Mechanistic Studies in Copper Catalysis



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General Historical Overview



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Timeline of Achievements in Copper Chemistry General Historical Overview



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THE PREPARATION OF METHYLCOPPER AND SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE DECOMPOSITION OF ORGANOCOPPER COMPOUNDS¹

 $\begin{array}{l} 2 \operatorname{CH}_{3}\operatorname{Li} + 2 \operatorname{Cu}\operatorname{Cl}_{2} \rightarrow \operatorname{C}_{2}\operatorname{H}_{6} + \operatorname{Cu}_{2}\operatorname{Cl}_{2} + 2 \operatorname{Li}\operatorname{Cl}\\ 2 \operatorname{CH}_{3}\operatorname{Li} + \operatorname{Cu}_{2}\operatorname{Cl}_{2} \rightarrow 2[\operatorname{CH}_{3}\operatorname{Cu}] + 2 \operatorname{Li}\operatorname{Cl} \end{array}$



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regular cross-coupling: transition metal mediated nucleophilic substitution



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oxidative cross-coupling: transition metal mediated coupling of two nucleophiles



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inverse or Umpolung cross-coupling: transition metal mediated electrophilic substitution



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oxidative cross-coupling



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Cu and O₂ stoichiometry determined from anaerobic single-turnover experiment



Cu^{II}/product ratio is 2:1

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initial rates experiment reveals turnover-limiting step



Initial rates experiment: suggest transmetalation as turnover-limiting

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- 1st order dependence on Cu(OAc)₂
- saturation dependence on boronic ester

initial rates experiment reveals turnover-limiting step



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Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

Cu^{II}: d⁹, square planar

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\uparrow & d_x^2 - y^2 \\
\downarrow \uparrow & d_{xy} \\
\downarrow \uparrow & d_z^2 \\
d_{yz} \downarrow \uparrow & \downarrow \uparrow & d_{xz}
\end{array}$$

ground state
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coupling excited state

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d_z² does not couple orbitals have incorrect symmetry

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 $g_{obs} = g_e - \frac{x\lambda}{\Delta E}$

 g_{obs} : empirical value from spectrum g_e : energy of free electron (2.00023)

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ground state

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 ΔE

 g_{obs} : empirical value from spectrum

ge: energy of free electron (2.00023)

x: modification factor of the free electron based on orbital mixing



'Magic pentagon'

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$$g_{obs} = g_e - x\lambda$$

 ΔE



 g_e : energy of free electron (2.00023)

- x: modification factor of the free electron based on orbital mixing
- λ : spin orbit coupling constant
- ΔE : energy between two orbitals



'Magic pentagon'

initial rates experiment reveals turnover-limiting step



EPR spectroscopy shows catalyst resting state as Cu^{II}







reaction progress correlated with EPR spectra

King, A. E.; Brunold, T. C.; Stahl. S. S. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 5044–5045

equilibrium prior to transmetalation



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deviation from standard conditions	effect on efficiency
added acetate	inhibition
added acetic acid	inhibition
$Cu(ClO_4)_2$ instead of $Cu(OAc)_2$	no reactivity

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Cu(ClO ₄) ₂ + 1 equiv NaOAc	rate acceleration
Cu(ClO ₄) ₂ + 1 equiv NaOMe	rate acceleration

 $sol_{-}Cu^{-}Cu^{-}sol_{+} 2 MeOH \longrightarrow 2 Cu(OAc)_{2}(MeOH)_{2}$ sol = MeOH





EPR signals appears after addition of boronic ester





EPR signals appears after addition of boronic ester exhibits a saturation depedence on concentration of ester





EPR signal obtained immediately after mixing Cu(OAc)₂ and boronic ester displays two species



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relative concentrations of the two species are altered by the addition of additives



mechanism of transmetalation

















Copper in Cross-Coupling Reactions



cross-coupling reaction mediated by Cu^I/Cu^{III} redox cycle

Classic Ullmann-Goldberg reaction



2 equiv. Cu^IL



2 equiv. X = Br, Cl, I

symmetric biaryl bond

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Ullmann-type coupling



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Ullmann-Goldberg Reaction cross-coupling reaction mediated by Cu^I/Cu^{III} redox cycle



Cu^{III} has been widely proposed as an intermediate

oxidative addition product has never been observed

oxidative addition to Cu has no precedent

Ullmann-Goldberg Reaction cross-coupling reaction mediated by Cu^I/Cu^{III} redox cycle







 $d[Ar_2]/dt = k_{Ar_2}[ArBr]^2[Cu^{I}]$ $d[ArH]/dt = k_H[ArBr][Cu^{I}]$

utilization of constraining macrocyclic ligands

UV-Vis spectroscopy

(NMR, CV, X-ray)

kinetics

kinetics reveal reversible oxidative addition









Cohen, T.; Cristea, I. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1976, 98, 748-753

kinetics reveal reversible oxidative addition









formation of 2, 2'-dinitro-biphenyl:

formation of nitrobenzene:



2nd order dependence

1st order

CuOTf



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Ullmann-type Coupling Reaction

direction observation of Cu^I/Cu^{III} redox steps

Ribas and Stahl's strategy:







X—Cu^I

macrocyclic ligand shown to undergo C–H insertion with Cu highly constrained and stabilized aryl Cu^{III} species

Casitas, A.; King, A. E.; Parella, T.; Costas, M.; Stahl, S. S.; Ribas, X. Chem Sci. 2010, 1, 326–330
direction observation of Cul/Culli redox steps

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highly constrained and stabilized aryl Cu^{III} species

allows for characterization by ¹H NMR, CV and UV-Vis

allows for study of reductive elmination

direction observation of Cu^I/Cu^{III} redox steps

Ribas and Stahl's strategy:



direction observation of Cu^I/Cu^{III} redox steps

Ribas and Stahl's strategy:



allows for study of oxidative addition

allows for study of mechanism of C–N bond formation

characterization of aryl-Cu^{III} complex







CuCl or CuBr

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CuCl or CuBr

electronic spectra (LMCT): agrees with ligand field strengths of the halides



characterization of aryl-Cu^{III} complex







CuCl or CuBr

cyclic voltammetry: values for Cu^{III}/Cu^{II} redox couple









rate of reductive elimination controlled by C–halogen bond strength C-X reductive elimination rates do not correlate with $E_{1/2}$ values

reductive elimination



relationship of this study to the Ullmann reaction





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- macrocyclic ligand lowers barrier to oxidative addition
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 - *effectively inverts the relative rates of both redox steps

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mechanism of Ullmann-Goldberg can vary

*use of less coordinating nucleophiles or higher coordinate ligands can affect key redox steps

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oxidative cross-coupling

Oxidative coupling of a Cu-bound nucleophile and a C–H bond



Hamada, T; Ye, X.; Stahl, S. S. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 833-835

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evidence for an aryl-Cu^{III}









kinetics of methoxylation reaction using the method of intial rates



kinetics determined by O₂ consumption

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¹H NMR complicated due to paramagnetic line broadening

indicates that Cu^{II} is formed during reaction



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King, A. E.; Huffman, L. M.; Casitas, A.; Costas, M.; Ribas, X.; Stahl, S. S. J. Am Chem. Soc, 2010, 1147–1169

Glaser-Hay Type Couplings proposed mechanism of Aromatic Glaser-Hay coupling



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