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Organic bromo derivatives in organometallic reactions

Midway from the less reactive chlorocompounds and the more expensive iodo compounds, organic bromo derivatives have been extensively used in organometallic chemistry, so that this talk will not be a comprehensive survey but will focus on some particular points.

- From carbon-bromine to carbon-metal bond
 - via an Mo metal (Li, Mg, Cu, Zn, Cd): improvements,
 - via an Mo metal under "Sayzev" (or "Barbier") conditions.
- R-Br compounds as electrophilic reagents towards organometallics influence of Nio, and PdoLn catalysis in the reaction of various bromo compounds with selected organometallics. Use of copper reagents in the coupling of RM + R' Br \rightarrow RR'.
- Metal/bromine exchange with organolithium compounds - stereoselectivity - chiral reagents - lithio carbenoids. Gem dibromo derivatives as olefination reagents of carbonyl (carboxyl) compounds.
- Some examples on the influence of metallic bromides on the course of organometallic reactions will be discussed.



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Reactivity of the carbon - bromine bond in perhalofluoromethyl and perhalofluoroethyl bromides

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Bromine attached to a carbon atom bearing at least two fluorine substituents is not displaced by nucleophiles through a SN2 mechanism. Thus, perhalogenofluoroalkyl bromides can react with nucleophiles only through halophilic or monoelectronic reductive processes.

CF₂Br₂ and BrCF₂CF₂Br are transformed essentially under halophilic conditions and lead, in a first step, to difluorocarbene and tetrafluoroethylene, respectively. Though few halophilic attacks are known upon CF₃Br, this compound is rather functionnalised under monoelectronic reductive conditions and lead primarily to the trifluoromethyl radical. Both types of reaction are observed with CF₂BrCl.

The substitution of bromine in CF₂Br₂, CF₂BrCl, CF₃Br and BrCF₂Br will be illustrated by examples of synthetic and industrial interest.

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