



# OLEFIN METATHESIS

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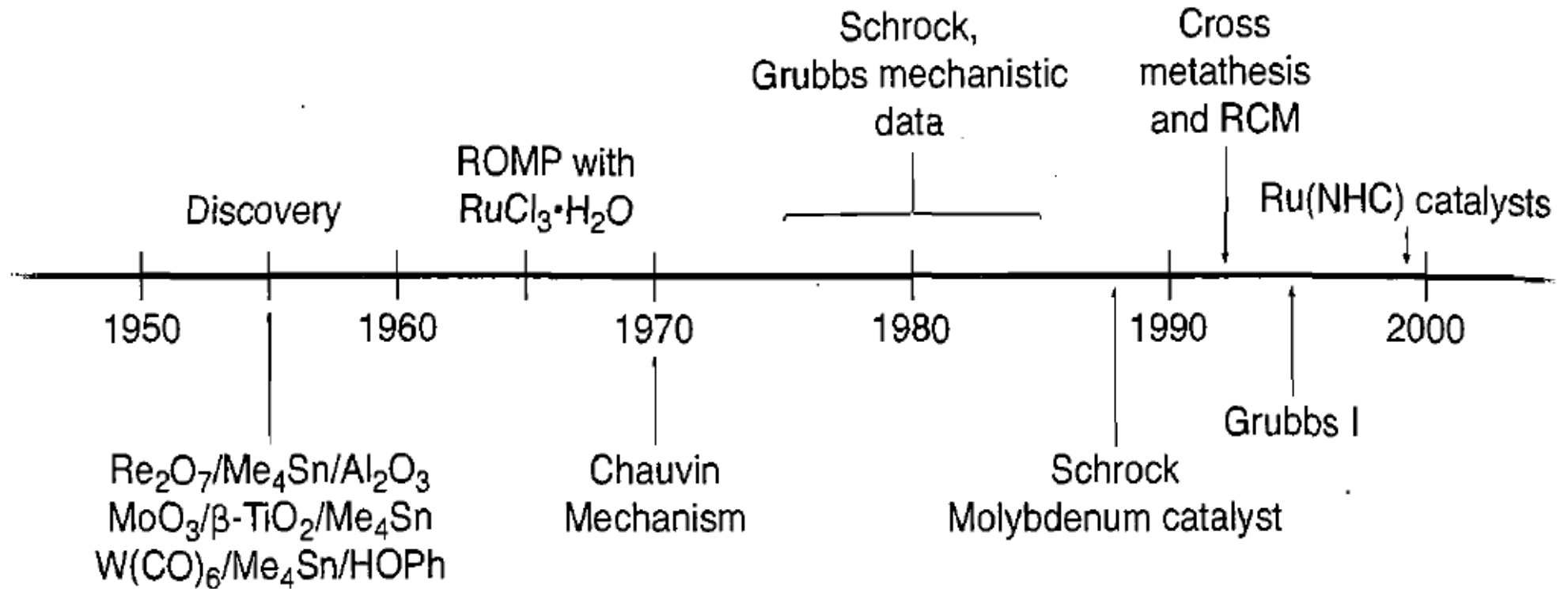
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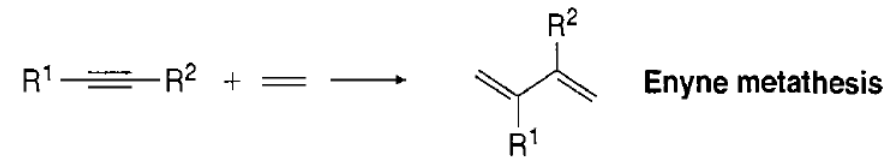
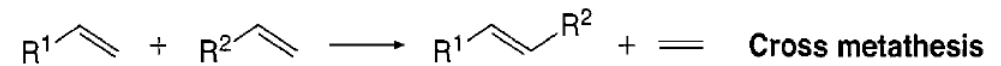
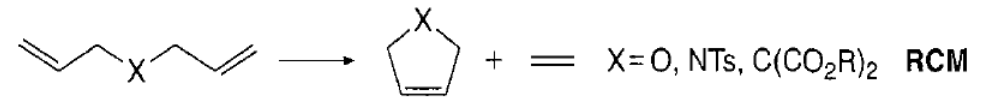
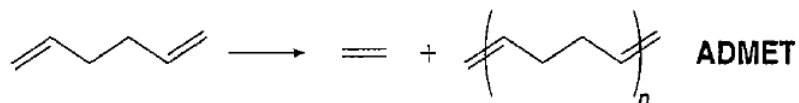
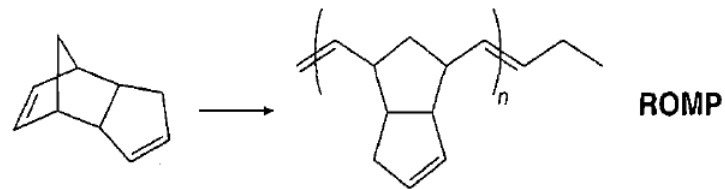
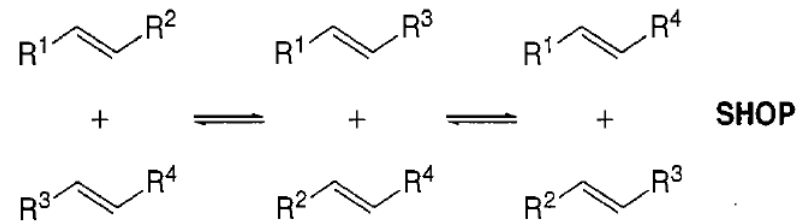


## 8.1 METATHESIS OVERVIEW



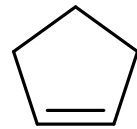


## 8.1.1 SYNTHETICALLY IMPORTANT METATHESIS TYPES

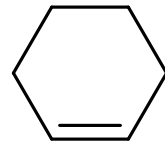




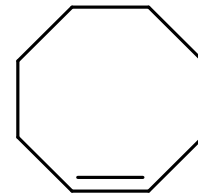
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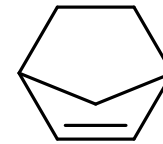
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**kcal/mol**



**0**  
**kcal/mol**



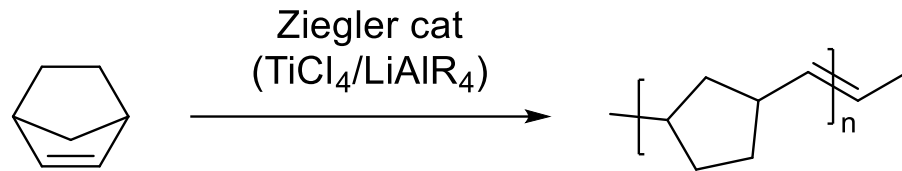
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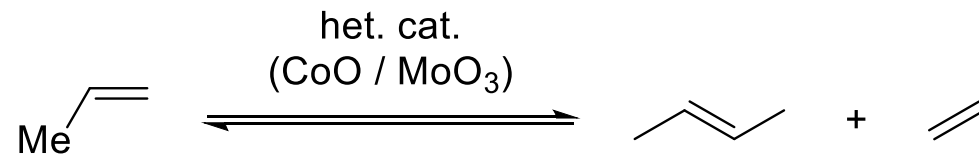
**15**  
**kcal/mol**



## 8.2 HISTORY AND MECHANISM



DuPont, *JACS* **1960** 82, 2337. DOI: [10.1021/ja01494a057](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja01494a057)



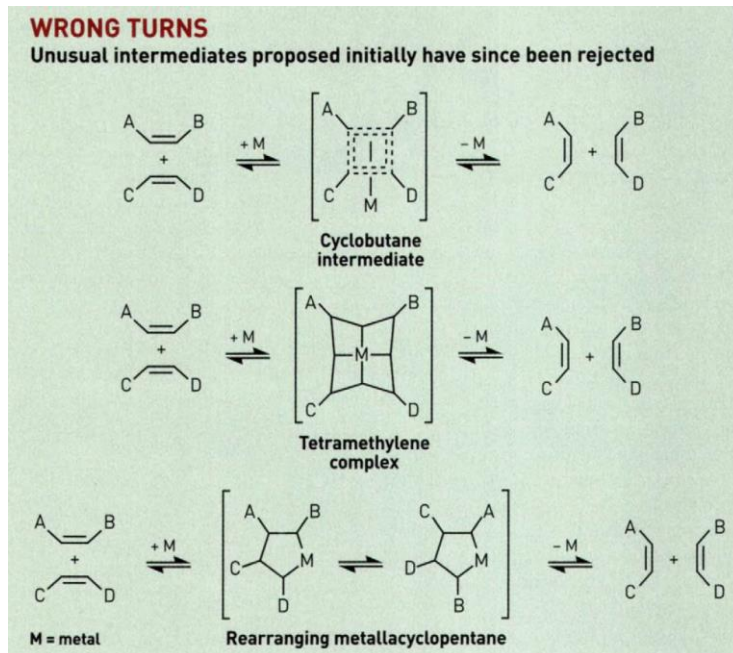
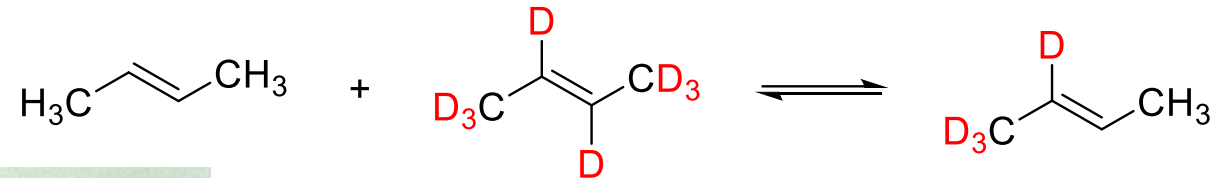
**(Phillips triolefin process)**

Phillips Petroleum, *I+EC Product R&D* **1964** 3, 170. DOI: [10.1021/i360011a002](https://doi.org/10.1021/i360011a002)



## 8.2.1 EARLY MECHANISTIC DEBATE

Key observation:



Calderon *JACS* **1968** 90, 4133. DOI: [10.1021/ja01017a039](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja01017a039)

Lewandos Pettit *JACS* **1971** 93, 7087. DOI: [10.1021/ja00754a067](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja00754a067)

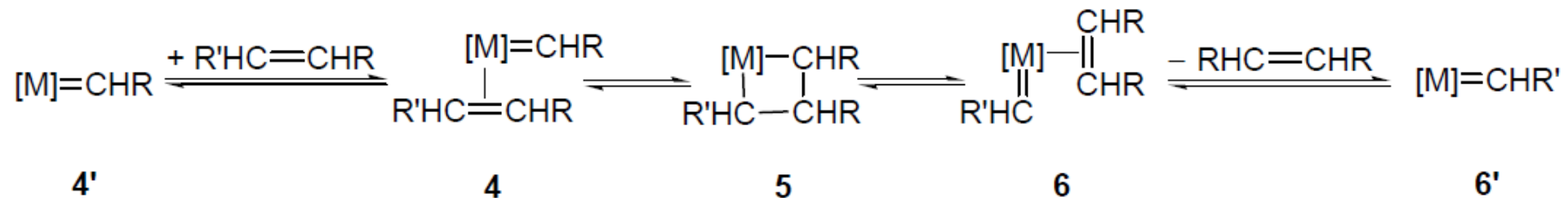
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C&EN 2002, 80, 51. DOI: [10.1021/cen-v080n051.p029](https://doi.org/10.1021/cen-v080n051.p029)



## 8.2.2 CHAUVIN MECHANISM

**Key insight: metal carbene (alkylidene) intermediate**



**Yet:** no known metal-carbenes can catalyze the reaction!

**Independently co-proposed (?)**

Casey *JACS* **1974** 96, 7808. DOI: [10.1021/ja00832a032](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja00832a032)

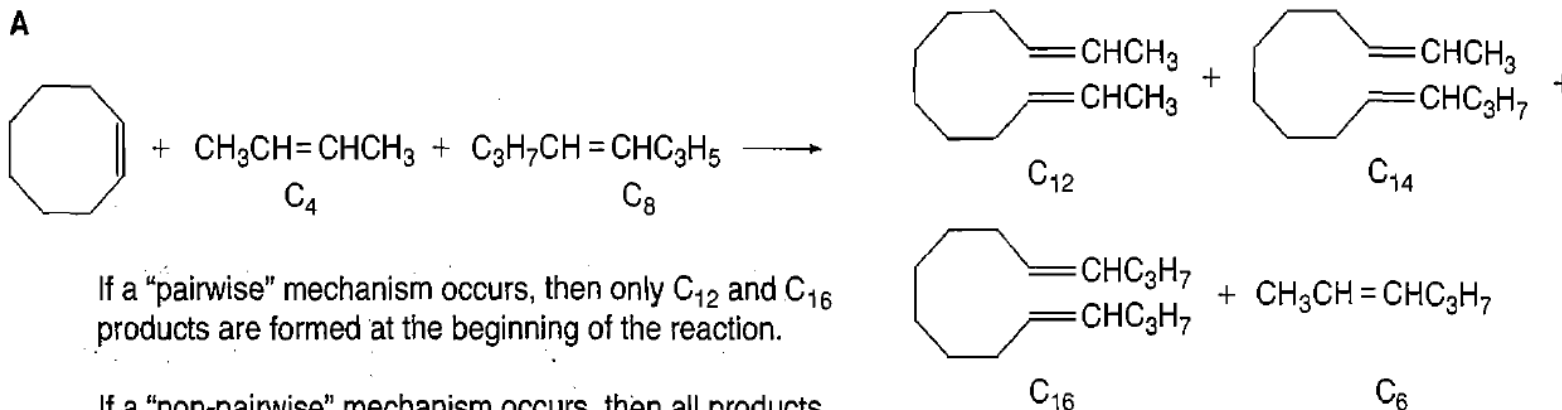
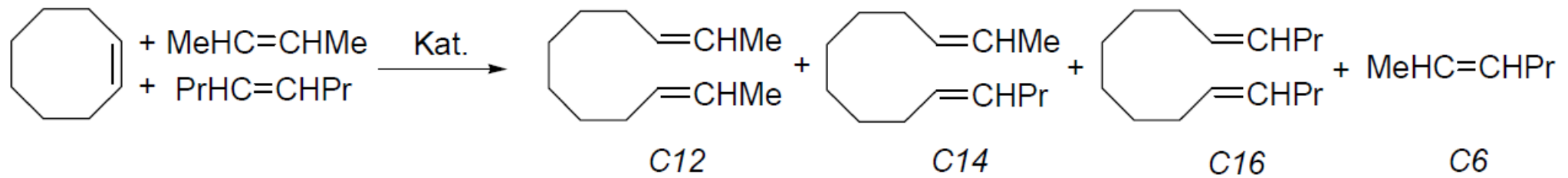
Katz *JACS* **1975** 97, 1592. DOI: [10.1021/ja00839a063](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja00839a063) (C12/14/16 experiment)

Chauvin, *Die Makromolekulare Chemie* **1971**, 141, 161. DOI: [c93th8](https://doi.org/10.1002/ange.197100141) (Original mech. proposal)

Chauvin, *ACIE* **2006** 45, 3740. DOI: [10.1002/anie.200601234](https://doi.org/10.1002/anie.200601234) (Nobel Lecture)



## 8.2.2 CHAUVIN MECHANISM – KEY EXPERIMENT



If a “pairwise” mechanism occurs, then only C<sub>12</sub> and C<sub>16</sub> products are formed at the beginning of the reaction.

If a “non-pairwise” mechanism occurs, then all products are formed at the beginning of the reaction.

*Initial rates:*

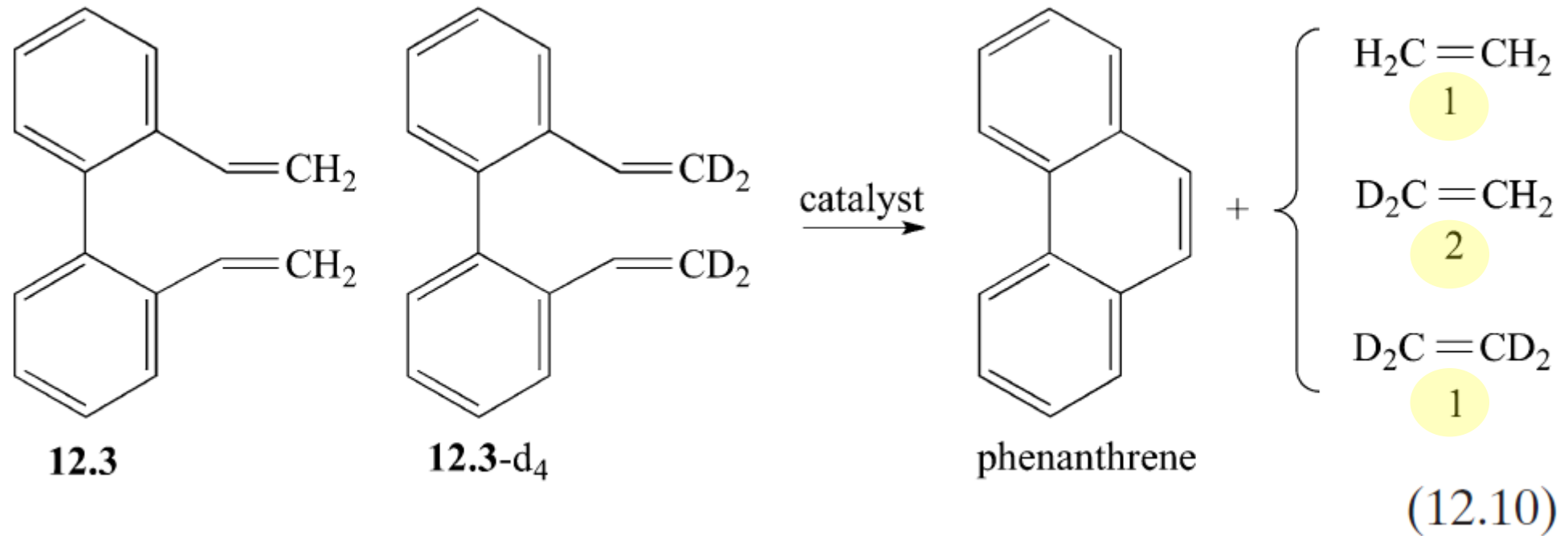
C<sub>14</sub>/C<sub>12</sub> 0.7

C<sub>14</sub>/C<sub>16</sub> 8.35



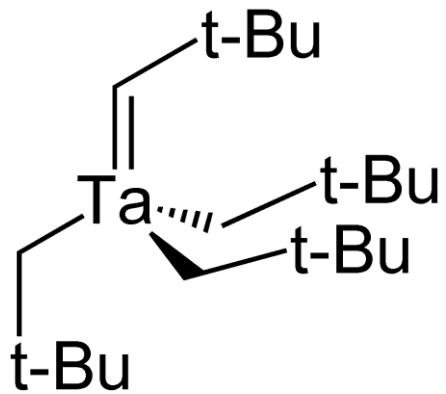


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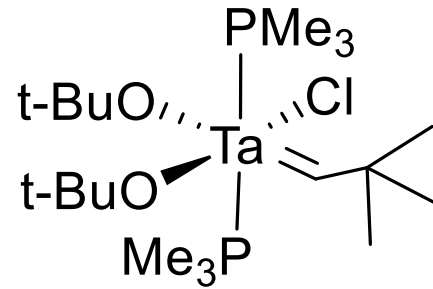


## 8.3.1 SCHROCK CATALYST DEVELOPMENT



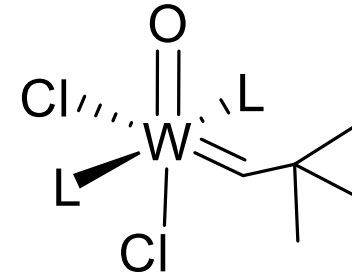
1974

inactive



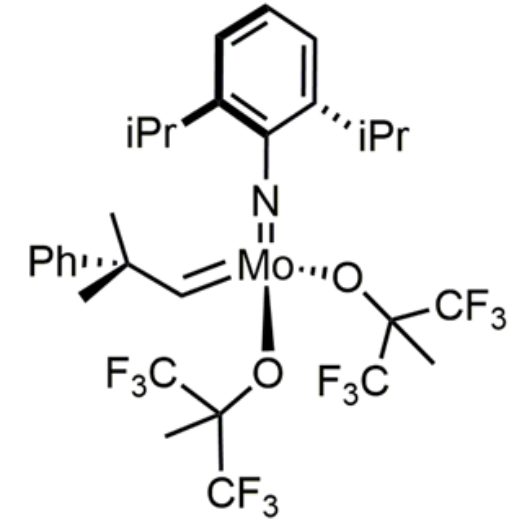
1980

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1980

active

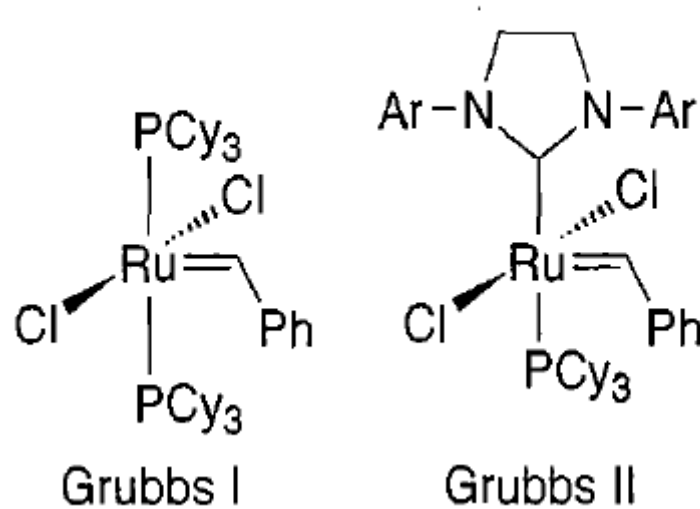


1991-1992

Very active



## 8.3.2 GRUBBS CATALYST DEVELOPMENT



1992-1997

1999

...catalysts for Z-selective metathesis



## 8.3.2 GRUBBS CATALYST - CHEMOSELECTIVITY

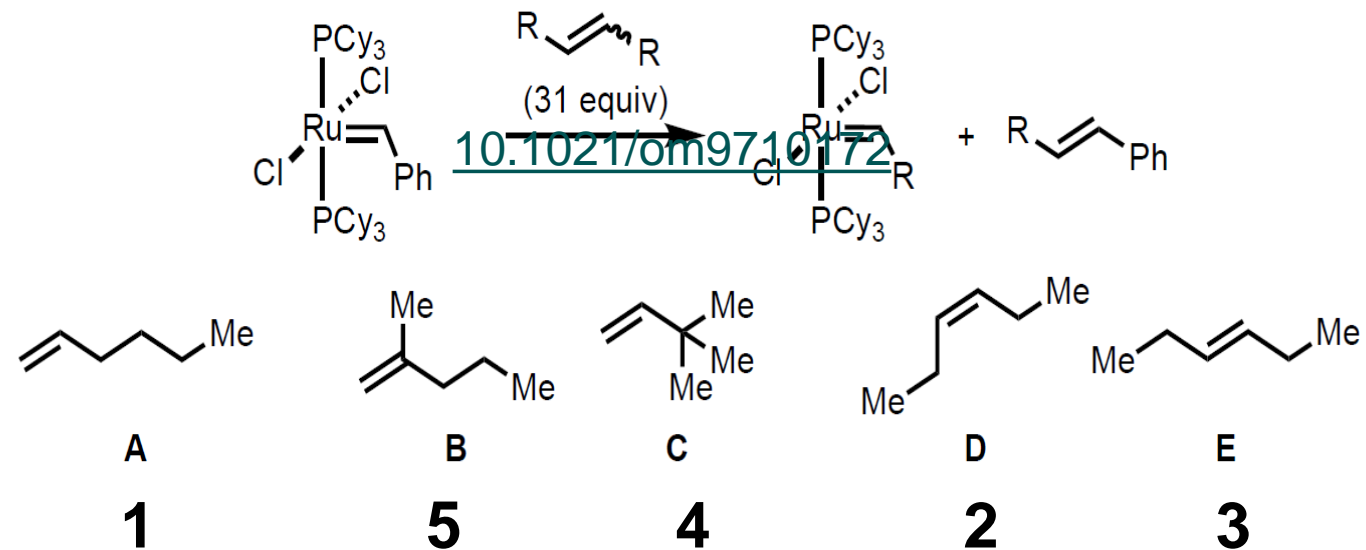
<b>Titanium</b>	<b>Tungsten</b>	<b>Molybdenum</b>	<b>Ruthenium</b>	
Acids	Acids	Acids	<b><u>Olefins</u></b>	↑ Increasing Reactivity
Alcohols, Water	Alcohols, Water	Alcohols, Water	Acids	
Aldehydes	Aldehydes	Aldehydes	Alcohols, Water	
Ketones	Ketones	<b><u>Olefins</u></b>	Aldehydes	
Esters, Amides	<b><u>Olefins</u></b>	Ketones	Ketones	
<b><u>Olefins</u></b>	Esters, Amides	Esters, Amides	Esters, Amides	

Grubbs, *Acc Chem Res* **2001** 34, 18. DOI: [10.1021/ar000114f](https://doi.org/10.1021/ar000114f)



# POD #1

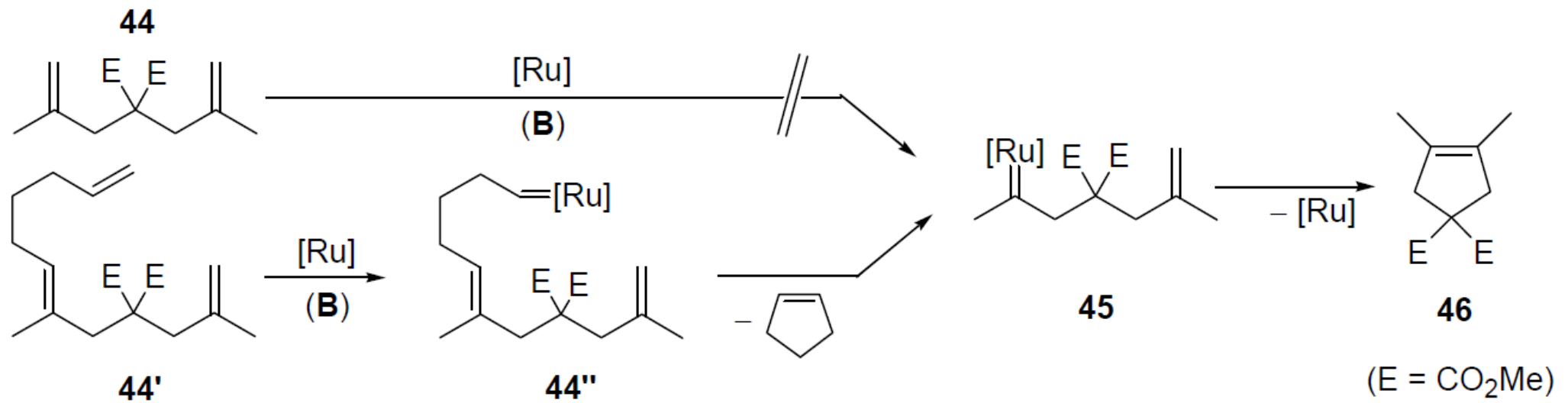
For the reaction below, **order the olefins from most to least reactive.**



Grubbs, *Organometallics* **1998** 17, 2484. DOI: [10.1021/om9710172](https://doi.org/10.1021/om9710172)



## 8.3.3 RELAY RCM

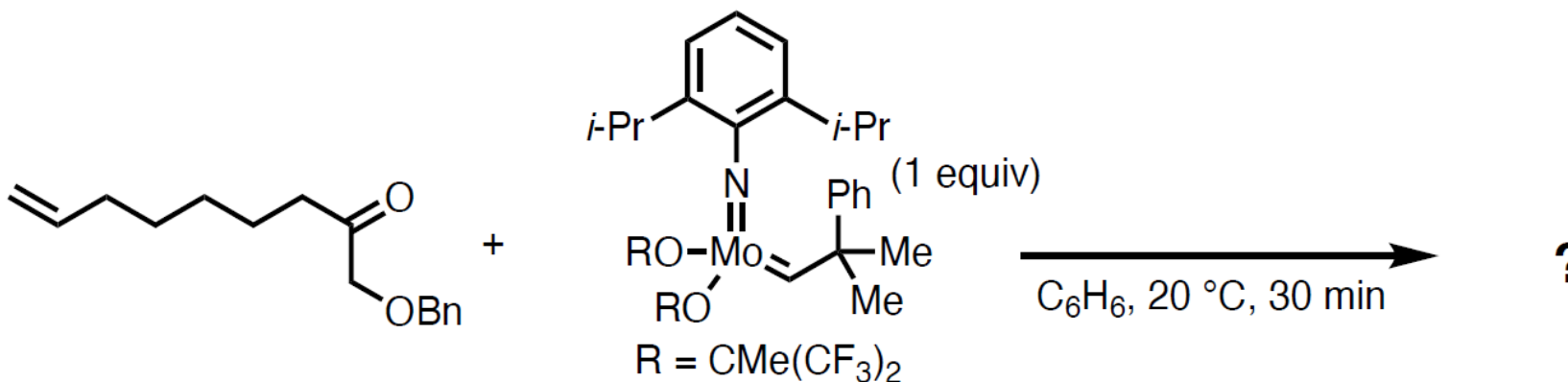




## POD #2

Consider the reaction below by Fu and Grubbs using the Schrock catalyst.

- Provide the oxidation state, d-electron count, and overall electron count of the Mo complex
- Predict the product and propose a plausible mechanism.



Fu and Grubbs *JACS* **1993**, *115*, 3800. DOI: [10.1021/ja00062a066](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja00062a066)



## 8.4.1 CROSS METATHESIS – SELECTIVITY RULES

**Type 1 – rapid homodimerization**

**Type 2 – slow homodimerization**

**Type 3 – no homodimerization**

**Type 4 – olefin insert to CM, but do not deactivate the cat (spectator)**

Reaction between Type 1 -> Statistical CM

Reaction between two olefin of the same type (not 1) -> non-selective CM

Reaction between olefins of two different types (especially 1 + 2/3) -> **selective CM**





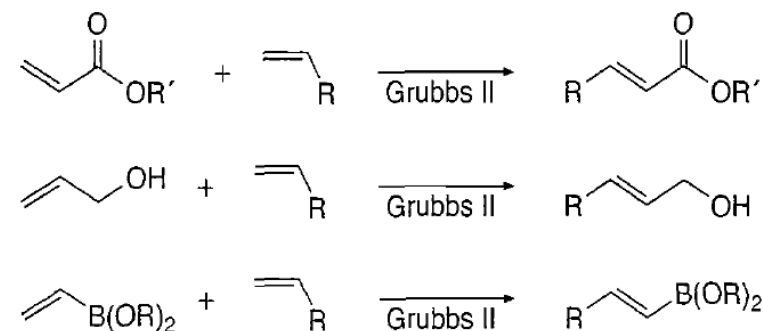
## 8.4.1 CROSS METATHESIS – SELECTIVITY RULES

**Table 2.15** Model for selectivity in CM, expanded to include cyclometallated Z-selective metathesis catalysts. Adapted with permission from Chatterjee, A. K.; Choi, T.-L.; Sanders, D. P.; Grubbs, R. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 11360. © 2003 American Chemical Society.

Catalyst	Grubbs I	Grubbs II	Grubbs Z	
<b>Type I</b> (fast homodimerization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>terminal olefins</li><li>allyl silanes</li><li>1° allylic alcohols</li><li>1° allylic ethers</li><li>1° allylic esters</li><li>allyl boronates</li><li>allyl halides</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>terminal olefins</li><li>1° allylic alcohols</li><li>1° allylic esters</li><li>allyl boronates</li><li>allyl halides</li><li>styrenes (no large ortho sub.)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>allyl phosphonates</li><li>allyl silanes</li><li>allyl phosphine oxides</li><li>allyl sulfides</li><li>protected allyl amines</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>terminal olefins</li><li>allyl silanes</li><li>1° allylic ethers</li><li>allyl anilines</li><li>allyl boronates</li></ul>
<b>Type II</b> (slow homodimerization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>styrene</li><li>2° allylic alcohols</li><li>vinyl dioxolanes</li><li>vinyl boronates</li><li>vinyl cyclopentane</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>styrenes (large ortho sub.)</li><li>acrylates / acrylic acid</li><li>acrylamides</li><li>acrolein</li><li>vinyl ketones</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>unprotected 3° allylic alcohols</li><li>2° allylic alcohols</li><li>vinyl epoxides</li><li>perfluoro-alkane olefins</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>vinyl dioxolanes</li><li>vinyl boronates</li><li>vinyl epoxides</li><li>vinyl cyclopentane</li><li>protected 1° allyl amines</li></ul>
<b>Type III</b> (no homodimerization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>vinyl siloxanes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1,1-disub. olefins</li><li>non-bulky trisub. olefins</li><li>vinyl phosphonates</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>phenyl vinyl sulfone</li><li>4° allylic C olefins</li><li>protected 3° allylic amines</li></ul>	
<b>Type IV</b> (spectators to CM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1,1-disub. olefins</li><li>disub. <math>\alpha,\beta</math>-unsaturated carbonyls</li><li>4° allylic C olefins</li><li>perfluoro-alkane olefins</li><li>protected 3° allylic amines</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>vinyl nitro olefins</li><li>trisubstituted allyl alcohols, protected</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1,1-disub. olefins</li><li>4° allylic C olefins</li></ul>	

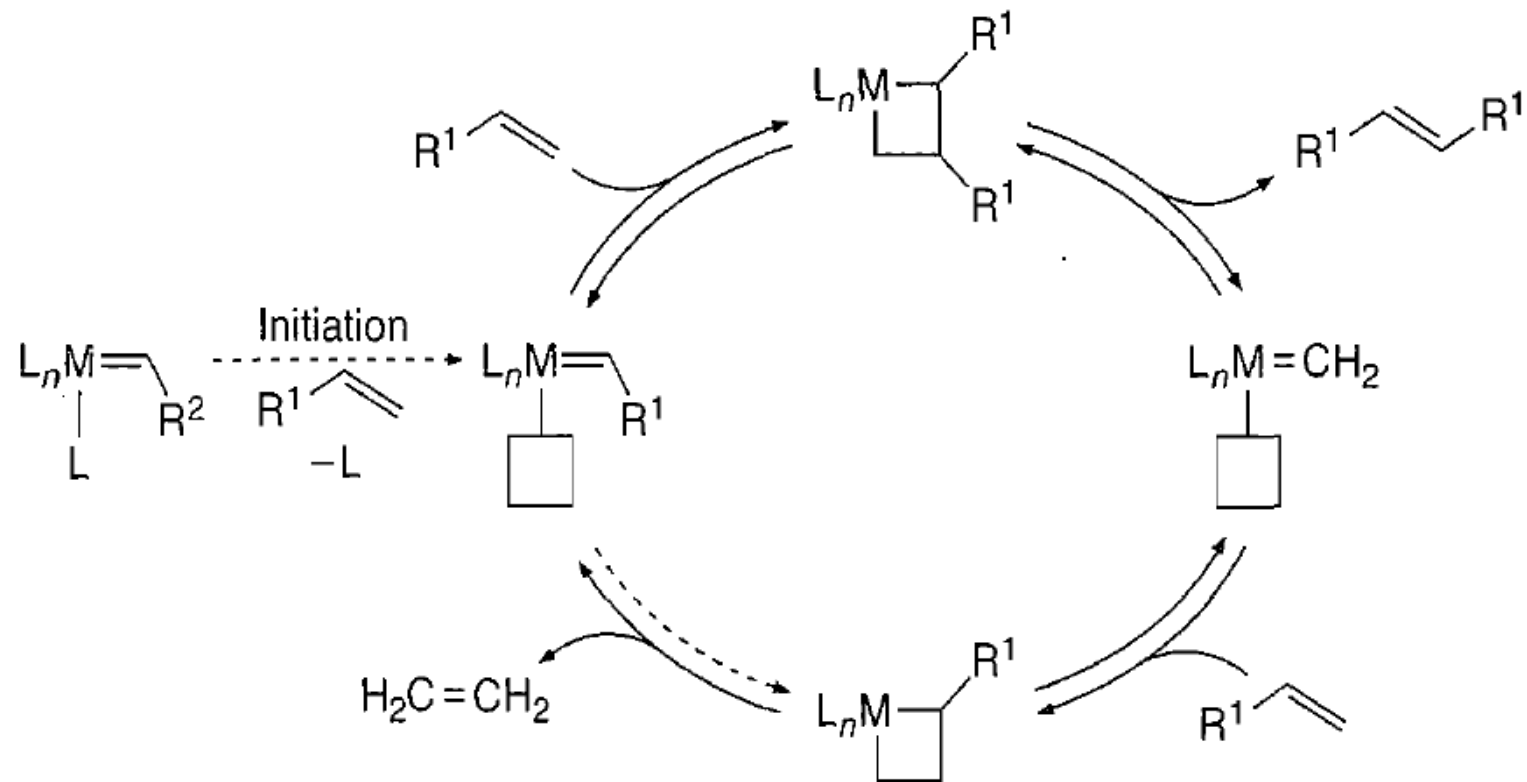
- Olefin type depends on cat!

CM examples:





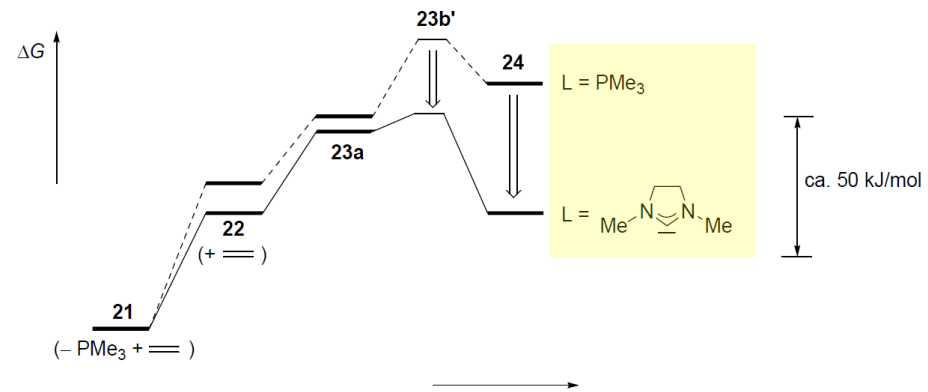
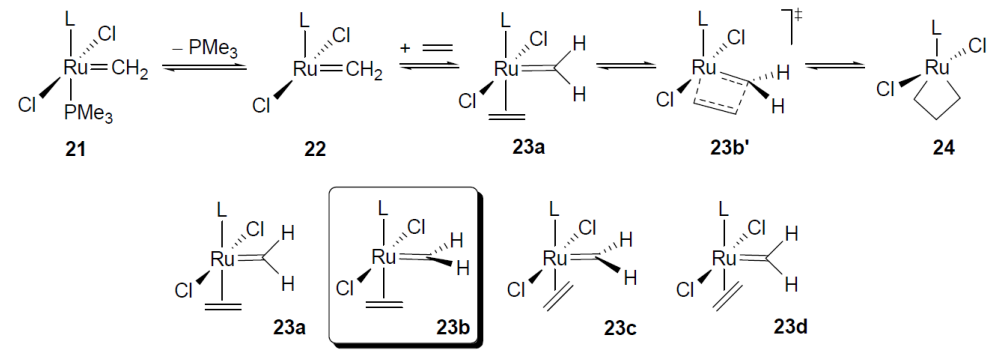
## 8.5 MECHANISM



Grubbs *JACS* **2001** 123 6543. DOI: [10.1021/ja010624k](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja010624k)



## 8.5.1 GRUBBS-1 VS. GRUBBS-2

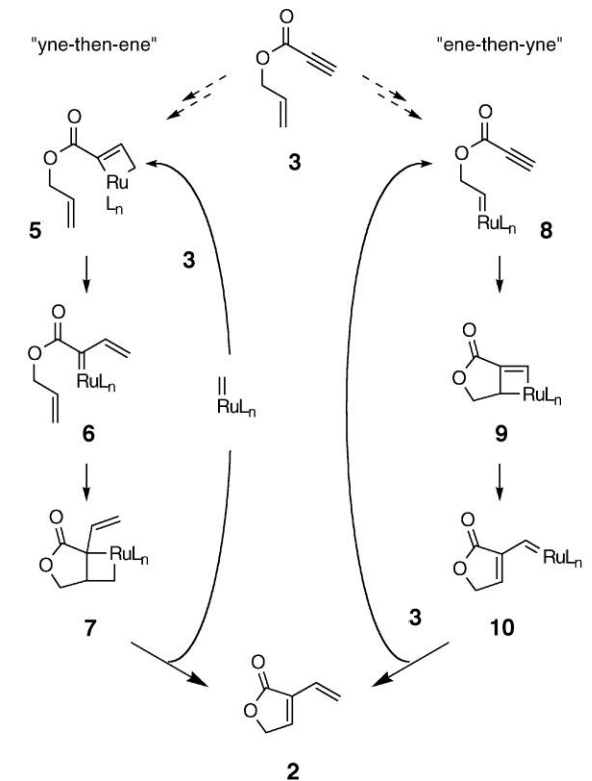
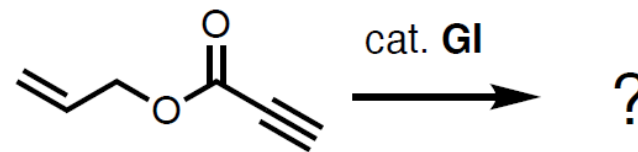


- Top is G1
- Bottom is G2



## POD #3

For the reaction below, predict the product and **draw out two or more possible mechanism and propose experiments to disambiguate among them.**



OL 1999 1 277. DOI: [10.1021/ol9905912](https://doi.org/10.1021/ol9905912)