

knowledge 2 is the first example of a mixed diaryltin(II) compound.

Compound 2 readily undergoes oxidative addition reactions. This is reflected, for example, in the instantaneous formation of {2,6-bis[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl}methyl(4-tolyl)tin(IV) iodide (3) when MeI is added to a benzene solution of 2. Since 3 is insoluble in apolar solvents like benzene but very soluble in polar solvents like methanol, it is most likely ionic in nature. An ionic formulation for 3 (see Scheme I) is supported by its ^1H NMR data,¹⁵ which are comparable with those of the earlier reported {2,6-bis[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl}methylphenyltin(IV) bromide, whose ionic character was unambiguously proved by an X-ray crystal structure determination.¹⁶

Reaction of 2 with I_2 affords, based on ^1H NMR data,¹⁵ hexacoordinate *trans*-{2,6-bis[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl}4-tolyltin(IV) diiodide (4). This geometry is in accord with the observation that the two organic groups in hexacoordinated diorganotin dihalide complexes are always mutually *trans*.¹⁹ In contrast a *cis* oxidative-addition product is obtained from the reaction of I_2 with {2,6-bis[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl}4-tolylplatinum(II), for which it has been proposed on steric grounds that *trans* oxidative-addition cannot take place.²⁰ Finally, it is to be noted that in the initial step of the reaction of 2 with I_2 we cannot, as yet, exclude formation of a *cis* oxidative-addition product, which then rearranges to the *trans* isomer 4. This topic is currently under investigation.

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Bonding Studies of Nitrogen Heterocyclic Ligands to $(\eta^5\text{-Cyclopentadienyl})\text{ruthenium}$ Cation: A Novel Nitrogen to π Rearrangement

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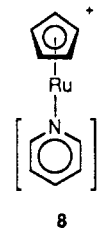
Summary: The nitrogen heterocyclic ligands, pyridine (1), 2-methylpyridine (2), 2,4-dimethylpyridine (3), 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (4), quinoline (5), 2-methylquinoline (6), and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (7), were reacted with $(\eta^5\text{-cyclopentadienyl})\text{ruthenium}$ cation $[\text{CpRu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3]^+\text{X}$, $\text{X} = \text{PF}_6$ to determine preferences for nitrogen (N) versus π -bonding. Ligands 1-3 and 5 formed N-bonded complexes, while 4, 6, and 7 formed π - (η^6 -) bonded complexes. A novel N(η^1) to π (η^6) rearrangement was discovered for the N-bonded CpRu^+ complexes of ligands 2, 3, and 5.

The bonding mode of nitrogen heterocyclic ligands to rhodium and ruthenium complexes that have been found to act as homogeneous catalysts has been of considerable interest due to its important role in the regioselective hydrogenation of the nitrogen-containing ring of these model coal compounds.¹ Indeed, we recently reported on the bonding mode of a number of polynuclear heteroaromatic nitrogen ligands with $(\eta^5\text{-pentamethylcyclopentadienyl})\text{rhodium}$ dicationic complexes ($\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}^{2+}$), i.e., nitrogen (N) versus π -bonding, and have shown that the regioselectivity of nitrogen ring reduction is in fact dependent on the ligand being N-bonded to the Rh metal center.²

While we were in the process of carrying out a similar bonding and catalysis study with $(\eta^5\text{-cyclopentadienyl})\text{-ruthenium}$ cation $[\text{CpRu}(\text{S})_3]^+$, $\text{S} = \text{CH}_3\text{CN}$,³ Chaudret and Jalon published some preliminary results on the bonding mode of pyridine and several methyl-substituted pyridine ligands with $(\eta^5\text{-pentamethylcyclopentadienyl})\text{ruthenium}$ cation (Cp^*Ru^+).⁴ In all cases, they isolated π -bonded complexes, while observing a pronounced solvent effect in acetone that provided a pyridine N-bonded complex $[(\text{py})_6\text{Ru}^{2+}]$, with a concomitant loss of Cp^* .

We wish to report our preliminary bonding results with $\text{CpRu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3^+$ and ligands 1-7, which are dramatically different than the bonding study reported (pyridine and substituted analogues) for Cp^*Ru^+ and, further, we report a novel N(η^1) to π (η^6) rearrangement for N-bonded $\text{CpRu}(2\text{-methylpyridine})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2^+$ (9), $\text{CpRu}(2,4\text{-dimethylpyridine})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2^+$ (10), and $\text{CpRu}(\text{quinoline})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2^+$ (14) to their π -bonded analogues 11, 12, and 15, respectively.

The reaction of excess pyridine (1) with $\text{CpRu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3^+$ (30 min at room temperature in CH_2Cl_2) provided complex 8, which was clearly tris N-bound from ^1H and ^{13}C NMR and elemental analysis data.⁵ More importantly, prolonged heating (12 h) of 8 in 1,2-dichloroethane at 80 °C provided no other product (^1H NMR).



The reaction of 2-methylpyridine (2) and 2,4-dimethylpyridine (3) with $\text{CpRu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3^+$ also resulted in the formation of N-bonded complexes by ^1H NMR analysis. We were successful in isolating N-bonded complexes, 9 and 10 ($\text{R} = \text{CH}_3$, $\text{R}_1 = \text{H}$ and $\text{R}, \text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3$), by using short reaction times (5 min at room temperature in CH_2Cl_2), followed by addition of diethyl ether and crystallization (-30 °C) of the product.⁶ Initial attempts to

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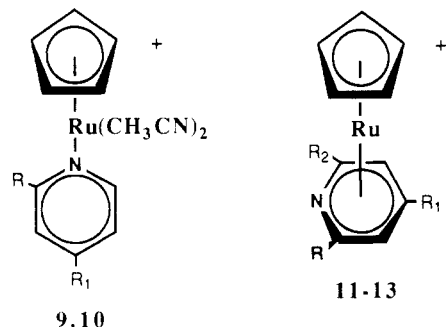
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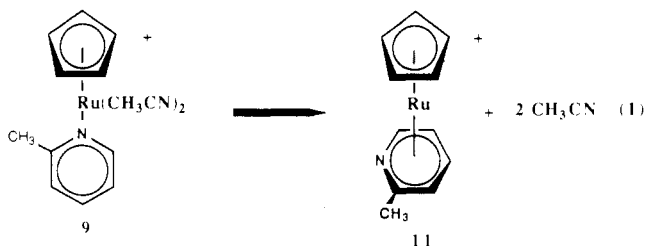
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(5) Complex 8: PF_6 , 81%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 4.24 (s), H(2), 8.72 (dd, $J = 6.4, 1.5$ Hz), H(3), 7.46 (dd, $J = 6.4, 7.5$ Hz), H(4) 7.96 (tt, $J = 1.5, 7.5$ Hz); ratio, 5:2:2:1; ^{13}C NMR ($(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 70.90, C(1), 155.91, C(2), 126.52, C(3), 138.14. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{Ru}(\text{PF}_6)$: C, 43.80; H, 3.68; N, 7.66. Found: C, 43.53; H, 3.54; N, 7.40.

isolate these above-mentioned N-bonded complexes by using longer reaction times (20 h at room temperature in CH_2Cl_2) followed by solvent removal only resulted in the isolation of the π -bonded complexes 11 and 12 ($\text{R} = \text{CH}_3$, $\text{R}_1, \text{R}_2 = \text{H}$ and $\text{R}, \text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3, \text{R}_2 = \text{H}$) and demonstrated the lability of the acetonitrile ligand.⁷ It is interesting to note that 4, 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine, only provided the π -bonded complex 13 ($\text{R}, \text{R}_1, \text{R}_2 = \text{CH}_3$), an indication that steric crowding around nitrogen prevents the ligand from N-bonding.⁸



In the course of studying the thermal stability of 9 and 10 by variable-temperature (VT) ^1H NMR analysis, we discovered a novel and unprecedented N to π rearrangement occurring for both complexes. For example, complex 9 clearly showed (500 MHz ^1H NMR in 1,2-dichloroethane- d_4) that as the temperature was raised from 23 to 70 $^\circ\text{C}$ over a 1.5-h period, the formation of complex 11 was observed (ratio of 9/11 = 6:1 at 70 $^\circ\text{C}$), without the observation of free ligand 2 (eq 1). As far as we have been able to determine, this type of N to π rearrangement has not been observed previously but possibly has some analogy to a $\text{CpRu}(\text{PPh})_2(\eta^1\text{-S-thiophene})^+$ to $\pi(\eta^5)$ rearrangement reported by Rauchfuss et al.⁹

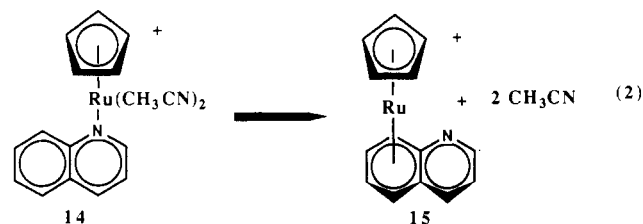


(6) Complex 9 (air and moisture sensitive): PF_6 , 73%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $1,2\text{-C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_2$, δ) Cp, 4.21 (s), H(6), 8.89 (s, br), H(4), 7.69 (t, br, $J = 6.1$ Hz), H(3), 7.37 (d, br, $J = 7.6$ Hz), H(5), 7.14 (s, br), CH_3 , 2.83 (s, br), CH_3CN , 2.41 (s, br); ratio 5:1:1:1:1:3:6; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR ($1,2\text{-C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_2$, δ) Cp, 68.92, C(2), 163.70, C(6), 155.14, C(4), 137.37, C(3), 126.11, C(5), 121.81, CH_3 , 27.56, CH_3CN , 3.99. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{Ru}(\text{PF}_6)$: C, 37.04; H, 3.73; N, 8.64. Found: C, 37.40; H, 3.80; N, 8.49. Complex 10 (air and moisture sensitive): PF_6 , 100% (NMR); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , δ) Cp, 4.19 (s, br), H(6), 8.68 (s, br), H(3), 8.18 (s, br), H(5) 7.18 (s, br), 2- CH_3 , 2.76 (s, br), CH_3CN , 2.46 (s, br), 4- CH_3 , 2.35 (s, br); ratio 5:1:1:3:6:3. Correct analytical data for 10 could not be obtained because of its instability.

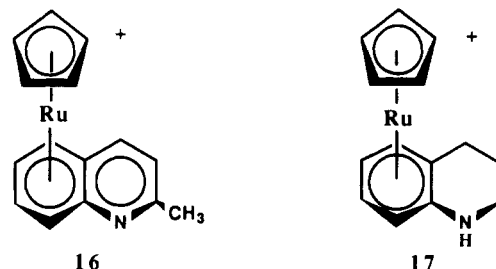
(7) Complex 11: PF_6 , 75%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 5.70 (s), H(6), 7.33 (m), H(4), 6.79 (m), H(3,5), 6.60 (m), CH_3 , 2.64 (s); ratio, 5:1:1:2:3; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR ($(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 83.45, C(2), 121.83, C(6), 104.84, C(4), 89.79, C(3), 88.31, C(5), 85.18, CH_3 , 22.60. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NRu}(\text{PF}_6)$: C, 32.68; H, 2.99; N, 3.46. Found: C, 32.74; H, 2.89; N, 3.27. Complex 12: PF_6 , 73%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 5.64 (s), H(6), 7.27 (dd, $J = 3.8, 0.7$ Hz), H(3), 6.83 (s), H(5), 6.61 (dd, $J = 0.7, 3.8$ Hz), 2- CH_3 , 2.62 (s), 4- CH_3 , 2.39 (s); ratio 5:1:1:1:3:3; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR ($(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 83.46, C(2), 121.20, C(4), 106.80, C(6), 104.23, C(3) 87.77, C(5), 86.23, 2- CH_3 , 22.38, 4- CH_3 , 19.80. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NRu}(\text{PF}_6)$: C, 34.46; H, 3.37; N, 3.35. Found: C, 34.01; H, 3.55; N, 3.47.

(8) Complex 13: PF_6 , 63%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 5.57 (s), H(3 and 5), 6.68 (s), 2- and 6- CH_3 , 2.60 (s), 4- CH_3 , 2.36 (s); ratio 5:2:6:3; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR ($(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ), Cp, 83.47, C(2 and 6), 119.78, C(4), 106.20, C(3 and 5), 86.23, 2- and 6- CH_3 , 22.31, 4- CH_3 , 19.63. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NRu}(\text{PF}_6)$: C, 36.12; H, 3.73; N, 3.24. Found: C, 35.90; H, 3.61; N, 3.06.

In order to ascertain whether this novel rearrangement was also prevalent in polynuclear heteroaromatic nitrogen ligand complexes, we studied the reaction of ligand 5, quinoline, with $\text{CpRu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3^+$. Both the N-bonded complex 14 and complex 15, π -bonded to the benzene ring (η^6) rather than the pyridine ring (^{13}C NMR), were isolated by using the aforementioned procedures.¹⁰ The N to π rearrangement of 14 to 15 was extremely facile and occurred on immediate dissolution of pure 14 in 1,2-dichloroethane- d_4 . Upon heating the mixture of complexes 14 and 15 (14/15 = 7:3) in an NMR tube (500-MHz ^1H NMR, 1,2-dichloroethane- d_4) from 23 to 70 $^\circ\text{C}$ over a 1.5-h period, we found that the ratio of 14/15 at 70 $^\circ\text{C}$ became 1:9 (eq 2). As in the VT NMR experiment with complex 9, we saw no free ligand 5 in the N to π rearrangement of 14 to 15.



Two other ligands, 2-methylquinoline (6) and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (7), were reacted with $\text{CpRu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3^+$ to provide π -bonded (η^6) complexes, 16 and 17.^{11,12}



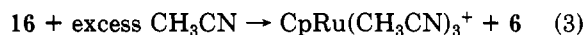
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(10) Complex 14 (air and moisture sensitive): PF_6 , 60%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , δ) Cp, 4.29 (s), H(2), 9.35 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz), H(3), 7.48 (dd, $J = 5.1, 8.1$ Hz), H(4), 8.32 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), H(5), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), H(6), 7.66 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz), H(7), 7.85 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz), H(8), 8.81 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz); CH_3CN , 2.35 (s); ratio 5:1:1:1:1:1:1:6; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , δ) Cp, 69.35, C(2), 157.39, C(3), 121.62, C(4), 138.53, C(5), 130.80, C(6), 127.55, C(7), 129.13, C(8), 131.09, C(9), 150.12, C(10), 129.83, CH_3CN , 4.08. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{Ru}(\text{PF}_6)$: C, 41.39; H, 3.47; N, 8.04. Found: C, 41.10; H, 3.43; N, 8.04. Complex 15: PF_6 , 100%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 5.24, H(2), 9.19 (dd, $J = 1.7, 3.8$ Hz), H(3), 7.66 (dd, $J = 3.8, 8.9$ Hz), H(4), 8.46 (dd, $J = 1.1, 8.9$ Hz), H(5), 7.24 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), H(6), 6.52 (dt, $J = 0.6, 6.0$ Hz), H(7), 6.63 (dt, $J = 0.9, 6.0$ Hz), H(8), 7.34 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz); ratio 5:1:1:1:1:1:1:1; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR ($(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 81.21, C(2), 161.62, C(3), 126.34, C(4), 140.54, C(5), 88.43, C(6), 86.33, C(7), 84.87, C(8) 87.31, C(9), 94.05, C(10), 114.34. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{NRu}(\text{PF}_6)$: C, 38.19; H, 2.75; N, 3.18. Found: C, 38.04; H, 2.76; N, 3.25.

(11) Complex 16: PF_6 , 85%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , δ) Cp, 5.03, H(3), 7.37 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), H(4), 8.07 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz); H(5), 7.05 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz), H(6), 6.30 (dt, $J = 1.0, 5.9$ Hz), H(7), 6.19 (dt, $J = 0.7, 6.1$ Hz), H(8), 6.86 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz); 2- CH_3 , 2.68 (s); ratio 5:1:1:1:1:1:3; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR ($(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, δ) Cp, 80.93, C(2), 171.10, C(3), 127.87, C(4), 140.0, C(5), 88.07, C(6), 85.60, C(7), 84.50, C(8), 86.66, C(9), 114.7, C(10), 92.09, 2- CH_3 , 26.38. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NRu}(\text{PF}_6)$: C, 39.66; H, 3.11; N, 3.08. Found: C, 39.58; H, 3.11; N, 3.04. Complex 17: PF_6 , 91%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , δ) Cp, 5.14 (s), H(2), 3.3(m), H(3,ax), 1.84 (m), H(3,eq), 2.08 (m), H(4,ax), 2.48 (m), H(4,eq), 2.67 (m), H(8), 5.78 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), H(7,5), 5.68 (m), H(6), 5.56 (dt, $J = 1.0, 5.7$ Hz); ratio 5:2:1:1:1:1:2:1; ^{13}C NMR (CD_3CN , δ) Cp, 79.87, C(2), 41.15, C(3), 21.47, C(4), 27.00, C(5-10), 81.20, 83.50, 85.15, 86.00, 86.89, 125.70. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NRu}(\text{PF}_6)$: C, 37.85; H, 3.63; N, 3.15. Found: C, 37.88; H, 3.61; N, 3.08.

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The reverse reaction can be demonstrated with **16** using a large excess of acetonitrile to give, after 2 days at ambient temperature, $\text{CpRu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3^+$, clearly indicative of the slow nature of this displacement reaction (eq 3).¹³



The overall results demonstrate that steric effects and nitrogen nonbonding electron availability appear to be contributing factors in the formation of both N- and π -bonded complexes of CpRu^+ .² The mechanism of these N to π rearrangements could possibly occur via $\text{N}(\eta^1)$ to η^2 then to η^4 intermediates (ring slippage), which would allow a stepwise process to the π -bonded (η^6) product with loss of the acetonitrile ligands (η^2 - η^4 - η^6).^{9,13,14}

The dramatic differences between our pyridine bonding results and Chaudret and Jalon's⁴ may be a consequence of possible steric and electronic differences between Cp and Cp*. For example, Cp* places higher electron density on Ru than Cp and this may preclude N-bonding, while strongly favoring π -bonding (arenophilicity) at Cp*Ru²⁺ as is observed.^{4,13}

We are continuing our studies on the bonding and catalytic activity of rhodium and ruthenium cationic complexes with nitrogen heterocyclic compounds and the mechanistic aspects of the N- π rearrangement.

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Pentakis(trimethylphosphine)osmium(0)

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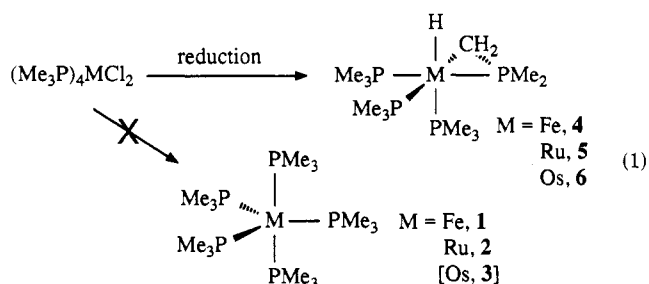
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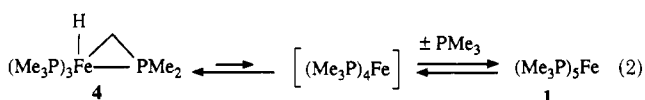
Summary: The new complex $(\text{Me}_3\text{P})_5\text{Os}$ (**3**) has been prepared and characterized. It is nonrigid at ambient temperature on the NMR time scale. Treatment of **3** with triflic acid yielded $[(\text{Me}_3\text{P})_5\text{OsH}]\text{OTf}$ (**7**). Thermolysis of **3** above 40 °C in neat THF, benzene, neohexene, tetramethylsilane, or alkane solvent results in quantitative formation of $(\text{Me}_3\text{P})_3\text{Os}(\text{H})(\eta^2\text{-CH}_2\text{PMe}_2)$ (**6**). At constant $[\text{PMe}_3]$ the conversion of **3** to **6** is clearly first order, and the rate is strongly inhibited by the added PMe_3 . In the presence of a large excess of $\text{P}(\text{CD}_3)_3$, the rate of ligand exchange with **3** can be measured; preliminary data yield an E_a of ca. 28 kcal/mol for PMe_3 dissociation.

Pentakis(trimethylphosphine) complexes of zerovalent iron (**1**), ruthenium (**2**), and osmium (**3**) have not been previously known, although species such as L_5M^0 ($\text{M} = \text{Fe}, \text{Ru}, \text{Os}; \text{L} = \text{PF}_3, \text{P}(\text{OCH}_3)_3$) and combinations of these with PMe_3 have been prepared.¹ All attempts to prepare

$(\text{Me}_3\text{P})_5\text{M}$ have instead yielded cyclometalated complexes as shown in eq 1. A number of years ago, Karsch and

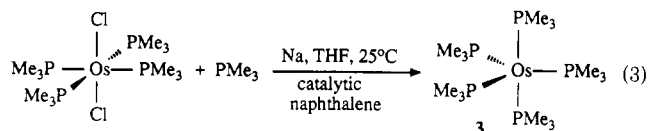


Schmidbaur² and Muetterties³ prepared iron complex **4**. They found evidence for a facile, reversible reductive elimination and complexation by L (PMe_3) to form **1** in concentrations not directly detectable by NMR (eq 2).



Much of the reactivity of **4** was rationalized as arising from a small equilibrium concentration of L_4Fe . More recently, Werner and co-workers have prepared **5** and **6** and have investigated their chemistry.⁴

We have recently employed the Werner complex **6** to gain access to a set of complexes $\text{cis-L}_4\text{Os}(\text{H})\text{R}$.⁵ In an attempt to enhance an already good yield, the preparation of **6** was carried out in the presence of a 10-fold excess of L (eq 3). Instead of the characteristic spectrum of **6**,



³¹P{¹H} NMR (THF) revealed a singlet at δ -56.3 and just traces of resonances for **6**. The ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum contained a broad resonance at δ 30.8 and the ¹H NMR a broad singlet at δ 1.5. At -100 °C the ³¹P singlet split into a quartet at δ -45.4 ($J = 35$ Hz) and a triplet at -61.8 ppm. ¹H resonances were obscured by THF, and the ¹³C resonance split into two broad, featureless peaks at δ 27 and 32 ppm. These spectral characteristics are most consistent with L_5Os (**3**) with a nonrigid, trigonal-bipyramidal structure.

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