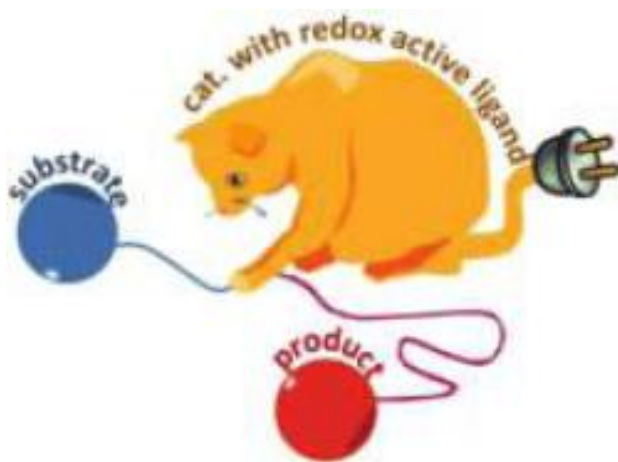


# Redox Non-Innocent Ligands in Catalysis



Literature Seminar  
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## Definition of "non-innocent" ligands

C.K.Jørgensen:

**"Ligands are innocent when they allow oxidation states of the central atoms to be defined"**

*Coord. Chem. Rev* 1966, 1, 164

The *formal* oxidation number:

the charge left on the metal after all ligands have been removed in their normal, closed-shell configuration that is with their electron pair

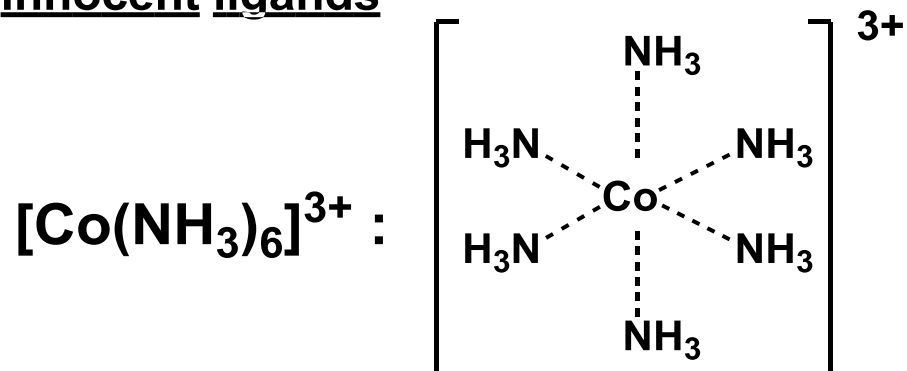
The *physical* oxidation number:

an oxidation number which is derived from a known  $d^n$  configuration

(  $n$  for  $d^n$  electronic configuration is a measurable quantity )

## Definition of "non-innocent"

### Examples of innocent ligands

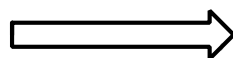


remove  $\text{NH}_3$  ligands in their closed-shell configuration,  
then Co is left as  $\text{Co}^{+3}$

→ *formal* oxidation number is +3

Co is the low spin  $d^6$  ion

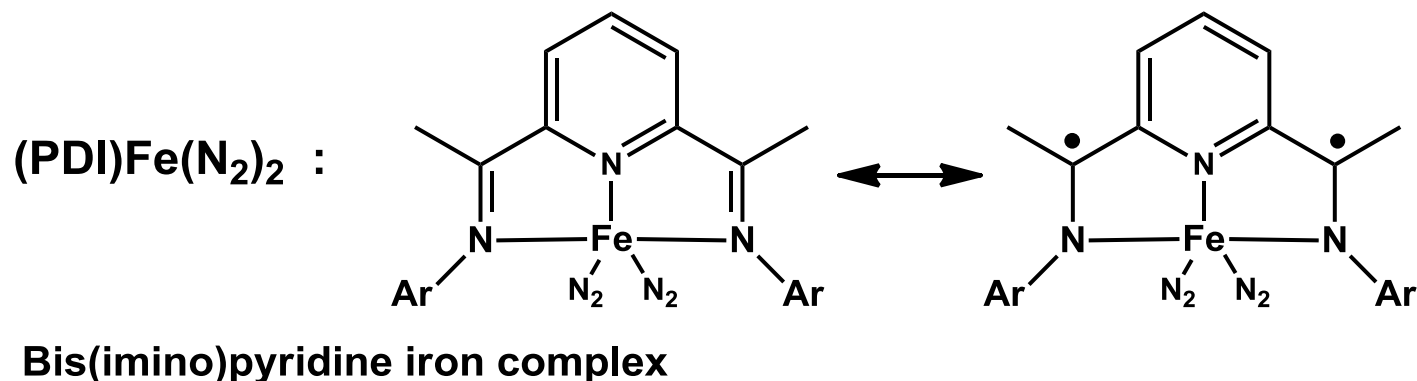
→ *physical* oxidation number is +3



**$\text{NH}_3$  is innocent ligand**

## Definition of "non-innocent"

### Examples of non-innocent ligands

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remove PDI(bis(imino)pyridine) ligands and N<sub>2</sub> in their closed-shell configuration, then Fe is left as Fe<sup>0</sup>

→ *formal* oxidation number is 0

Fe is intermediate spin d<sup>6</sup> ion

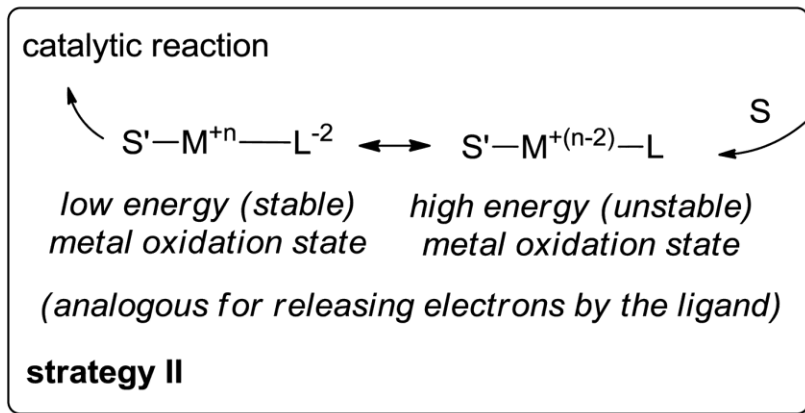
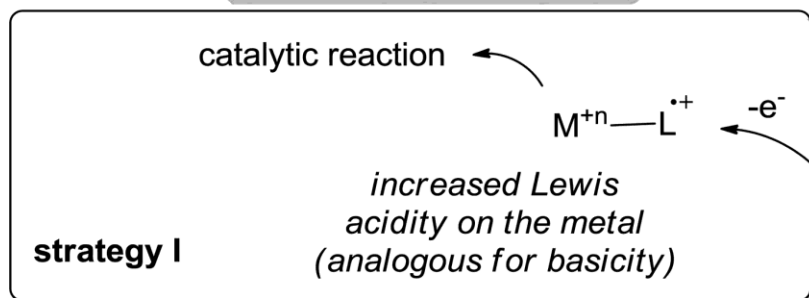
→ *physical* oxidation number is +2

⇒ **PDI ligand is non-innocent ligand**

# 4 strategies of redox-active ligands in catalysis

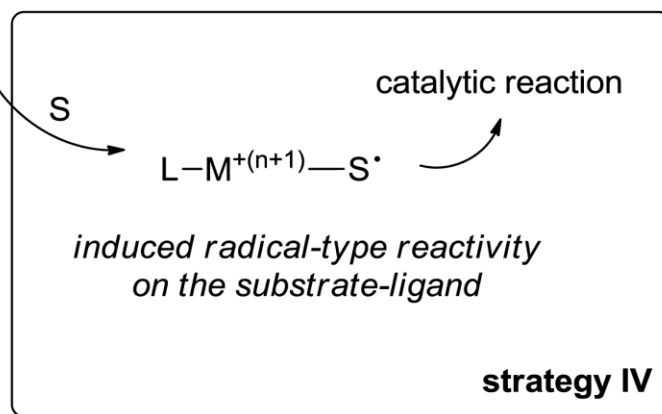
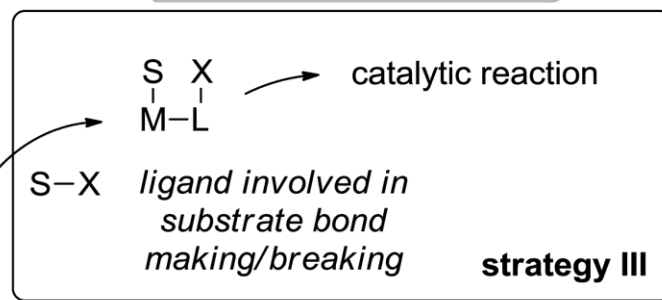
**Approach A:**  
ligands participate in catalytic cycle  
by accepting/donating electrons

**Approach A**



**Approach B:**  
ligands participate in the formation/breaking  
of substrate covalent bond.

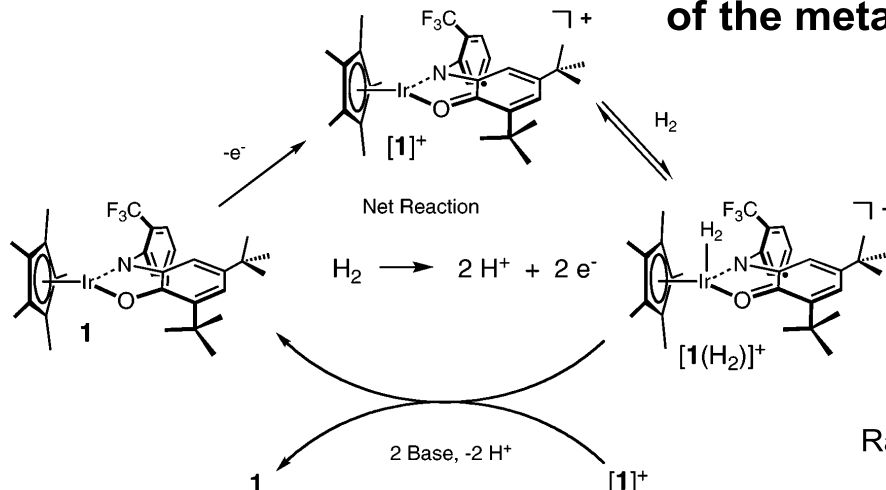
**Approach B**



S = substrate

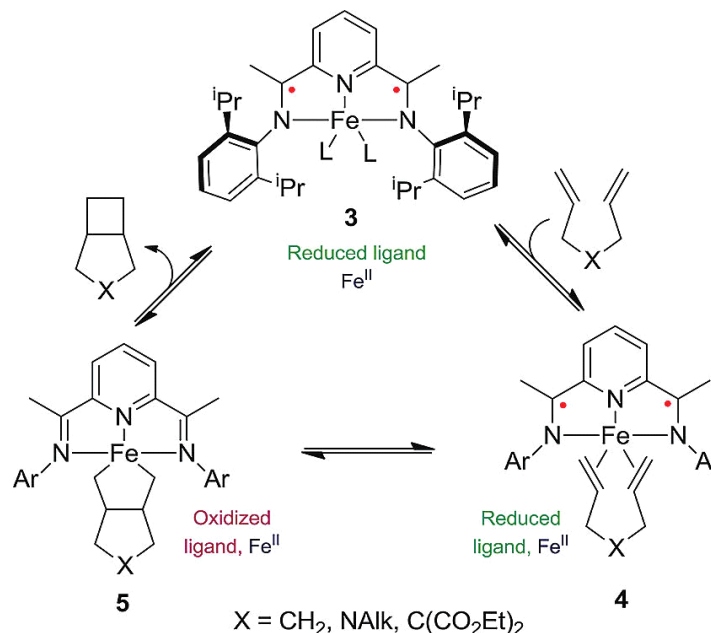
## 4 strategies of redox-active ligands in catalysis

**Strategy I: Oxidation/Reduction of ligands to tune electronic properties of the metal (Lewis acidity/basicity)**



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**Strategy II: Ligand acts as an electron reservoir to maintain the metal's oxidation state**



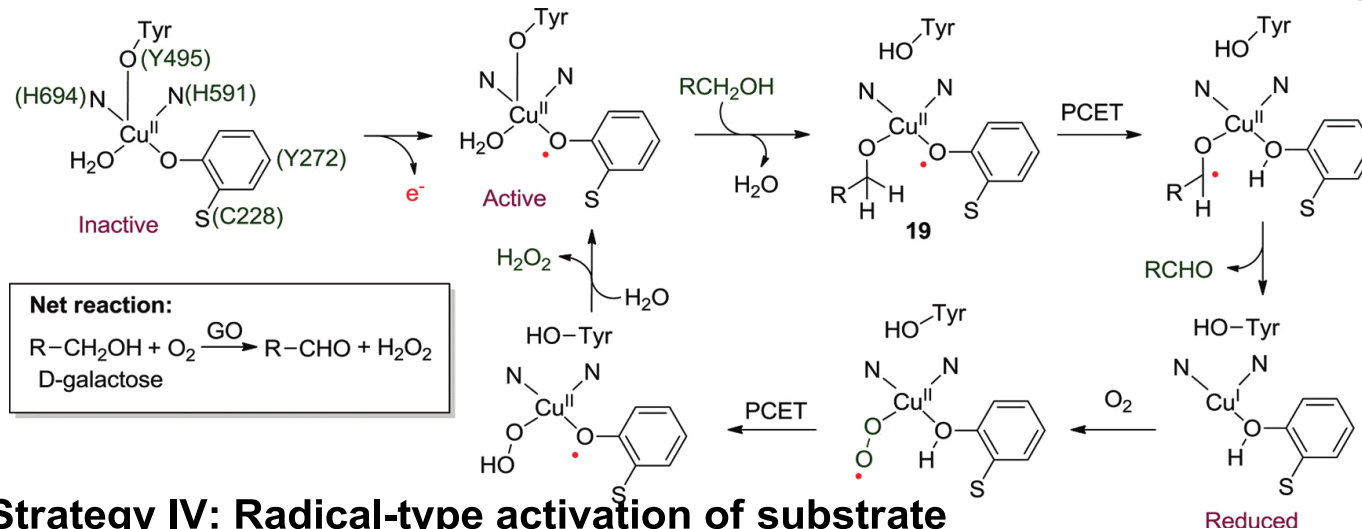
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Ref.) Mr.Kimura's Lit.Seminar (2010)

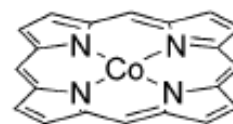
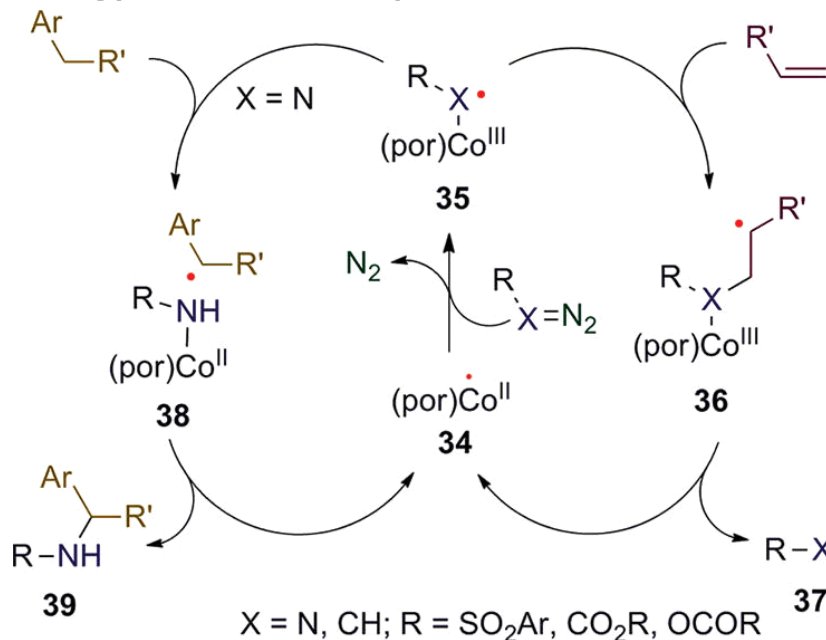


# 4 strategies of redox-active ligands in catalysis

## Strategy III: Ligand-radicals to make/break chemical bonds



## Strategy IV: Radical-type activation of substrate



Co(por)

de Bruin, B. *et al.* *JACS*, **2010**, 132, 10891

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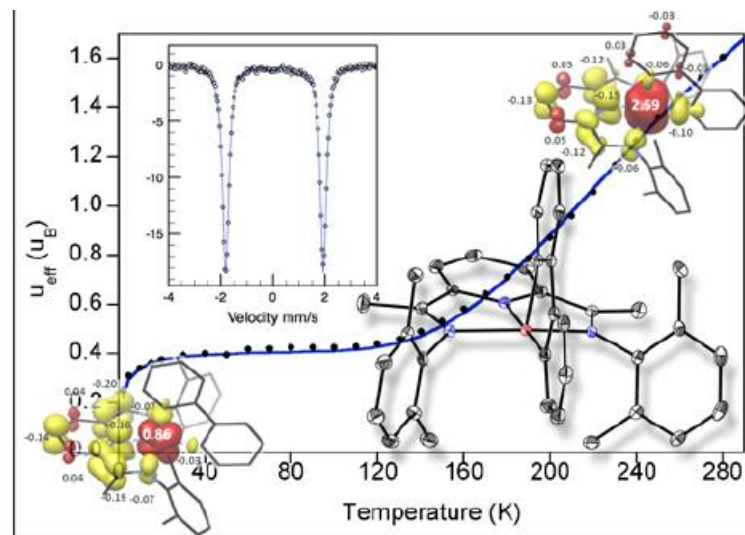
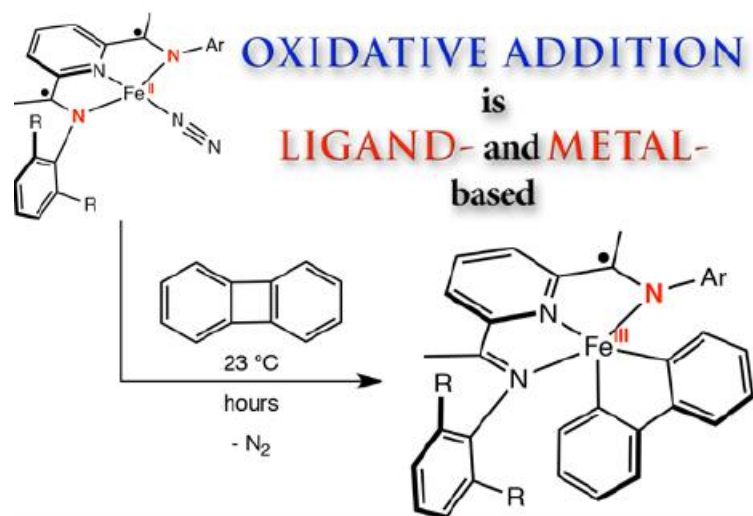
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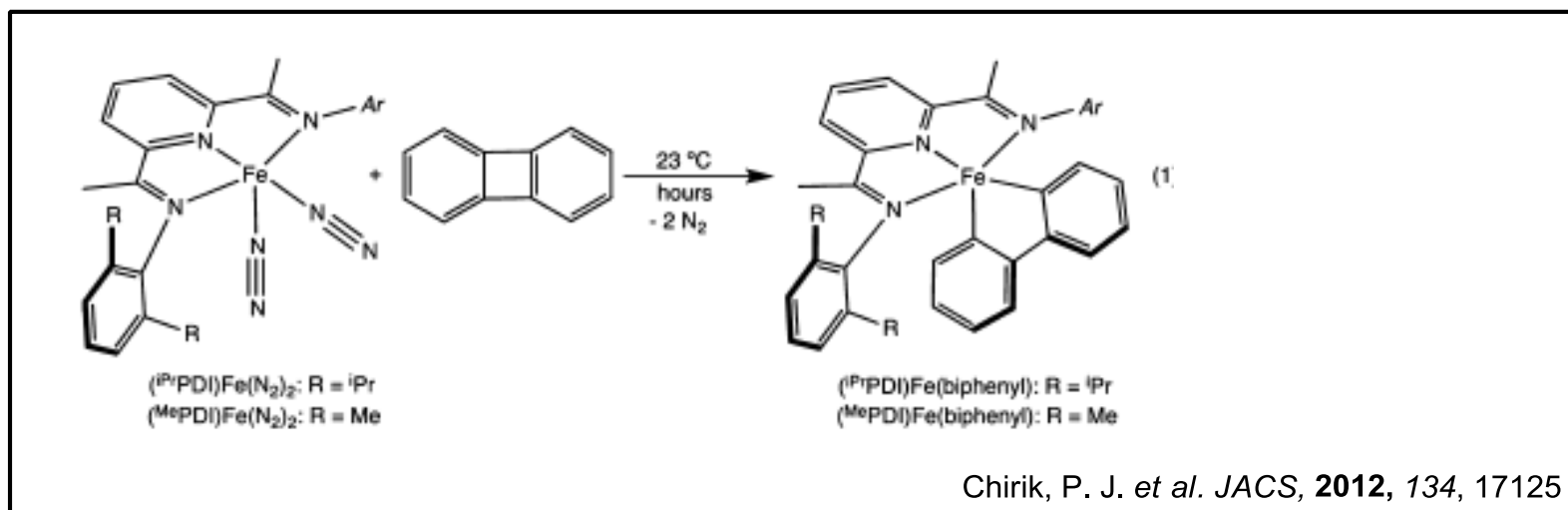


# Oxidative addition of C-C bond



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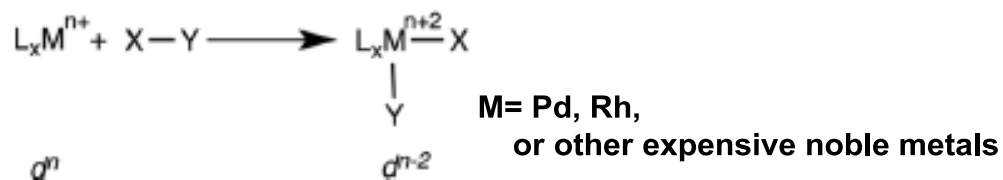
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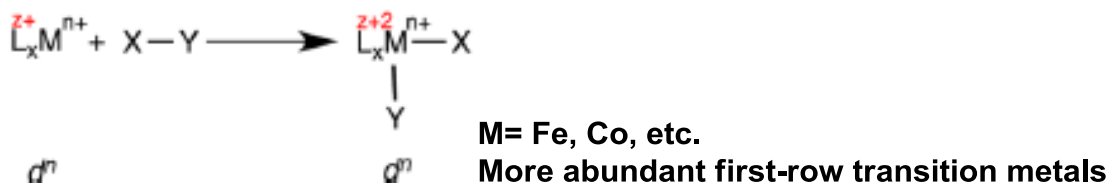
## Concept

### Scheme 1. Oxidative Addition Reactions

#### *Traditional Oxidative Addition*



#### *In A Redox-Active Metal-Ligand Complex*



Ligands act as electron reservoirs

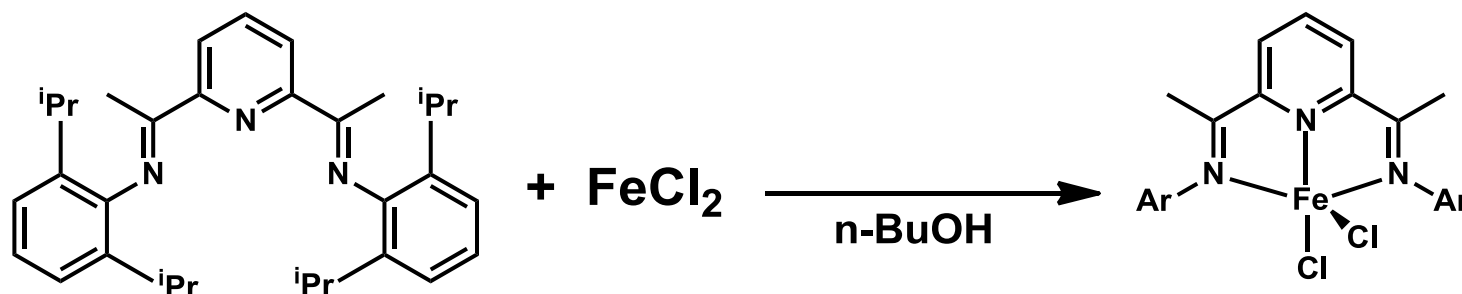


**Redox non-innocent ligands allow first-row transition metals to mimic some of the catalytic properties of noble metals.** <sup>12</sup>

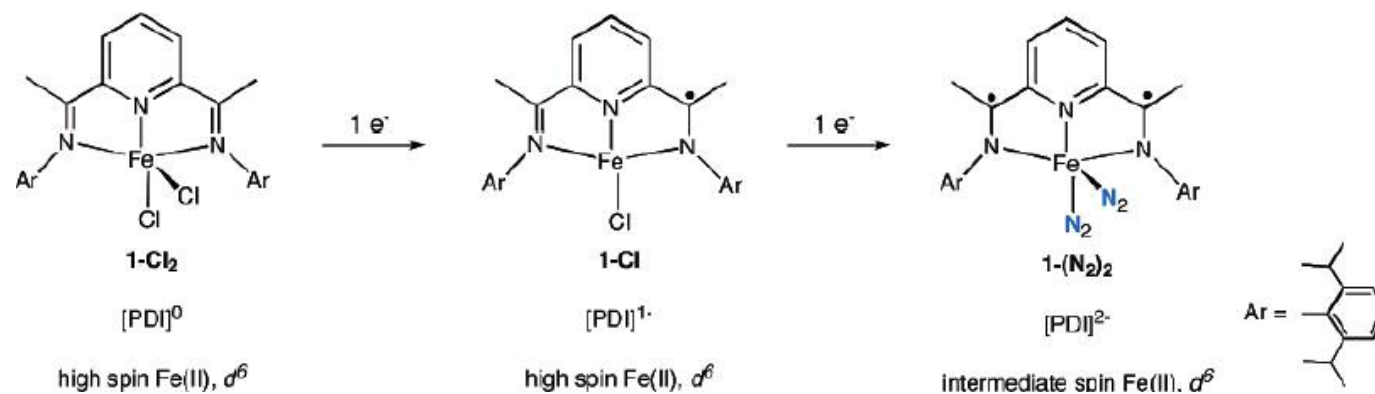
# Bis(imino)pyridine Iron Complex

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## Synthesis of (PDI)FeCl<sub>2</sub>



## Reduction of complex

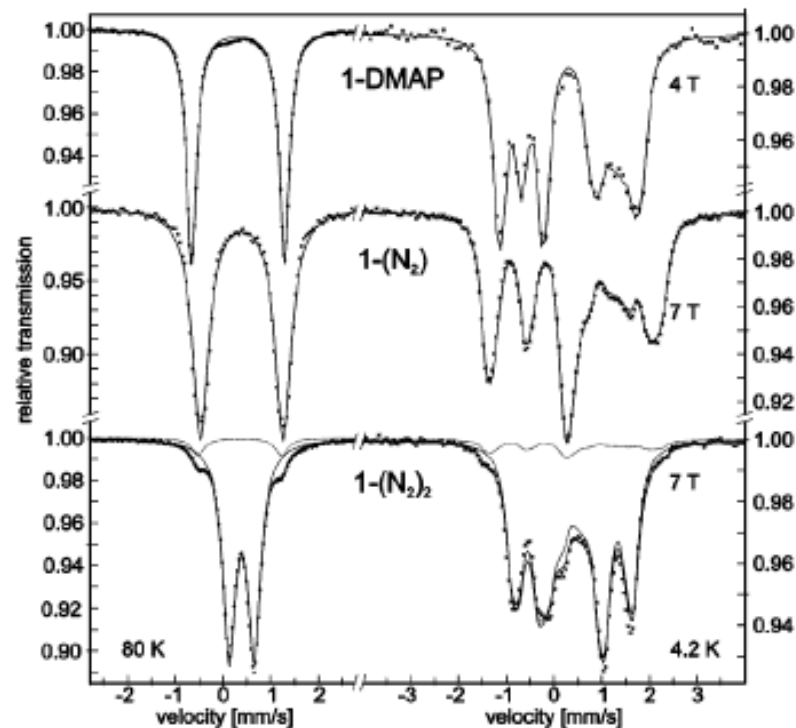
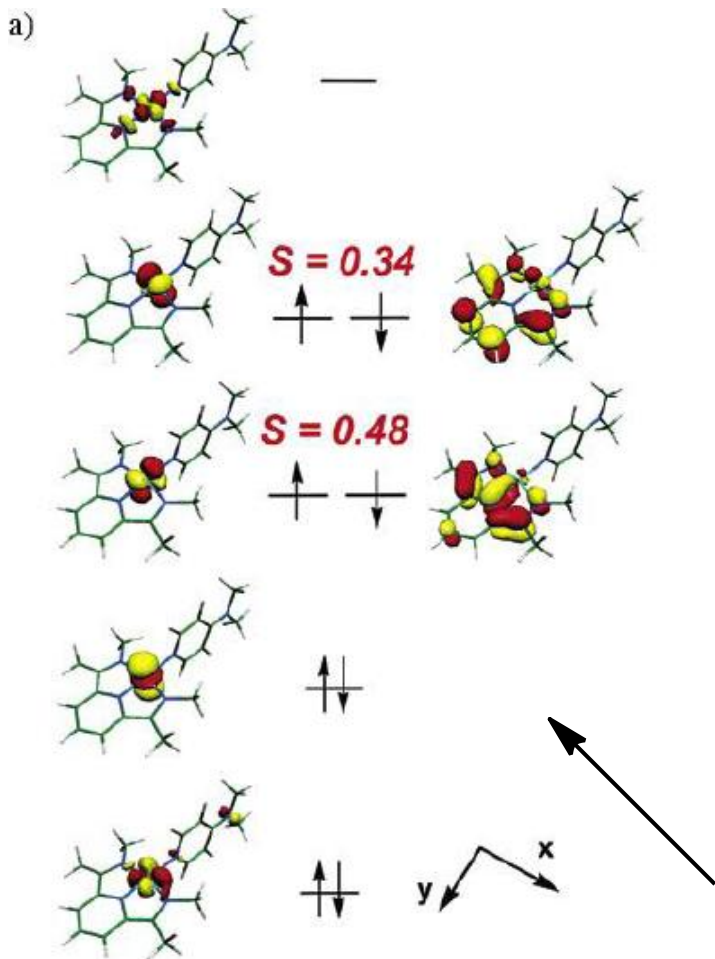


reductant : Na/Hg (under N<sub>2</sub>)

# Bis(imino)pyridine Iron Complex

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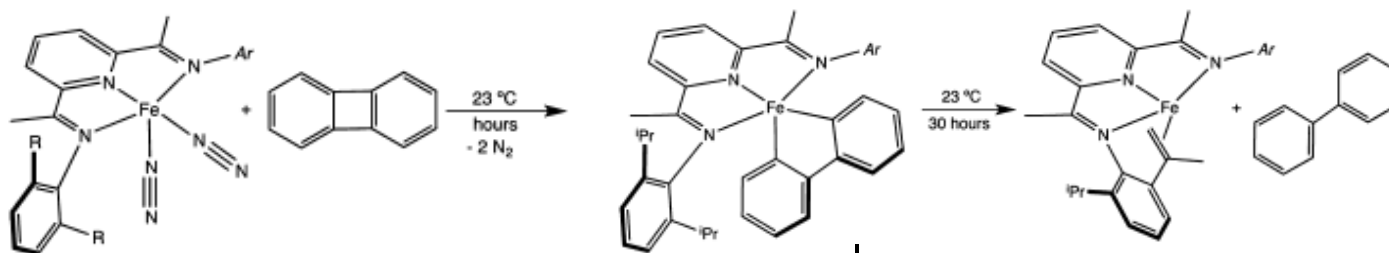
## Evidence for Fe(II) (Calculations and Mössbauer spectra)



**Figure 11.** Mössbauer spectra of 1-DMAP, 1-(N<sub>2</sub>), and 1-(N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> recorded at 80 K in zero-field (left column) and at 4.2 K with applied fields as indicated (right column). The lines are fits with Lorentzian doublets for the zero-field spectra and magnetic simulations for  $S = 0$  with the usual nuclear Hamiltonian for the magnetic spectra. The Mössbauer parameters are given in the text or in Table 6. The dotted lines in the spectra from 1-(N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> represent a 7.5% contamination with 1-(N<sub>2</sub>).

**Evidences of Fe(II) oxidation state and the triplet diradical bis(imino)pyridine ligands**

# X-ray diffraction of metallacycle Chirik, P. J. *et al. JACS*, 2012, 134, 17125



recrystallized  
from toluene/Et<sub>2</sub>O at -35 °C

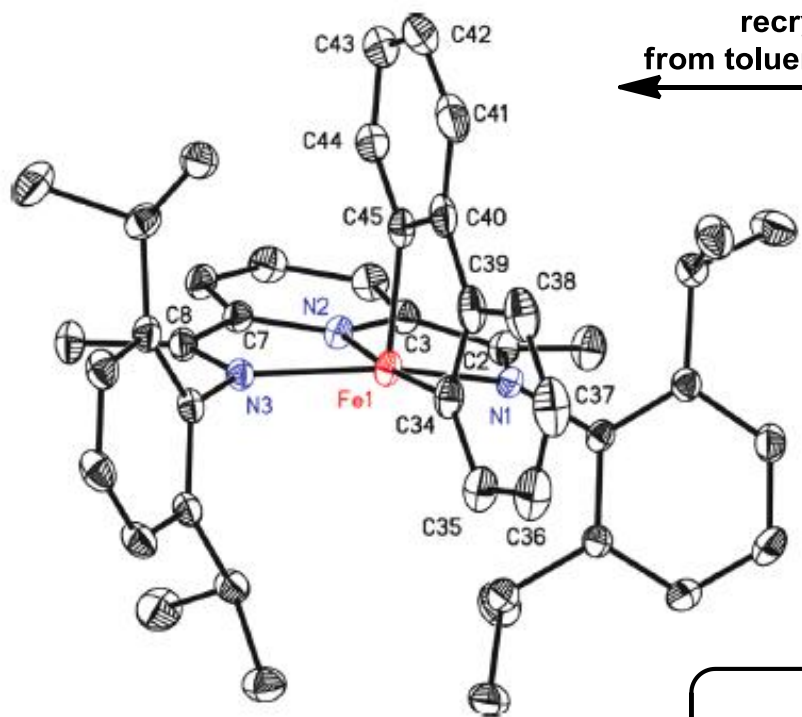
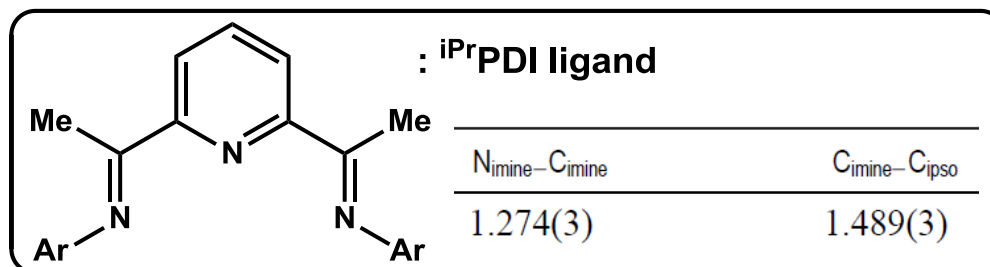


Table 1. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for (<sup>i</sup>PrPDI)Fe(biphenyl) and (<sup>Me</sup>PDI)Fe(biphenyl)

	( <sup>i</sup> PrPDI)Fe(biphenyl)	( <sup>Me</sup> PDI)Fe(biphenyl)
Fe(1)–N(1)	1.959(2)	1.9402(18)
Fe(1)–N(2)	1.852(2)	1.8569(16)
Fe(1)–N(3)	1.988(2)	1.9503(18)
Fe(1)–C <sub>basal</sub>	1.965(3)	1.9656(19)
Fe(1)–C <sub>apical</sub>	1.943(3)	1.9436(19)
N(1)–C(2)	1.315(4)	1.318(2)
N(3)–C(8)	1.317(4)	1.320(2)
C(2)–C(3)	1.438(4)	1.452(3)
C(7)–C(8)	1.433(4)	1.447(3)



# What is the oxidation state of iron?

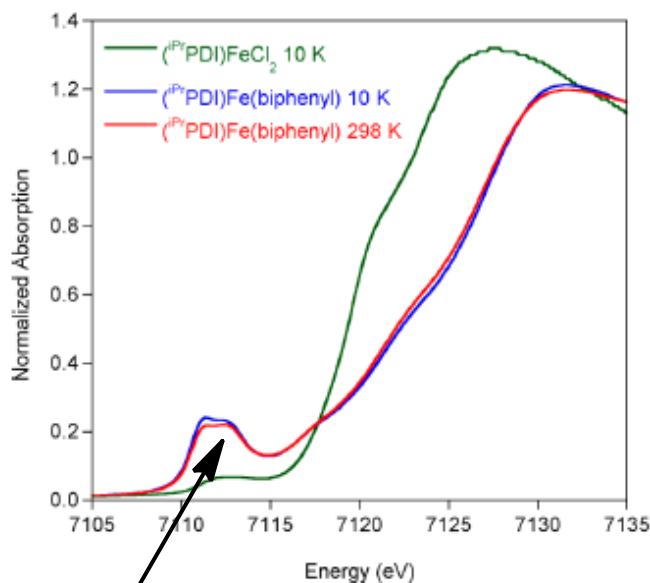
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Figure 5. Comparison of the normalized Fe K-edge XAS spectra for  $(iPrPDI)FeCl_2$  and  $(iPrPDI)Fe(biphenyl)$ .

**Indication of Fe(III) oxidation state**

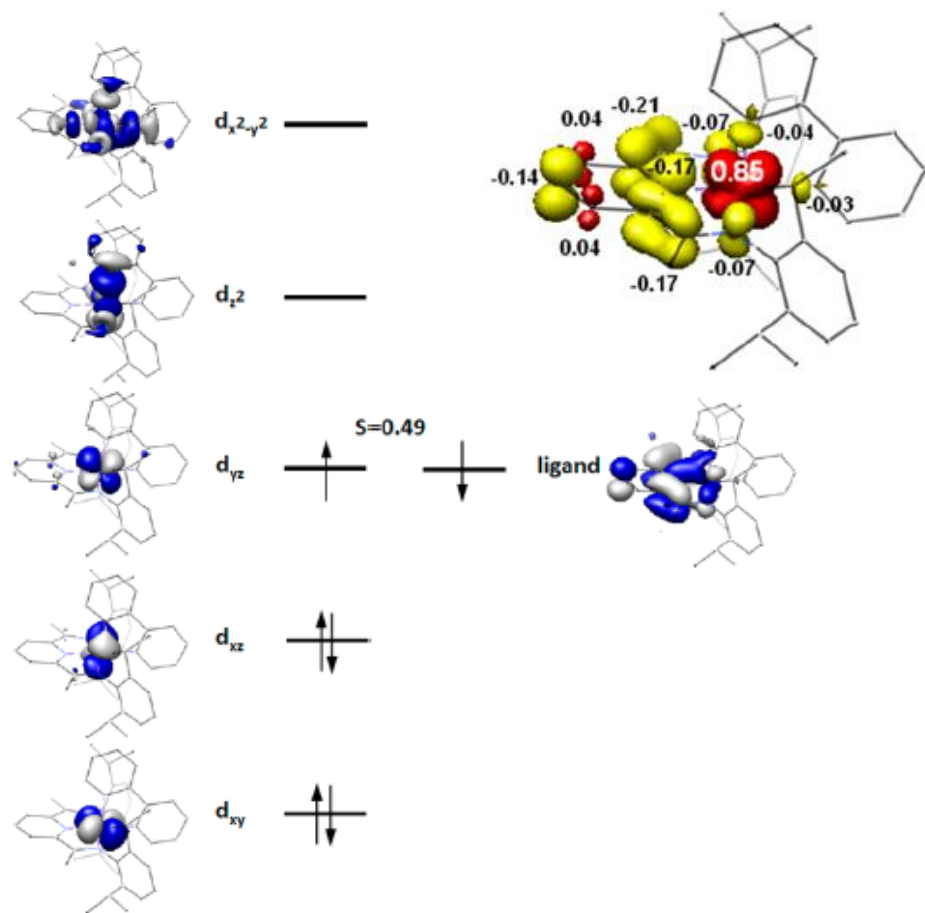
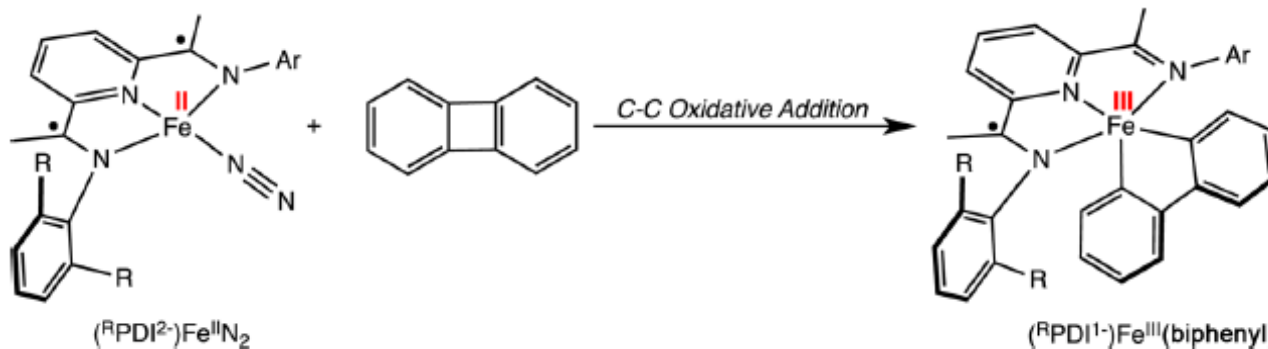


Figure 7. Qualitative molecular orbital diagram (left) and spin density plot (right) obtained from the BS(1,1) solution for  $(iPrPDI)Fe(biphenyl)$ .

**Both the iron and bis(imino)pyridine ligand undergo concomitant one-electron oxidations resulting overall two-electron cleavage of the C-C bond, without high energy Fe(IV) oxidation state.**

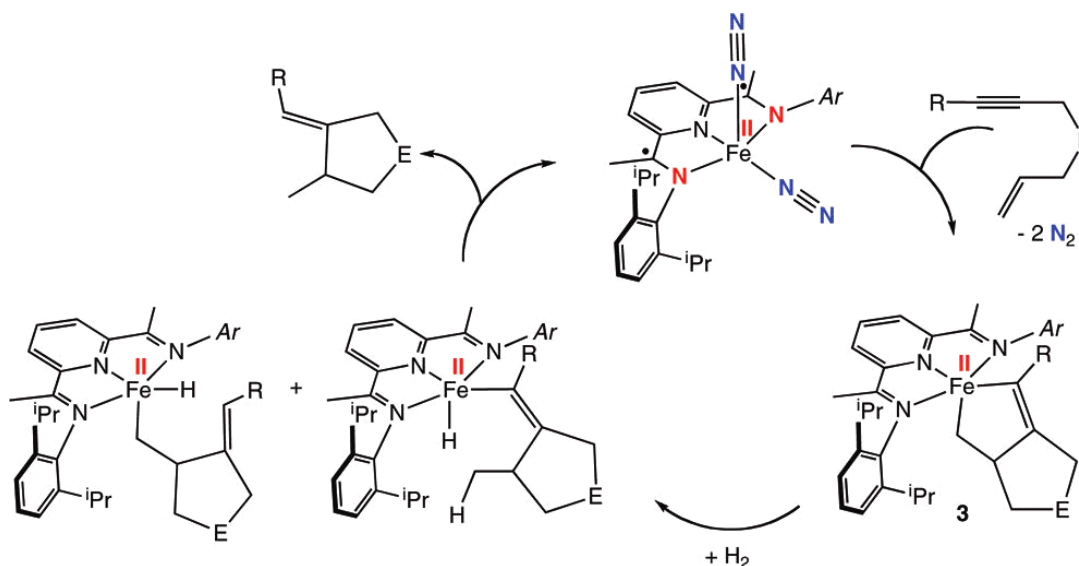


# Conclusion

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**Cooperative one-electron oxidation at both the metal and ligand**

## Example of catalytic reaction

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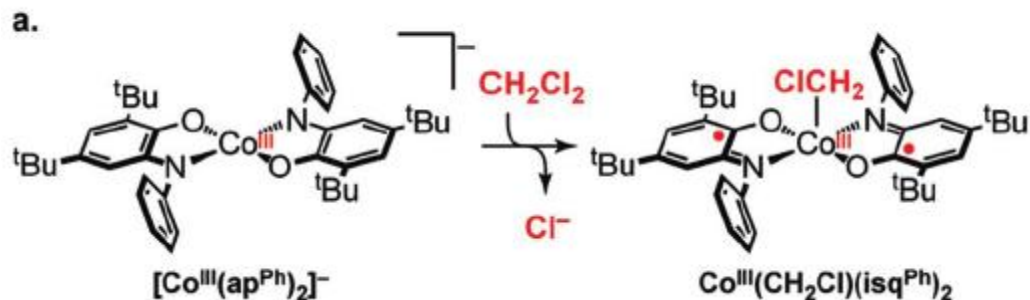
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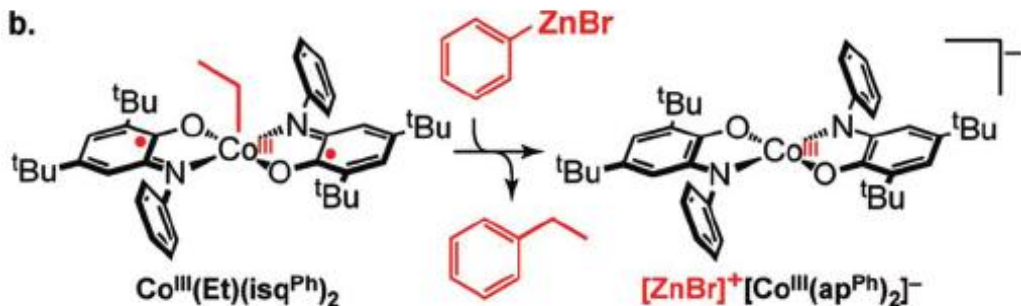
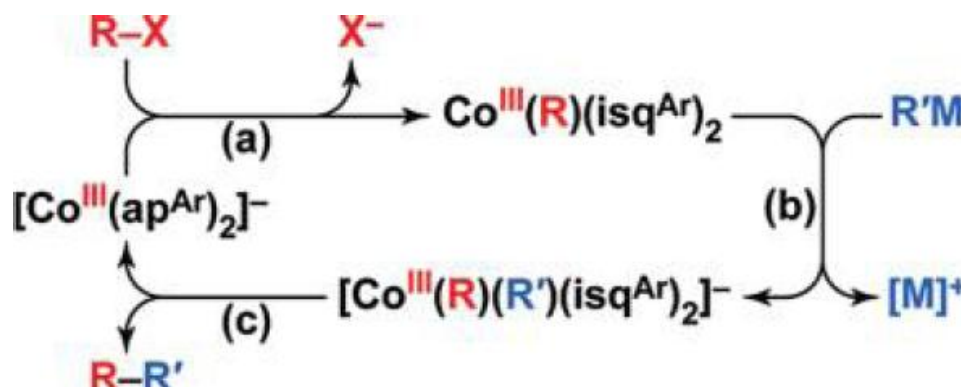
# Redox-active cobalt mediated reaction

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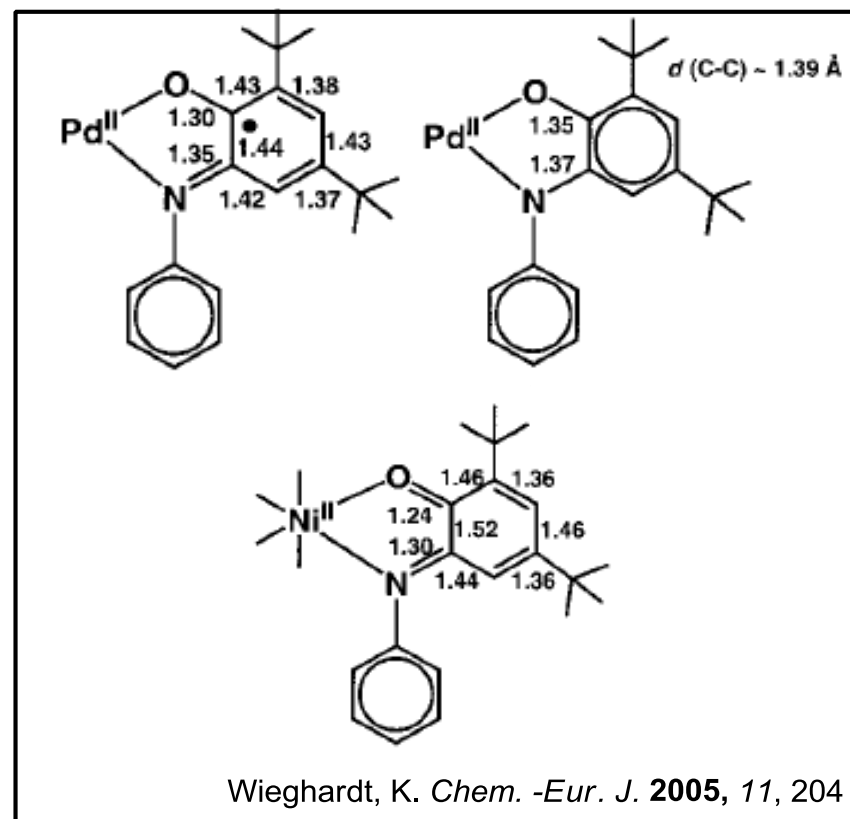
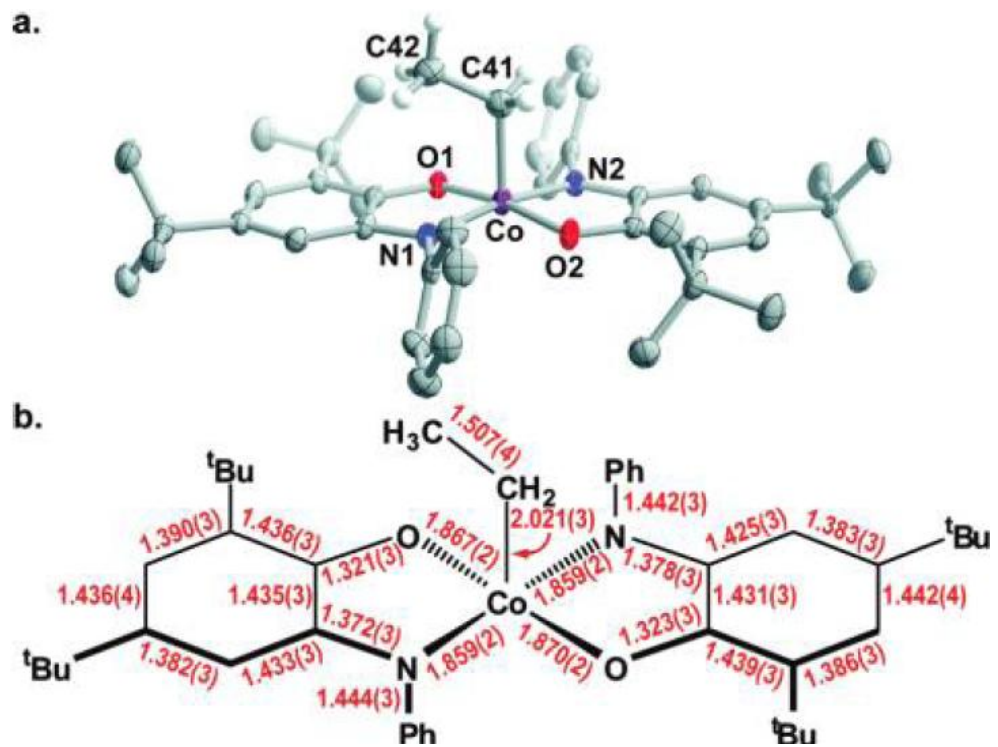
Scheme 1



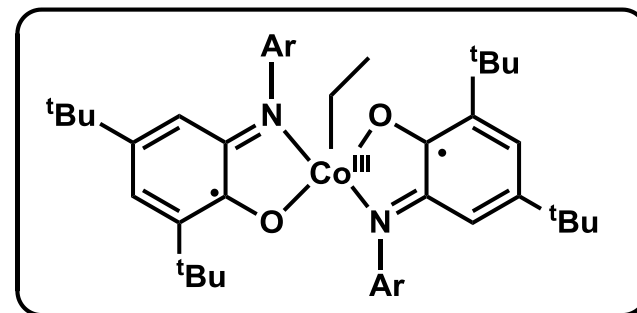
Also in this reaction, ligands(amidophenolate) work as reservoirs of electrons.

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Theoretical cycle

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• Four long and two short C-C  $\longrightarrow$  Semiquinonate form



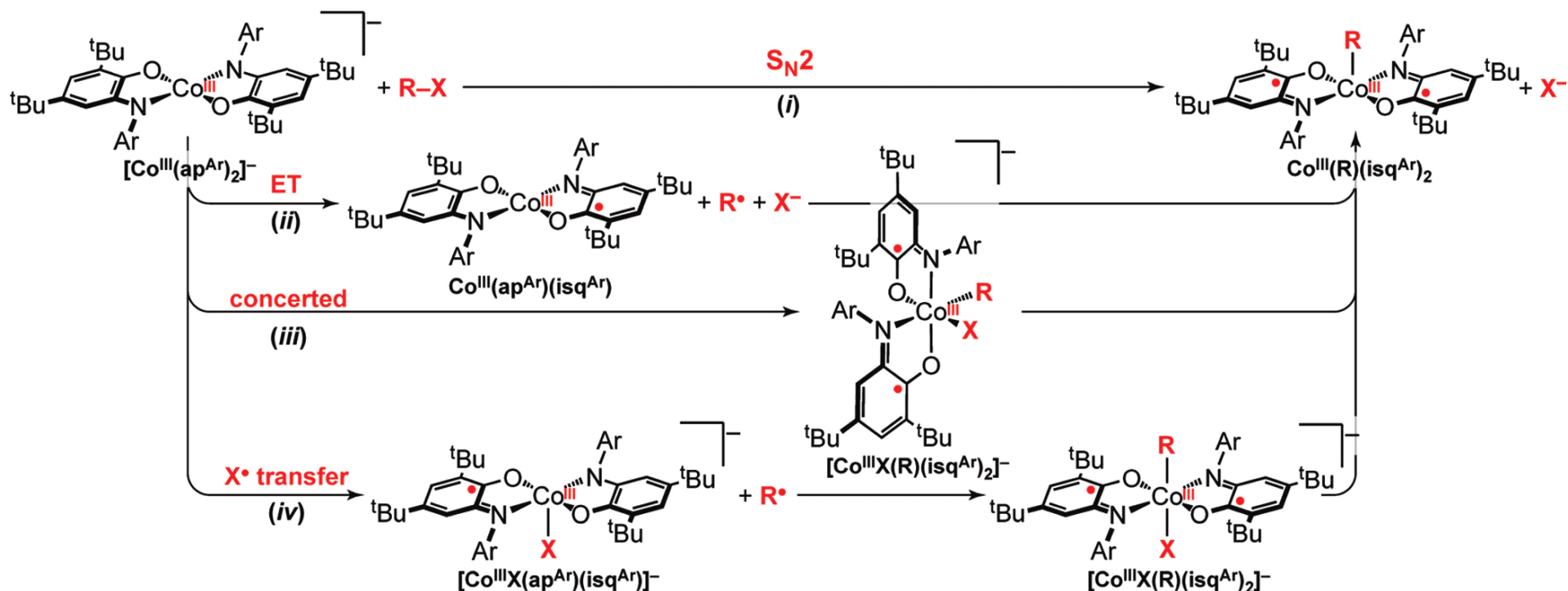
# Mechanism of alkylation

Soper, J. D. *et al. JACS*, 2010, 132, 14358**Table S1.** Relative Rates of Organohalide Addition to  $[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{ap}^{\text{Ph}})_2]^-$ .<sup>a</sup>

entry	R-X	reaction time
1	CH <sub>3</sub> I	<30 s
2	CH <sub>3</sub> OTf	<30 s
3	CH <sub>2</sub> ClBr	30 min <sup>b</sup>
4	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	12 h
5	EtI	<1 min
6	EtBr	1 h
7	PhCH <sub>2</sub> Cl	24 h
8	PhCH <sub>2</sub> Br	>2 d
9	PhI	—
10	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> Br	—

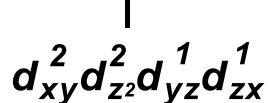
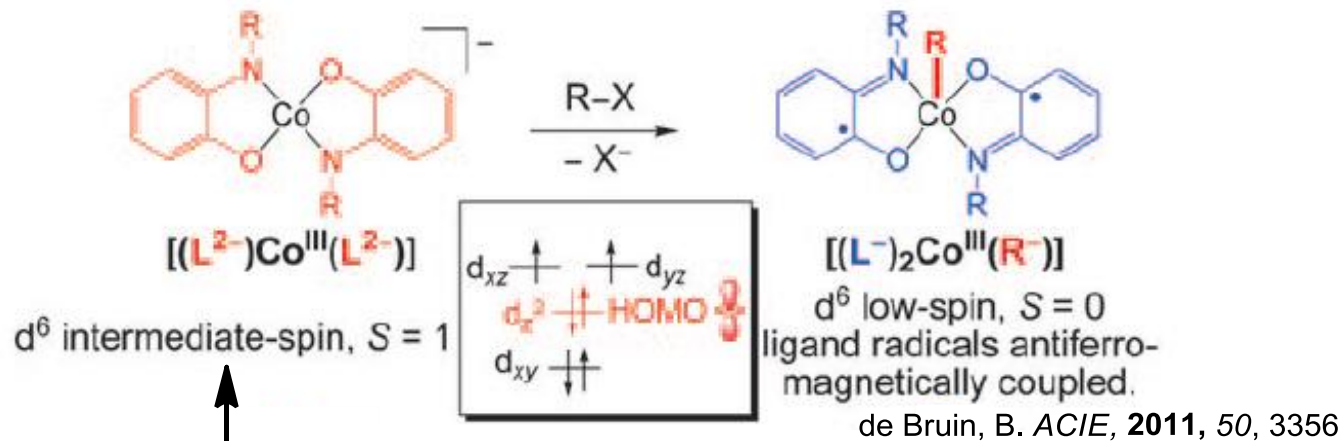
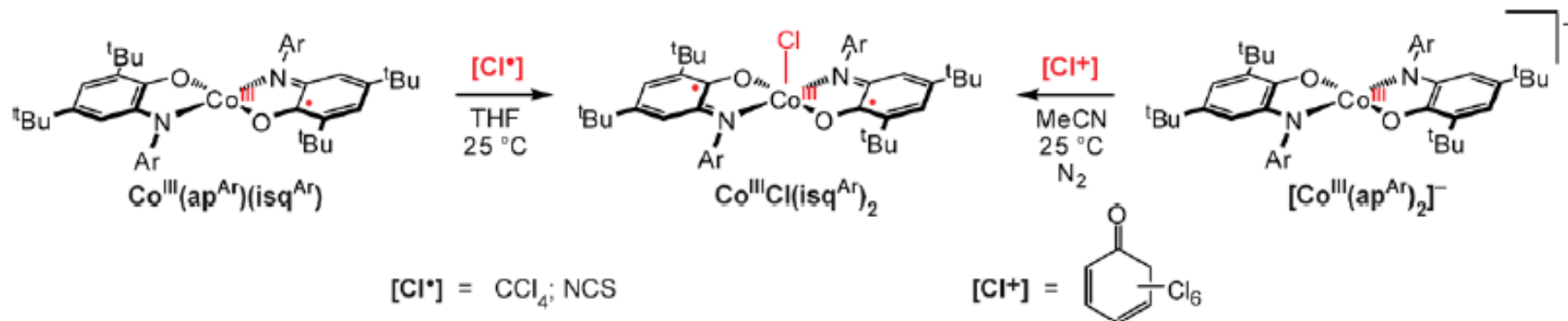
**(1) Parallel to the lability of halides****(2) Steric factor of haloalkane****(3) No addition to  $sp^2$  carbon****(4) Steric factor of cobalt center**<sup>a</sup>All reactions performed under N<sub>2</sub> using 0.010 M Na[Co<sup>III</sup>(ap<sup>Ph</sup>)<sub>2</sub>] and 0.050 M R-X in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.<sup>b</sup>Gives exclusively Co<sup>III</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl)(isq<sup>Ph</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, as determined by ESI-MS.

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Pass (i) is likely to match the experimental observations.

# Nucleophilic attack of cobalt

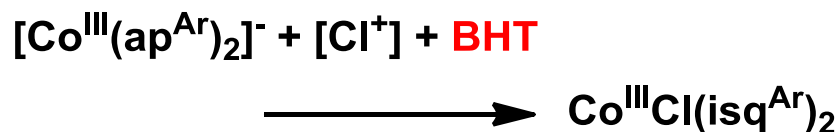
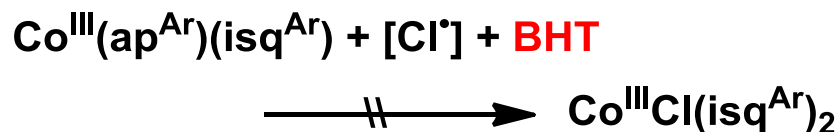
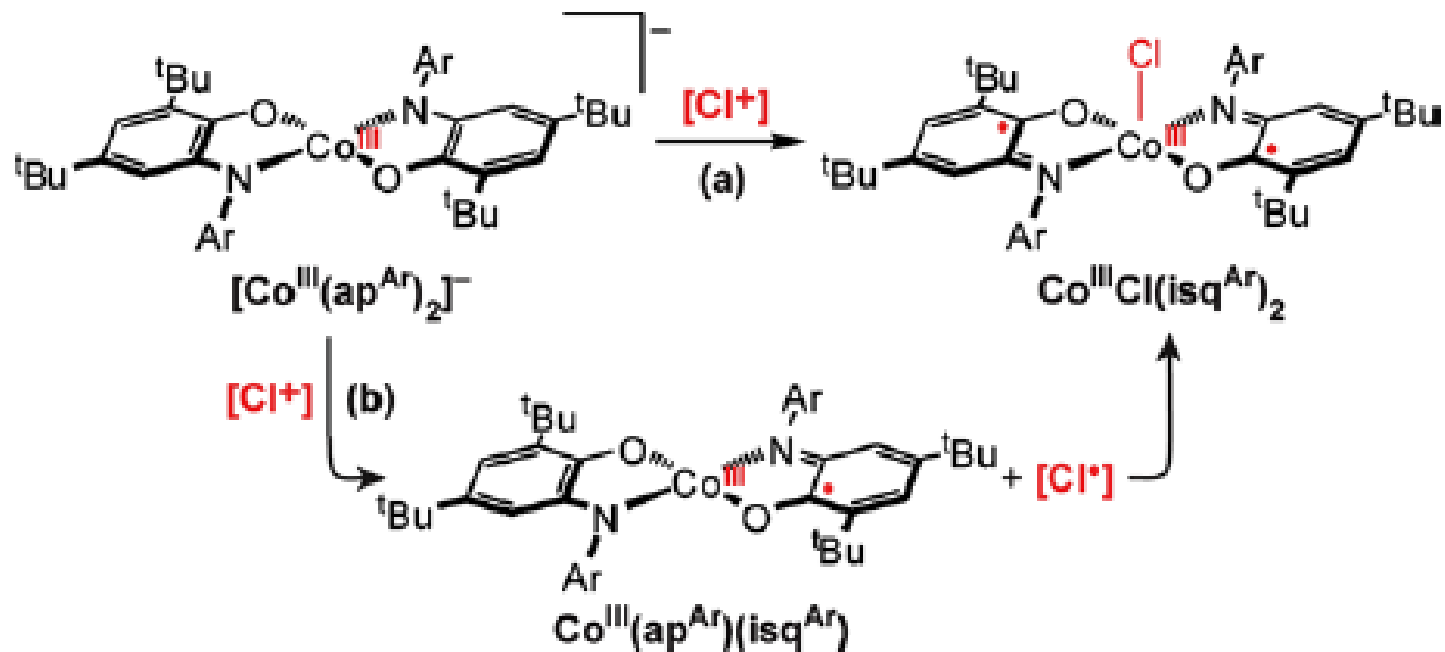
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$d_{z^2}$  HOMO explains the nucleophilic character of the metal

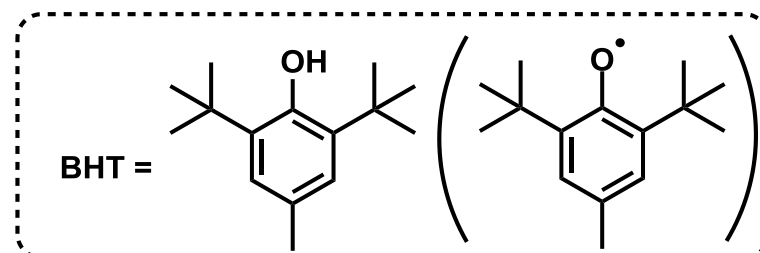
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## 2 possible mechanism

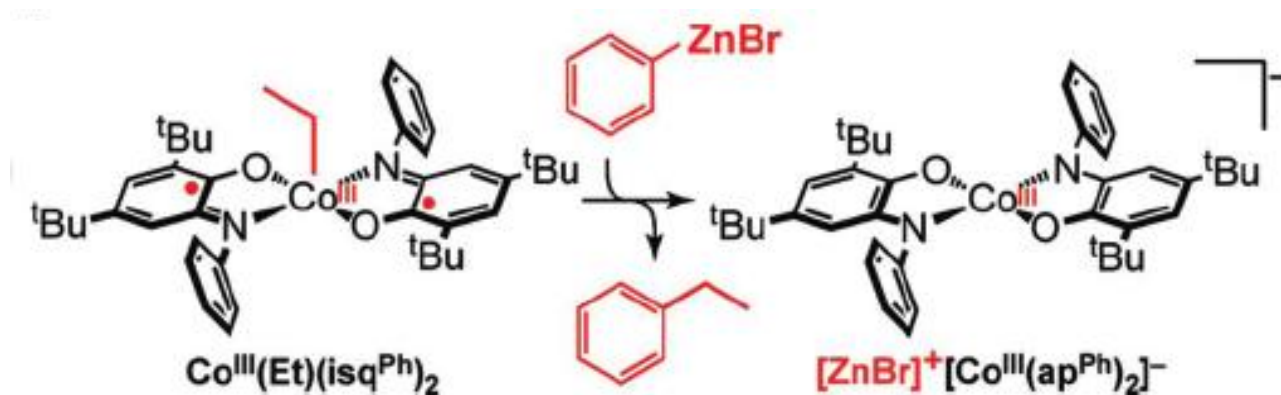


Pass (a) is possible!!





# Reaction with zinc reagent

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entry	PhZnBr (equiv)	$\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{Et})(\text{isq}^{\text{Ph}})_2$ consumed (%) <sup>b</sup>	Ph–Et yield (%) <sup>c</sup>	Ph–Ph yield (%) <sup>d</sup>
1	2	80	11	1.6
2	4	93	15	2.4
3	6	97	15	1.7
4	10	98	15	1.8

But...

- low yield
  - amount of zinc reagent
  - unidentified mechanism of reductive elimination
- are problematic point.

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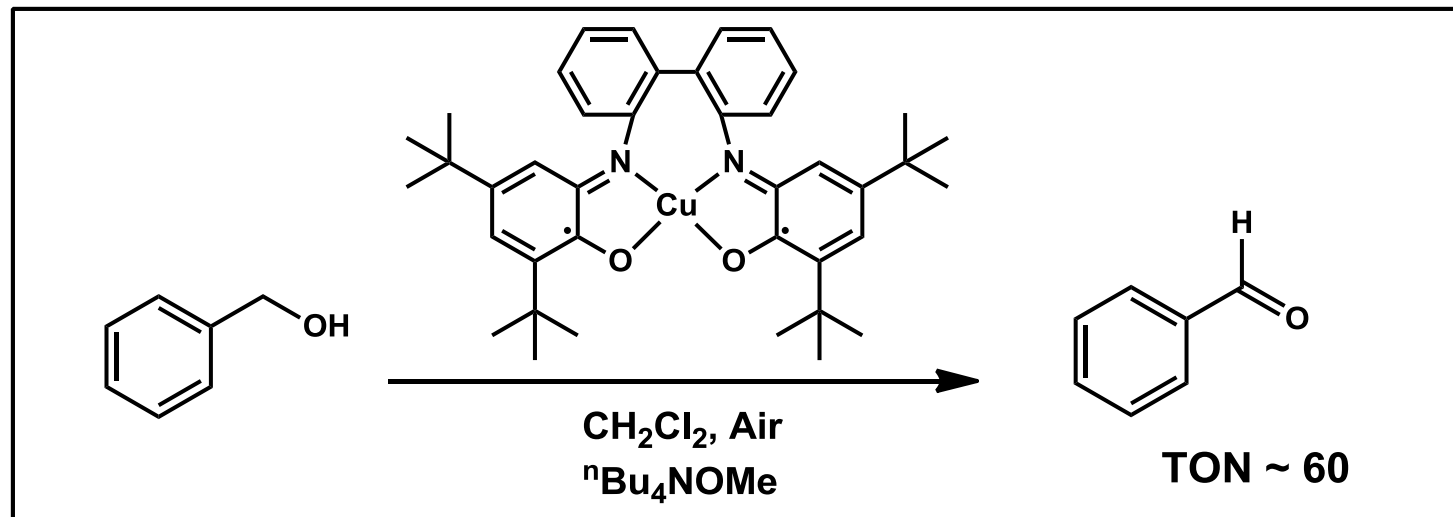


Figure 2. Molecular structure of complex 1,  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{L}^{\bullet})]$ .

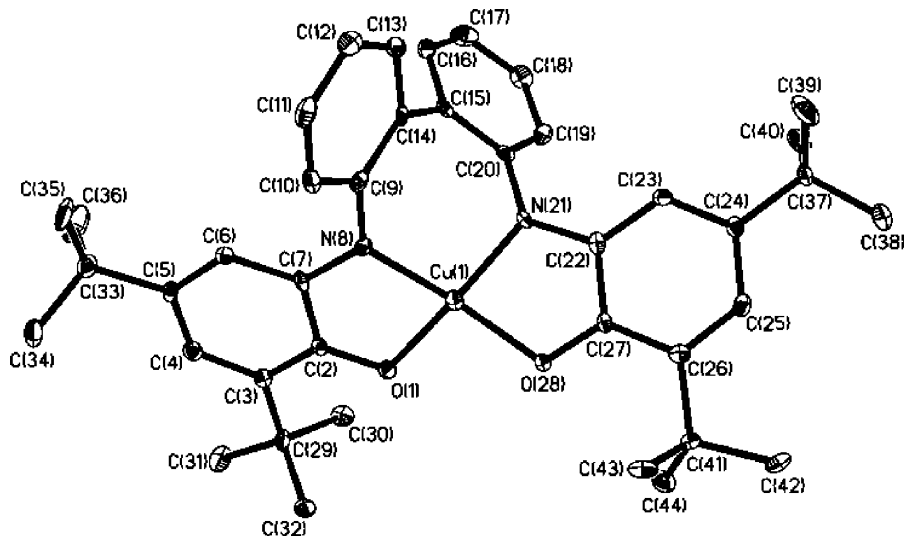


Table 2. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for Complex 1,  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{L}^{\bullet})]$

Distances			
C(2)–C(7)	1.452(5)	C(4)–C(5)	1.434(5)
C(2)–C(3)	1.436(5)	C(5)–C(6)	1.368(5)
C(3)–C(4)	1.377(5)	C(6)–C(7)	1.417(5)
angles			
C(7)–N(8)–C(9)	122.8(3)		
C(9)–N(8)–Cu(1)	124.5(3)		
C(7)–N(8)–Cu(1)	112.3(2)		

**Ligand is semiquinonato diradical**

# Kinetics of the reaction

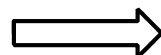
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## Initial rate method

[catalyst]	[substrate]
$2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M} \sim 10 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$	$5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M} \sim 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$

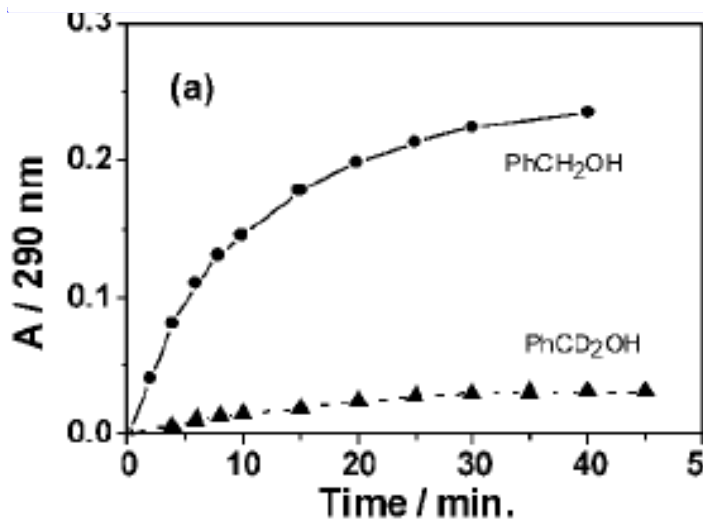
absorbance at 290 nm (benzaldehyde)

$$\begin{cases} k_{\text{sub}} = 2.3 \text{ min}^{-1} \\ k_{\text{cat}} = 2.2 \times 10^2 \text{ min}^{-1} \\ \text{( first order )} \end{cases}$$



$$\text{Rate} = k [\text{catalyst}][\text{substrate}]$$

## Deuterated substrate



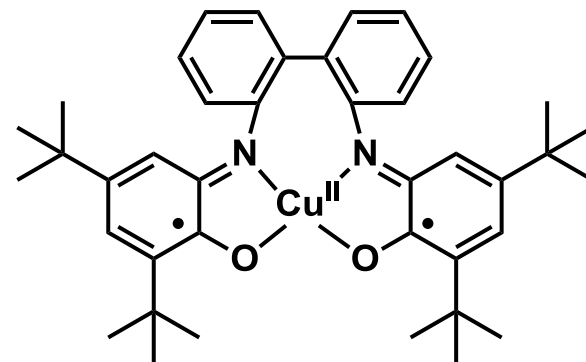
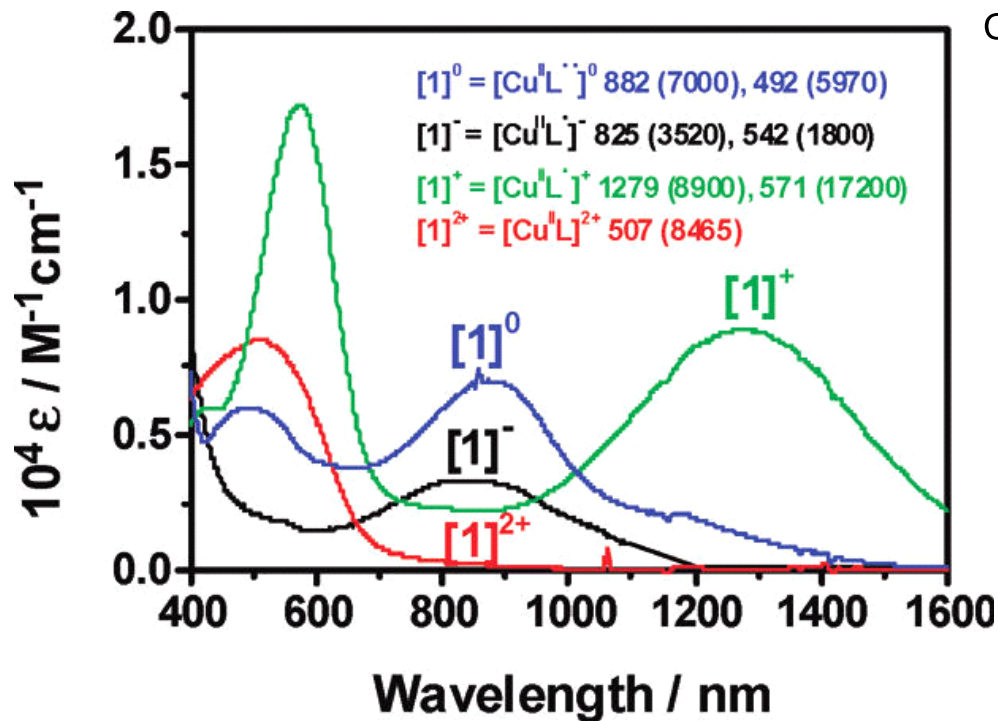
$$k_{\text{H}} / k_{\text{D}} = 14$$

H-atom abstraction is r.d.s.

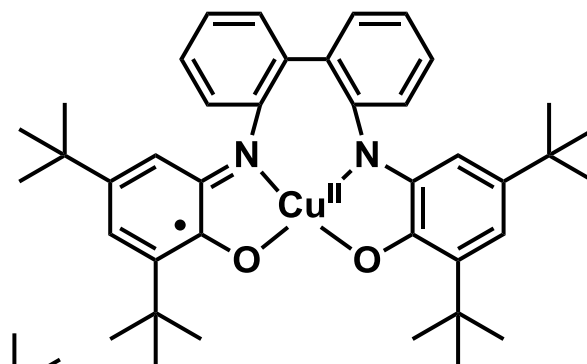
Figure 11. (a) Plots of change in absorption (i.e., [Benzaldehyde]) with time to evaluate the primary KIE.

# Active species of the reaction

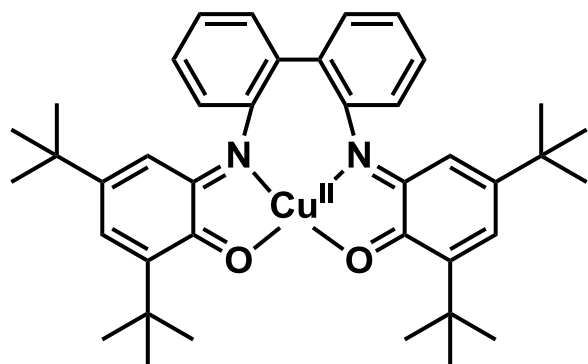
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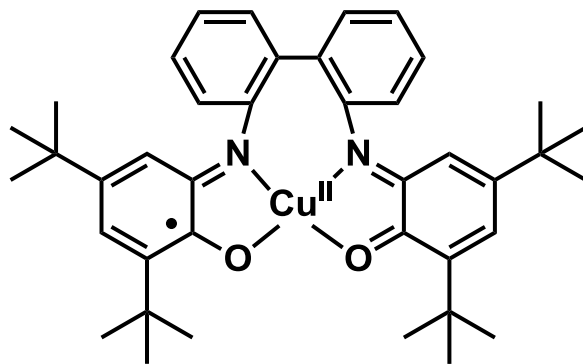
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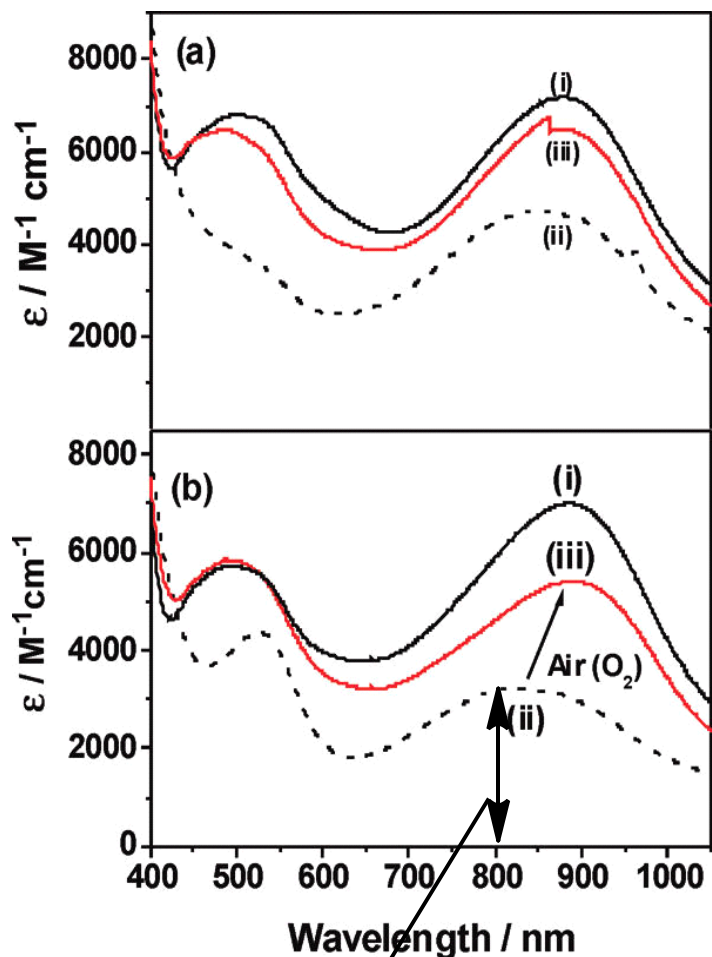
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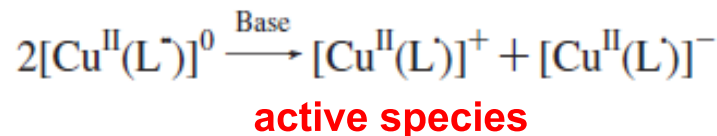


$[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{L}]^+$

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(a) indicates that during catalysis,  
there are  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{L}^\bullet]^-$  species.

(b) indicates that addition of base,  
leads to disproportionation.



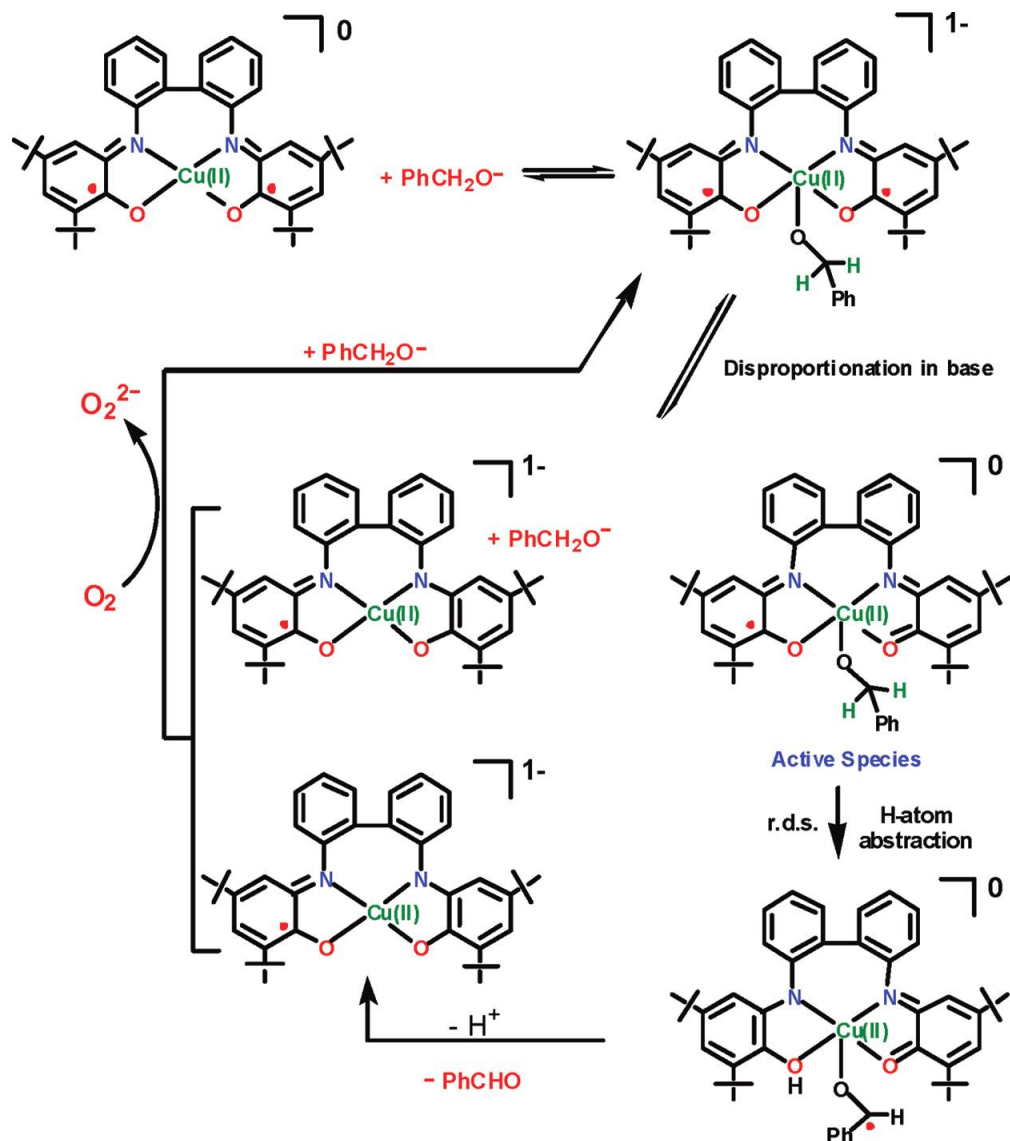
**Figure 12.** (a) Change in electronic spectra during and after the catalysis: (i) complex 1 before addition of benzylalcohol and  $[n\text{-Bu}_4]\text{NOMe}$ ; (ii) during the catalysis in the presence of air; (iii) after 16 h of the catalytic reaction. (b) Effect of base on the electronic spectra of catalyst, complex 1: (i) complex 1 under argon; (ii) complex 1 on addition of base under argon; (iii) after exposure of solution ii to air. The electronic spectrum changes from (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii).

equal to the sum of  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{L}^\bullet]^-$ ,  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{L}^\bullet]^+$ , 50 % each relative to the total

amount of complex.<sup>30</sup>

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{ Cu complex 1 eq.  
 PhCH<sub>2</sub>OH 10 eq.  
<sup>n</sup>Bu<sub>4</sub>OMe 9 eq.

under Ar  
 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>  
 benzaldehyde 0.5 eq.  
 [Cu<sup>II</sup>L<sup>•</sup>]<sup>-1</sup>

Ligand participates in the reaction in radicalic way.

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## Summary(1)

- Redox non-innocent ligand works as electron reservoir.
  - oxidative addition/reductive elimination  
**replacement to noble metals**
- Redox non-innocent ligand participate in reaction by making/breaking bonds in radicalic manner.
  - oxidation of alcohol  
cyclo propanation, amination

Ref.) Mr.Kato's Lit.seminar (2012)

**Redox non-innocent ligands are versatile new tools**  
**to control catalytic reactions.**

## Summary(2)

**But...**

- **mechanism of reaction is a little unclear**
- **applied to stoichiometric reaction,  
a few example of catalytic reactions**
- **applied to simple reactions**

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