

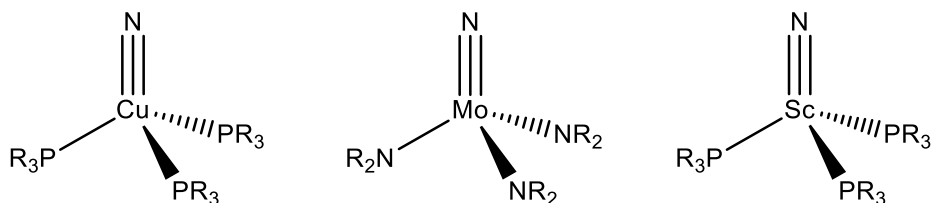
Ch 112

In class exercise

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1. Consider end-on binding of dinitrogen to the bent metallocene fragments $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}]$ and $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}]^{2+}$. Which fragment is more likely to bind N_2 ?

2. Given that Mo(VI) forms very strong bonds with nitrides, such as in the molecule shown below, evaluate the stability of the related Cu and Sc complexes:



3. Below are calculated molecular orbitals of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CH})_4$. Assign each molecular orbital to the type of M–M interaction (σ , σ^* , π ...etc.). Based on the molecular orbital diagram of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CH})_4$, determine whether each MO would be filled or not. What is the expected M–M bond order for the Mo analog $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CH})_4$?

