



Chem 634

# Introduction to Transition Metal Catalysis

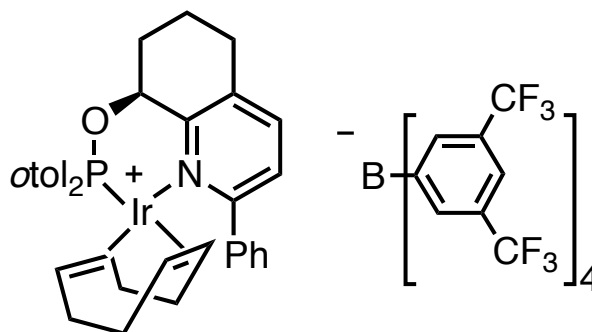
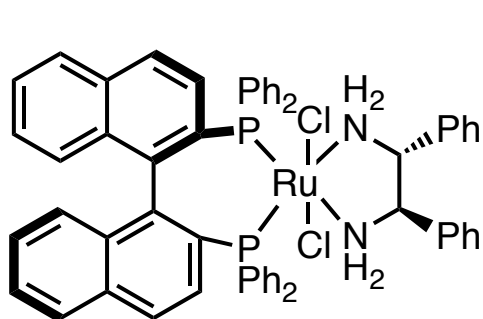
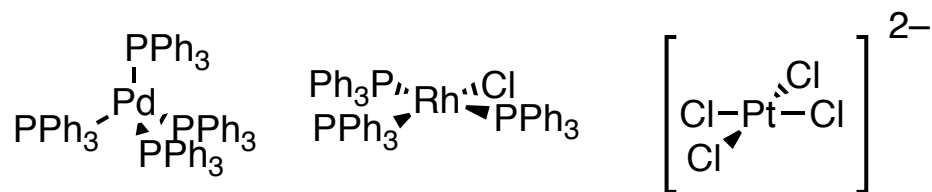
Reading: Heg Ch 1–2  
CS-B 7.1, 8.2–8.3, 11.3  
Grossman Ch 6

## *Announcements*

- Problem Set 1 due Thurs, 9/24 at beginning of class
- Office Hour: Wed, 10:30-12, 220 BRL



## Organometallic Complexes



$M^0$	III $d^3$	IV $d^4$	V $d^5$	VI $d^6$	VII $d^7$	VIII $d^8$	IX $d^9$	X $d^{10}$	XI $d^{10}s^1$	XII $d^{10}s^2$
1 <sup>st</sup> row	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
2 <sup>nd</sup> row	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd
3 <sup>rd</sup> row	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg

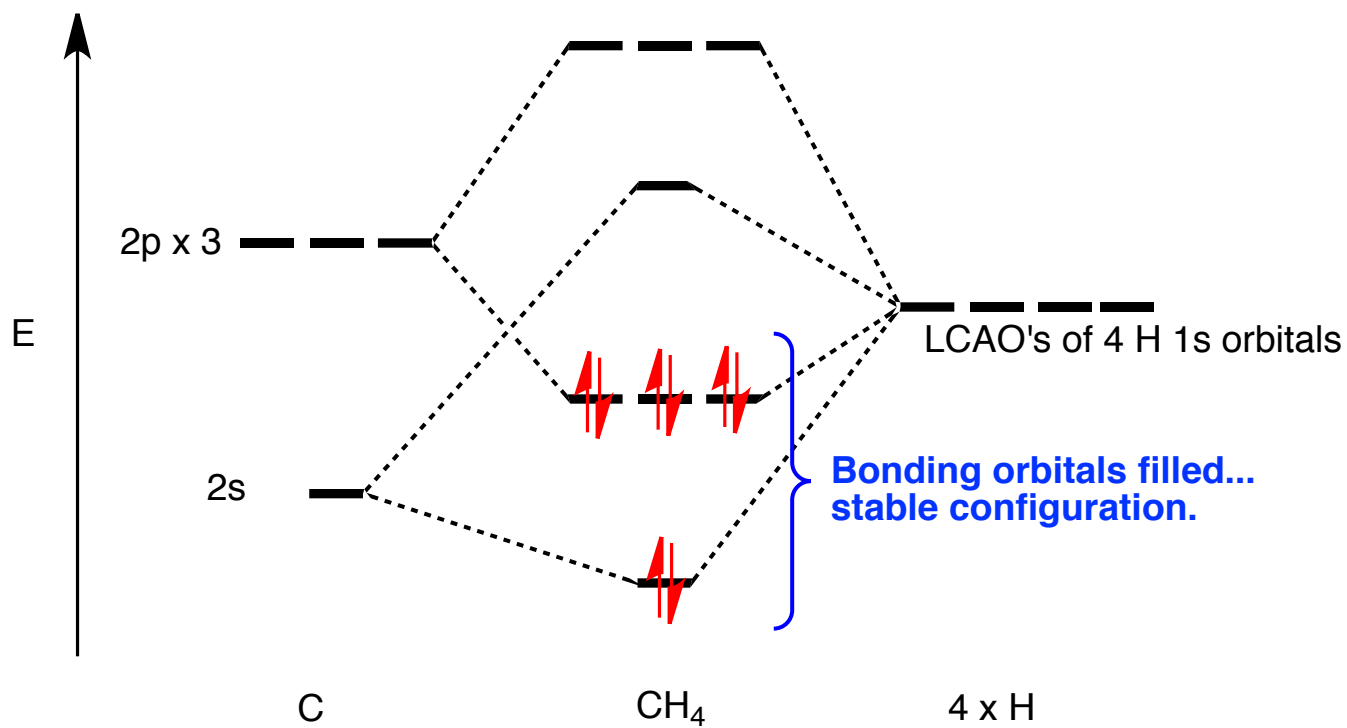
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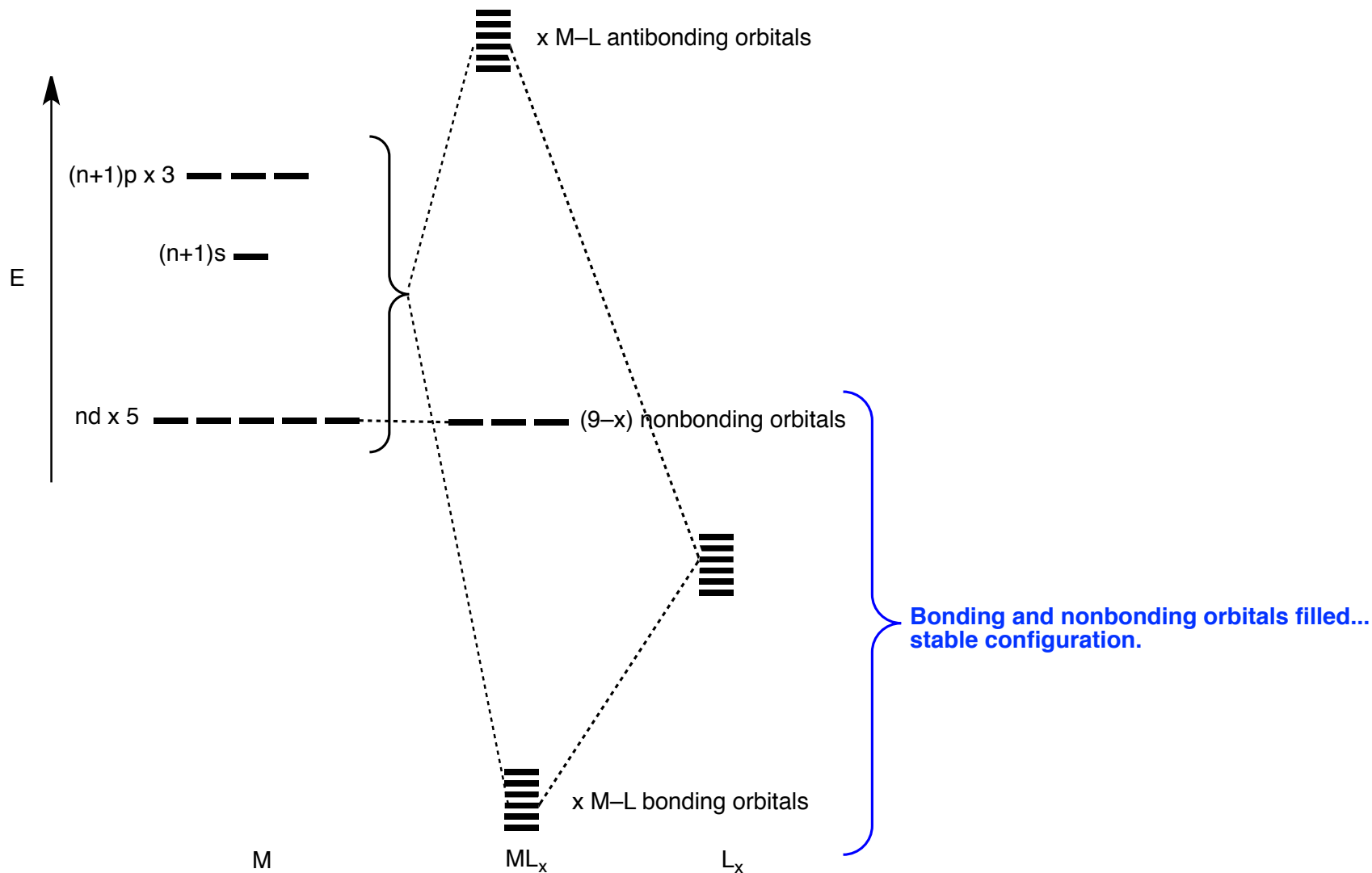
## How Many Valence Electrons?

Consider  $\text{CH}_4$ ... Recall the Octet Rule



## How Many Valence Electrons?

Transition metals have 5 d orbitals (plus s & 3 p's)!

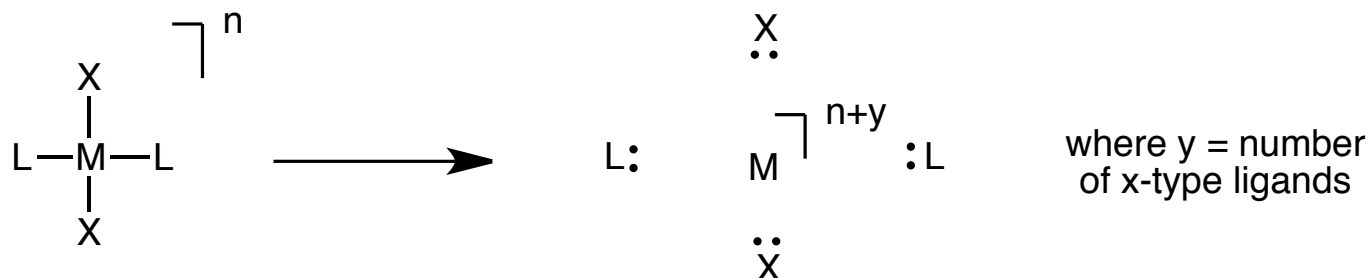


## *Determining Electron Count of TM Complex*

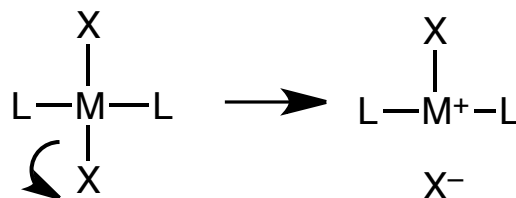
Ionic Method: All ligands are dissociated with their electrons.

L-type ligands = neutral, 2 e<sup>-</sup> donor

X-type ligands = anionic 2 e<sup>-</sup> donor

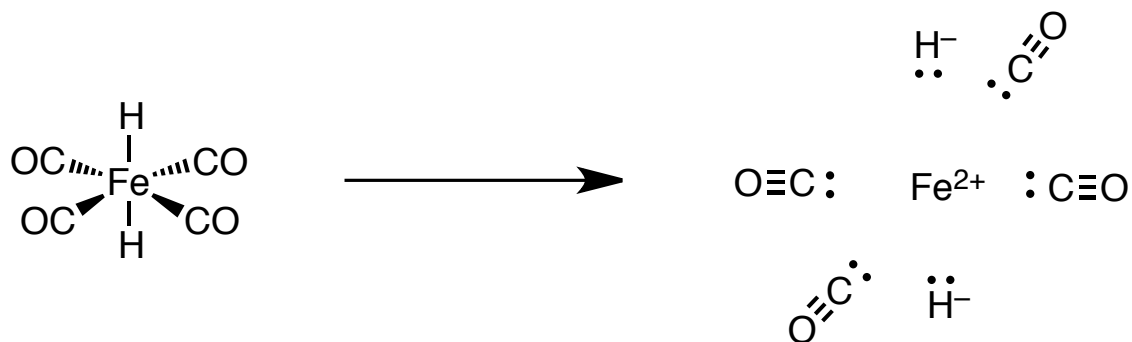


mnemonic:



Electron counting is a formalism.

## Example of Ionic Method Electron Counting

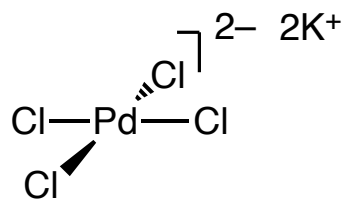


4 X CO	4 X 2e <sup>-</sup>	8e <sup>-</sup>
2 X H <sup>-</sup>	2 X 2e <sup>-</sup>	4e <sup>-</sup>
Fe(2+) (d <sup>6</sup> )		6e <sup>-</sup>
<hr/>		18e <sup>-</sup>

Note: Both Ionic and Neutral Methods give the same electron count, but differ in how they treat the metal center.



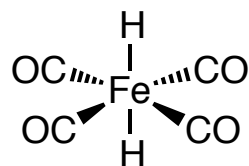
## Charged Complexes



4 X Cl <sup>-</sup>	4 X 2e <sup>-</sup>	8e <sup>-</sup>
Pd(2+) (d8)		8e <sup>-</sup>
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## Oxidation State

- Formalism to account for “oxidation state” of metal center.
- This is only a formalism, in reality electrons (and thus charge) are shared over both the ligand and metal.
- Nonetheless, oxidation state guides understanding of metal reactivity.
- Using ionic method of electron counting arrives directly at metal oxidation state.
- Example:



Oxidation State = Fe(II)

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## *Examples of X-type Ligands*

Ligand	Complex	Disconnection	ligand charge	ligand e <sup>-</sup>
hydride	M-H	$M^+ + \text{:}\bar{H}$	-1	2
halide	$M-\ddot{\text{Cl}}:$	$M^+ + \text{:}\bar{\text{Cl}}:$	-1	2
alkyl	M-CR <sub>3</sub>	$M^+ + \text{:}\bar{\text{C}}\text{R}_3$	-1	2
aryl (σ bound)	$M-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$M^+ + \text{:}\bar{\text{C}}_6\text{H}_5$	-1	2
acetylide	M $\equiv$ R	$M^+ + \text{:}\bar{\text{C}}\equiv\text{R}$	-1	2
silane	M-SiR <sub>3</sub>	$M^+ + \text{:}\bar{\text{Si}}\text{R}_3$	-1	2
amido	M-NR <sub>2</sub>	$M^+ + \text{:}\bar{\text{N}}\text{R}_2$	-1	2
alkoxide	M-OR	$M^+ + \text{:}\bar{\text{O}}\text{R}$	-1	2

## *Examples of X-type Ligands (More Complex)*

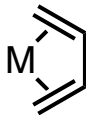
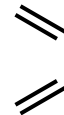

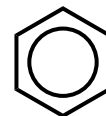
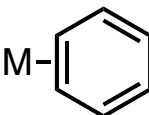
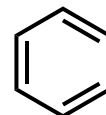
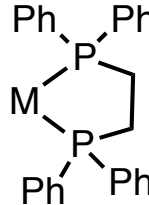
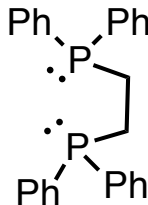
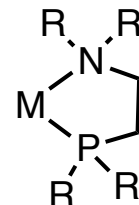
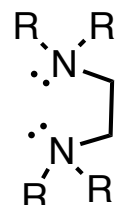
Ligand	Complex	Disconnection	ligand charge	ligand e <sup>-</sup>
acetate ( $\eta^1$ )		$M^+ + $	-1	2
acetate ( $\eta^3$ )		$M^+ + $	-1	4
allyl ( $\eta^1$ )		$M^+ + $	-1	2
allyl ( $\eta^3$ )		$M^+ + $	-1	4
cyclopentadienyl (Cp)		$M^+ + $	-1	6

- $\eta$  (eta) denotes “hapticity” = how many atoms of ligand are bond to metal from single donor site.

## *Examples of 2e<sup>-</sup> Donor “L”-type Ligands*

Ligand	Complex	Disconnection	ligand charge	ligand e <sup>-</sup>
phopshine	M-PPh <sub>3</sub>	M + :PPh <sub>3</sub>	0	2
amine	M-NEt <sub>3</sub>	M + :NEt <sub>3</sub>	0	2
nitrile	M-N≡CR	M + :N≡CR	0	2
sigma bond (H-H)	M- $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	M + $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	0	2
sigma bond (C-H)	M- $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{CR}_3 \end{array}$	M + $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{CR}_3 \end{array}$	0	2
alkene	M- $\parallel$	M + $\parallel$	0	2
carbonyl	M-C≡O	M + :C≡O:	0	2
ether	M- $\ddot{\text{O}}\text{R}_2$	M + : $\ddot{\text{O}}\text{R}_2$	0	2

*“L”-type Ligands Donating More than 2e<sup>-</sup>*

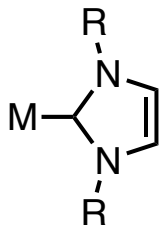
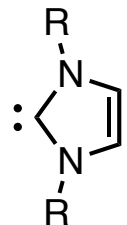
Ligand	Complex	Disconnection	ligand charge	ligand e <sup>-</sup>
diene		M + 	0	4
arene (η <sup>6</sup> )		M + 	0	6
arene (η <sup>2</sup> )		M + 	0	2
bisphosphine (κ <sup>2</sup> )		M + 	0 2 X 2e <sup>-</sup> L-type ligands	4
diamine (κ <sup>2</sup> )		M + 	0 2 X 2e <sup>-</sup> L-type ligands	4

- $\kappa$  (kappa) denotes “denticity” = how many binding sites of a polydentate ligand are bound .

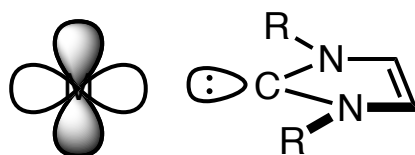
*X<sub>2</sub> Ligands*

Ligand	Complex	Disconnection	ligand charge	ligand e <sup>-</sup>
triplet carbenes (alkylidines)	M=CR <sub>2</sub>	M <sup>2+</sup> + $\overset{\cdot\cdot}{\underset{\cdot\cdot}{\text{C}}}\text{R}_2^{2-}$	-2	4
oxo	M=O	M <sup>2+</sup> + $\overset{\cdot\cdot}{\underset{\cdot\cdot}{\text{O}}}^{2-}$	-2	4
imido (bent)	M=N $\overset{\cdot\cdot}{\underset{\cdot\cdot}{\text{N}}}\text{R}$	M <sup>2+</sup> + $\overset{\cdot\cdot}{\underset{\cdot\cdot}{\text{N}}}\text{R}^{2-}$	-2	4

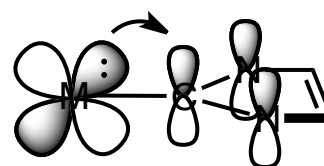
*NHC-Ligands*

Ligand	Complex	Disconnection	ligand charge	ligand e <sup>-</sup>
N-heterocyclic carbenes		$M +$ 	0	2

Sigma Bond



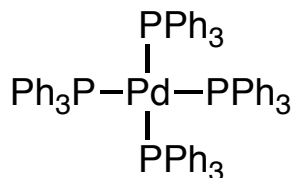
Pi-Backbond



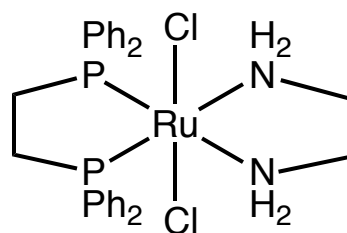


## 18 Electron “Rule”

Many, **but not all**, stable, isolatable TM complexes are 18e<sup>-</sup> complexes.



Pd = group 10  
10e<sup>-</sup> + 8e<sup>-</sup> = 18e<sup>-</sup>



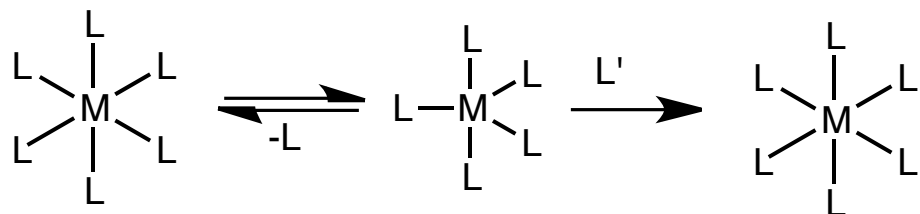
Ru = group 8  
+2 = d<sup>6</sup>  
6+12 = 18

NOTE: 18e<sup>-</sup> “rule” is more of a suggestion. Many of the most interesting, i.e. reactive, complexes do not follow this “rule”.

## *Basic Organometallic Mechanisms*

- To understand transition metal catalysis, we need to understand something about the mechanisms by which the catalysts operate.
- Many TM catalyzed reactions proceed via a series of elementary steps.

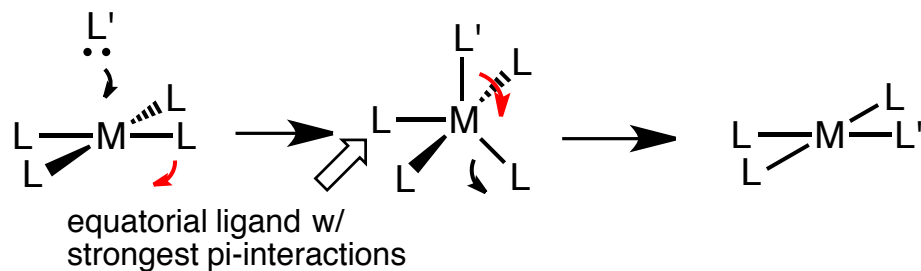
## *Dissociative Ligand Substitution*



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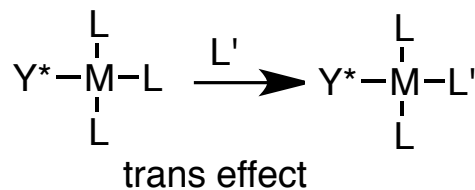
- coordinately saturated
- 18e<sup>-</sup> complexes

## Associative Ligand Substitution

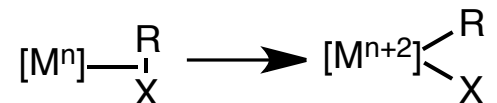


common with:

- 16 e<sup>-</sup> complexes
- requires open coordination site

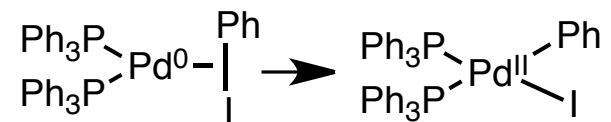


## Oxidative Addition

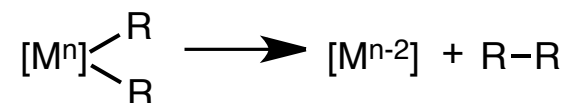


- formal oxidation state of metal center increases by two
- favored by electron-rich metal centers

Example:

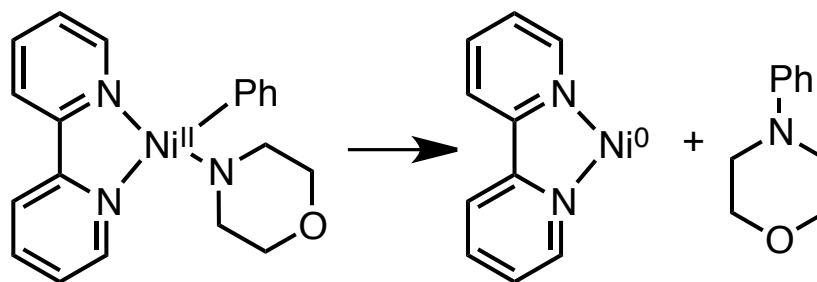


## Reductive Elimination



- formal oxidation state of metal center decreases by two
- promoted by electron poor metal centers
- large ligands accelerate process
- microscopic reverse of oxidative addition

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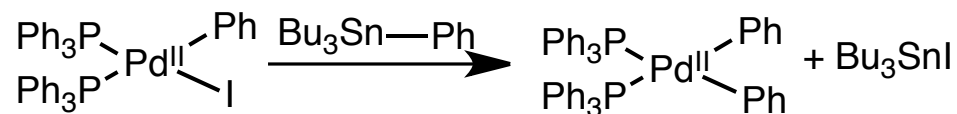


## Transmetalation

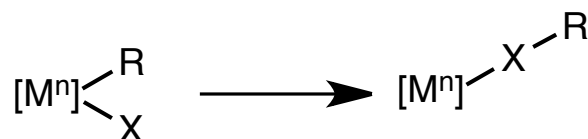


- Exchange of ligands between different metal centers
- No change in oxidation state at metals
- Exact mechanisms are complex, some are still unknown.

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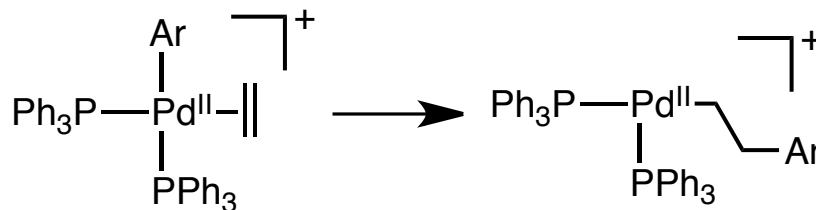
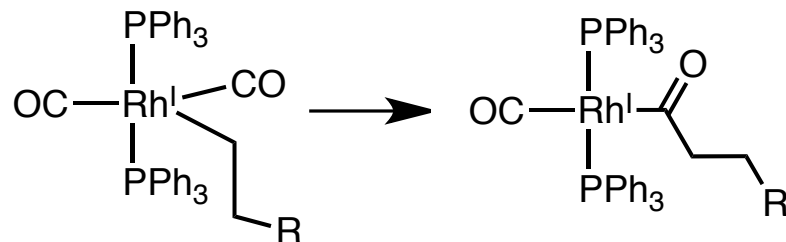


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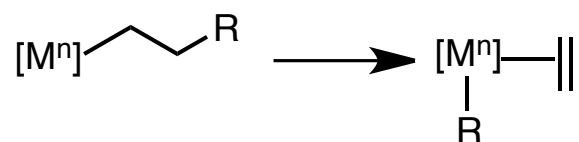


- Ligand inserts into adjacent metal-ligand bond
- No net change of oxidation state at the metal

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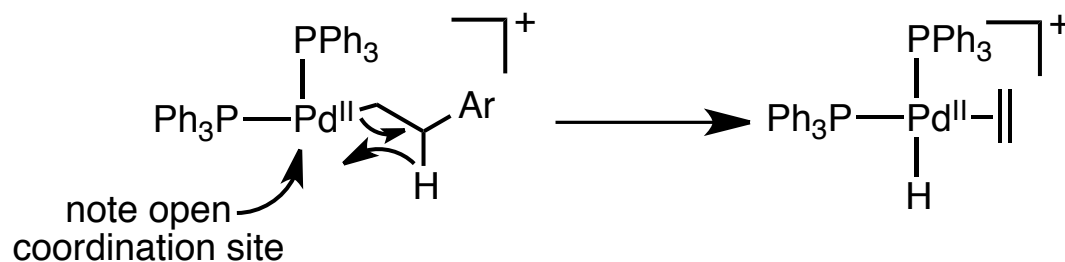




*$\beta$ -Elimination*

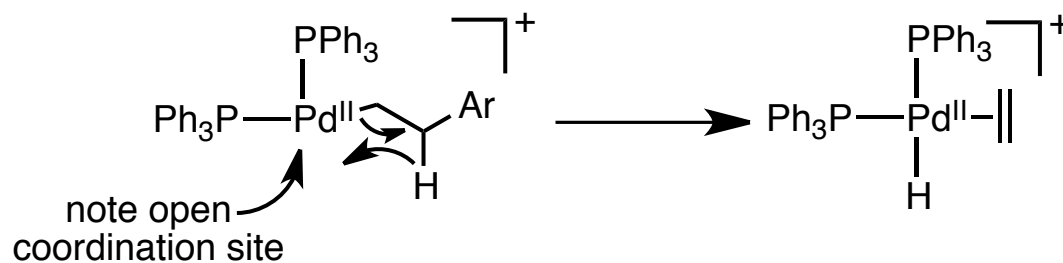
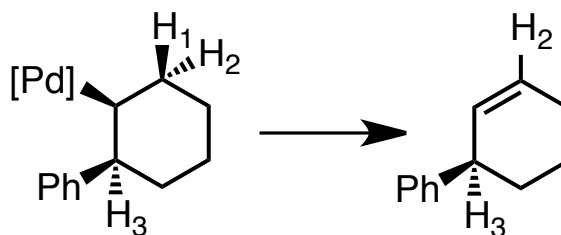
- Microscopic reverse of migratory insertion
- No net change of oxidation state at the metal
- Most often observed as  $\beta$ -hydride elimination from alkyl ligand
- Requires open coordination site on the metal center

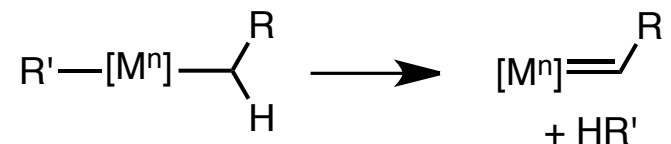
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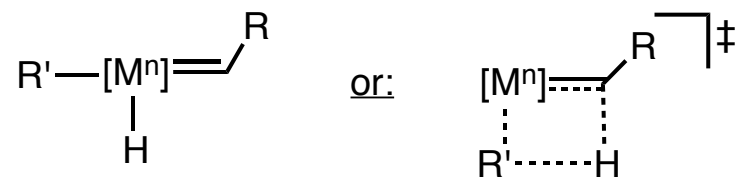
*$\beta$ -Elimination*

Note: most of the time,  $\beta$ -hydride elimination is *superfacial*. This is because the mechanism is *inner-sphere*, involving formation of a metal-hydride bond.



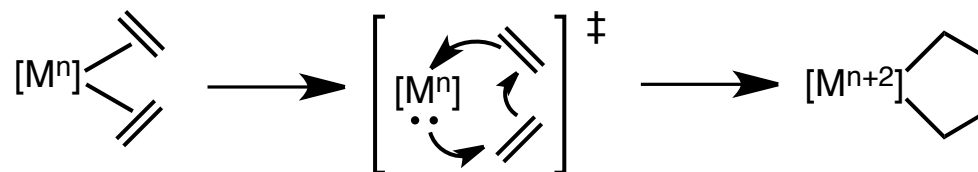
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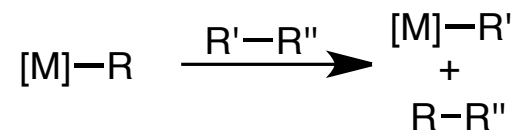
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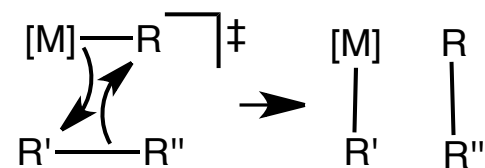
not common in organic synthesis

## *Oxidative Coupling/Cyclization*

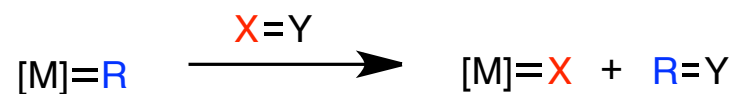


*$\sigma$ -Bond Metathesis*

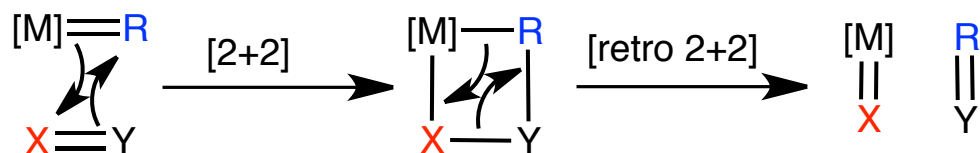
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Common mechanism of C-H bond activation.

*$\pi$ -Bond Metathesis*

via:



Common in alkene metathesis.