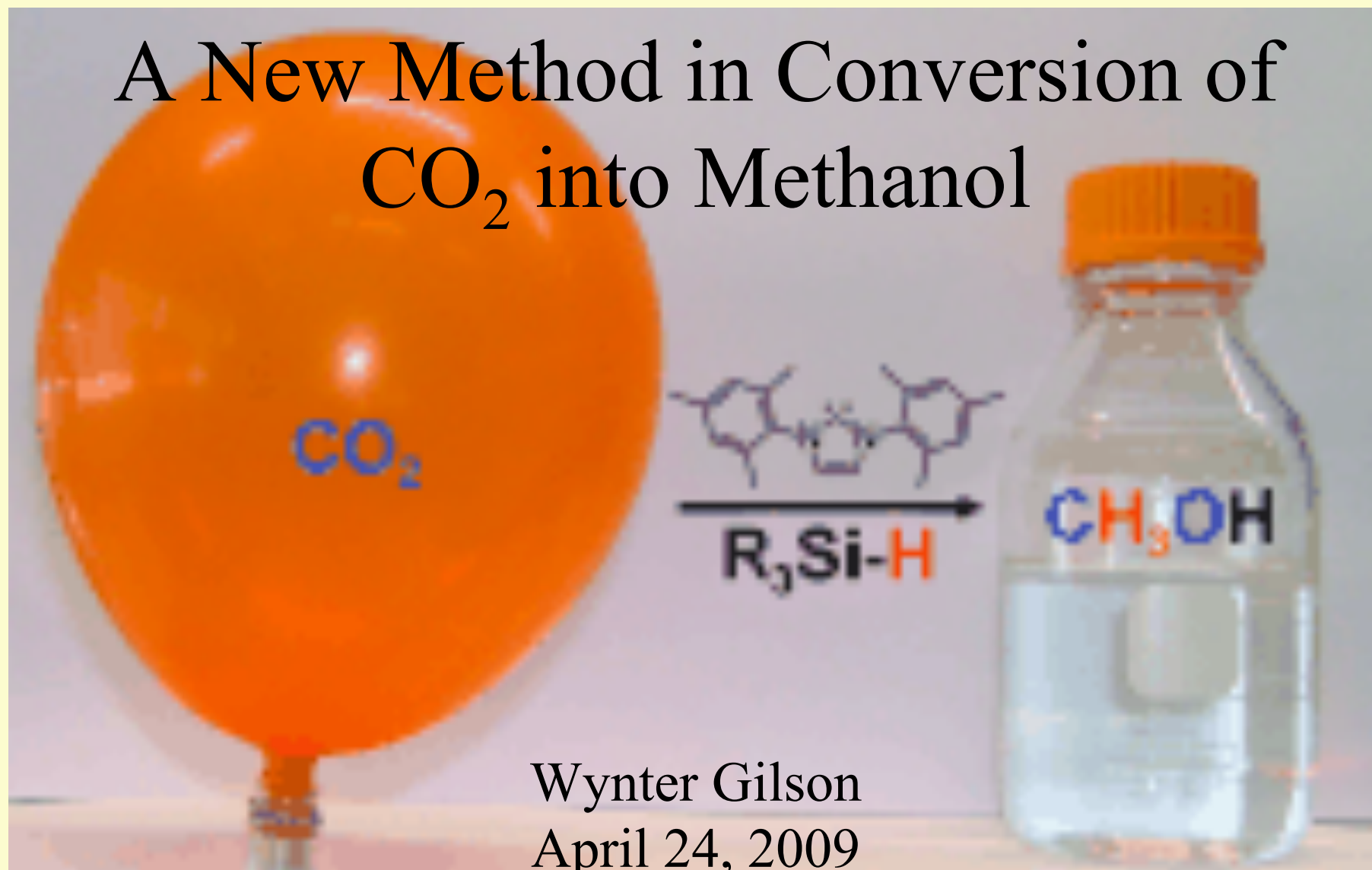
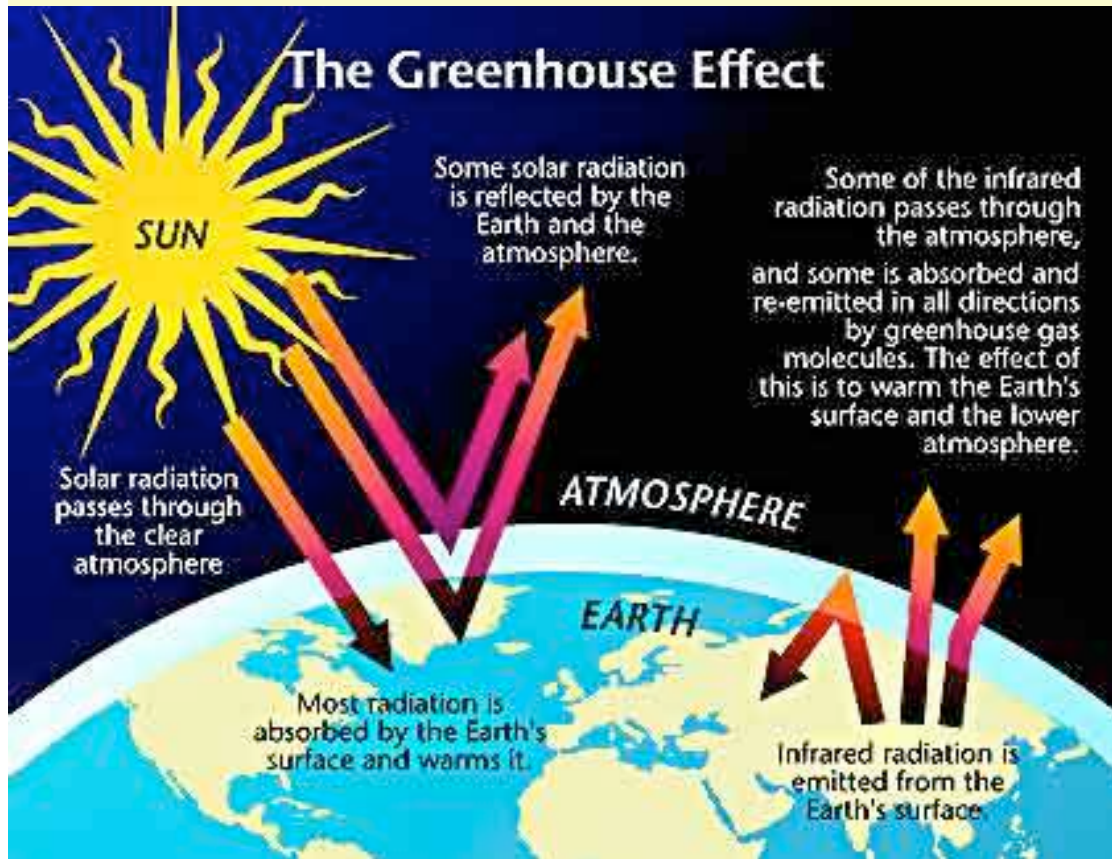


A New Method in Conversion of CO₂ into Methanol



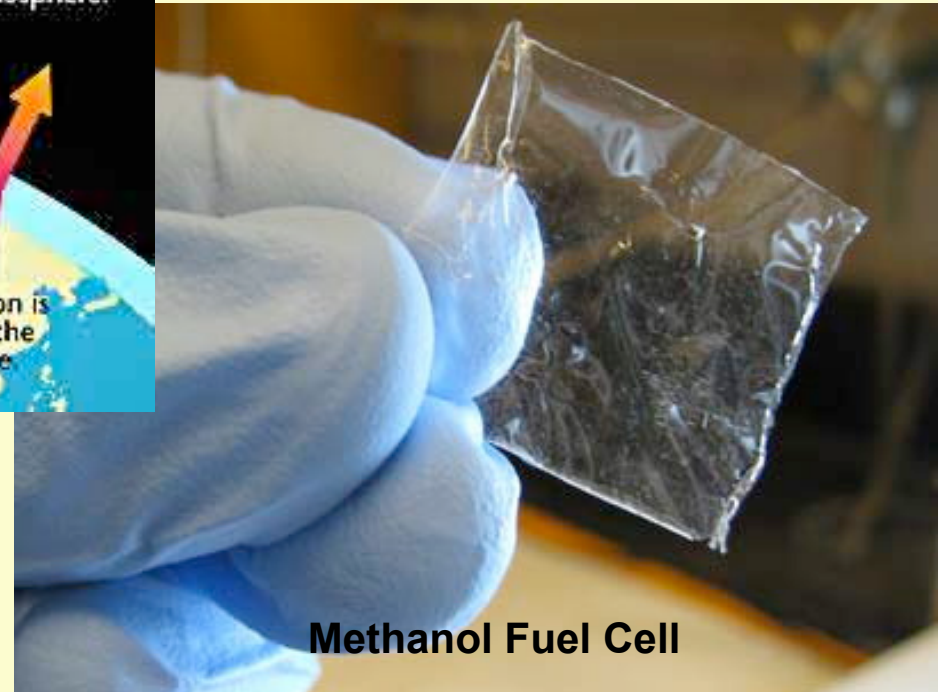
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Disadvantages of CO₂ and Advantages of CH₃OH



Harmful Effects of Carbon Dioxide

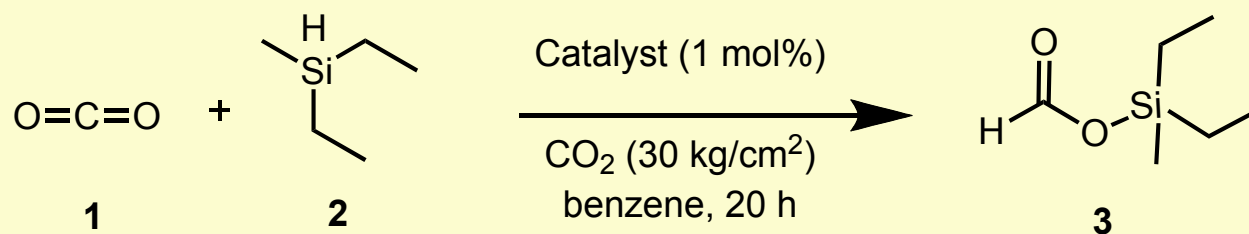
- ◆ Rising sea levels
- ◆ Increased drought and wild fires
- ◆ Stress on forests
- ◆ Disruption of agriculture



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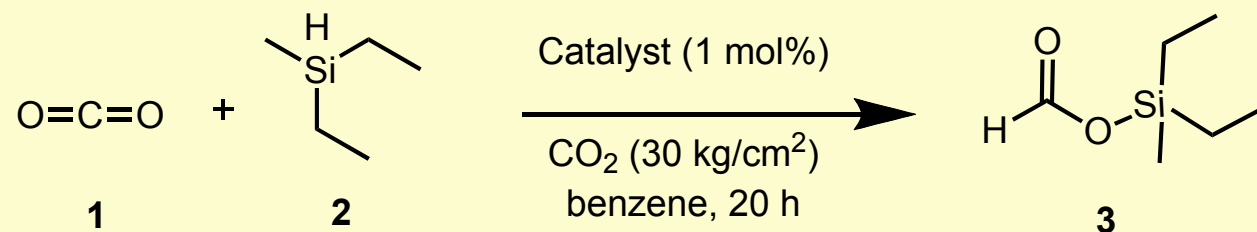
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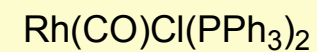
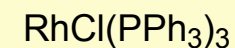


HSiR ₃	Catalyst	T (°C)	3 (mol %)
HSiMeEt ₂	RuCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₃	100	14
"	"	80	1
"	"	120	4
"	RuH ₂ (PPh ₃) ₄	100	6
"	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	100	1
HSiMe(OMe) ₂	RuCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₃	100	1

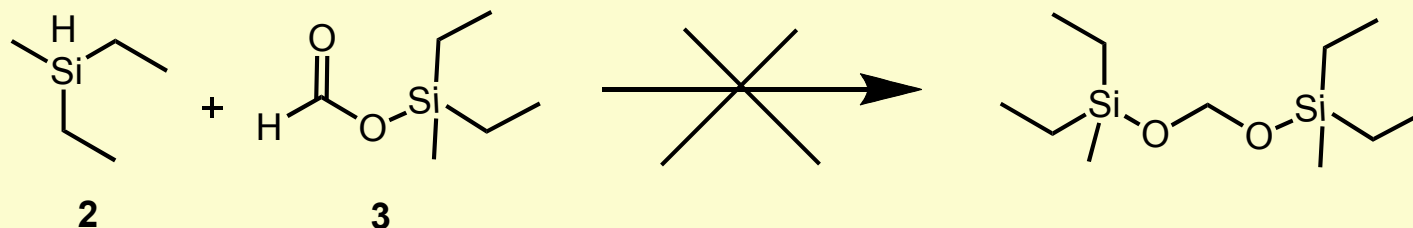
Hydrosilylation of CO₂ Catalysed by Ru Complexes



Inactive Catalyst



Indication of higher reactivity of 2
towards CO₂ than towards 3.



Pros and Cons of Ru Complexes for Hydrosilylation of CO₂

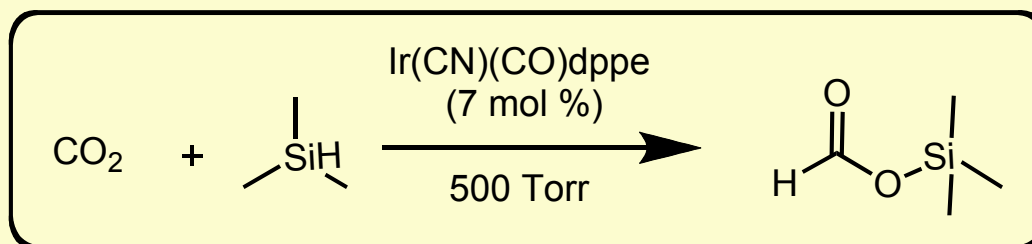
Pros

- ◆ First insertion of Si-H bond into C=O bond
- ◆ Some catalytic activity seen

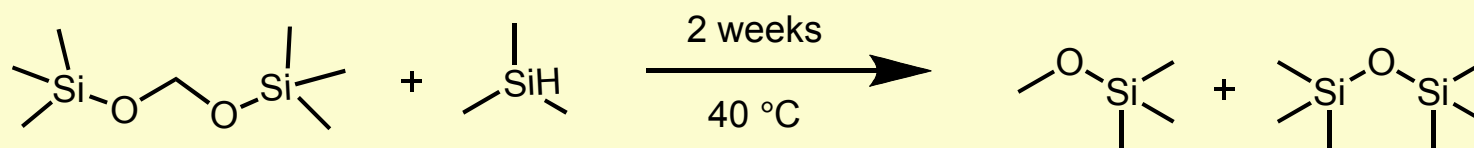
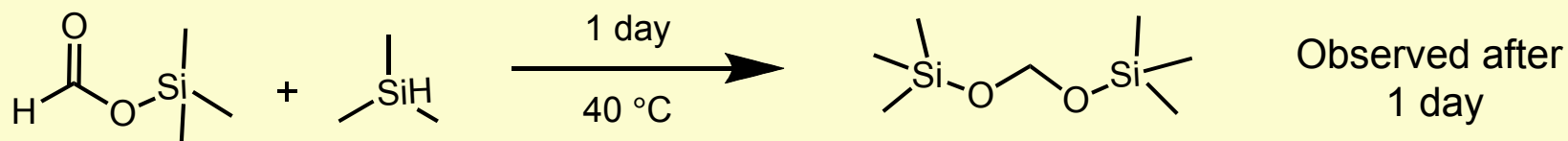
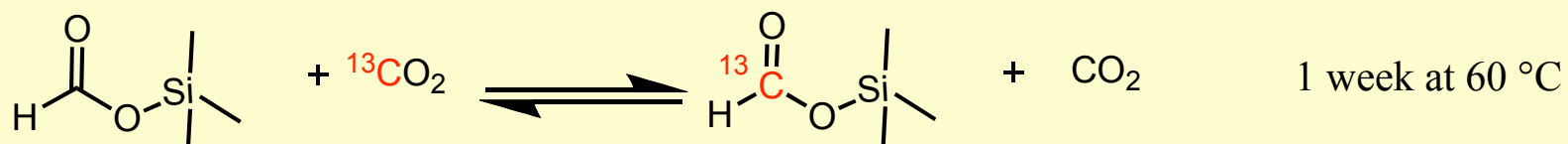
Cons

- ◆ Use of pressure
30 Kg/cm² = 29 psi
- ◆ Use of heat
- ◆ Catalysts not efficient

Hydrosilylation of CO₂ by Iridium Complex



Dppe = 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane



Pros and Cons of Hydrosilylation of CO₂ by Iridium Complex

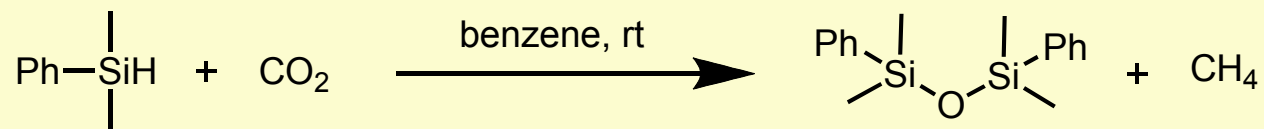
Pros

- ◆ Identified carbon transfer by ¹³C labeling
- ◆ Identified the precursor later used to make methanol

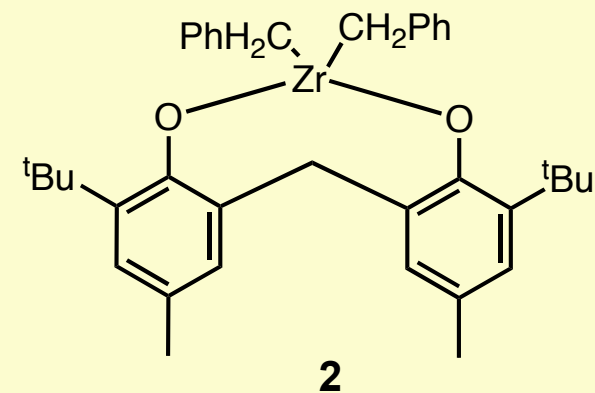
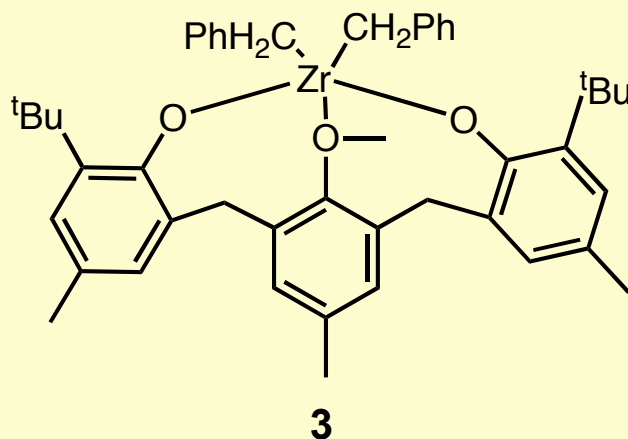
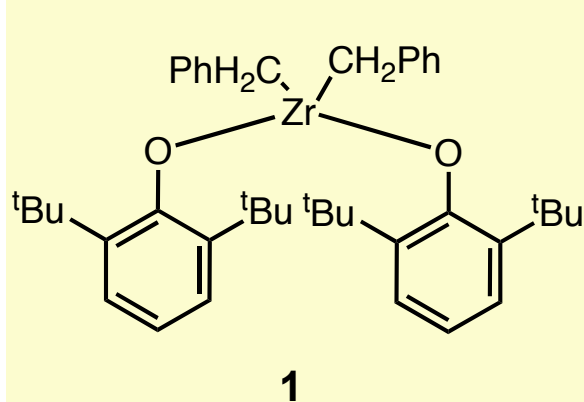
Cons

- ◆ Long reaction times of up to 2 weeks
- ◆ Requires temperature and pressure

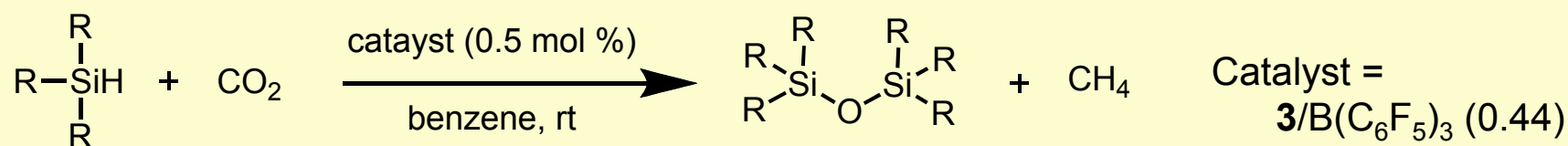
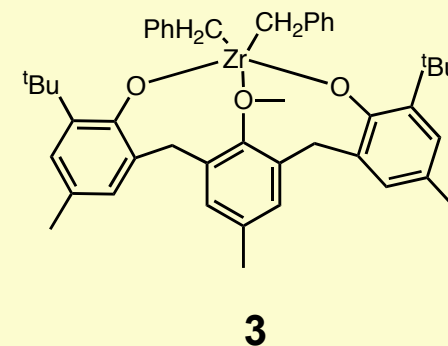
Transforming CO₂ to Methane



entry	catalyst (mol %)	TOF (h ⁻¹)	TON	Yield (%)	time (h)
1	1 /B(C ₆ F ₅) ₃ (0.45)	23	34	15	1.5
2	2 /B(C ₆ F ₅) ₃ (0.42)	31	46	19	1.5
3	3 /B(C ₆ F ₅) ₃ (0.44)	150	225	98	1.5
4	3 /[Ph ₃ C][B(C ₆ F ₅) ₄] (1.8)			0	1.5
5	B(C ₆ F ₅) ₃ (1.9)			0	3 days

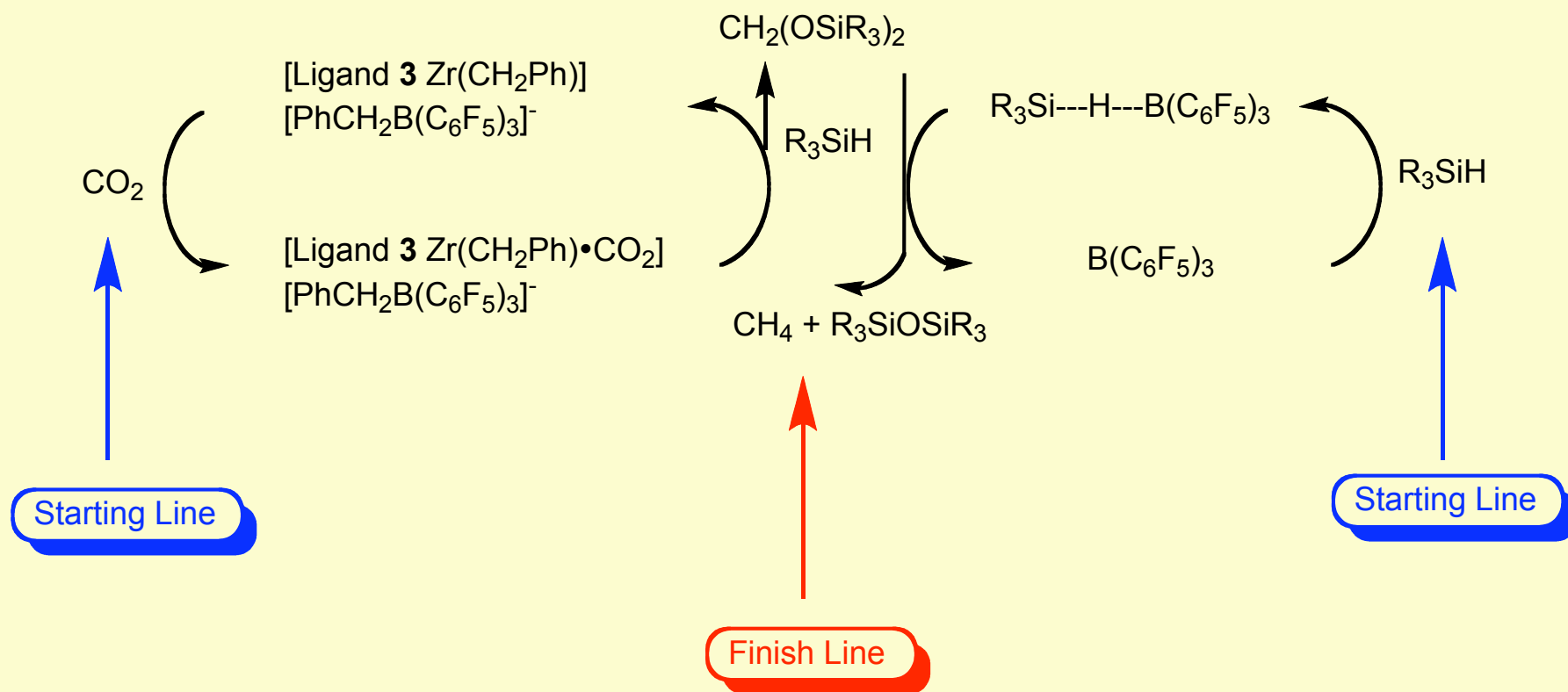


Silane Variation

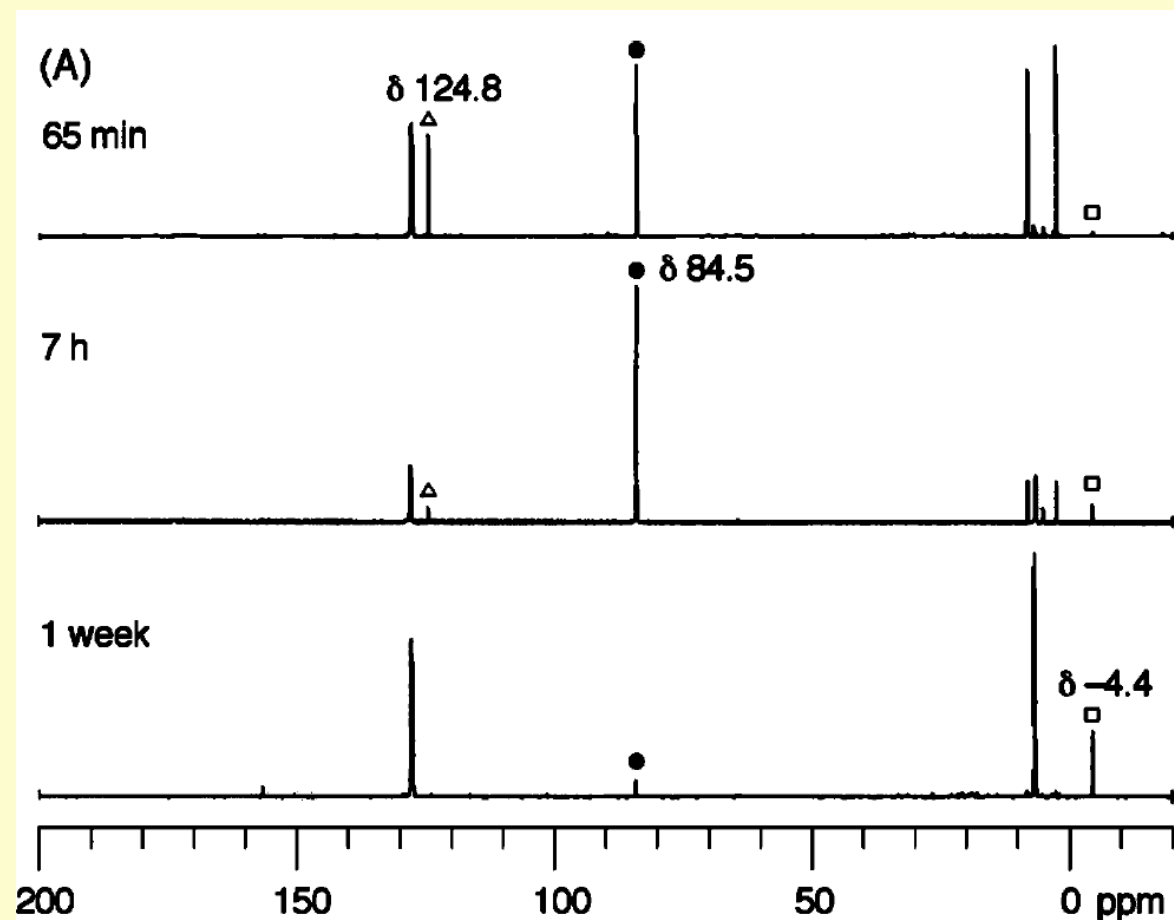
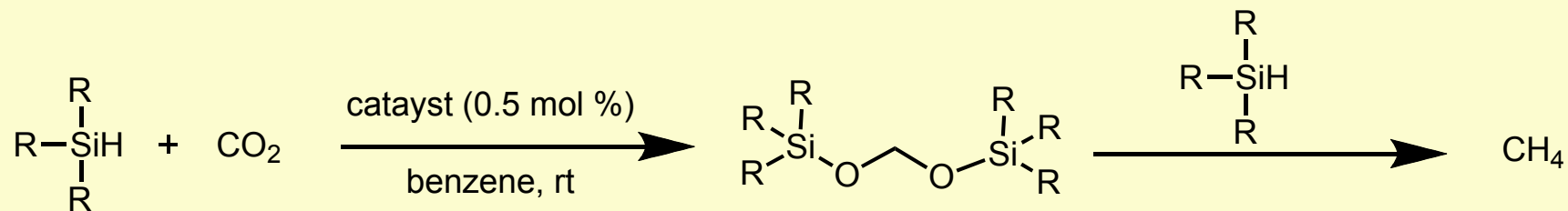


Entry	Substrate	Product	TOF (h^{-1})	TON	Yield (%)	time (h)
1	Et_2MeSiH	$(\text{Et}_2\text{MeSi})_2\text{O}$	7.3	211	93	29
2	Et_3SiH	$(\text{Et}_3\text{Si})_2\text{O}$	1.1	180	93	162
3	Ph_3SiH	$(\text{Ph}_3\text{SiO})_2\text{CH}_2$ $(\text{Ph}_3\text{Si})_2\text{O}$	0.13	50	64 28	384
4	Et_2SiH_2	$(\text{Et}_2\text{Si})_n\text{O}$	0.57	108	45	189
5	Ph_2SiH_2	$(\text{Ph}_2\text{HSi})_2\text{O}$	0.29	49	46	168
6	PhSiH_3	$(\text{PhSiO}_{1.5})_n$	1.1	162	74	145

Proposed Mechanism



NMR Study of Methane Formation



- Methane
- △ CO₂
- CH₂(OSiEt₃)₂

Pros and Cons of Zr Complex

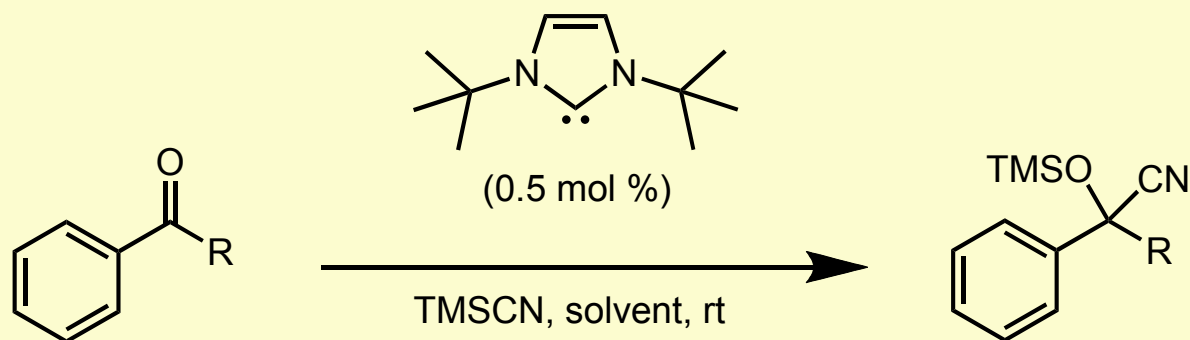
Pros

- ◆ Production of methane
- ◆ Good yields
- ◆ Decent Time

Cons

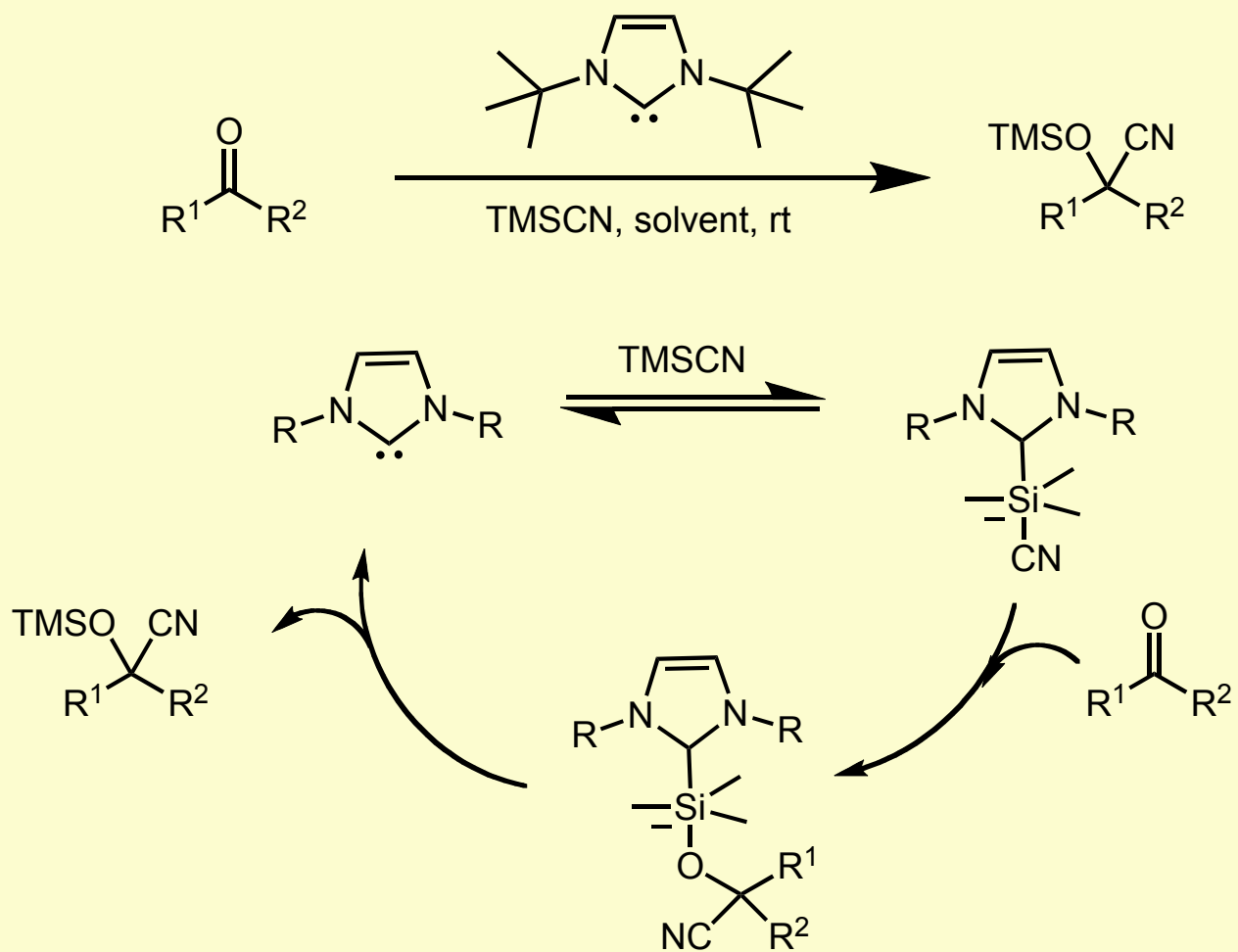
- ◆ Transition metal catalyst

Activation of TMSCN by N-Heterocyclic Carbenes (NHC) for Cyanosilylation of Carbonyl Compounds

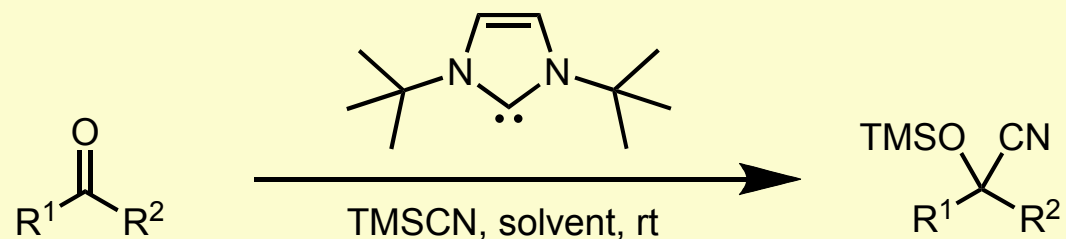


Entry	R	Solvent	Catalyst (mol%)	time	% conversion (% isolated yield)
1	H	THF	0.5	10 min	99 (91)
2	H	THF	0.01	4 h	97 (83)
3	Me	DMF	0.5	1 h	95 (80)
4	Me	DMF	0.1	16 h	95 (74)

Proposed Mechanism

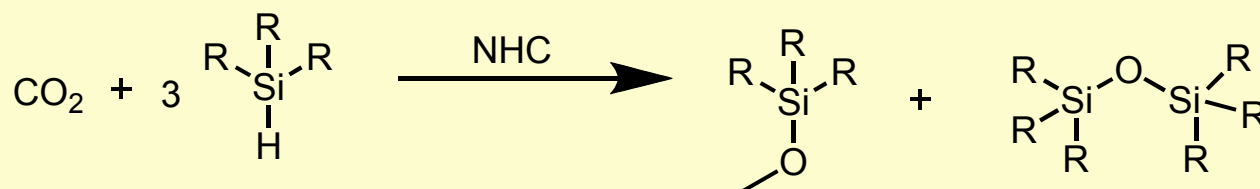


NCH for Cyanosilylation

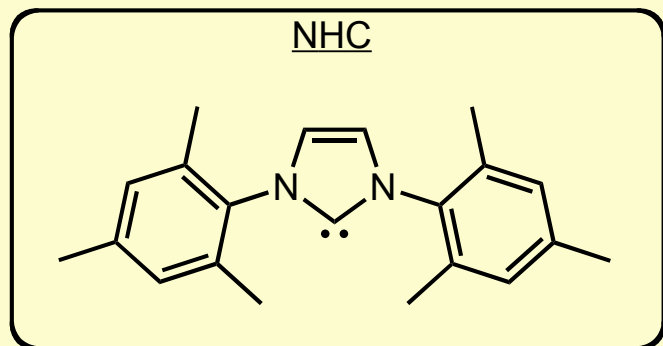
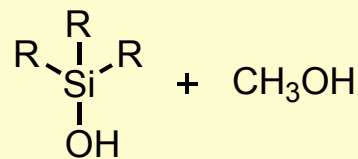


THF, 10 min	Yield (%)	DMF, 2 h	Yield (%)
	91		81
	95		84
	93		83
	87		83

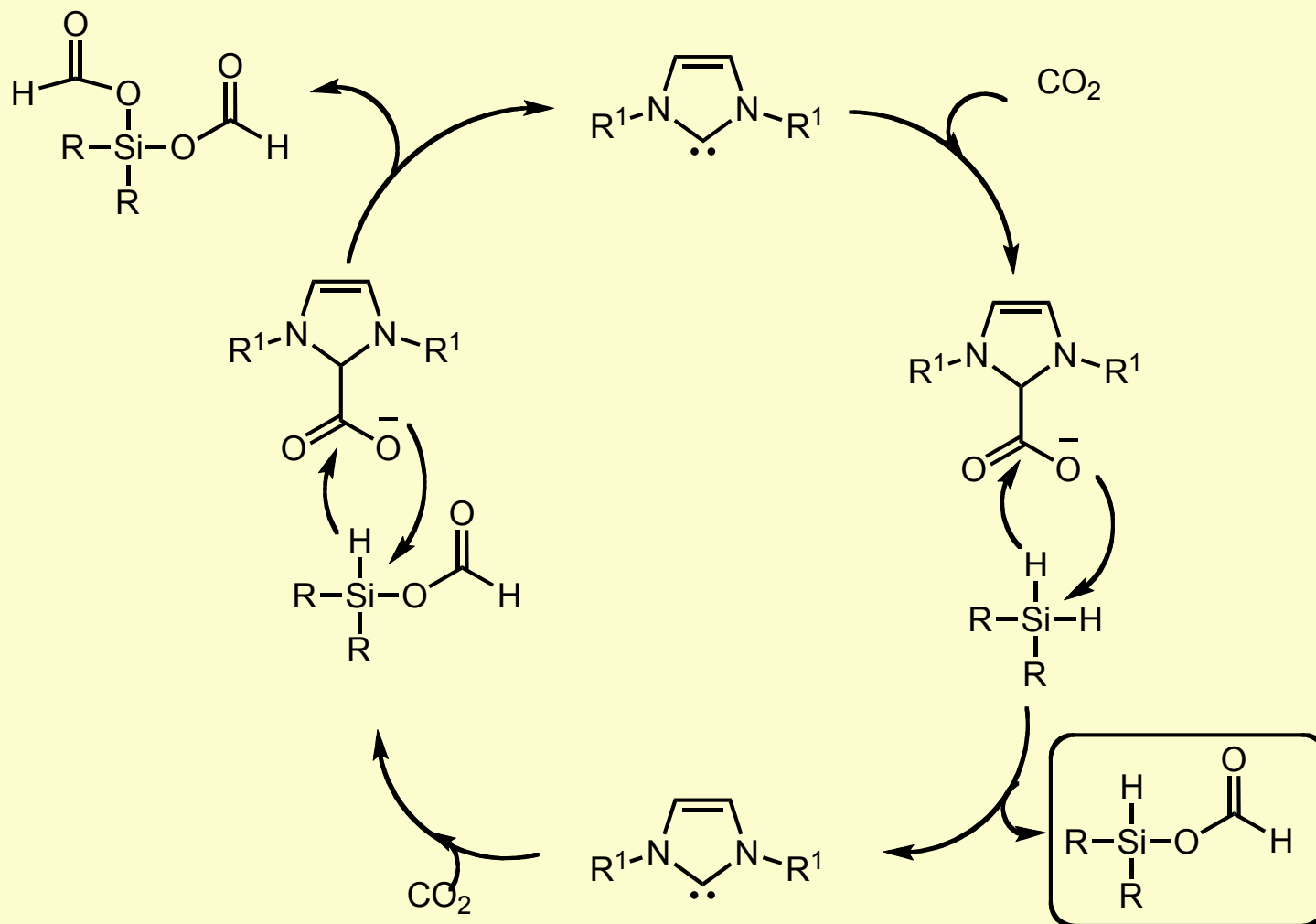
NHC Utilized in CO₂ Transformation to CH₃OH



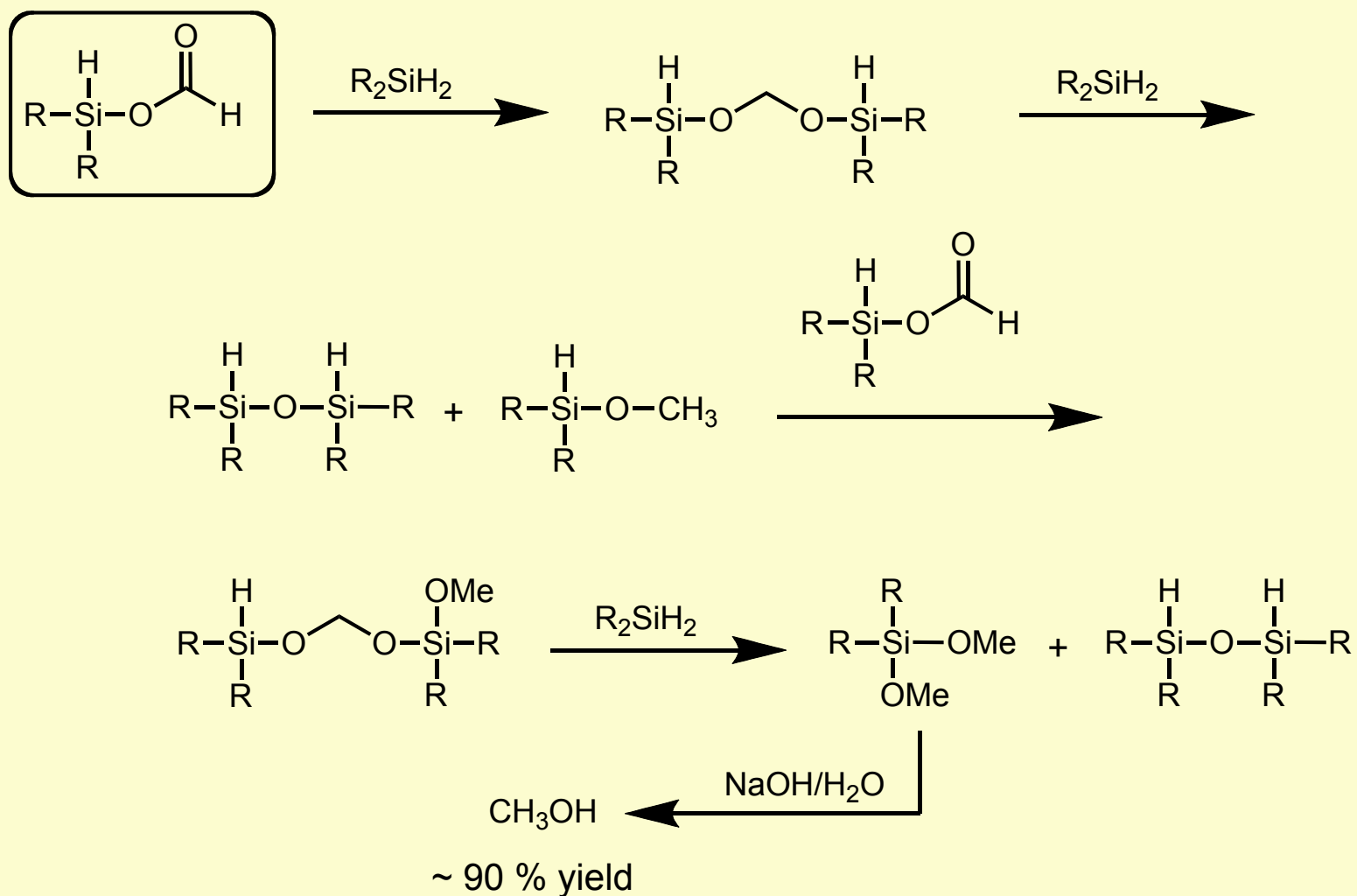
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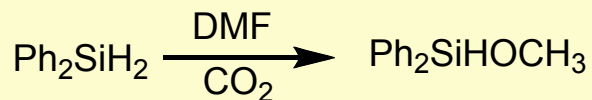
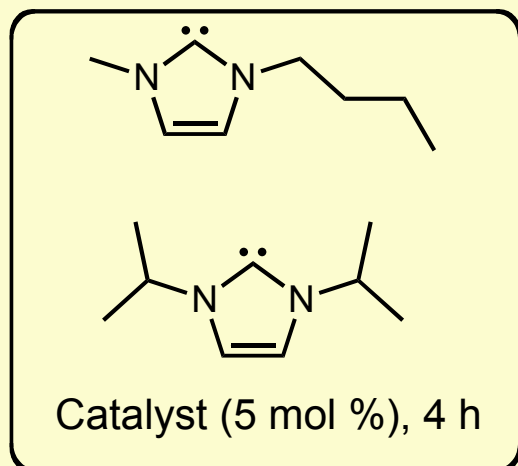
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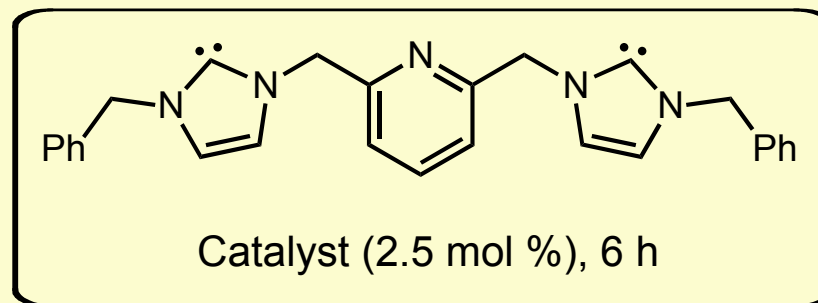
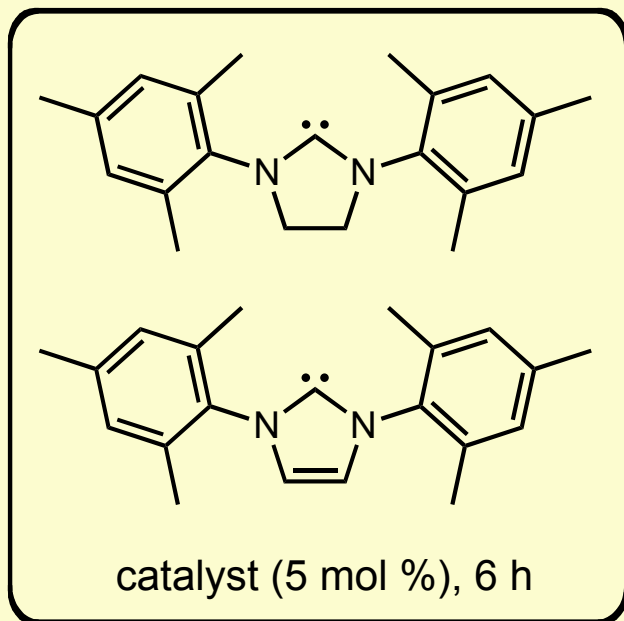
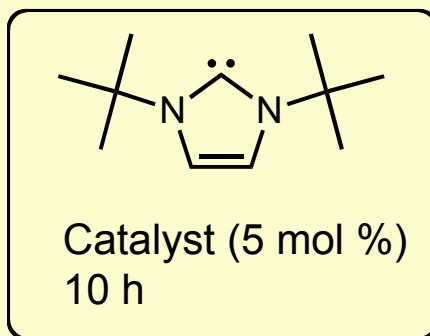
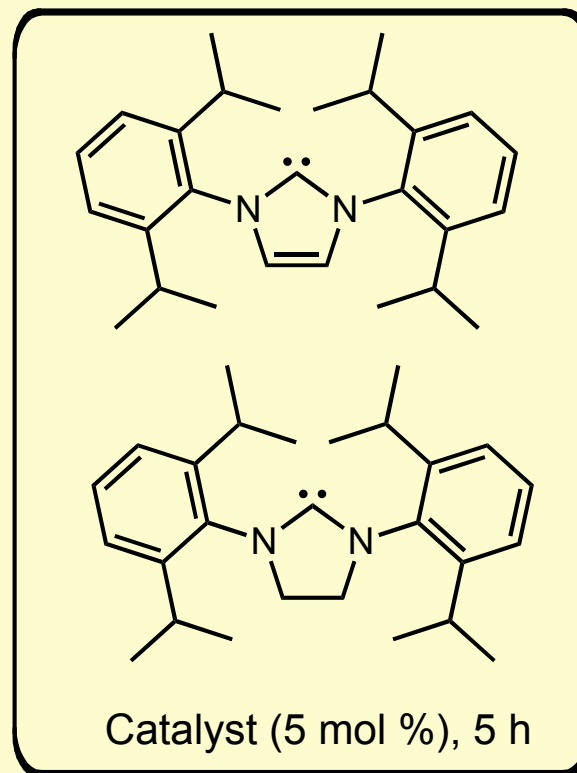
Formation of Methanol



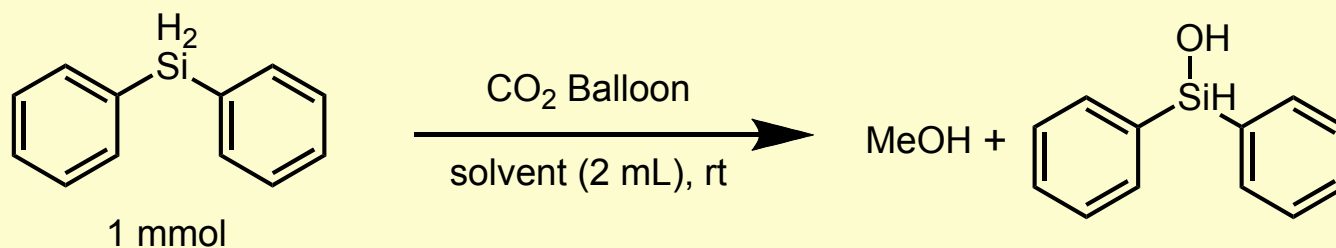
NHC Catalysts Variation



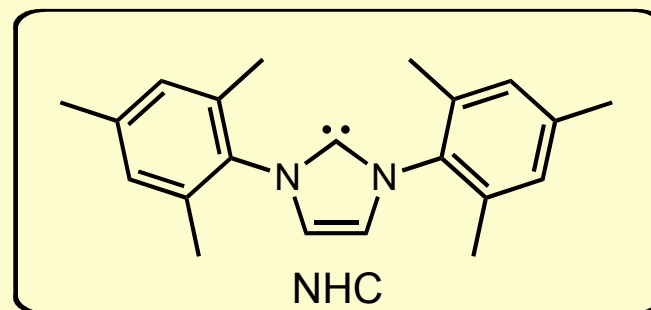
Time = Full Conversion
of Silane



Solvent Variation

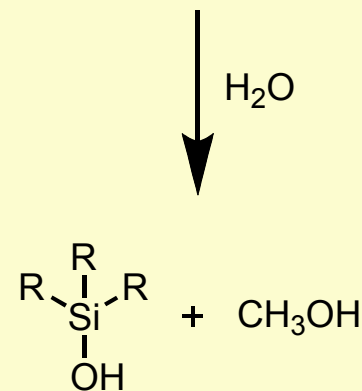
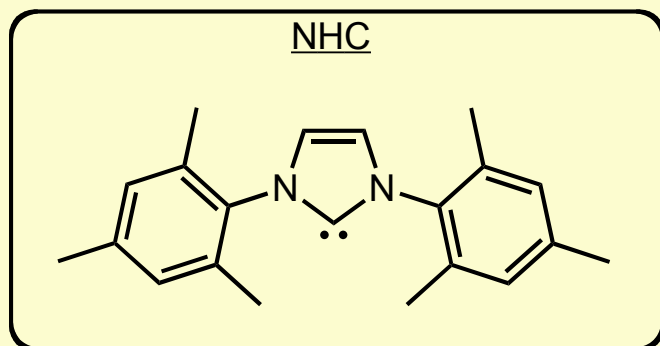
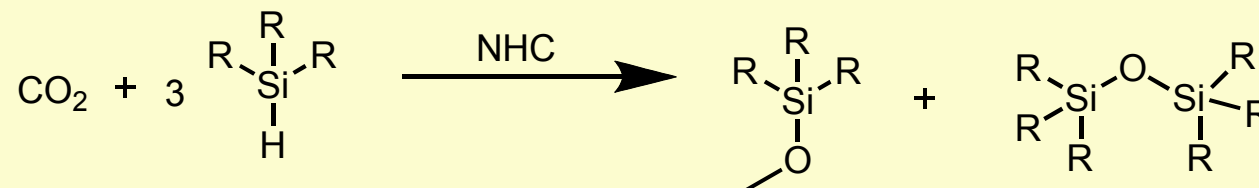


Entry	Catalyst (mol % Si-H)	Solvent	Time (h) ^a
1	1.25	DMF	24
2	1.25	THF	30
3	1.25	MeCN	88
4	1.25	CH ₂ Cl ₂	No Rxn
5	5.00	DMF	6
6	0.50	DMF	30
7	0.25	DMF	40
8	0.05	DMF	72



^a Time required for the full consumption of silane

Silane Variation

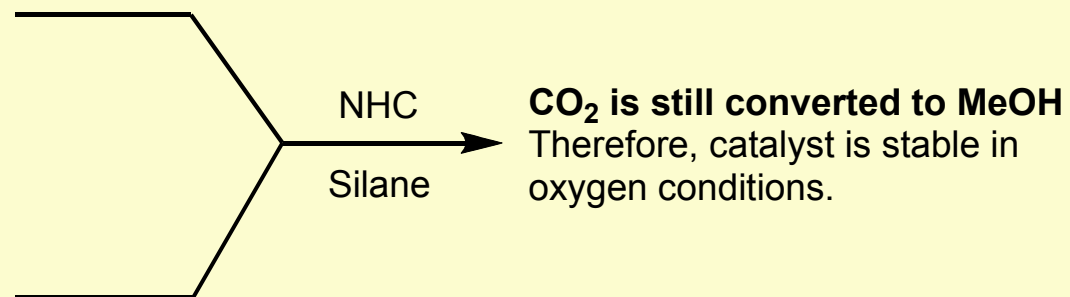
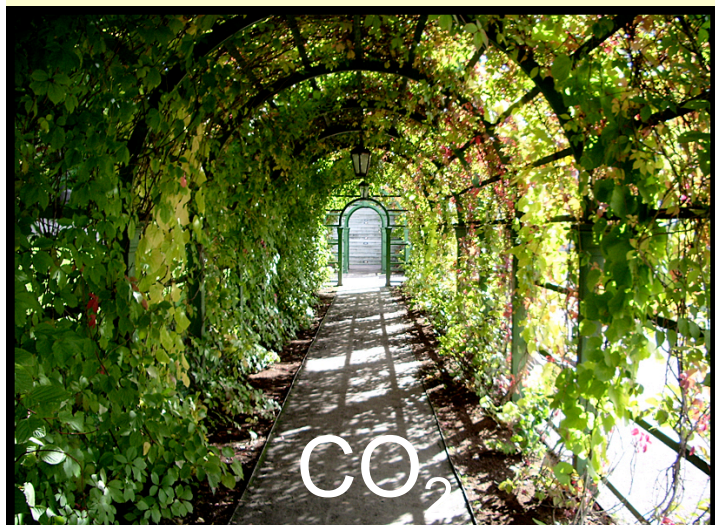


Activity of Silane

$\text{PhSiH}_3 \gg \text{Ph}_2\text{SiH}_2 \gg \text{PhSiHMe}_2 > \text{Et}_2\text{SiHMe} > \text{Et}_3\text{SiH}, \text{Ph}_2\text{SiHMe}, \text{Ph}_3\text{SiH}$

No Reaction: Ph_3SiH and Ph_2SiHMe

Practicality of the NHC Assisted CO₂ Transformation



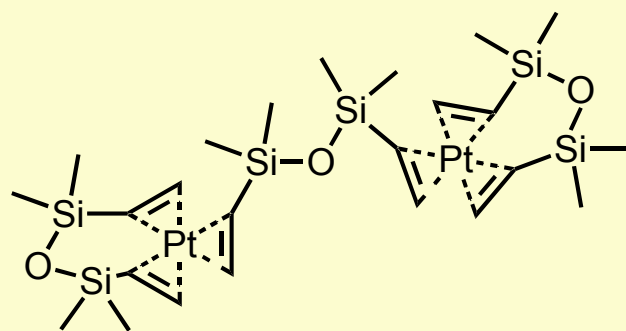
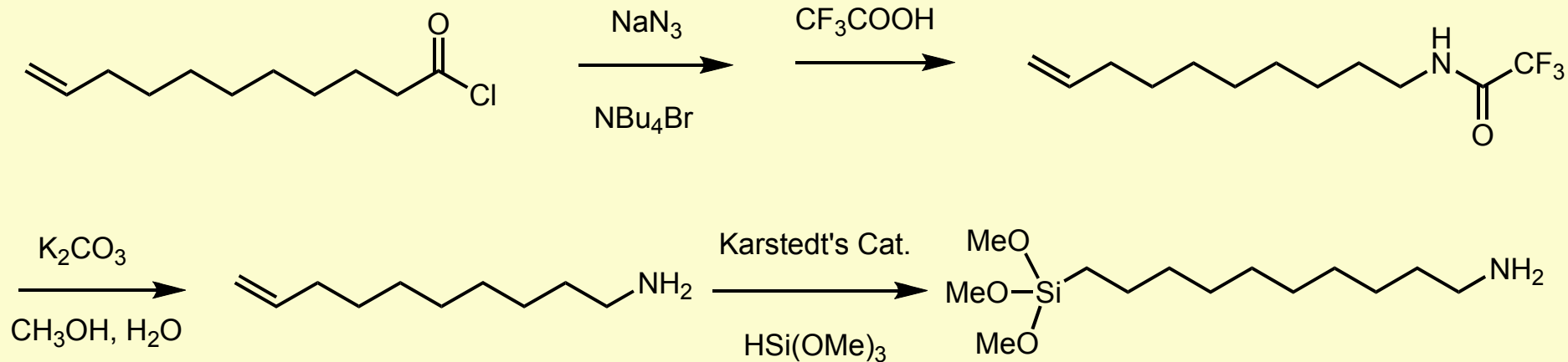
So, why do we need
Carbon Dioxide?





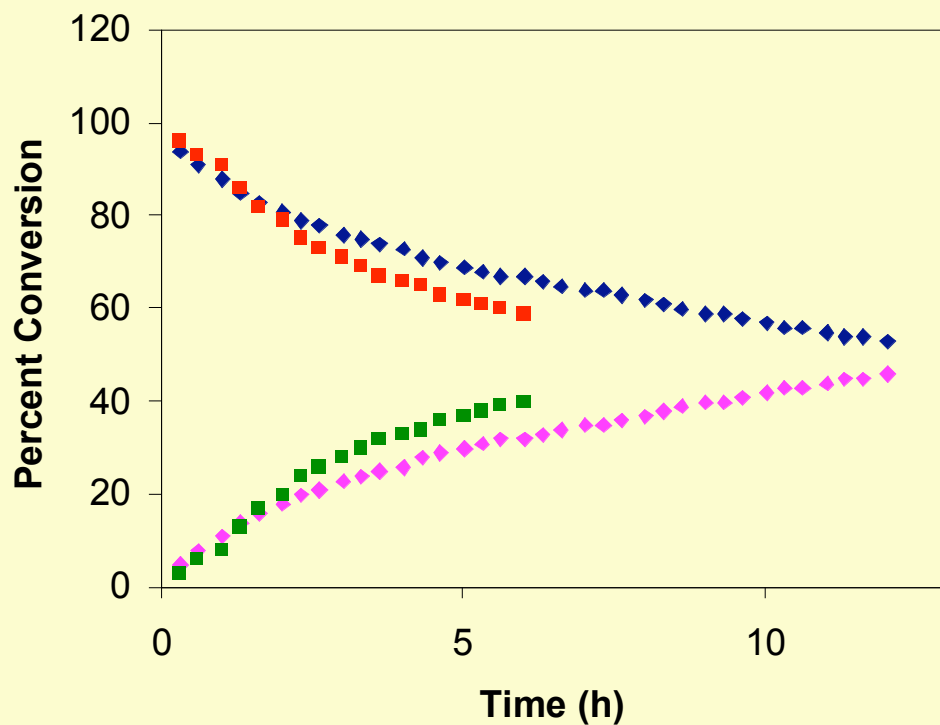
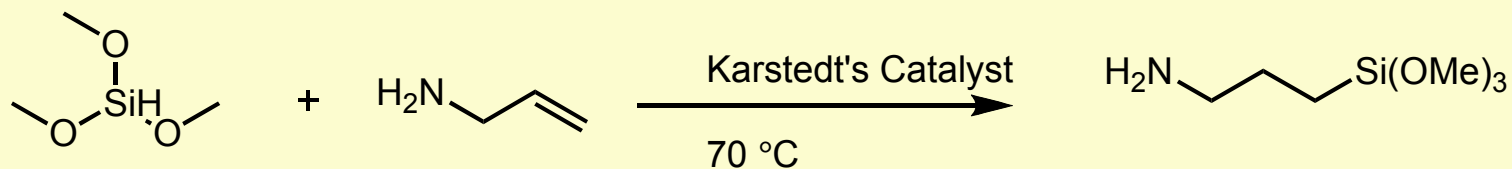
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Why I Like This Topic



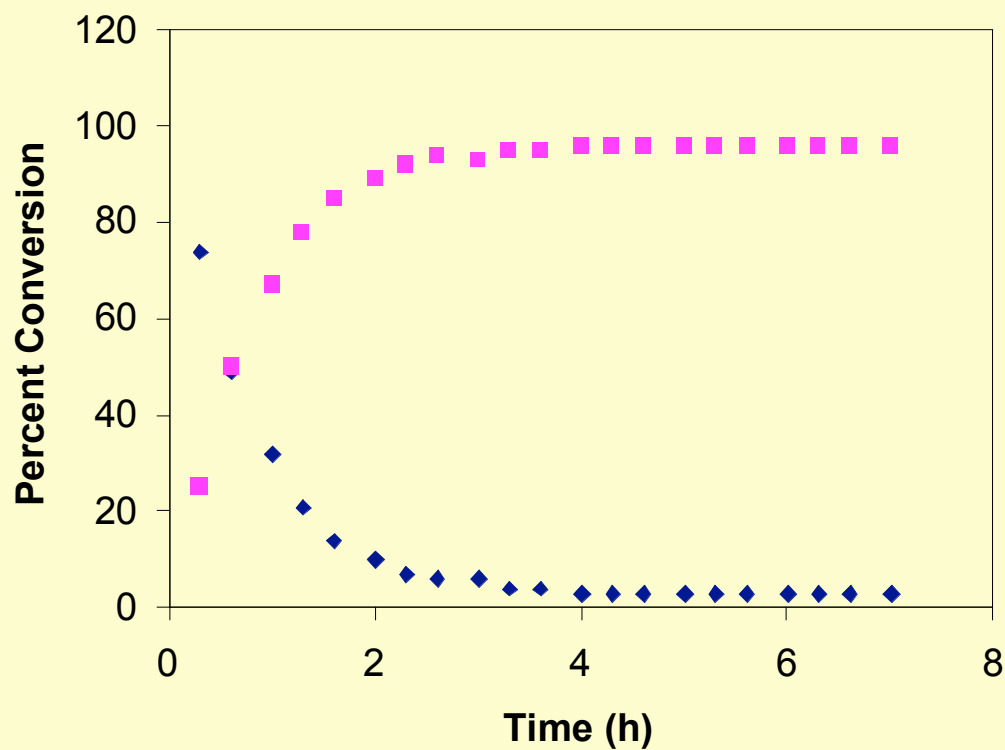
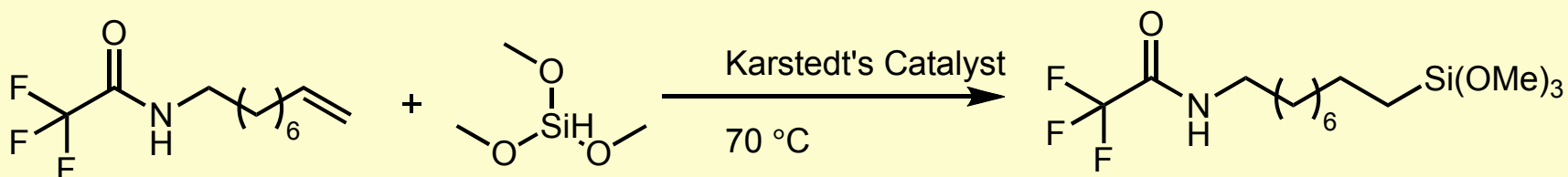
Karstedt's Catalyst

Hydrosilylation of Allylamine



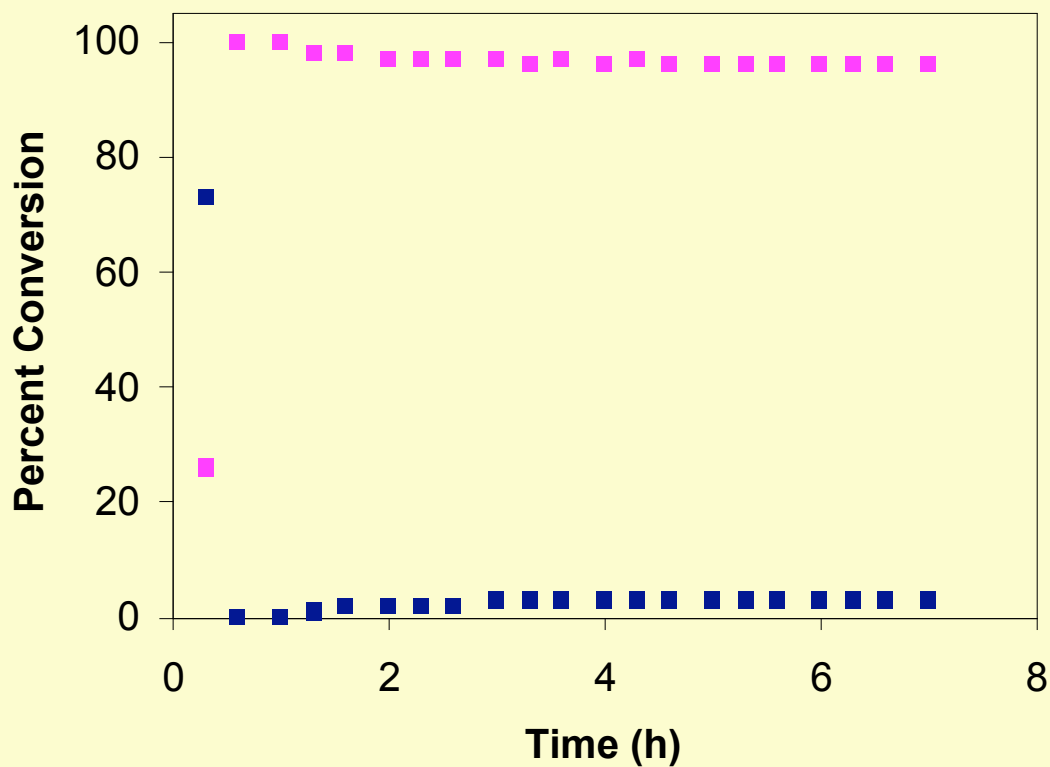
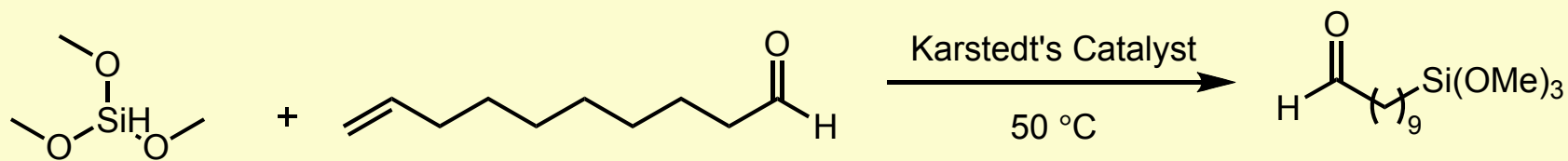
Square/Diamonds = separate runs
Red/Blue = alkene
Purple/Green = silane product

Hydrosilylation of Amides



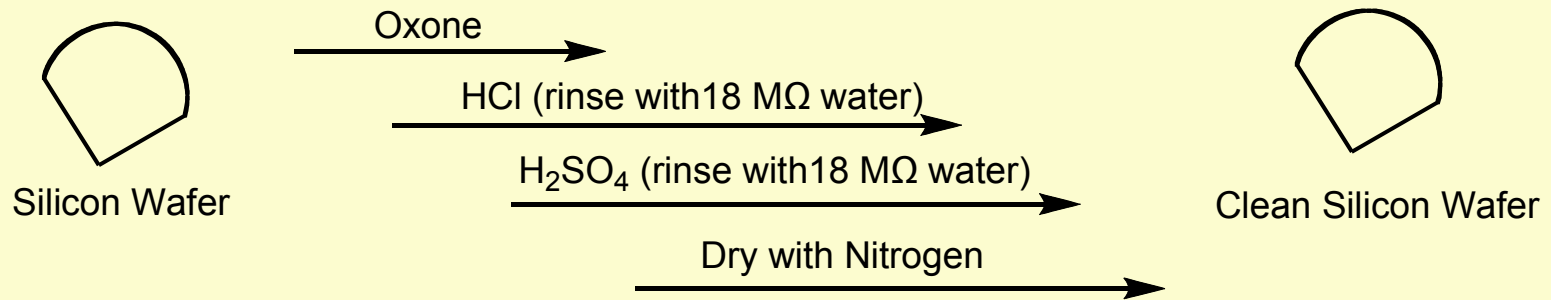
Blue = alkene
Purple = silane product

Hydrosilylation of Aldehydes



Blue = alkene
Purple = silane product

Biosensor Formation



Glassware cleaned in base bath and rinsed with 18 MΩ water. Dried for 3 h in oven.

