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## **Bimetallic Acyl Complexes.** Use of Transition Organometallic Lewis Acids in Promoting Migratory CO Insertion

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Migratory CO insertion, which generates a metal acyl system via formal CO insertion into the metal-alkyl bond, serves as a fundamental reaction of organometallic chemistry<sup>1</sup> and functions as a key step in several homogeneous catalytic transformations.<sup>2</sup> Lewis acids moreover promote CO insertion<sup>3,4</sup> to produce metal acyl-Lewis acid adducts. We now report that cationic coordinatively unsaturated Cp metal carbonyl complexes (Cp =  $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) also induce methyl-CO insertion on a second metal center<sup>5</sup> and form an acetyl ligand bridging two metal centers. Although several bimetallic complexes bearing  $\mu$ -acyl ligands are known,<sup>6</sup> their syntheses entailed neither starting with a mononuclear acyl complex nor Lewis acid facilitation of the CO insertion step. We accordingly found it expeditious to first demonstrate that bimetallic  $\mu$ -[ $\eta^1$ -C,O]-acetyl compounds can be obtained from mononuclear acetyl complexes.

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Bimetallic  $\mu$ -acetyl compounds 6–9, formulated as carboxonium salts, entail  $\eta^1$  metal–O bonding that resembles CpFe(CO)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> complexation of organic ketones.<sup>10</sup> The carboxonium formulation derives from the substantial delocalization of positive charge from the activating metal M to the Fe in 6–8. IR [ $\nu$ (C=O), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] and <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Cp in ppm, acetone- $d_6$ ) data of CpFe(CO)PPh<sub>3</sub> in 1b (1910 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 4.43), 6b (1941 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 4.65), and CpFe(CO)-PPh<sub>3</sub>[C(OCH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> (1990 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 5.13) accordingly are consonant with an electronic environment of the Fe in 6b that is intermediate to the starting acetyl complex 1b and the methoxyethylidene salt. NMR spectra of 6b and 7b additionally support the  $\eta^1$  bonding of the acetyl complex to an activating metal 3 or 4, since diastereomeric mixtures were not detected for 6b or 7b.<sup>11</sup>

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The organometallic Lewis acids 3-5 also promote CO insertion on their methyl complexes. An equimolar mixture of CpFe- $(CO)_2CH_3$  (10) and 3 in refluxing ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl (1 h) (eq 3)

$$CpFe-CH_3 + CpFe^+ - CpFe-C (3)$$

$$(CO)_2 (CO)_2 (CO)_2 (CO)_2 CH_3$$

$$10 3 1a$$

accordingly gave a green suspension containing insoluble CpFe- $(CO)_3^+ PF_6^-$  (58% yield) and the acetyl (1a)<sup>13</sup> and methyl (10) complexes (41% and 38% yields, respectively) after ether extraction and chromatography as the only organometallic products. Although the putative  $\mu$ -acetyl compound **6a** was not detected, its facile decomposition to 1a under these reaction conditions was independently established. The extra CO required for converting 10a to 1a could derive from disproportionation of the unsaturated intermediate Cp(CO)Fe{CO[Fe(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cp]CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> to 6a.<sup>14</sup> Milder reaction conditions engendered in using the Mo Lewis acid 4 (eq 4) ( $\sim$ -20 °C), however, permitted isolation of bimetallic  $\mu$ -acetyl

$$CpFe - CH_{3} + CpMo^{+} - CpFe - CH_{3} + CpMo^{+} - CpFe - CH_{3} + CpMo^{+} - CpFe - CH_{3} + CO)_{3} + CO)_{3}$$

compounds from the Lewis acid promoted CO insertion on a methyl complex. Thus 10 and 4 (-20 to +20 °C) gave 7a in 42% yield. Further evidence for intermediacy of  $\mu$ -acetyl complexes during organometallic Lewis acid induced CO insertions came from scrutiny of the reactions between 4 or 5 and their methyl complexes.

 $CpM(CO)_3^+$  salts 4 and 5 convert their methyl complexes  $CpM(CO)_3CH_3$  (11, M = Mo; 12, M = W) into parallel mixtures of  $\mu$ -acetyl compounds (eq 5). Mo complexes 4 and 11 at -20



°C (0.5 h) afforded a 1:1 mixture of 13 and 14, which precipitated from ether (25 °C) as a pink solid. Structural assignment of 13, although not obtained analytically pure, follows from consideration of IR and NMR spectra<sup>15</sup> and from results of the aforementioned I<sup>-</sup> assay procedure, which cleaved 13 into CpMo(CO)<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub><sup>3a</sup> and CpMo(CO)<sub>3</sub>I. Treatment of the 13-14 mixture with acetone decomposed 13, but ether precipitation left analytically pure 14 in 36-56% yields. Our assignment of 14 as a symmetrical  $\mu$ - $[\eta^2$ -C,O]-acetyl complex rests on its spectral properties:<sup>16</sup> IR

 $[(CH_3NO_2) \nu(C=0)]$  2000–1910 (br) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, unchanged at -40 °C) (CD<sub>1</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  6.00 (s, 10, Cp), 3.00 (s, 3, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>) δ 218.0, 216.8 (C=O, 1:1 intensity), 92.5 (s, Cp), 20.6 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>). Compounds 13 and 14 evidently result from separate pathways; they were not interconverted in refluxing in  $CH_2Cl_2$ , with or without 1 atm of CO. Tungsten complexes 5 and 12 reacted analogously, but 9 and 15 were not separated. Results of I<sup>-</sup> degradative and P(OMe)<sub>3</sub> derivatization studies on 14 also support its  $\mu$ -[ $\eta^2$ -C,O]-acetyl assignment.

One equivalent of I<sup>-</sup> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> degraded 14 to the methyl complex 11 (88% after chromatography) and  $[CpMo(CO)_{2}I]_{2}^{17a}$ (17) (eq 6) (80% by quantitative IR:  $\nu$ (CO) 1961, 1877 cm<sup>-1</sup>).



The  $\eta^1$ -acetyl complex CpMo(CO)<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub> was not detected, but variable amounts (combined yields less than 20%) of CpMo(CO)<sub>3</sub>I [IR:  $\nu$ (CO) 2038, 1963 cm<sup>-1</sup>] and CpMo(CO)<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub><sup>-17b</sup> [IR:  $\nu$ (CO) 1939, 1843 cm<sup>-1</sup>] were present. Two equivalents of I<sup>-</sup>, however, quantitatively converted 14 within 10 min into 11 and CpMo- $(CO)_2I_2$ . No gas was evolved, as ascertained by gasimetric analysis, during either I<sup>-</sup> reaction. Dimeric 17 also consumed 2 equiv of I<sup>-</sup> under similar reaction conditions to give 2CpMo- $(CO)_2I_2^-$ , but the reaction progressed only 80% after 1 h. Taken together, these observations are consistent with I cleavage of 14 to the mononuclear complexes  $CpMo(CO)_2(\eta^2 - COCH_3)$  and  $CpMo(CO)_2I$ ; the former rearranges to 11 and the latter either dimerizes to 17, traps I<sup>-</sup> (giving  $CpMo(CO)_2I_2^{-}$ ), or decomposes to  $CpMo(CO)_3I$ .

Excess  $P(OMe)_3$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$  readily derivatized 14 (eq 7) and



left the bimetallic unit intact as the  $\mu$ -[ $\eta^1$ -C,O]-acetyl complex 18a,<sup>9</sup> obtained in 71% yield as orange crystals after precipitation in ether. This reaction furthermore stereoselectively produced trans- and cis-18a on the Mo-C (acetyl) and Mo-O (acetyl) centers, respectively. Independent preparation of 18a (65% yield) proved possible by CO substitution on 19,9 through cis labilization<sup>18</sup> on the (acetyl) O-Mo center, with excess  $P(OMe)_3$  (eq 8).

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Treatment of CpMo(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(OMe)<sub>3</sub>]COCH<sub>3</sub> with CpMo- $(CO)_2 P(OMe)_3^+$  at -20 °C stereoselectively furnished trans,trans-18b<sup>9</sup> (71% yield) as an orange solid after ether precipitation. Stereochemical assignments resulted from established IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR correlations;<sup>19</sup> spectroscopically distinctive 18a and 18b evidently do not interconvert at room temperature. Results of I<sup>-</sup> cleavage reactions further corroborated stereochemical assignments: 18a gave cis-CpMo(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(OMe)<sub>3</sub>I and 18b formed trans-CpMo(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(OMe)<sub>3</sub>I, in addition to trans-CpMo- $(CO)_2 P(OMe)_3 (COCH_3)$ , as the initial products.

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## Synthetic Approaches to Coordinatively Unsaturated Heterobimetallic Complexes

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The design and synthesis of coordination compounds that contain two different metal ions are priority goals of contemporary inorganic chemistry.<sup>1</sup> One of the most challenging objectives of such research is the preparation of coordinatively unsaturated heterobimetallic complexes.<sup>2</sup> With this in mind we have examined the coordination chemistry of the recently reported chelating agent [o-(diphenylphosphino)benzoyl]pinacolone (HacacP).<sup>3</sup> This compartmentalized ligand possesses electronically dissimilar metal



Figure 1. ORTEP plot for the nonhydrogen atoms of the PtCl<sub>2</sub>[Cu-(acacP)2] molecule. For purposes of clarity, metal atoms are represented by large open circles, chlorine and phosphorus atoms by medium-sized open circles, and carbon and oxygen atoms by small open circles.

Scheme I



binding sites that facilitate the assembly of a variety of novel compounds containing both "hard" and "soft" metals.<sup>4</sup>

Red, crystalline  $Ir(acacP)(COD)^5$  (COD = 1,5-cyclooctadiene) was readily prepared from the reaction of KacacP (generated from HacacP and KO-t-Bu) with [IrCl(COD)]<sub>2</sub> in THF. Its <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shift of 24 ppm downfield from 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> and an intense IR band at 1665 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicate that here the acacP moiety functions as a PO chelating agent with a pendant  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone substituent. Mild (25 °C, 1 atm, 5 min) displacement of the COD with carbon monoxide resulted in an abrupt color change to yellow, a high-field shift in the <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum, and the disappearance of the 1665-cm<sup>-1</sup> band in the IR spectrum. The CO stretching frequencies of the carbonylated Ir(acacP) derivative are virtually identical with those for  $Ir(acac)(CO)_2$ ,<sup>6,7</sup> consistent with the binding of the  $Ir(CO)_2$  moiety by the O...O site of the

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