

Electrophilic Additions of Metal Fragments Containing 11- and 12-Group Elements to the Anion Carbide Cluster $[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoC}(\text{CO})_{17}]^{2-}$. X-ray Crystal Structures of $(\text{NEt}_4)[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoAuC}(\text{CO})_{17}(\text{PMe}_3)]$ and $[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoAu}_2\text{C}(\text{CO})_{17}(\text{dppm})]^\dagger$

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The reaction of $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoC}(\text{CO})_{17}]$ with cationic metal fragments gives a series of clusters whose most striking structural feature is the selective addition of the incoming metal units on the triangular Fe_2Mo face of the starting anion. The use of $\text{Au}_2(\text{dppm})^{2+}$ (dppm = diphenylphosphinomethane) gives the cluster $[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoAu}_2\text{C}(\text{CO})_{17}(\text{dppm})]$ in which the di-gold fragment adopts an unprecedented bonding mode.

Introduction

Although they belong to the same group, iron and ruthenium show marked differences in their cluster chemistry. Ruthenium clusters are far more common than those of iron, given the higher thermodynamic stability of their species and the ease with which they crystallize. The difference in thermodynamic stability between the iron and ruthenium clusters is shown, for example, in the reaction of the hexanuclear carbide anions $[\text{M}_6\text{C}(\text{CO})_{16}]^{2-}$ with $(\text{ClAu})_2\text{dppm}$ ($\text{M} = \text{Fe}, \text{Ru}$). Thus, for $\text{M} = \text{Fe}$, the cluster $[\text{Fe}_4\text{Au}_2\text{C}(\text{CO})_{12}(\text{dppm})]$ was formed after partial cleavage of the octahedral iron anion, while the ruthenium anion gave the species $[\text{Ru}_6\text{Au}_2\text{C}(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{dppm})]$ in which the Ru_6 octahedron is unaltered. On the other hand, the ruthenium anion clusters are much more reactive to electrophilic species, such as AuPPh_3^+ . For example, while $[\text{Fe}_6\text{C}(\text{CO})_{16}]^{2-}$ reacts with an excess of AuPPh_3^+ to give the anion $[\text{Fe}_6\text{AuC}(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{PPh}_3)]^-$, the analogous $[\text{Ru}_6\text{C}(\text{CO})_{16}]^{2-}$ can incorporate up to two gold units and give the neutral compound $[\text{Ru}_6\text{Au}_2\text{C}(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{PMePh}_2)_2]$.^{3,4}

Here we describe the reaction of the heteronuclear anion $[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoC}(\text{CO})_{17}]^{2-}$ with the electrophilic fragments MPPh_3^+ ($\text{M} = \text{Au}, \text{Cu}, \text{Ag}$), AuPMe_3^+ , $\text{Au}_2(\text{diphos})^{2+}$, $\text{HgMo}(\text{CO})_3\text{Cp}^+$, and $\text{HgW}(\text{CO})_3\text{Cp}^+$ and compare the

results with those given by the use of the close anions $[\text{Fe}_6\text{C}(\text{CO})_{16}]^{2-}$ and $[\text{Ru}_5\text{WC}(\text{CO})_{17}]^{2-}$.

Results and Discussion

$(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoC}(\text{CO})_{17}]$ reacted with ClAuPPh_3 in tetrahydrofuran to give air-stable red crystals of $(\text{NEt}_4)[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoAuC}(\text{CO})_{17}(\text{PPh}_3)]$, $(\text{NEt}_4)[1]$ (Scheme 1). Although we were unable to grow single crystals of them, the cluster $(\text{NEt}_4)[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoAuC}(\text{CO})_{17}(\text{PMe}_3)]$, $(\text{NEt}_4)[2]$, obtained by the same method, gave suitable crystals for an X-ray crystal structure determination. The structure of the anion is shown in Figure 1, together with the atomic numbering scheme; the most significant bond distances and angles are given in Table 1. The structure may be regarded as derived from that of $[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoC}(\text{CO})_{17}]^{2-}$ with one Fe_2Mo triangular face of the octahedron capped by the AuPMe_3^+ moiety. The carbide is roughly equidistant from the five iron atoms with $\text{Fe}-\text{C}$ distances in the range 1.871(8)–1.954(7) Å, not significantly different from those reported for the starting anion. Fifteen carbonyls are terminal, and two bridge the $\text{Fe}(4)-\text{Fe}(2)$ and $\text{Mo}-\text{Fe}(5)$ edges unsymmetrically. The products obtained by the reaction between the iron cluster $[\text{Fe}_5\text{MoC}(\text{CO})_{17}]^{2-}$ and the ruthenium analogue $[\text{Ru}_5\text{WC}(\text{CO})_{17}]^{2-}$ with gold halide complexes are different. In the first case, only the mono-gold derivative is obtained despite the use of an excess of the gold reagent, while in the second case the di-gold species $[\text{Ru}_5\text{WAu}_2\text{C}(\text{CO})_{17}(\text{PET}_3)_2]$ is isolated.⁴ However, the most intriguing structural feature arises from the fact that the gold fragment caps an Fe_2Mo triangular face of the Fe/Mo anion; in contrast, an Ru_3 face of the Ru/W cluster is capped. Although the higher $\text{Mo}-\text{Au}$ bonding energy in comparison with that of the $\text{Fe}-\text{Au}$ could be

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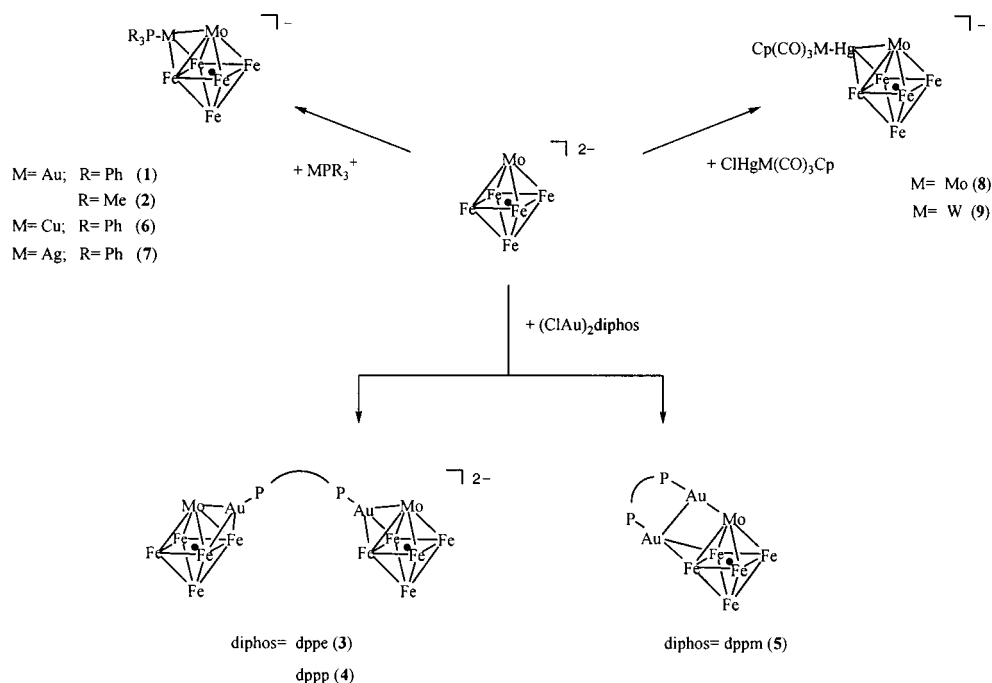
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Scheme 1



the driving force to explain this result, it is not clear why the $AuPEt_3$ does not cap the Ru_2W face instead of the Ru_3 .

Bimetallic $Au_2(diphos)^{2+}$ or trimetallic $Au_3(triphos)^{3+}$ cations as electrophilic species have been widely studied. This is because such units can be bound to a cluster anion through two gold atoms⁶ or can link two⁷ or three⁸ cluster units together. The structure of the final product strongly depends on the bite angle of the diphosphine.⁹ With this in mind, we analyzed the reaction between $(NEt_4)_2[Fe_5MoC(CO)_{17}]$ and $(ClAu)_2diphos$ ($diphos =$ bis(diphenylphosphino)methane (dppm), 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane (dppe), and 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (dppp)) (Scheme 1). We found that for $(ClAu)_2diphos$ ($diphos = dppe, dppp$), the resulting species were $(NEt_4)_2\{[Fe_5MoAuC(CO)_{17}]_2(dppe)\}$, $(NEt_4)_2[3]$, and $(NEt_4)_2\{[Fe_5MoAuC(CO)_{17}]_2(dppp)\}$, $(NEt_4)_2[4]$, in which two " $Fe_5MoAuC(CO)_{17}$ " are linked by the corresponding diphosphine, according to the IR and NMR spectroscopies and electrospray mass spectrometry. However, the X-ray crystal structure determination of dppm derivative revealed the neutral compound

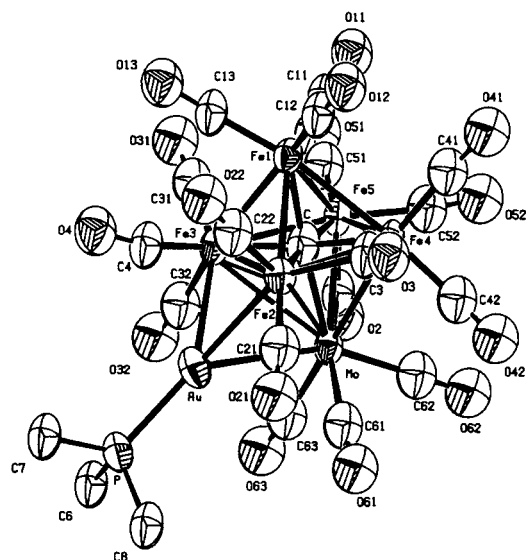


Figure 1. ORTEP view of the molecular structure of the anionic cluster **2** with the atomic numbering scheme. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

$[Fe_5MoAu_2C(CO)_{17}(dppm)]$, **5**. Its molecular structure is illustrated in Figure 2, together with the atomic numbering scheme; the most significant bond distances and angles are given in Table 2. The metal core geometry can be described as an Fe_5Mo octahedron in which an $Fe-Fe$ edge is bridged by one gold atom, whereas the other is directly attached to the molybdenum center. This surprising coordination mode of the $Au_2(dppm)^{2+}$ moiety ($\mu^3-\eta^2$) to the cluster anion has no precedent in the literature; the $Au_2(dppm)^{2+}$ units are usually attached to metal clusters through two μ_2 - or μ_3 -bonding modes.^{6,7} The average distances between $Fe(1)-Fe(4)$ and the carbide fall in the range 1.880(7)–1.949(7) Å, whereas the $Fe(3)-C$ and the $Mo-C$ lengths are somewhat higher, 2.023(10) and 2.058(10) Å, respectively. $C(3)-O(3)$ and $C(19)-O(19)$ are semibridging along the

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Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths [Å] and Angles [deg] for (NET₄)[2]

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Au–Fe(2) | 2.743(2) | Fe(1)–Fe(3) | 2.623(2) |
| Au–Fe(3) | 2.747(1) | Fe(1)–Fe(4) | 2.648(2) |
| Au–Mo | 2.963(3) | Fe(1)–Fe(5) | 2.676(2) |
| Mo–Fe(5) | 2.784(1) | Fe(1)–Fe(2) | 2.684(1) |
| Mo–Fe(4) | 2.894(2) | Fe(2)–Fe(4) | 2.569(2) |
| Mo–Fe(2) | 2.952(2) | Fe(2)–Fe(3) | 2.841(3) |
| Mo–Fe(3) | 3.014(2) | Fe(3)–Fe(5) | 2.698(3) |
| | | Fe(4)–Fe(5) | 2.710(2) |
| P–Au–Fe(2) | 149.92(6) | Fe(1)–Fe(2)–Au | 115.34(5) |
| P–Au–Fe(3) | 141.15(7) | Fe(1)–Fe(2)–Mo | 91.47(4) |
| Fe(2)–Au–Fe(3) | 62.33(4) | Au–Fe(2)–Mo | 62.58(6) |
| P–Au–Mo | 137.54(6) | Fe(1)–Fe(3)–Au | 117.27(5) |
| Fe(2)–Au–Mo | 62.15(6) | Fe(5)–Fe(3)–Au | 119.44(5) |
| Fe(3)–Au–Mo | 63.59(3) | Fe(1)–Fe(3)–Mo | 91.29(8) |
| Fe(5)–Mo–Au | 109.77(3) | Au–Fe(3)–Mo | 61.69(4) |
| Fe(4)–Mo–Au | 107.14(6) | Fe(5)–C(1)–Fe(2) | 172.9(5) |
| Fe(4)–Fe(2)–Au | 124.99(6) | Fe(3)–C(1)–Fe(4) | 176.0(5) |
| | | Fe(1)–C(1)–Mo | 175.6(5) |

edge Mo–Au(1), and C(6)–O(6) is semibringing along the edge Fe(2)–Au(2). This structural feature favors short Au–C bond distances in the range 2.454(8)–2.680(9) Å, as found in related metal clusters.¹⁰ It is interesting to compare the structure of **5** with that found for [Fe₄Au₂C(CO)₁₂(dppm)], which is the result of the reaction between [Fe₆C(CO)₁₆]²⁻ and (ClAu)₂dppm.¹ Formation of [Fe₄Au₂C(CO)₁₂(dppm)] results from the partial cleavage of the octahedral iron anion, whereas the presence of the molybdenum in [Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇]²⁻ seems to stabilize the metal core against the formation of the di-gold derivative.

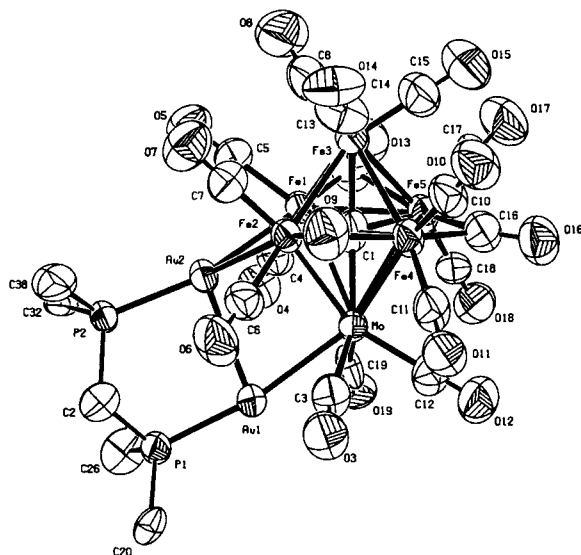
To extend our studies to other electrophilic species, the anion [Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇]²⁻ was allowed to react with IM(PPh₃) (M = Ag, Cu), ClHgMo(CO)₃Cp, and ClHgW(CO)₃Cp. The reaction was monitored by IR spectroscopy in the ν(CO) region and was completed after 1 h. The new compounds (NET₄)[Fe₅MoMC(CO)₁₇(PPh₃)] (M = Cu, (NET₄)[**6**]; M = Ag, (NET₄)[**7**]), (NET₄)[Fe₅MoHgMoC(CO)₂₀Cp], (NET₄)[**8**], and (NET₄)[Fe₅MoHgWC(CO)₂₀Cp], (NET₄)[**9**], were characterized by ESMS and NMR spectroscopy. Although from the spectroscopic data it is not possible to deduce the site of attachment of the MPPH₃⁺ and the mercury fragments units to the starting anion, the similarity of the pattern in the ν(CO) IR region displayed for the latter derivatives to that exhibited for (NET₄)[**1**] and (NET₄)[**2**] indicate that they have the same metal skeleton, which is consistent with the isolobal analogy¹¹ between AuPPh₃⁺ and HgMo(CO)₃Cp⁺, which has been illustrated in a large series of compounds.¹²

In conclusion, we have shown that the heteronuclear anion [Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇]²⁻ incorporates only one electrophilic metal fragment, which caps an Fe₂Mo triangular face, in contrast to the cluster [Ru₅WC(CO)₁₇]²⁻, which reacts with two metal fragments using the Ru₃ triangular faces. On the other hand, the substitution of an Fe(CO)₃ for an Mo(CO)₅ fragment in the cluster

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**Figure 2.** ORTEP view of the molecular structure of **5** with the atomic numbering scheme. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.**Table 2. Selected Bond Lengths [Å] and Angles [deg] for **5****

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| Au(1)–Au(2) | 2.8621(6) | Fe(1)–Fe(5) | 2.654(1) |
| Au(2)–Fe(1) | 2.680(1) | Fe(1)–Fe(3) | 2.695(2) |
| Au(2)–Fe(2) | 2.682(1) | Fe(1)–Fe(2) | 2.877(1) |
| Mo–Fe(5) | 2.885(1) | Fe(2)–Fe(4) | 2.607(1) |
| Mo–Fe(4) | 2.905(1) | Fe(2)–Fe(3) | 2.641(1) |
| Mo–Fe(2) | 2.946(1) | Fe(3)–Fe(4) | 2.622(1) |
| Mo–Fe(1) | 2.959(1) | Fe(3)–Fe(5) | 2.673(2) |
| | | Fe(4)–Fe(5) | 2.609(1) |
| P(1)–Au(1)–Mo | 167.62(7) | Au(2)–Fe(2)–Fe(1) | 57.51(3) |
| P(2)–Au(2)–Fe(1) | 155.16(5) | Fe(5)–C(1)–Fe(2) | 169.3(6) |
| P(2)–Au(2)–Fe(2) | 136.36(7) | Fe(4)–C(1)–Fe(1) | 168.7(5) |
| Fe(1)–Au(2)–Fe(2) | 64.91(4) | Fe(4)–C(1)–Mo | 95.0(3) |
| Au(1)–Mo–Fe(5) | 146.85(3) | Fe(5)–C(1)–Mo | 93.5(4) |
| Au(1)–Mo–Fe(4) | 145.51(4) | Fe(2)–C(1)–Mo | 96.1(3) |
| Fe(5)–Fe(1)–Au(2) | 131.94(4) | Fe(1)–C(1)–Mo | 95.2(4) |
| Au(2)–Fe(1)–Fe(3) | 110.71(5) | Fe(3)–C(1)–Mo | 179.1(4) |
| Au(2)–Fe(1)–Fe(2) | 57.58(3) | O(3)–C(3)–Mo | 170.2(8) |
| Fe(4)–Fe(2)–Au(2) | 133.46(7) | O(19)–C(19)–Mo | 172.3(8) |
| Fe(3)–Fe(2)–Au(2) | 112.32(5) | | |

[Fe₆C(CO)₁₆]²⁻ stabilizes the resulting mixed-metal cluster anion [Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇]²⁻. Consequently, the latter anion does not exhibit cleavage during the reaction with the di-gold complex (ClAu)₂dppm and the final compound displays an unprecedented (μ₃-η²) Au₂-(dppm)²⁺ bonding mode.

Experimental Section

All manipulations were performed under prepurified N₂ using standard Schlenk techniques. All solvents were distilled from appropriate drying agents. Infrared spectra were recorded in THF solutions on an FT-IR 520 Nicolet spectrophotometer. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (δ (85% H₃PO₄) = 0.0 ppm), ¹H NMR, and ¹³C{¹H} NMR (δ (TMS) = 0.0 ppm) spectra were obtained on Bruker DXR 250 and Varian 200 spectrometers. Elemental analyses of C, H, and N were carried out at the Institut de Bio-Organica in Barcelona. FAB(–) and electrospray mass spectra were recorded on a Fisons VG Quattro spectrometer with methanol as the solvent. The compounds (NET₄)₂[Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇], ¹³ClAuPPh₃, ¹⁴IAgPPh₃, ¹⁵ICuPPh₃, ¹⁶ClHgMo(CO)₃-

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Table 3. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Compounds (NEt₄)[2] and 5

| | (NEt ₄)[2] | 5 |
|--|--|--|
| empirical formula | C ₂₉ H ₂₉ AuFe ₅ MoNO ₁₇ P | C ₄₃ H ₂₂ Au ₂ Fe ₅ MoO ₁₇ P ₂ |
| fw | 1266.66 | 1641.67 |
| temp (K) | 293(2) | 293(2) |
| wavelength (Å) | 0.710 69 | 0.710 69 |
| cryst syst | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| space group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 9.563(11) | 10.8220(10) |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 34.989(4) | 25.7800(10) |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 12.294(9) | 17.8930(10) |
| α (deg) | 90 | 90 |
| β (deg) | 92.63(7) | 104.1130(10) |
| γ (deg) | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> (Å ³) | 4109(6) | 4841.3(6) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 4 |
| density (calcd) (g/cm ³) | 2.047 | 2.252 |
| abs coeff (mm ⁻¹) | 5.673 | 7.876 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 2448 | 3104 |
| cryst size (mm) | 0.1 × 0.1 × 0.2 | 0.1 × 0.1 × 0.2 |
| Θ range for data collection (deg) | 2.03–29.98 | 1.94–25.01 |
| index ranges | –13 < <i>h</i> < 13, 0 < <i>k</i> < 42, 0 < <i>l</i> < 17 | –7 < <i>h</i> < 7, 0 < <i>k</i> < 30, 0 < <i>l</i> < 20 |
| no. rflns collected | 12 193 | 15 460 |
| no. indep rflns | 11651 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0511) | 5281 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0654) |
| refinement method | | full-matrix least squares on <i>F</i> ² |
| no. data/restraints/params | 11651/10/244 | 5281/72/631 |
| GOF on <i>F</i> ² | 0.916 | 0.869 |
| final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2 σ(<i>I</i>)] | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0445, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1185 | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0268, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0442 |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data) | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.1191, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1481 | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0803, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0496 |
| largest diff peak and hole (e/Å ³) | 0.721 and –0.849 | 0.623 and –0.624 |

Cp, and ClHgW(CO)₃Cp¹⁷ were synthesized as described previously. The complexes (ClAu)₂(dppm), (ClAu)₂(dppe), and (ClAu)₂(dppp) were synthesized and isolated as solids from ClAu(tht) solutions^{9,18} by adding the appropriate amount of the corresponding phosphine.

Syntheses of (NEt₄)[1], (NEt₄)[2], (NEt₄)[6], (NEt₄)[7]. Solid ClAuPPh₃ (0.16 g, 0.31 mmol) and TIBF₄ (0.09 g, 0.31 mmol) were added to a precooled (–5 °C) solution of (NEt₄)₂[Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇] (0.36 g, 0.31 mmol) in 40 mL of THF. The reaction was monitored by IR, and after 1 h of stirring the salts (TlCl and NEt₄BF₄) were filtered off. Subsequent addition of 20 mL of diethyl ether and cooling 2 h at –30 °C afforded more salts. Then it was filtered through Celite and the solution was evaporated to dryness. The remaining solid was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and hexane (8 mL) was added. The resulting solution was cooled to –30 °C overnight to induce the formation of the dark-red crystalline solid (NEt₄)[1]. Yield: 0.27 g (57%). IR (THF, cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 2047 (m), 1991 (vs). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (298 K, CH₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 55.5 (s, PPh₃). ¹H NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 7.50–7.48 (m, Ph), 3.11 (q, CH₂, ³J(H–H) = 7.50 Hz), 1.36 (t, CH₃, ³J(H–H) = 6.25 Hz). ¹³C NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 221.62 (s, CO), 134.08–129.24 (m, Ph), 53.63 (s, CH₂), 7.39 (s, CH₃). ESMS (M⁻) *m/z* calcd, 1322; found, 1324. Anal. Calcd: C, 36.34; H, 2.41; N, 0.96. Found: C, 36.39; H, 2.46; N, 1.02.

Compounds (NEt₄)[2], (NEt₄)[6], and (NEt₄)[7] were obtained by a similar procedure, but a molar ratio of 1:2:2 was used for (NEt₄)[2] and a ratio of 1:1.5:1.5 was used for (NEt₄)[6] instead of 1:1:1. (NEt₄)₂[Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇{AuPMe₃}]₂: yield, 0.22 g (54%). IR (THF, cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 2046 (m), 1989 (vs), 1961 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (298 K, CH₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 16.5 (s, PPh₃). ¹H NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 3.10 (q, CH₂, ³J(H–H) = 7.50 Hz), 1.58 (d, P(CH₃)₃, J(C–P) = 8.26), 1.29 (t, CH₃, ³J(H–H) = 6.25 Hz). ¹³C NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 221.86 (s, CO), 53.31 (s, CH₂), 17.60 (d, P(CH₃)₃, J(P–C) = 31.45), 7.19 (s, CH₃). ESMS (M⁻) *m/z* calcd, 1136; found, 1136. Anal. Calcd: C, 27.49; H, 2.30; N, 1.11. Found: C, 27.52; H, 2.35; N, 1.13. (NEt₄)₂[Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇{CuPPh₃}]₂: yield, 0.23 g (55%). IR (THF,

cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 2048 (m), 1990 (vs), 1965 (sh). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (298 K, CH₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 0.2 (s, PPh₃). ¹H NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 7.50–7.54 (m, Ph), 3.17 (q, CH₂, ³J(H–H) = 7.50 Hz), 1.36 (t, CH₃, ³J(H–H) = 6.25 Hz). ¹³C NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 475.65 (s, C), 221.02 (s, CO), 133.10–128.00 (m, Ph), 53.30 (s, CH₂), 7.14 (s, CH₃). ESMS (M⁻) *m/z* calcd, 1189; found, 1190. Anal. Calcd: C, 40.04; H, 2.65; N, 1.06. Found: C, 40.10; H, 2.69; N, 1.13. (NEt₄)₂[Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇{AgPPh₃}]₂: yield, 0.25 g (58%). IR (THF, cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 2047 (m), 1988 (vs), 1967 (sh). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (298 K, CH₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 13.2 (d, PPh₃, J(¹⁰⁹Ag–P) = 526.5, J(¹⁰⁷Ag–P) = 456.6). ¹H NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 7.39–7.51 (m, Ph), 3.11 (q, CH₂, ³J(H–H) = 7.50 Hz), 1.30 (t, CH₃, ³J(H–H) = 6.25 Hz). ¹³C NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 221.16 (s, CO), 133–128 (m, Ph), 53.20 (s, CH₂), 7.19 (s, CH₃). ESMS (M⁻) *m/z* calcd, 1233; found, 1234. Anal. Calcd: C, 38.68; H, 2.60; N, 1.03. Found: C, 38.72; H, 2.73; N, 1.09.

Syntheses of (NEt₄)[8] and (NEt₄)[9]. Details of the synthesis of (NEt₄)[8] also apply to the synthesis of (NEt₄)[9]. To a precooled solution of (NEt₄)₂[Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇] (0.31 g, 0.27 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at –5 °C, solid ClHgMo(CO)₃Cp (0.13 g, 0.27 mmol) and TIBF₄ (0.08 g, 0.27 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred for 2 h, and 15 mL of diethyl ether were added to ensure the total precipitation of the salts (TlCl and NEt₄BF₄). After filtration the remaining solution was taken to dryness and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). Addition of pentane (7 mL) by slow diffusion at –30 °C afforded (NEt₄)[8] as a dark-red solid. Yield: 0.23 g (49%). IR (THF, cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 2056 (m), 2002 (vs), 1982 (s). ¹H NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 5.49 (s, Cp), 3.22 (q, CH₂, ³J(H–H) = 7.50 Hz), 1.36 (t, CH₃, ³J(H–H) = 6.25 Hz). ¹³C NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 220.02 (s, CO), 89.21 (s, 5H, Cp), 53.73 (s, CH₂), 7.62 (s, CH₃). ESMS (M⁻) *m/z* calcd, 1309; found, 1308. Anal. Calcd: C, 28.36; H, 1.74; N, 0.97. Found: C, 28.47; H, 1.79; N, 1.08. (NEt₄)₂[Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇{HgW(CO)₃Cp}]₂: yield, 0.23 g (47%). IR (THF, cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 2056 (m), 2001 (vs), 1982 (s). ¹H NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 5.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.22 (q, CH₂, ³J(H–H) = 7.50 Hz), 1.36 (t, CH₃, ³J(H–H) = 6.25 Hz). ¹³C NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 220.28 (s, CO), 88.15 (s, Cp), 54.00 (s, CH₂), 7.92 (s, CH₃). ESMS (M⁻) *m/z* calcd, 1397; found, 1397. Anal. Calcd: C, 26.73; H, 1.64; N, 0.92. Found: C, 26.79; H, 1.69; N, 1.01.

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Synthesis of [Fe₅Mo Au₂C(CO)₁₇(dppm)] (5). Solid (ClAu)₂dppm (0.22 g, 0.26 mmol) and TlBF₄ (0.09 g, 0.31 mmol) were added to a solution of (NEt₄)₂[Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇] (0.28 g, 0.25 mmol) in THF (35 mL). The mixture was stirred for 17 h at 0 °C, and the salts (TlCl and NEt₄BF₄) were filtered off. The solution was concentrated to dryness, and the residual solid was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL). Slow layer diffusion of hexane (8 mL) at -30 °C afforded deep-red crystals of **5**. Yield: 0.17 g (54%). IR (THF, cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 2059 (m), 2009 (vs), 1979 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (298 K, CH₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 44.2 (d), 50.4 (d) (dppm, *J*(P-P) = 74.3 Hz). ¹H NMR (298 K, CD₂-Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 7.66–7.17 (m, Ph), 3.22 (t, CH₂, ²*J*(H-P) = 9.19). FABMS (M⁻) *m/z*: calcd, 1641; found, 1640. Anal. Calcd: C, 31.44; H, 1.34. Found: C, 31.49; H, 1.38.

Syntheses of (NEt₄)₂[3] and (NEt₄)₂[4]. Details of synthesis of (NEt₄)₂[4] also apply to (NEt₄)₂[3]. Solid (ClAu)₂dppm (0.12 g, 0.14 mmol) and TlBF₄ (0.08 g, 0.27 mmol) were added to a solution of (NEt₄)₂[Fe₅MoC(CO)₁₇] (0.30 g, 0.27 mmol) in THF (40 mL) at -10 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, and the salts (TlCl and NEt₄BF₄) were filtered off. The resulting solution was then concentrated to dryness. The residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and hexane (8 mL) was added. A dark-red solid was obtained in 51% yield (0.19 g). IR (THF, cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 2047 (m), 1991 (vs), 1965 (sh). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (298 K, CH₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 26.7 (s, dppe). ¹H NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 7.30–7.61 (m, Ph), 3.20 (q, CH₂, ³*J*(H-H) = 7.50 Hz), 2.65 (m, CH₂CH₂P), 1.91 (m, CH₂CH₂P), 1.35 (t, CH₃, ³*J*(H-H) = 6.25 Hz). ¹³C NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 221.41 (s, CO), 132.75–129.35 (m, Ph), 53.30 (s, CH₂-CH₃), 28.09 (dd, CH₂CH₂P), 23.27 (d, CH₂CH₂P), 7.92 (s, CH₃). ESMS (M²⁻/2) *m/z*: calcd, 1266; found, 1267. Anal. Calcd: C, 33.95; H, 2.36; N, 1.00. Found: C, 34.05; H, 2.39; N, 1.04.

(NEt₄)₂[{Fe₅MoAuC(CO)₁₇}₂(dppe)]: reaction temperature was -10 °C and reaction time 2 h. Yield: 0.23 g (52%). IR (THF, cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 2047 (m), 1991 (vs), 1966 (sh). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (298 K, CH₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 53.3 (s, dppe). ¹H NMR (298 K, CD₂Cl₂, δ (ppm)): 7.59–7.46 (m, Ph), 3.21 (q, CH₂, ³*J*(H-H) = 7.50 Hz), 2.75 (s, CH₂P), 1.36 (t, CH₃, ³*J*(H-H) = 6.25

Hz). ESMS (M²⁻/2) *m/z*: calcd, 1259; found, 1259. Anal. Calcd: C, 33.69; H, 2.30; N, 1.01. Found: C, 33.81; H, 2.38; N, 1.04.

X-ray Structure Determination of (NEt₄)₂[2] and 5. Red block crystals of compounds (NEt₄)₂[2] and **5** were selected and mounted on an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 four-circle diffractometer. Crystallographic and experimental details of both compounds are summarized in Table 3. Data were collected at room temperature. Intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects in the usual manner.

The structures were solved by direct methods, using the SHELXS computer program, and were refined by a full-matrix least-squares method with the SHELX97 computer program.¹⁹ The function minimized was $\sum w||F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2|^2$, where $w = [\sigma^2(I) + (0.0774P)^2]^{-1}$ and $P = (|F_o|^2 + 2|F_c|^2)/3$, and f , f' , and f'' were taken from International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography.²⁰ All H atoms were computed and refined with an overall isotropic temperature factor equal to 1.2 times the equivalent isotropic temperature factor of the atom and are linked using a riding model.

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Supporting Information Available: Tables of crystal data, atomic coordinates, thermal parameters, and bond distances and angles for compounds (NEt₄)₂[2] and **5**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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