

Supporting Information

Catalytic Olefin Hydrosilations Mediated by Ruthenium $\eta^3\text{-H}_2\text{Si}$ σ -Complexes of Primary and Secondary Silanes

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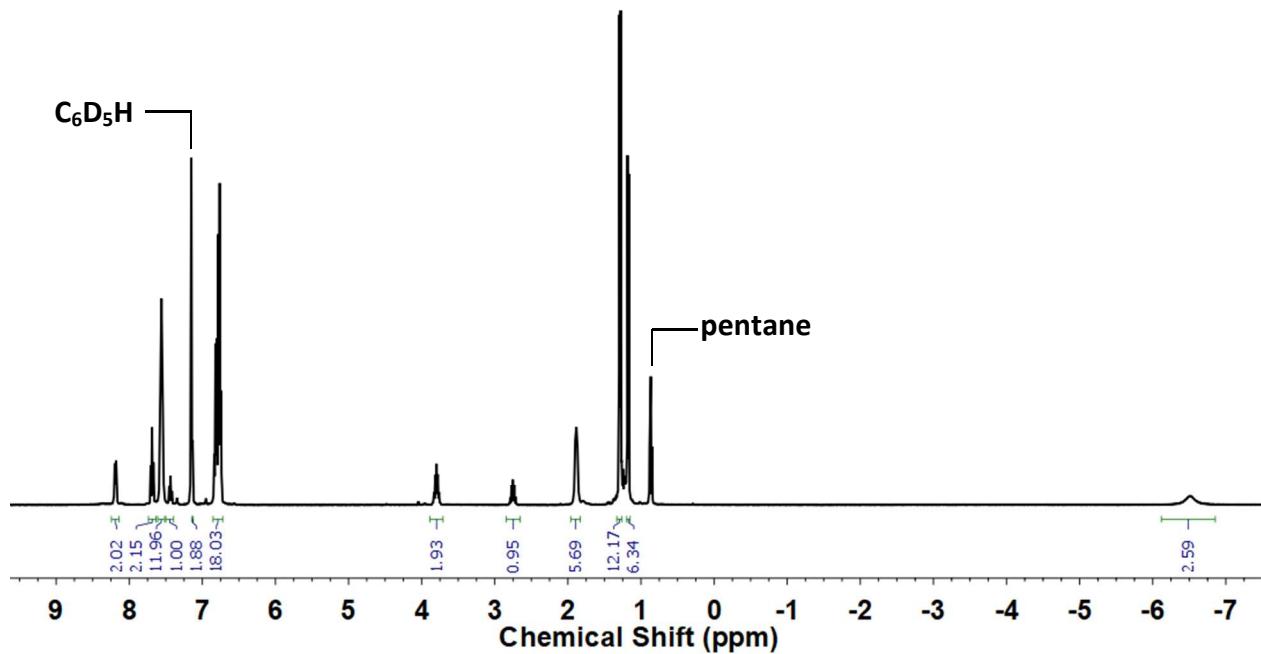
NMR data for 1f

Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of **1f** in C_6D_6 . Note that the aromatic C—H bonds of the Trip group overlap partially with the C—H resonance of solvent residual proteo signal.

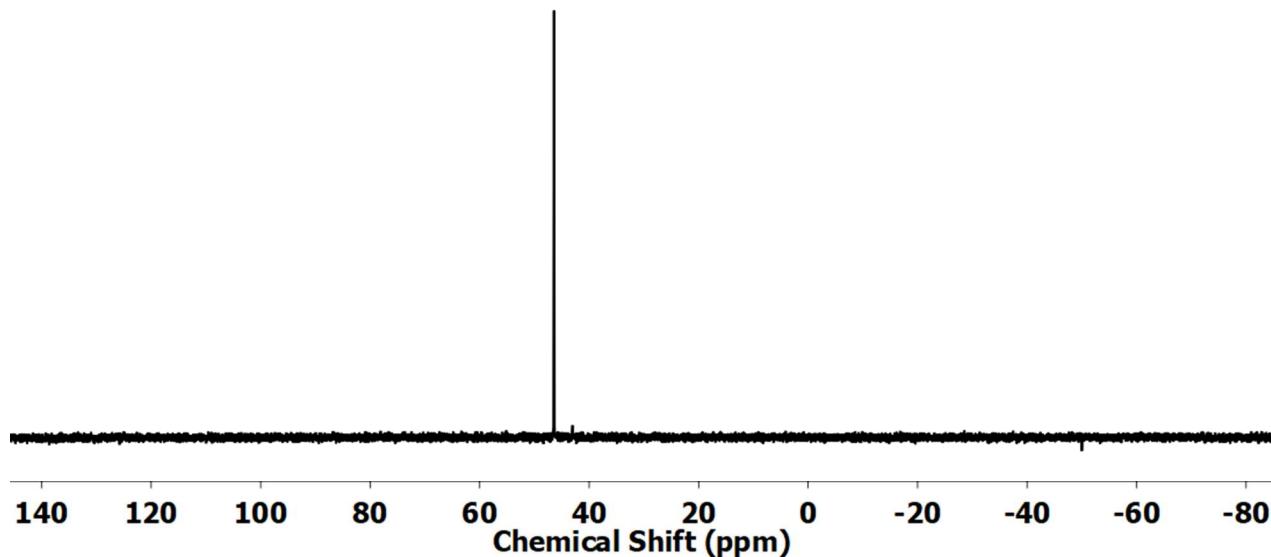


Figure S2. ^{31}P NMR spectrum (161.976 MHz) of **1f** in C_6D_6 .

NMR data for **1d generated *in situ* in hydrosilation reaction mixtures**

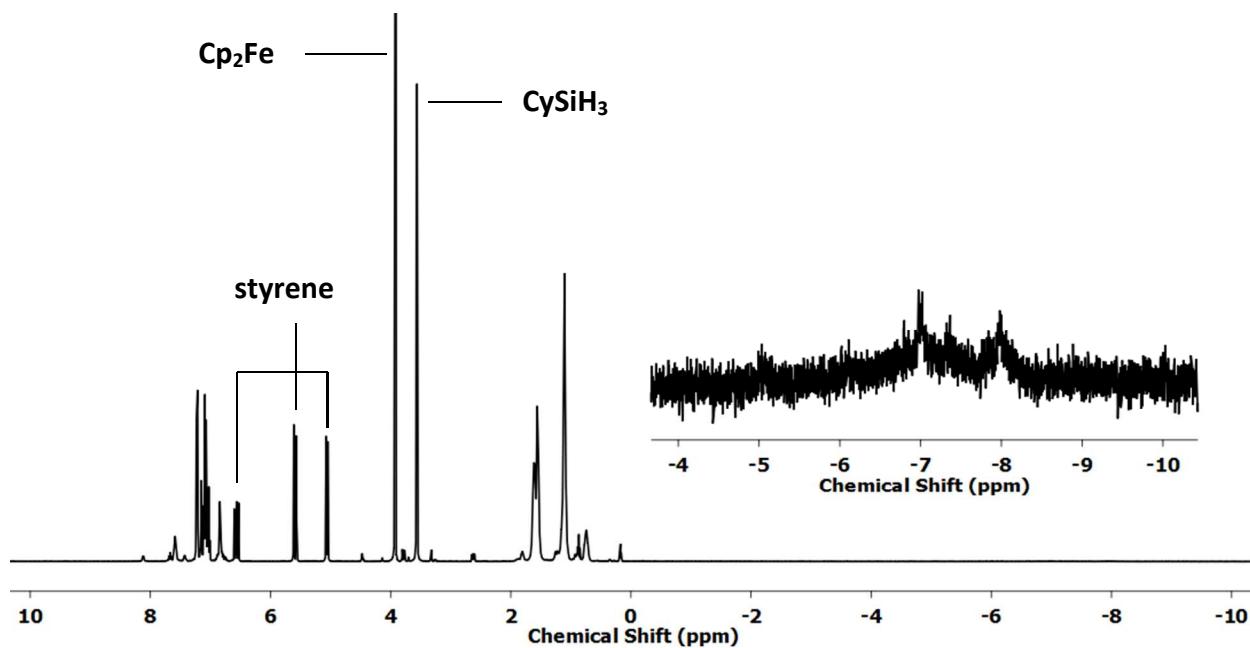


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of hydrosilation reaction mixture immediately after mixing CySiH₃, styrene, and 5 mol % of **1b** in C₆D₆. Selected resonances of the alkene and silane substrate are labeled. The inset displays the broad Ru—H resonance(s) observed upon formation of **1d**.

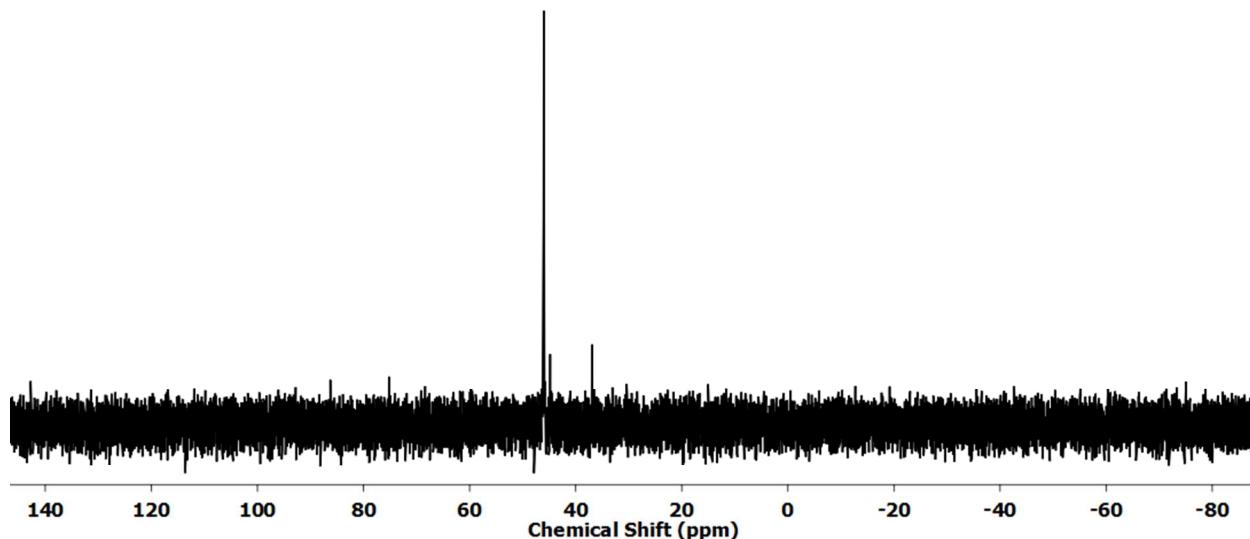


Figure S4. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (161.976 MHz) of **1d** (δ 46 ppm) formed *in situ* from **1b** and excess CySiH₃ in the hydrosilation reaction mixture.

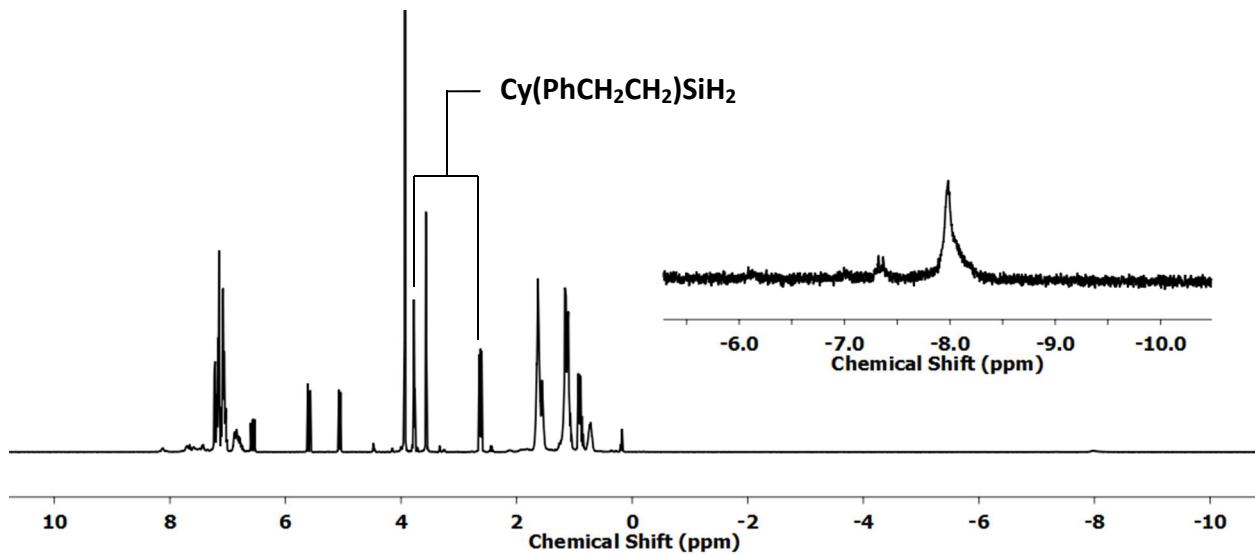


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of hydrosilation reaction mixture 16 h after mixing CySiH_3 , styrene, and 5 mol % of **1b** in C_6D_6 . Selected resonances of the hydrosilation product are labelled. The inset shows that a new Ru—H resonance has grown in at -8.0 ppm.

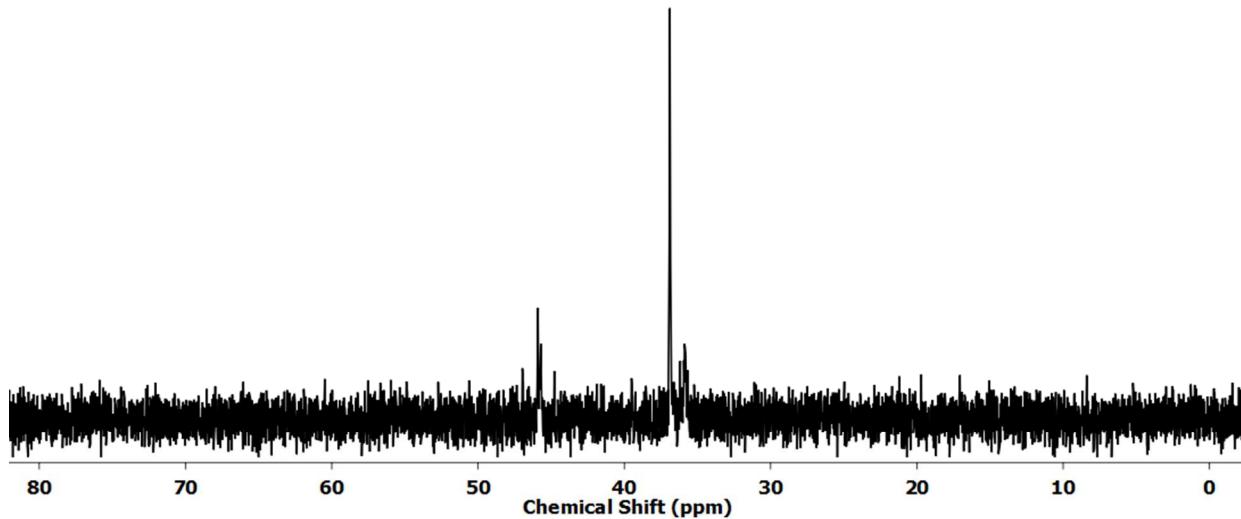


Figure S6. $^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (161.976 MHz) of hydrosilation reaction mixture 16 h after start of the reaction. The resonance attributed to **1d** (δ 46 ppm) has mostly disappeared while new resonances can be observed between 30 – 40 ppm.

Computational Details

The calculations were carried out with the full $[\text{PhBP}^{\text{Ph}}_3]\text{Ru}(\text{H}_3\text{SiCy})$, Cy = Cyclohexyl, complex and allyl chloride was selected as a model for the alkene substrate. Localization of the extrema with the full Ru(II) complex were facilitated by an initial exploration of the potential energy surface with a simpler model in which all the aryl groups were replaced by hydrogen, and the silane and alkene were SiH_4 and ethane, respectively. DFT calculations were carried out with PBE0 hybrid functional,¹ corrected for dispersion as proposed by Grimme (D3 correction, BJ damping).² Calculations were performed with the Gaussian 09 suite of programs,³ locally modified to take into account dispersion corrections for energies and their first and second derivatives. Geometry optimizations were performed without any symmetry constraints using the Def2-SVP basis set (BS1)⁴ for all atoms and quasi-relativistic effective core potentials for Ru.⁵ The nature of the stationary points as minima or transition states was characterized by analytical Hessian calculations. The connection between transition states, reactants, and products was verified by IRC calculations. Statistical mechanics calculations of thermal and entropic effects were carried out using the rigid rotor/harmonic oscillator approximations at 298 K and 1 atm ($G^{\text{gas,PBE0-D3bj,BS1}}$). Electronic energies were refined with single point energy calculations using the Def2-TZVPP basis set (BS2)⁴ for all atoms; solvent effects (benzene) were included by means of SMD⁶ single point energy calculations. Finally, Gibbs free energies in solution were estimated as:

$$G^{\text{benzene,PBE0-D3bj,BS2}} = E^{\text{benzene,PBE0-D3bj,BS2}} + G^{\text{gas,PBE0-D3bj,BS1}} - E^{\text{gas,PBE0-D3bj,BS1}}$$

NBO analyses were performed with NBO 6.0.⁷

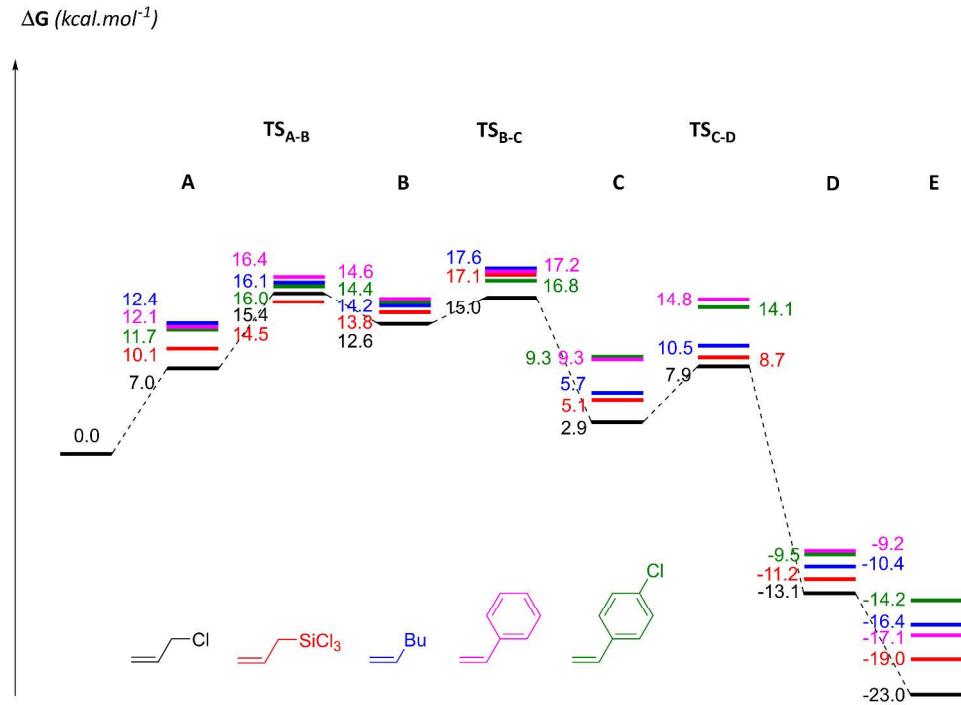


Figure S7. Gibbs Energies (kcal mol⁻¹), characterized by DFT relative to the individual complex **1d-DFT** and olefin, of intermediates and transition states for the hydrosilylation pathway involving insertion of the olefin into the terminal Ru-H bond of the catalyst.

| 1d-DFT + olefin | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| A | 7.0 | 10.1 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 11.7 |
| TS_{A-B} | 15.4 | 14.5 | 16.1 | 16.4 | 16.0 |
| B | 12.6 | 13.8 | 14.2 | 14.6 | 14.4 |
| TS_{B-C} | 15.0 | 17.1 | 17.6 | 17.2 | 16.8 |
| C | 2.9 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 9.3 | 9.3 |
| TS_{C-D} | 7.9 | 8.7 | 10.5 | 14.8 | 14.1 |
| D | -13.1 | -11.2 | -10.4 | -9.2 | -9.5 |
| E | -23.0 | -19.0 | -16.4 | -17.1 | -14.2 |
| A' | 8.9 | 10.0 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.8 |
| TS_{A'-E} | 20.8 | 22.7 | 18.2 | 20.3 | 20.6 |
| TS_{A'-D'} | 26.3 | 23.6 | 22.4 | 22.1 | 21.8 |
| D' | -7.7 | -6.5 | -6.2 | -3.5 | -3.8 |

Table S1. Values ((kcal mol⁻¹) corresponding to Figure S7.

Results of NBO Analysis

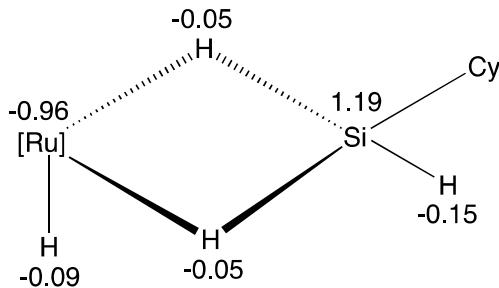


Figure S8. NBO charges in **1d-DFT**.

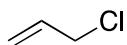
The Transition states are analyzed using two parameters extracted from NBO Analysis:

1° The interaction energies obtained from a second order perturbation analysis. The energies obtained through these analysis are very large since they are not compensated by electron-electron repulsion. Only relative energies should be considered. This method gives exaggerated values and even exaggerated differences.

2° The NLMO are expressed in terms of combinations of NBO. This method describes how an NBO is delocalized with other NBO to give an NLMO which contains $2 e^-$. This method gives reliable information on the interaction between occupied and empty orbitals. However, coefficients associated with different olefins are similar. It is more difficult to detect differences with this representation.

Combining the two above criteria gives a rationale of why the insertion of the olefin occurs preferably in the Ru-H bond than in the Si-H bond: the Hydride on Ru is a better donor and Ru a better acceptor.

Allyl Chloride



TS_{A-B} (insertion in Ru-H bond)

Total non-Lewis 13.28730 (2.605% of 510)

Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 88. LP (1) H 20 | 243. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 19 | 231.43 |
| 88. LP (1) H 20 | 267. BD*(2) C 14- C 17 | 482.14 |
| 117. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 243. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 19 | 24.13 |
| 117. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 247. BD*(1) P 2-Ru 19 | 88.61 |
| 117. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 251. BD*(1) P 3-Ru 19 | 13.19 |

NLMO

88. LP (1) H 20 + (243. P 1-Ru19* 0.5190) + (267. C14- C17* 0.4734)

117. BD (2) C 14- C 17 + (243. P 1-Ru19* -0.0841) + (247. P 2-Ru19* 0.4122) + (251. P 3-Ru19* -0.0753)

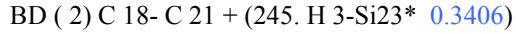
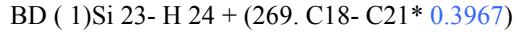
TS_{A'-E} (Insertion in the terminal Si-H bond)

Total non-Lewis 14.14055 (2.773% of 510)

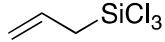
Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 122. BD (1)Si 23- H 24 | 269. BD*(2) C 18- C 21 | 56.28 |
| 119. BD (2) C 18- C 21 | 245. BD*(1) H 3-Si 23 | 112.42 |

NLMO



AllylSiCl₃



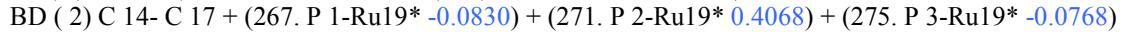
TS_{A-B} (insertion into Ru-H bond)

Total non-Lewis 13.95505 (2.501% of 558)

Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 103. LP (1) H 20 | 267. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 19 | 234.35 |
| 103. LP (1) H 20 | 291. BD*(2) C 14- C 17 | 601.17 |
| 138. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 267. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 19 | 21.93 |
| 138. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 271. BD*(1) P 2-Ru 19 | 84.64 |
| 138. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 275. BD*(1) P 3-Ru 19 | 12.34 |

NLMO



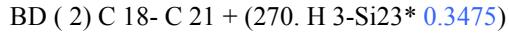
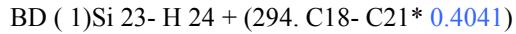
TS_{A'-E} (insertion into terminal Si-H bond)

Total non-Lewis 15.37813 (2.756% of 558)

Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 144. BD (1)Si 23- H 24 | 294. BD*(2) C 18- C 21 | 58.74 |
| 141. BD (2) C 18- C 21 | 270. BD*(1) H 3-Si 23 | 120.30 |

NLMO



Hexene



TS_{A-B} (insertion into Ru-H bond)

Total non-Lewis 13.50885 (2.608% of 518)

Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 86. LP (1) H 20 | 247. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 19 | 242.11 |
| 86. LP (1) H 20 | 271. BD*(2) C 14- C 17 | 444.64 |
| 112. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 247. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 19 | 22.39 |
| 112. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 251. BD*(1) P 2-Ru 19 | 85.96 |

112. BD (2) C 14- C 17 255. BD*(1) P 3-Ru 19 12.65

NLMO

LP (1) H 20 + (247. P 1-Ru19* 0.5303) + (271. C14- C17* 0.4562)

BD (2) C 14- C 17 + (247. P 1-Ru19* -0.0809) + (251. P 2-Ru19* 0.4129) + (255. P 3-Ru19* -0.0787)

TS_{A'-E} (Insertion into the Si-H bond)

Total non-Lewis 14.92271 (2.881% of 518)

Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

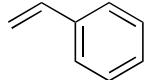
| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 118. BD (1)Si 23- H 24 | 274. BD*(2) C 18- C 21 | 58.43 |
| 115. BD (2) C 18- C 21 | 250. BD*(1) H 3-Si 23 | 129.70 |

NLMO

BD (1)Si 23- H 24 + (274. C18- C21* 0.3990)

BD (2) C 18- C 21 + (250. H 3-Si23* 0.3567)

Styrene



TS_{A-B} (insertion in the Ru-H bond)

Total non-Lewis 14.43963 (2.745% of 526)

Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 88. LP (1) H 19 | 275. BD*(2) C 14- C 17 | 429.22 |
| 88. LP (1) H 19 | 251. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 18 | 233.36 |
| 114. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 251. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 18 | 23.27 |
| 114. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 255. BD*(1) P 2-Ru 18 | 82.26 |
| 114. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 259. BD*(1) P 3-Ru 18 | 11.38 |

NLMO

LP (1) H 19 + (275. C14- C17* 0.4656) + (251. P 1-Ru18* 0.5155)

BD (2) C 14- C 17 + (251. P 1-Ru18* 0.0094 -0.0778) + (255. P 2-Ru18* 0.0161 0.4082) + (259. P 3-Ru18* -0.0083 -0.0752)

TS_{A'-E} (insertion in the Si-H bond)

Total non-Lewis 15.45029 (2.937% of 526)

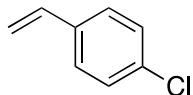
Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 119. BD (1)Si 23- H 24 | 277. BD*(2) C 18- C 21 | 62.22 |
| 116. BD (2) C 18- C 21 | 253. BD*(1) H 3-Si 23 | 135.34 |

NLMO

BD (1)Si 23- H 24 + (277. C18- C21* -0.4178)

BD (2) C 18- C 21 + (253. H 3-Si23* 0.3584)

p-Chlorostyrene**TS_{A-B} (insertion in the Ru-H bond)**

Total non-Lewis 14.55553 (2.686% of 542)

Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 93. LP (1) H 19 | 283. BD*(2) C 14- C 17 | 444.18 |
| 93. LP (1) H 19 | 259. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 18 | 231.96 |
| 122. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 259. BD*(1) P 1-Ru 18 | 23.34 |
| 122. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 263. BD*(1) P 2-Ru 18 | 82.23 |
| 122. BD (2) C 14- C 17 | 267. BD*(1) P 3-Ru 18 | 11.35 |

NLMO

LP (1) H 19 + (283. C14- C17* 0.4690) + (259. P 1-Ru18* 0.5131)

BD (2) C 14- C 17 + (259. P 1-Ru18* 0.0098 -0.0777) + (263. P 2-Ru18* 0.0162 0.4074)+ (267. P 3-Ru18* -0.0084 -0.0751)

TS_{A'-E} (insertion into SiH)

Total non-Lewis 16.24545 (2.997% of 542)

Second order perturbation (energy in kcal mol⁻¹)

| # orbital Donor | # orbital Acceptor | Energy |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 128. BD (1)Si 23- H 24 | 286. BD*(2) C 18- C 21 | 62.95 |
| 125. BD (2) C 18- C 21 | 262. BD*(1) H 3-Si 23 | 134.31 |

NLMO

BD (1)Si 23- H 24 + (286. C18- C21* -0.4197)

BD (2) C 18- C 21 + (262. H 3-Si23* 0.3576)

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