diphenylacetylene, or isobutylene did not significantly affect either the room-temperature 'H or ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of 3 or the thermolysis reaction to form the C-C cleaved product 2.

Although the intriguing potential intermediate L₄Ru=O could be involved in some of these transformations, we believe it is more likely that the reactions are initiated by attack of electrophile at the nucleophilic oxygen of the metallacycle, followed by elimination of olefin (a process analogous to that observed in electrophile-catalyzed dehydration of tertiary alcohols).¹⁴ Additional mechanistic studies on these unusual C-O and C-C cleavage reactions are in progress to test this hypothesis, as is further exploration of the chemistry of metallacycle 3.

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Syntheses of a σ,π -Bidentate Bicyclo[3.2.1]octene Complex of Manganese via Carbene–Dienyl Coupling and of a Novel η^2 . Arene Species

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The syntheses, reactions, and study of transition-metal carbene complexes containing olefin and/or polyene ligands have attracted much interest in recent years,¹ particularly in their relevance to olefin metathesis catalysis,² cyclopropanation reactions,³ and the Ziegler-Natta polymerization of olefins.⁴ In contrast, the synthesis of dienyl or trienyl complexes containing carbene ligands has not been reported, due in part to a lack of suitable acylmetallate precursors.

In our laboratory we are attempting to develop new synthetic strategies that involve intramolecular acyl- and/or carbenepolyene coupling in dienyl-acyl and dienyl-carbene complexes. It is hoped that this approach will prove of synthetic use in both the stereoselective functionalization of polyenes and the construction of bicyclic rings.

Herein we describe the formation of a novel bidentate bicyclic ligand that appparently results from a coupling between a carbene ligand and the C(1) and C(5) carbons of a cycloheptadienyl ring. The product is a bicyclo[3.2.1] oct-2-ene complex (3) in which the Scheme I



organic moiety is both σ -bound to the metal and π -bound through an arene substituent at C(8). More interestingly, the reaction of this new complex with triphenylphosphine results in the formation of an $(\eta^3$ -allyl)Mn(CO)₂(PPh₃) derivative which contains a highly distorted transition-metal- η^2 -arene interaction. This latter crystallographically characterized complex shows the arene ligand as principally η^1 -bonded to the metal with a Mn-C distance of 2.445 (10) Å

Reaction of $[Mn(CO)_3(\eta^5-C_7H_9)]$ (1)⁵ with 1 equiv of PhLi in diethyl ether gives the highly air and moisture sensitive orange crystalline salt $[Mn(CO)_2(C|O|Ph)(\eta^5-C_7H_9)][Li(Et_2O)_2]$ (2) (Scheme I), which has been spectroscopically characterized.⁶ Reaction of 2 with TMSCI [TMS = $Si(CH_3)_3$] in diethyl ether at room temperature does not give the expected carbene complex but the new orange species (3) (Scheme I).

Complex 3 can be isolated in 84% yield (based on 1) as a moderately stable orange solid and was fully characterized by elemental analysis and ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{13}C$, ${}^{1}H{}^{-1}H$ (2D COSY), and ${}^{1}H{}^{-13}C$ (2D COSY) NMR and IR spectroscopy.⁶ It appears to derive from the coupling of a "transient" carbene ligand with the terminal dienyl carbon atoms of the C7 ring concomitant with migration of the metal to the phenyl group of the original acyl ligand. The formation of an η^6 -arene complex was confirmed by the absence of any aromatic protons in the ¹H NMR spectrum of 3 and the presence of signals between δ 4.90 and 6.20 typical of π -bound arenes.^{1c} As shown in Scheme I, the metal remains σ -bonded to the original C₇ ring at C(4), making the new ligand a σ,π -bidentate bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-ene⁷ moiety.

The coupling of dienes with "transient" carbene ligands on iron has been reported by Chen and co-workers,¹ and in the reaction of $[(\eta^4 - \text{cycloocta-1}, 5 - \text{diene})(\text{CO})_2 \text{FeC}[O]\text{Ph}]^-$ with TMSCl, complete migration of iron to the phenyl group was observed without any residual σ -bonding to the original eight-membered ring.^{1c} The formation of 3 differs in that it gives a bidentate ligand and most likely proceeds via sequential alkyl-carbene and alkyl-olefin migratory insertions, assuming the dienyl ligand is represented as a diene-alkyl species. A similar mechanism is proposed in ref 1c for the formation of the iron complex mentioned above.

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Figure 1. Molecular structure and labeling scheme for 4. Distances (Å): Mn-P, 2.266 (3); Mn-C(5), 2.265 (11); Mn-C(6), 2.081 (11); Mn-C(7), 2.214 (11); Mn-C(11), 2.445 (10); Mn-C(12), 2.567 (10). Angles (deg): C(1)-Mn-C(2), 105.5 (5); C(1)-Mn-P, 85.5 (4); C(2)-Mn-P, 83.8 (4); P-Mn-C(11), 167.3 (3); C(1)-Mn-C(11), 104.4 (5); C(2)-Mn-C(11), 85.9 (4); C(5)-C(6)-C(7), 118.2 (9).

Complex 3 is an unusual analogue of other arene-alkyl manganese complexes prepared by both the Brookhart⁸ and Sweigart⁹ groups, in which the former showed that alkyl migration to the endo face of the arene could be induced by addition of PPh₃.⁸ We have therefore reacted 3 with PPh₃ in an attempt to promote coupling of the metal σ -bonded carbon C(4) and the phenyl substituent. However, a more unusual reaction forming a highly distorted η^2 -arene complex occurred. Thus, addition of 1-2 equiv of PPh₃ to 3 in CH₂Cl₂ results in the formation of 4 containing an $(\eta^3$ -allyl)Mn(CO)₂(PPh₃) fragment η^2 -bonded to the phenyl ring, eq 1.



Complex 4 was isolated in 40% yield (based on 3) as analytically pure deep red microcrystals. Its structure was confirmed by ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{13}C$, and ${}^{31}P$ NMR and IR spectroscopy,⁶ as well as by an X-ray diffraction study.¹⁰ An ORTEP drawing of **4** is shown in Figure 1 and shows a pseudooctahedral structure about manganese with the phosphine and η^2 -phenyl ligand trans to one another. The Mn-C(11) distance of 2.445 (10) Å is clearly a bond, albeit weak, and the long Mn-C(12) distance of 2.567 (10) Å suggests that both C(11) and C(12) are involved in a highly distorted η^2 -arene-metal interaction. The Mn···C(16) distance is 3.250 (11) Å. The distortion in the η^2 -ligand is such that it appears almost η^{i} -bonded to manganese; however, a twist of the phenyl ring about the C(3)-C(11) axis and a tilt of the bicyclic ligand brings C(12) close to the metal.¹¹

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Complex 4 is stable as a solid, but in solution, a small amount of 3 and free PPh₃ are also observed, indicating a delicate balance between η^2 - and η^6 -arene ligation. Noteworthy is that the NMR data for 4 suggest no arene bonding to Mn (e.g., no ^{31}P coupling to the arene carbons and only four arene ^{13}C NMR resonances), which may be due to a rapid complexation/decomplexation of the arene double bond in solution. Surprisingly, addition of excess PPh₃ to 3 does not form a $Mn(CO)_2(PPh_3)_2$ derivative with complete arene dissociation, presumably due to steric factors, and may explain the stability of the novel structure 4.

The formation of 3 demonstrates a potentially viable approach to the construction of bicyclic ring systems via the intramolecular coupling of two unsaturated ligands at a metal center. In addition, the reaction of 3 with PPh₃ indicates that facile decomplexation of the organic moiety should be possible via treatment with added ligands followed by protonation of the remaining M-C σ -bond. Further studies on 3 and 4 involving the functionalization of the bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-ene ring and other dienyl-carbene complexes are in progress.

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Uranium(VI) Organoimido Complexes

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Complexes containing multiply bonded alkylidene, alkylidyne, imido, nitrido, and oxo ligands, and selected combinations thereof, are part of the tapestry of tungsten(VI) chemistry. There are numerous examples of such complexes, many of which were discovered within the past decade, and the interest in these high-energy systems stems, in large measure, from their ability to effect transformations of unsaturated organic and inorganic substrates.² The multiply bonded oxo group is well-known in discrete high-valent complexes of the next group 6 element, uranium, but nearly always in the form of the linear uranyl ion, $UO_2^{2+.3}$ Aside from uranyl complexes, the only reported molecular coordination compounds of U(VI) are UF₆, UCl₆, and the binary alkoxides, U(OR)₆.^{3,4} Uranium(VI) compounds containing

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