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# New fluorinated rhodium-phosphine complexes for hydrogenation of styrene in supercritical carbon dioxide

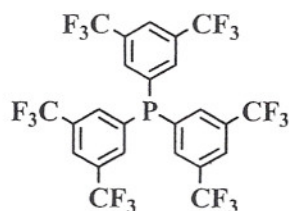
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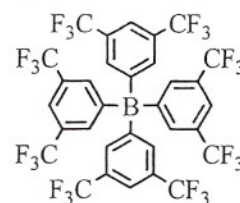
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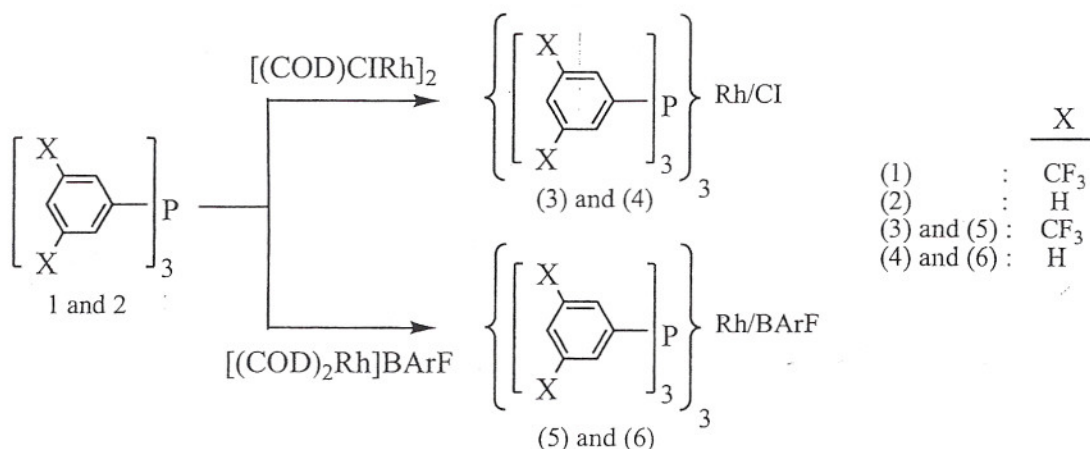
Chiral rhodium phosphine complexes have found important applications as catalysts in hydrogenation reactions. These complexes have been synthesized to be used as ligands for transition-metal-catalysed homogeneous asymmetric synthesis<sup>1</sup>. In past decades, there has been increasing interest in using supercritical carbon dioxide (scCO<sub>2</sub>) as the reaction medium for organic synthesis<sup>2,3</sup>. Most homogeneous catalysts, however, are not soluble in scCO<sub>2</sub> without modification. It is well known that fluorine groups attached to ligands increase their solubility in scCO<sub>2</sub><sup>4,5</sup>. In this study, we used the sodium salt of tetrakis-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate (NaBArF) and the CF<sub>3</sub>-substituted fluorinated trisphenylphosphine ligand. We synthesized the new fluorinated analogues of the well-known Wilkinson catalysts as [P(Ph(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>RhBArF "BArF=tetrakis-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate", [P(Ph)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>RhBArF, [P(Ph(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>RhCl and [P(Ph)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>RhCl. Structure of the synthesized catalysts were determined by using analytical and spectroscopic methods such as <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>31</sup>P NMR, <sup>19</sup>F NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR. The synthesized catalysts give effective results with hydrogenation of styrene. Hydrogenation reactions in scCO<sub>2</sub> were performed at the conditions of 343,15 °K, 1800 psi pressure, substrate/catalyst molar ratio = 500. Conversion percentages of styrene-ethylbenzene were determined by Gas Chromatography.



CF<sub>3</sub>-Substituted Fluorinated Phosphine Ligand



BArF



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