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Synthesis of Bimetallic Complexes via 4-Stannatetrahydro-*s*-indacenes

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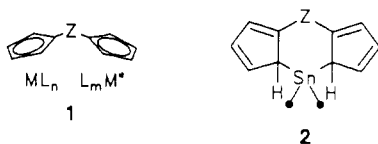
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4-Stanna-8-silatetrahydro-4,4,8,8-tetramethyl-*s*-indacene (4) reacts with CpTiCl₂ and CpZrCl₂·2THF in toluene (ratio 1:1) to give monotransmetallated products CpMCl₂(η⁵-C₅H₄SiMe₂C₅H₄SnMe₂Cl) (M = Ti (5), Zr (6)) in high yields. These compounds can be transformed into heteronuclear complexes of type L_nMCp-SiMe₂-CpM'L'_m (ML_n = TiCl₂Cp, M'L'_m = Rh(COD), 10; ML_n = ZrCl₂Cp, M'L'_m = Rh(COD), 11; ML_n = ZrCl₂Cp, M'L'_m = TiCl₂Cp, 12; ML_n = ZrCl₂Cp, M'L'_m = ZrCl₂Cp*, 13) in reactions with [Rh(COD)Cl]₂, CpTiCl₃, and Cp*ZrCl₃, respectively. Compound 4 and its heteroanalog 4-stannatetrahydro-4,4,8,8-tetramethyl-*s*-indacene (14) react with CpTiCl₃ (ratio 1:2) and (Cl₃TiCp)₂SiMe₂ (16) (ratio 1:1) to give the corresponding monobridged [CpTiCl₂(η⁵-C₅H₄)]₂XMe₂ (X = C (15), Si (8)) and doubly bridged (η⁵:η⁵-C₅H₄SiMe₂C₅H₄)(η⁵:η⁵-C₅H₄XMe₂C₅H₄)(TiCl₂)₂ (X = C (17), Si (18)) Ti(IV) derivatives. They may be reduced by powdered zinc in toluene to the corresponding Ti(III) complexes, [CpTiCl(η⁵-C₅H₄)]₂XMe₂ (X = C (20), Si (21)) and (η⁵:η⁵-C₅H₄SiMe₂C₅H₄)(η⁵:η⁵-C₅H₄XMe₂C₅H₄)(TiCl) (X = C (22), Si (23)). Crystals of 23 are monoclinic, space group P2₁/a with unit cell dimensions a = 16.033 (3) Å, b = 18.859 (4) Å, c = 7.997 (2) Å, γ = 96.82 (2)°, and Z = 4.

Introduction

Bimetallic compounds 1 containing two transition metal moieties joined to a bidentate biscyclopentadienyl ligand,



Cp-Z-Cp (Z = CR₂, SiR₂, etc), are considered as models for the study of the cooperative action of two metal centers toward various substrates. Numerous homometallic complexes 1a of this type have been synthesized and investigated.¹ However, the scope of the synthetic application to heterometallic compound 1b² synthesis is limited because general approaches have not been elaborated.

Recently, we have isolated 4-stannatetrahydro-*s*-indacenes 2,³ which, in fact, are intramolecularly distannylated biscyclopentadienes Cp-Z-Cp (Z = CH₂, CMe₂, SiMe₂). Because their simple analogs trialkylstannylcyclopentadienes, CpSnR₃ (R = alkyl), are valuable precursors of η⁵-cyclopentadienyl complexes of transition metals,⁴ we supposed that 4-stannatetrahydro-*s*-indacenes 2 might be successfully applied in the synthesis of both homo- and heterodinuclear transition metal complexes of the type 1 as shown in Scheme I⁵ (black dots on Sn represent methyl groups).

We have examined this possibility using 4,4,8,8-tetramethyl-8-sila-4-stannatetrahydro-*s*-indacene (4)^{3a} (Z = SiMe₂ in 2) as the starting material for the preparation of novel homo- and heteronuclear bimetallic complexes 1, containing titanocene dichloride and zirconocene dichloride fragments (ML_n = CpTiCl₂, CpZrCl₂ in 1).

Results and Discussion

We investigated the reaction between 4 and the cyclopentadienyl trichlorides of titanium and zirconium (molar ratio 1:1) in THF and toluene. It was found that selective

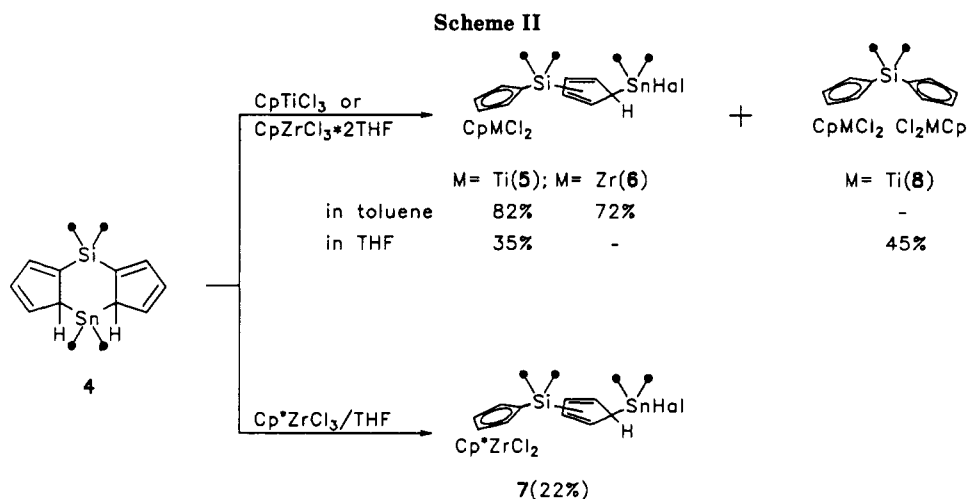
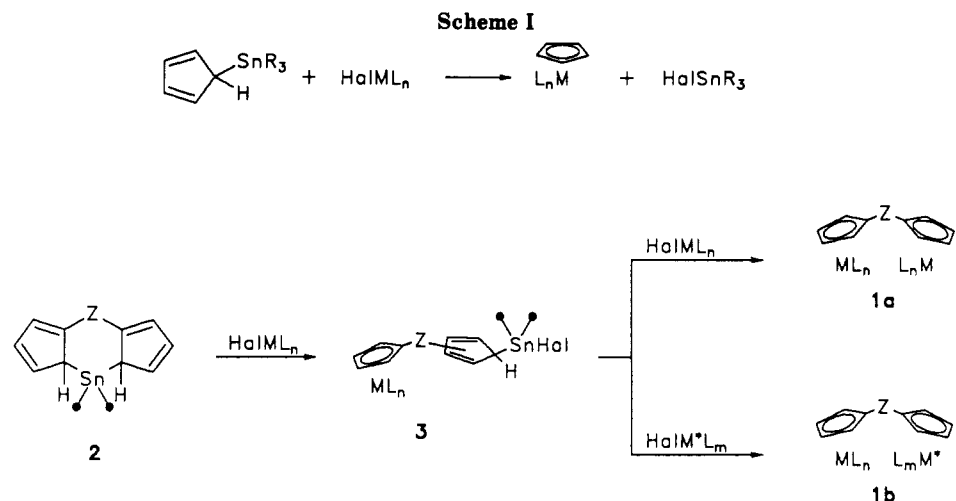
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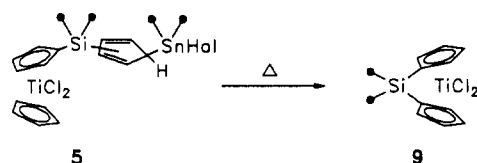
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monotransmetalation occurred when the reaction was carried out in toluene. A monotitanium product 5 (82%) was formed at rt (room temperature), and its zirconium analog 6 (72%) was formed at 90 °C. When THF was used as solvent, the yields of the desired compounds were lower. Thus compound 5 was formed in 35% yield, while the dititanium complex 8 (45%) was the main product. In the attempted reaction between 4 and $\text{CpZrCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{THF}$, no products were observed and the initial zirconium complex was recovered almost completely (Scheme II).

Two general solvent factors may be responsible for the observed phenomena. The first of them is connected with the difference of the solvation energy of Me_2SnCl_2 in THF and in toluene. It is obvious that the elimination of Me_2SnCl_2 in the second step of transmetalation should be more preferred in ethers than in aromatic solvents.⁶ Therefore, the yield of 5 in THF is smaller than in toluene. Second, CpZrCl_3 becomes coated in THF media owing to the formation of a stable adduct $\text{CpZrCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{THF}$. When $\text{CpZrCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{THF}$ and 4 react in toluene, heating is necessary in order to decompose the zirconium solvate. The intermediate CpZrCl_3 is observed as a thin white precipitate which dissolves completely by the end of the reaction. In contrast, the reaction of 4 with Cp^*ZrCl_3 ($\text{Cp}^* = \text{C}_5\text{Me}_5$), which does not form a stable adduct with THF, proceeds relatively easily in THF and the monozirconium complex 7 was isolated. The isolated yield of 7 was not high owing to its significant solubility even in pentane.

Monotransmetalated compounds 5–7 are temperature unstable complexes. Besides bimetallic derivatives there are ansa compounds as byproducts in the reaction of



monotransmetalation. Heating 5 in toluene for several hours gives 1,1'-dimethylsilylenetitanocene dichloride (9).⁷ The same product is formed when a solution of 5 in toluene is allowed to stand at rt for 1 month. A similar process takes place in the case of 6, but the rate of decomposition of the zirconium derivative under the same conditions is much slower than that of the titanium complex.

The monotransmetalated products 5 and 6 can be easily converted to heterobinuclear bicyclopentadienyl complexes. Thus, 5 and 6 give 10 and 11 (Scheme III) when treated with $[\text{Rh}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}]_2$ in THF, while 6 gives zirconium–titanium 12 and nonsymmetrical zirconium–zirconium 13 complexes when treated in THF with CpTiCl_3 and Cp^*ZrCl_3 , respectively. One should take into account the great significance of the sequence of inserting organometallic fragments. As the monotransmetalated compounds 5 and 6 are thermally instable, the less reactive metal halide must be chosen first to react with 4. For

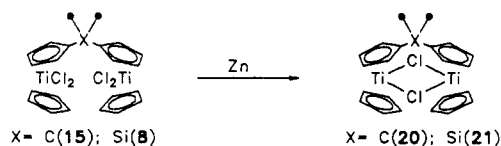
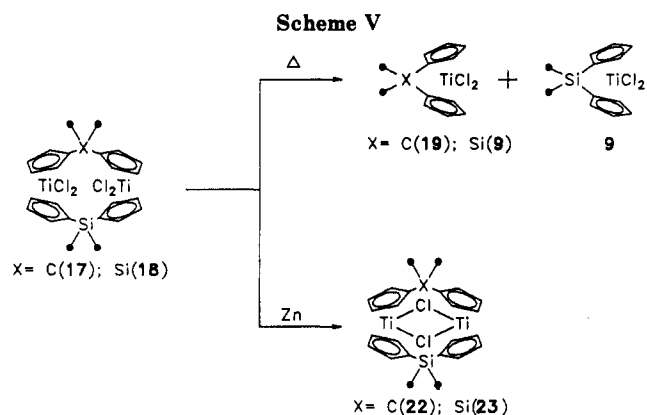
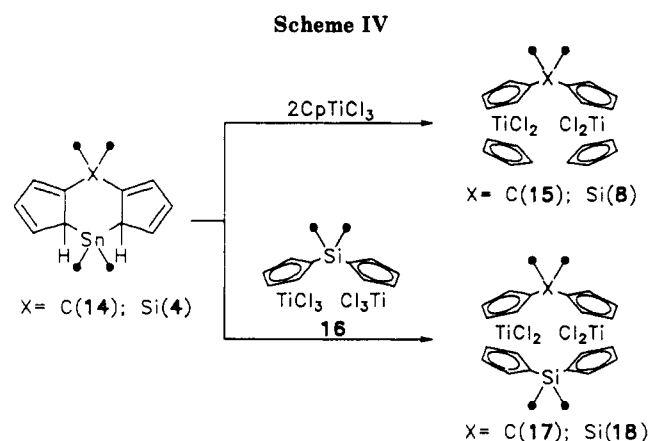
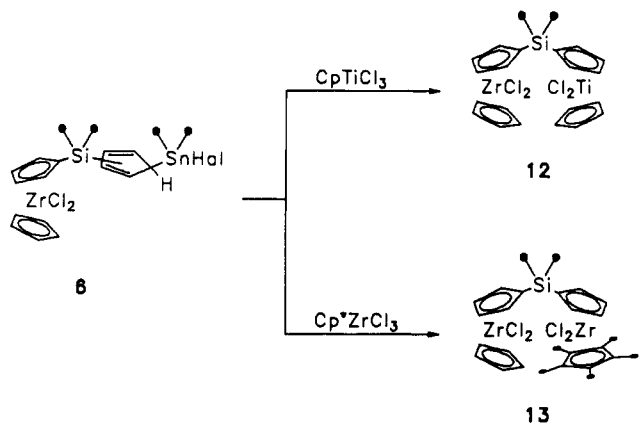
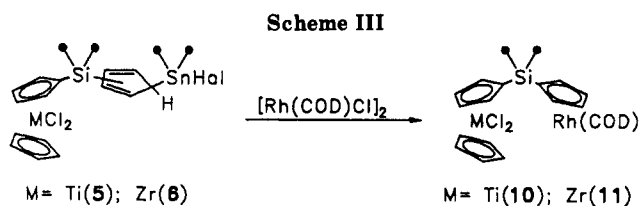
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Table I. Important Geometric Characteristics of 23 Compared with Those of Similar Molecules

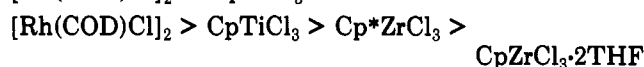
	M-M (Å)	M-Cl(H) (Å)	M-L-M* (deg)	L-M-L* (deg)	M-C(Cp) (Å)	ref
23	3.65	2.51	93.5	86.5	2.39	a
$[(CH_3)_2Si(C_5H_4)_2]_2Yb_2Cl_2$	3.75		90.8	89.3		9
$[(C_5H_5)_2TiCl]_2$	3.95	2.54	102.0	78.0	2.38	10
$(C_5H_5)_2Ti_2(C_{10}H_8)Cl_2$	3.64	2.57	92.5	81.5	2.38	11
$(C_5H_5)_2Ti_2(C_{10}H_8)(H)Cl$	3.13	2.49	77.6	92.0	2.35	12
		(2.17)	(93.0)			
$[Me_4C_5(C_5H_4)SiEt_2]_2Lu_2H_2$	3.39	(2.14)	105.0	75.0	2.68	1j

^aThis work.



instance, 12 was not formed if 5 was treated with $CpZrCl_3 \cdot 2THF$ in toluene. In this reaction ansa compound 9 was isolated.

Unfortunately, there are no detailed data on mechanisms of transmetalation reactions of stannylated cyclopentadienes by metal halides. Therefore, the reactivities of different metal halides toward stannylated cyclopentadienes have not been compared. As for the transition metal reagents we used, their reactivity decreases from $[Rh(COD)Cl]_2$ in $CpZrCl_3 \cdot 2THF$ as



both in toluene and in THF.

As mentioned above, dititanium complex 8 was isolated as a byproduct of the reaction between 4 and $CpTiCl_3$ (molar ratio 1:1) in THF. When 4 was treated with 2 equiv of $CpTiCl_3$, 8 was obtained in almost quantitative yield. The similar dititanium compound 15 could be prepared from 4-stanna-3a,4,4a,8-tetrahydro-4,4,8,8-tetramethyl-s-indacene^{3b} (14) (Scheme IV). If dititanium complex $(Cl_3TiC_5H_4)_2SiMe_2$ (16)⁸ was used instead of $CpTiCl_3$, the corresponding complexes 17 and 18 were isolated. Unfortunately, complexes 17 and 18 are insoluble in all available solvents and, moreover, thermally unstable. Thus, when 17 and 18 were heated in high vacuum, a mixture of ansa compounds sublimed. The same decomposition occurred when they were heated in THF for several hours. To prove the structure of monobridged (8 and 15) and doubly-bridged (17 and 18) dititanium com-

plexes, we isolated and investigated their reduced forms 20–23. The reduction of these dititanium compounds proceeded almost quantitatively, and finely crystallizing dititanium complexes were isolated (Scheme V). All of them are soluble in THF and aromatic solvents and were characterized mass spectroscopically. Their mass spectra showed the molecular ion peak in contrast to their dititanium precursors. The structure of 23 was established by means of X-ray analysis.

X-ray Analysis of 23. The structural investigation revealed two independent molecules each containing a crystallographically imposed center of symmetry. The structure of the molecule is presented in the Figure 1 and in general is very similar to that of its Yb counterpart $[(CH_3)_2Si(C_5H_4)_2]_2Yb_2Cl_2$ (24).⁹ The M...M* distances are

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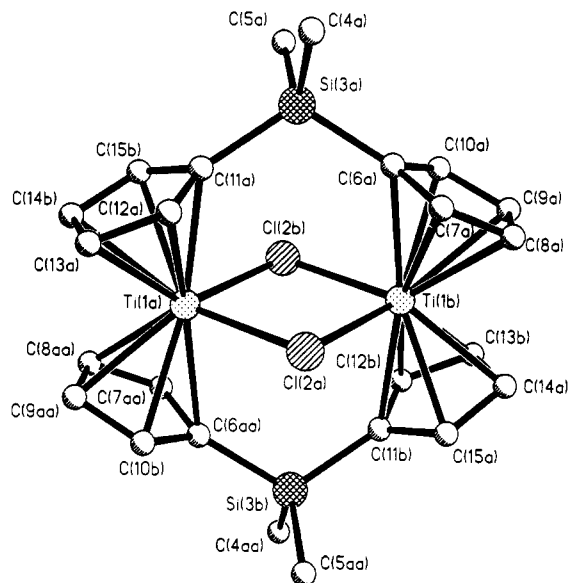


Figure 1. Molecular structure of 23.

Table II. Crystal and Intensity Data for the X-ray Diffraction Study of 23

molecular formula	$C_{24}H_{28}Si_2Cl_2Ti_2$
cryst system	monoclinic
space group	$P2_1/a$ (No. 14)
<i>a</i>	16.033 (3) Å
<i>b</i>	18.859 (4) Å
<i>c</i>	7.997 (2) Å
γ	96.82 (2)°
<i>V</i>	2400.8 (4) Å ³
<i>z</i>	4
ρ (calcd)	1.504 g/cm ³
ρ (measd)	1.51 g/cm ³
abs coeff	9.74 cm ⁻¹
<i>T</i>	22 (2) °C
diffractometer	KUMA diffraction KM-4
radiation (λ)	Mo K α (0.71073 Å)
monochromator	graphite crystal
scan type	$\theta-2\theta$
scan speed	variable
takeoff angle	3.5
data limits	$4.0 \leq 2\theta \leq 52.0$
reflens measd	$\pm h, +k, +l$
no. of unique data	4197
no. of nonzero data	3549 ($I \geq 3\sigma(I)$)
<i>R</i>	2.8%
<i>R_w</i>	2.8%

3.65 and 3.75 Å in 23 and 24. The Cl-M-Cl* and M-Cl-M* angles are 86.5 and 93.5° in 23 and 89.3 and 90.8° in 24, respectively. The (Cp)C-Si-C(Cp') angles are 115.7 and 118.7°. The former value is nearer to the ideal tetrahedral angle of 109.5°, which may be due to relief of the strain of the chelating $(CH_3)_2Si(C_5H_4)_2$ in 23 as compared with 24. The average values of the Si-CH₃ and Si-C(Cp) bond lengths of 1.86 and 1.87 Å in 23 are also indicative of the absence of any significant strain in this ligand. In Table I, important geometric characteristics of 23 are compared with the corresponding values of 24 and the other close analogs. As is evident from these data, only $(C_5H_5)_2Ti_2(C_{10}H_8)Cl_2$ contains a Ti_2Cl_2 fragment, which is similar from the structural point of view to that of 23. It is noteworthy that $(C_5H_5)_2Ti_2(C_{10}H_8)Cl_2$, like $[(CH_3)_2Si(C_5H_4)_2]_2Yb_2Cl_2$, can be obtained in a one-step reaction from a mononuclear precursor,^{9,11} which may be regarded

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Table III. Atomic Positional Parameters for 23

atom	<i>x/a</i>	<i>y/b</i>	<i>z/c</i>
Ti1A	0.9209 (0)	0.5574 (0)	0.0593 (1)
Cl2A	1.0674 (1)	0.5408 (1)	0.1473 (2)
Si3A	0.9016 (1)	0.3682 (1)	0.2292 (2)
C4A	0.9056 (4)	0.3385 (3)	0.4509 (6)
C5A	0.8219 (3)	0.3084 (3)	0.1102 (7)
C6A	0.8685 (3)	0.4598 (2)	0.2337 (5)
C7A	0.8986 (3)	0.5163 (2)	0.3431 (5)
C8A	0.8523 (3)	0.5735 (3)	0.3219 (6)
C9A	0.7898 (3)	0.5536 (3)	0.2019 (6)
C10A	0.7992 (3)	0.4847 (3)	0.1476 (6)
C11A	1.0058 (3)	0.3606 (2)	0.1309 (6)
C12A	1.0860 (3)	0.3803 (3)	0.2016 (6)
C13A	1.1475 (3)	0.3578 (3)	0.0995 (6)
C14A	0.8924 (3)	0.6788 (3)	0.0371 (6)
C15A	0.9797 (3)	0.6767 (2)	0.0193 (6)
Ti1B	0.5632 (1)	0.0795 (0)	0.0805 (1)
Cl2B	0.4427 (1)	-0.0070 (1)	0.1827 (1)
Si3B	0.6143 (1)	-0.1024 (1)	0.2229 (2)
C4B	0.5715 (3)	-0.1226 (3)	0.4364 (6)
C5B	0.7108 (3)	-0.1461 (3)	0.1848 (6)
C6B	0.6441 (3)	-0.0045 (2)	0.2080 (5)
C7B	0.6983 (3)	0.0342 (3)	0.0887 (6)
C8B	0.7111 (3)	0.1058 (3)	0.1344 (6)
C9B	0.6683 (3)	0.1143 (3)	0.2849 (6)
C10B	0.6271 (3)	0.0472 (3)	0.3311 (6)
C11B	0.5344 (3)	-0.1417 (2)	0.0693 (6)
C12B	0.4519 (3)	-0.1742 (2)	0.1067 (6)
C13B	0.5842 (3)	0.2060 (3)	0.0391 (6)
C14B	0.5260 (4)	0.1933 (3)	0.1703 (6)
C15B	0.4525 (3)	0.1550 (3)	0.1047 (6)

Table IV. Bond Distances (Å) in $C_{24}H_{28}Si_2Cl_2Ti_2$

	molecule A	molecule B
Ti1...Ti1'	3.650 (0)	3.648 (1)
Ti1-Cl2	2.507 (2)	2.513 (2)
Ti1-Cl2'	2.505 (2)	2.505 (1)
Ti1-C6	2.382 (4)	2.391 (4)
Ti1-C7	2.411 (4)	2.422 (5)
Ti1-C8	2.407 (5)	2.403 (5)
Ti1-C9	2.385 (5)	2.383 (5)
Ti1-C10	2.356 (5)	2.363 (5)
Ti1-C11'	2.378 (4)	2.386 (5)
Ti1-C12'	2.403 (5)	2.365 (4)
Ti1-C13'	2.406 (5)	2.392 (6)
Ti1-C14'	2.394 (6)	2.404 (6)
Ti1-C15'	2.356 (4)	2.411 (5)
Si3-C4	1.863 (4)	1.863 (5)
Si3-C5	1.862 (6)	1.863 (5)
Si3-C6	1.867 (4)	1.855 (4)
Si3-C11	1.868 (5)	1.863 (5)
C6-C7	1.418 (6)	1.431 (7)
C7-C8	1.390 (7)	1.390 (8)
C8-C9	1.406 (7)	1.404 (7)
C9-C10	1.395 (8)	1.406 (8)
C6-C10	1.433 (7)	1.434 (7)
C11-C12	1.413 (7)	1.422 (7)
C12-C13	1.385 (7)	1.404 (7)
C13-C14	1.405 (7)	1.406 (7)
C14-C15	1.412 (7)	1.408 (8)
C11-C15	1.425 (6)	1.434 (7)

as an evidence for its relative stability. One can deduce that $[(CH_3)_2Si(C_5H_4)_2]_2Ti_2Cl_2$, although synthesized in a more sophisticated way, also is a relatively stable molecule, at least in terms of the absence of intramolecular strain.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. Reactions were carried out in an atmosphere of dry argon or in vacuum by means of conventional Schlenk techniques. Hexane and toluene were distilled from Na, diethyl ether and THF from sodium benzophenone ketyl. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-400 spectrometer.

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Table V. Bond Angles (deg) in C₂₄H₂₈Si₂Cl₂Ti₂

molecule A		molecule B	
Ti1-C12-Ti1'	93.49 (6)	Ti1-C12-Ti1'	93.27 (6)
Cl2-Ti1-C12'	86.51 (6)	Cl2-Ti1-C12'	86.73 (6)
C4-Si3-C5	110.5 (3)	C4-Si3-C5	111.4 (2)
C4-Si3-C6	106.5 (2)	C4-Si3-C6	107.9 (2)
C4-Si3-C11	108.4 (2)	C4-Si3-C11	107.7 (2)
C5-Si3-C6	108.7 (2)	C5-Si3-C6	107.5 (2)
C5-Si3-C11	107.1 (2)	C5-Si3-C11	106.5 (2)
C6-Si3-C11	115.7 (2)	C6-Si3-C11	115.9 (2)
C6-C7-C8	110.0 (4)	C6-C7-C8	109.3 (4)
C6-C10-C9	109.2 (4)	C6-C10-C9	108.9 (4)
C7-C8-C9	107.8 (4)	C7-C8-C9	108.6 (5)
C8-C9-C10	108.0 (5)	C8-C9-C10	107.8 (5)
C7-C6-C10	104.9 (4)	C7-C6-C10	105.3 (4)
C11-C12-C13	110.0 (4)	C11-C12-C13	108.9 (4)
C12-C11-C15	105.7 (4)	C12-C11-C15	106.1 (4)
C12-C13-C14	108.0 (5)	C12-C13-C14	108.4 (5)
C13-C14-C15	107.6 (4)	C13-C14-C15	107.9 (5)
C11-C15-C14	108.6 (4)	C11-C15-C14	108.7 (4)

Elemental analyses were performed in the analytical laboratory of Moscow University. The conditions of the X-ray experiment and positional parameters of **23** are given in Tables II and III. All hydrogen atom coordinates found from the Fourier differential map and refined in isotropic approximation. Important bond distances and angles are given in Tables IV and V.

Preparation of 4 (Improved Procedure). A cooled (-30 °C) solution of 59.54 g (316 mmol) of (C₅H₅)₂SiMe₂^{7a} in 600 mL of dry Et₂O was treated under static argon with 283 mL of 2.23 N (632 mmol) *n*-BuLi solution in hexane within 1.5 h, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt. Then 69.45 g (316 mmol) of Me₂SnCl₂ in 700 mL of Et₂O was added within 0.5 h, and the mixture was stirred and refluxed for 15 h. The yellowish solution was decanted from a white precipitate, evaporated in vacuo, and distilled twice. Bp: 112 °C/10⁻² Torr. A 57.59-g yield (54%) of **4** was isolated. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** thus prepared is identical to that observed earlier.^{3a}

Preparation of 14. **14** was obtained (like **4**) from 68.05 g (395 mmol) and (C₅H₅)₂CMe₂^{3b} 326 mL of 2.45 N (790 mmol) *n*-BuLi in hexane, and 87.0 g (395 mmol) of Me₂SnCl₂. Bp: 107–110 °C/5 × 10⁻² Torr. A 68.2-g yield (54%) of **14** was isolated. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **14** thus prepared is identical to that observed earlier.^{3b}

Preparation of 5. A 0.620-g amount (2.86 mmol) of CpTiCl₃ and 7.23 mL of a 0.396 M solution of **4** in toluene were mixed in 40 mL of toluene at rt and left to stand for 3 days. The components soluble in toluene were transferred into another flask, and the solvent was removed. The crystalline product remaining was washed with pentane and dried in vacuo to give 1.302 g (2.35 mmol, 82.1%) of the desired monotransmetalated compound **5**. ¹H NMR (toluene-*d*₆, 30 °C): δ 6.58 (m, C₅H₄ stannylated ring, 2H), 6.42 (m, C₅H₄ stannylated ring, 2H), 6.38 (t, C₅H₄ titanocene fragment, 2H), 5.94 (s, C₅H₅, 5H), 5.77 (t, C₅H₄ titanocene fragment, 2H), 0.64 (s, (CH₃)₂Si, 6H), 0.05 (s, (CH₃)₂SnCl₂, ²J_{H-119Sn} = 59.2 Hz, 6H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅Cl₃SiSnTi: C, 41.16; H, 4.55. Found: C, 41.51; H, 4.38.

Preparation of 6. A suspension of 2.12 g (5.20 mmol) of CpZrCl₃·2THF in 40 mL of toluene was treated with 13.1 mL of a 0.396 M solution of **4** in toluene at 90–100 °C during 1 h with vigorous stirring. A thin white crystalline precipitate appeared and dissolved gradually. Removal of the toluene and washing of the residue with pentane gave a white residue, which was dried in vacuo to give 2.24 g (3.75 mmol, 72%) of **6**. ¹H NMR (toluene-*d*₆, 30 °C): δ 6.60 (m, C₅H₄ stannylated ring, 2H), 6.40 (m, C₅H₄ stannylated ring, 2H), 6.35 (t, C₅H₄ zirconocene fragment, 2H), 5.91 (s, C₅H₅, 5H), 5.84 (t, C₅H₄ zirconocene fragment, 2H), 0.58 (s, (CH₃)₂Si, 6H), 0.01 (s, (CH₃)₂SnCl₂, ²J_{H-119Sn} = 59.2 Hz, 6H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅Cl₃SiSnZr: C, 38.18; H, 4.22. Found: C, 38.23; H, 4.07.

Preparation of 7. A mixture of 1.15 g (3.46 mmol) of Cp*ZrCl₃ and 1.43 g (4.28 mmol) of **4** in 40 mL of THF was kept at rt for 12 h. The solvent was removed, and the mixture was extracted with toluene. On evaporation of the toluene, a yellowish crystalline precipitate formed. It was washed with pentane and dried in vacuo to give 0.51 g (0.76 mmol, 22%) of **7**. ¹H NMR (THF-*d*₅, 30 °C): δ 6.71 (m, C₅H₄ stannylated ring, 2H), 6.61 (m, C₅H₄ stannylated

ring, 2H), 6.50 (t, C₅H₄ zirconocene fragment, 2H), 6.21 (t, C₅H₄ zirconocene fragment, 2H), 2.00 (s, C₅(CH₃)₅, 15H), 0.47 (s, (C-H)₃Si, 6H), 0.18 (s, (CH₃)₂SnCl₂, ²J_{H-119Sn} = 62.8 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₃₅Cl₃SiSnZr: C, 43.16; H, 5.28. Found: C, 43.32; H, 5.19.

Preparation of 10. A mixture of 0.61 g (0.96 mmol) of **5** and 0.24 g (0.48 mmol) of [(COD)RhCl]₂ in 10 mL of THF was stirred for 10 h at rt. After removal of the THF, the violet precipitate was washed with ether and dried in vacuo. Violet crystalline product **10** (0.51 mmol, 53%) was obtained. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 30 °C): δ 6.93 (t, C₅H₄ titanocene fragment, 2H), 6.56 (t, C₅H₄ titanocene fragment, 2H), 6.37 (s, C₅H₅, 5H), 5.50 (t, C₅H₄-rhodium fragment, 2H), 4.74 (t, C₅H₄ rhodium fragment, 2H), 3.90 (br s, COD vinylic, 4H), 2.15 (m, COD allylic, 4H), 1.89 (m, COD allylic, 4H), 0.56 (s, (CH₃)₂Si, 6H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₁Cl₂RhSiTi: C, 51.66; H, 5.38. Found: C, 51.12; H, 5.17.

Preparation of 11. A mixture of 0.74 g (1.24 mmol) of **6** and 0.31 g (0.62 mmol) of [(COD)RhCl]₂ in 15 mL of THF was kept at rt during 12 h. The solvent was removed, and the yellow crystals remaining were washed with pentane and dried in vacuo to give 0.54 g (0.87 mmol, 70%) of **11**. ¹H NMR (THF-*d*₅, 30 °C): δ 6.70, 6.58 (all t, C₅H₄ zirconocene fragment, 2H), 5.43, 4.77 (all t, C₅H₄ rhodium fragment, 2H), 3.88 (br s, COD vinylic, 4H), 2.07 (m, COD allylic, 4H), 0.53 (s, (CH₃)₂Si, 6H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₁Cl₂RhSiZr: C, 48.07; H, 5.00. Found: C, 47.89; H, 4.83.

Preparation of 12. A solution of 0.28 g (0.48 mmol) of **6** and 0.10 g (0.48 mmol) of CpTiCl₃ in 7 mL of THF was left at 25 °C for 20 h. After removal of the THF, the residue was recrystallized from toluene to give 0.14 g (0.24 mmol, 50%) of red crystals of **12**. ¹H NMR (THF-*d*₅, 30 °C): δ 6.82, 6.75, 6.65, 6.62 (all t, C₅H₄, 2H), 6.49, 6.43 (all s, C₅H₅, 5H), 0.65 (s, (CH₃)₂Si, 6H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄Cl₄SiTiZr: C, 44.23; H, 4.05. Found: C, 43.97; H, 3.86.

Preparation of 13. A solution of 0.90 g (1.50 mmol) of **6** and 0.50 g (1.50 mmol) of Cp*ZrCl₃ in THF was left for 1 week at rt. The solvent was evaporated, and the resulting yellow oil was dissolved in toluene. Within 1 day a white thin crystalline precipitate began to form. In 1 week the precipitate was separated and recrystallized from THF, washed with pentane, and dried in vacuo to give 0.24 g (22%) of **13**. ¹H NMR (THF-*d*₅, 30 °C): δ 6.71, 6.56, 6.53, 6.24 (all t, C₅H₄, all 2H), 6.36 (s, C₅H₅, 5H), 2.01 (s, C₅(CH₃)₅, 15H), 0.65 (s, (CH₃)₂Si, 6H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₃₄Cl₄SiZr: C, 45.62; H, 4.82. Found: C, 45.35; H, 4.87.

Preparation of 8. A solution of 3.0 g (9.0 mmol) of **4** and 3.9 g (18 mmol) of CpTiCl₃ in 70 mL of THF was left for 10 h. The precipitate which resulted was washed twice with THF (50 mL) and then with ether. The crystalline residue was dried in vacuo to give 4.0 g (81%) of **8**. ¹H NMR (THF-*d*₅): δ 6.84, 6.65 (all t, C₅H₄, all 2H), 6.51 (s, C₅H₅, 5H), 0.64 (s, (CH₃)₂Si, 6H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄Cl₄SiTi₂: C, 47.69; H, 4.37. Found: C, 47.80; H, 4.44.

Preparation of 15. The reaction was performed in a manner analogous to that for **8**. The initial indacene **14** was used instead of **4**. The yield of **15** was 89%. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₄Cl₄Ti₂: C, 51.34; H, 4.50. Found: C, 51.60; H, 4.29.

Preparation of 17 and 18. The reaction was performed in a manner analogous to that for **8**. (Cl₃TiCp)₂SiMe₂⁸ was used instead of CpTiCl₃. (Note that the temperature of the reaction mixture cannot be higher than 20–30 °C). The yield of **17** was 22%. Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₈Cl₄SiTi₂: C, 50.54; H, 4.75. Found: C, 50.53; H, 4.63. The yield of **18** was 16%. Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₈Cl₄Si₂Ti₂: C, 47.24; H, 4.63. Found: C, 47.08; H, 4.50.

Thermolysis of 17 and 18. A small amount of **17** was placed in a evacuated sublimation apparatus and heated carefully with a Bunsen burner flame. A beautifully crystalline, red solid began to sublime at once. The decomposition of **17** left no residue and formed an equimolar mixture of the two known^{7,8} ansa compounds **9** and **19**, which were identified by NMR. The sublimation of **18** led only to **9**.

Reduction of Ditanium(IV) Derivatives. A suspension of 0.5 mmol of the corresponding dititanium(IV) derivative and 0.2 g of zinc powder in 10 mL of toluene was stirred vigorously at 20 °C until the starting compound dissolved. The brown solution was decanted from residual zinc, and the solvent was removed. Recrystallization from ether or THF gave 0.20 g (84%) of **20**, 0.19 g (78%) of **21**, 0.20 g (75%) of **22**, and 0.19 g (71%) of **23**. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄Cl₂Ti₂ (**20**): C, 59.14; H, 5.18. Found: C, 58.89; H, 4.93. Mass spectrum (*m/z*): M⁺, 466 (⁴⁹Ti, ³⁵Cl). Anal.

Calcd for $C_{22}H_{24}Cl_2Ti_2$ (21): C, 54.69; H, 5.01. Found: C, 54.33; H, 4.75. Mass spectrum (m/z): M^+ , 482 (^{49}Ti , ^{35}Cl). Anal. Calcd for $C_{25}H_{28}Cl_2SiTi_2$ (22): C, 57.39; H, 5.39. Found: C, 57.09; H, 5.43. Mass spectrum (m/z): M^+ , 522 (^{49}Ti , ^{35}Cl). Anal. Calcd for $C_{24}H_{28}Cl_2Si_2Ti_2$ (23): C, 53.45; H, 5.23. Found: C, 53.17; H, 5.09. Mass spectrum (m/z): M^+ , 538 (^{48}Ti , ^{35}Cl).

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Enthalpies of Reaction of $Cp^*Ru(CH_3CN)_3^+O_3SCF_3^-$ ($Cp^* = \eta^5-C_5Me_5$) with Arenes. Solution Thermochemical Study of Arene Binding to the Cp^*Ru^+ Fragment

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The enthalpies of reaction of $Cp^*Ru(CH_3CN)_3OTf$ ($Cp^* = \eta^5-C_5(CH_3)_5$, $OTf = O_3SCF_3$) with a series of arenes have been measured by solution calorimetry. The results of this study are used to establish the following relative stability scale leading to the formation of $Cp^*Ru(arene)OTf$ complexes in THF (in kcal/mol): naphthalene, -1.7 ± 0.1 ; benzene, -3.4 ± 0.1 ; biphenyl, -3.6 ± 0.1 ; toluene, -4.3 ± 0.2 ; *p*-xylene, -4.6 ± 0.2 ; (trimethylsilyl)benzene, -5.0 ± 0.2 ; anisole, -5.4 ± 0.2 ; mesitylene, -5.5 ± 0.1 ; indole, -7.3 ± 0.2 ; *N,N*-dimethylaniline, -7.5 ± 0.1 ; *p*-bis(dimethylamino)benzene, -8.3 ± 0.2 . The solid-state structure of one of these arene complexes, $Cp^*Ru[C_6H_5(Si(CH_3)_3)]OTf$, was determined by a low-temperature data collection X-ray crystallographic study. This investigation illustrates the presence of steric interactions between the phenyl TMS methyl groups and the Cp^* methyl group and explains the small measured enthalpy of reaction. The enthalpies of arene substitution from $Cp^*Ru(CH_3CN)_3OTf$ span some 6.6 kcal/mol and vary as a function of the electron-donating ability of the arene. Factors affecting the Ru-arene bond energy are discussed, and thermodynamic comparisons with other organometallic systems are presented.

Introduction

A better knowledge of metal-ligand bond energies is vital to a complete understanding of the driving forces behind important organotransition-metal-mediated reactions. A variety of methods have been used to obtain metal-ligand bond disruption enthalpies for organometallic systems.¹⁻³ These include kinetic,^{2c,h,4} photoacoustic,^{2i,5}

laser pyrolytic,⁶ and one-^{7,8} and two-electron-redox^{2d,j,9} approaches. A thermochemical technique which has proven successful for a number of organometallic systems is solution calorimetry. Some of these solution calorimetric studies have led to the determination of relative and absolute bond disruption enthalpies, the latter through an accessible thermodynamic anchor^{7,10a} or estimation of a thermodynamic anchor point.⁸⁻¹⁰ Even though the knowledge of absolute bond dissociation energies is fundamental to a complete understanding of a transition-metal system, as they allow direct thermodynamic comparison between different systems, relative bond disruption

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