

reduction of purified **6** in the dark at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ with 1 equiv of $\text{K}[\text{2,6-C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{tBu}_2]$ and subsequent $[\text{PPN}]\text{Cl}$ metathesis gives $[\text{PPN}]\text{2}$ in 22% yield, suggesting that 2^{2-} may be formed via a diradical intermediate such as 7^{2-} , in which a single C-C bond links the monomer units.

The formation of 2^{2-} from 3^+ is of interest within the context of benzene dimerization and of the ability of a transition-metal center to promote this reaction. The reaction also, however, has wider implications for the potential existence of a broad range of other cycloaddition reactions¹⁰ of coordinated arenes in both the chromium and manganese systems, and experiments exploring these possibilities are underway in our laboratories together with detailed mechanistic studies.

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Metal Complexes of the Bridging Bidentate Metallophosphine Ligand, $[\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-P})_2]^{2-}$

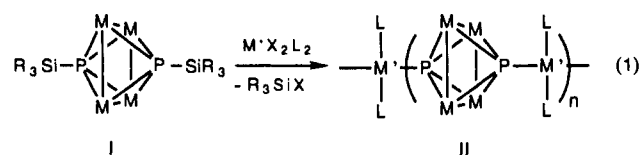
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Bicapped phosphinidene clusters form an extensively studied class of compounds that have drawn both chemical and theoretical attention due to their interesting structures, their facile redox chemistry, and their coordinative unsaturation.¹ We are exploring chemistry that will enable incorporation of the versatile bicapped $\text{M}_x(\text{CO})_y(\mu_x\text{-P})_2$ unit ($x = 3, 4$) into an extended array with the potential of cooperative interaction among the clusters by exploiting the coordinating ability of the cluster-bound phosphorus atoms (see II).² The strategy being employed to synthesize the chains involves preparation of bicapped silylphosphinidene clusters (for example, I), followed by removal of the silyl group in condensation reactions between the bicapped clusters and metal dihalide complexes (eq 1).³ We report here preliminary inves-

tigations toward this goal involving reactions of the bifunctional



cluster, $(\mu_2\text{-H})\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9[\mu_2\text{-P}(\text{H})\text{SiMe}_3][\mu_3\text{-PSiMe}_3]$ (**1**), with metal monohalides belonging to the family $(\text{C}_5\text{R}_5)\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2\text{X}$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me}$, $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$; $\text{R} = \text{H}$, $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$, I) to selectively produce discrete metal complexes of the bridging bidentate metallophosphine ligand, $[\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-P})_2]^{2-}$. This study lays the foundation for the chemistry to rationally prepare extended cluster chains.

The cluster, $(\mu_2\text{-H})\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9[\mu_2\text{-P}(\text{H})\text{SiMe}_3][\mu_3\text{-PSiMe}_3]$ (**1**), is prepared as the primary product upon warming a hexanes/*cis*-cyclooctene reaction mixture containing 2 equiv of PH_2SiMe_3 and 3 equiv of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3(\text{cis-cyclooctene})_2$ from $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to room temperature.⁵ Due to the difficulties encountered in chromatographic purification of complexes containing readily hydrolyzed P-SiMe₃ linkages, reactions of spectroscopically determined molar quantities of **1** with metal halides are performed *in situ*.

Stirring a solution of **1** and excess $\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}$ ($\text{Cp} = \eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$) in benzene over a period of 1 day results in desilylation of the cluster⁶ concomitant with rearrangement to the $\text{Fe}_3(\mu_3\text{-P})_2$ core to produce the disubstituted cluster, $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9[\mu_3\text{-PFe}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cp}]_2$ (**2**) (Scheme I).⁷ The structure of **2**, as established by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study (Figure 1a),⁸ consists of an open Fe_3 triangle, with only two Fe-Fe bonds (like **1**), which is capped on each face by a triply bridging $\text{PFe}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cp}$ unit. The phosphorus atoms are bound nearly equidistantly to the Fe_3 -cluster iron atoms ($\text{Fe}(\text{cluster})\text{-P} = 2.25$ (1) Å) and the capping iron atoms ($\text{Fe}(\text{cap})\text{-P} = 2.262$ (6) Å). The isostructural phenylphosphinidene cluster, $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-PPh})_2$,⁹ has shorter Fe-P bonds ($\text{Fe-P}(\text{av}) = 2.218$ (5) Å), which result in a much shorter P...P nonbonding distance for the phenyl-capped cluster (2.587 (5) Å) than for **2** (2.725 (6) Å).

The reactivity of the silyl cluster **1** toward the halides, $\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_2\text{X}$, depends on the identity of X, as well as the substituents on the Cp ring. Excesses of $\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}$ and $(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}$ do not react with **1** in benzene solution over a period of several days; however, reaction can be initiated by adding a stoichiometric amount of water into the reaction mixture to generate a mixture of the hydrolyzed clusters, $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-PH})_2$ and $(\mu_2\text{-H})\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_2\text{-PH}_2)(\mu_3\text{-PH})$.¹⁰ Reaction between the halides and the hydrolyzed clusters occurs over 1 day, to produce the monosubstituted clusters, $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9[\mu_3\text{-PFe}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cp}'](\mu_3\text{-PH})$ (**3a**, $\text{Cp}' = \text{C}_5\text{H}_5$; **3b**, $\text{Cp}' = \text{C}_5\text{Me}_5$),¹¹ as the principle products. The above

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(6) Observation of this reaction by ¹H NMR spectroscopy in benzene-*d*₆ solution shows Me_3SiCl to be the primary silicon product.

(7) Following chromatography, crystallization from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{pentane}$ yielded orange-red crystals of **2** (60 mg, 70%). ³¹P NMR (δ , ppm, C_6H_6): 476 (s). ¹H NMR (δ , ppm, C_6D_6): 4.32 (d, ³J(H,P) = 4 Hz, C_5H_5). IR (ν_{CO} , cm^{-1} , Et_2O): 2061 (w), 2037 (m), 2019 (s), 1993 (m), 1967 (m), 1948 (w). Satisfactory C and H analyses were obtained.

(8) For $2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5$ ($\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{16}\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{13}\text{P}_2$): $a = 12.839$ (9) Å, $b = 14.663$ (8) Å, $c = 18.001$ (12) Å, $\beta = 107.00$ (6) $^\circ$, at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Space group $P2_1/c$ ($Z = 4$). Data collection on an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer yielded 2647 unique observed ($I \geq 2.5\sigma(I)$) reflections. Least-squares refinement of 443 parameters converged at R (R_w) = 0.063 (0.088), GOF = 2.31.

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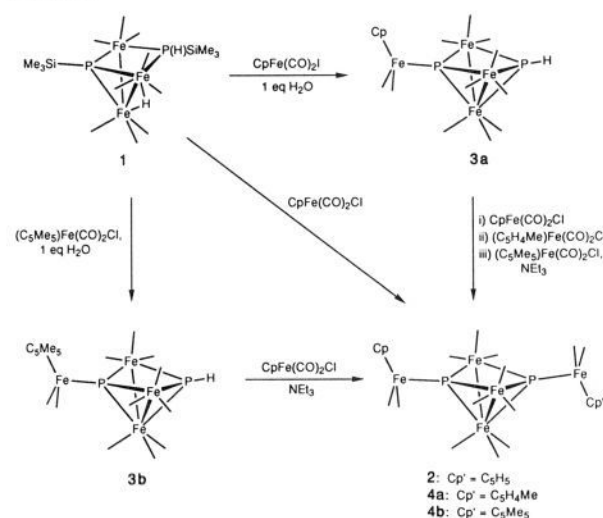
(10) A ³¹P NMR spectrum taken immediately after addition of H_2O shows conversion of **1** to $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-PH})_2$ and $(\mu_2\text{-H})\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_2\text{-PH}_2)(\mu_3\text{-PH})$ (combined spectroscopic yield by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy, 60%). We have not yet been able to successfully chromatograph and isolate the hydrolyzed clusters. $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-PH})_2$: ³¹P NMR (δ , C_6H_6 , ppm) 234 (AA'XX', ¹J(H,P) = 315 Hz, ³J(H,P) = 15 Hz, ²J(P,P) = 346 Hz). Coupling constants obtained by simulation of the spectrum with LAOCN5 (Quantum Chemistry Program Exchange, No. QCMP 049). $(\mu_2\text{-H})\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_2\text{-PH}_2)(\mu_3\text{-PH})$: ³¹P NMR (δ , C_6H_6 , ppm) 215 (ddm, ¹J(H,P) = 337 Hz, ²J(P,P) = 248 Hz, ³J(P,H), -184 (dtm, ¹J(H,P) = 325 Hz, ²J(P,P) = 248 Hz, $\mu_2\text{-PH}_2$).

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Scheme 1



reactions illustrate that the hydrolyzed clusters are more reactive to metal halides than the silyl cluster. Furthermore, the substitution of one phosphorus site by a CpFe(CO)₂ group significantly reduces the reactivity of the remaining P–H bond, enabling synthesis of the monosubstituted clusters. Attempts to prepare the hydrolyzed clusters directly from reaction of Fe(CO)₃(*cis*-cyclooctene)₂ and PH₃ were unsuccessful.

The reaction of the monosubstituted clusters with other metal halide complexes provides a route to the rational synthesis of disubstituted clusters with two different substituents on the phosphorus atoms. As in the desilylation reactions of **1**, the rates of reaction of **3a** with metal halide complexes depend on the metal halide. A 5-fold molar excess of (C₅H₄Me)Fe(CO)₂Cl and **3a** react in benzene solution over 1 day to produce the asymmetric cluster, Fe₃(CO)₉[μ₃-PFe(CO)₂Cp][μ₃-PFe(CO)₂(C₅H₄Me)] (**4a**) as the primary product.¹² In contrast, no reaction between **3a** and excess (C₅Me₅)Fe(CO)₂Cl occurs under identical reaction conditions. Addition of NEt₃¹³ (~6 equiv) accelerates the (C₅Me₅)Fe(CO)₂Cl reaction, which goes to completion within 15 min to produce Fe₃(CO)₉[μ₃-PFe(CO)₂Cp][μ₃-PFe(CO)₂(C₅Me₅)] (**4b**).¹⁴ The structure of **4b** was confirmed by a single-crystal

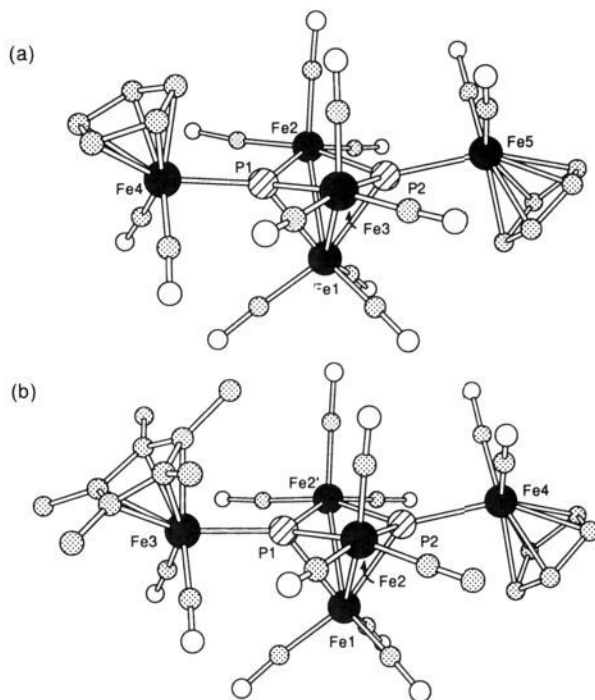


Figure 1. (a) Ball and stick drawing of the molecular structure of **2**. Selected distances (Å): Fe1–Fe2 = 2.704 (3), Fe1–Fe3 = 2.718 (4), Fe2...Fe3 = 3.538 (3), P1...P2 = 2.725 (6), Fe1–P1 = 2.259 (5), Fe1–P2 = 2.266 (4), Fe2–P1 = 2.234 (4), Fe2–P2 = 2.255 (5), Fe3–P1 = 2.240 (4), Fe3–P2 = 2.258 (5), Fe4–P1 = 2.257 (5), Fe5–P2 = 2.266 (5). (b) Ball and stick drawing of one of the two independent molecules of *m* symmetry in the crystal structure of **4b**. Selected distances (Å) (distances for the second independent molecule are given in parentheses): Fe1–Fe2 (Fe5–Fe6) = 2.693 (3) (2.687 (3)), Fe2...Fe2' (Fe6...Fe6') = 3.578 (4) (3.546 (4)), P1...P2 (P3...P4) = 2.704 (6) (2.742 (7)), Fe1–P1 (Fe5–P3) = 2.280 (5) (2.289 (5)), Fe1–P2 (Fe5–P4) = 2.267 (5) (2.258 (5)), Fe2–P1 (Fe6–P3) = 2.263 (3) (2.264 (3)), Fe2–P2 (Fe6–P4) = 2.237 (3) (2.238 (3)), Fe3–P1 (Fe7–P3) = 2.292 (5) (2.313 (5)), Fe4–P2 (Fe8–P4) = 2.279 (5) (2.288 (5)).

X-ray diffraction study (Figure 1b),¹⁵ which clearly shows the two different capping complexes. The bulky C₅Me₅ group is oriented toward the open Fe...Fe edge. There are no significant structural differences between **2** and **4b**.

The capping metal complex in the monosubstituted cluster plays a role in the P–H bond reactivity. The clusters **3a** and **3b** display very different reactivity toward CpFe(CO)₂Cl. The disubstituted cluster **2** is produced in 1 day by reaction of a benzene solution of **3a** with a 5-fold molar excess of CpFe(CO)₂Cl, while very little reaction (~5%) occurs between **3b** and CpFe(CO)₂Cl under identical conditions.¹⁶ The P–H stretching frequency in **3b** (2298 cm⁻¹) is slightly higher in energy than that in **3a** (2294 cm⁻¹), suggesting that a stronger P–H bond for **3b** may, in part, account for this observed difference in reactivity.

Several key features of the reaction between cluster-bound P–H and P–Si bonds and metal halides have been delineated. With the appropriate choice of reactants and reaction conditions, monosubstituted, disubstituted, and asymmetric disubstituted clusters can be obtained as the principle products. The monosubstituted clusters will be of particular value as "end groups" of a chain, and studies are in progress directed toward the stepwise synthesis of cluster oligomers employing cleavage reactions with bifunctional metal halides.

(11) **3a**: spectroscopic yield by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy, 50% based on **1**; low-temperature chromatography yielded **3a** as an orange band; solutions of **3a** partially decompose upon removal of the solvent, and we were unable to isolate **3a** as a pure solid; ³¹P NMR (δ, ppm, C₆H₆) 445 (dd, ²J(P,P) = 232 Hz, ³J(H,P) = 12 Hz, μ₃-PFe(CO)₂Cp), 270 (dd, ²J(P,P) = 232 Hz, ¹J(H,P) = 291 Hz, μ₃-PH); ¹H NMR (δ, ppm, C₆D₆) 5.26 (dd, 1 H, ¹J(H,P) = 291 Hz, ³J(H,P) = 12 Hz, PH), 4.11 (s, 5 H, C₅H₅); IR (ν_{CO}, cm⁻¹, hexanes) 2070 (vw), 2036 (s), 2013 (m), 1991 (m), 1984 (w), 1974 (w); IR (ν_{PH}, cm⁻¹, Nujol mull) 2294 (vw). **3b**: spectroscopic yield by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy, 50% based on **1**; low-temperature chromatography yielded **3b** as an orange band; ³¹P NMR (δ, ppm, C₆H₆) 473 (dd, ²J(P,P) = 213 Hz, ³J(H,P) = 11 Hz, μ₃-PFe(CO)₂(C₅Me₅)), 275 (dd, ²J(P,P) = 213 Hz, ¹J(H,P) = 291 Hz, μ₃-PH); ¹H NMR (δ, ppm, C₆D₆) 5.26 (dd, 1 H, ¹J(H,P) = 291 Hz, ³J(H,P) = 11 Hz, PH), 1.37 (d, 15 H, ⁴J(H,P) = 0.8 Hz, C₅(CH₃)₅); IR (ν_{CO}, cm⁻¹, hexanes) 2065 (vw), 2032 (s), 2024 (m), 2009 (m), 1998 (vw), 1987 (m), 1973 (w); IR (ν_{PH}, cm⁻¹, Nujol mull) 2298 (vw). Reactions of **3a** and **3b** were performed on the chromatographed solutions without isolation.

(12) **4a**: capping group exchange reactions to form symmetrically capped clusters occur only to a small extent (<5%); following chromatography, crystallization from CH₂Cl₂/pentane yielded orange-red crystals (10 mg, 95%); ³¹P NMR (δ, ppm, CH₂Cl₂) 477 (AB q, P_A, 478.1, PFe(CO)₂(C₅H₄Me), P_B, 476.0, PFe(CO)₂Cp, ²J(P_A,P_B) = 160 Hz); ¹H NMR (δ, ppm, C₆D₆) 4.55 (m, 2 H, MeC₅H₂H'₂'), 4.15 (m, 2 H, MeC₅H₂H'₂'), 1.34 (s, 3 H, MeC₅H₂H'₂'), 4.33 (d, 5 H, ³J(H,P) = 1.4 Hz, C₅H₅); IR (ν_{CO}, cm⁻¹, Et₂O) 2059 (w), 2036 (m), 2018 (s), 1993 (m), 1967 (m), 1947 (w). Satisfactory C and H analyses were obtained.

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(14) **4b**: following chromatography, crystallization from CH₂Cl₂/pentane yielded orange-red crystals (13 mg, 75%); ³¹P NMR (δ, ppm, C₆D₆) 510 (d, ²J(P,P) = 140 Hz, PFe(CO)₂(C₅Me₅)), 471 (d, ²J(P,P) = 140 Hz, PFe(CO)₂Cp); ¹H NMR (δ, ppm, C₆D₆) 4.49 (d, 5 H, ³J(H,P) = 1.4 Hz, C₅H₅), 1.52 (s, 15 H, C₅(CH₃)₅); IR (ν_{CO}, cm⁻¹, Et₂O) 2057 (w), 2030 (m), 2016 (vs), 1991 (m), 1963 (m), 1945 (vw). Satisfactory C and H analyses were obtained.

(15) For **4b** (C₂₈H₂₀Fe₃O₁₃P₂): *a* = 12.258 (3) Å, *b* = 15.149 (3) Å, *c* = 17.817 (4) Å, β = 95.16 (2)°. Space group, P2₁/m (*Z* = 4). Data collection on a Rigaku AFC6S diffractometer yielded 2833 unique observed (*I* ≥ 2.5σ(*I*)) reflections. The asymmetric unit consists of two unique molecules of *m* symmetry. Rotational disorder of the C₅Me₅ ring on one of the unique molecules was observed. Least-squares refinement of 454 parameters converged at *R*(*R*_w) = 0.060 (0.066), GOF = 1.78.

(16) Reactions of **3b** and CpFe(CO)₂Cl are also accelerated by addition of NEt₃ and go to completion within 15 min after addition.

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Intramolecular Schmidt Reaction of Alkyl Azides

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The reaction of hydrazoic acid with ketones to afford a ring-expanded lactam (the Schmidt reaction) is an important method for the preparation of nitrogen-containing heterocycles.¹ The extension of the reaction to provide N-substituted lactams would be particularly useful;² however, attempts to replace hydrazoic acid with alkyl azides under classical Schmidt conditions (strong acid) were generally unsuccessful.^{1,3} In a series of papers in the late 1950s, Boyer and co-workers did manage to establish a narrow range of azides that react with aromatic aldehydes, but the bona fide migration of an alkyl group was not observed in any of these examples.^{4,5} In addition, the intramolecular reaction of several enones with azides gave Schmidt-type products upon thermolysis, but the reaction proceeds by initial attack of the azide upon the double bond followed by rearrangement of the resulting triazoline.⁶

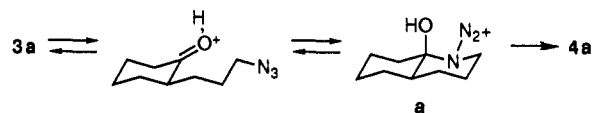
An intramolecular Schmidt reaction of the type shown in eq 1 would constitute an attractive entry into ring systems sporting a nitrogen atom at one of the ring fusion positions. Such ring

Table I. Intramolecular Reactions of Alkyl Azides with Ketones

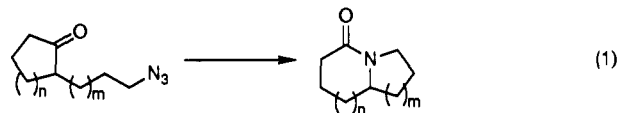
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1	a, R = H	TFA, 40 min	83
2	b, R = CO ₂ Me	TFA, 16 h	66
3	b	TiCl ₄ , CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 20 min	70
4	a, R ₁ = H, R ₂ = H, n = 1	TFA, 10 min	90
5	b, R ₁ = CO ₂ Et, R ₂ = H, n = 1	TFA, 1 h	93
6	c, R ₁ = H, R ₂ = H, n = 2	TFA, 24 h	0
7	c	TiCl ₄ , CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 16 h	91
8	d, R ₁ = H, R ₂ = CH ₃ , n = 1	TFA, 20 min	74
9	a, R = H	TFA, 20 min	91
10	b, R = CH ₃	TFA, 20 min	91
11	a, n = 1, R = H	TFA or TiCl ₄	0
12	b, n = 2, R = CO ₂ Me	TFA, 12 h	66
13	b	TiCl ₄ , 15 min	64

^a All reactions were carried out at room temperature.

Scheme I



systems are prominent substructures in a wide variety of alkaloid families.⁷ We report that the intramolecular reaction of alkyl azides with ketones can be accomplished in high yield under remarkably mild and straightforward reaction conditions.



The reaction of alkyl azide **5b**⁸ is representative of the examples collected in Table I (entry 10). Gas evolution was immediately observed upon dissolution of **5b** in trifluoroacetic acid (TFA).⁹

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