

been observed in saturated⁴ and unsaturated dinuclear carbonyls.^{8,9} The bond distance Ru(1)-Ru(2) = 2.936 (1) Å. Ru-C distances are 1.938 (9)-1.836 (10) Å, and the Ru-C-O angles are 179.4 (8)-172.7 (1)°. The closest intermolecular distance observed is 3.075 (6) Å, between the methyl carbon of CH₃CN and O(12).

The structure of the [Os₂(CO)₈]²⁻ dianion is like that of [Fe₂(CO)₈]²⁻.⁴ It can be viewed as two Os(CO)₄ units with CO's at four vertices of a trigonal bipyramid with the fifth vertex being an axial site common to both Os(CO)₄ units. The equatorial planes are staggered with respect to each other. As in [Fe₂(CO)₈]²⁻, each equatorial CO is tilted toward the opposite metal.⁴ The angle of tilt, M-M-C, is in the range 80.5 (2)-87.0 (2)°. Metal-metal distances for the independent molecules in the unit cell are Os(1)-Os(2) = 2.992 (1) Å and Os(3)-Os(3') = 2.985 (1) Å. The Os-C distances are 1.917 (6)-1.867 (6) Å, and the Os-C-O angles are 178.8 (6)-174.9 (6)°. The closest intermolecular distance observed is 3.042 (10) Å, between a phenyl carbon of the cation (C(246)) and O(14).

The salt Na[Ru₂(CO)₈] was prepared from the reaction of a 1:1 molar ratio of Na₂[Ru(CO)₄] (264.3 mg) and CO₂ (1.02 mmol) in THF (15 mL), stirred overnight at -78 °C and then for 4-5 h at room temperature. A pale red solution formed, and the theoretical amount of CO was produced. The resultant Na₂[Ru₂(CO)₈] was converted to [P(C₆H₅)₄]₂[Ru₂(CO)₈], a pale yellow solid, in about 90% yield by metathesis of Na₂[Ru₂(CO)₈] with [P(C₆H₅)₄]Br in THF. [P(C₆H₅)₄]₂[Ru₂(CO)₈]: IR (CH₃CN) ν(CO) 1930, 1865 cm⁻¹; ¹³C NMR (CH₃CN, +30 to -35 °C) 215.1 ppm.

Reaction of K₂[Os(CO)₄] with CO₂ in a 1:1 molar ratio in THF overnight at -78 °C and then at 60 °C for 48 h produced a solution of K₂[Os₂(CO)₈]. The salt [P(C₆H₅)₄]₂[Os₂(CO)₈] was obtained as a yellow solid in 55% yield in the same manner as indicated above. [P(C₆H₅)₄]₂[Os₂(CO)₈]: IR (CH₃CN) ν(CO) 1940, 1865 cm⁻¹; ¹³C NMR (CH₃CN, 30 to -35 °C) 193.5 ppm.

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Preparation and Reactivity of Mononuclear (η⁵-Cyclopentadienyl)cobalt Carbene Complexes

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Summary: (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(CO)₂ reacts with bis(1,3-dimethylimidazolin-2-ylidene) to furnish the first mononuclear cyclopentadienylcobalt carbene complex 1. Complex 1 reacts with several electrophilic reagents including Ph₂S₂ to produce the structurally characterized paramagnetic cyclopentadienylcobalt carbene complex 4.

Since the discovery of the first transition-metal carbene complex (CO)₅W[C(OCH₃)CH₃] by Fischer and Maasböl in 1964,¹ there has been an ever increasing interest in the preparation, structure, and reactivity of new transition-metal carbene complexes.² Diamagnetic carbene complexes are known for nearly all the transition metals; in contrast, there are relatively few paramagnetic carbene complexes including derivatives of iron,³ chromium,⁴ and ruthenium.⁵ This report describes the preparation and reactivity of several mononuclear cyclopentadienylcobalt carbene complexes including the isolation of a paramagnetic cobalt carbene complex (4) which has been characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction methods.

Several mononuclear cobalt carbene complexes are known,⁶ but surprisingly, no carbene complexes derived from (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(CO)₂ have been reported, even though this compound has been known for over 30 years.⁷ Dinuclear bridging carbene complexes of cobalt have, however, been prepared from the reaction of (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(CO)₂ with diazo compounds.⁸

Treatment of (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(CO)₂ with bis(1,3-dimethylimidazolin-2-ylidene) in boiling methylcyclohexane produced 1 as red-brown crystals.⁹ Quantities up to 5 g have been prepared in yields ranging from 60 to 75%. In most cases complex 1 crystallizes analytically pure from the reaction mixture. This cobalt carbene is extremely air-sensitive as a solid and in solution but exhibits good thermal stability in a nitrogen atmosphere. No reaction occurred between 1 and Ph₃P in boiling toluene during a 24-h period (>90% recovery of 1). Complex 1 shows a very low-energy metal carbonyl band in the infrared spectrum at 1915 cm⁻¹ (pentane). This value is one of the lowest metal carbonyl bands observed for complexes of the type (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(CO)L. Complexes with similar values include (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(CO)(PMe₃) (1923 cm⁻¹, pentane)¹⁰ and (η⁵-C₅Me₅)Co(CO)(PMe₃) (1915 cm⁻¹, hexane).¹¹ This sug-

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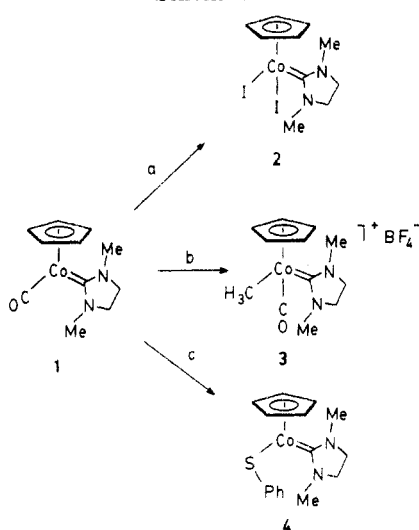
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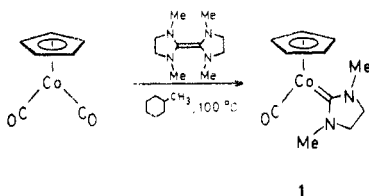
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Scheme I^a

^a Reagents: (a) I₂, Et₂O; (b) CH₃I, MeOH, AgBF₄; (c) Ph₂S₂, toluene.

gests that the carbene fragment in 1 is an extremely strong σ-donor ligand.¹²



Complex 1 undergoes oxidative addition reactions with several substrates (Scheme I). Treatment of 1 with I₂ in diethyl ether produces complex 2 in 59% yield as black air-stable crystals.¹³ Furthermore, treatment of 1 with CH₃I in methanol followed by AgBF₄ produced the cationic carbene complex 3 in 58% yield as orange crystals.¹⁴ Complex 3 shows a metal carbonyl band in the infrared spectrum at 2030 cm⁻¹ (acetone-*d*₆). A similar compound, [(η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(CO)(PMe₃)Me]PF₆, shows a carbonyl band at 2040 cm⁻¹.¹⁰ When a toluene solution of 1 was treated with Ph₂S₂, the solution gradually changed color from red-brown to dark green. Concentrating this solution followed by cooling to -30 °C produced dark green crystals of 4 in 60% yield.¹⁵

Complex 4 arises from a one-electron oxidative addition reaction. This result is somewhat surprising because (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(CO)(PMe₃) reacts with Ph₂S₂ to give (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(SPh)₂(PMe₃), a product arising from a two-electron oxidative addition process.¹⁶ Steric factors may prevent the formation of (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(SPh)₂[C(NMe)-CH₂CH₂(NMe)] in the reaction of 1 with Ph₂S₂.¹⁷ The

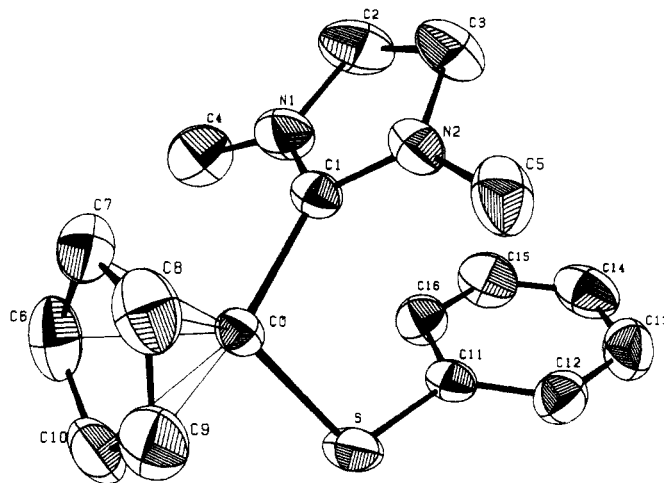


Figure 1. Molecular structure and atom labeling scheme for (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(SPh)[C(NMe)CH₂CH₂(NMe)] (4) with the atoms represented by their 50% probability ellipsoids for thermal motion. Bond distances and angles involving the centroid of the cyclopentadienyl ligand are Co-Cent = 1.73 Å, Cent-Co-S = 130.3°, and Cent-Co-C(1) = 131.9°.

d⁷ Co(II) complex 4 is paramagnetic, $\chi = 5.76 \times 10^{-6}$ ($\mu_{\text{eff}} = 2.2 \mu_B$) as determined by Evans's NMR method,¹⁸ and is formally a 17-electron complex. Magnetic moments for similar Co(II) compounds include (η⁵-C₅H₅)₂Co ($\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1.76 \mu_B$)¹⁹ and (η⁵-C₅H₅)Co(PPh₃)Cl ($\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1.8 \mu_B$).²⁰

Because of the lack of structural data for cobalt carbene complexes^{6c,e} and monocyclopentadienylcobalt(II) compounds,²¹ we determined the single-crystal X-ray structure of complex 4.²²

The molecular structure and atom labeling scheme for complex 4 are presented in Figure 1. There is no crystallographically imposed symmetry in the molecule, which crystallizes with four monomers in the orthorhombic unit cell. The Co-C(1) carbene bond distance of 1.902 (3) Å is short and indicates a strong metal-carbene interaction. This value is marginally shorter than the 1.91-Å cobalt-carbene separation found for (Ph₃Ge)(CO)₃Co[C(OEt)Et]^{6c} and significantly shorter than the 1.974 (15) Å observed in Co(CO)(NO)(PPh₃)[C(NMe)CH(Me)CH₂(NMe)].^{6e} The cobalt and atoms C(1), N(1), N(2), C(2), and C(3) of the carbene ligand are coplanar to 0.02 Å. The methyl

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(14) Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈BCoF₆N₂O: C, 40.94; H, 5.15; N, 7.96. Found: C, 39.67; H, 5.21; N, 7.86. ¹H NMR (acetone-*d*₆): δ 1.03 (s, 3 H), 3.29 (s, 6 H), 3.80 (s, 4 H), 5.72 (s, 5 H). Compound 3 is somewhat thermally sensitive and two analytical determinations gave low percent carbon.

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groups C(4) and C(5) bend 0.04 and 0.08 Å out of this plane, respectively.

Despite the close approach of the carbene moiety, there does not appear to be any great strain on the other two ligands. The Co-S bond distance (2.175 Å) is just under the Co-S single bond value of 2.20 Å predicted from the sum of single bond radii.²³ The average Co-C(π) separation of 2.10 Å is essentially identical with the values of 2.096 (8) and 2.083 Å found for the average Co-C(cyclopentadienyl) distances in $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Co}^{24}$ and $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{-Co}(\text{PET}_3)_2]\text{BF}_4$,²¹ respectively. The S-Co-C(1) bond angle of 97.8 (1)° is less than the P-Co-P angle of 101.21 (3)° observed in the more sterically demanding environment of $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Co}(\text{PET}_3)_2]\text{BF}_4$.²¹ Smaller ligand-metal-ligand angles have been found for compounds of the type $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2$ (CO-Co-CO = 93.7 (2)°)²⁵ and $(\eta^{10}\text{-fulvalene})[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2]_2$ (CO-Co-CO = 92.7 (3)°).²⁶

We are continuing to study the preparation and reactivity of other cobalt carbene complexes as well as new rhodium carbene complexes.²⁷

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IR (Pentane): ν_{CO} 1900 cm^{-1} . Likewise, $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Rh}(\text{CO})[\text{C}(\text{NMe})\text{-CH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{NMe})]$ was prepared in a manner similar to 1. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{ORh}$: C, 44.91, H, 5.14; N, 9.53. Found: C, 44.92; H, 5.14; N, 9.55. ^1H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 2.46 (s, 4 H), 2.98 (s, 6 H), 5.40 (s, 5 H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ 39.25, 50.38, 85.60, 196.84 (d, $J_{\text{Rh-}^{13}\text{C}}$ = 92.9 Hz), 207.72 (d, $J_{\text{Rh-}^{13}\text{C}}$ = 62.9 Hz). IR (C_6D_6): ν_{CO} 1920 cm^{-1} . MS: m/e 294 (M^+).

Reaction of a Silene with a Silacyclopropane To Yield a Disilacyclopropane

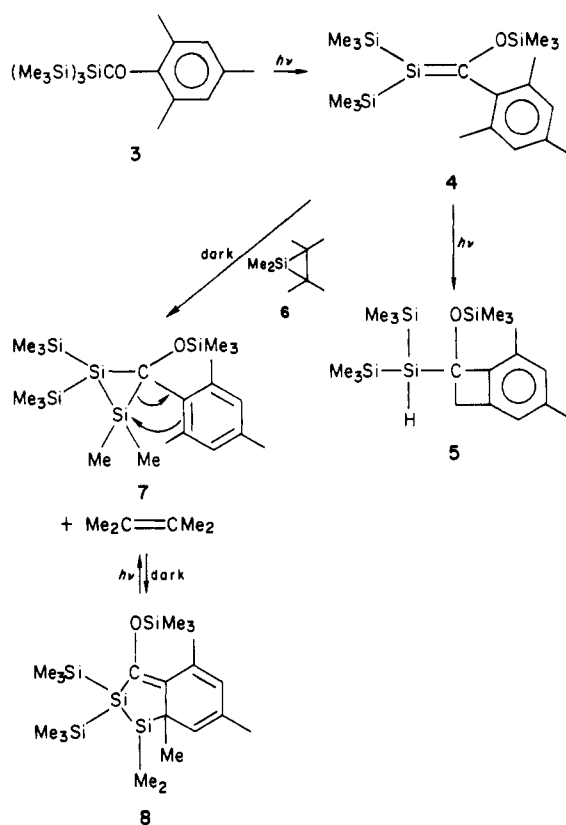
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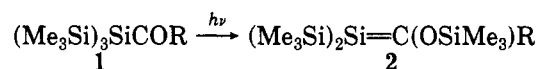
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Summary: Photolysis of mesitoyltris(trimethylsilyl)silane initially yields the isomeric silene which subsequently inserts photochemically into one of the C-H bonds of an *o*-Me group to yield a substituted dihydrobenzocyclobutene. In the presence of hexamethylsilirane the silene adds Me_2Si to yield a disilacyclopropane, the first such addition to a stable silene reported. In the dark the disilacyclopropane undergoes a 1,3-silyl carbon-to-aromatic carbon shift to give a bicyclo [4.3.0] system which photochemically isomerizes back to the disilacyclopropane.

Scheme I



As part of a program studying the behavior of relatively stable silenes, we wished to see if silylenes would add to the silicon-carbon double bond. Reasoning that the double bond of our previously made stable silenes 2, R = 1-adamantyl or $\text{C}(\text{Et})_3$ would probably be too crowded (as



preliminary experiments appear to confirm), we chose to investigate the behavior of the system where R = mesityl and have observed several unusual reactions including the first reported addition of a silylene to a stable silene to yield a disilacyclopropane.²

Photolysis of the mesitoylpolysilane 3 (see Scheme I) (prepared in the usual manner from (tris(trimethylsilyl)silyl)lithium and mesitoyl chloride^{3,4}) gave rise to the expected silene 4 as evidenced by the growth of new NMR signals, in particular a ^{13}C signal at 197.6 ppm and a ^{29}Si signal at 37.7 ppm characteristic of the sp^2 -hybridized carbon and silicon atoms, respectively, of the double bond.^{5,6} During extended photolysis (15 h) to isomerize

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(4) Properties of 3: mp 86-88 °C; IR(KBr) 1610 cm^{-1} (C=O); UV λ_{max} (e) 373 (115), 387 (156), 404 (128) nm; ^1H NMR δ 0.23 (27 H, s, Me_3Si), 2.04 (3 H, s, *p*-Me), 2.15 (6 H, s, *o*-Me), 6.57 (2 H, br s, aromatic); ^{13}C NMR δ 1.66 (Me_3Si), 19.75 (*o*-Me), 20.98 (*p*-Me), 147.68, 137.56, 128.97, 131.07 (C_{ipso} , *o*, *m*, *p* of mesityl), 247.10 (C=O); ^{29}Si NMR δ -75.3 (Si), -11.4 (Me_3Si). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{38}\text{Si}_4\text{O}$: C, 57.80; H, 9.70. Found: C, 57.61; H, 9.81.