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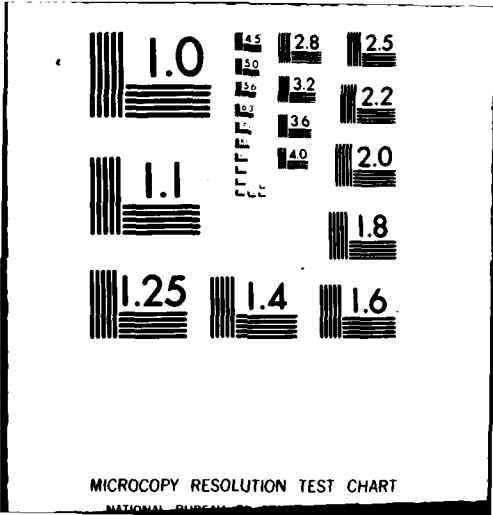
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Carbon Dioxide Activation; Formation of trans-(Ph₃P)₂Rh(CO)(OCO₂H) in
the Reaction of CO₂ with HRh(CO)(PPh₃)₃/CO.

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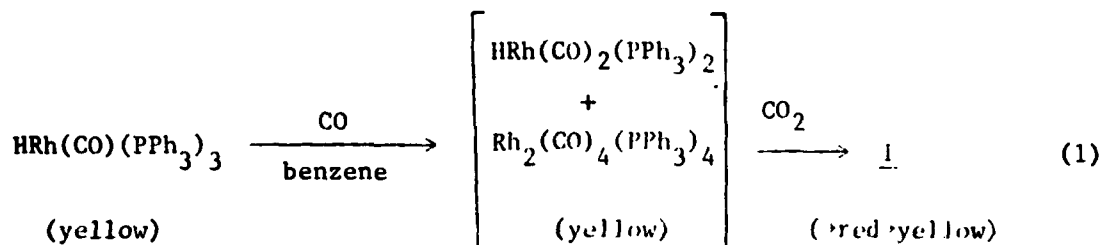
Summary. The intermediate produced from the interaction of HRh(CO)-
(PPh₃)₃ with CO reacts with carbon dioxide to yield a novel bicarbonate
complex, trans-(PPh₃)₂Rh(CO)(OCO₂H)(I), whose structure has been
established X-ray crystallographically; I undergoes reversible loss of
CO₂.

The search for alternative fuels and chemical feedstocks has stimulated
considerable interest in the activation of carbon oxides by transition
metals. While there exists a long-standing and rich chemistry of
coordinated carbon monoxide, the coordination chemistry
of carbon dioxide is largely unknown.¹ We report herein a novel
bicarbonate complex, (Ph₃P)₂Rh(CO)(OCO₂H)(I), produced via a previously
unrecognized pathway from the reaction of CO₂ with HRh(CO)(PPh₃)₃/CO.

When a yellow benzene solution of HRh(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂ and Rh₂(CO)₄(PPh₃)₄
(formed by pretreatment of HRh(CO)(PPh₃)₃ with CO²) was stirred for
ca. 36 hr under an atmosphere of pure CO₂ at 5°C, the solution slowly

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turned red then yellow again with formation of a yellow precipitate of I (70% yield, eq. 1).



Compound I had the composition $\text{Rh(PPh}_3)_2\text{C}_2\text{HO}_4$, produced CO and CO_2 (ca. 1:1) upon pyrolysis, and exhibited the following spectroscopic properties:

IR(KBr): 1970(s), 1600(m), 1500(m), 1350(m); NMR(CD_2Cl_2 , δ): 7.25(bm).

The structure of I was established by an X-ray study³ of single crystals grown at -10° from CO_2 -saturated CH_2Cl_2 .

Crystal data: (I) $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_4\text{P}_2\text{Rh} \cdot 2 \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$, $M = 886.4$
 triclinic, space group $\bar{P}1$, $a = 12.702(2)$, $b = 14.736(2)$, $c = 11.582(2)\text{\AA}$,
 $\alpha = 99.46(1)$, $\beta = 107.56(1)$, $\gamma = 98.258(1)^\circ$, $V = 1995.2 \text{\AA}^3$. All
 X-ray measurements were carried out on a Syntex P2₁ autodiffractometer
 (MoK α radiation, graphite monochromator), where the crystal was
 maintained at -100°C in a dry N_2 stream. The unit cell contains two
 molecules of CH_2Cl_2 of solvation. Using 6473 reflections with $\frac{I_o}{I_b} > 3.0\sigma_{I_o}$,
 the structure was solved by conventional heavy-atom methods and refined
 to final R and wR values of 0.040 and 0.043, respectively. Refinement
 included treatment of phenyl rings as rigid groups, but independent
 refinement of all other parameters, including those of the solvent
 hydrogen atoms.[†]

[†] Atomic coordinates for this work are available on request from the Director of the Cambridge Crystallographic Centre, University Chemical Laboratory, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB11EW. Any request should be accompanied by the full literature citation for this communication.

The molecular structure (Figure) consists of a square planar arrangement of trans-triphenylphosphines, CO, and bicarbonate ligands about Rh; the five atoms Rh, P1, P2, C1, O2 are coplanar to within 0.01Å. The bicarbonate plane, (also $\pm 0.01\text{\AA}$) makes an angle of 85.2° with the metal coordination plane compared with 73° in (bicarbonate)-methyl-trans-bis(triethylphosphine)palladium(II).⁴ Pairs of molecules are hydrogen bonded through the bicarbonate ligands across crystallographic inversion centers, in a manner similar to the afore-mentioned Pd(II) complex, except that in I the C-O distances (Figure) are significantly different, the bicarbonate hydrogen being attached to the oxygen with the longest C-O bond.[‡]

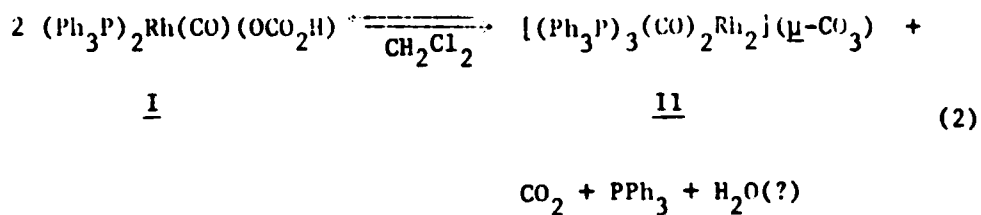
Regarding the mechanism leading to I, especially the origin of the bicarbonate ligand, the major pathway leading to I apparently does not involve adventitious moisture as demonstrated by the following observations: 1) neither intentional addition of H₂O to the reaction medium nor scrupulous drying of all materials and glassware had any significant effect on the yield or rate of formation of I; 2) starting with DRh(CO)(PPh₃)₃ (ca. 66 atom %), product I was obtained, substantially deuterium-enriched (ca. 33 atom %, calculated from H₂O/D₂O ratio produced on pyrolysis).[§] These results are consistent with a mechanism

[‡] The formation of (Ph₃P)₂Rh(CO)(OCO₂H) from (Ph₃P)₂Rh(CO)OH and CO₂ has been mentioned in two earlier reports. The IR spectrum of our authentic I is identical to the compound prepared by Otsuka and Ibers,⁵ but at variance with Vaska's product,⁶ the formulation of which has been questioned.⁵

[§] No D/H exchange was observed between DRh(CO)(PPh₃)₃ and H₂O in benzene at 20° over a few hours.

involving initial rhodium-promoted reductive disproportionation of CO_2 ^{7,8} followed by H-transfer from Rh to O of coordinated carbonate (Scheme I). Our preliminary attempts to isolate the red suspected precursor to I (possibly a hydrido- CO_2 or hydrido-carbonate species) have resulted in rapid conversion, even in the solid state, to I.

While solutions of I in CO_2 -saturated CH_2Cl_2 are stable at 0° for several hours, under an atmosphere of argon I is rapidly converted with loss of CO_2 , PPh_3 and $\text{H}_2\text{O}(?)$ to a new material II (IR: 1970(s), 1502(s), 1190(m) cm^{-1} ; $\text{Ph}_3\text{P/Rh}$ ca. 1.5). Interestingly, pyrolysis of II still produced CO_2 (1 CO_2 /2 Rh/3 PPh_3) and II was reconverted to I in the presence of CO_2 , PPh_3 , and H_2O (eq. 2). Based on these results we tentatively formulate II as a binuclear carbonate complex, $(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})\text{-Rh}(\mu\text{-CO}_3)\text{Rh}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)$.^{§§}



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§§ A similar decomposition mode has been postulated for the corresponding $(\text{R}_3\text{P})_2\text{Rh}(\text{CO})\text{OCO}_2\text{H}$ complexes (R = cyclohexyl, i-propyl).⁵ The related perphosphinated derivative, $\text{Rh}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_5(\mu\text{-CO}_3)$, is known⁶ (ν_{CO_3} 1485, 1465 cm^{-1}).

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Scheme I

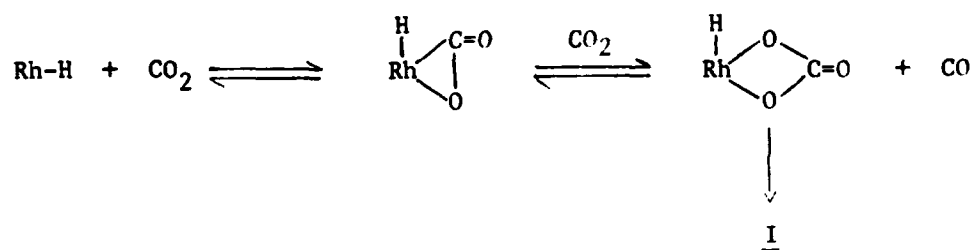


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A view of the structure of I. Principal bond lengths (\AA): Rh-C1 = 1.798(4), Rh-P1 = 2.333(1), Rh-P2 = 2.332(1), Rh-O2 = 2.075(2), O2-C2 = 1.283(4), C2-O3 = 1.243(4), C2-O4 = 1.336(4). Principal bond angles ($^{\circ}$): C1-Rh-P1 = 89.1(1), C1-Rh-P2 = 91.8(1), O2-Rh-P1 = 90.4(1), O2-Rh-P2 = 88.7(1), Rh-O2-C2 = 118.6(2), O2-C2-O3 = 124.8(3), O2-C2-O4 = 113.2(3), O3-C2-O4 = 122.0(3).

