<u>Magnesium</u> Bulk metal relatively inert as e<sup>-</sup> used in bonding. <u>Preparation</u> of solvent - free Mg

Mg(vapour) 
$$\xrightarrow{\Delta}$$
 Mg(g)  $\xrightarrow{-109\circ C}$  RMgX RX(g)

in liquid  $\mathrm{N}_2$ 

Preparation of fluorogrignards:

 $\begin{array}{cccc} MgCl_2 &+& 2K & \xrightarrow{THF} & 2KCl &+& Mg(atomic) & \frac{C_8H_{17}F}{25^{\circ}C} & C_8H_{17}MgF \\ (anhydrous) & & more electronegative & finely divided & 3NS & 89\% \end{array}$ 

**Binary Organometallic Compounds** 

By dioxan displacement of schlenk reaction see earlier or transmetallation with HgR<sub>2</sub>. reactivity of Hg-C bond due to homolytic fission. Magnesacycles can result from solvent induced by ? shifts.

eg. 
$$2BrMg(CH_2)_nMgBr$$
  $\xrightarrow{}$   $dioxane$   $(CH_2)_nMg + MgBr_2(dioxane)_2$   
 $n = 4,5,6,$ 

• Solid Grignard reagents can be 4 coordinated ?Be and up to 5, 6 coordinate with donor species.

NB Group 12 transition metals Zn, Cd, Hg have similar reactivity /stochiometry  $s^2d^{10}$ . Form divalent species exclusively - loss / one of s electrons only.

Zinc preparation alkylzinc species

Zn(powder) + EtI  $\longrightarrow$  EtZnI  $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$  Et<sub>2</sub>Zn + ZnI<sub>2</sub> /trace Cu disproportionates

preparation of aryl/zinc species

 $ZnX_2 + 2ArLi$  X = Br,I. /Et<sub>2</sub>0 <u>Halomethyl species</u> Preparation  $ZLiX + ZnAr_2$ 

$$ZnX_2 + 2CH_2N_2 \xrightarrow{Et_2O} Zn(CH_2X)_2 + 2N_2$$
  
(X \ne F) tetrameric in solution

act as source of methylene for reactions.

$$Zn(CH_2X_2)_2 + 2 = \langle - - ZnX_2 + \rangle = \langle - - ZnX_2 + \rangle$$

Both Zn-C and C-X bonds are active -reaction occurs via intermediate  $H_2Zn^+-CH_2X$ . Evidence for the coordination of Zn occurs when use chiral reagent eg.



<u>General Properties</u> : very sensitive to  $O_2$ , spontaneously inflammable volatile . Similar reactions but less reactive than Grignards.

eg. no reaction with  $CO_2$  except at high pressure.

<u>Coordination Compounds</u> especially with  $\sigma$ -donor ligands. Chelating ligands give additional stability.

Unlike Me<sub>2</sub>Zn-OMe<sub>2</sub> which partially decomposes at 44° cubic structures with loss of active H eg. Me<sub>2</sub>Zn + MeOH  $\rightarrow$  (MeZnOMe)<sub>4</sub> Produces similar compounds to BeR<sub>2</sub> with bipy.

		λmax	log?max
ZnBr <sub>2</sub> bipy	colourless	310	4.13
ZnPh <sub>2</sub> bipy	pale yellow	350	2.91
ZnEt2bipy	orange red	420	2.77
Zn <sup>+</sup> Bu <sub>2</sub> bipy	red	425	2.56
Zn+Ptbipy	dk red	480	2.63

Looking at transition from Zn£d orbitals .(probably) Intensity change due to polarisation.

<u>Mercury/Cadmium</u> far less reactive than Zn Mercury halides attacked by bacteria  $\to HgR_2$  -far more toxic  $% R_2$  and easily absorbed into food chain

Hg particular facility to attack aromatic systems cleaning of coal tar



## Aluminium

#### Preparation



separate by fractional distillation as most volatile. use aprotic solvent.  $N_2$ 

2. Also direct processing using Zeigler method

A1 +  $3/2H_2$  +  $3C_2H_4 \longrightarrow 1/2(Et_3AI)_2$  dimer high temp. and pressure

Structure of Me<sub>6</sub>Al<sub>2</sub> :

dimeric detailed analysis of bond lengths and angles  $\rightarrow$  conclusion that bonding scheme for Al is intermediate between sp<sup>3</sup> and sp<sup>2</sup>



# Two bonding descriptions



# Aluminium -hard metal and AlR<sub>3</sub> are Lewis acids forming Lewis base adducts with donor ligands.

$\downarrow$	$\Delta H$ heat of complexation
	form most stable
	compounds with hard bases.
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cf remember Zinc	- ZnMe <sub>2</sub>	+ MeOH -	$\rightarrow$ (MeZnOMe) <sub>4</sub>
cf remember Be -	(BeMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>n</sub>	+ Me <sub>2</sub> NH	trimers/dimers

When an active H is present on the donor the 1:1 adduct is generally non isolable and elimination occurs.



Secondary amines give a similar reaction but give the dimer

$$2\text{Me}_{3}\text{Al} + \text{Me}_{2}\text{NH} \longrightarrow 2\text{Me}_{3}\text{Al} : \text{NHMe}_{2} \xrightarrow{110^{\circ}} \text{Me}_{2}\text{AlNMe}_{2})_{2}$$
  
aluminium loses Me group + 2CH<sub>4</sub>  
$$Me_{2}\text{Al} \swarrow N$$
$$Me_{2}\text{Al} \swarrow N$$
$$Me_{2}$$

Dimer/trimer relationship determined as before: bond strain vs entropy.

eg. (Me<sub>2</sub>Al-OMe)<sub>3</sub> yet (Me<sub>2</sub>AlSMe)<sub>2</sub> steric interaction of Me groups

S larger than O can accommodate methyl groups and reduce steric strain.

# System with 2 active hydrogens eg. aniline PhNH<sub>2</sub> -cubic structures

 $(Ph_3Al)_2 + PhNH_2 \longrightarrow (PhAlNPh)_4 + 2PhH$ 



H atoms cleaving two Ph groups

## Very Brief Comparison of Chemistry of Al and B

- 1. Both form organyls when in oxidation state +3.
- 2. BR<sub>3</sub> do not form dimeric species possibly due to steric bonding (although  $B_2H_6$ -boranes)

BR<sub>3</sub> not hydrolysed by water due to low B-C bond polarity but low molecular weight organyls e.g. BMe<sub>3</sub> do react readily with O<sub>2</sub>

The lack of hydrolysis contrasts with  $AlR_3 \Rightarrow Al(OH)_3$ 

3. AlR<sub>3</sub>BR<sub>3</sub> dimers like (AlR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> show rapid inter- amd intra- molecular exchange. This can be detected in the NMR ie.



4. Both  $AlR_3$  (see earlier) and  $BR_3$  form adducts with donor species.

eg. A table of the formation adducts with Me<sub>3</sub>B using amines

donor	NH <sub>3</sub>	MeNH <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> NH	
$\Delta {{H_{\mathrm{f}}}^{\varnothing}}$	-13.75	-17.64	-19.26	-19.94

 $\longrightarrow$  increasing donation as increase no. of Me substituents and then alkyl groups.

(purposely missed out Me<sub>3</sub>N).

Me<sub>3</sub>N would be expected to have  $\Delta H_{f}^{o}$  intermediate between Me<sub>2</sub>NH and



actually it is -17.62 (i.e increased) due to some steric interaction of between the three methyl groups.

If starting  $BR_3$  is tri-(1-naphthylboron) steric strain is so great that electronic effects are outweighed by steric arguments. eg. The order of ease of complexation is now:



 $NH_3 > MeNH_2 > Me_2NH > Me_3N$  and no reaction with

6. Both undergo hydroboration v hydroalumination

$$\begin{array}{rrr} B_2H_6 & + & 6 \ C_2H_4 \longrightarrow & 2 \ B(CH_2CH_3)_3 \\ & RT \end{array}$$

Readily undertaken even for sterically hindered alkenes.

7. Boron (not Al) hydrides are e<sup>-</sup> deficient and give a range of cage structures all e<sup>-</sup> deficient clusters.  $B_2H_6$ ,  $B_4H_{10}$ ,  $B_5H_9$ ,  $B_{10}H_{14}$ 

8. Boron forms ring complexes which are extremely stable. In reaction below might expect the formation of small volatile B-containing species, actually the alkyl chain rearranges.

Et Β B B B isomerism

#### **GROUP I4**

Chemistry of Si, Ge, organometallic compounds v.similar but as descend the group the element-C bond strength decreases as increasing metallic character . Main difference between these species and Group 1-13 is that here we have a sufficient no. of  $e^{-}$  to have classical bonding.

#### Preparation of Organo-Silicon Compounds

1. Grignard reagent

 $SiX_4 + 4 RMgX \longrightarrow SiR_4 + 4 MgX_2$ 

X = halogen preferably Cl or alkoxyl group

#### 2. Lithium organyl.

 $R_3Si-H + LiR' \longrightarrow R_3SiR' + LiH$ 

3. Wittig Coupling\_(unlike above two reactions does not require preformed R-M)

SiCl<sub>4</sub> + 4PhCl + 8Na  $\longrightarrow$  SiPh<sub>4</sub> + 8NaCl Et<sub>2</sub>O/THF under N<sub>2</sub>

#### 4. Hydrosilation

$$Cl_3Si-H + CH_2=CH_2$$
  $\xrightarrow{H_2PtCl_6}$   $Cl_3SiCH_2CH_3.*$ 

most efficient with electron withdrawing groups on the Si  $\Box$  polar Si-C bond

#### On hydrolysis this reaction can lead to Polymer formation



polymer chain or rings

supposing start with monoethyl cmpd instead

if hydrolyse\* and dehydrate  $\longrightarrow$  Et Et -O-Si-O-Si-O-Si- siloxane -O-Si-O-Si-O-Si- sheet polymer -O-Si-O-Si-O-Si- sheet polymer -O-Si-O-Si-O-Si-

<u>Siloxanes</u> v. important depending on structure  $\Rightarrow$  oils, elastomers, resins. High thermal stability, corrosion resistance, flexible due to low barriers to conformational change. Low temp. coefficient of viscosity . High vacuum lubricants.

## **Reactions at Si-C bonds**

Si-C bonds estimated to have only 10% ionic character: nucleophilic and electrophilic attack requires harsh conditions.

# Nucleophilic attack (at Si)

# 1. alkyl silanes

 $Me_{3}SiCR_{3} + OR' \xrightarrow{slow} Me_{3}SiOR + CR'_{3} \xrightarrow{fast} HCR_{3}$ hexamethylphosphoric trisamide HMPA, aprotic solvent [(CH\_{3})\_{2}N]\_{3}P(O)

Reaction is faster if desilvation relieves ring strain in the starting material or if good leaving groups are present. ie. one in the  $\beta$ -position

e.g. the ripening of bananas can be hastened artificially using

 $(PhCH_2O)_2MeSiCH_2CH_2CI \rightarrow C_2H_4 + (PhCH_2O)_2MeSi^+Cl^-$ 

## 2. aryl silanes

Fluoride ion used as nucleophile (Si-F)  $\Delta H_f = 565 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$  (strongest known single bond)



#### 3. allyl silanes

Sakurai reaction nucleophilic attack of  $F^-$  at Si  $\Rightarrow$  allyl anion as intermediate.



Regiospecific attack of allyl anion on carbonyl

#### **Electrophilic attack at C**

1. allyl silanes in presence of strong Lewis acid as catalyst.

$$Me_{4}Si + HCl \xrightarrow{AlCl_{3}} Me_{3}SiCl + CH_{4}$$
$$Et_{4}Si \xrightarrow{I_{2}} Et_{3}SiI + EtI$$

concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  gives Si-C bond cleavage but  $\rightarrow$  siloxanes.

## 2. Aryl silanes protodesilyation



# Cyclocarbosilanes

Generally SiMe<sub>4</sub> is stable and unreactive , obtainable pure, thermally stable to  $700^{\circ}C \Rightarrow$  used as reference in <sup>29</sup>Si, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR - all give one signal sharp singlet.

However if Me<sub>4</sub>Si is heated >  $700^{\circ}$ C  $\longrightarrow \sim 45$  compounds with bp<  $110^{\circ}/2$ mmHg 1 min. these include cyclic carbosilanes



## **Fluxional organosilanes**

Result from a series of Si-C bond cleavages and reformations.

eg. Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl + NaC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  Me<sub>3</sub>Si( $\eta^1$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) + NaCl  $Me_3Si$  a

Expected <sup>1</sup>H NMR data 3 Cp signals - actually produces one signal.

**Reason** : molecule undergoing a fluxional process called ring whizzing

1) metallotropic 1,2-shift

2) prototropic 1,2-shift  $\sim 10^6$  times slower.





If <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum is cooled to  $-100^{\circ}$  C then fluxional process is slowed down and expected signals observed.

The slow prototropic shift is such that each isomer exists long enough for a mixture of products to be formed in the Diels-Alder reaction with RC≡CR

<u>Me<sub>2</sub>SiCp<sub>2</sub></u> gives an interesting complex with  $Fe_2(CO)_9$  that has analogous structure to one isomer of  $(CpFe(CO)_2)_2$ .



## Formation of Cycloheterosilanes -saturated

-usually prepared from di-Grignard reagents or dihalides and metal.



2 examples where reactions occurring predominantly to reduce the ring strain

(not due to Si-C bond polarity which is very low)

1. insertion of SO<sub>2</sub>



2. Reaction with heptanol -generally unreactive alcohol.



Thermal stability -relatively high 600° C due to necessity for Si-C bond cleavage.



Silacyclopropanes- recent addition to chemistry of heterocycles



this species extremely reactive Si ring opening occurs on reaction with O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, <sup>-</sup>OOH,CCl<sub>4</sub>, RLi all at RT

Simple <u>dimethylsilacyclopropane</u> has been prepared but has a half-life of 81hrs and when impure is rapidly oxidised in air



Alternate route for the formation of silcyclopropane rings is from silylene (analogous to a carbene



Alternative is to prepare the silylene in situ.



rapidly decomposed in air or water

but stable at RT in solution thermally more stable with SiMe<sub>3</sub> substituents on alkane. double bond imposes 120° angle Advantages of organotin compounds - Mossbauer spectroscopy-<sup>119</sup>Sn NMR active I = 1/2

These techniques enable us to examine ligand interaction with a metal in two OS and coordination no.

Sn - as descend Group 14 stability of lower OS increases - inert pair effect eg.  $SnCl_2(s)$ .

Second factor is the greater structural diversity observed for Sn compounds – can actually increase its coordination no. beyond 4. ie. not simply forming sp<sup>3</sup> hybridisation but uses its low-lying d-orbitals.



**Mossbauer effect** : due to recoiless emission and resonance absorption of  $\gamma$  rays. The <sup>119</sup>Sn nucleus emits a  $\gamma$  ray with 23.6eV energy . By moving the source (usually SnO<sub>2</sub> or Mg<sub>2</sub>Sn) relative to the sample, the energy of the emergent ray is modulated by the Doppler effect until it matches the <u>nuclear excitation energy of the sample</u>. At this point aborption will occur at a relative velocity called the isomer shift <u>IS</u>.

The energy difference between the ground and excited state is influenced by the electron density about the nucleus. This influence is a result of ground and excited nuclei having different radii and hence differing electrostatic interaction with the surrounding *S* electrons. The <u>IS</u> is a comparasion of the nuclear spin excitation energy of <sup>119</sup>Sn in different compounds relative to SnO<sub>2</sub>.

IS reported in mms<sup>-1</sup> and positive values of IS represent an increase in S electron density relative to  $SnO_2$ .

Mossbauer spectroscopy signals are split when the electronic environment of the nucleus alters from cubic , octahedral or tetrahedral symmetry. QS is the quadrupole splitting.

## Tin

#### **Preparation of SnR<sub>2</sub>**

$$SnCl_2 + PhMgCl \longrightarrow MgCl_2 + "Ph_2Sn"$$

One way to test the formation of  $Ph_2Sn$  is to form 4-coordinate compounds by reaction with Br, methyl, or I in an oxidative addition reaction.

In the above case no reaction occurred. Why?

Reason - actually Ph<sub>12</sub>Sn<sub>6</sub> from X-ray diffraction.



One strategy would be to increase the bulk of the  $SnR_2$  groups so that their interaction prevents oligomerisation.





Even if bulky substituents are used oligomerisation/polymersation can occur e.g.  $\{(Me_3Si)_2CH\}_2Sn$  is monomeric in solution and dimeric in the solid state. The dimmer does not possess a planar  $Sn_2C_4$  framework. The Sn=Sn bond distance (276pm) is too long. It is proposed that there is overlap of sp<sup>2</sup> hybird orbitals and the vacant 5p atomic orbitals on the Sn atoms.

SnR<sub>2</sub> compounds are thermochromic- characteristic of Sn II compounds

Three energy levels. For thermal reasons the central energy level is occupied at RT and the  $e^-$  are excited to higher level giving the compound its deep red colour. At low temp  $e^-$  fall in energy and no transitions possible  $\Rightarrow$  decolourised at low temperature.

#### Formation of Sn-N containing compounds

seen formation of  $Me_3Si \xrightarrow[]{H} Sn \xrightarrow[]{H} Sn \xrightarrow[]{H} SiMe_3$ 

and CH is isoelectronic with N hence we can form nitro compounds



expect this cmpd to be less willing to undergo oxidative addition reactions