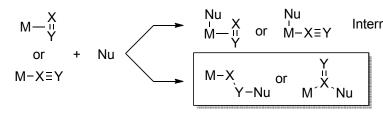
# **Organometallics Study Meeting** Chapter 11. Nucleophilic Attack on Coordinated Ligands

## 11.1 Fundamental Principles

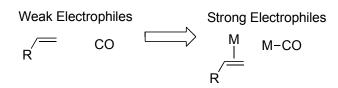
### **General Tendency**



Intermediates in ligand substitution (Chap. 5)

Favored by

- Coorinatively saturated metal center
- •π-accepting ancillary ligands
- Electron-poor metal center
- Cationic metal complexes
- Soft nucleophiles



Due to "net flow of electron density to metals"

## Electron Number and Oxidation State

## 11.2 Nucleophilic Attack on Transition Metal Complexes of Carbon Monoxide and Isonitriles

#### 11.2.1 General Trends

Reactivity gets higher in the case of...

$$L_nM-CX + Nu$$
 $X = O \text{ or } NR$ 

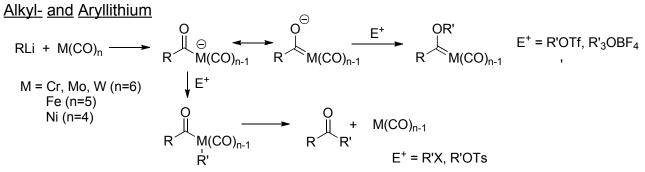
Reactivity gets higher in the case of...

•Weak back donation
•M is cationic
•L is less donating and more  $\pi$ -accepti

- •L is less donating and more  $\pi$ -accepting

As guideline, complexes which has  $v_{CO}$  values below ~2000 cm<sup>-1</sup> are relatively inert.

# 11.2.2 Examples of Nucleophilic Attack on Carbon Monoxide and Isonitriles



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#### Hydroxide Alkoxides and Amines

Important in some industrial processes and water gas shift.

$$[Fe(NO)(CO)_2(PPh_3)_2]^{\oplus} + MeO^{\ominus} \longrightarrow (Ph_3P)_2(CO)(NO)Fe^{O} OMe$$

$$L_n^{\bigoplus}M$$
-CO + 2 R<sub>2</sub>NH  $\longrightarrow$   $L_n^{\bigoplus}M$ + R<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>

#### Example of Isonitrile

In general, isonitrile is less reactive than CO as an electrophile.

## 11.3 Nucleophilic Attack on Carbene and Carbyne Complexes

 $(CO)_5W = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ PMe_3 \\ Me \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ (CO)_5W + PMe_3 \\ Me \\ \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ OMe \\$ 

$$(CO)_5Cr \xrightarrow{OMe} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} Nu \\ Ph \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} Nu \\ (CO)_5Cr \xrightarrow{} Ph \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OMe \\ Ph \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} -MeO \\ Ph \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} (CO)_5Cr \xrightarrow{} Ph \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} Nu \\ Ph \end{array}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} Nu \\ Nu = RS \\ R_2NH, PhLi \end{array}}$$

## 11.4 Nucleophilic Cleavage of Metal-Carbon σ-Bonds

## 11.4.1 General Principles and Trends

## General Scheme

$$ML_n-R + Q Nu \longrightarrow ML_n + NuR$$
 $d^n + Q^{n+2} \longrightarrow ML_n + NuR$ 
•Retro reaction of some SN2 type
•Uncommon in catalytic process.
•R=alkyl : Slower than addition to

- •M is reduced by two.
- •Retro reaction of some SN2 type oxidative addition.
- •R=alkyl: Slower than addition to CO, carbene, olefins.

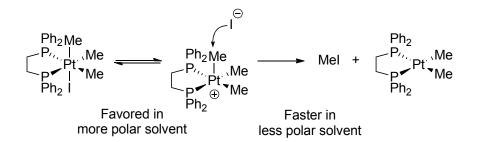
#### Reactivity

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## 11.4.2 Examples of Nucleophilic Attack on σ-Bound Ligands

## Attack to Metal-Alkyl Complexes

Racemization mechanims of chiral Pd-alkyl complexes



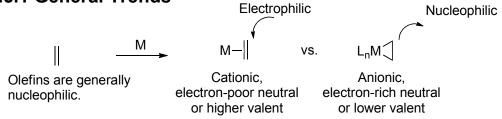
Reductive elimination from Pt(IV)-Me complex.

This type reductive elimination is known in C-H functionalization of alkanes and proceed with stereoinversion.

### Attack to Metal-Acyl Complexes

## 11.5 Nucleophilic Attack on $\eta^2$ -Unsaturated Hydrocarbon Ligands

#### 11.5.1 General Trends



#### Reactivity of Several Unsaturated Systems

Even System >>> Odd System Open System > Closed System

Studied about cationic 18 electron complexes and guidelines were developed by Davies, Green and Mingos.

## 11.5.2 Nucleophilic Attack on n<sup>2</sup>-Olefin Complexes

## 11.5.2.1 Overview of Nucleophilic Attack on η<sup>2</sup>-Olefin Complexes

$$M-\prod^{R} \stackrel{\ominus}{\xrightarrow{\hspace*{-0.5cm} \longrightarrow}} Nu \qquad \qquad \bigcap^{R}_{M} \longrightarrow Nu$$

- •Well known for Pd(II), Pt(II), Fe(II)
- •Forming M-alkyl complexes
  •Nucleophilic attack occurs at the opposite face of olefin to metal...
- •Nu generally attack more substituted carbon (many exceptions)
- Most examples are limited to mono- and disubstituted olefins.

#### Mechanism and Regioselectivity

## 11.5.2.2 Specific Examples of Nucleophilic Attack on n<sup>2</sup>-Olefin Complexes

#### Reaction with Cationic Iron(II) Complexes

Nucleophiles: MeO, tBuS, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, (EtO)<sub>3</sub>P, R<sub>2</sub>NH, CH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, Active methylenes, enamines, LiCuMe<sub>2</sub>

#### Reaction with Pd(II) Complexes

In Pd(II) cases, stabilization by chelation is necessary to avoid  $\beta$ -elimination and isolate  $\sigma$ -alkyl complexes. Nucleophilic Attack occured at the oposite face to the Pd.

$$NMe_2 + Li_2PdCl_4 + Nu$$
 $Pd$ 
 $Nu$ 
 $Pd$ 
 $Nu$ 
 $Pd$ 
 $Nu$ 
 $Nu$ 
 $Nu$ 
 $Pd$ 
 $Nu$ 
 $N$ 

Many catalytic reactions include this type nucleophilic addtion.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & Pd(II) \\ \hline \\ NHTs \\ \hline \\ [ox] \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Pd(II) \\ \hline \\ Ts \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Pd(II) \\ \hline \\ Ts \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Also catalytic addition of active methylene to olefin has been reported.

$$\begin{array}{c}
O & O \\
O & O \\
D & O \\
O & O$$

# 11.5.3 Nucleophilic Attack on Square Planer Pd(II) Diene and Allene Complexes

Dienes can bind to metals in both  $\eta^2$  and  $\eta^4$  fasion and this section describe the reaction of the  $\eta^2$  complexes.

# 11.5.4 Nucleophilic Attack on η<sup>2</sup>-Alkyne Complexes

η<sup>2</sup>-Alkyne Complexes which are cationic or have high oxidation state are highly reactive.

## 11.5.5 Reactions of η<sup>2</sup>-Arene Complexes

## 11.6 Nucleophilic Attack on Imine and Aldehyde Complexes

Coordination of imines and aldehydes to Lewis Acid enhances the electrophilicity and most reactions proceeded from  $\eta^1$ -complexes rather than  $\eta^2$ -complexes.

# 11.7 Nucleophilic Attack on Polyhapto (η<sup>3</sup>-η<sup>6</sup>) Ligands

# 11.7.1 Nucleophilic Attack on η<sup>3</sup>-Allyl Complexes

#### Reactions of Pd(II) Complexes

Nu : Stabilized carbanions, amines etc.

$$\oplus$$
Pd $\longrightarrow$ Nu $\longrightarrow$ Pd(0) $\longrightarrow$ Nu

Pd(II) complexes tend to react at less substituted carbon.

Important process in allylic substitution reactions and regio- and stereoselective reactions are well studied using Pd, Ir, Mo, W, Ru catalysts. (Chap. 20)

#### Reactions of Isolated Allyl Complexes

In general, ligands with strong donation and transinfluence lengthen M-C(allyl temini) bond located at trans position to result in higher reactivity. Regiochemistry is controllable by electronic factor.

#### Reactions at Central Carbon of Allyl Group

$$\begin{bmatrix}
Cp \\
Mo
\end{bmatrix}
\xrightarrow{\text{MeLi}}
\xrightarrow{\text{Cp}}
\xrightarrow{\text{Mo}}
\xrightarrow{\text{Me}}$$

LUMO mainly consists of metal d-orbital and allyl  $\pi^*$ -orbital in less common cases. In those cases, reaction proceeds at central carbon. (Common : d-orbital and allyl non-bonding orbital)

CpLM(η<sup>3</sup>-allyl)<sup>+</sup> (L=CO, PR<sub>3</sub>; M=Co, Rh, Ir) also tend to react at central carbon.

# 11.7.2 Nucleophilic Attack on $\eta^4$ -Diene Complexes

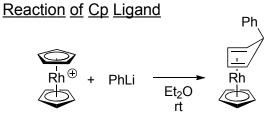
## Reactions of Cationic Mo-n<sup>4</sup>-Diene Complexes

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & \text{HO}_2\text{C} & \text{CO}_2\text{H} \\ \hline & \text{OH} & \text{I}_2 & \text{OH} \\ \hline & \text{OC} & \text{CO}_2\text{Et} \\ \end{array}$$

Reaction of Iron Complex
$$(CO)_3$$
Fe
$$-78 \, ^{\circ}C$$
Fe(CO)\_3
$$R$$
kinetically favored
$$(CO)_3Fe$$

$$R$$
thermodynamically stable

# 11.7.3 Nucleophilic Attack on η<sup>5</sup>-Dienyl Complexes

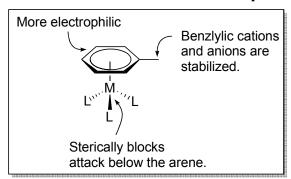


Althoug Cp is the most common ligand in this class, only strong nucleophile can react.

## Reactions of Fe(CO)<sub>3</sub> Dienyl Complexes

# 11.7.4 Nucleophilic Attack on $\eta^6$ -Arene Complexes

# 11.7.4.1 Overview of Nucleophilic Attack on η<sup>6</sup>-Arene Complexes



Regioselectivity was complicated and affected by stereo and electronic factors of substituents (usually *ortho* is disfavored.).

In many cases, addition is reversible and product is not kinetically controlled.

Only strong nucleophiles (organolithium, Grignard reagents) can add irreversibly.

Catalytic process of addition or substitutions have been not reported yet. In general, free arenes are released by oxidation.

# 11.7.4.2 Examples of Nucleophilic Attack on $\eta^6$ -Arene Complexes

Additions to Arene-Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub>

Unreactive: LiCH(CO<sub>2</sub>R)<sub>2</sub>, LiCH<sub>2</sub>COR, MeMgBr, tBuMgBr,

Me<sub>2</sub>CuLi, vinyllithium

Reactive: LiCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R, LiCH<sub>2</sub>CN, KCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>tBu, LiCH(CN)OR,

LiCH<sub>2</sub>SPh, Li-1,3-dithiane, PhLi, Li acetylide, allyllithium

Reactivity of arene : PhCl  $(o, p) > PhCH_3(m)$ , PhOMe (m)

## Other Examples

Similar reactions are also studied with (arene)CpFe<sup>+</sup> and (arene)Cp\*Ru<sup>+</sup> There are several examples of application to synthesis of complex molecules.