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facile scrambling of the CO₂ and CO oxygen atoms in Li[Fp(CO₂)],¹¹ the appearance of C¹⁸O in [Fp₂] supports the intermediacy of Li[Fp(CO¹⁸O)]. This is most reasonably formed by oxide transfer from Li₂[W(CO)₅(C¹⁸O₂)], and alternative interpretations involving CO₂ transfer were ruled out by the results of the ¹³C experiment, which gave [Fp₂] which was 99% unlabeled.

The [W(CO)₆] samples formed in the ¹⁸O and ¹³C labeling experiments were determined to be 61% and 68% mono-labeled, respectively, while a further 3% of the material from each experiment contained two labels,¹⁶ suggesting that ca. 30% of the observed [W(CO)₆] had not been formed from Li₂[W(CO)₅(CO₂)], but was a byproduct of the sequence used to prepare Li₂[W(CO)₅(CO₂)]. This further implies that the yield of [W(CO)₆] from the reaction with [Fp(CO)]BF₄ was ca. 30% less than the spectroscopic yield, bringing the yield into reasonable agreement with the stoichiometry predicted for the formation of [Fp₂] according to eq 1 and 2 after allowing for the persistence of some Li[Fp(CO₂)].

We conclude that the reaction of Li₂[W(CO)₅(CO₂)] with [Fp(CO)]BF₄ to give [Fp₂] probably involves initial oxide ion transfer, and this suggests that oxide ion transfer to electrophilic substrates may indeed be a characteristic reaction of carbon dioxide when activated by coordination to an anionic transition-metal complex.

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(16) The presence of a small quantity of *bis*-labeled complex is indicative of some scrambling within the labeled Li₂[W(CO)₅(CO₂)].²

Synthesis and Reactions of the First Heterodinuclear Methoxycarbyne Complex (η⁵-C₅H₅)(CO)Fe-(μ-COCH₃)(μ-CO)Mn(CO)(η⁵-CH₃C₅H₅)

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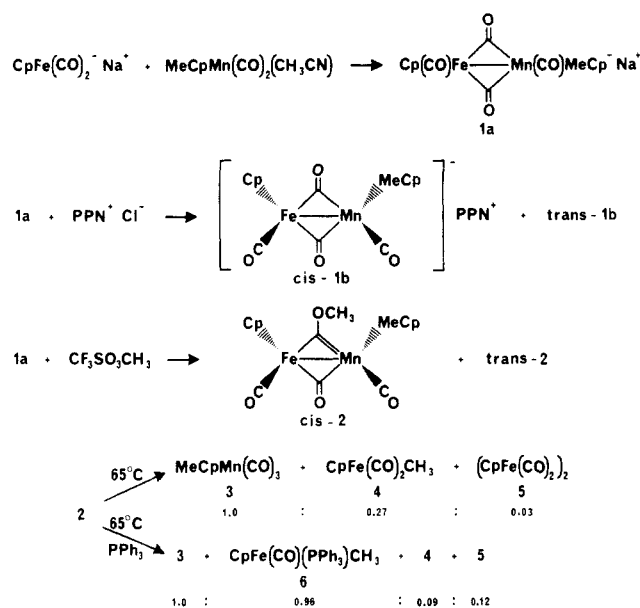
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Summary: Alkylation of the new anion Cp(CO)Fe(μ-CO)₂Mn(CO)MeCp⁻ (1) with methyl triflate gives the novel heterodinuclear methoxycarbyne complex Cp(CO)Fe(μ-COMe)(μ-CO)Mn(CO)MeCp (2). Thermal decomposition

of 2 in the presence of triphenylphosphine gives MeCpMn(CO)₃ and CpFe(CO)(PPh₃)CH₃. Kinetic and isotopic labeling studies of this methyl migration are described.

Recent work on the Fischer-Tropsch reaction¹ has led to wide acceptance² of a carbon-carbon bond-forming mechanism involving surface-bound methylene polymerization. The key proposed intermediate might most simply be modeled by a dinuclear η¹-alkyl, μ-methylene complex. While many dinuclear μ-methylene compounds are known,³ only a single type of system is known that also contains an additional η¹-alkyl group.^{4,5} A stepwise approach to the synthesis of such compounds might reasonably involve alkylation of a dinuclear anion. We report here the synthesis of a new heterodinuclear anion, its alkylation to give not an alkyl complex but rather a novel heterodinuclear methoxycarbyne complex, and its decomposition to give a mononuclear alkyl complex. This final

Scheme I



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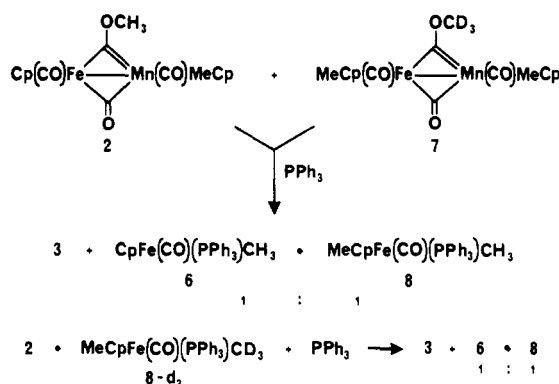
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step, in which an unprecedented oxygen to metal methyl migration occurs, suggests the possibility that the observed methoxycarbonyl moiety and the desired η^1 -alkyl, μ -carbonyl moiety could lie on the same reaction coordinate.

Refluxing a 1:1 mixture of $\text{MeCpMn(CO)}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})$ ($\text{MeCp} = \eta^5\text{-CH}_3\text{C}_5\text{H}_4$) and $\text{CpFe(CO)}_2\text{-Na}^+$ ($\text{Cp} = \eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$) in THF overnight gave in 87% yield a red solid identified as the sodium salt of the dinuclear anion $\text{Cp(CO)Fe}(\mu\text{-CO})_2\text{Mn(CO)MeCp}^-$ (**1a**)⁶ (Scheme I). Metathesis with PPN^+Cl^- ($\text{PPN}^+ = \text{bis(triphenylphosphine)nitrogen(1+)}$) gave the PPN^+ salt **1b**⁶ as a dark purple solid in 76% yield. The anion is isoelectronic with the well-known iron dimer $[\text{CpFe(CO)}_2]_2$, and spectroscopically it appears to be isostructural as well,⁷ both with respect to carbonyl geometry and the presence of cis and trans isomers. Heating **1b** in the NMR probe to 320 K resulted in coalescence of the two MeCp signals, consistent with rapid cis-trans isomerization; line-shape analysis⁸ gave $\Delta G^\ddagger(320 \text{ K}) = 16.2 \pm 0.8 \text{ kcal/mol}$. By contrast, the barrier to cis-trans isomerization in $[\text{CpFe(CO)}_2]_2$ is only 10.4 kcal/mol at 220 K.^{7a}

Alkylation of **1a** was accompanied by rapid addition of 1.1 equiv of $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{CH}_3$ to a THF solution of **1a** at room temperature. Solvent removal and crystallization from pentane/ether gave a 60% yield of a red-purple solid that was identified as the dinuclear carbyne complex **2**⁶ formed by apparent O-alkylation rather than as the anticipated η^1 -alkyl complex that would have been formed by M-alkylation (Scheme I). To the best of our knowledge, **2** is the first example of a neutral heterodinuclear methoxycarbonyl complex. The most closely related compound is Cutler's dinuclear cation $[\text{CpFe}]_2(\mu\text{-COCH}_3)(\mu\text{-CO})(\mu\text{-Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)^+$,^{9a} a set of neutral homopolynuclear iron, ruthenium, and osmium clusters which contain an edge-bridging methoxycarbonyl ligand is also known.^{9a-d,f} The key spectroscopic data in support of the carbyne formulation are the appearance of the new methyl signal in the ^1H NMR at δ 5.02 (acetone- d_6), confirmed by the use of $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{CD}_3$ for the alkylation, and of the carbyne carbon signal in the ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6) at 390.7 ppm and the new methyl signal at 73.2 ppm. The methyl signal in both spectra is clearly characteristic of a methoxy group, while the downfield carbyne signal is characteristic of those in tolyldiene complexes¹⁰ as well as in the related methoxycarbonyl clusters mentioned above, in which the carbyne carbon was observed at 352–382 ppm.^{9a-d,f} The proposed arrangement of carbonyl ligands is based on the infrared

Scheme II



spectrum, which shows one bridging and two terminal carbonyl bands, while the double bond between the carbyne carbon and manganese is proposed based solely on the effective atomic number rule.

The characterization of **2** was complicated by the fact that it, like **1b**, apparently exists as a mixture of cis and trans isomers. At ambient temperature, isomer ratios of 100:0, 74:26, and 64:36 were observed in acetone, methylene chloride, and benzene solution, respectively, as judged by ^1H NMR. These results are in accord with the more abundant isomer being the cis isomer, since like $[\text{CpFe(CO)}_2]_2$ it would be expected to have a larger dipole moment and therefore be present in larger proportions in solvents of higher dielectric constant.⁷ Typical coalescence behavior was observed upon heating a sample of **2** in benzene in the NMR; the activation barrier to cis-trans¹¹ isomerization at 320 K was determined⁸ to be roughly $16.8 \pm 1.8 \text{ kcal/mol}$, which is curiously similar to the barrier found for **1b**.

Heating a benzene solution of **2** to 65 °C resulted in slow decomposition (130 h) to MeCpMn(CO)_3 (**3**), $\text{CpFe(CO)}_2\text{CH}_3$ (**4**), and $[\text{CpFe(CO)}_2]_2$ (**5**). A somewhat cleaner decomposition was observed in the presence of 1.2 equiv of triphenylphosphine, giving $\text{CpFe(CO)(PPh}_3\text{)CH}_3$ (**6**) as the principal methyl complex (Scheme I).¹² Due to the novelty of this apparent methyl migration, this reaction was examined in some detail.

First-order decomposition of **2** was observed both thermally and in the presence of a fivefold excess of triphenylphosphine. The dependence of the rate on phosphine concentration revealed the presence of two decomposition pathways, one a phosphine-independent pathway with the same rate constant as that of simple thermal decomposition, and the other a first-order phosphine-dependent pathway. A crossover experiment (Scheme II) involving the decomposition of a mixture of **2** and doubly labeled **7** was carried out next, at a phosphine concentration (0.1 M) that would allow most of the reaction to proceed via the phosphine-independent kinetic pathway. After 3 h at 65 °C, a 1:1 mixture of **6** and **8** was observed by ^1H NMR, indicating that complete intermolecular exchange or migration of the methyl group had occurred. A control experiment in which a mixture of products **6** and **8- d_3** was heated for 9 h at 65 °C showed only a small amount of methyl exchange. A reasonable mechanism for this process would involve slow (rate-determining) dissociation of phosphine to give CpFe(CO)CH_3 (**9**), which,

(6) Data for new compounds. **1a**: IR (THF) 1909 (s), 1850 (s), 1723 (m), 1648 (s) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CD_3CN) δ 4.38 (s, 5 H), 4.10 (br s, 4 H), MeCp obscured by solvent. **1b**: IR (CH_2Cl_2) 1899 (s), 1832 (m), 1671 (s) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2) δ 4.38 (s, 5 H), 4.15–4.00 (br m, 4 H), 1.98, 1.84 (br s, 1:1, 3 H). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4\text{P}_2\text{FeMn}$: C, 67.64; H, 4.67; N, 1.55. Found: C, 67.41; H, 4.61; N, 1.55. **2**: IR (THF) 1954 (s), 1907 (s), 1774 (s) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (C_6D_6) δ 4.47, 4.26 (s, trans, cis CpFe), 4.19 (s, cis, trans MeO), 4.01, 3.92 (br m, MeCpMn), 1.84, 1.78 (s, cis, trans MeCpMn); ^{13}C NMR (C_6D_6) δ 394.6, 391.2 (trans, cis COMe), 270.8, 269.9 (cis, trans $\mu\text{-CO}$), 228.1, 214.1 (CO), 104.7, 103.7 (trans, cis $\eta\text{-CH}_2\text{CC}_5\text{H}_4\text{Mn}$), 84.2–89.4 (CpFe , MeCpMn), 72.0 (cis, trans, MeO), 13.2, 12.8 (cis, trans, MeCpMn); MS (EI), m/e 382 (M^+), 354, 326, 311, 283, 255. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{FeMn}$: C, 50.30; H, 3.96. Found: C, 49.90; H, 3.67.

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(12) In both cases, relative yields are shown in Scheme I, but quantitative NMR experiments at 75 °C indicate the absolute yields of MeCpMn(CO)_3 to be 80–97%.

having the free coordination site and low steric hindrance that are presumably necessary for methyl exchange, leads to fast scrambling of the methyl labels.¹³ We suggest that this same intermediate is responsible for methyl exchange in the thermal decomposition of 2. Thus, 9 (and 3) may reasonably form in (or following) the rate-determining step in the thermal decomposition of 2, after which 9 can be trapped by triphenylphosphine to give 6. However, 9 might also react with 8 (resulting in methyl exchange) prior to trapping by triphenylphosphine. If this hypothesis is correct, then reaction of 2 and 8-*d*₃ (Scheme II) ought to result in a high degree of methyl exchange between the carbyne decomposition product 6 and 8-*d*₃. In fact, nearly a 1:1 mixture of 6 and 8 was observed after 3 h at 65 °C. Thus while it will be impossible (at least in this particular system) to determine if methyl scrambling occurs during the migration from oxygen to iron, it clearly occurs among the products under the reaction conditions.

Work is continuing in our laboratory to elucidate the details of the cis-trans isomerizations and the methyl exchange and carbyne decomposition reactions described above, as well as to introduce the additional μ -methylene moiety in place of the μ -carbonyl ligand.

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New Types of Organometallic Oxo Complexes Containing Tungsten

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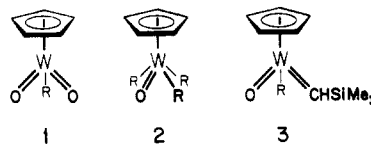
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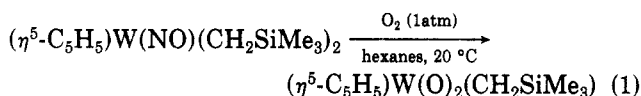
Summary: The preparation and isolation of the first examples of three new types of cyclopentadienyl oxo alkyl complexes are described. The complexes (η^5 -C₅H₅)W(O)₂(CH₂SiMe₃), 1, (η^5 -C₅H₅)W(O)(CH₂SiMe₃)₃, 2, and (η^5 -C₅H₅)W(O)(CHSiMe₃)(CH₂SiMe₃), 3, have been characterized by conventional spectroscopic methods, and the molecular structures of 1 and 2 in the solid state have been determined by single-crystal X-ray crystallography.

Interest in molecules which contain both organic and oxo groups attached to a metal atom derives from the expectation that their characteristic chemistry will provide some insight into how metal oxides heterogeneously catalyze various organic transformations.¹ Recent reports concerning the preparation and characterization of diverse organometallic oxo complexes such as (η^5 -C₅H₅)ReO₃ (R' = H² or Me³), (η^5 -C₅H₅)Re(O)Me₂,^{2b} Re(O)I(MeC≡CMe)₂,⁴

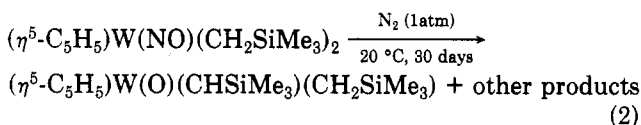
and W₂O₃(CH₂CMe₃)₆⁵ suggest that these types of compounds may be more accessible than was previously believed.⁶ Indeed, during our investigations of the chemical properties of (η^5 -C₅H₅)W(NO)(CH₂SiMe₃)₂,⁷ we have encountered the first examples of three new types of cyclopentadienyl oxo alkyl complexes. Consequently, we now wish to report the isolation and characterization of these compounds 1-3 depicted below (R = CH₂SiMe₃).



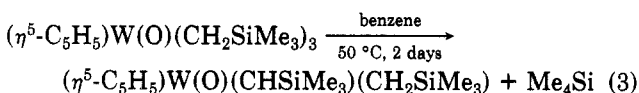
Compound 1 may be conveniently synthesized by exposing a hexanes solution of (η^5 -C₅H₅)W(NO)(CH₂SiMe₃)₂ to an atmosphere of O₂ overnight, i.e., eq 1, and it is



isolable from the final reaction mixture as analytically pure, white crystals in 65% yield by fractional crystallization. Compound 2 is formed as a byproduct during the preparation of (η^5 -C₅H₅)W(NO)(CH₂SiMe₃)₂ from [(η^5 -C₅H₅)W(NO)I₂]₂⁷ if an excess of Grignard reagent is employed. It is separable by chromatography of the dried reaction residue on Florisil with hexanes as eluant and is obtainable from the eluate as lemon yellow crystals in 3% yield (based on W) by subsequent crystallization. Compound 3 results from the thermal decomposition of solid (η^5 -C₅H₅)W(NO)(CH₂SiMe₃)₂, i.e., eq 2, and is isolable as



a crystalline, pale yellow solid in 40% yield by fractional crystallization of the final mixture from hexanes. Interestingly, the alkylidene compound 3 is also obtainable in virtually quantitative yields by the thermal decomposition of 2, i.e., eq 3. This is the first instance of an oxo alkyl



complex converting to an isolable oxoalkylidene complex, a possibility previously envisaged by Pedersen and Schrock.⁸

Single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analyses of 1⁹ and 2¹⁰ have confirmed their monomeric natures and have

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