## **σ-Bond Metathesis**

- d<sup>0</sup> metal, so such a reaction cannot occur by OA, then RE
- σ-Bond Metathesis discovered in 1987 by John Bercaw at Caltech

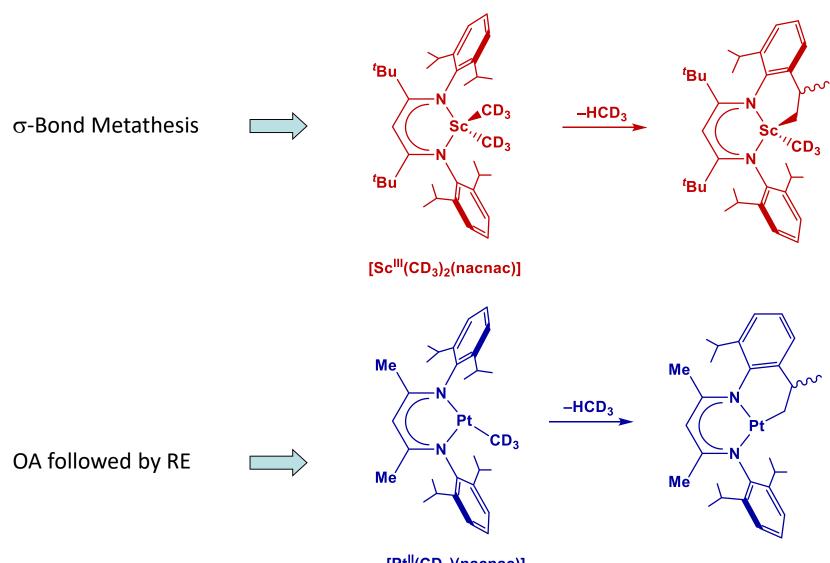
$$L_xM-R + H-R' \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} L_xM-R' + H-R \end{bmatrix}^{\ddagger}$$

- Very common for metals without an accessible oxidation state 2 units higher
- Order of reactivity (greater reactivity with higher  $\sigma$ -character in R-H bond):

$$M-H+H-H >> M-Alkyl+H-H >> M-Alkyl+RC\equiv CH > R-Alkyl+R_2C=CRH > M-Alkyl+R_3C-H$$

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•  $\sigma$ -bond metathesis often occurs intramolecularly  $\rightarrow$  (cyclo)metalation



[Pt<sup>II</sup>(CD<sub>3</sub>)(nacnac)]