by R^{++,11b} On the basis of these results, it was proposed¹¹ that CcP turnover involves an initial one-electron reduction of R⁺⁺ in compound I, leaving the oxyferryl heme intact. Subsequently, an intramolecular et reaction regenerates R*+, which can then be reduced by another electron equivalent. Intramolecular et was presumed to occur only during transient turnover because of a rate-limiting conformational transition which stabilizes the oxyferryl heme relative to R^{•+}.

In disagreement with the above mechanism, we have obtained direct kinetic evidence using laser flash photolysis¹² that oneelectron reduction of compound I by cyt c^{2+} involves simultaneous oxyferryl heme reduction and cyt c oxidation, consistent with an initial direct reduction of the oxyferryl center.¹³ This was confirmed in a stopped-flow study by Summers and Erman,³ who additionally reported³ a transient ascribed to partial reoxidation $(\sim 20\%)$ of ferric CcP by R⁺⁺ $(k = 5 \text{ s}^{-1})$.

Inasmuch as the product of the one-electron reduction of compound I by cyt c^{2+} is clearly a ferric CcP^{3,12} which still retains one oxidizing equivalent, it should be possible in a laser photolysis experiment to observe reoxidation of the heme, occurring via et between the heme and R^{•+}. We have attempted to detect this as follows (cf. refs 12c, d for details of the experimental protocol). Reduction of compound I by horse cyt c^{2+} occurs upon laser flash photolysis of a solution containing 5-deazalumiflavin N-3propanesulfonate, EDTA, cyt c^{3+} , and compound I. This results from rapid in situ reduction of cyt c^{3+} by deazaflavin semiquinone $(k = 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})$, which subsequently reduces compound I.¹⁴ Inasmuch as compound I is present in large excess over the deazaflavin semiquinone, and thus the cyt c^{2+} generated by the laser flash ($\leq 1 \mu M$), its reduction occurs only by one electron equivalent.¹⁴ Furthermore, we have determined that the stoichiometry of cyt c^{2+} oxidized to oxyferryl heme reduced is 1:1, within our experimental error. Figure 1 shows laser-induced transients at 557 nm (an isosbestic point for cyt c) and 445 nm (as close to the Soret peak as possible because of deazaflavin absorption) obtained on a 1-s time scale. The initial rapid loss of absorbance at both wavelengths corresponds to one-electron reduction of the oxyferryl heme by cyt c^{2+} . A value for k_{obsd} of 560 s⁻¹ (Figure 1c) is in good agreement with previous measurements by ourselves,¹² and by Summers and Erman³ under similar conditions. Note that no return of absorbance occurred at either wavelength on a 1-s time scale, demonstrating that the oxyferryl heme was not regenerated by an et process.¹⁵ Based on the rate constants determined by Ho et al.¹¹ and Summers and Erman,³ a 1-s time scale should have allowed the detection of reoxidation of the ferric heme by R⁺⁺. We conclude, on the basis of the previously demonstrated stability of the oxyferryl heme in the absence of the R*+ site,¹¹ and the presently observed lack of et from the ferric heme to R*+ on a catalytically relevant time scale, that during catalysis electrons enter compound I in a sequential fashion leading to an initial reduction of the oxyferryl heme and subsequent reduction of R⁺⁺. Furthermore, there is presently no need to invoke the occurrence of et between the heme and R*+ at any stage of catalytic turnover.

(15) Increasing the ionic strength to 70 mM had no effect on the kinetics, suggesting that cyt c^{3+} complexation of CcP was not a factor.

Organometallic Chemistry with Buckminsterfullerene. Preparation and Properties of an Indenyliridium(I) Complex

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Shortly after the initial recognition of C₆₀ in a molecular beam,¹ the intriguing prospects raised by its interaction with metal atoms were under consideration.² However, the more recent development of a straightforward macroscopic preparation of C₆₀³ has truly opened the door to exploration of its coordination chemistry.⁴ The first isolated transition-metal derivative was an osmate ester,^{5a} and a related derivative provided the first atomic-scale X-ray crystallographic data for the C_{60} framework.^{5b} The platinum derivative $(Ph_3P)_2Pt(\eta^2-C_{60})$ was the first complex with a direct metal-carbon bond to be defined crystallographically,6ª and more recently a hexasubstituted derivative has been isolated and similarly analyzed.^{6b} We report the preparation, isolation, and characterization of an iridium(I) complex of C₆₀ together with some observations on the stability of the complex toward typical organometallic reagents (see Scheme I). This information adds to the basis for further development of metal-mediated modifications of C₆₀.

A combination of the cyclooctene complex $(\eta^5 - C_9 H_7)$ Ir- $(CO)(\eta^2 - C_8 H_{14})^7$ (19 mg, 0.042 mmol) and C_{60} (30 mg, 0.042 mmol) was heated in dichloromethane under reflux for 8 h. The IR spectrum of the solution during this period showed that the carbonyl stretch of the initial iridium complex at 1954 cm⁻¹ was replaced by a single new band at 1998 cm⁻¹. The solvent was evaporated, and the black solid residue was washed with pentane and dried in vacuo (25 mg, 58%). Formulation of the product as $(\eta^5-C_9H_7)Ir(CO)(C_{60})$ (1) is supported by microanalysis (Anal. Calcd for $C_{70}H_9OIr$: C, 79.62; H, 0.67. Found: C, 79.26; H, 0.80; C, 79.83; H, 0.99), by an appropriate parent ion multiplet⁸ in the field-desorption mass spectrum $(m/z \ 1056, \ ^{193}Ir)$, and by the ¹H NMR spectrum in CDCl₃ solution [δ 7.65 (m, 2 H), 7.48 (m, 2 H), 6.89 (tr, 1 H, J = 2.7 Hz), 5.97 (d, 2 H, J = 2.7 Hz)].Compound 1 forms dark green (vide infra) solutions in aromatic and chlorinated solvents, but it is insoluble in pentane, acetone, and acetonitrile. We have not yet been able to obtain crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis.

We formulate compound 1 as $(\eta^5 - C_9 H_7) Ir(CO)(\eta^2 - C_{60})$ because its ¹H NMR signals for the protons in the five-membered ring of the indenyl ligand correspond better with those of analogous olefin complexes, for example, $(\eta^5 - C_9 H_7) Ir(CO)(\eta^2 - C_2 H_4)$,⁷ than with those of compounds containing a lower hapticity indenyl ring, such as $(\eta^3 - C_9 H_7)$ Ir(PMe₃)₃⁹ and $[(\eta^1 - C_9 H_7)$ Ir(CH₃)(PPh₃)₂-(CN^tBu)₂]^{+,10} Since there is no evidence for isomers in the ¹H

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Figure 1. Absorption spectra recorded after the exposure of compound 1 in dichloromethane solution to carbon monoxide: (a) 5 s, (b) 15 s, (c) 25 s, (d) 35 s, (e) 45 s, (f) 65 s, (g) 85 s, (h) 120 s, (i) 10 min.

Scheme I



NMR spectrum of 1, we presume that the iridium center is bound to the "double-bond site" of C₆₀, i.e., exo to the five-membered rings, as found for both the osmate ester^{5b} and platinum^{6a} derivatives. The CO stretching frequency of the indenyliridium compounds provides a probe of electron density at the metal center,¹¹ and the marked shift to higher frequency in the C₆₀ derivative 1 is a good indicator of the electron-withdrawing character of C_{60} as an olefinic ligand; this was deduced previously on chemical grounds.6a

The cyclic voltammogram of complex 1 (CH₂Cl₂, 0.05 M [NBu₄][PF₆], 100 mV/s) provides a direct indication of charge transfer upon complex formation. Two quasi-reversible reduction waves are seen at -0.75 and -1.10 V (ferrocene internal reference¹²) compared to -0.63 and -1.03 V for C₆₀ under the same conditions.13 Since the voltammogram of $(\eta^5 - C_9 H_7)$ Ir- $(CO)(\eta^2-C_8H_{14})$ shows no evidence of electroactivity to ca. -1.5 V, the addition of electrons to complex 1 appears to be largely localized on the C_{60} ligand. The negative shift of ca. 100 mV in the reduction potentials is consistent with a more negative C_{60} moiety after binding to the iridium center.

The visible absorption spectrum of complex 1 contains a strong band at 436 nm (ϵ ca. 8000 cm⁻¹ L M⁻¹) as well as generally stronger absorption throughout the visible region compared to C₆₀ alone. Changes in color of solutions of 1 provide a convenient way to monitor its susceptibility to reactions, especially those leading to displacement of C₆₀ (see Scheme I). Thus, exposure of a solution of the complex to an excess of CO, P(OMe)₃, or PPh₃ leads to a rapid (ca. 1 min) change in color from green to the characteristic mauve of C_{60} ; the known derivatives $(\eta^5 - C_9 H_7)$ Ir-(CO)(L), which are pale yellow to colorless compounds, can be observed by their IR (ν_{CO}) bands.¹¹ Figure 1 shows the spectral changes for a saturated solution of CO in dichloromethane at room temperature. Under these conditions (10⁻⁴ M complex, ca. 0.2 M CO), the pseudo-first-order rate constant is 0.02 s⁻¹. Significantly, exposure of solutions of complex 1 to a second class of potential reactants, e.g., C₂H₄, C₂H₂, H₂, and NCCH₃, does not lead to any color change over the course of 5-10 min. Quantitative monitoring of the solution indicates small absorbance changes in the case of ethylene (<5% in 5 min), but it is clear that any reaction with ethylene, despite the known stability of the substitution product,⁷ is more than 100 times slower than the reaction with carbon monoxide. We take these reactivity differences, in which smaller and/or more nucleophilic ligands are favored, to indicate an associative path for the substitution reaction, as has been seen for other reactions involving indenyl metal complexes.¹⁴

A number of interesting questions regarding the effect of metal substitution on the properties of the C₆₀ framework can be formulated, and we are exploring some of these with complex 1. Interestingly, we have not been able to observe any similar reaction with C_{70} ,¹⁵ implying that C_{70} is a significantly poorer ligand.

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Multiplicity of Forms of Cyclopentanol and Other **Five-Membered Rings in the Solid State**

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The rapid internal motions of five-membered rings have made them a difficult subject for study by solution NMR.² Rapid pseudorotation at all available temperatures interconverts the envelope and twist forms and interchanges the substituent positions found on these two conformations. Solution NMR gives chemical shifts and coupling constants that are averages for all the various forms.³ Individual conformers cannot be examined by X-ray methods, unless a single form happens to crystallize exclusively and does not undergo motion in the crystal. For the power of NMR to be brought to bear on simple five-membered rings, it will have to be done on the solid state. Variable-temperature studies with high-speed magic angle spinning and cross polarization have been able to slow conformational and other rate processes on the NMR time scale,⁴ but the method has not been applied

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