Photochemical Reactions of a Cobaltacyclopentadiene and the Molecular Structure of (**q5-C yclopentadien y l)** (**q4- 1,2,3,4-tet rap hen y l-2- but ene- 1 ,4 dione-0 ,C,C',C'')cobalt(I)**

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Ultraviolet irradiation of the cobaltacyclopentadiene complex $(\eta^5 - C_5H_5)CO[C_4(C_6H_5)_4][P(C_6H_5)_3]$, 1, in oxygenated CH_2Cl_2 or C_6H_6 solvents yields $(\eta^5-C_6H_6)Co(\eta^4-OC(C_6H_6)C(C_6H_6)C(C_6H_6)C(C_6H_7))$, 2, and $(\eta^5 - \tilde{C}_5 H_5) \text{Co}[\eta^4 - \tilde{C}_4 (\tilde{C}_6 H_5)_4]$, 3. In the absence of O_2 only 3 forms. Complexes 2 and 3 are formed by independent photochemical pathways with low quantum efficiencies (<5 × 10⁻⁴ at 366 and 313 nm). crystal structure of complex 2 at -150 °C was determined. Unusual η^4 -OCCC bonding of the enedione ?r system of coordinated **1,2,3,4-tetraphenyl-cis-2-butene-1,4-dione (or** (2)-dibenzoylstilbene) is observed with a Co-0 bond length of **1.936 (3) A** and Co-C bond lengths of **2.004 (5), 2.012 (51,** and **2.066 (5)** A. There is a dihedral angle of only 10.2° between the cyclopentadiene and η^4 -OCCC planes. Crystals of 2 are monoclinic, space group $C_{2n}^5-P2_1/n$ with four $C_{33}H_{25}CoO_2$ formula units in a cell of dimensions, at -150 °C, of $a = 17.128$ (6) \AA , $b = 15.893$ (3) \AA , $c = 9.097$ (2) \AA , and $\beta = 101.92$ (2)°. Least-squares refinement on 177 variables led to a final value of the *R* index on F^2 of 0.106 for 4980 unique observations; the conventional *R* index on *F* is 0.062 for 2748 observations having $F_0^2 > 3\sigma(F_0^2)$.

Introduction

Although there has been interest in the chemistry of $\text{cobaltacyclopentadiene complexes}$ for over two decades, $1-30$

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only one study²² alluded to their photochemistry. We recently observed photochemical extrusion of N_2 from $(\eta^5$ -C₅H₅)Co[(Ar)NNNN(Ar)] complexes $(Ar = C_6H_5, C_6F_5)$ that contain the metallotetraazadiene moiety.³¹ In view of the electronic similarity between the bidentate $C_4R_4^2$ and N_4R_2 groups,^{32,33} we examined the photoreactivity of $(\eta^5$ -C₅H₅)Co(C₄Ph₄)(PPh₃), 1. One of the products of the

reaction with O_2 , 2, appeared to contain 1,2,3,4-tetra**phenyl-cis-2-butene-1,4-dione** (or (2)-dibenzoylstilbene) coordinated to an $(\eta^5\text{-}C_5H_5)$ Co fragment. A product with similar spectral properties was observed in an earlier report.22 In order to characterize definitively the coordination geometry of this sterically hindered enedione ligand, we undertook a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study of product **2.** This investigation reveals an unusual delo-

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calized q4-enone bonding mode depicted. An additional photochemical pathway, which yielded the cyclobutadiene derivative 3, was also observed.

Experimental Section

Materials (sources) were as follows: C_6H_6 , hexanes, toluene, CH_2Cl_2 , cyclopentadiene dimer, PPh₃, C₂Ph₂, and P(OMe)₃ (Aldrich); C_6D_6 , CDCl₃ (Merck); (η^5 -C₅H₆)Co(CO)₂ (Strem); sodium (Alfa); xylenes and diethyl ether (Mallinckrodt) $CoCl₂·6H₂O$ (Baker); O_2 (Linde). The solvents C_6H_6 , C_6D_6 , toluene, and hexanes were purified by distillation from Na-benzophenone or Na under a dinitrogen atmosphere. Xylenes and CH_2Cl_2 were dried over CaH₂. Cyclopentadienylcobalt dicarbonyl was vacuum distilled. Trimethyl phosphite was distilled twice from Na prior to use, 34 and PPh₃ was recrystallized from hot ethanol.

IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer **283** and Nicolet **7199** FT-IR spectrometers with the use of 0.1-mm path length NaCl cells. UV-visible spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer **320** spectrophotometer; 'H *NMR* spectra *(60 MHz)* were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer R-20B spectrometer, and a Varian CFT-20 spectrometer was used to obtain 'H **(79.54-MHz)** and I3C **(20-** MHz) NMR spectra. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million downfield from internal Me4Si or by using the following solvent reference peaks $(C_6D_5H \delta_H 7.15, \delta_C 128.0; \text{CHCl}_3 \delta_H 7.24,$ **bc 77.24).** Mass spectra were recorded on a Hewlett-Packard **5985** GC/MS system by Dr. D. Hung of the Northwestern University Analytical Services Laboratory. Elemental analysis were determined by H. Beck of the same laboratory or by Micro-Tech Laboratories, Skokie, IL.

 $(\eta^5$ -C₅H₅)Co(C₄Ph₄)(PPh₃), 1. This complex was prepared from CoCl(PPh₃)³⁶ and Na(C₆H₅) by a literature procedure¹⁷ and recrystallized from benzene-hexane: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.73
(η⁵-C₅H₅); ¹³C{¹H] NMR (CDCl₃) 153.76, 142.35 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), **133.87 (d,** J ⁼**10.0** Hz), **129.94** (d, J ⁼**20.8** Hz), **130.10** (d, J ⁼ 5.0 Hz), **128.27** (d, J ⁼**9.6** Hz), **126.64** (d, J ⁼**11.3** Hz), **123.58** $(d, J = 9.5 \text{ Hz})$, 89.82 $(d, J = 1.3 \text{ Hz}, \eta^5 \text{-} C_5 \text{H}_5)$. Anal. Calcd for CSIHIOCoP: C, **82.73;** H, **5.60.** Found C, **82.5;** H, **5.47.** A partial *'3c NMR* **spectrum** of this complex was reported during the **course** of this work.³⁶ We did not observe signals from some quaternary carbons that may be found in ref **36.**

Irradiation of 1 in the Presence of O_2 **. An** O_2 **-saturated** solution containing **0.5** g of **1** in 80 mL of freshly distilled C6H6 was irradiated for **4** h in a Pyrex immersion well with a **450-W** medium-pressure Hanovia Hg arc lamp. The solution was fitered, the solvent removed, and the residue extracted with $Et_2O-CH_2Cl_2$. **Mass** spectrometry showed the presence of dibenzoylstilbene in the extract. **Half** of the dark insoluble residue was dissolved in $CH₂Cl₂$ and spotted on an Analtech, silica gel G (2000 μ m thick)

preparative TLC plate. Development with CH_2Cl_2 yielded a fast moving brown band (complex **1** and traces of 3) and a slow moving chocolate brown band **(2),** which was removed and extracted with methanol and dichloromethane. The second portion was treated in a similar fashion. Considerable decomposition occurred in extracting the second complex from the support to yield about **300** mg of **2,** contaminated with (2)-dibenzoylstilbene. Soxhlet extraction of 2 from the support with CH_2Cl_2 did not improve its yield. The organic product could be isolated by extracting the crystalline mixture with ether- CH_2Cl_2 (or by TLC) and recrystallized from benzene-hexane to yield **150** mg (58%) of (2)-dibenzoylstilbene: **mass** spectrum **(20** eV), *m/e* (relative abundance) **105 (55,** COPh+) [the 13C isotope peak at *m/e* **389.2** at **32%** intensity **is** close to the calculated value of **31%];** 'H *NMR* (CDC13) 6 **7.22** and **7.85** (m, C6Hs); IR (CH2C12) **3058** (w), **1660 (s), 1598 (s), 1580** (m), **1492** (m), **1447** (m), **1444** (m), **1248** *(8)* cm-'; mp **216-220** "C (lit?' **211-213** "C and lit.% **218-220** "C for the *2* and lit.³⁷ 232-234 for the E isomer). The residue containing complex 2, **(q5-cyclopentadienyl)(q4-1,2,3,4-tetraphenyl-2-butene-1,4** dione- O, C, C', C'' cobalt (I) , was recrystallized from benzene-hexane and washed with ether to yield **40** mg **(11%):** 'H NMR (CDCl,) δ 4.83 $(\eta^5$ -C₅H₅), 7.25 and 8.47 (m, C₆H₅); IR (CH₂Cl₂) 1653 (s), 1599 (m), 1496 (m), 1446 (m) cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for $C_{33}H_{25}CoO_2$: C, **77.34;** H, **4.92.** Found: C, **77.6;** H, **4.68.** The mass spectrum of this complex could not be obtained. Heating **(120** "C) led to decomposition that yielded $(\eta^5$ -C₅H₅)₂Co and OC(Ph)C(Ph)C-(Ph)C(Ph)O **as** the only volatile species, **as** identified by electron impact and chemical ionization mass spectrometry (with $\text{CH}_5^{\text{+}}$). **388.1 (199,** M'), **372.2 (41,** M+ - **0), 360.2 (66,** M+ - CO), **359.2** *(80,* M+ - HCO), **283.2 (59,** M+ - COPh), **255.2 (39,** M+ - (CO),Ph),

 $(\eta^5 \text{-} C_5H_5)Co(\eta^4 \text{-} C_4Ph_4)$, 3. This complex was prepared from $(\eta^5$ -C₅H₅)Co(CO)₂ and C₂Ph₂ by the literature procedure,⁴ and the ${}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum agreed with that reported.

Relative photoreactivity studies employed solutions $((5 - 8)$ \times 10⁻³ M) of 1 in C₆D₆ solvent (vacuum distilled from Nabenzophenone) or $\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{Cl}_2$ (vacuum distilled from CaH_2). Aliquots (0.5 mL) were placed in identical Pyrex NMR tubes, and each was given the same dose of radiation. Product distributions were then analyzed by monitoring the η^5 -C₆H₅ chemical shifts in C₆D₆ relative to Me4Si: **1** (6 **4.81); 2 (6 4.45); 3 (6 4.51).** A **450-W** high-pressure xenon arc lamp served **as** the radiation source. The light was collimated, passed through **10** cm of cooled distilled water and a Corning 1-75 filter (to cut out $\lambda < \sim 300$ nm and $\lambda > \sim 800$ nm), and then focused onto the NMR tube in a holder. Quartz optics were used throughout. Quantum yield measurements employed a previously described apparatus. 39

Crystallographic Data for 2. Preliminary precession and Weissenberg photographs showed monoclinic symmetry and the systematic absences $h0l$ ($h + l = \text{odd}$) and $0k0$ ($k = \text{odd}$). These observations uniquely establish the space group as $C_{2h}^5-P_{1/h}$.

A small, irregular $(0.16 \times 0.20 \times 0.30 \text{ mm})$ but well-formed crystal was mounted on a Picker four-circle diffractometer. With the crystal at -150 °C⁴⁰ 14 reflections in the range 20° $\leq 2\theta(\text{Mo})$ K_{α_1} < 24° were centered. Least-squares analysis of the resultant angular positions yielded the unit cell parameters of Table I. Details of data collection are **also** given in this table. The crystal showed no decomposition during data acquisition, since the intensities of six standard reflections, measured after every **100** reflections, showed only variations expected from counting statistics. Of the **5176** reflections measured **4980** are unique and 2748 of these obey the condition $F_o^2 > 3\sigma (F_o^2)$. Because of the small crystal size diffraction intensities were weak.

Heavy-atom methods were employed to solve the structure.⁴¹ The position of the cobalt atom was located from an origin-re-

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Table I. Summary **of** Crystallographic Details for $(\eta^5 \text{-} C_s H_s) \text{Co}[\eta^4 \text{-} \text{OC}(Ph) \text{C}(Ph) \text{C}(Ph) \text{C}(Ph) \text{O}]$ (2)

formula	$C_{33}H_{25}CoO_2$
fw, g/mol	512.50
a, A	17.128 (6)
b, A	15.893 (3)
c, A	9.097(2)
β , deg	101.92(2)
V, A^3	2423
Z	4
$d(\text{caled})$ (-150 °C), g/cm ³	1.405
$d(\text{obsd})$ (25 °C), g/cm ³	1.35
space group	$C_{2h}^5 - P_{2,1}^7/n$
cryst faces	$\{100\},\, \{011\},\, (13\bar{1})$
cryst vol, mm ³	0.014
temp, °C	$-150^{\,a}$
radiation	Mo Kα [λ(Mo Kα,) =
	0.70930A
μ (Mo K α), cm ⁻¹	7.33
transmission factors	$0.85 - 0.90$
2θ range, deg	$3 - 50$
aperture	3.7 mm wide by 4.3 mm
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	crystal
scan speed, deg/min	2 in 2θ
scan width, deg	-1.0 below K_{α_1} to +0.9 above K_{α_2}
bkgd count time, s	20 with rescan option ^a
reflctns measd	$\pm h, +k, +l$
\boldsymbol{p}	0.04
final no. of variables	177
unique data	4980
$R(F^2)$	0.106
$R_{\rm w}(F^2)$	0.146
unique data $(F_o^2 > 3\sigma(F_o^2))$	2748
$R(F, F_o^2 > 3\sigma(F_o^2))$	0.062
$R_{\rm w}(F, F_{\rm o}^2 > 3\sigma(F_{\rm o}^2))$	0.062
^a Reference 40.	

moved, sharpened Patterson map, and the remaining nonhydrogen atoms were found from difference Fourier maps subsequent to least-squares refinement. The four phenyl groups in the molecule (denoted Ph₁–Ph₄) were constrained to $D_{\beta h}$ symmetry and isotropic thermal motion. The other nonhydrogen atoms were allowed anisotropic motion. Refinement of this model on *F* led to values of R and R_w of 0.076 and 0.089. The positions of the hydrogen atoms were idealized by **assuming** C-H **distances** of **0.975** and 0.950 for the $(\eta^5\text{-}C_5\text{H}_5)$ and $(C_6\text{H}_6)$ hydrogen atoms, respectively. In the final cycles of refinement the hydrogen atoms of the η^5 -C₅H₅ group were allowed to refine isotropically; however, only the temperature faders of the hydrogen atoms of the phenyl groups were permitted to vary.

Final least-squares refinement on $F²$ for all 4980 unique observations (including those having $F_o^2 < 0$) led to values of R and $R_{\rm w}$ on F^2 of 0.106 and 0.146, to a value of an error in an observation of unit weight of 1.13 e^2 , and to a value of *R* on F_o of 0.062 for the 2748 observation having $F_o^2 > 3\sigma (F_o^2)$. The largest peak in a final difference electron density map is $0.95 e/\text{\AA}^3$. Analysis of a final difference electron density map is 0.95 e/A°. Analysis of $\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$ as a function of F_o^2 , setting angles, and Miller indices revealed no unusual trends. The observed and calculated structure amplitudes are available.⁴²

Final positional and thermal parameters of the nongroup atoms are listed in Table 11. Rigid group atomic positions and parameters *are* provided in Table 111. Selected bond lengths and angles in **2** are presented in Tables IV and V. The atom numbering scheme for the $(\eta^5$ -C₅H₅) moiety and for the skeleton of the coordinated (2)-dibenzoylstilbene ligand are described in Figure 1. Atom C(6) of group Phl is bound to atom C(32), atom $C(12)$ of group Ph2 is bound to atom $C(31)$, atom $C(18)$ of group Ph3 is bound to atom C(30), and atom C(24) of group Ph4 is bound to atom C(33). Hydrogen atoms H(6)-H(25) are bound to carbon atoms of groups Phl to Ph4 in an ascending numerical correspondence.

Figure I. View of the inner coordination sphere of **2,** including atom-numbering scheme for the cyclopentadienyl ligand and the are provided for the latter fragment. In this and in subsequent plots all hydrogen atoms are given isotropic thermal *B* values of 1.0 A2, and vibrational ellipsoids of other atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level.

Results and Discussion

Molecular Structure of $(\eta^5$ **-C₅H₅)Co[** η^4 **-OC(Ph)C-(Ph)C(Ph)C(Ph)O], 2. A** stereoscopic view of complex 2 (Figure 2) illustrates the helical η^4 -OCCC coordination of the enedione. The planar cyclopentadienyl and nearly planar n^4 -OCCC fragments (Table VI) are close to being parallel (dihedral angle of 10.2°), reminiscent of cobaltocene. The two ligand π systems are in an approximately eclipsed conformation. Other noteworthy features include the feathered phenyl groups (dihedral angles in Table VI) and the free benzoyl group that juts up and away from the η^4 -OCCC plane. The long Co–C(32) bond compared with the Co-C(31), Co-C(30), and Co-O(l) bond distances may reflect steric interference by the bulky benzoyl and phenyl substituents on atom C(32). No unusual intermolecular contacts affect the molecular structure; the unit-cell contents are illustrated in Figure 3.

Coordination of the enone fragment is unusual. Several transition-metal complexes are known⁴³ to exhibit the metallacyclic structure **4,** a metalated enone. A cobalt complex of type 5 has also been reported.⁴⁴ Structural φ^{0} . φ^{0} . φ^{0} .

parameters in Figure 1 suggest to us that all the p_{π} orbitals of the η^4 -OCCC fragment contribute to bonding with the cobalt atom. Compare (Figure 1) the long C(30)-0(1) bond with the uncoordinated $C(33)-O(2)$ bond and the equivalence of the C(30)-C(31) and C(31)-C(32) distances. The localized enone description of bonding to cobalt, 6, is not

appropriate. Dissimilarities between the bond lengths in this coordinated dibenzoylethylene with those of the re-

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Table IV. Bond Lengths within $1 \frac{h\nu}{\theta_2} 2 + \text{OPPh}_3$
(q⁵-C_{*i*}H_{*i*})Co[(q⁴-OC(Ph)C(Ph)C(Ph)C(Ph)O)] (A)

$Co-O(1)$	1.936(3)	$C(1)-C(2)$	1.420 (7)
$Co-C(30)$	2.004(5)	$C(1)-C(5)$	1.404(8)
$Co-C(31)$	2.012(5)	$C(2)-C(3)$	1.437(7)
$Co-C(32)$	2.066(5)	$C(3)-C(4)$	1.412(7)
$Co-C(1)$	2.106(5)	$C(4)-C(5)$	1.415(8)
$Co-C(2)$	2.056(5)	av C-C	$1.418(12)^a$
$Co-C(3)$	2.041(5)	$C(1)-H(1)$	0.91(5)
$Co-C(4)$	2.074(5)	$C(2)-H(2)$	1.01(4)
$Co-C(5)$	2.064(5)	$C(3)-H(3)$	0.96(5)
av Co-C	$2.068(24)^{a}$	$C(4)-H(4)$	0.96(4)
$O(1)$ -C(30) $C(30)-C(31)$ $C(30)-C(18)$ $C(31) - C(32)$ $C(31)-C(12)$ $C(32)-C(33)$ $C(32)-C(6)$ $C(33)-C(24)$ $C(33)-O(2)$	1.319(5) 1.451(6) 1.486(5) 1.451 (6) 1.483 (6) 1.521(6) 1.520(5) 1.492(5) 1.220(5)	$C(5)-H(5)$ av C–H	0.83(5) $0.93(7)^{a}$

a **The number in parentheses following an average value** on the assumption that the values averaged are from the same population.

lated compound tetrabenzoylethylene, **7,** further support the delocalized bonding model. Contrast the carboncarbon double bond length46 of 1.31 (1) **A** in **7** with the C(32)-C(31) **distance** of 1.451 (6) **8,** in **2** and the C-C(Ph)O distance& of 1.52 (1) **A** in **7** with that **of** 1.451 (6) **A for** the C(31)-C(30) length in **2.**

A tungsten complex of methyl vinyl ketone possesses a bent structure halfway between 5 and the present type.⁴⁶ The closest structural analogues of 2 contain the α, β -unsaturated aldehyde, cinnamaldehyde [OC(H)C(H)CHPh], coordinated to the $Fe(CO)_3$ and $Fe(CO)_2(PPh_3)$ moieties. $47,48$ Bond lengths (Å) in the cinnamaldehyde skeleton complexed with $\vec{Fe}(\text{CO})_3^{47}$ [O-C = 1.239 (7), OC(H)-C-(H)CHPh = 1.411 *(8),* OC(H)C(H)-CHPh = 1.412 (7)] are *similar* to those in **2;** however, the metal-oxygen interaction appears to be weaker in the iron complex **as** evidenced by the 0.06 **A** longer M-0 and 0.08 **A** shorter 0-C bond lengths. Significantly similar are the increasing distances from Fe of 2.013 (3), 2.031 **(5),** 2.067 (4), and 2.152 (4) **A** of the respective atoms in the $\eta^4\text{-}\mathsf{OCCC}$ skeleton of a bound cinnamaldehyde.⁴⁷ Again the metal-carbon bond length at the carbon end of the η^4 fragment is comparatively long.

Novel η^4 bonding of α , β -unsaturated aldehydes and ketones by the isoelectronic $Fe(CO)_3$ and $(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Co$ moieties is of chemical significance. Conventional nucleophilic addition to enones generally occurs in either a $[1,2]$ or $[1,4]$ sense.⁴⁹ The n^4 coordination may be regarded as an *electrophilic* addition of Fe(CO)_3 and $(\eta^5 \text{-} C_5H_5)$ Co fragments to the enone π system.

Photochemistry of $(\eta^5\text{-}C_5H_5)Co(C_4Ph_4)(PPh_3)$, 1. Grevels, Wakatsuki, and Yamazaki²² observed formation of **2** when complex **1** was heated **(70 "C)** with *O2* in solution or treated with *'02* at room temperature. They **also** noted production of **2** as in eq 1 and formulated the structure of **2 as** a localized enone complex **6** on the basis of spectral

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1 \frac{h\nu}{\Theta_2} 2 + \text{OPPh}_3 \tag{1}
$$

data. We have monitored by 'H FT NMR spectroscopy the photochemical reaction, as the η^5 -C₅H₅ resonance provides a sensitive analytical probe. When complex **1** is irradiated in dry deoxygenated CH_2Cl_2 or C_6D_6 , only 3 forms according to

$$
1 \xrightarrow{\hbar \nu, \text{ Pyrez}} 3 \tag{2}
$$

If an O_2 -saturated CH_2Cl_2 solution of 1 is irradiated, both **2** and **3** form in a 4.51 ratio. Some decomposition also occurs and this ratio was measured by integrating the η^5 -C₅H₅ resonances in a solution that was irradiated to 50% conversion. Complex **3** was identified by comparing its 'H NMR spectrum with that of an authentic sample. Separation **of 3** by TLC (benzene eluent) and mass spectral analysis (parent ion at *mle* 481.2 using chemical ionization mass spectrometry with CH_5^+) further establish its identity. Irradiation of a solution of 3 containing O_2 did not produce **2.** The quantum yields to form **2** and **3** are low, less than 5×10^{-4} with 366- and 313-nm excitations. This fact hampered more quantitative study of the mechanism. Added PPh_3 or $P(OCH_3)_3$ inhibits production of 3, which suggests that it forms from a coordinately unsaturated species produced **by** photodissociating PPh,. When P(0- $CH₃$ ₃ was added in the absence of $O₂$, only new ¹H resonances attributable to the simple substitution product²⁹ were observed. Formation of **3 has also** been found% when **1** is heated to 120 "C. This process is also thought to require dissociation of the phosphine ligand. We could not detect any products resulting from fragmentation of the cobaltacycle as has been observed for related metallotetraazadiene species.31

Neither added PPh_3 nor $\text{P(OCH}_3)_3$ quenched the photooxidation of **1,** which implies that two independent photochemical pathways form **2** and **3.** Grevels et a1.22 suggest that photooxidation occurs via the intermediacy of ${}^{1}O_{2}$. In this regard we note an analogy to the oxidation of the heterocycle, tetraphenylfuran,⁵⁰ which undergoes reaction 3.

Partial dissociation **of** the C4Ph4 ring and insertion of *0,* to form a peroxymetal species also should be considered, by analogy with the photochemistry of other cobalt(II1) alkyls.51 Recently, photochemical oxidation **of** a Pd coordinated allyl to an enealdehyde was reported;⁵¹ however, the mechanism is unknown.

The mechanistic duality of the photoreactivity of **1** may resemble that found in thermal studies. Bergman³⁰ has observed both phosphine dissociation and electrophilic attack on the cobaltacycle for alkyne cyclotrimerization

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$O(1)-Co-C(30)$	39.1(2)	$C(5)-C(1)-C(2)$	107.8 (5)	$O(1) - C(30) - C(18)$	118.3(4)
$C(30)-Co-C(31)$	42.4(2)	$H(1)-C(1)-C(2)$	125(3)	$C(18)-C(30)-C(31)$	127.2(4)
$C(31)$ -Co-C (32)	41.6(2)	$H(1)-C(1)-C(5)$	127 (3)	$C(30)-C(31)-C(32)$	112.8 (4)
$C(1)-Co-C(2)$	39.9 (2)	$H(2)-C(2)-C(1)$	129(3)	$C(30)-C(31)-C(12)$	123.2(4)
$C(2)-Co-C(3)$	41.1(2)	$H(2)-C(2)-C(3)$	123 (3)	$C(12)-C(31)-C(32)$	124.0 (4)
$C(3)-Co-C(4)$	40.1(2)	$H(3)-C(3)-C(2)$	126 (3)	$C(31)$ –C(32)–C(33)	115.7 (4)
$C(4)-Co-C(5)$	40.0(2)	$H(3)-C(3)-C(4)$	125 (3)	$C(31)-C(32)-C(6)$	119.7 (4)
$C(5)-Co-C(1)$	39.3(2)	$H(4)-C(4)-C(3)$	125 (3)	$C(6)-C(32)-C(33)$	113.4 (4)
$C(1)-C(2)-C(3)$	107.0 (5)	$H(4)-C(4)-C(5)$	128 (3)	$C(32) - C(33) - O(2)$	119.6 (4)
$C(2)-C(3)-C(4)$	108.6 (5)	$H(5)-C(5)-C(4)$	127 (4)	$C(32)$ –C(33)–C(24)	119.5 (4)
$C(3)-C(4)-C(5)$	106.9(5)	$H(5)-C(5)-C(1)$	124 (4)	$C(24)-C(33)-O(2)$	120.8(4)
$C(4)-C(5)-C(1)$	109.6(5)	$O(1)$ –C(30)–C(31)	114.6 (4)		

Table VI. Least-Squares Planes in $(\eta^5 \text{-} C_s H_s) \text{Co}[(\eta^4 \text{-}OC(\text{Ph})C(\text{Ph})C(\text{Ph})C(\text{Ph})O)]$

*^a*Equations of planes are expressed in crystal coordinates as defined by: Hamilton, W. C. *Acta Crystallogr.* 1961, *14,* 185-189. **Standard deviations are given for those atoms used in the definition of a particular plane.**

Figure 2. Stereoscopic view of **2.**

Figure 3. Stereoscopic view of the unit cell of **2.** The vertical axis is *b* and the horizontal axis is *a.*

reactions of related complexes. **An** excited form of **1** could add O₂ to generate an endo peroxide⁵⁰ intermediate

Further studies will be necessary **to** resolve the mechanism of the oxidation process.

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Organofluorosilicates in Organic Synthesis. 14.' Carbon-Carbon Bond Formation Promoted by Palladium Salts

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Five types of palladium-promoted carbon-carbon bond forming reactions have been achieved with potassium **Q-alkenylpentafluorosilicates** which are readily available from **alkynes** by hydrwilylation followed by silicate formation. (1) The homocoupling reaction of styryl- and phenylsilicates gives 1,4-diphenylbutadiene and biphenyl, respectively. (2) The cross-coupling reaction with activated olefins such **as** methyl acrylate giving unsymmetrical 1,3-dienes is promoted by palladium acetate. (π -Allyl)palladium complexes are obtained with palladium chloride. (3) The palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction with allylic halides gives (E)-1,4-dienes and has been applied to the synthesis of a key intermediate for total synthesis of (\pm) -recifeiolide. (4) A facile carbonylation occurs in methanol to give α , β -unsaturated carboxylic esters. *(5)* **A** limited number **of** cross-coupling reactions occur with C(sp2) halides in the presence of palladium complexes **as** catalysts under forced conditions. The products of these reactions may be interpreted in terms of the chemistry expected of alkenylpalladium intermediates, arising from transfer of the alkenyl group from silicon to palladium.

The formation of carbon-carbon bonds is one of the most fundamental problems in organic chemistry, and numerous selective reactions have been explored by the use of transition-metal compounds.² In our previous papers organopentafluorosilicates have been shown to be useful intermediates for functional group transformations.^{1,3} Preliminarily we have reported several types of carbon-carbon bond forming reactions of organopentafluorosilicates under the influence of palladium, 4.5 copper, 6 and silver' salts. This paper describes the full details of the palladium-promoted carbon-carbon bond forming reactions. Since only the potassium salts of organopentafluorosilicates are **used** throughout the present study, the countercation will be omitted from the individual names of the silicates.

Results and Discussion

Homocoupling Reaction. The reaction of (E)-styrylpentafluorosilicate with 1 equiv of palladium chloride in acetonitrile at room temperature gave (E,E) -1,4-diphenyl-l,&butadiene in **54%** yield. The reaction was quite rapid and a black mixture resulted, probably indicating the formation of the palladium metal. Other alkenylsilicates such **as** 1-hexenylsilicate did not undergo a similar coupling reaction when treated with palladium chloride under various conditions but gave several minor products which were not characterized. The reason why other alkenylsilicates gave no coupling products is not clear at the present time. The phenylsilicate, however, reacted with palladium chloride to produce biphenyl in moderate yield.

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K_2I^{Ph}\longrightarrow SIF_5I + PdCl_2 \xrightarrow{CH_3CH} Ph \longrightarrow Ph \qquad (54\%)
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K_2IPhSIF_5I + PdCl_2 \xrightarrow{THF} Ph-Ph \quad (48\%)
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The palladium-promoted homocoupling reaction may have possibly proceeded via intermediacy of the organopalladium species, arising from the metal-exchange reaction between the organosilicate and the palladium salt, by a mechanism analogous to that proposed for similar palladium-promoted coupling of alkenylmercuric chlorides⁸ and styryltrimethylsilane,⁹ a tetracoordinate alkenylsilane.

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