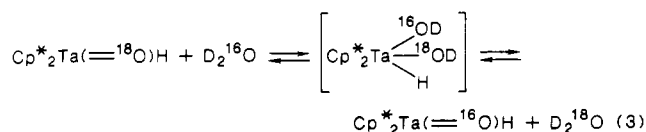


oxygen exchange with H<sub>2</sub>O must be considered:  $\alpha$ -H migration from Cp\*<sub>2</sub>Ta(O\*)H to yield [Cp\*<sub>2</sub>Ta<sup>III</sup>-O\*H], oxidative addition of HO-H, reductive elimination of H<sub>2</sub>O\*, and  $\alpha$ -H elimination to give the isotopomer Cp\*<sub>2</sub>Ta(=O)H. The latter possibility is eliminated, however, by the observation that treatment of Cp\*<sub>2</sub>Ta(=O)H with excess D<sub>2</sub><sup>16</sup>O results in rapid exchange of oxygen isotopes but no H/D exchange (eq 3).<sup>14</sup>



Significantly, the W=O bond of Cp\*<sub>2</sub>W=O reacts even with nonpolar  $\sigma$  bonds such as H-H and H-SiMe<sub>3</sub>, albeit under more forcing conditions, to afford Cp\*<sub>2</sub>WH<sub>2</sub> (Scheme I).<sup>16</sup>

In light of the d<sup>2</sup>, W<sup>IV</sup>, nature of Cp\*<sub>2</sub>W=O, we have also investigated reactions which could result in oxidation of the tungsten center. Thus, reaction of Cp\*<sub>2</sub>W=O with either H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2(aq)</sub> or Me<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H results in oxygen atom transfer<sup>17</sup> to give the dioxo (W<sup>VI</sup>) derivative, ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)( $\eta^1$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)W(=O)<sub>2</sub><sup>4</sup> [ $\nu(\text{WO}_2)_{\text{sym}} = 895 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\nu(\text{WO}_2)_{\text{asym}} = 935 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ], which has been structurally characterized by X-ray diffraction methods.<sup>18</sup>

The clean reaction with O<sub>2</sub> (1 atm, 25 °C), shown in Scheme II, further illustrates the exceptional chemical reactivity of Cp\*<sub>2</sub>W=O. The structure of the isolated product ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)-W(=O)<sub>2</sub>(OC<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)<sup>4</sup> has been determined by X-ray diffraction methods.<sup>19</sup> As is apparent, one of the Cp\* ligands has been transferred to oxygen. IR and <sup>17</sup>O NMR studies indicate that the W-O-C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub> oxygen originates exclusively from O<sub>2</sub>. These results do not allow a distinction between the two most probable pathways for the formation of ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)W(=O)<sub>2</sub>(OC<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>): (i) formation of ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)( $\eta^1$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)W(=O)( $\eta^2$ -O<sub>2</sub>), followed by migration of the ( $\eta^1$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>) ligand to ( $\eta^2$ -O<sub>2</sub>), or (ii) direct attack by O<sub>2</sub> at the W-Cp\* bond leading to a bridging peroxo species. In either case, the subsequent rearrangement of the proposed intermediate [( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)W(=O)(OOC<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)] to ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)W(=O)<sub>2</sub>(OC<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>) is similar to the rearrangement of ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Hf(R)(OOCMe<sub>3</sub>) to ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Hf(OR)(OCMe<sub>3</sub>),<sup>20</sup> acid-catalyzed rearrangement of Cp\*<sub>2</sub>Ta( $\eta^2$ -O-CH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>1b</sup> to Cp\*<sub>2</sub>Ta(=O)OCH<sub>3</sub>, and the conversion of Ti and Zr alkyls to alkoxides upon exposure to O<sub>2</sub>.<sup>21</sup>

In summary, the "class b" metal-oxo nature for Cp\*<sub>2</sub>W=O actuates a series of interesting reactions leading to reduction of the W=O bond order via 1,2-additions of both polar and nonpolar  $\sigma$  bonds as well as oxidations of the metal center by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, HO<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>, or even O<sub>2</sub>. The product, ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)W(=O)<sub>2</sub>(OC<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>), arises from insertion of an oxygen atom from O<sub>2</sub> into a W-( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>) bond. This facile oxo transfer chemistry, both to and from tungsten, augurs well for organotungsten derivatives in effecting catalytic oxidation reactions.

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### Fluoride-Induced Trifluoromethylation of Carbonyl Compounds with Trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (TMS-CF<sub>3</sub>). A Trifluoromethide Equivalent<sup>1</sup>

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Although the literature abounds with examples of introducing perfluoroalkyl groups into carbonyl compounds through organometallic reagents of zinc,<sup>2</sup> calcium,<sup>3</sup> manganese,<sup>4</sup> magnesium,<sup>5</sup> silver,<sup>4</sup> and lithium,<sup>6</sup> the procedures are seldom applicable to trifluoromethylation. The trifluoromethide anion (CF<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) or its metalloorganic equivalents generally show great tendency for fluoride elimination. On the other hand, trifluoromethylation of aromatics is achieved rather readily with a variety of methods most notable using trifluoromethylcopper (CF<sub>3</sub>Cu),<sup>7</sup> sodium trifluoroacetate,<sup>8</sup> trifluoromethyl triflate,<sup>9</sup> bis(trifluoromethyl)-mercury ((CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Hg),<sup>10</sup> and other related reagents.<sup>11</sup>

We wish to report now a very efficient nucleophilic trifluoromethylation reaction for carbonyl compounds using easily prepared trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (TMS-CF<sub>3</sub>).<sup>12</sup> Over the years

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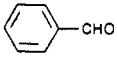
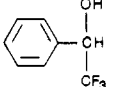
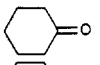
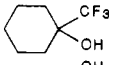
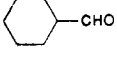
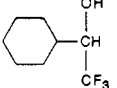
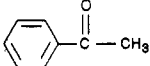
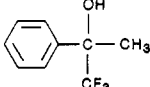
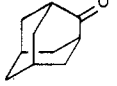
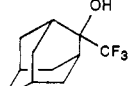
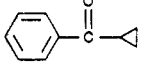
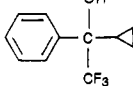
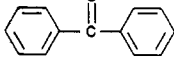
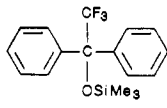

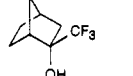
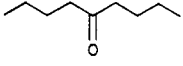
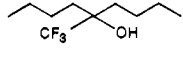
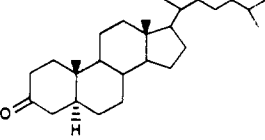
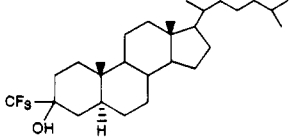
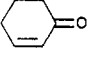
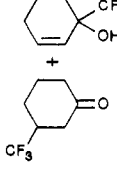
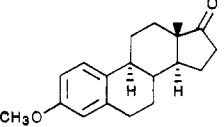
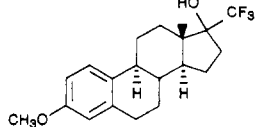
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**Table I.** Fluoride Ion Induced Trifluoromethylation of Carbonyl Compounds with Trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane

carbon compd	product	conditions <sup>a</sup> trifluoro- methylation	hydrolysis of the ether	overall isolated yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	bp/mmHg (mp) <sup>c</sup> °C	<sup>19</sup> F NMR <sup>d</sup>	mass spectra data, <sup>e</sup> <i>m/e</i>
		1 h/rt	0.5 N HCl/ 1 h, rt	85	64–65/5.0	–79.2 (d, <sup>3</sup> J <sub>F–H</sub> = 7.1 Hz)	176 (M <sup>+</sup> , 33), 107 (100)
		1 h/rt	1.0 N HCl/ 1 h, rt	77	72–73/40 (59–61)	–86.0	168 (M <sup>+</sup> , 0.1), 99 (100)
		1 h/rt	0.5 N HCl/ 1 h, rt	80	60–61/5.0	–76.6 (d, <sup>3</sup> J <sub>F–H</sub> = 7.6 Hz)	182 (M <sup>+</sup> , 0.1), 113 (1.7), 83 (100)
		1 h/rt	1.0 N HCl/ 6 h, rt	74	69–70/4.6	–81.8	190 (M <sup>+</sup> , 29), 121 (100)
		24 h/rt	1.0 N HCl/ 15 h, rt	72	(117–118)	–76.6	200 (M <sup>+</sup> , 0.9), 151 (100)
		1 h/rt	1.0 N HCl/ 15 h, rt	81	82–84/3.0	–79.5	216 (M <sup>+</sup> , 1.4), 188 (100), 147 (34.5)
		1 h/rt		88	104–106/1.1	–73.5	324 (M <sup>+</sup> , 0.9), 255 (100)
		1 h/rt	1.0 N HCl/ 4 h, rt	92	47–49/4.5	–81.4	180 (M <sup>+</sup> , 2.9), 111 (12), 68 (100)
		1 h/rt	1.0 N HCl/ 26 h, rt	87	65–66/3.3	–80.7	212 (M <sup>+</sup> , 0.1), 143 (46), 43 (100)
		2 h/rt	1.0 N HCl/ 26 h, rt	83 <sup>f</sup>	(127–128)	–79.6	456 (M <sup>+</sup> , 6), 387 (0.8), 301 (100)
		1 h/rt	1.0 N HCl/ 15 h, rt	60		–83.4 major –75.5 (d, <sup>3</sup> J <sub>F–H</sub> = 7.1 Hz), minor	166 (M <sup>+</sup> , 0.3), 97 (100)
		24 h/rt	1.0 N HCl/ 15 h, rt	62 <sup>g</sup>		–76.0	354 (M <sup>+</sup> , 47), 252 (37), 55 (100)

<sup>a</sup> All the reactions were initially started at 0 °C. <sup>b</sup> All are isolated yields of the pure compounds unless otherwise stated. Majority of these compounds are new and all of them gave satisfactory H-1 and C-13 NMR. <sup>c</sup> The boiling points and melting points are uncorrected. <sup>d</sup> In ppm, <sup>19</sup>F shifts and referenced from CFC1<sub>3</sub> (upfield). <sup>e</sup> Mass spectrum was obtained on a Finnigan Mat Model INCOS-50 GC-MS Instrument, only selected data are shown. <sup>f</sup> Only one stereoisomer was obtained. <sup>g</sup> Obtained as a mixture of 90% product (one isomer) and 10% starting ketone: 2.4 equiv of silane and 2 equiv of TBAF were used.

trimethylsilyl compounds substituted with electron-withdrawing substituents such as -CN, I, Cl, Br, N<sub>3</sub>, -NCO, -CNO, etc. have been used as synthetic reagents to attach these substituents to electron-deficient centers.<sup>13</sup> These reagents generally act based

on the hard-soft reactivity principle<sup>14</sup> with the silicon atom attached to the substituent significantly bearing electropositive and the substituent negative character. Accordingly, the bond between the pseudohalide trifluoromethyl and trimethylsilyl center should be sufficiently polarized with the trifluoromethyl group bearing substantial negative charge. Consequently we have embarked on a study of trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (TMS-CF<sub>3</sub>)<sup>12</sup> as a potential reagent for introducing the trifluoromethyl group into

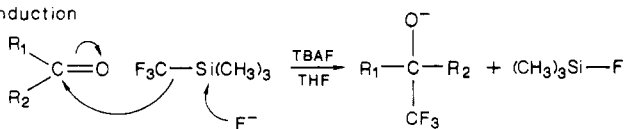
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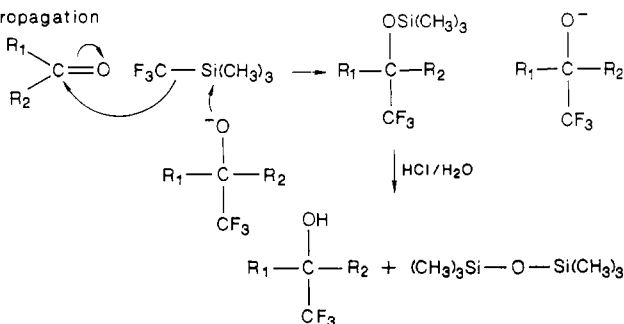
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Scheme 1

Induction



Propagation



carbonyl compounds and have found a long sought after simple and efficient trifluoromethylating reagent.

Reaction of an equimolar excess of TMS- $\text{CF}_3$  with cyclohexanone under nucleophilic catalysis<sup>15</sup> with a catalytic amount of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) in tetrahydrofuran solution generally in an hour gave quantitatively the trifluoromethylated siloxy adduct (i.e., no trace of starting cyclohexanone was observed by GC analysis). In a typical reaction, a mixture of carbonyl compound (10 mmol) and TMS- $\text{CF}_3$  (12 mmol) in 25 mL of tetrahydrofuran cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath is treated with 20 mg of TBAF. Instantaneously a yellow color develops with the initial evolution of fluorotrimethylsilane, and the reaction mixture is brought to ambient temperature and stirred. The mixture is periodically analyzed by GC for the completion of the reaction. The trifluoromethylated siloxy compound is then hydrolyzed to the corresponding alcohol with aqueous HCl.<sup>16</sup> The reaction works equally well with a wide array of aldehydes, ketones, enones, etc. and is generally unaffected by moisture.<sup>17</sup> The obtained yields (of isolated free alcohols) are good to excellent (see Table I). In the case of hindered ketones such as tricyclic 2-adamantanone and tetracyclic estrone methyl ether<sup>18</sup> the reaction is sluggish. Nevertheless, trifluoromethylated adducts were obtained on prolonged stirring (see Table I). In the case of cyclohexanone 1,2-addition predominates (>90%).

Concerning the mechanism, the reaction is induced by fluoride ion (indicated by the irreversible formation of fluorotrimethylsilane in the initial stage of the reaction) and then further catalyzed by the in situ formed trifluoromethylated oxyanion adduct. The reaction also works under alkoxide anion catalysis.<sup>19</sup> The mechanism is depicted in Scheme 1.

In conclusion we have developed a versatile new trifluoromethylation method for carbonyl compounds using TMS- $\text{CF}_3$ . Further studies are underway to exploit the scope of TMS- $\text{CF}_3$  as a nucleophilic trifluoromethylating agent.

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(15) For an excellent review, see: Furin, G. G.; Vyazankina, O. A.; Gostevsky, B. G.; Vyazankin, N. S. *Tetrahedron* **1988**, *44*, 2675. The reaction did not work under Lewis acid ( $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ ,  $\text{ZnI}_2$ ,  $\text{TiCl}_4$ , etc.) catalysis.

(16) The hydrolysis of trimethylsiloxytrifluoromethylated adducts to the corresponding alcohols posed some difficulties. In the case of benzophenone the siloxy adduct was found to be extremely stable.

(17) The tetrabutylammonium fluoride contains three molecules of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and this did not pose any serious problems in the reaction. However, when used in large quantities under prolonged stirring hydrolysis of the silane is a competing reaction which generates  $\text{CF}_3\text{H}$ . However, in no case generation of difluorocarbene ( $\text{CF}_2$ ) was observed.

(18) In the case of sterically hindered estrone methyl ether, more than 1 equiv amount of fluoride was used.

(19) The trifluoromethylation reaction also works equally well when potassium *tert*-butoxide was used as the initiator clearly supporting our proposed mechanism.

# <sup>113</sup>Cd NMR Studies of a 1:1 Cd Adduct with an 18-Residue Finger Peptide from HIV-1 Nucleic Acid Binding Protein, p7

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A central issue in bioinorganic chemistry concerns the relevance and feasibility of zinc binding to putative "zinc fingers" in RNA-binding retroviral nucleic acid binding proteins (NABPs).<sup>1</sup> Without exception, retroviral NABPs (and their gag precursor proteins) contain the conserved amino acid finger sequence  $-\text{C}-\text{X}_2-\text{C}-\text{X}_4-\text{H}-\text{X}_4-\text{C}-$  (C = cysteine, H = histidine, X = variable amino acids).<sup>2-4</sup> Although related sequences found in DNA-binding proteins bind  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  tightly,<sup>5-10</sup> experiments aimed at measuring the zinc content and the affinity of zinc for retroviral NABPs indicate that zinc binds weakly to these proteins,<sup>11,12</sup> and this has led to the conclusion that zinc is not a structural component of at least one retroviral NABP.<sup>11</sup> On the other hand, recent site-directed mutagenesis experiments involving murine leukemia virus provide indirect evidence that Zn binding is necessary for correct protein function.<sup>13</sup> In these experiments, single and double point mutations, which resulted in replacement of the conserved Cys residues by Ser, afforded mutant viral particles that appeared normal in all respects except that (1) they were noninfectious and (2) they contained cellular RNA instead of viral RNA.<sup>13</sup>

We have prepared  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  adducts with the 18-residue peptide comprising the amino acid sequence of the first finger (residues 13 through 30) of NABP p7 from HIV-1 (the causative agent of AIDS). <sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments indicate that the synthetic peptide ( $\text{p7}^{13-30}$ ) forms 1:1 metal adducts that are stable in aqueous solution (pH 7, ambient T) for at least a month. Additional  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  does not bind to  $\text{Cd}(\text{p7}^{13-30})$  and precipitates from solution as hydroxides at pH 7. Additional  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  produces very minor changes in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $\text{Zn}(\text{p7}^{13-30})$  at pH 7. Except for a few broad <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals observed in the spectrum of the <sup>113</sup>Cd adduct (particularly the His- $\text{H}_2$  and - $\text{H}_4$  signals), the <sup>1</sup>H spectra of  $\text{Zn}(\text{p7}^{13-30})$  and <sup>113</sup>Cd( $\text{p7}^{13-30}$ ) are very similar in appearance. The broader signals of the <sup>113</sup>Cd adduct narrow considerably on cooling to -5 °C.

Of the 17 backbone amide protons in  $\text{Zn}(\text{p7}^{13-30})$ , 12 protons exhibit resolved multiplets (due to NH- $\text{CH}_\alpha$  scalar coupling) in the <sup>1</sup>H spectrum obtained at 30 °C (Figure 1). This is in contrast to the broad, unresolved NH signals observed for metal-free  $\text{p7}^{13-30}$  and reflects the formation of a single, highly stable tertiary structure upon coordination of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ . Many NH <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals

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