and $\left[\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{I}}(\mathrm{DAPA})(\mathrm{SPh})_{2}(\mathrm{CN})\right]^{2-}(5)(g=2.235,2.164,2.013)$, respectively (Figure 2). The reduced species 3 also reacts with CO to produce the CO adduct $\left[\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{I}}(\mathrm{DAPA})(\mathrm{SPh})_{2}(\mathrm{CO})\right]^{-}(6)(\mathrm{g}$ $=2.198,2.145,2.023)$. Stepwise oxidation of 6 with $\left[\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN})_{6}\right]^{3-}$ first generates an EPR-silent species and then the oxidized complex 2 (Figure S2, supplementary material). The coordinated CO in 6 therefore dissociates from the nickel center upon oxidation. This is also supported by the fact that no change in the EPR spectrum of $\mathbf{2}$ is observed under very high partial pressure of CO. It is interesting to note that CO replaces $\mathrm{CN}^{-}$upon reduction of 4 in the presence of CO (the product being 6 ), while $\mathrm{CN}^{-}$recaptures the sixth coordination site upon oxidation (the product is 4, Figure 2). Also, reaction of 5 with CO affords 6 as the sole product. It is thus clear that (a) $\mathrm{CN}^{-}$binds to both the oxidized and the reduced species ( 2 and 3 ), (b) CO binds only to the reduced species, and (c) CO binds to the reduced species more strongly than $\mathrm{CN}^{-}$.

In conclusion, complex 1 is the first example of a model system for the nickel site of the [ FeNi ] $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ ases that could be readily oxidized and reduced to the corresponding $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{III})$ and $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{I})$ species. Binding studies with these species reveal that the EPR spectra of the pentacoordinated complexes (be it oxidized or reduced) are mostly axial while the hexacoordinated species exhibit more rhombic EPR signals. The same trend has been observed with the terpy system. It is therefore not unreasonable to assume the presence of hexacoordinated nickel centers in both the oxidized ( $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{B}$ ) and reduced ( $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{C}$ ) forms of the enzyme. Since the combined presence of aromatic heterocyclic nitrogens and thiolato sulfurs in the first coordination sphere of nickel in 1 provides stabilization to three oxidation states $(+3,+2$, and +1$)$, it is quite likely that ligation of imidazole nitrogens and cysteinyl sulfurs creates a similar electronic environment around the biological nickel site, which in turn allows it to assume the same three oxidation states during turnover.

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# Synthesis of $\left[\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{SCu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}-\mathbf{2 , 4 , 6 - t}-\mathrm{Bu}_{3}\right)\right]$ and $\left[\left(\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mu-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}-\mathbf{2 , 4 , 6 - \mathrm { Ph } _ { 3 } ) \mathrm { Cu } ( \mathrm { C } _ { 6 } \mathrm { H } _ { 2 } - 2 , 4 , 6 - \mathrm { Ph } _ { 3 } ) ] :}\right.\right.$ Mononuclear and Dinuclear Organocopper(I) Species of Formula [CuR.Solvate] ${ }_{1 \text { or } 2}$ 

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The solid- and solution-phase structures of organocopper compounds are a topic of considerable current interest. ${ }^{1.2}$ Part of the reason for this is the extreme importance of these compounds, in particular their ionic derivatives (organocuprates), for organic synthesis. ${ }^{3}$ In addition, their structures are inherently interesting not least because of their isovalent relationship to organolithium compounds. ${ }^{4}$ Owing to their similar sizes, it is often possible to interchange Li for Cu in related aggregates while preserving the overall integrity of the molecules themselves. An illustration of this phenomenon is provided by the series of compounds $\mathrm{Cu}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\left(\mathrm{SMe}_{2}\right)_{2}, \mathrm{Li}_{2} \mathrm{Cu}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\left(\mathrm{SMe}_{2}\right)_{3}$, and $\mathrm{Li}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\left(\mathrm{SMe}_{2}\right)_{4}$, which contain different $\mathrm{Li}: \mathrm{Cu}$ ratios but remain tetrametallic species. ${ }^{5}$ These complexes are not isostructural, however, owing to the preference of a $\sigma$-bonded, two-coordinate $\mathrm{Cu}^{+}$ion for linear or near linear coordination. This restriction, in contrast to the coordinative flexibility of $\mathrm{Li}^{+}$, exerts a profound influence on the structure of organocopper compounds. ${ }^{4}$ One consequence is that organocopper structures having simple monodentate groups and lower aggregation numbers than four are practically unknown, whereas they are quite common in the case of lithium compounds. This may be understood in part by assuming that the preference for linear coordination at Cu imposes increasingly acute angles at the organo group as illustrated schematically by


I


II


III

IV

Structures related to type II, in which the angle at R is ideally $60^{\circ}$, have not been reported for a purely organometallic species, ${ }^{6}$ and only one representative of the species IV featuring a onecoordinate unsolvated copper has been published. ${ }^{7}$ No compounds corresponding to the formula ( CuR$)_{2}$, where R is a monodentate ligand, have yet appeared. ${ }^{8}$ In this paper, the first examples of

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organocopper(I) solvates corresponding to the formulas III and IV are now reported.

The title compounds $\left[\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{SCu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}-2,4,6-t-\mathrm{Bu}_{3}\right)\right]$, 1 , and $\left[\left(\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mu-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}-2,4,6-\mathrm{Ph}_{3}\right) \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}-2,4,6-\mathrm{Ph}_{3}\right)\right]$, 2, were synthesized by treatment of CuBr with the appropriate lithium aryl. ${ }^{9}$ The structures of 1 and $2^{10}$ were obtained by X-ray crystallography and are illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. The structure of 1 consists of well-separated monomers of formula [ $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{SCuS}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}-2,4,6-t-\mathrm{Bu}_{3}\right)$ ], and thus it represents the simplest possible structure for a solvated organocopper species. The coordination at Cu is almost linear $\left(\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{C}(1)=175.7\right.$ (1) ${ }^{\circ}$ ) with $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{S}$ and $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{C}(1)$ distances of 2.185 (1) and 1.916 (1) $\AA$. The $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{C}$ distance is comparable to those observed in other organocopper species although the $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{S}$ distance is substantially shorter (by ca. $0.2 \AA$ ) than those observed in other $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{SMe}_{2}$ complexes. ${ }^{5}$ The lowest degree of aggregation in 1 is presumably due to the large size of its organic substituent. If the size of this

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Flgure 2. Computer-generated drawing of 2. Selected bond distances $(\AA)$ and angles (deg) are $\mathrm{Cu}(1) \cdots \mathrm{Cu}(2)=2.443(1), \mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)=2.017$ (5), $\mathrm{Cu}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)=2.027$ (6), $\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{C}(25)=1.935(5), \mathrm{Cu}(2)-\mathrm{S}(1)=$ 2.340 (2), $\mathrm{Cu}(2)-\mathrm{S}(2)=2.273$ (2), 2.329 (8), $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{C}(25)=$ 163.0 (2), $\mathrm{Cu}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{C}(25)=142.7$ (2), $\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}(2)=74.3$ (2), $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}(2)=53.0$ (2), $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)=52.6$ (2). For clarity, the site of major occupancy ( $80 \%$ ) of the disordered $\mathrm{SMe}_{2}$ ligand is shown.
group is reduced slightly, the dimeric structure in $\mathbf{2}$ is obtained. The structure of the dimer 2 involves two copper atoms symmetrically bridged in an $\eta^{1}$-fashion by a $\operatorname{Triph}\left(2,4,6-\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}\right)$ group and with a short copper-copper contact of 2.443 (1) $\AA .{ }^{11}$ One of the coppers is also bound to a terminal Triph group and has a $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{C}$ angle of 163.0 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$. The other is solvated by two $\mathrm{SMe}_{2}$ molecules. This type of structure has not been previously described ${ }^{12}$ for organocopper compounds and may be viewed in several ways. Its formula corresponds to half of the commonly found tetrameric structures of $\mathrm{Cu}_{4} \mathrm{R}_{4}$. It bears a strong resemblance to half of $\mathrm{Cu}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\left(\mathrm{SMe}_{2}\right)_{2},{ }^{5}$ which has $\mathrm{Cu} \ldots \mathrm{Cu}$ distances of 2.445 (2) and 2.475 (1) $\AA$ and an extra $\mathrm{SMe}_{2}$ molecule coordinated in the site made vacant by the cleavage of the tetramer. Another view of the molecule is that it may be regarded as a contact ion pair between the cuprate anion $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{Triph})_{2}\right]^{-}$and the cation $\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{SMe}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]^{+}$. This view is not strongly supported by the structural parameters, however. This is because the bridging (C(1)) Triph ligand is symmetrically bound to the two coppers and the $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ and $\mathrm{Cu}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ angles are both quite wide. Interestingly, the $\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ bond is tipped only $7^{\circ}$ out of the $\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(30)$ plane, whereas $\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ and $\mathrm{Cu}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ are tipped $47.5^{\circ}$ and $24.3^{\circ}$ out of the $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ ring plane, respectively. An obvious explanation for the overall structure is that, if it is assumed that the minimum $\mathrm{Cu}^{+} \ldots \mathrm{Cu}^{+}$ distance is $\sim 2.4 \AA$, then the angles at the bridging carbon in a species such as III must be about the same as in 2. It follows that a symmetric structure of type III would impose a CCuC angle at copper of about $106^{\circ}$. Apparently, this angle is incompatible with the $\sigma$-bonding requirements of the coppers, which prefer a linear coordination.
The asymmetric structure of 2 is dissociated ${ }^{12}$ in solution (presumably to $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$-solvated CuTriph monomers similar to 1 ) as ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ heteronuclear correlated 2D NMR spectra of the crystalline species in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3} / \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ solution indicate one set of peaks for the Triph groups in the aromatic region. The central ring is distinguished by peaks at 154.9 (ipso), 148.3 (ortho), and 139.7 (para). A further peak at 141.35 is probably due to the ipso carbons of the o-phenyl rings. The TriphH present in the
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crystals displays peaks at 142.2 and 140.9 ppm, which are close to those of an authentic sample. The remaining carbons of the Triph groups display a complex pattern of peaks between 128.7 and 124.0 ppm . There is no overall change in the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR resonance pattern at temperatures as low as $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ that might indicate association in solution.

In conclusion, it is notable that the $\mathrm{Cu} \cdots \mathrm{Cu}$ contact in 2 lends support to the idea that interactions between ${ }^{10}$ centers in organocopper structures may be of considerable significance in determining their structures. Such interactions have already been implicated in the structures of various $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{I})$ compounds ${ }^{13}$ and the $\mathrm{Cu}_{4} \mathrm{R}_{4}$ tetramers. ${ }^{11}$ The presence of these interactions has been supported by calculations. ${ }^{14}$ Finally, it is notable that the isolation of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ underline the usefulness of $\mathrm{SMe}_{2}$ in stabilizing organocopper species. ${ }^{15}$

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## Tuning the Stereochemistry of Pentacoordinate Co(III) Halide Complexes: A Rare Case of Trigonal Bipyramidal Stereochemistry for Cobalt(III)

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Previously we employed the macrocyclic tropocoronand ligand, $\mathrm{H}_{2}(\mathrm{TC}-n, m)$, to prepare $[\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{TC}-n, m)]$ complexes of $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{II})$ and Ni (II) with controlled geometries ranging from square planar to tetrahedral. ${ }^{1}$ We now report a series of unusual pentacoordinate


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CO (III) tropocoronand chloride complexes which vary in geometry from square pyramidal to trigonal bipyramidal, depending on the size of the macrocycle. The $[\mathrm{CoCl}(\mathrm{TC}-4,4)]$ complex, 3 , is a rare example of a structurally characterized trigonal bipyramidal Co(III) complex, and solid-state magnetics measurements indicate that it is paramagnetic at room temperature. In contrast to the variable geometry of the Co (III) chloride complexes, the analogous

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Figure 1. ORTEP drawings of $[\mathrm{CoCl}(\mathrm{TC}-3,3)]$ (1), $[\mathrm{CoCl}(\mathrm{TC}-3,4)]$ (2), and $[\mathrm{CoCl}(\mathrm{TC}-4,4)]$ (3) showing the $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids for all non-hydrogen atoms. Selected interatomic distances ( $\AA$ ) and angles (deg) are as follows. 1: $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Cl}, 2.384$ (5); $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 1,1.892$ (8); $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 2,1.889$ (8); $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Cl}, 101.9$ (3); $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Cl}, 94.8$ (3); N1- $\mathrm{Co}-$ $\mathrm{N1}^{\prime}, 94.6$ (5); $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 2,82.1$ (3); $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 2^{\prime}, 163.3$ (4); $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Co}-$ $\mathrm{N}^{2}, 96.2$ (5). 2: $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Cl}, 2.343$ (1); $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 1,1.921$ (4); $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 2,1.862$ (3); Co-N3, 1.919 (4); Co-N4, 1.881 (4); N1-Co-Cl, 98.5 (1); N2-$\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Cl}, 108.3$ (1); N3-Co-Cl, 90.0 (1); N4-Co-Cl, 109.3 (1); N1-CoN2, 81.9 (2); N1-Co-N3, 171.5 (2); N1-Co-N4, 96.7 (2); N2-Co-N4, 142.1 (2). 3: $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Cl}, 2.288$ (1); $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 1,1.906$ (4); $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 2,1.870$ (4); $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 3,1.914$ (4); $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 4,1.894$ (4); $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Cl}, 91.7$ (1); $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Cl}$, 121.7 (1); $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Cl}, 90.2$ (1); N4-Co-Cl, 117.9 (1); N1-Co-N2, 82.0 (2); N1-Co-N3, 178.0 (2); N1-Co-N4, 97.9 (2); N2-Co-N4, 120.4 (2).

Co(III) alkyls are diamagnetic and have geometries that are relatively uninfluenced by the ligand constraints.

When $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ was introduced to a stirred mixture of $\mathrm{Li}_{2}(\mathrm{TC}-3,4)$ or $\mathrm{Li}_{2}(\mathrm{TC}-4,4)$ and $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}$ in THF, the resulting dark green solution ${ }^{2}$ turned red-brown. Removal of solvent and extraction into $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, followed by slow addition of diethyl ether, gave brown crystalline $[\mathrm{CoCl}(\mathrm{TC}-3,4)]$ or $[\mathrm{CoCl}(\mathrm{TC}-4,4)]$ in approximately $50 \%$ yield. [ $\mathrm{CoCl}(\mathrm{TC}-3,3)]$ could not be prepared by using this procedure, but instead was isolated in low yield by slow diffusion of $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ into a $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ solution of $[\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{TC}-3,3)]$. $^{3}$

Single-crystal X-ray structural analysis ${ }^{4}$ of the three products revealed substantially different geometries, as summarized in Figure 1. The structure of $[\mathrm{CoCl}(\mathrm{TC}-3,3)](1)$ is square py-

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[^1]:    (9) Under anerobic and anhydrous conditions, $n-\mathrm{BuLi}(3.8 \mathrm{~mL}$ of a 1.6 M hexane solution) was added to $2,4,6-t-\mathrm{Bu}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{Br}^{9}{ }^{9}$ ( $\mathrm{Mes}{ }^{*} \mathrm{Br} 1.95 \mathrm{~g}, 60 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ with cooling in an ice bath. After stirring for 3 h , the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (30 $\mathrm{mL})$ and added dropwise to a suspension of $\mathrm{CuBr}(0.43 \mathrm{~g}, 3 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( 20 mL ) with cooling in a dry ice-acetone bath. After 30 min of stirring, $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ ( 15 mL ) was added. The mixture was then allowed to come to room temperature and stirred for 2 h . Filtration and volume reduction to ca. 10 mL followed by storage in a $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ freezer for 2 days afforded the product 1 as colorless blocks: yield $0.71 \mathrm{~g}(32 \%) ; \mathrm{mp} 124-125{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{dec}{ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=7.4(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}-\mathrm{H}), 2.03\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\right), 1.71(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}, o-t-\mathrm{Bu})$, $1.28(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, p-t-\mathrm{Bu}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{D}_{6} \mathrm{O}\right) \delta=168.5(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{ipso} \mathrm{C}), 151.0$ (s, m-C), 121.3 (s, o-C), $120.4(\mathrm{~s}, p-\mathrm{C}), 39.1\left(\mathrm{~s}, o-\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 34.0(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 36.1\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{o}-\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 32.1$ (s, $\left.\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 19.0\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{Me} \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\right)$ $\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2} \mathrm{LiC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{8}-2,4,6-\mathrm{Ph}_{3},{ }^{96}\left(\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Li}\right.$ Triph $), 2.3 \mathrm{~g}, 5 \mathrm{mmol}$ in 10 mL of $\mathrm{SMe}_{2}$, was added dropwise to rapidly stirred $\mathrm{CuBr}(0.72 \mathrm{~g}, 5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in DMS ( 10 mL ) with cooling in a dry ice acetone bath. After 0.5 h the solution was allosed to warm to ca. $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 1 h . Hexane ( 17 mL ) was added, and the resultant mixture was filtered rapidly to afford a yellow solution. This was concentrated to ca .15 mL under reduced pressure. Storage in a $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ freezer for 2 days afforded the product as colorless crystais. The compound, 2, cocrystallizes with one molecule of $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}-2,4,6-\mathrm{Ph}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{Me} \mathrm{S}_{2}:^{9 \mathrm{c}}$ yield 1.5 $\mathrm{g}(24 \%) ; \mathrm{mp}=95-96^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. (a) Pearson, D. E.; Frazer, M. G.; Frazer, V. S.; Washburn, L. C. Synthesis 1976, 621. (b) Olmstead, M. M.; Power, P. P. J. Organomet. Chem. 1991, 408, 1. (c) Repeated preparations of the compound have always shown that some free $2,4,6-\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}$ is present in the reaction mixture in spite of stringent precautions to exclude moisture and air. It may be that the TriphH may be generated by an unknown mechanism during the reaction process.
    (10) Crystal data for 1 and 2 at 130 K with $\mathrm{Mo} \mathrm{K} \alpha(\lambda=0.71069 \mathrm{~A}$ ) radiation: $1, \mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{CuS}, a=12.359$ (3) $\AA, b=12.887$ (5) $\AA, c=25.535$ (9) $\AA$, orthorhombic, space group Pbca, $Z=8, R=0.039$ for 3481 ( $I>2 \sigma(n)$ reflections; 22,4,6- $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SMe}_{2}, \mathrm{C}_{78} \mathrm{H}_{70} \mathrm{Cu}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{3}, a=9.944$ (3) $\mathrm{A}, b=14.604$ (5) $\AA, c=22.936$ (7) $\AA, \alpha=97.02(2)^{\circ}, \beta=90.88(2)^{\circ}, \gamma=109.50(2)^{\circ}$, triclinic, space group $P \overline{1}, Z=2, R=0.068$ for $8170(I>3 \sigma(I)$ ) reflections.' In 2 the $\mathrm{SMe}_{2}$ of solvation was disordered between two sites, but it was refined satisfactorily with occupancies of $80 \%$ at site a and $20 \%$ at site b .

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    (2) The Co (II) compounds will be reported elsewhere.

[^3]:    (3) Analytical and spectroscopic data for compounds 1-3 and the Co (III) alkyl complexes are reported as supplementary material.
    (4) Crystal data for 1 at 200 K : size ca. $0.08 \times 0.15 \times 0.30 \mathrm{~mm}$, orthorhombic $C m c 2_{1}, a=16.275$ (6) $\AA, b=11.874$ (2) $\AA, c=9.069$ (4) $A, V=$ 1752 (1) $\AA^{3}, Z=4, \rho_{\text {culod }}=1.56 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$. For 838 unique, observed reflections with $F^{2}>\operatorname{lo}\left(F^{2}\right)$ and 130 variable parameters, the final discrepancy indices were $R=0.057$ and $R_{w}=0.058$. Crystal data for 2 at 200 K : size ca. 0.13 $\times 0.20 \times 0.25 \mathrm{~mm}$, monoclinic, space group $P 2_{1}, a=10.742$ (2) $\AA, b=8.270$ (1) $\AA, c=11.106$ (2) $\AA, \beta=104.30$ (1), $V=956.0$ (3) $\AA^{3}, Z=2, \rho_{\text {cakd }}=$ $1.48 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$. For 2233 unique, observed reflections with $F^{2}>3 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)$ and 243 variable parameters, the final discrepancy indices were $R=0.035$ and $R_{m}=$ 0.038 . Crystal data for 3 at 296 K : size ca. $0.20 \times 0.40 \times 0.40 \mathrm{~mm}$, orthorhombic, space group Pbca, $a=9.6713$ (8) $\AA, b=25.948$ (3) $\AA, c=$ 15.901 (1) $\AA, V=3990$ (1) $\AA^{3}, Z=8, \rho_{\text {culd }}=1.47 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$. For 2087 unique, observed reflections with $F^{2}>3 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)$ and 253 variable parameters, the final discrepancy indices were $R=0.044$ and $R_{w}=0.054$.

