The carbonylation chemistry of  $[(silox)_2TaH_2]_2$  (1) tracks the critical sequence of complicated reactions pertaining to the F-T mechanism (deoxygenation, H-C and C-C bond formation) and provides alternative views of certain heterogeneous transformations. Since 2 is formed directly, the generation of  $(CH_2)_{ads}$  via H-transfer concomitant with or prior to C-O bond scission must still be considered;<sup>30</sup> the dissociative adsorption of CO may not be necessary. Most importantly, a C-O bond has been broken, reformed, and broken again in the conversion of 1 to 4.<sup>31</sup> Extrapolating to heterogeneous processes, oxygenated surfaces may serve as reservoirs for CH, CH<sub>2</sub>, and, presumably, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>32</sup> functionalities via (OCH)<sub>ads</sub>,<sup>33</sup> (OCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>ads</sub>,<sup>34</sup> and (OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>ads</sub>. Methylene units adsorbed on actual F-T surfaces are therefore *not constrained to be solely metal-bound*. Further mechanistic studies and characterizations of thermal, hydrogenation, and other carbonylation products are currently being undertaken.

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## A General Class of Stable Alkyl Halide Complexes: Synthesis, Structure, and Reactivity of Alkyl Iodide Complexes of the Formula $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Re(NO)(PPh_3)(IR)]^+BF_4^-$

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Of all of the common organic functional groups, alkyl halides (RX) have by far the least developed coordination chemistry.<sup>1-3</sup> To our knowledge isolable 1:1 adducts are unknown, although the *bis*(methyl iodide) complex  $[(H)_2Ir(PPh_3)_2(ICH_3)_2]^+X^-$  has been recently described by Crabtree.<sup>1</sup> The lack of stable alkyl halide complexes has generally been attributed to poor Lewis basicity

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Figure 1. Structure of the cation of  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Re(NO)(PPh_3)-(ICH_2Si(CH_3)_3]^+BF_4^-(CH_2Cl_2)_{0.5}$  (4d· $(CH_2Cl_2)_{0.5}$ ). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): Re-I, 2.678 (1); Re-P, 2.385 (3); Re-N, 1.740 (9); N-O, 1.20 (1); I-Cl, 2.18 (1); Cl-Si, 1.88 (2); I-Re-P, 91.82 (9); I-Re-N, 97.0 (4); P-Re-N, 91.1 (3); Re-N-O, 177 (1); Re-I-Cl, 102.5 (5); I-Cl-Si, 114.5 (9).

and/or the availability of facile decomposition pathways such as oxidative addition. In this communication, we report the synthesis and isolation of alkyl iodide complexes of the formula  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Re(NO)(PPh_3)(IR)]^+BF_4^-$  and other data that suggest that alkyl halide complexes may be far more accessible than previously realized. Importantly, the coordination of alkyl halides to metals provides a new generation of leaving groups that can be easily modified and, as in the reported examples, rendered chiral.

We recently reported that the reaction of methyl complex  $(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})Re(NO)(PPh_{3})(CH_{3})$  (1) and HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78) °C) gave a reactive intermediate (stable to -20 °C) formulated as the chiral pyramidal Lewis acid  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Re(NO) (PPh_3)]^+BF_4^-$  (2) or the  $CH_2Cl_2$  adduct  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Re(NO)-(PPh_3)(ClCH_2Cl)]^+BF_4^-$  (3).<sup>4</sup> Subsequent <sup>13</sup>C NMR experiments have provided good evidence for coordinated CH2Cl2.4b Hence, the reaction of 1 and HBF4. Et 2O was followed by addition of alkyl iodides RI (3.0 equiv, Scheme I). New products formed upon warming (-40 to 0 °C, ca. 95%, <sup>31</sup>P NMR). Workup gave alkyl iodide complexes  $[(\eta^5 - C_5H_5)Re(NO)(PPh_3)(IR)]^+BF_4^-$  (4;  $R = CH_3(a), CH_2CH_3(b), CH_2CH_2CH_3(c), CH_2Si(CH_3)_3(d))$ as analytically pure powders in 67-87% yields.<sup>5</sup> The structures of 4a-d followed from their spectroscopic properties and in particular from the downfield shifts exhibited by the ICH carbons and protons in <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.<sup>5</sup> Oxidative addition products such as  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Re(NO)(PPh_3)(CH_3)(Br)]^+X^-$  show upfield ReCH <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR resonances that are also strongly coupled to phosphorus.<sup>6</sup>

Crystals of the solvate  $4d \cdot (CH_2Cl_2)_{0.5}$  were grown from  $CH_2Cl_2$ /hexanes, and the X-ray structure was determined (Figure 1) as described in the Supplementary Material. The carbon-iodine bond (2.18 (1) Å) is very slightly longer than that in ethyl iodide (2.139 (5) Å),<sup>7</sup> and the Re-I bond (2.678 (1) Å) is shorter than

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Thermal and chemical reactions of 4a-c have been briefly studied. First, 4a-c decompose over the course of 48 h in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C to give primarily the bridging halide complexes (SS,-RR)-[ $(\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)Re(NO)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)( $\mu$ -X)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)( $\hat{N}O$ )Re( $\eta^5$ - $C_{5}H_{5}$ ]<sup>+</sup>BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> (5, X = Cl,<sup>4</sup> 28-43%; 6, X = I, 46-61%; assayed by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR with Ph<sub>3</sub>SiCH<sub>3</sub> standard). The structure of new compound  $\mathbf{6}$  was confirmed by an independent synthesis from iodide complex  $(\eta^5 - C_5 H_5) \operatorname{Re}(\operatorname{NO})(\operatorname{PPh}_3)(I)$  (7)<sup>10</sup> and  $Ag^+BF_4^{-,11}$  The mechanisms of formation of 5 and 6 are under investigation.

Reactions of 4a-c with PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 equiv, 0.04 M in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C, assayed as above) were complete within 15 min (Scheme I). Alkylation products  $Ph_3PR^+BF_4^-$  (8, 93–86%) and iodide complex 7 (>99-95%) formed. Product identities were confirmed by  ${}^{1}H$ and <sup>31</sup>P NMR comparison to independently prepared authentic samples (Supplementary Material). Importantly, reactions of CH<sub>3</sub>I, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I, and CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I with PPh<sub>3</sub> under identical conditions were 70% complete after 4 h, and  $\leq 10\%$  and <2%complete after 18 h, respectively. Thus, coordinated alkyl iodides are markedly activated toward nucleophilic attack.

Reactions of 4a-c with CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 equiv, 0.04 M in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C, assayed as above) were complete within 24 h (Scheme I). Displacement of the alkyl iodide ligand occurred to give RI (82-72%) and acetonitrile complex  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Re(NO)(PPh_3) (NCCH_3)$ ]<sup>+</sup>BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> (9, 87-82%).<sup>12</sup> Small amounts of bridging

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halide complexes 5 and 6 also formed. Product identities were confirmed by GLC and NMR comparison to authentic samples.

The synthesis of other alkyl halide complexes has been briefly explored. Analogous reactions of 1, HBF4.Et2O, and ethyl bromide or ethyl chloride gave ethyl halide complexes  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Re (NO)(PPh_3)(XCH_2CH_3)]^+BF_4^-(10b, X = Br; 11b, X = Cl).$  This structural assignment was made on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra that closely match those of 4b. Complexes 10b and 11b decompose between -20 and 0 °C. Analogous pentamethylcyclopentadienyl complexes also can be prepared and will be described in a later publication.

In summary, a variety of alkyl halide complexes are now readily accessible and can be expected to exhibit a rich and useful coordination chemistry.

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## Stereoselective Formation of Conjugated Enynes via Coupling of Alkynyliodonium Tosylates and Vinylcopper Reagents

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Conjugated envnes represent an important class of aliphatic compounds. They occur in a number of natural products<sup>1</sup> as well as provide an attractive route for stereospecific 1,3-diene synthesis.<sup>2</sup> Yet outside of Stille's<sup>3</sup> recent, elegant report on the Pd-catalyzed direct coupling of acetylenic tin reagents with vinyl iodides and related Pd-mediated couplings,<sup>4</sup> few methods are available for the simple formation of stereoisomeric 1,3-enynes.<sup>5</sup>

The current renaissance in tricoordinate iodine chemistry<sup>6</sup> and the ready availability of new alkynyliodonium salts,' together with our recent success in the use of these species in the formation of hitherto unknown, unique, alkynyl esters,8 led us to explore their use in coupling reactions. Herein we report the stereoselective formation of 1,3-envnes, via a new carbon-carbon bond-forming reaction, involving the direct coupling of alkynyliodonium tosylates 1 with alkenylcopper(I) reagents.

Alkynylphenyliodonium tosylates 1 are readily available in reasonable yields<sup>8a,9</sup> by interaction of Koser's reagent,<sup>10</sup> PhI-

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