Although the solid-state results (Figure 1) indicate a η^3 interaction of the two RhP_2 fragments with the cis-C₄H₆ moiety, both the ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR chemical shifts of 3 are more consistent with typical η^4 cis-1,3-butadiene complexes¹⁶ than with η^3 allyl derivatives; in Table I, a comparison of the chemical shifts of 3 vs. the corresponding shifts in the anti-1-methylallyl isomer 4 clearly shows dramatic differences in the ¹H NMR (i.e., H_a in 3 vs. H_a in 4) and the ¹³C[¹H] NMR (i.e., C_2 in 3 vs. C_2 in 4).

Further studies will be aimed at the rational syntheses of other complexes that contain this novel structural unit; in addition, we are continuing to probe the mechanism by which 3 is generated in an effort to understand the pronounced influence of the chelate ring size¹⁷ on the course of the reaction of 1,3-butadiene with binuclear rhodium hydrides.

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Synthesis, Structure, and Reactivity of the $\{[(\eta^5 - C_5H_5)_2U]_2(\mu - \kappa^2 O - TiW_5O_{19})_2\}^{4-}$ Anion

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If polyoxoanion-supported organometallic complexes are to become involved in organometallic reaction chemistry, the balance between metal-carbon and metal-oxygen bond strengths at the organometallic center must be such that metal-oxygen bonds can withstand conditions under which metal-carbon bonds are broken and reformed. Polyoxoanion-supported organoactinides offer such a possibility,² but compounds of this type like $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_3U_ (\kappa^{1}O-NbW_{5}O_{19})_{2}]^{5-}$ (1)² and $[(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})_{3}U(\kappa^{1}O-NbW_{5}O_{19})]^{2-}$ $(2)^{3}$ have been disappointing from this point of view on account of the ease with which the organometallic unit dissociates from its polyoxoanion ligand.² Since this lability arises in part from the unidentate polyoxoanion binding mode in 1 and 2, we sought to prepare analogous compounds containing tridentate polyoxoanion ligands. To this end, we prepared $ClTiW_5O_{18}^{3-}$ (3), a potential tridentate ligand,⁴ from TiCl₄ plus WO₄²⁻ and reacted



Figure 1. Perspective drawing of the solid-state structure for the $\{[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2U]_2(\mu-\kappa^2O-TiW_5O_{19})_2\}^4$ anion (4), as observed in the form of acetonitrile-solvated crystals of its $(n-C_4H_9)_4N^+$ salt. Metal and oxygen atoms are represented by thermal vibration ellipsoids drawn to encompass 50% of the electron density. Carbon atoms are represented by large open circles and hydrogen atoms by small open circles. Uranium and titanium atoms are labeled with their atomic symbols while tungsten atoms are labeled with numbers. Oxygen atoms are labeled with letters and numbers. Atoms labeled with a prime are related to those labeled without a prime by the crystallographic inversion center at (1/2,0,0) in the unit cell.

it with $(C_5H_5)_3UCl$ in an attempt to form $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_3U(\kappa^3O C[TiW_5O_{18})]^{2-}$. Instead of the expected adduct, however, we isolated a more complex product in 30% yield having the empirical formula $[(C_5H_5)_2U(TiW_5O_{19})]^2$. In contrast to 1 and 2, this anion is quite stable and is not readily attacked by electrophilic and weakly nucleophilic reagents such as H₂O, CH₃CH₂OH, (C-H₃)₂CHNO₂, and CH₃CN.⁵

X-ray structural analysis⁶ of crystalline $(C_5H_5)_2U(TiW_5 O_{19}$ [(C_4H_9)₄N]₂, obtained from CH₃CN solution, revealed the presence of discrete $(n-C_4H_9)_4N^+$ cations, acetonitrile molecules of crystallization, and $\{[(\eta^5 - C_5 H_5)_2 U]_2(\mu - \kappa^2 O - TiW_5 O_{19})_2\}^{4-}$ anions, 4, shown in Figure 1, in which two $TiW_5O_{19}^{4-}$ polyoxoanions are bridged by two "bent sandwich" $(C_5H_5)_2U^{2+}$ units. Although the preferred coordination number is usually 10-12 when two or more $C_5H_5^{-}$ ligands η^5 -bond to a single actinide ion,⁸ the U(IV) centers in **4** are both formally nine-coordinate by being η^5 -bonded to two $C_5H_5^-$ groups and σ -bonded to three polyoxoanion oxygen atoms. Similar coordination geometries have been observed in several organoactinide systems, but these complexes usually employ the sterically bulky $(CH_3)_5C_5^-$ ligand.⁸ The manner in which the $(C_5H_5)_2U^{2+}$ units are linked in 4 bears a close resemblance to the linkage of the same units by $(C_6H_5)_2P(CH)(CH_2)^{2-}$ ligands in $\{[(\eta^5 - C_5H_5)_2U]_2[\mu - \eta^2 - (C_6H_5)_2P(CH)(CH_2)]_2\}^9$ where the three oxygen atoms of 4 have been replaced by sterically bulkier carbon atoms, and the linkage of $(C_5H_5)_2$ Ti units by $(C_6H_5)_2C_2O$ ligands in { $[(\eta^5 - C_5H_5)_2T_i]_2[\mu - \eta^2 - (C_6H_5)_2C_2O]_2$ },¹⁰ where the large U(IV) center of 4 has been replaced by the smaller Ti(IV) center. Presumably, the stability of the observed U(IV) coordination geometry in 4 can be attributed in part to the steric bulk of the $TiW_5O_{19}^{4-}$ ligands that effectively block off a substantial portion

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⁽a) statistic temperature. (b) Single crystals of $\{[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2U]_2(\mu-\kappa^2O-TiW_5O_{19})_2](\eta-C_4H_9)_4N]_4$. 4CH₃CN are at 20 ± 1 °C triclinic, space group PIC_1^{-1} (No. 2), with a = 12.903 (3) Å, b = 15.604 (5) Å, c = 19.199 (5) Å, $\alpha = 115.04$ (2)°, $\beta = 88.96$ (2)°, $\gamma = 108.33$ (2)°, and Z = 1 dimeric unit $[d_{calcd} = 2.224 \text{ g cm}^{-1}; \mu_a$ (Mo $K\bar{\alpha}$) = 11.38 mm⁻¹]. A structural model which utilized anisotropic thermal parameters for all anionic U, W, Ti, and O atoms as well as all cationic and solvent N and C atoms and isotropic thermal parameters for all cyclopentadienyl C and H atoms has been refined to convergence' [R(unweighted, based on F) = 0.058 for 6477 independent absorption-corrected reflections having $2\theta_{M_0 K\alpha} < 48.3^\circ$ and $I > 3\sigma(I)$] using counting statistics weighted cascade block diagonal least-squares techniques. Two carbons in the cations were not located.

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of the U(IV) coordination sphere. The space-filling model of anion 4 shown in A illustrates the nonbonding interactions contributing



to this stability. The four C_5H_5 rings are packed tightly around a cubic-close-packed array of 38 oxygens, protecting the uranium centers from the anion's environment. Bonding interactions also play a key role in stabilizing the U(IV) coordination sphere in 4. Specifically, the stability of anion 4 relative to $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_3U(\kappa^1O-NbW_5O_{19})_2]^{5-}$ (1) and $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_3U(\kappa^1O-NbW_5O_{19})_2]^{2-}$ (2) can be explained in terms of the chelate effect in 4 and the greater basicity of an OTi^{IV} terminal oxygen in TiW₅O₁₉⁴⁻ relative to an ONb^V terminal oxygen in NbW₅O₁₉³⁻.

The title anion, although relatively inert toward electrophiles and weak nucleophiles,⁵ is rapidly degraded by strong nucleophiles such as OH^- and $(C_2H_5)_2NH$. Since $TiW_5O_{19}^{4-}$ is stable toward these reagents under the same conditions, the site of attack is most likely the uranium center. The avenue of approach to uranium in 4 (see A) is too restricted, however, and nucleophilic attack must therefore be accompanied by structural rearrangement. A plausible mode of rearrangement can be derived from variabletemperature ¹⁷O NMR spectra shown in Figure 2c-g. At low temperatures, ¹⁷O NMR resonances can be assigned to oxygens in 4 by using well-established chemical shift scales, ¹¹ assuming that resonances from oxygens bonded to uranium are too broad to be observed, as is the case with 1² and 2.³ Spectra measured at elevated temperatures are relatively simple and correspond to the resonances expected for a C_{4v} TiW₅O₁₉⁴⁻ ligand. Such effective ligand symmetry can be obtained for TiW₅O₁₉⁴⁻ in 4 by cleaving both¹² U-OTiW bonds (U-O_{g1} in Figure 1a), and symmetrizing the entire structure to the D_{2h} configuration shown in Figure 2b. Assuming rapid rotation about the Ti-OU₂ bond in this coordinatively unsaturated intermediate configuration, the TiW₅O₁₉⁴⁻ ligand achieves effective C_{4v} symmetry on the NMR time scale.

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Molecular Building Blocks for the Synthesis of Ceramic Materials: [Si₈O₁₂](OCH₃)₈

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Ceramic materials have traditionally been prepared from structurally simple starting materials. As a result, their structural features are relatively difficult to control or modify in a systematic fashion. Many polymeric organic and organometallic materials, on the other hand, can be designed and synthesized in a more controlled fashion by proceeding in a stepwise manner, i.e., by first preparing tailor-made molecular building blocks and then polymerizing these monomers in a subsequent reaction step. Any attempt to extend this building-block approach to the synthesis of ceramic materials must begin with the preparation of suitable

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