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CYCLOPENTADIENYL RUTHENIUM AND OSMIUM COMPLEXES

II*. THE REACTIVITY OF π -CYCLOPENTADIENYL(TRIPHENYL-PHOSPHINE)-RUTHENIUM(II) AND -OSMIUM(II) COMPLEXES

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Summary

Ruthenium and osmium complexes of the type $CpMX(PPh_3)L$ (M = Ru; X = Cl, H, $S_2COC_{10}H_{19}$, S_2COMe ; L = PPh₃ and PHPh₂; M = Os, X = Cl, Br, I, H, D, xanthogenate, dithiocarbamate, BPh₄, L = PPh₃) are obtained. The compound CpOsCl(PPh₃)₂ is readily soluble in MeOH and in the solution the cation [CpOs(PPh₃)₂]⁺ is present. Upon addition of NaBPh₄ a white compound CpOs(PPh₃)₂BPh₄ immediately precipitates, which can not be solved in MeOH, contrary to the behaviour of the corresponding ruthenium compound.

- Blackmore, Bruce and Stone [1] had obtained in 1971 pale yellow-orange CpOsBr(PPh₃)₂ in the reaction of OsBr₂(PPh₃)₃ with cyclopentadiene (m.p. 182–185°C, yield 77%). In 1977 Bruce and Windsor [2] presented a rapid method of synthesis for this compound (m.p. 180–185°C, yield 74%). Attempts were made to repeat Bruce's synthesis [2] which were unsuccessful. Instead in a sealed capillary a yellow-orange compound (II, m.p. 248–254°C, yield 91%) was obtained. The compound was formed independently of the solvent (MeOH or 95% EtOH) and of the type of osmium(IV) bromide used in the synthesis. Also in the reaction of CpOsH(PPh₃)₂ with HBr compound II was formed (m.p. 232–238°C, yield 8%, see Scheme 1).

A similar phenomenon was observed earlier for CpRuCl(PPh₃)₂ [3]. Since then the complete structure of CpRuCl(PPh₃)₂ (m.p. 244-248°C) was determined [4] (Fig. 1), an earlier assumption [3] about the similarity of the structure of CpRuCl(PPh₃)₂ and the structure of the rhodium cation $[(\pi$ -C₅Me₅)RhH-

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^{*}For part I see ref. 3.



SCHEME 1. R = Me, Et, $CH_2 = CH$, L = PPh₃, M' = alkali metal, X = xanthogenate, dithiocarbamate.

 $(PPh_3)_2$]⁺ [5] was confirmed. Analogically, if the structure of compound II is similar to that of CpRuCl(PPh₃)₂ then the possibility of compound II and of that described in refs. 1 and 2 to be isomers should be excluded.

Recently Bruce, Wong and co-workers [8] reported that they also determined the structure of $CpRuCl(PPh_3)_2$.

The extension of the concept [3] for the synthesis of hydrido complexes of ruthenium and osmium in reactions of the respective halides I, II and XII with the alkoxide anion led to compounds IV and XIII. It is of interest



Fig. 1. Structure of CpRuCl(PPh₃)₂ (m.p. 244-248°C). Angles: P(1)RuP(2) 103.88°, ClRuP(1) 90.52°, ClRuP(2) 88.90°.

that the hydride IV is stable in the solid state. As in the case of the ruthenium analogue compound IV has the expected higher melting point $(204-206^{\circ}C)$ which is higher than that of CpRuH(PPh₃)₂ (m.p. 181-184°C). The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound IV showed the presence of a triplet of Os-H (δ -14.4 ppm, J(PH) 27 Hz (for CpRuH(PPh₃)₂ J(PH) 34 Hz). The data indicated that the osmium in compound IV was a poorer transmitter of nuclear spin—spin coupling effects compared to ruthenium. A similar effect for ruthenium and iron was observed by Blackmore, Bruce and Stone [1, cf. 6].

The performance of the reaction of compound II with sodium deuteromethoxide in CD₃OD afforded the deuteride V. The IR band ν (Os-D) was obscured in the region 1470-1425 cm⁻¹ by other intensive bands.

In the reaction of the hydride IV with acids in polar solvents (e.g. MeOH) complexes were obtained in high yield, in which the hydride ligand was replaced by an anion from the respective acids [cf. 3]. In this way also $CpOsCl(PPh_3)_2$ which is readily soluble in MeOH, was obtained. Probably this explains the fact, that uptil now compound I in the reaction of H_2OsCl_6 with cyclopentadiene and PPh₃ in accordance with the method given by Bruce [2] was not obtained.

Compound I, now obtained, is an analogue of $CpRuCl(PPh_3)_2$ and shows practically ionic behaviour in MeOH, indicating that the equilibrium 1 is

$$CpOsCl(PPh_3)_2 \rightleftharpoons [CpOs(PPh_3)_2]^+ + Cl^-$$
(1)

shifted almost completely to the right.

For example: upon addition of a solution of NaBPh₄ in MeOH a white, microcrystalline compound $CpOs(PPh_3)_2BPh_4$ (XVI) immediately precipitated. Also the results of conductometric titration on solution of NaBPh₄ in MeOH confirmed the formula of compound XVI. In contrast, the analogous ruthenium compound obtained in 20% yield is $CpRu(MeOH)(PPh_3)_2BPh_4$ [7].

By replacing the bromo group for a bromide ion in compound II in a polar medium (MeOH, EtOH) with salts of M'X type (where M' = alkali metal) a series of new compounds was obtained, i.a. compounds VI-XI and XIV-XVII.

Performing the exchange process in the two phase system (solid state $CpOsBr(PPh_3)_2$ —solution of M'X in MeOH) and isolating the solid reaction product obtained by filtration, pure compounds would not be obtained. The kind of alkali metal cation affected the yield and by-products. For example: if using for the synthesis of compound VII lithium, sodium or potassium ethyl-xanthogenate, compound VII was obtained in 13, 58 and 67% yields, respectively.

In exchange reactions of compound II with sodium *l*-menthylxanthogenate the optically active compounds XIV and XV, $([\alpha]_D^{20} + 89^\circ \text{ and } + 38^\circ \text{ (benzene)})$ were obtained. The ³¹P NMR spectrum showed non-equivalency of the phosphorus atoms in compound XV, δ -2.62 ppm, d(P(1)) and -3.31 ppm, d(P(2)), J(P(1)P(2)) 36 Hz. In the case of the ruthenium analogue XIV δ +40.28 s ppm.

Previously compound $CpRuS_2COMe(PPh_3)_2$ was obtained [3], while the further derived compounds (ethyl-, n-propyl-, n-butyl-xanthogenate) contained only one PPh₃ per molecule [3]. Now the expected compound containing one PPh₃ per molecule (XVII, m.p. 141-142°C) was obtained.

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