

VINYLDENE COMPLEXES OF TRANSITION METALS

III *. DERIVATIVES OF CYCLOPENTADIENYLTRICARBONYL RHENIUM WITH PHENYLVINYLDENE LIGANDS. CRYSTAL AND MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Re}[\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})-\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}_2]\text{Re}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cp}$

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Summary

The novel complexes $\text{CpRe}(\text{C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_2$ and $\text{Cp}_2\text{Re}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_4$ containing a terminal and a bridging phenylvinylidene ligand respectively and the binuclear complex $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Re}[\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}_2]\text{Re}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cp}$ were obtained in the reaction of $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_3$ with $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CH}$.

According to an X-ray study of the latter complex the unusual bridging ligand is η^1 -bonded to one Re atom and η^2 -bonded to the other.

Introduction

Several types of transition metal compounds with organic η^1 -ligands are known. Along with σ -organic and carbene complexes where the bond order of the metal-carbon bond is 1–1.2 [2], compounds containing double and triple metal-carbon bonds are being extensively studied at present [1,3]. The synthesis and properties of the rhenium complexes $\text{CpRe}(\text{C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_2$ and $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Re}[\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})-\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}_2]\text{Re}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cp}$ with double metal-carbon bonds and also of the complex $\text{Cp}_2\text{Re}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_4$ which were obtained in the reaction of $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_3$ with $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CH}$ are reported for the first time in the present paper.

Results and discussion

Previously we have shown that phenylacetylene π -bonded to the Mn atom in $\text{CpMn}(\text{CO})_2(\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CH})$ undergoes a rearrangement into a carbene type phenyl-

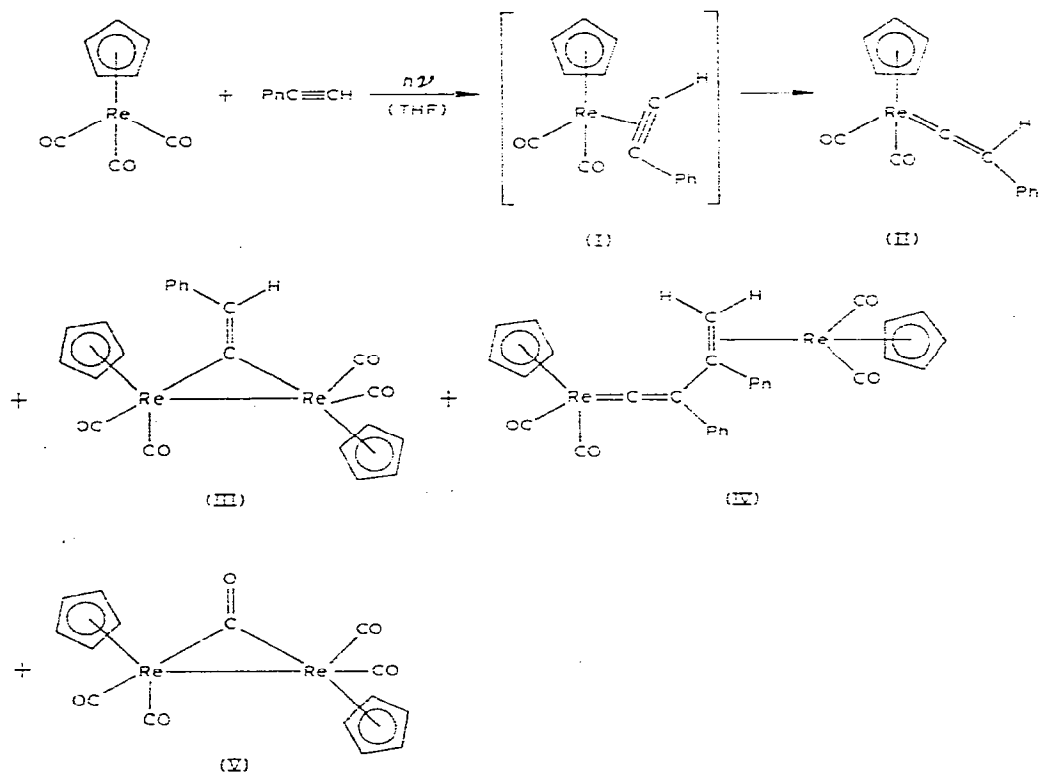
* For part II see ref. 1.

vinylidene ligand. Carbene ($>C=CHPh$) which is unstable in the free state is stabilized by coordination with a Mn atom forming stable $CpMn(C=CHPh)(CO)_2$ and $Cp_2Mn_2(\mu-C=CHPh)(CO)_4$ complexes [1].

In order to determine the influence of a transition metal on the capacity of π -coordinated phenylacetylene to rearrange into a phenylvinylidene ligand we studied the reaction of phenylacetylene with π -cyclopentadienyl rhenium tricarbonyl.

Several complexes were obtained by chromatography of the products of the photochemical reaction between $CpRe(CO)_3$ and $PhC\equiv CH$ in THF (see Scheme 1).

SCHEME 1



Some physical properties of compounds II–IV are given in Table 1.

The unstable π -complex I was not isolated but its formation in the first stage of the reaction was confirmed by IR spectroscopy in the $2200\text{--}1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ range. In addition to $\nu(CO)$ bands of $CpRe(CO)_3$ and II the spectrum contains a $\nu(C\equiv C)$ band at 1840 cm^{-1} and two $\nu(CO)$ bands at 1980 and 1911 cm^{-1} (cyclohexane solutions). The two latter bands are close to those of $CpRe(CO)_2(PhC\equiv CPh)$ (1982 and 1911 cm^{-1} in cyclohexane).

The π -acetylenic complex I undergoes rearrangement into the stable complex II. The yield of II depends on the reaction conditions and decreases with a temperature increase. In contrast to $CpMn(C=CHPh)(CO)_2$ which is formed in a basic medium (on alumina at pH 9–10), II was isolated on SiO_2 in neutral conditions.

TABLE 1
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF RHENIUM VINYLIDENE COMPLEXES

Compound	Colour	M.p. (°C)	IR $\nu(\text{CO})$ (cm^{-1}) (in cyclohexane)
$\text{CpRe}(\text{C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_2$ (II)	red	75–76	2003, 1938
$\text{Cp}_2\text{Re}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_4$ (III)	yellow	193–194	1982, 1953, 1916
$\text{Cp}_2\text{Re}_2[\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})-\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}_2](\text{CO})_4$ (IV)	light red	150–152	2000, 1982, 1930, 1914

The red crystalline complex II is readily soluble in organic solvents, sublimates without decomposition at 80–100°C/1 × 10⁻² mmHg. Its IR spectrum has two bands in the region of carbonyl stretching frequencies (Table 1).

Comparison of the $\nu(\text{CO})$ frequencies of $\text{CpRe}(\text{C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_2$ with published data on $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_2\text{L}$ complexes [4] indicates a strong electron-acceptor capacity of the phenylvinylidene ligand. The Raman spectrum of II has an intensive line at 1594 cm^{-1} , which we assigned to the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$ of the vinylidene ligand. In the IR spectrum $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$ is at 1591 cm^{-1} .

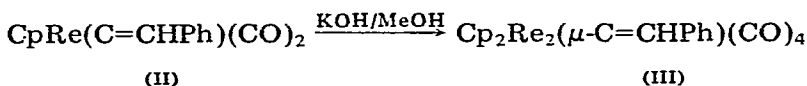
According to a preliminary X-ray study of II* the vinylidene carbon forms a double bond with the metal atom and the $\text{Re}=\text{C}=\text{C}$ fragment represents a linear metallene system.

The data of the ¹³C NMR spectrum of II, given in Table 2, are consistent with the structure of this compound. The C¹ atom of the vinylidene ligand reveals a single signal with a strong downfield shift.

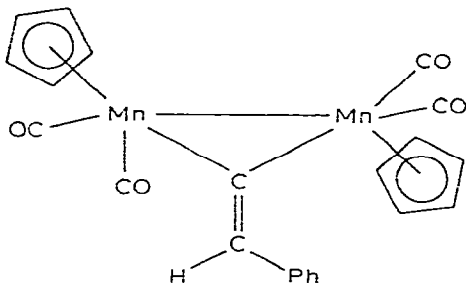
It is interesting that unlike $\text{CpMn}(\text{C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_2$ which gradually converts into $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_4$ with a bridging phenylvinylidene ligand [1], II is quite stable and does not convert into III under normal conditions.

Formation of III in the reaction of $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_3$ with phenylacetylene is apparently due to interaction of the complex II already formed with coordinatively and electronically deficient [$\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_2$] present in the reaction mixture.

Complex III can be obtained directly from II by treating it with a water/alcohol/base mixture



Complex III is a yellow crystalline substance readily soluble in polar organic solvents. It is stable under normal conditions and sublimates without decomposition at 80–100°C/1 × 10⁻² mmHg. Its IR spectrum contains three $\nu(\text{CO})$ bands (Table 1) whose positions and intensities are similar to those in the spectrum of



* This study was carried out by V.G. Andrianov and Yu.T. Struchkov.

TABLE 2

 ^{13}C NMR DATA FOR $\text{CpRe}(\text{C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_2$ ^a

C_5H_5	CO	$\text{C}^1=\text{C}^2-\begin{matrix} \text{C}_6\text{H}_5 \\ \text{H} \end{matrix}$		C_6H_5			
		C ¹	C ²	C _{key}	C _{ortho}	C _{meta}	C _{para}
90.37 (180.7)	198.55	329.49	119.49 (155.6)	128.66	125.53 (160.0)	124.88 (158.7)	129.52 (158.7)

^a δ (^{13}C) (ppm), in relation to TMS; The $^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^1\text{H})$ coupling constants (Hz) in parantheses.

[1] where a *trans*-arrangement of Cp rings in relation to the Mn—Mn bond was established by X-ray study [5]. The $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$ frequency of the bridging vinylidene ligand in III is at 1555 cm^{-1} both in the Raman and in the IR spectra.

The mass spectrum of III has an intensive peak at $P^+ = 716\text{ m/e}$ corresponding to a molecular ion and peaks of $[P - n\text{CO}]^+$ ions ($n = 1-4$). Elimination of the $\text{C}=\text{CHPh}$ ligand from a completely decarbonylated ion indicates that the metal-phenylvinylidene bond is stronger than the $\text{Re}-\text{CO}$ bond.

In contrast to II and III both formed in the photochemical reactions of $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_3$ with phenylacetylene and in the reaction of the latter with intermediate $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_2(\text{THF})$, IV is produced only by UV irradiation of a mixture of $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_3$ with phenylacetylene in THF. IV is readily soluble in polar organic solvents and is stable under normal conditions. Its IR spectrum contains four bands in the $\nu(\text{CO})$ region (Table 1). The mass spectrum reveals a peak at $P^+ = 818\text{ m/e}$.

The structure of IV was determined by an X-ray study and turned out to be quite unexpected. The molecule of IV contains an unusual bridging 2,3-diphenylbutadienyldiene $[\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})-\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}_2]$ ligand. Presumably formation of IV involves II, phenylacetylene and $[\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_2]$ species and requires UV irradiation.

Light red crystals of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Re}[\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})-\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}_2]\text{Re}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cp}$ are monoclinic: $a = 16.91(1)$, $b = 8.206(4)$, $c = 18.99(1)\text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 106.66(4)^\circ$, $V = 2524(2)\text{ \AA}^3$, Mol. wt. 818.9, $D_{\text{obs}}^{20^\circ} 2.09 \pm 0.03$, $D_{\text{calc}} 2.152\text{ g cm}^{-3}$ (at -120°C), $Z = 4$, space group $P2_1/n$. Intensities of 3030 independent reflections were measured at -120°C with a Syntex $P2_1$ diffractometer with a low-temperature LT-1 attachment ($\lambda\text{ Mo-}K_\alpha$, graphite monochromator, $\theta/2\theta$ scan). 2440 reflections with $F^2 > 1.9\sigma(F^2)$ were used for solution of the structure. Coordinates of the Re atoms were determined from the three-dimensional Patterson function, and all other non-hydrogen atoms were localized by successive syntheses of electron density. The structure was refined by the anisotropic full-matrix least-squares technique to $R = 0.052$.

The molecular geometry, main bond lengths and angles are shown in Fig. 1; atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles and equations of some planar molecular fragments are given in Tables 3-6.

The Re(2) atom is coordinated with a $\eta^5\text{-Cp}$ ligand and two carbonyls as well as with a monodentate vinylidene ligand, forming a metallene system $\text{Re}(2)=\text{C}(8)=\text{C}(7)$. The Re(1) atom is also coordinated with a $\eta^5\text{-Cp}$ ligand and two car-

TABLE 3
 ATOMIC COORDINATES ($\times 10^4$)

Atom	x	y	z	Atom	x	y	z
Re(1)	2438.7(6)	6397.6(12)	727.6(5)	C(13)	4290(14)	1123(29)	848(13)
Re(2)	156.2(6)	9355 (1)	-1594.7(5)	C(14)	3632(12)	10112(29)	749(12)
C(1)	3596 (17)	6484 (37)	880 (15)	C(15)	2407(14)	6907(25)	-1238(12)
C(2)	2695 (12)	731 (23)	1655 (13)	C(16)	3247(13)	6567(28)	-969(12)
O(1)	4297 (9)	6431 (21)	916 (9)	C(17)	3606(13)	5334(29)	-1321(12)
O(2)	2808 (9)	7839 (20)	2259 (9)	C(18)	3135(14)	4516(28)	-1932(14)
C(3)	-208 (13)	7293 (32)	-2037 (12)	C(19)	2281(15)	4854(26)	-2228(12)
C(4)	-182 (13)	8644 (29)	-748 (13)	C(20)	1926(13)	6027(27)	-1876(12)
O(3)	-388 (9)	6030 (20)	-2275 (9)	C(21)	1141(13)	5192(28)	455(15)
O(4)	-377 (9)	8202 (19)	-259 (8)	C(22)	1427(15)	5040(33)	-158(13)
C(5)	3121 (12)	3810 (25)	4600 (11)	C(23)	2139(16)	4042(26)	52(15)
C(6)	2384 (12)	8552 (26)	-67 (11)	C(24)	2307(15)	3627(30)	844(19)
C(7)	2006 (13)	8050 (26)	-827 (11)	C(25)	1679(16)	4398(31)	1097(15)
C(8)	1246 (14)	8591 (27)	-1136 (11)	C(26)	-57(15)	10871(30)	-2052(12)
C(9)	3161 (12)	9721 (24)	59 (12)	C(27)	625(14)	11599(25)	-2092(12)
C(10)	3292 (13)	10392 (24)	-576 (13)	C(28)	320(15)	12191(26)	-1474(14)
C(11)	3965 (14)	11465 (30)	-475 (15)	C(29)	4404(15)	3187(27)	3289(13)
C(12)	4462 (13)	11893 (25)	226 (15)	C(30)	-792(14)	11031(31)	-2421(14)

TABLE 4
BOND LENGTHS d (Å)

Bond	d (Å)	Bond	d (Å)
Re(1)—C(1)	1.96(3)	C(9)—C(10)	1.40(3)
Re(1)—C(2)	1.85(2)	C(10)—C(11)	1.41(3)
Re(1)—C(5)	2.21(2)	C(11)—C(12)	1.40(4)
Re(1)—C(6)	2.31(2)	C(12)—C(13)	1.40(4)
Re(1)—C(21)	2.32(2)	C(13)—C(14)	1.41(3)
Re(1)—C(22)	2.31(3)	C(9)—C(14)	1.36(3)
Re(1)—C(23)	2.30(2)		
Re(1)—C(24)	2.30(2)	C(15)—C(16)	1.39(3)
Re(1)—C(25)	2.31(3)	C(16)—C(17)	1.44(3)
		C(17)—C(18)	1.38(3)
Re(2)—C(3)	1.91(3)	C(18)—C(19)	1.42(3)
Re(2)—C(4)	1.94(2)	C(19)—C(20)	1.40(3)
Re(2)—C(8)	1.90(2)	C(20)—C(15)	1.44(3)
Re(2)—C(26)	2.30(2)		
Re(2)—C(27)	2.31(2)	C(21)—C(22)	1.39(4)
Re(2)—C(28)	2.35(2)	C(22)—C(23)	1.42(4)
Re(2)—C(29)	2.36(2)	C(23)—C(24)	1.49(4)
Re(2)—C(30)	2.34(2)	C(24)—C(25)	1.43(4)
		C(21)—C(25)	1.45(4)
C(5)—C(6)	1.41(3)	C(26)—C(27)	1.45(4)
C(6)—C(7)	1.46(3)	C(27)—C(28)	1.49(4)
C(6)—C(9)	1.59(3)	C(28)—C(29)	1.52(4)
C(7)—C(8)	1.33(3)	C(29)—C(30)	1.44(4)
C(7)—C(15)	1.50(3)	C(26)—C(30)	1.44(4)
C(1)—O(1)	1.17(4)		
C(2)—O(2)	1.19(3)		
C(3)—O(3)	1.14(3)		
C(4)—O(4)	1.13(3)		

bonyls and in addition a π -ethylenic fragment bonded to the C(7) of a metallene system occupies one coordination site.

The metallene system is linear with the double bond Re=C(8) (1.90(2) Å) considerably shorter than the ordinary Re—C σ -bonds (2.25 Å in CpRe(CH₃)₂C₅H₅CH₃ [6], 2.22 Å in *p*-ClC₆H₄Re(CO)₅ [7] and 2.32 Å in CpRe(CO)₂BrCH₃ [8]) and the sum of the single-bonded covalent radii of Re and C(*sp*³) (2.297 Å [9]). In contrast, the length of the Re=C(8) double bond is close to the sum of the double-bonded radii of Re (1.24 Å [10]) and C(*sp*²) (0.67 Å). The metallene system was previously found in (η^5 -C₅H₅)Mn(CO)₂(C=CHPh) [5] where the length of the Mn=C bond is 1.68(2) Å. Both in this complex and in IV the metallene system is almost coplanar with the C(15)—C(20) phenyl ring (torsional angle around the C(7)—C(15) bond is 15°).

The central C(5)—C(8) fragment of the organic ligand is nonplanar, the torsion-

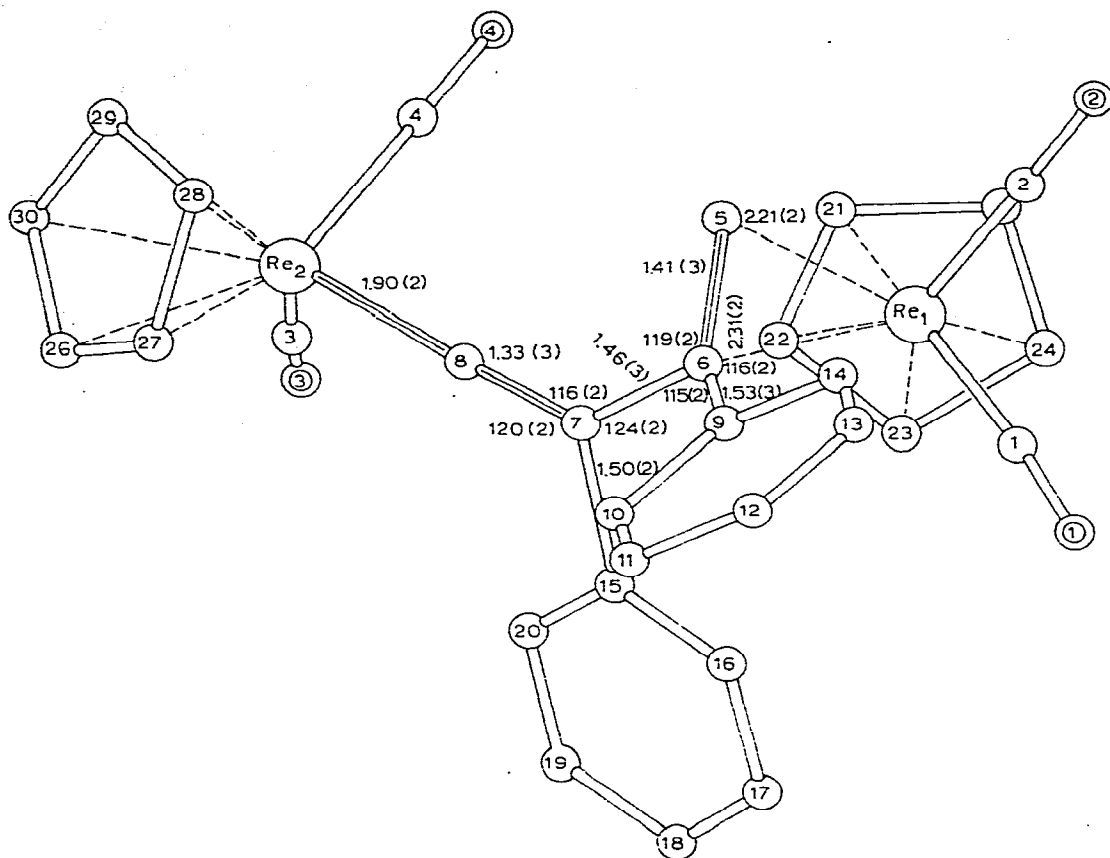


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Re}[\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})-\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}_2]\text{Re}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cp}$ with main bond lengths and angles.

al angle around the $\text{C}(6)-\text{C}(7)$ bond being 29.7° , and the phenyl rings are turned relative to the $\text{C}(6)-\text{C}(7)-\text{C}(8)$ and $\text{C}(5)-\text{C}(6)-\text{C}(7)$ planes by 18° and 41° respectively; the dihedral angle between the phenyl rings is equal to 73° . The lengths of the $\text{C}(7)-\text{C}(15)$ and $\text{C}(6)-\text{C}(9)$ bonds are $1.50(3)$ and $1.59(3)$ Å respectively and presumably exclude conjugation of the phenyl rings with the butadiene $\text{C}(5)-\text{C}(8)$ fragment.

The rest of the bond lengths and angles are normal, the average $\text{Re}(2)-\text{C}(\text{Cp})$, $\text{Re}(1)-\text{C}(\text{Cp})$ and $\text{C}-\text{C}$ distances in the Cp ligands are $2.31(2)$, $2.33(2)$ and $1.46(4)$ Å respectively. Due to coordination with $\text{Re}(1)$, the $\text{C}(5)=\text{C}(6)$ distance is increased to $1.41(3)$ Å as compared with $1.33(3)$ Å for the non-coordinated $\text{C}(8)=\text{C}(7)$ bond. The distances $\text{Re}(1)-\text{C}(5)$ ($2.21(2)$ Å and $\text{Re}(1)-\text{C}(6)$ ($2.31(2)$ Å) differ considerably. The bond lengths $\text{Re}-\text{CO}$ vary from $1.85(2)$ to $1.94(2)$ Å and $\text{C}-\text{O}$ bonds from $1.13(3)$ to $1.17(4)$ Å in length.

TABLE 5
BOND ANGLES, ω (degrees)

Angle	ω	Angle	ω
Re(1)—C(1)—O(1)	173(2)	C(15)—C(16)—C(17)	119(2)
Re(1)—C(2)—O(2)	175(2)	C(16)—C(17)—C(18)	121(2)
Re(1)—C(6)—C(7)	111(1)	C(17)—C(18)—C(19)	121(2)
C(1)—Re(1)—C(2)	84(1)	C(18)—C(19)—C(20)	118(2)
C(3)—Re(2)—C(4)	88(1)	C(19)—C(20)—C(15)	122(2)
C(5)—Re(1)—C(6)	36.4(7)	C(20)—C(15)—C(16)	119(2)
C(5)—C(6)—C(7)	119(2)		
C(5)—C(6)—C(9)	116(2)	C(21)—C(22)—C(23)	107(2)
C(6)—C(7)—C(8)	116(2)	C(22)—C(23)—C(24)	108(2)
C(6)—C(7)—C(15)	124(2)	C(23)—C(24)—C(25)	107(2)
C(6)—C(9)—C(10)	118(2)	C(24)—C(25)—C(20)	105(2)
C(6)—C(9)—C(14)	121(2)	C(25)—C(21)—C(22)	112(2)
C(7)—C(15)—C(16)	120(2)		
C(7)—C(15)—C(20)	121(2)	C(26)—C(27)—C(28)	109(2)
C(7)—C(6)—C(9)	115(2)	C(27)—C(28)—C(29)	105(2)
C(8)—C(7)—C(15)	120(2)	C(28)—C(29)—C(30)	108(2)
Re(2)—C(8)—C(7)	179(3)	C(29)—C(30)—C(26)	110(2)
Re(2)—C(3)—O(3)	176(2)	C(30)—C(26)—C(27)	108(2)
Re(2)—C(4)—O(4)	179(2)		
C(9)—C(10)—C(11)	117(2)		
C(10)—C(11)—C(12)	122(2)		
C(11)—C(12)—C(13)	119(2)		
C(12)—C(13)—C(14)	119(2)		
C(13)—C(14)—C(9)	123(2)		
C(14)—C(9)—C(10)	123(2)		

TABLE 6
EQUATIONS $Ax + By + Cz - D = 0$ OF PLANAR FRAGMENTS IN THE IV MOLECULE

Plane	A	B	C	D
C(21)—C(22)—C(23)—C(24)—C(25)	-0.5461	-0.8322	-0.0961	-4.638
C(26)—C(27)—C(28)—C(29)—C(30)	-0.2026	0.8824	-0.4247	9.9368
C(9)—C(10)—C(11)—C(12)—C(13)—C(14)	0.5899	-0.7757	-0.2243	-2.6775
C(15)—C(16)—C(17)—C(18)—C(19)—C(20)	0.1597	0.6937	-0.7023	7.0848

Experimental

Argon-saturated dry solvents were used. All operations were carried out under argon atmosphere. Photochemical reactions were run in a quartz apparatus equipped with a cooling jacket using a PK-7 mercury lamp (1000 W). Chromatography was performed on a column packed with silica (Chemapol, Czechoslovakia). IR spectra were measured with a UR-20 (Zeiss) instrument. Raman spectra were obtained on a PHO Coderg spectrometer with He/Ne-laser excitation. Mass spectra were obtained using a AEJ MS-30 instrument with a DS-50 data processing system at injection temperature 110°C, source temperature 200°C and ionization voltage 70 V. Resolution was 1000 for both beams.

¹³C MNR spectra in CH₂Cl₂ were recorded with a Bruker HX-90 spectrometer (22.635 MHz).

Reaction of $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_3$ with $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CH}$

A mixture of 0.67 g (0.002 mol) of $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_3$, 0.45 g (0.004 mol) of $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CH}$ and 40 ml of THF was UV irradiated at 5°C for 7 h with stirring. After evaporation of the solvent in vacuo a red-brown oil was obtained that was extracted with petroleum ether (b.p. 35–40°C). The extract was chromatographed on a silica column giving the following fractions: with petroleum ether colorless, (1); with ether/petroleum ether mixtures, (1 : 100) bright pink, (2), (1 : 50) yellow (3), (1 : 10) light red, (4), and (1 : 4) again yellow, (5).

Fraction (1) contained 0.5 g of a mixture of $\text{CpRe}(\text{CO})_3$ and $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CH}$. After evaporation of the solvent from fraction (2) the dry residue was recrystallized from petroleum ether to yield 0.12 g (12%) of $\text{CpRe}(\text{C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_2$ (II) as red plate-like crystals, m.p. 75–76°C. (Found: C 44.08; H, 2.47; Re, 44.73. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{Re}$ calcd.: C, 43.99; H, 2.71; Re, 45.47%).

Removal of the solvent from fraction (3) and recrystallization of the solid residue from ether/petroleum ether mixture (1 : 25) rendered 0.04 g (3%) of $\text{Cp}_2\text{Re}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_4$ (III) as yellow crystals, m.p. 148–149°C. (Found: C, 37.35; H, 2.08; Re, 50.98. $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4\text{Re}_2$ calcd.: C, 36.84; H, 2.25; Re, 51.96%).

Fraction (4) yielded, after evaporation of the solvent and recrystallization from ether, 0.09 g (4.3%) of $\text{Cp}_2\text{Re}_2[\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})\text{C}(\text{Ph})=\text{CH}_2](\text{CO})_4$ (IV) as light red crystals, m.p. 150–152°C. (Found: C, 44.51; H, 2.96; Re, 45.13. $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{Re}_2$ calcd.: C, 43.99; H, 2.71; Re, 45.47%).

Fraction (5) rendered 0.04 g (3%) of $\text{Cp}_2\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5$ (V) as yellow crystals identified by the IR spectrum of its solution in cyclohexane: $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ 1994, 1958, 1925, 1905; $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ 1745 cm^{-1} . Ref. [11] in cyclohexane: $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ 1992, 1956, 1923, 1904; $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ 1740 cm^{-1} .

Interaction of $\text{CpRe}(\text{C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_2$ (II) with a water/alcohol/base

To a pink solution of 0.1 g of II in 20 ml of MeOH/THF mixture (3 : 1) a mixture of 0.05 g of KOH, 10 ml of H_2O and 10 ml of MeOH was added dropwise. After stirring for 0.5 h at 65°C the reaction mixture turned yellow, the solvent was then evaporated and the dry residue extracted with petroleum. The extract was evaporated yielding yellow crystals of $\text{Cp}_2\text{Re}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{CO})_4$ (III) identified by IR spectroscopy and TLC.

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