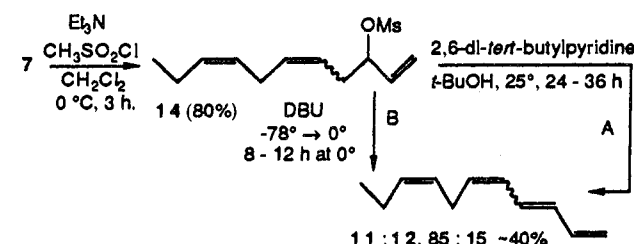
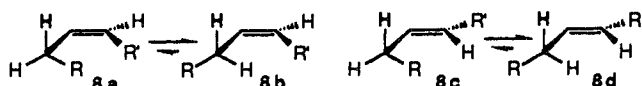


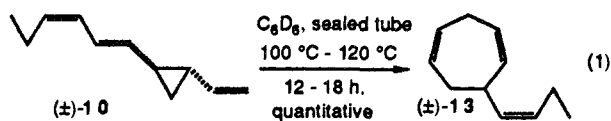
Scheme III



The exclusive formation of the *cis,trans* geometry of the conjugated diene in **10** suggests the following about the reaction mechanism: (1) The lack of change in the *Z*-olefin geometry ( $C_{8,9}$ ) of **8** signified that either elimination in the anion **9** to form the cyclopropane **10** occurs faster than stereochemical equilibration of the pentadienyl anion or the *cis,trans* configuration of the pentadienyl anion is thermodynamically favored. On the basis of studies by Schlosser<sup>15</sup> of closely related systems, both of these possibilities seem likely. (2) The exclusive *E* geometry of the newly formed double bond in **10** may be attributed to steric interactions during deprotonation. Removal of that diallylic proton from **8** which results in a pentadienyl anion (indicated in bold type) most likely occurs in **8b** rather than **8a** in the case of the predominant *cis* isomer and in **8d** rather than **8c** in the case of the *trans* isomer since the resulting transition states would be less crowded in each case. **8b** and **8d** would afford dictyopterene B (**10**) while **8a** and **8c** would produce the *cis,cis* isomer of **10**.



(±)-Dictyopterene B (**10**) was quantitatively converted to (±)-dictyopterene D (**13**)<sup>16,17</sup> through the known procedure of heating (±)-**10** in a sealed tube for several hours (eq 1).



When the methanesulfonate ester **14** of **7** was solvolysed (path A, Scheme III) or treated with excess 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]-undec-7-ene (DBU) (path B<sup>18</sup>), a mixture of tetraene gamete attractants **11** and **12**<sup>19</sup> was produced in 40% yield and no dictyopterene B was detected. It is not surprising that **14** undergoes  $\beta$ -elimination under essentially neutral solvolytic conditions whereas **9**, in the presence of a strong base, undergoes deprotonation followed by an intramolecular  $S_N2$  reaction. The solvolysis of **14**, bearing an excellent leaving group, presumably involves an  $E1$  process in which the most acidic ( $\beta$ ) proton of the carbocationic intermediate is removed.

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(20) It should be noted that even though the ova in most Pacific seaweeds secrete only (*R,R*)-(-)-**10**, the male gametes in some of the brown algae do not distinguish between *R,R* and *S,S* forms and thus are attracted to both enantiomers of **10**.<sup>1</sup>

overall yield starting with commercial **1** is the most efficient synthesis to date.<sup>21</sup> It is also truly unique as all previous syntheses utilize a Wittig reaction to generate C-C unsaturation in a stereochemically controlled manner, usually in poor yield. More importantly, it has now been demonstrated for the first time that these gamete attractants can be prepared from their proposed<sup>1</sup> biogenetic precursor **7** in good yield. While the conditions used in the conversion of **7** to **10** do not resemble those in a biological system, our results render plausible a biosynthesis involving electrophilic enzymatic assistance to removal of a good leaving group such as a pyrophosphate with simultaneous enzymatic deprotonation of the developing cation.<sup>22</sup> The [1,2,(3),5]-elimination described here is apparently the only example of this rare type of ring closure in a noncyclic system<sup>9</sup> in which the entropy of activation should be less favorable than in the few known cases.

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### Preparation, X-ray Molecular Structure, and Electronic Structure of the First 16-Electron Dihydrogen Complexes $RuH(H_2)X(PCy_3)_2$

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Since the first demonstration by Kubas of the coordination of dihydrogen to a transition metal,<sup>1</sup> numerous examples of such compounds have appeared in the literature.<sup>2</sup> A large number of these resulted from the reinvestigation of complexes that had been previously assigned a polyhydride structure. This is the case for the polyhydrides  $FeH_4(PR_3)_3$ ,  $RuH_4(PR_3)_3$ , and  $RuH_6(PCy_3)_2$ , which were shown to adopt a  $d^6$  octahedral structure ( $FeH_2(H_2)(PR_3)_3$ ,<sup>3,4</sup>  $RuH_2(H_2)(PR_3)_3$ ,<sup>3,5</sup> and  $RuH_2(H_2)_2(PCy_3)_2$ ,<sup>5</sup> re-

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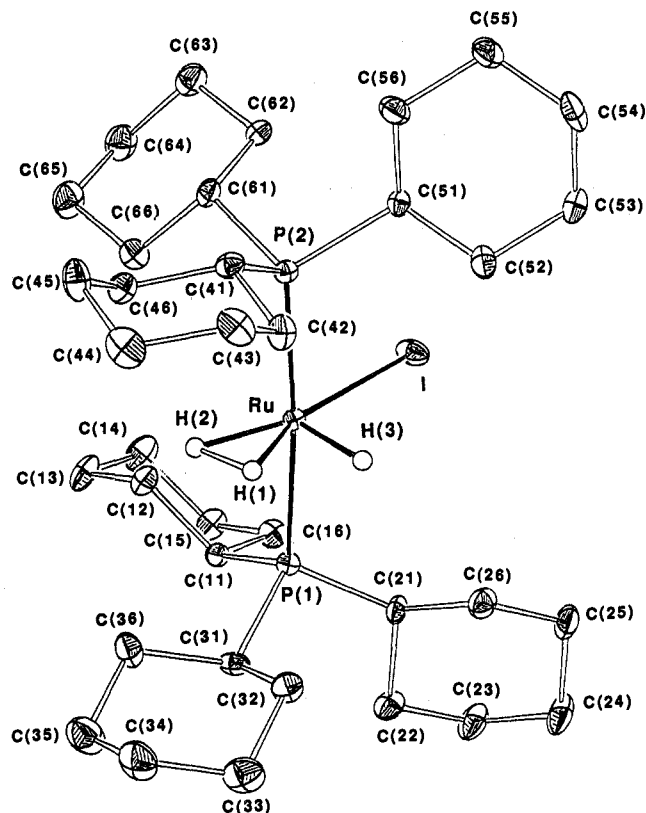
spectively) considered as favored for H<sub>2</sub> complexes by several authors.<sup>1,2</sup>

The thermally stable bis(dihydrogen) complex RuH<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>5</sup> can be protonated by carboxylic acids to lead to novel hydrido dihydrogen derivatives containing anionic donor ligands which exhibit a dihydride dihydrogen equilibrium upon second protonation.<sup>6</sup> Its reactions with halocarbons were anticipated to lead to new unsaturated or polynuclear dihydrogen derivatives. They are described hereafter.

RuH<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**1**) reacts rapidly at room temperature with 1 equiv of PhI or CH<sub>3</sub>I in hexane to give a brown solution (containing benzene if PhI is used) from which orange-brown crystals analyzing for RuH(H<sub>2</sub>)I(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**2**)<sup>7a</sup> are obtained after the solution is cooled, in 70% yield. A similar reaction between **1** and excess CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> yields RuH(H<sub>2</sub>)Cl(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**3**)<sup>7b</sup> in 70% crystallized yield. **3** can also be obtained from the reaction of **1** with AlCl<sub>3</sub>.

The high-field <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** consists of a broad peak at δ -16.3 ppm which remains broad down to -80 °C; a triplet pattern is visible at room temperature (*J*<sub>P-H</sub> ~ 11 Hz). The intensity of this peak compared to that of the phosphine protons is less than 3:66 (ca. 2.5:66). The minimum observed *T*<sub>1</sub> value is ca. 30 ms at 243 K, a value identical with that observed for RuH(H<sub>2</sub>)(OCOR)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.<sup>6</sup> **3** shows the same spectroscopic properties (high-field <sup>1</sup>H NMR and *T*<sub>1</sub>) and thus adopts most probably the same structure. **2** does not react with N<sub>2</sub> but does react immediately with D<sub>2</sub> to exchange H<sub>2</sub> for D<sub>2</sub> (5 min at room temperature) and with pyridine to give a hydrido pyridine derivative not fully characterized.

In order to establish the nuclearity of **2** and confirm the presence of coordinated H<sub>2</sub>, an X-ray diffraction study was undertaken at 100 K.<sup>8</sup> The complex is monomeric and contains two trans



**Figure 1.** ORTEP plot for [RuH(H<sub>2</sub>)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): Ru-P(1), 2.339 (1); Ru-P(2), 2.344 (1); Ru-I, 2.710 (1); Ru-H(1), 1.60 (5); Ru-H(2), 1.59 (4); Ru-H(3), 1.51 (5); H(1)-H(2), 1.03 (7); P(1)-Ru-P(2), 175.13 (6); P(1)-Ru-I, 90.80 (4); P(2)-Ru-I, 91.82 (4); P(1)-Ru-H(1), 89 (2); P(1)-Ru-H(2), 88 (2); P(1)-Ru-H(3), 91 (2); P(2)-Ru-H(1), 90 (2); P(2)-Ru-H(2), 88 (2); P(2)-Ru-H(3), 93 (2); I-Ru-H(1), 163 (2); I-Ru-H(2), 159 (2); I-Ru-H(3), 99 (2).

phosphine groups with a cis iodine atom, at normal bonding distances. The high quality of the X-ray structure allows positioning of a hydride and a dihydrogen ligand, Figure 1.<sup>10</sup> The hydridic Ru-H(3) distance (1.51 (5) Å) is typical of a terminal ruthenium hydride bond,<sup>11</sup> and the Ru-H distances within the nonclassical moiety are similar (Ru-H(1) = 1.60 (5) Å and Ru-H(2) = 1.59 (4) Å). The ligand arrangement is that of a slightly distorted octahedral environment since the angles P-Ru-P and I-Ru-(H<sub>2</sub> midpoint) are close to 180°. The hydride is slightly tilted toward H<sub>2</sub> (I-Ru-H(3) = 99°), which makes the non-bonding distance H(1)-H(3) short (1.66 (6) Å) while that within the nonclassical H<sub>2</sub> ligand appears to be elongated (H(1)-H(2) = 1.03 (7) Å).

Extended Hückel calculations were carried out on this complex. The experimental structure appears to be a minimum.<sup>12</sup> This agrees with the fact that stable d<sup>6</sup> ML<sub>5</sub> complexes have a structure that can be alternatively viewed as a square pyramid or as a piece of an octahedron, depending on the distance between the basal plane and the metal.<sup>13b</sup> In these complexes the ligand trans to the empty site (apical ligand) is the strongest σ donor (H in **2**).<sup>13b</sup> The structures with I or H<sub>2</sub> at the apical site are calculated to be 10 kcal/mol higher in energy.

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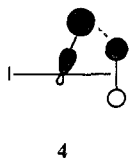
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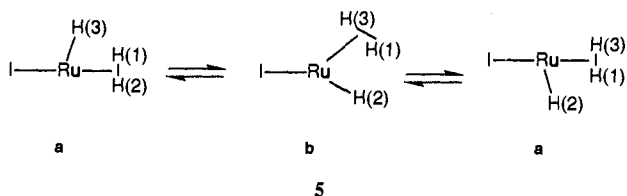
(7) (a) RuH(H<sub>2</sub>)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. Satisfactory microanalyses were obtained. Selected spectroscopic data: IR (KBr) ν(Ru-H) 2109 cm<sup>-1</sup> (br); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz) -16.3 (br t, 3 H, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>P-H</sub>, 11 Hz), 1-2 ppm (m, 66 H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR 56.00 ppm (s). *T*<sub>1</sub> values for the high-field signal: 296 K, 59 ms; 273 K, 46 ms; 248 K, 32 ms; 243 K, 30 ms; 228 K, 30 ms; 213 K, 42 ms; 198 K, 65 ms; 193 K, 72 ms. (b) RuH(H<sub>2</sub>)Cl(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. Satisfactory microanalyses were obtained. Selected spectroscopic data: IR (KBr) ν(Ru-H) 2059 cm<sup>-1</sup> (br); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz) -16.3 (br t, 3 H), 1-2 ppm (m, 66 H); <sup>31</sup>P NMR 54.00 ppm (s). *T*<sub>1</sub> values for the high-field signal: 296 K, 61 ms; 273 K, 46 ms; 243 K, 30 ms; 193 K, 75 ms.

(8) A prismatic brown-black block (0.21 × 0.17 × 0.13 mm), grown by a slow diffusion of hexane into a toluene solution of **2**, was used for data collection. Crystal data: orthorhombic, space group *Pbca*, *a* = 14.745 (4) Å, *b* = 22.574 (9) Å, *c* = 26.316 (5) Å, *V* = 8759 (5) Å<sup>3</sup> [from 2θ values of 20 reflections measured at ±ω (2θ = 20-30°), λ = 0.71069], *M* = 884.00, *Z* = 8, ρ<sub>calcd</sub> = 1.341 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ(Mo Kα) = 1.146 mm<sup>-1</sup>. Intensity data were collected at 100 K using an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer equipped with a commercial Oxford Cryosystems device (temperature fluctuations ≤ 0.2 K). A total of 9316 reflections were measured to 2θ<sub>max</sub> = 45° with 5708 unique, of which 4496 with *F* > 6σ(*F*) were used in all calculations. Data reduction was carried out with the DREAM package.<sup>9</sup> The structure was solved by Patterson and conventional Fourier methods. All non-hydrogen atoms (except solvent) were refined first isotropically and then with anisotropic thermal parameters. All the hydrogen atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and included in the last cycles of refinement riding at their carbon atoms and with a common thermal parameter. Hydrogens directly bonded to the metal were treated as normal isotropic atoms and refined with free positional and thermal parameters. A crystallization toluene molecule disordered between two positions was clearly found from a different Fourier map. A model of solvent disorder was built up from toluene molecules which were refined as rigid groups with occupancy factors 0.70 (1) and 0.30 (1). Final *R* = 0.027 and *R*<sub>w</sub> = 0.029, weighting scheme *w* = 1.0/[σ<sup>2</sup>(*F*)]. Further details of the crystal structure investigation are available on request from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, University Chemical Laboratory, Lensfield Road, Cambridge, CB2 1EW, G.B. Any request should be accompanied by a full literature citation for this communication.

H<sub>2</sub> remains preferentially in the same plane as the Ru-H(3) bond with a small rotational barrier of 3 kcal/mol. Remarkably the interaction between the metal d orbitals and  $\sigma_{\text{HH}}^*$  is similar for the in-plane and out-of-plane orientation of H<sub>2</sub>. The preference for a coplanar arrangement can be traced to a cis interaction between the Ru-H  $\sigma$  bond and the  $\sigma_{\text{HH}}^*$  orbital (4). This interaction is also responsible for the fact that the Ru-H is bent toward the H<sub>2</sub> ligand. As has been previously shown in an Fe(II)-H/H<sub>2</sub> complex,<sup>4a</sup> this interaction creates a nascent bond between the hydride and the closest H center of H<sub>2</sub>. This nascent bond should facilitate the exchange process between the hydrogens.



A possible path for exchanging the H centers is shown in 5 (perpendicular phosphine ligands removed for clarity). The transition structure between two equivalent square pyramids (5a) is a distorted trigonal bipyramid with an acute angle between H<sub>2</sub> and H and the I ligand trans to it (5b). Such a structure, which is calculated to be very close in energy to the minimum and which has even been observed as a stable structure in the case of an Ru(II) and two Ir(III) complexes (with R and H at the acute angle),<sup>13,14</sup> should facilitate the exchange process by favoring the proximity between H and H<sub>2</sub>.



Compound 2 is unusual for several reasons. Firstly, it is the first well-characterized 16-electron dihydrogen derivative, which demonstrates that electron saturation is not a necessary condition for the stabilization of coordinated H<sub>2</sub>; there is no evidence for an agostic interaction between the cyclohexyl group and the metal. Secondly, the molecule adopts an octahedral type structure with a vacant coordination site. The dihydrogen molecule lies in the I-Ru-H(3) plane and not along the P(1)-Ru-P(2) axis, which is shown to be a manifestation of the cis interaction. Finally the H(1)-H(2) distance (1.03 (7) Å) is one of the longest reported so far in nonclassical H<sub>2</sub> complexes,<sup>15</sup> whereas the H(1)-H(3) distance (1.66 (6) Å) is short, a structure that should facilitate hydride/dihydrogen exchange.

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## Synthesis and Structure of $[\{\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2(\text{Cp})\}_2(\mu\text{-C}\equiv\text{C})]$ : An Ethynediyl Complex Formed during Tungsten-Catalyzed Alkyne Metathesis

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Metal complexes with all-carbon ligands provide interesting models for the carbide fragments formed as reactive intermediates during carbon monoxide and acetylene conversion reactions on heterogeneous catalyst surfaces.<sup>1</sup> There are several bicarbide clusters which fall into two classes, those with encapsulated C<sub>2</sub> ligands<sup>2</sup> and those with two separate C<sub>1</sub> ligands.<sup>3</sup> Generally, the carbide ligands tend to be unreactive because they are "buried" in the clusters. Complexes with C<sub>2</sub> ligands bonded to only two or three metals are quite rare.<sup>4,5</sup> We are interested in using metal ethynediyls (L<sub>n</sub>MC≡CML<sub>n</sub>) as an approach to reactive metal bicarbide complexes.

We previously reported that the stoichiometric reaction of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CMe})(\text{CO})_2(\text{Cp})]$  with  $[\text{W}(\equiv\text{C}\text{Et})(\text{OCMe}_3)_3]$  leads to the  $\mu$ -carbide complex  $[(\text{Cp})(\text{CO})_2\text{RuC}\equiv\text{W}(\text{OCMe}_3)_3]$  by alkyne metathesis, with elimination of  $\text{MeC}\equiv\text{C}\text{Et}$ .<sup>6</sup> While optimizing this procedure, we realized that the direct reaction of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CMe})(\text{CO})_2(\text{Cp})]$  with  $[\text{W}_2(\text{OCMe}_3)_6]$  should be equally capable of forming the carbide complex, since the initial reaction of these complexes should give equimolar amounts of  $[(\text{Cp})(\text{CO})_2\text{RuC}\equiv\text{W}(\text{OCMe}_3)_3]$  and  $[\text{W}(\equiv\text{CMe})(\text{OCMe}_3)_3]$ , ultimately leading to only  $[(\text{Cp})(\text{CO})_2\text{RuC}\equiv\text{W}(\text{OCMe}_3)_3]$  by loss of volatile  $\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CMe}$  (Scheme 1). Although this is the case in toluene solvent, carrying out the reaction in isoctane solution leads to the formation of a yellow precipitate of  $[\{\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2(\text{Cp})\}_2(\mu\text{-C}\equiv\text{C})]$  (1) in 52% yield.<sup>7</sup> The compounds remaining in solution (NMR) are  $[(\text{Cp})(\text{CO})_2\text{RuC}\equiv\text{W}(\text{OCMe}_3)_3]$ ,  $[\text{W}(\equiv\text{CMe})(\text{OCMe}_3)_3]$ ,

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