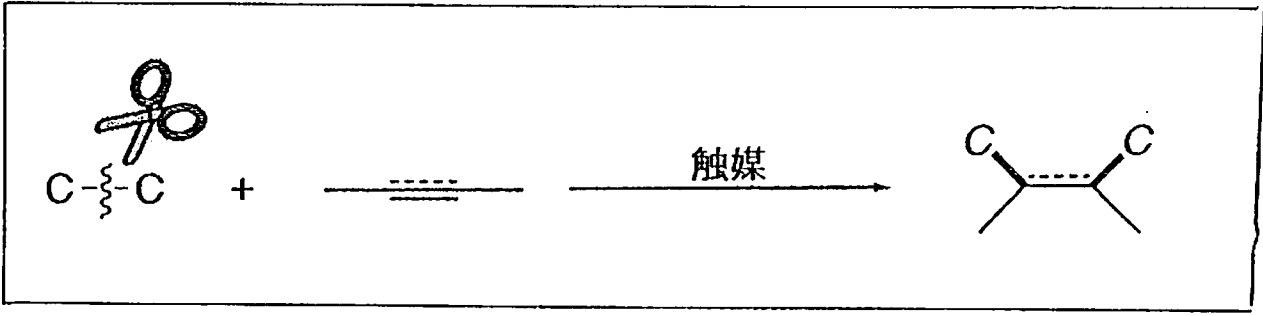


# Selective Carbon-Carbon Bond Cleavage Reaction and Insertion

## Introduction



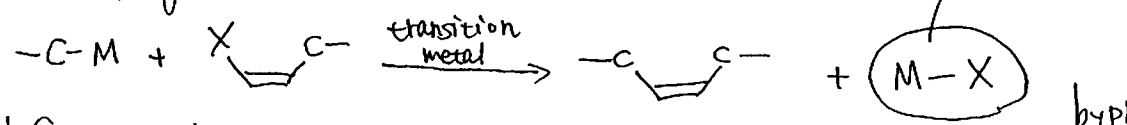
C-C bond cleavage + Alkene or Alkyne insertion



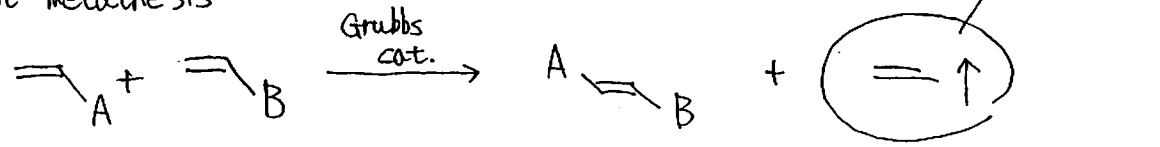
~ novel carbon-carbon bond-forming reaction ~

- advantage
- No byproduct was obtained.
- high atom economy

cross-coupling

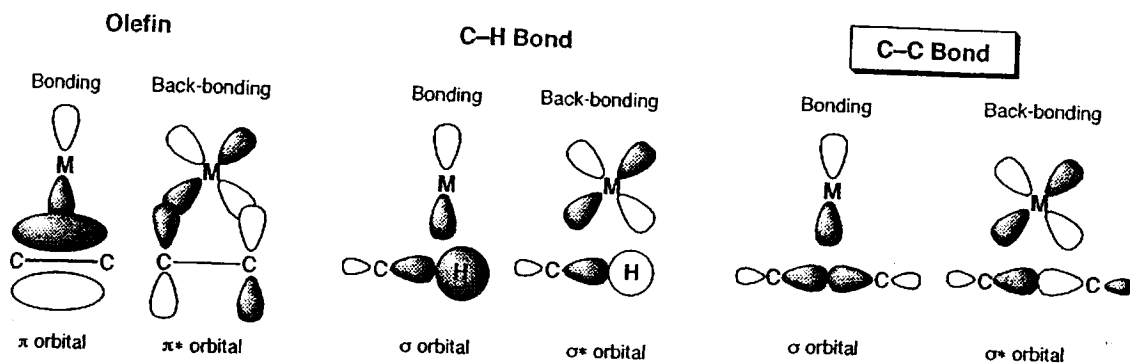


olefin metathesis



Why is carbon-carbon bond cleavage difficult?

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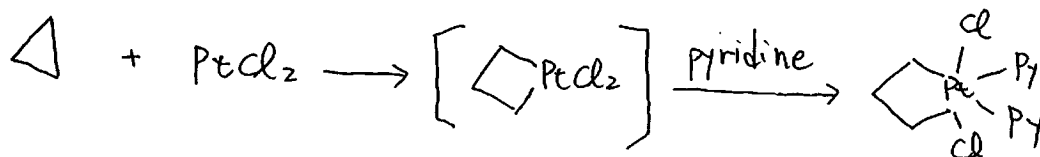
→ C-C single bond

- It has high directionality.
- It is buried in substitutions of carbon atoms.

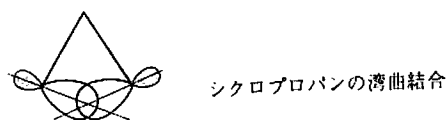
⇒ It is difficult to cleave carbon-carbon single bond.

For example carbon-carbon bond cleavage

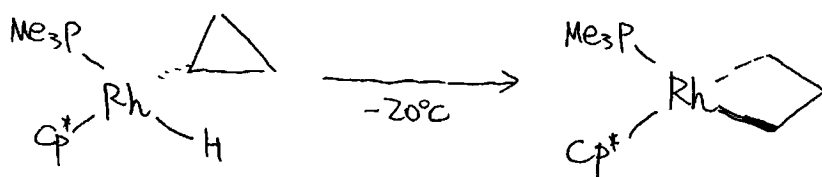
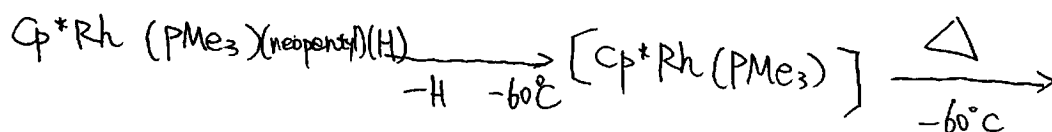
First example. Tipper et al. J. Chem. Soc. 1955, 2045



→ The C-C bond of cyclopropane has the character middle of  $\sigma$  bond and  $\pi$  bond.



Bergman. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1986, 108, 7346



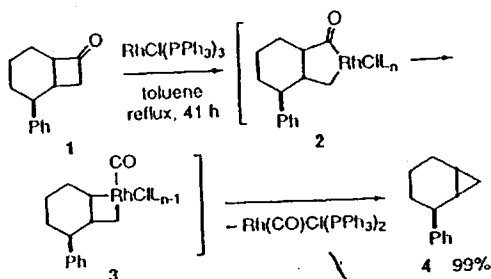
# Selective activation of carbon-carbon bonds next to a carbonyl group

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1996, 118, 8285-8290

## Breaking of the C-C Bond of Cyclobutanones by Rhodium(I) and Its Extension to Catalytic Synthetic Reactions

Masahiro Murakami, Hideki Amii & Yoshihiko Ito

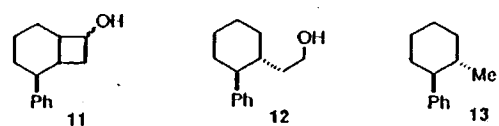
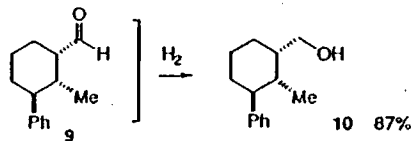
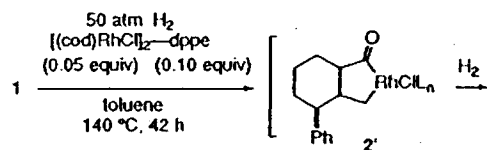
→ Nature, 1994, 370, 540



- $\text{Rh}(\text{I})$  undergoes an insertion into the bond between carbonyl carbon and  $\alpha$ -carbon.
- ↓
- Extrusion of the carbonyl group
- ↓
- reductive elimination.

not active →  $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  was required stoichiometric amount.

### breaking of carbon-carbon bond + Hydrogenolysis



$[(\text{cod})\text{RhCl}]_2\text{-dppe}$  ... cat.

... Such complexes should bind CO much less strongly than  $\text{RhCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  owing to decreased  $\text{Rh}-\text{CO}$   $\pi$  back-bonding.

→ J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1978, 100, 7083 ff.

11 was not obtained.

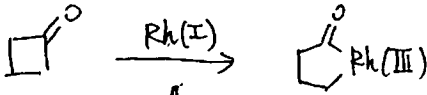
→ oxidative addition of C-C bond proceeds faster than direct hydrogenation.

12 was not obtained

→ insertion of  $\text{Rh}(\text{I})$  took place selectively into the less substituted C-C bond.

This chemistry is developing from cleavage of C-C bond to cleavage and reconstruction

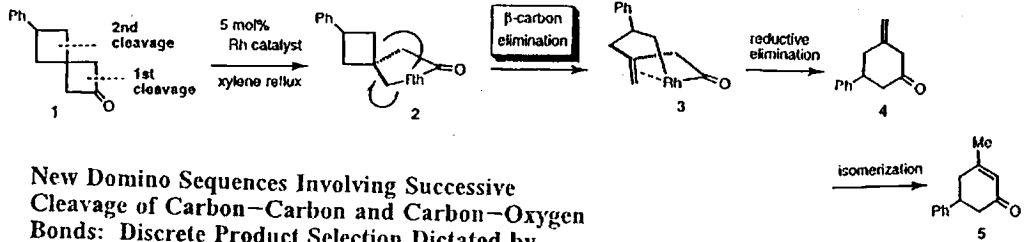
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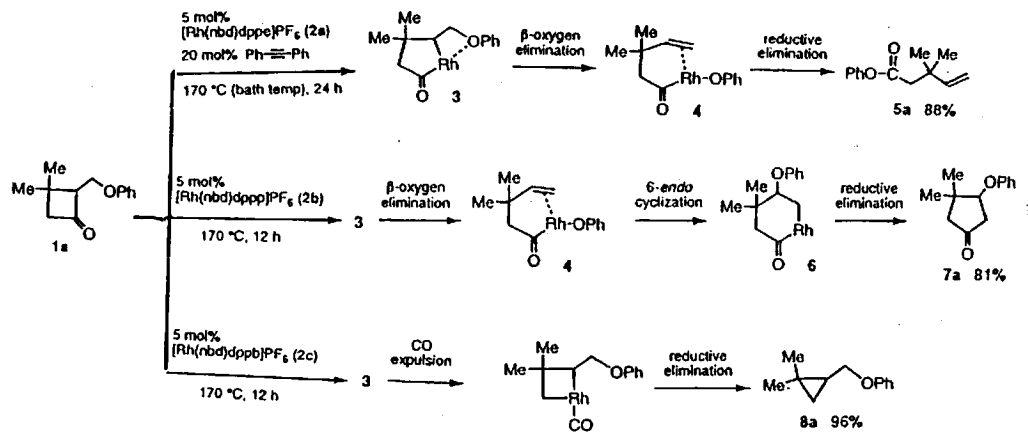
**Rhodium(I)-Catalyzed Successive Double Cleavage of Carbon-Carbon Bonds of Strained Spiro Cyclobutanones**

• J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1997, 119, 9307



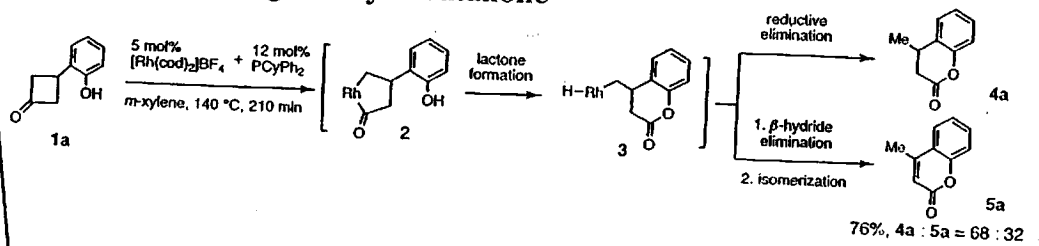
• J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1998, 120, 9949

**New Domino Sequences Involving Successive Cleavage of Carbon-Carbon and Carbon-Oxygen Bonds: Discrete Product Selection Dictated by Catalyst Ligands**



• Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2000, 39, 2474

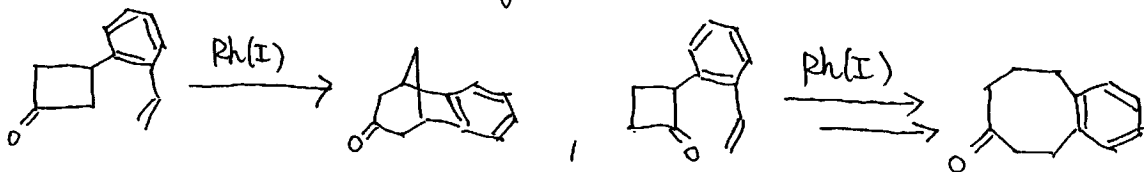
**Lactone Formation by Rhodium-Catalyzed C-C Bond Cleavage of Cyclobutanone\*\***



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 13976

Chem. Lett. 2004, 33, 876

- cleavage and insertion -



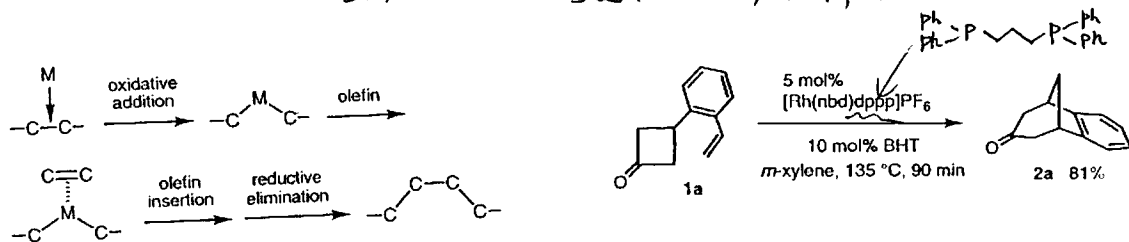
# Intramolecular Olefin Insertion (C-C bond cleavage and insertion)

## Catalyzed Intramolecular Olefin Insertion into a Carbon-Carbon Single Bond

Masahiro Murakami,\* Tamon Itahashi, and Yoshihiko Ito

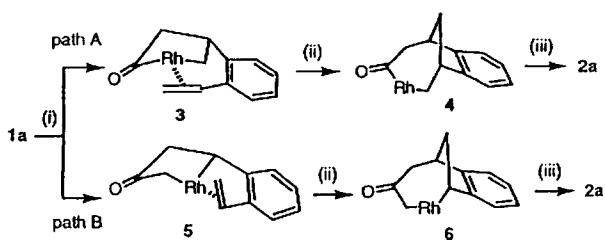
Department of Synthetic Chemistry and Biological Chemistry, Kyoto University, Yoshida, Kyoto 606-8501, Japan

→ J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 139176.



The driving force of this reaction is the release of strain energy.

### mechanism

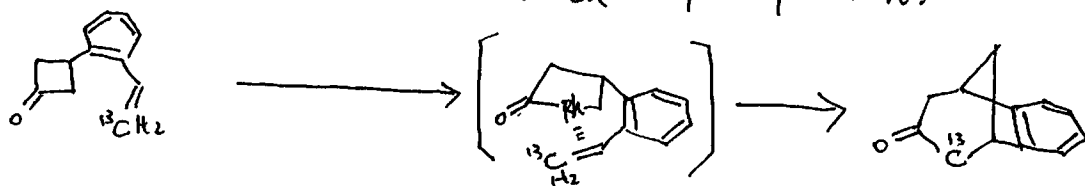


◦ rhodium(I) is inserted between the carbonyl carbon and  $\alpha$ -carbon  
 ↓  
 generate 5-membered cyclic acylrhodium intermediate.

- Migratory insertion of the vinyl group into the rhodium-carbon bond
- Reductive elimination

To determine which path the reaction follows.

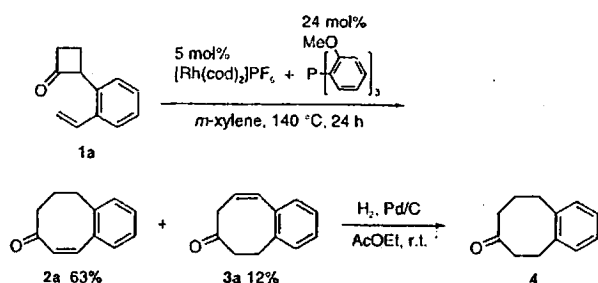
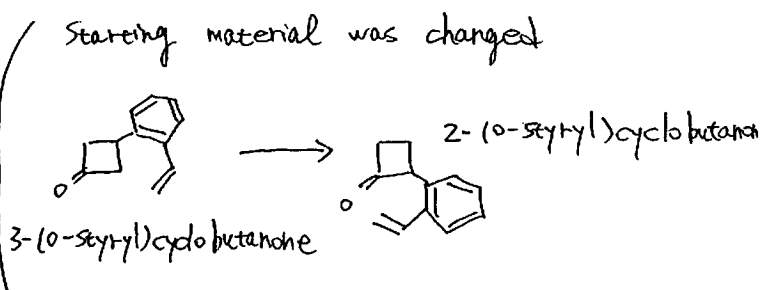
→  $^{13}\text{C}$  was installed at the terminal vinylic position.



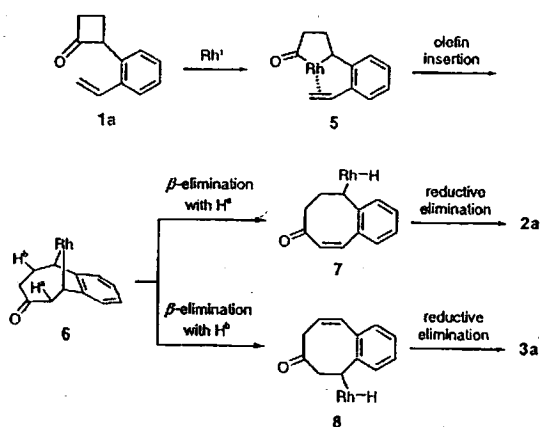
→ initial insertion of rhodium occurred between the carbonyl carbon and the  $\alpha$ -carbon of the cyclobutanone. (Path A)

changing the length of tether between the two phosphorus atoms in the bidentate phosphine ligand gave a completely different result.

## Eight-membered Ring Formation via Olefin Insertion into a Carbon-Carbon Single Bond

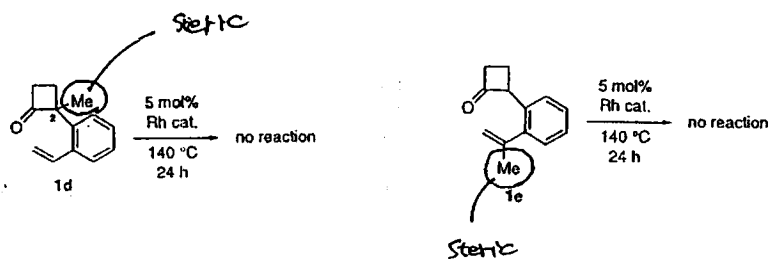
Scheme 1. Reaction of **1a** forming eight-membered ketones **2a** and **3a**.

## mechanism

Scheme 2. Postulated mechanism for the formation of eight-membered ketones **2** and **3**.

Phosphine ligand ...  $\text{P}(\text{o-MeOC}_6\text{H}_4)_3$  is best. The reason is unclear.

$\text{P}(\text{n-Bu})_3$ ,  $\text{P}(\text{c-Hex})_3$ ,  $\text{P}(\text{t-Bu})_3$  etc. resulted in the formation of a complex mixture.



**1d** ... Fail to undergo Rh cat. insertion

**1e** ... Fail to undergo olefin insertion

→ Steric reason

→ Those chemistry started since the bond between the carbonyl carbon and the  $\alpha$ -carbon of cyclobutanone can be catalytically cleaved by rhodium (I) complex

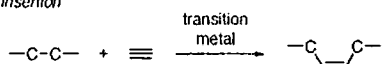
# Intermolecular Alkyne Insertion

## Nickel-Catalyzed Intermolecular Alkyne Insertion into Cyclobutanones

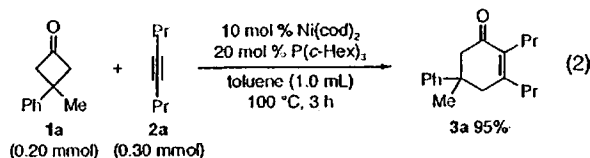
Masahiro Murakami,\* Shinji Ashida, and Takanori Matsuda

→ J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 6933

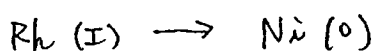
alkyne insertion



... Next intra → intermolecular



(intermolecular insertion)  
rhodium catalyst have  
all failer so far



Recently, nickel(0)-catalyzed carbon-carbon bond forming reactions of an aldehyde with an alkyne via oxidative cyclization forming an oxanickelacyclopentene have been developed.

### oxanickelacyclopenten

① Montgomery et al.

#### A New Stereoselective Method for the Preparation of Allylic Alcohols

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1997, 119, 9065

Table 1. Ynal Alkylative Cyclizations

entry	X	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	CH <sub>2</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	70 <sup>b</sup>
2	CH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	72
3	CH <sub>2</sub>	H	n-Bu	62
4	CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	Ph	64
5	CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	n-Bu	76
6	CH <sub>2</sub>	Ph	CH <sub>3</sub>	73
7	CH <sub>2</sub>	Ph	Et	67
8	NCOPh	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	72

<sup>a</sup> Products were obtained as single stereoisomers by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>b</sup> Isolated as the benzoate ester (two-step yield is reported).

Table 2. Ynal Reductive Cyclizations

entry	X	R <sup>1</sup>	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	CH <sub>2</sub>	H	74 <sup>b</sup>
2	CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	67 <sup>b</sup>
3	CH <sub>2</sub>	Ph	62
4	NCOPh	H	70 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Products were obtained as single stereoisomers by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>b</sup> Isolated as the benzoate ester (two-step yield is reported). <sup>c</sup> Isolated as a mixture with 9% of the ethyl-substituted alkylative cyclization product.

↳ with P Bu<sub>3</sub>  
reductive cyclization  
alkylative cyclization

Table 3. Three-Component Couplings

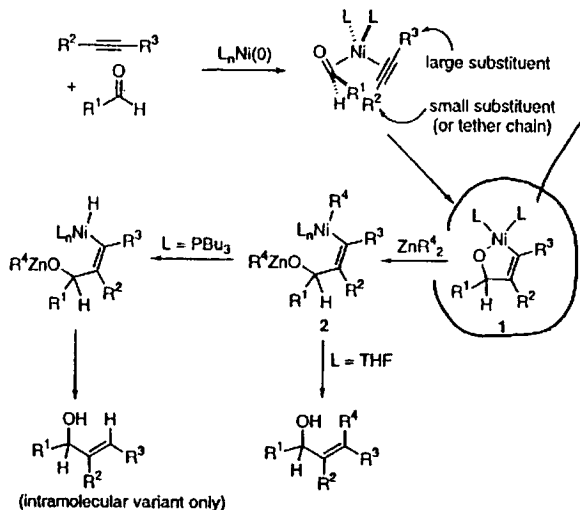
entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	Ph	Ph	Me	60
2	Ph	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	Me	74
3	Ph	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	n-Bu	71
4	i-pr	Ph	Me	21 <sup>b</sup>
5	Ph	Ph	C(CH <sub>3</sub> )=CH <sub>2</sub>	0 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Products were obtained as single regio- and stereoisomers by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>b</sup> Isolated as the acetate ester (two-step yield is reported). <sup>c</sup> The alcohol derived from isopropenyl addition to benzaldehyde was isolated in 90% yield.

# mechanism

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Scheme 1. Proposed Mechanism for Ynal Cyclizations and Three-Component Couplings

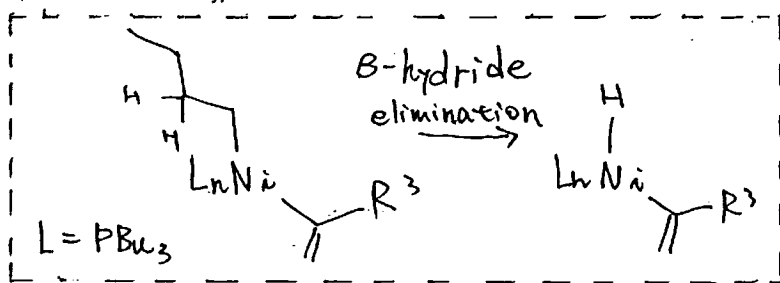


oxanickelacyclopentenone

Transmetalation of the organozinc

- ① L = THF  
Reductive elimination
- ② L = PBu<sub>3</sub>  
β-hydride elimination

(intramolecular variant only)



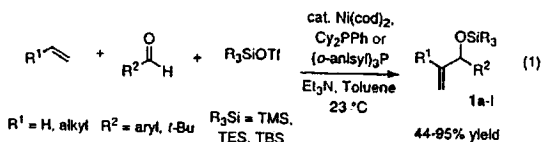
o reaction of aldehyde with alkyne → Allylic alcohol

## ② Jamison et al.

### Simple Alkenes as Substitutes for Organometallic Reagents: Nickel-Catalyzed, Intermolecular Coupling of Aldehydes, Silyl Triflates, and Alpha Olefins

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 14194

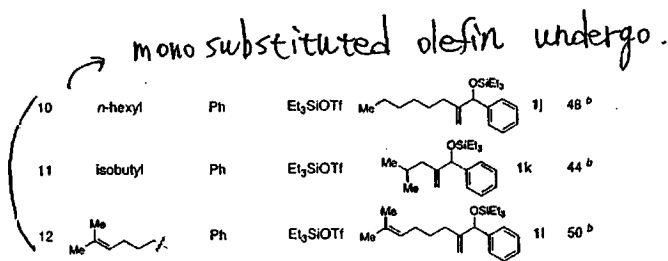
Sze-Sze Ng and Timothy F. Jamison\*



600 mol % Et<sub>3</sub>N was needed

Table 1. Nickel-Catalyzed, Three-Component Coupling of Alkenes, Aldehydes, and Silyl Triflates<sup>a</sup>

entry	R <sup>1</sup> (alkene)	R <sup>2</sup> (aldehyde)	R <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	product	isolated yield (%)
1	H (ethylene, 1 atm)	Ph	Et <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	1a	82
2	"	p-tolyl	Et <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	1b	88
3	"	o-tolyl	Et <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	1c	93
4	"	p-anisyl	Et <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	1d	95
5	"	2-naphthyl	Et <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	1e	95
6	"	2-naphthyl	Me <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	1f	60
7	"	2-naphthyl	t-BuMe <sub>2</sub> SiOTf	1g	67
8	"	piv	Et <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	1h	70
9	"	Me <sub>2</sub> C(CO <sub>2</sub> Me)	Et <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	1i	81

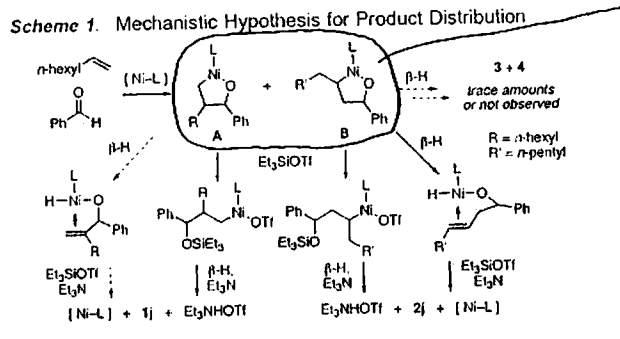
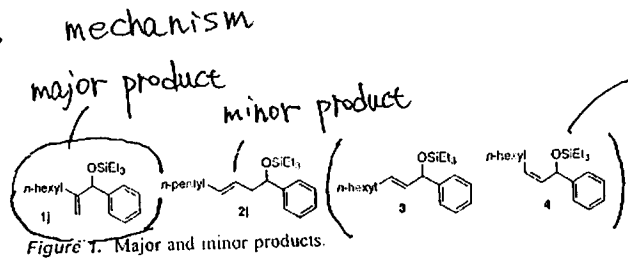


<sup>a</sup> See eq 1. Standard conditions (entries 1–9): To a solution of Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (20 mol %) and tris(ortho-methoxyphenyl)phosphine (40 mol %) in toluene at 23 °C under ethylene (balloon, 1 atm) were added triethylamine (600 mol %), the silyl triflate (175 mol %), and the aldehyde (100 mol %). The mixture was stirred 2–8 h at room temperature, and purification by chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>) afforded products 1a–i. For entries 10–12, dicyclohexylphenylphosphine and the alkene shown were used in place of tris(ortho-methoxyphenyl)phosphine and ethylene, respectively (reaction under Ar). See Supporting Information. <sup>b</sup> A silyl ether of a homoallylic alcohol was also isolated in 10–20% yield. See Supporting Information.

Et<sub>3</sub>SiOTf is the superior silyl triflate than Me<sub>3</sub>SiOTf and t-BuMe<sub>2</sub>SiOTf.

Di- and trisubstituted olefin do not react.

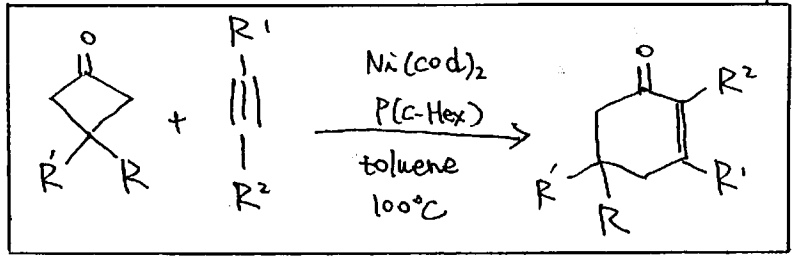




oxa nickelacyclopentane  
 ↓  
 silyl triflate cleavage of Ni-O bond  
 ↓  
 β-H elimination  
 ↓  
 product

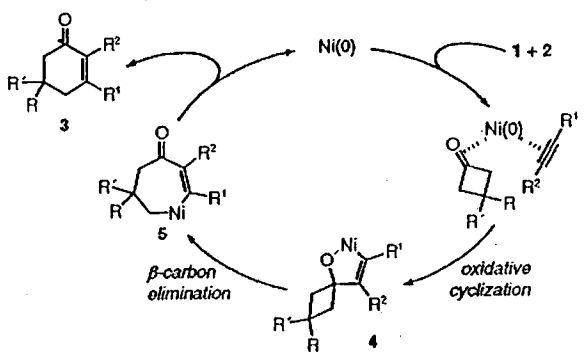
reaction of aldehyde with alkene → Allylic derivative

• return to intermolecular Alkyne insertion cyclobutanone



mechanism

Scheme 1. Postulated Mechanism for the Nickel-Catalyzed Intermolecular Alkyne Insertion into Cyclobutanones



- oxanickelacyclopentane (4)
- ↓
- β-carbon elimination
- ↓
- reductive elimination.

→ The carbonyl group of 1 possess a higher reactivity due to its ring strain. The carbonyl sp<sup>2</sup> carbon changes to an sp<sup>3</sup> carbon thereby diminishing the ring strain. } driving force.

Table 1. Nickel-Catalyzed Reaction of 1 and 2 Forming 2-Cyclohexenone 3<sup>a</sup>

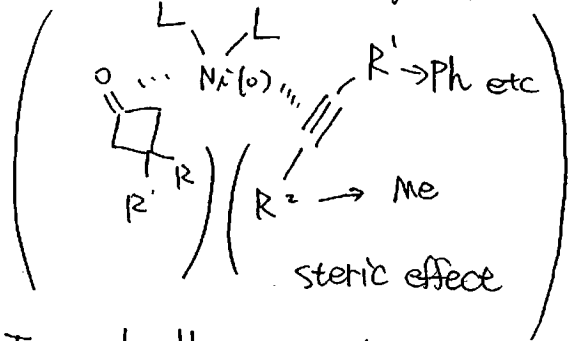
entry	1	2 (R <sup>1</sup> , R <sup>2</sup> , equiv)	mol % Ni	3 (%yield) <sup>b</sup>
1			10	3b (97)
2			10	3c (84)
3			10	3d <sup>c</sup> (78)
4			10	3e <sup>c</sup> (58)
5			10	3f <sup>c</sup> (65)
6			10	3g (91)
7			10	3h <sup>c</sup> (69)
8			20	3i (61)
9			20	3j <sup>c</sup> (47)

<sup>a</sup> Cyclobutanone 1, alkyne 2 (1.5–3.0 equiv to 1), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol %), and P(c-Hex)<sub>3</sub> (20 mol %) were heated in toluene at 90–110 °C for 3–6 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Regioisomeric ratios of the methyl group α:β to the carbonyl group were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to be as follows: 3d (92:8); 3e (90:10); 3f (91:9); 3h (93:7); 3j (90:10).

unsymmetrical cyclobutanone.

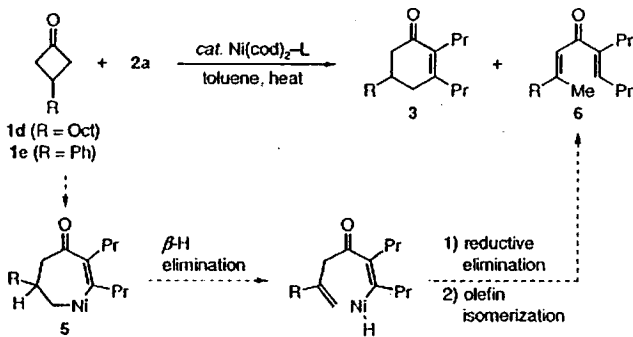
(entry 3–5, 7, 9)

The methyl group was located α to the carbonyl group.



\* Terminal alkyne, such as 1-octyne, failed.

→ dimerization



→ cyclobutanone having a hydrogen at the 3-position

↓  
β-H elimination occurred

from intermediate 5.

entry	1 (R)	mol % Ni	L (mol %)	3 (%) <sup>b</sup>	6 (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	1d (Oct)	10	P(c-Hex) <sub>3</sub> (20)	3k (37)	6a <sup>c</sup> (37)
2	1e (Ph)	10	P(c-Hex) <sub>3</sub> (20)	3l (41)	6b (54)
3	1e (Ph)	10	PPh <sub>3</sub> (20)	3l (37)	6b (26)
4	1e (Ph)	10	IPr (10)	3l (61)	—
5	1e (Ph)	20	IPr (20)	3l (79)	—

<sup>a</sup> Cyclobutanone 1 (0.20 mmol), alkyne 2a (0.30 mmol), and nickel catalyst were heated in toluene (1.0 mL, 100 °C, 3 h for entries 1–3; 2.0 mL, 110 °C, 18 h for entry 4; 4.0 mL, 110 °C, 15 h for entry 5). <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> A mixture of Z- and E-isomers with respect to the 2-methyldec-1-enyl moiety was obtained.

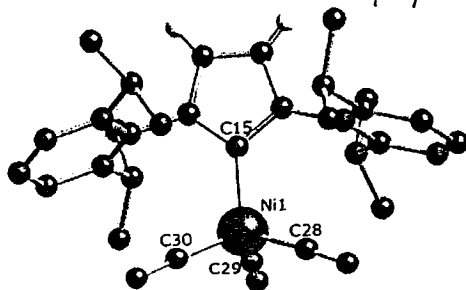
→ N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC)

afforded cyclohexenone selectively

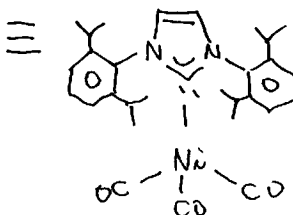
\* IPr = 1,3-bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazol-2-ylidene.

IPr

X-ray crystallography



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• N-heterocyclic carbene ligands are better σ-donors than even the most basic phosphine P-t-Bu<sub>3</sub>

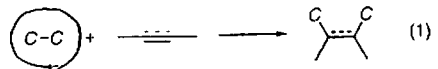
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reductive elimination

↓  
β-Hydride elimination

### Nickel-Catalyzed Arylcyanation of Alkynes

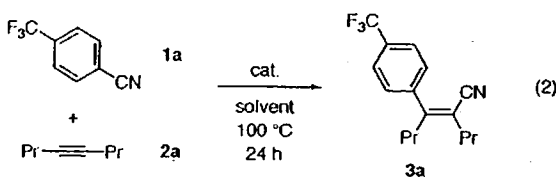
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Yoshiaki Nakao,\* Shinichi Oda, and Tamejiro Hiyama†



cleavage of C-C bond rely on the release of strain energy

↓  
not rely on the release of strain energy



(2)

cleavage of C-CN bond  
↓  
insertion of alkyne

→ high atom economy.

cleavage C-CN bond

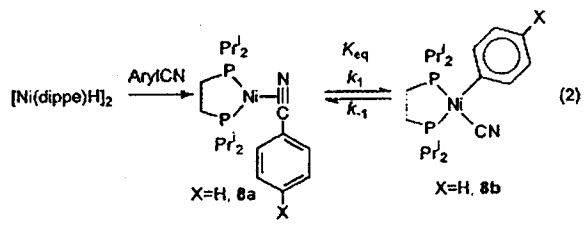
### Cleavage of Carbon-Carbon Bonds in Aromatic Nitriles Using Nickel(0)

→ J. Am. Chem. Soc.

Juventino J. Garcia,† Nicole M. Brunkan,‡ and William D. Jones\*†

2002, 124, 9547

The The Nickel dimer [(dippe)NiH]<sub>2</sub> cleaved C-CN bond.



Reaction of [(dippe)NiH]<sub>2</sub> with benzonitrile in THF-d<sub>8</sub> solution

↓  
formation of the η<sup>2</sup>-nitrile complex  
(The color of solution turn red to yellow.)

The product can be isolated by removal of solvent and recrystallization at low temperature.

← X-ray

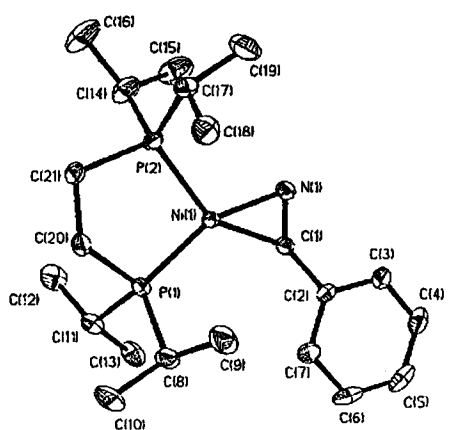


Figure 7. ORTEP drawing of (dippe)Ni(η<sup>2</sup>-benzonitrile), 8a. Ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level. Selected distances (Å) and angles (deg): Ni(1)-N(1), 1.908(3); Ni(1)-C(1), 1.867(4), C(1)-N(1), 1.225(6); N(1)-C(1)-C(2), 136.1(4); P(1)-Ni(1)-P(2), 91.54(5).

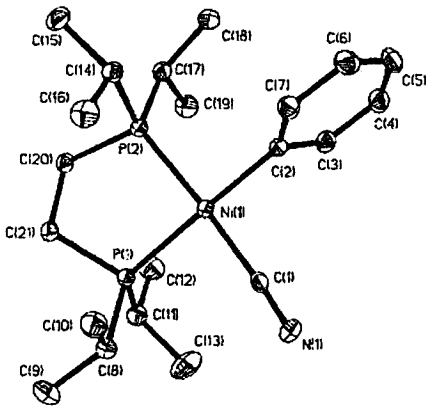
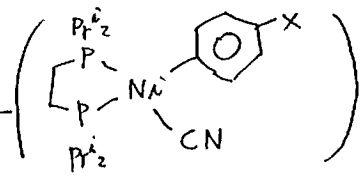


Figure 8. ORTEP drawing of (dippe)Ni(Ph)(CN). 8b. Ellipsoids are shown at the 30% probability level. Selected distances (Å) and angles (deg): Ni(1)-C(2), 1.935(2); Ni(1)-C(1), 1.877(3); C(1)-N(1), 1.148(3); P(1)-Ni(1)-P(2), 88.56(3).



At room temperature, 8a converts to 8b slowly.

the solution turn to yellow.

Crystal of 8b were isolated at room temperature.

← X-ray

→ The rate of approach to equilibrium was also monitored.

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Other reaction using C-CN bond cleavage

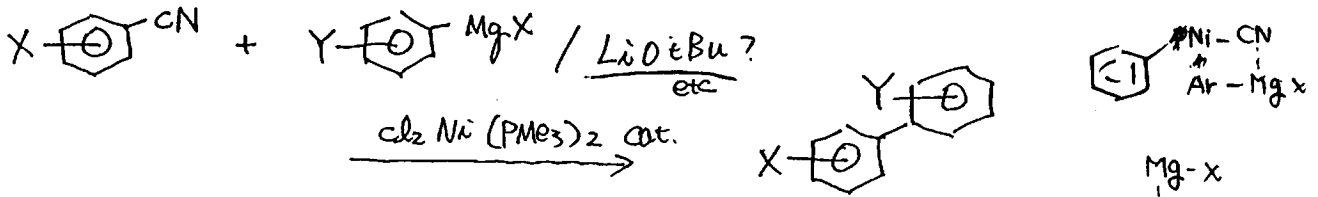
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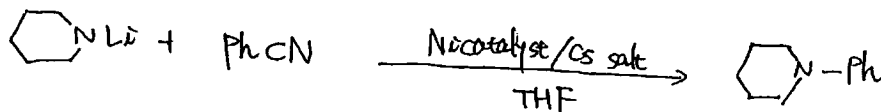
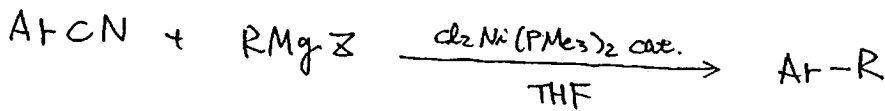
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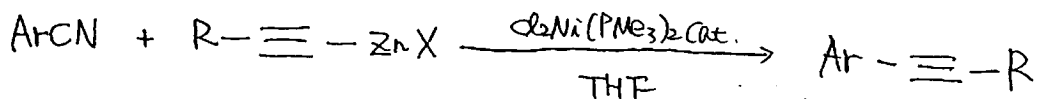
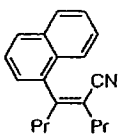
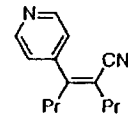
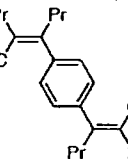
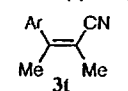
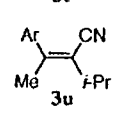
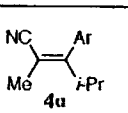
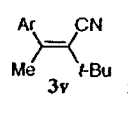
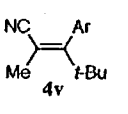
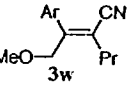
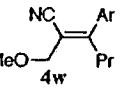
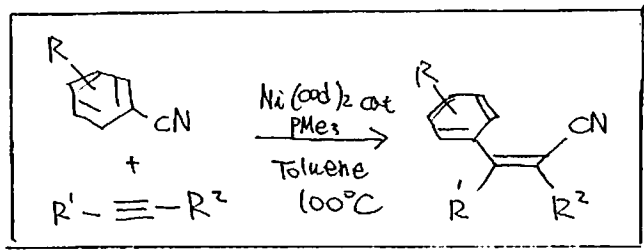


Table 2. Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>-PMe<sub>3</sub>-Catalyzed Arylcyanation of Alkynes<sup>a</sup>

entry	product(s)	time (h)	yield (%)
1	R = 4-F (3b)	30	81
2	4-C(O)Me (3c)	30	73
3	4-CO <sub>2</sub> Me (3d)	24	96
4	4-CHO (3e)	25	67
5	4-CN (3f)	19	67
6	H (3g)	45	64
7	4-Me (3h)	40	70
8	4-Ph (3i)	45	78
9	4-MeO (3j)	111	54
10	4-B(pin) (3k)	30	61
11	3-MeO (3l)	38	70
12	3,5-(MeO) <sub>2</sub> (3m)	92	76
13	3,4,5-(MeO) <sub>3</sub> (3n)	47	67
14	2-CF <sub>3</sub> (3o)	159	76
15	4-F-2-Me (3p)	26	62
16	 3q	48	61
17	 3r	24	85
18 <sup>b</sup>	 3s	22	80
19	 3l	20	70
20 <sup>c</sup>	 3u +  4u	26	84
21 <sup>c</sup>	 3v +  4v	86	59
22 <sup>c</sup>	 3w +  4w	67	59

<sup>a</sup>Reactions were carried out using an aryl cyanide (1.0 mmol), an alkyne (1.0 mmol), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.10 mmol), and PMe<sub>3</sub> (0.20 mmol) in toluene at 100 °C. <sup>b</sup> Performed with 2.0 mmol of 2a. <sup>c</sup> Ratio of isomers was determined by GC analysis.



• ligand effect

→ PMe<sub>3</sub> was optimum

PBu<sub>3</sub>, PCy<sub>3</sub>, P(t-Bu)<sub>3</sub>, yield was lower

Bidentate ligand or other metal complexes completely retarded.

• Substituent effect

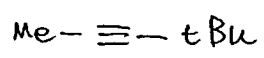
→ electronwithdrawing substituent reacted effectively in good to excellent yield.

(Because oxidative addition of a C-CN bond rapidly occurred.)

• Terminal alkynes

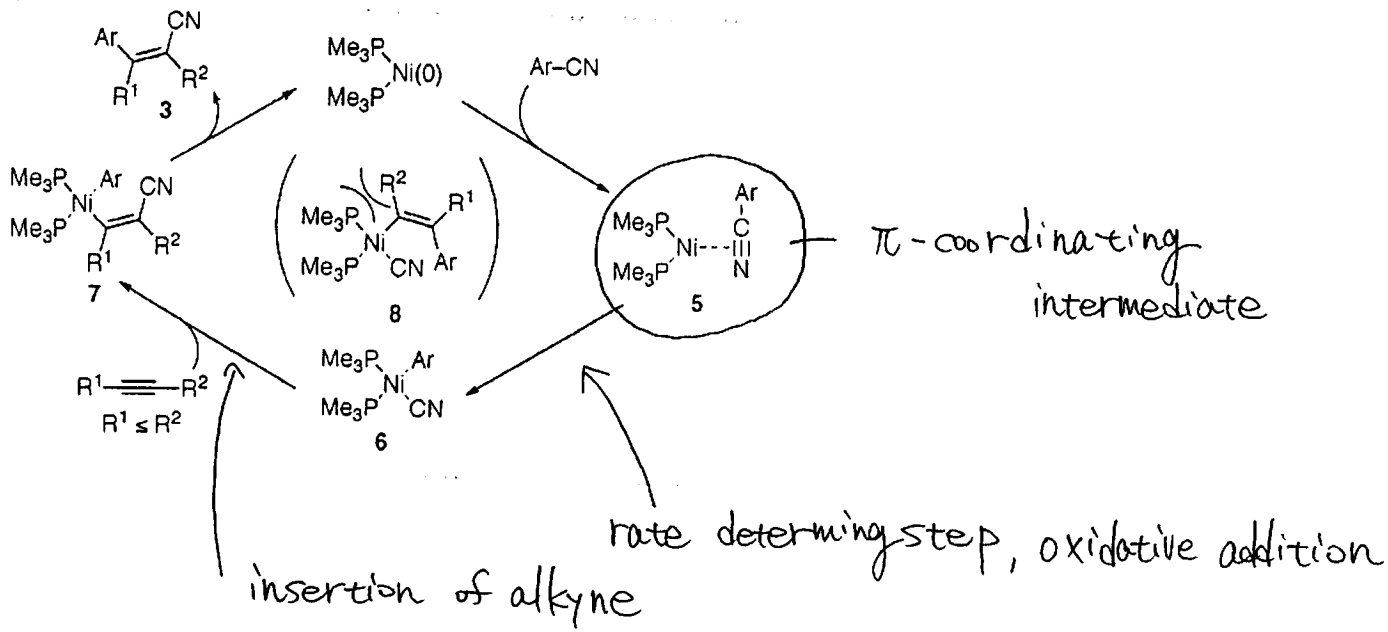
→ oligomerization

• Regioselectivity



→ complete regioselectivity

# mechanism



insertion of an alkyne take place at the Ni-CN bond.

insertion of an alkyne take place at the Ni-Ar bond

→ steric reason ( regioselection ) .