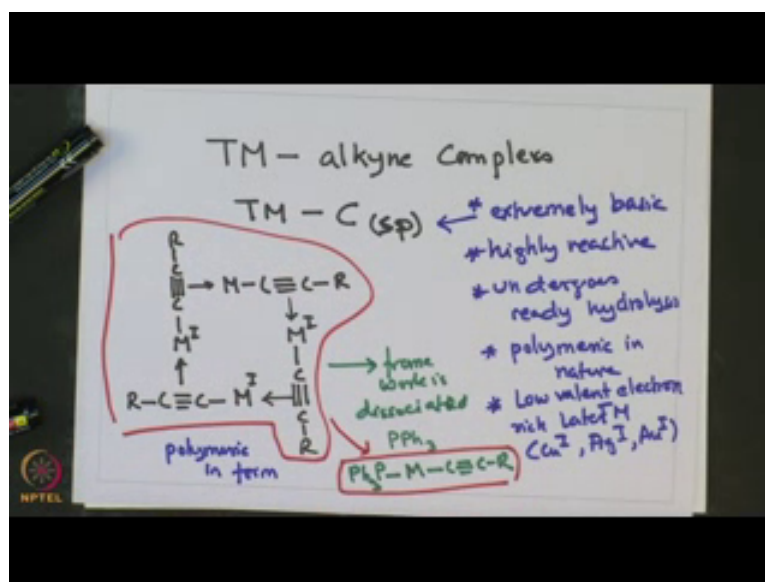


Transition Metal Organometallic Chemistry: Principles to Applications
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Lecture – 30
Transition Metal Alkyne / Carbene Complexes

Welcome to this lecture on transition metal organometallic chemistry from principles to applications. In our previous lecture, we were talking about transition metal alkyne complexes and these complexes have transition metal bonded to C carbon containing S p hybridized or can be referred to as C S p in terms of hybridization.

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As a result, these complexes are very basic, highly reactive, undergo hydrolysis, and are also polymeric in nature. These properties are mainly observed for low valent electron-rich late transition metals like copper, silver, and gold. In terms of their polymeric nature, they attain stabilization because of this polymerization, which can be illustrated as below. For example, if it is a metallacyclobutene, then that metal can interact with another metal through its π cloud.

Now, these π clouds can interact with another metallacyclobutene moiety that can also interact with another metallacyclobutene moiety, and in this way, it can interact with the metal. So, this is how they acquire a polymeric nature, and this framework is dissociated when treated with ligands like PPh₃, giving compounds like C-R type.

from this polymeric nature by treatment with PPh₃. So, with that in the background, we are going to discuss some more on the stability and reactivity of these transition metal alkyne complexes and also look into some of the preparative methods available for preparing these transition metal alkyne complexes in today's lecture.

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- ❖ Polymeric Au-alkynyl complexes are readily depolymerized by Lewis base ligands, as Au(I) doesn't prefer C.N. more than 2
- ❖ σ -acceptor / π -donor synergism is weak in the case of late TM ions, Au(I)(d¹⁰), as is seen from the weak Au-C_{olefin} bond, hence the preparation of binary Au-carbonyl complexes is difficult

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 R-C \equiv C-H \\
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 H \quad C \\
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 C \quad C \\
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 R \quad R
 \end{array}$$

Interactions

$$\begin{array}{c}
 TM \xleftarrow{\sigma} L \\
 TM \xrightarrow{\pi} L
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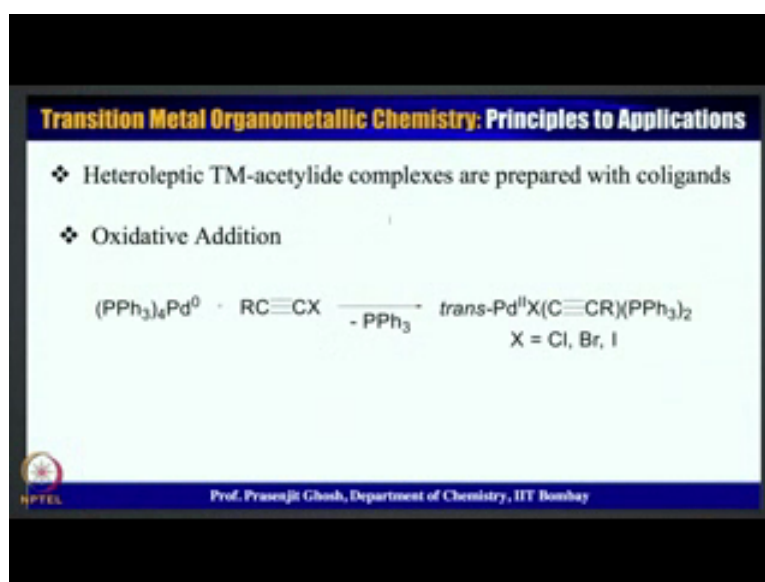
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So, with regard to this kind of interactions that we have been talking about, one was the interactions with metals being ligand to transition metal sigma interaction as well as transition metal to ligand pi interactions and this kind of sigma acceptor and pi donor

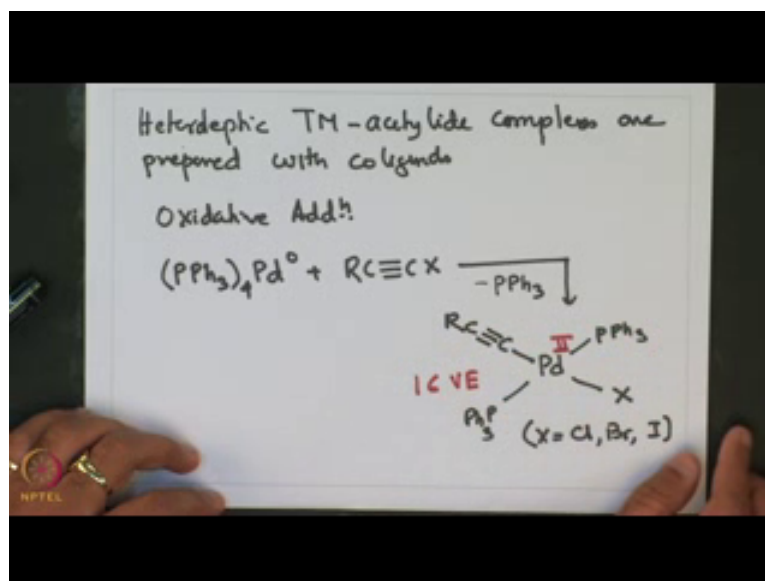
synergism is weak in case of late transition metals like gold one, copper one, silver one, and as a consequence preparation of binary gold, carbonyl complexes is difficult.

So, what it shows that, these synergism is required for stabilizing this type of complexes, but they are not too strong, they are weak to the extent, that this synergy, synergism failed to stabilize binary gold carbonyl complexes. This is very interesting observation in the fact that they split transition metal like gold can stabilize acetylate moiety, but find it difficult to stabilize carbonyl moiety, because of the fact that these synergism pi acceptor and sigma donor synergism that stabilize this kind of interaction is kind of weak in nature for late transition metal, gold one complexes.

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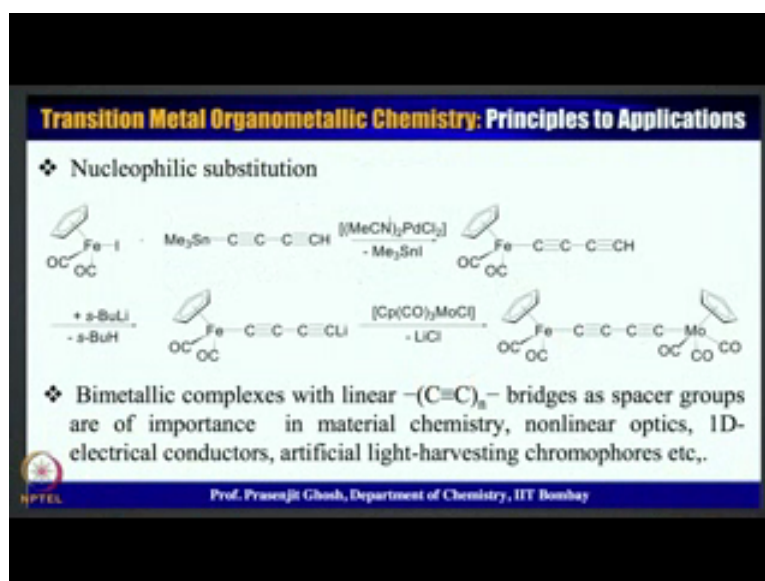


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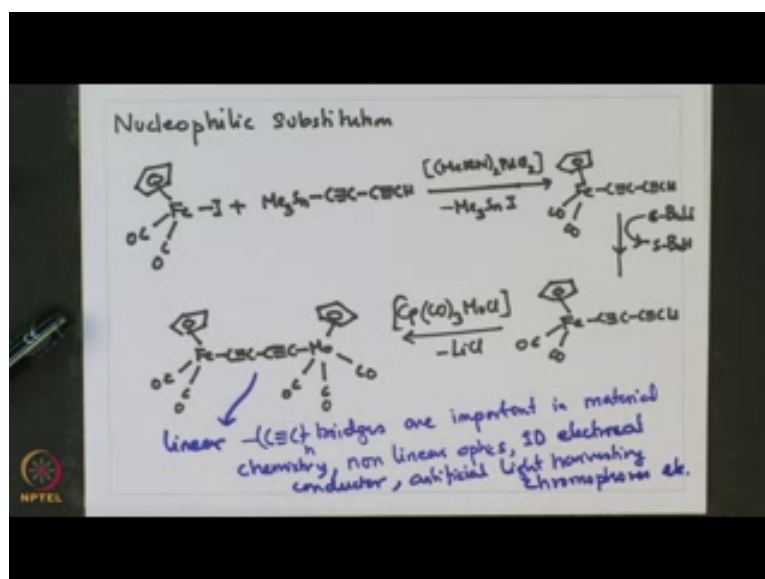
Hence, these transition metal acetylide complexes are usually prepared as heteroleptic; heteroleptic complexes using other coligands and one of the most common methods is the one that uses oxidative addition of an acetylide halide bond on a zero-valent metal centre. For example, the reaction of palladium tetraphosphine, first in palladium 0 complex plus CX , where the CX bond is oxidatively added on the palladium 0 centre, eliminating triphenylphosphine, to give this trans complex, where X equals chlorine, bromine or iodine. Here, the oxidation state of palladium after oxidative addition has gone on to become palladium 2 and this being a square planar complex, this is a 16 valence electron complex of palladium and this reaction is a convenient way of preparing heteroleptic palladium acetylide complex, where the palladium acetylide moiety has been stabilized along with other coligands in making a monomeric complex of the type shown over here.

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Apart from oxidative addition, nucleophilic substitution also can be successfully used for preparing the acetylate type of complexes.

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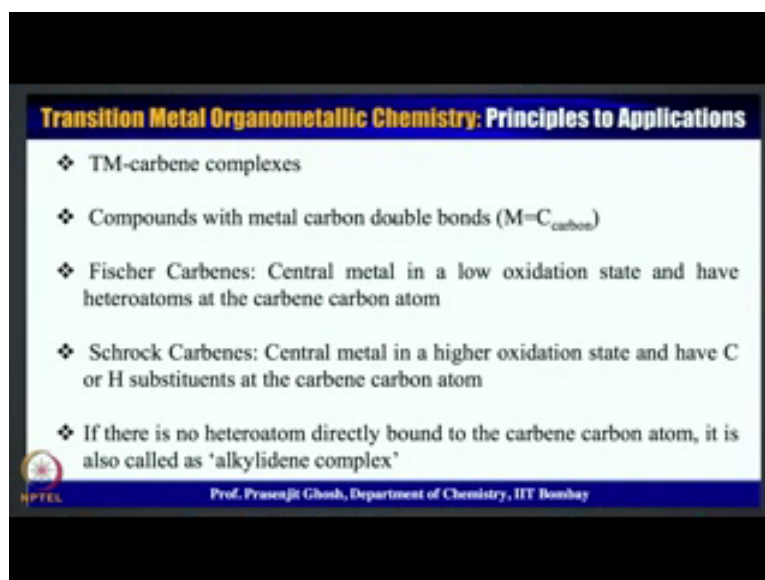


For example, the reaction of C P iron dicarbonyl iodide plus tri methyl acetylate of the type shown over here, reacting in presence of these acetonitrile palladium chloride and eliminating tri methyl, tri iodide, results in this iron acetylate complex that in presence of butyl lithium eliminates butane giving, this lithiated complex, which here the hydrogen has been replaced by lithium by treatment with butyl lithium.

Now, this lithiated complex reacts with C P tricarbonyl molybdenum chloride eliminating lithium chloride to give this hetero bimetallic complex and this kind hetero bimetallic complexes containing linear bridges as special, are important in material chemistry, non-linear optics applications and electrical conductor, artificial light harvesting chromophore and explain etcetera.

So, what we see that this is a very powerful technique, for making non-linear compounds, for non-linear optics, activations for electrical conductor artificial light harvesting chromophore. So, on and so forth, by using this nucleophilic substitution reaction, when iron dicarbonyl was reacted with this acetylate compound of tin for, is making the iron acetylate complex, which was then deprotonated butyl lithium and then lithiated analogue reacting with molybdenum complex, to give these hetero by metallic a complexes, continuing linear acetylate bridge, which has so such important applications. So, with this we will draw conclusion on our discussion of transition metal alkyne complexes, which was transition metal bound to a carbon centre having sp hybridized and then we move onto a very exciting chemistry, which is transition metal carbene complexes.

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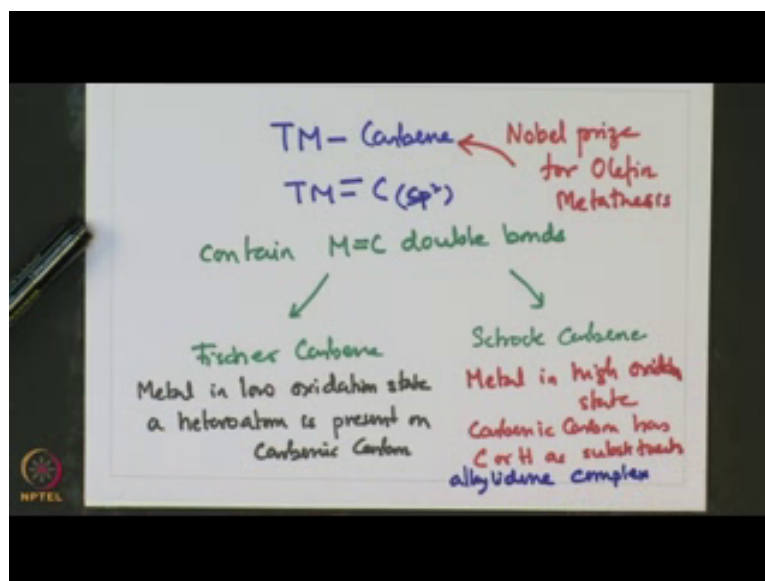


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- ❖ TM-carbene complexes
- ❖ Compounds with metal carbon double bonds ($M=C_{\text{carbene}}$)
- ❖ Fischer Carbenes: Central metal in a low oxidation state and have heteroatoms at the carbene carbon atom
- ❖ Schrock Carbenes: Central metal in a higher oxidation state and have C or H substituents at the carbene carbon atom
- ❖ If there is no heteroatom directly bound to the carbene carbon atom, it is also called as 'alkylidene complex'

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Transition metal carbene complexes are of interest in the contemporary times, where transition metal is bound to S p² centre and also is multiply bonded with the carbon. So, these contain two kinds of bonds, the transition metal mix with the S p² carbon in transition metal ariel complexes. There was no multiple bonding occurring between transition metal and the C S p² centre of the transition metal ariel, but in the carbenic case, there is a metal ligand, multiple bonding occurring in transition metal are in carbene complexes and hence, there of importance.

So, this transition metal carbene complexes contain metal carbon double bonds and they can be classified into two types; one is Fischer Carbene and the other is Schrock carbene, it is important to note that these chemistry is extremely important and also is a contemporary interest, with the last Nobel prize even in olefin metathesis as less as 2010 olefin meta metathesis was given conferred, Nobel prize in 2010 which involves this transition, metal carbene chemistry which relates to this chemistry and this was given very recently.

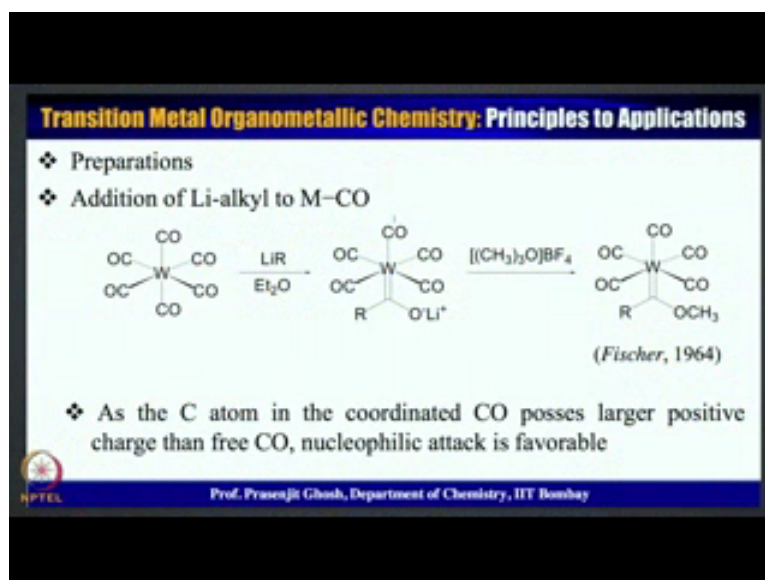
Now, between the types of carbene complexes that one encounters, one is call Fischer Carbene and the other is called Schrock Carbene. The difference being that in Fischer Carbene, the metal centre is in low oxidation state and the carbon has a heteroatom atom is present on carbenic carbon. Now, with regard to the Schrock Carbene, the metal is in high oxidation state and there is no heteroatom. So, carbon have carbonic, carbon have

has carbon or hydrogen as substituents and when there is no heteroatom directly, bound to the carbonyl carbon these are called alkylating complex, in this case these are called alkylidene.

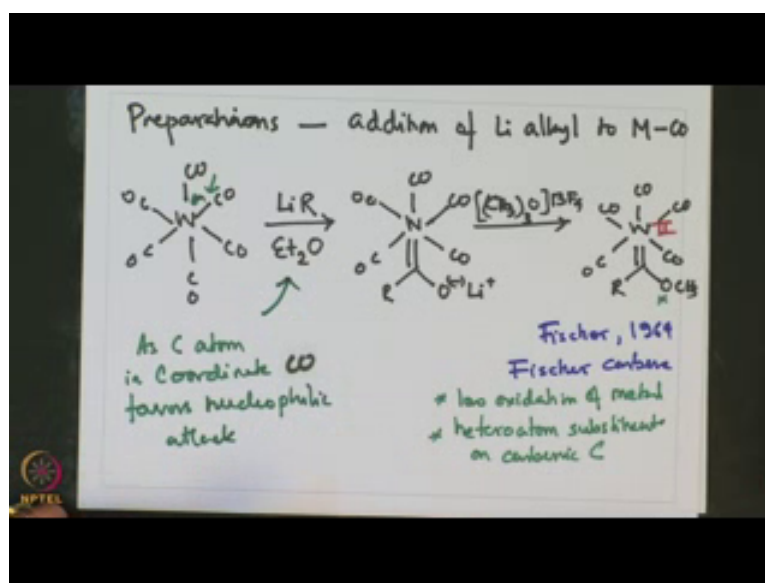
Now, this carbene chemistry is important from the fact that carbene by itself are very unstable molecules and hence, they are highly reactive and very difficult to isolate. They are utilised for any chemical reaction. Now, it turns out that way carbene, when bound to metal, in terms of transition metal carbene complexes, which can be Fischer type, as well as Schrock types. They become organometallic species and when they are organometallic in nature and this organometallic compound has very high reactivity and has very different catalytic applications and these are unique, for this kind of complexes and have been exploited to its fullest extent. So, from the catalysis point of view, these metal carbene complexes are very prominent and they are being investigated and studied in great detail and from where their importance or significance arises.

So, let me now discuss in more details about these two carbene compounds, beginning with the preparation of these complexes.

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The first carbene was prepared by Fischer; obviously, then this is the Fischer carbene and was obtained by the additional of lithium alkyls to metal carbonyl bond, specifically reaction of transient hexacarbonyl with lithium alkyl in diethyl ether, the following compound and which when treated with $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{OBF}_4$, these are agent that produces methyl cation, calculate this oxygen, gave the following carbene compound. Since, this carbene was prepared by Fischer, we back in 1964; this is called Fischer Carbene or this kind of compound. The hallmark of Fischer Carbene is the low oxidation state of metal and heteroatom substituent on carbenic carbon. So, were here this is the heteroatom substituent carbenic carbon.

Now, these strategy exploits the fact that when the carbonyl is bound to tungsten, a metal, the way it is shown over here, the carbon centre becomes slightly activated in terms of becomes positively charged and favouring a nucleophilic attack in coordinated C O favours nucleophilic attack, which has been achieved in this. So, with this I would draw the conclusion for today, is main points that have been discussed. The lecture we have started off with transition metal alkyne complexes, looked into various synthetic methods, available for transition metal alkyne complexes, particularly that of oxidative addition to lower and compounds as well as nucleophilic substitution, where by hetero by metallic transition, metal alkyne complexes well prepared this transition. Metal alkyne complexes are complexes of transition metal with carbon, which is a sp hybridized and these compounds have lot of applications, particularly the linear change a

acetylate moieties in various kind of electronic devices, optic electronic purposes and with that we conclude without discussion on transition metal. Alkyne complexes in the laster check, lecture and then moved on to transition metal carbene complex. These are transition metal bound to sp^2 carbon and we have looked into various kinds of transition metal, carbene complexes that occur, mainly the Fischer and Schrock type carbene complexes. This carbene complex, signify metal ligand bonding present between the metal and the carbenic centre for Fischer Carbenes, the hallmark is the η^5 , the metal should be in the low oxidation state and there be a heteroatom substituents on the carbenic centre.

Whereas for that of the Schrock Carbenes, the metal centre is on higher, high oxidation states and there is no heteroatom substituents on the carbonic carbon, it has only carbon and another hydrogen as a substituents with that, we have looked into the first method available for preparation of Fischer Carbene in this lecture and that was the reaction of nucleophilic attack by lithium reagent, lithel alkyne reagent on to transitions tungsten hexacarbonyl compound, where the nucleophile attacks on to the coordinated carbonyl compound, followed by treatment with methyl plus source, which results in the Fischer Carbene complex of tungsten. So, with that we conclude that today's lecture and I look forward to being in the next lecture, where we are going to discuss transition metal carbene complexes in more details for particularly from the point of their synthesis reactivity and property type applications, till then thank you for being with me in this lecture and I look forward to being with you in the next lecture. Goodbye.