

Since time is limited we will talk about some specific chemistries of Ru (group 8), Rh, and Ir (group 9)

Electronegativity: Fe(1.83), Ru(2.20); Os(2.20)  
Co(1.88), Rh(2.28); Ir (2.20)

*Note:* Electronegativity of H is 2.2 and C is 2.55

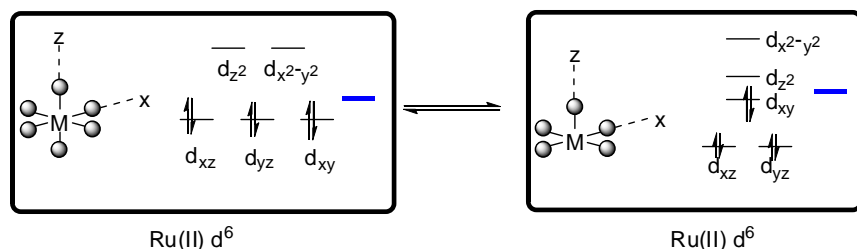
**Group 8:** 97% of crystal structures are of 18e- compounds. +2 oxidation state + six 2e- ligands = 18e-.

Most common oxidation states.

Fe: +2 > +3 > 0  
Ru: +2 > +3 >> +4  
Os: +2 > +4 > +3

+2 oxidation state =  $d^6$  = octahedral

*Note:* Since they are 18e- complexes, most Ru catalysts will require ligand dissociation to form active catalyst species.

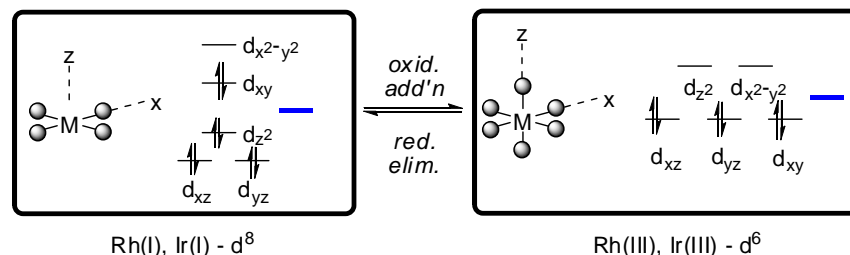


**Group 9:** +3 oxidation state is very common ( $d^6$ ), but other oxidation states become prevalent.

Co: +2 > +3 > +1  
Rh: +1 > +3  
Ir: +3 > +1

*Note:* Rh and Ir have potential for clean 2e- oxidation/reduction processes...that's one reason they are efficient catalysts for many reactions.

$d^8$  metals are often excellent catalysts because they  
A) have open coordination sites by virtue of sq. planar geometry.  
B) can form ca. equally stable  $d^6$  octahedral complexes upon oxidative addition.



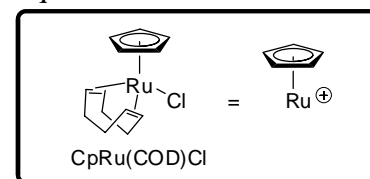
**Ruthenium:**

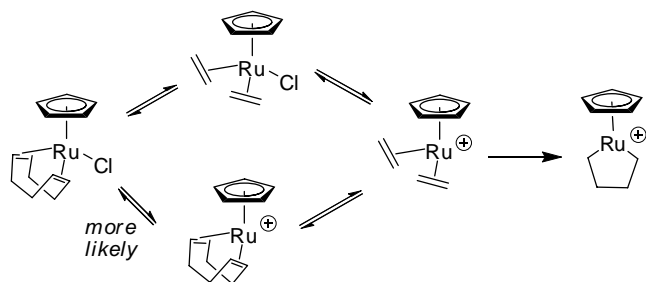
There are far too many ruthenium-catalyzed reactions to address directly in this course. Noyori Hydrogenation and Olefin Metathesis are the most common.

**Non-metathesis C-C bond forming reactions.** Nice reviews see: Trost, B. M. *CR* **2001** 2067; *ACIE* **2005** 6630. Murahashi, S. *CR* **1998** 2599.

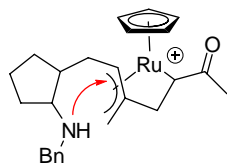
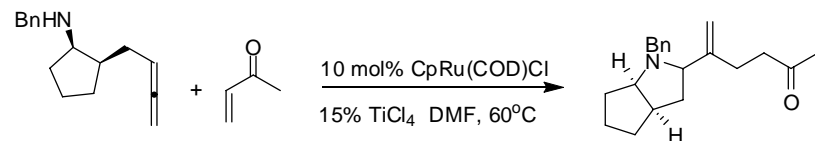
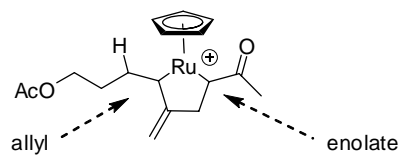
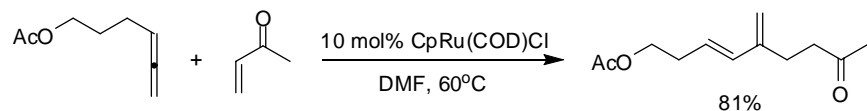
Metallacyclopentanes and pentenes via reductive cyclization:

Because CpRu(COD)Cl has an ionizable chloride and a labile COD ligand, Trost equates it to the idealized cationic CpRu.

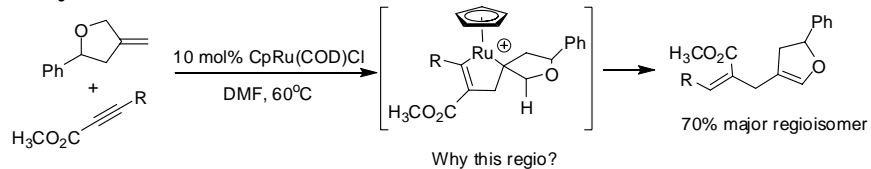




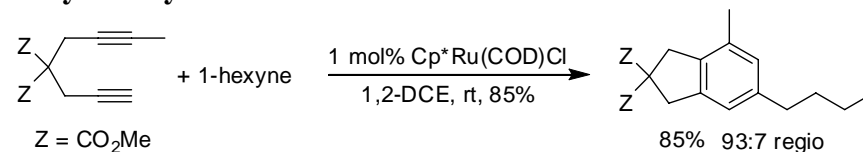
General Strategy: Reductive coupling of alkenes/alkynes then utilizing the resulting metallacycle.



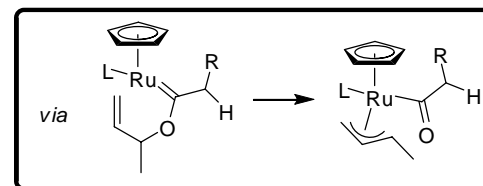
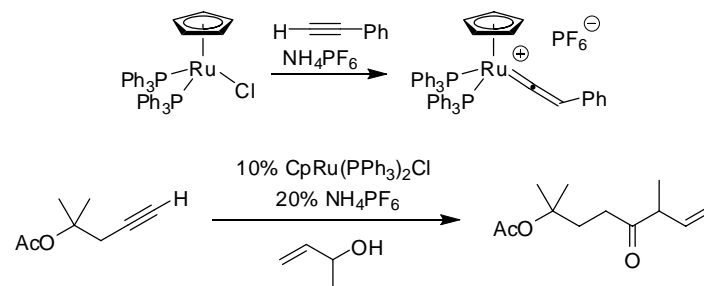
### Alkyne-olefin



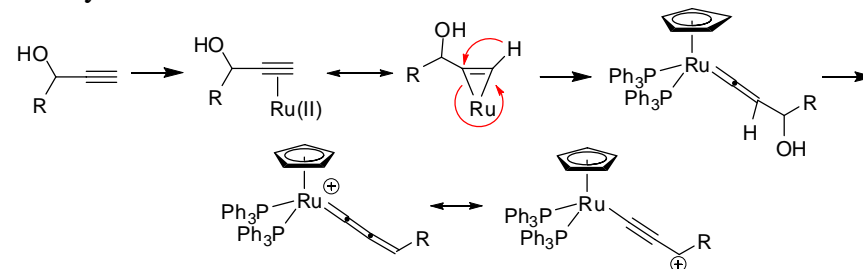
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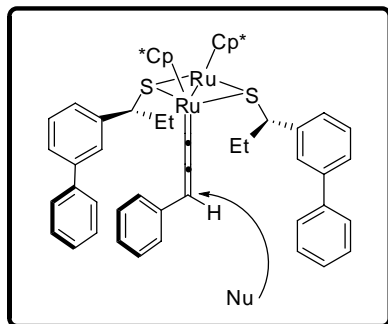
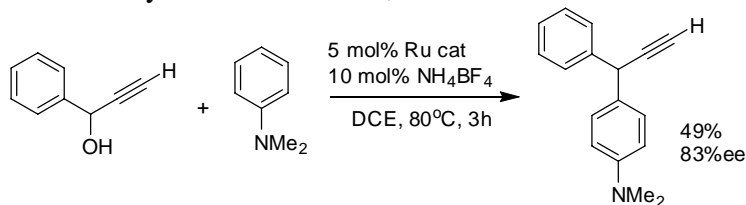


### Vinylidene chemistry

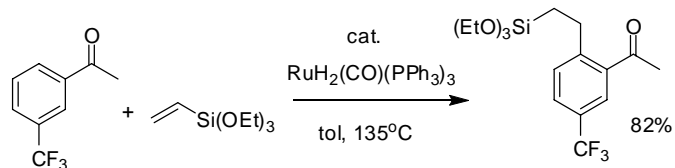


### Allenylienes:

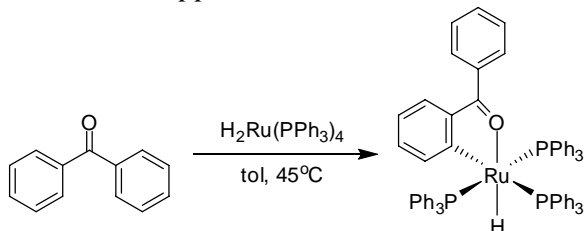


Asymmetric Arylation *ACIE* **2007**, 6488.

**C-H activation.** Murai, S.: One of the very first catalytic C-H activation/functionalization reactions. *Nature* **1993** 529; *BCS Jpn* **1995** 62.



*Note:* The C-H activation was known: Halpern, J. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1987** 155; *Pure Appl. Chem.* **1987** 173.

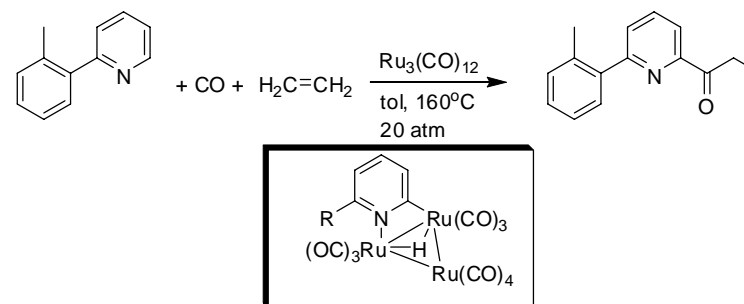


The activation was thought to be kinetically directed to the ortho positions, however Alan Goldman has shown that C-H activation

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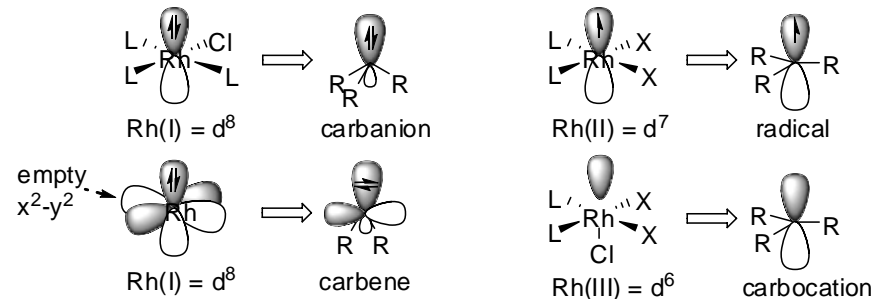
of the meta- and para-hydrogens is faster, but ortho is thermodynamically favored due to chelation. *JACS* **2004** 13192.

$\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$  clusters selectively activate C-H bonds  $\alpha$ -to heteroatoms.



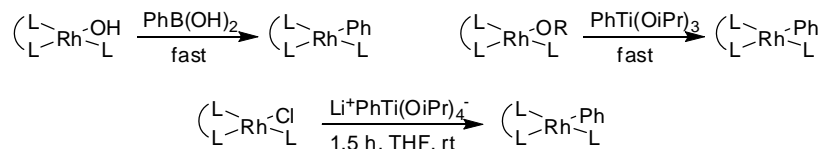
## Rhodium

**Isolobal Analogies:** Halpern, J. *C&E News* **1966**, Oct 31, 68.



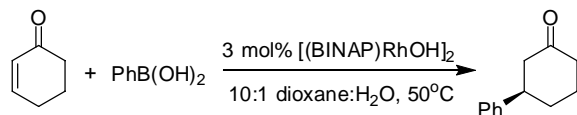
## Conjugate Addition/Reduction of Enones.

Transmetalation of boronic acids to Rh(I) is facile. See Hartwig, J. F. *JACS* **2007** 1876.

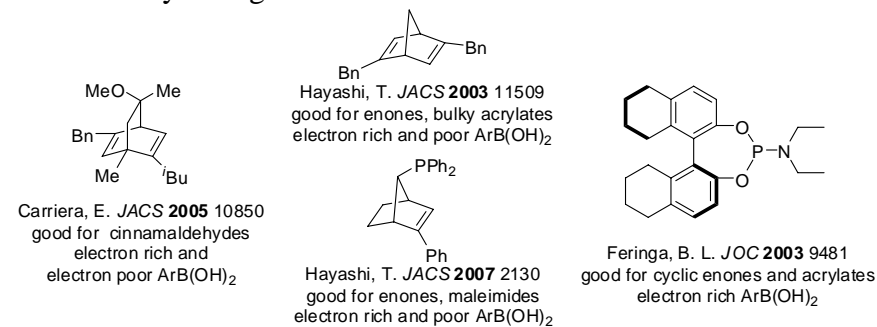


Note: Transmetalation occurs directly with Rh(I) precursors.  
Conjugate additions of boronic acids and aryltitanium reagents.  
Hayashi, T.; Feringa, B.; Carreira, E....

Asymmetric additions:

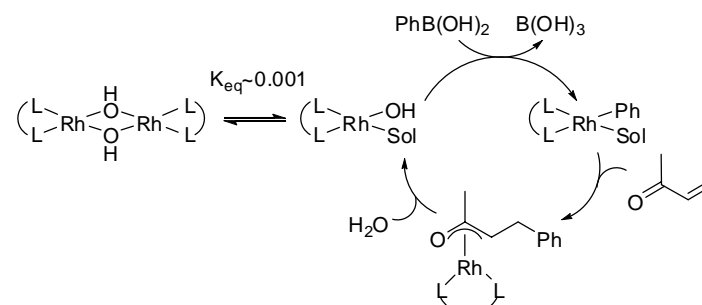


Brief Survey of Ligands:



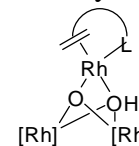
Hayashi has done beautiful mechanistic work on the conjugate addition of boronic acids and titanates. See: B: *JACS* **2007** 2130; *JACS* **2006** 3904; Ti: *PNAS* **2004**, 5445.

Summary of the mechanism. (Transmetalation, Carborhodation, Hydrolysis)

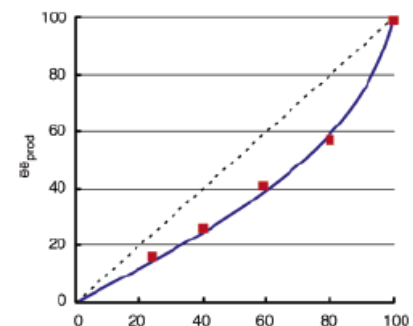


Note: Catalyst is a dimer, so rate =  $k[\text{Rh}]^{0.5}[\text{PhB(OH)}_2]^1[\text{MVK}]^0$   
Rate-limiting formation of Rh-Ph complex.

Rhodium trimers (with phosphine-alkene chelating ligands) are more reactive than the dimers: Hayashi, T.; *JACS* **2007**, 2130.



ee of product has a nonlinear dependence on the ee of the ligand.

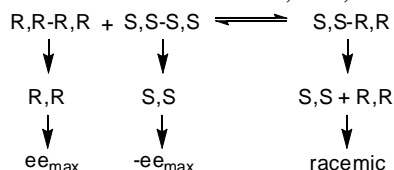


From Hayashi, T. *JACS* **2006** 3904. Phosphine-alkene complexes also show nonlinear effects.

Nonlinear effects on ee often result when dimeric catalyst species exist.

Imagine that your ligand is 80% ee. 90% of the ligand is R,R and 10% is S,S.

You will have the possibility for homochiral dimers R,R-R,R and S,S-S,S as well as heterochiral dimers R,R-S,S.

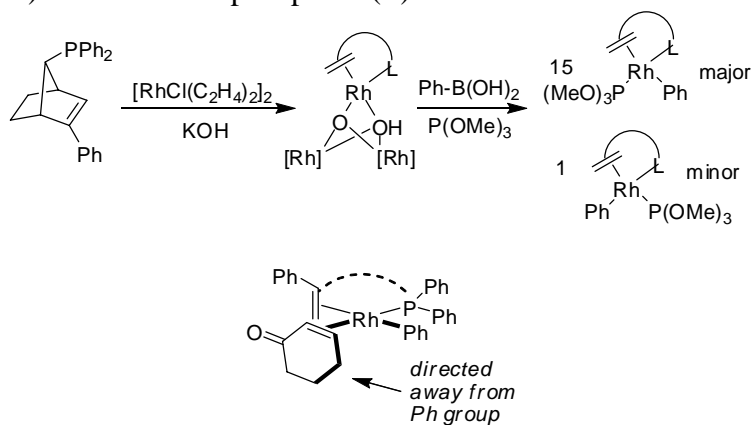


*Consider:* If the heterochiral dimer is very stable, then essentially all of the minor (S,S) enantiomer is tied up in an unreactive state and the  $ee_{\text{obs}} > ee_{\text{Lig}}$ . This is **asymmetric amplification**.

*Much Worse:* If the homochiral dimers are much more stable than the heterochiral dimer is more reactive and will produce more racemic product.

Origin of enantioselectivity (of course varies with ligand).

*Note:* transmetalation preferentially occurs *trans* to the weaker donor ligand. The consequence is that substrate (or external ligand) binds *trans* to phosphine (L).



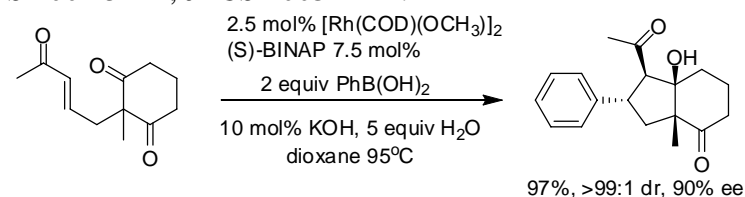
Why this geometry? Strong donors are *trans* to good  $\pi$ -acceptors.

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*Note:* The conjugate addition creates a rhodium enolate intermediate. Gilbert Stork pioneered the use of enones as latent enolates.

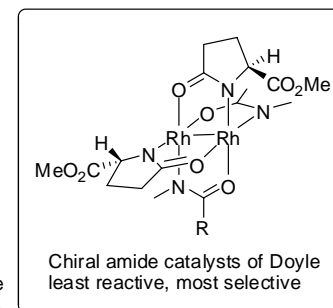
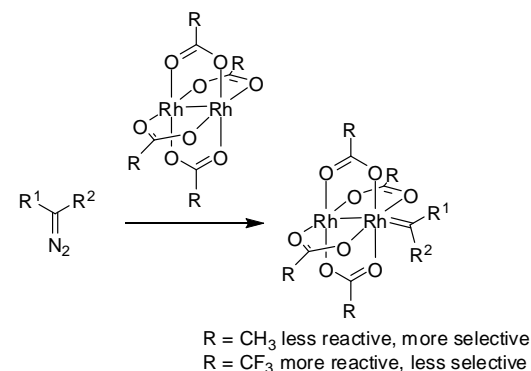
Reductive Aldol. Conjugate reduction-aldol cascade work well for either hydride or alkyl additions.

Desymmetrization by conjugate addition-aldol. Krische, M. J. *PNAS* **2004** 5421; *JACS* **2003** 1111.

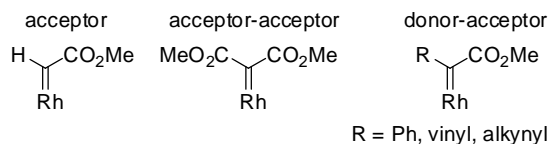


**Rh-carbene chemistry.** Good reviews. Davies, H. M. L. *Chem. Rev.* **2003** 2861. Doyle, M. P. *Chem. Rev.* **1998** 911.

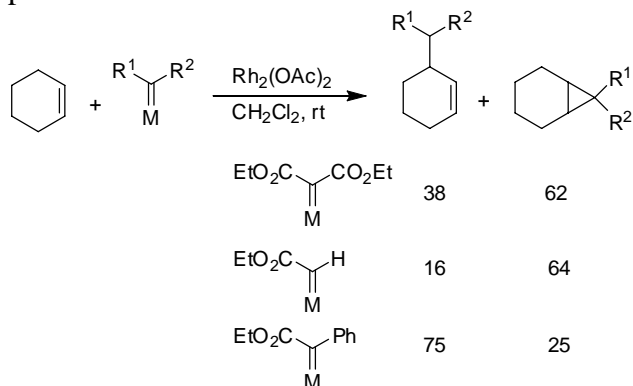
Carbenoid transfer catalyst: Want a metal that has an open coordination site, is a good  $\sigma$ -acceptor (binds carbene) and does not backbond well (electrophilic carbene). Electron withdrawing ligands also help. Bulky ligands may also favor C-H insertion.



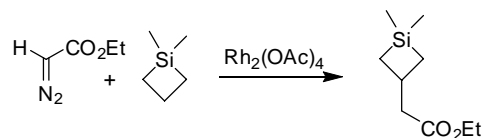
Carbenoid classes:



Cyclopropanation vs. C-H insertion.

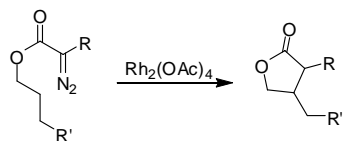
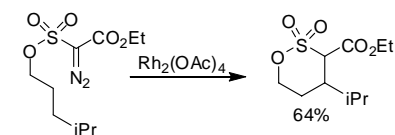


*Note:* The more electrophilic the carbene, the greater tendency to undergo cyclopropanation.

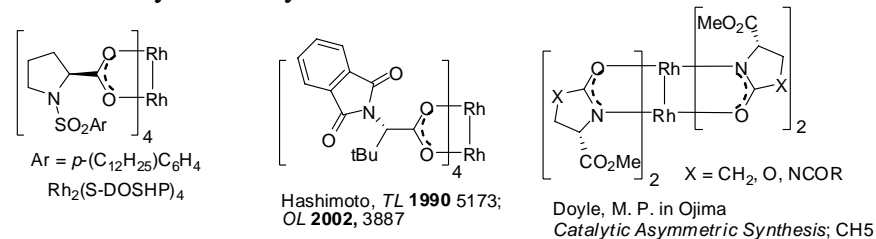


Si stabilizes  $\beta$ -cations and  $\alpha$ -anions. This expt shows that there is + charge buildup on the carbon undergoing C-H insertion. C-H insertion  $\alpha$ -to donor heteroatoms is also favored and  $3^\circ > 2^\circ > 1^\circ > \text{Me}$

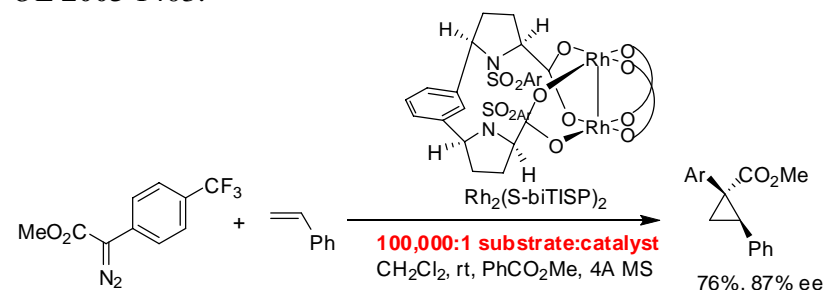
Intramolecular C-H insertions.

Taber, D. *JACS* **1986**, 7686.Novikov, A. V. *OL* **2007**, 61. Du Bois, J. *OL* **2007**, 4363.

Some catalysts for asymmetric carbenoid reactions.

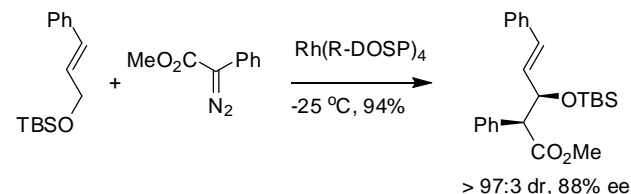


An example of asymmetric cyclopropanation. Davies, H. M. L. *OL* **2003** 1403.



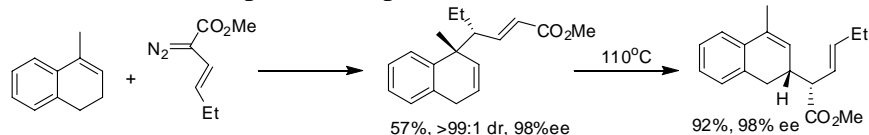
*Note:* bidentate acetate ligand +  $\text{PhCO}_2\text{Me}$  additive lead to long catalyst lifetime. The benzoate probably binds to, and stabilizes the unsaturated Rh-catalyst, preventing decomposition.

An example of asymmetric C-H insertion from Davies, H. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2005** 4176.

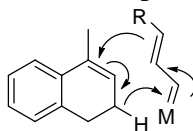


*Note:* Donor-acceptor carbenes are exceptional at intermolecular C-H insertion. Also, insertion next to heteroatoms is facile.

## C-H activation-retroCope

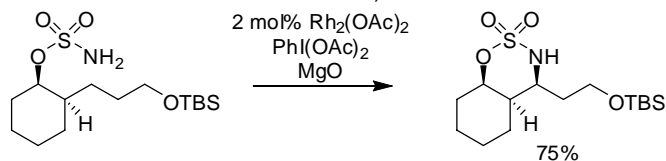


*Note:* The first product cannot be formed by direct C-H insertion followed by Cope rearrangement (it is thermodynamically less stable than the “direct C-H insertion product”).

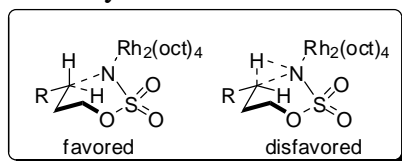


**Amination by nitrene insertion:** Du Bois, J. Modern Rhodium-Catalyzed Organic Reactions 2005, 379-416.

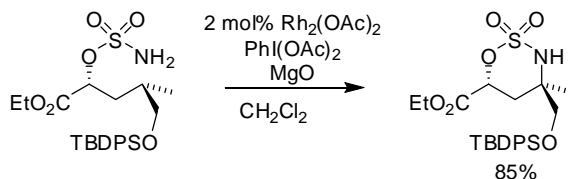
**Stereoselective Intramolecular:** Du Bois, J. *JACS* **2001** 6935.



**Model for stereoselectivity.** *OL* **2003** 4823.

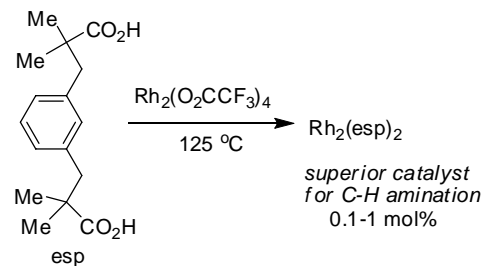


**Stereospecificity.** Du Bois, J. *JACS* **2002**, 12950.

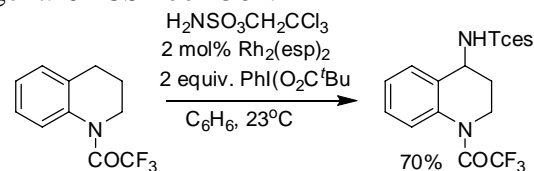


**Better catalyst:** *JACS* **2004** 15378.

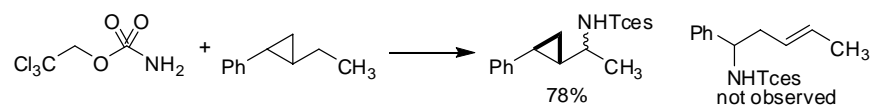
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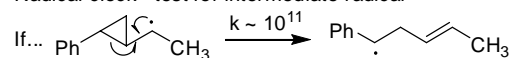
esp-catalyst allows intermolecular amination with the alkane as the limiting reagent. *JACS* **2007** 562.



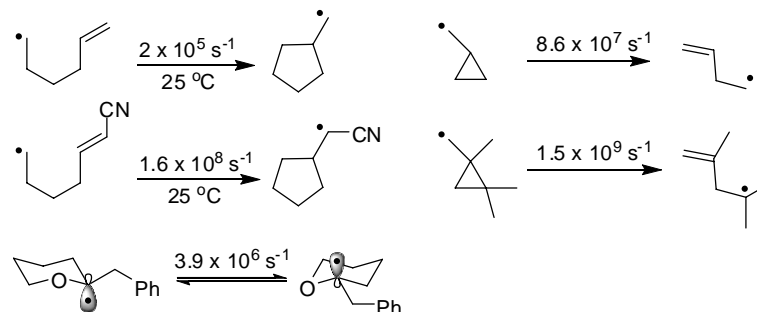
*Note:* Iminoiodinanes are likely precursors to metal nitrenes.



Radical clock - test for intermediate radical



**Other radical clocks.**



Hammett analysis:

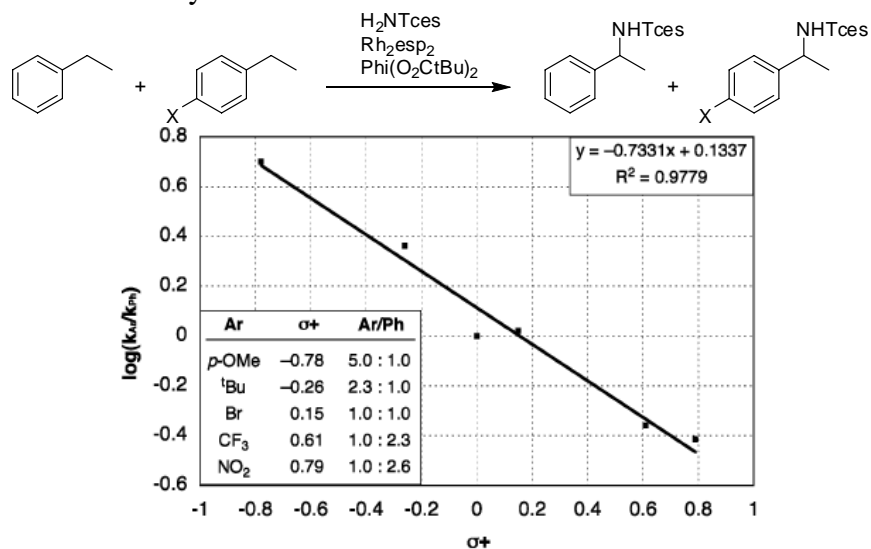
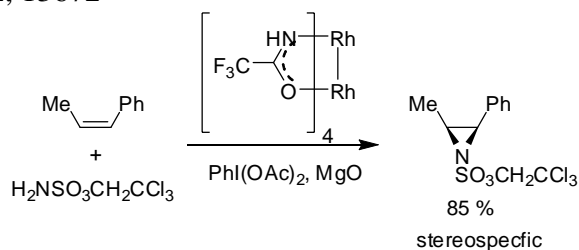


Figure 6. Hammett analysis through competition experiments with *p*-substituted ethylbenzene substrates.

Blatently stolen from : DuBois, J. *JACS* **2007** 562.

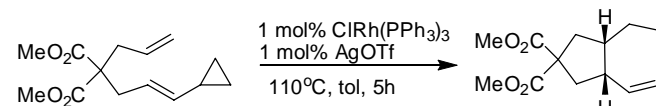
Aziridination. Intramolecular with electron deficient Rh-catalyst. *JACS* **2002**, 13672



Note: The aminating reagent cannot undergo intramolecular C-H insertion.

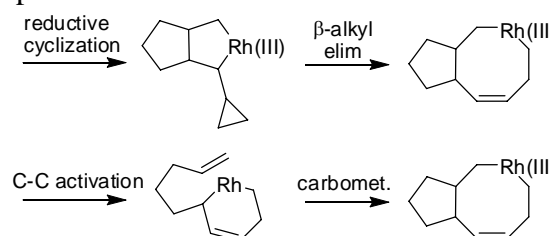
Carbocyclizations.

[5+2] Wender, P. A. *JACS* **1998** 1940. Intermolecular [5+2] *JACS* **1998** 10976.



Note: [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl] is a superior catalyst and (arene)Rh(I) complexes are even better. *ACIE* **2002** 4550.

Mechanistic possibilities.

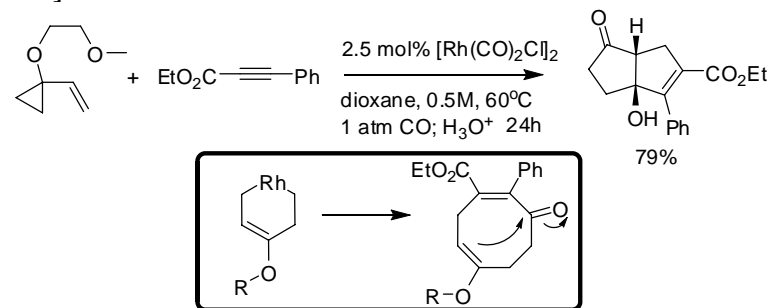


Observation: reaction of vinylcyclopropane with Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl produces an intermediate. Reaction of this intermediate with alkyne produces product.

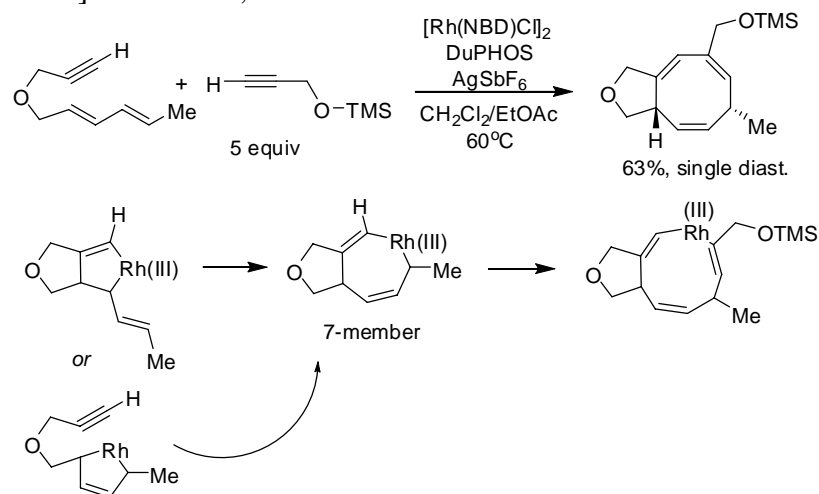
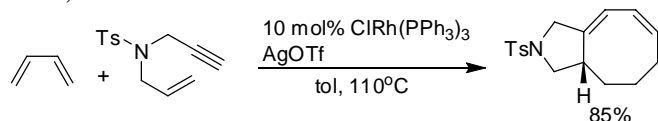
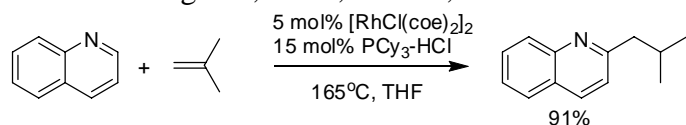
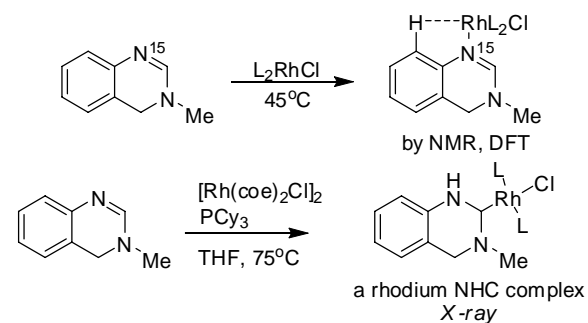
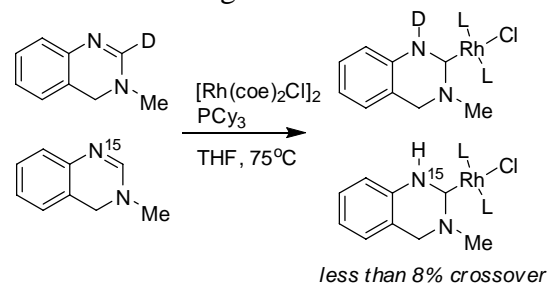
Calculations also support C-C activation-carbometalation-reductive elim. path. Migratory insertion is predicted to be rate-limiting. Houk and Wender *JACS* **2004** 9154.

Many variations, the simplest being...

[5+2+1] Wender *JACS* **2002** 2876.





[4+2+2] Gilbertson, S. *JACS* **2002** 8784.Also, Evans, P. A. *JACS* **2002** 8782.*Note:* Run under an atmosphere of butadiene.**C-H activation** Bergman, R. G.; Ellman, J. *JACS* **2007** 5332*JACS* **2007** 490.Mechanism: Bergman, Ellman, *JACS* **2006** 2452.*Note:* an NHC complex undergoes addition to alkenes, so they might not be such innocent ligands after all.

Reaction is intramolecular.

Summary of mechanism.

