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## Binuclear Phosphido-Bridged CrPt, MoPt, and WPt Complexes. Synthesis of $(\text{CO})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)$ Complexes and Effect of the $\text{M}\rightarrow\text{Pt}$ Donor Bond on the Reactivity of the Carbonyl Ligands

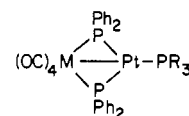
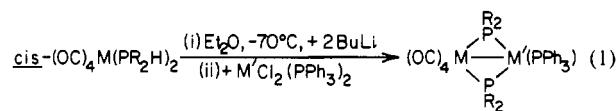
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The series of complexes  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr, Mo, W}$ ;  $\text{PR}_3 = \text{PCy}_3, \text{PPh}_3, \text{PEt}_3$ ) have been prepared from the reaction of  $\text{PPh}_2\text{H}$  with  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{PtL}_2$  ( $\text{L}_2 = (\text{PPh}_3)_2, (\text{CO})(\text{PCy}_3)$ ) and from the reaction of  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\text{PPh}_2\text{Li})_2$  with  $\text{cis-PtCl}_2(\text{PEt}_3)_2$ . The molecular structure of  $(\text{OC})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)$  was determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. (Crystal data:  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{35}\text{MoO}_4\text{P}_3\text{Pt}$  crystallizes in space group  $Pbca$  with  $a = 18.381(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 16.989(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 22.462(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $V = 7014 \text{ \AA}^3$ , and  $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.69 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  for  $Z = 8$ ;  $R(R_w) = 0.0363(0.0440)$  for 3225 data with  $I \geq 3\sigma(I)$ .) The Mo atom has pseudooctahedral geometry and is linked by two bridging  $\text{PPh}_2$  ligands to a pseudo-trigonal-planar platinum center. The Mo-Pt distance is  $2.766(1) \text{ \AA}$ , indicative of a Mo-Pt dative bond. Addition of  $\text{PhLi}$  to  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PCy}_3)$  gives the benzoylate  $(\text{OC})_3(\text{PhCOLi})\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PCy}_3)$ , which reacts with  $\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_2\text{F}$  to give the carbene complexes  $(\text{OC})_3\text{PhC}(\text{OMe})\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PCy}_3)$ . Reaction of  $\text{PhLi}$  with  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)$  ( $\text{PR}_3 = \text{PPh}_3, \text{PEt}_3$ ) gave mixtures of  $(\text{OC})_3(\text{PhCOLi})\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)$  and  $[(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{Ph})(\text{PR}_3)]\text{Li}$ . The increased reactivity of  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)$  toward nucleophilic addition at CO vis à vis  $\text{cis-M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$  complexes (unreactive toward  $\text{RLi}$ ) and the unusual stereochemistry ( $\text{PhCOLi}$  trans to  $\text{P}_\mu$  in  $(\text{OC})_3(\text{PhCOLi})\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)$ ) are ascribed to electronic effects associated with the presence of a  $\text{M}\rightarrow\text{Pt}$  metal-metal bond. Extended Hückel MO calculations indicate that nucleophilic attack at a CO trans to  $\text{P}_\mu$  can be considered to be frontier orbital and charge controlled.

### Introduction

In recent years a range of diorganophosphido-bridged, early- to late-transition-metal heterobimetallic compounds have been synthesized and studied.<sup>1-17</sup> Interest in such compounds has focused on the stabilization of ligands in unusual coordination modes, ligand reactivities in bimetallic systems, and the stability/reactivity of bimetallic formyl, acyl, carbene, and related systems involved in carbon monoxide reduction chemistry. A general synthetic approach that has yielded a range of interesting bis(diphenylphosphido)-bridged heterobimetallics involves the deprotonation of metal-coordinated secondary phosphines followed by reaction of the resultant dianion with a transition-metal halide. Particularly relevant to this paper is the example shown (eq 1).<sup>18</sup> The metal-metal-bonded complexes of type **1** and analogues that



|                      |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| $\frac{1}{\text{M}}$ | $\frac{a}{\text{Cr}}$ | $\frac{b}{\text{Cr}}$ | $\frac{c}{\text{Cr}}$ | $\frac{d}{\text{Mo}}$ | $\frac{e}{\text{Mo}}$ | $\frac{f}{\text{Mo}}$ | $\frac{g}{\text{W}}$  | $\frac{h}{\text{W}}$  | $\frac{i}{\text{W}}$  |
| $\frac{1}{\text{R}}$ | $\frac{a}{\text{Ph}}$ | $\frac{b}{\text{Et}}$ | $\frac{c}{\text{Cy}}$ | $\frac{d}{\text{Ph}}$ | $\frac{e}{\text{Et}}$ | $\frac{f}{\text{Cy}}$ | $\frac{g}{\text{Ph}}$ | $\frac{h}{\text{Et}}$ | $\frac{i}{\text{Cy}}$ |

have been prepared in this manner and structurally characterized by X-ray diffraction methods include  $(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{IrH}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)$ ,<sup>13</sup>  $(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{IrH}(\text{COD})$ ,<sup>7</sup>  $(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3\text{Me}$ ,<sup>10</sup>  $(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)$ ,<sup>18</sup> and  $(\text{OC})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)_2\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)$ .<sup>1</sup> The complexes  $(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{IrH}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)$  and  $(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3\text{Me}$  are reported to react with  $\text{RLi}$  to give the acylate/benzoylate derivatives  $(\text{OC})_3(\text{RCOLi})\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{IrH}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)$  and  $(\text{OC})_3(\text{RCOLi})\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3\text{Me}$ , respectively.<sup>10,13</sup> However, the complexes  $\text{cis-M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr, Mo, W}$ )<sup>19</sup> are unreactive toward  $\text{RLi}$ , and addition of  $\text{RLi}$  to  $(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Zr}(\text{Cp})_2/(\text{OC})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PEt}_2)_2\text{Hf}(\text{Cp})_2$  (no metal-metal bond) did not lead to isolable acylate/benzoylate products. In contrast the complexes  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{M}(\text{CO})_4$ , which have a metal-metal bond, are reactive toward  $\text{RLi}$  addition;<sup>20</sup> this clearly points toward the activation of CO to nucleophilic addition in these dimeric complexes being influenced by the presence or absence of direct metal-metal bonding. Previous reports of the complexes  $(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)$ <sup>18</sup> and  $(\text{OC})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)_2\text{M}'(\text{PPh}_3)$  ( $\text{M}' = \text{Ni, Pd, Pt}$ )<sup>1</sup> did not comment on the possible reaction of these compounds with  $\text{RLi}$  reagents.

In this paper we describe several new synthetic routes to the

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**Table I.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR and Analytical Data for the Complexes  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)$  (**1a-i**)

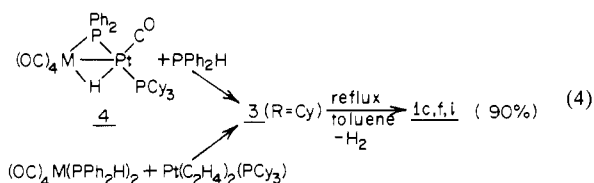
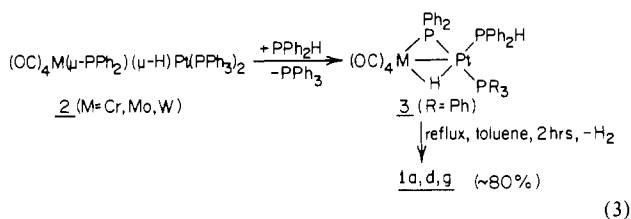
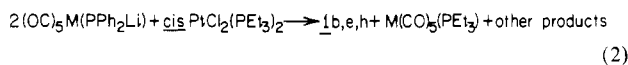
|           | M  | R  | $\delta\text{P}$     |                 | $J_{\text{Pt-P}}$ , Hz | $J_{\text{Pt-P}}$ , Hz |               | $J_{\text{W-P}}$ , Hz | anal. calcd (found) |             |
|-----------|----|----|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|
|           |    |    | $\mu\text{-PPh}_2^a$ | $\text{PR}_3^b$ |                        | $\mu\text{-PPh}_2$     | $\text{PR}_3$ |                       | C                   | H           |
| <b>1a</b> | Cr | Ph | 226                  | 52              | 62                     | 2977                   | 5196          |                       | 55.72 (55.16)       | 3.53 (3.98) |
| <b>1b</b> | Cr | Et | 234                  | 43              | 61                     | 2936                   | 4917          |                       | 48.11 (47.83)       | 4.13 (4.02) |
| <b>1c</b> | Cr | Cy | 231                  | 70              | 58                     | 2970                   | 4915          |                       | 54.70 (54.60)       | 5.25 (5.57) |
| <b>1d</b> | Mo | Ph | 202                  | 49              | 58                     | 2750                   | 5256          |                       | 53.35 (53.82)       | 3.38 (4.03) |
| <b>1e</b> | Mo | Et | 195                  | 30              | 58                     | 2718                   | 4938          |                       | 45.78 (45.28)       | 3.96 (3.93) |
| <b>1f</b> | Mo | Cy | 207                  | 67              | 55                     | 2764                   | 4920          |                       | 52.44 (52.13)       | 5.03 (5.40) |
| <b>1g</b> | W  | Ph | 173                  | 47              | 47                     | 2668                   | 5113          | 145                   | <i>c</i>            | <i>c</i>    |
| <b>1h</b> | W  | Et | 176                  | 33              | 48                     | 2642                   | 4919          | 154                   | 41.74 (41.53)       | 3.58 (3.75) |
| <b>1i</b> | W  | Cy | 180                  | 65              | 45                     | 2687                   | 4896          | 148                   | 48.40 (48.87)       | 4.64 (4.96) |

<sup>a</sup> 1:4:1 triplet of 1:1 doublets. <sup>b</sup> 1:4:1 triplet of 1:2:1 triplets. <sup>c</sup> See ref 18.

series of molecules  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)$  (**1a-i**; M = Cr, Mo, W;  $\text{PR}_3 = \text{PEt}_3, \text{PPh}_3, \text{PCy}_3$ ) together with an X-ray diffraction study of  $(\text{OC})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)$ . Unlike the mononuclear analogues  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$ ,<sup>19</sup> the complexes **1** and structural analogues are susceptible to nucleophilic addition of RLi. The "source" of CO activation and the observed stereochemistry of the resultant acylate/benzoylate derivatives are ascribed to a consequence of the effect of direct M→Pt bonding. (Previous studies of  $(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{W}(\text{CO})_4/\text{RLi}$  systems suggested that steric effects controlled the stereochemistry of RLi addition.<sup>20</sup>)

## Results

Synthetic routes to the complexes  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)$  (**1**; M = Cr, Mo, W; R = Et, Ph, Cy) are given in eq 1-4. Besides

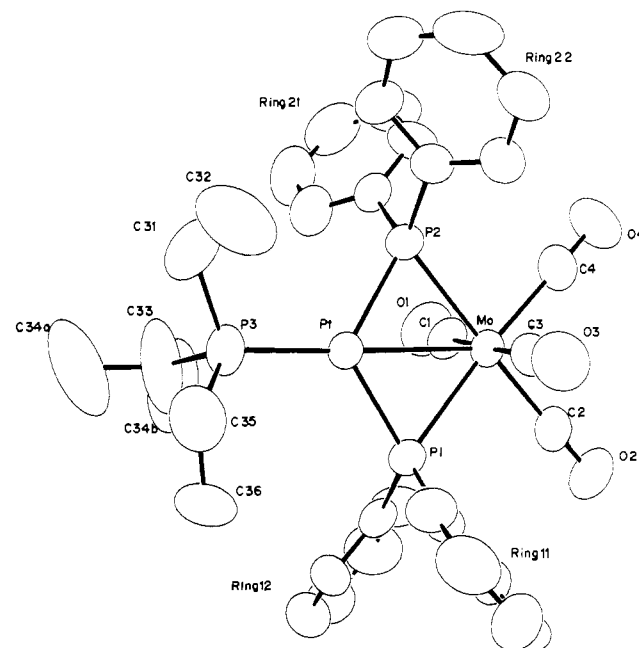


the previously established reactions of *cis*- $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{PPh}_2\text{Li})_2$  with *cis*- $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PR}_3)_2$  (eq 1),<sup>18</sup> the complexes **1b,e,h** were also obtained from the reaction of  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5(\text{PPh}_2\text{Li})$  (M = Cr, Mo, W) with *cis*- $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PEt}_3)_2$  in a 2:1 molar ratio (eq 2). Chromatographic workup of the reaction mixture gave **1b,e,h** (ca. 16% overall yield),  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5(\text{PEt}_3)$ , and other as yet undetermined products. Infrared monitoring of the reaction was consistent with the initial formation of  $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)\text{M}(\text{CO})_5$  prior to rearrangement to the observed products. The most successful synthetic routes to **1** are those outlined in eq 3 and 4. Oxidative addition of  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5(\text{PPh}_2\text{H})$  to  $\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  gives  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  (**2**) in high yield.<sup>21</sup> Reaction of **2** with 1 molar equiv of  $\text{PPh}_2\text{H}$  gives  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_2)_2$  (**3**; R = Ph), which, on reflux in toluene for 2 h gives  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)$  in ca. 80% yield. Oxidative addition of  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5(\text{PPh}_2\text{H})$  to  $\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2(\text{PCy}_3)$  to give  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)\text{Pt}(\text{CO})(\text{PCy}_3)$  (**4**; R = Cy)<sup>22</sup> followed by the addition of  $\text{PPh}_2\text{H}$  and 2-h reflux (eq 4) provides  $(\text{OC})_4\text{M}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PCy}_3)$

**Table II.** Infrared Spectral Data

|           | M  | R  | $\nu(\text{CO})$ , <sup>a</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> |       |
|-----------|----|----|--|-------|
|           |    |    | ν(CO)  | ν(CO) |
| <b>1a</b> | Cr | Ph | 2018 (s), 1940 (s, br), 1930 (vs, br)            |       |
| <b>1b</b> | Cr | Et | 2016 (s), 1938 (s, br), 1925 (vs, br)            |       |
| <b>1c</b> | Cr | Cy | 2015 (s), 1936 (s), 1923 (vs, br)                |       |
| <b>1d</b> | Mo | Ph | 2035 (s), 1952 (s, br), 1935 (vs, br)            |       |
| <b>1e</b> | Mo | Et | 2033 (s), 1954 (s, br), 1932 (s, br)             |       |
| <b>1f</b> | Mo | Cy | 2031 (s), 1948 (s, br), 1928 (vs)                |       |
| <b>1g</b> | W  | Ph | 2032 (s), 1944 (s, br), 1927 (vs)                |       |
| <b>1h</b> | W  | Et | 2031 (s), 1942 (s, br), 1923 (vs)                |       |
| <b>1i</b> | W  | Cy | 2030 (s), 1941 (s, br), 1921 (vs)                |       |
| <b>8d</b> | Mo | Ph | 1978 (m), 1910 (m), 1875 (s)                     |       |
| <b>8e</b> | Mo | Et | 1975 (m), 1900 (m), 1871 (s)                     |       |
| <b>8f</b> | Mo | Cy | 1972 (m), 1905 (m), 1867 (s)                     |       |
| <b>8g</b> | W  | Ph | 1980 (m), 1908 (m), 1867 (s)                     |       |
| <b>8h</b> | W  | Et | 1970 (m), 1901 (m), 1862 (s)                     |       |
| <b>8i</b> | W  | Cy | 1969 (m), 1903 (m), 1860 (s)                     |       |
| <b>9f</b> | Mo | Cy | 1991 (m, br), 1916 (vs, br)                      |       |
| <b>9i</b> | W  | Cy | 1995 (m, br), 1908 (vs, br)                      |       |

<sup>a</sup> All in THF solutions. Abbreviations: s = strong, v = very, br = broad, m = medium.



**Figure 1.** Molecular structure of  $(\text{OC})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)$  (**1e**) as determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. Both disordered positions for atom C34 are indicated.

complexes in ca. 90% overall yield. Complexes **1** and **3** are also obtained from the reaction of  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{PPh}_2\text{H})_2$  with  $\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2(\text{PCy}_3)$  (eq 4). Spectroscopic and analytical data for the complexes **1** are given in Tables I and II. The structure and stereochemistry of the complexes **1** were determined by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study of the complex  $(\text{OC})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)$  (**1e**).<sup>23</sup>

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**Table III.** Positional Parameters and Their Estimated Standard Deviations for Complex **1e**<sup>a</sup>

| atom | x            | y           | z           | B, Å <sup>2</sup>   |
|------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Pt   | 0.09328 (2)  | 0.20638 (2) | 0.01846 (2) | 3.591 (6)           |
| Mo   | -0.00361 (4) | 0.33095 (5) | 0.01659 (4) | 3.73 (2)            |
| P1   | 0.0481 (1)   | 0.2523 (1)  | -0.0681 (1) | 3.80 (5)            |
| P2   | 0.0542 (2)   | 0.2631 (2)  | 0.1033 (1)  | 3.87 (5)            |
| P3   | 0.1723 (2)   | 0.1066 (2)  | 0.0218 (1)  | 5.02 (6)            |
| O1   | -0.1365 (4)  | 0.2181 (5)  | 0.0416 (4)  | 7.7 (2)             |
| O2   | -0.0787 (4)  | 0.4198 (4)  | -0.0898 (3) | 7.0 (2)             |
| O3   | 0.1301 (4)   | 0.4459 (5)  | -0.0012 (4) | 7.3 (2)             |
| O4   | -0.0692 (5)  | 0.4417 (5)  | 0.1157 (4)  | 8.8 (2)             |
| C1   | -0.0885 (5)  | 0.2583 (6)  | 0.0303 (4)  | 5.1 (2)             |
| C2   | -0.0518 (5)  | 0.3865 (5)  | -0.0512 (5) | 4.7 (2)             |
| C3   | 0.0836 (5)   | 0.4034 (5)  | 0.0063 (4)  | 4.4 (2)             |
| C4   | -0.0448 (6)  | 0.4030 (6)  | 0.0802 (5)  | 5.6 (3)             |
| C31  | 0.2190 (8)   | 0.0975 (9)  | 0.0972 (6)  | 11.2 (4)            |
| C32  | 0.2597 (9)   | 0.166 (1)   | 0.1117 (7)  | 13.4 (5)            |
| C33  | 0.1302 (9)   | 0.0118 (7)  | 0.0142 (9)  | 12.3 (6)            |
| C34A | 0.185 (2)    | -0.055 (2)  | 0.015 (2)   | 15 (1) <sup>b</sup> |
| C34B | 0.063 (2)    | -0.011 (2)  | 0.000 (2)   | 13 (1) <sup>b</sup> |
| C35  | 0.2494 (7)   | 0.1102 (8)  | -0.0305 (6) | 8.3 (4)             |
| C36  | 0.2286 (9)   | 0.1049 (9)  | -0.0945 (5) | 10.4 (5)            |
| C111 | 0.1051 (5)   | 0.3091 (5)  | -0.1192 (4) | 4.1 (2)             |
| C112 | 0.1776 (6)   | 0.3209 (6)  | -0.1062 (5) | 5.3 (3)             |
| C113 | 0.2202 (6)   | 0.3696 (7)  | -0.1447 (5) | 7.0 (3)             |
| C114 | 0.1892 (7)   | 0.4049 (6)  | -0.1890 (5) | 7.6 (3)             |
| C115 | 0.1169 (7)   | 0.3941 (6)  | -0.2036 (5) | 6.7 (3)             |
| C116 | 0.0752 (6)   | 0.3472 (6)  | -0.1677 (5) | 5.1 (3)             |
| C121 | -0.0095 (5)  | 0.1947 (5)  | -0.1178 (4) | 4.4 (2)             |
| C122 | 0.0227 (6)   | 0.1491 (6)  | -0.1625 (5) | 5.5 (3)             |
| C123 | -0.0190 (7)  | 0.1030 (7)  | -0.1990 (5) | 7.0 (3)             |
| C124 | -0.0926 (7)  | 0.1003 (6)  | -0.1926 (5) | 7.8 (3)             |
| C125 | -0.1238 (7)  | 0.1439 (8)  | -0.1496 (6) | 8.1 (4)             |
| C126 | -0.0832 (6)  | 0.1904 (7)  | -0.1115 (5) | 6.6 (3)             |
| C211 | -0.0068 (6)  | 0.2078 (6)  | 0.1520 (4)  | 4.7 (2)             |
| C212 | -0.0452 (7)  | 0.2439 (7)  | 0.1966 (5)  | 6.5 (3)             |
| C213 | -0.0936 (7)  | 0.2031 (8)  | 0.2318 (5)  | 7.8 (3)             |
| C214 | -0.1030 (7)  | 0.1261 (8)  | 0.2218 (6)  | 8.1 (4)             |
| C215 | -0.0669 (7)  | 0.0880 (7)  | 0.1798 (6)  | 7.7 (4)             |
| C216 | -0.0175 (6)  | 0.1298 (7)  | 0.1427 (5)  | 6.5 (3)             |
| C221 | 0.1107 (5)   | 0.3169 (6)  | 0.1566 (4)  | 4.3 (2)             |
| C222 | 0.1256 (6)   | 0.3963 (6)  | 0.1520 (5)  | 5.4 (3)             |
| C223 | 0.1718 (7)   | 0.4336 (6)  | 0.1914 (5)  | 6.3 (3)             |
| C224 | 0.2027 (6)   | 0.3905 (7)  | 0.2369 (5)  | 6.6 (3)             |
| C225 | 0.1882 (7)   | 0.3113 (6)  | 0.2425 (5)  | 6.2 (3)             |
| C226 | 0.1430 (6)   | 0.2750 (5)  | 0.2033 (5)  | 5.0 (3)             |

<sup>a</sup>All atoms were refined anisotropically, and their thermal parameters are given in the form of the isotropic equivalent thermal parameter defined as  $\frac{1}{3}[a^2B_{11} + b^2B_{22} + c^2B_{33} + ab(\cos \gamma)B_{12} + ac(\cos \beta)B_{13} + bc(\cos \alpha)B_{23}]$ . <sup>b</sup>Population parameter = 0.5.

**Molecular Structure of (OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo(μ-PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(PET<sub>3</sub>) (1e).** An ORTEP drawing of **1e** giving the atom-labeling scheme is shown

(23) Compound **1e**, C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>35</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>Pt<sub>3</sub>, fw = 891.6, crystallizes as orange-red rhombs/blocks in the orthorhombic space group *Pbca* with  $a = 18.381(3)$  Å,  $b = 16.989(2)$  Å,  $c = 22.462(5)$  Å,  $V = 7014$  Å<sup>3</sup>, and  $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.69$  g cm<sup>-3</sup> for  $Z = 8$  with use of Mo K $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71069$  Å,  $\mu = 45.4$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 3488$ , and  $T = 298$  K. Unit cell dimensions were based on a least-squares refinement of diffracting positions of 25 reflections ( $7.8 < \theta < 15.9^\circ$ ). Intensity data collection (Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer, graphite monochromator,  $\omega$ - $2\theta$  scans over  $(0.70 + 0.35 \tan \theta)^\circ$ ,  $hkl$  quadrant with  $2\theta \leq 50^\circ$ , maximum scan time of 75 s, and 3 standards every 7500 s) gave 6767 data, including 222 standards (<3% variation in intensity). Lorentz, polarization, and absorption corrections (faces  $(d, \text{cm})$   $\{100\}$  (0.0081),  $\{010\}$ , (0.0125), and  $\{001\}$  (0.0150);  $8 \times 8 \times 10$  grid;  $T$  range 0.331–0.502) were applied to all data. Rejecting 896 systematically absent or zero  $F_o$  data and averaging 332 symmetry-equivalent data ( $R_{\text{merge}} = 0.03$ ) gave 5317 nonzero data. Structure solution: Patterson (Pt + Mo), least-squares, Fourier +  $\Delta F$  Fourier; H atoms placed in calculated positions. Full-matrix least-squares refinement minimizing  $\sum w(\Delta F)^2$  converged (all non-H atoms anisotropic, maximum  $\Delta/\sigma = 0.31$ ) to  $R$  ( $R_w$ ) = 0.0330 (0.0440) for 3225 data with  $I \geq 3\sigma(I)$ . Weights:  $4F^2/[\sigma^2(I) + (0.05F^2)^2]$ . The maximum peak in the final  $\Delta F$  map was  $0.89$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>, and  $S = 1.125$ . Programs: Enraf-Nonius SDP package (B. A. Frenz and Associates, Inc., College Station, TX, 1981) on a PDP 11/23 computer. Scattering factors stored in the program were taken from: *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography*; Kynoch: Birmingham, England, 1974; Vol. IV (present distributor D. Reidel, Dordrecht, The Netherlands).

**Table IV.** Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Bond Angles (deg)

| Bond Distances |            |              |            |
|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Pt-Mo          | 2.766 (1)  | P1-C121      | 1.823 (10) |
| Pt-P1          | 2.254 (2)  | P2-C211      | 1.829 (11) |
| Pt-P2          | 2.253 (3)  | P2-C221      | 1.829 (10) |
| Pt-P3          | 2.234 (3)  | P3-C31       | 1.904 (15) |
| Mo-P1          | 2.512 (3)  | P3-C33       | 1.795 (14) |
| Mo-P2          | 2.500 (3)  | P3-C35       | 1.843 (12) |
| Mo-C1          | 2.012 (11) | O1-C1        | 1.145 (11) |
| Mo-C2          | 1.999 (11) | O2-C2        | 1.146 (11) |
| Mo-C3          | 2.034 (10) | O3-C3        | 1.132 (11) |
| Mo-C4          | 2.029 (11) | O4-C4        | 1.126 (11) |
| P1-C111        | 1.829 (10) |              |            |
| Bond Angles    |            |              |            |
| Mo-Pt-P1       | 59.00 (7)  | C1-Mo-C4     | 88.5 (4)   |
| Mo-Pt-P2       | 58.69 (7)  | C2-Mo-C3     | 88.7 (4)   |
| Mo-Pt-P3       | 178.82 (9) | C2-Mo-C4     | 95.0 (4)   |
| P1-Pt-P2       | 117.67 (9) | C3-Mo-C4     | 90.6 (4)   |
| P1-Pt-P3       | 122.1 (1)  | Pt-P1-Mo     | 70.72 (7)  |
| P2-Pt-P3       | 120.2 (1)  | Pt-P1-C111   | 120.8 (3)  |
| Pt-Mo-P1       | 50.28 (6)  | Pt-P1-C121   | 123.8 (3)  |
| Pt-Mo-P2       | 50.34 (6)  | Mo-P1-C111   | 114.3 (3)  |
| Pt-Mo-C1       | 91.6 (3)   | Mo-P1-C121   | 122.0 (4)  |
| Pt-Mo-C2       | 131.2 (3)  | C111-P1-C121 | 103.4 (5)  |
| Pt-Mo-C3       | 87.5 (3)   | Pt-P2-Mo     | 70.97 (7)  |
| Pt-Mo-C4       | 133.7 (3)  | Pt-P2-C211   | 118.8 (4)  |
| P1-Mo-P2       | 100.60 (8) | Pt-P2-C221   | 125.9 (3)  |
| P1-Mo-C1       | 94.8 (3)   | Mo-P2-C211   | 116.3 (3)  |
| P1-Mo-C2       | 80.9 (3)   | Mo-P2-C221   | 121.4 (3)  |
| P1-Mo-C3       | 86.4 (3)   | C211-P2-C221 | 102.3 (5)  |
| P1-Mo-C4       | 174.9 (3)  | Pt-P3-C31    | 112.6 (5)  |
| P2-Mo-C1       | 85.9 (3)   | Pt-P3-C33    | 113.4 (6)  |
| P2-Mo-C2       | 178.5 (3)  | Pt-P3-C35    | 117.0 (5)  |
| P2-Mo-C3       | 91.8 (3)   | C31-P3-C33   | 101.9 (9)  |
| P2-Mo-C4       | 83.6 (3)   | C31-P3-C35   | 102.9 (8)  |
| C1-Mo-C2       | 93.6 (4)   | C33-P3-C35   | 107.5 (7)  |
| C1-Mo-C3       | 177.6(4)   |              |            |

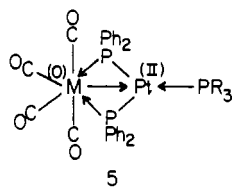
in Figure 1. Final atomic positional parameters are given in Table III. Relevant bond angles and distances are given in Table IV. Neglecting the Mo-Pt interaction, the molybdenum exhibits an octahedral coordination geometry, while the platinum center has a trigonal-planar arrangement of the three phosphorus ligands. The acute Mo-P-Pt angles (71°) of the phosphido bridges are typical for metal-metal-bonded systems. The Mo-Pt bond distance of 2.766 (1) Å in **1e** is virtually the same length as that observed in (OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo(μ-PCy<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sup>1</sup> and (OC)<sub>4</sub>W(μ-PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sup>18</sup> and is slightly shorter than the unsupported Mo-Pt bond length reported for *cis*-(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>HfPtMo(CO)<sub>3</sub>Cp (2.839 (1) Å).<sup>24a</sup> Previously reported Mo-Pt bond lengths range from 2.65 to 2.91 Å.<sup>24b</sup>

Besides **1e**, other structurally characterized metal-metal-bonded systems containing the planar "(μ-P)<sub>2</sub>PtL" unit include (OC)<sub>4</sub>W(μ-PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PtL (L = PPh<sub>3</sub> (**1g**), MeO<sub>2</sub>CC≡CCO<sub>2</sub>Me),<sup>18</sup> (OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo(μ-PCy<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sup>1</sup> and (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(μ-PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>).<sup>25</sup> A similar metal-metal bond plus a trigonal-planar array of ligands is also observed for one of the platinum atoms in the dimeric compound (Cy<sub>3</sub>P)(PhC≡C)Pt(μ-C≡CPh)(μ-SiMe<sub>2</sub>-Pt(PCy<sub>3</sub>)).<sup>26</sup> It has been previously suggested that the molecules **1** can best be regarded as containing M(0) and Pt(II) oxidation states (i.e. bonding scheme **5**<sup>18</sup>). For this bonding scheme the M(0) center functions as a Lewis base, giving rise to a dative Mo(0)→Pt(II) interaction. Consistent with this is a ca. 20-cm<sup>-1</sup> blue shift in the ν(CO) stretching frequency of **1** relative to those of their *cis*-M(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>H)<sub>2</sub> analogues. In this regard the

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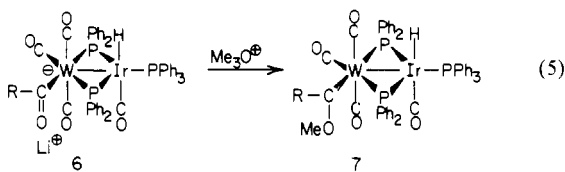
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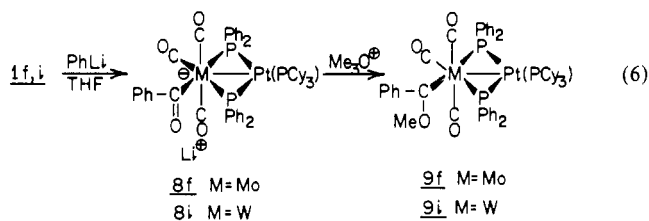


complexes **1** are similar to  $(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2Ir(H)(CO)(PPh_3)$ , for which the arrangement at iridium (ignoring the Ir-W bond) is trigonal bipyramidal (a trigonal-planar arrangement of phosphorus atoms as in **1**) and for which a blue shift for  $\nu(CO)$  of ca.  $20\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is also observed.<sup>13</sup> The large  $J_{195Pt-31P}$  coupling of ca. 5000 Hz to the  $PR_3$  ligand trans to the  $Mo \rightarrow Pt$  bond (see Table IV) is indicative of a weak trans influence and suggests relatively weak  $Mo \rightarrow Pt$   $\sigma$ -donation.<sup>27</sup> The large downfield shifts of the  $\mu-PPh_2$  ligands ( $\delta(P_\mu)$  170–230 ppm) are typical for metal-metal-bonded systems.<sup>28</sup>

**Reaction of  $(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2Pt(PR_3)$  with RLi.** The complexes **1a–i** are, physically and chemically, reasonably robust materials. In a previous paper Geoffroy et al.<sup>18</sup> have described the lack of reactivity of complexes of type **1** with  $H_2$  and CO, their reversible protonation at platinum (using  $HBF_4$ ), and displacement of  $PPh_3$  from Pt by activated alkynes such as  $MeO_2CC \equiv CCO_2Me$ . Stephan et al.<sup>1</sup> described the synthesis and structural features of  $(OC)_4M(\mu-PCy_3)_2M'(PPh_3)$  ( $M' = Ni, Pd, Pt$ ) but made no comments concerning their chemical reactivity. However, a reaction of considerable interest involves the reaction of **1** with organolithium reagents. Geoffroy et al.<sup>13</sup> had previously shown that the tungsten-iridium dimer  $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2IrH(CO)(PPh_3)$  (which is structurally very similar to complexes **1**) reacts with RLi ( $R = Me, Ph$ ) to give the lithium acylate/benzoylate **6**, which in turn may be alkylated ( $Me_3O^+BF_4^-$ ) to give the methoxycarbene derivatives **7** (eq 5). The reaction of the tri-



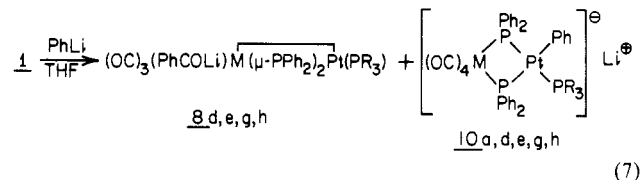
cyclohexylphosphine complexes **1f** ( $M = Mo$ ) and **1i** ( $M = W$ ) with a stoichiometric amount of PhLi in THF proceeds according to eq 6 to give the benzoylate complexes  $(OC)_3(PhCOLi)M-$



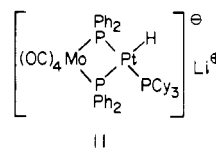
$(\mu-PPh_2)_2Pt(PCy_3)$  (**8**), isolated as extremely air- and moisture-sensitive orange powders. These complexes were characterized spectroscopically (Tables II and V). Their IR spectra exhibited three  $\nu(CO)$  bands consistent with a *mer*-(CO)<sub>3</sub> arrangement at M. The  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR spectra contained two 1:1:1:1 quartet resonances (plus  $^{195}Pt$  satellites) assignable to nonequivalent  $\mu$ -phosphido bridges in the region expected for a metal-metal-bonded system<sup>28</sup> together with a quartet assignable to the coordinated  $PCy_3$  (see Table V). The IR and  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR data for **8** are very similar to those previously reported for **6**. Methylation of **8** with use of  $Me_3O^+BF_4^-$  or  $CH_3SO_3F$  gives the phenylmethoxycarbene

derivatives  $(OC)_3(PhC(OMe))M(\mu-PPh_2)_2Pt(PCy_3)$  (**9**). The IR and  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR data of **9** (Tables II and V) are similar to those of **7** and confirm the structure shown with the carbene trans to a  $\mu-PPh_2$  ligand. The large  $J_{195Pt-31P}$  coupling of ca. 5000 Hz to the  $PCy_3$  ligand in **8** and **9** is indicative of relatively weak  $M \rightarrow Pt$   $\sigma$ -donation as observed in **1**.

The  $PPh_3$  complexes ( $M = Mo$  (**1d**),  $W$  (**1g**)) react with PhLi in THF to give mainly the benzoylate (**8d,g**; ca. 80%) together with a small amount of the phenylplatinum complex  $[(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2PtPh(PPh_3)]Li$  (**10d,g**; ca. 20%). The corresponding

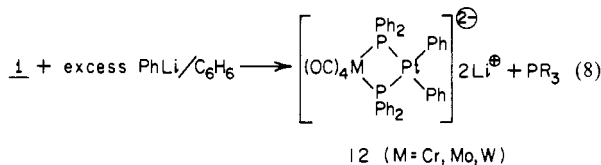


chromium  $PPh_3$  complex **1a** reacts with PhLi in THF to give the phenylplatinum derivative **10a** as the sole product. The proposed structure of **10** is based primarily on the  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR data (Table VII). Three  $^{31}P$  resonances are observed with the chemical shifts of the two  $\mu$ -phosphido ligands being in the region expected for systems *without* metal-metal bonds.<sup>28</sup> When the solvent is changed from THF to benzene, the complexes **1** ( $PR_3 = PET_3, PPh_3$ ) react with PhLi to give **10** as the sole product, while the  $PCy_3$  complexes **1c,f,i** exhibit *no reactivity* toward PhLi in benzene. The tendency to form the phenylplatinum derivative **10** is presumably influenced by the steric bulk of the coordinated  $PR_3$  (i.e.  $PET_3 > PPh_3 \gg PCy_3$  (no Ph-Pt product formed)), while formation of the benzoylate is more favored for Mo and W relative to Cr and is also favored by the use of THF vs benzene as solvent. The reason for the effect of the solvent on site preference for PhLi addition is not clear but may be due to differences in ion-pairing effects. Reaction of **1f** with the hydride donor  $LiAlH_4$  or  $NaBH_4$  gave the hydridoplatinum complex **11**, characterized in solution



by  $^1H$  and  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR spectroscopy (see Table V). No evidence of a formylate species, structurally similar to **8**, was obtained.

Addition of excess PhLi to  $(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2Pt(PR_3)$  ( $PR_3 = PET_3, PPh_3$ ) in benzene results in the displacement of the  $PR_3$  group and the formation of the dianionic species  $[(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2Pt(Ph)_2]Li_2$  (**12**) (eq 8). Support for this structure is based



solely on  $^{31}P\{^1H\}$  NMR solution studies, which show a singlet resonance assignable to the free phosphine ( $PET_3$  or  $PPh_3$ ) together with a 1:4:1 triplet in the region expected for phosphido bridges in non-metal-metal-bonded systems. The value of  $J_{195Pt-31P}$  (ca. 1300 Hz) is consistent with  $P_\mu$  being trans to Ph (a strong  $\sigma$ -donor with a large trans influence). The dianion **12** is more readily formed from the  $PPh_3$  systems, consistent with the expected ease of displacement  $PPh_3 > PET_3$ .

## Discussion

Complexes of the type  $(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2M'L_x$  ( $M = Cr, Mo, W$ ) will react with RLi to give the acylate/benzoylate products  $(OC)_3(RCOLi)M(\mu-PPh_2)_2M'L_x$ . Besides the reaction of **1** to give **8** and that of  $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2IrH(CO)(PPh_3)$  to give **6**<sup>13</sup> (see above), other examples include  $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2Re-(CO)_3Me$  to give  $(OC)_3(RCOLi)W(\mu-PPh_2)_2Re(CO)_3Me$ <sup>10</sup> and

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Table V.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR Data for Complexes 8–12<sup>a</sup>

|                 | M  | R  | $\delta_{\text{P}_\mu^a}$ | $\delta_{\text{P}_\mu^b}$ | $\delta_{\text{PC}}$ | $J_{31\text{pa}_-31\text{pb}}$ | $J_{31\text{pb}_-31\text{pc}}$ | $J_{31\text{pa}_-31\text{pc}}$ | $J_{195\text{Pt}_-31\text{pa}}$ | $J_{195\text{Pt}_-31\text{pb}}$ | $J_{195\text{Pt}_-31\text{pc}}$ | $J_{183\text{W}_-31\text{pa},b}$ |
|-----------------|----|----|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8c              | Cr | Cy | 207                       | 175                       | 66                   | 195                            | 20                             | 70                             | 3020                            | 2635                            | 5000                            |                                  |
| 8d              | Mo | Ph | 185                       | 144                       | 50                   | 165                            | 12                             | 78                             | 3000                            | 2385                            | 5040                            |                                  |
| 8e              | Mo | Et | 193                       | 148                       | 37                   | 170                            | 11                             | 78                             | 2800                            | 2300                            | 4900                            |                                  |
| 8f              | Mo | Cy | 191                       | 146                       | 63                   | 183                            | 12                             | 76                             | 2968                            | 2435                            | 4888                            |                                  |
| 8g              | W  | Ph | 151                       | 118                       | 50                   | 180                            | 12                             | 63                             | 2866                            | 2292                            | 5022                            | not res                          |
| 8h              | W  | Et | 158                       | 141                       | 37                   | 189                            | 16                             | 64                             | not res                         |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| 8i              | W  | Cy | 157                       | 121                       | 62                   | 198                            | 11                             | 61                             | 2835                            | 2430                            | 4864                            | 199, 189                         |
| 9f              | Mo | Cy | 200                       | 164                       | 64                   | 187                            | 10                             | 73                             | 2914                            | 2408                            | 4876                            |                                  |
| 9i              | W  | Cy | 196                       | 143                       | 78                   | 209                            | 10                             | 56                             | 2856                            | 2314                            | 4673                            | 199, 200                         |
| 10a             | Cr | Ph | -55                       | -90                       | 19                   | 45                             | 15                             | 300                            | 2000                            | 1200                            | 2176                            |                                  |
| 10b             | Cr | Et | -71                       | -92                       | 7.5                  | 45                             | 17                             | 282                            | 1880                            | 1200                            | 2200                            |                                  |
| 10d             | Mo | Ph | -81                       | -102                      | 7                    | 0                              | 15                             | 270                            | 1880                            | 1260                            | 2000                            |                                  |
| 10e             | Mo | Et | -79                       | -98                       | 7                    | 0                              | 11                             | 295                            | 1735                            | 1124                            | 2058                            |                                  |
| 10g             | W  | Ph | -87                       | -99                       | 24                   | 0                              | 13                             | 299                            | 1925                            | 1283                            | not res                         | not res                          |
| 10h             | W  | Et | -102                      | -132                      | 9                    | 10                             | 13                             | 301                            | 1872                            | 1137                            | 2243                            | not res                          |
| 11 <sup>b</sup> | Mo | Cy | -68                       | -92                       | 40                   | 8                              | 7                              | 266                            | 1820                            | 1230                            | 2243                            |                                  |
| 12              | Cr |    | -80                       |                           |                      |                                |                                |                                | 1320                            |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| 12              | Mo |    | -90                       |                           |                      |                                |                                |                                | 1278                            |                                 |                                 |                                  |
| 12              | W  |    | -112                      |                           |                      |                                |                                |                                | 1370                            |                                 |                                 | 214                              |

<sup>a</sup> $\text{P}_\mu^a$  is trans to  $\text{PhCOY}$  ( $\text{Y} = \text{Li}, \text{Me}$ );  $\text{P}_\mu^b$  is trans to  $\text{CO}$ .  $\delta$  values are in ppm and  $J$  values in Hz; res = resolved. <sup>b</sup> $^1\text{H}$  NMR data for  $[(\text{OC})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{PtH}(\text{PCy}_3)]\text{-Li}^+$  (**11**), hydrido region:  $\delta_{\text{H}} = -7.45$ ;  $J_{195\text{Pt}_-1\text{H}} = 1000$ ;  $J_{31\text{P}_-1\text{H}} = 140, 11, 7$ .

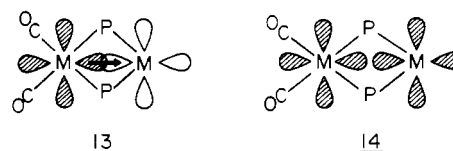
Table VI. Electronic Distribution at the Carbon Atoms in the LUMO

|        | ( $\text{H}_3\text{P}$ )Pt-<br>( $\mu\text{-PH}_2$ ) <sub>2</sub> Mo(CO) <sub>4</sub><br>(15) | (OC) <sub>4</sub> Mo-<br>( $\mu\text{-PH}_2$ ) <sub>2</sub> Mo(CO) <sub>4</sub><br>(16) | (OC) <sub>4</sub> Mo(PH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub><br>(17) |
|--------|---|---|---|
| ax. CO | 0.06  | 0.03  | 0.75  |
| eq CO  | 0.13  | 0.14  | 0.02  |

Table VII. Net Charge for the Axial and Equatorial Carbonyl Ligand C Atoms for the Metallic Fragments and Complete Molecules

| frag/molecule  | ax. CO | eq CO |
|--|--------|-------|
| ( $\text{H}_3\text{P}$ )Mo(CO) <sub>4</sub>                                      | 0.70   | 0.68  |
| ( $\text{H}_3\text{P}$ )Pt( $\mu\text{-PH}_2$ ) <sub>2</sub> Mo(CO) <sub>4</sub> | 0.71   | 0.76  |
| (OC) <sub>4</sub> MoMo(CO) <sub>4</sub>  | 0.71   | 0.68  |
| (OC) <sub>4</sub> Mo( $\mu\text{-PH}_2$ ) <sub>2</sub> Mo(CO) <sub>4</sub>       | 0.72   | 0.78  |
| (OC) <sub>4</sub> Mo   | 0.73   | 0.66  |
| (OC) <sub>4</sub> Mo(PH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>                              | 0.73   | 0.67  |

(OC)<sub>4</sub>M( $\mu\text{-PPh}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>M(CO)<sub>4</sub> ( $\text{M} = \text{Mo}, \text{W}$ ) to give (OC)<sub>3</sub>(RCO-Li)M( $\mu\text{-PPh}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>M(CO)<sub>4</sub>.<sup>20</sup> This last compound can also be obtained from  $[(\text{OC})_4\text{W}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{W}(\text{CO})_4]^{2-}$  and  $\text{R}^+$ . This observed reactivity is of 2-fold interest: (i) Acylates/carbenes are not obtained from the reaction of RLi with *cis*-M(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr}, \text{Mo}, \text{W}$ ).<sup>19</sup> No isolable product was obtained from the reaction of RLi with (OC)<sub>4</sub>W( $\mu\text{-PPh}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>ZrCp<sub>2</sub>,<sup>3</sup> while the reactivity of (OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo( $\mu\text{-PEt}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>HfCp<sub>2</sub> toward RLi was not given.<sup>4</sup> (These are compounds with no, or only very weak, metal-metal bonds.) (ii) Upon reaction of RLi with M(CO)<sub>5</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sup>19</sup> and with the crown-ether-containing system *cis*-(OC)<sub>4</sub>M-(Ph<sub>2</sub>POCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr}, \text{Mo}, \text{W}$ )<sup>29</sup> (where the reaction is favored by preferential complexation of Li<sup>+</sup> by the acylate product) the resulting acylates and/or benzoylates (and subsequent carbene derivatives) are coordinated trans to a CO ligand rather than trans to a P-donor ligand, as is the case in (OC)<sub>3</sub>(RCO-Li)M( $\mu\text{-PPh}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>M'L<sub>x</sub> products (i.e. the formation of (OC)<sub>3</sub>-(RCOLi)M( $\mu\text{-PPh}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>M'L<sub>x</sub> (a) appears to be an exception to the general observation that in octahedral systems a CO trans to CO is more susceptible to nucleophilic addition at carbon than a CO trans to PR<sub>3</sub><sup>19,30</sup> and (b) implies some additional CO activation parameter in (OC)<sub>4</sub>M( $\mu\text{-PPh}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>M'L<sub>x</sub> vis à vis *cis*-M(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> complexes, which are unreactive toward RLi reagents).<sup>19</sup> A qualitative rationale for points i and ii above can be obtained from consideration of the two simple bonding representations **13** and

Figure 2. Simplified bonding scheme illustrating the effect of M-Pt bonding on M-CO bonding trans to  $\text{P}_\mu$ .

**14** for systems with and without a metal-metal bond, respectively (Figure 2). If one assumes that a filled  $d_{xy}$  orbital of M is involved to a significant extent in a direct  $\text{M} \rightarrow \text{M}'$  dative bond in **13**, then the net result will be a decrease in  $d_{xy} \rightarrow \pi^*$  CO bonding to the equatorial CO's (trans to P) such that these CO's should be more susceptible to nucleophilic addition at C vis à vis the equatorial CO's of **14**. In the case of (OC)<sub>4</sub>M( $\mu\text{-PR}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>M(CO)<sub>4</sub> the M-M bond arises from overlap of the two  $d_{xy}$  orbitals (two electrons) which also exhibit a  $\pi$ -interaction with four equatorial CO's as opposed to two electrons (filled  $d_{xy}$ )/2 equatorial CO's in M-(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

**Reactivity of (OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo( $\mu\text{-PH}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>Pt(PH<sub>3</sub>) toward Nucleophiles: Extended Hückel MO Calculation.** As a further approach to the rationalization of the regioselectivity of the nucleophilic attack (see above), the three simplified complexes (OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo( $\mu\text{-PH}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>Pt(PH<sub>3</sub>) (**15**), (CO)<sub>4</sub>Mo( $\mu\text{-PH}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub> (**16**), and *cis*-Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**17**) were studied by using extended Hückel molecular orbital calculations and the fragment orbital formalism.<sup>31</sup> The last two complexes, **16** and **17**, were computed for comparative purposes. Complex **16** was chosen because of its similar reactivity<sup>20</sup> toward nucleophiles (i.e., the same as for **1**, although it was previously suggested that the nucleophilic attack occurred at the equatorial CO because of a steric effect). While complexes of the type **17** are unreactive toward RLi, it is predicted that the reversed regioselectivity<sup>30</sup> (i.e. nucleophilic attack occurring at the axial CO trans to a CO group) should be preferred, as observed in M(CO)<sub>5</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>). Calculations on **17** will be used as a reference. It is worth noting that d orbitals on the phosphorus atoms were not included in the calculations, which is in agreement with the conclusion<sup>32</sup> obtained by ab initio calculations that d orbitals on phosphorus are not necessary for a qualitative understanding of back-bonding effects.

According to the calculations, it appears that the nucleophilic attack at the carbon of the carbonyl ligand may be considered

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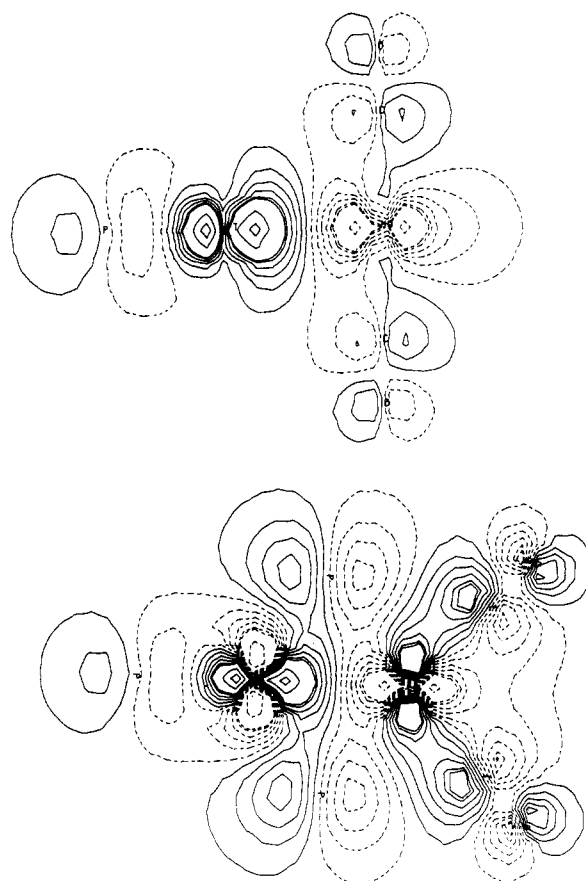
**Table VIII.** Selected Metal–Ligand Bond Length and Bond Angle Data for Complexes of the Type  $(OC)_4M(\mu-PR_2)_2M'L_x$  and  $cis-(OC)_4M(PR_3)_2$ 

| compd  | av M–P, Å | $\angle PMP$ , deg | av M–C<br>trans to P, Å           | av M–C<br>cis to P, Å | $\angle MPM'$ , deg | M–M', Å    | $\angle CMC$ trans<br>to P <sub>2</sub> , deg |
|--|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|---|
| $(OC)_4Mo(\mu-PPh_2)_2Pt(PEt_3)$ ( <b>1e</b> )                   | 2.506 (3) | 100.6 (1)          | 2.014 (11)                        | 2.023 (11)            | 70.8 (1)            | 2.766 (1)  | 95.0 (4)                                      |
| $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2Pt(PPh_3)$ ( <b>1g</b> ) <sup>18</sup>      | 2.508 (4) | 100.8 (1)          | 1.996 (14)                        | 2.008 (14)            | 70.7 (1)            | 2.764 (1)  | 89.9 (5)                                      |
| $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2Pt(MeO_2CC\equiv CCO_2Me)$ <sup>18</sup>    | 2.439 (3) | 102.2 (1)          | 2.021 (12)                        | 2.041 (12)            | 72.4 (1)            | 2.795 (1)  | 86.3 (4)                                      |
| $(OC)_4Mo(\mu-PEt_2)_2HfCp_2^4$                                  | 2.536 (1) | 98.2 (1)           | 1.987 (4)                         | 2.038 (4)             | 83.0 (1)            | 3.400 (1)  | 89.1 (2)                                      |
| $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2ZrCp_2^3$                                   | 2.533 (3) | 103.3 (1)          | 1.983 (14)                        | 2.006 (14)            | 79.2 (1)            | 3.289 (1)  | 86.0 (5)                                      |
| $cis-(OC)_4Mo(PMe_3)_2$ <sup>29</sup>                            | 2.522 (1) | 97.5 (1)           | 1.971 (6)                         | 2.032 (14)            |                     |            | 88.2 (2)                                      |
| $cis-(OC)_4Mo(PEt_3)_2$ <sup>29</sup>                            | 2.544 (4) | 100.3 (1)          | 1.977 (1)                         | 2.032 (5)             |                     |            | 85.3 (2)                                      |
| $cis-(OC)_4Mo(PPh_3)_2$ <sup>29</sup>                            | 2.577 (2) | 104.6 (1)          | 1.972 (2)                         | 2.040 (19)            |                     |            | 83.0 (3)                                      |
| $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2IrH(CO)(PPh_3)$ <sup>13</sup>               | 2.531 (2) | 99.8 (1)           | 2.006 (9)                         | 2.029 (7)             | 72.8 (1)            | 2.8764 (6) | 89.8 (3)                                      |
| $(OC)_3C(OCH_3)Ph\{W(\mu-PPh_2)_2IrH(CO)(PPh_3)\}$ <sup>13</sup> | 2.501 (5) | 100.9 (2)          | 1.90 (2)<br>2.02 (2) <sup>a</sup> | 2.01 (2)              | 72.8 (1)            | 2.858 (1)  | 85.2 (8) <sup>a</sup>                         |
| $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2Re(CO)_3Me$ <sup>10</sup>                   | 2.474 (3) | 102.1 (1)          | 2.042 (15)                        | 2.011 (15)            | 76.1 (1)            | 3.015 (1)  | 88.2 (6)                                      |
| $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2Ir(H)(COD)$ <sup>7</sup>                    | 2.505 (6) | 99.0 (2)           | 1.99 (2)                          | 2.06 (2)              | 73.9 (2)            | 2.893 (1)  | 88 (1)  |

<sup>a</sup>Data for carbene ligand.

to be *frontier orbital* and *charge controlled*. Table VI contains the electronic distribution at the carbon atoms of the carbonyl ligands for the LUMO of each of the three complexes. It can be seen that the experimentally observed regioselectivity of RLi addition to **1** correlates well with the magnitude of the charge distribution for both available sites in the LUMO. The two complexes containing phosphido bridges, **15** and **16**, have a higher charge in the equatorial (i.e. trans to the phosphorus) CO's than in the axial CO's and vice versa for the *cis*-phosphine complex **17**. Figure 3 shows the electron density plot for the LUMO of complex **15** in two different planes (the *xy* plane contains the equatorial CO and the *xz* plane contains the axial CO's) and is consistent with preferred attack (if frontier orbital controlled) at the equatorial carbonyl. The regioselectivity of the nucleophilic attack also correlates with the electropositive character at the carbon atom of the carbonyl ligand. Table VII shows the net charge for both axial and equatorial carbons of the CO's for the complete molecules, and to emphasize the effect of the phosphido bridges, the net charges are also presented for the metallic fragments without the bridging ligands.<sup>33</sup> In the monomer **17**, the axial carbons are far more electropositive than those trans to the  $PH_3$  ligands; it can also be seen that adding two phosphine ligands to the  $Mo(CO)_4$  fragment slightly depletes the trans carbons of their electron density. The situation is reversed when phosphido bridges are trans to the CO's (i.e. **15** and **16**). The equatorial carbon atoms are then more electropositive. The effect of adding the phosphido bridges to the metallic fragments is an increase in the electropositivity of the equatorial carbons of **16** of about 12–15%, while that of the carbons of the axial CO's remains unchanged. It should also be noted that the LUMO's of **15** (Figure 2) and **16** are antibonding with respect to  $MoPt/MoMo$ . Addition of  $PhLi$  to **1** ( $PR_3 = PEt_3, PPh_3$ ) in  $C_6H_6$  gave  $[(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2PtPh(PR_3)]^-$  (no M–Pt bond). Similarly,  $[(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2M(CO)_4]^{2-}$  has a nonbonded M–M situation.<sup>20,34</sup> In contrast, the negative charge brought up by the  $Ph^-$  anion in the formation of  $(OC)_3(PhCOLi)M(\mu-PPh_2)_2Pt(PR_3)$  is not distributed all over the complex; rather, it is localized on the more electronegative oxygen of the benzoylate ligand. (Calculations were performed on  $[(OC)_3(HCO)Mo(PH_2)_2Pt(PH_3)]^-$ . A similar result was presented from ab initio calculations on the complex  $[Fe(CO)_4(HCO)]^-$ .<sup>35</sup>)

**Structural Comparisons of  $(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2M'L_x$ ,  $(OC)_4M(\mu-PPh_2)_2M'L_x$ , and  $cis-M(CO)_4(PR_3)_2$ .** Recent structural studies of several “ $(OC)_4M$ ”-containing bis(phosphido) heterobimetallic systems now allow for a comparison of the structural features of



**Figure 3.** Electron density plot for the LUMO of the model compound  $(OC)_4Mo(\mu-PH_2)_2Pt(PH_3)$  (**15**): (a) in the *xz* plane, axial CO's; (b) in the *xy* plane, equatorial CO's ( $Mo(CO)_4$  unit on the right).

the  $(OC)_4MP_2$  unit vis à vis metal–metal bonding vs no metal–metal bond and for *cis*- $M(CO)_4(PR_3)_2$  situations. A comparison of some of the structural features of **1e** and other  $(OC)_4M(\mu-PR_2)_2M'L_x$  systems with metal–metal bonds ( $M'L_x = Pt(PPh_3), Pt(MeO_2CC\equiv CCO_2Me)$ ,<sup>18</sup>  $IrH(CO)(PPh_3)$ ,<sup>13</sup>  $IrH(COD)$ ,<sup>7</sup>  $Re(CO)_3Me$ <sup>10</sup>) with those of bis(phosphido)-bridged systems that contain no, or very weak, metal–metal bonds (e.g.  $(OC)_4Mo(\mu-PEt_2)_2HfCp_2^4$  and  $(OC)_4W(\mu-PPh_2)_2ZrCp_2^3$ ) and with those of *cis*- $Mo(CO)_4(PR_3)_2$  ( $R = Me, Et, Ph$ )<sup>36</sup> is given in Table VIII.

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(The increase in average Mo-P bond length of *cis*-Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (PMe<sub>3</sub> < PEt<sub>3</sub> < PPh<sub>3</sub>) has been ascribed to steric effects.<sup>36</sup>) As previously observed and commented on for *cis*-M(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> systems, the two types of carbonyl ligands in these compounds have different M-C distances. Those trans to a P-donor ligand (PR<sub>3</sub> or  $\mu$ -PR<sub>2</sub>) are closer to the metal center than those trans to CO. The P-M-P bond angle in all of the phosphido bridge systems, in the range 98–103°, is very similar to those observed in *cis*-Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. The most noticeable difference is to be found in the M-P bond distances. While the average M-P distances in (OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo( $\mu$ -PEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>HfCp<sub>2</sub> (2.536 (1) Å) and (OC)<sub>4</sub>W( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>ZrCp<sub>2</sub> (2.533 (3) Å) (no or very weak metal-metal bonds) are comparable to the values observed in *cis*-Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, the average M-P distances observed in the metal-metal-bonded systems **1e** (2.506 (3) Å), **1g** (2.508 (4) Å), and (OC)<sub>4</sub>W( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(MeO<sub>2</sub>CC≡CCO<sub>2</sub>Me) (2.433 (3) Å) are significantly shorter. The reported average W-P bond length for the iridium system (OC)<sub>4</sub>W( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>IrH(CO)(PPh<sub>3</sub>) (2.531 (2) Å) is somewhat longer than is observed for the M→Pt-bonded systems. However, the iridium-tungsten carbene system (OC)<sub>3</sub>C(OMe)Ph]W( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>IrH(CO)(PPh<sub>3</sub>) has an average W-P distance (2.501 (5) Å) that is likewise indicative of a significant shortening of the M-P bond in these metal-metal-bonded systems. We have previously commented on a similar shortening of the Mn-P $\mu$  bond length in systems containing the “-(OC)<sub>4</sub>Mn( $\mu$ -PR<sub>2</sub>)” unit on going from systems with no metal-metal bonds, to systems with a hydride bridge, to systems with “Mn-M” bonds<sup>37</sup> (e.g. [(OC)<sub>4</sub>Mn( $\mu$ -PH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], average Mn-P $\mu$  = 2.351 (2) Å,  $\angle$ MnP $\mu$ Mn = 104°; [(OC)<sub>4</sub>Mn( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)( $\mu$ -H)Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>], average Mn-P $\mu$  = 2.294 (6) Å,  $\angle$ MnP $\mu$ Mn = 80°; [(OC)<sub>4</sub>Mn( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)Fe(CO)<sub>4</sub>], Mn-P $\mu$  = 2.257 (6) Å,  $\angle$ MnP $\mu$ Fe = 78°). Likewise, as one goes from (OC)<sub>5</sub>W( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)OsH(CO)<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>H)(PPh<sub>2</sub>Me)<sup>11</sup> (no W-Os bond) to (OC)<sub>4</sub>W( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>PCHOMe)Os(CO)<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>Me)<sup>8</sup> (W-Os bond), W- $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub> decreases from 2.623 (2) to 2.538 (3) Å, Os- $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub> decreases from 2.478 (2) to 2.357 (7) Å, and  $\angle$ WPOs decreases from 116 to 76°. We have previously suggested that this consistent shortening of M-P $\mu$  on going to metal-metal-bonded systems is a consequence of ring strain effects and bent M-P  $\sigma$ -bonding in systems with acute MPM' angles.<sup>37,38</sup> In this latter respect it should be noted that (i) the large deviations of PPT angles from 90 or 180° ideal values in “planar” PtXY(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> complexes have recently been rationalized reasonably successfully in terms of R<sub>3</sub>P-Pt bond bending,<sup>39</sup> (ii) the shortening of the P-P bond in P<sub>4</sub> (2.21 Å) relative to a typical P-P bond length in unstrained systems (2.27 Å) has been attributed to bent  $\sigma$ -bonding involving p-orbital overlap rather than d-d  $\pi$ -bonding,<sup>42</sup> and (iii) the one-bond coupling <sup>1</sup>J<sub>195Pt-31P</sub>, in the cationic complexes [Cp(ON)Re(H)( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, is ca. 50% smaller for  $\mu$ -PR<sub>2</sub> vis à vis that for a PPh<sub>3</sub> ligand with a comparable P-Pt bond length, consistent with a reduced P 3s orbital contribution to the P $\mu$ -Pt bond.<sup>38</sup> In complex **1e** the P-Pt bond lengths are very similar (within 0.02 Å) yet <sup>1</sup>J<sub>195Pt-31P</sub> (2718 Hz) is considerably smaller than <sup>1</sup>J<sub>195Pt-31PEt<sub>3</sub></sub> (4938 Hz), consistent with less P 3s character in the P $\mu$ -Pt bond.

## Experimental Section

**General Considerations.** All manipulations were carried out under an atmosphere of dry N<sub>2</sub> using dry degassed solvents. Phosphorus and proton NMR spectra were recorded as CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solutions at room temperature on a Varian XL200 FTNMR spectrometer operating at 80.9 and 200 MHz, respectively. Proton shifts were measured relative to TMS. Phosphorus shifts were measured relative to external P(OMe)<sub>3</sub>

in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> and corrected to 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, with downfield shifts reported as positive. Infrared data were obtained on a Nicolet 10DX FTIR spectrometer. Samples were run as CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solutions in sodium chloride cells.

**Starting Materials.** Deuteriodichloromethane was purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Metal carbonyl starting materials were purchased from Strem and Pressure Chemicals and used without further purification. Diphenylphosphine was purchased from Pressure Chemicals. The compounds *cis*-PtCl<sub>2</sub>(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>41</sup> Pt(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>42</sup> Pt(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>43</sup> (OC)<sub>4</sub>M( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)( $\mu$ -H)Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>22</sup> and (OC)<sub>4</sub>M( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)( $\mu$ -H)Pt(CO)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sup>22</sup> were prepared according to published procedures. The secondary phosphine complexes M(CO)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>H) and M(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>H)<sub>2</sub> were prepared from Et<sub>4</sub>N[M(CO)<sub>5</sub>Cl] and PPh<sub>2</sub>H by following the procedure given for the synthesis of M(CO)<sub>5</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>) and M(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.<sup>45</sup>

**Preparation of (OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(PEt<sub>3</sub>) (1e) (Eq 2).** PhLi (1.7 M, 3.3 mL, 5.6 mmol) in cyclohexane/diethyl ether (70/30) was added via syringe to a THF solution (30 mL) of Mo(CO)<sub>5</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>H) (2.36 g, 5.6 mmol) and *cis*-PtCl<sub>2</sub>(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1.38 g, 2.76 mmol). The resultant orange solution was allowed to stand at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining brown oil extracted with hexane (10 × 15 mL) to remove PEt<sub>3</sub>. Chromatography (Floril column with 10% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/90% hexane as eluant) gave an orange band containing **1e** isolated in 16% yield (0.39 g, 0.44 mmol). **1e** was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pentane. The complexes **1b** and **1h** were likewise prepared with a similar yield.

**Preparation of 1e from cis-(OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo(PPh<sub>2</sub>Li)<sub>2</sub> and cis-PtCl<sub>2</sub>(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (eq 1) in THF gave a 40% overall yield of 1e.**

**Preparation of (OC)<sub>4</sub>Cr( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>) (1a) (Eq 3).** PPh<sub>2</sub>H (0.17 mL, 0.98 mmol) was added via syringe to a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (10 mL) of (OC)<sub>4</sub>Cr( $\mu$ -H)( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1.05 g, 0.98 mmol). The resultant yellow solution was stirred for 30 min, the solvent removed, and the product extracted with hexane (3 × 25 mL) to remove PPh<sub>3</sub>. The remaining yellow solid, (OC)<sub>4</sub>Cr( $\mu$ -H)( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(PPh<sub>2</sub>H) (**3a**), was refluxed in toluene (25 mL) for 2 h to drive off H<sub>2</sub>. The orange solid remaining after removal of solvent was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pentane to give a 78% yield of **1a** (0.76 g, 0.76 mmol). Identical procedures gave **1e** (76% yield) and **1g** (75% yield).

**Preparation of (OC)<sub>4</sub>Cr( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(PCy<sub>3</sub>) (1c) (Eq 4).** PPh<sub>2</sub>H (0.22 mL, 1.26 mmol) was added to a toluene solution of (OC)<sub>4</sub>Cr( $\mu$ -H)( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)Pt(CO)(PCy<sub>3</sub>) (1.08 g, 1.26 mmol). The resulting solution was refluxed for 2 h to eliminate H<sub>2</sub>. The orange solid remaining after removal of solvent was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pentane to give **1c** in 80% yield (1.00 g, 0.99 mmol). An identical procedure gave **1f** (50%) and **1i** (37%).

**Preparation of 1f from cis-Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>H)<sub>2</sub> (Eq 4).** *cis*-Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>H)<sub>2</sub> (1.09 g, 1.88 mmol) was added to Pt(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PCy<sub>3</sub>) (0.99 g, 1.88 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL). After 1 h addition of pentane precipitated (OC)<sub>4</sub>Mo( $\mu$ -H)( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)Pt(PCy<sub>3</sub>)(PPh<sub>2</sub>H) (**3b**) in 88% yield. Redissolving **3b** in toluene and refluxing for 2 h gave, on workup, orange crystals (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pentane) of **1f** (90% yield). Complex **1i** was similarly prepared in 90% overall yield from (OC)<sub>4</sub>W(PPh<sub>2</sub>H)<sub>2</sub> and Pt(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PCy<sub>3</sub>).

**Preparation of [Li(THF)<sub>x</sub>](OC)<sub>3</sub>C(OMe)Ph]Mo( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(PCy<sub>3</sub>) (8f).** PhLi (1.5 M, 0.49 mL, 0.742 mmol) was added via syringe to a THF (10 mL) solution of **1f**. The solution was stirred for 20 min and the solvent reduced to 2 mL (in vacuo). Benzene (20 mL) was added, and **8f** precipitated as an orange powder. The highly air-sensitive product was washed with benzene (3 × 5 mL) and dried in vacuo to give **8f** (0.76 g, 0.67 mmol, 90% yield). The tungsten analogue **8i** was similarly prepared.

**Preparation of [(OC)<sub>3</sub>C(OMe)Ph]Mo( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(PCy<sub>3</sub>) (9f).** CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>F (0.15 mL, 1.86 mmol) was added via syringe to an acetone (5 mL) solution of **8f** (0.76 g, 0.66 mmol). The solution was stirred for 20 min and the solvent removed (in vacuo). The remaining purple oil was extracted with hexane (3 × 25 mL). Removal of the hexane gave **9f** (0.60 g, 0.525 mmol, 70% yield) as a purple solid. **9f** decomposes in the presence of moisture to form **1f**, benzaldehyde, and other unidentified products. Anal. Calcd (Found) for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>61</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>P<sub>3</sub>Pt: C, 55.55 (55.86); H, 5.32 (5.61). The tungsten analogue **9i** was likewise isolated as a purple solid (70% yield).

**Reactions of the Complexes 1a–i with PhLi (NMR Monitoring).** PhLi was added via syringe to either a THF (3 mL) or C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (3 mL) solution of **1** in an NMR tube fitted with a rubber septum and C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> insert. The

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resultant products **8**, **10**, and **12**, with the exception of **8f** and **8i** (see above), were not isolated and were characterized on the basis of  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR data (see Table V).

**EHMO calculations** $^{31,33}$  were carried out on the simplified complexes  $(\text{OC})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PH}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PH}_3)$  (**15**),  $(\text{CO})_4\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-PH}_2)_2\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4$  (**16**), and *cis*- $(\text{CO})_4\text{Mo}(\text{PH}_3)_2$  (**17**) with interatomic distances based on X-ray crystal structure determinations $^{36,46}$  with idealized geometries:  $C_{2v}$  for **15**,  $D_{2h}$  for **16**, and  $C_{2v}$  for **17**. The P-H distances were 1.40 Å and  $\angle\text{MPH} = 110^\circ$  for the  $\text{PH}_3$  group, and  $\angle\text{HPH} = 109^\circ$  for  $\text{PH}_2$  groups. Variation of  $\angle\text{HPH}$  from 109 to 120° did not significantly change the observed trends. Values for  $H_{ii}$  and orbital exponents were taken from ref 47.

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The formyl complex  $[(\text{OC})_3(\text{HCO})\text{Mo}(\text{PH}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PH}_3)]^-$  was calculated with  $\text{C-H} = 0.95$  Å,  $\text{C=O} = 1.33$  Å, and  $\angle\text{MoCH} = 117^\circ$ . The CHO group was rotated around the Mo-C vector in order to find the minimum energy configuration.

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## Thermal and Photochemical C-H Bond Reactions of Alkenes in (Tris(pyrazolyl)borato)iridium(I) Complexes

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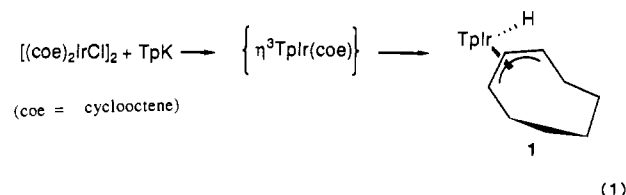
$[\text{Ir}(\text{ol})_2\text{Cl}]_2$  (ol = cyclooctene or ethylene) reacts with  $\text{KTp}$  (Tp = hydrotris(1-pyrazolyl)borate) to give, in the cyclooctene case,  $\text{TpIr}(\eta^3\text{-cyclooctenyl})\text{H}$  (**1**) and, in the ethylene case,  $\text{TpIr}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2$  (**2**). Complex **2** reacts with CO at 1 atm and 25 °C to give the known  $\text{TpIr}(\text{CO})_2$  (**3**) and reacts with excess methyl acrylate (MA) to give  $\text{TpIr}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{MA})$  (**5**). On irradiation (350 nm), **2** gives  $\text{TpIr}(\eta^2\text{-C}_2\text{H}_4)\text{H}(\eta^1\text{-vinyl})$  (**4**). This appears to take place by intramolecular vinyl C-H bond activation;  $\eta^3\text{-TpIr}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)$  is proposed as the key intermediate. In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum, the ethylene ligands of **2** show a singlet at room temperature for the vinylic protons, but decoalescence takes place at ca. 260 K ( $\Delta G_{\text{rot}}^\ddagger = 13$  kcal/mol).

### Introduction

Tp complexes (Tp = hydrotris(1-pyrazolyl)borate) were first prepared by Trofimenko<sup>1</sup> in the 1960s, but a number of new applications have only very recently appeared. Graham<sup>2</sup> has shown that compounds of the type  $\text{Tp}^*\text{M}(\text{CO})_2$  (M = Ir, Rh;  $\text{Tp}^*$  = hydrotris(3,5-dimethyl-1-pyrazolyl)borate) activate alkanes (RH) on irradiation at 350 nm to give  $\text{Tp}^*\text{M}(\text{CO})\text{H}(\text{R})$ . Work in our own group on alkane activation<sup>3</sup> has involved a search for degradation-resistant ligands. We wondered whether Tp or  $\text{Tp}^*$  might be suitable and so set out to make examples of polyhydrides,  $\text{TpMH}_x$ , which we hoped might be catalyst precursors for alkane conversions. We have recently reported<sup>4</sup> the first results of this work including the synthesis of  $\text{TpReH}_6$ , which is the first nitrogen-supported polyhydride. None of the Re complexes were catalytically active, and so we moved to Ir. As we will see below, we have not yet been able to prepare complexes of the  $\text{TpIrH}_x$  type, but we were able to show that such systems would be very unlikely to act as alkane dehydrogenation catalysts. In the course of this work, we came upon a number of interesting and unexpected features of  $\text{TpIr}$  chemistry, which we report in this paper.

### Results

In the hope of obtaining a labile system from which we could prepare the polyhydride, we attempted to make  $\text{TpIr}(\text{coe})_2$  (coe = cyclooctene) by the route shown in eq 1. In fact, the product turned out to be the cyclooctenyl hydride (**1**). The material is very soluble even in hexane and can be isolated as solvated powder.



The proposed structure is consistent with the high-resolution mass spectrometric data and the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra in toluene- $d_8$  at 25 °C. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum shows three sets of resonances for the Tp pyrazole rings, an Ir-H resonance at  $\delta = 18.1$ , and resonances corresponding to the vinylic CH protons of the coordinated cyclooctenyl group at 5.57 (t, 1 H), 4.54 (m, 1 H), and 4.04 ppm (m, 1 H). The  $J_{\text{app}}$  of 7.9 Hz is comparable to that observed by Faller and Chao<sup>5</sup> in a cyclooctenyl molybdenum complex. We do not observe any coupling between the Ir-H group and any allyl proton, in contrast to the situation in some other allyl hydrides.<sup>6</sup>

An  $\eta^3\text{-Tp}$  ligand has a high steric demand. As we shall see, only relatively unhindered olefins will give derivatives of the type  $(\eta^3\text{-Tp})\text{Ir}(\text{ol})_2$ . This suggests to us that one coe must dissociate before the three pyrazole rings can ligate to the Ir center in eq 1. The intermediate  $(\eta^3\text{-Tp})\text{Ir}(\text{coe})$  is related to the type "CpIrL" proposed by Bergman<sup>7</sup> and Graham and their co-workers for the photochemical activation of various C-H bonds. Here the same type of intermediate is formed, and an allylic C-H bond of the coordinated coe is activated to give **1**.

The symmetry of the complex is lower than expected; the three Tp pyrazole rings and the two ends of the allyl group are inequivalent (Figure 1). The molecule therefore lacks a plane of

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