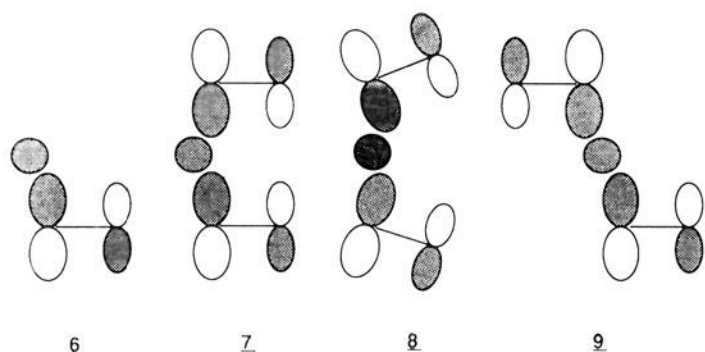


has a π orbital and a π^* orbital. As shown in 6, the interaction of a hydride HOMO with the LUMO of one electrophilic $C=X$ species occurs with an obtuse angle of attack, to maximize the overlap of these orbitals and to minimize interaction of the hydride HOMO with the $C=X$ HOMO.¹⁵ The corresponding orbital interaction in the transition structure for hydride transfer is the interaction between the hydride HOMO and the bonding combination of π^* orbitals of both $C=X$ groups, shown in 7. This interaction is increased by the overlap between the two π^* orbitals, which occurs principally at carbon. This overlap lowers the energy of the composite LUMO, decreases the energy difference between the hydride HOMO and the composite LUMO, and increases the interaction energy. The $\pi^*-\pi^*$ overlap is best in the syn bent structure, 7, while it is poor in the two linear structures, 8 and 9. The variation of CHC angle in the anti structure, 9, does not influence molecular orbital overlaps appreciably. Therefore, nonlinearity is not important in the anti structures, and additional stabilization by $\pi^*-\pi^*$ interaction does not occur.



Complications may occur because the syn structure may be destabilized by charge or dipolar interactions, while the anti structure is stabilized by dipole interactions. Consequently, the general trends uncovered here for this reaction may have to be altered for other charge types.

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Multisubstitution of $Os(CO)_5$ by Ethylene: Isomeric $Os(CO)_2(C_2H_4)_3$ and a Derivative of $Os(CO)(C_2H_4)_4$ ¹

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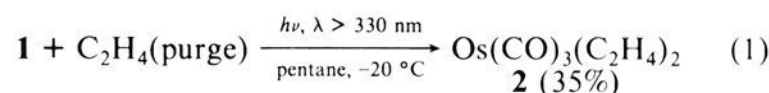
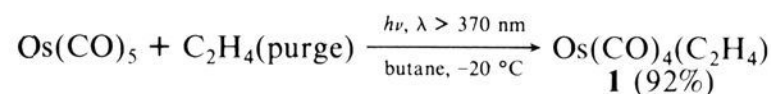
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Although the synthesis and isolation of a variety of mono-, bis-, and even tris-olefin derivatives of the iron triad carbonyls have been reported,² progress with the simplest olefin, ethylene, has been surprisingly slow. However, recent observations by Wrighton³ have revealed hitherto unobserved multisubstitution of CO by ethylene with iron and ruthenium carbonyl complexes. In view of this work, we wish to communicate our preliminary results on $Os(CO)_5$ -ethylene photochemistry which allowed the isolation and full characterization of most members of the series of ethylene complexes $Os(CO)_{5-x}(C_2H_4)_x$, $x = 1-4$.

Photolysis of $Os(CO)_5$ and ethylene in hydrocarbon solvent gives, in a wavelength-dependent fashion, $Os(CO)_4(C_2H_4)$ (**1**) and $Os(CO)_3(C_2H_4)_2$ (**2**) in excellent and moderate yields, respectively⁴ (eq 1).



Further photolysis at low temperature, which is especially rapid and efficient in a quartz vessel, results in IR changes which are

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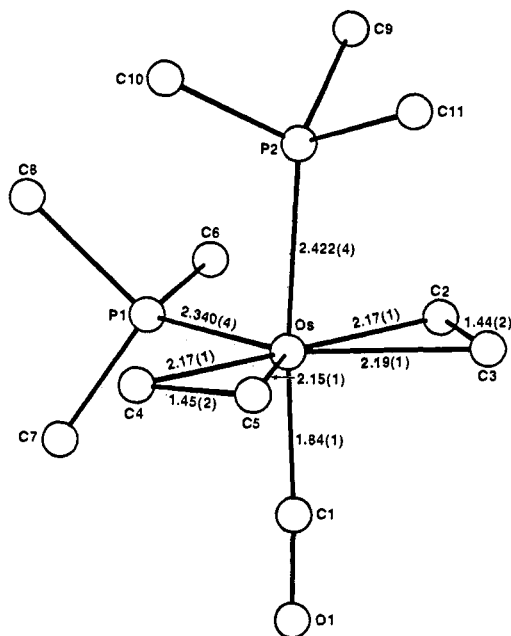
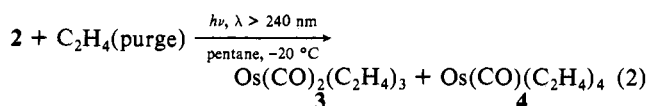


Figure 1. Perspective view of **5** with relevant bond distances.

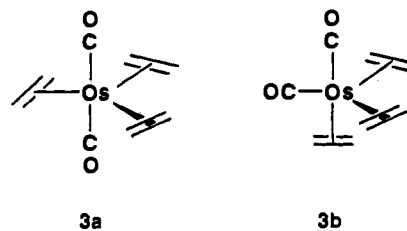
best accommodated by the formation of $\text{Os}(\text{CO})_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_3$ (**3**) and $\text{Os}(\text{CO})(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_4$ (**4**), eq 2. Prolonged photolysis will result in



complete conversion to **4** as evidenced by the unique CO stretching frequency at 1978 cm^{-1} , different from those of **3** (vide infra). Due to its instability, compound **4** has so far defied further characterization; however, strong indirect evidence for its correct formulation comes from the reaction with 2 equiv of PMe_3 which gives a moderately air stable colorless solid, identified as $\text{Os}(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2(\text{CO})$ (**5**).⁸ The spectral data obtained for **5** uniquely identify the coordination geometry as trigonal bipy-

ramidal with axial and equatorial PMe_3 moieties and two equatorial ethylene ligands. The ^1H NMR features are temperature independent (-115 to $+90^\circ\text{C}$) and indicate a rigid five-coordinate geometry and, astonishingly, *no* ethylene rotation up to $+90^\circ\text{C}$. Clearly compound **5** results from the displacement of an axial and equatorial ethylene ligand from the presumably also trigonal bipyramidal **4** by trimethylphosphine. To confirm the geometry, the structure was determined by single-crystal X-ray crystallography,⁹ Figure 1. It is evident that the solid-state structure corroborates the above prediction.

Even though the photolysis experiment with careful monitoring can be stopped at the tris(ethylene) stage, a more convenient synthesis of **3** involves brief carbonylation of a solution that appears to contain only **4** by IR spectroscopy. Unexpectedly, **3** exists as a mixture of two isomeric trigonal-bipyramidal forms, axial/axial-CO (**3a**) and axial/equatorial-CO (**3b**).¹⁰ Conclusive proof



was provided by the variable-temperature ^{13}C and ^1H NMR spectra. The low-temperature limiting spectra are shown in Figure 2. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum at -100°C shows four singlets for the olefinic carbon atoms. The ethylenic carbons of **3a** are equivalent and resonate at 23.8 ppm. The observation of three singlets for **3b** in a 1:1:1 ratio indicates stoppage of rotation of the two equatorial ethylenes. Noteworthy is the large difference between the chemical shifts of the equatorial and axial ethylene moieties. The low field position of the latter indicates significantly reduced back-bonding to the axial olefinic group. In accord with this and with the nearly degenerate *d* orbitals for Os-axial olefin back-bonding, the axial ethylene is still rapidly rotating even at this low temperature (single peak in the ^1H NMR spectrum). As the temperature is raised the signals assigned to the equatorial ethylenes broaden, indicating onset of olefin rotation in the equatorial plane. At 0°C all three ethylenes of **3b** have averaged

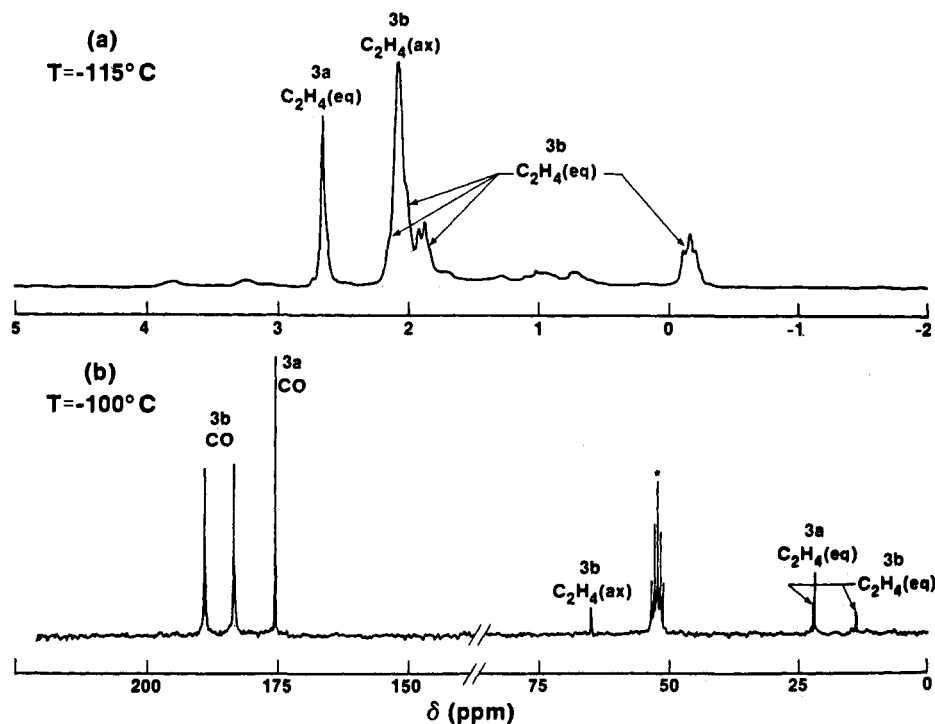


Figure 2. (a) ^1H and (b) ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **3a** and **3b** at low temperature. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum was recorded on ^{13}C O-enriched **3**.

presumably via a turnstile-type rotation. At this temperature exchange between **3a** and **3b** is still slow.

In summary, we have shown that the osmium center allows the isolation of a wide range of simple ethylene/carbonyl complexes.

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(10) **3a**: IR (pentane) ν_{CO} 1945 (s) cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , -115 to $0^\circ C$) δ 2.69 (s); ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , $-100^\circ C$) δ 23.8 (s, C_2H_4), 175.9 (CO). **3b**: IR (pentane) ν_{CO} 2026 (s), 1982 (s) cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , $-115^\circ C$) δ 2.12 (br with shoulders, 8 H), 1.92 (br q, 2 H), -0.15 (br t, 2 H); ($0^\circ C$) δ 1.82 (br s); ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , $-100^\circ C$) δ 66.2 (s, $C_2H_4(ax)$), 23.9 and 15.8 (s, s, $C_2H_4(eq)$) 189.3 and 183.8 (CO).

The scope of the ethylene displacement reaction from **3** and **4** is currently being evaluated as a means to synthesize other mononuclear osmium complexes.

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