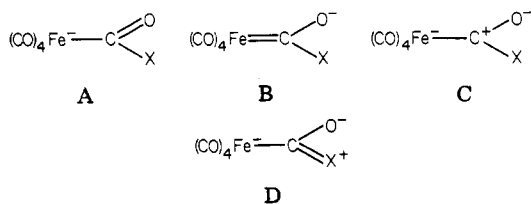


(CO)₄Fe moiety bonded to a carbene ligand as expected for **6**.¹² A broad, medium intensity band at 1640 cm⁻¹ can be assigned to the "ester" carbonyl group of **7**; a similar band appears in CpFe(CO)₂COOMe at 1665 cm⁻¹.¹¹ The absorption bands of methyl acetate ($\nu(\text{CO}) = 1745 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) along with a band at 1815 cm⁻¹ are already present as weak bands but grow to intense bands on a second run of the same sample, thus indicating ongoing decomposition of the initial complex. In the $\nu(\text{CO})$ region the migration of the methyl group initiates a broad band centered at 2000 cm⁻¹ along with an intense band at 1815 cm⁻¹ due to bridging CO groups. Fe₃(CO)₁₂ was identified as a decomposition product of **7**, but the residue has not been studied further.

Anions of type **4** are basic and have two possible coordination sites for Lewis acids, one at the metal and the other at the alkoxy carbonyl or the carbamoyl oxygen atom. In contrast, the corresponding group 6B anions M(CO)₅COOR⁻ (M = Cr, Mo, W) have only one site because two electrons at the metal are replaced by a CO group to achieve the rare-gas configuration. An attack of the electrophile at the metal is therefore not expected. The anion of **4b** may be compared with S=C(O)OR⁻, in which S or O can be alkylated; similarities in chemical behavior of S and the Fe(CO)₄ group have been pointed out in a review.¹³

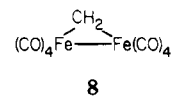
In spite of the two possible basic centers in **4**, the different behavior of **4a** and **4b** toward Me⁺ is not fully understood. One explanation is that the replacement of the NR₂ group by OR causes a change in the basicity of the two sites. Considering the resonance structures A-D of



the anion, it becomes apparent that a decreasing ability of X to back donation (going from X = NR₂ to X = OR) enhances the chance for an electrophile to react with the metal atom according to the minor contribution of form D.

In contrast to this, a variety of salts of the type [(CO)₄FeCOR] Li, mostly not isolated and used in situ, can be alkylated by (Et₃O)BF₄ to give the expected carbene complexes.¹⁴ This communication reports the first example of the consecutive addition of a Lewis base and a Lewis acid to a binary transition-metal carbonyl that has not resulted in the formation of a Fischer-type carbene ligand.

The thermal decomposition of **7** via methyl group migration to the alkoxy carbonyl carbon atom to produce methyl acetate and iron carbonyl species can be regarded as a model reaction with respect to the chain growth sequence of the Fischer-Tropsch process.¹⁵ A comparable methyl acetate formation has been observed by the reaction of the dinuclear complex **8** with MeOH at elevated temperatures; a μ -ketenyl complex was postulated as the reactive intermediate, generated by incorporation of a terminal CO group into the bridge.¹⁶



Homologation of a C₁ unit via rearrangement of a coordinated dimethoxycarbene ligand has not been reported. The free ligand, if generated from an organic source, dimerizes, and rearrangement to methyl acetate is only connected with special reaction conditions.¹⁷ This feature and the spectroscopic data clearly indicate that the yellow alkylation product of **4b** has a structure as suggested for **7**. Further investigations concerning these systems are currently in progress.

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W(η^5 -C₅H₅)[C(Ph)C(CMe₃)C(Ph)]Cl₂: A Molecule Having a Localized, Nonplanar, Fluxional Metallacyclobutadiene Ring

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Summary: The reaction between W(η^5 -C₅H₅)(CCMe₃)Cl₂ and disubstituted acetylenes yields tungstenacyclobutadiene complexes that in some cases exhibit a signal for essentially only one type of ring carbon atom on the NMR time scale at room temperature. One of these is the product with the composition W(η^5 -C₅H₅)(CCMe₃)(PhC≡CPh)Cl₂. It crystallizes in the centrosymmetric monoclinic space group *P*2₁/*c* [*C*_{2h}; No. 14] with *a* = 9.859 (4) Å, *b* = 10.821 (2) Å, *c* = 20.580 (11) Å, β = 92.88 (4)°, *V* = 2193 Å³, and $\rho(\text{calcd}) = 1.72 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ for *Z* = 4 and *M_r* = 567.2. Convergence was achieved with *R_F* = 3.1% and *R_{wF}* = 2.6% for all 2599 data with 2 θ -(Mo K α) = 4.5–45.0°. The WC₃ ring conformation is approximately halfway between a planar and tungsten-tetrahydrene form with localized, alternating double and single bonds (W=C _{α} = 1.943 (5) Å, C _{α} —C _{β} = 1.485 (7) Å, C _{β} —C _{α'} = 1.372 (8) Å, C _{α'} —W = 2.132 (5) Å); the two phenyl rings are found on the α -carbon atoms. It is proposed that the alkylidyne fragments are scrambled on the metal via a fluxional process involving formation of a tungsten(VI) metallatetrahydrene or, alternatively, a tungsten(IV) cyclopropenyl intermediate.

Recently we showed² that the reaction between W(CMe₃)Cl₃(1,2-dimethoxyethane) and 1 equiv of di-

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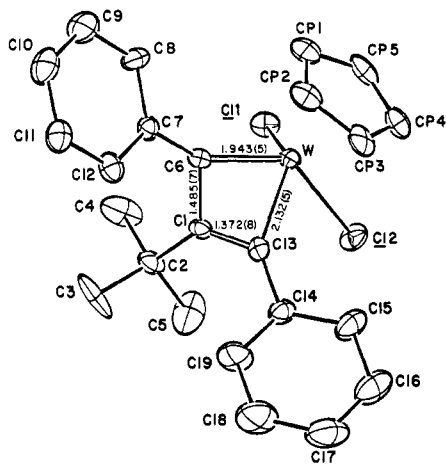


Figure 1. ORTEP-II drawing of $W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)[C(Ph)C(CMe_3)C(Ph)]Cl_3$ with hydrogen atoms omitted.

methylacetylene yields a tungstenacyclobutadiene complex, $W[C(CMe_3)C(Me)C(Me)]Cl_3$, an example of the suspected type of intermediate in the acetylene metathesis reaction catalyzed by complexes of the type $W(CR)(OCMe_3)_3$.³ Until now we have assumed that the acetylene metathesis reaction consists of twice forming and cleaving a planar, configurationally stable tungstenacyclobutadiene ring. We show here that a tungstenacyclobutadiene ring need not be a planar, delocalized structure and that it may rearrange rapidly without losing acetylene.

$W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(CCMe_3)Cl_2$ can be made in high yield in three steps from $[Et_3N][W(CMe_3)Cl_4]$.⁵ It reacts with disubstituted acetylenes to give sparingly soluble compounds with the empirical formula $W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(CCMe_3)(RC\equiv CR)Cl_2$ ($R = Me, Et, i-Pr, Ph$).⁷ These products form quantitatively in the presence of 1 equiv or excess acetylene; only a trace of the metathesis product $Me_3CC\equiv CR$ is observed in the presence of excess acetylene. When $R = Me$ or Et , the ^{13}C NMR spectra of the red products show *broad* signals for essentially two types of WC_3 ring carbon atoms⁷ (cf. the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of unsymmetrical $W[C(CMe_3)C(R)C(R)]Cl_3$ ² where two signals are observed for the $C_{\alpha}R$ and $C_{\alpha}CMe_3$ carbon atoms at 267.5 and 263.4 ppm (or $\nu\nu$) and a signal is observed for the $C_{\beta}R$ carbon atom at 150.7²). However, when $R = i-Pr$ or Ph only a single, broad, unsymmetrical ^{13}C NMR signal is observed for the WC_3 ring carbon atoms at ~ 175 and ~ 200 ppm, respectively, at 25 °C. The $i-Pr$ and Ph complexes are green. On the basis of this ^{13}C NMR evidence alone one might conclude that the WC_3 rings are rapidly rearranging when $R = i-Pr$ or Ph . The product of the reaction between $W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(CCMe_3)Cl_2$ and $PhC\equiv CPh$

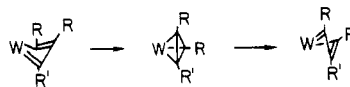
was chosen for an X-ray study since it crystallized well directly from the reaction mixture (in ether).⁸

The molecule illustrated in Figure 1 has a fairly normal "four-legged piano stool" coordination geometry about tungsten. Angles from "Cp" (the centroid of the $\eta^5-C_5H_5$ ligand) are $Cp-W-Cl(1) = 113.68^\circ$, $Cp-W-Cl(2) = 111.95^\circ$, $Cp-W-C(6) = 111.23^\circ$, and $Cp-W-C(13) = 120.66^\circ$. The $W\cdots Cp$ distance is 1.993 Å, and the tungsten-chloride bond lengths are 2.426 (2) and 2.442 (2) Å. The most unusual feature of the molecule is the nonplanar, localized form of the tungstenacyclobutadiene ring, in sharp contrast to the planar, delocalized geometry for the WC_3 ring in $W[C(CMe_3)C(Me)C(Me)]Cl_3$.² The $W-C(6)$ distance of 1.943 (5) Å is 0.189 (7) Å shorter than the $W-C(13)$ bond length of 2.132 (5) Å. (For comparison, the $W=C$ and $W-C$ distances in $W(CMe_3)(CHCMe_3)(CH_2CMe_3)$ (dmpe) are 1.942 (9) and 2.258 (9), respectively.¹²) The bond lengths $C(1)-C(13) = 1.372$ (8) Å and $C(1)-C(6) = 1.485$ (7) Å differ by 0.113 (11) Å and may be compared to the accepted values of $C=C \approx 1.34$ Å and $C(sp^3)-C(sp^2) \approx 1.51$ Å. The WC_3 system is approximately halfway between a planar and metallatetrahedrane form as evidenced by the dihedral angles $[W-C(6)-C(1)]/[W-C(13)-C(1)] = 54.59^\circ$ and $[C(6)-W-C(13)]/[C(6)-C(1)-C(13)] = 57.66^\circ$. The $W-C(1)$ distance (2.339 (5) Å) is formally nonbonding. Angles within the WC_3 system are $C(6)-W-C(13) = 65.18$ (20)°, $W-C(13)-C(1) = 80.58$ (33)°, $W-C(6)-C(1) = 84.93$ (31)°, and $C(6)-C(1)-C(13) = 100.70$ (44)°, while the peripheral angles $W-C(13)-C(14) = 143.74$ (40)° and $W-C(6)-C(7) = 148.48$ (39)° are unusually large, as was found also in the *planar* tungstenacyclobutadiene system.²

The basic structure of the ring in $W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)[C(Ph)C(CMe_3)C(Ph)]Cl_2$ is essentially that obtained by adding an acetylene to the midpoint of the tungsten-carbon triple bond, viz.



The added diphenylacetylene ($RC\equiv CR$) is subsequently "cleaved" as a result of a rearrangement process to give the structure observed in the solid state. The rearrangement process could consist of either "rotation" of an acetylene, e.g., exchange of C(1) and C(13) (Figure 1), or a phenomenologically closely related process involving formation of a tungsten(VI) metallatetrahedrane^{3a,13} intermediate, viz.



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(5) $[NET_3][W(CMe_3)Cl_4]$ reacts with Me_2SiNEt_2 in dichloromethane to form $[NET_3][W(CMe_3)Cl_3(NEt_2)]$. $[NET_3][W(CMe_3)Cl_3(NEt_2)]$ reacts with $TiCl_3$ in dichloromethane to yield $W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(CCMe_3)Cl(NEt_2)$. $W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(CCMe_3)Cl_2$ is then prepared by treating $W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(CCMe_3)Cl(NEt_2)$ in pentane with 2 equiv of HCl . Reactions between $[W(CMe_3)Cl_4]^-$ or $W(CMe_3)Cl_2$ (dme) and $TiCl_3$ or NaC_5H_5 do not yield $W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(CCMe_3)Cl_2$.

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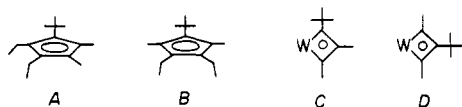
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An alternative to a W(VI) metallatetrahedrane is a tungsten(IV) cyclopropenyl intermediate. We propose that this rearrangement process is rapid enough in $W(\eta^5-C_5H_5)[C(R)C(CMe_3)C(R)]Cl_2$ to average the ring carbon signals in the ^{13}C spectrum when $R = i\text{-Pr}$ or Ph . When $R = Me$ or Et , the rearrangement process, if it is occurring at all, is slower on the NMR time scale, perhaps as a result of differences in steric effects of the R groups.

It is likely that tungstenacyclobutadiene rings are fluxional in other systems. For example, we have found that 3-hexyne reacts with $W[C(CMe_3)C(Me)C(Me)](OCMe_2CMe_2O)(OCMe_3)$ to give not only products containing the type of cyclopentadienyl ring (A) we would



expect if 3-hexyne had inserted into the $W-C_\alpha$ or $W-C_\beta$ bond, but also a second, more symmetrically substituted ring (B). Only these two rings are formed in a ratio of 6:4 (A:B) in $W[\eta^5-C_5(CMe_3)Me_2Et_2]Cl_4$ ^{2,14} and 4:6 in $W[\eta^5-C_5(CMe_3)Me_2Et_2]O_2(OCMe_3)$.² Although there are other possibilities, the explanation we prefer is that the C metallacycle can rearrange rapidly to the D metallacycle in the hypothetical acetylene adduct, e.g., $W[C(CMe_3)C(R)C(R)]Cl_3(R'C\equiv CR') \rightarrow W[C(R)C(CMe_3)C(R)]Cl_3(R'C\equiv CR')$. We are exploring the possibility that rearrangement of tungstenacyclobutadiene rings is an integral feature of the acetylene metathesis reaction.³

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(14) Paramagnetic $W[\eta^5-C_5(CMe_3)Me_2Et_2]Cl_4$ reacts with $Zn(CH_2CMe_3)_2$ to give diamagnetic $W[\eta^5-C_5(CMe_3)Me_2Et_2](CCMe_3)Cl_2$.¹⁵ Ring structures A and B were assigned on the basis of 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra and the assumption that the ethyl groups are adjacent to one another.

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Basic Cluster Reactions. 5.¹ Capping Reactions of $RuCo_2(CO)_{11}$

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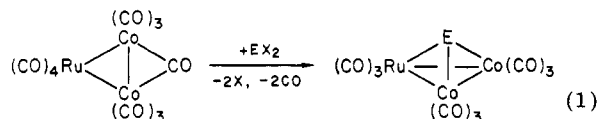
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Summary: The cluster $RuCo_2(CO)_{11}$ reacts under mild conditions with a wide variety of reagents that can act as

precursors of four-electron fragments, leading to capping of the $RuCo_2$ triangle with formation of the μ_3 -bridged compounds $RuCo_2(CO)_9E$ ($E = PR, AsR, S, Se, R_2C_2, Cp(CO)FeC_2R, Cp(CO)W\equiv CR, Ru(CO)_4, Co(CO)_3^-$).

The extension of metal complex chemistry brought about by transition-metal clusters rests on two basic cluster properties: the availability of the metal-metal bonds as reactive sites² and the possibility of substrate binding to more than one metal atom.³ The latter situation is quite common for μ_3 substrate binding, i.e., capping of metal atom triangles.⁴ However capping reactions, i.e., designed attachments of μ_3 ligands to metal triangles, are not common since they normally require the removal of more than one terminal ligand. And only for the unsaturated cluster $H_2Os_3(CO)_{10}$ have several different types of capping reactions been found.^{3,4} We have now observed that the saturated cluster $RuCo_2(CO)_{11}$,⁵ due to the combined lability of its Co- and Ru-CO ligands, is suitable for all kinds of capping.

Each of the reactions involves the attachment of a four-electron μ_3 ligand on top of the $RuCo_2$ triangle with elimination of two CO ligands. If the capping unit E has a main-group element as the μ_3 atom, the corresponding reagent has to be bifunctional and bear an unshared electron pair on E. The reactions are according to eq 1, as performed for PR, AsR, S, and Se capping.



- 1, E = PMe
- 2, E = AsMe
- 3, E = S
- 4, E = Se

In a typical experiment a solution of $AsMeH_2$ (35 mg, 0.38 mmol) in benzene (10 mL) was added dropwise within 20 min to $RuCo_2(CO)_{11}$ (200 mg, 0.38 mmol) in hexane (40 mL) at 0 °C. After filtration and chromatography of the reaction mixture on a silica gel column, $RuCo_2(CO)_9AsMe$ (2, 80 mg, 38%) was obtained as dark brown crystals, mp >250 °C dec; $\delta(^1H, benzene)$ 2.03; $\nu(CO, cyclohexane)$ 2091 (w), 2069 (vw), 2051 (vs), 2042 (vs), 2027 (s), 2012 (w), 1982 (w) cm^{-1} . The clusters 1, 3, and 4 (cf. Table I) whose IR spectra are very similar were obtained accordingly.

Acetylenes are four-electron ligands in themselves. It was not surprising, therefore, that Ph_2C_2 reacted at room temperature with $RuCo_2(CO)_{11}$ to form $RuCo_2(CO)_9(Ph_2C_2)$ (5). However the metal acetylide $Cp(CO)_2FeC_2Ph$ ⁶ and the metal carbyne $Cp(CO)_2W\equiv C(tol)$ ⁷ were incorporated at room temperature as well with formation of 6 and 7. In a characteristic reaction $Cp(CO)_2W\equiv C(tol)$ (200 mg, 0.49 mmol) and $RuCo_2(CO)_{11}$ (200 mg, 0.38 mmol) in hexane (50 mL) were stirred for 1 h, raising the temper-

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