involve the initial coordination of aluminum of 1 to carbonyl oxygen followed by intramolecular transfer of the tellurium group to the electropositive carbonyl carbon center. Thermodynamically stable Al-O-Al bond formation then leads to the construction of the carbon-tellurium double bond.

In the absence of a diene, 1 reacted with adamantanone to give a dimer of telluroadamantanone in 28% yield (eq 3). The mass



spectrum of this compound supported the dimeric molecular formula of $C_{20}H_{28}Te_2$ with a molecular ion at m/e = 528 (¹³⁰Te) having the expected isotope pattern for Te₂.

Thus, it becomes possible for the first time to study the chemistry of telluroaldehydes and -ketones.

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A Reactive Organometallic Oxo Intermediate, Cp*₂Zr=O: Generation and Subsequent Trapping Reactions Forming Alkyne and Nitrile Addition Products

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The metal oxo linkage (M=O) in high-valent group 5-8 metal complexes is relatively well-known¹ but is normally quite robust.² The apparent lack of monomeric group 4 oxometallocene species $((\eta^5-C_5R_5)_2M=O, M = Ti, Zr, Hf)$ in the literature led us to believe that if these could be generated they would indeed display greater reactivity than that of metal oxo species already known. In addition, the recent successful isolation and characterization of a reactive monomeric zirconium imido complex, $Cp_2(THF)$ -Zr=N(t-Bu) ($Cp = \eta^5-C_5H_5$), in these laboratories^{3,4} indicated to us that perhaps the isoelectronic Zr=O complex could be generated in a similar α -elimination reaction.⁵ We report here evidence supporting the successful generation of $Cp^*_2Zr=O$ ($Cp^* = \eta^5-C_5M_5$), its subsequent trapping with various unsaturated organic molecules, and the unusual rearrangement reactions of some of these trapped products.

The chemistry observed is outlined in Scheme I. Heating $Cp^*_2ZrPh(OH)^6$ (1) in toluene or benzene at 160 °C in the presence of 3-4 equiv of diphenyl- or di-*p*-tolylacetylene leads to loss of benzene (observed by ¹H NMR spectrometry) and generation of the orange zirconium oxametallacycles 2 (68% isolated yield;⁷ 92% yield by ¹H NMR) and 3 (78% isolated yield), respectively. Isolation of 3 indicates that the phenyl group initially bound to Zr in 1 is liberated (vide infra). Complex 2 has been characterized by X-ray diffraction;⁸ an ORTEP diagram is included in Scheme I and clearly shows that the phenyl ring is orthometalated.

Heating 1 in the presence of excess 1,4-diphenyl-1,3-butadiyne leads to the formation of a deep red compound, 4 (84% isolated yield), in which a Cp^{*} ligand is now bonded to the coordinated enolate (see Scheme I). A single-crystal X-ray diffraction study⁸ confirmed this description of 4; an ORTEP diagram is included in Scheme I. Heating 1 at 160 °C in the presence of 3-4 equiv of benzonitrile (PhCN) provides an isolable compound that we formulate as the PhCN insertion product, 5, in 74% yield. Here 2 equiv of PhCN have added to give the six-membered metallacycle, as illustrated in Scheme I. Once again, an X-ray structure determination of 5 was carried out⁸ and confirms the proposed connectivity.

The following experiments provide information about the mechanism of thermal decomposition of hydroxyphenylzirconium complex 1. (1) GC-MS analysis of the volatile materials formed upon separate thermolysis of Cp*₂ZrPh(OH) and Cp*₂ZrPh(OD)⁹ (160 °C in toluene in the presence of PhCCPh) indicates that C_6H_6 and C_6H_5D , respectively, are the exclusive ($\geq 97\%$)¹⁰ elim-

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(9) $Cp^*_2ZrPh(OD)$ was prepared analogously to $Cp^*_2ZrPh(OH)$ (ref 6) with D₂O used in place of H₂O. Integration (¹H NMR) of the residual OH versus the Cp* or phenyl resonances indicated that $Cp^*_2ZrPh(OD)$ was ca. 98% deuterated.

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ination products. (2) Kinetic evidence favors initial loss (α elimination) of benzene from 1. When 1 is heated at 160 °C in $C_6 D_6^{11}$ in the presence of 3.5, 7.5, or 11.0 equiv of ditolylacetylene or in the presence of 1,4-diphenyl-1,3-butadiyne or benzonitrile, the rate of disappearance of 1 (monitored by ¹H NMR spectrometry) is clearly first order $(k_{obsd} = (3.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1})$ and is independent of the type or concentration of trapping ligand. (3) Studies of the rate of thermal decomposition of $Cp_2^*ZrPh(OD)$ at 160 °C in C_6D_6 reveal a substantial deuterium isotope effect $(k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D} = 4.3 \pm 0.1)$, indicating that an O-H (or O-D) bond undergoes cleavage in the transition state of the rate-determining step.12

These observations are consistent with our initial hypothesis that thermolysis of 1 proceeds by first-order, rate-determining elimination of benzene, leading to Cp*₂Zr=O. By analogy to the behavior of $Cp_2Zr=N(t-Bu)$, we propose that alkynes react initially with the oxo complex to give oxametallacycles of type **6**.¹³ However, under the conditions necessary to generate Cp*₂Zr=O, these oxametallacycles are unstable and rearrange to cyclometalated products 2-4. Fortunately, Hillhouse and coworkers have recently prepared the oxametallacycle 6 ($R_1 = R_2$)

= Ph) upon treatment of the zirconocene diphenylacetylene complex $Cp_2^*Zr(PhCCPh)$ with $N_2O^{.14}$ These workers have kindly provided us with a sample of this metallacycle, and we find that its thermolysis at 160 °C (40 min) leads to 2 (86% by ¹H NMR). This provides strong additional evidence that 6 is an intermediate in the overall reaction of **1** with diphenylacetylene.

The details of the conversion of 6 to the final alkyne-trapped and rearranged products 2-4 are not yet clear. The formation of 4 from the diacetylene suggests that Cp*-mediated cleavage of the Zr-C bond in 6¹⁵ can occur, leading in this case to intermediate 7; rearrangement involving the remaining $C \equiv C$ triple bond would then give 4. Preliminary experiments suggest that a somewhat different process operates in the conversion of 6 to **2** and **3**: thermolysis of **1** in the presence of diphenylacetylene- d_{10} gives product 2- d_{10} in which approximately 25% of the deuterium atom removed from the ortho position of the aromatic ring has been incorporated into a Cp* methyl and 75% is located in the exocyclic vinyl position. Thus, although part of the product may arise from initial Cp* metalation (followed by " σ -bond metathesis" ¹⁶), the majority is produced by hydrogen (deuterium) transfer from the phenyl, rather than the Cp*, ring. Possible mechanisms that may account for this involve cleavage of the Zr-C bond in 6, leading to a zwitterionic or diradical intermediate followed by hydrogen transfer, or reversion of 6 to $Cp_2^{*}Zr_2^{*}$ (O)(ArC = CAr), with subsequent addition of an ortho arene C-H bond across the Z=O linkage and then addition of the resulting O-H bond across the alkyne. In the reaction of Cp*₂Zr=O with nitriles, by analogy to its reaction with alkynes,

⁽¹¹⁾ Similar rate constants are obtained when 1 is heated (160 °C) with excess ditolylacetylene in THF- d_8 ($k = 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$ s⁻¹) and when 1 and ditolylacetylene are thermolyzed in C₆D₆ with 1 equiv of pyridine present ($k = 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$ s⁻¹). This latter result suggests that these reactions are not base-catalyzed.

⁽¹²⁾ The kinetic and isotope labeling studies performed here cannot dis-tinguish between Cp*₂Zr=O and $(\eta^5-Cp^*)(\eta^5,\eta^1-C_5(CH_3)_4CH_2)Zr(OH)$ as the reactive intermediate involved in the alkyne and nitrile addition reactions. Indeed, these are isomers and may be in equilibrium under the reaction conditions employed. However, when 1 is heated in the absence of any trapping ligand, one does not obtain $(\eta^5-Cp^*)(\eta^5,\eta^1-C_5(CH_3)_4CH_2)Zr(OH)$ nor any single product cleanly.

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we propose initial formation of azaoxametallacycle 8, followed by subsequent insertion of a second nitrile into the Zr-N bond of this molecule. Investigations designed to resolve these mechanistic questions are continuing and will be reported in a full paper.

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Reaction of the Sulfur-Coordinated Thiophene in $Cp^{*}(CO)_{2}Re(SC_{4}H_{4})$ To Give the Thiophene-Bridged $Cp^{*}(CO)_{2}Re(\mu - SC_{4}H_{4})Fe(CO)_{3}$

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In a mechanism proposed in these laboratories^{2,3} for the catalytic hydrodesulfurization (HDS) of thiophenes, the thiophene adsorbs via the entire π ring in the η^5 mode.⁴ Thiophenes coordinated



in this manner in Mn and Ru complexes⁵ are susceptible to attack by hydride sources, and this reactivity is the basis for the proposed HDS mechanism.^{2,3} Another mechanism⁶ assumes initial coordination of the thiophene through only the sulfur atom, and this coordination is presumed to activate the thiophene so as to give the H₂S and C₄ hydrocarbon products. However, in model complexes with S-bound thiophene (T) ligands such as CpFe-(CO)₂(T)⁺,⁷ or even $(C_5H_4CH_2C_4H_3S)Ru(PPh_3)_2^{+,8}$ where the thiophene is part of a cyclopentadienyl chelate ligand, the thiophene is so weakly coordinated to the metal that all attempted reactions of the ligand have simply led to thiophene dissociation from the metal. Thus, there is no evidence that S-coordinated thiophene is activated to react. In this communication, we describe

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Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of Cp*Re(CO)₂(µ-T)Fe(CO)₃ (2). Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) are Re-S = 2.330 (1), Re-C(14) = 1.884 (7), Re-C(15) = 1.883 (6), Fe-C(2) = 2.086 (6), Fe-C(3) = 2.044 (6), Fe-C(4) = 2.048 (6), Fe-C(5) = 2.099 (6), Fe-C(11) = 1.769(8), Fe–C(12) = 1.789 (7), Fe–C(13) = 1.798 (6), S–C(2) = 1.807 (6), S-C(5) = 1.802(5), C(2)-C(3) = 1.458(8), C(3)-C(4) = 1.379(9),C(4)-C(5) = 1.427 (8), C(2)-S-C(5) = 82.3 (3), C(11)-Fe-C(12) =91.4 (3), C(11)-Fe-C(13) = 100.9 (3), C(12)-Fe-C(13) = 99.0 (3), S-Re-C(14) = 93.4(2), S-Re-C(15) = 93.0(2), C(14)-Re-C(15) =87.5 (3), C(2)-C(3)-C(4) = 110.1 (5), and C(3)-C(4)-C(5) = 110.4(5).

the synthesis of an unusually stable S-bound thiophene complex $Cp^*Re(CO)_2(T)$ ($Cp^* = \eta^5 \cdot C_5Me_5$) and its subsequent reaction with "Fe(CO)₃" to give a dinuclear complex $Cp^*(CO)_2Re(\mu$ -T)Fe(CO)₃ in which the thiophene is S-bound to the Re and η^4 -bound through the four carbons to the Fe(CO)₃,

A solution of Cp*(CO)₂Re(THF), prepared by UV irradiation⁹ of a THF solution (120 mL) of Cp*Re(CO)₃ (0.74 mmol), is stirred with thiophene (5.0 mL, 62 mmol) at room temperature for 6-8 h. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue is chromatographed in CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes (1:4) on neutral alumina. Slow evaporation of the solvent from the yellow band gives light yellow, air-stable crystals of $Cp^{*}(CO)_{2}Re(T)$ (1) (38% yield), which is characterized by its elemental analyses and IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and mass spectra;¹⁰ these data support its formulation as a complex with an S-coordinated thiophene. Although there are no crystal structures of simple thiophene complexes, the sulfur in 1 is presumed to be pyramidal, as found in the chelated thiophene complex⁸ $(C_5H_4CH_2C_4H_3S)Ru(PPh_3)_2^+$ and in several thiaporphyrin complexes,¹¹ and the thiophene may be folded slightly $(12-15^{\circ})^{11}$ along a line from C(2) to C(5).

When a solution of $Cp^{*}(CO)_{2}Re(T)$ (1) (0.076 mmol) in THF (15 mL) is treated with $Fe_2(CO)_9$ (0.274 mmol) at -40 °C and then slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 20 h,

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