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METAL CARBONYLS

Simple Carbonyls and Carbonylate Anions

Laser pyrolysis experiments on Fe(CO)₅ have provided a value for the first CO dissociation energy of $200 \pm 16 \text{ kJ mole}^{-1}$ [1]. An ICR study on Fe(CO)₅ gave [2] a proton affinity of $854 \pm 16 \text{ kJ mole}^{-1}$ and a homolytic bond dissociation energy of $310 \pm 21 \text{ kJ mole}^{-1}$ for Fe(CO)₅H⁺. Reduction of Fe(CO)₅ with alkali metals or their alloys produces the radicals Fe₂(CO)₈, Fe₃(CO)₁₂, Fe₃(CO)₁₁ and Fe₄(CO)₁₃ which were identified by ESR [3]. This suggests the importance of one-electron processes.

A discussion of the use of the band intensity/frequency-factored force field method for the determination of bond angles in metal carbonyl fragments including $Fe(CO)_n$ (n = 3,4) has appeared [4].

Sonication of $Fe(CO)_5$ in hydrocarbon solvents gives Fe and $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$. The lack of any $Fe_2(CO)_9$ presumably rules out the production of $Fe(CO)_4$ [5]. In the presence of <u>n</u>-decane, $Fe(CO)_5$, $Fe_2(CO)_9$ and $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ all isomerize 1-pentene with $Fe(CO)_5$ being most effective.

Also reported [6] are graphite intercalation compounds of $Fe(CO)_5$, $Na_2Fe-(CO)_4$ and $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ as well as the synthesis of $L_2CdFe(CO)_4$ (L = N,N'-dimethyl-ethylenediamine, 1,3-propylenediamine) [7].

Complexes With Group IV Ligands

Fe-Si complexes can be prepared via the route in Scheme 1 [8,9].



<u>2</u> can be oxidized to <u>trans</u>-(SiMe₃)₂Fe₂(CO)₈ by $C_7H_7^+$. <u>3</u> is sensitive to ethers, presumably because of the affinity of Si for 0 [10].

$$\frac{\text{cis}-(\text{Me}_{3}\text{Si})_{2}\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_{4} + \text{ROSiMe}_{3} \longrightarrow (\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{CH}_{2}\text{C}_{6}\text{H}_{5})$$

$$(\text{Me}_{3}\text{Si})_{2}\text{O} + \text{RFe}(\text{CO})_{4}(\text{SiMe}_{3}) \longrightarrow \text{RSiMe}_{3}$$

With the unsymmetrical ether $\rm C_6H_5CH_2OMe,$ regioselective benzyl-O bond cleavage occurs to afford $\rm Me_3SiOMe$ and $\rm C_6H_5CH_2SiMe_3.$

In a similar reaction $Na_2Fe(CO)_4$ and $C1Me_2SiSiMe_2C1$ gave $Na^+[C1Me_2SiSiMe_2-Fe(CO)_4]^-[11]$.

 $\underline{4}$ has been shown to react with Fe(CO)₅ to produce $\underline{5}$ in 60% yield instead of a siladiene complex [12].



 $C1CH_2SiMe_2CH_2GeCl_3$ and $Fe_2(CO)_9$ react to give <u>6</u> and <u>7</u> containing three- and four-membered rings, respectively. With $C1CH_2CH_2GeCl_3$ and $MeGeCl_3$, only analogues of <u>7</u> were obtained. X-ray structures of <u>6</u> and <u>7</u> were reported [13].



 $[(R_2Sn)Fe(CO)_4]_2$ in the presence of strong Lewis bases establishes an equilibrium with a monomeric species $Fe(CO)_4(SnR_2\{B\})$ which is known to rapidly exchange bases. When B = THF or $4-MeC_6H_4NO$, hydridic reagents give H_2 and $[Fe(CO)_4SnR_2]^{2-}$. Presumably this reaction involves displacement of B by H⁻. Mossbauer measurements indicate that the dianion is the product of one-electron reduction of both Fe and Sn[14].

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Complexes With Group V Ligands

 $\underline{8}$ reacts with N₂ at low temperature giving $\underline{9}$ from which $\underline{10}$ - $\underline{13}$ can be prepared [15]. The X-ray crystal structures of $\underline{9}$ and $\underline{13}$ were determined. SCHEME 4



CO substitution on <u>14</u> was found to proceed via an associative mechanism. The reaction is first order in <u>14</u> and in the entering Lewis base. The secondorder rate constant varies over some four orders of magnitude depending on the Lewis base. Neither $Fe(CO)_5$ nor $Fe(CO)_4(PPh_3)$ undergoes ligand substitution under comparably mild conditions. The tetraazadiene ligand is apparently a good π -acceptor permitting Fe to delocalize a pair of electrons giving <u>15</u> and promoting nucleophilic attack on Fe [16].



Hückel MO and SCC-DV-X α calculations on complexes such as <u>14</u> indicate that the Fe-N₄ ring is to be regarded as a 6 π -aromatic ring. The photoelectron spectra have been interpreted in accord with this view [17].

Numerous investigations on heme complexes and complexes with macrocyclic ligands have appeared. An iron complex <u>16</u> was prepared and found to exhibit enhanced 0_2 affinity and diminished CO affinity compared to that of the "picket fence" porphyrin [18]. The reason could be that the pocket in <u>16</u> prevents linear Fe-C-O bonding. However, kinetic studies of 0_2 and CO bonding to <u>17</u> showed no differentiation due to distal side steric effects between the complexes with n = 1 and n = 2 [19]. Measured rates of CO and 0_2 association and dissociation as well as affinity constants for some Fe-Cu cofacial porphyrins and strapped hemes showed steric effects. However, no clear-cut distinction was possible for species with bent vs. linear Fe-C-0 bonds [20].

Complexes <u>18</u> showed no appreciable variation in kinetics or equilibrium constants for CO binding as a function of $R = CH=CH_2$, Et, $CH_3C(0)$ [21].

A family of synthetic models of CO adducts of heme proteins, <u>19</u>, has been synthesized with a sheltered void of controllable dimensions encompassing the CO binding site. The equilibrium constant for CO binding depends on available space. An X-ray structure determination of one complex shows a bent Fe-C-O linkage [22].





Porphyrin





R² NR² NR² B $\begin{array}{cccc} \underline{19} & \underline{R}^2 & \underline{R}^1 \\ H & (CH_2)_n & (n = 4-6) \\ Me & (CH_2)_6 \\ H & 3-(fluorenyl)propyl \\ H & \underline{p}-xylyl \\ H & \underline{m}-xylyl \\ Me & \underline{m}-xylyl \\ & \underline{19} \end{array}$

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A mercapto chelated protoheme $\underline{20}$ was prepared as a model compound for cytochrome P-450. This compound has a lower CO affinity than P-450 [23].

The kinetics and thermodynamics of CO binding to phthalocyaninatoiron (II) in dmso were studied [24]. MCD has been used as a fingerprint method for determining spin state and axial coordination environment of synthetic ferroporphyrins including species with bound CO [25]. Evidence has been reported that carboxy-hemoglobin may display a variety of magnetic states depending on conditions [26].

Reaction of $Fe(CO)_5$ with <u>o</u>-phthalonitrile in DMF produces Fe(phthalocyani-ine)(CO)(DMF). The X-ray structure shows that Fe is six-coordinate with axial positions occupied by CO and the DMF O. Axial DMF can be replaced by tetrahydro-thiophene, THF, PrNH₂, H₂O, MeOH and Me₂SO [27].

The X-ray crystal structures of $[P(NMe_2)_3]Fe(CO)_4$ at $21^{\circ}C$ and $[P(NMe_2)_3]_2$ -Fe(CO)₃ at $-35^{\circ}C$ were determined. In the mono complex two NMe₂ form a trigonal arrangement with P while the angles in the other are more nearly tetrahedral [28].

Reaction of $Fe_2(CO)_9$ with L = Me_2NPCl_2 , $(Et_2N)_2PCl$, $(\underline{i}-Pr_2N)_2PCl$, [$(Me_3Si)_2N]_2PCl$, $(\underline{t}-Bu)(Me_2N)PCl$ in hexane afforded complexes LFe(CO)₄. These chlorophosphine complexes give phosphenium ion complexes such as [$(Me_2N)P(Cl)Fe-(CO)_4$]⁺ on treatment with a stoichiometric quantity of Al_2Cl_6 in CH_2Cl_2 . The phosphenium ions behave as π -acceptor ligands [29].

The water soluble $\underline{21}$ is prepared by quaternization or by direct reaction with cationic phosphine [30].



Secondary phosphine complexes were prepared and the P-H functionality employed to obtain complexes with bridging phosphido groups [31].



 $CoCl_2 \cdot 2 H_2O$ and $CoI_2 \cdot 4 H_2O$ were found to catalyze substitution of $Fe(CO)_5$ by Group V ligands. In refluxing toluene $Fe(CO)_4(PPh_3)$ can be prepared almost quantitatively and free from contamination by the disubstituted product. The order of reactivity for substituting ligands is $PPh_3 \sim AsPh_3 \sim P(OPh)_3 > SbPh_3 > PPh_2Me > PPhMe_2 > P(C_6H_{11})_3 > P(OEt)_3 > P(\underline{n}-Bu)_3 > P(OMe)_3$ [32].

 $(PPh_3)Fe(CO)_4$ was also a product (along with $Fe(CO)_5$, $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ and $CpCo-(CO)_2$) of the reaction between excess $Fe_2(CO)_9$ and $CpCo(PPh_3)Me_2$ [33].

A paramagnetic complex having trigonal bipyramidal geometry, [$P(CH_2CH_2-PPh_2)_3Fe(SO_{2\underline{P}}-C_6H_4Me)$]BPh₄ has been reported [34].

The electrochemistry of $Fe(CO)_4L$ and $Fe(CO)_3L_2$ (L = PPh₃, AsPh₃, SbPh₃) in organic solvents was investigated at Hg and Pt electrodes [35]. At Pt electrodes all oxidized species are unstable. With Hg electrodes, reversibility was seen with all complexes except the disubstituted ones of AsPh₃ and SbPh₃.

The chemistry of diphosphine complexes has been investigated [36]:

SCHEME 7



The UV gas phase and photoelectron spectra of the diphosphine complexes $Fe_2L(CO)_7$ and $Fe_2L_2(CO)_5$ where L = $PF_2N(Me)PF_2$ were reported [37].

The diphosphine <u>40</u> was found to react with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ or $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ giving <u>41</u>, <u>42</u> and a third compound of unknown structure [38].





An X-ray structure of the triphosphine complex $\underline{43}$ shows that the molecule is trigonal bipyramidal with an equatorial phosphine. The complex can act as a ligand itself. On heating, the Fe(CO)₄ molety migrates to a terminal P giving $\underline{45}$ [39].

SCHEME 9



<u>46</u> reacts with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ in pentane affording <u>47</u> [40]. When SO_2 in <u>46</u> is replaced by PCl, the resulting ligand can chelate or bridge metals.



A re-investigation of the reaction of the phosphole <u>48</u> (R = <u>t</u>-Bu) with $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ showed that <u>49</u> (R = <u>t</u>-Bu) was produced which, on heating, gave <u>50</u>. <u>50</u> is also accessible from another route. An X-ray structure of <u>50</u> (R = Ph) was reported. Complexes such as <u>51</u> and <u>52</u> containing two different metals are also accessible [41].

SCHEME 10



The primary arsine complex $Fe(CO)_4(AsMeH_2)$ is the product of the reaction of

 $Fe_2(CO)_9$ with excess arsine [42]. On heating, the arsine complex <u>53</u>, having a cubane-like structure, results.



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The photochemical reaction of $\underline{54}$ with $AsMe_2X$ affords $\underline{55}$. $\underline{55b}$ is a precursor to $\underline{56}$ - $\underline{59}$. The free As-P ligand in $\underline{57}$ is not known. $\underline{55}$ and $\underline{56}$ can be employed in the synthesis of mixed-metal species and both decompose thermally to $\underline{61}$ as shown in Scheme 11 [43]. Other such complexes can be obtained starting with (benzylideneacetone)tricarbonyl iron, $\underline{62}$ [43]. See Scheme 12.

SCHEME 11







Finally, electrochemical syntheses of Group V substituted iron carbonyls starting with acac complexes were described [44,45].

Fe(II) Phosphine Complexes Containing Hydrido, Halo and Other Ligands

A complex of the linear tetraphosphine $P_4 = H_2PCH_2CH_2PHCH_2CH_2PHCH_2CH_2PH_2$, Fe(P₄)X⁺ (X = Br, I) reacts with NaBH₄ in the presence of N₂ affording[Fe(H)-(N₂)(P₄)]X. An X-ray structure of the bromo salt shows H and linear N₂ in axial positions. In the absence of N_2 , $NaBH_4$ produces five-coordinate [Fe(H)(P_4)]X. This behavior is in contrast to that of other similar hydrido complexes of bidentate phosphines which are six-coordinate [46].

Complexes With Group VI Ligands

A full paper has appeared concerning the reaction of <u>68</u> with alkyl halides. When L = PPh₃, <u>69a</u> and <u>69b</u> can be isolated. In the absence of PF_6^- and when L is a good donor ligand such as PMe_2Ph or PMe_3 , carbonyl replacement by X giving <u>71</u> may occur[47a]. CO and phosphines were found to replace CS_2^- in <u>68</u> (L = PMe_3^- , P(OMe)₃) on photolysis [47b].



SCHEME 13



containing ligands. Reaction with Et_3PCS_2 and $Et_2PCH_2CH_2PEt_2$ gives <u>72</u>[48]while _ CS₂ and MeC(CH₂PEt₂)₃ produces <u>73</u>, the first diamagnetic Fe(I) five-coordinate complex [49]. Reaction of <u>72</u> with NaBH₄ affords the thioformate complex <u>74</u>. X-ray structures were reported for both <u>72</u> and <u>73</u>.







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Carbonyl Halide, Hydride and Cyanide Complexes

 $CpMo(CO)_3H$ acts as a hydride donor toward $Fe(CO)_5$ giving $[HFe(CO)_4]^-$ [50]. K $[HFe(CO)_4]$ behaves as a hydride donor toward $(PhN_2)BF_4$ giving $(NH_4)(BF_4)$ and $PhNH_2$ [51].

At 0^{0} H₂Fe(CO)₄ reacts with L = P(OPh)₃, P(OCH₂)₃CEt, AsPh₃, SbPh₃ giving <u>fac</u>-H₂Fe(CO)₃L or H₂Fe(CO)₂L₂ with L's <u>trans</u> depending on the reaction stoichiometry [52]. Other workers [53] have found that PPh₃ and P(OMe)₃ react with H₂Fe(CO)₄ even at -70^oC. This lability (which stands in marked contrast to the substitution inertness of Fe(CO)₅ and Fe(CO)₄²⁻) has been attributed to the possibility of hydride migration which produces an unsaturated formyl intermediate.

Although they do not contain carbonyl ligands, two other hydrides may be mentioned here. Reaction of FeCl₃ with excess Grignard reagaent under H₂ produces FeH₆Mg₄Br_{3.5}Cl_{0.5}(THF)₈. The X-ray structure shows that the compound contains an FeH₆⁴⁻ octahedron capped on alternate faces by Mg²⁺ [54]. Also, FeI₂ was reported to react with CpMoH₂ in dioxane yielding CpMo(u-H)₂FeI₂·diox having five-coordinate Fe [55].

Photochemical Reactions

Co-condensation of $Fe(CO)_5$ and Na in an Ar matrix at 20 K with simultaneous photolysis by an Hg lamp gives $Fe(CO)_4^-$ of C_{3V} symmetry [56]. Photolysis of $H_2Fe(CO)_4$ in an Ar matrix leads to elimination of H_2 . The elimination can be reversed on irradiation with the Nernst glower of an IR instrument [57]. Fe- $(dppe)_2H_2$ eliminates H_2 on photolysis while $Fe(dppe)_2(H)Cl$ eliminates HCl. The Fe(dppe)_2 intermediate can be trapped by CO [58]. In contrast to thermal substitution [16], photochemical substitution of <u>14</u> involves a dissociative mechanism. Disubstituted products are obtained for PPh₃, PMe₃, P(OMe)₃ and Me₂PCH₂CH₂CH₂PMe₂. A trisubstituted P(OMe)₃ product was also produced [59].

Fe(tpp)(py)(CO) and Fe(deuterioporphyrin dimethyl ester)(py)(CO) were photolyzed in the presence of triplet sensitizers [60]. The results provide evidence that CO photodissociation occurs from a ${}^{3}(\pi-\pi^{*})$ excited state.

ISOCYANIDE AND CARBENE COMPLEXES

 $Fe(CO)_{5-n}(CN_{Me})_n$ (n = 1-5) can be prepared in high yield by the

reaction of $Fe(CO)_5$ and isocyanide catalyzed by $Rh(PPh_3)_3Cl$, $Rh(PPh_3)_2(CO)Cl$ or polymer-supported Rh species [61].

Photolysis of $Fe(CNR)_5$ (R = Et, <u>i</u>-Pr) gives $Fe_2(CNR)_9$. The X-ray structure of $Fe_2(CNEt)_9$, <u>75</u>, is similar to that of $Fe_2(CO)_9$ with three μ -CNEt. $Fe_2(CNEt)_9$ reacts with RI (R = Me, Et) to produce[$Fe_2(CNEt)_7[CN(Et)(R)]_2]I_2$] which is formulated as containing μ -carbyne ligands. Photolysis of $Fe(CN\underline{t}-Bu)_5$ leads to the dealkylation product $Fe(CN)_2(CN\underline{t}-Bu)_3$. In the presence of cot, irradiation leads to (n⁴-cot)Fe(CN\underline{t}-Bu)_3 [62].



The carbene complex $\underline{76}$ inserts a substituted methylene group when allowed to react with substituted azomethanes [63].



Carbene complexes <u>78</u>, <u>79</u> and $Fe_2(CO)_6 = \begin{pmatrix} N \\ N \\ Me \end{pmatrix}$ (dppe) were prepared from olefins [64].

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These could be oxidized with Ag^+ salts to paramagnetic Fe(I) complexes. <u>79</u> gave a diiron cation with two non-interacting Fe(I) ions. ESR measurements indicate that the cations are distorted square pyramids in contrast to the trigonal bipyramidal neutral complexes. The cations undergo CO displacement with phosphines and phosphites, but the substitution products are often unstable to disproportionation.

Treatment of $[Fe(C0)_4C(0)NMe_2]^-$ at low temperature with BR_2Br (R = Me, Ph, NMe₂) produces carbene complexes <u>80</u> which are stable only in solution at low temperature and decompose thermally to $Fe(C0)_5$ and $BR_2(NMe_2)$ [65].



 $Fe(CO)_4(CS)$ reacts with $C(NMe_2)_4$ and $MeOSO_2F$ yielding <u>81</u> [66].

<u>68</u> (L = P(OMe)₃, PPh₃, PMe₂Ph, PMe₃) undergoes electrophilic attack by electron-withdrawing alkynes to afford the carbene complexes <u>82</u>. The position of the equilibrium between <u>82 a-e</u> and <u>83 a-e</u> is controlled by the identity of L favoring <u>83</u> (the product of 1,3-dipolar addition) for more basic L [67,68].



The complexes <u>82a,c,d,g,h,i</u> are reported [68] to rearrange thermally to dithiolene complexes <u>84</u>. An X-ray structure of <u>84i</u> shows distorted trigonal bipyramidal coordination around Fe and a planar dithiolene coordinated at axial and equatorial positions [68].

Stable Fe(II) tetraphenylporphine(tpp) complexes were prepared via the reaction in benzene of RCX₃ with Fe(tpp) followed by treatment with Na₂S₂O₄. Prepared in this way were Fe(tpp)[C(X)R] (X = C1, R = Me, CH₂OH, CH(OH)Me, CH(OH)Ph, C(OH)Me₂; X = Br, R = CH₂OH) [69]. An attempt to use Me₃SiCCl₃ to prepare carbene complexes containing an α -Me₃Si group by the above procedure led to unstable products which decomposed to dimers, [Fe(porphyrin)]₂C or to thiocarbonyl complexes [Fe(porphyrin)(CS)][70].

A kinetic study [71] of the reaction of primary amines with the dichlorocarbene complex <u>85</u> showed two alternate pathways. The first reaction product <u>86</u> contains an axially coordinated amine. Sterically hindered or weakly basic

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amines give both 87 and 88. The remaining amines give only 87.



Oxidation of iron porphyrin carbene complexes leads to species in which a vinylidene group has been inserted into an Fe-pyrrole N bond. This has been confirmed by X-ray structure [72] and NMR [73]. In the case of $(2,2-bis(\underline{p}-chlorophenyl)vinylidene tetraanisylporphinotoiron(II), oxidation by excess Fe-Cl₃ produces a complex in which a substituted vinylidene grup bridges two of the pyrrole N's. This product presumably arises via an Fe-N insertion product of the type mentioned above [74].$

The visible and UV spectra of some porphyrin complexes containing the RS⁻ ligand along with carbene or CS were also reported [75].

NITROSYL COMPLEXES

A nitrosyl carbene complex <u>89</u> results from treatment of $Fe(CO)_2(NO)_2$ first with LiSiPh₃ in Et₂O followed by Et₃O⁺BF₄⁻ in CH₂Cl₂ [76].



Some nitrosyl complexes containing diphosphine ligands were prepared and

their thermolysis investigated [36]:

SCHEME 17



The ESR spectrum of the dimer formed by nitrosyl(<u>meso</u>-2,3,7,8,12,13,17,18-octaethyl-5-nitroporphinato)iron(II) was reported [77].

The thermolysis of <u>96a-c</u> produced <u>97a-c</u> [78]. Also prepared were oligomers such as $Fe(CO)(NO)_2P_2Me_4Ni(CO)_2P_2Me_4Fe(NO)_2P_2Me_4Ni(CO)_3$.



The anion of Roussin's red salt was found to react with electrophiles at the μ -S producing <u>98</u> (R = H, Me [79]; Me, Et, CH₂CH=CH₂, CH₂Ph, SnMe₃, SnPh₃, PbPh₃,

 $CpFe(CO)_2$ [80]. <u>cis</u>-Pt(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ also gives a 1:1 adduct of unknown structure [80].



A compound with an Fe-Pd bond $\underline{99}$ was produced when Na[Fe(CO)₃NO] was allowed to react with the corresponding chloro-Pd complex [81].

CLUSTER COMPOUNDS

The usual definition of cluster compounds is that they contain three or more metals and three or more M-M bonds. In order to conform to past practice in reviews of Fe organometallic chemistry, binuclear complexes have been included here as well as some complexes with fewer than three Fe-Fe bonds. However, complexes which do not contain Fe-Fe bonds have been relegated to other sections of this review.

Several complexes containing M-M bonds have already been mentioned as starting materials or products of reactions previously reported in this review. These include <u>6</u>, <u>7</u> [13], $[(R_2Sn)Fe(CO)_4]_2$ [14], <u>23</u>, <u>24</u>, <u>25</u>, <u>26</u>, <u>27</u>, <u>28</u>, <u>29</u>, <u>30</u> [31], <u>36</u>, <u>38</u>, <u>39</u> [36], $Fe_2[PF_2N(Me)PF_2](CO)_7$ and $Fe_2[PF_2N(Me)PF_2]_2(CO)_5$ [37], <u>53</u> [42], <u>61</u>, <u>63</u>, <u>65</u> [43], <u>75</u> and $[Fe_2(CNEt)_7[CN(Et)(R)]_2]I_2$ [62], <u>95</u> [36], <u>99</u> [81] and $Fe(CO)(NO)_2P_2Me_4Ni(CO)_2P_2Me_4Ni(CO)_3[79,80]$.

Of general interest is a full paper on the estimation of bond enthalpies in clusters including Fe-Fe bonds [82]. Also, microcrystals of $Fe(CO)_5$ in a supersonic beam were irradiated with a laser beam at 1930 Å. Cluster ions $Fe_x(CO)_y$ (x = 1-30) were detected by mass spectroscopy [83].

Binuclear Species (Excluding $(n^5-C_5H_5)$ Compounds)

AC polarography of some metal carbonyls including $Fe_2(CO)_9$ was investigated in non-aqueous solvents [84].

Irradiation of $Fe(CO)_5$ in olefin-free pentane produces the radicals HFe_2 -(CO)₈° and $HFe_3(CO)_{11}$ ° which are stable to $-40^{\circ}C$ and were identified by ESR [85].

The X-ray structure of $Fe_2(CO)_8(\mu - CH_2)$, <u>100</u>, at -35°C and +22°C shows a resemblance to that of $Fe_2(CO)_9[86]$. Also reported was the X-ray structure of the <u>syn</u> isomer of <u>101</u>[87]



A related complex <u>102</u> is a product of the reaction of benzalazine with $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$. The other product is <u>103</u> having a bridging ligand with a bonded phenyl and a saturated CH₂ group. The X-ray structure of <u>103</u> was reported [88].



Reaction of 3H-1,2-diazepines with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ affords <u>104</u> and <u>105</u> which are related by a [1,5] sigmatropic H shift [89]. This shift is too rapid in the free ligand to isolate either form pure.



<u>a</u> $R^1 = R^2 = Me$; <u>b</u> $R^1 = Ph, R^2 = H$; <u>c</u> $R^1 = Me, R^2 = H$; <u>d</u> $R^1 = Me, R^2 = Et$; <u>e</u> $R^1 = Me, R^2 = i - Pr$; <u>f</u> $R^1 = Me, R^2 = CH_2CH_2Ph$

The ¹³C NMR of <u>106 a-c</u> indicates that local scrambling of CO groups occurs with very different activation energies on the two different Fe atoms. The signals for CO's bonded to Fe₁ coalesce $\sim -50^{\circ}$ C while those for Fe₂- bonded CO's

coalesce above room temperature [90].



 $(Et0)_2^{P-0-P}(0Et)_2$ can act only as a bridging and not a chelating ligand because of the P-0-P angle. Its reaction with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ gave <u>107</u>. Also prepared were $Fe_2(CO)_5[(EtO)_2^{P-0-P}(0Et)_2]_2$ and $[Fe(CO)_2(SMe)_2][(Et_2O)_2^{P-0-P}(0Et)_2][91]$.

 $\underline{108a}$ reacts with Fe(CO)_5 or Fe_3(CO)_{12} giving $\underline{109a}$ and $\underline{110}$ while $\underline{108b}$ gives only $\underline{109b}$ with Fe(CO)_5.



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<u>111</u> produces <u>112</u> and <u>113</u> (whose X-ray structures are reported) when allowed to react with $Fe(CO)_5$ or $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ [92].

CO

`CO (OEt)₂







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<u>114</u> is the product of thermolysis of $Fe(CO)_4(As_2Me_4)$ [78]. The reaction of $Fe_2(CO)_9$ with $Sb_2R_4(R = Et, \underline{t}-Bu)$ affords $Fe(CO)_4(SbR_2SbR_2)$, $[Fe(CO)_4]_2(Sb_2R_4)$ and <u>115</u> [93].



<u>116</u> is synthesized by reaction of excess phosphine with the corresponding hexacarbonyl complex [94]. A monosubstituted complex results from addition of a stoichiometric quantity of the phosphine.



 $\underline{117}$ was prepared by a new route involving photolysis of Ph_2PSPh and $Fe(CO)_5$ in a 1:2 ratio in benzene. The interatomic distances found by X-ray diffraction

resemble those in Fe_2S_2 systems [95]. The related complex <u>118</u> has a short Fe-Fe bond of length 258.8 pm [96].



 $Fe_2(CO)_9$ reacts with a series of xanthates $R^{1}OC(S)SR^2$ where R^1 are steroids and terpenes. The products <u>119</u> feature insertion of an Fe(CO)₃ group into a C-S bond [97]. The X-ray structure was reported for <u>119</u> R^1 = (adamanty1)methy1, R^2 = Me.



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR of $\underline{119}$ and analogous complexes monosubstituted on Fe₂ by P(OMe)₃ shows that, over the temperature range - 100 to + 50°C, the CO's bonded to Fe₁ are involved in local exchange while those on Fe₂ are static [98].

Thioesters RC(S)SMe react with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ yielding <u>120</u>. The crystal structure of <u>120</u> j indicated that Fe is coordinated to C=S [99].

In pentane <u>121 a,b</u> are the products of the reaction of $Fe_2(CO)_9$ with the



corresponding substituted thicketene. However, in THF $\underline{122 \ a,b}$ are formed. The X-ray structure of $\underline{122a}$ was reported [100].

The chemistry of S-bridged species was the subject of several publications. Electrophilic reagents effect substitution of H on $\underline{123}$ confirming its similarity to organic thiols [101].



SCHEME 18

When $\text{Li}_2[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6\text{S}_2]$ is generated from LiHBEt₃ and <u>129</u> and subsequently treated with EtHgCl(2 moles), the unexpected product is <u>130</u> in which the SEt group originates in the Li reagent [102]. When the anion is generated using K- $[\text{B}(\underline{s}-\text{Bu})_3\text{H}]$, a similar result <u>131</u> was observed. <u>132</u> could be obtained when KH was employed as the reducing agent. Generation of a monoanion from R¹Li followed by treatment with R²HgCl produces <u>132</u>. NMR studies showed that only a single isomer of <u>132</u> and of <u>133</u> is present in solution [102].





¹³C NMR spectra of <u>129</u> and the <u>syn</u>- and <u>anti</u>- isomers of $Fe_2(CO)_6(\mu-SMe)_2$ as well as of $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ were measured and ⁵⁷Fe satellites observed [103].

Reaction of $Fe_2(CO)_6(\mu - X)_2$ (X = S, Se) with Lewis bases was reported [104] to give replacement of one or two CO's as well as $Fe_3(CO)_9L_n(\mu_3-X)_2$ (X = S, Se; n = 0, 1,2).

134 mimics the reactivity of organic disulfides as shown in Scheme 20 [105].





The mass spectra of $(\mu_2 - ECF_3)_2 Fe_2(CO)_6$ (E = S, Se) were reported [106]. A

preparation of $(\mu - Te)_2 Fe_2(CO)_6$ from $Fe(CO)_5$, OH⁻ and $KTeO_3$ was developed [107]. Treatment of the dimer with MeNO affords $(\mu_3 - Te)_2 Fe_3(CO)_9$.

Trinuclear Species (All Same Metal)

The ¹³C NMR spectrum of isotopically enriched $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ shows six signals in 2:2:2:2:2:2 ratio. The spectrum was interpreted as indicating a fluxional process consistent with time averaging of the two disordered molecules observed crystallographically via rotation of the Fe₃ triangle within the plane [108]. The solution photochemistry of $[Fe_3(CO)_{11}]^{2-}$ was studied in several solvents. In MeCN, CO dissociation is the primary photoprocess. In CH_2Cl_2 , CO dissociation is followed by photofragmentation. In H₂O, both CO dissociation and photofragmentation occur simultaneously [109].

The ESR of the radical $[HFe_3(CO)_{11}]$ was reported [85]. This species results from irradiation of Fe(CO)₅ or AgBF₄ oxidation of $[HFe_3(CO)_{11}]^-$. Two preparations of $[Et_4N][HFe_3(CO)_{11}]$ were developed. One involving $[Et_4N][BH_4]$ reduction of Fe₃(CO)₁₂ in a phase-transfer-catalyzed reaction gives a yield of 90% [110,111]. The other involves reduction by Na_2C_2 and gives a 38% yield [112].

The crystal structure of 140a has been determined [113]. Treatment of





 $\underline{140} \quad \underline{a} \ R^{1} = R^{2} = Me$ $\underline{b} \ R^{1} = Me, \ R^{2} = Et$ $\underline{c} \ R^{1} = R^{2} = Et$ $\underline{d} \ R^{1} = \underline{i} - Pr, \ R^{2} = Et$ $\underline{e} \ R^{1} = H, \ R^{2} = Me$

 $[Fe_2(CO)_8]^{2^-}$ with MeI produces <u>141</u> which probably arises from Me attack on Fe and subsequent migration [114]. In contrast, the harder carbocation of ClCH₂OMe attacks an 0 of $[Fe_2(CO)_8]^{2^-}$ producing <u>142</u>. X-ray structures of <u>141</u> and <u>142</u> were determined [114,115].

When $[PPN][HFe_3(CO)_{11}]$ is treated with CNR^1 ($R^1 = Me$, Et, <u>i</u>-Pr), $[HFe_3(CO)_{10} - (CNR^1)]^-$ is formed <u>in situ</u>. Treatment with H⁺ or carbocation source yields <u>140 b-e</u>. Thermolysis of the intermediate affords <u>143</u> [116]. Prolonged reaction with CNEt followed by protonation gives <u>144</u>.



 $Fe_3(\mu-H)_3(CO)_9(CMe)$, <u>145</u>, results when $Fe(CO)_5$ is allowed to react with $NaH_2AI-(OEt)_2$ in the presence of B_5H_9 . The CMe ligand results from CO reduction. The structure is similar to that of isoelectronic $Co_3(CO)_9CMe$ [117]. The UV photoelectron spectrum of <u>145</u> shows an increase of metal I.P.'s as compared to that of the isoelectronic Co compound [118].

When $[HFe_3(CO)_{11}]^-$ reacts with N₂CHCO₂Et, <u>146</u> is isolated as the PPh₄⁺ salt [119].



Mass spectra of some isomeric compounds $Fe_3(CO)_8(HC_2R)_4$ (R = Me, Et, <u>i</u>-Pr) isolated from cyclooligomerization reactions of alkynes were published [120].

Several trinuclear clusters containing Group V ligands were studied. The synthesis and X-ray structure of (2,3-diazanorbornene)Fe₃(CO)₉, <u>147</u>, were reported [121]. The ¹³C NMR of some Fe₃(CO)₁₁L (L = phosphine or phosphite) were

interpreted in terms of an icosahedral \ddagger cubooctahedral exchange of ligands [122]. Reaction of Fe(CO)₄(PMe₂H) with bis(n³-allyl)nickel or photolysis of a mixture of PMe₂H and Fe₃(CO)₁₂ produces Fe₃(μ -H)₂(μ -PMe₂)₂(CO)₈, <u>148</u>, whose X-ray structure is reported [123].





| <u>149</u> | <u>a</u> | E = S, | E' = SO |
|------------|----------|--------|---------|
| | b | E ≃ E' | = S |
| | c | E = S, | E' = CO |

IR spectra of <u>149 a,b</u> allowed assignment of vibrational frequencies associated with μ_3 -S in the region $\sim 240-350 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ [124]. The electrochemistry of <u>149 a-c</u> was also investigated [125]. <u>150</u> was found to react with Fe₂(CO)₉ to produce <u>151</u> whose X-ray structure was determined [126].



When 1,2-bis(mercaptomethyl)-4,5-dimethylbenzene, NaOMe, <u>p</u>-thiocresol and FeCl₃ are allowed to react in anhydrous methanol, <u>152</u> can be isolated. The structure is derived from the $Fe_4S_4(SR)_4$ cubane structure with one tetrahedral vertex unoccupied [127].





Polynuclear Clusters

Protonation of $[Fe_4(CO)_{13}C(CO_2Me)]^-$ gives $Fe_4(CO)_{13}C$, <u>153</u>, which features an exposed μ_4 -C. The reaction can be reversed by methanol. The X-ray structure shows a butterfly arrangement of the Fe₄ unit [128]. The isoelectronic anions $[HFe_4C(CO)_{12}]^-$ and $[Fe_4C(CO)_{12}]^{2-}$ were synthesized [129]. The X-ray structure of the dianion as its $[Zn(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ [129] and $[NMe_3CH_2Ph]^+$ [130] salts showed an Fe₄ butterfly arrangement with μ_4 -C. The dianion can be reversibly protonated, the second proton adding to the carbide C giving HFe₄(μ^2 -CH)(CO)₁₂, <u>154</u>. Methylation occurs at the carbide C along with CO insertion. The dianion can be oxidized to Fe₄C(CO)₁₂ which, in turn, reacts with H₂ producing <u>154</u> [129]. An Xray and neutron diffraction study was carried out on <u>154</u> [131]. This is a 62electron cluster having a closed three-center two-electron Fe-C-H bond.

 $[Fe_4(CO)_{13}]^{2^-}$ can be protonated with HSO_3CF_3 giving $[HFe_4(CO)_{12}C]^-$, <u>155</u>, isolated as a PPN salt [132]. When the anion is treated with a CH_3^+ source ($\mu - H$) $Fe_4(CO)_{12}(\mu^{-2}-COMe)$, <u>156</u>, is obtained. The X-ray structures of both these species show an Fe₄ butterfly arrangement with <u>155</u> having an exposed carbide C [132]. Similarities in the ¹³C NMR spectra of <u>156</u> and $H_2Fe_4(CO)_{13}$ (obtained from protonation of <u>155</u>) indicate that the latter compound contains μ^2 -COH [133].





An improved preparation of [PPN][Fe₄N(CO)₁₂], <u>157</u>, was reported [134,135]. The X-ray structure again showed a butterfly Fe₄ group with μ_4 -N in this anion which is isoelectronic with [Fe₄C(CO)₁₂]²⁻. The anion of <u>157</u> can be protonated with HSO₃CF₃ to give HFe₄N(CO)₁₂. A mixture of products results from <u>157's</u> reactions with H₃PO₄ [135].

SCHEME 21

PPN [Fe(CO)₃(NO)] + Fe₃(CO)₁₂
$$\xrightarrow{\text{THF}}$$
 PPN [Fe₄N(CO)₁₂] 50%
157
157 + HSO₃CF₃ $\xrightarrow{\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{HFe}_4\text{N(CO)}_{12}}$ 92%

 $Na[Fe_4N(CO)_{12}] + H_3PO_4 \longrightarrow HFe_4N(CO)_{12} (43\%) + Fe_4(CO)_{11}N(NO) + Fe_3(NH)(CO)_{10} + Fe_4N(CO)_{12} + Fe_4N(CO)_$

Fe3(NH)2(CO)9

Thermolysis of $Fe(CO)_4(AsMeH_2)$ gave <u>53</u>, [$Fe(CO)_3AsMe]_4$, having a cubane-like structure [42].

 CS_2 was found to react with $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ under CO pressure affording Fe_4S_2 - $(CS_2)(CO)_{13}$, <u>158</u>. The X-ray structure shows that CS_2 acts as a six-electron donor [136].



The cation $[Fe_6(\mu_3-S)_8(PEt_3)_6]^{2+}$ consists of an octahedron of Fe atoms with all faces triply bridged by S. The complex has $\mu_{eff} = 6.04$ B.M. at 291 K. If S is considered to contribute four electrons, this is a 90-electron cluster in contrast to the more usual 86-electron count [137].

Heterometallic Clusters

The compounds mentioned in this section are organized according to the identity of the hetero metals in the clusters. Where more than one kind of hetero metal is present, the entry is under the earliest in the periodic table. An exception of a variety of carbide clusters using polyhedral expansion and contraction reactions set out in Scheme 22 [138]:

SCHEME 22

$$\begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{C(CO)}_{12} \end{bmatrix}^{2^{-}} + \left(\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{C(CO)}_{3} \operatorname{py}_{3} & \bigoplus \\ \operatorname{W(CO)}_{3} \operatorname{py}_{3} & \bigoplus \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{WC(CO)}_{15} \end{bmatrix}^{2^{-}} \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{WC(CO)}_{15} \end{bmatrix}^{2^{-}} \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{WC(CO)}_{16} \end{bmatrix}^{2^{-}} \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{WC(CO)}_{14} \end{bmatrix}^{-} \\ \left[\operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{WC(CO)}_{14} \end{bmatrix}^{-} \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{WC(CO)}_{12} (\operatorname{cod}) \end{bmatrix}^{-} \operatorname{M} = \operatorname{Rh}, \operatorname{Ir} \\ \left[\operatorname{Pd}(n^{3} - c_{3} + 5) \operatorname{Cl}_{2} & \bigoplus \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{Pd}(\operatorname{CO})_{12} (\operatorname{cod}) \end{bmatrix}^{-} \\ \operatorname{W(CO)}_{14} \end{bmatrix}^{2^{-}} \\ \operatorname{Cu}(\operatorname{NCMe})_{4}^{+} & \bigoplus \\ \left[\operatorname{Fe}_{5} \operatorname{Rh}(\operatorname{CO})_{12} (\operatorname{NCMe}) \right]^{-} \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{2} (\operatorname{CO})_{4} \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{2} (\operatorname{CO})_{16} \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{5} \operatorname{Rh}(\operatorname{CO})_{16} \\ \operatorname{Fe}_{4} \operatorname{Rh}(\operatorname{CO})_{16} \\ \end{array} \right]^{-}$$

The Fe clusters chosen for the polyhedral expansion reactions have open faces and high electron density to promote attack by coordinatively unsaturated fragments. 13 C NMR indicates that the cluster products are stereochemically non-rigid at low temperatures

 Cp_2HfX_2 (X = C1, I) reacts with $Na_2Fe(CO)_4$ to afford <u>159</u> containing Fe-Hf bonds [139].


 $Cp_2Cr_2(CO)_6$ and $Fe_2S_2(CO)_6$, when refluxed in toluene/hexane, afford $Cp_2Fe_2Cr_2-(\mu_3-S)_2(\mu_3-CO)_{26}$, <u>160</u>. The X-ray structure shows a butterfly arrangement of metal atoms in which Fe atoms occupy the "wings". This is a 62-electron cluster [140].

<u>161</u>, $(CpCr)_2(\mu_2-SCMe_3)(\mu_3-S)_2Fe(CO)_3$, is the product of irradiation of Fe(CO)₅ with $(CpCrSMe_3)_2S$ [141]. The temperature-dependent ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra



of <u>162</u> were interpreted [142] in terms of the occurrence of no fewer than three distinguishable fluxional processes. $Fe_2(CO)_9$ in excess reacts with the CpW-(CO)₂ C(<u>p</u>-tolyl) giving <u>163</u>. When the W complex is in excess, <u>164a</u> is produced and its X-ray structure was reported. When $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ is a reactant <u>163</u>, <u>164a</u> and a small amount of <u>164b</u> are produced [143]. <u>163</u> reacts with alkynes in toluene to afford <u>165</u>.





When the alkynes are $Me_3SiC \equiv CSiMe_3$ or <u>t</u>-BuC $\equiv Ct$ -Bu, <u>166a</u> or <u>166b,c</u> are the products, respectively [144]. The X-ray structures of <u>165a</u> and <u>166a</u> were determined.

<u>129</u> was found to yield <u>167</u> on irradiation in THF solution with $Fe(CO)_5$. X-ray structure determination showed the presence of both three- and four-coordinate S [145].





$$\frac{168}{\underline{a}} \quad \underline{L} = P(OMe_3),$$

$$\underline{b} \quad \underline{L} = PPh_3, \quad \underline{c} \quad \underline{L} = PMe_2Ph,$$

$$\underline{d} \quad \underline{L} = PMe_3,$$

$$\underline{e} \quad \underline{L} = P(C \equiv C\underline{t} - Bu)Ph_2$$

Microcalorimetric measurements on $Fe_2Ru(CO)_{12}$ and $FeRu_2(CO)_{12}$ were employed to estimate an Fe-Ru bond energy of 95±20 kJ mole⁻¹. This value is greater than the mean of the Fe-Fe and Ru-Ru bond energies [146]. Trinuclear species <u>168a-e</u> along with $Ru_3(CO)_{10}L_2$ and $FeRu_2(CO)_{10}L_2$ were the products of reactions between $Fe_2(CO)_9$ and $(n^6-C_6H_6)Ru(L)Cl_2$. The X-ray structure of <u>168e</u> was reported [147, 148]. The μ -Cl's can be replaced in <u>168b</u> and <u>d</u> [149]:





 $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ and $Fe(CO)_4(Ph_2PPPh_2)$ give <u>171</u>, $FeRu_3(CO)_{13}(\mu-PPh_2)_2$, which has a triangulated rhombic array of metal atoms and a planar geometry similar to that of isoelectronic $[Re_4(CO)_{16}]^{4-}$ [150].



[PPN] [HFeRu₃(CO)₁₃] (47%), <u>172</u>, and [PPN] [HFe₂Ru₂(CO)₁₃] (4%), <u>173</u>, are the products when Ru₃(CO)₁₂ and [PPN] [HFe(CO)₄] are refluxed in THF. The structure of <u>172</u> determined both by neutron and by X-ray diffraction is similar to that of H_2 FeRu₃(CO)₁₃ except for a shortening of the unbridged Ru-Ru bond. Neutron and X-ray diffraction structures were also reported for <u>173</u>. In this species the H still bridges a Ru-Ru bond. Surprisingly, an analogous preparative route did not give [HFe₃Ru(CO)₁₃] [151].

 $H_2FeRu_3(CO)_{13}$ was found to react thermally with various phosphines and phosphites. Preferential substitution on Ru was observed. Monosubstituted products of C_s symmetry were obtained for PPh₃, PPh₂Me, PMe₂Ph, PPhEt₂, P(OMe)₃, P(OEt)₃, P(OEt)₂Ph and P(<u>i</u>-Pr)₃. $H_2FeRu_3(CO)_{12}(PMe_3)$ gave an isomer mixture. Disubstituted species were obtained with PPh₃, PMe₃, and P(OMe₃). Kinetic measurements revealed a first-order dependence on the cluster and zero-order dependence on PPh₃ [152]. NMR studies showed that the substitution products are stereochemically non-rigid in solution and that exchange processes are similar to those previously reported for $H_2FeRu_3(CO)_{13}$ [153]. The photochemistry of $H_2FeRu_3(CO)_{13}$, $H_2FeOs_3(CO)_{13}$ and $H_2Ru_4(CO)_{13}$ also was investigated. In hydrocarbon solution in the presence of PPh₃, clean photosubstitution of CO occurred giving first a mono-, then a disubstituted product. In the presence of H_2 , $H_4FeM_3(CO)_{12}$ (M = Ru, Os) could be obtained. The primary photoprocess must be photodissociation of CO since the aforementioned reactions are retarded in the presence of CO [154].

 H_2 FeRu₃(CO)₁₃ was found to react with alkynes to give <u>closo</u> clusters <u>174</u> and <u>175</u>. With unsymmetrical MeC=CPh the isomer mixture <u>174c</u>, <u>175d</u> is produced.



X-ray structures of <u>174b</u> and <u>175b</u> were reported [155].

Treatment of $H_2Os_3(CO)_{10}$ in THF at $-78^{\circ}C$ with $Na_2[Fe(CO)_4]$ or $K[CpFe(CO)_2]$ gives <u>176</u> and <u>177</u>, respectively. Both compounds are thermally unstable [156].



The kinetics of the heterolytic fission of the Fe \rightarrow Co bond in <u>178</u> show first-order dependence on entering P-, As-, or Sb- donor entering ligands[157].



Electrolytic or chemical reduction of $SFeCo_2(CO)_9$ produces the radical anion $SFeCo_2(CO)_9^-$ whose ESR spectrum was reported [158].

A 71% yield of <u>179</u> was obtained from the reaction between $Fe(CO)_4(PPh_2PPh_2)$ and $Co_2(CO)_8$ in refluxing hexane. An X-ray structure of <u>179</u> shows that the μ -CO is semi-bridging in spite of the equality of both Fe-CO bond lengths. The semibridging structure persists in solution at -95°C [159]. The reaction of [Fe₃-(CO)₉S]²⁻ and $Co_2(CO)_8$ affords [Fe₂Co(CO)₉S]⁻ which, on protonation, gives <u>180</u>. If NO₂⁻ and H⁺ are allowed to react with [Fe₂Co(CO)₉S]⁻, <u>181</u>, is the product [160]. <u>134</u> and $Co_2(CO)_8$ produce FeCo₂(CO)₉Se isoelectronic with <u>180</u> and having a pyramidal structure with capping Se [105].



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The five-vertex <u>closo</u> cluster $FeCo_3(CO)_{12}Au(PPh_3)$, <u>182</u>, results from treatment of $[FeCo_3(CO)_{12}]^-$ with $[Au(PPh_3)]^+$ in acetone [161].





 ^{17}O NMR of HFeCo_3(CO)_{12} is in agreement with a C_{3V} structure with apical Fe(CO)_3 group and three Co(CO)_2 groups in the trigonal plane bridged by $^{\mu}\text{_2}$ -CO. The H triply bridges the Co atoms and lies on the C_3 axis [162]. Reaction of HFeCo_3(CO)_{12} with PMe_2Ph leads to the trisubstituted product {HFe(CO)_2(PMe_2Ph)-[Co(CO)(PMe_2Ph)]_2Co(CO)_2(\mu_2-CO)_3} which was found by X-ray diffraction to have the same basic geometry as the parent carbonyl. The position of H was not located [163].

Treatment of <u>129</u> or $Fe_2(CO)_6(\mu-PPhH)_2$ with $Co_2(CO)_8$ leads to <u>183a</u> and <u>183b</u>, respectively [164].

The X-ray structure of <u>184</u>, the reaction product of $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ with $[(n^5 - Me_5C_5)Ir(\mu-C1)C1]_2$, was reported [165].



The reaction of $[(n^3-C_3H_5)RhC1]_2$ with 4 moles of Fe(CO)₄(PPh₂H) was found to give <u>185</u> which X-ray diffraction showed to have a chain structure [166].

The X-ray structure of <u>186</u> was determined [167] as well as that of a related Ni complex $CpNiFe_2(CO)_6(C\underline{t}-Bu)_2$ [168].



Reaction of $Pt(PPh_3)(C_2H_4)$ with $[Et_4N][Fe_2(\mu-H)(\mu-CO)_2(CO)_6]$ in THF gave the anion <u>187</u>, $[Fe_2Pt_2(\mu-H)(\mu-CO)_3(CO)_5(PPh_3)_2]^2$. The X-ray diffraction study did not locate the H; its position was inferred as involving the longest Pt-Fe distance.



Protonation of <u>187</u> with $HBF_4 \cdot 2Et_20$ affords <u>188</u>, $Fe_2Pt_2(\mu-H)_2(CO)_8(PPh_3)_2$, in which all the CO's are terminal [169].



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Other reactions of the anion lead to other cluster products [169]. See Scheme 24. The X-ray structure of $\underline{190}$ was reported.

SCHEME 24



ESR measurements on $[Fe_3Pt_3(CO)_{15}]^-$ showed [170] that the unpaired electron density lies mainly in a non-degenerate Pt₃ MO. The crystal structure of another Fe-Pt cluster $[Fe_4Pt_6(CO)_{22}]^{2-}$ was determined [171].

METAL-CARBON σ -BONDED SPECIES

Metal Alkyl Complexes

 $[Fe(CO)_4]^{2-}$ was allowed to react with <u>191</u> giving <u>192</u> which, on treatment with PPh₃, yields $Fe(CO)_4(PPh_3)$ [172].



Photolysis of $\text{FeCl}_2(\text{CO})_2(\text{PEt}_3)_2$ or $[\text{FeCl}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PMe}_3)]^+$ in the presence of Cp_2TiMe_2 afforded $\text{Fe}(\text{Me})\text{Cl}(\text{CO})_2(\text{PEt}_3)_2$ or $[\text{Fe}(\text{Me})(\text{CO})_3(\text{PMe}_3)]^+$, respectively,[173]via a free-radical process. Similar treatment of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PMe}_3)_2$ produces <u>193</u> (X = Cl).



The first asymmetric Fe complex containing only monodentate ligands, <u>194</u>, results from treatment of $Fe(CO)_2(PMe_3)_2(Me)I$ with PMe_2Ph and isomerization of the kinetic product [174].

Electrogenerated Fe(I) porphyrins were allowed to react with alkyl halides to produce Fe(II)R complexes [175]. Steady-state radiolysis of MeCl-saturated solutions of ferrous or ferric deuteroporphyrins or chemical reduction of methyl iodide solutions of ferric deuteroporphyrin gives the MeFe(III) deuteroporphyrin complex which is stable under anaerobic conditions [176].

Evidence was presented for the formulation of the oxidation product of Fe vinylidene porphyrins as involving N-alkylation and an intermediate-spin (S = 3/2) Fe [177].

A theoretical study of external nucleophilic attack on n^2 -olefin complexes which converts them to alkyl products has demonstrated that slippage to n^1 -coordination activates olefins toward nucleophilic attack [178].

External nucleophilic attack on an acetylide ligand of <u>195</u> was found to be competitive with CO substitution. When <u>196</u> reacts with $\underline{i}-C_{3}H_{7}NH_{2}$, <u>197</u> is the product. The X-ray structure of <u>197</u> was reported [179].



Formyl, Acetyl and Related Complexes

Kinetic evidence for the intermediacy of a formyl species in the substitution reactions of $H_2Fe(CO)_4$ has already been mentioned [53]. An X-ray structure of <u>198</u> was reported along with some of its chemistry [180].



<u>cis</u>-[RC(0)]₂Fe(CO)₄ (R = CF₃, C₃F₇) were prepared and thermally decarbonylated to produce <u>cis</u>-R₂Fe(CO)₄. For R = C₃F₇, rotamers were detected by IR and the complex underwent thermal isomerization to <u>trans</u>-(C₃F₇)₂Fe(CO)₄. In contrast, <u>cis</u>-(CF₃)₂Fe(CO)₄ was stable to isomerization. NMR evidence indicated the presence of <u>cis</u>- and <u>trans</u>-(R)[RC(O)]Fe(CO)₄ as decarbonylation intermediates [181].

<u>193</u> (X = C1, Br, NCS, NCO, CN, OMe, Me) were prepared by CO displacement from $[Fe(CO)_3(PMe_3)_2Me]^{\dagger}[BF_4]^{-}$ and found to react with CO to give acetyl complexes [182].

Although <u>199</u> is the initial product of carbonylation of <u>193</u> (X = I) and is consistent with methyl migration, <u>200</u> is the one isolated. The mechanism of its formation from <u>199</u> is not understood [183].



The kinetics of the reaction of $Fe(CO)_3(PMe_3)_2$ with MeI to produce $Fe(CO)_2$ - $(PMe_3)_2[COMe]I$ were discovered to be second-order and to involve a cationic intermediate which suffers re-attack by I⁻ leading to insertion [184].

Related chemistry on a diars compound is depicted in Scheme 27. The production of 201, 202 and 203 likely involves a cationic intermediate and I⁻ re-attack with insertion. CF₃I also leads to an acyl product with (diars) Fe(CO)₃. The production of 204 from 203 involves Ag⁺- promoted I⁻ extrusion leading to a five-coordinate intermediate where CO migration may occur. The production of 204 from 201 or 202 can be accounted for by methyl migration in the intermediate [185].



SCHEME 27



The acyl complex $\underline{207}$ results when Fe(CO)₅ is irradiated in Et₂O with Ph₂C=C=C=O [186].



Aryl Complexes and o-Metallation

 $Li_2[Fe(C_{10}H_7)_4] \cdot 2Et_20$ is the product of a reaction between FeCl₃ and $C_{10}H_7Li$ in Et_20 . It is said to be the first Fe(II) complex containing only σ -aryl ligands [187].

Unsymmetrical (pentafluorophenyl)(alkyl)iron complexes, $(C_6F_5)RFe(CO)_4$ (R = C_3F_7 , C_6F_{13}) were prepared by treatment of RFe(CO)₄I with AgC₆F₅ [188].

 $\underline{207}$ was found to afford $\underline{208}$ (whose X-ray structure was determined) on treatment with Fe_2(CO)_q [186].

MONOALKENE COMPLEXES

One-bond ${}^{13}C-{}^{13}C$ spin coupling constants were reported [189] for a variety of n^2 -alkene iron carbonyl complexes.

Treatment of $Fe_2(CO)_9$ with RCH=CHC(0)F (R = H, Me, Ph, <u>trans</u>-C(0)F) gives $[n^2-RCH=CHC(0)F]Fe(CO)_4$. The corresponding acid chlorides afford dinuclear products containing μ -Cl [190]. Several complexes of vinyl silanes were prepared from reactions of the ligand with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ [191, 192] (Scheme 28). <u>213</u> had been previously reported to involve an allyl silane ligand. Polyvinyl silanes gave products in which practically all vinyl groups were coordinated to Fe [192]. NMR studies on <u>210a</u>, <u>f</u>, <u>h</u>, <u>211</u> and <u>214</u> indicated that these complexes are best





Frontier-orbital control of stereochemistry in the ring opening of $\underline{217}$ to $\underline{218}$ and of $\underline{219}$ to $\underline{220}$ and $\underline{221}$ was demonstrated [194].





 C_8F_8 was found to afford $(n^2-C_8F_8)Fe(CO)_4$ on reaction with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ or $Fe(CO)_5$ [195] at room temperature. The reaction with $Fe(CO)_5$ required irradiation.

ALLYL COMPLEXES

NMR studies of ${}^{13}C_{-}{}^{13}C$ spin coupling constants [189] included allyl complexes.

A new preparative route to cationic allyl complexes has been found to give high yields [196] from allyl alcohols.



Reactions of a 2-oxallyl complex $\underline{222}$ prepared <u>in situ</u> were studied. $\underline{222}$ reacts with tropones and with 6-(dimethylamino)fulvalene with high periselectivity in second-order reactions whose rates increase with the ionizing power of the medium [197]. Note the difference in products $\underline{223}$ and $\underline{224}$ depending on the presence of an Fe(CO)₃ group. The X-ray structure of $\underline{223}$ was determined [198, 199].

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Treatment of $(n^4-\cot)Fe(CO)_3$ with $C_3Ph_3^+$ is a synthetic route to <u>225</u>, the X-ray structure of which was reported. The precursor analogue to <u>225</u>, <u>226</u>, can be isolated from the reaction of $(C_7H_8)Fe(CO)_3$ and $C_3Ph_3^+$ [200].



In refluxing hexane, C_8F_8 and $Fe_2(CO)_9$ produce <u>227</u> containing an n^1, n^3-C_8 ring as in <u>225</u> [195]. The photochemistry of <u>228a,b</u> was studied in inert and reactive matrices at 10-12 K. The only primary photoreaction is CO loss. The product from photodissociation of <u>228b</u> recaptures CO or takes up a ligand from an N_2 or ¹³CO matrix while that from <u>228a</u> does not, presumably due to coordination of the ester group. No <u>228a</u> \neq <u>228b</u> rearrangement was seen in these matrices. Hence, the rearrangement observed on irradiation in solution must result from a thermal process which follows photodissociation [201].



 $Fe_2(CO)_9$ and electrophilic cyclopropenes lead to allyl complexes which thermally rearrange to diene complexes when R = Me. The direction of ring opening to give the allyl complex is adjacent to CO_2Me when R = H, Me and occurs at this site as well as adjacent to R for other R. The regioselectivity seems to be governed by steric factors. However, electronic factors become increasingly important as R becomes more π -donating. For example, <u>229c</u> gives only <u>231c</u> where R is <u>anti</u> and no <u>230</u> while <u>229e</u> gives a 12:1 mixture of <u>230d:231e</u> [202,203].

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A large number of vinyloxirans produced complexes of structure $\underline{237}$ when allowed to react with Fe(CO)₅. These allyl complexes led to lactones on oxidation by Ce(IV) [204].



The n^3 -vinylcarbene complex <u>238a</u> gives <u>239</u> (whose X-ray structure was reported) on reaction with Fe₂(CO)₉ [205].

240 results from addition of BF_3 followed by RNH_2 (R = Me, $\underline{i}-C_3H_7$, C_6H_{11}) to $n^2-\underline{trans}-PhC(0)CH=CHC(0)Ph$ Fe(CO)₄. The <u>cis</u>- n^2 -olefin complex does not react with amines [206].



<u>240</u> <u>a</u> R = Me; <u>b</u> R = \underline{i} -C₃H₇; <u>c</u> R = C₆H₁₁

CYCLOBUTADIENE AND TRIMETHYLENEMETHANE COMPLEXES

Photolysis of $(n^4-C_4H_4)Fe(CO)_3$ in a CO matrix at 12K affords <u>241</u>, the product of CO insertion into the ring [207].

A set of $\text{pK}_{R}\text{+}$ values was determined for $\underline{242a-f}$ by a Hammet-Deno indicator study in $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H/H}_2\text{O}$ [208].

| R^1 | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | $\underline{R^1}$ | <u>R²</u> | <u>рк_R+</u> |
| $\frac{1}{Fe(CO)3}$ | <u>a</u> | Н | Ph | -3.42 |
| | <u>b</u> | Н | <u>p</u> -tolyl | -2.79 |
| | <u>c</u> | Н | Ме | - |
| | <u>d</u> | Ph | Ph | -2.89 |
| | <u>e</u> | Ме | Ph | |
| | f | Н | <u>p</u> -anisyl | -1.72 |

Oxidation of <u>243 a-c</u> could be accomplished by $AgBF_4$ in CH_2Cl_2 , $[N(\underline{p} - Brc_6H_4)]_3[PF_6]$ or electrochemically at a Pt electrode. Salts of <u>243a</u> and



Photolysis of substituted cyclobutadieneiron tricarbonyls with unsymmetric alkynes was studied. The nature of the cyclobutadiene substituent has a large effect on the isomer distribution of the product benzenes. The results were consistent with electrophilic attack on the ring by alkyne [210].

X-ray structures of $\underline{244}$ and $\underline{245}$ (which are obtained on reaction of Fe₂(CO)₉ with the parent organic fused-ring system) were reported [211].



 $[(n^4-C_4H_4)Fe(CO)_2(NO)]$ ⁺PF₆ undergoes nucleophilic ring attack yielding <u>246</u>, the X-ray structure of which has been determined [212].



The trimethylenemethane complexes $\underline{218}$ and $\underline{220}$ have been mentioned previously[194].

DIENE AND HIGHER OLEFIN COMPLEXES

Acylic Diene Species

A complete assignment of the vibrational spectra of $(n^4-C_4H_6)Fe(CO)_3$ and the <u>d</u>₆ analogue has been made [213].

A number of the ^{13}C - ^{13}C spin coupling constants measured for Fe complexes were for diene complexes [189]. The ^{57}Fe NMR spectra of thirty-five organoiron complexes, mostly diene complexes, have been measured. The ^{57}Fe chemical shift range so far observed is 3000 ppm and almost all compounds lie at higher field than Fe(CO)₅ which was proposed as a secondary standard [214].

Nitrones having a butadiene iron tricarbonyl moiety in the α -position were synthesized. <u>247</u> undergoes 1,3-dipolar addition reactions producing <u>249</u>, <u>250</u> and <u>251</u> [215].





252 has been prepared even though the free ligands cannot be isolated[216].

SCHEME 33



254 are the products of treating 253 with L = pyridine, pyrazoline or quinoline [217].

SCHEME 34



The Fe(CO)₃ group may be used as a protective group to induce stereospecificity in reactions of the endocyclic double bond of $\underline{255}$ whose X-ray structure was determined also[218].



The X-ray structure of <u>259</u> was determined. It isomerizes to the more thermally stable <u>260</u> [219]. Similar chemistry was observed with the 0 - bridged analogue. <u>261</u>, the <u>endo</u>, <u>endo</u> isomer is the main product treatment of the diene with $Fe_2(CO)_9$. <u>261</u> may add one or two protons regiospecifically affording <u>262</u> or <u>263</u> which are stable as solids. The crystal structure of <u>261</u> was reported [220].



SCHEME 36

Homoconjugative stabilization of carbocations resulting from acidolysis of Fe complexes of exocylic dienes was found to compete with destabilizing inductive effects [221, 222].

Cyclic Diene and Higher Olefin Species

A reinvestigation of the reaction of 264 with OMe⁻ showed that the product is 265 and not 266 as previously thought [223].



A redetermination of the X-ray structure of $[(n^4-c_5H_40)Fe(C0)_4]_2$. (hydroquinone) shows H bonds between the ketone O and OH of hydroquinone[224].

In the reaction of <u>238b</u> with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ <u>267</u> was found to be the product[205]. Compare the production of <u>239</u> from <u>238a</u>.



The 13 C NMR spectra of enriched <u>268a,b</u> and $(n^4-1,3-\text{hexadiene})$ Fe(CO)₃ permitted the first observation of ${}^{2}J_{C-C}$ c is values which are an order of magnitude smaller than ${}^{2}J_{C-C}$ trans [225]. 13 C studies on complexes of substituted 1,3-hexadienes indicated that the LUMO of the diene ligand is depopulated as CO's on Fe are substituted by progressively stronger donors. The X-ray structure of $(n^4-2-\text{MeO},1,4-\text{hexadiene})$ Fe(CO)₂(PPh₃) seems to confirm this view [226].

Photolysis of $Fe(CO)_5$ with the free ligand leads to <u>269</u> (major product) and <u>270</u> in which Fe is complexed to both cyclic and exocyclic double bonds[227].



A series of 1,3- and 1,4-hexadienes was found to produce only $(n^4-1,3-hexadiene)Fe(CO)_3$ complexes when treated with Fe(CO)_5 in $(\underline{n}-Bu)_2O$. Classical steric hindrance of alkyl substituents on the hexadienes seems to control the steric direction. However, the CO₂Me group exerts a directive effect apparently resulting from complexation to Fe [228]. Compounds <u>271a-c</u> and <u>272</u> can be made by allowing the 1,3-hexadiene ligand to react with (benzylideneacetone)Fe(CO)₂L (L=CO,PPh₃ P(OPh)₃) [229]. The X-ray structure of <u>271b</u> was reported.



At 58° under a CO atmosphere, <u>273</u> isomerizes to <u>274</u>. The X-ray structures of both isomers were determined [230].



(Diene)Fe(CO)₃ complexes were employed for totally stereospecific syntheses of insect pheremones having (\underline{E})- and ($\underline{E},\underline{E}$)-skeletons. Fe(CO)₃ functions as a protecting group [231].

Both <u>syn-</u> and <u>anti-</u> norcarnadiene iron tricarbonyl, <u>275a,b</u> were prepared and shown to rearrange to <u>276</u> under both thermal and photolytic conditions. This demonstrates the thermodynamic favorability of the C_7 ring over bicyclic species [232].

SCHEME 37



The tropylium ion was found to react with $(n^{4}-\cot)Fe(CO)_{3}$ producing <u>277</u> whose X-ray structure showed rearrangement of the cyclooctatetraene ring[233]. The fused four-and seven-membered ring complex <u>278</u> undergoes ring opening to give <u>279</u> on treatment with acid or base. Thermolysis, however, yields 280 [234].



<u>281</u> is isolated when the oxallyl cation <u>222</u> reacts with $[n^2 - (N(CO_2Me))C_7H_6] - Fe(CO)_3$ [199].



On reaction with PPh₃ the cation $\underline{282}$ undergoes a ring opening affording $\underline{283}$ (X-ray structure described) which is reduced to $\underline{284}$ by NaBH₄ [235].



 $3a-azoniaazulenes produced \underline{285a-e}$ on treatment with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ [236].



The addition reactions of tone to 286 [237] and 287a-e were studied.

Frontier orbital calculations indicated that 1,3-addition yielding <u>288</u> is preferred. <u>288</u> was found to be the initial product from <u>286</u>; it isomerizes to the 1,6-adduct, <u>289</u>. In <u>287a-e</u> 1,3-addition was also seen in second-order reactions. However, for <u>287e</u> a parallel non-reversible 4,6-addition competes with reversible 1,3-addition [238].





Several Fe complexes containing eight-membered rings were studied. $(n^4 - \cot)Fe(CO)_3$, on Friedel-Crafts acylation, produces <u>290</u> in which the acyl is <u>endo</u>. The double bond of <u>290</u> can be reduced to give <u>291</u> while SR⁻ attacks the ring [239]. Electrochemical reduction of $(n^4-1,3-\cot)Fe(CO)_3$ and $(n^4-\cot)Fe(CO)_2(PPh_3)$ produces $[(\cot)Fe(CO)_3]^-$ and $[(\cot)Fe(CO)_2PPh_3]^-$, respectively. The ESR spectra indicate that the unpaired electron is in a ring orbital [240].





The substituted ligand (C_7H_8SMe) reacts with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ yielding 293 (major) and 294 (minor) as products. S is not coordinated to Fe. Longer reaction times give $Fe_2(CO)_6(\mu-SMe)_2$ [241].



 $\label{eq:constraint} \begin{array}{l} (\texttt{diglyme})_3\texttt{Mo(CO)}_3 \ \texttt{and} \ (\texttt{cot})\texttt{Fe(CO)}_3 \ \texttt{afford} \ (\texttt{CO})_3\texttt{Fe(C}_8\texttt{H}_8)\texttt{Mo(CO)}_3 \ \texttt{having} \ \texttt{afluxional} \ \mu-\texttt{cyclooctatetraene} \ [\texttt{242}]. \ \ \texttt{The} \ \texttt{cations} \ [\texttt{(cod)}_2\texttt{Rh}]^+, \ [\texttt{Rh}(\texttt{norborna-range})^+, \ \texttt{afford} \$

diene)₂]⁺ and $[Rh(CO)_2]^+$ also react with (cot)Fe(CO)₃ to produce <u>295a-c</u>, respectively, having fluxional μ -cot and olefin ligands [243].



The X-ray structure of <u>296</u> was reported. The ring defines four distinct planes [244]. 1,5,9-cyclododecatriene forms <u>297</u> on reaction with $Fe_2(CO)_q$ [245].



Under olefin metathesis conditions $(cot)Fe(CO)_3$ and $(n^4-cycloheptatriene)-Fe(CO)_3$ produce 298, 299 and 300, which cannot be rationalized from accepted mechanisms for metathesis [246]. $(n^4-cycloheptatriene)Fe(CO)_3$ alone affords <u>cis</u>- and <u>trans</u>-isomers of a new dimer $[(n^4-C_7H_8)Fe(CO)_2]_2$ as well as $(n^4-C_7H_8)Fe(CO)_2C1$ [246].



Heterodiene Species

Several silacyclopentadiene complexes have been prepared. Two isomers of $\underline{304a-c}$ are detectable by IR implying square pyramidal coordination around Fe. Abstraction of <u>exo</u> anions did not yield the hoped-for silicium cation [247].

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The mass spectra of 305a-g have been obtained. Successive elimination of CO's is followed by decomposition of the remaining fragment to $(C_5H_6R^1R^2)^+$ and Fe⁺ or to R^1H and $(C_5H_5SiR^2Fe)^+$ [248].



Synthesis of 306 was reported by two groups [192, 249]. The X-ray structure

was reported as well [249].

A series of diene complexes of germanacycles has been made. The <u>exo</u>-substituent is reactive as in the corresponding Si complexes.



The <u>exo-Cl</u> in <u>308a-d</u> can be replaced using NaOMe, AgF, NaI or LiAlH₄. The X-ray structure of $[n^4-Ph_4C_4Ge(F)Me]Fe(CO)_3$ shows square-planar coordination about Fe [250].

The heterodiene complexes $(n^4-PhCH=CHCH=NPh)Fe(CO)_2L$ (L=CO,PPh₃, AsPh₃ SbPh₃) react with diphos to produce trisubstituted Fe(CO)₂(diphos)diphos where one diphos ligand is monodentate. The kinetics of the reaction were investigated

SCHEME 41

for L=C0 [251].

DIENYL COMPLEXES

 57 Fe NMR of enriched <u>310a</u> and <u>311a</u> enabled determination of J_{13C-57} [252]. <u>310b</u> is oxidized by Ce(IV) yielding <u>311a</u> [253]. The X-ray structure of <u>310c</u>, Fitton's salt, was established [254].



Tricarbonyl(n⁵-cyclohexadienylium)iron cations can be regarded as synthetic equivalents of aryl cations and have attracted a good deal of attention in this regard. A useful preparative method for these cations involves hydride abstraction from neutral n⁴-cyclohexadiene complexes. The cation can then react with nucleophiles [255]. (Schemes 42,43)





This method has been employed using a variety of alkyl Li reagents. Oxidation of the product complexes leads to alkyl-substituted cyclohexenones [256]. Not all potential nucleophiles are active. In refluxing EtOH, solvolysis products, <u>315</u>, are sometimes isolated. All additions are <u>exo</u> and multiple attack sites are possible for MeC(0)CH=CH₂ [257]. <u>317</u> and <u>318</u> result from subsequent solvent attack.

A similar route can be employed to synthesize steroidial rings from $[(n^{5}-1-Me-4-MeOC_{6}H_{5})Fe(CO)_{3}]^{+}$ [258].

An alternative route to cyclohexadienylium cations involves protonation and MeOH elimination from complexes $\underline{322}$ or $\underline{323}$. The resulting cationic complexes $\underline{324}$



from $\underline{322}$, can be regarded as cations derived from substituted cyclohexenones. In fact, the complexes of 1,4-cyclohexadienes $\underline{323}$ afford mainly cyclohexadienone complexes of type $\underline{325}$ [259].



Cations derived from 6,6-disubstituted cyclohexadienyl iron tricarbonyl complexes such as <u>326</u> cannot be prepared via the hydride abstraction route for steric reasons. They were synthesized by oxidative cyclization of complexes such as <u>327</u> having an OH group in the β -position of a 5-exo substituent using Tl(CF₃CO₂)₃ or FeCl₃ on silica gel. Cations derived from <u>327</u> and related species can be converted to 4,4-disubstituted cyclohexa-2,5-dienones [260].



The regioselectivity of hydride addition to <u>328</u> by NaBH₄, LiBH₄, LiBEt₃H and KB(<u>sec</u>-Bu)₃H was investigated. Addition occurred at the 1- or 5-positions (Me is at the 2-position). Surprisingly, the regioselectivity decreased at low temperatures. At higher temperatures the bulky hydride reagents add preferentially to C_5 . Addition of C nucleophiles such as CH(CO₂Me)₂⁻ or CN⁻ occurs almost exclusively at C_5 [261].

Aspects of optical activity of cyclohexadienylium cations have received attention. Stereospecific reactions of cations derived from unsymmetrically substituted cyclohexadiene complexes were used to establish absolute configurations of several complexes by chemical correlation [262]. Olefin complexes having asymmetry because of Fe coordination were employed in asymmetric synthesis such as that in Scheme 44 [263].





Several studies of the kinetics of reactions of nucleophiles with $(n^5 - cyclohexadienylium)$ tricarbonyliron cations showed behavior consistent with attack on the ring as well as correlation with the basicity of the attacking nucleophile [264-267].

<u>310a</u> attacks di- and trimethoxybenzenes (Ar) giving <u>333</u>. Kinetic results are consistent with a pre-equilibrium formation of a π -complex followed by rate-determining rearrangement to a Wheland-type intermediate and subsequent rapid proton loss [268].

<u>226</u>, a dienyl complex involving a seven-membered ring, has previously been mentioned [200]. When <u>334</u> is allowed to react with phosphines in CH_2Cl_2 , the 5-<u>exo</u> isomer is formed with PEt₃, PPr₃, P(<u>n</u>-Bu)₃ and PMe₂Ph. In MeCN, the 5-<u>endo</u> isomer is formed [269].



The cations <u>282</u>, <u>335</u> can be generated by oxidation of $(n^4-cot)Fe(CO)_2L(L=CO,P(OMe)_3)$ with Ag(I) salts or with $[N(\underline{p}-BrC_6H_4)_3]PF_6$. Dimerization and isomerization occur. Electrochemical oxidation at a Pt electrode was found to be a one-electron irreversible process for $(n^4-cot)Fe(CO)_{3-n}L_n(n=0-3,L=P(OEt_3); n=1, L=P(NMe_2)_3,PPh_3,P(OCH_2)_3CMe,P(OPh)_3)$. The structure of <u>335</u> was determined by X-ray diffraction [270].

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 $[(n^5-cyclooctadienyl)Fe(CO)_3]^+$, <u>336</u>, can undergo attack by a variety of nucleophiles, some of which displace CO [271].



CYCLOPENTADIENYL COMPLEXES

Binuclear Species

AC polarography in non-aqueous solvents of several metal carbonyls, including $[CpFe(C0)_2]_2$, <u>338a</u>, was studied [84]. An electrochemical synthesis of this dimer was also developed [272].

The dimers $[Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_2(CNMe)]$ (L=CO,CNMe), on treatment with HgX₂(X= Cl,Br,I) produce almost quantitative yields of CpFe(CO)₂HgX and CpFe(CO)₂X. A

plausible mechanism involves attack of the electrophile on a bridging ligand [273].

<u>338b-d</u> afford cationic complexes <u>339a-f</u> on treatment with acid chlorides. <u>338</u> $Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_{4-n}L_n$

| a | n = 0 | j | n = 2, L = $CN(\underline{p}-MeOCH_2C_6H_4)$ |
|----------|---|----------|--|
| <u>b</u> | n = 1, L = CNMe | <u>k</u> | n = 2, $L = CN(D(+)-PhCMeH)$ |
| <u>c</u> | n = 1, L = CNEt | 1 | n = 2, L = CNMe |
| <u>d</u> | $n = 1, L = CNCH_2C_6H_5$ | m | n = 2, L = CNEt |
| <u>e</u> | $n = 1, L = CNi - C_3H_7$ | <u>n</u> | $n = 2, L = CNC_{3}H_{7}$ |
| f | n = 2, L = CNPh | 0 | $n = 2$, $L = CN(\underline{n}-Bu)$ |
| g | n = 2, L = $CN(\underline{p}-C1CH_2C_6H_4)$ | p | n = 2, L = CN(<u>i</u> -C ₃ H ₇) |
| h | $n = 2, L = CNCH_2Ph$ | q | $n = 2, L = CNC_6H_{11}$ |
| i | n = 2, L = CN(\underline{p} -MeCH ₂ C ₆ H ₄) | r | n = 2, $L = CNt-Bu$ |

The cations <u>339</u> are unstable to hydrolysis to species such as $[Cp_2Fe_2-(CO)_3(CN(Me)H]]^+$, $[Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_2(CNMe)(CN(Me)H)]^+$ or $[Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_2(CN(Me)H)]_2^+$ and with respect to Fe-Fe bond cleavage leading to $[CpFe(CO)_2(CNMe)]^+$ [274].



Preparation of <u>338a,b,d,f-r</u> was described. In solution these complexes exist as isomer mixtures. For n = 1 (<u>338a,b,d</u>) one isomer tends to predominatethat with terminal CNR. For n = 2 (<u>338f-r</u>) isomer distribution is determined by the tendency of bulky isocyanides to be terminal and those with electron-withdrawing R to be bridging. The amount of μ -CNR isomer decreases in the order <u>338 f</u> > <u>g</u> > <u>i</u> ···· > <u>r</u>. The X-ray structure of crystalline <u>338p</u> shows that it contains two μ -CO's [275].

When <u>338a</u> is allowed to react with diisocyanides $CN(CH_2)_nNC$ (n=2,3,4,6) the complexes $[Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_3]_2[\mu-CN(CH_2)_nNC]$ (n=2,3,4,6) result. In solution a mixture of isomers exists in which the diisocyanide may function as a bridging ligand toward each Fe-Fe pair (<u>340a</u>), μ toward one and terminal toward the other





<u>340c</u>

The reactions of the thiocarbonyl complex <u>341</u> (See Scheme 46) show that in products of CO displacement, <u>342a-d</u>, <u>343</u> and <u>344</u>, μ -CS is retained. In MeCN, reaction rates are in the order PEt₃ \sim PMe₂Ph>P(OMe)₃ > PMePh₂. Amines, PPh₃ and P(OPh)₃ are unreactive. Substitution by MeNC proceeds only as far as <u>344</u> in contrast to Cp₂Fe₂(CO)₄ which affords the trisubstitution product. Both <u>343</u> and <u>344</u> exist in solution in two isomeric forms differing in the identity of the second bridging ligand as CNMe or CO. The S atom can be alkylated; this occurs in preference to N alkylation in <u>344</u> giving <u>348</u>. The I ligand in <u>347a,b</u> is terminal [277].



The X-ray structure of the μ -alkylidene dimer $[Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_2(\mu-CO)(\mu-CHMe)]$, 350, was determined. Ignoring the Fe-Fe bond, coordination around Fe is approximately tetrahedral [86].



A new preparative method for μ -alkylidene species is reaction of $[Cp_2Fe_2-(CO)_4]$ with phosphorus ylids, $Ph_3P=CH(R)$. The products are <u>351</u>, <u>352</u>, and <u>353</u>. The X-ray structure of <u>352a</u> was determined [278]. The μ -vinylidine dimer, <u>354</u>, was



obtained as <u>cis</u> and <u>trans</u> isomers on reaction of substituted <u>gem</u>-dichlorocylopropanes with $[Cp_2Fe_2(C0)_4]$. The X-ray structure of <u>cis-354a</u> was determined [279]. The μ -vinylidene dimer <u>355</u> produces several metal-cluster on treatment with metal carbonyls [280]. X-ray structures of <u>356</u> and <u>359</u> were determined [280].



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is the product of a reaction between $[Cp_2Fe_2(C0)_4]$ and the cyclic trimer $(NPF_2)_3$. Photochemical decarbonylation of 360 yields 361 containing a spirocyclic ring. Crystal structures of both compounds were reported [281].



Photolysis of $Me_2Si[(C_5H_4)Fe(CO)_2]_2$ with $Ph_2P(CH_2)_nPPh_2$ (n = 1,2) affords <u>362</u> and <u>363</u> [282].



Other P complexes <u>364</u> and <u>365</u> are obtainable from photolysis of ${[CpFe(C0)_2]_2}^+ P(0X)_2$ ⁺ (X=Me, H, respectively) [283].



Group VI ligand chemistry includes the preparation of the unsymmetrically bridged <u>366</u> in a mixture of <u>syn</u>- and <u>anti</u>-isomers from the reaction of $[CpFe(n^5-C_5H_4CH_2S)]C(0)SMe$ and $Fe_2(CO)_9$. The other product, whose X-ray structure is reported, is <u>367</u> [284].



The electron impact mass spectrum of CpFe(CO)₂SeCF₃ was reported [106]. Two geometric isomers (<u>cis</u>- and <u>trans</u>-) of Cp₂Fe₂(CO)₂(μ_2 -TeC₆H₄<u>p</u>-OEt)₂ were separated and their crystal structures determined. In both cases some folding of the

Fe₂Te₂ ring occurs along the Fe-Fe axis [285].

An improved preparation of $[CpFe(CO)]_4$ gives an 80% yield [286].

The cluster compound $\underline{368}$ was prepared by direct metal exchange in MeCCo₃-(CO)₉ using [Cp₂Fe₂(CO)₄] [287].



The nitrosyl dimers <u>369</u> and <u>370</u> were both prepared from $[Cp_2Fe_2(N0)_2]$ [288, 289].

Anionic and Cationic Species

Potassium benzophenone ketyl reduces $[Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_4]$ in THF. $K[CpFe(CO)_2]$ is obtained in 75-80% yield and can be stored under an inert atmosphere [290].

Catonic P-containing species can be prepared as shown in Scheme 48. 372 and 373 are precursors to 364 and 365 [283].

$$2CpFe(CO)_{2}X + Me_{3}SiPH_{2} \xrightarrow{toluene}_{20^{\circ}} [(CpFe(CO)_{2})_{2}PH_{2}]^{+}X^{-}$$

$$\xrightarrow{Me_{3}SiX} \xrightarrow{371 a X = C1}_{b X = Br}$$

$$\xrightarrow{c X = BPh_{4}} [(CpFe(CO)_{2})_{2}P(OMe)_{2}]^{+}X^{-}$$

$$\xrightarrow{372 a X = C1; b X = Br}_{[(CpFe(CO)_{2})_{2}P(OH)_{2}]^{+}X^{-}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{373 a X = C1; b X = Br}$$

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Oxidation of $[Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_4]$ with quinone in CH_2Cl_2 in the presence of L = acetic acid, nitriles, dmso, olefins, ketones, aldehydes, lactones, nitro compounds, THF and A⁻ = PF₆⁻ or BF₄⁻ offers an improved synthesis for $[CpFe((CO)_2L]A$. Some thirty-six complexes were thus prepared [291].

Carbene, Alkylidene and Vinylidene Complexes

Ethylation of enone complexes using $\text{Et}_30^+\text{BF}_4^-$ is a preparative route to a series of cationic vinyl carbene complexes. The EtO group can be replaced by NMe₂ on treatment with Me₃SiNMe₂ [292].



Unsymmetric amino carbene complexes $\underline{380a-e}$ can be made by treatment of $[CpFe(CO)_2]^-$ with RN=C=NPh or by addition of RNH₂ to $[CpFe(CO)_2(CNPh)]^+$. Amine elimination from $\underline{380}$ induced by $COCl_2$ and NEt₃ gives either the CNPh or CNR complex or a mixture. The direction of amine elimination from $\underline{380}$ depends greatly on R and may be related to the rotamer population. Amine elimination from the symmetrical complexes $\underline{380a}$ and $\underline{381}$ gives $[CpFe(CO)_2(CNPh)]^+$ and $[CpFe(CO)_2(CNPh)]^+$

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The alkylidene complex <u>383</u> has been generated <u>in situ</u> by two groups [294, 295]. In neither case was it isolated. However, <u>383b,c</u> can be trapped by reaction with PPh₃ while <u>383a</u> undergoes deprotonation or reaction with excess <u>382a</u> or <u>386</u> producing <u>387</u> [294]. Alternatively, treatment of <u>383a,b</u> with propenes affords cyclopropanes as products [295].







Other recent chemistry involving carbene complexes such as $\underline{390}$ converts two CO ligands into C₂ organic compounds [296].



The cation $[CpFe(CO)_2(CS)]^+$ is the starting point for preparation of several thiocarbene complexes <u>394</u>. <u>394a</u> is thermally unstable, but its triflate salt reacts with alcohols affording <u>395a,b</u>. <u>394c</u> reacts with dithiols giving cyclic carbene complexes <u>396a,b</u>. No correlation was found between k_{CO} and δ_{CO} for these thiocarbene complexes [297]. Aminocarbene complexes <u>397</u> can be prepared from <u>394a</u>. <u>395a</u> also gives aminocarbene comlexes, but other products are formed as well. Thermolysis of <u>397c</u> leads to the isocyanide complex <u>398</u> via MeOH extru-

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sion. Similarly, <u>397b</u> produces the cyclic carbene complex <u>399</u>. When $C_{6}H_{5}CH_{2}NH_{2}$ is added to <u>394b,c or d</u> or to <u>396a or b</u> the isocyanide complex <u>400</u> is obtained presumably via aminocarbene intermediates involving successive elimination of MeSH and RYH or <u>vice versa</u>. The behavior of piperidine with <u>394b,c,d</u> is somewhat more complicated depending on the identity of Y. $C_{6}H_{11}NH_{2}$ does not react. The aminocarbene complexes display a correlation between k_{C0} and δ_{C0} as well as between $\delta_{1:0}$ and gas-phase amine basicity [298].



<u>394c,d</u> + NH + <u>401</u>

Orthothioformate complexes, <u>404</u>, are the products of reactions between $[CpFe(CO)_2 C(SMe)_2]^+$ and thiolates. These are stable at low temperature. Carbene complexes can be prepared, including the unsymmetric <u>394c</u>, by treatment of <u>404b</u> with CF_3SO_3H . A route to cyclic thiocarbenes <u>405</u> was also discovered and the X-ray structure of <u>404a</u> reported [299].



When <u>403</u> is irradiated with MeCN, <u>406a</u> is the product. MeCN can be replaced by a variety of ligands leading to <u>406b-h</u>. A correlation between the chemical shift of the carbene C and π -acceptor ability of L was noted. Complexes <u>406</u> react with primary and secondary amines yielding isocyanide complexes [CpFe-(CO)(L)CNR]⁺ and aminocarbene complexes [CpFe(CO)(L)=C(SMe)NR₂]⁺, respectively [300].

CpFe(CO)(L)C

 $\frac{406}{\underline{a} \ L} = MeCN, \underline{b} \ L = P(OPh)_3, \underline{c} \ L = P(OMe)_3,$ $\underline{d} \ L = PPh_3, \underline{e} \ L = AsPh_3, \underline{f} \ L = SbPh_3,$ $\underline{g} \ L = CNMe, \underline{h} \ L = py$

Alkene and Alkyne Derivatives

A convenient route to a number of alkene derivatives is replacement of 0-bonded ligands L in the conveniently generated $[CpFe(C0)_2L]^+$ cations [291] and

from $[CpFe(C0)_2(THF)]^+$ [301]. Improved syntheses for <u>407</u> and its analogues involves reaction of <u>408a</u> $[CpFe(C0)_2(CH_2=CMe_2)]^+$ with complexes such as <u>409</u> and <u>410</u> containing uncoordinated double bonds [302]. <u>408b</u> was employed in the synthesis of α -methylene γ -lactones [303].



Recently, the suggestion was made on theoretical grounds that coordinated olefins were activated to nucleophilic attack by displacement toward an n^1 -geometry [178]. Hence, one might expect olefin complexes with ground state geometries distorted toward n^1 -coordination to display enhanced reactivity toward nucleophiles. X-ray structure determination of some complexes [CpFe-(CO)₂(n^2 -CH₂=CHR)]⁺ showed that the distortions lie in the order R=H < OMe < NMe₂. With the soft nucleophile [CpFe(CO)₂CH₂CH=CH₂] the NMe₂ cation is unreactive because the heteroatom lone pair interacts with the ligand LUMO. However, the OMe complex reacts faster than the unsubstituted one in accord with expectation [304].

<u>408c</u> was found to react with hydroxyallenes with displacement of isobutylene. The coordinated allene cyclizes to give dihydrofuran complexes [305].

Alkyne complexes 411a-c rearrange in alcohol/CH₂Cl₂ to vinylidene complexes 412a-c which then add alcohols to produce carboxonium - Fe complexes 413a-c [306].

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The hydroxyalkyne gives a cyclized product. With HC \equiv CCO₂Me, the rearrangement to a vinylidene apparently does not occur and the alcohol attacks <u>416</u> [306].

Complexes Containing M-C o-Bonds

An ICR study of $CpFe(CO)_2Me(\underline{418c})$ has determined the proton affinity of this complex as $194 \pm 2 \text{ kcal/mol}$ and the bond dissociation energy of $[CpFe(CO)_2-(Me)H]^+$ to $[CpFe(CO)_2Me]^+ + H$ as $53 \pm 3 \text{ kcal/mol}$ [2]. Photolysis of $CpFe(CO)_2Me(\underline{418c})$ at high dilution in CO matrix produces $(n^3-c_5H_5)Fe(CO)_2Me$. Wavelength-selective photolysis of $CpFe(CO)_2[(CO)Me](\underline{418e})$ in Ar, CH_4 and CO produces $CpFe(CO)_2[(CO)Me](\underline{418e})$ in Ar, CH_4 and CO produces CpFe

 $(CO)_2$ Me via a CpFe(CO)[C(O)Me] intermediate [307]. Radicals resulting from the photolysis of <u>418a-e</u> were trapped by nitrosodurene and their ESR spectra obtained [308].

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{CpFe(CO)}_2 R & \underline{418} & \underline{a} & R = \text{CH}_2\text{Ph}, & \underline{b} & R = \text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3, & \underline{c} & R = \text{Me}, & \underline{d} & R = \text{C(0)}\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}, & \underline{e} & R = \\ & & \text{C(0)}\text{Me}, & \underline{f} & R = \text{Et}, & \underline{g} & R = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}, & \underline{h} & R = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3, & \underline{i} & R = \\ & & & \text{CH}_2\text{CHMe}_2, & \underline{j} & R = \text{CHDPh}, & \underline{k} & R = \underline{n}-\text{Bu}, & \underline{l} & R = \text{Ph}, & \underline{m} & R = \underline{p}-\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4 \end{array}$$

Cleavage reactions of <u>418</u> (R = alkyl) are initiated by $CuCl_2$ and by electrochemical means (as well as by several electrophilic reagents). Electrochemical oxidations of several such complexes were irreversible up to a scan rate of 200 Vs⁻¹. At low temperature and with increased scan rates a short-lived electrochemically active oxidation product is detectable. In CH_2Cl_2 medium with <u>n</u>-Bu₄NCl as supporting electrolyte, exhastive electrolysis yields $CpFe(CO)_2Cl$ and RCl. Coulometric experiments suggest one-electron oxidation. In CH_2Cl_2 , oxidations by CuX_2 (X = Cl, Br) afford $CpFe(CO)_2X$, RX and 2CuX. Both electrochemical and CuX_2 oxidations seem to proceed via similar mechanisms, possiblities being indicated in Scheme 55.



The actual pathway followed depends on the identity of R. For $(-)-\underline{418j}$ the oxidation gave $C_{6}H_{5}CHDX$ with > 90% inversion suggesting attack of X⁻ or CuX_{2}^{-} on $CpFe(CO)_{2}R$ and ruling out the presence of R⁻ or R⁺. When no good nucleophile is present, or when R is not very susceptible to nucleophilic attack, the homolytic path involving R⁻ becomes competitive. For <u>418i</u> and <u>418k</u>, the presence of free radicals is detected by halogen abstraction from $CH_{2}I_{2}$. For <u>418a</u> and <u>418c</u> the normal nucleophilic attack process is apparently operative also.

Kinetic studies show that the cleavage rate is virtually independent of R ruling out the S_F mechanism encountered for HgX₂ [309].

H-D exchange² on the benzene ring of 418a in the presence of CF_3CO_2D and CH_3CO_2D was studied and suggested to involve electrophilic attack via a carbenium ion intermediate [310].

418c was found to act as a methyl transfer agent toward complexes of the

type $[(HC \equiv CR^1R^2)Co_2(CO)_6]^+$ giving low yields of $[(HC \equiv CR^1R^2)(Me)Co_2(CO)_6]$ [311].

The dimeric alkyl-bridged complexes $\underline{419a-c}$ eliminate hydrocarbons and quantitative yields of $[Cp_2Fe_2(C0)_4]$ on thermolysis or photolysis. Results with $\underline{419c}$ suggest free-radical processes. A mechanism involving dimetallacycle formation can account for the observations for $\underline{419a,b}$ [312].



 $\frac{420}{Me0SO_2F}$ via $\frac{421}{213}$. The product is the cyclopropane C₃H₅Me.



 PPh_3 displaces Cl⁻ from CpFe(CO)₂CH₂Cl producing [CpFe(CO)₂CH₂PPh₃]⁺ [314]. Among alkyl complexes containing phosphine ligands, the one shown in Scheme 57 is one of the most interesting since the usual direction of isomerization is opposite. The 2^O alkyl is apparently stabilized by the electron-withdrawing CN [315].





Another fascinating result involves carbonylation of $(-)_{546}$ -CpFe(CO)[PPh₂N(Me)-<u>S</u>-CH(Me)(Ph)]Me in benzene under CO pressure. The stereochemistry of the acetyl product reflects > 90% configuration retention at Fe corresponding to a "CO insertion" rather than a "methyl migration" mechanism [316].

Proton abstraction from $\underline{424}$ with MeLi affords $\underline{425}$ in which Ph has migrated from P to Fe. The reaction can be reversed by HC1 [317].





<u>426</u> can be synthesized by two different routes. It inserts SO_2 to give <u>427</u> [318].

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Allyl complexes can be synthesized via reaction of $CpFe(CO)_2X$ (X = Cl, Br, I) and $CH_2=CHCH_2Br$ in the presence of OH^- and a phase-transfer catalyst. The products are $CpFe(CO)_2CH_2CH=CH_2$ and $CpFe(CO)(n^3-C_3H_5)$ [319]. The substituted allyl complex 428 undergoes a [1,3] signatropic shift (= allylic rearrangement) to 429 considerably slower than does the corresponding dicarbonyl complex. Crossover experiments indicate that the process is intermolecular. A radical chain mechanism is proposed [320].



Cycloaddition reactions of <u>p</u>-tolylsulfonylisocyanate, with iron n^{1} -allyl and propargyl complexes were investigated kinetically. The data were compatible with electrophilic attack and the importance of both steric and electronic factors in determining the rate [321].

The propargyl complexes $\underline{430}$ undergo cycloaddition reactions with ketenes or benzyl chloride in the presence of NEt₃ giving $\underline{431}$ and $\underline{432}$, respectively [322].



Several complexes containing σ -bonded vinyl ligands which also have an acyl functionality were synthesized. Ethylation leads to carbene complexes. The X-ray structure of 433b was determined [323].



Reduction of $\underline{418c, f}$ with LiAlD_4 was found to yield hydrocarbons with D incorporation. When the alkyl complexes $\underline{418c, f}$ were reduced in the presence of ${}^{13}\text{CO}$, C_{n+1} hydrocarbons with no ${}^{13}\text{C}$ were produced suggesting that CO insertion occurs. The acetyl complex $\underline{418e}$ incorporates D. The dimer $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_4]$ incorporates ${}^{13}\text{C}$ when reduced under a ${}^{13}\text{CO}$ atmosphere again suggesting insertion [324]. When $\underline{418c, 1, m}$ are reduced with Li[Et_3BH] $\underline{435a, b, c}$ are produced in $\underline{5itu}$. A previous report of H₂ generation via protonation of $\underline{435b}$ could not be reproduced [325].



The kinetics of CO insertion induced by PPh₃ with several complexes of type $\underline{418}$ were studied in dmso. The results were interpreted in terms of the mechanism depicted in Scheme 62 and values of k₁, k₋₁ and k₂ were extracted from the data. There is some question as to whether the intermediate $\underline{436}$ is really the one on the insertion pathway since other workers observed the formation of such species spectroscopically but failed to observe any specific increase in the carbonylation rate in dmso. The values of k₁ indicate that bulky R groups migrate fastest [326].

$$CpFe(CO)_{2}R + dmso = \frac{k_{1}}{k-1} CpFe(CO)(dmso)CR = \frac{k_{2} + L}{k-1} CpFe(CO)(L)CR$$

$$\frac{418}{k-1} = \frac{436}{k-1} CpFe(CO)(L)CR$$

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A series of acyl complexes CpFe(L)(L')[C(0)Me], 437 and 438d was prepared and each resolved into enantiomers. Absolute configurations at Fe were assigned based on ORD curves [327].

| | | L | L' |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| CpFe CMe 4 <u>37</u> | <u>a</u> <u>b</u> <u>c</u> <u>d</u> <u>e</u> <u>f</u> <u>g</u> | PPh ₂ N(H)Č(H)MePh PPh ₂ N(H)Č(H)MePh PMe ₃ PMe ₃ PPh ₃ CO CO | PMe ₃ CNČ(H)MePh CNČ(H)MePh CNC ₆ H ₁₁ CNČ(H)MePh PPh ₂ (N(H)Č(H)MePh PPh ₂ N(Me)Č(H)MePh PPh ₂ N(CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅)Č(H)MePh |
| | | | |

The X-ray structure of $(-)_{436}$ -<u>437f</u> shows strong H-bonding between the N-H and acetyl O [328]. When the optically active complexes $\underline{438}$ are heated, rearrangement to $CpFe(CO)_2R$ occurs faster than epimeriztion at Fe. Heating in the presence of phosphine ligands gives phosphine exchange with predominant retention at Fe. These results require the presence of a chiral intermediate CpFe-(CO)[C(O)R]. With high L' concentration bimolecular inversion occurs at Fe [329].

| ,co 0 | <u>R</u> | 1 | <u>R²</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----|---|
| CpFe — CR ¹ | <u>a</u> M | le | Н |
| `PPh₂NČ(H)MePh | <u>b</u> M | le | Me |
| -1 R ² | <u>c</u> M | le | Et |
| | <u>d</u> M | le | ^{СН} 2 ^С 6 ^Н 5 |
| <u>438</u> | <u>e</u> E | t | H |
| | <u>f</u> <u>i</u> | -Pr | Н |

The diacyl complex 439 on reduction with KH affords 440, a π -allyl complex derived from transannular C-C coupling in 439 [330].



The acetyl complex <u>418e</u> transfers the C(0)Me group to phosphorus ylids giving species of the type $R_3^1P = C(R)^2C(0)Me$ [331].

Compounds Containing Group IV Ligands Other Than C

 $CpFe(CO)_2SiMe_3$, on treatment with <u>n</u>-BuLi cr LiNEt₂ followed by alkyl halide gives <u>441</u> in which the SiMe₃ group has migrated to the ring. <u>441b</u> can be carbonylated by reaction with PPh₂ or converted to an n^2 -CH₂=CH₂ complex by H⁻ abstraction [332]. When $CpFe((CO)_2SiR_3 (R_3 = MePh_2; MePh_1-C_{10}H_7; Me_3)$ was irraciated with P(OPh)₃, R₃SiH was formed. In the case of phosphine-substituted complexes, CpFe(CO)L (SiR₃) an iron-containing product resulting from <u>o</u>-metallation by the naphthyl ring could be isolated when L = P(Me)(Ph)(1-C₁₀H₇) [333]. $CpFe(diphos)GePh_3$ was prepared by treatment of CpFe(diphos)MgBr with Ph₃GeBr.

If $Ph_2MeGeBr$ is used, CpFe(diphos)Br is obtained [334]. Synthesis of polynuclear <u>442</u> containing an Fe-Sn bond was accomplished by reaction of $Cl[Os(CO)_4]_3SnCl_3$ with $Na[CpFe(CO)_2]$ [335].

Compounds Containing Group V Ligands

A 1:1 adduct between $[CpFe(CO)_2(NH_3)]^+$ and 18-crown-6 and dibenzo-18-crown-6 was detected by IR. H-bonding between N protons and ether O is involved [336]. Several complexes of L = PMe₃ were prepared as shown in Scheme 63 [337].







The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of CpFe(CO)[PF₂(NMe₂)](n^1 -C₅H₄Me) shows two diastereotopic F at all temperatures. Even at the fast-exchange limit the 'H NMR spectrum shows the non-equivalence of the four C₅H₄Me protons. This is consistent with a fluxional process for the n^1 -ligand involving [1,5]-migration of the Fe with configuration retention in accord with the Woodward-Hoffmann rules [338].

Excess phosphite produces mononuclear products from phosphite-substituted dimers $\underline{443}$. $\underline{446}$ is produced only when R = Me. $\underline{447}$ results from H abstraction from free PPr₃ [339].





The acidity of coordinated phosphinous acid ligands in $\{CpFe(CO)_2[PPhR-(OH)]\}Br (R = Ph, t-Bu)$ was increased compared to the free acids. The crystal structure of dimeric $\{[CpFe(CO)_2(PPht-BuO)]_2H\}BF_4$ shows a very short O-H-O distance of 240.3 pm [340].

LiAlH₄ gives nucleophilic attack on Fe in 448 to produce 449a, b. In the analogous Ru compound, the Cp ring is the site of hydride attack [341].



(-)-norphos, <u>450</u>, forms the complex [CpFe(CO)(norphos)]⁺. The two diastereomers of the PF_6^- salt have almost the same ORD and CD spectra because the chelate ring adopts the λ configuration for both diastereomers [342]. The preparation of <u>451</u> was reported [91].



Ligands having P, N and S capable of coordination were allowed to react with $CpFe(CO)_2I$. P and S were preferentially attached in the products [343]. The corresponding oxides gave 1:1 adducts. (Scheme 65)

The first cationic complex containing CS and an organoarsenic ligand, $\underline{455}$, was synthesized [344].



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Compounds Containing Group VI Ligands

The formate complex CpFe(CO)₂OC(0)H was prepared and its crystal structure determined [345, 346]. The complex undergoes CO exchange faster than decarboxylation and decarboxylates much more slowly than CpFe(CO)₂COOH. The crystal structures of O-bonded sulfato and nitrato complexes were also reported [347]. The first cyclopropenone complex isolated without ring opening, <u>456</u>, was prepared by olefin displacement from $[CpFe(CO)_2(\underline{i}-C_4H_8)]^+$ [348]. Photolysis of CpFe(CO)₂I in 2-MeTHF at 77K produces CpFe(CO)(2-MeTHF)I [349].



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The thiol ligand in <u>457</u> behaves as a strong acid in CH_2Cl_2 , the acidity being enhanced orders of magnitude over that of free PhSH [350]. Li[W(CO)₅SH] and $cpFe(CO)_2Cl$ afford $CpFe(CO)_2S(H)W(CO)_5$ [351].

Halide Complexes

Electrochemical and spectroscopic studies on $CpFe(CO)_2X$ (X = Cl, Br, I, H, $SnCl_3$, $SnPh_3$, $GePh_3$, $SiPh_3$) at Hg electrodes showed that the LUMO is primarily localized on Fe-X. The mechanism of electrode processes depends on the stability of the one-electron reduction products $CpFe(CO)_2X^{-}$ [352].

Halide abstraction from CpFe(CO)₂I by AgBF₄ was investigated in CH₂Cl₂. The initial product is the adduct <u>458</u> which, in excess CpFe(CO)₂I gives <u>459</u> and AgI. <u>459</u> reacts with 0.5 equivalent of AgBF₄ producing AgI and <u>460</u> in which BF₄⁻ is coordinated to Fe. For [CpFe(CO)₂]⁺ the coordinating ability decreases in the order acetone $> BF_4^- > CH_2Cl_2 > PF_6^-$ [353].



ARENE AND RELATED COMPLEXES

A good deal of effort has recently focused on complexes of the type $[(n^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})Fe(n^{6}C_{6}H_{6})]^{+}$ with various ring substituents. Cathodic reduction of some of these complexes, as shown in Scheme 67, is regiospecific on the functional group instead of on the ring in contrast to the behavior of chemical reducing agents. The reduction of <u>464</u> to <u>465</u> is also stereospecific yielding only the <u>endo</u> alcohol. All the product cations can be reduced to cyclohexadienyl species by hydridic reagents [354]. A series of 19-e neutral complexes $(n^{5}-Cp)Fe-(n^{6}-arene)$ is stabilized by peralkylation of the arene and destabilized by peralkylation of the Cp.



These can be synthesized by Na/Hg reduction of the cationic precursors. The complexes dimerize through the arene ring at rates depending on ring substituents giving species such as $\underline{466}$ [355]. $\underline{466a}$ is produced slowly at 0⁰ while $\underline{466b}$ is

produced rapidly at -80° . As seen in Scheme 67, 0_{2} can abstract a proton from





467 producing 468 containing a cyclohexadienyl ligand with a double-bonded exocyclic methylene group. Low temperature studies indicate that C-H activation occurs by electron abstraction to give 0_2^{-1} (which was identified by its ESR spectrum) and subsequent H atom abstraction. 468 can also be made by deprotonation of 469, the cation precursor to 467a. 468a is an excellent nucleophile reacting with a variety of organic and organometallic reagents. It is oxidized by I₂ to 477 [356].

AC polarography of the cations $[(n^5-Cp)Fe(n^6-naphthalene)]^+$ showed waves corresponding to neutral and to anionic species. In protic media the latter was irreversible on

account of reaction with protons to give an n^5 -cyclohexadienyl complex [357]. Electrochemical reduction gave analogous results and addition of electrophilic reagents to the arene ring of the anion was used to synthesize [CpFe(cyclohexadienyl)] complexes [358].



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Ring substituents on cationic species are also reactive to nucleophilic attack as shown in Scheme 69 [359].



The kinetics of nucleophilic replacement of Cl in $[CpFe(n^{6}-(Cl)(R)C_{6}H_{4})]^{+}$ by OPh⁻in EtOH were second-order and increase in the sequence R = m-C1 < m-CO₂Me < <u>p</u>-Me < H < <u>m</u>-Me < <u>p</u>-Me [360].

p-Me,

R ≈ Me p-Me, R ≈ Et p-Me, R ≈ Ph

The production of $[CpFe(n^6-C_6H_5NMe)]^+$ and $[CpFe(n^5-C_5H_4CN)]$ on photolysis of $[CpFe(n^6-C_6H_5N_3)]^+$ was taken as evidence for production of a nitrene intermediate which abstracts protons from solvent or undergoes ring contraction [361].

Low-temperature condensation of Fe atoms with arenes followed by reaction with cyclopentadiene affords significant quantities of cyclohexadienyl complexes $CpFe(n^5-C_6H_6R)$ (R = H, Me, <u>t</u>-Bu) [362].

An extensive study of 13 C NMR spectra of thirty four complexes of the type $[(n^{5}-C_{5}R^{1}_{5})Fe(n^{6}-C_{6}R^{2}_{6})]^{+}PF_{6}^{-}$ was also published [363].

BORANE AND CARBORANE COMPOUNDS

Photoelectron spectra and MO calculations were reported for $Fe_2(CO)_6B_2H_6$ and $Fe_2(CO)_6B_3H_7$. In the latter complex more negative charge was calculated to reside on apical than equatorial Fe [364]. The X-ray structure of $Fe_2(CO)_6B_3H_7$ which is isoelectronic with B_5H_9 was reported [365]. The compound contains one apical and one planar $Fe(CO)_3$. SCC calculations on the isoelectronic species B_6H_{10} , $Fe(CO)_3B_5H_9$ and $1-C_2B_3H_7Fe(CO)_3$ were carried out in order to rationalize the apical or planar location of $Fe(CO)_3$ groups [366]. The preparation of $CpFe(CO)_2B_{10}H_{15}$ was reported [367].

Two B-N rings form dimers <u>485</u> and <u>486</u> which are isoelectronic with $[Cp_2-Fe_2(C0)_4]$ [368]. SCHEME 70



ORGANOMETALLIC SPECIES IN SYNTHESIS AND CATALYSIS

Already mentioned is the synthetic utility of (cyclohexadienylium)iron tricarbonyl cations <u>255-267</u> as well as the 19-electron reservoirs $(Cp)(Fe)(n^6-arene)$ and related species 354-358.

Several other studies of interest in synthesis were made. Aromatic acid chlorides were found to react in aromatic hydrocarbon solvents in the presence of $Fe(CO)_5$ producing triarylmethanes with two of the aryl groups coming from the solvent or tetraarylethanes with two aryl groups derived from solvent. For example, <u>p</u>-ClC₆H₄C(0)Cl in mesitylene produces a mixture of <u>487</u> and <u>488</u>. Presumably, a free-radical process is involved [369].



 $[Fe(CO)_4]^{2-}$ was shown to be present in the reaction mixture NaH/ \underline{t} -C₅H₁₀ONa/-FeCl₃/CO which is known to carbonylate alkyl halides at atmospheric pressure [370]. Fe₃(CO)₁₂ in the presence of CO, H₂ and NaOMe was found to carbonylate reductively nitroarenes to a mixture of carbamates ArNHC(0)OMe and ureas ArNHC-(0)NHAr [371].

Hydrosilylation of 1-butane occurs on photolysis in the presence of $Fe(CO)_5$ and $HSiR_3$ (R = Me, <u>n</u>-Bu, Ph). The product mixture contains <u>489</u>, <u>490</u>, <u>491</u>. At low temperatures, <u>492a</u> can be detected in the reaction mixture. It was prepared separately and found to decompose thermally to <u>489a</u> + <u>490a</u> + <u>491a</u> and an uncharacterized Fe product <u>492c</u> decomposes to <u>491c</u>. Isoprene and 2,3-dimethylbutadiene also undergo hydrosilylation under these conditions [372].



 Et_3NH ·HFe(CO)₄ reduces <u>n</u>-butyraldehyde in EtOH to the alcohol. The reaction can be made catalytic in the presence of Fe(CO)₅ and Et_3N at 100⁰ [373].

Vicinal dibromides are known to be dehalogenated by $Fe_2(CO)_9$ to olefins while 1,4-dihalobut-2-enes give dienes. An interesting study has shed light on mechanistic possibilities for this process. <u>493</u> and <u>494</u> react with Br_2 at -120^o to -96^o giving adducts which decompose to olefin and <u>cis</u>-Fe(CO)₄Br₂. The behavior of these adducts is similar to that of <u>495</u> and <u>496</u> which have hindered rotation around the C-C bond. <u>495</u> decomposes thermally with > 95% stereospecificity to <u>cis</u>-C1HC=CHCl while <u>496</u> gives > 99% <u>trans</u>-CHCl=CHCl. These decompositions are just the reverse of <u>exo</u>-addition of halide to a metal olefin complex and suggest the formation of analogues of <u>495</u> and <u>496</u> by <u>exo</u>-Br⁻ attack on (olefin)Fe(CO)₄ to be produced from Fe₂(CO)₉, the decomposition occurs too fast for the alkyl complexes to be observed. Nevertheless, the dehalogenation of vicinal dibromides displays great stereoselectivity [374].



Photolysis of $Fe(CO)_5$ or $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ produces a thermally active catalyst which isomerizes pentane. In the presence of Et_3SiH hydrosilylation products also result [375]. Formal [1,5]-H shifts are known to be catalyzed by Fe complexes in cyclic dienes. These might be two consecutive [1,3]-shifts via Fe allyl complexes. Isomerizations of enantiomeric <u>497</u> and <u>498</u> were followed by NMR to determine initial ratios of H incorporation into various sites. The data were only consistent with consecutive [1,3]-shifts [376]. Fourier transform measurement of catalyst lifetime in the Fe(CO)₅ photocatalyzed isomerization of olefins showed lifetimes ranging from 7 to 28 sec and may reflect time required for dissociation of (olefin) Fe(CO)₃ [377].



Methylene-bridge compounds such as <u>100</u> were postulated to be intermediates in Fischer-Tropsch chemistry since <u>100</u> reacts thermally with MeOH or EtOH producing MeC(0)OR (R = Me, Et). Labeling studies showed that μ -CH₂ was the source of the <u>acetyl</u> C [378]. An IR study of Fischer-Tropsch catalysts supported on silica or alumina revealed the presence of iron carbonyl species [379].

Polymerization of organometallic compounds containing vinyl groups is often hampered by catalyst attack on the metal. Several types of polymers were prepared from <u>499</u>, however [380]. $[Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_4]$ was found to act as a catalyst for substitution reactions by isocyanides on transition metal compounds [381]. $Fe(CO)_3(PPh_3)_2$ catalyzes the transformation of $C_{6}H_5NO$ to <u>500</u>. However, the corresponding Ru complex is more effective [382]. Mass spectral data on transition metal complexes including $CpFe(CO)_2H$ and $[Cp_2Fe_2(CO)_4]$ supported on functionalized polymers showed no fragments associated with Fe [383].

REVIEWS AND DISSERTATIONS

Reviews

A second volume of <u>The Organic Chemistry of Iron</u> has appeared containing many useful and authoritative articles [384].

"Nucleophilic Addition to Diene and Arene-Metal Complexes" by M.F. Semmelhack [385] treats Fe-diene species.

"Diene and Dienyl Complexes of Iron: Reactivity and Synthetic Utility" by A.J. Pearson [386].

"The Strategy of Lateral Control of Reactivity: Tricarbonylcyclohexadienyl iron Complexes and Their Organic Synthetic Equivalents" by A.J. Birch, <u>et al.</u> [387].

"Structural Aspects and Coordination Chemistry of Metal Porphyrin Complexes with Emphasis on Axial Ligand Binding to Carbon Donors and Mono- and Diatomic Nitrogen and Oxygen Donors" by P.D. Smith, B.R. James and D.H. Dolphin [388] includes Fe porphyrins.

"Immobilized Transition-Metal Carbonyls and Related Catalysts" by D.C. Bailey and S.H. Langer [389] includes Fe carbonyls.

Dissertations

"Studies in Transition Metal Chemistry: I. Novel Metal Carbonyl Clusters Containing Iron and Molybdenum. I. Synthesis and Reactivity of Some Arene -Iridium Complexes" by A.C. Sievert [390].

"New Applications of Organometallic Reagents in the Synthesis of Natural Products" by K. Maruoka [391].

"Applications and Scope of Tetracarbonyliron Mediated Michael Reactions of Acrylate Esters" by M. Ross [392].

"Part III. Synthesis and Reactions of Bicyclo 4.2.1 Nonadiene Iron Tricar-

bonyl Complexes" by W.G.L. Aalbersberg [393].

"Part A. Nucleophilic Addition-Substitution Reactions of Benzocyclobutadienedicarbonylnitrosyliron(I). Part B. Mass Spectral Studies of Certain organometallic Derivatives" by D.A. Liebman [394].

"The Rational Synthesis of Mixed-Metal Clusters by Photogenerated Metal-Fragment Addition to the Coordinatively Unsaturated $[Co_2(n^{5}-C_5Me_5)_2(\mu_2-CO)_2]$ Neutral Dimer" by L.M. Cirjak [395].

"A Study of Reactions of <u>N</u>-sulfinylsulfonamides and Disulfonylsulfur Diimides with Some Organometallic Complexes" by T.W. Leung [396].

"Synthesis and Characterization of Iron(II) and Copper(I) Derivatives of Potassium Decahydropentaborate (-I)" by T.A. Schmitkons [397].

"Some Aspects of Organometallic Chemistry" by T.E. Cole is concerned with the chemistry of $[HFe(CO)_A]^-$ [398].

"Reactivity Studies of Mixed-Metal Carbonyl Clusters" by J.R. Fox [399].

"Synthesis and Reactivity of Transition Metal Carbonyl Complexes with Carbon Monoxide Coordinated through Carbon and Oxygen" by A. Wong [400].

"The Chemistry of 2-Pyrone Tricarbonyliron Complexes" by T. Jones [401].

"Reactions of Transition Metal π -Complexed Cations with Selected Nucleophiles" by B.R. Reddy includes Fe cations [402].

"Properties of Bimetallic Catalysts Prepared from Alumina Supported Mixed Metal Catalysts" by S.J. Hardwick [403].

"Some Organometallic Chemistry of Iminium Salts" by D.J. Sepelak includes Fe salts [404].

"Studies in Organotransition Metal Chemistry. Stereochemical Reactions, Structure and Mechanism" by J.E. Jensen includes Fe complexes [405].

"A Synthetic and Structural Study of the Reactivity of the σ , π -Acetylides Fe₂(CO)₆[C₂R][P(C₆H₅)₂] and Some of Their Derivatives by G.N. Mott [406].

"Thermal and Photochemical Transformations of Cationic Iron and Ruthenium Isocyanide Complexes" by A.L. Steinmetz [407].

"Reactions of Trialkylsilyl Metal Carbonyl Complexes with Aldehydes and Ketones" by D.L. Johnson includes Fe-SiR₃ complexes [408].

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