

**Protonation Studies with the Alkylidyne–Tungsten Complex
[NEt₄][*closo*-1,2-Me₂-3-(≡CC₆H₄CH₂OMe-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,1,2-
WC₂B₉H₉] in the Presence of Donor Molecules: Crystal
Structures of *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-
3,3-(CO)₂-3,3-(PPh₂)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₇ and
[NEt₄][*closo*-1,8-Me₂-10,11-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-2-I-2,2,2-(CO)₃-
2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₇]**

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Treatment of CH₂Cl₂ solutions of [NEt₄][*closo*-1,2-Me₂-3-(≡CC₆H₄CH₂OMe-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₉] (1d) at -78 °C with HBF₄·Et₂O in the presence of CO or PPh₂ affords the complexes *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,3-(L)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₇ (6, L = CO or PPh₂). The structure of the product 6b, with L = PPh₂, has been established by X-ray diffraction. Crystals are monoclinic, of space group P2₁/n, with *a* = 9.520 (2) Å, *b* = 19.870 (4) Å, *c* = 20.849 (4) Å, and *V* = 3843 (1) Å³ for *Z* = 4. The tungsten is ligated by two CO and two PPh₂ groups with a *transoid*-W(CO)₂(PPh₂)₂ arrangement. The metal atom is also η⁵-coordinated by the open pentagonal CCB₅ face of the nido-icosahedral C₂B₉ fragment. The cage system has an exo-polyhedral CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2 bridge linking two boron vertices. One methylene group is attached to the boron in the β-site with respect to the two carbons in the pentagonal face, while the other methylene group is bonded to a boron in the B₅ ring above the CCB₅ site. Treatment of 1d with HBF₄·Et₂O in the presence of PPh₃ affords *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂OMe-2)-3,3,3-(CO)₃-3-(PPh₃)-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₈ (7a). In contrast, Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂ yields *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,3-(Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂)-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₇ (8). A compound structurally similar to the latter is obtained if PhC≡CPh is the substrate molecule present during protonation. Addition of aqueous HI to CH₂Cl₂ solutions of 1d gives [NEt₄][*closo*-1,8-Me₂-10,11-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-2-I-2,2,2-(CO)₃-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₇] (11), the structure of which has been established by X-ray diffraction. The salt forms triclinic crystals, space group P $\bar{1}$, with two structurally similar but crystallographically independent ion pairs in the asymmetric unit: *a* = 8.784 (2) Å, *b* = 12.639 (3) Å, *c* = 28.712 (7) Å, *V* = 3150 (1) Å³ for *Z* = 4. In the carborane fragment the icosahedral core has a 2,1,8-WC₂B₉ configuration, and there is no connectivity between the two carbon vertices. The tungsten is coordinated by three CO groups and by an iodide ligand. It is also η⁵-coordinated by a CB₄ pentagonal face of the cage. The latter has an exo-polyhedral bridging CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2 group, the methylene fragments of which link boron atoms in the two CB₄ pentagonal layers; these borons occupy the same cage vertices as in 6b. Treatment of the iodo compound with TlBF₄ in the presence of Bu^tC≡CH gives a mixture of the mono- and bis(alkyne) complexes *closo*-1,8-Me₂-10,11-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-2-(η-Bu^tC₂H)-2,2-(CO)₂-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₇ (12) and *closo*-1,8-Me₂-10,11-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-2,2-(η-Bu^tC₂H)₂-2-(CO)-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₇ (13). The NMR data (¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, ¹¹B{¹H}, and ³¹P{¹H}) for the new compounds are reported and discussed in relation to the structures.

Introduction

The anionic icosahedral complex [*closo*-1,2-Me₂-3-(≡CR)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₉]⁻ (R = alkyl or aryl), with their exo-polyhedral alkylidyne groups, are highly reactive, particularly when used as reagents for preparing compounds with bonds between tungsten and other transition elements.¹ Recently, interesting results have been obtained by protonating the anionic alkylidyne–tungsten complexes in the presence of donor molecules.²

Addition of HBF₄·Et₂O to CO-saturated solutions of the salts [NEt₄][*closo*-1,2-Me₂-3-(≡CR)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,1,2-

WC₂B₉H₉] (1a–c; Chart I) affords the neutral complexes *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8-(CH₂R)-3,3,3-(CO)₄-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₈ (R = Me (2a), C₆H₄Me-4 (2b), C₆H₄OMe-2 (2c) Chart I).^{2a,e} In these products a cage boron vertex carries an exo-polyhedral CH₂R substituent, derived from the alkylidyne ligands in the precursors. Moreover, the boron atom attached to the CH₂R group occupies the β-site with respect to the two carbons in the open pentagonal CCB₅ face of the nido-7,8-C₂B₉ fragment η⁵-coordinated to the W atom. In contrast to the results obtained with HBF₄·Et₂O, treatment of CH₂Cl₂ solutions of 1a–c, or their [PPh₄]⁺ or [N(PPh₃)₂]⁺ analogues, at -78 °C with aqueous HCl or HI yields the anionic complexes [*closo*-1,8-Me₂-11-(CH₂R)-2-X-2,2,2-(CO)₃-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₈]⁻ (3, X = Cl, I; Chart I).^{2c–e} X-ray diffraction and NMR studies have established that in the products 3a–c there is no connectivity between the cage CMe groups. Thus, the synthesis of these salts involves a polytopal rearrangement of the icosahedral structure from 3,1,2-WC₂B₉ in the precursors to 2,1,8-WC₂B₉ in the anionic complexes formed.³ In

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Chart I

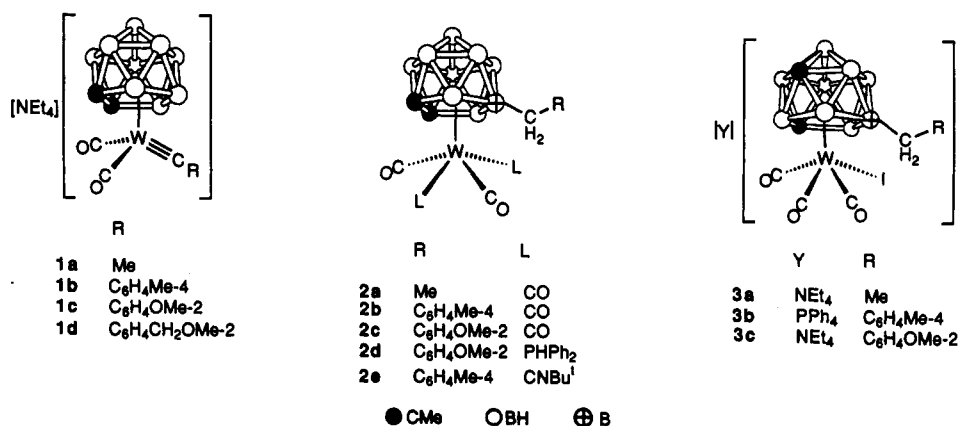
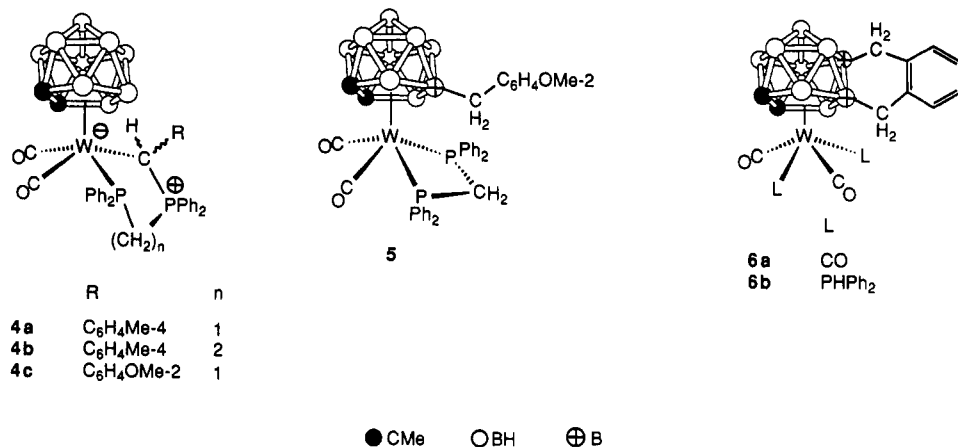


Chart II



compounds **3a-c** the CH₂R cage substituent is attached to the boron atom that was in the β-position relative to the carbon atoms in the $\overline{\text{CCBBB}}$ ring of the precursors. In this respect the species **3a-c** are similar to **2a-c**.

There is evidence² that the above syntheses proceed via the initial formation of alkylidene complexes *closo*-1,2-Me₂-3-(=C(H)R)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₉, the electronically unsaturated W atoms of which would be expected to add CO or I⁻ readily. An associated insertion of the C(H)R groups into the β-BH fragment would then give the observed products, there being the additional requirement of a cage rearrangement process in order to yield **3a-c**. If the [PPh₄]⁺ analogue of **1b** is treated with HBF₄·Et₂O in the presence of Ph₂P(CH₂)_nPPh₂ (n = 1, 2), the transient alkylidene complex is captured as the stable ylide compounds **4a,b**^{2b} (Chart II). In contrast, if **1c** is protonated with HBF₄·Et₂O in the presence of Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂, the compound *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8-(CH₂C₆H₄OMe-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,3-(Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂)-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₈ (**5**; Chart II) is obtained in ca. 80% yield, with the ylide complex **4c** formed only as a minor product.^{2e}

These and other studies² reveal that the products obtained by protonating the salts **1a-c** depend both on the nature of the R group bonded to the alkylidene carbon atom and on the acid used for protonation. In this paper⁴

we describe protonation studies of the salt **1d**. It was anticipated that the C₆H₄CH₂OMe-2 substituent on the alkylidene carbon atom would adopt a nonspectator role upon addition of HBF₄·Et₂O or HI to solutions of **1d** containing donor molecules.

Results and Discussion

Compound **1d**, required as a starting material for the experiments described herein, was obtained by treating W(O₂CCF₃)(=CC₆H₄CH₂OMe-2)(CO)₂(py)₂ (py = pyridine) in tetrahydrofuran with Na₂[7,8-C₂B₉H₉Me₂] in the same solvent, followed by addition of [NEt₄]Cl. The salt **1d** was fully characterized by the data listed in Tables I-III.

Treatment of CO-saturated solutions of **1d** at -78 °C with HBF₄·Et₂O afforded, after column chromatography of the reaction mixture on alumina, the complex *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-3,3,3,3-(CO)₄-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₇ (**6a**; Chart II). It was impossible to establish fully the structure of this product solely on the basis of the NMR data, especially the arrangement of the cage substituents. Moreover, the complex decomposed during slow crystallization and so an X-ray diffraction study was not feasible. However, it was possible to obtain good-quality crystals of the related compound *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,3-(PHPh₂)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₇ (**6b**) for an X-ray study.

Compound **6b** was obtained by treating CH₂Cl₂ solutions containing **1d** and 2 equiv of PHPh₂ with HBF₄·Et₂O. Selected X-ray diffraction data are listed in Table IV, and

(3) The compounds **2a-c** may be regarded as containing [*nido*-7,8-C₂B₉H₈-10-(CH₂R)-7,8-Me₂]²⁻ ligands, formally donating four electrons to a W(CO)₄ fragment. For convenience, and to emphasize the relationship with cyclopentadienylmetal chemistry, the ligand descriptor can be abbreviated to η⁵-C₂B₉H₈(CH₂R)Me₂.^{2d} However, in this paper, which describes compounds with both 3,1,2- and 2,1,8-WC₂B₉ core structures, we use the more cumbersome full atom labeling scheme for icosahedra so as to emphasize the different arrangements of the cage vertices. Hence, **3a** is [NEt₄][*closo*-1,8-Me₂-11-Et-2-I-2,2,2-(CO)₃-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₈]²⁻.

(4) This paper is part 7 of a series on the chemistry of alkylidene carborane complexes of the group 6 metals. For part 6 see ref 2f.

Table I. Analytical and Other Data for the Tungsten Compounds

compd no.	compd	color	yield/%	$\nu_{\max}(\text{CO})^a/\text{cm}^{-1}$	Anal. ^b /%	
					C	H
1d	[NEt ₄][<i>closo</i> -1,2-Me ₂ -3-(≡CC ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ OMe-2)-3,3-(CO) ₂ -3,1,2-WC ₂ B ₉ H ₉]	orange	89	1964 vs, 1880 vs	41.6 (41.6) ^c	7.2 (6.7)
6a	<i>closo</i> -1,2-Me ₂ -8,9-(CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -2)-3,3,3,3-(CO) ₄ -3,1,2-WC ₂ B ₉ H ₇	green	53	2092 vs, 2017 s, sh, 1999 vs, br	34.8 (34.4)	4.4 (3.8)
6b	<i>closo</i> -1,2-Me ₂ -8,9-(CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -2)-3,3-(CO) ₂ -3,3-(PPh ₂) ₂ -3,1,2-WC ₂ B ₉ H ₇ ^d	yellow	68	1942 s, 1856 vs	51.6 (52.2)	5.5 (5.0)
7a	<i>closo</i> -1,2-Me ₂ -8-(CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ OMe-2)-3,3,3-(CO) ₃ -3-(PPh ₂) ₃ -3,1,2-WC ₂ B ₉ H ₈	yellow	61	2024 vs, 1951 s, 1924 vs	49.4 (49.5)	5.5 (4.9)
8	<i>closo</i> -1,2-Me ₂ -8,9-(CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -2)-3,3-(CO) ₂ -3,3-(Ph ₂ PCH ₂ PPh ₂)-3,1,2-WC ₂ B ₉ H ₇	yellow	71	1965 vs, 1883 vs	52.8 (52.8)	5.3 (4.9)
9	<i>closo</i> -1,2-Me ₂ -8,9-(CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -2)-3,3-(η -PhC ₂ Ph) ₂ -3-(CO)-3,1,2-WC ₂ B ₉ H ₇	yellow	59	2070 vs	60.5 (59.3)	5.5 (5.0)
11	[NEt ₄][<i>closo</i> -1,8-Me ₂ -10,11-(CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -2)-2-I-2,2,2-(CO) ₃ -2,1,8-WC ₂ B ₉ H ₇]	dark red	48	2008 vs, 1917 vs, br	35.5 (35.1) ^e	5.7 (5.3)
12	<i>closo</i> -1,8-Me ₂ -10,11-(CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -2)-2-(η -Bu ^t C ₂ H)-2,2-(CO) ₂ -2,1,8-WC ₂ B ₉ H ₇	purple	9	2044 vs, 1980 vs	38.8 (39.3) ^f	6.0 (5.1)
13	<i>closo</i> -1,8-Me ₂ -10,11-(CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -2)-2-(η -Bu ^t C ₂ H) ₂ -2-(CO)-2,1,8-WC ₂ B ₉ H ₇	pale yellow	39	2049 vs	46.7 (47.0)	6.6 (6.5)

^a Measured in CH₂Cl₂. For all carborane compounds there is a broad B-H stretching absorption at 2550 cm⁻¹. ^b Calculated values are in parentheses. ^c N, 2.2 (2.1). ^d Mixture of isomers formed in ca. 2:1 ratio; see text. ^e N, 2.1 (1.8). ^f Crystallized with 0.5 molecule of CH₂Cl₂.

Table II. Hydrogen-1 and Carbon-13 NMR Data^a for the Tungsten Compounds

compd no.	$\delta(^1\text{H})^b$	$\delta(^{13}\text{C})^c$
1d	1.19 (t, br, 12 H, CH ₂ Me, J_{HH} 7), 2.08 (s, 6 H, CMe), 3.04 (q, 8 H, CH ₂ Me, J_{HH} 7), 3.45 (s, 3 H, OMe), 4.83 (s, 2 H, CH ₂), 7.16-7.48 (m, 4 H, C ₆ H ₄)	295.9 (C≡W), 227.8 (CO, J_{WC} 182), 149.3, 138.5 [C ¹ , C ² (C ₆ H ₄)], 129.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3 (C ₆ H ₄), 72.3 (CH ₂), 62.2 (CMe), 58.9 (OMe), 52.9 (CH ₂ Me), 29.9 (CMe), 7.7 (CH ₂ Me)
6a	2.02, 2.12 (AB, br, 2 H, BCH ₂ , J_{AB} 17), 2.23, 2.31 (AB, br, 2 H, BCH ₂ , J_{AB} 14), 2.41 (s, 3 H, CMe), 2.50 (s, 3 H, CMe), 6.94 (s, br, 4 H, C ₆ H ₄)	209.6 (CO, J_{WC} 115), 142.6, 142.3 [C ¹ , C ² (C ₆ H ₄)], 129.66, 129.65, 125.0, 124.7 (C ₆ H ₄), 67.6, 66.5 (CMe), 33.1, 32.9 (CMe), 30.8, 26.3 (vbr, BCH ₂) ^d
6b ^e	1.84* (d, 6 H, CMe, J_{PH} 2), 1.98 (s, br, 2 H, BCH ₂), 2.10* (s, br, 2 H, BCH ₂), 2.19* (s, br, 2 H, BCH ₂), 2.31 (t, 3 H, CMe, J_{PC} 1), 2.33 (d, 3 H, CMe, J_{PH} 4), 2.23, 2.54 (AB, br, 2 H, BCH ₂ , J_{AB} 15), 6.08-7.92 (m, br, 26 H, C ₆ H ₄ , Ph, Ph)	232.0 (t, CO, J_{PC} 24), 231.2 (t, CO, J_{PC} 31), 229.9* (AXX', CO, N^f 28), 145.0, 144.9*, 144.5, 144.3* [C ¹ , C ² (C ₆ H ₄)], 135.4, 135.3, 134.6*, 134.5*, 124.8*, 124.6, 124.4 (C ₆ H ₄), 134.0-129.0 (m, br, Ph), 64.5* (CMe), 60.0, 59.6 (CMe), 31.4* (CMe), 30.5 (vbr, BCH ₂), 28.9, 28.6 (CMe), 25.9 (vbr, BCH ₂) ^d
7a	1.82 (s, br, 2 H, BCH ₂), 2.00 (s, 6 H, CMe), 3.34 (s, 3 H, OMe), 4.22 (s, 2 H, CH ₂ OMe), 6.68-7.13 (m, 4 H, C ₆ H ₄), 7.52-7.72 (m, 15 H, Ph)	222.4 (d, 2 × CO, J_{PC} 29), 221.4 (d, CO, J_{PC} 9), 146.1, 135.8 [C ¹ , C ² (C ₆ H ₄)], 134.2, 132.4 (Ph), 130.5 (C ₆ H ₄), 129.3, 129.1 (Ph), 127.6, 126.4, 123.9 (C ₆ H ₄), 73.4 (CH ₂ OMe), 67.1 (CMe), 58.5 (OMe), 31.4 (CMe), 27.8 (vbr, BCH ₂)
8	1.27, 1.55 (AB, 2 H, BCH ₂ , J_{AB} 14), 1.84, 2.02 (AB, 2 H, BCH ₂ , J_{AB} 26), 2.24 (s, 6 H, CMe), 4.97 (d of t, 1 H, PCH ₂ P, J_{PH} 11, J_{HH} 15), 5.40 (d of t, 1 H, PCH ₂ P, J_{PH} 10, J_{HH} 15), 6.41-6.88 (m, 4 H, C ₆ H ₄), 7.18-7.74 (m, 20 H, Ph)	233.6 (d of d, CO, J_{PC} 10 and 22), 232.6 (d of d, CO, J_{PC} 22 and 10), 144.1, 143.3 [C ¹ , C ² (C ₆ H ₄)], 134.2, 133.4, 132.3 (Ph), 132.0, 131.9 (C ₆ H ₄), 129.2 (Ph), 124.3, 124.0 (C ₆ H ₄), 61.5, 59.8 (CMe), 50.8 (t, PCH ₂ P, J_{PC} 28), 34.0 (vbr, BCH ₂), 32.7 (d, CMe, J_{PC} 7), 32.2 (CMe), 25.8 (vbr, BCH ₂)
9 ^{g,h}	1.39 (s, br, 3 H, CMe), 2.25 (s, br, 3 H, CMe), 1.93-2.52 (m, vbr, 4 H, BCH ₂), 6.48-8.32 (m, 24 H, C ₆ H ₄ , Ph)	209.4 (CO), 189.3, 188.3, 175.9, 172.1 (C≡C), 145.3-123.8 (m, C ₆ H ₄ , Ph), 65.6, 62.0 (CMe), 30.0 (vbr, BCH ₂), 29.2, 27.0 (CMe), 25.0 (vbr, BCH ₂)
11	1.28 (t, br, 12 H, CH ₂ Me, J_{HH} 7), 1.55 (s, 3 H, CMe), 1.94 (s, 3 H, CMe), 2.02-2.44 (m, vbr, 4 H, BCH ₂), 3.12 (q, 8 H, CH ₂ Me, J_{HH} 7), 6.87-6.97 (m, 4 H, C ₆ H ₄)	230.8, 222.1, 221.3 (CO), 145.9, 142.9 [C ¹ , C ² (C ₆ H ₄)], 129.8, 129.7, 124.5, 124.2 (C ₆ H ₄), 61.4 (CMe), 61.1 (br, CMe), 54.0 (CH ₂ Me), 32.5 (CMe), 29.3 (CMe), 28.9, 24.8 (vbr, BCH ₂), 8.0 (CH ₂ Me)
12 ^e	1.13 (s, 3 H, CMe), 1.62 (s, 9 H, Bu ^t), 1.90-2.38 (m, vbr, 4 H, BCH ₂), 2.12 (s, 3 H, CMe), 6.60-7.00 (m, 4 H, C ₆ H ₄), 10.88 (s, 1 H, CH)	217.5, 214.2 (CO), 208.9 (CBu ^t), 188.5 (CH), 142.6, 142.4 [C ¹ , C ² (C ₆ H ₄)], 129.2, 129.0, 124.5 (C ₆ H ₄), 65.3 (CMe), 65.0 (br, CMe), 41.6 (CMe ₃), 32.0 (CMe), 30.9 (CMe ₃), 30.4 (vbr, BCH ₂), 28.6 (CMe), 25.3 (vbr, BCH ₂)
13 ^e	1.04 (s, 3 H, CMe), 1.15 (s, 9 H, Bu ^t), 1.20-2.20 (m, vbr, 4 H, BCH ₂), 1.41 (s, 9 H, Bu ^t), 1.42* (s, 9 H, Bu ^t), 1.50* (s, 9 H, Bu ^t), 1.85* (s, 3 H, CMe), 2.11* (s, 3 H, CMe), 2.69 (s, 3 H, CMe), 6.60-6.90 (m, 4 H, C ₆ H ₄), 9.38 (s, br, 1 H, CH), 10.18* (s, 1 H, CH), 10.37* (s, 1 H, CH), 10.48 (s, br, 1 H, CH)	216.4*, 216.3 (CO), 166.9, 165.5*, 165.4, 163.6* (≡CH), 154.0, 152.5 (br, ≡CBu ^t) 143.1*, 142.9, 142.3, 141.9*, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0*, 128.9*, 124.3, 124.2*, 123.9, 123.8* (C ₆ H ₄), 67.8, 63.9*, 63.8* br, 61.1 br (CMe), 38.7, 38.4 (CMe ₃), 30.9 (CMe), 30.8, 30.7 (CMe ₃), 30.5 (vbr, BCH ₂), 29.5 (CMe), 24.8 (vbr, BCH ₂)

^a Chemical shifts (δ) in ppm, coupling constants (J) in Hz. ^b Measured at ambient temperature in CD₂Cl₂ unless otherwise stated. Proton resonances for terminal B-H groups occur as broad unresolved peaks in the range δ ca. -2 to +3. ^c Hydrogen-1 decoupled, measured at ambient temperature in CD₂Cl₂ unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts are positive to high frequency of SiMe₄. ^d Measured in CD₂Cl₂-CH₂Cl₂. ^e Peaks due to the minor isomer are listed with an asterisk. However, some resonances are obscured by those due to the major isomer. ^f $N = |J_{\text{PC}} + J_{\text{PC}}|$. ^g Measured in CDCl₃. ^h Measured at -60 °C.

the molecule is shown in Figure 1. It is immediately apparent that the complex has a novel structure with the cage boron atoms B(4) and B(9) bridged by a CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2 fragment. The atom B(4) lies in the open pentagonal C₂B₃ face of the *nido*-C₂B₉ cage η^5 -coordinated to the W atom and is in the β -site with respect to the carbons. The

atom B(9) lies above B(4) in the B₅ pentagonal ring. The metal atom is ligated by two CO molecules, in an essentially linear manner, and by two PPh₂ groups, which adopt a transoid arrangement (P(1)-W-P(2) = 129.7 (1)°).

Evidently in the formation of 6b the OMe group in the precursor 1d has been lost, presumably as MeOH. The

Table III. Boron-11 and Phosphorus-31 NMR^c Data for the New Tungsten Compounds

compd no.	$\delta(^{11}\text{B})^b$	$\delta(^{31}\text{P})^c$
1d ^d	-8.2 (2 B, BH), -11.5 (2 B, BH), -12.1 (2 B, BH), -14.9 (2 B, BH), -17.0 (1 B, BH)	
6a	9.1 (1 B, BCH ₂), 7.7 (1 B, BCH ₂), 0.5 (1 B, BH), -0.3 (1 B, BH), -7.1 (2 B, BH), -7.6 (1 B, BH), -8.5 (2 B, BH)	
6b ^d	7.7 (1 B, BCH ₂), 4.2 (1 B, BCH ₂), -2.7 (1 B, BH), -4.7 (1 B, BH), -6.4 (1 B, BH), -7.6 (1 B, BH), -8.7 (1 B, BH), -10.9 (2 B, BH)	18.0* (s, J_{WP} 194), 15.3, 15.1 (AB, J_{AB} 29, J_{WP} 193 and 183) ^e
7a	6.8 (1 B, BCH ₂), -3.9 (1 B, BH), -5.4 (2 B, BH), -8.8 (3 B, BH), -10.0 (2 B, BH)	10.0 (s, J_{WP} 163)
8	7.1 (1 B, BCH ₂), 3.7 (1 B, BCH ₂), -3.1 (2 B, BH), -6.5 (2 B, BH), -8.7 (2 B, BH), -11.9 (1 B, BH)	-32.2, -32.5 (AB, J_{AB} 56, J_{WP} 168 and 214)
9 ^f	11.1 (1 B, BCH ₂), 5.6 (1 B, BCH ₂), -1.4 to -9.7 (br, 7 B, BH)	
11 ^d	3.9 (1 B, BCH ₂), -0.3 (1 B, BCH ₂), -2.4 (2 B, BH), -8.3 (1 B, BH), -11.3 (1 B, BH), -13.5 (1 B, BH), -15.6 (1 B, BH), -20.5 (1 B, BH)	
12 ^f	8.2 (1 B, BCH ₂), 4.1 (1 B, BCH ₂), -0.4 to -12.3 (7 B, BH)	
13 ^{d,g}	9.1 (1 B, BCH ₂), 7.8* (1 B, BCH ₂), 5.1* (1 B, BCH ₂), 3.6 (1 B, BCH ₂), -0.4 to -13.6 (14 BH for both isomers)	

^aChemical shifts (δ) in ppm, coupling constants (J) in Hz. ^bHydrogen-1 decoupled, measured at ambient temperature in CD₂Cl₂ unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts are positive to high frequency of BF₃·Et₂O (external). Signals ascribed to more than one boron nucleus may result from overlapping peaks and do not necessarily indicate symmetry equivalence. ^cHydrogen-1 decoupled, measured at ambient temperature in CD₂Cl₂. Chemical shifts are positive to high frequency of 85% H₃PO₄ (external). ^dMeasured in CD₂Cl₂-CH₂Cl₂. ^eMixture of transoid and cisoid isomers (see text), peak intensities indicating a 2:1 isomer ratio. Signals due to cisoid species are marked with an asterisk. ^fMeasured in CDCl₃. ^gPeaks due to the minor isomer are marked with an asterisk.

Table IV. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,3-(P(Ph)₂)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₇ (6b)

W-P(1)	2.470 (2)	W-P(2)	2.489 (2)	W-C(1)	2.453 (6)	W-C(2)	2.446 (6)
W-B(3)	2.375 (7)	W-B(4)	2.419 (6)	W-B(5)	2.363 (6)	W-C(20)	1.982 (6)
W-C(21)	1.971 (6)	P(1)-H(1)	1.35 (8)	P(1)-C(41)	1.852 (6)	P(1)-C(51)	1.826 (7)
P(2)-H(2)	1.46 (7)	P(2)-C(61)	1.835 (5)	P(2)-C(71)	1.821 (6)	C(1)-C(2)	1.620 (8)
C(1)-C(3)	1.532 (9)	C(2)-C(4)	1.532 (9)	B(4)-B(9)	1.772 (6)	B(4)-C(30)	1.63 (1)
B(9)-C(37)	1.60 (1)	C(20)-O(20)	1.148 (8)	C(21)-O(21)	1.154 (7)	C(30)-C(31)	1.498 (9)
C(31)-C(36)	1.406 (8)	C(36)-C(37)	1.52 (1)				
P(1)-W-P(2)	129.7 (1)	P(1)-W-C(20)	77.7 (2)	P(2)-W-C(20)	79.7 (2)		
P(1)-W-C(21)	72.6 (2)	P(2)-W-C(21)	71.6 (2)	C(20)-W-C(21)	106.1 (3)		
W-P(1)-H(1)	116 (3)	W-P(1)-C(41)	120.4 (2)	H(1)-P(1)-C(41)	104 (3)		
W-P(1)-C(51)	118.8 (2)	H(1)-P(1)-C(51)	90 (3)	C(41)-P(1)-C(51)	103.0 (3)		
W-P(2)-H(2)	107 (3)	W-P(2)-C(61)	123.5 (2)	H(2)-P(2)-C(61)	102 (3)		
W-P(2)-C(71)	118.0 (2)	C(61)-P(2)-C(71)	101.9 (3)	W-C(1)-C(3)	109.6 (4)		
C(2)-C(1)-C(3)	121.1 (5)	C(2)-C(1)-B(5)	109.9 (4)	W-C(2)-C(4)	110.7 (4)		
C(1)-C(2)-C(4)	120.5 (5)	C(1)-C(2)-B(3)	110.4 (5)	C(4)-C(2)-B(3)	125.0 (4)		
C(2)-B(3)-B(4)	107.7 (4)	B(3)-B(4)-B(5)	102.3 (5)	B(9)-B(4)-C(30)	107.4 (5)		
C(1)-B(5)-B(4)	109.5 (5)	B(4)-B(9)-C(37)	112.8 (5)	W-C(20)-O(20)	175.7 (6)		
W-C(21)-O(21)	176.2 (6)	B(4)-C(30)-C(31)	110.4 (5)	C(30)-C(31)-C(32)	121.8 (5)		
C(30)-C(31)-C(36)	119.3 (6)	C(32)-C(31)-C(36)	118.9 (6)	C(31)-C(32)-C(33)	120.8 (6)		
C(32)-C(33)-C(34)	120.2 (7)	C(33)-C(34)-C(35)	119.9 (7)	C(34)-C(35)-C(36)	121.0 (6)		
C(31)-C(36)-C(35)	119.2 (6)	C(31)-C(36)-C(37)	119.6 (5)	C(35)-C(36)-C(37)	121.1 (5)		
B(9)-C(37)-C(36)	111.4 (5)	P(1)-C(41)-C(42)	118.7 (5)				

unusual and unexpected structure of **6b** contrasts with that of *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄OMe-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,3-(P(Ph)₂)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₈ (**2d**), prepared by adding HBF₄·Et₂O to a CH₂Cl₂ solution of **1c** containing 2 equiv of P(Ph)₂.^{2e}

Having established the structure of **6b**, it is possible to interpret the spectroscopic data for this compound. Moreover, complex **6a** must have a similar structure, since the ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, and ¹¹B{¹H} NMR spectra show features similar to those of **6b**. However, examination of the NMR spectra of the latter revealed that it is formed as a mixture of two isomers, since the resonances for the various groups appeared in duplicate. On the basis of relative peak intensities in the ³¹P{¹H} spectrum, the isomers of **6b** are present in solutions in a ca. 2:1 ratio. Similar behavior has been observed previously for compound **2e**, obtained from **1b**, CNBu^t, and HBF₄·Et₂O.^{2a} The isomerism of **6b** and **2e** may be attributed to transoid and cisoid arrangements of the W(CO)₂L₂ (L = P(Ph)₂ or CNBu^t) groups in these molecules. Only the transoid isomer of **6b** is shown in the structural formula. It is evident from the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (Table III) that the major isomer has the *transoid*-W(CO)₂(P(Ph)₂)₂ arrangement, as found in the crystal. The more intense peaks of the major isomer

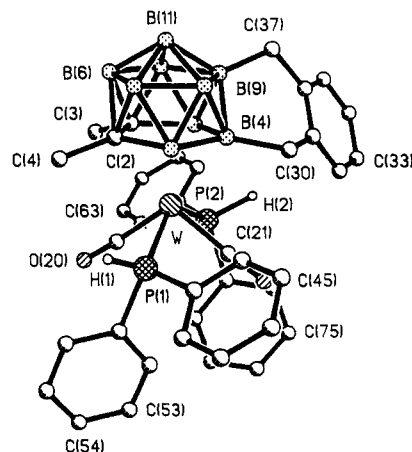
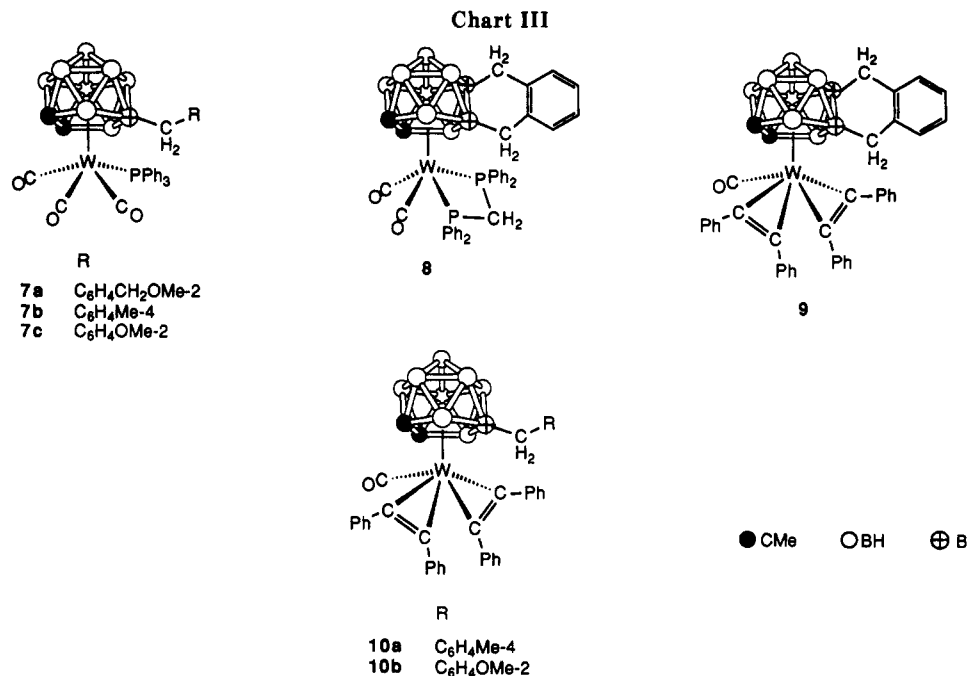


Figure 1. Structure of *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,3-(P(Ph)₂)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₇ (**6b**), showing the crystallographic atom-labeling scheme.

display an AB pattern: δ 15.1 and 15.3, with $J_{\text{AB}} = 29$ Hz and $J_{\text{WP}} = 183$ and 193 Hz.

The presence of the BCH₂ groups in **6a,b** is clearly revealed in the ¹¹B{¹H} NMR spectra (Table III), with di-



agnostic peaks at δ 9.1 and 7.7 (**6a**) and δ 7.7 and 4.2 (**6b**). The BCH_2 resonances for **2c,d** occur in the same region at δ 8.6 and 7.4, respectively.^{2e} Signals for the BCH_2 groups in the $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra are seen as broad peaks at δ 30.8 and 26.3 for **6a** and at 30.5 and 25.9 for **6b** (major isomer). These chemical shifts may be compared with those found for the BCH_2 groups of **2c,d** at δ 28.3 and 25.0, respectively.^{2e} Resonances for the nonequivalent BCH_2 groups are also observed in the 1H NMR spectra of **6a,b**. Thus, the spectrum of the former species is sufficiently well resolved for the signals to appear as two distinct AB patterns at δ 2.02 and 2.12 ($J_{AB} = 17$ Hz) and at δ 2.23 and 2.31 ($J_{AB} = 14$ Hz).

The protonation of **1d** with $HBf_4 \cdot Et_2O$ in the presence of PPh_3 was next investigated and found to give *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂OMe-2)-3,3,3-(CO)₃-3-(PPh₃)-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₈ (**7a**; Chart III). This product was fully characterized by the data given in Tables I-III. It is structurally similar to the complexes **7b,c** obtained previously in similar reactions using the salts **1b,c** as precursors.^{2a,e} The nature of compound **7a**, which has retained its C₆H₄CH₂OMe-2 group, is surprising in view of the structures of **6a,b**. It is noteworthy, however, that if **1d** is treated with $HBf_4 \cdot Et_2O$ at -78 °C, and PPh_3 is subsequently added to the mixture at the same temperature, the only product is the tetracarbonyl species **6a**. This suggests that if $HBf_4 \cdot Et_2O$ is added to **1d** in the presence of PPh_3 , compound **7a** is formed in an early reaction step. The bulky PPh_3 ligand at the tungsten center might then reduce the flexibility of the CH₂C₆H₄CH₂OMe-2 group so that the OMe substituent is unable to approach the B(9)H vertex as a prelude to loss of MeOH by a process as yet unclear. It is noteworthy that the X-ray diffraction study of compound **7c** revealed appreciable steric interaction between the CH₂C₆H₄OMe-2 group and one of the Ph rings of the PPh_3 ligand.^{2e} Similar constraints in **7a** might force the CH₂C₆H₄CH₂OMe-2 substituent away from the cage, inhibiting further reaction.

Treatment of CH₂Cl₂ solutions containing **1d** and Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂ at -78 °C with $HBf_4 \cdot Et_2O$ affords *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,3-(Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂)-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₇ (**8**; Chart III). The IR spectrum shows two CO absorptions at 1965 and 1883 cm⁻¹, similar to those observed^{2e} in compound **5** at 1959 and 1874 cm⁻¹.

In the $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of **8** there is a typical AB spin pattern: δ -32.2 and -32.5 with $J_{AB} = 56$ Hz and ^{183}W satellite peaks ($J_{WP} = 168$ and 214 Hz). The $^{11}B\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum shows resonances at δ 7.1 and 3.7 for the BCH_2 nuclei. In the spectrum of **5** the signal for the single BCH_2 peak is at δ 7.0. This suggests that the peak at δ 7.1 in the spectrum of **8** is due to the BCH_2 moiety in the pentagonal open face of the *nido*-C₂B₉ cage ligating the tungsten atom.

In the 1H NMR spectrum there are two AB spin patterns, one at δ 1.27 and 1.55 with $J_{AB} = 14$ Hz and the other at δ 1.84 and 2.02 with $J_{AB} = 16$ Hz, which are assigned to the two BCH_2 groups. The $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum displays two resonances for the two nonequivalent CO ligands (Table II). Signals in this spectrum at δ 61.5 and 59.8 can be assigned to the cage CMe vertices. Peaks for the two nonequivalent CMe groups are also observed at δ 32.7 and 32.2. As expected, there are two very broad resonances centered at δ 34.0 and 25.8 due to the two BCH_2 groups. The C₆H₄ moiety gives rise to six resonances, occurring in three pairs (δ): 144.1, 143.3; 132.0, 131.9; 124.3, 124.0. The data indicate that although the aryl C₆H₄ groups have six nonequivalent carbon nuclei, there are three pairs of pseudoequivalent carbons, in agreement with the molecular structures. In the synthesis of **8** there was no evidence for the formation of an ylide complex akin to the complexes **4**.

Addition of $HBf_4 \cdot Et_2O$ to a CH₂Cl₂ solution containing **1d** and 2 equiv of PhC≡CPh at -78 °C gives *closo*-1,2-Me₂-8,9-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-3,3-(η -PhC≡CPh)₂-3-(CO)-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₇ (**9**; Chart III). This product is related to the compounds **10**, prepared similarly from the reagents **1b,c**.^{2a,e} The IR spectrum of **9** shows one CO band (2070 cm⁻¹), as expected. Resonances in the 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra measured at room temperature were too broad to be interpreted, due to the dynamic behavior of the molecule. This feature is related to rotation of the alkyne ligands.^{2a,e} However, from spectra measured at -60 °C assignment of resonances is possible. In the 1H NMR spectrum signals for nonequivalent CMe groups are observed at δ 1.39 and 2.25, but only one very broad multiplet (δ 1.93-2.52) is seen for the BCH_2 fragments. In the $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum the nonequivalent cage CMe groups give signals at δ 65.6 and 62.0 (CMe) and 29.2 and 27.0 (CMe). There are, as expected, two very broad BCH_2 resonances

Table V. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for [NEt₄][*closo*-1,8-Me₂-10,11-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-2-I-2,2,2-(CO)₃-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₇] (11) (One of Two Independent Anions)

W(1)-I(1)	2.894 (2)	W(1)-C(121)	1.93 (2)	W(1)-C(122)	1.98 (2)	W(1)-C(123)	1.97 (3)
W(1)-C(101)	2.44 (2)	W(1)-B(102)	2.34 (2)	W(1)-B(103)	2.32 (2)	W(1)-B(104)	2.39 (2)
W(1)-B(105)	2.39 (2)	C(121)-O(121)	1.20 (3)	C(122)-O(122)	1.11 (3)	C(123)-O(123)	1.23 (3)
C(101)-C(102)	1.51 (3)	C(101)-B(102)	1.74 (3)	C(101)-B(105)	1.70 (3)	B(102)-B(103)	1.82 (3)
B(102)-C(107)	1.73 (3)	B(104)-B(105)	1.83 (3)	B(104)-B(109)	1.78 (3)	B(104)-C(130)	1.63 (3)
B(106)-C(107)	1.71 (4)	C(107)-C(108)	1.55 (3)	C(107)-B(108)	1.71 (3)	C(107)-B(111)	1.69 (3)
B(109)-B(110)	1.78 (3)	B(109)-B(111)	1.81 (3)	B(109)-C(137)	1.55 (3)	C(130)-C(131)	1.53 (2)
C(131)-C(136)	1.39 (3)	C(132)-C(133)	1.38 (3)	C(136)-C(137)	1.49 (3)		
I(1)-W(1)-C(121)	73.3 (6)	I(1)-W(1)-C(122)	129.4 (7)	C(121)-W(1)-C(122)	75.1 (9)		
I(1)-W(1)-C(123)	71.9 (7)	C(121)-W(1)-C(123)	104.6 (8)	C(122)-W(1)-C(123)	79 (1)		
W(1)-C(121)-O(121)	173 (2)	W(1)-C(122)-O(122)	176 (2)	W(1)-C(123)-O(123)	168 (2)		
C(102)-C(101)-B(102)	121 (2)	C(102)-C(101)-B(105)	124 (2)	B(102)-C(101)-B(105)	109 (1)		
C(101)-B(102)-B(103)	110 (1)	B(103)-B(104)-C(130)	128 (2)	B(105)-B(104)-C(130)	124 (2)		
B(109)-B(104)-C(130)	107 (1)	C(101)-B(105)-B(104)	110 (2)	B(102)-C(107)-C(108)	113 (2)		
B(103)-C(107)-C(108)	113 (2)	B(106)-C(107)-C(108)	118 (2)	B(102)-C(107)-B(108)	114 (2)		
B(103)-C(107)-B(108)	62 (1)	B(106)-C(107)-B(108)	117 (2)	C(108)-C(107)-B(108)	119 (2)		
C(108)-C(107)-B(111)	121 (2)	B(108)-C(107)-B(111)	64.7 (1)	B(104)-B(109)-C(137)	115 (2)		
B(104)-C(130)-C(131)	115 (2)	C(130)-C(131)-C(132)	123 (2)	C(130)-C(131)-C(136)	120 (2)		
C(131)-C(136)-C(137)	121 (2)	C(135)-C(136)-C(137)	121 (2)	B(109)-C(137)-C(136)	112 (2)		

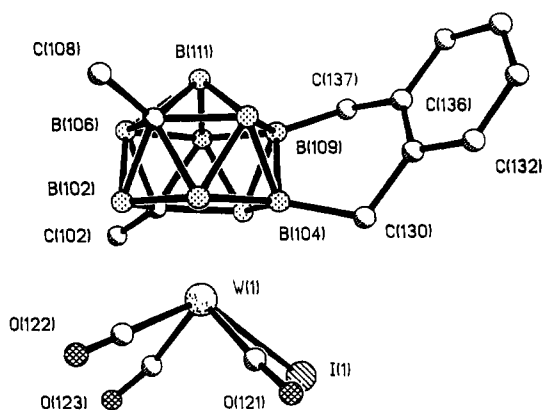
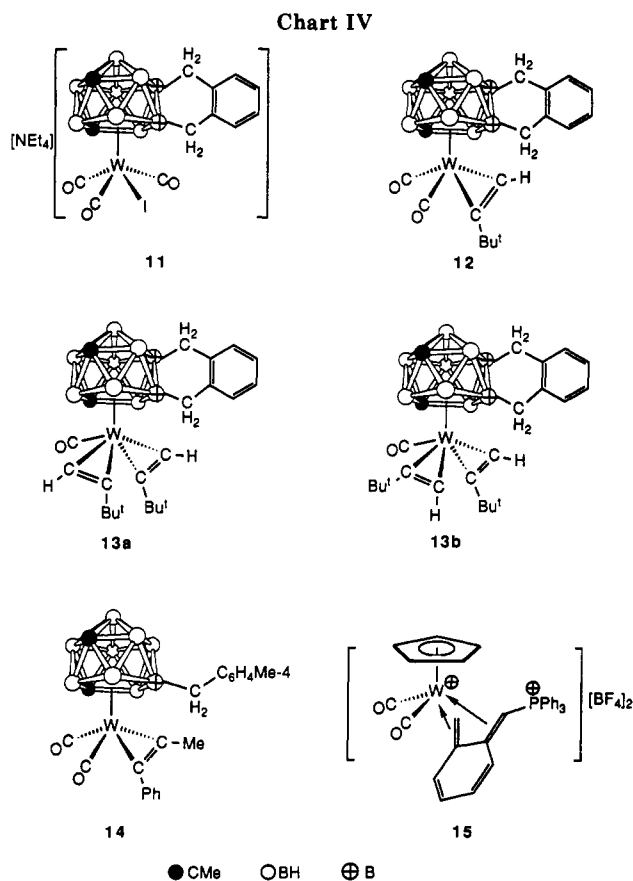


Figure 2. Structure of the anion of [NEt₄][*closo*-1,8-Me₂-10,11-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-2-I-2,2,2-(CO)₃-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₇] (11), showing the crystallographic atom-labeling scheme.

at δ 30.0 and 25.0. Correspondingly, in the ¹¹B{¹H} NMR spectrum the BCH₂ moieties give diagnostic peaks at δ 11.1 and 5.6.

The chemical shifts of the ligated carbon atoms of the PhC≡CPh groups in the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **9** are of interest. The resonances are observed at δ 189.3, 188.3, 175.9, and 172.1, and the existence of four peaks corresponds to a limiting low-temperature spectrum with no rotation of the alkynes. The chemical shifts are in the region expected for alkynes donating three electrons to a metal atom.⁵ This would enable the tungsten (d⁶) to attain a filled 18-electron shell in complex **9** with 2 electrons from the CO ligand, 4 electrons from the *nido*- η^5 -C₂B₉ cage, and 6 electrons from the two alkyne molecules.

As mentioned in the Introduction, compounds **1a-c** with HI afford the complexes **3**, in which the carbon atom vertices are no longer connected.^{2c,e} Solutions of **1d** in CH₂Cl₂ with HI give the salt [NEt₄][*closo*-1,8-Me₂-10,11-(CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2)-2-I-2,2,2-(CO)₃-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₇] (**11**; Chart IV), the structure of which was fully established by X-ray diffraction. The data revealed that **11** crystallized with two structurally similar but crystallographically independent ion pairs in the asymmetric unit. Selected structural parameters for one anion are given in Table V, and the anion is shown in Figure 2. It is immediately apparent that the cage has the 2,1,8-WC₂B₉ arrangement, as found in the compounds **3** and other species derived



from the latter.^{2c,6} As in compound **6b**, the *nido*-C₂B₉ fragment in **11** has an *exo*-polyhedral CH₂C₆H₄CH₂-2 bridge system linking two boron atoms (B(104) and B(109)). Moreover, the polytopal cage rearrangement has not influenced the relative sites of the BCH₂ linkages, which are the same as in **6b**. The B-CH₂-C₆H₄ bond angles (112 (2) and 115 (2)°) are comparable with those in **6b** (110.4 (5) and 111.4 (5)°). The tungsten atom, in addition to being ligated by the C₂B₉ fragment in the usual η^5 -bonding mode, is coordinated by the iodide ligand and by three CO molecules, one of which deviates somewhat from linearity (W(1)-C(123)-O(123) = 168 (2)°). The structural parameters for **11** and **6b** are similar, apart from

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differences produced by the different sites of the cage carbons.

The NMR data for 11 are in agreement with the structure established by X-ray diffraction. In the $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum the resonances for the cage CMe vertices are at δ 61.4 and 61.1. The latter peak is appreciably broader than the former and may therefore be assigned to C(107) (Figure 2) for reasons discussed previously.^{2c} The nonequivalent CMe groups give peaks at δ 32.5 and 29.3, and those for the BCH_2 groups are at δ 28.9 and 24.8. The pseudosymmetrical C_6H_4 fragment is revealed by three pairs of resonances (δ): 145.9, 142.9; 129.8, 129.7; 124.5, 124.2. As expected, there are three CO peaks, and these occur at δ 230.8, 222.1, and 221.3.

Treatment of CH_2Cl_2 solutions of 11 with $\text{Bu}^t\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ in the presence of TIBF_4 afforded a mixture of the species *closo*-1,8-Me₂-10,11-($\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2$ -2)-2-(η -Bu^tC₂H)-2,2-(CO)₂-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₇ (12) and *closo*-1,8-Me₂-10,11-($\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2$ -2)-2-(η -Bu^tC₂H)-2,2-(CO)-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₇ (13) (Chart IV). Examination of the ^1H , $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (Table II), and $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (Table III) NMR data for 12 and 13 establish that these products contain the $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2$ -2 exo-polyhedral cage bridge system found in their precursor 11. The pattern observed for the resonances of the CMe nuclei in the $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 12 with one peak sharp (δ 65.3) and the other broad (δ 65.0) is in accord with the 2,1,8-WC₂B₉ icosahedral arrangement. However, duplication of peaks in the ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectra of 13 showed that this bis(alkyne) complex was formed as a mixture of the two isomers 13a,b. On the basis of the relative intensities of the signals the isomer ratio is ca. 2:1. However, assignment of signals to a particular isomer was not possible.

Compound 12 is closely related to the compound *closo*-1,8-Me₂-11-($\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me}$ -4)-2-(η -MeC₂Ph)-2,2-(CO)₂-2,1,8-WC₂B₉H₈ (14; Chart IV), obtained by treating 3b with AgBF_4 in the presence of $\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CPh}$. The structure of 14 has been established by X-ray diffraction.^{2c} In the $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 12 the resonances for the ligated carbons of the alkyne occur at δ 208.9 and 188.5, in the chemical shift range associated empirically with the alkyne donating four electrons to the metal center.⁵

Conclusions

The new compounds described in this paper further illustrate the diverse nature of the species obtainable by protonating the salts 1. As far as we are aware, those products containing exo-polyhedral cage $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2$ -2 groups are structurally without precedent. Their mode of formation is at present obscure. However, a similar loss of an OMe fragment from a precursor containing a $\text{W}\equiv\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{OMe}$ -2 group has recently been observed by us.⁷ Treatment of a mixture of $[\text{W}(\equiv\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{OMe}-2)(\text{CO})_2(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)]$ and PPh_3 in CH_2Cl_2 at -78°C with $\text{HBF}_4\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ affords the complex $[\text{W}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CH}_2)-[\text{CH}(\text{PPh}_3)]-1,2)(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)][\text{BF}_4]_2$ (15; Chart IV). The work reported herein has also further demonstrated the novel cage framework rearrangement observed when aqueous HI is used instead of $\text{HBF}_4\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ for protonation of salts of type 1.

Experimental Section

General Considerations. All reactions were conducted under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen using Schlenk-line techniques.

Table VI. Crystallographic Data for 6b and 11^a

	6b	11
cryst dimens, mm	0.30 × 0.50 × 0.20	0.40 × 0.45 × 0.30
formula	C ₃₈ H ₄₃ B ₉ O ₂ P ₂ W	C ₂₃ H ₄₁ B ₉ INO ₃ W
<i>M</i> _r	874.8	787.6
cryst color, shape	yellow prisms	orange cubes
cryst syst	monoclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> , Å	9.520 (2)	8.784 (2)
<i>b</i> , Å	19.870 (4)	12.639 (3)
<i>c</i> , Å	20.849 (4)	28.712 (7)
α , deg	90.00	89.40 (2)
β , deg	102.95 (2)	81.17 (2)
γ , deg	90.00	89.38 (2)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	3843 (1)	3150 (1)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
<i>d</i> _{calcd} , g cm ⁻³	1.68	1.66
μ (Mo K α), cm ⁻¹	31.8	47.4
<i>F</i> (000), e	1744	1528
<i>T</i> , K	293	293
no. of unique reflns	7473	11922
no. of obsd rflns	4923	6551
criterion for obsd <i>n</i> [<i>F</i> _o ≥ <i>n</i> σ(<i>F</i> _o)]	5	5
<i>R</i> (<i>R</i>) ^b	0.031 (0.031)	0.068 (0.067)
final electron density diff features (max/min), e Å ⁻³	+1.34/-0.82	+2.13/-2.30

^a Data collected on a Siemens R3m/V four-circle diffractometer operating in the Wyckoff ω -scan mode in the range $5^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 50^\circ$; graphite-monochromated Mo K α X-radiation, $\lambda = 0.71069$ Å. Refinement was by full-matrix least squares with a weighting scheme of the form $w^{-1} = [\sigma^2(F_o) + g|F_o|^2]$ with $g = 0.0004$ (6b), 0.0005 (11); $\sigma^2(F_o)$ is the variance in *F*_o due to counting statistics. *g* was chosen so as to minimize variation in $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ with $|F_o|$. ^b $R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$, $R' = \sum w^{1/2} ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum w^{1/2} |F_o|$.

Solvents were distilled from appropriate drying agents under nitrogen before use. Chromatography columns (ca. 15 cm in length and 2 cm in diameter unless otherwise stated) were packed with alumina (Brockman Activity III). Spectroscopic measurements were made using instrumentation described previously.² The $\text{HBF}_4\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ used for protonation was purchased from Aldrich (85% $\text{HBF}_4\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ in Et_2O). Analytical and other data for the new compounds are given in Table I.

Synthesis of the Salt $[\text{NET}_4][\textit{closo}$ -1,2-Me₂-3-($\equiv\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{OMe}$ -2)-3,3-(CO)₂-3,1,2-WC₂B₉H₉] (1d). A THF (20 mL) solution of $\text{W}(\text{O}_2\text{CCF}_3)(\equiv\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{OMe}-2)(\text{CO})_2(\text{py})_2$ (1.64 g, 2.55 mmol) was treated with $\text{Na}_2[7,8\text{-C}_2\text{B}_9\text{H}_9\text{Me}_2]$ (2.70 mmol), the latter being obtained by refluxing $[\text{NHMe}_3][7,8\text{-C}_2\text{B}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{Me}_2]$ (0.60 g, 2.70 mmol) with an excess of NaH (0.55 g of a 60% dispersion in mineral oil, 13.8 mmol) in THF (10 mL). After the mixture was stirred for ca. 2 h, an excess of $[\text{NET}_4]\text{Cl}$ (0.70 g, 3.80 mmol) was added, and the reactants were stirred for a further 30 min. The mixture was filtered through a Celite column (5 cm in length and 2 cm in diameter), and solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) and chromatographed at -20°C . Elution with CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O (3:1) afforded an orange-red eluate. Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the oily residue was washed with Et_2O (3 × 20 mL) and dried in vacuo to give orange microcrystals of 1d (1.50 g).

Protonations with $\text{HBF}_4\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$. (i) A stream of CO was passed through a CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) solution of 1d (0.10 g, 0.15 mmol) at -78°C for 5 min. The introduction of CO was continued while $\text{HBF}_4\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (20 μL , 0.15 mmol) was added at -78°C . The mixture was warmed slowly to room temperature. During this process the CO supply was maintained. After the mixture had been stirred for another 4–5 h, solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 -hexane (10 mL, 1:1) and chromatographed at -30°C . Elution with the same solvent mixture gave a light yellow eluate. Solvent was removed in vacuo to give green microcrystals of 6a (0.045 g). This compound could also be

Table VII. Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for Complex 6b

atom	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})^a$	atom	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})^a$
W	11025 (1)	386 (1)	2356 (1)	28 (1)	C(36)	11145 (7)	2120 (3)	3993 (3)	40 (2)
P(1)	9678 (2)	157 (1)	1220 (1)	39 (1)	C(37)	12250 (7)	2445 (3)	3668 (3)	46 (2)
P(2)	10779 (2)	-136 (1)	3410 (1)	31 (1)	C(41)	8045 (7)	651 (3)	854 (3)	44 (2)
C(1)	13543 (6)	748 (3)	2716 (3)	37 (2)	C(42)	7169 (8)	430 (4)	274 (3)	61 (3)
C(2)	12960 (7)	925 (3)	1944 (3)	37 (2)	C(43)	5947 (8)	788 (4)	-13 (4)	72 (3)
C(3)	14504 (7)	134 (3)	2933 (3)	48 (2)	C(44)	5630 (8)	1374 (4)	265 (4)	68 (3)
C(4)	13394 (7)	490 (4)	1413 (3)	52 (2)	C(45)	6501 (7)	1604 (4)	845 (3)	57 (3)
B(3)	11409 (7)	1408 (3)	1830 (3)	35 (2)	C(46)	7714 (7)	1242 (3)	1138 (3)	51 (2)
B(4)	11045 (7)	1569 (3)	2631 (3)	31 (2)	C(51)	9128 (7)	-706 (3)	990 (3)	45 (2)
B(5)	12430 (7)	1092 (3)	3164 (3)	31 (2)	C(52)	8117 (8)	-1033 (4)	1258 (4)	64 (3)
B(6)	14471 (8)	1372 (4)	2377 (4)	43 (3)	C(53)	7700 (10)	-1676 (4)	1082 (4)	78 (4)
B(7)	13120 (8)	1781 (4)	1812 (4)	43 (3)	C(54)	8288 (11)	-2014 (4)	627 (5)	88 (4)
B(8)	11975 (8)	2173 (3)	2243 (4)	37 (2)	C(55)	9298 (10)	-1695 (4)	346 (4)	77 (4)
B(9)	12597 (7)	1978 (3)	3096 (3)	37 (2)	C(56)	9735 (8)	-1042 (4)	528 (3)	63 (3)
B(10)	14135 (7)	1466 (4)	3159 (4)	39 (2)	C(61)	12256 (6)	-572 (3)	3974 (3)	33 (2)
B(11)	13836 (8)	2139 (4)	2596 (4)	43 (2)	C(62)	12711 (7)	-1195 (3)	3823 (3)	44 (2)
C(20)	11595 (7)	-553 (3)	2216 (3)	39 (2)	C(63)	13768 (7)	-1543 (4)	4269 (3)	53 (3)
O(20)	12000 (6)	-1080 (2)	2122 (2)	59 (2)	C(64)	14393 (7)	-1261 (4)	4863 (3)	56 (3)
C(21)	8963 (6)	353 (3)	2368 (3)	39 (2)	C(65)	13931 (8)	-634 (4)	5015 (3)	59 (3)
O(21)	7764 (4)	368 (3)	2394 (2)	56 (2)	C(66)	12875 (7)	-285 (3)	4576 (3)	45 (2)
C(30)	9651 (6)	1876 (3)	2866 (3)	40 (2)	C(71)	9274 (6)	-707 (3)	3390 (3)	33 (2)
C(31)	9879 (6)	1845 (3)	3600 (3)	39 (2)	C(72)	9094 (7)	-1291 (3)	3012 (3)	53 (3)
C(32)	8895 (7)	1537 (3)	3903 (3)	51 (3)	C(73)	7929 (8)	-1705 (4)	3007 (4)	64 (3)
C(33)	9153 (8)	1495 (4)	4590 (4)	59 (3)	C(74)	6938 (8)	-1546 (4)	3369 (4)	64 (3)
C(34)	10391 (8)	1756 (4)	4971 (4)	60 (3)	C(75)	7106 (7)	-976 (4)	3745 (4)	59 (3)
C(35)	11388 (8)	2067 (3)	4677 (3)	53 (3)	C(76)	8274 (7)	-556 (3)	3761 (3)	47 (2)

^aEquivalent isotropic U defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

Table VIII. Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for Complex 11

atom	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})^a$	atom	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})^a$
W(1)	1724 (1)	-1714 (1)	3179 (1)	43 (1)	W(2)	2624 (1)	3288 (1)	1797 (1)	44 (1)
I(1)	-1371 (2)	-1596 (1)	2951 (1)	72 (1)	I(2)	5618 (2)	3369 (1)	2095 (1)	80 (1)
C(121)	1043 (22)	-266 (16)	3273 (6)	48 (7)	C(221)	3330 (26)	4767 (19)	1699 (7)	63 (9)
O(121)	711 (22)	635 (14)	3372 (6)	88 (8)	O(221)	3665 (20)	5633 (12)	1617 (5)	76 (7)
C(122)	3547 (28)	-857 (21)	2933 (8)	75 (10)	C(222)	783 (28)	4160 (18)	2003 (8)	67 (9)
O(122)	4543 (20)	-338 (15)	2820 (7)	107 (9)	O(222)	-259 (19)	4709 (14)	2104 (6)	91 (8)
C(123)	1844 (27)	-1935 (17)	2498 (10)	75 (10)	C(223)	2202 (26)	3077 (17)	2513 (9)	65 (9)
O(123)	2213 (24)	-2087 (13)	2074 (5)	96 (8)	O(223)	2098 (23)	2866 (13)	2882 (5)	91 (8)
C(101)	2476 (23)	-3553 (14)	3290 (7)	52 (7)	C(201)	1913 (30)	1484 (14)	1667 (7)	65 (9)
C(102)	2695 (27)	-4138 (18)	2830 (8)	76 (10)	C(202)	1536 (26)	845 (17)	2126 (7)	73 (9)
B(102)	3807 (25)	-2631 (21)	3412 (9)	59 (9)	B(202)	612 (32)	2379 (20)	1517 (10)	67 (11)
B(103)	2882 (26)	-1710 (16)	3853 (8)	43 (8)	B(203)	1660 (26)	3312 (18)	1086 (8)	48 (8)
B(104)	893 (24)	-2143 (15)	3989 (7)	36 (7)	B(204)	3690 (25)	2901 (16)	1010 (7)	41 (7)
B(105)	717 (25)	-3255 (16)	3601 (7)	42 (7)	B(205)	3693 (27)	1710 (18)	1425 (8)	49 (8)
B(106)	3721 (34)	-3958 (22)	3649 (10)	71 (11)	B(206)	718 (34)	1098 (20)	1289 (11)	72 (11)
C(107)	3853 (24)	-2889 (16)	4001 (7)	56 (8)	C(207)	717 (21)	2215 (15)	921 (7)	46 (7)
C(108)	5436 (21)	-2671 (19)	4152 (7)	68 (9)	C(208)	-704 (22)	2445 (18)	686 (8)	71 (9)
B(108)	2210 (27)	-2525 (18)	4366 (8)	51 (8)	B(208)	2480 (25)	2477 (16)	580 (8)	44 (8)
B(109)	790 (23)	-3456 (16)	4220 (7)	40 (7)	B(209)	3764 (23)	1554 (15)	787 (7)	36 (7)
B(110)	1760 (32)	-4325 (20)	3788 (8)	60 (9)	B(210)	2721 (27)	665 (15)	1201 (7)	46 (8)
B(111)	2747 (30)	-3902 (19)	4245 (9)	58 (9)	B(211)	1938 (29)	1099 (18)	694 (10)	59 (9)
C(130)	-579 (20)	-1491 (14)	4265 (6)	43 (6)	C(230)	5252 (24)	3461 (14)	759 (6)	51 (7)
C(131)	-1033 (21)	-1778 (15)	4785 (6)	44 (7)	C(231)	5881 (20)	3178 (15)	265 (6)	42 (7)
C(132)	-1451 (21)	-1010 (18)	5135 (7)	58 (8)	C(232)	6416 (23)	3927 (17)	-70 (8)	59 (8)
C(133)	-1737 (25)	-1283 (20)	5607 (7)	65 (9)	C(233)	6947 (24)	3677 (19)	-533 (8)	65 (9)
C(134)	-1714 (23)	-2283 (20)	5763 (8)	62 (9)	C(234)	6972 (23)	2660 (20)	-684 (7)	64 (9)
C(135)	-1402 (22)	-3055 (18)	5427 (7)	58 (8)	C(235)	6443 (22)	1849 (19)	-348 (7)	60 (8)
C(136)	-1044 (21)	-2834 (15)	4930 (6)	43 (6)	C(236)	5912 (21)	2121 (16)	125 (6)	46 (7)
C(137)	-672 (25)	-3701 (14)	4580 (7)	60 (8)	C(237)	5383 (25)	1261 (15)	467 (8)	63 (8)
N(1)	6891 (19)	2564 (15)	3771 (6)	62 (7)	N(2)	7653 (19)	-2457 (14)	1291 (6)	58 (7)
C(141)	7393 (28)	1674 (22)	4074 (9)	83 (11)	C(241)	8194 (29)	-2884 (21)	1725 (8)	83 (11)
C(142)	6182 (39)	916 (27)	4279 (13)	153 (20)	C(242)	6942 (28)	-3421 (22)	2059 (9)	100 (12)
C(143)	6207 (28)	2168 (20)	3366 (9)	86 (12)	C(243)	7198 (28)	-3338 (20)	993 (9)	84 (11)
C(144)	7354 (27)	1556 (17)	2980 (9)	83 (10)	C(244)	8453 (32)	-4170 (22)	823 (10)	119 (15)
C(145)	5583 (26)	3229 (23)	4081 (9)	86 (11)	C(245)	6287 (30)	-1724 (25)	1395 (10)	99 (13)
C(146)	6121 (38)	3780 (28)	4471 (10)	159 (20)	C(246)	6429 (39)	-792 (23)	1703 (11)	133 (17)
C(147)	8281 (27)	3220 (22)	3614 (9)	83 (11)	C(247)	9004 (29)	-1853 (22)	1056 (8)	85 (11)
C(148)	8075 (32)	4112 (22)	3293 (11)	114 (15)	C(248)	8725 (40)	-1285 (26)	616 (10)	126 (17)

^aEquivalent isotropic U defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

prepared in the absence of CO, but the yield was lower (0.032 g, 36% yield).

(ii) A CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) solution of **1d** (0.10 g, 0.15 mmol) and PPh_3 (0.090 g, 0.34 mmol) was treated with $\text{HBF}_4 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (20 μL ,

0.15 mmol) at -78°C . The mixture was then warmed slowly to room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature, after which solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 -hexane (10 mL, 1:1) and chro-

matographed. Elution with the same solvent mixture afforded a yellow eluate. Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 -hexane (10 mL, 1:4) to give yellow microcrystals of **7a** (0.076 g), after washing with hexane (2×5 mL) and drying in vacuo.

(iii) Using a similar procedure, a CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) solution of **1d** (0.10 g, 0.15 mmol) mixed with a solution of PPh_2H in CH_2Cl_2 (0.13 M, 2.0 mL, 0.26 mmol) was treated with $\text{HBF}_4 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (20 μL , 0.15 mmol) at -78°C to give yellow microcrystals of **6b** (0.089 g).

(iv) In a similar synthesis, a solution of **1d** (0.10 g, 0.15 mmol) and $\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PPh}_2$ (0.065 g, 0.17 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was treated with $\text{HBF}_4 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (20 μL , 0.15 mmol) at -78°C to afford yellow microcrystals of **8** (0.095 g).

(v) Similarly, a CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) solution of **1d** (0.10 g, 0.15 mmol) was treated with $\text{HBF}_4 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (20 μL , 0.15 mmol) at -78°C in the presence of $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CPh}$ (0.060 g, 0.34 mmol) to yield yellow microcrystals of **9** (0.073 g).

Protonation with HI. A CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) solution of **1d** (0.10 g, 0.15 mmol) was treated with 57% aqueous HI (100 μL , 0.70 mmol) at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred for 4 h, solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) and chromatographed on a short alumina column (2×4 cm) at -30°C . Elution with CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O (3:1) gave a brown eluate. Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 -hexane (5 mL, 1:4) to give dark red microcrystals of **11** (0.057 g).

Reaction of the Salt 11 with $\text{Bu}^t\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$. A sample of the salt **1d** (0.40 g, 0.60 mmol) was treated with aqueous HI to obtain **11**, as described above. The latter was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) and treated with $\text{Bu}^t\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ (100 μL , 0.81 mmol), followed by an excess of TIBF_4 (ca. 0.50 g, 1.72 mmol). The mixture was then stirred for 4 h. Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 -hexane (10 mL, 1:1). Chromatography, with the same solvent mixture as eluent, gave a purple fraction. Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was extracted with hexane (10 mL). The remaining white solid was dried in vacuo to give pale yellow microcrystals of **13** (0.152 g). The hexane

extracts were rechromatographed to yield purple microcrystals of **12** (0.034 g).

Crystal Structure Determinations. The crystal data and other experimental details for the compounds **6b** and **11** are given in Table VI. Crystals of **6b** were grown from CH_2Cl_2 -hexane (1:5) as yellow prisms and those of **11** similarly as orange cubes. Crystal dimensions were ca. $0.30 \times 0.50 \times 0.20$ mm (**6b**) and ca. $0.40 \times 0.45 \times 0.30$ mm (**11**). The data were corrected for Lorentz, polarization, and X-ray absorption effects, the last by a method based on azimuthal scan data.⁹ The structures were solved by conventional heavy-atom and difference Fourier methods, by which all non-hydrogen atoms were located and refined anisotropically. Terminal B-H hydrogens were included in the refinement of **6b**, but not of **11**; all remaining hydrogens were included in calculated positions (C-H = 0.96 Å) with fixed isotropic thermal parameters ($U_{\text{iso}} = 0.08 \text{ \AA}^2$).

Calculations were performed on a Digital micro-Vax II computer with the SHELXTL PLUS system of programs.⁹ Scattering factors with corrections for anomalous dispersion are included in the program. Atomic coordinates for **6b** and **11** are given in Tables VII and VIII.

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(9) SHELXTL PLUS programs for use with the Siemens R3m/V X-ray system, by G. M. Sheldrick.