Preparation of well-defined Ir(I)-NHC based heterogeneous catalyst for functional olefin hydrogenation

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At the upcoming talk, the preparation as well as the catalytic performance of well-defined Ir(I)-NHC based catalytic material will be presented.

Alkene hydrogenation is a key step in many bulk and fine chemicals production processes. Among the large number of homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysts, promising Iridium (I) organometallic complexes were prepared since the discovery of the well-known Crabtree’s catalyst, [Ir(COD)(py)(PCy_3)]BF_4,[1] to address selectivity issues in asymmetric hydrogenation[2] or hydrogenation of highly hindered tetrasubstituted olefins[3]. However, the industrial use of Ir organometallic complexes as catalysts is limited by their fast decomposition leading to the formation of highly stable and inactive polynuclear iridium hydride-bridged complexes.[4] The goal of this work was to isolate the active Ir(I)-NHC species onto the solid support in order to prevent such bimolecular deactivation processes.

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