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DEDICATION

To my mother and father

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

acac	acetylacetonato ligand
Bu	butyl
br	broad
Cp	η^5 -cyclopentadienyl
Cy	cyclohexyl
d	doublet
Dabco	1,4 diazabicyclo [2,2,2] octane
dppe	1,2 bis(diphenylphosphino) ethane
Eqn.	equation or reaction
eqv.	equivalent
Et	ethyl
h	heptet
L	donor ligand
M	metal atom or complex
m	multiplet
Me	methyl
Ph	phenyl
PPN ⁺	$[(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{N}]^+$
Pr	propyl
q	quartet
Pyr	pyridine
R	organic substituent
t	triplet

THF	tetrahydrofuran
TMS	tetramethylsilane
TPP	meso-tetraphenylporphyrin
v	infrared stretching mode

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Nitrosyl Complexes

Transition metal nitrosyl complexes have been known for years¹, although they have attracted less attention than metal carbonyl complexes. Nevertheless, hundreds of publications concerning nitrosyl compounds have been cited.

The bonding of an NO ligand to a metal is similar to that of CO; the sp hybridized lone electron pair on the nitrogen is bound to a metal in a σ fashion while the π^* orbitals of the NO accept electron density from the metal d orbitals via a π interaction. The π -bonding effect strengthens the M-N bond and weakens the N-O bond; the extent of this effect depends upon the metal and its auxiliary ligands. By and large, the NO ligand is regarded as being a better π acid than CO.

The bonding modes for metal coordinated terminal NO ligands are believed to be diverse, including those in which the NO is a one or three electron donor ligand. As a single electron donor ligand, the unpaired electron on nitrogen is bonded to the metal forming a bent M-N-O angle (Figure 1-A). The M-N-O angle in these complexes is found to be in the range of 120-140° by X-ray crystallographic studies.² The $\nu(\text{NO})$ frequencies for bent NO complexes fall in the 1525-1690 cm^{-1} range. As a three-electron donor ligand, the lone pair and unpaired electrons are all involved in bonding with the metal (Figure 1-B). This type of bonding often gives M-N-O angles which are close to linear

(170-175)².

In recent years, the chemistry of the coordinated NO ligand has been explored³. Based on studies of reactions between NO complexes and nucleophiles, it was suggested that mononitrosyl metal complexes having $\nu(\text{NO})$ values greater than 1886 cm^{-1} or $f(\text{NO})$ higher than $13.8 \text{ m dyn \AA}^{-1}$ are susceptible to nucleophilic attack at the NO nitrogen atom. Though less predictable, low $\nu(\text{NO})$ wavenumber complexes, below 1806 but as high as 1852 cm^{-1} , are liable to attack by electrophiles at the nitrogen.



Figure 1. Nitrosyl bonding modes

Carbene Complex

One of the most intriguing developments in transition-metal chemistry is the discovery of metal carbene complexes. In 1964, Fischer and Massböl⁴ successfully synthesized a stable carbene complex of tungsten, $(\text{CO})_5\text{W}[\text{C}(\text{OCH}_3)\text{Ph}]$. Since that initial discovery, hundreds of carbene complexes have been characterized, and their chemistry has proven to be rich and varied.⁵⁻⁶ The popularity of transition-metal carbene chemistry was partially sparked by interest in a

number of metal-catalyzed organic reactions, olefin metathesis,⁷⁻⁸ Fischer-Tropsch synthesis⁹⁻¹¹ and cyclopropanation,¹²⁻¹³ in which a metal carbene is postulated as a key intermediate. Potential industrial applications of these catalytic reactions have stimulated in recent years much interest in the roles which metal carbenes play in these reactions.

An isolated carbene group is frequently depicted as $:CXY$. When it is incorporated into an organometallic compound by bonding to the metal, the resulting complex is written as $LnM(:CXY)$, where M is the metal and Ln represents the auxiliary ligands bonded to the metal. In general, the structure of a transition-metal carbene complex is planar where X, Y and M are approximately coplanar about the carbene carbon, C_{carb} (Figure 2). However, the geometry of the carbene ligand relative to Ln varies considerably; for example, in $Cp(CO)_2FeCH_2^+$, the carbene can be in an axial (A), equatorial (B) or somewhere between the two positions with respect to Ln (Figure 3).

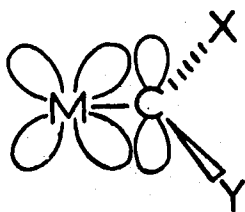


Figure 2. Bonding scheme for carbene ligand

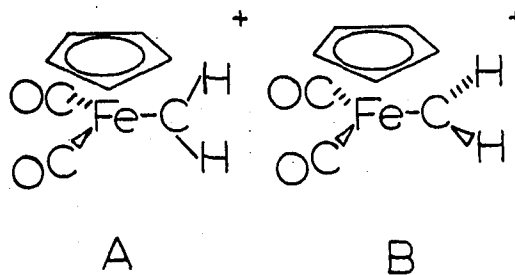


Figure 3. The possible configurations for $Cp(CO)_2FeCH_2^+$

The C_{carb} is bonded to the metal by donating a pair of electrons localized in an sp^2 hybridized orbital into a vacant metal orbital; at the same time the empty C_{carb} P_z orbital which is perpendicular to the M-X-Y plane accepts d-electron density from the metal and from the lone pair P-electrons of the adjacent X and Y groups. The extent of d-P and p-p π bonding is primarily dependent upon the nature of the X and Y groups. When either X or Y is a heteroatom (N, O or S) with lone pairs available for π backbonding to the C_{carb} , some double-bond character between C_{carb} and X, Y is expected as represented by resonance structure C. When X and Y are hydrogen atoms or alkyl groups, only d-P π backbonding from the metal is possible and is best represented by resonance structure A. Finally, when X and Y are either aryl or alkene groups, carbene bonding is most accurately described by a combination of A and C.

Empirically, carbene complexes with structures more closely resembling C are more stable than those with structure A. Indeed, most well-characterized and stable carbene complexes reported are p- π -electron stabilized by X or Y groups containing N, O or S. In contrast, few methylene complexes, MCH_2 , have been cited in the literature and they tend to be very unstable.¹⁷⁻²¹ In general, the stability of a series of homologous complexes decreases in the order: $NR_2 > SR \geq SeR > OR > \text{aryl} > \text{alkyl} > H$.^{5,22}

With few exceptions, the carbene ligand reacts as an electrophilic center and is most accurately represented by resonance form B. That is,

an incoming nucleophile preferably attacks the empty P_z of the C_{carb} ; then, the C_{carb} rehybridizes to an sp^3 geometry affording the metal σ -alkyl complex.

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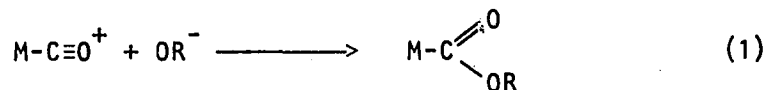
The material in this dissertation is organized in two sections. The numbering of literature references, figures, equations, tables, schemes and appendices are applicable only to those contained within that section, and the references are listed at the end of the text of each section. Those literature references cited in General Introduction are summarized in Additional Literature Cited.

SECTION I. SYNTHESIS, STRUCTURE AND REACTIONS OF

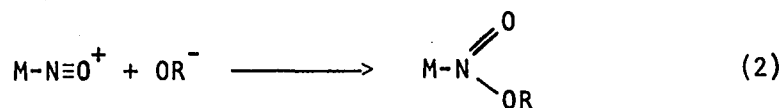
19-ELECTRON $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{W}(\text{NO})_2(\text{PR}_3)$ RADICALS

INTRODUCTION

There has been much interest in the reactions of metal carbonyl ligands with nucleophiles such as amines and alkoxides,¹ e.g.,



to give carbamoyl and alkoxy carbonyl complexes. While much is known about transition metal nitrosyl complexes,²⁻⁶ there are in contrast to the metal carbonyl situation, still relatively few examples of alkoxide attack at nitrosyl ligands to yield alkyl nitrite complexes,⁷⁻⁹



Such reactions appear to occur only in electron-poor complexes in which the $\nu(\text{NO})$ frequency is greater than 1850cm^{-1} .⁸

Although the $\nu(\text{CO})$ frequency (2116cm^{-1})¹⁰ of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{CO})^+$ indicates that this complex is sufficiently electron-poor to promote nucleophilic attack at the carbonyl group, its reactions with alkoxides and amines only yielded products resulting from the displacement of the CO group. This result, together with others,¹¹ suggests that high $\nu(\text{CO})$ values not only indicate enhanced CO susceptibility to nucleophilic attack but also weakened CO bonding to the metal which makes CO displacement more likely.

To probe the possibility that nucleophiles would attack the NO groups in this electron-poor system, we examined the reactions of the phosphite-substituted complexes, $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2[\text{P}(\text{OR})_3]^+$,¹⁰ where $\text{Cp} = \eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$. In reactions with alkoxides, the surprising result was that no products resulting from nucleophilic attack on the NO were identified, but instead only one-electron reduction products $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2[\text{P}(\text{OR})_3]$ were isolated.

EXPERIMENTAL

General Procedure

The complexes $[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OR})_3)\text{PF}_6]$, and $[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{PPh}_3)]\text{PF}_6$ were prepared as described in the literature.¹⁰ The supporting electrolyte $[(\text{n-Bu})_4\text{N}]\text{BF}_4$ for the electrochemical studies was prepared by mixing $[(\text{n-Bu})_4\text{N}]\text{Br}$ and 48% aqueous HBF_4 in water, collecting the precipitate by filtration, recrystallizing it twice from acetone-diethyl ether, and drying it in vacuum. Reagent-grade CH_2Cl_2 was stored over molecular sieves. Other chemicals were purchased from commercial sources.

ESR spectra of solutions were obtained on a Varian E-3 spectrometer operating at 9.52 GHz. The solutions, prepared with acetone deaerated by freeze-thawing, were studied in flat quartz cells at -28°C under argon. ESR spectra of solids were measured on a Bruker ER 220D SR at about 9.5 GHz at ambient temperature. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 281 spectrophotometer.

Hydrocarbon products were analyzed on a Varian 3700 FID gas chromatograph equipped with a $1/8'' \times 6'$ 5% OV 101 column. Other organic products were analyzed on a Varian 1700 TCD gas chromatograph using a $1/4'' \times 15'$ 10% DC550 column. Electrochemical experiments were carried out on a Princeton Applied Research model 173 potentiostat and model 175 universal programmer. Cyclic voltammograms were obtained using a platinum disc working

electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode, and a saturated (NaCl) calomel (SSCE) reference electrode. The solutions contained approximately 1×10^{-3} M complex and 0.1 M $[(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{N}]\text{BF}_4$ supporting electrolyte; the scan rate was 20 mV/s.

Synthesis and Reactions

Reduction and oxidization

Synthesis of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{L})$ by NaOR reduction A 0.035 g (0.66 mmol) sample of NaOMe was suspended in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 under an N_2 atmosphere. Subsequently, 0.10 g (0.13 mmol) of $[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)]\text{PF}_6$ was added to the solution. The green mixture was stirred for 30 min. at room temperature. The solution had then become red-brown and was evaporated at 25°C under vacuum; the residue was extracted twice with 15 mL of diethyl ether. The solution was filtered through Celite under nitrogen pressure. Pentane (10 mL) was added to the purple ether solution which was then chilled to -20°C in a CCl_4 -dry ice bath overnight. Analytically pure purple crystals of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$ were obtained (0.025 g, 31%). Anal. Calcd: C, 44.62; H, 3.23; N, 4.52. Found: C, 44.57; H, 3.29; N, 4.58.

The other complexes $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{PR}_3)$ were prepared by the same method in similar yields, and were characterized by their IR spectra (Table 2). The $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{PR}_3)$ complexes are very sensitive to air and should be stored under argon at -20°C .

A procedure similar to that used in the NaOMe reaction was also used for the other alkoxide (NaOCH₂Ph, NaOEt, NaOCMe₃ and NaOCH(CH₃)₂) reduction reactions.

Reduction of [CpW(NO)₂(L)]PF₆ with N₂H₄·H₂O A 0.10 g (0.13 mmol) sample of [CpW(NO)₂(P(OPh)₃)]PF₆ was dissolved in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ under an N₂ atmosphere. Subsequently, 17.5 μL (0.66 mmol) of N₂H₄·H₂O (64% in H₂O) was injected through a rubber septum into the CH₂Cl₂ solution. The greenish solution turned red within 1 min., and the solvent was removed under vacuum. Using the same work-up employed in the previous synthesis, 0.053 g (65%) of 11a was obtained. Complexes 11b and 11c were also obtained in good yields utilizing this method (50-60%).

Reduction of [CpW(NO)₂(P(OPh)₃)]PF₆ with NaOH To a suspension of crushed NaOH (0.40 g, 10 mmol) in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ under an N₂ atmosphere was added 0.20 g (0.26 mmol) of [CpW(NO)₂(P(OPh)₃)]PF₆ and 0.1 mL of degassed water. The mixture was allowed to react at room temperature for 30 min. Following the work-up procedure described for the NaOR reduction, 0.042 g (26%) of CpW(NO)₂(P(OPh)₃) was isolated.

Reduction of [CpW(NO)₂(P(OPh)₃)]PF₆ with Zn Zinc dust (0.20 g, 3.1 mmol) was added to a solution of [CpW(NO)₂(P(OPh)₃)]PF₆ (0.05 g, 0.07 mmol) in 5 mL of THF. After stirring the mixture at room temperature for 30 min, CpW(NO)₂(P(OPh)₃) was isolated as given in the NaOR reduction procedure in 24% (0.01 g) yield.

Reduction of $[\text{Cp}(\text{NO})_2\text{W}(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)]\text{PF}_6$ with $\text{PPN}[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]$

$\text{PPN}[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]$ (0.05g, 0.07 mmol) was added to a solution of $[\text{Cp}(\text{NO})_2\text{W}(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)]\text{PF}_6$ (0.05g, 0.07 mmol) in 5 ml THF. A purple solution was obtained instantly. The solvent was distilled into a liquid- N_2 trap and found to contain $\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3\text{NO}$ (vide infra). The remaining purple solid was extracted with Et_2O to give a mixture of $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})_2\text{W}(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$ and an orange product. The orange product, which could not be separated from the radical was identified by its ^{31}P NMR and IR spectra to be $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{CO})\text{W}(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$, which was synthesized independently in refluxing toluene solution of $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})\text{W}(\text{CO})_2$ and $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$.¹²

IR(CH_2Cl_2) of $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{CO})\text{W}(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$: 1926(s, v(CO)), 1623(s, v(NO))

$^{31}\text{P}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 154.82 (J_{WP} = 716.9)

Reaction of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$, 11a, with $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}]\text{BF}_4$ A 0.027 g (0.044 mmol) sample of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$ was dissolved in 2 mL of CH_2Cl_2 under an N_2 atmosphere, and 0.015 g (0.046 mmol) of $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}]\text{BF}_4$ was added. The purple solution turned green immediately. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the green residue was extracted with 6 mL of diethyl ether. The extract was filtered through a glass fiber filter, and the solvent was slowly evaporated from the filtrate in air; a white precipitate was obtained. The

solid was washed with acetone and dried under vacuum, leaving 0.002 g (13%) of $\text{Ph}_3\text{COOCPh}_3$ which was identified by its melting point¹³ and mass spectrum. The green residue was redissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and was identified as Ia (88%) by the positions and intensities of its $\nu(\text{NO})$ IR absorptions.

Reaction of Ia with HSO_3CF_3 A 0.03 g (0.05 mmol) sample of Ia was dissolved in 2 mL of CH_2Cl_2 under N_2 , and 4.4 μL (0.071 mmol) of HSO_3CF_3 was injected into the solution. A green solution was obtained immediately. It was diluted further with an additional 4 mL of CH_2Cl_2 ; Ia (75%) was identified in the infrared spectrum of the solution. The same procedure was employed in the reaction of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$ with $\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3\text{F}$. The $\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3\text{F}$ reaction was complete within 1 min., and Ia (70%) was identified in solution by IR; the gas phase analyzed by GC contained ethane.

Reaction of Ia with AgBF_4 A 0.03 g (0.05 mmol) sample of Ia was dissolved in 2 mL of CH_2Cl_2 under N_2 , and 0.01 g (0.05 mmol) of AgBF_4 was added to the solution. The purple solution became green within 1 min. The resulting solution was analyzed by IR and contained Ia(80%).

Reaction of Ia with I_2 A 0.03 g (0.05 mmol) sample of Ia was dissolved in 2 mL of CH_2Cl_2 under N_2 , and a small crystal of I_2 was added to the solution. The purple solution gradually turned green in a period of 15 min. Ia and $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2\text{I}$ were identified in the reaction mixture by their infrared spectra. Stirring the

solution for an additional 15 min resulted in the disappearance of 1a and the increase of $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{I}$ to about 75%.

X-Ray Data

Collection and refinement

Crystal data $\text{CpW(NO)}_2(\text{P(OPh)}_3)$, MW 618.58, monoclinic, $\text{P2}_1/\text{n}$, $a = 9.810(4)$, $b = 14.450(7)$, $c = 15.45(1)$ Å, $\beta = 91.04(5)^\circ$, $V = 2189.7$ Å³, $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.876$ g/cm³, $Z = 4$ and $\mu = 56.9$ cm⁻¹.

Data acquisition Automated Syntex P2_1 four-circle diffractometer; Mo K_α ($\lambda = 0.71069$ Å); ω -scan; 4170 reflections measured in almost 4 octants; $2\theta < 50^\circ$; Lorentz-polarization, absorption¹⁴ and decomposition corrections applied; 2581 reflections with $I \geq 3\sigma_I$ after averaging; agreement between equivalent reflections is 4%.

The title compound yielded purple plate-like crystals which were readily indexed using 12 independent reflections and an automatic indexing procedure¹⁵. Appreciable (approximately 10%) and accelerating decay was noted approximately midway through data collection; therefore, a second crystal was mounted and used for the latter part of data collection and the two data sets scaled to a common basis. The standard heavy atom technique was used for structural solution, and a combination of block matrix-full matrix least-squares refinement¹⁶ of all non-hydrogen atoms converged to conventional and weighted residuals of $R = 0.061$ and $R_w = 0.067$, respectively. The scattering factors¹⁷ were modified for anomalous dispersion effects¹⁸ and hydrogens were included but not

refined. The bond distances, angles (Table 1); atom positions (Appendix 1); thermal parameters (Appendix 2) and structural factors (Appendix 3) are listed.

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The same purple compound is isolated from reactions of Ia with PhCH_2O^- , i-PrO^- , t-BuO^- , EtO^- , and OH^- . The mechanism of these reductions is not known, but the alkoxide may act as a one-electron donor giving $\text{RO}\cdot$ as the initial product. Subsequently, the β -H or alkyl group of $\text{RO}\cdot$ could be lost or abstracted by another $\text{RO}\cdot$ to give the corresponding aldehyde or ketone and alcohol¹⁹. In support of this possibility is the GC detection of PhCHO and PhCH_2OH as products of the reaction of Ia with PhCH_2O^- . The complexes, $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{PPh}_3)^+$, Ib, and $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3)^+$, Ic, are also reduced to give similar yields of IIb and IIc, but these products are much less stable thermally and to air than IIa. Due to their instability, they were only characterized by their spectra and electrochemistry.

A still better reducing agent is hydrazine hydrate, $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, which converts Ia to IIa in 65% yield. This is also the more effective reducing agent for the preparations of IIb and IIc. Powdered Zn reduces Ia, but the reaction is much slower (~ 30 min.) and decomposition of the product IIa greatly reduces the yield. Finally, $\text{PPN}(\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4)$ also reduces Ia to IIa; though, $\text{Co}(\text{CO})_3\text{NO}$ and $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$ are also produced (Eqn. 4).

Structure of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$ Although the spectroscopic properties of the $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{L})$ compounds are consistent with a mononuclear complex, there was some question whether these 19-electron compounds might be dimers, especially in the solid state.

To examine this possibility, as well as to determine whether the added electron causes the expected linear NO in $\text{CpW(NO)}_2(\text{L})^+$ to bend in the neutral complex, an X-ray structural investigation of $\text{CpW(NO)}_2(\text{P(OPh)}_3)$, 11a, was performed.

As shown in the ORTEP drawing (Fig. 1) of 11a, the complex is clearly mononuclear with a 3-legged piano-stool structure. There are no unusually short distances between molecules which would suggest intermolecular interactions. Bond distances and angles are given in Table 1. Within experimental error, the W-C cyclopentadienyl distances are equal, and the C-C distances in the ring are equal within approximately 3 standard deviations, yet the $\text{C}_{23}\text{-C}_{19}$ distance (1.46Å) is somewhat longer than the average (1.40Å). Both the W-C and C-C distances of the Cp ring in 11a are comparable to those in the 18-electron complex $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$.²⁰

If one assumes that the 18-electron $\text{CpW(NO)}_2(\text{P(OPh)}_3)^+$ complex has a structure very similar to that of structurally characterized $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$, then any deviation in the structure of 11a from $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$ might be attributed to effects of the extra electron in 11a. The major differences between 11a and $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$ occur in the distances and angles associated with the NO ligands; these are shown in Fig. 2. There is much discussion in the literature^{2-7,21} about the influence of electron density on M-N-O bond angles in metal nitrosyl complexes. In some systems, additional electron-density provided to the complex causes a linear M-N-O bond to

Table 1. Interatomic distances (\AA) and bond angles and their estimated standard deviations (in parentheses) for $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{P(OPh)}_3$

A. Bond distances

W-P	2.386(4)	O2-O7	1.41(1)
W-N1	1.78(1)	O3-C13	1.39(1)
W-N2	1.80(1)	C1-C2	1.39(2)
W-C19	2.30(2)	C2-C3	1.37(3)
W-C20	2.32(2)	C3-C4	1.37(3)
W-C21	2.33(2)	C4-C5	1.39(3)
W-C22	2.34(1)	C5-C6	1.37(2)
W-C23	2.32(2)	C6-C1	1.37(2)
N1-O4	1.22(2)	C7-C8	1.36(2)
N2-O5	1.20(2)	C8-C9	1.39(2)
P-O1	1.58(1)	C9-C10	1.36(2)
P-O2	1.59(1)	C10-C11	1.41(2)
P-O3	1.58(1)	C11-C12	1.41(2)
C19-C20	1.35(3)	C12-C7	1.35(2)
C20-C21	1.38(3)	C13-C14	1.41(2)
C21-C22	1.39(3)	C14-C15	1.46(2)
C22-C23	1.41(2)	C15-C16	1.40(3)
C23-C19	1.46(3)	C16-C17	1.33(3)
O1-C1	1.43(2)	C17-C18	1.43(2)
		C18-C13	1.33(2)

Table 1. continued

B. Bond angles

W-N1-O4	174.9(1.2)	O2-C7-C12	117(1)
W-N2-O5	165.7(1.3)	C7-C8-C9	119(1)
N1-W-N2	102.7(6)	C8-C9-C10	119(1)
P-W-N1	89.0(4)	C9-C10-C11	121(1)
P-W-N2	91.0(5)	C10-C11-C12	117(1)
W-P-O1	119.0(4)	C11-C12-C7	119(1)
W-P-O2	119.4(4)	C12-C7-C8	123(1)
W-P-O3	113.7(4)	O3-C13-C14	114(1)
O1-P-O3	104.0(6)	O3-C13-C18	120(1)
O1-P-O2	98.2(6)	C13-C14-C15	116(1)
O2-P-O3	99.2(6)	C14-C15-C16	117(1)
O1-C1-C6	120(1)	C15-C16-C17	121(1)
O1-C1-C2	117(1)	C16-C17-C18	122(1)
C1-C2-C3	118(1)	C17-C18-C13	116(1)
C2-C3-C4	120(1)	C18-C13-C14	124(1)
C3-C4-C5	118(1)	C19-C20-C21	111(2)
C4-C5-C6	121(1)	C20-C21-C22	105(1)
C5-C6-C1	118(1)	C21-C22-C23	111(1)
C6-C1-C2	121(1)	C22-C23-C19	103(1)
O2-C7-C8	119(1)	C23-C19-C20	108(1)

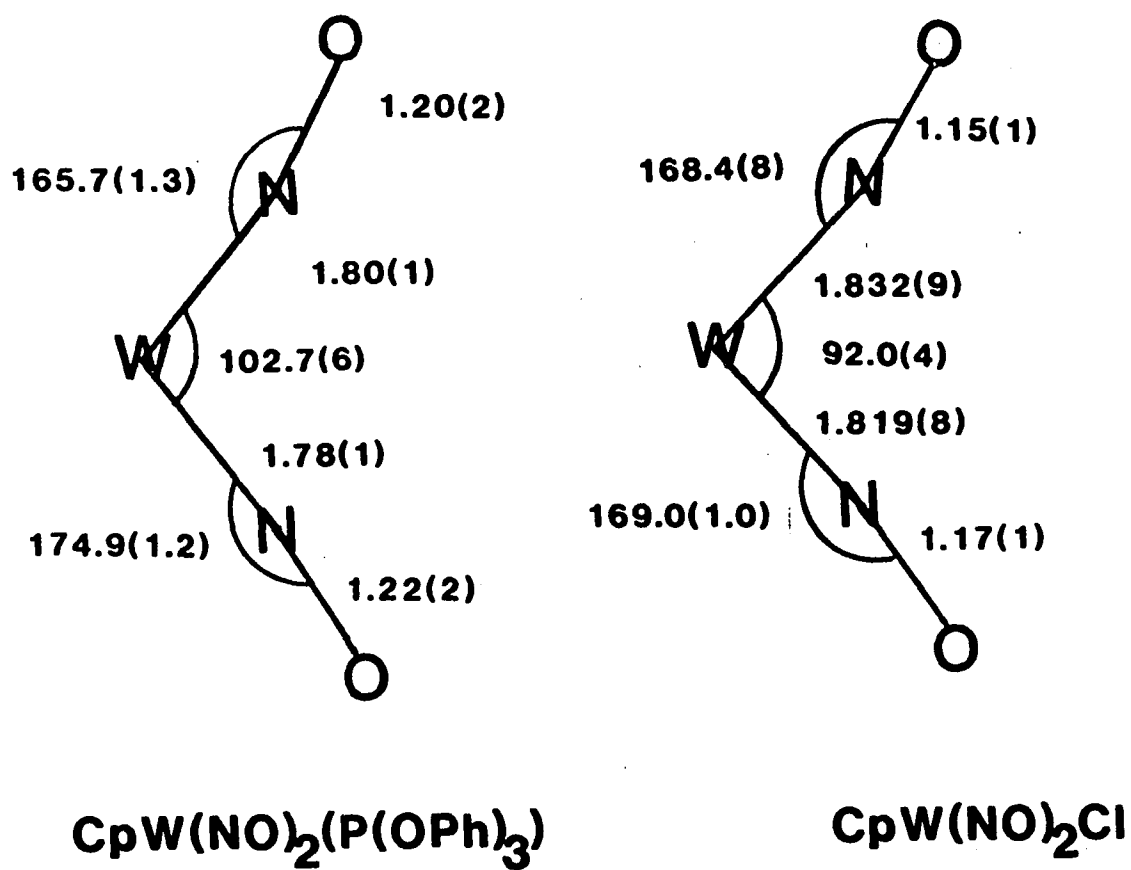


Figure 2. Bond distances and angles associated with the NO groups in $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$ and $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2\text{Cl}$

become bent, even up to 120° . As seen in Figure 2, there is little difference in the average W-N-O bond angles between $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$ (168.7° average) and $\text{CpW(NO)}_2(\text{P(OPh)}_3)$ (170.3° average), although there is a greater variation between the two angles in 11a than in $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$. Differences appear more evident in the W-N-O distances, although standard deviations are too large to prevent their unequivocal interpretation. In the 19-electron 11a, the W-N distances (1.79 \AA average) are shorter than those in $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$ (1.825 \AA average), while the N-O distances in 11a (1.21 \AA average) are longer than in $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$ (1.16 \AA average). The major difference in structure is the substantially larger N-W-N angle in 11a (102.7°) as compared to that in $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$ (92.0°).

These structural differences in the 18- and 19-electron complexes may be readily understood in terms of a recent molecular orbital calculation²² for complexes of the type, $\text{CpM(NO)}_2\text{X}$, where $\text{M}=\text{Cr, W}$ and $\text{X}=\text{Cl, Br, I}$. The lowest unoccupied MO ($13a''$ in Fig. 2 of reference 22) of $\text{CpCr(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$, which is separated from higher energy MOs and would accept the 19th electron, has 89% NO 2π character and is antibonding between the two NO ligands and antibonding between the N and O atoms of each NO ligand²³. Thus, occupation of this level would lead to an increase in the N-W-N bond angle and an increase in the N-O bond distances, which are the observed major structural differences between 11a and $\text{CpW(NO)}_2\text{Cl}$. Although $13a''$ is 89% NO 2π character²³, the

lengthening of the NO bond distance lowers the energy of the 2π orbital, thereby increasing the W-N π -bonding. This effect is reflected in the shorter W-N bond distance.

Infrared and ESR spectra and electrochemistry of the
CpW(NO)₂(L) complexes The $\nu(\text{NO})$ frequencies in the infrared region of Ia (1788, 1712 cm^{-1}) are 160-175 cm^{-1} higher than those (1613, 1553 cm^{-1}) in the 19-electron reduced complex IIa. Similar changes in $\nu(\text{NO})$ values in complexes Ib and Ic are also observed (Table 2). These decreases of $\nu(\text{NO})$ values upon one-electron reduction are substantially larger than those observed (50 cm^{-1}) in the pair $\text{Fe}(\text{NO})(\text{das})_2^{+2}$ (1760 cm^{-1}) and $\text{Fe}(\text{NO})(\text{das})_2^+$ (1710 cm^{-1}), which are 17- and 18-electron species, respectively (das = *o*-phenylenebis dimethylarsine)²⁴. Much larger decreases ($\sim 300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) in $\nu(\text{NO})$ are observed upon reduction of 18-electron complexes such as $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2(\text{NO})\text{Cl}^{2+}$ (1940 cm^{-1}) to 19-electron $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2(\text{NO})\text{Cl}^+$ (1640 cm^{-1}).^{25,26} These IR and other studies were interpreted to indicate that the additional electron in the 19-electron ruthenium complex is primarily localized on the NO group. In the present CpW(NO)₂(L) complexes, the 160-175 cm^{-1} shift in $\nu(\text{NO})$ suggests that the additional electron is substantially on the two NO ligands, as was also inferred from the X-ray structural results.

ESR spectra of IIa and IIb in acetone solution at -28°C show a ten-line pattern with approximate peak intensities of 1:1:2:2:3:3:2:2:1:1: (Fig. 3). This pattern results from hyperfine

Table 2. IR and ESR data for I and II

Complex	$\nu(\text{NO})^{\text{a}}, \text{CM}^{-1}$	EPR data ^b
$[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)]\text{PF}_6$	1788(s), 1712(vs)	
$\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$	1613(s), 1553(s)	$a_{\text{N}} = 7.0 \text{ g}, a_{\text{P}} = 5.0 \text{ g}^{\text{c}}$
$[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{Ph})_3)]\text{PF}_6$	1770(vs), 1690(s)	
$\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{Ph})_3)$	1595(s), 1526(vs)	$a_{\text{N}} = 7.0 \text{ g}, a_{\text{P}} = 4.4 \text{ g}^{\text{c}}$
$[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OCH}_3)_3)]\text{PF}_6$	1777(s), 1702(vs)	
$\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2\text{P}(\text{OCH}_3)_3$	1605(s), 1533(vs)	- ^d

^aSolvent is CH_2Cl_2 .

^bSolvent is acetone, temperature is -28°C .

^cThe g value is 2.02, obtained at room temperature in the solid state with DPPH as the internal reference.

^dDecomposed too rapidly for ESR measurement.

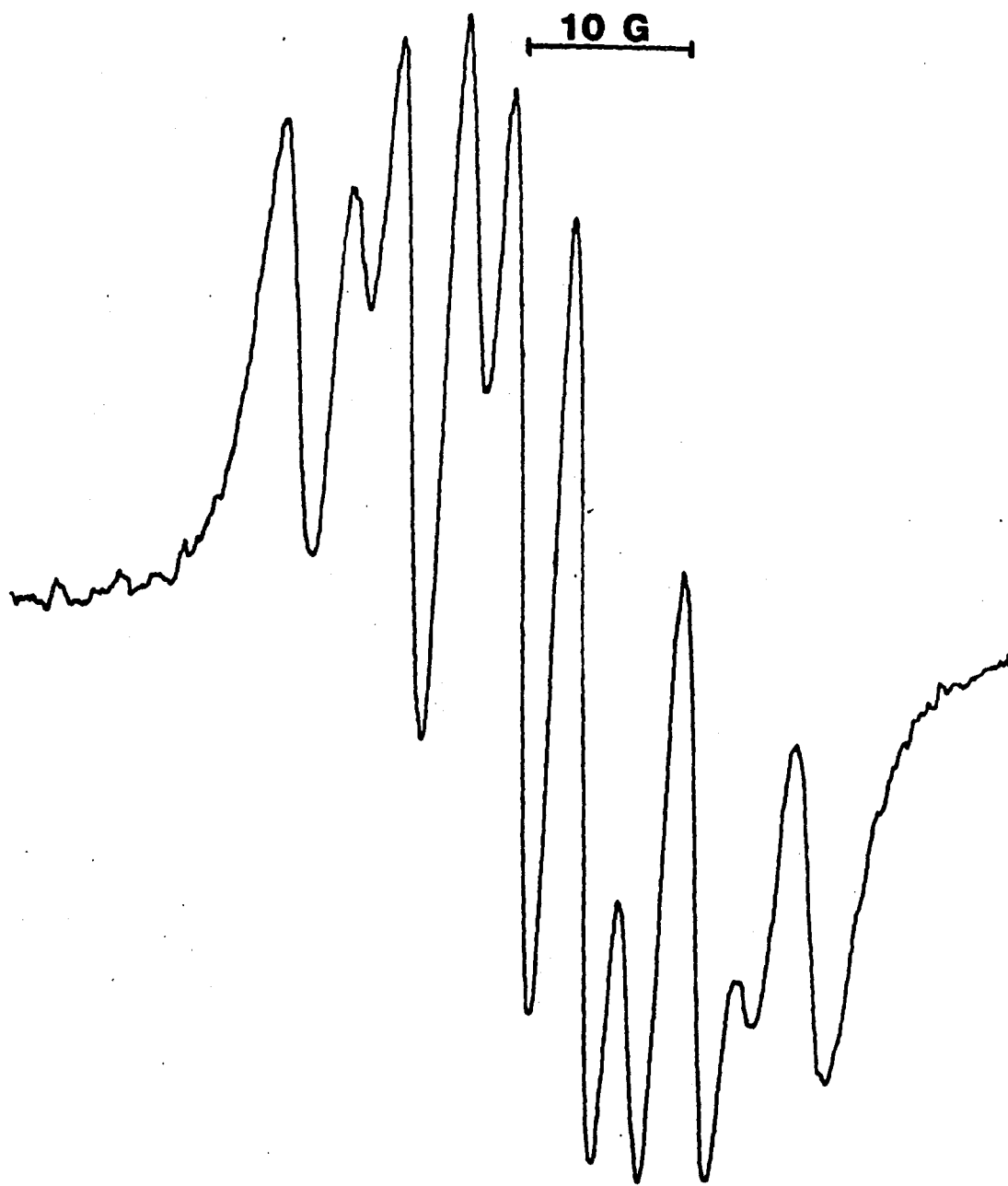


Figure 3. ESR Spectrum of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{PPh}_3)$ in acetone at -28°C

Table 3. Reduction potentials for the $[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2\text{L}]\text{PF}_6$ complexes^a

Complexes ^b	$E_{1/2}(1), \text{V}$	$E_{1/2}(2), \text{V}$
$[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)]\text{PF}_6$	-0.09	-1.58
$[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OCH}_3)_3)]\text{PF}_6$	-0.16	-1.60
$[\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{Ph})_3)]\text{PF}_6$	-0.18	-1.68

^aCarried out in CH_2Cl_2 (0.1 M $[\text{Bu}_4\text{N}]\text{BF}_4$) solution using a scan rate of 20 mV/s. The potentials are measured against a SSCE reference electrode.

^bConcentrations of the complexes are $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{M}$.

coupling of the unpaired electron with the two equivalent $^{14}\text{N}(I=1)$ and $^{31}\text{P}(I=1/2)$ nuclei. Coupling constants to ^{14}N are 7.0 g in both 11a and 11b; the coupling constant to ^{31}P is 5.0 g in 11a and 4.4 g in 11b. Both compounds in the solid state have g values of 2.02 (Table 2).

ESR spectra of two other 19-electron dinitrosyl species, $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2(\text{NO})_2^-$ and $\text{Co}(\text{NO})_2(\text{CO})_2$,^{27,28} generated in situ by irradiation, were interpreted to indicate that the unpaired electron is largely confined to the NO ligands. It appears therefore that the addition of another electron to an 18-electron dinitrosyl complex occurs predominantly into the NO ligands.

Reduction potentials of the $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{L})^+$ complexes in CH_2Cl_2 solution were determined by cyclic voltammetry (Table 3). All complexes undergo reduction in two steps. The first wave is quasi-reversible and occurs at -0.09 to -0.18V. The small potentials for these reductions account for the easy chemical reductions of I to II. The second wave is non-reversible showing no corresponding oxidation peak on the reverse scan (Figure 4). Although the product of the second reduction step is not clear, a possible species is the 20-electron anion $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{L})^-$. An attempt to prepare this anion of 11a in THF solution was made by reduction of 11a with 3% sodium-amalgam. This reaction yielded only a clear solution which showed no $\nu(\text{NO})$ absorptions. Both the first and second reduction

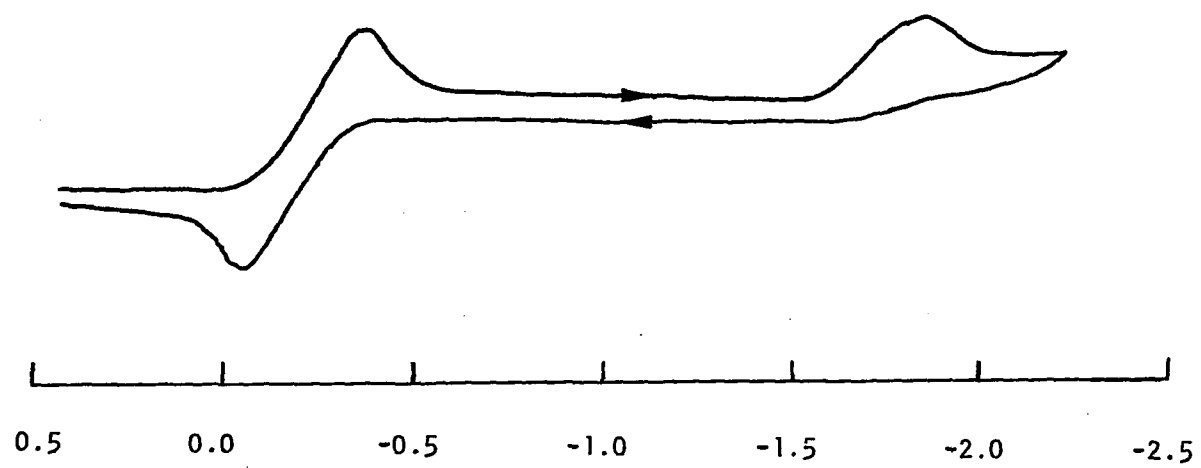
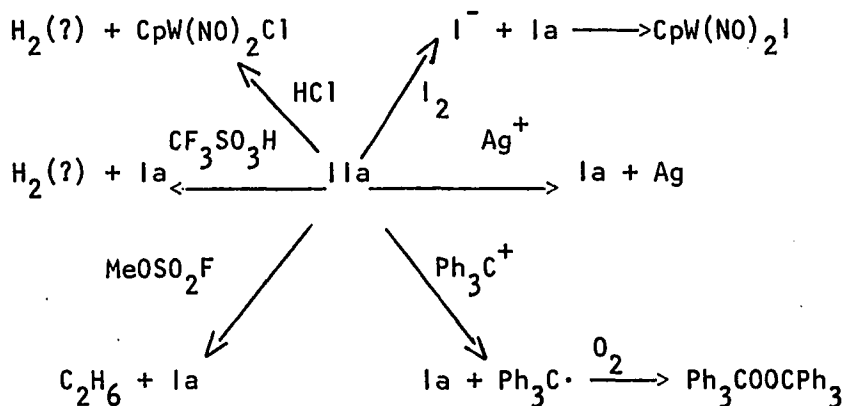


Figure 4. Cyclic voltammogram of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{PPh}_3)$ in CH_2Cl_2

potentials become more negative with changes in L in the order: $P(OPh)_3 > P(OMe)_3 > PPh_3$. This is also the order of decreasing Π -acceptor/ σ -donor ratios for these ligands, which is consistent with the most strongly electron-withdrawing phosphorus ligands giving the most easily reduced species.

Reactions of $CpW(NO)_2(P(OPh)_3)_2$ The $CpW(NO)_2(P(OPh)_3)_2$ complex (IIa) is easily oxidized to the cation $CpW(NO)_2(P(OPh)_3)_2^+$ (Ia) by a variety of oxidizing agents:



The purple CH_2Cl_2 solution of IIa becomes the characteristic green of Ia within one minute upon treatment with $AgBF_4$. Oxidation of IIa by $Ph_3C^+BF_4^-$ occurs immediately; the organic product, $Ph_3COOCPh_3$, is isolated in 13% yield, presumably formed from $Ph_3C \cdot$ during work up of the reaction mixture in air¹³.

The reaction of Ila with $\text{CH}_3\text{OSO}_2\text{F}$ is complete within one minute and yields Ia and the reduction product ethane, which was detected by gas chromatography. An immediate reaction occurs between Ila and $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ to give 75% Ia; the other product is presumably H_2 . When HCl gas is slowly bubbled into a CH_2Cl_2 solution of Ila, $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2\text{Cl}$ is the only NO-containing product identified by IR in the reaction solution. The formation of $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2\text{Cl}$ presumably occurs by Cl^- substitution of $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$ in Ia generated by acid oxidation. When I_2 is added to a CH_2Cl_2 solution of Ila, the purple solution gradually turns green over a 15 minute period; at this stage both Ia and $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2\text{I}$ are present. On standing 15 additional minutes, only $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2\text{I}$ is present in 75% yield; presumably Ia is converted to the iodo complex by substitution of the $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$ in Ia.

To examine the possibility that the $\text{CpW}(\text{NO})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$ radical initiates the polymerization of styrene, Ila was added to a CH_2Cl_2 solution of styrene; no reaction occurred.

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APPENDIX 1. FINAL POSITIONAL PARAMETERS AND THEIR
ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS (IN PARENTHESES)^a FOR $C_p(NO)_2WP(OPh)_3$

Atom	X	Y	Z
W	0.5938(0)	0.3837(0)	0.5978(0)
P	0.2921(4)	0.7621(2)	0.3960(2)
O1	0.3164(11)	0.8282(7)	0.3157(6)
O2	0.1291(11)	0.7650(7)	0.3953(6)
O3	0.3220(12)	0.8259(7)	0.4775(7)
O4	0.6328(14)	0.7000(8)	0.5099(9)
O5	0.2052(15)	0.5200(10)	0.5199(9)
N1	0.5362(14)	0.6679(8)	0.4685(9)
N2	0.2875(18)	0.5739(10)	0.4803(9)
C1	0.4383(17)	0.8242(9)	0.2662(11)
C2	0.4243(21)	0.8155(12)	0.1765(11)
C3	0.5399(25)	0.8104(13)	0.1275(11)
C4	0.6675(22)	0.8174(14)	0.1657(14)
C5	0.6779(21)	0.8291(13)	0.2555(14)
C6	0.5642(19)	0.8314(11)	0.3064(12)
C7	0.0543(14)	0.7092(10)	0.3363(10)
C8	0.0393(19)	0.7370(12)	0.2526(11)
C9	-0.0287(20)	0.6794(14)	0.1938(12)

^aPositional parameters are listed in fractional unit cell coordinates.

Atom	X	Y	Z
C10	-0.0801(20)	0.5967(14)	0.2214(12)
C11	-0.0697(21)	0.5700(14)	0.3091(12)
C12	0.0067(16)	0.6276(12)	0.3659(10)
C13	0.2731(17)	0.9155(10)	0.4898(10)
C14	0.1688(19)	0.9229(11)	0.5513(12)
C15	0.1206(24)	1.0162(16)	0.5711(12)
C16	0.1832(25)	1.0907(12)	0.5298(14)
C17	0.2806(25)	1.0774(12)	0.4716(14)
C18	0.3333(21)	0.9873(12)	0.4515(12)
C19	0.4420(29)	0.4713(14)	0.3443(12)
C20	0.5555(25)	0.5213(17)	0.3283(15)
C21	0.5261(26)	0.5952(14)	0.2741(14)
C22	0.3876(23)	0.5877(13)	0.2528(10)
C23	0.3275(22)	0.5132(15)	0.2972(14)

Atom	X	Y	Z
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H ₅	0.7751	0.8354	0.2865
H ₆	0.5735	0.8406	0.3758
H ₈	0.0789	0.8002	0.2309
H ₉	-0.0402	0.6995	0.1287
H ₁₀	-0.1329	0.5535	0.1777
H ₁₁	-0.1094	0.5068	0.3308
H ₁₂	0.0182	0.6075	0.4309
H ₁₄	0.1242	0.8657	0.5816
H ₁₅	0.0427	1.103	0.6160
H ₁₆	0.1477	1.116	0.5446
H ₁₇	0.3252	1.113	0.4413
H ₁₈	0.4111	0.9780	0.4065
H ₁₉	0.4350	0.4152	0.3863
H ₂₀	0.6544	0.5061	0.3514
H ₂₁	0.5971	0.6437	0.2519
H ₂₂	0.3335	0.6356	0.2113
H ₂₃	0.2248	0.4899	0.2944

APPENDIX 2. FINAL THERMAL PARAMETERS ($\times 10^{-4}$) AND THEIR
ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS (IN PARENTHESES)
FOR $Cp(NO)_2WP(OPh)_3$

	B_{11}	B_{22}	B_{33}	B_{12}	B_{13}	B_{23}
W	99(0)	25(0)	23(0)	0(0)	- 6(0)	0(0)
P	89(5)	26(2)	22(1)	- 3(2)	- 9(2)	- 1(1)
O1	97(15)	34(6)	34(5)	17(7)	-12(7)	6(4)
O2	109(15)	36(5)	29(4)	- 3(8)	1(7)	-11(4)
O3	121(17)	31(6)	35(5)	10(8)	-20(8)	- 3(4)
O4	139(20)	46(7)	76(9)	-16(10)	-49(11)	- 4(6)
O5	149(21)	75(10)	55(7)	-19(12)	6(10)	14(7)
N1	105(19)	22(6)	44(7)	- 8(9)	- 4(9)	1(5)
N2	157(23)	38(8)	28(6)	6(12)	- 5(10)	- 4(6)
C1	83(22)	16(7)	41(8)	5(10)	21(11)	7(6)
C2	150(30)	35(9)	32(8)	6(13)	-14(13)	3(7)
C3	196(36)	51(11)	28(8)	3(16)	24(15)	5(8)
C4	119(28)	51(12)	60(12)	17(15)	14(15)	0(9)
C5	112(28)	47(10)	53(11)	- 8(14)	0(14)	6(8)
C6	82(23)	30(9)	45(9)	- 1(11)	0(12)	3(7)
C7	37(17)	30(8)	44(8)	17(10)	3(9)	-12(6)
C8	136(27)	46(9)	31(8)	23(13)	-21(12)	6(7)
C9	103(26)	68(14)	35(9)	12(15)	- 9(12)	0(9)
C10	99(26)	80(15)	41(9)	- 2(15)	-23(12)	- 1(9)

	B_{11}	B_{22}	B_{33}	B_{12}	B_{13}	B_{23}
C11	140(30)	60(12)	46(10)	-24(16)	-22(14)	2(9)
C_{12}^a						
C13	63(21)	30(8)	34(7)	4(10)	-15(10)	-11(6)
C14	101(25)	28(8)	50(9)	19(11)	-18(13)	-11(7)
C15	193(38)	70(15)	35(9)	3(20)	-19(15)	-12(9)
C16	169(33)	28(10)	55(11)	8(14)	-29(16)	- 8(8)
C17	196(36)	34(9)	52(11)	-27(15)	- 3(17)	-11(8)
C18	159(30)	32(9)	51(10)	-11(14)	- 5(14)	-15(8)
C19	212(41)	48(12)	36(9)	34(20)	4(16)	- 2(8)
C20	127(32)	63(15)	59(13)	35(18)	-19(17)	- 5(12)
C21	188(37)	53(14)	51(11)	- 7(17)	7(16)	-24(10)
C22	158(32)	52(11)	24(7)	6(15)	2(12)	- 7(7)
C23	158(35)	71(14)	61(12)	-64(19)	32(17)	-37(11)

^aDid not refine anisotropically.

APPENDIX 3. STRUCTURAL
FACTORS FOR $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})_2\text{W}(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)$

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1 0 1232-1225	4 1 311 395	7 5 375 234	1 7 659 -629
3 0 1051-1057	7 1 456 544	2 6 617 -650	2 7 315 194
5 0 371 -308	3 2 818 859	4 6 567 -593	3 8 439 420
7 0 721 714	5 2 708 728	3 7 623 -682	2 9 358 373
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1 4 665 668	2 7 444 -418	1 1 432 -461	1 5 403 -353
3 4 1084 1140	4 7 611 -672	2 1 561 569	3 5 496 -552
7 4 470 -568	7 7 348 280	5 1 400 474	1 6 515 -505
9 4 387 -406	2 8 597 -607	1 2 783 826	1 8 346 -298
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1 6 341 350	2 10 439 -405	4 4 788 -848	2 1 470 498
3 6 310 269	3 10 555 548	1 5 331 241	3 1 342 -315
4 6 687 -701	5 10 516 480	2 5 460 -462	3 3 344 -408
6 6 657 -693	6 10 358 327	3 5 426 -457	1 4 440 -491
1 7 685 662	4 11 618 698	5 5 428 -516	2 5 368 -455
5 7 813 -768	2 12 551 529	0 6 363 360	
1 8 591 -596	1 13 638 626	1 6 670 -696	
3 8 609 -654		3 6 542 -574	
7 8 557 551	L = 15	2 7 645 -683	
2 9 810 -836	H K FO FC	4 8 442 464	
4 9 439 -442	1 -10 351 -322	1 9 391 -405	
3 10 484 -493	1 -7 343 325	3 9 332 365	

SECTION II. THE CHEMISTRY OF THIOMETHOXYL
AND AMINO SECONDARY CARBENE COMPLEXES OF IRON

INTRODUCTION

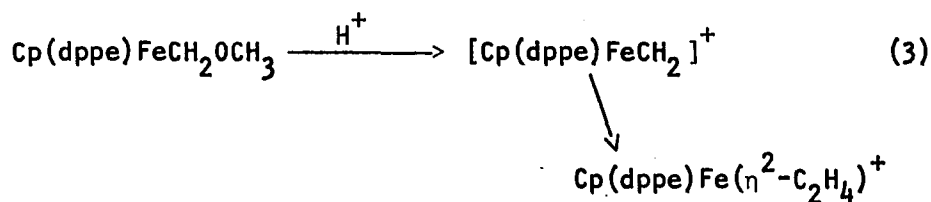
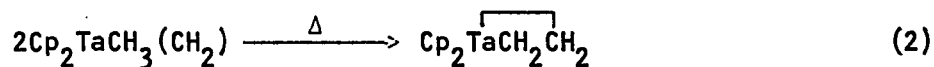
In view of the projected shortage of crude oil, which is currently the primary feed stock for various organic compounds, interest in the Fischer-Tropsch reaction as an alternative source of organics has revived. The Fischer-Tropsch reaction converts a mixture of H_2 and CO gases, when passed through a hot bed of catalyst, composed of transition metals on a solid support, under high pressure conditions, into hydrocarbons and oxygenated organic molecules (Eqn. 1).



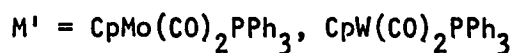
The mechanism(s) of this reaction remains elusive but most of the transformations are believed to take place on the activated metal surfaces; metal coordinated C^1 , CHO^2 , CH_2 , $CHOH^3$, CH_2OH are among the plausible transient species⁴⁻⁶. Current advances in the syntheses of these organometallic intermediates undoubtedly would shed some light on the mystery of this catalytic reaction.

Most recently, the chemistry of isolated primary carbene complexes has been explored. Schrock and coworkers showed that $Cp_2TaMe(CH_2)^7$ disproportionates thermally to give the metallacyclopropane (Eqn. 2). Brookhart et al.⁸, demonstrated that

CpdppeFeCH_2^+ , which only can be generated in-situ, transfers the methylene moiety to olefins affording cyclopropanated products (Eqn. 3).



Due to its inherently unstable nature, the iron complex decomposes to the η^2 olefin complex, $\text{Cp}(\text{dppe})\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)^+$ (Eqn. 3). The reaction turns out to be a general pathway for the decomposition of other methylene compounds. Thus, $\text{CpM}(\text{CO})_2(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)^+$ ($\text{M} = \text{W}, \text{Mo}$) is formed when the methylene complex is heated⁹ (Eqn. 4).



To enhance the stability of methylene complexes, CO ligands are commonly replaced with electron-donating ligands, such as tertiary phosphines. Alternatively, replacement of one of the

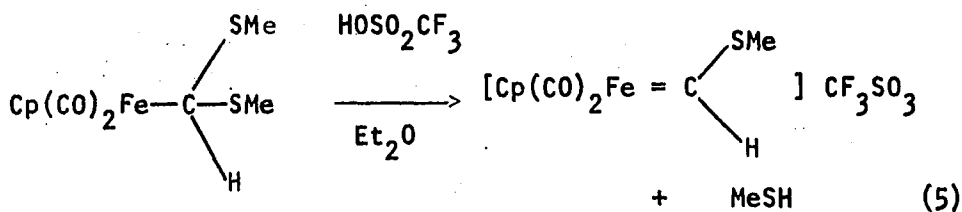
carbene hydrogen atoms with an electron-donating group results in a secondary carbene complex which is often strikingly more stable. Thus far, amino¹⁰⁻²², oxyl^{19,23-25}, thioalkoxyl^{19,26-28}, silyl²⁹⁻³¹, alkyl^{30,32-33,34-41} and aryl^{9,31,42-46} carbene complexes have been successfully produced. Collectively, the first three types are often referred to as Fischer-type carbenes whereas the latter three are denoted as alkylidene complexes.

Synthesis

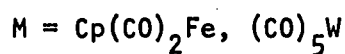
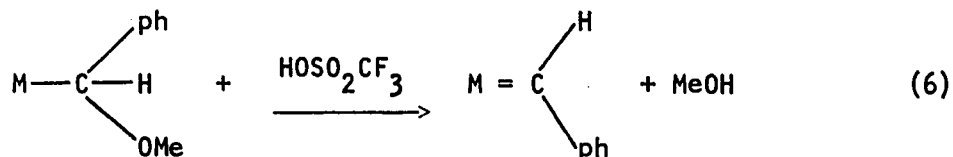
Methods for the preparations of secondary carbene complexes are very specific, and may be classified into five categories: acid-assisted elimination, base-assisted elimination, nucleophilic substitution, protonation and alkylation, and hydride addition.

Acid-assisted elimination

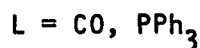
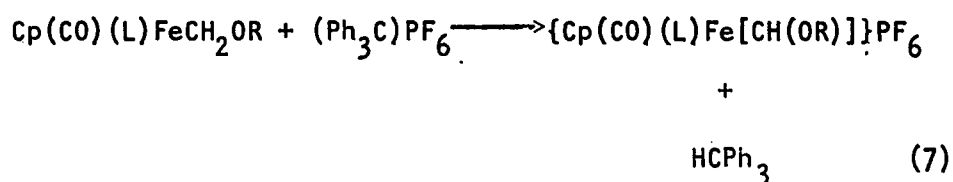
Bronsted and Lewis acid-promoted eliminations are the most common synthetic schemes for preparing secondary carbene compounds. McCormick and Angelici²⁷ utilized this method in preparing $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\}$ by expelling MeSH from $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCH}(\text{SMe})_2$ with $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ (Eqn. 5).



Similarly, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CHPh})^+$ ⁴⁵, $(\text{CO})_5\text{W}(\text{CHPh})$ ⁴³ and a few other benzylidene complexes were obtained from the reactions of acids with the corresponding metal ether precursors (Eqn. 6)

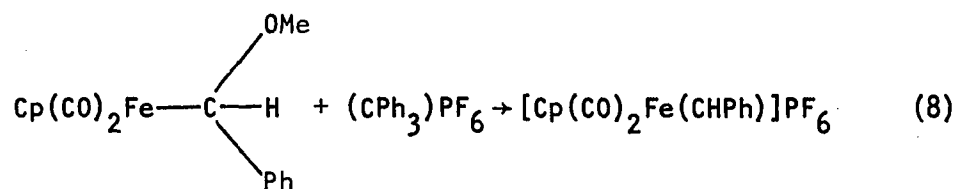


By far the most versatile, but often non-selective, lewis acid for this transformation is the trityl cation, Ph_3C^+ . This cation has been successfully employed in the preparation of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{OR})]^+$ ²⁴ by means of hydride abstraction from $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{FeCH}_2\text{OR}$ (Eqn. 7).



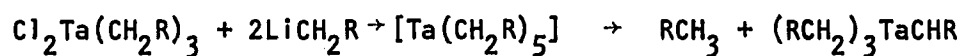
Likewise, $[\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Re}(\text{CHPh})]^+$ ⁴² was isolated from the reaction of the benzyl precursor with trityl cation. This reagent is not

limited to hydride removal; abstraction of methoxide ion from a metal ether complex also occurs under the proper conditions. Such process was observed in the reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{Ph})(\text{OMe})]$ and trityl, affording $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CHPh})]\text{PF}_6$ ⁴⁵ (Eqn. 8)



Base-assisted elimination

Elimination with base is a relatively rare reaction in organometallic chemistry. A few Ta and Nb neopentyl complexes have been observed to undergo α -proton elimination in the presence of a Grignard reagent. Schrock et al., accidentally prepared $((\text{Me})_3\text{CCH}_2)_3\text{TaCHC}(\text{Me})_3$ ⁷ by reacting $\text{Cl}_2\text{Ta}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{Me}_3))_3$ with $\text{LiCH}_2\text{CMe}_3$. Presumably, the reaction proceeded through the pentaneopentyl tantalum complex; α -hydrogen abstraction from one of the ligands afforded the observed secondary carbene (Eqn. 9).



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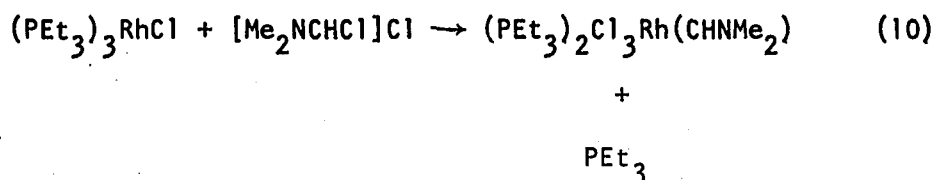
R = t-Bu

It was suggested that the high acidity of the α -hydrogen is facilitated by steric crowding about the metal. Since this initial success, series of Nb and Ta alkylidenes have been synthesized in a similar fashion⁴⁰.

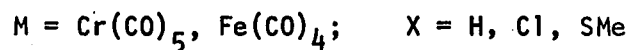
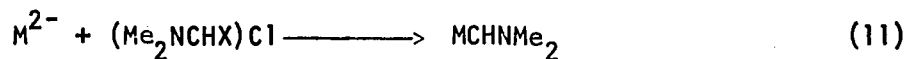
Nucleophilic substitution

A number of amino hydrido carbenes have been obtained from the reaction of iminyl chloride with organometallic nucleophiles.

Lappert et al., showed that the oxidative addition of N,N dimethylchloromethyl enamine chloride, $(\text{Me}_2\text{NCHCl})\text{Cl}$, to $(\text{PEt}_3)_3\text{RhCl}$ resulted in the formation of $(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{RhCl}_3(\text{CHNMe}_2)$ ¹³. Analogously, other Rh¹², Pt¹³, Ru¹⁴ and Ir¹⁴ secondary amino carbene complexes have been prepared (Eqn. 10).



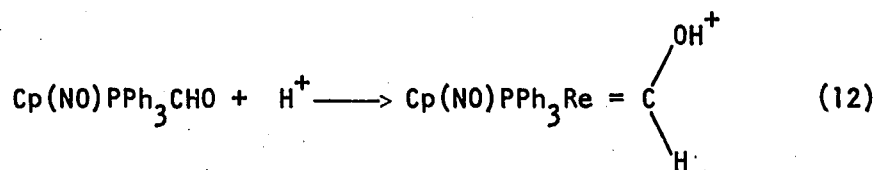
The metal carbonyl anions, $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_5^{2-}$ and $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4^{2-}$ ^{10,14}, also react with the iminium chloride to yield amino carbenes (Eqn. 11). Secondary carbene complexes of Mn, Re, V, Cr, Mo, W, Co have been synthesized by this method¹⁴.



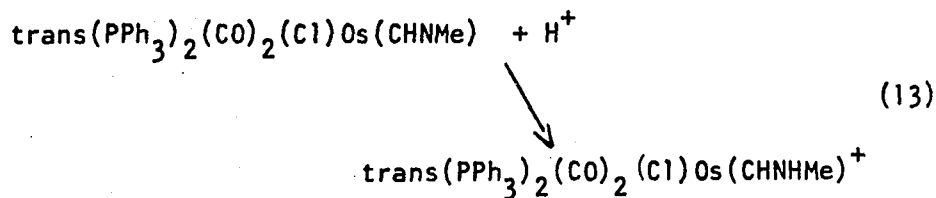
Despite these successes in generating secondary amino carbenes, this novel method has not been extended to the preparations of other classes of carbenes.

Protonation and alkylation

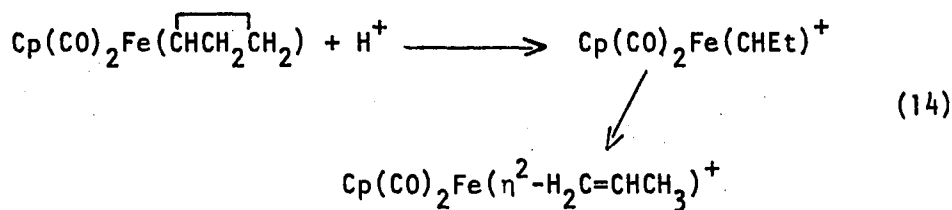
Conversion of metalacyls to the analogous carbene complexes simply by alkylation marked a milestone in organometallic chemistry⁴⁷⁻⁴⁸. Due to the instability of $M[C(OH)R]$, the parallel protonation reaction is rarely cited⁴⁷⁻⁴⁸. Gladysz et al., showed that $Cp(NO)PPh_3Re[CH(OH)]^+ 23$ may be prepared by the protonation of the formyl complex (Eqn. 12)



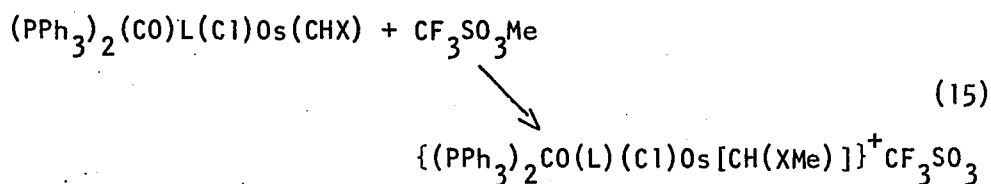
Similarly, a number of iminoyl formyls (Rh¹⁵⁻¹⁶, Os¹⁹, Pt^{11,18}), accept a proton to give carbenes as indicated in Eqn. 13.



Protonation of an η^1 -cyclopropyl metal complex produced an ethyl secondary carbene compound (Eqn. 14). However, this complex underwent facile hydrogen rearrangement to give the η^2 -propene derivative³⁴.



Collins and Roper¹⁹ found that a formyl complex, $(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})\text{L}(\text{Cl})\text{Os}(\text{CHO})$ when alkylated with $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{Me}$ yielded the corresponding air stable carbene compound $\{(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})\text{L}(\text{Cl})\text{Os}[\text{CH}(\text{OMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ (Eqn. 15).



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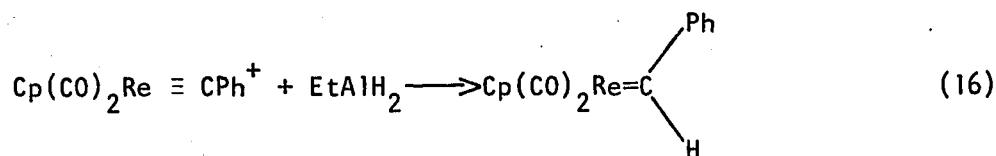
L = (p-tolyl)NC

Analogously, the first sulfur stabilized secondary carbene,

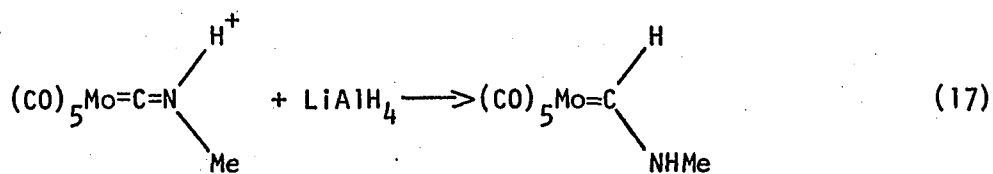
$\{(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})\text{L}(\text{Cl})\text{Os}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}^+\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ was obtained (Eqn. 15).

Hydride addition

Hydride attack on metal-coordinated carbynes leading to the production of secondary alkyl carbene complexes was initially discovered by Fischer and Frank⁴⁶, thus, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{ReCPh}^+$ was reduced with EtAlH_2 to afford $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Re}(\text{CHPh})$ (Eqn. 16).

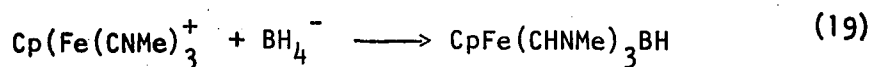
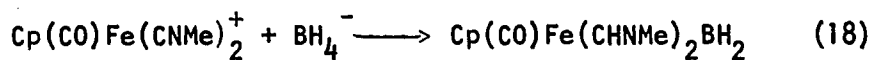


This α -hydride addition technique has also been successfully employed in the synthesis of an amino carbene²² (Eqn. 17).

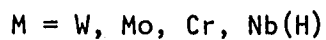
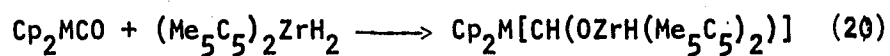


The above method is a useful technique for obtaining otherwise inaccessible secondary carbene complexes. However, the unavailability of suitable carbyne complexes has reduced the applicability of this approach.

In contrast to carbynes, isocyanide complexes are relatively abundant. Treichel et al.¹⁷ found that a number of di and tri-isocyanide compounds reacted with borohydride to give boro-heterocyclic metal carbene complexes (Eqns. 18 and 19).



Quite recently²⁵, metal carbonyls of group VI transition metals and Nb have been found to be susceptible to reduction with organometallic hydrides, giving oxo-carbene complexes (Eqn. 20).



Miscellaneous

A number of interesting secondary carbene preparations which do not fit into the previous discussions are summarized in Table I.

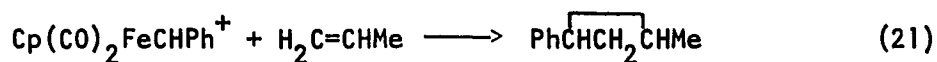
Table I. Other secondary carbene preparations

Reaction	Reference
$\text{Ta}(\text{CHR})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Cl}_3 + (\text{OR})_4\text{WO} \rightarrow \text{Ta}(\text{OR})_4\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2(\text{PEt}_3)_2(\text{O})\text{W}(\text{CHR})$ <p>R = t-Bu</p>	38
$[(\text{PPh}_3)_3\text{CIPtCH}_2\text{N}(\text{Me})_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{Me})_2]\text{Cl} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{Cl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3\text{PtCHN}(\text{Me})_2$	20
$(\text{Cp}(\text{NO})\text{PPh}_3\text{ReCH}_2)_2\text{SMe}^+ \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{Cp}(\text{NO})\text{PPh}_3\text{ReMe} + [\text{Cp}(\text{NO})\text{PPh}_3\text{ReCHSMe}]^+$	26
$\text{MCl}_6 + \text{LiCH}_2\text{SiMe}_3 \longrightarrow (\text{Me}_3\text{SiCH}_2)_3(\text{MCHSiMe}_3)^a$	29
$\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrMe}(\eta^2\text{MeCHO}) + \text{Cp}_2\text{WH}_2 \longrightarrow \text{Cp}_2\text{W}(\text{CHMe}) + \text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})(\text{Me})$	41
$\text{TPPFeCl}_2 + \text{PhSCHCl}_2 + \text{Fe}^0 \longrightarrow \text{TPPFe}(\text{CHSPh})$	28
$\text{CpRe}(\text{NO})\text{PPh}_3(\text{CH}_2\text{OMe}) + \text{Me}^+ \longrightarrow \text{CpRe}(\text{NO})\text{PPh}_3[\text{CH}(\text{OMe})]^+$	23
$\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_3\text{CH}_2\text{OMe} + \text{Ph}_3\text{C}^+ \longrightarrow \text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_3\text{Me} + \text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_3[\text{CH}(\text{OMe})]^+$	9

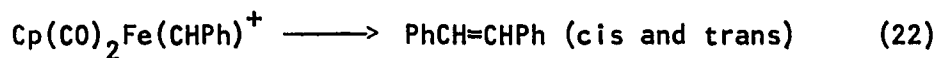
^aNot fully characterized.

Chemical Properties

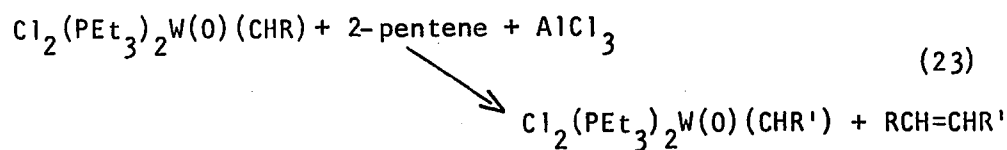
The chemistry of metal-coordinated carbon ligands is rich and varied. Most of the chemical reactivity studies are on alkyl carbene, alkylidene, complexes. By and large, alkylidenes undergo carbene ligand transfer to olefins to give cyclopropane products⁴⁹, as exemplified in the reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CHPh})^+$ and propene⁴⁵ (Eqn. 21).



Dimerization of carbene ligands leading to olefins is frequently observed^{43,45} (Eqn. 22).



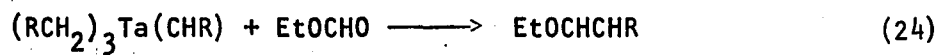
Similar reactions have also been found in methylidene complexes, although the conditions are milder than those in Eqns. 21 and 22 due to more favorable steric and electronic considerations. Such similarity has encouraged catalytic studies on alkylidenes. Several alkylidenes have been discovered to be catalytically active in promoting olefin metathesis^{38,40}. In this reaction, the olefin and carbene groups are presumed to unite to form a puckered metallocyclobutane intermediate⁴³, subsequent scission results in overall alkyl exchange³⁸ (Eqn. 23)



R=t-Bu

R'=Me, Et

Schrock found that the highly polarized metal carbene bond of $(\text{RCH}_2)_3\text{Ta}(\text{CHR})$ may be regarded as being similar to a Wittig reagent; as in the Wittig reaction, the carbene transfers to organic acyls under mild conditions, giving olefins in high yields⁴⁰ (Eqn. 24).



R = t-Bu

Intramolecular β -H migration is very common in alkylidene complexes. For instance, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CHEt})^{+34}$, generated in situ from $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\overline{\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2})$ and acid, undergoes a facile 1,2 shift to achieve the η^2 -propene complex (Eqn. 14). Likewise, other β -H

containing alkylidene complexes convert to their olefinic complexes upon heating^{32,41}.

Although the chemistry of heteroatom stabilized, Fischer-type, secondary carbenes has recently been explored, little is known. Hence, their chemical reactivities are deferred and will be discussed in the subsequent sections.

Spectroscopic Properties

The most commonly used analytical technique for elucidating carbene complex structure is ¹H NMR. The electron deficient C_{carb} causes the carbene hydrogen resonance to be at very low fields, ranging from 9 to 18 δ. Temperature dependent ¹H NMR studies also provide a means of estimating rotational barriers around the M-C_{carb} and C_{carb}-X bonds. Schrock⁴⁰ calculated the M-C rotational barrier in Cp₂Ta(CH₂Ph)(CHPh)⁺ to be about 19.2 kcal/mole, which is 1.8 kcal/mole lower than that of Cp₂Ta(Me)(CH₂)⁺, whose metal-C_{carb} bond is essentially a double bond based on an x-ray crystallographic study. The lower rotational barrier in Cp₂Ta(CH₂Ph)(CHPh)⁺ was interpreted as indicating an increase in C_{carb}-C_{ipso} double bonding at the expense of M-C bonding and is in accord with the x-ray data³¹. Brookhart et al.⁵⁰, noted that the rotational energy about the C_{carb}-C_{ipso} bond of Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(p-tolyl)]⁺ is estimated to be 1.3 kcal/mole higher than the phenyl analog by variable temperature ¹H NMR

experiments. This significant change was taken to indicate that the aryl π electrons are delocalized over the C_{carb} ; this results in an accumulation of cationic character on the ring and an increase in the $C_{\text{carb}}-C_{\text{ipso}}$ bond strength by means of π overlap. The extent of such electron redistribution chiefly depends on the electron donating abilities of para and ortho substituents of the aryl. Methyl is found to be more electron donating than hydrogen based on the pioneering works by Hammett in organic aryl systems⁵¹. Hence, the para-tolyl secondary carbene must have greater $C_{\text{carb}}-C_{\text{ipso}}$ double bond character than its phenyl counterpart.

Although the barriers for rotation in heteroatom-stabilized secondary carbenes have not yet been determined, the general consensus is that the $C_{\text{carb}}-X$ rotational barrier is expected to be substantially higher than that for the $C_{\text{carb}}-C$ rotation of in alkylidenes, due to more favorable X to C_{carb} π -backbonding. For example, the methyl resonances (syn and anti relative to the carbene hydrogen) in $\text{RhCl}_3(\text{PEt}_3)_2(\text{CHNMe}_2)$, figure 1, do not coalesce even at 150°C .¹² This suggests strong

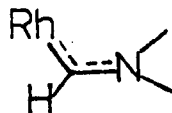


Figure 1. Structure of RhCHNMe_2

C-N π -bond character which is confirmed by an x-ray structural determination which shows the C-N bond to be significantly shorter than a typical C-N single bond.

^{13}C NMR is also a valuable technique for establishing the presence of a carbene ligand⁵². In general, the C_{carb} resonance of secondary carbene complexes occurs in the range of 190-350 PPM downfield from TMS. With few exceptions, Ta and Nb alkylidenes and Fischer-type carbenes appear below 300 PPM; they are also less electrophilic and less prone to decompose than those at low fields (300-350 PPM).

Structural and Bonding

Owing to the inherent instability of alkylidenes, few single crystal x-ray structural determinations of secondary carbene complexes have been described. Schrock⁴⁰ reported the Ta- C_{carb} distance in $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ta}(\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})(\text{CHPh})$ to be slightly longer than the full double bond found in $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ta}(\text{Me})(\text{CH}_2)$ and the Ta- $\text{C}_{\text{carb}}-\text{C}_{\text{ipso}}$ angle to open up 15° from the idealized sp^2 hybridized angle of 120° . More strikingly, the analogous bond in the 14-electron complex, $(\text{Me}_5\text{C}_5)\text{Ta}(\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})_2(\text{CHPh})$ ⁴⁴ is marginally longer than that in the carbyne, $(\text{Me}_5\text{C}_5)\text{Ta}(\text{PMe}_3)_2\text{Cl}(\text{CPh})$, and the Ta- $\text{C}_{\text{carb}}-\text{C}$ angle is 166° which amounts to being bent 5° from the analogous angle of the carbyne. Since the carbenic phenyl rings in both cited benzylidenes are twisted out of the Ta- $\text{C}_{\text{carb}}-\text{C}_{\text{ipso}}$ plane by as much

as 40° , p-p back bonding is virtually negligible; this is reflected in the observation of little or no shortening of the $C_{\text{carb}}-C_{\text{ipso}}$ bonds. These data point to a strong $M-C_{\text{carb}}$ interaction and weak $C_{\text{carb}}-C_{\text{ipso}}$ π overlap. These conclusions are also valid in the cases of $\text{Cp}_2\text{W}(\text{CHPh})^{41}$ and $\text{Cl}_2(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{W}(\text{O})[\text{CH}(\text{CMe}_3)]^{38}$ where both structures exhibit remarkable resemblance to the tantalum complexes.

With the exception of the metal oxyl carbene complex²⁵, all reported structural studies of Fischer-type secondary carbenes are amino carbenes^{12,15,20,53}. By and large, the C_{carb} and N are approximately planar with an $M-C-N$ angle in the range of $125-140^\circ$. The observed deviations from the ideal 120° are presumably due to the smallness of the carbene hydrogen. The metal- C_{carb} and $C_{\text{carb}}-N$ distances are invariably shorter than expected for their respective single bonds. Thus, d-p and p-p interactions must both be important in amino carbenes. In $\text{Cp}_2\text{W}[\text{CH}(\text{OZrH}(\text{Me}_5\text{C}_5)_2)]^{25}$, the $W-C_{\text{carb}}$ distance is shorter than that in $(\text{CO})_5\text{W}(\text{CPh}_2)^{54}$ which has a $W-C_{\text{carb}}$ double bond; the $C-O$ in $\text{Cp}_2\text{W}[\text{CH}(\text{OZrH}(\text{Me}_5\text{C}_5)_2)]$ is marginally shorter than a single bond which suggests that $W-C_{\text{carb}}$ d-p π -back bonding is more important than the $C_{\text{carb}}-O$ p-p π bonding. However, this result is probably not general for monometallic oxyl carbenes owing to the fact that the Zr atom in this carbene complex competes with the C_{carb} for the oxygen lone pairs; this leads to a weakening of the $C-O$ π -interaction.

The Present Research

The chemistry of sulfur-containing organometallic compounds has been a long-time interest in this laboratory. More recently, we have extended our studies into sulfur-stabilized carbene complexes of transition metals. In the course of these investigations, we synthesized the first iron thiomethoxyl hydrido carbene, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$ ²⁷. Despite our earlier studies and recent investigations by other groups of $\{(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})_2(\text{Cl})\text{Os}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}^+$ ¹⁹, $\text{CpRe}(\text{NO})\text{PPh}_3[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$ ²⁶ and $\text{TPPFe}[\text{CH}(\text{SPh})]$ ²⁸, little is known about the reactivity of thioalkoxyl secondary carbene complexes. Thus, we have examined the chemical and physical properties of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$ and its immediate derivatives.

EXPERIMENTAL

General Procedure

All reactions were carried out under an N_2 atmosphere at room temperature, unless specified otherwise. Schlenk ware and a vacuum manifold were standard equipment for carrying out the reactions. A 500 ml 3 neck-flask equipped with a stopcock in the bottom was used for amalgam reductions. Low pressure (1-5 atmospheres) reactions were conducted in a pop bottle sealed with a neoprene lid and metal cap.

The exchange of PF_6^- with other anions was performed by dissolving the desired complex in either acetone containing 10 eqv. of $(NH_4)PF_6$ or acetonitrile with 10 eqv. of KPF_6 solution. The mixture was allowed to metathesize for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure supplied by a vacuum manifold which was about 1 torr. The resulting residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , the combined extracts were filtered through a frit, and the resulting solution volume was concentrated under reduced pressure. A layer of a less polar organic solvent (Et_2O , hexane, $EtOH$) was placed over the CH_2Cl_2 solution, and the mixture was slowly chilled to -20° to induce crystallization.

Solvents

For our studies, CH_2Cl_2 was distilled from CaH_2 under an N_2 atmosphere. The solvent MeCN was dried over CaH_2 to remove most of the moisture and then decanted into a fresh CaH_2 -containing flask for

distillation. The distilled fraction was then re-distilled from P_2O_5 . The CaH_2 and P_2O_5 dryings were repeated once more before storing in a Schlenk flask under a nitrogen atmosphere for later use. The solvent Et_2O was distilled from K and benzophenone. Tetrahydrofuran was distilled from Na and benzophenone and used immediately. Hexane was purged with N_2 and stored over 5 Å molecular sieves. Acetone was distilled from P_2O_5 twice before use. Methanol was distilled from Mg and a catalytic amount of I_2 after standing for 12 hr.

Instrumentation

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 281 spectrophotometer; NaCl cells with 1 mm path length were commonly used except for THF solutions when 0.1 mm thick cells were used. The instrument was calibrated with gaseous CO, and the band positions are believed to be accurate to within 2 cm^{-1} .

Proton NMR spectra were obtained with Varian 360 or Hitachi R20B (60 MHz) spectrometers. 1H NMR spectra for variable-temperature studies and low concentration samples were recorded on a JEOL FX90Q (89.55 MHz) Fourier transform spectrometer. ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained with a Bruker WM300 (75.43 MHz) or a JEOL FX90Q (22.50 MHz) Fourier transform spectrometer. ^{31}P spectra were run on a Bruker WM300 (121.44 MHz) instrument. Five mm diameter NMR sample tubes were used for all spectra; $Cr(acac)_3$ (35 mg/ml) was added, unless specified otherwise, for ^{13}C and ^{31}P samples to reduce data acquisition time. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) or deuterated solvent was used as

an internal standard for ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra. H_3PO_4 capillary insert was employed as the internal reference for ^{31}P NMR spectra. Chemical shifts for ^1H NMR bands are reported in δ units relative to TMS; ^{31}P resonances appeared upfield from H_3PO_4 and are assigned negative values.

GC traces were recorded on a Varian 1700 gas chromatograph equipped with a 30-foot 5% SE30 capillary column. Mass spectra and GC-MS spectra were performed on a Finnigan 400 GC-MS with INCOS 2300 data system, GC Model 9610. Decomposition and melting points were determined with a Thomas Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were made by the Ames Laboratory.

Reagents

Organic All alkyl phosphines and $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$ were purchased from Strem Chemical and used without further purification. A sample of $\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}$ was kindly supplied by Steve Socol; PCl_3 and ClPPh_2 were distilled before use. $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ⁵⁵, ClCH_2SMe ⁵⁶, $\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_3$ ⁵⁷ and CyNC ⁵⁸ were synthesized according to the literature procedures, and $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ was dried with anhydrous Na_2CO_3 before use. All amines except volatile ones (Me_2NH , MeNH_2 , NH_3) were stored over KOH overnight and distilled from BaO . $\text{Me}_3\text{NO}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was obtained from Aldrich and dried by benzene azeotropic distillation.

Inorganic Samples of LiAlH_4 , LiAlD_4 , $\text{LiAl}(\text{OBu}^t)_3\text{H}$ and $n\text{-BuLi}$ (2.5 M in hexane) were available from Alfa; $\text{Li}(\text{BEt}_3\text{H})$ (1 M in THF), $\text{HBF}_4\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ were purchased from Aldrich; $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$

and $(\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe})_2$ were obtained from Strem Chemical, and $\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3\text{F}$ was acquired from Tridom Chemical (Fluka). Other chemicals were also commercially available.

Synthesis, Reactions and X-Ray Structure

Secondary carbene complexes and derivatives of iron

Synthesis of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})_2]$ from $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]\}\text{PF}_6$ and $\text{Li}(\text{AlH}_4)$ A solution of 100 ml of THF containing $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]\}\text{PF}_6$, [1], (0.10 g, 0.23 mmol) was treated with $\text{Li}[\text{AlH}_4]$ (0.020 g, 0.47 mmol); the yellow solution turned dark brown immediately and evolution of gas was apparent. The mixture was stirred for an additional 20 min, and the solvent was then removed under reduced pressure to afford a stenchy brown solid. The residue was then extracted by rapidly stirring for 30 min with 20 ml of hexane. The resulting extract was then filtered through Celite on a glass frit under an N_2 atmosphere. Upon evaporation under reduced pressure, a yellow oil of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})_2]$ (0.056 g, 85%), [2], was obtained. The IR and ^1H NMR spectra of the oily [2] were in accord with the previously recorded spectra of this compound²⁷; the oil was used in subsequent reactions without further purification.

When this reaction was scaled up 10-fold, the major organo-metallic product obtained upon extraction was $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]_2$, [3].

Synthesis of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})_2]$, [2], from $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]\}\text{PF}_6$, [1], and $\text{Li}(\text{Et}_3\text{BH})$ A suspension of [1] (2.0 g, 4.6 mmol) in 20 ml

of THF was treated dropwise with $\text{Li}(\text{Et}_3\text{BH})$ (4.8 ml, 4.8 mmol), diluted with 5 ml of THF, via a 25 ml addition funnel in a period of 15 min. The deep brown mixture was allowed to react for an additional 20 min; the solvent was removed in vacuo, affording a brown oil. The oil was extracted as described in the preceding synthesis to furnish [2] (1.3 g, 85%).

Synthesis of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})_2]$, [2], from $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]\}\text{PF}_6$, [1], and $\text{Li}(\text{Al}(\text{O}i\text{Bu})_3)\text{H}$ A sample of [1] (2.0 g, 4.6 mmol) was suspended in 20 ml of THF, $\text{Li}(\text{Al}(\text{O}i\text{Bu})_3)\text{H}$ (1.5 g, 5.8 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The solvent was then evaporated under vacuum, and the resulting residue was extracted as noted above. This gave a mixture of [2] and a white inert solid which totaled 1.5 g. The concentration of [2] in the mixture was determined by the intensities of the $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorbances of the complex to be 80-85%.

Reaction of $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]\text{Na}$ and $[\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_2]\text{PF}_6$ The organic cation⁵⁹ was synthesized by adding $\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_3$ (1.0 g, 6.5 mmol) in 10 ml of Et_2O to a rapidly stirred 5 ml CH_2Cl_2 solution of $(\text{CPh}_3)\text{PF}_6$ (2.3 g, 5.8 mmol) at -40°C . After mixing for 10 min, a white precipitate was apparent. The solvent was carefully decanted via canula, and the white solid was washed with dried Et_2O at -40°C twice, and the remaining solvent was removed under vacuum to give $[\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_2]\text{PF}_6$ (1.1 g, 75%). The cation is sensitive to water and is best used immediately.

A 10 ml THF solution of $\text{Na}[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]$ ⁶⁰, synthesized from

$[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]_2$ (0.77 g, 4.4 mmol) and 3% sodium amalgam, was transferred to a 10 ml THF solution of $[\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_2]\text{PF}_6$ (1.1 g, 4.4 mmol) at -78°C . The pale yellow solution turned dark at once and the only identifiable product from the IR spectrum of the reaction mixture was $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]_2$, [3]. Analogously, when $\text{K}[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]^{61}$ was used, the outcome was identical.

Reaction of $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5]\text{Li}$ and $[\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_2]\text{PF}_6$ Into a THF solution of $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ (0.10 g, 0.26 mmol), $(\text{Et}_3\text{BH})\text{Li}$ (0.57 ml, 0.57 mmol) was dripped at -78°C ; evolution of H_2 was evident⁶². After 30 min of mixing, the solution of the resulting $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5]\text{Li}$ was transferred to a THF solution of $[\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_2]\text{PF}_6$ (0.12 g, 0.46 mmol) at -78°C using a cannula tube. The resulting mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature by removing the cold bath. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was loaded onto a 3x35 cm Florisil column and eluted with hexane. Two yellow bands were collected; the first band was identified by IR to be $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$; the second band was partially characterized and is believed to be $(\text{CO})_5\text{Mn}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})_2]$ (7 mg, 5%).

$^1\text{H}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 5.00(CH), 2.69(SMe)

Preparation of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}_X$; X: CF_3SO_3 , [4], BF_4 , [5] A rapidly stirred solution containing [2] (0.10 g, 0.35 mmol) in 15 ml of Et_2O was treated dropwise via a syringe with $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ until precipitation ceased (ca. 50 μl); a golden precipitate and MeSH, identified by its disagreeable odor, were found. The solvent was carefully

removed by decantation, and the remaining solid was washed a few times with dry Et₂O and pumped dry to afford {Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(SMe)]}CF₃SO₃, [4], (0.10 g, 74%). The complex is very sensitive to water and modestly to light and should be stored in the dark under N₂ at -20°C. Even taking those precautions, decomposition of [4] is apparent after 2 weeks of storage. Thus, it is best used immediately.

IR(CH₂Cl₂): 2067 s, 2026 s (2069 s, 2029 s were previously reported)

¹H(CF₃SO₃H): 15.79(CH), 5.86(Cp), 3.59(SMe)

(CD₂Cl₂): 14.86(br, CH), 5.11(Cp), 3.00(SMe)

A ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound was not obtained due to extensive decomposition during data acquisition even without the addition of Cr(acac)₃ which apparently accelerates the decomposition.

Like CF₃SO₃H, HBF₄-Et₂O also produced the corresponding carbene complex, {Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(SMe)]}BF₄, [5], in 75% upon reaction with [2]. It exhibited similar spectral and stability characteristics to [4].

IR(CH₂Cl₂): 2067 s, 2028 s

Preparation of {Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(SMe)]}PF₆, [6] A solution of [2] (0.20 g, 0.70 mmol) in 15 ml of dry Et₂O was transferred via a cannula to a rapidly stirred solution of (CPh₃)PF₆ (0.18 g, 0.63 mmol) in 10 ml of CH₂Cl₂. The resulting orange solution was slowly warmed

to room temperature; a yellow precipitate was formed. An additional 15 ml of Et₂O was added to induce further precipitation. The suspension was filtered through a fine frit, and the remaining solid was washed with Et₂O then dried under vacuum to afford the (0.20 g, 75%) crude product {Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(SMe)]}PF₆, [6]. The substance is sparingly soluble in CH₂Cl₂ and was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂/Et₂O to afford golden plate-like crystal of [6], though, it was found to occlude diethyl ether as established by its ¹H NMR spectrum.

IR(CH₂Cl₂): 2069 s, 2029 s

¹H (CD₂Cl₂): 15.24(br, CH), 5.15(Cp), 3.12(SMe)

¹³C: not obtainable due to rapid decomposition in solution.

Reaction of Cp(CO)₂FeCH₂SMe, [7], and (CPh₃)PF₆ A sample of (CPh₃)PF₆ (0.15 g, 0.38 mmol) was added to a rapidly stirred CH₂Cl₂ solution of Cp(CO)₂FeCH₂SMe, [7], (0.10 g, 0.42 mmol)⁶³, synthesized from [Cp(CO)₂Fe]Na and ClCH₂SMe, at -78°C. The solution was gradually warmed to room temperature, and an IR spectrum of the reaction mixture was obtained which revealed the presence of a small amount of [6] (~5%) and the disappearance of the iron thioether complex. Since little of the desired product was obtained, no further purification was conducted.

Preparation of {Cp(CO)₂Fe[CD(SMe)]}CF₃SO₃ A sample of [1] (0.10 g, 0.23 mmol) was suspended in 100 ml of THF, Li(AlD₄) (0.025 g, 0.60 mmol) was added, and the mixture was allowed to stir

for 20 min. The resulting brown solution was evaporated to dryness, and the remaining residue was extracted with hexane. Workup as for [2] gave $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CD}(\text{SMe})_2]$ (0.046 g, 70%). The crude product was then dissolved in 10 ml of Et_2O , and 30 μl of $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ was added. Following the established work up procedures for [4], $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CD}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ (0.041 g, 65%) was isolated. The $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions of this product are identical to those of [4].

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ with MePPh_2 Freshly prepared [4] (0.12 g, 0.31 mmol) was suspended in 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 ; MePPh_2 (0.10 g, 0.51 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 20 min, giving a golden yellow solution. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the resulting oily residue was washed a few times to remove excess phosphine. The anion of the remaining oil was metathesized with KPF_6 in CH_3CN . Recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C afforded deep orange crystals of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{MePPh}_2)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [8], (0.13 g, 72%). Complex [8] is moisture and air stable and can be stored indefinitely at -20°C under an N_2 atmosphere.

Anal. calcd.: for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{SP}_2\text{F}_6\text{Fe}$, C: 45.37, H: 3.78

Found: C: 46.00, H: 4.08

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2021 s, 1971 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 7.7(m, Ph), 5.16(Cp), 3.75(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 2.93$, CH),
2.45(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 12.46$, PMe), 1.36(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 0.73$, SMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 214.5(CO), 134.7(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 3.9$); 133-130; 127.7;
126.6; 124.3; 132.2 [Ph], 89.3(Cp), 22.5(SMe)
7.5(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 25.4$, CH), 5.4 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 11.72$, PMe)

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{BF}_4$ with PPh_3 To a CH_2Cl_2
suspension of [5] (0.10 g, 0.31 mmol), PPh_3 (0.16 g, 0.62 mmol) was in-
troduced. The mixture was stirred until all of [5] went into solu-
tion (ca. 30 min). The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure,
and the residue was washed with Et_2O . It was recrystallized from
 $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ at -20°C giving $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_3)]\}\text{BF}_4$, [9a],
(0.16 g, 86%). Complex [9a] is a bright yellow, air-stable material;
it may be stored at -20°C under an N_2 atmosphere for months with no
noticeable physical changes.

Anal. Calcd.: $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{PSF}_4\text{BFe}$, C: 55.32, H: 4.10

Found: C: 55.23, H: 4.06

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2027 s, 1975 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 7.35(m, Ph), 5.25(Cp), 4.28(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.46$, CH)
1.67(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 0.74$, SMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 215.5(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 5.86$, CO), 213.0(CO), 135.1(d,
 $J_{\text{PC}} = 7.81$); 130.5(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 11.72$); 125.7; 122.0;
120.6 [Ph], 89.7(Cp), 23.2(SMe), 6.0(d, $J_{\text{PC}} =$
25.39, CH)

Preparation of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_3)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [9b] Complex [4]

(0.12 g, 0.31 mmol) was allowed to react with PPh_3 (0.16 g, 0.62 mmol) to give an oily product, the residue was metathesized with $[\text{NH}_4]\text{PF}_6$ in acetone. Upon workup and recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C , $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_3)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [9b], was obtained in 82% yield.

$\text{IR}(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$: 2027 s, 1975 s

$^{31}\text{P}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 31.7(PPh_3), -142.3(h, $J_{\text{PF}} = 706.26$, PF_6^-)

Preparation of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_2\text{Cl})]\}\text{BF}_4$, [10] A freshly

distilled sample of PPh_2Cl (0.14 g, 0.62 mmol) was injected into a suspension of [5] (0.10 g, 0.31 mmol) in 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 . The reaction was allowed to proceed for 30 min. Upon purification and recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C , dark orange crystals of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_2\text{Cl})]\}\text{BF}_4$, [10], (0.11 g, 62%) were obtained. The material decomposes when exposed to the ambient environment for a few hours.

$\text{IR}(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$: 2030 s, 1982 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 7.7(m, Ph), 5.21(Cp), 4.16(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 11.73$, CH)
1.65(SMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 214.4(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 5.86$, CO), 213.2(CO), 136.3;
134.0; 133.6; 126.5; 122.7 [Ph], 89.3(Cp),
22.7(SMe), 12.7(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 15.62$, CH)

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{BF}_4$ with PCl_3 A sample of [5] (0.10 g, 0.31 mmol) reacted with 100 μl of freshly distilled PCl_3 in 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 . An infrared spectrum of the solution showed two strong $\nu(\text{CO})$ bands (2031, 1982 cm^{-1}) which are consistent with the phosphine adduct, $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PCl}_3)]\}\text{BF}_4$, [11]. However, the product was not sufficiently stable to be isolated; thus, satisfactory NMR data for [11] were not obtained.

Preparation of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [12] A sample of $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$ (0.20 g, 0.67 mmol) was allowed to react with [4] (0.12 g, 0.31 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 for 30 min. The resulting solution was pumped dry; the residue was metathesized with KPF_6 in MeCN, and recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C , affording dark brown crystals of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [12], (0.15 g, 72%). Compound [12] is quite stable toward moisture and air.

Anal. Calcd.: $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5\text{SP}_2\text{F}_6\text{Fe}$, C: 46.83, H: 3.47

Found: C: 46.03, H: 3.66

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2032 s, 1986 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 7.35(m, Ph), 5.25(Cp), 3.41(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 7.33$, CH)
2.12(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.71$, SMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 214.5; 213.6 [CO], 150.7(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 13.68$); 131.7;
128.3(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 3.90$); 120.6 [Ph], 88.1(Cp),
20.5(SMe, 10.78(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 130.86$, CH)

Preparation of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe})]\}\text{X}$, X = CF_3SO_3 ([13a]), PF_6 ([13b])

A freshly sublimed sample of $\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}$ (0.10 g, 0.68 mmol) reacted with [4] (0.12 g, 0.31 mmol) to give a crude mixture of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [13a], upon evaporation. The mixture was washed with Et_2O and then recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C to yield a golden powder of [13a] (0.14 g, 87%). This compound exhibits remarkable stability toward air; it eventually turned black when exposed to laboratory lighting for few days under N_2 .

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2041 s, 1992 s

Since [13a] was obtained in powder form and was not suitable for a single crystal X-ray determination, it was metathesized with $(\text{NH}_4)\text{PF}_6$ in acetone. [13b] was isolated in 64% yield from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C . Microscopic crystals were found which were suitable for X-ray analysis.

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2042 s, 1992 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 5.13(Cp), 4.74(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 5.37$, OCH₂), 2.67(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 2.44$, CH), 2.22(SMe), 0.94(CMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 214.0(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 3.66$); 213.1[CO], 87.4(Cp), 80.7(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 6.1$, OCH₂), 36.3(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 34.2$, CMe), 23.5(SMe), 13.0(CMe), -5.1(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 101.32$, CH)

$^{31}\text{P}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 60.4(P(OCH₂)₃CMe), -142.3 (h, $J_{\text{PF}} = 708.01$, PF_6^-)

Crystal data {Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(SMe)(P(OCH₂)₃CMe)]}PF₆, MW 530.0, monoclinic, P2₁/c, a = 10.359(3), b = 12.284(4), c = 16.234(4) Å, β = 95.25(3), V = 2056.9 Å³, ρ_{calcd.} = 1.711 g/cm³, Z = 4.

Data acquisition The title compound yielded yellow plate-like crystals which were readily indexed using 12 independent reflections and an automatic indexing procedure.⁶⁴

The data were collected at ambient temperature with graphite-monochromated Mo Kα (λ = 0.70979 Å) radiation on an automated four-circle diffractometer designed and built at the Ames Laboratory; ω-scan; 4151 reflections measured in almost 4 octants; 2θ ≤ 45°; decomposition corrections applied; 2502 reflections with I ≥ 3σ_I after averaging; agreement between equivalent reflections is 4.2%.

The position of the Fe atom was located by analysis of a sharpened three-dimensional Patterson function. All the remaining non-hydrogen and H₁ atoms were found by successive structure factor and electron density map calculations; a combination of block and full-matrix least-square refinement⁶⁵ of all non-hydrogen atoms was carried out. As expected for the PF₆⁻, packing disorder resulted in high conventional and weighted residuals of R = 0.082 and R_w = 0.109, respectively. The scattering factors⁶⁶ were modified for anomalous dispersion effects.⁶⁷ The bond angles (Table 5), bond distances (Table 6), final atom positional parameters (Appendix I), thermal parameters

(Appendix 2) and structural factors (Appendix 3) are summarized as indicated.

Pyrolysis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_3)]\}\text{BF}_4$ A 13 mg sample of [9a] was sealed in a 2 ml prescored ampule under an atmosphere of N_2 . The bottom 1/3 portion of the ampul was submerged in an oil bath maintained at 200°C for 2 min, gas evolution was apparent. The ampule was then removed from the bath and cooled to room temperature; it was broken open leaving a mixture of an amber oil and a brown residue. The oily product was separated from the mixture simply by extraction with CCl_4 ; it was found to consist of 4 major products by GC. They were determined by their GC-MS spectra to be cis and trans 1,2 bis(thiomethoxyl) ethylene, trithiomethoxylmethane and ferrocene. The remaining residue was recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C , affording bright yellow crystals of $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FePPh}_3]\text{BF}_4$ (10.4 mg, 88%). This product was characterized by its IR and ^1H NMR spectra, which are consistent with reported data⁶⁸ for this compound.

GC-MS spectra of the CCl_4 solution (m/e)

Cis/trans MeSCH=CHSMe: 122(M + 2 for ^{34}S isotope; Calcd. 8.8%, found 8.6%), 120(M), 105(M-Me)

$\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_3$: 156(M + 2 for ^{34}S isotope; Calcd. 13.2%, found 10.4%), 154(M), 107(M-SMe)

Cp_2Fe : 186(M), 121(M-Cp), 56(M-2Cp)

Pyrolysis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe})]\text{PF}_6$ A 30 mg sample of [13b] was heated at 180°C for 2 min as described in the preceding experiment. The resulting material was recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C affording a brown powder of $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeP}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}]\text{PF}_6$ (17 mg, 65%). The complex was characterized by its IR, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra, which are in accord with those of an authentic sample prepared from the reaction of $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeTHF}]\text{BF}_4$ ⁶⁹ and $\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}$.

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2078 s, 2039 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 5.44(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.22$, Cp), 4.43(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 5.13$, OCH_2), 1.93(CMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 206.7(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 39.06$, CO), 88.7(Cp), 78.7(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 5.86$ OCH_2), 33.0(d, 39.15, CMe), 14.4(CMe)

Synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PH})]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [14] Di-phenylphosphine (0.12 g, 0.64 mmol) was added to [4] (0.12 g, 0.31 mmol) in 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 . The mixture was stirred for 20 min and then diluted with 10 ml of heptane. The solution volume was gradually reduced in vacuo until complete precipitation occurred; this gave a bright yellow, malodorous solid. The material was dissolved in a minimum amount of MeNO_2 and a layer of diethylether was added to induce crystallization at -20°C; $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_2\text{H})]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [14], (0.11 g, 62%) was isolated. Compound [14] is not very soluble in most organic solvents and only sparingly soluble in nitromethane.

Anal. Calcd.: $C_{22}H_{20}O_5S_2F_3PF_6$, C: 46.16, H: 3.50

Found: C: 45.82, H: 3.54

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2033 s, 1980 br

1H (CD_3CN): 7.72(m, Ph), 7.45(dd, $J_{PH} = 501.31$; $J_{HH} = 10.63$, PH), 5.14(Cp), 3.46(dd, $J_{PH} = 1.47$; $J_{HH} = 10.63$, CH), 1.59(d, $J_{PH} = 0.73$, SMe)

^{13}C (CD_3NO_2): 214.9(d, $J_{PC} = 5.86$); 213.8[CO], 135-130(Ph), 88.5(Cp), 23.3(SMe), 5.6(d, $J_{PC} = 21.49$, CH)

Preparation of $\{Cp(CO)_2Fe[CH(SMe)(HPCy_2)]\}CF_3SO_3$, [15], Into a CH_2Cl_2 solution of [4] (0.12 g, 0.31 mmol), $HPCy_2$ (0.10 g, 0.51 mmol) was introduced. Upon initial workup as in the preceding synthesis, 0.12 g crude product of $\{Cp(CO)_2Fe[CH(SMe)(HPCy_2)]\}CF_3SO_3$, [15], was obtained. The material was recrystallized from THF-hexane giving [15] (0.069 g, 39%). This material is bright yellow and is very soluble in polar organic solvents.

Anal. Calcd.: $C_{22}H_{32}O_5S_2F_3PF_6$, C: 45.21, H: 5.48

Found: C: 45.47, H: 5.23

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2025 s, 1975 s

1H (CD_3CN): 5.78(d, m, $J_{PH} = 439$, PH), 5.16(Cp), 3.18(d, d,

$J_{\text{PH}} = 1.47$, $J_{\text{HH}} = 2.93$, CH), 2.21(d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.10$, SMe), 1.83(m, Cy)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 216.2(br, CO), 215.0(CO), 89.2(Cp), 34-26(Cy), 23.3(SMe), -1.3(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 19.53$, CH)

Synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PhPH}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [16] Phenylphosphine (0.10 g, 0.90 mmol) was injected into a CH_2Cl_2 suspension of [4] (0.12 g, 0.31 mmol). After the reaction had proceeded for 20 min, a yellow homogeneous solution was obtained. It was diluted with 10 ml of heptane; slow evaporation under reduced pressure furnished a yellow precipitate. The solid was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ at -20°C affording $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PhPH}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [16], (0.089 g, 58%).

Anal. Calcd.: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{S}_2\text{F}_3\text{PFe}$, C: 38.72, H: 3.23

Found: C: 37.84, H: 3.29

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2036 s, 1987 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 7.7(m, Ph), 7.25(d, m, $J_{\text{PH}} = 482.02$, PH), 6.98(d, m, $J_{\text{PH}} = 502.18$, PH), 5.18(Cp), 3.06(d, d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.28$, $J_{\text{HH}} = 9.9$, CH), 1.79(SMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3)$: 213.3(br); 212.3[CO], 135-130(Ph), 87.6(Cp), 22.2(SMe), 1.5(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 11.72$, CH)

Preparation of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{CyPH}_2)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [17] The reaction of H_2PCy (0.10 g, 0.86 mmol) and [4] (0.12 g, 0.31 mmol) in 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 for 20 min gave a gummy residue after workup in accordance to the procedures described in the preceding synthesis. Therefore, the residue was metathesized with KPF_6 in MeCN. Upon recrystallization, $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{CyPH}_2)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [17], (0.080 g, 52%) was obtained. Like the other adducts, [17] is stable in air and can be maintained indefinitely at -20°C under N_2 .

Anal. Calcd.: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{F}_6\text{SP}_2\text{Fe}$, C: 36.15, H: 4.42

Found: C: 36.99, H: 4.45

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2036 s, 1986 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 6.16(d, m, $J_{\text{PH}} = 470.84$, PH), 5.83(d, m, $J_{\text{PH}} = 472.29$, PH), 5.15(Cp), 2.87(d, m, $J_{\text{PH}} = 7.7$, CH), 2.29(SMe), 1.90-1.41(m, Cy)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 214.2(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 5.86$, CO), 213.8(CO), 87.6(Cp), 31.8(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 37.11$), 28.3, 26.5, 25.9[Cy], 22.4(SMe), -4.3(d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 19.53$, CH)

$^{31}\text{P}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 13.2(t, $J_{\text{PH}} = 470.84$, H_2PCy), -143.5(h, $J_{\text{PF}} = 710.62$, PF_6^-)

Thermal rearrangement of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{HPPh}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [14]

A 35 mg sample of [14] sealed in a prescored ampule was heated at 168°C for 2 min, which turned it into a caramel-like substance. The ampule was allowed to cool to room temperature, then broken open. Its contents were washed with Et_2O and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . Filtration and evaporation of the CH_2Cl_2 solution followed by recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C afforded pale yellow crystals of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{PPh}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [18], (7 mg, 20%). This compound was identified by its IR, ^1H and ^{31}P NMR spectra.

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2057 s, 2012 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{NO}_2)$: 7.7 (m, Ph), 5.38 (d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.46$, Cp)
3.82 (d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 6.1$, CH_2), 1.99 (d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.46$,
SMe)

$^{31}\text{P}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 63.69

Thermal rearrangement of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{HPCy}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [15]

By a procedure analogous to that used in the rearrangement of [14], 20 mg of [15] was heated at 200°C for 2 min; 4 mg (20%) of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{PCy}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [19], was obtained. This compound was identified by its IR and ^1H NMR spectra.

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2049 s, 2005 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 5.41 (d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.47$, Cp), 3.21 (d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 9.53$,
 CH_2), 2.32 (d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.84$, SMe), 1.83 (m, Cy)

Preparations of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_2)]$, [20] A THF suspension of [14] (0.020 g, 0.035 mmol) was chilled at -78°C with an acetone-dry ice bath. It was then treated with 19 μl of n-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane), and the mixture was warmed to room temperature slowly, producing a pale orange solution. The solvent was removed at reduced pressure, and the remaining residue was extracted with hexane to yield an air-sensitive glassy product of [20] (0.013 g, 78%) upon evaporation.

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2008 s, 1958 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{C}_6\text{D}_6)$: 7.9-7.1 (m, Ph), 4.36 (Cp), 3.50 (d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 4.39$, CH)
1.56 (SMe)

The hexane-insoluble portion was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ at -20°C , after having been washed with diethylether, to provide $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{PPh}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [18], (0.001 g, 5%).

Like n-buthyl lithium, a 10-fold excess of Et_3N also worked well for the deprotonation reaction in THF and CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature. Between 75-80% of [20] and 8-12% of [18] were isolated.

Reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_2)]$, [20], with MeOSO_2F Into a 10 ml CH_2Cl_2 solution containing freshly prepared [20] (0.013 g, 0.031 mmol) from [14] and Et_3N in CH_2Cl_2 , 20 μl of MeOSO_2F was injected. The solution was evaporated under reduced pressure to leave a glassy residue. It was then washed with Et_2O , metathesized with KPF_6 in MeCN, and recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ at -20°C giving [8] (0.015 g, 82%).

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [4], with pyridine A sample of 0.5 ml of pyridine was added to a 10 ml CH_2Cl_2 solution of [4] (0.24 g, 0.62 mmol); a golden solution was obtained. The solution was then evaporated to dryness and washed a few times with ether to remove a trace amount of [2] leaving an oily substance. That material was allowed to recrystallize from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C for 24 hours to yield $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{Pyr})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [21] (0.11 g, 38%) and traces of [2], [7] and [37]. The remaining mother-liquor was then diluted with Et_2O and placed in a -20°C freezer for recrystallization. After a few days, golden plate-like crystals of [21] (0.078 g, 27%) were obtained. They are very sensitive to moisture and decompose upon prolonged exposure to light. They may be kept indefinitely at -20°C under an inert atmosphere.

Anal. Calcd.: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5\text{S}_2\text{F}_3\text{NFe}$; C: 38.71; N: 3.01, H: 3.01

Found: C: 39.47, N: 2.97, H: 3.13

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2022 s, 1974 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 9.31 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 5.49$); 8.30 (t, $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.96$); 7.92 (t, $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.60$) [Pyr], 6.42 (CH), 5.10 (Cp), 1.92 (SMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 213.6; 213.2 [CO], 143.0; 141.9; 128.2 [Pyr], 87.2 (Cp), 64.5 (CH), 19.8 (SMe)

Synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMe}_2)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [22] A sample of [4] (0.24 g, 0.62 mmol) was suspended in 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 ; 15 ml of gaseous Me_2NH was bubbled into the solution via a syringe. The golden solution turned yellow-brown. The solution was diluted with 10 ml of heptane; its volume was reduced to one-half under vacuum, and the remaining solvent was decanted affording a brown residue. The product was metathesized with $(\text{NH}_4)\text{PF}_6$ in acetone, recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C to furnish [22] (0.070 g, 30%).

Anal. Calcd.: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{NPF}_6\text{Fe}$; C: 31.68, H: 3.17, N: 3.70

Found: C: 31.68, H: 3.16, N: 3.49

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2049 s, 2005 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 10.79 (CH), 5.30 (Cp), 1.94 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 2.6$, NMe)
1.89 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 2.2$, NMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 234.9 (CH), 211.8 (CO), 88.8 (Cp), 55.9; 47.7
[NMe]

Synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NEt}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [23] Diethylamine (65 μl , 0.62 mmol) was added to a rapidly-stirred CH_2Cl_2 suspension of [4] (0.24 g, 0.62 mmol) and allowed to react for 2 min. Subsequent follow-up as described previously for [22] afforded, [23], (0.079 g, 31%).

IR(CH₂Cl₂): 2048 s, 2004 s

¹H(CD₃COCD₃): 11.30 (CH), 5.59 (Cp), 3.99 (q, J_{HH} = 7.3, NCH₂)
3.96 (q, J_{HH} = 7.3, NCH₂), 1.47 (t, J_{HH} = 7.3,
Me), 1.36 (t, J_{HH} = 7.3, Me)

¹³C(CD₃CN): 232.4 (CH), 211.7 (CO), 88.9 (Cp), 58.8; 53.2
[NCH₂], 14.4; 13.2 [NCH₂Me]

Reaction of {Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(SMe)(Pyr)]}CF₃SO₃, [21], with Et₂NH

Diethylamine (14 μl, 0.12 mmol) was injected into a 5 ml CH₂Cl₂ solution containing [21] (0.03 g, 0.06 mmol). Subsequently, 10 ml of heptane was added. The resulting solution was slowly evaporated under vacuum until the bulk of the CH₂Cl₂ was removed; precipitation was apparent. The rest of the heptane was decanted, leaving a pale yellow precipitate. It was then recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O at -20°C to afford [23] (0.10 g, 42%).

Synthesis of {Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(NHMe)]}PF₆, [24] Ten ml of gaseous methylamine was bubbled into a 10 ml CH₂Cl₂ solution containing [4] (0.24 g, 0.62 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 2 min and was then evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure; the remaining residue was then washed with Et₂O to remove [2], metathesized with (NH₄)PF₆ in acetone and recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O at -20°C to give [24] (0.063 g, 28%).

Anal. Calcd.: $C_9H_{10}O_2NPF_6Fe$: C: 29.50, N: 3.84, H: 2.74

Found: C: 29.72, N: 3.58, H: 2.75

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2055 s, 2007 s

1H (CD_3CN): 10.90 (NH), 10.69 (CH), 5.29 (Cp), 3.33 (d, $J_{HH} = 3.3$, NMe)

^{13}C (CD_3CN): 238.6 (CH), 211.2 (CO), 88.6 (Cp), 45.8 (NMe)

Preparation of $\{Cp(CO)_2Fe[CH(NHCy)]\}CF_3SO_3$, [25] To a 10 ml CH_2Cl_2 solution of [4] (0.24 g, 0.62 mmol), cyclohexylamine (80 μ l, 0.62 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 2 min and was then diluted with 10 ml of heptane. After the solution volume was reduced to one-half under reduced pressure, a yellow solution containing [2], and a pale yellow precipitate were evident. The solution was decanted, and the resulting residue was washed with Et_2O and then recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at $-20^\circ C$ affording pale yellow analytically pure crystals of [25] (0.094 g, 35%). This substance is stable in air and may be stored indefinitely in the dark at $-20^\circ C$ under N_2 .

Anal. Calcd.: $C_{15}H_{18}O_5NF_3SFe$, C: 41.20, H: 4.12, N: 3.20

Found: C: 41.23, H: 4.25, N: 3.16

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2054 s, 2004 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2)$: 10.76 (CH), 10.55 (NH), 5.25 (Cp), 3.52 (br);
1.56 (m) [Cy]

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 235.1 (CH), 211.3 (CO), 88.8 (Cp), 69.9; 32.5;
25.3; 25.1 [Cy]

Synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CD}(\text{NHCy})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [26] A freshly prepared sample of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CD}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ (0.10 g, 0.26 mmol) was allowed to react with 32 μl (0.26 mmol) of cyclohexylamine in 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 . Purification as in the preceding procedure afforded [26] (0.36 g, 32%).

$\text{IR}(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$: 2053 s, 2007 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2)$: 11.63 (br, NH), 5.25 (Cp), 3.49 (br); 1.56 (m)
[Cy]

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 234.5 (t, $J_{\text{CD}} = 23.44$, CD), 211.3 (CO), 88.8
(Cp), 69.8; 32.5; 25.3; 25.1 [Cy]

Synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHP}r^i)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [27] As in the preparation of [24], the reaction of *i*-propylamine (0.036 g, 0.62 mmol) and [4] (0.24 g, 0.62 mmol) in 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 afforded [27] (0.074 g, 30%).

$\text{IR}(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$: 2053 s, 2005 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 10.85 (CH), 10.64 (NH), 5.28 (Cp), 3.89 (h, $J_{\text{HH}} =$
6.6, NCHMe_2), 1.38 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.6$, NCHMe_2)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 234.5 (CH), 211.5 (CO), 88.8 (Cp), 63.3 (NCHMe₂)
21.8 (NCHMe₂)

Synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHBU}^t)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [28] Analogous to the preparation of [25], the reaction of t-butylamine (0.045 g, 0.62 mmol) and [4] (0.24 g, 0.62 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 produced a 0.15 g mixture of [28] and $(\text{NH}_3\text{BU}^t)\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ upon recrystallization from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ at -20°C . The mixture was dissolved in 5 ml of CH_2Cl_2 , and 100 μl of NaOH-saturated EtOH was added. The solution was allowed to react for 2 min and was then pumped to dryness. The resulting residue was extracted with hexane to give a golden solution after it had been filtered through a Celite-padded frit under N_2 . The ether solution was treated with $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ until precipitation was completed (ca. 35 μl). The precipitate was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ at -20°C affording analytically pure crystals of [28] (0.097 g, 38%).

Anal. Calcd.: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{F}_3\text{SNFe}$; C: 37.96, N: 3.41, H: 3.89

Found: C: 37.55, N: 3.44, H: 4.00

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2055 s, 2007 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 10.83 (CH), 10.63 (NH), 5.27 (Cp), 1.42 (Bu)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 231.2 (CH), 212.5 (CO), 89.7 (Cp), 66.5 (NC),
29.0 (NCMe₃)

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{Pyr})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [21], with $t\text{-BuNH}_2$

A sample of $t\text{-BuNH}_2$ (12 μl , 0.12 mmol) was added to [21] (0.030 g, 0.064 mmol) in 5 ml of CH_2Cl_2 ; the resulting solution was stirred for 10 min. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ at -20°C to provide [28] (0.012 g, 47%).

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{Pyr})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ with NH_3 A 5 ml

gas sample of NH_3 was bubbled slowly (ca. 30 sec) into a rapidly stirred 10 ml CH_2Cl_2 solution of [21] (0.030 g, 0.064 mmol); as soon as the addition of ammonia was completed, the solution was diluted with 10 ml of heptane. The solution volume was reduced to one-half by fast evaporation under reduced pressure. The remaining solvent was decanted, yielding a pale yellow precipitate. It was then recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ at -20°C to give $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [29], (4 mg, 20%). It is quite stable to air and only soluble in very polar organic solvents, e.g., CH_2Cl_2 , MeCN.

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2056 s, 2010 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 11.51 (m, NH_2), 11.30 (m, CH), 5.33 (Cp)

Preparation of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NCy})]$, [30]

To a 2 ml CH_2Cl_2 solution of [25] (0.030 g, 0.069 mmol), 100 μl of NaOH-saturated EtOH was added; the light yellow solution turned gold at once. The solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure; the remaining residue was extracted with hexane. The extract was then filtered through a Celite-

padded frit under N_2 and pumped dry under vacuum, giving a thin yellow film of [30] (0.015 g; 78%). Compound [30] is very sensitive to air and decomposes at room temperature under N_2 when allowed to stand for a few hours to give $[Cp(CO)_2Fe]_2$ and cyclohexylisocyanide which was identified by its characteristic odor.

IR(hexane): 2030 s, 2021 s, 2013 s, 1982 sh, 1971 vs,
1963 s

$^1H(CDCl_3)$: 10.18 (d, $J_{HH} = 1.79$, CH), 10.15 (CH), 4.90;
4.85 [Cp], 2.91 (m); 1.58 (m) [Cy]

Like the NaOH-EtOH reaction, the reaction of [25] with 50% NaH-mineral oil also produced a 75% yield of [30] under similar conditions.

Preparation of $Cp(CO)_2Fe[CH(NPr^i)]$, [31] Analogous to the preparation of [30], the reaction of [27] (0.030 g, 0.076 mmol) and 100 μ l of NaOH-saturated EtOH in 2 ml of CH_2Cl_2 produced [31] (0.013 g, 68%).

IR(hexane): 2028 sh, 2014 s, 1980 sh, 1971 s, 1963 s

$^1H(CDCl_3)$: 10.21; 10.16 [d, $J_{HH} = 2.20$, CH], 4.94; 4.91 [Cp]
3.20 (m); 1.17 (d, $J_{HH} = 6.23$); 1.22 (d, $J_{HH} = 6.23$) [i-Pr]

Synthesis of $Cp(CO)_2Fe[CH(NBu^t)]$, [32] Following the preparation of [30], [28] (0.030 g, 0.73 mmol) reacted with 100 μ l of NaOH-EtOH to yield [32] (0.014 g, 76%).

IR(hexane): 2019 s, 1972 vs

$^1\text{H}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 10.22 (CH), 4.84 (Cp), 1.10 (Me)

Reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NCy})]$ with MeOSO_2F Freshly prepared
 [30] (0.015 g, 0.052 mmol) using the NaOH-EtOH route was dissolved in 2 ml of Et_2O . The solution was stirred vigorously and 45 μl (0.50 mmol) of MeOSO_2F was injected, a pale yellow precipitate formed. The solution was carefully decanted, leaving the precipitate which was then washed with Et_2O a few times and pumped to dryness in vacuo to furnish a E/Z mixture of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{N}(\text{Me})\text{Cy})]\}\text{SO}_3\text{F}$, [33], (0.010 g, 88%) with a 26:74 ratio.

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2049 s, 2003 s, 1998 sh

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 11.03; 10.84 [CH], 5.32; 5.31; 5.30 [Cp],
 3.8, 1.6 [m; Cy], 3.48 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 0.74$, NMe),
 3.44 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 1.10$, NMe)

When 6 eqv. of MeOSO_2F was used in the above reaction, the E/Z ratio was 83:17; it was 90:10 in the reaction with 3 eqv. of MeOSO_2F .

Reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NPr}^i)]$ with MeOSO_2F Under the conditions described above, the reaction of [31] (0.013 g, 0.053 mmol) and MeOSO_2F (25 μl , 0.30 mmol) gave a E/Z mixture of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{N}(\text{Me})(\text{Pr}^i))]\}\text{SO}_3\text{F}$, [34] (0.013 g, 77%) with a 62:38 ratio. Likewise, [34] was isolated in 74% yield and contained a 95:5 E/Z ratio

of isomeric products when three eqv. of MeOSO_2F was employed in the reaction.

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2044 s, 2000 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 11.04; 10.83 [CH], 5.32; 5.30 [Cp], 4.20; 3.90 [h,
 $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.60$, NCHMe_2], 3.45 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 0.73$, NMe),
 3.42 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 0.74$, NMe), 1.36; 1.32 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} =$
 6.60, NCHMe_2)

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NH}\text{Cy})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [25], with H_2NR A 5 mg
 (0.01 mmol) sample of [25] was dissolved in 1 ml of CH_2Cl_2 ; 5 μl (0.05 mmol) of CyNH_2 was injected. The mixture was stirred for half an hour. After that time, the IR spectrum of the solution showed that $\sim 75\%$ of [25] had been consumed, and $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ (2010 s, 1958 vs) and $\text{NN}^+\text{-dicyclohexylforamidinium}$ (1712 vs) had formed. The solvent was pumped out and the remaining solid was found to contain $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]_2$ and the organic product; this solid was extracted with Et_2O , and its mass spec. was obtained.

MS of $[\text{CyNHCHNH}\text{Cy}]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$

m/e: 209 (M = $\text{CyNHCHNH}\text{Cy}$), 208 (M-H), 110 (M- CyNH_2)

Under the same conditions, 5 eqv. of NH_2Me also converted 75% of [25] to $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ and a mixture of $(\text{RNHCHNHR}')\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, (R = Cy, Me, R' = Cy, Me), in 20 min. The $(\text{MeNHCHNH}\text{Cy})\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ compound was the

major product on the basis of the mass spectrum.

MS of $[\text{CyNHCHNHMe}]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$

m/e: 141 (M = CyNHCHNHMe), 140 (M-H), 110 (M-MeNH₂)

The reaction of t-BuNH₂ with [25] was noticeably slower, and 20 eqv. of the amine was needed to observe appreciable reaction.

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CD}(\text{NHCy})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [26], with NH₂Cy A 30 mg (0.068 mmol) sample of [26] reacted with 60 μl (0.30 mmol) of CyNH₂ in 5 ml of CH₂Cl₂. After 30 min of reaction, the solution was evaporated and the mixture was analyzed by MS; the spectrum demonstrated that the deuterium was incorporated into the foramidinium product. After MS study, the sample was allowed to react with n-BuLi in THF to afford CyNHCDNCy, whose NMR spectrum in CD₃CN showed no 7.31 δ resonance for the CHN₂ proton which was observed in the hydrogen analog.

MS for $[\text{CyNHCDNHCy}]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$

m/e: 210 (M = CyNHCDNHCy), 209 (M-H), 111 (M-CyNH₂)

Decarbonylation of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHCy})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ Into a 5 ml solution of [25] (0.030 g, 0.068 mmol) was injected 670 μl of a 0.123 M acetonitrile solution of Me₃NO; the pale yellow solution turned yellow-red instantly. The solution was allowed to stir for an additional 10 min and was evaporated to dryness in vacuo. Extraction with CH₂Cl₂ and evaporation of the solvent gave $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{MeCN})\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHCy})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [36], (0.028, 93%).

A 0.10 g sample of [25] was added to a quartz tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a water cooling probe; then 35 ml of acetonitrile was added. The solution was irradiated with UV light at 254 nm for 2 hours at an ambient temperature which was maintained by running water through the cold finger; a brown solution was obtained. Evaporation and recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O -hexane at -20°C afforded golden crystals of [36] (0.086 g, 85%).

Anal. Calcd.: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2\text{SF}_3\text{Fe}$; C: 42.67, H: 4.67, N: 6.22

Found: C: 43.28, H: 4.70, N: 6.08

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 1994

$^1\text{H}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 11.84 (NH), 11.62 (CH), 4.76 (Cp), 3.56 (m);
1.88-1.26 (m) [Cy], 2,35 (Me)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 243.9 (CH), 216.1 (CO), 133.7 (CN), 83.7 (Cp),
69.1; 32.1; 24.8; 24.6 [Cy], 5.1 (Me)

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ with ROH (R = Me, H) To a 5 ml CH_2Cl_2 solution of [4] (0.10 g, 0.26 mmol), 100 μl of doubly distilled-degassed H_2O was added; the solution was stirred for 10 min. During this time, MeSH liberation was evident by its odor and GC. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was extracted with benzene to give 28 mg (45%) of [7]. The remaining residue was found to contain 42 mg (46%) of [37]. The identical reaction

was repeated and the crude mixture was analyzed by ^1H NMR. On the base of the integrated Cp resonance areas, the [7]:[37] ratio was 1:1.

A 0.10 g (0.26 mmol) sample of [4] was suspended in 1 ml of CH_2Cl_2 ; 0.83 g (26 mmol) of dry MeOH was added. The mixture was stirred for 10 min and the gas phase above the solution was withdrawn by a gas-tight syringe and injected into the GC; the presence of CO, CH_4 , MeSH and the solvent were established by comparing retention times with authentic samples. The solution was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in CD_3CN for ^1H NMR analysis. On the basis of the integrated Cp resonance areas, the relative concentrations of [37]:[7] were 60:40. The yield of this crude mixture was about 88%.

Reaction of $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CD}(\text{SMe})]]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ with H_2O Following the procedure for the reaction of [4] and H_2O , $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CD}(\text{SMe})]]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ was allowed to react with H_2O in CH_2Cl_2 for 10 min. After evaporation to dryness, the residue was extracted with benzene. A mass spectrum of this solution showed m/e fragments for $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCD}_2\text{SMe}$ (m/e: 212 (M-CO), 184 (M-2CO)) which was the sole product.

Reaction of $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCH}(\text{SMe})]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ with CH_2N_2 To a 10 ml CH_2Cl_2 solution containing [4] (0.17 g, 0.44 mmol), anhydrous $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}^{55}$ was added dropwise until the evolution of N_2 ceased (ca. 1 ml). The resulting orange solution was allowed to stir for 45 min, and a yellow solution was obtained. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the oily residue was then washed with Et_2O . Extraction of the oil with 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 , filtering the extract, and evaporating

the solvent gave a yellow oil of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{SMe}(\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [38], (0.13 g, 76%). The oil was recrystallized from dichloromethane/ethanol/cyclohexane at room temperature for a few days, affording red needle crystals of [38] (0.02 g, 10%).

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 2062 s, 2019 s

$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Hb} \quad \text{S} \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\ / \quad \diagdown \\ \text{Ha} \quad \text{Hc} \end{array} \right]$ 6.31 (m, H_c); 5.81 (m, $J_{\text{HaHc}} = 8.98$, Ha);
5.71 (m, $J_{\text{HbHc}} = 16.50$, Hb), 5.38 (Cp),
2.47 (SMe)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2)$: 208.4 (CO), 130.8 (=CH), 124.1 ($\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{}$), 87.7 (Cp)
25.3 (SMe)

Synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [41] To 10 ml of a THF solution of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]\}\text{PF}_6$, [39], (0.10 g, 0.15 mmol), $(\text{Et}_3\text{BH})\text{Li}$ (0.16 ml, 0.16 mmol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was allowed to react for 30 min. The solvent was then removed in vacuum, and the remaining residue was extracted with 20 ml of the mixture of hexane-diethylether (75:25) giving a yellow oil of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{FeCH}(\text{SMe})_2$, [40], (0.048 g, 62%) upon evaporation. Complex [40] had its $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorption at 1960 cm^{-1} in hexane. This oily [40] was then dissolved in 5 ml of Et_2O , and 50 μl of $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ was injected into the solution, providing a bright yellow solution and oil. The solution was decanted, and the yellow oil was established by IR and ^1H NMR spectrum to be [41] (0.041 g, 71%). The crude substance obtained

here was not readily recrystallized; it is slightly soluble in Et₂O and resists hydrolysis.

IR(CH₂Cl₂): 2006

¹H(CD₃CN): 14.94 (CH), 7.4 (m, Ph), 4.84 (d, J_{PH} = 1.10, Cp),
2.99 (d, J_{PH} = 0.73, SMe)

Synthesis of {Cp(CO)(P(OPh)₃)Fe[CH(SMe)]}CF₃SO₃, [44] As in the reaction of [39], {Cp(CO)(P(OPh)₃)Fe[C(SMe)₂]}PF₆, [42] (0.10 g, 0.13 mmol) reacted with (Et₃BH)Li (0.15 ml, 0.15 mmol) to give a yellow oil of Cp(CO)(P(OPh)₃)Fe[CH(SMe)₂], [43], (0.056 g, 76%), which had a ν(CO) band at 1963 in hexane. The crude [43] further reacted with CF₃SO₃H (50 μl) in 5 ml of Et₂O to provide a yellow oil of [44] (0.047 g, 72%). Although it could not be recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O, spectral characterization indicated that it was quite pure. Like [41], [44] is moisture-stable.

IR(CH₂Cl₂): 2011

¹H(CD₃CN): 14.92 (CH), 7.27 (m, Ph), 4.79 (d, J_{PH} = 1.10),
2.96 (SMe)

¹³C(CD₃CN): 320.6 (d, J_{PC} = 33.21, CH), 212.2 (d, J_{PC} =
39.07, CO), 150.5 (d, J_{PC} = 9.7); 130.7; 126.5;
121.0 (d, J_{PC} = 5.85) [Ph], 34.6 (SMe)

Preparation of $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NEt}_2)]]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [45] A freshly prepared sample of [44] (0.094 g, 0.14 mmol) was taken up in 10 ml of CH_2Cl_2 ; Et_2NH (27 μl , 0.28 mmol) was added. After the addition of amine, 5 ml of heptane was added to the solution, and the solution volume was slowly reduced to 1/3 its original size; a pale yellow precipitate formed. The remaining solvent was carefully decanted, and the precipitate was recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 - Et_2O at -20°C to afford bright yellow crystals of [45] (0.054 g, 56%).

Anal. Calcd.: $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_7\text{F}_3\text{PSFe}$; C: 51.95, H: 4.47, N: 2.02

Found: C: 51.61, 4.41, 1.87

IR(CH_2Cl_2): 1981

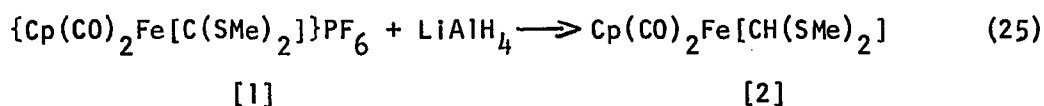
$^1\text{H}(\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3)$: 11.36 (d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 5.13$, CH), 7.41 (m, Ph), 4.82 (d, $J_{\text{PH}} = 1.10$, Cp), 4.11 (q, $J_{\text{HH}} = 7.33$, NCH_2), 3.89 (q, $J_{\text{HH}} = 7.33$, NCH_2), 1.44 (t, $J_{\text{HH}} = 7.33$, NCH_2Me), 1.30 (t, $J_{\text{HH}} = 7.33$, NCH_2Me)

$^{13}\text{C}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})$: 239.0 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 39.07$, CH), 216.6 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 41.02$, CO), 151.5 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 9.77$); 131.4; 127.1; 121.9 (d, 3.82) [Ph], 86.6 (Cp), 60.1; 52.1 [NCH_2], 14.8; 13.9 [NCH_2Me]

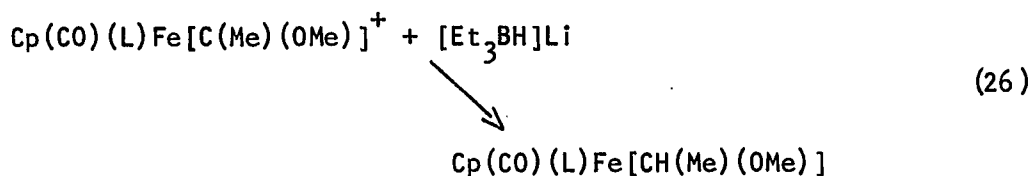
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})_2]$

The preparation of [2] was previously reported by McCormick and Angelici,²⁷ accomplished simply by reacting $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]\}\text{PF}_6$, [1], with LiAlH_4 in THF (Eqn. 25).

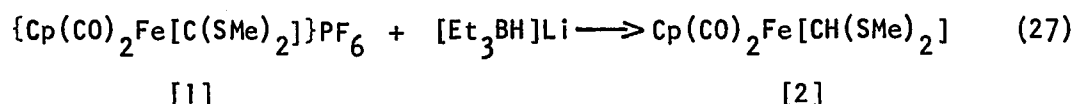


Although this reaction proceeds smoothly and the yield reaches 85%, it is limited to small scale. Attempts to extend reaction 25 to larger scales were uniformly unsuccessful, and the major identifiable product is $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]_2$, [3]. Thus, alternative procedures for synthesizing [2] were sought. Bodnar and Cutler³² demonstrated that $[\text{Et}_3\text{BH}]\text{Li}$ is capable of donating hydride to $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{Me})(\text{OMe})]^+$ under mild conditions to furnish the ether product (Eqn. 26).

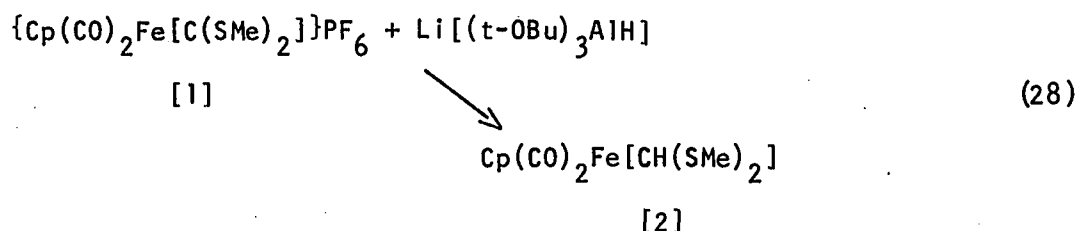


*L = CO, PPh_3 , $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$

As anticipated, [1] is readily transformed to [2] in the presence of the borohydride at room temperature in a respectable 85% yield, and the reaction can easily be increased to a several gram scale (Eqn. 27).



To our surprise, the mild hydride donating agent, $\text{Li}[(t\text{-OBu})_3\text{AlH}]$ also works well. However, [2] prepared by this method is often contaminated with a small amount of a white inert substance which is probably an aluminum-containing material (Eqn. 28).

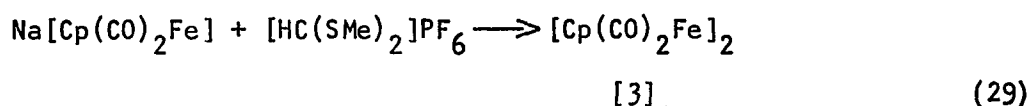


Nevertheless, the aluminum hydride is easier to handle and more cost effective than the borohydride, and the resulting [2] from Equation 28 is suitable for further studies.

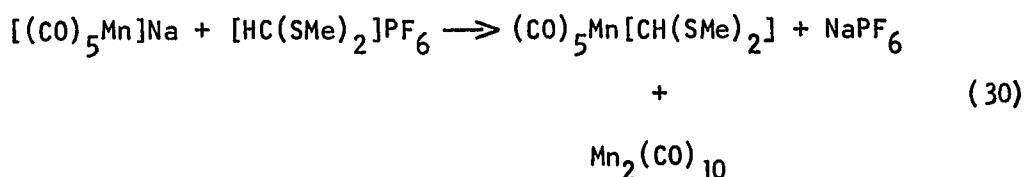
Compound [2] is a bright yellow, air-sensitive material. It is readily dissolved in most organic solvents, and displays two strong $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions ($2019, 1975 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) in hexane.

Attempted Preparation of [2]

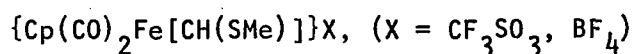
Although [2] has been successfully prepared via the previously described methods, the overall procedure is nevertheless laborious. To improve accessibility to [2], a more direct synthetic method was desired. The reaction of $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]\text{Na}$ and $[\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_2]\text{PF}_6$,⁵⁹ (Eqn. 29), was attempted.



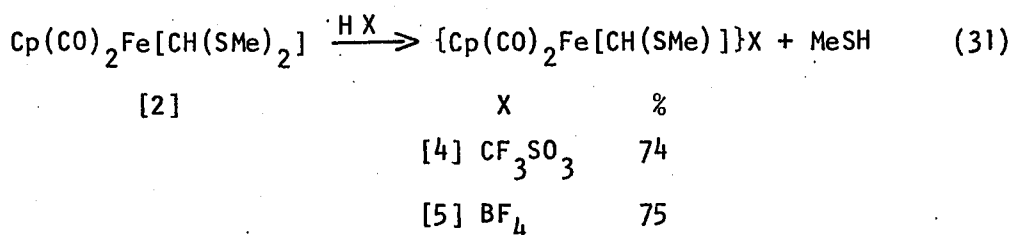
Instead of [2], [3] is the sole identifiable organometallic product. The formation of [3] is presumed to occur by oxidation of the anion, credited to its low oxidation potential.⁷⁰ That conclusion was also reached by Hartshorn et al.¹⁴ who attempted the synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMe}_2)]\}^+$ from $(\text{Me}_2\text{NCH}_2)\text{Cl}$ and the organometallic anion. With a less reducing anion, $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5]^-$, however, approximately 5% of $(\text{CO})_5\text{Mn}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})_2]$ is obtained (Eqn. 30). Although the complex has not been fully characterized, its ¹H NMR spectrum is consistent with the formulation.



Synthesis of



Complex [2] is very sensitive to acid and readily gives the carbene, $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [4], and $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{BF}_4$, [5], with the liberation of MeSH, upon reaction with $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ and $\text{HBF}_4\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$, respectively in diethylether (Eqn. 31). The yields for these reactions are good.

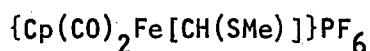


Compounds [4] and [5] are bright yellow powders which are stable to O_2 but decompose upon exposure to moisture and gradually decompose under N_2 to an indentified dark brown substance upon exposure to light for several days. These compounds can not be isolated without being contaminated by an appreciable amount of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_3\text{Fe}^+$, [37]. [4] and [5] are sparingly soluble in CH_2Cl_2 and dissolve readily in polar, THF and CH_3CN , and protic, $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, solvents.

Infrared spectra of [4] and [5] are similar, exhibiting two strong $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions in CH_2Cl_2 : 2067, 2026; 2067, 2028 cm^{-1} , respectively. These bands are an average of 17 cm^{-1} lower than those in $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{OMe})]\}^+$, [46],²⁴ which suggests the $[\text{CH}(\text{OMe})]$ moiety

has a lower σ donor/ π acceptor ratio than the sulfur analog. The ^1H NMR spectrum of [4] in CD_2Cl_2 displays a broad singlet at 14.8 δ , which is characteristic of a carbene hydrogen. In triflic acid, that resonance is shifted to 15.8 δ which is nearly 3 PPM downfield from the analogous proton in [46]. This indicates an increase in cationic character on the α hydrogen of the carbene ligand going from methoxide to thiomethoxide which is in line with the trend observed in the $\{(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{Os}[\text{CH}(\text{XMe})]\}^+$ ¹⁹ and $\{\text{Cp}(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{NO})\text{Re}[\text{CH}(\text{XMe})]\}^+$ ^{23,26}, (X = O, S), series.

Synthesis of



Owing to the poor crystallizabilities and stabilities of [4] and [5], the hexafluorophosphate analog was sought. Anion metathesis of [4] and [5] with $(\text{NH}_4)\text{PF}_6$ and KPF_6 only resulted in decomposition; thus, an alternative scheme was needed. The aforementioned, trityl cation is capable of abstracting an α hydride from organometallic ethers, MCHROR ²⁴; to a lesser extent, methoxide can sometimes be removed by it.⁴⁵ Although, thiomethoxide cleavage from $\text{HC}(\text{SMe})_3$ is facilitated by $(\text{Ph}_3\text{C})\text{BF}_4$,⁵⁹ (Eqn. 32), the analogous reaction is unknown in organometallic chemistry.

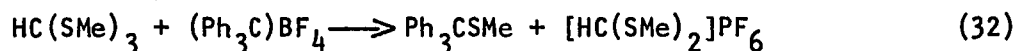


Table 2. IR^a and ¹H NMR^b data for [Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(SMe)]]X

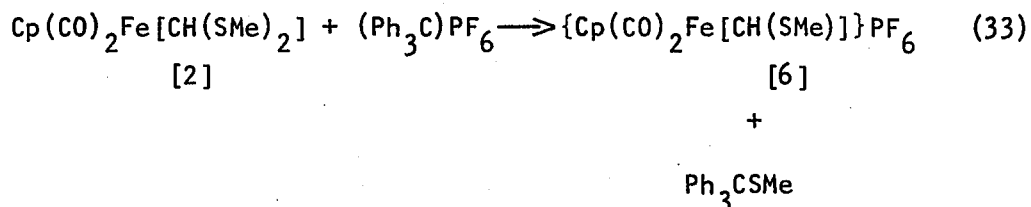
X	$\nu(\text{CO}) \text{ cm}^{-1}$	CH	Cp	SMe
CF ₃ SO ₃ , [4]	2067 s , 2026 s	14.86(br) ^c	5.11	3.00
BF ₄ , [5]	2067 s , 2028 s			
PF ₆ , [6]	2069 s , 2029 s	15.24(br)	5.15	3.12

^aSolvent is CH₂Cl₂.

^bSolvent is CD₂Cl₂.

^c15.79 in CF₃SO₃H.

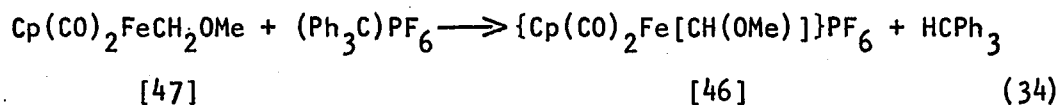
As hoped, $(\text{CPh}_3)\text{PF}_6$ readily reacts with [2] at -78°C affording a golden powder of [6] (75%), (Eqn. 33).



Compound [6] is significantly less soluble in organic solvents than [4] and [5], and it is recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ at -20°C to yield golden platelets of [6] which occlude diethylether. Nevertheless, [6] shares similar spectral characteristics with [4] and [5] which are summarized in Table 2.

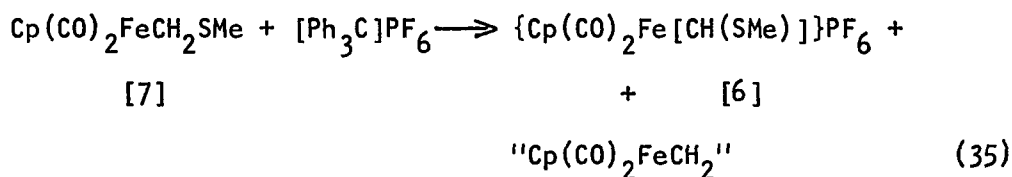
Direct Attempts to Prepare [6]

In light of the unsuccessful preparation of [2] in Equation 28, attention was diverted into developing a direct method for preparing [6] by avoiding [2]. Cutler²⁴ has shown that [46] can be prepared in a single step simply by reacting $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCH}_2\text{OMe}$, [47], with trityl (Eqn. 34).

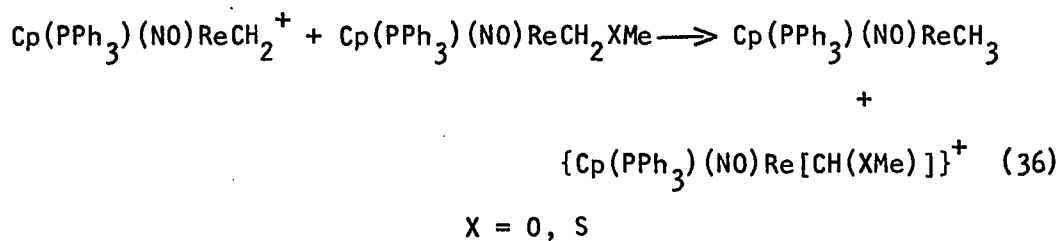


When similar conditions are employed with $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCH}_2\text{SMe}$, [7],⁶³ [6] is the only identifiable organometallic product (vide infra), but is

obtained in only approximately 5% yield (Eqn. 35).



The ineffectiveness of reaction 35 probably stems from the fact that the α -hydrogen in [7] is less labile than in its oxyl counterpart. That assumption is supported by the hydride transfer reactions of $\text{Cp}(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{NO})\text{ReCH}_2^+$ and $\text{Cp}(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{NO})\text{ReCH}_2\text{XMe}$ ($\text{X} = \text{S}, \text{O}$). In this system, the thiomethoxyl complex reacts with the methylidene complex²⁶ at 83°C during 8 hours whereas the methoxyether compound²³ transfers its hydride to the methylidene compound at -70°C (Eqn. 36).



Perhaps, the slower rate of α -hydride removal from MCH_2SMe compounds as compared to MCH_2OMe , results in an increase in the tendency of the trityl cation to abstract MeS^- rather than H^- , giving the methylidene complex or the methylidene- MeSPh_3 adduct⁷¹ (Eqn. 35). Since the decomposition product in Equation 35 has not been characterized, the presence of the methylidene complex or the adduct has not been verified.

Reaction of [4], [5] with Tertiary
Phosphines and Phosphites

As mentioned previously, the C_{carb} of metal carbene complexes is frequently the site of nucleophilic attack. For instance, the transient complexes, $(\text{CO})_5\text{W}[\text{CH}(\text{Ph})]^{43}$ and $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{Me})]^+ 32$ readily react with PPh_3 giving the stable phosphine adducts, $(\text{CO})_5\text{W}[\text{CH}(\text{Ph})(\text{PPh}_3)]$ and $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{Me})(\text{PPh}_3)]^+$, respectively. When a CH_2Cl_2 suspension of [5] is treated with PPh_3 , the gradual dissolution of the insoluble complex is apparent. The infrared spectrum of the solution shows that [5] had been completely consumed (ca. 30 min) as indicated by the absence of its $\nu(\text{CO})$ bands. Upon recrystallization, the resulting material affords air-stable yellow crystals of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_3)]\} \text{BF}_4$, [9a] in 86% yield. [9a] exhibits two strong $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions ($2027, 1975 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) which are an average of 45 cm^{-1} lower than those in [5] (Table 2). This shift to lower energy indicates an increase of metal to CO π -backbonding. The electron density at the metal which facilitates greater backbonding is contributed by the phosphine's lone electron-pair. By comparison, it should be noted that the $\nu(\text{CO})$ bands of [9a] are about 15 cm^{-1} higher than those found in [2]; this indicates that the positive charge is delocalized onto the iron, which reduces the degree of d-P π -backbonding from the metal to the carbonyls.

Similarly, a variety of tertiary phosphines and phosphites; MePPh_2 , ClPPh_2 , $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$ and $\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}$, react with [4] and [5] to furnish the corresponding adducts (Eqn. 37, Tables 3-4). The anion of these

Table 3. Selected IR and ^1H NMR data for the phosphine adducts, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{L}]^+$

Complex		IR($\nu(\text{CO})$, cm^{-1}) ^a	
$\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})_2]^c$	[2]	2012 s	1960 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})]\}\text{PF}_6$	[8]	2021 s	1971 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_3)]\}\text{BF}_4$	[9a]	2027 s	1975 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_3)]\}\text{PF}_6$	[9b]	2027 s	1975 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PClPh}_2)]\}\text{BF}_4$	[10]	2030 s	1982 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PCl}_3)]\}\text{BF}_4$	[11]	2031 s	1982 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)]\}\text{PF}_6$	[12]	2032 s	1986 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$	[13a]	2041 s	1992 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe})]\}\text{PF}_6$	[13b]	2042 s	1992 s

^a CH_2Cl_2 ,

^b CD_3CN .

^cIn hexane (2018 s, 1968 s).

Cp	¹ H NMR ^b		
	CH	SMe	Other
5.16	3.75(d, J _{PH} =2.93)	1.36(d, J _{PH} =0.73)	7.7(m, Ph), 2.45(d, J _{PH} =12.46, PMe)
5.25	4.28(d, J _{PH} =1.46)	1.67(d, J _{PH} =0.74)	7.35(m, Ph)
5.21	4.16(d, J _{PH} =11.73)	1.65	7.7(m, Ph)
5.25	3.41(d, J _{PH} =7.33)	2.12(d, J _{PH} =1.71)	7.35(m, Ph)
5.13	2.67(d, J _{PH} =2.44)	2.22	4.74(d, J _{PH} =5.37, OCH ₂), 0.94(CMe)

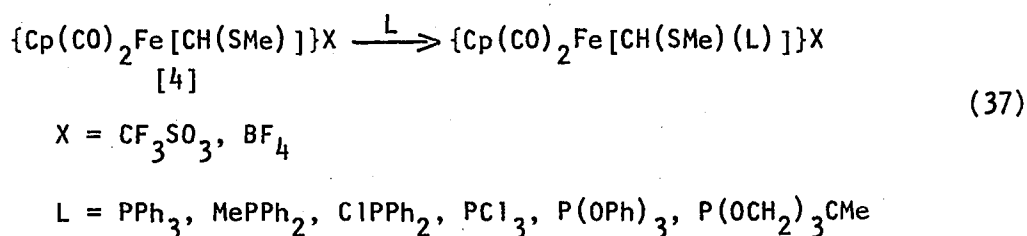
Table 4. ^{13}C NMR data for $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{L}]^+$ in CD_3CN solvent

Complex	CO	Cp	SMe
[8]	214.5	89.3	22.5
[9b]	215.5(d, $J_{\text{PC}}=5.86$), 213.0	89.7	23.2
[10]	214.4(d, $J_{\text{PC}}=5.86$), 213.2	89.3	22.7
[12]	214.5, 213.6	88.1	20.5
[13b]	214.0(d, $J_{\text{PC}}=3.66$), 213.1	87.4	23.5

$^a\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$

CH	Other
	134.7(d, $J_{PC}=3.9$); 133-130; 127.7; 126.6; 124.3; 123.2[Ph]
7.5(d, $J_{PC}=25.4$)	5.4(d, $J_{PC}=11.72$, PMe)
6.0(d, $J_{PC}=25.39$)	135.1(d, $J_{PH}=7.81$); 130.5(d, $J_{PH}=11.72$); 125.7; 122.0[Ph]
12.7(d, $J_{PC}=15.62$)	136.3; 134.0; 133.6; 126.5; 122.7[Ph]
10.8(d, $J_{PC}=130.86$) ^a	150.7(d, $J_{PC}=13.68$); 131.7; 128.3(d, $J_{PC}=3.90$); 120.6[Ph]
-5.1(d, $J_{PC}=101.32$)	80.7(d, $J_{PC}=6.1$, OCH ₂), 36.3(d, $J_{PC}=34.2$, CMe), 13.0(CMe)

compounds can be readily metathesized with PF_6^- to give a more manageable product. Astonishingly, the weak Lewis acid, PCl_3 , also gives the corresponding adduct



in solution when reacted with [5], but it could not be isolated in pure form without undergoing some decomposition. [4] fails to produce stable adducts with CH_3CN , THF, Me_2S , or AsPh_3 .

Spectral Properties of the $\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{Fe[CH(SMe)(L)]}^+$ Complexes

Uniformally, the ^1H NMR resonance of the methine hydrogen of these adducts (Table 3) is shifted upfield, as much as 12 PPM, from the parent carbene complex, which is in the range of a saturated iron alkyl complex, such as [2].²⁷ Invariably, the methine carbon in these complexes occurs as a doublet in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum due to coupling with the phosphorous (^{31}P $I = \frac{1}{2}$); the chemical shift of the methine carbon is in the range of -5 to 12 PPM, as compared with -23.3 PPM. observed in $[\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{FeCH}_2\text{PPh}_3]\text{BF}_4$.⁷²

In the carbonyl region (Table 4), the majority of these adducts display three-line patterns for the CO groups as exemplified by [13b]

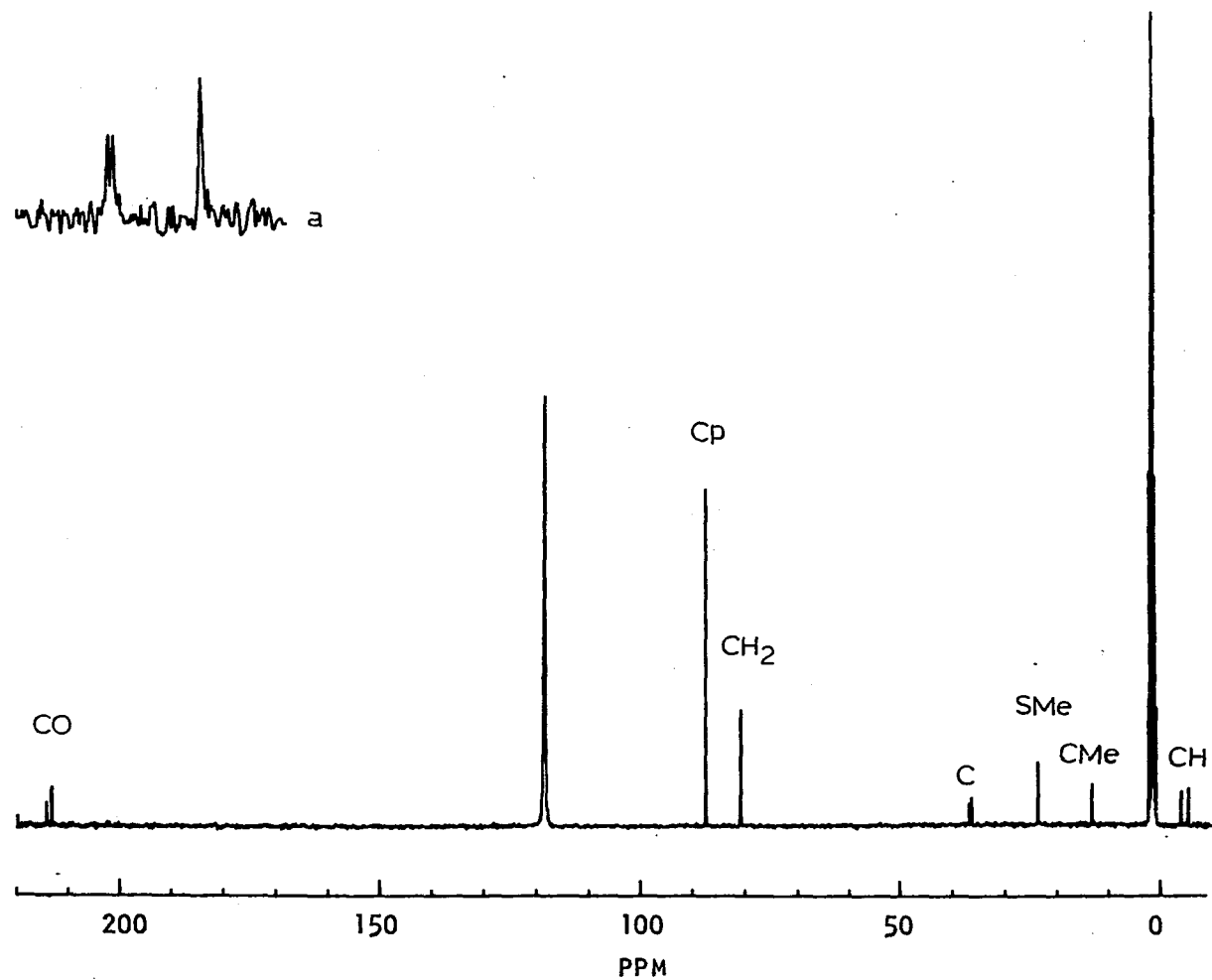


Figure 2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}]\text{PF}_6$, [13b], in CD_3CN .^a Expansion of the carbonyl region

in Figure 2. This phenomenon can be explained by diastereotopism, which has been cited in $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{OMe})(\text{Me})]$.⁴⁹ As a consequence of the nucleophilic attack by phosphorous on the C_{carb} , the resulting methine carbon becomes an optically active center, the complex can exist in several rotameric forms with the staggered rotomers, whose Newman projections are shown in Figure 3, being the most likely structures for each enantiomer.

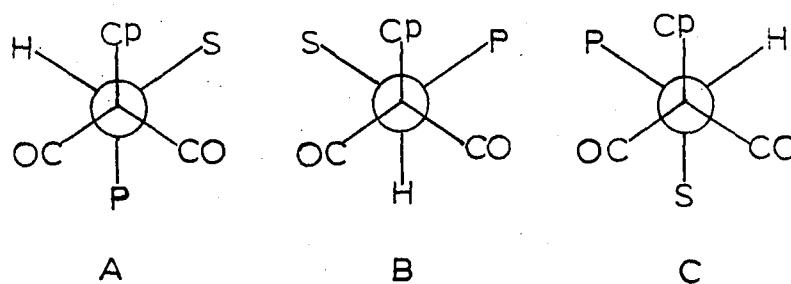


Figure 3. Newman projections for $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCHPS}$

In all of the rotomers in Figure 3, the carbonyls are clearly chemically and magnetically non-equivalent with respect to the phosphorus; thus, the CO groups should have different chemical shifts and coupling constants with the P. Presumably, rotation about the Fe-C bond is rapid relative to the NMR time scale even at the ambient probe temperature at which the data in Table 4 were obtained. Consequently, the carbonyl pattern is the average of the various rotomers and occurs as a doublet and singlet, arising from different J_{PC} values. The chiral-methine carbon also induces diastereotopism in PPh_2Me adduct, [8], whose ^{13}C spectrum shows two sets of phenyl carbon resonances, though, its carbonyl signals are observed to be coincident.

X-Ray Structure of [13b]

To ensure that the ylide moiety, $[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PR}_3)]$, was bonded to the iron through the methine carbon rather than the sulfur, an X-ray crystal determination was undertaken on [13b]. As illustrated in the ORTEP drawing of the organometallic cation portion (Figure 4), the iron remains connected to the formerly carbene carbon, C1. The overall molecular configuration of the cation is a three-legged piano-stool structure where the carbonyls and C1 are the legs. The angles between the legs average 91.6° (Table 5) which is slightly greater than in a regular octahedral complex (90°). To our surprise, a Newman projection through the C1-Fe bond of the organometallic cation reveals that the complex adopts the most sterically hindered staggered rotamer, that in which both bulky groups, S and P, are adjacent to the Cp (Figure 5). It is not clear why this is the case; presumably, it is preferred due to favorable packing in the lattice.

In general, Fe-C single bond distances in $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe-R}$ complexes⁷³⁻⁷⁸ are in the range of 2.06-2.11 Å. In the case of [13b], the Fe-C1 bond length is 2.08 Å (Table 6) which is longer than the partial double bond observed in $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}_2(\text{SMe}_2)]^+$ (2.036)⁷¹ and is in close accord with that (2.11 Å) of the single bond complex, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_3]$.⁷³ The Fe-CO (1.78 average) and FeC-O (1.14 average) distances in [13b] are longer and shorter, respectively, relative to the corresponding distances (1.76, 1.15) in $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_3]$, although the differences in bond distances are within experimental error. However, the $\nu(\text{CO})$

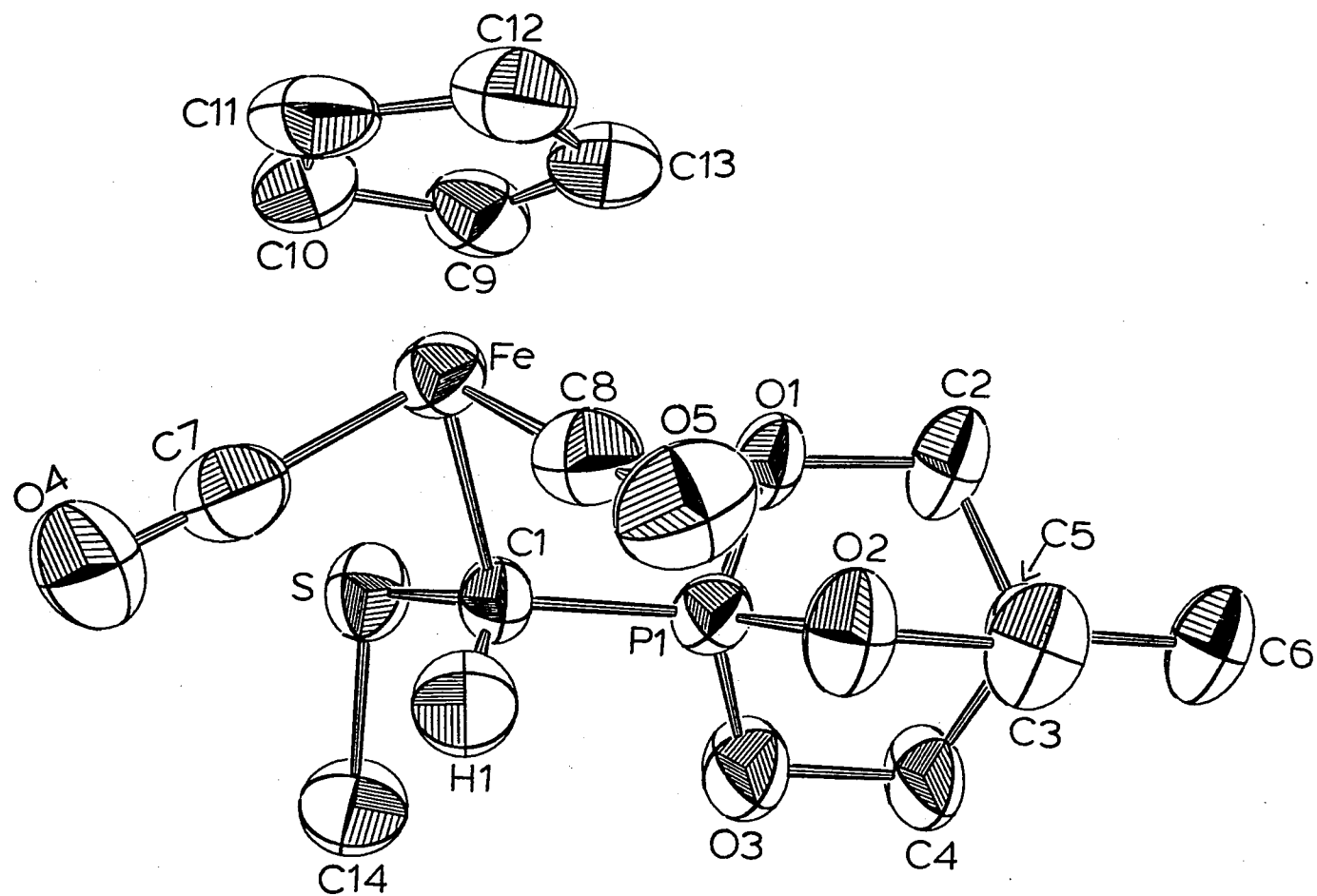
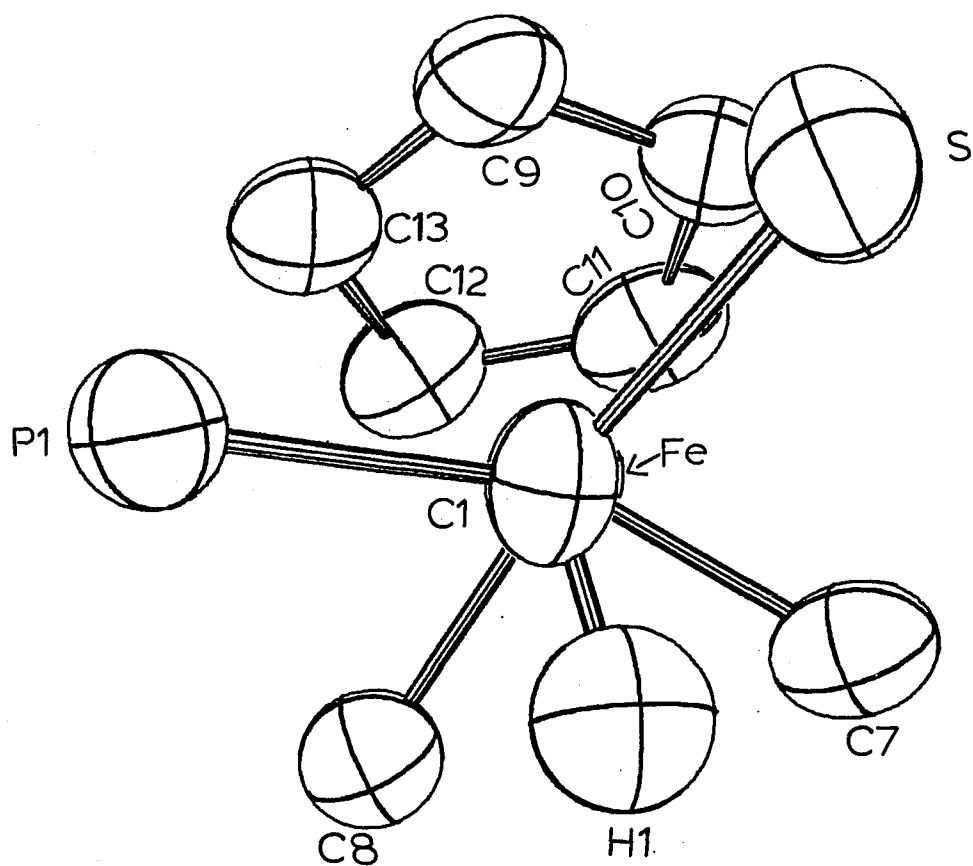


Figure 4. An ORTEP drawing of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCHSMcP}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}^+$



Torsion angles (deg)

C ₇ -Fe-C ₁ -H ₁	43.42
C ₇ -Fe-C ₁ -P ₁	157.37
C ₇ -Fe-C ₁ -S	77.18
C ₈ -Fe-C ₁ -S	171.52
C ₈ -Fe-C ₁ -P ₁	63.03
C ₈ -Fe-C ₁ -H ₁	50.91

Figure 5. A Newman projection of the CpC₂FeCHSP core viewing through the C₁-Fe bond

Table 5. Bond angles (deg) and their standard deviations (in parentheses) for $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe})]\}\text{PF}_6$

Fe-C ₇ -O ₄	176.7(1.1)	P ₁ -O ₃ -C ₄	112.7(6)
Fe-C ₈ -O ₅	175.7(1.0)	O ₁ -P ₁ -O ₂	106.7(4)
C ₈ -Fe-C ₇	94.5(5)	O ₂ -P ₁ -O ₃	105.2(4)
C ₁ -Fe-C ₇	87.5(4)	O ₃ -P ₁ -O ₁	104.8(4)
C ₁ -Fe-C ₈	92.9(4)	O ₁ -C ₂ -C ₅	107.3(8)
Fe-C ₁ -H ₁	97.2(6)	O ₂ -C ₃ -C ₅	107.8(8)
Fe-C ₁ -S	110.9(4)	O ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅	109.0(9)
Fe-C ₁ -P ₁	112.8(4)	C ₂ -C ₅ -C ₃	108.4(8)
H ₁ -C ₁ -S	115.3(6)	C ₃ -C ₅ -C ₄	108.6(9)
H ₁ -C ₁ -P ₁	108.8(6)	C ₄ -C ₅ -C ₂	112.3(9)
S-C ₁ -P ₁	111.14(5)	C ₂ -C ₅ -C ₆	110.1(9)
C ₁₄ -S-C ₁	103.0(5)	C ₃ -C ₅ -C ₆	107.5(8)
C ₁ -P ₁ -O ₁	113.6(4)	C ₄ -C ₅ -C ₆	110.0(9)
C ₁ -P ₁ -O ₃	113.4(4)	C ₉ -C ₁₀ -C ₁₁	109.3(1.0)
C ₁ -P ₁ -O ₂	112.5(4)	C ₁₀ -C ₁₁ -C ₁₂	108.7(1.0)
P ₁ -O ₁ -C ₂	114.9(6)	C ₁₁ -C ₁₂ -C ₁₃	104.5(9)
P ₁ -O ₂ -C ₃	114.9(6)	C ₁₂ -C ₁₃ -C ₉	108.5(1.1)
C ₁₃ -C ₉ -C ₁₀	109.0(1.0)	F ₄ -P ₂ -F ₅	175.9(9)
F ₁ -P ₂ -F ₂	178.2(6)	F ₃ -P ₂ -F ₆	172.8(9)
F ₂ -P ₂ -F ₃	88.4(5)	F ₃ -P ₂ -F ₄	83.5(7)
F ₅ -P ₂ -F ₆	94.8(1.0)	F ₆ -P ₂ -F ₁	89.6(7)

Table 6. Interatomic distances (Å) and their estimated standard deviations (in parentheses) for $\{Cp(CO)_2Fe[CH(SMe)(P(OCH_2)_3CMe)]\}PF_6$

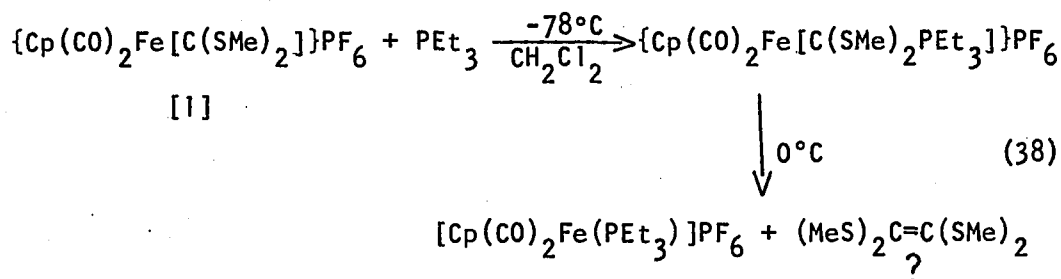
Fe-C ₁	2.085(9)	O ₁ -C ₂	1.49(1)
Fe-C ₇	1.78(1)	O ₂ -C ₃	1.48(1)
Fe-C ₈	1.78(1)	O ₃ -C ₄	1.53(1)
Fe-C ₉	2.13(1)	C ₂ -C ₅	1.54(1)
Fe-C ₁₀	2.11(1)	C ₃ -C ₅	1.57(1)
Fe-C ₁₁	2.08(1)	C ₄ -C ₅	1.51(1)
Fe-C ₁₂	2.12(1)	C ₅ -C ₆	1.55(1)
Fe-C ₁₃	2.16(1)	C ₉ -C ₁₀	1.41(1)
C ₇ -O ₄	1.13(1)	C ₁₀ -C ₁₁	1.37(1)
C ₈ -O ₅	1.14(1)	C ₁₁ -C ₁₂	1.47(2)
C ₁ -S	1.809(9)	C ₁₂ -C ₁₃	1.46(2)
C ₁ -H ₁	1.054(9)	C ₁₃ -C ₉	1.39(1)
C ₁ -P ₁	1.732(9)	P ₂ -F ₁	1.60(1)
S-C ₁₄	1.82(1)	P ₂ -F ₂	1.593(9)
P ₁ -O ₁	1.551(6)	P ₂ -F ₃	1.55(1)
P ₁ -O ₂	1.547(7)	P ₂ -F ₄	1.62(1)
P ₁ -O ₃	1.544(7)	P ₂ -F ₅	1.47(1)
		P ₂ -F ₆	1.52(1)

absorptions of [13b] (2042, 1992 cm^{-1}) are noticeably higher energy than those of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_3]$ (2013, 1964 cm^{-1}). Thus, on the basis of the X-ray results together with IR data, it appears there is less d-p π -backbonding to the CO groups in [13b]. The Cl-S bond (1.809) is found to be in good agreement with a typical C-S single bond distance observed in $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_3]$ (1.809) and compares favorably with the values obtained from microwave studies of MeSH (1.819),⁷⁹ and Me_2S (1.802).⁸⁰

The P1-Cl bond distance (1.732 Å) is in close accord with those in the terminal carbene phosphine adducts: $\text{Me}_3\text{AuCH}_2\text{PPh}_3$ (1.755 Å)⁸¹, $(\text{CO})_3\text{Ni}[\text{CH}(\text{Me})\text{PCy}_3]$ ⁸² (1.745 Å), $\text{trans} [\text{Pt}(\text{CH}_2\text{PEt}_3)\text{I}(\text{PEt}_3)_2]^+$ (1.77 Å)⁸³ and $\{(1,5\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{12})\text{Pd}[\text{CH}(\text{SiMe}_3)\text{PPhMe}_2](\text{SiMe}_3)(\text{Cl})\}^+$ (1.780 Å)⁸⁴; but is noticeably longer than those in the ylides, $(\text{CO})_5\text{W}[\text{SMe}(\text{C}(\text{SMe})\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})]$ (1.704 Å)⁸⁵ and $\text{Cp}_2\text{ClZr}[\text{CH}(\text{PPh}_3)]$ (1.716 Å).⁸⁶ Thus, the P1-Cl bond may be considered a single bond.

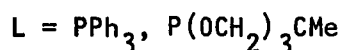
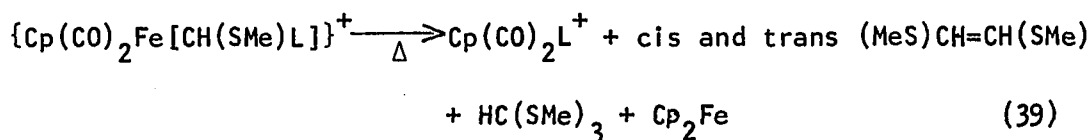
Thermal Decomposition of [9a] and [13b]

Recently, in the course of studying the electrophilicity of [1] toward tertiary phosphines, Angelici and Matachek⁸⁷ observed the formation of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2\text{PEt}_3]\}\text{PF}_6$ when the carbene reacted with PEt_3 at -78°C (Eqn. 38).

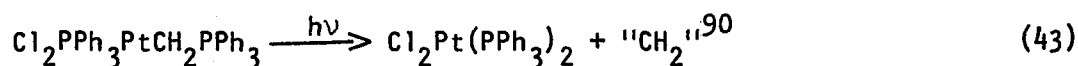
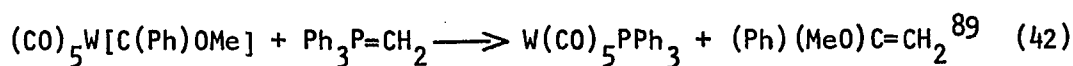
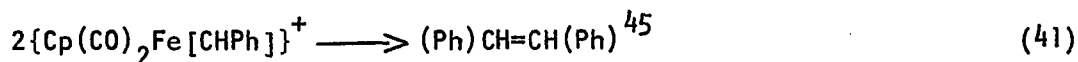
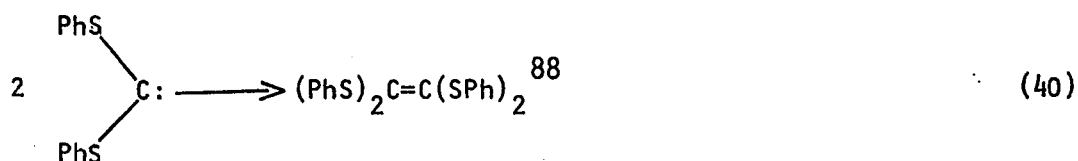


This triethylphosphine adduct was described as having spectral properties similar to those of the compound in Tables 3-4. However, it was not isolated due to its inherent instability and decomposed to $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{PEt}_3)]\text{PF}_6$ upon warming to 0° , and the remaining carbene fragment may have dimerized to give the tetrathiomethoxyl ethylene.

To evaluate the generality of this degradation reaction, the thermal stabilities of the 3°PR_3 adducts, [9a] and [13b] were investigated. In contrast to the PEt_3 adduct, both complexes remain unaltered in refluxing CH_2Cl_2 and THF for two hours and maintain their structural integrities even when heated at 100°C in the solid state under an N_2 atmosphere for 15 min. When solid [9a] and [13b] are heated for 2 min at 200 and 180°C , respectively, decomposition occurs, affording $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FePPh}_3]\text{BF}_4$ (88%) and $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeP}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}]\text{PF}_6$ (65%), respectively (Eqn. 39).

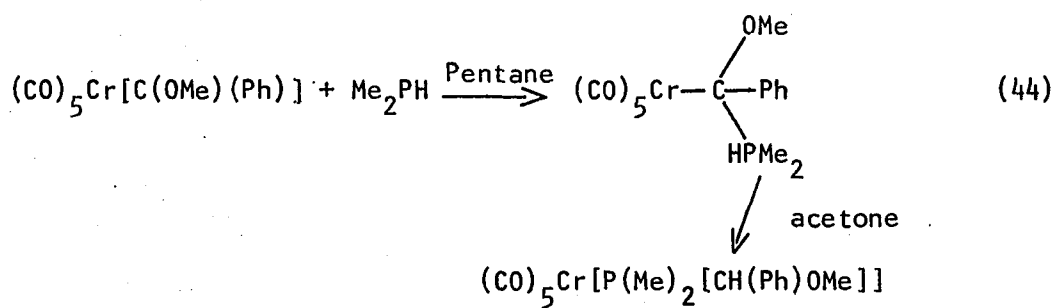


Both organometallic products were identified by comparing their spectral data with authentic samples synthesized from the reaction of $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeTHF}]^+$ and L.⁶⁹ The organic products separated from the pyrolysis reaction of [9a] were identified by their GC-MS spectra to be cis and trans 1,2 bis(methylthio)ethylene in about equal proportions, trithiomethoxy methane, and ferrocene. Undoubtedly, the olefins are derived from the coupling of "CH(SMe)" fragments; whether this coupling involves free carbene or coordinated carbene ligand is unknown, but certain thioalkoxyl carbenes have been shown to produce olefins under the proper conditions (Eqn. 40), and carbene complexes are also known to release the carbene as an olefin-product (Eqn. 41-43).



Reaction of [4]
with Secondary Phosphines

The reaction between secondary phosphines and transition metal carbene complexes is similar to those of tertiary phosphines, but with a slight variation. Kreissel et al.⁹¹ observed that Me_2PH readily reacted with $(\text{CO})_5\text{Cr}[\text{C}(\text{OMe})(\text{Ph})]$ to give $(\text{CO})_5\text{Cr}[\text{C}(\text{OMe})(\text{Ph})\text{PMe}_2\text{H}]$. Upon stirring the adduct in acetone, rearrangement occurred affording a phosphine coordinated complex (Eqn. 44).



More recently, Pickering et al.⁸⁵ observed a similar rearrangement in the reaction of $(\text{CO})_5\text{W}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]$ and Ph_2PH . In that case, the phosphine complex was isolated and the phosphine adduct was presumed to be an intermediate, although there was no spectroscopic evidence for it (Eqn. 45).

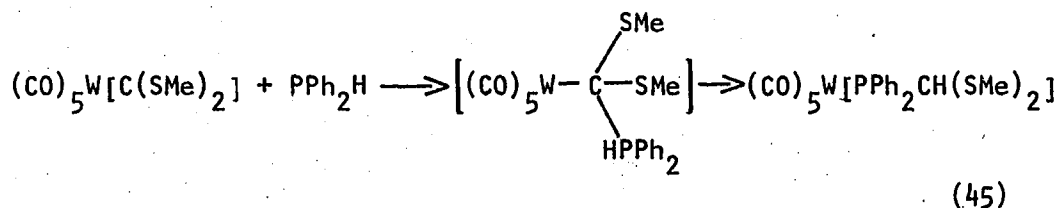


Table 7. Selected IR and ^1H NMR data for the primary and secondary phosphine adducts, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{L}]^+$ and their derivative

Complex		IR(CO), cm^{-1}) ^a	
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_2\text{H})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$	[14]	2033 s	1980 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PCy}_2\text{H})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$	[15]	2025 s	1975 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPhH}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$	[16]	2036 s	1987 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PCyH}_2)]\}\text{PF}_6$	[17]	2036 s	1986 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{PPh}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SMe})\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$	[18]	2057 s	2012 s
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{PCy}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SMe})\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$	[19]	2049 s	2005 s
$\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{PPh}_2]$	[20]	2008 s	1958 s

^a CH_2Cl_2 .

^b CD_3CN .

^c CDCl_3 .

^d CD_3NO_2 .

^e C_6D_6 .

¹ H NMR		
Cp	CH	SMe
5.14 ^b	3.46 (dd, J _{PH} =1.47, J _{HH} =10.63)	1.59 (d, J _{PH} =0.73)
5.16 ^b	3.18 (dd, J _{PH} =1.47, J _{HH} =2.93)	2.21 (d, J _{PH} =1.10)
5.18 ^b	3.06 (dd, J _{PH} =1.28, J _{HH} =9.9)	1.79
5.15 ^c	2.87 (dm, J _{PH} =7.7)	2.29
5.38 (d, J _{PH} =1.46) ^d		1.99 (d, J _{PH} =1.46)
5.41 (d, J _{PH} =1.47) ^b		2.32 (d, J _{PH} =1.84)
4.36 ^e	3.50 (d, J _{PH} =4.39)	1.56

Table 7. continued

Other

7.22(m, Ph)

7.45(dd, $J_{\text{PH}}=501.31$, $J_{\text{HH}}=10.63$, PH)

1.83(m, Cy),

5.78(dm, $J_{\text{PH}}=439$, PH)

7.25(dm, $J_{\text{PH}}=482.02$);

6.98(dm, $J_{\text{PH}}=502.18$) [PH], 7.7(m, Ph)

1.90-1.4.(m, Cy), 6.16(dm, $J_{\text{PH}}=470.84$);

5.83(dm, $J_{\text{PH}}=472.29$) [PH]

3.82(d, $J_{\text{PH}}=6.1$, SCH₂),

7.7(m, Ph)

3.21(d, $J_{\text{PH}}=9.53$, SCH₂),

1.83(m, Cy)

7.91-7.1(m, Ph)

Table 8. ^{13}C NMR data for the primary and secondary phosphine adducts, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{L}]^+$ and their derivatives

Complex	CO	Cp	SMe
[14] ^a	214.9(d, $J_{\text{PC}}=5.86$), 213.8	88.5	23.3
[15] ^b	216.2(br), 215.0	89.2	23.3
[16] ^d	213.3(br), 212.3 ^e	87.6	22.2
[17] ^b	214.2(d, $J_{\text{PC}}=5.86$), 213.8	87.6	22.4

^a CD_3NO_2 .

^b CD_3CN .

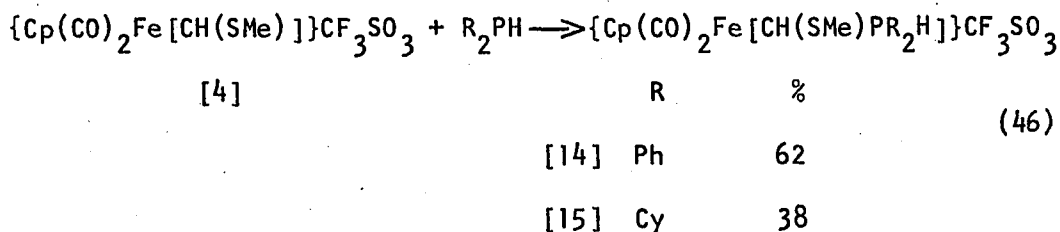
^c CDCl_3 .

^d CD_3COCD_3 .

^e CD_2Cl_2 .

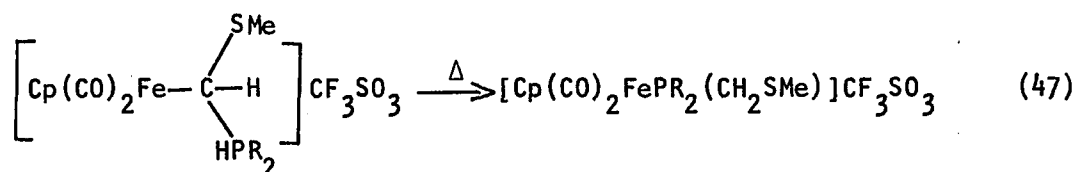
CH	Other
5.6(d, $J_{PC}=21.49$)	135-130(Ph)
-1.3(d, $J_{PC}=19.53$) ^c	34-26(Cy)
1.5(d, $J_{PC}=11.72$)	135-130(Ph)
-4.3(d, $J_{PC}=19.53$)	31.8(d, $J_{PH}=37.11$); 28.3; 26.5; 25.9[Cy]

The addition of HPPH_2 or HPCy_2 to a dichloromethane solution of [4] at room temperature, results in the isolation of air-stable phosphine adducts in fair yields, $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{PPh}_2\text{H}]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [14], and $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{PCy}_2\text{H}]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [15], respectively (Eqn. 46).



The J_{PH} coupling constants for [14] and [15] are 501 and 439 Hz, respectively, and are consistent with the hydrogen atom being bound to the phosphorus.⁹² Both complexes have spectral characteristics (Tables 7-8) similar to those of 3° phosphine adducts.

In contrast to $(\text{CO})_5\text{Cr}[\text{C}(\text{OMe})(\text{Ph})(\text{PMe}_2\text{H})]$, [14] is stable in acetone for a period of 12 hours, and shows no noticeable decomposition in refluxing CH_2Cl_2 and THF for 2 hours. However, it undergoes hydrogen migration when heated at 168°C in the solid state to yield $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{PPh}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [18] (Eqn. 47). Much of the material obtained from the pyrolysis reaction is insoluble in common organic solvents and is believed to be a decomposition product of [14]. Likewise [15] is converted into $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{PCy}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [19], at elevated temperatures (Eqn. 47).

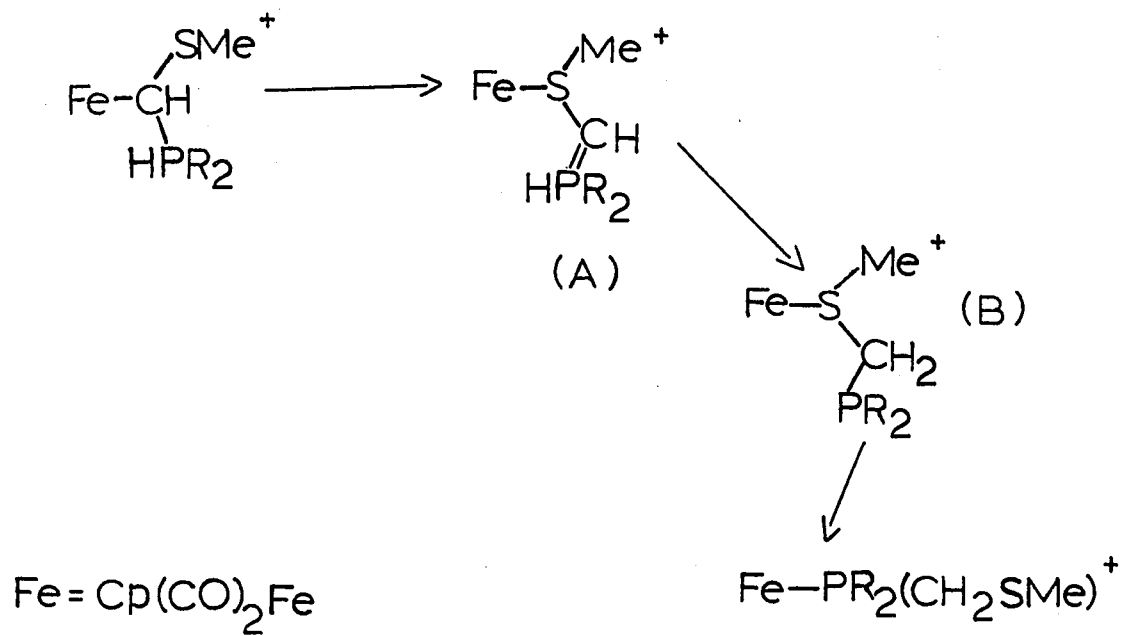


	R	°C	%
[18]	Ph	168	20
[19]	Cy	200	20

IR spectra of these products show two strong $\nu(\text{CO})$ bands in the regions where $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FePR}_3^+$ complexes absorb⁶⁸ (Table 7). In the proton NMR spectrum, the PH signal is no longer present and a new resonance appears with a J_{PCH} (<10 Hz) coupling constant, which is consistent with the expected value (0.5-20 Hz)⁹² for phosphines of the type $\text{R}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{R}'$.

A possible mechanism for reaction 47 is one that suggested for reaction 45.⁹³ Thus, the thioether group migrates to the iron and coordinates by lone pair donation from the sulfur giving a phosphorane complex (Scheme 1). Subsequent proton migration from the P to the C atom followed by phosphine displacement of the sulfur furnishes the observed product.

In an effort to determine the validity of Scheme 1, thermolysis of [14] was carried out at lower temperatures, in the hope of detecting the presence of the postulated intermediate sulfur-coordinated complexes. However, at 150-160°, no reaction takes place (vide infra). Thus, the sulfur coordinated intermediates must be short-lived at

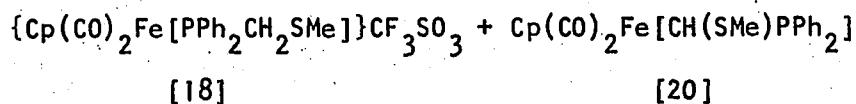
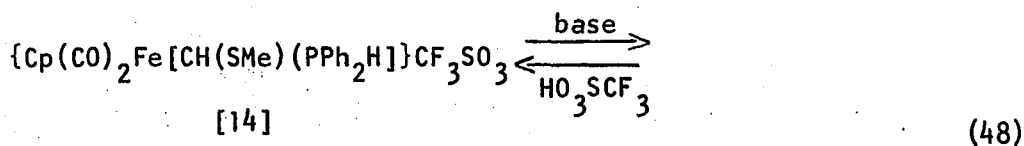


Scheme 1

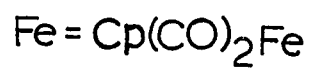
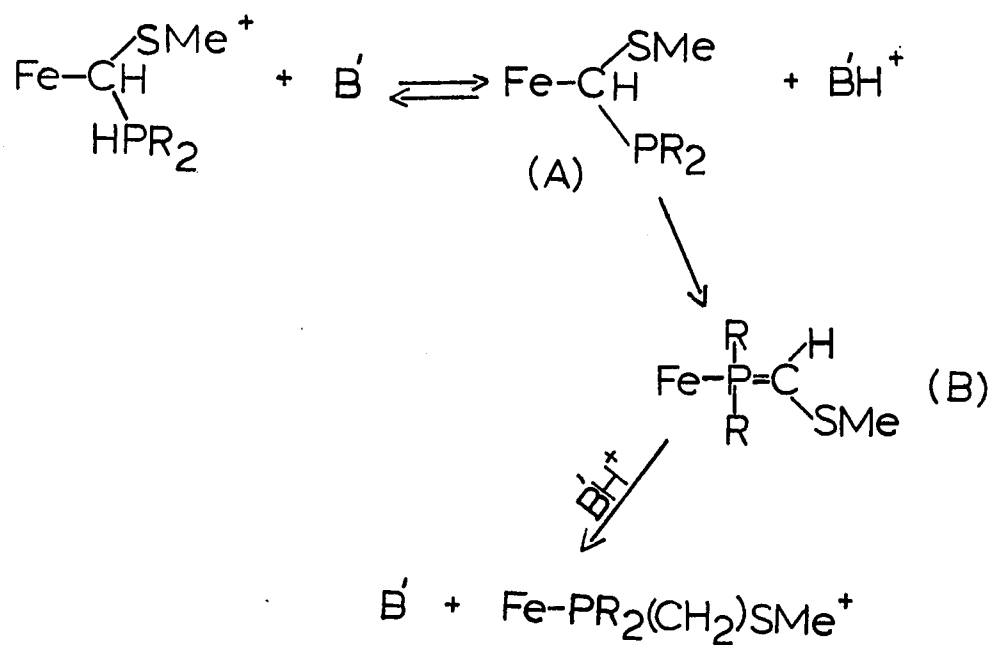
168°, which is the minimum reaction temperature. Conceivably, the rearrangement reaction could proceed by an entirely different mechanism, in which sulfur-bound complexes are not involved.

Alternatively, reaction 47 could be base catalyzed, where removal of the phosphonium hydrogen of the adduct is the initial step. The base involved in the deprotonation perhaps is PHR_2 which is derived from decomposition of the adduct (Scheme 2). Following attack on the iron by the resulting phosphine, reprotonation of the ylide with the conjugate acid or a H^+ donor, such as the adduct, would give the observed product.

In the course of these investigations, [14] was found to be deprotonated by $n\text{-BuLi}$ in THF or Et_3N in CH_2Cl_2 to yield mainly $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{PPh}_2]$, [20], and 5-12% of the rearranged complex, [18]. However, when 1/3 eqv. of base is used, a mixture consisting of [14], [18] and [20] results and [20] is only a minor product (Eqn. 48).



base: $n\text{-BuLi/THF}$; $\text{Et}_3\text{N/CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

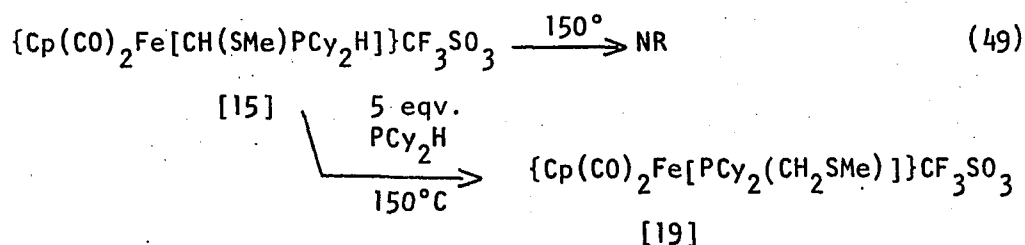


B' = base

Scheme 2

These experiments suggest the rearrangement of [14] to [18] is probably base influenced and the reaction is not catalytic, at least under the conditions in Equation 48.

Under pyrolytic conditions, the base involved in inducing the rearrangement reaction could be PR_2H which is generated by dissociation from the adduct $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})\text{L}]^+$. Indeed, a 5:1 mixture of neat [15]: PCy_2H gives [19] and a monocarbonyl complex, based on the single $\nu(\text{CO})$ band (1965 cm^{-1}) and apparent liberation of CO during the reaction, (vide infra), at a considerably lower temperature (150°C) (Eqn. 49). However, a 5:1 mixture of [14]/ Ph_2PH produces mostly a CO substituted product at 100°C .



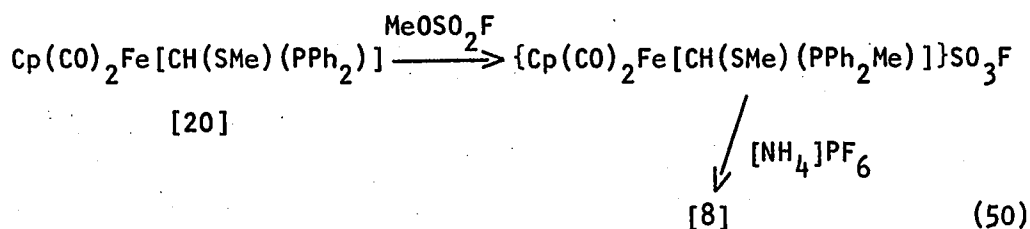
Evidently, the Et_3N , $n\text{-BuLi}$ and PCy_2H bases assist the rearrangement reaction; thus, Scheme 2 could be a viable alternative mechanism and deserves special attention in future work.

Preparation of [20]

The phosphonium proton in [14] is readily removed by $n\text{-BuLi}$ at -78°C to give [20] predominantly; the reaction may be reversed by adding $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ (Eqn. 48). An Et_2O solution of [20] decomposes slowly

in air. Attempts to crystallize [20] from Et₂O/pentane at -78°C only resulted in decomposition. In several instances, an Et₂O extract consisting of [20] decomposed to [18] and a deep-red unidentified material, when filtered through a frit under an N₂ atmosphere. This decomposition reaction is not well-understood and seldom reproducible. A closer examination of reaction 48 reveals that it also provides a small amount of [18] (5%). When the reaction is carried out at room temperature, the yield of [18] increases to 10%. Similarly, Et₃N reacts with [14] in CH₂Cl₂ at ambient temperature to produce [20] and 10% of [18] (Eqn. 48).

Complex [20] can be methylated (Eqn. 50) with MeOSO₂F to furnish {Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(SMe)(PPh₂Me)]}SO₃F whose spectral properties are very similar to those of [8] which was synthesized by an independent route (Eqn. 37). Upon metathesis with [NH₄]PF₆ in acetone, it is converted to [8] and the overall yield is 82%.

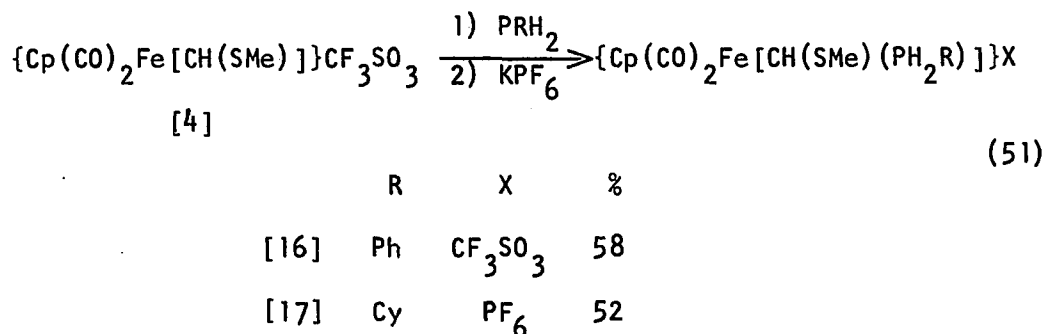


Attempts to obtain a phosphino carbene complex, Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(PPh₂)]⁺, by reacting [20] with AgBF₄ in the hope that Ag⁺ ion would abstract MeS⁻ from the organometallic complex only led to an unisoluble material with ν(CO) absorptions (2027, 1976 cm⁻¹) which are probably not those of

the expected product. Addition of anhydrous $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}]\text{BF}_4$ to a CH_2Cl_2 solution of [20] at room temperature produces no apparent reaction.

Reaction of [4] with Primary Phosphines

Analogous to the reaction of secondary phosphines, PhPH_2 and CyPH_2 also react with [4] to give $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPhH}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [16] and $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PCyH}_2)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [17], (after metathesis with KPF_6 in CH_3CN) respectively (Eqn. 51). The ^{31}P NMR spectrum of [17] displays a deceptive triplet and the J_{PH} coupling constant (470 Hz) is consistent with the formulation in which both hydrogen atoms remain on the phosphorus.⁹² Moreover, the phosphonium hydrogens of [16] and [17] are shown by ^1H NMR to be diastereotopic, because of the adjacent chiral methine carbon which was illustrated in Figure 3 earlier. IR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of these complexes are similar to those of the 2° phosphine adducts; these spectral data are summarized in Tables 7-8.

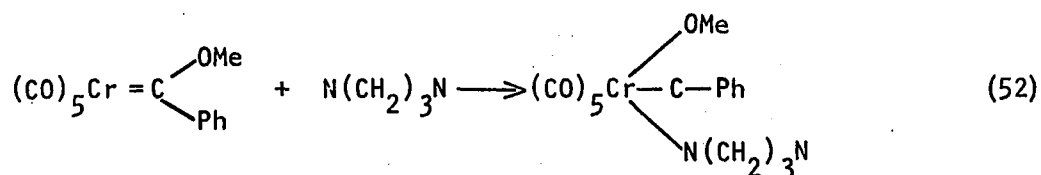


Like their secondary phosphine analogs, [16] and [17] seem to rearrange at 160°C in the solid state based on IR spectra (2058, 2015;

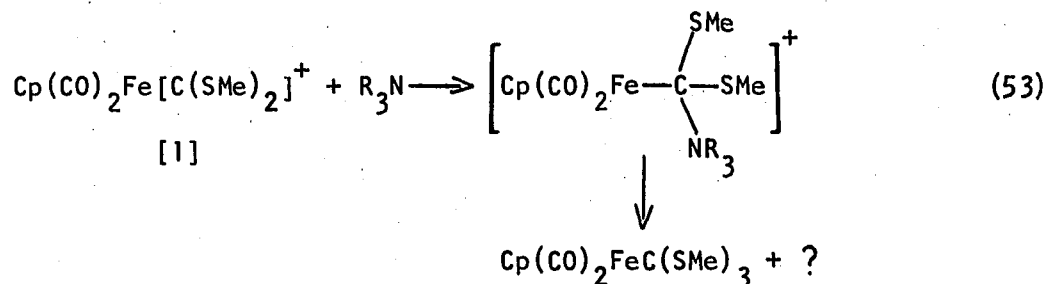
2058, 2012 cm^{-1} , respectively) of the reaction mixture. However, ^1H NMR spectra of these reaction products indicate them to be mixtures, and they have not yet been positively identified.

Reaction of [4] with Pyridine

Much attention has been paid to the reactivity of carbene complexes with 3° phosphines and phosphites; the analogous reactions with tertiary amines are seldom reported. Kreissel et al.⁹⁴ reported the preparation of a nitrogen adduct by reacting $(\text{CO})_5\text{Cr}[\text{C}(\text{OMe})\text{Ph}]$ and Dabco (Eqn. 52). A similar reaction was also observed between quinclidine and $(\text{CO})_5\text{W}[\text{C}(\text{OMe})\text{Ph}]$.⁹⁵ Recently, Tam et al.²³ obtained $\text{Cp}(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{NO})\text{Re}[\text{CH}_2\text{Pyr}]^+$ from the reaction of the methyldiene complex with pyridine.



McCormick et al.⁷³ observed the disproportionation of [1] when it was treated with a variety of tertiary amines; an amino adduct was proposed as the key intermediate (Eqn. 53).



strong $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions ($2022, 1974 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) which are in the region characteristic of the PR_3 adducts (Table 3). The methine, FeCH , proton resonance is at 6.5δ (Table 9) which is noticeably more deshielded than the corresponding signal in the PR_3 adducts (Table 3). The same trend is also observed in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum (Table 10) where the FeCH carbon is found at 64.5 PPM , which is at least 51 PPM downfield from those of the phosphine and phosphite adducts (Table 4). These observations suggest that [21] is more electrophilic and should be more susceptible to nucleophilic attack than the phosphorus analogs. That notion is supported by the reaction of [21] with H_2O (Eqn. 54), whereas [8] and [13b] tolerate H_2O .

Chemical Reactivity of [21]

Besides reacting with water, [21] also reacts smoothly with various organic nucleophiles which have proven to be effective in reactions with the parent compound, [4]; however, the reactions with [21] are slower than those with [4]. [21] reacts with 2 eqv. of diethylamine and *t*-butylamine to afford $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NEt}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [23], and $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHBU}^t)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [28], respectively (Eqn. 55, Tables 9-10). Frequently, these reactions produce slightly higher yields of the desired products and lesser amounts of [2] (10%). In contrast, [2] is one of the major products (25-35%) in the reactions of [4] and amines under similar conditions. The advantages of [21] are also seen in the reaction with NH_3 which gives $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [29],

Table 9. Selected IR and ¹H NMR data for pyridine adduct and secondary amino carbene complexes

Complex		IR ^a (ν(CO), cm ⁻¹)	
{Cp(CO) ₂ Fe[CH(SMe)(C ₅ H ₅ N)]}CF ₃ SO ₃	[21]	2022s	1974 s
{Cp(CO) ₂ Fe[CH(NMe ₂)]}PF ₆	[22]	2049 s	2005 s
{Cp(CO) ₂ Fe[CH(NEt ₂)]}CF ₃ SO ₃	[23]	2048 s	2004 s
{Cp(CO) ₂ Fe[CH(NHMe)]}PF ₆	[24]	2055 s	2007 s
{Cp(CO) ₂ Fe[CH(NHCy)]}CF ₃ SO ₃	[25]	2054 s	2004 s
{Cp(CO) ₂ Fe[CD(NHCy)]}CF ₃ SO ₃	[26]	2053 s	2007 s
{Cp(CO) ₂ Fe[CH(NHPr ⁱ)]}PF ₆	[27]	2053 s	2005 s
{Cp(CO) ₂ Fe[CH(NHBU ^t)]}CF ₃ SO ₃	[28]	2055 s	2007 s
{Cp(CO) ₂ Fe[CH(NH ₂)]}CF ₃ SO ₃	[29]	2056 s	2010 s
{Cp(CO)(MeCN)Fe[CH(NHCy)]}CF ₃ SO ₃	[36]	1994	

^aCH₂Cl₂ solution.

^bCDCl₃ solution.

^cCD₃CN solution.

^dCD₃COCD₃ solution.

^eCD₂Cl₂ solution.

*Exchanges with D₂O.

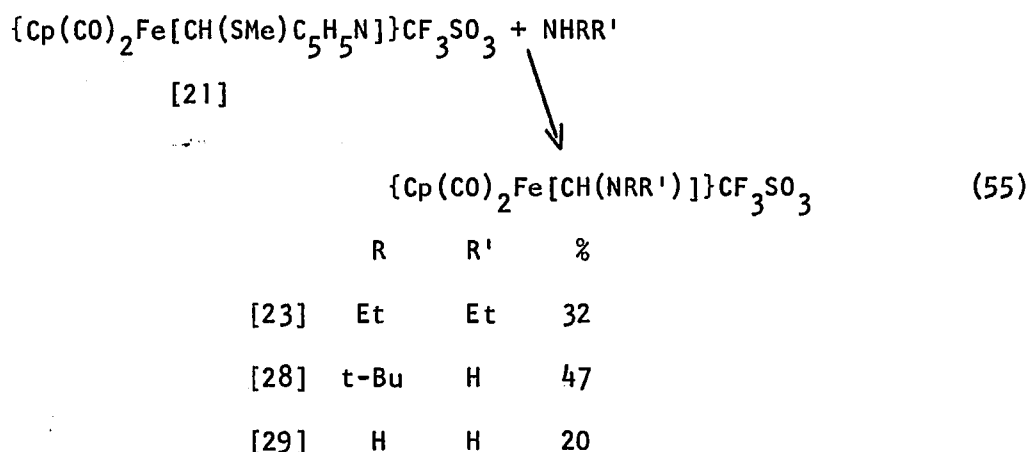
Cp	CH	NH*	Other
5.10 ^b	6.42		9.31 (d, $J_{HH}=5.49$); 8.30 (t, $J_{HH}=6.96$); 7.92 (t, $J_{HH}=6.60$) [Pyr], 1.92 (SMe)
5.30 ^c	10.79		1.94 (d, $J_{HH}=2.6$); 1.89 (d, $J_{HH}=2.2$) [NMe]
5.59 ^d	11.30		3.99 (q, $J_{HH}=7.3$); 3.96 (q, $J_{HH}=7.3$) [NCH ₂] 1.47 (t, $J_{HH}=7.3$); 1.36 (t, $J_{HH}=7.3$) [NCH ₂ Me]
5.29 ^c	10.69	10.90	3.33 (d, $J_{HH}=3.3$, NMe)
5.25 ^e	10.76	10.55	3.52 (br); 1.56 (m) [Cy]
5.25 ^e		11.63 (br)	3.49 (br); 1.56 (m) [Cy]
5.28 ^b	10.85	10.64	3.89 (h, $J_{HH}=6.6$, NCHMe ₂), 1.38 (d, $J_{HH}=6.6$, NCHMe ₂)
5.27 ^b	10.83	10.63	1.42 (t-Bu)
5.33 ^c	11.30 (m)	11.51 (m)	
4.76 ^b	11.62	11.84	3.56 (m); 1.88-1.26 (m) [Cy], 2.35 (MeCN)

Table 10. ^{13}C NMR data for the pyridine adduct and secondary amino carbene complexes in CD_3CN

Complex	Carbene	CO	Cp	Others
[21] ^a		213.6	87.2	19.8 (SMe), 143.0; 141.9; 128.2 [Pyr]
		213.2		64.5 (CH)
[22]	234.9	211.8	88.8	55.9; 47.7 [NMe]
[23]	232.4	211.7	88.9	58.8; 53.2 [<u>N</u> CH ₂] 14.4; 13.2 NCH ₂ <u>Me</u>
[24]	238.6	211.2	88.6	45.8 (NMe)
[25]	235.1	211.3	88.8	69.9; 32.5; 25.3; 25.1 [Cy]
[26]	234.5 (t, 23.44) ^b	211.3	88.8	69.8; 32.5; 25.3; 25.1 [Cy]
[27]	234.5	211.5	88.8	63.3 (<u>N</u> CHMe ₂), 21.8 (NCHMe ₂)
[28]	231.2	212.5	89.7	66.5 (<u>N</u> CMe ₃), 29.0 (NCMe ₃)
[36] ^a	243.9	216.1	83.7	133.7 (CN), 69.1; 32.1; 24.8; 24.6 [Cy], 5.1 (Me)

^aCDCl₃.^bJ_{CD}.

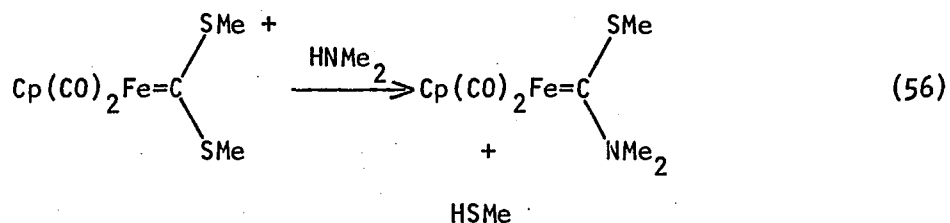
that is more readily purified than that obtained from [4]. Compound [29] has been synthesized from [4] and NH_3 , but only an oily product which could not be purified was obtained (Eqn. 55).



Although, extensive chemical reactivity studies on [21] have not been undertaken, the success in Equations 54-55 suggest that [21] may be a useful and stable equivalent of [4].

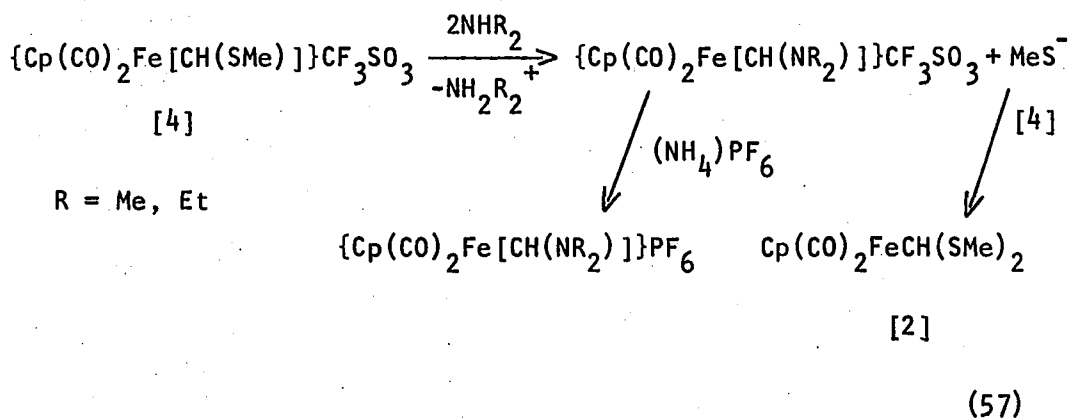
Aminolysis of [4]

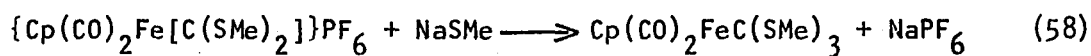
Reactions of amine nucleophiles with thioalkoxyl carbenes are known^{19,96-98} to lead to the replacement of the thioalkoxyl group by an amino group, as illustrated in Equation 56. This reaction is undoubtedly facilitated by the good leaving ability of the thioalkoxyl group. The amino thiocarbene products are stabilized by strong p-p π -bonding between the nitrogen lone pair electrons and the C_{carb} Pz.



Secondary amines

When approximately one eqv. of Me_2NH is bubbled into a CH_2Cl_2 solution containing [4], an immediate color change is apparent. Upon evaporation of the solvent, a benzene extract and a CH_2Cl_2 -soluble portion are obtained. The yellow air-sensitive benzene portion displays IR and ^1H spectra characteristic of [2]. The yield of [2] ranges from 20 to 35%, and is dependent upon the concentration of [4]. The formation of [2] is probably formed in a secondary reaction between [4] and MeS^- which is generated under the basic reaction conditions (Eqn. 57). An analogous reaction has been demonstrated⁷³ in a more sterically demanding and less electrophilic dithioalkoxy carbene system, [1] (Eqn. 58).





[1]

The CH_2Cl_2 fraction is metathesized with $(\text{NH}_4)\text{PF}_6$ /acetone and readily re-crystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ to furnish pale yellow, air-stable crystals of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMe}_2)]\}\text{PF}_6$, [22], (30%). The yield of [22] is diminished sharply when more than one eqv. of Me_2NH is used. The predominate organometallic product when a 5:1 amine/carbene ratio is utilized is $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]_2$, [3]; the organic product in this case was found by its IR ($\nu(\text{CN}) = 1700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and NMR spectra⁹⁹ to be $[\text{Me}_2\text{NCHNMe}_2]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$. Complex [3] is seemingly produced from the further reaction of [22] with excess amine; mechanistic aspects of this secondary reaction will be discussed in detail later.

Analogously, $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NEt}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [23], may also be prepared, and the yields of [23] and [2] are comparable to those in the Me_2NH reaction (Eqn. 57). An excess of Et_2NH also decreases the yield of the desired complex, [23].

Spectral properties of [22] and [23] As mentioned previously, a lone-pair-bearing heteroatom (N, O, or S) is capable of p-p π -bonding to the empty P_z orbital of C_{carb} , resulting in a multiple-bond between the C_{carb} and the heteroatom. This results in restricted rotation around the $\text{C}_{\text{carb}}-\text{N}$ bond in amino carbene complexes. This restricted rotation has been noted in the ^1H spectrum of $\text{Cl}_3(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Rh}[\text{CH}(\text{NMe}_2)]$ ¹², in which, two separate methyl signals were observed. These signals do not coalesce

even at a temperature of 150°C.

In the ^1H NMR spectrum of [22] (Table 9), the methyl region shows two doublets. The doublets are assigned to two chemically and magnetically non-equivalent methyls (designated cis and trans in Figure 6) which are coupled differently to the carbene hydrogen.

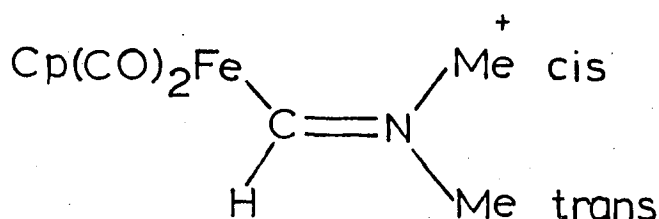


Figure 6. An illustration of [22]

Their non-equivalence is further supported by the ^{13}C spectrum (Table 10), in which, two distinct methyl carbon signals are observed. Collectively, these observations can be explained by assuming there is restricted rotation around the $\text{C}_{\text{carb}}-\text{N}$ bond (Figure 6).

In the same way, ^1H and ^{13}C spectra of [23] exhibit two distinct ethyl groups; its ^1H spectrum is illustrated in Figure 7.

Primary amines

As shown in Equation 59, nucleophilic displacement of a thiomethoxyl group by a primary amine is a method for preparing $[\text{Cl}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})_2\text{Os}(\text{CH}(\text{NHMe}))]^+$ from its thiomethoxyl carbene precursor¹⁹. Methylmercaptan was the other product.

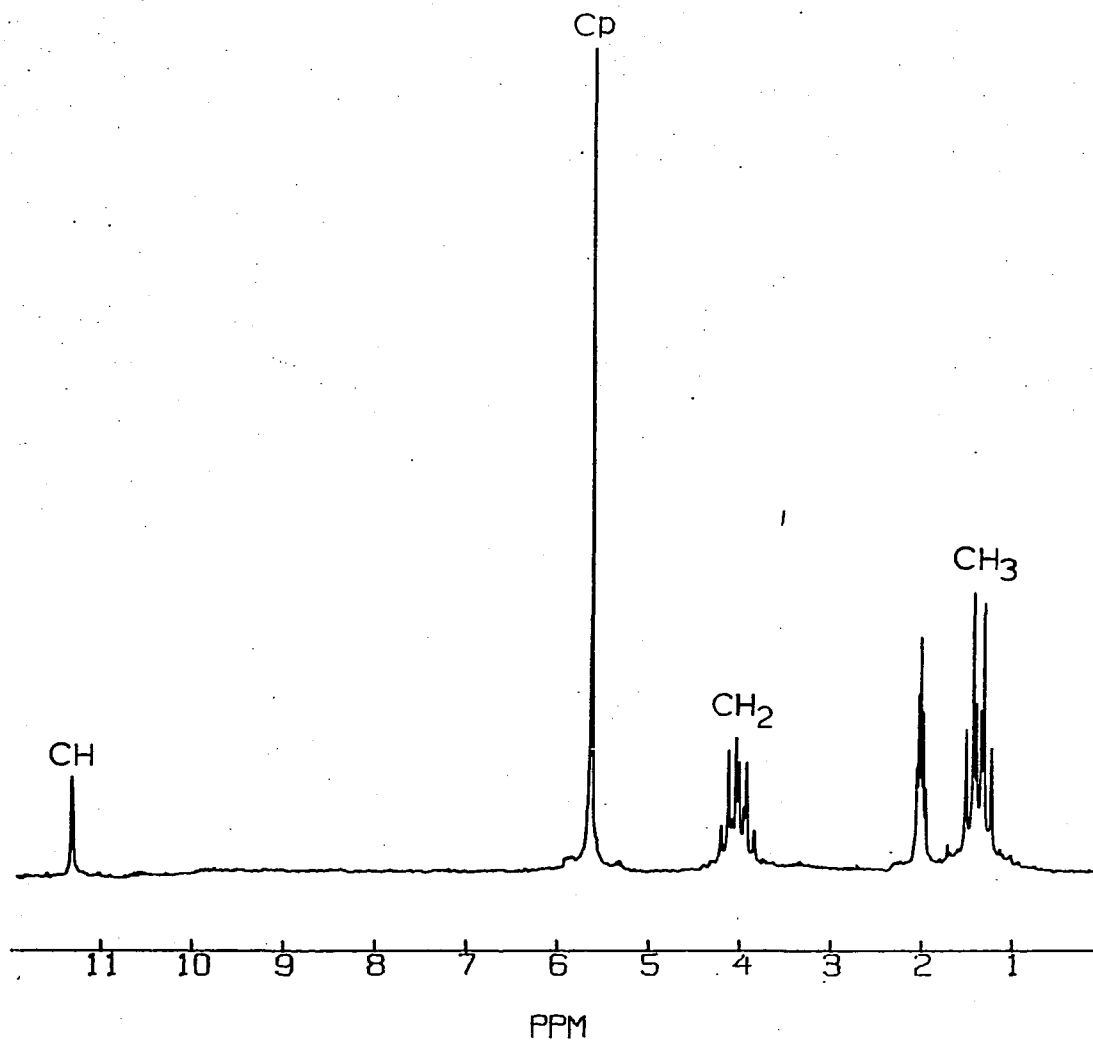
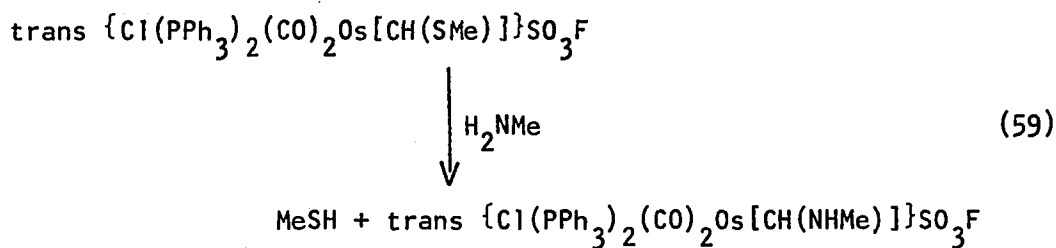
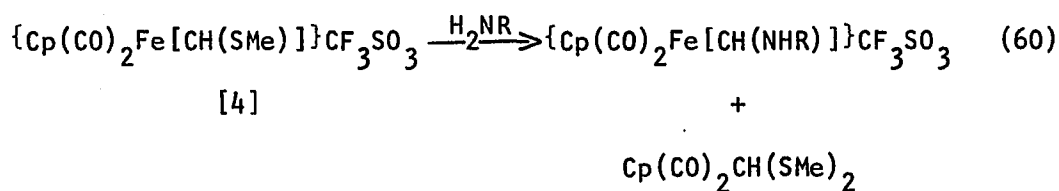


Figure 7. ^1H spectrum of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NEt}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [23], in d^6 acetone



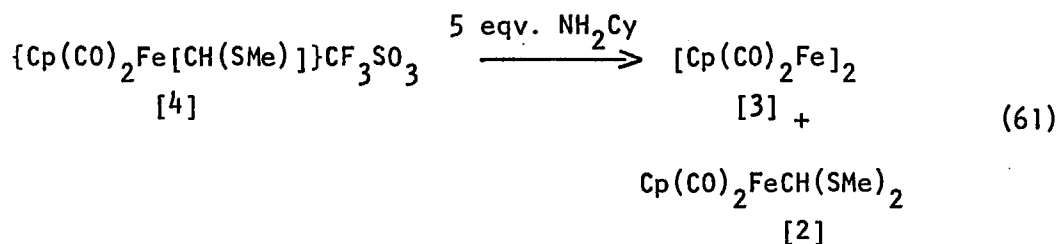
In the same way, we find that [4] reacts with a variety of amines, MeNH_2 , CyNH_2 , $i\text{-PrNH}_2$ and $t\text{-BuNH}_2$ giving the corresponding amino carbene complexes by displacing the thiomethoxide (Eqn. 60). Spectroscopic data for the amino carbene complexes are summarized in Tables 9 and 10.



	R	% carbene	[2]
[24]	$\text{Me}(\text{PF}_6^-)$	28	
[25]	Cy	35	
[27]	$i\text{-Pr}$	30	
[28]	$t\text{-Bu}$	38	

Although the reactions are virtually complete upon addition of one eqv. of the amine to [4], the yields of the amino carbenes are low (28-38%), and the yields of the side product, [2], are comparable (30-35%). Ironically, in an effort to improve the yields of the carbene complexes in Equation 60 by using a 2-5 fold excess of the amine to compete for

the available [4] with MeS^- , lower or no yields of the desired amino carbene were obtained. In these cases, [2] and [3] are the other identified organometallic products (Eqn. 61).



Spectral properties Infrared $\nu(\text{CO})$ bands of these primary amino carbenes resemble those of [22] and [23] occurring as two strong absorptions in the regions of 2053-5 and 2004-7 cm^{-1} ; they are an average of 20 cm^{-1} lower than those in [4] (Table 2). The carbene hydrogen is found in the general range 11.5-10 δ which is significantly more shielded, at least 3.5 PPM, than the thiomethoxyl analog, [4] (Table 2).

Although, ^{13}C data for [4] are not available for comparison, the C_{carb} resonance of a more stable and relatively electron-rich analog, $\{\text{Cp(CO)(P(OPh)}_3\text{)Fe[CH(SMe)]CF}_3\text{SO}_3\}$, [44], is found at least 90 PPM downfield from the C_{carb} resonance in these amino carbene complexes. In summary, the decreases in carbonyl stretching frequencies together with increases in shielding of the α -hydrogen of the carbene ligand are probably caused by greater p-p π -backbonding from X to the C_{carb} Pz orbital when X is N as compared to the situation when X = S.

Stereochemistry of primary amino secondary carbene complexes

The amino carbene complexes prepared from primary amines may exist in

either of two isomeric forms, that with the alkyl group syn to the $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}$ moiety and that with it anti (Figure 8). Restricted rotation around the $\text{C}_{\text{carb}}-\text{N}$ bond would suggest that the isomers should interconvert sufficiently slow that both isomers could be observed in NMR spectra of the compounds. Both isomers were observed for the trans $[\text{Cl}(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\text{CH}(\text{NHR}))]^+$ ($\text{R} = p\text{-tolyl}$)¹¹ carbene compound.

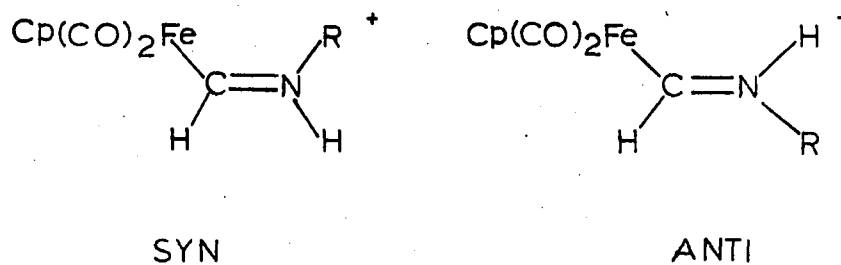


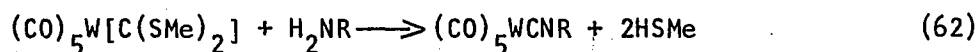
Figure 8. Syn and anti isomers of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHR})]^+$

In contrast, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of [24]-[28] show the presence of only one isomer. Even with the sterically undemanding alkyl, [24], ($\text{R} = \text{Me}$), only one isomer is observed; a single doublet caused by coupling to the amino hydrogen is found. This doublet collapses to a singlet when D_2O is added to the solution.

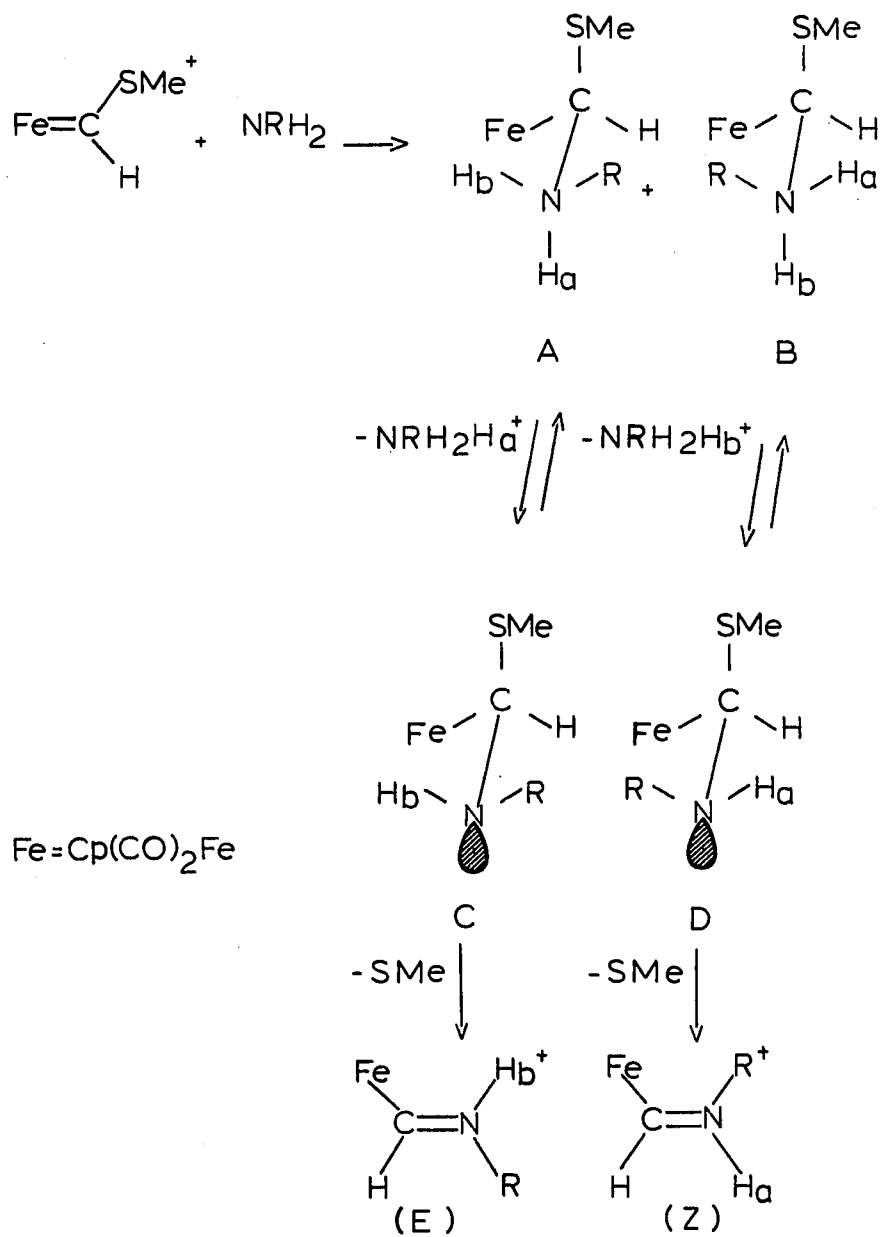
Syn-anti structural assignments based on $^3J_{\text{NHCH}}$ coupling constants have been made in other primary amino carbene complexes¹¹. Since the NH and CH resonances of these carbene complexes of iron are rather broad and unresolved, the $^3J_{\text{NHCH}}$ coupling constants are not computed. Based on steric arguments, the anti isomer is likely to be the more stable; indeed, the anti isomer is often the predominant species in other amino hydrido carbene complexes^{11,19}. Thus, we believe that the anti isomer is probably the isomer which is observed in the NMR spectra of solutions

of complexes [24]-[28].

One might speculate on mechanisms which would lead to that isomer only. By analogy with reactions of [4] with nucleophiles such as pyridine and phosphines, the primary amine probably first attacks the C_{carb} of [4] to give the adduct. Two of the possible rotomers of the adduct are shown as structures A and B in Scheme 3. In the presence of amine, one of the amino protons of A and B may be removed by a second mole of amine. Such a mechanism has been proposed¹⁰⁰ for a key step in the related reaction shown in Equation 62. This proton removal assists the elimination of MeS^- thus affording the amino carbene. This form of elimination is called an $ElcB$ ¹⁰¹ mechanism.



By and large, $ElcB$ reactions proceed in an anti-periplanar fashion where the leaving group and the nucleophile achieve a dihedral angle of 180° . In that geometry, electron-electron repulsion between the incoming and leaving groups is minimized in the transition state. Removal of H_a by amine in A is preferred over H_b , owing to the fact that the former proton is more accessible to base. Thus, the neutral complex C is the predominate species. The lone pair of electrons on the nitrogen of C is now aligned anti-periplanar to the leaving group, MeS^- , which would facilitate MeS^- dissociation. This would lead to the anti complex. Similarly, if H_b in B were removed with base, the resulting D would



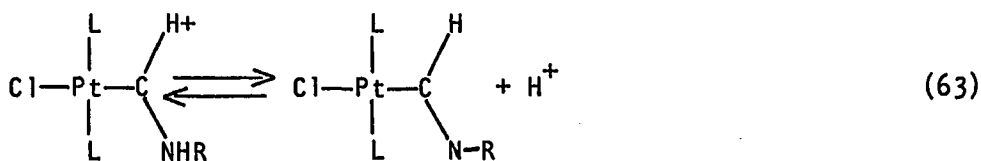
Scheme 3

ultimately yield the syn isomer. On steric grounds, structure B is likely to be present in lower concentration than A due to severe repulsion between the $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}$ and R moieties in rotomer B. Thus, structure A is favored, and the anti isomer would be predicted to be the major product in reaction 60, as observed.

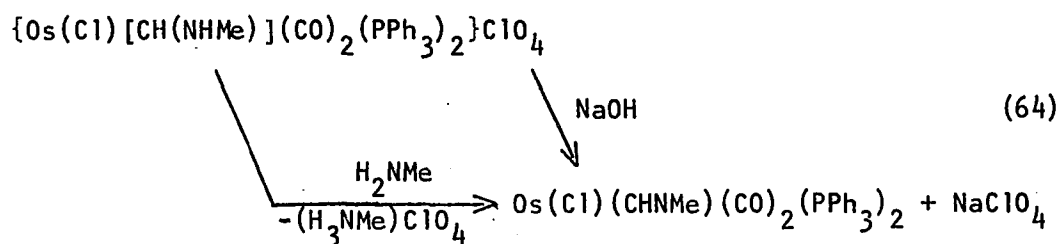
The mechanistic arguments suggest that the anti isomer could be the sole kinetic product. However, it is also possible that an iminoyl formyl, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}=\text{NR}]$, is formed which isomerizes to the more thermodynamically stable anti product. In fact, studies of the alkylation of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}=\text{NR}]$ suggest that syn-anti interconversion in the iminoyl formyl complexes does occur. Thus, it is not possible to say whether stereospecific formation of the anti isomer of the amino carbene complex occurs for kinetic or thermodynamic reasons.

Reaction of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHR})]\}\text{X}$ with Base

The amino proton of primary amino secondary carbene complexes has previously been found to undergo rapid exchange with D_2O ^{11,19}. At high temperature, $\{(\text{Cl})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}[\text{CH}(\text{NHR})]\}\text{X}^{\text{II}}$ was postulated to be in equilibrium with its iminoyl formyl (Eqn. 63).

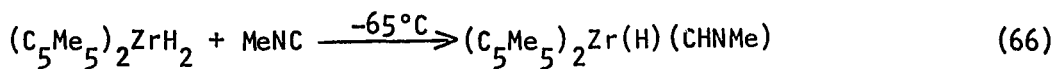
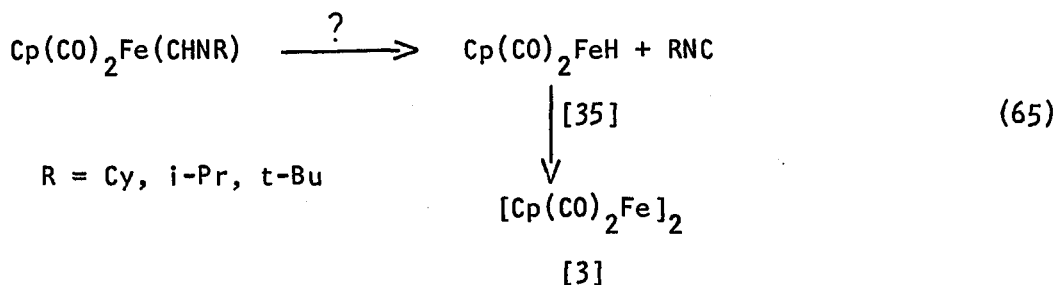


Although the Pk_a of this equilibrium has not yet been determined, this equilibrium together with the D_2O exchange results clearly indicates the lability of the amino carbene proton. Indeed, amines^{11,19} and sodium hydroxide¹⁹ have been shown to be effective for the deprotonation reaction in Equation 64¹⁹.



When [25] is allowed to react with a saturated NaOH-EtOH solution in CH_2Cl_2 , the deprotonation reaction occurs immediately upon addition of the base to produce $Cp(CO)_2Fe(CHNCy)$, [30], in 78% yield. Likewise, [27] and [28] could also be deprotonated with the base, giving $Cp(CO)_2Fe(CHNPr^i)$ ([31], 68%) and $Cp(CO)_2Fe(CHNBu^t)$ ([32], 76%), respectively. These complexes [30]-[32], are vulnerable to air oxidation either in solution or solid; and revert to the trans isomer of the carbene complexes in the presence of 5 eqv. of CF_3SO_3H in Et_2O . When they are kept in an inert atmosphere at room temperature for a few hours, a small amount of decomposition is apparent; the products of this decomposition are [3], characterized by its IR spectrum, and the corresponding isocyanide (RNC), identified by its distinctive odor. Whether the isocyanide is derived from a retro-metal-hydride-insertion

reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$, [35], remains to be explored (Eqn. 65), though, the reverse reaction has been known for sometime^{16,18} (Eqn. 66)¹⁰².



Spectral properties of [30]-[32]

The infrared spectrum of [32] in hexane exhibits two $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions ($2019, 1972 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), and its ^1H spectrum in CDCl_3 shows the CH resonance at a position upfield relative to [28], as expected for the removal of H^+ from the ligand (Tables 11, 12). More importantly, the ^1H NMR spectrum shows the presence of only one isomer. However, the IR spectra of [30] and [31] display six and five carbonyl stretching bands, respectively. The Cp resonance of [30] appears as a doublet while the CH occurs as a doublet and singlet in its ^1H NMR spectrum in CDCl_3 . The ^1H spectrum of [31] exhibits the Cp and $i\text{-Pr}$ groups as doublets, and the CH appears as a singlet and doublet (Figure 9a). The CH doublet in [31] is observed to collapse to a singlet when the methine resonance region of the $i\text{-Pr}$ group is simultaneously irradiated in a homonuclear gated decoupled experiment (Figure 9b). Since two sets of CH and Cp

Table 11. Selected IR data for iminoyl formyl complexes and their carbene derivatives

Complex		$\nu(\text{CO}) \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CHNCy})^{\text{a}}$	[30]	2030 s, 2021 s, 2013 s, 1982 sh, 1971 vs, 1963 s
$\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CHNPr}^{\text{i}})^{\text{a}}$	[31]	2028 sh, 2014 s, 1980 sh, 1971 s, 1963 s
$\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CHNBu}^{\text{t}})^{\text{a}}$	[32]	2019 s, 1972 vs
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMeCy})]\}\text{SO}_3\text{F}^{\text{b}}$	[33]	2049 s, 2003 s, 1998 sh
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMePr}^{\text{i}})]\}\text{SO}_3\text{F}^{\text{b}}$	[34]	2044 s, 2000 s

^aHexane.

^b CH_2Cl_2 .

Table 12. ^1H NMR data for iminoyl formyl and carbene complexes (δ)

Complex		CH
[30] ^a	Syn	10.15
	Anti	10.18 (d, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.79$)
[31] ^a	Syn	10.21
	Anti	10.16 (d, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.20$)
[32] ^a	Anti	10.22
[33] ^b	Z	10.84
	E	11.03
[34] ^b	Z	10.83
	E	11.04

^a CDCl_3 .

^b CD_3CN .

Cp	Other
4.85	2.91 (m, Cy), 1.58 (m, Cy)
4.90	2.91 (m, Cy), 1.58 (m, Cy)
4.94	3.20 (m, $\underline{\text{CH}}\text{Me}_2$), 1.17 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.23$, Me)
4.91	3.20 (m, $\underline{\text{CH}}\text{Me}_2$), 1.22 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.23$, Me)
4.84	1.10 (Me)
5.33	3.44 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 1.10$, NMe), 3.8 (m); 1.6 (m) [Cy]
5.32,	3.48 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 0.74$, NMe)
5.31	3.8 (m); 1.6 (m) [Cy]
5.30	3.90 (h, $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.60$, $\underline{\text{NCH}}\text{Me}_2$), 3.42 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 0.74$, NMe), 1.36 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 0.60$, $\underline{\text{NCH}}\text{Me}_2$)
5.32	4.20 (h, $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.60$, $\underline{\text{NCH}}\text{Me}_2$), 3.45 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 0.73$ NMe), 1.32 (d, $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.60$, $\underline{\text{NCH}}\text{Me}_2$)

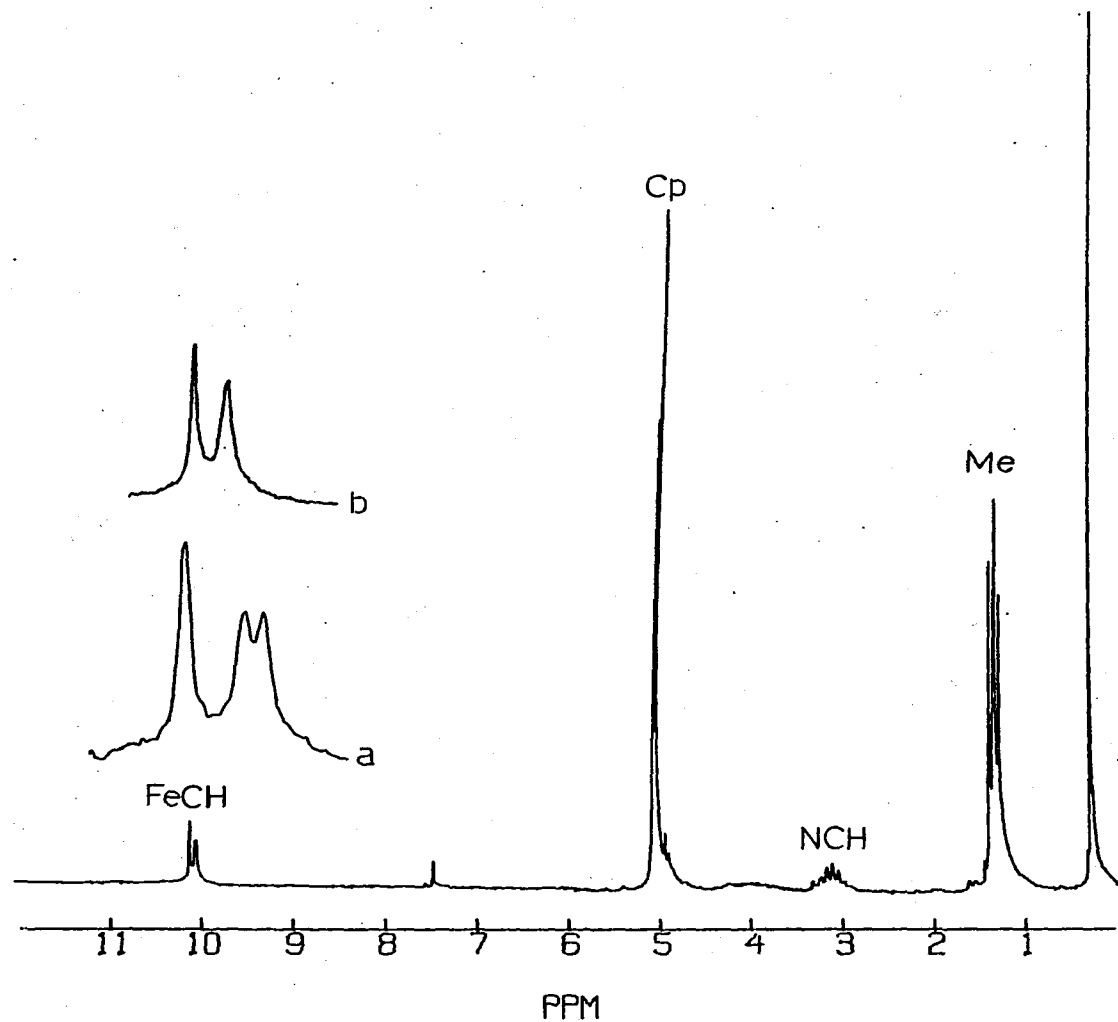


Figure 9. ^1H spectrum of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}=\text{NPr}^i]$, [31], in $\text{CDCl}_3 - \text{TMS}$
 a) Expansion of the FeCH region
 b) The FeCH region after gated decoupling of the NCH

resonances are evident, at least two isomers are present in solutions of [30] and [31]. However, it is not obvious why $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions are so abundant relative to the ^1H signals, perhaps, two or more isomers are rapidly interconverting such that only their weighted-average spectrum is observed in the NMR, but their individual IR spectra are observed because of the shorter time scale for IR measurements.

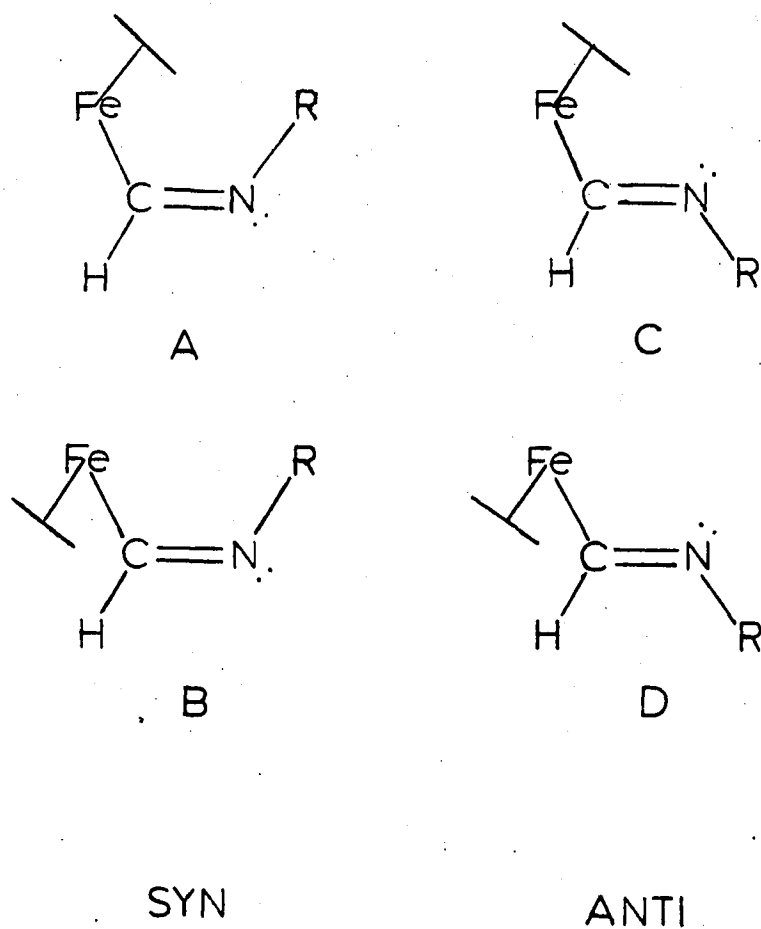


Figure 10. R = *i*-Pr, *t*-Bu; CO groups are omitted for clarity

As mentioned in the General Introduction section, on the basis of MO calculations on carbene complexes¹⁰³⁻¹⁰⁵, the most favorable orientation of the carbene plane is perpendicular to the Cp plane (see Figure 3-A in General Introduction). In principle, there are four possible isomers for these iminoyl formyl complexes (Figure 10). We postulate that rotation around the Fe-C bond in the iminoyl formyl complexes is faster than the ¹H NMR time scale. Consequently, signals in the ¹H spectra of [30] and [31] could be the average of the syn (Figure 10-A, B) and anti (Figure 10-C, D) pairs.

Although a few other complexes have been reported to be mixtures of syn-anti isomers¹⁸, structural assignments have proven to be difficult and ambiguous. Despite numerous studies of the structures of organic iminoyl formyls, reports of ¹H NMR studies, especially long-range coupling across the C=N double bond, ⁴J_{CHNCH₂R}, for the syn and anti isomers, are few in number. This is because most of the iminoyl formyls exist predominantly in the anti configuration¹⁰⁶. It has been semi-empirically suggested that in allyl systems, H₂C=C(CH₃)X, ⁴J_{CH₂=CCH₃} coupling of a cisoid is stronger than the transoid.¹⁰⁷ However, the ¹H NMR spectrum of N-methylmethylene imine, H₂C=NCH₃¹⁰⁸, was observed to exhibit an ABX₃ pattern with ⁴J_{cis} identical to ⁴J_{trans}. Based on the allylic system, the iminoyl formyl hydrogen of [30] in the anti conformation must have a larger ⁴J_{HH} than the syn counterpart; thus, the doublet is assigned to the isomer where the Cy is trans to the Cp(CO)₂Fe moiety whereas the singlet is the syn isomer. Therefore, the anti:syn

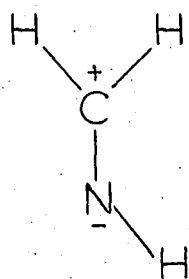
ratio is 52:48. Analogously, the anti:syn ratio for [31] is 58:42. It is interesting to note that the anti isomer, which is thermodynamically favored based on steric arguments, is the predominate conformer in both cases, [30] and [31]. Thus, it is conceivable that [32] may adopt only the anti conformation, due to the bulkiness of the t-Bu group. The trend in the anti to syn ratio for [30]-[32] is consistent with steric hindrance arguments which indicate the bulkiness of the R group decreases in the order: t-Bu > i-Pr > Cy. For [30], the anti:syn ratio is the approaching the statistical distribution (50:50); hence, the Cy group appears to exert little or no steric effect on the anti/syn ratio.

Interestingly, both isomers of [30] and [31] are obtained by deprotonation of their trans carbene precursors; thus, syn-anti isomerization must be occurring after removal of the amino proton of the carbene. That is, the iminoyl formyl complex can rapidly isomerize. This phenomenon was observed in $\text{Cl}(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\text{CHNR})$ using variable-temperature ^1H NMR techniques; however, the barrier of this interconversion for the syn-anti isomers was not determined¹⁸. An attempt was made to verify rapid isomerization in [31] by variable temperature ^1H NMR studies; it was found that within experimental error, the anti/syn isomeric ratio remains constant from ambient temperature to 50°C.

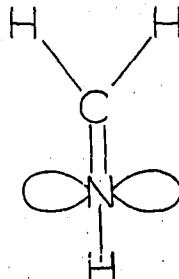
Evidence for syn-anti interconversion comes, however, from alkylation studies. When an Et_2O solution of [31] is quenched with a 6-fold excess of MeOSO_2F at room temperature, two isomers, E and Z, of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMePr}^i)]\}\text{SO}_3\text{F}$, [34], are apparent in the ^1H spectrum of the

solution. When only three eqv. of MeOSO_2F is added under the same conditions, the E form increases to 95%. These experiments imply that one iminoyl formyl isomer of [31] (anti) is more susceptible to methylation; the less reactive isomer apparently converts to the more reactive form during the reaction. These alkylation reactions will be discussed in detail shortly.

Mechanistic discussion of the syn-anti interconversion in the iminoyl formyl complexes Theoretical calculations on mechanisms of the interconversion of isomers of imines have been performed. Two primary mechanisms, C-N bond rotation and planar inversion of nitrogen (lateral shift mechanism) have been proposed¹⁰⁹. The rotational pathway requires bond breaking and charge separation in proceeding to the transition state (TS). Inversion involves a linear intermediate which loses its stereochemical integrity (Figure 11).



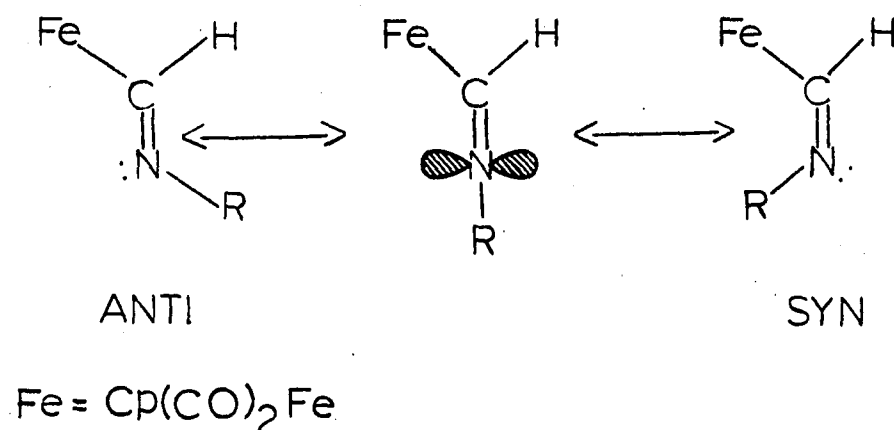
ROTATION TS



INVERSION TS

Figure 11. Interconversion transition states

SCF-LCAO-MO calculations for the simple methyleneimine ($\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{NH}$) showed that the barrier for inversion (27.9 kcal/mol) is lower than that for rotation by a factor of 2 (57.5 kcal/mol). Therefore, the inversion pathway appears to be more favorable for the syn-anti topomerization for simple imines. When applied to the iminoyl formyl complexes, the lateral shift mechanism is as shown in Scheme 4.



Scheme 4

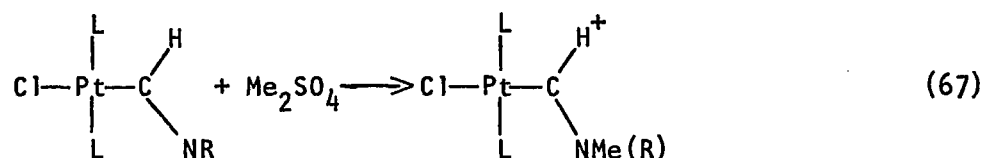
This mechanism offers an explanation for the ready isomerization of iminoyl formyl complexes, [30] and [31], and the very slow isomerization of their carbene analogs. If a rotation mechanism were involved in the isomerization, one would expect the carbene complexes to isomerize more rapidly than the iminoyl formyls since the C-N bond of a carbene $(\text{I})_2(\text{CNtoly}) (\text{PPh}_3)(\text{CO})\text{Ru}[\text{CH}(\text{NMe}(\text{toly}))]$ ¹⁵ is known to be longer than its iminoyl formyl analog²¹. In the inversion mechanism, the C-N bond is not broken in the transition state; thus, the increase in the C-N bond strength in the iminoyl formyl complex is probably not an important

factor in influencing the overall activation energy. It has also been demonstrated that Lewis acids and protic solvents are capable of retarding the syn-anti topomerization of organic imines¹⁰⁹. This retardation was rationalized by noting that the lone pair electrons which are needed for the inversion process are bonded by the acid or proton. Thus, a protonated or alkylated iminoyl formyl complex, is unable to undergo the lateral shifting motion. The C-N bond rotation is the other viable alternative pathway for the syn-anti conversion, but as mentioned previously it has a higher energy barrier. Thus, one would expect, and it is observed, that the iminoyl formyl complexes, [30] and [31], are more fluxional than their carbene precursors, [25] and [27].

Methylation of the Iminoyl

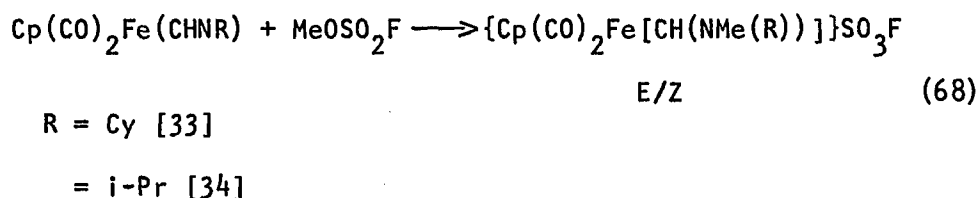
Formyl Complexes

The methylation of the nitrogen in iminoyl formyl complexes with MeI or (Me)X is facile, giving the corresponding dialkylamino carbene compounds^{15,16}. The previously reported methylation of a platinum compound is illustrated in Equation 67.



L = PEt₃, R = p-tolyl

When an ether solution of [30] reacts with MeOSO_2F , a yellow precipitate is formed and the reaction is complete within 5 min; methyl iodide fails to produce a precipitate under similar conditions. IR and ^1H spectra (Tables 11, 12) of the methylated product show the isolated solid to be a mixture of isomeric carbene compounds, $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMe}(\text{Cy}))]\}\text{SO}_3\text{F}$, [33], and the product ratio is dependent on the concentration of the methylating agent (Eqn. 68).



With a [30]: MeOSO_2F ratio of 1:10, two carbene hydrogen (11.03, 10.84 δ) and three Cp ring proton (5.328, 5.316, 5.295 δ) resonances are observed. Integration of the three Cp absorptions shows the presence of three isomers in the ratio 74:10:16, respectively (Figure 12-A). When the iminoyl formyl: MeOSO_2F ratio is reduced to 1:6, the Cp ring ratio changes to 17:34:39 (Figure 12-B). Finally, with a ratio of 1:3, the result is 10:71:19 (Figure 12-C) (Table 13).

In these experiments, the carbene hydrogen ratio varies from 26:74, 83.17 to 90:10, respectively (Figure 12). In principle, four products are possible in this reaction (Figure 13). However, it is clear that only three are obtained, and the CH(11.03 δ) and Cp(5.316, 5.295 δ) resonances belong to a pair of isomers whereas CH(10.84 δ) and

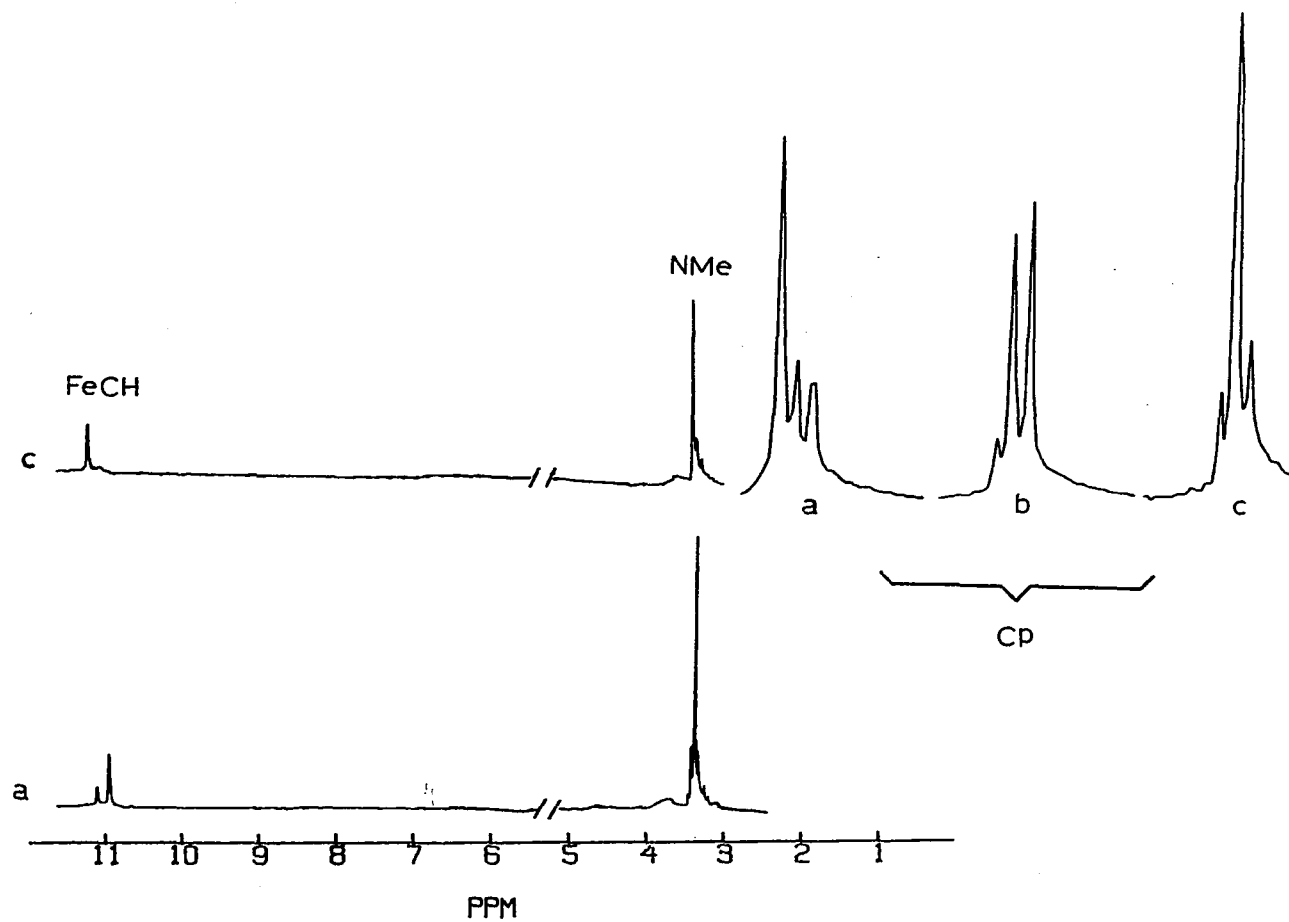
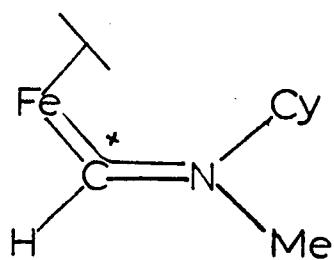
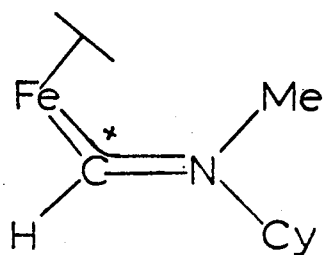


Figure 12. ^1H spectra of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMeCy})]\}\text{SO}_3\text{F}$, [33]; Cy is omitted.
 [30]/ MeOSO_2F ratio: a (1:10), b (1:6), c (1:3)

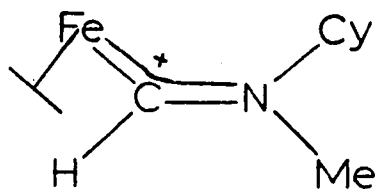
Cp(5.328 δ) belong to one isomer of the other possible isomeric pair.



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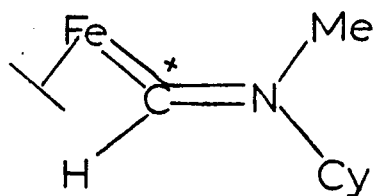


C



B

(Z)



D

(E)

Figure 13. CO groups are omitted for clarity

As mentioned previously, $^4J_{\text{cis}}$ hydrogen coupling constants in the allylic system are larger than $^4J_{\text{trans}}$. Thus, the lone isomer is assigned structure B in Figure 13 with $^4J_{\text{CHNMe}}$ 1.10 Hz. This assignment is preferred over structure A for steric reasons; since A is too sterically strained and should be the least favored isomer. Thus, when a solution of [30] is quenched with a large excess of MeOSO_2F , the product distribution presumably gives a better indication of the thermodynamic distribution of isomers of [30] than when a smaller amount of MeOSO_2F is used. Little or no compound A is observed, as expected. For the remaining isomeric pair, Figure 13-C, D, the $^4J_{\text{CHNMe}}$ coupling constant is smaller (0.74 Hz) which is consistent with an E configuration. As the MeOSO_2F concentration decreases, the ratio of the Cp ring areas of this pair (5.316, 5.295 δ) increases. This clearly suggests one of the anti isomers of [30] is more reactive toward the incoming methyl cation. Models also show that the nitrogen lone pair in structure D of Figure 10 is more accessible to Me^+ than it is in C; hence, structure D (5.316 δ) in Figure 13 is probably the predominant product at low MeOSO_2F conditions. It is worth mentioning that structures C and D in Figure 10 are related by a Fe-C bond rotation and are produced in approximately equal amounts using the high MeOSO_2F concentration as shown by the product distribution in Figure 12-A, B. The lowest Me^+ concentration (3-fold excess) gives structure D in Figure 13 almost stereospecifically (Figure 12-C). Therefore, Fe-C bond rotation interconverting structures 10-C and D must be occurring during the alkylation, and the rate must be

faster than that of the alkylation of structure 10-D and faster still than the alkylation of structure 10-C at the lowest MeOSO_2F concentration. These relative rates would give predominantly structure 13-D at low MeOSO_2F concentrations. These results lend credence to our earlier assumption of relatively rapid Fe-C bond rotation in [30] which allows the interconversions of the two observed syn and anti isomers.

The E:Z product ratio of the carbene complex [33] also varies with the MeOSO_2F concentration. Structures 10-C and D which give rise to the E isomers are evidently more reactive toward the alkylating agent than structure 10-B, although there is no obvious reason for these differences in rates. The changes in the E:Z product distribution undoubtedly reflect the ongoing isomerization between the syn and anti isomers of [30].

It is worth noting that although the anti:syn ratio of [30] is 52:48, it gives [33] with an E:Z ratio of 26:74 upon methylation with 10 eqv. of MeOSO_2F . Since the alkylation reaction was carried out in diethylether while the anti:syn ratio of [30] was determined in CDCl_3 , the change in isomeric distribution may result from a different distribution of [30] in the different solvents. Such a change in isomeric distribution has been noted in the $\text{Cl}(\text{PEt}_3)_3\text{Pt}(\text{CHNR})$ system¹¹. Indeed, when the alkylation is carried out in CHCl_3 with a 10-fold excess of MeOSO_2F , the E:Z ratio becomes 68:32 (as compared with 26:74 in Et_2O). Interestingly, the major E isomeric product in the above reaction in CHCl_3 is structure 13-C (64%) which was found to be formed in only a slightly greater amount than 13-D when the alkylation was carried out

with a 10-fold excess of MeOSO_2F in ether solvent (Table 13). These results suggest that structure 10-C is sterically more favorable than D since the nitrogen lone electron pair is directed away from the electron rich CO groups.

Table 13. Methylation results for $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}=\text{NR}]$

R	Complex/ MeOSO_2F	Solvent	E/Z	Isomeric carbene products (%) ^a			
				A	B	C	D
Cy	1:10	Et_2O	26:74	0	74	16	10
Cy	1:10	CHCl_3	68:32	0	32	64	4
Cy	1:6	Et_2O	83:17	0	17	39	34
Cy	1:3	Et_2O	90:10	0	10	19	71
i-Pr	1:6	Et_2O	62:38	-	-	-	-
i-Pr	1:3	Et_2O	95:5	-	-	-	-

^aThese isomers are depicted in Figure 13.

When 6 eqv. of MeOSO_2F react with [31] in Et_2O , a mixture of E and Z isomers of [34] (Eqn. 68) is obtained. However, only two isomeric carbene complexes are observed in the ^1H NMR spectrum of the product (Figure 14). Presumably, only one of each of the isomeric pairs exists in solution due to steric crowding. Since the $^4J_{\text{CHNMe}}$ of both isomers only differ by 0.01 Hz, which is within the resolution limits of the instrument, structural assignments based on these values are inappropriate. Following the assignments made for the isomers of [33], the

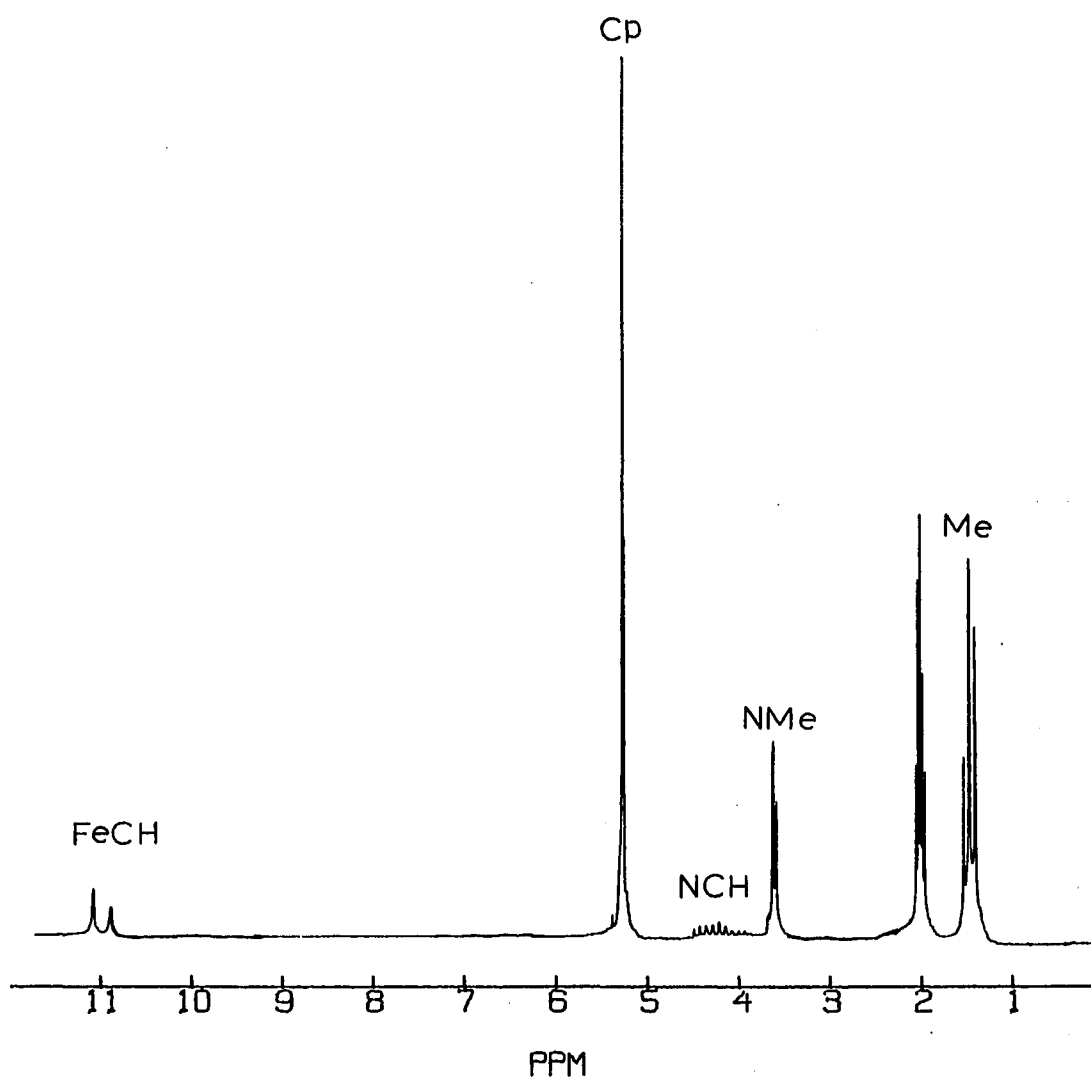


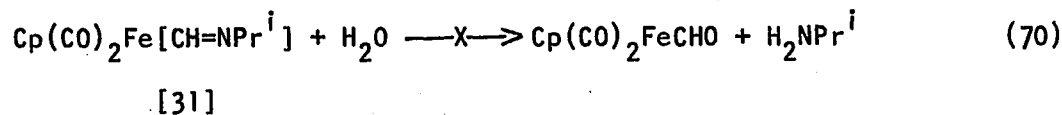
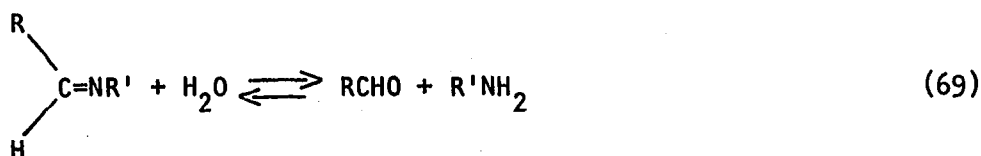
Figure 14. ^1H spectrum of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMePr}^i)]\}\text{SO}_3\text{F}$, [34],
in CD_3CN with [31]/ MeOSO_2F ratio 1:6

carbene hydrogen of the E isomer of [34] appears at lower field than that in the Z isomer; thus, the E:Z ratio for [34] would be 62:38. The assignment is believed to be reliable since it is consistent with the trend observed in [33]; namely, the E isomer of [34] is the predominant product (95%) when 3 eqv. of MeOSO_2F is used (Table 13).

In summary, [30] and [31] are believed to undergo syn-anti interconversion as well as Fe-C rotation at ambient temperature. Methylation of [30] and [31] gives up to three isomers of [33] and [34] depending upon the concentration of MeOSO_2F and the relative rates of syn-anti interconversion and Fe-C bond rotation.

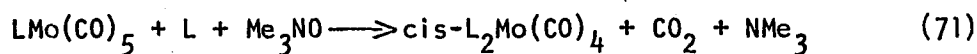
Hydrolysis of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}=\text{NPr}^i]$

Organic aldimines are known to hydrolyze to aldehydes and amines (Eqn. 69)¹¹⁰. An attempt to react [31] with water in CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature, in the hope of obtaining the metal formyl compound, resulted in isolation of the starting material (Eqn. 70). This clearly demonstrates the stability of [31]; more vigorous conditions for this reaction have not been explored.

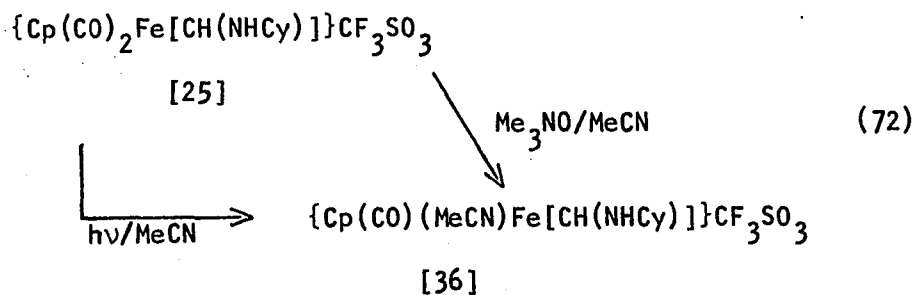


Decarbonylation of [25]

Trimethylamineoxide has been used for the decarbonylation of metal carbonyl complexes¹¹¹⁻¹¹³. The reaction is often rapid, and the conditions are milder than photolytic or thermolytic methods of removing CO (Eqn. 71)¹¹³.

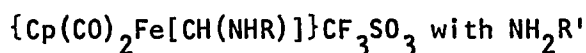


A dichloromethane solution of [25] is titrated with $\text{Me}_3\text{NO}/\text{MeCN}$. The decarbonylation reaction is complete as soon as 1.2 eqv. of the amine oxide is introduced; $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{MeCN})\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHCy})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [36], is obtained (93%). The identical product, [36], is isolated (85%) from an acetonitrile solution of [25] after it is irradiated with 254 nm light for 2 hours (Eqn. 72).

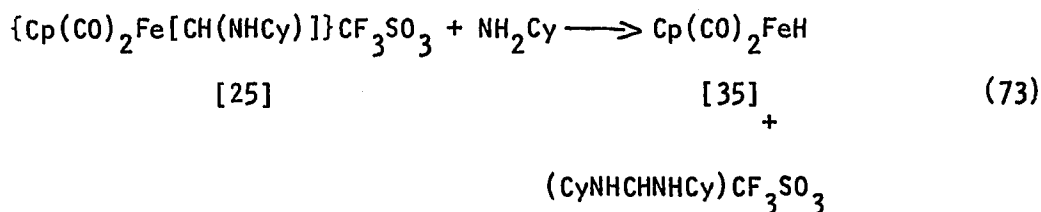


Compound [36] is an air-stable yellow crystalline material which has its $\nu(\text{CO})$ band at 1994 cm^{-1} ; the NH proton is much less labile than that in the parent compound, [25], and exchanges with D_2O in one hour (Tables 9, 10) in CDCl_3 .

Reactions of

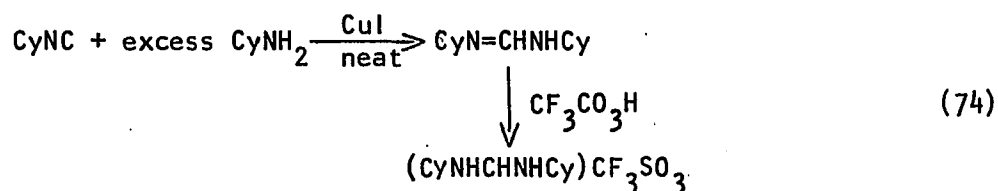


As outlined earlier, the reaction of [4] with excess cyclohexylamine gives $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]_2$, [3], and $(\text{CyNHCHNHCy})\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$. These products undoubtedly result from the reaction of the amine and [25] which is generated under the reaction conditions. This reaction was studied in greater detail (Eqn. 73).



The reaction of 5 eqv. of CyNH_2 with 1 eqv. of [25] in CH_2Cl_2 solvent at room temperature was monitored by scanning the $2100\text{-}1600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ region at various time intervals. After 30 min of mixing, 75% of [25] was consumed. The presence of NN'-dicyclohexyl foramidinium ($\nu(\text{CN}) = 1712 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and new $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions (2011 s, 1952 vs) are evident; however, $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]_2$ is absent at this stage. The organometallic product is very volatile and is isolated along with the reaction solvent by vacuum distillation. This pale red, air-sensitive solution exhibits IR bands identical to those noted above; in hexane, these $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions occur at 2020, 1965. This spectrum is identical to that of an authentic sample of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ synthesized from $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCl}$ and $\text{Na}(\text{BH}_4)$ ¹¹⁴. It is known that $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ decomposes to $[\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}]_2$ ¹¹⁴,

which explains the origin of the dimer in reaction 61. The $(\text{CyNHCHNHCy})\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ product is isolated as a white solid whose proton NMR and IR spectra are in accord with an authentic sample prepared from the reaction of cyclohexylamine and cyclohexylisocyanide (Eqn. 74)¹¹⁵. Interestingly, the foramidium compound decomposes to its foramidine



which is reprotated under the mass spectrometry conditions to give $(\text{CyNHCHNHCy})^+$ with a parent peak at m/e 209¹¹⁶⁻¹¹⁷.

The hydride complex $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ is the sole organometallic product in reaction 73. Since the hydrogen in this complex could originate from the carbene hydrogen or the amine hydrogens, the carbene hydrogen was labeled with deuterium, [26], and this compound was allowed to react with 5 eqv. of NH_2Cy in CH_2Cl_2 . The crude organic product was analyzed by mass spec. and found to have a parent peak at m/e 210. This product also reacts with $n\text{-BuLi}$ to give $\text{NN}^-\text{dicyclohexylforamidine}$, whose ^1H NMR spectrum shows no methine proton resonance. These results indicate that the carbene hydrogen is not transferred to the iron; thus, the hydrogen in $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ is acquired from the amine.

Reaction 73 may occur by several possible mechanisms. One involves initial removal of the NH proton from $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHR})]^+$; the resulting

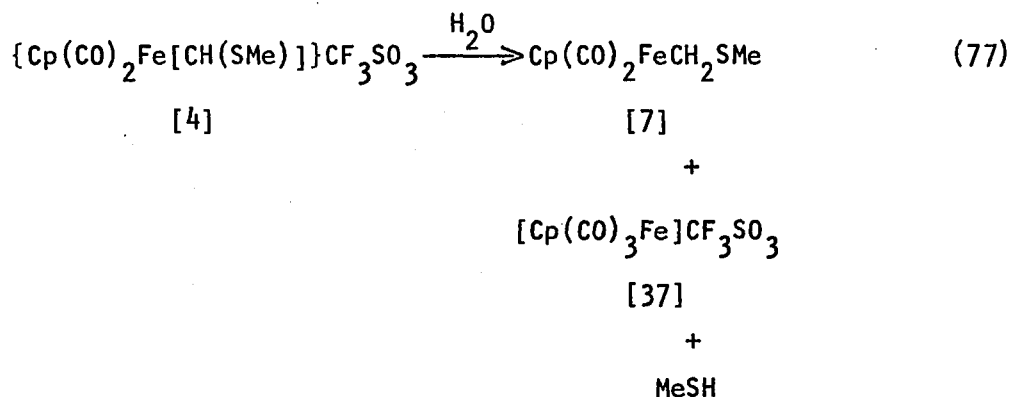
$\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CHNR})$ could then react with additional amine to form the products. Thus, the reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CHNR})$ with excess of RNH_2 was carried out. The proton was removed from [25] by treating it with a saturated NaOH/EtOH solution. The solvent was evaporated and the resulting iminoyl formyl complex, [30], was then allowed to react with 5 eqv. of CyNH_2 in CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature. IR spectra of the solution showed that no reaction had taken place after a period of a half hour. However, when 5 eqv. of $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ were introduced into the mixture, progressive growth of IR bands for $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ and the foramidinium ion occurred. Thus, removal of the NH proton inhibits the reaction, and the iminoyl formyl complex is an unlikely reaction intermediate leading to the products in Equation 73.

To summarize these and other pertinent results, we have proposed two pathways that may be involved in reaction 73. Initially, an amine attack upon the C_{carb} yields A in Scheme 5. Under excess amine reaction conditions, A is deprotonated to give B as illustrated by path a. Subsequent β -hydrogen elimination affords $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ and the foramidine, which is then reprotonated to give the observed cationic product. Alternatively, A may undergo a direct β -hydrogen elimination as depicted in path b, to furnish the observed products. Both paths a and b are indistinguishable based on our earlier experiments. However, in the reaction of [22] and Me_2NH , though much slower than reaction 73 under the same conditions, [3], [35] and $(\text{Me}_2\text{NCHNMe}_2)\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ are produced after one hour of reaction. The organic product is identified by its

temperature to give all of the three products (Eqn. 75). The reactivity trend for the reaction of [25] and primary amines is inversely proportional to the steric hindrance of the amine. That is, methylamine reacts faster than cyclohexylamine which is still faster than t-butylamine. The importance of the size of the amine hints that some sort of nucleophilic attack mechanism is operating. These results certainly lend credence to our earlier assumption that amine attack on the C_{carb} of the amino carbene complexes is the initial, and perhaps rate-determining, step in these reactions (Scheme 5).

Synthesis of $\{Cp(CO)_2Fe[CH(NH_2)]\}CF_3SO_3$

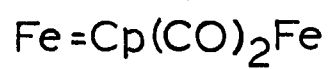
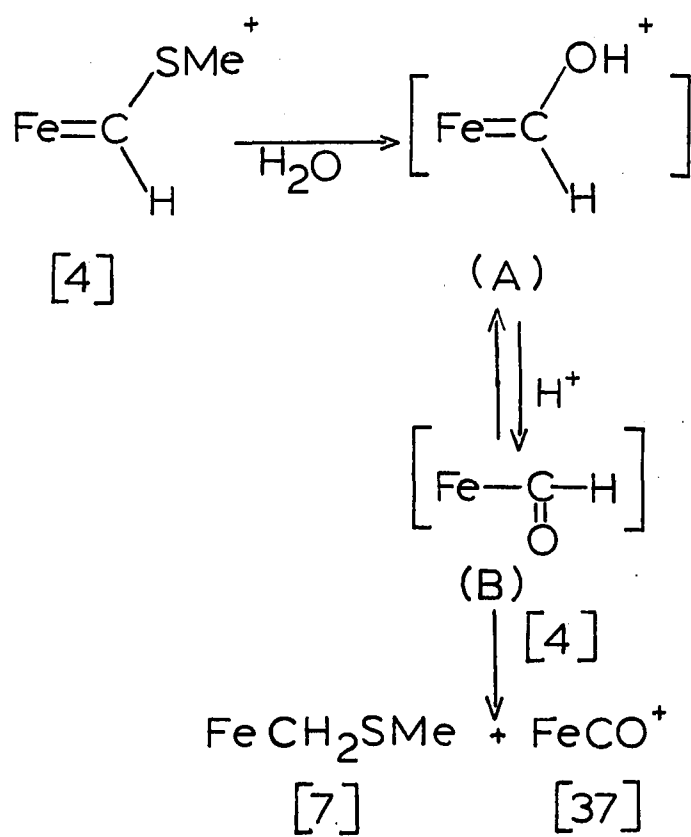
Despite the large number of examples of nucleophilic substitution reactions in metal carbene ligands with alkylamines, the corresponding reaction with ammonia is rare¹¹⁸⁻¹²⁰. Fischer et al. found that an acetonitrile solution saturated with NH_3 reacted with $Cr(CO)_5[C(OMe)Ph]$ ¹¹⁸ to yield $Cr(CO)_5[C(Ph)NH_2]$. When MeCN- NH_3 is added dropwise to a CH_2Cl_2 solution of [4], an intractable oil showing $\nu(CO)$ absorptions at 2056 and 2010 cm^{-1} is obtained (Eqn. 76). The oil is presumed to be $\{Cp(CO)_2Fe[CH(NH_2)]\}CF_3SO_3$, [29]. By bubbling NH_3 gas directly into a CH_2Cl_2 solution of [4], a similar oily product is obtained. However, $\{Cp(CO)_2Fe[CH(SMe)pyr]\}CF_3SO_3$, [21], readily reacts with gaseous NH_3 to give [29]. Moreover, the product from this reaction can be recrystallized from $CH_2Cl_2-Et_2O$ to yield pale yellow, air-stable [29] in 20% yield (Eqn. 55). Its IR spectrum is identical



In understanding the mechanism of reaction 77, it is necessary to know the origin of the additional H in product [7]. Conceivably, [7] is the product of [4] and a hydride donor, presumably, H_2O or a derivative of [4]. When deuterium labelled $\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{Fe[CD(SMe)]}^+$ is used in the reaction with H_2O , only the di-deuterated $\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{FeCD}_2\text{SMe}$ is formed. This was established from the mass spectrum of this product. Although the parent ion is missing, two intense peaks, m/e 212, 184 which correspond to $\text{M}^+ - \text{CO}$ and $\text{M}^+ - 2\text{CO}$, respectively, are characteristic of $\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{FeCD}_2\text{SMe}$. Thus, the hydride in [7] stems from [4], not H_2O .

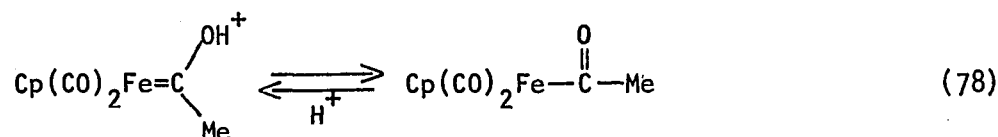
Mechanistic possibilities for reaction 77

Nucleophilic attack by H_2O on the C_{carb} of [4] is likely to be the initial step in reaction 77 (Scheme 6). Subsequent loss of MeSH gives a hydroxy carbene. Although intermediate A in Scheme 6 has not been isolated nor observed in reaction 77, a similar hydroxy alkyl carbene, $\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{Fe[C(OH)(Me)]}^+$ ¹²², has been synthesized and shown to be in equilibrium with its acyl analog (Eqn. 78). Moreover,

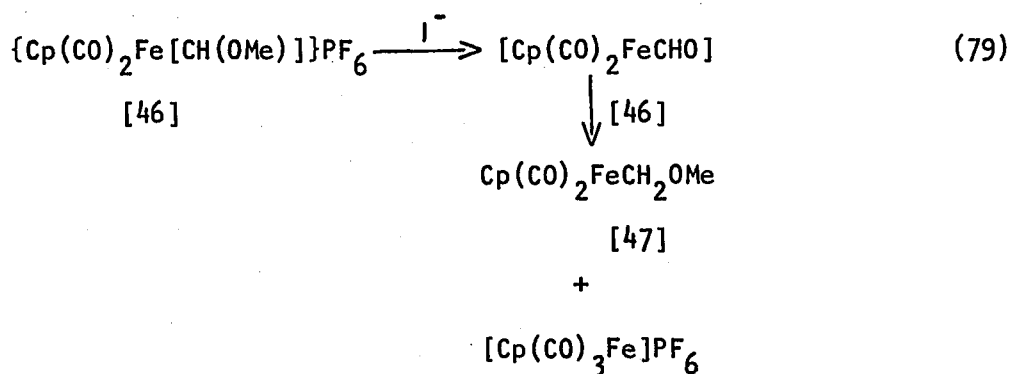


Scheme 6

$\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{ReCHO}^{23}$ is reversibly protonated to its hydroxy carbene form, $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Re}[\text{CH}(\text{OH})]^+$; thus, it is conceived that A could coexist with the formyl complex B. Collins and Roper¹⁹ reported that H_2O reacted with $(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})_2(\text{Cl})\text{Os}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$ to yield a stable formyl complex, $(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})_2(\text{Cl})\text{OsCHO}$.



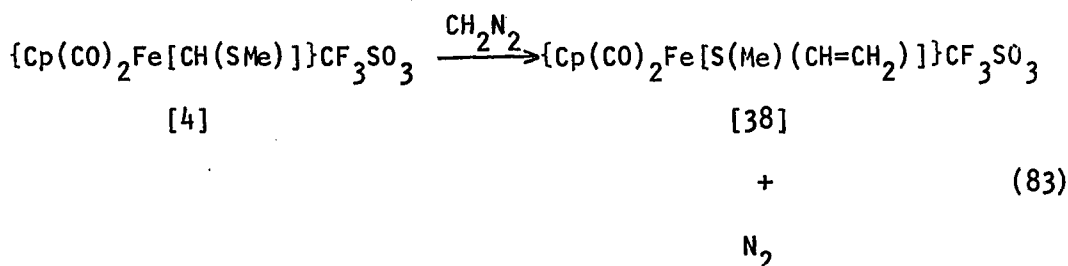
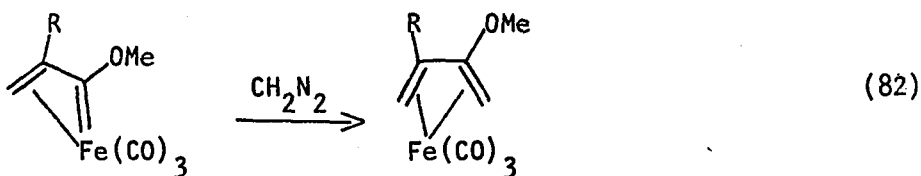
Although intermediate B was not detected by means of low temperature (-40°C) ^1H NMR in CD_2Cl_2 , it might be expected to be unstable and rapidly react further. Metal formyls have been shown to be excellent hydride donors². For instance²³, $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{ReCHO}$ readily transfers its H^- to $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{ReCH}_2^+$ to afford $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{ReCH}_3$ and $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{ReCO}^+$. Also, hydride transfer very similar to that in Scheme 6 has been postulated²⁴ in the reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{OMe})]^+$ and I^- (Eqn. 79). Thus, B (Scheme 6) probably transfers a hydride to



[4] to furnish the observed products. In that manner, the product ratio of [37]:[7] is expected to be 1:1, as observed.

Reaction of [4] with MeOH

In an effort to replace the MeS⁻ group in [4] with methoxide to form Cp(CO)₂Fe[CH(OMe)]⁺, [4] reacted with MeOH. Instead of the expected product, [37] and [7] were obtained. The reaction is rapid when a 100-fold excess of methanol is used; the total yield of both products is 88%, and the [37]:[7] product ratio is approximately 60:40 (Eqn. 77). An examination of the gas phase of the reaction by GC reveals the presence of MeSH and CH₄, though, the latter was not positively verified by MS. When only 1-5 eqv. of MeOH is used for the reaction in CH₂Cl₂, no reaction is observed. Even when a 100-fold excess of PhCH₂OH is allowed to react with [4], no reaction is observed. Thus, it is conceivable that H₂O is the primary reactant in the methanolysis reaction which then affords [37] and [7] (Eqn. 79), in spite of the careful drying of MeOH with Mg/I₂. The different product distribution of [37]:[7] in the methanolysis (60:40) vs hydrolysis (1:1) may result from a secondary reaction between [4] and MeOH, which gives [37] and CH₄ under the reaction conditions, possibly via [46] (Eqn. 80). Complex [46] was previously reported²⁴ and known to be stable in dry CH₃NO₂ and CH₂Cl₂, but it rapidly decomposed in wet solvents to Cp(CO)₂FeCH₃ and [37]. Its stability in MeOH was not mentioned, so it is not possible to draw any firm conclusions about the secondary reaction between [4] and MeOH (Eqn. 80).



When $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ is added to a CH_2Cl_2 solution of [4], gas evolution (presumably N_2) is apparent; the yellow carbene solution turns deep orange, and two $\nu(\text{CO})$ absorptions ($2063, 2020 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) are noted. After 30 min of reaction, the solution changes to light orange with a slight shift in the $\nu(\text{CO})$ bands ($2062, 2019 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). After workup, 76% of $\text{[Cp(CO)}_2\text{Fe[S(Me)(CH=CH}_2\text{)]CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [38], is isolated; due to its reluctance to crystallize, only a small amount of needle-like red crystals (10%) were obtained (Eqn. 83); they have IR bands identical to those in the solution mixture. An ^1H NMR spectrum of [38] reveals that the vinyl protons display an ABX pattern and are shifted to lower field relative to those in the corresponding free olefin, MeSCH=CH_2 ¹²⁵. In contrast to the tendency of olefins to form η^2 -olefinic complexes of iron¹²⁶, the olefinic ligand in [38] is bonded to the iron through the sulfur^{68,127,128}. This structural assignment is consistent with its ^{13}C spectrum which shows the vinyl carbons at 130.8 and 124.1 PPM

which are characteristic of unsaturated carbons¹²⁹, whereas the corresponding carbons of η^2 -olefinic complexes of iron often occur below 100 PPM¹²⁶.

Presumably, nucleophilic attack upon the C_{carb} of [4], elimination of N_2 producing the η^2 -thiomethoxyl ethylene complex, then rearrangement to the S-adduct is the reaction sequence which leads to [38]. The existence of the η^2 -olefin complex is uncertain since the deep orange transient species, which is most likely to be this postulated intermediate, has not been isolated nor fully characterized.

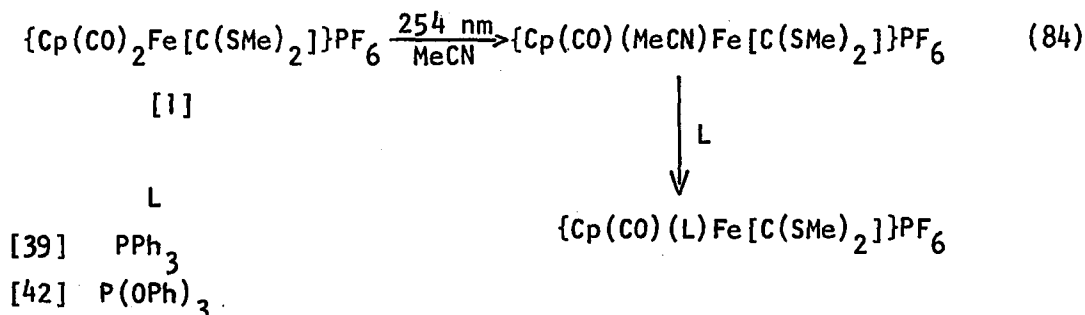
Synthesis of $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$,

$\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3, \text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$

The replacement of a carbonyl ligand in an inherently unstable organometallic carbene complex with a better σ -donor ligand, such as a tertiary phosphine or phosphite, increases the stability of the resulting carbene derivative. Very often, the difference is remarkable. As mentioned earlier, [4] decomposes rapidly in a wet environment. Thus, we explored the possibility of synthesizing mono-substituted phosphine and phosphite derivatives of [4] in the hope that these complexes would be more manageable.

It has been shown that [1] is readily decarbonylated in acetonitrile under photolytic conditions¹³⁰, yielding a stable deep red complex, $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{MeCN})\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]\}\text{PF}_6$. The acetonitrile ligand in this complex may simply be replaced by PPh_3 or $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$ to afford $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]\}\text{PF}_6$, [39], and $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]\}\text{PF}_6$,

[42], respectively (Eqn. 84).



However, when [4] is photolyzed with 254 nm UV light in acetonitrile for an hour, decomposition is apparent, and the decomposition product has not been characterized. An attempt to prepare $\text{Cp(CO)(MeCN)Fe[CH(SMe)]}^+$ using a milder decarbonylating agent, $\text{Me}_3\text{NO}^{111-113}$, which has been demonstrated to be effective in liberating a carbonyl ligand from [1] and [25], only led to an unisolable complex with $\nu(\text{CO})$ bands at 2012, 1956 cm^{-1} in CH_2Cl_2 .

Because of the unavailability of $\{\text{Cp(CO)(MeCN)Fe[CH(SMe)]}\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, attention turned to [39] and [42] as precursors. Like [1], both complexes smoothly react with $(\text{Et}_3\text{BH})\text{Li}$ to provide $\text{Cp(CO)(PPh}_3\text{)FeCH(SMe)}_2$, [40], (62%) and $\text{Cp(CO)(P(OPh)}_3\text{)FeCH(SMe)}_2$, [43], (76%) respectively. In contrast, $\text{Li[Al(OBu}^t\text{)}_3\text{H]}$ fails to react with either [39] or [42]. Complexes [40] and [43] are isolated as oily substances which are mildly susceptible to air oxidization; their IR data are summarized in Table 14. The addition of $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ to an Et_2O solution of [40], gives an oily $\{\text{Cp(CO)(PPh}_3\text{)Fe[CH(SMe)]}\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [41], (71%). Likewise,

Table 14. IR and ^1H NMR data for the $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})\text{LFe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})_2]$ complexes and their carbene derivatives

Complex	IR $\nu(\text{CO}) \text{ cm}^{-1}$	Cp
$\text{Cp}(\text{CO})\text{PPh}_3\text{FeCH}(\text{SMe})_2$	[40] 1960 ^a	
$\text{Cp}(\text{CO})\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3\text{FeCH}(\text{SMe})_2$	[43] 1963 ^a	
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})\text{PPh}_3\text{Fe}[\text{CHSMe}]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$	[41] 2006 ^b	4.84 (d, $J_{\text{PH}}=1.10$) ^c
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3\text{Fe}[\text{CHSMe}]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^{\text{d}}$	[44] 2011 ^b	4.79 (d, $J_{\text{PH}}=1.10$) ^c
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NEt}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^{\text{e}}$	[45] 1981 ^b	4.82 (d, $J_{\text{PH}}=1.10$) ^c

^aHexane.

^b CH_2Cl_2 .

^c CD_3CN .

^dThe C_{carb} resonates at 320.6 (d, $J_{\text{PC}}=33.21$) in ^{13}C NMR.

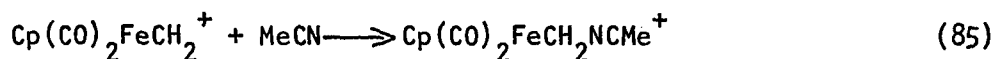
^eThe C_{carb} resonates at 239.0 (d, $J_{\text{PC}}=39.07$) in ^{13}C NMR.

CH ¹ H	SMe	Other
14.94	2.99 (d, J _{PH} =0.73)	7.4 (m, Ph)
14.92	2.96	7.27 (m, Ph)
11.36 (J _{PH} =5.13)		7.41 (m, Ph), 4.11; 3.89 [q, J _{HH} =7.33, NCH ₂], 1.44; 1.30 [t, J _{HH} =7.33, NCH ₂ Me]

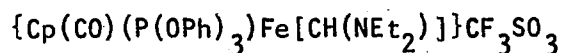
$\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [44], forms [43]. As expected, [41] and [44] are more stable to moisture, though, they are reluctant to crystallize. They have been characterized by their IR and ^1H NMR spectra, which are summarized in Table 14.

Spectral properties

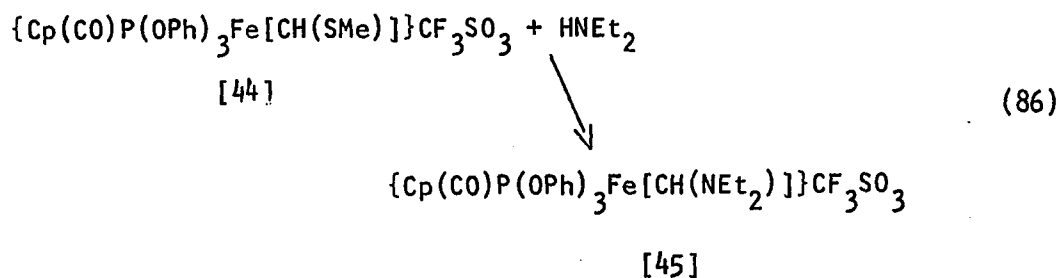
As does [4], both [41] and [44] exhibit low field proton resonances at 14.94 and 14.92 δ in CD_3CN , which are characteristic of carbene hydrogen atoms. Owing to the enhanced stability brought about by the presence of L, the ^{13}C spectrum of [44] could also be obtained. In it, the C_{carb} is found as a doublet at 320.5 PPM ($J_{\text{PC}} = 33.21$ Hz) in CD_3CN , which is approximately 46 PPM downfield from the only other ^{13}C resonances reported for a secondary thiomethoxyl carbene complex, $\{\text{Cp}(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Re}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$ ²⁶. Interestingly, the spectrum also reveals the cyano carbon of acetonitrile, which is a singlet at 118.2 PPM in pure MeCN, as a broad peak centered at 132.2 PPM. The broadening and downfield shift of the CN carbon resonance suggests that there is a weak interaction between the nitrogen lone pair electrons of the acetonitrile and the electrophilic C_{carb} of [44]. To our knowledge, an acetonitrile metal carbene adduct complex has never been isolated; however, it was detected in the gas phase by ion cyclotron resonance spectroscopy. Stevans and Beauchamp¹³¹ demonstrated that $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})\text{FeCH}_2\text{NCMe}^+$ was the product when $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCH}_2^+$, generated in situ, reacted with MeCN in the gas phase (Eqn. 85).



Synthesis of



As anticipated, [44] reacts smoothly with diethylamine to afford $\{\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NEt}_2)]\}\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$, [45], in 56% yield (Eqn. 86). As in [23], [45] is a pale yellow, air-stable complex which shows two distinctive methylene and methyl groups in its ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra. The inequivalency of the ethyl groups in [45] indicate the importance of N to C_{carb} P-P π -backbonding in the complex. The pertinent spectral data for [45] are summarized in Table 14.



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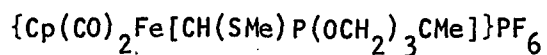
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APPENDIX I. FINAL POSITIONAL PARAMETERS AND THEIR ESTIMATED
STANDARD DEVIATIONS (IN PARENTHESES)^a FOR



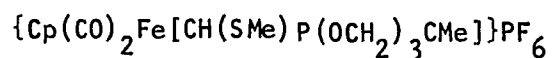
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S	0.1779(2)	0.3879(2)	0.0648(1)
P ₁	0.4451(2)	0.3198(2)	0.1107(1)
O ₁	0.4991(5)	0.4376(4)	0.1160(4)
O ₂	0.5394(6)	0.2489(5)	0.1673(4)
O ₃	0.4634(6)	0.2823(6)	0.0219(4)
O ₄	0.0277(8)	0.2254(7)	0.2486(5)
O ₅	0.4294(8)	0.1764(6)	0.3287(4)
C ₁	0.2864(8)	0.3096(7)	0.1356(5)
C ₂	0.6396(10)	0.4476(9)	0.1032(7)
C ₃	0.6764(10)	0.2538(8)	0.1488(6)
C ₄	0.6033(10)	0.2930(11)	0.0007(6)
C ₅	0.6853(9)	0.3356(8)	0.0755(6)
C ₆	0.8297(11)	0.3414(10)	0.0569(7)
C ₇	0.1211(11)	0.2733(8)	0.2503(6)
C ₈	0.3661(11)	0.2441(8)	0.2981(6)
C ₉	0.2904(12)	0.5205(8)	0.2314(7)

^aPositional parameters are listed in fractional unit cell coordinates; H₆ and H₁₄ positions were not calculated.

Atom	X	Y	Z
C ₁₀	0.1706(11)	0.5038(8)	0.2647(7)
C ₁₁	0.1927(12)	0.4592(8)	0.3422(7)
C ₁₂	0.3336(13)	0.4475(9)	0.3622(6)
C ₁₃	0.3902(11)	0.4849(8)	0.2896(7)
C ₁₄	0.1492(13)	0.2976(12)	0.9763(7)
P ₂	0.2111(3)	0.9609(3)	0.1274(2)
F ₁	0.1081(9)	0.0540(7)	0.1006(6)
F ₂	0.3126(9)	0.8683(6)	0.1571(5)
F ₃	0.2901(10)	0.0413(7)	0.1861(7)
F ₄	0.1344(13)	0.9374(11)	0.2079(8)
F ₅	0.2873(15)	-0.0130(16)	0.0583(8)
F ₆	0.1252(16)	0.8784(10)	0.0795(12)
H ₁	0.2625	0.2266	0.1406
H _{2a}	0.7026	0.4952	0.1413
H _{2b}	0.5804	0.4943	0.0622
H _{3a}	0.7318	0.1852	0.1506
H _{3b}	0.6682	0.2800	0.2094
H _{4a}	0.5952	0.3489	-0.0467
H _{4b}	0.6457	0.2250	-0.0206

Atom	X	Y	Z
H ₉	0.3029	0.5536	0.1735
H ₁₀	0.0791	0.5224	0.2352
H ₁₁	0.1209	0.4373	0.3805
H ₁₂	0.3821	0.4184	0.4171
H ₁₃	0.4896	0.4855	0.2815

APPENDIX 2. THERMAL PARAMETERS (1×10^{-4}) AND THEIR ESTIMATED
STANDARD DEVIATIONS (IN PARENTHESES) FOR



Atom	B ₁₁	B ₂₂	B ₃₃	B ₁₂	B ₁₃	B ₂₃
Fe	88(1)	53(1)	35(0)	-2(1)	13(0)	-1(0)
S	90(2)	91(2)	38(1)	8(2)	5(1)	4(1)
P ₁	79(2)	54(1)	31(1)	2(1)	10(1)	-1(1)
O ₁	76(6)	51(4)	64(3)	-1(4)	26(4)	5(3)
O ₂	91(7)	84(6)	56(3)	11(5)	13(4)	24(3)
O ₃	88(8)	140(8)	49(3)	-6(6)	21(4)	-21(4)
O ₄	145(11)	112(8)	77(4)	-45(8)	29(6)	-7(5)
O ₅	183(12)	82(6)	49(3)	38(7)	4(5)	10(4)
C ₁	62(9)	61(7)	37(4)	-9(6)	11(5)	-3(4)
C ₂	89(12)	89(9)	63(6)	17(9)	27(7)	18(6)
C ₃	101(12)	86(9)	46(5)	20(8)	17(6)	24(5)
C ₄	88(12)	168(14)	46(5)	-10(11)	24(6)	-32(7)
C ₅	72(10)	86(9)	40(4)	0(8)	14(5)	1(5)
C ₆	99(12)	111(11)	67(6)	20(10)	34(7)	6(6)
C ₇	123(13)	67(8)	50(5)	-4(9)	27(7)	-5(5)
C ₈	128(14)	67(8)	40(5)	-3(9)	10(7)	-8(5)
C ₉	151(15)	50(7)	52(5)	-19(9)	6(7)	-5(5)

Atom	B ₁₁	B ₂₂	B ₃₃	B ₁₂	B ₁₃	B ₂₃
C ₁₀	114(13)	58(8)	59(6)	13(8)	11(7)	-6(5)
C ₁₁	156(16)	72(9)	51(6)	-16(9)	16(8)	-22(6)
C ₁₂	171(17)	88(10)	41(5)	-19(10)	8(8)	-12(5)
C ₁₃	123(13)	56(7)	61(6)	-6(8)	6(7)	-16(5)
C ₁₄	154(17)	175(15)	47(5)	7(1)	-8(8)	-52(8)
P ₂	138(4)	101(3)	61(2)	0(3)	1(2)	-9(2)
F ₁	224(13)	172(10)	114(6)	36(9)	-13(7)	8(6)
F ₂	233(13)	138(8)	93(5)	70(8)	6(6)	5(5)
F ₃	270(16)	152(10)	156(8)	-3(10)	-83(10)	-48(7)
F ₄	328(22)	318(18)	146(9)	54(17)	87(12)	95(11)
F ₅	432(31)	560(32)	143(9)	220(27)	141(15)	193(15)
F ₆	436(30)	173(13)	295(18)	40(15)	-189(20)	-111(12)

APPENDIX 3. STRUCTURAL FACTORS FOR
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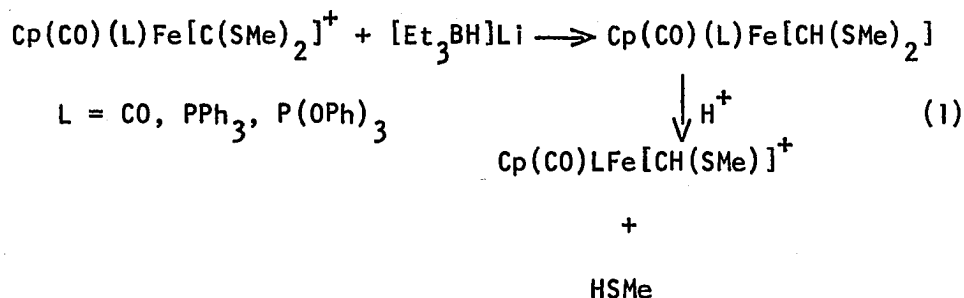
Nitrosyl Complexes

The 18-electron complexes $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})_2\text{W}(\text{PR}_3)^+$, where R is Ph, OPh, OMe, undergo facile one-electron reduction to give the 19-electron radical compounds, $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})_2\text{W}(\text{PR}_3)$. This reduction is accomplished with chemical reducing agents (hydrazine, alkoxides or zinc) or electrochemically. Cyclic voltammetric studies reveal that the reduction is quasi-reversible, and the reduction potential increases as the σ donor/ π acceptor ratio of the ligand decreases: $\text{PPh}_3 > \text{P}(\text{OMe})_3 > \text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$. ESR spectra of the PPh_3 and $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$ complexes are obtained and show a ten-line pattern resulting from hyperfine coupling of the electron with the ^{31}P ($I = \frac{1}{2}$) and two equivalent ^{14}N nuclei ($I = 1$). X-ray structural data for the $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$ derivative show that the N-W-N angle (102.7°) is noticeably larger than that (92.0°) in the 18-electron chloro analog, $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})_2\text{WCl}$. In addition, the 19-electron complex has shorter W-N but longer N-O bonds than in $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})_2\text{WCl}$. The structural differences between these complexes may be understood if the 19th electron occupies an orbital which has substantial NO 2π character, is antibonding between the two NO ligands, and is antibonding between the N and O atoms of each NO ligand.

The $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$ radical derivative is readily oxidized back to $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})_2\text{W}(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)^+$ by oxidants such as Ag^+ , Ph_3C^+ , MeOSO_2F , $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ and I_2 .

Carbene Complex

In the course of these investigations, we improved the synthesis of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$, which had been previously prepared in small quantities, by the reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{Fe}[\text{C}(\text{SMe})_2]^+$ with $(\text{Et}_3\text{BH})\text{Li}$, followed by acidification (Eqn. 1).



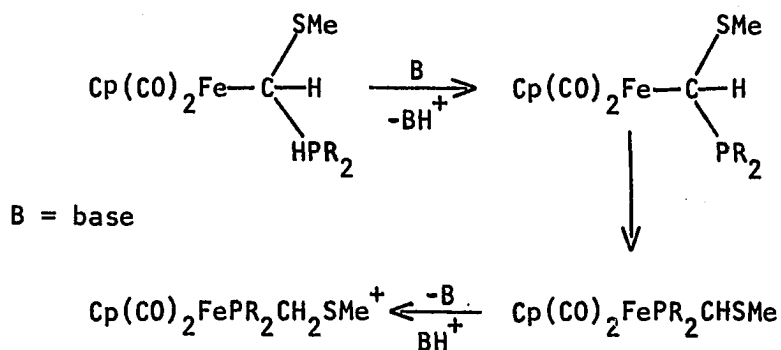
These thiomethoxyl secondary carbene complexes are modestly stable in air. In the case where L is CO, this complex decomposes upon contact with H_2O to give $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_3\text{Fe}^+$ and $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCH}_2\text{SMe}$ in equal amounts. This disproportionation reaction is presumed to go through a formyl intermediate, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeCHO}$.

The $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$ complex reacts with a variety of tertiary phosphines, phosphites and amines to afford the corresponding adducts, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{L})]^+$, where L is MePPh_2 , PPh_3 , ClPPh_2 , PCl_3 , $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$, $\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}$ or pyridine. These adducts are noticeably more stable than the parent carbene complex. An X-ray structural determination of the $\text{P}(\text{OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}$ adduct shows that the iron methine, Fe-C1, bond distance is close to that typical of σ bonds in $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeR}$ complexes; the Cl-P bond distance is similar to those in single-bond carbene phosphine

adducts, $\text{MCH(R)PR}'_3$. The C1-S bond length is normal for a σ bond such as those in MeSR ($\text{R} = \text{H}, \text{Me}$).

The PPh_3 and $\text{P(OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}$ adducts decompose at elevated temperatures to provide $\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{FeL}^+$ ($\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3, \text{P(OCH}_2)_3\text{CMe}$, respectively); the other product identified in the pyrolysis reaction of the PPh_3 adduct are cis and trans $\text{MeSCH}=\text{CHSMc}$, HC(SMe)_3 and Cp_2Fe .

Dialkyl and alkyl phosphines also form stable adducts, $\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{Fe[CH(SMe)(L)]}^+$, ($\text{L} = \text{PPh}_2\text{H}, \text{PCy}_2\text{H}, \text{PPhH}_2$ or PCyH_2), with $\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{Fe[CH(SMe)]}^+$. The solid PPh_2H and PCy_2H adducts readily decompose to give the phosphine complexes, $\text{Cp(CO)}_2\text{Fe[PR}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{SMe)]}^+$, ($\text{R} = \text{Ph}, \text{Cy}$), in low yields at 168°C and 200°C , respectively. It is not entirely clear how the rearrangement reaction takes place, but it appears to be base catalyzed. The base involved in the rearrangement is believed to be PR_2H which may be formed by dissociation from the adduct (Scheme 1).

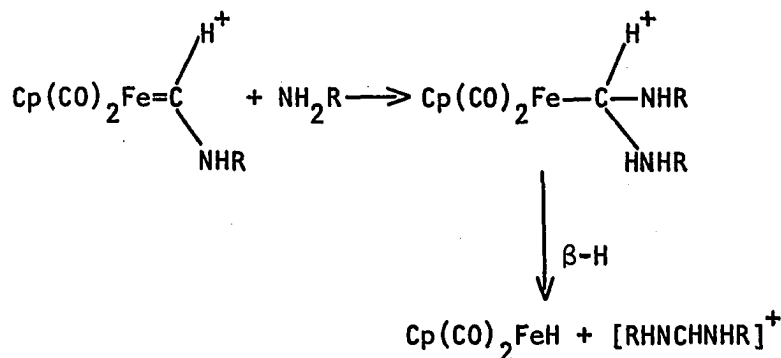


Scheme 1

The PPh_2H adduct reacts with strong bases ($n\text{-BuLi}$ or Et_3N) to afford $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{PPh}_2)]$ and a small amount of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{PPh}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{SMe})]^+$.

The $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$ ($\text{L} = \text{CO}, \text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$) complexes react with Et_2NH to furnish the amino carbene complexes, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NEt}_2)]^+$. The ^1H and ^{13}C spectra of both compounds display two distinctive methylene and methyl groups which are indicative of a high C-N bond rotational barrier caused by strong N to C p-p π -bonding. Likewise, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMe}_2)]^+$ is prepared by reacting Me_2NH with the corresponding thiomethoxyl carbene complex. This compound is found to react with excess Me_2NH to give $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ and $\text{NNN}'\text{N}'$ -tetramethyl foramidinium.

Other primary amines (MeNH_2 , CyNH_2 , $i\text{-PrNH}_2$, $t\text{-BuNH}_2$) also react with $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$ to give the corresponding amino carbene complexes, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHR})]^+$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Cy}, i\text{-Pr}, t\text{-Bu}$). The yields of these reactions are in the range of 28-38%. The poor yields are due to a secondary reaction, in which, the amino carbene reacts further with excess amine to give $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{FeH}$ and the NN -dialkyl foramidinium ion. The most likely mechanism of this secondary reaction is believed to be a β -hydrogen elimination of the ammonium complex (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2

The primary amino hydrido carbene complexes, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHR})]^+$, are exclusively in the trans (E) configuration. When the amino hydrogen is removed with NaOH-EtOH, syn and anti isomers of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CHNR}]^+$ are detected in the ^1H NMR spectra of the compounds with R = i-Pr or Cy. On the other hand, the anti isomer is the sole form of the t-Bu analog. The mechanism for the rapid interconversion of the iminoyl-formyl compounds upon deprotonation of the carbene precursors is believed to be an inversion about the nitrogen atom (lateral shifting) rather than a C-N bond rotation. When the $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CHNR}]^+$ (R = i-Pr, Cy) is alkylated with excess MeOSO_2F , E and Z isomers of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NMeR})]^+$ are obtained, and the E isomer predominates when the concentration of MeOSO_2F is reduced.

The carbonyl ligand of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHCy})]^+$ is photolytically labile; ultraviolet irradiation of the complex in MeCN gives $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{MeCN})\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHCy})]^+$. The identical complex may also be prepared by reacting $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NHCy})]^+$ with Me_3NO in MeCN.

The complex $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)]^+$ has also been prepared by the reaction of $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$ or $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})(\text{Pyr})]^+$ with NH_3 . Finally, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{CH}(\text{SMe})]^+$ reacts with diazomethane at room temperature, yielding a stable deep red S-bound olefin complex, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})_2\text{Fe}[\text{SMe}(\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2)]^+$.

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