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Organometallic Intramolecular-Coordination Compounds Containing a Nitrogen Donor Ligand

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I. Introduction

Articles concerning organometallic intramolecular-coordination compounds are on the increase owing to the progress of analytical instruments; especially a great many articles concerning olefin π -complexes are reported. Furthermore, it seems to be obvious that studies concerning orthometalated compounds in addition to the above-mentioned olefin π -complexes have rapidly become the object of investigation in recent years. However, very few reviews¹⁻³ on organometallic intramolecular-coordination compounds have been published.

Organometallic intramolecular-coordination compounds are, in a general sense, those which have at least one M-C bond and at least one group forming an intramolecular coordination bond. The compound⁴ 1, for example, belongs to this group. However,

Me Ni Ni
$$M = metal$$
 $Y = coordinating atom or group $n = \ge 1$$

the present review is limited to articles on compounds such as the inner complexes of the Bähr definition⁵ in which the coordination group comprises the M-C bond and the coordinating atom or group. Hence, intramolecular-coordination compounds such as 1 which have a coordination group without the M-C bond do not belong to this group (present review). The coordination is usually formed using a lone pair of an atom or the π electrons of a multibond such as C=C or phenyl.

In the previous review, 1 the organometallic intramolecularcoordination compounds were classified for the first time into the following four groups with respect to the ligand group: (i) carbonyl, (ii) amino, (iii) alkenyl, and (iv) halogen, phenyl. etc.: and the carbonyl group 1 was discussed mainly in relation to organotin compounds in the previous review. This review reports on the second group. This classification must be revised in view of the large number of recent articles as follows: (i) oxygen donor ligand (carbonyl, 1 ethers, etc); (ii) nitrogen donor ligand (this review); (iii) multibond donor ligand (alkenyl, phenyl, etc.); and (iv) other donor ligands such as halogen, sulfur, phosphorus, etc. The organometallic intramolecular-coordination compounds having a ligand group such as halogen,6 alkenyl,7 phenyl,8 sulfur, 9 and phosphorus 10 are, e.g., as follows:

In 1966, Matsuda, Kikkawa, and Omae, in reporting the compounds 8,11 proposed the five-membered ring structure theory. These compounds were obtained by the direct reaction of tin with halosuccinic acid dialkyl esters. They have two different C=O absorptions; one shows a large lower shift and the other shows a smaller shift. It was suggested from this evidence that one carbonyl group (at the γ position in 8) forms an intramolecular coordination bond and the other (at the β position) is essentially in a free state. The theory, very simply, is as follows: organometallic intramolecular-coordination compounds tend to form five-membered ring structures because the five-memR = alkyl group

X = halogen atom

bered ring of the organometallic intramolecular-coordination compounds, when compared with other membered rings (except compounds having multibond donor ligands such as alkenyl and phenyl), can generally be formed sterically free from strain owing to the bond length and the bond angle of each member since the metal generally forms four- (square-planar), five- (bipyramidal) and six- (octahedral) coordination structures and the bond angle made by two bonds containing the metal in the center of two atoms is closer to 90° than to 109° 28′ (sp³) or to 120° (sp²). The metal bonded by the more electronegative atoms or groups can form the stronger intramolecular coordination bond.

Matsuda and co-workers¹ have synthesized more than 150 novel organotin intramolecular-coordination compounds having the five-membered ring structure. The structure of compounds 8¹¹ have been confirmed by the X-ray diffraction studies.^{12,13}

Recently, a large number of organometallic intramolecular-coordination compounds have been reported, and many chelate ring structures of them also have been confirmed subsequently by X-ray diffraction studies.

The third class contains chelate compounds of the metal- π -complex type which have reported in several reviews. ^{14–18} This group can form multimembered rings and complex rings

Alkylamines

9
14
Benzylamines
Azobenzenes

M
N
N
15
Phenyldiimides

M
16

11
Aminoferrocenes

M
Heteroaromatic Compounds

M
N
12
Benzylideneamines

M
17

13

since the coordination of the ligand to the metal is π -bonded, whereas other groups may form the five-membered ring mainly by coordination of a lone pair of the ligand atom. One of the objects of the present review is to show that almost all of the organometallic compounds of the second group having a nitrogen donor ligand have the five-membered ring structure as shown in **9-17**; these structures have been confirmed by X-ray diffraction data. The other object of the present review is to discuss the optical data, the reaction derivatives of these compounds, etc.

II. Organometallic Intramolecular-Coordination Compounds Containing a Nitrogen Donor Ligand

A. Alkylamines

In 1955, Bähr and Müller⁵ first reported the organometallic intramolecular-coordination compound **18** having the five-membered ring structure. The structure was inferred from the following reactions since suitable analytical techniques were not yet developed at that time. Compound **18** is obtained by two

reaction routes (eq 1), and the hydrolysis of the product affords the components showing the decomposition of the coordination compound 18 (eq 2). Compound 18 is a colorless liquid, mp -2 °C. bp 97 °C (2 mmHg). It has a monomeric structure, not a polymeric structure 19.

$$--(CH_2)_3N \longrightarrow A(CH_2)_3N \longrightarrow A($$

The five-membered ring structure theory suggests that the ring structure is generally strengthened by electronegative groups bonded to the metal since the electrophilicity of the metal to the ligand atom is enhanced by the electron-withdrawing group. Hence, it is considered that the coordination in 18 is weak.

Recently, Parkanyi and co-workers¹⁹ have precisely reported the relation between the bond strength of the coordination and the number of the electron-withdrawing groups concerning organosilicon compounds 20-24: only 23 is one of the organometallic intramolecular-coordination compounds included in our definition; 1.5 however, the five silatranes 20-24 will illustrate

Si Food length 2.116 Å 20

20

2.193 Å (
$$\alpha$$
 isomer) 2.156 Å (β isomer) 2.132 Å (γ isomer) 2.132 Å (γ isomer) 2.301 Å 2.336 Å 23

23

24

clearly the relation between Si-N bond length and the electronegative groups bonded to the Si metal. The formation of the characteristic silatrane structure may be depicted clearly by considering a positively charged silicon atom acting as a Lewis acid under the influence of three oxygen atoms. The positive silicon readily interacts with the appropriate Lewis bases. i.e., the lone pair of the nitrogen atom. The resulting dative N→Si bond leads to a relatively large electron density on the silicon atom. The length and strength of this "hypervalent" 20 bond are very sensitive to electronic interaction, and to steric effects. The electron-withdrawing m-nitro group attached to the phenyl substituent further increases the positive charge on the silicon and so a strong dative bond is formed in 20. In compounds 22 and 23, there are only two oxygens bound to the silicon atom, and so a weaker N→Si bond results. The five-membered ring in 24 is planar, and the phenoxy groups inductively reduce the basicity of the nitrogen atom.21 A weak N→Si bond is thus

The metal bonded by a carbonyl group as the electron-withdrawing group can easily form the five-membered ring structure, and the ritrogen atom bonded by alkyl groups such as methyl and ethyl, which are electron-donating groups, increases the strength of the donation to the metal. The reaction of 2-chloroethyldimethylamine²² with NaMn(CO)₅ or NaFe(CO)₂(η-C₅H₅) affords cyclic acyl derivatives having the five-membered ring structure 25 or 26 by the intramolecular Keblys-Filbey reaction.23

$$RMn(CO)_5 + R'_3N \rightarrow RCOMn(CO)_4NR'_3$$

King and co-workers²² assume from IR data that the intramolecular-coordination structures 25 and 26 are very similar to 27 from the carbonyl frequencies.²⁴ However, it should be considered that the NMR spectra of the methyl protons of these products show more direct evidence of nitrogen coordination

to the metal atom, because the N-methyl proton of the raw material and the coordinated metal complexes generally show ca. 2.2 ppm and shifted 2.3-3.6 ppm in a CDCI₃ solution, respectively.

The reaction of α -chloroenamines^{25,26} in place of 2-chloroethyldimethylamine with metal carbonyls affords an air-stable cyclic acyl compound having the four-membered ring structures 28 and 29. In structure 28, the C-methyls are nonequivalent since one is cis to the dimethylamino group. However, in structure 28, the N-methyls are equivalent since the symmetry of the Mn(CO)4 unit makes both sides of the four-membered ring identical.

Me C=C
$$N$$
-methyl proton 3.15 ppm N -methyl pr

N-methyl proton 3.56 and 3.24 ppm

The NMR equivalence of the two *N*-methyl groups in **28** and their nonequivalence in **29** arise from the symmetry of the cis $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4$ unit and the asymmetry of the $\text{W}(\text{CO})_2(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)$ unit. It should be considered that these four-membered ring structures can be formed by the strong bond strength between the electrophilic metal which is bonded by many electronegative groups and the electron-donating nitrogen atoms which are bonded by two methyls as electron-releasing groups.

Photolysis or pyrolysis of **28** results in the loss of two carbonyl groups to give 2-azabutadiene manganese tricarbonyl derivatives **30.** The single *N*-methyl resonance of **30** at 2.60 ppm is a

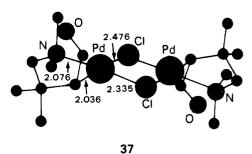
smaller lower field shift than that of **28** (3.15 ppm). This evidence shows that the electron transfer of the *N*-methyl group in **30** is less than that of **28** because the electron transfer from the nitrogen to the metal in **30** is less than that of the nitrogen which directly bonds to the metal in **28** since coordination of **30** is formed by the π bond of the N=C bond. The reaction of **28** with Fe₂(CO)₉ was investigated in an attempt to bond an Fe(CO)₄ unit to the uncomplexed carbon–carbon double bond of the manganese complex to give the bimetallic derivative **31**.

As compounds having halogen atoms of an electron-with-drawing group, Cope and co-workers²⁷ have reported a μ -halo-bridged bond. Palladium(II) chloride or lithium chloropalladate(II) reacts with N,N-dimethylallylamine or N,N-dimethyl-2-methylallylamine to give di- μ -chloro-bis-(2-methox-3-N,N-dimethylaminopropyl- C^1,N)dipalladium(II) (32) or di- μ -chloro-bis(2-alkoxy-2-methyl-3-N,N-dimethylaminopropyl- C^1,N)dipalladium(II) (33), respectively. The nonequivalence of these N-methyl groups in 33-35 is most easily explained

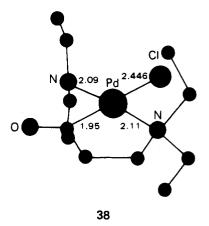
in terms of a cyclic system in which nitrogen is coordinated strongly to the metal to prevent inversion. The strength of this coordinate bond is demonstrated by the observation that the NMR

spectrum remains essentially unchanged at temperatures higher than 100 °C. Compound 32 reacts with aniline or triphenylphosphine to give compound 36.

Recently, similar structures of two kinds of compounds, i.e., the chloro-bridged dimer **32** and the compounds **36**, exchanged the ligand by the cleavage of the bridged structure, have been determined by the X-ray analyses of di- μ -chloro-bis(1-formyl-2,2-dimethyl-3-N,N-dimethylaminopropyl- C^1 ,N)dipalladium(II) (**37**)²⁹ and chloro(3-diethylaminopropionyl- C^1 ,N)(diethylamine)palladium(II) (**38**).³⁰ The former compound, **37**, is obtained



by reaction of dichloro(2,2,N,N-tetramethyl-3-butene-1-amino)palladium(II) with methanol in the presence of base. In the centrosymmetric dimeric molecule, each Pd atom is in a square-planar configuration in the five-membered chelate ring that has an envelope conformation. The latter compound, **38**, 30,31



was prepared by the treatment of the unstable σ -alkylpalladium(II) complexes **39** having the four-membered ring resulting from nucleophilic attack of diethylamine on the palladium(II) chloride complexes of ethene (R = H), [propene (R = CH₃), **40**; 1-butene (R = Et), **41**; 1-hexene (R = n-Bu), **42**], with carbon monoxide. The NMR spectra due to the ethyl groups of both amino groups in **38**, which formed intra- and intermolecular coordination to the palladium, indicated the downfield shift of the signals relative to the signals in free diethyl- or triethylamine. Complexes^{30,31} resulting from the replacement of the Et₂NH in **38** by triphenylphosphine (**43**), methyl isocyanide (**44**), and (methylamino)(diethylamino)carbene (**45**), and from the replacement of both Et₂NH and Cl⁻ by acac (**46**), cyclopentadienyl (**47**), and methyl isocyanide (2 equiv) (**48**) were also synthesized.

The reaction³² of *N,N*-dimethyl-2-methylallylamine (in excess) with the compounds containing platinum in place of palladium

affords [2-methyl-3-(dimethylamino)propenyl-C',N]platinum(II) chloride-dimethylamine (49) which has the five-membered ring structure containing a double bond. Treatment of 49 either with

$$CH_2 = C - CH_2NM_2 + Li_2PtCI_4$$
or $PtCI_2$

$$MeOH$$

$$Me$$

$$Me$$

$$Me$$

$$49$$

triphenylphosphine or aniline causes the elimination of dimethylamine and gives the corresponding triphenylphosphine or anilino complex.

The N-methyl proton resonance of the triphenylphosphine derivatives occurs at 2.96 ppm as in 32 and 36, but the peak is a multiplet, which is due to the N-methyl groups coupled to both the platinum (25.0 Hz) and the phosphorus (3.0 Hz) atoms. Cope and Kliegman³² concluded from these couplings with platinum and phosphorus that the unshared pair on nitrogen is truly coordinated with the metal, giving the five-membered ring.

The greater the number of electron-withdrawing groups, the more capability the metal has donated by the ligand group; of course, sexadentate metal is not capable of forming a new coordination bond if the metal has six bonds. However, the reaction with these metal compounds often affords the intramolecular-coordination compounds by the elimination of a group such as CO in the course of the reaction. The reaction³³ between pentacarbonyl(methoxyphenylcarbene)chromium(0) with bis-(diethylamino)acetylene affords pentacarbonyl diethylami $no(\alpha$ -diethylamino- β -methoxystyryl)carbene]chromium(0) (**50**). On warming 50, a carbonyl ligand is eliminated and the diethylamino group is coordinated to the metal to form cis-tetracarbonyl[diethylamino(α -diethylamino- β -methoxystyryl)carben $e-C^1,N$]chromium(0) (51), and the analogous tungsten complex can be synthesized in a similar manner.

$$(CO)_{5}M = C \qquad + Et_{2}NC = CNEt_{2}$$

$$Ph \qquad + Et_{2}NC = CNEt_{2}$$

$$(CO)_{5}M = C \qquad NEt_{2}$$

$$C \qquad NEt_{2}$$

$$Ph \qquad OMe$$

$$50 \qquad Et \qquad OC \qquad N = E$$

$$VO = C \qquad VO = C$$

$$VO = C \qquad VO$$

B. Benzylamines

In 1962, Hauser and Jones^{34,35} reported the reaction of butyllithium and benzyldimethylamine or 2-bromobenzyldimethylamine. The reaction product 52 reacted with benzaldehyde or benzophenone to yield the corresponding amino alcohols 53 or 54, respectively. These authors presumed the intermediacy of an organolithium compound 52 having the five-membered ring structure by considering the structures of 53 and 54.

Similar to 52, the intermediate 55 also is obtained from the organomagnesium³⁵ analog. However, 3- and 4-bromobenzyldimethylamine failed to be converted to Grignard reagents under the above reaction conditions. These data show a specificity that the five-membered ring structure can be formed at the ortho position and the orthometalation reactions are useful for the synthesis of various ortho derivatives of amines.36 o-Lithiobenzyldimethylamine was condensed not only with aldehydes or ketones, but also with benzonitrile, phenyl isocyanate, cyclohexene oxide, or phenyl benzoate to yield the cor-

responding aminocarbinols, amino ketone, amino amide, or diaminocarbinol.

Hauser and co-workers^{37–41} further examined five-membered ring formation in comparison with six- or seven-membered ring formation. That is, the reaction of *n*-butyllithium with *N*,*N*-dimethylphenylmethylamine yielded the intermediate having the five-membered ring structure; however, the reaction with *N*,*N*-dimethyl-2-phenylethylamine gave the six-membered ring compound **56** in little or no yield and the reaction of *N*,*N*-dimethyl-3-phenylpropylamine yielded the five-membered ring compound **57**. These studies show that the five-membered ring structure

can be easily formed, but formation of the six-membered ring structure is difficult and that of the seven-membered ring structure is almost impossible (see **59** and **60**). The main product^{39,41} of the direct metalation of *N,N*-dimethyl-2-phenethylamine is polystyrene which presumably arises via base-induced elimination of dimethylamine. However, Slocum and

Achermann⁴² obtained the six-membered ring compounds, avoiding this elimination by the dimetalation of a phenethylamine system containing an acidic α substituent, where the ionization of the proton attached at the oxygen atom would significantly decrease the acidity of the benzyllic proton.

Upon treatment⁴³ with *n*-butyllithium in ether-hexane, *N*,*N*-dimethyl-*o*-toluidine undergoes metalation predominantly in the 2-methyl position to form lithioamine, **61**; small amounts of ring metalation were also detected. When *n*-butyllithium-TMEDA in hexane was used as a metalating agent, a more rapid and selective metalation occurred to give a better yield of intermediate lithioamine **61**. The metalation of 2-methyl- and 2,3-dimethyl-

benzyldimethylamines with *n*-BuLi can afford the Intermediates **62** having the six-membered ring which are inferred from their deuterated analogs.

Stable metal-ortho-substituted N,N-dialkylbenzylamine derivatives were first prepared from the lithium compound by Bahr

in 1963.44 The reaction of o-lithiobenzyldiethylamine with dry chromium(III) chloride affords tris[o-(diethylaminomethyl)phenyl- C^1 , N] chromium (63), which has lustrous garnet red crystals and which is extremely sensitive toward atmospheric oxygen.

$$Et \longrightarrow Et \longrightarrow Et \longrightarrow Et$$

$$CrCl_3 \longrightarrow Et \longrightarrow Et$$

$$Et \longrightarrow Cr/3 \longrightarrow Et$$

$$Et \longrightarrow Cr/3$$

$$Et \longrightarrow Cr/3$$

$$Et \longrightarrow Cr/3$$

$$Et \longrightarrow Cr/3$$

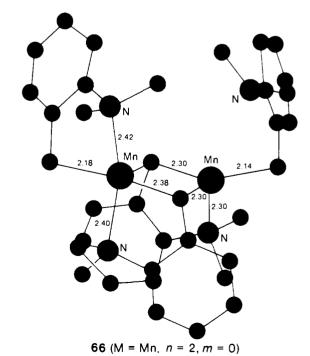
The intramolecular-coordination compounds having the benzylamino ligand are the compounds which contain a benzene ring as the chelate ring components. Recently, many studies on this group have been reported as ortho-metalated complexes have been prepared whose ligands bond not only through the nitrogen atom but also other elements such as phosphorus, 7, and sulfur, 6.

Cope and Gourley⁴⁵ obtained the cobalt complex **64** by the reaction of o-lithio-N, N-dimethylbenzylamine derivatives with anhydrous cobalt chloride. The complex 64 is stable when kept at room temperature in air, but when heated to 120 °C or allowed to remain in solution, especially in acetone, it decomposes to give the crystalline biphenyl derivative 65.

Recently, Manzer^{46,47} reported the transition metal complexes (such as Cr, Ti, V, Mn, and Sc) of 61. The reaction of $LiCH_2C_6H_4-o-NMe_2$ with Cp_2MCI (M = Ti, V; $Cp = \eta-C_5H_5$), CpTiCl2, CrCl3, ScCl3, Mnl2, or CrCl2 has led to the isolation of thermal stable, air-sensitive complexes, 66, whose stability is attributed to chelation. The reaction of Cr(CH₂C₆H₄-o-NMe₂)₃ with CO2 gave a paramagnetic complex 67 in which CO2 has been inserted into only one Cr-C bond and with diketones to give diketonate 68.

magnetic moment (BM)

The X-ray crystal structure⁴⁷ of Mn(CH₂C₆H₄NMe₂)₂, obtained by the reaction of LiC₆H₄CH₂NMe₂ with MnI₂, was determined. The molecule is dimeric, containing one bridging and one terminal CH₂C₆H₄NMe₂ ligand per metal. The bridging ligand is



bonded to both manganese atoms through a common -CH2group. One manganese atom has a bidentate CH₂C₆H₄NMe₂ ligand while the other manganese atom has a monodentate o-

TABLE I. NMR Spectral Data of N-Methyl Protons

| | R ₁ | R_2 | . M | N-methyl proton, ppm | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| R ₂ R ₂ R ₂ Me Me | H O Me H | H H OMe | | 2.22 2.22 2.25 | |
| R ₂ R ₂ CI Me Me 2 | H H OMe H | H H H OMe | Pt Pd Pd Pd | 3.00 2.83 2.83 2.70 | |

dimethylaminobenzyl ligand. It should be considered that one free nitrogen in **66** is formed because the coordination capability of the metal is weak since the metal has no electronegative group. This evidence shows that the bond length $(2.30-2.42 \, \text{Å})$ between the nitrogen atom and the metal in **66** is much longer than that $(2.07 \, \text{Å})$ of tetracarbonyl(N,N-dimethylbenzylamine- C^2,N)manganese $(69)^{48}$ which has four electronegative carbonyl group.

The reaction⁴⁹ of *o*-lithiobenzylamine with $(\eta - C_5H_5)\text{TiCl}_2$ gives an air-sensitive, paramagnetic complex, **70** (1.7 BM), whose crystal structure has been determined by X-ray diffraction studies. The two five-membered rings are planar and the Ti–N

distance is very long for a single bond. It is noteworthy that two bidentate dimethylaminomethylphenyl ligands adopt roughly a trans configuration about titanium. This titanium complex reacts with carbon dioxide to give red-brown crystals, which show a strong sharp IR band at 1710 cm⁻¹ to which Manzer et al.⁴⁹ have tentatively assigned the structure **71.**

$$R_2$$
 $+ K_2 PtCI_4 \text{ or } Li_2 PdCI_4$
 R_2
 R_2
 R_2
 R_2
 R_2
 R_2
 R_2
 R_3
 R_4
 R_5
 R_6
 R_7
 R_8
 R_8

Potassium tetrachloroplatinate(II)⁵⁰ and lithium tetrachloropalladate(II) react readily with N,N-dimethylbenzylamine to give di- μ -chloro-bis(N,N-dimethylbenzylamine- C^2,N)diplatinum(II) and -dipalladium(II) (72), respectively. Similar bond formation by palladium(II) is observed in its complexes with the p-methoxy and 3,5-dimethoxy derivatives of N,N-dimethylbenzylamine. A summary of the NMR spectral data is given in Table I. The N-methyl proton resonance of the starting materials is seen at about 2.2 ppm and those of the metal complexes 72 are shifted downfield to 2.70-3.00 ppm, as shown previously in alkylamine complexes.

The NMR spectrum of the platinum–N,N-dimethylbenzylamine complexes also provides precisely the evidence that, in these materials, nitrogen is coordinated through its unshared pair of electrons to the metal: the methyl proton and methylene proton signals in the spectrum of **72** were observed as triplets due to coupling with ¹⁹⁵Pt (spin $\frac{1}{2}$) isotope (R₁, R₂ = H; J_{195} Pt,NCH₃ = 48 Hz, J_{195} Pt,NCH₂Ph = 55 Hz). The N-methyl and benzylmethylene of the ¹³C NMR (**72**, M = Pd)⁵¹ spectrum are seen at 52.6 and 73.1 ppm, respectively.

The slightly activated N,N-2- and N,N-4-trimethylbenzylamines⁵² both react with sodium chloropalladate to give complexes 73 which are similar to 72. The reaction of the highly hindered

$$R_{3}$$
 R_{1}
 R_{2}
 R_{3}
 R_{4}
 R_{5}
 R_{6}
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N,N-3,5-tetramethylbenzylamine, however, yields **74** in place of the chloro-bridged dimer **72** and **73**. This behavior contrasts with that of the similarly hindered but more highly activated N,N-dimethyl-3,5-dimethoxybenzylamine, which forms **72** and **73**. Both N-methyl-N-phenylbenzylamine and N-benzylpiperidin-4-one react with Na₂PdCl₄ to give **73**-like compounds which have the chloro-bridged bond. The substitution of the α -benzyl position with bulky groups, however, favors the formation of **73** complexes. Not only does the tertiary amine, 1-phenyl-N,N-dimethylcyclohexylamine, form palladium complexes corresponding to **73**, but also the primary and secondary amines, triphenylmethylamine and N-methyltriphenylmethylamine, react. These are the first examples of primary and secondary amines forming such complexes with palladium.

In 1968, Cope and Friedrich⁵⁰ interpreted the reaction mechanism of the benzylamines as follows. The reaction of the palladium(II) chloride with N,N-dimethylbenzylamine probably occurs by an initial rapid coordination of the nitrogen to the metal. This process is then followed by attack of the metal at an ortho position on the ring. Apparently, the favorable entropy factors for electrophilic attack by the coordinated palladium via the five-membered ring transition state are necessary to facilitate the aromatic substitution. No products containing palladiumcarbon bonds were obtained from the deactivated p-nitro-N, N-dimethylbenzylamine, or from the N, N-dimethyl-2-phenylethyl- and 3-phenylpropylamine which would have to react via six- and seven-membered ring transition states. Similar conclusions may be drawn by analogy for the reaction of potassium tetrachloroplatinate(II) with N,N-dimethylbenzylamine. The reasons for the difference observed in the reactions of the platinum(II) and palladium(II) chlorides with the tertiary N,N-dimethylbenzylamine and with the primary and secondary benzylamines are not entirely clear. In the complex and formation, the initial step must involve coordination of the metal to nitrogen followed by attack on the ring. Since one would expect for steric reasons that the primary and secondary amines should coordinate more strongly to the metal than do the tertiary amines, this stronger coordination may decrease the electrophilic character of the metal sufficiently to prevent later attack upon the phenyl ring.

A number of the halogen-bridged dimers (72, 73) easily undergo cleavage reactions with ligand compounds such as pyridine, phosphines,⁵³ triphenylarsine, triphenylstibine, sodium tetrakis(1-pyrazolylborate)⁵⁴ (75, 76) to produce, generally, the

monomeric species which are more soluble than the corresponding dimeric compounds; however, the reaction of potassium hydrotris(3,5-dimethyl-1-pyrazolyl)borate⁵⁵ with **72** and **73** gave the 3,5-dimethylpyrazolylene bridged dimer, **77.** The cleavage reaction⁵⁶ of **72** with β -ketones was also studied. For example, di- μ -chloro-bis(N,N-dimethylbenzylamine- C^2 ,N)metal was dissolved in the solution of β -diketones such as acach or in thio- β -ketones containing KOH to give the β -diketonates or thio- β -ketonates as complexes **78.** The chemical shifts of the

O=C

$$R_1$$
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 R_9
 R_9

N-methyl proton of above two compounds appear at 2.76–3.00 ppm and the coupling constant of $J_{195\text{Pt-NCH}_2}$ and $J_{195\text{Pt-NCH}_3}$ is found to be 36.5–55.3 and 29.1–47 Hz, respectively. The acetylacetonate complex **78**⁵⁷ reacts with hexafluoro-2-butyne to produce the inserted complex ab-[1,2-bis(trifluoromethyl)-3-acetyl-4-oxopent-1-enyl-O, C^1]-cd-[2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl- C^1 ,N]palladium(II) (**79**) whose structure has been determined by the X-ray diffraction study.⁵⁸

Reaction⁵⁹ of the dichloro-bridged dimer di- μ -chloro-bis-[(N,N-dimethylbenzyl- C^2 ,N)metal (= Pd or Pt] with the thallium(I) derivatives of alkyl- and arylsalicylaldimines (TI-Sal=NR)⁶⁰ gives the complexes **80** (see Table II).

In comparison to compound **80** (M = Pt), the above coupling constants⁵⁰ in **72** are $^3J_{\text{Pt-Hb}}$ = 55 and $^3J_{\text{Pt-Hc}}$ = 48 Hz, values which are appreciably higher than those found in the complexes

TABLE II. 195Pt-1H Coupling Constants for 80

| complex | ³ J(¹⁹⁵ Pt- ¹ H) values, Hz | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|--------------|----------------------|
| R | Hª | Hp | Hc | Hd | R |
| Me | 81.6 | 41.5 | 33.3 | | CH ₃ 42.1 |
| Et | 82.3 | 41.7 | 33.0 | | CH ₂ 47.7 |
| C ₆ H ₁₁ | 87.3 | 41.9 | 33.0 | | - |
| Ph | 78.4 | 44.4 | 34.9 | 41.4 | |
| p-CIC ₆ H ₄ | 77.3 | 44.6 | 35.2 | 41.8 | |

studied here. The reduced coupling constant in these complexes was considered to be due to the coordination of dimethylamine nitrogen being weakened by the more strongly coordinating Schiff base. Hence, the value of this coupling constant may be useful as a measure of a *trans* effect of a ligand opposite the nitrogen atom in $(N,N-\text{dimethylbenzylamine-}C^2,N)$ platinum complexes. The increase in these couplings when R changes from alkyl to the less electropositive aryl groups is consistent with this view. The structure of $(N,N-\text{dimethylbenzylamine-}C^2,N)(N-\text{phenylsalicylaldiminato})$ palladium(II), **80** (R = Ph) was determined from diffractometer data. 61

The palladium complexes 72 react with vinyl ketone 62 to afford the ring cleavage adduct in high yield. For example, the treatment of the complexes 72 with methyl vinyl ketone containing excess of triethylamine gives rise to metallic palladium and the adduct 81. The palladium complex 82, prepared from dimethylpiperonylamine and lithium tetrachloropalladate, also gives the adduct 83 similar to 81.

The reaction⁶³ of N,N-dimethylbenzylamine with Li₂PdCl₄ affords the μ -chloro complex **72**; however, the reaction of σ -lithio-N,N-dimethylbenzylamine with dibenzonitrile-dichloropalladium affords the dimeric compound **84** having the two

five-membered rings which show nonequivalent *N*-methyl protons (2.48 and 3.44 ppm) and nonequivalent benzylmethylene protons (2.96 and 3.80 ppm).

Trofimenko^{64,65} has reported the di-ortho-metalation reaction of palladium compounds. The reaction of N,N,N',N'-tetraethyl- ρ -xylenediamine with tetrachloropalladate ion in the presence

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of a hindered tertiary amine gave a mixture of 85 and 86 (the ratio is 7:3), whose structures have been inferred from their solubility, pyridine derivatives (87) or acetylacetone derivatives (88), and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (ESCA). The presence of two different types of chlorine in 86, one being tightly bound (bridging) and the other loosely bound and reactive, was indicated by ESCA which showed a CI peak width of 3.2 eV, a peak broadening consistent with the presence of two types of chlorine in the molecule, and by the reaction of 86 with pyridine which resulted in replacement of only one chlorine and formation of a monocation 87 containing only one pyridine per palladium, instead of two, as found customarily in monopalladio systems or dipalladiobenzenes containing nonadjacent Pd atoms. The 1,2-bis-(chloropalladio) compound 86 contains a relatively inert intramolecular Pd-CI-Pd bridge.

Longoni and co-workers⁶⁶ have reported the following cis and trans isomers (89-97) having two chelated five-membered rings. The reactions of 2-[(dialkylamino)methyl]phenyllithium with trans-(PEt₃)₂NiCl₂ gave the trans complex 89 containing two chelate five-membered rings. However, the reaction of 2-

[(dialkylamino)methyl]phenyllithium with trans-[(SEt₂)₂PdCl₂] gave the cis isomer, and the reaction with [(SEt₂)₂PtCl₂] gave the cis (90) and trans (91) isomers.

The platinum compounds are monomeric, and dipole moment measurements and the coupling constant (|3J(Pt-H)|) of the benzyl proton show 90 to be the cis square-planar isomer and 91 to be the trans isomer. The palladium compounds (89) are also monomeric. The dipole moment (μ 6.8 D) and the NMR spectrum in which both the methylene and the methyl protons are equivalent, are consistent with a cis square-planar structure. These results are in contrast to those of 8463 whose structure is formulated as tetrahedral on the basis of its NMR spectrum shown above. The platinum derivatives are stable to air, protonic solvents, and perdeuteriopyridine; however, the reaction with dimethylphenylphosphine gave complex 92. The cis structure of 92 is shown by the NMR spectrum, in which the methyl groups of the phosphine appear as a doublet split by 195Pt.67

The nickel complex of 89 is rapidly converted by carbon monoxide into NI(CO)₄ (2055 cm⁻¹). On the other hand, the palladium complexes are converted into palladium complexes of 89; however, the trans platinum derivatives of 91 react with

CO to give the carbonyl complexes (94, 95) with insertion in the metal-phenyl carbon bond as shown in Scheme I.

The NMR spectrum of 94 shows that both the methyl and benzyl protons of one nitrogen ligand are still coupled with platinum atom ($|^3J$ (Pt-H| = 14.6 and 18.5 Hz), while the protons

SCHEME I, Reaction of Trans Derivative 91 of Platinum with CO.

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of the second nonchelate ligand show a chemical shift similar to that of the free ligand and are not coupled with the platinum atom.

A solution of **94** in THF, on standing in nitrogen atmosphere, gave **95**, whose structure was determined by IR spectrum. But, it should be considered that **95** may be a polymeric complex because it has a very low solubility and the six-membered ring of **95** has more strain than that of the five-membered ring. Reaction of the *cis*-platinum derivatives, **90**, with carbon monoxide gives the adduct **96** whose square-pyramidal structure is in agreement with the NMR spectrum, which indicates that all the *N*-alkyl and benzyl protons are still coupled with the platinum atom, with a $|{}^3J(Pt-H)|$ similar to that of **90**. The unstable complex **96** is slowly transformed to complex **97** similar to **93**.

The acetoxy bridged dimers 98^{68} were prepared by the reaction of N,N-dialkylbenzylamine or N-benzylpyrrolidine with palladium acetate. Although the carbonylation of the complex 98 (R = Me, Et) was expected to produce only mixed anhydrides and ketones, as is observed in carbonylation of simple arylpalladium acetate derivatives 69,70 such as 95, ketones were not observed; however, hydrolysis products of the mixed anhydride were an unexpected third type of product, which was formed in both reactions, so that a phthalimidine 99 was produced by cyclization and loss of one of the N-alkyl group. Compound 100

was obtained presumably by hydrolysis during isolation of an initially formed mixed anhydride with acetic acid.

The carbonylation⁶⁸ of **98** [$-R-R-=-(CH_2)_4-$] also was investigated in the palladium acetate-N-benzylpyrrolidine complex, where the "second alkyl group" could not be lost as a low molecular weight fragment. The carbonylation gave only one significant product, 2-(4′-acetoxybutyl)phthalimidine (**101**).

98 (-R-R- =
$$-(CH_2)_4$$
-)

NCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂OAc

Compounds PhCH₂(Me)N(CH₂)_nN(Me)CH₂Ph (n=2,3)⁷¹ react with Na₂PdCl₄ or platinum salt to give the bidentate di-N-donor complexes 102, and then, by heating with sodium acetate which promotes internal metalation,⁷² 102 are converted into the orthometalated compound 103. It is expected that the greater flexibility of the six-membered ring in 102 would enable the benzyl group to approach the metal and become metalated more easily. Further, prolonged (10 days) reflux of 103 (M=Pt, n=3) in xylene, gave the di-orthometalated compound 104 in low yield. It should be considered that the intramolecular dimetalation from 102 to 104 is extremely limited not only sterically but also electrically because 104 has no electronegative group even though the formation of stable chelate ring requires more electronegative atoms than in 102.

Me
$$(CH_2)_n$$
 Me $(CH_2)_n$ M

The reaction 73 of N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-bis(o-bromobenzyl)-ethylenediamine with anhydrous iron(II) chloride gave the internal dimetalation compound 105 whose magnetic moment is 4.45 BM.

The reaction of diiron nonacarbonyl⁷⁴⁻⁷⁶ with Schiff bases affords hexacarbonyldiiron complexes **106** having the five-membered ring structure. This structure has been determined by an X-ray diffraction study. Although the carbons of the phenyl

group which form part of the ring are equidistant from the iron (2.3 Å), the methylene group, which cannot participate in bonding with the metal, is bent away (2.6 Å) while the nitrogen moves toward the iron so that it lies equidistant from both iron atoms (1.96, 1.95 Å).

The palladation⁷⁷ of 1-dimethylaminomethylnaphthalene takes place only on the 2 position (107), whereas reactions of the 2isomer occur on the 1 and 3 positions (108/109, 66/33% yield). N-Methyl- and -benzylmethylene resonances of ¹³C NMR (107) are at 51.5 and 70.0 ppm, being almost the same as those of the benzyl complexes 72, respectively.

The reaction⁷⁸ of alkylaryltin dibromide with 2-(N,N-dimethylaminomethyl)phenylcopper gives a chiral triorganotin halide 110 which has a stable chiral tin atom by the intramolecular coordination. The tin atom is an optically active center, and 110 (R = Ph) is stable at 30 °C; however, the rate-determining step from 111 to 112 occurs at $-10\,^{\circ}$ C. As for the difference of the stability between 110 (R = Ph) and 111, it should be considered that the coordination capability of the tin atom in 111 is weaker than that of 110 because 111 has one electron-withdrawing group to the two ligand groups.

$$CH_2$$
 NMe_2 NMe_2

The cooling⁷⁹ of 5-methyl-2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl-copper(II) in a saturated benzene solution from 60 to 20 °C at a rate of 2 °C per day gives a single crystal. This structure is tetrameric in the solid state and possesses the five-membered ring, as determined by X-ray analysis. The Cu-N distances of 2.21 Å, as well as the observed stereochemistry around copper, indicate that Cu-N coordination occurs. The most remarkable feature is the presence of bridging phenyl groups. The bonds from the aryl ligands to the respective copper atoms are either symmetric, 2.04 and 2.08 Å, or asymmetric, 2.16 and 1.97 Å. Mass spectra of 113, 5-methyl-2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenylcopper (=R)]₄Cu₄ (113), reveal that the Cu₄ cluster has considerable stability. Although the R₄Cu₄⁺ ion is very abundant, R₃Cu₄+ forms the base peak.

Other complexes such as boron complexes⁸⁰ having benzylamine groups, lithium complexes⁸¹ having dimethylaminomethylpyridine groups, etc., have been reported.

C. Benzoylamines

It is well known that *N,N*-dialkylamides undergo addition reactions with Grignard⁸² and lithium reagents⁸³ leading to the formation of ketones. The reaction of *N,N*-dimethylbenzamide with *n*-butyllithium is observed to form valerophenone in high yield.⁸⁴ However, Hauser and Puterbaugh⁸⁴ presumed that *N*-methylbenzamide,⁸⁴ which would undergo an initial N-metalation with *n*-butyllithium to form monolithioamide 114, might exhibit ortho metalation with excess of this reagent to give dilithioamide 115 having the five-membered ring structure similar to the benzamide metal complex, since the carbonyl group in 114 should be deactivated for additional reaction. The formation of the *o,N*-dilithioamide 115 is established by condensation with electrophilic compounds such as benzophenone and benzonitrile to form the corresponding ortho-substituted amides 116 and 117, respectively.

N-Methyl-o-toluamide⁸⁵ is also metalated at the 2-methyl group as well as the nitrogen atom with an excess of n-butyl-lithium to form the complexes **118** similar to **62**. The resulting dilithioamide is condensed with ketones and aldehydes to form δ -hydroxyamides **119**. These products are cyclized thermally to afford δ -lactones **120**.

The reaction^{86,87} of various ylides of general formula ArC-ON-Y+ (Ar = Ph or m- or p-MeC₆H₄; Y = pyridine, NMe₃, or PPh₃) with halide salts of Pd(II), Pt(II), Rh(III), and Ir(III) affords

TABLE III. 13C NMR Data at 25.2 MHz (ppm)

| | R | C(2) | C(6) |
|---------|---------|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| | H Me | | 126.3 128.5 |
| O Rh Rh | H Me | 159.5 J = 32.5 Hz 160.5 J = 33.0 Hz | 129.2 128.5 |

products containing metalated betaines. Spectroscopic data show unambiguously that the aryl group Ar has become metalated in a position ortho to the carbonyl group and also that the ylide is bidentate (L') via the group N⁻. ¹³C NMR data of C(2) in rhodium complexes having a pyridinium ligand show downfield shifted absorption at about 160 ppm ($J = \sim 33$ Hz) comparable to those of C(6) which are 125–130 ppm as shown in Table III.

In the reaction87 with palladium salt, it is possible by slight variation of the experimental conditions to isolate 122 and 123 which may be regarded as intermediates in the path to 124. Dias and co-workers87 suggested, therefore, that the first step is formation of intermolecular coordination compound 122, in which the nitrogen donor atom is coordinated simply to the metal, and then one orthometalated complex is formed by the metal to attack one benzene ring at the ortho position as shown in Scheme II. They compared the rates of formation of complexes [124, L' = N-(1-pyridino)benzamidate-, -m-toluamidate, and -p-toluamidate- C^2 , N] and found the relative rate to be in the following order: m-toluamidate \gg benzamidate > p-toluamidate. This order strongly suggests that the orthometalation also involves electrophilic attack by the metal on the benzene ring at the ortho position. The structures of 122 and 123 are presumed to be trans by IR data of M-CI.88 No analog of complex 124 was prepared in the platinum case. They⁸⁷ presumed that 124 arises via nucleophilic displacement of the nonmetalated ligand from 123: this reaction is likely to be slow for platinum with the result that internal metalation of the second ylide molecule may proceed at a rate which is at least comparable to that of the displacement reaction to give a reasonable yield of this complex, 125. The structure of 125 is presumed to be cis because the two metalated ligands are equivalent (1H NMR).

The reaction⁸⁹ of di- μ -chloro-bis(dicarbonylrhodium) with benzoyl azide affords the rhodium metal complex, which apparently has the benzoylimino moiety (**126**) according to structural studies based on its chemical behavior, IR, and NMR data for the adducts with triphenylphosphine, p-toluidine, pyridine, and 3,4-lutidine.

SCHEME II. Orthometalation of $N \cdot (1-Pyridinio)$ benzamidate with Palladium(II) and Platinum(II)

D. Aminoalkylferrocenes

N,N-Dimethylaminomethylferrocenes, 127, afford compounds analogous with the N,N-dimethylaminomethylbenzenes. For example, N,N-dimethylaminomethylferrocene90 was metalated with n-butyllithium in ether-hexane, and the resulting monolithioamine was condensed with benzophenone, acetone, benzonitrile, and phenyl isocyanate to form the corresponding 2derivatives such as 53 and 54. However, when the amine 127

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was metalated with excess n-butyllithium in THF-hexane, and the resulting intermediate was condensed with benzophenone. the product was mainly the 2,1'-derivative (129); also some of the 2- and the 1'-derivatives (130) were formed. In THF-hexane, the amine 127 was converted primarily to a dilithioamine. The amine 127 underwent lithiation more readily than ferrocene. The 2-lithio[(dimethylamino)methyl]ferrocene (128) was, in fact, isolated by Rausch and co-workers⁹¹ in 1973, as an extremely air-sensitive pink solid.

The lithiation of benzyldimethylamine easily gives a lithio intermediate having a five-membered ring structure; however, the lithiation of phenylethyldimethylamine does not readily yield a lithio intermediate having a six-membered ring structure. Hauser et al.37,38 reported a study of the metalation, but they recorded only a tarry product from the reaction of the amine with BuLi followed by treatment with benzophenone. However, Slocum and co-workers92 and Narasimhan and Ranade60 obtained the six-membered cyclic lithioamine intermediate although the yield of such an intermediate was very low. In contrast to the reaction of the benzene derivatives, N,N-dimethylaminoethylferrocene39 was metalated in good yield with *n*-butyllithium in ether-hexane and the intermediate 2-lithioamine was condensed with benzophenone, benzonitrile, phenyl isocyanate, phenyl isothiocyanate, hexachloroethane, or mercuric chloride to form the corresponding 2-derivatives, and, according to Slocum and co-workers, 39 the difference in behavior was attributed to the relative acidities of the 2 position and α protons in the corresponding systems. It should be considered that the above difference is mainly caused by the steric factor between the angles made by the ferrocene ring to the methylene and the metal and the angles made by the benzene ring to the methylene and the metal; namely, the steric hindrance of the six-membered ring containing the ferrocene must be less than that containing the benzene.

The lithiation reaction of the ferrocenes is used for the syntheses of 1,2-disubstituted derivatives. For example, 93 2-chloromethylferrocene (131) and 2-(methoxymethyl)methoxyferrocene (132) were prepared from [(N,N-dimethylamino)methyl]ferrocene, and the carbinol ether ferrocene 13394 was obtained via the reaction of lithium ferrocene with a ketone

SCHEME III. Synthesis of 1,2-Disubstituted Ferrocenes from $\{(N,N-Dimethyl)\}$ aminomethyl $\}$ ferrocene

(Scheme III).

Optically active (+)-(N- α -pipecolylmethyl)ferrocene^{95,96} has been metalated with n-BuLi and the resulting 2-lithioamine **134** was treated with an excess of electrophile, X^+ , to give a 2-substituted amine **135** which was allowed to react with nucleophile Y^{97} thoroughly to remove the α -pipecolyl group, and the resulting 1,2-disubstituted compound **136** was isolated. The reactions of the analogous optically active ferrocenes having a five-membered ring structure afford optical active derivatives such as 2,3-ferrocenocyclopentanone⁹⁸ and trimethylsilylferrocene.^{99,100}

μ-Chloro-bridged palladium complexes 137, 138 (diastereomers), and their acetylacetone derivatives, 139, which are similar to the benzylamine complexes 72 and 78, have been obtained by palladation of 1-dimethylaminoethylferrocene with Na₂PdCl₄ in the presence of sodium acetate, ¹⁰¹ followed by reaction with Na(acac). These two diastereomers can be separated by hand picking of single crystals. On the other hand, metalation of 136' with *n*-butyllithium proceeded with high stereoselectivity and subsequent treatment with mercuric chloride led to the mercurial, 140. Reaction of 140 with Pd₂DBA₃·C₆H₆ evidently proceeds with complete configurational retention to give optically pure 138. The metalation of the aminoferrocene with a transition metal salt proceeds with noticeably low stereoselectivity while lithiation with *n*-butyllithium¹⁰² exhibits high

selectivity. This decrease is very likely related to the difference in mechanism of these two metalation reactions. 101

Slocum and Stonemark¹⁰³ also demonstrated the N-metalation and metalation at the 2 position of N-ethylferrocenecar-

boxylamide with butyllithium similar to the N-metalation and orthometalation of *N*-methylbenzamide shown above (114, 115). The alkylation of 141 and 142 with dimethyl sulfate gave the methylated products 143 and 144, respectively. These reactions are also useful for the preparation of ferrocenecarboxylic acid derivatives (ferrocenecarboxylic acid and 2-methylferrocenecarboxylic acid) by hydrolysis of the amides, 143 and 144.

E. Benzylideneamines

Benzylideneamines also afford many kinds of complexes having the five-membered ring structure similar to the benzylamines. Molnar and Orchin¹⁰⁴ first reported these complexes in 1969. The reaction of benzylideneaniline with bis(benzonitrile)palladium(II) dichloride easily affords dichlorobis(benzylideneaniline- C^2 ,Mpalladium(II) and related complexes 145. The

$$R_3$$
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 $\nu(\text{C}\!\!=\!\!\text{N})$ of the free parent benzylideneanilines 105 appears two bands at 1600–1650 cm $^{-1}$. 106 The coordination of benzylideneanilines to palladium always results in a shift of the C $\!\!=\!\!\text{N}$ stretching mode to a lower frequency while the stretching frequency of olefins coordinated to Pt or Pd are reduced $^{107-109}$ about 150 cm $^{-1}$. In their series, 105 it is observed that the C $\!\!=\!\!\!\text{N}$ stretch is reduced on the average only about 26 cm $^{-1}$ which indicates that the coordination of benzylideneaniline to palladium is almost certainly through the lone pair and not through the azomethine π system.

Pd(OAc)₂

$$R_1 = H, Me$$

$$R_2 = Me, Ph. \rho-MeC_6H_4, o-MeC_6H_4$$

$$X = CI, Br$$

The reaction 110 of benzylideneaniline with palladium(II) acetate affords di- μ -acetato-bis(N-phenylbenzaldimine- C^2 , N)palladium(II) (146). The corresponding chloro- and bromo-bridged complexes 147 were obtained by the metathetical reaction of acetyl-bridged complexes 146 with sodium chloride and sodium bromide, respectively. The chloro-bridged complexes 147 react with triphenylphosphine, pyridine, and thallium acetylacetonate to give the corresponding cleavage complexes of the chloro bridge, 148, 149, and 150, respectively.

The NMR spectrum of di- μ -acetato complexes **146** shows a singlet at 7.61 ppm (CH \Longrightarrow N), which indicates that the coordi-

PPh₃
Pd—CI

$$R_1 = H$$
 $R_2 = Ph$
 $R_2 = Ph$
 $R_3 = Ph$
 $R_4 = Ph$
 $R_5 = Ph$
 $R_6 = Ph$
 $R_7 = Ph$
 $R_8 = Ph$
 $R_9 = P$

SCHEME IV. Carbonylation of Benzylideneaniline Complex 146

146 + 4CO
$$R_1 = H, Me$$
 $R_2 = Ph, o-MeC_6H_4$

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 $R_1 = Me$
 $R_2 = Ph$
 $R_2 = Ph$
 $R_3 = Ph$
 $R_3 = Me$, Et

nation to palladium is established through the lone pair of nitrogen and not the C=N double bond as in $30.^{26}$ The acetatobridged complexes exhibit two strong IR absorptions at ca. 1570 and 1410 cm⁻¹ due to the bridging acetato group.¹¹¹ The $\nu(C=N)$ frequencies show the same low field shift (about 40 cm⁻¹), in comparison with the corresponding frequencies of the starting Schiff bases, which shift also indicates that coordination to palladium is through its Ione pair; ^{112,113} however, the triphenylphosphine derivatives (148) are presumed to have the weak interaction of the azomethine bond with palladium by the presence of only 20 cm⁻¹ lower field shifts than the $\nu(C=N)$ of N-phenylbenzaldimine. The palladium(II) chloride of benzylidenemethylamine 147 (R₁ = H; R₂ = Me) is converted to 151 by thallium cyclopentadiene. ¹¹⁴

Thompson and Heck⁶⁸ presumed the following carbonylation of benzylideneaniline complex **146** (Scheme IV): initially, CO insertion and bridge breaking likely occur forming intermediate **152**, which then follows two possible reaction paths in alcohol solvents. The alcohol may either attack the carbonyl group and form noncyclized ester **154** or the compound may undergo an internal addition of the acylpalladium group to the nitrogencarbon double bond to form **153**. A simple reductive elimination of product acetate, **155**, from complex **153**, apparently occurs if R¹ is H. If R¹ is methyl, metal hydride elimination preferably takes place and olefin **157** is formed. When nucleophiles are present, at least when R¹ is H, the palladium group may be also replaced to give **156** by the ligand minus a hydrogen.

The complexes from the benzylamine–Schiff base, 158, were similarly prepared by heating the Schiff base with palladium acetate. While syn and anti isomers about the C—N double are possible, only one, presumably the anti isomer, was found in these complexes. Two varieties of hydrazone complexes were likewise prepared. Benzaldazine gives complex 159; aceto-phenone dimethylhydrazone gives complex 160.

Nickel complexes ¹¹⁵ having a cyclopentadiene ring, as in **161** and **162**, were synthesized from the 2-bromobenzalaniline and 2-phenyl-3,3-dimethylindolenine, respectively. The intramolecular coordination structure of **161** is presumed by its NMR signal of the methine (7.68 ppm) which is close to that of benzylaniline (8.27 ppm), thus providing strong evidence in favor of the coordination of the azomethine to the nickel atom through

the nitrogen lone pair. If the π electron of the azomethine group had been involved in the coordination process, the azomethine proton would have produced a signal shifted 116 upfield by about 2 ppm.

Reactions¹¹⁴ between benzylideneaniline or benzylidenemethylamine and metal carbonyl complexes [MeM(CO)₅ (M = Mn, Re), M₃(CO)₁₂ (M = Ru, Os), ¹¹⁷ and [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂] afford orthometalated complexes containing the five-membered ring structures **163**, **164**, and **165**, respectively. The crystal structure of tetracarbonyl[2-(*N*-phenylformimidoyl- C^2 , *N*phenyl]manganese **163** (M = Mn; R = Ph) was determined by X-ray diffraction. ¹¹⁸.119

Van Baar and co-workers¹²⁰ have reported NMR spectroscopic studies of the following iridium complexes (**166**): the reaction¹²⁰ of benzylideneamines with *trans*-IrCl(N₂)(PPh₃)₂ gave the orthometalated complexes **166** (see Table IV). The *N*-methyl

¹H and ¹³C NMR signals in **166** appear at 2.89 and 44.00 ppm, respectively, which show a similarity to the NMR data of the N-benzyl complexes shown above. In ¹³C NMR the metalated aromatic or olefinic carbon atom resonates at very low field with respect to the corresponding free ligand signals. This phenomenon, which occurs both in the octahedral Ir(III) complexes and the square-planar Pd(II) complexes, has been observed for other metalated aromatic (Ti¹²¹ and Li aryl¹²² compounds) or olefinic (Rh) carbon atoms. 123 They 120 presumed in terms of the paramagnetic shielding 124 contribution $\sigma_{
m p}$, of which the main factors are charge polarization effects, variation of π -bond order, and the average excitation energy, ΔE (σ_p varies inversely with ΔE). For both the Li-aryl and Ti-aryl compounds, the shielding of C₁ is dominated by a decrease in the ΔE factor. This might indeed be the main factor contributing to the observed C1 shift of the Ir(III) and Pd(II) complexes, although charge polarization effects cannot be excluded, as might be concluded from the strikingly large upfield proton and downfield carbon shifts of the (CH)₁ moiety of the complex 166. In this respect, it is noteworthy that the NMR data which are available at present show a remarkable difference between the resonance of the metalated aromatic or olefinic carbon atom and those of methylmetal carbons, which are usually found at very high field. 121,125 The orthometalation

TABLE IV. 1H and 13C NMR Spectra of 166 in CDCl₃

| R | C ₁ | C ₂ | C ₃ | C ₇ | N <i>C</i> H₃ | NC <i>H</i> ₃ |
|----|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Me | 152.19 | 140.92 | 126.29 | 173.61 | 44.00 | 2.89 |

described in benzylamine and benzylideneamine complexes is a substitution reaction of the metal with the hydrogen at the ortho position. However, iridium complexes are probably formed by an insertion reaction instead of a substitution reaction. It might be considered that these reactions are caused by the affinity of the iridium metal to the hydrogen atom such as that shown when iridium complexes are used as hydrogenation catalysts. 126 Van Baar and co-workers 120 speculated on this insertion mechanism as follows: the first step should be $\sigma(N)$ -coordination of the imine ligand, which would bring an ortho or olefinic CH group close to the metal atom; this property and the extra charge density on the metal atom brought about by the N-donor ligand should promote the second step in the reaction sequence, namely, the oxidative addition of the ortho or olefinic CH group to the metal atom (Scheme V).

SCHEME V. Reaction for Metalation of the Aromatic and Olefinic Azo or Imine Ligands

$$IrCl(N)_{2}(PPh_{3})_{2} + PhX = NR \xrightarrow{C_{6}H_{6}} Cl \xrightarrow{PPh_{3}} R$$

$$Ph_{3}P \xrightarrow{Ir} N$$

$$IfCl(N)_{2}(PPh_{3})_{2} + PhX = NR \xrightarrow{C_{6}H_{6}} Cl \xrightarrow{Ir} N$$

$$Ph_{3}P \xrightarrow{Ir} N$$

The reaction 127 of benzylideneamines with $[RhCl(C_8H_{14})_2]_2$ in the presence of PPh₃ yields the same Rh complex as **166**. Van Baar and co-workers 127 considered that, for cyclometalation to occur, the metal atom must be electron rich; this is aided by basic phosphines as coligands. This nucleophilic behavior of the metal atom contrasts with the apparent electrophilic behavior of a transition metal in the orthometalation with benzylamine 2,50 and azobenzene. 2,128 (Both nucleophilic and electrophilic mechanisms are shown as in Table VI).

Treatment¹²⁹ of iridium complexes **166** with AgClO₄ and then with $C_6H_{11}NC$ or CO (\Longrightarrow L) leads to the formation of the complexes **167**, the metallocyclic ring remaining intact.

Orthometalation 130 by palladium(II) was observed in the reaction of lithium tetrachloropalladate(II) with various kinds of oximes. The obtained chloro-bridged complexes 168 have the five-membered ring structure of a benzylideneamine skeleton. These complexes react with triphenylphosphine resulting in cleavage of the metal-metal bridge. In the case of potassium tetrachloroplatinate(II), an orthometalation reaction was observed giving the complexes 169, which have the intermolecular coordination bond of the nitrogen atom to the metal, but

R' = H, MeO, NO, 3,4-benzo, 4,5-benzo R = H, Me, Pr, i-Pr, Ph X = CI, Br

chloro-bridged complexes could not be isolated. Onoue and co-workers 130 considered that the differences between palladium(II) and platinum(II) are partly attributed to the poor reactivity of platinum(II) compared to palladium(II), and that the reaction of the platinum salt with aromatic oximes would also proceed through an initial coordination of nitrogen to the metal followed by an electrophilic substitution by the metal at an ortho position on the benzene ring. In fact, they observed the following metalation in boiling tetrahydrofuran yielding complex 170 similar to 169. If nitrogen coordinates strongly to the metal, dichlorobis-(oxime)-metal type complexes 169' are formed and no orthometalation takes place. For example the O-methyl oxime of

benzophenone and of acetophenone vield predominantly dichlorobis(O-methyloxime)palladium(II) similar to 169'. concluded that the strong coordination of palladium with nitrogen, which was due to the presence of the electron-donating methyl group, reduced the formal charge of palladium, preventing its electrophilic attack on the benzene ring. On the other hand, both O-acetyl and O-benzylacetophenone oxime, in which the coordination power of nitrogen is reduced by the presence of the electron-withdrawing acyl groups, gave 168.

The bridge-splitting reaction 131 of 168 with CO yields the carbonyl complexes 171. These complexes are very stable in a dry atmosphere, and the stability was considered to be due to the intramolecular hydrogen bond between the hydroxy group and the carbonyl group.

The cyclopalladation 132 of vinylic oximes occurs for the sterically rigid oximes of 1-benzalcyclohexanone and 1-acetylcyclohexene, which are the alicyclic derivatives in this group, to afford 172 and 173, respectively.

Rhodium salts 133 also afford the complexes 174 having the

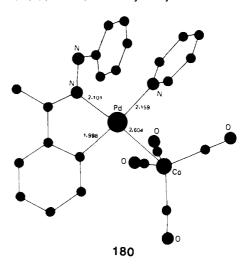
171, R' = H, OMe, 4,5-benzo R = H, Me, Ph X = Cl, Br, I

benzylideneamine skeleton by reaction with aromatic ketoximes. The structure of 174 is presumed to have an intramolecular hydrogen bond similar to 171 by the low-field shift of $\nu(OH)$ absorption. Further, from the far-IR data of 174, in which only one

 ν (Rh–Cl) band is observed for each chloro complex in the range of 208-220 cm⁻¹, 174 is considered to be the symmetrical structure with chlorine trans to the Rh–C σ bonds because the terminal $\nu(RhCI)$ vibration 134,135 trans to alkyl appears at ca. 240 cm⁻¹ and the bridging one ¹³⁶ is about 20–40 cm⁻¹ lower than the former. Reaction between O-methyloximes and lithium tetrachloropalladate(II) yielded predominantly dichloro(O-methyl oxime)palladium(II)130 described above. On the other hand, orthometalated complexes 175 are isolated from the reaction of O-methyl derivatives of benzophenone and p-tert-butylacetophenone oxime with RhCl₃·3H₂O. ¹³³ The terminal ν (Rh–Cl) absorption and the C-H out-of-plane bending mode of the orthosubstituted benzene ring of 175 are found at 344-337 and 728 cm⁻¹, respectively. No definite bridging ν (Rh–Cl) absorptions were identified, but, by the bridge-splitting reaction of 175 with pyridine, equimolar quantities of the complexes 176 and 177 were obtained.

Dehand and co-workers 137-141 have reported that orthometalations of ketones afford a number of the complexes having the benzylideneamine ligand, and the structure 138 has been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction method. Reaction 137,139 of hydrazine-Pd complexes with carbonyl compounds of formula R₁R₂CO gave hydrazone complexes or, when $R_1R_2C = O = PhMeCO$, cyclopalladate complexes, 178. The chloro-bridged product 140 178 is cleaved by R'4NX (R' Et or Bu; X = CI, Br, or I) to afford $\begin{array}{lll} R'_{4}N[Pd[C_{6}H_{4}C(Me)-NNHPh]X_{2}], \ \ and \ \ the \ \ pyridium \ \ adduct \\ [Pd[C_{6}H_{4}C(Me)-NNHPh]CIPy]^{141,142} \ \ \ forms \ \ the \ \ bimetallic \end{array}$ species, for $X = Co(CO)_3$, $Mn(CO)_5$, $CpFe(CO)_2$, with NaX. The

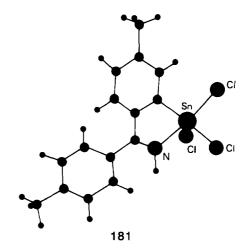
crystal structure of $[(\underline{n}\text{-Bu})_4N]^+[Pd[(C_6H_4C(Me))]-NNHPh]$ -CI,Br] $^-$ (179) 138 and $[Pd[C_6H_4C(Me)]-NNHPh]$ PyCo(CO) $_4$] (180)¹⁴³ have been determined by X-ray diffraction study.



The benzylideneaminotin(IV) halides 144 spontaneously rearrange to form the o-trihalogenostannylbenzylideneamines 181. The NMR signals due to aryl protons in the ¹H spectra show the changes appropriate for orthometalation, while the five-coordinated state of the tin atoms of 181 is indicated by the quadrupole splittings, ΔE , of their Mössbauer spectra. The structure of 181 has been determined from X-ray data. The coordination about tin is distorted trigonal bipyramidal, with the nitrogen atom and one chlorine atom in the axial position.

quadrupole splitting

| R | X | $\Delta E/{ m mm~s^-}$ |
|----|------|------------------------|
| Ме | CI | 1.588 |
| Н | CI | 1.730 |
| CI | CI | 1.440 |
| н | - Rr | 1 486 |



The complexes 145 having the six-membered ring structure in the benzylideneamine group also have been obtained. Abstraction of X in trans-PtX(CH $_2$ C $_6$ H $_6$ CN)L $_2$ (X = CI, Br; L = PPh $_3$, AsPh $_3$) gives a cis cationic complex in which the CN group is coordinated and is prone to nucleophilic attack by alcohols to give stable cis imino ether complexes 183 having the six-membered ring structure. The nucleophilic addition of amines 146 (ArNH $_2$, ArRNH, RR'NH), in place of the alcohol to the σ -coordinated CN group of 182, yield stable amide complexes 184 quantitatively similar to 183. The formation of an amidine complex is clearly seen in the infrared spectrum by its ν (NH) band around 3300 cm $^{-1}$ and two new bands in the ν (C=N) region around 1600 cm $^{-1}$ while the ν (C=N) around 2260 cm $^{-1}$ disappears.

CN
$$CH_2X$$
 PtL_4
 $CH_2C_6H_4CN$
 $ETCH_2C_6H_4CN$
 $ETCH$

2-(2-Boronophenyl)benzimidazole (185)¹⁴⁷ and 2-(2-boronobenzyl)benzimidazole (186) are prepared by passing boron trichloride into melts of 2-phenylbenzimidazole and 2-benzylbenzimidazole and subsequently hydrolyzing the products. These compounds serve as catalysts in the formation of ethers from chloroethanol containing collidine. They are much more effective

184. R, R' = H, Me, Et, C_5H_{10} . p-tolyl, p-MeOC₆H₄

in this regard than benzeneboronic acid, 2-phenylbenzimidazole, or a mixture of these two substances. Letsinger and MacLean¹⁴⁷ proposed that the borono group in **185** and **186** binds the alcoholic substrates and holds them in a position favorable for reaction, while the nitrogen participates by increasing the nucleophilicity of oxygen joined to boron.

F. Imines

The olefinic imines can easily afford the complexes having the five-membered ring structure. The reaction 127 of olefinic imines with $[IrCl(C_8H_{14})_2]_2$ in the presence of cyclohexylphosphine gives cyclometalated complexes 187 similar to 166. Treatment 129 of 187 with Cl_2 yields substitution product 188 without rupture of the Ir-C bond. Their ^{13}C NMR data are also similar to the benzylideneamine complexes 166.

The hydrolysis ¹⁴⁸ of (NC)₂C=C(CN)M(CO)₃(η -C₅H₅) (M = Mo, W) and the alcoholysis of (NC)₂C=C(CI)M(CO)₃(η -C₅H₅) (M = Mo, W) afford **189** and **190** having a cyclopentadiene.

Ni, ¹⁴⁹ Pd, ^{150,151} and Fe ^{152,153} complexes having the five- or four-membered ring structure have been prepared by the isocyanate insertion reaction. When Ni(t-BuNC)₄ ^{149,154} is treated with CH₃I, successive insertion of three isocyanide molecules takes place, affording a new σ -aminoacyl complex **191** in high yield. Chelate coordination through the lone pair electrons of the terminal imino nitrogen atom was deduced from the monomeric nature and enhanced stability of **191**. ¹⁴⁹ In the same reaction of PhCOCI with Ni(t-BuNC)₄, a red crystalline complex **192** was also found in low yield. When an excess of t-butyl or other isocyanide was heated at 30–60 °C in the presence of **191**, the isocyanate was converted into polyisocyanide with a repeating unit. The above successive insertion reactions are considered to suggest a mechanism for the catalytic polymerization of isocyanides.

Yamamoto and Yamazaki^{150–153} have also reported the similar insertion reaction of other transition metal complexes. Reaction^{150,151} of *trans-*Pd[PPh₂Me]₂IMe with cyclohexyl isocyanide gives the complex **193** which is postulated to possess the five-membered ring chelate structure coordinated through

the lone-pair electron of the terminal imino nitrogen atom.

trans-Pd[PPh2Me]2IMe + 3C6H11NC

$$\longrightarrow
\begin{array}{c}
NC_{6}H_{11} \\
C-C=NC_{6}H_{1}
\end{array}$$

$$\downarrow$$

The reaction 152 of benzyliron complexes with tert-butyl isocyanide also gives the complexes 194 having the chelate ring analogous to 193 by triple insertion reaction of isocyanide. The mass spectrum of 194 exhibits metastable ions to permit elucidation of part of the fragmentation scheme. It might be depicted as in Scheme VI. However, the photochemical reaction 153 of

SCHEME VI. Fragmentation of 194

$$(\eta - C_5H_5)Fe(CO)_2CH_2Ph \\ + 4C_6H_{11}NC \longrightarrow H_{11}C_6 \longrightarrow NC_6H_{11} \\ PhCH_2 \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow NC_6H_{11} \\ \hline M/e 567 m^* = 512.4 m/e 539 \\ \hline M^* = 343.0 m/e 430$$

 $\pi\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Fe}(\text{CO})(\text{CNC}_6\text{H}_{11})\text{COCH}_3$ gives the heterocyclic complexes 195 having the four-membered ring. The complex is also obtained by the photo-induced reaction of η-C₅H₅Fe(CO)₂CH₃ with $C_6H_{11}NC$ or η - $C_5H_5Fe(CO)[CN-t-Bu]CH_3$ with $C_6H_{11}NC$.

G. Azobenzenes

In 1963, Kleiman and Dubeck 155 reported that bis(cyclopentadienyl)nickel reacted with azobenzene to produce η -cyclopentadienyl-2-(phenylazo- C^2 , N')nickel (196). They originally assumed a structure of 197 in which the nickel atom was coordinated by the N,N π -electron such as Ni(π -PhN=NPh)-(CN-t-Bu)2, 156 not by the nitrogen lone pair. However, the

structures of the similar azobenzene complexes have been shown by X-ray diffraction studies 157-162 to have the coordination of the nitrogen lone pair. The complex 196 or its dimethyl derivative 163 reacts with the ortho-halogenated azobenzene to give

the pseudoazulene, i.e., 4-phenyl-4*H*-cyclopenta[*c*]cinnoline (198). 2-[(Arylazo)aryl]mercury derivatives, ¹⁶⁴ obtained from the reaction of azobenzene-2-sulfinates and mercuric chloride, also afford a diazonickel complex 196 in high yield by the reaction with nickelocene.

In 1965, Cope and Siekman¹⁶⁵ reported that chloro-bridged complexes of this group can be prepared by the reaction of aromatic azo compounds with potassium tetrachloroplatinate(II) or palladium(II) dichloride 199. These complexes did not liberate azobenzene upon treatment with an excess of potassium cyanide, triphenylphosphine, or amines. Rather, new complexes, which are the cleavage products of the chloro-bridged compound 199, e.g., 200, were formed. The reaction of palladium(II) dichloride with azobenzene and its derivatives was found to be faster than that of the platinum salts.

The crystal structure of the $trans-\mu$ -dichloro-bis(phenylazophenyl- C^2 , M)diplatinum(II), **199** (M = Pt) has been determined by X-ray diffraction techniques. ¹⁵⁹ Each platinum atom is coordinated to the two bridging chloride ions, an ortho carbon atom of a phenyl ring, and the distant azo nitrogen atom such that the azobenzene ligand forms the five-membered chelate. The entire molecule is planar with the exception of the free phenyl rings which are twisted 39° about the C-N bond away from the bridging chloride ions.

In 1970, Fahey¹⁶⁶ reported the first example of a homogeneous coordination-catalyzed chlorination reaction, namely, that of azobenzene in the presence of PdCl₂. Upon increasing the PdCl₂ concentration and with an extended reaction time, 2,6,2',6'-tetrachloroazobenzene was obtained as the major product. He assumed that the reaction proceeds via 199 as an intermediate from the characteristic color of the chloro-bridged dimer¹⁶⁴; indeed, he isolated 199 from the reaction mixture during early stages of the reaction. At a later stage of the reaction, the chlorinated compounds of 199 at the ortho position or the palladium metal were isolated. These azobenzene complexes also show the cleavage of their chloro-bridged bond with ligand groups such as phosphine compounds. 164-169 acetylacetone,51,170 amine,165 and pyrazole.54 The ligand-exchange reaction 165 of the metal carbonyl anions with the chloro-bridged palladium dimers 199 yielded derivatives 201 of cobalt, manganese, and rhenium. The manganese complex 201 has also been obtained 164 in high yield by the reaction of [2-(phenylazo)phenyl]mercuric halide with Mn(CO)5CI.

The analogous chloro-bridged palladium compound 171 202 has been obtained by the reaction of azoxybenzene with

+ 2Pd + 2AcOH

PdCl₄²⁻, and this complex is cleaved without loss of the organic ligand by Lewis base such as triphenylphosphine and n-propylamines to give monopalladium complexes similar to 200.

The azobenzene chloro-bridged complexes 199 were treated with carbon monoxide at a low pressure and room temperature, and 2-phenyl-1H-indazolone (203) was formed in a low yield. 170 However, a much better yield was obtained at a high temperature and pressure. 172 It is known that 203 can be carbonylated further to give substituted quinazoline 204 by the catalytic action of cobalt carbonyl. 173,174 The hydrolysis of the quinazolinedione affords aniline and anthranilic acid derivatives. The 2-phenyl-1H-indazoline also has been obtained directly by the reaction 174, 175 of azobenzene with carbon monoxide in the presence of Co₂(CO)₈ (Scheme VII). The acetate-bridged complex, ⁶⁸ which was obtained by the reaction of azobenzene with palladium acetate, was made to react with carbon monoxide to afford the lactone 205 in place of ketone 203. On the other hand, the carbonylation of tricarbonyl-2-(phenylazo)phenylcobalt (201) in an alcohol solution produces 2-carbomethoxyhydrazonobenzene 206, which is formed by the following mechanism presumed by Heck¹⁷⁰ (Scheme VIII).

The metal carbonyl complexes 201 also have been obtained by the direct reaction of azobenzene and manganese or rhenium carbonyls as first reported by Heck. 170 Analogous complexes

SCHEME VII. Carbonylation of Azobenzene-Palladium Chloride Complex 199

R, R' = H, Me, Cl, OMe

were obtained from $[Mn(CO)_4PPh_3]_2$, $[(\eta-C_5H_5)M(CO)_2]_2$ (M = Fe, Ru), and $[(\eta-C_5H_5)Ni(CO)]_2$ by Bruce and co-workers. 176-178 Much higher and nearly quantitatively yields of the manganese and rhenium complexes were obtained by the thermal reaction of the methyl compounds, $MeM(CO)_5$ (M = Mn, Re) with azobenzene. The proton NMR spectra of these complexes are shown in Table V. 176, 178 The signal due to the proton on the carbon atom which is ortho to the carbon-metal σ bond occurs at the lowest field.

Bruce and co-workers 177, 178 have reported many ruthenium complexes, 208-221, containing phenylazophenyl group from

SCHEME VIII. The Carbonylation Mechanism of Tricarbonyl-2-(phenylazo)phenylcobalt in Methanol

the chlorobridged dimer **207.** Monodentate ligands, L, cleave the halogen bridge to give monomeric complexes, (azb)LRu(CO)₂Cl (**208**). The bidentate ligand, 2,2'-bipyridyl (bpy), gives the ionic complex, [(azb)Ru(CO)₂(bpy)] [(azb)Ru(CO)₂Cl₂] (**210**). Cyclopentadienide and tris(pyrazolyl)borate anions react initially to give complexes containing phenylazophenyl- C^2 group (**214**, **220**); strong heating or irradiation converts them into chelating phenylazophenyl- C^2 , N' complexes, **213**, **221** with loss of carbon monoxide. Other anionic chelates, e.g., acetylacetonate or C^2 -aminobenzenethiolate, give monomeric (azb)Ru(CO)₂ (chelate)

TABLE V. ¹H NMR Chemical Shift (ppm) in CS₂ ¹⁷⁶

| | М | η-C ₅ H ₅ | ¹H |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| | Mn(CO)₄ | | 8.18 |
| | Re(CO) ₄ | | 8.15 |
| ₩ M | Mn(CO) ₃ PPh ₃ | | 7.83 |
|). <i>†</i> | Fe(CO)(η -C ₅ H ₅) | 4.40 | 8.08 |
| N N | Ni(n-C ₅ H ₅) | 5.27 | 8.01 |
| Ï | $Mo(CO)_2(\eta-C_5H_5)$ | 5.15 | 8.35 |
| | $Fe(PPh_3)(\eta-C_5H_5)$ | 4,12 | |
| \bigcirc | Ru(CO)(η -C ₅ H ₅) ¹⁷⁸ | 4.85 | 8.08 |

complexes, **216** and **219**, whereas, benzenethiolate gives a dimeric compound [(azb)Ru(CO)₂(SPh)]₂, **218**, containing an SPh bridging group.

The sulfur bridged compound, ¹⁷⁹ 222, has been obtained by the reaction of acetyl-bridged azobenzene with Et₄N(S₂SNR₂). Treatment of 222 with bromine gave 2-bromoazobenzene by removal of the metal.

The $\eta\text{-cyclopentadienylphenylazophenyl-} C^2, N'\text{-(triphenyl-phosphine)ruthenium 215}$ also has been prepared by the reaction 180 of azobenzene and $(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Ru}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Me}$ with loss of methane. The ruthenium compound of $\text{RuMe}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5),$ which is very prone to form metalated complexes, 180 reacts with decafluoroazobenzene 161 to afford $\text{RuC}_6\text{F}_4\text{N} = \text{NC}_6\text{F}_5$ (Ph $_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)$ (223). The ^1H NMR spectrum contains four multiplets at 5.78, 5.56, 5.42, and 4.91 ppm, all of equal intensity, but not so sharp a singlet as expected for the $\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ group. The structure, established by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study, shows that the substitution of both a C_6F_5 and an $\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ ring has occurred.

The reaction 181 between Mn(CO)₅Me with 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoroazobenzene proceeded readily to give the expected complex $C_6F_5N=NC_6H_4Mn(CO)_4$; however, $[Mn_2(CO)_{10}]$ af-

TABLE VI. Isomers Formed in Metalation Reaction of
$$m$$
-FC₆H₅N==NPh

OAc Et₄N(S₂CNR₂) 222

forded two complexes, 182 albeit in low yields, one of which was above product. In the latter reaction, metalation by abstraction of fluorine occurs, in addition to the usual metalation reaction found with azobenzene. The fluorine atom is presumed to be eliminated as HF, or as some manganese fluorine species, a possible reaction course is as follows:

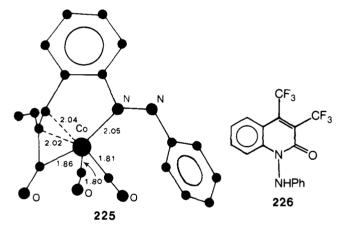
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$$\begin{split} C_{6}F_{5}N &=& NPh + [Mn_{2}(CO)_{10}] \\ & \rightarrow (C_{6}F_{5}N &=& NC_{6}H_{4})Mn(CO)_{4} + Mn(CO)_{5}H + CO \\ C_{6}F_{5}N &=& NPh + [Mn(CO)_{5}H] \\ & \rightarrow (C_{6}H_{5}N &=& NC_{6}F_{4})Mn(CO)_{4} + HF + CO \end{split}$$

The usual orthometalation of azobenzene with decacarbonyldimanganese proceeds with the elimination of [Mn(CO)₅H] as shown in the first reaction, which takes no further part in the reaction. This may also provide an explanation for the consistently low yields of metalated product obtained in this reaction. 176

It is generally accepted that palladation^{2,172} of azobenzene and related ligands occurs by electrophilic attack on the aromatic ring at the ortho position by the metal to form chelate complexes containing metal-carbon σ -bonds. Bruce and co-workers ¹²⁸ first reported the electrophilic and nucleophilic reaction mechanism concerning the orthometalation of azobenzene by the reaction of meta-substituted azobenzene (A, B, C) and metal complexes (see Table VI). The results are consistent with the accepted electrophilic mechanism for palladation, in that 80 % of the resulting mixture was metalated in the nonfluorinated ring (A). Further, where palladation has occurred in the substituted ring (B), reaction occurs para to fluorine, i.e., the position most favored for electrophilic attack. Using MeMn(CO)5, the major isomer obtained (C) is that which is substituted ortho to fluorine. a result consistent with nucleophilic attack on a carbon atom powerfully activated by the inductive effect of fluorine. It should be presumed that this nucleophilic attack of the manganese atom to the benzene ring is also activated by the electron-donating methyl group.

The reaction 160,183 between the azobenzene-cobalt carbonyl complex with CF₃C≡CCF₃ affords a mixture of an organocobalt derivatives 225 (60%) and an quinoline compound 226 (30%). The crystal structure of the cobalt compound 225 shows that the molecule is formed by insertion of one acetylene and CO molecule into the cobalt-carbon bond of the azobenzene-cobalt



carbonyl complexes. Thermolysis 183 of 225 affords 227 (L = CO), corresponding to loss of CO from 225, presumably by cleavage of the strained bond between the phenyl carbon and the olefin carbon. A similar product, 227 (L = PMePho), was obtained by addition of PMePh2 to 225, the complexes showing only one $\nu(CO)$ band and no acyl $\nu(CO)$ absorption.

227 L = CO, PMePh₂

The reaction 184 of azobenzene with [Ru₅Cl₁₂]₂ affords complexes 228 having an unusually low magnetic moment per ruthenium atom, suggesting metal-metal interaction. On heating the complex 228 under reflux with triphenylphosphine in methanol, bridge cleavage and reduction occur to give the complexes 229.

Bruce and co-workers¹⁸⁵ have reported some reactions of η -cyclopentadienylruthenium phosphine complexes with azobenzene derivatives: with azobenzene, m-RC₆H₄N=NPh (R = H, Me, OMe, COOEt, or CF₃), the complex [RuMe(η -C₅H₅)yielded $(PPh_3)_2$ mixture of isomers а $[Ru(C_6H_3YN = NC_6H_4)Z(\eta - C_5H_5)(PPh_3)]$ (Y = H, Z = R; or Y = R, Z = H). Using m-RC₆H₄N=NC₆F₅ (R = H, Me, or CF₃), the complexes $[Ru(C_6H_3N=NC_6F_5(\eta-C_5H_5)(PPh_3)]$ (R = H, 19%), $\begin{array}{lll} & [\underline{\text{Ru}(C_6F_4N \!\!=\!\! \text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{R})}(\eta \!\!-\!\! \text{C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)] & (\text{R} = \text{H}, 15.5\,\%), \text{ and} \\ & [\underline{\text{Ru}(C_6F_4N \!\!=\!\! \text{NC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-R}\!\!-\!\! \text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{PPh}_3)}(\eta \!\!-\!\! \text{C}_5\text{H}_5)] & (\text{R} = \underline{\text{H}, 9\,\%}) \text{ were} \\ \end{array}$ formed, while from $C_6F_5N=NC_6F_5$ only $[Ru(C_6F_4N=N-1)]$ C_6F_5)(η - $C_5H_5C_6H_4PPh_3$)] was isolated.

The reaction ¹⁸⁶ of azobenzene and MnF(CO)₅ (R = Me, Et, CH₂Ph, CH₂C₆Me₅, COCF₃, COCH₂C₆F₅, COCH₂OPh, Ph, or C₆F₆) affords Mn(C₆H₄N=NPh)(CO)₄ (**201**), while internal metalation ¹⁸⁷ of **201** with Mn(CO)₅Me affords **230**. Interestingly, the analogous reaction of Mn(CO)₅Ph gives a different product, **231**.

The mercuration ^{188–190} of azobenzene has occurred exclusively in the ortho position to yield 2-chloromercuriazobenzene (232) and a mixture which, on iodination, gave 2,2'- and 2,6-diiodoazobenzenes. The usual orthometalation mechanism presumed from the regiospecificity ¹⁸⁸ of these reactions that the mercury is directed into an ortho position by coordination of the mercury to an azo nitrogen and then subsequent electrophilic substitution as shown in the Scheme IX.

The iridium and rhodium complexes 120,127,191 233 similar to ruthenium 229 have been prepared by the reaction of azobenzene or its derivatives with $[MCI(C_8H_{14})_2]_2$ (M = Ir, Rh) in the

SCHEME IX Regiospecific Mercuration Reaction of Azobenzene

presence of PR_3 (R = Ph or cyclohexyl) according to Scheme V

Crociani and co-workers⁸⁸ reported the trans influence of halo-bridged complexes of the azobenzene (199), benzylamine (72), and alkylamine complex (32). On the basis of the greater trans influence of a σ -bonded carbon compared with that of a nitrogen atom, the higher frequency band was attributed to the

M = Ir, Rh

stretching vibration $\nu(Pd-X)$ trans to the nitrogen atom, and the lower frequency one to the $\nu(Pd-X)$ trans to the σ -bonded carbon. The $\nu(Pd-X)$ bridging bands are shifted toward lower wavenumbers in the order 199 > 72 > 32 with the exception of the higher frequency $\nu(Pd-Br)$ which remains almost constant. This is accounted for in the azobenzene derivatives in terms of the formation of the five-membered aromatic ring involving the two conjugated double bond of the system

$$(-\dot{C} = C - N = \dot{N} -)$$

and the filled palladium d orbitals of appropriate symmetry. 192, 193 For the other complexes, such a possibility is ruled out. As a consequence, the trans influence of either of the σ -bonded carbon or the coordinated nitrogen (which becomes more basic) increases. Moreover, it should be noted that an aliphatic carbon has generally a higher trans influence than the aromatic carbon.

Rhodium chloro-bridged dimer [(Azb)₂RhCl]₂ (234) has been prepared by the reaction of hydrated rhodium(III) chloride with azobenzene. 51,194,195 This rhodium complex reacts with donor ligands to give $(Azb)_2RhCl(L)$ (L = PPh₃, THF). With $[Rh(CO_2)_2$ -CI]2, azobenzene affords the RhI-RhIII complexes [(Azb)2-(RhCl₂Rh(CO)₂] (235), which also can be obtained from [Rh(CO)₂CI]₂ and [(Azb)₂RhCI]₂.

Bruce and co-workers 195 also presumed for the formation of 234 and 235 by the following conventional electrophilic sub-

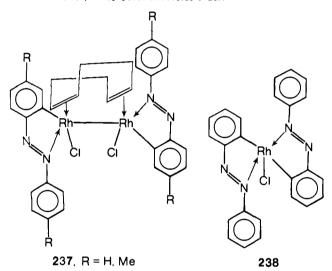
stitution mechanism: the formation probably occurs via an electrophilic attack by a coordinated rhodium atom on an ortho carbon atom, with elimination of HCI, following an initial reaction in which the nitrogen is attached to the metal. The reaction is analogous to the well-known orthometalation of azobenzene and related ligands by palladium chloride. 51,165 In the case of the complex 235, it is likely that the first step is coordination of azobenzene to the rhodium atom, followed by an oxidativeaddition reaction, which results in the formation of intermediate 236. Subsequent reaction with a second molecule of azobenzene, via an orthometalation reaction with elimination of hydrogen, and coordination, giving 234, can then be followed by combination with excess [Rh(CO)₂CI]₂ to afford complex 235 (Scheme X).

The reaction 196 of azobenzene with [RhCl(1,5-cyclooctadiene)] 2 affords not a bridging complex but one having the Rh-Rh bond, 237. However, the reaction of the azobenzene with RhCl₃·H₂O in EtOH affords rhodium bisazobenzene complex 238.

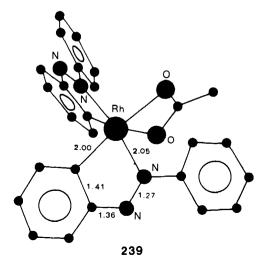
The treatment¹⁵⁷ of the chloro-bridged dimeric compound

SCHEME X. Formation of Chloro-Bridged Rhodium Complexes 234 and 235

a These two steps may occur in reverse order.



(Abz)₂RhCl₂Rh(Abz)Cl with sodium acetate, affords the wellcrystallized dark-red complex 239. The structure of the mononuclear bis(azoarene)rhodium acetate has been established by X-ray crystallography. The two Rh-C bonds are cis and the two Rh-N bonds are trans to one another. The chelating acetato group completes the octahedral coordination polygon of the rhodium and lies on an idealized molecular twofold axis.



Bisazobenzene–metal complexes ¹⁹⁷ **240**, with a "spirane" metal atom, have been prepared in high yield by treating bis(2-arylazo)arylmercury with the dibenzylideneacetone complex of zerovalent palladium, $Pd_2(DBA)_3 \cdot C_6H_6$. ¹⁸⁴ In refluxing petroleum ether the reaction ¹⁹⁸ between $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ and azobenzene also affords a dimeric complex, **241**, having a metal–metal bond analogous to **237**.

The irradiation^{74,199} of azobenzene or its derivatives with iron pentacarbonyl affords dimetal monomer complexes, **242**, and a small amount of iron–bisazobenzene complex, **243**. The latter complex **243** is also obtained by the treatment of the chlorobridged palladium complex **199** with metal carbonylates.

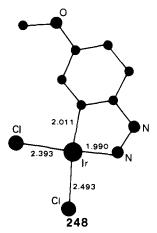
H. Phenyldiimides

It has been found that the reaction 158,200 of p-fluorobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate with Vaska's complexes, trans-[IrCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂], affords two products: the red, diamagnetic air-stable tetrazene complex 201,202 and the yellow diamagnetic air-stable complex, **244**, obtained as the acetone

solvate. The latter complex has been studied by X-ray diffraction. The complex cation contains an orthometalated aryl diimide moiety, with the acetone of crystallization weakly hydrogen bonded to the hydrogen atom on the coordinated nitrogen atom of the azo function.

A wide range of various substituted arydiazonium^{203,204} ions react with [Ir(CO)Cl(PPh₃)₂] and its analogs, and in the presence of lithium chloride, benzene–ethanol, or benzene–propanol-2 to yield orthometalated aryldiazene complexes **245**. These may be deprotonated to yield orthometalated aryldiazenato complexes (**246**) and hydrogenated in the presence of a palladium catalyst to give orthometalated arylhydrazine complexes (**247**).

The structure 162 of dichloro(4-methoxyphenyldilmide- C^2 , N')-bis(triphenylphosphine)iridium-chloroform (1:1) (248), which is one derivative of 244 and 245, has been determined



by X-ray diffraction study. The metal atom, which displays a distorted octahedral coordination, is bonded to the terminal nitrogen atom.

The reaction²⁰⁵ of IrH₃(PPh₃)₃ with p-anisyldiazonium tetrafluoroborate gives an insertion product which very easily undergoes orthometalation, yielding [IrH(PPh₃)₃NHNC₆H₃-OMe]+BF₄-. By reaction with halides, X-, the metalated fluoroborate gives the neutral IrHX(PPh₃)₂NHNC₆H₃OMe, which with halogens, X₂, affords IrX₂(PPh₃)₂NHNC₆H₃OMe.

Toniolo and co-workers²⁰⁶⁻²⁰⁹ have also reported phenyldiimide complexes; for example, the aryldiazenatoiridium(III) complex reacts with phenylacetylene to give the aryldiazenephenylacetylide complex 249, according to eg. 3. The formation of 249 is considered to occur via the orthometalation reaction of the cationic iridium metal.

$$[(PPh_3)_2(CO)IrCI(N_2C_6H_4R-\rho)](BF_4) + HC = CPh$$

ethanol or
$$C_6H_6/acetone$$
 [(PPh₃)₂(CO)] $CI(HN = NC_6H_4R-\rho)(C = CPh)]^{\dagger}[BF_4]^{-}$
(3)

I. Heteroaromatic Compounds

Nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic compounds such as pyridine, 22,54,210-213 quinoline, 51,214,215 and benzo[h] quinoline^{51,54,215-218} afford complexes having the coordination of the nitrogen to the metal to form the five-membered ring structure. Metalation²¹⁹ of 2-vinylpyridine (vpy) occurs on reaction with $[Rh_2X_6(PBu_3)_4]$ (X = CI, Br) to give [Rh[2-(CH=CH)py]-X₂(PBu₃)₂ (250), which undergoes an unusual substitution reaction with bromine to give [Rh[2(CH=CBr)py]Br2(PBu3)]2.

Cobalt carbonyl catalyzed hydroesterification of olefin with carbon monoxide and an alcohol generally proceeds under mild conditions in the presence of pyridine.^{220–225} The reaction²¹³ of the hydroesterification catalyst, H2Co3Py5(CO)9,226 with 2vinylpyridine yields an alkylcobalt complex 251, which was considered²¹³ to be an intermediate complex in the hydroest-

erification of 2-vinylpyridine. The ¹³C NMR parameters of the α - and β -methylene groups are 60.0 ppm ($J_{C-H} = 147 \text{ Hz}$) and 37.4 ppm (132 Hz), respectively.

2-Vinylpyridine²¹² also reacts with arylmercuric chloride to afford di- μ -chloro-bis [2-phenyl-2-(α -pyridyl)ethyl- C^1 , N]dipalladium (252). The chloro-bridge bond of 252 is cleaved by pyridine to afford the complexes 253.

ArHgCI
$$\stackrel{\text{Li}_2\text{PdCI}_4}{\longrightarrow}$$
 [ArPdCI] $\stackrel{\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2}{\longrightarrow}$ $\stackrel{\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2}{\longrightarrow}$ $\stackrel{\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{CH}=\text{C$

Ar = phenyl, p-tolyl, p-anisyl, m-nitrophenyl

Reaction²² of 2-chloromethylpyridine with NaMn(CO)₅ or NaMo(CO)₃(η -C₅H₅) gives NC₅H₄CH₂COMn(CO)₄ (254) or $NC_5H_4CH_2COMo(CO)_2(\eta-C_5H_5)$ (255), respectively, with a fivemembered ring containing a part of pyridine ring.

2-Phenylpyridine²¹⁰ or 2-phenylquinoline reacts with palladium dichloride to afford in high yield a chloro-bridged dimer, 256 or 257, having a five-membered ring structure. This chloro-bridged palladium dimer, 256, reacts with sodium tetrakis(1-pyrazolyl)-

borate to afford pyrazolyl-coordinated palladium complex54 similar to compound 77. The chelate structure of 2-pyridium metal compounds has been determined by the X-ray diffraction $study^{211}$ of $iodo[2(2'-thienyl)pyridine-<math>C^2, N][2-(2'-thienyl)pyri$ dyl]platinum(II) (258). The platinum atom is coordinated by two pyridyl nitrogens trans to one another, a thienyl carbon, an iodine

which lies slightly below the plane formed by the platinum, and the other three coordinating atoms. The complex is obtained by the reaction of 2-(2'-thienyl)pyridine with Ptl₄⁻.

The reaction²¹⁵ of 8-methylquinoline with lithium tetrachloropalladate(II) affords the chloro-bridged dimer **259**, having a five-membered ring. The bridged dimer is easily cleaved by a stoichiometric amount of triethylphosphine in benzene. The NMR spectrum of the 8-methylquinoline complex **259** in CDCl₃ shows the methylene protons, 3.12 ppm, as a doublet, $J_{PH} = 4$ Hz, in agreement with *trans*-bromobenzylbis(triethylphosphine)palladium(II). However, the proton ortho to the ligand nitrogen is also coupled to phosphorus, $J_{PH} = 5$ Hz, 9.58 ppm.

The corresponding 8-methylquinoline complex of platinum is also prepared. The chloro-bridged dimer 51 also easily affords its cleaved acetylacetonate derivatives **260** by the reaction of it with 2,4-pentanedione. 8-Methylquinolineplatinum phosphine bromide (**260**), is obtained by the reaction of 8-bromomethylquinoline with Pt(PPh₃)₃. Methylquinolinemolybdenum carbonyl complex (**260**) is prepared by 8-bromoquinoline with Mo(CO)₆ and sodium cyclopentadienide.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \text{CH}_2\text{--M(L)} & \text{M} & \text{L} \\ \text{N} & \text{Pd acac} \\ \text{Mo } & (\eta\text{--}\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2 \\ \text{Pt } & (\text{Br})\text{PPh}_3 \end{array}$$

The reaction²¹⁴ between 8-ethylquinoline (L) and lithium tetrachloropalladate produces a mixture of two products, a complex of type L₂PdCl₂ (261) and a chloro-bridged dimer having a five-membered ring, 262. The mixture is established through use of the well-resolved methyl bands in the NMR spectrum: 1.22 ppm (triplet) and 0.93 ppm (doublet) for 261 and 263, respectively. The metal–chlorine bridge in the dimer 262 can be easily cleaved upon treatment with optically active (1-phenylethyl)-amine, and crystallization of the resulting product 263 affording one of the diastereoisomers, $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ +29.2° (c 4, CH₂Cl₂). If the optical active amine part in this complex is replaced by triphenylphosphine, compound 264 is obtained, $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ +41.5° (c 4.5, CH₂Cl₂). The optical activity of the latter compound is solely

due to the presence of the chiral carbon atom.

Benzo [h] quinoline 215,217 also affords the chloro-bridged palladium complexes $[Pd_2X_2(bhq)_2]$ (265) by the reaction with palladium halide. The bridged dimers 218,227 are cleaved by pyridine tributylphosphine, triphenylarsine, and dimethyl sulfoxide to afford a four-coordinate complex PdCl(bhq)L whose ligand is coordinated at the trans position to the nitrogen atom. The bridged dimers 265 also react with acetylacetone to afford [Pd(acac)(bhq)], or with sodium tetrakis $(1-pyrazoly)borate(Na-BPz_4)$ to afford pyrazolyl-coordinated palladium complex.

265, X = CI, Br

Benzo[h]quinoline is also metalated with Na₃[IrCl₆] to give the chloro-bridged dimer [Ir(bhq)₂Cl]₂ (266).²¹⁶ This complex reacts with a ligand (L) such as tri-n-butylphosphine and diethyl sulfide to yield [Ir(bhq)₂ClL] (267).

Reaction²¹⁷ between benzo [h] quinoline and M(CO)₅Me (M = Mn, Re), M₃(CO)₁₂ (M = Ru, Os), and [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ gives the complexes M(CO)₄(bhq) (M = Mn, Re), M(CO)₂(bhq)₂ (M = Ru, Os), and the chloro-bridged complex (bhq)₂RhCl₂Rh(CO)₂ similar to **165**, respectively; Cr(CO)₃(π -bhq) is metalated on reaction with Mn(CO)₅Me, affording [(π -bhq)Mn(CO)₄]Cr(CO)₃ (**268**).

In closing this review, we summarize the relationship between the metal-nitrogen bond length and the electron-withdrawing groups bound to the metal in Table VII with some X-ray diffraction data described above. These show precisely that the compounds

TABLE VII. Metal-Nitrogen Bond Length of Organometallic Intramolecular-Coordination Compounds Having the Five-Membered Ring

| compd no. | metal | b o nd length, Å | electron-withdrawing group |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 179 37 80 180 79 163 69 | Pd | 2.020 2.076 2.090 2.101 2.115 2.070 2.139 | CI, Br CI o-oxybenzylamine py carbonyl oxygen (CO) ₄ (CO) ₄ |
| 66 199 258 | Pt | 2.30 2.40 2.42 1.98 2.04 | none CI |
| 6 | CI-N | -CI | N CI N 267 |
| | (| Ir = | C |
| | (OC) | | N Mn(CO)₄ |
| | | 268 | |

having a stronger or more electron-withdrawing group have much shorter bond lengths of the metal-nitrogen bond just as shown in the silicon compounds 20-24.

III. Concluding Remarks

Organometallic intramolecular-coordination compounds containing the nitrogen-donor ligand can be classified into the following nine groups according to the ligand groups in the organic residues bound to metals: alkylamines, benzylamines. benzoylamines, aminoferrocenes, benzylideneamines, imines, azobenzenes, phenyldiimides, and heteroaromatic compounds

Almost all of the compounds formed from these groups have a five-membered ring structure which is considered to have the lowest strain among possible ring structures. Very few compounds have a six- or four-membered ring structure. However, the ferrocene compounds can form compounds having a sixmembered ring in good yield. This fact is considered to show that the steric hindrance of the six-membered ring containing the ferrocene ring must be much less than in those rings containing a benzene, alkene, or alkane molety.

The metal having more electron-withdrawing groups is prone to induce metalation, giving more stable compounds which are known from X-ray diffraction studies to have a tighter bond between the metal and nitrogen atom.

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