

# Organometallic Hydroxides of Transition Elements

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## 1. Scope

The main objective of this review is to make the reader aware of the synthetic procedures and structural characterizations of environmentally friendly organometallic compounds. Since there has been a recent and extensive review on organometallic oxides,<sup>1</sup> this review will focus mainly on the organometallic hydroxides. Descriptions of the terminal hydroxide complexes of the late transition metals, of organometallic oxohydroxo complexes, and of the reactivity of organometallic hydroxides have appeared in a number of reviews, but these were largely devoted to other topics.<sup>2–5</sup> An interesting review on the structural aspects of organometallic hydroxides of the d- and f-block elements was published in 1994.<sup>6</sup> Since then, no review dealing exclusively with hydroxo complexes has appeared in the literature.

In general, chemists consider water a foe in organometallic reactions, and the resulting hydroxides are undesired products, which have been formed mostly by careless work. Herein we are trying to show that organometallic hydroxides can function as useful precursors. Moreover, this review will include the synthesis, structural aspects, and general properties of organometallic hydroxides of transition elements, and whenever the compound has some unique synthesis, special properties, or useful application, that will also be covered. To organize this review, we have adopted the following approach: each group of the transition metals will be discussed separately.

## 2. General Remarks

The following general remarks will help the reader to understand what the review emphasizes. It will be grouped into early transition metals, rare earth elements, and late transition metals. It will give a glimpse about how facile is the synthesis of an organo-hydroxide, the stability of these compounds, the nature of the hydroxide moiety (terminal, doubly bridged, or triply bridged, etc.), and the most

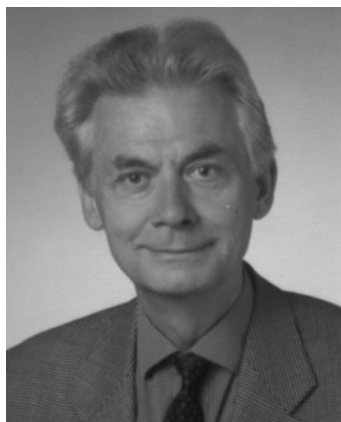
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compounds, and this discussion is not meant to be comprehensive; nevertheless, a general overview of the basic properties of these compounds is presented below.



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### 2.1. General Properties of Early Transition Metal Organo-hydroxides

Organo-hydroxides of all early transition metals have been reported. Titanium(III) hydroxide is known, but no hydroxide of Zr(III) or Hf(III) has been prepared. The OH group has the potential for utilizing its electron pairs for bonding to more than one metal, so that there are examples of organometallic hydroxides with both terminal and bridging hydroxyl groups. Doubly bridged hydroxo coordinations are most common, followed by a cubane-like arrangement with metal and hydroxide oxygen atoms occupying alternate corners of a distorted  $M_4O_4$  cube, especially in the case of group 6 and 7 metals. In general, the clusters are electron precise, with  $OH^-$  utilizing three lone pairs to bind three metals. Moreover, a number of remarkable clusters have been encountered.

### 2.2. General Properties of Late Transition Metal Organo-hydroxides

A review of the pertinent literature shows that organometallic hydroxides of late transition metal ions are rare, due primarily to the intrinsic weakness of the M–OH bond. While the hydroxo ligand is a hard base, the metal ions of the late transition metals are usually in a low oxidation state,

causing the metal centers to function as soft acids. This mismatch in hard/soft interactions results in fairly weak metal–hydroxide bonding. On the other hand, one advantage of the weak M–OH bonds is that the M–OH bond is quite reactive and the OH group should be easily substituted by other ligands, leading to the synthesis of a variety of new and interesting organometallic compounds. No structurally characterized hydroxides of Cu and Ag are known. Among the structural types, the triply bridging hydroxides are the most common ones.

### 2.3. General Properties of Rare Earth Element Organo-hydroxides

The bonding in organolanthanide hydroxo complexes is considered to be predominantly ionic, and hard lanthanide ions have a preference for hard donor hydroxide ligands which coordinate through oxygen. This factor is responsible for the oxophilic nature of the rare earth elements. Doubly bridging coordination is relatively most frequently seen.  $(Cp_2M)_2(\mu-OH)_2$ -type complexes have metals in distorted tetrahedral geometry. Steric factors play a more important role in lanthanide chemistry than the electron count. Low coordination numbers (3 to 6) have been achieved by the use of sterically demanding ligands. Rare earth metals have a tendency to adopt high coordination numbers, which is far less common in the case of d-block elements.

## 3. Introduction

Organometallic compounds are most often prepared in moisture free, nonaqueous solvents.<sup>7</sup> Consequently, large quantities of such solvents are generated, resulting in significant waste disposal problems. There is a worldwide demand for “green” chemical processes and products in which reactions are carried out in environmentally friendly solvents, especially in water. The development of new and cost-effective approaches to pollution control is necessary to meet this demand.<sup>8</sup>

Most of the organic reactions are not compatible with aqueous conditions due to the lack of solubility of the compounds in water or, in the case of organometallic compounds, the high reactivity of the compounds with water. The presence of small quantities of water in these reaction systems often results in the formation of organometallic oxides, hydroxides, oxohydroxo compounds, and aqua complexes. Such compounds may find application as green catalysts or as environmentally friendly precursors for the synthesis of nanoparticle materials. Furthermore, as found in biological systems, water can participate in structure directing intermolecular interactions, leading to supramolecular assemblies in these systems.<sup>9</sup>

Hydroxo complexes of transition metals have been postulated as critical intermediates in a number of catalytic reactions involving water as a substrate.<sup>10–17</sup> Transition metal–hydroxide bond interactions are considered to be necessary for reactions such as the Wacker oxidation reaction;<sup>3</sup> the water gas shift reaction;<sup>18,19</sup> olefin hydrocarbonylation;<sup>20</sup> olefin (alkyl halide, and alcohol) carboalkoxylation;<sup>3,21–23</sup> carbonyl compound hydrogenation;<sup>3</sup> and alcohol dehydrogenation.<sup>3</sup> The photolytic splitting of water and the C–H bond deuteration by  $D_2O$  are known to proceed through such interactions.<sup>24,25</sup> In addition, hydrido hydroxo complexes are considered to be important intermediates in water splitting reactions.<sup>26–28</sup> Other bond cleavage reactions such as the  $Cp_2$ -

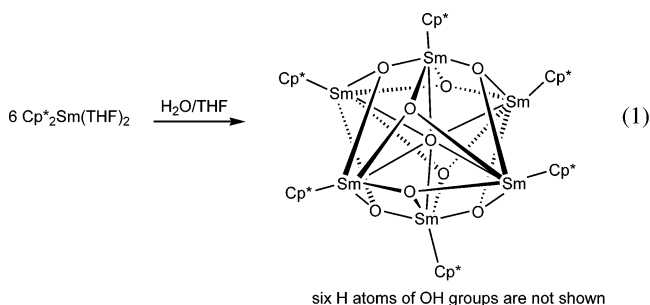
MoCl<sub>2</sub> (Cp = η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) promoted phosphoester bond cleavage are believed to proceed by an intramolecular attack of a Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo-bound hydroxide on the phosphate monoester.<sup>29–31</sup>

Organometallic hydroxides may also find application in organometallic crystal engineering.<sup>32</sup> The anionic superstructures are held together by a combination of neutral and interionic O–H⋯O hydrogen bonds. A judicious choice of the building blocks may yield materials with attractive magnetic, conducting, superconducting,<sup>33–37</sup> and nonlinear optical properties.<sup>38–41</sup>

#### 4. Group 3 Organo-hydroxides

Due to similar properties of Sc, Y, and lanthanides and because of similar examples of organometallic hydroxides of this group, it makes little sense to separate them in this discussion.

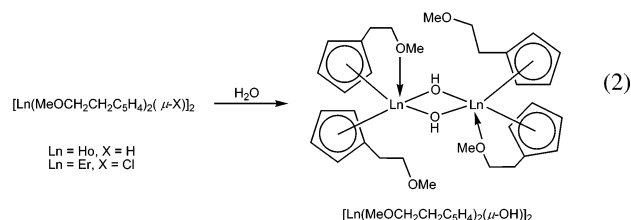
Almost all the organolanthanide complexes are extremely sensitive to moisture and air.<sup>42</sup> However, only a few hydroxo complexes of lanthanides have been reported despite a seemingly favorable interaction between the hard acid Ln<sup>3+</sup> and the hard base OH<sup>–</sup>. The hydrolysis of organometallic derivatives of electropositive metals can be viewed as the conversion of M–R (R = alkyl or aryl) to R–H and M–OH. The structure and composition of the resulting M–OH units are important in determining their subsequent reaction chemistry. Therefore, the reactions of the hydroxo complexes must be discussed in terms of their structural chemistry. Table 1 gives a list of structurally characterized organometallic hydroxo complexes. The most common method for the preparation of organometallic hydroxides of this group and also in general is the partial hydrolysis of organometallic compounds. Water for the hydrolysis reactions can be purposely introduced into organometallic systems in trace quantities by using very dilute solutions of known concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O in solvents such as THF, or in the form of water vapor. It was found that good crystallographic quality brown crystals of [Cp\*Sm]<sub>6</sub>O<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub> could be obtained in an apparatus consisting of a “H” shaped vessel in which the vapor over a water/THF solution in one side of the reaction vessel reacted with a THF solution of Cp\*<sub>2</sub>Sm(THF)<sub>2</sub> (Cp\* = C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>) in the other side of the vessel<sup>43</sup> (eq 1).



Partial hydrolysis of the organolanthanide salt [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm]–[BPh<sub>4</sub>] (Cp'' = 1,3-(Me<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) at –30 °C in toluene produced two crystalline compounds, [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm]<sub>2</sub>(μ-O)(μ-OH<sub>2</sub>) and [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub>, whose crystal morphologies were sufficiently different so that they could be physically separated (Pasteur’s method).<sup>44</sup> The structure of [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> is shown in Figure 1. The complex [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Lu(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> formed by the partial hydrolysis of [(THF)<sub>n</sub>Cp''<sub>2</sub>LuRu(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cp] has a similar structure.<sup>40</sup> The structure of the [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm]<sub>2</sub>(μ-O)(μ-OH<sub>2</sub>) is similar except that, at least formally, a proton is transferred from one OH to another.

The isolation of the initial oxo-aqua complex [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm]<sub>2</sub>(μ-O)(μ-OH<sub>2</sub>) (Cp'' = 1,3-(Me<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), before the formation of the hydroxo complex [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub>, offers a hint to the mechanism of the hydrolysis reaction of organolanthanide complexes.<sup>44</sup> The oxo-aqua complex has been proposed as an intermediate in the transformation of [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> to [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm]<sub>2</sub>(μ-O).<sup>44</sup> The Sm–O(H<sub>2</sub>O) distances are considerably longer (2.61(1) and 2.63(1) Å) than are the Sm–O(oxo) distances (2.248(8) and 2.318(8) Å).<sup>45</sup> It is interesting to note that using the same procedure but starting with the [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm][CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub>] salt gave only the [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub>, whose structure was similar, though not identical, to that derived from the [BPh<sub>4</sub>]<sup>–</sup> salt.<sup>44</sup> The presence of both [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm]<sub>2</sub>(μ-O)(μ-OH<sub>2</sub>) and [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> in the same reaction mixture suggests a continuous process for the conversion of the organosamarium hydroxo [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> to the oxo compound [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm]<sub>2</sub>(μ-O) and also explains why one or more of these compounds can sometimes be adventitiously isolated from the same reaction mixture. The samarocene and ytterbocene hydroxides [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> and [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Yb(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> (Cp' = η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>) could be prepared from the Ln(II) complexes [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Sm(THF)] and [Cp''<sub>2</sub>Yb(OEt<sub>2</sub>)] by treatment with water in an ethereal solution.<sup>46</sup> The complex formation is thought to proceed via an oxidative addition of the OH radicals to the metallocene complexes. A different samarium hydroxy compound, [SmCp\*]<sub>6</sub>O<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, was obtained from the reaction of water vapor with a solution of Cp\*<sub>2</sub>Sm(THF)<sub>2</sub>.<sup>43</sup> The structure consists of six Cp\*Sm groups arranged around a central oxygen atom in a roughly octahedral fashion, with triply bridging oxygens on each face. Unfortunately, the hydrogens could not be located.

The dimeric compound, [Ho(MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub>, was obtained as a byproduct in the recrystallization of [Ho(MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-H)]<sub>2</sub> from a THF/*n*-hexane solvent mixture. This solvent mixture evidently contained trace amounts of water.<sup>47</sup> Despite the serendipitous nature of its synthesis, the compound does show structural characteristics that are common to a number of bridged hydroxo-lanthanides. Dimerization occurs through bridging of the two OH ligands. Each Ho atom is also coordinated by two ether substituted cyclopentadienyl ligands and an oxygen atom from one of the substituent ethers, resulting in a distorted trigonal bipyramidal structure. This same structural motif is found in the [Y(O(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> dimer<sup>45</sup> and in [(MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Er(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> that was formed by the partial hydrolysis of (MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>ErCl<sup>48</sup> (eq 2).



Several other hydroxo complexes have been isolated from the partial hydrolysis of tris(Cp) lanthanide complexes by trace amounts of water.<sup>45</sup> These are thought to be intermediates in the stepwise decomposition of these complexes, involving an initial formation of a Cp<sub>3</sub>Ln(OH<sub>2</sub>) complex, which then eliminates CpH to give Cp<sub>2</sub>Ln(OH). This process can be repeated, resulting, ultimately, in Ln(OH)<sub>3</sub>. In support of this, aqua complexes of the tris(cyclopentadienyl) lan-

Table 1. Structurally Characterized Organometallic-hydroxo Complexes

organometallic hydroxide	starting organometallic compound	spectroscopic studies done	X-ray crystal structure	ref
[Cp'' <sub>2</sub> Sm( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub> , form A (Cp'' = 1,3-(Me <sub>3</sub> Si) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> )	[Cp'' <sub>2</sub> Sm][CB <sub>11</sub> H <sub>6</sub> Br <sub>6</sub> ]	IR; MS	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Sm—O 2.314 Å Sm—O—Sm 107.7, 111.6, 96.1, and 88.7°	44
[Cp'' <sub>2</sub> Sm( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub> , form B (Cp'' = 1,3-(Me <sub>3</sub> Si) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> )	[Cp'' <sub>2</sub> Sm][CB <sub>11</sub> H <sub>6</sub> Br <sub>6</sub> ]	IR; MS	monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ Sm—O 2.308 Å Sm—O—Sm 107°	44
[Y(O(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub>	[Y(O(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )(C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Me)]	IR; NMR	monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ Y—O 2.238 Å Y—O—Y 109.1°	45
[Cp'' <sub>2</sub> Sm( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub> (Cp'' = 1,3-(Me <sub>3</sub> Si) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> )	[Cp'' <sub>2</sub> Sm(THF)]	IR; NMR	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Sm—O 2.40 Å	46
[Cp' <sub>2</sub> Yb( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub> (Cp' = $\eta^5$ -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> SiMe <sub>3</sub> )	[Cp' <sub>2</sub> Yb(OEt <sub>2</sub> )]	IR; NMR	monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ Yb—O 2.29 Å Yb—O—Yb 99.2, 104.1°	46
[Ho(MeOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub>	[Ho(MeOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ -H)] <sub>2</sub>		orthorhombic, $Pbca$ Ho—O 2.256 Å	47
[Cp''' <sub>2</sub> Er( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub> (Cp''' = MeOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	Cp''' <sub>2</sub> ErCl		orthorhombic, $Pbca$ Er—O 2.258, 2.216 Å Er—O—Er 108.4°	48
[Cp <sub>2</sub> Y( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub> ·(PhC≡CPh)	Cp <sub>2</sub> Y(CMe <sub>3</sub> )(THF) and PhC≡CPh		monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ Y—O 2.33, 2.36 Å Y—O—Y 100.4°	49
[YO(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ -N <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> H- Me <sub>2</sub> )( $\mu$ -OH)- YO(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	[Y(O(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )Cl] and NaN <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> HMe <sub>2</sub>	NMR	tetragonal, $P4_212$ Y—O 2.202 Å Y—O—Y 137.2°	50
[LuO(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - N <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> HMe <sub>2</sub> )( $\mu$ -OH)- LuO(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	[Lu(O(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )Cl] and NaN <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> HMe <sub>2</sub>	NMR	tetragonal, $P4_212$ Lu—O 2.154 Å Lu—O—Lu 138.3°	50
[(C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CMe- <i>n</i> PrCH <sub>2</sub> CH:CH <sub>2</sub> )Nd- (OH)]Cl·2MgCl <sub>2</sub> ·4THF	[C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CMePrCH <sub>2</sub> CH:CH <sub>2</sub> LnCl <sub>2</sub> · MgCl <sub>2</sub> ·THF (Ln = Nd)		triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Nd—O 2.442 Å	51
[(C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CMe- <i>n</i> PrCH <sub>2</sub> CH:CH <sub>2</sub> )Gd- (OH)]Cl·2MgCl <sub>2</sub> ·4THF	(Ln = Gd)		triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Gd—O 2.405 Å	51
[CpTi( $\mu$ -OH)-( $\mu$ -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·THF	[(Cp)(C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )TiH] <sub>2</sub>		orthorhombic, $Pna2_1$ Ti—O 2.10, 2.05 Å Ti—O—Ti 98.8°, 102.7°	65
[Ti <sub>3</sub> ( $\mu_3$ -O)( $\mu$ -OH) <sub>3</sub> ( $\mu$ -HCO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Cp <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> - HCO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> ·2HCO <sub>2</sub> H	Cp <sub>2</sub> TiCl <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, and HCO <sub>2</sub> H		triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Ti—O 1.994–2.023 Å Ti—O—Ti 106.9–107.6°	67
$\alpha$ -[Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti(OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O)]CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	[Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ](CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>		triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Ti—O 1.88 Å	68
$\beta$ -[Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti(OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O)]CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	[Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ](CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>		triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Ti—O 1.86 Å	68
[Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti(OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O)]CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	[Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ](CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>		triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Ti—OH 1.87 Å	68
[Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti(OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O)]BPh <sub>4</sub> ·2THF	[Cp* <sub>2</sub> TiMe(THF)]BPh <sub>4</sub> prepared from Cp* <sub>2</sub> TiMe and AgBPh <sub>4</sub>	IR	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Ti—O 1.853 Å	69
[Cp <sub>2</sub> Zr(NC- <i>n</i> Pr)( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub> - [BPh <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·4NC- <i>n</i> Pr	[Cp <sub>2</sub> Zr(OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>n</sub> ][BPh <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>m</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O and NC- <i>n</i> Pr	IR	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Zr—O 2.154, 2.174 Å Zr—O—Zr 113.6°	70
[Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti(OH)(HN=CPh <sub>2</sub> )]- BPh <sub>4</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub>	Cp* <sub>2</sub> Ti—N=CPh <sub>2</sub> and AgBPh <sub>4</sub>	IR	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Ti—O 1.853 Å	71
[Cp*Ti(OH)OSi( <i>t</i> Bu) <sub>2</sub> O] <sub>2</sub>	Cp*TiCl <sub>2</sub> OSi( <i>t</i> Bu) <sub>2</sub> (OH) from Cp*TiCl <sub>3</sub> and ( <i>t</i> Bu) <sub>2</sub> Si(OH) <sub>2</sub>	MS; IR; NMR	monoclinic, $C2/c$ Ti—O 1.872, 1.834 Å	72
[Zr <sub>3</sub> Cp <sub>3</sub> ( $\mu_3$ -O)( $\mu$ -OH) <sub>3</sub> ( $\mu$ -PhCOO) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> - (PhCOO) <sup>-</sup> ·OEt <sub>2</sub>	Cp <sub>2</sub> ZrCl <sub>2</sub> and PhCOONa	IR; NMR	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Zr—O 2.133 Å Zr—O—Zr 103.6°	74
[Cp <sub>2</sub> Zr(OCOCF <sub>3</sub> )( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub>	Cp <sub>2</sub> ZrCl <sub>2</sub> and CF <sub>3</sub> COOH	IR	monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ Zr—O 2.152, 2.158 Å Zr—O—Zr 114.4°	75
[CpZr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ -OH)] <sub>2</sub> ·2THF	Cp <sub>2</sub> ZrCl <sub>2</sub> and HNO <sub>3</sub>		monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ Zr—O 2.167, 2.09 Å Zr—O—Zr 110.3°	77
[Cp*ZrCl] <sub>3</sub> ( $\mu$ -O)( $\mu$ -OH) <sub>3</sub> ( $\mu$ -Cl)	Cp*ZrCl <sub>3</sub>	IR; <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>1</sup> H NMR	orthorhombic, $Pbca$ Zr—O ( $\mu$ -OH) 2.134–2.159 Å Zr—O ( $\mu_3$ -OH) 2.198–2.336 Å Zr—O—Zr ( $\mu_3$ -OH) 88.4°, 90.9°, 91.7°	78
[(C(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Zr( $\mu$ -OH)(CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O] <sub>2</sub>	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , guanidinium carbonate, and zirconyl chloride		triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Zr—O 2.119, 2.204 Å Zr—O—Zr 110.3°	79
Na <sub>6</sub> [Zr( $\mu$ -OH)(C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	hydrous carbonated zirconia and H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Zr—O 2.098, 2.122, 2.236 Å Zr—O—Zr 111.6°, 112.6°	79

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organometallic hydroxide	starting organometallic compound	spectroscopic studies done	X-ray crystal structure	ref
[Cp*ZrCl] <sub>3</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -O)(μ <sub>3</sub> -OH)(μ-OH) <sub>3</sub> ·2THF	Cp*ZrCl <sub>3</sub>		orthorhombic, <i>Pbca</i> Zr—O (μ-OH) 2.147 Å Zr—O (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) 2.276 Å	80
[(Cp*Zr) <sub>6</sub> (μ <sub>4</sub> -O)(μ-O) <sub>4</sub> (μ-OH) <sub>8</sub> ]·2(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )	Cp*ZrCl <sub>3</sub> , KOH, liq NH <sub>3</sub> , and toluene	IR; NMR	monoclinic, <i>C2/m</i> Zr—O 2.106 Å Zr—O—Zr 120.5°	81
[(Cp*Zr) <sub>4</sub> (μ <sub>5</sub> -O)(μ <sub>3</sub> -O) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH) <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·Zr(μ-O) <sub>4</sub> ·2(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )	[(Cp*Zr) <sub>6</sub> (μ <sub>4</sub> -O)(μ-O) <sub>4</sub> (μ-OH) <sub>8</sub> ]·2(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ) and Cp <sub>2</sub> ZrMe <sub>2</sub> or (MeC <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ZrH <sub>2</sub>	IR; NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Zr—O 2.121–2.333 Å Zr—O—Zr 86.1, 109.1°	83
[Cp <sub>2</sub> Zr <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>4+</sup> ·(CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>4</sub> ·4THF	Cp <sub>2</sub> ZrCl <sub>2</sub> and AgCF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	IR; NMR	triclinic, <i>P1</i> Zr—O 2.16 Å Zr—O—Zr 110.8°	85
[Cp <sub>2</sub> Zr <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>4+</sup> ·(ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>4</sub> ·8THF	Cp <sub>2</sub> ZrCl <sub>2</sub> and AgClO <sub>4</sub>	IR; NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Zr—O 2.163 Å Zr—O—Zr 110.3°	85
[Cp*ZrCl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)(μ-OH)] <sub>2</sub>	Cp*ZrCl <sub>3</sub>	IR; NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i> Zr—O 2.081 Å Zr—O—Zr 114°	86
Cp* <sub>2</sub> Zr(OH)Cl	Cp* <sub>2</sub> Zr( <i>n</i> Bu)Cl		monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Zr—O 1.95 Å Zr—O—Zr 99.7°	88
Cp* <sub>2</sub> Zr(OH) <sub>2</sub>	Cp* <sub>2</sub> ZrMe <sub>2</sub>		monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i> Zr—O 1.978 Å Zr—O—Zr 99.7°	88
[Cp <sub>2</sub> V(μ-OH)B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	Cp <sub>2</sub> V, B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , and H <sub>2</sub> O	IR; <sup>19</sup> F, <sup>11</sup> B, <sup>1</sup> H NMR	monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i> V—O 2.087 Å B—O 1.518 Å	90
{[CpNb(μ-OOCH)(μ-OH)] <sub>3</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -O)}H	CpNb(CO) <sub>3</sub> PPh <sub>3</sub>		monoclinic, <i>P2/m</i> Nb—O 1.97 Å Nb—O—Nb 106°	92
[(Cp*NbCl) <sub>3</sub> (μ-Cl)(μ-O) <sub>2</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH)(μ <sub>3</sub> -O)]·[Zn <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>10</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	{[Cp*NbCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (μ-Cl)(μ-OH)(μ-O)}		orthorhombic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i> Nb—O 2.145 Å	96
Cp' <sub>3</sub> Nb <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> (μ-Cl) <sub>3</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -O)(μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) (Cp' = C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Me)	[Cp'Nb(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl] <sub>2</sub>	IR; ESR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i> Nb—O 2.20, 2.209, 2.263 Å	96
[CpNbCl(μ-Cl)] <sub>3</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH)(μ <sub>3</sub> -O)	hydrolysis of CpNbCl <sub>4</sub> followed by reduction with Al powder	IR; ESR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Nb—O 2.201, 2.171, 2.231 Å	97
[Cp*TaCl <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)] <sub>2</sub> (μ-O)	[Cp*TaCl <sub>4</sub> ] or [Cp*Ta(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (THF)]	IR; NMR	orthorhombic, <i>F2dd</i> Ta—O 2.13, 2.18 Å Ta—O—Ta 89.2°, 103.4°	99, 100
[Cp* <sub>4</sub> Cr <sub>4</sub> (μ-OH) <sub>6</sub> ](BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Cp* <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>4</sub> with a (Cr≡Cr)	IR	tetragonal <i>I<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup></i> Cr—O 1.952 Å Cr—O—Cr ~140°	101
[Et <sub>4</sub> N] <sub>4</sub> [Cr <sub>4</sub> (CO) <sub>12</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) <sub>4</sub> ]	Cr(CO) <sub>6</sub>	IR	monoclinic, <i>I2/a</i> Cr—O—Cr 103.4° Cr—O 2.121 Å	102
[Et <sub>4</sub> N] <sub>4</sub> [Mo(CO) <sub>3</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) <sub>4</sub> ]	Mo(CO) <sub>6</sub>	IR	monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i> Mo—O—Mo 105° Mo—O 2.25 Å	105
[Et <sub>4</sub> N] <sub>4</sub> [W(CO) <sub>3</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) <sub>4</sub> ]	W(CO) <sub>6</sub>	IR	monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i> W—O—W 106° W—O 2.24 Å	105
(Cp)(NO)Cr(μ-Se- <i>n</i> Bu)(μ-OH)-Cr(NO)(Cp)	CpCr(NO) <sub>2</sub> Cl	IR; NMR; MS	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Cr—O 1.961 Å Cr—O—Cr 93.1°	107
[Mo(CO) <sub>2</sub> (OH)(η <sup>3</sup> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> )(3,5-diMepzH)] <sub>2</sub> ·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	reaction of Mo(MeCN) <sub>2</sub> (η <sup>3</sup> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> )(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> with [Me <sub>2</sub> Ga(3,5-diMepzH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	IR; NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Mo—O 2.239, 2.235 Å Mo—O—M 102.1°, 102.4°	108
[(MoCp) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)(μ-H)-{μ-(η <sup>5</sup> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -η <sup>5</sup> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )}]·2PF <sub>6</sub>	[MoHCp(μ-(η <sup>1</sup> :η <sup>5</sup> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ))] <sub>2</sub>	NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub></i> Mo—O 2.07 Å M—O—M 94.3°	109
K <sub>3</sub> [Mo <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> (CO) <sub>6</sub> ]	Mo(CO) <sub>6</sub>	IR; XPS	triclinic, <i>P1</i> Mo—O 2.24 Å Mo—O—Mo 104°	115
[Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo(μ-OH) <sub>2</sub> MoCp <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> (OTs <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	Cp <sub>2</sub> MoH <sub>2</sub> and Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo(OTs) <sub>2</sub> (OTs = <i>p</i> -MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> )	IR; NMR	orthorhombic, <i>Pbna</i> Mo—O 2.096 Å Mo—O—M 113.8°	116
[Cp <sub>2</sub> W(μ-OH) <sub>2</sub> WCp <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> (OTs <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	Cp <sub>2</sub> WH <sub>2</sub> and Cp <sub>2</sub> W(OTs) <sub>2</sub> (OTs = <i>p</i> -MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> )	NMR	orthorhombic, <i>Pbna</i> W—O 2.088 Å W—O—W 114.6°	116
(η <sup>5</sup> -C <sub>5</sub> R <sub>5</sub> )Mo(OH) <sub>2</sub> (dppe) (R = Me, Et)	(η <sup>5</sup> -C <sub>5</sub> R <sub>5</sub> )MoH <sub>3</sub> (dppe) and CpFe <sup>+</sup>	EPR; NMR	triclinic, <i>P1</i> Mo—O 1.984, 2.011 Å	124
[Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo(OH)NH <sub>2</sub> Me]PF <sub>6</sub>	[Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo(SMe <sub>2</sub> )Br]PF <sub>6</sub> and aq MeNH <sub>2</sub>	IR; NMR	monoclinic <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i> Mo—O 2.050 Å	126, 111

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$K_3[W_2(OH)_3(CO)_6] \cdot 2H_2O$	$W(CO)_6$		monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ W—O 2.16 Å W—O—W 97°	129
$WCo(OH)(\mu-CC_6H_4Me-4)-(\mu-PPh_2)_2(CO)_2(Cp)[\{Mn(\mu_3-OH)(CO)_3\}_4]$	$WCo(Cl)(\mu-CC_6H_4Me-4)-(\mu-PPh_2)(CO)_2(Cp)$ $Mn_2(CO)_{10}$ and $Me_3NO \cdot 2H_2O$	IR; NMR	monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ W—O 2.087 Å	131
$[Mn_7(\mu_3-OH)_8(CO)_{18}]$	$Mn_2(CO)_{10}$ and benzophenone	IR	tetragonal, $P4_2/nmm$ Mn—O 2.051 Å	134
$[Mn_7(\mu_3-OH)_8(CO)_{18}]$	$Mn_2(CO)_{10}$ and benzophenone	IR	monoclinic, $I2/a$ Mn—O 2.055 Å (outer six Mn atoms), 2.169 Å (to central Mn atom)	134
$[Mn_4(CO)_{12}F_x(OH)_{4-x}]$	$Mn(CO)_5X$ (X = Cl, Br), with TIF (X = 1 and 2); with AgX (X = 2 and 3)	IR	cubic, $Pn\bar{3}m$ Mn—O—Mn 102° Mn—O 2.052 Å	136
$[Tc(\mu_3-OH)(CO)_3]_4$	$[NEt_4]_2[TcCl_3(CO)_3]$ and NaOH	IR; $^{99}Tc$ NMR	tetragonal, $I_4^-$ Tc—O 2.181, 2.185, 2.191 Å Tc—O—Tc 102.3, 105.1°	138
$[Re(CO)_3OH]_4 \cdot 2C_6H_6$	$Re_2(CO)_{10}$	IR; NMR	cubic, $Pn\bar{3}m$ Re—O 2.207 Å Re—O—Re 104°	135, 139
$[Re_2(CO)_6(\mu-H)(\mu-OH)](dppm)$	$Re_2(CO)_8(dppm)$	IR; $^{13}C$ NMR	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Re—O 2.177, 2.16 Å Re—O—Re 88.6°	141
$[Fe_2(CO)_6(\mu-OH)\{\mu-PH[CH(SiMe_3)_2]\}]$	$(Me_3Si)_2CHPCl_2$ and $[NEt_4]_2[Fe_2(CO)_8]$	NMR	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Fe—O 1.99 Å Fe—O—Fe 76.6°	145
$[Ru(\eta^6-C_6H_6)(\mu_3-OH)]_4(SO_4)_2 \cdot 12H_2O$	$[Ru(\eta^6-C_6H_6)Cl_2]_2$ , aq $Na_2CO_3$ , and excess $Na_2SO_4$		cubic, $Pn\bar{3}m$ Ru—O 2.12 Å Ru—O—Ru 102.2°	147, 149
$[Ru_4(\eta^6-C_6H_6)_4(\mu-OH)_4(\mu_4-O)]-(BPh_4)_2 \cdot 2Me_2CO$	$[Ru(\eta^6-C_6H_6)Cl_2]_2$ , excess $Na_2CO_3$ and $Na_2BPh_4$		monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ Ru—O 2.12, 2.09 Å Ru—O—Ru 77.2°	148
$[Os_4(\eta^6-C_6H_6)_4(\mu-OH)_4(\mu_4-O)]-(BPh_4)_2 \cdot 2Me_2CO$	$[Os(\eta^6-C_6H_6)Cl_2]_2$		monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ Os—O 2.146, 2.09 Å Os—O—Os 74.8°	148
$[Ru_2(\eta^6-1,3,5-C_6H_3Me_3)_2-(\mu-OH)_3]Cl \cdot 3H_2O$	$[Ru(\eta^6-1,3,5-C_6H_3Me_3)Cl_2]_2$		rhombohedral, $R\bar{3}m$ Ru—O 2.087 Å Ru—O—Ru 102.2°	149
$[Ru_2(\eta^6-C_6H_6)_2(\mu-OH)_3]Cl \cdot 3H_2O$	$[Ru_2(\eta^6-C_6H_6)_2(\mu-OPh)_3]^+$		orthorhombic, $Pbcn$ Ru—O 2.079 Å Ru—O—Ru 91.5°	150
$[Ru(dmpe)_2(H)(OH)(\mu-OH_2)]_2$	$Ru(dmpe)_2(C_2H_4)$		triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Ru—O 2.23 Å	10
$[Ru_6(CO)_{16}(\mu-CO)_2(\mu-OH)_2(\mu_4-S)]$	$[Ru_3(CO)_9(\mu_3-CO)(\mu_3-S)]$ and $[Ru_3(CO)_{12}]$	IR; UV-vis; NMR	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Ru—O 2.116–2.134 Å Ru—O—Ru 89–91.8°	153
$Ru_4(COEt)_4(OH)_2(CF_3SO_3)_2(CO)_8$	$[Ru(COEt)(CO)_2(H_2O)_3][CF_3SO_3]$		monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ Ru—O 2.12 Å Ru—O—Ru 102.6°	154
$[Ru_4(CO)_{10}(C=CH-iPr)(OH)(PPh_2)]$	$[Ru_3(CO)_{11}(Ph_2PC\equiv C-iPr)]$	IR; NMR	triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ Ru—O 2.14 Å	155
$OsH(OH)(CO)(P-tBu_2Me)_2$	$OsH(Ph)(CO)(P-tBu_2Me)_2$  (L = 2,6-di( <i>p</i> -tolyl)benzoic acid)	IR; $^1H$ , $^{31}P$ NMR  UV-vis	monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ Os—O 2.022 Å Co—O—Co 92.08° Co—O ~1.865 Å	156
$[(CF_3CH_2CoL)_2(\mu-OH)]ClO_4$	$[Co(L)_2]ClO_4$ , $NaBH_4$ , $NaOH$ , and $CF_3CH_2I$		monoclinic, $C2/c$ Co—O 1.919, 1.922 Å	157
$[(CyCoL)_2(\mu-OH)]ClO_4$ (L = 2-(2-pyridylethyl)imino-3-butanone oximate)	$[Co(L)_2]ClO_4$ , $NaBH_4$ , $NaOH$ , and Cyl		monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ Co—O 1.907, 1.927 Å	157
$\{[MeCo(LE-py)]_2(\mu-OH)\}ClO_4 \cdot 0.5H_2O$ (LE-py = 2-(2-pyridyl)imino-3-butanone oximate)	$[Co(LE-py)_2]ClO_4$ , $NaOH$ , $NaBH_4$ , $H_2O$ , $MeI$ , and $NaClO_4$		monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ Co—O 1.917, 1.911 Å Co—O—Co 105.9°	158
$(Et_4N)_2[Co\{Co\{N_2(SO_2)\}(CN)(OH)\}_2]$	$(Et_4N)_2[Co(N_2S_2)(CN)(MeCN)]$ and ( $O_2$ )	IR; NMR; UV-vis	monoclinic, $C2/c$ Co—O 1.940, 2.015 Å	159
$\{[IrCp^*]_2(\mu-OH)_3\}OAc \cdot 14H_2O$	$\{[Cp^*Ir]\}(OAc)_2(H_2O)$	IR; NMR; UV-vis	orthorhombic, $Pnma$ Ir—O 2.12 Å Ir—O—Ir 92.7, 92.8°	160
$\{[RhCp^*]_2(\mu-OH)_3\}OH$	$[(RhCp^*)_2Cl_4]$		orthorhombic, $Pnma$ Rh—O 2.109 Å Rh—O—Rh 89.2, 89.89°	160

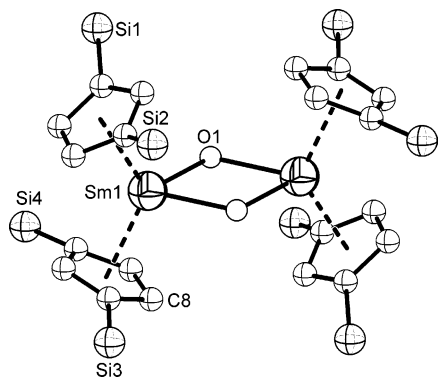
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organometallic hydroxide	starting organometallic compound	spectroscopic studies done	X-ray crystal structure	ref
[{RhCp*} <sub>2</sub> (HL) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH) <sub>2</sub> ][BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (HL = 3,5-dimethylpyrazole)	[{RhCp*} <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH) <sub>3</sub> ][BF <sub>4</sub> ]	IR; NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i> Rh—O 2.186, 2.172 Å Rh—O—Rh 101°	165
[{RhCp*} <sub>2</sub> (μ-L) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)][ClO <sub>4</sub> ] (HL = pyrazole)	[Cp*Rh(Me <sub>2</sub> CO) <sub>3</sub> ][ClO <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>		monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i> Rh—O 2.11, 2.104 Å Rh—O—Rh 11.7°	165
IrH(OH)[C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> -2,6-(CH <sub>2</sub> P- <i>t</i> Bu) <sub>2</sub> ]	IrH <sub>2</sub> [C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> -2,6-(CH <sub>2</sub> P- <i>t</i> Bu) <sub>2</sub> ], <i>tert</i> -butylethylene, and H <sub>2</sub> O	<sup>1</sup> H, <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>31</sup> P NMR; IR	orthorhombic, <i>Pbca</i> Ir—O 2.00 Å	172
<i>trans</i> -[Ir(CO)(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OH]	[ <i>trans</i> -Ir(CO)(P( <i>p</i> -tolyl) <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OH] and PCy <sub>3</sub>	IR; NMR	triclinic, <i>P1̄</i> Ir—O 1.978 Å	173
[Ir(OH)(COD)] <sub>2</sub>	[Ir(COD)(μ-Cl)] <sub>2</sub> and KOH (COD = 1,5-cyclooctadiene)	IR	orthorhombic, <i>Cmcm</i> Ir—O 2.098, 2.024 Å Ir—O—Ir 86.2, 90.2°	176
[Ni(R)(PMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)] <sub>2</sub> ·HNC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>2</sub> Me <sub>2</sub>	<i>trans</i> -Ni(R)Cl(PMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (R = CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - <i>o</i> Me)	IR; NMR	monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i> Ni—O 1.92, 1.917 Å Ni—O—Ni 91°	180
[Ni <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - <i>o</i> -Me) <sub>4</sub> (PMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> - (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) <sub>2</sub> ] (NBu <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [Ni(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)] <sub>2</sub>	NiCl <sub>2</sub> (PMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> and Mg(CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - <i>o</i> -Me)Cl		triclinic, <i>P1̄</i> Ni—O 1.906–2.004 Å	181
(NBu <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [Ni(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)] <sub>2</sub>	[Ni(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (PhCN)] <sub>2</sub> and NBu <sub>4</sub> OH	IR; NMR; UV–vis	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Ni—O 1.89 Å Ni—O—Ni 99.2°	182
(NBu <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [Ni(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)(μ-pz)]	(NBu <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [Ni(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)] <sub>2</sub>	IR; NMR; UV–vis	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Ni—O 1.89 Å Ni—O—Ni 119.3°	183
[L <sub>2</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> (Ph) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)(μ-CO) <sub>2</sub> - (μ <sub>3</sub> -CO)CrCp]·MeOH	[L <sub>2</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> (Ph) <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)] <sub>2</sub> , CpCr(CO) <sub>3</sub> H (L = PPh <sub>3</sub> )	IR; <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>31</sup> P NMR	monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i> Pd—O 2.125 Å Pd—O—Pd 105.4°	190
[Pt(OH)Me <sub>2</sub> {(pz) <sub>3</sub> BH}]	[PtMe <sub>2</sub> (SEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ], K[(pz) <sub>3</sub> BH], and H <sub>2</sub> O		orthorhombic, <i>Pnma</i> Pt—O 1.984 Å	193
[Pd(OH)(C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ){(pz) <sub>3</sub> BH}·2(3- MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)]	K[Pd(C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ){(pz) <sub>3</sub> BH}], H <sub>2</sub> O, or H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i> Pd—O 2.011 Å	194
[Pt(OH)Me <sub>2</sub> {(pz) <sub>3</sub> BH}]	K[PtMe <sub>2</sub> {(pz) <sub>3</sub> BH}]	IR; <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>1</sup> H NMR	orthorhombic, <i>Pnma</i> Pt—O 1.984 Å	196
[Pt(OH)Me <sub>2</sub> {(pz) <sub>4</sub> B}]·H <sub>2</sub> O	K[PtMe <sub>2</sub> {(pz) <sub>4</sub> B}] and H <sub>2</sub> O	IR; <sup>13</sup> C NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Pt—O 1.996 Å	196
[Pt(OH)( <i>p</i> -tolyl) <sub>2</sub> {(pz) <sub>3</sub> BH}]	[Pt( <i>p</i> -tolyl) <sub>2</sub> (SEt <sub>2</sub> )]	IR; <sup>13</sup> C NMR	monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i> Pt—O 1.974 Å	196
[{Pt(Ph)(COD)} <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)]BF <sub>4</sub>	PtI(Ph)(COD), AgBF <sub>4</sub> , and H <sub>2</sub> O	IR; <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>31</sup> P NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub></i> Pt—O 2.030, 2.096 Å Pt—O—Pt 118.6°	201
[Me <sub>2</sub> Au(μ-OH)] <sub>4</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> AuI, AgNO <sub>3</sub> , and NaOH	IR	orthorhombic, <i>Pbca</i> Au—O 2.15 Å	209
[(Me <sub>2</sub> PhSi) <sub>3</sub> CZnOH] <sub>2</sub>	(Me <sub>2</sub> PhSi) <sub>3</sub> CZnCl and NaOH	IR	monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i> Zn—O 1.899 Å Zn—O—Zn 102.3°	216
[(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> )CdOH] <sub>4</sub>	(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cd and H <sub>2</sub> O	IR	triclinic, <i>P1̄</i> Cd—O 2.209–2.282 Å Cd—O—Cd 98.4, 99.8, 100.8, 101.1°	217
[K(18-crown-6)(THF) <sub>2</sub> ][{Cd(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> - (STrt) <sub>3</sub> (OH)) <sub>3</sub> ·THF (TrtSH = triphenylmethanethiol)]	[{Cd(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> )(STrt) <sub>4</sub> }, KOH, and 18-crown-6	IR; <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>1</sup> H, <sup>19</sup> F NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Cd—O 2.368, 2.395, 2.408 Å Cd—O—Cd 96.6°	218
[Pt <sub>4</sub> Cd <sub>6</sub> (C≡CPh) <sub>4</sub> (μ-C≡CPh) <sub>12</sub> - (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) <sub>4</sub> ]	(NBu <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [Pt(C≡CPh) <sub>4</sub> ] and Cd(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	IR	tetragonal, <i>P<sub>4</sub>-2<sub>1</sub>c</i> Cd—O 2.221, 2.285, 2.282 Å	219
[(OH)Hg <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> Hg)CCHO]NO <sub>3</sub>	Hg(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> and MeCHO		monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Hg—O 2.11, 2.04 Å Hg—O—Hg 121°	221
[μ-(3,4,5,6-Me <sub>4</sub> C <sub>6</sub> )Hg <sub>2</sub> (μ-OH)] <sub>2</sub> - (CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·2DMF	[μ-(3,4,5,6-Me <sub>4</sub> C <sub>6</sub> )Hg <sub>2</sub> (μ-O)] <sub>2</sub> and CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	IR; <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>1</sup> H NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i> Hg—O 2.08 Å Hg—O—Hg 116.5°	222
4-Me <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> HgOH	4-Me <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> HgOAc and NaOH	IR; <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>1</sup> H, and <sup>199</sup> Hg NMR	monoclinic, <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> Hg—O 2.039 Å	223

thanides, Cp<sub>3</sub>Ln(OH)<sub>2</sub> (Ln = Y, Ho and Cp = C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; Ln = Ho and Cp = C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Me), were isolated from saturated toluene solutions of the respective Cp<sub>3</sub>Ln compounds that had been stored under refrigeration for several days.<sup>45</sup> In much the same way, X-ray quality crystals of a mixed [Cp<sub>2</sub>Y(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub>/PhC≡CPh solid were obtained by the partial hydrolysis of a mixture of Cp<sub>2</sub>Y(CMe<sub>3</sub>)(THF) and PhC≡CPh in toluene.<sup>49</sup> The molecular structure consists of two Cp<sub>2</sub>Y moieties

bridged by two OH ligands, similar to what is seen in [Ho(MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub>, with the PhC≡CPh molecules and the [Cp<sub>2</sub>Y(μ-OH)]<sub>2</sub> units forming alternate layers in the solid.<sup>49</sup> The reaction of Cp<sub>3</sub>Y(THF) and NaOH in THF produced a mixture of Cp<sub>2</sub>Y(OH)(THF) and NaCp that was very difficult to separate. However, commercially available (NPCl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub> (80:20 mixture of (NPCl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (NPCl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>) was found to react preferentially with NaCp to give the pure Cp<sub>2</sub>Y-

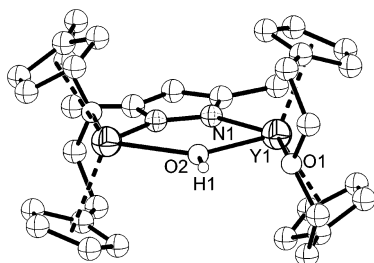




**Figure 1.** ORTEP drawing of  $[\text{Cp}''_2\text{Sm}(\mu\text{-OH})]_2$  ( $\text{Cp}'' = 1,3\text{-(Me}_3\text{Si)}_2\text{C}_5\text{H}_3$ ). Methyl groups on Si atoms and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

(OH)(THF).<sup>49</sup> On this basis it was suggested that  $(\text{NPCl}_2)_x$  should be used as a general chemical scavenger for NaCp. This procedure can be useful in many instances where the physical separation of metal hydroxides from other reaction products may present difficulties.

The reaction of  $[\text{Ln}(\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)_2)\text{Cl}]$  ( $\text{Ln} = \text{Y}$  or  $\text{Lu}$ ) with  $\text{NaN}_2\text{C}_3\text{HMe}_2$  ( $\text{N}_2\text{C}_3\text{H}_4 = \text{pyrazole}$ ) in THF at room temperature generates the complexes  $[\text{Ln}(\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)_2)(\mu\text{-N}_2\text{C}_3\text{HMe}_2)]$ .<sup>50</sup> These compounds are highly moisture sensitive and are partially hydrolyzed to form the hydroxo complexes,  $[\text{LnO}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)_2(\mu\text{-N}_2\text{C}_3\text{HMe}_2)(\mu\text{-OH})\text{LnO}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)_2]$ . The complexes are dinuclear with a bridging OH and a dimethylpyrazole group. Figure 2 shows

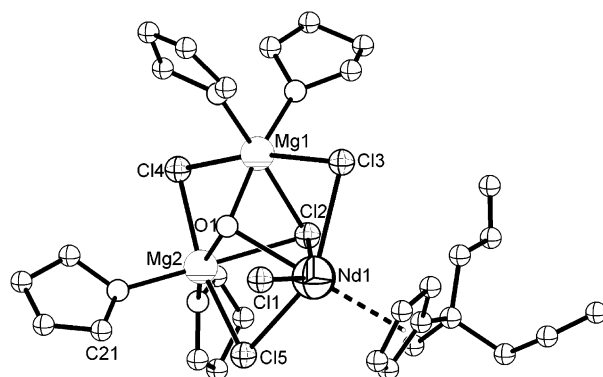


**Figure 2.** ORTEP drawing of  $[\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)_2\text{Y}(\mu\text{-N}_2\text{C}_3\text{HMe}_2)(\mu\text{-OH})\text{YO}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)_2]$ . Hydrogen atoms are deleted for clarity.

the structure of the complex where  $\text{Ln} = \text{Y}$ ; the structure of the lutetium compound is quite similar.<sup>50</sup>

The mixed-metal hydroxo complexes  $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{Me})\text{-}n\text{PrCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2]\text{Ln}(\text{OH})\text{Cl}\cdot 2\text{MgCl}_2\cdot 4\text{THF}$  ( $\text{Ln} = \text{Nd}$  or  $\text{Gd}$ ) resulted from the storage of their respective dichloro complexes,  $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{CMe}\text{-}n\text{PrCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2]\text{LnCl}_2\cdot \text{MgCl}_2\cdot \text{THF}$ , in a THF/*n*-hexane solution for several days at 0 °C.<sup>51</sup> The structure of the neodymium compound is shown in Figure 3. As can be seen, the Nd is coordinated to four chlorines, one oxygen, and a Cp ring in a very distorted octahedral geometry; the effect of the distortion is that the neighboring Nd–ligand bonds are bent away from the Nd–Cp bond, presumably due to the large steric bulk of the  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{CMe}\text{-}n\text{PrCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$  ligand. It is of interest that the OH seems to be bridging the Nd and both of the Mg atoms.

As pointed out above, most of the hydroxo-lanthanide compounds arose by arresting the decomposition process of water sensitive lanthanide compounds at an early stage. This process also occurs in the 5f series. For example, the uranium(IV) hydroxo complexes,  $[\text{U}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{R})_3(\text{OH})]$  ( $\text{R} = \text{SiMe}_3$  or  $\text{CMe}_3$ ), were found to be precursors in the



**Figure 3.** ORTEP drawing of  $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{Me})\text{-}n\text{PrCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2]\text{-Nd}(\text{OH})\text{Cl}\cdot 2\text{MgCl}_2\cdot 4\text{THF}$ . Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

formation of the oxo derivatives,  $[\{\text{U}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{R})_3\}_2(\mu\text{-O})]$  and  $[\{\text{U}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{R})_2(\mu\text{-O})\}_3]$ .<sup>52</sup> The hydroxo complexes could be obtained from the partial hydrolysis of the corresponding hydrides,  $[\text{U}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{R})_3\text{H}]$ , or, more reliably, from the reaction of  $[\text{U}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{R})_3][\text{BPh}_4]$  with 1 mol equiv of powdered sodium hydroxide in THF.<sup>52</sup>

Apart from the diverse and interesting aspect of the structural chemistry of lanthanide hydroxides, their subsequent reaction chemistry, which could lead to the formation of hetero-bimetallic compounds containing metal atoms from other groups of the periodic table, is an interesting area and has a wide range of applications.

In a quest to prepare hetero-bimetallic compounds of lanthanides and main group metals, an obvious route is the reaction of lanthanide hydroxides with main group hydrides, alkyls, aryls, or amides, and another route is reaction of main group organometallic hydroxides with lanthanide compounds. In view of the availability of useful synthons, both the routes seem to be equally favorable. However, the former are aggregated structures of lanthanide hydroxides, as they often have bridging  $\text{-OH}$  groups and show unforeseen reaction patterns. While working toward the synthesis and application of organometallic hydroxides, we have successfully assembled a variety of main group monomeric hydroxides such as  $\text{LGeOH}$ ,<sup>53</sup>  $\text{LaI}(\text{OH})_2$ ,<sup>54</sup>  $\text{LaI}(\text{OH})\text{Me}$ ,<sup>55</sup>  $\text{LGa}(\text{OH})_2$ ,<sup>56</sup> and so forth [ $\text{L} = \text{HC}\{\text{Me}\}\text{CN}(2,6\text{-}i\text{Pr}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)_2$ ]. These molecules, on the contrary to lanthanide hydroxides, are mononuclear and have terminal  $\text{-OH}$  groups; therefore, they can be utilized as starting materials to synthesize the desired lanthanide–main group hetero-bimetallic systems containing a Ln–O–Al arrangement in a controlled manner ( $\text{Ln} = \text{Yb}$ ,  $\text{Er}$ ,  $\text{Dy}$ ).<sup>57</sup> These compounds exhibit very good catalytic activity for the polymerization of  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone.<sup>57</sup>

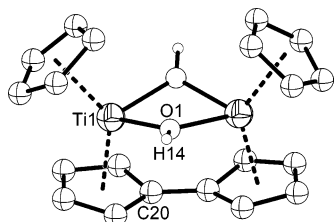
## 5. Group 4 Organo-hydroxides

The group 4 metals in their +4 oxidation state exhibit tendencies to form strong bonds to hard ligands, particularly with oxygen-containing ligands. As a result, many complexes of these metals are sensitive to water and, consequently, a large number of investigations of the reaction between water and Ti(IV) or Zr(IV) complexes have been reported.<sup>58–64</sup> A common characteristic of these reactions is the facile formation of robust  $\mu$ -oxo complexes containing multiple metal centers.<sup>1</sup> The widespread interest in organotitanium and, to a lesser extent, in organozirconium chemistry has been due to their activity as catalysts in the polymerization of olefins and in the chemical fixation of nitrogen.

The syntheses of group 4 organometallic hydroxides have been accomplished by various routes, and the most diversified hydrolysis methods have been employed for this group compared to any other group of transition elements. These different ways of preparing hydroxides incorporate hydrolysis in the presence of salts and acids, base assisted hydrolysis, use of moist silver oxide or silver salts, hydrolysis of hydrides or alkyl derivatives, and reactions under UV irradiation. Each synthetic method will be discussed in this section with known examples.

### 5.1. Titanium

The reaction of the titanocene  $[\text{CpTi}(\mu\text{-H})_2]\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8$  with water leads to the hydrogen evolution and formation of the hydroxo derivative  $[\text{CpTi}(\mu\text{-OH})_2]\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8$ , shown in Figure 4. The titanium atoms are bridged by two OH ligands and

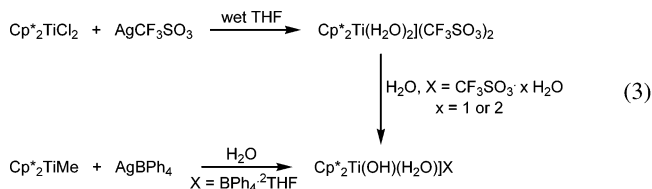


**Figure 4.** ORTEP drawing of  $[(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Ti}(\text{OH})_2]\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8$ . Hydrogen atoms only on oxygen atoms are shown.

the fulvalene ligand, which is  $\eta^5$ -bonded to both titanium atoms.<sup>65</sup> The Ti–Ti separation in this complex is 3.195 Å. All titanium–cyclopentadienyl interactions are essentially the same, with an average Ti–C<sub>5</sub> ring plane distance of 2.080 Å. The fulvalene ligand is folded with 15.1° between C<sub>5</sub> rings, which are separated by 1.43(3) Å.

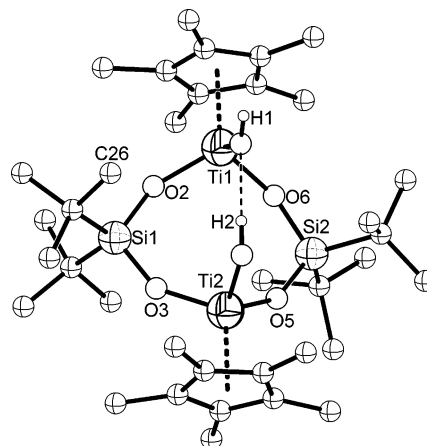
Proton and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, as well as IR spectra, showed that in aqueous solution  $\text{Cp}_2\text{TiX}_2$  (X = Cl, Br, I, NO<sub>3</sub>) exists in pH-dependent equilibria involving  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{OH}_2)_2]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{OH})(\text{OH}_2)]^+$ ,  $[\text{Cp}_2(\text{OH}_2)\text{Ti}(\text{OH})\text{Cp}_2]^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Cp}_2\text{TiX}(\text{OH})\text{TiX}\text{Cp}_2$ .<sup>66</sup> Hydrolysis of dicyclopentadienyltitanium dichloride in water at pH > 5 resulted in the loss of one cyclopentadienyl group.<sup>67</sup> The hydrolysis product was found to react with formic acid to give the ionic crystalline trinuclear complex  $[\text{Ti}_3(\mu_3\text{-O})(\mu\text{-OH})_3(\mu\text{-HCO}_2)_3\text{Cp}_3]^+\text{HCO}_2^- \cdot 2\text{HCO}_2\text{H}$ .<sup>67</sup> Each titanium is coordinated to two bridging hydroxides, two bridging formates, a central oxygen, and a Cp ligand in a distorted octahedral arrangement, with the oxygens of the bridging groups oriented away from the Cp ligand. While three titaniums are arranged around the central oxide ion, the Ti–O–Ti angles are close to the tetrahedral, being 107.6°, 107.4°, and 106.9°, respectively, which is consistent with a stereochemically active lone pair on the central oxygen.<sup>67</sup>

The reaction of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiCl}_2$  with  $\text{AgCF}_3\text{SO}_3$  in wet THF produced the diaqua complex  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2$ , whose aqueous solution afforded the hydroxo complex  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ti}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (x = 1 or 2).<sup>68</sup> The crystal structures of the three compounds were all quite similar in that they showed the titanium to be essentially tetrahedrally surrounded by the four ligands.<sup>68</sup> The  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ti}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^+$  cation could also be obtained by the oxidation of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiMe}$  by  $\text{AgBPh}_4$ , followed by reaction with traces of water<sup>69</sup> (eq 3). The crystal structure of the resulting  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ti}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\text{BPh}_4 \cdot 2\text{THF}$  is the same as that of the former three complexes, except for the THF's of solvation.



In a similar fashion, the reactions of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{TiCl}_2$  with water in the presence of  $\text{NaBPh}_4$  produced the complexes  $\{[\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2][\text{BPh}_4]_2 \cdot m\text{H}_2\text{O}\}$  and  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n][\text{BPh}_4] \cdot m\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , which could easily be dehydrated or converted into anhydrous nitrile and isocyanide derivatives.<sup>70</sup> A Ti–OH cationic complex could also be obtained from the oxidation of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ti}(\text{N}=\text{CPh}_2)$  with  $\text{AgBPh}_4$  in the presence of traces of moisture. The crystal structure of the resulting  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ti}(\text{OH})(\text{HN}=\text{CPh}_2)]\text{BPh}_4 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  again shows a tetrahedral arrangement of the four ligands around the Ti atom.<sup>71</sup> In all the titanium hydroxo complexes, the Ti–OH distances are short [1.85–1.87 Å], indicating Ti–O double-bond character via polar interactions.

The reaction of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiCl}_3$  with  $(t\text{Bu})_2\text{Si}(\text{OH})_2$  gives  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiCl}_2\text{OSi}(t\text{Bu})_2(\text{OH})$ , which, on hydrolysis in the presence of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , produces the dimeric hydroxo complex  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ti}(\text{OH})\text{OSi}(t\text{Bu})_2\text{O}]_2$ .<sup>72</sup> The structure of the compound, shown in Figure 5, consists of an eight-membered  $\text{Ti}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_4$  ring in



**Figure 5.** ORTEP drawing of  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Ti}(\text{OH})\text{OSi}(t\text{Bu})_2\text{O}]_2$ . Hydrogen atoms except those on terminal oxygen atoms are omitted for clarity.

a boat configuration. Each titanium is also bonded to a hydroxide and a cyclopentadienyl ring, in a tetrahedral arrangement. The two OH groups are not equivalent in that the hydrogen atom of one OH group (H(2) in Figure 5) is involved in a transannular bridge to O(1), the hydroxide O on the other Ti. The latter OH hydrogen (H(1)) is end-on bonded. The hydrogen bridge gives an increase in the coordination number at O(1), resulting in an increase of the Ti(1)–O(1) bond length. In such cases, it would be expected that a molecule of water would be eliminated, giving rise to the oxo compound  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{TiOSi}(t\text{Bu})_2\text{O}]_2\text{O}$ . However, there seems to be very little tendency for this to occur. It was argued that steric factors prevent further reaction. However, the dimeric oxide could be obtained from the reaction of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Li}$ ,  $\text{TiCl}_3 \cdot 3\text{THF}$ ,  $(t\text{Bu})_2\text{Si}(\text{OH})_2$ , and oxygen.<sup>72</sup>

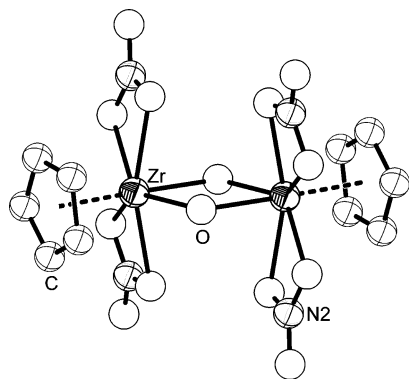
In addition to moisture introduced into a system, either deliberately or inadvertently, water formed as a product of the reaction can bring about hydrolysis to form the hydroxo complexes and, ultimately, the oxo complexes. This was

found to be the case in the homogeneous hydrogenation reaction of CO in the presence of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{CO})_2$ . A 3:1 hydrogen to carbon monoxide molar ratio at 150 °C, or at 25 °C under UV irradiation, in the presence of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{CO})_2$  both produced  $\text{CH}_4$  and converted the titanocene to the diamagnetic cluster,  $\text{Cp}_6\text{Ti}_6\text{O}_8$ .<sup>73</sup> It was suggested that the water formed from the reaction of CO and hydrogen was responsible for the hydrolysis reaction and the consequent formation of the oxide cluster.<sup>73</sup>

## 5.2. Zirconium

The reaction of the dicyclopentadienylzirconium dichloride,  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2$ , with sodium benzoate in aqueous solution produced the trinuclear complex  $[\text{Zr}_3(\mu_3\text{-O})(\mu\text{-OH})_3(\mu\text{-PhCOO})_3\text{Cp}_3]^+\text{PhCOO}^-\text{O}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2$ , whose structure is similar to that of  $[\text{Ti}_3(\mu_3\text{-O})(\mu\text{-OH})_3(\mu\text{-HCO}_2)_3\text{Cp}_3]^+\text{HCO}_2^-\cdot 2\text{HCO}_2\text{H}$  except that  $\text{PhCO}_2$  groups replace the  $\text{HCO}_2$  as bridging groups.<sup>74</sup> Similar to the case of titanocene chloride, the reaction of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2$  with  $\text{NaBPh}_4$  and water afforded the complexes  $[\{\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{O}\}[\text{BPh}_4]_2\cdot m\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n][\text{BPh}_4]\cdot m\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , which have been shown to be dehydrated or converted into anhydrous nitrile and isocyanide derivatives.<sup>70</sup> The reaction of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2$  with  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  in a two-phase  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  system produced the dinuclear complex  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{OCOCF}_3)(\mu\text{-OH})]_2$ .<sup>75</sup> The structure is typical for a  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{M}(\text{OH})_2]$  dimer (Figures 1 and 4) with the addition of  $\text{CF}_3\text{COO}^-$  coordinated to each Zr to give a five coordinate metal.  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Zr}(\text{OH})\text{Ph}$  was prepared by the reaction of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Zr}(\text{Ph})(\eta^1:\eta^5\text{-CH}_2\text{C}_5\text{Me}_4)$  with water ( $\text{Cp}^* = \eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5$ ).<sup>76</sup>

In some cases, the presence of acid seems to be important in the formation of hydroxo complexes, as was found in the preparation of the dinuclear, doubly OH-bridged complex  $[\text{CpZr}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\mu\text{-OH})]_2\cdot 2\text{THF}$  from the reaction of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2$  with nitric acid in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ .<sup>77</sup> The complex can be recrystallized from THF to give the crystalline  $[\text{CpZr}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\mu\text{-OH})]_2\cdot 2\text{THF}$ .<sup>77</sup> The structure of this complex (see Figure 6) shows



**Figure 6.** ORTEP drawing of  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Zr}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\mu\text{-OH})]_2$ . Hydrogen atoms are deleted for clarity.

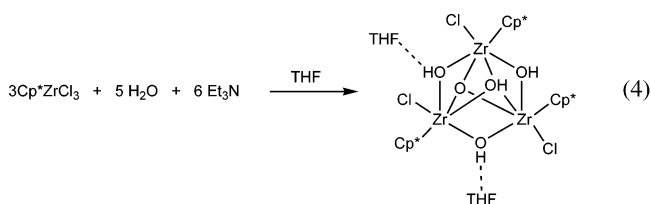
a centrosymmetric dimer of two  $\text{CpZr}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  units bridged by two OH ligands. The structure is of interest in that each Zr atom is seven coordinated, being surrounded by an  $\eta^5$ -bonding Cp, two OH groups, and two nitrates acting as bidentate ligands. The geometry was described as being that of a distorted pentagonal bipyramid with the Cp and one of the OH ligands occupying axial positions and the two chelating  $\text{NO}_3$  ligands and the remaining OH bridging group constituting the equatorial plane (see Figure 6). The distortions are such that the equatorial groups are oriented away from the Cp ligand by  $\sim 10^\circ$ . The  $\text{O}(11/21)\text{-Zr-O}(12/22)$

angles are  $55.7 \pm 0.2^\circ$  instead of the  $72^\circ$  in an ideal pentagonal bipyramid.

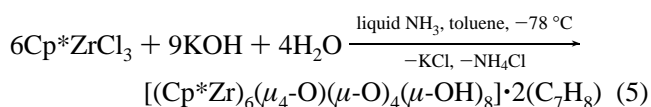
The complexes  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{ZrCl}]_3(\mu\text{-O})(\mu\text{-OH})_3(\mu\text{-Cl})$  and  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{ZrCl}]_3\text{O}(\text{OH})_4\cdot 2\text{THF}$  have been prepared by the hydrolysis of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{ZrCl}_3$  in THF.<sup>78</sup> The former compound was prepared by using a deficit of water in the reaction, while the latter one was obtained with an excess of water. Moreover, the monochloro monooxo trihydroxo metal complexes can be converted into the monooxo tetrahydroxo compounds by using stoichiometric amounts of water. These compounds display three types of  $\text{Cp}^*$  and OH ligands in their  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra.

Treatment of zirconyl chloride with saturated aqueous ammonium carbonate and guanidinium carbonate affords the complex  $[(\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)_3)_3\text{Zr}(\mu\text{-OH})(\text{CO}_3)_3\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]_2$ . This compound consists of cationic  $[\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)_3]^+$  and the dimeric anion  $[\{\text{ZrOH}(\text{CO}_3)_3\}_2]^{6-}$ .<sup>6-</sup> The anion is centrosymmetric, with each metal atom bonded to two bridging OH groups and three chelating  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ions. Another closely related complex  $\text{Na}_6[\text{Zr}(\mu\text{-OH})(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]_2\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was isolated during the attempted preparation of a mixed carbonate/oxalate of zirconium.<sup>79</sup> The complexes  $[\text{CpZr}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\mu\text{-OH})]_2\cdot 2\text{THF}$ ,  $[(\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)_3)_3\text{Zr}(\mu\text{-OH})(\text{CO}_3)_3\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]_2$ , and  $\text{Na}_6[\text{Zr}(\mu\text{-OH})(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]_2\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  have a similar structure of the core of the dimeric molecule and the same metalated oxygen environment. However, compared to the case of the nitrate complex, the Cp groups are replaced by chelating  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  or  $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$  ligands in the second and third compound, respectively, giving rise to eight coordinate Zr atoms in carbonate and oxalate complexes as opposed to seven coordinate Zr in the nitrate compound.

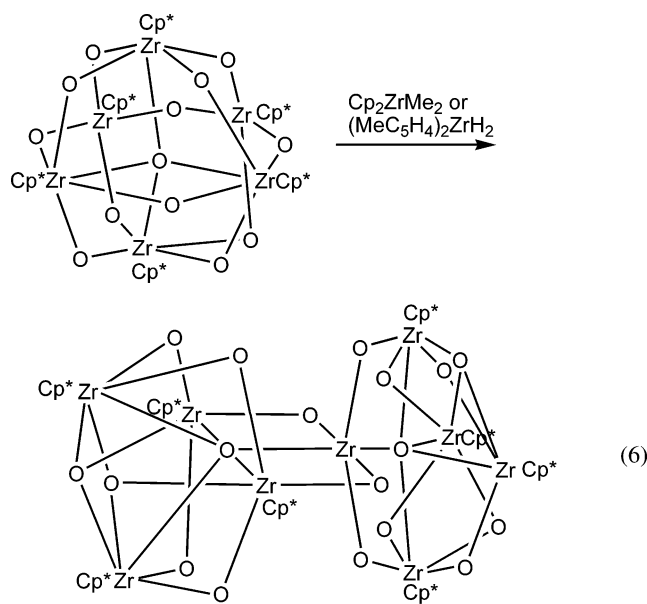
Base hydrolysis of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{ZrCl}_3$  in THF gives  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{ZrCl}]_3(\mu_3\text{-O})(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\mu\text{-OH})_3\cdot 2\text{THF}$ .<sup>80</sup> The X-ray structure reveals the presence of a cluster containing a nearly equilateral triangular core of three Zr atoms, capped above and below by  $\mu_3\text{-O}$  and  $\mu_3\text{-OH}$  groups. Three bridging OH groups span the sides of the triangular core; two of the three OH groups are associated with THF molecules via hydrogen bonds (eq 4).



A larger aggregate of zirconiumoxide hydroxide  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Zr})_6(\mu_4\text{-O})(\mu\text{-O})_4(\mu\text{-OH})_8]\cdot 2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8)$  was prepared by the hydrolysis of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{ZrCl}_3$  in the two phase ammonia/toluene system in the presence of the reagents KOH and water.<sup>81</sup> The methodology was similar to that adapted for the synthesis of the polyoxometallic zirconium clusters  $[\{(\text{EtMe}_4\text{C}_5)\text{Zr}\}_6(\mu_6\text{-O})(\mu_3\text{-O})_8]\cdot (\text{C}_7\text{H}_8)$  and  $[\{(\text{EtMe}_4\text{C}_5)\text{Zr}\}_6(\mu_6\text{-O})(\mu_3\text{-O})_8]\cdot (\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12})$ ,<sup>82</sup> which mimic soluble analogues of solid  $\text{ZrO}_2$  where all the oxygen and zirconium atoms are coordinatively saturated. Thus, the hydrolysis of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{ZrCl}_3$  in the presence of KOH and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in a liquid  $\text{NH}_3$ /toluene two phase system affords the chlorine free  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Zr})_6(\mu_4\text{-O})(\mu\text{-O})_4(\mu\text{-OH})_8]\cdot 2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8)$ <sup>81</sup> (eq 5).



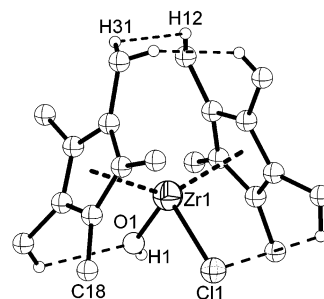
The IR spectrum of this compound shows a broad absorption at  $3689\text{ cm}^{-1}$  attributed to the O–H stretching frequency, and the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum exhibits a single resonance ( $\delta$  2.05 ppm) for the Cp\* protons, indicating six equivalent Cp\* groups in the solution state. The solid-state structure consists of an octahedron with Cp\*Zr fragments arranged around an interstitial oxygen atom that occupies two positions, 0.933–(13) Å apart from each other. Twelve edges of the octahedron are bridged by oxygen atoms forming eight six-membered  $\text{Zr}_3\text{O}_3$  rings with chair conformation. The angles between adjacent zirconium atoms are either  $60^\circ$  or  $89^\circ$ . The Zr–( $\mu$ -O) or Zr–( $\mu$ -OH) bond lengths (2.072(2)–2.171(2) Å, average 2.106 Å) are similar to those mentioned above for zirconiumoxide hydroxide.<sup>81</sup> Moreover, reaction of  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Zr})_6(\mu_4\text{-O})(\mu\text{-O})_4(\mu\text{-OH})_8]\cdot 2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8)$  with  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrMe}_2$  or  $(\text{MeC}_5\text{H}_4)_2\text{ZrH}_2$  in toluene at room temperature results in the formation of the dumb-bell-like polyoxozirconium hydroxide  $\{[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Zr})_4(\mu_5\text{-O})(\mu_3\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_4]_2\text{Zr}(\mu\text{-O})_4\}\cdot 2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8)$ .<sup>83</sup> The OH protons on the periphery of the former react with the Me or H group of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrMe}_2$  or  $(\text{MeC}_5\text{H}_4)_2\text{ZrH}_2$  and lead to the new Zr–O bonds. Furthermore, these intermediates react under the elimination of CpH or  $\text{MeC}_5\text{H}_5$  with the concomitant formation of  $\{[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Zr})_4(\mu_5\text{-O})(\mu_3\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_4]_2\text{Zr}(\mu\text{-O})_4\}\cdot 2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8)$  (eq 6).



Moist silver oxide is considered a good reagent for the formation of the hydroxo complexes in that it can act as both a source of hydroxide and a halogen abstracting agent (especially for iodine).<sup>84</sup> Other silver salts can also be used for the preparation of dihydroxo complexes. For example, salts of the novel dinuclear dihydroxy-bridged cation  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{4+}$  have been obtained in the reaction of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2$  with AgX salts ( $\text{X} = \text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ), followed by subsequent treatment of the reaction solutions with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>85</sup> X-ray structure determinations of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_4\cdot 4\text{THF}$  and  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](\text{ClO}_4)_4\cdot 8\text{THF}$  show that the Zr atoms have a distorted octahedral coordination geometry with the Cp group oriented *trans* to one of the bridging OH groups. This structure is very similar to that of the complex  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{ZrCl}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\mu\text{-OH})]_2$ , which was obtained by the reaction of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{ZrCl}_3]$  with wet lithium hydroxide in THF.<sup>86</sup>

Water reacts with  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{ZrH}_2$  in a clean, stepwise manner to yield  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{H})(\text{OH})$ ,  $(\text{Cp}^*_2\text{ZrH})_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})_2$ , and

finally  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})_2\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>26</sup> In much the same manner,  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{ZrHCl}$  yielded  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})\text{Cl}$ .  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{ZrH}_2$  reacted with  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})\text{X}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{OH}, \text{H}$ ) to form  $\text{Cp}^*_2(\text{X})\text{Zr}-\text{O}-\text{Zr}(\text{H})\text{Cp}^*_2$ . In all cases, conversion of a Zr–H bond to an Zr–O bond takes place with hydrogen evolution. Free water undergoes a rapid H exchange and a slower O exchange with the hydroxy derivatives.  $[\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{N}_2)]_2(\mu\text{-N}_2)$  reacts rapidly and cleanly with 1 equiv of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to produce  $\text{N}_2$  (3 equiv) and  $(\text{Cp}^*_2\text{MH})_2\text{O}$ . In these and other studies,  $^{17}\text{O}$  NMR spectroscopy was used in elucidating the structures of the transition metal oxo complexes.<sup>87</sup> Chemical shift and  $^1J_{\text{OH}}$  coupling data can show the presence of different types of oxygen containing ligands. Oxo groups exhibit resonances around 500 ppm (relative to water) with no proton coupling. On the other hand, hydroxo groups exhibit resonances between 140 and 250 ppm with proton coupling; the  $^1J_{^{17}\text{O}}$  values are approximately 80 Hz. Line widths for the OH resonances are in the range 50–60 Hz, while the  $\mu$ -oxo resonances are somewhat sharper (20–30 Hz). Further,  $^{17}\text{O}$  NMR provides a convenient means for observing the dynamic water exchange process for the hydroxo complexes. The monomeric complexes  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})_2$  were prepared by the treatment of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(n\text{Bu})\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{Me})_2$  with 1 and 2 equiv of water, respectively, in hexane.<sup>88</sup> In both molecules, two Cp\* groups and the two ancillary ligands surround the Zr in a very distorted tetrahedral arrangement. Figure 7 shows the structure of the  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})\text{Cl}$ ; the

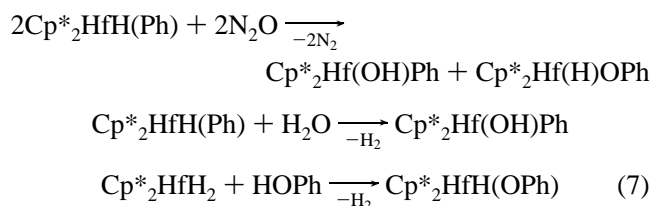


**Figure 7.** ORTEP drawing of  $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2\text{Zr}(\text{OH})\text{Cl}$ . Hydrogen atoms except those involved in short intramolecular interactions are omitted for clarity.

dihydroxo complex is similar. As can be seen from Figure 7, there are several very short H–H interactions, especially the H(31)–H(12) distance of 2.08 Å, which is well within twice the van der Waals radius of H (1.20 Å).

### 5.3. Hafnium

Treatment of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfH}(\text{Ph})$  with  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  results in the formation of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Hf}(\text{OH})\text{Ph}$  and  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfH}(\text{OPh})$ , accompanied by  $\text{N}_2$  evolution. This involves competitive oxidation of the hydride and phenyl ligands of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Hf}(\text{H})\text{Ph}$ . Interestingly,  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Hf}(\text{OH})\text{Ph}$  and  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfH}(\text{OPh})$  can be prepared independently; reaction of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfH}(\text{Ph})$  with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  affords  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Hf}(\text{OH})\text{Ph}$ , whereas the reaction of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfH}_2$  with HOPh results in the formation of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfH}(\text{OPh})$ <sup>89</sup> (eq 7).



Analogous to the zirconium complexes, the complexes,  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{HfCl}]_3(\mu\text{-O})(\mu\text{-OH})_3(\mu\text{-Cl})$  and  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{HfCl}]_3\text{O}(\text{OH})_4 \cdot 2\text{THF}$  have been obtained by the hydrolysis of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{HfCl}_3$  in THF<sup>78</sup> by using a deficit of water in the reaction and with an excess of water, respectively. Addition of a stoichiometric amount of water to the monochloro monooxo trihydroxo metal complex leads to the formation of the monooxo tetrahydroxo complex. Water reacts with  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfH}_2$  to yield  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Hf}(\text{H})(\text{OH})$ ,  $(\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfH})_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Hf}(\text{OH})_2$ , and finally  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Hf}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>26</sup> Similarly,  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfHCl}$  yielded  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Hf}(\text{OH})\text{Cl}$ .  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{HfH}_2$  reacted with  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Hf}(\text{OH})\text{X}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{OH}, \text{H}$ ) to form  $\text{Cp}^*_2(\text{X})\text{Hf}-\text{O}-\text{Hf}(\text{H})\text{Cp}^*_2$ . In all cases, conversion of a  $\text{Hf}-\text{H}$  bond to an  $\text{Hf}-\text{O}$  bond involves hydrogen evolution.

It has been reported that certain metallocene dihalides and bis(pseudo-halides) of the type  $\text{Cp}_2\text{MX}_2$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Ti}, \text{V}, \text{Nb}, \text{Mo}$ ;  $\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}, \text{SCN}, \text{N}_3$ ) resulted in rapid  $\text{Cl}^-$  dissociation after the addition of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to  $\text{Cp}_2\text{MCl}_2$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Ti}, \text{V}, \text{Zr}$ ). These molecules have structures analogous to *cis*-platin and *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$  and exhibit antitumor activity; the aqueous solution behavior of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{MCl}_2$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Ti}, \text{V}, \text{Zr}$ ) has been studied and compared to that of *cis*-platin.<sup>61</sup> The hydrolysis studies showed that only  $\text{Cp}_2\text{VCl}_2$  had a stable  $\text{M}-\text{Cp}$  bond at physiological pH's, with the order of decreasing hydrolytic stability of the  $\text{M}-\text{Cp}$  bond being  $\text{V} > \text{Ti} \gg \text{Zr}$  in unbuffered aqueous  $\text{KNO}_3$  (0.32 M).

## 6. Group 5 Organo-hydroxides

Most of the structurally characterized organometallic hydroxides in this group are those of niobium; in fact, to our knowledge, one organometallic hydroxide of vanadium has recently been reported.

### 6.1. Vanadium

The reaction of vanadocene with  $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$  in the presence of water yields the yellow-orange complex  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{V}(\mu\text{-H})\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3]$  and the blue  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{V}(\mu\text{-OH})\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3]$ . Their crystals can be physically separated due to their different morphologies. The overall process has been proposed to occur by the two electron reduction of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  by  $\text{Cp}_2\text{V}$ , this involves the intermediate  $\text{V}(\text{IV})$  species  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{VH}]^+[\text{HOB}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3]^-$ , which further evolves through disproportionation of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{V}$  into the vanadium(III) complexes  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{V}(\mu\text{-H})\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3]$  and  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{V}(\mu\text{-OH})\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3]$ .<sup>90</sup>

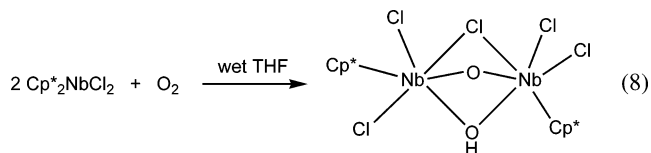
### 6.2. Niobium

The compounds are normally formed by the reaction of metal halides with an organometallic transfer agent, followed by the exposure to moisture. For example, treatment of  $\text{NbCl}_5$  with  $[\text{nBu}_3\text{Sn}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{nBu})]$  results in  $[\text{Nb}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{nBu})\text{Cl}_4]_n$ , which on reaction with moist  $\text{HCl}$  gave  $[\text{Nb}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{nBu})\text{Cl}_3(\text{OH})] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .<sup>91</sup> The X-ray crystal structure of the trinuclear niobium(IV) complex  $\{[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Nb}(\mu\text{-O}_2\text{CH})(\mu\text{-OH})_3(\mu_3\text{-O})]\}_3\text{H}^+$ <sup>92</sup> was found to be similar to that of the corresponding titanium complex  $[\text{Ti}_3(\mu_3\text{-O})(\mu\text{-OH})_3(\mu\text{-HCO}_2)_3(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_3]^+$ . The three Nb atoms were located at vertices of an almost equilateral triangle surrounding a central O, with formate and hydroxyl bridges along the edges of the triangle. The Nb–Nb distances are too large ( $\geq 3.14$  Å) to be consistent with metal–metal bonding.<sup>92</sup>

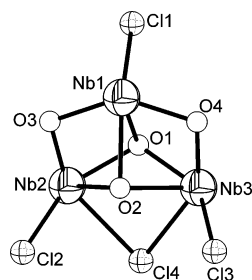
In many cases, the organometallic hydroxides are difficult to isolate due to rapid conversion to oxo compounds; this was found to be especially true for the late transition metal complexes.<sup>93</sup> Bottomley and Karslioglu took the Nb(IV)

complex  $[\text{Cp}^*_2\text{NbCl}_2]$  through several oxidation/reduction cycles in the presence of trace amounts of moisture and structurally characterized many of the products.<sup>94,95</sup> The oxidation of  $[\text{Cp}^*_2\text{NbCl}_2]$  with ( $\text{O}_2$ ) in damp THF gave  $\{[\text{Cp}^*\text{NbCl}_2]_2(\mu\text{-Cl})(\mu\text{-OH})(\mu\text{-O})\}$  and polymeric  $[\text{Nb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4(\text{THF})_3]_n$ .<sup>94</sup>

The hydroxo complex consists of two Nb atoms bridged by one Cl ligand and two oxygens, one from the OH and the other from an oxide ion (eq 8). Each Nb is also bonded



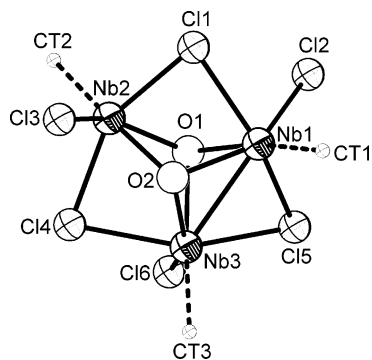
to a  $\text{Cp}^*$  and two  $\text{Cl}$ 's to give a roughly octahedral arrangement around each Nb atom. Reduction of the hydroxo complex,  $\{[\text{Cp}^*\text{NbCl}_2]_2(\mu\text{-Cl})(\mu\text{-OH})(\mu\text{-O})\}$  with Zn powder gave the Nb(IV) cationic trimeric complex,  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Nb}(\mu\text{-Cl})(\mu\text{-O}))_3]^+$ .<sup>94</sup> Reoxidation of this cation by oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  produced  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{NbCl}_3(\mu\text{-Cl})(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\mu_3\text{-O}))]^+$ ; the  $(\text{NbCl}_3(\mu\text{-Cl})(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\mu_3\text{-O}))$  core is shown in Figure 8. As can be seen, the cluster contains an isosceles



**Figure 8.** ORTEP view of the  $[\text{NbCl}_3(\mu\text{-Cl})(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\mu_3\text{-O})]$  core of  $\{[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{NbCl}_3(\mu\text{-Cl})(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\mu_3\text{-O})]^+\}$ .

triangle of Nb atoms (Nb–Nb 3.028 (2) Å and 3.318 (2) Å) bridged by either chlorine or oxygen atoms, with the long Nb–Nb edge being bridged by the Cl. The Nb<sub>3</sub> triangle is capped on one side by a  $\mu_3\text{-O}$  ligand and on the other by a  $\mu_3\text{-OH}$  ligand. The OH is symmetrically bonded to the three Nb atoms (2.207 Å), while the  $\mu_3\text{-O}$  has substantially shorter bond distances to the two Nb atoms forming the long edge (2.046 Å) than to the third Nb (2.228 Å).

The Nb(III) complex  $[\text{Cp}'\text{Nb}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2$  ( $\text{Cp}' = \text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{Me}$ ) was found to undergo decarbonylation on refluxing in THF to give a dark brown paramagnetic compound  $\text{Cp}'_3\text{Nb}_3\text{Cl}_6(\mu_3\text{-O})$ , which reacted with atmospheric oxygen to produce  $\text{Cp}'_3\text{Nb}_3\text{Cl}_3(\mu\text{-Cl})_3(\mu_3\text{-O})(\mu_3\text{-OH})$ .<sup>96</sup> As expected, this Nb(IV) hydroxo complex was found to be paramagnetic but exhibited a 10-line ESR spectrum characteristic of a spin-1/2 system with the odd electron coupled to only one Nb nucleus. This is consistent with the X-ray structure which showed a Nb<sub>3</sub> triangular core having one short Nb–Nb distance of approximately 2.92 Å, corresponding to a Nb–Nb bond, and two long Nb...Nb distances (3.28 Å). Figure 9 shows the inner coordination of the cluster. As can be seen, the Nb<sub>3</sub> triangle is bridged by Cl atoms along each edge and is capped by a  $\mu_3\text{-oxo}$  ligand and a  $\mu_3\text{-hydroxo}$  on opposite sides of the Nb<sub>3</sub> plane, with terminal Cp and Cl ligands completing the coordination sphere about each Nb atom. This same isosceles triangular Nb<sub>3</sub> core was found in the  $[\text{CpNbCl}(\mu\text{-Cl})]_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\mu_3\text{-O})$  cluster, formed by the reduction of the hydrolysis product of  $\text{CpNbCl}_4$  with aluminum powder.<sup>97</sup>



**Figure 9.** ORTEP view of the inner coordination sphere of  $\text{Cp}'_3\text{Nb}_3\text{Cl}_3(\mu\text{-Cl})_3(\mu_3\text{-O})(\mu_3\text{-OH})$  ( $\text{Cp}' = \text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{Me}$ ). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, and only the centroid of each  $\text{Cp}'$  ring is shown.

Again, the Nb–Nb distances indicate two of the three Nb atoms are singly bonded, with no bonding to the third Nb atom. This is consistent with both its magnetic moment and ESR spectrum, which showed a single unpaired electron.<sup>97</sup> The compound  $[\text{Cp}'\text{NbCl}(\mu\text{-Cl})_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\mu_3\text{-O})]$  was found to decompose slowly in THF solution to give  $\text{Cp}'_4\text{Nb}_5\text{Cl}_5(\text{OH})_9\text{O}(\text{THF})_2$  which was thought to have an adamantane-like  $\text{Nb}_4(\text{OH})_6$  core, with a Nb attached through an O bridge.<sup>97</sup> Use of reducing agents other than aluminum powder gave different products; for example, zinc powder produced  $[\text{Cp}'\text{NbCl}(\mu\text{-OH})_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\mu_3\text{-O})]$ , as did sodium amalgam.

### 6.3. Tantalum

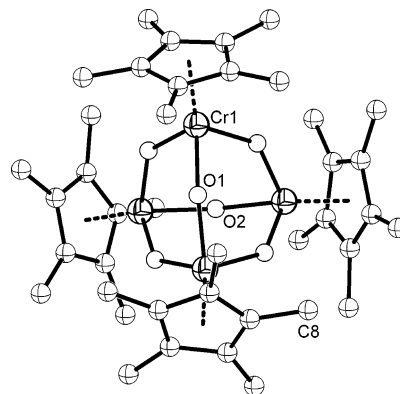
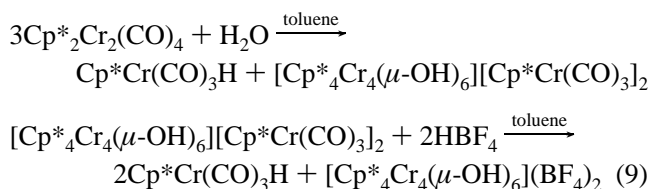
A tantalum hydroxo complex,  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{TaCl}_2(\text{OH})_2](\mu\text{-O})$ , has been prepared and structurally characterized.<sup>98–100</sup> The compound could be obtained either by the controlled hydrolysis of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{TaCl}_4]$  or by air oxidation of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ta}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{THF})]$ .<sup>100</sup> The structure of the  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{TaCl}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2](\mu\text{-O})$  shows that the two Ta atoms are bridged by three oxygens and are terminally bonded to two Cl and one  $\text{Cp}^*$  ligand to give a distorted octahedral arrangement. Although the dihydroxo complex is stable in the solid state under ambient conditions, it quantitatively transforms on heating with the elimination of HCl and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to give the trinuclear oxide cluster  $\text{Cp}^*_3\text{Ta}_3(\mu\text{-O})_3(\mu_3\text{-O})(\mu\text{-Cl})\text{Cl}_3$ .

## 7. Group 6 Organo-hydroxides

A large number of organometallic hydroxides are known for metals in this group. However, only a few terminal hydroxo complexes are known, while complexes having doubly or triply bridged hydroxo ligands are more common.

### 7.1. Chromium

Reaction of the metal–metal triply bonded complex  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Cr}_2(\text{CO})_4$  with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in refluxing toluene gave  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3\text{H}$  along with the salt  $[\text{Cp}^*_4\text{Cr}_4(\mu\text{-OH})_6][\text{Cp}^*\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3]_2$ .<sup>101</sup> Metathesis of this salt with  $\text{HBF}_4\cdot\text{OME}_2$  gave  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3\text{H}$  and  $[\text{Cp}^*_4\text{Cr}_4(\mu\text{-OH})_6](\text{BF}_4)_2$ , which was structurally characterized<sup>101</sup> (eq 9).



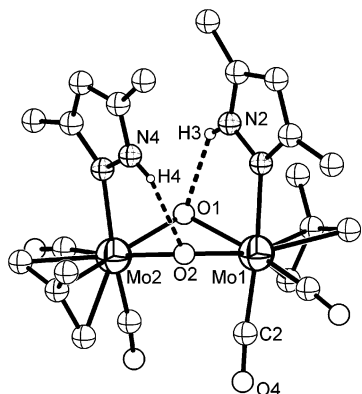
**Figure 10.** ORTEP drawing of the cation  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_4\text{Cr}_4(\mu\text{-OH})_6](\text{BF}_4)_2$ . Hydrogen atoms have been deleted for clarity.

The cation has an unusual adamantane-like cage structure formed by four Cr atoms and six  $\mu\text{-OH}$  groups (Figure 10).<sup>101</sup> Unlike the case of adamantane, the O–Cr–O bond angles are  $\sim 90^\circ$  ( $90.7 \pm 0.3^\circ$ ), which forces the Cr–O–Cr angles to open to  $\sim 140^\circ$ . A different type of  $\text{Cr}_4$  core is found in the  $[\text{Cr}_4(\text{CO})_{12}(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4]^{4-}$  anion.<sup>102</sup> The structure of this complex consists of a cubane-like  $\text{Cr}_4\text{O}_4$  arrangement with triply bridging  $\mu_3\text{-OH}$  groups linking  $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3$  units. This structure seems to be a general one found for a number of group 6 hydroxycarbonyl complexes of the type  $[\text{M}_4(\text{CO})_{12}(\mu_3\text{-OR})_4]^{4-}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr}$  and  $\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Ph}$ ;<sup>102,103</sup>  $\text{M} = \text{Mo}, \text{W}$  and  $\text{R} = \text{H}$ <sup>104,105</sup>) as well as in the nitrosyl-substituted complex  $[\text{Mo}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})_2(\text{NO})]_4\cdot 4\text{Ph}_3\text{PO}$ .<sup>106</sup>

The direct oxidation of the neutral complexes  $[\text{Cr}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_2]$  and  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Co}]$  by  $\text{O}_2$  in THF produced the interesting solid organometallic hydroxides  $[\text{Cr}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_2][\text{OH}]$  and  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Co}][\text{OH}]$ .<sup>32</sup> The compounds have a lamellar structure consisting of layers of  $[\{\text{M}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_2\}^+]_n$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr}, \text{Co}$ ) cations intercalated with  $([\text{OH}]^- \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O})_x$  layers, stabilized by hydrogen bonded water molecules and  $\text{OH}^-$  groups. The hydroxides are just one example of a series of solids consisting of one-, two-, and three-dimensional superanion framework structures encapsulating organometallic cations, such as  $[\text{Cr}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_2]^+$  and  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Co}]^+$ .<sup>32</sup> A four-membered  $\text{Cr}_2\text{X}_2$  core is found in the complexes  $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})\text{Cr}(\mu\text{-Se-}n\text{Bu})(\mu\text{-OH})\text{Cr}(\text{NO})\text{Cp}$  and  $\text{Cp}(\text{NO})\text{Cr}(\mu\text{-SePh})_2\text{Cr}(\text{NO})\text{Cp}$ ; in the latter complex the two bridging groups are  $\text{SePh}$ , while in the former they are  $\text{OH}$  and  $\text{Se-}n\text{Bu}$  ligands.<sup>107</sup>

### 7.2. Molybdenum

The di- $\mu$ -hydroxo-dimolybdenum complex  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2(\text{OH})(\eta^3\text{-C}_4\text{H}_7)(3,5\text{-diMepzH})_2]\cdot\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  ( $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7 = \text{methylallyl}$ ,  $3,5\text{-diMepzH} = 3,5\text{-dimethylpyrazole}$ ) was the unexpected product of the reaction of  $\text{Mo}(\text{MeCN})_2(\eta^3\text{-C}_4\text{H}_7)(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$  with the organogallate ligand,  $[\text{Me}_2\text{Ga}(3,5\text{-diMepz})_2]^-$ , in acetonitrile.<sup>108</sup> Although the source of water is not known, it was speculated that the acetonitrile solvent, although dried, still contained traces of water. This is another example of the adventitious presence of moisture generating a hydroxo-product. The structure of the complex, shown in Figure 11, is that of two distorted Mo octahedra sharing an  $\text{OH}\cdots\text{OH}$  edge, to form a folded four-membered  $\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{Mo}$  ring.<sup>108</sup> The pyrazole ligands are in the axial position and form bent  $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{O}$  intramolecular hydrogen bonds to the bridging OH groups. The two sets of Mo–OH bonds differ significantly in length, with the two bonds in the five-membered hydrogen-bonded rings averaging  $2.237 \text{ \AA}$ , while the two non-hydrogen bonded Mo–OH distances are  $2.140 \text{ \AA}$ .



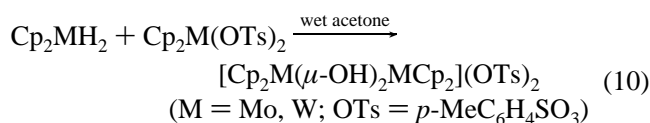
**Figure 11.** ORTEP drawing of  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2(\text{OH})(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_7)(3,5\text{-diMepzH})]_2 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ . Solvent benzene molecule and hydrogen atoms except those involved in intramolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  contacts have been omitted for clarity.

Prolonged treatment of the dimeric complex  $[\text{Mo}(\text{H})\text{Cp}(\mu\text{-}(\eta^1\text{:}\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4))]_2$  with aqueous hexafluorophosphoric acid gives the hydroxo complex  $\{[\text{MoCp}]_2(\mu\text{-OH})(\mu\text{-H})\{\mu\text{-}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{-}\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4)\}\} \cdot 2\text{PF}_6$ .<sup>109</sup> The cation consists of two MoCp moieties which are bridged by a H atom, the hydroxyl ligand, and the pentafulvalene ligand, which is  $\eta^5$ -bonded to the Mo atoms; the structure is similar to the Ti complex shown in Figure 4, except that a hydride replaces one of the hydroxides.<sup>110</sup> The molybdenum atoms are separated by 3.053 Å, indicating no Mo–Mo bonding. There is no direct evidence from the electron density distribution for the presence of the bridging hydrogen, but it was inferred on chemical grounds.

The reaction of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{SMe}_2)\text{Br}]^+\text{PF}_6^-$  with aqueous methylamine gives the complex  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{NH}_2\text{Me})\text{OH}]^+\text{PF}_6^-$ . This compound on treatment with  $\text{MeNH}_2$  in water results in the formation of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{NH}_2\text{Me})\text{H}]^+\text{PF}_6^-$ .<sup>111</sup> Reduction of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoCl}(\text{O})_2$  with zinc in HCl gave a mixture of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Mo}(\text{O})(\mu\text{-O})_2]$  and  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Mo})_3(\mu\text{-OH})_n(\mu\text{-O})_{6-n}]\text{Cl}_2$ . The latter compound was the major product of the reaction. Based on the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and magnetic moment observations, it was suggested that an equilibrium exists in the solution due to the redox disproportionation of the diamagnetic cluster with  $n = 5$  into the paramagnetic cluster ( $n = 4$ ) with  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1.73 \mu_{\text{B}}$  and the paramagnetic cluster ( $n = 6$ ) with  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1.13 \mu_{\text{B}}$ .<sup>112</sup> Poli and co-workers have shown that reduction of  $[\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_5]$  with zinc in a  $\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution acidified with either  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  or  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$  affords the triangular paramagnetic cluster  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Mo})_3(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_4]^{2+}$ , where the three Mo atoms form a nearly equilateral triangle, each edge of which is symmetrically bridged by two oxygen atoms, with one above and one below the  $\text{MoO}_3$  plane.<sup>113</sup> Based on the spectroscopic evidences, it has been shown that the solution structure of this molecule is identical to the solid-state structure. The anions  $\text{CF}_3\text{COO}^-$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$  are involved in hydrogen bonding interactions with all four bridging OH groups.<sup>113</sup> The cations  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Mo})_3(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_4]^{2+}$  and  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Mo})_3(\mu\text{-O})_{6-n}(\mu\text{-OH})_n]^{2+}$  are closely related to each other. Though they have been obtained by a similar route, the surprising fact about these cations is that, despite similar synthetic procedures, Poli reported  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Mo})_3(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_4]^{2+}$  as the major product and no disproportionation in solution. However, Bottomley proposed  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Mo})_3(\mu\text{-O})(\mu\text{-OH})_5]^{2+}$  with  $n = 5$  as the major product, that results in a redox disproportionation equilibrium in solution with  $n = 4$  and  $n = 6$  (see above).<sup>111–113</sup> A stopped flow analysis of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_5$  in 20%  $\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  over the pH range 0–14 suggests that at low pH (<2.5)  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_2^+$

is the only species present in the solution. At  $\text{pH} > 6$   $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_3^-$  anion is the dominant species. The ions in the equilibrium also contain a small amount of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_2(\text{OH})$  (ca. 15% at pH 4), whose dissociation constant is  $\text{p}K = 3.65 \pm 0.02$ . The three trioxxygenated species  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_2^+$ ,  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_2(\text{OH})$ , and  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_3^-$  establish rapid proton-transfer equilibria but transform to the dioxo species  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_2^+$  by two independent slow first-order pathways: loss of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  from  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_3\text{H}_2^+$  (at  $\text{pH} < 2$ ) and loss of  $\text{OH}^-$  from  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_2(\text{OH})$ . The prevalent pathway at high pH is the addition of  $\text{OH}^-$  to  $\text{Cp}^*\text{MoO}_2^+$ , which is first order in  $[\text{OH}^-]$ . The kinetics of the equilibrium process at intermediate pH are affected by the buffer concentration, indicating a general acid/base equilibrium.<sup>114</sup>

A molybdenum carbonyl cluster of the composition  $\text{K}_3[\text{Mo}_2(\text{OH})_3(\text{CO})_6]$  has been obtained by the alkaline hydrolysis of  $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ .<sup>115</sup> The complex  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{MoCp}_2]^{2+}(\text{OTs})_2$  ( $\text{OTs} = p\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{SO}_3^-$ ) has been obtained in good yields by reaction of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{MoH}_2$  with  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{OTs})_2$  in aqueous acetone<sup>116</sup> (eq 10).

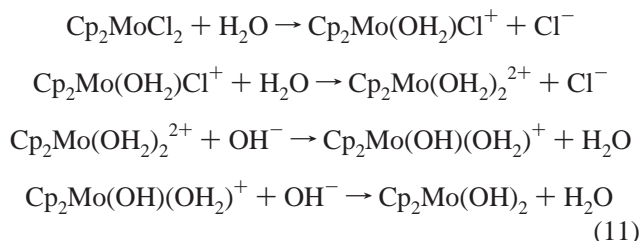


The presence of water in the solvent was thought to be responsible for these reactions, since under strict anhydrous conditions no formation of the hydroxide was observed.

The compounds are all isostructural, showing the metals bridged by OH ligands that result in a planar four-membered  $\text{M}_2\text{O}_2$  ring core, which is typical for  $[(\text{Cp}_2\text{M})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$  dimers, such as that shown in Figure 1. The tosylates are hydrogen bonded to the hydroxide hydrogens. In methanol solution, the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts for the cyclopentadienyl units of the complexes are significantly deshielded with respect to those for the neutral, parent dihydrides, presumably reflecting a withdrawal of electron density from the rings to the metals in the cationic complexes. The hydroxy groups in the complexes were sufficiently labile to undergo displacement by tertiary phosphines in alcoholic solvents to yield monomeric alkoxo complexes of the type  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{M}(\text{PR}_3)(\text{R}'\text{O})]^+(\text{OTs})^-$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Et}, n\text{Bu}, \text{Ph}$ ;  $\text{R}' = \text{Me}, \text{Et}, i\text{Pr}, \text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2, \text{Ph}$ ).<sup>116</sup> In aqueous solution, there is an equilibrium between the dimeric molybdenocenes  $[(\text{CpR})_2\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{Mo}(\text{CpR})_2]^{2+}$  and their respective monomers  $[(\text{CpR})_2\text{Mo}(\text{OH}_2)(\text{OH})]^+$ .<sup>117</sup> From  $^1\text{H}$  NMR dilution studies in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , the equilibrium constants for the dimer dissociation (where  $\text{R} = \text{Me}$  and  $\text{H}$ ) were determined to be  $7.9 \times 10^{-2} \pm 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$  at  $\text{pD} 7$  and  $3.5 \times 10^{-2} \pm 1.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$  at  $\text{pD} 3.5$ , respectively.<sup>117</sup> Dimer formation has also been used to account for the kinetics of the  $\text{Cp}_2\text{MoCl}_2$  promoted hydrolysis of phosphate esters, which were found to be first order in phosphate and one-half order in the molybdenocene.<sup>29</sup> It was postulated that the  $\text{Cp}_2\text{MoCl}_2$  complex underwent hydrolysis with loss of  $\text{Cl}^-$  to give an  $\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  complex that dimerizes in solution, setting up a dimer/monomer equilibrium. The monomeric partner in this equilibrium coordinates with the phosphate esters, promoting hydrolysis.<sup>29</sup> The possibility of dimer formation is reasonable in the light of reports by Ito et al.<sup>116,118</sup> The investigation of the dimeric molybdenocene complex in water was reported in the context of C–H bond activation chemistry promoted by water soluble molybdenocenes.<sup>119</sup> The molecular structure of  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{Me})_2\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{Mo}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{Me})_2](\text{OTs})_2$  shows

only slight differences in the geometric parameters from the unsubstituted Cp analogue.<sup>116</sup> In fact, the two dimers are reported to be isostructural.

The aqueous chemistry of Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub> has been investigated in detail by Marks et al.<sup>31</sup> The titration of aqueous Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub> with NaOH exhibits two deprotonations with pK<sub>a</sub>(1) = 5.5 and pK<sub>a</sub>(2) = 8.5. Using the classical hydrolysis model for *cis*-platin<sup>120</sup> and Cp<sub>2</sub>VCl<sub>2</sub>, the hydrolytic steps were tentatively formulated as follows (eq 11):



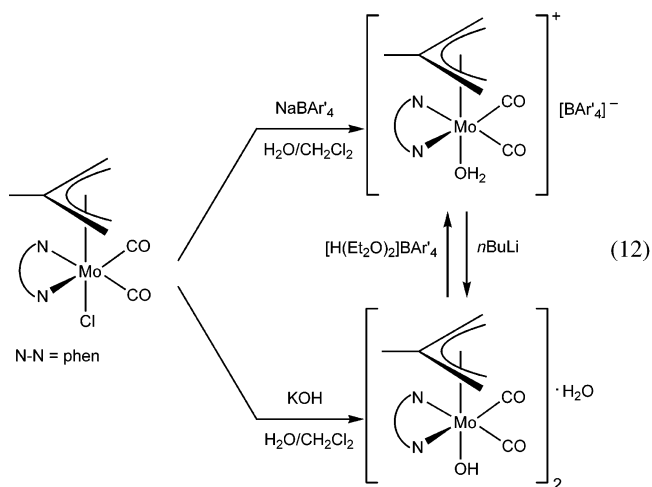
These studies reveal that, at physiological pH, the predominant Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) solution species is the monocation Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(OH)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>. In agreement with these observations, a hydroxo complex, Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(OH)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>BPh<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>·1/2H<sub>2</sub>O, was precipitated from such solutions in high yield at pH 7.4. Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub>, which has a clam-shell shape containing a tetrahedral Mo(IV) center with two chlorides in the equatorial girdle,<sup>29</sup> is known to promote the phosphoester bond cleavage of activated phosphate diesters and monoesters in aqueous solution. Under pseudo-first-order conditions, Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub> (110-fold excess) promotes the production of 4-nitrophenol from 4-nitrophenyl phosphate (NPP) and from bis(4-nitrophenyl)phosphate (BNPP).<sup>30</sup> As pointed out earlier, it is known that Cp<sub>2</sub>VCl<sub>2</sub> is as active as *cis*-platin against human epidermoid tumor cells *in vitro* and against mouse mammary tumor cells *in vivo*.<sup>121</sup> Therefore, studies on the aqueous solution behavior of the analogous Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub> are valuable in understanding the mechanism of carcinostatic activity of Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub> compounds.

Another interesting method leading to the formation of hydroxide complexes is by way of the oxidation of hydride complexes. Poli and co-workers studied the oxidation of CpMoH(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> with [Cp<sub>2</sub>Fe]<sup>+</sup> (Fc<sup>+</sup>) or Ag<sup>+</sup> in a number of solvents.<sup>122,123</sup> Under anhydrous conditions in MeCN, the initial product was [CpMoH(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, which then decomposed to give [CpMo(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(MeCN)]<sup>+</sup>.<sup>122</sup> The decomposition was thought to go through two parallel mechanisms. This disproportionation path is favored in strongly coordinating solvents such as MeCN, or a tandem deprotonation/oxidation mechanism is favored in coordinating solvents such as THF. Both theoretical and experimental evidence was presented in support of these mechanisms.<sup>122,123</sup> Since the disproportionation decomposition mode is involved in the formation of the solvo-intermediate [CpMoH(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(S)]<sup>+</sup>, it was speculated that the presence of a good coordinating agent, such as water, in a less coordinating solvent, such as THF or Me<sub>2</sub>CO, could lead to the formation of an aqua-intermediate (S = H<sub>2</sub>O), which would initiate the possibility of other decomposition products. Using wet THF or acetone, the Mo(III) hydroxo complex [CpMo(OH)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> and the Mo(IV) oxo complex [CpMo(O)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>][BF<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> were obtained.<sup>123</sup>

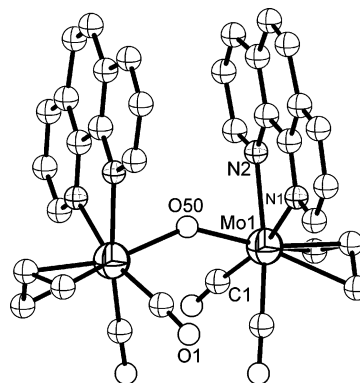
The oxidation of the trihydride complex (C<sub>5</sub>R<sub>5</sub>)MoH<sub>3</sub>(dppe) (dppe = 1,2-*bis*-(diphenylphosphine)ethane, R = Me or Et) by Fc<sup>+</sup> in wet THF produced the bis(hydroxo) complex (C<sub>5</sub>R<sub>5</sub>)Mo(OH)<sub>2</sub>(dppe).<sup>124</sup> This reaction is interesting in that

oxidation of (C<sub>5</sub>R<sub>5</sub>)MoH<sub>3</sub>(dppe), in which the Mo is in a formal +4 state, results ultimately in the formation of (C<sub>5</sub>R<sub>5</sub>)Mo(OH)<sub>2</sub>(dppe). The mechanism of the formation of the dihydroxo product is not known, but it is thought to involve a number of electron- and proton-transfer steps and reactions with coordinated water.<sup>124</sup>

Mononuclear hydroxo complexes of Mo(II) are very rare. However, the mononuclear organometallic compound of Mo(II) containing a terminal hydroxo ligand, CpMo(OH)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, has been synthesized.<sup>122</sup> The reaction of [Mo(η<sup>3</sup>-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Me-2)Cl(CO)<sub>2</sub>(phen)] with NaBAR'<sub>4</sub> (Ar' = 3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) and H<sub>2</sub>O led to the isolation of the aqua complex [Mo(η<sup>3</sup>-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Me-2)(OH<sub>2</sub>)(CO)<sub>2</sub>(phen)]BAR'<sub>4</sub>·2Et<sub>2</sub>O.<sup>125</sup> Deprotonation of this complex gave a neutral hydroxo compound, [{Mo(η<sup>3</sup>-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Me-2)(OH)(CO)<sub>2</sub>(phen)}<sub>2</sub>(μ-H<sub>2</sub>O)], which also could be obtained by reaction of [Mo(η<sup>3</sup>-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Me-2)Cl(CO)<sub>2</sub>(phen)] with KOH in a biphasic CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O medium<sup>125</sup> (eq 12). The [Mo(η<sup>3</sup>-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Me-2)-



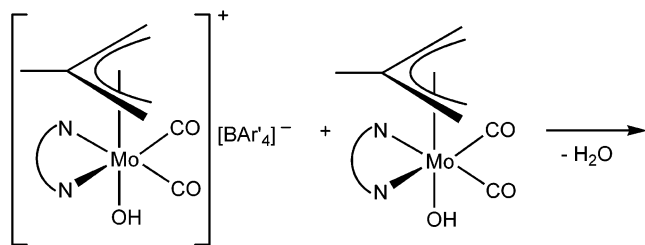
(OH<sub>2</sub>)(CO)<sub>2</sub>(phen)]BAR'<sub>4</sub>·2Et<sub>2</sub>O, when treated with [{Mo(η<sup>3</sup>-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Me-2)(OH)(CO)<sub>2</sub>(phen)}<sub>2</sub>(μ-H<sub>2</sub>O)], gave the binuclear hydroxo-bridged complex [Mo(η<sup>3</sup>-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Me-2)(CO)<sub>2</sub>(phen)]<sub>2</sub>(μ-OH)]BAR'<sub>4</sub> (see eq 13 and Figure 12).<sup>125</sup>



**Figure 12.** ORTEP drawing of [Mo(η<sup>3</sup>-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(CO)<sub>2</sub>(phen)]<sub>2</sub>(μ-OH)]<sup>+</sup>. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

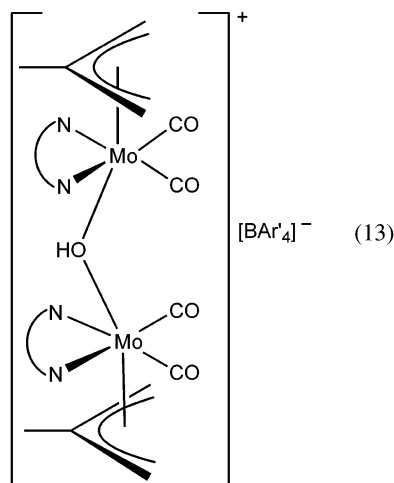
Prout and co-workers have considered the factors contributing to the structure of [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(OH)NH<sub>2</sub>Me]PF<sub>6</sub> and other early transition metal complexes of the type Cp<sub>2</sub>MX<sub>2</sub>.<sup>126</sup> They all have a clam-shell-type structure (see Figures 1, 4, and 7, for example) in which the salient structural features are the Cp(Cnt)-M-Cp(Cnt) and X-M-X angles (Cnt = ring centroid) and the M-Cp(Cnt) and M-X distances. They noted that, in general, the M-Cp(Cnt) distances and the





N-N = phen

Ar' = 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl

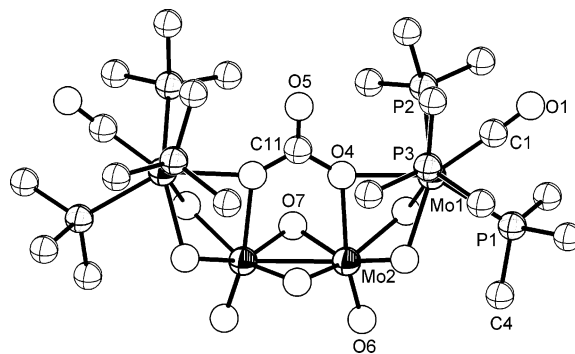


M–X distances vary oppositely from one another. For example, in the  $Cp_2MCl_2$  series (M = Zr, Nb, Mo) there is a marginal increase in the M–Cl distance with increasing atomic number (2.44 to 2.47 Å), accompanied by a much larger decrease in the M–Cp(Cnt) distances (2.19 to 1.98 Å). The Cp(Cnt)–M–Cp(Cnt) angles varied very little and were all less than 135°. On the other hand, the X–M–X angles fall into fairly discrete nonoverlapping groups according to the number of nonbonding electrons:  $d^0$ , 94–97°;  $d^1$ , 85–88°;  $d^2$ , 76–82°. This variation was accounted for on the basis of stereochemically active nonbonding electrons occupying orbitals outside of the  $MX_2$  angle.<sup>126</sup> Other factors specific to a complex may also affect the geometry; for example, in the case of the  $d^2$  complex  $[Cp_2Mo(OH)NH_2Me]PF_6$ , a slightly low value of 72.2° for the  $MX_2$  bond has been attributed to  $OH\cdots N$  hydrogen bonding.

A tetrametallic mixed-valence Mo(II)/Mo(V) complex  $[Mo_4(\mu_4-CO_3)(CO)_2(O)_2(\mu-O)_2(\mu-OH)_4(PMe_3)_6]$  containing a bidentate, quadruply bridging carbonate group was obtained as a minor product from the reaction of petroleum ether solutions of *cis*- $Mo(N_2)_2(PMe_3)_4$  with 50–60 psi of  $CO_2$  at room temperature.<sup>127</sup> The structure given in Figure 13 shows that the carbonate ligand bridges all four Mo atoms, with two Mo atoms bonded to each of the carbonate oxygens of the symmetry axis. The outer Mo(II) atoms are seven-coordinate and are bonded to the inner Mo(V) atoms through two bridging OH ligands as well as an O (carbonate) bridge. The inner Mo(V) atoms are connected to one another via two oxo-bridges. The Mo(V)–Mo(V) distance is 2.552 Å, indicating metal–metal bonding.

### 7.3. Tungsten

The complex  $[Cp_2W(\mu-OH)_2WCp_2]^{2+}(OTs)_2$  ( $OTs = p-MeC_6H_4SO_3^-$ ) was prepared in good yields by the reaction

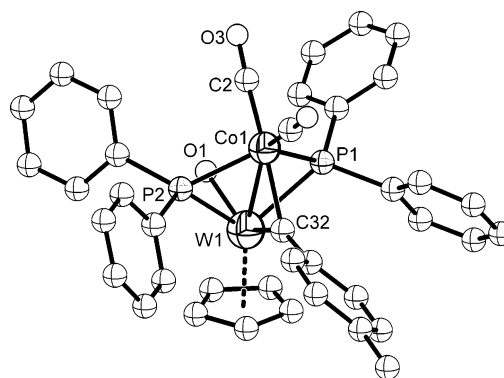


**Figure 13.** ORTEP drawing of  $[Mo_4(\mu_4-CO_3)(CO)_2(O)_2(\mu-O)_2(\mu-OH)_4(PMe_3)_6]$ . Hydrogen atoms are deleted for clarity.

of  $Cp_2WH_2$  with  $Cp_2W(OTs)_2$  in aqueous acetone<sup>116</sup> (eq 10). Since no formation of the hydroxide was observed when the reaction was carried out under rigorous anhydrous conditions, the presence of water in the solvent was thought to be responsible for these reactions.

The neutral, protonated tungsten tetramer  $[W(OH)(CO)_3H]_4 \cdot OPPh_2Et$ ,<sup>128</sup> a structurally characterized example of the so-called Hieber's acid,<sup>129</sup> has the same general structure of the type  $[M_4(CO)_{12}(\mu-OR)_4]^{4-}$  that has already been discussed above for Cr and Mo complexes. Although the hydridic hydrogens could not be located in the electron density map, the NMR spectrum shows the presence of such hydrogens. The structure of the  $[W(OH)(CO)_3H]_4 \cdot OPPh_2Et$  exhibits that, unlike the case of  $[M_4(CO)_{12}(\mu_3-OR)_4]^{4-}$ , the local symmetry of the  $W(CO)_3$  groups is not  $C_{3v}$  but one in which one of the C–W–C angles is much larger than the others. The authors argued that the location of the hydrido ligand is indicated by the opening of one of the C–W–C bond angles and that each W is better described as being heptacoordinated, with the geometry of a trigonal pyramid and a square pyramid sharing an apex.<sup>128</sup> A small tungsten hydroxycarbonyl cluster of the type  $K_3[W_2(OH)_3(CO)_6]$  was prepared from the alkaline hydrolysis of the hexacarbonyls,  $W(CO)_6$ .<sup>115</sup> The  $K_3[W_2(OH)_3(CO)_6] \cdot 2H_2O$  consists of two tungsten atoms, each having three terminal CO ligands held together by three bridging hydroxo groups, giving an overall  $D_{3h}$  symmetry to the anion and a trigonal antiprismatic coordination to each tungsten.<sup>129</sup> The Mo complex was reported to be isomorphous with the tungsten complex but very unstable.<sup>130</sup>

A heterobimetallic hydroxo complex  $[WCo(OH)(\mu-CC_6H_4Me-4)(\mu-PPh_2)_2(CO)_2Cp]$  could be prepared by the hydrolysis of the moisture sensitive complex  $[WCo(Cl)(\mu-CC_6H_4Me-4)(\mu-PPh_2)_2(CO)_2Cp]$ . The X-ray crystal structure of  $[WCo(OH)(\mu-CC_6H_4Me-4)(\mu-PPh_2)_2(CO)_2Cp]$  (Figure 14) shows



**Figure 14.** ORTEP drawing of  $[WCo(OH)(\mu-CC_6H_4Me-4)(\mu-PPh_2)_2(CO)_2Cp]$ . Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

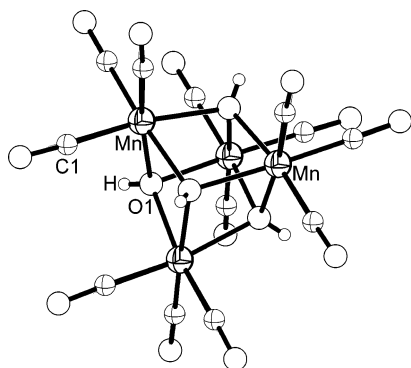
a W–Co bimetal alkylidene complex with two symmetrically disposed  $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub> ligands and a terminal hydroxo ligand attached to the W atom. This complex slowly isomerizes to the sterically less crowded oxo complex [WCo(O){ $\mu$ -C(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Me-4)C(O)}( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)(CO)( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>H)Cp], which on reaction with HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O gave [WCo(OH)( $\mu$ -CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Me-4)( $\mu$ -PPh<sub>2</sub>)-(CO)<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>H)Cp]BF<sub>4</sub>.<sup>131</sup> Crown ethers have been employed in the synthesis of [dibenzo-18-crown-6-K][W(CO)<sub>5</sub>OH] by dissolving W(CO)<sub>6</sub> in dibenzo-18-crown-6 and treating with KOH under irradiation with a mercury vapor lamp at room temperature. The chromium analogue was also prepared, but its stability was low compared to that of the tungsten complex.<sup>132</sup> The reaction of Cp\*WCl<sub>4</sub> with aqueous NaOH under exclusion of air affords two spectroscopically characterized intermediates, Cp\*WCl<sub>3</sub>(OH) and Cp\*WCl<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>. In the former the OH proton resonates at 10.1 ppm and the IR spectrum showed the OH band at 3447 cm<sup>-1</sup>, whereas in the latter compound the hydroxyl groups appear at 29.1 ppm in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR and the OH stretching mode can be seen at 3431 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the IR spectrum. However, in the presence of air, the reaction of Cp\*WCl<sub>4</sub> and NaOH leads to the formation of Cp\*W(O)<sub>2</sub>Cl via the hydrolysis and oxidation reactions.<sup>133</sup>

## 8. Group 7 Organo-hydroxides

Most of the organometallic hydroxides reported in this group are of rhenium. Those of manganese are rare; the technetium ones are even rarer.

### 8.1. Manganese

Most of the organometallic hydroxides of Mn are based on a cubane-like Mn<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> core. A synthetic route to several interesting manganese hydroxo-carbonyls is from the oxidation of Mn<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub>. Reaction with Me<sub>3</sub>NO·2H<sub>2</sub>O in THF produced the tetrameric [Mn( $\mu$ -OH)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub> (see Figure 15)

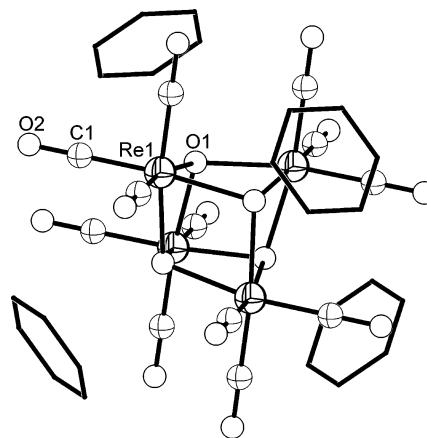


**Figure 15.** ORTEP drawing of [Mn( $\mu$ -OH)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub>.

in almost quantitative yield.<sup>134</sup> Me<sub>3</sub>NO·2H<sub>2</sub>O is known to facilitate carbonyl substitution reactions by the oxidation of a CO to CO<sub>2</sub>.<sup>135</sup> On the other hand, in the presence of benzophenone, the mixed-valent heptanuclear complex [Mn<sub>7</sub>( $\mu$ -OH)<sub>8</sub>(CO)<sub>18</sub>] was obtained in 71% yield. There are two different Mn atoms in the complex, formally, a central Mn(II) and six peripheral Mn(I) atoms bonded to three terminal carbonyls. The structure is of interest in that the geometry around the central Mn is essentially that of a trigonal prism. This complex was thought to arise from the oxidation of the [Mn( $\mu$ -OH)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub>.<sup>134</sup>

Reactions of Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>X (X = Cl, Br) with TlF or AgF in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution under water saturated nitrogen resulted in

the formation of the cluster species [Mn<sub>4</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>F<sub>x</sub>(OH)<sub>4-x</sub>].<sup>136</sup> The reactions with TlF give predominantly the species with  $x = 1$  and 2, while AgF produced the species with  $x = 2$  and 3. The individual species were identified in the mass spectrum. The  $x = 2$  product from AgF could be separated from its  $x = 3$  coproduct by crystallization from benzene to yield the pure solvate [Mn<sub>4</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>F<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>. X-ray quality crystals of the TlF product, [Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>F<sub>x</sub>(OH)<sub>4-x</sub>]<sub>4</sub>·2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, showed a cubane-type structure similar to that seen in Figure 15 with Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub> groups at one set of corners interpenetrated with fluoro or hydroxy groups at the other.<sup>136</sup> The product is predominantly the monofluoride species, but the other differently substituted ones form isomorphous crystals. Benzene molecules are on the cube diagonals between adjacent pairs of (F/OH) sites, similar to the case seen in Figure 16 (see below), consistent with OH··· $\pi$ (benzene)···HO bonding.



**Figure 16.** ORTEP drawing of [Re(CO)<sub>3</sub>OH]<sub>4</sub>·2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>. Hydrogen atoms are deleted for clarity.

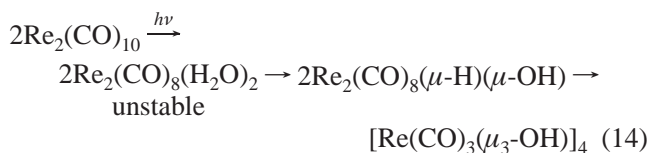
### 8.2. Technetium

Only two organotechnetium carbonyl hydroxide clusters Tc(CO)<sub>12</sub>F( $\mu$ -OH)<sub>3</sub> and [Tc( $\mu$ -OH)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub> have been reported.<sup>137,138</sup> The first cluster was prepared by the reaction of KTcO<sub>4</sub>, HCOOH, and HF and essentially has a cubic core where alternate edges are occupied by Tc atoms and ( $\mu$ -OH) groups, except one of the ( $\mu$ -OH) groups is replaced by a fluoride ion.<sup>137</sup> Dissolution of [NET<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[TcCl<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>3</sub>] in water yielded [Tc(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>3</sub>], which, upon treatment with OH<sup>-</sup>, afforded the [Tc( $\mu$ -OH)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub> cubic cluster.<sup>138</sup> The Tc<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> cubic core of this molecule is slightly distorted, with the Tc–OH distances in the range 2.180–2.191 Å,<sup>138</sup> and its edges are occupied by Tc atoms and  $\mu$ -OH groups. Reaction of the complex [Tc( $\mu$ -OH)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub> with Cp\*H gave the compound Cp\*Tc(CO)<sub>3</sub> as an important starting material on which the organometallic chemistry of Tc is ultimately based.<sup>138</sup>

### 8.3. Rhenium

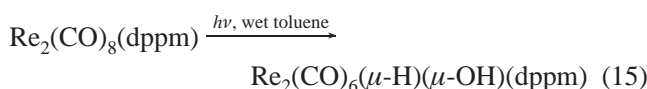
The reaction of either Re<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub> or Re(CO)<sub>5</sub>Cl with H<sub>2</sub>O at 200 °C gives [Re(CO)<sub>3</sub>(OH)]<sub>4</sub>.<sup>139</sup> A pseudocubane structure without metal–metal bonds in which the Re(CO)<sub>3</sub> groups are linked by triply bridging OH ligands was proposed for this complex; the compound is of interest in that it is one of the few stable transition metal hydroxo carbonyl compounds. The structure was verified by X-ray crystallographic analysis

of the dibenzene complex,  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3\text{OH}]_4 \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ , which was prepared by the photolysis of  $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$  in wet ether followed by recrystallization from benzene<sup>135,139,140</sup> (eq 14).



The structure (Figure 16) consists of discrete tetramers, in which four rhenium and four oxygen atoms occupy the corners of a distorted cube. The benzene rings of crystallization are oriented perpendicularly to the four 3-fold axes of the unit cell, stabilized by  $\text{OH} \cdots \pi$  hydrogen bonds.<sup>135</sup> Each benzene ring uses both faces as acceptors for  $\text{OH} \cdots \pi$  hydrogen bonding. The  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3(\text{OH})]_4$  complex can be used as a starting material for other complexes, through the formal substitution of the hydroxy hydrogen by other single bonding groups. For example, reaction of  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3(\text{OH})]_4$  with  $\text{RCHN}_2$  ( $\text{R} = \text{H}, \text{Me}$ ) gives  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3\text{OCH}_2\text{R}]_4$ , deuteration in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ /ether results in the adduct  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3\text{OD} \cdot \text{OEt}_2]_4$ , and metalation with Li gives the salt  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3\text{OLi}]_4$ , which is stable in THF solution for only a short period of time.<sup>139</sup> Lewis bases can be attached to  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3(\text{OH})]_4$  via H bonds to give the very stable complexes  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3\text{OH} \cdot \text{L}]_4$  ( $\text{L} = \text{THF}, \text{OPPh}_3$ , and  $\text{Et}_4\text{NBr}$ ).<sup>139</sup> The photochemical decomposition of  $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$  was believed to go through the formation of an unstable  $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_8(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  intermediate that undergoes a loss of one water molecule, followed by the oxidative addition of the second water to give a ( $\mu$ -hydrido)( $\mu$ -hydroxo)-dirhenium octacarbonyl,  $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_8(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-OH})$ , that immediately decomposes to give the  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})]_4$  product.<sup>28</sup>

Indirect support for the postulate of an unstable  $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_8(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-OH})$  intermediate comes from the synthesis and crystal structure of  $[\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_6(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-OH})](\text{dppm})$  ( $\text{dppm} = \text{bis}(\text{diphenylphosphino})\text{methane}$ ).<sup>141</sup> The compound, made from the photolysis of  $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_8(\text{dppm})$  in wet toluene, consists of a  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3]_2(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-OH})$  core, bridged by the  $\text{dppm}$  molecule (eq 15).

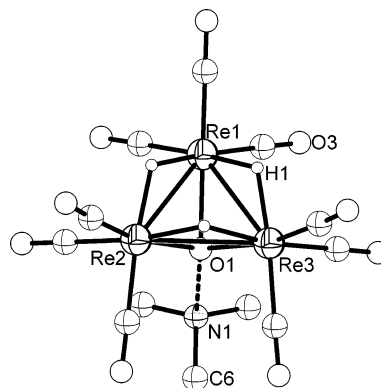


The rigid bridging group holds the two Re centers in proximity to one another, thereby stabilizing the complex, relative to  $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_8(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-OH})$ .<sup>142</sup> Metal carbonyl bridging group stabilization has been noted in  $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-OH})$ ,  $\text{FeRu}_2(\text{CO})_8(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-OH})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ , and  $\text{FeRu}_2(\text{CO})_8(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{L}_2$  ( $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3, \text{PMe}_3$ , and  $\text{AsPh}_3$ ).<sup>143</sup>

An unusual hydrogen bond stabilized anion,  $[\text{Re}_3(\mu\text{-H})_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-O} \cdots \text{H} \cdots \text{NMe}_3)]^-$ , was isolated as one of several products of the reaction of  $[\text{Re}_3(\mu\text{-H})_4(\text{CO})_{10}]^-$  with  $\text{Me}_3\text{NO}$  in a solvent, such as acetone or THF.<sup>144</sup> The structure, given in Figure 17, shows a triangular  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3]_3$  core capped on one side with an OH ligand and having three bridging hydrides on the other between the Re atoms; such a structure is typical for other  $[\text{Re}_3(\mu\text{-H})_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-X})]^-$  anions.<sup>144</sup> The  $\text{O} \cdots \text{H} \cdots \text{N}$  hydrogen bond is short ( $\text{O} \cdots \text{N}$  distance 2.502(10) Å) and almost linear, indicating an unusually strong  $\text{O} \cdots \text{H} \cdots \text{N}$  bond.

## 9. Group 8 Organo-hydroxides

The majority of the hydroxo complexes reported in this group are organometallic hydroxides of ruthenium.



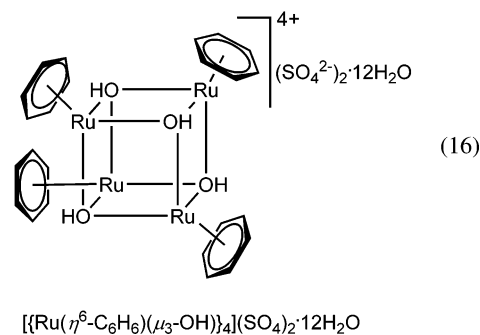
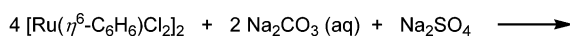
**Figure 17.** ORTEP drawing of  $[\text{Re}_3(\mu\text{-H})_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-O} \cdots \text{H} \cdots \text{NMe}_3)]^-$ . Hydrogen atoms except the hydrides are omitted for clarity. The  $\text{O} \cdots \text{N}$  contact is 2.502(10) Å.

## 9.1. Iron

There have been only a few organoiron hydroxides prepared; most are of the form  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6\text{XY}$ , where X and Y are anionic bridging groups.<sup>145,146</sup>  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6\{\mu\text{-P}(\text{H})[\text{CH}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]\}(\mu\text{-OH})$  was one of the products obtained in the reaction of  $[\text{NEt}_4]_2[\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_8]$  with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{PCH}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ .<sup>145</sup>

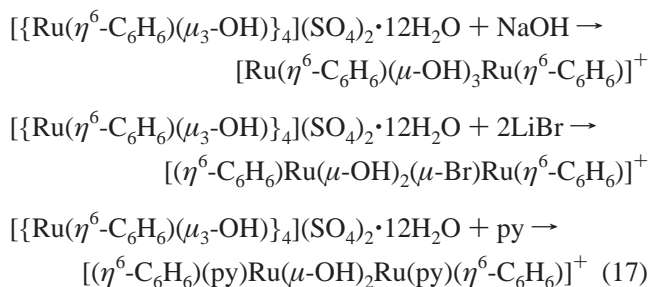
## 9.2. Ruthenium

The reactions of  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Cl}_2]_2$  with aqueous bases produced several different hydroxo complexes, depending on the nature of the base and the stoichiometry of the reaction; all retained the  $(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Ru}$  grouping.<sup>147–149</sup> The reaction of  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Cl}_2]_2$  with aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1:1 molar ratio) and excess  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  produced the tetrameric  $[\{\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)(\mu_3\text{-OH})\}_4]^{4+}$  cationic complex as its sulfate salt,  $[\{\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)(\mu_3\text{-OH})\}_4](\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>147,149</sup> Its structure consists of discrete  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)(\mu_3\text{-OH})]_4^{4+}$  cations and sulfate anions (eq 16). The cations have a cubane-type  $\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_4$

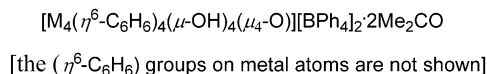
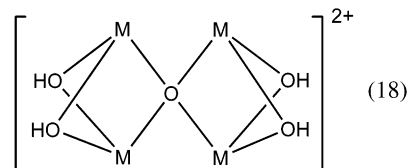
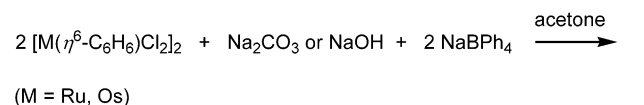


core, similar to the  $\text{Mn}_4\text{O}_4$  core shown in Figure 15, that can be described as containing interpenetrating tetrahedrons of  $(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Ru}$  and OH groups. Each Ru atom has bonds to three OH groups of equal length (2.12 Å) and the  $\text{O} \cdots \text{Ru} \cdots \text{O}$  and  $\text{Ru} \cdots \text{O} \cdots \text{Ru}$  angles are 76.3° and 102.2°, respectively.<sup>149</sup> Each cation may be regarded as bonded to eight others through the cube corners and through strong van der Waals bonding between benzene molecules at the metal vertexes. Additional stabilization is achieved through hydrogen bonding between the OH vertexes and the sulfate ions.<sup>149</sup> The water molecules, which were poorly defined, were thought to occupy positions in the van der Waals gap between the benzene molecules. The synthesis could not be extended to

other ( $\eta^6$ -arene)Ru systems. Reaction of  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-arene})\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (arene =  $\text{C}_6\text{Me}_6$ , 1,3,5- $\text{C}_6\text{Me}_3\text{H}_3$ , *p*- $\text{MeC}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CHMe}_2)$ ) with stoichiometric amounts of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  in the presence of excess  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  produced only unreacted starting material and/or the triply OH-bridged  $[\text{Ru}_2(\eta^6\text{-arene})_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})_3]^+$  cations.<sup>149</sup> It was speculated that the bulky arenes did not furnish sufficient van der Waals interactions to stabilize a tetramer. The tetramer can be destroyed by reaction with aqueous NaOH to give  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)(\mu\text{-OH})_3\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)]^+$ , which with aqueous LiBr (1:2 molar ratio) leads to  $[(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Ru}(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\mu\text{-Br})\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)]^+$ .<sup>147</sup> Bases (L), such as pyridine, also decompose the tetramer<sup>147</sup> to give  $[(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{L})\text{Ru}(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{Ru}(\text{L})(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)]^+$  (eq 17).



Treatment of  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Cl}_2]_2$  with an excess of sodium carbonate or hydroxide, followed by the addition of  $\text{Na}[\text{BPh}_4]$  and recrystallization from acetone, produced the tetranuclear cation  $[\text{Ru}_4(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_4(\mu\text{-OH})_4(\mu_4\text{-O})]^{2+}$ , isolated as  $[\text{Ru}_4(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_4(\mu\text{-OH})_4(\mu_4\text{-O})][\text{BPh}_4]_2 \cdot 2\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$ <sup>148</sup> (eq 18). The struc-



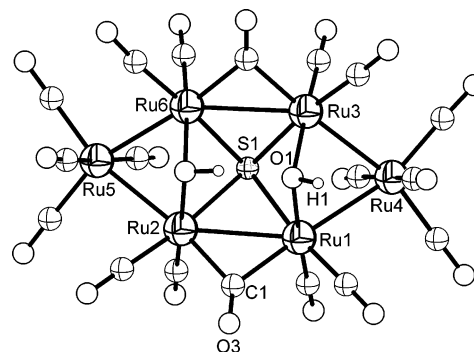
ture is that of two  $\text{Ru}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2$  units sharing a common tetrahedrally coordinated O atom and is believed to arise from the condensation of two  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{OH})(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{Ru}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)]^+$  cations with the loss of three water molecules. This compound is presumably the product from the reaction of  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)(\mu_3\text{-OH})]_4^{4+}$  with aqueous NaOH.

The proposition that base hydrolysis of the unsubstituted arene  $[\text{Ru}_2(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Cl}_2]_2$  gives rise to the tetranuclear cation  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)(\mu_3\text{-OH})]_4^{4+}$ , while the more sterically crowded arenes produce only the triply OH-bridged  $[\text{Ru}_2(\eta^6\text{-arene})_2(\text{OH})_3]^+$  cations (or condensation products thereof), is appealing. However, it is limited. The reaction of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Cl}_2]_2$  with  $\text{TiOPh}$  (1:3 molar ratio) leads to the triphenoxo-bridged product  $[\text{Ru}_2(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_2(\mu\text{-OPh})_3]^+$  in 86% yield.<sup>150</sup> This compound on reaction with water at room temperature gives  $[\text{Ru}_2(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]^+$  in essentially quantitative yield. The crystal structure of the chloride salt  $[\text{Ru}_2(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{Cl} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  showed the cation to be a triply bridged hydroxo complex having essentially  $D_{3h}$  symmetry.<sup>150</sup> It was speculated that the very basic medium

of the original synthesis resulted in nucleation of the dimer to give the tetranuclear product. It has also been reported that the dimeric hydroxoruthenium  $[\text{Ru}_2(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_2(\text{OH})_3]\text{Cl} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was obtained from the reaction of  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Cl}_2]_2$  with aqueous NaOH.<sup>151</sup>

A number of organometallic hydroxides have been prepared by the reaction of water with complexes having good leaving groups. For example, the room-temperature hydrolysis of the cyclometalated hydride  $\text{RuH}(\eta^2\text{-CH}_2\text{PMe}_2)(\text{PMe}_3)_3$ <sup>152</sup> produced the hydrido(hydroxo)ruthenium compound  $[(\text{PMe}_3)_4\text{Ru}(\text{H})(\text{OH})]$  in low yield.<sup>10</sup> The yield could be increased by reacting  $[(\text{PMe}_3)_4\text{Ru}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]$  with stoichiometric amounts of water. Excess water (> 2 equiv) produced the hydroxide salt  $[(\text{PMe}_3)_3\text{Ru}(\mu\text{-OH})_3\text{Ru}(\text{PMe}_3)_3]^+\text{OH}^-$ .<sup>10</sup> The hydrido(hydroxo)ruthenium compound is thermally unstable, decomposing in benzene at 45 °C; the corresponding  $[(\text{PMe}_3)_4(\text{Me})\text{Ru}(\text{OH})]$  was found to be thermally stable up to 70 °C. Hydrolysis of the bis(bidentate)ruthenium compound  $[\text{Ru}(\text{dmpe})_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]$  (dmpe = bis(dimethylphosphine)ethane) produced the interesting dimer  $[\text{trans-Ru}(\text{H})(\text{OH})(\text{dmpe})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]_2$ , in which two *trans*-(H)(OH)(dmpe)<sub>2</sub>Ru octahedral complexes are held together by two bridging hydrogen bonding water molecules. The solid-state structure shows that both hydrogens on the two water molecules form hydrogen bonding to the OH ligands. However, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR shows the dimer to be fluxional, equilibrating the water and hydroxide protons.<sup>10</sup>

In addition to forming hydrogen bonds with neighboring Lewis bases, hydroxide ligands can also form stabilizing intramolecular hydrogen bonds. This is seen in the cluster  $[\text{Ru}_6(\text{CO})_{16}(\mu\text{-CO})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\mu_4\text{-S})]$ , shown in Figure 18.<sup>153</sup>

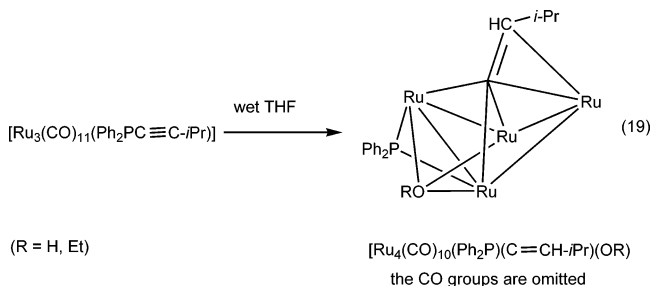


**Figure 18.** ORTEP drawing of  $[\text{Ru}_6(\text{CO})_{16}(\mu\text{-CO})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\mu_4\text{-S})]$ .

The cluster was obtained by the UV-irradiation of a solution of  $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-CO})(\mu_3\text{-S})$  and  $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$  in the presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , but in only 8% yield.<sup>153</sup> The structure exhibits a  $\text{Ru}_4$  rectangular core capped on one side with an  $\mu_4\text{-S}$  atom and on the other by two oppositely facing  $\mu$ -hydroxyls and two bridging carbonyls. In addition, the sides having the bridging hydroxides also have bridging  $(\text{CO})_4\text{Ru}$  groups. The structure shows that two hydroxide hydrogens, which were located, are not equivalent; one (H(2)) is hydrogen bonded to its oppositely facing hydroxide oxygen (O(1)), resulting in a  $\text{O}(1)\cdots\text{H}(2)$  distance of 1.83 Å. This was also consistent with the infrared spectrum, which showed two O–H stretching vibrations. The room temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the compound in toluene-*d*<sub>8</sub> exhibited a single broad resonance, indicating fluxionality. The Ru–Ru distances in the  $\text{Ru}_4$  core are not equal; those spanned by the  $(\text{CO})_4\text{Ru}$  groups (3.057 and 2.970 Å) are longer than the other two (2.876 and 2.887 Å). It was speculated that the internal hydrogen bonding could, among other things, contribute to the differ-

ences in Ru–Ru distances. Intramolecular hydrogen bonds between the bridging OH and coordinating  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$  in  $\text{Ru}_4\text{-(CO)Et}_4(\text{OH})_2(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2(\text{CO})_8$  are also expected to assist in stabilizing the compound.<sup>154</sup>

A different core was found in the tetranuclear cluster  $[\text{Ru}_4\text{-(CO)}_{10}(\text{C}=\text{CH}i\text{Pr})(\text{OH})(\text{PPh}_2)]$ , which was prepared in 30% yield by the fragmentation of  $[\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{11}(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C}i\text{Pr})]$  in wet THF.<sup>155</sup> The  $\text{Ru}_4$  core is a butterfly arrangement of metal atoms with an unusual multisite-bound  $\mu_4$ -vinylidene, a face-bridging  $\mu_3$ -OH, and an edge-bridging  $\mu$ - $\text{PPh}_2$  group (eq 19).



### 9.3. Osmium

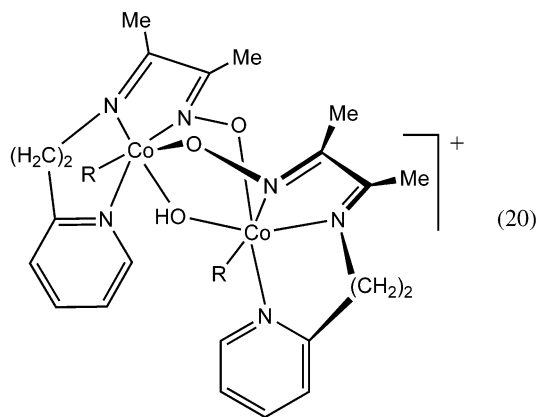
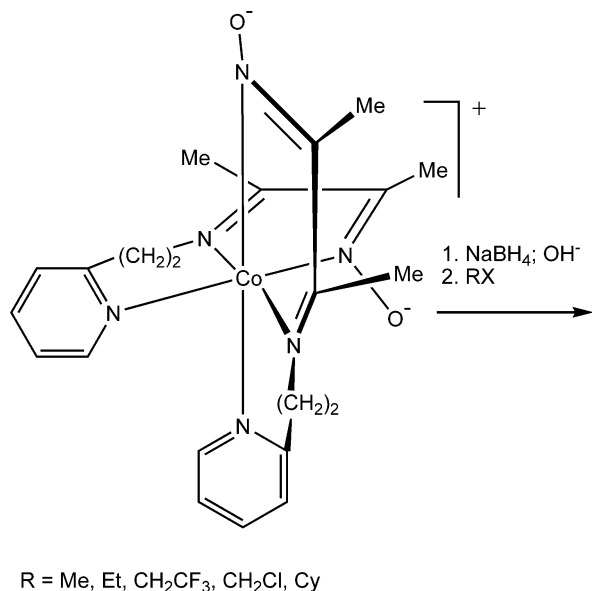
Reaction of the Os compound  $[\text{Os}_2(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6\text{Cl}_2)_2]$  with excess NaOH or  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  produced the corresponding  $[\text{Os}_4(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_4(\mu\text{-OH})_4(\mu_4\text{-O})][\text{BPh}_4]_2 \cdot 2\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$ .<sup>148</sup> Reaction of  $\text{OsH}(\text{Ph})(\text{CO})(\text{P}-t\text{Bu}_2\text{Me})_2$  with 1 equiv of water leads to the formation of  $\text{OsH}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})(\text{P}-t\text{Bu}_2\text{Me})_2$ , or alternatively, KOH in methanol converts  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{P}-t\text{Bu}_2\text{Me})_2$  to  $\text{OsH}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})(\text{P}-t\text{Bu}_2\text{Me})_2$ . Due to the reductive nature of the KOH/MeOH system, the latter route is not very satisfactory, as is the case for  $\text{OsH}(\text{Ph})(\text{CO})(\text{P}-t\text{Bu}_2\text{Me})_2$  and water. The Os atom resides in a square pyramidal environment with the phosphines oriented *trans* to each other. The hydride group was located at the apical site, but the angles to two P were unreasonably unequal.<sup>156</sup>

## 10. Group 9 Organo-hydroxides

The organometallic hydroxides of the two heavier members of this group are observed more.

### 10.1. Cobalt

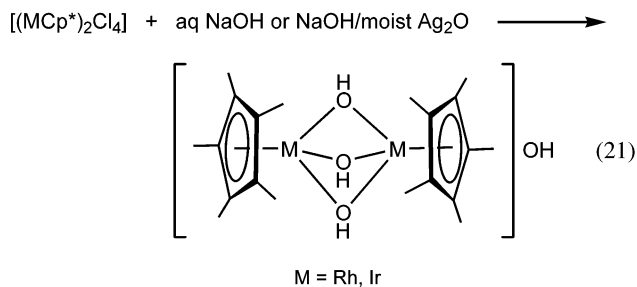
Organocobalt hydroxo complexes have been reported relatively recently compared to other group 9 elements. Binuclear cobalt(III) hydroxides of general composition  $[(\text{RCoL})_2(\mu\text{-OH})]^+$  (R = Me, Et,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ , or Cy) supported by the tridentate ligand L have recently been reported (L = 2-(2-pyridylethyl)imino-3-butanone oximate). The synthetic strategy consists of the oxidative addition of an alkyl halide to the nucleophilic Co(I) species generated by reduction, with  $\text{NaBH}_4$ , of the parent Co(III) complex (eq 20). The R =  $\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3$  and Cy derivatives have been structurally elucidated as perchlorate salts, which reveals that the ligand L occupies three equatorial positions in a *mer* arrangement and that the bridging hydroxide group resides in the fourth position. The alkyl group and the oxime O atom of the ligand L are located at the apical positions as shown in eq 20, which also depicts the tridentate ligation of the L.<sup>157</sup> Another Co hydroxide  $[\{\text{MeCo}(\text{LE-py})\}_2(\mu\text{-OH})]\text{ClO}_4 \cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (LE-py = 2-(2-pyridyl)imino-3-butanone oximate) was obtained by the reaction of  $[\text{Co}(\text{LE-py})_2]\text{ClO}_4$  with NaOH followed by treatment with  $\text{NaBH}_4$ , water, and MeI.<sup>158</sup>



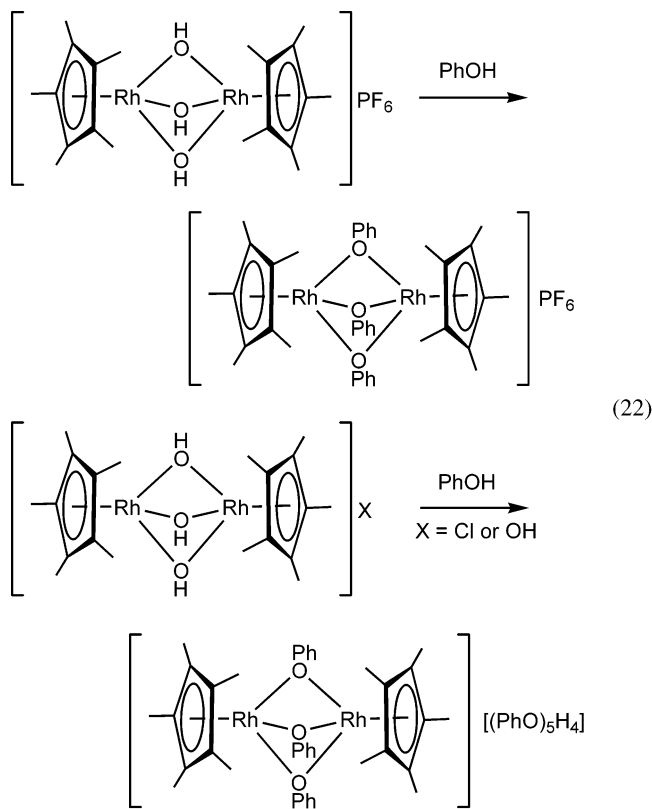
A cobalt hydroxide complex derived from the ligand *N,N'*-(3-mercapto-3-methylbutyryl)-*o*-phenyldiamine,  $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2[\text{Co}(\text{N}_2\text{S}_2)(\text{CN})(\text{MeCN})]$ , by air oxidation leads to the formation of the mixed valence Co(III)–Co(II)–Co(III) trinuclear complex  $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2[\text{Co}\{\text{Co}\{\text{N}_2(\text{SO}_2)\}(\text{CN})(\text{OH})\}_2]$ . The product formation proceeds through the oxidation of thiolate to the sulfinate. The mixed valence nature of the complex has been established by temperature-dependent magnetic susceptibility measurements and by EPR spectroscopy both in the solid state and in solution, which agrees with the high-spin Co(II) species. The crystal structure of this molecule exhibits a linear arrangement of cobalt ions connected together by bridging hydroxides and sulfinate ligands in a distorted octahedral environment.<sup>159</sup>

### 10.2. Rhodium

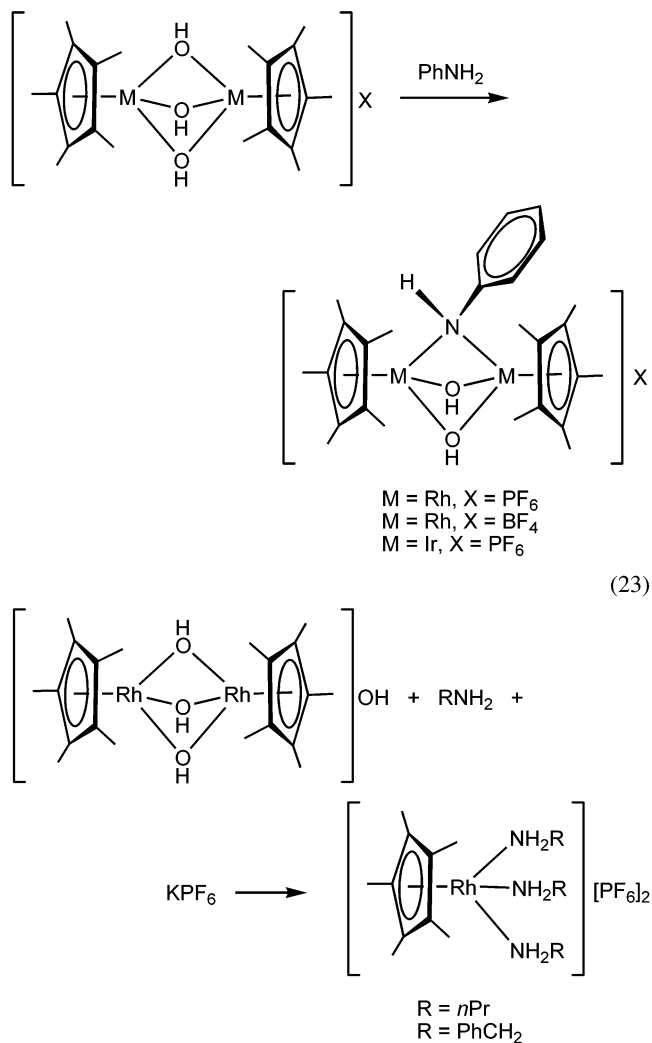
Reaction of  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2\text{Cl}_4]$  with aqueous NaOH or NaOH/moist  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  affords the corresponding dimeric cation  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]^+$ .<sup>160–162</sup> The structural analysis showed it to be composed of two  $(\text{Cp}^*)\text{Rh}$  units bridged by three hydroxo ligands<sup>160</sup> (eq 21). Maitlis and co-workers have studied the reactions of different salts of  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]^+$  with various Lewis bases. They reported that the reaction of  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{PF}_6$  with PhOH gave the corresponding  $(\mu\text{-OPh})$  dimer,  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OPh})_3]\text{PF}_6$ , while the  $\text{Cl}^-$  or  $\text{OH}^-$  salts gave  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OPh})_3][(\text{PhO})_5\text{H}_4]$ <sup>162</sup> (eq 22). Although the cations in both salts were the same, the methyl groups in the latter salt underwent a facile H/D exchange



with  $d_6$ -acetone,  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ , at room temperature.<sup>162</sup> The reactions of the  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{X}$  complexes with Lewis bases result in different products, depending on the nature of the base, the identity of X, and, in some cases, the reaction time. Treatment of  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{OH}$  with aniline in the presence of  $\text{PF}_6^-$  or  $\text{BF}_4^-$  yielded the  $\mu$ -anilido complex



$[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-NHPh})(\mu\text{-OH})_2]\text{X}$  (X =  $\text{PF}_6$  or  $\text{BF}_4$ ); the corresponding Ir compound reacts similarly.<sup>163</sup> On the other hand,  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{OH}$  reacts with the primary amines,  $\text{RNH}_2$  (R =  $n\text{Pr}$ ,  $\text{PhCH}_2$ ), to give the fully substituted  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{NH}_2\text{R})_3]^{2+}$ , which rapidly decomposed in solution<sup>163</sup> (eq 23). The difference in the reactivities of aniline and other primary amines was thought to be due to the higher acidity of the aniline, affording the anilide ion, which then undergoes complexation. Other amines and conditions gave different products. For example, the reaction of  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]^+$  with aqueous  $\text{HClO}_4$  or  $\text{HBF}_4$  and the pyridine-type bases (L) gave  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{RhL})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]^{2+}$  (L = py, 2-Mepy, 4-Etpty, 2-MeOpy) in acetone, while, in MeOH, pyridine yielded  $[(\text{RhCp}^*(\text{py}))_2(\mu\text{-OMe})_2]\text{X}_2$  (X =  $\text{ClO}_4$ ,  $\text{BF}_4$ ).<sup>164</sup>  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{ClO}_4$  reacts with pyrazole bases (HL) in which hydroxides are progressively substituted by bridging  $\text{L}^-$  ligands. The neutral HL can also act as a monodentate ligand, giving complexes of the type  $[(\text{RhCp}^*\text{HL})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ .<sup>165,166</sup> Similar to these organometallic hydroxides,



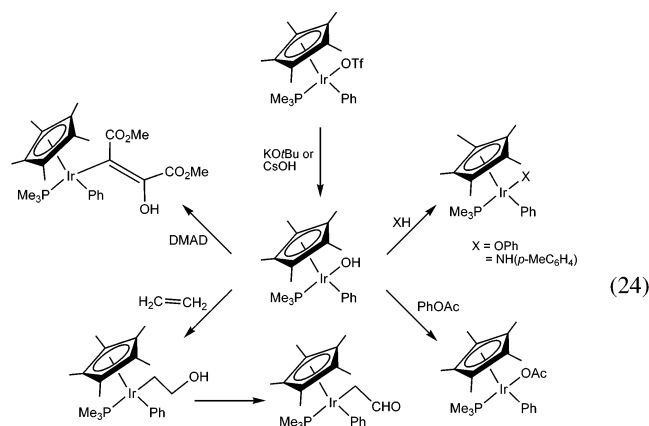
Wieghardt et al.<sup>167</sup> reported that the related hydroxo cation  $[(\text{tacnRh})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]^{3+}$  (tacn = 1,4,7-triazacyclononane) can be protonated in aqueous solution, leading to the formation of the dihydroxo solvated cation  $[(\text{tacnRh})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]^{4+}$ . This explains that such a type of substitution pattern is not limited to the organometallic hydroxo complexes but can also occur in inorganic coordination complexes.

Reactions with alcohols also occur in different ways. For example,  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{X}$  (X = Cl,  $\text{PF}_6$ ,  $\text{BF}_4$ ) reacts with  $i\text{PrOH}$  to give the trimeric complex  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_3(\mu\text{-H})_3\text{O}]\text{X}$ . X-ray studies show a triangular  $(\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh})_3$  core surmounted on one side by an O atom with each pair of Ru atoms bridged by hydrides on the other side.<sup>168</sup> Prolonged reaction leads ultimately to the tetrahydrido compound  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_4(\text{H})_4]^{2+}$ . The reaction of  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{PF}_6$  with primary alcohols ( $\text{RCH}_2\text{OH}$ ) produced mixtures of  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\text{O}_2\text{CR})_2\text{H}]\text{PF}_6$  and  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\text{O}_2\text{CR})(\text{H})_2]\text{PF}_6$ . X-ray diffraction studies on the latter compound (R = Me) showed it to be a dinuclear compound with two rhodiums, each bonded to a  $\text{Cp}^*$  and bridged by two hydrides and one acetate.<sup>166,167</sup> The reaction of  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{Cl}$  with  $\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3$  gave a mixture of 34% of the methylrhodium compound  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)(\text{Me})\{\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3\}_2]^{2+}$  and 53% of the expected  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)(\text{Me})\{\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3\}_3]^{2+}$ .<sup>160</sup> In addition,  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{Cl} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was found to catalyze the oxygenation of THF to  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone in the presence of small amounts of water. It also catalyzes the oxidation of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$  to  $\text{Ph}_3\text{PO}$ . The reaction of  $\text{P}(\text{OEt})_3$  with  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]\text{Cl}$

did not lead to oxidation, but it instead gave the substitution product  $[\text{RhCp}^*\{\text{P}(\text{OEt})_3\}_3]^{2+}$ .<sup>169</sup>

### 10.3. Iridium

Several terminal hydroxo complexes of both Ir(I) and Ir(III) have been characterized. The hydroxo complex  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{Ph})(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{OH})$ , prepared by the addition of  $\text{CsOH}$  to a solution of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{Ph})(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{OTf})$  ( $\text{OTf} = \text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$ ) in THF,<sup>170</sup> was found to react with a number of nucleophilic and electrophilic agents, with the reaction centered at the Ir–O–H bond<sup>170</sup> (eq 24). Treatment with XH (X = PhO,

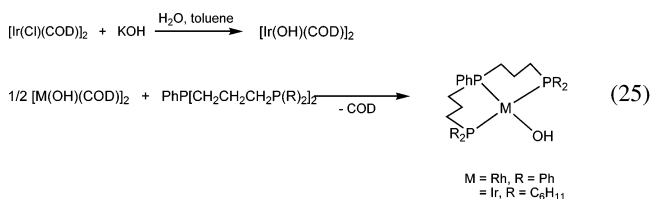


$\text{NH}(p\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4)$ ) gave complete conversion to the corresponding  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{Ph})(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{X})$ , while reaction with the weaker electrophile, phenyl acetate, gave an equimolar mixture of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{Ph})(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{OPh})$  and  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{Ph})(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{O}_2\text{CMe})$ . The complex was also found to undergo insertion reactions with dimethylacetylenedicarboxylate ( $\text{MeO}_2\text{CC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Me}$ ) and  $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$  to yield  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{Ph})(\text{PMe}_3)\text{C}(\text{CO}_2\text{Me})=\text{C}(\text{CO}_2\text{Me})\text{OH}$  and  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{Ph})(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH})$ , which quickly transforms to  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{Ph})(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{CH}_2\text{CHO})$ <sup>170</sup> (eq 24). A mechanism for the latter insertion/oxidation sequence has been proposed.<sup>171</sup> An iridium hydrido hydroxo complex  $\text{IrH}(\text{OH})[\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{-2,6-(CH}_2\text{P-}t\text{Bu}_2)_2]$  was synthesized by the dehydrogenation of  $\text{IrH}_2[\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{-2,6-(CH}_2\text{P-}t\text{Bu}_2)_2]$  using *tert*-butylethylene followed by the treatment with an excess of water. The isotopic labeling with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  indicates that the 16-electron hydrido hydroxo complex  $\text{IrH}(\text{OH})[\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{-2,6-(CH}_2\text{P-}t\text{Bu}_2)_2]$  was formed from the oxidative addition of water to the intermediate 14-electron complex  $\text{Ir}[\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{-2,6-(CH}_2\text{P-}t\text{Bu}_2)_2]$ . The single-crystal X-ray structure of  $\text{IrH}(\text{OH})[\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{-2,6-(CH}_2\text{P-}t\text{Bu}_2)_2]$  shows that the Ir center has a square-pyramidal coordination environment in which two phosphorus atoms are oriented *trans* to each other, as expected for the chelate PCP pincer ligand. The metalated carbon and the hydroxo ligand constitute another pair of basal ligands, whereas the hydrido ligand occupies the apical site. Moreover, the complex  $\text{IrH}(\text{OH})[\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{-2,6-(CH}_2\text{P-}t\text{Bu}_2)_2]$  is an efficient catalyst for the transfer dehydrogenation of cyclooctane to cyclooctene.<sup>172</sup>  $[(\text{IrCp}^*)_2\text{Cl}_4]$  reacts with aqueous NaOH or NaOH/moist  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  to give the corresponding dimeric cation  $[(\text{IrCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]^+$ .<sup>160–162</sup> This molecule has a structure analogous to that of the rhodium complex  $[(\text{RhCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]^+$ , which is composed of two  $(\text{Cp}^*)\text{Rh}$  units bridged by three hydroxo ligands<sup>160</sup> (see above and eq 21). The reaction of  $[(\text{IrCp}^*)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_3]^+$  with aqueous  $\text{HClO}_4$  or  $\text{HBF}_4$  and the pyridine-type bases (L) gave  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{IrL})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]^{2+}$  (M = Ir, L = py) in acetone.<sup>164</sup>

The reaction of Vaska's complex, *trans*- $[\text{Ir}(\text{CO})\text{Cl}(\text{PR}_3)_2]$  with NaOMe, followed by hydrolysis, gives rise to the Ir(I)

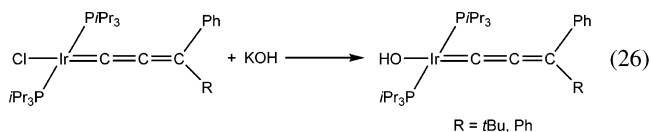
complexes *trans*- $[\text{Ir}(\text{CO})(\text{OH})(\text{PR}_3)_2]$ .<sup>173</sup> The complexes can undergo phosphine exchange reactions. *trans*- $[\text{Ir}(\text{CO})(\text{OH})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  can be oxidized to the Ir(III) sulfato complex  $[\text{Ir}(\text{CO})(\text{OH})(\text{SO}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  by the reaction with  $\text{SO}_2/\text{O}_2$ , in which the sulfato group acts as a bidentate ligand and the two phosphines are oriented *trans* to each other.<sup>174</sup> The  $[\text{Ir}(\text{CO})(\text{OH})(\text{SO}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  in turn reacts with CO to give the trigonal bipyramidal Ir(I) compound  $[\text{Ir}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2][\text{HSO}_4]$ ; the corresponding  $\text{P}(p\text{-tolyl})_3$  complexes react similarly.<sup>174</sup> The Ir(I) complex  $[\text{Ir}(\text{PMe}_3)_4][\text{PF}_6]$  undergoes oxidative addition with water to give *cis*- $[\text{IrH}(\text{OH})(\text{PMe}_3)_4][\text{PF}_6]$ .<sup>175</sup>

$[\text{Ir}(\text{OH})(\text{COD})_2]$  was synthesized in the reaction of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{Cl})(\text{COD})_2]$  with KOH in water and acetone, and was isolated as a yellow solid (COD = 1,5-cyclooctadiene) (eq 25). Reaction of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{OH})(\text{COD})_2]$  with chelating phosphine



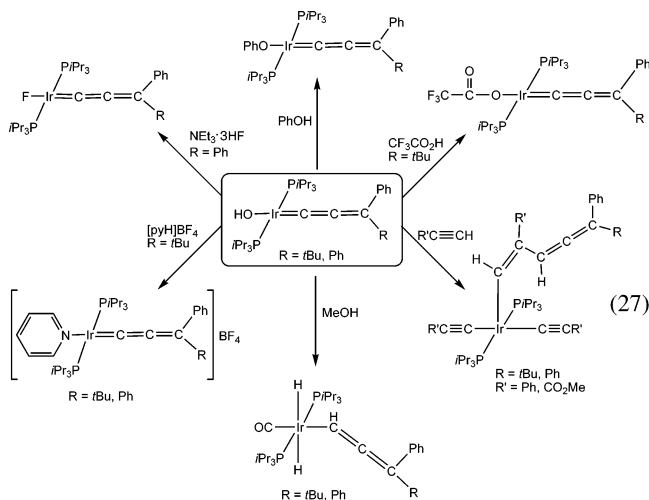
Cyttp (Cyttp =  $\text{PhP}[\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11})_2]_2$ ) leads to the substitution of COD and formation of the complex  $\text{Ir}(\text{OH})(\text{Cyttp})$  as a highly soluble compound that was isolated from hexane solution<sup>176</sup> (eq 25).  $[\text{Ir}(\text{OH})(\text{COD})_2]$  serves as a useful synthon in the preparation of several interesting iridium compounds; for example, treatment of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{OH})(\text{COD})_2]$  with aqueous HF affords  $[\text{Ir}(\text{F})(\text{COD})]_n$ , which was isolated as  $[\text{Ir}(\text{F})(\text{COD})\text{PPh}_3]$ .<sup>177</sup>

The (allenylidene)iridium(I) complexes *trans*- $[\text{IrOH}\{\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})\text{R}\}(i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2]$  (R = *t*Bu, Ph), prepared by salt metathesis of the corresponding chloro derivatives, *trans*- $[\text{IrCl}\{\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})\text{R}\}(i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2]$ , with KOH, have been shown to be versatile starting materials for OH/ligand substitution reactions<sup>178</sup> (eq 26). They undergo acid/base



reactions with PhOH,  $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ , and  $\text{NEt}_3\cdot 3\text{HF}$ , to give the corresponding *trans*- $[\text{IrX}\{\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})\text{R}\}(i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2]$  (X = PhO,  $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2$ , and F), while  $\text{pyH}[\text{BF}_4]$  afforded *trans*- $[\text{Ir}\{\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})t\text{Bu}\}\text{py}(i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2][\text{BF}_4]$ .<sup>178</sup> Reactions with methanol resulted in the complete fragmentation of the MeOH to give the carbonyl(dihydrido)iridium(III) compound  $[\text{IrH}_2(\text{CO})(i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2(\text{CH}=\text{C}=\text{CPhR})]$  in high yields (88–91%). The (hydroxo)vinyllidene complexes also react with the acetylenes,  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}'$  (R' = Ph,  $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ), to give novel alkyne insertion reactions leading to the formation of  $[\text{Ir}(i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2(\text{C}\equiv\text{CR}')_2(\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}')\text{CH}=\text{C}=\text{CPhR})]$ . The structure of the compound (R = R' = Ph) shows a square pyramidal geometry around the metal, with *trans*-disposed acetylenes and  $i\text{Pr}_3\text{P}$  ligands in the basal plane and the  $(\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{Ph})\text{CH}=\text{C}=\text{CPh}_2)$  in the axial position. The complex is coordinatively unsaturated and reacts with CO to give the octahedral (carbonyl)iridium(III) complex in 93% yield<sup>178</sup> (eq 27).

The hydroxy ligand can also play a spectator role, as seen in the phosphine ligand exchange reaction of *trans*- $\text{Ir}(\text{CO})(\text{P}(p\text{-tolyl})_3)_2\text{OH}$  with  $\text{PCy}_3$  ( $\text{PCy}_3 = \text{tricyclohexylphosphine}$ ) in benzene to produce *trans*- $\text{Ir}(\text{CO})(\text{PCy}_3)_2\text{OH}$ .<sup>173</sup> This



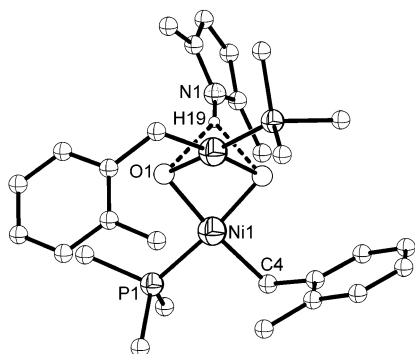
exchange reaction has been used to produce a number of Vaska-type complexes with different phosphines; it works best when the incoming phosphine ligand is more electron-rich than the leaving phosphine moiety.<sup>173</sup>

## 11. Group 10 Organo-hydroxides

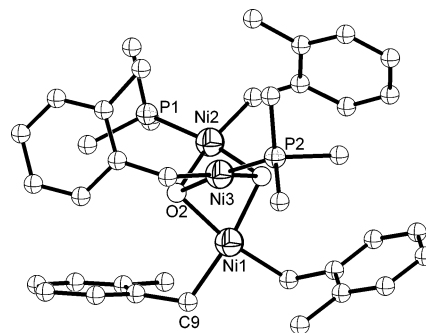
A large number of organometallic hydroxides have been reported for metals in this group. Many of the hydroxo complexes have been suggested as intermediates in catalytic reactions.<sup>3</sup>

### 11.1. Nickel

Because of their ease in forming bridged bonds, most of the (hydroxo)nickel compounds are multimetallic clusters. The complex  $[\text{NiMe}_2(\text{PMe}_3)_3]$  is a very versatile starting compound in that it reacts with  $\text{HX}$  molecules to give  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{X}$  substitution. Treatment with water produces the bridged complex  $[\text{NiMe}(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{OH})_2]$ .<sup>179</sup> Low temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR shows that the compound exists in solution as an equilibrium mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers. A number of other (hydroxo)nickel complexes of the type  $[\text{Ni}(\text{R})(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{OH})_2]$  ( $\text{R} = \text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3, \text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{Ph}, \text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$ ) have been reported from the reaction of  $\text{Ni}(\text{R})\text{Cl}(\text{PMe}_3)_2$  with  $\text{NaOH}$ .<sup>180</sup> Except where  $\text{R} = \text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$ , all show *cis/trans* equilibria. A very similar complex,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}o\text{-Me})(\text{PMe}_3)(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$ , synthesized by the reaction of  $\text{KOH}$  with  $[\text{Ni}(\eta^3\text{-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}o\text{-Me})(\text{Cl})(\text{PMe}_3)]$ , also showed only a *trans* isomer.<sup>181</sup> The structure of its 2,5-dimethylpyrrole adduct  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}o\text{-Me})(\text{PMe}_3)(\mu\text{-OH})_2]_2 \cdot \text{HNC}_4\text{H}_2\text{Me}_2$ , shown in Figure 19, demonstrates the basicity of the bridged hydroxides in their strong

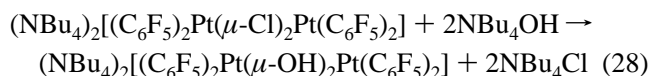
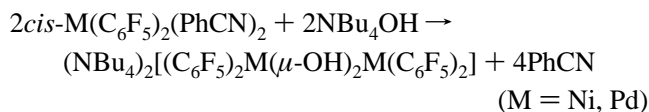


**Figure 19.** ORTEP drawing of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}o\text{-Me})(\text{PMe}_3)(\mu\text{-OH})_2]_2 \cdot 2,5\text{-HNC}_4\text{H}_2\text{Me}_2$ . Hydrogen atoms except on pyrrolic nitrogen are deleted for clarity.



**Figure 20.** ORTEP drawing of  $\text{Ni}_3(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}o\text{-Me})_4(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2$ . Hydrogen atoms are deleted for clarity.

hydrogen bonding interactions with the  $\text{N-H}$  bond of the dimethylpyrrole.<sup>180</sup> The donor properties of the bridging hydroxides are also seen in the structure of the trimetallic cluster  $[\text{Ni}_3(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}o\text{-Me})_4(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2]$ , given in Figure 20.<sup>181</sup> The structure consists of a  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}o\text{-Me})(\text{PMe}_3)(\text{OH})_2]$  dimer, with a  $\text{Ni}(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}o\text{-Me})_2$  moiety bridging the two  $\text{OH}$  ligands. A binuclear anionic complex of  $\text{Ni}$ ,  $(\text{NBu}_4)_2[(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Ni}(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{Ni}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2]$  has been prepared by the reaction of *cis*- $\text{Ni}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2(\text{PhCN})_2$  and  $\text{NBu}_4\text{OH}$ <sup>182</sup> (eq 28).



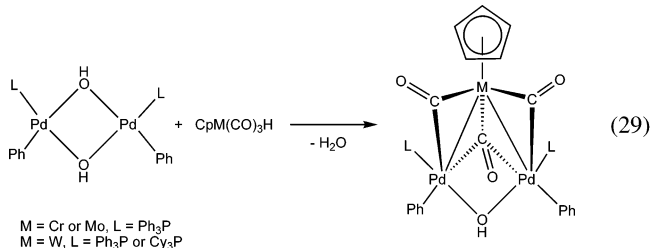
The bridging  $\text{OH}$  ligands are quite reactive and can be replaced by using weak acids  $\text{HL}$  [ $\text{L} = \text{pyrazolate}$  ( $\text{pz}$ ), 3-methylpyrazolate ( $\text{mpz}$ ), 3,5-dimethylpyrazolate ( $\text{dmpz}$ ), indazolate ( $\text{indz}$ ), or triazolate ( $\text{tz}$ )] to give the corresponding complexes  $(\text{NBu}_4)_2\{[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2]_2(\mu\text{-OH})(\mu\text{-L})\}$  and  $(\text{NBu}_4)_2\text{-}[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2(\mu\text{-L})_2]$  (except for  $\text{L} = \text{dmpz}$ ) for  $\text{Ni}/\text{HL}$  molar ratios of 1 and 2, respectively.<sup>183</sup>

### 11.2. Palladium

Palladium(II) hydroxides also exist mainly as dimers possessing hydroxide bridges. Dimers of the form  $[\text{PdLR}(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$  ( $\text{L} = \text{tertiary phosphine}$ ;  $\text{R} = \text{alkyl or aryl group}$ ) have been synthesized by the reaction of  $(\text{L})_2\text{PdCl}_2$ ,  $\text{KOH}$ , and the particular alkyl or aryl halide.<sup>184–186</sup> It was found that the presence of excess phosphine ( $i\text{Pr}_3\text{P}$ ,  $\text{Cy}_3\text{P}$ ) ( $\text{Cy} = \text{cyclohexyl}$ ) in a solution of  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{Ph})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$  ( $\text{L} = i\text{Pr}_3\text{P}$  or  $\text{Cy}_3\text{P}$ ) produced the corresponding monohydroxide  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}(\text{Ph})(\text{OH})]$ , indicating the establishment of an equilibrium involving the dimer, base, and monomer. The equilibrium for the reaction was studied using variable temperature  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectroscopy.<sup>187</sup> It was found that  $K_{\text{eq}}$  decreased in the order  $\text{Cy}_3\text{P} \sim i\text{Pr}_3\text{P} > \text{Ph}_3\text{P}$ , while the replacement of  $\text{Ph}$  with  $\text{Me}$  indicated no great change. These observations were consistent with the fact that, while both  $[(i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pd}(\text{Ph})(\text{OH})]$  and  $[(\text{Cy}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pd}(\text{Ph})(\text{OH})]$  could be isolated,  $[(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pd}(\text{Ph})(\text{OH})]$  could not be obtained. The  $\text{OH}$  ligands in the  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{R})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$  dimers can be replaced with other ligands to give the analogous  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{R})_2(\mu\text{-X})_2]$  complexes.<sup>184–186</sup> Such ligand exchanges were also found in the  $[\text{M}_2(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4(\mu\text{-OH})_2]^{2-}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Pd}, \text{Pt}$ ) dimers.<sup>188,189</sup> The

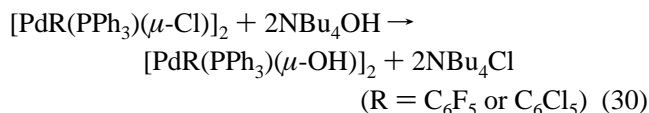


complexes  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{Ph})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$  ( $\text{L} = \text{Ph}_3\text{P}$ ,  $\text{Cy}_3\text{P}$ ) not only undergo ligand metathesis but also react with  $[\text{CpM}(\text{CO})_3\text{H}]$  ( $\text{M} = \text{W}$ ,  $\text{Mo}$ ,  $\text{Cr}$ ) to give the trimetallic clusters  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{Ph})_2(\mu\text{-OH})(\mu\text{-CO})_2(\mu_3\text{-CO})\text{MCp}]$  in high yields<sup>190</sup> (eq 29).



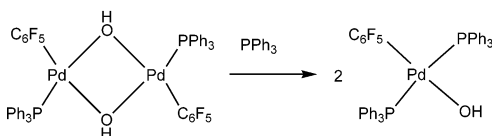
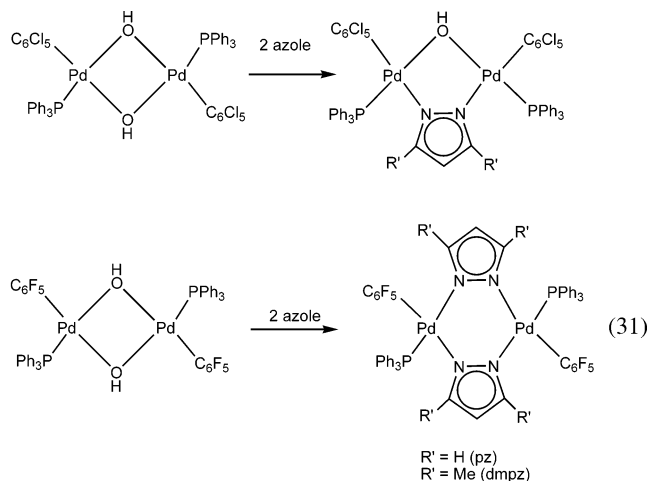
Dimeric palladium(II) hydroxo complexes are expected to play a role in the carbonylation reactions of aromatic halides catalyzed by  $[\text{L}_2\text{PdCl}_2]$  ( $\text{L} =$  tertiary phosphine).<sup>184,186</sup> In the presence of a base, the Pd(II) complex forms an initial (monohydroxo)palladium complex of the type  $[\text{L}_2\text{PdCl}(\text{OH})]$  which disproportionates to give phosphine oxide and a Pd(0) species  $[\text{LPd}]$ . The Pd(0) complex can then undergo oxidative addition with PhI to give  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{Ph})_2(\mu\text{-I})_2]$ , which further reacts with  $\text{OH}^-$  to give the dihydroxo complex  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{Ph})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$ . In the presence of CO,  $\text{OH}^-$ , and PhI, the  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{Ph})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$  enters into a cyclic process involving, sequentially,  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{COPh})_2(\mu\text{-I})_2]$  and  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pd}_2(\text{Ph})_2(\mu\text{-I})_2]$  with the production of  $\text{PhCOO}^-$ .<sup>186</sup> The palladium hydroxo-dimeric cation  $[(\text{DAB})\text{Pd}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]^{2+}$  ( $\text{DAB} = \text{ArN}=\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{NAr}$ ;  $\text{Ar} = 3,5\text{-di-}t\text{-butylphenyl}$  or  $3,5\text{-bis}(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{phenyl}$ ) was found to be a coproduct, along with biphenyl, in the stoichiometric activation of the benzene C–H bonds in the presence of  $\text{HBF}_4$  by the Pd(II) complexes of the type  $(\text{DAB})\text{PdMe}_2$  under 1 atm of  $\text{O}_2$ .<sup>191</sup>

The dinuclear anionic complex of palladium  $(\text{NBu}_4)_2\text{-}[(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pd}(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2]$  has been synthesized in a manner similar to that of the nickel derivative<sup>182</sup> (eq 28). In addition to this bridged binuclear anionic complex, neutral hydroxo complexes of the form  $[\text{PdR}(\text{PPh}_3)(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$  ( $\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{Cl}_5$ ) have been prepared and characterized.<sup>192</sup> Their syntheses were via metathesis reactions of the corresponding  $[\text{PdR}(\text{PPh}_3)(\mu\text{-Cl})_2]$  complexes with  $\text{NBu}_4\text{OH}$  (eq 30). Proton,

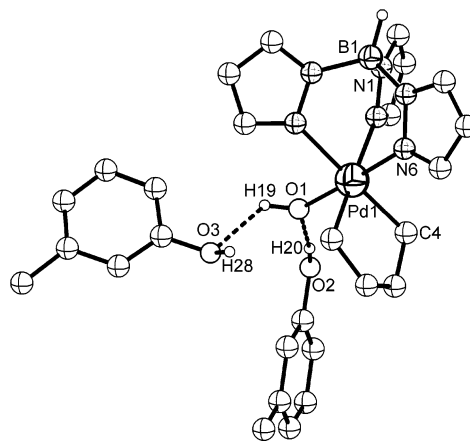


fluorine-19, and phosphorus-31 NMR studies in trichloromethane show that the hydroxo-bridged complexes assume a *trans* configuration across the  $\text{Pd}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2$  core.

The reaction of the hydroxo-bridged complexes with 2 equiv of pyrazole (Hpz) or 3,5-dimethylpyrazole (Hdmpz) produced either the disubstituted product  $[\text{Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)(\mu\text{-azolate})_2]$  or the monosubstituted one  $[\{\text{Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{Cl}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)\}_2(\mu\text{-OH})(\mu\text{-azolate})]$  (azolate = pz or dmpz), depending on the nature of the R group.<sup>192</sup> In the  $[\text{Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)(\mu\text{-azolate})_2]$  product, the  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5$  ligands are *trans* to one another, while, in  $[\{\text{Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{Cl}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)\}_2(\mu\text{-OH})(\mu\text{-azolate})]$ , the  $\text{C}_6\text{Cl}_5$  ligands occupy *cis* positions. It was also reported that the reaction of  $[\text{Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$  with excess  $\text{PPh}_3$  gave the mononuclear complex *trans*- $[\text{Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{OH})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ , while the corresponding pentachlorophenylhydroxo complexes did not react with  $\text{PPh}_3$ , even under forcing conditions (eq 31). The difference in the reactivities of both the mononuclear



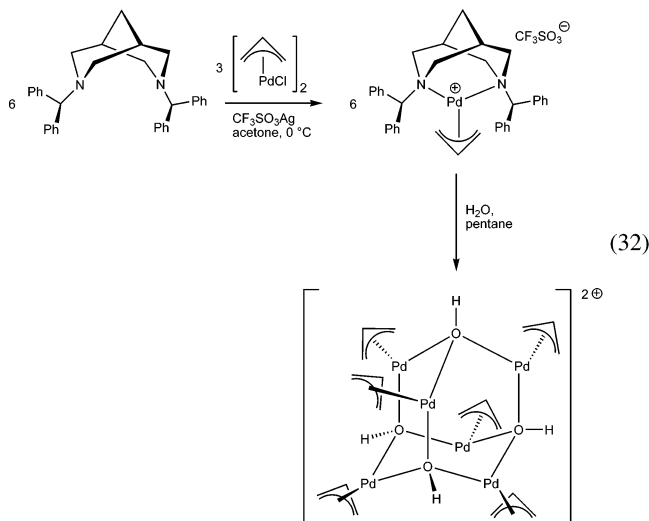
and the binuclear Pd complexes was rationalized to be a result of the increased steric requirements of the  $\text{C}_6\text{Cl}_5$  ligands, compared to the  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5$  ligands.<sup>192</sup> The oxidation of the pallada(II)cyclopentane reagent  $[\text{Pd}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8)\{(\text{pz})_3\text{BH}\}]^-$  ( $(\text{pz})_3\text{BH}^- =$  tris(pyrazol-1-yl)borate) by water or  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  produces the palladium(IV) complex  $[\text{Pd}(\text{OH})(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8)\{(\text{pz})_3\text{BH}\}]$ .<sup>193</sup> The structure of the compound, which could be isolated as  $[\text{Pd}(\text{OH})(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8)\{(\text{pz})_3\text{BH}\}] \cdot 2(3\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{OH})$ , given in Figure 21, showed the Pd atom to be at the center of a



**Figure 21.** ORTEP drawing of  $[\text{Pd}(\text{OH})(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8)\{(\text{pz})_3\text{BH}\}] \cdot 2(3\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{OH})$ . Hydrogen atoms except those involved in intramolecular contacts are deleted for clarity.

distorted octahedron with the metal-bound OH ligand hydrogen bonded to one  $\mu$ -cresol through its H and the other through its oxygen.<sup>194</sup> Protonation of  $[\text{Pd}(\text{OH})(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8)\{(\text{pz})_3\text{BH}\}]$  with pentafluorophenol ( $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{OH}$ ) gave  $[\text{Pd}(\text{OH}_2)(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8)\{(\text{pz})_3\text{BH}\} \cdot \text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{O}]_2$ , which has a similar octahedral geometry around the metal.<sup>194</sup>

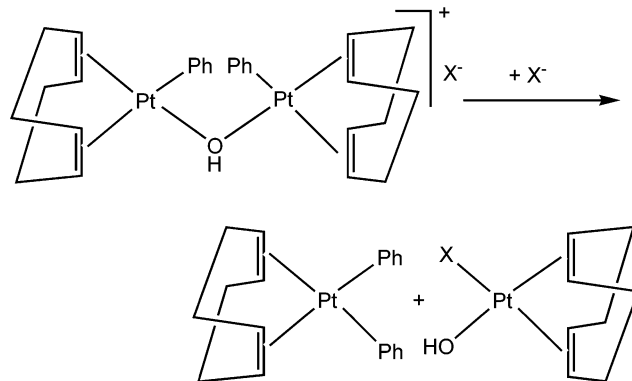
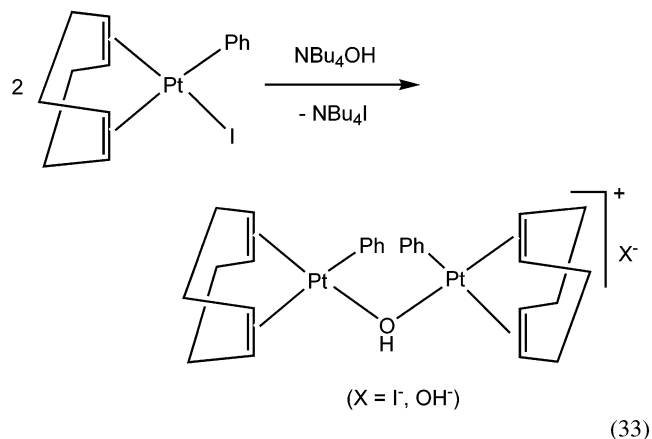
Gogoll and co-workers isolated an adamantanoid hexanuclear cluster  $[\{(1,3\text{-}\eta^3\text{-propenyl})\text{Pd}\}_6(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4](\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2$  in an attempt to synthesize a complex of the sterically hindered  $N,N'$ -bis(diphenylmethyl)-3,7-diazabicyclo[3,3,1]nonane with a ( $\pi$ -allyl)palladium species. X-ray structure analysis of  $[\{(1,3\text{-}\eta^3\text{-propenyl})\text{Pd}\}_6(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4](\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2$  exhibits that the cluster pairs bonded via two  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$  ions are linked into strands via two other  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$  ions<sup>195</sup> (eq 32).



### 11.3. Platinum

In contrast to the case of the lighter group 10 metals, there are a number of reports of monomeric Pt(II) and Pt(IV) hydroxide complexes. As with the Pd(II) complexes,  $[\text{PtR}_2\{\text{(pz)}_3\text{BH}\}]^-$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}$ , *p*-tolyl) can be oxidized by water to give the corresponding hydroxoplatinum(IV) complexes  $[\text{Pt}(\text{OH})\text{R}_2\{\text{(pz)}_3\text{BH}\}]$ .<sup>193,196,197</sup> Other Pt(II) complexes having tridentate ligands, such as tris(pyridin-2-yl)methanol and  $\text{py}_3\text{COH}$ , react similarly.<sup>197</sup> As expected, the metal exhibits a distorted octahedral geometry.<sup>193,196</sup> In the same way, the Pt(II) complexes  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{N}-\text{N})]$  ( $\text{N}-\text{N} = 2,2'$ -bipyridyl, 1,10-phenanthroline) react with alcohols, ROH ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}$ , Et, *i*Pr), to form  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{N}-\text{N})(\text{OR})(\text{OH}_2)]\text{OH}$  or with water to form a similar complex where OH replaces OR.<sup>198</sup> It is of interest that the Pt–OR bonds in these compounds are quite inert and do not undergo alcohol exchange or hydrolysis with either water or dilute perchloric acid.<sup>198</sup> Other platinum(II) hydroxo complexes such as methyl- and phenyl-bis(tertiaryphosphine)hydroxo derivatives of general composition  $\text{Pt}(\text{OH})\text{RL}_2$  have been synthesized by the reaction of KOH with cationic acetone complexes  $[\text{PtR}(\text{OCMe}_2)\text{L}_2]^+$  where the cationic complex was generated in situ ( $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$  and  $\text{L} = \text{PCy}_3$ , *P*-*t*Bu<sub>2</sub>Me, *P*-*i*BuMe<sub>2</sub>,  $\text{PEt}_3$ ,  $\text{PMePh}_2$ ,  $\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph}$ ;  $\text{R} = \text{Me}$  and  $\text{L} = \text{P-}i\text{Bu}_2\text{Me}$ , *P*-*i*Pr<sub>3</sub>). These complexes have been shown to catalyze the hydration of acetonitrile to acetamide at 80 °C. However, the efficiency was less than that of the trialkylphosphine platinum(0) complexes.<sup>11,199</sup> The monomeric hydroxo(methyl)platinum(II) complex  $\text{Pt}(\text{OH})(\text{Me})(\text{dppe})$  { $\text{dppe} = 1,2$ -bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane,  $\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2$ } was prepared by the reaction of the cation  $[\text{Pt}(\text{MeOH})(\text{Me})(\text{dppe})]^+$  with aqueous methanolic sodium hydroxide. Reaction with weak carbon acids, e.g. acetone and acetonitrile, leads to anion formation of the complexes and provides a convenient route to unsymmetrically substituted bis(alkyls) of platinum(II),  $\text{Pt}(\text{CH}_2\text{COMe})(\text{Me})(\text{dppe})$  and  $\text{Pt}(\text{CH}_2\text{CN})(\text{Me})(\text{dppe})$ . The  $^3\text{1P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of these complexes suggest the *trans* influence of  $\text{OH}^-$  and of  $\sigma$ -carbon donors. However, in this case, the generally high *trans* influence of  $\sigma$ -carbon donors is lowered due to the presence of conjugated electron-withdrawing groups on the ligating carbon atom.<sup>200</sup> The binuclear anionic complex of platinum  $(\text{NBu}_4)_2[(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-OH})_2\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2]$  has a composition similar to its Ni and Pd analogues but is synthesized in a different manner by the reaction of  $(\text{NBu}_4)_2[(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pt}(\text{Cl})_2\text{M}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2]$  and

$\text{NBu}_4\text{OH}$ <sup>182</sup> (eq 28). The reaction of  $\text{NBu}_4\text{OH}$  with  $\text{PtI}(\text{Ph})(\text{COD})$  formed a platinum diphenyl complex  $\text{Pt}(\text{Ph})_2(\text{COD})$  along with the complex  $\text{Pt}(\text{OH})(\text{X})(\text{COD})$ . The reaction involves the isolable dinuclear platinum intermediate  $[\{\text{Pt}(\text{Ph})(\text{COD})\}_2(\mu\text{-OH})]\text{X}$  ( $\text{COD} = 1,5$ -cyclooctadiene;  $\text{X} = \text{I}^-$ ,  $\text{OH}^-$ ) and proceeds through an intermolecular phenyl ligand transfer as shown in eq 33.<sup>201</sup> The complex  $[\{\text{Pt}(\text{Ph})$



$\text{COD})_2(\mu\text{-OH})]\text{BF}_4$  was prepared by an independent route using  $\text{AgBF}_4$ , water, and  $\text{PtI}(\text{Ph})(\text{COD})$ .<sup>201</sup>

Platinum(IV) hydroxo complexes having only monodentate ligands can similarly be obtained by the oxidative addition of ROH to *cis*- $\text{PtMe}_2\text{Py}_2$  to give  $[\text{PtMe}_2\text{Py}_2(\text{OR})(\text{OH})]$ .<sup>202</sup> The complexes *cis*- $\text{PtMe}_2\text{L}_2$  [ $\text{L}_2 = 2,2'$ -dipyridine or 1,10-phenanthroline] undergo an oxidative addition reaction with water or alcohols to form  $\text{PtMe}_2\text{L}_2(\text{OH})_2$ .<sup>198,202,203</sup> Oxidizing agents other than water can be used to form the Pt(IV)(OH) compounds. For example,  $(\text{TMEDA})\text{PtMe}_2$  ( $\text{TMEDA} = N,N,N',N'$ -tetramethylethylenediamine) reacts with dioxygen in methanol to give  $(\text{TMEDA})\text{PtMe}_2(\text{OMe})(\text{OH})$ .<sup>204</sup> The reaction is believed to occur in two steps: the first involves the addition of  $\text{O}_2$  and MeOH to give the hydroperoxoplatinum(IV) intermediate  $(\text{TMEDA})\text{PtMe}_2(\text{OOH})(\text{OMe})$ , which then reacts with another  $(\text{TMEDA})\text{PtMe}_2$  to give 2 equiv of  $(\text{TMEDA})\text{PtMe}_2(\text{OMe})(\text{OH})$ ; other  $\alpha$ -diimines react similarly.<sup>204</sup> The structures of both the intermediates and final products have been reported.<sup>204</sup> It has been demonstrated that the use of crown ethers as phase transfer catalyst assists in the formation of the complexes  $[\text{L}_2\text{Pt}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{OH})_2]$  ( $\text{L} = \text{PEt}_3$ ,  $\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph}$ , and  $\text{PEt}_2\text{Ph}$ ),  $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{OH})_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me}_4)_2(\text{PEt}_2\text{Ph})_2]$ , and  $[\text{Pt}(\text{OH})\text{Ph}(\text{dppe})]$  from the corresponding chloro complexes and KOH. Crown ethers have been the key reactant in this strategy, since crown ether/KOH reacts with Pt(II) complexes in benzene, whereas, in the presence of hydroxide, alcohols as solvents become strongly reducing and offer either Pt metal, Pt(0) complexes, or Pt(II) hydrides.<sup>205</sup>

Small-ring alkynes, cyclohexyne and cycloheptyne (ac), can be trapped in the stable zerovalent metal complexes  $M(ac)L_2$  [ $M = Pd, Pt; L_2 = 2PPh_3, Ph_2PCH_2CH_2PPh_2$  (dppe)], from which the alkynes are not readily displaced by other unsaturated ligands.<sup>12</sup> The cyclohexyne complex [Pt(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)(dppe)] reacts with H<sub>2</sub>O to give stable, monomeric hydroxo-platinum(II) complexes [Pt(OH)(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)(dppe)]. The complex is soluble in aromatic hydrocarbons, dichloromethane, and trichloromethane to give air stable solutions. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the hydroxo complex exhibits the expected doublet of vinyl resonance with <sup>195</sup>Pt satellites. However, the hydroxyl resonance could not be observed; the absence of this resonance was attributed to the masking by the methylene resonances. The hydroxo-metal formulation is supported by the observation that the complex catalyzes the hydration of nitriles to amides, a property that is exhibited by the known hydroxo complexes.<sup>13</sup>

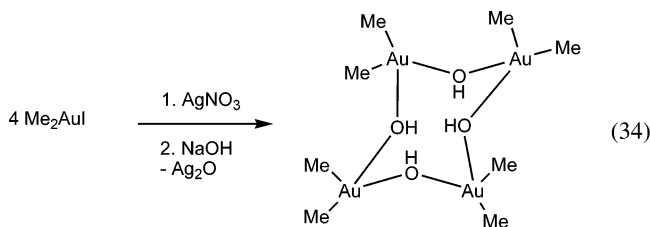
## 12. Group 11 Organo-hydroxides

### 12.1. Copper and Silver

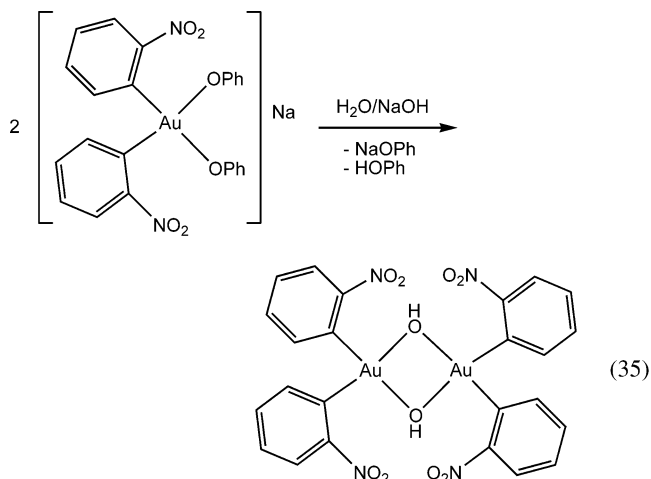
To our knowledge, there are no reports of structurally characterized organometallic hydroxides of copper or silver. One Cu hydroxide is reported, but structural characterization has not been done. Reaction of CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O with *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine (tmen) results in the formation of [Cu(tmen)Cl<sub>2</sub>]. The latter compound on dissolution in water yields [Cu(tmen)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>. Treatment of this diaquo Cu complex with 1 equiv of NaOH results in the formation of the copperaquo-hydroxo complex [Cu(tmen)(OH)(OH<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>+</sup>. Due to steric effects, *N*-methylation of ethylenediamine leads to the formation of a mono rather than bis complex of Cu(II). This copper hydroxo complex is useful in promoting hydrolysis of 2,4-dinitrophenyldiethylphosphate and *O*-isopropylmethylphosphonofluoridate.<sup>206</sup>

### 12.2. Gold

Only three hydroxides of gold are reported, di- $\mu$ -hydroxo-bis(1,2,3,4-tetraphenyl-1,3-butadien-1,4-diyl)digold(III), [ $\{PhC=C(Ph)C(Ph)=C(Ph)\}Au(\mu-OH)_2$ ]<sub>2</sub>,<sup>207</sup> and [Me<sub>2</sub>Au( $\mu$ -OH)]<sub>4</sub>.<sup>208,209</sup> The dimethylgold(III) hydroxide has been used to prepare aqueous solutions of Me<sub>2</sub>AuNO<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>AuClO<sub>4</sub>, and Na[Me<sub>2</sub>Au(OH)<sub>2</sub>].<sup>208</sup> The X-ray crystal structure of the dimethylgold(III) hydroxide shows that it exists in the solid state as gold tetramers consisting of eight-membered rings with the local geometry around each Au being a square planar one in which the methyl groups are *cis* to one another; in solution the tetramer is stereochemically rigid<sup>209</sup> (eq 34).



Treatment of Na[Au(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>-2)<sub>2</sub>(OPh)<sub>2</sub>] in acetone with NaOH yielded [Au(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>-2)<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -OH)]<sub>2</sub> (eq 35). The X-ray crystal structure of the ether adduct of this molecule shows that it is a centrosymmetric dimer with two hydroxy groups bridging two Au(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>-2) moieties. The bridging OH



groups are also involved in the hydrogen bonding with ether molecules.<sup>210</sup>

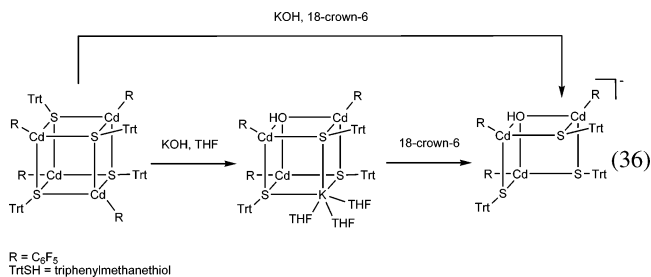
## 13. Group 12 Organo-hydroxides

### 13.1. Zinc

Several non-organometallic hydroxides of Zn are known. Most of these are supported by the N-donor ligands.<sup>211–215</sup> The only known organozinc hydroxide is [(Me<sub>2</sub>PhSi)<sub>3</sub>CZnOH]<sub>2</sub>, which was synthesized by the reaction of (Me<sub>2</sub>PhSi)<sub>3</sub>CZnCl with NaOH in THF; its structure shows that each Zn is coordinated to two bridging OH's and a (Me<sub>2</sub>PhSi)<sub>3</sub>C<sup>-</sup> group.<sup>216</sup> It was speculated that the large steric bulk of the (Me<sub>2</sub>PhSi)<sub>3</sub>C prevented its protonation by the OH protons and the compound is stable even in moist air.

### 13.2. Cadmium

Bis(pentafluorophenyl)cadmium(II) was found to react in toluene containing small amounts of water to give (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CdOH. The solid-state structure showed it to crystallize as a tetramer with a cubane-like structure with the cadmium and oxygen atoms occupying alternate edges of the cube.<sup>217</sup> The Cd–O distances lie within the range 2.209–2.285 Å. Starting from Cd(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and treatment with TrtSH generates the complex [Cd(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)(STrt)]<sub>4</sub>·1.5toluene (TrtSH = triphenylmethanethiol). This complex exhibits the characteristic reactivity of a ligand deficient complex toward potential ligands and can easily be degraded by reaction with an appropriate amount of hydroxide to the hydroxo complex [Cd(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)(STrt)]<sub>3</sub>( $\mu_3$ -OH)]K(THF)<sub>3</sub>, as shown in eq 36. In



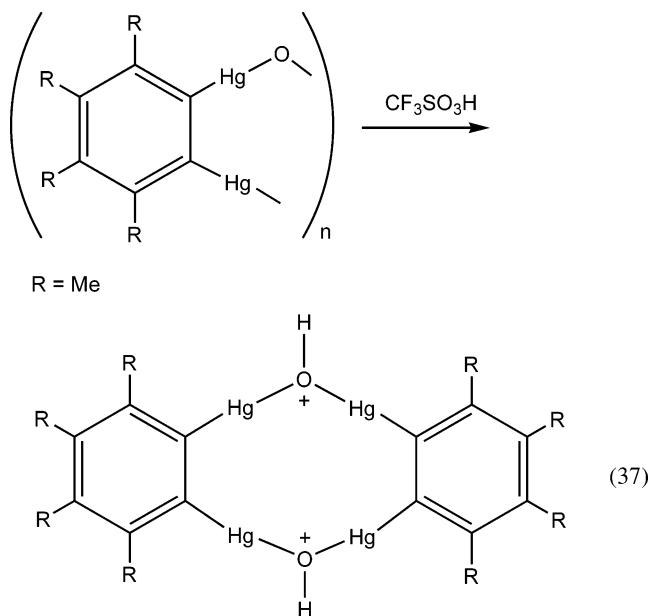
the presence of 18-crown-6, the compound [K(18-crown-6)(THF)<sub>2</sub>][{Cd(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)(STrt)}<sub>3</sub>( $\mu_3$ -OH)]·THF was isolated, which is a cyclic trimer of the [Cd(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)(STrt)] unit stabilized by a ( $\mu_3$ -OH) ligand.<sup>218</sup>

Slow diffusion of acetonitrile solutions of  $(\text{NBu}_4)_2[\text{Pt}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})_4]$  and  $\text{Cd}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  under aerobic conditions produced an unusual decanuclear platinum/cadmium cluster  $[\text{Pt}_4\text{Cd}_6(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})_4(\mu\text{-C}\equiv\text{CPh})_{12}(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4]$ . This cluster is composed of a hexanuclear cation  $[\text{Cd}_6(\mu_3\text{-OH})_4]^{8+}$  and four  $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})_4]^{2-}$  anions held together by  $\text{Pt}\cdots\text{Cd}$  and  $\pi\cdots\text{Cd}$  acetylide interactions.<sup>219</sup>

### 13.3. Mercury

The simplest organometallic hydroxides of mercury are  $\text{MeHgOH}$  and  $\text{PhHgOH}$ . The former undergoes a ready loss of water to produce  $(\text{MeHg})_2\text{O}$  and  $[(\text{MeHg})_3\text{O}](\text{OH})$ .<sup>220</sup>  $\text{PhHgOH}$  when reacted with strong acids easily affords  $[(\text{PhHg})_2\text{OH}]^+$ . The X-ray structure of the  $\text{BF}_4^-$  salt  $[(\text{PhHg})_2\text{OH}][\text{BF}_4]$  shows that the cation has an  $\text{Hg}-\text{O}-\text{Hg}$  angle of  $126^\circ$ .<sup>220</sup>

Mercuration of acetaldehyde with mercuric nitrate containing an excess of nitric acid leads to the formation of  $[(\text{OH})\text{Hg}_2(\text{NO}_3\text{Hg})\text{CCHO}]\text{NO}_3$ . The solid-state structure of this molecule consists of a dimercurated oxonium cation  $[(\text{OH})\text{Hg}_2(\text{NO}_3\text{Hg})\text{CCHO}]_n^{n+}$  in the form of an infinite helical chain.<sup>221</sup> The  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$  salt of hydroxo $[\mu\text{-}(3,4,5,6\text{-tetramethyl-1,2-phenylene})]$  dimercury was obtained by the treatment of the corresponding oxo derivative with  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ , in which the 1,2-phenylenedimercury units are bridged by hydroxyl groups. This  $\mu$ -hydroxide defines an approximately planar symmetric ten-membered  $\text{C}_4\text{Hg}_4\text{O}_2$  ring,<sup>222</sup> as shown in eq 37.



The first monomeric organomercury hydroxide  $4\text{-Me}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{HgOH}$  was obtained in a metathesis reaction of  $4\text{-Me}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{HgOAc}$  and  $\text{NaOH}$ . The molecule is essentially planar with a linear coordinated Hg atom, and surprisingly, it has no intermolecular H-bonding contacts between the  $-\text{OH}$  group and either of the acceptor sites ( $\text{Me}_2\text{N}$  or the oxygen atom).<sup>223</sup>

### 14. Future Scope

There is only a limited number of reports on organometallic hydroxides in the literature, and many of these are older references. A review of the synthetic routes to these compounds reveals that many were not the main target but

were formed accidentally due to the traces of moisture in the reaction system. Despite the adventitious nature of such syntheses, many of the compounds have interesting polynuclear structures. Because of the tendency of the OH ligand to act as a bridging group, a majority of the organometallic hydroxides are dimeric, although trimers, tetramers, and higher order aggregates are known (*vide supra*). Many of the monomeric hydroxides are stabilized by bulky ligands that prevent further reaction or conglomeration.

Since the  $\text{M}-\text{O}$  bonds with metals in low oxidation states are not particularly strong and are labile because of the soft acid/hard base interactions, organometallic hydroxides can react with electrophilic organic substrates. They can form strong hydrogen bonds with organic acceptors and, hence, increase the basicity of the compounds. The presence of electron pairs on the OH group gives them additional capabilities in terms of interacting with molecules and weak acids, and these interactions can result in lowering activation barriers for bimolecular reactions.

As many of these organometallic hydroxides are soluble in organic solvents, they may find application as catalysts in biphasic catalysis. Even though most of them are not soluble in water, they could induce catalytic reactions in water and find application in green catalysis due to their hydrogen bonding capabilities. However, these types of studies have not yet been properly exploited. Thus, the future studies on the hydroxo complexes should be concentrated on using the systems for generating hetero-bimetallic compounds and on understanding the role they could play in a wide range of catalytic processes, due to their cooperative properties of the different metal atoms.

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