

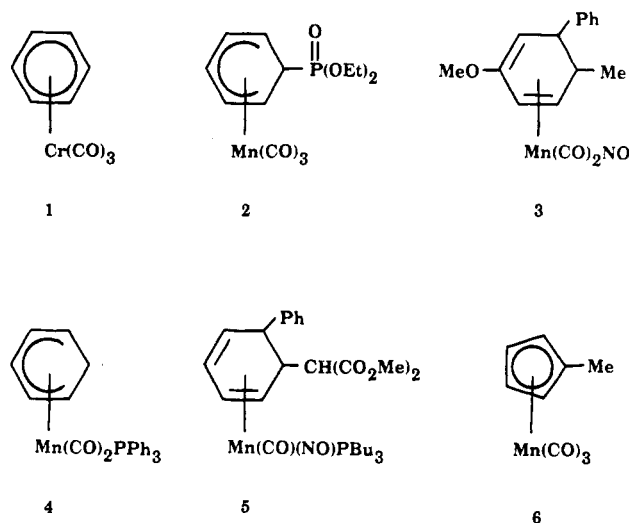
sensitive to small amounts of nucleophilic species such as MeOH, H₂O, MeCN, Me₂CO, and THF. For example, the addition of MeOH or MeCN at <0.1 M completely destroyed the reversibility. The addition of TBAP at only 0.003 M to 1 in CH₂Cl₂ with TBAPF₆ at 0.1 M also resulted in the loss of reversibility. It is likely that the enhanced persistence of 1⁺ in TBAPF₆/CH₂Cl₂ relative to TBAP/CH₂Cl₂ is due to the lower nucleophilicity of PF₆⁻ compared to ClO₄⁻ and not due to any special stabilization of 1⁺ by PF₆⁻. It is possible that simple ion pair formation between 1⁺ and PF₆⁻ serves to protect 1⁺ from attack by nucleophiles. By using careful drying procedures, storing all materials in oven-dried containers and performing Karl Fischer titrations, it was established that the observed behavior was not due to water present as an impurity. The effects described above were independent of the electrode material (platinum, gold, glassy carbon), suggesting that adsorption is not playing a significant role. To verify this point, double-potential-step chronocoulometry was performed on a solution of 1 in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M TBAPF₆) at -30 °C. In these experiments the potential was stepped from +0.35 to +1.1 V and back to +0.35 V. The amount of time (τ) at +1.1 V was varied from 0.050 to 5.0 s. Standard plots²⁵ of Q_f vs. $t^{1/2}$ ($t < \tau$) and Q_r vs. θ ($t > \tau$; $\theta = \tau^{1/2} - t^{1/2} + (t - \tau)^{1/2}$) as well as plots of Q_f vs. $t^{1/2}$ for solutions containing only electrolyte gave within error identical intercepts for a given electrode (platinum, gold, glassy carbon). This indicates that adsorption is not significant.

In order to quantify the effect of TBAPF₆ relative to TBAP, CV's obtained at -30 °C were compared to ones calculated²⁶ by digital simulation for an EC mechanism. At this temperature the 1⁺/1 couple was partially reversible with TBAP at scan rates above 100 mV/s; with TBAPF₆ the couple was completely reversible at all scan rates employed (10 to 1000 mV/s). The best fit of the data with TBAP gave a rate constant (k) for the irreversible decomposition of 1⁺ of 1.4 s⁻¹, while in the presence of TBAPF₆ $k < 0.005$ s⁻¹. The conclusion is that TBAPF₆ reduces the rate of decomposition of 1⁺ by at least a factor of 250.

A variety of other π -hydrocarbon complexes (2-6) were briefly investigated in order to test the utility of LTCV in organometallic chemistry and to test the generality of the TBAPF₆ effect noted above. All the complexes 2-6 showed cleaner and more reversible CV's at lower temperatures, and with 2, 3, and 5 completely irreversible oxidations at room temperature were converted to reversible ones at low temperatures. With 3, 5, and 6 the use of TBAPF₆ instead of TBAP was investigated with TBAPF₆ giving much more reversible behavior in each case.

In conclusion, we have shown that LTCV in dichloromethane can be a useful technique in organometallic chemistry and that the use of TBAPF₆ instead of TBAP or other supporting electrolytes may give significantly more persistent radicals in electrochemical oxidations.

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Note Added in Proof: We recently became aware of a study of the electrochemical oxidation of aromatic hydrocarbons in dichloromethane at temperatures down to -70 °C: Byrd, L.; Miller, L. L.; Pletcher, D. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1972, 2419. In this paper it was shown that the half-lives of aromatic hydrocarbon radical cations can be increased by 10²-10⁴ by lowering the temperature from ambient to -70 °C.

Uranium-Carbon Multiple-Bond Chemistry. 8.¹ The Reaction of W(CO)₆ with Cp₃U=CHP(Ph)(R)(Me) To Form (OC)₅WC(OUCp₃)CHP(Ph)(R)(Me) and Its Isomerization to Cp₃UOCH=CHP(Ph)(R)CH₂W(CO)₅

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Summary: The reaction of W(CO)₆ with Cp₃U=CHP(Ph)(R)(Me) yields the tungstaenolate (OC)₅WC(OUCp₃)CHP(Ph)(R)(Me) (**3a**, R = Me; **3b**, R = Ph) which upon heating at 90 °C isomerizes to Cp₃UOCH=CHP(Ph)(R)CH₂W(CO)₅ (**4a**, R = Me; **4b**, R = Ph). This exchange of W(CO)₅ and hydrogen establishes a third type of carbonyl activation for Cp₃U=CHP(Ph)(R)(Me). The crystal structures of **3b**^{1/2}C₇H₈ (space group *P*2₁/*c*, unit-cell parameters $a = 8.669$ (1) Å, $b = 10.576$ (2) Å, $c = 39.63$ (2) Å, $\beta = 98.38$ (2)°, and $V = 3595$ (2) Å³; $R = 5.85\%$, $R_G = 6.83\%$) and **4b** (space group *P*2₁/*c*, unit-cell parameters $a = 17.176$ (4) Å, $b = 11.804$ (2) Å, $c = 17.588$ (2) Å, $\beta = 114.49$ (1)°, and $V = 3245$ (1) Å³; $R = 4.19\%$, $R_G = 4.59\%$) have been determined.

We have shown²⁻⁴ that carbon monoxide which is co-

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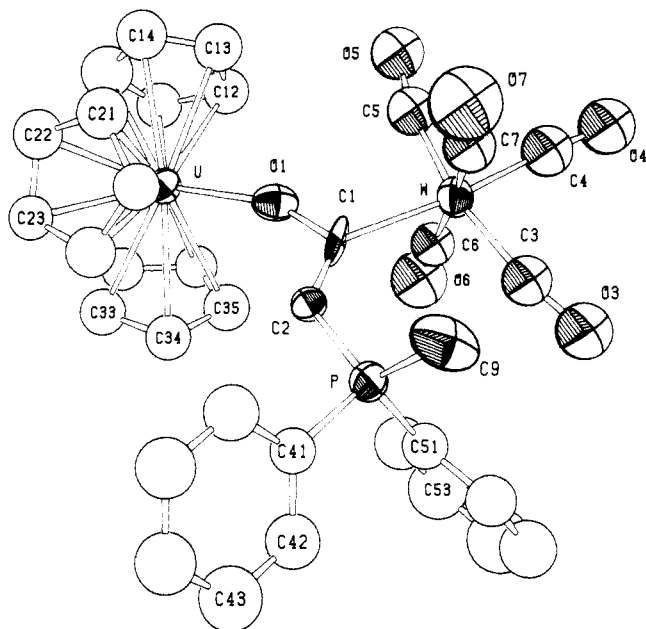


Figure 1. An ORTEP drawing of $(OC)_5WC(OUCp_3)=CHPh_2Me$ (**3b**). Some important bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): U–O1, 2.15 (2); O1–C1, 1.36 (3); C1–C2, 1.36 (3); C1–W, 2.26 (2); P–C2, 1.78 (2); P–C9, 1.81 (3); U–O1–C1, 158 (2); O1–C1–W, 116 (1); O1–C1–C2, 109 (2); C2–C1–W, 135 (2); P–C2–C1, 127 (2).

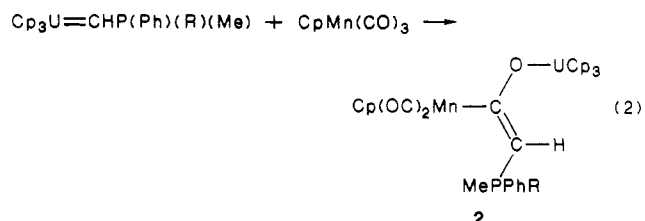
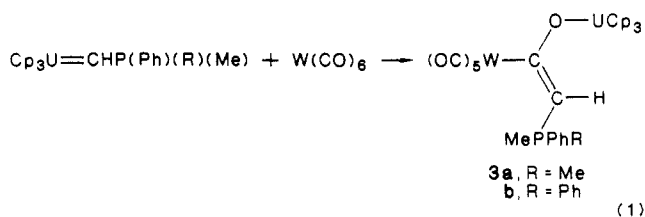
ordinated to a transition metal can be activated by insertion into the uranium–carbon multiple bond in $Cp_3U=CHP(Ph)(R)(Me)$ (**1a**, R = Me; **1b**, R = Ph), where $Cp = \eta-C_5H_5^-$, Me = CH_3 , Ph = C_6H_5 . Examples include the reaction of **1** with $CpMn(CO)_3$ where a carbonyl is deoxygenated and a new carbon–carbon triple bond is formed⁴ and the reaction of **1** with $[CpFe(CO)_2]_2$ during which bridging and terminal carbonyls couple to produce an allyl group.² The first step in both of these reactions appears to be the insertion of a terminal carbonyl into the U=C bond of **1** to form a Cp_3U^+ coordinated phosphonium metallalenolate. The initial product in the $CpMn(CO)_3$ reaction is $Cp(OC)_2Mn(CO)CHP(Ph)(R)(Me)$ (**2a**, R = Me; **2b**, R = Ph),³ and NMR peaks of the $MC(OUCp_3)CHP(Ph)(R)(Me)$ moiety can be observed⁵ early in the reaction with $[CpFe(CO)_2]_2$. We now report that a similar insertion of $W(CO)_6$ into **1** forms a $-C(OUCp_3)CHP(Ph)(R)(Me)$ ligand which is structurally identical with the one in **2**. However, this product undergoes an unusual metal migration which we have not previously encountered for $MC(OUCp_3)CHP(Ph)(R)(Me)$ fragments, establishing a third type of carbonyl activation for **1**.

The reaction of $W(CO)_6$ with **1** in THF solution at room temperature for 4 days, followed by filtration yields a dark red compound, **3**,⁶ in about 70% yield. This material can

be isolated by benzene extraction of the residue remaining after evaporation of the THF solvent. X-ray quality single crystals of **3b** were grown from a THF solution onto which a 1:20 toluene–pentane mixture was layered.

Crystals of $3b \cdot 1/2 C_7H_8$ belong to the space group $P2_1/c$ with unit-cell parameters $a = 8.669$ (1) Å, $b = 10.576$ (2) Å, $c = 39.63$ (2) Å, $\beta = 98.38$ (2)°, and $V = 3595$ (2) Å³. The structure of $3b \cdot 1/2 C_7H_8$ was determined by X-ray diffraction,⁷ and an ORTEP drawing of the molecule is shown in Figure 1. Crystallographic data are summarized in Table I (supplementary material). A complete listing of bond distances and angles appears in Table II, the positional and thermal parameters are listed in Table III, and the observed and calculated structure factors are in Table IV (supplementary material).

The reaction of **1** with $W(CO)_6$ (eq 1) is very similar to that of **1** with $CpMn(CO)_3$ (eq 2). The metrical param-



eters within the $-C(OUCp_3)=CHP(Ph)(R)(Me)$ ligands in **2a**³ and **3b** are identical within experimental uncertainty, and, consistent with our discussion³ of the bonding in **2a**, a Cp_3U^+ -coordinated phosphonium metallalenolate is written as the major resonance structure of **3**. The W–C(1) bond length of 2.26 (2) Å in **3b** can be compared with the W–C single-bond distance of 2.34 (1) Å in $[(OC)_5WCH(OMe)(Ph)]^-$ ⁸ and with the partial multiple-bond lengths of 2.14 (2) Å in $(OC)_5W=CPh_2$ ⁹ and 2.18 (2) Å in $(OC)_5W=C(OC_2H_5)(C_5H_5CHCPh_2)$ ¹⁰ and with the double bond of 1.98 (1) Å in $(DPPE)(OC)_3W=C=CHCO_2Me$.¹¹ W–C(1) in **3b** clearly lies between a single and double bond. The Mn–C bond in **2** also contains double-bond character.³

While **2** and **3** bear strong structural resemblance, they

(7) Single crystals of **3b** and **4b** were mounted in glass capillaries and sealed under nitrogen. X-ray data were collected using a Syntex PI diffractometer. The heavy atoms were located using MULTAN-80, a system of computer programs for direct method solution of crystal structures from X-ray data by P. Main, 1980, and the remaining atoms were located in a series of difference Fourier maps and least-squares refinements using SHELX-76, a system of computer programs for X-ray structure determination by G. M. Sheldrick, 1976.

In **3b** the Cp groups, the phenyl rings, and the toluene solvate molecule were refined isotropically as rigid bodies using the standard parameters contained in SHELX-76. With the exception of the carbonyl groups which were also refined isotropically the remaining atoms were anisotropically refined. The final error indices were $R = 5.85\%$ and $R_G = 6.83\%$.

For **4b** the Cp and phenyl groups were refined isotropically as rigid bodies; all remaining atoms were refined anisotropically to yield the final error indices of $R = 4.19\%$ and $R_G = 4.59\%$.

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(6) ¹H NMR (THF-*d*₆, 300 MHz): **3a**, δ 28.24 (d, 1 H, $J_{PCH} = 25.7$ Hz, PCH), 7.7 (mult, 3 H, Ph), 7.4 (mult, 2 H, Ph), 3.9 (d, 6 H, $J_{PCH} = 13.4$ Hz, MeP), –9.31 (s, 15 H, Cp_3U); **3b**, δ 26.01 (d, 1 H, $J_{PCH} = 24.8$ Hz, PCH), 8.81 (mult, 4 H, Ph), 8.5 (mult, 6 H, Ph), 2.66 (d, 3 H, $J_{PCH} = 13.6$ Hz, MeP), –8.91 (s, 15 H Cp_3U). IR (THF solution on NaCl plates, 1700–2100 cm^{-1}): 2049 (m), 1975 (s, sh), 1894 (vs), 1792 cm^{-1} (m, sh). Anal. Calcd: C, 44.27; H, 3.18. Found: C, 43.55; H, 3.35.

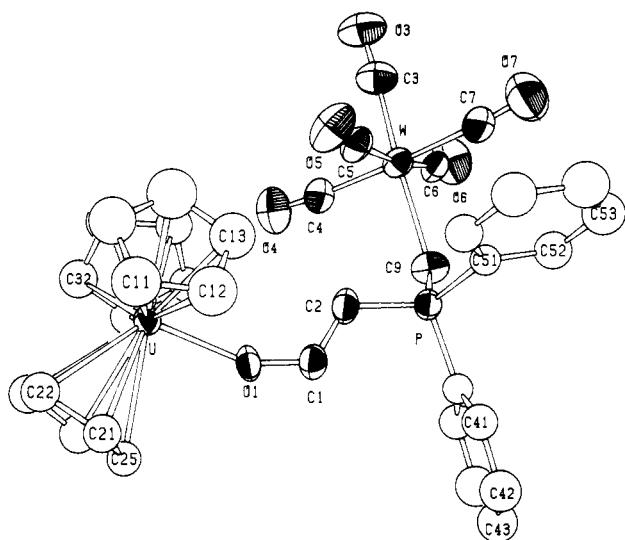
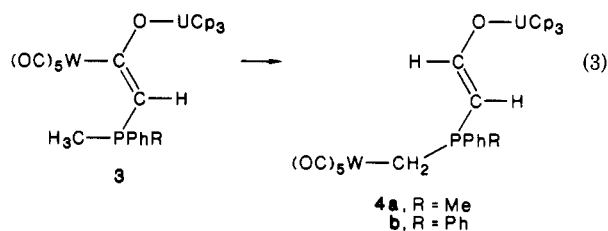


Figure 2. An ORTEP drawing of $\text{Cp}_3\text{UOCH}=\text{CHPPh}_2\text{CH}_2\text{W}(\text{CO})_5$ (**4b**). Some important bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): U–O1, 2.207 (9); O1–C1, 1.31 (1); C1–C2, 1.37 (2); P–C2, 1.76 (1); P–C9, 1.79 (1); W–C9, 2.36 (1); U–O1–C1, 156.1 (8); O1–C1–C2, 123 (1); P–C2–C1, 124 (1); C2–P–C9, 110.1 (6); W–C9–P, 116.8 (7).

display different chemistries. When **2** is heated to 80 °C, the elements of Cp_3UOH are eliminated and $\text{Cp}(\text{OC})_2\text{MnC}=\text{CP}(\text{Ph})(\text{R})(\text{Me})$ is formed in nearly quantitative yield.⁴ While NMR peaks consistent with a $\text{WC}=\text{CPMePhR}$ moiety^{4,5,12} appeared when THF solutions of **3** were heated to 90 °C for 48 h, another compound, **4**,¹³ was also produced. NMR and IR spectra of **4** indicate $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5$, CpU , PPh , and HCP units.¹³ However, **4** could not be unambiguously identified from these data so an X-ray crystal structure of **4b** was determined⁷ using crystals (space group $P2_1/c$, unit-cell parameters $a = 17.176$ (4) Å, $b = 11.804$ (2) Å, $c = 17.588$ (2) Å, $\beta = 114.49$ (1)°, and $V = 3245$ (1) Å³) precipitated from a THF solution onto which a 1:20 toluene-pentane mixture had been layered. An ORTEP of molecule **4b** is shown in Figure 2; a summary of the crystal, data collection, and refinement appears in Table I, a complete listing of bond distances and angles in Tables V, the positional and thermal parameters in Table VI, and the observed and calculated structure factors in Table VII (supplementary material).

The W–C(9) bond distance of 2.36 (1) Å indicates a single bond,⁸ and the 1.37 (2) Å C(1)–C(2) separation is typical for a double bond. Other metrical parameters are normal for the resonance form drawn below for **4**. In both **3b** and **4b** the metrical parameters within the enolate portion of the ligands are indistinguishable from those in $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{OCH}=\text{CH}_2)_2$.¹⁴

Reaction 3 involves the interchange of hydrogen and $(\text{OC})_5\text{W}$ moieties. While the mechanism of this reaction



has not been determined, NMR peaks of **3** disappear within 24 h at 90 °C leaving broad resonances which undergo complex changes, finally sharpening to the characteristic peaks of **4** after about 48 h. When solutions of **3** are heated in the presence of PPh_3 , the rate of reaction is not markedly influenced and the final product is a phosphine complex which also can be obtained by heating solutions of **4** with PPh_3 . These observations imply that the conversion occurs through several intermediates and probably does not involve $(\text{OC})_5\text{W}$ dissociation. The mechanism of the reaction is still under study.

Overall the reaction of **1** with $\text{W}(\text{CO})_6$ represents the conversion of a coordinated carbon monoxide to the enolate of an aldehyde and involves cleavage of the original W–C bond.

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Supplementary Material Available: Table I, crystal, data collection, and reduction parameters for $(\text{OC})_5\text{WC}(\text{OUCp}_3)\text{-CHPPh}_2\text{Me}^{1/2}\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ and $\text{Cp}_3\text{UOCH}=\text{CHPPh}_2\text{CH}_2\text{W}(\text{CO})_5$, Table II, bond distances and bond angles for $(\text{OC})_5\text{WC}(\text{OUCp}_3)\text{-CHPPh}_2\text{Me}^{1/2}\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$, Table III, positional and thermal parameters for $(\text{OC})_5\text{WC}(\text{OUCp}_3)\text{-CHPPh}_2\text{Me}^{1/2}\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$, Table V, bond distances and bond angles for $\text{Cp}_3\text{UOCH}=\text{CHPPh}_2\text{CH}_2\text{W}(\text{CO})_5$, and Table VI, positional and thermal parameters for $\text{Cp}_3\text{UOCH}=\text{CHPPh}_2\text{CH}_2\text{W}(\text{CO})_5$ (5 pages); Table IV, observed and calculated structure factors for $(\text{OC})_5\text{WC}(\text{OUCp}_3)\text{-CHPPh}_2\text{Me}^{1/2}\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$, and Table VII, observed and calculated structure factors for $\text{Cp}_3\text{UOCH}=\text{CHPPh}_2\text{CH}_2\text{W}(\text{CO})_5$ (34 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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Intra- and Intermolecular Activation of sp^2 C–H Bonds at Rhodium(I) and Iridium(I) Metal Centers. X-ray Structure of the Cls σ -Cyclooctadienyl Hydride $[\{\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_3\}\text{IrH}(\sigma\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{11})]\text{BPh}_4\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$

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Summary: The metal–ligand fragment $[(\text{np}_3)\text{Ir}]^+ [\text{np}_3 = \text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_3]$ intermolecularly activates one sp^2 C–H