

# Can a Computer Predict Organic Reactions ?

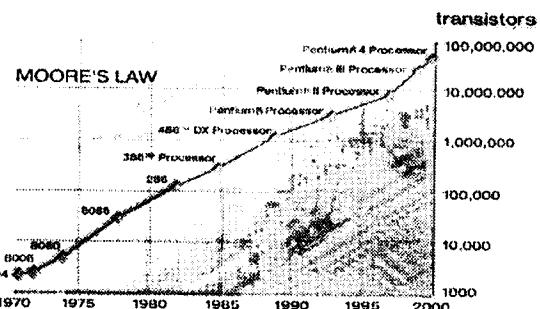
## -*ab initio* molecular dynamics simulation-

### <AT THE BEGINNING>

Recently, drastic progress of computational performance and programs allows us to handle very fast computer easily, even in personal use. With the acute development of CPU power, some new methods of computational chemistry, which is not applicable once ago due to demanding heavy calculation cost, become feasible.

One of the most promising methods is  
**"*ab initio* molecular dynamics (AIMD) simulation"**.  
 It will be very powerful tool for description of dynamics of chemical reaction etc., which is impossible to express by classical methods.

Today I focus on recent mechanistic study using AIMD simulation.



G. Moore (Intel) predicted that the number of transistors per square inch on IC had doubled every year since the IC was invented. This trend would continue for the foreseeable future. In subsequent years, the pace slowed down a bit, but data density has doubled approximately every 18 months.

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## 1. Introduction and Background

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### ▷ Two classical approach in computational chemistry

#### *Molecular Mechanics (MM) Simulation*

- \$ Molecular dynamics (MD)
- \$ Monte Carlo (MC)
- \$ Molecular mechanics (MM)

#### *Molecular Orbital (MO) Calculation*

- \$ empirical, semi-empirical
- \$ ab initio, DFT

> Description of **nucleus, molecule, macrosystem** behavior  
 (Structural optimization, dynamics observation ...)

> **Newton's motion of equation**  
 empirical force field representing interatomic interaction

> **Low-cost calculation**

> **Time-dependent dynamics** could be examined with MD method

> Usually ignores the behavior of electron

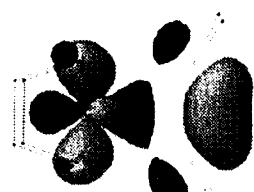
> Description of **electronic state**  
 (Electron density, frontier orbital interaction ...)

> **Shrödinger wave equation**  
 electronic interaction

> **Relatively expensive**  
 for precise, quantitative expression

> Only **static state** could be expressed

> **Transition state** (bond forming/breaking) is expressible



Ab initio molecular dynamics simulation

## ▷ Ab initio molecular dynamics ... ?

Car and Parrinello firstly reported the principle of AIMD method in 1985.

electron → ab initio (DFT) calculation

nucleus → classical treatment (but the potential is based on DFT calculation only)

→ Synchronously calculated on every time step (per 0.1~0.5 fs).

### <Features>

Merit : Both electron state and dynamics are described *under non-zero temperature*

→ Most promising method for computational mechanistic study

The reaction pathway assumption is *not always required*.

→ Possibility of finding alternative reaction pathway.

Demerit : *highly CPU power-demanding*

→ ( System scale is limited to small size  
Time scale is rather short span (~ 10ps) ) → will be improved in the future.

### <For large system application...>

e.g. Chemical reaction in solvent

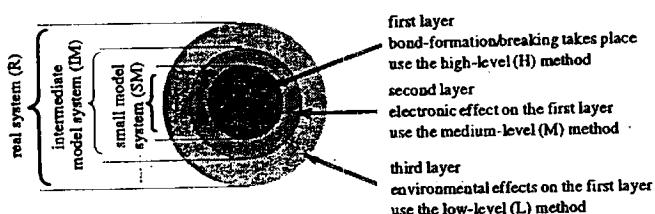
biomolecule (protein, enzyme, etc), metal clusters

Transition metal catalysis (of course, selectivity discussion is one of major interests)

Surface, solid, heterogeneous system

Calculation-cost reduction is inevitable to finish calculation in reasonable span.

- QM/MM hybrid, ONIOM



- Linear-Scaling

- pseudopotential core approximation

etc...

### Reviews for Yamataka/Aida's work

フルマシア. 2004, 40, 111-115

Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 2002, 75, 2555-2569

### Reviews for Meier's work

J. Mol. Catal. A 2000, 160, 189-197

Chem. Soc. Rev. 2003, 32, 151-157

### Other representative review of introduction/application of AIMD simulation

Computing in Science & Engineering 2003, 36-44

Acc. Chem. Res. 2002, 35, 455-464

QSAR 2002, 21, 119-127

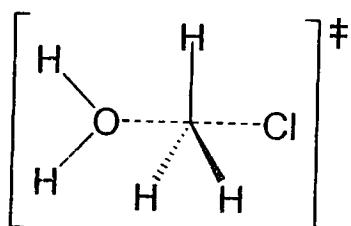
## 2. Ab initio MD for small reaction system

Chem. Phys. Lett. 1998, 292, 474-480

Ab initio molecular dynamics simulations on the hydrolysis of methyl chloride with explicit consideration of three water molecules

Misako Aida <sup>a\*</sup>, Hiroshi Yamataka <sup>b</sup>, Michel Dupuis <sup>c</sup>

### ▷ Model Reaction : Hydrolysis of CH<sub>3</sub>Cl (S<sub>N</sub>2-type)



This transition state model is not proper.  
Solvent effect is completely ignored.

( Nu(H<sub>2</sub>O) proton is transferred by solvent network.  
L (Cl<sup>-</sup>) is solvated and stabilized. )



> In this report, n=3 model is adopted.

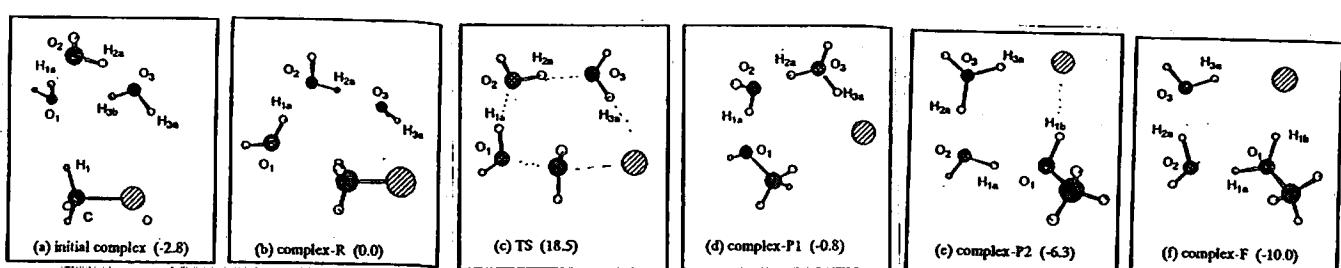
( their previous MO study shows... )

- n=13 is enough to reproduce various experimental factors.

- n= 3 is minimum model that shows hydrogen-bonding network, proton shuttle behavior. )

### ▷ Calculation

#### Step 1 : Minimize energy of stationary structures



> HF / 6-31G level.

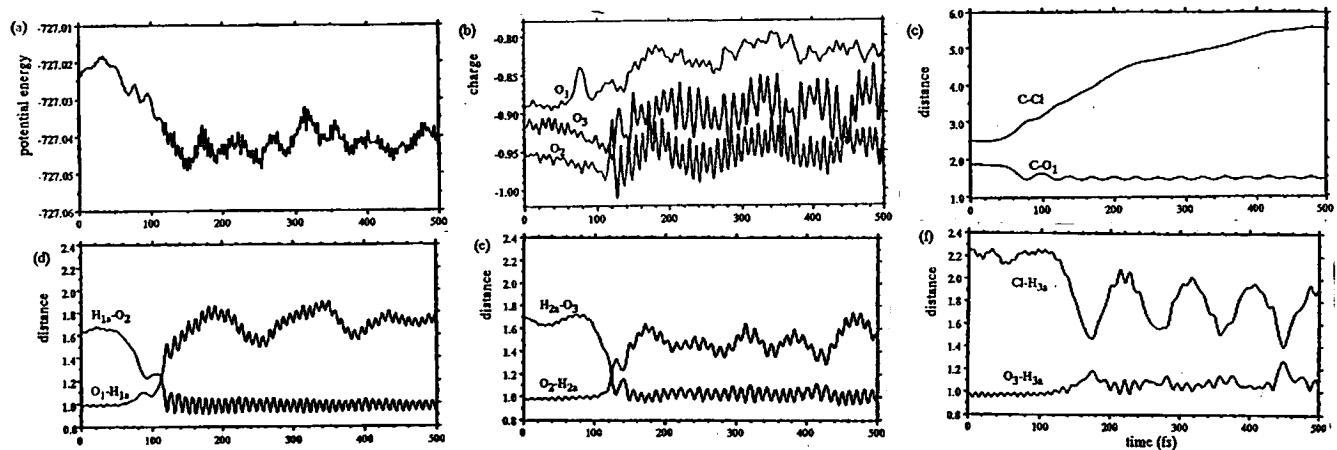
> IRC pathway was also calculated. → TS(c) connects complex-R(b) and complex-P1(d)

#### Step 2 : Ab initio MD simulations @298K (9 trajectories)

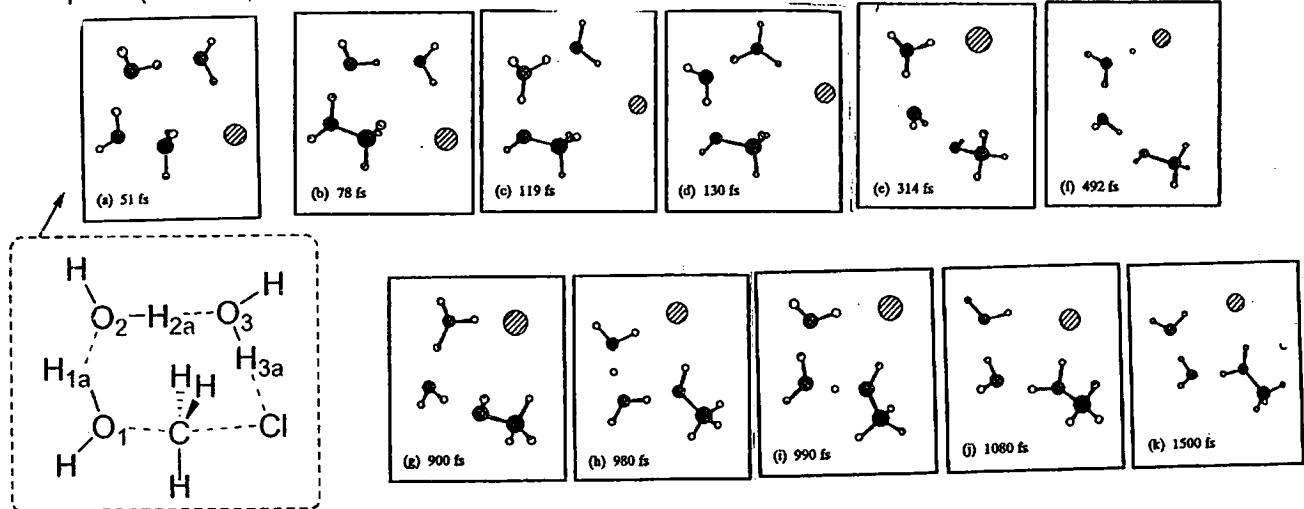
> Simulation was started from TS(c), with different initial velocity following Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution.

→ 3 / 9 : go back to reactant complex-R(b)  
6 / 9 : proceed to product states.

> Behavior of one trajectory toward product state (case-1)

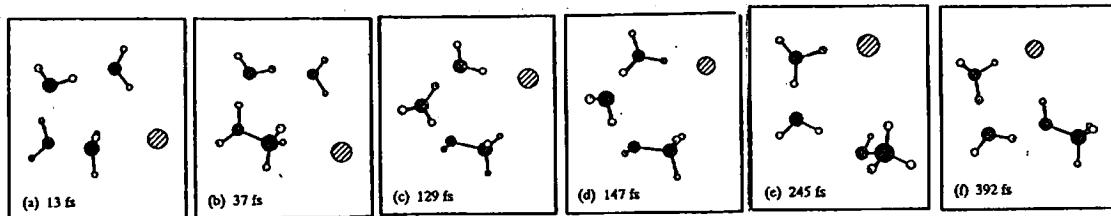


> Snapshot (case-1)



@~130 fs : complex-P1 → @~500 fs : complex-P2 → @~1100 fs : complex-F

> Snapshot (case-2)

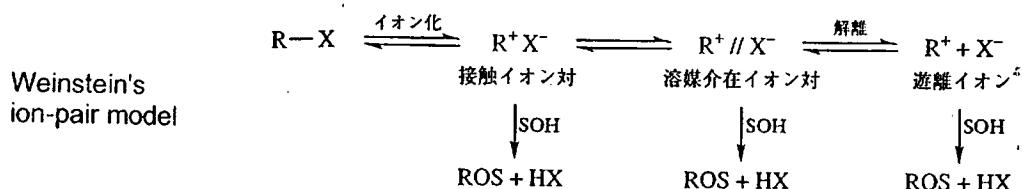


@~140 fs : complex-P1 → @~390 fs : complex-P2



Dynamic simulation might give different product that predicted by IRC analysis.

## ▷ Model Reaction : Hydrolysis of $t$ BuCl ( $S_N1$ - type)

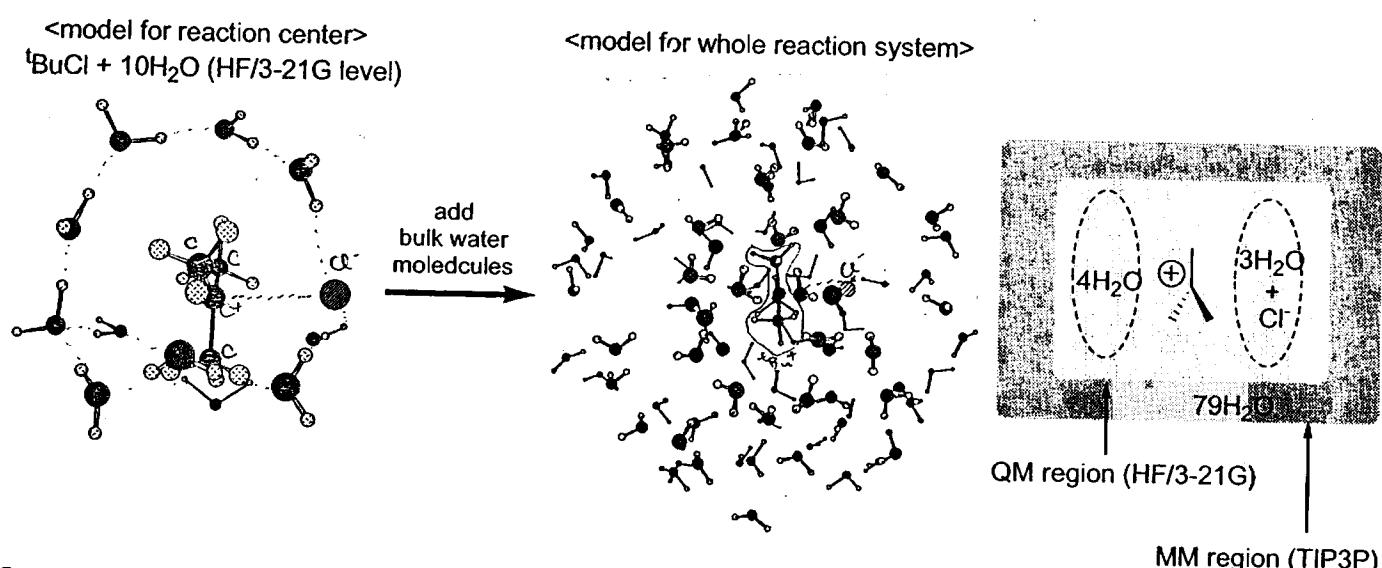


Also important to deal with large amount of solvent molecule around the ion pair.

↓  
QM/MM method

## ▷ Calculation

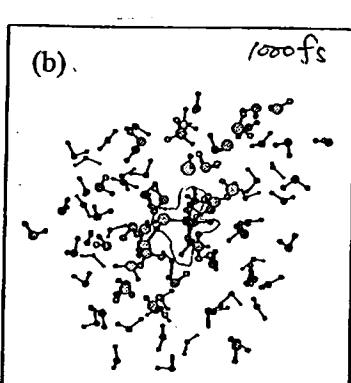
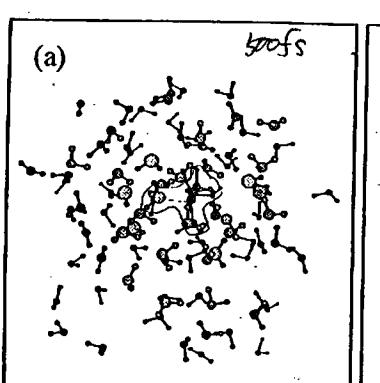
Step 1 : Optimization of local minimum structure of contact ion pair



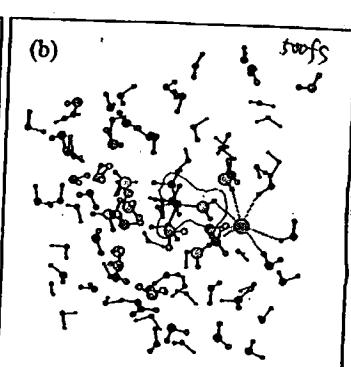
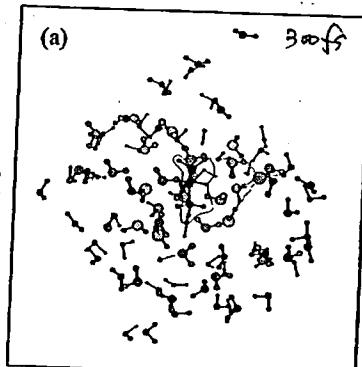
Step 2 : QM/MM-MD simulation (14 trajectories)

5 / 14 : go back to reactant

6 / 14 : inversion  $S_N1$



3 / 14 : retention  $S_N1$



Analysis of borderline substitution/electron transfer pathways from direct ab initio MD simulations

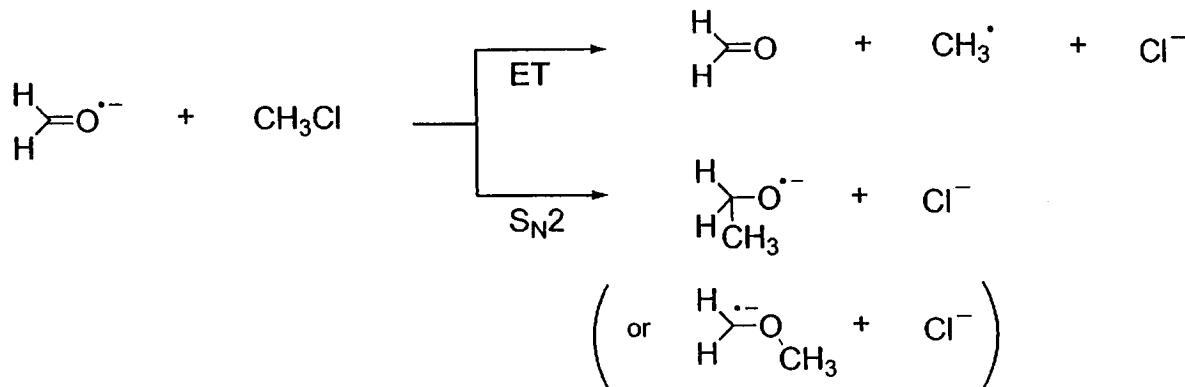
Hiroshi Yamataka <sup>a,1</sup>, Misako Aida <sup>b,\*</sup>, Michel Dupuis <sup>a,2</sup>

*Ab initio* molecular dynamics studies on substitution vs electron transfer reactions of substituted ketyl radical anions with chloroalkanes: how do the two products form in a borderline mechanism?

Hiroshi Yamataka,<sup>1\*</sup> Misako Aida<sup>2,\*</sup> and Michel Dupuis<sup>2\*</sup>

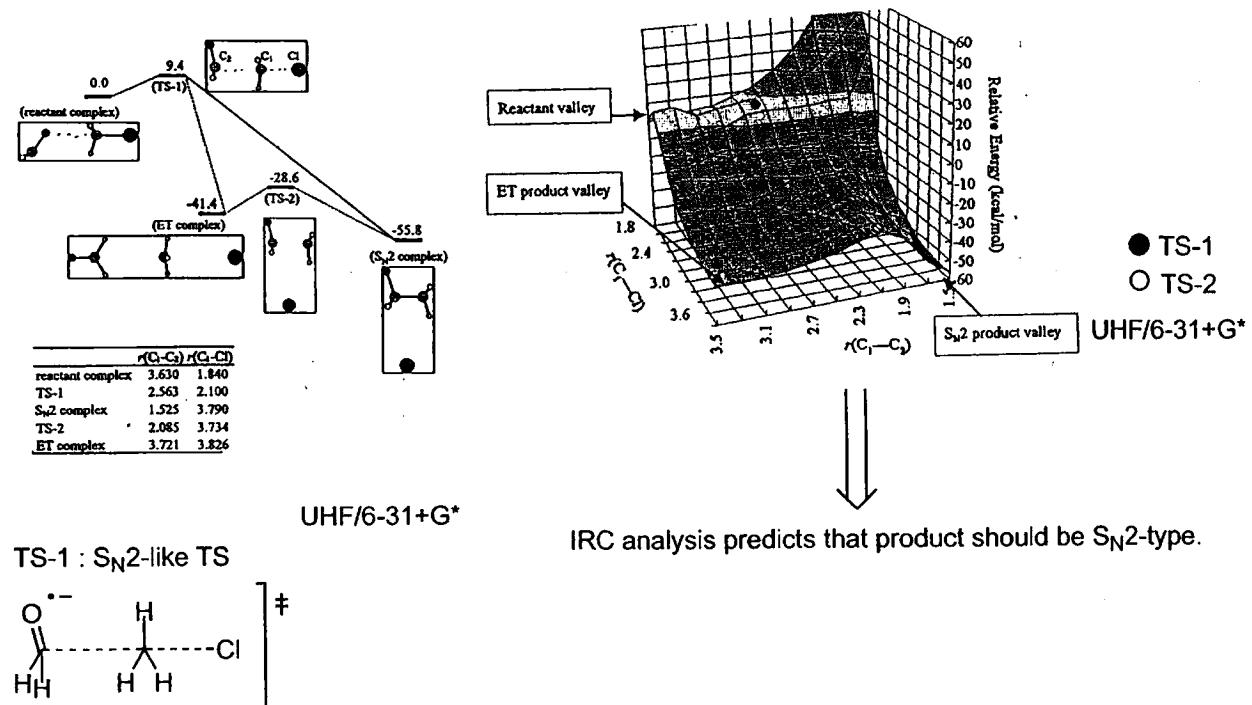
Borderline reaction ... the reaction proceeds via a region mechanistically intermediate between two extremes.  
usually very difficult to investigate by simple experimental methods.

## ▷ Model Reaction : S<sub>N</sub>2 / ET competition reaction

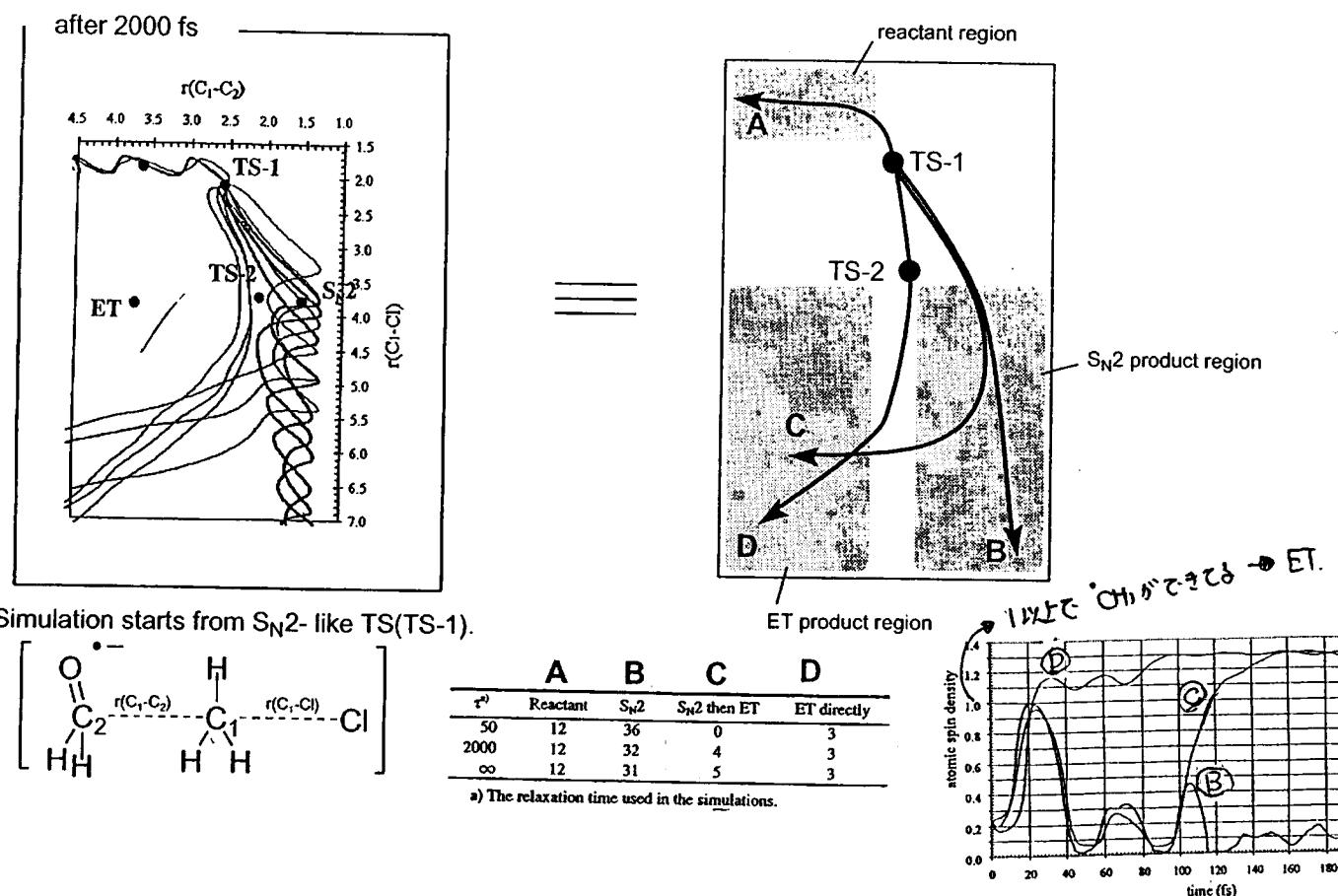


## ▷ Calculation

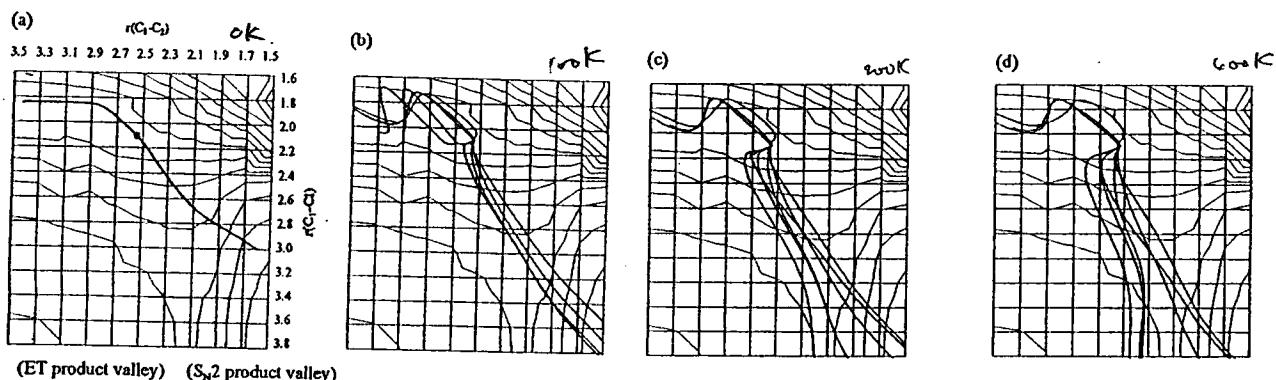
Step 1 : Energy optimization of stationary state and calculation of PES & IRC



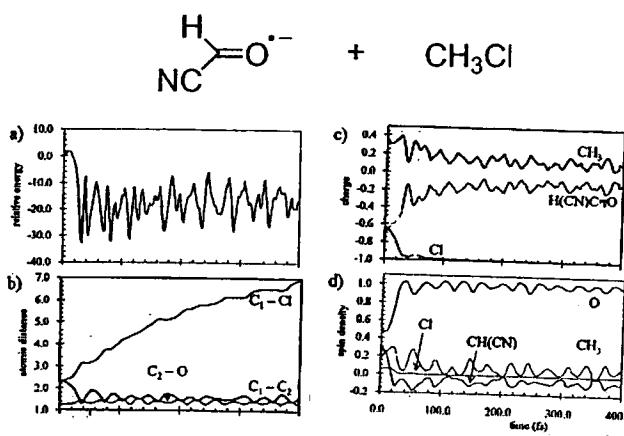
## Step 2 : Ab initio MD simulation @ 298K (50 trajectories)



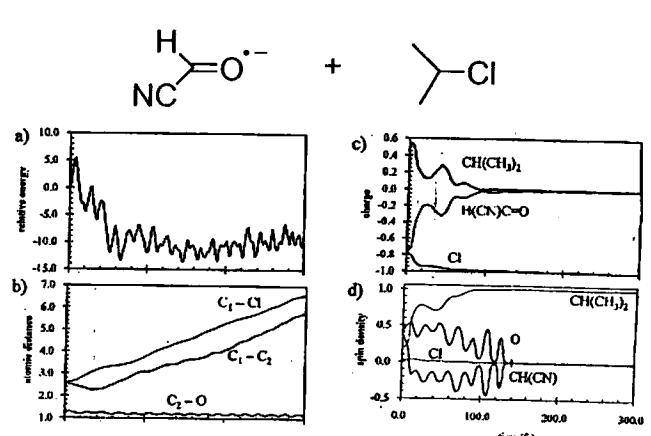
## Step 3 : Temperature effect



## Step 4 : Substrate effect (UHF/6-31+G\* ; @298K)



Product is all S<sub>N</sub>2 type.

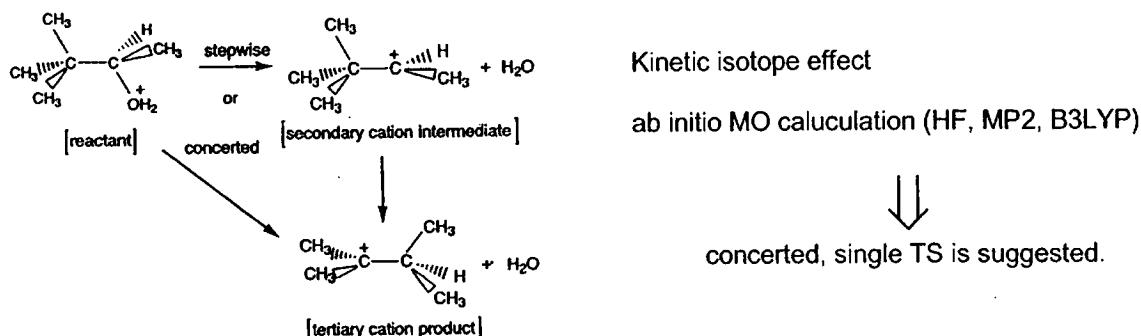


Product is all ET type.  
But product is all S<sub>N</sub>2 type @100K.

## Dynamics-Driven Reaction Pathway in an Intramolecular Rearrangement

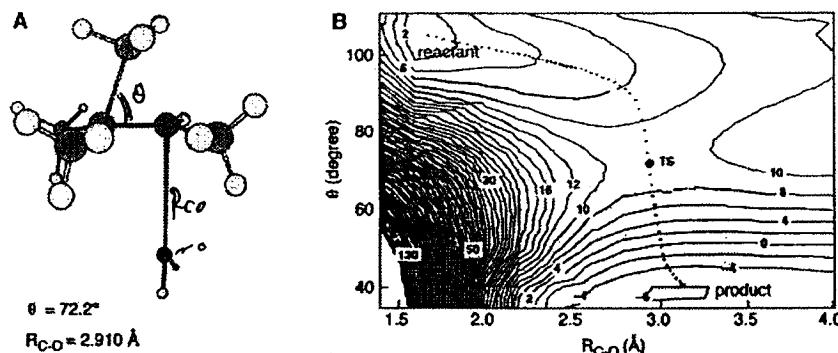
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### ► Model Reaction : Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement



### ► Calculation

Step 1 : Energy optimization of stationary state and calculation of PES & IRC

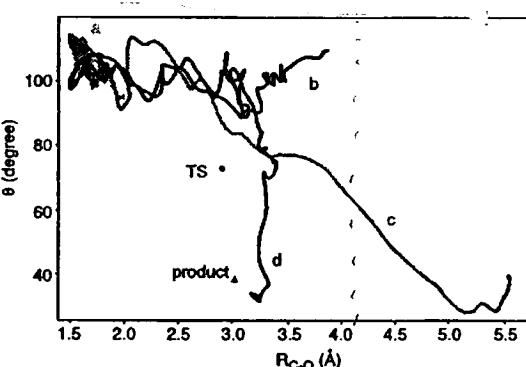


IRC analysis also shows concerted pathway, only single TS.

Fig. 1. (A) Gas phase TS structure and (B) potential energy contour map for the pinacolyl-OH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> rearrangement calculated at HF/6-31G\*. The numbers are the potential energy (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) relative to the reactant. The dotted line is the IRC path.

Step 2 : Ab initio MD simulation (50 trajectories ; HF/6-31G\*)

Fig. 2. Four different types of trajectories observed in the simulations. (a) Trajectories that stayed in the reactant region, (b) those that gave the secondary carbocation intermediate, (c) those that gave the rearranged product in a concerted manner, and (d) those that gave the rearranged product in a stepwise manner.



> starts from reactant species

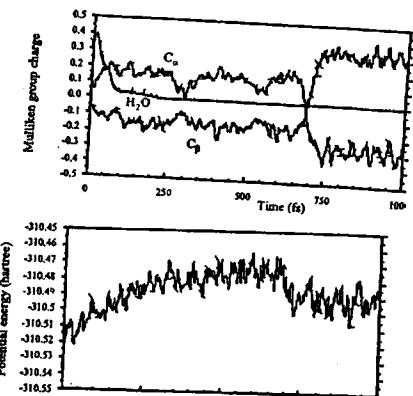
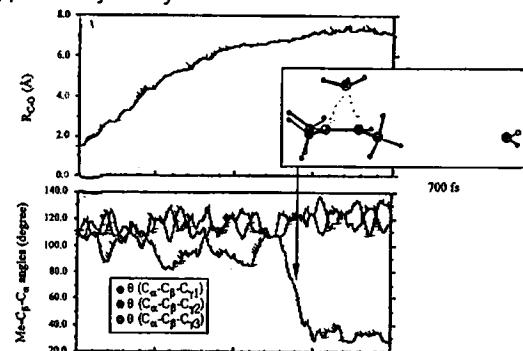
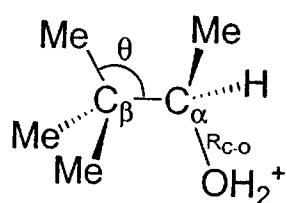
@ 400K after 500 fs

- a(28/50) : back to reactant
- b(20/50) : secondary carbocation
- c(1/50) : product via concerted path
- d(1/50) : product via stepwise path

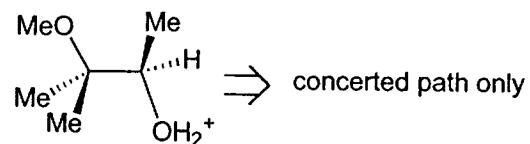
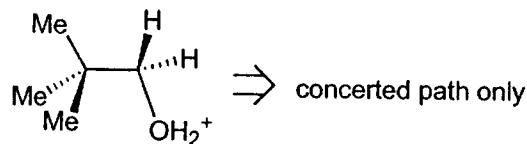
> longer simulation was carried out for type-b trajectories

- 7/20 : rearrangement
- 8/20 : stay in secondary-carbocation region
- 5/20 : back to reactant

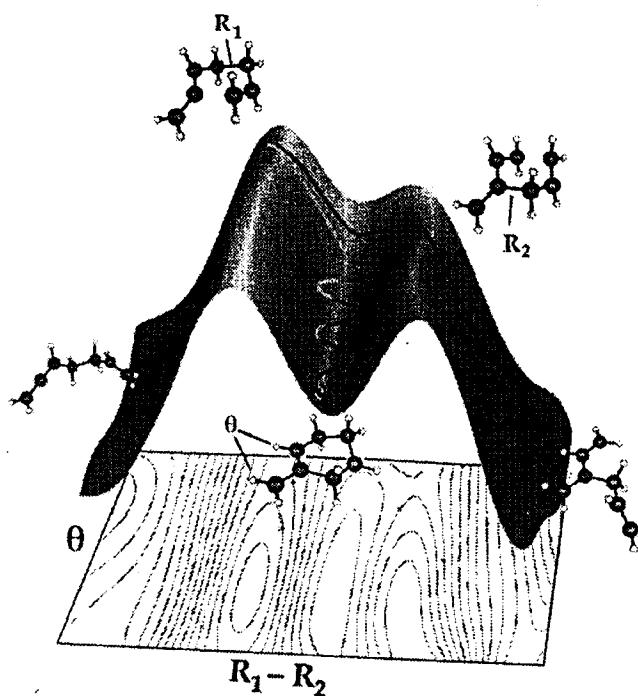
> Behavior example of type-b trajectory



Step 3 : Substrate effect (@400K; HF/6-31G\*)



Ab initio MD simulation has a great possibility for discovery of new pathway.



### 3. Ab initio MD for transition metal catalysis

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1994, 116, 7274-7281

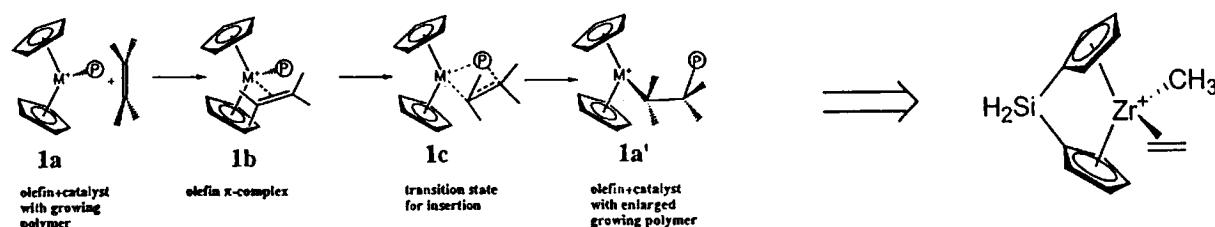
#### Ab Initio Molecular Dynamics Study of Metallocene-Catalyzed Ethylene Polymerization

Robert J. Meler,<sup>1</sup> Gerard H. J. van Dorenack,<sup>1</sup> Simona Iariori,<sup>1</sup> and Francesco Budà<sup>2</sup>

First report of utilization of ab initio MD simulation to mechanistic study on transition metal catalysis

#### ► Model Reaction : Alkene insertion on olefin polymerization catalyst

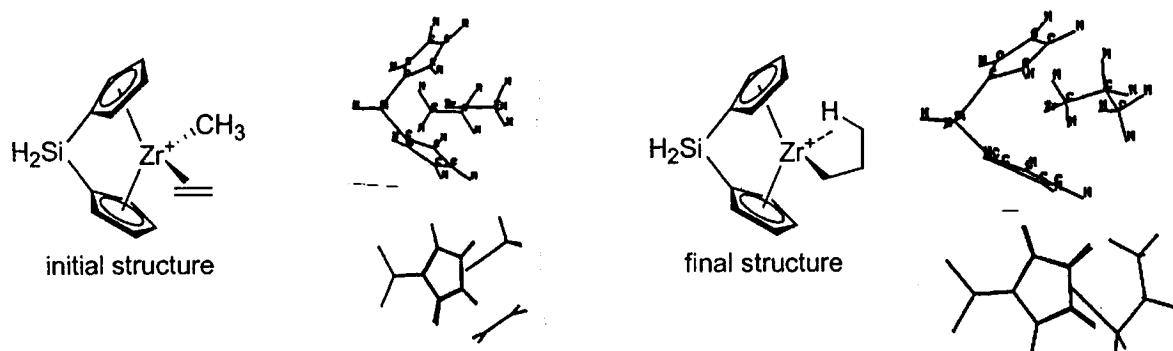
-proposed mechanism-



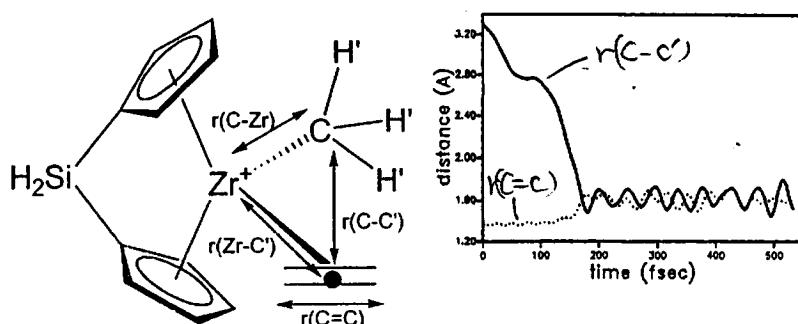
#### ► Calculation

##### Step 1 : Energy optimization of stationary state

> Structure is optimized based on Car-Parrinello AIMD method (DFT level)

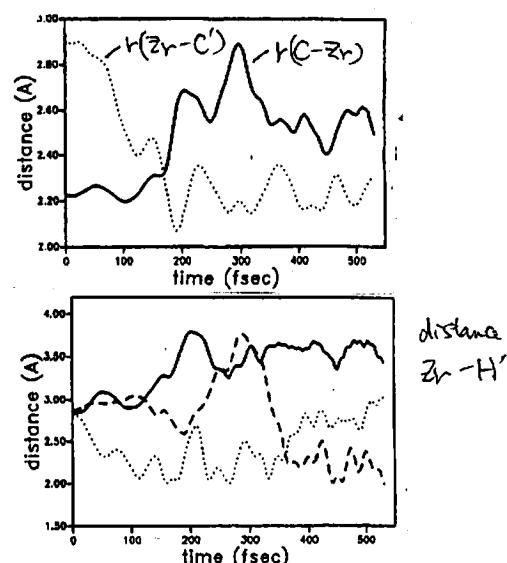


##### Step 2 : Ab initio MD @ 400K (DFT level)



70~170 fs : insertion occurred.

unexpectedly fast! → because of initial structure choice?



100 fs~: distance between one of H' and Zr is  $< 2.5 \text{ \AA}$  → γ-agostic interaction is observed.

HOMO transfer is observed during insertion step.

Zr-C bond (initial state) → one of Cp ring (170fs) → propyl α-carbon (final state)

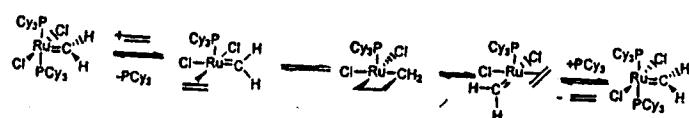
Ruthenium-Catalyzed Olefin Metathesis: A Quantum Molecular Dynamics Study

This work supports Grubbs' mechanistic study.  
(J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1997, 119, 3887)

Olav M. Aagaard,<sup>†</sup> Robert J. Meier,<sup>\*,†</sup> and Francesco Buda<sup>‡</sup>

## ► Model Reaction : Ru-catalyzed olefin metathesis

<Proposed mechanism by Grubbs>



~ keypoint of Grubbs' proposal ~

\$ activity : bisphosphine complex << monophosphine complex

bulkier phosphine favor the ligand dissociation.

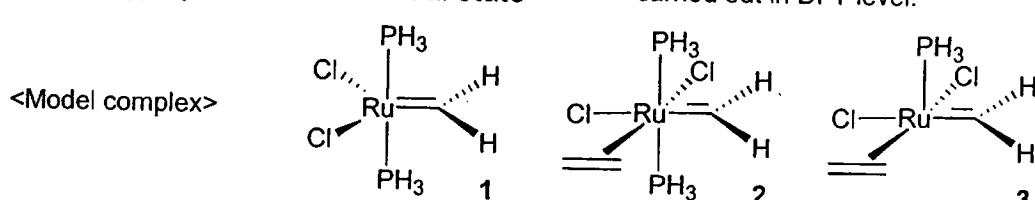
bisphosphine complex has weak metathesis activity

\$ ethylene coordination site is cis to carbene

\$ R=CH<sub>2</sub> bond should rotate 90° in order to react with ethylene

## ► Calculation

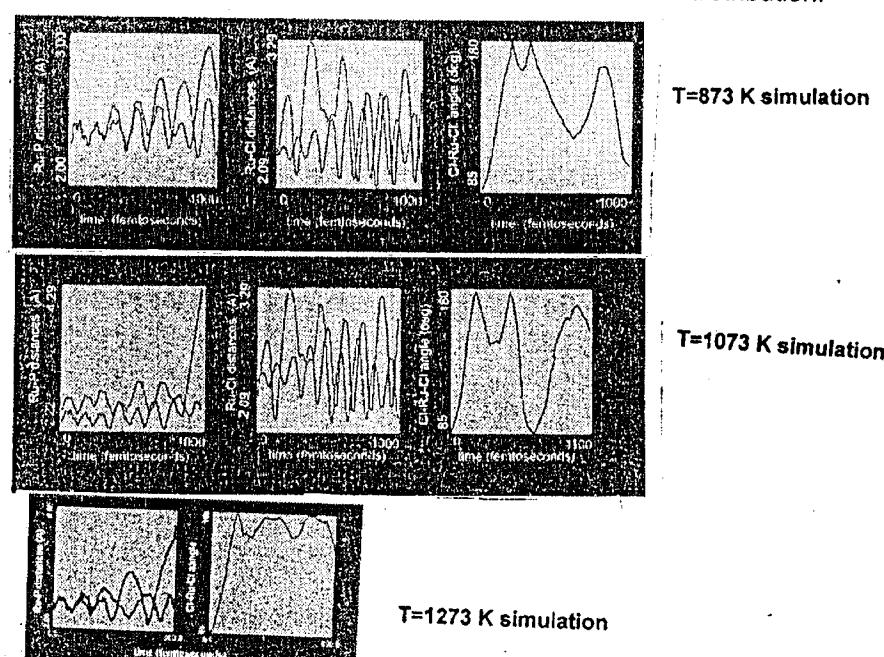
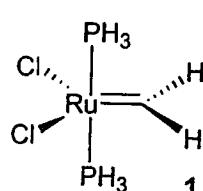
Step 1 : Energy optimization of initial state → carried out in DFT level.



Step 2 : Ab initio MD simulation of complex 1 under high temperature

In this study, simulation is carried out under relatively high temperature condition.

→ To express the molecular behavior at the high-end tail of Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution.

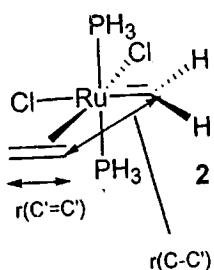


T= 1073K, 1273K : one of Ru-P length become >4 Å at ~1000fs  
→ one PH<sub>3</sub> ligand dissociated under high temp. condition.

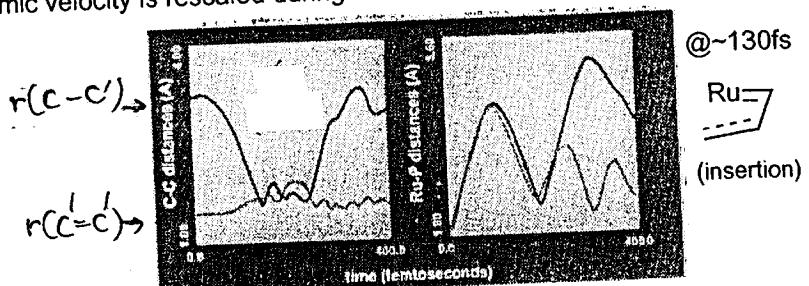
During the simulation, Ru=CH<sub>2</sub> double bond easily rotated.

### Step 3 : Ab initio MD simulation of complex 2

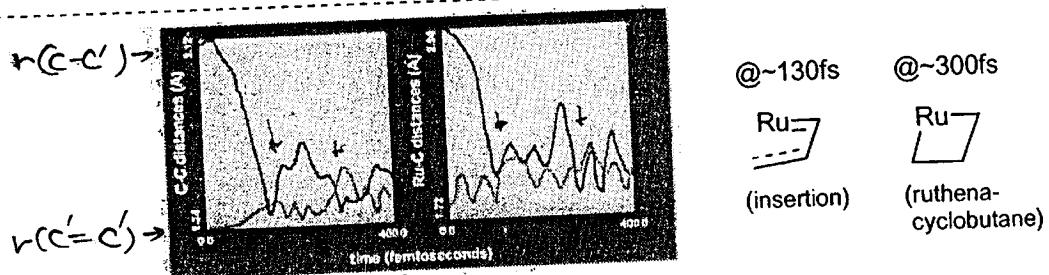
In these studies, initial molecular energy is concentrated in the form of Ru-P bond compression.  
 → For selective bond activation. Atomic velocity is rescaled during first femtoseconds to limit whole energy.



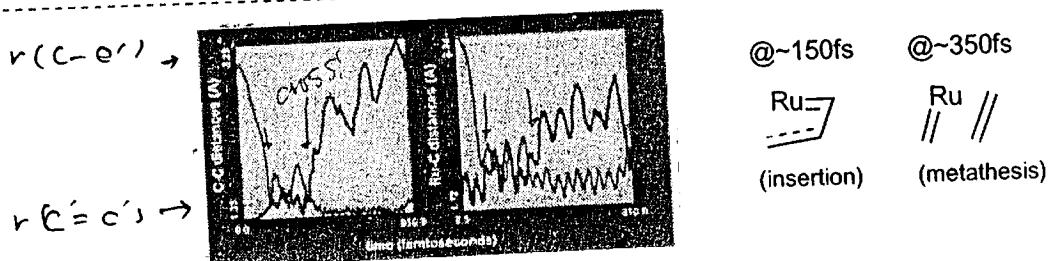
$T=400 \pm 40\text{K}$



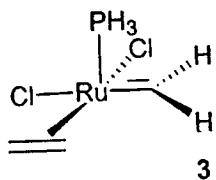
$T=400 \pm 250\text{K}$



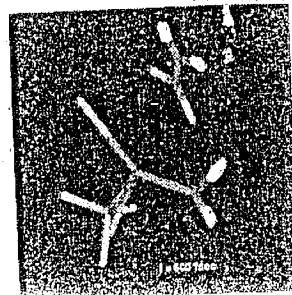
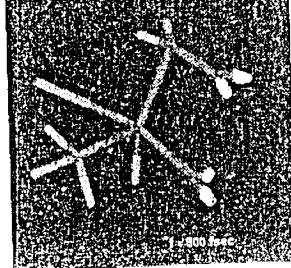
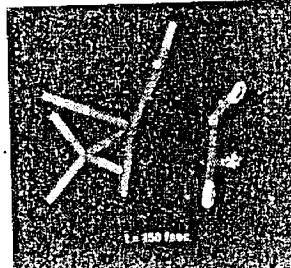
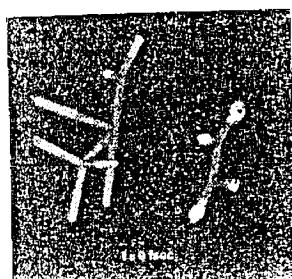
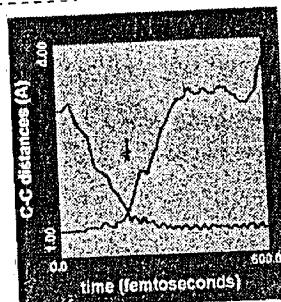
$T=400 \pm 500\text{K}$



### Step 4 : Ab initio MD simulation of complex 3



initial  $T=0\text{K}$  (Ru-P bond is compressed)



# Appendix

## ▷ QM calculation

<一般的記法>

calc. method / basis set // calc. method / basis set

energy

structure

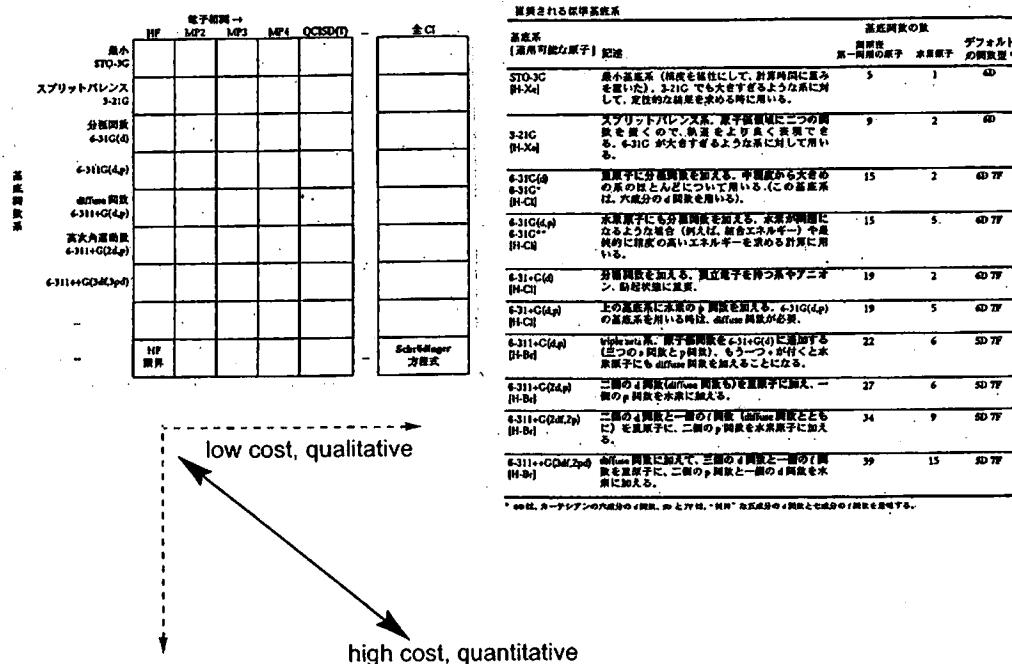
(例) MP4 / 6-311G(3df,2dp) // RHF / 6-31G(d,p)

→ 6-31G(d,p)基底を用いたRestricted HF法により構造を決定  
得られた構造を基に、6-311G(3df,2dp)基底を用いたMP4法によりエネルギーを計算

<計算に要する相対コスト>

approximation	reliability	size dependency	no. of non-H atoms	N = 基底関数の数 ( $\propto$ 電子数)
<i>ab initio MO methods</i>				
CCSD(T)/QZDP	quantitative (ca. 2 kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$N^6$	several	
MP2/DZP	semi-quantitative	$N^4$	ca. 50	
DFT(B3LYP)/DZP	semi-quantitative	$N^3$	ca. 200	
HF/DZ	qualitative	$N^3$	ca. 400	
<i>semi-empirical MO methods</i>				
AM1, PM3, MNDO	semi-qualitative	$N^{(2-3)}$	1000s	
<i>classical force field methods</i>				
Amber, Charmm, MM3	semi-qualitative	$N^{(1-2)}$	$ca. 10^5$	

<汎用基底関数系>



## ▷ Potential energy surface / Intrinsic reaction coordinate

PES (ポテンシャルエネルギー面)

反応座標(RC)の変化に対応する系のエネルギー変化をプロットしたもの。

実際は多次元だが、反応に密接に関わる結合の距離や角度だけを変数にし、見やすいように2次元もしくは3次元にプロットすることが多い。

IRC (極限的反応座標)

反応システムがPESの上を極微小のエネルギー変化を受けて

進んだときに通る反応経路。最もポテンシャルエネルギーの低い谷間を通る道のり。

遷移状態(TS)はIRCに沿った方向に対してはエネルギーの極大点だが

他の方向に対しては全てエネルギー極小点になっている。(PESの鞍点がTSになる)

