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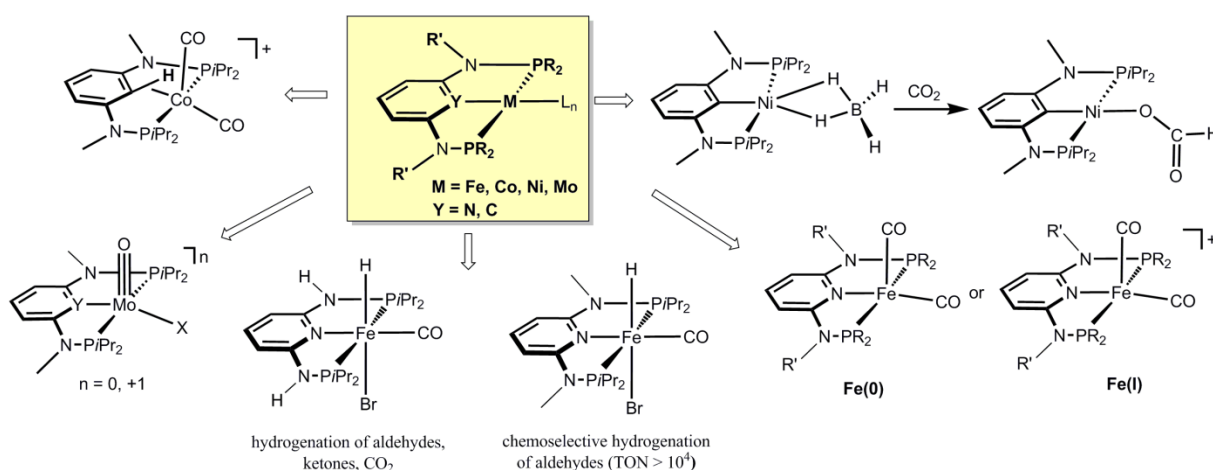
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One of the ways of modifying and controlling the properties of transition metal complexes is the use of so-called "pincer" ligands. This class of tridentate ligands has found numerous applications in various areas of chemistry, including catalysis, due to their combination of stability, activity and variability. We are currently focusing on the synthesis and reactivity of non-precious metal complexes containing PNP and PCP pincer ligands based on the 2,6-diaminopyridine and 1,3-diaminobenzene scaffolds where the aromatic ring and the phosphine moieties are connected via NH, N-alkyl, or N-aryl linkers. The advantage of these ligands is that both substituents of the phosphine and amine sites can be systematically varied in a modular fashion which has a decisive effect on the outcome of reactions.



This has resulted in the preparation of a range of new pincer complexes which exhibit unusual properties [1-5]. The use of such complexes as catalysts in different reactions has also been investigated. This lecture presents an overview of recent research in the field of aminophosphine-based pincer complexes with emphasis on the non-precious metals iron, molybdenum, cobalt, and nickel.

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