Saturated and Unsaturated (Hydrotris(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)borato)tungsten(II) Carbene Complexes

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Abstract: Reaction of $[Tp'(CO)_2W(PhC_2H)][BF_4]$ (Tp' = hydrotris(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)borato) with PhC₂H or reaction of $Tp'(CO)IW(PhC_2R)$ (R = H, Me) with $PhC_2H/AgBF_4$ generates cationic bisalkyne complexes $[Tp'(CO)W(PhC_2H) (PhC_2R)$ [BF₄]. NMR and crystal data suggest that the two alkyne ligands donate a total of six electrons to the metal with phenyl groups distal to each other. Crystals of the bis(phenylacetylene) complex belong to the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$, Z = 4, with unit cell dimensions of a = 14.868 (3), b = 13.085 (4), c = 19.835 (3) Å, $\beta = 109.22$ (1)°. Refinement of 442 variables over 3155 reflections led to R = 5.2% with $R_w = 7.1\%$. Deprotonation of the cationic bis(phenylacetylene) complex yields an alkyne acetylide product, Tp'(CO)(PhC₂H)W(C=CPh), which exists as two isomers in solution. Protonation of the acetylide compound with aqueous HCl regenerates the bisalkyne cation. Hydride addition to the bis(phenylacetylene) complex forms an alkyne σ -vinyl complex, Tp(CO)(PhC₂H)W(η^1 -CPh=CH₂), which also exists as two isomers. Protonation of the η^1 -vinyl complex at C β results in the formation of an 18-electron alkyne carbon cation, $[Tp'(CO)(PhC_2H)W=C-$ (Me)Ph][BF₄]. Protonation of the η^2 -vinyl complexes Tp'(CO)₂W(η^2 -CPh=CHR) (R = Me, H) at C β of the η^2 -vinyl ligand forms β -agostic carbenes [Tp'(CO)₂W=C(R)Ph][BF₄] (R = Me, Et). The methyl derivative crystallized in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$ with unit cell dimensions of a = 12.87 (1), b = 12.376 (8), c = 20.93 (3) Å; $\beta = 103.34$ (7)°, with Z = 10.3764. Refinement of 425 variables over 3200 reflections led to R = 7.0% and $R_w = 8.7\%$. The W-C (methyl) distance is 2.49 Å and the W-C α -C β angle is 91°. Rotation of the methyl group which provides the C-H agostic bond is fast for the methyl derivative. Variable temperature NMR experiments on the ethyl derivative show a barrier of 11.7 kcal/mol for interconversion of agostic enantiomers.

Introduction

Nucleophilic attack on organic ligands has historically been the dominant mode of ligand elaboration;¹ electrophilic additions constitute a smaller but equally fundamental class of ligand transformations.² Addition of an electrophile to a ligand β position is most common, as illustrated by the conversion of acyls to carbenes (eq 1)³ or vinylidenes to carbynes (eq 2),⁴ but examples of both α (eq 3)⁵ and γ (eq 4)⁶ electrophilic addition are also known.

$$M \rightarrow CR + E^{+} \rightarrow M = C \qquad (1)$$

$$M = C = CR_2 + E^+ \longrightarrow M \equiv C - CR_2 E \qquad (2)$$

$$M \equiv CR + E^{+} \longrightarrow M^{+} = C \begin{pmatrix} E \\ R \end{pmatrix}$$
(3)

$$M \longrightarrow E^{+} \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow (4)$$

Proton addition to acetylide ligands is a common way to synthesize vinylidene complexes.⁷ Vinylidene complexes are attractive

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Scheme I



reagents for additional transformations since they contain both unsaturated M=C and C=C bonds, which can serve as reactive sites. The general reactivity pattern of C_2 derived ligands reflects electrophilicity at C α and nucleophilicity at C β (Scheme I).^{7e} That such selectivity exists for reactions of M-C-C backbones in complexes that adhere to the effective atomic number rule follows directly if one assumes that the metal will happily house lone pairs and that the octet rule will apply for both carbon atoms in the C_2 based ligand. The ability of the metal to serve as an electron reservoir (housing the M=C π -electrons as a lone pair upon nucleophile addition to $C\alpha$ and sharing a lone pair to form a metal carbon multiple bond upon electrophile addition to $C\beta$) is crucial to these reactions.

Ligand protonation can cause unsaturation at the metal center, and agostic bond formation can result. Numerous agostic complexes have been reported⁸ since the first insightful review by Brookhart and Green⁹ in 1983. Agostic $L_n M[(CR_2)_n(CR)_m CR_2H]$ complexes can be classified as (a) agostic alkyls (m = 0; n = 1, 2, 3, ..., (b) agostic π -complexes (n = 1; m = 1, 2, 3, ...). Olefin insertion and polymerization mechanisms may involve β -agostic

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alkyls.10 Protonated carbynes, also described as α -agostic carbenes, of both groups V¹¹ and VI¹² have been reported.

Electrophilic addition to vinyl ligands at C β generates carbenes. While electrophilic addition to η^1 -vinyl ligands to form nonagostic carbenes¹³ maintains the electron count at the metal, a similar result from protonation of an η^2 -vinyl ligand would leave the metal unsaturated.

We have utilized nucleophilic addition to a four-electron donor alkyne ligand to form an η^2 -vinyl ligand¹⁴ and nucleophilic attack at a two-electron donor alkyne ligand to form an η^1 -vinyl ligand for use as a reagent. We now report (1) formation of cationic β -agostic carbones of the type $[Tp'(CO)_2W = C(R)Ph][BF_4] (Tp'$ = hydrotris(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)borato; R = Me, Et) from protonation of η^2 -vinyl complexes Tp'(CO)₂W(η^2 -CPh=CHR) (R = H, Me), (2) a single crystal structure of the methylphenylcarbene complex, and (3) detailed NMR studies of the ethyl derivative. For comparison, we also report (1) formation and characterization of a nonagostic carbene from protonation of an η^1 -vinyl complex; (2) formation and reactivity of an alkyne acetylide complex, Tp'(CO)(PhC₂H)W(C=CPh); (3) formation of bisalkyne complexes, $Tp'(CO)W(PhC=CH)(PhC=CR)[BF_4]$ (R = H, Me); and (4) a crystal structure of the bis(phenylacetylene) cation. Formation of the agostic carbene was communicated earlier.14a

Experimental Section

Materials and Methods. Manipulations involving air sensitive reagents were performed under an atmosphere of pure dinitrogen using Schlenk techniques. Solvents were purified as follows: CH₂Cl₂ was distilled from P_2O_5 . Et₂O, THF, and hexanes were distilled from potassium benzophenone ketyl. Other solvents were purged with nitrogen prior to use. Literature methods were employed in the synthesis of $Tp'(CO)_2W(\eta^2-CPh=CHR)$,¹⁴ Tp'(CO)(PhC=CR)WI,¹⁵ and $[Tp'W(CO)_2(PhC=CR)WI$,¹⁵ and $[Tp'W(CO)_2(PhC=C$ (CR) [BF₄]¹⁵ (R = H, Me). All other reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used without further purification.

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Mattson Polaris FT-IR spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-400 (400-MHz) spectrometer. Microanalyses were performed by Galbraith Laboratories, Knoxville, TN, or Oneida Research Services, Whitesboro, NY.

Syntheses. $[Tp'(CO)W(PhC_2H)_2[BF_4]$ (1). This compound was prepared by two routes as described below. (a) A stoichiometric amount of AgBF₄ (0.26 g, 1.36 mmol) was added to a green solution containing Tp'(CO)(PhC₂H)WI (1.0 g, 1.36 mmol) and 1.2 equiv of PhC₂H (0.18 mL, 1.63 mmol) in 100 mL of CH₂Cl₂ under a nitrogen atmosphere, resulting in a color change to orange-brown as a gray precipitate formed. The solution was filtered through Celite. The filtrate volume was reduced to ca. 10 mL and then transferred into 100 mL of Et₂O. The orange precipitate which formed was isolated by filtration, washed with 2×10 mL of Et₂O, and dried in vacuo to yield orange crystals (0.92 g, 85%). (b) A solution of $[Tp'(CO)_2W(PhC_2H)][BF_4]$ (1.0 g, 1.38 mmol) and PhC₂H (0.17 mL, 1.1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ was heated to reflux under a nitrogen atmosphere for 5 h, resulting in a color change from green to brown, disappearance of the starting material dicarbonyl stretching frequencies of 2060, 1970 cm⁻¹ in the infrared spectrum, and appearance of a 2080-cm⁻¹ band for the product. The solution volume was reduced to ca. 10 mL and then transferred into 100 mL of Et₂O. The precipitate was isolated and recrystallized from CH2Cl2/Et2O to yield orange crystals (0.55 g, 50%). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): $\nu_{BH} = 2566$, $\nu_{CO} = 2073$, $\nu_{CN} = 1546$, $\nu_{BF} = 1071$. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ): 13.04 (²J_{WH} = 9.5 Hz, PhC_2H , 10.39 (${}^{2}J_{WH} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, HC_2Ph$), 8.25, 7.79, 7.69, 7.23, 7.15, 6.31 (C₆H₅), 6.12, 5.87, 5.85 (Tp'CH), 2.67, 2.47, 2.39, 1.96, 1.89, 1.37

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 $(Tp'CCH_3)$. ¹³C NMR (CD_2Cl_2, δ) : 204.6 $({}^{1}J_{WC} = 102 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{HC} = 6$ (1) CCH₃). TC IMMR (CD₂C₁₂, *i*). 204.0 ($^{3}W_{C} - ^{1}O_{Z} + ^{1}D_{Z} + ^{1}C_{L} - ^{1}C_{L} + ^{2}D_{HC} = ^{1}C_{L} + ^{1}D_{HC} = ^{1}D_{L} + ^{1}D_{L} +$ $(Tp'CCH_3)$, 133.2, 132.7 (C_{ipso}) , 133.3, 132.9, 130.4, 130.3, 129.5, 129.0 (Ph), 110.4, 109.1 (Tp'CH), 16.5, 16.4, 15.5, 13.1, 13.0, 12.9 $(Tp'CCH_3)$. Anal. Calcd for $[Tp'W(CO)(PhC_2H)_2][BF_4] \cdot (CH_2Cl_2)$, W₁C₃₃H₃₆N₆O₁B₂F₄Cl₂: C, 44.77; H, 4.07; N, 9.50. Found: C, 44.68; H. 3.98; N. 9.40.

[Tp'(CO)W(PhC2Me)(PhC2H)[BF4] (2). This compound (orange, 60%) was prepared by route (a) as described above by using Tp'-(CO)(PhC₂Me)WI in place of Tp'(CO)(PhC₂H)WI. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): (CO)(1 HC21H) with the place of 1 p (CO)(1 HC21H) with the KRB1, cliff). $\nu_{BH} = 2565, \nu_{CO} = 2065, \nu_{CN} = 1546, \nu_{BF} = 1057.$ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 10.19 (²J_{WH} = 7.2 Hz, HC2Ph), 8.22, 7.74, 7.63, 7.24, 7.19, 6.24, (2 C₆H₅), 6.09, 5.87 (3 Tp'CH), 3.74 (PhCCMe), 2.66, 2.49, 2.40, 1.93, 1.81, 1.40 (Tp'CCH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 206.3 (¹J_{WC} = 105 Hz, (CO) 1.75 1 (2 L) = 10 Hz ²L = 6.8 Hz, DECCM(2) 1.75 0 (1L) CO), 175.1 (q, ${}^{1}J_{WC} = 10$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{HC} = 6.8$ Hz, PhCCMe), 175.0 (${}^{1}J_{WC} = 36$ Hz, MeCCPh), 167.1 (d of t, ${}^{1}J_{WC} = 10.3$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{HC} = 14.2$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{HC}$ = 5 Hz, PhCCH), 164.8 (d, ${}^{1}J_{WC}$ = 33 Hz, ${}^{1}J_{HC}$ = 227 Hz, PhCCH), 154.5, 153.4, 152.1, 146.8, 146.2, 145.5 (Tp'CCH₃), 132.9, 132.7 (C_{ipso}), 132.4, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2 (Ph), 110.1, 109.3, 109.2 (Tp'CH), 22.1 $(q, {}^{1}J_{HC} = 131 \text{ Hz}, \text{PhCC}Me), 16.4, 16.1, 15.5, 12.9, 12.8, 12.7$ (Tp'CCH₃).

 $Tp'(CO)(PhC_2H)W(\eta^1-CPh=CH_2)$ (3). A stoichiometric amount of Li[Et₃BH] in THF (0.63 mL) was dripped slowly into a cold THF (-78 °C) solution of $[Tp'(CO)(PhC_2H)_2][BF_4]$ (0.5 g, 0.63 mmol), resulting in a color change from brown to green and a decrease in IR CO stretching frequency from 2080 to 1900 cm⁻¹. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The solid residue was chromatographed on alumina with toluene as eluent. A green band was collected, and toluene was removed. The solid formed was recrystallized from CH2Cl2/hexanes to yield green crystals (0.36 g, 80%). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): $\nu_{BH} = 2548$, $\nu_{CO} = 1893$, ν_{CN} = 1545. ¹H NMR of major isomer (75%) (CDCl₃, δ): 13.34 (PhC₂H), 7.74-7.02 (10 H, C₆H₃), 6.34, 6.28, 6.04 (Tp'CH), 5.80 (d, ²J_{HH} = 4 Hz, ³J_{WH} = 14.4 Hz, η^1 -CPh=CHH), 4.30 (d, ²J_{HH} = 4 Hz, ³J_{WH} = 8 Hz, η¹-CPh=CHH), 3.26, 3.01, 2.86, 2.81, 2.06, 1.91 (Tp'CCH₃). ¹H NMR of minor isomer (25%) (CDCl₃, δ): 12.90 (PhC₂H), 7.74–7.02 (C₆H₃), 6.58, 6.27, 6.05 (Tp'CH), 5.84 (d, ²J_{HH} = 4 Hz, ³J_{WH} = 15 Hz, η^1 -CPh=CHH), 4.40 (d, ²J_{HH} = 4 Hz, ³J_{WH} = 8 Hz, η^1 -CPh=CHH), 3.24, 3.03, 3.00, 2.80, 2.01, 1.91 (Tp'CCH₃). ¹³C NMR of major isomer (75%) (CDCl₃, δ): 242.5 (¹J_{WC} = 138 Hz, ³J_{HC} = 8.7 Hz, CO), 213.7 (¹J_{WC} = 51 Hz, HCCPh), 203.5 (¹J_{HC} = 213 Hz, PhCCH), 161.8 (s, η^{1} -CPh=CH₂), 153.9, 153.5, 147.9, 144.1, 143.9, 143.4 (Tp'CCH₃), 137.4, 129.4, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 125.4, 123.7 (Ph), 119.9 (d of d, ${}^{J}_{HC}$ = 149 Hz, ${}^{1}_{JHC}$ = 156 Hz, η^{1} -CPh—CHH), 107.8, 107.6, 106.6 (Tp'CH), 17.1, 17.0, 15.6, 13.0, 12.8, 12.5 (Tp'CCH₃). Anal. Calcd for $W_1C_{32}H_{35}N_6O_1B_1$: C, 53.81; H, 4.90; N, 11.77. Found: C, 53.86; H, 4.93; N. 11.70.

 $[Tp'(CO)(PhC_2H)W = C(Me)Ph[BF_4]$ (4). A green solution of Tp'- $(CO)(PhC_2H)W(\eta^1-CPh=CH_2)$ (0.5 g, 0.7 mmol) in 30 mL of CH₂Cl₂/Et₂O (1:5) was cooled to 0 °C. A red-orange precipitate formed when a stoichiometric amount of HBF4·Me2O was added dropwise. The flask was put in the freezer (-40 °C) after 20 mL of Et_2O was added. The red-orange powder which formed was isolated by filtration, washed with Et_2O (2 × 10 mL), and dried in vacuo (0.34 g, 85%). Recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O yields red-orange crystals. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): $\nu_{BH} = 2564, \nu_{CO} = 2039, \nu_{CN} = 1545, \nu_{BF} = 1069.$ ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ): 14.20 (²J_{WH} = 6.8 Hz, PhC₂H), 7.50–6.40 (10 H, C₆H₅), 6.15, 5.78, δ): 14.20 (${}^{2}J_{WH}$ = 6.8 Hz, PhC₂H), /.50–6.40 (10 H, C₆H₅), 6.15, 5.76, 5.63 (Tp'CH), 4.23 (3 H, =C(Ph)Me), 2.75, 2.47, 2.41, 1.83, 1.35, 1.34 (Tp'CCH₃). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ): 341.6 (${}^{1}J_{WC}$ = 121 Hz, =C(Ph)-Me), 212.3 (${}^{1}J_{WC}$ = 44 Hz, ${}^{2}J_{HC}$ = ${}^{3}J_{HC}$ = 7 Hz, HCCPh), 211.0 (${}^{1}J_{WC}$ = 115 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HC}$ = 8 Hz, CO), 200.1 (d, ${}^{1}J_{HC}$ = 221 Hz, PhCCH), 156.4, 156.2, 149.9, 149.4, 147.6, 147.0 (Tp'CCH₃), 150.0, 134.0 (C_{ipso}), 132.9, 122.9 (137, 129.2) (Ph) 110.5 (109.7 108.8 (Tp'CH) 52.8 [a) 132.8, 131.7, 129.7, 128.3 (Ph), 110.5, 109.7, 108.8 (Tp'CH), 52.8 [q, ${}^{1}J_{\text{HC}} = 129 \text{ Hz}, \text{ W}=C(\text{Ph})Me], 16.7, 16.2, 14.8, 13.3, 13.1, 12.6$ (Tp'CCH₃). Anal. Calcd for [Tp'(CO)(PhC₂H)W=C(Me)Ph]- $[BF_4]$ -(CH₂Cl₂), W₁C₃₃H₃₈N₆O₁B₂F₄Cl₂: C, 44.77; H, 4.07; N, 9.50. Found: C, 44.68; H, 3.98; N, 9.40.

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[Tp'(CO)₂W=C(R)Ph[BF₄] (R = Me, Et). In a representative synthesis, a red-brown solution of Tp'(CO)₂W(η^2 -CPh=CH₂) (0.64 g, 1.0 mmol) in 30 mL of CH₂Cl₂/Et₂O (1:5) was cooled to 0 °C. A red-orange precipitate formed when a stoichiometric amount of HBF₄·Me₂O was added dropwise. The flask was put in the freezer (-40 °C) after 20 mL of Et₂O was added. The red-orange powder which formed was isolated by filtration, washed with Et₂O (2 × 10 mL), and dried in vacuo (0.66 g, 90%). Recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/Et₂O yields red-orange crystals.

 $[\mathbf{Tp'(CO)_2W=\!\!\!-\!\!C(Me)Ph[BF_4](6)}. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): \nu_{BH} = 2571; \nu_{CO} = 2034, 1941; \nu_{CN} = 1542; \nu_{BF} = 1070. {}^{1}H NMR (CD_2Cl_2, \delta): 7.87, 7.73, 7.60 (C_6H_3), 6.18, 6.15 (1:2, Tp'CH), 2.66, 2.47, 2.42, 2.14 (3:6:3:6, Tp'CCH_3), 2.35 (W=\!\!-\!\!C(Ph)CH_3). {}^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2, \delta): 225.6 ({}^{1}J_{WC} = 40 Hz, W=\!\!-\!\!C(Ph)Me), 212.3 ({}^{1}J_{WC} = 140 Hz, 2 CO), 155.4, 154.0, 149.0, 148.4 (1:2:1:2, Tp'CCH_3), 140.0 ({}^{2}J_{WC} = 16 Hz, C_{ipso}), 135.2, 133.9, 130.1 (Ph), 109.9, 109.1 (1:2, Tp'CH), 16.5, 14.3, 13.6, 12.6 (1:2:1:2, Tp'CCH_3), -22.8 (q, {}^{1}J_{HC} = 132 Hz, W=\!\!C(Ph)CH_3). Anal. Calcd for WC_{26}H_{32}N_6O_2B_2F_4Cl_2: C, 38.40; H, 3.94; N, 10.33. Found: C, 38.72; H, 3.97; N, 10.44.$

 $[Tp'(CO)_2W \longrightarrow C(CH_2D)Ph[BF_4]$ (7). This compound was prepared using Tp'(CO)_2W(η^2 -CPh \longrightarrow CHD) as a reagent in place of Tp'(CO)_2W-(η^2 -CPh \longrightarrow CH_2). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ): -22.8 (¹J_{DC} = 20 Hz for W \implies C(Ph)CH₂D).

[**Tp**'(**CO**)₂**W**⁻⁻**C**(**Et**)**Ph[BF₄] (8)**. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): $\nu_{BH} = 2570$; $\nu_{CO} = 2035$, 1945; $\nu_{CN} = 1544$; $\nu_{BF} = 1062$. (a) At 22 °C, ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ): 7.80, 7.60 (m, C₆H₃), 6.21, 6.20 (broad, Tp'CH), 2.65 [broad, W==C(Ph)CH₂CH₃ and 2 Tp'CCH₃], 2.52, 2.45, 2.25 (broad, 4 Tp'CCH₃), 1.76 (t, ³J_{HH} = 5.7 Hz, C(Ph)CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ): 239.5 (¹J_{WC} = 41 Hz, W==C(Ph)Et), 21.34 (broad, 2 CO), 155.5, 154.6, 149.5, 148.5 (broad, Tp'CCH₃), 140.7 (²J_{WC} = 14.5 Hz, C_{ipso}), 132.8, 132.6, 130.3 (Ph), 109.9, 109.5 (Tp'CH), 19.7 (broad, ¹J_{HC} = 131 Hz, W==C(C₆H₃)CH₂CH₃), 16.6, 14.9, 13.5, 12.8 (broad, Tp'CCH₃), -11.4 (t, ¹J_{HC} = 121 Hz, W==C(C₆H₃)CH₂CH₃). (b) At -60 °C, ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, δ): 7.75, 7.56 (m, C₆H₃), 6.26, 6.16, 6.07 (1:1:1, Tp'CCH), 3.48 (d of q, ²J_{HH} = 17.5 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 5.2 Hz, 1 H, W==C(Ph)CH(H)CH₃), 2.61, 2.48, 2.44, 2.40, 1.95 (3:3:3:6:3, Tp'CCH₃), 1.70 (broad, W==C(Ph)CH(H)CH₃), 2.61, 2.48, 2.44, 2.40, 1.95 (3:3:3:6:3, Tp'CCH₃), 1.70 (broad, W==C(Ph)CH(H)CH₃), 2.38.7 (¹J_{WC} = 41 Hz, W==C(Ph)CH(H)CH₃), 1.70 (broad, W==C(Ph)CH(H)CH₃), 139.8 (²J_{WC} = 14.5 Hz, C_{ipso}), 132.2, 132.1, 129.7 (Ph), 109.1, 108.9, 108.4 (1:1:1, Tp'CH), 19.6 (¹J_{HC} = 131 Hz, W==C(C₆H₃)CH(H)CH₃), 1.61, 15.6, 13.2, 12.7, 12.3 (1:1:2:11, Tp'CCH₃), Anal. Calcd for W₁C₂₇H₃₄N₆O₃B₂F₄Cl₂: C, 39.21; H, 4.11; N, 10.16. Found: C, 38.82; H, 4.17; N, 10.22.

X-ray Diffraction Data Collection for $[Tp'(CO)W(PhC=CH)_2][BF_4]$ (1). A yellow-orange block of $[Tp'(CO)W(PhC=CH)_2][BF_4]$ of dimensions 0.30 × 0.30 × 0.10 mm was selected and mounted on a glass wand coated with epoxy. Diffraction data were collected on a Rigaku automated diffractometer. A set of 25 centered reflections found in the region 27.17° < 2θ < 35.14° and refined by least-squares calculations indicated a monoclinic cell. The cell parameters are listed in Table I.

Diffraction data were collected in the quadrant $\pm h, +k, +l$ under the conditions specified in Table I. Only data with $l > 2.5\sigma(l)$ were used in structure solution and refinement.¹⁶ The data were corrected for Lorentz-polarization effects during the final stages of data reduction.

Solution and Refinement of the Structure. Space group $P2_1/n$ was confirmed and the position of the tungsten was deduced from the three-dimensional Patterson function. The positions of the remaining non-hydrogen atoms were determined through subsequent Fourier and

Table I. Crystallographic Data Collection Parameters

	$[Tp'(CO)_2W = C(Me) - Ph][BF_4] \cdot 0.5CH_2Cl_2 $ (6)	$[Tp'(CO)W(PhC \equiv CH)_2][BF_4] \cdot CH_2Cl_2 $ (1)
molecular formula	WC25.5H31B2F4N6O2Cl	WC ₃₃ H ₃₆ B ₂ F ₄ N ₆ OCl ₂
formula weight, g/mol	770.47	885.05
crystal dimens, mm	$0.30 \times 0.40 \times 0.50$	$0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.10$
space group	$P2_1/n$	$P2_1/n$
cell params		
a, Å	12.87 (1)	14.868 (3)
<i>b</i> , Å	12.378 (8)	13.085 (4)
c, Å	20.93 (3)	19.835 (3)
β , deg	103.34 (7)	109.22 (1)
vol, Å ³	3245 (5)	3644 (2)
Ζ	4	4
density calcd, g/cm ³	1.577	1.610
Collectio	n and Refinement Param	eters
radiation (wavelength, Å)	Μο Κα (0.70930)	Μο Κα (0.70930)
monochromator	graphite	graphite
linear abs coeff, cm ⁻¹	38.6	34.4
scan type	$\theta/2\theta$	$\theta/2\theta$
2θ limit, deg	45	50
quadrant collectd	$\pm h + k + l$	$\pm h + k + l$
total no. of reflectns	4266	6411
data with $I \ge 2.5\sigma(I)$	3200	3155
R, %	7.0	5.2
R., %	8.7	7.1
GÖF	4.81	2.23
no. of params	425	442
largest param shift	0.193	0.34

difference Fourier calculations. The anion was disordered and modeled by two superimposed tetrahedra, each with 50% occupancy. In the final cycles of refinement the entire group was assigned an anisotropic thermal parameter. Methylene chloride was included at 100% occupancy.

The 49 non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated by using a C-H distance of 0.96 Å and an isotropic thermal parameter calculated from the anisotropic values for the atoms to which they were connected. The final residuals¹⁷ for 422 variables refined against 3155 data with $I > 2.5\sigma(I)$ were R = 5.2% and $R_w = 7.1\%$.¹⁸ The final difference Fourier map had no peak greater than $1.72 \text{ e/Å}^{3.19}$

X-ray Diffraction Data Collection for $[Tp'(CO)_2W = C(Me)Ph[BF_4]$ (6). A red-orange block of $[Tp'(CO)_2W = C(Me)Ph][BF_4]$ of dimensions 0.30 × 0.40 × 0.50 mm was selected and mounted on a glass wand coated with epoxy. Diffraction data were collected on an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 automated diffractometer. A set of 20 centered reflections found in the region $30.0^{\circ} < 2\theta < 40.0^{\circ}$ and refined by least-squares calculations indicated a monoclinic cell. The cell parameters are listed in Table I.

Diffraction data were collected in the quadrant $\pm h, \pm k, \pm l$ under the conditions specified in Table I. Only data with $l > 2.5\sigma(l)$ were used in structure solution and refinement.¹⁶ The data were corrected for Lorentz-polarization effects during the final stages of data reduction. The crystal was checked for orientation every 200 reflections and was recentered if necessary.

Solution and Refinement of the Structure. Space group $P2_1/n$ was confirmed and the position of the tungsten was deduced from the three-dimensional Patterson function. The positions of the remaining non-hydrogen atoms were determined through subsequent Fourier and difference Fourier calculations. The anion was disordered and modeled by two superimposed groups, each with 50% occupancy. In the final cycles of refinement the entire group was assigned an anisotropic thermal parameter. Methylene chloride was included at 50% occupancy. Both of the above conditions contribute to a higher than normal R factor.

The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated by using a C-H distance of 0.96 Å and an isotropic thermal parameter calculated from the anisotropic values for the atoms to which they were connected. The final residuals¹⁷ for 389 variables refined against 3200 data with $I > 2.5\sigma(I)$ were R = 7.0% and $R_w = 8.7\%$.¹⁸ The final difference Fourier map had no peak greater than 1.45 e/Å^{3.19}

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⁽¹⁸⁾ $R = \sum (|F_0| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_0|$ and $R_w = [\sum \omega (|F_0| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum \omega F_0^2]^{1/2}$. (19) Scattering factors were taken from the following: Cromer, D. T.; Waber, J. T. International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography; lbers, J. A., Hamilton, J. C., Eds.; Kynoch Press: Birmingham, England, 1974; Vol. IV, Table 2.2.

Chart I



Results and Discussion

Cationic Bisalkyne Complexes. Complex 1, $[Tp'(CO)W-(PhC=CH)_2][BF_4]$, was prepared by two routes: (a) alkyne substitution for iodide from the neutral iodide complex (eq 5);



(b) alkyne substitution for one carbonyl in the cationic dicarbonyl complex $[Tp'(CO)_2W(PhC=CH)][BF_4]$ (eq 6). Mixed complex 2 with phenylacetylene and phenylpropyne ligands was synthesized by route a only. Purification of the products by filtration through fresh Celite and recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O yielded yellow-orange crystals.

IR spectra exhibit a Tp' B-H absorbance at 2566 cm⁻¹, which is sufficiently high to be diagnostic for a cationic complex.²⁰ The B-F stretching frequency appears at 1071 cm⁻¹ for the BF₄⁻ counterion. The lone carbonyl absorption at 2073 cm⁻¹ is comparable to the 2074 cm⁻¹ absorption reported for [CpMo-(CO)(PhC₂Ph)₂][BF₄]²¹ and 60 cm⁻¹ higher than the average value (2014 cm⁻¹) for the dicarbonyl monoalkyne complexes [Tp'(CO)₂W(PhC₂R)][BF₄] (2057, 1970 cm⁻¹).¹⁵ This suggests that the alkyne ligand requires substantial back-bonding from the metal center, and by comparison to the linearly ligating carbonyl ligand the alkyne is a voracious single-faced π -acid ligand. Complex 2 displays similar IR properties with a slightly more electron rich metal center reflected in a lower metal carbonyl stretching frequency.

Three isomers are possible for 1 and four for mixed bisalkyne complex 2, based solely on alternative orientations of the two alkyne ligands (A, B, and C or D in Chart I). NMR spectra of 1 revealed only an isomer of C_1 symmetry, presumably C (equivalent to D for R = H), present in solution. The solid-state structure is indeed geometry C as well, suggesting that isomers A and B of C_s symmetry are less favored, perhaps since they are more sterically hindered than isomer C. NMR spectra of 2 show only one isomer, and the data is compatible with isomer C according to comparisons of the NMR data with that of 1.

Detailed NMR studies allowed us to better understand the geometry of the bisalkyne complexes. A chiral metal center, and

hence the absence of a mirror plane, was suggested by the three inequivalent pyrazolyl rings evident in both ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra. Observations in the unsymmetrical monoalkyne complexes indicate that¹⁵ the phenyl ring of the alkyne ligand is most likely to be directed toward the pyrazole rings, an alkyne hydrogen exhibits an intermediate propensity, and an alkyl group is least likely to be proximal to the Tp' ligand. Proximity to the pyrazole rings shifts ¹H signals to higher field. For compound 1 the acetylenic proton H_t, which is distal or "trans" to the CO and close to the Tp', appears at higher field (10.39 ppm) with a smaller two-bond tungsten proton coupling (7.2 Hz) than the H_c proton, proximal or "cis" to the CO and away from Tp', which appears at 13.04 ppm with a larger two-bond tungsten proton coupling of 9.5 Hz.

The two alkyne carbons which are trans to the CO and close to Tp' exhibit downfield chemical shifts and larger one-bond tungsten-carbon couplings of about 35 Hz (175.3 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC}$ = 37 Hz, PhC=CH; 167.7 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC}$ = 33 Hz, HC=CPh) relative to the alkyne carbons which are cis to the CO and away from Tp' which have upfield chemical shifts and smaller ${}^{1}J_{WC}$ couplings of about 10 Hz (173.6 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC} = 11$ Hz, HC=CPh; 159.8 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC} < 10$ Hz, PhC=CH). It is also interesting to note that the terminal alkyne carbons have a higher field chemical shift than the phenyl substituted alkyne carbons. The metal carbonyl carbon resonates at 205 ppm with a relatively small one-bond tungstencarbon coupling of 102 Hz and a three-bond proton-carbon coupling of 6 Hz from one acetylenic proton. The mixed bisalkyne complex 2 exhibits analogous NMR properties. The chemical shifts and coupling properties of the terminal acetylenic proton (10.19 ppm, ${}^{2}J_{WH} = 7.2$ Hz), the carbonyl ligand (206 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC}$ = 105 Hz), and the alkyne carbons (175.1 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC} = 10$ Hz, PhC=CMe; 175.0 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC} = 36$ Hz, PhC=CMe; 167.1 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC} = 10.3$ Hz, PhC=CH; 164.8 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC} = 33$ Hz, PhC= CH) support the assignment of isomer C as the only product observed in solution.

A number of bisalkyne complexes are known for group 6 metals,²² and several mixed bisalkyne complexes have been synthesized. Alkyne exchange can occur and often complicates isolation of pure mixed bisalkyne products. Formation of mixed bisalkyne complexes with two unsymmetrical alkyne ligands has been particularly elusive. From the 2 alkyne ligands 6 electrons are required to maintain an 18-electron count at the metal. The chemical shifts of the alkyne carbons here suggest that each alkyne ligand effectively donates three electrons to the metal center in accord with a simple three-center-four-electron molecular orbital scheme for the metal $d\pi$ -alkyne π_{\perp} interactions. Three-electron donor alkyne ligands are known in other complexes involving an alkyne and some other π -donor ligand competing for a single metal $d\pi$ acceptor orbital.²³

Crystal Structure of 1. The coordination sphere of tungsten can be described as roughly octahedral for 1, if one considers each alkyne ligand as occupying a single coordination site. The Tp' ligand occupies three coordination sites trans to the three remaining ligands: CO and two PhC=CH ligands. Atomic positional parameters are listed in Table II. Selected intramolecular bond distances and angles are listed in Table III. An ORTEP drawing is shown in Figure 1. The BF_4^- anion was omitted from the drawing for clarity.

The salient geometrical features of 1 agree with those established by previous structural studies of d⁴ bisalkyne complexes.²²

(a) The two cis phenylacetylenes are parallel to each other. The two alkynes are oriented with the two acetylenic protons splayed away from one another rather than adjacent, and of course the same is true for the phenyl substituents.

(b) The W-C_{alkyne} bond distances of 2.17 (2) Å (W-C_{Ph}) and 2.05 (2) Å (W-C_H) (for the alkyne with the phenyl group away from the Tp' ligand) and 2.12 (2) Å (W-C_{Ph}) and 2.09 (2) Å (W-C_H) (for the alkyne with the phenyl group close to the Tp'

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Table II. Atomic Positional Parameters for [Tp'W(CO)(PhC=CH)₂][BF₄] (1)

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	x	у	Z	Biso
W 1	0.93146 (5)	0.20584 (5)	0.24475 (4)	2.55 (3)
Ċ1	0.8598 (13)	0.1748 (14)	0.1382 (10)	3.7 (9)
Õi	0.8200 (10)	0.1599 (11)	0.0822 (6)	5.5 (8)
Č11	0.9321 (13)	0.0467 (13)	0.2394 (9)	3.2 (7)
C12	0.9989 (12)	0.0701 (13)	0.2948 (11)	4.1 (10)
C13	1.0784 (12)	0.0325 (14)	0.3512 (9)	3.2 (8)
C14	1.1644 (13)	0.0846 (14)	0.3718 (11)	4.2 (10)
C15	1.2422 (13)	0.0442 (18)	0.4255 (13)	5.5 (12)
C16	1.2331 (16)	-0.0437 (22)	0.4581 (10)	5.6 (13)
C17	1.1484 (17)	-0.0938 (17)	0.4401 (10)	5.1 (12)
C18	1.0691 (13)	-0.0569 (15)	0.3854 (11)	4.5 (10)
C21	0.8341 (13)	0.2409 (15)	0.2941 (9)	3.8 (10)
C22	0.7834 (12)	0.1933 (16)	0.2387 (9)	3.9 (9)
C23	0.6920 (13)	0.1520 (16)	0.1959 (10)	4.0 (9)
C24	0.6809 (13)	0.0632 (15)	0.1534 (10)	4.1 (10)
C25	0.5915 (17)	0.0313 (18)	0.1143 (12)	5.7 (12)
C26	0.5134 (16)	0.0894 (21)	0.1107 (13)	6.2 (13)
C27	0.5222 (14)	0.1760 (18)	0.1500 (16)	6.7 (15)
C28	0.6126 (13)	0.2111 (18)	0.1949 (11)	5.1 (11)
B 1	1.1018 (14)	0.3813 (17)	0.2746 (10)	3.1 (9)
N31	0.9281 (10)	0.3694 (12)	0.2112 (6)	2.8 (7)
N32	1.0046 (10)	0.4254 (11)	0.2258 (6)	3.0 (7)
C33	0.9819 (15)	0.5215 (14)	0.2011 (9)	3.9 (10)
C34	0.8871 (14)	0.5239 (14)	0.1618 (10)	4.2 (10)
C35	0.8502 (14)	0.4288 (14)	0.1656 (9)	3.9 (9)
C36	1.0557 (16)	0.6010 (16)	0.2111 (11)	5.3 (12)
C37	0.7503 (14)	0.3954 (19)	0.1407 (11)	6.0 (12)
N41	1.0266 (9)	0.2725 (8)	0.3450 (6)	2.3 (6)
N42	1.0945 (10)	0.3445 (11)	0.3439 (7)	3.2 (7)
C43	1.1438 (12)	0.3753 (14)	0.4103 (9)	3.2 (8)
C44	1.1095 (12)	0.3201 (13)	0.4565 (9)	3.5 (9)
C45	1.0387 (11)	0.2588 (13)	0.4138 (8)	2.9 (8)
C46	1.2214 (14)	0.4529 (16)	0.4251 (9)	4.6 (10)
C4/	0.9831 (14)	0.1846 (16)	0.4440 (9)	4.8 (10)
NSI	1.0580 (9)	0.21/0(11)	0.2008 (0)	2.5 (6)
IN 52	1.1243 (9)	0.2910(12)	0.2327(7)	3.2(7)
C53	1.1904(13) 1.1910(14)	0.26/1(10)	0.2101(9) 0.1697(10)	4.1(10)
C54	1.1019(14) 1.0025(12)	0.1910(10) 0.1520(16)	0.1007(10)	4.9 (11)
C55	1.0935 (13)	0.1339(10) 0.2458(17)	0.1093(9)	4.0 (9) 5 3 (13)
C57	1.2029(14) 1.0442(16)	0.3438(17)	0.2292(11) 0.1261(14)	5.2(12)
B11	1.0442(10) 0.7075(10)	0.0005(17)	0.1201(14) 0.0647(8)	177(14)
E11	0.7973(10) 0.7072(12)	0.0300(12) 0.8443(18)	0.0042(0)	72(2)
F12	0.7072(12) 0.7962(17)	0.8445(18)	-0.0031(14)	80(8)
F13	0.7902(17) 0.8434(20)	0.3194(17) 0.7614(17)	0.0031(10) 0.1074(14)	175(18)
F14	0.8430(13)	0.7014(17) 0.9271(15)	0.1077(17)	7 2 (8)
F21	0.8243 (23)	0.8817(20)	0.1295 (6)	15.2 (17)
F22	0.7043(5)	0.8572(21)	0.0301(16)	22.0 (28)
F23	0.8115 (19)	0.7361(3)	0.0711 (15)	7.2 (9)
F24	0.8497 (20)	0.8772(18)	0.0261 (16)	11.2 (13)
C61	0.5183 (18)	0.1923 (24)	0.4907 (13)	8.1 (16)
Cli	0.4221 (7)	0.2696 (7)	0.4464 (5)	10.5 (6)
Cl2	0.4950 (5)	0.1193 (6)	0.5558 (3)	82(4)

ligand) are longer than those of most four-electron donor alkyne ligands (~2.00 Å),²² and indeed they are consistent with threeelectron donor alkyne bond lengths [2.06, 2.08, 2.12, 2.14 Å for [CpMo(CO)(MeC=CMe)₂][BF₄]²⁴ and 2.06, 2.07, 2.10, 2.21 Å for [Cp(CO)₃W(μ - η^1 , η^2 -C=CPh)W(CO)(HC=CPh)Cp]-[BF₄]].²⁵

(c) The C=C bond distances of 1.25 (3) and 1.27 (3) Å, only marginally shorter than distances typically reported for fourelectron donor alkyne ligands (~1.30 Å),²² are typical for three-electron donor alkyne ligands. Other complexes have shown bond distances between 1.23 and 1.30 Å.²² for example 1.27, 1.28 Å for [CpMo(CO)(MeC=CMe)₂][BF₄]²⁴ and 1.30, 1.30 Å for [Cp(CO)₃W(μ - η , η ²-C=CPh)W(CO)(HC=CPh)Cp][BF₄] (Cp = π -C₃H₃).²⁵

Table III. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for $[Tp'W(CO)(PhC=CH)_2][BF_4]$ (1)

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W-C1	2.07 (2)	W-N51	2.25 (1)
W-C11	2.09 (2)	C11-C12	1.25 (3)
W-C12	2.12 (2)	C12-C13	1.42 (2)
W-C21	2.05 (2)	C21–C22	1.27 (3)
W-C22	2.17 (2)	C22–C23	1.45 (3)
W-N31	2.24 (2)	C1-O1	1.09 (2)
W-N41	2.21 (1)		
C1-W-C11	76.2 (7)	C21-W-N31	88.7 (6)
C1-W-C12	108.6 (8)	C21-W-N41	79.9 (6)
C1-W-C21	108.9 (7)	C21-W-N51	161.0 (6)
C1-W-C22	75.9 (7)	C22-W-N31	97.6 (6)
C1-W-N31	86.0 (6)	C22-W-N41	114.7 (6)
C1-W-N41	163.8 (6)	C22-W-N51	158.6 (5)
C1-W-N51	83.0 (6)	N31-W-N41	80.5 (4)
C11-W-C12	34.7 (7)	N31-W-N51	77.2 (5)
C11-W-C21	105.3 (8)	N41-W-N51	85.3 (5)
C11-W-C22	86.8 (8)	W-C1-O1	178 (2)
C11-W-N31	160.1 (6)	W-C11-C12	74 (1)
C11-W-N41	115.4 (5)	W-C12-C11	71 (1)
C11-W-N51	91.7 (7)	W-C12-C13	143 (1)
C12-W-C21	105.3 (7)	C11-C12-C13	145 (2)
C12-W-C22	106.1 (7)	W-C21-C22	78 (1)
C12-W-N31	154.4 (6)	W-C22-C21	67 (1)
C12-W-N41	81.1 (6)	W-C22-C23	143 (1)
C12-W-N51	83.8 (6)	C21-C22-C23	150 (2)
C21-W-C22	34.9 (7)		
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Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of $[Tp'W(CO)(PhC \equiv CH)_2][BF_4]$.

(d) A standard alkyne ligand feature found in $[Tp'W(CO)-(PhC=CH)_2][BF_4]$ is the cis bent geometry of the alkynes. The C11-C12-C13 angle (for the alkyne with the phenyl substituent close to the Tp' ligand) is 145 (2)° and the C21-C22-C23 angle (for the alkyne with the phenyl substituent away from the Tp' ligand) is 150 (2)°. Other bisalkyne complexes have shown R-C=C angles between 140 and 147°:²² for example 146° for [CpMo(CO)(MeC=CMe)_2][BF_4]²⁴ and 138, 147° for [Cp-(CO)_3W(\mu-\eta^1,\eta^2-C=CPh)W(CO)(HC=CPh)Cp][BF_4].²⁵ Four-electron donor alkynes normally have 5-10° larger cis bent R-C=C angles than three-electron donor alkynes.

Neutral Acetylide Alkyne Complex. Addition of a base such as LDA to the cationic bis(phenylacetylene) complex 1 formed a neutral alkyne acetylide tungsten(II) d⁴ complex, Tp'(CO)-(PhC₂H)W(C=CPh), reflecting removal of one acetylenic proton (eq 7). The deprotonation reaction appears to be rapid as judged by the sudden color change from yellow-brown to green. The product was purified by chromatography on alumina. Recrystallization from $CH_2Cl_2/hexanes$ produced green crystals. Two

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isomers (70:30) were observed by NMR, presumably differing by orientation of the alkyne ligand (Scheme II).

IR spectra display a Tp' B-H absorbance at 2548 cm⁻¹ which is typical for a neutral compound.²⁰ The carbonyl stretching frequency appears at 1896 cm⁻¹ which is 9 cm⁻¹ lower than that found in the Tp'(CO)(PhC₂H)WI¹⁵ complex, suggesting that the acetylide ligand is a slightly better electron donor than iodide. The $\nu_{C=C}$ triple bond stretching frequency appears at 2070 cm⁻¹ which is lower than that for Cp(CO)₃W(C=CPh) (2105 cm⁻¹),²⁶ possibly suggesting more metal orbital overlap with the -C=CPh fragment in Tp'(CO)(PhC₂H)W(C=CPh).

Both ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra exhibit a 1:1:1 pattern for the dimethyl pyrazole ring signals, indicating that the metal center is chiral. Chemical shifts and coupling constants for the acetylenic proton and the alkyne carbons characterize the alkyne as a four-electron donor. The acetylenic proton (major isomer) appears near 13.3 ppm with a two-bond tungsten-proton coupling constant of 4.4 Hz. The phenyl substituted alkyne carbon resonates at 212.6 ppm, with a one-bond tungsten-carbon coupling of 6 Hz. This is downfield from the terminal carbon at 197.0 ppm which has a one-bond proton-carbon coupling constant of 213 Hz. The metal carbonyl carbon resonates at 236 ppm with a one-bond tungsten-carbon coupling of 136 Hz and three-bond proton-carbon coupling of 8.4 Hz to the terminal alkyne hydrogen. The α -carbon of the acetylide ligand appears at 141.7 ppm with a surprisingly large one-bond tungsten-carbon coupling of 152 Hz while C_{β} appears at 68.4 ppm, also suggesting substantial metal back-donation to the acetylide ligand π^* orbital. These chemical shifts resemble values of 129.3 ppm for C_{α} and 73.0 ppm for C_{β} reported for the $Cp(CO)_3W(C=CPh)^{26}$ complex.

Reaction of this acetylide complex with aqueous hydrochloric acid yields the bis(phenylacetylene) complex (eq 8), while decomposition accompanied by carbon monoxide loss resulted when HBF₄ was used as the proton donor. Protonation of an acetylide ligand to form an alkyne rather than a vinylidene is highly unusual.



Protonation of acetylide ligands at $C\beta$ to make vinylidene ligands is commonly observed^{7a-d} because the β -position of the acetylide ligand is often extremely nucleophilic.^{7e} Indeed, it may be that protonation by HBF₄ leads to the formation of a vinylidene (an IR stretch for ν_{CO} for some intermediate is observed at 2045 cm⁻¹) which rapidly decomposes, possibly by coupling with the alkyne ligand (Scheme III). It may be that protonation by aqueous HCl reflects the relationship between the kinetic and thermodynamic factors in this system. Protonation at $C\beta$ is probably kinetically favored. One can imagine that chloride can act as a weak base and deprotonate the vinylidene at $C\beta$ to regenerate the starting acetylide complex. Protonation at $C\alpha$ (maybe via initial metal protonation), although kinetically slow relative to $C\beta$ protonation, will then eventually siphon material toward the formation of the thermodynamically favored bisalkyne complex (Scheme IV).

Neutral η^1 -Vinyl Complex. Cationic bis(phenylacetylene)tungsten(II) d⁴ complex 1 reacts with super hydride (LiBEt₃H)





Scheme III



Scheme IV



in THF to form a neutral η^1 -vinyl complex, Tp'(CO)(PhC₂H)W- $(\eta^1$ -CPh=CH₂), in good yield (eq 9). This neutral air stable



product was purified by chromatography on alumina followed by recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes. Two isomers (75:25) were identified by NMR, and we believe the isomers result from two distinct alkyne orientations (see Scheme II).

The infrared spectrum of $Tp'(CO)(PhC_2H)W(\eta^1-CPh=CH_2)$ displays a medium intensity absorption at 2548 cm⁻¹ for ν_{BH} in the Tp' ligand. This value is compatible with formation of a neutral compound.²⁰ The ν_{CO} absorption at 1893 cm⁻¹ is comparable to that for the related neutral complex Tp'(CO)- $(PhC_2H)W(C \equiv CPh)$ (1896 cm⁻¹). Both ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra reveal the inequivalence of all three pyrazole rings, indicating C_1 symmetry. NMR data suggest that this complex is best described as containing a four-electron donor alkyne and an η^1 -vinyl ligand rather than adopting an η^2 -vinyl coordination with a two-electron donor alkyne. The acetylenic proton appears about 13 ppm. The ¹³C NMR spectrum displays acetylenic ¹³C resonances near 214 and 204 ppm with the internal alkyne carbon downfield from the terminal carbon. A gated decoupled ¹³C NMR spectrum served to identify the terminal alkyne carbon while furnishing a ${}^{1}J_{HC}$ coupling constant of 213 Hz. The two inequivalent vinyl protons appear near 5.80 and 4.30 ppm. Each signal is a doublet with a geminal coupling of 4 Hz while the three-bond W-H coupling is 14.4 Hz for one proton, presumably

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trans to tungsten, and 8 Hz for the other proton, presumably cis to tungsten. The C α vinyl carbon resonates near 162 ppm as a singlet and the C β carbon appears near 120 ppm as a doublet of doublets with one-bond proton-carbon coupling constants of 149 and 156 Hz to the attached vinyl protons.

The regiochemistry of nucleophile addition to coordinated alkyne ligands is of interest. Addition of the hydride to the terminal alkyne carbon was evidenced by the ${}^{1}J_{HC}$ coupling to the carbon signal at 120 ppm (a doublet of doublets). This regioselectivity was also observed in the reaction of $[Tp'(CO)_2W-(PhC=CH)]^+$ with nucleophiles to produce a range of η^2 -vinyl complexes, $Tp'(CO)_2W(\eta^2$ -PhC=CHNu).¹⁴ Green and coworkers reported earlier that the reaction of $Cp[P(OMe)_{3}]_2Mo(Bu'C=CH)^+$ with LiCuPh₂ results in the formation of $Cp[P-(OMe)_{3}]_2Mo(\eta^2$ -Bu'C=CHPh) in which the nucleophile has added to the terminal alkyne carbon.^{27a} Green also suggested that nucleophilic attack at the terminal site could be both electronically and sterically favored in the d⁴ complexes, in accord with our results.

In these reactions selective attack occurs on the unsubstituted alkyne carbons, which is opposite to the regioselectivity observed by Reger and co-workers²⁸ in their phenylpropyne d⁶ iron cations. Note that terminal alkynes were not accessible in the iron case. Reger observed that the nucleophile selectively added to the alkyne carbon bearing an electron donating substituent (Ph > Me > CO_2R). Theoretical studies by Hoffmann and co-workers²⁹ suggested that activation of the alkene to nucleophilic addition reflects slippage of the metal along the π -bond to an intermediate resembling η^1 -coordination. In this model electron donor substituents on the alkene favor metal slippage away from the substituent as nucleophilic attack occurs at the substituted carbon. Green and co-workers^{27a} noted an important difference in addition of nucleophiles to d⁴ and d⁶ alkyne complexes. Presumably attack occurs at the π_{\perp} orbital for four-electron donor alkyne ligands in the group 6 metal alkyne complexes and at a π^* orbital for two-electron donor alkyne ligands in the iron system.

Reactions of bisalkyne complexes with nucleophiles have produced both η^2 -vinyls and η^1 -vinyls. Addition of heteroatom nucleophiles such as phosphines to CpM(CF₃C₂CF₃)₂X monomers formed η^2 -vinyl complexes CpX(CF₃C₂CF₃)M[η^2 -CF₃C=-(CF₃)PR₃]³⁰ (eq 10). The electron poor perfluorinated alkyne

 $CpXM(CF_3C=CCF_3)_2 \xrightarrow{PR_3}$

 $CpX(CF_3C \equiv CCF_3)M[\eta^2 \cdot CCF_3 = C(PR_3)CF_3]$ (10)

 $[Cp(CO)M(MeC=CMe)_2][BF_4] \xrightarrow{R}$

 $Cp(CO)(MeC=CMe)M(\eta^1-CMe=CRMe) \qquad \mbox{(11)}$

 $CpL(RC=CR)M(\eta^2 \cdot RC=CR_2) \longrightarrow CpL(RC=CR)M(\eta^1 - RC=CR_2)$ (12)

2-electron donor alkyne 4-electron donor alkyne

ligands promote η^2 -vinyl formation since the CF₃ substituents can increase the electrophilicity of the alkyne carbon and stabilize the remaining alkyne as a two-electron donor. An informative comparison is provided^{27b} by the formation of an η^1 -vinyl ligand upon nucleophilic addition of anionic nucleophiles to a cationic bisalkyne complex [CpM(CH₃C₂CH₃)₂(CO)]⁺ (eq 11). With more electron rich alkyne ligands, π_{\perp} donation is sufficiently strong to restrict the vinyl to a σ -vinyl role. Clearly the alkyne substituents determine the position of the equilibrium with R = CF₃ favoring reagents and R = CH₃ favoring products (eq 12).





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Chart II



Cationic Carbene Alkyne. This complex was synthesized by proton addition to $C\beta$ of the neutral η^1 -vinyl complex at 0 °C in CH₂Cl₂/Et₂O (eq 13). The protonation reaction is rapid at 0



°C as judged by the color of the solution which changed from green to red-orange as the product precipitated. The red-orange solid can be recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O . The product decomposes over a period of days in solution, possibly through an alkyne-carbene coupling reaction which could form an unstable electron deficient vinylcarbene species (eq 14).

The infrared spectrum of the carbene complex exhibits an absorption at 2564 cm⁻¹ (ν_{BH}) which is characteristic for the Tp' ligand in a cationic compound.²⁰ A ν_{BF} stretching frequency at 1069 cm⁻¹ was observed for the BF₄⁻ counterion. The single terminal carbonyl ν_{CO} absorption appeared at 2039 cm⁻¹.

Unique sets of resonances for each pyrazole ring of Tp' in both ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra indicate an unsymmetrical environment for the Tp' ligand. A singlet at 4.23 ppm integrating for three protons in the ¹H NMR analysis was assigned to the carbene methyl group. The acetylenic proton appears as a downfield signal at 14.2 ppm with a two-bond W-H coupling constant of 6.8 Hz. These data, along with the low-field carbon-13 signals at 212.3 ppm (one-bond tungsten coupling of 44 Hz, two-bond hydrogen coupling of 7 Hz) for the phenyl substituted alkyne carbon and 200.1 ppm (one-bond hydrogen coupling of 221 Hz) for the terminal alkyne carbon, characterized the alkyne ligand as a four-electron donor. The carbon carbon resonated at 341.6 ppm with a one-bond tungsten coupling of 121 Hz. The carbonyl carbon resonated at 211 ppm with a one-bond tungsten coupling of 115 Hz and three-bond hydrogen-carbon coupling of 8 Hz to the acetylenic proton.

 β -Agostic Carbenes. Low temperature addition of HBF₄ to a CH₂Cl₂/Et₂O solution of the neutral η^2 -vinyl complexes Tp'-(CO)₂W(η^2 -CPh=CHR) (R = Me, H) affords carbene complexes [Tp'(CO)₂W(=CPhR)][BF₄] (R = Me, Et) in high yields (eq 15).



The protonation reactions are rapid at 0 °C as judged by product precipitation as acid was added. Recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O yielded red-orange crystals of the product of simple proton addition at $C\beta$ in 90% yields.

Scheme V



Chart III



If one follows simple counting schemes, these cationic products are formally 16-electron species. Protonation at the metal, $C\alpha$ or C β could all lead to feasible cationic products: a saturated η^2 -vinyl hydride from metal protonation (A), a 16-electron olefin adduct from C_{α} protonation (B), or a 16-electron carbene product from C β protonation (C) (Chart II). The methylphenylcarbene formulation was suggested by the appearance of the unique new methyl signal at 2.4 ppm in the ¹H NMR spectrum. Thus protonation of the original alkyne terminal carbon results from addition of tetrafluoroboric acid to the neutral η^2 -vinyl monomers. The net result of sequential H⁻, H⁺ addition to the terminal alkyne carbon is conversion of PhC = CH to $PhCCH_3$ (eq 16). While



electrophilic addition to the C β site of η^1 -vinyl ligands to form saturated carbenes maintains the metal electron count,³¹ a similar result from protonation of an η^2 -vinyl ligand leaves the metal unsaturated (Scheme V).

Several formulations which could produce 18-electron species deserve consideration given that a true 16-electron carbene would be a surprising ground-state geometry for this product (Chart III). The chemical shifts of the phenyl protons and carbons, and their coupling constants, were not indicative of any phenyl interaction with tungsten (A). Coordination of BF_4 or CH_2Cl_2 was also considered, but no experimental evidence supported these possibilities (B).

The ¹H NMR properties of [Tp'(CO)₂W=C(CH₃)Ph][BF₄] were not indicative of unusual bonding schemes. The Tp' signals indicate that a mirror plane is present on the NMR time scale as the central pyrazole protons appear as two signals in a 2:1 intensity ratio near 6 ppm. The 3,5-dimethyl substituents also reflect equivalence of two of the pyrazole rings in the 6:3:6:3





pattern observed for the six methyl groups. The unique carbene methyl group appears as a singlet at 2.4 ppm, which does not shift nor broaden appreciably down to -90 °C. The only unusual piece of spectral data we obtained for the methylphenylcarbene complex was a high field ¹³C chemical shift for the methyl carbon (-22.8)ppm). The ${}^{1}J_{CH}$ value of 132 Hz for this group could result either from a normal CH3 moiety or averaging one agostic C-H coupling constant with two olefin-like C-H coupling constants.8 The monodeuterium substituted compound [Tp'(CO)₂W=C-(CH₂D)Ph][BF₄] was prepared in order to take advantage of the well-known zero point energy difference for agostic methyls which favors deuterium being in a terminal position. The labeled complex was prepared by protonation of the corresponding η^2 -vinyl complex $Tp'(CO)_2W(\eta^2$ -CPh=CHD) which had in turn been synthesized by D^- addition to the cationic alkyne complex $[Tp'(CO)_2W$ -(PhC₂H)][BF₄]. Partial deuterium incorporation did not cause a substantive change in either the methyl ¹H chemical shift or in the methyl ${}^{1}J_{CH}$ coupling constant down to -90 °C.³² Facile rotation of agostic methyl groups is known to obscure NMR evidence for agostic bonding in some complexes.³³

Methylation at tungsten by transfer of the carbene methyl group to form a metal alkyl carbyne (C, Chart III) could account for the high field ¹³C signal, but the presence of two carbonyl π -acid ligands in the coordination sphere of a cationic complex with a carbyne and two monoanionic ligands seemed intuitively unattractive. In other words, if one counts the putative carbyne (or alkylidyne) as a trianion the tungsten has no d electrons left (W⁶⁺ d^0) to share with the two carbonyl ligands. The ν_{CO} values of 2033 and 1940 cm⁻¹, though high, are simply not high enough to justify a [Tp'(CO), MeW=CPh]⁺ formulation.

The agostic formulation (D, Chart III) has been confirmed by a single crystal X-ray structure of the phenylmethylcarbene complex and by variable temperature NMR studies of the analogous ethyl derivative.

The ethylphenylcarbene displays an unusually high field shift for the methylene carbon (-11.4 ppm), suggesting a close structural analogy to the methyl derivative. (In contrast, an alkyl scandium example in which agostic spectral properties disappear when methyl is replaced by ethyl, changing from ethyl to propyl, has been reported.³⁴) The methylene ${}^{1}J_{CH}$ value of 121 Hz and several broad room temperature NMR signals for [Tp'- $(CO)_2W = C(Ph)CH_2Me][BF_4]$ encouraged us to undertake low temperature NMR studies. Distinct proton signals for the two protons of the methylene group of the ethyl substituent were evident at -60 °C (1.76 and 3.48 ppm, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 17.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HH} =$ 5.2 Hz). The absence of a mirror plane in the solution structure was also evident in the low temperature ¹³C spectrum as two carbonyl carbon signals were detected (211 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC} = 161$ Hz; 215 ppm, ${}^{1}J_{WC} = 134$ Hz).

The keystone which definitively characterizes the cationic ethyl carbene complex as agostic was the doublet of doublets revealed at -60 °C for the methylene carbon. The smaller ${}^{1}J_{CH}$ value of 96 Hz is the signature of an agostic bond,⁸ and the larger value of 145 Hz reflects rehybridization from sp³ toward sp² for the methylene carbon. The ${}^{1}J_{WC}$ value of 41 Hz to the carbone carbon is also noteworthy. Coalescence of the methylene protons at -5°C indicates a barrier of 11.7 kcal/mol for enantiomer interconversion (Scheme VI).

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Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of $[Tp'(CO)_2W = C(Me)Ph][BF_4]$.

Table IV. Atomic Positional Parameters for $[Tp'(CO)_2W=C(Me)Ph][BF_4]$ (6)

	x	У	Z	B _{iso}
W	0.77251 (6)	0.06273 (7)	0.14363 (4)	3.76 (4)
C1	0.7326 (18)	0.1755 (16)	0.1982 (9)	4.5 (11)
O 1	0.7112 (14)	0.2418 (13)	0.2333 (7)	7.1 (10)
C2	0.6488 (20)	-0.0402 (18)	0.1480 (9)	5.1 (12)
O2	0.5846 (13)	-0.0980 (14)	0.1525 (8)	7.4 (10)
C3'	0.8189 (16)	0.0100 (17)	0.2329 (11)	4.9 (11)
C4	0.9166 (17)	-0.0405 (17)	0.2178 (9)	5.3 (11)
C5	0.7981 (17)	-0.0046 (16)	0.2974 (10)	4.0 (11)
C6	0.6997 (20)	0.0094 (20)	0.3090 (11)	6.0 (13)
C7	0.6781 (20)	-0.0002 (18)	0.3696 (11)	5.2 (13)
C8	0.764 (3)	-0.0172 (20)	0.4218 (13)	6.9 (17)
C9	0.861 (3)	-0.0307 (21)	0.4145 (12)	7.4 (17)
C10	0.8813 (19)	-0.0297 (17)	0.3516 (11)	5.8 (13)
B 1	0.8048 (22)	0.1571 (23)	0.0029 (12)	5.3 (14)
N11	0.6887 (13)	0.1809 (14)	0.0143 (8)	4.6 (9)
C12	0.6053 (20)	0.2294 (16)	-0.0237 (9)	4.9 (11)
C13	0.5217 (17)	0.2314 (19)	0.0028 (12)	6.0 (13)
C14	0.5534 (17)	0.1815 (21)	0.0626 (12)	6.0 (13)
N15	0.6567 (14)	0.1493 (16)	0.0699 (9)	5.8 (10)
C16	0.6193 (21)	0.278 (3)	-0.0877 (12)	10.1 (18)
C17	0.4880 (19)	0.154 (3)	0.1132 (14)	9.4 (19)
N21	0.8885 (13)	0.2072 (14)	0.0593 (7)	4.3 (8)
C22	0.9624 (15)	0.2818 (15)	0.0584 (10)	3.9 (10)
C23	1.0128 (16)	0.3072 (17)	0.1231 (10)	4.9 (11)
C24	0.9662 (18)	0.2361 (17)	0.1621 (10)	4.7 (11)
N25	0.8911 (12)	0.1796 (13)	0.1226 (8)	4.0 (8)
C26	0.9948 (19)	0.2288 (19)	0.2355 (11)	6.9 (13)
C27	0.9712 (17)	0.3413 (18)	-0.0043 (10)	5.7 (12)
N31	0.8188 (13)	0.0389 (13)	0.0092 (8)	4.4 (9)
C32	0.8343 (21)	-0.0294 (23)	-0.0403 (13)	6.8 (15)
C33	0.8242 (20)	-0.1355 (22)	-0.0172 (12)	6.7 (14)
C34	0.8027 (17)	-0.1338 (19)	0.0467 (11)	5.0 (12)
N35	0.8017 (14)	-0.0286 (13)	0.0606 (9)	5.1 (10)
C36	0.8607 (24)	0.0014 (20)	-0.1021 (11)	7.5 (16)
C37	0.7865 (21)	-0.2232 (18)	0.0897 (11)	6.8 (15)
Cl1	0.3899 (9)	0.0252 (9)	0.2397 (6)	5.6 (6)
Cl2	0.4121 (15)	0.2230 (12)	0.3113 (6)	10.6 (10)
C61	0.330 (3)	0.138 (4)	0.2628 (16)	5.1 (22)

As is often observed, the agostic protons are quite acidic. Addition of base (base = phosphine or dithiocarbamate) to the cationic agostic carbenes regenerates the neutral η^2 -vinyl reagents (eq 17).



Crystal Structure of 6. The X-ray structure of [Tp'- $(CO)_2W = C(Ph)CH_3$ [BF₄] is compatible with an agostic formulation (Figure 2). Complete atomic positions are listed in Table IV. Selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table V. The plane which contains the methylphenylcarbene ligand bisects

Table V. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for $p'(CO)_W = C(Me)Ph[[BF_4] (6)$

$Ip(CO)_2 W = C(N)$	Me)Phj[br4j (0)	
W-C 1	1.95 (2)	W-N35	2.18 (2)
W-C2	2.06 (3)	C1-O1	1.18 (3)
W-C3	1.94 (2)	C2O2	1.11 (3)
W-C4	2.49 (2)	C3-C4	1.50 (3)
W-N15	2.17 (2)	C3C5	1.45 (3)
W-N25	2.22 (2)		
C1-W-C2	96.1 (9)	C3-W-N25	109.7 (7)
C1-W-C3	75.0 (8)	C3-W-N35	121.5 (8)
C1-W-N15	80.3 (7)	N15-W-N25	85.9 (6)
C1-W-N25	86.3 (8)	N15-W-N35	84.6 (7)
C1-W-N35	163.4 (7)	N25-W-N35	85.8 (6)
C2-W-C3	79.6 (8)	W-C1-O1	177 (2)
C2-W-N15	85.7 (8)	W-C2-O2	177 (2)
C2-W-N25	170.8 (7)	W-C3-C4	91 (1)
C2-W-N35	89.5 (7)	W-C3-C5	149 (2)
C3-W-N15	149.5 (8)		

Chart IV

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the two CO's, so the molecule retains C_s symmetry. The Tp' and carbonyl ligands conform to expectations based on related W(II) structures. The carbonyl carbons lie in soft positions along the W-CO, axis as is often true for metal carbonyls³⁵ (W-C(1) = 1.95 (2) Å and W-C(2) = 2.06 (3) Å). The sum of the W-C and C-O distances for both carbonyl ligands is more nearly constant (3.13 and 3.17 Å). The tungsten-nitrogen bond distances cluster near 2.2 Å (W-N(15) = 2.17 (2) Å, W-N(25) = 2.22 (2) Å, W–N(35) = 2.18 (2) Å).

The carbene geometry deserves close inspection. The W=C distance of 1.94 (2) Å is comparable to distances in high oxidation state Schrock alkylidenes (Bu^tCH=W(dmpe)(CBu^t)(CH₂Bu^t), 1.94 Å).³⁶ It is far shorter than distances characterizing low oxidation state Fischer carbenes (Ph₂C=W(CO)₅, 2.14 Å).³⁷ The metal to methyl carbon distance of 2.49 Å supports the existence of a three-center-two-electron linkage tying the W-H-C unit together. The W=C- C_{ipso} angle of 149° to the phenyl ipso carbon and the W=C- C_{Me} angle of 91° to the methyl carbon are similar to angles found in protonated carbynes,^{11,12} so one can suggest an analogy here to a methylated phenylcarbyne ligand.

The stoichiometry of $[Tp'(CO)_2W=C(Ph)CH_2R][BF_4]$ is compatible with either an 18-electron η^2 -vinyl hydride complex or a 16-electron carbene monomer. The steric requirements of the Tp' ligand³⁸ may inhibit formation of $[Tp'(CO)_2HW(\eta^2 -$ CPh=CHR)]⁺. This cationic third row metal complex may adopt

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an agostic structure to overcome the metal unsaturation in the simple carbene formulation. The agostic bond present in [Tp'- $(CO)_2W=C(Ph)CH_2R][BF_4]$ (R = H, Me) complements the range of saturated and unsaturated agostic ligands represented in Chart IV. In a sense the β -agostic carbene resembles both agostic π -complexes with unsaturation in the organic ligand and Schrock α -agostic carbenes with unsaturation in the metal-carbon bond.

Summarv

Reaction of [Tp'(CO)₂W(PhC₂H)][BF₄] with PhC₂H or reaction of $Tp'(CO)IW(PhC_2R)$ (R = H, Me) with $PhC_2H/AgBF_4$ generates cationic bisalkyne complexes [Tp'(CO)W(PhC₂H)- $(PhC_{2}R)$][BF₄]. A crystal structure of [Tp'(CO)W- $(PhC_2H)_2$ [BF₄] shows a pseudooctahedral geometry with the two cis phenylacetylene ligands parallel to each other. Structural data and NMR data suggest each alkyne adopts a three-electron donor role with phenyl groups distal to one another. Deprotonation of the bis(phenylacetylene) complex yields an alkyne acetylide complex, $Tp'(CO)_2(PhC_2H)W(C=CPh)$, which exists as two isomers in solution, differing in alkyne orientation. Protonation of the acetylide compound with aqueous HCl yields the bisalkyne cation, but decomposition results when HBF₄ is used as a proton source. Hydride addition to the bis(phenylacetylene) complex forms an alkyne η^1 -vinyl complex, Tp(CO)(PhC₂H)W(η^1 -CPh=CH₂), which also exists as two isomers in solution due to

different alkyne orientations. NMR data support a formulation containing a σ -vinyl and a four-electron alkyne ligand. Protonation of the η^1 -vinyl complex at C β results in the formation of an 18-electron alkyne carbene cation, Tp'(CO)(PhC₂H)W=C-(Me)Ph][BF₄], with the alkyne acting as a four-electron donor. Here π_{\perp} donation from the alkyne ligand is observed rather than agostic bond formation from the carbene substituent. Protonation of the η^2 -vinyl complexes Tp'(CO)₂W(η^2 -CPh=CHR) (R = Me, H) at C β of the η^2 -vinyl ligand forms β -agostic carbones {Tp'- $(CO)_2W[=C(R)Ph]$ [BF₄] (R = Me, Et). An X-ray structure of the methyl derivative revealed a W-C (methyl) distance of 2.49 Å with the W–C α –C β angle being 91°. Rotation of the methyl group C-H agostic bonds is fast for the methyl derivative. Variable temperature NMR experiments on the ethyl derivative show a barrier of 11.7 kcal/mol for interconversion of enantiomers.

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Alcoholysis of $Bi(NO_3)_3 \cdot 5H_2O$ by Polyethylene Glycols. Comparison with Bismuth(III) Nitrate Crown Ether Complexation

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Abstract: The reactions of Bi(NO₃)₃·5H₂O in 3:1 CH₃CN:CH₃OH with 12-crown-4, 18-crown-6, triethylene glycol (EO3), tetraethylene glycol (EO4), pentaethylene glycol (EO5), and hexaethylene glycol (EO6) were studied. The ready isolation of soluble bismuth(III) alkoxides resulted from simple reactions with the inexpensive polyethylene glycols. The EO3⁻, EO4⁻, and EO6⁻ complexes are dimeric, bridged by two alkoxide oxygen atoms. Coordination of each Bi³⁺ ion is completed by two NO₃- anions and the remaining ether donor atoms. The chain length of EO5 is sufficient to allow both terminal alcohols to participate in bridging two Bi³⁺ centers. The net ionization of one is accomplished by a dually ionized EO5 ligand and a neutral EO5 complex producing a rather complicated structure. The neutral crown ether complexes formed are similar to those isolated for the late lanthanides. The structurally characterized complexes include $[Bi(NO_3)_2(EO3^-)]_2$, $[Bi(NO_3)_2(EO4^-)]_2$, 2MeOH, $[Bi(NO_3)_2(EO5)][Bi(NO_3)_2(EO5^2)Bi(NO_3)_3]\cdot 2H_2O, [Bi(NO_3)_2(EO6^-)]_2, [Bi(NO_3)_3(12-crown-4)], and [Bi(NO_3)_3(OH_2)_3]\cdot 2H_2O, [Bi(NO_3)_2(EO5^2)Bi(NO_3)_3(OH_2)_3]\cdot 2H_2O, [Bi(NO_3)_2(EO6^-)]_2, [Bi(NO_3)_3(12-crown-4)], and [Bi(NO_3)_3(OH_2)_3]\cdot 2H_2O, [Bi(NO_3)_2(EO6^-)]_2, [Bi(NO_3)_3(DH_2)_3]\cdot 2H_2O, [Bi(NO_3)_2(EO6^-)]_2, [Bi(NO_3)_2(EO6^-)]$ 18-crown-6. The two covalent Bi-alkoxide interactions activate the Bi3+ lone pair resulting in structures with secondary Bi-O contacts surrounding the lone pair site. This results in a very wide range of Bi-O donor contacts. The crown ether complexes do not contain any covalent interactions and do not exhibit lone pair effects. The Bi-O separations have a much narrower range.

Introduction

The chemistry of bismuth has been relatively ignored until recently when the flurry over high T_c oxide-superconducting materials¹⁻⁵ renewed interest in bismuth alkoxides as potential precursors for new superconductor formulations.⁶⁻⁹ Unfortunately, many of the simple alkoxides prepared by alcoholysis have poor solubilities or disproportionate to oxo-centered species.^{10,11} The use of chelating alkoxides for a variety of metals¹¹⁻²¹ has received attention lately as a way to reduce the extent of alkoxide bridging; however, thus far only relatively short chain polyethers with one terminal alkyl group have been examined. Polyethylene

glycol (PEG) and crown ether complexes of bismuth(III) are virtually nonexistent, with two recent reports discussing the

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