

Synthesis and Properties of Tungsten(0) Carbonyl Complexes with Carbonyl-stabilized Ylides

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The reactions of dimethylsulfonium, triphenylphosphonium, and 4-methylpyridinium phenacylides ($\text{PhC}(\text{O})\bar{\text{C}}\text{H}\bar{\text{Z}}^+$; $\bar{\text{Z}} = \bar{\text{S}}\text{Me}_2$ ($Y_{\text{Ph-S}}$), $\bar{\text{P}}\text{Ph}_3$ ($Y_{\text{Ph-P}}$), and $\bar{\text{N}}\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{Me-4}$ ($Y_{\text{Ph-N}}$)) with $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{THF}$ gave $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{PhC}(\text{O})\bar{\text{C}}\text{H}\bar{\text{Z}}^+)$. IR and ^1H NMR spectra have indicated the ylide carbon-to-tungsten linkage in $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5Y_{\text{Ph-S}}$ and the coordination of the carbonyl oxygen atom in $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5Y_{\text{Ph-P}}$ and $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5Y_{\text{Ph-N}}$. The corresponding three 2-pyridylcarbonylmethylides ($\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{NC}(\text{O})\bar{\text{C}}\text{H}\bar{\text{Z}}^+$; $\bar{\text{Z}} = \bar{\text{S}}\text{Me}_2$ ($Y_{\text{Py-S}}$), $\bar{\text{P}}\text{Ph}_3$ ($Y_{\text{Py-P}}$), and $\bar{\text{N}}\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{Me-4}$ ($Y_{\text{Py-N}}$)) reacted with $\text{W}(\text{CO})_6$ under UV irradiation or with $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{THF}$ to afford $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{NC}(\text{O})\bar{\text{C}}\text{H}\bar{\text{Z}}^+)$. $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4Y_{\text{Py-S}}$ (red form), $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4Y_{\text{Py-P}}$, and $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4Y_{\text{Py-N}}$ have been suggested to involve the chelation through carbonyl oxygen and pyridine nitrogen on the basis of IR and ^1H NMR spectra. Another geometrical isomer of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4Y_{\text{Py-S}}$ isolated as a brown form showed the same spectral behaviors as the red complex in solution. Configurations and properties of the complexes have been discussed on the basis of IR and ^1H NMR, together with electronic absorption and emission spectra.

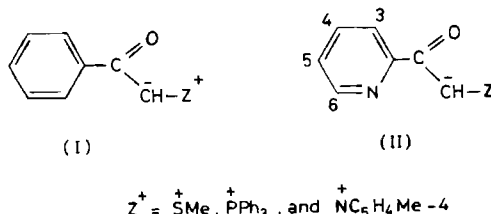
Introduction

Negatively charged ylide carbon has an ability to coordinate to metal ions, and many ylide-metal complexes which contain ylide carbon-metal bonds have been prepared [1]. Ylides stabilized by a carbonyl group adjacent to a ylide carbon atom can also interact with metal ions, through the carbonyl oxygen atom. In fact, triphenylphosphoranylideneacetone is known to coordinate to chlorotrimethyltin(IV) through the carbonyl oxygen [2], while dimethylsulfonium phenacylide and dimethylsulfonium 2-pyridylcarbonylmethylide form the palladium(II) and platinum(II) complexes involving the ylide carbon-to-metal bond [3-5].

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Although several ylide-tungsten(0) complexes containing the ylide carbon-to-metal bond have been prepared [6-10], no bonding scheme of carbonyl-stabilized ylides to a tungsten(0) moiety is known.

This paper reports the preparations of tungsten(0) carbonyl complexes with dimethylsulfonium, triphenylphosphonium, and 4-methylpyridinium phenacylides (I), and the corresponding 2-pyridylcarbonylmethylides (II). The configurations and properties of these complexes are discussed on the basis of ^1H NMR, IR, and electronic absorption and emission spectra.



Experimental

Dimethylsulfonium 2-Pyridylcarbonylmethylide, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{NC}(\text{O})\bar{\text{C}}\text{H}\bar{\text{S}}\text{Me}_2$ ($Y_{\text{Py-S}}$)

A solution containing 2-(bromoacetyl)pyridine [11] (2.5 g, 12 mmol) and dimethylsulfide (1.6 g, 25 mmol) in methanol (25 cm^3) was stirred for 3 h at room temperature, and evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The resulting product was dissolved in water (10 cm^3), followed by addition of a 4 mol dm^{-3} NaOH aqueous solution (10 cm^3). After stirring for 0.5 h the solution was shaken with dichloromethane (20 cm^3) several times. The dichloromethane layer was evaporated to dryness. The product was recrystallized from a mixture of dichloromethane and petroleum ether to give white hygroscopic needles (0.57 g, 25% yield). M.p. 51-52 $^\circ\text{C}$. Anal. Found: C, 59.67; H, 5.94; N, 7.65%. $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{NOS}$ Calcd.: C, 59.64; H, 6.12, N, 7.73%.

Triphenylphosphonium 2-Pyridylcarbonylmethylide, C₅H₄NC(O) \bar{C} HPPH₃ (Y_{Py-P})

A chloroform solution (10 cm³) of triphenylphosphine (0.69 g, 2.6 mmol) was added to 2-(bromoacetyl)pyridine (0.53 g, 2.6 mmol) in chloroform (10 cm³). After being stirred for 20 h at room temperature, the solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure to afford an oily material, to which diethyl ether (30 cm³) was added and stirred, giving a precipitate. This was collected by filtration, and dissolved in a 1 mol dm⁻³ NaOH aqueous solution (80 cm³). The solution was refluxed for 2 h to separate out a rubberlike solid, which was filtered and recrystallized from a mixture of dichloromethane and petroleum ether, giving colorless cubic crystals (0.42 g, 42% yield). M.p. 129–133 °C. *Anal.* Found: C, 75.15; H, 5.41; N, 3.43%. C₂₅H₂₀NOP·H₂O Calcd.: C, 75.17; H, 5.55; N, 3.51%.

Other Ylides

4-Methylpyridinium 2-pyridylcarbonylmethylide (Y_{Py-N}) [5], 4-methylpyridinium phenacylide (Y_{Ph-N}) [12], dimethylsulfonium phenacylide (Y_{Ph-S}) [13], and triphenylphosphonium phenacylide (Y_{Ph-P}) [14] were prepared according to literature methods.

Phenacylide–Tungsten(0) Complexes

To W(CO)₅THF prepared by the UV irradiation of W(CO)₆ (0.50 g, 1.4 mmol) in THF (70 cm³) [15] was added a THF solution (20 cm³) of Y_{Ph-S} (0.23 g, 1.3 mmol) at 5–10 °C. After being stirred for 2 h below 10 °C, the solution was concentrated to about a half volume under reduced pressure, followed by addition of petroleum ether (40 cm³). The solution was allowed to stand at about 5 °C overnight to give a yellow precipitate of W(CO)₅Y_{Ph-S}, which was collected by filtration and dried *in vacuo* (0.43 g, 60% yield). M.p. 66–70 °C. *Anal.* Found: C, 35.36; H, 2.30%. C₁₅H₁₂O₆SW Calcd.: C, 35.74; H, 2.40%. W(CO)₅THF photo-generated from W(CO)₆ (0.50 g, 1.4 mmol) reacted similarly with Y_{Ph-P} (0.49 g, 1.3 mmol) and Y_{Ph-N} (0.27 g, 1.3 mmol) to afford a yellow precipitate of W(CO)₅Y_{Ph-P} (0.31 g, 50% yield) and a brown precipitate of W(CO)₅Y_{Ph-N} (0.42 g, 60% yield) respectively. W(CO)₅Y_{Ph-P}, M.p. 122–125 °C. *Anal.* Found: C, 53.02; H, 3.21%. C₃₁H₂₁O₆PW Calcd.: C, 52.86; H, 3.01%. W(CO)₅Y_{Ph-N}, M.p. >95 °C (decomp.). Found: C, 42.71; H, 2.73; N, 2.70%. C₁₉H₁₃NO₆W Calcd.: C, 42.64; H, 2.45; N, 2.62%.

2-Pyridylcarbonylmethylide–Tungsten(0) Complexes

W(CO)₅THF obtained from W(CO)₆ (0.5 g, 1.4 mmol) reacted with Y_{Py-S} (0.24 g, 1.3 mmol) in THF at 5–10 °C to yield red crystals of W(CO)₄Y_{Py-S} (0.31 g, 50% yield). M.p. >300 °C. *Anal.* Found: C, 32.65; H, 2.27; N, 3.01%. C₁₃H₁₁NOSW

Calcd.: C, 32.72; H, 2.32; N, 2.94%. A brown complex with the same composition was isolated as a benzene solvate by the reaction of W(CO)₆ (0.33 g, 0.9 mmol) with Y_{Py-S} (0.21 g, 1.1 mmol) in benzene (70 cm³); the reactant solution was irradiated by UV light at room temperature for 5 h, during which time the evolution of CO ceased and a brown precipitate of W(CO)₄Y_{Py-S} separated out. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with benzene, and dried *in vacuo* (0.29 g, 56% yield). M.p. >140 °C (decomp.). *Anal.* Found: C, 36.70; H, 2.55; N, 3.10%. C₁₃H₁₁NOSW·1/2C₆H₆ Calcd.: C, 37.22; H, 2.73; N, 2.71%. The UV irradiation on a mixture of W(CO)₆ (0.33 g, 0.9 mmol) with Y_{Py-P} (0.42 g, 1.1 mmol) or Y_{Py-N} (0.23 g, 1.1 mmol) in benzene (70 cm³) similarly afforded a brown precipitate of W(CO)₄Y_{Py-P} (0.33 g, 50% yield) or a violet precipitate of W(CO)₄Y_{Py-N} (0.29 g, 60% yield). W(CO)₄Y_{Py-P}, M.p. >115 °C (decomp.). *Anal.* Found: C, 54.49; H, 3.26; N, 1.89%. C₂₉H₂₀NO₅PW·2/3C₆H₆ Calcd.: C, 53.93; H, 3.32; N, 1.92%. W(CO)₄Y_{Py-N}, M.p. >240 °C (decomp.). Found: C, 40.12; H, 2.30; N, 5.44%. C₁₇H₁₂N₂O₅W Calcd.: C, 40.18; H, 2.38; N, 5.51%.

Spectra

Electronic and IR absorption spectra were recorded on Hitachi 124 and 215 spectrophotometers respectively. ¹H NMR spectra were measured with a JEOL JNM-PS-100 spectrometer (operating at 100 MHz at 24 °C), using TMS as the internal standard. Emission spectra were measured with a Hitachi MPF-3 spectrophotometer. All the spectral measurements were carried out for the complexes dissolved in degassed or nitrogen gas-purged solvents, because the complexes are oxygen-sensitive in solution.

Results and Discussion

Configurations of the Ylide–Tungsten(0) Complexes

The ¹H NMR spectrum of W(CO)₅Y_{Ph-S} in acetone-d₆ showed the ylide methine proton (H_a) signal at 6.69 δ accompanied with satellites due to spin–spin coupling with the ¹⁸³W nucleus (²J(¹⁸³W–H_a) = 5.1 Hz), which confirms the coordination of Y_{Ph-S} to tungsten through the ylide carbon atom. The coordination of the ylide carbon is compatible with the appearance of two S-methyl proton signals (3.19 and 2.89 δ) owing to asymmetry of the ylide carbon. Such a coordination mode is also supported by the fact that the IR ν(C=O) band occurred at a higher frequency than that of the free ylide (Table I) [3]. On the other hand, no spin–spin coupling between the ¹⁸³W nucleus and the ylide methine proton has been noticed in the ¹H NMR spectrum of W(CO)₅Y_{Ph-P} in acetone-d₆. Moreover, the coupling constant between the ³¹P nucleus and the ylide

TABLE I. Relevant IR Frequencies (cm^{-1}) of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-Z}}$ in THF.

$\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-Z}}$	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{O})$			$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})^{\text{a}}$	
	$\text{A}_1(2)$	B_1	E	$\text{A}_1(1)$	
$\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-S}}$	2060	1968	1923	1897	1617 (86)
$\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-P}}$	2066	1972	1918	1862	1490 (-36)
$\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-N}}$	2059	1973	1916	1861	1536 (14)

^a $\nu_{\text{complexed}} - \nu_{\text{free}}$ in parentheses.

methine proton of the complex (24.0 Hz) was very close to that of the free ylide (25.5 Hz). This is in contrast with a small coupling constant (5.9 Hz) in $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}(\text{Bu}_2\text{NO})\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-P}}$, having a ylide carbon-palladium bond [16]. These findings suggest the coordination of $\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-P}}$ to tungsten through the carbonyl oxygen atom. This is compatible with the fact that the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ band of the complex did not appear above 1500 cm^{-1} in the solid state and in THF. The coordination via the carbonyl oxygen atom is also suggested for $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-N}}$.

The three phenacylide complexes display four $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ bands which are analogous to the spectra of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{L}$ (L = amines, sulfides and tertiary phosphines) [17, 18]. These $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ frequencies are $10\text{--}50 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ lower than those of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{L}$, suggesting that both the ylide carbon and carbonyl oxygen atoms of the phenacylides coordinate to the $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5$ moiety as a weaker π -acceptor than sulfides and tertiary phosphines, and as a somewhat stronger σ -donor than amines.

Two isomers of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$ were isolated: red and brown. The red complex in THF exhibited the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ band at 6 cm^{-1} lower frequency than that of free $\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$. The ^1H NMR spectrum of the complex in THF gave an S-methyl proton signal (2.99 δ). These findings are in contrast with the facts that the coordination through the ylide carbon results in a higher frequency shift of the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ vibration and the appearance of two S-methyl proton signals, as seen in

$\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-S}}$ and $\text{PtCl}_2\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$ [4]. Thus, the present complex seems to assume the coordination through the carbonyl oxygen atom in this solvent. The coordination through the pyridyl nitrogen is supported by the fact that the H_6 signal occurred at a considerably low field compared with that of free ylide. The chelation of $\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$ to tungsten through the carbonyl oxygen and pyridyl nitrogen atoms is compatible with an X-ray crystallographic analysis for the red form complex of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$ [19].

On the other hand, the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ band of the complex in DMSO was observed at 9 cm^{-1} higher frequency than that of free ylide (Table II). Furthermore, in THF-DMSO mixtures the complex displayed two $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ bands, whose relative intensities varied with the ratios of the two solvents (Fig. 1). The configuration of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$ in DMSO would

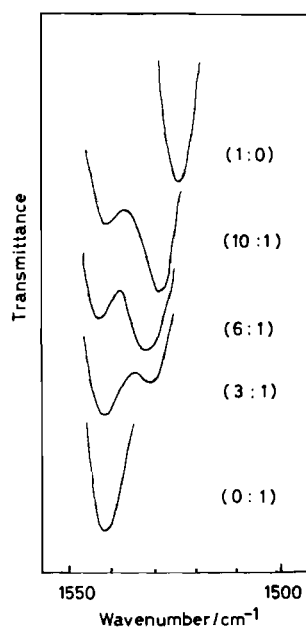


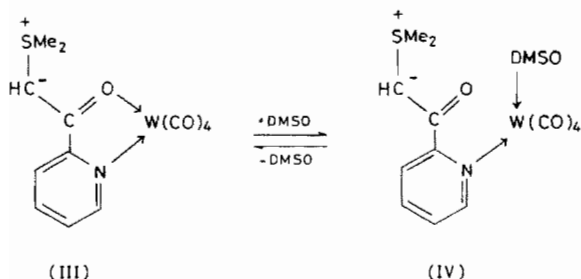
Fig. 1. The $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ bands of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$ in THF-DMSO mixtures; the volume ratios (THF:DMSO) in parentheses.

TABLE II. Relevant IR Frequencies (cm^{-1}) and ^1H NMR Chemical Shifts of H_6 Signals for $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-Z}}$.

$\text{Y}_{\text{Py-Z}}$	Medium	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{O})$			$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})^{\text{a}}$		$\delta \text{H}_6^{\text{b}}$
$\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$ (red form)	Nujol	2002	1897	1845	1781	1524 (5)	
$\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$ (brown form)	Nujol	1995	1865	1828	1780	1540 (21)	
$\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}^{\text{c}}$	THF	1998	1873	1858	1813	1526 (-6)	9.06 (0.67)
	DMSO	1993	1860	1846	1799	1542 (9)	8.93 (0.48)
$\text{Y}_{\text{Py-P}}$	Nujol	1994	1875	1841	1782	1514 (3)	
	THF	1997	1868	1860	1814	1513 (-9)	9.00 (0.54)
	DMSO	1997	1866	1848	1799	1525 (-1)	8.91 (0.41)
$\text{Y}_{\text{Py-N}}^{\text{d}}$	Nujol	1999	1899	1839	1761	1502 (-26)	
	DMSO	1993	1858	1843	1797	1502 (-24)	9.07 (0.61)

^a $\nu_{\text{complexed}} - \nu_{\text{free}}$ in parentheses. ^b $\delta_{\text{complexed}} - \delta_{\text{free}}$ in parentheses. ^cBoth the red and brown form complexes exhibited the identical spectra in the solutions. ^dToo insoluble in THF for the measurement.

therefore be different from that in THF. Although two $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ bands due to the two species were observed in THF–DMSO mixtures, no separated ^1H NMR signals of the coordinating ylides appeared. Furthermore, all the signals were not varied by the addition of free $\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$. These findings indicate a fast interconversion between the two species on the NMR time-scale. Coordination to tungsten through the ylide carbon is implausible in DMSO, since the high frequency shift of the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ band upon complexation is too small and the ^1H NMR spectrum of the complex showed only an S-methyl signal. The H_6 signal occurred at a fairly low field compared with that of free ylide, which indicates the coordination through pyridine nitrogen. Thus, assuming a hexacoordinated tungsten moiety in DMSO, the species (III) proposed in THF seems to change to the species (IV), in which both nitrogen and a DMSO molecule



coordinate to tungsten, but the carbonyl oxygen and ylide carbon atoms do not participate in the coordination. This may be ascribed to a strong coordination ability of DMSO to metal ions [20]. Although the configuration of the brown isomer in the solid state has not been determined in the present paper, its IR and ^1H NMR spectra in THF or in DMSO are identical with those of the red form complex.

$\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-P}}$ is likely to have a similar configuration around tungsten to $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$, since their behaviors in ^1H NMR and IR spectra have been essentially the same. The $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ band of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-N}}$ in the solid state and in DMSO was

observed at a lower frequency than that of the free ylide, suggesting that $\text{Y}_{\text{Py-N}}$ is linked to tungsten through the carbonyl oxygen atom in both the states.

Electronic Absorption and Emission Spectra of the Complexes

Figure 2 shows the electronic absorption spectrum of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-S}}$ in 2-MeTHF. The absorption bands in the region of 300–450 nm were almost unchanged in DMSO at room temperature, and also in 2-MeTHF at 77 K. Since tungsten-to-ligand charge transfer bands observed for several $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{L}$ (L = pyridine and its derivatives) were reported to depend significantly on solvents and temperature in the measurements [21], the bands at 368 and 418 nm in the present complex are not likely to be due to tungsten-to-ligand charge transfer transition, but tentatively assigned to $^1\text{A}-^1\text{E}$ and $^1\text{A}-^3\text{E}$ ligand field d–d transitions, respectively, as reported in several $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{L}'$ (L' = amines) [22]. Furthermore, the band at 336 nm is reasonably assigned to a transition from tungsten to $\pi^*(\text{C}=\text{O})$ [23].

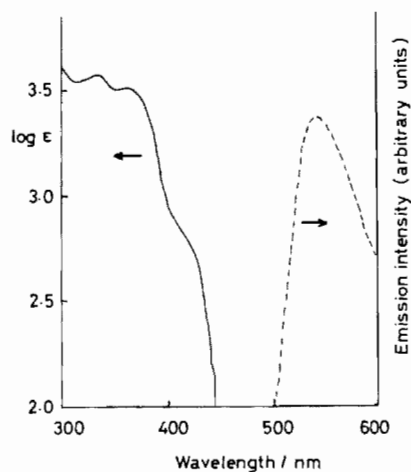


Fig. 2. Absorption (—) and emission spectra (---) of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-S}}$ in 2-MeTHF at 298 and 77 K respectively.

TABLE III. Absorption (at 298 K) and Emission (at 77 K) Maxima (nm) for $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5$ - and $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-Z}}$ in 2-MeTHF.

Complex	Absorption ($\log \epsilon$)				Emission ^a $^3\text{E} \rightarrow ^1\text{A}_1$
	$\text{W} \rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{O})$	$^1\text{A}_1 \rightarrow ^1\text{E}$	$^1\text{A}_1 \rightarrow ^3\text{E}$	($\text{W} \rightarrow \text{Y}_{\text{Py-Z}}$)CT	
$\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-S}}$	336 (3.6)	368 (3.5)	418 sh		540 (420)
$\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-P}}$	333 (4.0)	418 (3.7)	464 sh		515 (454)
$\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{Y}_{\text{Ph-N}}$			b		d
$\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-S}}$	310 (4.3)	411 sh		467 (3.7)	Not observed
$\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-P}}$	312 (4.3)	430 sh		486 (3.9)	Not observed
$\text{W}(\text{CO})_4\text{Y}_{\text{Py-N}}$	310 (4.0)	c		558 (4.0)	Not observed

^aExciting wavelengths (nm) maximizing the emission intensities in parentheses. ^bA broad band was observed at 427 nm ($\log \epsilon = 4.2$). ^cThe ligand field d–d bands were obscured by the intraligand charge transfer band (367 nm, $\log \epsilon = 4.22$) and the CT($\text{W} \rightarrow \text{Y}_{\text{Py-N}}$) one. ^dAlthough a weak emission was observed at 483 nm (excitation maximum, 440 nm), the emission may be due to the intraligand charge transfer transition.

$W(CO)_5Y_{Ph-S}$ exhibited a weak emission in 2-MeTHF at 77 K (Fig. 2), although no emission was observed for the complex at room temperature and for free Y_{Ph-S} even at 77 K. The excitation wavelength (420 nm) which maximized the emission intensity essentially agreed with the wavelength of $^1A-^3E$ transition band at 77 K. Thus, the observed emission seems to be ascribed to the $^3E-^1A$ transition, as reported in many $W(CO)_5L'$ complexes (L' = amines) [21]. Similar absorption and emission spectra were observed for $W(CO)_5Y_{Ph-P}$. On the other hand $W(CO)_5Y_{Ph-N}$ showed an intense absorption band at 427 nm ($\log \epsilon = 4.2$) in 2-MeTHF, which may obscure the ligand field d-d bands (Table III). This intense band is reasonably assigned to a transition due to the charge transfer between the ylide carbon and pyridinium nitrogen atoms, which was observed in the absorption spectrum of Y_{Ph-N} in the same solvent (451 nm, $\log \epsilon = 4.0$). The occurrence of this band for the metal complex indicates a preserved planar sp^2 configuration around the ylide carbon atom which resulted from the coordination through the carbonyl oxygen atom.

In the absorption spectra of $W(CO)_4Y_{Py-S}$ in 2-MeTHF the band observed at the longest wavelength at room temperature showed a blue shift at 77 K (Fig. 3). In addition, the band occurred at a higher frequency in acetonitrile than in 2-MeTHF. Thus, this band is reasonably assigned to tungsten-to-ylide charge transfer transition, in view of the similar temperature and solvent dependences of tungsten-to-ligand charge transfer bands of some $W(CO)_4L-L$ complexes ($L-L = 1,10$ -phenanthroline [24] and

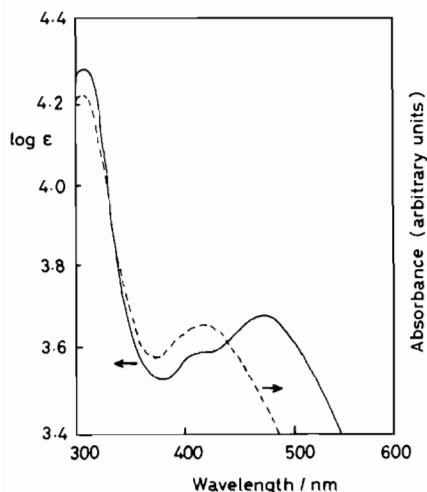


Fig. 3. Electronic absorption spectra of $W(CO)_4Y_{Py-S}$ in 2-MeTHF at room temperature (—) and 77 K (---).

diazabutadiene [25]). The longest wavelength bands of $W(CO)_4Y_{Py-P}$ and $W(CO)_4Y_{Py-N}$ also exhibited a similar spectral behavior to that of $W(CO)_4Y_{Py-S}$. $W(CO)_4Y_{Py-Z}$ ($Z = S, P$ and N) exhibited no emission in 2-MeTHF or in MeOH/EtOH (1:4 V/V), even at 77 K.

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