$\delta$  4.70 (2 H, m, 5, 5'), 4.44 (2 H, m, 10, 10'), 4.14 (2 H, t,  $J = \sim 2.5$ Hz, 4, 4'), 4.03 (4 H, m, 8, 8', 9, 9'), 3.95 (2 H, m, 3, 3'), 3.81 (2 H, m, 7, 7'), 3.32 (4 H, dd,  $J = 16-20$  Hz, [1.1] CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.25-2.15  $(6 H, m, trimethylene CH<sub>2</sub>).$ 

**3,3'-Trimethylene[1.1]ferrocenophane (IV).** The same procedure was followed **as** for the preparation of 111. In a typical experiment, 3.26 g (8.4 mmol) of VIII yielded 0.835 g  $(23\%)$ , maximum obtained was 29%) of IV. Recrystallization by vapor diffusion of hexanes into toluene gave gold leaflets: mp 218 "C dec; NMR  $(C_6H_6)$   $\delta$  4.50 (2 H, m, 5, 5'), 4.21 (2 H, m, 10, 10'), 4.13  $(4 H, m, 7, 7', 9, 9')$ ,  $4.04$   $(2 H, m, 8, 8')$ ,  $3.88$   $(2 H, m, 2, 2')$ ,  $3.81$  $(2 H, m, 4, 4)$ , 3.32 (4 H, s, [1.1] CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (6 H, m, trimethylene  $CH<sub>2</sub>$ ).

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# **Reaction of SO, with Transition-Metal Hydrides. Synthesis and**  Structure of  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>( $\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub>)

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The reaction of  $SO_2$  with the unsaturated cluster  $(\mu\text{-H})_2\text{Os}_3(CO)_{10}$  gives the adduct  $(\mu\text{-H})_2\text{Os}_3(CO)_{10}(\mu\text{-}SO_2)$ . Crystals of  $(\mu - H)_2Os_3(CO)_{10}(\mu - SO_2)$  are monoclinic of space group  $P2_1/n$  with lattice parameters at 203 K of  $a = 11.503$  (2)  $\AA$ ,  $b = 12.357$  (2)  $\AA$ ,  $c = 12.090$  (3)  $\AA$ ,  $\beta = 89.51$  (1)<sup>o</sup>, and  $Z = 4$ . The molecule consists of a triangular arrangment of osmium atoms with one nonbridged edge (Os-Os = 2.848 (1) Å), one e bridged by a hydride  $(Os-Os = 3.068(1)$  Å), and the third edge bridged by a hydride and the  $SO<sub>2</sub>$   $(Os-Os$  $= 2.895$  (1) Å). The structure of the  $SO<sub>2</sub>$  complex is closely related to that of the methylene complex  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>( $\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub>).

### **Introduction**

The reduction of  $SO<sub>2</sub>$  with hydrogen-containing compounds over heterogeneous catalysts is used in a number of industrial processes whose importance is certain to increase with increased use of fossil fuels. Although to date there **has** been only limited attention given to the reduction of *SO2* mediated by transition-metal complexes, it is likely that the study of such systems will lead to an enhanced understanding of the mechanistic aspects of SO<sub>2</sub> reduction and may indeed lead to homogeneous catalysts. Transition-metal complexes containing *SO<sub>2</sub>* and hydride ligands would be likely intermediates in the reduction process. Since the first hydrido  $SO_2$  complexes were described by Levison and Robinson in 1972,<sup>1</sup> only two such compounds have been characterized by X-ray crystal structures<sup>2,3</sup> and rather few reactions of metal hydrides with SO<sub>2</sub> have been reported. $4-7$ 

Our recent investigations of the reactions between transition-metal hydride complexes and SO<sub>2</sub> have produced several new systems that show interesting reactivity. The reaction of  $SO_2$  with  $(\mu\text{-H})_2O_{S_3}(CO)_{10}$  was chosen for study because this unsaturated cluster has been shown to form adducts with a considerable number of Lewis bases<sup>8</sup> and **to** transfer hydrogen to unsaturated ligands in certain cases.9 In addition, new bonding modes have been observed for  $SO_2$  in multimetal systems<sup>10</sup> and others are likely to be found. We report here on the initial adduct formed between  $SO_2$  and  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>.

#### **Experimental Section**

All preparations were carried out under a nitrogen or  $SO<sub>2</sub>$ atmosphere. Osmium carbonyl was purchased from Strem Chemicals, Newburyport, MA, and used to prepare  $H_2O_{s_3}(CO)_{10}$ by a published procedure.<sup>11</sup> Infrared spectra were recorded on

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#### Table I. Crystal Data and Collection Methods



a Perkin-Elmer **683** and NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian **EM390** or a Briiker WM300 wide bore spectrometer.

tion ( $\lambda$  = 7093 A)

**Preparation of**  $(\mu-\mathbf{H})_2\mathbf{O}\mathbf{s}_3(\mathbf{CO})_{10}(\mu-\mathbf{SO}_2)$ **.** Solutions of  $\mathbf{H}_2$ - $Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>$  in acetone, chloroform, benzene, toluene, and heptane when stirred under an  $SO_2$  atmosphere react at a rate roughly proportional to the solubility of *SO2* in the solvent. At room temperature in acetone the  $H_2Os_3(CO)_{10}$  had disappeared in about **1** h while more than **48** h were required in heptane. While NMR spectra indicate a 80-90% yield of  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>( $\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub>) in SOz-saturated acetone after **1** h, a pure crystalline product has only been obtained to date by reacting  $H_2Os_3(CO)_{10}$  and  $SO_2$  in heptane/acetone mixtures. In a typical preparation, **247.1** mg of  $H_2O_{33}(CO)_{10}$  (0.290 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 2 mL of acetone (dried by distillation from  $P_2O_5$ ) and 35 mL of heptane. A stream of **SO2** was passed through the purple solution for **5** min, after which the solution was left unstirred under an  $SO_2$  atmosphere. Yellow crystals began to form on the flask wall after **1**  h. Overnight the solution became a clear bright yellow, and a small amount of yellow powdery material was deposited along with the crystals. The crystals were isolated by decanting the solution, washing with **3 X 3** mL of **18:l** heptane/acetone, and **2** mL of heptane, and vacuum drying. The yield was **76.1** mg of  $(\mu-H)_2\text{Os}_3(CO)_{10}(\mu-\text{SO}_2)$  (29%). The solid is soluble in acetone, slightly soluble in chloroform, dichloromethane, benzene, and toluene, and insoluble in heptane and tetrahydrofuran: **IR** (Nujol) v(C0) **2143** (m), **2113** (s), **2080 (s), 2059 (s), 2050 (s), 2037 (s), 2026 (s), 2007** (s), **1991 (s)** cm-l, *v(S0)* **1176 (e.), 1035** *(8)* cm-l;'H NMR (CDCI,, shifts relative to CHCl, at **6 7.24) 6 -14.52** (d), **-19.11** (d,  $J_{H-H}$  = 0.9 Hz). Anal. (Galbraith Laboratories, Inc.) Calcd for c1&&SoS\$ C, **13.10;** H, **0.22,** S, **3.50.** Found: C, **13.23;** H, **0.23;** S, **3.56.** In the solid probe of the mass spectrometer the compound decomposes upon heating to **100-150** "C and peaks are observed corresponding to  $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$  and  $\text{SO}_2$ .

Crystals suitable for a crystal structure determination were grown by dissolving 52.6 mg of  $H_2Os_3(CO)_{10}$  in a mixture of 4:1 heptane/acetone that was saturated with SO<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C. The solution was warmed slowly to room temperature over **3** h. After **2 h** at room temperature the **flask** was placed in the freezer **(-20**  "C) overnight. About **4** mg of crystals were obtained.

Additional Products from the Reaction of  $H_2Os_3(CO)_{10}$ and  $SO_2$ . The complex  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>( $\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub>) is the first product observed by NMR or IR spectroscopy from the reaction of  $H<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>$  and SO<sub>2</sub>, but additional products form at rates dependent on variables such **as** the solvent and *SOz* concentration. The  $\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub> complex is itself unstable in solution, yielding a number of products. Characterization of these additional species is in progress.

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**Figure 1.** ORTEP plot of the  $(\mu-H)_2O_{s_3}(CO)_{10}(\mu-SO_2)$  molecule with thermal ellipsoids scaled to 50% probability.

X-ray Measurements and Refinements. Pertinent information concerning the cell, crystal morphology, and intensity measurements is given in Table I. Two standard reflections, measured after every 50 intensity measurements, showed no sign of crystal degradation. The variance for  $F^2$  was estimated from the formula  $\sigma^2(F^2) = \sigma_c^2(F^2) + \sigma_n^2 X(F^2)^2$  where  $\sigma_c^2(F^2)$  is the variance due to accounting statistics,  $F<sup>2</sup>$  is the squared structure factor averaged over equivalent reflections, and  $\sigma_n^2$  is taken to be **0.015.** 

The function minimized in the least-squares refinements was The function minimized in the least-squares refinements was  $\sum w(F_o - F_o)^2$  where  $w = 4F_o^2/\sigma^2(F^2)$  and  $F_c$  includes a correction for secondary extinction.<sup>15</sup>

The structure was determined by standard Patterson and Fourier methods. Full-matrix least-squares methods were carried out by using the LANL system of crystal structure codes.<sup>16</sup> The position of one of the two hydrogen atoms was determined from Fourier difference maps  $(\rho_0 = 0.8 \text{ e/A}^3)$ ; refinements of the structure giving increased weight to the high angle data followed by difference maps failed to locate the second hydrogen atom. Refinements carried out with anisotropic thermal parameters for all atoms except for the hydrogen atom converged to an unweighted *R* value of **3.6%** and a weighted *R* value of **4.0%.** Final difference Fourier maps contained no peaks for which  $\rho \geq 0.5$  $e/cm^3$ .

Final atom positions and selected distances and angles are listed in Tables I1 and 111, respectively.

#### **Results**

Purple solutions of  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub> in various organic solvents turn yellow upon exposure to excess  $SO_2$  at a rate roughly proportional to the solubility of  $SO_2$  in the solvent. The first product that has been detected by IR or NMR spectroscopy has been isolated and found to have the composition  $H_2Os_3(CO)_{10}(SO_2)$ . The <sup>1</sup>H NMR data ( $\delta$  $-14.52$  (d),  $-19.11$  (d,  $J_{H-H} = 0.9$  Hz)) suggest the presence **of** two bridging hydrides since all previously reported **1:l**  adducts of  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub> with simple Lewis bases contain one terminal hydride at  $\delta$  -9 to -11 and one bridging hydride at  $\delta$  -15 to -21.<sup>8</sup> However, the reaction of ethylene with  $(\mu-H)_{2}Os_{3}(CO)_{9}L$  (L = PPh<sub>3</sub> or PPh<sub>2</sub>Et) appears to yield ethylene adducts with one terminal hydride (6 **-14.31**  and  $-14.20$ , respectively) and one bridging hydride ( $\delta$ **-20.33** and **-19.89)** where the terminal hydride resonance is in the "bridging" region.<sup>17</sup> To better define the nature of the bonding in the adduct, a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study was undertaken.

The molecular structure of  $(\mu-H)_{2}Os_{3}(CO)_{10}(\mu-SO_{2})$  is shown in Figure **1.** The crystal contains discrete molecules

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of  $(\mu-H)_2\text{Os}_3(CO)_{10}(\mu\text{-SO}_2)$  separated by normal van der **Waals distances. The structure of**  $(\mu-H)_2Os_3(CO)_{10}(\mu-SO_2)$ is closely analogous to that determined for  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>- $(CO)_{10}(\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>18</sup> allowing for replacement of the bridging methylene by the larger bridging  $SO_2$ . A triangular arrangement of osmium atoms forms the framework of the molecule, and each osmium atom has a distorted octahedral coordination geometry if direct **Os(l)-Os(3)** and **Os- (2)-0s(3)** bonds are not included. The edges of this triangle have either no bridging ligands **[Os(l)-Os(2)],** a bridging hydride **[Os(l)-Os(3)],** or a bridging hydride and **SO2 [Os(2)-Os(3)].** Only the hydride bridging **Os(1)** and **Os(3)** was located and refined. It appears to bridge in an unsymmetrical manner  $[Os(1)-H = 1.83 (8)$  Å and  $Os(3)-H$ 

= **1.58 (8) A]** although the difference in bond lengths is just over **2a, 0.25 (11).** The corresponding bridging hydride in  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>( $\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub>) is unsymmetrical in the same fashion with the shorter **Os-H** distance to the osmium atom coordinated to four carbonyl ligands. The osmiumbridging hydride distances are consistent with the more precise values obtained by neutron diffraction studies of other triosmium clusters, 1.845 (3) Å (av) in  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>- $(CO)_{10}$ <sup>19</sup> 1.754 (8) and 1.883 (9) Å and 1.834 (11) and 1.808  $(10)$  Å in  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>( $\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub>),<sup>18</sup> and 1.813 (4) and 1.887 (4) Å in  $(\mu$ -H) $\overline{\mathrm{Os}}_3(\mathrm{CO})_{10}(\sigma,\pi\text{-CH}=\mathrm{CH}_2).^{20}$ . The somewhat smaller average Os-H distance of 1.71 Å for  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>- $(CO)_{10}(\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub>) may reflect the tendency of M-H distances

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**Figure 2.** Comparison of the structures of  $(\mu - H)_2Os_3(CO)_{10}(\mu - L)$  $(L = SO_2, left; L = CH_2, right)$  in the plane containing the doubly bridged **Os atoms** and the bridging S or C atom **(angles** in **degrees).**  Open circles are oxygen atoms, and filled circles are carbons.

**as** determined by X-ray diffraction to be smaller than those determined by neutron diffraction.<sup>21</sup> The monobridged Os-Os distance is 0.220 (1) **A** longer than the nonbridged distance. This compares with a 0.198 (3)-A difference in the corresponding Os-Os bonds of  $(\mu$ -H $)_{2}$ Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>( $\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub>). Such variations in M-M distances have been described in the literature for other hydrido-trimetal clusters.<sup>22,23</sup> The hydride lies 0.48 **A** "below" the *Os3* plane on the same side of the triangle as the  $SO<sub>2</sub>$  ligand. The carbonyls trans to the hydride  $[C(1)-O(1)$  and  $C(8)-O(10)]$  are correspondingly "above" the *Os3* plane (0.39 and 0.25 **A** for C(1) and  $C(8)$ , respectively).

The arrangement of the carbonyl ligands about  $Os(2)$ and Os(3) is typical of triosmium clusters with a  $(CO)_3Os(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-X})Os(CO)_3$  bridge.<sup>24</sup> Thus the approximate position of the hydride bridging  $Os(2)$  and  $Os(3)$  is trans to both  $C(5)$  and  $C(9)$ . Comparing the carbonyl geometry around  $Os(2)$  and  $Os(3)$  with the corresponding positions in  $(\mu-H)_{2}Os_{3}(CO)_{10}(\mu-CH_{2})$  shows that substituting  $SO<sub>2</sub>$  for methylene "rotates" the carbonyls that are roughly in the Os(2)-S-Os(3) plane away from the larger S atom and toward the bridging hydride (Figure 2). The variation of **Os-CO** distances is very similar to that found in the  $\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub> complex.

The  $Os(2)-S-Os(3)$  bridge makes an angle of  $105.9^{\circ}$  with the *Os3* plane and is symmetrical within experimental error  $[Os(2)-S = 2.360 (2) \text{ Å}; Os(3)-S = 2.358 (2) \text{ Å}.$  These Os-S distances are 0.04-0.06 **A** smaller than those found for the  $Os(\mu-H)(\mu-S)Os$  bridges in  $(\mu-H)Os_3(CO)_{10}(\mu-SEt)$ of 2.40 (1)  $\rm \AA$ ,<sup>25</sup> in  $(\mu$ -H)Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>9</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)( $\mu$ -SMe) of 2.402 (7)  $\AA$ <sup>26</sup> and in  $[(\mu - H)Os_3(CO)_{10}]_2(\mu - SCH_2S-\mu)$  of 2.421 (5) cor and 2.412 (6) Å.<sup>27</sup> This presumably reflects the smaller covalent radius of the relatively electron-deficient sulfur atom in  $SO_2$  compared with the sulfur atoms of the EtS<sup>-</sup>, MeS<sup>-</sup>, and  $\rm \tilde{C}H_2S_2^{2-}$  ligands. A similar decrease in metalbridging sulfur distance of about 0.06 **A** was observed by Balch and co-workers upon oxidation of the bridging sulfide in  $Pd_2(dpm)_2Cl_2(\mu-S)$  to give a bridging  $SO_2$  in  $Pd_2(dpm)_2Cl_2(\mu-SO_2)$  [dpm = bis(diphenylphosphino)methane].28

The *S-0* bond lengths [1.468 (6) and 1.474 (6) **A]** are equal within experimental error and are typical of  $\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub> ligands.<sup>29</sup> The  $SO_2$  plane makes an angle of  $92.8^\circ$  with the *Os3* plane and 88.6' with the Os(2)-S-Os(3) plane. The structural data suggest some steric interaction between  $O(8)$  and the carbonyl  $C(2)-O(2)$ . The  $C(2)-O(8)$  distance of 2.681 (11) **A** is somewhat less than the sum of the van der **Waals** radii of about 3.0 **A.** The Os(l)-C(2)-0(2) angle of  $169.3$   $(8)^\circ$  is well outside the range of the remaining Os-C-0 angles of 175-178'. Also there is significant asymmetry in the Os-S-0 angles that could be explained by a repulsion between  $O(8)$  and  $C(2)-O(2)$  that distorts the coordination geometry about the sulfur atom: *LOS-*   $(2)$ -S-O(8) = 121.4 (3)<sup>o</sup> and  $\angle$ Os(3)-S-O(8) = 117.7 (3)<sup>o</sup> **vs.**  $\angle$ Os(2)-S-O(9) = 112.3 (3)<sup>°</sup> and  $\angle$ Os(2)-S-O(9) = 112.4  $(3)$ °.

## **Discussion**

The complex  $(\mu-H)_{2}Os_{3}(CO)_{10}(\mu-SO_{2})$  provides the first example of simple adduct formation between  $(\mu-H)_{2}Os_{3}$ - $(CO)_{10}$  and a two-electron donor ligand that does not yield the usual product containing bridging and terminal hydrides, with the donor ligand bound in an axial or equatorial position. The structurally similar cluster *(p-* $H_2Os_3(CO)_{10}(\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub>) does not result from simple adduct formation but from the reaction of  $(\mu-H)_2\text{Os}_3(CO)_{10}$  and diazomethane that gives  $(\mu$ -H) $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}(\mu$ -CH<sub>3</sub>) as the first observed product.<sup>30</sup> Some of the factors that enter into the preference of the  $SO_2$  adduct for a  $(\mu-H)_2(\mu-SO_2)$ configuration can be suggested. The SO<sub>2</sub> bridge can accommodate a considerable range of M-M distances from 2.6 to 3.9 Å  $(M-M)$  single to no bond)<sup>29</sup> and thus can probably bridge the Os-Os bond more readily than the other donor ligands that have been used to form simple adducts with  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>, e.g., CO, CNR, NCR, pyridines, PR<sub>3</sub>, P(OR)<sub>3</sub>, AsR<sub>3</sub>, SbR<sub>3</sub>, and X<sup>-</sup>. (The halide anions are excellent bridging ligands but act as fourelectron donors in that situation.) Also, a qualitative MO picture of the bonding in  $(\mu-H)_2\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}(\mu\text{-CH}_2)$  that includes a four-center, six-electron  $\mathrm{Os}_2(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-C})$  bond<sup>18</sup> can be used for the  $\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub> complex. In this simple model donation of electron density into the  $\pi^*$  LUMO of  $SO_2$  does not occur through the filled  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$ , and  $d_{yz}$  orbitals that participate in back-bonding to the CO ligand. Thus, the competition between the CO ligands and  $SO_2$  for  $\pi$ -electron density would be reduced relative to the case of the isomeric complex where the SO<sub>2</sub> ligand would be coordinated in the  $\eta^1$ -planar or  $\eta^2$ -bonding modes to a single Os(CO)<sub>3</sub> group.

The determination of the structures of  $(\mu-H)_{2}Os_{3}$ - $(CO)_{10}(\mu\text{-L})$  (L = CH<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>) allows only the second direct comparison of the effects of substituting a bridging  $SO_2$ for a bridging methylene. Herrmann and co-workers noted the close similarities in the structures in the series *(p-* $L\left[\eta^5 - C_5H_5\right)Rh(CO)\right]_2$  (L = CH<sub>2</sub>, CO, SO<sub>2</sub>,)<sup>31</sup> As in the Rh complexes, the osmium clusters show only small differences that can be largely attributed to the greater size of the  $\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub> ligand relative to bridging methylene. This is perhaps not surprising, since the MO picture of  $SO_2$ bonding in the  $\eta^1$ -planar and bridging forms is very similar to that of terminal and bridging carbenes. $^{29,32}$ 

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR data suggest that  $(\mu$ -H)<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>( $\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub>) retains the observed solid-state molecular structure in solution. However, the  $\mu$ -SO<sub>2</sub> complex reacts over a period

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# *Communications*

**Alkyne Insertion Reactions in Nickel Acyl Complexes. Occurrence of a 1,2-Trlmethylphosphine**  NifC(Ph)=C(H)(COCH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)]Cl(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and  $N[(C(Ph)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)C(H)(COCH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>2</sub>Ph)]CI(PMe<sub>3</sub>)$ 

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 $Ni[{\rm C(Ph)}$   $\!\! =$   $\!\! {\rm C(H)}$ (COR)] CI(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> complexes (R = CH<sub>3</sub> **(1a), CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub> (1b), CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub> (1c), and CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>2</sub>Ph <b>(1d)**) by insertion of PhC=CH into the Ni-COR bond of the corresponding NiCI(COR)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> derivatives is reported. Complex 1d reversibly rearranges in solution to yield the

nickelacyclopropane complex Ni[C(Ph)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)C(H)-(COCH,CMe,Ph)] CI(PMe,), **2,** which contains a novel **ke**toylidic ligand. The X-ray structures of **lb** and **2** are also reported.

The insertion of unsaturated hydrocarbons into transition metal-carbon bonds is at present the subject of much academic and industrial research.<sup>2</sup> Recent elegant studies by Bergman et **al.3** have shown that the insertion **of alkynes**  into the Ni–C bond of Ni(acac) $CH_3(PPh_3)$  takes place by a concerted cis addition process, with a reversible 1,3 dissociative shift of PPh<sub>3</sub> being suggested for the formation of **trans** addition products. In **this** paper we wish to communicate the facile formation of vinyl ketone complexes  $\overline{Ni[C(Ph)=C(H)(COR)]C1(PMe_3)}$   $(R = CH_3$  (1a),

 $CH_2SiMe_3$  (1b),  $CH_2CMe_3$  (1c),  $CH_2CMe_2Ph$  (1d)) (in

which the Ni center attains five-coordination by virtue **of**  a strong interaction with the oxygen atom) by insertion of  $PhC=CH$  into the Ni-COR bond of the corresponding  $trans-Ni(COR)Cl(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> complexes.<sup>4,5</sup>$  In addition, with the reversible conversion of 1d into the reversible conversion

 $Ni[ C(Ph)(PMe<sub>3</sub>) C(H) ( COCH<sub>2</sub> CMePh)] Cl(PMe<sub>3</sub>), 2,$ which contains a novel ketoylidic ligand, we demonstrate that the 1,2 reversible shifts of phosphine ligands (see Scheme I) operate in systems related to those investigated by Bergman3 The X-ray crystal structures of **lb** and **2**  are also reported. Ni[C(Ph)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)C(H)(COCH<sub>2</sub>CMePh)]Cl(P<br>which contains a novel ketoylidic ligand, we der<br>that the 1,2 reversible shifts of phosphine lig<br>Scheme I) operate in systems related to those in<br>by Bergman.<sup>3</sup> The X-ray crystal st

The above acyls undergo a smooth reaction<sup>6</sup> with PhC $=$ CH to afford moderate yields (ca. 40-50%) of the vinyl complexes **la-d.** 

trans-NiCl(COR)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 
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\xrightarrow{\text{PhC}=\text{CH}}
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\ntrans-(Z)-NiCl(C(Ph)=CH(COR)[PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>  
\n**1a**, R = CH<sub>3</sub>  
\n**1b**, R = CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>  
\n**1c**, R = CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>  
\n**1d**, R = CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>2</sub>Ph

The reactions are highly regio- and stereoselectives and seem to yield only the trans **Z** derivatives as indicated above. The new compounds are red crystalline solids that are moderately stable to **air** and soluble in common organic solvents. Spectroscopic data<sup>7</sup> are in accord with the proposed formulations. It is noteworthy to point out that the IR spectra of complexes 1 show  $\nu$ (C-O) at ca. 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ca **40-50** cm-' lower than in the parent acyls), suggesting that a change in the coordination mode of the acyl group

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**<sup>(6)</sup> To a stirred solution of NiCl(COCH<sub>2</sub>R)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mmol) in a 2:1** Et<sub>2</sub>O-acetone mixture (25 mL), was added an excess of PhC=CH (ca. 0.2 mL) via syringe. After the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, the volatiles were removed in vacuo and the residue was ex-<br>tracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL). The resulting solution was centrifuged and<br>the volume partially reduced until incipient crystallization. Cooling at **-30** OC afforded the complexes **la-c** (see ref **11** for **Id) as** red crystals, which were washed with petroleum ether and dried in vacuo; yield ca. **50%.** 

<sup>(7)</sup> For example, for 1b: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, C<sub>e</sub>D<sub>e</sub>)  $\delta$  0.33 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.00 (pt, J<sub>PH(spp)</sub> = 4 Hz, 18 H, PMe<sub>5</sub>), 2.32 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 6.76 (t,  $4J_{\rm P}$ H = 5.2 Hz, 1 H, C(Ph)=CH), 7.24 (m, 3 H,