

Influence of H₂S and Thiols on the Binding of Alkenes and Alkynes to ReS₄[−]: The Spectator Sulfido Effect

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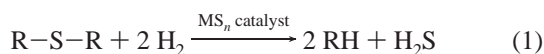
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The three-component reaction of ReS₄[−] (**1**), H₂S, and unsaturated substrates (un = alkene, alkyne) affords the Re^V derivatives Re(S)(S₂un)(SH)₂[−]. These adducts arise via the addition of H₂S to intermediate dithiolates ReS₂(S₂C₂R₄)[−] and dithiolenes ReS₂(S₂C₂R₂)[−]. The species {ReS[S₂C₂(tms)₂](SH)₂}[−], [ReS(S₂C₇H₁₀)(SH)₂][−] (**3**), and [ReS(S₂C₂H₄)(SH)₂][−] are prepared according to this route. Similarly, the selenolate–thiolate complex [ReS(S₂C₇H₁₀)(SeH)(SH)][−] (**5**) is produced by the reaction of [ReS₂(S₂C₇H₁₀)][−] with H₂Se. The corresponding reactions using benzenethiol in place of H₂S afford the more thermally robust adducts {ReS[S₂C₂(tms)₂](SH)(SPh)}[−], [ReS(S₂C₇H₁₀)(SH)(SPh)][−] (**7**), and [ReS(S₂C₂H₄)(SH)(SPh)][−]. Norbornanedithiolato compounds **3**, **5**, and **7** are obtained as pairs of isomers that differ in terms of the relative orientation of the norbornane bridgehead relative to the Re=S unit. The reaction of [ReS(S₂C₇H₁₀)(SD)₂][−] (**3-d**₂) with H₂S to give **3** is proposed to proceed via elimination of D₂S and subsequent addition of H₂S. Variable-temperature ¹H NMR measurements on the equilibrium of [ReS(S₂C₆H₁₂)(SPh)(SH)][−] with **1**, 1-hexene, and PhSH gave the following results: Δ*H* = −7 (±1) kJ·mol^{−1}; Δ*S* = 23 (±4) J·mol^{−1}·K^{−1}. Solutions of ethanedithiol and **1** react with C₂(tms)₂ and C₂H₄ to give {ReS[S₂C₂(tms)₂](S₂C₂H₄)[−] and [ReS(S₂C₂H₄)₂][−], respectively, concomitant with loss of H₂S. The pathway for the ethanedithiol reaction is examined using 2-mercaptoethanol, affording {ReS[S₂C₂(tms)₂](SC₂H₄OH)}[−], which does not cyclize. Treatment of a solution of diphenylbutadiyne and **1** with PhSH gives two isomers of the dithiolene {ReS(SH)(SPh)[S₂C₂Ph(C₂Ph)][−]. The corresponding reaction of ethanedithiol, diphenylbutadiyne, and **1** affords the 1,4-diphenylbutadiene-1,2,3,4-tetrathiolate complex {[ReS(S₂C₂H₄)₂](S₄C₄Ph₂)^{2−}.

Introduction

Hydrodesulfurization (HDS) is a large-scale industrial process utilized to remove sulfur from petroleum via hydrogenolysis (eq 1). HDS is the subject of intense research because of its



environmental implications.^{1,2} This process is catalyzed by metal sulfides, typically MoS_x/CoS_y, but the sulfides of rhenium, ruthenium, and other metals are even more active.³ Much of this HDS-directed research is directed toward the development of homogeneous catalysts.^{4,5} Solution-phase work also provides a wealth of mechanistic and structural insights.⁶

Both organometallic and inorganic systems have been investigated as homogeneous models for HDS. For example, the organometallic species Cp*₂TiS,^{7–9} (PR₃)₆Rh₂S₂²⁺,¹⁰ and

Cp₂Mo₂S₄¹¹ have been found to be capable of activating H₂. Extensive research on the tetrathiometalate anions MS₄^{n−} (M = V, Nb, Ta, *n* = 3; M = Mo, W, *n* = 2; M = Re, *n* = 1)^{12,13} has provided fundamental insights into the reactivity of the M=S group¹⁴ without the complicating effects of ancillary organic ligands. Generally, the M=S group is more reactive than M=O due to the weaker π-donor ability of S^{2−}.¹⁴ For similar reasons, thiometalates are better electron acceptors than the corresponding oxometalates,¹⁵ and the M(S)₂–M(η²-S₂) equilibrium is more energetically accessible than M(O)₂–M(η²-O₂).¹⁶

Because molybdenum sulfides are the principal HDS catalysts, the reactivity of thiomolybdates such as MoS₄^{2−} been of particular interest. Coucouvanis and Stiefel have amply demonstrated the ability of thiomolybdates to bind unsaturated substrates such as activated alkynes, sulfur dioxide, and carbon disulfide.¹³ Thiomolybdates, however, display little or no affinity for alkenes, dihydrogen, or the organosulfur species found in petroleum. In contrast, ReS₄[−] (**1**), which is isoelectronic and

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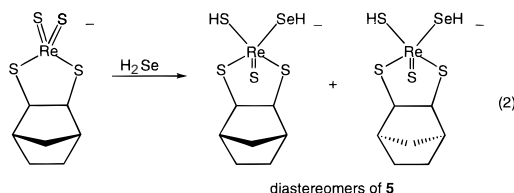
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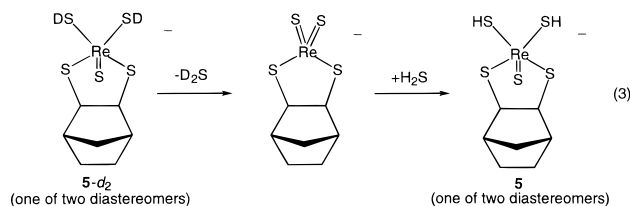
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H_2S over the course of several days. Throughout this conversion, the ratio of the two isomers does not change.

Treatment of a solution of $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})]^-$ with H_2Se yields a spectroscopically pure derivative assigned as $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})(\text{SH})(\text{SeH})]^-$ (**5**). Two ^1H NMR signals are observed in both the SH (δ 6.71, 6.67) and the more shielded SeH (δ 2.51, 2.49) regions. The low-field signals are assigned to SH , while the pair of high-field signals are assigned to SeH . It is typical for RSeH signals to occur at ca. 5 ppm higher field than the corresponding RSH signals.³⁰ While $^1J_{\text{SeH}}$ is obscured by surrounding signals, the $^3J_{\text{SeH}}$ coupling to terminal $-\text{SH}$ protons is observed to be 13.5 Hz. The observation of two SeH and two SH signals is consistent with the formation of two diastereomers (eq 2).

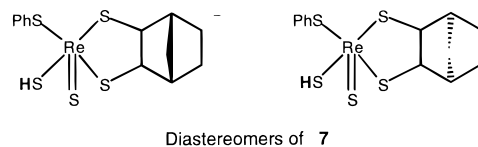


The H–D exchange properties of $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})(\text{SD})_2]^-$ (**3-d**₂) were next examined. H_2S -saturated CD_3CN solutions of **3-d**₂ undergo exchange of terminal ReSD ; the slowness of the H–D exchange process argues against simple proton transfer. Instead, we propose that H–D exchange proceeds via dissociation of D_2S from **3-d**₂ to form $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})]^-$, which subsequently adds H_2S to re-form **3** (eq 3).



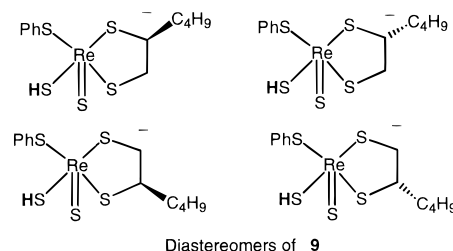
The three-component reaction of **1**, H_2S , and ethylene was characterized *in situ* by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. Under typical conditions, a 61% conversion of **1** to $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{SH})_2]^-$ (**4**) was realized, as judged by comparison of the integrated intensities of the Ph_4P^+ cation and the AA'BB' multiplet for the $\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ unit. At low temperatures, the ethylene adduct $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]^-$ is readily observed in addition to **4**. Upon removal of H_2S and C_2H_4 , the color of the solution changes from red-brown (characteristic of **4**) to violet, characteristic of **1**. The reaction of **1**, H_2S , and C_2H_4 is fully reversible.

Adducts Prepared from PhSH. Adducts derived from PhSH proved to be more readily isolable than those derived from H_2S . Additions of the unsaturated substrates to solutions of **1** and a slight excess of the thiol produced the desired adducts. In this way, the brown Ph_4P^+ salt of $\{\text{ReS}[\text{S}_2\text{C}_2(\text{tms})_2](\text{SH})(\text{SPh})\}^-$ (**6**) was prepared from $\text{C}_2(\text{tms})_2$, **1**, and PhSH . Similarly, the norbornanedithiolate $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})]^-$ adds PhSH to give $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})(\text{SH})(\text{SPh})]^-$ (**7**). The ^1H NMR data for **7** are consistent with two independent spin systems, one with $\delta_{\text{SH}} = 5.91$ and the other with $\delta_{\text{SH}} = 5.87$. As in the case of **3**, isomerism is attributed to the orientation of the apical methylene relative to the axial $\text{Re}=\text{S}$.



The reaction of **1**, C_2H_4 , and PhSH afforded the adduct $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{SH})(\text{SPh})]^-$ (**8**). In contrast to $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{SH})_2]^-$, **8** is easily isolable. While the structure of **8** is unambiguously defined (Figure 1), refinement was limited because of a twinning problem. Anion **8** adopts the expected square pyramidal geometry with an axial sulfido ligand. The rhenium atom lies 0.748 Å above the best plane through the four basal sulfur atoms (mean deviation from planarity: 0.023 Å). The $\text{M}-\text{SH}$ was not located crystallographically, but the $\text{Re}-\text{S}(\text{H})$ bond distance of 2.353 Å is consistent with a single bond.

As in the case of substituted alkenes,¹⁵ 1-hexene binds to **1** more weakly than does C_2H_4 . Consequently, this substrate provides a convenient test of the ability of thiols to stabilize alkene binding. The adduct $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12})(\text{SPh})(\text{SH})]^-$ (**9**) could in fact be observed, although relatively high concentrations of alkene and thiol were required. The K_{eq} (294 K) value for the reaction of $\text{Ph}_4\text{P}[\text{1}]$ with 1-hexene and PhSH was determined to be 402 M^{-2} by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. The ^1H NMR spectrum of **9** is complex in the CH region, although four well-resolved $\text{Re}-\text{SH}$ singlets (δ 6.54, 6.43, 6.39, 6.38) are observed. These correspond to the four diastereomers arising from the relative orientations of the butyl substituent, the $\text{Re}-\text{SR}$ group ($\text{R} = \text{Ph}$), and the $\text{Re}=\text{S}$ unit:



In the absence of PhSH , there is no evidence for the interaction of **1** and 1-hexene at room temperature. The upper bound for the binding of **1** to $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12})]^-$ (298 K) is estimated as 0.84 M^{-1} with the assumption of 5% conversion of **1** to $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12})]^-$. It follows that the equilibrium constant for the binding of thiol by the Re^{V} -alkene adduct is $>478 \text{ M}^{-1}$.

We studied the temperature dependence of the formation of **9** from **1**, 1-hexene, and benzenethiol (Scheme 3). At room temperature the equilibrium constant (K_{eq}) is 402 M^{-2} (Table 1). The temperature dependence of this binding indicates ΔH and ΔS of $-7 (\pm 1) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ and $23 (\pm 4) \text{ J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$, respectively (Figure 2).

Reactions Involving Dithiols. The use of dithiols extends the newly developed reactivity of $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{R}_n)]^-$ with RSH reagents. A solution of the dithiolene $\{\text{ReS}_2[\text{S}_2\text{C}_2(\text{tms})_2]^-$ and ethanedithiol evolves H_2S to afford a unique example of a mixed alkanedithiolate-alkenedithiolate, $\{\text{ReS}[\text{S}_2\text{C}_2(\text{tms})_2](\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)\}^-$ (**10**). A crystallographic characterization of **10** confirmed the square pyramidal coordination environment about the rhenium with two different chelating dithiolene ligands (Figure 3). The $\text{Re}-\text{S}(\text{dithiolene})$ bonds are shorter than the $\text{Re}-\text{S}(\text{dithiolate})$ bonds by only 0.02 Å. The rhenium-sulfur distances for the dithiolate and dithiolene ligands fall within the

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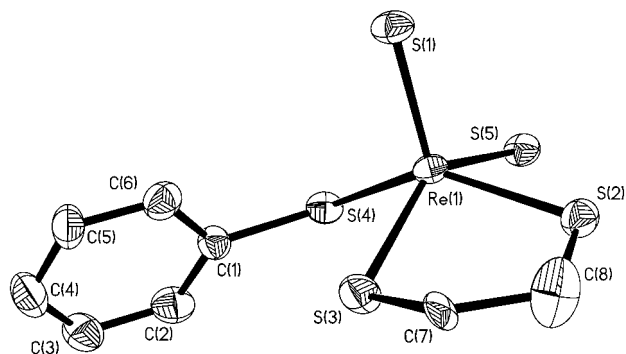


Figure 1. Structure of the anion $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{SH})(\text{SPh})]^-$ (**8**) with thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 35% probability level. The more highly populated C(7) position in the disordered ethanedithiolate is shown, and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

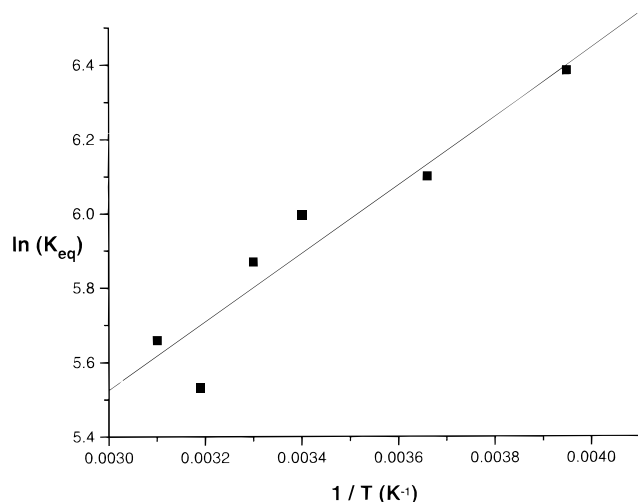


Figure 2. Van't Hoff plot for the equilibrium of $\text{Ph}_4\text{P}[\mathbf{9}]$ with $\text{Ph}_4\text{P}[\mathbf{1}]$, 1-hexene, and PhSH .

Scheme 3

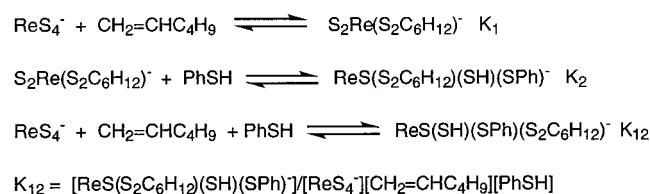


Table 1. Observed Concentrations for the Variable-Temperature ^1H NMR Study of the Equilibrium of ReS_4^- (**1**), 1-Hexene, and PhSH with $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12})(\text{SPh})(\text{SH})]^-$ (**9**) in CD_3CN

T ($^\circ\text{C}$)	concn (mM)				K_{eq} (M^{-2})
	9	1-hexene	PhSH	ReS_4^-	
-20	2.38	69.8	91.6	0.627	592
0	2.19	67.9	89.2	0.811	446
21	2.07	63.5	86.3	0.937	402
30	1.98	62.6	86.7	1.027	354
40	1.79	65.0	90.3	1.210	252
50	1.93	67.9	92.0	1.075	287

observed ranges for bis(dithiolene) and bis(dithiolate) rhenium complexes. The rhenium atom lies 0.613 \AA above the best plane through the four basal sulfur atoms (mean deviation from planarity: 0.001 \AA). The only previously reported example of a mixed dithiolene–dithiolate complex is $\text{Tc}_2(\mu\text{-S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_2)_2\text{-}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2$.³¹

We propose that **10** forms via the intermediacy of $\{\text{ReS}[\text{S}_2\text{C}_2(\text{tms})_2](\text{SH})(\text{SC}_2\text{H}_4\text{SH})\}^-$, which cyclizes with elimination

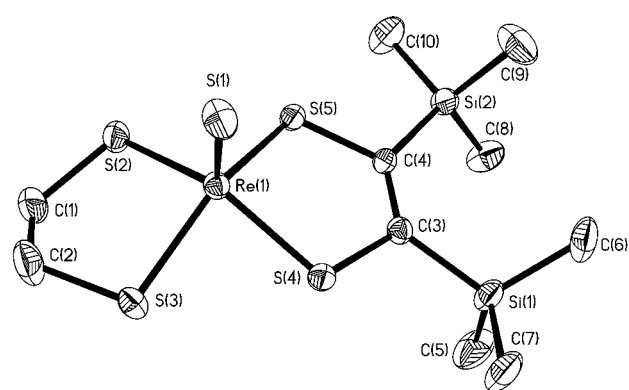
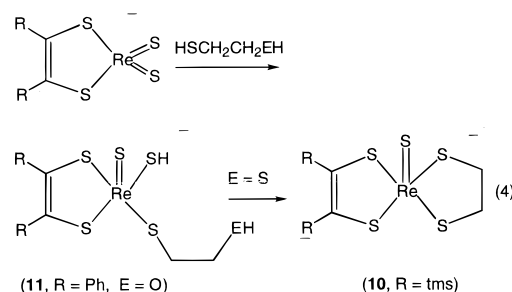
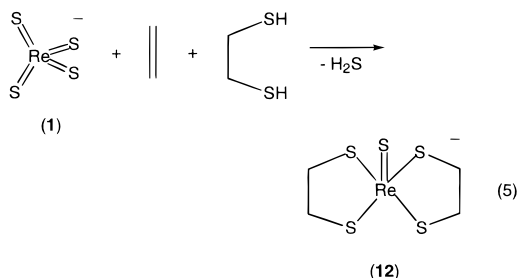


Figure 3. Structure of the anion $\{\text{ReS}[\text{S}_2\text{C}_2(\text{tms})_2](\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)\}^-$ (**10**) with thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 35% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

of H_2S . This proposed pathway was supported by studies using 2-mercaptoethanol. A solution of **1**, $\text{HOC}_2\text{H}_4\text{SH}$, and diphenylacetylene afforded an isolable adduct whose ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and mass spectral data are consistent with its description as $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{Ph}_2)(\text{SH})(\text{SC}_2\text{H}_4\text{OH})]^-$ (**11**). This adduct shows no evidence of elimination of H_2S (or H_2O) (eq 4). In an



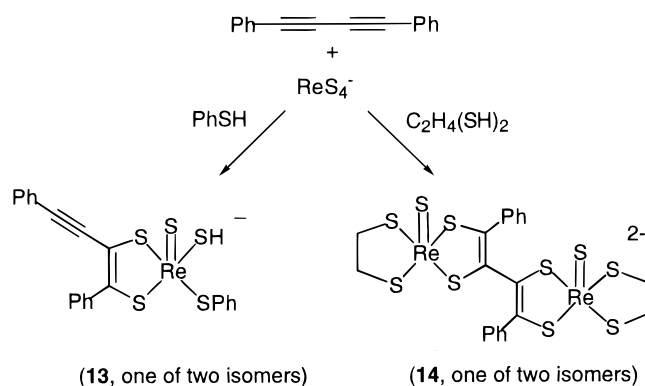
interesting extension of this methodology, treatment of a C_2H_4 -purged solution of **1** with $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4(\text{SH})_2$ yields $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2]^-$ (**12**) together with H_2S (eq 5).



In principle, a range of unsymmetrical bis(chelate) derivatives of Re^{V} could be prepared by the alkene/dithiol reaction. An attempted reaction of 1,3-propanedithiol, **1**, and C_2H_4 failed to produce $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{S}_2\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)]^-$. The ^1H NMR spectrum of the product mixture exhibited several MSH signals and a large number of resonances in the methylene region. Some **1** was still observed in the reaction mixture after extended reaction periods. Thus 1,3-propanedithiol is less effective than ethanedithiol in binding $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]^-$. Similarly, the reaction of **1**, C_2H_4 , and $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{SH}$ failed to pro-

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Scheme 4



duce a stable derivative. Apparently, the cyclization to form 1,3-propanedithiolato derivatives of Re(V) species is significantly less favored than the formation of the more stable 1,2-dithiolates.

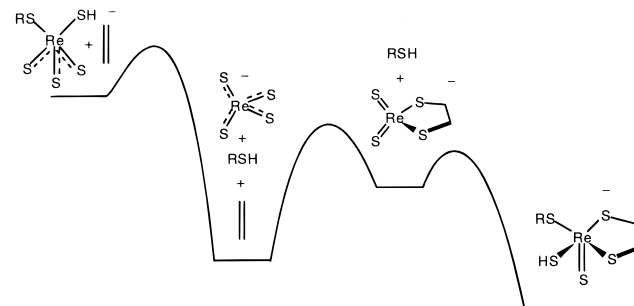
Reactions Involving Diynes. Dithiolenes derived from diynes have not been investigated, although such reactions could give rise to interesting binuclear bis(dithiolene) complexes.^{32,33} The reaction of **1**, PhSH, and 1,4-diphenylbutadiyne afforded the alkynyl-substituted dithiolene $\{\text{ReS}[\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{Ph}(\text{C}_2\text{Ph})](\text{SH})(\text{SPh})\}^-$ (**13**), which was identified by elemental analysis, ¹H NMR spectroscopy, and ESI-MS. Two isomers were observed in ca. 1:1 ratio based on the intensities of $-\text{SH}$ resonances (δ 6.29, 6.36) in the ¹H NMR spectrum. Attempts to prepare a bismetalated diyne led to only low yields, even in the presence of excess **1** and PhSH.

The analogous reaction of **1**, Ph₂C₄, and C₂H₄(SH)₂ provided the desired bismetalated species $(\text{Ph}_4\text{P})_2\{[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]_2(\text{S}_4\text{C}_4\text{Ph}_2)\}^-$ (**14**) (Scheme 4). Loss of H₂S drives the formation of the bismetalated product. UV-visible spectroscopic measurements show that 1 equiv of **1** is rapidly consumed, while the addition of a second equiv of **1** requires hours. Compound **14** was identified by mass spectrometry and elemental analyses. Its ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the presence of isomers, as both the methylene and the phenyl signals are significantly broadened. Isomerism arises from the two orientations of the Re=S functionalities relative to the C₄S₄ plane defined by the 1,2,3,4-butadienetetrathiolate.

Summary and Conclusions

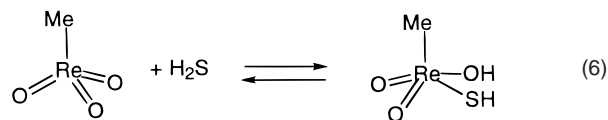
In this work, we have shown that H₂S and organic thiols strongly influence the binding of unsaturated substrates to tetrathiorhenate centers. In contrast to ReS₄⁻, the d² tetrahedral adducts ReS₂(S₂un)⁻ (un = alkene or alkyne) readily bind RSH reagents. The reactivity is particularly striking in the case of alkenes that interact only feebly with **1**. In the presence of H₂S or thiols, however, one can readily observe the adducts ReS(S₂C₂H₃R)(SH)(SR)⁻. The energetics of the relevant reactions are illustrated qualitatively in Scheme 5.

Tetrahedral M(=E)(=E')X₂ complexes are known to bind reagents to give d² square pyramidal derivatives. Quantum chemical calculations by Rappé and Goddard show that such reactions are driven by the formation of one strongly bonded terminal M=E (E = O, NR) unit.³⁴ This "spectator oxo effect"

Scheme 5. Qualitative Reaction Coordinate, Illustrating the Coupling of RSH and Alkene Additions to ReS₄⁻.

has been invoked to explain the binding of alkenes to the alkylidene complexes (RO)₂Mo(NR)(CR₂). Coucouvanis has proposed an analogous spectator sulfido effect to explain the reactivity of tetrahedral Mo(=S)₂X₂ species.¹³ In the present case, the very stabilizing X₄Re^V=S species arises by the addition of RSH across a Re=S bond.

The addition of thiols to $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{R}_n)]^-$ represents an unusual route to SH-containing dithiolene complexes, a class of compounds previously proposed to exist in the catalytic cycle of xanthine oxidase.²⁶⁻²⁹ The addition of H₂S across d⁰ Re=O bonds was recently considered in the context of the CH₃ReO₃-catalyzed desulfurization of thiiranes (eq 6).³⁵ Sulfido metal-locenes add H₂S to give adducts of the form Cp^{*}₂M(SH)₂ (M = Ti, Mo).^{9,36}



In contrast to monothiols, ethanedithiol adds irreversibly to Re^V=S bonds due to the loss of H₂S. The addition of ethanedithiol is analogous to the formation of 1,3-dithiolanes from ketones and ethanedithiol. The irreversibility of this H₂S elimination step allows one to force otherwise unfavorable equilibria as illustrated by the synthesis of $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2]^-$ from ReS₄⁻, ethanedithiol, and by ethylene and by the preparation of the butadienetetrathiolate $\{[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]_2(\text{S}_4\text{C}_4\text{Ph}_2)\}^-$ from ReS₄⁻, ethanedithiol, and 1,4-diphenylbutadiyne.

Experimental Section

Reactions were conducted with standard inert-atmosphere techniques unless otherwise stated. Procedures for the purification of reagents and solvents have been recently described.¹⁵ ¹H (400 MHz) and ¹³C (100 MHz) NMR spectra were acquired on a Varian Unity 400 spectrometer using residual solvent ¹H and ¹³C resonances as internal references. Electrospray ionization mass spectra were acquired using freshly prepared CH₃CN solutions. Masses are reported for the most abundant peak in the mass envelopes. The solubilities of H₂S in various reaction solvents have been quantified.³⁷ D₂S was generated by the addition of D₂O to solid P₄S₁₀.

Ph₄P{[ReS(S₂C₂(tms)₂](SH)₂}, Ph₄P[2]. A 100 mL Schlenk flask was charged with 0.117 g (0.177 mmol) of Ph₄P[1]. The solid was slurried in 5 mL of CH₃CN, and a light purge of H₂S was established through the vessel. A solution of 0.17 g (1.02 mmol) of C₂(tms)₂ in 5 mL of CH₃CN was added to the stirred slurry dropwise by syringe over ca. 5 min. The undissolved Ph₄P[1] was drawn into solution as

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the flask contents turned red-brown. When the addition was complete, the flask was closed under an atmosphere of H_2S , and the mixture was stirred for an additional 15 min, after which 150 mL of 1:1 Et_2O /hexanes was added and the contents were cooled in an ice bath. Excess H_2S was removed by evacuating the cooled vessel until a tacky precipitate formed and the solution became almost colorless. The solution was decanted from the red-brown residue, which was triturated twice with 50 mL portions of hexanes. Yield: 0.130 g (79%). A CD_3CN solution of **3** converted to *cis*- and *trans*- $[\text{ReS}(\mu\text{-S})[\text{C}_2\text{S}_2(\text{tms})_2]_2]^{2-}$ (~80%) after 24 h. Attempts to isolate the product by stripping the CH_3CN away from the crude reaction mixture *in vacuo* resulted in contamination by significant quantities of *cis*- and *trans*- $[\text{ReS}(\mu\text{-S})[\text{C}_2\text{S}_2(\text{tms})_2]_2]^{2-}$.¹⁷ Anal. Calcd (found): C, 44.78 (44.85); H, 4.70 (4.66). ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): δ 5.98 (s, 2H, SH), 0.46 (s, 18H, SiMe₃). ^{13}C NMR (CD_3CN): δ 165.9 (2C), 2.12 (6C). ESI-MS: m/z 519.1 (M^-).

Ph₄P[ReS(S₂C₇H₁₀)(SH)₂], Ph₄P[3]. A slurry of 0.160 g (0.245 mmol) of Ph₄P[1] in 10 mL of CH_3CN was treated with a solution of 0.043 g (0.457 mmol) of norbornene in 5 mL of CH_3CN , resulting in a color change to yellow and the appearance of a gold-colored precipitate. The vessel was then purged with H_2S and sealed. Over the course of 1 h, the gold precipitate converted to a brown solid. The reaction mixture was treated with 60 mL of 1:1 hexane/ Et_2O to complete the precipitation. After removal of the supernatant with a cannula, the brown solids were dissolved in ~10 mL of CH_3CN and reprecipitated by the addition of 75 mL of Et_2O . Yield: 0.17 g (88%) of a mixture of isomers A and B (a single isomer (isomer A) was obtained if the pot mixture was stirred for ca. 16 h under an atmosphere of H_2S). A Sample of the 1:1 isomer mixture was sealed in an NMR tube under vacuum and monitored for several days. ^1H NMR studies showed that, over the course of 96 h, both isomers decomposed at similar rates to the adduct $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})]^-$. Anal. Calcd (found): C, 47.61 (47.23); H, 4.12 (4.10). ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): isomer A δ 6.07 (s, 1H), 3.24 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (m, 2H), 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.15 (dm, $J = 9.6$ and 1.9 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (dm, $J = 9.6$ and 1.6 Hz, 1H); isomer B δ 6.08 (s, 1H), 3.53 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.33 (m, 3H), 0.94 (dm, $J = 9.6$ and 1.6 Hz, 1H). ESI-MS: m/z 442.9 (M^-).

Deuterium Exchange of Ph₄P[3]. Dideuterated **3** (**3-d₂**) was generated in a manner analogous to that for **3** using D_2S in place of H_2S . ^1H NMR spectroscopy showed all of the resonances associated with the norbornyl backbone of **3**, but the intensities of the $-\text{SH}$ resonances were only ca. 2% of the theoretical values. A 5 mm NMR tube was charged with 5.2 mg (0.006 mmol) of Ph₄P[3-d₂], 0.89 mL of CD_3CN , and ~1 atm of H_2S (a 10-fold excess indicated by subsequent ^1H NMR integration). The ^1H NMR spectrum was then monitored using the Ph₄P⁺ cation as an internal integration standard. The intensities of the Re-SH signals due to **3** had ceased to increase after 57 h (66% of the theoretical maxima). No significant change in the isomer distribution of **3** was observed over the duration of the experiment.

Ph₄P[ReS(S₂C₂H₄)(SH)₂], Ph₄P[4]. A 5 mm NMR tube was charged with 3.5 mg (0.005 mmol) of Ph₄P[1], ~1 mL of CD_3CN , and excess H_2S and C_2H_4 . The ^1H NMR spectrum indicated ~60% conversion to $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{SH})_2]^-$ based on the integration of Ph₄P⁺ resonances vs those of bound ethylene. ^1H NMR: δ 3.05 (AA'BB', 2H), 6.54 (s, 2H). A sample of Ph₄P[4] generated by condensation of H_2S and C_2H_4 onto a CH_3CN solution of Ph₄P[1] in a 100 mL flask was evacuated to remove all volatile components. The solution became red-violet prior to yielding a red-violet solid, which was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ and dried *in vacuo*. The microcrystalline violet product was identified as Ph₄P[1] by UV-visible spectroscopy.³⁸

Ph₄P[ReS(S₂C₇H₁₀)(SH)(SeH)], Ph₄P[5]. A 5 mm NMR tube was charged with ~5 mg (ca. 0.006 mmol) of Ph₄P[ReS₂(S₂C₇H₁₀)], ~1 mL of CD_3CN , and ~3 equiv excess of H_2Se and flame-sealed under dynamic vacuum. The ^1H NMR spectrum, recorded immediately upon warming the mixture to ambient temperature, indicated complete conversion to $[\text{ReS}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})(\text{SH})(\text{SeH})]^-$ and the absence of $[\text{ReS}_2(\text{S}_2\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})]^-$. After 20 min (room temperature), decomposition was

Table 2. Selected Bond Distances (Å) for **8**

Re(1)–S(1)	2.107(3)	Re(1)–S(2)	2.290(3)
Re(1)–S(3)	2.279(3)	Re(1)–S(4)	2.338(3)
Re(1)–S(5)	2.352(3)	S(2)–C(8)	1.824(15)
S(4)–C(1)	1.785(12)	S(3)–C(7)	1.93(5)
C(1)–C(6)	1.389(18)	C(1)–C(2)	1.374(18)
C(3)–C(4)	1.36(2)	C(2)–C(3)	1.41(2)
C(5)–C(6)	1.363(17)	C(4)–C(5)	1.40(2)
C(7)–C(8)	1.49(6)		

evident. After 3 h, signals due to **5** were barely detectable. ^1H NMR: δ 6.71 (s, 1H, $^3J_{\text{SeH}} = 13.5$ Hz), 6.67 (s, 1H, $^3J_{\text{SeH}} = 13.5$ Hz), 3.52 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.96$ and 1.75 Hz), 3.39 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.96$ and 1.75 Hz), 3.24 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.70$ and 1.72 Hz), 3.18 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.70$ and 1.72 Hz), 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.42 (m, 1H), 1.58–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.36 (m, 3H), 1.12 (dm, 1H, $J = 9.30$ and 2.01 Hz), 1.01 (dm, 1H, $J = 9.60$ and 1.67 Hz), 0.93 (dm, 1H, $J = 9.65$ and 1.67 Hz).

Ph₄P[ReS(S₂C₂(tms)₂)(SH)(SPh)], Ph₄P[6]. A slurry of 0.260 g (0.398 mmol) of Ph₄P[1] in 10 mL of CH_3CN in a 200 mL Schlenk flask was treated with 0.05 mL (0.52 mmol) of benzenethiol. A solution of 0.38 g (2.23 mmol) of $\text{C}_2(\text{tms})_2$ in 5 mL of CH_3CN was added dropwise over 10 min, causing an immediate color change from violet to dark red-brown. After 1 h, the flask contents were condensed *in vacuo* to ~5 mL and treated with 100 mL of 1:1 Et_2O /hexanes to produce a red-brown oil. The residue was extracted into 3 mL of CH_3CN , and the red-brown product was precipitated by addition of 100 mL of 1:1 Et_2O /hexanes. Yield: 0.34 g (91%). Anal. Calcd (found): C, 48.84 (48.57); H, 4.74 (4.71); S, 17.15 (17.35); Si, 6.01 (6.19); P, 3.31 (3.18). ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): δ 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 0.43 (s, 9H), 0.27 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (CD_3CN): δ 167.5 (1C), 166.9 (1C), 135.3 (1C), 135.1 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 126.2 (1C), 7.8 (6C). ESI-MS: m/z 595.2 (M^-).

Ph₄P[ReS(S₂C₇H₁₀)(SH)(SPh)], Ph₄P[7]. A slurry of 0.210 g (0.321 mmol) of Ph₄P[1] in 15 mL of CH_3CN was treated with a solution of 0.048 g (0.511 mmol) of norbornene in 5 mL of CH_3CN . The solution immediately turned yellow, and precipitation of golden Ph₄P[ReS₂(S₂C₇H₁₀)] was observed. The reaction mixture was then treated with 0.05 mL (0.52 mmol) of benzenethiol. Over the course of 2 h, the precipitate dissolved to give a red-brown solution. The flask contents were concentrated to ~5 mL under vacuum and treated with 50 mL of Et_2O to deposit a brown precipitate. The crude product was extracted into a minimum amount (~10 mL) of CH_3CN and reprecipitated with 75 mL of Et_2O . Yield: 0.25 g (0.29 mmol, 90%). Two isomers were noted on the basis of two different $-\text{SH}$ resonances in the ^1H NMR spectrum. Anal. Calcd (found): C, 51.78 (50.76); H, 4.23 (4.14); S, 18.68 (18.34); P, 3.61 (3.53). ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): δ 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 5.91 (s, $-\text{SH}$), 5.87 (s, $-\text{SH}$), 3.23 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.61 (m, 4H), 1.24–1.40 (m, 4H), 1.06 (dm, $J = 9.5$ and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 0.89–0.97 (m, 3H). ESI-MS: m/z 519.1 (M^-).

Ph₄P[ReS(S₂C₂H₄)(SH)(SPh)], Ph₄P[8]. A slurry of 0.167 g (0.256 mmol) of Ph₄P[1] in 15 mL of CH_3CN was treated with 0.03 mL (0.29 mmol) of benzenethiol, and the mixture was purged lightly with ethylene for 30 min, during which the solution turned dark red. The vessel was then closed, and the contents were stirred under an atmosphere of ethylene. After 1 h, the solution was concentrated to ~5 mL under vacuum, and the concentrate was treated with 50 mL of Et_2O to deposit a dark brown precipitate. The precipitate was dissolved in 10 mL of CH_3CN , after which the solution was concentrated to ~5 mL *in vacuo* and diluted with 60 mL of Et_2O to give brown microcrystals. Yield: 0.18 g (89%). Anal. Calcd (found): C, 48.52 (47.85); H, 3.82 (3.81); P, 3.91 (3.58); S, 20.24 (20.30). ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): δ 2.75 (m, 2H), 3.03 (m, 1H), 3.21 (m, 1H), 6.45 (s, SH), 7.12–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.79 (m, 2H). ESI-MS: m/z 453.1 (M^-).

Ph₄P[ReS(S₂C₆H₁₂)(SH)(SPh)], Ph₄P[9]. A solution of 2.0 mg (0.003 mmol) of Ph₄P[1], 1-hexene, PhSH, and 0.86 g of CD_3CN was flame-sealed in a 5 mm NMR tube. Over the course of 12 h, the violet

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Table 3. Selected Bond Angles (deg) for **8**

S(1)–Re(1)–S(3)	109.85(13)	S(1)–Re(1)–S(2)	108.25(13)
S(2)–Re(1)–S(3)	84.89(12)	S(1)–Re(1)–S(4)	108.29(12)
S(3)–Re(1)–S(4)	86.88(11)	S(2)–Re(1)–S(4)	143.20(11)
S(1)–Re(1)–S(5)	109.06(11)	S(3)–Re(1)–S(5)	141.07(13)
S(2)–Re(1)–S(5)	82.03(12)	S(4)–Re(1)–S(5)	82.19(11)
C(8)–S(2)–Re(1)	105.9(5)	C(7)–C(8)–S(2)	122.2(2)
C(8)–C(7)–S(3)	106(4)	C(7)–S(3)–Re(1)	106.7(13)
C(1)–S(4)–Re(1)	113.7(4)	C(2)–C(1)–C(6)	118.3(12)
C(2)–C(1)–S(4)	118.4(11)	C(6)–C(1)–S(4)	123.1(10)
C(1)–C(2)–C(3)	121.7(14)	C(4)–C(3)–C(2)	118.6(14)
C(3)–C(4)–C(5)	120.2(14)	C(6)–C(5)–C(4)	120.7(14)
C(5)–C(6)–C(1)	120.6(13)		

color of **1** changed to brown-yellow. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the tube contents showed ~68% conversion to **9** at room temperature with a relative ratio of **1**:hexene:PhSH = ca. 1:21:29 ($K_{eq} = 402 \text{ M}^{-2}$). The product was identified on the basis of the four terminal Re–SH signals located at δ 6.54, 6.43, 6.39, and 6.38. Resonances for the C₄H₉ portion of the 1,2-hexanedithiolate ligand (δ 2.20–3.30) were not analyzed.

Thermodynamic data were obtained from ¹H NMR spectra recorded at 50, 40, 30, 21, 0, and –20 °C (Table 1). At each temperature, the concentration of the contributing species was assayed by integration (against Ph₄P⁺) of the signals at δ 5.85 (H₂C=CH(C₄H₉)) and 3.88 (PhSH). The concentration of the product, **9**, was measured as the sum of the four Re–SH signals generated by the four observed isomers. The concentration of **1** was assumed to be $(I_{\text{Ph}_4\text{P}^+}/4) - \sum I_{\text{ReSH}}$, where I_X is the integrated intensity of the signal for species X and the integration of Ph₄P⁺ utilized the proton resonance due to the hydrogens in the para positions relative to phosphorus. To ensure reliable integrations, we employed a 40 s delay between pulses. The temperature was calibrated by the chemical shifts of neat methanol.

Ph₄P{Re[S₂C₂(tms)₂](S₂C₂H₄)}, **Ph₄P[10]**. A slurry of 0.159 g (0.243 mmol) of Ph₄P[1] in 5 mL of CH₃CN and 0.05 mL (0.60 mmol) of ethanedithiol was treated with a solution of 0.17 g (0.99 mmol) of C₂(tms)₂ in 5 mL of CH₃CN, which was added dropwise over 5 min. The reaction mixture rapidly turned brown-red and was then briefly purged with N₂. A test of the effluent purge gas with moist Pb(O₂CCH₃)₂-impregnated paper indicated H₂S. After 2 h, the solvent volume was reduced to ~5 mL, and the concentrate was treated with 60 mL of 1:1 hexane/Et₂O to give an oily red-brown residue. The oily residue was crystallized by dissolution in 3 mL of CH₃CN followed by addition of 80 mL of 1:1 hexane/Et₂O. Yield: 0.19 g (88%). Anal. Calcd (found): C, 46.18 (45.84); H, 4.79 (4.97); P, 3.50 (3.34); S, 18.12 (18.37); Si, 6.35 (6.38). ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): δ 2.71 (m, AA'BB', 4H), 0.42 (s, 18H). ¹³C NMR (CD₃CN): δ 163.2 (2C), 45.2 (2C), 3.3 (6C). ESI-MS: m/z 545.2 (M⁺).

Ph₄P{ReS(S₂C₂Ph₂)(SCH₂CH₂OH)(SH)}, **Ph₄P[11]**. A 100 mL Schlenk flask was charged with 0.131 g (0.200 mmol) of Ph₄P[1], 10 mL of CH₃CN, and 0.05 mL (0.713 mmol) of 2-mercaptoethanol. A solution of 0.095 g (0.540 mmol) of diphenylacetylene in 10 mL of CH₃CN was added to the slurry dropwise over 30 min. After 3 h, the resulting red-brown solution was concentrated to ~5 mL under vacuum. A dark red, oily precipitate formed upon addition of 60 mL of 1:1 Et₂O/hexanes. The residue was dissolved in 10 mL of CH₃CN, the solution was condensed to ca. 5 mL, and the red-brown product was precipitated with 75 mL of Et₂O. Yield: 0.170 g (93%). Anal. Calcd (found): C, 52.78 (52.89); H, 3.99 (3.74); S, 17.61 (17.46); P, 3.40 (3.01). ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): δ 7.18–7.29 (m, 10H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 3.97 (br m, 2H), 3.81 (m, 2H), 2.76 (br t, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CD₃CN): δ 141.4 (1C), 140.9 (1C), 130.1 (2C), 130.0 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.6 (1C), 127.5 (1C), 126.9 (1C), 126.8 (1C), 63.7 (1C), 41.9 (1C). ESI-MS: m/z 571.2 (M⁺).

Ph₄P{SR_e(S₂C₂H₄)₂}, **Ph₄P[12]**, from **Ph₄P[1]**, **C₂H₄**, and **C₂H₄(SH)₂**. A light purge of ethylene was established over a slurry of 0.150 g (0.229 mmol) of Ph₄P[1] in 10 mL of CH₃CN and 0.05 mL (0.60 mmol) of ethanedithiol. Over the course of 30 min, brick red microcrystals appeared. A test of the effluent purge gas with moist Pb(O₂CCH₃)₂-impregnated paper indicated H₂S. The purge was discontinued after 1 h, and the flask contents were stirred under an atmosphere of ethylene for an additional 1 h. The slurry was

Table 4. Selected Bond Distances (Å) for **10**

Re(1)–S(1)	2.1084(11)	Re(1)–S(4)	2.2922(10)
Re(1)–S(5)	2.2994(10)	Re(1)–S(2)	2.3157(10)
Re(1)–S(3)	2.3202(10)	S(2)–C(1)	1.821(5)
S(3)–C(2)	1.846(5)	S(4)–C(3)	1.787(4)
S(5)–C(4)	1.771(4)	Si(1)–C(5)	1.861(5)
Si(1)–C(6)	1.874(5)	Si(1)–C(7)	1.879(5)
Si(1)–C(3)	1.883(4)	Si(2)–C(9)	1.844(5)
Si(2)–C(10)	1.858(4)	Si(2)–C(8)	1.869(4)
Si(2)–C(4)	1.889(4)	C(1)–C(2)	1.452(6)
C(3)–C(4)	1.348(5)		

Table 5. Selected Bond Angles (deg) for **10**

S(1)–Re(1)–S(4)	109.54(4)	S(1)–Re(1)–S(5)	108.31(4)
S(4)–Re(1)–S(5)	82.49(3)	S(1)–Re(1)–S(2)	110.72(4)
S(4)–Re(1)–S(2)	139.66(4)	S(5)–Re(1)–S(2)	82.72(4)
S(1)–Re(1)–S(3)	109.09(4)	S(4)–Re(1)–S(3)	84.73(4)
S(5)–Re(1)–S(3)	142.59(4)	S(2)–Re(1)–S(3)	84.70(4)
C(1)–S(2)–Re(1)	108.43(15)	C(2)–S(3)–Re(1)	103.90(17)
C(3)–S(4)–Re(1)	109.82(12)	C(4)–S(5)–Re(1)	109.76(12)
C(5)–Si(1)–C(6)	111.1(3)	C(5)–Si(1)–C(7)	109.1(3)
C(6)–Si(1)–C(7)	103.6(2)	C(5)–Si(1)–C(3)	108.9(2)
C(6)–Si(1)–C(3)	114.0(2)	C(7)–Si(1)–C(3)	110.09(19)
C(2)–C(1)–S(2)	113.5(4)	C(1)–C(2)–S(3)	112.6(4)
C(4)–C(3)–S(4)	117.8(3)	C(4)–C(3)–Si(1)	129.6(3)
S(4)–C(3)–Si(1)	112.53(19)	C(3)–C(4)–S(5)	118.6(3)
C(3)–C(4)–Si(2)	130.2(3)	S(5)–C(4)–Si(2)	111.26(18)

Table 6. Crystallographic Data and Structure Solution Details for Ph₄P[8] and Ph₄P[10]·0.5CH₃CN

empirical formula	C ₃₂ H ₃₀ PREtS ₅	C ₃₅ H ₄₂ PREtS ₅ Si ₂ ·0.5CH ₃ CN
fw	791.02	904.85
crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	P $\bar{1}$ (No. 2)	P2 ₁ /c (No. 14)
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.917(2)	10.8920(6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	11.588(2)	15.0195(8)
<i>c</i> (Å)	13.859(3)	24.8296(14)
α (deg)	85.742(3)	90
β (deg)	89.972(3)	99.3340(10)
γ (deg)	63.378(3)	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1562.1(5)	4008.2(4)
<i>Z</i>	2	4
ρ_{calcd} (Mg/m ³)	1.682	1.499
ab coeff (mm ⁻¹)	4.296	3.416
<i>F</i> ₀₀₀	782	1820
θ range (deg)	1.47–28.26	1.59–28.34
reflns collected/unique	9932/7060	24714/9487
data/restraints/params	7060/0/362	9487/3/419
<i>R</i> (int)	0.0778	0.0506
goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	0.944	1.052
final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]: <i>R</i> ₁ , w <i>R</i> ₂	0.0735, 0.1768	0.0338, 0.0773
<i>R</i> indices (all data): <i>R</i> ₁ , w <i>R</i> ₂	0.1196, 0.1992	0.0605, 0.0849

concentrated to ca. 5 mL under vacuum, and the product was precipitated by the addition of 50 mL of Et₂O. The microcrystalline solid was recrystallized twice from CH₃CN/Et₂O. Yield: 0.15 g (88%). Anal. Calcd (found): C, 45.32 (45.20); H, 3.80 (3.88). ESI-MS: m/z 403.1 (M⁺). The product was identified by comparison of its ¹H NMR data to literature values.³⁹

Ph₄P{ReS[S₂C₂Ph(C₂Ph)](SH)(SPh)}, **Ph₄P[13]**. A solution of 0.118 g (0.181 mmol) of Ph₄P[1] in 130 mL of CH₃CN was added dropwise to a solution of 0.300 g (1.48 mmol) of diphenylbutadiene and 0.20 mL (2.08 mmol) of benzenethiol in 20 mL of CH₃CN. The mixture turned brown over the course of the addition of **1**. After 2 h, the volatile components were removed under vacuum, and the glassy residue was extracted into 5 mL of CH₃CN. Addition of 100 mL of 1:1 Et₂O/hexanes produced a brown precipitate. The extraction/precipitation procedure was repeated three times to give the pure brown

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solid product. Yield: 0.112 g (64%). Anal. Calcd (found): C, 57.17 (57.05); H, 3.75 (3.48); S, 16.58 (16.80). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CD_3CN): δ 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 7.20–7.48 (m, 24H), 7.65 (dm, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.84–7.90 (m, 4H). ESI-MS: 627.1 (M^-).

(Ph₄P)₂{[ReS(S₂C₂H₄)₂(S₄C₄Ph₂)]} 14. A solution of 0.220 g (0.336 mmol) of Ph₄P[1], 30 mL of CH₃CN, and 0.50 mL (6.0 mmol) of ethanedithiol was treated with a solution of 33 mg (0.168 mmol) of 1,4-diphenylbutadiyne in 30 mL of CH₃CN, which was added dropwise over the course of 1 h. The resulting red-brown solution was stirred for an additional 8 h, after which UV–visible analysis indicated the complete consumption of **1**. The solution was concentrated to ~10 mL *in vacuo*, and a brown precipitate formed upon addition of 60 mL of Et₂O. The crude product was extracted into 10 mL of CH₃CN and precipitated as a brown solid by the addition of the CH₃CN solution to a flask containing 75 mL of Et₂O. Yield: 0.26 g (94%). Anal. Calcd (found): C, 50.10 (49.31); H, 3.58 (3.52); S, 19.66 (19.82); P, 3.80 (3.85). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CD_3CN): δ 2.76 (br, 4H), 2.84 (br, 4H), 6.81–7.15 (br, 6H), 7.23–7.38 (br, 4H). ESI-MS: m/z 1289.4 (Ph₄P[14]⁻), 474.8 ([14]²⁻).

Crystallographic Characterization of Ph₄P[8] and Ph₄P[10]. Single crystals of Ph₄P[8] were obtained as red prisms by careful layering of a CH₃CN solution with Et₂O. A crystal was chosen and mounted on a glass fiber with Paratone-E (Exxon). The space group $P\bar{1}$ (No. 2) was selected on the basis of systematic conditions and was verified by subsequent refinement. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares calculations based on F^2 . Hydrogen atom positions were calculated using a riding model, and non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. A disorder in the ethanedithiolate backbone (C(7), C(7B)) was modeled on the basis of occupancy factors of 32.2 and 77.8%. Tabular data reflect the more

highly populated C(7) position. The largest peak and hole in the difference map were determined to be 3.690 and $-4.841 \text{ e}\cdot\text{\AA}^{-3}$, respectively. Relevant metrical and crystallographic data are collected in Tables 2, 3, and 6.

Single crystals of Ph₄P[10]·0.5CH₃CN were obtained as red prisms by careful layering of a CH₃CN solution with Et₂O. A crystal was chosen and mounted on a glass fiber with Paratone-E (Exxon). The space group $P2_1/c$ (No. 14) was selected on the basis of systematic conditions and was verified by subsequent refinement. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares calculations based on F^2 . Hydrogen atom positions were calculated using a riding model. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, with the exception of those of the acetonitrile solvent molecule, which was refined as a rigid unit and determined to be disordered over two positions surrounding the inversion center. The largest peak and hole in the difference map were determined to be 1.210 and $-1.215 \text{ e}\cdot\text{\AA}^{-3}$, respectively. Relevant metrical and crystallographic data are collected in Tables 4–6.

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Supporting Information Available: Listings of X-ray experimental details, atomic coordinates, thermal parameters, bond distances, and bond angles for Ph₄P[8] and Ph₄P[10]. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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