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A CORRELATION STUDY: ¹³C, ¹⁷O, ²⁹Si AND ³¹P NMR CHEMICAL SHIFTS AND APPROXIMATE CO STRETCHING FORCE CONSTANTS FOR *cis*-DISUBSTITUTED MOLYBDENUM CARBONYL COMPLEXES

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Summary

The ¹³C, ¹⁷O, ²⁹Si and ³¹P NMR spectral properties of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂X)₂, where X is Cl, OMe, 4-MeC₆H₄O, NH₂, NHMe, NHCH₂CH₂NH₂, NHCH₂CH₂NMe₂, 4-MeC₆H₄NH, SEt, OSiMe₃ or NHSiMe₃ and of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂YPPh₂), where Y is NMeCH₂CH₂NMe, NHSiMe₂NH, NHSi-MePhNH, OSiMe₂O, or OSiMePhO and of *cis*-[Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂O)₂]₂Si have been determined. Good to excellent correlations between the ¹³C and ¹⁷O chemical shifts of carbonyl ligands *trans* to the phosphorus donor ligands are found. Only poor correlations are seen between ¹³C and ¹⁷O chemical shifts for carbonyl ligands *cis* to the two phosphine substituted carbonyl groups. Based on only seven samples, ²⁹Si and ¹³C of *trans* carbonyl ligands also correlate well. Correlations of chemical shift data with approximate CO stretching force constants are fair to good depending upon the selection of data. In particular, much better correlations are noted in almost all instances when complexes with monodentate ligands and bidentate ligands are examined separately.

Introduction

Multinuclear magnetic resonance studies of metal carbonyl complexes of P-donor ligands have demonstrated that good correlations exist between chemical shifts of different nuclei. Chemical shifts are also known to correlate with metallocarbonyl stretching force constants. In particular, Bodner and coworkers have reported good correlations between carbonyl ¹³C chemical shifts and Cotton-Kraihanzel stretching force constants for a wide variety of metal carbonyl complexes of P-donor ligands, and between the carbonyl ¹³C chemical shifts for different metal carbonyl complexes of the same P-donor ligands [1–3]. Both Kowada [4] and Todd [5.6] and their respective coworkers have studied the correlation between the carbonyl ¹³C and ¹⁷O

chemical shifts. Todd has proposed a model which explains the interrelationship of these chemical shifts [6]. In an innovative study of a series of RhCl(CO)(P-donor ligand)₂ complexes. Derencenyi has observed that although the carbonyl stretching force constants fail to correlate with ³⁴P chemical shifts of complexed P-donor ligands, they do correlate with ³⁴P chemical shifts of the corresponding phosphine oxide [7]. He has further noted that these shifts can also be used to predict the catalytic activity of the complexes [7].

Since the correlations discussed above appear to extend to a wide series of complexes and have a potential use in predicting important molecular properties such as catalytic activity, we have begun a study to determine the P-donor ligand properties which affect the extent and goodness of the correlations thus far reported. In this paper we report the ¹³C, ¹⁷O, ²⁹Si, and ³¹P NMR and carbonyl infrared spectral data for a series of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂X)₂ complexes in which only one of the substituents on phosphorus (X) is varied, thus minimizing changes in the steric effects of the ligand due to changes in the X group. We will also present the correlations observed between the various chemical shifts and between some of the chemical shifts and the carbonyl stretching force constants and discuss factors which have been observed to affect these correlations.

Experimental section

Complexes. Syntheses for the complexes studied in this paper have been reported previously [8,9] with the exception of *trans*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂OSiMe₃)₂ which was obtained when solutions of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂OSiMe₃)₂ in deuterochloroform were allowed to stand at room temperature for several days.

Spectra. Infrared spectra were taken of dilute, dichloromethane solutions of the complexes in 0.2 mm sodium chloride cells on a Perkin Elmer 283B infrared spectrometer.

NMR spectra were obtained on a JEOL FX90Q instrument. Saturated solutions (20°C) of complexes in deuterochloroform (1% tetramethylsilane) were filtered through silica gel into 10 mm NMR tubes under nitrogen. The instrumental parameters and standards are summarized in Table 1.

	¹³ C	17O	²⁹ Si	^η Ρ
Center of spectrum (MHz)	22.53330	12.15050	17,80100	36.27758
Data point resolution (Hz)	0.7	5	1.0	2.4
Spectrum width (Hz)	6000	10.000	4000	10.000
Pulse angle (deg)	22.5	90	45	90
Delay (sec.)	2.5	40×10^{-3}	5.0	
No. of Transients	2×10^{2} ·	3×10^{5} -	2×10^{2}	1
	6×10^{3}	3×10^{6}	6×10^{3}	
Standard	TMS (Int.)	H ₂ O (Ext.)	TMS (Int.)	85% H ₃ PO ₄ (Ext.)

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TABLE 2

	Complex	A ₁ (1)	A ₁ (2)	B	B,	k,	k,	k2
X = CI	-	2036m	1943sh	1925s	1913sh	0.43	15.21	15.83
OMe	II	2024m	1922sh	1906s	1888sh	0.38	14.78	15.43
OC, H4 Me-4	1<	2028m	1932sh	1912s	1896	0.40	14.92	15.57
NH2	>	2022m	1921sh	1901s	1883sh	0.42	14.74	15.44
NHMe	N	2021	1918s	1899s	1881sh	0.42	14.72	15.39
NHCH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂	VII	2020m	1917sh	1899s	1883sh	0.38	14.69	15.35
NHCH ₂ CH ₂ NMe ₂	VIII	2020m	1916sh	1900s	1880sh	0.41	14.69	15.40
NHC ₆ H ₄ Me-4	×	2023m	1926m	1903s	1888sh	0.42	14.82	15.47
SEt	XI	2031m	1929sh	1918s	1888m	0.41	14.81	15.68
OSIME ₃	XII	2021m	1918sh	1904s	1889sh	0.36	14.77	15.37
NHSiMe ₃	IIVX	2018m	1916sh	18985	1880sh	0.41	14.69	15.31
$Y = NMeCH_2CH_2NMe$	XI	2025m	1923sh	1910s	1894sh	0.39	14.87	15.52
OSiMe ₂ O	XIV	2028m	1929sh	19145	1899sh	0.38	14.95	15.56
OSiMePhO	X۷	2029m	1929sh	1915s	1899sh	0.38	14.95	15.58
NHSiMe ₂ NH	IIIVX	2022m	1927m	1893s	1882sh	0.45	14.76	15.38
NHSiMePhNII	XIX	2026m	1923s	1908s	1885s	0.41	14.76	15.53
O4Si (IVX	2032m	1937sh	1920s	1906sh	0.38	15.05	15.65
" Methylene chloride soluti	ons. Intensity desig	gnations: s – strong	, m = medium, sh =	= shoulder Absor	ptions marked s or	m are accurate	to 1 cm ¹ and	shoulders are
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positioned to within 3 cm⁻¹.⁴ Force constants calculated by the Cotton-Kraihanzel method. F.A. Cotton and C.S. Kraihanzel. J. Amer. Chem. Soc., 84 (1962) 4431. ^c This complex is [Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂O)₂]₂Si.

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The infrared absorptions observed in the 2000 cm⁻¹ region and the calculated CO

stretching force constants are summarized in Table 2. The ¹³C NMR data for the non-carbonyl carbons are summarized in Table 3 and the ¹³C and ¹⁷O NMR data for the carbonyl ligands as well as the ²⁹Si and ³¹P NMR data are given in Table 4.

Spectral results

¹³C (¹H) NMR spectra. The ¹³C (¹H) resonance signals of carbonyl ligands *cis* to both phosphorus donor ligands (herein called *cis* carbonyls) in *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂X)₂ complexes are 1/2/1 triplets (²J 9 11 Hz) owing to coupling to two equivalent phosphorus nuclei. For the complexes *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂ESiMePhEPPh₂) (E = O, NH), the two *cis* carbonyls are chemical shift inequivalent because of the unsymmetrical substitution at silicon and two normal triplets are observed.

TABLE 3

¹³C NMR DATA FOR NON-CARBONYL CARBON NUCLEI IN THE COMPLEXES cro-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂X)₂ AND cis-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂YPPh₂) (δ in ppm, J in Hz)^a

		$Ph(C(1))^{h}$		Ph(C(2,6)) ^c		
		δ	$ ^{1}\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{CP}) + {}^{3}\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{CP'}) $	δ	$^{2}\mathcal{J}(\mathrm{CP}) + ^{4}\mathcal{J}(\mathrm{CP}')$	
cis C	omplexes			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
X =	CL	139.36	25	131.04	15	
	OMe II	139.07	32	131.10	14	
	OC ₆ H ₄ Me-4 IV	140.43	33	130.61	14	
	NH, V	141.57	37	130.16	14	
	NHMe VI	136.96	37	131.43	13	
	NHCH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂ VII	137.74	38	131.49	12	
	NHCH ₂ CH ₂ NMe ₂ VIII	137.86	36	131.52	13	
	NHC, H, Me-4 X	136.30	38	130.81	13	
	SEt XI	134.91	25	132.11	12	
	OSiMe ₃ XII	142.45	37	129.28	15	
	NHSiMe ₃ XVII	139.85	36	131.40	13	
Y	NMeCH ₂ CH ₂ NMe IX	137.28	34	131.52	13	
	OSiMe ₂ O XIV	142.45	37	129.28	15	
	OSiMePhO ⁶ XV	143.55	40	e		
		142.16	37			
	NHSiMe ₂ NH XVIII	141.04	39	130.19	14	
	NHSiMePhNH / XIX	143.26	<u>3</u> 9	130.35	13	
	O ₄ Si ^e XVI	141.25	.39	129.44	15	
trans	Complexes					
X =	OMe III	141.88	36	130.74	14	
	OSiMe ₃ XIII	144.21t	35	130.42	15	

" Deuterochloroform solvent. ^b Resonances for *cis* carbonyl ligands are apparent pentets of the general shape shown in Fig. 1 and are discussed in the text. Resonance signals for *trans* complexes are apparent triplets. ^c Signals are apparent triplets and are discussed in the text. ^d Signals are singlets unless otherwise noted. ^e Signal obscured by other aromatic resonances. ^r Two C(1) resonance signals are noted for the

The ¹³C (¹H) resonance signals of carbonyl ligands *trans* to the phosphorus donor ligands (herein called *trans* carbonyls) in *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂X)₂ complexes are apparent triplets (due to coupling to magnetically inequivalent phosphorous nuclei) which are found 5 to 8 ppm downfield of the corresponding *cis* carbonyl signals. The AXX' spin system giving rise to the apparent triplets is a special case of the well known X_nAA'X'_n spin system first described by Harris [10] and has been applied to bis(phosphine) transition metal complexes by other investigators [11–13]. Mathematical analysis of the *trans* carbonyl resonance of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂OC₆H₄Me-4)₂, shown in Fig. 1, yields values of 29 Hz for |²J(PP')| and of 30 Hz and 10 Hz for |²J(CP')| and |²J(CP')|, respectively. The actual signs of |²J(PC)| and |²J(P'C)| are opposite but undetermined by the calculation. These calculated values are in good agreement with the coupling constants of a series of Group VI metal carbonyl

Ph(C(3,5))*	Ph(C(4))	Other ^d	
δ	$ ^{3}J(CP) + {}^{5}J(CP') $	δ	δ	J
128.24	9	130.71		-
128.01	8	129.96	53.39(CH ₄)	$4(1^2 I(CP) + {}^4 I(CP'))$
128.01	10	3	20.58 (CH ₃)	-
128.17	9	129.41	-	
127.98	9	129.35	29.85(CH ₃)	$9(l^2 J(CP) + {}^4 J(CP'))$
128.05	9	129.41	46.46(NHCH ₂) 42.79(NH ₂ CH ₂)	$8(^2 J(CP) + {}^4 J(CP'))$
127.92	9	129.21	40.97(NHCH ₂) 45.13(NCH ₃) 59.57(NCH ₃)	$9(^2J(\mathbf{CP}) + {}^4J(\mathbf{CP'}))$
128 47	9	e	20.32(CH)	
128.18	10	129.61	$27.08(CH_2)$ 14.53(CH_2)	
128.18	9	129.74	1.50(CH ₃)	
128.01	10	129.54	1.72(CH)	
127.92	9	129.31	53.36(NCH ₂) 39.21(NCH ₃)	20(² J(CP) ⁺⁴ J(CP')) 8(² J(CP) ⁺⁴ J(CP'))
128.18 ¢	9	129.93	1.24(CH ₃) 0.03(CH ₃)	
128.11	8	129.35	3.12(CH ₃)	$5({}^{3}J(CP) + {}^{5}J(CP'))$
128.18	10	129.44	1.95(CH ₃)	5(³ J(CP)+ ⁵ J(CP'))
128.31	10	130.32	-	
128.08	9	129.80	52.94(CH ₃) ^{<i>h</i>}	
127.85	9	129.48	1.43(CH ₃)	

nonequivalent P-phenyl rings. The other resonance signals are experimentally coincident. Signals for Si-phenyl rings are observable but assignments are difficult. ⁸ This complex is $[Mo(CO)_4(PPh_2\tilde{O})_2]_2Si$. ⁶ Phosphorus carbon coupling not observed.



Fig. 1. ¹³C NMR spectrum of trans CO in cis-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂OC₆H₄Me-4)₂,

complexes of unsymmetrical biphosphorus ligands which were directly determined employing multiple resonance techniques [14]. For the other complexes studied, the level of data accumulation was not sufficient for all lines to be observed and only $[^{2}J(CP) + ^{2}J(CP')]$ values are reported.

The resonance signals for the phosphorus-phenyl carbons are similar for all the complexes studied. The ¹³C resonance of C(1) is found farthest downfield and is either an apparent triplet or an apparent pentet. The signals for C(2.6) (*ortho*) and C(3.5) (*meta*) are also apparent triplets and are assigned to the 129–132 and 128–128.5 ppm ranges, respectively. These assignments are based on previous literature values cited for XPPh₃ (X = O, S, Sc) [15]. A singlet is noted for C(4) (*para*) for all of the complexes studied. The magnitude of $["J(CP) + "+^2J(CP')]$ is seen to decrease steadily with increasing *n*.

¹⁷O NMR spectra. For each of the *cis*-Mo(CO)₄L₅ complexes studied in this work, two ¹⁷O NMR resonances are observed although in some cases the broader, highfield signal appears as a shoulder on the lowfield peak. The sharp lowfield and broad highfield resonances are assigned to the *trans* and *cis* carbonyls, respectively, consistent with previous assignments reported for the ¹⁷O NMR resonances of the carbonyl ligands in *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(EPh₃)₂ (E = P. As, Sb) [16], W(CO)₄(diphos) [6] and *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂OH)(PPh₂OR) (R = Et. CH₂CH₂NMe₂) [17]. Additional supporting evidence for the assignment made for the ¹⁷O resonances of the complexes in the study comes from:

(i) a comparison of the ¹⁷O NMR spectra of the carbonyl ligands in *cis* and *trans*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂X)₂ (X = OMe and OSiMe₃) in which the chemical shift of the single ¹⁷O NMR resonance of the carbonyls of the *trans* complexes is close to the chemical shift of the upfield resonance for the corresponding *cis* isomer and

(ii) the observation that the 17 O chemical shifts of the downfield resonances, assigned to the *trans* carbonyls, are more sensitive to changes in the X group on phosphorus than are the upfield resonances.

²⁹Si NMR spectra. The inherent negative Overhauser effect (NOE) of the ²⁹Si nucleus often results in decreased signal to noise ratios in the ²⁹Si NMR spectra of the complexes studied in this paper. A gated decoupling pulse sequence was employed to eliminate the NOE for those complexes whose ²⁹Si NMR spectra could

not be observed using normal ¹H decoupling. Although the chemical shifts of ²⁹Si nuclei are affected primarily by the electronegativities of substituents attached to silicon, this dependence on substituent electronegativity has been shown to be nonlinear [18]. Nonlinearity is noted in this work as well. For example, whereas the ²⁹Si chemical shift for *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂OSiMe₃)₂ is 9.44 ppm upfield of the value of the analogous NH complex, the ²⁹Si shifts for *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂OSi(Me)₂OPPh₂) and *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂OSi(Me)(Ph)OPPh₂) are 0.47 upfield and 5.11 ppm downfield of their respective NH analogs.

The phosphorus-silicon coupling observed in these silicon containing complexes is also unusual. No coupling is observable for the complexes cis-Mo(CO)₄-(PPh₂OSi(Me)(R)OPPh₂) (R = Me or Ph) but is seen for all other silicon containing complexes. In all cases the coupling constants in the complexes containing a P-O-Si linkage (²J(PSi) 5-7 Hz) are smaller than in those containing a P N-Si linkage (²J(PSi) 7 · 10 Hz).

³⁷P NMR spectra. The ³¹P NMR chemical shift data for the complexes examined here have been summarized in Table 4. As expected, only a single sharp signal is seen for each complex and this fact provides an excellent test of sample purity. An examination of the ³¹P chemical shift data shows that the complexes of aminophosphines have chemical shifts in the range of δ 66–91 ppm. For the complexes of the phosphinite esters the chemical shifts are significantly downfield in the δ 130–156 range as a result of the greater electronegativity of oxygen relative to nitrogen.

Discussion

Although there is not complete uniformity of thought regarding the nature of bonding in metal carbonyl complexes, the fact that changing a Lewis base substituent changes the infrared frequency of the carbonyl group *trans* to the ligand to a greater extent than a *cis* carbonyl group seems indisputable. It seems only natural then to determine if substituent changes are reflected in NMR properties as well, and if the effects on *cis* and *trans* carbonyl groups are different. As will now be shown, such correlations do exist, but the level of correlation is not always very high. One very important fact which will become apparent as the results of this work are discussed is the improved correlations noted when *cis*-disubstituted complexes and complexes with chelating ligands are treated separately.

Correlations between chemical shifts and stretching force constants for carbonyl ligands

Plots of the ¹³C chemical shifts versus C-K infrared stretching force constants for the *trans* and *cis* carbonyl ligands of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂X)₂ and Mo(CO)₄-(PPh₂YPPh₂) are shown in Fig. 2. For the *trans* carbonyl ligands the correlation of the ¹³C chemical shifts with k_1 , the approximate force constant for CO *trans* to a phosphorus donor ligand, is poor (r = linear correlation coefficient = -0.771) if one includes data for all of the *cis* complexes. The correlation in which data for only the complexes of monodentate ligands is used is very good (r = -0.954) whereas the data for the complexes of bidentate ligands forming six-membered rings give a fair correlation (r = -0.843). In contrast, only fair correlations are observed between the ¹³C chemical shifts and the stretching force constants (k_2) for the *cis* carbonyl ligand of all *cis* complexes (r = -0.862), for *cis* complexes of monodentate ligands

TABLE 4

¹³C AND ¹⁷O NMR DATA FOR THE CARBONYL LIGANDS AND ²⁹SI AND ³¹P NMR DATA FOR THE PHOSPHORUS DONOR LIGANDS IN THE COMPLEXES *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂X)₂ AND *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₃Y) (δ in ppm. *J* in Hz)"

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			δ	$ ^2J(CP) + ^2(CP') $	δ	2J(CP)
\mathbf{x}^{\cdot}	cus-Cl	i	212.29	28	207.71	10
	cis-OMe	н	214.60	18	208.57	11
	trans-OMe	111			209.92	11
	cis-OC ₆ H _a Me-4	IV	213.98	20	208.39	10
	cis-NH ₂	v	214.76	17	209.60	10
	cis-NHMe	VI	215.25	22	209.53	10
	as-NHCH_CH_NH,	VII	215.15	17	209.62	10
	cas-NHCH, CH, NMe,	VIII	215.35	17	209.60	10
	cas-NHC, H, Me-4	х	214.21	18	209.10	9
	crs-SEt	XI	214.37	18	208,59	10
	cis-OSiMe ₃	XII	215.12	18	210,08	11
	trans-OSiMe ₃	ХШ			210.47	10
	cis-NHSiMe3	XVII	215,77	17	210.02	10
$\mathbf{Y} =$	NMeCH CH NMe	IX	215.71	20	209.01	y,
	OSiMe.O	XIV	214.96	18	208.62	11
	OSiMe(Ph)O	XV	214.78	19	209.27	11
					207.55	11
	NHSiMe, NH	XVIII	215.28	16	209,08	10
NH	SiMe(Ph)NH	XIX	215.02	10	209,60	10
					207.45	10
	O ₄ Si ^h	XVI	214.02	21	207.58	11

^{*a*} Deuterochloroform as solvent. Multiplicities: s-singlet, t = triplet, p = pentet, sh + unresolved shoulder. ^{*b*} trans CO refers to CO trans to one of the phosphorus donor ligands; *cis* CO refers to CO *cis* to both phosphorus donor ligands. ^{*c*} Relative to ¹³C resonance of internal TMS at 0.00 ppm. All resonances are apparent triplets. See Discussion in text for compound IV. ^{*d*} Relative to ¹³C resonance of internal TMS at

only (r = -0.888) and for complexes of bidentate ligands forming six-membered rings (r = -0.898).

Plots of the ¹⁷O chemical shifts versus the infrared stretching force constants for the *trans* and *cis* carbonyls are shown in Fig. 3. For the *trans* carbonyl ligands the correlation of the ¹⁷O chemical shifts with the stretching force constants (k_1) calculated using data for all the *cis* complexes is fair (r = 0.861) but the correlations calculated using separate data for complexes of monodentate ligands (r = 0.962) and the complexes of bidentate ligands forming six-membered rings (r = 0.991) are very good. Correlations between the ¹⁷O chemical shifts with the stretching force constants (k_2) for the *cis* carbonyl groups are extremely poor (r < -0.7) regardless of the data set used.

Correlations of both ${}^{13}C$ and ${}^{17}O$ chemical shifts with the stretching force constant for the *trans* carbonyls of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(PPh₂X)₂ complexes are superior to the corresponding correlations for the *cis* complexes although the correlation of ${}^{13}C$ chemical shift with the stretching force constant for the *cis* carbonyls is better than that for the *trans* carbonly when the data for all the complexes are considered. This

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δ	δ	δ	$ ^{2}\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{PSi}) $	δ
366.9	360.5		<u> </u>	124.77
362.1	359.3	-		145.97
	359.7		-	156.81
362.9	360.9 sh	-	_	145.84
359.3	358.5 sh	_	_	67.17
359.3	356.0 sh	_	_	78.67
359.3	358.9 sh			77.39
358.4	358.0	-	_	76.32
360.5	358.5	_	_	69.72
361.3	356.4 sh		_	60.24
360.9	357.6	17.50t	5	131.44
-	357.2	16.601	7	139.78
359.3	356.0	8.061	7	73.49
359.3	354,4	-	_	91.12
366.9	356.8	1.18s		128.00
367.3	359.2	- 14.37s		129.96
360.9	356.0	0.71st	10	65.82
361.2	356.4	9.16t	10	66.43
368.9	357.7	- 99.24p	6	145.29

0.00 ppm. All resonances are triplets. ⁶ Relative to ¹⁷O resonance of internal H₂O at 0.00 ppm. ⁷ Relative to ²⁹Si resonance of internal TMS at 0.00 ppm. ^{*} Relative to ³¹p resonance of external 85% phosphoric acid at 0.00 ppm. ⁶ This complex is $[Mo(CO)_4(PPh_2O)_2]_2Si$.

behaviour can be compared to that reported by Bodner [2] for the correlation between the ¹³C NMR carbonyl resonances and stretching force constants for a series of LM(CO)₅ complexes (M = Cr, Mo, W) in which superior correlations were reported for the *cis* carbonyls. However recalculation of these correlations using only Bodner's data for complexes of phosphorus donor ligands yields equally good correlations ($r \ge -0.95$) for both the *cis* and *trans* carbonyls. Thus, it would appear that the correlation between the chemical shifts and stretching force constants is affected by a complex mixture of steric and electronic factors.

Correlations between the ¹³C and ¹⁷O chemical shifts

Graphs showing relationships between the ¹³C and ¹⁷O chemical shifts for *cis* and *trans* carbonyl ligands are shown in Fig. 4. For the *trans* carbonyl groups a good correlation (r = -0.915) is obtained when data for complexes of monodentate ligands are used. An even better correlation is found using only the data for monodentate phosphinamide ligands. Excellent correlations are obtained using the data for complexes of ligands containing P-N-Si bonds (r = -0.980) and for





Fig. 2. Plots of ¹³C NMR chemical shifts (ppm) vs. Cotton-Kraihanzel stretching force constants (mdyn A^{-1}) for the *trans* (A) and *cis* (B) carbonyl of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄L₂. L = PPh₂X(\bigcirc): L₂ Ph₂PESiR₂EPPh₂(\sqcup): L₂ = Ph₂PNMeCH₂CH₂NMePPh₂ (\land). Least squares lines are drawn for complexes with non-chelating ligands (- ------) and complexes with six-atom chelate rings (- -----).

complexes of chelating ligands with P-O-Si bonds (r = -0.999) although in each case the data for only three complexes are used. That several correlations are necessary to fit all the data for the structurally homogeneous series of complexes studied in this work may explain why earlier investigators, examining series of complexes whose ligands varied more widely in cone angle and electronic properties, reported poor correlations between the ¹³C and ¹⁷O chemical shifts of the carbonyl ligands [4,5].

Other chemical shift correlations

No correlation is observed between the ${}^{31}P$ chemical shifts and either of the carbonyl stretching force constants or ${}^{13}C$ or ${}^{17}O$ chemical shifts. This lack of correlation may be a reflection of the well recognized fact that ${}^{31}P$ chemical shifts of P-donor ligands are very sensitive to changes in the hybridization of the phosphorus and thus changes in the steric bulk of the groups attached to the phosphorus will have a much greater effect on the chemical shift of the phosphorus than on the



Fig. 3. Plots of ¹⁷O NMR chemical shifts (ppm) vs. Cotton-Kraihanzel stretching force constants (mdyn A^{-1}) for *trans* (A) and *cis* (B) carbonyls of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄L₂. L = PPh₂X(\bigcirc); L₂ = Ph₂PESiR₂EPPh₂ (\square); L₂ = Ph₂PNMeCH₂CH₂NMePPh₂ (\triangle). A least squares line is drawn for complexes with non-chelating ligands (*trans* only).

carbonyl ¹³C or ¹⁷O chemical shifts. Tolman has used similar arguments to explain the lack of correlation between the ³¹P chemical shifts and carbonyl stretching force constants for a series of Ni(CO)₃(phosphine) complexes [19].

Furthermore, we note no correlation between the chemical shifts for the aromatic carbons of the phosphorus donor ligands and other chemical shifts or carbonyl stretching force constants. The chemical shifts of the phenyl carbons, expecially those of the carbon bonded to phosphorus, change drastically as the substituents on the phosphorus are changed but in a manner different from the changes observed for any of the other chemical shifts or for the carbonyl stretching force constants.



Fig. 4. Plots of ¹⁷O vs. ¹³C NMR chemical shifts (ppm) for *trans* (A) and *cis* (B) carbonyls of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄L₂, L = PPh₂X(O); L₂ = Ph₂PESiR₂EPPh₂ (\Box); L₂ = Ph₂PNMeCH₂CH₂NMePPh₂ (Δ). Least squares lines drawn for non-chelating ligands (———); complexes with six-atom chelate rings containing P O-Si bonds (— — —); and ligands containing P-N. Si bonds (— —) (*trans* carbonyls only).

Based on a limited number of new complexes, we have observed good correlations between the ²⁹Si chemical shifts of the silicon containing phosphorus donor ligands and the ¹³C chemical shifts of the *trans* carbonyl ligands and fair correlations between the ²⁹Si chemical shifts and the ¹⁷O chemical shifts of the *trans* carbonyl ligands as shown in Fig. 5. The complexes XVII, XVIII, and XIX which contain a P-N- Si linkage show a good correlation between the ¹³C and ²⁹Si chemical shifts (r = 0.966) and a fair correlation between the ¹⁷O and ²⁹Si chemical shifts (r = -0.897). Complexes XII, XIV, XV, and XVI show an excellent correlation between the ¹³C and ²⁹Si chemical shifts (r = 0.999) and a poor correlation between the ¹⁷O.



Fig. 5. Plots of ¹³C NMR chemical shifts (ppm) (A) and ¹⁷O NMR chemical shifts (ppm) (B) for *trans* carbonyl ligands vs. ²⁹Si chemical shifts for phosphorus donor ligands of *cis*-Mo(CO)₄(Ph₂PESiMe₃)₂, Mo(CO)₄(Ph₂PESiMeREPPh₂) and [Mo(CO)₄(Ph₂PO)₂]₂Si. E = O(O); $E = NH(\Box)$. Least squares lines are drawn for complexes containing P–O–Si bonds and complexes containing P–N–Si bonds.

and ²⁹Si chemical shifts (r = -0.721) unless the data for complex XII are dropped at which point the correlation becomes excellent (r = -0.999). There is some justification in dropping the data for complex XII as it is the only one of the complexes in this study which was observed to undergo a *cis* to *trans* rearrangement in solution at ambient temperature implying significant steric interaction between the trimethylsilyl groups and other portions of the complex. The reason for the good correlations observed between the ²⁹Si chemical shifts and ¹³C and ¹⁷O carbonyl chemical shifts is not readily apparent. Additional complexes containing P–O-Si and P–N–Si linkages should be synthesized to test the extent of these correlations.

Conclusion

The trends of the ¹³C and ¹⁷O chemical shifts for the *trans* carbonyl ligands fit the model proposed by Todd and coworkers [6]. In their model, back-donation by the metal into the orbitals of the carbonyl ligands will disrupt one of the π bonds concurrently lowering the electron density on the carbon and raising the electron density on the oxygen. The effect of the X-group of the phosphorus donor ligands on this back-donation is as follows: NHSiMe₃ \gg OSiMe₃ \approx NHalkyl > NH₂ \gg OMe > SEt > NHC₆H₄Me-4 > OC₆H₄Me-4 \gg Cl which is similar to that reported by Bodner for the PX₃ ligands in (PX₃)Ni(CO)₃ complexes [3].

Of special importance is the observation that a poor correlation is found whenever complexes with unidentate and chelating ligands are included in the same data set. Further studies with ligands of less steric bulk and less problematical diamagnetic anisotropic factors, for example Me₂PX and Me₂PYPMe₂, are suggested to determine if better correlations will be seen in the absence of these complicating factors.

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