

## Unit - II :

### Organometallic Compounds of Transition metals $\rightarrow$

Introduction:  $\rightarrow$  OMC are those in  $\subseteq$  there is a metal-carbon bond, in the case of transition metals, this group of compounds includes not only metal carbonyls, olefin complexes, cyclopentadienyl, and other  $\pi$ -complexes.

$\rightarrow$  Transition metal ions can bind ligands (L) to give a Coordination Compound, or complex  $[ML_n]$

for ex:  $[M(CO)_6]^{2+}$  ( $M = V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni$ )

Ligands usually bind to metals in their lower oxidation states are CO, alkenes, and arenes for example  $Mo(CO)_6$  or

$Pt(C_2H_4)_3$ , or  $(C_6H_6)Cr(CO)_3$ ,  $Zn(CH_3)_2$ ,  $Zn(C_2H_5)_2$ ,  $Hg(CH_3)_2$ ,  ~~$Sn(C_2H_5)_2$~~

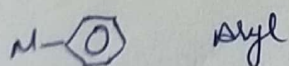
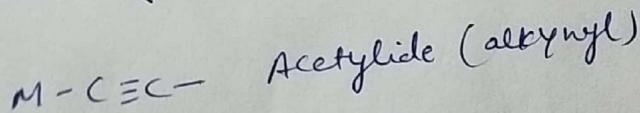
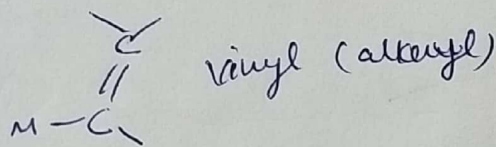
Nature of bonding:  $\rightarrow$

$\rightarrow$  Many accessible oxidation states

$\rightarrow$  Preference for  $\sigma$ -donors/ $\pi$ -acceptor combinations (CO)

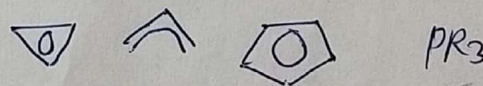
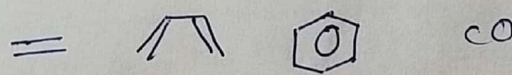
M-H and M-C  $\sigma$  bonds;  $\rightarrow$

M-H hydride



Common ligands for transition metals  $\rightarrow$

$\pi$ -ligands, CO, phosphines



$\sigma$ -donor character: -  
phosphines  $>$  alkenes, CO

$\pi$ -acceptor character

CO  $>$  alkenes  $>$  phosphines

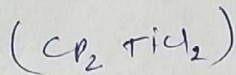
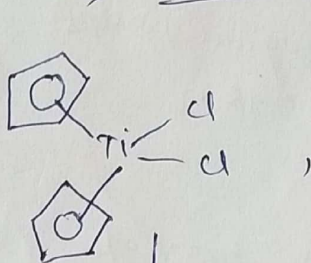
→ CO is one of the best  $\pi$ -acceptors ( $\pi$ -acids)

→ Isocyanides are stronger donors, weaker acceptors

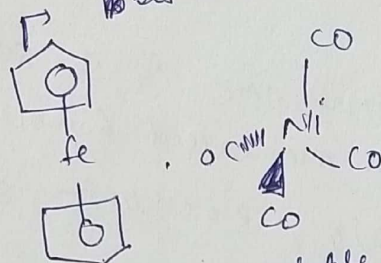
→  $\text{PMe}_3$  very weak  $\pi$ -acceptor, good  $\sigma$ -donor

→  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  weak  $\pi$ -acceptor

⇒ Transition metal OMC ⇒ bis(cyclopentadienyl) iron (II)

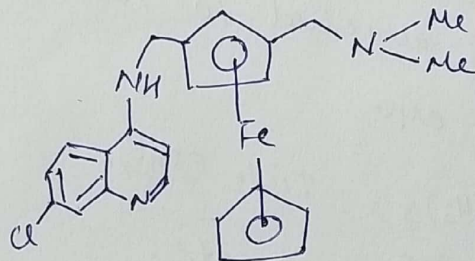


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The first OMC found for anticancer activity



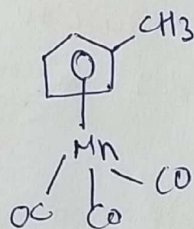
ferrocene

→ soluble in liquid fuels, air stable, non toxic, thermally stable.



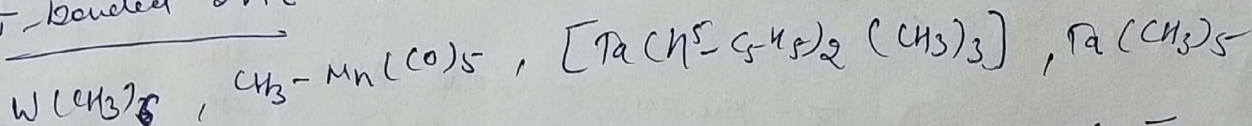
Ferrocene

→ used as anticancer drug.



MMT (methyl cyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl)

⇒  $\sigma$ -bonded OMC →



⇒  $\pi$ -bonded OMC → In the OMC of the transition metals  $\pi$  unsaturated organic compounds/groups such as ethylene, acetylene, cyclopentadienyl, benzene etc. There is interaction b/w the atomic orbitals (AO) of the metal atom and the  $\pi$ -molecular orbitals (MOs) of the organic ligand. For example, in ferrocene,  $[\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2]$ , the atomic orbitals of Iron atom interact  $\pi$   $\pi$ -MOs of

cyclopentadienyl rings form the MOs of the ferrocene molecule.

⇒ σ-Bonded OMC in transition metals ⇒

(A) The σ-bonded transition metal hydrocarbyls can be classified on the basis of nature of groups attached to the central metal atom as follows: →

(a) homoleptic OMC → The OMC in same organic groups are attached to the metal atom are called homoleptic OMC.

Examples: →  $\text{Al}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{CH}_3)_4$ ,  $\text{W}(\text{CH}_3)_6$  etc.

(b) heteroleptic OMC → The OMC in more than one types of groups are attached to the central metal atom are called heteroleptic OMC.

EX: →  $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{TiCl}_2(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $(\text{OC})_5\text{Mn}-\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{Zr}(\text{CH}_3)_2$   
 $\text{Zr}(\text{CH}_3)_2(\text{H}^{\delta}-\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2$  etc.

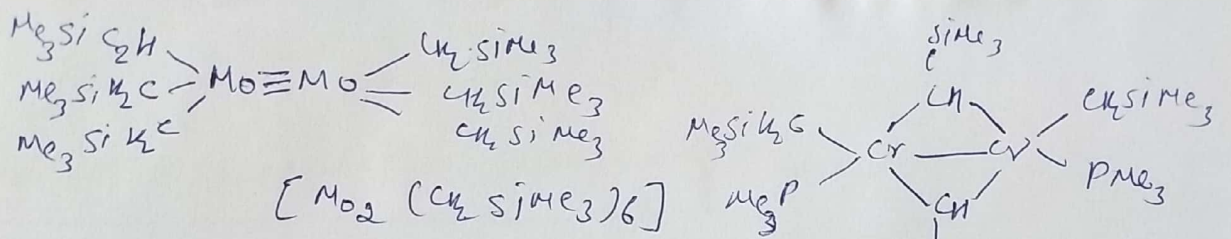
(B) The σ-bonded transition metal hydrocarbyls can also be classified on the basis of number of metal atoms per molecule as follows →

(a) mononuclear OMC ⇒ The OMC have only one metal atom per molecule are called mononuclear OMC.

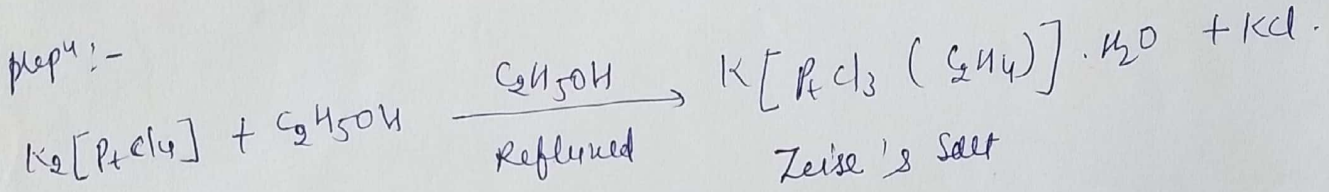
EX: →  $\text{Pt}(\text{CH}_3)_5$ ,  $\text{W}(\text{CH}_3)_6$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{CH}_3)_4$  etc.

(b) polynuclear OMC ⇒ The OMC have more than one metal atom per molecule are called polynuclear OMC. These are formed through bridging alkyl (aryl) groups and / or metal-metal interaction.

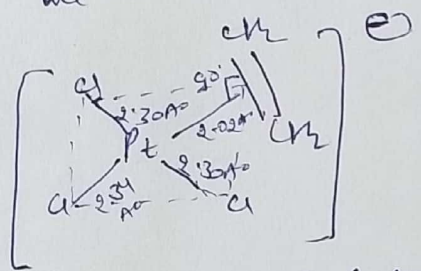
EX: →  $\text{H}_5\text{C}_5 \diagdown \text{Y} \diagup \text{CH}_3$   
 $\text{H}_5\text{C}_5 \diagup \text{Y} \diagdown \text{CH}_3$   $\text{Y} \text{---} \text{Y}$   $\text{Y} \text{---} \text{Y}$   $\text{Y} \text{---} \text{Y}$   
 $\text{H}_5\text{C}_5 \diagdown \text{Y} \diagup \text{CH}_3$   
 $[\text{H}^{\delta}-\text{C}_5\text{H}_5]_2 \text{Y} (\text{CH}_3)_2 \text{Y} (\text{H}^{\delta}-\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2$



⇒ Transition metal π-complexes ⇒ the molecules that have multiple bonds such as  $\text{C}=\text{C}$ ,  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ ,  $\text{N}=\text{O}$ ,  $\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$  etc. can form complexes with transition metals & are called π-complexes.



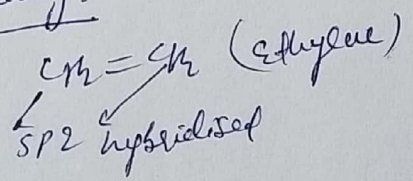
Structure → The methods neutron diffraction technique we can find the str. of Zeise's salt.



The main structural features of the anion of Zeise's salt are →

- ①  $\text{Pt}^{+2}$  ion is present at the centre of a square-plane
- ② these three corners of the square-plane are occupied by  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions
- ③  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  occupies the 4th coordination site of the square-plane complexes with the  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond ⊥ to the  $\text{PtCl}_3$  plane and the centre of the  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond lies on the square-plane ~~corner~~ corner.

Nature of bonding →



VSECR of C atoms in  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  molecule

