

Ligand Substitution Reactions

$$ML_n + xP \longrightarrow ML_{n-x}P_x + xL$$

The mechanism of this substitution will almost always depend on whether the parent \mathbf{ML}_n complex is coordinatively saturated or not!

Saturated Complex: Dissociative Pathway!

Unsaturated Complex: Associative Pathway (usually)

Dissociative pathway (sometimes)

Most of the substitutions we will study will involve 2e- pathways. Odd e- or radical pathways are known, but less common.

Ligand Addition (association): this is when an incoming ligand coordinates to a metal center that has one or more empty orbitals available.

This Rh(+1) complex is d^8 and only 14e-. Adding a ligand takes one to the more stable 16e- square-planar complex.

Ligand Dissociation: this is when a ligand coordinated to a metal dissociates (falls off). The probability of a specific ligand dissociating depends on how strongly or weakly it is coordinated to the metal center and steric effects.

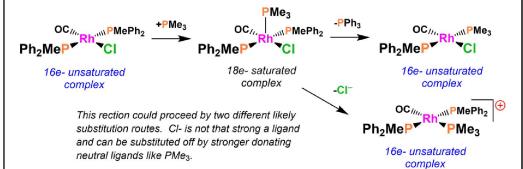
The steric hindrence of the three bulky PPh $_3$ ligands favors dissociation of one to form the 14e- RhCl(PPh $_3$) $_2$ complex. The moderate electron-donating ability of the PPh $_3$ ligand (not a strongly coordinating ligand) makes this fairly facile.

The strongly donating ability of the dmpe ligands combined with their strong chelate effect makes it difficult to dissociate one of the PMe $_2$ arms. In this case the CI- anion is the one that dissociates, leaving a cationic complex behind. The two dmpe ligands donate enough electron-density to the Ru center to make it reasonable to dissociate a CI-.

A ligand substitution can occur either by an associative or dissociative route. The exact mechanism depends in large part on the electron-count of the metal complex undergoing the ligand substitution. The simplest case is when one is dealing with an 18e- metal complex. In this case one almost always has a dissociative substitution. 18e- saturated 16e- unsaturated 18e- saturated complex complex complex Almost NO evidence for this about to be dissociated ligand type of reaction: 20e- transition state with added 18e- complex 18e- complex ligand

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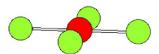


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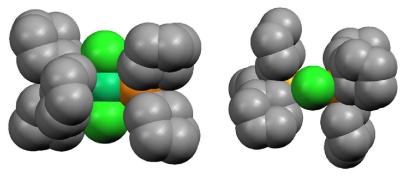
Berry psuedorotation Formation of a trigonal bipyramid intermediate



Dissociative substitution can also occur in 16e- (or in very unusual cases, lower electron count systems) complexes. These cases either involve sterically bulky ligands that block the open coordination site, or third row square planar d⁸ complexes like Pt(+2) where there are strong electronic factors that limit the coordination of an additional ligand to the empty axial site.



The large PCy₃ ligands sterically block access to the empty axial p_z orbital





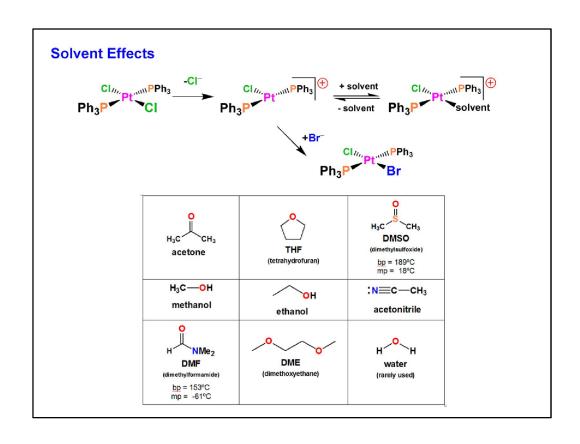
The spatially extended filled axial Pt $\rm d_{z^2}$ orbital partially blocks coordination of ligands via the empty axial $\rm p_z$ orbital. This limits ligand association, although it can occur.

Problem: The rate of substitution reactions on square planar d^8 complexes goes in the order: Ni > Pd >> Pt. Explain why.

Steric Factors

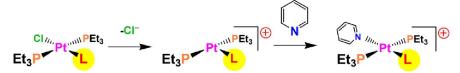
$$Ni(PR_3)_4$$
 $\frac{\kappa_0}{25^{\circ}C}$ $Ni(PR_3)_3$ + PR_3

Ligand:	P(OEt) ₃	P(O-p-tolyl) ₃	P(O- <i>i</i> -Pr) ₃	P(O-o-tolyl) ₃	PPh ₃
Cone angle:	109°	128°	130°	141°	145°
K _D :	< 10 ⁻¹⁰	6 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.7 x 10 ⁻⁵	4 x 10 ⁻²	> 1000



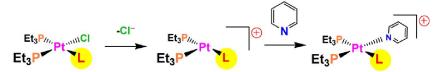
Trans Effect

The *trans effect* concerns the electronic effect of one ligand on another ligand when they are *trans* (opposite) to one another. The classical *trans* effect involves two σ -donating ligands *trans* to one another.



Relative rate of substitution based on *trans* ligand \Box : $Cl^-=1$, $Ph^-=100$, $CH_3^-=10^3$, $H^-=10^4$

There is a *cis* effect, but it is much weaker and basically ignored:



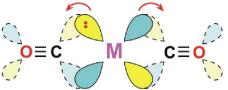
Relative rate of substitution based on cis ligand \bigcirc : CI⁻ = 1, Ph⁻ = 2, CH₃⁻ = 4, H⁻ = 4

Note that when most chemists talk about the *trans* effect they are referring to the σ - σ type of *trans* effect, where a strong σ -donor weakens the σ -donating ligand *trans* to it.

Do NOT <u>over</u>estimate the importance of the *trans*-effect. There are other forms that have different effects.

π-Acceptor Trans Effects

Trans effects that involve π -backbonding ligands. CO ligands represent the most common type.



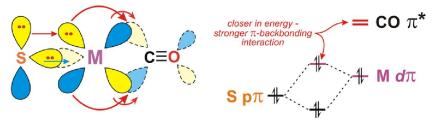
R P M C≡O

 π -backbonding to a metal is **weakened** when it is *trans* to another good π -backbonding ligand

 π -backbonding to a metal is **strengthened** when it is **trans** to a good σ-donating ligand that can't π -backbond

π-Pushing Effect

There is a further strengthening of M-CO π -backbonding when the *trans* ligand has π -donation properties that can push up the energy of the filled d orbitals and, in turn, make them better π -donors to the CO. This can occur even when the ligand is not an especially strong donor.



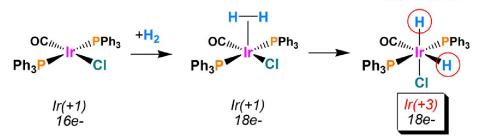
An example of this can be seen in the following three complexes and their "anomalous" vCO stretching frequencies:

Problem: Consider the following series of substitution reactions.

As one replaces each CO ligand with a PMe $_3$, the next CO substitution is progressively more and more difficult requiring higher temperatures and longer times. Once one forms $Cr(CO)_3(PMe_3)_3$, it is extremely difficult to replace another carbonyl ligand. Why? Give all the major reasons?

Oxidative Addition

two new anionic hydride ligands



There are three main classes of molecules (substrates) that can perform oxidative additions to metal centers:

- Non-Electrophillic
- Non-Electrophillic "Intact"
- Electrophillic

Non-electrophillic: these molecules do NOT contain electronegative atoms and/or are not good oxidizing agents. These molecules usually require the presence of an **empty orbital** on the metal in order for them to pre-coordinate prior to being activated for the oxidative addition rxn.

H₂, C-H bonds, Si-H bonds, S-H bonds, B-H bonds, N-H bonds, S-S bonds, C-C bonds, etc.

H₂ is by far the most important for catalytic applications, followed by Si-H bonds, B-H, N-H, and S-H bonds.

C-H bond activation and functionalization is very important, but still not practical.

Non-electrophillic "Intact": these molecules may or may not contain electronegative atoms, but they do need to have a **double** or **triple bond** present. One also needs a metal center with an **empty orbital** (16e- or lower count) in order to pre-coordinate the ligand before the oxidative addition occurs.

Typical "intact" ligands that can perform an oxidation addition without fragmenting apart are (O_2 can also act as an **electrophillic** substrate):

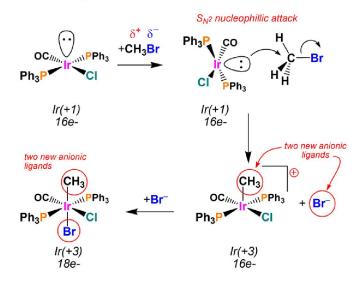
alkenes, alkynes, and O₂

metallocyclopropene

Electrophillic: these molecules <u>do</u> contain electronegative atoms and are good oxidizing agents. They are often considered to be "reactive" substrates.

These molecules do <u>NOT</u> require the presence of an <u>empty orbital</u> (18e- is OK) on the metal center in order to perform the oxidative addition rxn.

$$X_2$$
 (X = CI, Br, I), R-X, Ar-X, H-X, O_2 , etc.



In the case of a starting **18e-** complex (shown below) only <u>one</u> of the two anionic ligands (usually the strongest binding) generated from the oxidative addition will end up coordinated to the metal unless a separate substitution reaction occurs.

oc co
$$+$$
 CI $+$ CI $+$

WARNING:

d⁰ metals can <u>NOT</u> do <u>oxidative</u> <u>additions!!</u>

So <u>always</u> electron count the starting and final metal complexes to check out the overall electroncount, metal oxidation state and *d*-electron count!

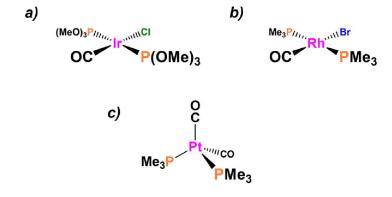
Kinetic Data for Oxidative Addition Reactions of MX(CO)(PR₃)₂

М	Х	PR ₃	Reactant	Rate Const (M ⁻¹ sec ⁻¹)	ΔH [‡] (kcal/mol)	ΔS [‡] (J/mol K)
lr	CI	PPh ₃	H ₂	0.67	10.8	-23
	Br			10.5	12.0	-14
	1			> 100		
lr	CI	PPh ₃	02	3.4×10^{-2}	13.1	-21
	Br			$\textbf{7.4}\times\textbf{10}^{-2}$	11.8	-24
	1			30×10^{-2}	10.9	-24
lr	CI	PPh ₃	CH ₃ I	3.5×10^{-3}	5.6	-51
	Br			1.6×10^{-3}	7.6	-46
	1			$\textbf{0.9} \times \textbf{10}^{-3}$	8.8	-43
lr	CI	P(p-C ₆ H ₄ -OMe) ₃	CH ₃ I	3.5×10^{-2}	8.8	-35
		$P(p-C_6H_4-CI)_3$		$\textbf{3.7}\times\textbf{10}^{-5}$	14.9	-28
Rh	CI	PPh ₃	CH ₃ I	12.7 × 10 ⁻⁴	9.1	-44
		$P(\rho\text{-}C_6H_4\text{-}OMe)_3$		51.5 × 10 ⁻⁴	10.2	-43

Data adapted from "Principles and Applications of Organotransition Metal Chemistry", Coleman, Hegedus, Norton & Finke, University Press, 1987; refs: Chook & Halpern, JACS, 1966, 88, 3511; Ugo, Pasini, Fusi, Cenini, JACS, 1972, 94, 7364; Douek & Wilkenson, J. Chem. Soc. (A), 1964, 2804. Rxns generally run in benzene at 25°C.

Oxidative additions are easy to identify IF YOU ELECTRON COUNT the metal complexes. When an oxidative addition rxn occurs the metal will be oxidized, usually by 2e-. So, if you start with a metal in the 0 oxidation state (d⁸), after the oxidative addition the metal will be in the +2 oxidation state (d⁶). Once you get used to looking at organometallic rxns you will be able to identify common oxidative additions quite quickly. H₂, R-X, and H-SiR₃ are three of the most common substrates that perform oxidative addition reactions in catalytic cycles.

Problem: H₂ will do an oxidative addition most readily to which of the following complexes. Why?



Problem: CH₃Br will do an oxidative addition most readily to which of the following complexes. Why?

a)

b)

PMe₃

Pt...///NCMe

NCMe

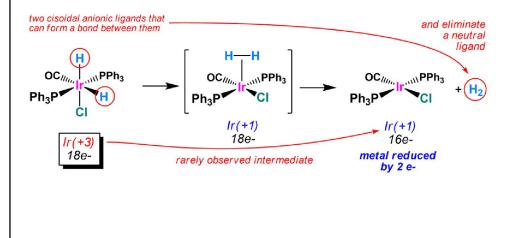
C)

(PhO)₃P////Fe

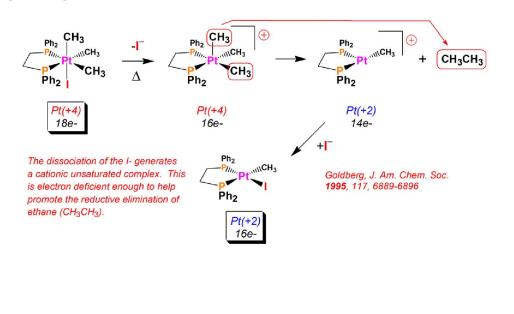
P(OPh)₃

Reductive Elimination

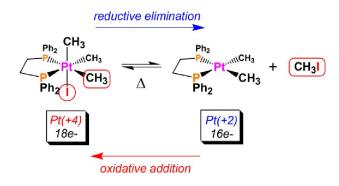
A **reductive elimination** reaction is the reverse of an **oxidative addition**. It is a reaction in which **two cisoidal anionic ligands** on a metal center couple together. Each anionic ligand pushes one electron back onto the metal center (in the case of a monometallic complex) to reduce it by 2e-. The coupled anionic ligands then usually fall off the metal center as a **neutral** molecule.



While reductive elimination can occur from saturated 18e- complexes (so long as the two ligands that you want to reductively eliminate are <u>cisoidal</u> to one another), it has been shown that reductive elimination can be promoted by a ligand dissociation generating an unsaturated and more electron-deficient metal center.



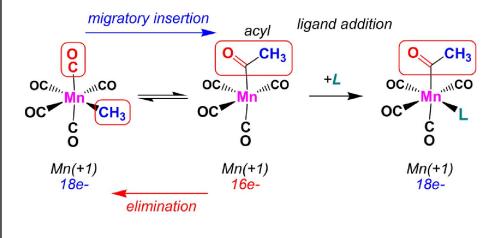
In studying the above system, it was also found that one could have reductive elimination of CH_3I from the starting 18e- complex. This reaction, however, is very reversible due to the high reactivity of CH_3I for doing an oxidative addition back reaction with the electron-rich neutral Pt(+2) complex to make the Pt(+4) octahedral compound.



The reductive elimination of the CH₃I is kinetically favored. This is because the orbitals around the iodide anion are spherically symmetric and this makes it much easier to overlap with the alkyl group orbital to perform the reductive elimination. The sp³ directed orbitals on the two CH₃ groups are more difficult to overlap in order to get the reductive elimination to occur. But the reductive elimination of the CH₃CH₃ is thermodynamically considerably more favorable and the back oxidative addition much more difficult.

Migratory Insertion & Elimination Reactions

A *migratory insertion* reaction is when a **cisoidal anionic and neutral** ligand on a metal complex couple together to generate a new coordinated **anionic** ligand. This new anionic ligand is composed of the original neutral and anionic ligands now bonded to one another. There is <u>NO</u> change in the oxidation state or d electron-count of the metal center.



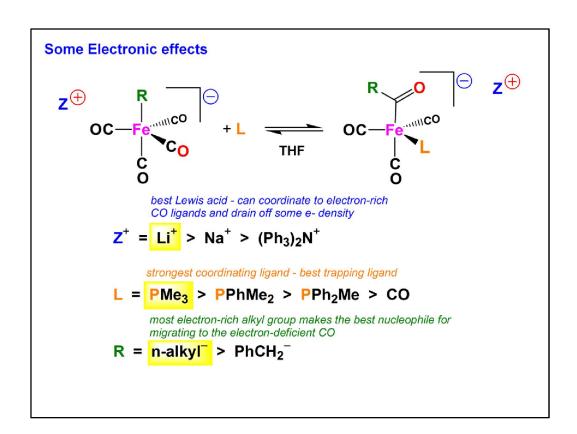
General Features of Migratory Insertions:

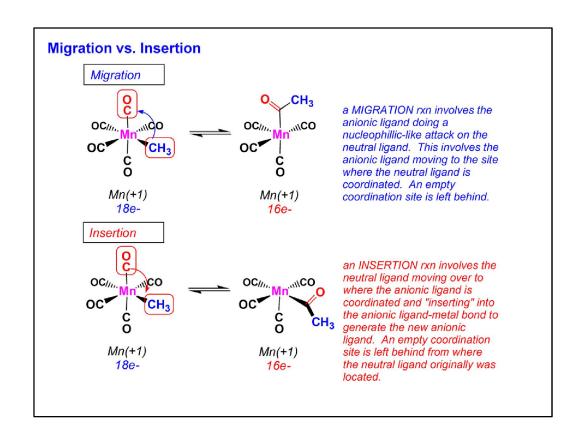
- 1) No change in formal oxidation state
- 2) The two groups that react must be cisoidal to one another
- 3) A vacant coordination site is generated by the migratory insertion. Therefore, a vacant site is required for the back elimination reaction (e.g., β-hydride elimination). A trapping ligand is often needed to coordinate to the empty site formed from a migratory insertion in order to stop the back elimination reaction.
- 4) Migratory insertions are usually favored on more electron-deficient metal centers.

The following are common **anionic** and **neutral** ligands that can do **migratory insertion** reactions with one another:

Anionic: H⁻, R⁻ (alkyl), Ar⁻ (aryl), acyl⁻, O²⁻ (oxo) Neutral: CO, alkenes, alkynes, carbenes

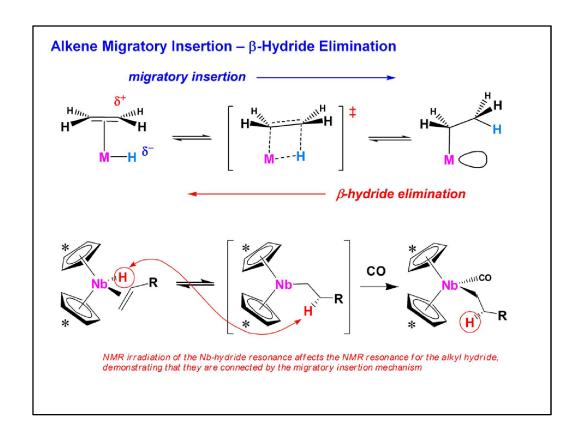
CO and alkyl migratory insertions (as shown on previous slide) are extremely important and are often generically referred to as **carbonylation** reactions. Hydride and CO migratory insertions to produce formyl groups are not common due to the **thermodynamic instability** of the formyl-metal interaction.





Migration vs. Insertion

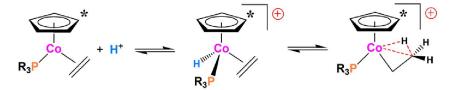
Product D has been **NEVER** observed!!!!



Problem: Why don't either of the complexes shown below do alkene-hydride migratory insertions at room temperature?

Problem: Sketch out and label the two mechanistic steps (in the correct order) that are occurring for the following reaction.

Agostic C-H to Metal Interactions - "Frozen Migratory Insertion"



One of the C-H bonds of the methyl group is within bonding distance to the Co center. This is called an **Agostic** C-H bond interaction.

Because the C-H bond is sharing some of its σ -bond electron density with the metal, the C-H bond is *weakened*. This produces some relatively clear-cut spectroscopic characteristics:

- 1) v_{C-H} infrared stretching frequency is lowered to the mid-2500 cm⁻¹ region from a normal value of 2900-3000 cm⁻¹
- 2) the J_{C-H} coupling constant in the ^{13}C NMR is lowered to around 70-90 Hz from a normal value of 150 Hz.
- 3) the ¹H chemical shift of the agostic proton is in the –10 to –15 ppm region, much like a metal-hydride resonance.

Eliminations

The key points are:

- 1) No change in formal oxidation state
- You must have an empty orbital that is cisoidal to the group that you are doing an elimination reaction on. Alternatively, a cisoidal labile ligand that can easily dissociate to open up an empty orbital.

Problem: Identify each step in the following mechanism. Some steps may have several things occurring.

Problem: Sketch out a detailed mechanism and label each step for the following overall reaction.

Ph₃PW CH₃ + 2CO
$$\rightarrow$$
 OC Rh PPh₃

+
O
H₃C CH₃

Relevant homogeneous processes

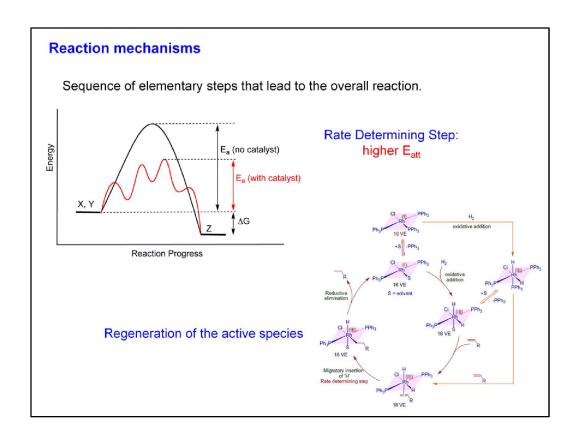
"A mechanism is a theory deduced from the available experimental data. The experimental results are facts; the mechanism is conjecture based on those facts"

Lowry & Richardson

"You can never prove that your mechanism is right - only wrong."

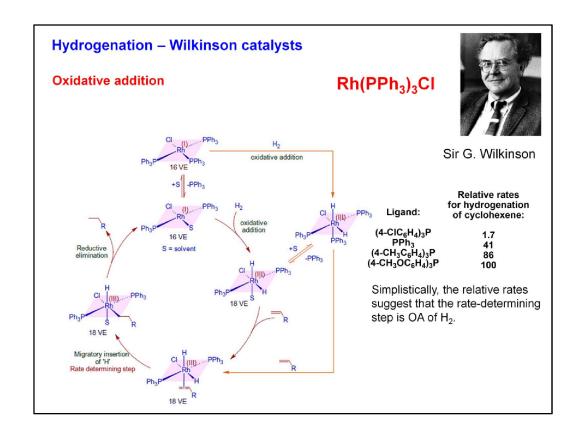
Guy in the audience asking about your proposed mechanism

- Hydrogenation
- Hydroformilation
- Monsanto process (carbonylation of methanol)
- Polymerization



Hydrogenation

- Addition of H₂ across a multiple bond, such as C=C, alkynes or even C=O, constitute an important synthetic procedure both lab and industrial scale.
- It finds increasing use in the production of specialty chemicals and pharmaceuticals.
- Activation energy of uncatalyzed reactions can be as high as 60 kJ/mol.
- Hydrogenation catalysts add molecular hydrogen to the C=C group of an alkene to give an alkane.
- Three general types have been distinguished, according to the way each type activates H₂.
 - 1. oxidative addition
 - 2. heterolytic activation
 - 3. homolytic activation



Hydrogenation – Wilkinson catalysts

Rh(PPh₃)₃CI



Sir G. Wilkinson

$\label{eq:hydrogenation-Heterolytic} \textbf{Hydrogenation} - \textbf{Heterolytic} \ \textbf{H}_{\textbf{2}} \ \textbf{activation}$

 $RuCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ hydrogenates selectively terminal double bonds over internal double bonds:

Hydrogenation - Homolytic H₂ activation

$$(NC)_{5}Co^{3} - H - H \cdot Co(CN)_{5}^{3} - 2 HCo(CN)_{5}^{3} - HCo(CN)_{5}^{3} - Co(CN)_{5}^{3} - Co(CN)_{5}^{3} - HCo(CN)_{5}^{3} - HCO($$

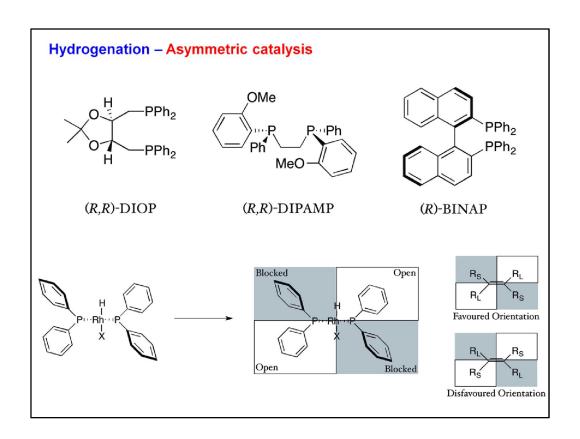
The resulting organic radical needs to be moderately stable: only "activated" alkenes will be hydrogenated (formation of a conjugated radical).

HOOC
$$\frac{H_2}{Co(CN)_5^{3-}}$$
 HOOC COOH

OH $\frac{H_2}{Co(CN)_5^{3-}}$ OH

 $\frac{Co(CN)_5^{3-}}{25$ °C, 1 atm

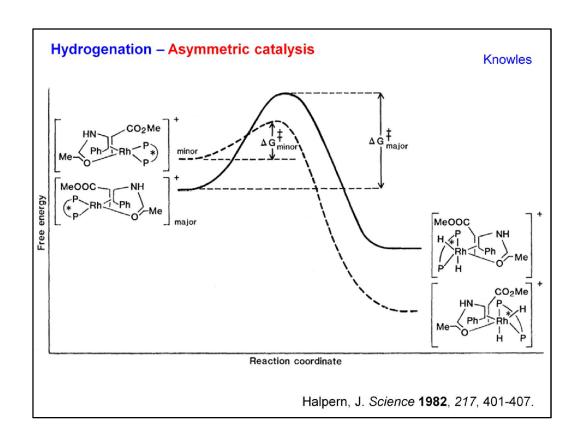
Hydrogenation – H-transfer reaction Transfer hydrogenation avoids the use of high pressures of H₂. The ketone substrate does not coordinate to the metal, but is oriented in the second-coordination sphere by forming hydrogen bonds. Morris, R. H. et al. Coord. Chem. Rev. 2004, 248, 2201



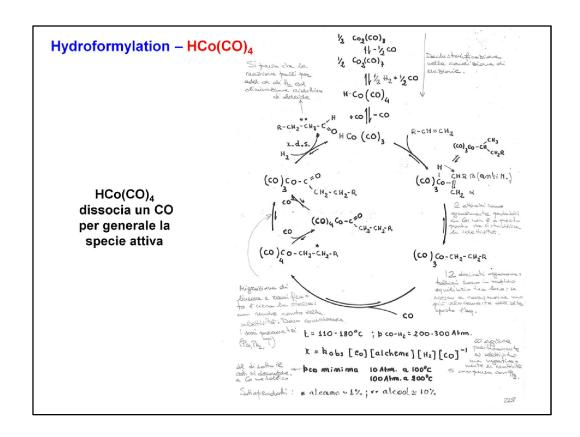
Hydrogenation – Asymmetric catalysis

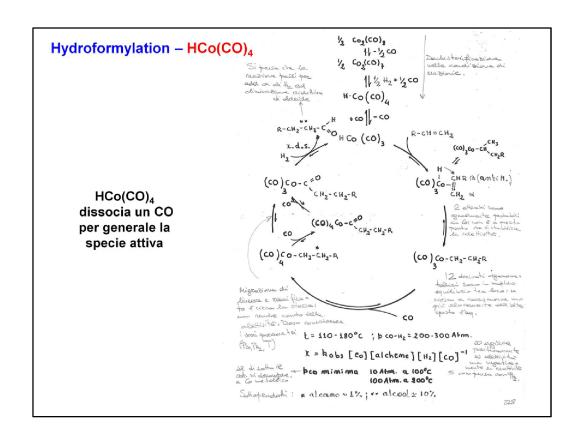
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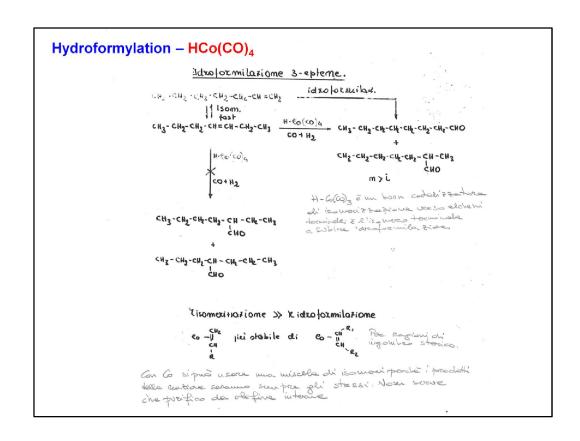
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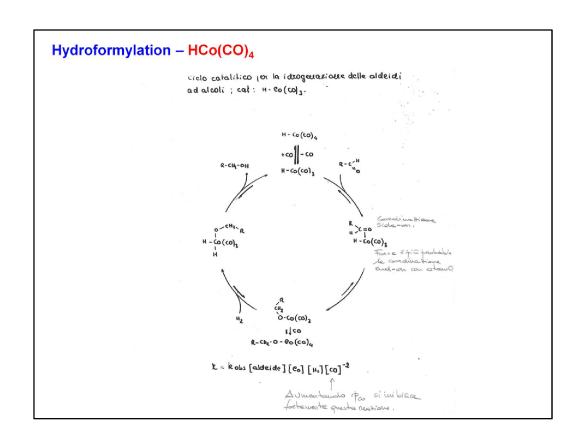
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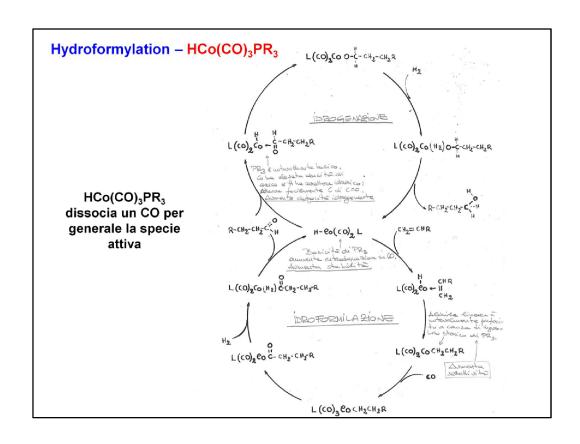


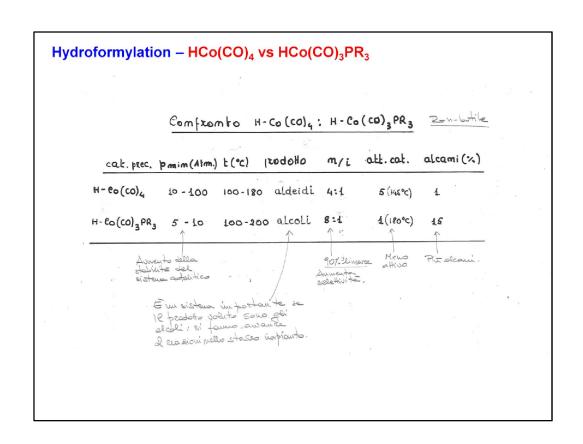




Hydroformylation - HCo(CO)₄ idroformilazione projeme: cat: 4-00 (co)4 Amdamento del zaporto m/i com la pco; phi; temperatura n∕i (2,5 → 90 Atm.) (a 100°C) 1.6 + 4.4 (61.5% → 81.5%m) APH2 jeat ind. ۵t la migrazione di R en la coccimisto, entra la muosa molecola di CO. L'ingresse di questo cosa un ingonitore storico tole da fosocira la migrazione dell'alchiere lineare cispetto a quello conficato. stato di travizione responsabile della selelivita; mecconituo concertato: l'acila lisseare è favorito riojetto a quello kawificato. A (AGT) & modo-picolo: l'influenza suela salettività à scorsa.







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Hydroformylation - HRh(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂

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Hydroformylation - Co vs Rh

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Temperature, °C	140-180	160-200	85-115	
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n-Butanal/iso-butanal selectivity	80/20	88/12	92/8	
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Hydroformylation – Modified Rh catalysts

The process is limited to short alkenes that have an appreciable solubility in water. Reaction is slower because of low alkenes concentration.

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Expenses for catalyst separation	High	High	High	Low

Wacker process: synthesis of acetaldehyde

$$C_2H_4 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \rightarrow CH_3CHO$$

It is a multi-step process:

$$[\mathrm{PdCl_4}]^{2\,{}^-} + \frac{\mathrm{C_2H_4}}{\mathrm{C_2H_4}} + \mathrm{H_2O} \rightarrow \frac{\mathrm{CH_3CHO}}{\mathrm{CH_3CHO}} + \mathrm{Pd} + 2\;\mathrm{HCl} + 2\;\mathrm{Cl^-}$$

Pd + 2 CuCl₂ + 2 Cl
$$^ \rightarrow$$
 [PdCl₄]²⁻ + 2 CuCl
2 CuCl + $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ + 2 HCl \rightarrow 2 CuCl₂ + H₂O

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Carbonylation

1. Methanol to acetic acid

$$CH_3OH + CO \rightarrow CH_3COOH$$
 $\Delta H = -136.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ (BASF [Co(CO) ₄]⁻, BP-Monsanto[RhI₂ (CO)₂]⁻, BP (The Cativa Process, Ir + Ru)

2. Propyne to methylmethacrylate

$$CH_3C\underline{=}CH + CO + CH_3OH \rightarrow CH_3C(=CH_2)\text{-}COOCH_3 \label{eq:charge}$$
 (Shell, a Pd complex)

3. Carbonylation of appropriate secondary alcohol in the synthesis of Ibuprofen (Hoechst, Pd catalyst)

Methanol to acetic acid

- 1. BASF Process based on Co(CO)₄ complex
- 1. Monsanto-BP Process based Rh carbonyl complex
- 2. BP-Cativa process based on Ir carbonyl complex

More than 60% of the world acetic acid production employs the Methanol Carbonylation route

Acetic acid Processes

Options	Catalyst	Reaction conditions	Yield	By-product
Methanol Carbonylation	Rh complex	180-220°C 30-40 atm	MeOH:99% CO:85%	none
Acetaldehyde Oxidation	Mn acetate or Co acetate	50-60°C atm.press	CH₃CHO: 95%	none
Direct oxidation Of Ethylene	Pd/heteropoly	150-160°C acid/metal80 atm	ethylene: 87%	CH ₃ CHO CO ₂
Hydrocarbon Oxidation	Co acetate or	150-230°C	nC ₄ : 50%	Formic acid
(n-butane, Naphtha)	Mn acetate	50-60 atm	naphtha: 40%	propionic acid, etc.

Catalyst Systems For Methanol Carbonylation

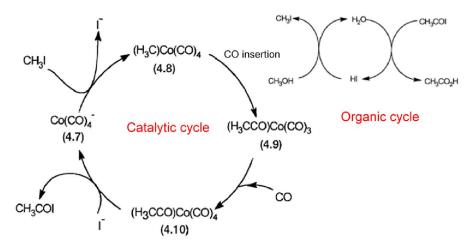
Company/Technology	Central Catalyst Atom	Cocatalyst (Promoter)
Monsanto/BP	Rhodium	CH ₃ I/HI
Celanese AO Plus	Rhodium	Lil/CH₃I
BP Cativa	Iridium	CH ₃ I/Re or Ru
Chiyoda Acetica	Rhodium	CH ₃ I/Immobilized Complex
		on solid support

BASF Process - Formation of active Co catalyst

$$2\text{Col}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 10\text{CO}$$
 \Leftrightarrow $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8 + 4\text{HI} + 2\text{CO}_2$ $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}$ \Leftrightarrow $2\text{HCo}(\text{CO}_4) + \text{CO}_2$ $3\text{ Co}_2(\text{CO})_8 + 2\text{nMeOH}$ \Leftrightarrow $2[\text{Co}(\text{MeOH})_n]^{2^+} + 4[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]^{-} + 8\text{ CO}$

- HCo(CO)4 produced in these reactions catalyze FT type reactions and lead to the formation of by products
- The rate of Co catalyzed carbonylation is strongly dependent on both CO and MeOH concentrations and pressure.
- The complex Co(CO)₄ is an 18 e nucleophile.
- The attack on CH₃I is a comparatively slow step.
- · High temperatures are therefore required with the Co catalyst.
- This in turn necessitates high pressure of CO to stabilize the Co(CO)₄⁻ at high temperatures.

The BASF Process: The Catalytic & Organic cycles



The organic chemical cycle: $CH_3OH + HI \Leftrightarrow CH_3I + H_2O$

CH₃COI + H₂O →CH₃COOH + HI

- 1. Nucleophilic attack by Co(CO)₄- on CH₃I
- 2. Carbonyl insertion into a metal-alkyl bond
- 3. Another CO group adds to the 16 e⁻ species
- 4. Reaction with I to eliminate acetyl iodide

Methanol to Acetic acid by Carbonylation- Process

	BASF(1955)	BP-Monsanto (1970)
Metal concentration	10 ⁻¹ mole per liter of Co	10 ⁻³ mole per liter of Rh
Temperature, °C	230	180 – 190
Pressure, bar	500 – 700	30 – 40
Selectivity (%) based on a) methanol b) CO	90 70	> 99 90
By-Products	CH ₄ , glycil acetate other oxygenated HCs	CO ₂ , H ₂
Effect of H ₂	Amount of by-products increases	No effect
Promoter, CH ₃ I	Essential	Essential

BP-Monsanto Process with Rh- Methanol to acetic acid

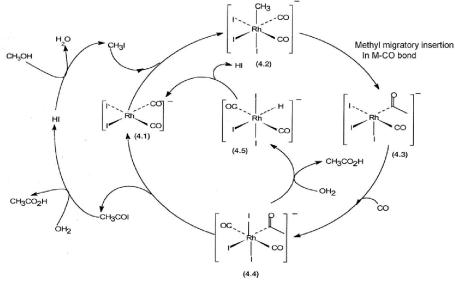


Figure 4.2 Monsanto process: The organic and organometallic cycles are combined. The inner cycle shows an additional pathway for product formation.

The Cativa (Ir) Process

- Operate at reduced water levels (< 8 wt%)</p>
- Price of Rh (US\$ 500 per oz) vs Ir (US\$ 60 per oz) was the motivation when research started, now Ir price is at US\$ 450 per oz!
- Mechanism:
 - Oxidative addition of Mel to the Ir center is about 150 times faster than the equivalent reaction with Rh
 - Mel addition is therefore not the rate-determining step
 - The slowest step is the insertion of CO to form Ir-acetyl species, involves the elimination of ionic iodide and coordination of additional CO ligand.

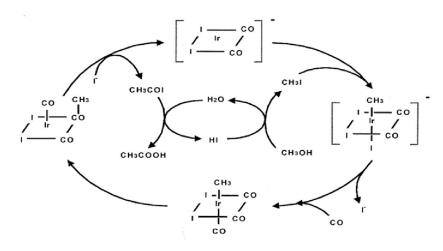
Hence,

rate α [catalyst] [CO]/ [I-]

- High rates should be achieved by operating at low iodide concentration.
- Inclusion of species capable of assisting in the abstraction of iodide should promote the rate-determining step.
- The patent suggests that Ru or Re are the preferred promoters
- A proprietary blend of promoters has been found to increase the reaction rate

No addition of Li iodide!

Methanol carbonylation on Ir complex



- Rate is about 25 % faster than the Monsanto Rh catalysts.
- Acetic acid selectivity of >99% based on CH₃OH.
- The oxidative addition is no longer rate-determining and migration of the methyl group to the coordinated carbon monoxide is rate-determining.

Methanol Me oAc carbonylation Processes

Table 1. Catalyst systems for carbonylations of methanol and methyl acetate.

Company	Product	Central atom	Complex	Co-catalyst
Monsanto	АсОН	Rh	[Rh(CO) ₂ I ₂]-H+	MeI/HI
HCC	АсОН	Rh	$[Rh(CO)_2I_2]^-Li^+$	Mel/LiI
Eastman	Ac ₂ O	Rh	$[Rh(CO)_2I_2]^-Li^+$	MeI/LiI
Hoechst	Ac ₂ O	Rh	$[Rh(CO)_2I_2]^-P(R)_4^{}$	MeI/P salts
ВР	Ac ₂ O/AcOH	Rh	$[Rh(CO)_2I_2]^-N(R)_4^+$	MeI/N salts (Zr compound)
BP	АсОН	lr	[Ir(CO) ₂ I ₂]H ⁺	Mel/iodide salts, metal carbonyls (i. e., Ru iodide carbonyls

Carbonylation of alkynes: Methyl methacrylate (MMA)

• The conventional method: A large amount of solid wastes

- · Pd catalyzed homogeneous reaction by Shell
- · A Pd complex catalyzes the reaction between propyne, methanol and CO

$$\equiv$$
 + CO + H₂O \longrightarrow OH

Regioselectivity as high as 99.95%

Shell Process for MMA

- Milder conditions, 60°C & 10-60 bar pressure.
- · Methanol as a solvent as well as a reactant
- The pre catalyst is Pd(OAc)₂ mixed with an excess of phosphine ligand to generate the active catalytic intermediate in situ.
- HX as a co-catalyst.

Pd can chelate with P and N. The fourth coordination may be a solvent molecule. In the protonated form, the ligand acts as a labile, weakly coordinating ligand and easily displaced by reactants, such as CO, methylacetylene, etc.

Ibuprofen synthesis - Hoechst

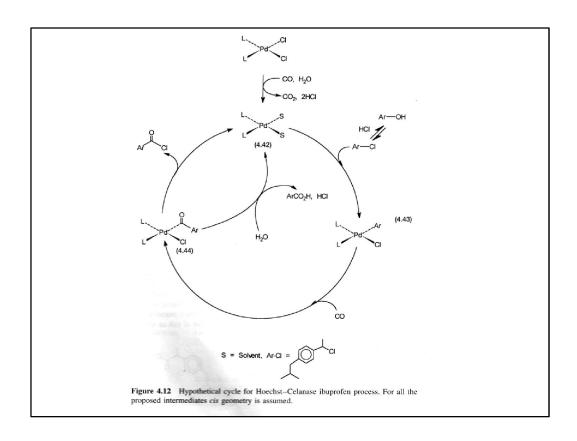
Carbonylation of appropriate secondary alcohol with a Pd catalyst

$$(AC)_2O$$

$$H_2$$

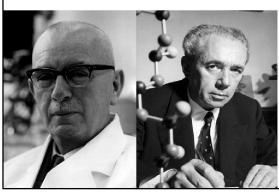
$$Pd/C$$

[organic solvent + HCI : 50 bar : 130 °c]





ZIEGLER-NATTA CATALYST



History

- Karl Ziegler in 1953 polymerized ethylene catalytically to polyethylene.
- Giulio Natta utilized Ziegler's catalyst to produce polypropylene in 1954.
- In 1963, both Karl Ziegler and Giulio Natta were awarded the Nobel Prize for their discoveries.
- In 1973 the 2^{nd} generation Ziegler-Natta catalysts were introduced with $\beta\text{-TiCl}_3$ at lower temperatures.
- In 1980 3rd generation catalysts supported on MgCl₂ were commercialized by many companies.
- In 1991 4th generation Ziegler-Natta catalysts based on aluminoxane activated metallocene complexes were used.
- · Two broad classes:
 - Heterogeneous Catalyst: Based on Ti compounds
 - ❖ Homogeneous Catalyst: Based on complexes of Ti, Zr and Hf

Ziegler's Discovery (Germany, 1953)



Karl Ziegler-the last Al-Chemist "...because he turned aluminium into

Al(Et)₃ + TiCl₄ = 1 atm

"linear" Mw = 10,000 - 20,00,000

Using propylene

• Propene can polymerize in three ways:

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$$TiCl_4 + Al(C_2H_5)_3$$
 $MgCl_2$ $MgCl_2$

- \square Highly selective towards isotactic product
- ☐ Highly stable product

<u>Termination Step: Chain Transfer</u>

Kaminsky Catalyst System

Homogeneous Ziegler Natta Catalyst

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M = Ti, Zr, Hf

MAO=methylaluminoxane

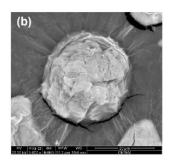
Brintzinger System

 $R= CH_{3,} C_2H_5$ $X= CI, Br, CH_3$ M= Ti, Zr

Brintzinger developed these catalysts which when activated with MAO catalysed the stereoselective polymerizations of propylene with very high activities. Thus for the first time isotactic polyolefins were obtained using homogeneous Ziegler-Natta catalyst

Importance of Ziegler Natta Catalyst

- High Efficiency
- High Stereoregularity (99% tacticity)
- Longer Lifetime
- High concentration of polymer product
- · Lower cost in production
- Easy regeneration of catalyst
- Controls growth and formation of polymer product
- · Control of polymer particle morphology in spherical shape
- · Higher stability



Applications of Ziegler-Natta Catalyst

Production of:

- High density polyethylene (HDPE)
- Linear low density polyethylene (LDPE)
- Ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE)
- Thermoplastic polyolefins (TPO's)
- Polybutylene (PB)
- Shiny lustrous polyacetylene film which have semiconducting properties
- Crystalline polypropylene
- · Carbon nanotubes nanocomposites





