

## ISOCYANIDE AND HETEROALLENE BRIDGED METAL COMPLEXES

### VII \*. FURTHER REACTIONS OF $[\text{Fe}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2\text{CS}_2]^-$ WITH METAL COMPOUNDS

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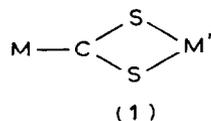
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#### Summary

Displacement by  $[\text{FpCS}_2]^-$  ( $\text{Fp} = \text{Fe}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2$ ) of the halide in  $\text{ECIME}_3$  ( $\text{E} = \text{Si}, \text{Sn}$ ) and  $\text{Ru}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{I})(\text{CO})_2$  affords the new ferriodithiocarboxylato complexes  $\text{Me}_3\text{ES}(\text{S})\text{CFp}$  (**2a**, **2b**) and  $(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2\text{RuS}(\text{S})\text{CFp}$  (**6**). The latter and its congeners  $\text{FpC}(\text{S})\text{SML}_n$  ( $\text{ML}_n = \text{Re}(\text{CO})_5, \text{Fp}$ ) are alkylated at the thione-S to give the salt-like compounds  $[\text{FpC}(\text{SR})\text{SML}_n]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Et}$ ) (**7**) in high yield.  $\text{FpC}(\text{S})\text{SMe}$  acts as a strong S donor ligand towards the neutral metal carbonyl fragments  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr}, \text{Mo}, \text{W}$ ) and  $\text{Mn}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{X})(\text{CO})_2$  ( $\text{X} = \text{H}, \text{Me}$ ) but with  $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ , only the cluster  $\text{MeSCCo}_3(\text{CO})_9$  (**14**) is obtained.

Successive combination of the three components basic metal,  $\text{CS}_2$  and Lewis-acidic metal has provided a series of stable di- and less stable tri-nuclear complexes with carbon disulfide bridges of the type **1** [1–3].



In addition a few  $\text{CS}_2$  complexes with  $\mu_2: \eta(\text{C},\text{S})$  and  $\mu_3: \eta(\text{C},\text{S},\text{S}')$  bonding modes, mainly involving the Fp system \*\*, have been reported [4–9]. Some addi-

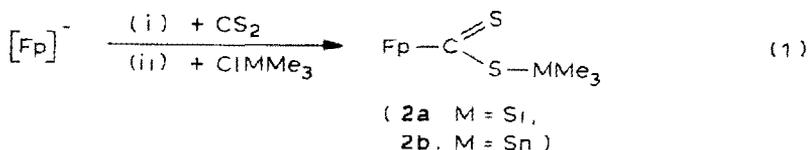
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\*\*  $\text{Fp} = \text{Fe}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2$ .

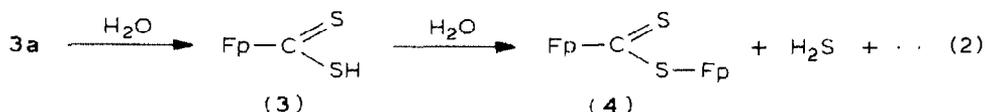
tional examples as well as reactions of  $\text{FpC(S)SMe}$  with metal carbonyls, are described below.

### 1. Reactions of $[\text{FpCS}_2]^-$ with metal compounds

In a search for a storeable equivalent of the  $[\text{FpCS}_2]^-$  anion we synthesized the trimethyl-silyl and -stannyl esters of the ferriodithiocarbonic acid **2** according to eq. 1.

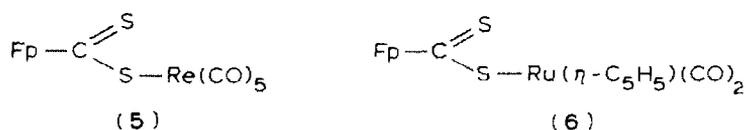


However, these compounds turned out to be thermally labile and very sensitive to moisture, which brings out decomposition which finally gives the known complex **4** (eq. 2).

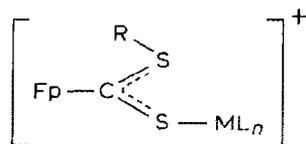


The suggested intermediate **3** has been prepared in our group by the direct approach  $\{\text{Fp}^-/\text{CS}_2/\text{H}^+\}$  [10].

Only two metal complexes containing monodentate ferriodithiocarboxylato ligands (viz. **4**, **5**) have been previously reported [3,5,7]. Addition of  $\text{Ru}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{I}(\text{CO})_2$  to  $[\text{FpCS}_2]^-$  has now given the ruthenium analogue of **4**, viz. **6**, which like **5** is more labile than the homodinuclear **4**, and so must be isolated rapidly to prevent its decomposition in solution; as for **5** this decomposition may involve initial loss of CO [3].



The thione-sulfur function in ferriodithiocarboxylatometal complexes represents a center of low basicity, which is capable of reacting with electrophiles, such as  $\text{H}^+$  [10],  $\text{Me}^+$  [3,7],  $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}^+$  [11] and  $\text{L}_n\text{M}^{m+}$  [8,9]. Thus, complexes **4**, **5** and **6** are readily alkylated by ethyl- or methyl-trifluoromethane sulfonate in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to give the yellow, stable dithiocarbene triflate ( $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$ ) salts **7a-7e** in excellent yield:

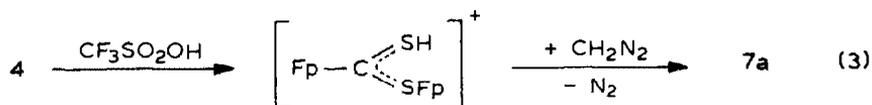


(  $\text{ML}_n = \text{Fp}$ ; R = Me (**7a**, 86%), R = Et (**7b**, 87%)

$\text{ML}_n = \text{Re}(\text{CO})_5$ , R = Me (**7c**, 78%), R = Et (**7d**, 73%)

$\text{ML}_n = \text{Ru}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2$ , R = Me (**7e**, 83%) )

The significant increase in yield above that obtained in the previously reported route to  $[\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})\text{SRe}(\text{CO})_5]\text{PF}_6$  [3] may be largely due to the omission of the anion-exchange step. Complex **7a** was also prepared from  $[\text{FpC}(\text{SH})\text{SFp}]\text{SO}_3\text{CF}_3$  and diazomethane (eq. 3).



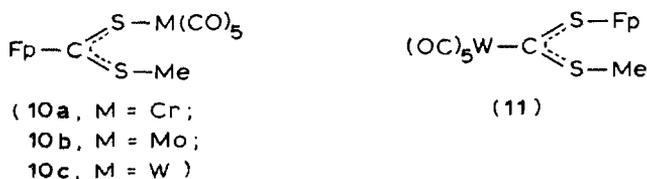
The yield was quantitative, confirming our observations that type **7** complexes do not react with diazomethane [11], and in contrast with recent findings on the reaction of the related thiocarbene  $[\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})\text{H}]\text{SO}_3\text{CF}_3$  with  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$  which gives a vinyl sulfide complex [12].

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra at room temperature (Table 1) indicate that the complexes **7** either undergo rapid *syn-anti* isomerization or are present as only one conformational isomer, as observed for  $[\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})\text{SRe}(\text{CO})_5]^+$  (**7c**) [3]. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **7** the carbene carbon resonances appear in the range 313–323 ppm downfield from  $\text{SiMe}_4$ , which agrees well with data for  $[\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})\text{XPh}]^+$  (**8**) ( $\text{X} = \text{S}$ , 309;  $\text{X} = \text{Se}$ , 321 ppm) [13] indicating analogous bonding situations in both dithiocarbene systems. The higher energy barrier to rotation about the  $\text{C} \equiv \text{SML}_n$  bond compared with that in **8** (coalescence at  $\approx 30^\circ\text{C}$ ) or  $[\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})_2]^+$  (coalescence at  $-2.5^\circ\text{C}$ ) [13], revealed by the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **7c** may if steric effects are ruled out, be attributed to better  $\text{L}_n\text{MS} \rightarrow \text{C}(\text{carbene}) \pi$ -donation with respect to that of  $\text{XPh}$  or  $\text{SMe}$ .

Reactions of the most stable metallodithioestermetal **4** with other Lewis acids such as  $\text{BF}_3$ ,  $\text{AlCl}_3$  and  $\text{HgX}_2$  ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{I}$ ) also proceed with formation of S-adducts as shown by their separation from the reaction solution or by the IR spectra of the solutions; no stable ( $\text{BF}_3$ ,  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ) or pure ( $\text{HgX}_2$ ) products could be isolated, however.

## 2. Reactions of $\text{FpC}(\text{S})\text{SMe}$ with metal carbonyls

It is known, that molecules possessing a  $>\text{C}=\text{S}$  function can be stabilized by coordination to a pentacarbonylmetal (Group VIA) fragment [14], and the orange complexes **10** obtained by reaction of  $\text{FpC}(\text{S})\text{SMe}$  (**9**) with photo-generated  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5\text{THF}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr}$ ,  $\text{Mo}$ ,  $\text{W}$ ) are thermally more stable (dec.  $86$ – $120^\circ\text{C}$ ) than the precursor **9** (dec.  $72^\circ\text{C}$ ).



Complex **11** which is a "coordination isomer" of **10c** has recently been obtained by treatment of  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{CS}$  with (i)  $\text{SMe}^-$  and (ii)  $\text{Fp}^+$  [15]. Like **4** and **5** [8,9], **9** reacts with other 16-electron metal fragments such as  $\text{Mn}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{X})(\text{CO})_2$  to form the red-brown derivatives  $\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})\text{SMn}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{X})(\text{CO})_2$  (**12a**,  $\text{X} = \text{H}$ ; **12b**,  $\text{X} = \text{Me}$ ). All members of the two series of adducts (**10**, **12**) are air stable as solids but

TABLE 1  
SELECTED IR<sup>a</sup> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) AND <sup>1</sup>H NMR (ppm) DATA

	$\nu$ (CO) [CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	$\nu$ (CS) [KBr]	Chemical shift $\delta$
[FpC(SCH <sub>3</sub> )SFp]SO <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> (7a)	2047sh, 2041vs, 2003vs	925s, 812m, 755m, 710w	5.51, 5.43(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 3.35(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>b</sup>
[FpC(SC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )SFp]SO <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> (7b)	2047sh, 2042vs, 2002vs	927s, 830m, 750m, 715w	5.58, 5.51(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 4.00(q, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.58(t, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>b</sup>
[FpC(SCH <sub>3</sub> )SRr(CO) <sub>2</sub> ]SO <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> (7c)	2142m, 2085w, 2039vs, 2008s	927s, 825m, 749m	5.57(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 3.49(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>b</sup>
[FpC(SC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )SRr(CO) <sub>2</sub> ]SO <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> (7d)	2142m, 2085w, 2040s, 2010s	925s, 830m, 750m	5.53(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 4.02(q, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.55(t, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>b</sup>
[FpC(SCH <sub>3</sub> )SRu(CO) <sub>2</sub> ( $\eta$ -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )]SO <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> (7e)	2050vs, 2044sh, 2002vs	924s, 815m, 752m, 709w	5.67, 5.28(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 3.30(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>c</sup>
[FpC(SH)SFp]SO <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	2048sh, 2042vs, 2005vs	915s, 780m, 760m, 720w, 2498m $\nu$ (SH)	5.55, 5.63(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sup>b</sup>
FpC(SCH <sub>3</sub> )SCr(CO) <sub>5</sub> <sup>d</sup> (10a)	2057m, 2035vs, 1991vs, 1980sh, 1930vs, 1901sh	927ms, 798m, 748m	5.09(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 2.90(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>c</sup>
FpC(SCH <sub>3</sub> )SMo(CO) <sub>5</sub> <sup>d</sup> (10b)	2061m, 2035vs, 1993vs, 1928vs, 1897sh	925s, 798m <sup>e</sup>	5.12(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 2.91(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>c</sup>
FpC(SCH <sub>3</sub> )SW(CO) <sub>5</sub> <sup>d</sup> (10c)	2061m, 2031vs, 1997vs, 1978sh, 1927vs, 1896sh	923s, 803m <sup>e</sup>	5.20(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 2.93(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>c</sup>
FpC(SCH <sub>3</sub> )SMn(CO) <sub>5</sub> ( $\eta$ -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sup>d</sup> (12a)	2031s, 1983s, 1923s, 1863s <sup>f</sup>	930s, 803m <sup>e</sup>	5.01, 4.53(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 2.81(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>c</sup>
FpC(SCH <sub>3</sub> )SMn(CO) <sub>2</sub> ( $\eta$ -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>d</sup> (12b)	2030s, 1982s, 1919s, 1857s <sup>f</sup>	923s, 808m <sup>e</sup>	5.02(s, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 4.40(C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 2.83, 1.87(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>c</sup>

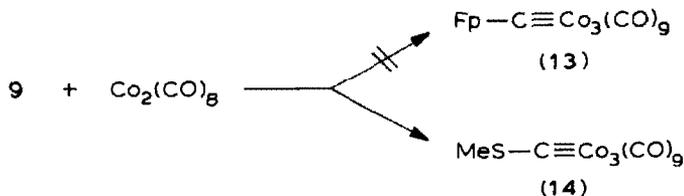
<sup>a</sup>  $\nu$ (CF<sub>3</sub>),  $\nu$ (SO<sub>3</sub>) for cationic complexes at 1270vs, 1225m, 1150s, 1030s, 633s. <sup>b</sup> In CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>d</sup> Bands due to M(CO)<sub>5</sub> or Mn(CO)<sub>2</sub>( $\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>X) are in italics. <sup>e</sup> Nujol mull. <sup>f</sup> Cyclohexane solvent.

completely decompose in solution at room temperature within one day to form **9** and  $M(\text{CO})_6$  or  $\text{Mn}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{X})(\text{CO})_3$ , respectively. This instability resembles that of the analogous  $\mu_3\text{-CS}_2$  derivatives  $\text{FpC}(\text{SFp})\text{SM}(\text{CO})_5$ , which also decompose in solution without desulfurization [9].

Spectroscopic data (IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR) for the heterodinuclear methyldithiocarbonylo-bridged complexes **10** and **12** are given in Table 1. The stretching vibrations of the iron-bonded carbonyl groups are slightly shifted to higher wavenumbers compared with those of the precursor **9** reflecting an increased positive charge on the iron atom. Consistently, the  $\nu(\text{CO})$  band positions and intensity pattern of the  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5$  and  $\text{Mn}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{X})(\text{CO})_2$  parts correspond well to those of other  $\text{>C=S-ML}_n$  species [9,14,17–19], in which a considerable amount of electron density is forced upon the metal. The existence of a strong  $\text{S} \rightarrow \text{ML}_n$  interaction in type **10** and **12** complexes is further borne out by the  $\nu(\text{CS})$  IR-frequencies and  $\Delta\nu(\text{CS})$  values ( $\Delta\nu(\text{CS}) = \nu_{\text{as}}(\text{CS}_2) - \nu_{\text{s}}(\text{CS}_2)$ ) [16] (Table 1), which are remarkably similar to those of dithiocarbene complexes, e.g.  $[\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})_2]^+$ , again emphasizing the close relationship between metallated and alkylated systems.

To examine its potentially bidentate nature, **9** was also treated with  $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\eta^4\text{-C}_7\text{H}_8)$ . Again, however the pentacarbonyl species **10b** was isolated as the only product, indicating the inability of the SMe group to take part in metal complexation.

It had been shown, that dithioesters  $\text{RC}(\text{S})\text{SR}'$  react with dicobalt octacarbonyl with formation of cluster compounds of the type  $\text{Co}_3(\text{CO})_9 \equiv \text{CR}$  [20]; by analogy, **9** should give the carbido cluster **13**.



The analytical and spectroscopic data for the resulting black-violet product indicate, however, that instead of FpC, the MeSC fragment is located on top of the cobalt triangle. Other alkyl derivatives of **14** were previously prepared by Seyferth et al. [21], though in lower yield and by a different route.

## Experimental

All manipulations were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques under pure dinitrogen. Solvents were dried by standard methods, and degassed and distilled before use; spectroscopic measurements used the following instrumentation: IR: Zeiss IMR-25 or Perkin-Elmer 257 spectrophotometers,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: Varian XL 100,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: JEOL JNM-PMX-60, MS: Varian MAT 212 (70 eV). Melting points were determined with a Büchi or a Kofler hot stage microscope and are uncorrected.

### Preparation of $\text{FpC}(\text{S})\text{SSiMe}_3$ (**2a**)

$\text{CS}_2$  (0.6 cm<sup>3</sup>, 10 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe to a solution of  $\text{K}_x\text{Na}_{1-x}[\text{Fp}]$  [**5**] (ca. 8 mmol) in 100 cm<sup>3</sup> THF at  $-60^\circ\text{C}$ . After 1 min neat  $\text{SiClMe}_3$  (1.2 cm<sup>3</sup>, 8 mmol) was added and the stirring was continued for 20 min. The mixture

was then allowed to warm to 0 °C and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was extracted with light petroleum (150 cm<sup>3</sup>) and the filtrated extract was concentrated. Cooling to -40 °C gave red-brown very hygroscopic crystals of **2a** (1.88 g; 72%). M.p.: 45 °C (dec.). Found: C, 40.73; H, 4.80. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FeO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Si calcd.: C, 40.49; H, 4.32%. MS: *m/e* = 326 [*M*]<sup>+</sup>, 298 [*M* - CO]<sup>+</sup>, 270 [*M* - (CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, IR(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 2028vs, 1978vs, [*ν*(CO)]; (KBr): 2950w, 2890w [*ν*(Me)], 1235m [*δ*(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)], 1010s, 708m-s [*ν*(CS)], 743w [*ρ*(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)], 690m [*ν*<sub>as</sub>(SiC<sub>3</sub>)] cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Preparation of FpC(S)SSnMe<sub>3</sub> (**2b**)

This compound was prepared by a route analogous to that used for **2a**; CS<sub>2</sub> (0.6 cm<sup>3</sup>, 10 mmol), K<sub>x</sub>Na<sub>1-x</sub>[Fp] (ca. 7 mmol), and SnClMe<sub>3</sub> (1.59 g, 8.0 mmol) gave brown needles of **2b** (2.94 g, 88%). M.p. 75 °C (dec.). Found: C, 32.27; H, 3.47. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FeO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Sn calcd.: C, 31.69; H, 3.38%. MS: *m/e* (<sup>120</sup>Sn) = 418 [*M*]<sup>+</sup>, 403 [*M* - Me]<sup>+</sup>, 390 [*M* - CO]<sup>+</sup>, 362 [*M* - (CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 2020vs, 1978vs [*ν*(CO)]; (KBr): 2980w, 2910w [*ν*(Me)], 1183w, 1174w [*δ*(SnMe<sub>3</sub>)], 998vs, 728s [*ν*(CS)], 770m [*ρ*(SnMe<sub>3</sub>)] cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Preparation of FpC(S)SRu(η-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(CO)<sub>2</sub> · CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (**6**)

To a solution of K<sub>x</sub>Na<sub>1-x</sub>[Fp] (4 mmol) in 50 cm<sup>3</sup> tetrahydrofuran at -60 °C was added CS<sub>2</sub> (0.3 cm<sup>3</sup>, 5 mmol), followed by 1.4 g (4 mmol) of Ru(η-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)I(CO)<sub>2</sub>. Stirring was continued for 30 min as the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The solvent was then removed, and the residue extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 cm<sup>3</sup>). After filtration through Florisil the red solution was concentrated, and the orange product precipitated by addition of n-hexane and cooling to -40 °C. The crude product always contained traces of Fp<sub>2</sub> and FpRu(η-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(CO)<sub>2</sub>, which were removed by repeated recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/n-hexane. Yield: 1.41 g (77%). M.p.: 85 °C (dec.). Found: C, 34.18; H, 2.18. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FeO<sub>4</sub>RuS<sub>2</sub> · CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> calcd.: C, 34.30; H, 2.16%; mol.wt. (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): found 521, calcd.: 560.22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 5.40(s,Cp), 5.32(s,CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 4.88 (s,Cp). IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 2035vs, 2023vs, 1987vs, 1975sh [*ν*(CO)]; (KBr): 1010s, 745m [*ν*(CS)] cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Preparation of [FpC(SR)SML<sub>n</sub>]SO<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (**7a-7e**)

Stoichiometric amounts of CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>OR (R = Me, Et) were added by syringe to a dichloromethane solution of **4**, **5** or **6** at 0 °C. The mixture immediately turned brown, and sometimes a precipitate formed. After 10–20 min of stirring at room temperature the solvent was removed and the residue washed 3 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 cm<sup>3</sup>). Crystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O (1/1) at -20 °C afforded yellow crystalline products.

**7a** (R = Me, ML<sub>n</sub> = Fp). M.p. 140 °C (dec.). Found: C, 33.79; H, 2.07; S, 16.02. C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S<sub>3</sub> calcd.: C, 34.36; H, 2.20; S, 16.19%. Λ<sub>m</sub> (acetone): 140 Ω<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): *δ* 29.3 (Me), 88.3, 89.0 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 211.5, 211.8 (CO), 315.4 (C-carbene).

**7b** (R = Et, ML<sub>n</sub> = Fp). M.p. 137 °C (dec.). Found: C, 35.47; H, 2.64; S, 15.80. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S<sub>3</sub> calcd.: C, 35.32; H, 2.50; S, 15.82%. Λ<sub>m</sub> (acetone): 130 Ω<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): *δ* 13.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 88.4, 89.1 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 211.6, 211.8 (CO), 315.5 (C-carbene).

**7c** (R = Me, ML<sub>n</sub> = Re(CO)<sub>5</sub>). M.p. 122 °C (dec). Found: C, 24.09; H, 1.24; S, 13.09. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>FeO<sub>10</sub>ReS<sub>3</sub> calcd.: C, 24.23; H, 1.08; S, 12.94%. Λ<sub>m</sub> (acetone): 141

$\Omega^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2$ .  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  89.3 ( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5$ ), 211.8 ( $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2$ ), 187.1 (*cis*- $\text{Re}(\text{CO})_4$ ), 206.8 (*trans*- $\text{Re}(\text{CO})$ ), 321.4 (C-carbene).

**7d** (R = Et,  $\text{ML}_n = \text{Re}(\text{CO})_5$ ). M.p. 116 °C (dec.). Found: C, 25.31; H, 1.40; S, 12.76.  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{FeO}_{10}\text{ReS}_3$  calcd.: C, 25.35; H, 1.32; S, 12.70%.  $\Lambda_m$  (acetone): 132  $\Omega^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2$ .  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  18.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 35.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 89.1 ( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5$ ), 211.8 ( $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2$ ), 187.6 (*cis*- $\text{Re}(\text{CO})_4$ ), 206.1 (*trans*- $\text{Re}(\text{CO})$ ), 323.5 (C-carbene).

**7e** (R = Me,  $\text{ML}_n = \text{Ru}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2$ ). M.p. 134 °C (dec.). Found: C, 31.68; H, 1.99; S, 15.00; Fe, 8.61.  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{FeO}_7\text{RuS}_3$  calcd.: C, 31.93; H, 2.05; S, 15.04; Fe, 8.73%.  $\Lambda_m$  (acetone, 18 °C): 146  $\Omega^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2$ .

#### Preparation of $[\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})\text{SFp}]\text{SO}_3\text{CF}_3$ (**7a**)

When stoichiometric amounts of  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2\text{OH}$  were added dropwise at room temperature to a stirred ether solution of **4**, the yellow  $[\text{FpC}(\text{SH})\text{SFp}]\text{SO}_3\text{CF}_3$  separated immediately. After 10 min of stirring the solvent was removed and the resulting dithiocarbene was washed several times with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (5  $\text{cm}^3$ ) then dried under vacuum. The solid was then dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and treated dropwise with anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  until the evolution of  $\text{N}_2$  ceased. The resulting orange solution was stirred for 15 min, then the solvent was removed and the residue was washed 3 times with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (10  $\text{cm}^3$ ). Crystallization from  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (1/1) at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  gave the title complex in 85% yield.

#### Preparation of $\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})\text{SM}(\text{CO})_5$ (**10a–10c**)

To solutions of  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_5\text{THF}$  (M = Cr, Mo, W), prepared by irradiation of  $\text{M}(\text{CO})_6$  (1.5 mmol) in 250  $\text{cm}^3$  of THF, was added 0.35 g (1.3 mmol) of **9** [22]. The reddish-brown solutions were stirred for 1–2 h at room temperature in the dark. The solvent was then removed, and the residue was dried for 2–5 h under high vacuum. The deep orange solids were dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and the solutions were filtered through Florisil. After addition of 5  $\text{cm}^3$  n-hexane, the solutions were slowly evaporated to give microcrystalline, orange powders.

**10a** (M = Cr). Yield: 77%. M.p. 93–98 °C (dec.). Found: C, 36.40; H, 1.88; S, 13.70.  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{CrFeO}_7\text{S}_2$  calcd.: C, 36.54; H, 1.75; S, 13.98%; mol.wt. ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ): found 467; calcd. 469.19.

**10b** (M = Mo). Yield: 48%. M.p. 96–101 °C (dec.). Found: C, 33.12; H, 1.81; S, 12.52.  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{FeMoO}_7\text{S}_2$  calcd.: C, 33.35; H, 1.60; S, 12.72%.

**10c** (M = W). Yield: 82%. M.p. 118–122 °C (dec.). Found: C, 28.15; H, 1.51; S, 10.70.  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{FeO}_7\text{S}_2\text{W}$  calcd.: C, 28.40; H, 1.36; S, 10.38%.

#### Preparation of $\text{FpC}(\text{SMe})\text{SMn}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{X})(\text{CO})_2$ (**12a–12b**)

To solutions of  $\text{Mn}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{X})(\text{CO})_2\text{THF}$  (X = H, Me), prepared by irradiation of  $\text{Mn}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{X})(\text{CO})_3$  (0.5 mmol) in 35  $\text{cm}^3$  of THF, was added **9** [22] (0.08 g, 0.3 mmol). The solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, the solvent removed under vacuum, and the residue was chromatographed on an alumina column. Elution with light petroleum/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (5/1) gave initially two fractions which contained unreacted starting materials. The red-brown solids obtained from the third fractions were crystallized from  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$  at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  to give the title complexes.

**12a** (X = H). Yield: 43%. M.p. 115–116 °C (dec.). Found: C, 43.21; H, 3.03; S, 14.39.  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{FeMnO}_4\text{S}_2$  calcd.: C, 43.26; H, 2.95; S, 14.44%.

**12b** (X = Me). Yield: 52%. M.p. 96–97 °C (dec.). Found: C, 44.35; H, 3.39; S, 13.71.  $C_{17}H_{15}FeMnO_2S_2$  calcd.: C, 44.56; H, 3.30; S, 13.99%.

*Preparation of MeS-C≡Co<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>9</sub> (14)*

Etheral solutions of 2.15 g (6.3 mmol) of Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>8</sub> and 0.56 g (2.1 mmol) of **9** [22] were mixed. After the initial violent gas evolution (CO) had stopped (ca. 1 h), the mixture was evaporated to dryness and the resulting black residue was extracted with n-pentane. The extract was filtered and concentrated, then chromatographed on silica gel (15 × 3 cm). Elution with light petroleum/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8/1) gave a first fraction containing 0.79 g (77%) of **14**. M.p.: 72 °C (dec.). Found: C, 27.59; H, 0.57.  $C_{11}H_3Co_3O_9S$  calcd.: C, 27.07; H, 0.62. MS:  $m/e = 488 [M]^+$ , 460, 432, 404, 376, 348, 320, 292, 264, 236 (basis peak)  $[M - (CO)_n, n = 1-9]^+$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.88 (s, Me). IR (n-pentane): 2102 m-s, 2055 vs, 2038 vs, 2020 m-s, 1985 m [ $\nu$ (CO)], (KBr): 928 m-s, 700 w [ $\nu$ (CS)] cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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