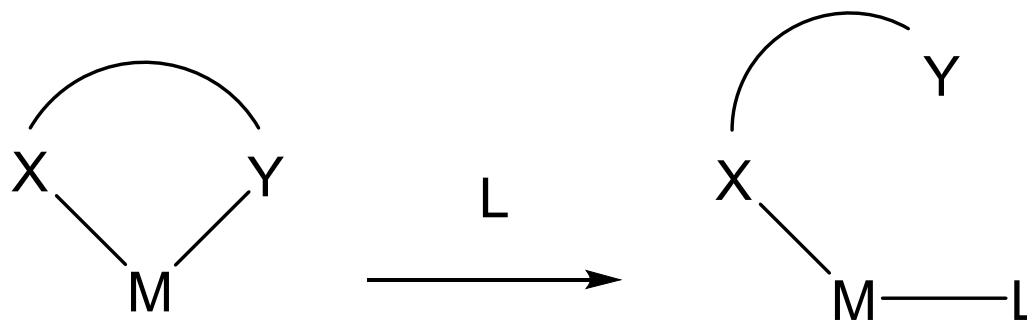


Hemilabile ligands



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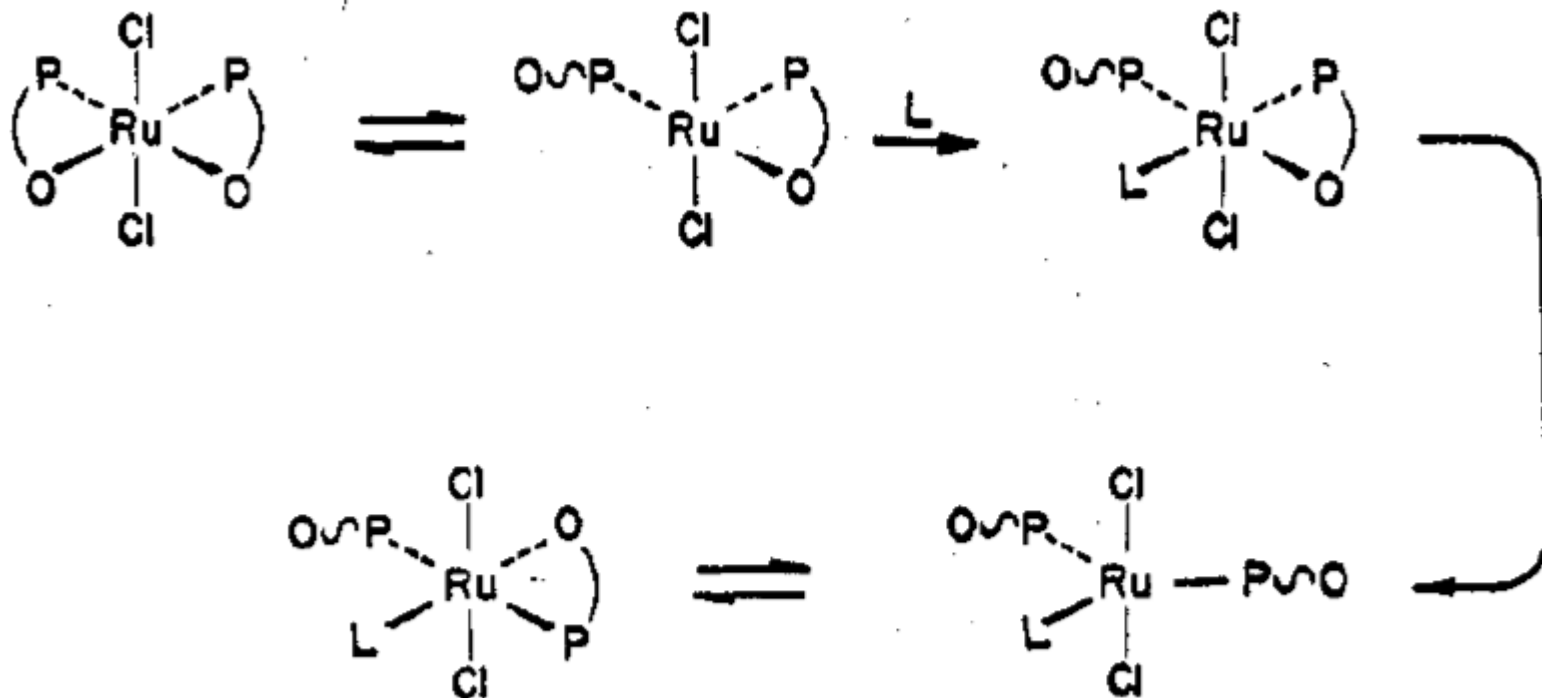
Historical context

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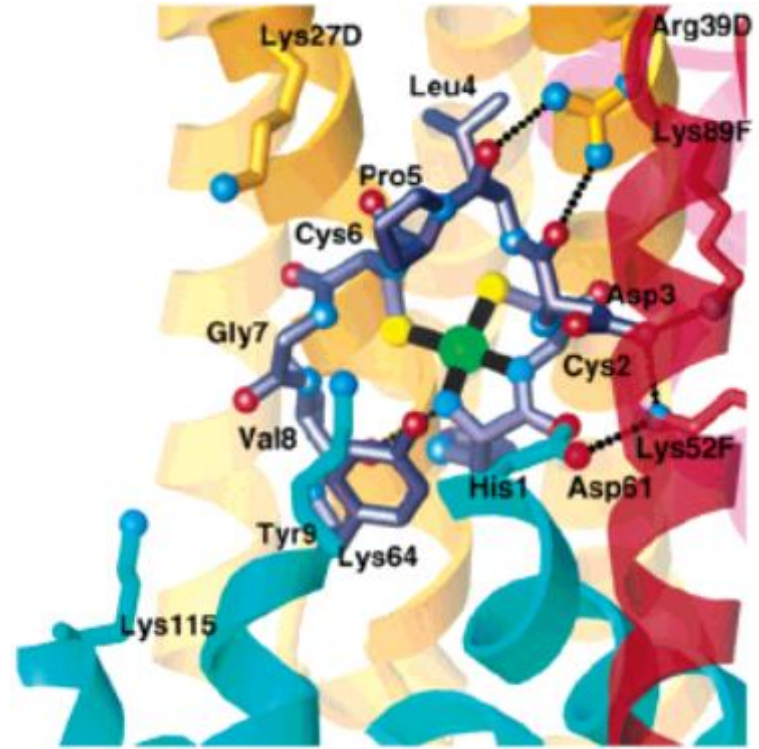
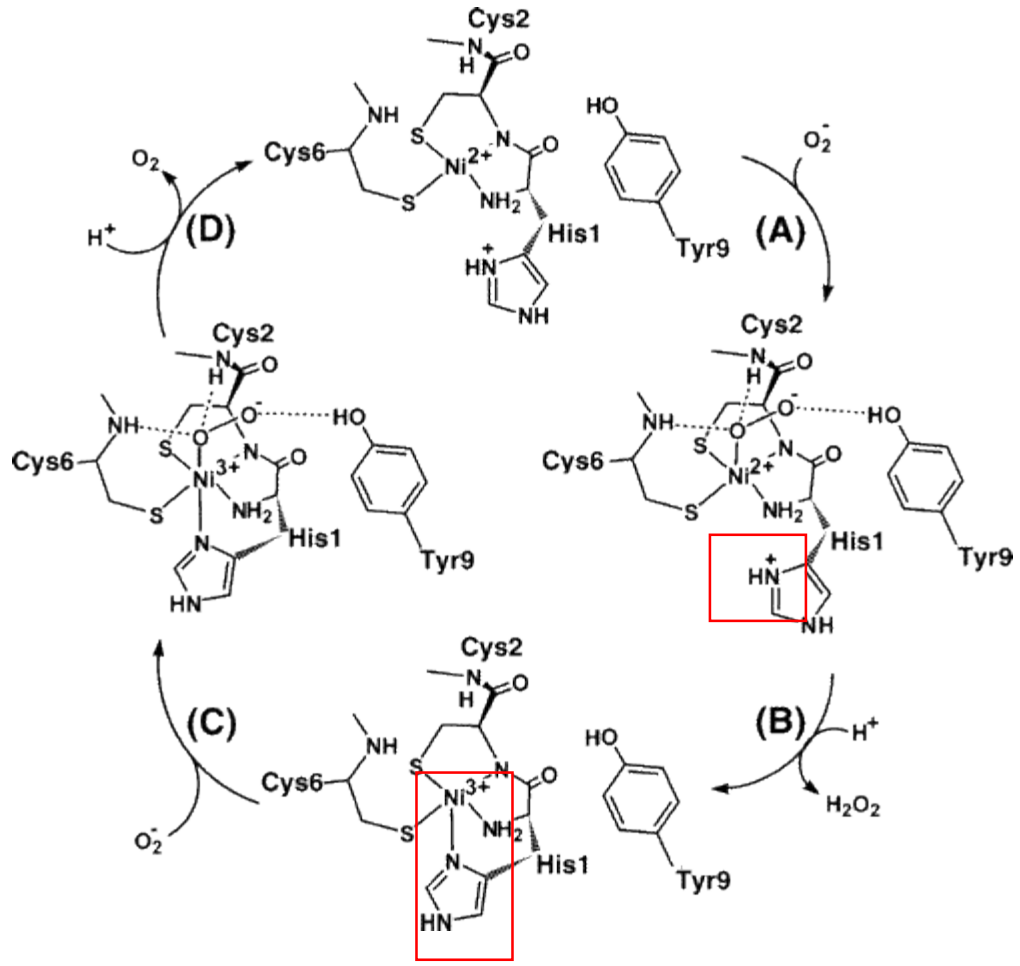
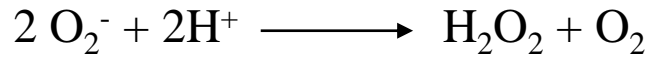
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“For some time, we have investigated the chemistry of phosphine-amine and phosphine-ether ligands with the expectation that these ligands would bind well enough to allow isolation but would readily dissociate the “hard” ligand component, thus generating a vacant site for substrate binding. We call these ligands hemilabile.”



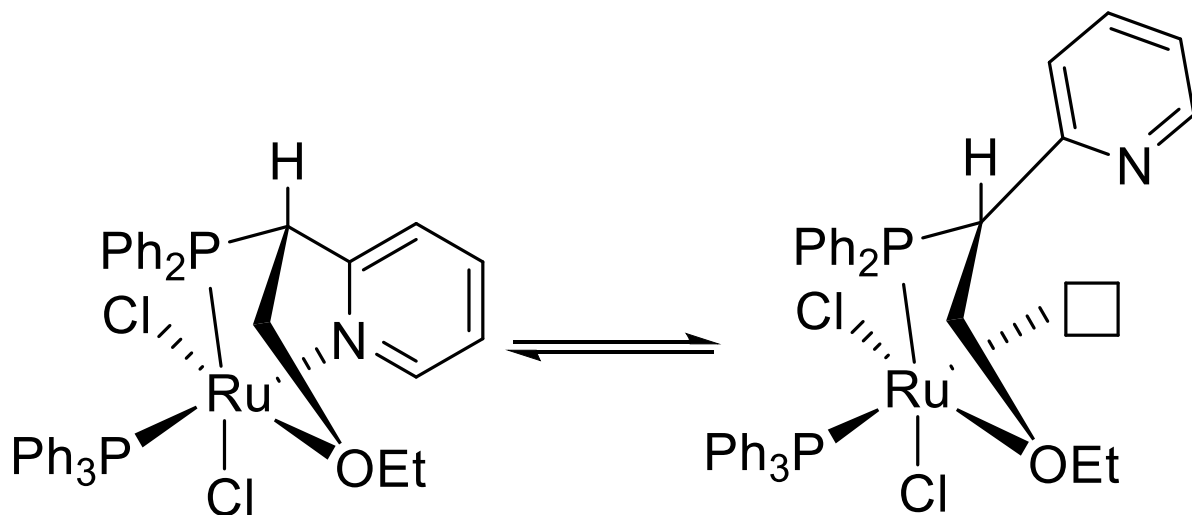
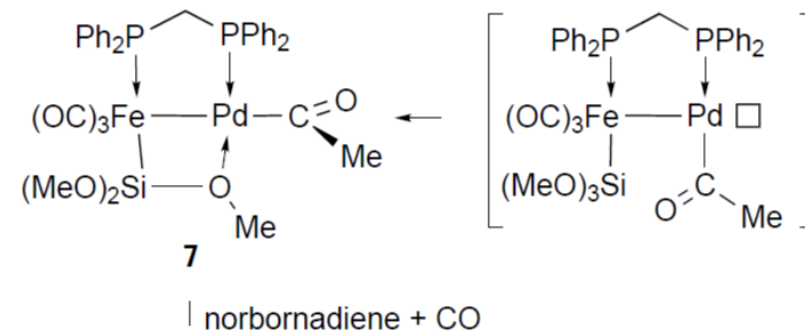
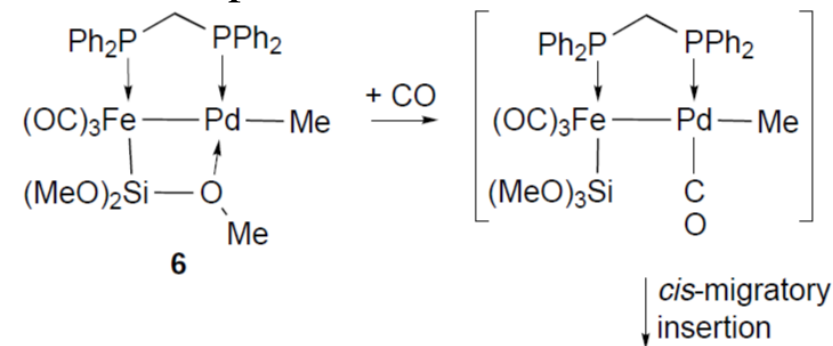
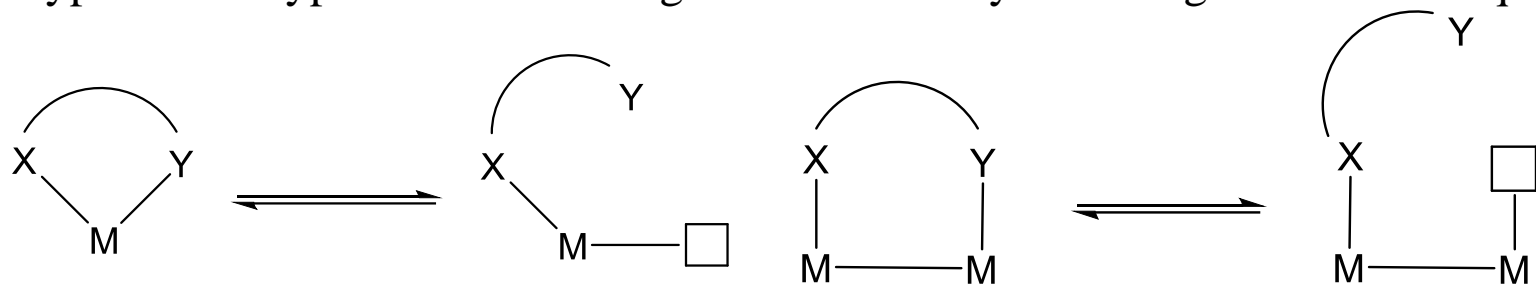
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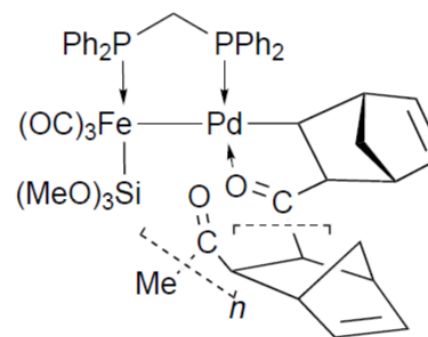
Nickel Superoxide Dismutase

Types of hemilability

Type 1: This type of hemilabile ligand has a weakly bound ligand that is at equilibrium with an open active site.



Pyridine binds more weakly than the ether due to trans effects of triphenylphosphine



Repeated migratory insertion of CO

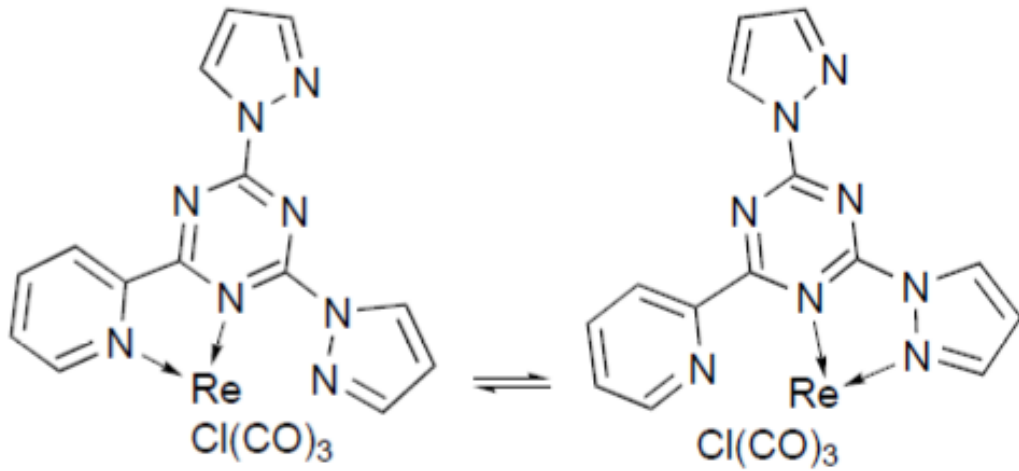
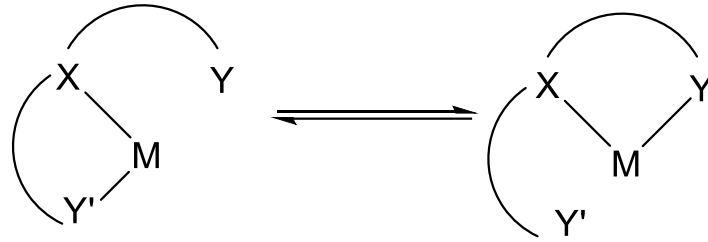
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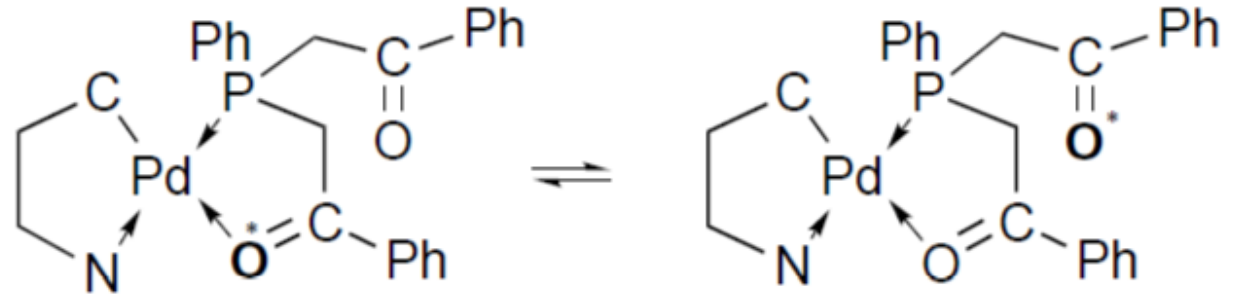
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Types of hemilability

Type 2: Competing hemilabile ligands



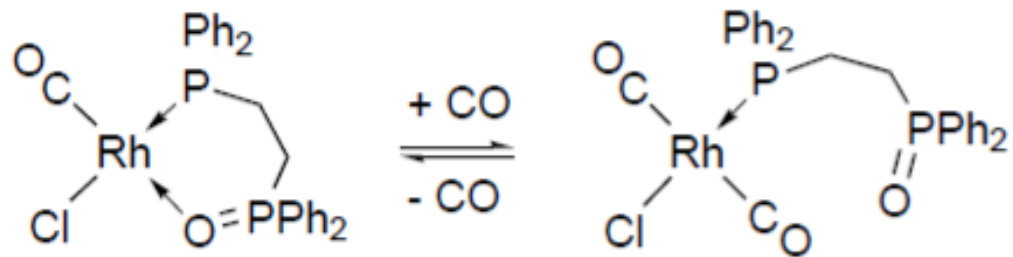
“Tick tock”



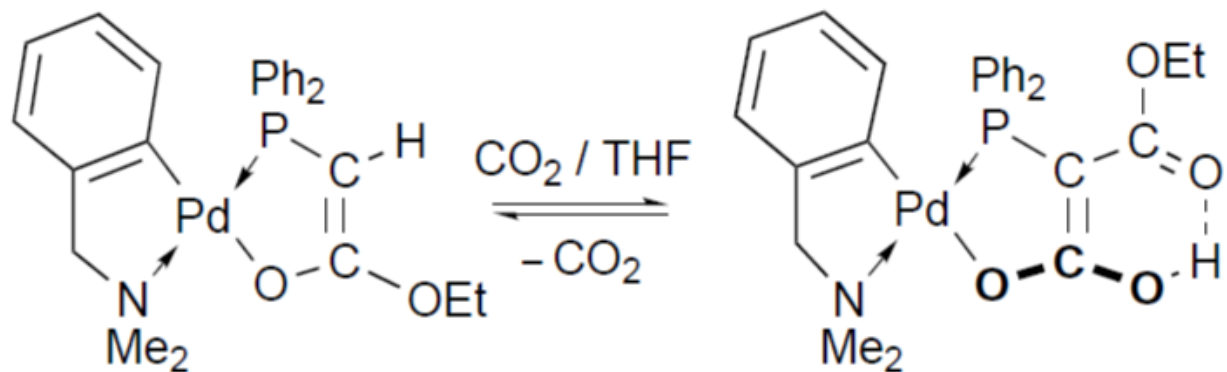
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Types of hemilability

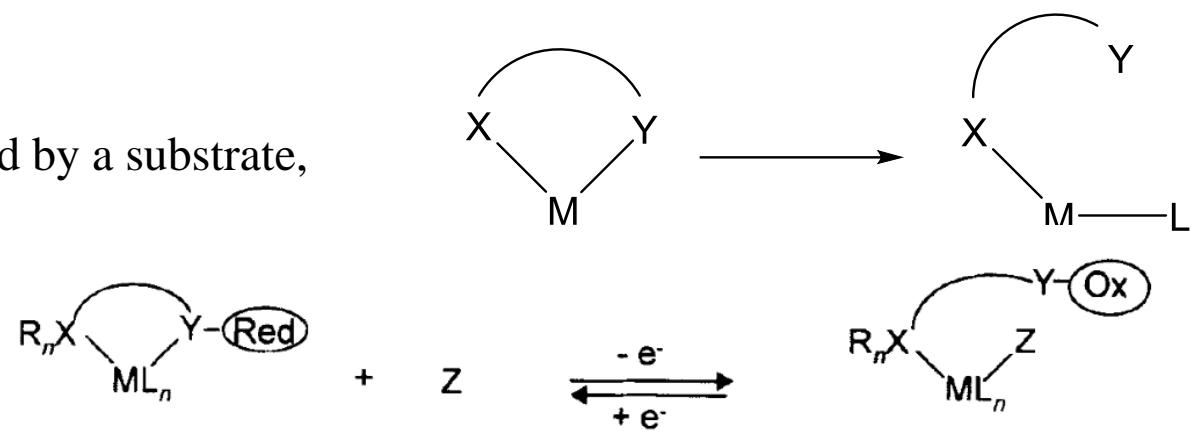
Type 3: The weakly bound portion of the hemilabile ligand is displaced by a substrate, including electrons



CO displaces oxide

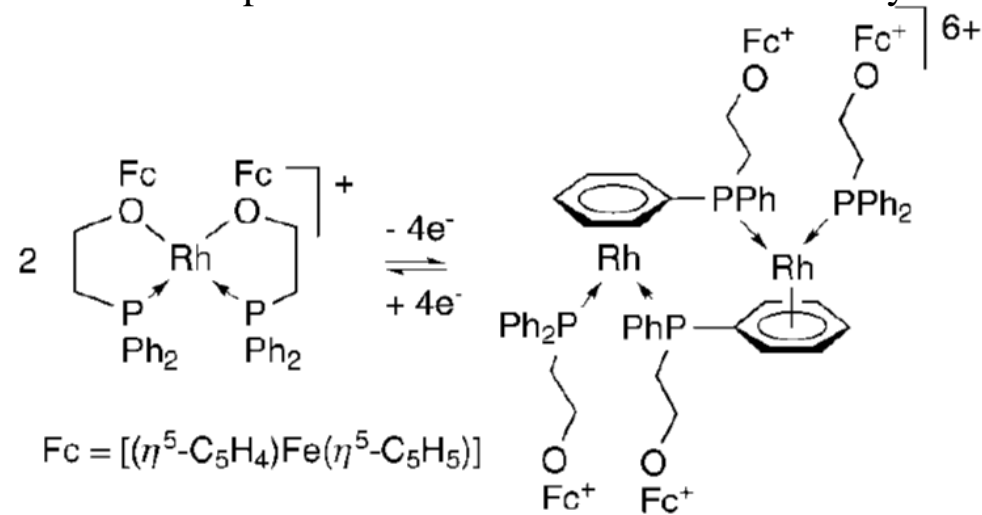


CO inserts into hemilabile ligand



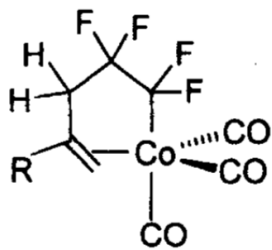
R = substituent of tunable electronic nature
 X = substitutionally inert group
 Y = substitutionally labile group
 Z = ligand or solvent

Generic description of electron activated hemilability

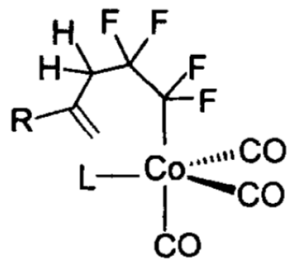
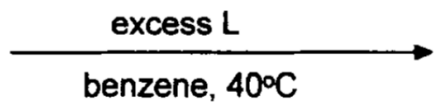


Electron mediated dimerization

Carbon anchored hemilabile ligands

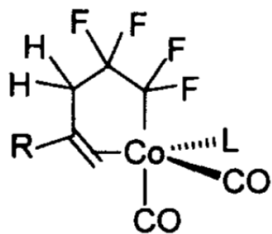


10a: R = H
10b: R = Me



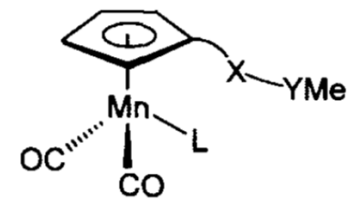
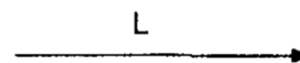
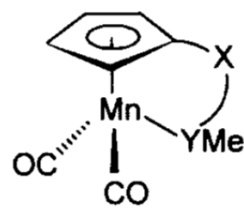
11a: R = H, L = PPh₃
11b: R = Me, L = PPh₃
11c: R = Me, L = AsPh₃

xylene,
150°C
- CO



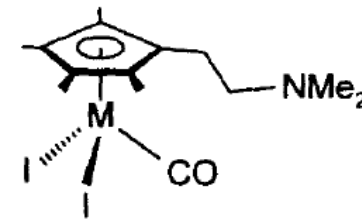
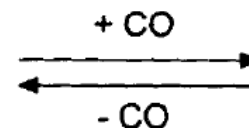
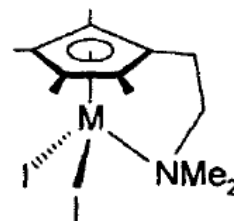
12a: R = H, L = PPh₃
12b: R = Me, L = PPh₃
12c: R = Me, L = AsPh₃

Elimination of CO



	X	Y
a	C(O)CH ₂	O
b	C(O)CH ₂	S
c	C(O)CH ₂ CH ₂	S
d	CH ₂ C(O)	O
e	CH ₂ CH ₂ C(O)	O

	X	Y	L
a	C(O)CH ₂	O	
b	C(O)CH ₂	S	PPh ₃
c	C(O)CH ₂ CH ₂	S	PPh ₃
d	CH ₂ C(O)	O	P(OEt) ₃
e	CH ₂ CH ₂ C(O)	O	P(OEt) ₃

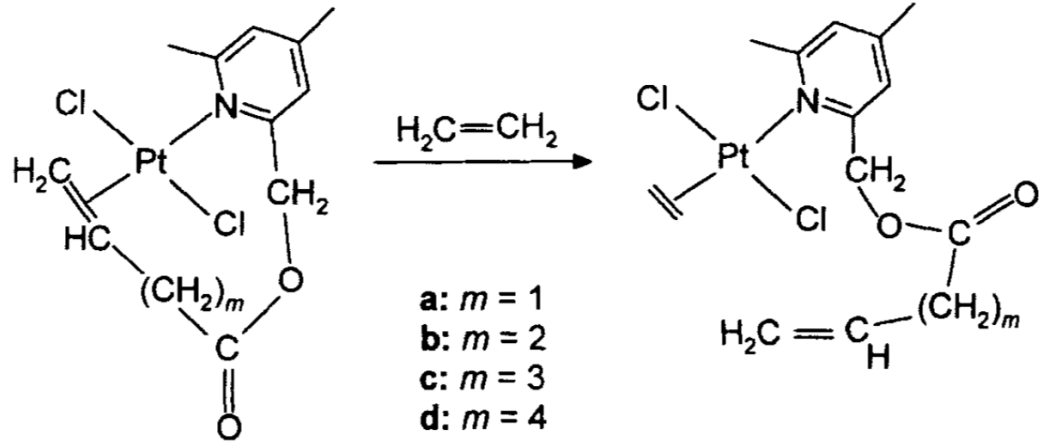


38a: M = Co
38b: M = Rh
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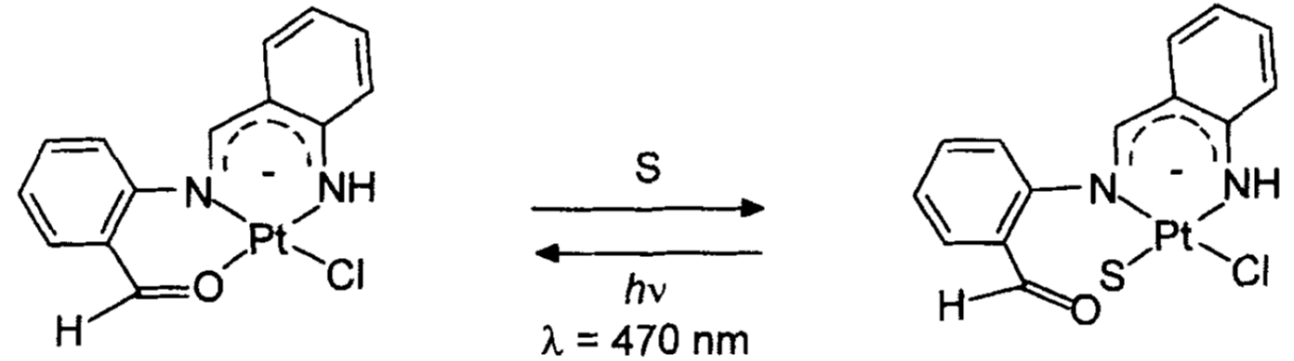
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Hemilabile piano stool complexes

Nitrogen anchored hemilabile ligands

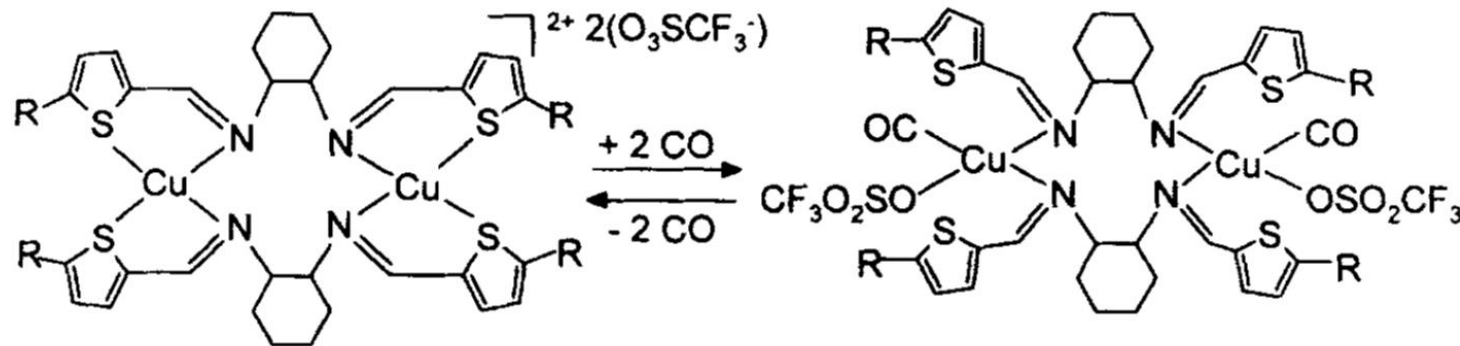


Reversible ethylene binding



$\text{S} = \text{MeCN}$ or DMSO

Very stable, able to cycle up to 15 times



73a: $\text{R} = \text{H}$
73b: $\text{R} = \text{Me}$

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Biological macromolecule Cu(I) site mimicry

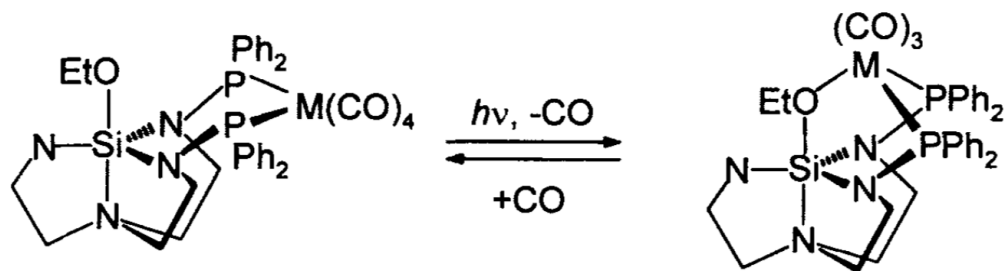
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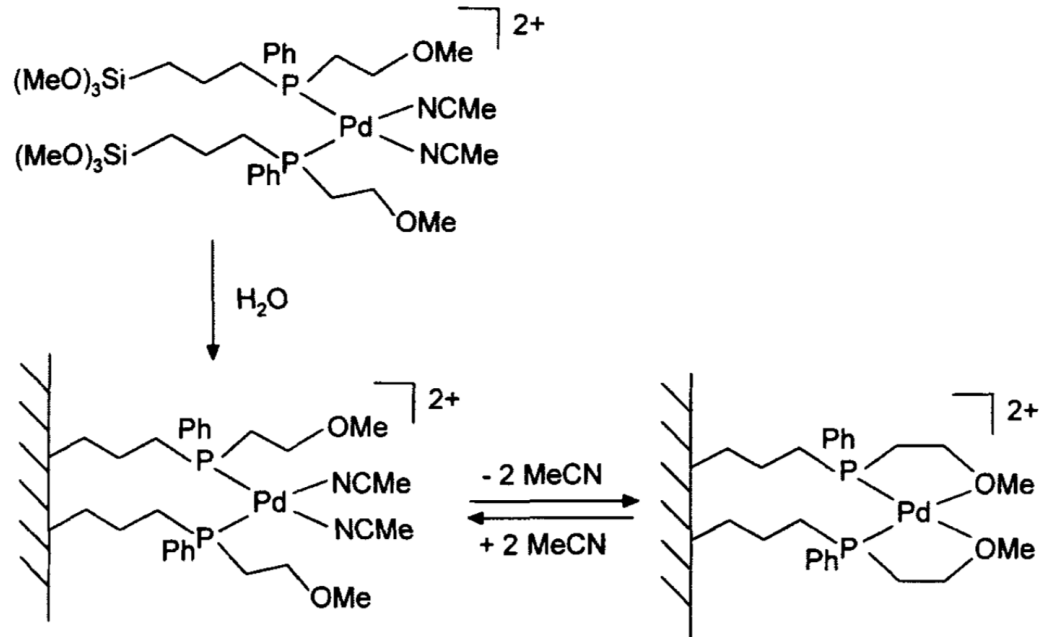
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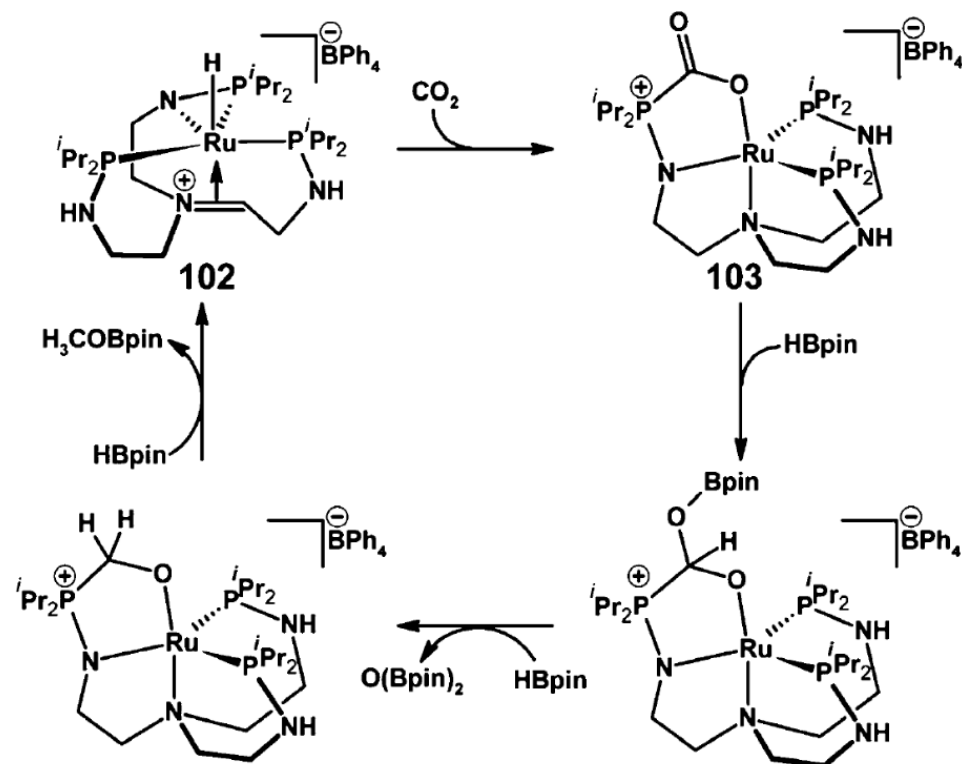
Phosphorus anchored hemilabile ligands



Reversible CO binding



Reversible acetonitrile binding, active in the copolymerization of CO and ethylene without solvent



CO₂ activation

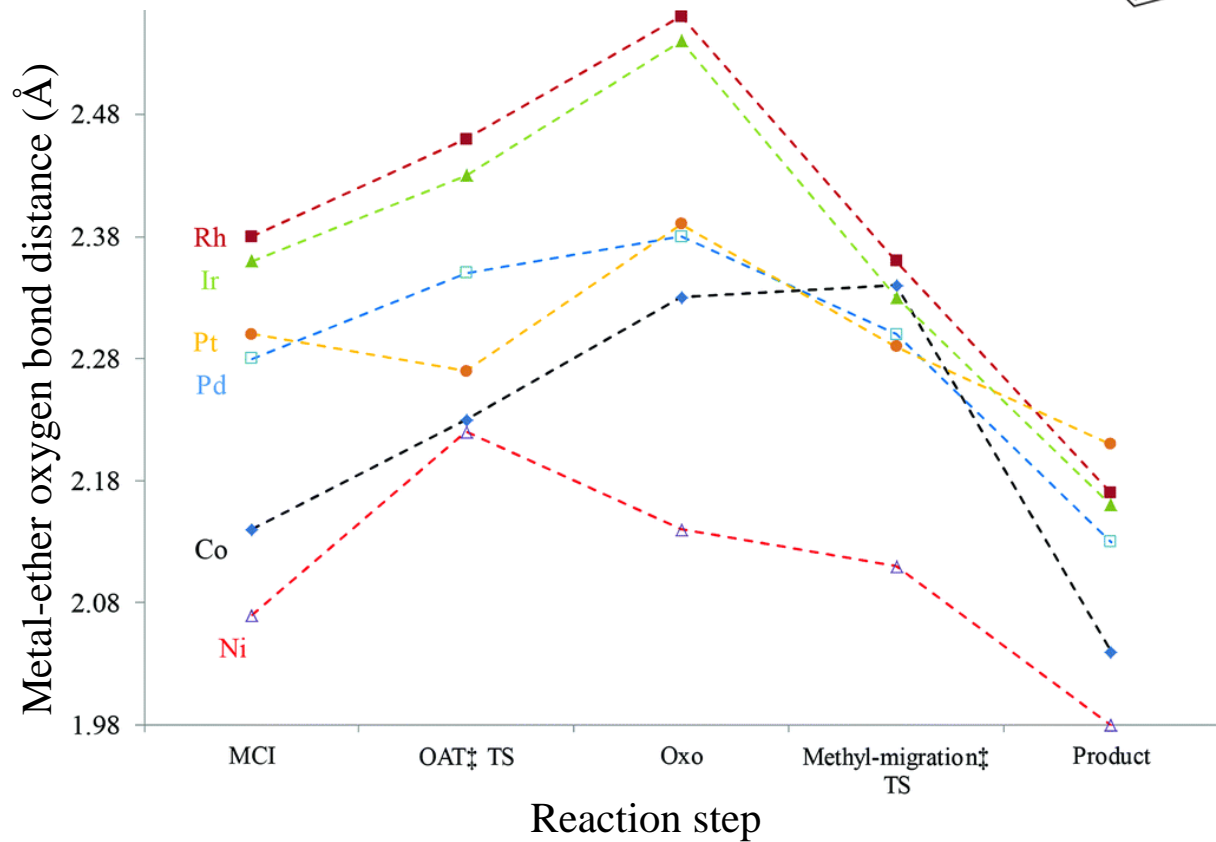
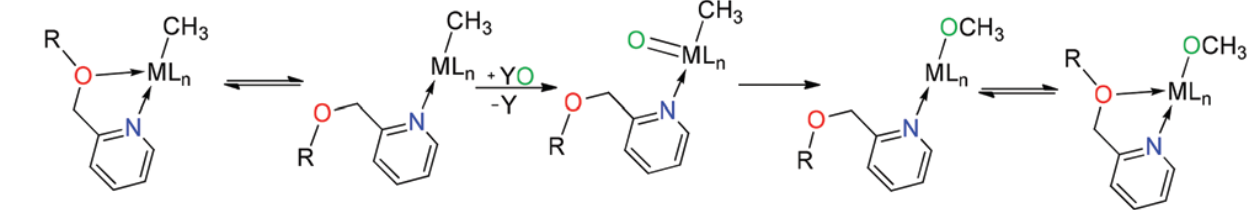
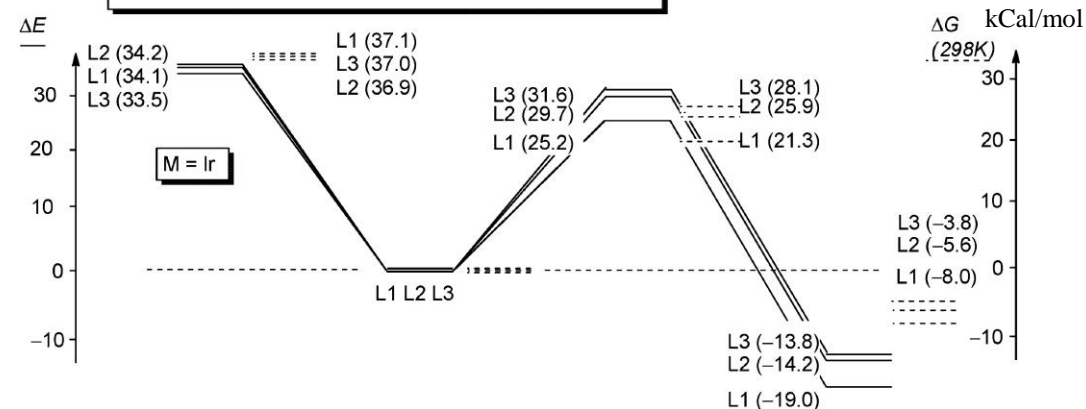
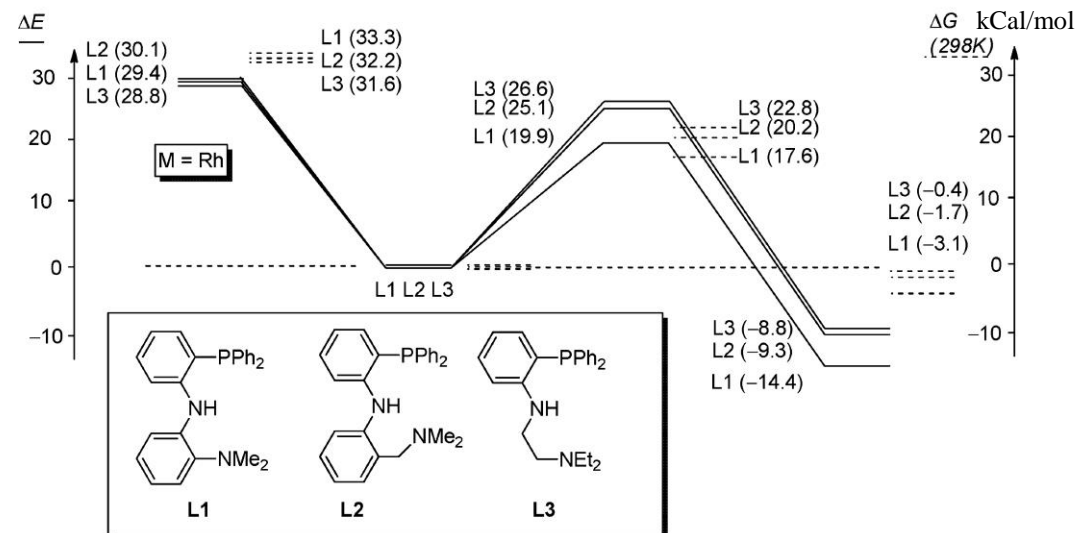
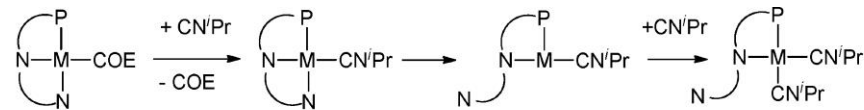
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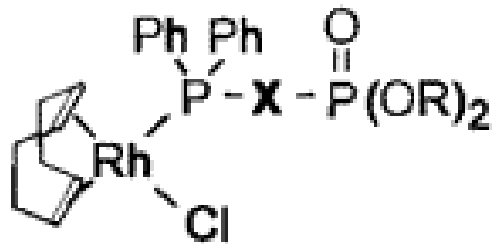
Hemilabile bond energetics



Oxy-insertion reaction and calculated bond distances

Calculated energies of (formal) intermediates for the reaction of the COE complexes $[M(L)(COE)]$ ($M = Rh, Ir$; $L = L1-L3$) with isopropyl isocyanide.

Hemilabile bond energetics

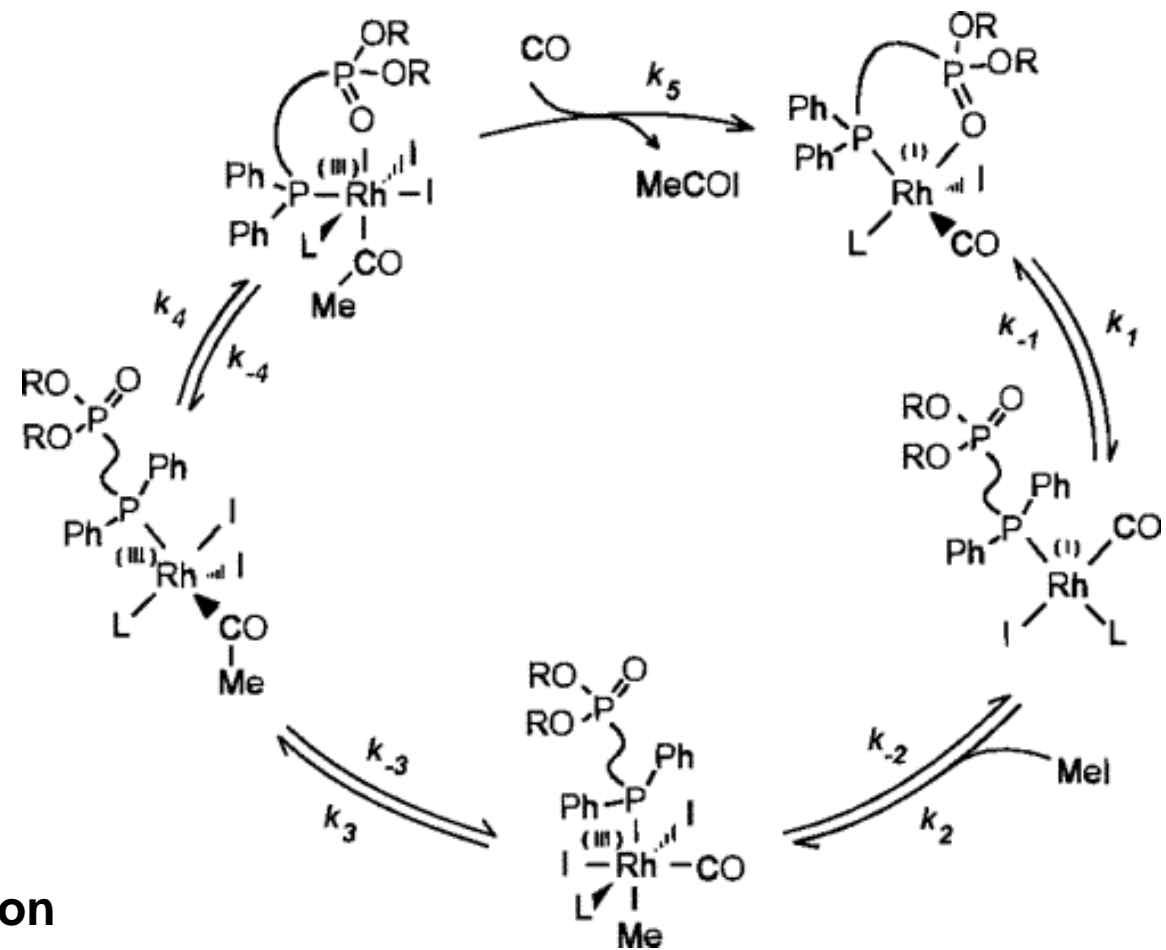


2a - d

a-d = methyl through butyl
substituent at "X"

Ligand Effects on Activation Parameters in Homogeneous Rh-Catalyzed Methanol Carbonylation

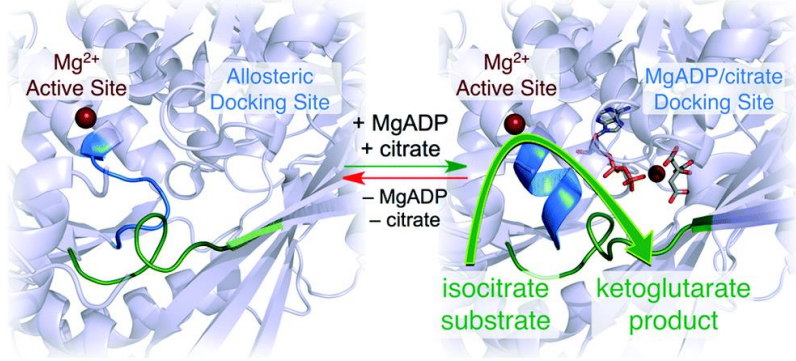
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ΔH^\ddagger (kJ/mol)	54.9 ± 5.4	27.5 ± 6.2	38.6 ± 3.4	55.2 ± 5.2	61.8 ± 5.3	76.0 ± 9.1
ΔS^\ddagger (J/mol/K)	-141 ± 13	-211 ± 15	-179 ± 8	-141 ± 12	-126 ± 12	-90 ± 22



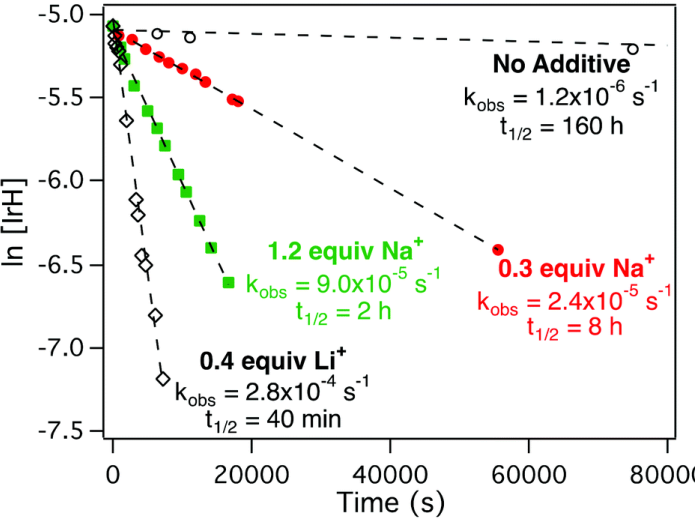
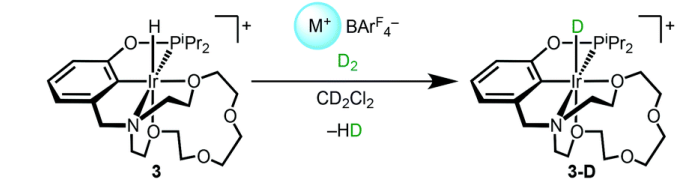
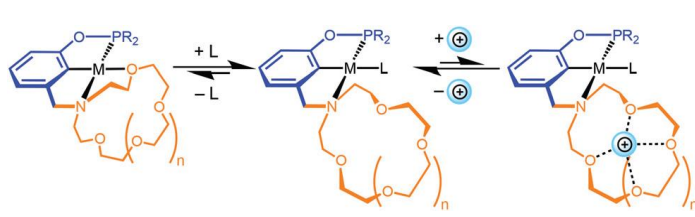
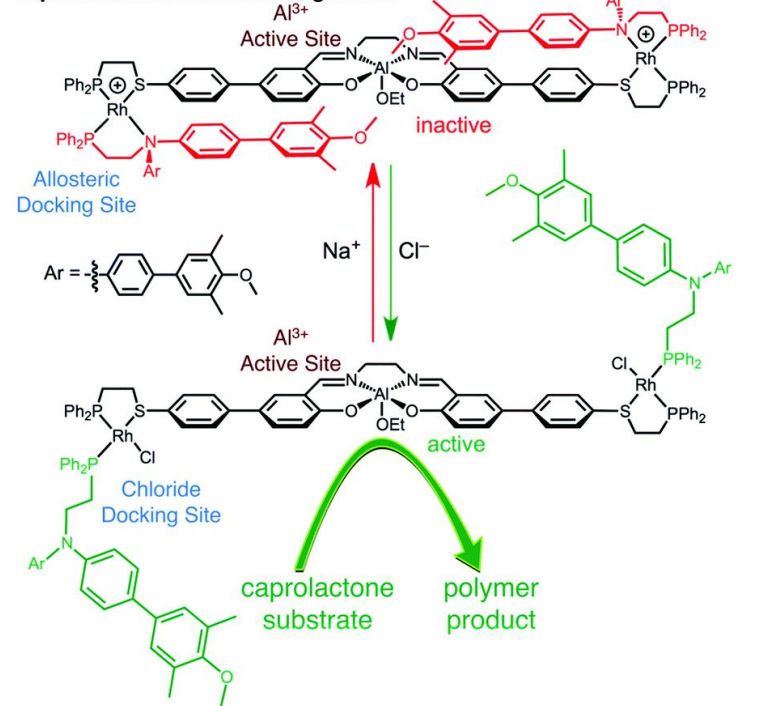
Carbonylation of methanol

Allosteric like regulation

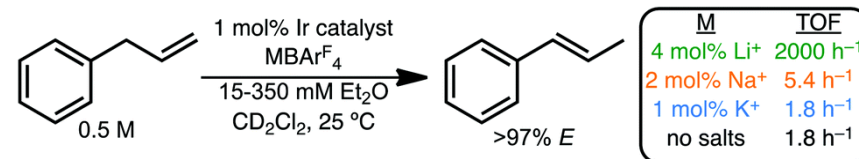
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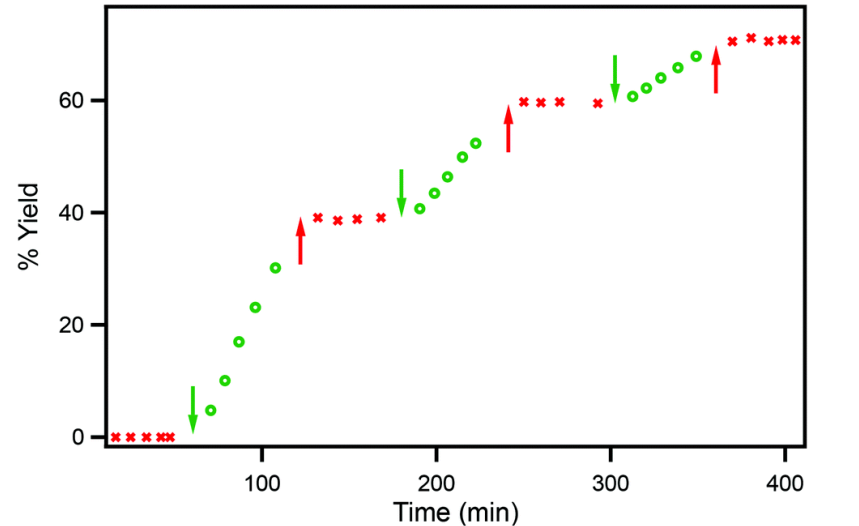
Supramolecular Allosteric Regulation



Initial rates of reaction

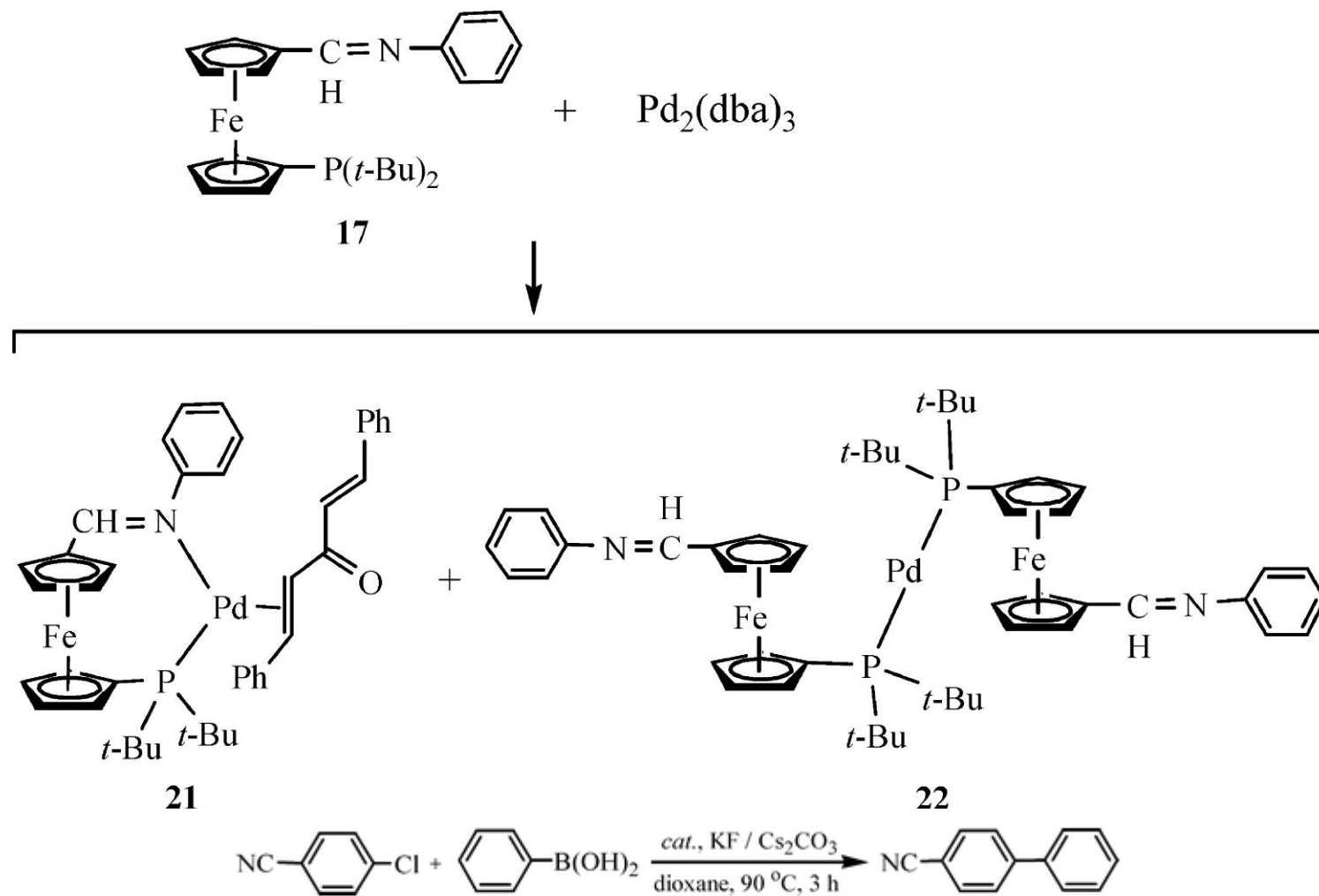


M	TOF
4 mol% Li ⁺	2000 h ⁻¹
2 mol% Na ⁺	5.4 h ⁻¹
1 mol% K ⁺	1.8 h ⁻¹
no salts	1.8 h ⁻¹



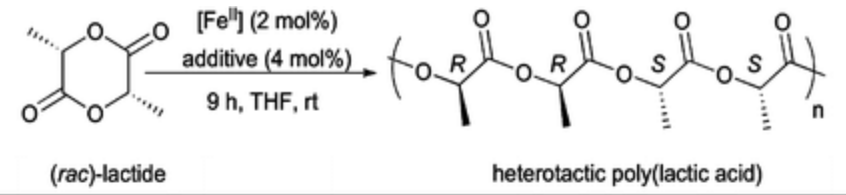
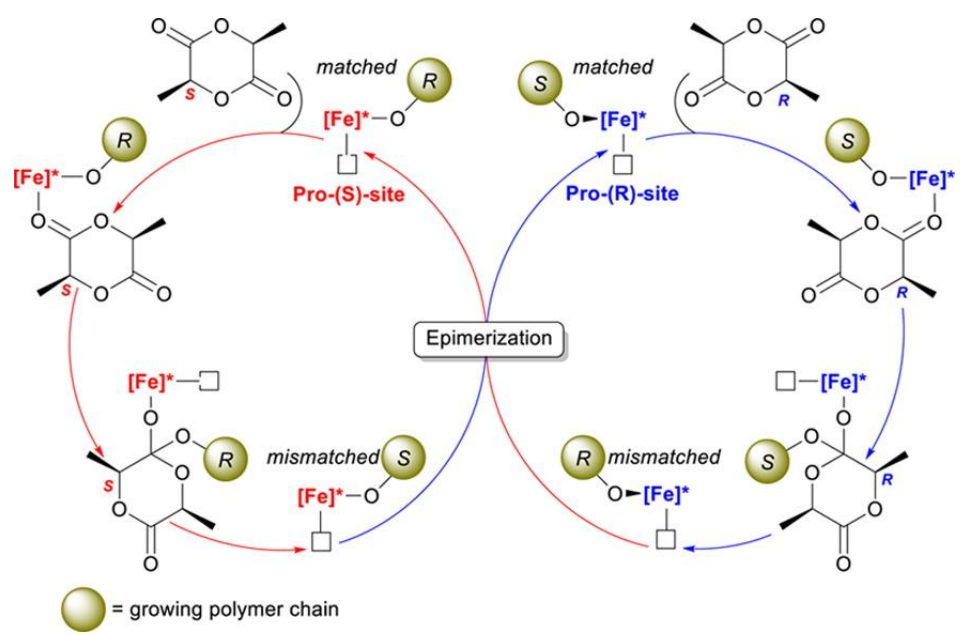
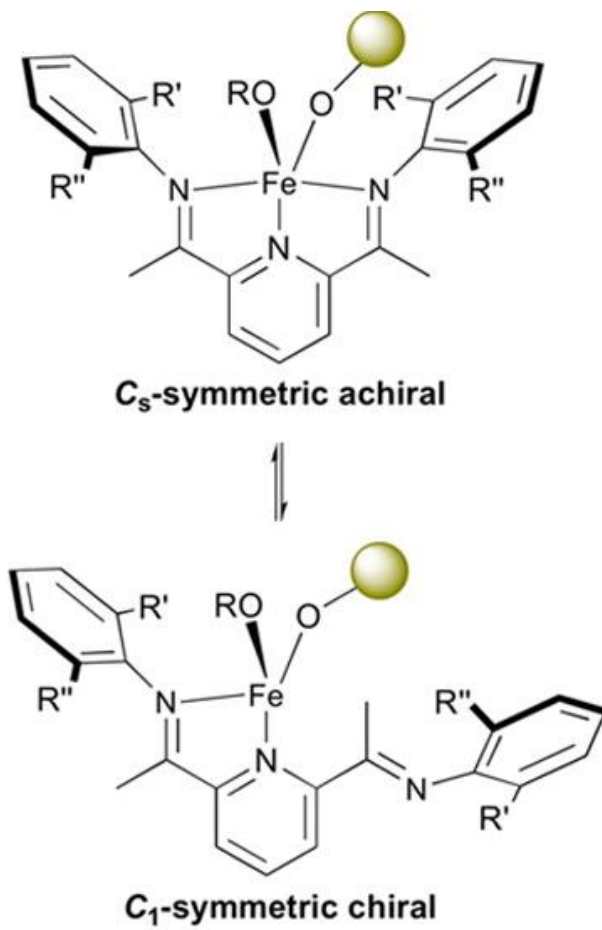
Switchable allylbenzene isomerization catalyzed by iridium pincer-crown ether species. A 0.5 M allylbenzene solution in CD₂Cl₂ was charged with 5 mM κ⁴-(¹⁵C₅NCOPⁱPr)Ir(H)(Cl) (**2**) and monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Green down arrows mark the time when 2 equiv. of NaBARF₄ was added to switch on catalysis. Red up arrows mark the time at which 2 equiv. of PPnCl were added to switch off catalysis

Suzuki coupling

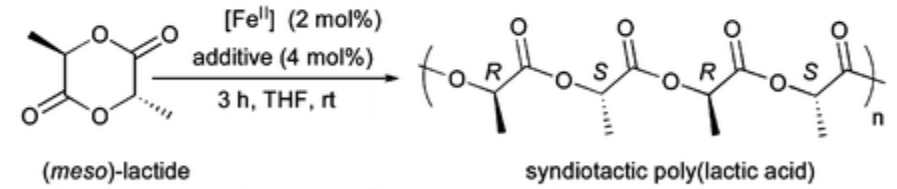


catalyst	21	22
0.25 mol % (Pd)	98%	100% yield
0.01 mol % (Pd)	52%	100% yield

Polymerization with hemilabile ligands

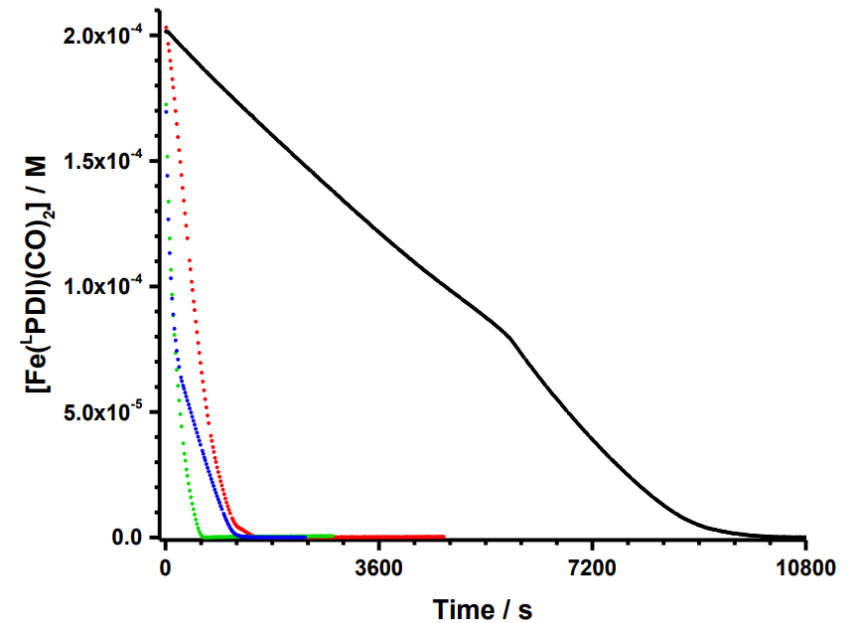
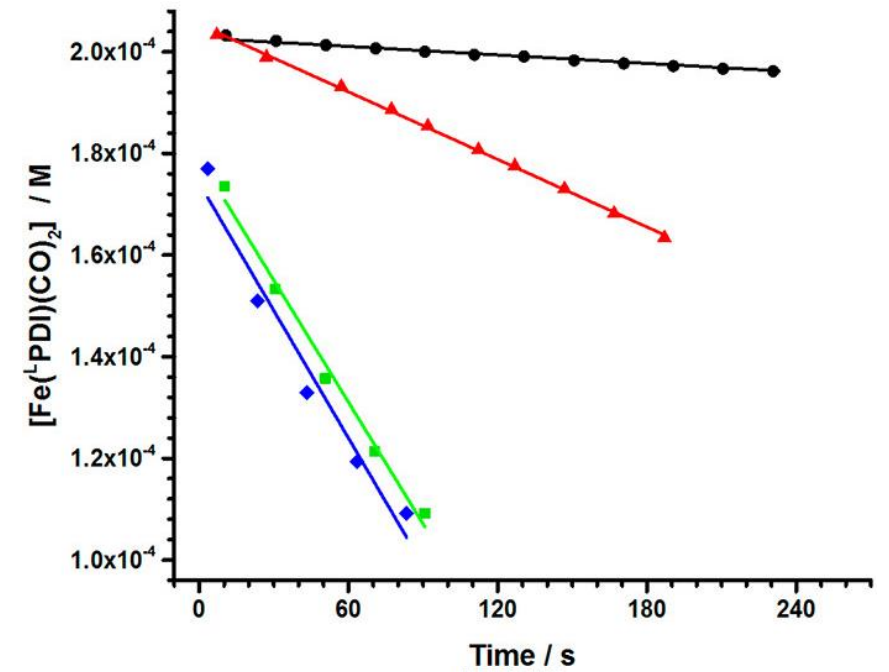
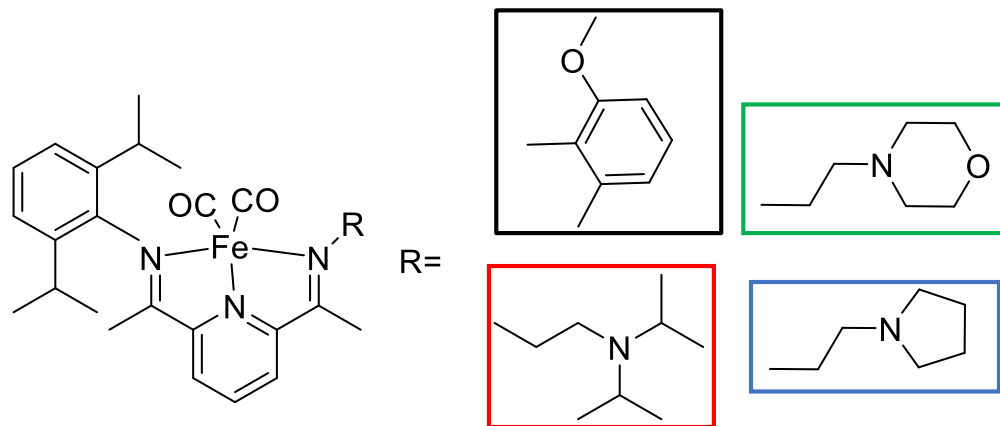
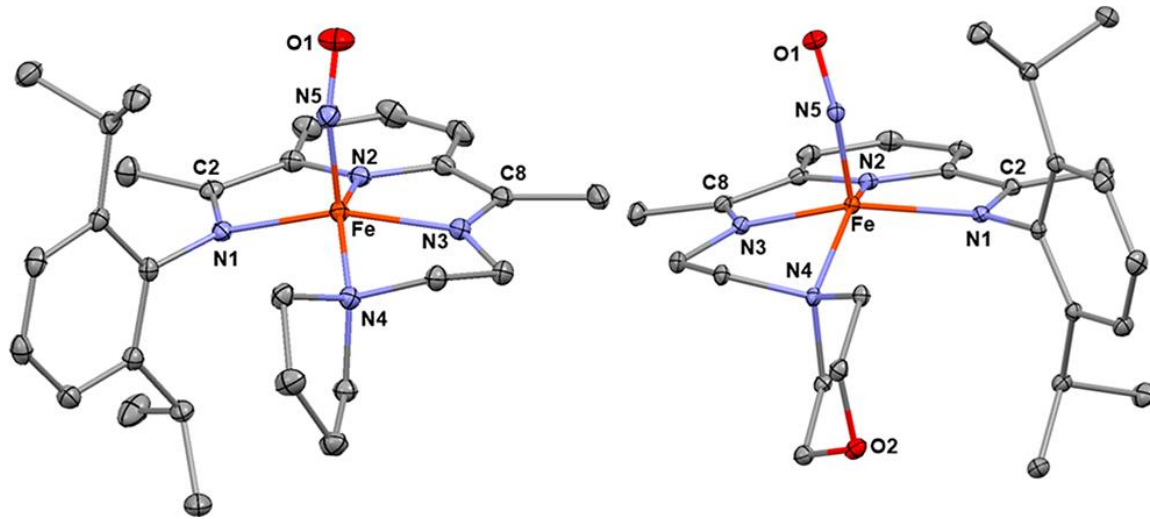
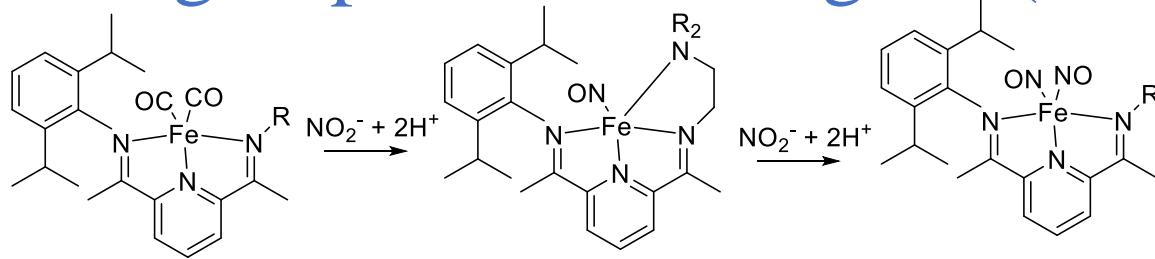


	[Fe ^{II}]	Additive	Cone angle ¹³	M _n (kg/mol)	M _w /M _n	P _s ^a (%)
1 ^b	3	<i>p</i> -MeOC ₆ H ₄ OH	-	9.08	1.42	50
2	3	Ph ₃ SiOH	145	42.9	1.31	66
3	4	Ph ₃ SiOH	145	29.1	1.45	69
4	4	MePh ₂ SiOH	136	15.7	1.38	75
5	4	Et ₃ SiOH	132	10.1	1.46	58
6	4	Me ₂ PhSiOH	122	9.0	1.50	64
7	5	Ph ₃ SiOH	145	43.1	1.40	73



	[Fe ^{II}]	Additive	Cone angle ¹³	M _n (kg/mol)	M _w /M _n	P _s ^a (%)
8	4	<i>p</i> -MeOC ₆ H ₄ OH	-	9.04	1.25	67
9	4	Ph ₃ SiOH	145	54.4	1.43	88
10	4	MePh ₂ SiOH	136	7.0	1.52	82
11	4	Et ₃ SiOH	132	11.5	1.62	92
12	4	Me ₂ PhSiOH	122	8.6	1.40	85
13	5	Ph ₃ SiOH	145	39.2	1.60	70

Gilbertson group hemilabile ligand (MNIC)



Conclusions and Outcomes

Hemilabile ligands can:

- Increase stability
- Allow access to active sites that would otherwise be obscured
- Lead to different reactivity
- Probe binding pathways of biomolecules
- Allow for isolation of reactive intermediates
- Have more sites that can be poisoned in catalysis
- Be less predictable

Design principles to consider when designing hemilabile ligands:

- **Hard/Soft Acid/Base theory**
- **Trans influence**
- **Ring strain/angles**
- **Sterics**
- **Electronics (donating/withdrawing)**
- **Entropic effects/floppiness**
- **Redox states/activity**
- **Preferred geometry of Metal**