Scheme I

$$(CO)_{4}Fe - Fe(CO)_{4} - Fe(CO)_{4} - Fe(CO)_{4} - Fe(CO)_{5} - Fe($$

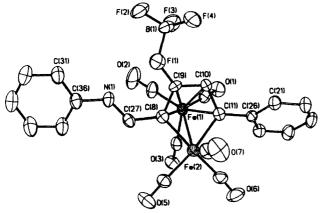


Figure 1. Molecular structure and labeling scheme for 2b (40% thermal ellipsoids). Distances in angstroms: Fe(1)-Fe(2), 2.505 (1); Fe(1)-C(8), 2.066 (5); Fe(1)-C(9), 2.244 (5); Fe(1)-C(10), 2.171 (5); Fe(1)-C(11), 2.079 (5); Fe(2)-C(8), 1.989 (5); Fe(2)-C(11), 1.993 (5); C(8)-C(9), 1.438 (7); C(9)-C(10), 1.419 (7); C(10)-C(11), 1.422 (6); C(8)-C(27), 1.464 (7); C(27)-N(1), 1.294 (6); C(9)-F(1), 1.329 (5); F(1)-B(1), 1.528 (8); average B(1)-F(2,3,4), 1.37 (1).

The proposed mechanism for the formation of 2a,b is shown in Scheme I. We suggest that coordination of the added alkyne induces CO insertion to form the ketene intermediate 3, similar to the nucleophile-induced insertion of CO into the Fe-carbon bond of $Fe_2(\mu\text{-CH}_2)(CO)_8$. Proton transfer from the iminium nitrogen of 3 to the carbonyl oxygen would give intermediate 4, which could then add the BF₄ ion to give 5. Elimination of H₂O from 5 would form the bis(alkyne) complex 6, which would yield the observed ferracyclopentadiene product by coupling of the two alkynes. Alternatively, water elimination could occur directly from 4 or after the ferracyclopentadiene ring had formed to give electrophilic intermediates capable of adding the BF₄ anion. ¹H NMR analysis showed the formation of the H₂O byproduct, implying that free BF₃ is not released during the formation of 2 as otherwise this species would react with the water produced in the conversion of 1 into 2. It was also observed that when the reaction was conducted with ¹³CO-enriched 1a, the product 2a showed a significantly enhanced ¹³C NMR resonance for the fluorine-substituted carbon atom, indicating that this carbon derived from a metal carbonyl ligand.

Although the crystal structures of 2a,b clearly show short C-F bond lengths indicating a strong covalent bond between these atoms, preliminary reactivity studies indicate that the BF₄ group is readily displaced by nucleophiles. When [NEt₃H]OH was added to a CH₂Cl₂ solution of complex 2a, an inseparable 1:1 mixture of syn and anti imino hydroxyferrole complexes 3a formed, Scheme I. These complexes result from nucleophilic displacement

of BF₄⁻ from 2a by OH⁻ with subsequent imine isomerization by a tautomerization process involving proton transfer from the hydroxy group to the imine nitrogen. This reaction only occurs under basic conditions and not when just water is added to 2. Given the apparent ease of nucleophilic displacement of the fluoride and the demonstrated transformation of ferracyclopentadiene complexes into a variety of organic products, ^{5a} it may prove possible to develop useful organic syntheses with complexes 2a,b. Such studies are currently in progress.

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New Trialkylsilyl Enol Ether Chemistry. Regiospecific and Stereospecific Sequential Electrophilic Addition

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In recent years much of the chemistry of enol derivatives has been dominated by the versatile reactivity of trimethylsilyl enol ethers. Regiospecifically generated trimethylsilyl enol ether 1 reacts with electrophiles to give so-called kinetic products and concomitant loss of the trimethylsilyl group. The presumed oxonium intermediate 1a is attacked by the counterion to give an "ate" complex 1b (intermediate or transition state) leading to desilylation to give 2. While these transformations proceed with excellent regiochemical control, the trimethylsilyl group is lost and cannot exert any further influence on the chemical fate of 2. We have been interested in diverting the oxonium ion intermediate 1a by proton loss rather than the usual nucleophilic attack on the silicon atom. Proton loss from 1a should be stereospecific (axial) and result in a new regiospecifically generated trialkylsilyl enol ether. Here we report our preliminary results directed toward the above objective.² Treatment of the triisopropylsilyl enol ether

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Scheme I

Scheme II

Scheme III

Scheme IV

3 with a range of electrophiles gave the products shown in Scheme III. While each transformation warrants extensive discussion in terms of its particular mechanistic details, one can collectively summarize the possibilities in Scheme IV.

Electrophiles that prefer epi-ions (bromination and epoxidation) proceed via 11a where the resulting oxonium ion 11b can undergo proton loss to give 12 or desilylation to 11c.3 Interestingly if the epoxidation of 3 is carried out at -78 °C the oxonium ion 11b is intercepted by the peracid followed by Grob fragmentation to give the aldehyde ester 14. Equally possible is the direct conversion of 11a into 12. Electrophiles that react by an ene-type process (TsNCO, SeO₂, and TsNSeNTs)⁴ should give 12. If the initial adduct 12 can undergo [2.3]-sigmatropic rearrangement (SeO₂ and TsNSeNTs) 13 becomes the product. A single-crystal X-ray analysis of 7 showed the NTs group to be locked in an axial

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Scheme V

Scheme VI

configuration.⁵ The ¹H NMR coupling pattern for the methine proton adjacent to the heteroatom in 5 and 8 also indicated an axial conformation. Treatment of (+)-dihydrocarvone triisopropylsilyl enol ether 15 with TsNSeNTs (eq 1) gave 16 as a single regio- and stereoisomer, in keeping with the pathway 12 to 13 in Scheme IV.

To illustrate some of the synthetic potential of the aminated adduct 7 we have carried out the transformations shown in Scheme V. The N-Ts bond can be reductively cleaved by Na/NH₃ to give the primary amine 17 (70%). Oxidation of 7 with SeO₂/ dioxane at room temperature gave the imine 18 (90%), whereas N-halogenation of the sodium salt of 7 followed by base (NaOMe or DBU) only gave 7. Reduction of the imine 18 with NaBH. gave only the cis-equatorial NTs adduct 19 and 20. Exposure of 7 to MCPBA/CH₂Cl₂ at 20 °C followed by NaHCO₃/H₂O gave the α -OCOAr- α -NHTs ketone 21 (70%). None of the trans diastereomer could be detected.

When 7 was treated with MCPBA/20 °C/NaHCO₃ the hemiacetal 22 was isolated as a moderately stable compound. Aqueous NaHCO3 converted 22 into 21. The epoxide 23 could be observed both by TLC and NMR; presumably the zwitterion 24 is trapped by the *m*-chlorobenzoate anion in a reversible manner to give 25/26. Only 26 can undergo benzoyl transfer to the ortho-ester intermediate 27, which collapses to the hemiacetal 22.6 NMR data show that the α -TsNH and α -OCOAr groups are axial in 22 and relax to an equatorial configuration in 21.

We have concentrated on the NTs adduct 7 since it offers unique opportunities for the regio- and stereocontrolled manipulation of nitrogen functionality and its attendant potential for the synthesis of alkaloids. The compound 17 is a new derivative of an α -amino ketone and offers the possibility to form heterocyclic

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adducts at the amino group without interference from the adjacent carbonyl functionality. Correspondingly the allylic bromide 8 opens the door to a wide range of oxyallyl cation chemistry.

This new facet of truly kinetic carbonyl chemistry should reveal a broad spectrum of complementary synthetic transformations that can be anticipated to take place with exceptional stereoelectronic control. These possibilities are being studied.

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Coupling of a 2-Oxacyclopentylidene and a Phosphonium Ylide Ligand at Platinum. Migratory Insertion of a Fischer Carbene into a Metal Alkyl Bond

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Intramolecular migratory insertion reactions involving transition-metal carbene and σ -carbon ligands are intermediate in several interesting organometallic transformations in which new carbon-carbon bonds are formed.² These insertions typically involve highly reactive carbene-alkyl precursors generated in situ; in only one case has a complex which undergoes subsequent insertion chemistry been isolated.^{2h} Here we report an isolable 2-oxacyclopentylidene bis(phosphonium ylide) complex of platinum that undergoes a facile migration of one phosphonium ylide ligand to the carbene. This process represents both unique reactivity for the platinum oxacyclopentylidene system³ and, to our knowledge, the first observation of a migratory insertion process involving a phosphonium ylide ligand. In addition, the ultimate organic product of this reaction is a patented synthetic intermediate prepared in low yield by conventional organic methodology.

We considered the bis(phosphonium ylide) complex 1 (Scheme I), prepared by treatment of (COD)Pt(CH₂I)₂ (COD = 1,5-

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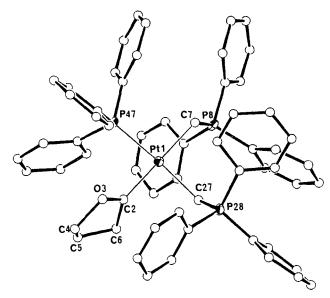


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of 5c (the hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity). Selected bond distances (Å): Pt(1)-C(2), 1.990 (22); Pt(1)-C(7), 2.122 (21); Pt(1)-C(27), 2.092 (22); Pt(1)-P(47), 2.299 (6); C(2)-O(3), 1.325 (27); C(7)-P(8), 1.772 (21); C(27)-P(28), 1.783 (22). Selected bond angles (deg): Pt(1)-C(2)-O(3), 123.2 (17); Pt(1)-C(2)-C(6), 123.2 (17); O(3)-C(2)-C(6), 113.5 (20); C(2)-Pt(1)-C(27), 90.2 (9); C(2)-Pt(1)-P(47), 87.5 (7); P(47)-Pt(1)-C(7), 91.1 (6); C-(7)-Pt(1)-C(27), 91.1 (8); C(2)-Pt(1)-C(7), 174.9 (9); C(27)-Pt(1)-P(47), 177.4 (6). Least-squares acute plane angle (deg): ((Pt(1)-C(2)-O(3)-C(6))-((Pt(1)-C(7)-C(27)-P(47), 61.75. Final residuals: R(F) = 0.068 and $R_w(F) = 0.060$.

Scheme I

cyclooctadiene) with excess triphenylphosphine,⁴ to be an ideal template on which to probe the nature and reactivity of the phosphonium ylide ligand. While the synthesis of ylide complexes has been extensively investigated,⁵ substantially less is known about the reactivity of coordinated phosphonium ylides.^{6,7} To provide an open coordination site for binding a potentially reactive ligand, abstraction of both iodide atoms was accomplished by using AgBF₄ in anhydrous acetonitrile, giving acetonitrile complex 2 in 82% yield after recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/benzene.⁸ The cis orientation of the ylide ligands follows from the observation of three signals in the ³¹P NMR spectrum. The coordinated ace-

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