

# Mechanistic insight into heterogeneous hydrogenation of methylenecyclobutane with the use of parahydrogen

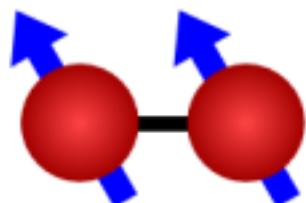
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# Spin isomers of hydrogen molecules

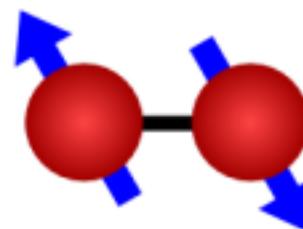


Orthohydrogen

$I = 1$

Triplet state

$$|\Psi_o\rangle = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\alpha\alpha\rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (|\alpha\beta\rangle + |\beta\alpha\rangle) \\ |\beta\beta\rangle \end{array} \right\}$$

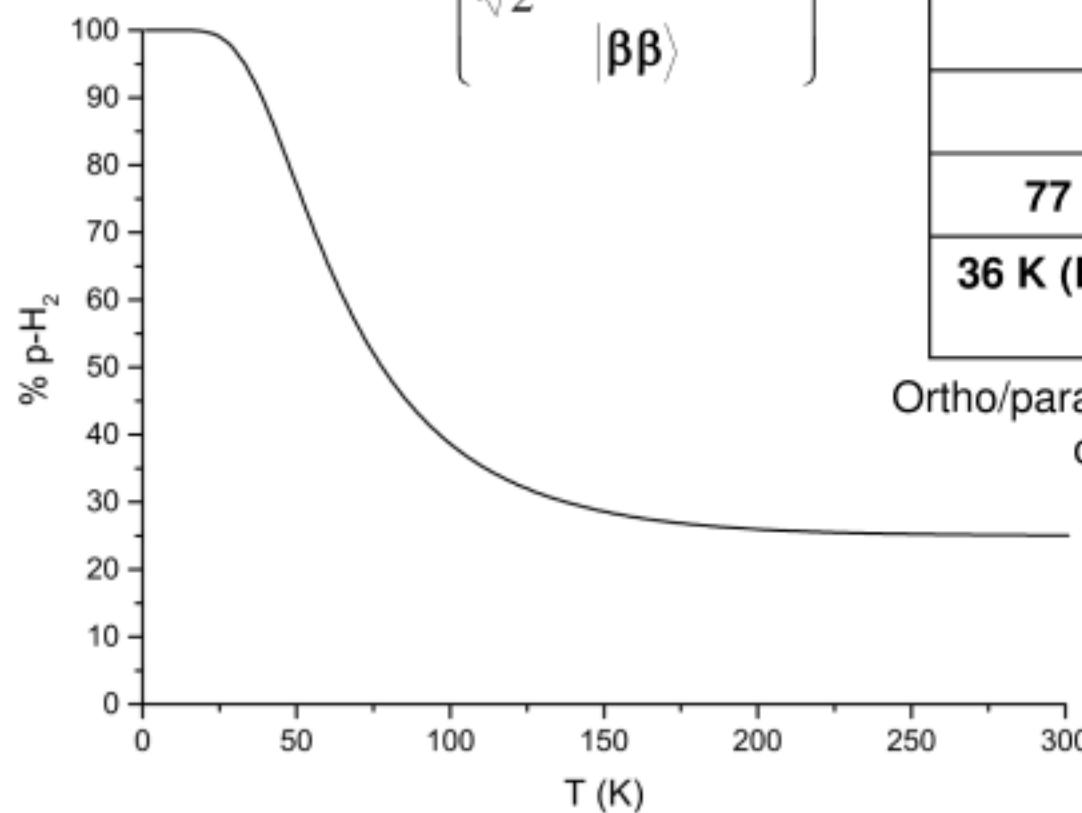


Parahydrogen

$I = 0$

Singlet state

$$|\Psi_p\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (|\alpha\beta\rangle - |\beta\alpha\rangle)$$

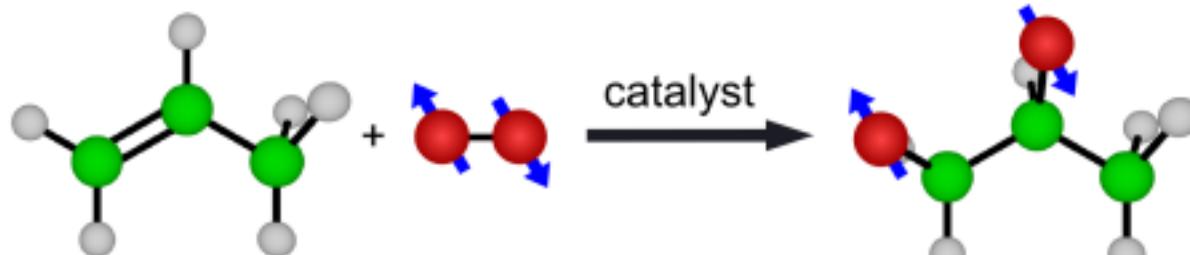


Temperature	p-H <sub>2</sub> fraction
298 K (room)	25%
77 K (liquid nitrogen)	50%
36 K (Bruker p-H <sub>2</sub> generator at its best)	93%

Ortho/para conversion is catalyzed by paramagnetic compounds (FeO(OH), charcoal)

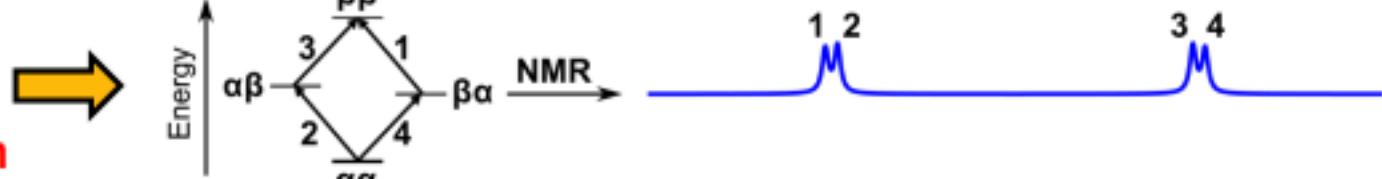
$$\frac{N_{ortho}}{N_{para}} = \frac{3 \cdot \sum_{j=1,3,\dots}^{\infty} (2j+1) \cdot e^{-\Theta_r j(j+1)/T}}{\sum_{j=0,2,\dots}^{\infty} (2j+1) \cdot e^{-\Theta_r j(j+1)/T}}$$

# Parahydrogen-Induced Polarization (PHIP)

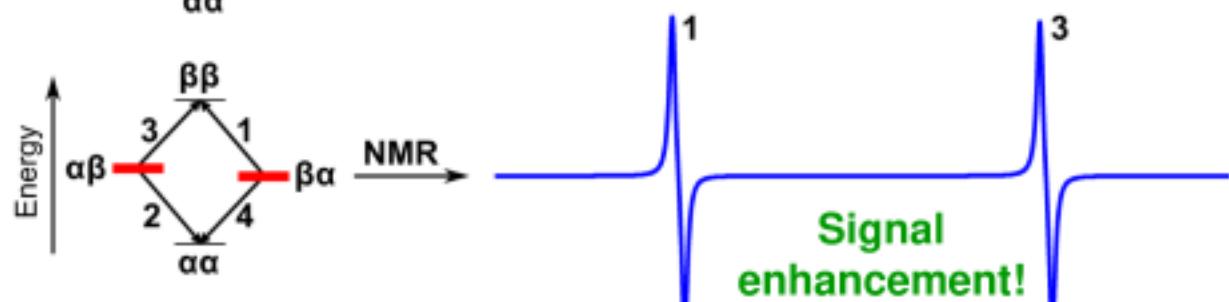


**Pairwise addition**  
of two H atoms from the  
same p-H<sub>2</sub> molecule  
is required for PHIP!

**Normal hydrogen**  
(ortho/para = 3:1) or  
non-pairwise addition

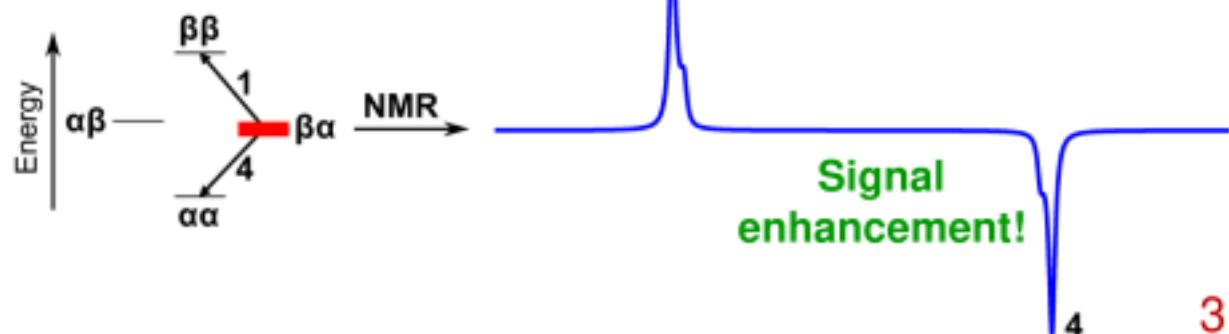


**PASADENA**  
(hydrogenation in the high  
magnetic field)

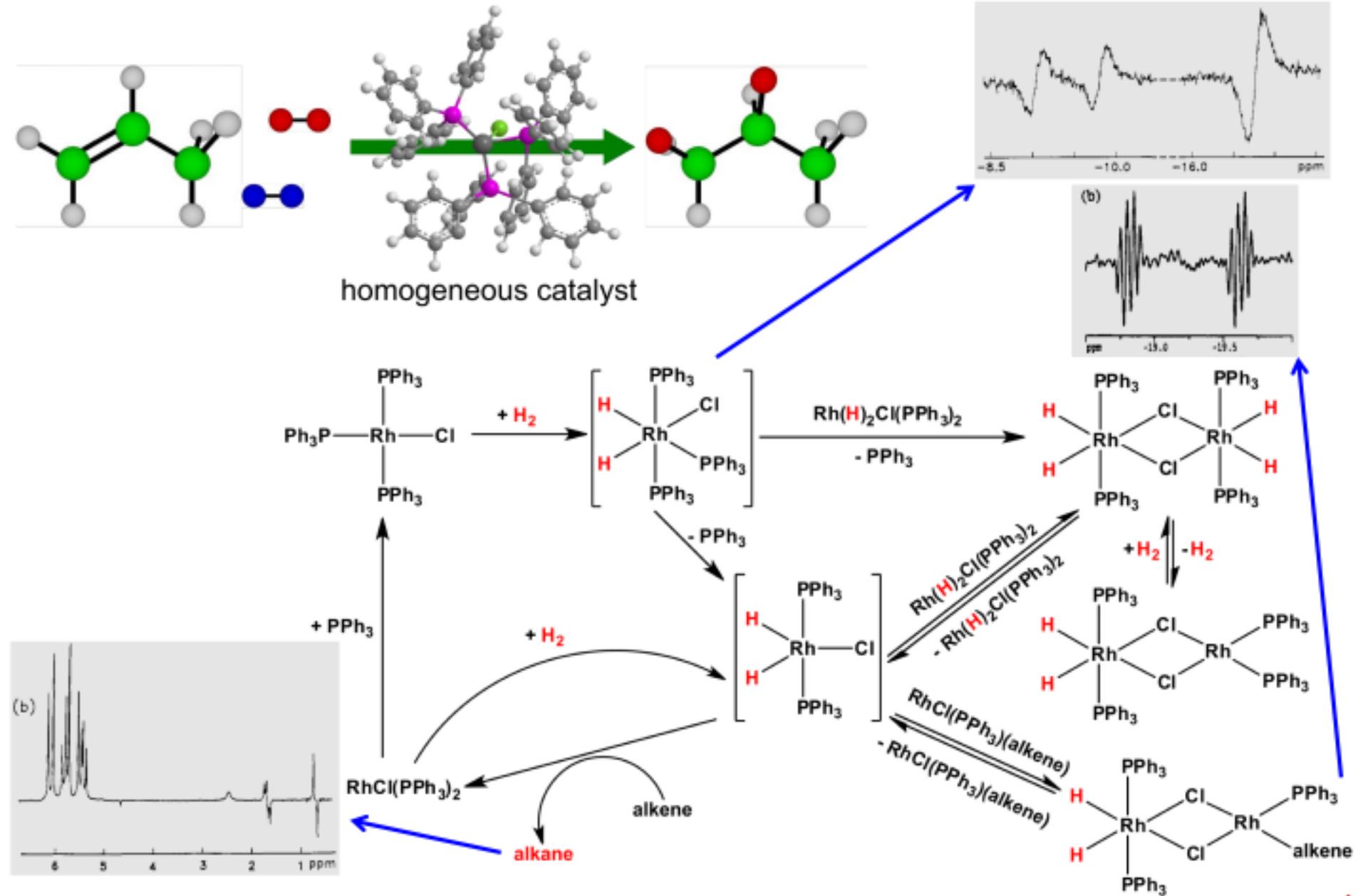


**Parahydrogen**  
(ortho/para < 3:1) and  
pairwise addition

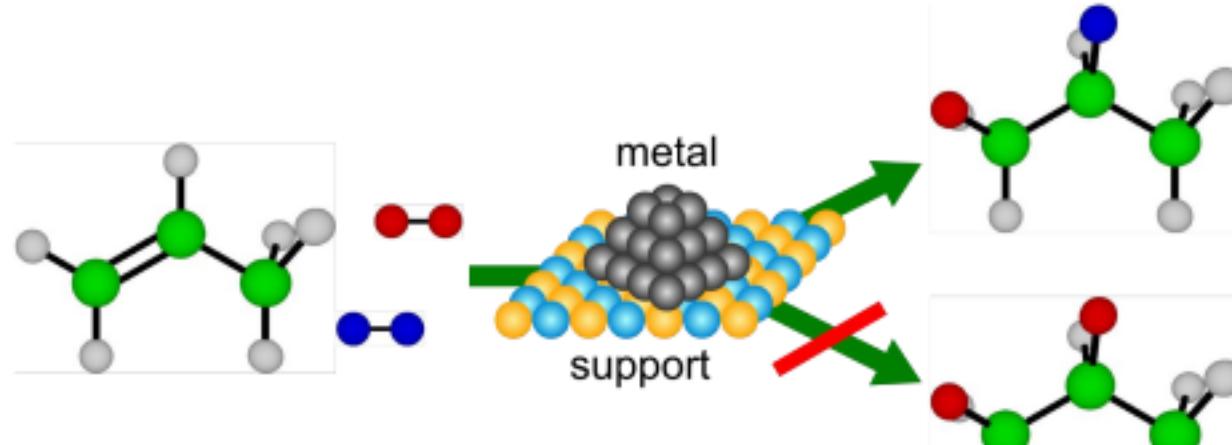
**ALTADENA**  
(hydrogenation in the low  
magnetic field)



# Homogeneous PHIP



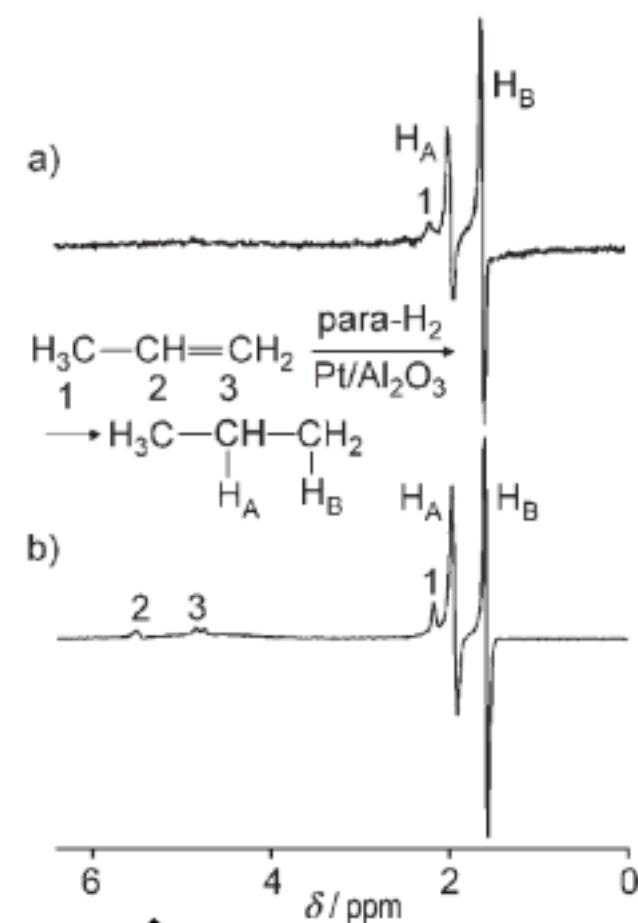
# Heterogeneous PHIP



- Dissociative chemisorption of H<sub>2</sub>
- Rapid migration of H atoms



Pairwise addition of H<sub>2</sub> on  
metal catalysts is impossible?



Pairwise addition of H<sub>2</sub> on supported metal catalysts is possible!  
(though it is not the main reaction pathway)

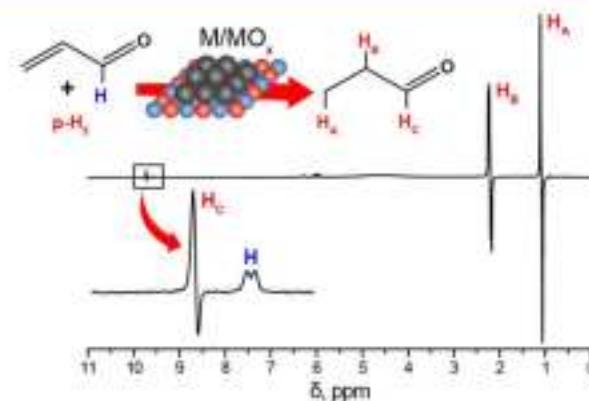
# HET-PHIP for mechanistic studies of catalytic reactions



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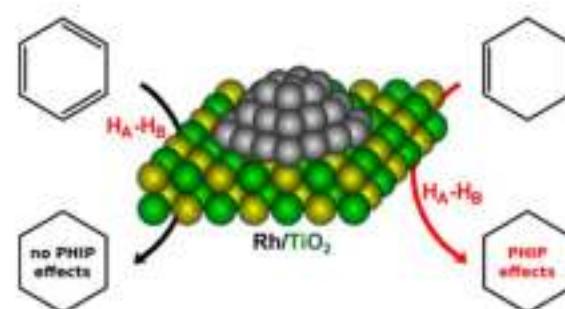
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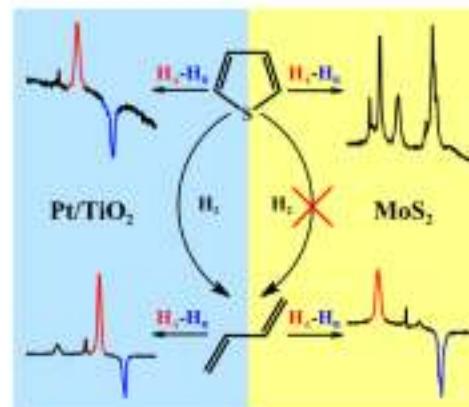


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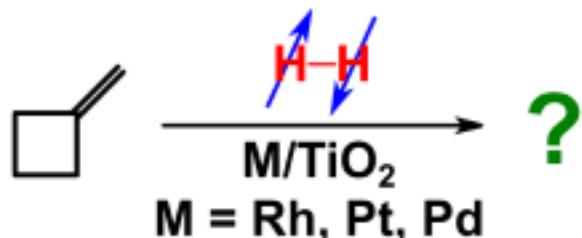
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# Hydrogenation of methylenecyclobutane



Two types of unsaturated functional groups:

- C=C bond
- cyclobutane ring



Reaction products:

- cyclic, linear, branched?
- unsaturated, saturated?



What information can we get with the use of p-H<sub>2</sub>?

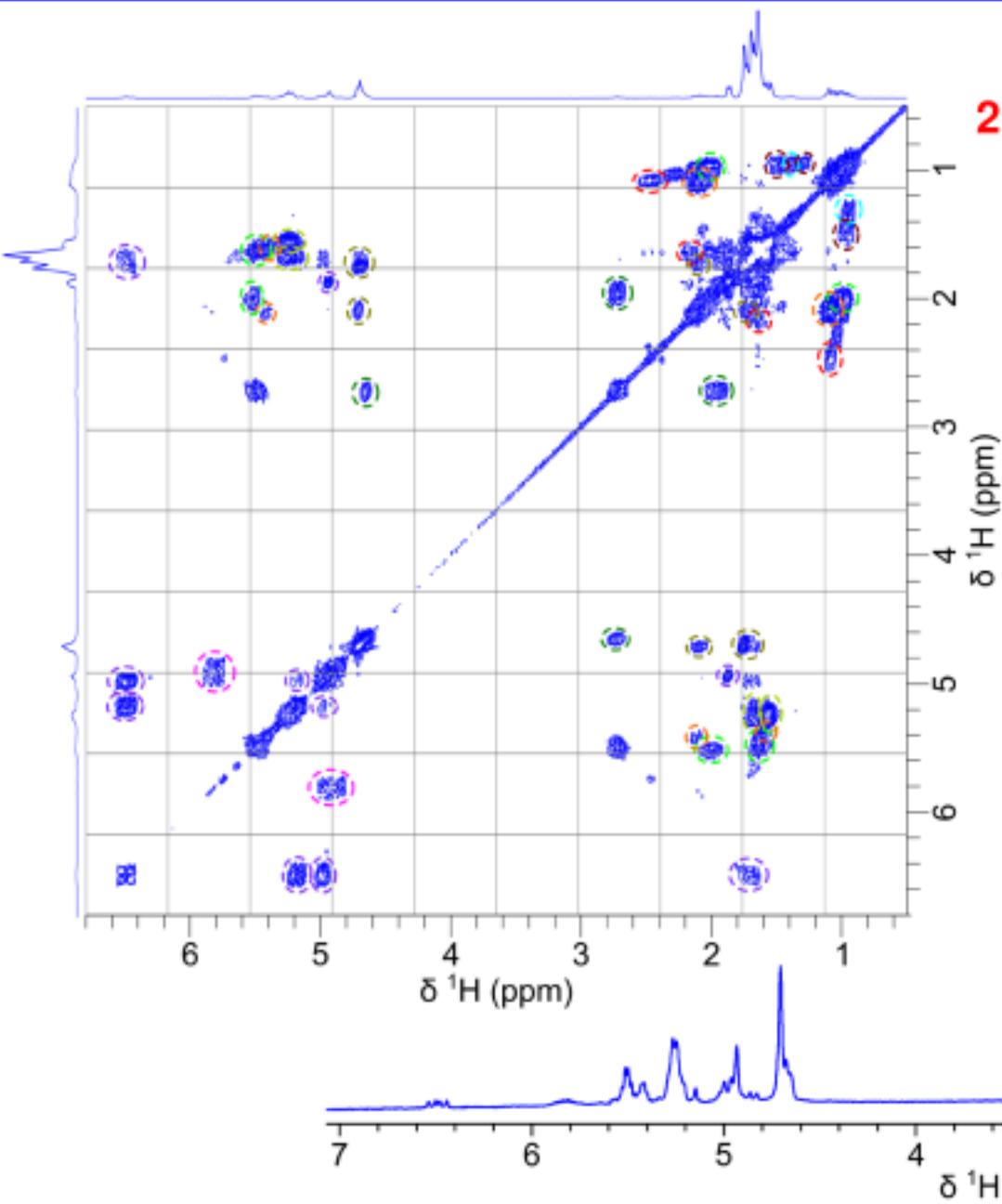
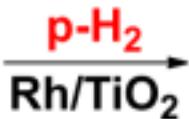
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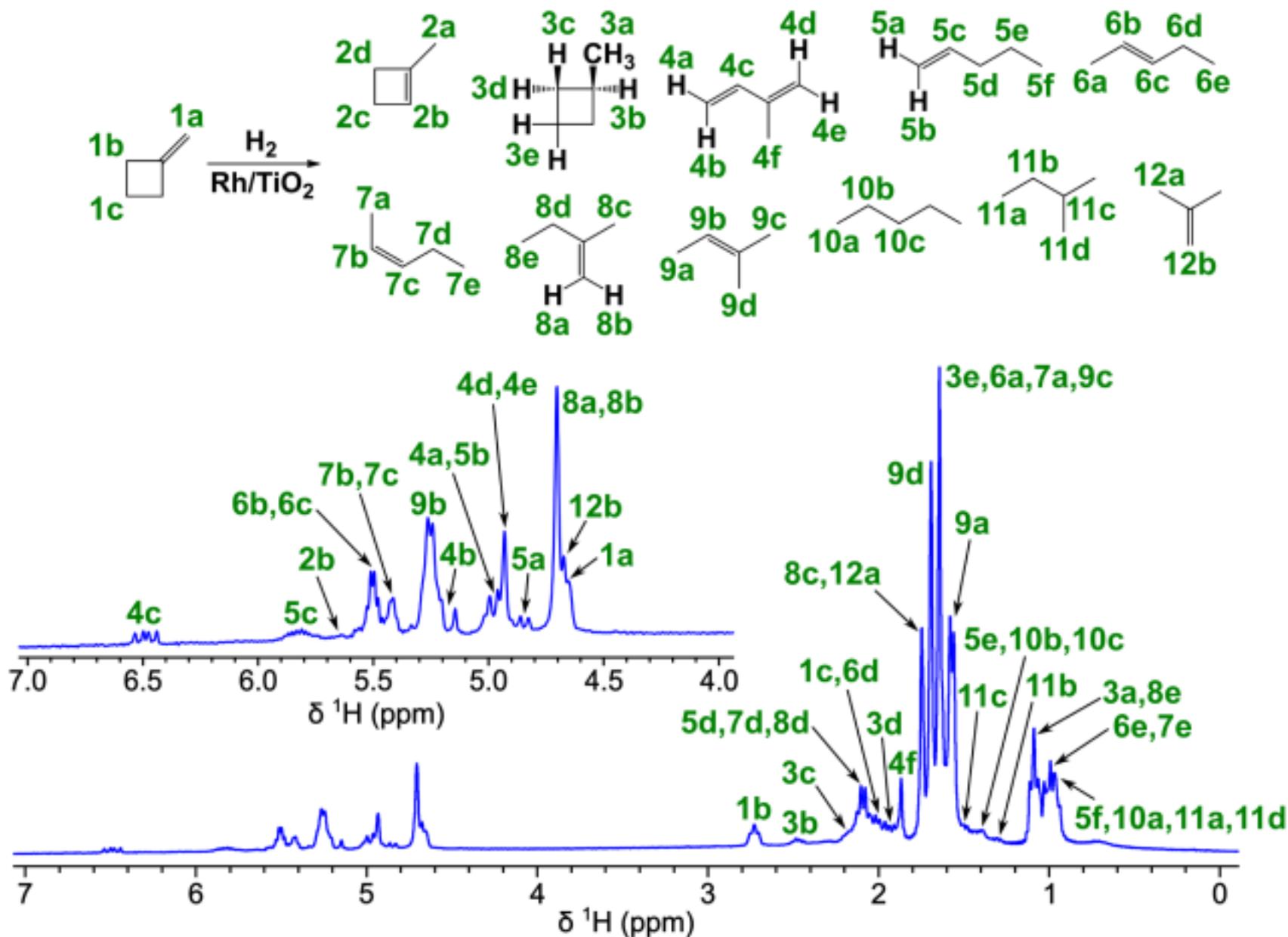
# Identification of reaction products

+ GC-MS

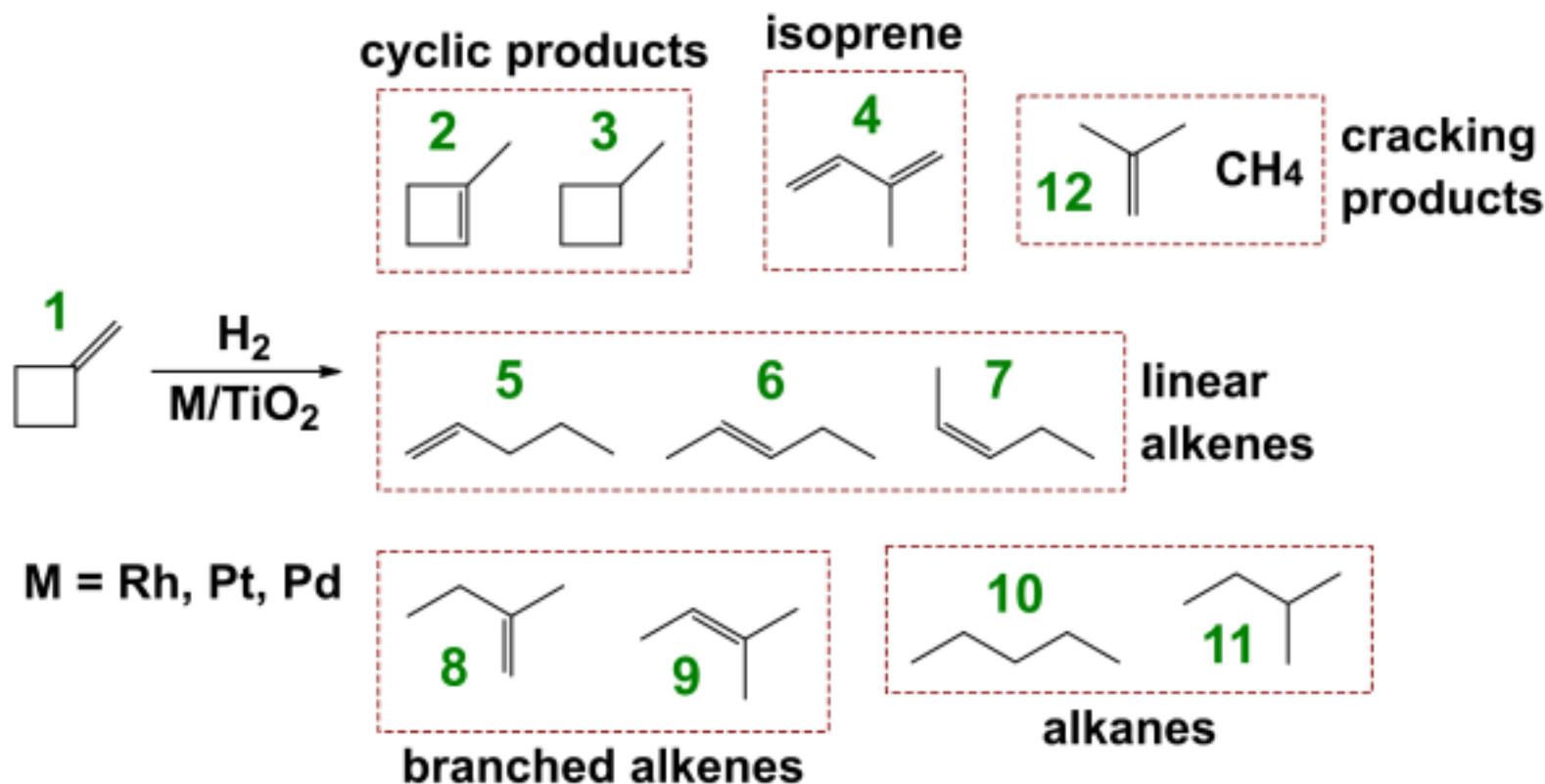
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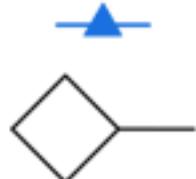
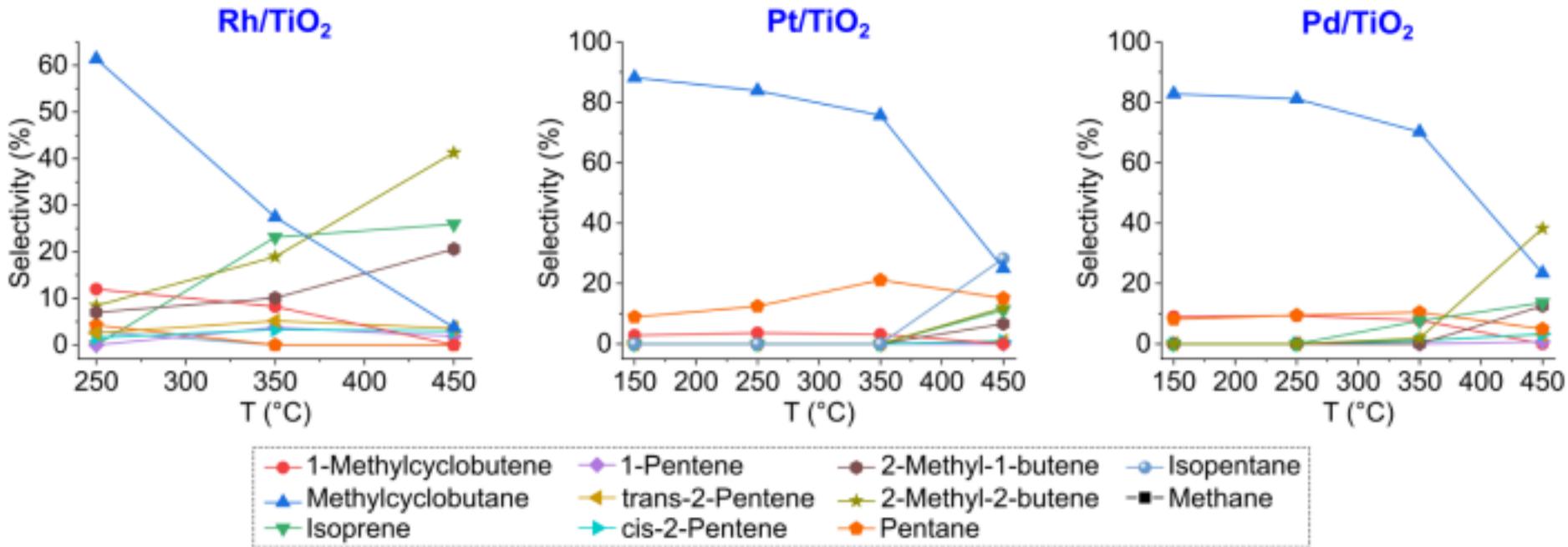
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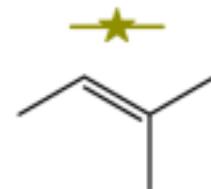
# Identification of reaction products



# Temperature dependence of selectivity



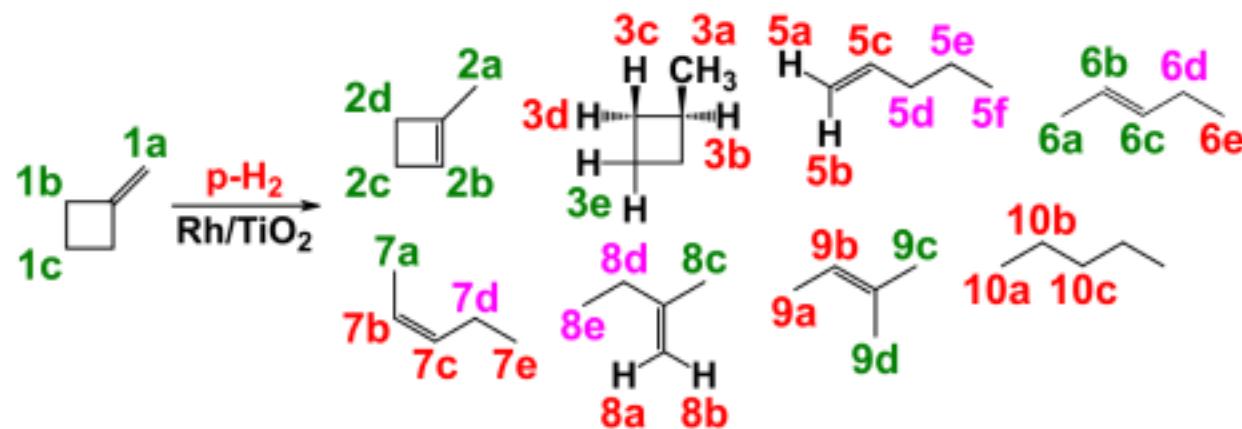
- Methylcyclobutane is the major product at  $T \leq 350$  °C



- 450 °C favors branched products, especially 2-methyl-2-butene

- Pt, Pd – more methylcyclobutane and alkanes
- Rh – more alkenes

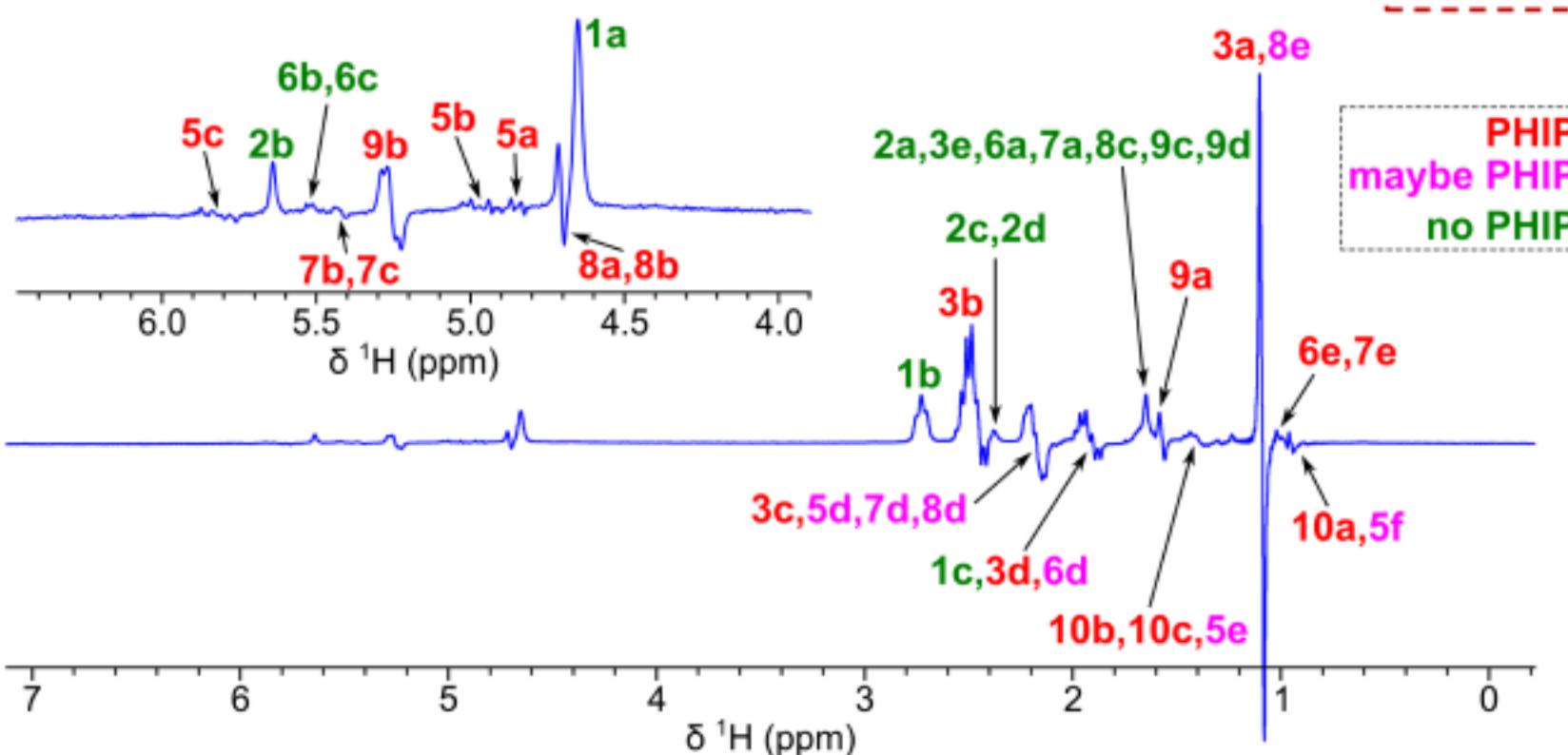
# PHIP effects observation



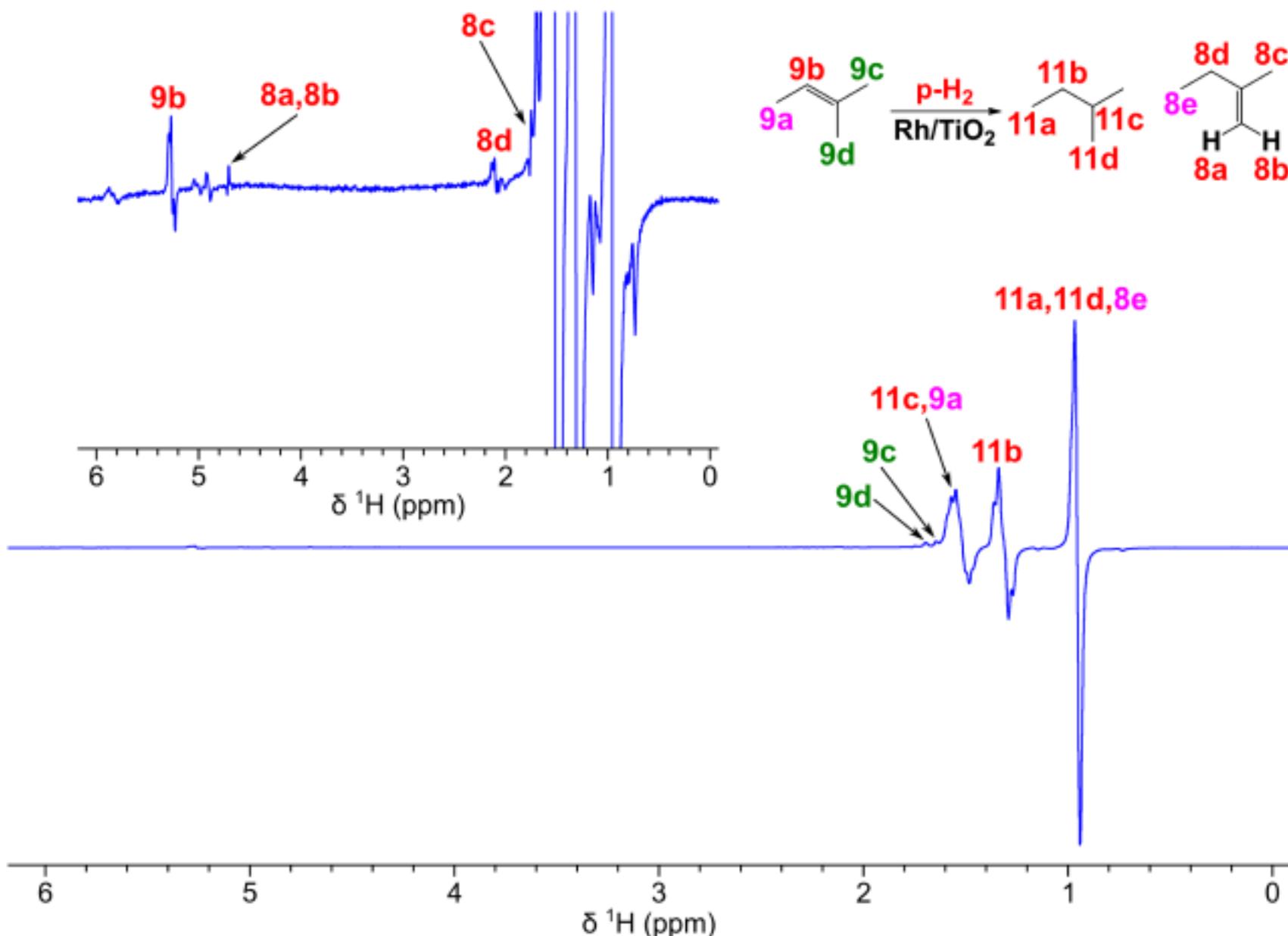
Pt and Pd catalysts showed qualitatively similar results



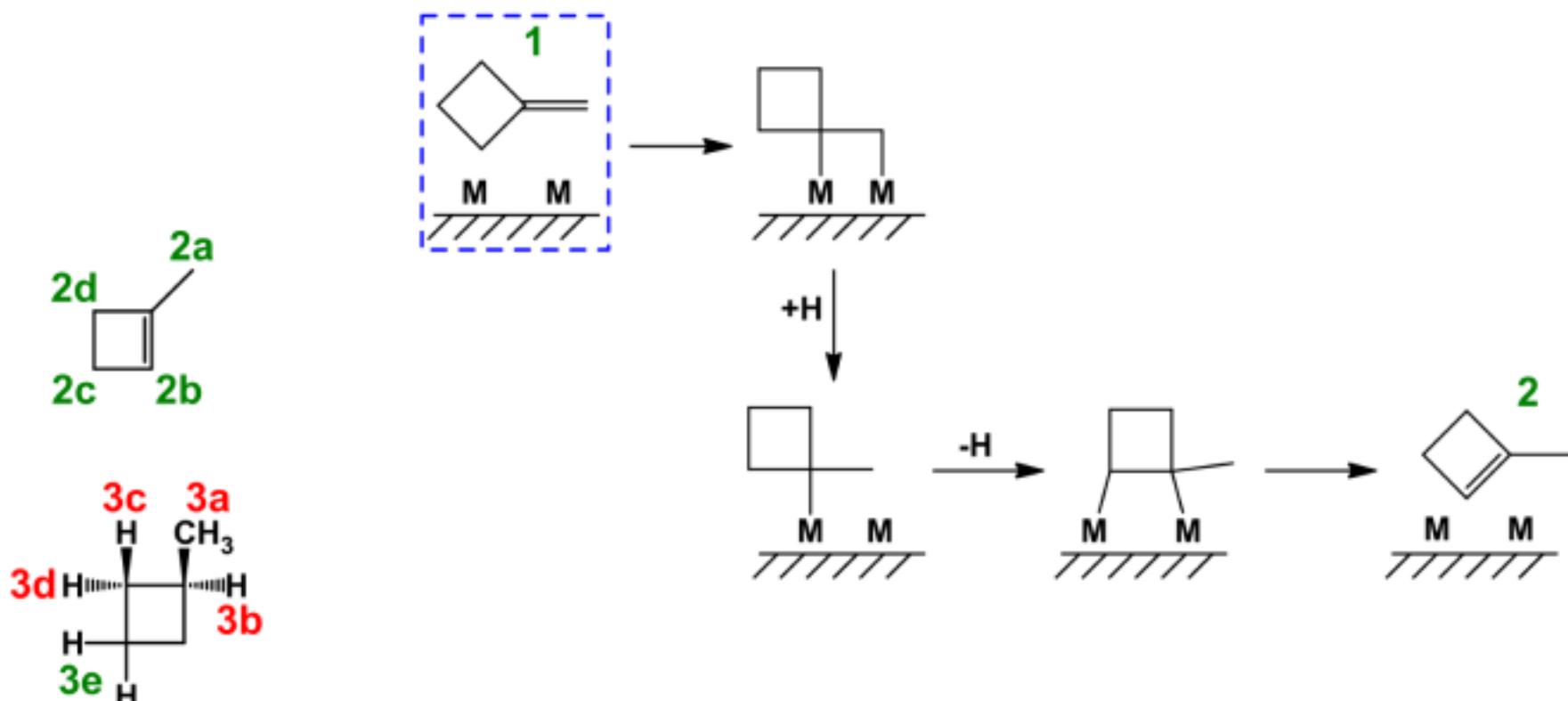
similar reaction mechanisms



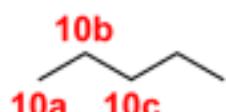
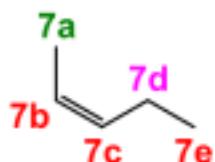
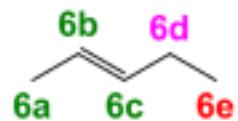
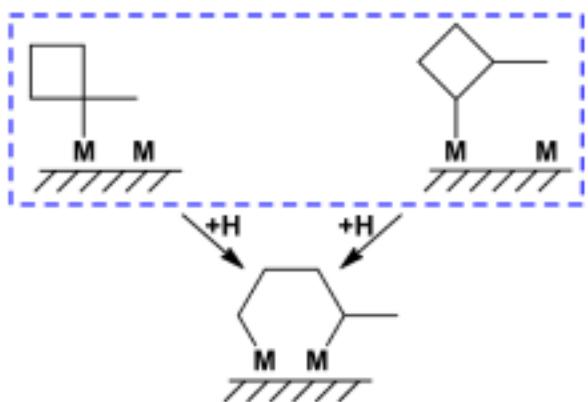
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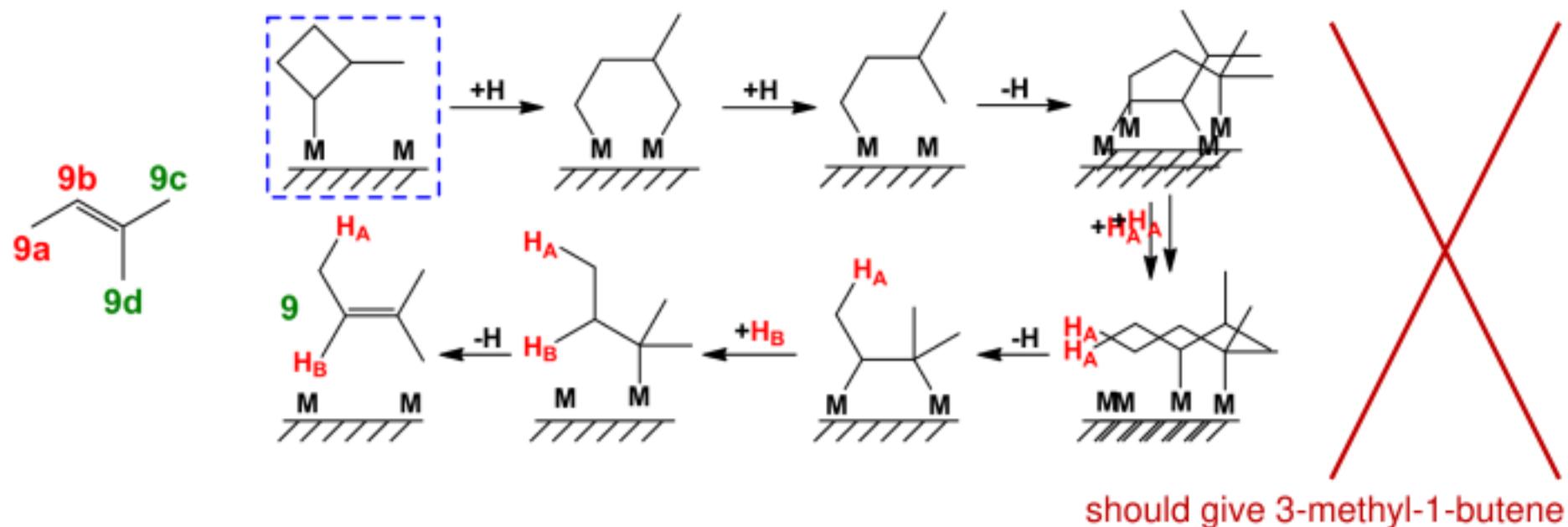
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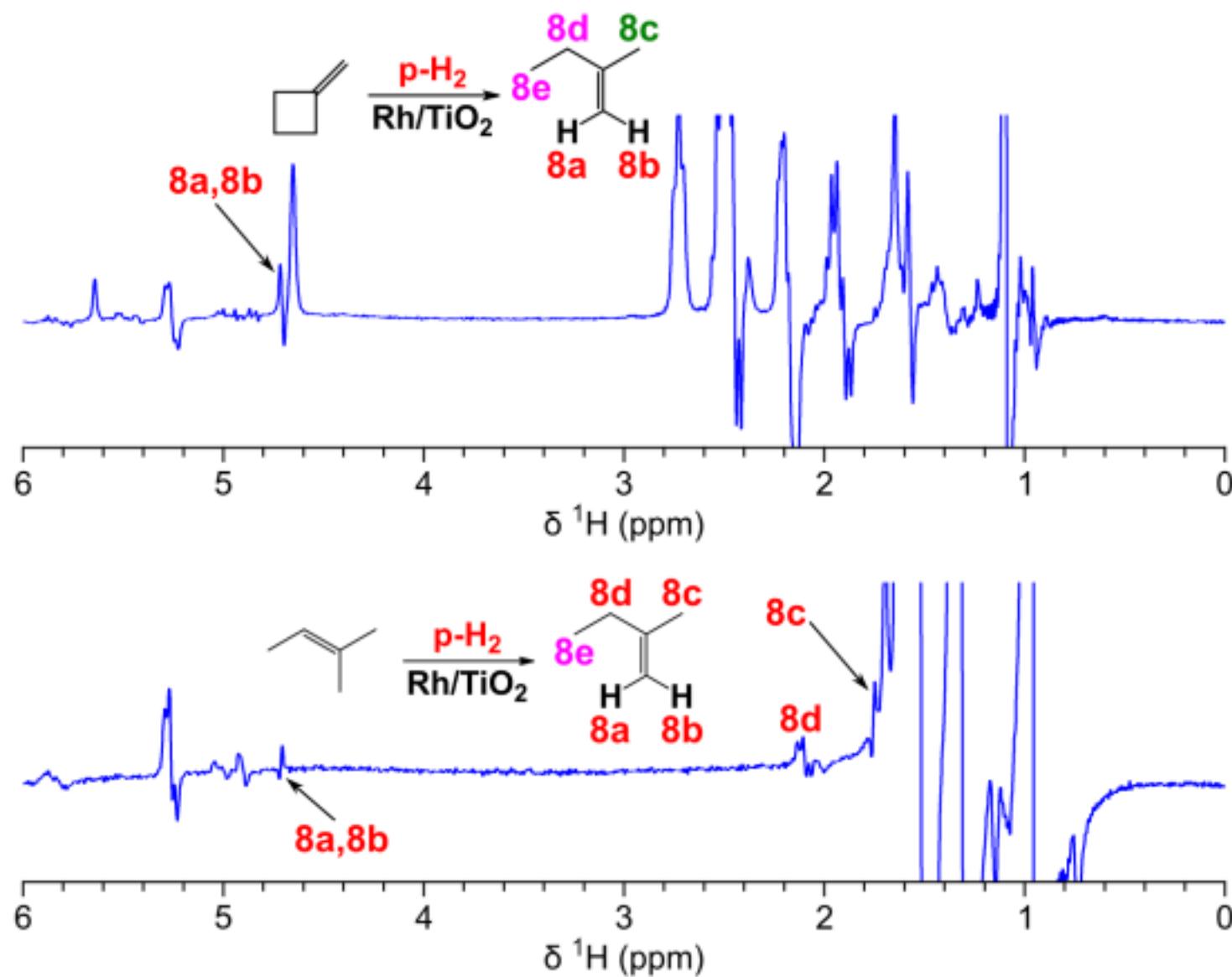
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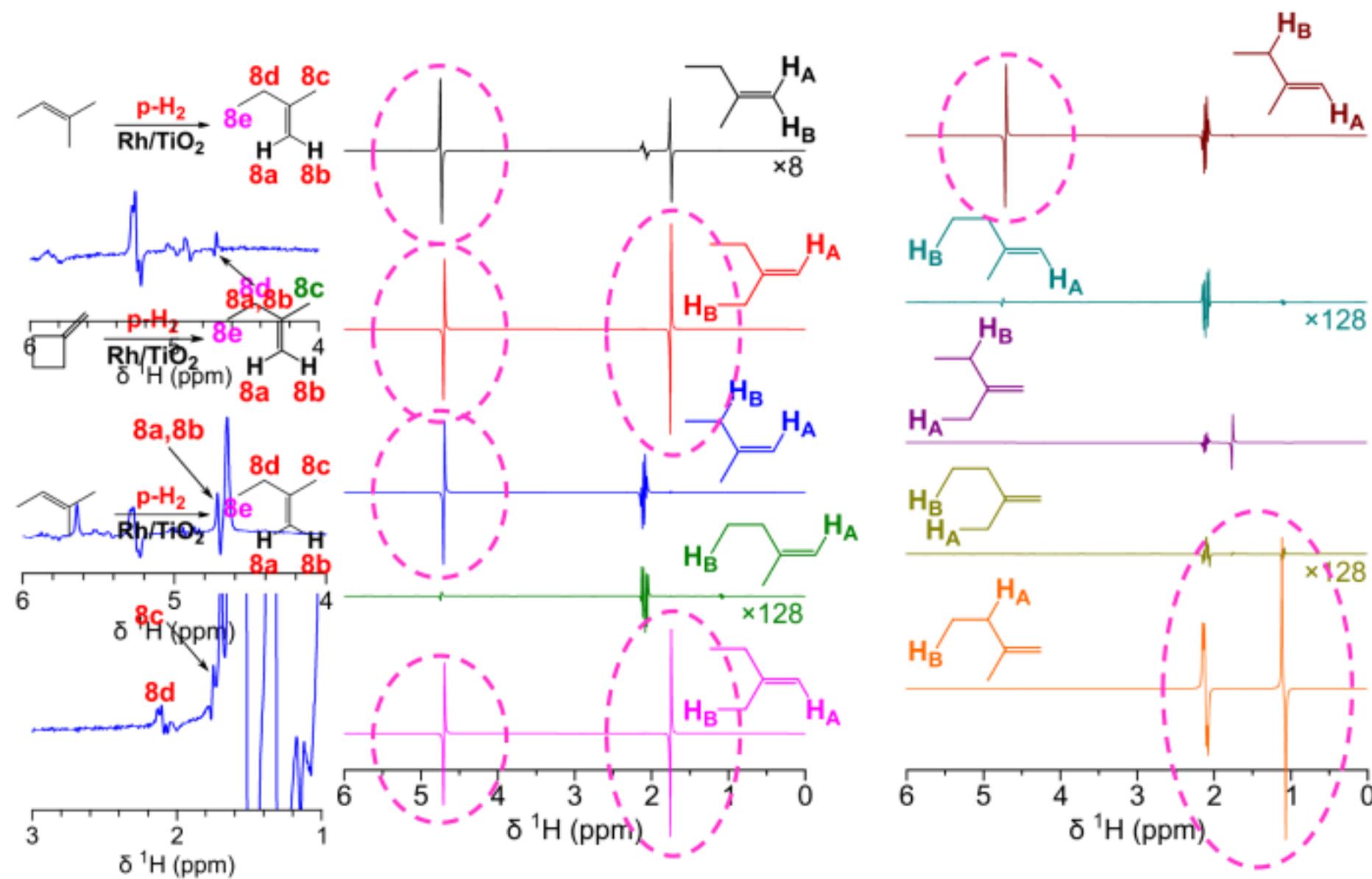
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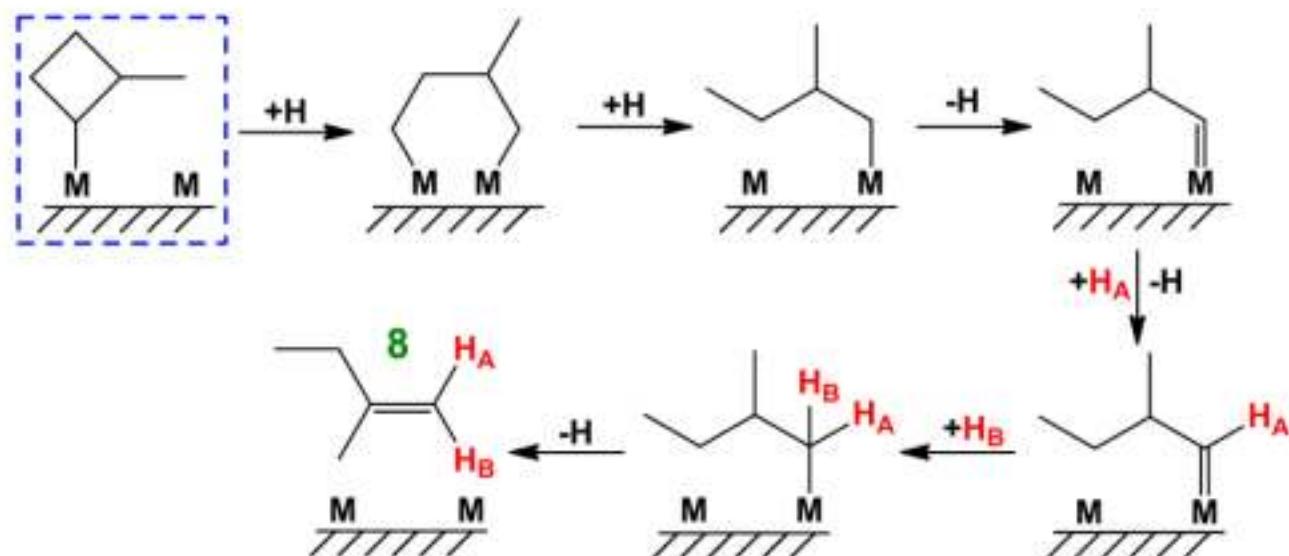
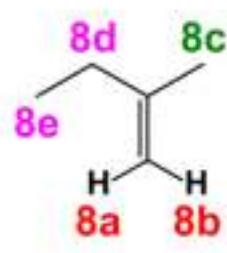
# Lineshape of 2-methyl-1-butene PASADENA signal



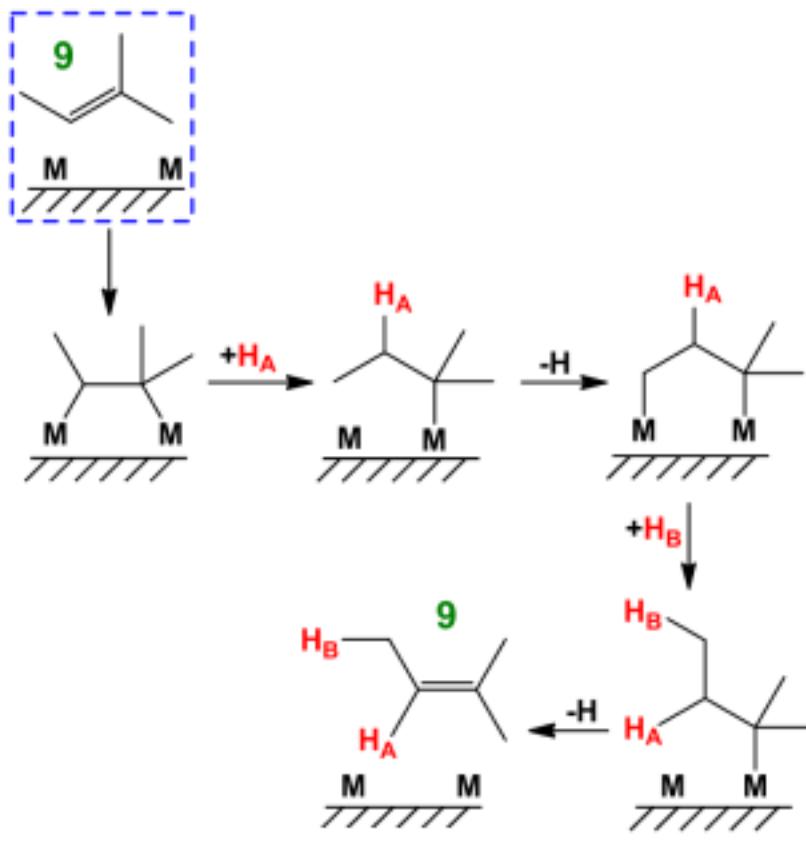
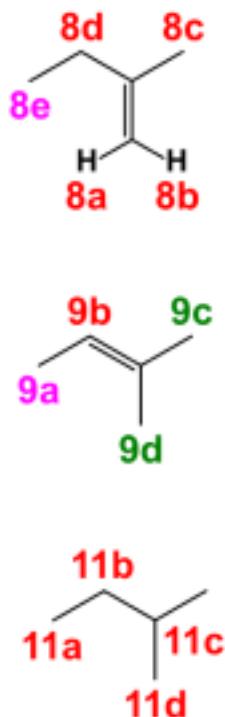
# NMR spectra simulations for 2-methyl-1-butene



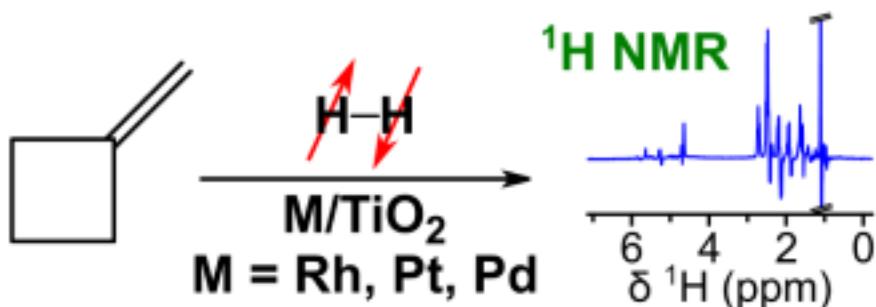
# Formation of 2-methyl-1-butene from methylenecyclobutane



# Mechanism of 2-methyl-2-butene hydrogenation



# Conclusions



- 11 reaction products
- Reaction mechanisms proposed based on parahydrogen-induced polarization effects

- Methylenecyclobutane (MCB) hydrogenation over TiO<sub>2</sub>-supported Rh, Pt and Pd leads to formation of up to 11 products.
- At T ≤ 350 °C the major reaction product is methylcyclobutane, at 450 °C – branched products isoprene, 2-methyl-1-butene and 2-methyl-2-butene.
- The use of PHIP technique allowed to propose mechanisms of formation of various reaction products.
- Altogether, the obtained results demonstrate the unique features of PHIP technique as a tool for mechanistic studies of hydrogenation reactions.

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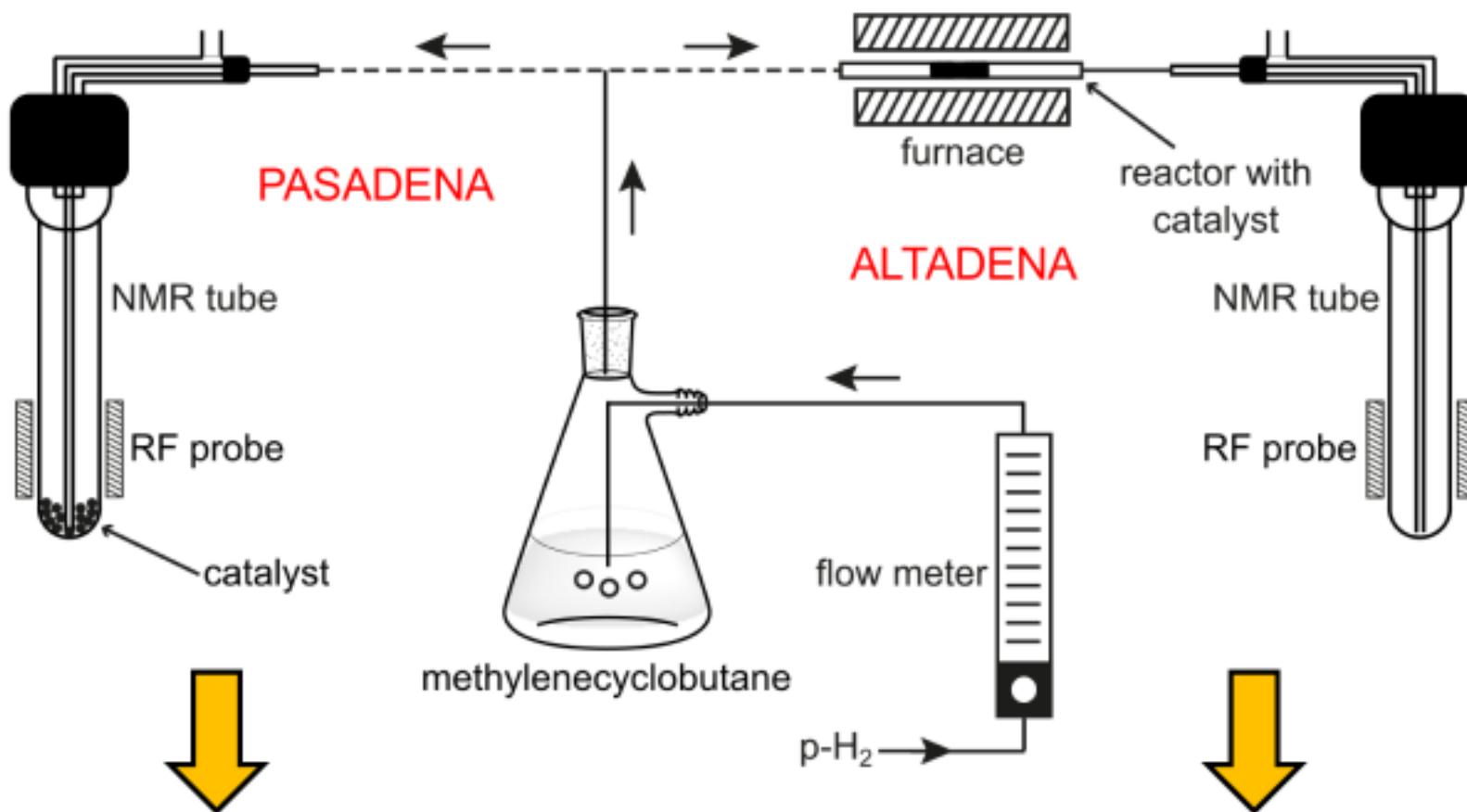
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# PASADENA vs. ALTADENA in gas-phase HET-PHIP



- Conversion measurements are problematic
- PHIP effects correspond to protons originated from the same p-H<sub>2</sub> molecule

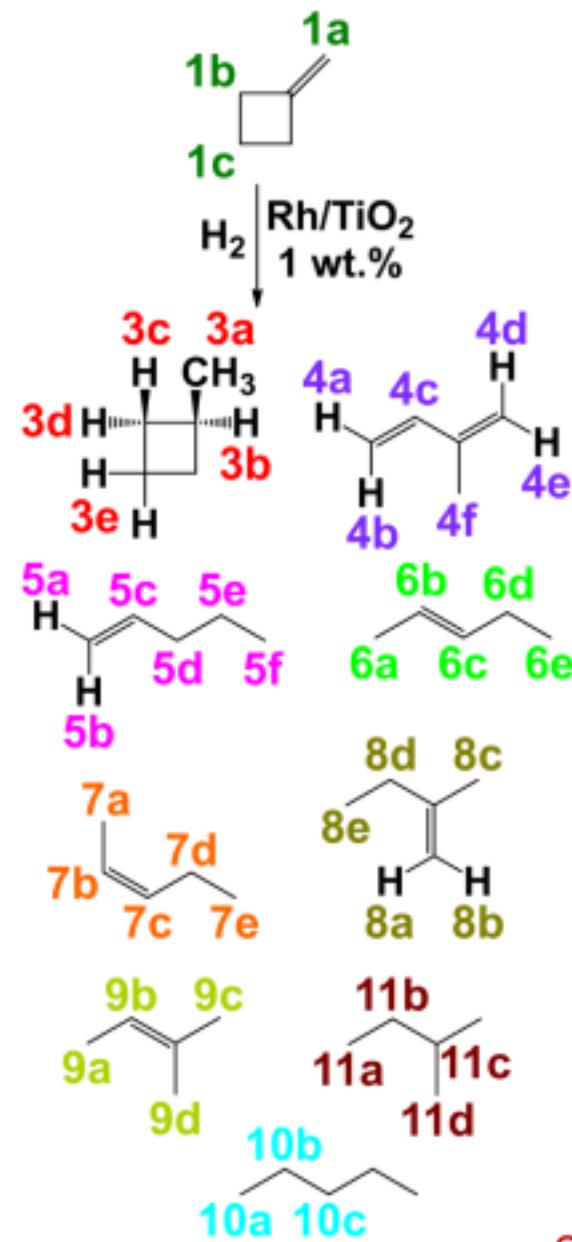
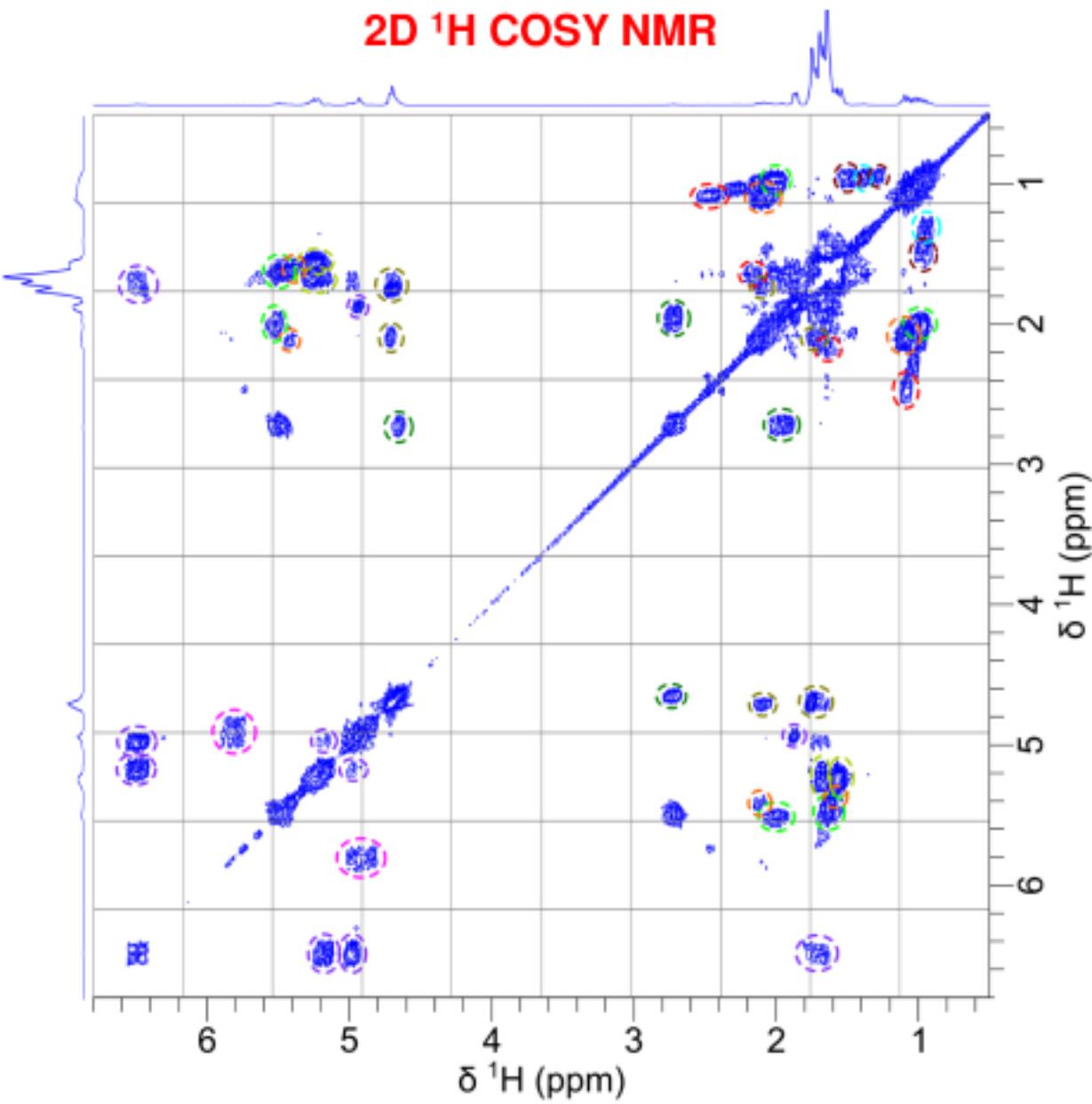


- Conversion can be easily measured after gas flow is stopped
- PHIP effects are not informative due to spontaneous polarization transfer

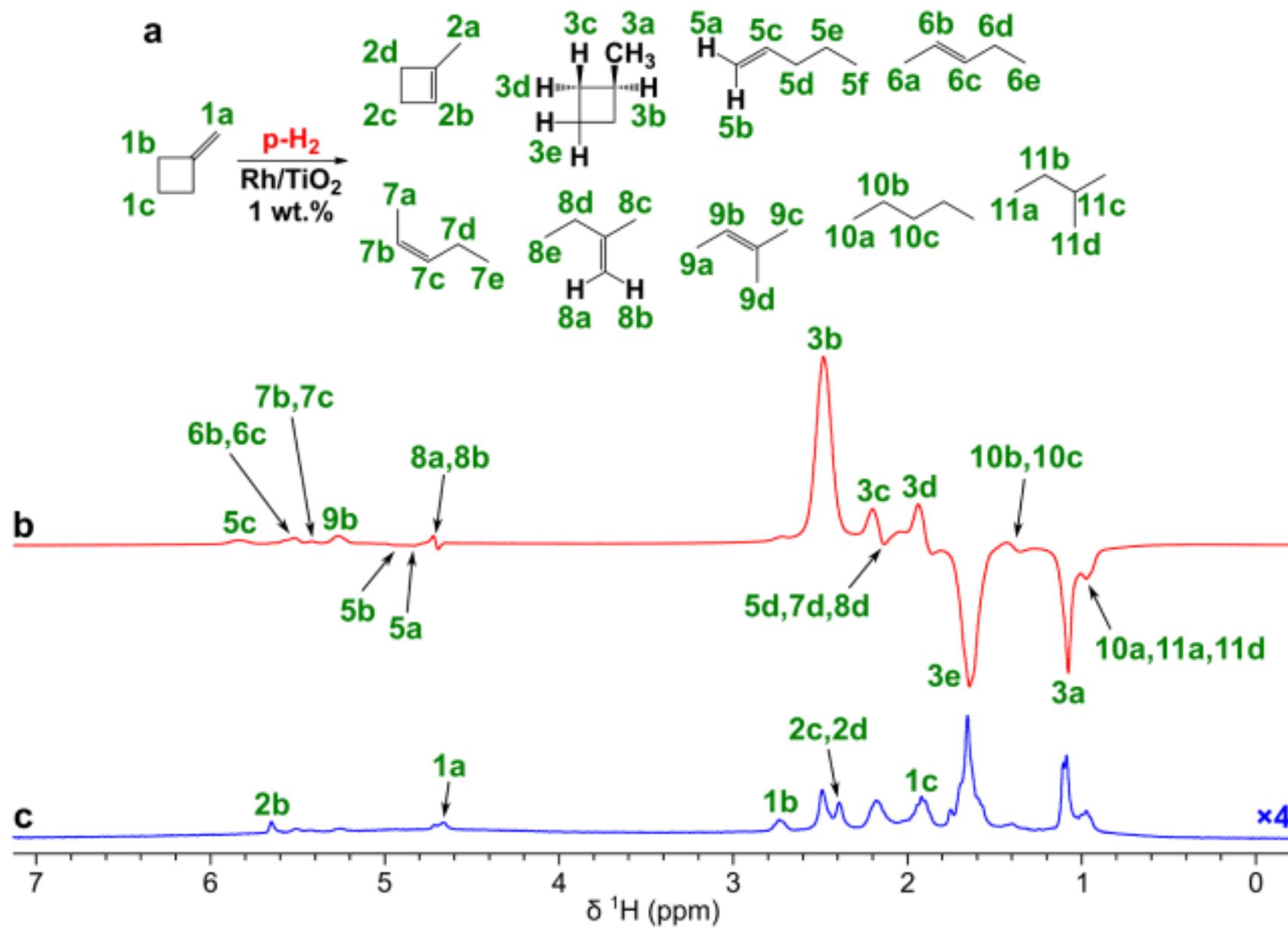


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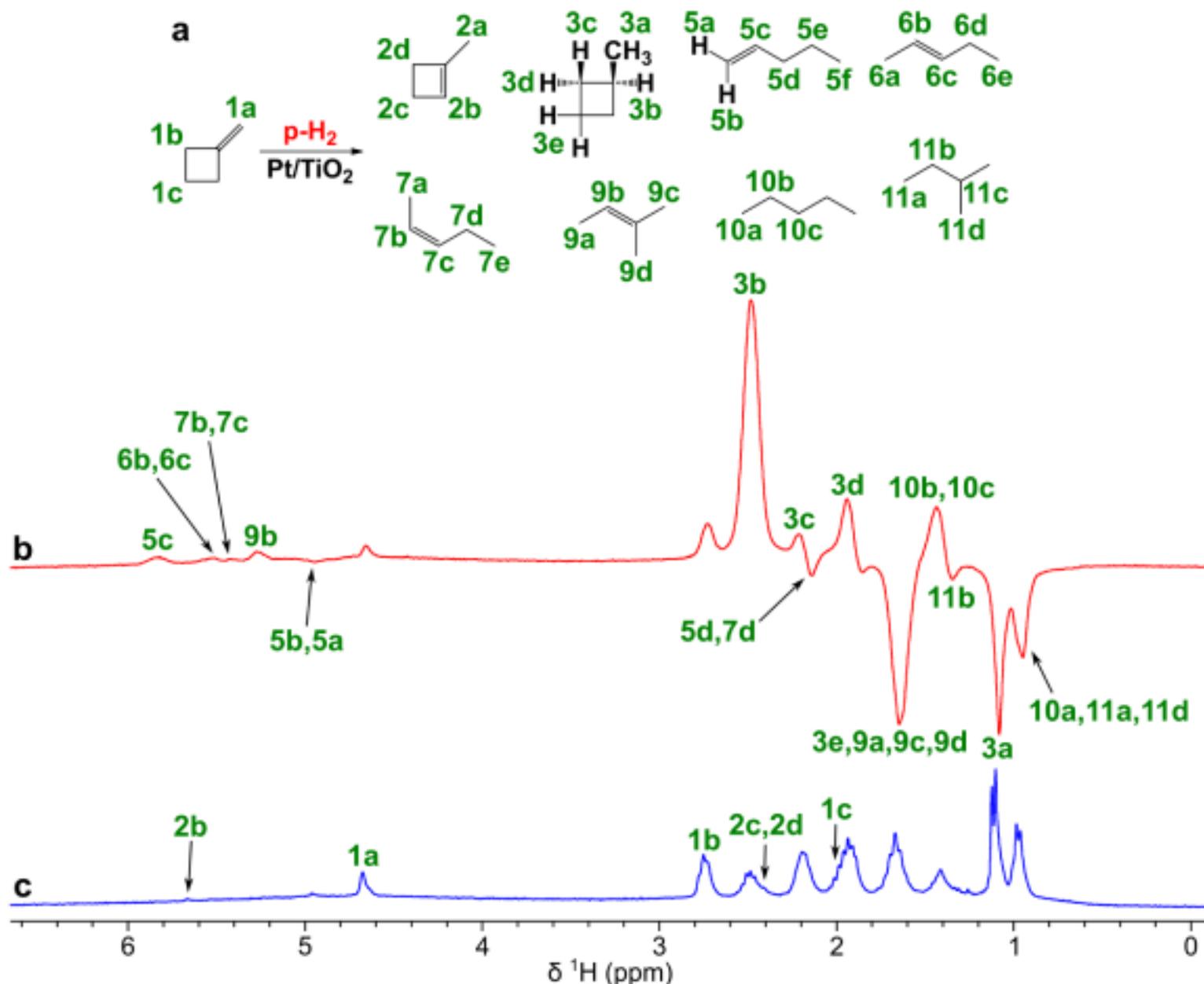
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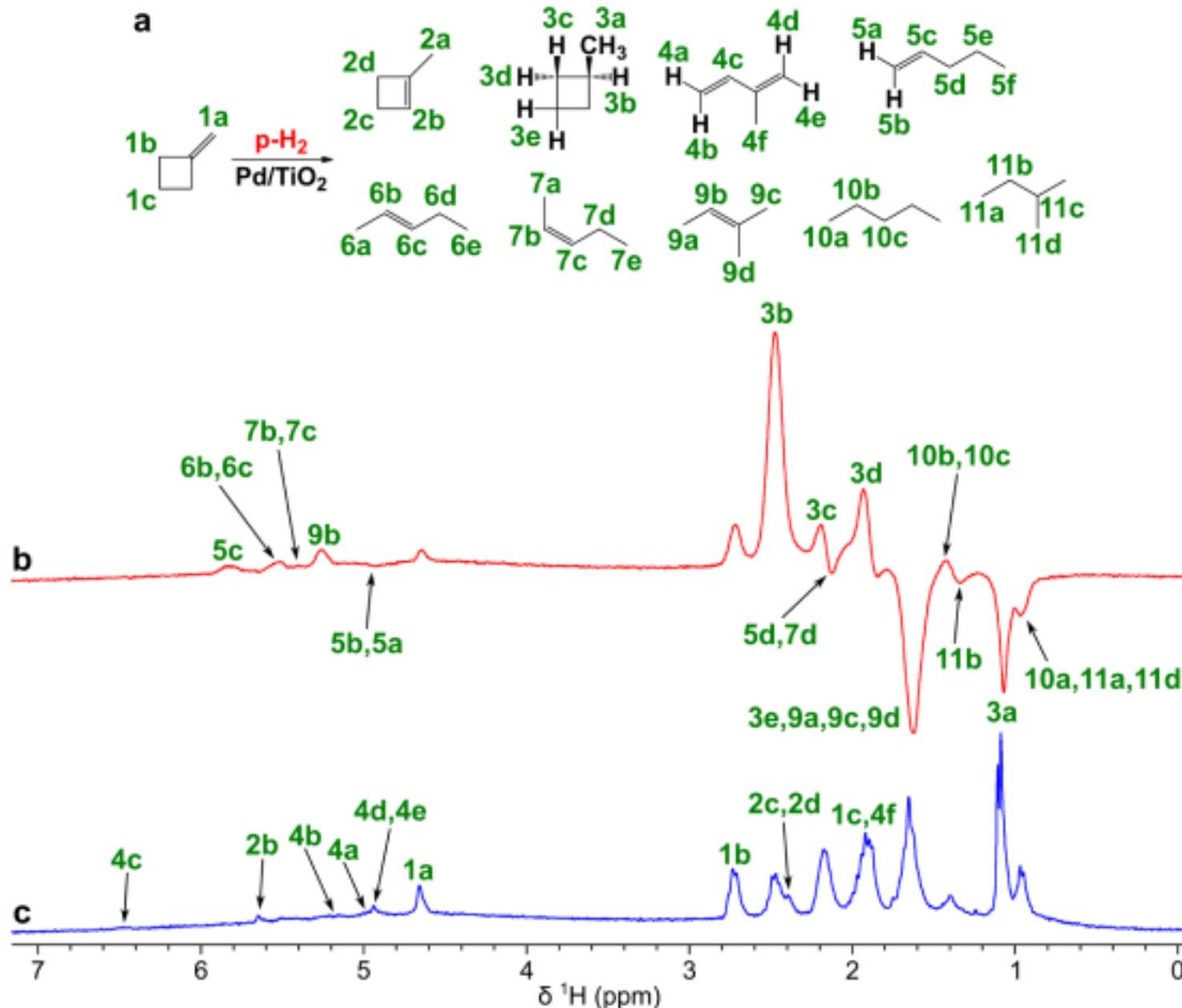
# ALTADENA spectrum: Rh



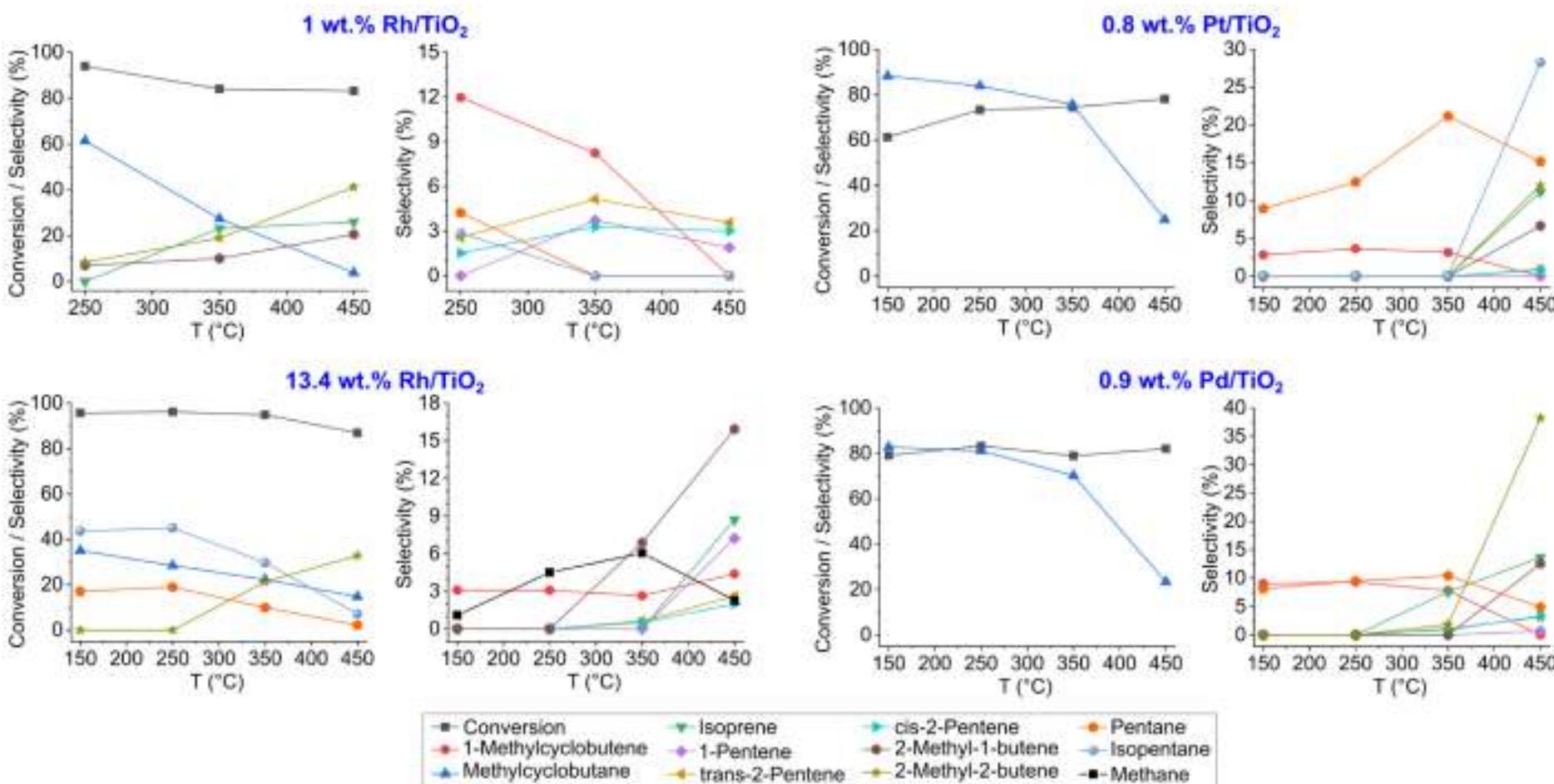
# ALTADENA spectrum: Pt



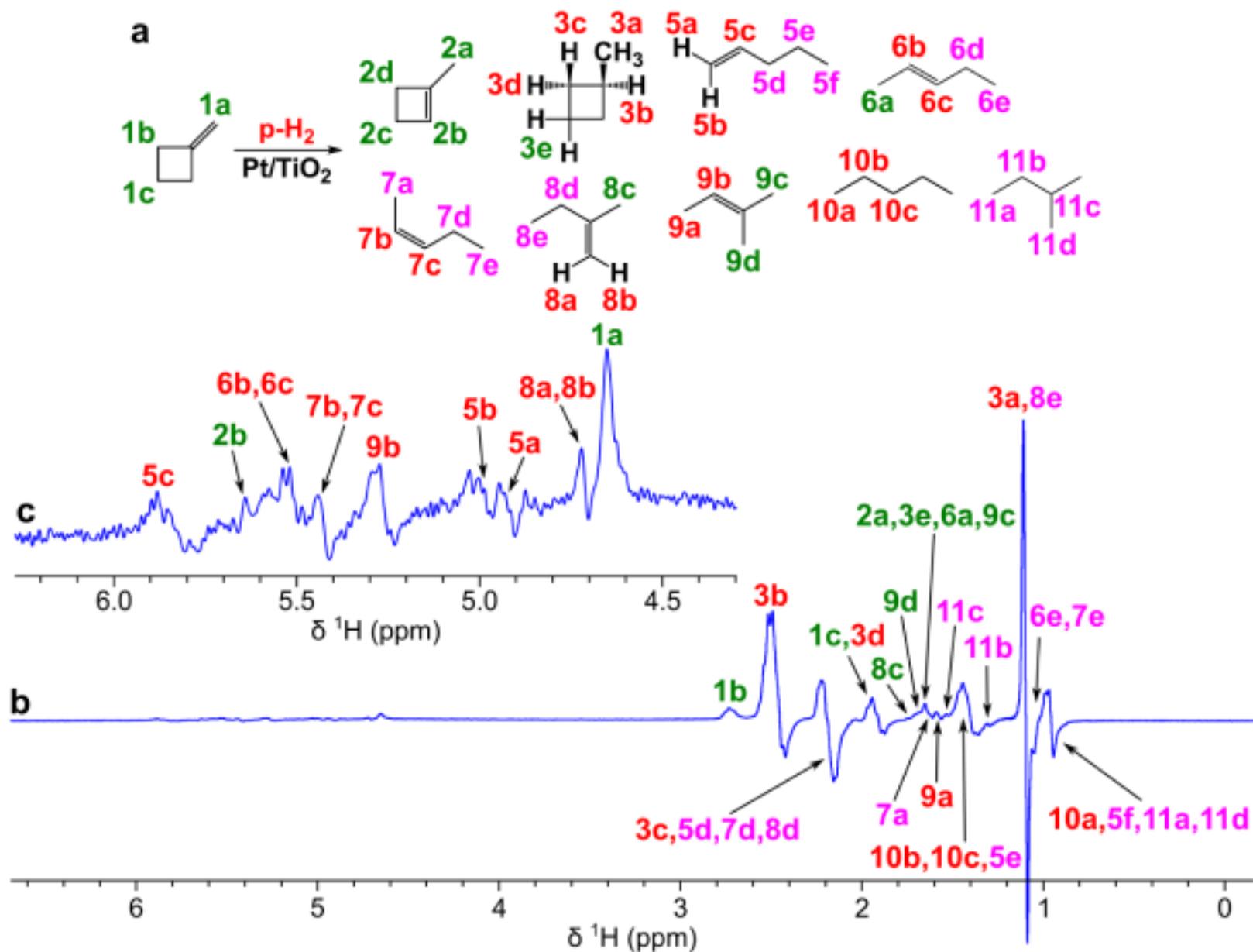
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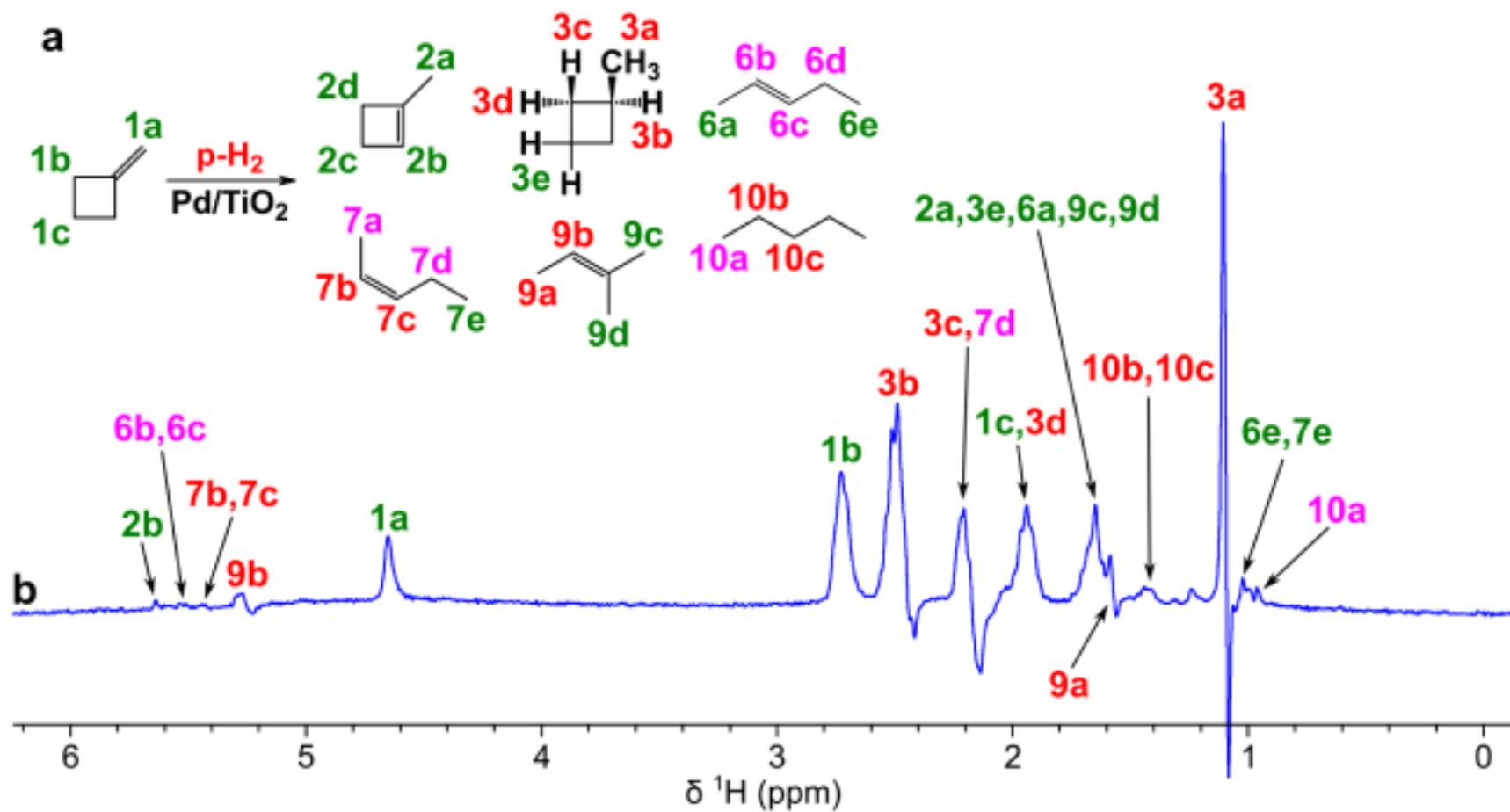
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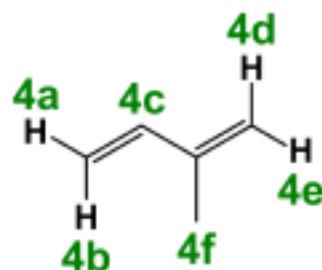
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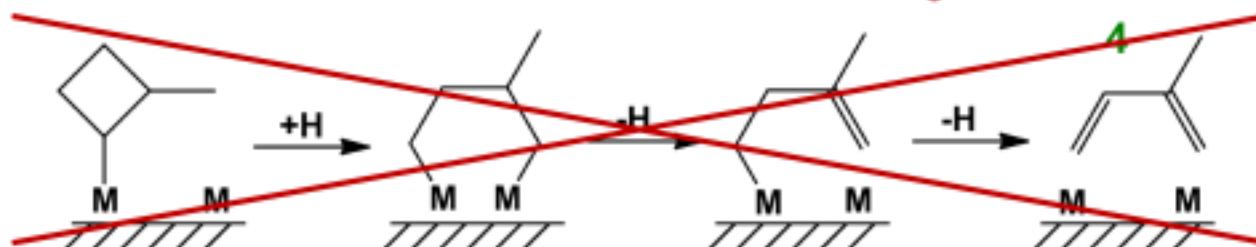
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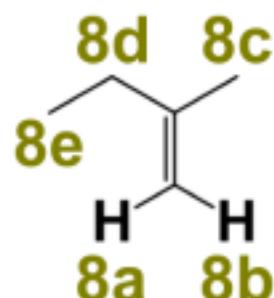
# Mechanism of formation of isoprene



similar to mechanisms for alkenes 5-9, should give PHIP effects

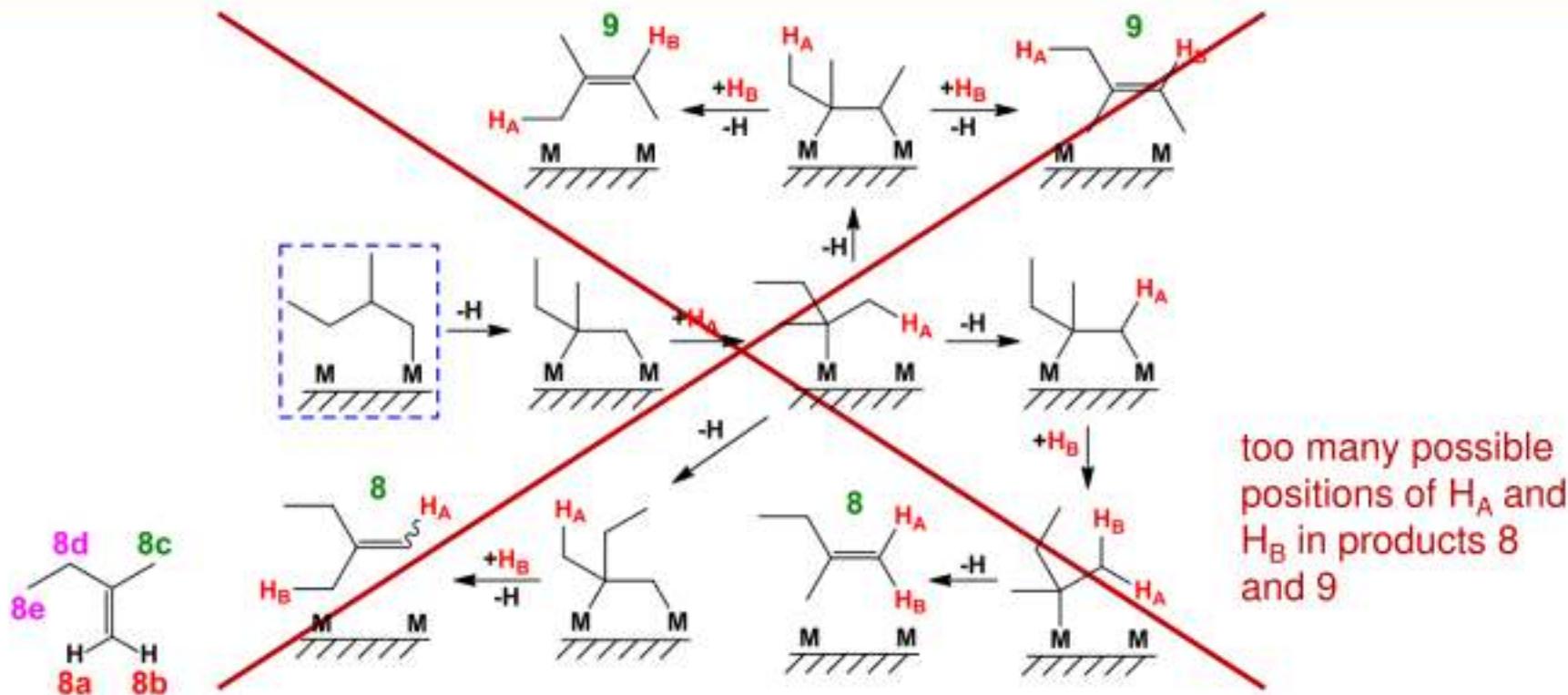


# Parameters for spectral simulations of 2-methyl-1-butene

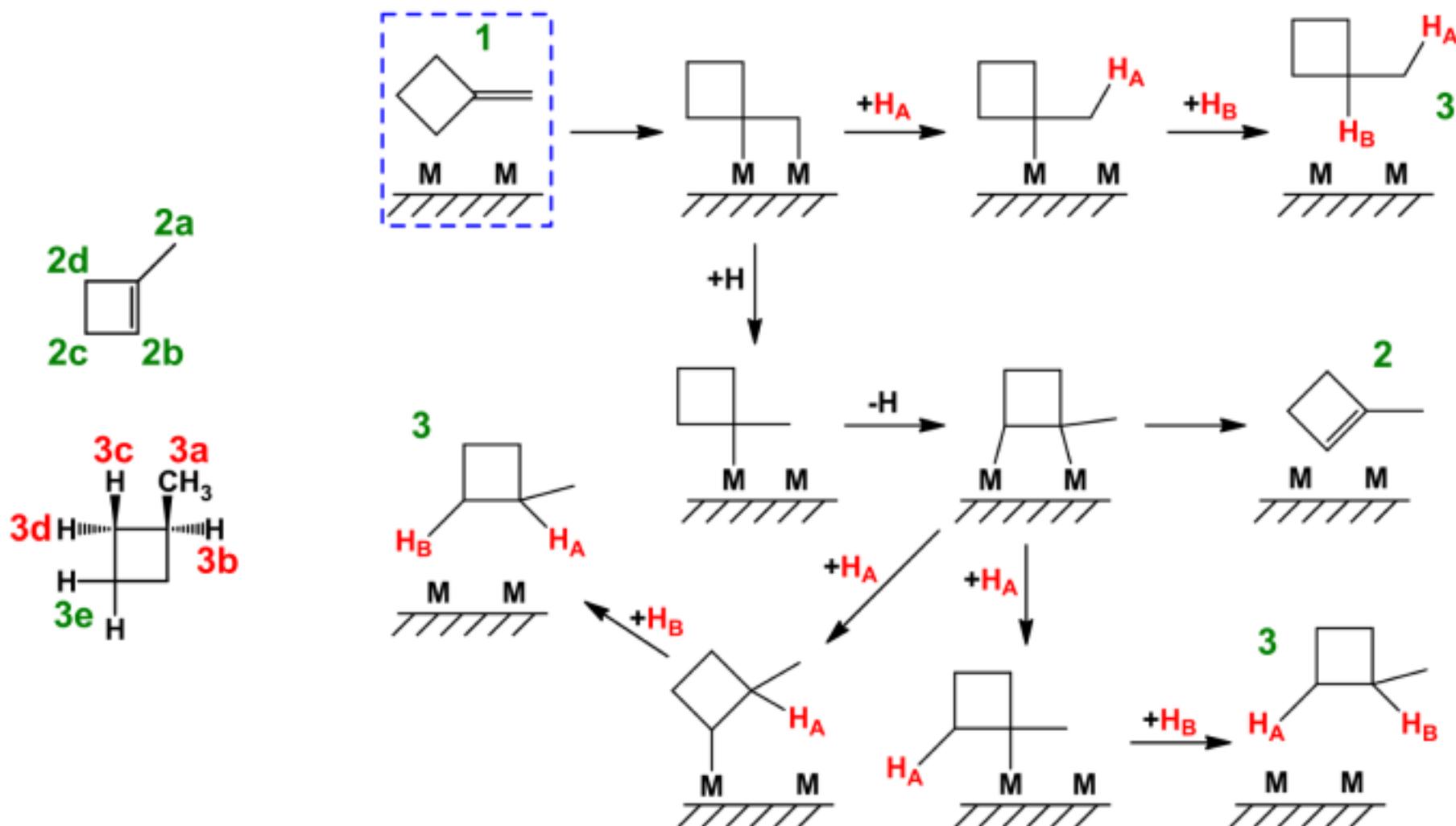


Signal	$\delta$ $^1\text{H}$ , ppm	J, Hz				
		8a	8b	8c	8d	8e
8a	4.70	X	2.5	-1.2	-1.7	0
8b	4.70		X	-1.7	-1.2	0
8c	1.75			X	-0.43	0
8d	2.10				X	7.3
8e	1.08					X

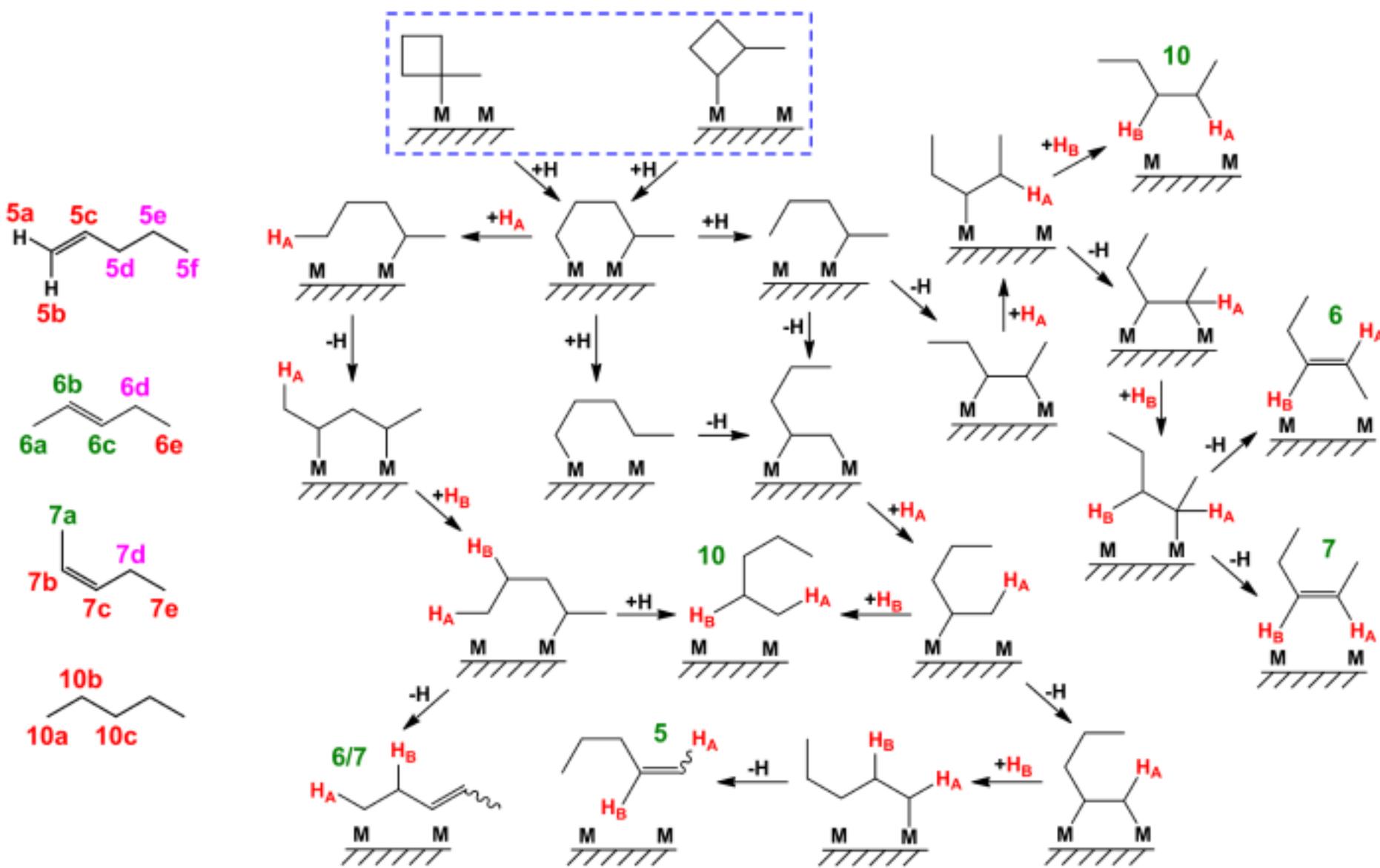
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# Mechanism of formation of cyclic products



# Mechanism of formation of linear products



# Mechanism of formation of branched products

