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(Cyclopentadienylamine)scandium(2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene): A 1,3-Diene Complex of Scandium with Sc(I)- and Sc(III)-like Reactivity

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*Summary: The scandium 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene complex [η^5,η^1-$C_5H_4(CH_2)_2NMe_2$]Sc(C_6H_{10}) (**2**) reacts with PhCN via initial nitrile insertion into the Sc−diene bond to give a dimeric μ^2-imido species, but with a 2,2′-bipyridine via the elimination of the free diene. The latter shows that **2** can be used to generate the reactive fragment [η^5,η^1-$C_5H_4(CH_2)_2NMe_2$]Sc^I.*

Transition-metal complexes of the 1,3-butadiene ligand and its various substituted derivatives display very interesting features with respect to structure and bonding as well as reactivity. In its complexes, the *s-cis*-1,3-butadiene ligand has been observed to adopt a range of intergraded bonding modes between the η^4-diene (**A**) and σ^2,π-metallacyclopentene (**B**) extremes.[1] These two structures are related by an oxidative addition operation in which the diene in structure **B** is effectively doubly reduced to a but-2-ene-1,4-diyl dianion. The relative importance of the diene or metallacyclopentene character depends on several factors, especially the reducing power of the low-valent metal fragment. Reactivity corresponding to this σ^2,π-metallacyclopentene character includes the insertion of unsaturated substrates into the metal−methylene bond[2] and the attack of Lewis acids such as $B(C_6F_5)_3$ on the diene methylene carbon to yield zwitterionic metal allyl species (which can act as single-component olefin polymerization catalysts).[3] Reactivity associated with η^4-diene character includes the displacement of the neutral diene ligand by various reagents, which can then undergo oxidative addition or oxidative coupling reactions on the resultant low-valent transition-metal species.[2c,d] Many transition-metal diene complexes with intermediate bonding modes show both types of reactivity behavior, depending on the type of reagent used. In contrast, only very few 1,3-diene complexes of the group 3 and lanthanide metals are known. These are practically limited to 1,4-diphenyl-1,3-butadiene derivatives, in which the ligand predominantly has dianionic character and of which little reactivity has been reported.[4] In addition, several naphthalene−lanthanide complexes show structural features consistent with 1,3-diene character.[5]

The group 3 metal scandium has a strong preference for the trivalent oxidation state, although some compounds with the metal in the monovalent oxidation state are known, e.g., in solid ScCl.[6] Recently a Sc^IBr unit sandwiched between two (β-diketiminato)MgBr fragments was reported by Roesky et al.[7] We are exploring the chemistry of Sc diene complexes to see whether “low-valent” behavior for Sc may be induced by the presence of a diene ligand. Here we describe the synthesis and characterization of the first 1,3-butadiene complex of scandium, [η^5,η^1-$C_5H_4(CH_2)_2NMe_2$]Sc(2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene), with some aspects of its reactivity. It is shown that this compound can behave as a source of the reactive [η^5,η^1-$C_5H_4(CH_2)_2NMe_2$]Sc^I fragment.

The colorless cyclopentadienylamine scandium dichloride $\{[C_5H_4(CH_2)_2NMe_2]ScCl_2\}_x$ (**1**) was obtained in 80% yield from the reaction of the corresponding lithium cyclopentadienide with $ScCl_3(THF)_3$, followed by vacuum sublimation.[8] Reaction of the dichloride **1** with (2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene)Mg·$(THF)_2$ in ether, followed by workup at or below 0 °C, afforded the complex [C_5H_4-$(CH_2)_2NMe_2$]Sc(C_6H_{10}) (**2**) as red crystals in 48% yield by crystallization from pentane.[9]

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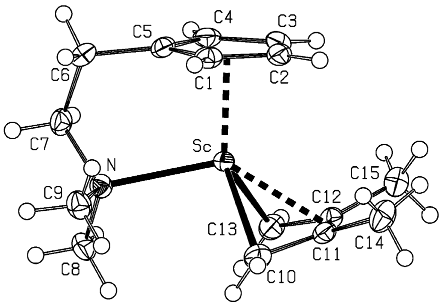


Figure 1. Molecular structure of **2**. Selected interatomic distances (Å) and angles (deg): Sc−N = 2.358(2), Sc−C(10) = 2.249(3), Sc−C(11) = 2.401(2), Sc−C(12) = 2.400(2), Sc−C(13) = 2.251(2), C(10)−C(11) = 1.455(3), C(11)−C(12) = 1.386(3), C(12)−C(13) = 1.464(3), Sc−C(10)−C(11) = 77.6(2), Sc−C(13)−C(12) = 77.3(1).

A crystal structure determination of **2** (Figure 1)[10] showed that the prone-oriented butadiene fragment has considerable 2-ene-1,4-diyl character, as indicated by the relatively short central C−C bond of 1.386(3) Å and relatively long C−CH$_2$ bonds of 1.455(3) and 1.464(3) Å. In the ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of **2**, the resonances for the diene methylene groups are observed at δ 1.76 and 2.58 ppm (d, $^2J_{HH}$ = 6.8 Hz) and δ 59.0 ppm ($\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ = 183 Hz, broadened by the quadrupolar ^{45}Sc nucleus, I = 7/2), respectively.

In its structural features, the diene complex **2** thus predominantly displays Sc(III) σ^2,π-metallacyclopentene character. In line with this, **2** reacts readily with polar unsaturated substrates to give products that derive from insertion into the Sc−methylene bonds. With 1 equiv of benzonitrile, **2** reacts to give the colorless μ^2-imido complex $\{[C_5H_4(CH_2)_2NMe_2]Sc[\mu^2\text{-}NC(Ph)C_6H_{10}]\}_2$ (**3**), which was characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction of crystals of its benzene solvate (Figure 2).[11] The Cp-amine ligands adopt a trans geometry around the central Sc$_2$N$_2$ core, which is practically equilateral. Although common for many transition metals, M$_2$(μ^2-NR)$_2$ species of group 3 metals to our knowledge have not yet been reported and have only very recently been observed for lanthanide metals.[12]

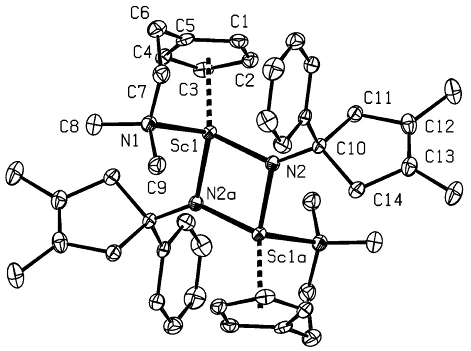
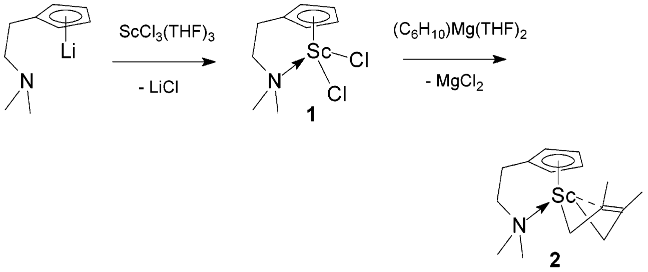


Figure 2. Molecular structure of **3**. Selected interatomic distances (Å) and angles (deg): Sc(1)−N(1) = 2.375(3), Sc(1)−N(2) = 2.017(2), Sc(1)−N(2a) = 2.056(2), N(2)−C(10) = 1.465(3), N(2)−Sc(1)−N(2a) = 87.14(9), Sc(1)−N(2)−Sc(1a) = 92.86(9), Sc(1)−N(2)−C(10) = 138.2(2), Sc(1a)−N(2)−C(10) = 127.6(3).

Scheme 1



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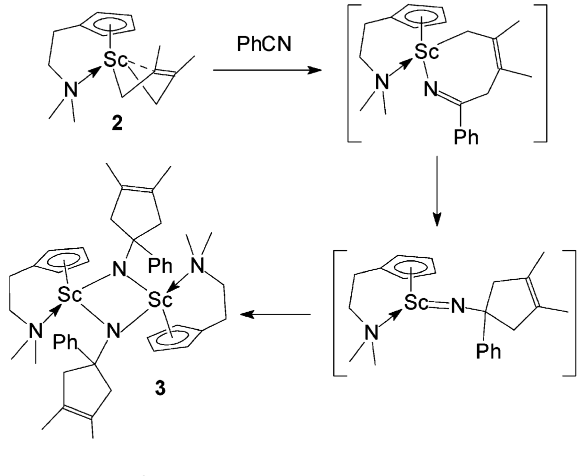

The formation of this product can be explained by the sequence depicted in Scheme 2, in which the nitrile initially inserts into one of the Sc−CH$_2$ bonds, followed by an attack of the other diene methylene group on the carbon atom of the imide intermediate. This yields an electronically unsaturated metal imido species that will readily dimerize. A similar reaction sequence was earlier observed in our group in the reaction of (C$_5$Me$_5$)-Hf(2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene)Cl with acetylene, in which case a μ-alkylidene complex was formed.[13]

In contrast with the insertion chemistry described above for the reaction of **2** with benzonitrile, the reaction of **2** with 2 equiv of 4,4′-dimethyl-2,2′-bipyridine leads to liberation of free 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (as seen by NMR spectroscopy). From a reaction in toluene, followed by crystallization from hexane, the resulting bis(4,4′-dimethyl-2,2′-bipyridine) adduct $[C_5H_4(CH_2)_2NMe_2]Sc(\eta^2\text{-}N_2C_{12}H_{12})_2$ (**4**) was isolated as a black

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(9) Synthesis of **2**: A suspension of **1** (220 mg, 0.87 mmol) and (C$_6$H$_{10}$)Mg(THF)$_2$ (295 mg, 1.17 mmol) in 30 mL ether was stirred at 0 °C for 1.5 h. At 0 °C the volatiles were removed in vacuo, and the residue was extracted with pentane. Concentrating the solution and cooling to −80 °C afforded **2** (110 mg, 0.42 mmol, 42%) as red crystals. ^{1}H NMR (C$_6$D$_6$, 25 °C): δ 6.20 (ps.t, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H, C$_5$H$_4$), 6.01 (ps.t, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H, C$_5$H$_4$); 2.58 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, *syn*-CH$_2$); 2.11 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, CH$_2$), 1.87 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, CH$_2$), 1.82 (s, 6H, Me), 1.76 (d, J = 6.8, 2H, *anti*-CH$_2$), 1.71 (s, 6H, Me). Anal. Calcd for C$_{15}$H$_{24}$NSc: C 68.66, H 9.22, N 5.34, Sc 16.79. Found: C 68.00, H 9.27, N 5.23, Sc 16.68.

(10) Crystal data for **2**: C$_{15}$H$_{24}$NSc, space group $C2/c$, monoclinic, a = 17.707(1) Å, b = 8.4651(6) Å, c = 19.903(1) Å, β = 105.984(1)°, V = 2868.0(3) Å^3; T = 125(1) K, Z = 8, μ(Mo Kα) = 4.93 cm^{-1}, 13 775 reflections measured (3544 unique), final refinement converged at $R_w(F^2)$ = 0.0975 with 250 parameters.

(11) Crystal data for **3**·(C$_6$H$_6$): (C$_{22}$H$_{29}$N$_2$Sc)$_2$·C$_6$H$_6$, space group $P\bar{1}$, triclinic, a = 8.7222(8) Å, b = 10.5565(9) Å, c = 12.580(1) Å, α = 70.455(2)°, β = 88.427(2)°, γ = 88.719(2)°, V = 1091.05(16) Å^3; T = 110(2) K, Z = 2, μ(Mo Kα) = 3.50 cm^{-1}, 5899 reflections measured (4441 unique), final refinement converged at $R_w(F^2)$ = 0.1232 with 381 parameters.

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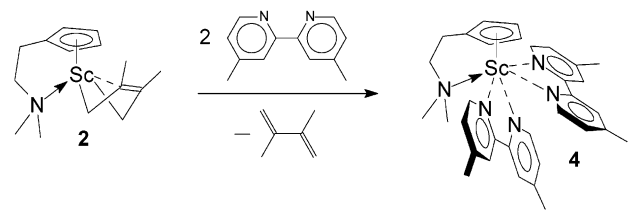

crystalline material (Scheme 3), which nevertheless was persistently contaminated with free bipyridine.

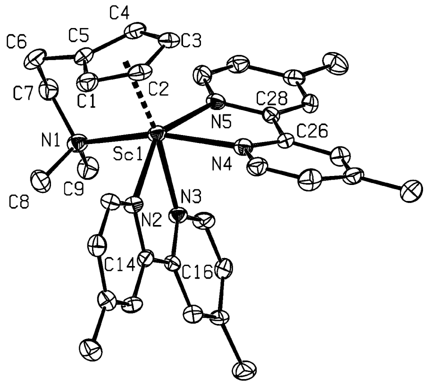

Figure 3. Molecular structure of **4**. Selected interatomic distances (Å) and angles (deg): Sc(1)−N(1) = 2.564(4), Sc(1)−N(2) = 2.272(3), Sc(1)−N(3) = 2.252(3), Sc(1)−N(4) = 2.219(3), Sc(1)−N(5) = 2.228(3), N(2)−C(14) = 1.385(5), N(3)−C(16) = 1.374(5), C(14)−C(16) = 1.410(5), N(4)−C(26) = 1.364(5), N(5)−C(28) = 1.368(5), C(26)−C(28) = 1.422(5), N(1)−Sc(1)−N(4) = 154.3(1), N(2)−Sc(1)−N(5) = 147.5(1), N(2)−Sc−N(4) = 85.6(1).

A crystal structure determination[14] of the compound revealed that the metal center is pseudo-six-coordinate, with one η^5-cyclopentadienyl group, two η^2-bipyridine ligands, and the coordinated pendant amine (Figure 3). The Sc−N(amine) distance of 2.564(4) Å is 0.2 Å longer than that in **2** or **3** in response to the high coordination number of the metal center in **4**. Inspection of the C−C and C−N distances within the 4,4′-dimethyl-2,2′-bipyridine ligands reveals that both ligands appear to be reduced to their radical monoanions (e.g., as seen from the central bipyridine C−C bonds in **4** of 1.41−1.42 Å as compared to 1.48 Å in neutral bipyridine[15]). This indicates that the effective oxidation state of the Sc metal center in **4** is Sc(III), a tribute to the strong reducing power of lower oxidation states of Sc.[16] ^{1}H NMR spectra of solutions of **4** in C_6D_6 show only resonances of some free 4,4′-dimethyl-2,2′-bipyridine (which always seems to be present in samples of **4**), suggesting that the compound is paramagnetic. An Evans method[17] determination of the magnetic moment of **4** on a benzene solution of **4** generated in situ from **2** and 2 equiv of 4,4′-dimethyl-2,2′-bipyridine yielded $\mu_{\mathrm{eff}} = 1.54$ (expected spin-only for an $S = 1$ system: $\mu_{\mathrm{eff}} = 2.83$). This indicates either a degree of magnetic coupling between the bipyridyl radical anion ligands in **4** or partial decomposition of **4** (e.g., by partial loss of free ligand, a possible source of the persistent presence of 4,4′-dimethyl-2,2′-bipyridine in solid samples). Attempts to drive such a reaction by removal of 4,4′-dimethyl-2,2′-bipyridine from **4** by, for example, vacuum sublimation did not yield well-defined organometallic products.

The scandium diene complex **2** is thus found to be able to eliminate the neutral diene ligand and can act in this way as a precursor for the $[C_5H_4(CH_2)_2NMe_2]Sc^I$ fragment. Preliminary experiments in which **2** was reacted with reagents that are known to give facile oxidative addition to low-valent transition-metal centers (I_2, PhSSPh) showed that also in these cases the diene ligand is readily eliminated, yielding species that, by ^{1}H NMR spectroscopy, appear to be C_s symmetric $[C_5H_4(CH_2)_2NMe_2]ScX_2$ compounds (X = I, SPh). Presently we are investigating the scope of this approach with other group 3 and lanthanide metals.

Supporting Information Available: Experimental details of the preparation and characterization of compounds **1**−**4**, NMR data of preliminary reactivity studies on **2** and X-ray structural data for compounds **2**−**4**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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