

Figure 1. View of $\left(\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{Si}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CP}=\mathrm{PC}\left(\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}\right)_{3}$ (1) showing the atom numbering scheme. Pertinent metric parameters for molecule A: P-(1)- $\mathrm{P}(1)^{\prime} 2.014$ (6), $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1) 1.85(1) \AA ; \angle \mathrm{P}(1)^{\prime}-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1) 108.2(4)^{\circ}$. For molecule $\mathrm{B}: \mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)^{\prime} 2.004$ (6), $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1) 1.87$ (1) $\AA ; \angle \mathrm{P}(1)^{\prime}-$ $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1) 108.9(4)^{\circ}$.
in 2, presumably as a result of the larger size of $\left(\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{Si}_{3} \mathrm{C}\right.$ over $\left(2,4,6-(t-\mathrm{Bu}){ }_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}\right)$. We suggest that this difference in ligand size is responsible for the stability of the HCl addition product 3 and the absence of a corresponding product from the reaction of 2 with HCl .

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## Vinyl Hydrogen Activation in Mono- and Dinuclear ( $\eta^{5}$-Cyclopentadienyl)(hexatriene)cobalt Complexes. Thermal and Photochemical Hydrogen Shifts of Complementary Stereochemistry

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The activation of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bonds in hydrocarbons by soluble transition-metal complexes has been the focus of intensive recent research. ${ }^{1}$ Its vinyl variant has been relatively unexplored, ${ }^{2}$ having

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Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of 2 including selected bond lengths (angstroms). Ellipsoids are scaled to represent $50 \%$ probability surface. The hydrogen positions shown are those calculated on the basis of idealized geometry following their locations on the difference Fourier electron density map.

## Scheme I


frequently been restricted to low-yielding complex cluster reactions. ${ }^{3}$ It also suffers from little mechanistic understanding. This is surprising, considering the ready availability of alkenes such

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$\mathrm{CO}-\mathrm{CO}=2.478(1)$
Figure 2. ortep drawing of 3.
as ethylene and 1,3-butadiene, the catalytic conversion of which to functionalized molecules by such a mechanism would be of substantial interest. We report an unprecedented series of thermal vinyl hydrogen shifts in a complexed hydrocarbon ligand, including a thermally reversible photochemical migration to a dinuclear carbene center exhibiting complementary stereochemistry. This work demonstrates novel pathways for ligand rearrangements on dinuclear metal systems, which may also be regarded as homogeneous models for hydrocarbon rearrangement and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ exchange processes on surfaces. ${ }^{4}$

We have found that trans- $\left(\eta^{4}-1,3,5\right.$-hexatriene $)\left(\eta^{5}\right.$-cyclopentadienyl)cobalt (1, Scheme I), ${ }^{5,6}$ in stark contrast to its isostructural rhodium ${ }^{7 a}$ and very stable isoelectronic iron tricarbonyl

[^2]counterparts, ${ }^{7 b-e}$ dimerizes in 24 h at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}\right)$ accompanied by the clean extrusion of one molecule of intact triene ligand. The product of this transformation is the flyover carbene $2,{ }^{6}$ derived from a novel 1,6-hydrogen transfer in quantitative yield. In 2 the ligand functions as a six-electron donor, the carbene carbon 1 being bound to one cobalt atom in $\sigma$-fashion and to the other as part of an $\eta^{3}$-allyl unit involving $C_{1-3}$ (Figure 1). One notes that trans-cis isomerization is necessary in order to attain the product stereochemistry at $C_{3,4}$. We envisage this to occur through the intermediacy of $(\mathrm{CpCo})_{2}\left(\mu-\eta^{6}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{8}\right)$, in which the ligand adopts a bis ( $\eta^{3}$-allyl) configuration. ${ }^{8,9}$ The kinetics of disappearance of 1 are complicated. At high dilution ( 0.001 M ) the rate of reaction is concentration dependent; in more concentrated solutions ( 0.35 M ) it initially follows first order. Added excess ligand retards the rate of formation of 2 . These preliminary data imply that the identity of the rate-determining step may be a function of the reaction conditions. A more detailed kinetic investigation is the subject of continuing efforts. Thermolysis of 1-6,6-d ${ }_{2}{ }^{10}$ gave 2 with $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ enriched in label ( $k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}=4.95 \pm 0.14$ at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), suggesting an essentially irreversible proton shift.

Significantly, $\mathbf{2}$ is not the endpoint of the thermal chemistry of 1 but quantitatively isomerizes to $3^{5}$ (Figure 2) at higher temperatures, following first-order kinetics ( $E_{\mathrm{a}}=29.1 \pm 0.4 \mathrm{kcal}$ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}, \log A=11.6 \pm 0.6$ ). The stereochemistry of this unprecedented 1,5 -hydrogen shift was probed with the above $2-d_{2}$ (enriched at $C_{1}$ ). It revealed the emergence of the transferred hydrogen exclusively endo (i.e., pointing toward the carbene carbon), possibly indicating initial oxidative addition to the bound cobalt, followed by stereospecific reductive elimination involving $\mathrm{C}_{1}$.

In light of these results, the photochemistry of $\mathbf{3}$ is also truly remarkable. Irradiation in toluene at $-96^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h using an argon ion laser ( 514 nm ) generates 4 (a stereoisomer of 2 ) ${ }^{6}$ in a time-invariant (and therefore presumed) photostationary ratio of $\mathbf{4 : 3}=63: 37$. This complex is the result of a 1,5 -hydrogen shift exhibiting stereochemistry opposite to that encountered in the thermal generation of 3 from 2 . To our knowledge this constitutes the first observation of such stereochemical complementarity (common in organic chemistry) in an organometallic system of this type. In contrast, $\mathbf{2}$ is photoinert at this wavelength (possibly due to its relatively smaller extinction coefficient ${ }^{6}$ ). At room temperature 4 rapidly and unimolecularly reverts to $3\left(E_{a}=19.4\right.$ $\pm 0.9 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}, \log A=10.0 \pm 1.3$ ). The data rule out 2 as an intermediate in either process; however, it is possible that 4 is an intermediate in the thermal conversion of 2 to 3 . This photochemical energy-storage cycle has been repeated more than 20 times without visible deterioration. Although currently impractical, this system is novel and suggests future experimentation, aimed at improving efficiency and slowing the rate of thermal reversal by exploiting the enormous "fine-tuning" potential of organometallic systems.

Further labeling and thermochemical experiments are being initiated to elucidate additional mechanistic details and thermodynamic aspects. In light of the above results, it will be intriguing to elucidate the stereochemistry of the $3 \rightleftharpoons 4$ cycle at $C_{1}$ : will

[^3](10) Prepared from $\mathrm{CpCo}\left(\eta^{4}\right.$-pentadienal) and $\mathrm{CD}_{2}=\left[\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3}\right](72 \%)$.
the photoinduced and thermal shifts switch the positions of the two methylene protons?

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## ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ Shielding Tensor of Deoxycytidine 5'-Monophosphate

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The use of ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR in oriented fibers to test structural models of nucleic acids requires a knowledge of the orientation of the eigenvectors of the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ shielding tensor with respect to the local phosphate skeleton. ${ }^{1}$ Previous work along those lines from this laboratory used barium diethyl phosphate ${ }^{2}$ (BDEP) and 2aminoethyl phosphate ${ }^{3}$ (AEP) as model compounds: these were the only two for which the orientation of the shielding tensors had been determined. Terao et al. have studied several nucleic acids and nucleotides as powders. ${ }^{4}$ Here, we report a single-crystal ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ study of deoxycytidine $5^{\prime}$-monophosphate in the free acid form ( $5^{\prime}-\mathrm{dCMP}$ ) intended to test the generality of the eigenvector orientations used previously and in a structure perhaps more closely related to that found in nucleic acids.

Single crystals of $5^{\prime}$-dCMP were grown by slow evaporation from an aqueous solution. One crystal with dimensions $4 \times 4 \times$ 3 mm was mounted on a NMR goniometer head previously described. ${ }^{5}$ The experiment was done on a home-built doubleresonance spectrometer operating at 68.4 MHz for ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ and 168.9 MHz for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$. Cross-polarization conditions were established with a $6-\mu \mathrm{S}^{1} \mathrm{H} 90^{\circ}$ pulse, a $3-\mathrm{ms}$ contact and a $10-15$-s delay between successive acquisitions. Typically, $100-150$ accumulations were collected for each orientation of the crystal, which was rotated in steps of $9^{\circ}$ for a total of 20 data points per axis of rotation. The crystal belongs to the $P_{2121_{1}}$ space group with four molecules per unit cell, ${ }^{6}$ and Figure 1 shows the rotation patterns of the four observed ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ resonances.

Table I summarizes the data for the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ shielding tensor of $5^{\prime}-\mathrm{dCMP}$ along with the corresponding eigenvectors expressed as their direction cosines in a molecule fixed frame. Since the unit cell contains four crystallographically related molecules, a fourfold

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Figure 1. Dependence of NMR line positions as a function of rotation of the single crystal about the $y$ axis of the goniometer.


Figure 2. Orientation of the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ shielding tensor relative to the molecule fixed frame introduced by Herzfeld and co-workers. The frame is defined as follows: The $z$ axis is perpendicular to the $\mathrm{O}_{1}-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}_{2}$ plane. The $x$ axis bisects the $\mathrm{O}_{1}-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}_{2}$ plane. The $y$ axis is chosen as to yield a right-handed system.

Table I. ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ Shielding Tensor Principal Values Relative to $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ and Direction Cosines Relative to the Molecule Fixed Frame ${ }^{a}$

| $\sigma_{11}=84.5$ | -0.05374 | -0.06153 | 0.9950 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\sigma_{22}=-5.8$ | 0.9970 | -0.04212 | 0.04907 |
| $\sigma_{33}=-71.2$ | 0.03955 | 0.9949 | -0.06895 |
| $\bar{\sigma}_{=}=2.5$ |  |  |  |

${ }^{a}$ All values given in ppm with $\pm 2$ ppm error. Our results are, within experimental error, in agreement with the values determined by Terao et al. in their powder study of $5^{\circ}$-dCMP. ${ }^{4}$
ambiguity exists in the choice of the orientation of the shielding tensor relative to the molecular frame. Fortunately, only one choice (given in Table I) shows good correlation with the $5^{\prime}$-dCMP molecule as discussed below. Incidentally, the molecule fixed frame shown in Figure 2 corresponds to the one defined by Herzfeld et al. in their study of BDEP ${ }^{2}$ and used by Nall et al. in their work on oriented DNA fibers. ${ }^{1}$

As in the case of AEP and BDEP, the principal elements of the shielding tensor in $5^{\prime}$-dCMP show a good correlation with the electron distribution around the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ atom (cf. Figure 2). The most shielded direction ( $\sigma_{33}$ ) lies essentially in the $\mathrm{O}_{1}-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}_{2}$ plane where a multiple-bond character is expected ${ }^{7}$ and is substantiated by the
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