1 1 as a rapid preequilibrium. **On** the basis of the literature value2'

$$
k_{\rm II} = k_3 K_{\rm a}(\rm Ti^{3+}) / [H^+]
$$
 (13)

for $K_a(\text{Ti}^{3+})$, k_3 was calculated as $4.25 \pm 0.13 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at $I = 1.0$ (LiCl) and $25 °C$.

The rate constant for the reaction of perhydroxyl with titanyl must be on the order of 2×10^3 M⁻¹ s⁻¹ (see above). Thus, a free enthalpy of activation of ~ 0.56 eV is estimated to reach the transition state $[(TiO...HO_2^{\bullet})^{2+}]^*$. A different transition state is formed by the oxidation of $TiOH²⁺$ with $O₂$. This reaction exhibits a free energy of activation of 0.72 eV, and furthermore, TiOH²⁺ and O_2 are less stable than TiO²⁺ and HO₂⁺ by 0.23 eV. Therefore, the energy of the transition state $[(TiOH \cdots O_2)^{2+}]^*$ lies 0.95 eV above the TiO^{2+} + HO_2 ⁺ level. The transition state $[(TiOH...O₂)²⁺]$ ^{*} is less stable than $[(TiO...HO₂*)²⁺]$ ^{*} by ~ 0.39 eV and arises either from outer-sphere electron transfer or from oxygen addition to TiOH²⁺, which would lead to Ti(OH)(O_2 ⁺)²⁺ as a primary product. This shows that $Ti(OH)(O_2^*)^{2+}$ is less stable than $TiO(HO₂⁴)²⁺$.

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The stability constant for perhydroxytitanyl(2+) formation, $K_{\text{HO}_2} \approx k_{-1}/k_{1,0}$ is estimated as $\sim 8.4 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$ and the reduction potential of TiO(HO_2 ^{*})²⁺ as ~1.35 V. We were unable to oxidize Ti(O_2)²⁺ by cyclic voltammetry in 0.1-1.0 M HCl O_4 using a SnO₂ or a glassy-carbon electrode, presumably because the electron transfer at the electrode is too slow.

The $TiO(HO_2^*)^{2+}$ ion is a slightly weaker oxidizing agent than the free HO_2^* radical, but in contrast to the case for free HO_2^* , it is most likely a much poorer reducing agent, since molecular oxygen coordinated to $TiO²⁺$ would be formed as an unstable product. Probably for this reason, dismutation of perhydroxytitanyl $(2+)$, reaction 14, is too slow to be observed in competition with reactions 4 and *5.*

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2\text{TiO}(\text{HO}_2^{\bullet})^{2+} \to \text{Ti}(O_2)^{2+} + \text{TiO}(O_2)^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \quad (14)
$$

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Cluster Synthesis. 15. Square-Pyramidal Coordination of Sulfur in Metal Cluster Complexes. Synthesis and Structural Characterizations of $O(s_5(CO)_{15}(\mu_5-S)[W(CO)_4PPh_3]$ $Ru_4(CO)_7(\mu\text{-}CO)_2(PMe_2Ph)_2(\mu_4\text{-}S)(\mu_5\text{-}S)[W(CO)_4PMe_2Ph]$ and

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The compounds $\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_7(\mu\text{-CO})_2(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2(\mu_4\text{-S})(\mu_5\text{-S})[\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph}]$ (2) and $\text{Os}_5(\text{CO})_{15}(\mu_5\text{-S})[\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{PPh}_3]$ (4) have been obtained in yields of 40% and 35% by the irradiation of solutions containing $W(\overrightarrow{CO})_3(PMe_2Ph)$ and $Ru_4(CO)_{9}$ - $(PMe₂Ph)₂(\mu_4-S)₂$ and solutions containing W(CO)₅(PPh₃) and Os₅(CO)₁₅(μ_4 -S), respectively. Both products were characterized by X-ray diffraction analyses. For 2: space group $P2_1/c$, $a = 12.408$ (2) \AA , $b = 29.353$ (7) \AA , $c = 13.903$ (2) \AA , $\beta = 111.69$ (1)°, $V = 4705$ (2) \mathbf{A}^3 , $\mathbf{Z} = 4$. For 4: space group P_1/c , $a = 19.839$ (9) \mathbf{A} , $b = 16.461$ (6) \mathbf{A} , $c = 27.407$ (10) \mathbf{A} , $\beta = 92.94$ $(3)^\circ$, $V = 8939$ (7) \AA ³, $Z = 8$. Both products contain pentacoordinate, square-pyramidal, quintuply bridging sulfido ligands formed by the addition of a W(CO)₄PR₃ group to a quadruply bridging sulfido ligand of the original complex. The W-S bond lengths of 2.486 (2) Å in 2 and 2.52 (2) Å in 4 are not significantly different from those for W-S bond The attachment of the tungsten-containing group to the sulfido ligand does not produce any significant structural changes upon the bonding of the sulfido ligand to the clusters in either case.

Introduction

The strong affinity of sulfur for the elements of the transition series serves as a basis for a variety of important naturally occurring metal sulfur compounds. Metal sulfides constitute the most important class of mineral ores.¹ Metal-sulfur complexes play a central role in the activity of a variety of biologically important enzymes and coenzymes.² Metal-sulfur compounds have been shown to have an enormous commercial value as hydrodesulfurization catalysts.³

Recent studies of metal complexes have shown that the coordination chemistry of sulfur is extremely rich and varied.⁴ Sulfido ligands commonly exhibit doubly **(A),** triply (B), and quadruply (C and D) bridging bonding modes. The ligand is remarkably flexible. M-S-M bond angles may be as small as **65'** or as large

as 140°.⁵ A recent report of an "inverted" tetrahedral coordination E, demonstrates how extreme these distortions may become.6 The only known examples of pentacoordinate sulfur exist in an unusual class of metal-rich minerals known as pentlandites.'

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In these materials a square-pyramidal arrangement of metal atoms surrounds the sulfur atom (F).

In the quadruply bridging mode D, the sulfido ligand is believed to serve as a four-electron donor.^{4,8} Thus, it should contain a lone pair of electrons. However, the Lewis basicity of this ligand has not heretofore been demonstrated. In this report we describe the nature of the addition of unsaturated metal carbonyl moieties to complexes that contain quadruply bridging sulfido ligands D. These products show that the attachment occurs on the sulfido ligand. They demonstrate the Lewis basicity of the quadruply bridging sulfido ligand and show for the first time that pentacoordination F is a viable and perhaps important mode of bonding for sulfur in molecular metal complexes. **A** preliminary report of part of this study has been published.⁹

Experimental Section

Although the reagents and products are air stable, all reactions were performed under a dry nitrogen atmosphere. Reagent grade solvents were dried over molecular sieves and were deoxygenated with N_2 prior to use. PMe₂Ph and PPh₃ were purchased from Aldrich and were used without further purification. Photolysis experiments were performed by using an external high-pressure mercury lamp on reaction solutions contained in Pyrex glassware. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 5-DXB FT-IR spectrophotometer. 'H NMR spectra were run on a Bruker AM-300 spectrometer operating at 300 MHz. $W(CO)$ ₆ was purchased from Strem Chemicals, Newburyport, MA, and was sublimed before use. $W(CO)_{5}(PMe_{2}Ph)$,¹⁰ $W(CO)_{5}(PPh_{3})$,¹⁰ $Ru_{4}(CO)_{9}$ - $(PMe₂Ph)₂(\mu₄-S)₂(1),$ ¹¹ and $\tilde{Os}_5(CO)₁₅(\mu₄-S)₂(3)$ ¹² were prepared by published procedures.

Preparation of $\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_9(\mu_4\text{-S})(\mu_5\text{-S})(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2[\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph}]$ (2). A 37-mg (0.08-mmol) sample of W(CO)₅PMe₂Ph was dissolved in 50 mL of hexane and was photolyzed for 75 min. under a continuous purge with N_2 . During this period a solution of 17 mg (0.017 mmol) of $Ru_4(CO)_9(\mu_4\text{-}S)_2(PMe_2Ph)_2$ (1) in 10 mL of hexane was added dropwise to the solution of $W(CO)_{5}PMe_{2}Ph$. After the addition was completed, the reaction solution was photolyzed for an additional 45 min. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in a minimum amount of CH_2Cl_2 and was chromatographed by TLC on silica gel by using a $3/2$ hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (v/v) solvent mixture as eluent. This yielded the following compounds in order of elution: **7** mg of orange unreacted **1;** 1.3 mg of a light orange compound that has not been fully characterized yet [IR $(\nu(CO))$ in hexane, cm⁻¹): 2016 (vs), 1991 (m), 1949 (m), 1939 (vs), 1902 (vw), 1852 (vw), 1811 (vw)]; and 5.7 mg of dark brown $Ru_4(CO)_9(\mu_4\text{-}S)(PMe_2Ph)_2(\mu_5\text{-}S)[W(CO)_4PMe_2Ph]$ (2) in 40% yield based on the amount of **1** consumed. IR (v(C0) in hexane, cm-I) 2047 (w), 2022 (vs), 2012 (m), 2001 (m), 1967 (m), 1888 **(s),** 1850 (vw), 1810 (vw). 'H NMR (6 in C6D6): 7.10-6.80 (m, 15 H), 1.22 (d, **Jp-H** = IO Hz, 12 H), 1.18 (d, **Jp-H** = 8 Hz, 6 H).

Preparation of $\text{Os}_5(CO)_{15}(\mu_5\text{-}S)[W(CO)_4(\text{PPh}_3)]$ **(4).** $\text{Os}_5(CO)_{15}$ **(p4-S) (3)** (30 mg 0.0121 mmol) was dissolved in 100 mL of hexane solvent. $W(CO)_{5}(PPh_{3})$ (25 mg 0.043 mmol) was added, and the solution was irradiated under a continuous N_2 purge for 3 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was chromatographed by TLC on silica gel with a $20\%/80\% \ \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$ solvent mixture. This yielded an orange band of unreacted **3** (8 mg) and a red band, **4** (10.5 mg, 35%). IR for **4** (v(C0) in hexane, cm-I): 2105 (vw), 2091 (w), 2067 (vs), 2056 (m), 2045 (m), 2031 **(s),** 2013 (m), 2002 (w), 1996 (wv,sh), 1899 (m). ¹H NMR (δ in CDCl₃): 7.43 (m).

Crystallographic Analyses. Dark brown crystals of **2** were grown from solutions in $CH_2Cl_2/hexane/benzene$ solvent mixtures by cooling to 0 °C. Red-orange platelets of **4** were grown by slow evaporation of a solution in a CH_2Cl_2/h exane solvent mixture at -20 °C. Diffraction measurements for **2** were made on a Rigaku AFC6 fully automated four-circle diffractometer. Intensity measurements for **4** were collected on an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 X-ray diffractometer at the Molecular Structure Corp., College Station, TX. Structure solutions and refinements for **2** and **4** were performed on a Digital Equipment Corp. MICROVAX **I1** computer by using Molecular Structure Corporation's **TEXSAN** program library and on a VAX 11/782 computer by using the Enraf-Nonius

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program library **SDP-PLUS,** respectively. Unit cells were determined by using the automatic search, center, index, and least-squares routines of the diffractometers. Crystal data and structure refinement results are listed in Table I. Neutral-atom scattering factors and anomalous dispersion coefficients were calculated by the standard procedures.¹³ Full-matrix least-squares refinements minimized the function

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\sum_{hkl} w(|F_o| - |F_e|)^2
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Table II. Positional Parameters and B (eq) for $Ru_4(CO)_7(\mu$ -CO)₂(μ_4 -S)(μ_5 -S)[W(CO)₄PMe₂Ph] (2)

atom	x	у	z	$B(\text{eq}), \overline{A^2}$
W	$\overline{0.72712}$ (2)	0.09520(1)	0.39660(2)	2.51(1)
Ru(1)	0.94347(4)	0.10572(2)	0.20423(4)	2.33(2)
Ru(2)	0.81746(4)	0.18383(2)	0.18523(4)	2.40(2)
Ru(3)	0.74743(4)	0.05990(2)	0.08820(4)	2.65(2)
Ru(4)	0.61239(4)	0.13921(2)	0.06569(4)	2.34(2)
S(1)	0.7512(1)	0.11013(5)	0.2296(1)	2.30(6)
S(2)	0.7944(1)	0.13434(5)	0.0356(1)	2.58(6)
P(1)	1.0955(1)	0.10631(6)	0.1461(1)	3.04(7)
P(2)	0.5150(1)	0.15139(6)	$-0.1086(1)$	2.97(7)
P(3)	0.7028(1)	0.08738(6)	0.5609(1)	3.01(7)
O(11)	1.0906(4)	0.0666(2)	0.4093(4)	5.3(3)
O(12)	1.0706(4)	0.1896(2)	0.3238(4)	4.2(2)
O(13)	0.9643(5)	0.0027(2)	0.1666(5)	5.5(3)
O(21)	0.8486(6)	0.2710(2)	0.0858(5)	7.0(3)
O(22)	0.8068(5)	0.2444(2)	0.3555(5)	6.0(3)
O(31)	0.7118(6)	0.0140(2)	$-0.1147(5)$	7.8(3)
O(32)	0.6138(6)	$-0.0143(2)$	0.1415(6)	9.0(4)
O(41)	0.5364(5)	0.2314(2)	0.1095(5)	6.3(3)
O(42)	0.4049(5)	0.0912(2)	0.0780(5)	7.2(3)
O(51)	0.5730(5)	0.1837(2)	0.3397(5)	6.8(3)
O(52)	0.9635(5)	0.1475(2)	0.5082(5)	6.2(3)
O(53)	0.4990(5)	0.0360(2)	0.3065(5)	6.7(3)
O(54)	0.8615(6)	0.0027(2)	0.4077(5)	7.4(3)
C(1)	1.2216(6)	0.0748(3)	0.2248(7)	5.2(4)
C(2)	1.0575(7)	0.0815(3)	0.0191(6)	5.1(4)
C(3)	0.5606(7)	0.2055(3)	$-0.1530(6)$	5.4(4)
C(4)	0.5397(6)	0.1082(3)	$-0.1897(5)$	4.6 (4)
C(5)	0.7941(7)	0.1212(3)	0.6686(6)	5.4(4)
C(6)	0.7264(7)	0.0315(3)	0.6207(6)	4.8(4)
C(11)	1.0366(6)	0.0820(2)	0.3318(6)	3.2(3)
C(12)	0.9908(6)	0.1706(2)	0.2656(5)	2.7(3)
C(13)	0.9109(6)	0.0357(2)	0.1548(6)	3.5(3)
C(21)	0.8383(7)	0.2376(3)	0.1230(6)	4.1(3)
C(22)	0.8087(6)	0.2203(2)	0.2910(6)	3.7(3)
C(31)	0.7245(7)	0.0311(3)	$-0.0386(6)$	4.3(3)
C(32)	0.6667(7)	0.0133(3)	0.1221(7)	4.8(4)
C(41)	0.5720(6)	0.1972(3)	0.0967(6)	4.2(3)
C(42)	0.4824(6)	0.1096(3)	0.0724(5)	3.8(3)
C(51)	0.6321(6)	0.1519(3)	0.3654(6)	4.1(3)
C(52)	0.8765(6)	0.1290(2)	0.4675(5)	3.3(3)
C(53)	0.5810(7)	0.0581(3)	0.3356(5)	3.9(3)

0.0367 (3)

0.4084 (6)

4.1 (3)

 $C(54)$ 0.8152 (6)

Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of $Ru_4(CO)_7(\mu\text{-}CO)_2(PMe_2Ph)_2(\mu_4\text{-}S)(\mu_5\text{-}C)$ S) [W(CO),PMe,Ph] **(2)** showing 50% probability thermal ellipsoids.

where $w = 1/\sigma(F_o)^2$, $\sigma(F) = \sigma(F_o^2)/2F_o$, and $\sigma(F_o^2) = [\sigma(I_{raw})^2 +$ $(PF_o²)²$]^{1/2}/*Lp*. The structure of **2** was obtained by a combination of direct methods **(MITHRIL)** and difference Fourier syntheses. The positions of the hydrogen atoms were calculated and were included in the structure factor calculations. The structure of **4** was solved by a combination of direct methods **(MULTAN)** and difference Fourier techniques. The hydrogen atoms were ignored in the analysis of **4.** A table of observed and calculated structure factor amplitudes for **4** has been deposited.'

Table III. Selected Intramolecular Bond Distances (Å) for
Pu (CO) (u.CO) (**PMe Ph**) (u.S)(u.S)(W/CO) **PMe Ph**) (2)

		$\kappa u_4(CO)_{7}(\mu-CO)_{2}(r)u_2r_1u_2(\mu_4-S)(\mu_5-S)$ [W(CO) $_4r$ Me ₂ r II] (2)	
$W - C(51)$	1.993(7)	$Ru(4)-C(41)$	1.871(8)
$W-C(52)$	2.010(7)	$Ru(4)-P(2)$	2.302(2)
$W - C(54)$	2.011(7)	$Ru(4)-S(1)$	2.447(2)
$W - C(53)$	2.013(8)	$Ru(4)-S(2)$	2.449(2)
$W-P(3)$	2.424(2)	$P(1)-C(1)$	1.799(8)
$W-S(1)$	2.486(2)	$P(1)-C(2)$	1.805(8)
$Ru(1)-C(11)$	1.857(7)	$P(1)-C(61)$	1.814(7)
	2.080(7)		1.784(8)
$Ru(1)-C(12)$		$P(2)-C(3)$	
$Ru(1)-C(13)$	2.157(7)	$P(2)-C(4)$	1.797(8)
$Ru(1) - P(1)$	2.310(2)	$P(2)-C(71)$	1.800(7)
$Ru(1)-S(2)$	2.534(2)	$P(3)-C(5)$	1.805(8)
$Ru(1)-S(1)$	2.541(2)	$P(3)-C(6)$	1.814(8)
$Ru(1) - Ru(3)$	2.7255 (8)	$P(3)-C(81)$	1.823(7)
$Ru(1) - Ru(2)$	2.7325 (8)	$O(11) - C(11)$	1.132(8)
$Ru(2)-C(22)$	1.854(7)	$O(12) - C(12)$	1.164(7)
$Ru(2)-C(21)$	1.863(8)	$O(13) - C(13)$	1.150(8)
$Ru(2)-C(12)$	2.061(6)	$O(21) - C(21)$	1.138(8)
$Ru(2)-S(2)$	2.466 (2)	$O(22) - C(22)$	1.149(8)
$Ru(2)-S(1)$	2.473(2)	$O(31) - C(31)$	1.129(8)
$Ru(2) - Ru(4)$	2.7976 (9)	$O(32) - C(32)$	1.138(8)
$Ru(3)-C(32)$	1.856(8)	$O(41) - C(41)$	1.136(8)
$Ru(3)-C(31)$	1.879(8)	$O(42) - C(42)$	1.130(8)
$Ru(3)-C(13)$	2.021(7)	$O(51) - C(51)$	1.159(8)
$Ru(3)-S(2)$	2.443(2)	$O(52) - C(52)$	1.152(8)
$Ru(3)-S(1)$	2.444(2)	$O(53) - C(53)$	1.147(8)
$Ru(3)-Ru(4)$	2.8173(8)	$O(54)-C(54)$	1.152(8)
$Ru(4)-C(42)$	1.865(7)		
Table IV. Intramolecular Bond Angles (deg) for			
$Ru_4(CO)_{7}(\mu\text{-}CO)_{2}(PMe_2Ph)_{2}(\mu_4\text{-}S)(\mu_5\text{-}S)[W(CO)_4(PMe_2Ph)]$ (2)			
$C(51)-W-C(52)$	93.3 (3)	$S(2) - Ru(3) - Ru(1)$	58.40 (4)
$C(51)-W-C(54)$	172.7(3)		54.93 (4)
		$S(2) - Ru(3) - Ru(4)$	
$C(51)-W-C(53)$	89.5 (3)	$S(1)$ –Ru(3)–Ru(1)	58.58 (4)
$C(51)-W-P(3)$	90.8(2)	$S(1) - Ru(3) - Ru(4)$	54.88 (4)
$C(51)-W-S(1)$	85.1 (2)	$Ru(1)-Ru(3)-Ru(4)$	91.26 (3)
$C(52)-W-C(54)$	90.4 (3)	$P(2) - Ru(4) - S(1)$	161.80(6)
$C(52)-W-C(53)$	175.4 (3)	$P(2)-Ru(4)-S(2)$	89.30 (6)
$C(52)-W-P(3)$	89.9 (2)	$P(2) - Ru(4) - Ru(2)$	124.14(5)
$C(52)-W-S(1)$	87.9(2)	$P(2) - Ru(4) - Ru(3)$	107.74(5)
$C(54)-W-C(53)$	87.1(3)	$S(1) - Ru(4) - S(2)$	76.29(5)
$C(54)-W-P(3)$			
	95.5(2)	$S(1) - Ru(4) - Ru(2)$	55.78 (4)
$C(54)-W-S(1)$	88.7 (2)	$S(1) - Ru(4) - Ru(3)$	54.79 (4)
$C(53)-W-P(3)$	86.5(2)	$S(2) - Ru(4) - Ru(2)$	55.60(4)
$C(53)-W-S(1)$	95.8 (2)	$S(2) - Ru(4) - Ru(3)$	54.73 (4)
$P(3)-W-S(1)$	175.28(6)	$Ru(2)-Ru(4)-Ru(3)$	87.02(2)
$P(1) - Ru(1) - S(2)$	94.86 (6)	$Ru(3)-S(1)-Ru(4)$	70.34 (5)
$P(1) - Ru(1) - S(1)$	167.99 (6)	$Ru(3)-S(1)-Ru(2)$	103.66(6)
$P(1) - Ru(1) - Ru(3)$	117.52(5)	$Ru(3)-S(1)-W$	132.20 (7)
$P(1)$ –Ru (1) –Ru (2)	118.16(5)	$Ru(3)-S(1)-Ru(1)$	66.24 (4)
$S(2)$ –Ru(1)– $S(1)$	73.15 (5)	$Ru(4)-S(1)-Ru(2)$	69.31 (4)
$S(2) - Ru(1) - Ru(3)$	55.21 (4)	$Ru(4)-S(1)-W$	130.19(6)
$S(2)$ –Ru(1)–Ru(2)	55.70 (4)	$Ru(4)-S(1)-Ru(1)$	105.18(6)
$S(1) - Ru(1) - Ru(3)$	55.17 (4)	$Ru(2)-S(1)-W$	123.57(6)
$S(1) - Ru(1) - Ru(2)$	55.78 (4)	$Ru(2)-S(1)-Ru(1)$	66.03(4)
$Ru(3)-Ru(1)-Ru(2)$	90.19 (3)	$W-S(1)-Ru(1)$	124.30(6)
$S(2)-Ru(2)-S(1)$	75.51 (5)	$Ru(3)-S(2)-Ru(4)$	70.34 (4)
$S(2) - Ru(2) - Ru(1)$	58.06 (4)	$Ru(3)-S(2)-Ru(2)$	103.90(6)
$S(2) - Ru(2) - Ru(4)$	55.01 (4)	$Ru(3)-S(2)-Ru(1)$	66.39 (4)
$S(1) - Ru(2) - Ru(1)$	58.19 (4)	$Ru(4)-S(2)-Ru(2)$	69.39 (4)
$S(1)$ –Ru (2) –Ru (4)	54.91 (4)	$Ru(4)-S(2)-Ru(1)$	105.37(6)
$Ru(1)-Ru(2)-Ru(4)$	91.54 (3)	$Ru(2)-S(2)-Ru(1)$	66.24(4)
$S(2) - Ru(3) - S(1)$	76.45 (5)		

Results

 $W(CO)_{5}(PMe_{2}Ph)$ reacts with $Ru_{4}(CO)_{9}(PMe_{2}Ph)_{2}(\mu_{4}-S)_{2}$ (1) in the presence of **UV** irradiation to give the product Ru,- 40% yield. Compound **2** was characterized by IR, 'H, NMR, and a single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. $(CO)_{7}(\mu$ -CO)₂(PMe₂Ph)₂(μ ₄-S)(μ ₅-S)[W(CO)₄(PMe₂Ph)] (2) in

An ORTEP drawing of the molecular structure of **2** is shown in Figure 1. Positional parameters are listed in Table **11.** Selected intramolecular bond distances and angles are listed in Tables **I11** and **IV,** respectively. The molecule can be viewed as a combination of two fragments: (1) a unit of $Ru_4(CO)_7(\mu\text{-}CO)_2(PMe_2Ph)_2\text{-}$ $(\mu_4$ -S)₂ and (2) a W(CO)₄(PMe₂Ph) fragment that is linked to

Table V. Positional and Thermal Parameters (Isotropic) with Esd's for $\text{Os}_5(CO)_{15}(\mu_5-S)[W(CO)_4(PPh_3)]$ (4)

atom	\boldsymbol{x}	\mathcal{Y}	\mathbf{z}	B, \mathbf{A}^2	atom	\boldsymbol{x}	\mathcal{Y}	\boldsymbol{z}	B, \mathbf{A}^2
Os(1A)	0.6809(1)	0.1137(1)	0.18568(9)	2.48(5)	O(16B)	0.781(2)	$-0.220(3)$	0.336(2)	9 $(1)^a$
Os(1B)	0.8383(1)	$-0.6193(1)$	0.20251(9)	2.89(6)	O(16A)	0.717(2)	$-0.243(3)$	0.079(2)	$8(1)^{a}$
Os(2A)	0.5780(1)	0.0689(1)	0.11537(8)	2.29(5)	O(17B)	0.798(2)	$-0.343(2)$	0.484(2)	7 $(1)^a$
Os(2B)	0.8869(1)	$-0.5704(1)$	0.39755(8)	2.98(6)	O(17A)	0.535(2)	$-0.109(2)$	0.012(1)	$5(1)^a$
Os(3A)	0.7107(1)	0.0024(1)	0.10916(8)	2.33(5)	O(18B)	1.010(2)	$-0.401(2)$	0.467(2)	6 $(1)^a$
Os(3B)	0.7622(1)	$-0.5108(1)$	0.35732(9)	3.13(6)	O(18A)	0.582(2)	$-0.287(3)$	0.208(2)	$7(1)^{a}$
Os(4A)	0.7072(1)	$-0.0545(1)$	0.20616(8)	2.59(5)	O(19A)	0.421(2)	$-0.155(2)$	0.137(1)	4.8 $(9)^a$
Os(4B)	0.8286(1)	$-0.4490(1)$	0.27665(9)	3.64(6)	O(19B)	1.004(2)	$-0.257(3)$	0.322(2)	$8(1)^{a}$
Os(5A)	0.5755(1)	0.0079(1)	0.21236(8)	2.70(5)	C(18)	0.899(3)	$-0.707(3)$	0.297(2)	5 $(1)^a$
Os(5B)	0.9530(1)	$-0.5158(1)$	0.31381(9)	3.58(6)	C(1A)	0.690(3)	0.191(4)	0.144(2)	5 $(2)^a$
W(1A)	0.5704(1)	$-0.2000(1)$	0.10687(8)	2.20(5)	C(2B)	0.773(3)	$-0.689(4)$	0.326(2)	6 $(2)^a$
W(1B)	0.9004(1)	$-0.3033(1)$	0.40266(9)	2.49(6)	C(2A)	0.635(3)	0.177(3)	0.220(2)	5 $(2)^a$
S(1A)	0.6143(6)	$-0.0677(8)$	0.1424(5)	$1.9(3)^{a}$	C(3B)	0.812(4)	$-0.640(5)$	0.242(3)	11 $(3)^a$
S(1B)	0.8721(6)	$-0.4364(8)$	0.3611(4)	$1.6(3)^{a}$	C(3A)	0.750(3)	0.125(4)	0.234(2)	$6(2)^{a}$
P(1A)	0.5403(7)	$-0.3289(8)$	0.0662(5)	$2.6(3)^{a}$	C(4B)	0.862(3)	$-0.675(3)$	0.414(2)	$3(1)^a$
P(1B)	0.9361(7)	$-0.1755(8)$	0.4427(5)	2.4 $(3)^a$	C(4A)	0.488(3)	0.032(3)	0.093(2)	$3(1)^{a}$
O(1A)	0.714(2)	0.254(3)	0.119(2)	$8(1)^{a}$	C(5B)	0.980(3)	$-0.583(4)$	0.415(3)	7 $(2)^a$
O(1B)	0.927(3)	$-0.767(3)$	0.300(2)	11 $(2)^a$	C(5A)	0.599(3)	0.101(3)	0.057(2)	5 $(2)^a$
O(2A)	0.606(2)	0.234(3)	0.244(2)	$8(1)^{a}$	C(6B)	0.876(3)	$-0.536(3)$	0.462(2)	$5(2)^{a}$
O(2B)	0.729(2)	$-0.736(3)$	0.337(2)	9 $(1)^a$	C(6A)	0.541(3)	0.174(3)	0.125(2)	$3(1)^a$
O(3A)	0.804(3)	0.146(3)	0.248(2)	$10(2)^a$	C(7B)	0.688(3)	$-0.544(3)$	0.315(2)	4 $(1)^a$
O(3B)	0.784(4)	$-0.664(5)$	0.200(3)	$19(3)^{a}$	C(7A)	0.786(3)	$-0.070(3)$	0.112(2)	4 $(1)^a$
O(4B)	0.851(2)	$-0.742(2)$	0.429(1)	$5(1)^a$	C(8B)	0.735(2)	$-0.570(3)$	0.410(2)	$3(1)^a$
O(4A)	0.441(2)	0.003(2)	0.079(1)	$6(1)^a$	C(8A)	0.761(3)	0.085(4)	0.087(2)	$7(2)^{a}$
O(5B)	1.037(2)	$-0.597(2)$	0.432(2)	$6(1)^{a}$	C(9B)	0.711(3)	$-0.420(3)$	0.381(2)	$3(1)^a$
O(5A)	0.612(2)	0.126(2)	0.016(1)	$5(1)^a$	C(9A)	0.695(3)	$-0.030(3)$	0.044(2)	$5(2)^a$
O(6B)	0.857(2)	$-0.509(2)$	0.499(1)	4.0 $(8)^a$	C(10B)	0.873(4)	$-0.354(4)$	0.255(3)	$8(2)^{a}$
O(6A)	0.518(2)	0.239(3)	0.134(2)	$7(1)^a$	C(10A)	0.737(3)	$-0.163(3)$	0.197(2)	$5(1)^a$
O(7A)	0.833(2)	$-0.107(2)$	0.115(1)	5 $(1)^a$	C(11B)	0.742(3)	$-0.404(4)$	0.279(2)	$6(2)^{a}$
O(7B)	0.645(2)	$-0.563(2)$	0.289(1)	5 $(1)^a$	C(11A)	0.795(3)	$-0.033(3)$	0.218(2)	$3(1)^{a}$
O(8B)	0.715(2)	$-0.614(2)$	0.442(1)	5 $(1)^a$	C(12A)	0.690(4)	$-0.067(4)$	0.264(3)	$8(2)^{a}$
O(8A)	0.797(2)	0.130(3)	0.069(2)	$8(1)^a$	C(12B)	0.808(5)	$-0.469(6)$	0.213(4)	$14(3)^{a}$
O(9B)	0.683(2)	$-0.368(2)$	0.394(1)	$6(1)^{a}$	C(13B)	0.955(3)	$-0.498(4)$	0.255(2)	$5(1)^a$
O(9A)	0.679(2)	$-0.055(2)$	0.004(1)	3.8 $(8)^a$	C(13A)	0.585(3)	0.053(4)	0.272(2)	$6(2)^{a}$
O(10B)	0.890(2)	$-0.293(3)$	0.247(2)	9 $(1)^a$	C(14B)	1.012(3)	$-0.613(4)$	0.309(2)	$6(2)^{a}$
O(10A)	0.749(2)	$-0.235(2)$	0.195(2)	$6(1)^{a}$	C(14A)	0.535(3)	$-0.086(3)$	0.236(2)	4 $(1)^a$
O(11A)	0.858(2)	$-0.021(2)$	0.226(1)	6 $(1)^{a}$	C(15B)	1.028(3)	$-0.463(4)$	0.346(2)	$6(2)^{a}$
O(11B)	0.700(3)	$-0.354(3)$	0.269(2)	$10(1)^a$	C(15A)	0.493(3)	0.053(4)	0.205(2)	$6(2)^{a}$
O(12A)	0.682(2)	$-0.086(3)$	0.310(2)	$7(1)^a$	C(16B)	0.822(3)	$-0.254(3)$	0.361(2)	$4(1)^a$
O(12B)	0.805(3)	$-0.489(4)$	0.174(2)	$12(2)^a$	C(16A)	0.661(3)	$-0.223(3)$	0.084(2)	5 $(2)^a$
O(13B)	0.990(2)	$-0.467(3)$	0.218(2)	9 $(1)^a$	C(17B)	0.835(3)	$-0.330(4)$	0.455(2)	$6(2)^a$
O(13A)	0.598(2)	0.085(3)	0.311(2)	$8(1)^a$	C(17A)	0.557(3)	$-0.145(3)$	0.050(2)	$5(1)^a$
O(14B)	1.053(2)	$-0.660(3)$	0.307(2)	$8(1)^a$	C(18B)	0.971(3)	$-0.366(3)$	0.444(2)	$5(1)^a$
O(14A)	0.510(2)	$-0.145(2)$	0.252(2)	$6(1)^a$	C(18A)	0.578(3)	$-0.249(4)$	0.167(2)	$6(2)^{a}$
O(15A)	0.439(2)	0.084(3)	0.200(2)	$8(1)^a$	C(19B)	0.965(3)	$-0.277(3)$	0.355(2)	4 $(1)^a$
O(15B)	1.071(3)	$-0.424(3)$	0.356(2)	11 $(2)^a$	C(19A)	0.475(3)	$-0.171(4)$	0.127(2)	$6(2)^{a}$

^a Isotropic B.

the Ru₄ cluster by an S \rightarrow W donor-acceptor bond from one of the quadruply bridging sulfido ligands. The $Ru₄$ cluster unit of **2** is remarkably similar to that in the free molecule **1.** In both cases the Ru₄ unit contains two carbonyl ligands that bridge adjacent edges of the cluster. The metal-metal bonds that are bridged by these ligands are significantly shorter (approximately 0.1 **A)** than the others. The contraction of these bonds may be due to the bridging CO ligands but may also be influenced by the electronic unsaturation of the cluster.¹¹ Atom S(1) forms a coordinate bond to the tungsten atom and is therefore a quintuple (pentacoordinate) bridge. The W-S bond distance of 2.486 (2) *8,* is slightly shorter than the W-S distance of 2.522 (8) **A** observed for a W-S coordinate bond between a $W(CO)$, fragment and a triply bridging sulfido ligand in the complex $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3$ - $\text{S}(p_{4} - \text{S})[\text{W}(\text{CO})_{5}]$ (5)¹⁴ and 2.547 (6) Å to a similarly coordinated $W(CO)$, group in the compound $Fe_3(CO)_9(\mu_3-P-t Bu)(\mu_4\text{-}S)[W(CO)_5]$ (6).¹⁵ Interestingly, there are no significant differences in the Ru-S distances between the quadruply bridging sulfido ligand $S(2)$ and quintuple bridge $S(1)$. Both sulfido ligands are displaced 1.51 **A** from the Ru, plane. **An** interesting difference between **1** and the Ru, cluster in **2** is the disposition of the two phosphine ligands. In **1** the phosphine ligands lie on opposite sides of the Ru, plane. In **2** they lie on the same side and away from

the $W(CO)_{4}PMe_{2}Ph$ group. This arrangement clearly results in reduced steric interactions. The six-coordinate tungsten atom has approximately octahedral geometry with all four carbonyl ligands lying in a plane. The S(1)-W-P(3) angle of 175.28 (6)^o is slightly nonlinear. This group is rotated 40° with respect to the Ru₄ square in order to minimize the steric interactions between the terminal carbonyl ligands $C(11)-O(11)$, $C(22)-O(22)$, $C(32)-O(32)$, and $C(42)-O(42)$ on the cluster and the carbonyl groups on the tungsten atom.

 $W(CO)_{5}(PPh_{3})$ reacts with $Os_{5}(CO)_{15}(\mu_{4}-S)$ **(3)** in the presence of UV irradiation to give the product $\text{Os}_5(\text{CO})_{15}(\mu_5\text{-S})$ [W-(CO)4PPh3] **(4)** in 35% yield. Compound **4** crystallizes with two independent molecules in the asymmetric crystal unit. Both molecules are structurally similar, and an **ORTEP** diagram of one of these is shown in Figure 2. Positional parameters are listed in Table V. Selected intramolecular bond distances and angles are listed in Tables **VI** and **VII. As** with **2,** compound **4** can be viewed as a combination of two groups: (1) an $\text{Os}_5(\text{CO})_{15}(\mu_4\text{-S})$ cluster complex and (2) a $W(CO)₄PPh₃$ fragment. The latter is linked to the cluster via a $S \rightarrow W$ donor-acceptor bond. The metal-metal and metal-sulfur bonding in the Os₅S cluster in 4 is nearly identical with that in the free molecule **3.12** In both compounds the sulfur atom is displaced 1.42 *8,* from the base of the cluster. The tungsten-sulfur bond [2.52 **(2) A]** is slightly longer than that in **2** but is similar to those in *5* and *6.* The coordination geometry about the tungsten atom is approximately

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Figure 2. ORTEP diagram of one of the two crystallographically independent molecules of $\text{Os}_5(\text{CO})_{15}(\mu_5\text{-S})$ [W(CO)₄(PPh₃)] (4) showing 50% probability thermal ellipsoids.

Table VI. Selected Interatomic Distances **(A)** with Esd's for $Os_5(CO)_{15}(\mu_5\text{-}S)[W(CO)_4(PPh_3)]$ (4)

molecule A		molecule B		
$Os(1A)-Os(2A)$	2.831(3)	$Os(1B)-Os(2B)$	2.847(3)	
$Os(1A)-Os(3A)$	2.869(3)	$Os(1B)-Os(3B)$	2.822(3)	
$Os(1A)-Os(4A)$	2.868(3)	$Os(1B)-Os(4B)$	2.895(3)	
$Os(1A)-Os(5A)$	2.844(3)	$Os(1B)-Os(5B)$	2.845(3)	
$Os(1A)-C(1A)$	1.73(5)	$Os(1B)-C(1B)$	1.89(5)	
Os(1A) – C(2A)	1.70(5)	$Os(1B)-C(2B)$	1.88(6)	
$Os(1A)-C(3A)$	1.88(6)	$Os(1B)-C(3B)$	1.76(9)	
$Os(2A)-Os(3A)$	2.863(2)	$Os(2B)-Os(3B)$	2.831(3)	
$Os(2A)-Os(5A)$	2.844(3)	$Os(2B)$ -Os(5B)	2.846(3)	
$Os(2A)-C(1A)$	2.46(1)	$Os(2B)-C(1B)$	2.43(2)	
$Os(2A)-C(4A)$	1.96(5)	$Os(2B)-C(4B)$	1.86(5)	
Os(2A) – C(5A)	1.76(5)	$Os(2B)-C(5B)$	1,91(7)	
$Os(2A)-C(6A)$	1.91(5)	$Os(2B)-C(6B)$	1.87(5)	
$Os(3A)-Os(4A)$	2.823(3)	$Os(3B)-Os(4B)$	2.822(3)	
$Os(3A) - S(1A)$	2.45(2)	$Os(3B) - S(1B)$	2.50(2)	
$Os(3A)-C(7A)$	1.90(5)	$Os(3B)-C(7B)$	1.92(5)	
$Os(3A)-C(8A)$	1.82(6)	$Os(3B)-C(8B)$	1.84(5)	
$Os(3A)-C(9A)$	1.88(5)	$Os(3B)-C(9B)$	1.93(5)	
$Os(4A)-Os(5A)$	2.822(3)	$Os(4B)-Os(5B)$	2.842(3)	
$Os(4A) - S(1A)$	2.48(2)	$Os(4B) - S(1B)$	2.44(2)	
$Os(4A) - C(10A)$	1.90(6)	$Os(4B)-C(10B)$	1.91(7)	
$Os(4A)$ – $C(11A)$	1.80(5)	Os(4B) – C(11B)	1.88(6)	
Os(4A) – C(12A)	1.65(7)	Os(4B) – C(12B)	1.8(1)	
$Os(5A)-S(1A)$	2.44(2)	$Os(5B) - S(1B)$	2.49(2)	
Os(5A) – C(13A)	1.80(6)	Os(5B) – C(13B)	1.66(5)	
Os(5A) – C(14A)	1.88(5)	$Os(5B)-C(14B)$	2.00(6)	
Os(5A) – C(15A)	1.80(6)	Os(5B) – C(15B)	1.91(6)	
$W(1A) - S(1A)$	2.52(2)	$W(1B)-S(1B)$	2.52(2)	
$W(1A)-P(1A)$	2.46(1)	$W(1B) - P(1B)$	2.47(1)	
$W(1A) - C(16A)$	1.97(5)	$W(1B) - C(16B)$	2.05(5)	
$W(1A) - C(17A)$	1.81(5)	$W(1B) - C(17B)$	2.03(6)	
$W(1A) - C(18A)$	1.83(6)	$W(1B) - C(18B)$	2.05(5)	
$W(1A) - C(19A)$	2.06(6)	$W(1B)-C(19B)$	1.93(6)	

octahedral with four linear carbonyl ligands lying in a plane. The W(CO)4 group is rotated **(28')** relative to the **Os4** square in order to minimize the steric interactions between the carbonyl ligands on the cluster and those on the tungsten atom. Interestingly, the CO ligands attached to the metal atoms on the **Os4** square in **4** are arranged to form an approximate fourfold rotational symmetry about this unit. This is significantly different from that in **3** and is probably induced by the steric interactions with the $W(CO)₄$ group, which contains a similar fourfold symmetry. The **S-W-P** angle is 172.8 **(4)'** [176.1 **(4)'].16**

Discussion

Compounds **1** and **3** each consist of clusters of metal atoms and have at least one quadruply bridging sulfido ligand across a square of four metal atoms. A (phasphine)tungsten tetracarbonyl moiety produced by an irradiation-induced decarbonylation of the parent pentacarbonyl compound was added to each of the complexes **1** and **3** through the formation of a sulfur to tungsten donor-acceptor bond. **As** a result, the quadruply bridging sulfido ligands have become pentacoordinate and exhibit a square-pyramidal coordination geometry. A comparison of the structures of **1** with **2** and **3** with **4** shows that the attachment of the tungsten-containing group to the sulfido ligand has no significant structural effect on the bonding of the sulfido ligand to the cluster.

The pentacoordinate sulfido ligand, presumably, utilizes all six of its valence electrons in bonding (Le., two electrons are donated to the tungsten atom and four are donated to the cluster). **Al**though square-pyramidal coordination generally implies the involvement of five atomic orbitals (e.g., sp^3d), according to the most popular delocalized bonding theories, this would not be necessary in these examples since the bonding of the sulfido ligand to the square of four metal atoms would require the use of only three atomic orbtials.¹⁷

The results reported here demonstrate the intrinsic stability of pentacoordinate sulfur in molecular complexes. The ability of the quadruply bridging ligand D to expand its coordination by the addition of a metal atom suggests that the quadruply bridging sulfido ligand could also be useful as a focal point for the aggregation of metal atoms and as an aid for cluster synthesis.^{8,18}

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Mechanism of Dissolution of Magnetite by Oxalic Acid-Ferrous Ion Solutions

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The kinetics of the reductive dissolution of magnetite by ferrous ions in solutions of high oxalate concentration has been studied at 30 °C and various pH values. The rate-determining step is proposed to be the outer-sphere electron transfer from Fe^{II}(C₂O₄)²⁻, located in the Stern plane, to a surface oxalate-iron(II1) complex. Analysis of the work term and electron-transfer Gibbs energy shows that $Fe^{II}(C_2O_4)_2^{2}$ is a reasonable choice for the reductant species. Dissolution also requires protonation of the surface sites, in a process described by a Freundlich-type isotherm.

introduction

Oxalic acid is a reagent of choice in many iron oxide solvent formulations.' Only a few mechanistic studies are available for these dissolution processes: Sellers and Williams² have carried out a study of the dissolution of nickel chromium ferrites by oxalic acid solutions in the temperature range $105-160$ °C, and concluded that the mechanism involves the reduction of surface FelI1 ions by oxalate, which yields *C02.* **Thus,** the mechanism is similar to the one proposed earlier for the dissolution of magnetite by thioglycolic acid.^{3,4} Further examples of dissolution by reducing complexing anions involve thiocyanate and iodide.⁵

In the case of the dissolution of magnetite by oxalic acid, our own preliminary results^{6,7} demonstrated that the process is autocatalytic, the mechanism involving an interfacial electron transfer between ferrous-oxalate complexes and surface ferric ions; the main reaction does not involve the oxidation of oxalate and thus differs significantly from the system studied by Sellers. Indeed, the induction period is related to the reduction of Fe^{III} by oxalate,

but the ensuing fast reaction corresponds to the stoichiometry
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Fe_3O_4 + 8HC_2O_4^- \rightarrow 2Fe(C_2O_4)_3^{3-} + Fe(C_2O_4)_2^{2-} + 4H_2O
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Of course, in the presence of light, $Fe(C_2O_4)_3^{3-}$ in bulk evolves to $Fe^{II} + CO_2$; analogous species on the surface are photosensitive in a similar way. $5,8$

The electron-transfer process involved in this system was proposed to be an outer-sphere transfer from ferrous complexes to

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a ferric surface complex^{6,7} and is thus mechanistically related to the reductive dissolution of nickel ferrite by vanadous picolinate.⁹

In the present paper we report a detailed kinetic study of this system showing that electron transfer controls the overall rate; this result is at variance with usual assumptions in the field of electrochemistry, where electron transfer is assumed to be fast and controlled by solution redox potential. $10,11$ As we were mainly interested in characterizing the outer-sphere reaction, the measurements were carried out in large excess of oxalic acid. As discussed below, both the surface and the reductant were fully complexed, thus preventing the possibility of bridged intermediates that might operate in certain homogeneous electron-transfer reactions mediated by oxalate.12 Such bridged systems can in fact be also conducive to metal oxide dissolution; this subject shall be analyzed in forthcoming papers on the dissolution of magnetite by nitrilotriacetic (NTA) and ethylenediaminetetraacetic acids $(EDTA).^{13,14}$

Experimental Section

Reagents were of analytical purity or better and were used without further purification. Magnetite was prepared by oxidation of a slurry of ferrous hydroxide with potassium nitrate in the presence of hydrazine.¹⁵ The slurry was obtained by adding ammonia to a $FeCl₂·4H₂O$ solution at boiling temperature. The prepared material was found to be a nearly stoichiometric magnetite composed of cuboctahedral particles, modal edge ca. 0.1 μ m, as characterized by X-ray powder diffractograms, scanning electron microscopy, and Mössbauer spectroscopy. Its specific surface was measured on a Micromeritics surface analyzer by nitrogen adsorption and BET procedures, a value of 9.7 m^2 g^{-1} being obtained.

Kinetic experiments were carried out in a cylindrical beaker, surrounded by a water jacket. Suspensions containing 40 mg of magnetite

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