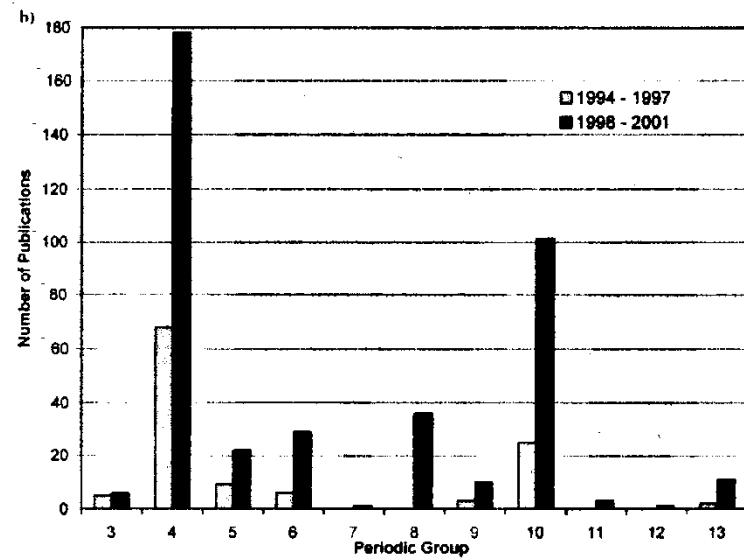
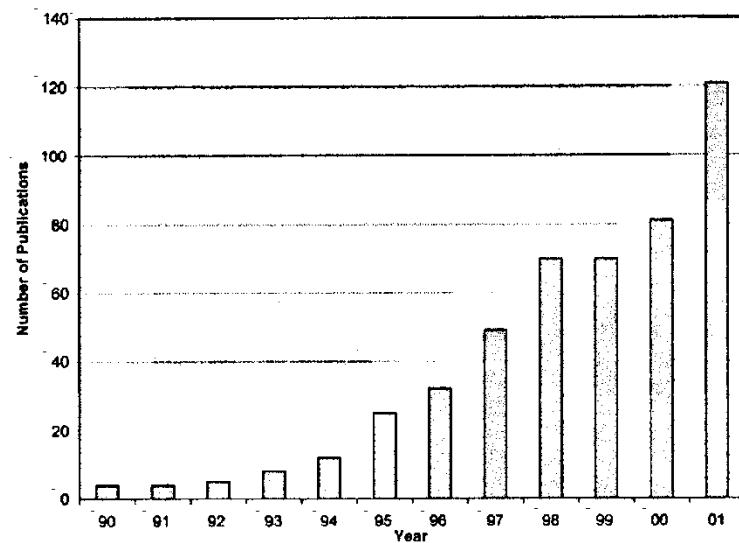


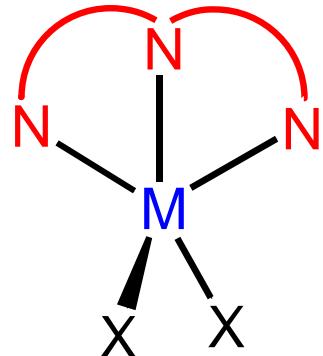
Numero di pubblicazioni sui catalizzatori NON metallocenici¹



¹V. Gibson et al., *Chem. Rev.* 2003, 103, 283.

Leganti tridentati bis(imminici) per la polimerizzazione dell'etilene

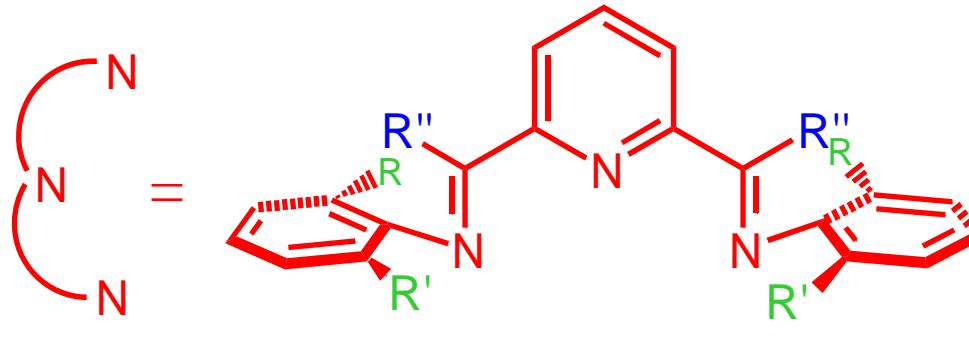
Catalizzatori di Fe(II) e Co(II)



+ MAO

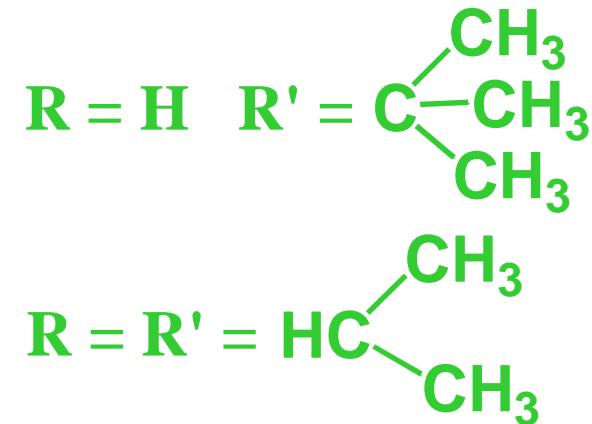
Polietilene lineare ad alta densità

VERSIPOL (Du Pont)



$\mathbf{R = H}$ $\mathbf{R' = Ph}$

Solvente: toluene
 $T = 25 - 90^\circ\text{C}$
 $t = 15 - 180 \text{ min.}$
 $p = 14 - 42 \text{ atm}$



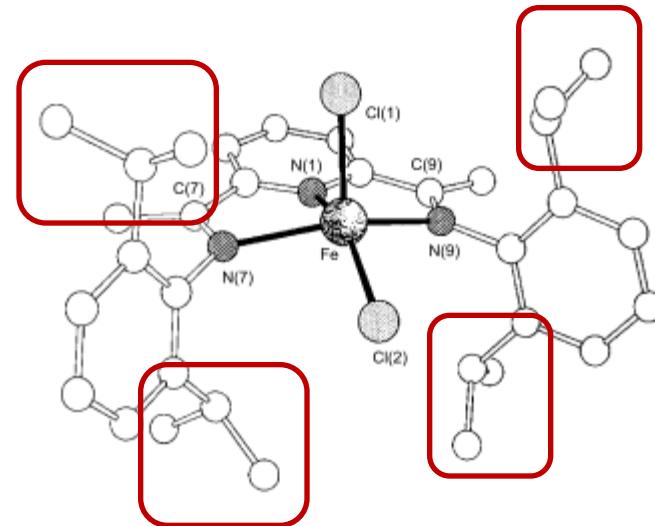
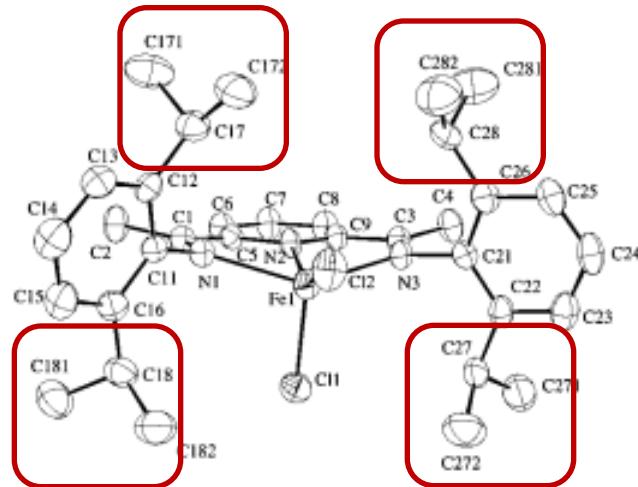
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Crystal structure of [Fe((2,6-i-Pr-Ph)₂PBIMe₂)Cl₂]



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Both complexes have a pseudo-square-pyramidal geometry with the aryl rings nearly perpendicular to the square plane.

They are paramagnetic, high-spin complexes.

Polimerizzazione dell'etilene con catalizzatori di Fe(II) e Co(II)¹

Effetto della pressione di etilene

Prec. Cat.: [MCl₂((2,6-i-PrPh)₂PBIH₂)]

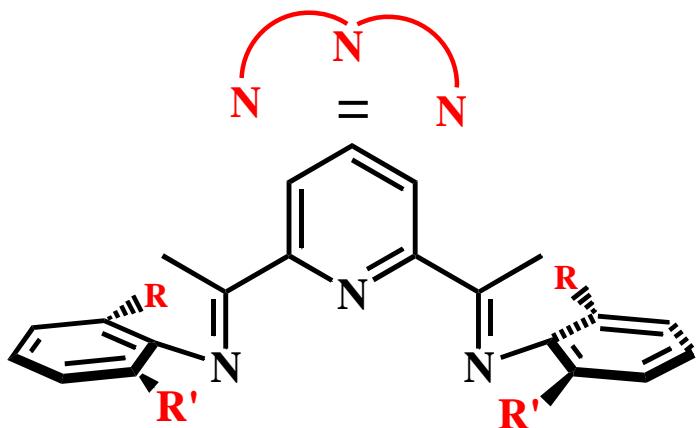
M	P _{etilene} (atm)	kg PE/g M h
Co	7	140
	41	140
Fe	7	1860
	41	4220
	340	11900

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Polimerizzazione dell'etilene con catalizzatori di Fe(II) e Co(II)¹

Effetto del legante azotato

Prec. Cat.: [CoCl₂(PBI)]

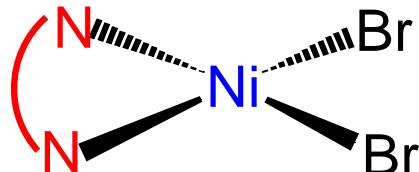


PBI	M _w
(2-PhPh) ₂ PBI ^t Me ₂	α-olefine
(2- <i>t</i> -BuPh) ₂ PBI ^t Me ₂	31 000
(2,6- <i>i</i> -PrPh) ₂ PBI ^t Me ₂	46 000
(2,6- <i>i</i> -PrPh) ₂ PBIH ₂	18 000

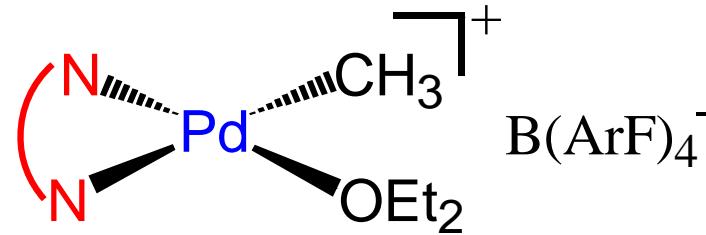
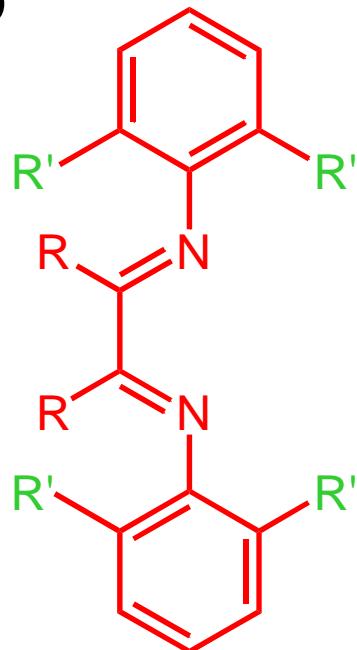
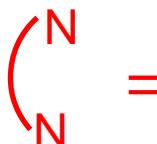
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Leganti bidentati α -diimminici per la sintesi del polietilene

Catalizzatori di Ni(II) e Pd(II)



+ MAO



R = H, CH₃

R' = H, CH₃, HC(CH₃)₂

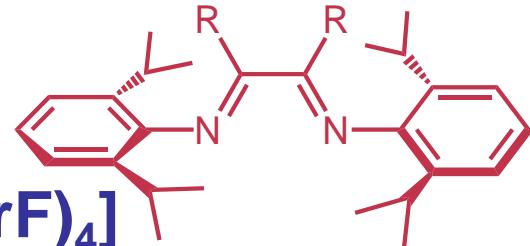
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Ethylene polymerization with Pd(II) catalysts

Effect of precatalyst



Cat. Prec.: $[\text{PdMe}(\text{OEt}_2)(\text{i-Pr-DABR})][\text{B}(\text{ArF})_4]$

R	Yield (g)	kg PE/mol Pd h	Mw (Mw/Mn)	Branches per 1000 carbons
H ^a	9.07	4.0	600 (3.0)	116
Me ^b	45.3	26.6	29000 (3.9)	103

Reaction conditions: $n_{\text{cat}} = 100 \mu\text{mol}$, $P = 1.0 \text{ atm}$, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$.

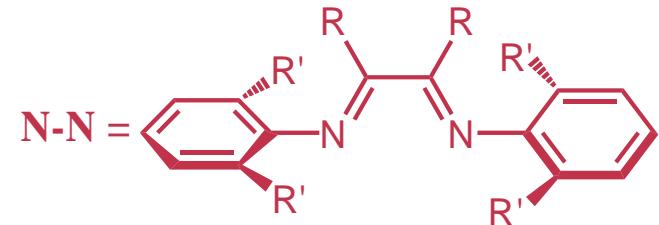
^a CH_2Cl_2 V = 50 mL, t = 24 h.

^b CH_2Cl_2 V = 100 mL, t = 17 h.

Ethylene polymerization with Ni(II) catalysts

Effect of precatalyst

Cat. Prec.: $[\text{NiBr}_2(\text{N-N})]$



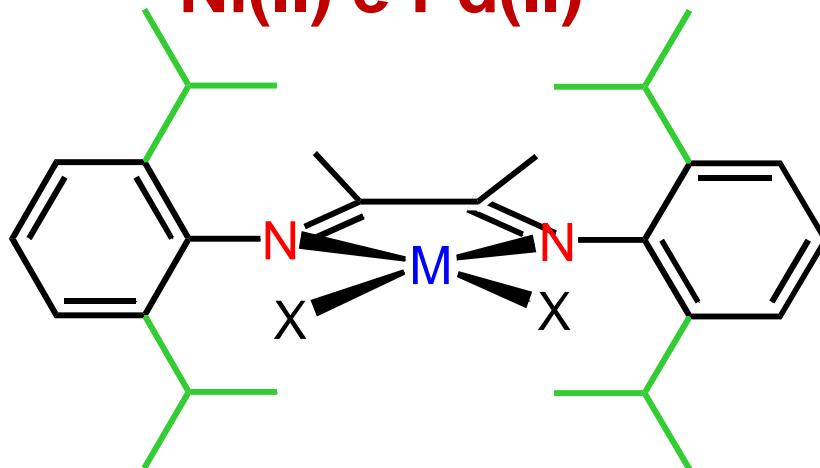
R, R'	mol cat.	t (min)	kg PE/mol Ni h	Mw (Mw/Mn)	Branches
H, i-Pr^a	1.7×10^{-6}	15	1.1×10^4	31000 (2.5)	38
Me, i-Pr	1.6×10^{-6}	15	0.3×10^4	520000 (1.6)	48
H, Me	17×10^{-6}	30	0.04×10^4	43000 (2.5)	1.2
Me, Me	17×10^{-6}	10	0.17×10^4	170000 (2.6)	20
BIAN, i-Pr^b	0.83×10^{-6}	30	0.51×10^4	610000 (2.3)	5.0

Reaction conditions: toluene V = 100 mL, P = 1.0 atm, T = 0 °C. ^aT = 25 °C. ^bV = 200 mL.

The activity of **i-Pr-DABH** is comparable to those of the most active Ziegler-Natta systems!

Polimerizzazione dell'etilene con catalizzatori di

Ni(II) e Pd(II)^{1,2}



M = Ni

Solvente: toluene

11 000 kg PE/mol Ni h

$\Delta G_{\text{ins}} = 13 - 14 \text{ kcal/mol}$

$M_w = \text{oligomeri} - 85\ 000$

PE lineare e ramificato

M = Pd

Solvente: CH_2Cl_2

27 kg PE/mol Pd h

$\Delta G_{\text{ins}} = 17 - 18 \text{ kcal/mol}$

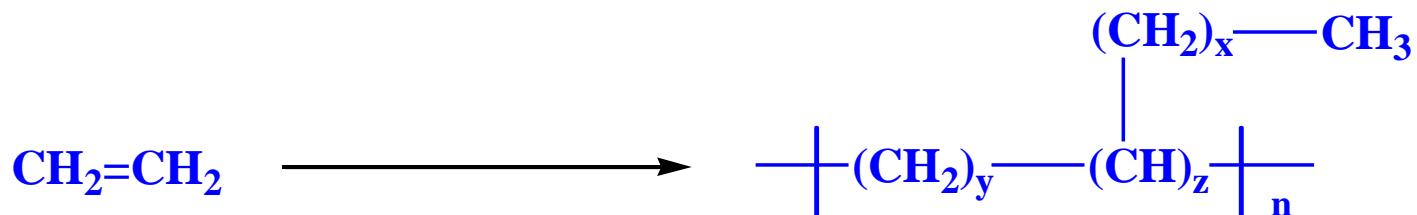
$M_w = 112\ 000 - 1\ 000\ 000$

PE altamente ramificato

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Polimerizzazione dell'etilene con catalizzatori di Ni(II) e Pd(II): *microstruttura* del polietilene prodotto



con i cat. di Pd(II) si hanno
115 ramificazioni ogni
1000 gruppi CH_2 inseriti

C1	37
C2	25
C3	3
C4	12
C5	1
C6+	37

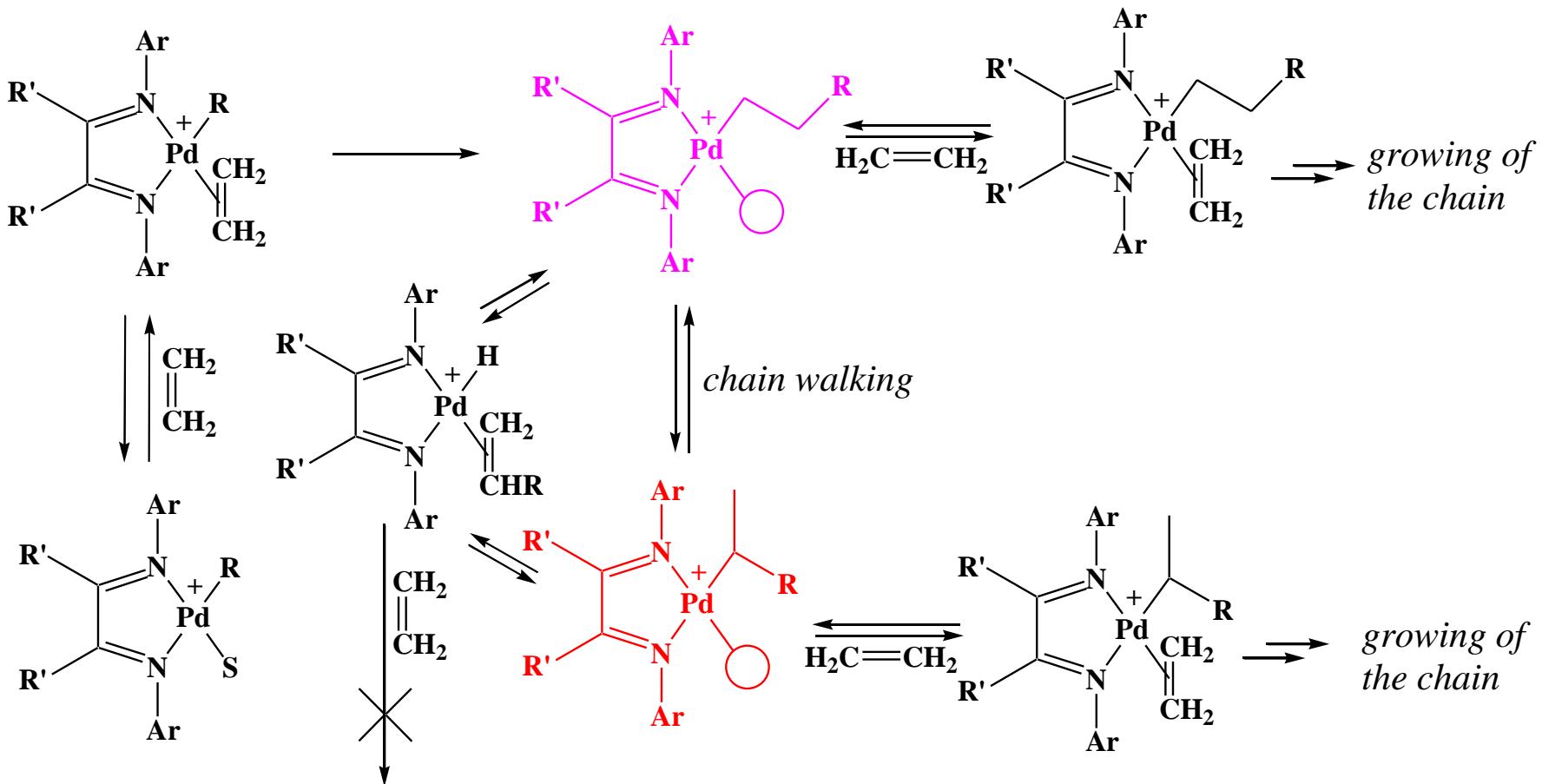
Polymerization Mechanism

NMR spectroscopy was fundamental to unravel the mechanism of the polymerization. Key intermediates were detected and kinetic investigations were performed, thus:

- the reaction was found to be zero order in ethylene pressure;
- the Pd-alkyl-ethylene intermediate was recognized to be the catalyst resting state;
- ethylene insertion was the rate determining step.

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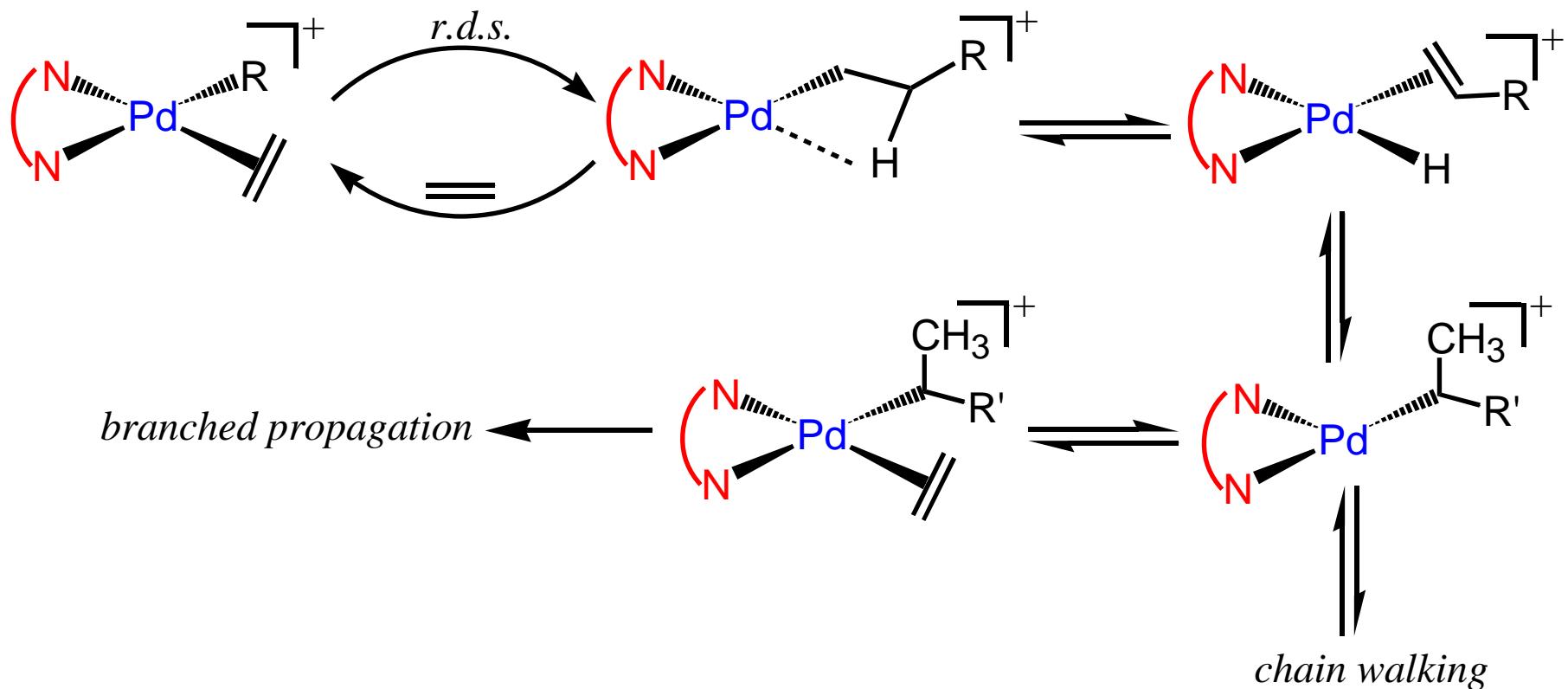
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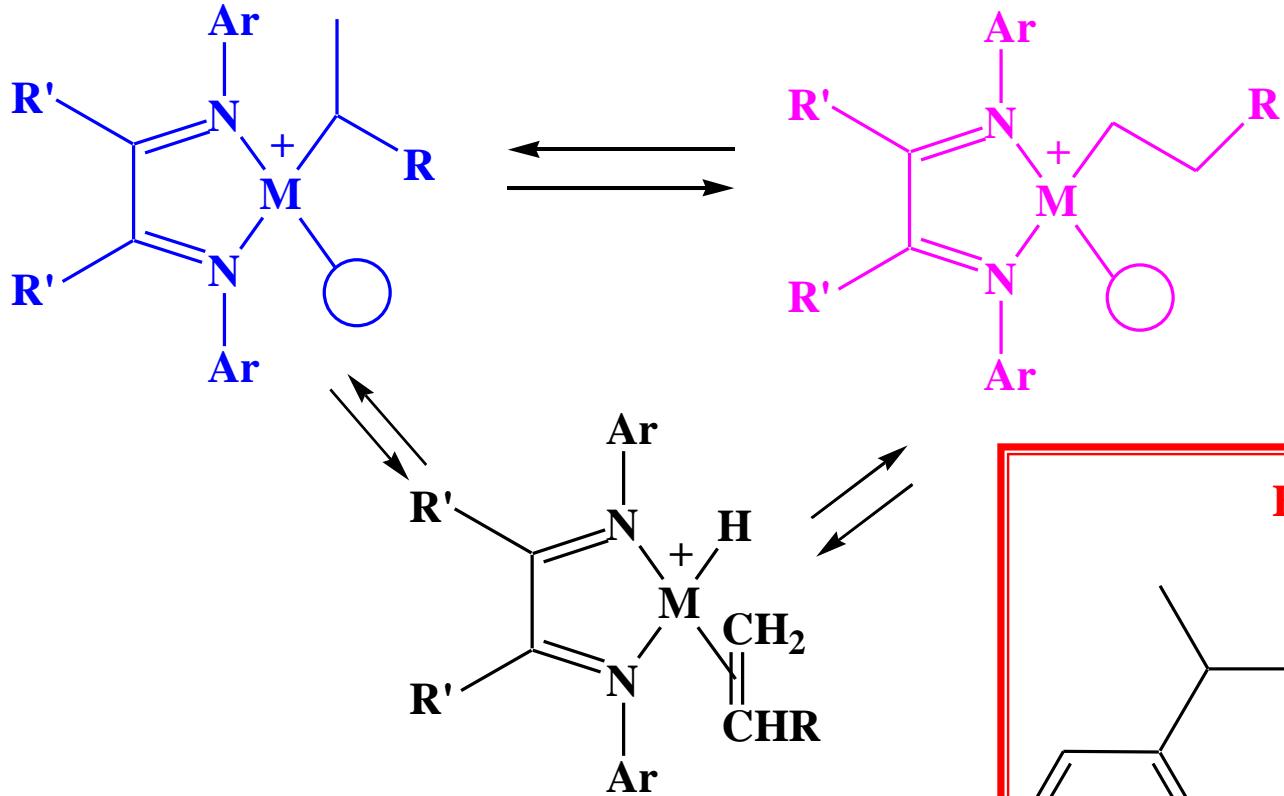
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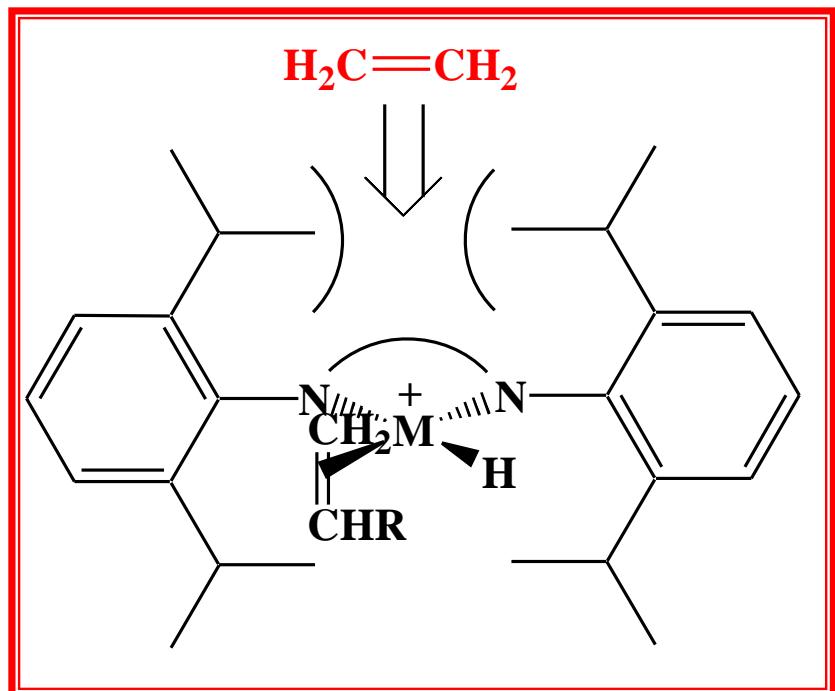
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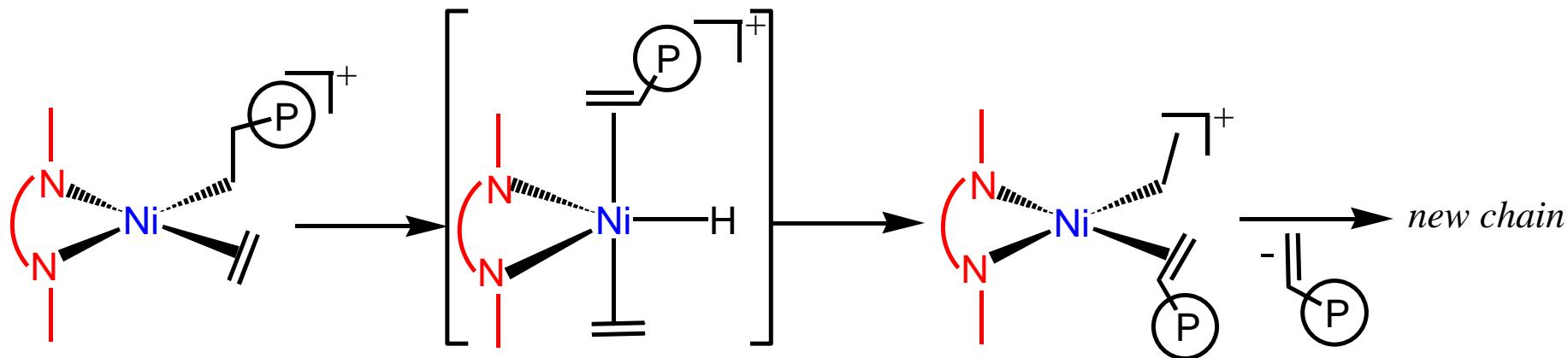
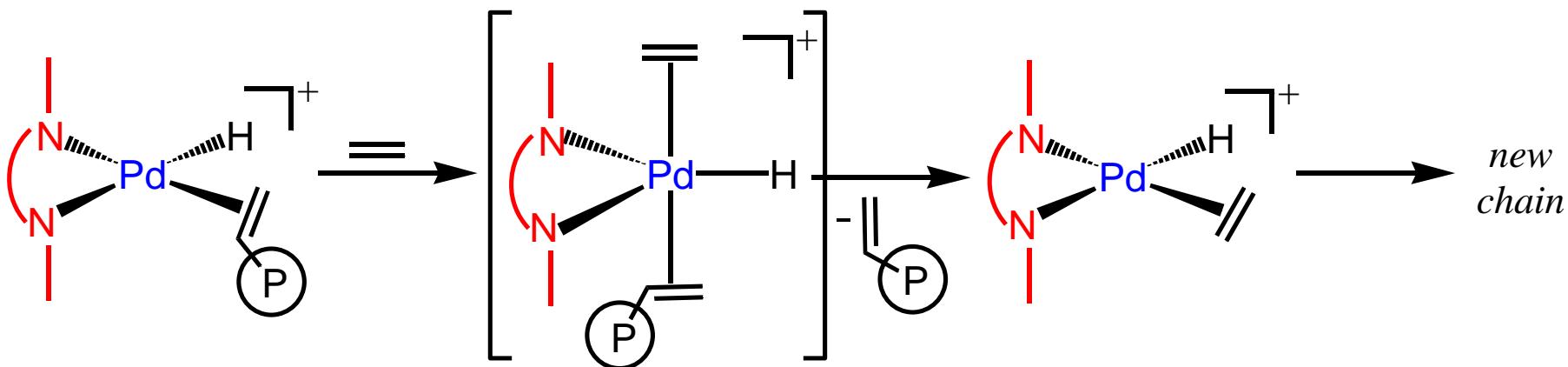
Meccanismo del trasferimento di catena



... è di tipo ***associativo***,
ed è sfavorito
dall'***ingombro sterico***!



Meccanismo del trasferimento di catena



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