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A Model for Thiophene Chemisorption: A Stabilized, η^{1} ,S-Thiophene Complex and Its Relationship to η^{5} -Coordination

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Summary: The unstable species $[(C_5H_5)Ru(PPh_3)_2(\eta^1,S C_{4}H_{4}S)$ ⁺ has been observed in solution and shown to convert to $[Ru(C_5H_5)(\eta^5-C_4H_4S)]^+$. An η^1 ,S-thiophene complex has been stabilized in the form $[(C_5H_4CH_2C_4H_3S)Ru(PPh_3)_2]X$ (2). An X-ray structural study of 2 ($X = BPh_4$) confirms the structure and shows that the sulfur is pyramidal. Displacement reactions of 2 have been studied.

Although $\pi(\eta^5)$ -complexation of thiophenes has been recognized for many years,¹ it is only recently that η^1 ,Scoordination has been demonstrated for a dibenzothiophene derivative.² This report describes the characterization of a simple η^1 ,S-thiophene complex, its stabilization by chelation, and evidence that this type of complex is a precursor to η^5 -thiophene coordination. We suggest that the dynamics of thiophene coordination are relevant to the chemisorption of thiophene on metal surfaces.^{3,4}

Treatment of CD₂Cl₂ solutions of (C₅H₅)Ru(PPh₃)₂Cl with $AgBF_4$ in the presence of thiophene gives a yellow, thermally unstable compound assigned as [(C5H5)Ru- $(PPh_3)_2(C_4H_4S)]BF_4$ (1). The ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra show that 1 is a cyclopentadienyl complex (δ_{Cp} 4.52) which contains equivalent phosphine ligands (δ_P 38.7). Compound 1 could not be obtained in pure form, and the microanalytical data were generally low in carbon and high in sulfur. Both compound 1 and the recently reported $[(C_5H_5)Fe(CO)_2(C_4H_4S)]BF_4$ are proposed to contain S-bound thiophene ligands.⁵ Upon standing in solution 1 steadily decomposed to give a new complex whose ¹H NMR spectrum was characterized by a Cp singlet (δ 5.40) and a pair of multipets (6.32, 6.16 ppm) in a 5:4 ratio

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(Figure 1). This new complex has been identified as $[(C_5H_5)Ru(\eta^5-C_4H_4S)]BF_4 (eq 1).^6$

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$$(C_{5}H_{5})Ru(PPh_{3})_{2}Cl \xrightarrow{AgBF_{4}} [(C_{5}H_{5})Ru(PPh_{3})_{2}(\eta^{1}, S-C_{4}H_{4}S)]^{+} \rightarrow [(C_{5}H_{5})Ru(\eta^{5}-C_{4}H_{4}S)]^{+} (1)$$

In order to stabilize the η^1 ,S-thiophene adduct, we turned to chelation (Scheme I). 2-(Thienylmethyl)cyclopentadiene, ThCH₂C₅H₅ (obtained from sodium cyclopentadienide and 2-(chloromethyl)thiophene⁷), was reacted with $RuCl_3(H_2O)_x$ and PPh_3 in refluxing ethanol giving an 80% yield of $(ThCH_2C_5H_4)Ru(PPh_3)_2Cl.^8$ The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of this neutral species indicated that the thiophene was not coordinated.⁹ Treatment of CH₂Cl₂ solutions of the chloro complex with AgBF₄ gave $[(ThCH_2C_5H_4)Ru(PPh_3)_2]BF_4$, 2, which was isolated as analytically pure yellow crystals.¹⁰ The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of solutions of 2 indicated that the thiophene subunit was coordinated to the metal as evidenced by the shifts of the $ThCH_2C_5H_4$ resonances.

Compound 2 was characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction (Figure 2).¹¹ The parameters associated with the $(C_5H_4R)Ru(PPh_3)_2$ portion of the molecule are similar to other examples of this type.^{8,12} The Ru-S distance of 2.408 (1) Å is only slightly longer than that found in the mercaptan complex $[(C_5H_5)Ru(PPh_3)_2(HSC_3H_7)]BF_4$ (2.377 (2) Å).¹² There are two features of this structure that merit special comment. First, the sulfur atom is clearly pyramidal as indicated by the angle defined by the Ru-S vector and the vector from S to the C(8), C(9) bisector. This bending angle of 126° compares favorably with the two independent angles of 130.1 and 132° found in the dibenzothiophene (DBT) complex $RuCl_2(p$ $tol_2PDBT)_2$.² Although 2 contains nonequivalent phos-

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(10) Anal. Calcd for $C_{46}H_{39}RuP_2SBF_4$: C, 63.23; H, 4.46; P, 7.10; S, 3.66. Found: C, 62.59; H, 4.48; P, 7.95; S, 3.76. FABS-MS: m/z 787. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 7.0 (m, 33 H); 4.8, 3.5 (m, 4 H); 3.2 ppm (s, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): 135 (t), 133, 130, 128 (C₆H₅); 134, 130, 123 (C₄H₃S); 109.5, 82.6, 80.9 (C₅H₄); 25.6 ppm (CH₂). ³¹P NMR (CH₂Cl₂/C₆D₆): 40.6 ppm. (11) Crystal data for [Ru(ThCH₂C₅H₄)(PPh₃)₂]BPh₄: cell dimensions,

a = 14.846 (4) Å, b = 17.692 (5) Å, c = 11.218 (3) Å, $\alpha = 104.02$ (2)°, β = 103.34 (2)°, γ = 82.24 (2)°, V = 2772 (1) Å, space group $P\overline{1}$, Z = 2; d_{calcd} = 1.323, d_{obsd} = 1.319 g/cm³; μ = 4.11 cm⁻¹. Intensity data on a single crystal of **2** sealed in a glass capillary were collected on a Syntex P2₁ automated four-circle diffractometer using the $2\theta/\theta$ scan technique and employing Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.7107$ Å). Lorentz-polarization and absorption corrections were applied to the data. The solution of the structure was obtained by conventional direct methods and Fourier techniques. Least-squares refinement (6052 unique reflections, $F > 2.58 \sigma |F|$) with anisotropic thermal parameters for the ThCH₂C₅H₄RuP₂ non-hydrogen atoms converged with a final R value of 5.26; $R_w = 6.26$. Hydrogen atoms were input at calculated positions (C-H = 0.95 Å) and were included in the structure factor calculations but were not refined. At this stage of refinement, disorder (resulting from a twist in the phenyl rings) of the carbon atoms in the BPh_4^- anion and the phenyl groups attached to P_1 was observed. The difference Fourier map revealed no peaks greater than 0.9 e Å⁻³. Refinement was discontinued at this point. The $\overline{C-C}$ distance was 1.381 (21) and 1.382 (28) Å for the PPh₃ and BPh₄ carbon atoms, respectively, with the average angles being 120 (1) and 120 (3)° in the phosphine ligands and the anion, respectively. The structure

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Figure 2. Two views of the cation in [(ThCH₂C₅H₄)Ru-(PPh₃)₂]BPh₄ with hydrogen atoms and phenyl groups omitted for clarity. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) are $\begin{aligned} &\text{Ru-S} = 2.408 \text{ (1), } \text{Ru-P} = 2.358 \text{ (1), } \text{Ru-P}_2 = 2.353 \text{ (1), } \text{Ru-C}_5\text{H}_4 \\ &\text{centroid} = 1.855 \text{ (1), } \text{P}_1\text{-}\text{Ru-P}_2 = 99.92 \text{ (5), } \text{S-}\text{Ru-P}_1 = 91.03 \text{ (5), } \end{aligned}$ $S-Ru-P_2 = 101.03$ (5), and $Ru-S-[C_4H_4S \text{ plane}] = 126^\circ$.

phorus ligands in the solid state, the low-temperature (-80 °C) ³¹P NMR (101-MHz) spectrum showed only one resonance. Assuming the solid-state structure is retained in solution, either inversion about the coordinated sulfur atom¹³ or rapid reversible dissociation of the pendant thiophene ligand can explain the ³¹P NMR result. This issue is the subject of further studies employing other complexes of chelated thiophenes. Changes in the aromaticity of thiophene upon complexation is relevant to the activation of this heterocycle by metallic desulfurization catalysts.¹⁴ The *degree* of alternation in the C–C distances in 2 (C(7)-C(8) = 1.344 (8), C(8)-C(9) = 1.409 (8), and C(9)-C(10) = 1.339 (8) Å) is similar to that in thiophene itself¹⁵ (C_{α} - C_{β} = 1.3696 (17) and C_{β} - C_{β} 1 = 1.4232 (23) Å). For comparison the C-C distances are nearly equivalent in pyrrole, but a more noticeable deviation is observed in cyclopentadiene and benzylphosphole.¹⁶ The C-S distances in 2 are only very slightly elongated in comparison with those determined for thiophene in the gas phase.¹⁵ The C(7)-S-C(10) angle of 91.1 (3)° is within 1° of the corresponding angle in thiophene itself.

Complex 2 represents a stabilized version of $1.^{17}$ Although 2 is an easily handled, thermally stable compound, the chelate effect does not appear to be great as the sulfur donor is easily displaced by carbon monoxide and acetonitrile as shown by ¹H NMR studies. Thus the salient aspect of 2 is that the methylene bridge prevents the formation of a η^5 -complex. As shown by the structural study, the pyramidal nature of the S-bound thiophene ligand lends itself to the $\eta^1 \rightarrow \eta^5$ changeover which is related to the dynamics of the η^1 -C₅H₅ ligand.¹⁸ The facility

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A New Cyclopalladation Reaction Involving Facile Chelated Transmetalation: Selective Cleavage of C-Sn and C-SI Bonds of Stannyl and Silyl Ketoximes

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Summary: A new cyclopalladation involving a facile chelated transmetalation with the stannyl ketoximes 1-4 was found to form the five- and six-membered ring oxime complexes of palladium 5-8 in high yields. The silyl ketoxime 18 can react in a similar manner to give the complex of palladium 19 at higher temperature for longer reaction time than that of the stannyl derivatives.

Cyclopalladation has been well documented as a significant reaction in organometallic chemistry and has recently been examined from the view point of C–H bond activation of both aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbons.¹ Although several cyclopalladation reactions have been reported in which a carbon-hydrogen bond on *alkyl* moiety is cleaved, the reactions are limited to substrates involving intramolecular coordinating compounds with sterically hindered alkyl groups or benzylic ones.² In this context, transmetalation by empolying organostannyl or organosilyl functions as a selective electrophilic group may provide a new strategy for formation of a metal-carbon σ -bond in



cyclic systems.³ We report here a new cyclopalladation reaction involving a chelated transmetalation with stannyl or silyl ketoximes.

Reaction of the (E)- β -tributylstannyl ketoxime 1⁴ with dichlorobis(benzonitrile)palladium (1 equiv) in dichloromethane at 0 °C for 30 min yielded 78% of the cyclopalladation product 5. Similarly, the stannyl ketoxime acetate 2 readily gave the corresponding complex 6. Interestingly, the six-membered ring complexes 7 and 8 were also obtained from the (E)- γ -tributylstannyl ketoxime derivatives (Table I).⁵



It is quite noteworthy that the transmetalation of the stannyl group by the palladium species takes place under such an extremely mild condition for short reaction time and that the C-Sn bond on the side chain of the oxime is cleaved exclusively and not Me or Bu groups. In contrast

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