

## “Pincer”

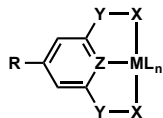
### -A New Paradigm of Ligand Design- Overview of Dehydrogenation Chemistry

## 0. Introduction

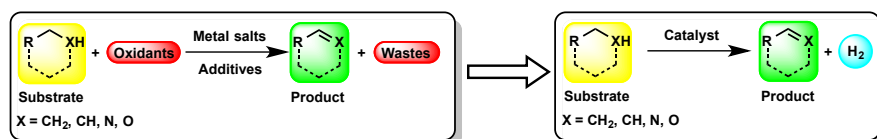
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## Goals of This Seminar

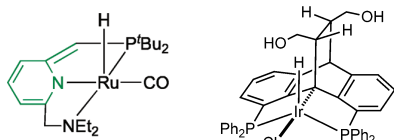
### 1. Understand the characteristic properties of pincer complexes



### 2. Understand the development of dehydrogenative bond activation

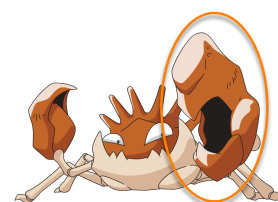


### 3. Understand the new concept of ligand design

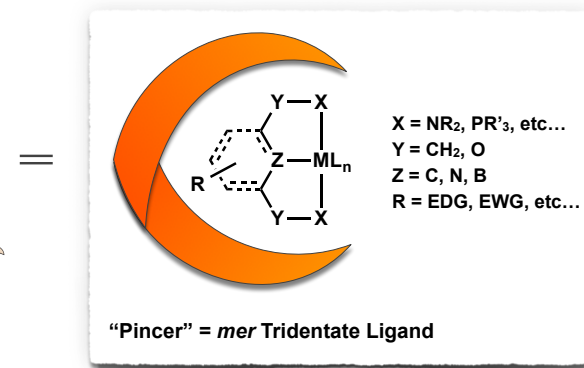


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## What is “Pincer”?

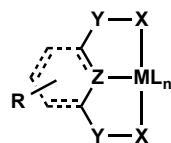


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# Pincer's Diversity

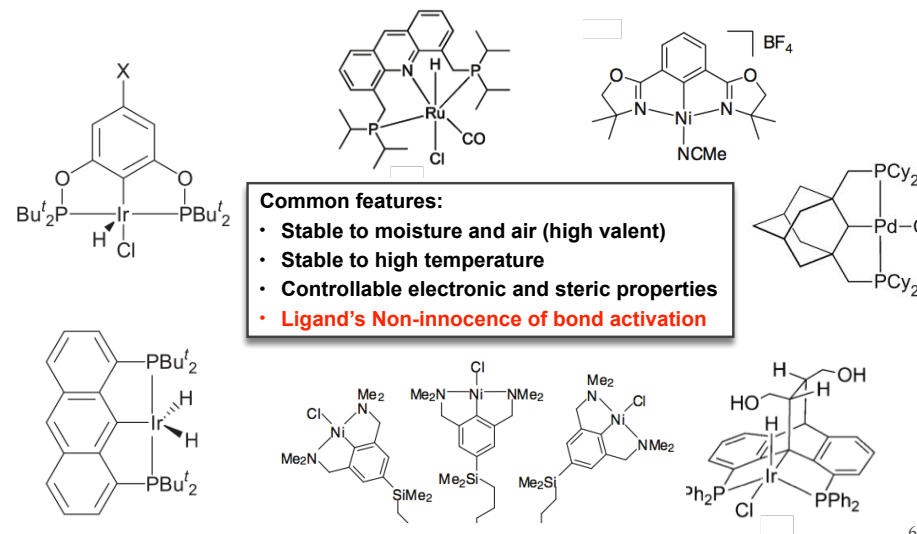


X = NR<sub>2</sub>, PR'<sub>3</sub>, OR, SR  
 Y = CH<sub>2</sub>, O, NH  
 Z = C, N, B  
 R = EDG, EWG

Group	Major Effects
X (Arm)	Steric control, Electron density
Y (Joint)	Indirect steric control, Ligand's Cooperativity
Z (Core)	Trans effect
R (Tail)	Remote control of electron density
Backbone (Body)	Flexibility, Other functional groups
M (Center)	Selectivity in activation of molecules (C-H, O-H, etc)

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# Pincer Complexes



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# 1. Dehydrogenation of Alkanes and Goldman's Basic Studies on Pincer

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# Main Character of This Chapter



**Alan Goldman**

Professor at Rutgers, State University of New Jersey  
Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology

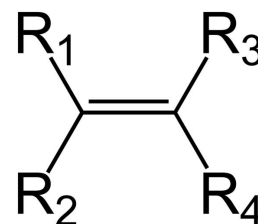
- 1980 B.A at Columbia University
- 1985 Ph.D at Caltech under the guidance of David R. Tyler then; postdoc in Jack Halpern's lab
- 1987 Assistant professor at Rutgers
- 1993 Associate professor at Rutgers
- 2000 Professor at Rutgers
- 2005 Professor (II) at Rutgers

**Keywords:**

- Organometallics
- Alkane dehydrogenation
- Alkane metathesis
- Sustainable Fuel Chemistry

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# Dehydrogenation of Alkanes



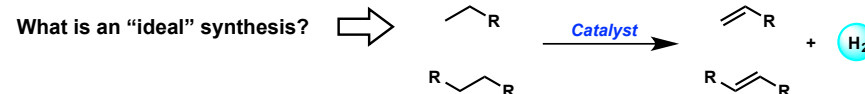
Alkene: versatile feedstock for...

- Fine chemicals
- Transportation fuels

Alkene: versatile functional group for...

- Electrophilic attack
- Pericyclic reaction
- Metathesis

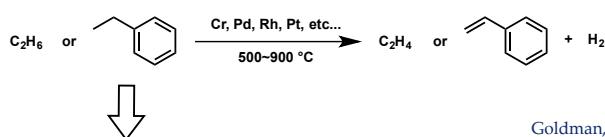
**Dehydrogenation of Alkanes**



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# Dehydrogenation of Alkanes

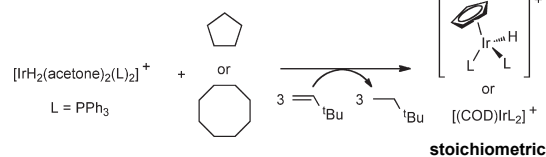
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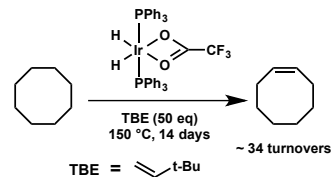
**Limited scope & Severe Condition**

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**Homogeneous catalysis**



Crabtree, R. H., *et al. JACS*, 1979, 101, 7738

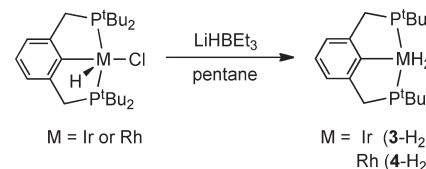


Crabtree, R. H., *et al. JACS*, 1987, 109, 8025

Low turnover is due to instability of catalysts at high temperature

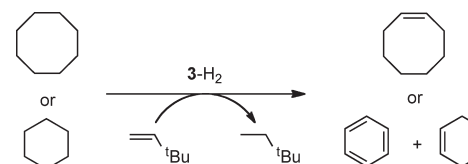
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# First Reports on An Ir-Pincer Complex



PCP-Metal-H<sub>2</sub> complexes

**First transfer dehydrogenation by the Ir-pincer complex(3)**



Jensen, C. M., Kaska, W. C., *et al. Chem. Commun.* 1996, 2083

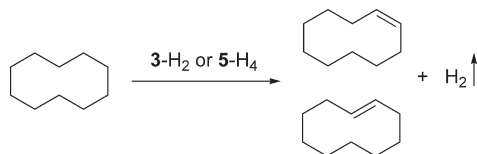
Catalyst	Turnovers / h (150 °C)
3-H <sub>2</sub>	82
4-H <sub>2</sub>	<1

No decomposition over 1 week at 200 °C, high TBE and N<sub>2</sub> inhibit the reaction

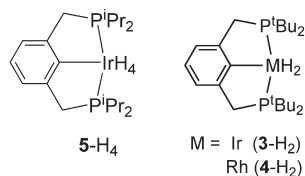
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# First Acceptorless dehydrogenation

## Acceptorless Dehydrogenation of Cyclic Alkane



Catalyst	Turnovers/20h (200 °C)
3-H <sub>2</sub>	163
5-H <sub>2</sub>	700



Steric hindrance: <sup>i</sup>Pr < <sup>t</sup>Bu

Goldman, A. S., et al. *Chem. Commun.* 1997, 2273

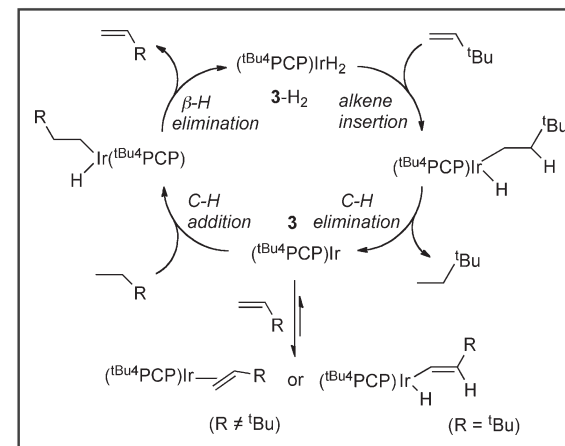
5-H<sub>4</sub> also catalyzed acceptorless dehydrogenation of *n*-alkane (*n*-undecane: 70 turnovers/h)

Inhibition by *n*-Alkene is bigger than that by Cycloalkene

Goldman, A. S., et al. *Chem. Commun.* 1997, 2273

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# Demystify The Mechanism



## Transfer Dehydrogenation

TBE	Rate Determining Step
Low	alkene insertion
High	C-H addition

Resting state differs according to the concentration of olefin.

Goldman, A. S., et al. *JACS*, 2003, 125, 7770

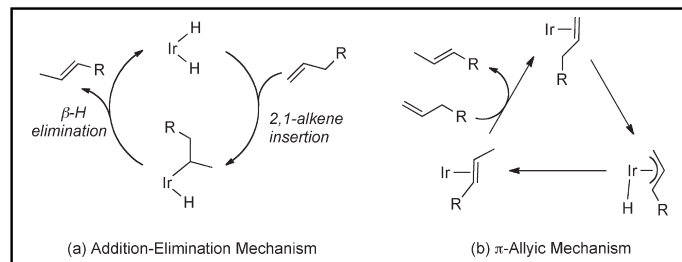
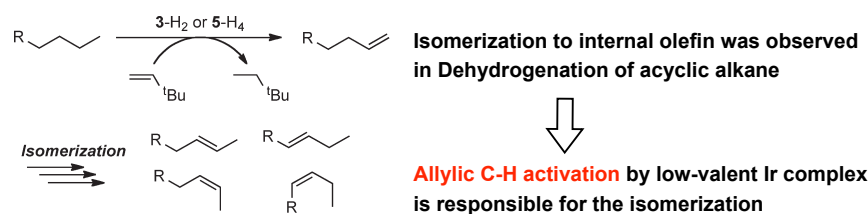
## Acceptorless Dehydrogenation

Rate Determining Step is H<sub>2</sub> liberation (dissociative)  
Resulted olefin also inhibits the reaction

Goldman, A. S., et al. *JACS*, 2002, 124, 11404

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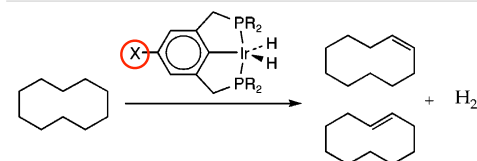
# Demystify The Mechanism



Goldman, A. S., et al. *Abstracts of Papers, 239th ACS National Meeting*, 2010

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# Modification of Pincer -Tail-



*p*-MeO group makes Ir center more electron rich and enhances Oxidative Addition step

Table 1. Acceptorless Dehydrogenation of CDA (bp 201 °C)<sup>a</sup> Catalyzed by (X-<sup>R</sup>PCP)IrH<sub>2</sub><sup>a</sup>

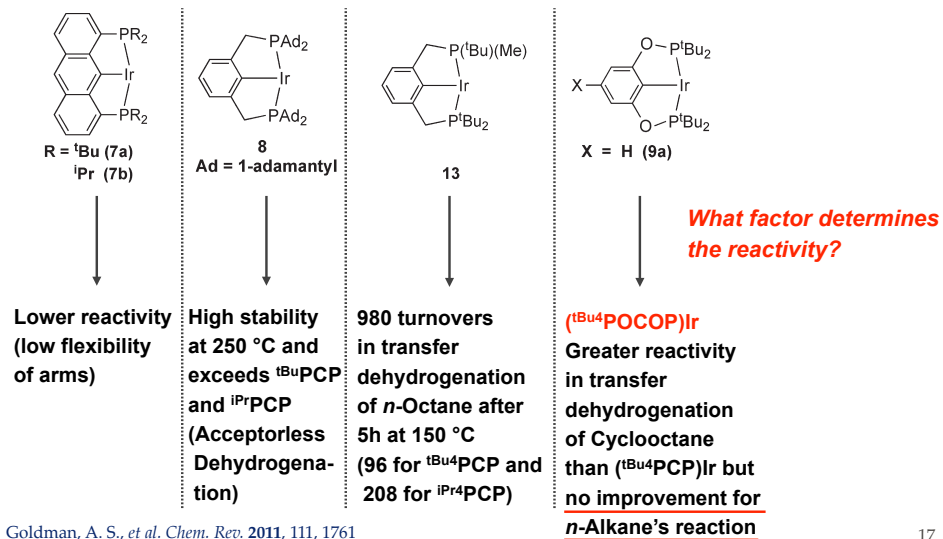
time/h	catalyst; total turnovers (= mM)		
	X = H; R = <i>t</i> -Bu	X = MeO; R = <i>t</i> -Bu	X = MeO; R = <i>i</i> -Pr
1	60	158	357
2	110	275	450
4	170	430	714
6	220	575	868
24	360	820	2120
48	360	820	2970
78	—	—	3050

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: catalyst, 1.0 mM; 1.5 mL of CDA; 250 °C oil bath; concentrations determined by GC.

Goldman, A. S., et al. *JACS*, 2004, 126, 13044

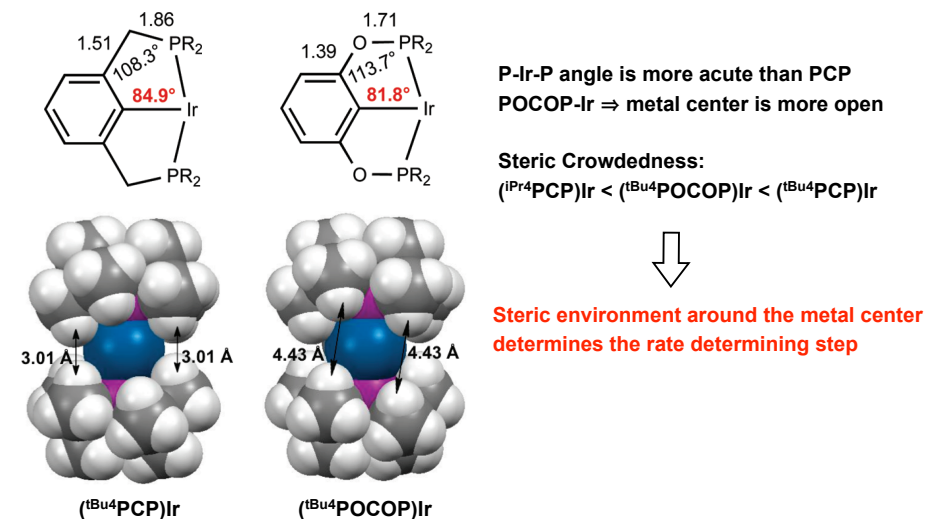
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## Modification of Pincer -Arm and Joint-



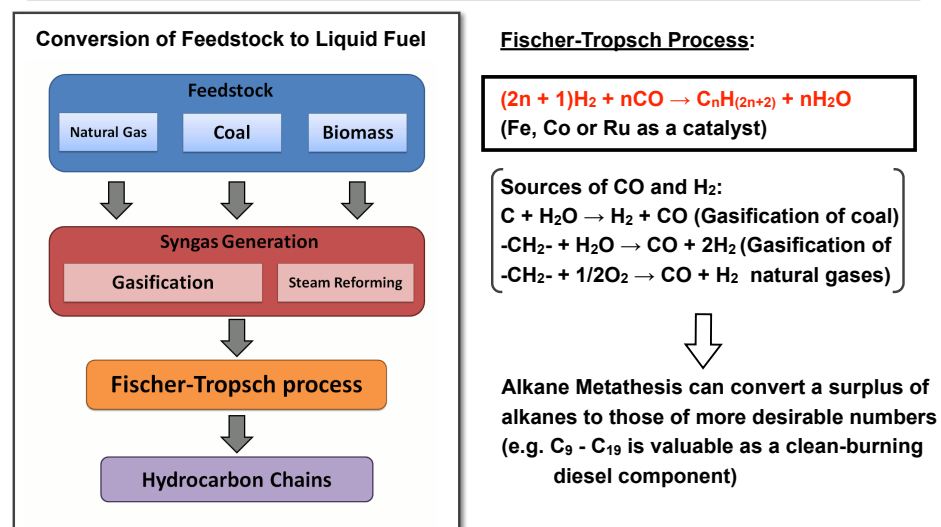
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## The Structure of POCOP-Ir Complex



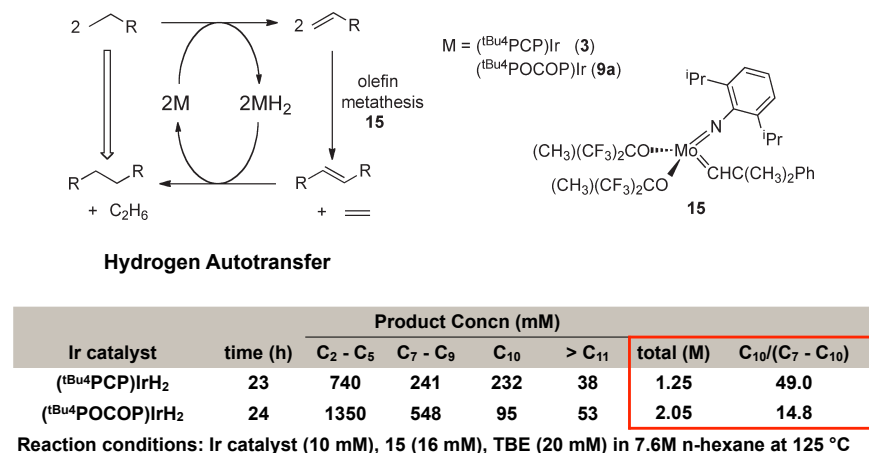
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## Alkane Metathesis



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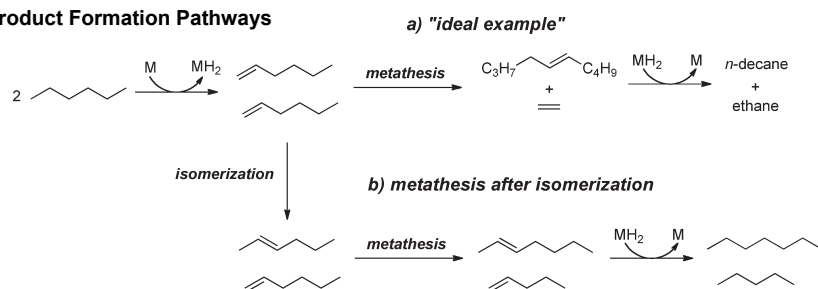


Goldman, A. S., Brookhart, M., et al. *Science* 2006, 312, 257

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## Product Distribution: Selectivity Crisis

### Product Formation Pathways



(<sup>t</sup>Bu<sup>4</sup>POCOP)Ir's poor selectivity in Alkane Metathesis

2 conceivable reasons

- Isomerization to internal olefin
- Internal C-H activation to give internal olefin

Rate of isomerization doesn't differ from (<sup>t</sup>Bu<sup>4</sup>PCP)Ir complex

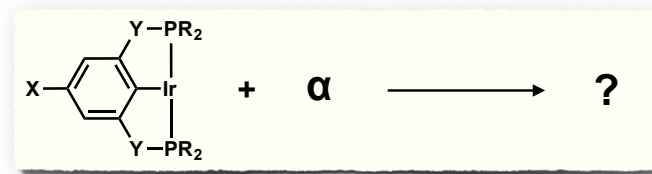
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## 2. Dehydrogenation of Alcohols and Milstein's Advanced Studies on Pincer

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## Future Outlook



### Problems of Dehydrogenation, Alkane Metathesis chemistry

- Poor selectivity in Alkane Metathesis products
- Poor reactivity at lower temperature

(Metathesis catalysts decomposes at high temperature)

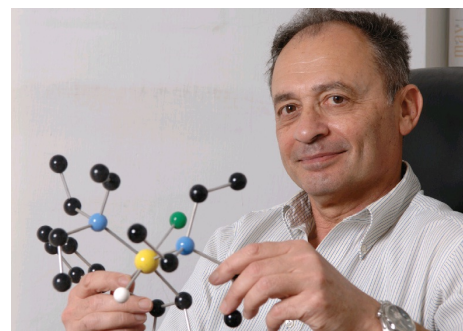
⇒ **Modification of pincer catalysts has more potential to overcome these problems**

### Tasks of Other Chemists

- Utilization of Pincer-Ir for other reactions
- Utilization of C-H activation chemistry
- Utilization of wisdom about pincer for other catalysts

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## Main Character of This Chapter



**David Milstein**

Weizmann Institute of Science  
Israel Matz Professor of Organic Chemistry

- 1976 Ph.D at Hebrew University of Jerusalem under the guidance of Prof. Blum  
then; postdoc in Stille's lab
- 1979 Group leader in Dupont Company
- 1987 Professional appointment at the Weizmann Institute of Science
- 1996 Israel Matz Professor at Weizmann Institute of Science

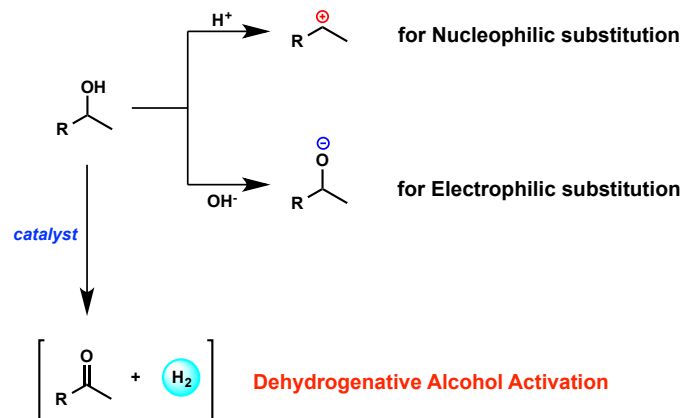
### Keywords:

- Organometallics
- Metal-ligand cooperation
- Green catalysis
- Water splitting

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# Dehydrogenation of Alcohols

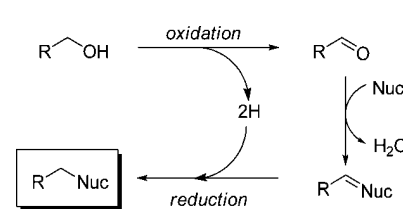
Alcohol's activation is usually limited;



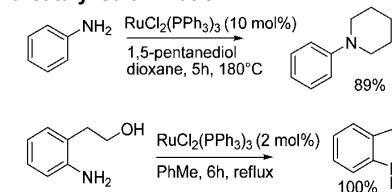
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# Dehydrogenation of Alcohols

**"Hydrogen Autotransfer" strategy**

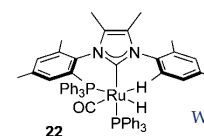
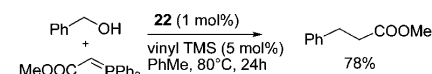


**Ru-catalyzed amination**



Murahashi, S. I., et al. *Chem. Rev.* 1998, 98, 2599

**Ru-catalyzed Wittig-type process**



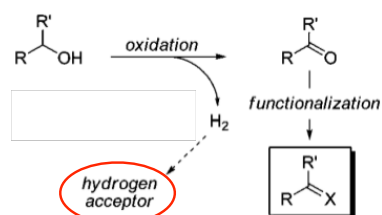
Williams, J. M., et al. *Chem. Commun.* 2004, 1072

Hydrogen Autotransfer type reactions have been well developed

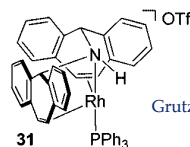
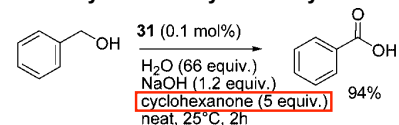
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# Dehydrogenation of Alcohols

**"Net Oxidation" strategy**

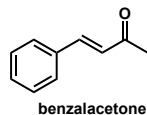
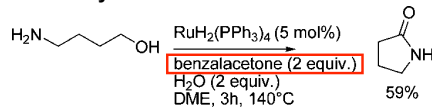


**Rh-catalyzed carboxylic acid synthesis**



Grutzmacher, H., et al. *ACIE*, 2009, 48, 559

**Ru-catalyzed lactam formation**



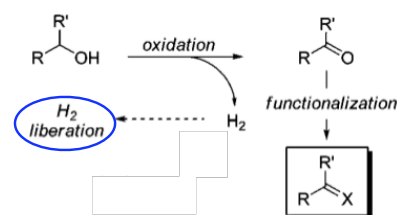
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In many cases, Net Oxidation type reactions need hydrogen acceptor to reactivate catalysts

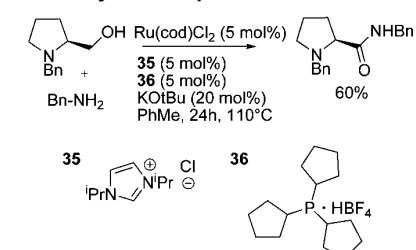
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# Dehydrogenation of Alcohols

**Acceptorless Dehydrogenation**

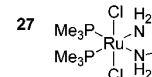
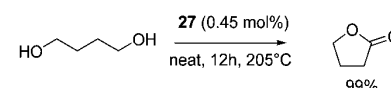


**Ru-catalyzed acceptorless amidation**



Madsen, R., et al. *JACS*, 2008, 130, 17672

**Ru-catalyzed acceptorless lactonization**

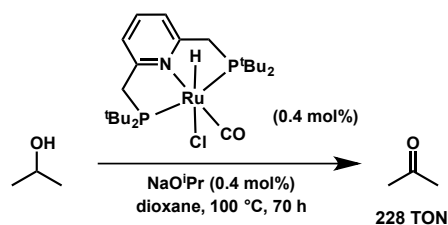


Hartwig, J. F., et al. *Organometallics*, 2005, 24, 2441

Acceptorless Dehydrogenation has few examples and suffers from harsh condition or poor reactivity

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## First Report on A Ru-Pincer Complex



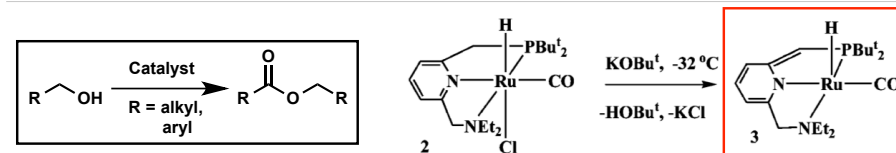
Milstein's **PNP-Ru complex**  
(stable under air)  
**No H<sub>2</sub> acceptor, High turnover**

David Milstein, *et al. Organometallics*, 2004, 23, 4026

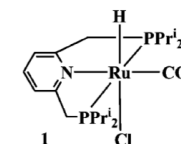
⇒ Dr. Milstein started to investigate Ru-Pincer complexes  
for acceptorless dehydrogenation reactions

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## “Serendipity” Strikes without Warning



entry	cat.	KOH (equiv)	alcohol	temp. (°C)	time (h)	conv. (%)	yield (%) (ester)	yield (%) (aldehyde)
1	1	1	1-hexanol	157	24	70.6	67.2	2.8
2	1	0	1-hexanol	157	24	0	0	0
3	2	1	1-hexanol	157	24	90.4	90	0.3
4	2	0	1-hexanol	157	24	0	0	0
5	2	1	1-hexanol	115 <sup>b</sup>	24	95	94.5	0.1
6	2	1	1-butanol	117	72	92.5	91.5	1
7	2	1	benzyl alcohol	115 <sup>b</sup>	72	100	99.5	0
8	3	0	1-butanol	117	5	91	90	0.5
9	3	0	1-hexanol	157	2.5	91.5	91.4	0.1
10	3	0	1-hexanol	115 <sup>b</sup>	6	99	99	0
11	3	0	benzyl alcohol	115 <sup>b</sup>	4	93.2	92.1	1

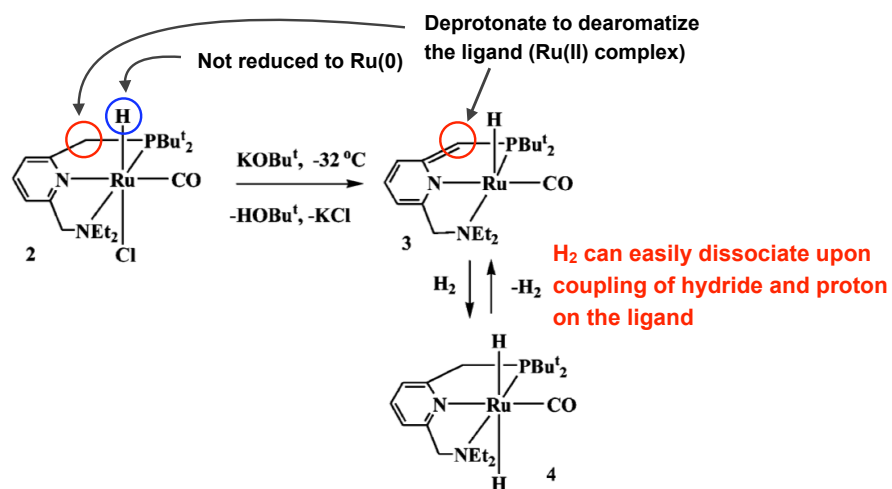


**No base, No H<sub>2</sub> acceptor,  
and Highly reactive**

David Milstein, *et al. JACS*, 2005, 127, 10840

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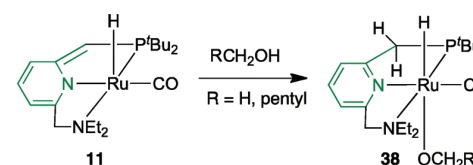


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## Metal-Ligand Cooperation

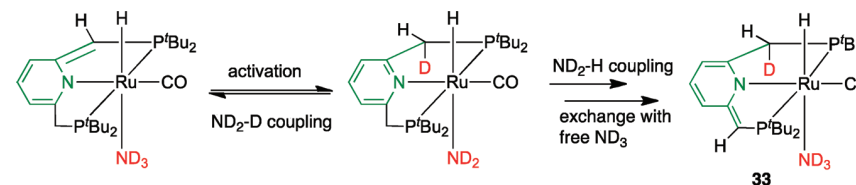
### • Alcohol Activation



**O-H bond is cleaved by Ru and Ligand cooperatively, as well as N-H bond**

⇒ **New mode of bond activation  
Metal-Ligand Cooperation**

### • Ammonia Activation

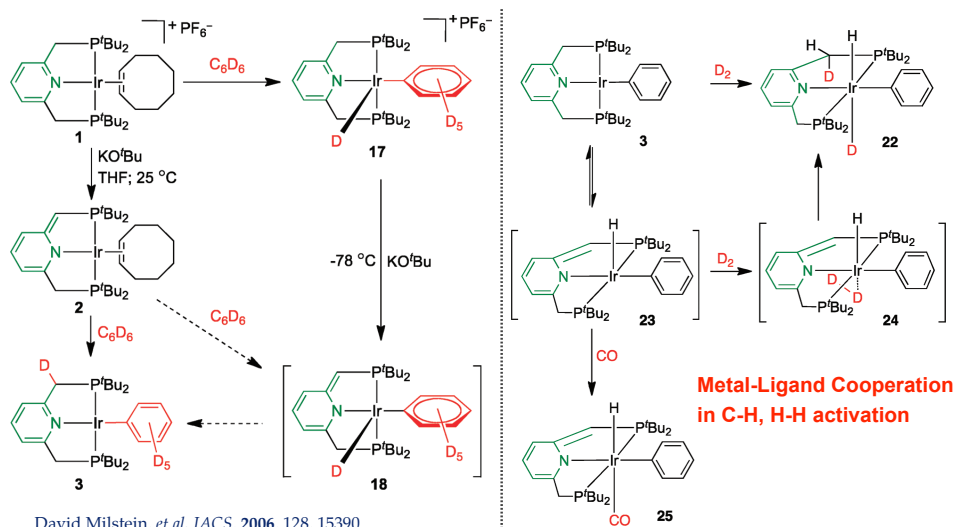


David Milstein, *et al. ACC. Chem. Res.* 2011, 44, 588

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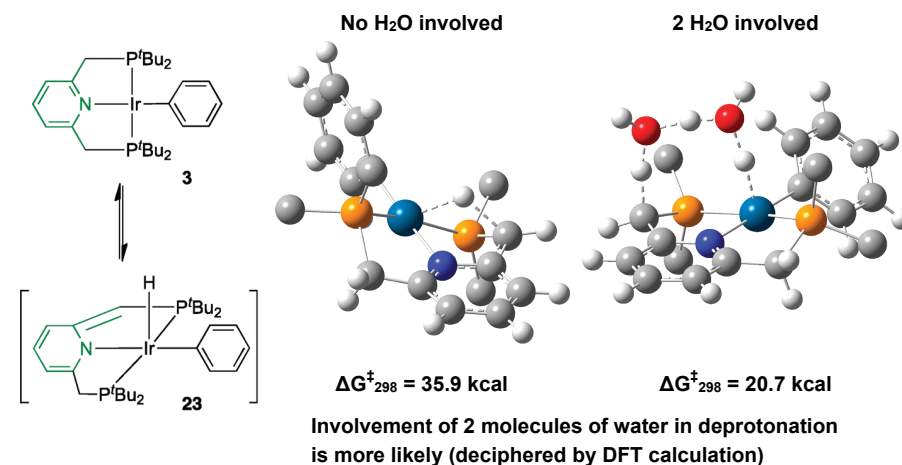


## C-H and H-H Activation by PNP-Ir



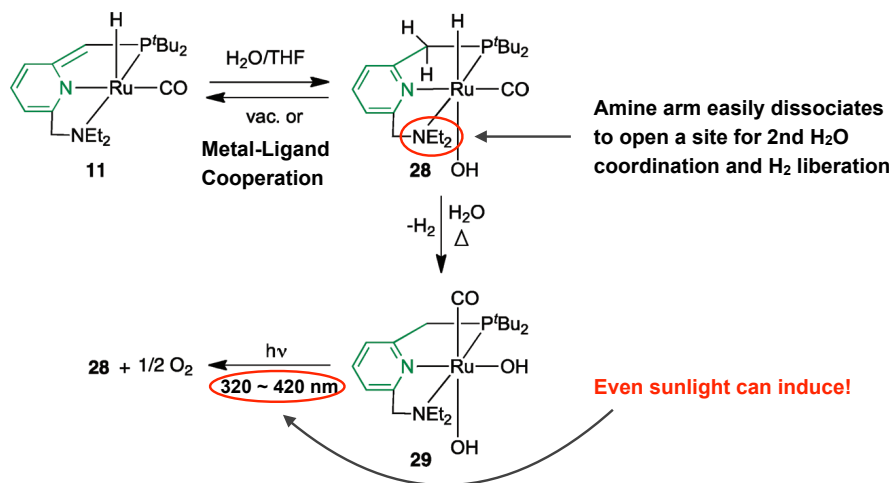
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## Ir(I)-Ir(III) Equilibrium: Aqua Bridge



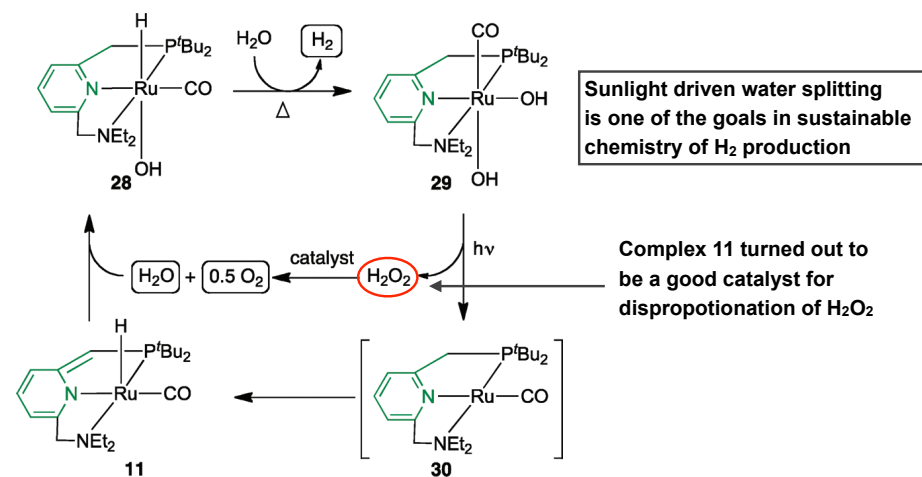
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## H<sub>2</sub>O Activation by PNN-Ru



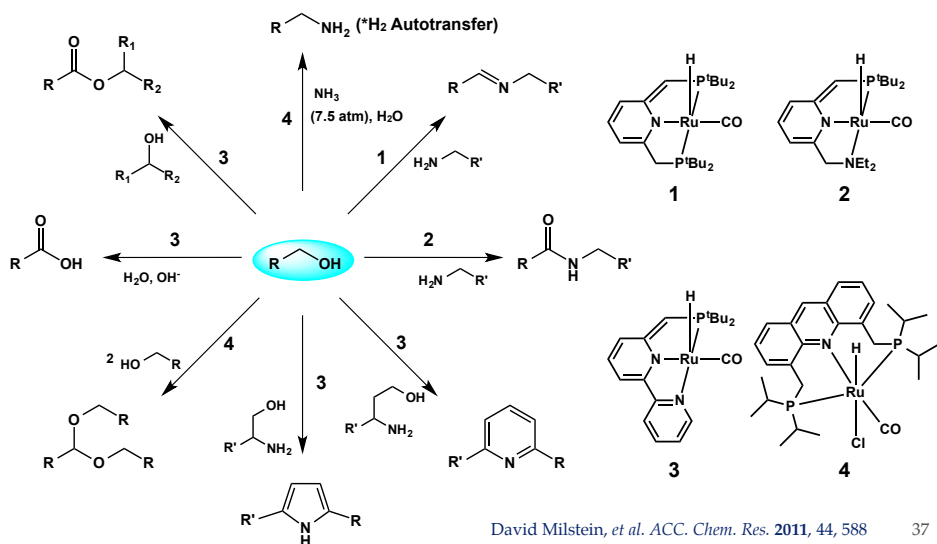
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## Water Splitting

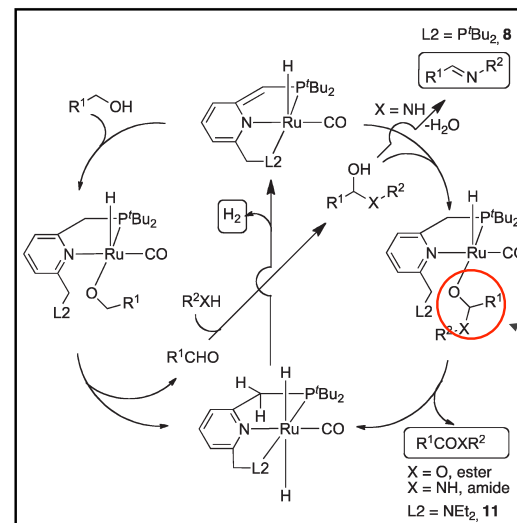


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## Applications of Acceptorless Dehydrogenation



## Magic Arm



- Ester, Amide and Imine Synthesis

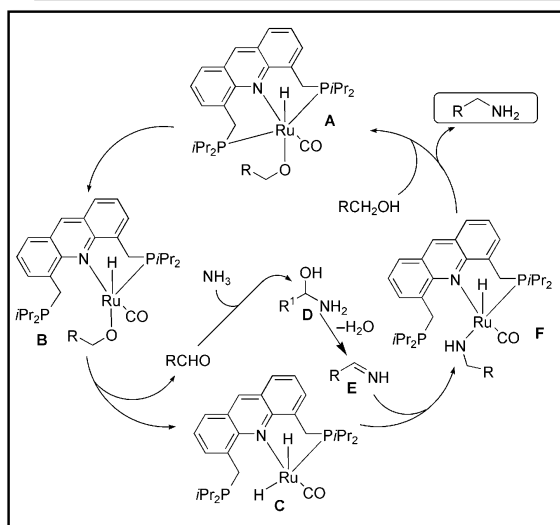
Coordination Strength:  
Pyridine ≤ NEt<sub>2</sub> < P<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>

Steric Hindrance:  
Pyridine < NEt<sub>2</sub> < P<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>

Dehydrogenation of this intermediate needs sterically less hindered coordination site

David Milstein, et al. *Science*, 2007, 317, 790 38

## Magic Arm



- Amine Synthesis  
(\*H<sub>2</sub> Autotransfer)

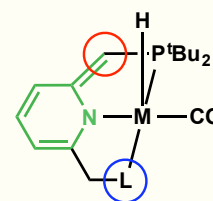
Acridine-based PNP ligand  
⇒ Flexible 6-membered ring



Nucleophilic attack by Alcohol  
and Alcohol-Amine exchange  
becomes facile

David Milstein, et al. *ACIE*, 2008, 47, 8661 39

## Short Summary



- Dearomatized ligand can cooperatively activate various X-H bonds (X = O, NH, CH<sub>n</sub>)
- Certain metal can preferably activate certain bonds
- Variable arm can adjust the openness of metal center

### Tasks of other chemists

- Utilization of new concepts of ligand design
- Investigation of new ligand-metal combinations and their reactivity
- Establishment of new catalytic reactions inspired by the studies above

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### 3. Gelman's Cooperative Catalysts for Acceptorless Dehydrogenation

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## Main Character of This Chapter



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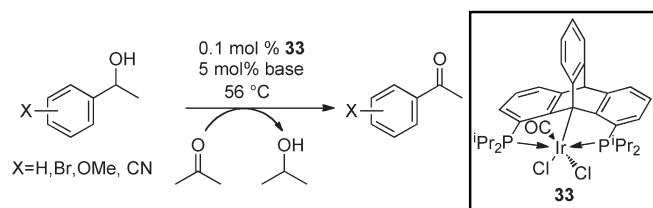
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- Organometallics
- C(sp<sup>3</sup>) metalated catalyst
- Metal-ligand cooperation
- Acceptorless Dehydrogenation

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## 1st Generation

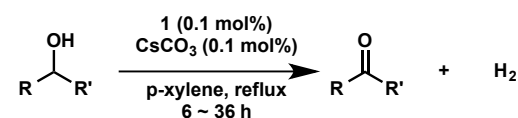


Advantages	Disadvantages
Carried out under air	Requires Hydrogen acceptor (acetone)
High FG tolerance (-Br, -CN, -OMe)	Limited to secondary benzylic alcohol

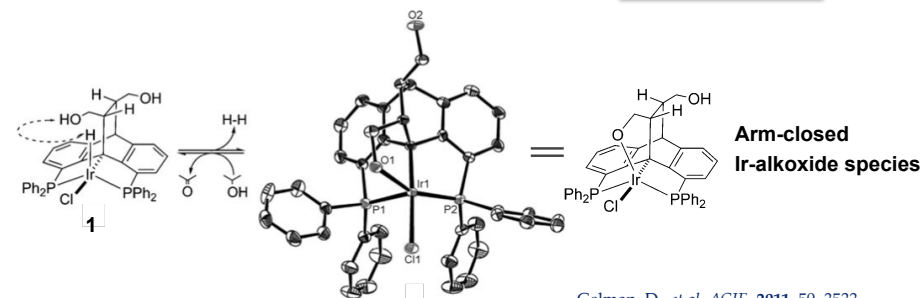
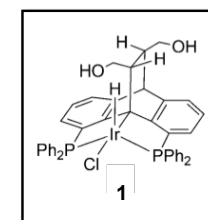
- PC(sp<sup>3</sup>)P-Ir complex**
- Easy to be synthesized
  - Stable under air
  - Not planar

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## 2nd Generation



- **No H2 acceptor (Acceptorless Dehydrogenation)**
- 1° and 2° alcohols can be dehydrogenated
- Aliphatic alcohol can be dehydrogenated



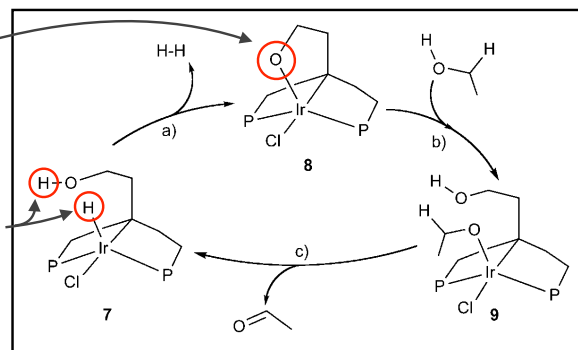
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# Dual Metal-Ligand Cooperation

Metal-ligated alkoxide becomes strong base by d- $\pi$  repulsion (Metal-Ligand Cooperation)

Hydride and proton can be easily coupled to get free as H<sub>2</sub> (Metal-Ligand Cooperation)



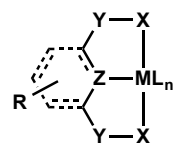
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## Summary



X = NR<sub>2</sub>, PR'<sub>3</sub>, OR, SR  
Y = CH<sub>2</sub>, O, NH  
Z = C, N, B  
R = EDG, EWG

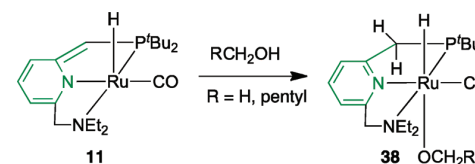
Group	Major Effects
X (Arm)	Steric control, Electron density $\Rightarrow$ Adjust the accessibility to metal center
Y (Joint)	Indirect steric control, Ligand's Cooperativity $\Rightarrow$ Allows <b>Metal-Ligand Cooperation</b>
Z (Core)	Trans effect $\Rightarrow$ Allows <b>Metal-Ligand Cooperation</b>
R (Tail)	Remote control of electron density $\Rightarrow$ Finely Adjust the electron density of the complex
Backbone (Body)	Flexibility, Other functional groups $\Rightarrow$ Allows <b>Metal-Ligand Cooperation</b>
M (Center)	Selectivity in activation of molecules (C-H, O-H, etc) $\Rightarrow$ Various functional groups can be targeted

Pincer complexes have big potential as completely new catalysts!

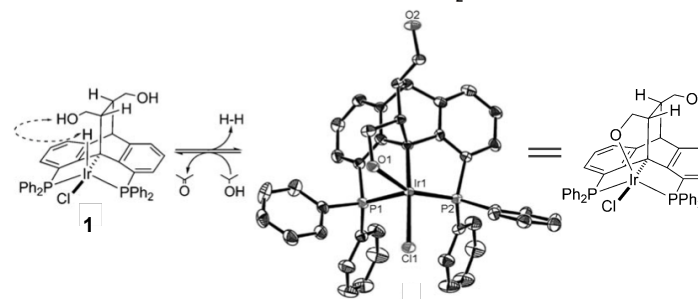
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### Various Metal-Ligand Cooperation

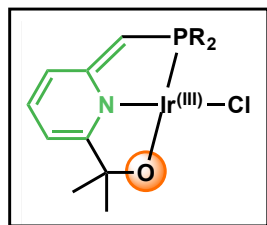


**Metal-Ligand Cooperation** provides new mechanistic insight into catalyst design



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## Exercise



PNO-Ir(III) complex

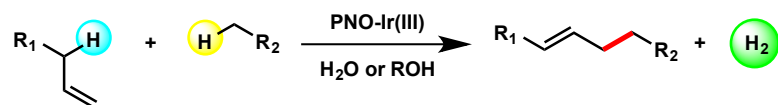
### Bifunctional cooperative ligand

- Core: Activate C-H bond by Metal-Ligand Cooperation
- O-Arm: Strongly basic for deprotonation
- Gem-Me Joint: Stabilize the complex
- Ir-Center: Electron rich for C-H activation

\*solvent or olefin ligand should be incorporated because this is still an unstable 14 e<sup>-</sup> species

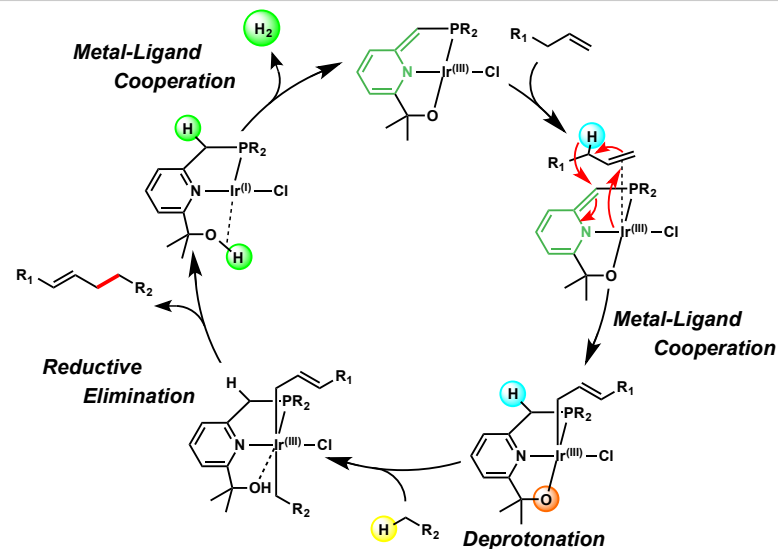
Target reaction: *Dehydrogenative C-C Coupling*

Target bonds: *Allylic C-H and Acidic C-H*



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## Thank You Very Much!!



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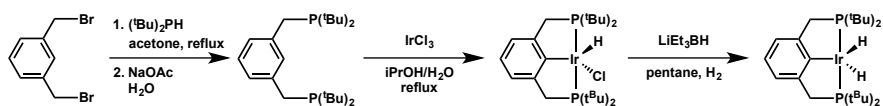
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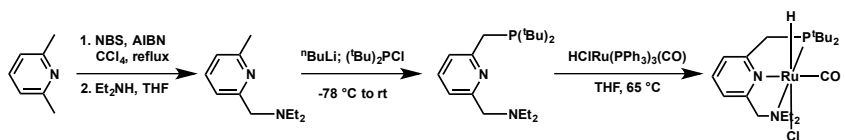
# Syntheses of Pincer Complexes

## • $(t\text{Bu}_4\text{PCP})\text{IrH}_2$ complex



Jensen, C. M., Kaska, W. C., *et al. Chem. Commun.* 1996, 2083

## • Milstein's PNN-Ru complex

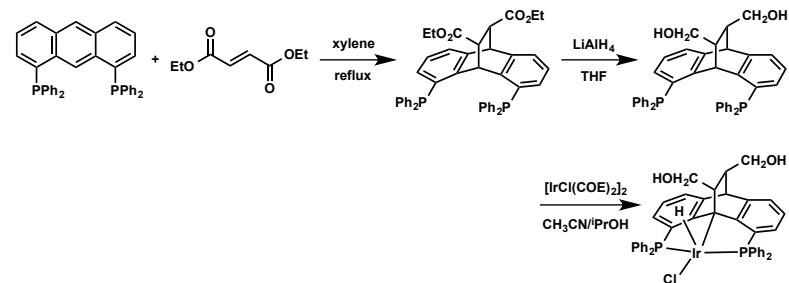


David Milstein, *et al. JACS*, 2005, 127, 10840

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# Syntheses of Pincer Complexes

## • Gelman's $\text{PC}(\text{sp}^3)\text{P}$ -Ir complex

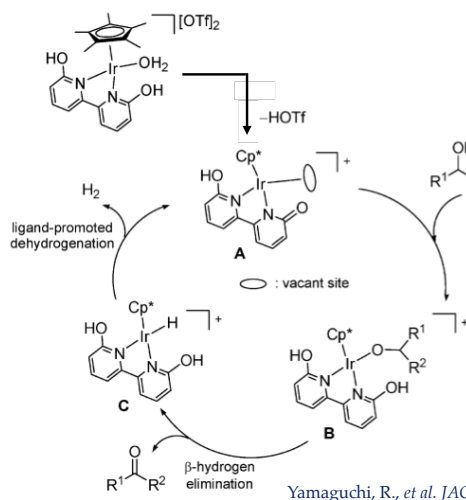


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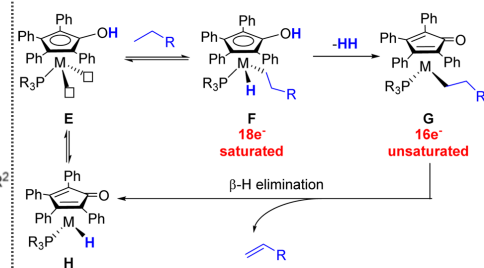
# Other Cooperative Catalysts

## • Yamaguchi's $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}$ catalyst



Yamaguchi, R., *et al. JACS*, 2012, 134, 3643

## • Nozaki's $\text{CpOH}$ -Rh/Ir catalyst



Nozaki, K., *et al. JACS*, 2013, 135, 18726

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