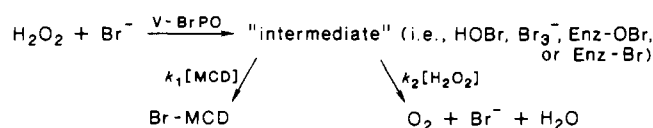


O_2 /min at 0.095 M Br^-), reflecting the larger oxidation potential of iodide. Figure 1B shows that a solution of H_2O_2 and Br^- at pH 6.5 does not produce O_2 , despite the favorable potential, and Figure 1A demonstrates that a solution of H_2O_2 is stable with respect to disproportionation under the conditions of these experiments.

Figure 2 shows a profile of the rate of MCD bromination (Figure 2A) and the rate of dioxygen formation (Figure 2B), both in the presence of 47.5 μM MCD catalyzed by V-BrPO. The rate of dioxygen formation catalyzed by V-BrPO, 10.0 μM /min, is identical with the rate of MCD bromination, 10.5 μM /min at 40-95 μM [MCD] (see Table I). Moreover, the maximum rate of O_2 formation is independent of the presence of MCD, since the rate of O_2 formation in the absence of MCD is 10.4 μM /min. That the ratio of the rate of MCD bromination to dioxygen formation is 1.05 ± 0.05 suggests that both reactions proceed through a common intermediate, which in analogy to FeHeme-BrPO may be an enzyme-bound OBr^- moiety, an enzyme-bound Br moiety, HOBr, or Br_3^- . Any of these can react with MCD to give the brominated product or with another 1 equiv of H_2O_2 to produce O_2 and Br^- at rates much faster than that for the production of the intermediate.^{7,10,14,15} Chloride (≤ 0.5 M) does not affect the rate of MCD bromination nor the O_2 -formation rate, although fluoride inhibits both reactions.

This is the first report of halide-dependent catalase activity for V-BrPO. This feature is shared with $Fe_{NH}-BrPO$, which is reported to have equivalent rates of MCD bromination and oxygen evolution in the halide-dependent catalase reaction,⁹ but is distinctly different from the FeHeme haloperoxidases and many other FeHeme peroxidases, which have appreciable catalase activities in the absence of halide ion.^{7,11} The identical rates of MCD bromination and Br^- -assisted O_2 formation and the lack of O_2 formation in the absence of bromide suggest the possible mechanism



During the bromination of MCD, a slow rate of O_2 formation is evident in Figure 2B, although, this rate is 80-95% less than the rate of O_2 formation in the absence of MCD or after all MCD is consumed. Even at much higher MCD concentrations (i.e., up to 250 μM), the rate of O_2 formation is not completely shut off, indicating that $k_1[MCD]$ competes with $k_2[H_2O_2]$ for reaction with the "intermediate". V-BrPO also catalyzes the bromination of uracil or cytosine, forming the 5-bromo derivatives,¹⁶ although neither uracil nor cytosine is an efficient substrate, even at 10 mM concentrations, since dioxygen evolution (i.e., $k_2[H_2O_2]$) is concomitant with bromination (i.e., $k_1[\text{pyrimidine}]$).

In conclusion, we have shown that, unlike FeHeme haloperoxidases, V-BrPO cannot catalyze the direct disproportionation of H_2O_2 in the absence of bromide or iodide. The catalase activity of FeHeme haloperoxidases may be a consequence of the electron-transfer function of the FeHeme moiety since $Heme^+Fe^{IV}=\bar{O}$ can oxidize H_2O_2 , leading to direct catalase activity, or oxidize Br^- , leading to bromination and Br^- -assisted catalase reactivity. We are continuing our investigation of the role of the vanadium(V) ion to determine whether V-BrPO functions as an electron-transfer catalyst or a Lewis acid catalyst of bromide oxidation by hydrogen peroxide.

Abbreviations: 2-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-1,3-dimedone, MCD; bromoperoxidase, BrPO; chloroperoxidase, ClPO.

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General Synthetic Route to the Dirhenium Octahydrides $Re_2H_8(PR_3)_4$ from the Triply Bonded Complexes $Re_2Cl_4(PR_3)_4$. An Unexpected Structure for the Complex $Re_2H_8(dppm)_2$ ($dppm = Ph_2PCH_2PPh_2$)

The so-called "agno-hydrides" of rhenium were first described in detail by Chatt and Coffey in 1969 and formulated as $[ReH_x(PR_3)_2]_2$ ($x < 7$ and $PR_3 = PEt_2Ph, PPh_3$).¹ Later work by Bau et al.² identified these complexes as having the novel hydrido-bridged structure $Re_2(\mu-H)_4H_4(PR_3)_4$. The most commonly used method for the synthesis of these complexes and the more recently prepared dimethylphenylphosphine derivative $Re_2H_8(PMe_2Ph)_4$ ³ involves the thermal decomposition of the corresponding mononuclear heptahydride complexes $ReH_7(PR_3)_2$ (i.e., the original Chatt and Coffey procedure).⁴⁻⁸ Subsequently, the isolation of $Re_2H_8(PMe_3)_4$ has been reported,⁹ although its synthesis involves a different recipe. In view of the novel chemistry that is now being uncovered for dirhenium polyhydride complexes,¹⁰⁻¹³ we have sought to devise a simple synthetic methodology that would be suitable for an extensive range of phosphine ligands and so provide a single uniform synthetic strategy for $Re_2H_8(PR_3)_4$. We can now report the successful development of such a route for $PR_3 = PMe_3, PEt_3, P-n-Pr_3, PMe_2Ph, PEt_2Ph, PMePh_2, Ph_2PCH_2PPh_2$ ($dppm$), and $Ph_2PCH_2CH_2PPh_2$ ($dpepe$)

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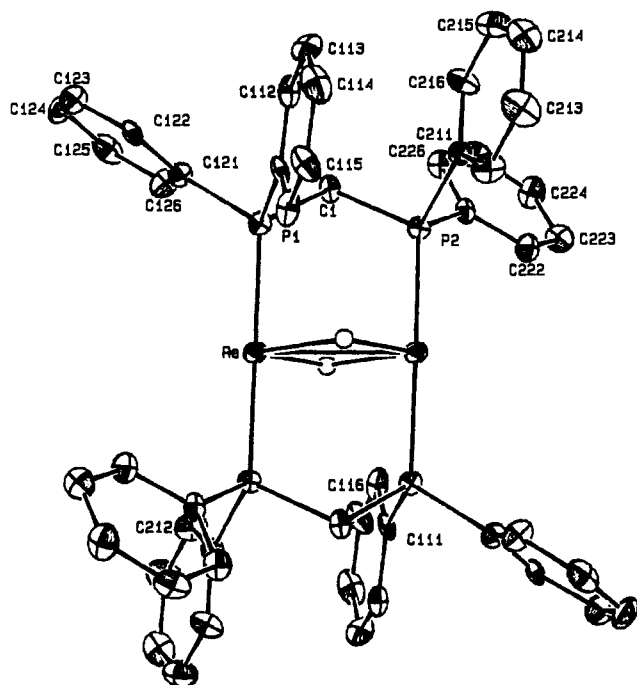


Figure 1. ORTEP view of the structure of $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\mu\text{-dppm})_2$. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The probable positions of the bridging hydrido ligands are shown as circles of arbitrary radius. Important bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) are as follows: Re–Re = 2.933 (1), Re–P(1) = 2.358 (3), Re–P(2) = 2.389 (3), P(1)–C(1) = 1.83 (1), P(2)–C(1) = 1.84 (1); Re–Re–P(1) = 87.64 (8), Re–Re–P(2) = 92.33 (7), P(1)–Re–P(2) = 164.1 (1). The P(1)–Re–Re–P(2) torsional twist angle (χ) = 15.9 (1)°.

that should be easily adaptable for use with many other phosphine ligands.

The synthetic procedure involves the use of dirhenium compounds that already contain the desired $[(\text{R}_3\text{P})_2\text{ReRe}(\text{PR}_3)_2]$ architecture, namely, the triply bonded dirhenium(II) phosphine complexes $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_4(\text{PR}_3)_4$ (PR_3 represents a monodentate phosphine or half of a bidentate phosphine).¹⁴ The reaction between $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_4(\text{PR}_3)_4$ and LiAlH_4 in glyme at room temperature for 12–24 h, followed by hydrolysis of the reaction mixture with deoxygenated H_2O and workup,¹⁵ gives the pure crystalline orange octahydride complexes in yields generally of 30–50%.¹⁶ These reactions probably proceed through the intermediacy of aluminohydride complexes.¹⁷ Note that a mechanism involving the thermolysis of a $\text{ReH}_7(\text{PR}_3)_2$ intermediate¹ is not favored as a major pathway because of the mild reaction conditions that are used.¹⁸

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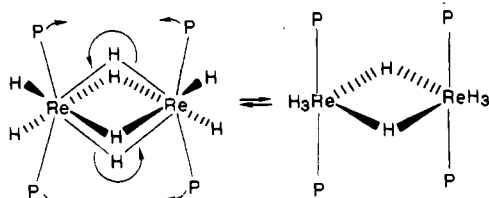
While there is ample evidence for the close identity in structure of $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{PR}_3)_4$ (PR_3 = monodentate phosphine),^{19,20} the complexes $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{dppe})_2$ and $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{dppm})_2$ offer the opportunity for some important structural variations. The former complex probably contains chelating dppe ligands as evidenced by its $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum (C_6D_6), which shows a singlet at $\delta +53.1$, a chemical shift which is characteristic of a five-membered ring formed by chelating phosphines bound to rhenium.²¹ Its ^1H NMR spectrum (CD_2Cl_2) displays a pentet at $\delta -6.62$ ($J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.5$ Hz) which achieves coalescence at ≈ -80 °C. An interesting reaction is the conversion of this complex into $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_4(\text{dppe})_3$ in 55% yield upon its reaction with dppe (2 equiv) in THF at room temperature.²²

The conversion of $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_4(\mu\text{-dppm})_2$ ^{14b} into $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{dppm})_2$ occurs with retention of the intramolecularly bridging dppm ligands as evidenced by a crystal structure determination of this complex (Figure 1).²³ The molecules have crystallographically imposed $\bar{1}$ symmetry. The most remarkable features of this structure are (1) a Re–Re distance (2.933 (1) Å) that is ca. 0.4 Å longer than in $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{PET}_2\text{Ph})_4$ ² and $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{PMe}_3)_4$ ⁹ and (2) a P–Re–P angle (164.1 (1)°) that is much larger than the corresponding angles of ca. 103–105° that characterize the derivatives containing monodentate phosphines.²⁹ Although we were unable to locate the terminal hydride ligands in this structure determination, we found evidence for a bridging hydride ligand in a difference Fourier map. Isotropic refinement on this assumption led to rather long Re–H(1) distances of 2.0 (1) and 2.1 (1) Å. While we cannot be certain that we have correctly located this pair of hydride ligands, nonetheless, we are confident that this structural conclusion is correct based upon the other structural features of this complex and the striking differences that exist between it and $\text{Re}_2(\mu\text{-H})_4\text{H}_4(\text{PET}_2\text{Ph})_4$. The presence of eight hydride ligands was confirmed by measurement of the ^{31}P 2DJ NMR spectrum of this complex (CD_2Cl_2), in which selective coupling to the hydride ligands occurs. This spectrum (available in the supplementary material) appears as a binomial nonet centered at $\delta +34.5$ ($J_{\text{P-H}} = 11.9$ Hz). Like other dirhenium octahydrides, $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{dppm})_2$ displays a pentet for the Re–H resonance (at $\delta -6.20$ with $J_{\text{P-H}} \approx 11$ Hz) in its ^1H NMR

- (19) The close similarity in the properties (spectroscopic and electrochemical) of these complexes implies that they possess similar structures in solution. The ^1H NMR spectral properties of the PMe_3 , PMe_2Ph , PET_2Ph , and PMePh_2 derivatives agree well with literature data,^{1,2,6,7,9} and the ^1H NMR spectra of the previously unreported PET_3 and P-n-Pr_3 complexes (C_6D_6) show pentets at $\delta -7.35$ and $\delta -7.31$ ($J_{\text{P-H}} \approx 10$ Hz), respectively. The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectra (C_6D_6) show a singlet for all the complexes. Note that the cyclic voltammograms of all these complexes (recorded in 0.1 M $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6\text{-CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$) resemble closely those reported previously for $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ and $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{PET}_2\text{Ph})_4$.^{11a}
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spectrum (CD_2Cl_2). This feature broadens with some loss in structure but is otherwise unchanged upon cooling to -70°C .

We suggest that the structure of $\text{Re}_2\text{H}_8(\text{dppm})_2$ can be considered to represent a distortion from $\text{Re}_2(\mu\text{-H})_4\text{H}_4(\text{PR}_3)_4$ in which an opening up of the P-Re-P angles (constrained here to do so by the nature of the bridging dppm ligands), and a concomitant lengthening of the Re-Re bond is accompanied by a conversion of two of the bridging Re-H-Re units to terminal Re-H bonds. Such a low energy "concertina-like" process (see below) may well be the origin of the fluxionality of this class of molecule as a whole.



A final point of interest is the implication that the long Re-Re bond, coupled with the observed diamagnetism of the dppm complex, accords with the presence of a Re-Re single bond and, most likely, only a 16-electron count for the Re centers. Formally, at least, the dramatic Re-Re bond shortening that accompanies

conversion to the $\text{Re}(\mu\text{-H})_4\text{Re}$ structure is consistent with an 18-electron count and a $\text{Re}\equiv\text{Re}$ bond. Further studies of the reaction and structural chemistry of these complexes are under way, especially those involving the dppe and dppm derivatives.

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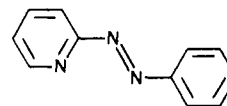
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The reaction of 2-(phenylazo)pyridine (2-PAP) with $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{norbornadiene})$, $\text{M}(\text{CO})_3(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3$, or $\text{M}(\text{CO})_6$ provides $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{2-PAP})$ ($\text{M} = \text{Cr}, \text{Mo}, \text{W}$), $\text{cis-M}(\text{CO})_2(\text{2-PAP})_2$ ($\text{M} = \text{Mo}, \text{W}$), and $\text{M}(\text{2-PAP})_3$ ($\text{M} = \text{Cr}, \text{Mo}, \text{W}$) as air-stable solids. All compounds are diamagnetic except $\text{Cr}(\text{2-PAP})_3$, for which μ_{eff} is $\sim 1.1 \mu_{\text{B}}$ at ambient temperature. In $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{2-PAP})$ and $\text{cis-M}(\text{CO})_2(\text{2-PAP})_2$ the CO stretching frequencies are unusually high for complexes of a chelating nitrogen ligand. Compared to the frequency for uncoordinated 2-PAP, the N=N stretching frequency is lowered by $61\text{--}136 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the complexes with the magnitude of the decrease following the order $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{2-PAP}) > \text{cis-M}(\text{CO})_2(\text{2-PAP})_2 > \text{M}(\text{2-PAP})_3$. Cyclic voltammetry shows that the first oxidation occurs at relatively high potentials in these complexes. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data suggest that the $\text{cis-M}(\text{CO})_2(\text{2-PAP})_2$ and $\text{M}(\text{2-PAP})_3$ complexes may each exist in a single isomeric form. The ^{95}Mo chemical shifts increase by $900\text{--}1200 \text{ ppm}$ for each pair of CO's replaced by 2-PAP in $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$; the shift of $+1502 \text{ ppm}$ for $\text{Mo}(\text{2-PAP})_3$ is over 1000 ppm more positive than any previously reported for a Mo(0) compound. The complexes are compared to those of other chelating nitrogen ligands. It is concluded that 2-PAP is a poor σ donor but a very good π acceptor toward low-valent metal centers.

Introduction

Reactions of diazenes (azo compounds) with metal carbonyls have provided a rich variety of complexes.¹ A simple but most often adopted mode of coordination of the diazene linkage is through σ donation by one of the nitrogen atoms to a metal center. In this mode diazenes also can participate in π bonding through use of the vacant $\text{N}=\text{N}$ π^* molecular orbital. Evidence, such as lowering of the $\text{N}=\text{N}$ stretching frequency upon coordination, indicates that simple diazenes have modest π -acceptor ability in low-oxidation-state metal complexes.²

As part of our continuing interest in diazenes as ligands, we were attracted to the chelating ligand 2-(phenylazo)pyridine (2-PAP). Because of reports that 2-PAP behaves as a strong π



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