Reactions of Cyclic Osmacarbyne with Coinage Metal Complexes

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ABSTRACT: The reactions of the five-membered cyclic osmacarbyne complex, i.e., osmapentalyne, with a complete set of coinage metal (Cu, Ag, and Au) complexes have been investigated. Osmapentalyne 1 reacts with CuCl or AuCl(PPh3) via its metal–carbon triple bond, leading to the formation of osmapentalyne-copper(I) chloride adduct 2 or osmapentalyne-gold(I)-triphenylphosphine adduct 3, respectively. Moreover, it can react with AgOTf in the presence of 1,10-phenanthroline to give osmapentalyne-silver(I)-phenanthroline adduct 4. All the compounds have been characterized by X-ray diffraction analysis. The formation of these bimetallic adducts can be regarded as the “alkyne-like” interaction of an osmium–carbon triple bond with the coinage metal center. The interaction is weak and these adducts can readily dissociate to regenerate precursor osmapentalyne 1 in essentially quantitative yield with the assistance of PPh3 or chloride ligands.

INTRODUCTION

Metal carbyne (or alkylidyne) complexes constitute an important class of organometallic complexes, which have attracted considerable attention because of their interesting reactivity and application in catalysis. The metal–carbon triple bond possesses “alkyne-like” character which can react with some metal complexes, generating the dimetallacyclopentene derivatives or polymeric metal complexes with bridging carbynes. The formation of the M–M and M–C bonds in these reactions offer valuable information to understand the principles of catalytic reactions, especially for the multimetallic catalysis. Various metal carbyne complexes, e.g., chromium, molybdenum, tungsten, cobalt, manganese, rhenium, and osmium carbynes, with a second metal complex have been investigated in the literature. However, most of them are the acyclic metal carbynes, the related chemistry of cyclic metal carbyne complexes has scarcely been reported.

Recently, we synthesized a type of five-membered cyclic osmium carbyne complexes, i.e., osmapentalynes. The carbyne carbon bond angles in the osmapentalynes are around 130°, which are much smaller than those of the acyclic metal carbynes. Such distortion makes a considerable large ring strain. Thus, the metal–carbon triple bond in osmapentalynes exhibits unique performances. For instance, it shows ambiphilic reactivity toward both nucleophiles and electrophiles, it performs cycloadditions with various alkenes. The fascinating structural features and properties of the cyclic osmacarbynes motivate us to explore their interactions with metal complexes. Herein, we report the reactions of an osmapentalyne with a complete set of coinage metal (Cu, Ag, and Au) complexes. A series of bimetallic adducts involving the interaction of the osmium–carbon triple bond with the coinage metal center have been obtained. Interestingly, the coinage metals can be efficiently relieved from the adducts to reproduce the osmapentalyne, reflecting the weak interaction between the two parts.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We initially investigated the reaction of osmapentalyne 1 with CuCl. As shown in Scheme 1, when the mixture of 1 and excess CuCl was stirred at room temperature for 5 min in dichloromethane, complex 2 was formed. It could be isolated as a yellow solid in 96% yield by flash column chromatography. Complex 2 was characterized by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, and elemental analysis.

In the $^1$H NMR, the signals of the two hydrogens from the metallacyclic skeleton in 2 were observed at 8.2 (C3H) and 8.8 (C5H) ppm, respectively, which were located in the typical region of metallaaromatics. In the $^{13}$C NMR spectrum, the characteristic low field signal at 293.6 ppm was attributed to C1 (Table 1), which was upshifted in comparison with that of complex 1 (325.8 ppm) but downshifted compared with those of previously reported osmapentalenes (210.0–250.5 ppm). It suggested that two major resonance forms 2A and 2B.
Molecular structure of Complexes 1–4

Table 1. Selected NMR Spectroscopic Data for the Complexes 1–4

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The NMR spectroscopic data of Complexes 1–4 was further confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. As shown in Scheme 2, complex 1 can also react with AuCl(PPh3) to regenerate osmapentalyne.

NH4PF6 was stirred at room temperature for 2 d, complex 3 could be afforded as a yellow solid in 84% yield. The 31P{1H} NMR resonances of the osmapentalyne 2A (1.872 Å) is within the range of typical Cu–C(aryl) bond lengths (1.849–2.020 Å), indicating a dimetallacyclopropene form (2B) that can not be neglected. The Cu1 is also coordinated by two Cl atoms. The distance of Cu1–Cl3 (2.145 Å) is significantly shorter than that of Cu1–Cl1 (2.411 Å) indicating the Os–C–Cu bond distance Os1–C1 (1.872 Å) increases by only 0.022 Å on coordination of CuCl2, indicating the π-back bonding is weak in complex 2, and the resonance form 2A is dominant. The Os–C triple bond coordinated to the Cu atom with the Os1–Cu1 and Cu1–C1 distances being 2.5400(9) and 1.913(6) Å, respectively. In particular, the Cu1–C1 distance (1.913(6) Å) is within the range of typical Cu–C(aryl) bond lengths (1.849–2.020 Å), indicating a dimetallacyclopropene form (2B) that can not be neglected. The Cu1 is also coordinated by two Cl atoms. The distance of Cu1–Cl3 (2.145 Å) is significantly shorter than that of Cu1–Cl1 (2.411 Å) indicating the Os–C–Cu bond distance Os1–C1 (1.872 Å) increases by only 0.022 Å on coordination of CuCl2, indicating the π-back bonding is weak in complex 2, and the resonance form 2A is dominant. The Os–C triple bond coordinated to the Cu atom with the Os1–Cu1 and Cu1–C1 distances being 2.5400(9) and 1.913(6) Å, respectively. In particular, the Cu1–C1 distance (1.913(6) Å) is within the range of typical Cu–C(aryl) bond lengths (1.849–2.020 Å), indicating a dimetallacyclopropene form (2B) that can not be neglected. The Cu1 is also coordinated by two Cl atoms. The distance of Cu1–Cl3 (2.145 Å) is significantly shorter than that of Cu1–Cl1 (2.411 Å) indicating the Os–C–Cu bond distance Os1–C1 (1.872 Å) increases by only 0.022 Å on coordination of CuCl2, indicating the π-back bonding is weak in complex 2, and the resonance form 2A is dominant. The Os–C triple bond coordinated to the Cu atom with the Os1–Cu1 and Cu1–C1 distances being 2.5400(9) and 1.913(6) Å, respectively. In particular, the Cu1–C1 distance...
NMR spectrum showed the AuPPh₃ signal at 45.8 ppm, the signals of CPPh₃ at 8.4 ppm and the signal of OsPPh₃ at −24.2 ppm. In the ³¹C NMR spectrum, the resonance of C1 (304.6 ppm) was upshifted in comparison with that of 1 (325.8 ppm, Table 1) but downshifted than the reported osmapentalenes¹³a (210.0–250.5 ppm), indicating the contribution of resonance forms 3A and 3B.

The structure of 3 was further confirmed by X-ray diffraction (Figure 2). The eight atoms of the osmapentalyne ring (Os1, C1–C7) remain coplanar with the mean deviation from the least-squares plane of 0.0291 Å. The Au atom locates out of the osmapentalyne plane slightly, with the dihedral angle of the dimetallacyclopropene plane and the osmapentalyne plane of 16.8°. The Os1–C1 bond length of 3 is slightly stretched (0.025 Å) in comparison with that of 1 (Table 2), suggesting the osmium carbyne character retains and the resonance structure 3A is dominant. The Os1–Au1 distances is 2.8549(4) Å. The Au1–C1 bond length (2.072(7) Å) locates in the range of typical Au–C(aryl) bond lengths (1.871–2.225 Å),¹⁷ indicating the contribution of resonance structure 3B. Due to the steric effect of PPh₃ ligand on the Au center, the bond angle of Au1–Os1–C1 (72.85(5)°) is much larger than the Cu1–Os1–C11 angle of complex 2 (57.64(5)°). Consistently, the Au1 and C11 distance is 3.146 Å, which is far away to be considered as a bond. This is different from copper adduct 2 in which the C11 bridged the Os1 and Cu1 atoms with the Cu1–C11 being 2.411(2) Å. The interaction between Au and osmapentalyne unit is weak and can be easily eliminated by Cl ligand. Osmapentalyne 1 could be regenerated in 96% yield within half an hour when 3 was treated with (n-Bu)₄NCl (Scheme 2).

The π-bonding of cationic gold moiety, such as cationic gold phosphine ([Au(PR₃)]⁺), with various unsaturated ligands, including alkene, alkyne, diene, allene, and enol ether, have been reported in the literature.²⁰ These species aroused a wide interest owing to the potential relevance to the intermediates in the gold-catalyzed functionalization of C–C multiple bonds.²¹ However, cationic gold phosphine ([Au(PR₃)]⁺) moiety binding with the “alkyne-like” metal carbyne unit is relatively limited.²² A structurally defined example related to complex 3 is the [Au(PPh₃)]⁺–tungsten–carbyne adduct reported by Stone and coauthors.²²a By comparison, the length of the metal–carbon bond in the case of tungsten–carbyne increases by 0.06 Å through the coordination to the Au center,²²a which is longer than that in complex 3 (0.025 Å).

We further investigated the reactions of 1 and silver salt. When 1 was treated with AgOTf, a main product with the signals observed at 6.9 and −17.5 ppm can be identified by in situ ³¹P NMR. Attempts of isolation were failed due to its high instability. Fortunately, when the reaction of osmapentalyne 1 with AgOTf were carried in the presence of 1,10-phenanthroline, a stable osmapentalyne-silver(I)-phenanthroline adduct 4 could be isolated in a yield of 81%. Complex 4 was characterized by NMR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The ³¹P NMR showed the chemical shifts of CPPh₃, and OsPPh₃ at 8.3 and −22.5 ppm, respectively. In ¹³C NMR, the signal of carbyne carbon atom was observed at 307.9 ppm, which was upshifted in comparison with that of complex 1 (325.8 ppm, Table 1) but downshifted compared with those of osmapentalenes¹³a (210.0–250.5 ppm). The structure of 4 could be also presented by the two major resonance forms, 4A and 4B.

The X-ray single-crystal diffraction experiment has been carried out to clarify the structure of 4. As shown in Figure 3, the overall structure of complex 4 is similar to that of 3. The osmium center of 4 adopts a distorted pentagonal bipyramidal geometry. The metalla bicycle is basically coplanar, as reflected by the small mean deviation from the least-squares plane of 0.0226 Å. The Ag atom is located slightly out of the osmapentalyne plane, with the dihedral angle of the dimetallacyclopropene plane and the osmapentalyne plane of 20.8°. The Ag atom is further chelated by a phenanthroline ligand which is tend to vertically located toward the osmapentalyne unit. The dihedral angle of the osmapentalyne plane and the phenanthroline is 86.1°.

The Os1–C1 bond length of 4 (1.854(4) Å) was almost identical to that of 1 (1.850(6) Å), suggesting the weak interaction between the Ag fragment and the osmacarbyne unit (Table 2). Roper and co-authors reported the reaction of an acyclic osmacarbene Os(≡CR)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ (R = p-tolyl) with AgCl.¹⁰ The Os–C bond length increased by 0.07 Å on coordination of AgCl, which is more significant than that in complex 4. The Os1–Ag1 bond length of 4 is 2.8722(4) Å, which is longer than that of the acyclic osmacarbene–AgCl adduct (2.799(1) Å). The Ag1–C1 distances of 4 (2.144(4) Å) is within the range of typical Ag–C(aryl) bond lengths (1.897–2.167 Å),¹⁷ indicating the contribution of resonance structure 4B.

Osmapentalyne 1 could be easily regenerated from complex 4 by the cleavage of the cationic silver moiety in the presence of (n-Bu)₄NCl (Scheme 3). By contrast, the acyclic osmacarbene–AgCl adduct could dissociate the AgCl moiety in the presence of HClO₄, however, leading to an osmacarbene complex through the simultaneous protonation of the carbyne unit.¹⁰

As a distinct class of aromatics, metallaaromatics can undergo characteristic reactions of aromatics.¹⁶ For example,
metallabenzenes can react with other metal complexes as \( \eta^6 \) ligands.\(^{15}\) Our previous work showed the aromaticity of these cyclic osmacarbyne complex species.\(^{12} \) In this case, complex 1 coordinated to coinage metal salts via the osmacarbyne unit rather than the aromatic rings. We inferred that the large ring strains associated with extreme distortion of the osmacarbyne unit results in the highly reactivity of Os–C rather than the aromatic rings. We inferred that the large ring strains associated with extreme distortion of the osmacarbyne unit results in the highly reactivity of Os–C rather than the aromatic rings.

To better understand the interaction between coinage metal salts and osmacarbyne unit, we performed density functional theory (DFT) calculations\(^{24} \) on complexes 1–4. The Wiberg bond indices (WBI)\(^{25} \) of the bonds around the osmium center and coinage metal centers are provided in Figure 4. The WBI of Os–C carbyne bonds in complexes 2 (1.48), 3 (1.37), and 4 (1.54) are smaller than that of complex 1 (1.75), which may be attribute to the coordination with the coinage metal salts. The calculated WBI of the coinage metals with osmacarbyne units are 0.38 (Cu–C), 0.23 (Os–Cu), 0.40 (Au–C), 0.21 (Os–Au), 0.22 (Ag–C), and 0.17 (Os–Ag), which are consistent with the expected trend in resonance forms 2A, 3A, and 4A. In addition, the WBI calculated for the \( \mu_2 \)-Cl bridge in 2 are 0.64 (Os–Cl1) and 0.26 (Cu–Cl1). Nevertheless, the interactions of Au–Cl1 (0.09) in 3 and Ag–Cl1 (0.10) in 4 are negligible. These data are in good agreement with the experimental observed bond distances.

The solid-state thermal stabilities of these bimetallic complexes have been performed in air by heating for 3 h. As shown in Table 3, copper and gold adducts 2 and 3 exhibit higher thermal stabilities than the parent osmapentalyne 1. Silver adduct 4 is more liable to decompose than 1. This is probably due to the silver complex is well-known for its susceptibility to oxidation. It is interesting that although the interaction between CuCl or [Au(PPh\(_3\)]\(^+ \) and osmapentalyne are weak, the thermal stabilities of the corresponding Cu/Au adducts are significantly enhanced. The metal salt moieties provide effective protection to the osmapentalyne, which suppress the activity of the osmium carbyne unit. In addition, the metals can be efficiently relieved from the adducts to reproduce osmapentalyne 1.

In this regards, the facilely interconversion process can be viewed as the protection–deprotection reactions of osmacarbyne unit, which is promising for its future application.

### CONCLUSION

In summary, reactions of a cyclic osmacarbyne with the complete set of coinage metal complexes have been investigated. A series of novel bimetallic complexes with osmapentalyne unit are obtained. The cyclic osmacarbyne-coinage metal adducts can be represented by two major resonance structures, a \( \pi \)-coordinated form and a dimetalloyclopropene form, with the former providing more contribution. The interaction between cyclic osmacarbyne with coinage metal is weak, which can be readily dissociated to regenerate the original cyclic osmacarbyne in the presence of ligands. This work demonstrates the first systematic investigation of cyclic metal carbyne complexes with coinage metal complexes. It may promote new understanding of the chemistry of metal carbyne complexes, encouraging further efforts to realize their applications such as in catalytic transformations.

### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Methods.** All syntheses were performed under an inert atmosphere (N\(_2\)) using standard Schlenk techniques, unless otherwise stated. Reagents were used as received from commercial sources without further purification. Starting material 1 was synthesized according to a previously published procedure.\(^{15} \) Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopic experiments were performed on a Bruker Advance III 400 spectrometer (\( ^1\)H, 400.1 MHz; \( ^{13}\)C, 100.6 MHz; \( ^{31}\)P, 162.0 MHz) or a Bruker Advance III 500 spectrometer (\( ^1\)H, 500.2 MHz; \( ^{13}\)C, 125.8 MHz; \( ^{31}\)P, 202.5 MHz) or a Bruker Ascend III 600 spectrometer (\( ^1\)H, 600.1 MHz; \( ^{13}\)C, 150.9 MHz; \( ^{31}\)P, 242.9 MHz) at room temperature. The \( ^1\)H and \( ^{13}\)C NMR chemical shifts (\( \delta \)) are relative to tetramethylsilane, and the \( ^{31}\)P NMR chemical shifts are relative to 85% H\(_3\)PO\(_4\). The absolute values of the coupling constants are given in hertz (Hz). Multiplicities are abbreviated as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), multiplet (m), quartet (q), quintet (quint) and broad (br).

Elemental analysis data were obtained on an Elementar Analysensysteme GmbH Vario EL III instrument.

### Table 3. Thermal Decomposition Data of Complexes 1–4 in the Solid State*\(^{a} \)

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*aAll reactions were performed for 3 h in air. \( \bullet \) = stable; \( \bullet \) = partly decomposed; \( \Box \) = completely decomposed.

**Scheme 3. Reaction of Osmapentalyne 1 with AgOTf and 1,10-Phenanthroline**

**Figure 4. Wiberg bond indices of the bonds around the osmium center and coinage metal centers.**

![Scheme 3](image-url)

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Preparation of Complex 2. A mixture of 1 (200 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cuprous chloride (198 mg, 2.00 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 5 min to give a brown solution. The excess cuprous chloride was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated to ca. 2 mL, the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 200–300 mesh, eluent: dichloromethane/acetonitrile = 10:1) to afford 2 as a yellow solid. Yield: 209 mg, 96%. 1H NMR (400.1 MHz, CD2Cl2): δ = 8.8 (s, 1H, CH2), 8.2 (s, 1H, CH, 7.7–7.1 (3H, other aromatic protons), 3.7 and 3.6 ppm (s, 6H, C9 and C11). 31P NMR (162.0 MHz, CD2Cl2): δ = 304.6 (ddd, J = 20.6 Hz, 22.9 Hz, 3.8 Hz, C4), 303.8 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H, protons of 1,10-phenanthroline), 8.0 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H, protons of 1,10-phenanthroline), 8.4 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, protons of 1,10-phenanthroline), 8.0 (s, 1H, CH2), 7.9–7.2 (34H, other aromatic protons), 3.7 and 3.6 ppm (s, 6H, C9 and C11). Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C65H53AuCl2F6O4OsP4: C 48.97, H 3.62, N 2.20. Found: C 49.32, H 3.02. Preparation of Complex 4. A mixture of 1 (200 mg, 0.20 mmol), AgOTf (102 mg, 0.40 mmol), and 1,10-phenanthroline monohydrate (360 mg, 2.00 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 h to give a brown solution. The excess AgOTf was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum to approximately 2 mL. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 200–300 mesh, eluent: dichloromethane/acetonitrile = 1:1) to afford 4 as a yellow solid. Yield: 231 mg, 81%. 1H NMR (600.1 MHz, CD2Cl2): δ = 8.9 (s, 1H, C2H), 8.5 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, protons of 1,10-phenanthroline), 8.4 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, protons of 1,10-phenanthroline), 8.0 (s, 1H, CH2), 7.9–7.2 (34H, other aromatic protons), 3.7 and 3.6 ppm (s, 6H, C9 and C11). 31P NMR (125.8 MHz, CD2Cl2, plus 13C DEPT-135, 1H–13C HSQC and 1H–13C HMBC): δ = 304.6 (dd, J = 63.9 Hz, J = 20.6 Hz, J = 11.1 Hz, CH), 220.2 (br, C7), 184.5 (dd, J = 22.9 Hz, J = 3.8 Hz, C4), 175.8 and 161.6 (s, C8 and C10, confirmed by 1H–13C HMBC), 160.3 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, CH), 154.2 (s, C5), 153.3 (s, C6), 137.4 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, C2, confirmed by 1H–13C HMBC), 135.2–117.0 (other aromatic carbons), 51.7 and 51.3 ppm (s, C9 and C11). Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C65H53AuCl2F6O4OsP4: C 48.97, H 3.62, N 2.20. Found: C 49.32, H 3.02. Preparation of Complex 3. A mixture of 1 (200 mg, 0.20 mmol), AuCl(PPh3)3 (495 mg, 1.00 mmol), and ammonium hexafluorophosphate (326 mg, 2.00 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 days to give a brown solution. The excess ammonium hexafluorophosphate was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum to approximately 2 mL. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 200–300 mesh, eluent: dichloromethane/acetonitrile = 10:1) to afford 3 as a yellow solid. Yield: 268 mg, 84%. 1H NMR (500.2 MHz, CD2Cl2): δ = 8.8 (s, 1H, CH2), 7.9 (s, 1H, CH), 7.7–7.0 (45H, other aromatic protons) 3.7 and 3.6 ppm (s, 6H, C9 and C11). 31P NMR (202.5 MHz, CD2Cl2): δ = 45.8 (s, AuPPh3), 8.4 (s, CPh3), –24.2 (s, OsPPh3), –144.4 ppm (quint, J = 710.9 Hz, Fe2), 0.13C NMR (125.8 MHz, CD2Cl2, plus 13C DEPT-135, 1H–13C HSQC and 1H–13C HMBC): δ = 304.6 (dd, J = 63.9 Hz, J = 20.6 Hz, J = 11.1 Hz, CH), 220.2 (br, C7), 184.5 (dd, J = 22.9 Hz, J = 3.8 Hz, C4), 175.8 and 161.6 (s, C8 and C10, confirmed by 1H–13C HMBC), 160.3 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, CH), 154.2 (s, C5), 153.3 (s, C6), 137.4 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, C2, confirmed by 1H–13C HMBC), 135.2–117.0 (other aromatic carbons), 51.7 and 51.3 ppm (s, C9 and C11). Element analysis calcd (%) for C62H49AuCl6F6O7S: C 48.97, H 3.62, N 2.20. Found: C 49.32, H 3.02. Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif. Preparation of Complex 1. A mixture of 1 (100 mg, 0.06 mmol) and tetra-n-butylammonium chloride (25 mg, 0.09 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h to give a brown solution. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum to approximately 2 mL. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 200–300 mesh, eluent: dichloromethane/acetonitrile = 1:1) to afford 1 as a yellow solid. Yield: 83 mg, 93%. A mixture of 3 (100 mg, 0.06 mmol) and tetra-
200–300 mesh, eluent: dichloromethane/acetone = 5:1) to afford 1 as a yellow solid. Yield: 57 mg, 96%. (c) A mixture of 4 (100 mg, 0.07 mmol) and tetra-n-butylammonium chloride (30 mg, 0.11 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h to give a brown solution. The solid was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum to approximately 2 mL and washed with Et₂O (3 × 20 mL) to afford a yellow solid. The solid of the mixture was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 200–300 mesh, eluent: dichloromethane/acetone = 5:1) to give complex 1 as a yellow solid. Yield: 64 mg, 92%.

Crystallographic Analysis. A crystal of 2 suitable for X-ray diffraction was grown from a 1,2-dichloroethane solution layered with hexane. A crystal suitable for X-ray diffraction of 3 was grown from a dichloromethane/methanol solution layered with hexane. A crystal of 4 suitable for X-ray diffraction was grown from a dichloromethane solution layered with hexane. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on an Oxford Gemini S Ultra CCD Area Detector (2), a Rigaku R-AXIS SPIDER IP CCD area detector (3) or an Agilent SuperNova diffractometer (4) with graphite-monochromated Mo Kα radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). All the data were corrected for absorption effects using a multiscan technique. All the structures were solved by the Patterson function, completed by subsequent difference Fourier map calculations, and refined by a full-matrix least-squares method on F² using the SHELXTL program package. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically unless otherwise stated. The hydrogen atoms were placed at their idealized positions and assumed the riding model unless otherwise stated. The methanol (CH₃OH) solvent and H₂O molecule in 3 was refined without the addition of H atoms. X-ray crystal structure information is available at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) under deposition numbers CCDC 1834299 (2), CCDC 1834301 (3), and CCDC 1834303 (4). For details on the crystal data, data collection, and refinements, see Table 4.

Density Functional Theory (DFT) Calculations. All structures were optimized at the B3LYP level of DFT.24 Additionally, frequency calculations were also performed to identify all the stationary points as minima (zero imaginary frequency). In the B3LYP calculations, the model unless otherwise stated. The methanol (CH₃OH) solvent and H₂O molecule in 3 was refined without the addition of H atoms. X-ray crystal structure information is available at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) under deposition numbers CCDC 1834299 (2), CCDC 1834301 (3), and CCDC 1834303 (4). For details on the crystal data, data collection, and refinements, see Table 4.

Accession Codes
CCDC 1834299, 1834301, and 1834303 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request cif, or by emailing data_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk, or by contacting The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223 336033.

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(22) Selected references in which the \([\text{Au(PR}_3)]^+\)−metal carbyne adducts were characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction:


