

Olefin Metathesis

~Well-Defined Ru Catalysts~

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A valuable Synthetic Tool for The Construction of Carbon-Carbon Bonds

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2005



Photo: U. Montan
Yves Chauvin

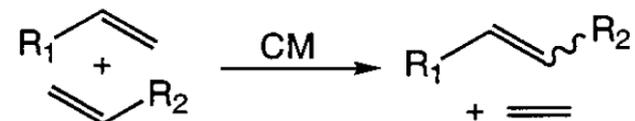
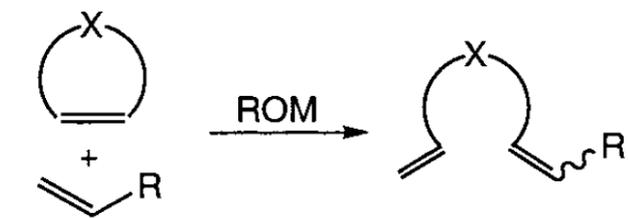
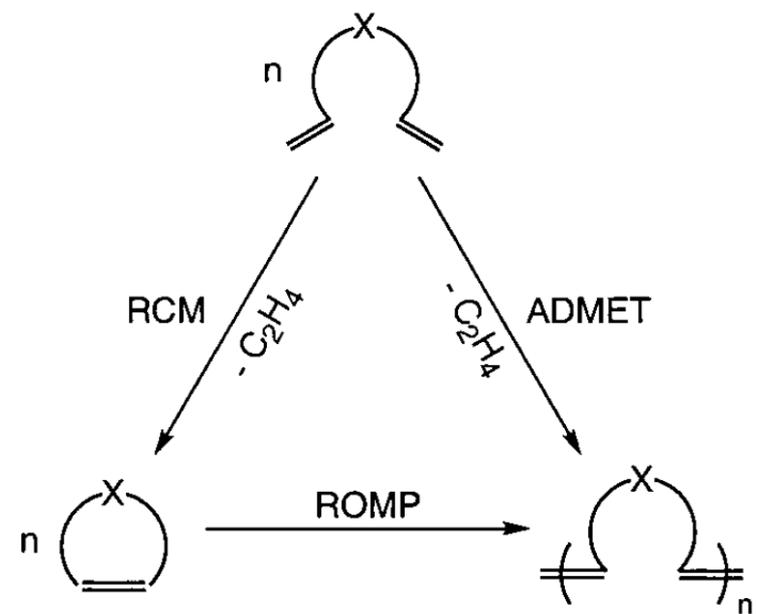
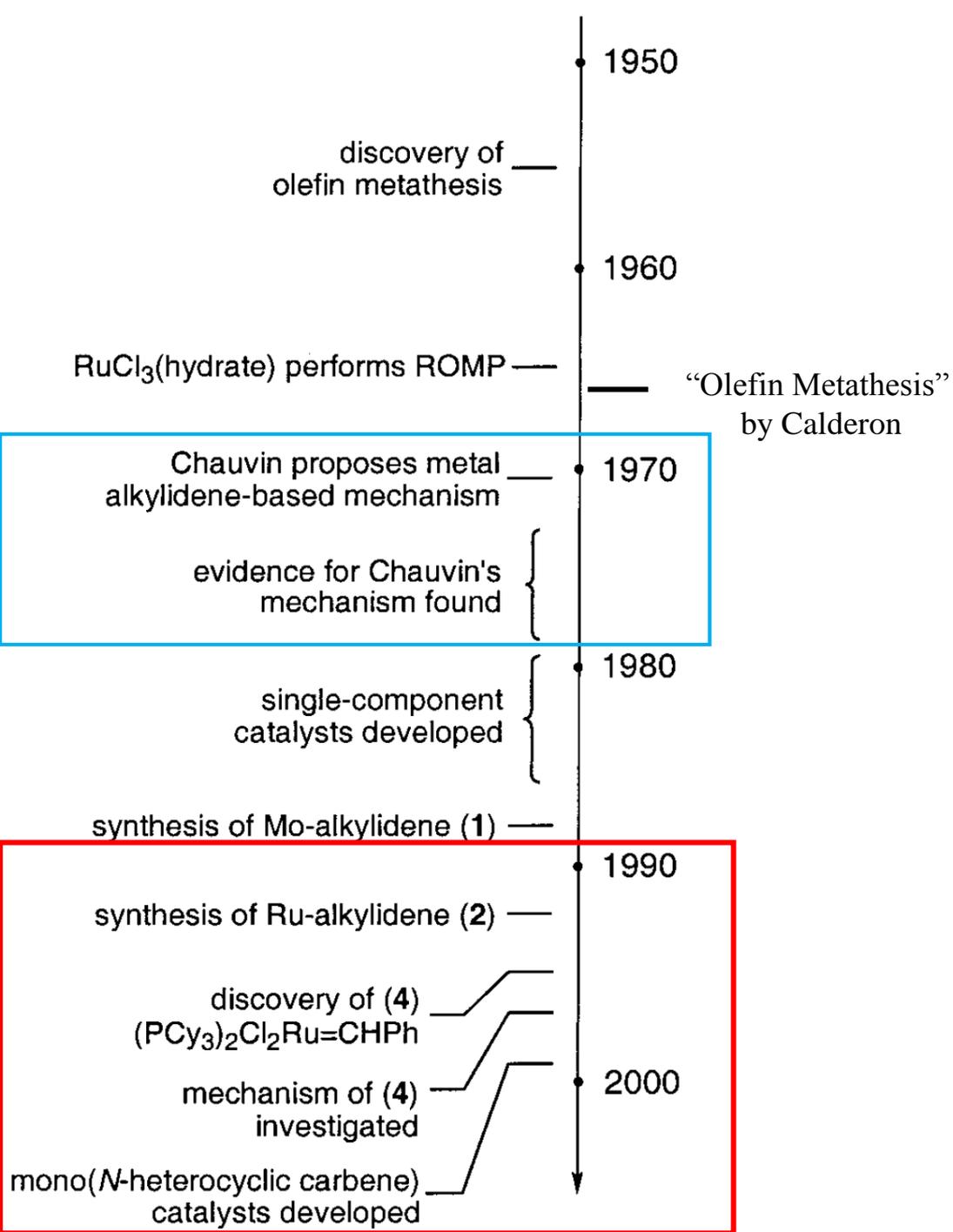


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Robert H. Grubbs



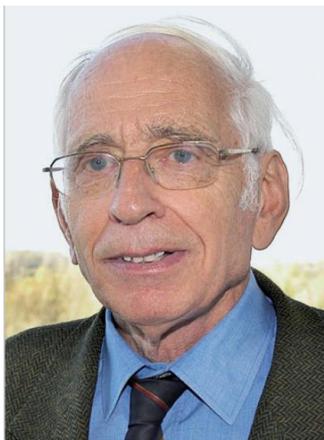
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Richard R. Schrock

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2005 was awarded jointly to Yves Chauvin, Robert H. Grubbs and Richard R. Schrock *"for the development of the metathesis method in organic synthesis"*.



A variety of olefin metathesis reactions.

Yves Chauvin



He was born on October 10, 1930 in Menin.

He joined Institut Français du Pétrole in 1960.

Motto

“If you want to find something new, look for something new!”

- *Dimersol Process (nickel-based catalyst): for gasoline*
 - ✓ Dimerization of propylene into isohexenes: additive in gasoline as octane number booster.
 - ✓ One of the first examples of application of homogeneous catalysts in refining
- *Dimersol Process: for chemistry*
 - ✓ Dimerizing *n*-butenes to isooctenes
 - ✓ Isooctenes are used as starting material for PVC plasticizer
- *Alphabutol process (titanium based catalyst)*
 - ✓ Dimerization of ethylene into 1-butene
 - ✓ 1-butene is used as comonomer for polyethylene manufacture
- *Difasol Process (improved Dimersol Process)*

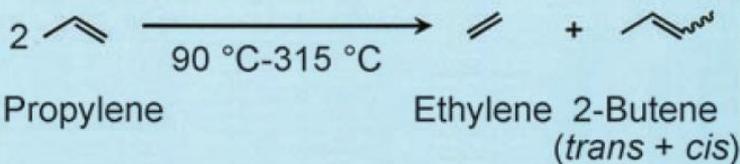
Non-Pair-Wise Mechanism



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a magic year...

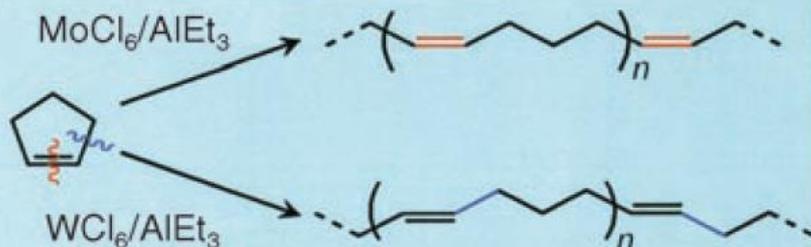


Heterogeneous catalysis...



R. L. Banks, G. C. Bailey (Phillips Petroleum Co.)
I. & E. C. Product Research and Development
1964, 3 170.173.

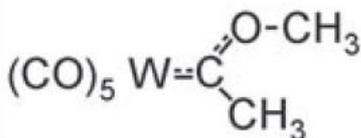
Homogeneous catalysis



G. Natta *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 1964, 3, 723

Metallocarbene

Wir glauben daher für $W(CO)_5(COCH_3)(CH_3)$
eine Struktur folgender Art annehmen zu dürfen.



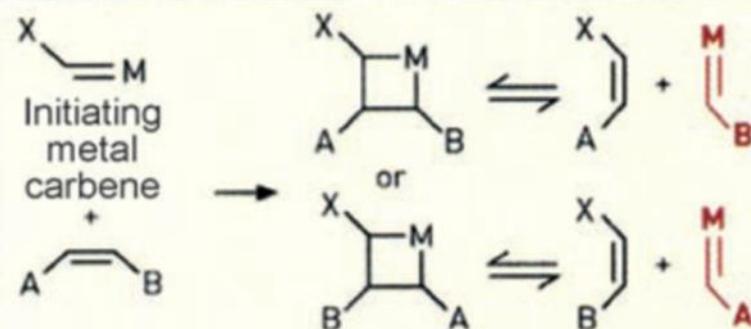
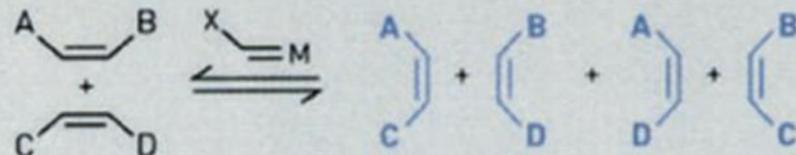
E. O. Fischer
Angew. Chem. 1964, 76, 645

a new metal-carbon bond

MECHANISM

Olefin metathesis is a chain reaction

Overall reaction

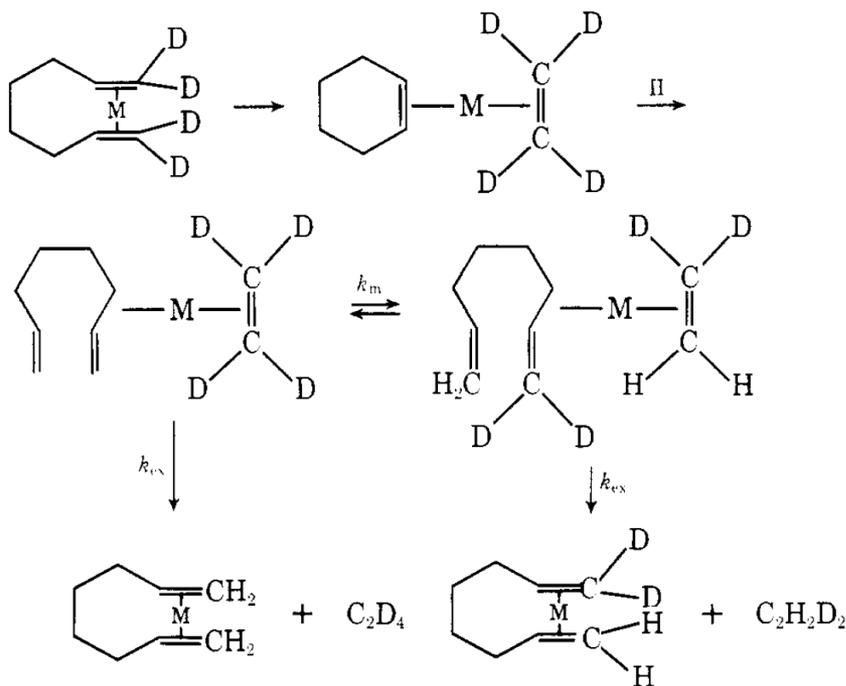


Carbene mechanism

Chauvin, Y. *et al. Makromol. Chem.* 1971, 5141, 161.

Chauvin, Y. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2006, 45, 3740.

Consideration of the Mechanism of the Olefin Metathesis Reaction



Calculated by an iterative procedure using the following equations:

E_0, E_2, E_4 = ethylene ratios produced

R_0, R_2, R_4 = metal-ethylene complex ratios at start

Z_0, Z_2, Z_4 = metal-ethylene complex ratios produced

A_0, A_4 = 1,7-octadiene ratio

$$E_0 = R_0(A_0 + B A_4) + R_2 A_0 B$$

$$E_2 = B \cdot R_0 \cdot A_4 + D \cdot R_2(A_0 + A_4) + B \cdot R_4 \cdot A_0$$

$$E_4 = C \cdot R_2 \cdot A_4 + R_4(A_4 + B \cdot A_0)$$

$$Z_0 = A_0(R_0 + D \cdot R_2 + B \cdot R_4)$$

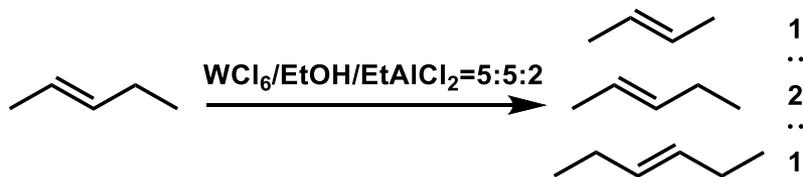
$$Z_2 = A_0(C \cdot R_2 + B \cdot R_4) + A_4(B \cdot R_0 + C \cdot R_2)$$

$$Z_4 = A_4(B \cdot R_0 + D \cdot R_2 + R_4)$$

The $B, C,$ and D factors represent the probabilities of the combination of the A and R factor producing the desired E or Z under consideration. The Z values became the R factors for the next iteration. After approximately 20–30 iterations the calculated ratios become constant and are independent of the assumed starting ratios. Very large isotope effects have a small effect on the calculated values. Only those equilibration steps indicated in the scheme were allowed.

Pair-Wise Mechanism

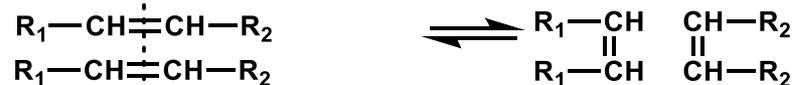
“Olefin Metathesis” was coined in this paper



Transalkylation



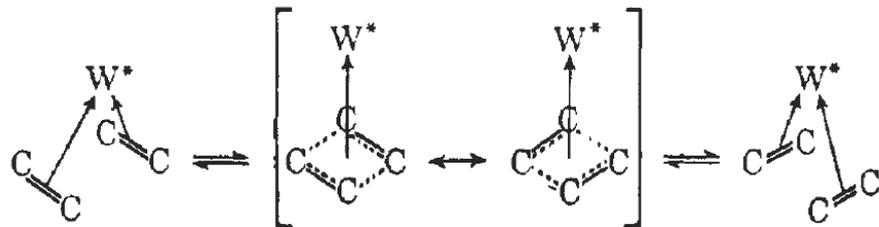
Transalkylidenation



Calderon, N. *et al. Tetrahedron Lett.* **1967**, 34, 3327

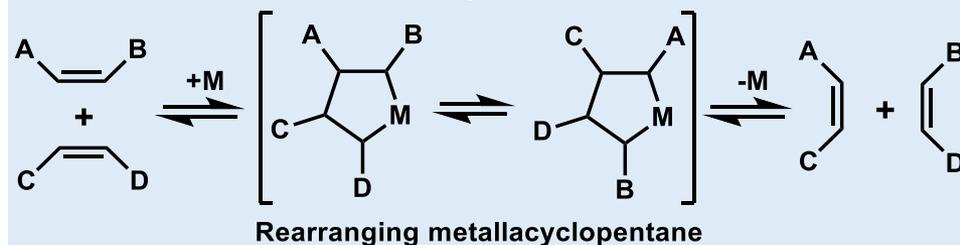
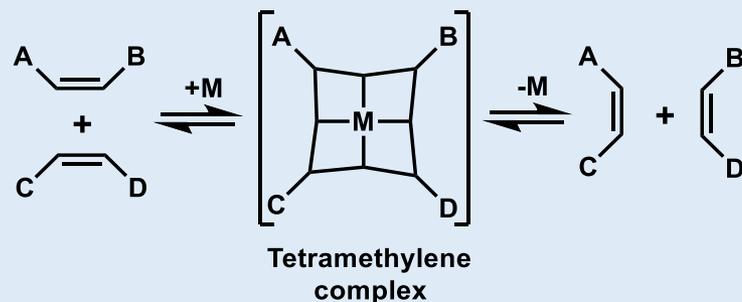
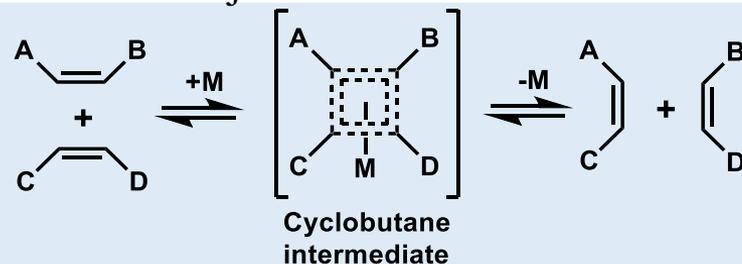
“Pairwise” mechanism

Transalkylidenation



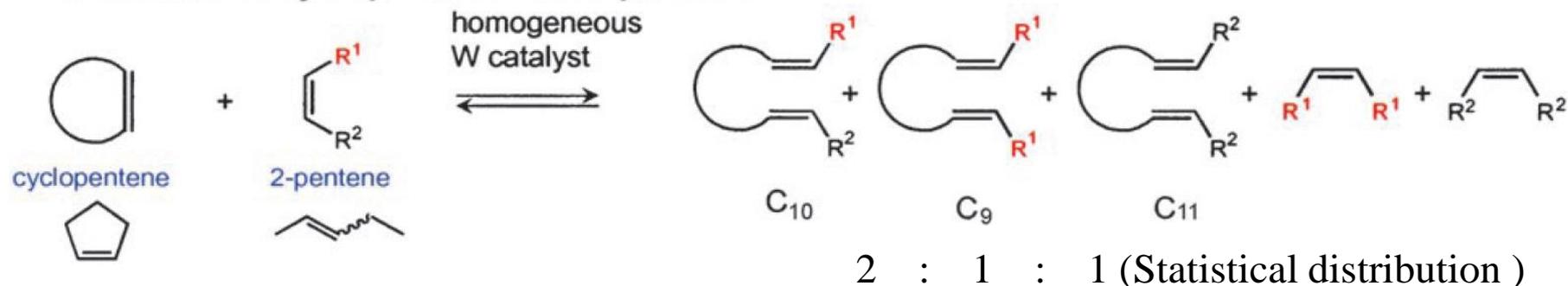
WRONG TURNS

Unusual intermediates proposed initially have
Since been rejected

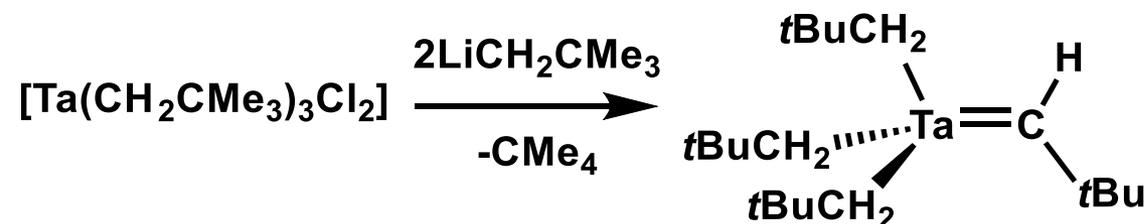


Evidence for Chauvin's Mechanism

Co-reaction of cyclopentene with 2-pentene

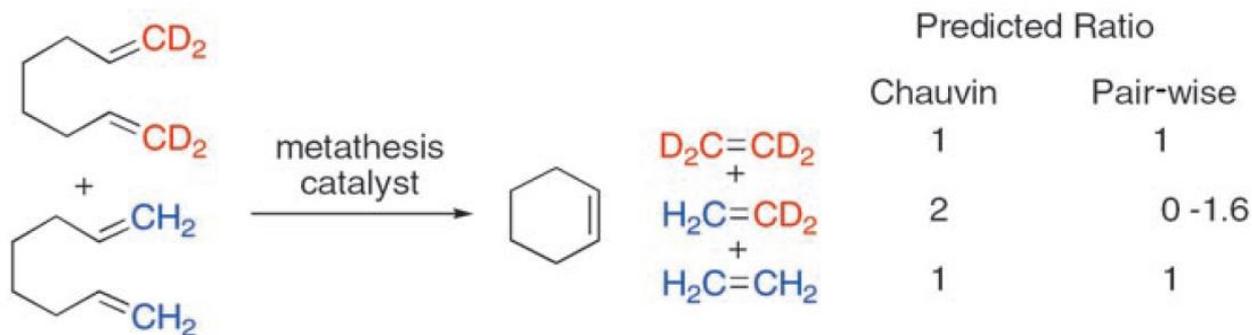


Chauvin, Y. *et al. Makromol. Chem.* **1971**, 141, 161. Chauvin, Y. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, 45, 3740.



The first stable transition metal M=CHR species.

Schrock, R. R., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 96, 6796.



Scheme 1. Ring-closing metathesis of 1,7-octadiene.

Grubbs, R. H. *et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, 97, 3265. Grubbs, R. H. *et al., Acc. Chem. Res.* **2001**, 34, 18.

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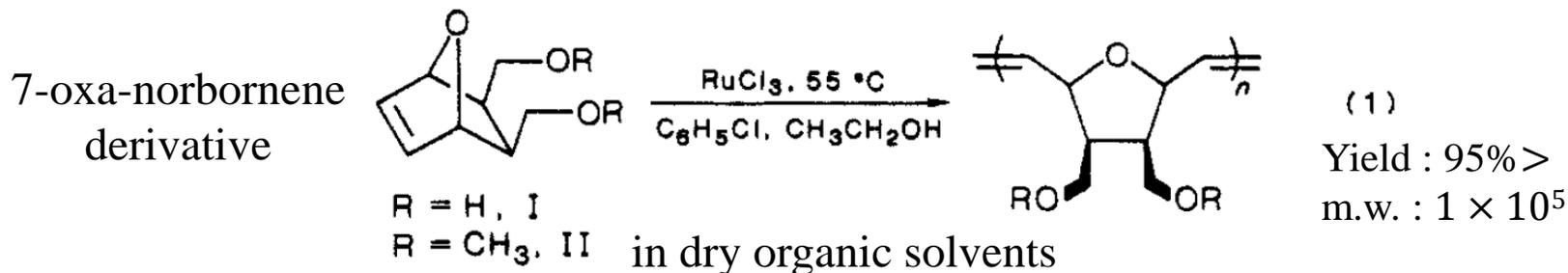
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Ruthenium(III) Salt for ROMP

At that time...

Oxophilic alkylidene ROMP catalyst \longleftrightarrow Heteroatoms

In an effort to further the development of the polymerization of heterocyclic monomers...



$\text{RuCl}_3(\text{hydrate})$ and $\text{OsCl}_3(\text{hydrate})$ were successful.

Grubbs, R. H. *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1988**, *110*, 960.

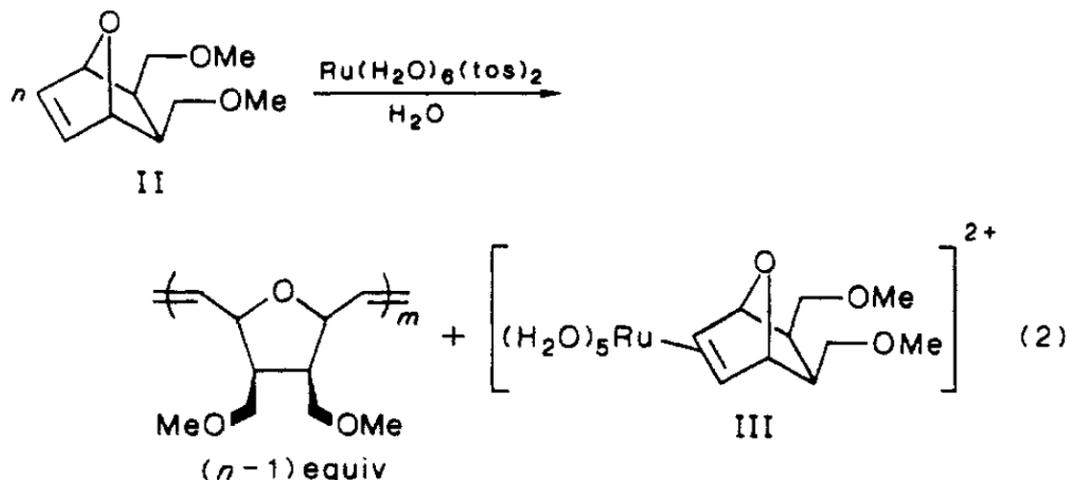
 Lengthy initiation period (on the order of hours to days) limited their usefulness.
(Once initiated, the polymerization proceeded at a very high rate.)

 II was used as a monomer.

- ✓ Water dramatically decreased the initiation period. (yield was nearly quantitative)
22-24 h/organic solvents \rightarrow 30-35 min/**aqueous** solution
- ✓ The used aqueous Ru solution was **recyclable** and became more active.
37.5 min \rightarrow 10-12 s

Ruthenium(II) Complex for ROMP

$\text{Ru}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{tos})_2$ was far more active. (initiation time: 50-55 s \rightarrow 10-12 s) first recycled



- ✓ The active solution from Ru^{3+} salts (RuCl_3 , K_2RuCl_5) showed the identical olefin resonances of adduct III.
- ✓ Ru^{3+} does not form stable olefin complexes.
- ✓ Ru^{4+} (as Ru Red) and Ru^{2+} olefin complex are formed when II was polymerized by $\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})^{3+}$.



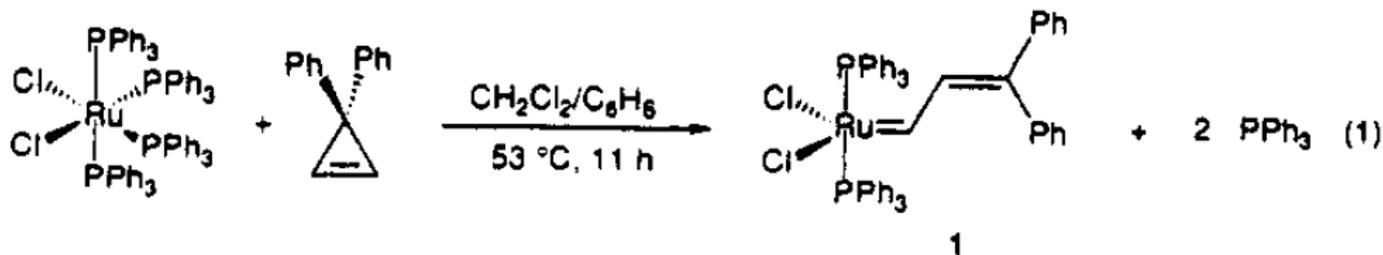
Proposed Mechanism



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ROMP by a Ruthenium Carbene Complex in Protic Media



Scheme I. The Block Copolymerization of 2,3-Dideuterionorbornene and Perprotonorbornene by **1**¹⁶

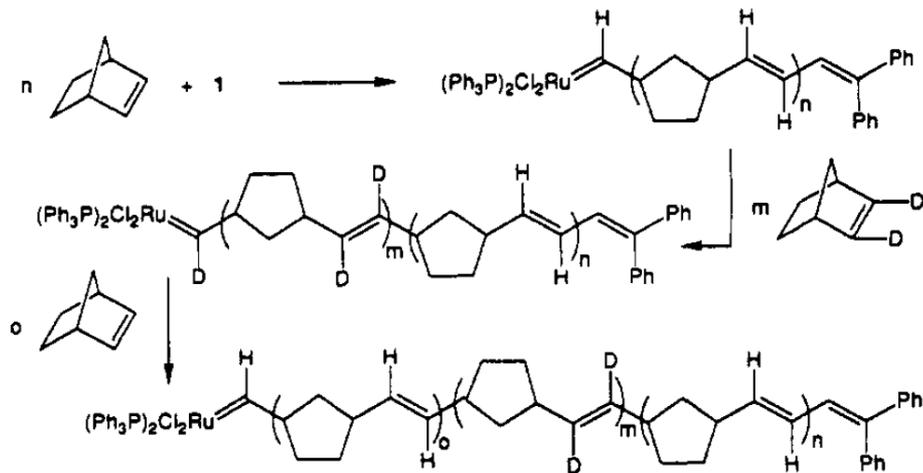
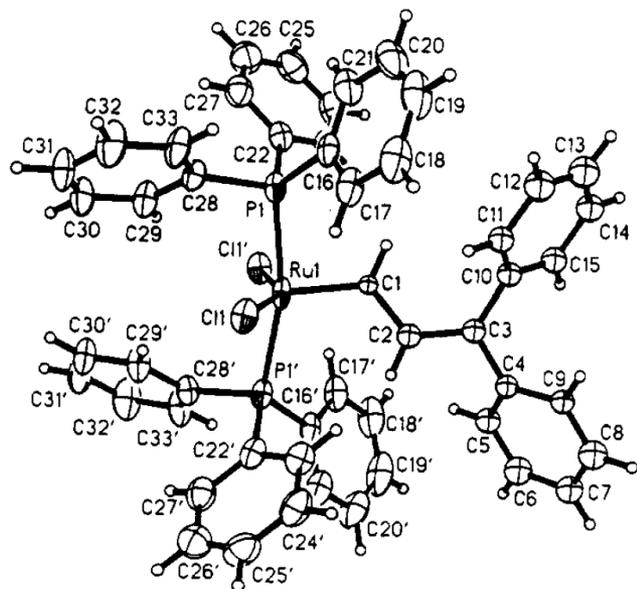


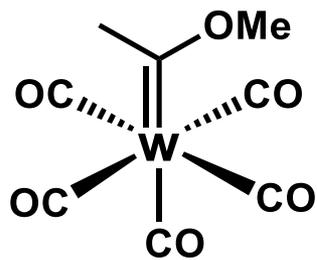
Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of **1**. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

- ✓ Complex **1** was stable under inert atmosphere and several minutes in air.
- ✓ **1** was also **stable for several days** in C_2Cl_2/C_6H_6 in the presence of **water, alcohol**, or a diethyl ether solution of **HCl**.
- ✓ **1** did not undergo Wittig-type reactions with either ketone or an aldehyde.

*Functional-Group
Tolerance*

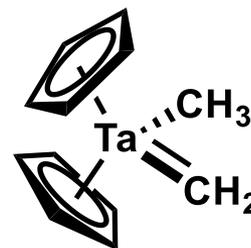
ROMP by a Ruthenium Carbene Complex in Protic Media

low oxidation state
late transition metal
 π -accepter ligands
electrophilic



W(II), d^4 , 18e

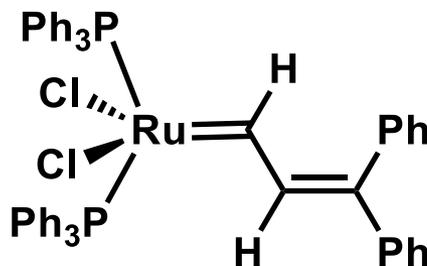
Fischer carbene complex



Ta(V), d^0 , 18e

Schrock carbene complex

high oxidation state
early transition metal
nucleophilic



Ru(IV), d^4 , 16e

Ruthenaolefin

* 酸化数はカルベンを
4電子供与体と見なした場合

“Typically, high oxidation state metallaolefins are called alkylidene complexes while low oxidation state analogues are referred to as carbene complexes. The new complex described here does not show all of the characteristics of either of these two classes of complexes.”

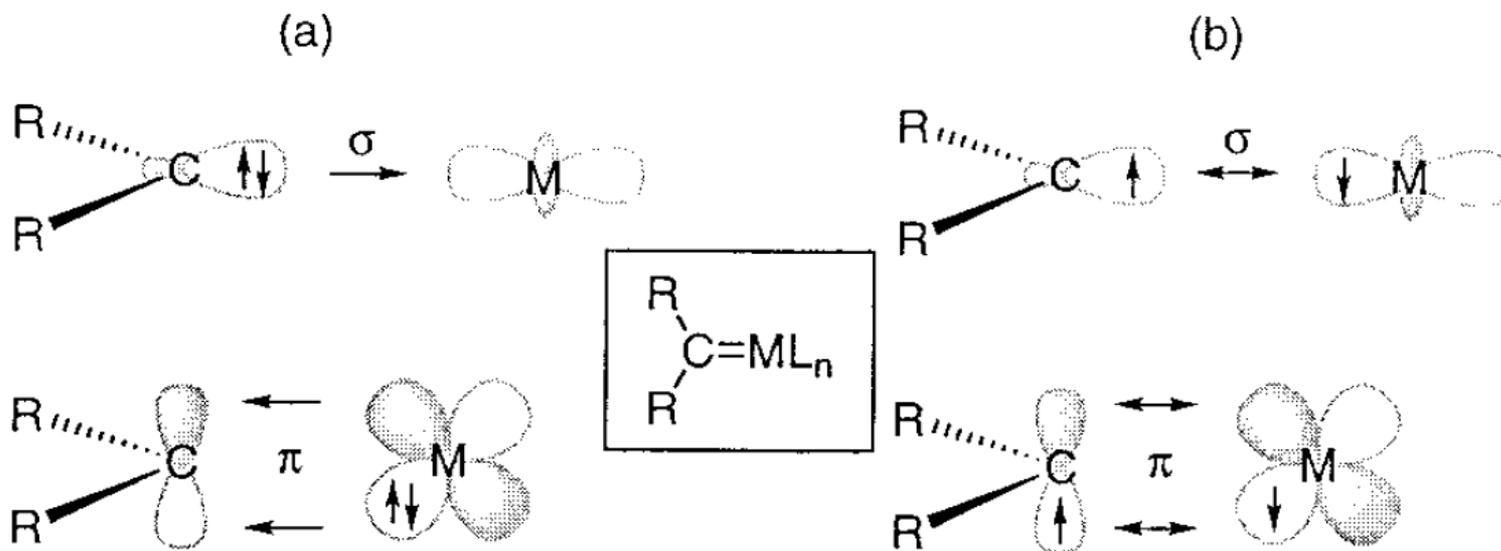
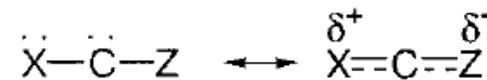
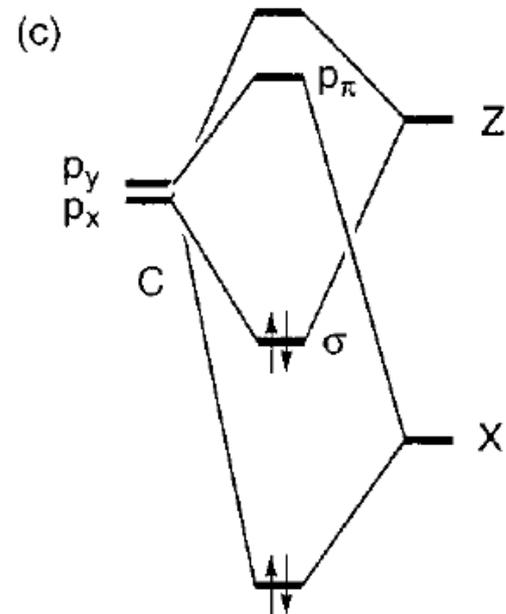
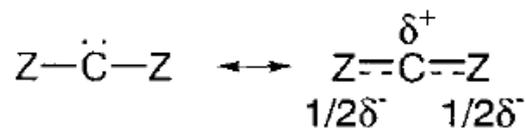
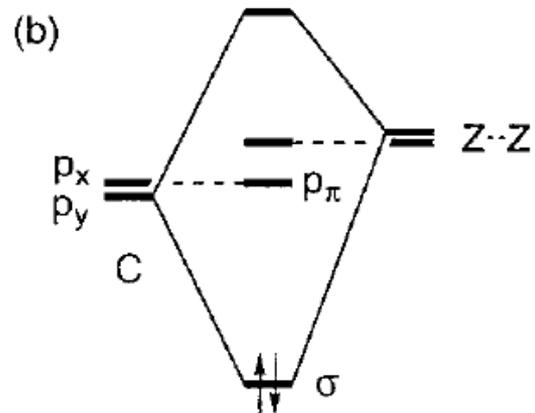
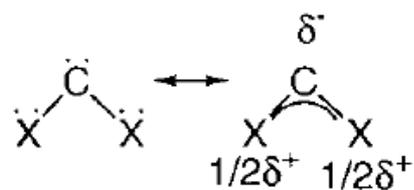
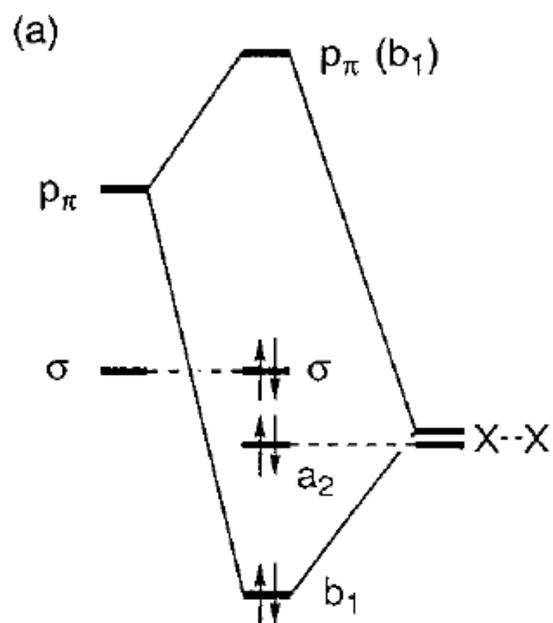


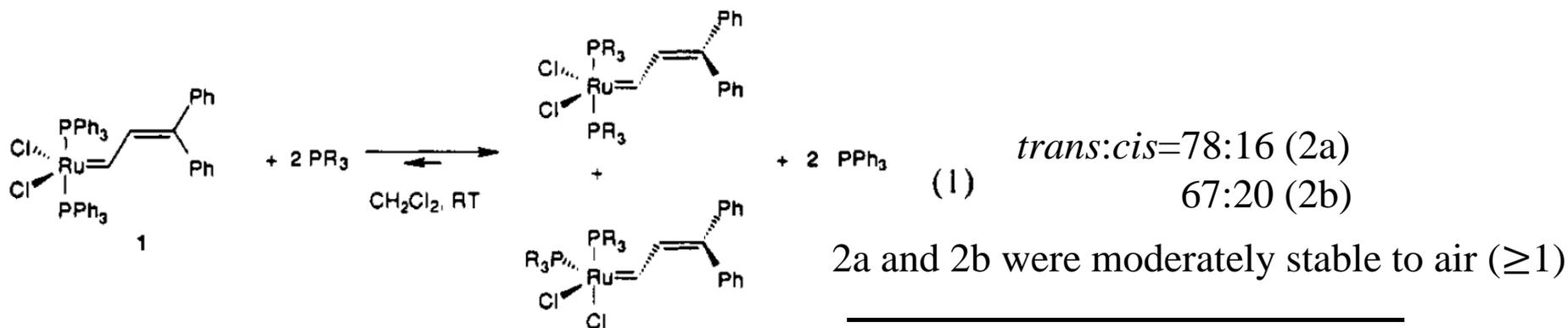
Figure 18. Schematic representations of (a) donor–acceptor bonding in Fischer carbene complexes and (b) covalent bonding in Schrock carbene complexes.

Fischer complexes are generally formed with a low-valent metal fragment and a carbene bearing at least a π -donor group, whereas Schrock complexes are usually formed with metals in a high oxidation state and carbene ligands bearing alkyl substituents.



X: π -electron-donating substituents; Z: π -electron-withdrawing substituents

New Catalysts with high metathesis activity



2a and 2b were moderately stable to air (≥ 1)

Ligand	Cone Angle	Metathesis of <i>cis</i> -2-pentene	
PPh ₃	145 °	not active	
P(<i>i</i> -Pr) ₃	160 °	active	electron-rich
P(CH ₂ Ph) ₃	165 °	not active	
PCy ₃	170 °	active	electron-rich

2a: R = Cy
2b: R = *i*-Pr

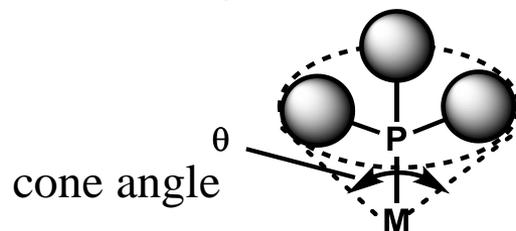


Table I. Turnover Numbers¹⁶ and Conditions for the Metathesis of *cis*-2-Pentene Catalyzed by **2a** and **2b**

entry	catalyst	solvent and catalyst concentration	turnover number ¹⁶ (equiv/h)
1	(Cy ₃ P) ₂ Cl ₂ Ru=CHCH=CPh ₂ (2a)	6.06 mM in C ₆ D ₆ ^a	26
2	(Cy ₃ P) ₂ Cl ₂ Ru=CHCH=CPh ₂ (2a)	6.06 mM in THF- <i>d</i> ₈ ^a	11
3	(Cy ₃ P) ₂ Cl ₂ Ru=CHCH=CPh ₂ (2a)	6.06 mM in CD ₂ Cl ₂ ^a	103
4	(Cy ₃ P) ₂ Cl ₂ Ru=CHCH=CPh ₂ (2a)	5.19 mM in (0.29:1) CD ₃ OD/CD ₂ Cl ₂ ^b	67
5	[(<i>i</i> -Pr) ₃ P] ₂ Cl ₂ Ru=CHCH=CPh ₂ (2b)	6.06 mM in C ₆ D ₆ ^a	22

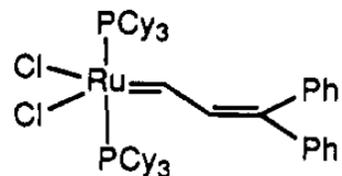
^a Conditions: 0.5 mL of solution, 100 equiv of *cis*-2-pentene, room temperature. The reaction is carried out in an NMR tube with mesitylene as an internal standard. ^b Conditions: 0.59 mL of solution, 100 equiv of *cis*-2-pentene, room temperature. The turnover number is obtained by monitoring the first part of the *cis*-2-pentene metathesis reaction where the rate of metathesis is approximately pseudo-first-order; it is taken as the point at which 40% of the initial *cis*-2-pentene is consumed.

the first metathesis of acyclic olefin with well-defined Ru carbene complexes

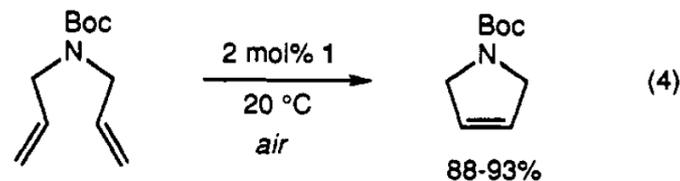
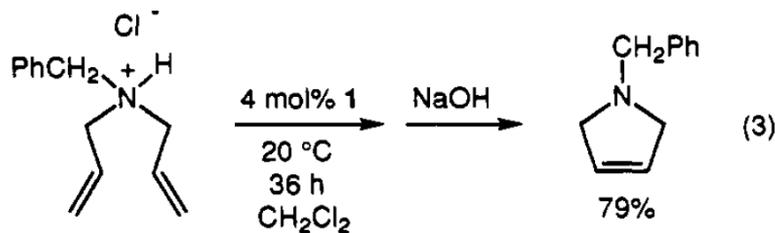
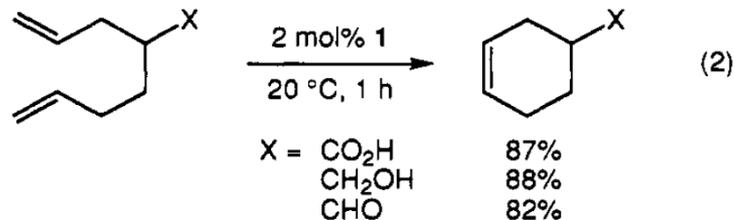
Application to RCM

Table I. Catalytic Ring-Closing Metathesis of Dienes (2–4 mol % **1**, C₆H₆, 20 °C)

entry	substrate	product	time (h)	yield (%)
1	X = CF ₃ 		1	93
2	O <i>t</i> -Bu 		1	91
3			1	89
4	n = 0 		22	78
5	1 		6	93
6	2 		40	81
7			2	84
8			5	86
9			8	72
10			1	87
11			2	85

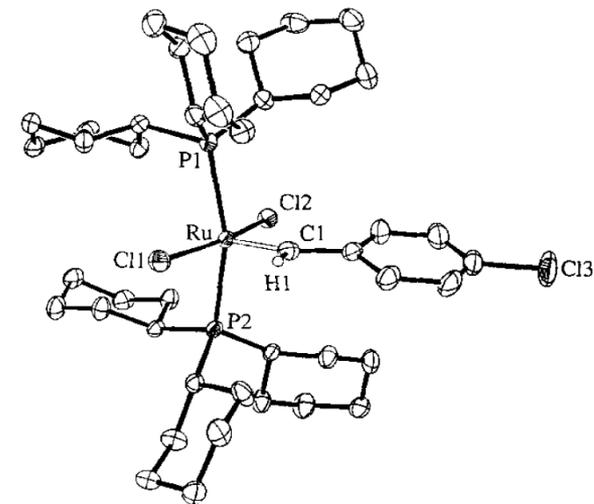
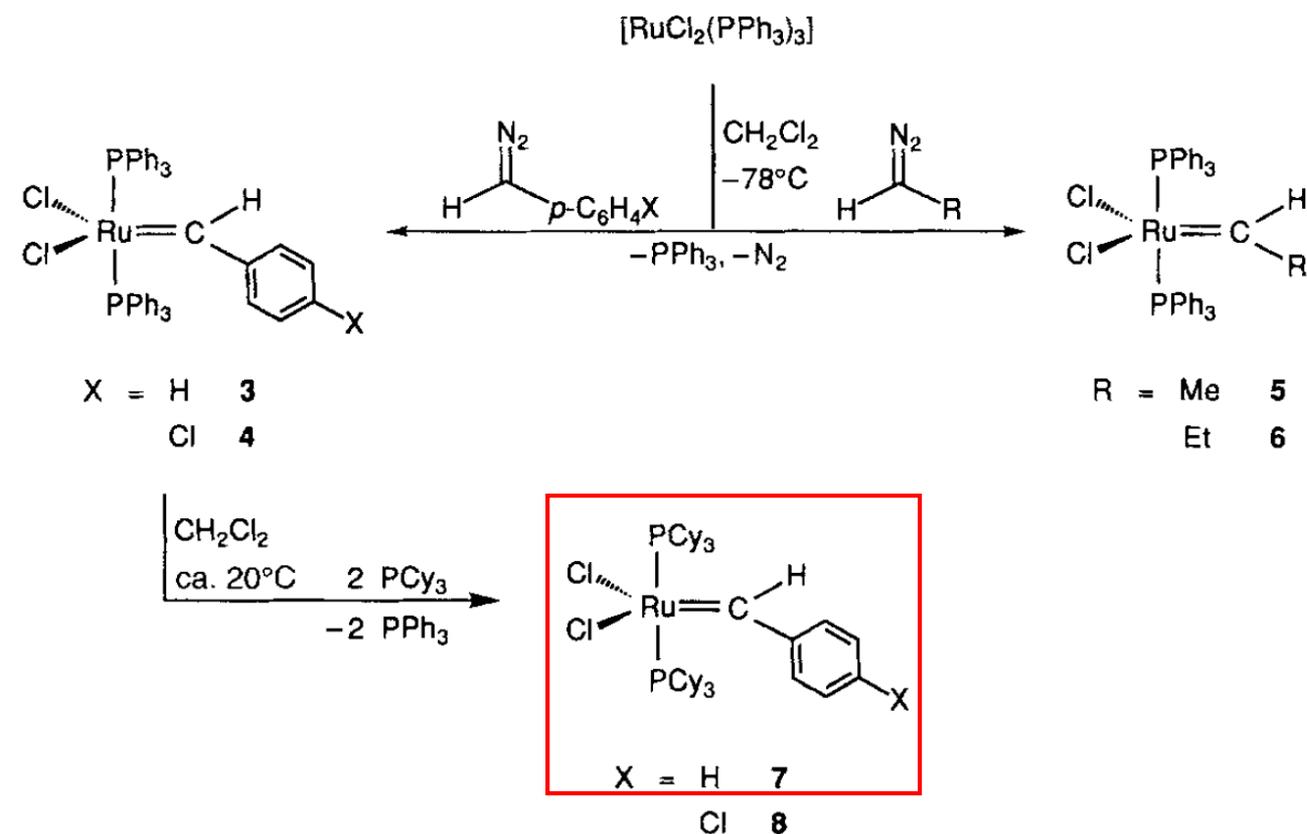


- ✓ insensitivity to atmospheric oxygen and moisture
- ✓ functional-group tolerance



solvents: reagent-grade, undistilled
C₆H₆, CH₂Cl₂, THF, *t*-BuOH

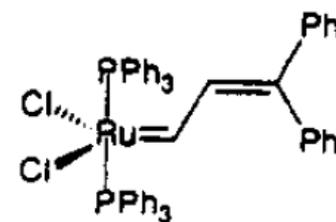
First-Generation Grubbs Catalyst



crystal structure of **8**

Scheme 1. Synthesis of alkyldiene complexes from diazoalkanes and subsequent phosphane exchange. Cy = cyclohexyl.

- ✓ 3-6 decomposed in solution (3 and 4 faster than 5 and 6) in several hours.
- ✓ However, 3-6 were efficient catalysts of living ROMP.
- (The initiation rate for 3 is about 1000 times greater than for 1).
- ✓ 7 and 8 were air-stable.

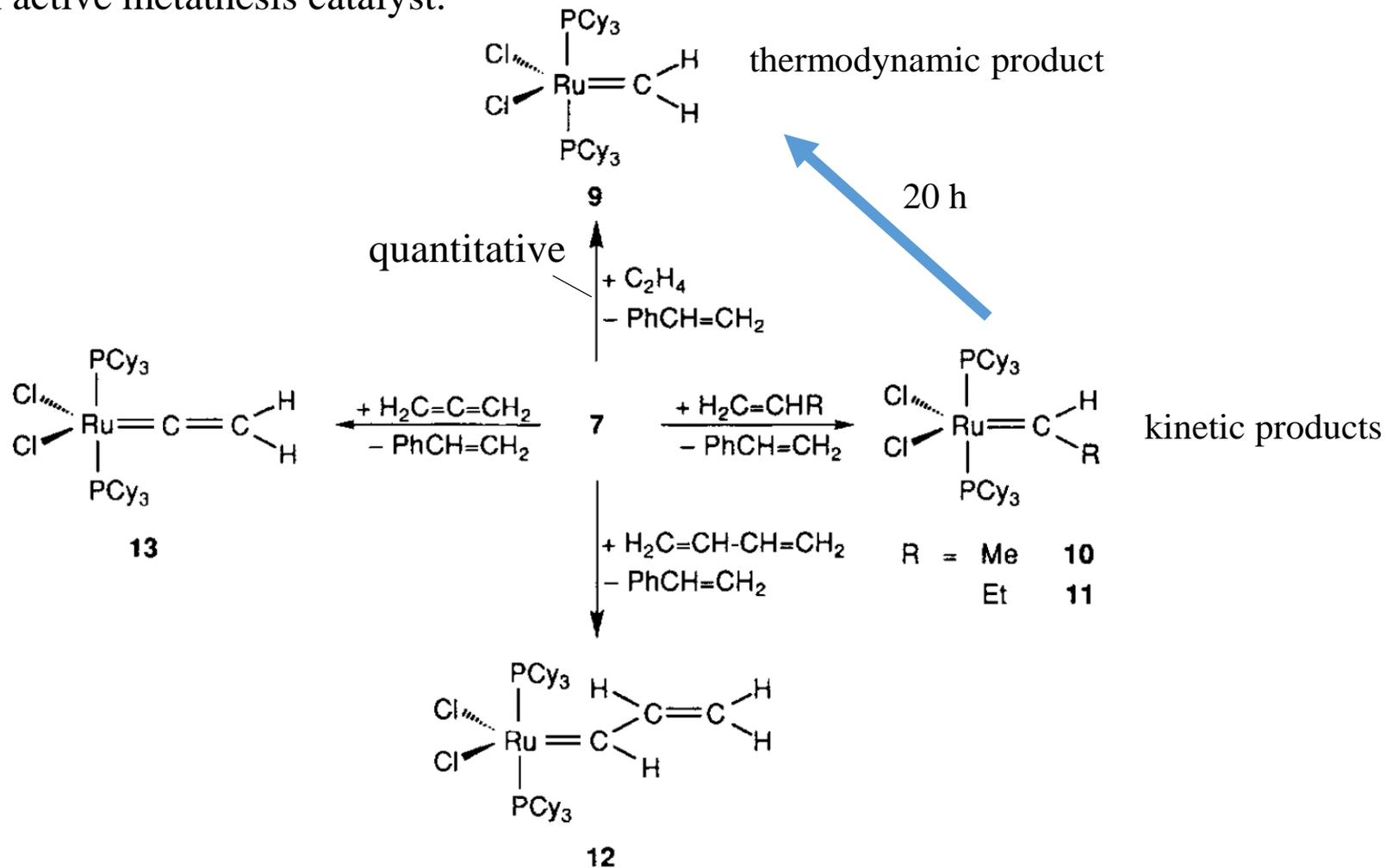


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Isolable Methylidene Complex

9 was the first isolable methylidene complex which is an active metathesis catalyst.



Scheme 2. Methathesis of acyclic alkenes with 7 as catalyst.

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Kinetics

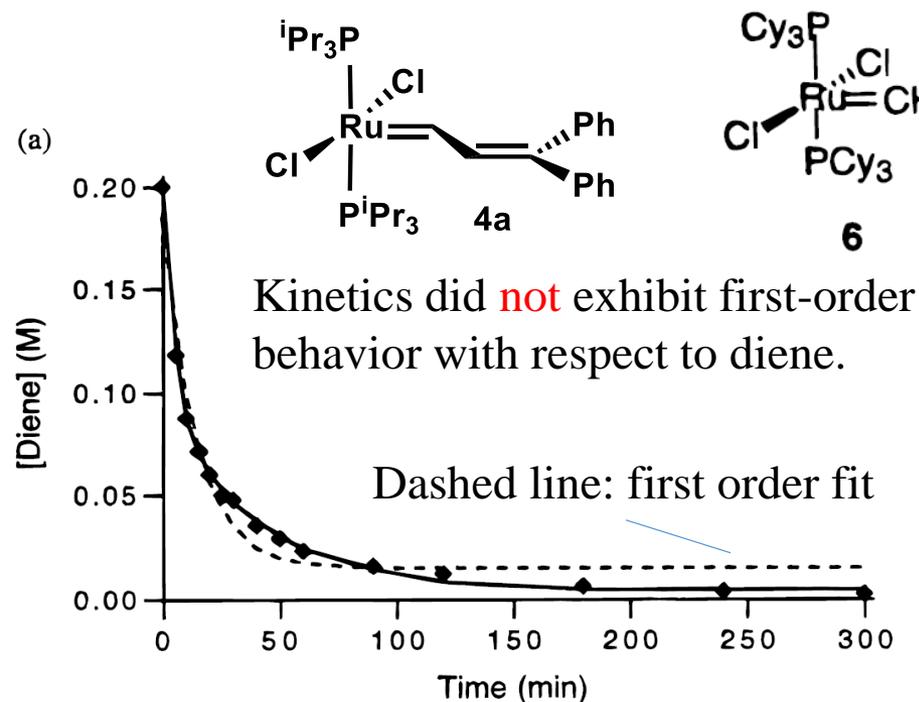
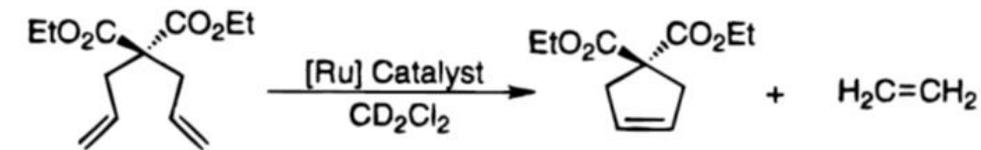


Figure 1. (a) Representative plot of diene concentrations vs time for catalyst **4a**. The reaction was carried out with [diene]₀ = 0.2 M and [catalyst (**4a**)] = 0.01 M in CD₂Cl₂ at 20 °C. The filled diamonds are the data points, and the solid line is the double-exponential fit: [diene](*t*) = *K*₀ + *K*₁ exp(-*K*₂*t*) + *K*₃ exp(-*K*₄*t*). The dashed line is the best first-order fit [diene](*t*) = *K*₀ + *K*₁ exp(-*K*₂*t*). The constants *K*_{*n*} are generic constants that are calculated by the curve-fitting procedure. (b)

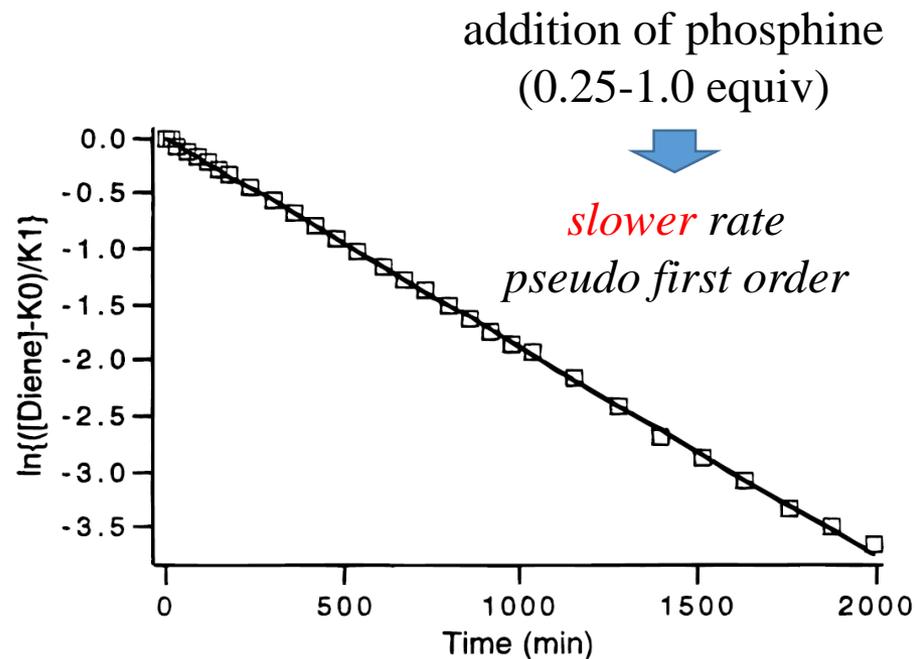
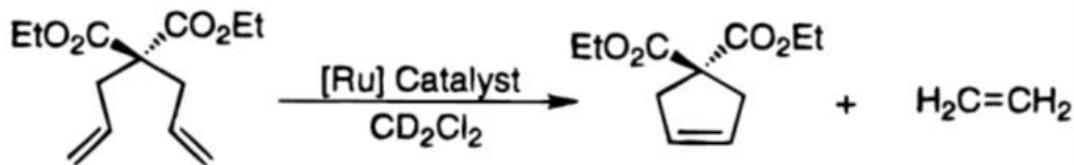


Figure 2. Log plot of diene concentration vs time for the ring-closing metathesis of diethyl diallylmalonate in the presence of 0.02 M PCy₃, where [Ru]₀(**6**) = 0.02 M and [diene]₀ = 0.2 M. The reactions were carried out in CD₂Cl₂ at 30 °C. *K*₀ and *K*₁ are the constants from the first-order fit [diene](*t*) = *K*₀ + *K*₁ exp(-*K*₂*t*), and *K*₂ is the slope of the line, where the constants *K*_{*n*} are generic constants calculated by the curve-fitting procedure. The boxes are the data points and the line is the linear fit. Intercept = (6.45 ± 7.64) × 10⁻³; slope = (-1.88 ± 0.01) × 10⁻³; linear correlation coefficient = 1.00.

Pseudo-First-Order



in the presence of additional PCy_3

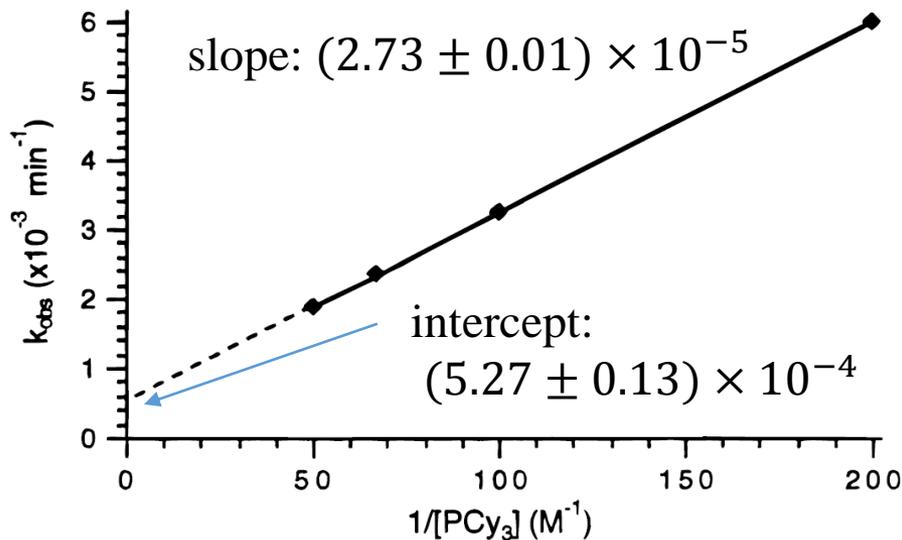


Figure 3. Plot of k_{obs} vs reciprocal phosphine concentration for the ring closing metathesis of diethyl diallylmalonate at varying phosphine concentrations, with $[\text{diene}]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}$ and $[\text{Ru}]_0$ (**6**) = 0.02 M . The reactions were carried out in CD_2Cl_2 at 30°C . The filled diamonds are the data points, the solid line is the linear fit $k_{\text{obs}} = K_0 + K_1(1/[\text{PCy}_3])$, where the constants K_n are generic constants calculated by the curve-fitting procedure, and the dashed line is the extrapolation of the linear fit to the intercept. Intercept = $(5.27 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-4}$; slope = $(2.73 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-5}$; linear correlation coefficient = 1.00.

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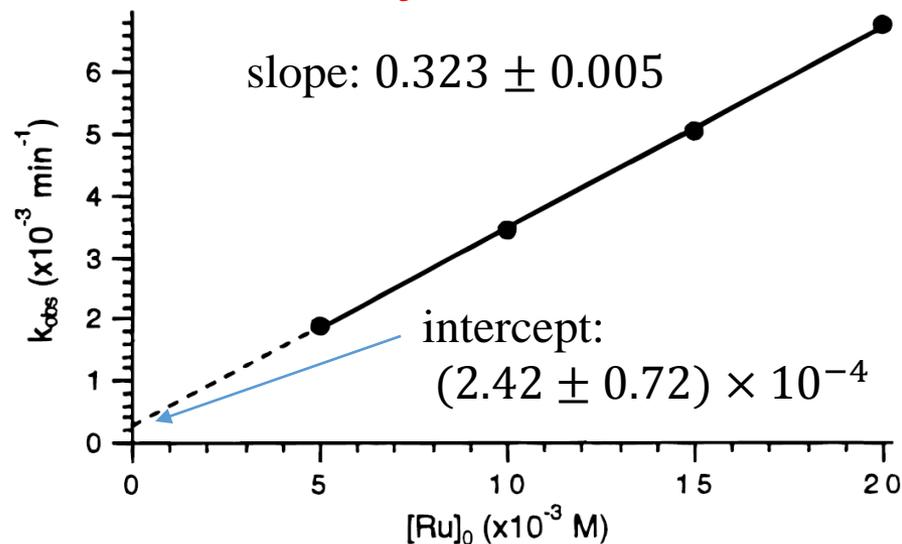
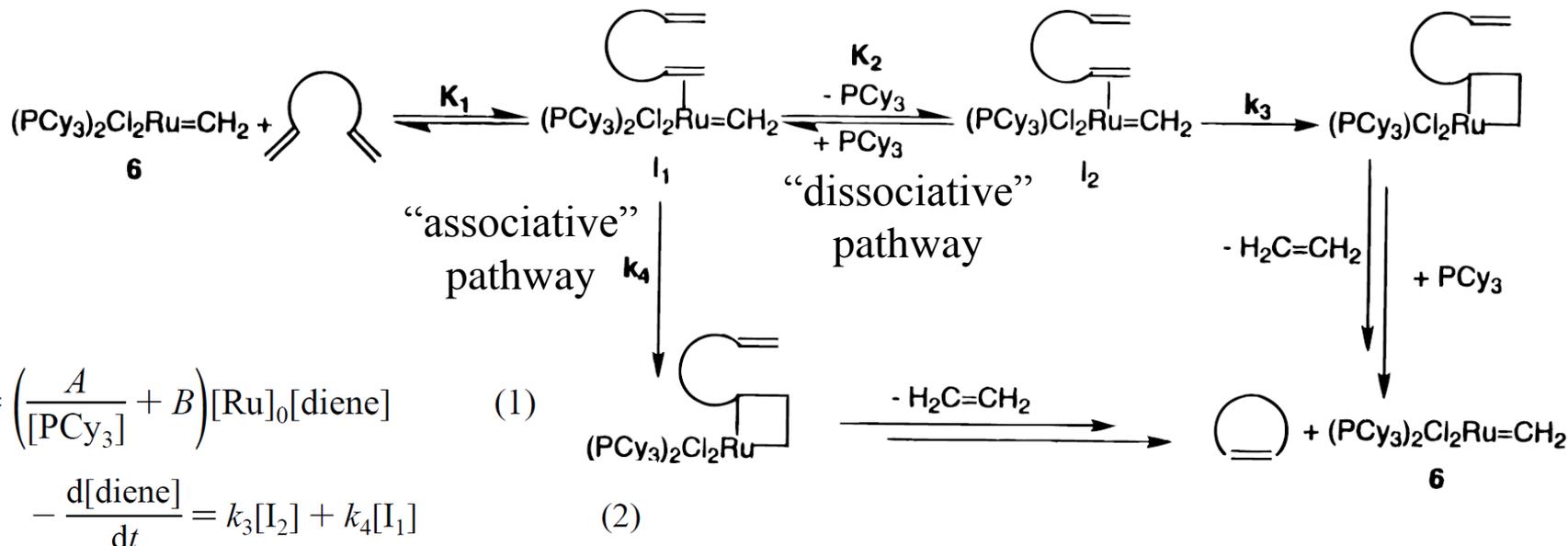


Figure 5. Plot of k_{obs} vs catalyst concentration for the ring-closing metathesis of diethyl diallylmalonate at varying catalyst concentrations in the presence of 0.005 M PCy_3 , with $[\text{diene}]_0 = 0.2 \text{ M}$. The reactions were carried out in CD_2Cl_2 at 30°C . The filled circles are the data points, the solid line is the linear fit $k_{\text{obs}} = K_0 + K_1([\text{Ru}]_0)$ where the constants K_n are generic constants calculated by the curve-fitting procedure, and the dashed line is the extrapolation of the linear fit to the intercept. Intercept = $(2.42 \pm 0.72) \times 10^{-4}$; slope = 0.323 ± 0.005 ; linear correlation coefficient = 1.00.

$$k_{\text{obs}} = K_0' + K_1'([\text{Ru}]_0)$$

“Associative” vs “Dissociative”



By solving the equilibria for the concentrations of $[I_1]$ and $[I_2]$, one easily obtains:

$$[I_1] = K_1[\mathbf{6}][\text{diene}] \quad \text{and}$$

$$[I_2] = K_2 \frac{[I_1]}{[\text{PCy}_3]} = K_1 K_2 \frac{[\mathbf{6}][\text{diene}]}{[\text{PCy}_3]} \quad (3)$$

Substituting eq 3 into eq 2 yields the final rate expression:

$$-\frac{d[\text{diene}]}{dt} = \left(k_3 \frac{K_1 K_2}{[\text{PCy}_3]} + k_4 K_1 \right) [\mathbf{6}][\text{diene}] \quad (4)$$

By comparing eq 4 with the empirical rate expression in eq 1, where $[\mathbf{6}] = [\text{Ru}]_0$, we find that the constants A and B are:

$$A = k_3 K_1 K_2 \quad \text{and} \quad B = k_4 K_1 \quad (5)$$

$A \rightarrow$ “dissociative” pathway

$B \rightarrow$ “associative” pathway

In the absence of excess phosphine,
 $A/[\text{PCy}_3] \gg B$ (>90-95%, Figure 3)

“dissociative” pathway \gg “associative” pathway

Low Concentration of Active Species

Scheme 4



Concentration at time t : $[\text{Ru}]_0$ $[\text{Diene}]_t$ x x

$$x = [\text{PCy}_3] = \sqrt{K_{eq}[\text{Ru}]_0[\text{Diene}]_t}$$

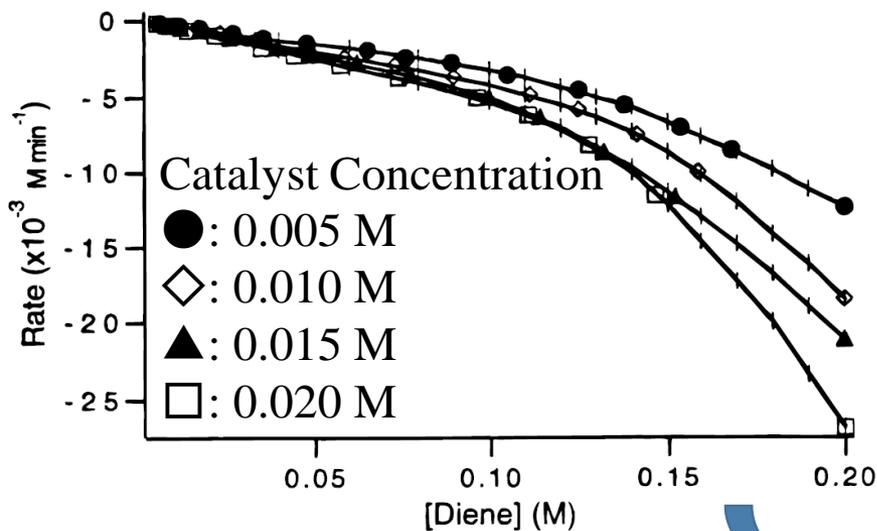
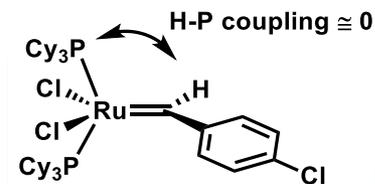
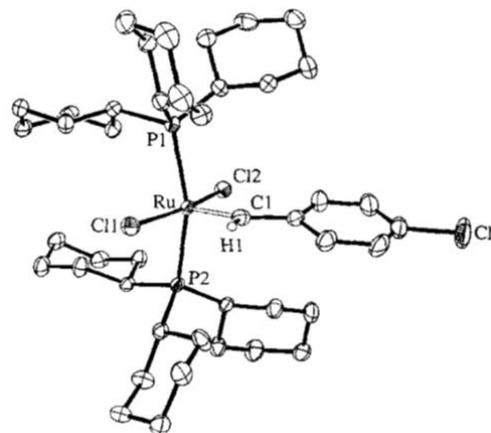
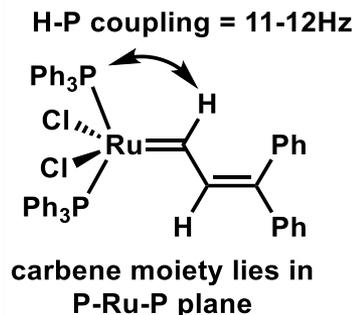
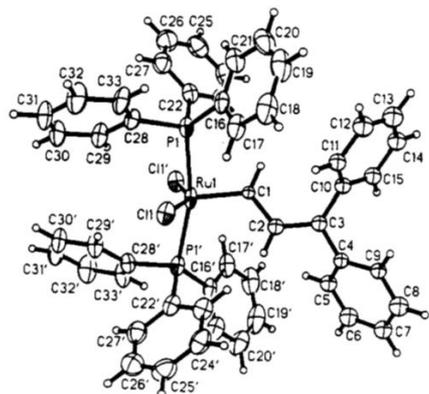


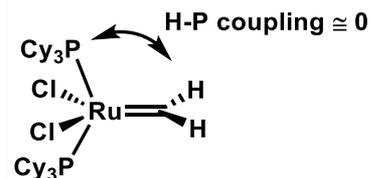
Table 2. Ratios of Rates for Ring-Closing Metathesis with Varying Catalyst Concentrations

	ratio of catalyst concns		
	(0.010 M)/ (0.005 M)	(0.015 M)/ (0.005 M)	(0.020 M)/ (0.005 M)
average ^a	1.33	1.61	1.81
1 σ^b	0.0741	0.111	0.185
2 σ^b	0.148	0.222	0.370
3 σ^b	0.222	0.333	0.555

Stereochemistry of Intermediate



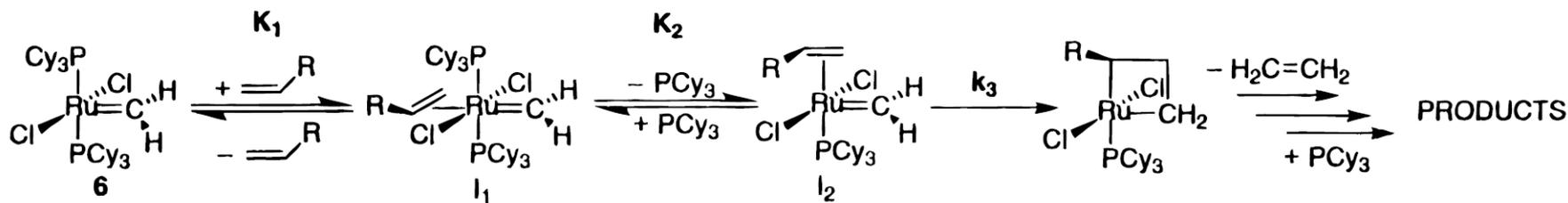
carbene moiety lies in Cl-Ru-Cl plane



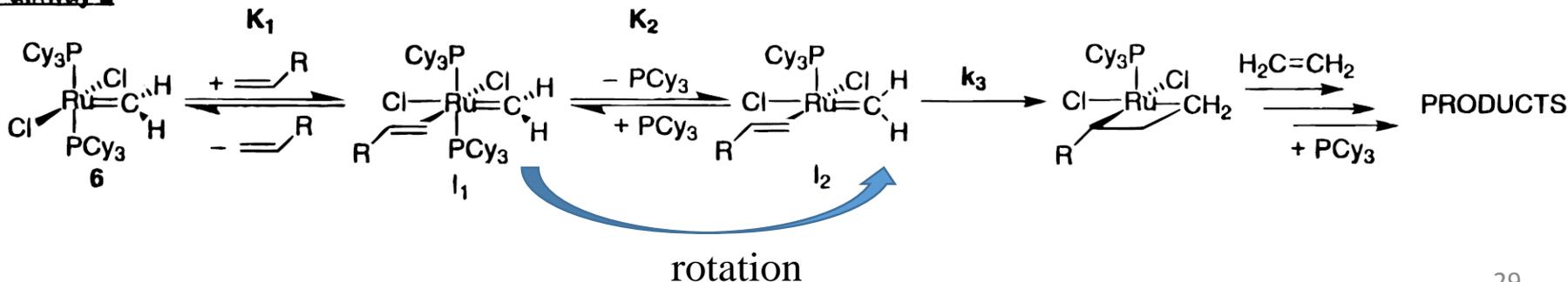
carbene moiety should lie in Cl-Ru-Cl plane

Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of 1. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

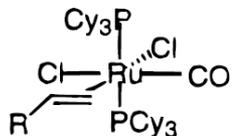
Pathway 1



Pathway 2

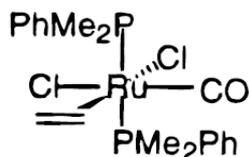


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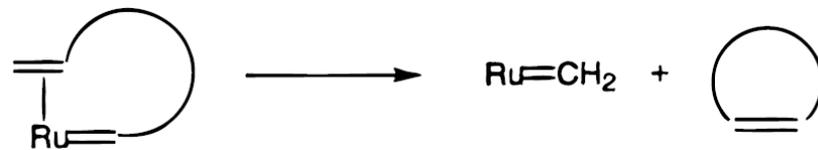


7a: olefin = acrylonitrile

7b: 1,2-dicyanoethylene



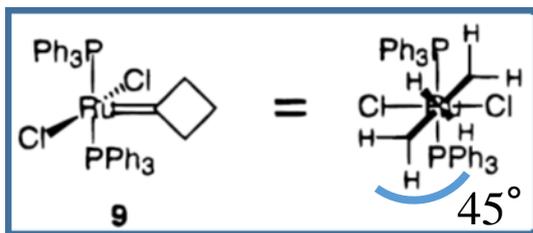
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at the second step in RCM...

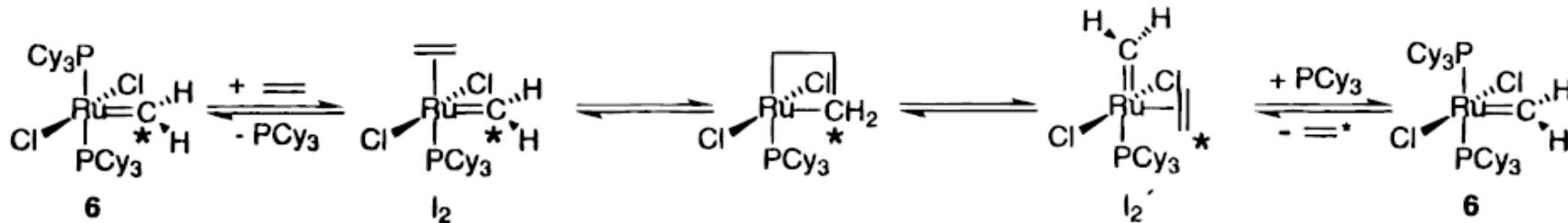
✓ Only *cis* coordination is possible. (small ring)

✓ *trans* coordination: strain energy



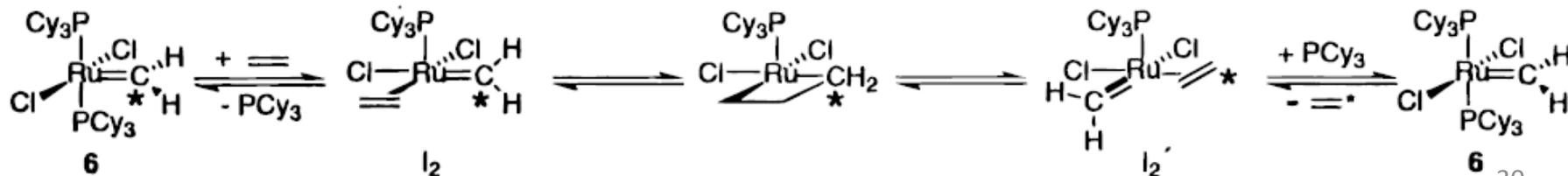
Rotation would be possible.

Pathway 1



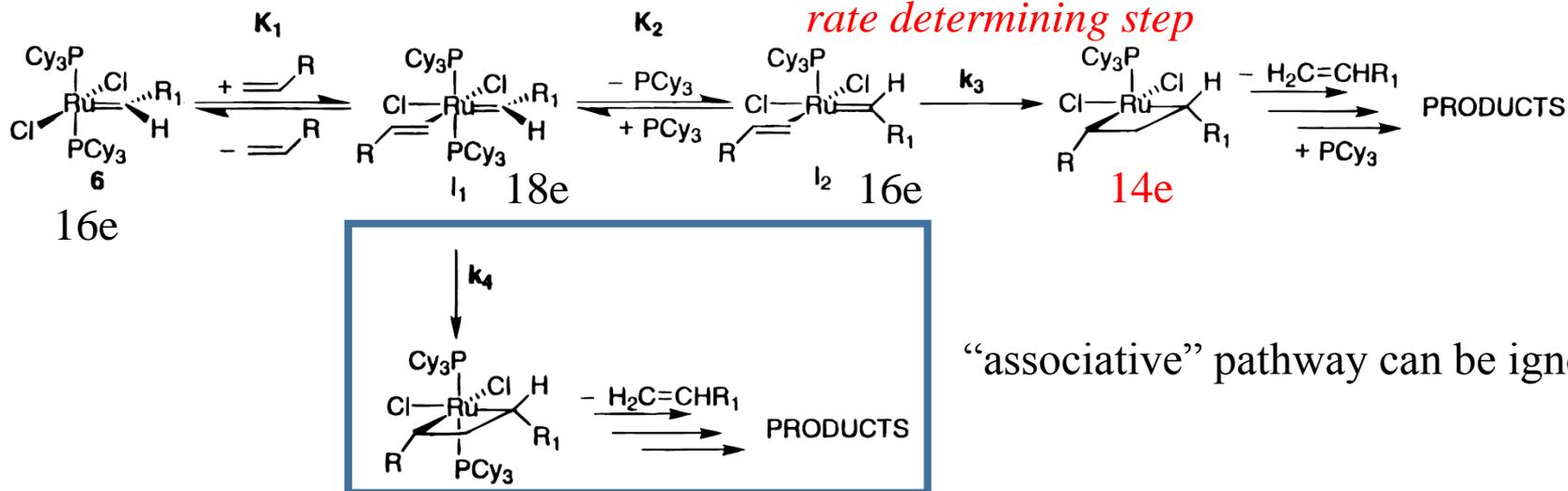
degenerate metathesis reaction

Pathway 2



Pathway 2 was more likely

Summary of First Mechanistic Study



“associative” pathway can be ignored

$$-\frac{d[\text{diene}]}{dt} = \left(k_3 \frac{K_1 K_2}{[PCy_3]} \right) [6][\text{diene}] \quad (7)$$

Effect of Halogens

- ✓ *trans* influence: $Cl < Br < I$
- Ru-olefin bond strength: $Cl > Br > I$
- K_1 : $Cl > Br > I$
- ✓ size: $Cl < Br < I$
- steric repulsion (*cis* halogen): $Cl < Br < I$
- K_1 : $Cl > Br > I$

Effect of Phosphines

- ✓ cone angle: →
- dissociation of phosphine: →
- K_2 : → K_1 : ↘ $K_1 K_2$: →
- ✓ electron donating ability: →
- trans* influence: →
- stabilization of I_2 and metallacyclobutane intermediate: →

Halogen: smaller and more electron withdrawing
Phosphine: larger and more electron donating

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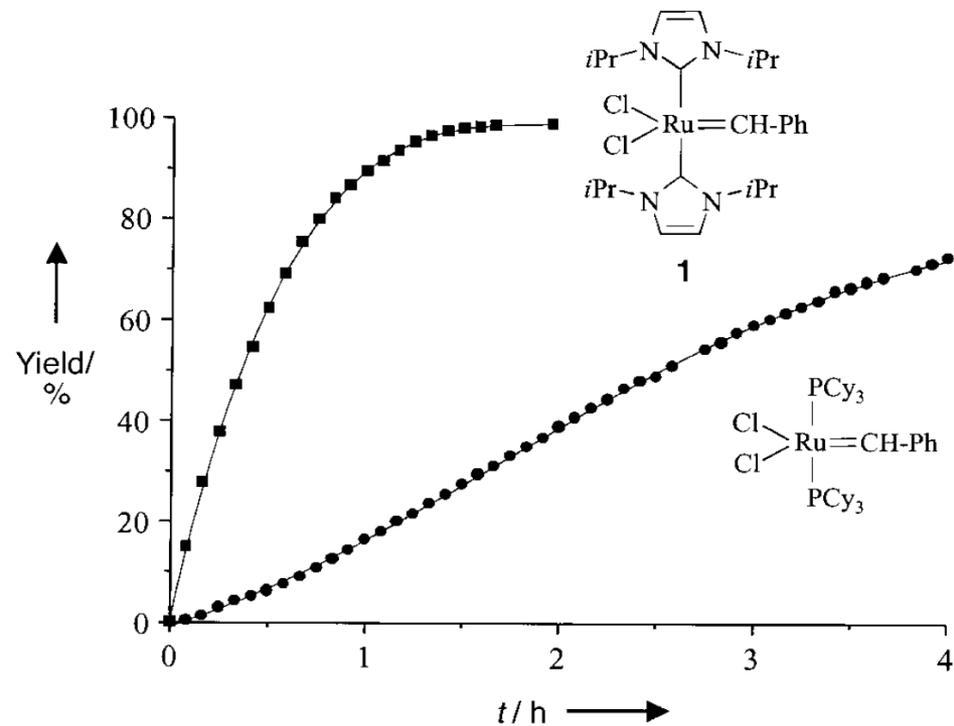
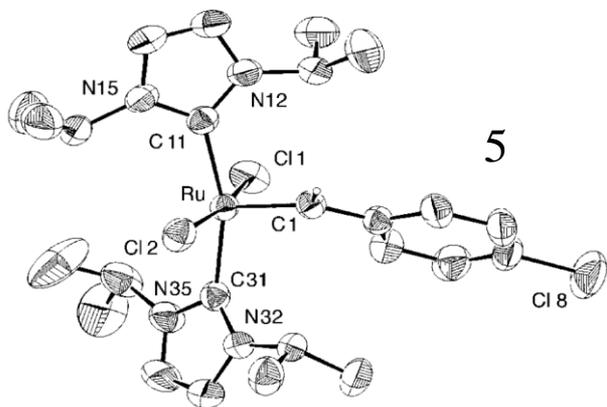
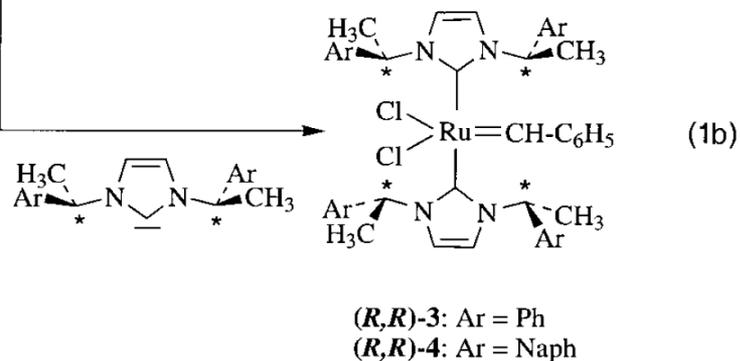
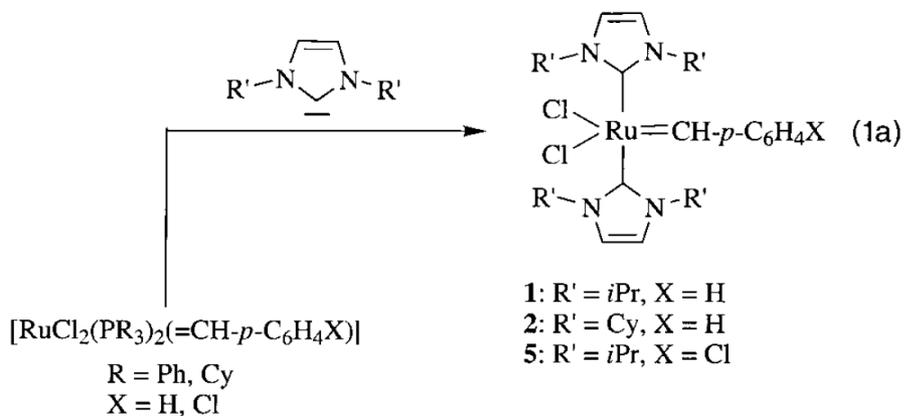
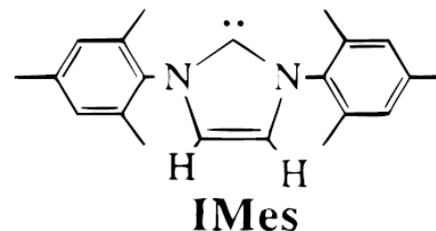
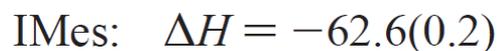
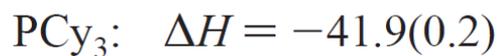
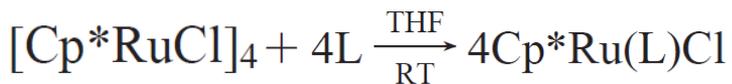


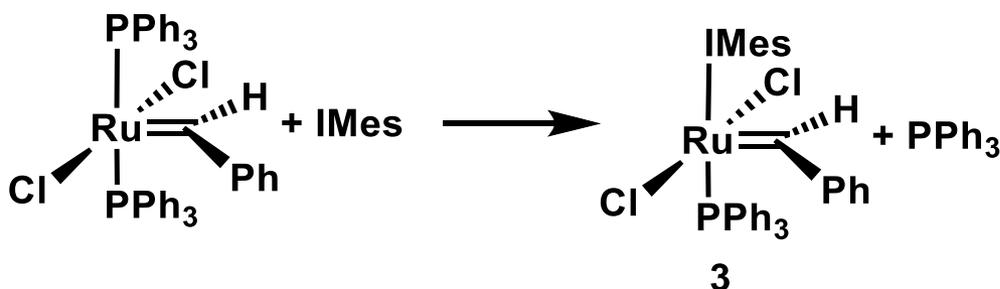
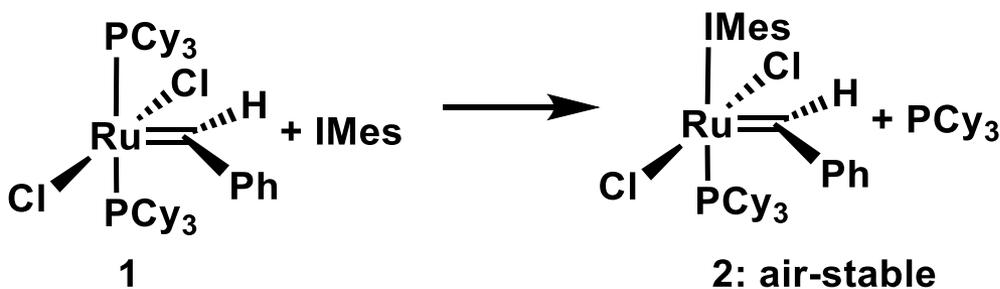
Figure 2. ROMP of cyclooctene. NMR-monitored comparison of **1** and a known ruthenium phosphane catalyst.^[3d, 10] $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, 2.50 μmol catalyst in 0.50 mL of CD_2Cl_2 ; [cyclooctene]/[catalyst] = 250/1.

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anaerobic solution calorimetry showed

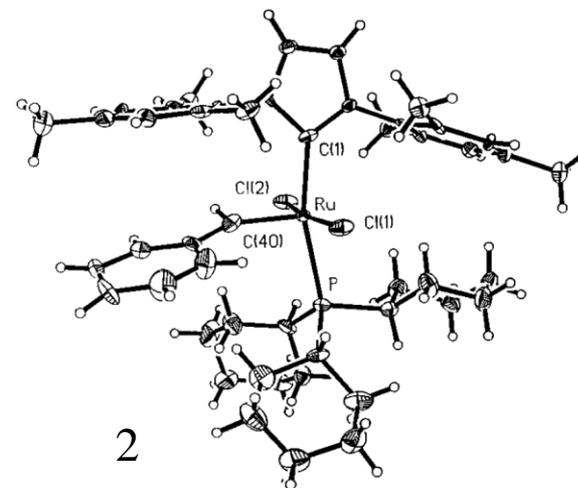


Ru-L stability ($-\Delta H$ (kcal/mol):
IMes (15.6) > PCy₃ (10.5)

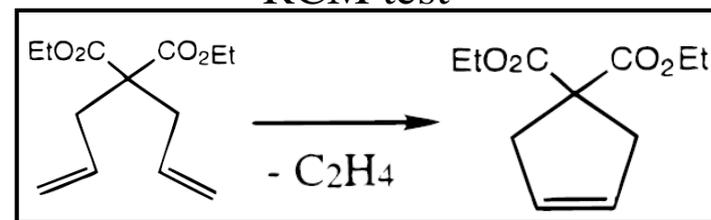


RCM activity: 3 > 2 \cong 1

thermal stability (60°C): 2 \gg 3 > 1



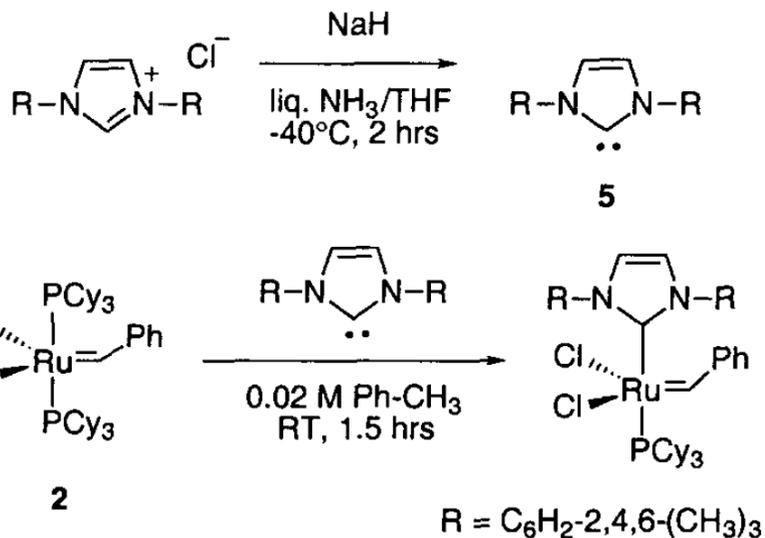
RCM test



Grubbs

Table 1. Results of the RCM with 5 mol% **2** or **3** in 0.05M CD₂Cl₂ at reflux

Scheme 1



Entry	Substrate	Product	Time (min)	Yield with 2 (%) ^a	Yield with 3 (%) ^a
1			30	100	100
2			30	82	100
3			60	N.R.	100
4			90	N.R.	40
5			90	N.R.	95
6			60	39 ^b	55 (45) ^c

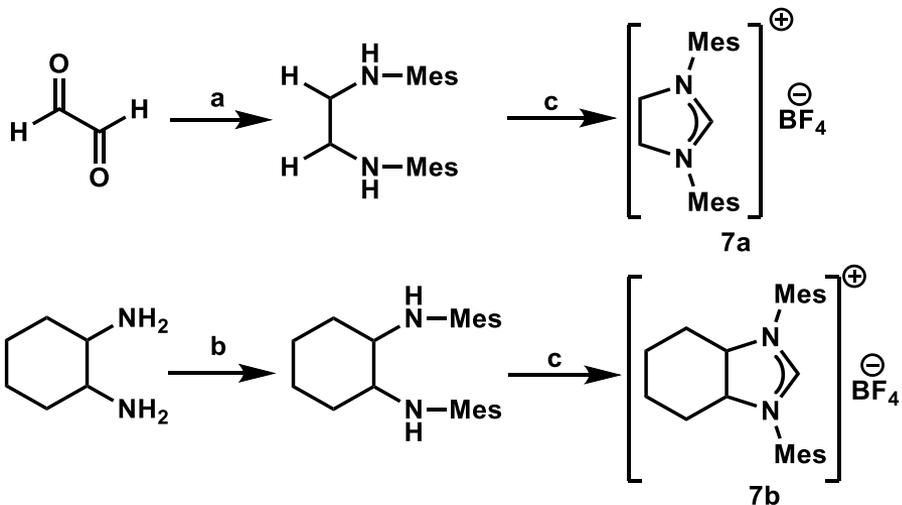
^a Yields represent the conversion to product as determined by ¹H NMR. ^b E:Z = ~1.6:1

^c Isolated yield in parenthesis; E:Z-2:1.

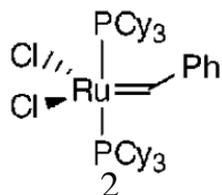
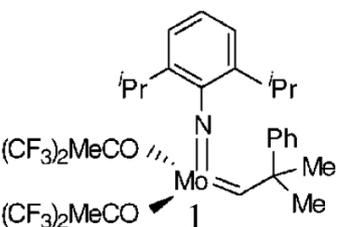
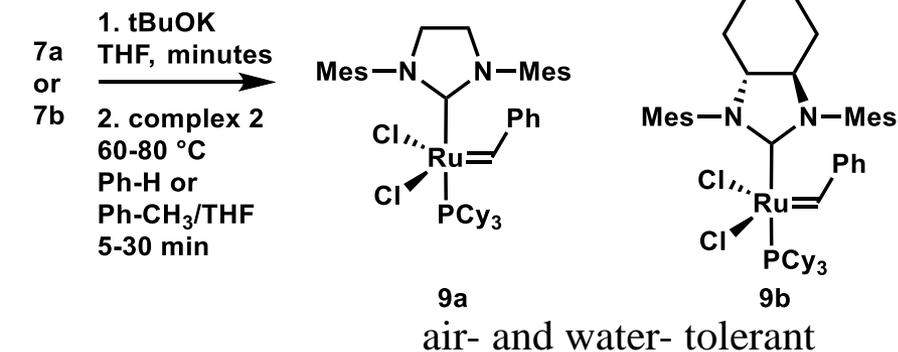
The complex **3** is less reactive than the parent **2** at rt for RCM.

Second-Generation Grubbs Catalyst

Table 1. Results of Ring-Closing Metathesis at 45 °C Utilizing 5 mol % of Catalysts **1**, **2**, and **9a,b**



(a): (i) 2,4,6-(CH₃)₃-C₆H₂-NH₂, acetone/water, (ii) H₂, Pd/C, EtOH
 (b): 2,4,6-(CH₃)₃-C₆H₂-Br, Pd₂dba₃, (±)BINAP, NaO^tBu, Ph-CH₃, 100 °C
 (c): HC(OEt)₃, NH₄BF₄, 120 °C

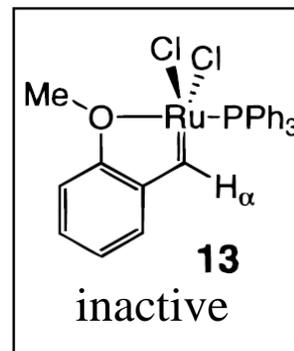
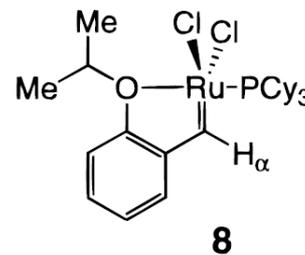
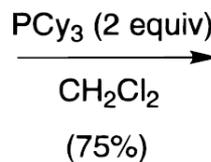
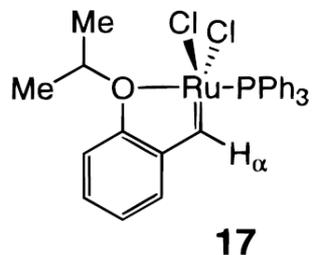
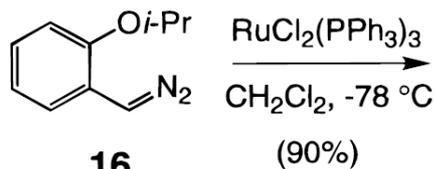


Entry	Substrate	Product	Time	Yield of product (%) using:			
				1	2	7a	7b
1.			10 min	quant.	quant.	quant.	quant.
2.			10 min	quant.	20	quant.	quant.
3.			10 min	N.P.	N.P.	quant.	quant.
4.			60 min	37	N.P.	quant.	quant.
5.			60 min	(15) ^a	(39) ^a	(35) ^b	(45) ^b
6.			90 min	52	N.P.	90	87
7.			24 hrs	93	N.P.	31	55

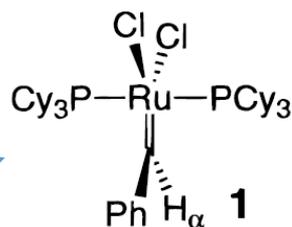
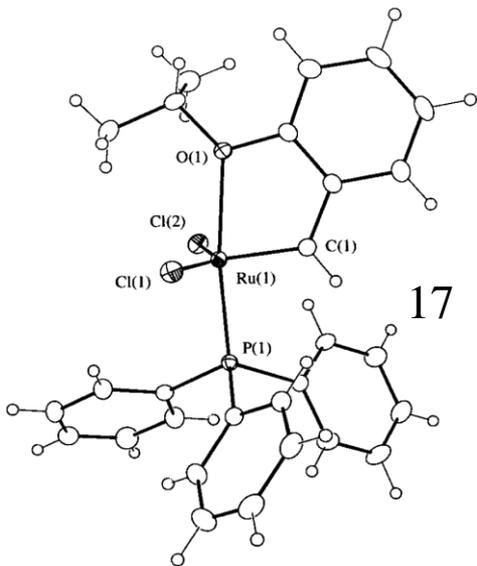
E=CO₂Et, ^aE:Z=1.6:1, ^bE:Z=2.0:1

First-Generation Hoveyda-Grubbs Catalyst

Scheme 4



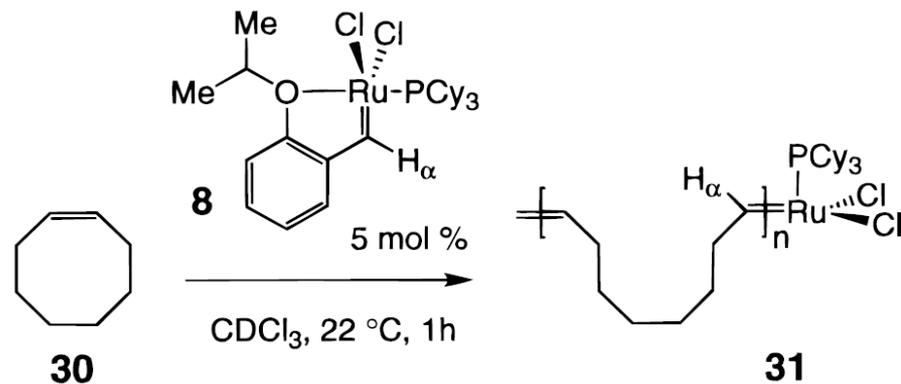
- Excellent stability to air and moisture
- High recyclability



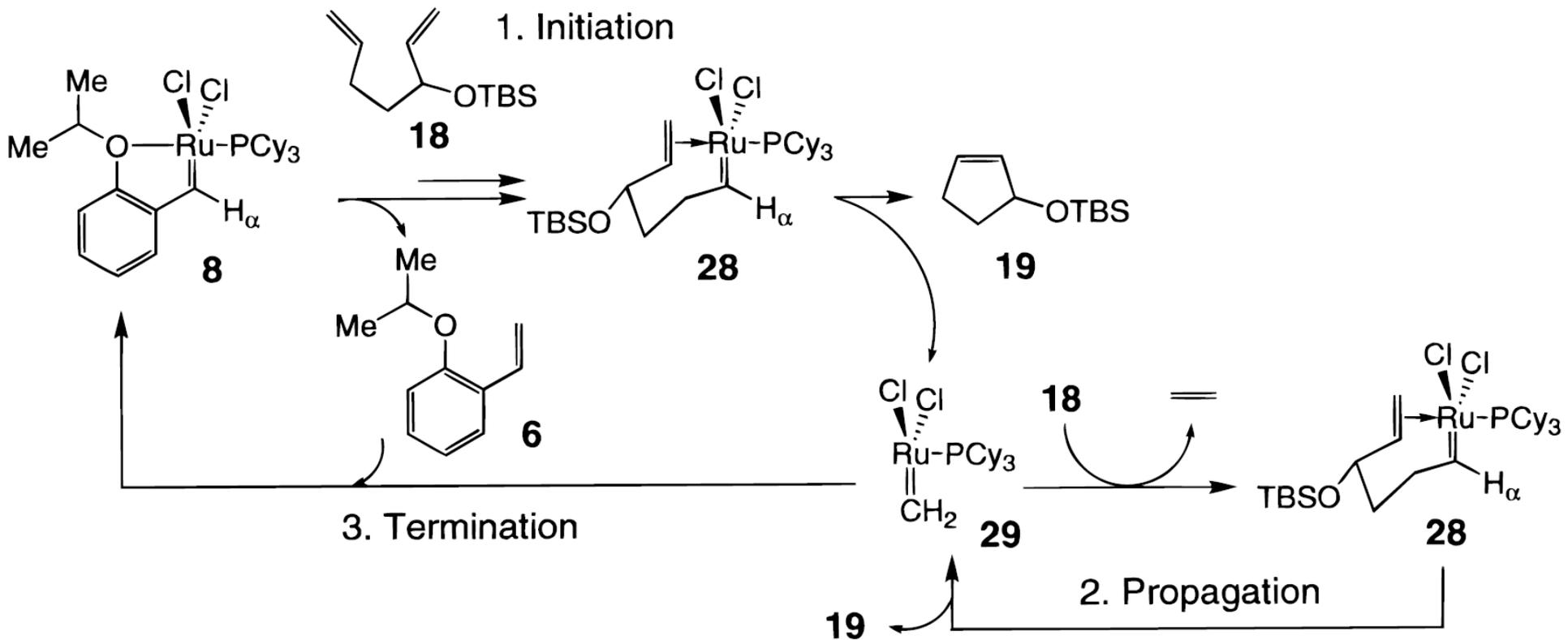
Kinetic Study

Complex **8** shows

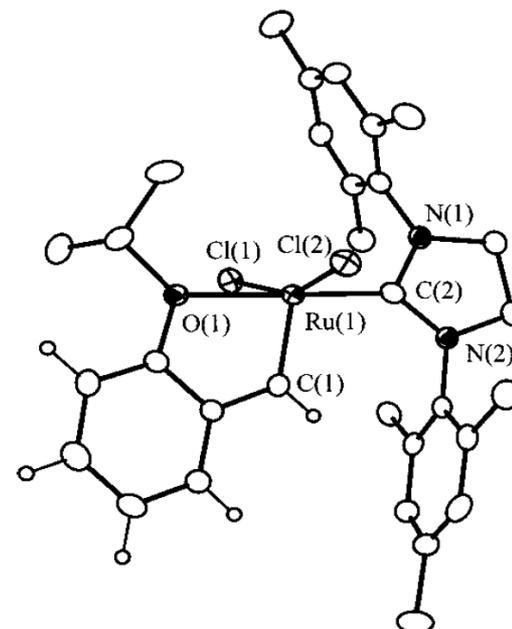
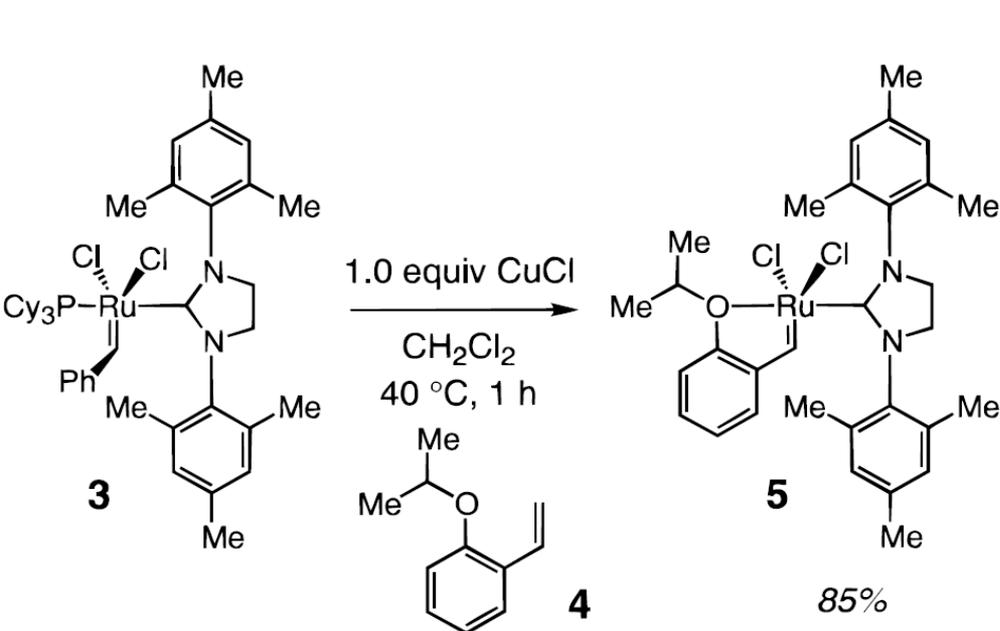
- ✓ ca. 30 times slower initiation
(less facile dissociation of the smaller ligand)
- ✓ 4 times faster propagation
(without rate-retarding excess phosphine)



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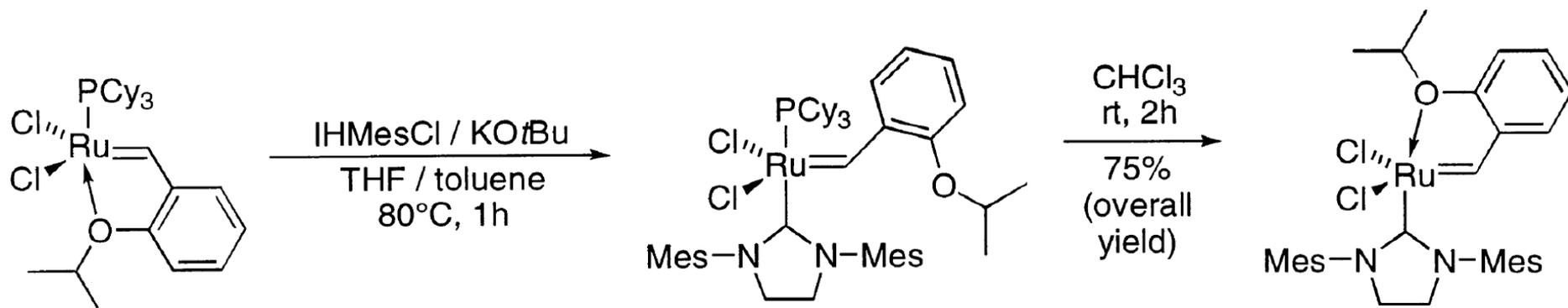


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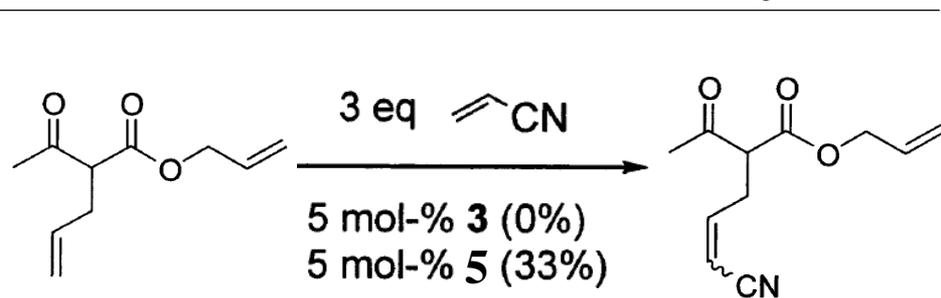
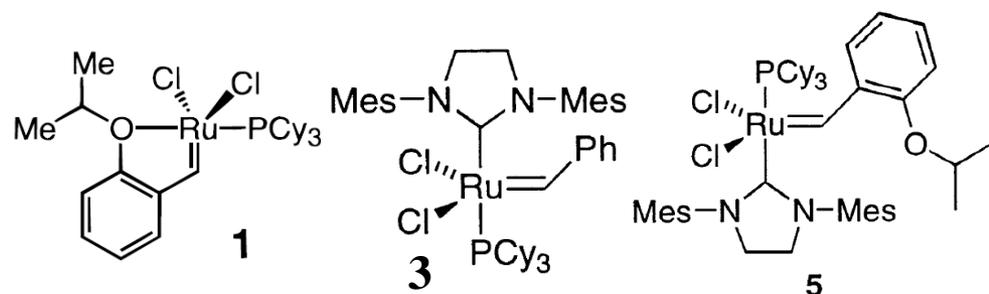
Table 2. Ring-Closing Metathesis of Acyclic Dienes by Ru Complex **5**^a

entry	substrate	product	time	conv (%)	product yield (%) ^b	catalyst recovery (%)
1			10 min	>98	82	98
2			20 min	>98	87	98
3			2 h	>98	75	95
				15% with Complex 1		
4			1.5 h	>98	82	>98
5			4 h	>98	98	95
6			44 h	42	38	81
7			30 min	70	65	60

^a Conditions: 5 mol % **5** for entries 1 and 3–7, 1 mol % **5** for entry 2, 22 °C, CH₂Cl₂ (entries 1–5); 24 h at 22 °C and 20 h at 40 °C, CH₂Cl₂ for entry 6; toluene, 80 °C for entry 7. ^b Isolated yields after silica gel chromatography.

Complex **5** showed similar reactivity with Complex **3**(high reactivity) in RCM.

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5 seems to be a promising catalyst especially for CM.

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14-Electron, Mono-Phosphine Intermediate

Decomposition of $(\text{PCy}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Ru}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$

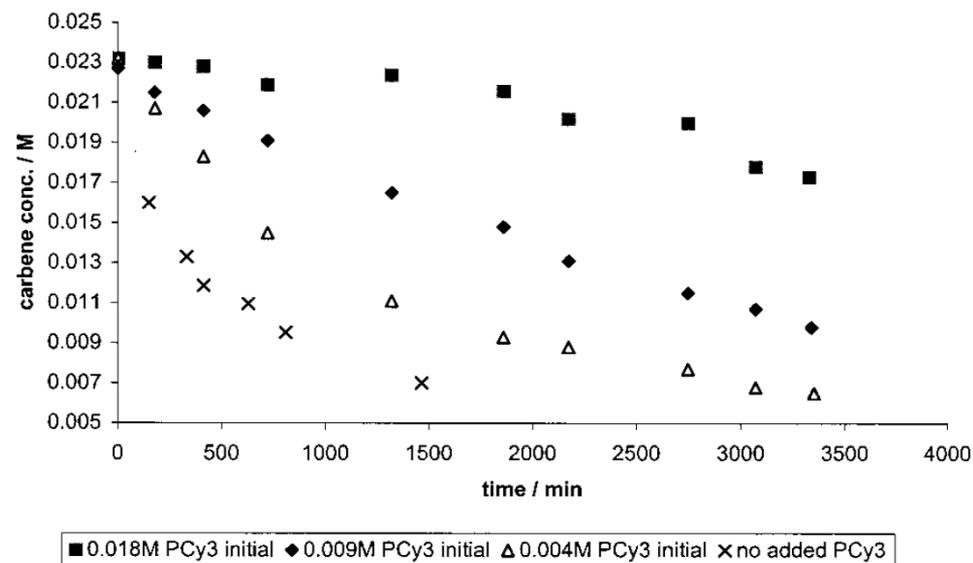
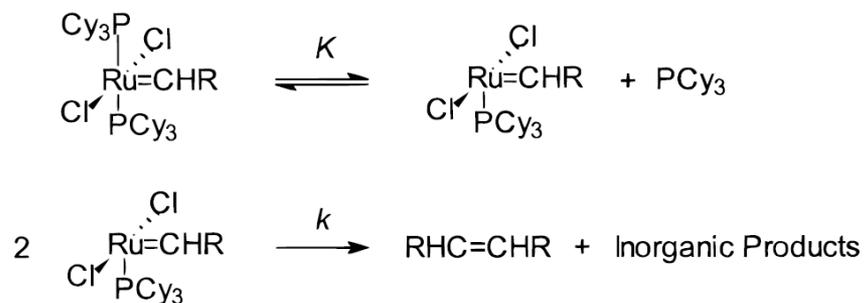


Figure 1. Phosphine dependence of decomposition at 55 °C.

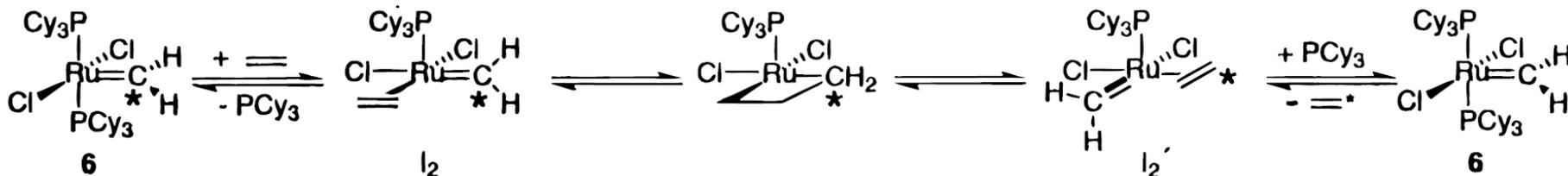
The rate of decomposition slowed significantly in the presence of excess phosphine.

Scheme 2. Proposed Pathway for Alkylidene Decomposition



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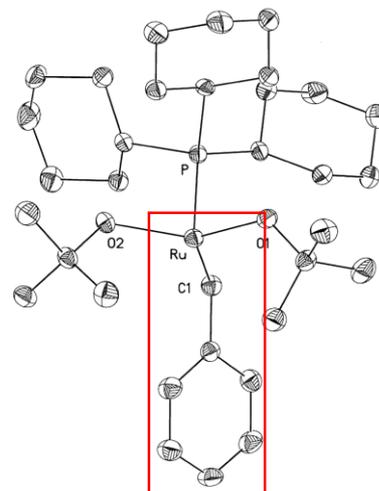
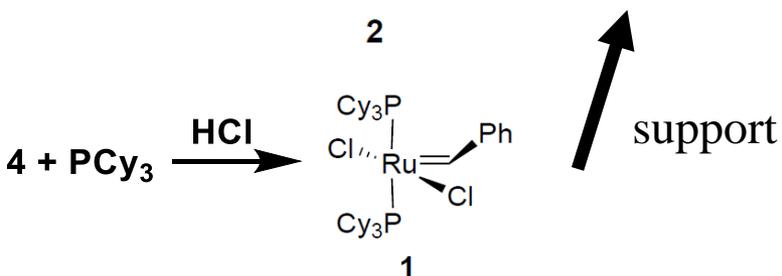
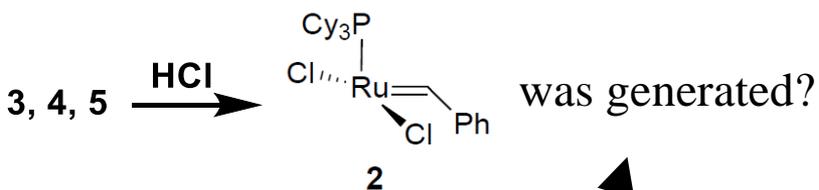
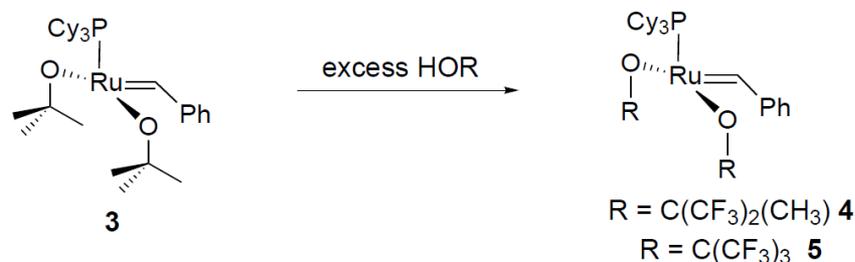
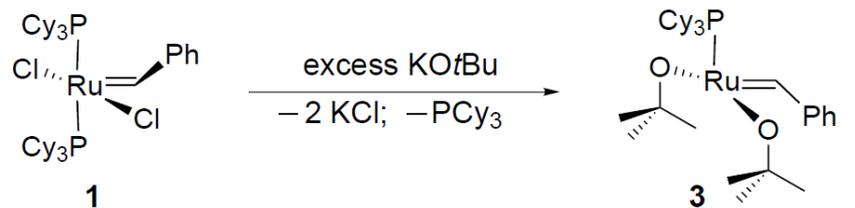
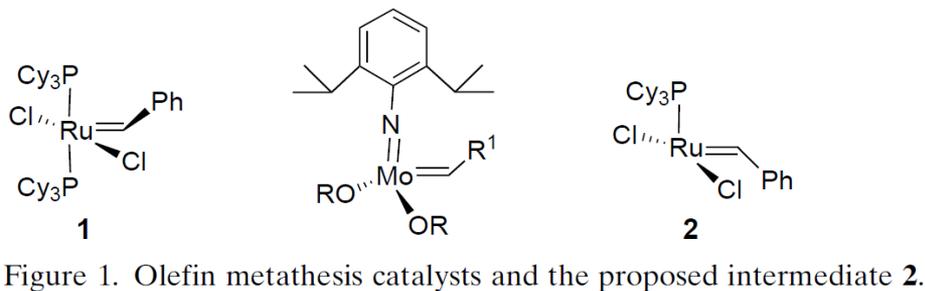
Pathway 2



Simulations (Car-Parrinello dynamics simulations) reveal and lend support to the mechanism proposed by Grubbs.

Their results showed that mono-phosphine complex was the active species.

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rotation of carbene moiety

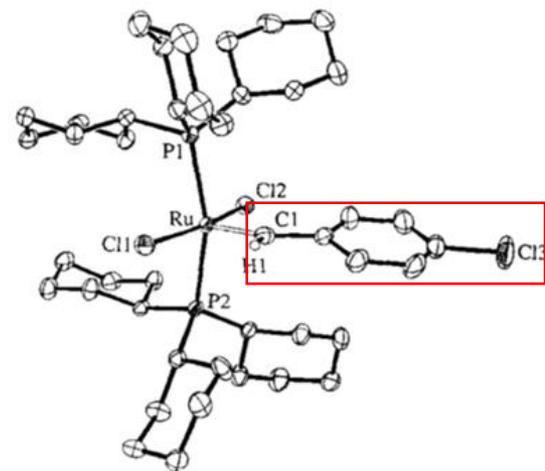


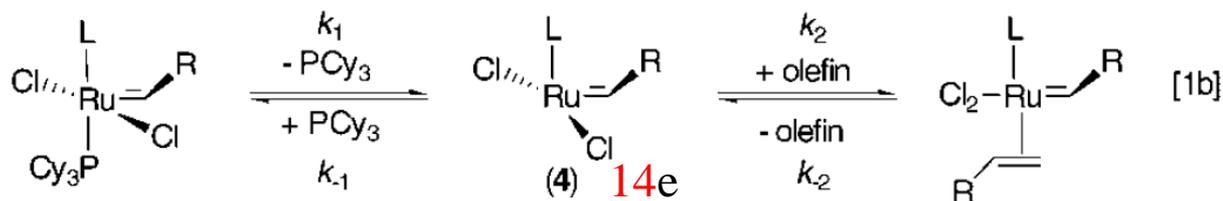
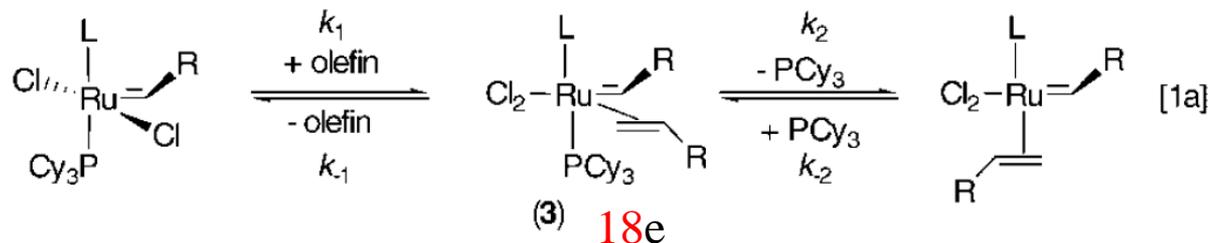
Table 1. Ring-closing metathesis reactions of diethyl diallylmalonate with complexes **1** and **3–5**.^[a]

Catalyst	Additive	<i>T</i> [°C]	<i>t</i> [h]	Yield [%]
3	none	60	96	< 5
4	none	60	96	70
5	none	60	12	40
4	HCl ^[b]	25	0.65	> 96
1	none	25	1.5	> 96 ^[c]

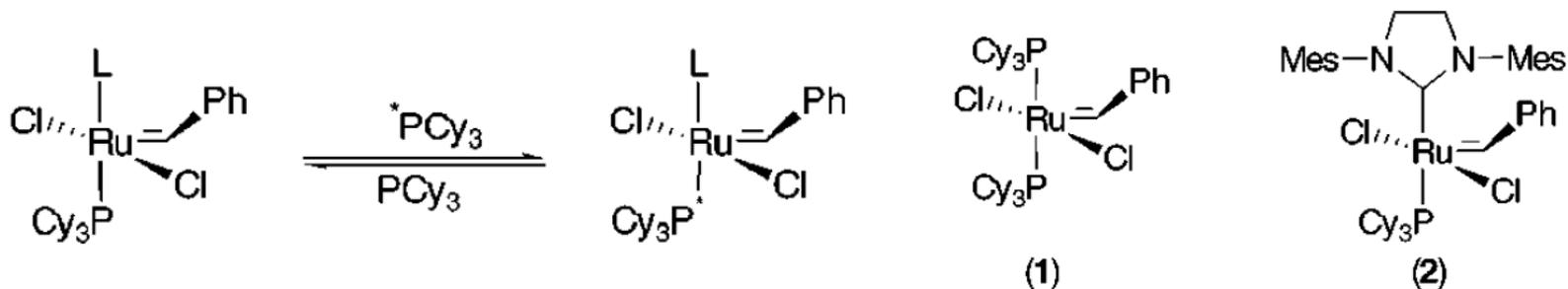
[a] Reactions of five equivalents of substrate in C₆D₆; [catalyst] = 0.01–0.02 M; yields were estimated by integration of the ¹H NMR spectrum; unless indicated catalyst decomposition terminated the reaction. [b] Two equivalents of HCl were added as a 2 M solution in diethyl ether. [c] Catalyst remains at the end of the reaction.

Phosphine Exchange

Scheme 1



Model Study for the Phosphine/Olefin Substitution



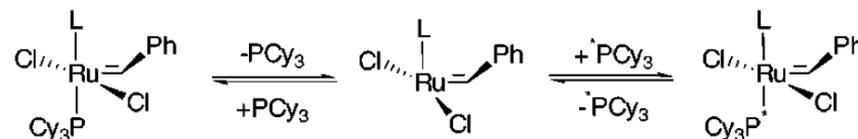
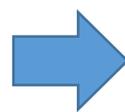
exchange rate constants (k_B) at 80°C
(per coordinated phosphine ligand)



$$9.6 \pm 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1} > 0.13 \pm 0.01 \text{ s}^{-1} !!$$

Eyring Plot

- ✓ k_B is independent of $[PCy_3]$
- ✓ ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger are large and positive



“dissociative” pathway

Table 1. Activation Parameters for Phosphine Exchange

catalyst	k_B (s^{-1}) 80 °C	ΔH^\ddagger (kcal mol $^{-1}$)	ΔS^\ddagger (cal mol $^{-1}$ K $^{-1}$)	ΔG^\ddagger (298 K) (kcal mol $^{-1}$)
1	9.6 ± 0.2	23.6 ± 0.5	12 ± 2	19.88 ± 0.06
2	0.13 ± 0.01	27 ± 2	13 ± 6	23.0 ± 0.4

- Eyring plot

A certain chemical reaction is performed at different temperatures and the reaction rate is determined. The plot of $\ln(k/T)$ versus $1/T$ gives a straight line with **slope $-\Delta H^\ddagger/R$** from which the enthalpy of activation can be derived and

with **intercept $\ln(k_B/h) + \Delta S^\ddagger/R$** from which the entropy of activation is derived.

$$\ln \frac{k}{T} = \ln \kappa \frac{k_B}{h} - \frac{\Delta H^\ddagger}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^\ddagger}{R}$$

$$= \ln \frac{k_B}{h} - \frac{\Delta H^\ddagger}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^\ddagger}{R}$$

($\kappa \cong 1$)

*Here, k_B is Boltzmann's constant

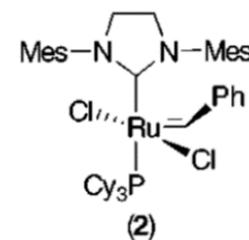
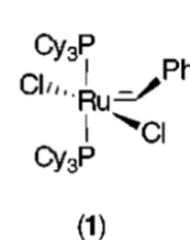
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Model for the Initial Event



Table S3. Rate Constants for Reaction of Complexes **1** (at 35 °C) and **2** (at 10 °C) with Vinyl Ether Substrates (¹H NMR Spectroscopy)

Complex	Substrate (Eq)	k_{obs} (s ⁻¹)
1	Ethyl vinyl ether (30 eq)	1.2×10^{-3}
1	Ethyl vinyl ether (45 eq)	1.5×10^{-3}
1	Ethyl vinyl ether (60 eq)	1.7×10^{-3}
1	Ethyl vinyl ether (120 eq)	2.2×10^{-3}
2	Ethyl vinyl ether (5 eq)	4.5×10^{-4}
2	Ethyl vinyl ether (15 eq)	4.5×10^{-4}
2	Ethyl vinyl ether (30 eq)	4.6×10^{-4}
2	Ethyl vinyl ether (45 eq)	4.6×10^{-4}
2	Ethyl vinyl ether (60 eq)	4.8×10^{-4}



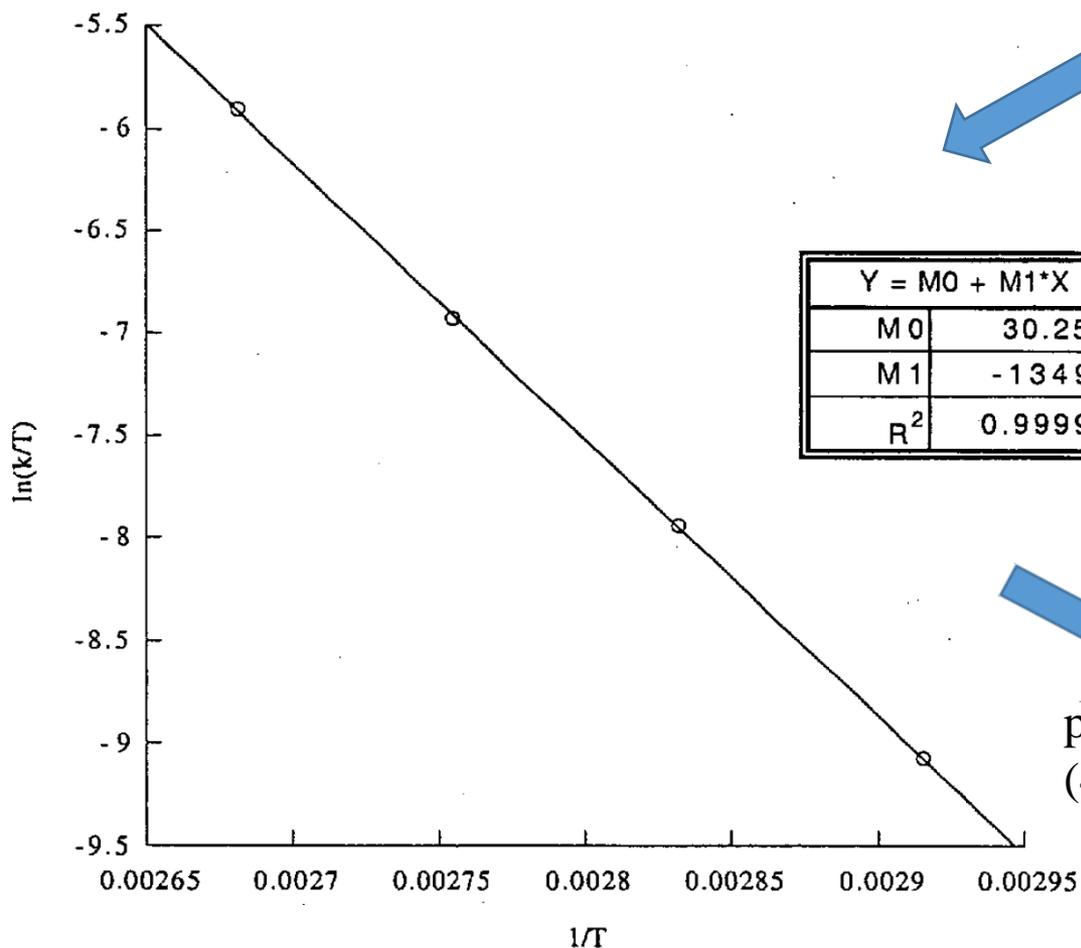
k_{obs} is **dependent** on olefin concentration

k_{obs} is **independent** of olefin concentration.
 $k_{\text{obs}} = (4.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Complex 2

even at low olefin concentration...

Figure S4. Eyring Plot for Complex 2



Observed Rate Constants for Phosphine Exchange

Complex	k_B/s^{-1}	eq PR ₃	T/K
2	0.04±0.01	1.5 eq	343
2	0.126±0.006	1.5 eq	353
2	0.355±0.016	1.5 eq	363
2	1.02±0.06	1.5 eq	373
2	0.121±0.08	5 eq	353
2	0.12±0.02	10 eq	353

predicted k_B at 35°C

$$(4 \pm 3) \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1} \cong k_{\text{obs}} (4.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Rate-determining step of the reaction is phosphine dissociation.

Complex 1

at much higher olefin concentration...

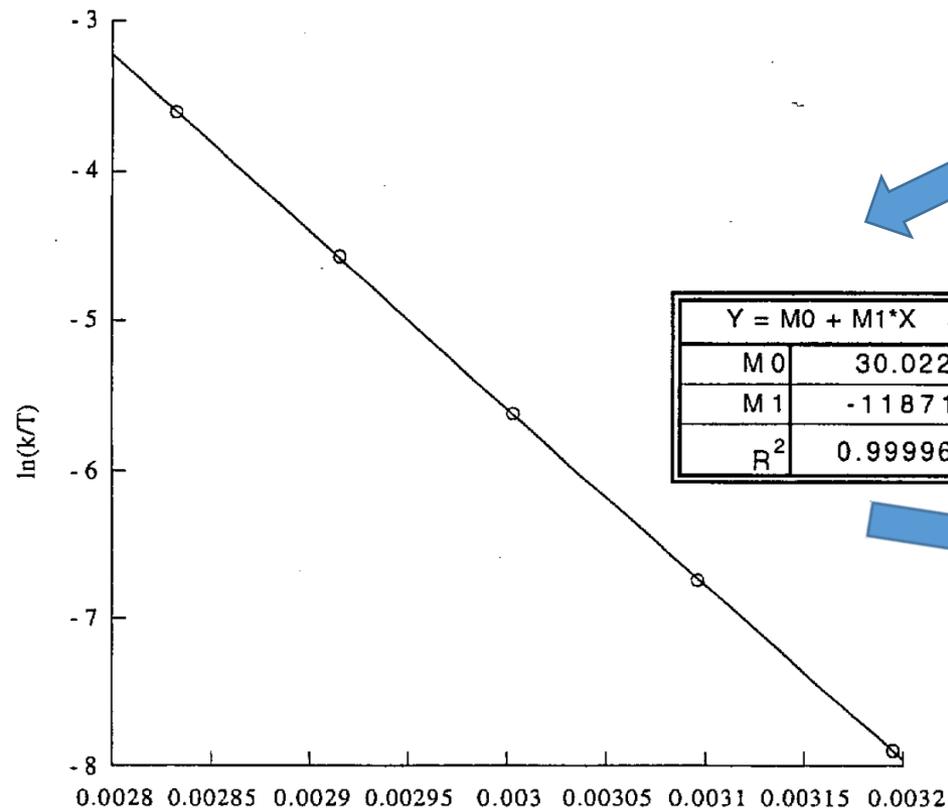
Table S4. Rate Constants for Reaction of Complex **1** (20 °C) with Ethyl Vinyl Ether (UV-Vis Spectroscopy)

Complex	Substrate (Eq)	k_{obs} (s ⁻¹)
1	Ethyl vinyl ether (755 eq)	0.016±0.001
1	Ethyl vinyl ether (1880 eq)	0.018±0.001
1	Ethyl vinyl ether (5300 eq)	0.018±0.001

Observed Rate Constants for Phosphine Exchange

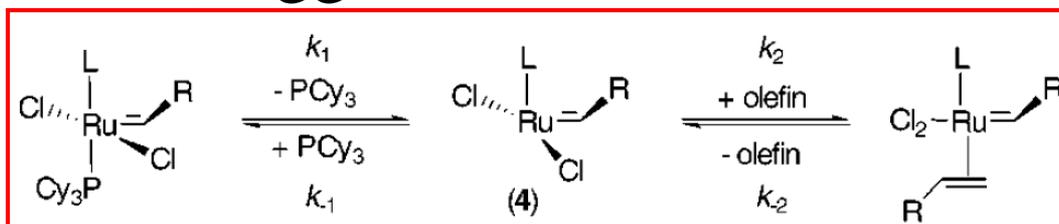
Complex	$k_{\text{B}}/\text{s}^{-1}$	eq PR ₃	T/K
1	0.116±0.006	3 eq	313
1	0.381±0.01	3 eq	323
1	1.21±0.02	3 eq	333
1	3.56±0.06	3 eq	343
1	9.57±0.06	3 eq	353
1	1.22±0.04	1.5 eq	333
1	1.13±0.04	10 eq	333
1	1.11±0.03	20 eq	333

Figure S3. Eyring Plot for Complex 1



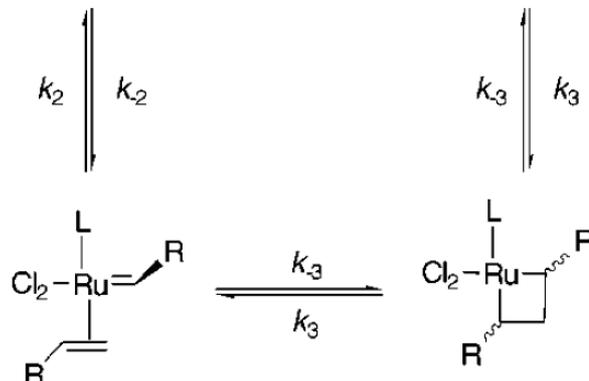
predicted k_{B} at 20°C
 $0.016 \pm 0.002 \text{ s}^{-1} \cong k_{\text{obs}} 0.018 \pm 0.001 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Suggested Mechanism



[Ru]

[Ru] \gg [(4)]



Steady-state approximation: $k_2 \gg k_{-2}$, [(4)] is constant, $k_{\text{obs}}[\text{Ru}] = k_2[(4)][\text{Olefin}]$

$$k_1[\text{Ru}] = k_2[(4)][\text{Olefin}] + k_{-1}[(4)][\text{PCy}_3]$$

$$= [(4)](k_2[\text{Olefin}] + k_{-1}[\text{PCy}_3])$$

$$\therefore \frac{k_1[\text{Ru}]}{k_2[(4)][\text{Olefin}]} = 1 + \frac{k_{-1}[\text{PCy}_3]}{k_2[\text{Olefin}]}$$

$$k_{\text{obs}} = \frac{k_2[(4)][\text{Olefin}]}{[\text{Ru}]} = \frac{k_1}{\frac{k_{-1}[\text{PCy}_3]}{k_2[\text{Olefin}] + 1}}$$



k_1 and k_{-1}/k_2 can be obtained from k_{obs} and $[\text{PCy}_3]/[\text{Olefin}]$.

$1/k_{\text{obs}}$ versus $[\text{PCy}_3]/[\text{Olefin}]$

Table S5. $[\text{PCy}_3]/[\text{Olefin}]$ Experiments for **1**.

Complex	mmol PCy_3	$[\text{PCy}_3]/[\text{olefin}]$	$1/k_{\text{obs}}$
1	0.0014	0.0044	421
1	0.0027	0.0085	800
1	0.0053	0.017	1582
1	0.0080	0.025	2398

Figure S7. $1/k_{\text{obs}}$ versus $[\text{PCy}_3]/[\text{Olefin}]$ for Complex **1**

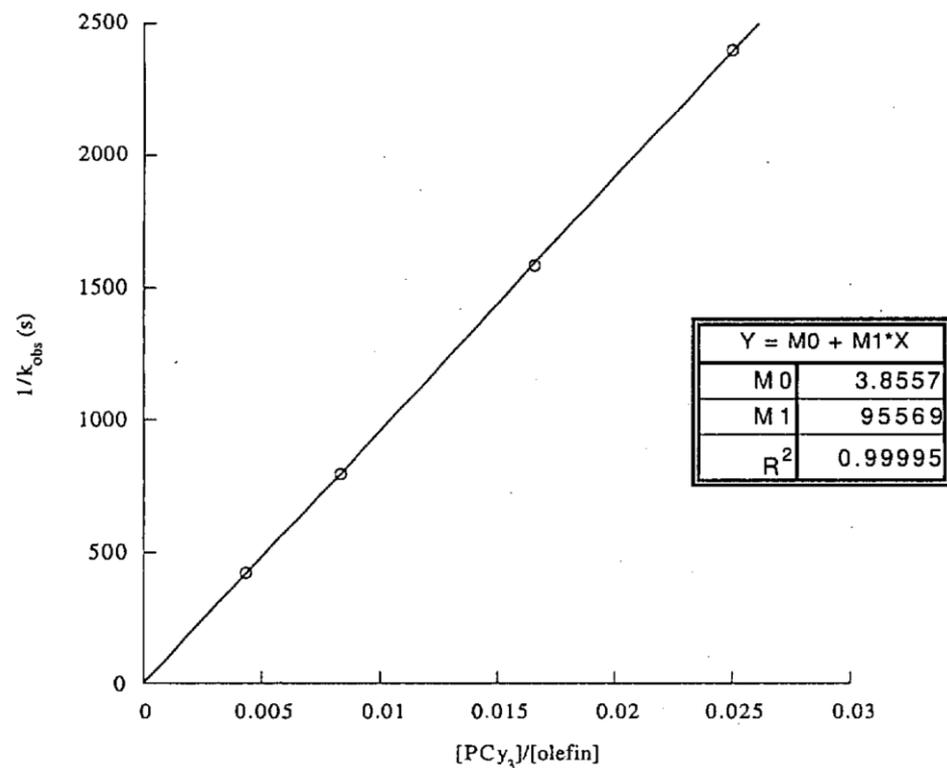
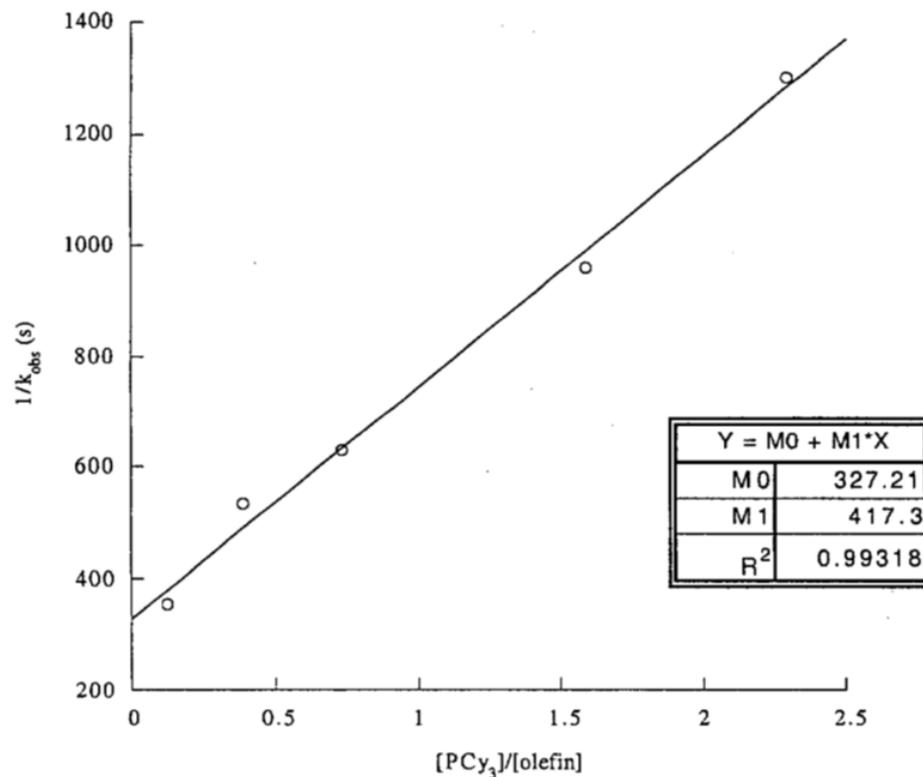


Table S6. $[\text{PCy}_3]/[\text{Olefin}]$ Experiments for **2**.

Complex	mmol PCy_3	$[\text{PCy}_3]/[\text{olefin}]$	$1/k_{\text{obs}}$
2	0.0178	0.112	353
2	0.0571	0.391	534
2	0.107	0.733	629
2	0.232	1.59	959
2	0.335	2.29	1300

Figure S8. $1/k_{\text{obs}}$ versus $[\text{PCy}_3]/[\text{olefin}]$ for Complex **2**



What This Mechanistic Study Indicated

Table 2. Values for the k_{-1}/k_2 Ratio in Catalysts 1 and 2

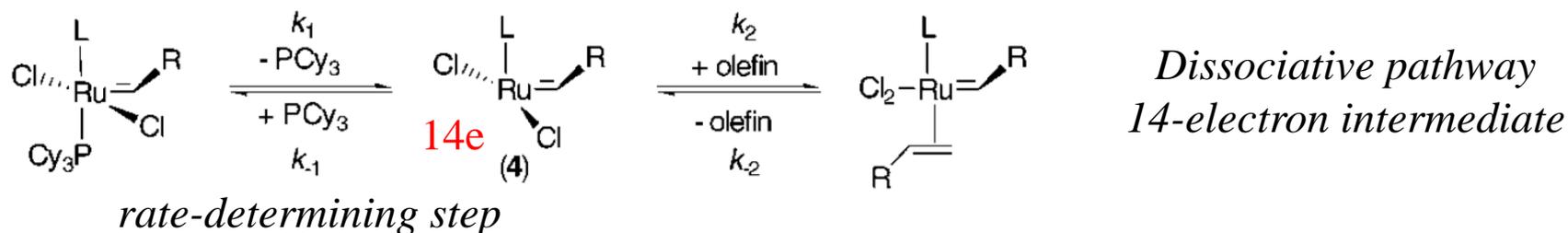
catalyst	T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	k_1 (intercept) (s^{-1})	k_B (predicted) (s^{-1})	k_{-1}/k_2
1	37	0.26	0.16	15300
2	50	0.0031	0.003	1.25

➔ *Olefin Metathesis Activity*
Catalyst 2 \gg Catalyst 1

Catalyst 1: Relatively **rapid initiation**; Relatively **few turnovers** of 14-electron intermediate

Catalyst 2: Relatively **slow initiation**; Relatively **many turnovers** of 14-electron intermediate

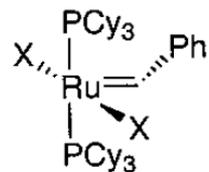
Summary



The high activity of N-heterocyclic carbene-coordinated catalyst 2 is due to...

- ✓ Its improved selectivity for binding π -acidic olefinic substrates in the presence of phosphine \rightarrow decreasing k_{-1}/k_2
- ✓ **Not** its ability to promote phosphine dissociation (increasing k_1 , previous assumption)

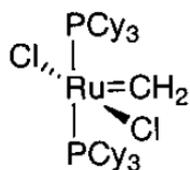
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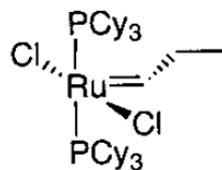
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X = Br (2)

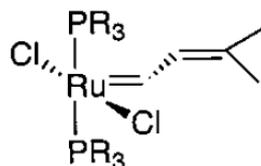
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(4)

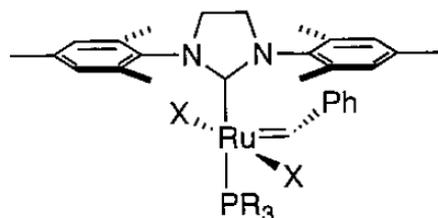


(5)



R = Cy (6)

R = Cp (7)



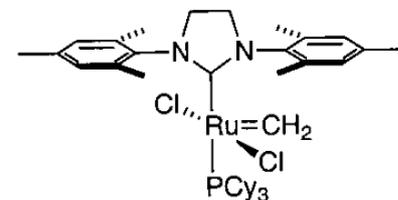
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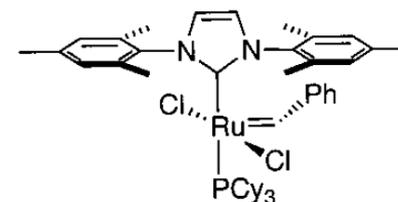
X = I; R = Cy (10)

X = Cl; R = Ph (11)

X = Cl; R = Bn (12)



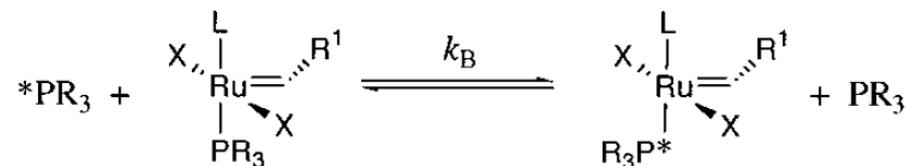
(13)



(14)

Table 1. Rate Constants and Activation Parameters for Phosphine Exchange^[a]

catalyst	k_B (s ⁻¹) 80 °C ^b	ΔH^\ddagger (kcal/mol ⁻¹)	ΔS^\ddagger (eu)	$\Delta G^\ddagger(298\text{ K})$ (kcal/mol ⁻¹)
1	9.6 ± 0.2	23.6 ± 0.5	12 ± 2	19.88 ± 0.06
2	30 ± 2	23.1 ± 0.3	13 ± 1	19.11 ± 0.03
3	1660 ± 220 ^c	19.0 ± 0.5	10 ± 2	16.12 ± 0.01
4 ^d				
5	19.4 ± 0.8	24.3 ± 0.6	16 ± 2	19.6 ± 0.1
6	0.33 ± 0.02	24 ± 1	8 ± 3	22.0 ± 0.2
7	1.42 ± 0.06	24 ± 1	11 ± 3	21.1 ± 0.1
8	0.13 ± 0.01	27 ± 2	13 ± 6	23.0 ± 0.4
9	0.52 ± 0.02	27 ± 2	15 ± 6	22.0 ± 0.4
10	29 ± 3	23 ± 4	12 ± 11	19.0 ± 0.5
11	7.5 ± 0.5 ^c	21 ± 3	5 ± 9	19.6 ± 0.3
12	0.165 ± 0.006	27 ± 1	13 ± 4	22.7 ± 0.3
13 ^d				
14	0.03 ± 0.01 ^c	25 ± 4	6 ± 11	24 ± 1



^a Reactions were carried out in toluene-*d*₈ with 1 equiv of Ru ([Ru] = 0.04 M) and 1.5 equiv of free PR₃ (relative to bound PR₃). ^b Values for k_B are reported per coordinated PR₃ ligand. ^c Values for k_B at 80 °C were extrapolated from Eyring plots. ^d Values for k_B in complexes **4** and **13** could not be determined due to catalyst decomposition at the elevated temperatures required for these experiments.

Initiation Kinetics (Reaction with Ethyl Vinyl Ether)

Table 2. ^1H NMR Initiation Kinetics^a

catalyst	T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	k_{Init} (s^{-1})	$k_{\text{B}}(\text{predicted})$ (s^{-1}) ^b
1	10	$(1.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$	$(3.8 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$
2	0	$(1.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$	$(3.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$
3^c	5	$(2.4 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$	1.7 ± 0.1
4	40	$(8.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-4}$	
5	0	$(5.4 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-4}$	$(1.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$
6	25	$(1.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$	$(9 \pm 3) \times 10^{-4}$
7	25	$(1.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3}$	$(4.0 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-3}$
8	35	$(4.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$	$(4 \pm 3) \times 10^{-4}$
9	35	$(2.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$	$(1.8 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-3}$
10	0	$(2.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$	$(2 \pm 1) \times 10^{-3}$
11	10	$(3.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$	$(4 \pm 2) \times 10^{-3}$
12	50	$(5.4 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-3}$	$(4 \pm 1) \times 10^{-3}$
13^c	85	$\leq 1 \times 10^{-3}$	
14	50	$(5 \pm 2) \times 10^{-4}$	$(1.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$

^a Reactions were carried out in toluene- d_8 , $[\text{Ru}] = 0.017$ M and $[\text{olefin}] = 0.50$ M (30 equiv). ^b $k_{\text{B}}(\text{predicted})$ was determined by extrapolation of Eyring plots from the magnetization transfer data to the temperature of the initiation experiment for each catalyst. ^c Complexes **3** and **13** did not show clean first-order kinetics.

Table 3. UV-vis Initiation Kinetics^a

complex	T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	wavelength (nm)	$k_{\text{Init}}(\text{saturation})$ (s^{-1})	$k_{\text{B}}(\text{predicted})$ (s^{-1})
1	20	484	0.016 ± 0.001	0.016 ± 0.002
2	20	486	0.057 ± 0.002	0.060 ± 0.005
5	20	354	0.028 ± 0.002	0.026 ± 0.003
7	30	468	0.074 ± 0.002	0.079 ± 0.003

^a Reactions carried out in toluene; $[\text{Ru}] = 0.77$ mM and $[\text{olefin}] = 0.58$ M.

at low [ethyl vinyl ether],
1,2,3,5 and 7 showed
 $k_{\text{B}} \propto [\text{ethyl vinyl ether}]$ (approximately)

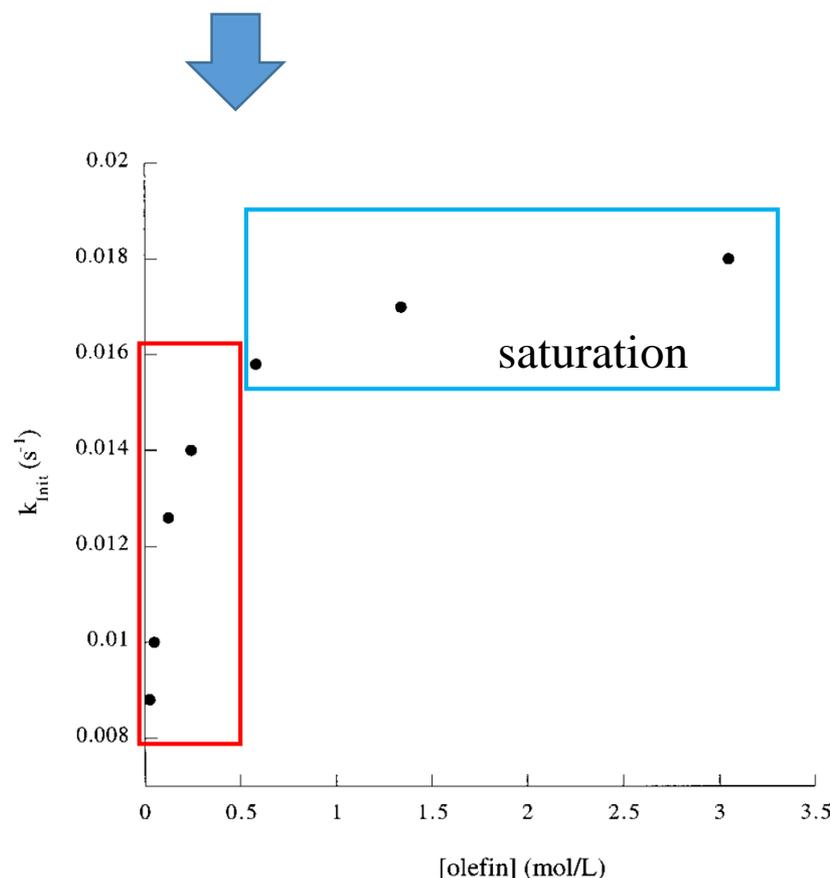


Figure 3. k_{init} vs [olefin] for catalyst **1**.

$$1/k_{\text{obs}} = k_{-1}[\text{PR}_3]k_1k_2[\text{Olefin}] + 1/k_1$$

Complex	k_1 (s ⁻¹)	k_1 (predicted) (s ⁻¹)
1	2.2×10^{-1}	7.7×10^{-1}
2	-7.0×10^{-3}	2.6
3	-1.0×10^{-1}	2.4×10^2
6	2.7×10^{-2}	2.3×10^{-2}
8	mistake? 3.1×10^{-2} (3.1×10^{-3})	? 3.2×10^{-2} (3.2×10^{-3})
10	1.7×10^{-2}	1.4
11	1.3×10^{-2}	2.5×10^{-2} (50°C: 4.2×10^{-1})
12	5.0×10^{-3}	4.3×10^{-3}

Table 5. Values for the k_{-1}/k_2 Ratio for Selected Catalysts^a

catalyst	T (°C)	k_{-1}/k_2
1	50	1.3×10^4
2	50	8.2×10^4
3	50	2.6×10^6
6	50	8.1×10^2
8	50	1.25
10	50	3.3×10^2
11	25	2.3
12	50	2.2

^a Reaction kinetics measured by ¹H NMR spectroscopy with [Ru] = 0.017 M in toluene-*d*₈.

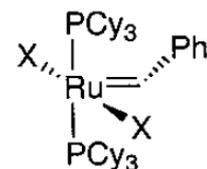
Solvent Effects on Initiation

Table 4. Solvent Effects on Initiation

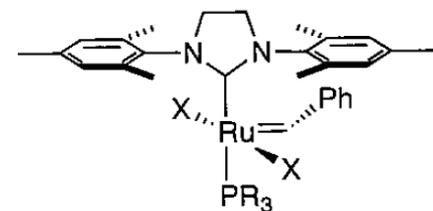
catalyst	solvent	dielectric constant (ϵ)	k_{Init} (s^{-1})
1^a	pentane	1.84	0.013 ± 0.001
1^a	toluene	2.38	0.016 ± 0.001
1^a	diethyl ether	4.34	0.022 ± 0.004
1^a	CH_2Cl_2	8.9	0.021 ± 0.001
1^a	THF	7.32	0.032 ± 0.004
8^b	toluene- <i>d</i> ₈	2.38	$(4.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$
8^b	CD_2Cl_2	8.9	$(6.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-4}$
8^b	THF- <i>d</i> ₈	7.32	$(1.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$

^a Reactions kinetics measured by UV-vis spectroscopy (484 nm) at 20 °C with $[\text{Ru}] = 0.77 \text{ mM}$ and $[\text{olefin}] = 0.58 \text{ M}$. ^b Reaction kinetics measured by ¹H NMR spectroscopy at 35 °C with $[\text{Ru}] = 0.017 \text{ M}$ and $[\text{olefin}] = 0.50 \text{ M}$.

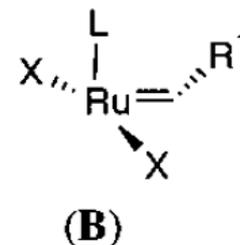
- ✓ $k_{\text{Int}} \propto$ dielectric constant
- ✓ Increased stabilization of the 4-coordinate B intermediate and/or free PCy_3 ? (Both are expected to be more polar than the Ru starting material.)
- ✓ The stabilization of B may involve coordination of solvent to the electron-deficient Ru(II) center. (THF, diethyl ether, however no evidence)



X = Cl (**1**)



X = Cl; R = Cy (**8**)

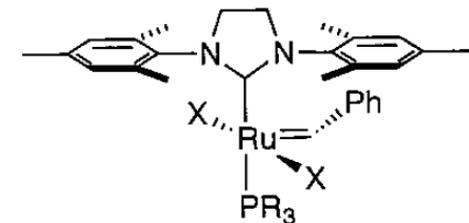


Relative Catalyst Activities

Table 6. Values of k_{rel} for ROMP of COD by Selected Catalysts^a

catalyst	[Ru] (mM)	COD:Ru	k_{rel}
8	5	300	1.0
9	5	300	1.4
10	5	300	1.4
11	0.05	30 000	0.5
13	5	300	6×10^{-4}

^a Reaction kinetics measured by ¹H NMR spectroscopy in CD₂Cl₂ at 20 °C.

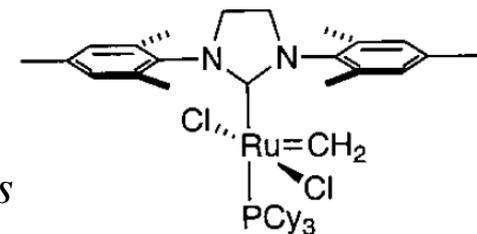


X = Cl; R = Cy (**8**)

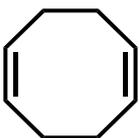
X = Br; R = Cy (**9**)

X = I; R = Cy (**10**)

X = Cl; R = Ph (**11**)



(**13**)



COD: serve as a benchmark for comparing the *relative activities*

Initiation (k_1): $8 < 9 < 10$ (10 initiates almost quantitatively)

Propagation (k_{-1}/k_2): $8 > 9 > 10$

Comparison of 8 and 11 showed that

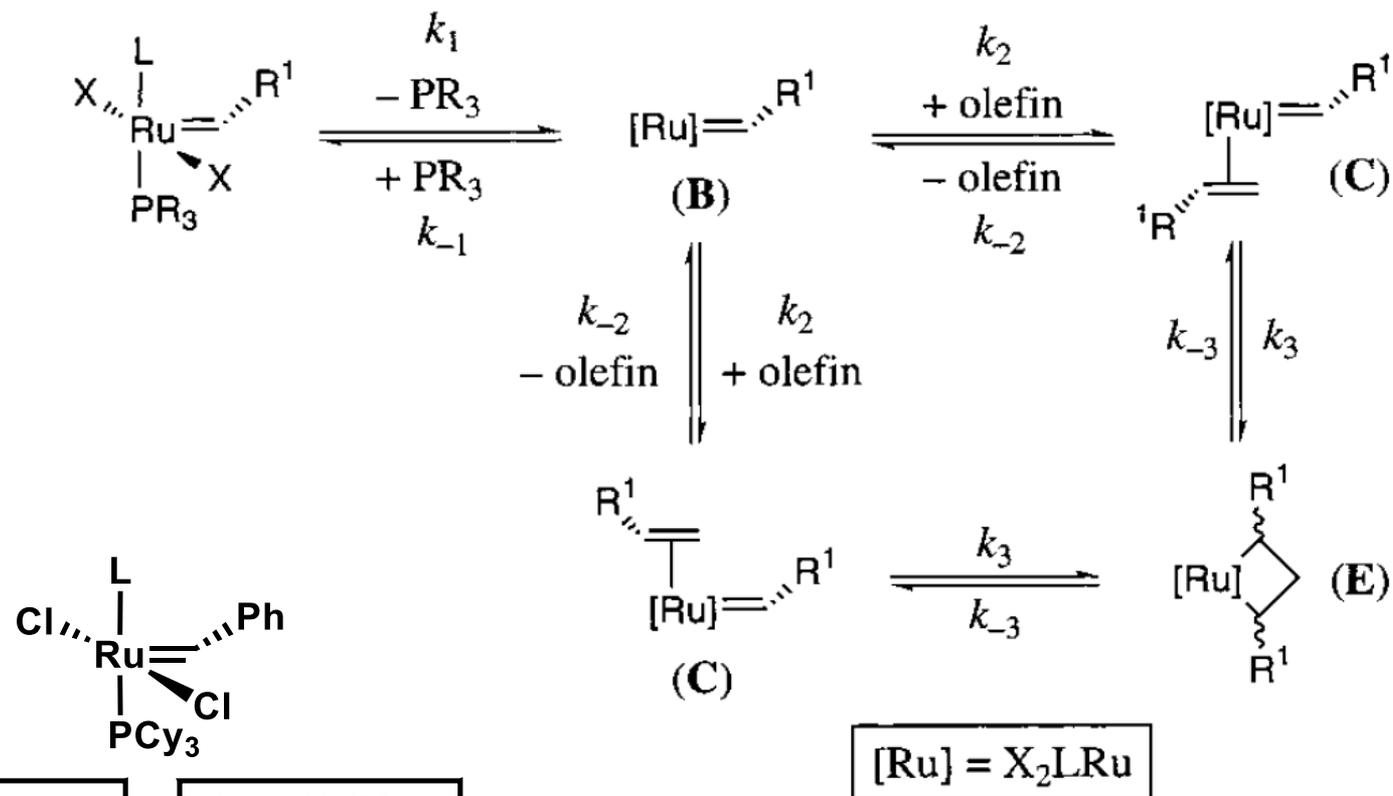
11 initiates more than 50 times faster than 8. (8 and 11 generate the same propagating species)

→The loading of catalyst can be reduced significantly.

13 reacts especially slowly because of the slow rate of phosphine dissociation.

(13 is a crucial intermediate during RCM and CM...)

Mechanism of Ru-Catalyzed Olefin Metathesis



(1) $\text{L} = \text{PCy}_3$
 $k_1(\text{rel}) \sim 10^2$
 $k_{-1}/k_2(\text{rel}) \sim 10^4$

(8) $\text{L} = \text{H}_2\text{IMes}$
 $k_1(\text{rel}) = 1$
 $k_{-1}/k_2(\text{rel}) = 1$

- ✓ Bis-phosphine system (1-7): k_1 is large, but $k_{-1}/k_2 \gg 1$ (few catalytic turnover)
- ✓ NHC-complex (8-14): k_1 is small, but $k_{-1}/k_2 \sim 1$ (many catalytic turnover)

Ligand Effects

- *L-Type Ligand*

- Selectivity for binding π -acidic olefinic substrates over σ -donating phosphine (k_2/k_{-1})

NHC-substituted Ru center \gg phosphine-substituted Ru center

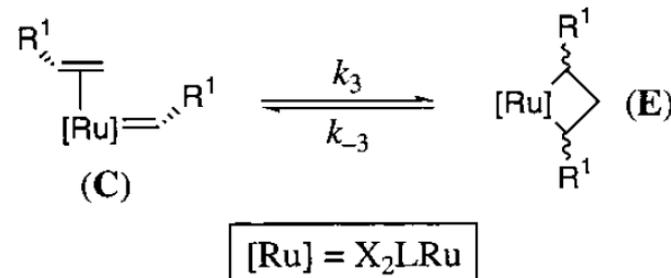
- As a electron donor ligand

NHC(IMesH₂ > IMes) \gg P(alkyl)₃

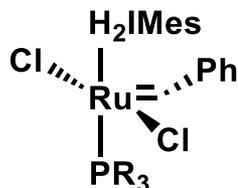
- Electron donation of NHC's is expected to...

stabilize the olefin complex C

accelerate the oxidative addition for matallacyclobutane formation



- *Phosphine Ligand*



(8) R=Cy
 $k_1(\text{rel})=1$
 $k_{-1}/k_2=1.25$

(11) R=Ph
 $k_1(\text{rel})=\sim 10^2$
 $k_{-1}/k_2=2.3$

pK_a 's of the conjugate acids

PCy₃: 9.7

PPh₃: 2.73

→the lower basicity, the higher k_1

((12)PBN₃: 6.0, $k_1(\text{rel})=\sim 10^2$)???

Phosphine Ligand

Table 2. Rate Constants for Phosphine Exchange^a

complex	PR ₃	k ₁ (s ⁻¹) at 80 °C ^b	k ₁ (relative to 2)	θ (deg) ^c	pK _a ^d
4	P(<i>n</i> -Bu) ₃	[8.1 ± 0.1] × 10 ⁻⁴ ^{e,f}	0.006	132	8.43
2	PCy ₃	0.13 ± 0.01 ^g	1.0	170	9.70
5	P(Ph) ₂ (OMe)	1.7 ± 0.4	13	132	2.69
9	PPh ₃	7.5 ± 0.6 ^{f,g}	58	145	2.73

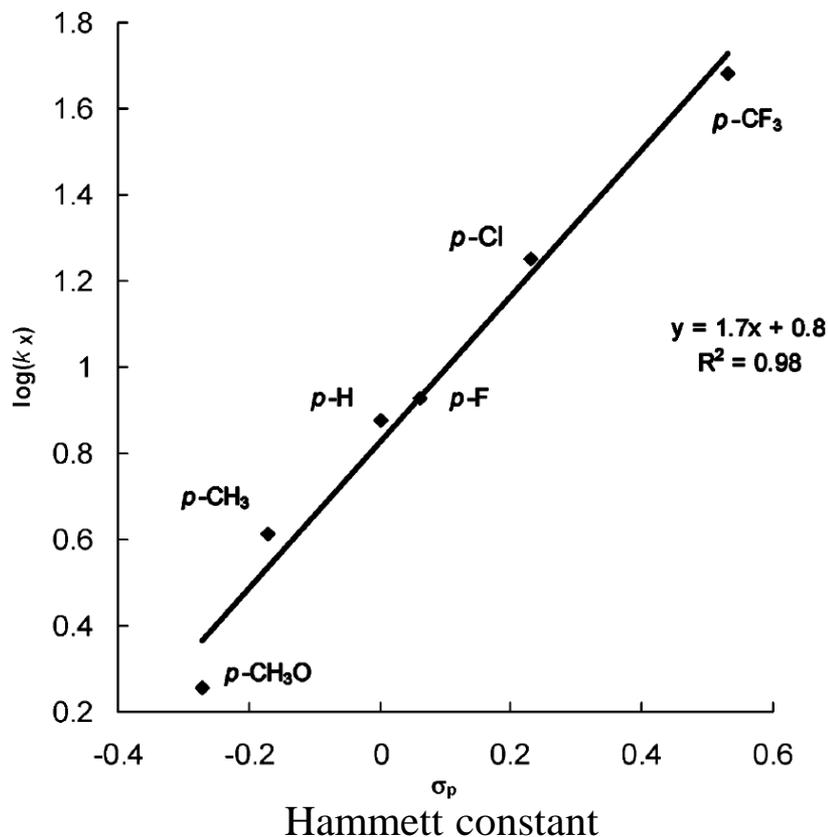
Table 3. Parameters for *para*-Substituted Phosphines
[P(*p*-XC₆H₄)₃](H₂IMes)(Cl)₂Ru=CHPh^a

complex	X	k ₁ (s ⁻¹) at 80 °C	k ₁ (rel to 2) ^b	σ _p ^c	pK _a ^d
6	CF ₃	48 ± 2	369	0.53	<i>e</i>
7	Cl	17.9 ± 0.4	138	0.23	1.03
8	F	8.5 ± 0.2	65	0.06	1.97
9	H	7.5 ± 0.6 ^{f,g}	58	0	2.73
10	CH ₃	4.1 ± 0.2	32	-0.17	3.84
11	CH ₃ O	1.8 ± 0.1	14	-0.27	4.57

Table 4. k₋₁/k₂ Ratios for Complexes **6–11**^a

complex	k ₋₁ /k ₂	k ₋₁ (rel to 2) ^b
6	7.3	7.0
7	45	36
8	7.9	6.4
9	2.3	1.8
10	2.8	2.2
11	7.5	6.0

^a Reactions were carried out at 25 °C in toluene-*d*₈ with [Ru] = 0.017 M. ^b For complex **2**, k₋₁/k₂ = 1.25 at 50 °C (ref 7b).



*the more electron-poor,
the faster dissociation*

Ligand Effects

- *Halide Ligand*

- Cl→I: **250-fold** increase in initiation (**1**→**3**, **8**→**10**)

- ✓ This would be due to the increase in steric bulk.

Ionic radii: Cl⁻ 167pm, I⁻ 206pm, Covalent radii: Cl⁻ 99pm, I⁻ 133pm

the larger size of I⁻ →steric crowding→promotion of PR₃ dissociation

- ✓ Electronics may play a role, but cis electronic effect on dissociative ligand substitution is generally relatively small.

- Cl→I: **100-fold** increase in k_{-1}/k_2 (poorly understood)

- Olefin metathesis activities: Cl→I, comparable or even lower

- *Carbene Ligand*

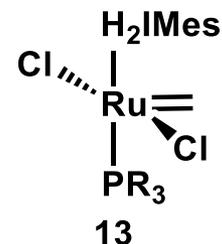
- k_1 : H (**4**) < CHCHC(Me)₂ (**6**) < Ph (**1**) < CH₂CH₃ (**5**)

- ✓ sterically bulky and electron-donating→effective promotion of phosphine dissociation

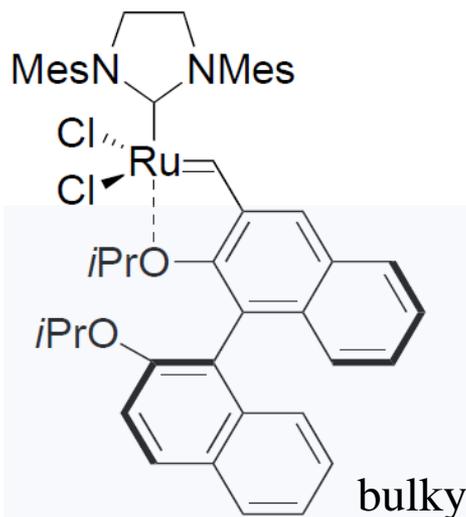
- Complex **4** and especially **13** are **extremely poor initiators**.

- ✓ Phosphine-free **13** is an active olefin metathesis catalyst.

→The formation of these complex should be avoided.(substrate design)



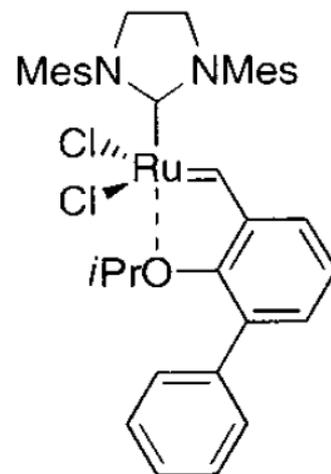
Improved Catalysts Rush



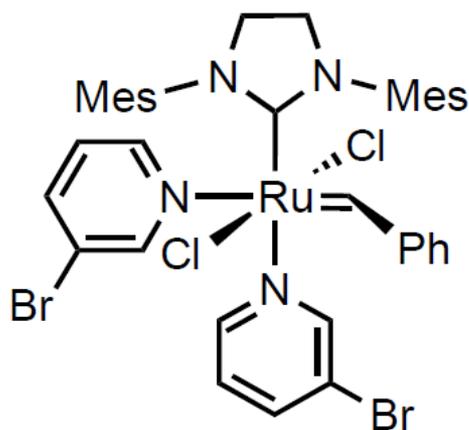
Activity in RCM
>2nd generation
Grubbs catalyst

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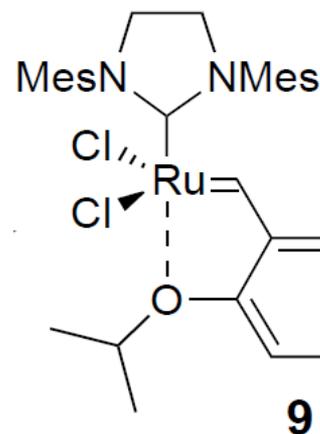


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k_{int} (at 5°C) [$\times 10^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$]
4000
(2nd generation Grubbs cat.
0.0032)

Grubbs, R. H. *et al.*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2002**, *41*, 4035.



Activity in RCM
>2nd generation
Hoveyda-Grubbs
catalyst

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