

those of the structurally characterized alkylidyne complex $\text{CpW}(\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{11}(\mu_3\text{-CTol}))^{16}$. Interestingly, hydrogenation of 1 under similar conditions failed to generate the expected alkylidyne complex $\text{CpW}(\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{11}(\mu_3\text{-CCH}_2\text{Ph}))$.

Reaction of 1 with excess ditolylacetylene in refluxing toluene (110 °C, 2 h) led to the isolation of a dark green complex, $\text{CpW}(\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_8(\mu_3\text{-CPh})[\mu_4\text{-}\eta^5\text{-C}(\text{C}_2\text{Tol})_2]_2)$ (6), as the only isolable product (62%), and no intermediate was observed during the reaction. This complex has been characterized by spectroscopic methods¹⁷ and by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study (Figure 2).¹⁸

The molecule contains an almost planar triangulated rhomboidal arrangement with W and Os(3) atoms at the bridgehead position, the angle between W–Os(1)–Os(3) and W–Os(2)–Os(3) planes being 3.32 (3)°. The W atom and the Os(3) atoms of the bridgehead position are coordinated to a Cp ligand and two CO ligands, respectively, while each of the terminal Os(1) and Os(2) atoms is linked to three terminal CO ligands. There is a triply bridging alkylidyne group ($\mu_3\text{-CPh}$) which is associated with the triangular W–Os(2)–Os(3) system, and, on the opposite side of the $\text{W}(\text{Os}_3)$ plane is a C_5 hydrocarbyl moiety which interacts with all of the four transition-metal atoms. This C_5 ligand is best described as a bis(2-metallovinyl)alkylidene ligand. The center alkylidene carbon atom C(37) is bridged across the shortest W–Os(3) bond, with the C(21)–C(29) fragment bound to the Os(3) atom via a σ -bond and to the Os(1) atom via a π -bond and with the C(38)–C(46) fragment bound to Os(2) atom and the W atom via a σ -bond and a π -bond, respectively.

The aromatic substituents on the alkylidyne and the alkylidene moieties suggests that the alkylidyne originates from the phenylacetylide ligand of complex 1. Therefore, the reaction mechanism can be considered as a scission of the acetylide carbon–carbon bond to form an alkylidyne unit and a coordinated carbide carbon. The carbide carbon then couples with two molecules of ditolylacetylene to generate the observed alkylidene moiety. Studies of the scission of coordinated alkyne ligand,¹⁹ the coupling of a coordinated carbide atom and alkyne ligand,²⁰ and the consideration of acetylide ligands as alkylidyne carbides²¹ provide precedence for this postulated reaction pathway. However, other possibilities, such as a prior coupling of the coordinated alkynes and acetylide ligands followed by

the cleavage of a C–C bond, cannot be eliminated at present. We are currently involved in studying the reactions with other disubstituted acetylenes to establish the mechanism.

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Preparation and Structure Determination of a Dinuclear Ruthenacyclopentadiene Complex. Coupling of Coordinated Vinyl Ligands

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Summary: Heating the divinyl complex $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)$ in toluene at 70 °C leads to the formation of a novel dinuclear ruthenacyclopentadiene complex, $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\text{PMe}_3)(\mu\text{-}\eta^4\text{-C}_4\text{H}_4)\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)$ (3). The structure of the complex has been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

The activation of C–H bonds of olefins by transition-metal complexes and the reactivities of the resultant σ -alkenyl–metal complexes have been relatively unexplored though the catalytic conversions of alkenes to functionalized molecules via such a mechanism would be of substantial interest.¹

In the previous paper, we reported that the dinuclear divinyl complex $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2)(\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)$ (1) was obtained by treatment of the tetrahydride-bridged dinuclear ruthenium complex $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\mu\text{-H})_4\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)$ with ethylene via an acti-

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(18) Crystal data for complex 6: $\text{W}_1\text{Os}_3\text{C}_{53}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_8$; $M = 1557.34$; monoclinic, space group $P2_1$; $a = 10.351$ (3), $b = 12.576$ (3), $c = 18.098$ (3) Å; $\alpha = 94.44$ (2), $\beta = 91.07$ (2), $\gamma = 96.00$ (2)°; $V = 2335.18$ Å³; $Z = 2$; $D_{\text{calc}} = 2.215$ mg/cm^3 ; $F(000) = 1443.5$; Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation; $\lambda = 0.70930$ Å; $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 10.71$ mm^{-1} . ψ scan absorption correction has been made, 8201 unique reflections were measured, and 5283 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ were used in refinement. Refinement of 65 atoms and 587 parameters converged to $R_F = 0.041$, $R_w = 0.042$, and GOF = 2.397.

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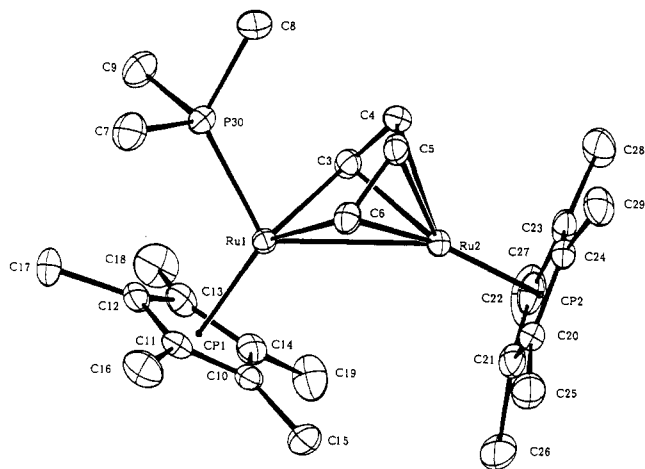
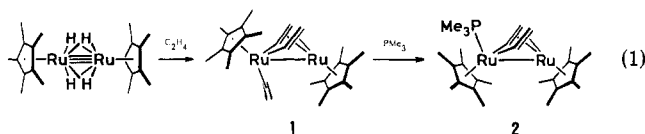
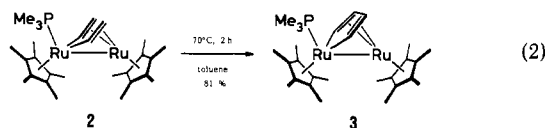


Figure 1. Molecular structure of $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\text{PMe}_3)(\mu\text{-}\eta^4\text{-C}_4\text{H}_4)\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)$ (**3**). Bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) of interest are as follows: Ru(1)–Ru(2), 2.831 (1); Ru(1)–P(30), 2.297 (1); Ru(1)–C(3), 2.057 (5); Ru(1)–C(6), 2.044 (6); C(3)–C(4), 1.401 (9); C(4)–C(5), 1.426 (9); C(5)–C(6), 1.397 (8); Ru(2)–C(3), 2.155 (5); Ru(2)–C(4), 2.115 (5); Ru(2)–C(5), 2.112 (5); Ru(2)–C(6), 2.149 (4); P(30)–Ru(1)–Ru(2), 116.8 (0); Ru(1)–C(3)–C(4), 114.6 (4); Ru(1)–C(6)–C(5), 115.0 (4); C(3)–Ru(1)–C(6), 77.6 (2); C(3)–C(4)–C(5), 114.0 (5); C(4)–C(5)–C(6), 114.3 (5). CP indicates the centroid of a C_5Me_5 ring.

vation of a C–H bond of ethylene and that reaction of **1** with trimethylphosphine leads to *cis*-($\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5$)Ru(PMe₃)(CH=CH₂)₂Ru($\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5$) (**2**) in excellent yield, with inversion of the stereochemistry at one of the ruthenium centers (eq 1).^{2,3} We report here the formation of a dinuclear ruthenacyclopentadiene complex via a thermal coupling of the vinyl ligands in **2**.



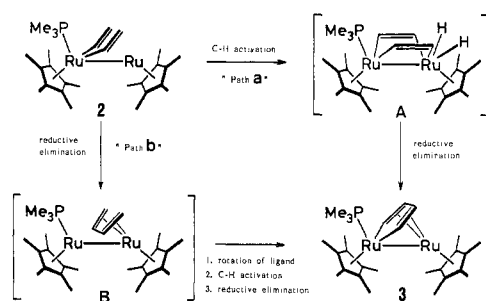
Heating of complex **2** (0.186 g, 0.31 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) at 70 °C for 2 h led to the formation of a ruthenacyclopentadiene complex, $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ru}(\text{PMe}_3)(\mu\text{-}\eta^4\text{-C}_4\text{H}_4)\text{Ru}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)$ (**3**) (eq 2). Purification by column



chromatography on alumina (Merck, Art. 1097) with toluene followed by crystallization from toluene–pentane afforded analytically pure **3** (0.149 g, 0.25 mmol) in 81% yield as red plates. The structure of **3** is assigned on the basis of ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, FD mass spectrometry, infrared spectroscopy, and elemental analysis.⁴

The ¹H NMR spectrum measured in C₆D₆ revealed two equivalent sets of olefinic protons of the metallacycle at

Scheme I



δ 7.25 (H_α) and 4.43 (H_β) and two singlet peaks at δ 2.02 and 1.86 for nonequivalent C_5Me_5 ligands. The ¹³C resonance signals for the metallacycle framework are observed at δ 142.0 ($J_{\text{CH}} = 149.9$ Hz, $J_{\text{CP}} = 16.5$ Hz, C_a) and 92.7 ($J_{\text{CH}} = 148.7$ Hz, $J_{\text{CP}} = 9.9$ Hz, C_β). These are slightly shielded compared with those, δ 156.6 and 114.4, reported for $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3(\mu\text{-}\eta^4\text{-C}_4\text{H}_4)(\mu\text{-CO})\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$.⁵ The shielding was presumably arising from the electron donation from the PMe_3 and C_5Me_5 ligands. The signals for the two C_5Me_5 ligands appeared as nonequivalent sets at δ 11.5 (q, $J_{\text{CH}} = 126.0$ Hz) and 91.5 (s) and δ 11.4 (q, $J_{\text{CH}} = 126.0$ Hz) and 86.8, respectively.

The molecular structure of **3** determined by X-ray diffraction study confirms the cyclocoupling of two vinyl ligands and the formation of a five-membered ruthenacycle (Figure 1).⁶ Two C_5Me_5 ligands occupy *cis* positions with respect to the Ru–Ru bond. The complex has a pseudosymmetry plane with the phosphorus, C8, C12, C17, C21, C26, and two ruthenium atoms.

The four carbon atoms of the metallacyclopentadiene framework are close to coplanar, and the torsional angle between the C₄ plane and that defined by Ru1, C3, and C6 atoms is 18.3°. The diene moiety in the ruthenacycle is coordinated to another ruthenium center, Ru(2). The Ru(1)–C(3) and Ru(1)–C(6) bond lengths of 2.057 (5) and 2.044 (6) Å are comparable to that of the Ru–C single bond length reported for ruthenacyclopentadiene.⁷ The C(3)–C(4), C(5)–C(6), and C(4)–C(5) bond lengths of 1.401 (9), 1.397 (8), and 1.426 (9) Å also reflect the proposed ruthenacyclopentadiene structure. The 18-electron rule applied to the dinuclear complex **3** requires a single bond between the ruthenium atoms. The Ru(1)–Ru(2) distance of 2.831 (1) Å just represents a single-order metal–metal bond.

The following two mechanisms shown in Scheme I possibly account for the formation of the ruthenacycle **3** from the dinuclear divinyl complex **2**. Activation of the C(sp²)–H bond at the terminus of the vinyl group by one of the ruthenium centers would be expected, on the basis of precedent,⁸ to form the dihydrido bis(μ -ethene) species A, which would undergo reductive elimination to give ru-

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thenacycle **3** and dihydrogen (path a). Another possible route to **3** (path b) would involve a reductive coupling of the two vinyl ligands to yield the diruthenium-1,3-butadiene complex **B**. Rotation of the coordinated butadiene and activation of C-H bonds at the terminal carbons of the butadiene followed by reductive elimination would give the ruthenacycle **3**.

While an example of the reductive elimination of 1,3-butadiene from a monomeric ruthenium divinyl complex has been reported,⁹ path b could be excluded on the basis of the result of a control experiment. Thermolysis of **2** in benzene even in the presence of a 10-fold excess of isoprene exclusively afforded **3**, and the formation of a 2-methylated ruthenacyclopentadiene was not observed. Furthermore, an intermediary hydride species observed at δ -9.32 as a singlet by monitoring the reaction by means of ¹H NMR spectroscopy suggests the validity of path a.¹⁰

Further reactivity studies of **3** and mechanistic studies pertaining to the formation of **3** will be reported in due course.

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Synthesis and Characterization of [HgAu(CH₂SPPPh₂CH₂)₂]PF₆, the First Example of Structurally Characterized Carbene Double Insertions into Metal-Sulfur Bonds

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Summary: The reaction of CH₂N₂ with the heterobimetallic complex HgAu(SPPPh₂CH₂)₂PF₆, **1**, in THF/diethyl ether at 0 °C yields a novel complex, HgAu-(CH₂SPPPh₂CH₂)₂PF₆, **2**, in 40% yield. **2** is the result of methylene group double insertions into the Au-S bonds in **1**. The structure of **2** was determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. **2** crystallizes in the monoclinic space group *P*2₁/*c* with *a* = 11.218 (4) Å, *b* = 24.59 (2) Å, *c* = 12.598 (7) Å, and β = 109.42 (4)°. **2** is the first example of CH₂ insertion into metal-sulfur bonds.

Studies of the syntheses, characterization, and reactivity of carbene ligands and their metal complexes are among

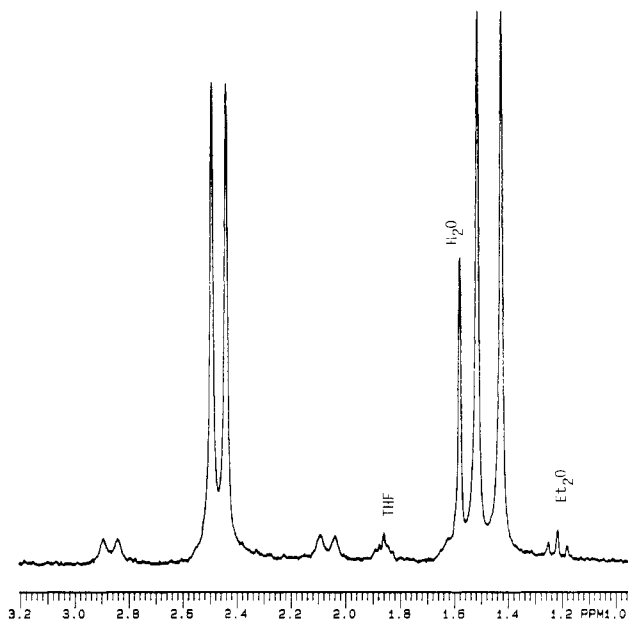


Figure 1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **2** in CDCl₃.

the most attractive and active areas of investigation in organometallic chemistry in the last two decades.¹ The important application of metal carbene complexes in organic syntheses has given rise to many studies of the reactions of carbene complexes with organic substrates. Nucleophilic and electrophilic substitution reactions on the carbene ligands have been the well-studied topics of numerous papers.¹ In contrast, carbene insertion reactions into metal-ligand bonds, reactions which play a critical role in organic syntheses, have been recognized and investigated only relatively recently.² Although there are numerous examples of carbene insertions into metal-carbon bonds,^{2,3} very little is known about carbene insertions into M-X bonds where X is a main group element such as O, S, P, or halide.⁴ Our interest in studying the interactions of the methylene group with bimetallic complexes caused investigation of the reaction of CH₂N₂ with the heterobimetallic compound⁵ [HgAu(SPPPh₂CH₂)₂]PF₆, **1**. A novel complex with the formula of [HgAu(CH₂SPPPh₂CH₂)₂]PF₆, **2**, resulted from the carbene double insertion into Au-S bonds in **1**. This is the first example of a structurally characterized complex produced from carbene insertions into metal-sulfur bonds. We report here the synthesis and characterization of this remarkable product.

The reaction^{6,7} of CH₂N₂ with **1** in the mixed solvents THF/diethyl ether at 0 °C yielded the air-stable colorless compound **2** as a major product. **2** was isolated in crys-

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