

Anal. Calcd for $C_{32}H_{60}CdCl_2O_{12}P_4Ru_2$ ($M_r = 1146.2$): Cd, 9.81; Cl, 6.19; P, 10.81. Found: Cd, 9.94; Cl, 5.98; P, 10.64. Calcd for $C_{32}H_{60}Cl_2O_{12}P_4PbRu_2$ ($M_r = 1241.0$): C, 30.97; H, 4.87. Found: C, 30.87; H, 4.85.

$[(C_6Me_6)RuCl\{P(O)(OCH_3)_2\}_2M]PF_6$ ($[ML_2]PF_6$, $M^{3+} = Al^{3+}$, Fe_3^{3+}). The compounds were prepared from **5** and $Al(NO_3)_3 \cdot 9H_2O$ or $FeCl_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ in water or water/methanol as described above. An excess of $NaPF_6$ was added to precipitate the salts completely. The yield was 60–80%. The products were recrystallized from chloroform/ether or acetone/ether to give fine black crystals of $[FeL_2]PF_6$ and yellow crystals of $[AlL_2]PF_6$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{32}H_{60}AlCl_2F_6O_{12}P_3Ru_2$ ($M_r = 1205.7$): C, 31.88; H, 5.02. Found: C, 32.0; H, 5.26. Calcd for $C_{32}H_{60}Cl_2F_6FeO_{12}P_3Ru_2$ ($M_r = 1234.6$): C, 31.13; H, 4.82. Found: C, 31.13; H, 4.96.

$[(C_6Me_6)RuCl\{P(O)(OCH_3)_2\}_2Ru(C_6Me_6)]PF_6$ ($[LRu(C_6Me_6)]PF_6$). To a solution of 0.243 mmol of $Na[(C_6Me_6)RuCl\{P(O)(OCH_3)_2\}]$ (**5**, NaL) in methanol/water was added a solution of 0.121 mmol of $[(C_6Me_6)RuCl_2]$ in methanol. Slow addition of a concentrated solution of NH_4PF_6 in water gave a yellow precipitate, which was separated, washed with water, and dried under high vacuum. Recrystallization from acetone/ether gave orange-red crystals, yield 210 mg (93%).

1H NMR (80 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 2.08 (s, 18 H, $C_6(CH_3)_6RuL$).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{28}H_{48}ClF_6O_6P_3Ru_2$ ($M_r = 925.2$): C, 36.35; H, 5.23. Found: C, 36.28; H, 5.35.

$[(C_6Me_6)RuCl\{P(O)(OCH_3)_2\}_2Rh(C_5Me_5)]PF_6$ ($[LRh(C_5Me_5)]PF_6$) and $[(C_6Me_6)RuCl\{P(O)(OCH_3)_2\}_2Ru(p-CH_3C_6H_4CH(CH_3)_2)]PF_6$ ($[LRu(p-cymene)]PF_6$). The compounds were prepared as described for $[LRu(C_6Me_6)]PF_6$ from $[(C_5Me_5)RhCl_2]$ and $[(p-cymene)RuCl_2]$ in 80–90% yield. $[LRh(C_5Me_5)]PF_6$ was characterized as follows.

1H NMR (80 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.62 (s, 15 H, $C_5(CH_3)_5$).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{44}ClF_6O_6P_3RhRu$ ($M_r = 900.0$): C, 34.70; H, 5.04. Found: C, 34.64; H, 5.11.

$[LRu(p-cymene)]PF_6$ was characterized as follows.

1H NMR (80 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.34 (d, $^3J(HCCH) = 6.8$ Hz, 6 H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 2.23 (s, 3 H, $C_6H_4CH_3$), 2.85 (sept, $^3J(HCCH) = 6.8$ Hz, 1 H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 5.40 (m, 4 H, C_6H_4).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{44}ClF_6O_6P_3Ru_2$ ($M_r = 897.1$): C, 34.81; H, 4.94. Found: C, 34.63; H, 5.14.

$[(C_6Me_6)RuCl\{P(O)(OCH_3)_2\}_2Re(CO)_3]$ ($[LRe(CO)_3]$). A 79-mg amount (0.19 mmol) of $[ReBr(CO)_5]$ and 101 mg (0.19 mmol) of complex **6** (HL) in 30 mL of chloroform were heated to reflux under a nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. The solution was concentrated and chromatographed on a short silica column. A yellow band was eluted

with chloroform/acetone (20:1). Evaporation of the solvent and recrystallization from chloroform/pentane gave 103 mg (0.13 mmol, 67%) of orange-yellow crystals. The compound $LRe(CO)_3$ is stable in air, soluble in acetone, dichloromethane, chloroform, and THF, and insoluble in saturated hydrocarbon solvents.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{30}ClO_9P_2ReRu$ ($M_r = 787.1$): C, 28.99; H, 3.84. Found: C, 28.83; H, 3.79.

IR (CH_2Cl_2 , $\nu(CO)$): 2018 (st), 1889 (st, br) cm^{-1} .

$[(C_6Me_6)RuCl\{P(O)(OCH_3)_2\}_2Mo(CO)_3H]$ ($[LMo(CO)_3H]$). A 63-mg amount (0.21 mmol) of $[Mo(CH_3CN)_3(CO)_3]$ as added to a solution of 108 mg (0.21 mmol) of **6** in dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was stirred under nitrogen for 30 min and then filtered. Slow evaporation of the solvent gave 133 mg (92%) of large yellow to brown air-sensitive crystals.

IR (CH_2Cl_2 , $\nu(CO)$): 2007 (st), 1915 (st), 1884 (m) cm^{-1} .

1H NMR (80 MHz, CD_2Cl_2): δ -4.4 (s, Mo-H).

$[(C_6Me_6)RuCl\{P(O)(OCH_3)_2\}_2W(CO)_3H]$ ($[LW(CO)_3H]$). This compound was prepared in a manner analogous to that for $LMo(CO)_3H$ from 108 mg (0.21 mmol) of $[(C_6Me_6)RuCl\{P(O)(OCH_3)_2\}[P(OH)(OCH_3)_2]]$ (HL) and 101 mg (0.21 mmol) of $[W(DMF)_3(CO)_3]$; yield 159 mg (97%) of large yellow to brown air-sensitive crystals.

IR (CH_2Cl_2 , $\nu(CO)$): 1994 (st), 1899 (st), 1872 (sh), 1845 (m) cm^{-1} .

1H NMR (80 MHz, CD_2Cl_2): δ -3.4 (t, $^3J(POWH) = 1.3$ Hz, satellites with $^1J(WH) = 10.4$ Hz, W-H).

^{13}C NMR (67.9 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 16.0 (q, $^1J(CH) = 104$ Hz, CCH_3), 51.3 (q, $^1J(CH) = 146$ Hz, OCH_3), 51.7 (q, $^1J(CH) = 146$ Hz, OCH_3), 104.9 (s, CCH_3), 218.4 (d, $^2J(CWH) = 16.0$ Hz, satellites with $^1J(^{183}WC) = 154$ Hz, $C\equiv O$).

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Reactions of Arenediazonium Salts with Hexacarbonyldicobalt Derivatives. Synthesis of Cationic *N*-Aryldiazadibocobaltatetrahedranes and Crystal and Molecular Structure of $[Co_2(CO)_4(\mu-Ph_2PCH_2PPh_2)(\mu-N_2C_6H_4-4-CH_3)][SbF_6]$

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$Co_2(CO)_4(\mu-CO)_2(\mu-dppm)$ ($dppm = \text{bis}(\text{diphenylphosphino})\text{methane}$) reacts with a variety of arenediazonium salts in dichloromethane at temperatures well below ambient to produce a series of novel *N*-aryldiazadibocobaltatetrahedrane cations as their $[BF_4^-]$, $[PF_6^-]$, and $[SbF_6^-]$ salts. The spectroscopic characterizations of these new compounds are discussed, and the structure of $[Co_2(CO)_4(\mu-N_2C_6H_4-4-CH_3)(\mu-dppm)][SbF_6]$ has been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The compound crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group *Pbca*, with unit cell dimensions $a = 22.488$ (5) Å, $b = 19.459$ (4) Å, $c = 18.002$ (4) Å, $V = 7877$ (3) Å³, and $Z = 8$. The structure refined to $R(F) = 5.40\%$. It is an isolobal analogue of tetrahedrane; the distorted tetrahedral Co_2N_2 core contains a 1.342 (12) Å N-N bond (midway between a single and a double bond) and a Co-Co distance of 2.440 (2) Å.

Introduction

Since the first report more than 20 years ago,² reactions of arenediazonium ions with nucleophilic transition-metal compounds

have produced a profusion of neutral, monocationic, and even dicationic aryldiazanyl and aryldiazene derivatives of most of the transition metals.³ A rather small subset involves the ArN_2 moiety

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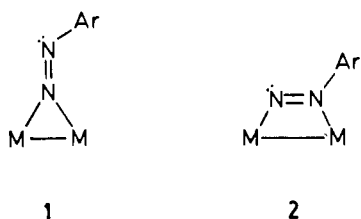
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Table I. FABMS and IR (ν_{CO}) Data for $[\mathbf{6}][\text{BF}_4]^\text{a}$

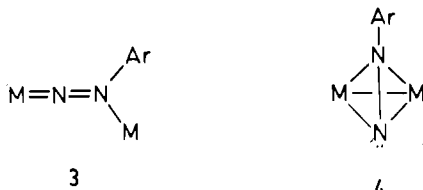
cation	molecular ion, ^b m/e	high-res FABMS, m/e		ν_{CO} , ^c cm^{-1}
		obsd	calcd	
$\mathbf{6a}^+$	764	763.9973	763.9961	2087, 2070, 2051
$\mathbf{6b}^+$	737	736.9991	737.0015	2086, 2068, 2047
$\mathbf{6c}^+$	719	719.0155	719.0109	2086, 2067, 2046
$\mathbf{6d}^+$	733	733.0243	733.0265	2085, 2066, 2045
$\mathbf{6e}^+$	761	761.0609	761.0580	2085, 2067, 2045
$\mathbf{6f}^+$	749	749.0202	749.0214	2084, 2066, 2044

^a $[\mathbf{6a-f}^+] = [\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-XC}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}_2)(\text{dppm})^+]^\text{+}$; X = NO₂, $\mathbf{6a}$; X = F, $\mathbf{6b}$; X = H, $\mathbf{6c}$; X = CH₃, $\mathbf{6d}$; X = CH(CH₃)₂, $\mathbf{6e}$; X = OCH₃, $\mathbf{6f}$.
^b All spectra also exhibit ions resulting from sequential loss of four CO ligands and N₂. The ions (M - nCO + H)⁺ are also prominent. ^c In CH₂Cl₂ solution.

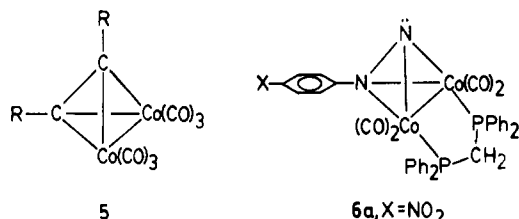
bound to more than one metal center;^{4,5} three structural types have been characterized.⁵ In structures 1 and 2, the (neutral) ArN₂



fragment functions as a 3-electron donor to the dimetal unit. In structure 3, where a metal-metal bond is precluded, the (neutral)



ArN₂ is a 5-electron donor. Structural type 4, in which ArN₂ is a 5-electron donor to a metal-metal-bonded dimetal unit has been unknown hitherto. The diazadimetallatetrahedrane core bears an obvious resemblance to structure 5, numerous examples



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6a, X=NO₂

6b, X=F

6c, X=H

6d, X=CH₃6e, X=CH(CH₃)₂6f, X=OCH₃

of which have been reported,⁶ as well as to $[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3]_2\text{P}_2$ ⁷ and

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Table II. NMR Data for $[\mathbf{6}][\text{PF}_6]^\text{a}$

cation	chem shift, ppm	
	¹ H NMR ^b	³¹ P{ ¹ H} NMR ^c
$\mathbf{6a}^+$	4.92 ("t", ² J _{PH} = 12.1 Hz) ^d	39.67
$\mathbf{6b}^+$	4.84 ("t", ² J _{PH} = 12.0 Hz) ^d	39.19
$\mathbf{6c}^+$	4.80 ("t", ² J _{PH} = 11.9 Hz) ^d	38.90
$\mathbf{6d}^+$	4.78 (d, H _A), 4.72 (d, H _B); J _{AB} = 13.4 Hz ^e	39.31
	2.40 (s, C ₆ H ₄ CH ₃)	
$\mathbf{6e}^+$	4.86 (d, H _A), 4.79 (d, H _B); J _{AB} = 13.7 Hz ^e	38.95
	3.03 (sept, CH(CH ₃) ₂), 1.26 (d, CH(CH ₃) ₂); ³ J _{HH} = 7 Hz	
$\mathbf{6f}^+$	4.75 (d, H _A), 4.68 (d, H _B); J _{AB} = 13.7 Hz ^e	39.29
	3.91 (s, C ₆ H ₄ OCH ₃)	

^a In CD₂Cl₂ and (CD₃)₂CO. ^b Phenyl resonances not listed (see text). ^c All spectra also include PF₆⁻ resonance (-144.4 ppm (sept, ¹J_{PF} = 706 Hz)). Resonances for Co-bound P are broadened (fwhm ca. 110 Hz) by ⁵⁹Co (I = 7/2, 100%). ^d Recorded without selective ³¹P irradiation. ^e Recorded with selective ³¹P irradiation.

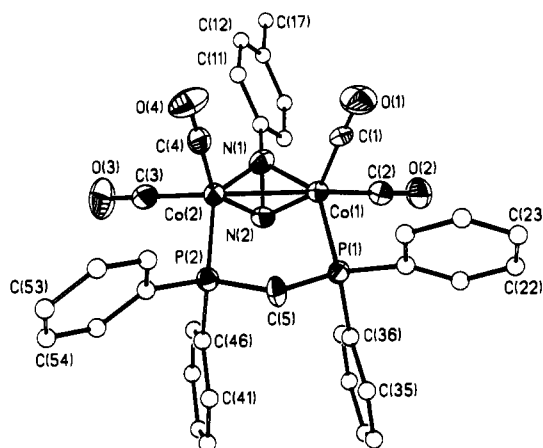


Figure 1. Structure and labeling scheme for the cation of $[\mathbf{6d}][\text{SbF}_6]$. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 45% level, and the phenyl rings are drawn with arbitrary radius spheres.

$[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3]_2\text{As}_2$.⁸ We now report the syntheses and characterizations, including a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study, of a series of cations $[\mathbf{6}^+]$, the first *N*-aryldiazadibaltatetrahedrane cations.

Results

$\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-CO})_4(\mu\text{-dppm})^\text{9}$ reacts with arenediazonium salts, $[\text{p-XC}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}_2^+][\text{A}^-]$ (X = NO₂, F, H, CH₃, CH(CH₃)₂, OCH₃; $[\text{A}^-] = [\text{BF}_4^-], [\text{PF}_6^-], [\text{SbF}_6^-]$) at temperatures below 0 °C to produce salts of the cations $[\mathbf{6}^+]$ (see Experimental Section). These compounds are moderately air-stable, deep red-purple crystalline solids that dissolve in acetone, dichloromethane, acetonitrile, and, to a smaller extent, tetrahydrofuran, to give air-sensitive solutions. They are insoluble in aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbons, and they decompose without melting or subliming.

Their low-resolution FAB mass spectra exhibit molecular ions and sequential loss of four CO ligands and N₂. High-resolution peak matches on the molecular ions confirm the formulations $[\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_4(\text{N}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{X})(\text{dppm})^+]^\text{+}$ (Table I).

Their IR spectra (Table I) are devoid of absorptions in the bridging CO region, and the absorptions in the terminal CO region are 40-50 cm⁻¹ to high frequency of those in the IR spectrum of $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-CO})_2(\mu\text{-dppm})$. The former also show a small, but systematic, variation with para substituent X.

The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra (Table II) of cations $[\mathbf{6}^+]$ consist of a single resonance each, down to -90 °C. These resonances are rather broad at room temperature (fwhm ca. 110 Hz), but narrow as the probe temperature is lowered (fwhm ca. 35 Hz at

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-60 °C). The chemical shifts are neither greatly nor systematically dependent on X.

In addition to resonances in the expected regions for P-Ph and N-Ar protons and for X protons (6d-f), the ¹H NMR spectra (Table II) feature PCH₂P multiplets whose chemical shifts are neither greatly nor systematically dependent on X. These are discussed further below.

In part because of the novelty of the structure implied by the spectroscopic data, we undertook a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study of [6d][SbF₆].

Structure Description

[Co₂(CO)₄(μ-N₂-C₆H₄CH₃)(μ-dppm)][SbF₆] ([6d][SbF₆]) crystallizes as well-separated ions without significant interionic contacts. The cation structure (Figure 1) contains a central distorted tetrahedral Co₂N₂ core with a short N-N bond, 1.342 (12) Å, a Co-Co distance of 2.440 (2) Å and average Co-N distances of 1.898 (8) Å to the substituted N atom and 1.939 (8) Å to the other N atom. An equivalent description of the Co₂N₂ core considers it to be a complex of the N≡N triple bond to the Co₂ moiety. Assignment of a specific coordination geometry to Co is difficult due to the very acute N-Co-N angles, 41.0 (3)° (average). The dppm ligand bridges the two Co atoms.

The N-N distance of 1.342 (12) Å is considerably longer than the N=N double bonds in (μ-H)Os₃(CO)₁₀(μ,η²-N=NPh) (1.20 (4) Å),^{5d} (μ-H)Os₃(CO)₁₀(μ,η¹-N=N-*p*-Tol) (1.238 (18) Å),^{5c} [Mn(CO)₄(μ,η¹-N=NPh)]₂ (1.233 (2) Å)^{5a} CH₃N=NCH₃ (1.23 Å),¹⁰ and FN=NF (1.25 (4) Å).¹¹ It is somewhat shorter than the distances in compounds such as [(CH₃)₃CCN]₂Ni(η²-PhN=NPh) (1.385 (5) Å),¹² Fe₂(CO)₆(μ,η²-CH₃N=NCH₃) (1.366 (8) Å),¹³ Fe₂(CO)₆(μ,η²-C₁₂H₈N₂) (1.399 (8) Å),¹⁴ and Fe₂(CO)₆(μ,η²-C₅H₈N₂) (1.404 (9) Å),¹⁵ in which the N=N π electrons are necessarily involved in bonding to the metal centers. It is substantially shorter than the 1.45 Å distance in hydrazine, which may be taken as representative of a N-N single bond.¹⁶ The N-N distance in our compound is thus consistent with substantial reduction in the N-N bond order, from 3 in the starting diazonium ion to between 1 and 2 in the product.

The Co-Co distance is unusually short for Co₂E₂ (E = group 15 element) tetrahedranes. In the Co₂As₂ complex Co₂(CO)₅[P(C₆H₅)₃](μ-As₂), the Co-Co distance is 2.594 (3) Å; it is 2.576 (3) Å in Co₂(CO)₄[P(C₆H₅)₃]₂(μ-As₂)⁸ and 2.574 (3) Å in Co₂(CO)₅[P(C₆H₅)₃](μ-P₂);⁷ in the cubane analogue [Co₄(η⁵-C₅H₅)₄P₄] the Co-Co distance is 2.504 Å (average).¹⁷

Discussion

Solution Structures of [6⁺] from Spectroscopic Data. The appearance of terminal CO ligand absorptions at frequencies 40–50 cm⁻¹ higher than the corresponding absorptions in Co₂(CO)₄(μ-CO)₂(μ-dppm) is consistent with a single positive charge delocalized over two Co centers.¹⁸ Further, the small but systematic dependence of ν_{CO} on X in cations [6⁺] indicates that information about the electronic characteristics of X is being transmitted through the *N*-aryl ring and through the N-N moiety to the Co centers and thence to the CO ligands.

The presence of a single resonance in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of each cation indicates the presence of a plane of symmetry relating the two dppm phosphorus sites. There is no evidence for fluxional behavior giving this result in the temperature range we examined (-90 to +20 °C). The phosphorus resonances narrow as the probe temperature is lowered; this observation is consistent with their admittedly rather large line widths at room temperature

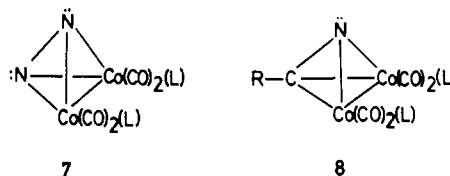
Table III. Crystal, Data Collection, and Refinement Parameters for [6d][SbF₆]

formula	C ₃₆ H ₂₉ Co ₂ F ₆ N ₂ O ₄ P ₂ Sb	Z	8
fw	969.14	D(calcd), g cm ⁻³	1.634
cryst system	orthorhombic	size, mm	0.20 × 0.31 × 0.43
space group	Pbca	color	purple
a, Å	22.488 (5)	temp, K	293
b, Å	19.459 (4)	T _{max} /T _{min}	0.260/0.215
c, Å	18.002 (4)	μ, cm ⁻¹	16.6
V, Å ³	7877 (3)	scan method	Wyckoff
diffractometer	Nicolet R3m	no. of data colld	6052
radiation	Mo Kα	no. of indep data	5486
wavelength, Å	λ = 0.71073	no. of obsd data	2747
monochromator	graphite (5σF ₀)		
scan limits, deg	4 ≤ 2θ ≤ 45	std rflcns	3 stds/197
scan speed, deg min ⁻¹	variable, 5–20	reflncs	
data collected	+h, +k, +l	decay, %	<2
R(F), %	5.40	Δ/σ	0.014
R _w (F), %	6.21	Δ(ρ), eÅ ⁻³	0.55
GO F	1.22	N _o /N _v	8.86

being due to the proximity of quadrupolar ⁵⁹Co (I = 7/2, 100%) nuclei. As the temperature is lowered, slower molecular motions increase τ_C, the correlation time, which, in turn, decreases T_Q, the quadrupolar relaxation time, effectively decoupling the ³¹P nucleus from the quadrupolar ⁵⁹Co nuclei.¹⁹

For purposes of discussion, the ¹H NMR spectra of cations [6⁺] may be divided into three regions. The "X" regions are featureless in the spectra of 6a-c, and they show the expected resonances for the *p*-CH₃, *p*-CH(CH₃)₂, and *p*-OCH₃ groups in the spectra of 6d-f, respectively. The aromatic regions, which contain resonances due to the protons on the *N*-aryl rings as well as resonances due to the protons on the (pairwise diastereotopic) P-Ph rings, are extremely crowded and complex. They are, accordingly, of no diagnostic value, apart from showing relative integrations compatible with the formulations of [6⁺]. The chemical shifts of the dppm methylene protons do not vary systematically with the *N*-aryl para-substituent X. On the other hand, the PCH₂P regions of the ¹H NMR spectra of [6⁺] fall into two distinct groups according to the size of the chemical shift difference between the two diastereotopic methylene protons. In one group, consisting of the spectra of 6d-f, these chemical shift differences are sufficient to make these methylene protons clearly the AB portions of ABX₂ spin systems. Selective ³¹P irradiation collapses the multiplets to AB quartets. In the other group, consisting of the spectra of cations 6a-c, these chemical shift differences are either too small to resolve, even at 300 MHz, or (fortuitously) absent. Selective ³¹P irradiation collapses these "triplets" to "singlets". Although we do not understand the origin of this dichotomy, we do note that isochronous diastereotopic protons have precedent in compounds with substituted cyclopentadienyl rings.²⁰

The bonding in 5 has been examined by extended Hückel methods;²¹ the same sort of calculation led the same group to the conclusion that the diazadicobalttetrahedrane 7 should be stable.²²



Structure 6 has not been investigated theoretically, but the results we have described are experimental evidence of its stability. They raise the intriguing possibility that other variations on this theme, such as azadicobalttetrahedranes derived from nitriles (e.g., 8)

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Table IV. Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Isotropic Thermal Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for $[\mathbf{6d}][\text{SbF}_6]$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U^m</i>
Sb	917.7 (4)	3788.1 (5)	1895.6 (5)	63.2 (3)
Co(1)	2653.1 (6)	5122.3 (7)	-434.5 (8)	37.6 (5)
Co(2)	2433.0 (6)	6029.0 (7)	460.8 (8)	39.7 (5)
P(1)	1749 (1)	5034 (1)	-932 (2)	37 (1)
P(2)	1492 (1)	6193 (2)	108 (2)	39 (1)
F(1)	1544 (4)	3582 (7)	2483 (7)	196 (7)
F(2)	430 (4)	3280 (5)	2519 (5)	124 (4)
F(3)	286 (4)	4075 (6)	1332 (6)	164 (6)
F(4)	793 (6)	4540 (5)	2470 (6)	180 (6)
F(5)	1395 (3)	4310 (4)	1264 (4)	90 (3)
F(6)	1030 (7)	3050 (5)	1330 (7)	227 (8)
N(1)	3165 (4)	5778 (4)	12 (5)	54 (3)
N(2)	2827 (3)	6093 (4)	-499 (5)	50 (3)
O(1)	2663 (4)	3848 (5)	437 (5)	88 (4)
O(2)	3282 (4)	4545 (5)	-1713 (5)	78 (4)
O(3)	2580 (5)	7376 (5)	1161 (6)	116 (5)
O(4)	2307 (4)	5249 (5)	1855 (5)	95 (4)
C(1)	2654 (5)	4347 (6)	112 (6)	48 (4)
C(2)	3034 (5)	4771 (6)	-1222 (7)	45 (4)
C(3)	2536 (5)	6867 (6)	885 (6)	62 (5)
C(4)	2339 (5)	5546 (7)	1307 (7)	53 (5)
C(5)	1193 (4)	5376 (5)	-283 (6)	44 (4)
C(11)	4039 (5)	5758 (7)	774 (7)	72 (5)
C(12)	4659 (5)	5797 (7)	830 (7)	77 (6)
C(13)	5012 (5)	5962 (6)	237 (7)	66 (5)
C(14)	4741 (5)	6055 (6)	-435 (7)	73 (5)
C(15)	4124 (4)	6005 (6)	-518 (6)	56 (4)
C(16)	3791 (4)	5863 (5)	94 (6)	39 (4)
C(17)	5679 (5)	5996 (7)	302 (8)	96 (7)
C(21)	1651 (3)	3864 (4)	-1802 (4)	57 (3)
C(22)	1585	3159	-1916	76 (4)
C(23)	1393	2738	-1336	76 (4)
C(24)	1269	3023	-642	83 (4)
C(25)	1335	3728	-528	66 (4)
C(26)	1527	4148	-1108	43 (3)
C(31)	2047 (2)	5905 (4)	-2097 (4)	45 (3)
C(32)	1933	6262	-2753	65 (4)
C(33)	1383	6196	-3103	73 (4)
C(34)	946	5773	-2797	79 (4)
C(35)	1060	5415	-2141	55 (3)
C(36)	1610	5481	-1791	37 (3)
C(41)	861 (3)	6902 (4)	-974 (4)	60 (3)
C(42)	794	7387	-1538	72 (4)
C(43)	1269	7813	-1730	69 (4)
C(44)	1811	7754	-1357	60 (4)
C(45)	1877	7269	-793	49 (3)
C(46)	1403	6843	-601	39 (3)
C(51)	771 (3)	5899 (3)	1318 (4)	66 (4)
C(52)	349	6050	1862	75 (4)
C(53)	112	6711	1912	67 (4)
C(54)	297	7221	1419	90 (5)
C(55)	719	7070	875	70 (4)
C(56)	956	6409	825	41 (3)

^aEquivalent isotropic *U* defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized *U_{ij}* tensor.

or isonitriles may be stable, as well. Their absence from the literature may be due to the lack (to date) of a suitable means of synthesis.

Experiments aimed at defining the further reactivities of $[\mathbf{6}^+]$ and the mechanism of their formation are in progress, and will be reported in due course.

Experimental Section

General Data. All reactions and manipulations involving air-sensitive materials were carried out under an atmosphere of dry N_2 in oven-dried glassware, using solvents dried by standard methods.²³

$\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8(\text{dppm})^8$ and arenediazonium salts²⁴ were prepared by published procedures; $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ (Strem), $\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PPh}_2$ (Aldrich), and an-

Table V. Selected Bond Parameters for $[\mathbf{6d}][\text{SbF}_6]$

(a) Bond Distances (\AA)			
Co(1)-Co(2)	2.440 (2)	Co(2)-C(3)	1.816 (12)
Co(1)-P(1)	2.227 (3)	Co(2)-C(4)	1.803 (12)
Co(2)-P(2)	2.232 (3)	C(1)-O(1)	1.134 (15)
Co(1)-N(1)	1.898 (9)	C(2)-O(2)	1.134 (15)
Co(2)-N(1)	1.898 (9)	C(3)-O(3)	1.112 (15)
Co(1)-N(2)	1.932 (8)	C(4)-O(4)	1.145 (15)
Co(2)-N(2)	1.945 (8)	P(1)-C(5)	1.837 (11)
N(1)-N(2)	1.342 (12)	P(2)-C(5)	1.864 (10)
Co(1)-C(1)	1.801 (12)	Sb-F (av)	1.825 (16)
Co(1)-C(2)	1.792 (12)		
(b) Bond Angles (deg)			
Co(1)-N(1)-Co(2)	80.0 (3)	C(2)-Co(1)-N(1)	107.6 (4)
Co(1)-N(2)-Co(2)	78.0 (3)	C(1)-Co(1)-N(2)	148.3 (4)
P(1)-Co(1)-N(1)	140.9 (3)	C(2)-Co(1)-N(2)	103.2 (4)
P(1)-Co(1)-N(2)	103.6 (2)	C(3)-Co(2)-N(1)	107.4 (5)
P(2)-Co(2)-N(1)	137.6 (3)	C(4)-Co(2)-N(1)	109.1 (5)
P(2)-Co(2)-N(2)	99.8 (2)	C(3)-Co(2)-N(2)	104.9 (4)
P(1)-Co(1)-C(1)	99.0 (4)	C(4)-Co(2)-N(2)	146.9 (5)
P(1)-Co(1)-C(2)	95.1 (4)	C(1)-Co(1)-C(2)	96.4 (5)
P(2)-Co(2)-C(3)	96.4 (4)	C(3)-Co(2)-C(4)	94.4 (5)
P(2)-Co(2)-C(4)	101.8 (4)	Co(1)-P(1)-C(5)	109.7 (3)
N(1)-Co(1)-N(2)	41.0 (4)	P(1)-C(5)-P(2)	107.6 (5)
N(1)-Co(2)-N(2)	40.9 (3)	Co(2)-P(2)-C(5)	109.2 (3)
C(1)-Co(1)-N(1)	109.3 (4)		

ilines (Aldrich) were obtained commercially.

NMR. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained at 200 MHz on an IBM/Bruker NR 200 AF instrument or at 300 MHz on a Nicolet NTC 300 spectrometer and were referenced internally to residual solvent protons. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from external Me_4Si . ³¹P NMR spectra were obtained at 81 MHz on the NR 200 AF instrument or at 121.5 MHz on the NTC 300 instrument and were referenced internally to NH_4PF_6 or externally to $\text{P}(\text{OCH}_3)_3$ by sample replacement. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from external 85% aqueous H_3PO_4 . Variable-temperature NMR spectra were obtained on the NR 200 AF instrument by using a Bruker VT-1000 temperature controller.

Other Spectra. IR spectra were obtained on Beckman IR-12 and Perkin-Elmer PE781 instruments. FAB mass spectra were obtained on the Kratos MS-50 Triple Analyzer instrument at the Midwest Center for Mass Spectrometry.

Syntheses of $[\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_6(\mu\text{-N}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{X})(\mu\text{-dppm})^+]$ Salts. Apart from the temperatures at which the color changes occurred, the syntheses of the cations $[\mathbf{6}^+]$ are much the same; accordingly, only the preparation of $[\mathbf{6a}][\text{BF}_4]$ is given in full detail. The temperatures and the isolated yields of $[\mathbf{6}][\text{BF}_4]$ are summarized as follows: (cation, approximate temperature for appearance of brown color, approximate temperature for appearance of purple color, yield as $[\text{BF}_4^-]$ salts): $[\mathbf{6a}^+]$, -70 °C, -60 °C, 53.6%; $[\mathbf{6b}^+]$, -60 °C, -45 °C, 59.2%; $[\mathbf{6c}^+]$, -50 °C, -35 °C, 47.6%; $[\mathbf{6d}^+]$, -35 °C, -25 °C, 69.1%; $[\mathbf{6e}^+]$, -35 °C, -25 °C, 40.7%; $[\mathbf{6f}^+]$, -25 °C, -5 °C, 52.7%. The $[\text{PF}_6^-]$ and $[\text{SbF}_6^-]$ salts may be prepared analogously, starting with the appropriate arenediazonium salts.

Combustion analyses of the $[\text{BF}_4^-]$ salts are given in Table S6. Consistently low results were obtained for N, and in some cases, high results were obtained for H and P; accordingly, the characterizations of the salts of $[\mathbf{6}^+]$ rest upon their spectroscopic data and the single-crystal x-ray diffraction study of $[\mathbf{6d}][\text{SbF}_6]$.

$[\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_6(\mu\text{-N}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2)(\mu\text{-dppm})][\text{BF}_4]$. $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_6(\mu\text{-dppm})(452.3 \text{ mg}, 0.6748 \text{ mmol})$ was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (25 mL) and the solution was cooled to -78 °C. Solid $[\text{p-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}_2][\text{BF}_4]$ (165.5 mg, 0.6985 mmol) was added against a brisk N_2 flow. The mixture was stirred and warmed slowly; at -70 °C, the color changed from orange to brown and, at -60 °C, to the deep red-purple characteristic of the product cation. The temperature was maintained at -60 °C for 4 h, after which time the solution was filtered through a Celite pad under nitrogen to remove a small amount of insoluble solid. The filtrate was concentrated to 15 mL and then layered with dry hexane. This was set aside at -30 °C for 2-3 days, during which time purple crystals deposited. These were isolated by cannula filtration, washed with hexane ($3 \times 10 \text{ mL}$), and dried under vacuum (295.5 mg, 0.347 mmol, 53.6%).

X-ray Structural Determination. The crystallographic parameters for $[\mathbf{6d}][\text{SbF}_6]$ are given in Table III. The crystals were all irregularly shaped; therefore, no characterizing adjective could be ascribed to the crystal habit. Preliminary photographic characterization revealed *mmm* Laue symmetry. Systematic absences in the reflection data unambiguously indicated the orthorhombic space group *Pbca*. The unit cell dimensions were obtained from the least squares fit of the angular settings

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of 25 reflections ($24^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 29^\circ$). An empirical absorption correction (ψ -scan, six reflections—216 data, at 10° increments about the diffraction vector pseudoellipsoid model) was applied to the data.

Direct methods provided the initial Sb, Co, and P atom positions; the structure was completed by difference Fourier syntheses. The P-bonded phenyl rings were constrained to rigid, planar hexagons (C—C = 1.395 Å) to conserve data. Hydrogen atoms were treated as idealized, updated contributions (C—H = 0.96 Å). All nonhydrogen atoms except for the carbon atoms of the dppm phenyl rings were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters.

SHELXTL (Version 5.1) software was used for all computations (Nicolet Corp., Madison, WI). The atomic coordinates are given in Table IV, and selected bond parameters are given in Table V.

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Supplementary Material Available: Listings of additional bond lengths (Table S2), additional bond angles (Table S3), anisotropic thermal parameters (Table S4), calculated hydrogen atom coordinates and isotropic thermal parameters (Table S5), and analytical data for $[\text{BF}_4^-]$ salts (Table S6) (5 pages); listings of observed and calculated structure factors (Table S1) (17 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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Preparation and Characterization of Tris(trimethylsilyl)silyl and Tris(trimethylsilyl)germyl Derivatives of Zirconium and Hafnium. X-ray Crystal Structures of $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ and $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfGe}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$

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By reaction of $(\text{THF})_3\text{LiSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ or $(\text{THF})_3\text{LiGe}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ with the appropriate metal halide, the following silyl and germlyl derivatives of zirconium and hafnium have been prepared: $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{MSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ (M = Zr, Hf), $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Zr}[\text{Ge}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3]\text{Cl}$, and $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{MGe}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ (M = Zr, Hf). In addition, the pyridine adduct $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3(\text{py})$ has been isolated from reaction of $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ with pyridine. $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ and $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfGe}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ represent the first hafnium silyl and germlyl complexes to be structurally characterized. Crystals of $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ are monoclinic, $C2/c$, with $a = 39.62$ (2) Å, $b = 9.465$ (5) Å, $c = 17.255$ (8) Å, $\beta = 114.29$ (4)°, $V = 5897$ (5) Å³, $Z = 8$, $R_F = 5.26\%$, and $R_{wF} = 5.35\%$. $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfGe}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ is isomorphous, with $a = 39.74$ (1) Å, $b = 9.504$ (3) Å, $c = 17.313$ (6) Å, $\beta = 114.35$ (3)°, $V = 5956$ (4) Å³, $Z = 8$, $R_F = 5.04\%$, and $R_{wF} = 5.86\%$. The Hf—Si bond length in $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ is 2.748 (4) Å, and the Hf—Ge bond length in $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}_2\text{HfGe}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ is slightly shorter, at 2.740 (1) Å.

Introduction

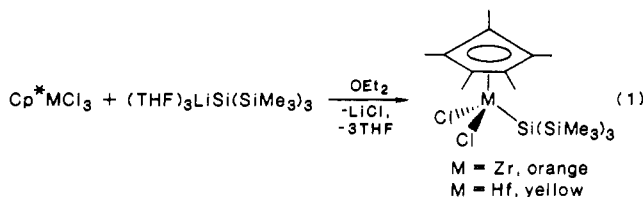
Our investigations of early transition-metal silyl compounds have shown that the reactivity of early metal-silicon bonds can be dramatically influenced by changes of substituents at both the metal and silicon.¹ For example, whereas $\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{SiMe}_3)\text{Cl}^{1a}$ ($\text{Cp} = \eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$) and $\text{CpCp}^*\text{Zr}[\text{Si}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3]\text{Cl}^{1b,c}$ ($\text{Cp}^* = \eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5$) combine rapidly with carbon monoxide to form $\eta^2\text{-COSiR}_3$ derivatives, $\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}[\text{Si}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3]\text{Cl}^{1a}$ is unreactive toward CO under similar conditions. This implies that elucidation of structure-reactivity correlations can be very important in the development of this area. Presently studies directed toward this goal are complicated by the fact that relatively few early transition-metal silyl complexes have been described.² All reported zirconium and hafnium silyls are 16- or 18-electron metallocene derivatives of the type $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{R}_5)(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{R}'_5)\text{M}(\text{SiR}'_3)_3\text{X}$ (R, R' = H, Me). Clearly, thorough investigations of the chemistry of early transition-metal-silicon bonds will rely on efficient synthetic routes to a range of complexes.

We report here the synthesis and characterization of a new type of group 4 silyl derivative, the formally 12-electron species $\text{Cp}^*\text{Cl}_2\text{MSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ (M = Zr, Hf). Initial investigations indicate that these derivatives possess M—Si bonds that are exceptionally reactive toward insertion of unsaturated substrates.^{1d,3} The syntheses of new germlyl complexes of zirconium and hafnium, $\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}[\text{Ge}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3]\text{Cl}$ and $\text{Cp}^*\text{Cl}_2\text{MGe}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ (M = Zr, Hf),

are also described. The only previously reported germlyl derivatives of zirconium and hafnium appear to be the complexes $\text{Cp}_2\text{M}(\text{GePh}_3)\text{Cl}$ (M = Zr, Hf).⁴ The X-ray structures of $\text{Cp}^*\text{Cl}_2\text{HfSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ and $\text{Cp}^*\text{Cl}_2\text{HfGe}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ are the first to be determined for silyl- and germlyl-hafnium complexes.

Results and Discussion

Metal silyl complexes $\text{Cp}^*\text{Cl}_2\text{MSi}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$ (M = Zr, Hf) are prepared by the reaction shown in eq 1. As solids, these silyl



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