

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)₂Re(SC₄H₄) To Give the Thiophene-Bridged Cp*(CO)₂Re(μ-SC₄H₄)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 η⁵ 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 (C₅H₄CH₂C₄H₃S)Ru(PPh₃)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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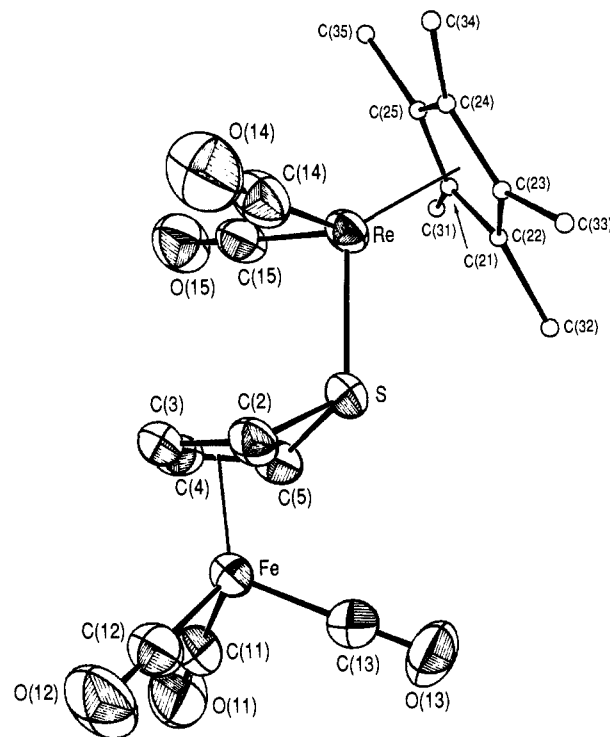


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of Cp*Re(CO)₂(μ-T)Fe(CO)₃ (**2**). Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) are Re—S = 2.330 (1), Re—C(14) = 1.884 (7), Re—C(15) = 1.883 (6), Fe—C(2) = 2.086 (6), Fe—C(3) = 2.044 (6), Fe—C(4) = 2.048 (6), Fe—C(5) = 2.099 (6), Fe—C(11) = 1.769 (8), Fe—C(12) = 1.789 (7), Fe—C(13) = 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* = η⁵-C₅Me₅) and its subsequent reaction with "Fe(CO)₃" to give a dinuclear complex Cp*(CO)₂Re(μ-T)Fe(CO)₃ in which the thiophene is S-bound to the Re and η⁴-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 CH₂Cl₂/hexanes (1:4) on neutral alumina. Slow evaporation of the solvent from the yellow band gives light yellow, air-stable crystals of Cp*(CO)₂Re(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 (C₅H₄CH₂C₄H₃S)Ru(PPh₃)₂⁺ and in several thiaporphyrin complexes,¹¹ and the thiophene may be folded slightly (12–15°)¹¹ along a line from C(2) to C(5).

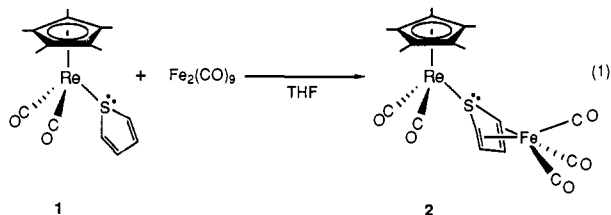
When a solution of Cp*(CO)₂Re(T) (**1**) (0.076 mmol) in THF (15 mL) is treated with Fe₂(CO)₉ (0.274 mmol) at –40 °C and then slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 20 h,

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the solution color changes from orange-yellow to dark purple. Evaporation of the solution under vacuum and chromatography of the residue on neutral alumina in CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes (1:4) give $\text{Cp}^*(\text{CO})_2\text{Re}(\mu\text{-T})\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$ (**2**) in the yellow band, which upon slow evaporation yields (59%) **2** as air-stable, yellow crystals, which were fully characterized.¹² Thus, the reaction proceeds as in eq 1.



An X-ray diffraction study¹³ shows that **2** contains a bridging thiophene ligand that is coordinated to the Re atom via the sulfur and to the Fe through the four carbons of the diene system. The sulfur is pyramidal as indicated by the angle (125°) between the Re-S vector and the vector from S to the midpoint of the line from C(2) to C(5). The longer distances for C(2)-C(3) (1.458 (8) Å) and C(4)-C(5) (1.427 (8) Å) as compared to that for C(3)-C(4) (1.379 (9) Å) are often found in η^4 -1,3-diene complexes;¹⁴ this pattern of C-C bond distances is similar to that found in the S-coordinated thiophene in thiaporphyrin complexes¹¹ but is just the opposite of that in free thiophene, where C(2)-C(3) and C(4)-C(5) are shorter (1.37 Å) than C(3)-C(4) (1.42 Å),¹⁵ and that in $(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{S})\text{Ru}(\text{PPh}_3)_2^+$.⁸ The C(2)-S and C(5)-S distances (1.807 (6), 1.802 (5) Å) are substantially longer than the corresponding distances (1.715 Å)¹⁵ in free thiophene, and the C(2)-S-C(5) angle (82.3°) is much smaller than in thiophene (92°). The thiophene ring is folded with an angle of $36.9 \pm 0.4^\circ$ between the C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5) and C(2)-S-C(5) planes. In general, the geometry (the fold at the C(2)-C(5) line, the long C-S bonds, and the small C(2)-S-C(5) angle of the thiophene) in **2** is different from that of free thiophene¹⁵ and the S-coordinated thiophene in $(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{S})\text{Ru}(\text{PPh}_3)_2^+$ but very similar to that of the η^4 -thiophene ligand in $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\eta^4\text{-T})$ ¹⁶ and $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\eta^4\text{-T-BH}_3)$ (in which the BH_3 is coordinated to the sulfur).¹⁷

It is interesting that the $\nu(\text{CO})$ values for the $\text{Cp}^*(\text{CO})_2\text{Re}$ group in **2** (1922, 1862 cm^{-1}) are lower than those in **1** (1934, 1874 cm^{-1}), which means that the thiophene sulfur is a better donor to Re when the thiophene is η^4 -coordinated to $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$. This is consistent with the previous observation¹⁶ that the thiophene sulfur in $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\eta^4\text{-T})$ is a stronger Lewis base toward BH_3 than free thiophene or even Me_2S . Presumably the η^4 coordination of

thiophene to a metal separates the diene and sulfur segments of the thiophene and drastically reduces the delocalization of electron density from the sulfur to the diene system, which makes the sulfur much more basic.

In conclusion, we report herein the first example of an S-coordinated thiophene undergoing reaction. In fact, it appears that the thiophene in **1** is activated to react with " $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$ " since thiophene itself does not react¹⁸ with $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$ under conditions very similar to those in eq 1. (Under more vigorous conditions, $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ reacts with thiophene to give thiaferroles and ferroles.¹⁹) Thus, it is possible that on an HDS catalyst initial S adsorption of thiophene to a single metal site would activate the diene system to coordinate to a second metal. Perhaps in this bridging position with weakened C-S bonds, the thiophene undergoes C-S bond cleavage and hydrogenation. Investigations of such reactivity are in progress.

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Determination of $\delta(^{187}\text{Os})$, $J(\text{Os},\text{X})$, and $T_1(^{187}\text{Os})$ in Osmium Complexes via Indirect 2D NMR Spectroscopy

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Osmium-187 is the most insensitive nucleus in NMR spectroscopy,¹ and also for this reason until now no $\delta(^{187}\text{Os})$ data have been published except for the standard OsO_4^2 and a μ -bridged binuclear complex.³ Using the indirect two- and one-dimensional (X,Os) NMR spectroscopy ($\text{X} = ^1\text{H}$ or ^{31}P)^{4,5} we have determined to the best of our knowledge for the first time the ^{187}Os chemical shift range, the magnitude and sign of $J(\text{Os},\text{X})$, and $T_1(^{187}\text{Os})$ in quasitetrahedral [$(\eta^5\text{-cyclopentadienyl})(\text{phosphine})_2(\text{R})$] Os complexes.⁶

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(13) Crystallographic data for **2**: mol wt 601.47; monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (No. 14); $a = 11.395$ (2) Å, $b = 13.310$ (1) Å, $c = 14.636$ (3) Å, $\beta = 109.151$ (8) $^\circ$, $V = 2096.8$ (6) Å³, $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.905$ g/cm³ for $Z = 4$ at 22 ± 1 $^\circ\text{C}$, $\mu = 66.59$ cm^{-1} ($\text{MoK}\alpha$). Diffraction data were collected at 22 ± 1 $^\circ\text{C}$ using an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 automated diffractometer. A total of 7716 reflections were collected. Of the 3684 unique data, 2850 data were considered observed, having $F_o^2 > 3\sigma(F_o^2)$. An empirical absorption correction was applied to the data based on a series of ψ -scans. The positions of the metal atoms were given by direct methods. (SHELXS-86, G. M. Sheldrick, Institut für Anorganische Chemie der Universität, Göttingen, F.R.G.). The remainder of the non-hydrogen atoms were located in difference Fourier maps following least-squares refinement of the known atoms. $R = 0.0263$ and $R_w = 0.0372$.

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