The Synthesis and Structure of $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3$ -Pentadienyl)(μ -alkanethiolato)pentacarbonyldiiron (Fe-Fe) Complexes. An Unusual Bonding Mode for the Pentadienyl Group

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Abstract: The reaction of 5-bromopenta-1,3-diene with $[Et_3NH][(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]$ (R = t-Bu, Et, Ph) complexes gave products of type $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCH_2)(\mu - RS)Fe_2(CO)_5$ as well as the respective $(\mu - RS)_2Fe_2(CO)_6$. Similar reactions with 1-bromohexa-2,4-diene resulted in formation of $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCHCH_3)(\mu - RS)Fe_2(CO)_5$, which suggests that the reaction of the $[(\mu - CO)(\mu - RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]^-$ anions with the halides is an $S_N 2'$ process. The structure of $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCH_2)(\mu - PhS)Fe_2(CO)_5$ has been determined by X-ray diffraction. This compound crystallizes in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$ (no. 2) with a = 9.763 (6) Å, b = 11.132 (4) Å, c = 9.346 (4) Å, $\alpha = 111.71$ (3)°, $\beta = 111.57$ (4)°, $\gamma = 92.03$ (5)°, V = 860.2 (8) Å, and Z = 2. Refinement has converged at R = 0.035 and $R_w = 0.040$ on the basis of 217 parameters varied and 1799 unique observations.

Introduction

The pentadienyl ligand is known to coordinate to transition metal atoms in a number of ways. The most common pentadienyl complexes are those in which this ligand is bonded to the metal in an η^5 or η^3 fashion. Examples of neutral complexes in which the former type of bonding is operative include compounds 1,¹ 2a,² and 2b.³ Compounds 3,⁴ 4,⁵ 5,⁵ and 6^6 are examples of the η^3 bonding mode. One compound which provides an example of



the rare η^1 bonding mode, 7, undergoes isomerization upon UV irradiation to η^5 and η^3 complexes (eq 1).⁷ Compounds 1 and



2 are representatives of a large class of η^5 -pentadienyl complexes in which the ligand has the "U" geometry. The "S" geometry also is possible, and 8⁸ and 9⁹ are examples. The pentadienyl group







reaction of σ,π -allylheptacarbonyldiiron (Fe-Fe) with simple acetylenes gives products in which the substituted pentadienyl

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ligand is bonded to the iron atoms in η^1 , η^2 , and η^3 fashion, 11 (eq 2).¹¹ A related bonding mode of a 1,5-dimethylpentadienyl ligand was found in the cluster complexes $(\mu$ -1,5-Me₂C₅H₅)(μ -



H)(μ_4 -S)Ru₅(CO)₁₂ and (μ -1,5-Me₂C₅H₅)(μ -H)(μ_4 -S)Ru₆(CO)₁₅ in which the organic ligand was bonded to two adjacent Ru atoms in an η^2 , η^3 manner, **12**.¹² A hexacarbonyldiiron complex has been



reported¹³ in which the pentadienyl ligand is bonded as shown in 13: the central carbon atom is a bridging carbene carbon, while the other four carbon atoms are olefinic and n^2 -bonded to the two



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iron atoms. The pentadienyl ligand also may be of the η^1, η^2 type, as in 14¹⁴ and of the η^1, η^4 type, as in 15.¹⁵ Related to 11 in that



the pentadienyl is at the same time η^1 , η^2 , and η^3 bonded to metal atoms is complex 16 (eq 3).¹⁶ Finally, among these exotica, there is complex 17.¹⁷



During the last eight years we have been investigating the rich chemistry of the $[(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]^-$ anions.¹⁸ In earlier studies we found that they reacted with allyl chloride to give

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 σ,π -allyl complexes.^{18a} We wrote these (incorrectly) as **15**; the correct description is that shown as **18a,b**. In view of this finding, it was of interest to establish how the pentadienyl ligand, intro-



duced by reaction of the $[(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]^-$ anions with 5-bromo-1,3-pentadiene, would be bonded to the $Fe_2(CO)_6$ unit. In any case, the pentadienyl ligand would have to be a three-electron donor, and one likely possibility seemed to be 19.



Results and Discussion

The reaction of the triethylammonium salts of the [(μ -CO)- $(\mu$ -RS)Fe₂(CO)₆]⁻ anions (R = t-Bu, Et, Ph) (prepared by addition of triethylamine to $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ and the respective thiol in THF at room temperature^{18a}) with 5-bromopenta-1,3-diene, CH2=CHCH=CHCH2Br, occurred during 1-1.5 h at room temperature. A color change from dark brown-red to red was noted, and a white solid ([Et₃NH]Br) precipitated. In each reaction two products were formed: the pentadienyl product, $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2) = CHCHCHCH_2)(\mu - RS)Fe_2(CO)_5, 20a (R = t-Bu),$ **b** (R = Et), and **c** (R = Ph), and the respective $(\mu$ -RS)₂Fe₂(CO)₆ complex, 21/22 (Table I). The latter is an often encountered byproduct of reactions of the $[(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]^-$ anions and usually is formed as a mixture of the a,e and e,e isomers (21 and 22, respectively). In the present reactions such isomer mixtures also were formed, and the yield of 21/22 was greater than usually observed.



Elemental analysis and mass spectrometry established that a product of type $(C_5H_7)(\mu$ -RS)Fe₂(CO)₅ had been formed. The fact that the product had an $Fe_2(CO)_5$ framework (rather than the usual $Fe_2(CO)_6$ indicated that the pentadienyl ligand was functioning as a five-electron donor, i.e., that both C=C bonds were involved in bonding to the two iron atoms. An unambiguous structure determination was provided by a single crystal X-ray diffraction study of 20c (R = Ph). An ORTEP plot of the molecule is shown in Figure 1, an inspection of which shows the pentadienvl group to be bonded to the Fe₂(CO)₅ unit by η^2 (π -olefinic) and η^3 (π -allyl) type bonding (as in compounds of type 12), i.e., the ligand is solely π -bonded to the Fe₂(CO)₅ unit. Hence in the complexes 20 we have another example of an unusual mode of bonding of the pentadienyl group. In contrast to the formation of the ruthenium cluster complexes that contain a μ - η^2 , η^3 -pentadienyl ligand, the present synthesis is straightforward and proceeds in high yield. It should be more generally applicable to the preparation of pentadienyl-metal complexes.

A closer inspection of Figure 1 and the bond distances is of interest. C(7) and C(8) are the olefinic carbon atoms which are coordinated to Fe(2) in an η^2 manner. The remaining carbon atoms of the C₅H₇ ligand comprise the allylic moiety which is

Table I.	Yields of	$(\mu$ -RS),	Fe ₂ (CO) ₆ ,	21/22 and	
$(u-n^2 n^3-6)$	Сн.⇒Сн	ICHCH	H.)(u-RS	$E_{e_1}(CO)$	20







Figure 1. ORTEP plot of $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCH_2)(\mu - PhS)Fe_2$ (CO)₅, 20. Important bond distances (Å) and angles are as follows: Fe(1)-Fe(2), 2.780 (2); Fe(1)-C(9), 2.088 (6); Fe(1)-C(10), 2.046 (6); Fe(1)-C(11), 2.128 (7); Fe(2)-C(7), 2.132 (6); Fe(2)-C(8), 2.281 (6); C(7)-C(8), 1.371 (8); C(8)-C(9), 1.448 (8); C(9)-C(10), 1.408 (9); C(10)-C(11), 1.39 (1); Fe(1)-S(1), 2.229 (3); Fe(2)-S(1), 2.263 (2); C(7)-C(8)-C(9) = 124.0 (6)°, C(8)-C(9)-C(10) = 120.2 (6)°, C(9)-C(10) = 120.2 (7)°, C(9)-C(10) $C(10)-C(11) = 121.7 (6)^{\circ}$.

 η^3 -bonded to Fe(1). The Fe(1)-Fe(2) bond distance of 2.780 (2) Å is somewhat long for an Fe-Fe single bond in a neutral, doubly bridged Fe₂(CO)₆ complex (for instance, in 18 d(Fe-Fe) is 2.675 (1) $Å^{18a}$). However, the Fe-Fe bond can, up to a point, adjust to the bite size of the organic bridge. Thus, in 23a the Fe-Fe distance is 2.550 (1) Å, ^{18a} and in **23b** it is 2.5214 (6).¹⁹ The Fe(1)-C(11), Fe(1)-C(10), and Fe(1)-C(9) distances establish the presence of a η^3 -allyl unit. The C(8)-C(9) bond distance of



1.448 (8) Å is slightly shorter than a true C-C single bond, and this bond separates the η^3 -allyl portion from the η^2 -olefin portion of the ligand. The olefinic C–C bond, C(7)-C(8), at 1.371 (8) Å, is slightly elongated, compared to an uncomplexed C=C bond, as might have been expected. The benzenethiolate ligand does not bridge the two iron atoms symmetrically, with Fe(1)-S = 2.229(3) and Fe(2)-S = 2.263 (2) Å. On the basis of these data the line drawing shown in Figure 2 is the best representation of complexes 20.

The ¹H NMR spectra of 20a-c are very complex. That of 20b is shown in Figure 3 and tabulated in Table II. There are seven



Figure 2. Line drawing of $(\mu \cdot \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCH_2)(\mu - RS)Fe_2$ -(CO), 20.

Table II.	Relevant	¹ H and	¹³ C NMR	Spectral	Data for
$(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - C)$	$H_2 = CHO$	СНСНС	$(\mu-EtS)$)Fe ₂ (CO)5, 20b



δ (ppm)	^{1}J (Hz)	^{2}J (Hz)	assignment				
¹ H NMR Spectral Data (in CDCl ₃ Solution)							
0.34 dd	13.04	2.78	syn-CH ₂ CHCHCH=CH ₂				
0.78 dd	10.54	2.09	syn-CH ₂ CHCHCH=CH ₂				
0.95 dt	13.01	7.60	CH ₂ CHCHC <i>H</i> =CH ₂				
1.92 d	6.95		anti-CH ₂ CHCHCH=CH ₂				
2.22 dd	7.34	2.40	anti-CH ₂ CHCHCH $=$ CH ₂				
3.30 dd	7.68	5.02	CH ₂ CHC <i>H</i> CH=CH ₂				
5.96 m			CH ₂ CHCHCH=CH ₂				
δ (ppm) $J_{\rm C}$	_H (Hz)	assignment				
13(NMR Sp	ectral Data	(in CDCl ₃ Solution)				
27.45 t	Ē	156.6	CH₂CHCHCH ≕ CH₂				
37.25 t		160.4	CH ₂ CHCHCH=CH ₂				
54.33 d	1	159.1	$CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$				
63.84 c	1	168.6	CH ₂ CHCHCH=CH ₂				
89.27 c	1	166.8	CH ₂ CHCHCH=CH ₂				

sets of resonances, each integrating for one proton, which corresponds to the seven protons of the pentadienyl ligand. The two sets of doublets of doublets at 0.34 and 2.22 ppm can be assigned to the terminal olefinic protons on C_{α} . Similarly, the doublets at 0.78 and 1.92 ppm can be attributed to the protons on $C_{\mbox{\scriptsize e}}$, the terminal allylic carbon atom. The cause for the great difference in chemical shifts for these protons is related to the orientation of the protons with respect to the metal. The syn oriented protons, which point toward the iron atom, give rise to the upfield signals at 0.34 and 0.78 ppm due to shielding by the metal. The downfield signals at 2.22 and 1.92 ppm can be assigned as the protons with an anti orientation, or pointing away from the metal. The ${}^{1}J$ coupling constants also provide a clue as to which are the syn and the anti protons. Typically, protons with a syn orientation have larger ${}^{1}J$ coupling constants than do those with an anti orientation. This agrees with the assignments that have been made.

The remaining protons of the pentadienyl ligand can be assigned by examining the chemical shifts of the resonances and their splitting patterns. Upon close inspection of the ¹H NMR spectrum, it can be seen that the signal at 0.95 ppm is a doublet of triplets. This is more easily observed in the expanded region of the spectrum shown in Figure 4. This resonance is assigned to the internal olefinic proton on C_{β} . Coupling to the proton on the adjacent carbon atom, C_{γ} , would give rise to a doublet, and additional coupling to the protons on C_{α} would lead to a triplet such that the resonance appears as a doublet of triplets. Once again, by examining the splitting it can be determined that the doublet of doublets at 3.30 ppm can be attributed to the internal allylic proton on C_{γ} . The adjacent carbon atoms each possess one proton, so the splitting pattern observed is in agreement with what one would expect. Finally, the multiplet at 5.96 ppm is assigned to the central allylic proton on C_{δ} .

From the splitting patterns of the signals in the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **20b** it was easily determined that the pentadienyl ligand had remained intact during the reaction and that no rearrangement had occurred. However, it was difficult to assign the peaks and to determine which proton signals from the ${}^{1}H$

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Figure 3. ¹H NMR spectrum for $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCH_2)(\mu - EtS)Fe_2(CO)_5$, 20b.





NMR spectrum corresponded to the resonances of the ¹³C NMR spectrum.

In order to establish this, a HETCOR (heteronuclear correlation) NMR experiment was carried out using complex 20a (R = t-Bu). Figure 5 shows the two-dimensional spectrum that was obtained, where the ¹H NMR spectrum is plotted along the y axis and the proton decoupled ¹³C NMR spectrum is plotted along the x axis. From this it was determined that the proton resonances at 0.36 and 2.29 ppm corresponded to the resonance at 29.28 ppm of the ¹³C NMR spectrum. Thus, it was confirmed that one of these protons must have an anti orientation and the other must have a syn orientation to account for the large difference in chemical shift for the two protons. Likewise, the protons giving rise to resonances at 0.77 and 1.84 ppm were established to belong to the carbon atom giving rise to a signal at 36.70 ppm in the ¹³C NMR spectrum. The remaining signals were assigned in a similar manner by matching a resonance on the 2-D map with the ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals to which it corresponds. In the ¹³C NMR spectrum the doublet at 89.63 was assigned as the central allylic carbon atom as the spectra for other η^3 -allylic complexes of iron show a resonance in this region corresponding to this type of carbon atom.

The formation of the complexes 20 could have taken place either by an $S_N 2$ or $S_N 2'$ mechanism, with the $[(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]^$ acting as an iron-centered nucleophile (its usual mode of reactivity¹⁸). As Scheme I shows, either mechanism would lead to the observed product. However, the use of a suitably substituted bromopentadiene in a reaction with $[(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]^$ should provide useful mechanistic information since the $S_N 2$ and $S_N 2'$ mechanisms would lead to different products providing that the kinetic products are stable. Accordingly, we carried out the



Scheme II. Possible Reaction Mechanism $(S_N 2')$ for the Reaction of $[Et_3NH][(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]$, with 1-Bromohexa-2,4-diene



reactions of $[(\mu-CO)(\mu-t-BuS)Fe_2(CO)_6]^-$ and $[(\mu-CO)(\mu-PhS)Fe_2(CO)_6]^-$ with 1-bromohexa-2,4-diene, CH₃CH=CHC-H=CHCH₂Br. The expected reaction course and product formed are shown in Schemes II and III.

The $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3$ -hexadienyl) $(\mu$ -RS)Fe₂(CO)₅ products (R = t-Bu, Ph, 24a and b, respectively) of these reactions could be isolated by column chromatography (24a) or crystallization (24b).

Table III. ¹H NMR Data for the Organic Ligands in the Complexes 20 ($R^1 = H$) and 24 ($R^1 = Me$)^a



	\mathbf{R}^1	H ²	H ³	H	H5	H ₆	H ⁷
20a	0.77 dd	1.84 dd	5.91 m	3.26 m	0.99 m	0.36 dd	2.29 dd
	(11.1, 2.3)	(5.6, 1.0)				(13.3, 1.9)	(6.4, 1.9)
24a		1.58 m	5.71 dd	3.14 dd	0.96 m	0.32 d	2.25 d
			(9.7, 4.4)	(7.6, 5.5)		(13.2)	(7.2)
20c	1.00 dd	2.01 dd	6.07 m	3.57 dd	1.23 dt	0.68 dd	2.41 dd
	(5.8, 1.5)	(2.4, 1.2)		(7.1, 5.0)	(13.5, 7.7)	(13.4, 2.1)	(7.2, 2.1)
24b ^b		1.72 m	5.82 dd	3.37 dd	1.12 dt	0.58 dd	2.30 dd
			(10.1, 5.1)	(8.0, 5.5)	(13.4, 7.8)	(13.2, 2.2)	(7.3, 2.1)

"All the spectra are recorded in CDCl₃ at room temperature. Coupling constants are given between brackets in Hz. ^b Major isomer.



CHCHCHCH₂)(μ -t-BuS)Fe₂(CO)₅, 20a.

Complex 24b was present as a 9:1 mixture of isomers, with that having the SPh equatorial most likely the major one. The position of the methyl group of the C₆H₉ ligand is easily deduced by comparing the ¹H NMR spectra of 24a and 24b and their pentadienyl analogues, 20a and 20c (Table III). The spectrum of 20a shows two signals at δ 0.77 (dd, J = 11.1 and 2.3 Hz) and 1.84 (dd, J = 5.6 and 1.0 Hz), corresponding to H¹ and H². The ¹H NMR spectrum of the hexadienyl complex 24a does not show these resonances but shows a multiplet at δ 1.58, which must be assigned to H¹.

The disposition of the methyl group as shown in **24a** was confirmed by the spin-spin coupling constants associated with the H^3 resonance which are indicative of neighboring trans (9.7 Hz)

Scheme III. Possible Reaction Mechanism $(S_N 2)$ for the Reaction of $[Et_3NH][(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]$, with 1-Bromohexa-2,4-diene



	$(\eta^2, \eta^3$ -CH ₂ =CHCHCHCH ₂)(μ -PhS)Fe ₂ (CO) ₅ , 17c				
	empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ Fe ₂ O ₅ S			
M	formula wt	428.04			
	crystal color, habit	red, prismatic			
	crystal dimension (mm)	$0.150 \times 0.120 \times 0.120$			
	crystal system	triclinic			
۹.	no. reflens used for unit cell determination	25 (25.2-30.1°)			
	$(2\theta \text{ range})$				
	ω scan peak width at half-height	0.34			
	lattice parameters				
	a, Å	9.763 (6)			
	b, Å	11.132 (4)			
	c, Å	9.346 (4)			
	α , deg	111.71 (3)			
	β , deg	111.57 (4)			
	γ , deg	92.03 (5)			
	V, Å ³	860.2 (8)			
	space group	P 1 (no. 2)			
	Z value	2			
	D_{calc}	1.655 g/cm^3			
	F ₀₀₀	428			
	μ(Μο Κα)	18.23 cm^{-1}			

and cis (4.4 Hz) protons. For the rest of the hexadienyl ligand (H⁴, H⁵, H⁶, H⁷) the chemical shifts and spin-spin coupling constants are essentially the same as those for the analogous protons in the pentadienyl ligand in **20a**. The methyl proton signal appears as a doublet in the NMR spectrum of **24a**, partially hidden by the methyl proton signals of the *tert*-butyl group. In a ¹H NMR spectrum of **24a** taken in C₆D₆ the CH₃ resonance was clearly visible as a doublet (J = 5.4 Hz) at 1.07 ppm. A similar comparison may be made between the proton NMR spectra of **20c** and **24b** (major isomer) (Table III). The same hexadienyl ligand configuration is present in the minor isomer of **24b** as indicated by its ¹H chemical shifts and coupling constants (Experimental Section). These comparison of the proton NMR for

Table V. Final Positional Parameters for $(\eta^2, \eta^3$ -CH₂=CHCHCHCH₂)(μ -PhS)Fe₂(CO)₅, 17c

atom	x	у	2	B(eq)
Fe(1)	0.1793 (1)	0.80922 (8)	0.2510(1)	3.09 (3)
Fe(2)	0.3115 (1)	0.74669 (7)	0.0218 (1)	2.84 (3)
S (1)	0.4206 (2)	0.8633 (1)	0.3054 (2)	2.70 (4)
O(1)	0.5786 (6)	0.7841 (5)	-0.0399 (7)	6.5 (2)
O(2)	0.33458 (6)	0.4950 (4)	0.0479 (7)	6.7 (2)
O(3)	0.1133 (6)	0.6051 (6)	-0.3342 (6)	8.2 (2)
O(4)	0.1082 (6)	0.5384 (5)	0.2054 (7)	6.8 (2)
O(5)	0.2185 (7)	0.9111 (6)	0.5997 (6)	7.8 (3)
C(1)	0.5430 (6)	0.7738 (5)	0.4007 (6)	3.1 (2)
C(2)	0.5172 (7)	0.7232 (6)	0.5045 (7)	4.1 (2)
C(3)	0.6197 (8)	0.6596 (7)	0.5828 (8)	4.9 (3)
C(4)	0.747 (1)	0.6477 (7)	0.5561 (9)	5.7 (3)
C(5)	0.7774 (1)	0.6982 (7)	0.4538 (9)	5.3 (3)
C(6)	0.6756 (7)	0.7632 (6)	0.3804 (7)	4.3 (2)
C(7)	0.281 (1)	0.9290 (6)	0.0004 (8)	5.0 (3)
C(8)	0.1573 (8)	0.8960 (5)	0.0254 (7)	4.0 (2)
C(9)	0.1363 (7)	0.9651 (6)	0.1785 (7)	4.1 (2)
C(10)	0.0166 (8)	0.9180 (7)	0.2060 (9)	5.1 (3)
C(11)	-0.0559 (8)	0.7869 (8)	0.115 (1)	6.5 (3)
C(12)	0.4733 (7)	0.7675 (6)	-0.0157 (7)	4.0 (2)
C(13)	0.3279 (7)	0.5944 (6)	0.0426 (7)	4.0 (2)
C(14)	0.1892 (7)	0.6594 (6)	-0.1951 (8)	4.7 (2)
C(15)	0.1428 (7)	0.6424 (7)	0.2200 (8)	4.3 (2)
C(16)	0.2021 (8)	0.8725 (7)	0.4619 (9)	4.8 (3)
H(1)	0.4278	0.7318	0.5229	4.9
H(2)	0.6006	0.6246	0.6536	5.8
H(3)	0.8171	0.6038	0.6088	6.8
H(4)	0.8663	0.6883	0.4347	6.3
H(5)	0.6975	0.8017	0.3139	5.1
H(6)	0.3588	1.0012	0.0865	6.0
H(7)	0.2881	0.8798	-0.1032	6.0
H(8)	0.0810	0.8232	-0.0634	4.8
H(9)	0.2051	1.0443	0.2623	5.0
H(10)	-0.0142	0.9767	0.2869	6.1
H(11)	-0.1366	0.7555	0.1345	7.8
H(12)	-0.0251	0.7285	0.0348	7.8



Figure 6.

the respective pentadienyl and hexadienyl complexes lead us to the conclusion that the latter, 24a and 24b, have the structures shown in Figure 6. As in the case of the pentadienyl complexes, a HETCOR NMR experiment carried out with 24b allowed assignments of all of the signals in its ¹³C NMR spectrum.

The results obtained in the CH₃CH=CHCH=CHCH₂Br/ $[(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]^-$ reactions suggest that an S_N2' mechanism is operative (cf. Scheme II). A similar finding had been made in the case of the reaction of propargylic halides with $[Et_3NH][(\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]$.^{18a} A second, in our opinion less likely, possibility is that these reactions proceed by a $S_N 2$ process (Scheme III in the present case) and that rearrangment of the initially formed product leads to the finally observed product shown in Figure 6. We have no experimental evidence for or against this possibility and so favor the $S_N 2'$ mechanism.

Experimental Section

General Comments. All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of prepurified tank nitrogen. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled under nitrogen from sodium/benzophenone ketyl and purged with nitrogen prior to use. Triethylamine was distilled under nitrogen from calcium hydride and purged with nitrogen prior to use. Ethyl, tert-butyl, and phenyl mercaptans were purged with nitrogen and used without further purification. Triiron dodecacarbonyl was prepared by a literature procedure.20 Tribromophosphine, 1,4-pentadien-3-ol, and trans, transhexa-2,4-dien-1-ol were purchased from Aldrich, purged with nitrogen, and used without further purification. Literature procedures were followed for the preparation of 5-bromopenta-1,3-diene^{21a} and 1-bromohexa-2,4-diene.21b

The progress of all reactions was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (Baker Flex, Silica Gel 1B-F). Purification by filtration chromatography in which the reaction products were dissolved in a suitable solvent and chromatographed on a bed of Mallinckrodt 100 mesh silicic acid (ca. 200 mL) in a 350-mL glass fritted funnel was used. Further purification was achieved by column chromatography with a 450 × 25 mm medium pressure column using Sigma S-0507 230-400 mesh or Aldrich, 60 Å, 230-400 mesh silica gel. All chromatography was completed without exclusion of atmospheric moisture or oxygen. Solid products were recrystallized at -20 °C. All yields are based on Fe unless otherwise indicated.

Solution infrared spectra (NaCl windows) were obtained using a Perkin-Elmer 1600 Series FTIR instrument. Proton and carbon-13 NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-300 spectrometer operating at 300 and 75.4 MHz, respectively. Electron impact mass spectra were obtained using a Finnigan-3200 mass spectrometer operating at 70 eV. Masses were correlated using the following isotopes: ¹H, ¹²C, ¹⁶O, ³²S, and ⁵⁶Fe. Melting points were determined in air on a Büchi melting point apparatus using analytically pure samples and are uncorrected. Microanalyses were performed by Scandinavian Microanalytical Laboratory, Herlev, Denmark.

X-ray Crystallography. Structure of $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 =$ CHCHCHCH₂)(µ-PhS)Fe₂(CO)₅, 20c. A red, prismatic crystal of $(\eta^2, \eta^3$ -CH₂=CHCHCHCH₂)(μ -PhS)Fe₂(CO)₆ (which had been grown in pentane/CH2Cl2 at -20 °C) having approximate dimensions of 0.150 $\times 0.120 \times 0.120$ mm was mounted on a glass fiber. All measurements were made on a Rigaku AFC6R diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation and a 12 KW rotating anode generator.

Cell constants and an orientation matrix for data collection, obtained from a least-squares refinement using the setting angles of 25 carefully centered reflections in the range $25.20 < 2\theta < 30.07^{\circ}$ corresponded to a triclinic cell with dimensions given in Table IV. For Z = 2 and fw = 428.04, the calculated density is 1.655 g/cm^3 . On the basis of the successful solution and refinement of the structure, the space group was determined to be $P\bar{1}$ (no. 2).

The data were collected at a temperature of 23 ± 1 °C using the ω -2 θ scan technique to a maximum 2θ value of 55.1 °C. ω scans of several intense reflections, made prior to data collection, had an average width at half-height of 0.34° with a take-off angle of 6.0°. Scans of (1.52 + 0.35 tan θ)° were made at speeds of 8.0°/min (in ω). The weak reflections $(I < 3.0\sigma(I))$ were rescanned (maximum of eight rescans), and the counts were accumulated to ensure good counting statistics. Stationary background counts were recorded on each side of the reflection. The ratio of peak counting time to background counting time was 2:1. The diameter of the incident beam collimator was 0.5 mm, and the crystal-to-detector distance was 310.0 mm.

Of the 4185 reflections which were collected, 3945 were unique (R_{int} = 0.040); equivalent reflections were merged. The intensities of three representative reflections, which were measured after every 150 reflections, remained constant throughout data collection indicating crystal and electronic stability (no decay correction was applied).

The linear absorption coefficient for Mo K α is 18.2 cm⁻¹. An empirical absorption correction²² was applied which resulted in transmission factors ranging from 0.86 to 1.23. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects.

The structure was solved by direct methods.²³ The non-hydrogen atoms were refined either anisotropically or isotropically. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement²⁴ was based on 1799 observed reflections $(I > 3.00\sigma(I))$ and 217 variable parameters and converged (largest parameter shift was 0.00 times its esd) with unweighted and

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weighted agreement factors of R = 0.035 and $R_w = 0.040$. Goodness of fit indicator = 1.22

The weighting scheme was based on counting statistics and included a factor (p = 0.03) to downweight the intense reflections. Plots of $\sum w(|F_0| - |F_c|)^2$ versus $|F_0|$, reflection order in data collection, sin θ/λ , and various classes of indices showed no unusual trends. The maximum and minimum peaks on the final difference Fourier map corresponded to 0.35 and $-0.28 \text{ e}^-/\text{Å}^3$, respectively.

Neutral atom scattering factors were taken from Cromer and Waber.²⁵ Anomalous dispersion effects were included in F_{calc} ,²⁶ the values for $\Delta f'$ and $\Delta f''$ were those of Cromer.²⁷ All calculations were performed using the TEXSAN²⁸ crystallographic software package of Molecular Structure Corporation.

Standard in situ Preparation of $[Et_3NH](\mu-CO)(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]$. A 100-mL Schlenk flask equipped with a rubber septum and a stir-bar was charged with 1.50 g (2.98 mmol) of $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$ and degassed by three evacuation/nitrogen-backfill cycles. The flask then was charged successively with 30 mL of THF, 3.00 mmol of the appropriate thiol, and 0.42 mL (0.30 g, 3.00 mmol) of triethylamine. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature during which time slow gas evolution and a gradual color change from dark green to brown-red were observed. The resulting $[Et_3NH][(\mu-CO)-(\mu-RS)Fe_2(CO)_6]$ reagent solution then was used in situ without further purification.

Reaction of [Et3NH] (u-CO) (u-t-BuS) Fe2(CO)6] with 5-Bromopenta-1,3-diene. To the standard $[Et_3NH][(\mu-CO)(\mu-t-BuS)Fe_2(CO)_6]$ reagent solution (2.98 mmol) was added 0.33 mL (3.00 mmol) of 5-bromopenta-1,3-diene by syringe. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, during which time a color change to bright red and the formation of a white precipitate were observed. The solvent was removed in vacuo to leave a red oil which was dissolved in pentane and filtered through a thin pad of silicic acid to remove decomposition materials. Pentane eluted an orange band which was followed closely by a bright red band. Because the bands could not be separated in this manner, they were collected together and separated using medium pressure column chromatography. Pentane eluted an orange band which gave 0.29 g (0.64 mmol, 43% based on S, a/e:e/e = 1.5) of $(\mu$ -t-BuS)₂Fe₂(CO)₆, identified by comparison of its ¹H NMR spectrum with that of an authentic sample.²⁹ Continued elution with pentane removed a deep red band which yielded 0.65 g (1.59 mmol, 53%) of $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCH_2)(\mu - t - BuS)Fe_2(CO)_5$, 20a, as an air-stable, deep red, crystalline solid after recrystallization from pentane, mp 90.0-92.0 °C: IR (CCl₄, cm⁻¹) 2976 (w), 2940 (w), 2898 (w), 2863 (w), 1720 (w), 1691 (m), 1641 (m), 1494 (m), 1472 (m), 1458 (m), 1392 (s), 1232 (m), 1156 (s), 1039 (w), 990 (w), 904 (w); terminal carbonyl region (CCl₄, cm⁻¹) 2046 (vs), 1994 (vs), 1980 (vs), 1969 (vs), 1937 (s). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.36 (dd, ¹J = 13.34 Hz, ²J = 1.87 Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂ syn), 0.77 (dd, ^{1}J = 11.14 Hz, $^{2}J = 2.31$ Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂ syn), 0.99 (m, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂), 1.37 (s, 9 H, SC(CH₃)₃), 1.84 (dd, $^{1}J = 5.60$ Hz, ${}^{2}J = 1.04$ Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂ anti), 2.29 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 6.42$ Hz, ${}^{2}J = 1.89$ Hz, 1 H, $CH_{2}CHCHCH = CH_{2}$ anti), 3.26 (m, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂), 5.91 (m, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.4 MHz) δ 29.28 (t, J = 159.2 Hz, CH₂CHCHCH= CH_2), 33.75 (q, J = 127.4 Hz, $SC(CH_3)_3$), 36.70 (t, $\tilde{J} = 160.2$ Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$, 46.55 (s, $SC(CH_3)_3$), 55.68 (d, J = 162.1 Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$), 62.70 (d, J = 170.3 Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$), 89.63 (d, J = 167.8 Hz, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂), 210.94 (broad s, terminal COs), 217.23, 219.02 (both s, terminal COs); mass spectrum (EI) m/z (rel intensity) 408 (M⁺, 0.6), 380 (M⁺ - CO, 1), 352 (M⁺ - 2CO, 2), $324 (M^+ - 3CO, 10)$, $296 (M^+ - 4CO, 6)$, $268 (M^+ - 5CO, 13)$, 212(Fe₂SH(CH₂=CHCHCHCH₂)⁺, 41), 184 (Fe₂S(CH₂=CHCH)⁺, 12), 169 (Fe₂S(CH=C)⁺, 8), 144 (Fe₂S⁺, 63), 142 (FeSH(CH₂= CHCHCH)⁺, 10), 121 (FeCH₂=CHCHCHC⁺, 8), 67 (CH₂= CHCHCHCH₂⁺, 31), 56 (Fe⁺, 19), 41 (CH₂=CHCH⁺ + 1H, 100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆Fe₂O₅S: C, 41.20; H, 3.96. Found: C, 41.36; H, 4.04. (The mass spectra of all other complexes prepared were characterized, as was that of 20a, by the presence of M^+ and $[M^+ - nCO]$ fragment ions (n = 1-5), and the mass spectral data for the other complexes are provided in the supplementary material.)

Reaction of [Et₃NH] (µ-CO)(µ-EtS)Fe₂(CO)₆] with 5-Bromopenta-1,3-diene. A similar procedure was used in the reaction of 2.98 mmol of [Et₃NH][(µ-CO)(µ-EtS)Fe₂(CO)₆] with 3.0 mmol of 5-bromopenta-1,3-diene. In the initial filtration chromatography, pentane eluted an

orange band which was followed closely be a deep red band. Because the bands could not be separated in this manner, they were collected together and separated using medium pressure column chromatography. Pentane eluted an orange band which gave 0.31 g (0.76 mmol, 51% based on S, a/e:e/e = 1.9) of $(\mu$ -EtS)₂Fe₂(CO)₆, identified by comparison of its ¹H NMR spectrum with that of an authentic sample.³⁰ Continued elution with pentane removed a deep red band which yielded 0.55 g (1.45 mmol, 48%) of $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCH_2)(\mu - EtS)Fe_2(CO)_5$, 20b, as an air-stable, deep red, crystalline solid after recrystallization from pentane, mp 48.0–49.0 °C: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.34 (dd, ¹J = 13.04 Hz, ²J = 2.78 Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH—CH₂ syn), 0.78 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 10.54$ Hz, ${}^{2}J = 2.09$ Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH—CH₂ syn), 0.95 (dt, ${}^{1}J = 13.01$, ${}^{2}J = 7.60$ Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH—CH₂), 1.26 (t, J = 7.23Hz, 3 H, SCH₂CH₃), 1.92 (d, J = 6.95 Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂ anti), 2.22 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 7.34$ Hz, ${}^{2}J = 2.40$ Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂ anti), 2.54 (m, 2 H, SCH₂CH₃), 3.30 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 7.68$ Hz, ${}^{2}J = 5.02$ Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂), 5.96 (m, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.4 MHz) δ 18.03 (q, J = 127.6 Hz, SCH₂CH₃), 27.45 $(t, J = 156.6 \text{ Hz}, CH_2CHCHCH = CH_2), 35.14 (t, J = 141.2 \text{ Hz},$ SCH_2CH_3), 37.25 (t, J = 160.4 Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$), 54.33 (d, J = 159.1 Hz, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂), 63.84 (d, J = 168.6 Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$), 89.27 (d, J = 166.8 Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$), 210.50, 216.58, 218.36 (all s, terminal COs). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂Fe₂O₅S: C, 37.92; H, 3.19. Found: C, 38.00; H, 3.22.

Reaction of $[Et_3NH](\mu-CO)(\mu-PhS)Fe_2(CO)_6]$ with 5-Bromopenta-1,3-diene. A similar reaction was carried out using 2.98 mmol of [Et₃NH][(µ-CO)(µ-PhS)Fe₂(CO)₆] and 3.0 mmol of 5-bromopenta-1,3-diene. In the initial filtration chromatography, pentane eluted an orange band which was followed closely by a deep red band. Because the bands could not be separated in this manner, they were collected together and separated using medium pressure column chromatography. Pentane eluted an orange band which gave 0.45 g (0.90 mmol, 60% based on S) of $(\mu$ -PhS)₂Fe₂(CO)₆, identified by comparison of its ¹H NMR spectrum with that of an authentic sample.³¹ Continued elution with pentane removed a deep red band which yielded 0.40 g (0.93 mmol, 31%) of $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCH_2)(\mu - PhS)Fe_2(CO)_5$, 20c, as an air-stable, deep red, crystalline solid after recrystallization from pentane/ CH₂Cl₂ (2:1 v/v), mp 138.0–139.0 °C. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 300 MHz) δ 0.68 (dd, ¹J = 13.38 Hz, ²J = 2.13 Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂ syn), 1.00 (dd, ${}^{1}J$ = 5.84 Hz, ${}^{2}J$ = 1.49 Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂ syn), 1.23 (dt, ${}^{1}J$ = 13.51 Hz, ${}^{2}J$ = 7.66 Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH= CH₂), 2.01 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 2.40$ Hz, ${}^{2}J = 1.21$ Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH—CH₂ anti), 2.41 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 7.24$ Hz, ${}^{2}J = 2.13$ Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH—CH₂ anti), 3.57 (dd, ${}^{1}J$ = 7.08 Hz, ${}^{2}J$ = 4.98 Hz, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH= CH₂), 6.07 (m, 1 H, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂), 7.28 (m, 3 H, Ph), 7.54 (m, 2 H, Ph). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.4 MHz) δ 28.91 (t, J = 158.5 Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$), 36.63 (t, J = 160.0 Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$), 55.07 (d, J = 159.4 Hz, CH₂CHCHCH=CH₂), 63.64 (d, J = 168.5 Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$), 89.61 (d, J = 166.8 Hz, $CH_2CHCHCH=CH_2$), 127.61 (d, J = 161.1 Hz, Ph), 128.69 (d, J = 161.4 Hz, Ph), 131.62 (d, J = 163.2 Hz, Ph), 137.92 (s, ipso Ph), 210.07 (broad s, terminal COs), 216.19, 218.62 (both s, terminal COs). Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{12}Fe_2O_5S$: C, 44.89; H, 2.83. Found: C, 45.00; H, 2.94.

Reaction of [Et₃NH] (µ-CO)(µ-t-BuS)Fe₂(CO)₆] with 1-Bromohexa-2,4-diene. The same procedure was used in the reaction of 2.98 mmol of $[EtNH][(\mu-CO)(\mu-t-BuS)Fe_2(CO)_6]$ with 0.36 mL (3.08 mmol) of $CH_3CH = CHCH = CHCH_2Br$ in THF. The crude product, a red oil, was dissolved in pentane and filtered through a thin pad of silica gel. Purification of the products was achieved by medium pressure column chromatography. Pentane eluted an orange band which gave 0.09 g (0.18 mmol, 12% based on S, a/e:e/e = 3.6) of $[(\mu-t-BuS)_2Fe_2(CO)_6]$, identified by comparison of its ¹H NMR spectrum with that of an authentic sample.30 Continued elution with pentane removed a deep red band which yielded 0.28 (22%) of $(\mu - \eta^2, \eta^3 - CH_2 = CHCHCHCHCH_3)(\mu - t - \eta^2)$ BuS)Fe₂(CO)₅, 24a, as an air stable, deep red, crystalline solid after recrystallization from pentane, mp 85-88 °C. IR (Nujol cm⁻¹) 2045 vs, 1991 vs, 1966 vs, 1934 s, 1908 m, 1364 w, 1154 w, 1032 vw, 905 vw, 848 vw, 682 vw, 617 vw, 591 w; terminal carbonyl region (pentane, cm⁻¹) 2047 s, 1993 vs, 1980 s, 1969 m, 1936 m; ¹H NMR (C_6D_6 , 300 MHz) δ 0.10 (dd, J = 13.4 and 2.1 Hz, 1 H, CH₃CHCHCHCH \longrightarrow CH₂, syn), 0.57 (dt, J = 13.4 and 7.8 Hz, 1 H, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 1.07 (d, = 5.4 Hz, 3 H, $CH_3CHCHCHCH=CH_2$), 1.20 (m, 1 H, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 1.32 (s, 9 H, SC(CH₃)₃), 1.86 (dd, J = 7.3and 2.1 Hz, 1 H, CH₃CHCHCHCH—CH₂, anti), 2.70 (dd, J = 8.3 and 5.6 Hz, 1 H, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 5.14 (dd, J = 9.6 and 5.0 Hz,

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1 H, CH₃CHC*H*CHCH=CH₂); ¹H NMR spectrum in CDCl₃ Table I; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.4 MHz) δ 18.44 (q, J = 123.6 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 28.55 (t, J = 164.6 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 33.77 (q, J = 128.8 Hz, C(CH₃)₃), 46.29 (s, C(CH₃)₃), 53.07 (d, J = 163.6 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 55.23 (d, J = 160.2 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 58.75 (d, J = 169.0 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 92.52 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 211.39 (br, terminal COs), 217.64 and 219.64 (s, terminal COs); mass spectrum (EI) m/z (rel density) 422 (M⁺, 5), 394 (M⁺ - CO, 7), 366 (M⁺ - 2CO, 19), 388 (M⁺ - 3CO, 18), 310 (M⁺ - 4CO, 22), 282 (M⁺ - 5CO, 51), 226 (Fe₂SH-(CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂)⁺, 100), 224 (Fe₂SH(CH₃CHCHCHCH= CH₂)⁺ -2 H, 55), 222 (Fe₂SH(CH₃CHCHCHCHCH=CH₂)⁺ -4 H, 14), 171 (Fe₂S(CH=CH₂)⁺, 11), 145 (Fe₂SH⁺, 35), 144 (Fe₂S⁺, 57), 81 (CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂)⁺, 21), 79 (CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂)⁺ -4 H, 14), 177 (CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂)⁺, 22), 79 (CH₃CHCHCHCHCH=CH₂)⁺ -4 H, 24), 77 (CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂)⁺, 22), 79 (CH₃CHCHCHCHCH=CH₂)⁺ -4 H, 43), 171 (CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂)⁺, 23), 52 (CHCHCHCH+1, 16). Anal. Calcd for CH₃+₁₈Fe₂O₃S: C, 42.69; H, 4.30. Found: C, 42.75; H, 4.35.

Reaction of [Et₃NH](μ -CO)(μ -SPh)Fe₂(CO)₆] with 1-Bromohexa-2,4-diene. A reaction of 2.98 mmol of [Et₃NH][(μ -CO)(μ -PhS)Fe₂-(CO)₆] with 3.08 mmol of 1-bromohexa-2,4-diene was carried out as described above. The solvent was removed in vacuo to leave a red oily solid which was dissolved in pentane/CH₂Cl₂ (3:1, v/v) and filtered through a thin pad of silica gel, eluting with the same mixture. Concentration of the solution in vacuo and cooling overnight to -20 °C led to 0.45 g (1.02 mmol, 34%) of (μ - η ², η ³-CH₂=CHCHCHCHCHCHCH₃)(μ -PhS)Fe₂(CO)₅, **24b**, as an air stable, deep red, crystalline solid, mp 145-148 °C: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ -0.10 (dd, J = 13 and 2 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂, syn, minor isomer), 0.58 (dd, J = 13.3 and 2.2 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂, syn, major isomer), 0.85 (m, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂, minor isomer), 1.12 (dt, J = 13.4 and 7.8 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂, major isomer), 1.44 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, CH₃C-

HCHCHCH=CH₂, minor isomer), 1.49 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, CH₃CHCHC-HCH=CH₂, major isomer), 1.72 (m, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂, both isomers), 2.18 (dd, J = 7 and 2 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH \Longrightarrow CH₂, anti, minor isomer), 2.30 (dd, J = 7.3 and 2.1 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂, anti, major isomer), 3.37 (dd, J = 8.0 and 5.5 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHC-H=CH₂, major isomer), 3.42 (dd, J = 8 and 5 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHC-H=CH₂, minor isomer), 5.82 (dd, J = 10.1 and 5.1 Hz, CH₃CHCHC-HCH=CH₂, major isomer), 6.11 (dd, J = 9 and 4.5 Hz, CH₃CHCHC-HCH=CH₂, minor isomer), 6.95 (m, 2 H Ph, minor isomer), 7.05 (m, 3 H Ph, minor isomer), 7.28 (m, 3 Ph, major isomer), 7.53 (m, 2 H Ph, major isomer); ratio major/minor isomer 9/1. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.4 MHz) δ 18.60 (q, J = 126.7 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 28.14 (t, J = 157.8 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 53.37 (d, J = 160.6 Hz, 160.4 CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 54.57 (d, J = 160.4 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 59.82 (d, J = 169.4 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH=CH₂), 92.47 (d, 164.8 Hz, CH₃CHCHCHCH= Hz, CH_2), 127.53 (d, J = 162.1 Hz, C-4 Ph), 128.62 (d, J = 158.4 Hz, Ph), 131.74 (d, J = 163.6 Hz, Ph), 137.98 (s, ipso Ph), 210.12 (br, terminal COs), 216.65 and 219.34 (s, terminal COs); major isomer. Anal. Calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}Fe_2O_5S$: C, 46.19; H, 3.19. Found: C, 45.97; H, 3.23.

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Isotopic Labeling Investigation of the Oxygenation of Nickel-Bound Thiolates by Molecular Oxygen

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Abstract: Discrete compounds resulting from the oxidation and oxygenation of nickel thiolate complexes have been isolated, separated, and characterized. Molecular oxygen or hydrogen peroxide reacted with [N,N'-bis(mercaptoethyl)-1,5-diazacy-clooctane]nickel(II), (BME-DACO)Ni¹¹ (1), to produce two oxygenates, [(mercaptoethyl)(sulfinatoethyl)diazacyclooctane]nickel(II), (MESE-DACO)Ni¹¹ (2), and [bis(sulfinatoethyl)diazacyclooctane]nickel(II), (BSE-DACO)Ni¹¹ (3), as well as a trimetallic, [(BME-DACO)Ni]₂Ni²⁺ (4). Matrix-assisted laser desorption (MALD) ionization was used to obtain Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance (FT-ICR) mass spectra on isotopomers of 2 and 3. Isotopic labeling experiments ($^{18}O_2/^{16}O_2$ mixtures) demonstrated that both oxygens in the sulfinate ligand of 1 were derived from the same dioxygen molecule. The molecular structures of 2 and 4 were determined by X-ray crystallography. Crystallographic data are given as *a*, *b*, *c*, β ; space group, *Z*, 2θ range, unique observed reflections, $R(R_w)$ (%). (MESE-DACO)Ni¹¹: 8.306 (3), 12.258 (3), 12.773 (4) Å; 101.36 (3)°, P_2_1/n , 4, $4.0^\circ/50.0^\circ$, 2053 (*I* > $2.0\sigma(I)$), 2.85 (3.61). {[(BME-DACO)Ni¹²]₂Ni³Br₂: 7.144 (2), 10.931 (2), 17.296 (3) Å; 91.72 (2)°, $P_{2_1/c}$, 4, $4.0^\circ/50.0^\circ$, 2053 (*I* > $2.0\sigma(I)$), 4.46 (4.84). The pseudo-square-planar NiN₂S₂ complex **2** has this significantly shorter than the Ni-S_{thiolate} distance, 2.163 (1) Å. The trimetallic **4** contains a staircaselike structure where two molecules of **1** serve as metallothiolate ligands to the central Ni²⁴ creating an NiS₄ square plane (dihedral angle between best square planes = 103.4°).

Introduction

The synthetically vexing air sensitivity of anionic transitionmetal thiolate complexes generally reflects ill-understood chemical reactions which, if controlled, might prove useful in the preparation of organic disulfides, sulfoxides, and sulfinic acids. In addition, such reactions are of import to loss of activity of both industrial and enzymatic catalysts which contain sulfided metal centers. The slow reaction of solutions of the complex [N,N'-bis(mercaptoethyl)-1,5-diazacyclooctane]nickel(II), (BME-DACO)Ni¹¹ (1),¹ with O₂ provided opportunity to isolate and characterize products that result from both electron transfer and oxygenation at sulfur, eq 1. This paper reports those results as well as an isotopic labeling

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