complexes, each with deuterium incorporated exclusively in the β -position of the ring.¹⁷ The ethyl complex (C₅Me₅)Ir(η ³-allyl)Et (5), prepared by treatment of $(C_5Me_5)Ir(\eta^3-allyl)Cl$ with EtMgCl, 18 does not rearrange to metallacyclobutane complex 4 under any conditions; this complex cannot be intermediate in the metallacyclobutane formation.

Enolates also add selectively to the central allyl position, producing stable metallacyclobutane complexes epimeric at the metallacycle β -carbon. The reactions of 2-exo and 2-endo with the potassium enolate of propiophenone (THF, -35 °C → room temperature), for example, yield metallacyclobutane stereoisomers 615 and 7,15 respectively (Scheme I). By 1H NMR spectroscopy, the crude reaction mixtures reveal no trace of isomeric "leakage" in the addition reaction. Both complexes display the characteristic upfield ¹³C NMR signals for the α -carbons, now diastereotopic due to the chiral center on the addend. Iodinolysis (THF, -78 °C) of complexes 6 and 7 each gives the cyclopropanated organic 819 and [(C₅Me₅)IrI₂]₂,5b which can be converted back to the starting allyl complex 2-exo in a single step.6

Stabilized nucleophiles, in contrast, do not give metallacyclobutane products. The addition of potassium dimethylmalonate to 2-exo proceeds regioselectively to the ethylene ligand, giving neutral alkyl allyl complex 9. 15,18 The reaction of malonate anion with 2-endo is equally selective but gives only terminal allyl addition, affording bis(olefin) complex 10 as an approximately 3:1 mixture of isomers. 15 Iodinolysis of this mixture at low temperature quantitatively produces [(C₅Me₅)IrI₂]₂^{5b} and the free allylated malonate 11, identified by comparison to an authentic sample. While the origin of this selectivity is not readily apparent, in the absence of steric effects, 20 this observation suggests that the electrophilicity of the coordinated ethylene may vary considerably with the allyl configuration.²¹ The absence of metallacyclobutane formation may reflect a change in the kinetic selectivity for stabilized nucleophiles (due to a "later" transition state) or the rapid reversibility of initial nucleophilic attack. The formation of unstable intermediates and the possibility for interconversion of complexes 9 and 10 are under investigation.

On an empirical basis, the selectivity rules of Davies, Green, and Mingos² continue to be remarkably successful in predicting the outcome of nucleophilic additions. Nonetheless, the addition of strong nucleophiles to the η^3 -allyl rather than ethylene ligand in this geometrically unconstrained system clearly violates these rules. Equally importantly, the preference for attack at the η^3 -allyl central carbon rather than the terminal carbon is maintained in this system, despite replacing the strongly donating phosphine with the π -acidic ethylene ligand. Taken together, these results suggest that the coordination geometry of the complex may be more important than the degree of electron richness in determining the regiochemistry of nucleophilic addition to the η^3 -allyl ligand, supporting alternative theoretical interpretations of the regiose-lectivity issue.²² These results also suggest that the selectivity for terminal allyl addition observed in the $(1-3)-\eta^3$: $(5,6)-\eta^2$ cycloalkadienyl systems⁵ may arise from geometrical constraints that change the relative ordering of the frontier orbitals, render the transition state for metallacyclobutane formation energetically

inaccessible, or promote rapid rearrangement of a metallacyclobutane intermediate too strained to be isolated.

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Inversion of Configuration in Nucleophilic Vinylic Substitutions of (E)- β -Alkylvinyliodonium Tetrafluoroborates with Halides

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Nucleophilic substitutions at vinylic carbons of moderately activated olefins usually proceed with predominant retention of configuration thought to proceed via addition-elimination in most cases.1 Alternatively, highly activated olefins afford products with partial or complete stereoconvergence via a multistep process. Exclusive inversion in nucleophilic vinylic substitutions, however, has not been observed for simple systems. 10,2 Nucleophilic vinylic substitution generally requires activating substituents at the β position of vinylic substrates (usually vinyl halides), and nucleophilic substitutions of simple alkylvinylic substrates are very uncommon.³ We report herein a nucleophilic vinylic substitution of (E)- β -alkylvinyliodonium tetrafluoroborates with halides, which proceeds with exclusive inversion of configuration at room temperature.

Alkenyl(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborates serve as the highly activated species of alkenyl halides in nucleophilic substitutions, mostly because of the superleaving ability of the phenyliodonio group.4 However, little is known about the stereochemical course of the substitutions. Substitution of (E)- β -alkylvinyliodonium tetrafluoroborates 1a,b with n-Bu₄NX, which competes with an alkyne-forming elimination, affords alkenyl halides of (Z) stereochemistry in completely stereoselective manner (Table I).5 Treatment of (E)-1-decenyliodonium salt 1a with n-Bu₄NCl (10 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature for 10 h gave the inverted chloride (Z)- $2a^6$ (X = Cl, 83%) and 1-decyne (14%), along with the concomitant formation of iodobenzene. In CH₃CN, more than 90% selectivity for the substitution over the elimination was achieved. Substitutions with n-Bu₄NBr and n-Bu₄NI similarly gave the corresponding (Z)-alkenyl halides with complete inversion. On the other hand, n-Bu₄NF afforded only 1-decyne. Note that the selectivity for substitution over elimination decreases

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Table I. Nucleophilic Vinylic Substitutions of (E)-Alkenyl(phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborates 1 with n-Bu₄NX^a

run no.	substrate	reagent	solvent	reaction time, h	product, % yield ^b			
					alkenyl halide (Z:E ratio)	l-alkyne	ratio	PhI
1	1a	n-Bu₄NF	CH ₃ CN	10	-	47	(0:100)	100
2	1a	n-Bu₄NCl	CH ₂ Cl ₂	10	2a (X = Ci), 83 (100:0)	14	(85:12)	91
3	1a	n-Bu ₄ NCl	CH ₃ CN	10	2a (X = Cl), 91 (100:0)	9	(91:9)	99
4	1a	n-Bu₄NBr	CH,CN	10	2a (X = Br), 95 (100:0)	5	(95:5)	100
5	1a	n-Bu₄NI	CH ₃ CN	10	2a (X = I), 88 (100:0)	2	(98:2)	91
6	1b	n-Bu₄NCi	CH ₃ CN	1	2b ($X = Cl$), 86 (100:0)	14	(86:14)	100
7	1b	n-Bu₄NBr	CH ₃ CN	10	2b $(X = Br)$, 96 (100:0)	3	(97:3)	100
8	1b	n-Bu₄NI	CHiCN	24	2b $(X = I)$, 99 (100:0)	1	(99:1)	100
9	1c	n-Bu₄NCl	CH ₃ CN	48	2c (X = C1), 8 (66:34)	36	(18:82)	64
10	1c	n-Bu₄NBr	CH ₃ CN	48	2c (X = Br), 46 (88:12)	29	(61:39)	89
11	1c	n-Bu ₄ NI	CH₃CN	48	2c (X = I), 73 (95:5)	17	(81:19)	97

^aReactions were carried out using 10 equiv of reagents at room temperature. ^bDetermined by gas chromatography. ^cRatios of 1-alkenyl halides to 1-alkynes.

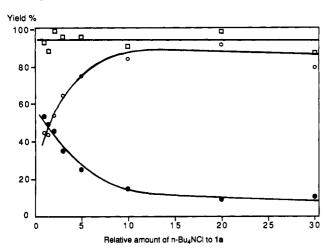


Figure 1. The effect of n-Bu₄NCl on product distribution of the reaction of 1a in CH₂Cl₂ at 25 °C for 10 h. Symbols are percent yields of (Z)-2a (X = Cl) (O), 1-decyne (\bullet), and iodobenzene (\square).

in the order of $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NI} > n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NBr} > n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NCl} \gg n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NF}$, reflecting the decreasing softness of halide ions.

a: $R = n - C_8 H_{17}$; **b:** $R = Ph(CH_2)_3$; **c:** R = Ph

Reaction of β -phenylvinyliodonium salt 1c, however, was accompanied by formation of retention products to some extent: thus, n-Bu₄NCl gave a 66:34 mixture of (Z)- and (E)-2c (X = Cl) in low yield and phenylacetylene as the major product. Decreased amounts of retention products were obtained in the reaction with n-Bu₄NBr and n-Bu₄NI. Again, the selectivity for inversion to retention decreases in the order of n-Bu₄NI > n-Bu₄NBr > n-Bu₄NCl. The formation of some retained products from 1c may arise from an intervention of a vinylidenephenonium ion intermediate, generated by neighboring group participation. Reaction of (Z)-1-decenyl(phenyl)iodonium perchlorate with n-Bu₄NCl in CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C for 30 min exclusively undergoes elimination to give 1-decyne quantitatively.

In marked contrast, complete retention of stereochemistry was found in substitutions of 1 using a combination of cuprous halides (10 equiv) and potassium halides (10 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature in the dark [product (yield)]: (E)-2a (X = Cl (94%))

and Br (91%)), (E)-2b (X = Cl (70%)) and Br (92%)), and (E)-2c (X = Cl (77%)) and Br (80%)).

As shown in Figure 1, relative amounts of $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NCl}$ to 1a play an essential role in determining the reaction course, that is, substitution and elimination. Surprisingly, primary kinetic deuterium isotope effects and the observed deuterium content of the product 1-decyne in the reaction of α - and β -deuterated 1a with $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NCl}$ (2 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ clearly indicate that 1-decyne was predominantly produced as the result of syn β -elimination, and generation of an alkylidenecarbene by α -elimination, which was reported in the reaction of 1a with triethylamine, a was not involved. a -Elimination generating the alkylidenecarbene, however, was found to occur in the reaction with a-Bu₄NF (Scheme I). a

Addition-elimination pathways are not compatible with exclusive inversion of configuration in the reaction of 1a, b with n-Bu₄NX.¹¹ Ion pairs leading to predominant inversion were suggested in the solvolysis of vinyl triflates, 12 but there are no "primary" vinyl cations known. 13 Direct $S_N 2$ displacement at vinylic carbon atoms which predicts inversion of configuration has been shown to be energetically more difficult than that at sp³ carbon atoms. 14

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⁽¹⁰⁾ Reaction of α -deuterated 1a (97% D) with 1 equiv of n-Bu₄NF (CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 10 h) afforded an 86% yield of 1-decyne (0% D). On the other hand, the reaction of β -deuterated 1a (93% D) gave a 76% yield of 1-decyne-l-d (95% D).

⁽¹¹⁾ Furthermore, elimination—addition routes through the formation of terminal alkynes are not consistent with the experimental result that 1-decyne was recovered in the reaction with n-Bu₄NCl in the presence of HCl (CH₃CN, 25 °C. 10 h).

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A mechanism shown in Scheme I involves a rapid ligand exchange of 1 with halides and thereby formation of vinyliodonium halides 3 as intermediates. It was established by ¹H NMR that 3 (R = n-C₈H₁₇, X = Cl) is produced instantaneously by the addition of 1a to a solution of n-Bu₄NCl in CDCl₃ at room temperature. ^{15,16} Furthermore, this compound 3 in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature decomposed to a 45:55 mixture of (Z)-2a (X = Cl) and 1-decyne quantitatively. Attack of another halide to 3 will produce (Z)-2, although the mechanism is unknown. Alternatively, intramolecular cis- β -proton abstraction by the ligand X of 3 gives 1-alkynes. Thus, the relative ratios of the substitution to the alkyne-forming reaction depend on the concentration of halide ions, which is compatible with the results shown in Figure 1.

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Small-Ring Organometallic Systems. Ring Strain and Quantum Yields of Formation in CpMn(CO)(η^2 -P-P) Complexes

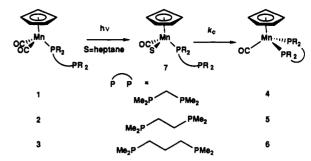
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Four-, five-, and six-membered rings abound in organometallic chemistry as proposed catalytic and reactive intermediates and as stable complexes. In light of their role as intermediates in olefin metathesis reactions, four-membered rings are of particular interest. Marks1 and Puddephatt2 respectively have determined the strain in thoracyclobutanes and platinacyclobutanes to be 16 and 10-13 kcal/mol while a study of Whitesides³ suggests that the strain in platinacyclobutanes is less than 5 kcal/mol. From the heat of norbornadiene substitution from (NBD)Mo(CO)₄ by bidentate phosphine ligands, Hoff has determined ring strain in four-membered rings containing the P-Mo-P moiety to be 8 kcal/mol. Although it is clear that there is some strain in these systems, the magnitude of the strain is still in some dispute. Studies on classical coordination complexes reveal a dependence of ring strain on chelate ring size.⁵ None of these studies have addressed the strain in four-membered metallacycles containing first-row transition elements. We now report the determination of the strain in four-membered rings containing Mn and P atoms by measurement of the enthalpy of cyclization as a function of ring size. The determination of the quantum yield for the ringclosure reactions is also reported.

The reaction of photochemically generated CpMn(CO)₂THF with a roughly 2-fold excess of the appropriate bis(dimethyl-





phosphino)alkane ligand dmpm, dmpe, or dmpp (P-P) gives the corresponding CpMn(CO)₂(η^1 -P-P) complex (1, 2, 3) in ~70% yield.⁶ Only small amounts of the dinuclear (CpMn(CO)₂)₂(μ -P-P) complexes are formed under these conditions. Recrystallization of the crude η^1 -1 and η^1 -2 complexes from hexanes removed the dinuclear impurity. The η^1 -3 complex was difficult to crystallize and was purified by air-free column chromatography (silica-60/hexanes/THF (100:1)). In benzene- d_6 solution at room temperature, the η^1 complexes did not undergo thermal CO loss or ring closure.

Photolysis of the η^1 -bis(dimethylphosphino)alkane complexes 1, 2, or 3 with a medium-pressure Hg lamp in heptane solution results in CO dissociation and ring closure to form the corresponding four-, five-, and six-membered rings (4, 5, 6) in quantitative yield. Photolysis of η^1 -1, -2, or -3 in heptane solution under 600 Torr of CO leads only to the cyclized products with no evidence for loss of the phosphine ligand. This result is in agreement with CO loss as the only significant photochemical step. Complex 4 has been previously reported by King and RaghuVeer. The quantum yields at 337.1 nm for the cyclization reactions were directly determined to be 0.62 and 0.60 for η^1 -1 and η^1 -2, respectively. The quantum yield for the ring closure

(6) Data for 1: ¹H NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 4.17 (d, 5 H, C_5H_5 , $J_{P-H} = 2.0$ Hz), 1.40 (dd, 2 H, CH_2 , $J_{P-H} = 2.2$, 8.1 Hz), 1.15 (d, 6 H, MnP Me_2 , $J_{P-H} = 8.3$ Hz), 0.74 (d, 6 H, free PMe_2 , $J_{P-H} = 3.6$ Hz). ¹³C[¹H} NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 81.27 (s, C_5H_5), 39.54 (dd, CH_2 , $J_{P-C} = 30.8$, 20.7 Hz), 20.76 (dd, MnP Me_2 , $J_{P-C} = 27.7$, 7.6 Hz), 16.38 (dd, free PMe_2 , $J_{P-C} = 14.9$, 5.9 Hz). ¹³P NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 56.7 (br, MnP), -57.0 (d, free P_2 , $J_{P-C} = 40.9$ Hz). IR (THF) ν_{CO} 1927, 1861 cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{19}OMnP_2$: $C_2 = 40.9$ Hz). IR (THF) ν_{CO} 1927, 1861 cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{19}OMnP_2$: $C_2 = 40.9$ Hz). IN (THF) ν_{CO} 1927, 1861 cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{19}OMnP_2$: $C_2 = 40.9$ Hz). $C_2 = 40.9$ Hz). 1.35 (m, 4 H, $C_2 = 40.9$ Hz). $C_3 = 40.9$ Hz). IN (benzene- C_6) δ 4.08 (d, 5 H, $C_5 = 40.9$), 0.81 (d, 6 H, free PMe_2 , $J_{P-H} = 2.7$ Hz). $C_3 = 40.9$ Hz). C_3

14.6 Hz). ³¹P NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 56.0 (br, MnP), -53.6 (s, free P). IR (THF) ν_{CO} 1926, 1861 cm⁻¹. (7) Data for 4: ¹H NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 4.08 (t, 5 H, C₃H₃, J_{P-H} = 2.0 Hz), 2.8 (m, 2 H, CH^aCH^b), 1.29 (t, 6 H, Me^a , J_{P-H} = 4.6 Hz), 1.08 (t, 6 H, Me^b , J_{P-H} = 4.4 Hz). ¹³Cl¹H} NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 75.82 (s, C₃H₃), 54.95 (t, CH₂, J_{P-C} = 16.7 Hz), 22.45 (t, Me^a , J_{P-C} = 13.7 Hz), 21.51 (t, Me^b , J_{P-C} = 4.3 Hz). ³¹P NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 34.78 (br). IR (heptane) ν_{CO} 1844 cm⁻¹. Data for 5: ¹H NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 39.8 (t, 5 H, C₃H₃, J_{P-H} = 2.1 Hz), 1.34 (m, 6 H, Me^b), 1.22 (m, 2 H, CH^aCH^b), 1.08 (m, 2 H, CH^aCH^b), 0.88 (m, 6 H, Me^b). ¹³Cl¹H] NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 76.53 (s, C₃H₃), 31.55 (m, CH₂), 22.16 (m, Me^a), 20.87 (m, Me^b). ³¹P NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 90.6 (br). IR (THF) ν_{CO} 1827 cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₂₁OMnP₂: C, 48.34, H. 7.10. Found: C, 48.41, H, 6.89. Data for 6: ¹H NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 30.88 (t, 6 H, C_3H_5 , J_{P-H} = 2.1 Hz), 1.7 (m, 2 H, PCH₂CH₂), J_{P-H} = 3.7 Hz). ¹³Cl¹H NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 77.79 (s, C₃H₅) 32.57 (dd, CH₂, J_{P-C} = 14.6, 15.5 Hz), 24.72 (dd, CH₂, J_{P-C} = 13.2, 14.1 Hz), 20.84 (dd, Me^a , J_{P-C} = 5.6, 6.3 Hz), 20.15 (t, Me^b , J_{P-C} = 13.2, 14.1 Hz), 20.84 (dd, Me^a , J_{P-C} = 5.6, 6.3 Hz), 20.15 (t, Me^b , J_{P-C} = 13.2, 14.1 Hz). ³¹P NMR (benzene- d_6) δ 55.9 (br). IR (THF) ν_{CO} 1822 cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₂₃OMnP₂: C, 50.03, H, 7.43. Found: C, 50.35, H, 7.50.

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