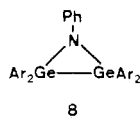
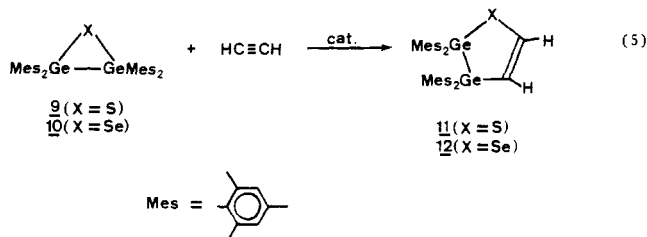


Under similar conditions azadigermiridine **8**^{9c} did not react with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate or acetylene in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₄ or PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂. But,



thiadigermirane **9**^{9a,b} reacted with acetylene in the presence of a catalytic amount of Pd(PPh₃)₄ or PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ at 80 °C cleanly to produce the adduct **11**¹⁹ in 44–54% yield (eq 5). In contrast to the reactions of digermirane **1** the adduct **11** obtained is the insertion product of acetylene into the Ge–S bond. No products of the insertion into the Ge–Ge bond were obtained. The reaction of selenadigermirane **10**^{9a,b} with acetylene under similar conditions gave the corresponding addition product **12** (eq 5).²⁰ A simple

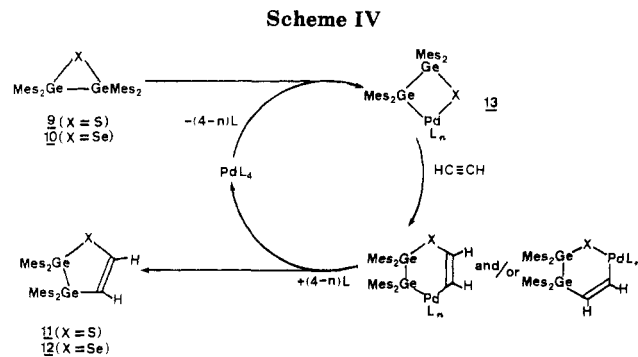


catalytic scheme can be proposed for the formation of adducts **11** and **12** (Scheme IV). We tried to prove the intervention of an intermediate such as **13**. However, attempts to isolate Pd-containing intermediates in stoichiometric reactions were not successful, so the chemistry in Scheme IV is only a suggestion.

(18) The mechanism of the palladium(II)-catalyzed insertions of acetylenes into the Ge–Ge bond of **1** is of some interest. As reported earlier (see ref 5) there is the possibility that a Pd(II) compound is reduced to a Pd(0) species. An experiment in which **1** was treated with a stoichiometric amount of PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ confirmed that this was the case. The reaction produced two products, palladadigermetane and ClAr₂Ge–CH₂–GeAr₂Cl (**7**), in about a 1:1 ratio. It would appear that an initial reaction of **1** with PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ reduces the latter to Pd(PPh₃)₂ and forms **7**. The coordinatively unsaturated Pd(PPh₃)₂ then inserts into the Ge–Ge bond of **1**. Compound **7**: colorless crystals, mp 119–121 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 24 H, CH₃), 2.51 (dq, *J* = 7.4, 14.8 Hz, 8 H, CH₂), 2.56 (s, 2 H, GeCH₂Ge), 2.77 (dq, *J* = 7.4, 14.8 Hz, 8 H, CH₂), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 8 H, Ar), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4 H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 15.2 (q, CH₃), 28.0 (t, GeCH₂Ge), 29.1 (t, CH₂), 126.7 (d, Ar), 129.8 (d, Ar), 139.4 (s, Ar), 148.1 (s, Ar).

(19) Compound **11**: colorless crystals; mp 174–175 °C; ¹H NMR (60 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.10 (s, 12 H, CH₃), 2.21 (br s, 24 H, CH₃), 6.62 (br s, 8 H, Mes), 6.95 (AB, *J*_{AB} = 8.4 Hz, Δ*ν*_{AB} = 30 Hz, 2 H, CH=CH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.8 (q, CH₃), 25.1 (q, CH₃), 25.2 (q, CH₃), 128.8 (d, Mes), 128.9 (d, Mes), 129.2 (d, C=C), 135.8 (s, Mes), 138.0 (s, Mes), 138.2 (s, Mes), 140.2 (d, C=C), 143.3 (s, Mes), 143.9 (s, Mes).

(20) Compound **12**: colorless crystals, mp 114–120 °C; ¹H NMR (60 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.13 (s, 12 H, CH₃), 2.21 (s, 24 H, CH₃), 6.63 (br s, 8 H, Mes), 7.41 (AB, *J*_{AB} = 10.2 Hz, Δ*ν*_{AB} = 25.0 Hz, 2 H, CH=CH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.8 (q, CH₃), 20.9 (q, CH₃), 25.3 (q, CH₃), 25.5 (q, CH₃), 128.8 (d, Mes), 128.9 (d, Mes), 134.3 (d, C=C), 136.1 (s, Mes), 136.2 (d, C=C), 137.9 (s, Mes), 138.2 (s, Mes), 143.2 (s, Mes), 143.8 (s, Mes).



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Inversion of Stereochemistry at the Carbon Bound to Iron in Cyclopropane Formation from *threo*-C₅H₅(CO)₂FeCHDCHDCH₂S(CH₃)C₆H₅⁺

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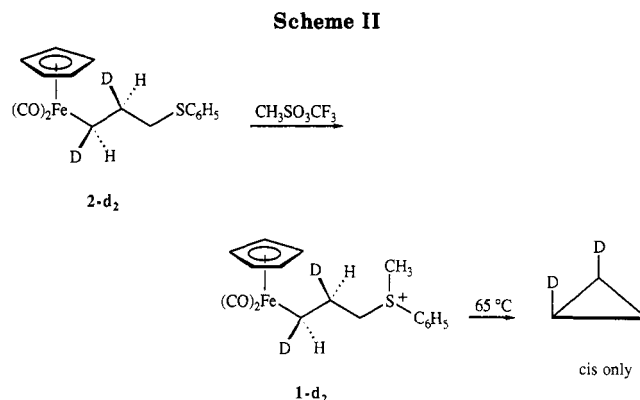
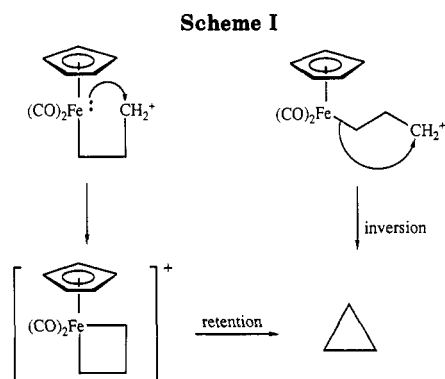
Summary: Upon heating at 65 °C, *threo*-C₅H₅-(CO)₂FeCHDCHDCH₂S(CH₃)C₆H₅⁺CF₃SO₃⁻ is converted to *cis*-1,2-dideuteriocyclopropane with inversion of stereochemistry at the carbon bound to iron.

The reaction of electrophilic carbene complexes with alkenes leads to the formation of cyclopropanes¹ with complete retention of alkene stereochemistry.² Since electron-rich alkenes have enhanced reactivity, electrophilic addition of the carbene carbon to the least substituted alkene carbon has been proposed to lead to a transition state with substantial positive charge at the carbon γ to the metal center. Cyclopropane formation can then be completed by carbon–carbon bond formation between C_α and C_γ by one of two stereochemically differentiated modes of ring closure (Scheme I). Net retention of stereochemistry at C_α could occur by nucleophilic attack of iron at the electrophilic γ-carbon to produce a cationic metallacyclobutane which then reductively eliminates cyclopropane.³ Net inversion of stereochemistry at C_α could occur via a W-shaped transition state in which the electrophilic γ-carbon attacks the backside of the C_α–Fe bond.

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Inversion of stereochemistry at a carbon bound to a metal in cyclopropane formation has been seen previously in the solvolysis of 1,3-tin mesylates and related compounds.⁴

In an attempt to model the transition state for cyclopropane formation from metal carbene complexes, we studied the reaction of $C_5H_5(CO)_2Fe(CH_2)_3Br$ with Ag^+ and found that generation of an electrophilic center γ to iron led to cyclopropane formation.⁵ Here we report that thermolysis of $C_5H_5(CO)_2Fe(CH_2)_3S(CH_3)C_6H_5^+$ (1) also leads to cyclopropane formation. In addition, use of stereochemically labeled sulfonium salts establishes that cyclopropane formation occurs with inversion of stereochemistry at the carbon bound to iron.⁶

$C_5H_5(CO)_2Fe(CH_2)_3SC_6H_5$ (2)⁷ was prepared from the reaction of $Na^+[C_5H_5(CO)_2Fe]^-$ (2.3 mmol) with (*p*- $CH_3C_6H_4$) $SO_3(CH_2)_3SC_6H_5$ (3)⁸ (1.9 mmol) in THF at 0 °C. Iron sulfide 2 was isolated in 63% yield as a dark yellow, low melting oil (mp 15–20 °C). Methylation of 2 (3 mmol) with 1 equiv of $CF_3SO_3CH_3$ in CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature produced the sulfonium salt $C_5H_5(CO)_2Fe(CH_2)_3S(CH_3)C_6H_5^+CF_3SO_3^-$ (1- CF_3SO_3) as a thick red oil in 35% isolated yield.⁹

The neat triflate salt 1- CF_3SO_3 was generated in situ from the reaction of 2 with 0.95 equiv of $CF_3SO_3CH_3$ and heated to 65 °C to generate cyclopropane in 62% yield.¹⁰ Similarly, 1- CF_3SO_3 generated in situ in CH_2Cl_2 gave cyclopropane upon heating at 65 °C.

To determine the stereochemistry of cyclopropane formation, we synthesized stereospecifically labeled *threo*- $C_5H_5(CO)_2FeCHDCHDCH_2SC_6H_5$ (2- d_2). Reduction of acetylene- d_2 with chromous chloride produced pure *trans*-1,2-dideuterioethylene¹¹ containing no infrared-detectable¹² *cis*- $CHD=CHD$ or $CHD=CH_2$. Reaction of the *trans*- $CHD=CHD$ with bromine in water gave the *erythro*-bromohydrin, $BrCHDCHDOH$,¹³ which was cyclized with 1 M NaOH to *trans*-1,2-dideuteriooxirane (4)¹⁴ in 41% yield (23% from ethylene). Epoxide 4 was opened with (phenylthio)methyl lithium to give *erythro*- $HOCHDCHDCH_2SC_6H_5$ (5)¹⁵ in 57% yield. Alcohol 5 was converted to the tosylate 3- d_2 ¹⁶ with tosyl chloride in pyridine (92%). Finally, reaction of tosylate 3- d_2 with the $Na^+[C_5H_5(CO)_2Fe]^-$ gave *threo*-2- d_2 ^{17,18} which was purified by column chromatography (82%).

Reaction of the labeled iron sulfide *threo*-2- d_2 (120 mg; 0.36 mmol) with neat methyl triflate (0.32 mmol) followed by thermolysis of the sulfonium salt at 65 °C for 6 h produced *cis*-1,2-dideuteriocyclopropane in 45% yield as the only detectable volatile product (Scheme II). 1,2-Dideuteriocyclopropane was identified by 1H NMR (δ 0.12) and GC/MS, which established that the product was greater than 97% d_2 . The stereochemistry of the cyclopropane was shown to be *cis* by gas-phase infrared spectroscopy, which exhibited bands at 2279, 1038, and 846 cm^{-1} that are characteristic of *cis*-1,2-dideuteriocyclo-

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(15) For 5: 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.36–7.10 (m, C_6H_5), 3.68 (br d, $J = 6$ Hz, $CHDO$), 2.97 (br d, $J = 8$ Hz, CH_2S), 1.80 (br q, $J = 8$ Hz, CHD), 1.50 (br s, OH); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 136.2 (C_{ipso}), 129.1, 128.9 ($C_{ortho,meta}$), 125.9 (C_{para}), 60.9 (t, $J_{CD} = 21$ Hz, $CHDO$), 31.2 (t, $J_{CD} = 19$ Hz, CHD), 30.1 (CH_2S); IR (film) 3352, 2922 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $C_9H_{10}D_2OS$ 170.0734, found 170.0730.

(16) For 3- d_2 : 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.8–7.7, 7.4–7.2 (C_6H_5 , C_6H_4), 4.13 (br d, $J = 6$ Hz, $CHDO$), 2.91 (br d, $J = 8$ Hz, CH_2S), 2.44 (s, CH_3), 1.90 (br q, $J = 8$ Hz, CHD); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 144.8, 135.4, 133.0, 129.8, 129.6, 129.0, 127.8, 126.3 (C_{aryl}), 68.2 (t, $J_{CD} = 23$ Hz, $CHDO$), 29.6 (CH_2S), 28.0 (t, $J_{CD} = 20$ Hz, CHD), 21.6 (CH_3); IR (film) 3062, 2925, 1363, 1180 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{16}D_2O_3S_2$ 324.0822, found 324.0823.

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propane. Bands corresponding to the trans isomer at 2271, 1024, 1041, and 849 cm^{-1} were absent.¹⁹ This result demonstrates that cyclopropane formation occurs with inversion of stereochemistry at the carbon bound to iron. This result supports a mechanism involving backside attack of the electrophilic γ -carbon at the iron-carbon bond through a W-shaped intermediate and is inconsistent with a mechanism involving a metallacyclobutane intermediate.

Earlier we had attempted to explain the formation of cis cyclopropanes from $(\text{CO})_5\text{W}=\text{CHPh}$ and *cis*- $\text{CH}_3\text{HC}=\text{CHCH}_3$ or $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{CHCH}_3$ by a mechanism involving interaction of the ipso carbon of the aryl ring on C_α with the more substituted alkene carbon followed by conversion to a metallacycle and reductive elimination.²⁰ The results here demonstrating inversion of stereochemistry at the α -carbon strongly suggest that this explanation is incorrect. Since this constitutes our second retraction of explanations for the stereochemistry of the product cyclopropanes, we are reluctant to offer a third at this time.

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Registry No. 1- CF_3SO_3 , 122171-43-1; 1- d_2 , 122171-48-6; 2, 122171-44-2; 2- d_2 , 122171-46-4; 3, 71350-90-8; 3- d_2 , 122171-41-9; 4, 13482-13-8; 5, 122171-40-8; $\text{Na}^+[\text{C}_5\text{H}_5(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]^-$, 122171-45-3; (*R**,*S**)-BrCHDCHDOH, 80236-19-7; cyclopropane, 75-19-4; acetylene- d_2 , 1070-74-2; *trans*-1,2-dideuterioethylene, 1517-53-9; ((phenylthio)methyl)lithium, 13307-75-0; *cis*-1,2-dideuteriocyclopropane, 122211-66-9.

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Reactions of Chloro((tri-2,4,6-*tert*-butylphenyl)imino)phosphane with Anionic Transition-Metal Complexes: Stable Metalloiminophosphanes and Evidence for Terminal Aminophosphinidene Complexes

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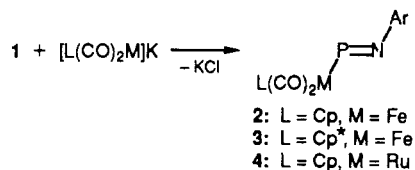
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Summary: Reaction of $[(\text{Cl})\text{P}=\text{N}(2,4,6\text{-}(t\text{-Bu})_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)]$ (1) with $[(\eta^5\text{-Me}_5\text{C}_5)(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]^-\text{K}^+$ affords the stable metalloiminophosphane $[(\eta^5\text{-Me}_5\text{C}_5)(\text{CO})_2\text{FeP}=\text{N}(2,4,6\text{-}(t\text{-Bu})_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)]$ (3), the structure of which was determined by X-ray crystallography. Rearrangement of the tungsten compound $[(\eta^5\text{-Me}_5\text{C}_5)_2\text{W}(\text{H})(\text{PN}(2,4,6\text{-}(t\text{-Bu})_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2))]$ (6) via a 1,3-hydrogen shift results in the formation of the terminal aminophosphinidene complex $[(\eta^5\text{-Me}_5\text{C}_5)_2\text{WPN}(\text{H})(2,4,6\text{-}(t\text{-Bu})_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)]$ (7), identified spectroscopically.

A variety of iminophosphane complexes is known,¹ demonstrating the versatility of phosphorus-element $p\pi$ systems as ligands. So far only η^1 -coordination to one metal fragment has been observed with the imino-

Scheme I



phosphane acting as a two-electron donor via the lone pair at the phosphorus atom. However, organometal-substituted iminophosphanes of the type $\text{L}_n\text{MP}=\text{NR}$, i.e. the $\text{P}=\text{N}$ moiety acting as one-electron donor, have so far only been postulated as intermediates² or could only be detected spectroscopically due to decomposition at room temperature as for $\text{L}_n\text{M} = (\text{R}_3\text{P})(\text{CO})\text{Ni}$.³ Here, we report on the first stable metalloiminophosphanes, $\text{L}(\text{CO})_2\text{MP}=\text{NAr}$ (L = Cp ($\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$), M = Fe, Ru; L = Cp* ($\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5$), M = Fe; Ar = 2,4,6-*t*-Bu₃C₆H₂), the synthesis of which had been prompted by the recent discovery of the chloroiminophosphane 1.⁴ This concept is analogous to the preparation of $[\text{Cp}^*(\text{CO})_2\text{FeP}=\text{C}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]$ ⁵ from $[\text{ClP}=\text{C}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]$, and thus, after phosphavinyl complexes and metallodiphosphenes,⁶ organometal-substituted iminophosphanes have become accessible.

In a typical preparation a pentane solution of 1 (1.63 g, 5 mmol) was added to a solution of an equimolar quantity of $[\text{Cp}^*(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]^-\text{K}^+$ in tetrahydrofuran at 0 °C. After being warmed to room temperature, the dark brown reaction mixture was stirred for 15 h and filtered and the filtrate evaporated to dryness. Recrystallization from petroleum ether (bp 40–60 °C) at –30 °C afforded dark brown 3.⁷ [Attempts to prepare P-metalated iminophosphanes from anionic group VIB transition-metal complexes $[\text{L}(\text{CO})_3\text{M}']^-\text{M}'^+$ (L = Cp, Cp*; M = Cr, Mo, W; M' = Li, Na, K) failed so far due to the thermal instability of the resulting products. Only ³¹P NMR spectroscopic evidence could be obtained for a tungsten compound assumed to be $[\text{Cp}^*(\text{CO})_3\text{WP}=\text{NAr}]$ ($\delta = 754$ ppm), which decomposes rapidly at temperatures above –40 °C.] The reactions with $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]^-\text{K}^+$ and $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Ru}]^-\text{K}^+$ were performed analogously and furnished products 2 and 4, respectively. In the ³¹P{¹H}NMR spectra the signals for 2, 3, and 4 are found, as expected, at extremely low field, viz. $\delta = 717$, 787, and 688 ppm (H_3PO_4 external, C₆D₆), respectively. These low-field shifts are accounted for by the organo-

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(7) Data for compounds 2, 3, and 4: MS (EI, 70 eV, *m/e* (relative intensity)); ¹H NMR (δ , C₆D₆); ¹³C{¹H} (δ , C₆D₆); ³¹P{¹H} (δ , C₆D₆); IR (cm^{-1} , pentane). 2: IR 2037 s, 1983 s; MS 467 (<1, M⁺), 346 (2, M⁺ – 2CO – Cp); ¹H 1.4 (s, 18 H, *o*-tBu), 1.5 (s, 9 H, *p*-tBu), 4.4 (s, 5 H, C₅H₅), 7.6 (s (br), 2 H, C₆H₂); ¹³C{¹H} 211.5 (Fe(CO)₂), 87.6 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, C₅H₅); ³¹P{¹H} 717. 3: IR 1998 s, 1953 s; MS 537 (M⁺, 10), 481 (83, M⁺ – 2CO); ¹H 1.1 (d(br), *J* = 3 Hz, 15 H, C₅Me₅), 1.2 (s, 9 H, *p*-tBu), 1.3 (s, 18 H, *o*-tBu), 7.3 (s (br), 2 H, tBu₃C₆H₂); ¹³C{¹H} 213.6 (Fe(CO)₂), 154.8 (PNC-CCC), 141.0 (PNCC), 129.9 (d, *J* = 30 Hz, PNC), 121.5 (PNCCC), 98.7 (C₅Me₅); 36.2, 34.7, 32.2 (CMe₃), 9.1 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, C₂Me₅). ³¹P{¹H} 787. 4: IR 2022 s, 1982 s; MS 513 (<1, M⁺), 457 (<1, M⁺ – 2CO); ¹H 1.5 (s, 18 H, *o*-tBu), 1.5 (s, 9 H, *p*-tBu), 4.7 (s, 5 H, C₅H₅), 7.6 (s, 2 H, C₆H₂); ¹³C{¹H} 201.7 (Ru(CO)₂), 90.5 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, C₅H₅); ³¹P{¹H} 688. The ¹³C NMR data for the 2,4,6-*t*-Bu₃C₆H₂ groups of compounds 2 and 4 are very similar to those observed for 3.