

Figure 2. The 400-MHz ¹H NMR spectrum of $[Cp*W(NO)-H](\mu-H)_2[Cp*W(NO)(CH_2SiMe_3)]$ (7) in CD₃NO₂.

NMR), and the experimental conditions employed are considerably milder than those cited in two recent reports of *thermal* benzene C-H activation by monometallic complexes.¹² Regrettably, attempts to activate the C-H bonds of CH₄, *n*-hexane, or cyclohexane by 4 in an identical manner result only in the formation of low yields of Cp*W(NO)(PMe₂)₂¹³ as the only identifiable product.

Cp*W(NO)(PMe₃)₂¹³ as the only identifiable product. Hydrogenation at 80 psig of Cp*W(NO)(CH₂SiMe₃)₂ without the added Lewis base of eq 1 generates a mixture of at least eight products (by ¹H NMR). When performed at 920 psig of H₂, however, the reaction is much cleaner, i.e., eq 4, the bimetallic products 6 and 7 being the prin-

$$Cp^{\dagger}W(NO)(CH_{2}SiMe_{3})_{2} \xrightarrow{H_{2}(920 \text{ psig}), \text{ heranes}}{20 \text{ *C, 20 min}}$$
(4)

$$Cp^{\dagger}W(NO)(CH_{2}SiMe_{3})_{2} \xrightarrow{Cp^{\dagger}} H \xrightarrow{R} ON \xrightarrow{Cp^{\dagger}} ON \xrightarrow{Cp^{\dagger}} H \xrightarrow{R} ON \xrightarrow{Cp^{\dagger}} ON \xrightarrow{Cp^{\dagger}} H \xrightarrow{R} ON \xrightarrow{Cp^{\dagger}} ON \xrightarrow{Cp^{\bullet}} ON \xrightarrow{Cp^{\bullet}} ON \xrightarrow{Cp^{\bullet}} ON \xrightarrow{$$

cipal species formed. They may be separated by repeated fractional crystallizations from toluene/hexanes. The less soluble product 6 is the Cp* analogue of $[CpW(NO)H]_2$ - $(\mu$ -H)₂, a complex that we have described in great detail previously.¹⁴ The other product 7 is novel and is isolable as a bright orange-red crystalline material whose solid and solution properties are similar to those of the mononuclear alkyl hydride complexes presented above. Its ¹H NMR spectrum is shown in Figure 2. Particularly noteworthy features of this spectrum are the chemical shifts of the hydride resonances, the bridging hydrides resonating at δ -6.36 and +5.30 and the terminal hydride resonating at δ +6.57 ppm (assigned on the basis of the intensities of the ¹⁸³W satellites).¹⁴ The spectroscopic properties of 6 and 7⁵ are consistent with their having the molecular structures shown in eq 4, that of 7 having been confirmed in the solid state by a single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analysis.⁶ Complex 7 is thus a new member of the extremely small family of thermally stable bimetallic alkyl hydride compounds, its closest relative probably being the unsymmetrical aryl complex $\{[(Et_3P)_2PtPh](\mu-H)[PtH(PEt_3)_2]\}^{+.15}$ In a formal sense, 7 is an analogue of 4, the PMe_3 ligand in the latter having been replaced by a $Cp*W(NO)H_2$ group.

Further studies of these alkyl hydride complexes are currently in progress.

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Folding and Unfolding of a Trirhodium Chain about an Isocyanide Ligand. The Structure of $[Rh_3\{\mu-(Ph_2PCH_2)_2PPh\}_2(n-C_4H_9NC)_5CO]^{3+}$ as a Solid and in Solution

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Summary: In the solid state, $[Rh_3\{\mu-(Ph_2PCH_2)_2PPh\}_2(n-BuNC)_5CO]^{3+}$ is a tan color and possesses a bent Rh_3 chain with a triply bridging, four-electron-donating isocyanide and a bridging carbon monoxide, while in dichloromethane solution, it is blue with only terminal isocyanide ligands and a terminal carbon monoxide ligand.

The bridge/terminal interchange for two-electron-donating isocyanide (and carbon monoxide) ligands has received considerable attention.¹ However, little is known about transformations involving the other bridging modes for isocyanide ligands.^{2,3} Herein we report on a novel reaction in which a triply bridging isocyanide ligand converts into a terminal isocyanide upon dissolution. The structural chemistry involved demonstrates the remarkable flexibility found in trinuclear complexes bridged by bis-((diphenylphosphino)methyl)phenylphosphine (dpmp) ligands.⁴

Addition of 5 equiv of *n*-butyl isocyanide to a dichloromethane solution of $[Rh_3(\mu-dpmp)_2(CO)_3(\mu-Cl)Cl]$ -BPh₄^{4a} produces a deep blue solution from which tan crystals of $[Rh_3(\mu-dpmp)_2(CO)(n-BuNC)_5][PF_6]_3$ (1)⁵ are obtained (in 50% yield) by precipitation through the addition of a methanol solution of ammonium hexafluorophosphate. In the solid state, 1 shows infrared absorptions due to terminal isocyanides at 2160 cm⁻¹, to a bridging

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isocyanide at 1635 cm⁻¹, and to a bridging carbon monoxide ligand at 1832 cm^{-1} (identified by the shift in this band to 1793 cm⁻¹ upon ¹³CO labeling). The electronic absorption spectrum of 1 as a mull in Nujol shows a series of shoulders at 645, 550, 430, and 380 nm on a gradually rising absorption. No intense band at ca. 666 nm, corresponding to the solution spectrum, is seen. These tan crystals of 1 dissolve to give deep blue solutions (which remain blue at -50 °C) with spectroscopic properties that are markedly different from those obtained from the solid. The dissolution process is completely reversible. Blue dichloromethane solutions of 1 give tan crystals upon addition of methanol. The infrared spectrum of a blue dichloromethane solution shows a terminal isocyanide stretching vibration at 2154 cm⁻¹ and a terminal carbon monoxide stretching band at 1985 cm⁻¹, which shifts to 1939 cm⁻¹ on substitution with ¹³CO. No bands due to bridging isocyanide or bridging carbon monoxide are observed in the 1900-1600 cm⁻¹ region. The electronic absorption spectrum of 1 in dichloromethane shows an intense band at 666 nm (ϵ 15000) and other features at 542 and 384 nm. The electrical conductivity of 1 in acetone solution indicates that it is a 1:3 electrolyte ($\Lambda_{\rm M} = 320 \text{ cm}^2$ Ω^{-1} mol⁻¹). The ³¹P NMR spectrum shows that three distinct phosphorus environments are present at 24.8 $({}^{1}J(\text{Rh},\text{P}) = 100 \text{ Hz}), 18.7 ({}^{1}J(\text{Rh},\text{P}) = 115 \text{ Hz}), \text{ and } 16.7$ ppm (${}^{1}J(\text{Rh},\text{P}) \simeq 115 \text{ Hz}$) with additional, but unanalyzed, spin-spin splitting due to P-P coupling.

The structure of $[Rh_3(\mu-dpmp)_2(n-BuNC)_5(CO)]^{3+}$ in the solid state has been determined by X-ray crystallography.⁶ A view of the cation, which has crystallographic C_{\circ} symmetry, is shown in Figure 1. A section through the mirror plane which contains the $Rh_3(n-BuNC)_5(CO)$ unit with some important dimensions is presented in Figure 2. The most significant feature is the presence of the triply bridging isocyanide ligand that bonds Rh(1) and Rh(2)through its terminal carbon atom and uses the nitrogen atom to bind to Rh(3). The Rh(3)-N(5) distance is longer than the Rh(1)-C(54) and Rh(2)-C(54) distances, but it is consistent with the presence of a single bond between rhodium and nitrogen. As a result of accommodating this triply bridging isocyanide, the Rh-Rh-Rh angle (112.3 (1)°) is sharply bent. Two other examples of triply bridging isocyanides similar to that in 1 are known: Pt₇- $(2,6\text{-xylyl isocyanide})_{12}^7$ and $Os_6(CO)_{18}(CNC_6H_4CH_3)_2$.⁸ In the latter, the Os-N distance, 2.16 (3) Å, is appreciably shorter than the Rh-N distance in 1, but the constraints



Figure 2. A drawing of the planar core of $[Rh_3(\mu-dpmp)_2-(CNC_4H_9)_5(CO)]^{3+}$ showing some important distances (esd's on Rh-Rh distances, 0.004, and on Rh-C or Rh-N distances, 0.04). Only the α -carbon atom of each *n*-butyl group is shown.

on the geometry of the bridging isocyanides are much less in these larger clusters. In addition to this triply bridging isocyanide, the cation contains four terminal isocyanide ligands, one conventional doubly bridging carbon monoxide ligand, and the two trans triphosphine groups. The Rh–Rh separations are similar to those found in related complexes with bridging carbon monoxide or isocyanide ligands.^{4b,d} With the unique bridging isocyanide acting as a fourelectron donor, each rhodium in the cation has 18 valence electrons.

The markedly different properties of this complex in solution are indicative of a major structural change upon dissolution. The spectroscopic data are consistent with structure 2 (which shows only the in-plane ligands, the



dpmp ligands lie above and below this plane) for the cation in solution. This structure has only terminal isocyanide and carbon monoxide ligands as the infrared data require and three distinct phosphorus environments as the ³¹P NMR data dictate. Structure 2 is readily obtained from the bridged form shown in Figure 1 by rupture of three bonds, Rh(1)-C(54), Rh(2)-C(48) and Rh(3)-N(5), unfolding of the Rh₃ angle, and elongation of the Rh-Rh distances. A cation similar to 2, [Rh₃(μ -dpmp)₂-(CNCH₃)₆]³⁺ (λ_{max} 674 nm (ϵ 33 000)) with only terminal isocyanides, has been isolated from the reaction of methyl isocyanide with [Rh₃(μ -dpmp)₂(CO)₃(μ -Cl)Cl][BPh₄] and characterized by X-ray crystallography.^{9,10} However, [Rh₃(μ -dpmp)₂(CNCH₃)₆]³⁺ shows no evidence for forming

⁽⁶⁾ Tan prisms of $[Rh_3(\mu-dpmp)_2(CNC_4H_9)_5(CO)][PF_6]_2F\cdot 2CH_3OH$ were obtained with difficulty by diffusion of methanol into an acetone solution of 1. They belong to the orthorhombic space group *Pcmn* (*iba* of *Pnma*, No. 62) with a = 15.509 (5), b = 23.421 (6), and c = 28.507 (8) A at 130 K. Refinement of 3032 reflections with $I > 3\sigma(I)$ using 298 parameters yielded R = 0.106.

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bridging isocyanides in solution or in the solid state. Clearly a delicate balance of factors allows for the interconversion between ligand arrangements 1 and 2, but the formation of the bridged form 1 clearly demonstrates the ability of all of the rhodium atoms in dpmp-bridged complexes to bind to a single substrate.

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A General Route to Anionic (η^4 -Diene)manganese **Tricarbonyl Complexes. Reactions with Electrophiles**

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Summary: Reduction of (methallyl)Mn(CO)₄ with Red-Al in the presence of substrates containing a conjugated 1,3-diene unit leads to formation of $(\eta^4$ -diene)Mn(CO)₃⁻ complexes that can be isolated as stable PPN⁺ salts. Substrates examined include 1,3-butadiene, 1,3-cycloheptadiene, 1,3-cyclooctadiene, cycloheptatriene, and cvclooctatetraene. These nucleophilic complexes react readily with electrophiles including H^+ , $(CH_3)_3SiOTf$, $(CH_3)_3O^+$, and CO₂ to yield a variety of new manganese tricarbonyl complexes.

 $(n^4$ -Diene)iron tricarbonyl complexes have been known for many years and used extensively in synthetic applications.¹ Isoelectronic $(\eta^4$ -diene)Mn(CO)₃ anions have only recently been reported,² but the methods of preparation described are not general. We report here a general, convenient synthetic route to $(\eta^4$ -diene)Mn(CO)₃⁻ complexes, including the parent complex $(\eta^4$ -butadiene)Mn- $(CO)_3^{-1}$ (1), and selected reactions of these nucleophilic species with electrophiles.

The anionic diene complexes were prepared as shown in eq 1. Reduction of (methallyl) $Mn(CO)_4$ in THF with a 3.4 M solution of sodium bis(2-methoxyethoxy)aluminum hydride in toluene (1 equiv) at 0 °C in the presence of 2 equiv of the diene or polyene leads to formation of the $(\eta^4$ -diene)- (or $(\eta^4$ -polyene)-) Mn(CO)₃-Na⁺ complexes. Loss of CO and butene occurs; $(\eta^2$ -butene)Mn(CO)₄⁻ is a

likely intermediate but was not detected.

 $(\eta^4$ -diene)- (or $(\eta^4$ -polyene)-) Mn(CO)₃ Na⁺ (1)

Scheme I shows the complexes formed from butadiene, 1,3-cycloheptadiene, 1,3-cyclooctadiene, cycloheptatriene, and cyclooctatetraene. IR spectra of the THF solutions³ after hydride addition indicate clean conversion to the sodium salts 1a-5a; treatment of these solutions with PPN⁺Cl⁻ results in conversion to the PPN⁺ salts 1b-5b which can be precipitated (often as microcrystalline material) by addition of diethyl ether (yields based on $C_4H_7Mn(CO)_4$: 1b (65%), 2b (70%), 3b (40%), 4b (35%), **5b** (70%).⁴

All anionic complexes 1b-5b are cleanly protonated by HBF_4-Me_2O (-78 °C, CH_2Cl_2); weaker acids such as $NH_4^+Cl^-$ also suffice. Complex 1b yields the neutral butenyl species 6 (95%, orange oil) characterized by an agostic three-center, two-electron Mn-H-C interaction $(J_{C-H} = 89 \text{ Hz}).^5$ Complex 6 is stable to temperatures of 120 °C. Two degenerate modes of isomerization can be detected by variable-temperature NMR spectroscopy.⁶ These two processes, together with measured ΔG^{*} 's, are shown in Scheme I; both processes have close analogies.⁷ The low-energy process involves "methyl" rotation and averaging of the agostic hydrogen with H_{1S} and H_{1A} while the high-energy process involves end-to-end averaging via the classical diene hydride. The latter process averages the H_{ag} , H_{1S} , H_{1A} set with H_{4A} , H_{5A} ; H_3 with H_4 ; C_1 with C_4 ; and C_2 with C_3 . Protonation of **2b** and **3b** yields the agostic species 7 and 8 which also display degenerate

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