Results and Discussion

The reaction of dodecacarbonyltetracobalt with phosphorus ligands leading to the replacement of one carbonyl group, i.e. formation of Co4(CO)11L derivatives, is known to readily occur at ambient temperature.^{4a,6,7} In this instance the ligand substitution pathway is not governed via a CO-dissociative route as evidenced by quantitative intermolecular ¹³CO-exchange studies involving the Co₄(CO)₁₂ species.^{4f} For example, whereas reaction 1 takes place over a few minutes at room

$$Co_{4}(CO)_{12} \qquad (1)$$

temperature, ¹³CO incorporation into $Co_4(CO)_{12}$ (eq 2) occurs with a first-order rate constant of $3.27 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ($t_{1/2} = 35$ min) at 40 °C. However, at higher CO pressures $Co_4(CO)_{12}$ undergoes fragmentation to dicobalt octacarbonyl, a process proposed to involve one to two additional CO ligands in the transition state.⁸ Kinetics parameters for the related substituted-cluster fragmentation process, i.e. Co₄(CO)₈[PPh₃]₄ proceeding to $Co_2(CO)_6[PPh_3]_2$, have been reported by Huq This process was shown to proceed by three and Poe.⁹ pathways involving phosphine or carbon monoxide dissociation and by spontaneous disruption of the tetranuclear species without a change in ligand composition.

It has been demonstrated by several research groups that the instantaneous reaction of $Co_4(CO)_{12}$ with a variety of phosphorus ligands to afford $Co_4(CO)_{11}L$ occurs in the absence of light, in the presence of radical traps, and in hydrocarbon solutions where particular care was taken to avoid trace oxygen impurities. We felt that it was of further importance to clearly establish whether or not cluster fragmentation is a key mechanistic feature of this rapid, kinetically difficult to access, ligand substitution process. The most definitive criterion for cluster disruption during ligand substitution is a metal isotope double-labeling experiment such as that described by Stolzenberg and Muetterties for the dimeric rhenium species.² Alternatively, if the proper control experiments are carried out, a ligand isotope double-labeling experiment will yield precisely the same mechanistic information. This is an important point since for many metals only one stable isotope is available; in addition, when multiple metal isotopes are accessible, the cost is often prohibitive.

The infrared spectra of $Co_4(^{12}CO)_{11}P(OMe)_3$ and Co_4 - $(^{13}CO)_{11}P(OMe)_3$, prepared from independent syntheses involving $Co_4({}^{12}CO)_{12}$ or $Co_4({}^{13}CO)_{12}$ and excess $P(OMe)_3$, respectively, in the ν_{CO} region are depicted in Figure 1. Figure 2 contains comparative infrared spectra of an equimolar mixture of $Co_4({}^{12}CO)_{11}P(OMe)_3/Co_4({}^{13}CO)_{11}P(OMe)_3$ obtained from (a) the control experiment, where the two independently synthesized samples were allowed to stand in solution for the time period required for the second method, and (b) the reaction of equal quantities of $Co_4(^{12}CO)_{12}$ and $Co_4(^{13}C O_{12}$ with excess P(OMe)₃ followed by chromatographic purification. Qualitatively, it is apparent that these mixtures are quite similar. Quantitatively, this is seen to be the case as well, as revealed by careful examination of the difference spectra. As seen in the slight shoulder noted on the highest frequency $\nu_{\rm CO}$ peak of the all-¹²CO species in both spectra shown in Figure 2, there has been a small amount of carbonyl ligand

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Figure 3. Co₄(CO)₁₂L intermediate.

scrambling between the two Co₄ units. This is to be expected on the basis of the known slow rate of intermolecular CO exchange that occurs in $Co_4(CO)_{11}P(OMe)_3$ at ambient temperature (eq 3).4f

$$Co_4(CO)_{11}P(OMe)_3 + n^{13}CO \Rightarrow$$

 $Co_4(CO)_{11-n}({}^{13}CO)_nP(OMe)_3 + n^{12}CO$ (3)

Observations identical with those reported for the P(OMe)₃ derivative were noted for the substitution reaction of Co₄(C- O_{12} with triphenylphosphine. That is, an infrared spectrum taken within 5 min after mixing of the solution from the reaction of $Co_4({}^{12}CO)_{12}/Co_4({}^{13}CO)_{12}$ and 1 equiv of PPh₃ in hexane displayed essentially no CO scrambling among the two distinct Co₄ moieties. However, due to more facile intermolecular ligand exchange in this system, i.e., a statistical distribution of ${}^{12}CO/{}^{13}CO$ being seen in the Co₄ cluster within ca. 1 h (eq 4), we were unable to further purify the Co_4 - $(CO)_{11}PPh_3$ product for a more detailed spectral analysis.

$$Co_4({}^{12}CO)_{11}PPh_3 + Co_4({}^{13}CO)_{11}PPh_3 \rightleftharpoons$$

 $2Co({}^{12}CO)_{11-n}({}^{13}CO)_nPPh_3$ (4)

Conclusions

The ligand isotope double-labeling studies presented herein have conclusively shown that during the very rapid ligand substitution reactions of $Co_4(CO)_{12}$ with phosphorus ligands to afford $Co_4(CO)_{11}L$ derivatives no cluster fragmentation occurs. This result was demonstrated for two quite different incoming phosphorus ligands, P(OMe)₃ and PPh₃. Presumably the pathway for this substitution reaction is an interchange or associative process and may involve the intermediacy of species such as that shown in Figure 3.

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Direct Identification of Cu-Mo-S Clusters by ⁹⁵Mo NMR Spectroscopy

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The chemistry of Cu-Mo-S compounds has been of interest for over a century.¹ Recent studies of Cu-Mo-S clusters have been stimulated by general interest in $[MoS_4]^{2-}$ as a ligand for other metals² and by the implication that species derived from copper-thiomolybdate interactions may be responsible

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^a In CH₂CN. ^b In DMF. ^c In CH₂Cl₂. ^d Relative to external 2 M Na₂MoO₄ in D₂O, effective pH 11; line widths in Hz in parentheses.

for the biological antagonism between copper and molybdenum that leads to copper deficiency in ruminant animals.^{3,4}

Previous research has identified several different Cu-Mo-S clusters derived from reactions of [MoS₄]²⁻ with copper compounds.⁵⁻¹⁵ Such reaction products include anionic complexes

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of the general type $[(XCu)_n MoS_4]^{2-}$ $(n = 1-4; X = CN, Cl, Br, I, SR)^{8-11,13-15}$ and uncharged complexes such as $(PR_3)_3Cu_2MoS_4^{6,7}$ and $[Cu_3MoS_3](PPh_3)_3S^{5,12}$ The solid-state structures of complexes of each type have been established by single-crystal X-ray structure determination. Raman and infrared spectroscopy have also been used to obtain information about the symmetry at the molybdenum atom in solid samples.^{11,16} It has been more difficult, however, to establish the integrity and structures of Cu-Mo-S clusters in solution. Herein we show that anionic Cu-Mo-S complexes of the general formula $[(XCu)_n MoS_4]^{2-}$, with n = 1-4, can readily be distinguished from one another by ⁹⁵Mo NMR spectroscopy. These results substantially extend the previous reports of the ⁹⁵Mo NMR spectra of $[(XCu)MoS_4]^{2-}$ and $[(XCu)_2MoS_4]^{2-}$ ions $(X = CN, SPh)^{.9,11,13}$

Table I lists the ⁹⁵Mo NMR data for several diamagnetic $[(XCu)_n MoS_4]^{2-}$ complexes. Preparative details for the com-

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pounds^{8-11,13-15,17} and the experimental procedures for obtaining the ⁹⁵Mo NMR spectra¹⁸ have been described.

It has been previously established that $[(XCu)MoS_4]^{2-}$ complexes adopt structure 1 (see Table I) in the solid state.^{8,9,11,13} In solution, such complexes give relatively sharp ⁹⁵Mo NMR signals near 1900 ppm with line widths of ~ 50 Hz.^{9,11,13} $[(XCu)_2MoS_4]^{2-}$ complexes (structure 2)^{11,13} have ⁹⁵Mo NMR resonances in the 1600–1700 ppm range with line widths that are 200 Hz or greater.^{11,13}

Here, we present the first ⁹⁵Mo NMR data for $[(XCu)_3MoS_4]^{2-}$ and $[(XCu)_4MoS_4]^{2-}$ clusters. The former adopt structure $3^{14,15}$ in the solid state and in solution show a chemical shift range of 1230-1280 ppm with line widths of ~200 Hz. The $[(XCu)_4MoS_4]^{2-}$ ions (4)¹⁰ have ⁹⁵Mo NMR resonances near 900 ppm, and the lines are substantially broader (\sim 1400 Hz) than any of the other Cu-Mo-S species.

The data in the table show that the molybdenum chemical shift decreases monotonically as additional CuX units are bound to the $[MoS_4]^{2-}$ core of the clusters. Thus, the molybdenum chemical shift of a $[(XCu)_n MoS_4]^{2-}$ cluster provides a direct measure of the number of CuX units in the cluster. Each successive addition of a CuX moiety to the $[MoS_4]^{2-}$ core results in a decrease in the chemical shift of the molybdenum nucleus by 200-400 ppm. smaller variations in the molybdenum chemical shift result from changing the nature of the X ligand attached to the Cu atom. The general variation of the shielding of the molybdenum nucleus with the X substituent on Cu seems to be SPh $< I < Br < Cl \sim CN$, although the data do not permit direct comparison of the effects of I and SPh.

The table also presents ⁹⁵Mo data for some Cu-Mo-S clusters derived from the $[MoOS_3]^{2-}$ and $[MoO_2S_2]^{2-}$ anions. Direct comparison of the ⁹⁵Mo chemical shifts of [(PhSCu)- MoS_4 ²⁻ and [(PhSCu)MoO₂S₂]²⁻ shows that the molybdenum nucleus is ~1300 ppm more shielded in [(PhSCu)MoO₂S₂]²⁻. This shielding difference is very similar to that in the parent anions where $[MoO_2S_2]^{2-}$ is ~1150 ppm more shielded than $[MoS_4]^{2-,13,19}$ The pair $[(ClCu)_3MoOS_3]^{2-}$ and $[(ClCu)_3MoS_4]^{2-}$ exhibits increased shielding of ~760 ppm for the oxo-containing complex. The line widths of the latter pair are also dramatically different, presumably reflecting the different structures (7^{20} and 3,^{14,21} respectively) adopted by the two ions. Similar shielding differences occur for the pair $[(PhSCu)_2MoOS_3]^{2-}$ and $[(PhSCu)_2MoS_4]^{2-}$ (808 ppm) and for the pair $[(NCCu)MoOS_3]^{2-}$ and $[(NCCu)MoS_4]^{2-}$ (665 ppm¹³).

The ⁹⁵Mo NMR resonances of the $[(XCu)_nMoS_4]^{2-}$ anions are all much broader than those for $[MoS_4]^{2-}$. The presence of quadrupolar copper nuclei and the increased molecular mass of Cu-Mo-S clusters can both contribute to line broadening. However, the data in the table show that there is no simple correlation between the number of copper atoms in the complexes (n) and the line width. The complexes with n = 2 and 3 have similar line widths (170-600 Hz) that are much larger than complexes with n = 1 and much smaller than complexes with n = 4.

In summary, this work clearly demonstrates that ⁹⁵Mo NMR chemical shifts can be used to identify various $[(XCu)_nMoS_4]^{2-}$ ions in solution and hence is a simple direct probe for determining the CuX:MoS₄ ratio for unknown

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complexes in solution. This research also provides good evidence that the Cu-Mo-S clusters do not dissociate in solution because each complex gives only one ⁹⁵Mo resonance.

Related Cu(I) complexes are formed by $[MoO_vS_{4-v}]$ (v = 0-2) anions.² The nature of the S-Mo-O core (i.e., the value of y) for such species is readily established from their vibrational and electronic spectra.^{11,16} The present work has established that the ⁹⁵Mo chemical shifts of $[(XCu)_n MoO_v S_{4-v}]^{2-1}$ species clearly identify the value of n for a given value of y. Therefore, on the basis of the ⁹⁵Mo NMR spectrum and the vibrational and/or electronic spectra, it is possible to determine both y and n for such complexes. The ability to distinguish and identify Cu-Mo-S clusters in solution should be of considerable value in further developing the chemistry of such systems. Also, there now exists the exciting prospect of using a combination of ⁹⁵Mo NMR and other spectroscopies to characterize the Cu-Mo-S species that may be present when molybdenum induces copper deficiency in ruminants.^{3,4} Such studies could be further enhanced by using ⁹⁵Mo-enriched samples to increase the sensitivity of the ⁹⁵Mo NMR measurements.

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A Dimeric Platinum(III) System Containing a Long Metal-Metal Bond. Crystal Structure of $K_4 Pt_2(P_2O_5H_2)_4 CH_3I \cdot 2H_2O$

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Earlier we found that binuclear platinum(III) species can be obtained readily by oxidative addition of halogens or methyl iodide to $[Pt_2(pop)_4]^{4-}$ (pop = $P_2O_5H_2^{2-}$).² Though fragmentation of alkyl halides in two-center oxidative additions has been observed before,³ relatively few structural studies on the adducts have been performed. Here we wish to report the structure of $[Pt_2(pop)_4CH_3I]^{4-}$, which was obtained through the reaction of $[Pt_2(pop)_4]^{4-}$ with CH₃I; the structural results

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