# **Ruthenium in Organic Synthesis**



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#### **Ruthenium in Organic Synthesis: Outline**

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RUTHENIUM AT A GLANCE

Atomic mass: 101.07. History: Ruthenium was discovered by Karl Karlovich Klaus, a Russian chemist, in 1844.

Name: From the Latin Ruthenia, Russia.

Occurrence: Found in platinum and other ores.

Appearance: Silvery white, solid metal.

Behavior: RuO4 is toxic and

explosive.

Murahashi

#### Reviews

Murahashi *Chem. Rev.* 1998, *98*, 2599. Trost and Toste *Chem. Rev.* 2001, *101*, 2067.

#### **Properties of Ruthenium**

• Ruthenium has the widest range of oxidation states of any element



• Ruthenium complexes can adopt several coordination geometries

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	Oxidation State	Coordination number	Geometry	Example
	Ru(0)	5	trig. bipy.	Ru(CO) <sub>5</sub>
	Ru(II)	5	trig. bipy.	RuHCl(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
		6	octahedral	RuCl <sub>2</sub> CO(PR <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
	Ru(III)	6	octahedral	[Ru(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Cl] <sup>2+</sup>
	Ru(VI)	4	tetrahedral	RuO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
	Ru(VII)	4	tetrahedral	RuO <sub>4</sub> -
	Ru(VIII)	4	tetrahedral	RuO <sub>4</sub>

• Range of reactivity due to properties of Ru complexes: 1. High electron transfer ability

- 2. High Lewis acidity
- 3. Low redox potentials

4. Stabilities of reactive metallic species such as oxometals, metallacycles, and metal carbene complexes

#### **Regioselective Reductions**



J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Comm. 1967, 305.



Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 1975, 48, 2852.



J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Comm. 1976, 314.



catalyst	amine	alcohol	product	% y ield
RuH <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	$C_8H_{17}NH_2$	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>15</sub> OH	C7H15NHC8H17	92
RuCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	PhNH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> OH	PhN(C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	88
RuCl₃·nH₂O· P(OBu)₃	<b>N</b> H	СН₃ОН	× N I	99
Ru(cod)(cot)		C₂H₅OH H₂	NHC <sub>2</sub> H	<b>85</b>
RuCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>		NH <sub>2</sub> OH		100

Murahashi TL 1982, 229.

#### **Tetrapropylammonium Perruthenate (TPAP) Oxidations**

- [RuO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> is a milder oxidant than RuO<sub>4</sub>; can cleave some C=C bonds
- [RuO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> salts with large organic cations are soluble in organic solvents
- · Water inhibits catalyst turnover; use molecular sieves
- TPAP catalytic (5 mol %) with suitable co-oxidants; NMO most effective

Wide tolerance of functional groups

- Double bonds, polyenes, enones, halides, cyclopropanes, epoxides, and acetals
  Esters, amides, lactones, amines, peroxides, and catechols
  Protecting groups: SEM, MOM, BOM, MEM, trityl, silyl, benzyl, PMB, THP, acetate, and benzoate
- 4. Piperidines, pyrroles, indoles, furans, thiophenes, and pyridines are unreactive



70%











Ley Synthesis 1994, 7, 639 and ref. therein.

Panek JACS 2002, 124, 12806.





JACS 1999, 121, 4068.

#### Ruthenacyclopentane: Allene and Vinyl Ketone Coupling



- Role of CeCl<sub>3</sub> cocatalyst unknown; may activate enone
- Variety of allenes coupled to methyl or phenyl vinyl ketone in good yields (53-81%)

JACS 1999, 121, 4068.

## Ruthenacyclopentane: Allene and Vinyl Ketone Coupling



Alcohols: JACS 1999, 121, 10842. Amines: JACS 2000, 122, 12007.

#### Ruthenacyclopentane: Allene and Vinyl Ketone Coupling

allene	Product	Yield
X	√x ↓ ↓	X = O 82% X = NBn 73%
x~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	x	X = O 74% X = NBn 67%
x~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	X Ph	X = O 70% X = NBn 62%
X		X = O 68% X = NBn 90%
X		X = O 67% X = NBn 71%

• Ru catalyst: 10% CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>

Cocatalyst:

-Alcohols require 15% CeCl<sub>3</sub> -Amines use 15% TiCl<sub>4</sub> or MeAlCl<sub>2</sub>

Ruthenacyclopentene: Alkyne and Alkene Coupling--An Alder-Ene Reaction



JACS 1993, 115, 4361; JACS 1995, 117, 615.

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## Application in Total Synthesis: The Proposed Structure of Amphidinolide A





Cycloisomerization: 76% yield brsm as 3.5:1 mixture of branched and unbranched isomers





Trost JACS 2002, 124, 12420.



Mild conditions: conducted at rt
 Bi- and Tricyclic cycloheptadienes formed in

good yields (73-92%)

#### Ruthenacyclopentene: Intramolecular [5+2] Cycloaddition Examples

• "Complete diastereoselectivity is always observed" (Diastereomers are observed for substitution at other allylic position)



• Regioselectivity controlled by choice of substituents



Trost JACS 2000, 122, 2379.



Trost JACS 2000, 122, 2379.



Itoh JOC 1998, 63, 9610; Chem. Commun. 2000, 549.



### Ruthenacyclopentadiene: [2+2+2] cycloaddition





Trost JACS 1997, 119, 836.

#### Heteroatom Additions to Alkynes: Addition of Water



An alternative mechanism at work?

#### Heteroatom Additions to Alkynes: Addition of Water (Alternative Mechanism)



Trost JACS 2000, 122, 5877.



### Heteroatom Additions to Alkynes: Addition of Water (Alternative Mechanism)

**Aromatic C-H Bond Activation** 



of aromtic C-H at the less hindered ortho-position

Reviewed in Murai Pure Appl. Chem. 1997, 589.



Aromatic C-H Bond Activation



Trost Chem. Rev. 2001, 2067 and ref. therein.



14. ACIEE 1995, 4, 2039; JACS 1996, 118, 100.

## Conclusion

- Wide scope of reactions catalyzed or mediated by Ruthenium complexes
- Relatively new area in C-C bond formation;
  50% literature cited in Trost's review was published in 1997 or later
- "Prospects are clearly bright for more reactions to be discovered." -- Trost