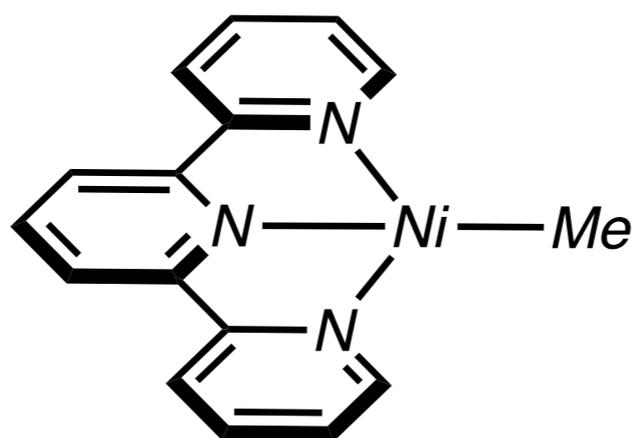


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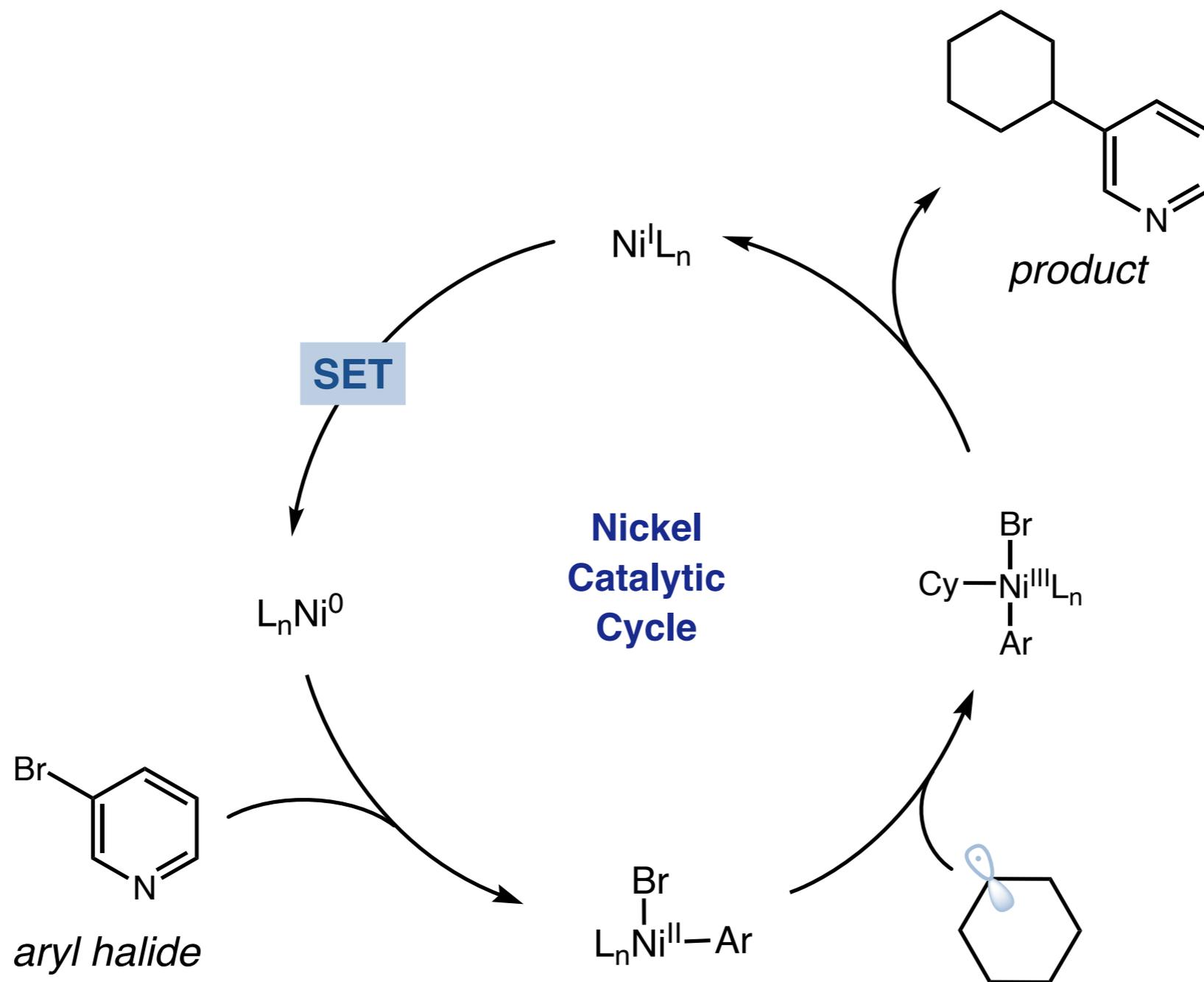


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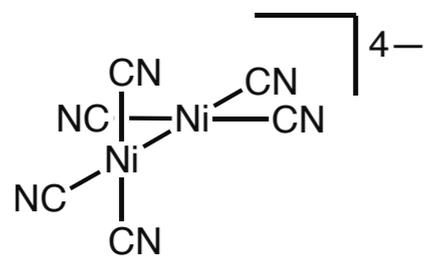
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Ubiquitously Invoked, Little Understood

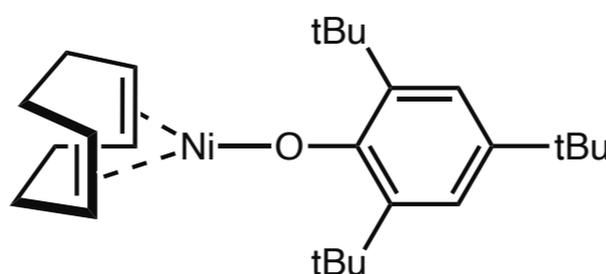


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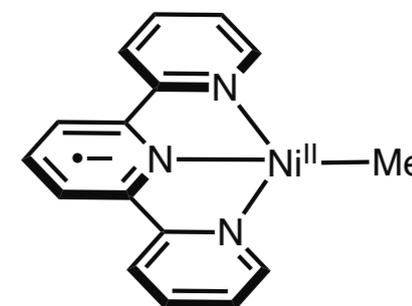
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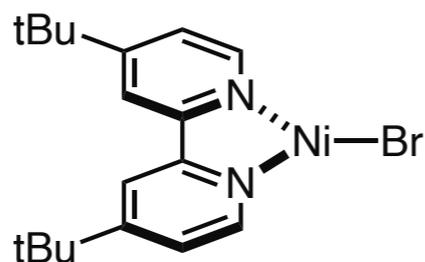
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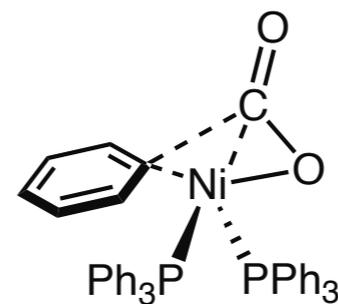
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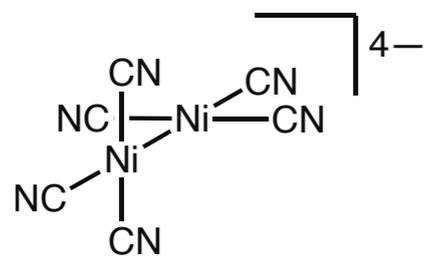


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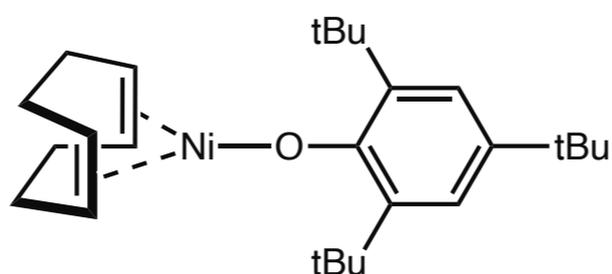


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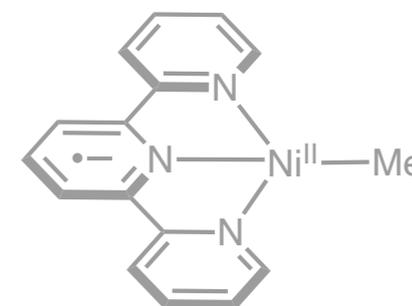
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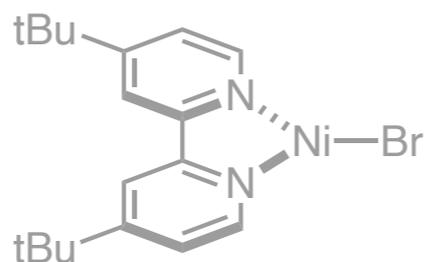
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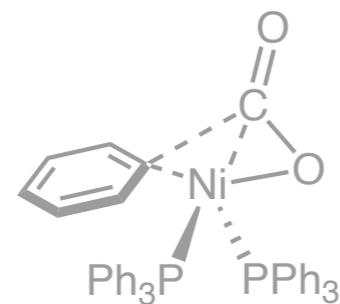
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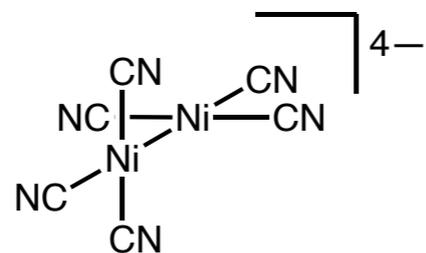


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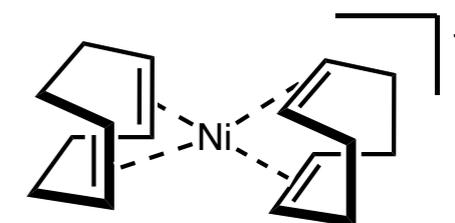
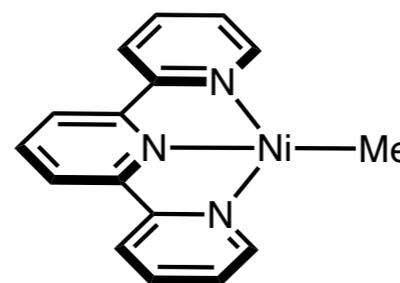
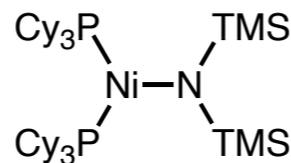
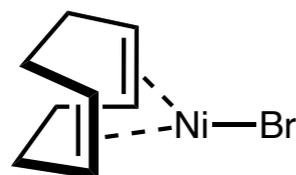
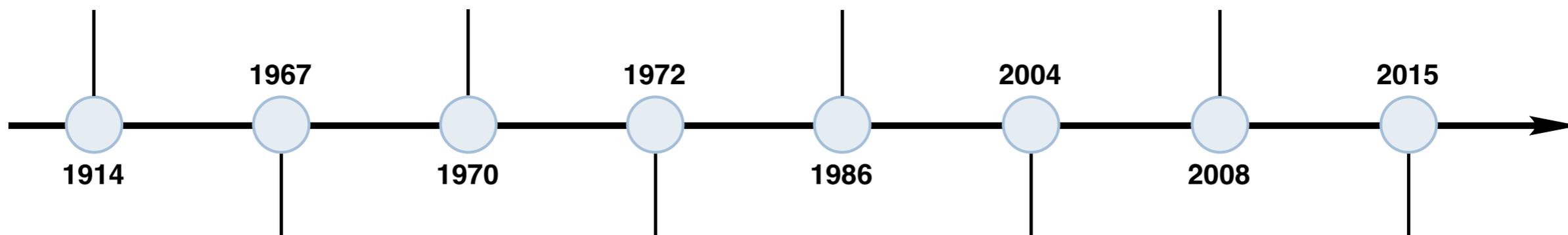
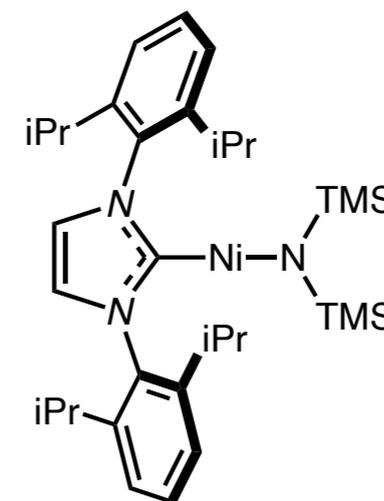


Milestones in Discovery

first reported
Ni(I) complex:
 $K_4[Ni_2(CN)_6]$



first detection of
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Cofactor F430

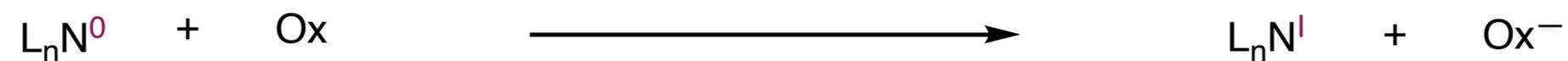


Synthetic Access to Ni(I) Species

■ Reduction



■ Oxidation



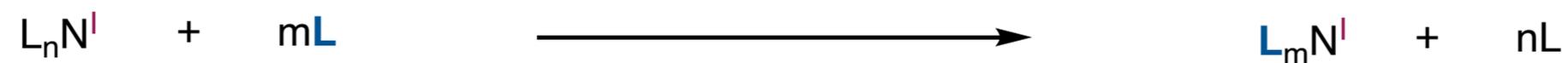
■ Comproportionation



■ Decomposition

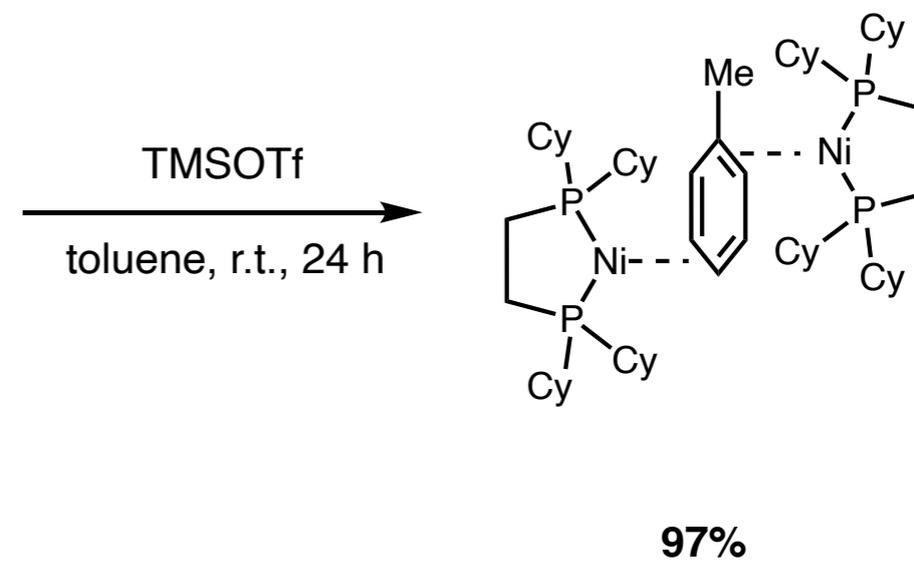
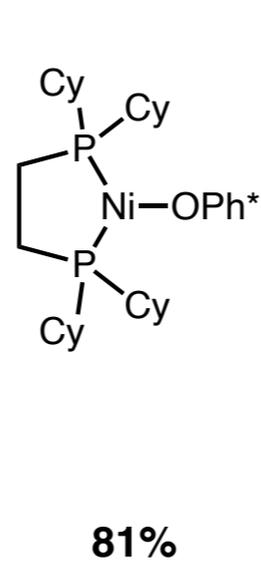
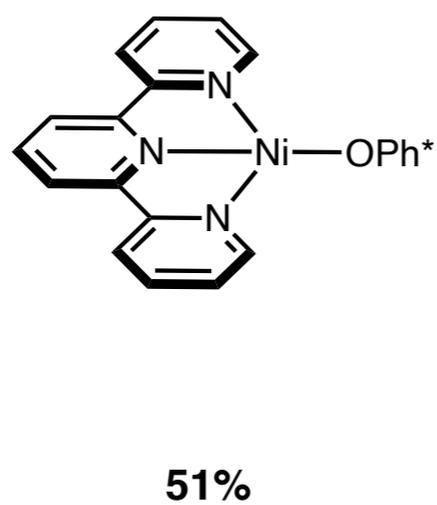
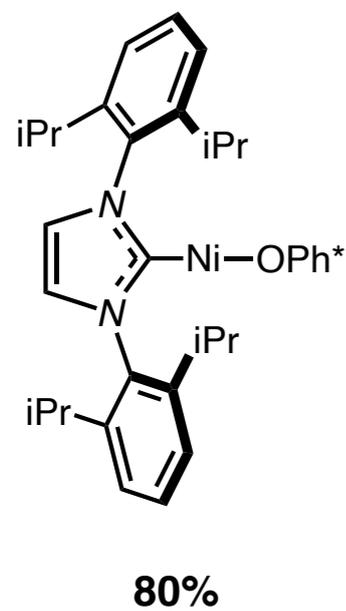
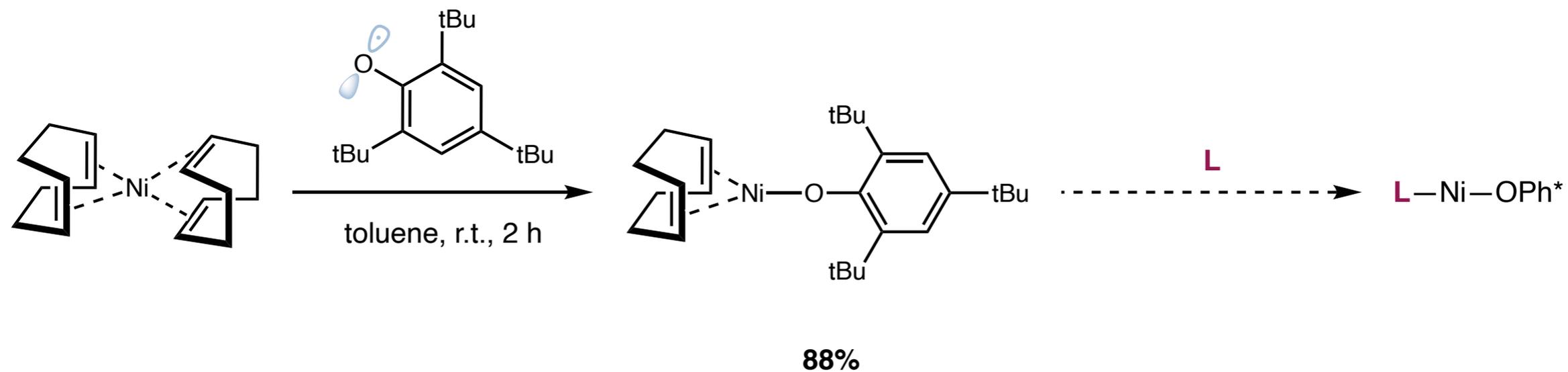


■ Ligand Exchange



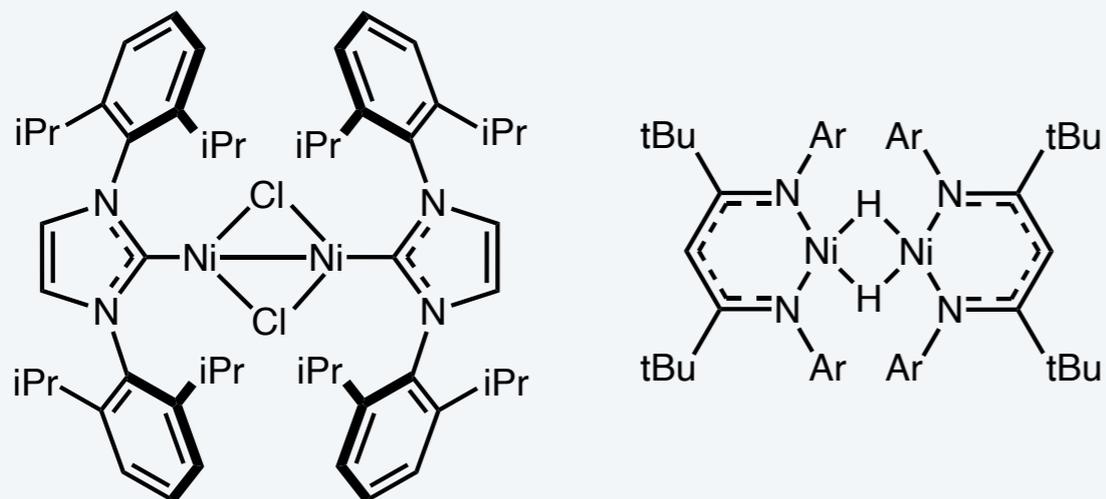
Morandi's General Route to Ni(I) Species

■ Promising Synthetic Approach



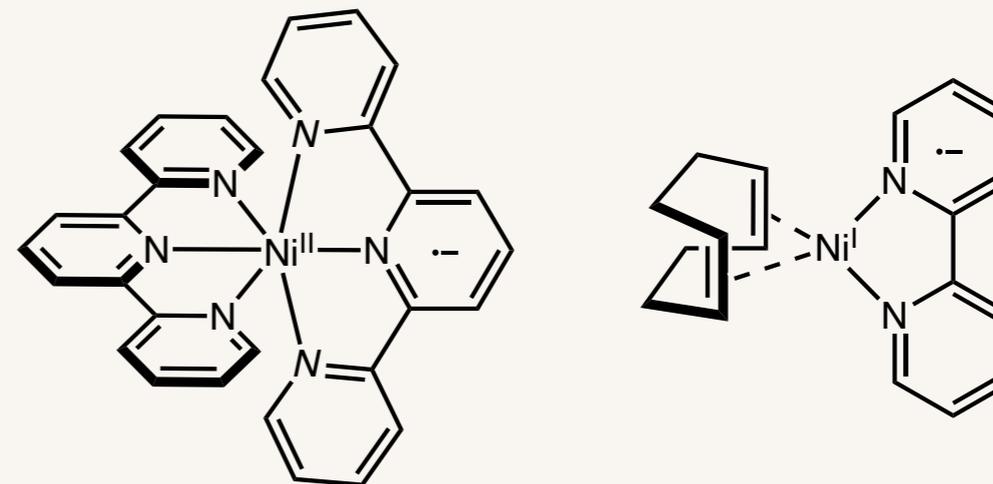
Some general features of nickel(I) species

Facile Oligomerization



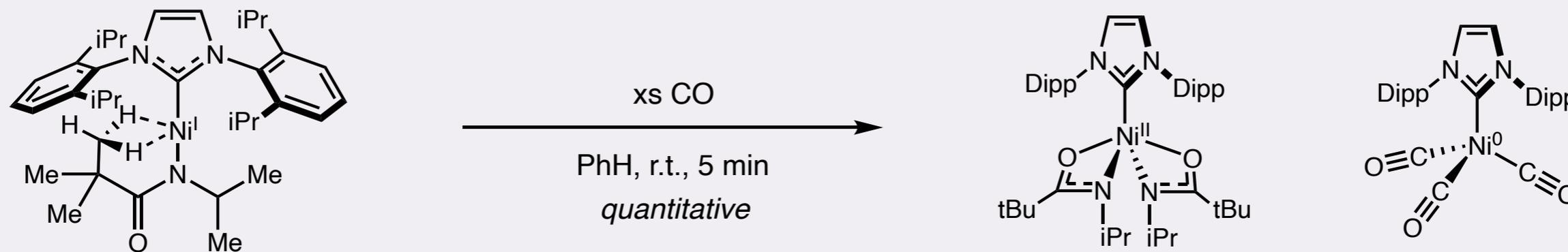
■ Speciation sensitive to sterics and ligand properties

Non-Obvious Electron Density



■ Non-innocent ligands complicate electronic description

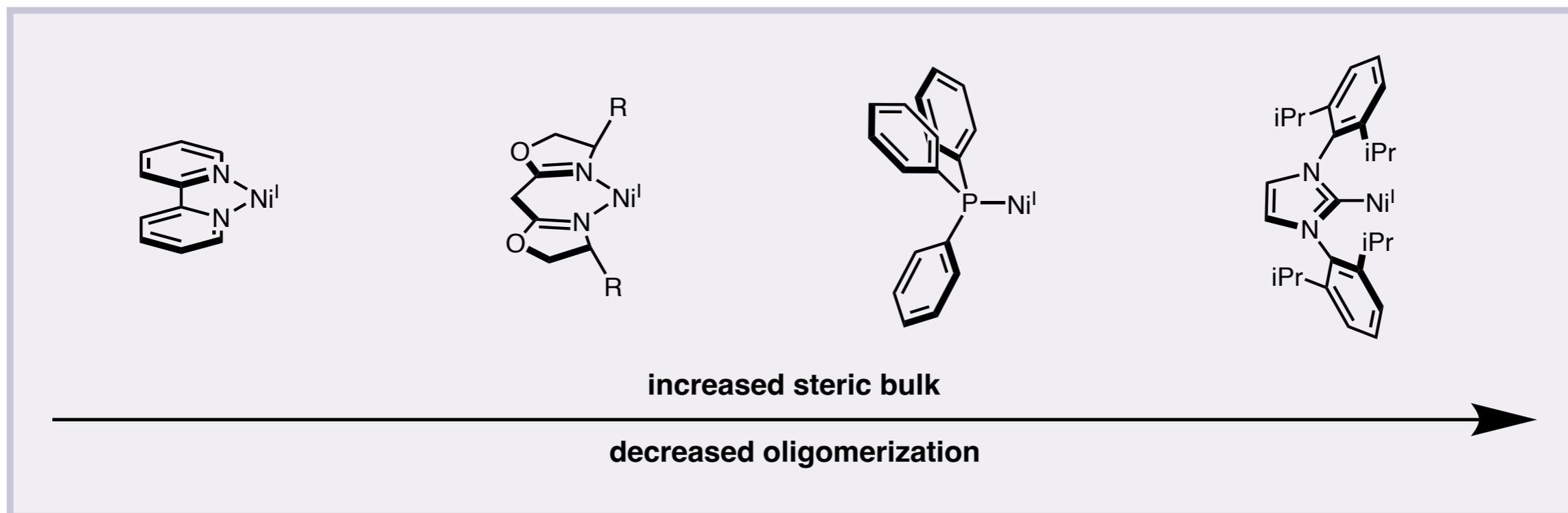
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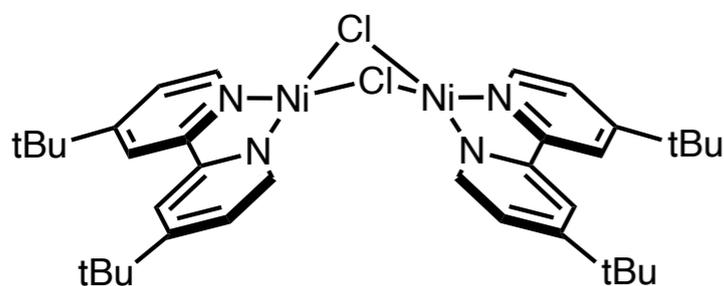
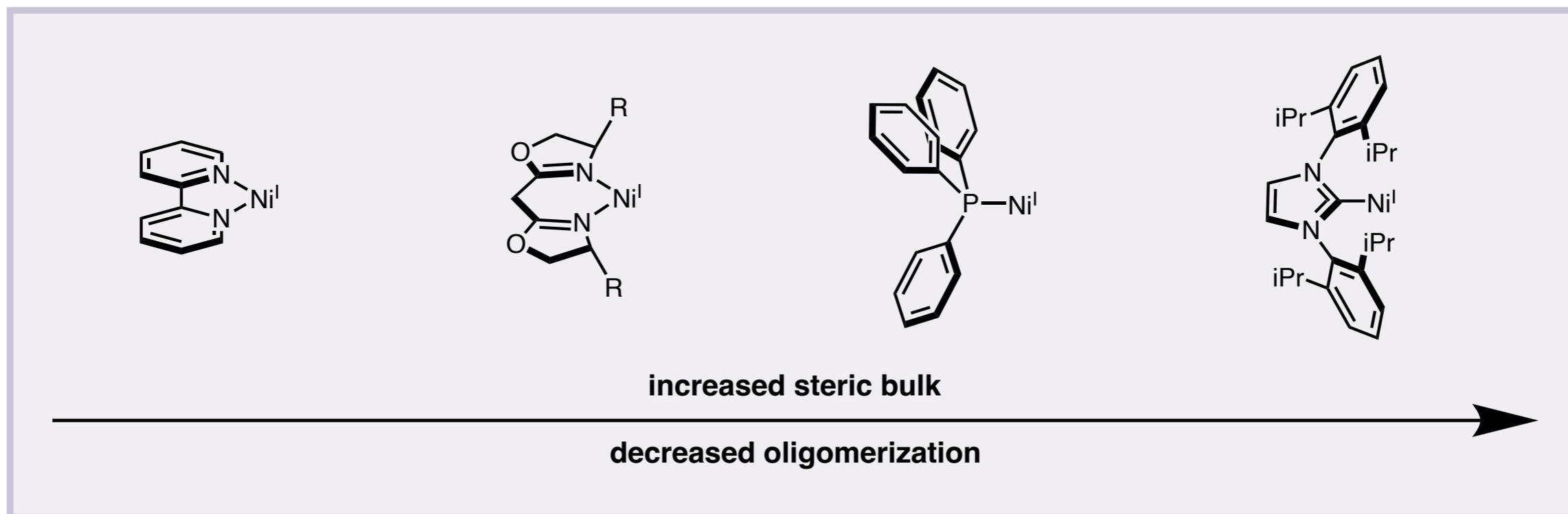
■ dependent on stabilization of individual oxidation states

bottom line: complexity and sensitivity of nickel(I) species difficults isolation and evaluation

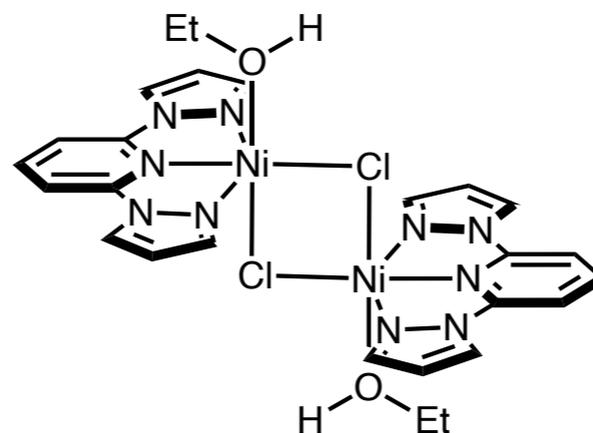
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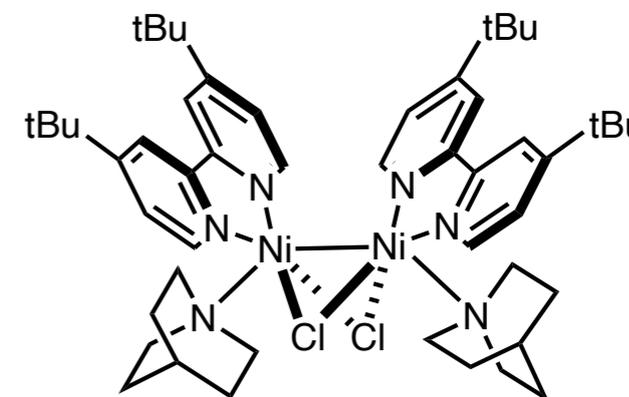
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Hazari (2019)



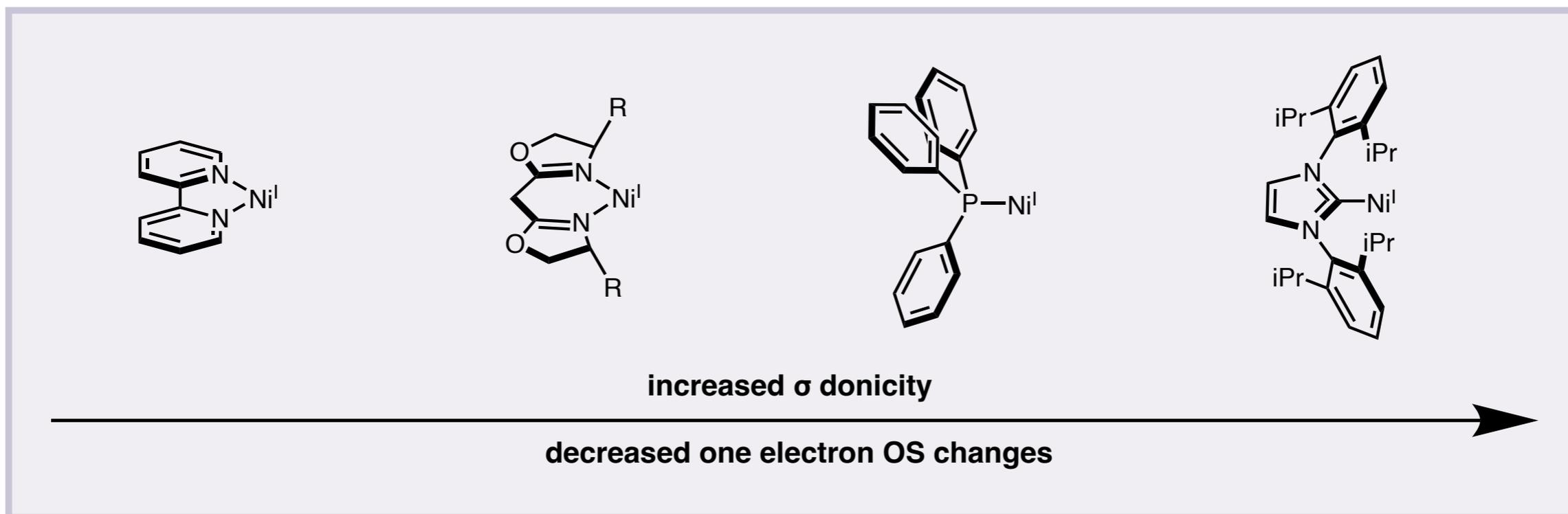
Doyle (2015)



Nocera (2019)

Nickel(I) species relevant to metallaphotoredox are especially finicky candidates for isolation in active state

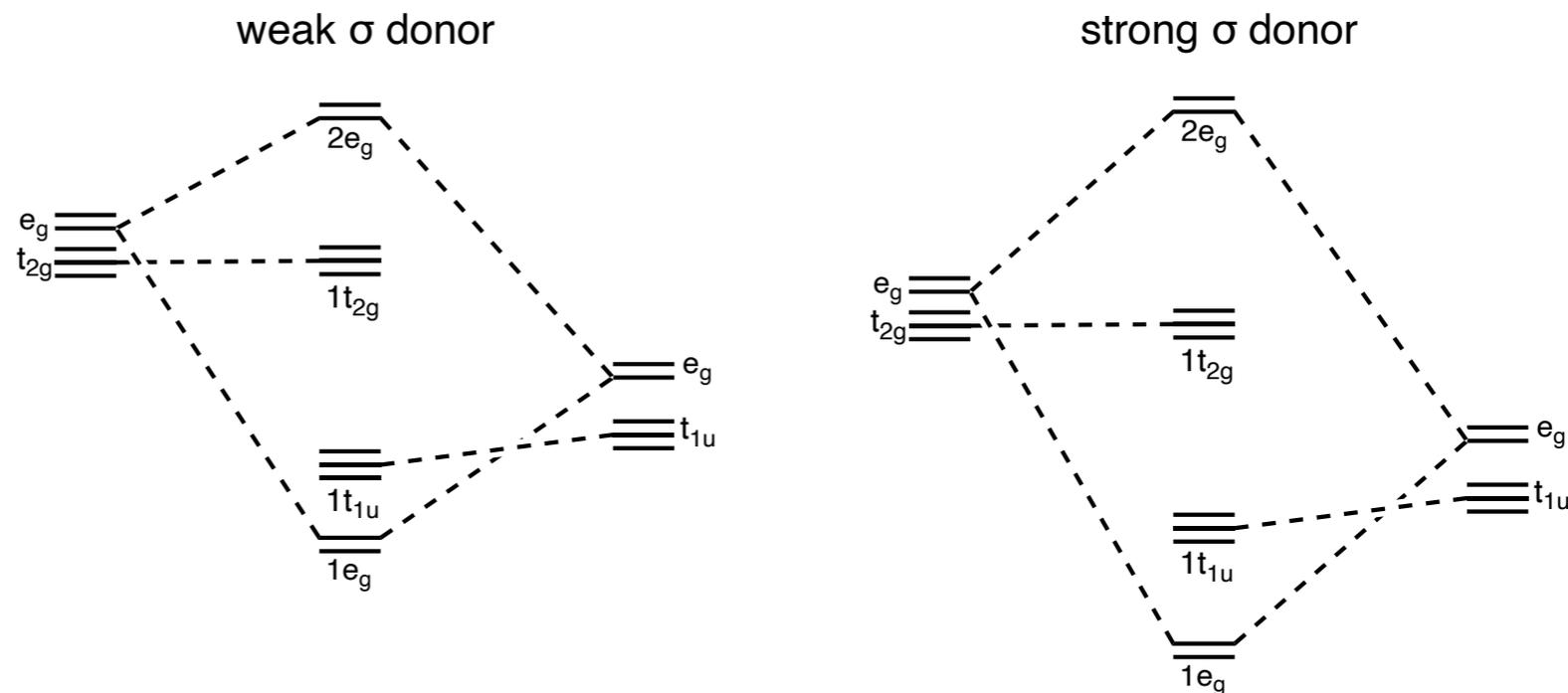
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Nickel possess contracted orbitals

promotes one-electron OS changes

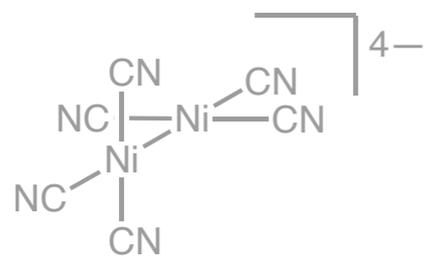
makes nickel sensitive to ligand field splitting



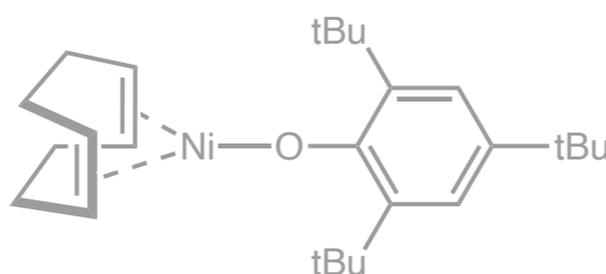
electron pairing energy more important for weak donors — facilitates odd-electron states

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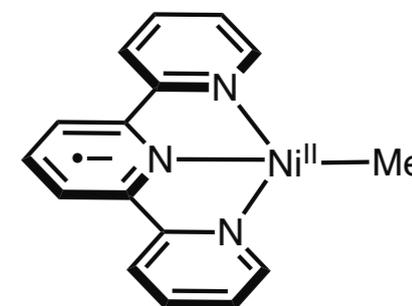
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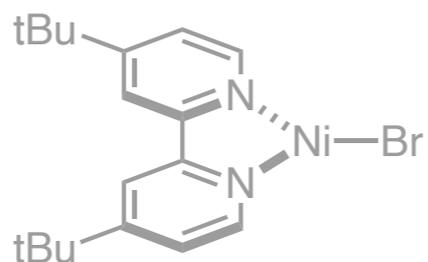
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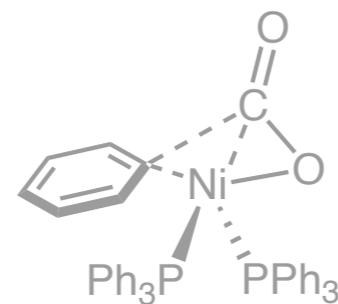
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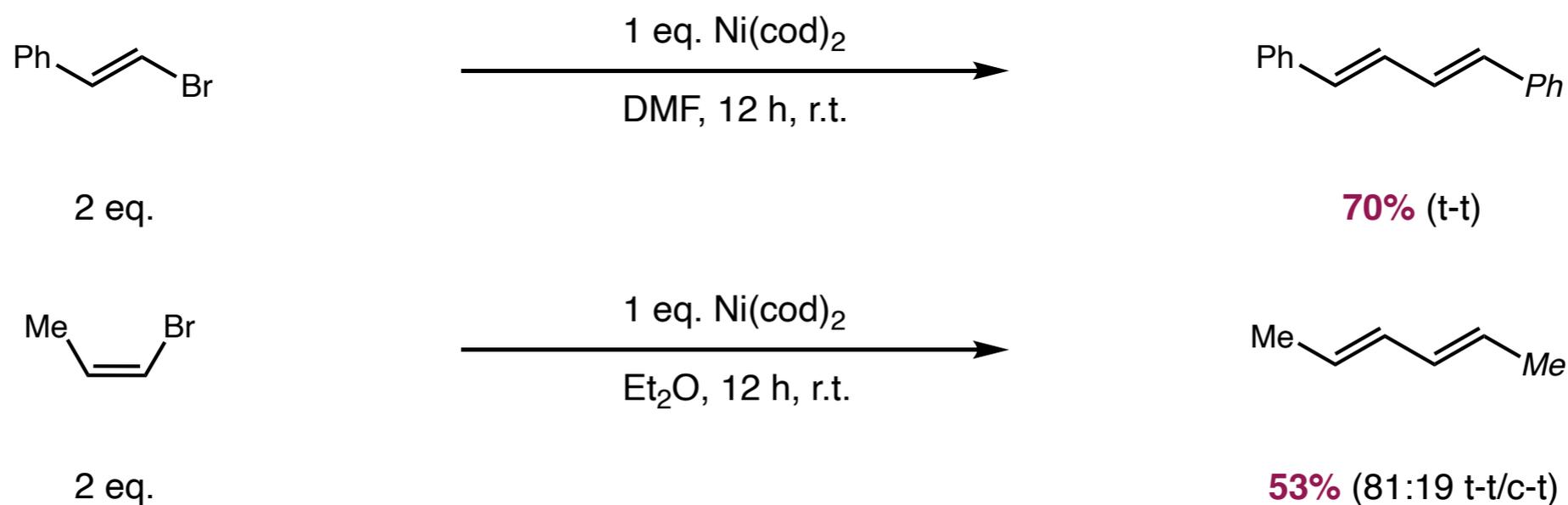


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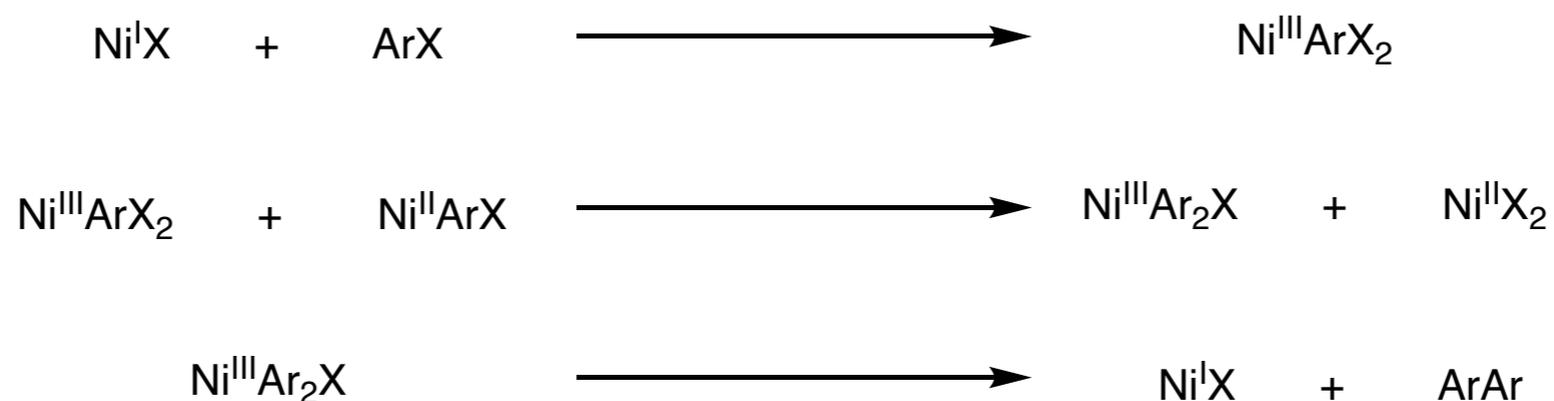


Early invocations of odd-electron nickel

■ Semmelhack Homocoupling (1971)



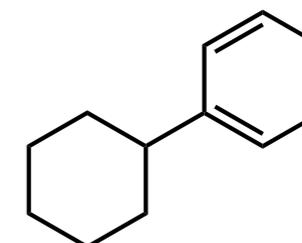
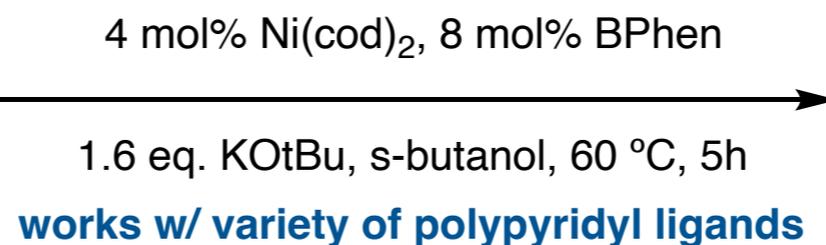
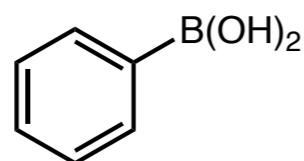
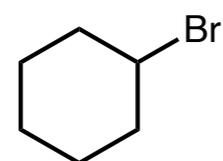
■ Kochi Study on ArBr Homocoupling (1979)



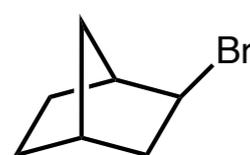
Ni(I) is proposed to be a catalytically relevant species

Evidence for radicals in catalytic cycle

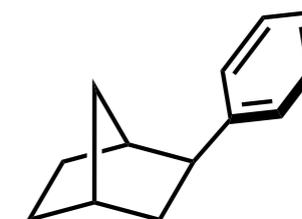
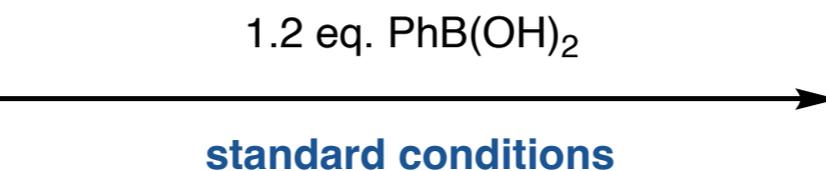
■ Fu C(sp₂)-C(sp₃) Suzuki Coupling (2003)



91%

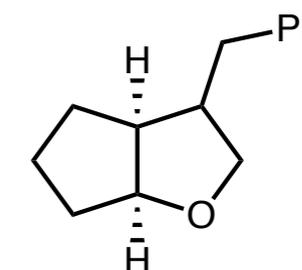
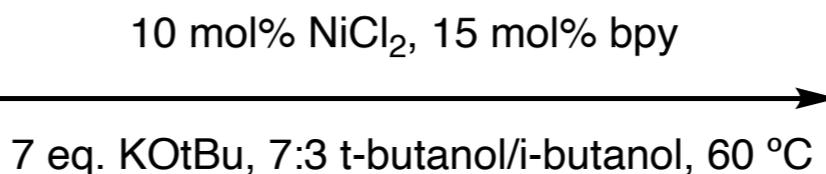
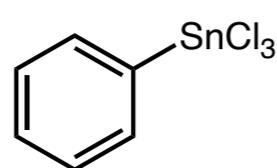
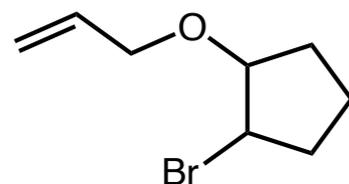


or



exo predominates

■ Fu C(sp₂)-C(sp₃) Stille Coupling (2005)



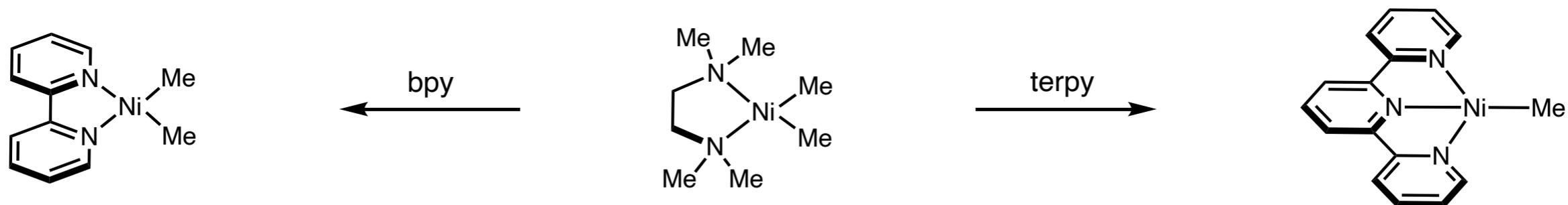
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suggests that radical formation is part of cycle

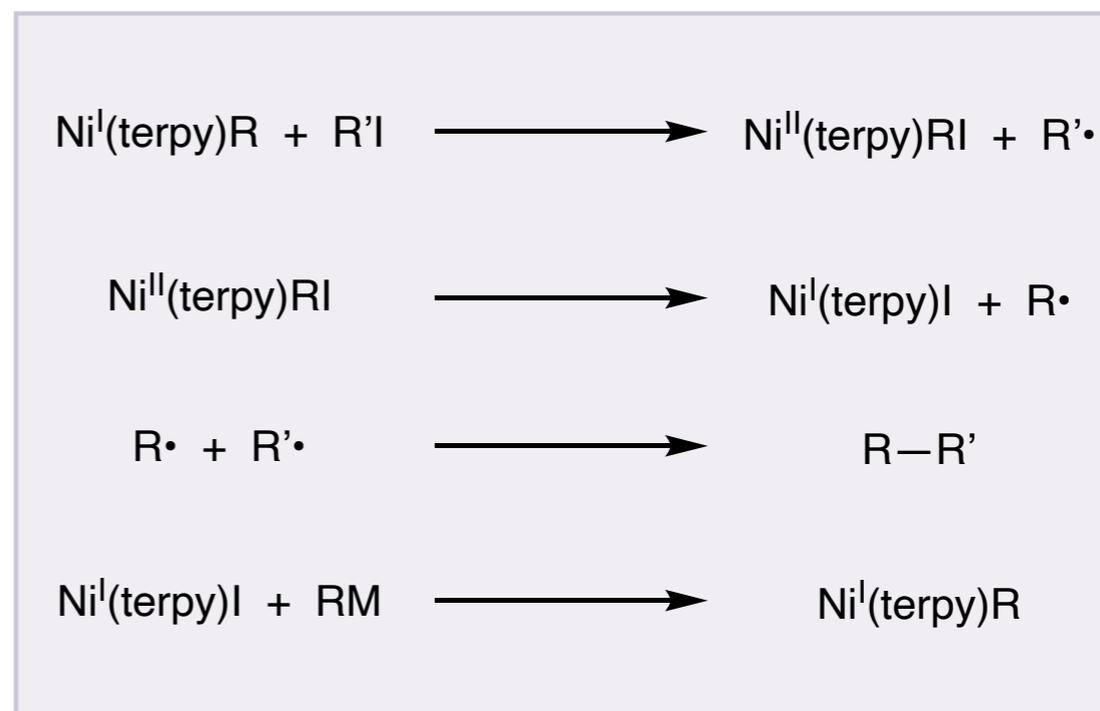
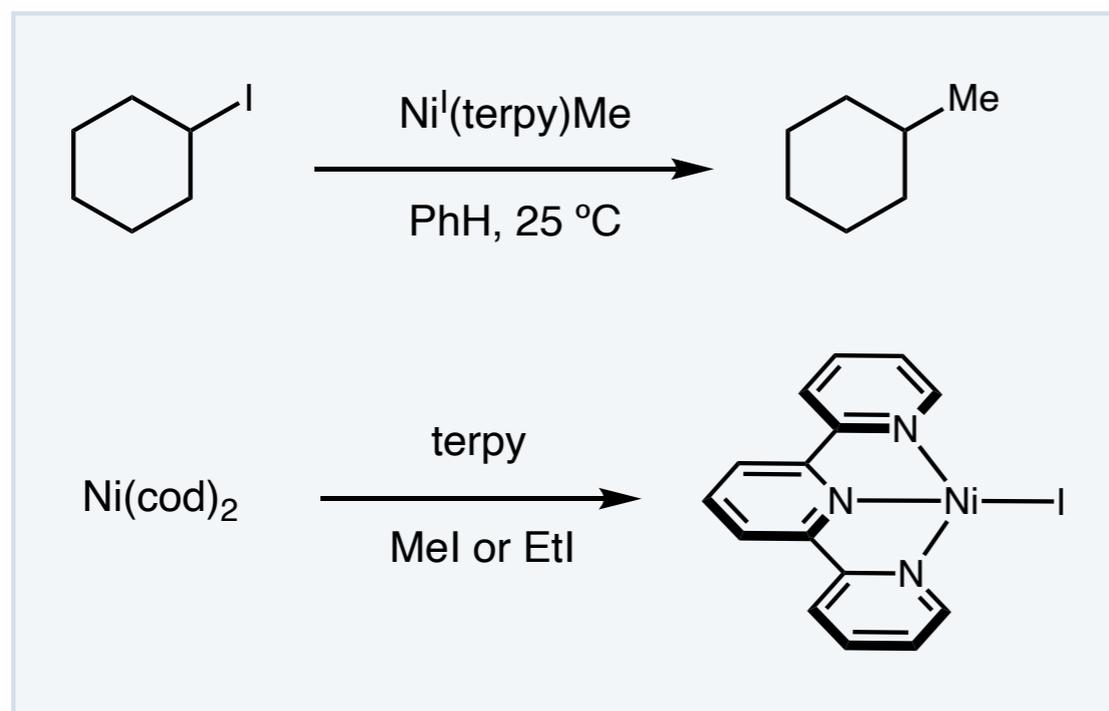
implicates odd-electronic states of nickel

Vicic's investigation of the terpy system

■ Serendipitous Ni(I) Discovery (2004)

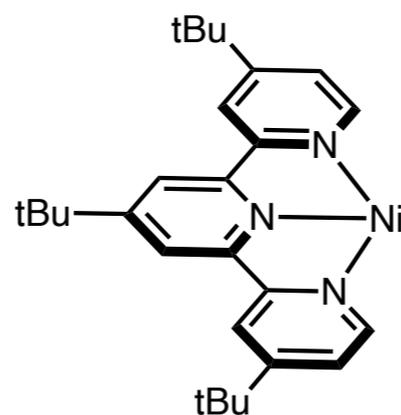
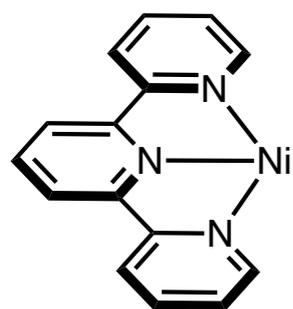


suggests that Ni^{II} dialkyl intermediates may not be viable in cross-coupling of saturated alkyl electrophiles

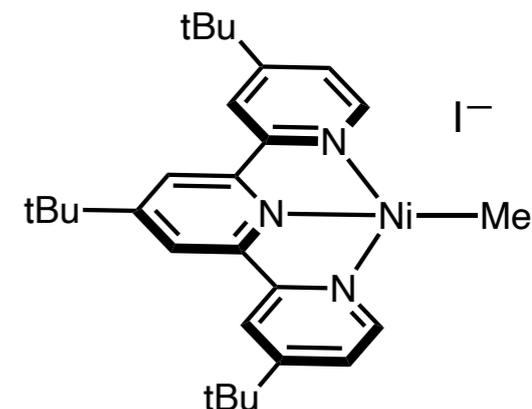


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■ Uncovering ligand non-innocence (2006)

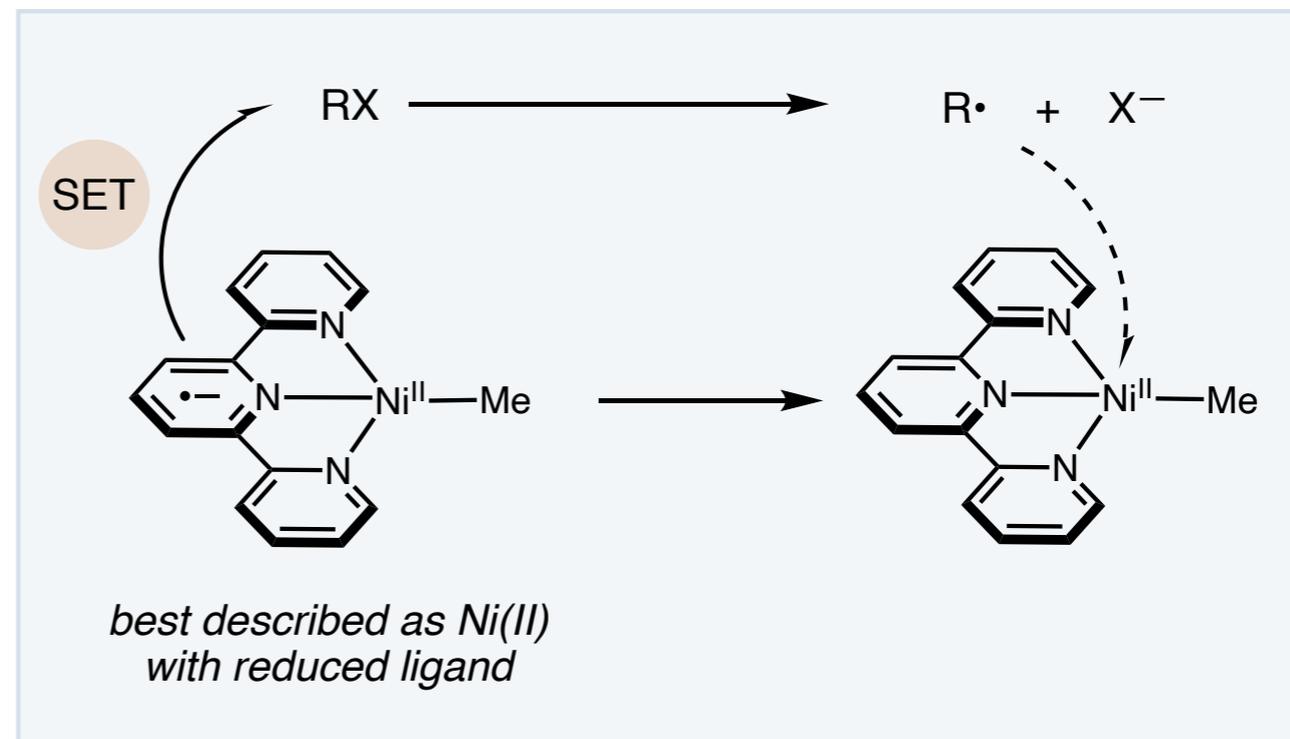
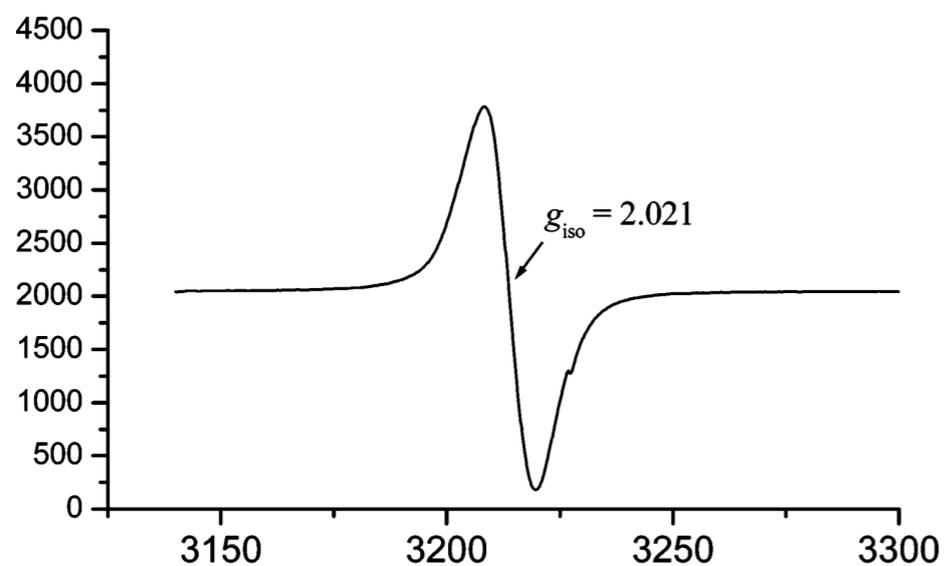


increased performance
(AlkBr now viable)



now isolable

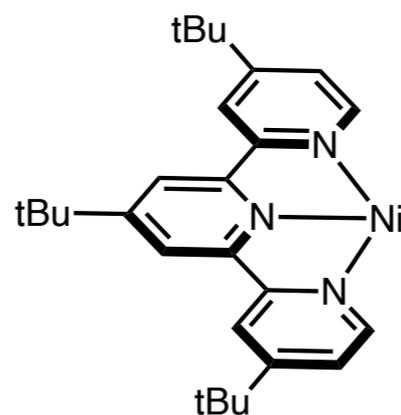
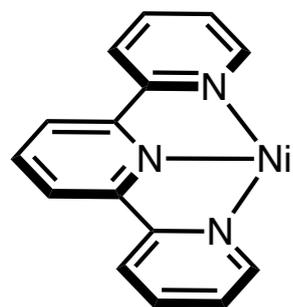
EPR-spectrum of Ni(terpy)Me



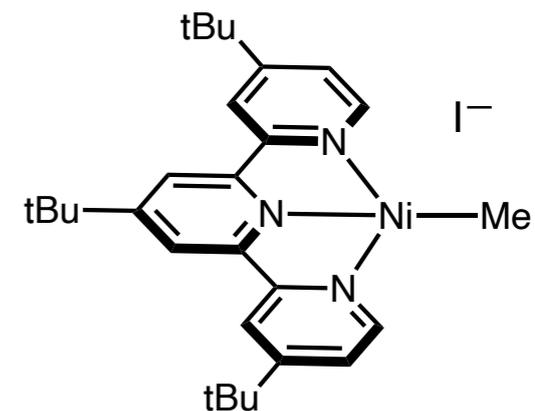
represents entirely new mode of oxidative addition

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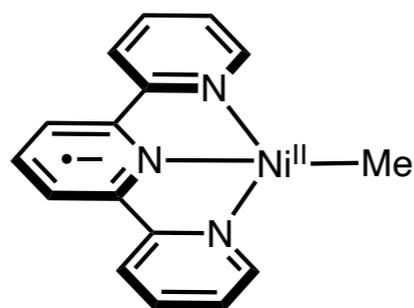
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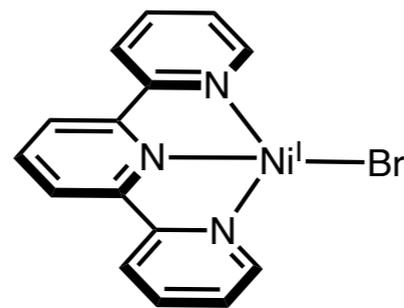
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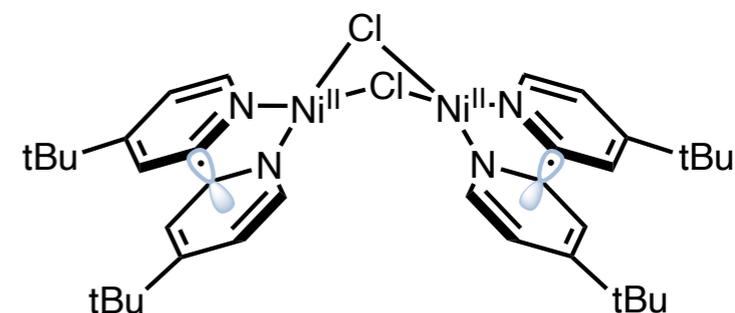
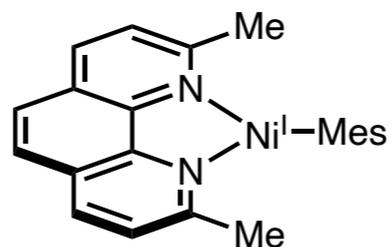
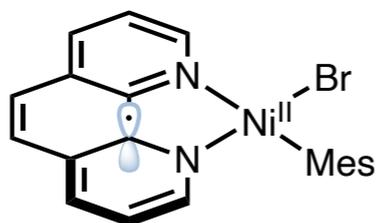
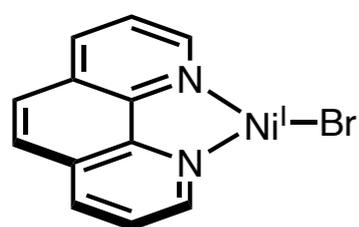


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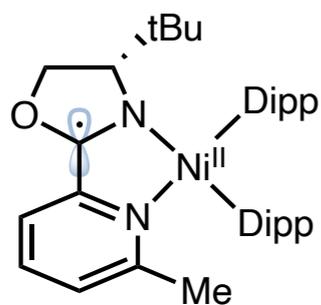
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Ligand Non-innocence in Ni(I) Complexes

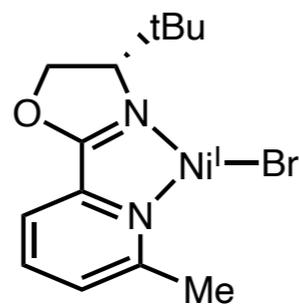
- Metal— or ligand—centered radicals? A complicated story ...



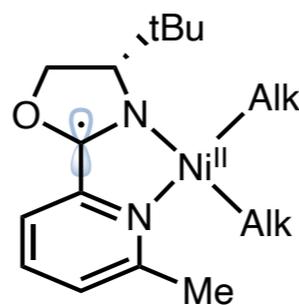
non-obvious from simply looking at a given structure



can activate AlkBr
can't activate ArBr

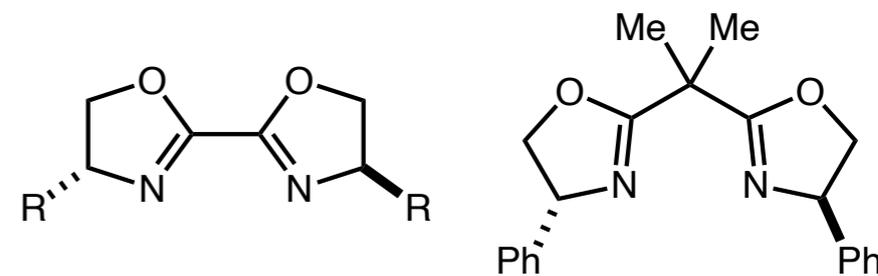


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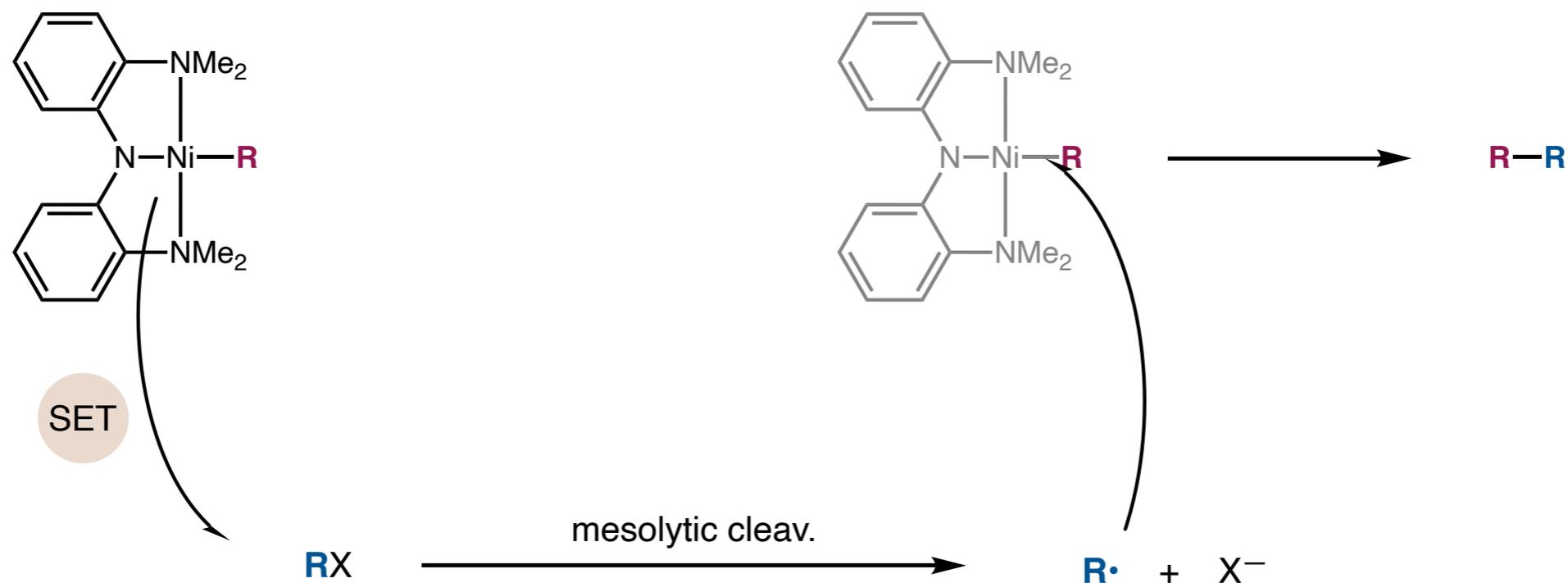
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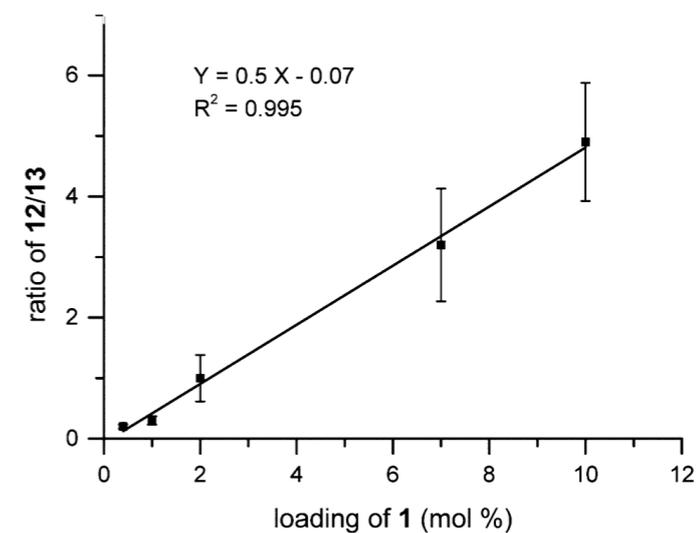
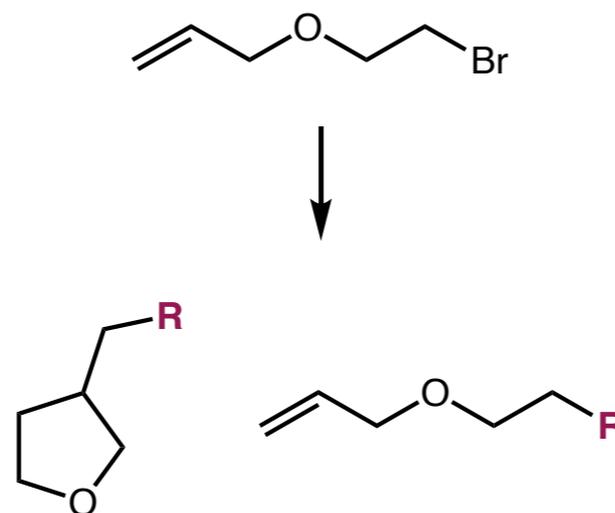
innocent ligands don't participate in this

Mono- or bimetallic oxidative addition?

■ Evidence of radical bimetallic oxidative addition (2013)



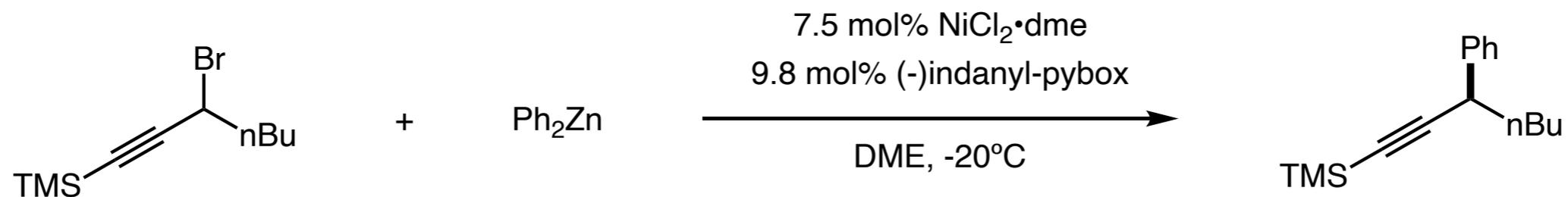
supported by radical clock



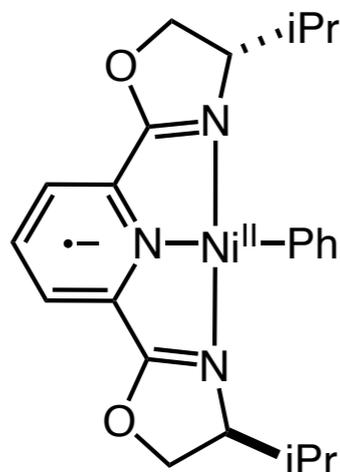
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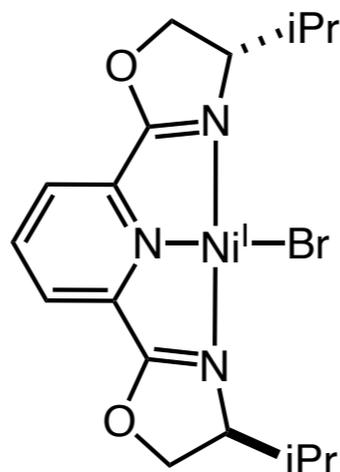


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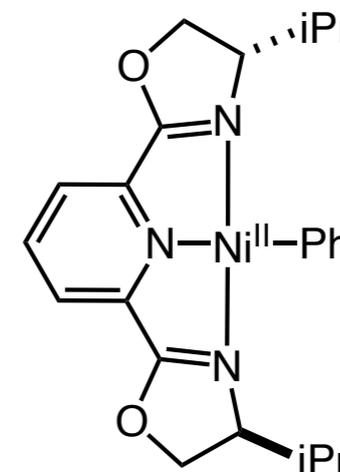
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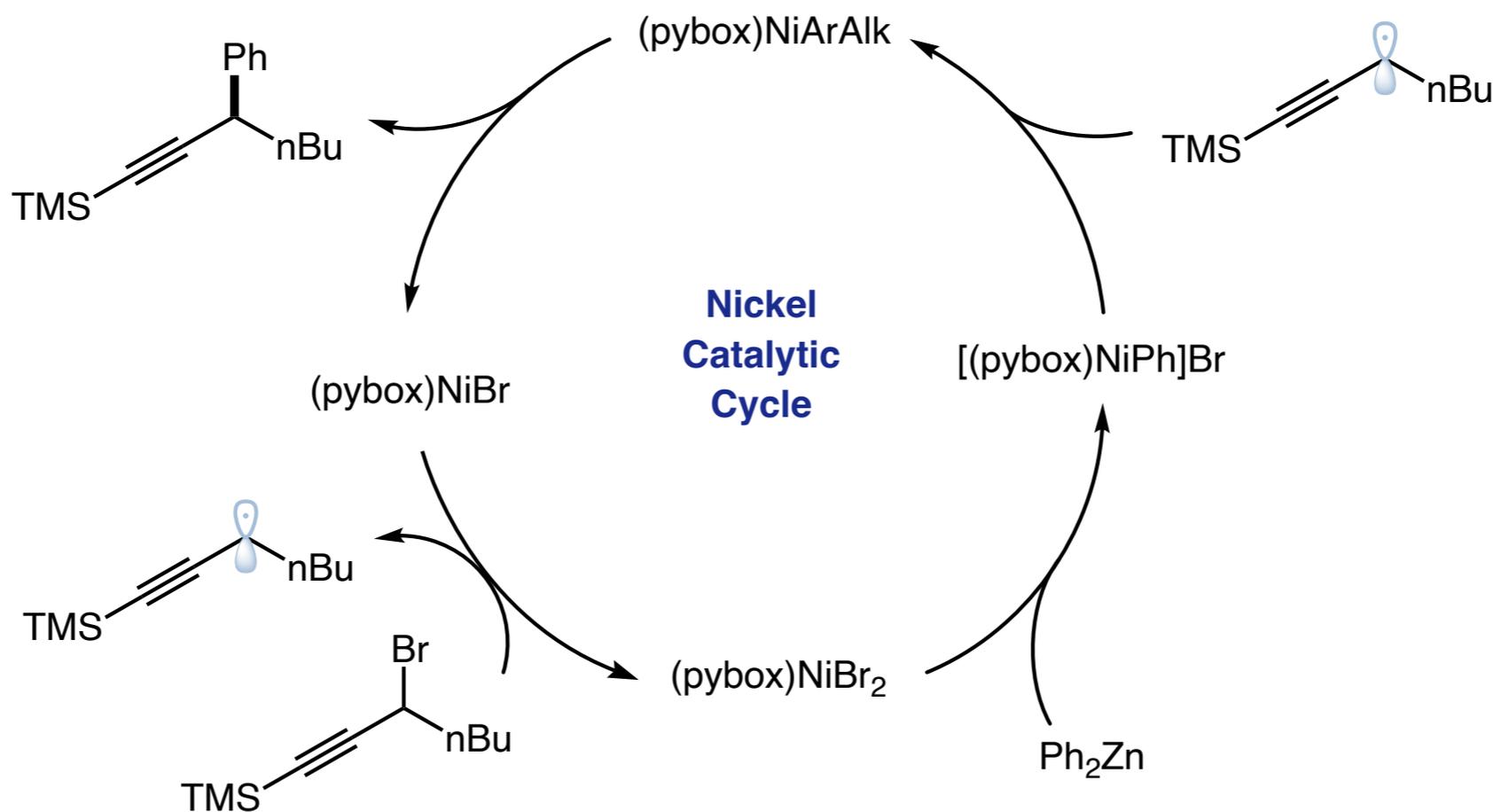
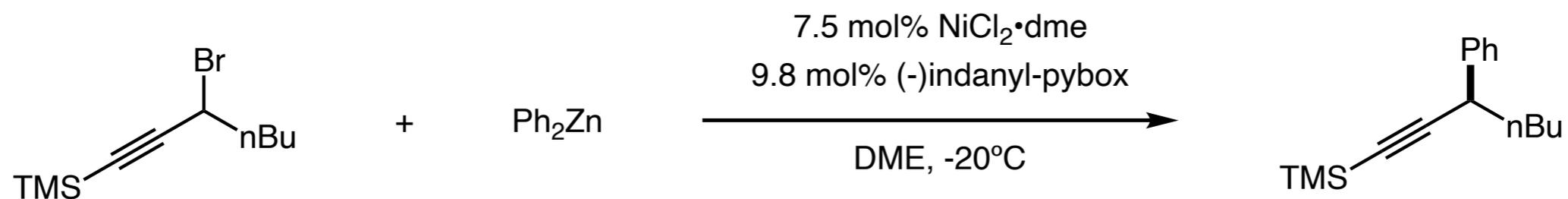


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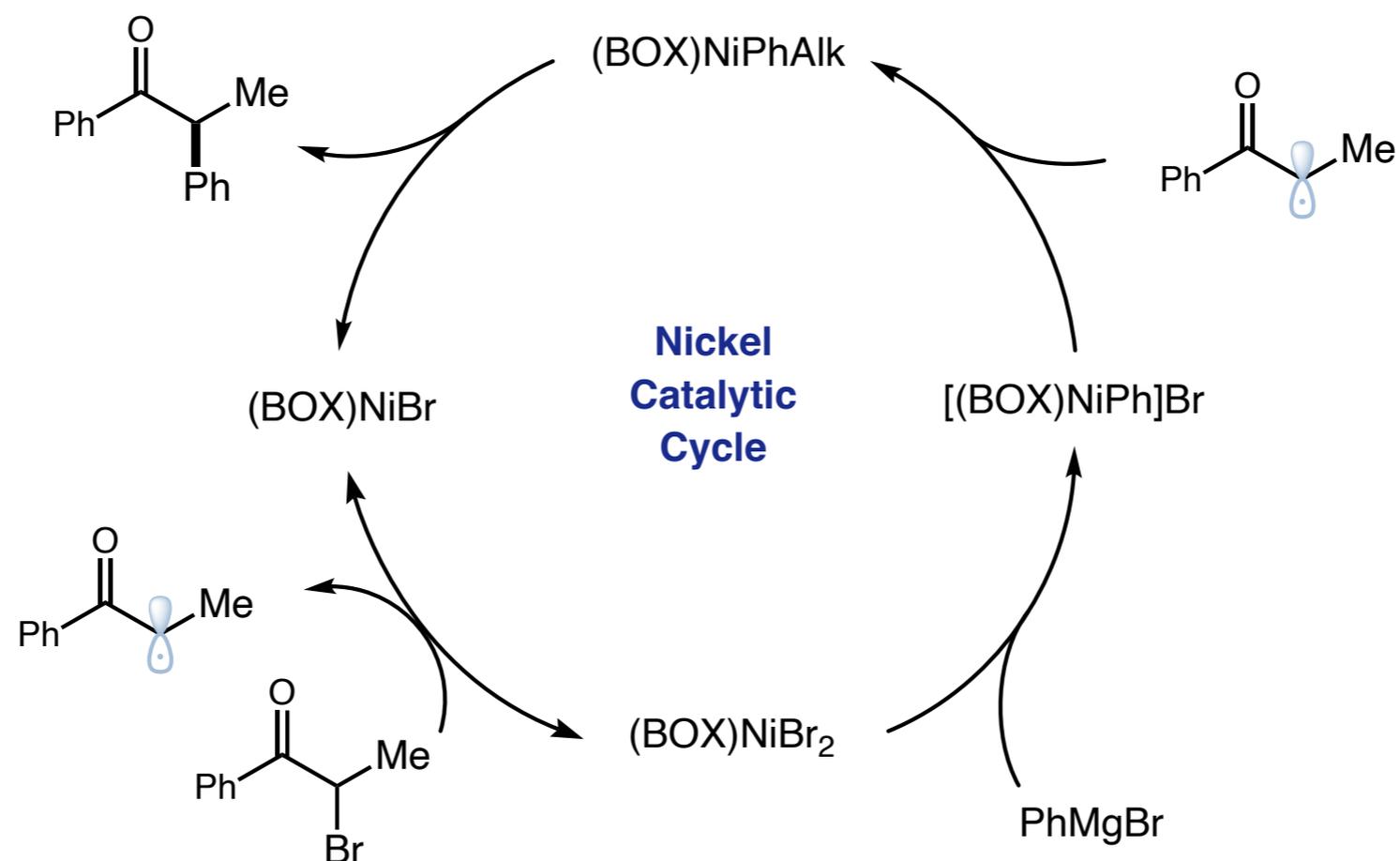
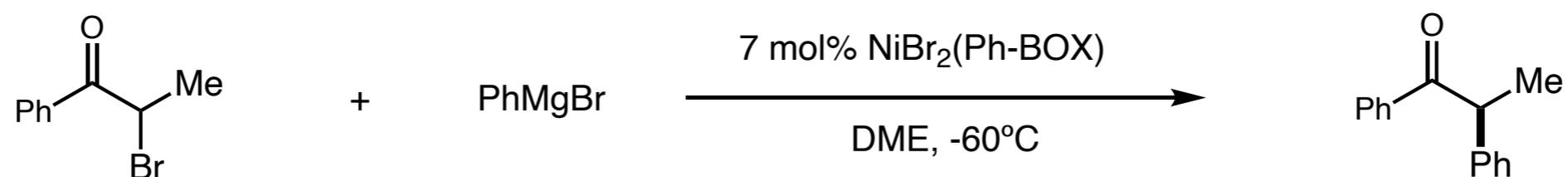
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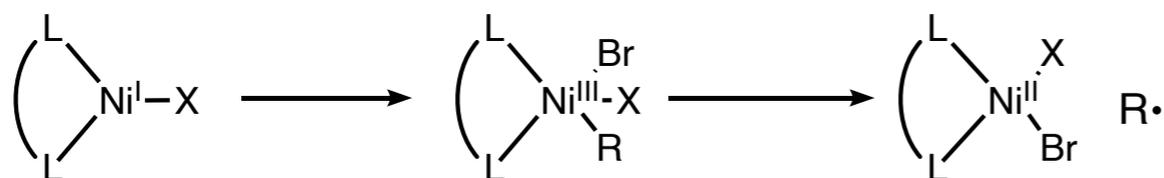


note the activated nature of the electrophiles

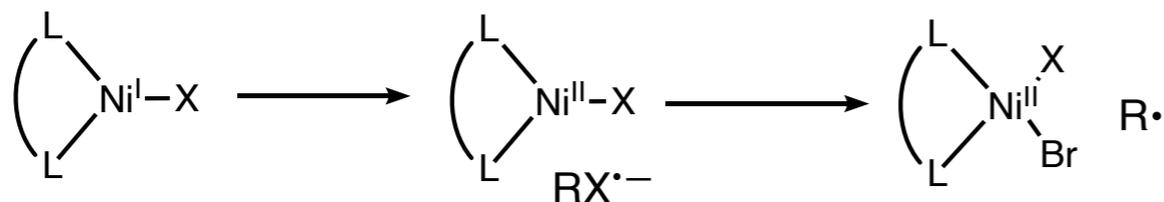
Elucidating the oxidative addition itself

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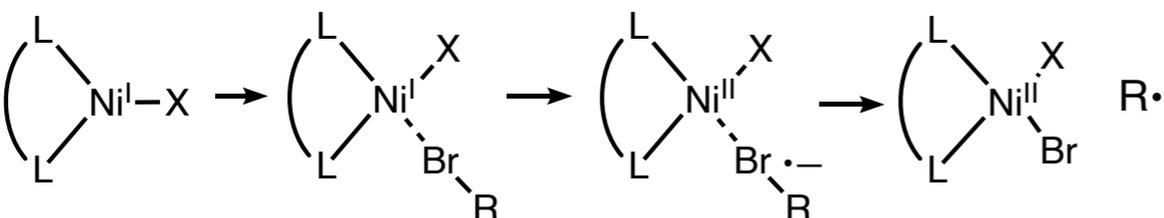
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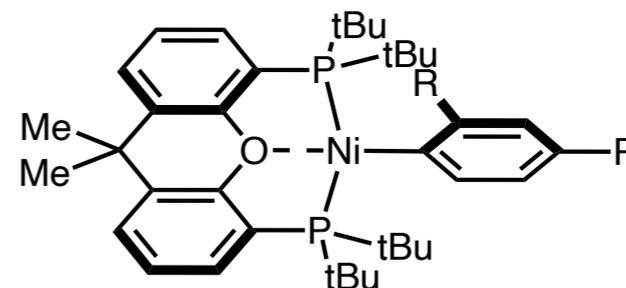
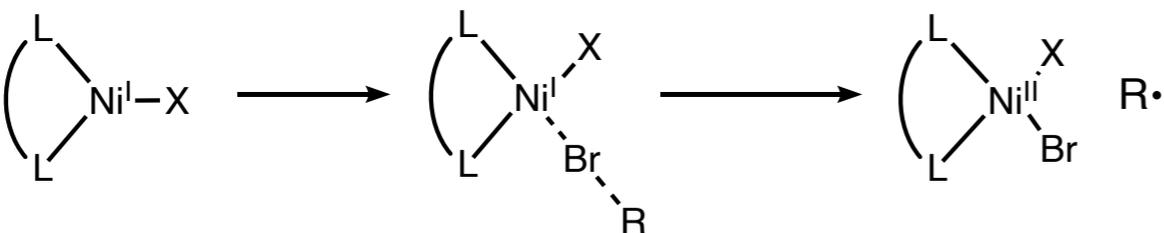
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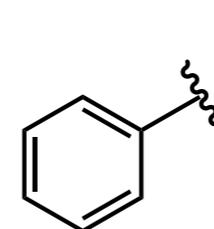


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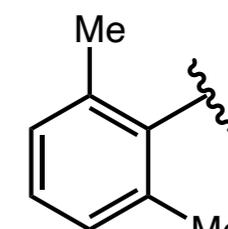


*was reacted
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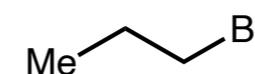


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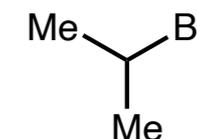


unreactive

2. Rate faster for secondary over primary bromides



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$6 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$

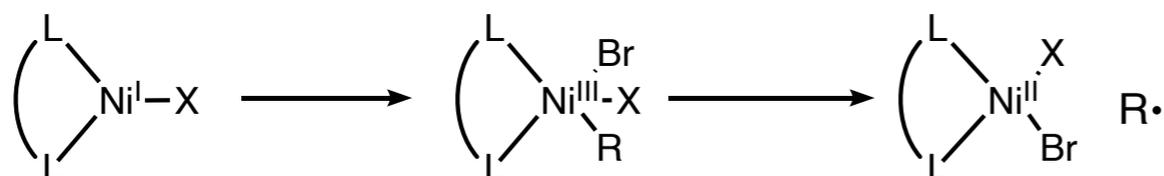
3. Rate independent of solvent polarity

corroborated by DFT calculations

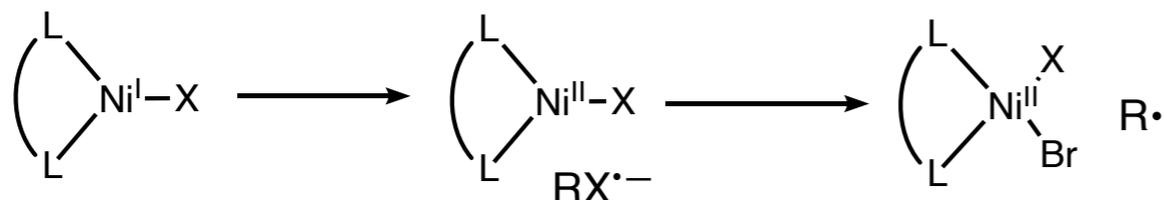
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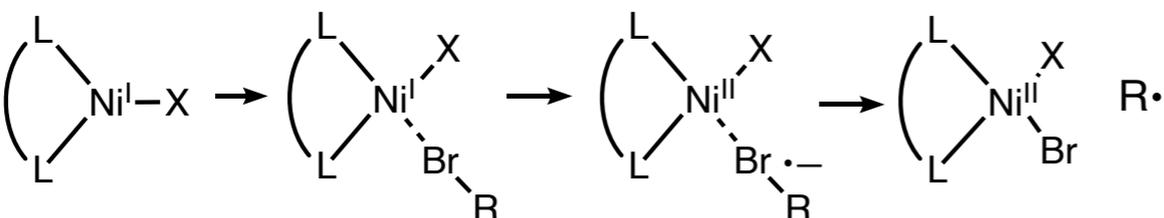
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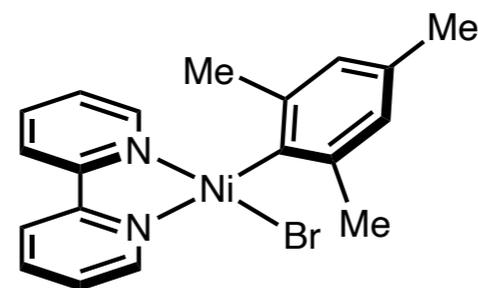
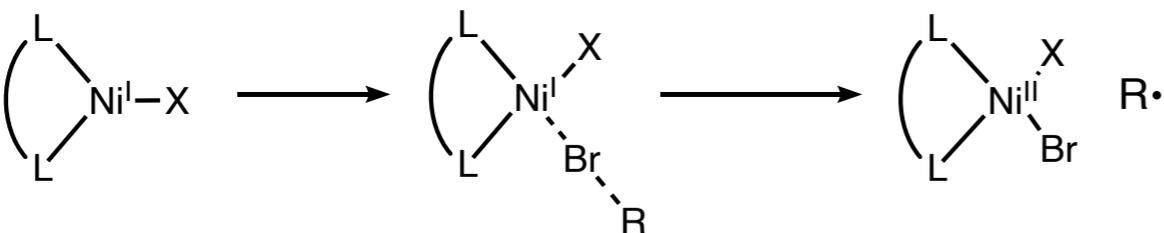
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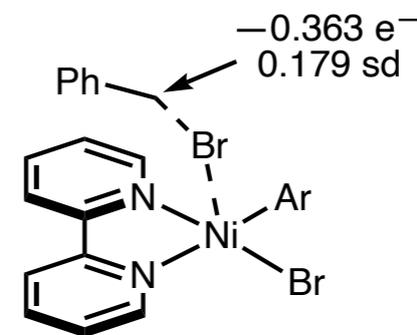


reaction rate with alkyl bromide determined by foot-of-the-wave analysis

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DFT calculation for reaction with BnBr shows:

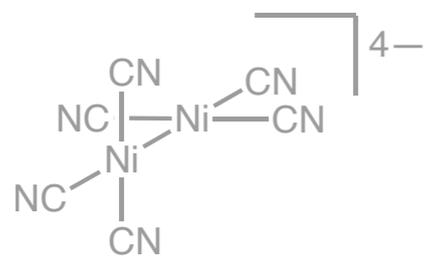


halide never transferred to Ni, dissociates during reaction

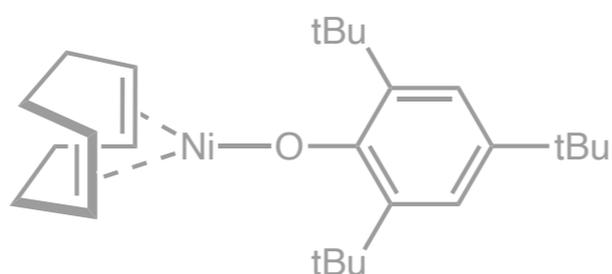
best described as inner-sphere electron transfer with concomitant bromide dissociation

Outline of Talk

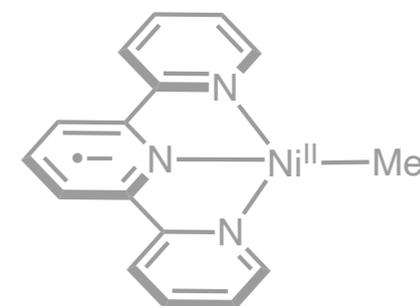
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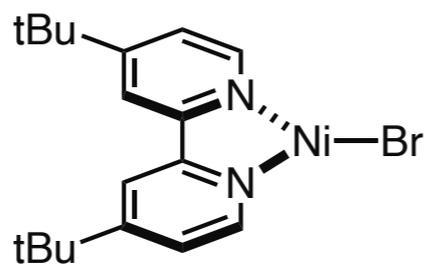
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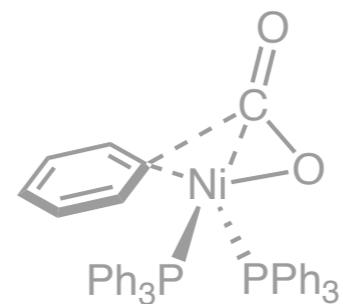
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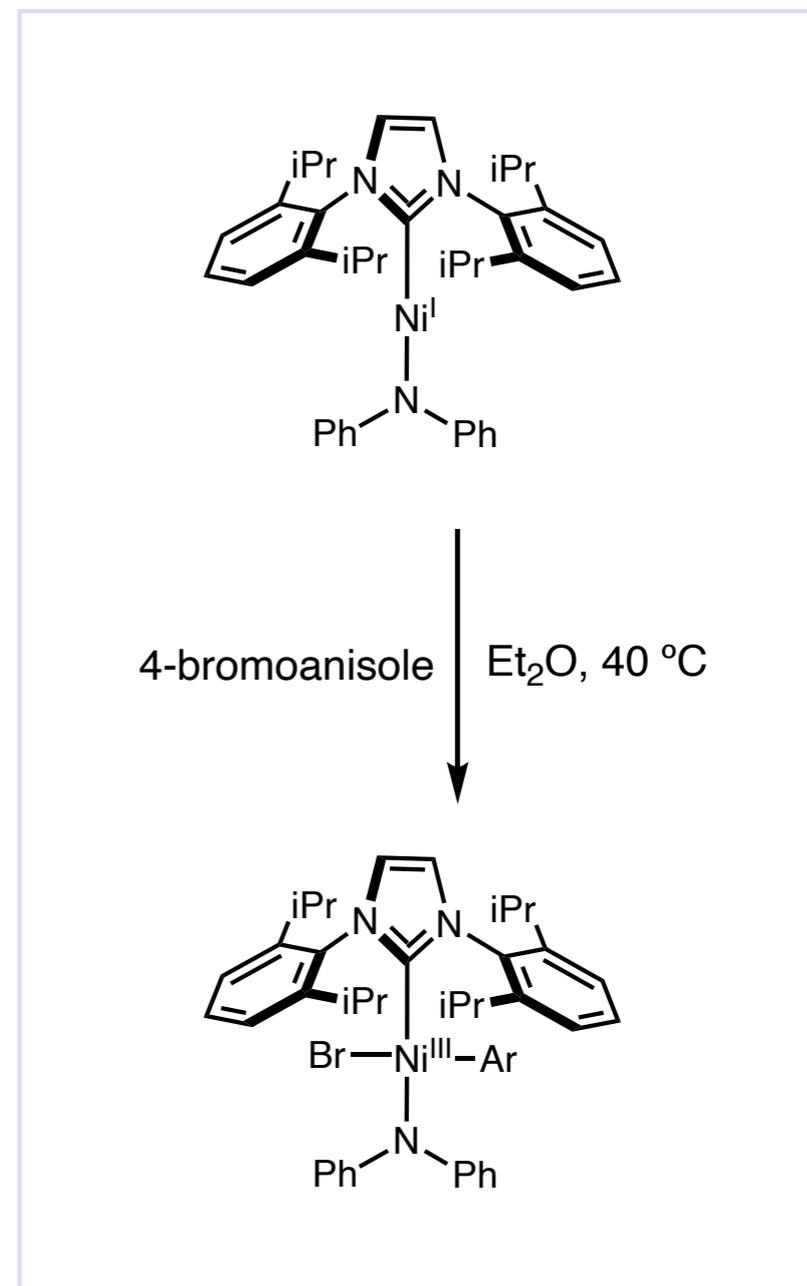
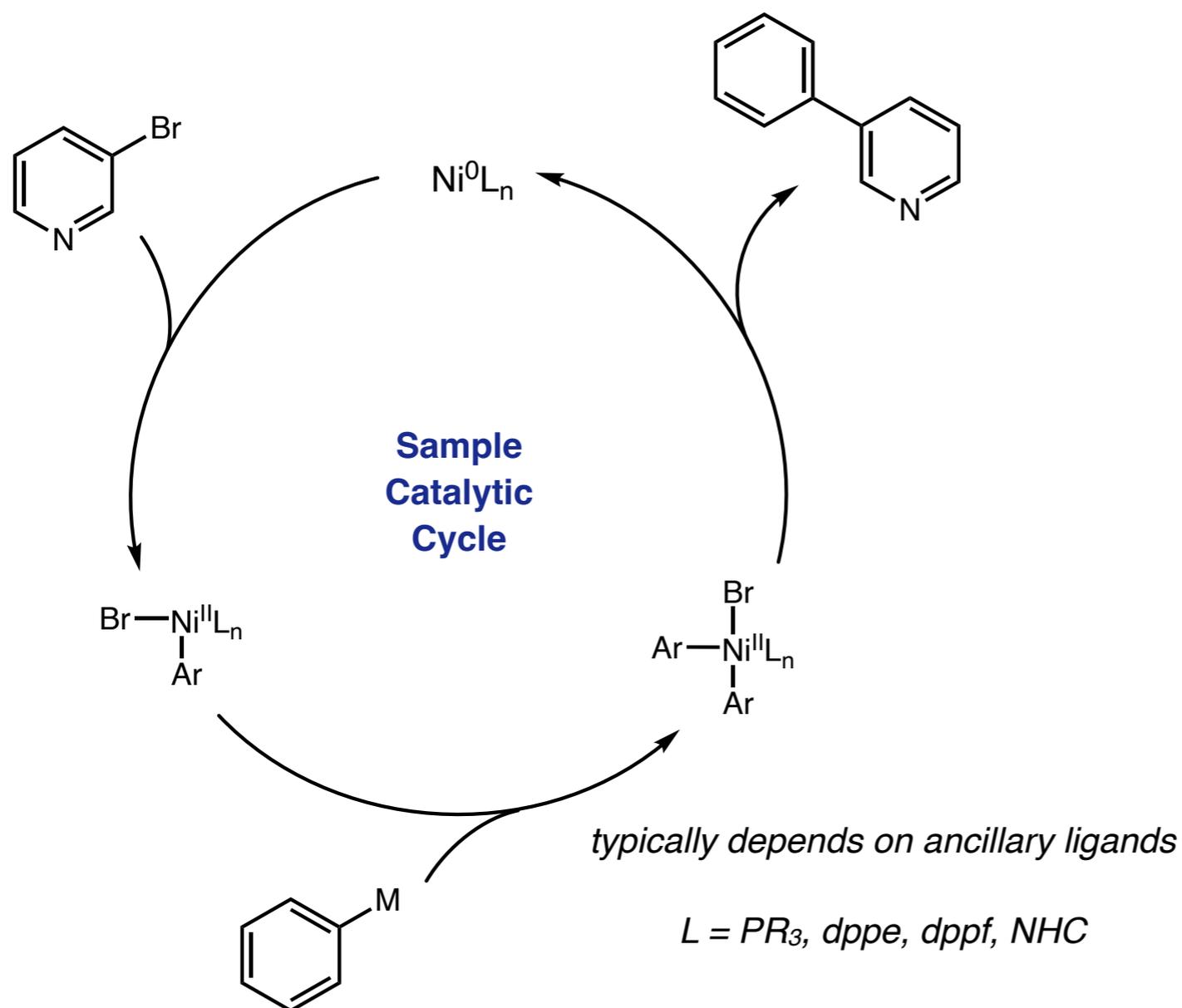


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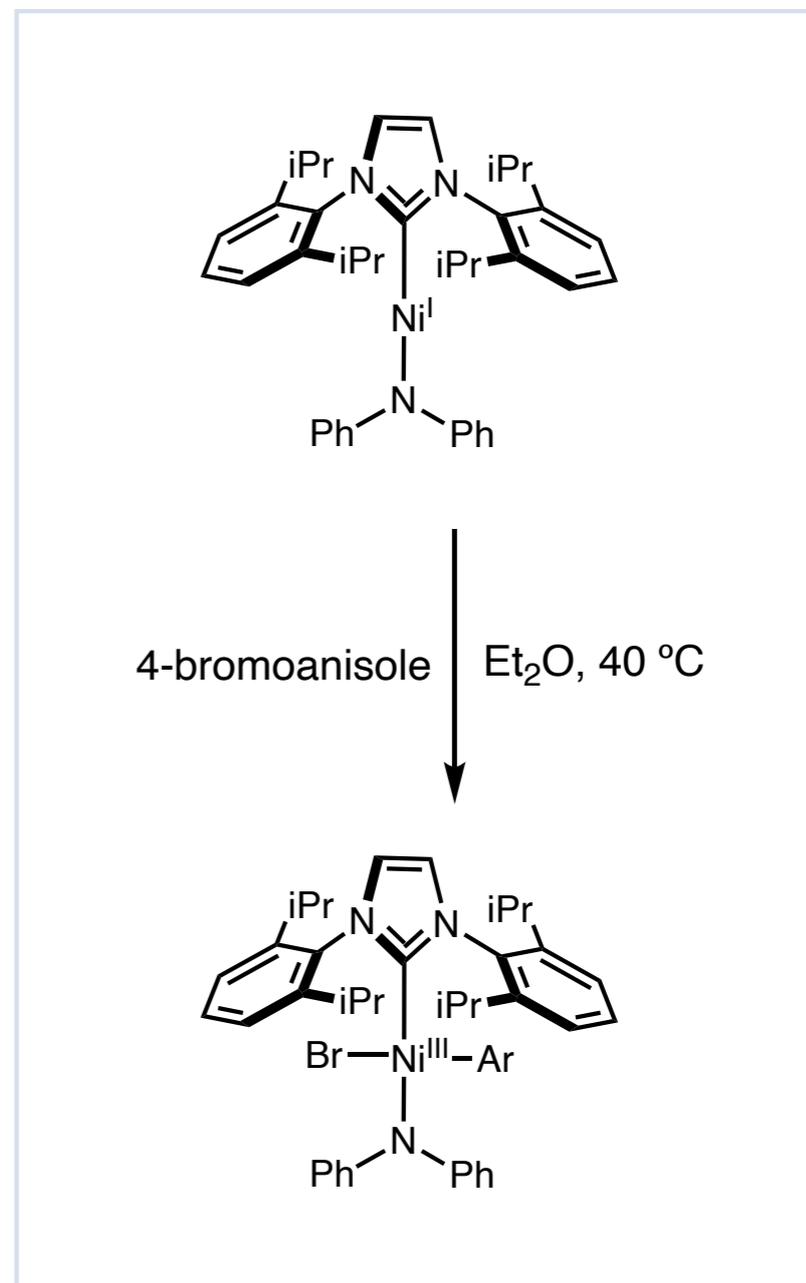
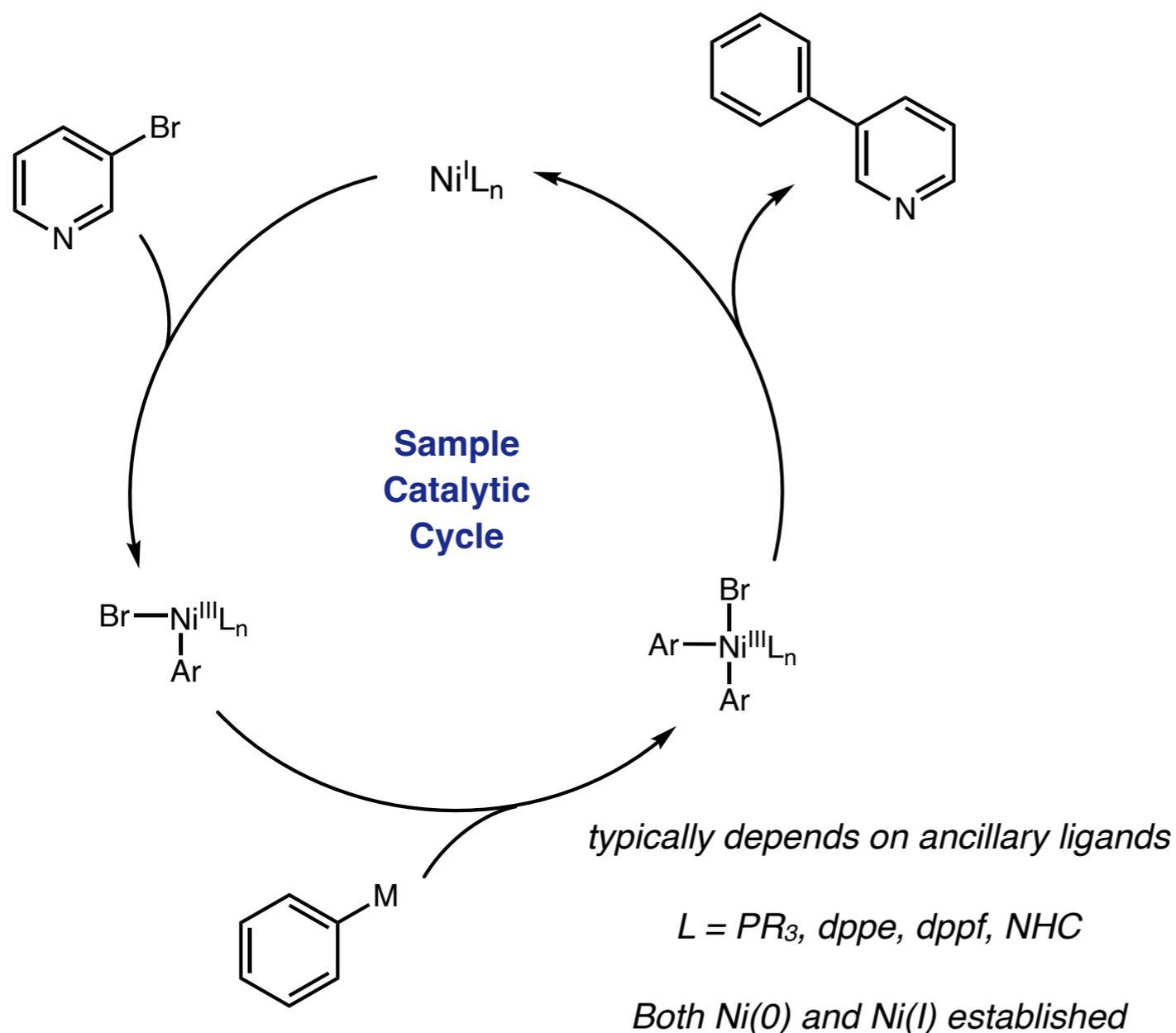
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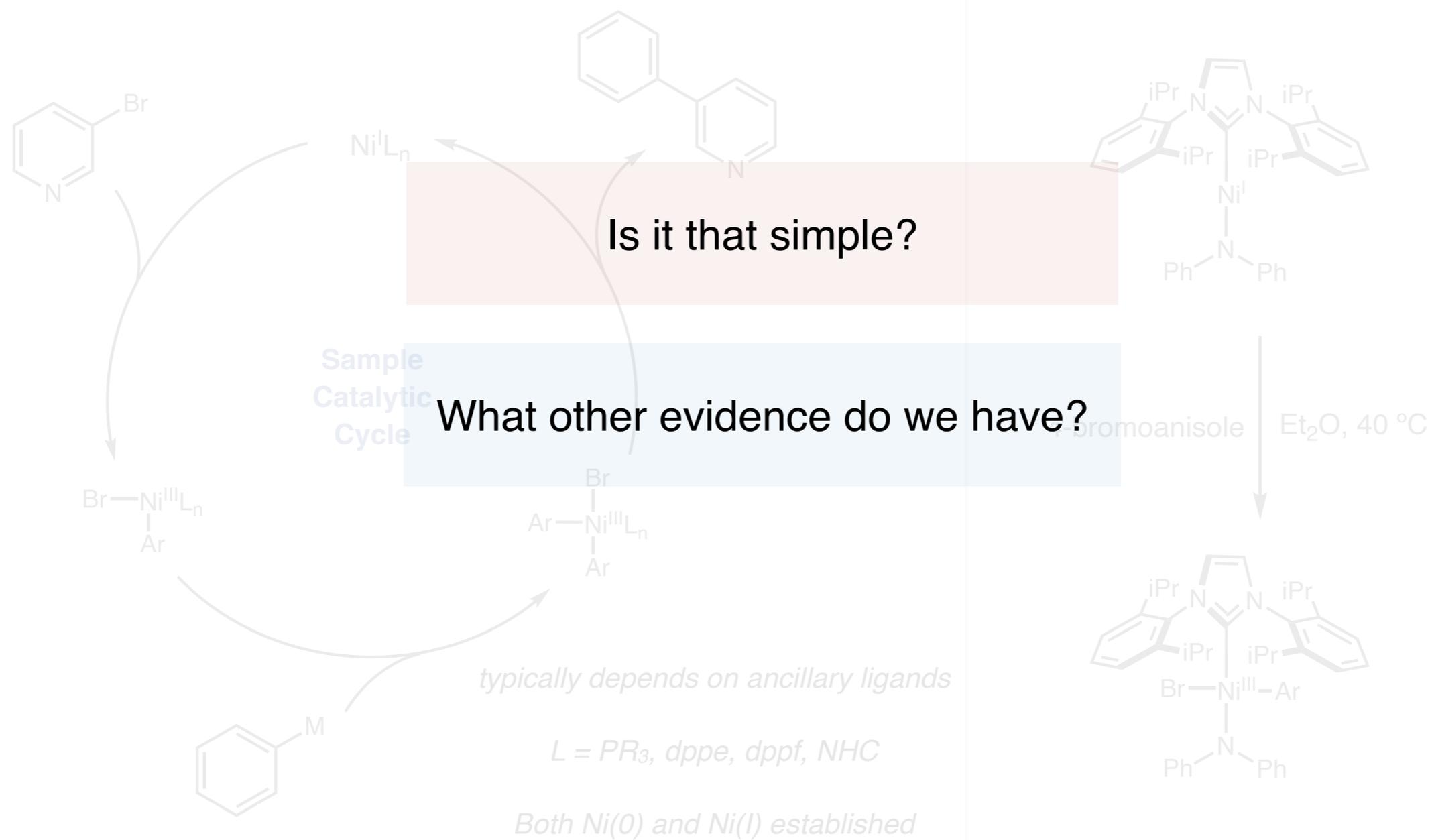
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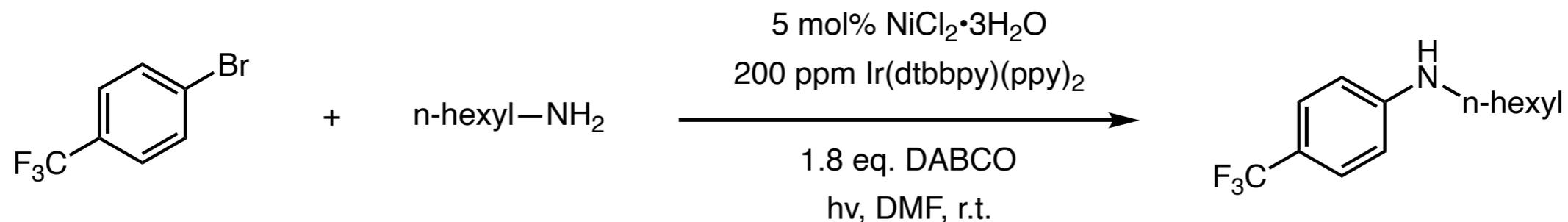
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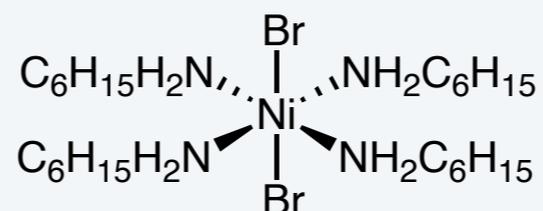
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Evidence for C(sp²) OA in amination (2020)



resting states:

Ir(dtbbpy)(ppy)₂



despite strong SV
quenching of DABCO

suggests highly active nickel species responsible for coupling



reductive elimination only from Ni(III)

$$\Phi(t) = \Phi(q) \times \Phi(\text{Ir}) \times \Phi(\text{Ni})$$

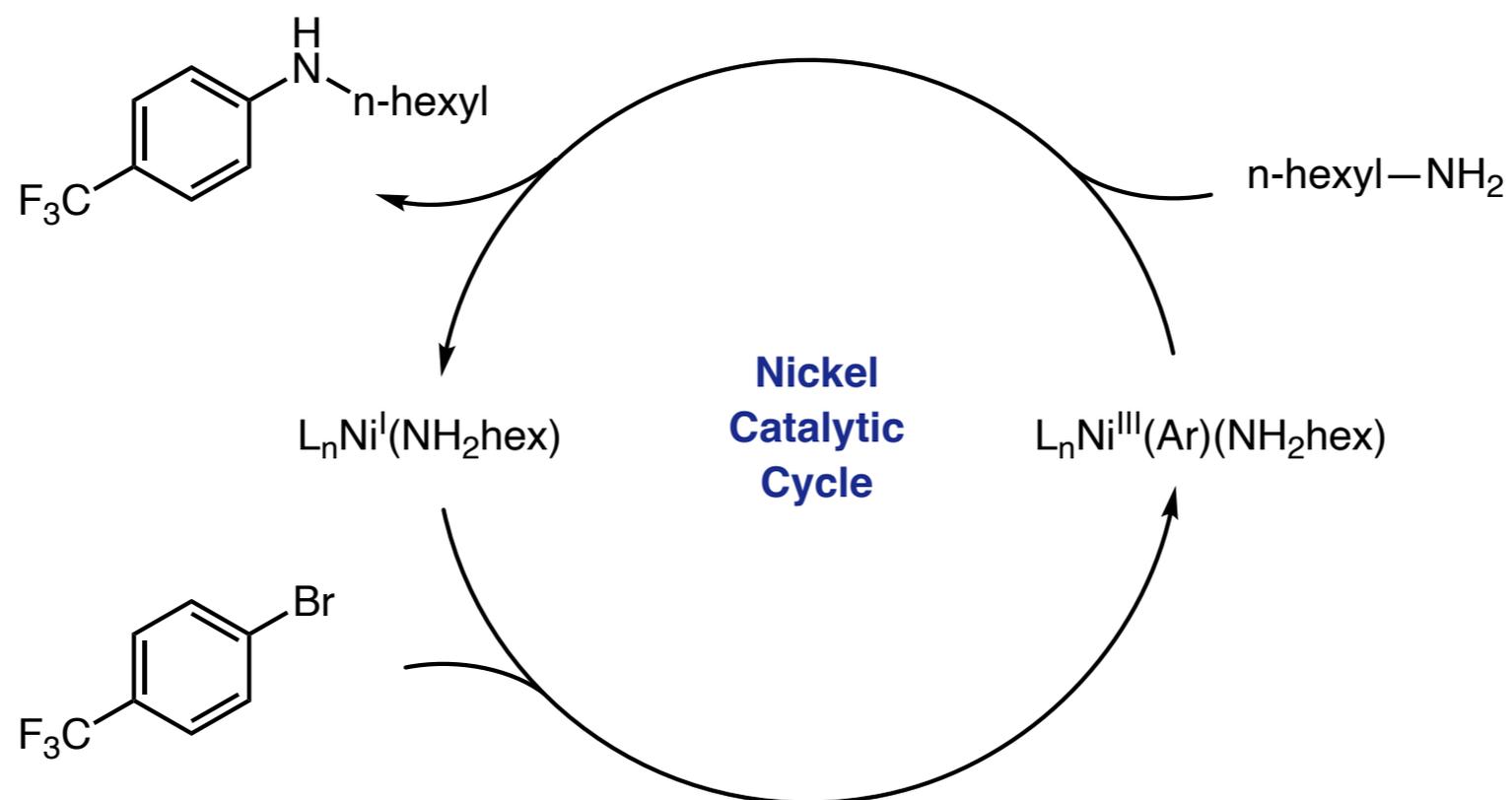
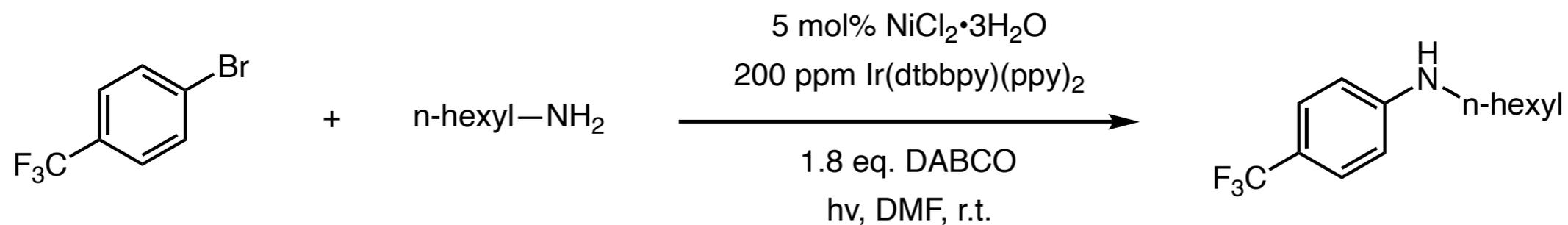
$$\Phi(q) = 1 \quad \Phi(\text{Ir}) \leq 1$$

$$\Phi(\text{Ni}) \geq 1$$

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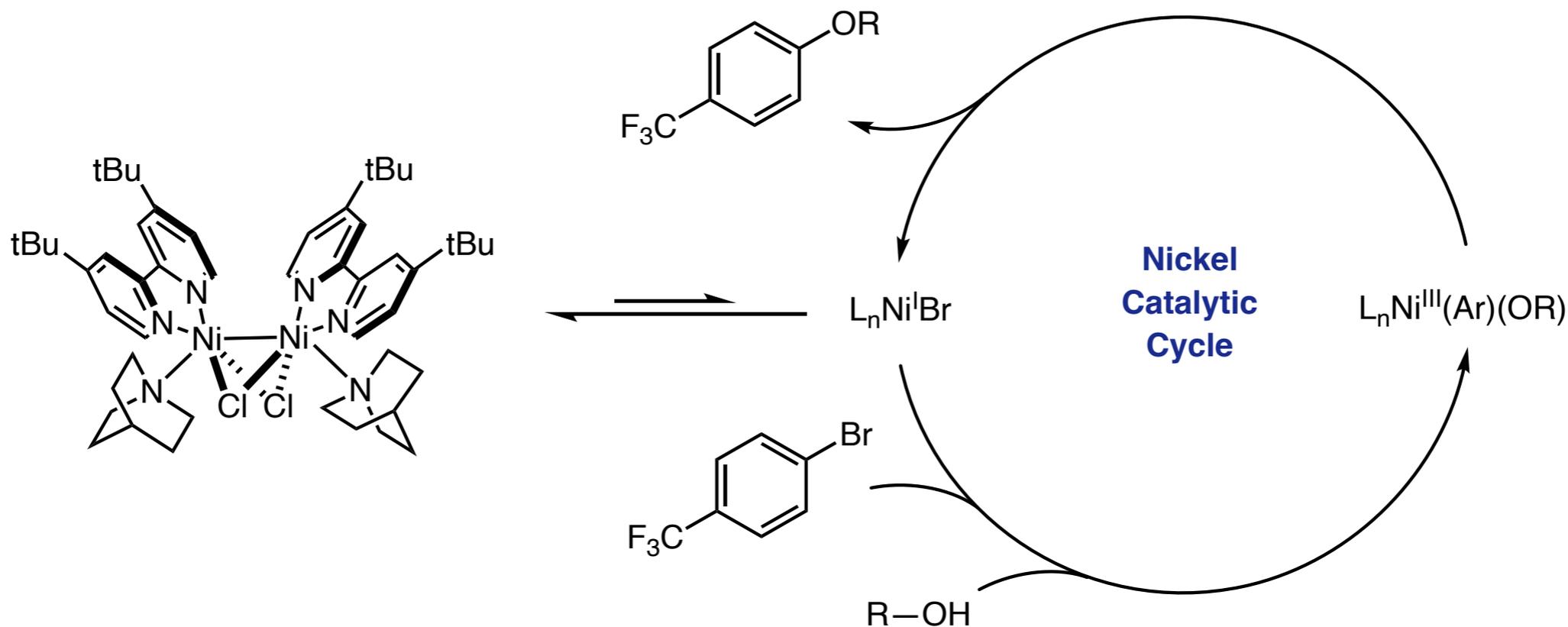
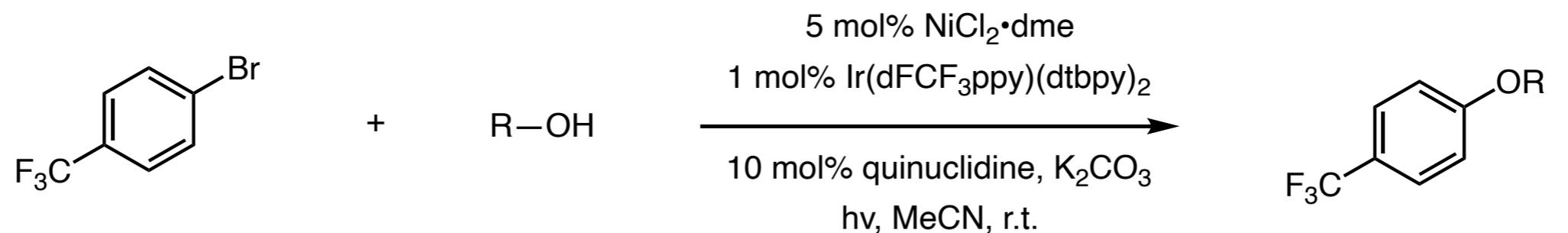
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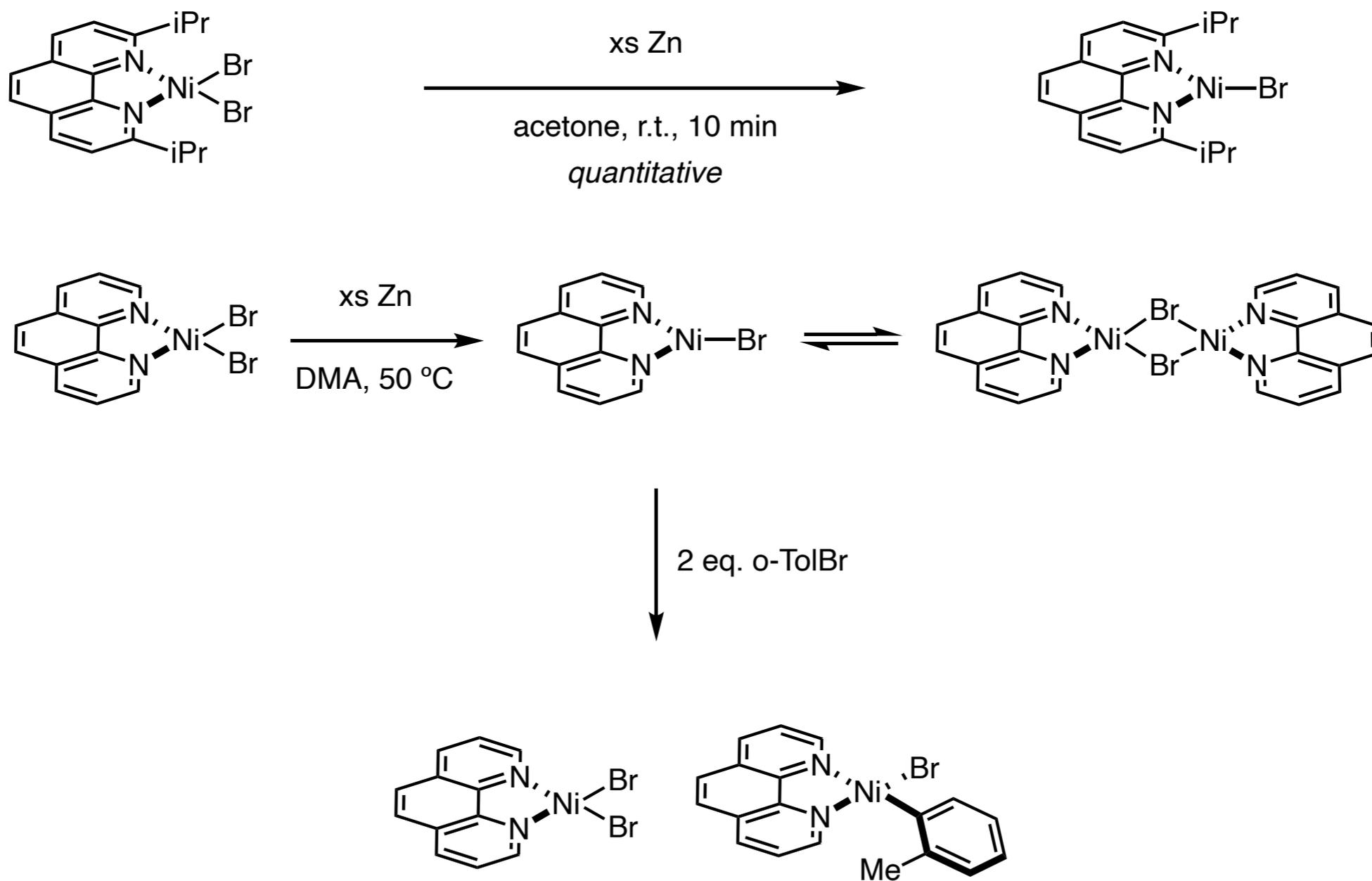
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indirect evidence of a Ni(I) halide complex doing a I/III oxidative addition

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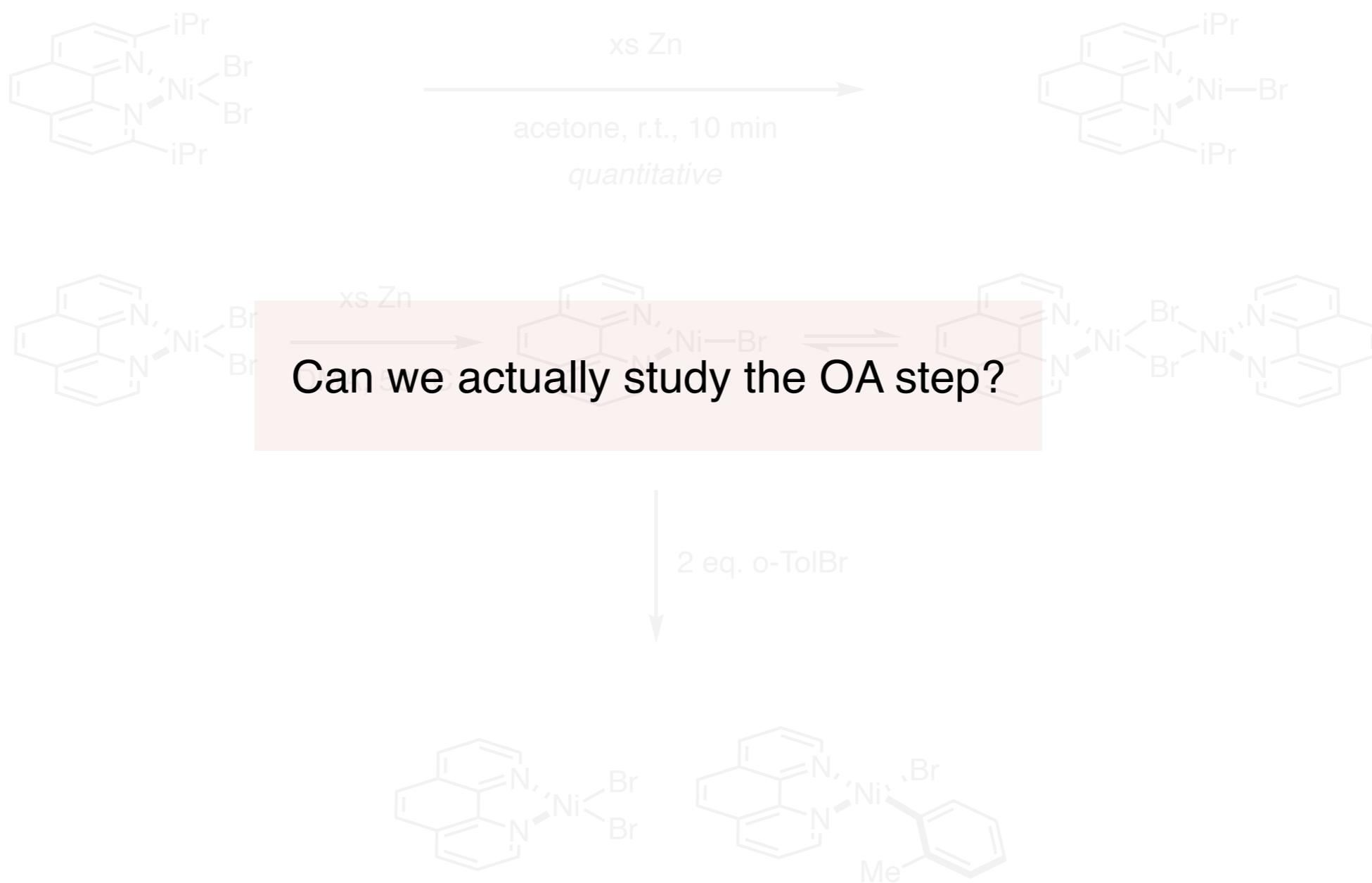
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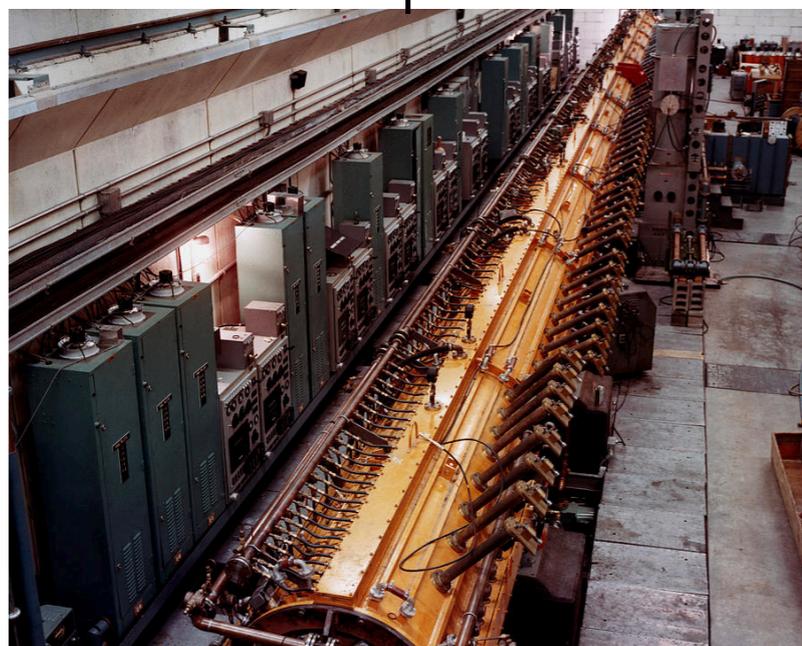


Can we actually study the OA step?

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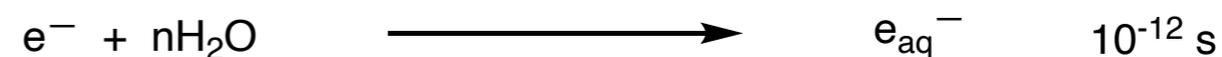
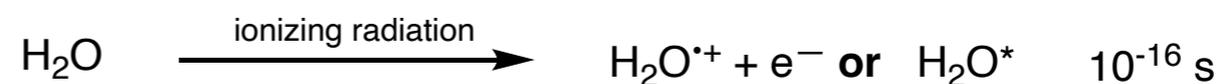
■ What is pulse radiolysis?



Linear accelerator at BNL

can monitor downstream reactions of formed reactive species by spectroscopy

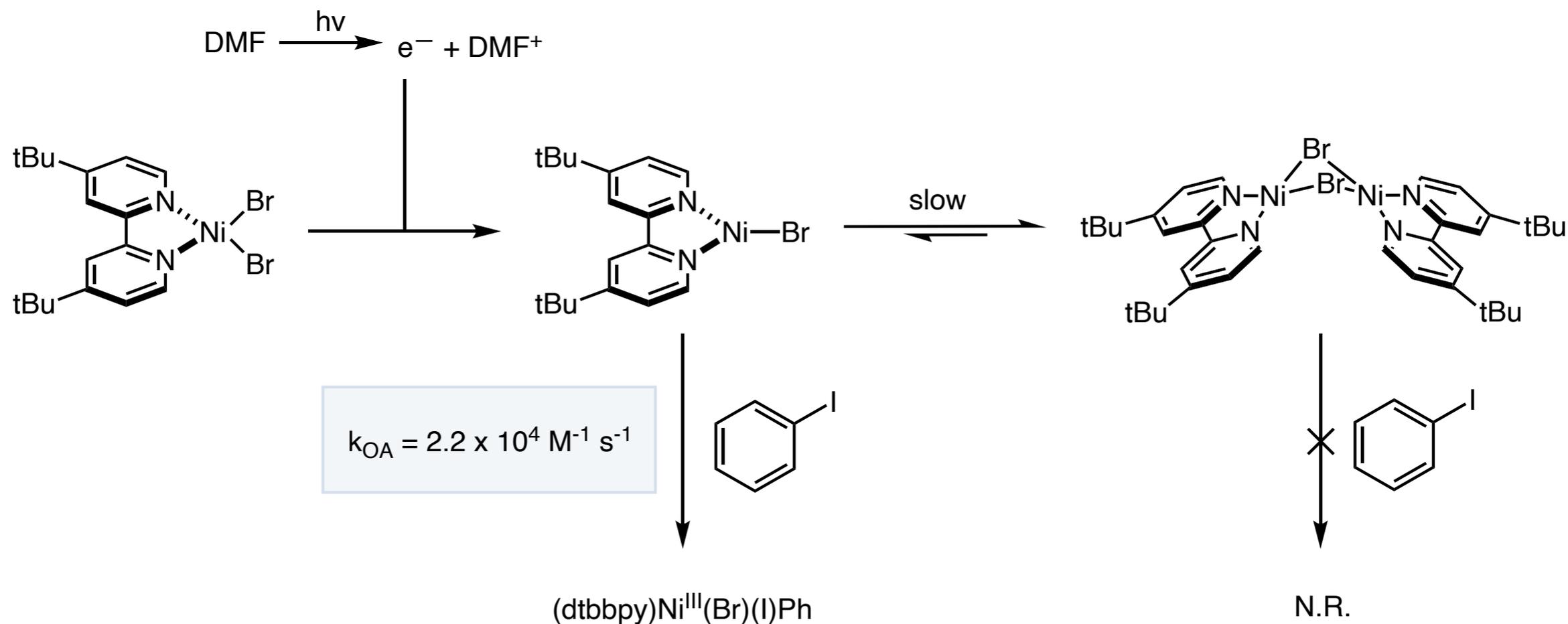
generates ionizing radiation



effective tool to study ultrafast processes in radical chemistry

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■ Applying pulse radiolysis to dtbbpy system (2021)

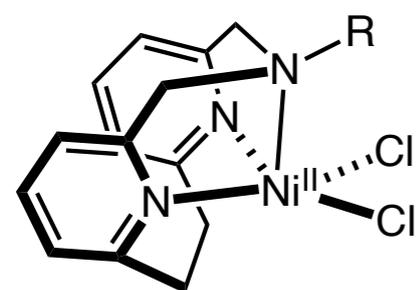


full characterization of OA: $\rho = 3.1$ $\Delta G^\ddagger = 10.4 \text{ kcal/mol}$ $\Delta H^\ddagger = 5.8 \text{ kcal/mol}$ $\Delta S^\ddagger = -15.5 \text{ cal/(mol K)}$

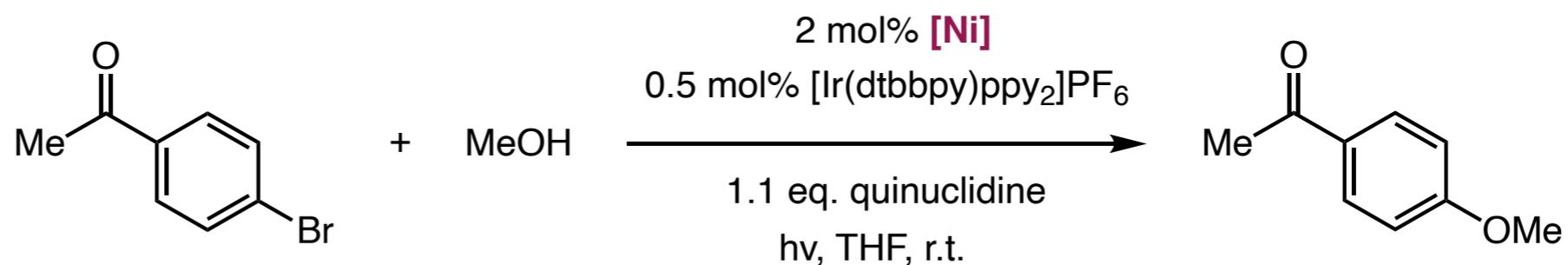
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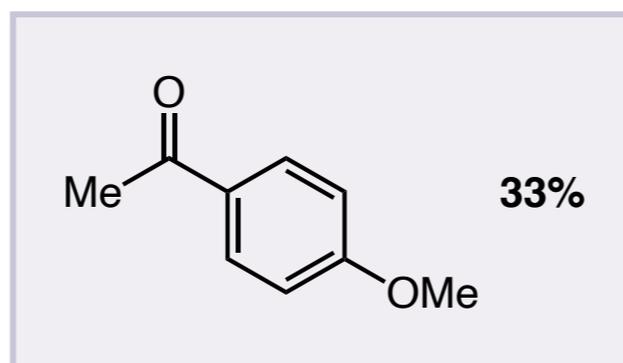
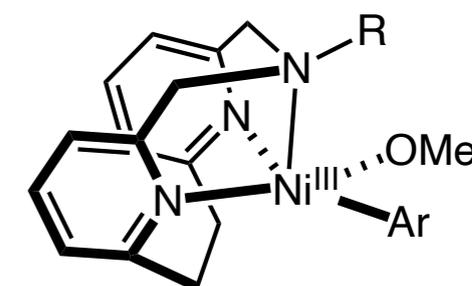
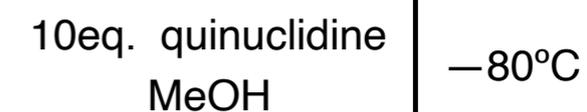
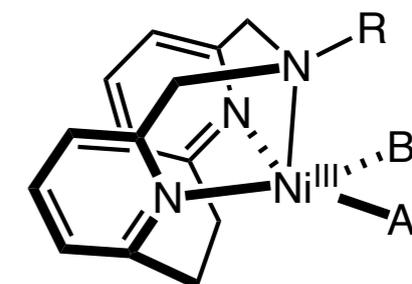
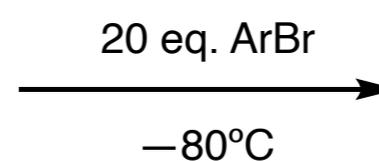
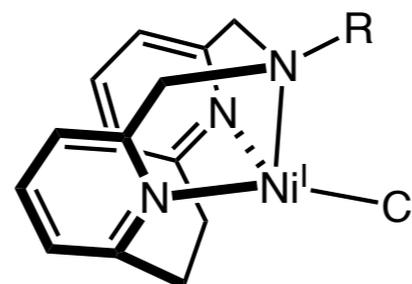
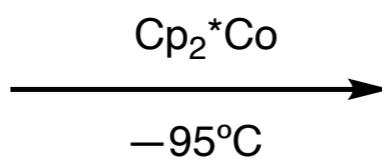
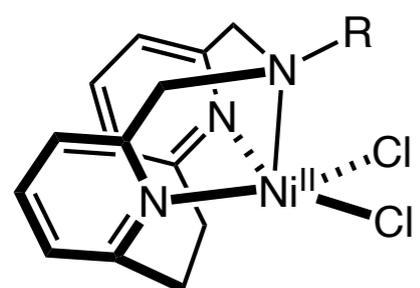
■ Isolation of the OA complex (2022?)



pyridinophane ligand



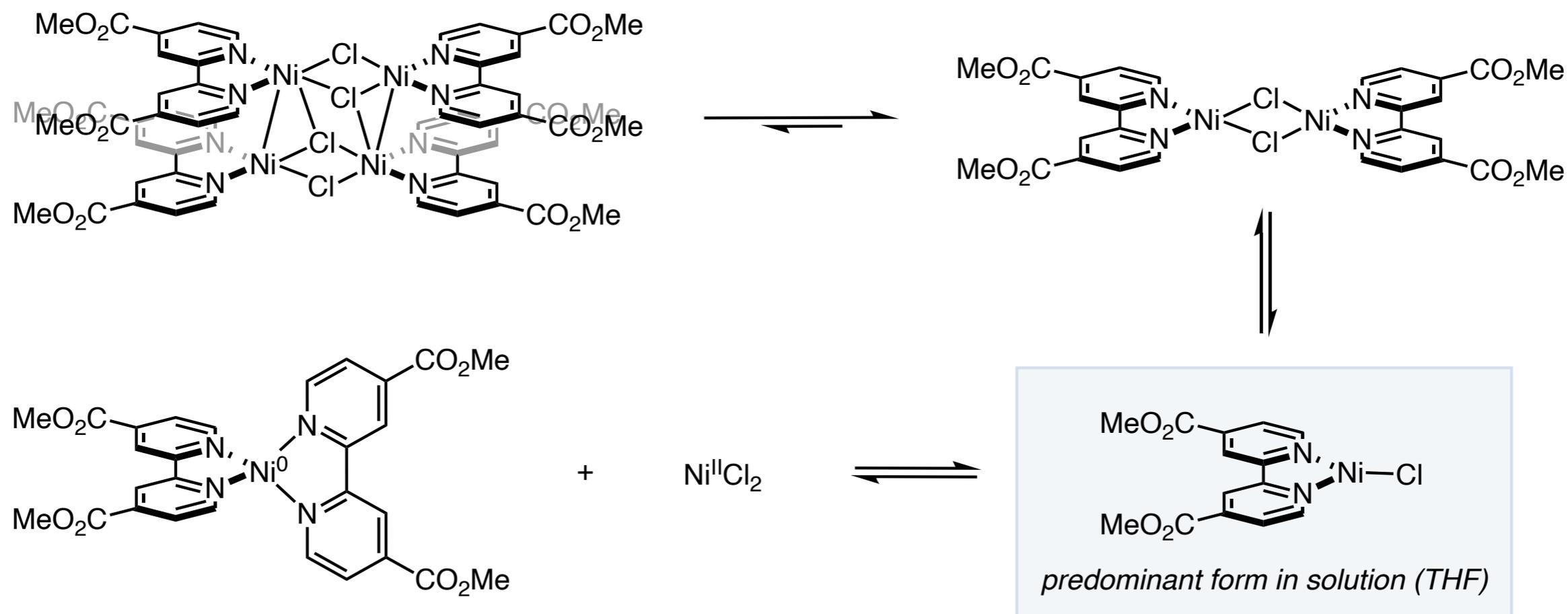
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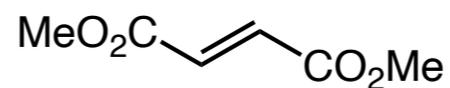
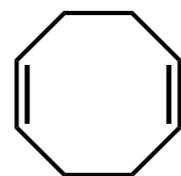
clear observation of Ni(I/III) OA and all other steps in etherification

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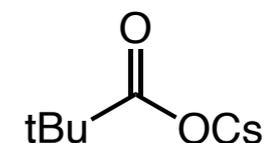
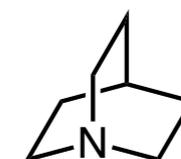
Discovery of a monomeric bpy-ligated Ni^I (2022)



disproportionation induced by:



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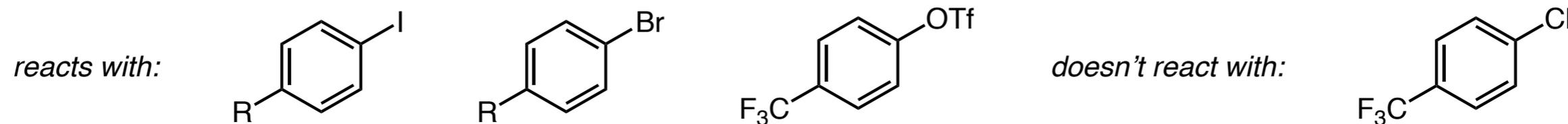
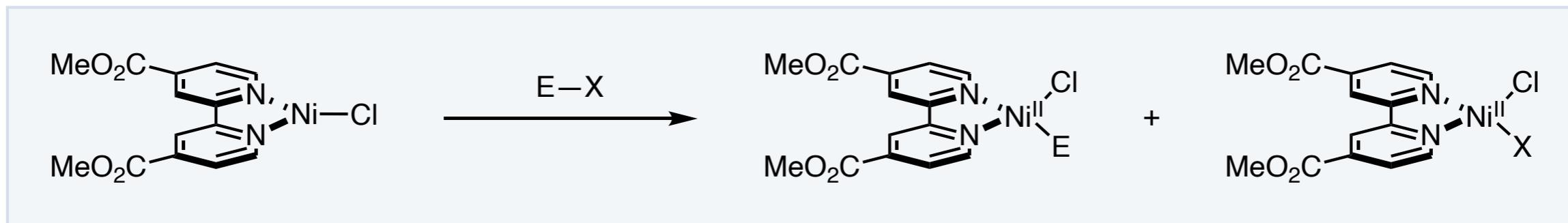


stabilize Ni^{II}

showcases complexity and sensitivity of bpy-ligated Ni(i) species

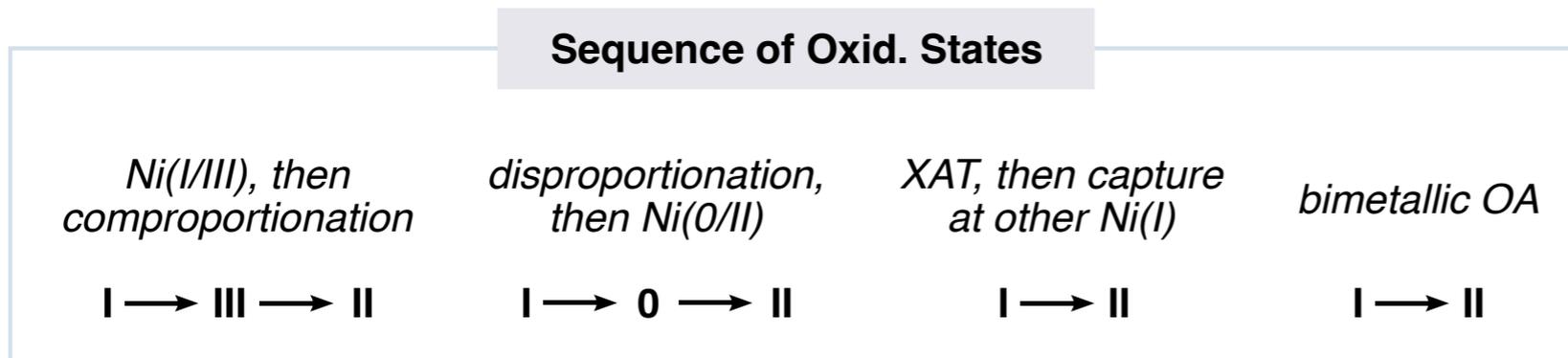
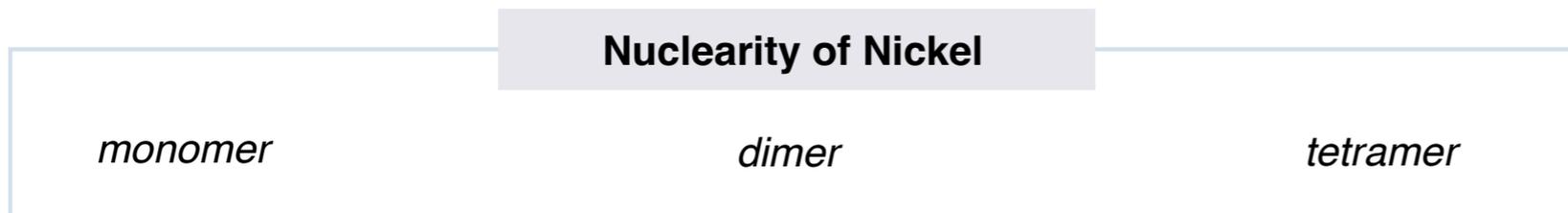
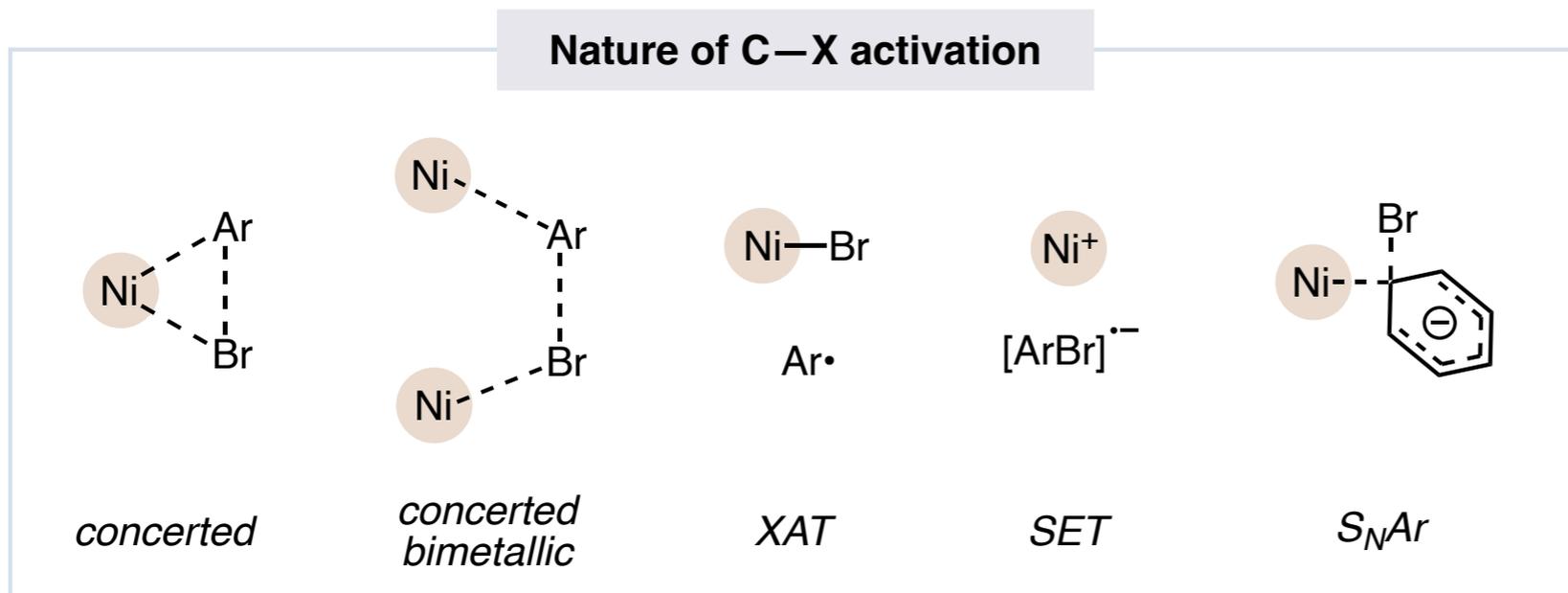
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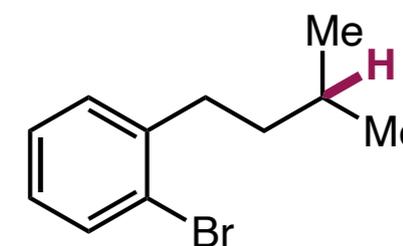


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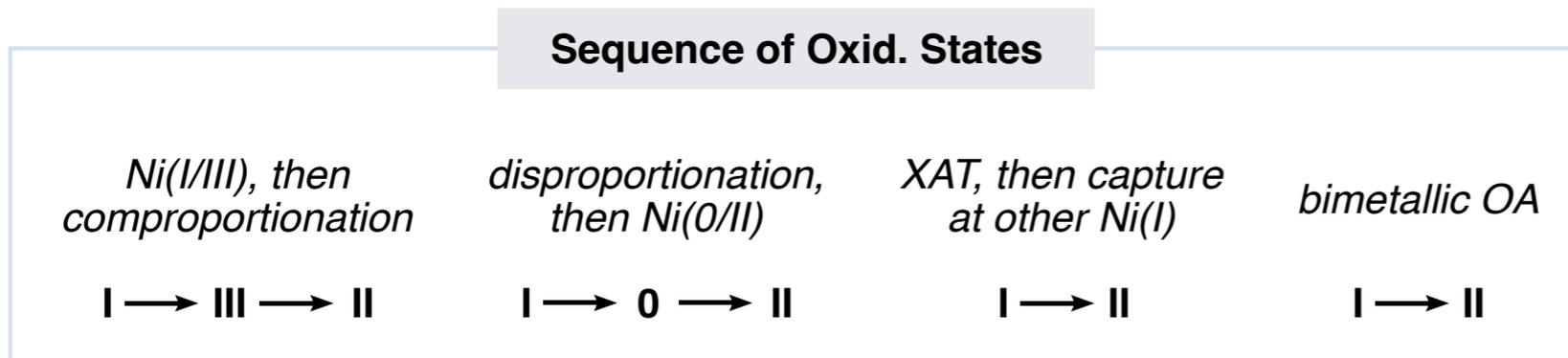
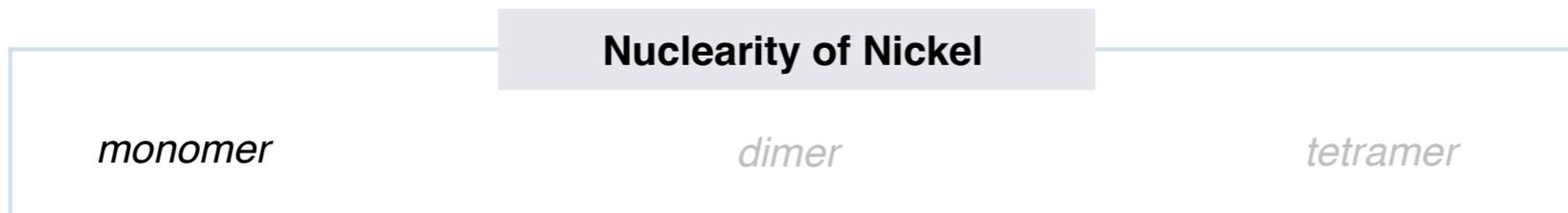
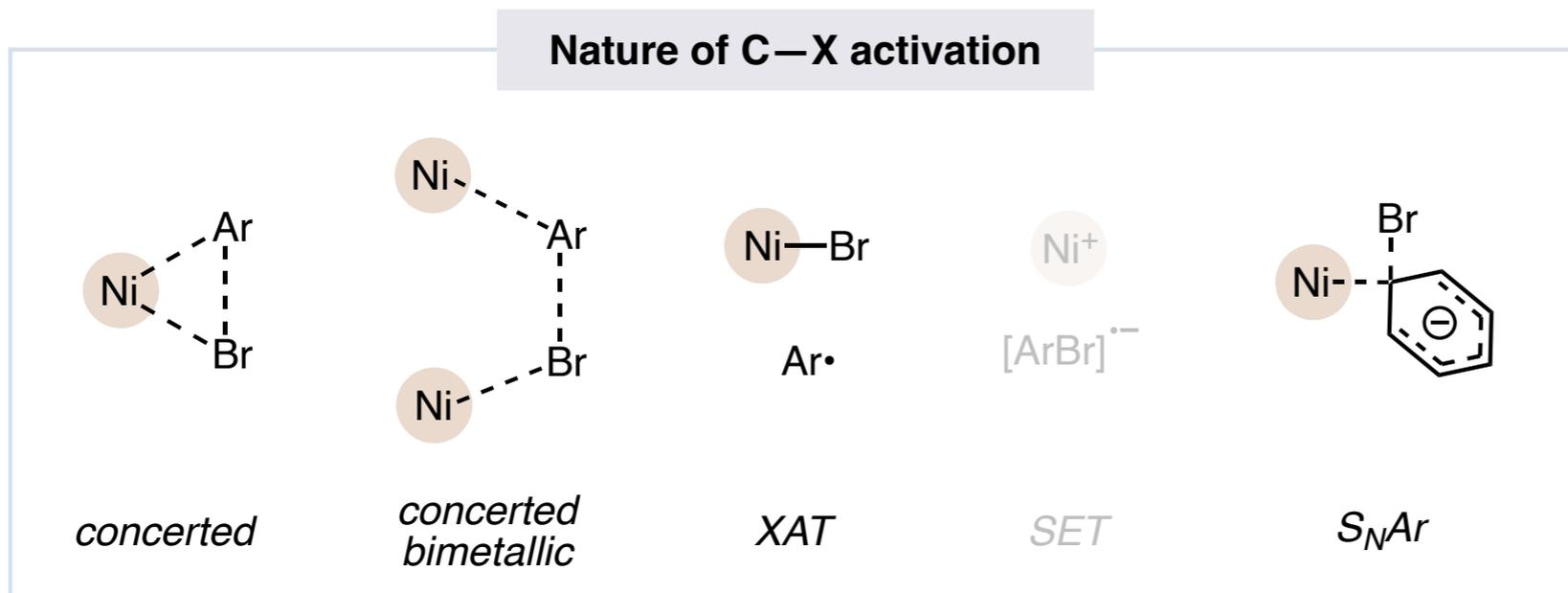
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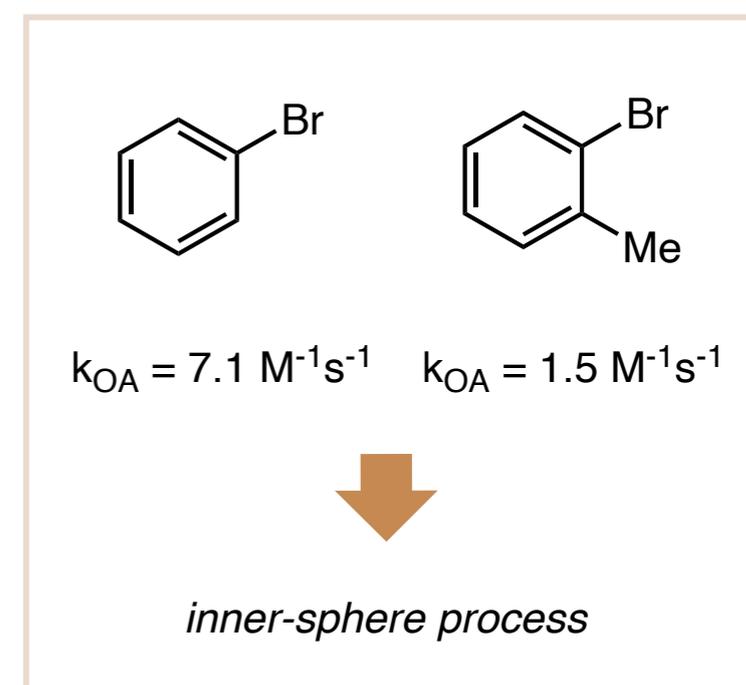


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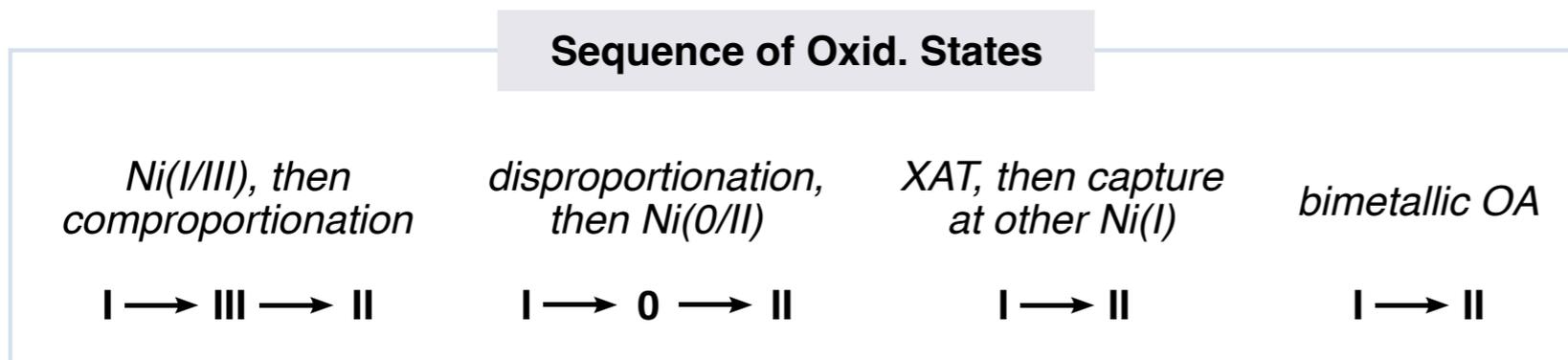
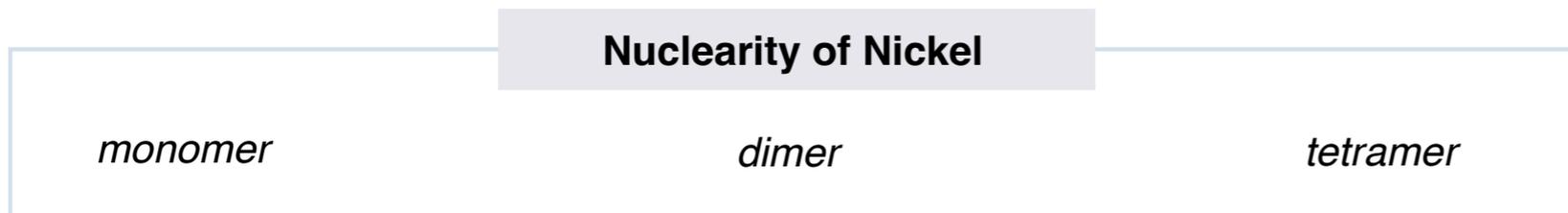
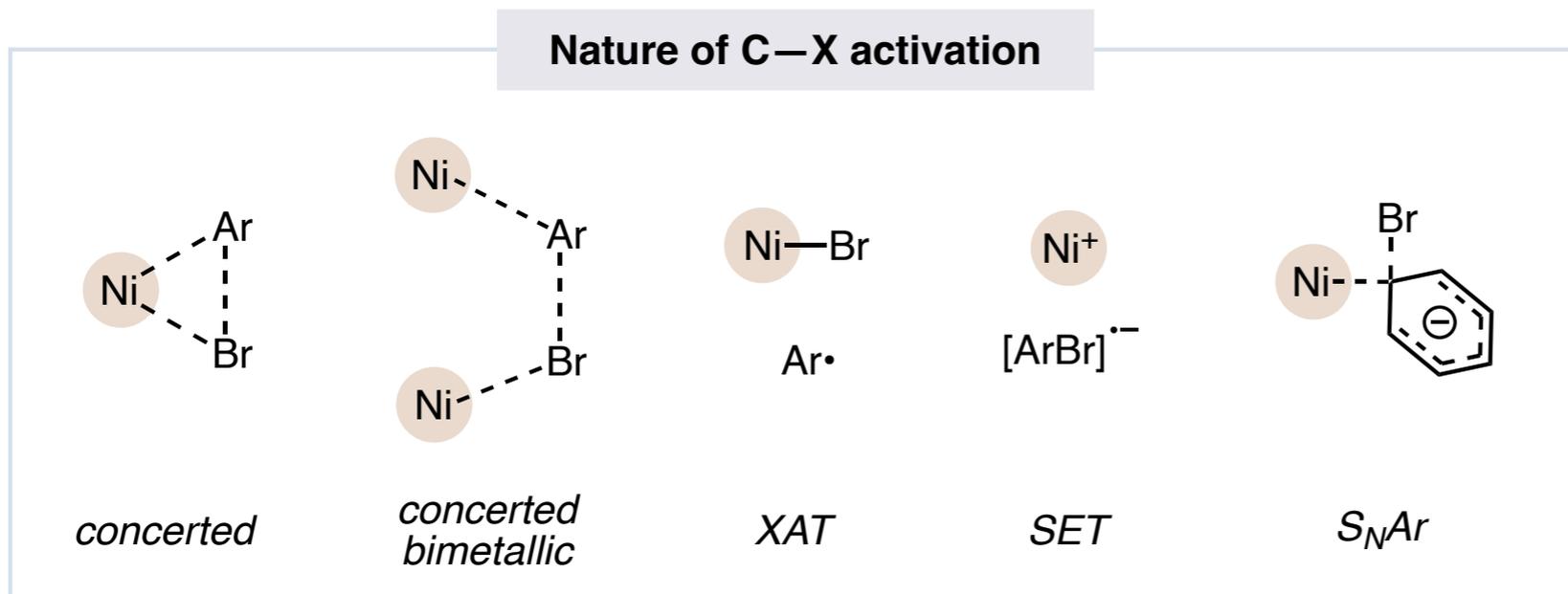
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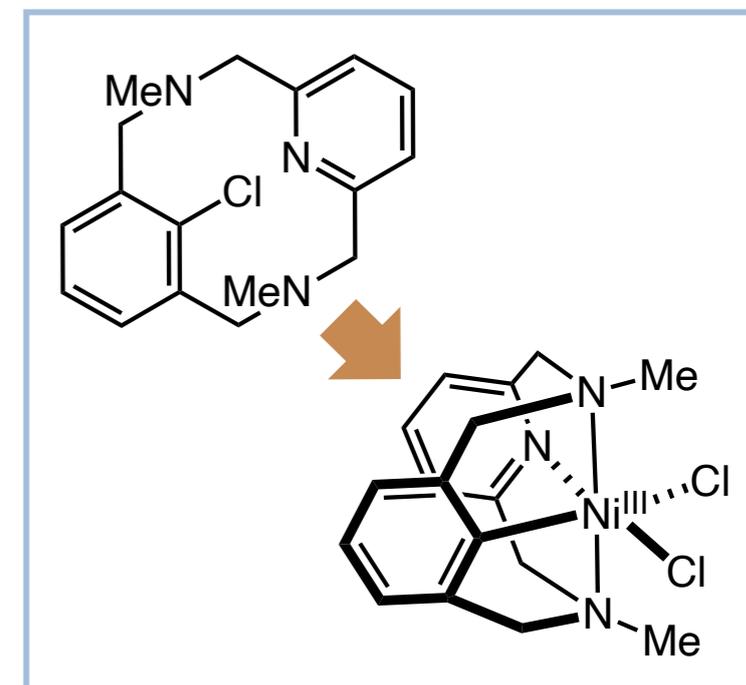
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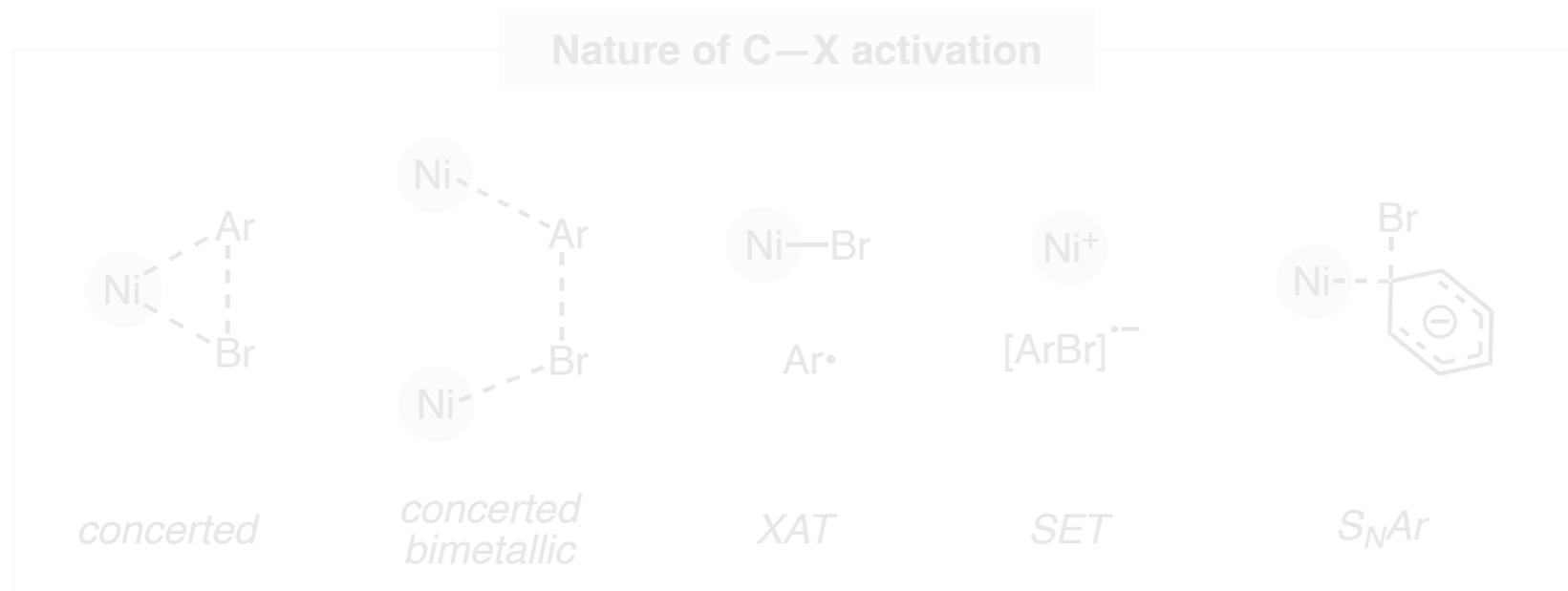
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bpy-ligated Ni(I) undergoes either **concerted addition** or **in-cage XAT/radical capture**

monomer

dimer

tetramer

Sequence of Oxid. States

Ni(I/III), then comproportionation



disproportionation, then Ni(0/II)



XAT, then capture at other Ni(I)



bimetallic OA



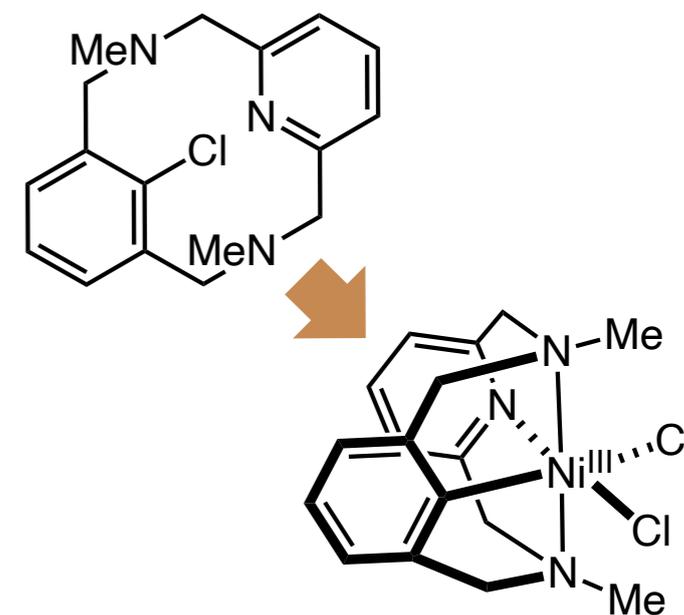
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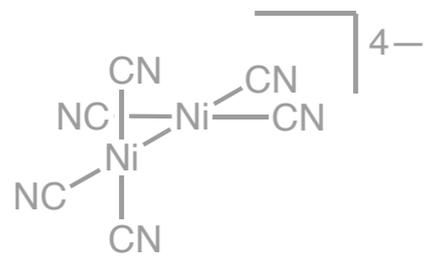
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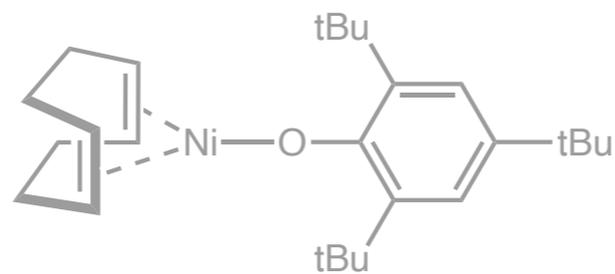


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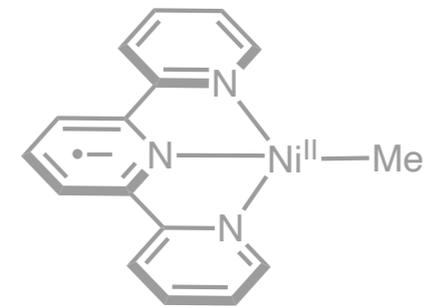
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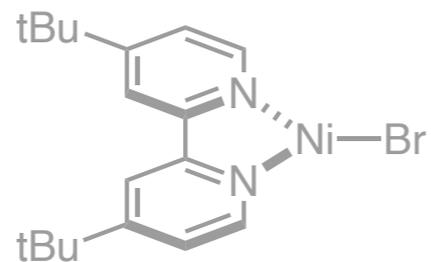
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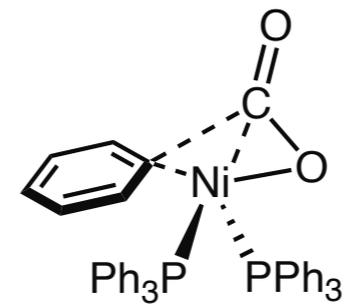
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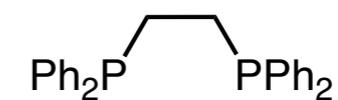
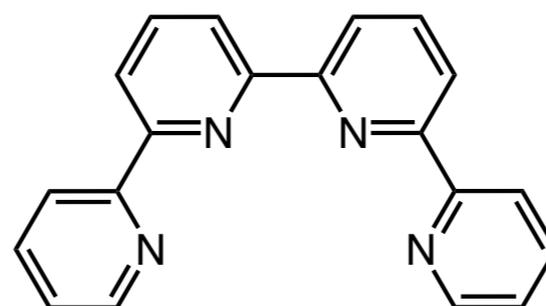
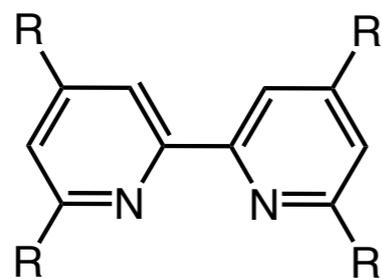
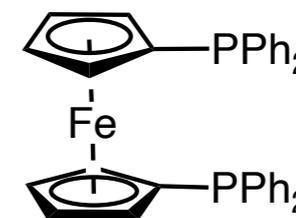
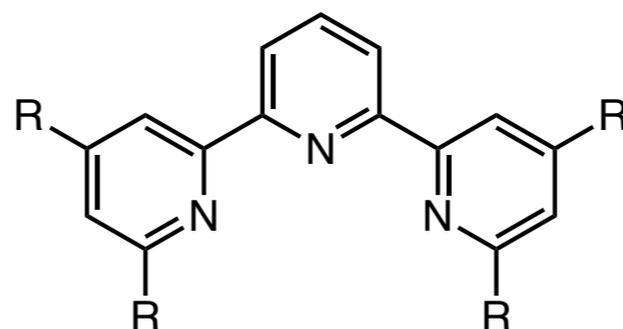
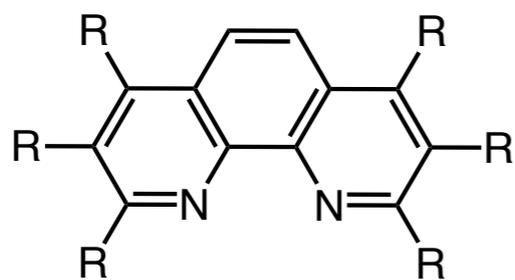
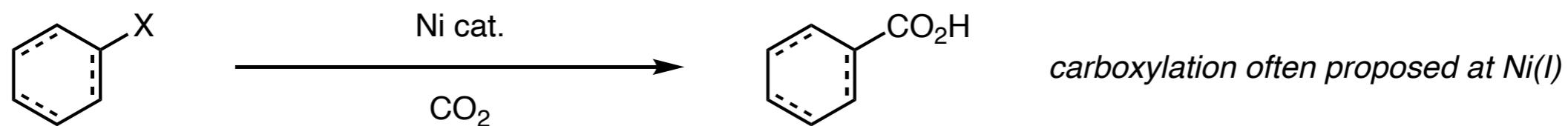


Carboxylations with CO₂



Carboxylation at Ni(I)

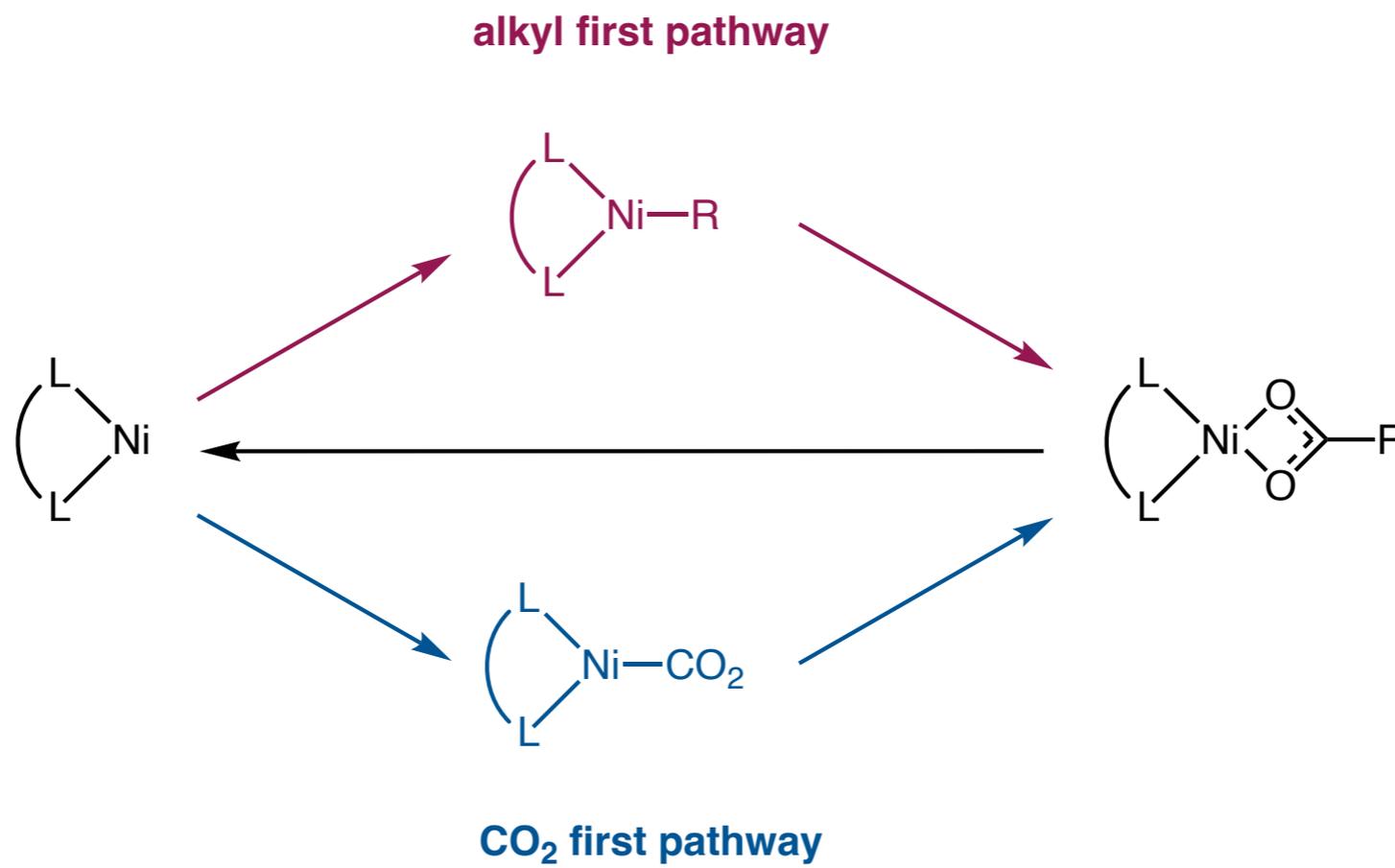
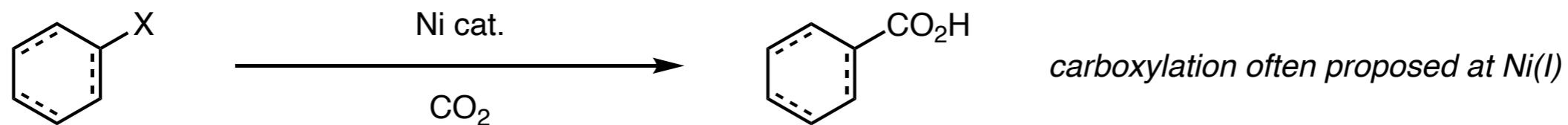
Nickel-catalyzed carboxylation reactions



similar mechanism proposed across variety of scaffolds

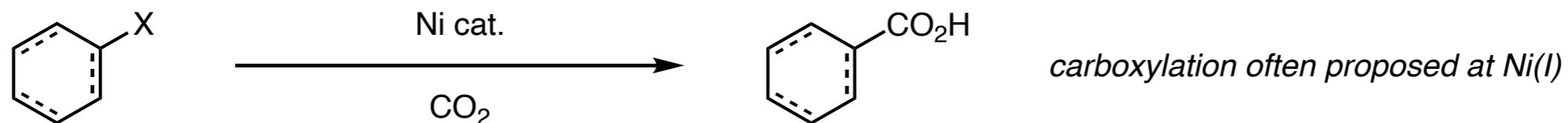
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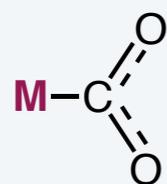


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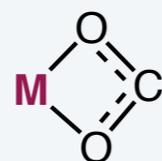
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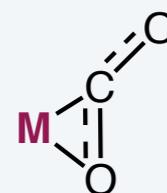
Possible Coordination Modes



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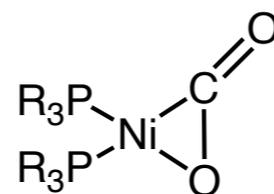
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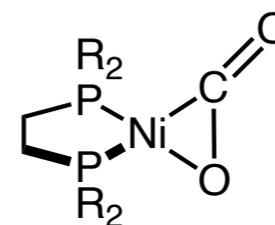
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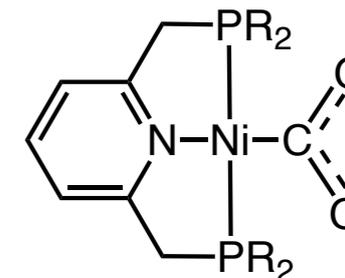
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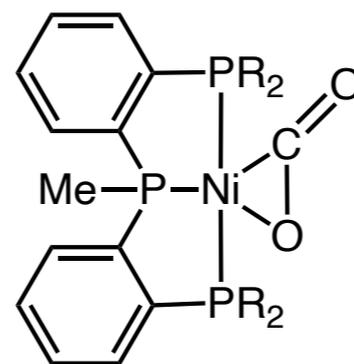
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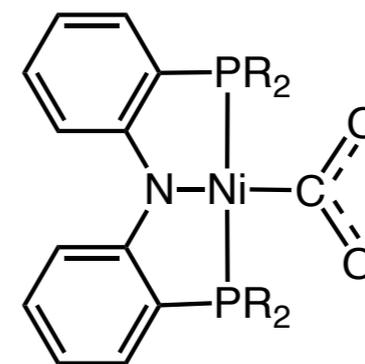
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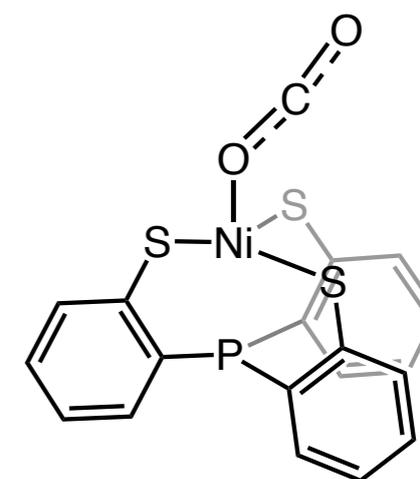
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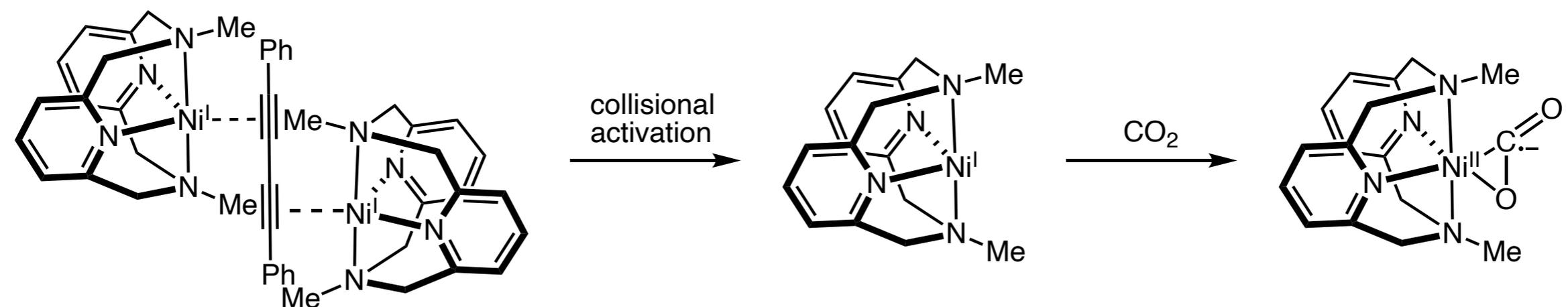
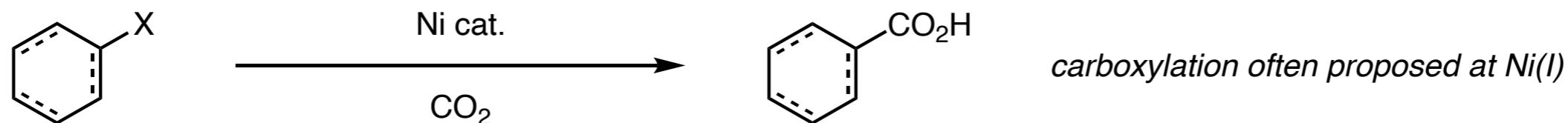


Liaw

many different complexes known, unclear how they could carboxylate alkyl/aryl

Carboxylation at Ni(I)

■ Experimental observation of CO₂ capture



dimer extracted from solution by ESI

increasing capillary-to-skimmer leads to dissociation of dimer

reaction of monomeric Ni with CO₂ conducted in ion trap

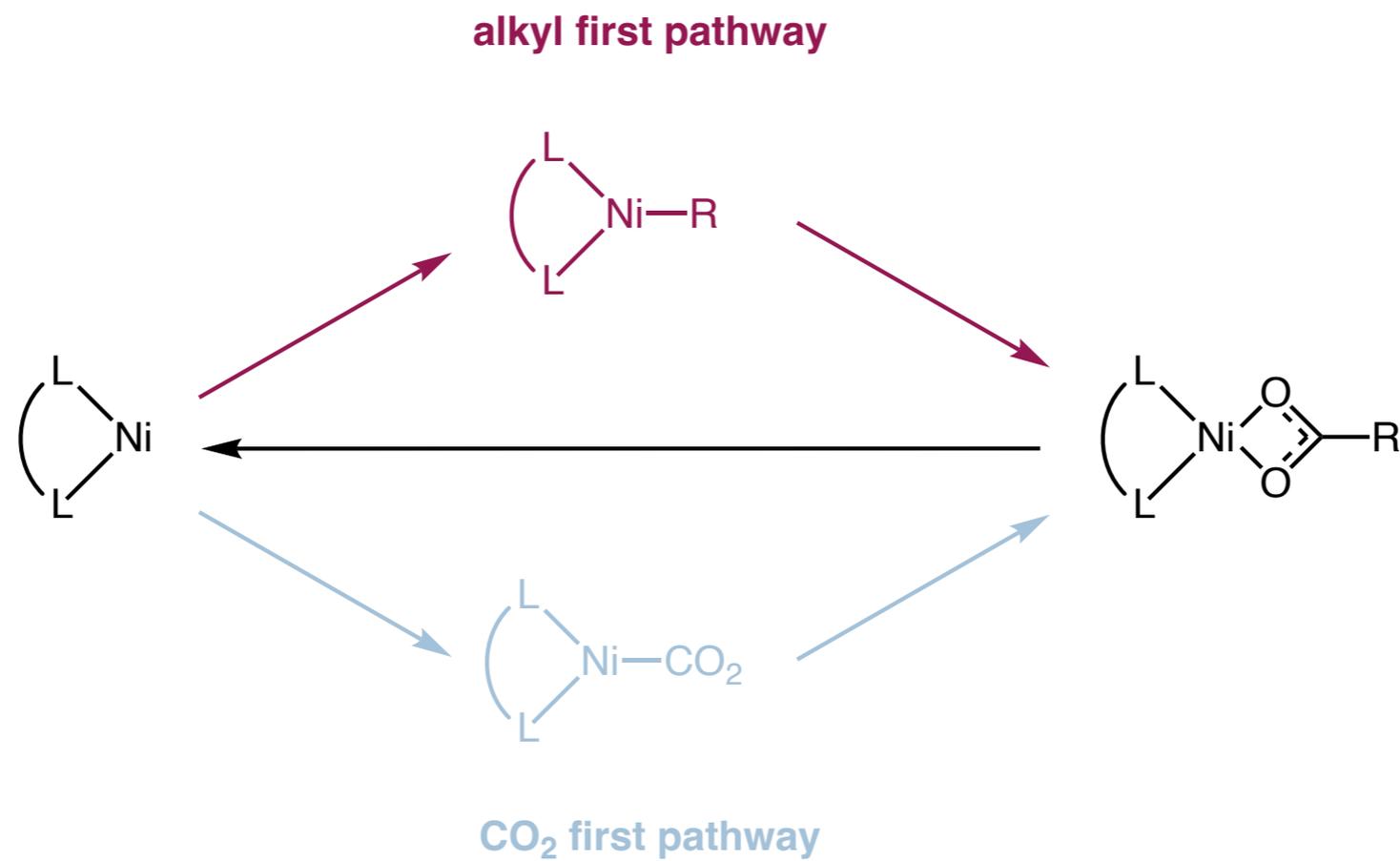
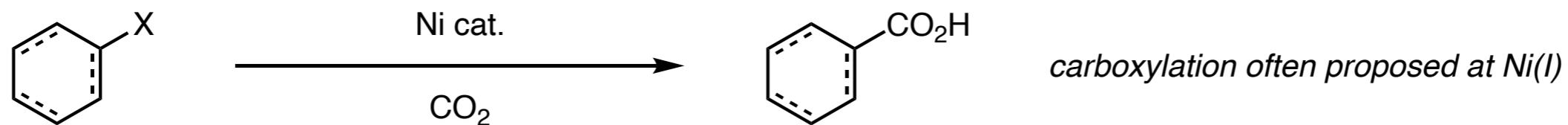
vibrational predissociation spectrum supports CO₂⁻ assignment

analysis of carboxylated Ni by photofragmentation MS

natural population analysis suggests reduction driven by ligand electron density

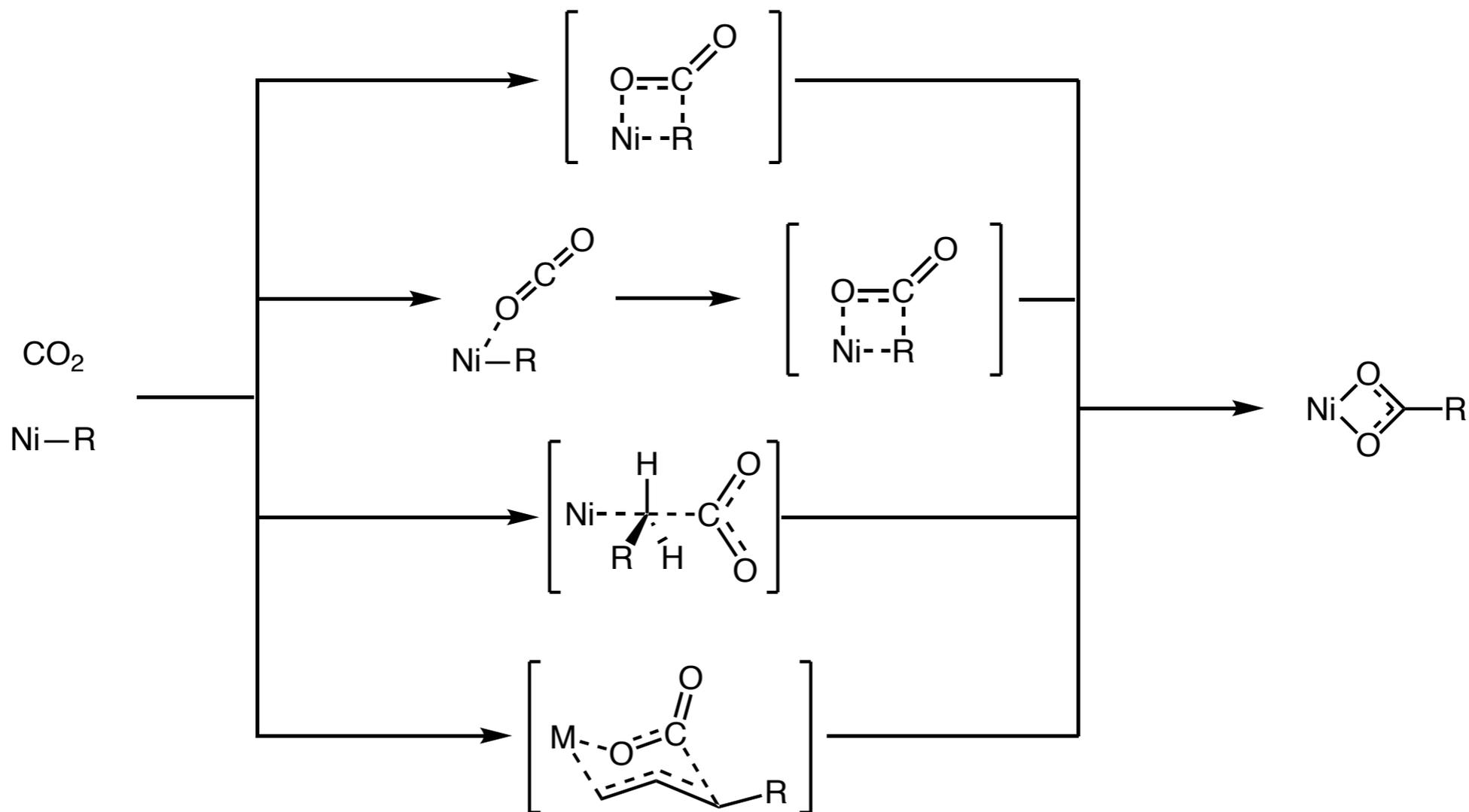
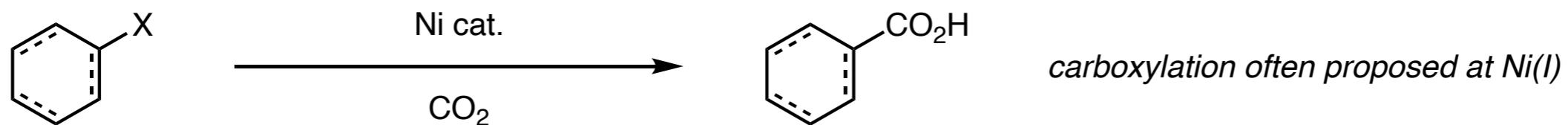
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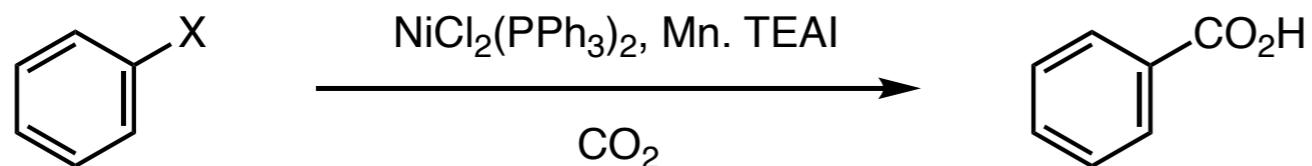
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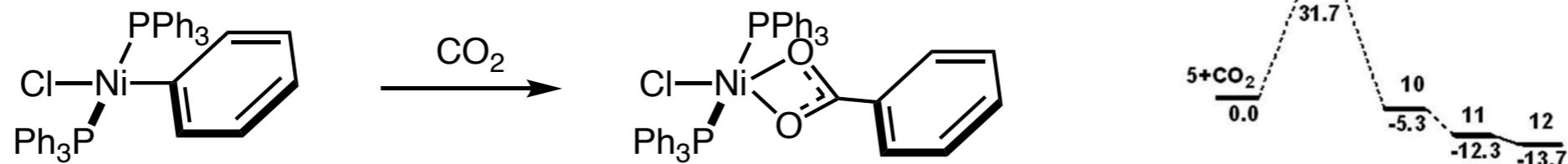
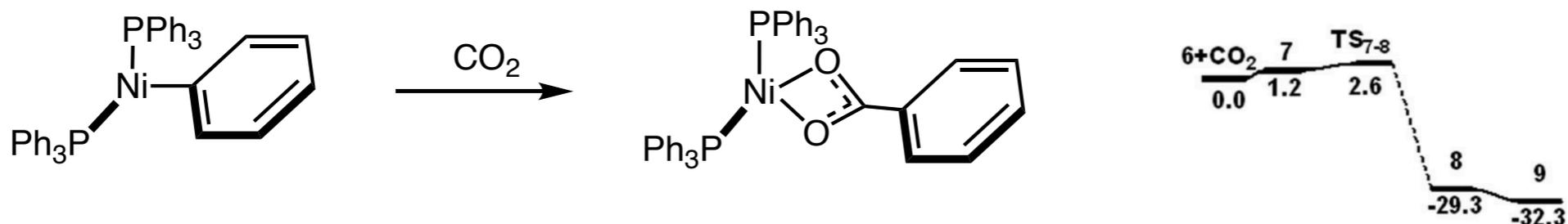


Carboxylation at Ni(I)

Nickel-catalyzed carboxylation of aryl groups



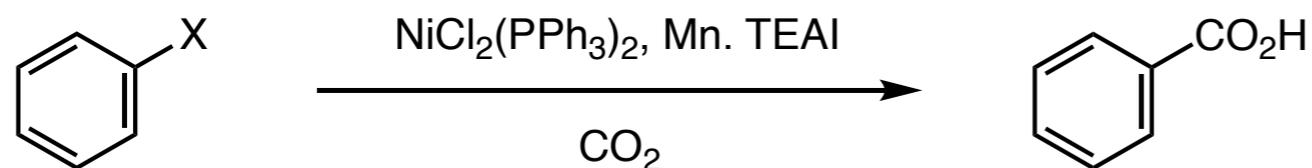
carboxylation at Ni(I) or Ni(II)?



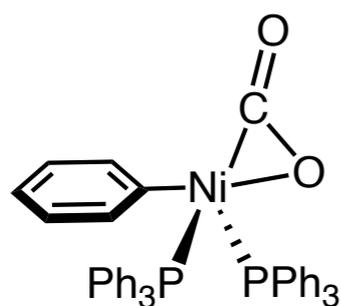
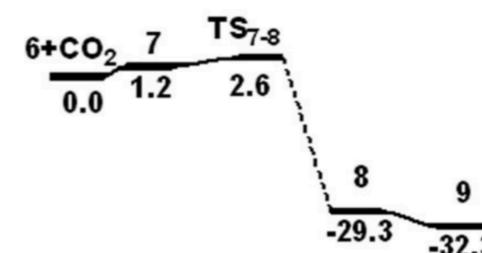
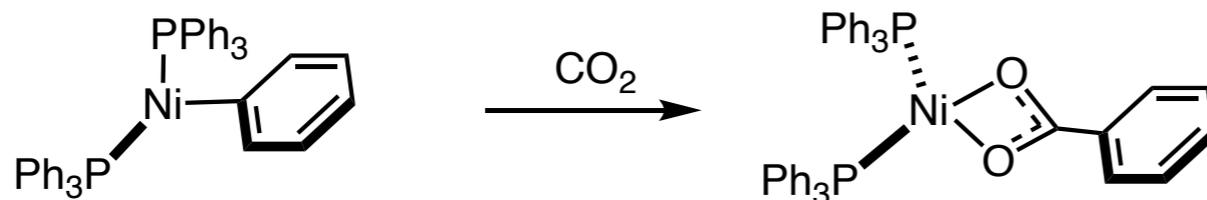
carboxylation at Ni(I) is strongly favored over alternative pathways

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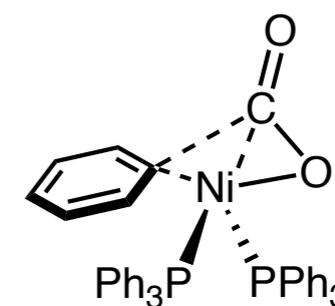
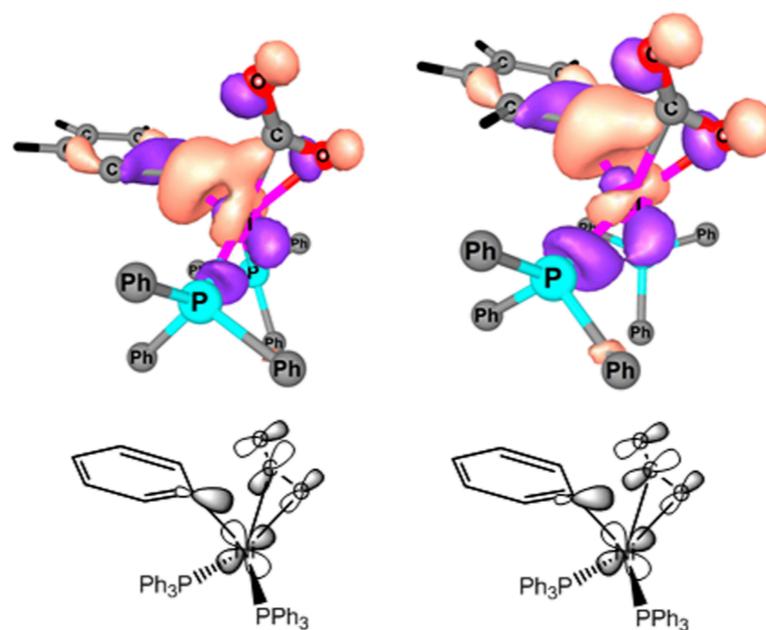
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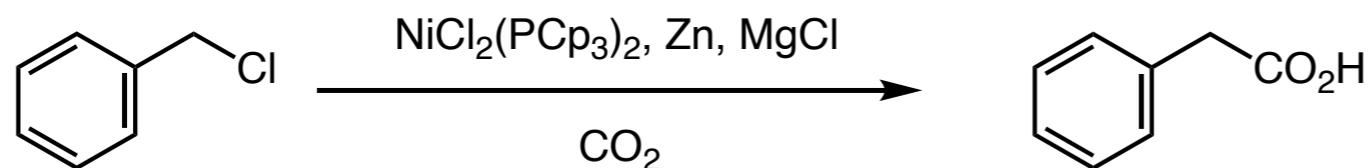
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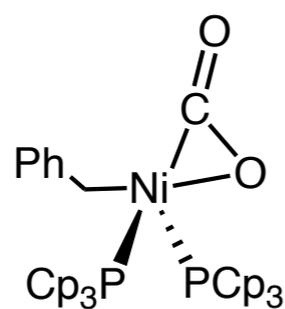
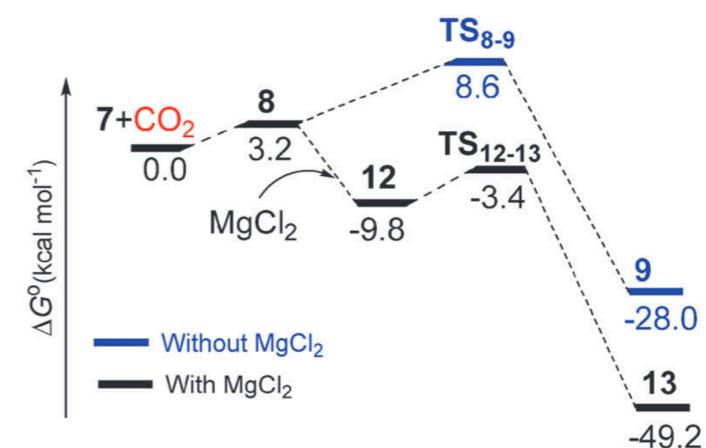
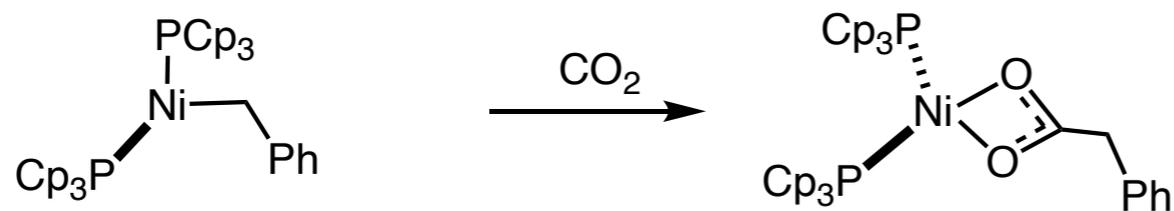
Phenyl to CO_2 charge transfer in TS

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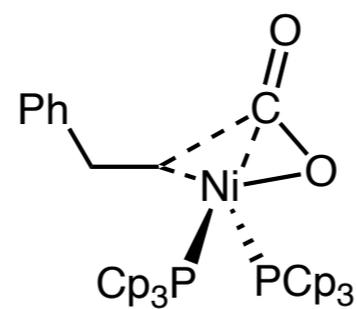
Nickel-catalyzed carboxylation of benzyl groups



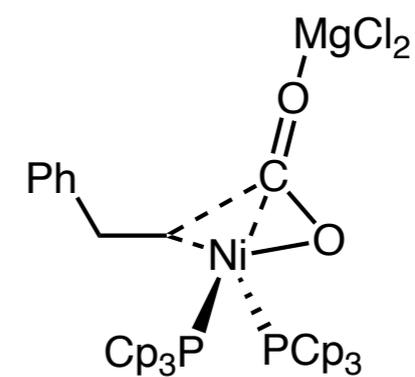
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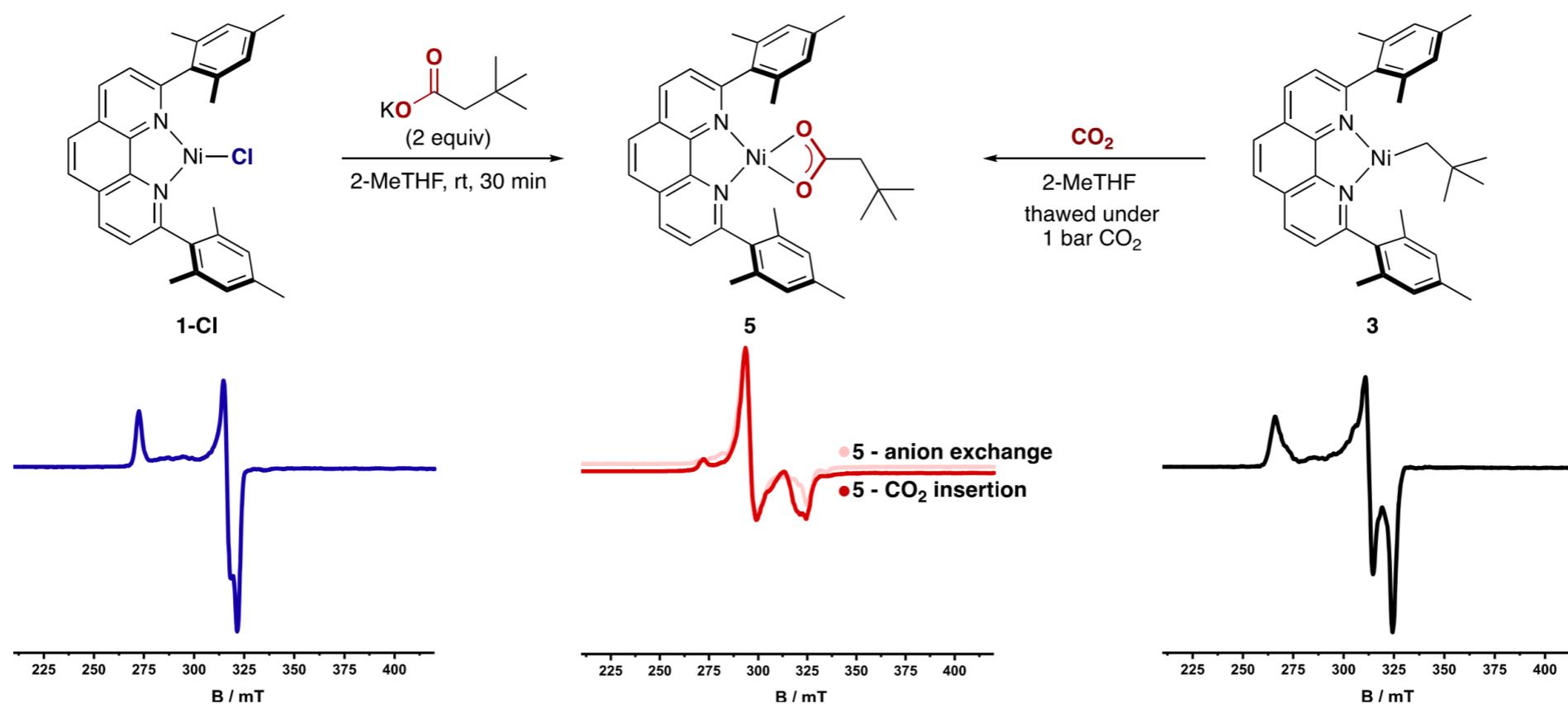
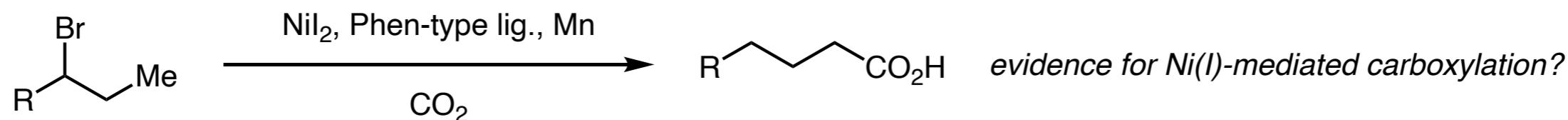
Same charge transfer in TS observed



Insertion facilitated by MgCl_2

Carboxylation at Ni(I)

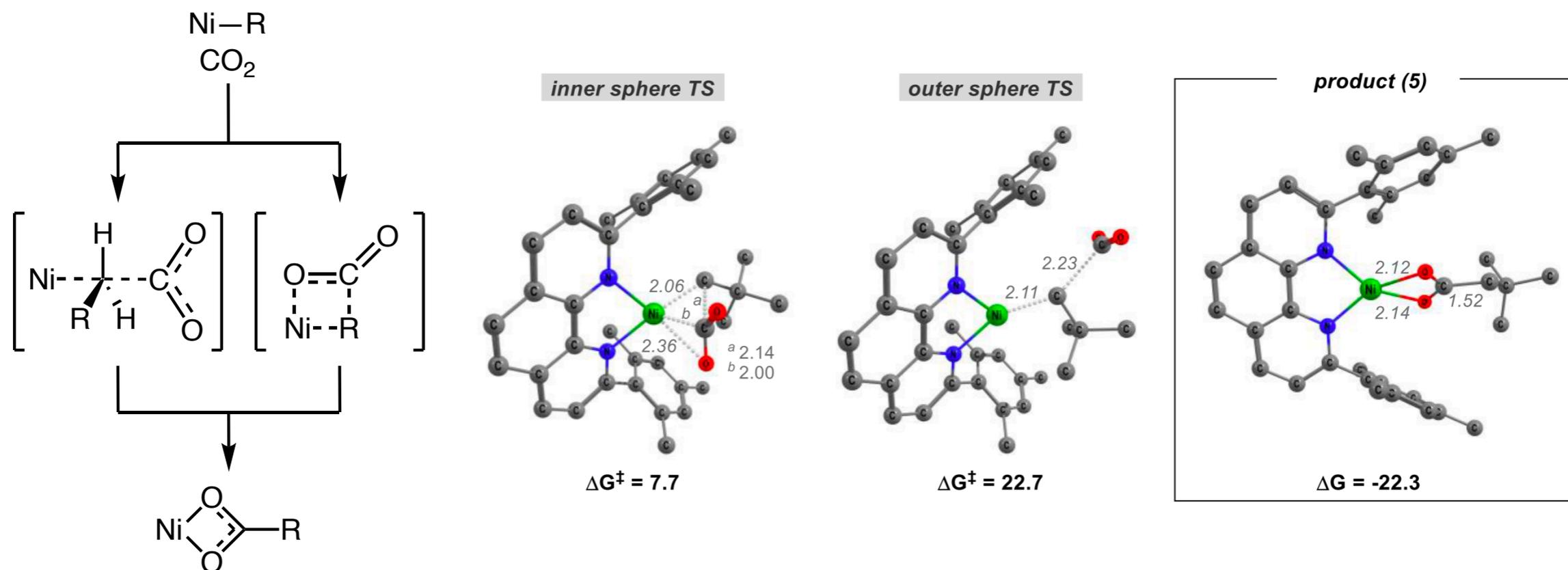
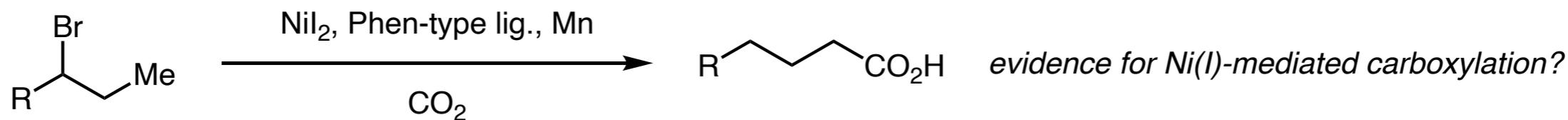
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first reported insertion at a catalytically relevant Phen ligand

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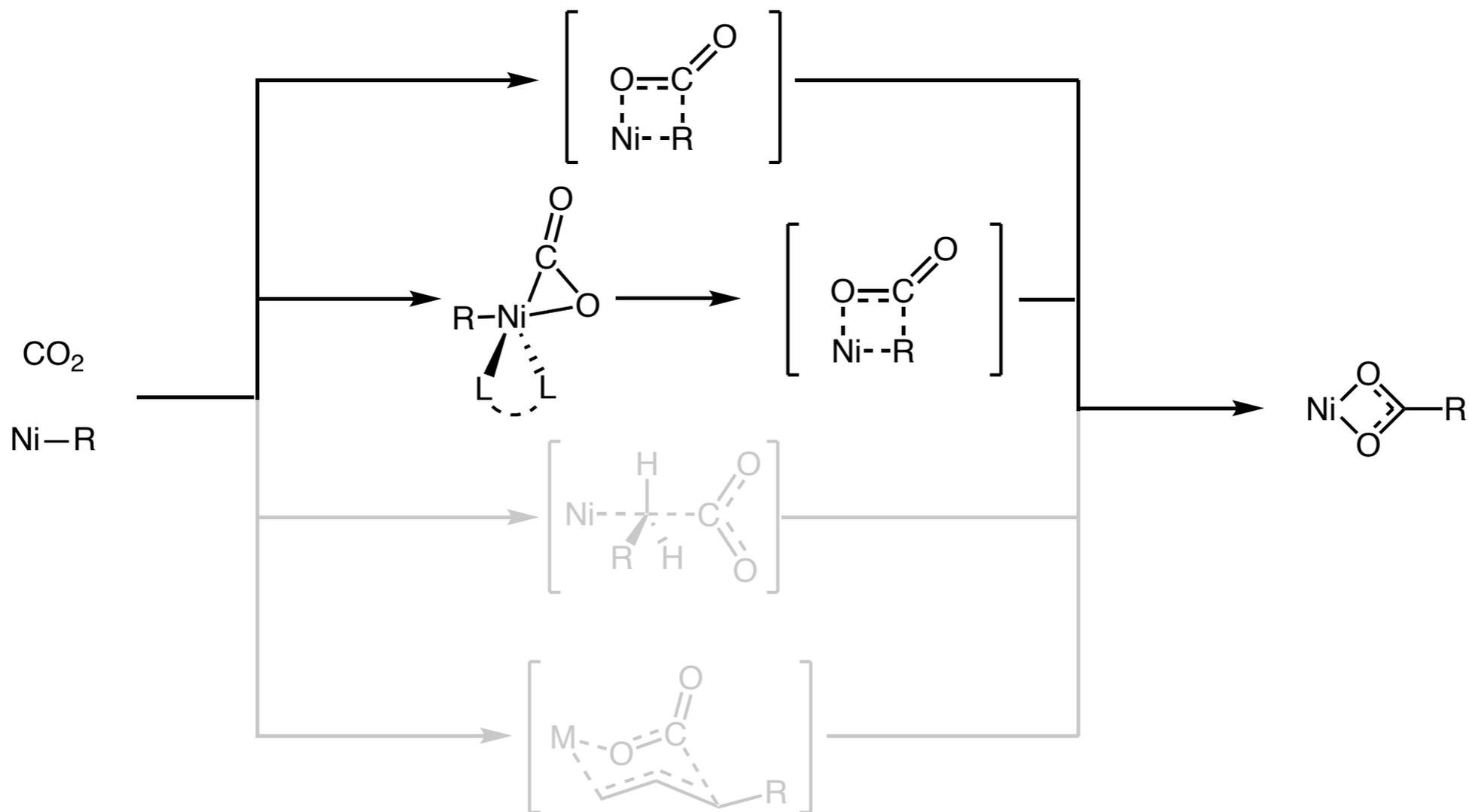
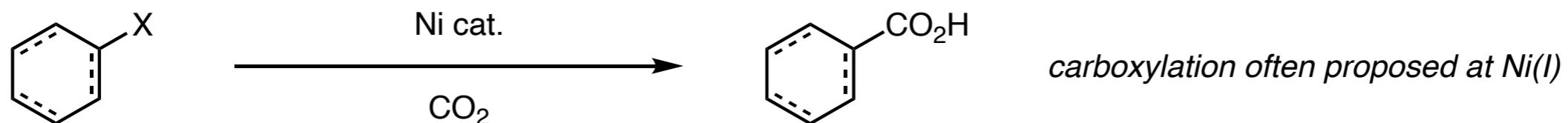
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insertion proceeds by a migration of alkyl substituent into CO₂

Carboxylation at Ni(I)

Nickel-catalyzed carboxylation reactions



migratory insertion into $\eta^2\text{-C,O}$ ligated Ni is probably your best bet

Mechanistic Rules of Thumb

C(sp₃)—X Oxidative Addition

Ligand-centered radical: Inner sphere electron transfer

Metal-centered radical: Halogen Atom Abstraction

C(sp₂)—X Oxidative Addition

Inner sphere electron transfer with in-cage collapse

Concerted Oxidative Addition

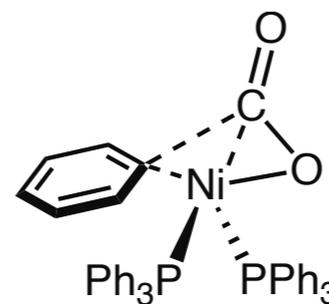
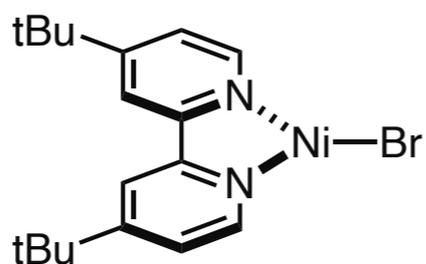
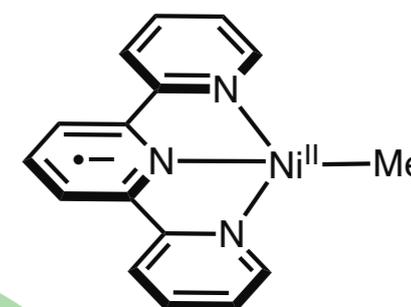
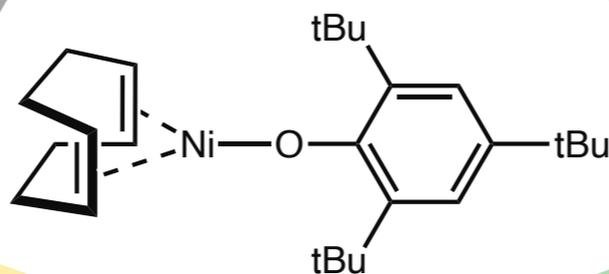
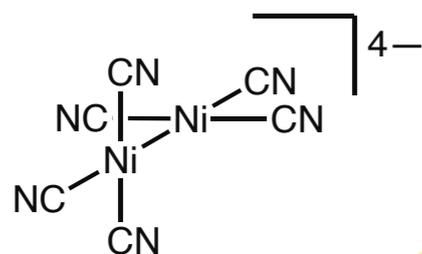
Carboxylation

Migratory Insertion of Alkyl/Aryl into nickel-bound CO₂

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