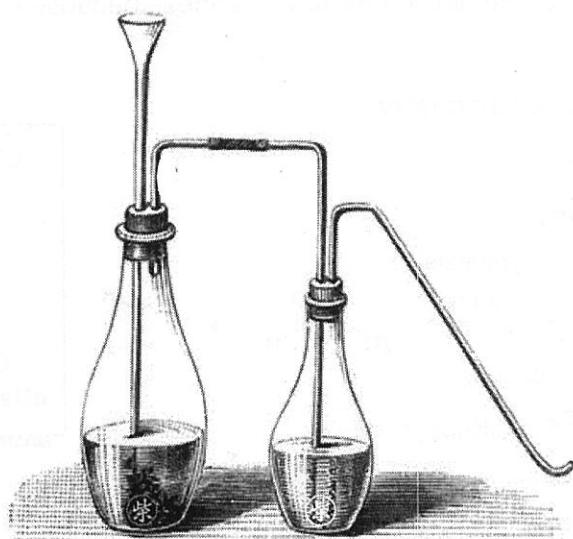


## Catalytic Hydrogenative C-C Bond Formation



*Preparing hydrogen.*

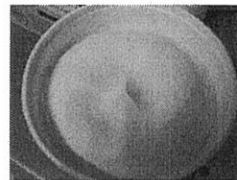
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## Chapter 0. Introduction

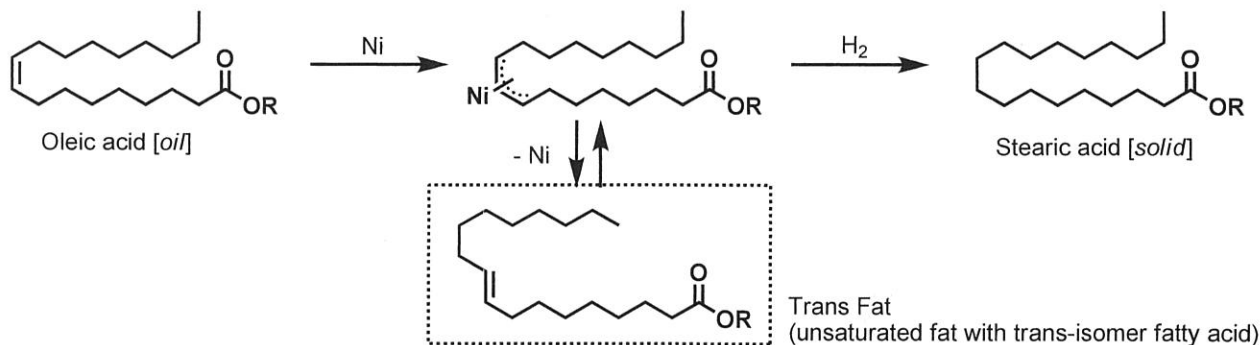
### Trans Fat Problem

- Trans Fat
- Substance in margarine, shortening, etc
  - Byproduct made throughout the manufacturing process
  - Potential risk of coronary heart disease (CHD)



- ☑ Hydrogenation is used in the manufacturing process of margarine.

ex) Hydrogenation of oleic acid



- ☑ Hydrogenation has solved several problems in food market.

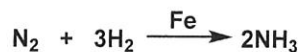


Hydrogenation can be applied for food business because of its **efficiency**.

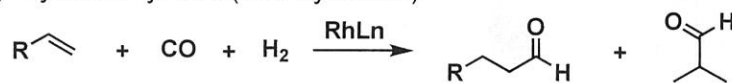
### Industrial Hydrogenation

Hydrogenation is **True Green Chemistry**.

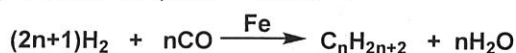
ex1) Haber-Bosch Process



ex2) Hydroformylation (Oxo Synthesis)



ex3) Fischer-Tropsch Process



#### Efficiency

- Excellent Atom Economy
- High Cost-Effectiveness
- Step Economy



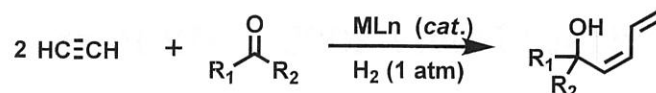
**Creating C-C bond through effective catalytic hydrogenation**

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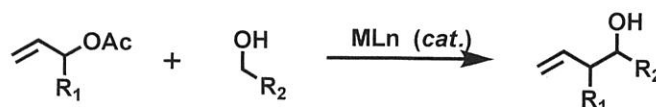
~ Catalytic Hydrogenative C-C Bond Formation ~

#### Chapter 1. Krische's Work

#### Chapter 2. H<sub>2</sub>-Mediated Coupling of Acetylene



#### Chapter 3. Catalytic Allylation via Auto-Transfer Hydrogenation



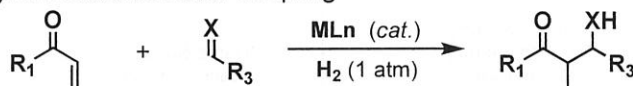
#### Chapter 4. Conclusion

## Chapter 1. Krische's Work

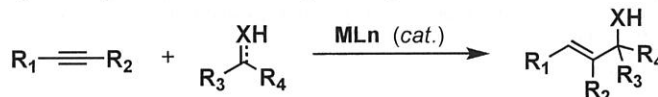
Krische group mainly focuses on "**Metal(Rh, Ir, Ru)-Catalyzed Hydrogenative C-C Bond Formation**".

### Three Important Pillars in Krische group

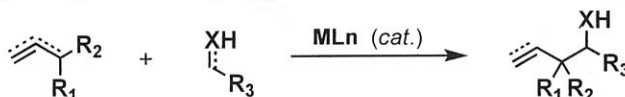
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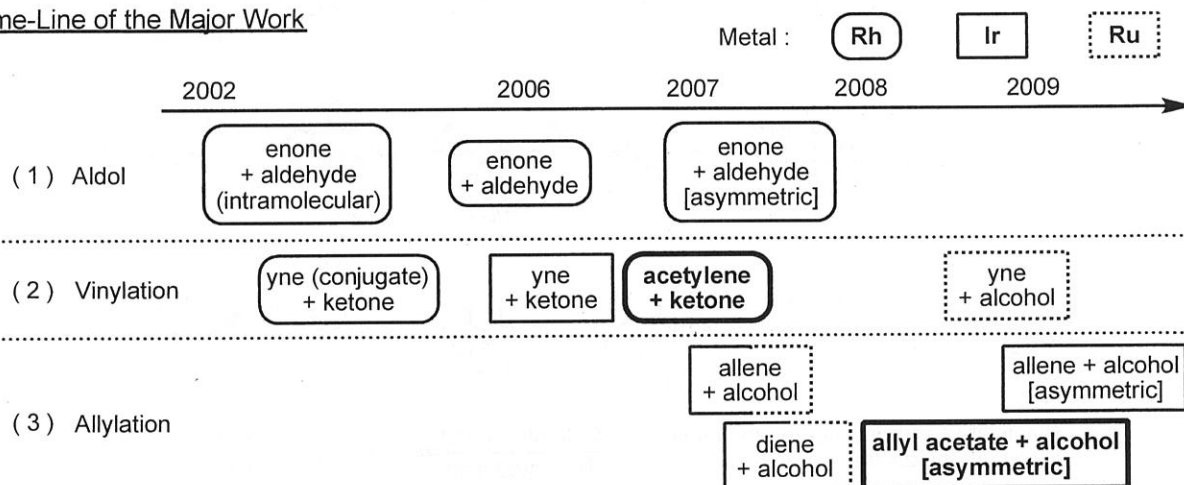
(2) Catalytic Vinylation of Carbonyl Compounds via Transfer Hydrogenation



(3) Catalytic Allylation / Propargylation from the Alcohol Oxidation Level



### Time-Line of the Major Work



⇒ Let me focus on { H<sub>2</sub>-Mediated Coupling of Acetylene (Chapter 2.)  
Catalytic Allylation via Auto-Transfer Hydrogenation (Chapter 3.)

### Review

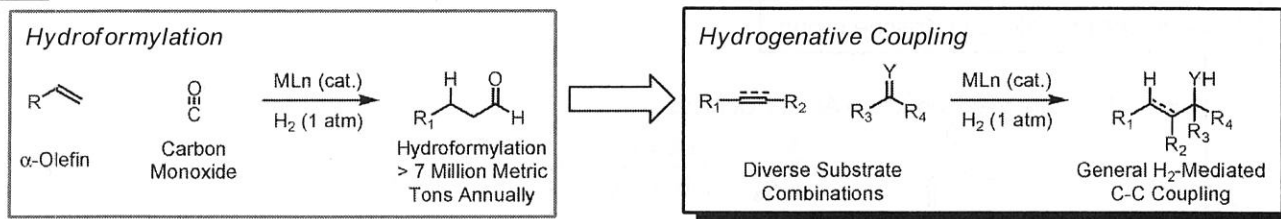
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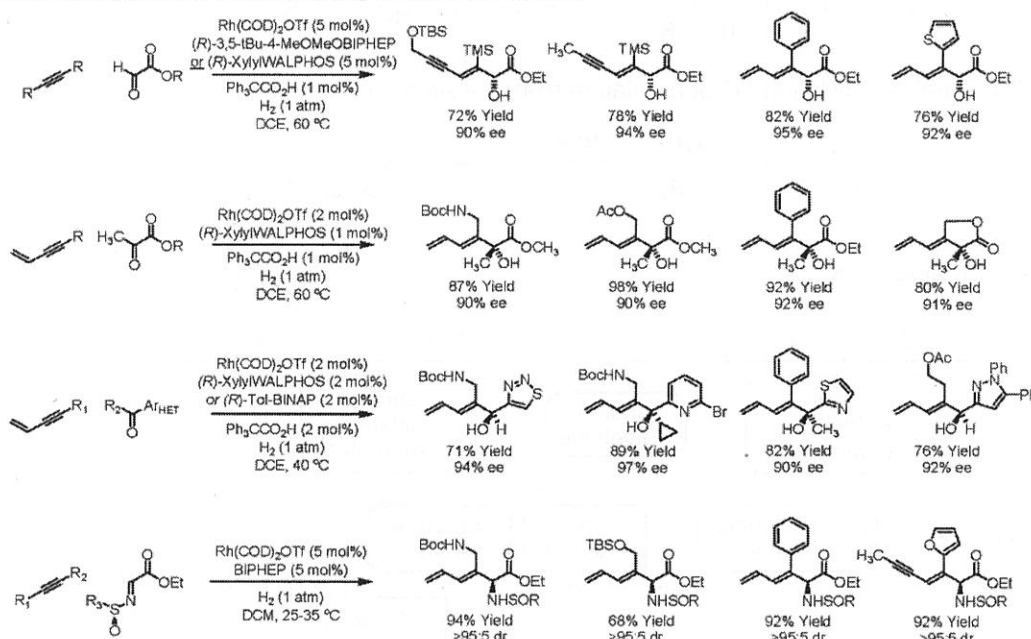
2-1. Background

Idea



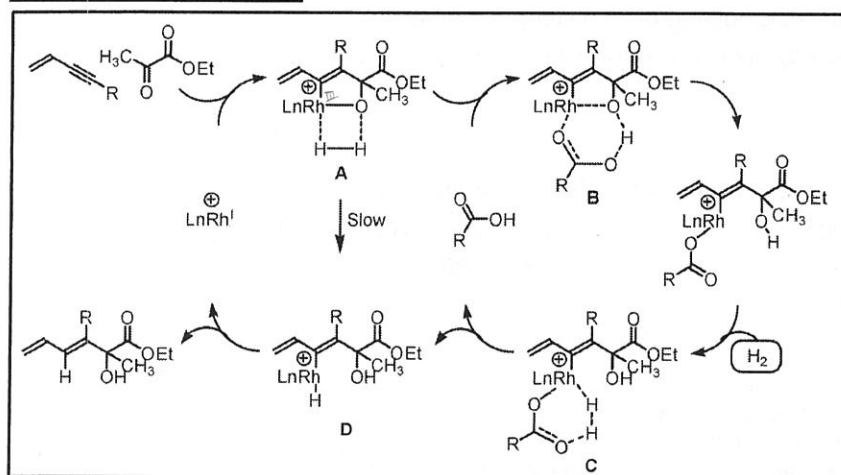
Data so far

SCHEME 7. Asymmetric Hydrogenative Coupling of Conjugated Alkynes to Activated Carbonyl Compounds and Imines: A Step toward Hydrogenative Reactions Involving  $\alpha$ -Olefins and Styrenes

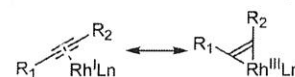


Substrate : { activated carbonyl compound / imine  
conjugated alkyne }  $\xrightarrow[\text{Brønsted acid}]{\text{Cationic Rh cat.}}$  Result : { moderate yield  
high ee }

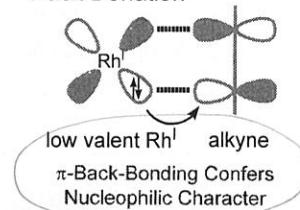
Proposed Mechanism



Rh catalyst coordinated to alkyne

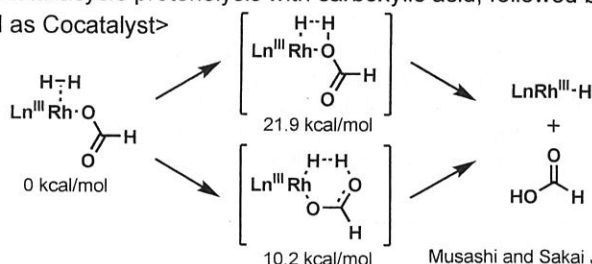


Back Donation



A - D : H<sub>2</sub> oxidative addition through high energetic four-centered transition state

A - B - C - D : metallacycle protonolysis with carboxylic acid, followed by hydrogenolysis of rhodium carboxylate  
<Brønsted Acid as Cocatalyst>

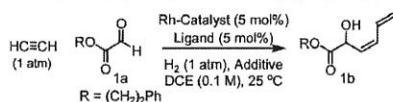


Six-centered TS (C) is favorable and rhodium hydride is formed.

## 2-2. Hydrogenative (Z)-Butadienylation Using Acetylene

### Optimization

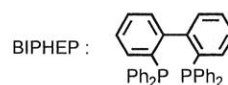
**Table 1.** Optimization of the Hydrogen-Mediated Reductive Coupling of Acetylene and Phenethyl Glyoxalate<sup>a</sup>



entry	Rh catalyst	ligand	additive	1b yield%
1	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> OTf	BIPHEP	TPAA (Ph <sub>3</sub> CCO <sub>2</sub> H)	32
2	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> OTf	BIPHEP		17
3	[RhCl(cod)] <sub>2</sub>	BIPHEP	TPAA	not observed
4	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	BIPHEP	TPAA	41
5	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> SbF <sub>6</sub>	BIPHEP	TPAA	51
6	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> BARF	BIPHEP	TPAA	52
7	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> SbF <sub>6</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	TPAA	not observed
8	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> SbF <sub>6</sub>	DPPE	TPAA	not observed
9	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> SbF <sub>6</sub>	<i>rac</i> -BINAP	TPAA	29
10	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> SbF <sub>6</sub>	BIPHEP	TPAA-Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>b</sup>	59
11	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> SbF <sub>6</sub>	BIPHEP	TPAA-Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>b,c</sup>	68

<sup>a</sup> Cited yields are of pure isolated material. TPPA = triphenylacetic acid. For entry 7, 10 mol % of PPh<sub>3</sub> was used. See Supporting Information for detailed experimental procedures. <sup>b</sup> Two equivalents of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> were added. <sup>c</sup> Loading of TPAA is 7.5 mol %.

Rh source, phosphine ligand and additive are examined.



Entry 1, 2 : Acid is essential.

Entry 1, 3 - 6 : The rhodium(I) counterion plays a decisive role.

Entry 7 - 9 : Screening of standard phosphine ligands

Entry 10, 11 : Adding Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> as a dehydrating reagent

Afterward, Rh counteranion is changed.



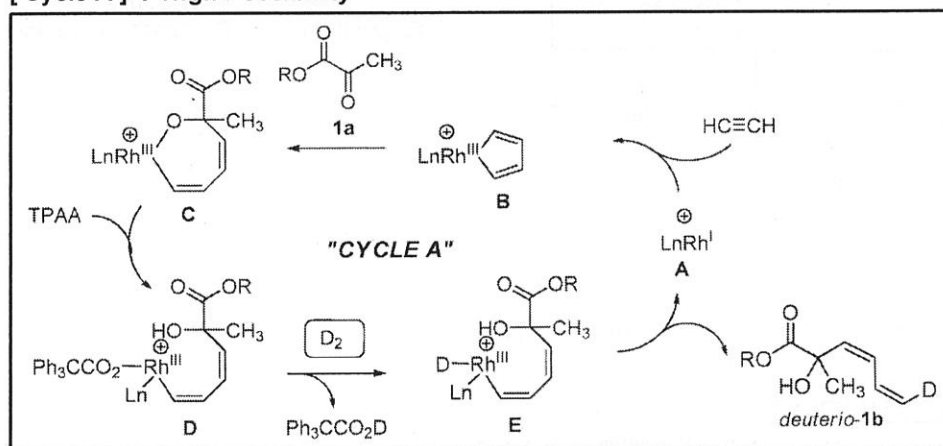
solubility      small      <      large

### Proposed Two Catalytic Cycles

There seem to be two possible catalytic mechanisms shown below.

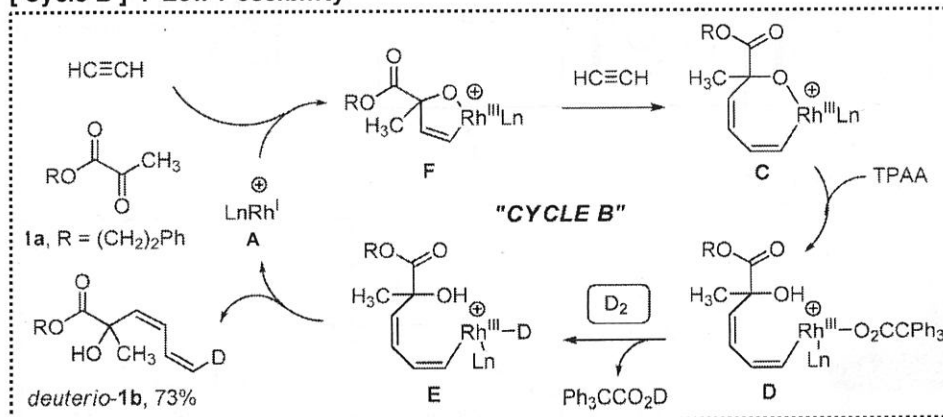
**Scheme 1.** Hydrogen-Mediated Coupling of Acetylene to Pyruvate 1a (TPAA = Ph<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H) and Plausible Catalytic Cycles A and B Consistent with the Results of Deuterium Labeling

#### [ Cycle A ] : High Possibility



A - B - C : acetylene dimerization to form a cationic rhodacyclopentadien, then carbonyl insertion

#### [ Cycle B ] : Low Possibility



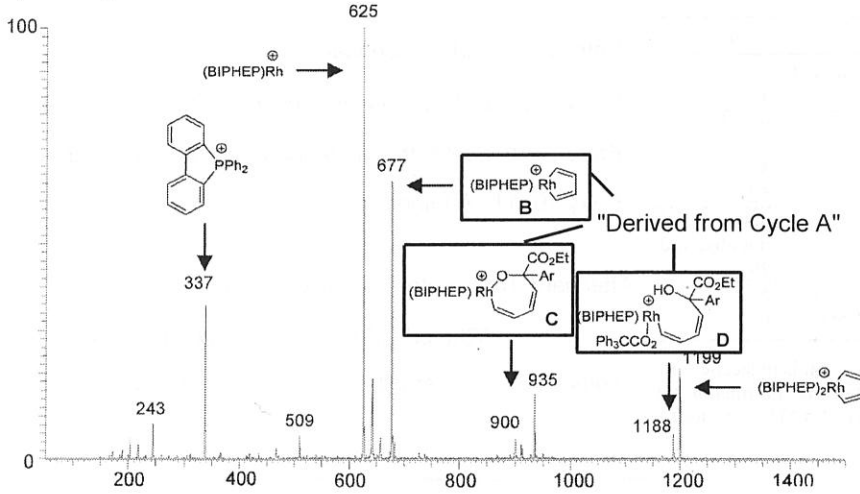
A - F - C : acetylene - carbonyl oxidative coupling, then insertion of a second acetylene

Mechanistic Study

Purpose { Support for Cycle A  
Excluding the Possibility of Cycle B }  $\Rightarrow$  Analysis { (a) ESI-MS / ESI-CAD-MS  
(b) Computational Modeling (based on DFT)  
(c) Experiments of Putative Intermediate

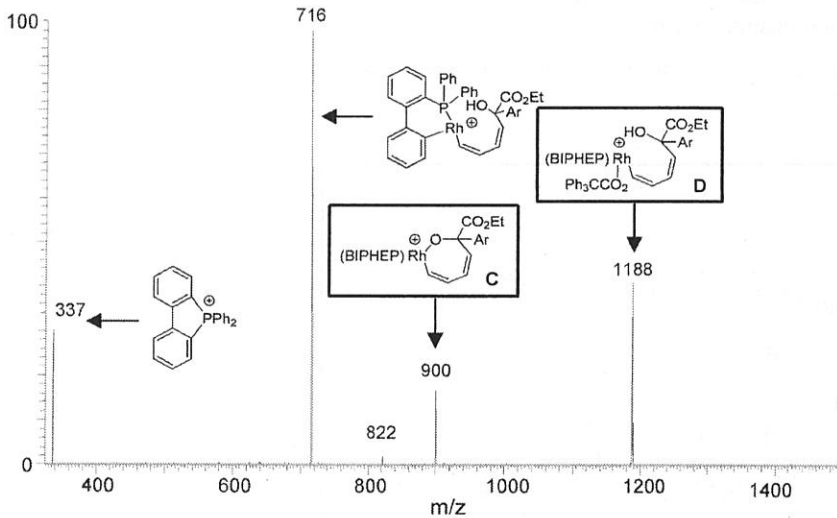
(a) ESI-MS / ESI-CAD-MS Analysis

[ESI-MS]

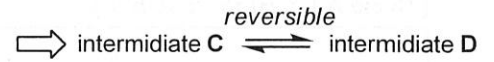


1. Key MS of Cycle A are observed. (m/z 677, 900, 1188)
2. Key MS of Cycle B are NOT observed.
3. MS of intermediate E is not observed, due to rapid reductive elimination.

[ESI-CAD-MS (MS/MS/MS) of the ion of m/z 1188 (intermediate D)]

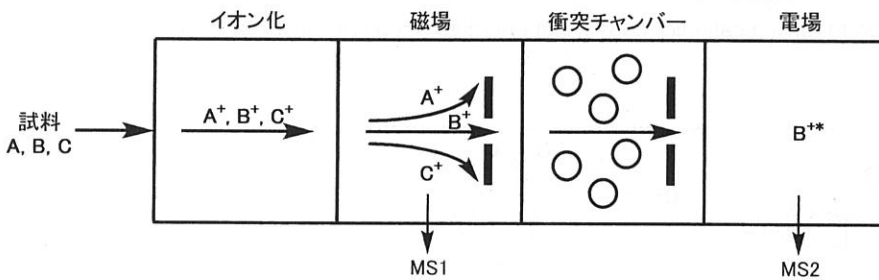


MS of intermediate C is also observed.



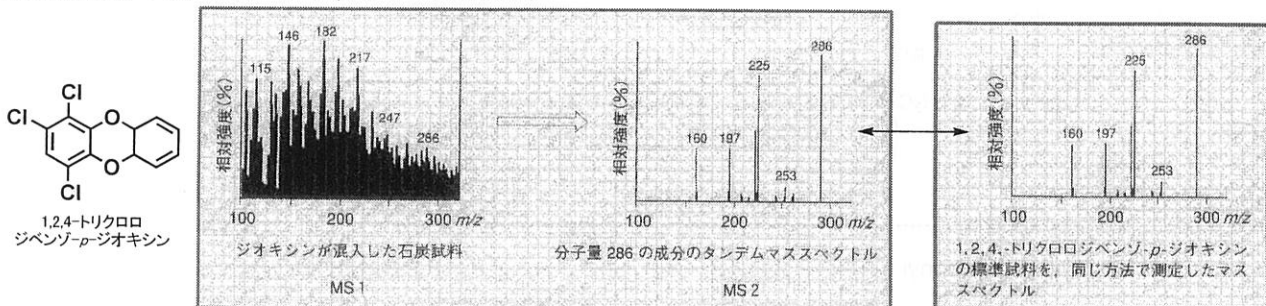
「CAD-MS」及び「タンデム質量分析法」について

CAD-MS (Collisional Activated Dissociation Mass): 衝突活性化開裂 質量分析法



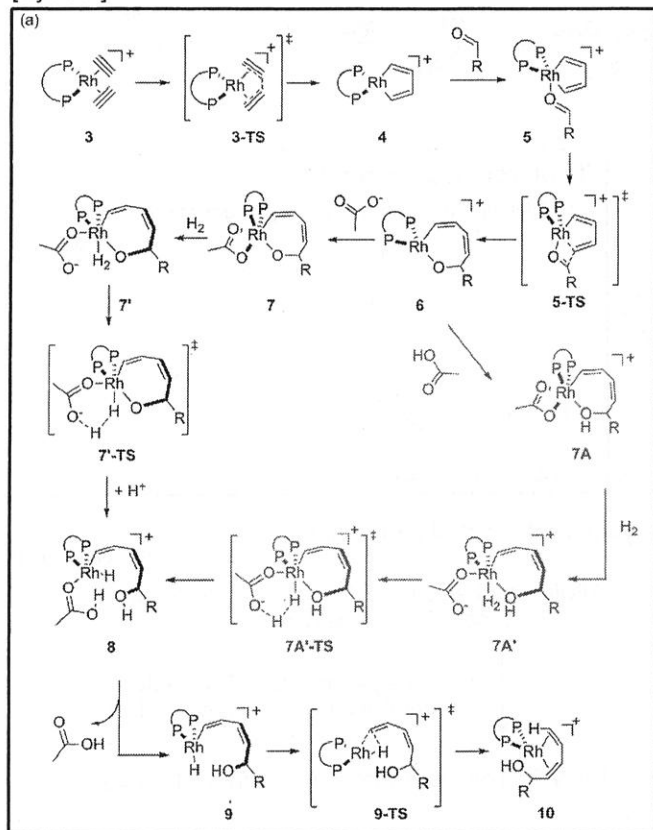
タンデム質量分析法 (MS/MS)  
質量分析計を直列に置き、特定の (フラグメント) イオンのみを選択的に分離分析する。

応用例: 1,2,4-トリクロロベンゾ-p-ジオキシンの同定



(b) Computational Modeling (based on DFT) Analysis

[Cycle A]



[Cycle B]

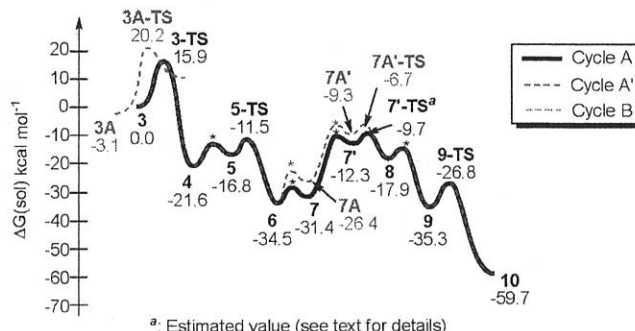
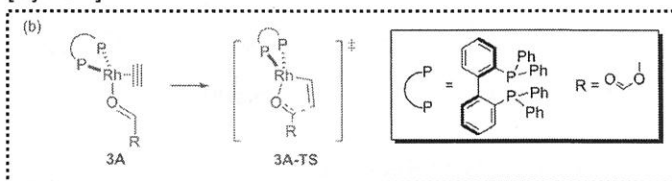


Figure 2. Computed reaction energy profile.

Reaction cycle should be determined by the barrier of the first TS (3-TS and 3A-TS).

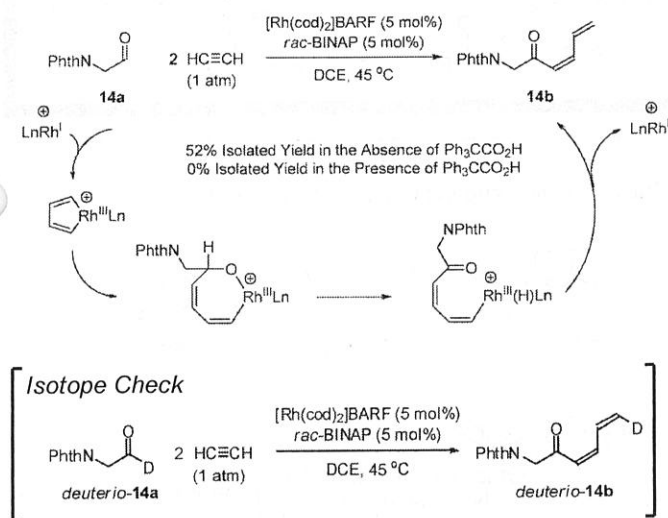
- { Cycle A : 15.9 kcal/mol (3 - 3-TS)
- { Cycle B : 23.3 kcal/mol (3A - 3A-TS)

⇒ Cycle A has a priority.

(c) Experiments of Putative Intermediate Analysis

< Experiment 1 >

**Scheme 3.** Rhodium-Catalyzed Coupling of Acetylene to Aldehyde **14a** in the Absence of Hydrogen and Brønsted Acid Cocatalyst Delivers Ketone **14b**, Corroborating Intervention of the Proposed Oxarhodacycloheptadiene Intermediate



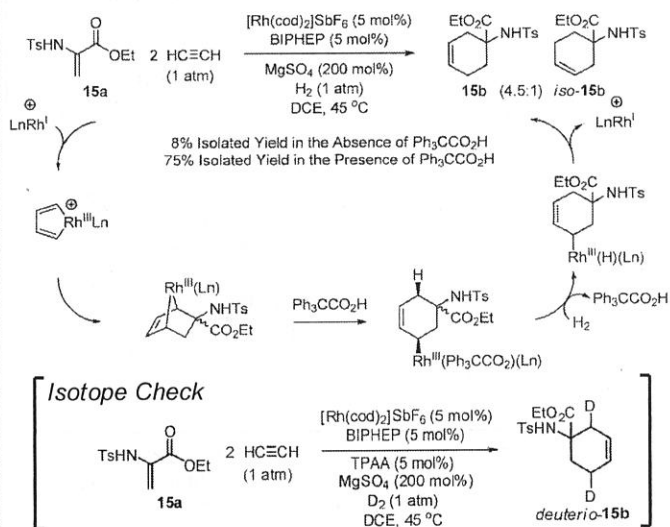
Coupling of acetylene to aldehyde **14a** is performed in the absence of both hydrogen and carboxylic acid.

$\beta$ -hydride eliminated **14b** is obtained. (supported by isotope check)

corroboration of the proposed "oxarhodacycloheptadiene intermediate"

< Experiment 2 >

**Scheme 4.** Rhodium-Catalyzed Hydrogenation of Acetylene in the Presence of Dehydroalanine **15a** Delivers the Product of Reductive [2 + 2 + 2] Cycloaddition **15b**, Corroborating Intervention of the Proposed Rhodacyclopentadiene Intermediate

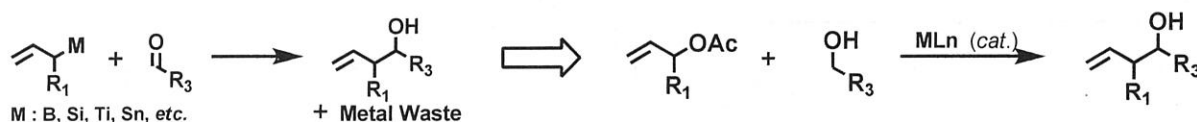


Coupling of acetylene to dehydroalanine **15a** is performed under the standard condition.

Product of reductive [2 + 2 + 2] cycloaddition **15b** is obtained. (supported by isotope check)

corroboration of the proposed "rhodacyclopentadiene intermediate"

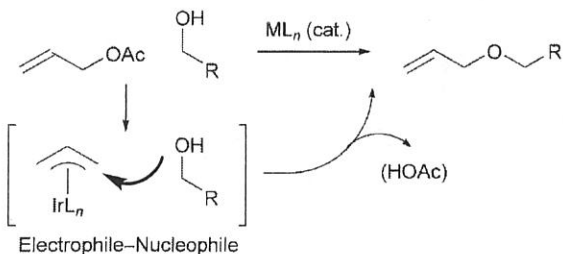




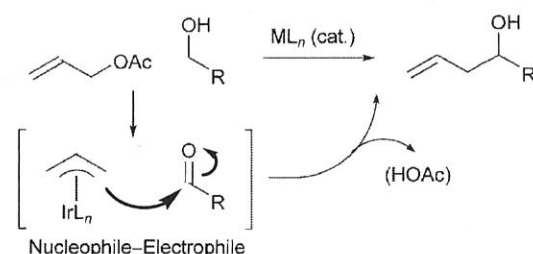
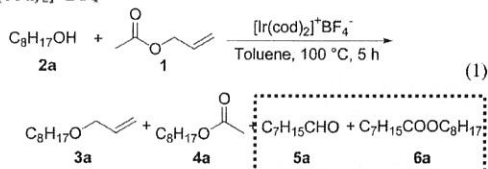
## Idea

**Tsuji-Trost type Reaction**

O-Allylation through conventional allylic substitution:


**Transfer Hydrogenation**

C-Allylation through transfer hydrogenative coupling:


**TABLE 1. Reaction of 2a with 1 Catalyzed by  $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})_2]^+\text{BF}_4^-$** 


A stoichiometric reaction of 1 with 2a afforded allyl octyl ether (3a) (23%), octyl acetate (4a) (1%), octanal (5a)

run	1 (equiv)	conv (%)		yield (%)			
		2a	1	3a	4a	5a	6a
1	1	84	76	23	1	1	16
2	2	87	50	56	1	1	11
3	5	96	24	86	4	4	2
4	10	>99	27	99	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
5 <sup>b</sup>	10	5	3	trace	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
6 <sup>c</sup>	10	3	1	n.d.	1	n.d.	n.d.
7 <sup>d</sup>	10	19	11	7	11	n.d.	n.d.
8 <sup>e</sup>	10	99	21	4	13	n.d.	74
9 <sup>f</sup>	10	49	15	27	trace	n.d.	n.d.

<sup>a</sup> 2a (1 mmol) was allowed to react with 1 in the presence of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})_2]^+\text{BF}_4^-$  (0.01 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 5 h. <sup>b</sup>  $[\text{IrCl}(\text{cod})_2]$  (0.01 mmol) was used as a catalyst. <sup>c</sup>  $[\text{IrCl}(\text{CO})(\text{P}-\text{Ph}_3)_2]$  (0.01 mmol) was used as a catalyst. <sup>d</sup>  $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})_2]^+\text{BF}_4^-$  (0.01 mmol) was used as a catalyst. <sup>e</sup>  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.03 mmol) was added. <sup>f</sup> At 90 °C.

&lt; Allylation of Alcohol by Ir Catalyst &gt;

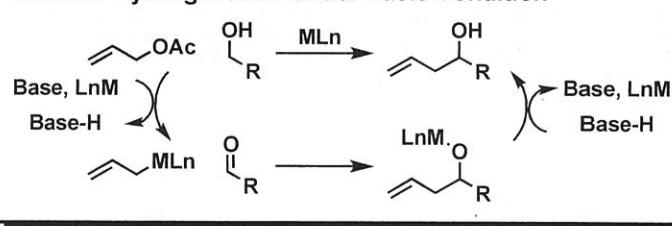
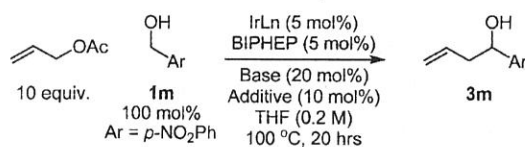
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Allylation of alcohol is difficult to be achieved by simple Tsuji-Trost type reaction

- Ir catalyst instead of Pd catalyst
- Optimization to lessen byproduct

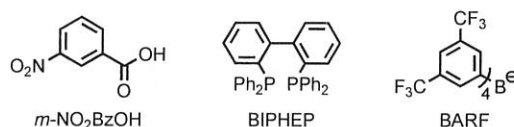
Entry 8 : Transfer hydrogenative product is major.

⇒ Combination of Ir catalyst and base can enhance "Transfer hydrogenation reaction" !?

**Transfer Hydrogenation Under Basic Condition**

**Optimization**
**Table 1.** Selected Optimization Experiments Illustrating the Effect of Basic and Acidic Additives and Iridium Source in the Transfer Hydrogenative Allylation of *p*-Nitrobenzyl Alcohol 1m<sup>a</sup>


Entry	Base	Additive	Iridium Source	Yield (%)
1	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>m</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	80
2	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>m</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	21
3	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>m</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	15
4	Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>m</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	12
5	---	<i>m</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	< 5
6	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	---	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	47
7	---	---	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	10
8	---	<i>m</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOCs	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	72
9	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>m</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOCs	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	79
10	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>o</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	39
11	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	49
12	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	BzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	39
13	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -MeOBzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	42
14	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>m</i> -FBzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	41
15	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>m</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOMe	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	47
16	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	---	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{BIPHEP})]\text{BARF}$	41
17	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>m</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> BzOH	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{BIPHEP})]\text{BARF}$	72

Base, additive and iridium source are examined.


 Entry 1 - 5 : Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> is best.

 Other carbonate bases } far less effective  
 No bases added

 Entry 6 - 9 : Base is essential,  
 Acid promotes the reaction.

 Entry 6, 10 - 15 : *m*-NO<sub>2</sub>BzOH is also crucial.

 Entry 16, 17 : neutral Ir complex ≥ cationic Ir complex  
 $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$        $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{BIPHEP})]^+$



**Table 3.** Selected Results from an Assay of Chiral Ligand in the Transfer Hydrogenative Allylation of Cinnamyl Alcohol **1a** and Effect of Temperature on Enantiomeric Excess<sup>a</sup>

Entry	T °C	Chiral Ligand	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	100	(R)-Cl,MeO-BIPHEP	71	91 (R)
2	80	(R)-Cl,MeO-BIPHEP	61	93 (R)
3	120	(R)-Cl,MeO-BIPHEP	59	90 (R)
4	100	(R)-MeO-BIPHEP	69	80 (R)
5	100	(R)-BINAP	64	90 (R)
6	100	(R)-tol-BINAP	51	88 (R)
7	100	(-)-TMBTP	59	82 (R)
8	100	(S)-C1-TUNEPHOS	80	70 (S)
9	100	(R)-C2-TUNEPHOS	77	77 (R)
10	100	(S)-C3-TUNEPHOS	72	78 (S)
11	100	(S)-C4-TUNEPHOS	57	80 (S)
12	100	(R)-H8-BINAP	68	85 (R)
13	100	(S)-BIPHEMP	68	80 (R)
14	100	CTH-(S)-P-PHOS	71	86 (S)
15	100	(R)-SOLPHOS	41	40 (R)
16	100	(S)-SEGPHOS	69	78 (S)
17	100	(R)-SYNPHOS	69	83 (R)

**Table 7.** Ir-Catalyzed Transfer Hydrogenative Allylation of Benzylic Alcohols **1m-u**<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Aryl Moiety	Alcohol	Product	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	<i>p</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> Ph	<b>1m</b>	<b>3m</b>	72	91
2	<i>p</i> -(CO <sub>2</sub> Me)Ph	<b>1n</b>	<b>3n</b>	77	93
3	piperonyl	<b>1o</b>	<b>3o</b>	76	91
4	Ph	<b>1p</b>	<b>3p</b>	62	93
5	<i>p</i> -BrPh	<b>1q</b>	<b>3q</b>	74	93
6	<i>o</i> -MeOPh	<b>1r</b>	<b>3r</b>	80	92
7	<i>p</i> -MeOPh	<b>1s</b>	<b>3s</b>	73	93
8	3,5-Cl <sub>2</sub> Ph	<b>1t</b>	<b>3t</b>	61	92
9	2-( <i>N</i> -Me-indolyl)	<b>1u</b>	<b>3u</b>	55	90

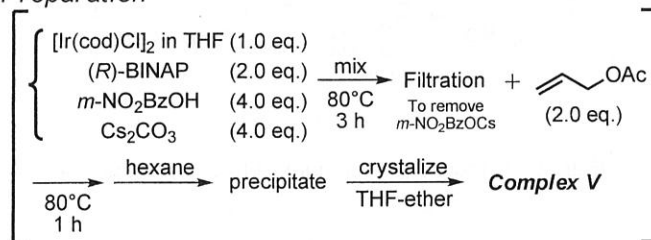
**Table 3.** Ligand : Temp. : 100 °C

**Table 7.** Aromatic substrate scope → { moderate yield, high ee

## Mechanistic Study

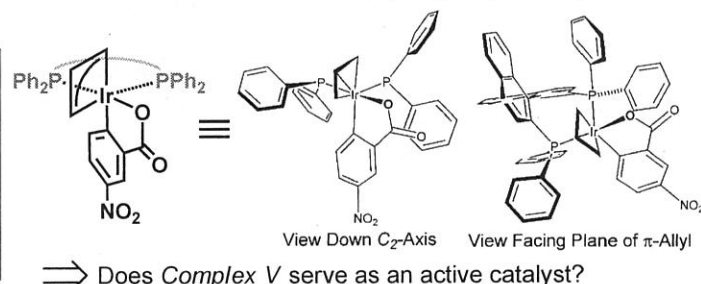
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Preparation



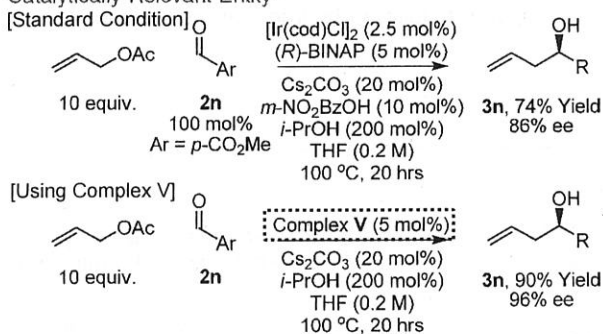
"*ortho*-cyclometalated iridium(III)- $\pi$ -allyl complex"

Structure determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction



Confirming the Activity of *Complex V*

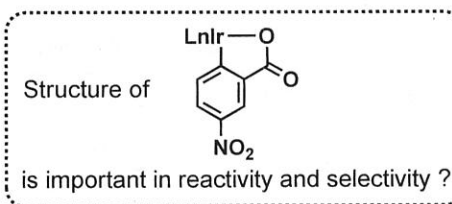
✓ **Scheme 1.** Experiments Corroborating Intervention of *Ortho*-Cyclometalated Iridium(III)- $\pi$ -Allyl *Complex V* as a Catalytically Relevant Entity<sup>a</sup>



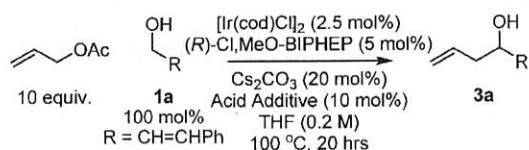
Check 1 : Reactivity / Selectivity of *Complex V*

When using *complex V*,

{ Superior Conversion, Optical Enrichment are observed.



✓ **Table 4.** Selected Optimization Experiments Illustrating the Effects of Substitution of *m*-Nitrobenzoic Acid on Conversion and Enantiomeric Excess in the Transfer Hydrogenative Allylation of Cinnamyl Alcohol **1a**<sup>a</sup>

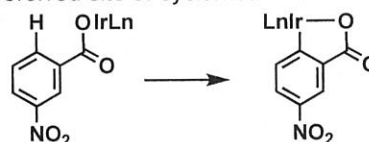


Entry	Carboxylic Acid	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	R <sub>1</sub> = R <sub>2</sub> = R <sub>3</sub> = H	71	91 (R)
2	No Acid Additive	8	47 (S)
3	R <sub>1</sub> = Me, R <sub>2</sub> = R <sub>3</sub> = H	18	65 (S)
4	R <sub>2</sub> = Me, R <sub>1</sub> = R <sub>3</sub> = H	50	67 (R)
5	R <sub>3</sub> = Me, R <sub>1</sub> = R <sub>2</sub> = H	69	91 (R)

Check 2 : Effect of Substitution of *m*-NO<sub>2</sub>BzOH

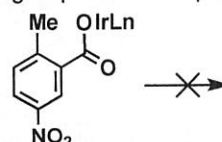
Entry 1, 4, 5 : (*R*)-isomer

The preferred site of cyclometalation remains free.

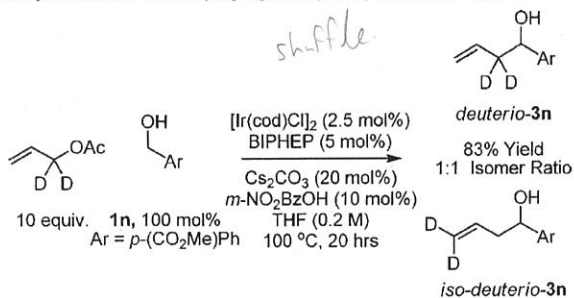


Entry 3 : (*S*)-isomer

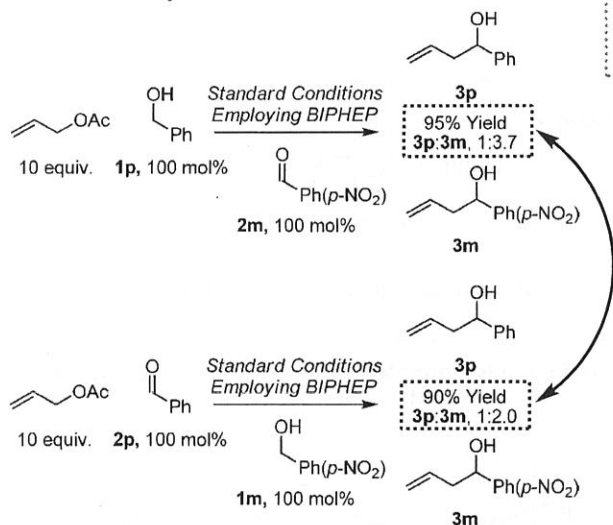
Methyl group blocks the preferred site of cyclometalation.



**Scheme 2.** Ir-Catalyzed Transfer Hydrogenative Allylation of Benzylic Alcohol **1n** Employing Isotopically Labeled Allyl Acetate<sup>a</sup>



**Scheme 3.** Experiments Establishing Rapid Redox Equilibration in Advance of Carbonyl Addition<sup>a</sup>



cf. Redox ability of [Ir(cod)Cl]<sub>2</sub>

Oxidation of benzyl alcohol to benzaldehyde by various catalytic system<sup>a</sup>

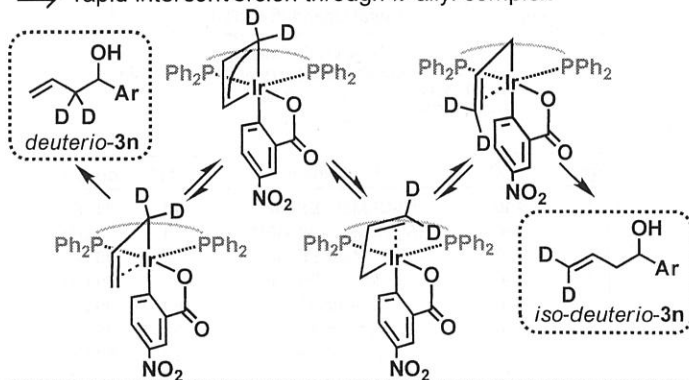
Entry	Catalyst	Acetone (ml)	Yield (%) <sup>b,c</sup>
1 <sup>d</sup>	[Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	10	13
2	[Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	10	71
3 <sup>e</sup>	[Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	10	69
4	[Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	30	87
5	None	10	0
6	[IrCl(cod)] <sub>2</sub>	10	0
7	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	10	58
8	RuCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	10	3

Yamaguchi et al *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2002**, 649, 289

Check 3 : Deuterium Labeling of Allyl Acetate

Equimolar quantities of deuterio-**3n** and iso-deuterio-**3n**

⇒ rapid interconversion through  $\pi$ -allyl complex

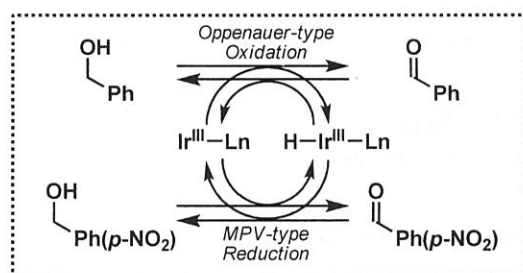


Check 4 : Competition Experiments

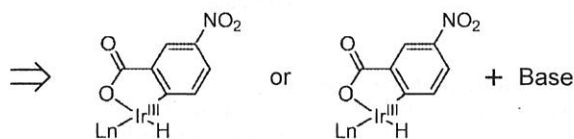
Similar product distribution is observed.

⇒ rapid redox equilibration in advance of C-C coupling

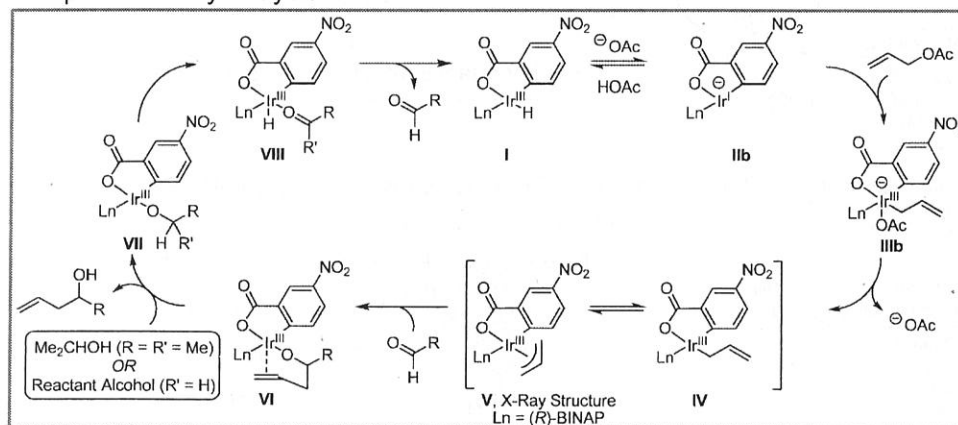
↑ Oppenauer / MPV type redox?



Entry 6 : [Ir(cod)Cl]<sub>2</sub> itself doesn't have redox ability.



< Proposed Catalytic Cycle >



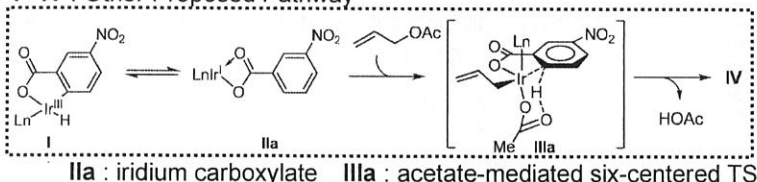
IIb : Anion is stabilized by *o*-carboxy and *p*-nitro group

IV - V : Rapid equilibration  
(X-ray diffraction / isotopic labeling)

VI : Homoallyl iridium alkoxide  
(disability of  $\beta$ -hydride elimination)

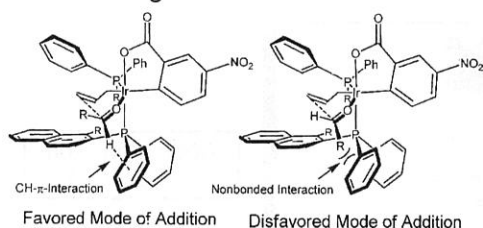
VI - VII : Change for reactant alcohol

I - IV : Other Proposed Pathway



Duration of catalytic cycle may be longer when fixed attachment of the *ortho*-C-benzoate linkage is remained.

< Model Accounting for Absolute Stereocontrol >



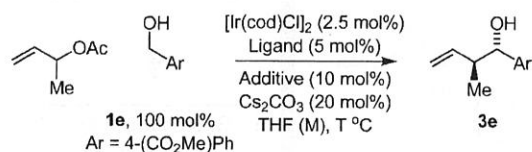
Based on single-crystal X-ray diffraction data,

Favored Mode : weakly attractive aldehyde C-H  $\pi$ -interaction

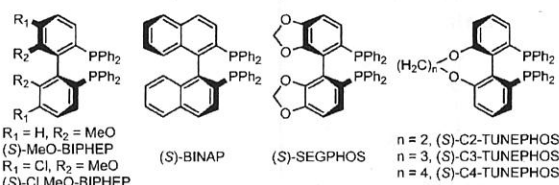
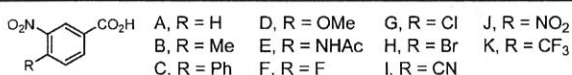
Disfavored Mode : severe non-bonded interaction (sterically hindered)

Allylation Using  $\alpha$ -Methyl Allyl Acetate as Crotylmetal Reagents (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 2514)

**Table 1.** Optimizing Relative and Absolute Stereocontrol in Transfer Hydrogenative Carbonyl Crotylation from the Alcohol Oxidation Level<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Ligand	Acid	OAc (eq)	THF (M)	T °C	Y (%)	dr (ee%)
1	BIPHEP	A	10	0.2	100	85	2.0:1
2	BIPHEP	B	10	0.2	100	72	2.7:1
3	BIPHEP	C	10	0.2	100	10	2.0:1
4	BIPHEP	D	10	0.2	100	68	2.2:1
5	BIPHEP	E	10	0.2	100	50	1.5:1
6	BIPHEP	F	10	0.2	100	78	2.3:1
7	BIPHEP	G	10	0.2	100	93	2.6:1
8	BIPHEP	H	10	0.2	100	80	2.4:1
9	BIPHEP	I	10	0.2	100	70	3.0:1
10	BIPHEP	J	10	0.2	100	65	3.5:1
11	BIPHEP	K	10	0.2	100	86	2.4:1
15	BIPHEP	I	5	0.2	100	57	3.7:1
16	BIPHEP	I	2	0.2	100	55	4.3:1
17	BIPHEP	I	2	0.5	100	77	4.8:1
18	BIPHEP	I	2	1.0	100	75	7.1:1
19	BIPHEP	I	2	1.0	90	78	7.5:1
20	BIPHEP	J	2	1.0	90	42	7.6:1
21	(S)-BINAP	I	2	1.0	90	75	3.5:1 (95)
22	(S)-MeO-BIPHEP	I	2	1.0	90	63	5.8:1 (94)
23	(S)-Cl,MeO-BIPHEP	I	2	1.0	90	67	3.0:1 (96)
24	(S)-SEGPHOS	I	2	1.0	90	70	7.4:1 (95)
25	(S)-C2-TUNEPHOS	I	2	1.0	90	68	7.7:1 (91)
26	(S)-C3-TUNEPHOS	I	2	1.0	90	77	8.0:1 (97)
27	(S)-C4-TUNEPHOS	I	2	1.0	90	71	6.4:1 (92)



Entry 1 - 11 : I, J are effective as a co-catalyst.

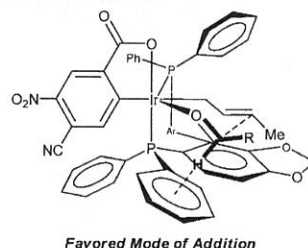
Entry 9, 15, 16 : 10 eq. of  $\alpha$ -methyl allyl acetate is necessary.

Entry 9, 10, 17 - 20 :

*Anti*-dr are increased with increasing concentration.  
Co-catalyst I is better than J under 90 °C

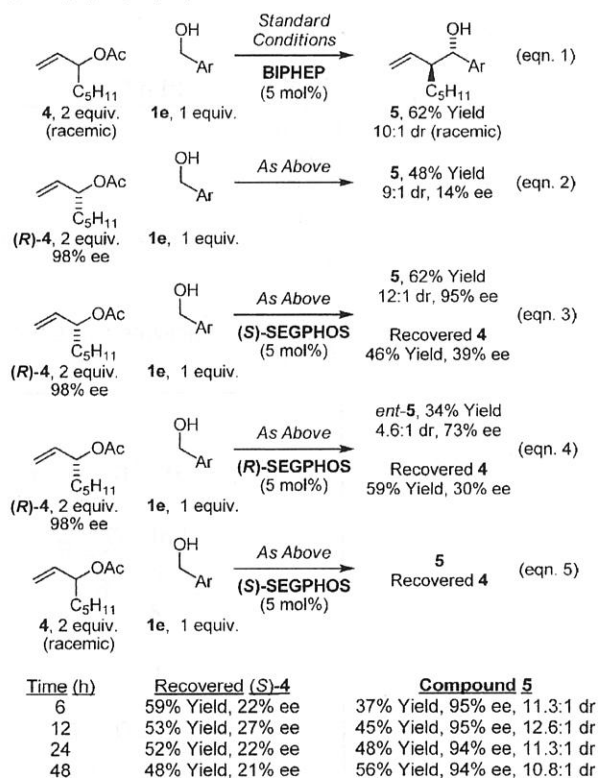
Entry 21 - 27 : High dr and ee are observed when using (S)-SEGPHOS or (S)-C<sub>3</sub>-TUNEPHOS

<Stereocontrol>



Stereocontrol will be determined by the same mechanism as allyl acetate.

**Scheme 2.** Experiments Aimed at Probing the Origins of Stereoselection in Ir-Catalyzed Transfer Hydrogenative Crotylation (Ar = 4-(CO<sub>2</sub>Me)Ph)<sup>a</sup>



Eqn. 2 : Racemization occurs via  $\pi$ -facial interconversion

Eqn. 3, 4 : (S)-SEGPHOS is matched with (R)-substrate.

(R)-SEGPHOS is NOT matched with (R)-substrate.

Eqn. 5 : (R)-Allylic acetate 4 is consumed by rapid stereochemically matched reaction.

**Scheme 3.** Stereochemical Features Associated with Formation and Isomerization of the Purported Crotyl Iridium Intermediates (\*Ln = (S)-SEGPHOS and C,O-Benzoate of 4-Cyano-3-nitrobenzoic Acid I)

