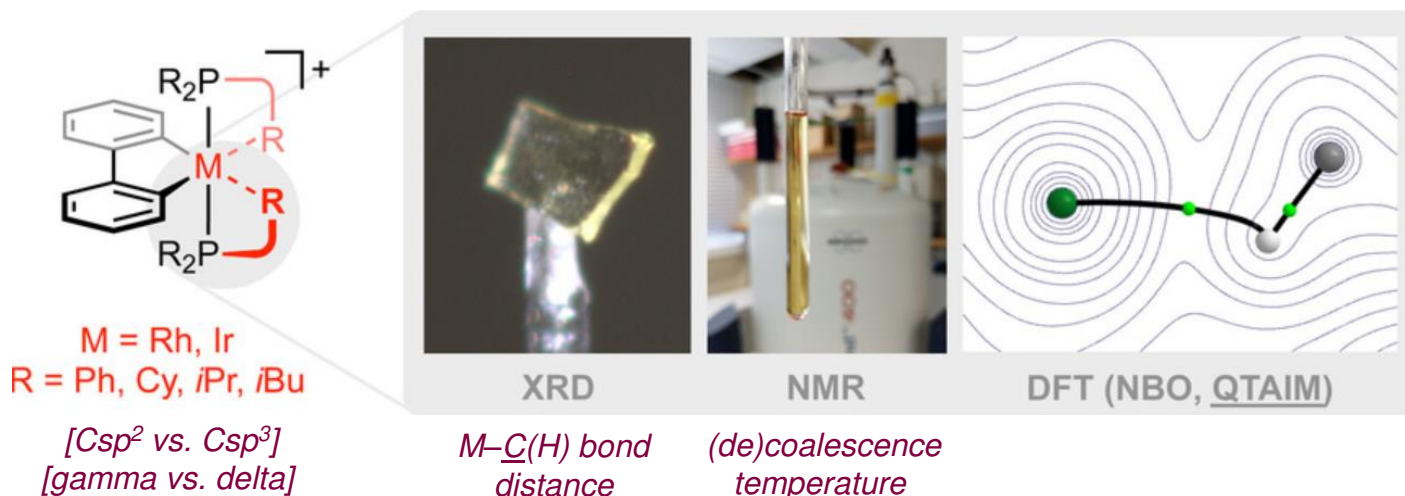
*...Improved chemical intuition, developed through...*

*...Consideration of alternative / under-explored mechanisms.*

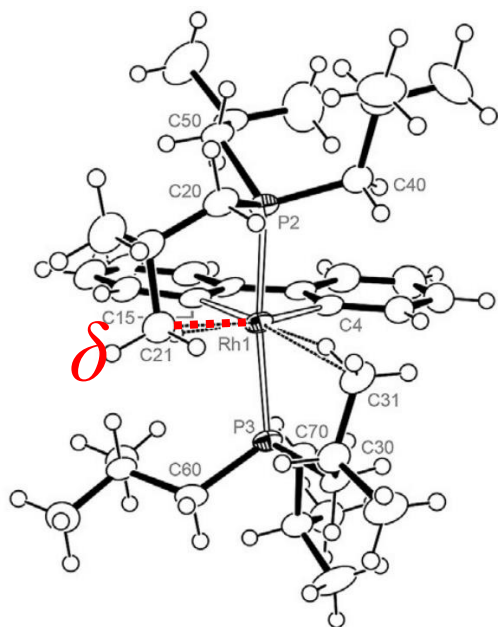


# Agostic interactions: (The only) Systematic study

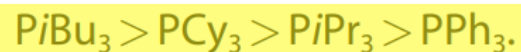
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Strong trans influence  
of 2,2'-biphenyl



The combined data substantiates the adoption of stronger agostic interactions for the Ir<sup>III</sup> compared to Rh<sup>III</sup> complexes and, with respect to the phosphine ligands, in the order



## Conclusions

(1) Ir > Rh

(2) alkyl >> aryl

(3)  $\delta > \gamma$