Transition-Metal-Substituted Arsaalkenes. 7.¹ Coupling of Transition Metal Carbynes with a Methylene Arsane Moiety: Structure of $Tp'(CO)_2W \equiv C - As = C(NMe_2)_2$ [Tp' = $HB(3,5-Me_2HC_3N_2)_3]$

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Condensation of $Tp'(CO)_2M \equiv CCl$ [1a, M = Mo; 1b, W; $Tp' = HB(3,5-Me_2HC_3N_2)_3$] with the arsaalkene Me₃SiAs=C(NMe₂)₂ afforded the novel arsaalkenyl carbyne complexes Tp'- $(CO)_2M \equiv C - As = C(NMe_2)_2$ (2a) (M = Mo) and 2b (M = W). Methylation of 2a and 2b occurred at the arsenic atom to give the complexes $[Tp'(CO)_2M \equiv CAs(Me)C(NMe_2)_2](SO_3CF_3)$ **3a** (M = Mo) and **3b** (M = W). Compounds **2a**,**b** and **3a**,**b** have been characterized by IR and ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. In addition, the molecular structure of **2b** has been determined by a single-crystal X-ray structural analysis.

Introduction

Recently we reported on the unprecedent coupling of the chlorocarbyne complexes $Tp'(CO)_2M \equiv CCl \mathbf{1a}$ (M = Mo) and **1b** $(M = W)^2$ with the phosphaalkenes Me₃- $SiP=C(NR_2)_2^3$ (R = Me, Et) to yield the phosphaalkenyl carbyne complexes $Tp'(CO)_2M \equiv C - P = C(NR_2)_2$ (M = Mo, W; R = Me, Et).⁴ These compounds were easily oxidized by gaseous dioxygen to the phosphinatocarbyne complexes $Tp'(CO)_2M \equiv C - P(O)_2C(NR_2)_2$.⁵ Reaction with methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate furnished the salts $[Tp'(CO)_2M \equiv C - P(Me) = C(NR_2)_2]SO_3CF_3$, whereas protonation of the tungsten derivative with trifluoromethanesulfonic acid resulted in the formation of a

cyclic phosphinocarbene complex [Tp'(CO)2W=CHPC-(NMe₂)₂](SO₃CF₃) (Scheme 1).⁶

In extension of our studies into the chemistry of arsenic, we were interested in investigating the reactivity of chlorocarbyne complexes 1 toward Me₃Si- $As=C(NMe_2)_2$. In particular we wish to establish whether the properties of arsaalkenes just mirror the chemistry of phosphaalkenes or not.7-9

Results and Discussion

Reaction of the carbyne complexes 1a and 1b with equimolar amounts of arsaalkene Me₃SiAs=C(NMe₂)₂⁷ in diethyl ether in the temperature range 0-20 °C in the absence of daylight led to a color change from yellow to orange $(M = M_0)$ or red (M = W) and to the precipitation of orange 2a and red-orange 2b (Scheme 2).

Purification of the products was effected by continuous extraction with boiling diethyl ether. The pseudo-C_s-symmetry of **2a** and **2b** is reflected in their NMR spectra. Thus, the ¹H NMR spectrum of **2a** features a singlet at δ 3.06 for the 12 protons of the dimethylamino groups. The protons of the six methyl groups of the Tp'ligand are observed as four singlets at δ 2.29, 2.30, 2.36, and 2.63 in a ratio of 3:3:6:6. Two singlets at δ 5.71 and 5.85 in a ratio 1:2 account for the ring protons of the Tp'-ligand. The ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectra of **2a** and **2b** are especially interesting in the low-field region, where singlets at δ 349.7 (M = Mo) and δ 329.1 (M = W) appeared for the metal-bound carbon atoms of the novel organoarsenic ligand.

The deshielding of these carbon atoms is more pronounced than in the corresponding phosphaalkenylcarbyne complexes **I** (M = Mo, δ 337.5 d, ¹*J*_{PC} = 111.3 Hz; M = W, δ 318.3 d, ${}^{1}J_{PC}$ = 101.2 Hz)⁴ or in the starting materials **1a** (δ 208.70) and **1b** (δ 205.58).² Singlets at δ 214.0 (**2a**) and 213.1 (**2b**) are assigned to the methylene carbon atoms of the As=C moiety in the products. In Me₃SiAs=C(NMe₂)₂ the singlet of the respective carbon atom was observed at δ 213.5.⁷ The carbonyl groups of the condensation products give rise to singlets at lower field (2a, δ 229.1; 2b, 227.6) than

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those in the precursors Tp'(CO)₂Mo=CCl (δ 224.02) and Tp'(CO)₂W=CCl (δ 221.95).²

The strong donor capacity of the novel organoarsenic ligand is also reflected in the ν (CO) region of the IR spectra of compounds **2a** and **2b**. Two intense bands at 1947, 1863 (**2a**) and 1936, 1848 cm⁻¹ (**2b**) are considerably shifted to lower wavenumbers in comparison with precursors **1a** ($\nu = 2005$, 1921 cm⁻¹) and **1b** ($\nu = 1991$, 1902 cm⁻¹).² They, however, compare well with the carbonyl stretching vibrations in the corresponding phosphaalkenyl–carbyne complexes **I** (Mo, 1946, 1864 cm⁻¹; W, 1935, 1848 cm⁻¹).⁴

On the basis of spectroscopic evidence three mesomeric structures are necessary for the description of the bonding in **2a,b** (Scheme 3).

An X-ray structure analysis was desirable for the unambigious understanding of the bonding situation in arsaalkenyl-carbyne complexes.

X-ray Structural Analysis of 2b. An ORTEP drawing of **2b** is shown in Figure 1; selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1.

The complex is a monomeric molecule with distorted octahedral geometry. Three facial positions are occupied by the nitrogen atoms of the tripod ligand. The bond angles between the organoarsenic ligand and the two carbonyls are less than 90° [$81.8(4)^\circ$; $83.4(3)^\circ$], as are those between the nitrogen donor atoms N(3), N(5), and

Figure 1. Molecular structure of 2b in the crystal.





N(7) of the Tp'-ligand $[81.4(2)-81.9(2)^{\circ}]$. The most interesting structural feature of the molecule is the geometry of the organoarsenic ligand. The bond length W(1)-C(3) of 1.825(9) Å compares well with the corresponding bond lengths in Tp'(CO)₂W=C-P=C(NEt₂)₂ [1.838(6) Å]⁴ and [Tp'(CO)₂W=CPMe₂Ph]PF₆ [1.821(9) Å]¹⁰ and has to be regarded as a metal–carbon triple bond. Accordingly, the ligand in **2b** is rather an arsaalkenyl-functionalized carbyne as depicted in formulas **2** and **2'** than a terminal isoarsaalkyne ligand as

Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths [Å] and Angles [deg] for Compound 2b

	- 0-	-	
W(1)-C(1)	1.969(9)	W(1)-C(2)	1.978(9)
W(1) - C(3)	1.825(9)	As(1)-C(3)	1.900(9)
As(1)-C(4)	1.913(8)	C(4) - N(1)	1.359(9)
C(4) - N(2)	1.354(10)	N(1) - C(5)	1.456(10)
N(1) - C(6)	1.423(10)	N(2) - C(7)	1.461(10)
N(2) - C(8)	1.464(10)	W(1) - N(3)	2.222(5)
W(1)-N(5)	2.231(6)	W(1)-N(7)	2.304(6)
C(3) - W(1) - C(1)	83.4(3)	C(3)-W(1)-C(2)	81.4(4)
C(1) - W(1) - C(2)	88.7(3)	C(3) - W(1) - N(3)	101.9(3)
C(3) - W(1) - N(5)) 102.1(3)	C(1) - W(1) - N(3)	94.9(3)
C(1)-W(1)-N(7) 92.9(3)	C(1) - W(1) - C(2)	88.7(3)
C(2) - W(1) - N(7)) 95.4(3)	C(2) - W(1) - N(5)	94.3(3)
C(1) - W(1) - N(5)) 174.0(3)	C(2) - W(1) - N(3)	175.3(3)
C(3) - W(1) - N(7)) 175.2(3)	N(3) - W(1) - N(5)	81.9(2)
N(3) - W(1) - N(7)) 81.4(2)	N(5) - W(1) - N(7)	81.7(2)
W(1) - C(3) - As(1)	1) 165.2(4)	C(3) - As(1) - C(4)	101.7(3)
As(1) - C(4) - N(1)) 127.0(6)	As(1)-C(4)-N(2)	116.8(6)
N(1) - C(4) - N(2)	116.2(7)	C(5) - N(1) - C(6)	114.3(8)
C(4) - N(1) - C(5)	122.4(7)	C(4) - N(1) - C(6)	122.7(8)
C(4) - N(2) - C(7)	121.5(7)	C(4) - N(2) - C(8)	121.3(7)
C(7) - N(2) - C(8)	113.9(7)	W(1) - C(1) - O(1)	177.8(8)
W(1) - C(2) - O(2)) 177.4(8)		

given in 2''. Consistent with an sp-hybridized donor carbon atom, the valence angle W(1)-C(3)-As(1) of 165.2(4)° deviates only slightly from linearity. In [Tp'- $(CO)_2W \equiv CPMe_2Ph$ ⁺ and in Tp'(CO)₂W $\equiv CP = C(NEt_2)_2$ angles W-C-P are $168.1(5)^{\circ 11}$ and $167.9(4)^{\circ,4}$ respectively. The bonds between the two-coordinate arsenic atom and carbon atoms C(3) and C(4) [1.900(9) and 1.913(8) Å] are of comparable length and not significantly longer than the As=C bond in $(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(CO)_2$ -FeAs=C(NMe₂)₂ [1.876(8) Å].⁷ It clearly exceeds the corresponding value in $(\eta^5 \cdot C_5 H_5)(CO)_2 FeAs = C(OSiMe_3) \cdot (tBu) [1.821(2) Å].^{11}$ Theoretical calculations on HAs=CH₂ led to a double-bond length of 1.79 Å.¹² As=C bond lengthening in **2b** is readily explained by π -conjugation with the lone pairs of electrons at the nitrogen atoms of the amino substituents. Accordingly, the bond lengths between the nitrogen atoms N(1) and N(2) and the trigonal planar carbon atom C(4) (sum of angles 360.0°) [N(1)-C(4) = 1.359(9) Å and N(2)-C(4)= 1.354(10) Å] are shortened with respect to the calculated value of a C_{sp²}-N_{sp²} single bond of 1.450 Å.¹³ Considering the different hybridizations at C(3) (sp) and C(4) (sp²), the bond As(1)-C(3) may be viewed as a single bond. For the arsenic carbon single bonds in the 1,2-dihydroarsete PhAsCH₂C(Ph)=C(Ph) 1.989(6) and 1.949(4) Å were determined.¹⁴ A similar argument was

presented in the discussion of the PC bonds in Tp'- $(CO)_2W \equiv C - P = C(NEt_2)_2$ [1.759(7) Å]. The valence angle C(3)-As(1)-C(4) of 101.7(3)° in **2b** is more obtuse than in arsaalkene CF₃As=C(F)NEt₂ [94.3(4)°].¹⁵ The latter angle is close to the calculated angle H-As-C of 96.7°

in HAs=CH₂.¹² In contrast to Tp'(CO)₂W=C- $P=C(NEt_2)_2$, where the diaminomethylene group is oriented toward the opposite side of the tripod ligand, in **2b** this functionality clearly points toward the tripod ligand. In conclusion, following the X-ray diffraction study, the electronic ground state of 2b is best described by the formulas 2 and 2'.

This finding clearly shows that the arsenic atom in the molecule should exhibit a pronounced nucleophilicity. To experimentally prove this idea, compounds 2a and **2b** were subjected to the reaction with equimolar amounts of methyl triflate in ethereal solution at -100°C. The vessel was well protected from daylight. The saltlike methylation products **3a**,**b** were obtained as orange solids, which were purified by continuous extraction into boiling ether (Scheme 2). The alkylation of 2a and **2b** is accompanied by a strong shielding of the carbyne atoms, which are observed in **3a** and **3b** at δ 299.7 and δ 283.2, respectively. A similar situation is found for the resonances of the amino-substituted tricoordinate carbon atoms (**3a**, δ 181.7; **3b**, δ 182.0), which are upfield shifted by 31.1-32.3 ppm, when compared with the starting materials. Singlet resonances at δ 11.7 (**3a**) and 11.2 (**3b**) were attributed to the methyl group at the arsenic atom. The chirality of **3a** and **3b**, which is due to an asymmetrically substituted arsenic atom, is reflected by the presence of two discrete singlet resonances for the chemically and magnetically different carbonyls at δ 226.7 and 226.9 (3a) and $\delta = 225.1$ and 225.3 (3b). The high-field shifts of 2.3 and 2.4 ppm for these signals on going from neutral **2a**,**b** to cationic **3a**,**b** agree with a decreased transfer of electron density from the organoarsenic ligand in the cations onto the carbonyls. This is underlined by the IR spectra, where the ν (CO) bands in the alkylation products are registered at higher wavenumbers [**3a**, 1997, 1911 cm⁻¹; **3b**, 1981, 1888 cm⁻¹) than in the IR spectra of the precursors **2a** (1947, 1863 cm⁻¹) and **2b** (1936, 1848 cm⁻¹). The ¹H NMR spectrum of **3a** features a singlet at δ 1.85 for the methyl group at the arsenic atom. At room temperature a singlet at δ 3.45 accounting for the 12 protons of the dimethylamino groups was observed. At -70 °C this resonance is split into two singlets at δ 3.23 and 3.52 of equal intensity. The six chemically and magnetically different ring methyl groups give rise to five singlets in the ratio of 3:3:6:3:3 at both temperatures. In the ¹³C NMR spectrum (22 °C) one singlet is registered for the four carbon atoms of the dimethylamino groups (δ 45.3). At -70 °C this is replaced by two singlets of equal intensity at δ 44.2 and 44.6. All six different ring carbon atoms of the tripod ligand, which are connected with a methyl group, are registered as discrete singlets at 22 °C as well as at -70 °C. The methyl groups give rise to four singlets at δ 12.7–16.3 in the ratio 2:1:1:2 at ambient temperature, the low-field resonance of which is split into two singlets at -70 °C (δ 15.7, 15.9). In contrast with the behavior of their phosphorus analogues, the protonation of **2a** and 2b did not lead to tractable products.

Experimental Section

All operations were performed under dry, oxygen-free dinitrogen using standard Schlenk techniques. Solvents were dried by standard methods and freshly distilled under argon prior

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to use. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR IFS66 spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 22 °C using Bruker AC 100 (¹H, 100.13 MHz) and Bruker Avance DRX 500 (¹H, 500.13 MHz; ¹³C, 125.75 MHz). Standards: SiMe₄ (¹H, ¹³C). Elemental analyses were performed at the microanalytical laboratory of the University of Bielefeld and at Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium H. Kolbe, Mülheim/Ruhr. The chlorocarbyne complexes [Tp'(CO)₂-M=CCl] [M = Mo (**1a**), W (**1b**)]² as well as the arsaalkene Me₃-SiAs=C(NMe₂)₂⁷ were synthesized according to literature procedures. Methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (Aldrich) was purchased commercially.

Preparation of Compounds. Tp'(CO)₂Mo=C-As=C-(NMe₂)₂ (2a). A solution of Me₃SiAs=C(NMe₂)₂ (0.55 g, 2.2 mmol) in 10 mL of diethyl ether was added dropwise to the solution of 1a (1.00 g, 2.01 mmol) in 150 mL of diethyl ether at 0 °C. The device was protected from light throughout the reaction. The color of the solution changed from yellow to orange. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 3 h, during which an orange precipitate separated. It was filtered in the dark, and the filter-cake was washed with diethyl ether (1 \times 50 mL) and *n*-pentane (1 \times 50 mL). The solid residue was extracted into 100 mL of boiling diethyl ether. Storing at room temperature for 72 h yielded microcrystalline orange **2a** (0.90 g, 71%). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 2551 w (BH), 1947 vs (CO), 1863 vs (CO). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ: 2.29, 2.30 (s, each 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.36, 2.63 (s, each 6H, Tp'CH₃), 3.06 (s, 12H, NCH₃), 5.71 (s, 1H, Tp'H), 5.85 (s, 2H, Tp'H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ: 12.6 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 12.9 (s, 2C, Tp'CH₃), 14.5 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 15.9 (s, 2C, Tp'CH₃), 44.2 (s, 4C, NCH₃), 106.1 (s, 3C, Tp'CH), 144.8 (s, 2C, Tp'CCH₃), 145.5 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 151.5 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 151.9 (s, 2C, Tp'CCH₃), 214.0 (s, 1C, As=C), 229.1 (s, 2C, CO), 349.7 (s, 1C, Mo=C). MS/EI, m/z: 636 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄AsBMoN₈O₂ (636.25): C, 43.41; H, 5.38; N, 17.61. Found: C, 43.37; H, 5.54; N, 17.22.

Tp'(CO)₂W=C-As=C(NMe₂)₂ (2b). A solution of Me₃-SiAs=C(NMe₂)₂ (0.50 g, 2.01 mmol) in 10 mL of diethyl ether was added in the dark dropwise to the cold solution (0 °C) of 1b (1.17 g, 2.00 mmol) in 200 mL of diethyl ether. The color of the mixture changed from yellow to red. Stirring was continued at room temperature for 12 h, during which time a red solid precipitated. The precipitate was filtered in the dark and washed with 50 mL of diethyl ether and 50 mL of n-pentane. The red solid was then continuously extracted for 48 h into 100 mL of boiling diethyl ether to yield 0.88 g (60%) of orangered 2b. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 2553 w (BH), 1936 vs (CO), 1848 vs (CO). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ: 2.31 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.34 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.37 (s, 6H, Tp'CH₃), 2.65 (s, 6H, Tp'CH₃), 3.07 (s, 12H, NCH₃), 5.76 (s, 1H. Tp'H), 5.90 (s, 2H, Tp'H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD_2Cl_2) δ : 12.6 (s, 1C, $Tp'CH_3$), 12.8 (s, 2C, $Tp'CH_3$), 15.2 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 16.5 (s, 2C, Tp'CH₃), 44.1 (s, 4C, NCH₃), 106.4 (s, 3C, Tp'CH), 144.7 (s, 2C, Tp'CCH₃), 145.7 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 152.4 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 152.7 (s, 2C, Tp'CCH₃), 213.1 (s, 1C, As=C), 227.6 (s, ¹J_{WC} = 183.3 Hz, 2C, CO), 329.1 (s, 1C, W=C). MS/EI, m/z: 724 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄-AsBN₈O₂W (724.16): C, 38.14; H, 4.73; N, 15.47. Found: C, 37.71; H, 4.86; N, 15.54.

[Tp'(CO)₂Mo≡C−As(Me)C(NMe₂)₂](SO₃CF₃) (3a). In the absence of light a cold suspension (−100 °C) of **2a** (0.30 g, 0.47 mmol) in 350 mL of diethyl ether was combined with a solution of 0.49 mmol of methyl triflate in 25 mL of diethyl ether. It was warmed to 20 °C, and stirring was continued for 4 h. A light orange-red amorphous precipitate separated, which was filtered off and washed (1 × 50 mL of diethyl ether, 1 × 50 mL of *n*-pentane) to give the crude powder **3a**. Purification was effected by continuous extraction for 72 h with a total of 200 mL of diethyl ether to give 0.25 g (66%) of crystalline orange **3a**. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν : 2553 w (BH), 1997 vs (CO), 1911 vs (CO). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 22 °C) δ : 1.85 (s, 3H, AsCH₃), 2.33 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.35 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.40 (s, 6H, Tp'CH₃),

2.50 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.55 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 3.45(s, 12H, NCH₃), 5.80 (s, 1H. Tp'H), 5.85 (s, 2H, Tp'H). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -70 °C) δ: 1.75 (s, 3H, AsCH₃), 2.25 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.27 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.32 (s, 6H, Tp'CH₃), 2.42 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.46 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 3.23 (s, 6H, NCH₃), 3.52 (s, 6H, NCH₃), 5.78 (s, 1H, Tp'H), 5.96 (s, 2H, Tp'H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 22 °C) δ: 11.7 (s, 1C, AsCH₃), 12.7 (s, 2C, Tp'CH₃), 12.8 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 14.6 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 16.3 (s, 2C, Tp'CH₃), 45.3 (s, 4C, NCH₃), 106.8 (s, 2C, Tp'CH), 107.0 (s, 1C, Tp'CH), 121.2 (q, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 320.7$ Hz, 1C, CF₃), 145.9 (s, 1C Tp'*C*CH₃), 146.0 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 146.5 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 150.7 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 150.8 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 152.0 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 181.7 (s, 1C, AsCN2), 226.7 (s, 1C, CO), 226.9 (s, 1C, CO), 299.7 (s, 1C, Mo=C). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -70 °C) δ : 10.8 (s, 1C, AsCH₃), 12.4 (s, 2C, Tp'CH₃), 12.5 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 14.1 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 15.7 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 15.9 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 44.2 (s, 2C, NCH₃), 44.6 (s, 2C, NCH₃), 106.1 (s, 2C, Tp'CH), 106.2 (s, 1C, Tp'CH), 119.9 (q, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 320.3$ Hz, 1C, CF₃), 145.5 (s, 1C Tp'CCH₃), 145.6 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 146.1 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 150.0 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 150.2 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 151.3 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 179.4 (s, 1C, AsCN2), 225.7 (s, 1C, CO), 226.1 (s, 1C, CO), 301.9 (s, 1C, Mo≡C). MS/EI, m/z: 651 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₇-AsBF₃MoN₈O₅S (800.35): C, 37.50; H, 4.66; N, 14.00. Found: C, 37.42; H, 4.64; N, 13.50.

[Tp'(CO)₂W=C-As(Me)C(NMe₂)₂](SO₃CF₃) (3b). Analogously a suspension of 2b (0.30 g, 0.41 mmol) in 200 mL of chilled diethyl ether (-100 °C) was treated in the dark with a solution of 0.46 mmol of methyl triflate in 11 mL of diethyl ether. Warming up to ambient temperature was accompanied by the formation of a red precipitate. Stirring of the suspension was continued overnight. It was filtered, and the orange-red amorphous solid was washed (1 imes 10 mL of diethyl ether, 1 imes10 mL of *n*-pentane). Continuous extraction with 150 mL of boiling diethyl ether for 48 h afforded 0.18 g (49% yield) of **3b** as orange crystals. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v: 2553 w (BH), 1981 vs (CO), 1888 vs (CO). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ: 1.81 (s, 3H, AsCH₃), 2.33 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.38 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.40 (s, 6H, Tp'CH₃), 2.53 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 2.55 (s, 3H, Tp'CH₃), 3.44(s, 12H, NCH₃), 5.83 (s, 1H. Tp'H), 6.02 (s, 2H, Tp'H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ: 11.2 (s, 1C, AsCH₃), 12.7 (s, 3C, Tp'CH₃), 15.2 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 17.0 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 17.2 (s, 1C, Tp'CH₃), 45.2 (s, 4C, NCH₃), 107.1 (s, 2C, Tp'CH), 107.3 (s, 1C, Tp'CH), 121.2 (q, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 320.6$ Hz, 1C, CF₃), 146.0 (s, 2C, Tp'CCH₃), 146.7 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 151.6 (s, 2C, Tp'CCH₃), 153.0 (s, 1C, Tp'CCH₃), 182.0 (s, 1C, AsCN₂), 225.1 (s, 1C, CO), 225.3 (s, 1C, CO), 283.2 (s, 1C, W=C). MS/EI, m/z: 739 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₇AsBF₃N₈O₅SW (888.26): C, 33.80; H, 4.19; N, 12.61. Found: C, 33.70; H, 4.07; N, 12.44.

X-ray Structural Analysis of 2b. Single crystals of 2b were grown from diethyl ether. An orange plate with the approximate dimensions of 0.16 \times 0.14 \times 0.03 mm^3 was measured on a Siemens SMART CCD area detector system with a three-axis goniometer and with Mo K α radiation ($\lambda =$ 0.71073 Å) at 298 K. Crystal data and refinement details: space group $I4_1/a$ (tetragonal), cell dimensions a = 22.1701(2)Å, c = 23.2316(3) Å, V = 11418.6(2) Å³ (refined from all reflections with $F > 20\sigma(F)$), Z = 16, $d_{\text{calcd}} = 1.685 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\mu =$ 5.231 mm⁻¹, data reduction with the SAINT program (V 4.028, Siemens), covering more than 97% of the data: 39450 reflections collected ($2\theta_{\text{max}} = 50^{\circ}$), of which 5032 were unique (R_{int} = 0.1086) and 3824 observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$. Empirical absorption correction with redundant data (SADABS programm, Siemens), max/min transmission 1.00/0.34, R(merg) before/after correction 0.198/0.103. Structure solution and refinement on F^2 with SHELXTL-PLUS Vers. 5.03/Iris (Siemens), 326 parameters, anisotropic refinement for all heavy atoms, hydrogen atoms treated as riding groups with a 1.2-fold (1.5fold for methyl groups) isotropic U value as the equivalent Uvalue of the corresponding C atom. R1 = 0.0502; wR2 = 0.1213 (all data), $\text{GooF}(F^2) = 1.049$, $W^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0707P)^2$, where

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