parallel to the surface. We have quantified this approach for 1c using a theoretical treatment previously described.²⁴ The differences between the calculated isotropic and experimental monolayer spectra are interpreted in terms of a model structure having a tilt of the aromatic-NO₂ axis of 57° from the surface normal with the ring plane perpendicular to the surface plane and is consistent with the wetting angle and ellipsometry data.

While the absorption of disulfides on many transition metals is well-known, there are important differences that distinguish their closest-packed adsorption on Au. First, "clean", zerovalent gold surfaces are easy to prepare by vacuum evaporation. Second, these surfaces only slowly become contaminated under laboratory ambient conditions and do not form oxides. This feature is particularly significant as we have observed that adsorption of 2 on evaporated Ag shows evidence, by IR, of bonding at both the disulfide and carboxylate ends of the molecule (the latter presumably at oxide sites). Related to this point is the observation²⁵ that both C-S and S-S bond cleavage occurs in disulfide adsorption on silver. It is expected that other clean transition-metal surfaces will also cleave the C-S bond. Our data give no evidence for such cleavages on Au. At present, the bonding involved in disulfide adsorption on gold is unknown. It can be speculated that S-S dissociative chemisorption occurs similar to the case of silver,25 but no definitive evidence exists.²⁶

We conclude that gold surfaces can be easily functionalized by disulfide adsorption. We will report in greater detail about the preparation and characterization of these monolayers and on their application in model interface studies in subsequent publications.

Approach to Stereochemically Defined Cycloheptadiene Derivatives Using Organoiron Chemistry¹

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The attachment of a transition-metal moiety to an olefinic ligand offers a unique means of attaining stereospecificity during a variety of chemical transformations and C-C bond-forming processes.^{2,3} The cycloheptadienylmetal system is ideally suited for 1,3-stereocontrol, but inspection of the literature reveals that the reactivity of cycloheptadienyl- $Fe(CO)_3$ complexes, e.g., 1a,



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Scheme II^a



^a Reagents: (i) MeLi, CH_2Cl_2 , -78 °C; (ii) NaCH(CO_2Me)₂, THF, 20 °C; (iii) NaCH(CO₂Me)COCH₃, THF, 20 °C; (iv) Me₂CuLi, $Et_2O, 0$ °C; (v) NaCH(SO₂Ph)CO₂Me, THF, 20 °C; (vi) Ph₃C⁺PF₆⁻, CH_2Cl_2 ; (vii) Me₃NO, CH_3CONMe_2 , 55 °C, 36 h.

bears little resemblance to that of the well-behaved six-membered ring counterparts. In general, addition of nucleophiles to 1a results in a mixture of products of type 2a and 3a, often in poor yield.⁴ Since these complexes offer a unique means of synthesizing cycloheptadiene derivatives, we decided to investigate the possibility of controlling the reactivity of the cycloheptadienyliron system, with gratifying results.

We commence by describing some preliminary, less successful experiments performed on the tricarbonyliron complex 1a, which will be seen to contrast with the triphenylphosphine and triphenylphosphite derivatives 1b and 1c.⁵ Treatment of 1a with methyllithium (CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C)⁶ or lithium dimethylcuprate

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 $(Et_2O, 0 \circ C)^7$ resulted in a low yield (20-25%) of product 4 of terminal methylation,⁸ together with ca. 25% yield of the dimeric species 5, the latter being indicative of electron-transfer processes.



Hydride abstraction from 4 (Ph₃C⁺PF₆⁻, CH₂Cl₂, 20 °C, 45 min) proceeded in high yield to give the substituted dienyl complex 6.8

Reaction of 6 with lithium dimethylcuprate gave a 3:1 mixture of complexes 7 and 8 (NMR), while reaction with methyllithium gave only 8, both reactions being accompanied by dimer formation and proceeding in low overall yield (20%;⁸ Scheme I). Despite the low yields, formation of 7 does indicate the potential for attaining 1,3-stereocontrol by using a seven-membered ring. Surprisingly, reaction of 1a with dimethyl malonate anion gave low yields of multiple products.9

During the above study we consistently observed the formation of considerable amounts of polar material (TLC), which was too unstable for characterization. This might arise from nucleophile attack at a CO ligand¹⁰ and might be effectively overcome by increasing the electron density at the metal. We therefore examined reactions of complexes 1b and 1c, summarized in Scheme Treatment of 1b with MeLi (CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C) gave the II. product 9b of methylation at C-2 of the dienyl ligand, while reaction of 1b or 1c with Me₂CuLi (Et₂O, 0 °C) gave the product 10 of terminal methylation,⁸ in 85–90% yield. Reaction of 1b or 1c with dimethyl sodiomalonate (THF, 20 °C) gave 11; reaction with methyl sodioacetoacetate gave an equimolar mixture of diastereomers 12 and with methyl phenylsulfonylsodioacetate gave

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13, all reactions occurring in 90-100% yield and at the dienyl terminus, as shown conclusively by NMR spectra of the products.⁸ Hydride abstraction (Ph₃C⁺PF₆⁻, CH₂Cl₂, 20 °C, 45 min) from the methyl-substituted complex 10 proceeded in excellent yield to give 14, which upon treatment with Me₂CuLi, gave a single crystalline product in 83% yield, readily identified as 15 from its symmetrical 200-MHz ¹H NMR spectrum.⁸ (Addition of the second methyl group syn to the metal would have given a compound showing widely differing CH₃ chemical shifts.) Reaction of 14 with dimethyl sodiomalonate occurred with equal regio- and stereospecificity to give 16 in essentially quantitative yield.⁸ Decomplexation of 16c (Me₃NO, dimethylacetamide, 55 °C, 36 h) afforded the stereochemically defined cycloheptadiene derivative 17⁸ in 80% yield. Finally, treatment of the methylated dienyl complex 14 with methyl phenylsulfonylsodioacetate gave the diene complex 18 as a mixture of distereomers in 90% yield after preparative TLC.

In conclusion, we have now demonstrated that (a) alteration of the electronic character of the metal in cycloheptadienyl-Fe-(CO)₂L complexes has a profound effect on the reactivity of these molecules toward a range of synthetically useful nucleophiles, (b) changes in the nature of the nucleophile have a profound effect on regioselectivity of the reaction, and (c) the metal can be successfully removed in high yield in the presence of functional groups. Thus, it is possible to synthesize stereochemically defined substituted cycloheptadiene derivatives via iron complexes. We are currently studying functionalization of the diene unit of compounds related to 17.

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2-Indanol Formation from Photocyclization of α -Arylacetophenones

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Part of the elegance of Paquette's dodecahedrane synthesis¹ was his anticipation of efficient δ -hydrogen abstraction by photo excited ketones of restricted conformational mobility. There had been a few examples²⁻⁵ of efficient photocyclization due to triplet state δ -hydrogen abstraction in ketones in which the only reactive C-H bonds are situated δ to the carbonyl, but the controlling conformational factors were not explicitly considered. We report an apparently overlooked example of a very efficient δ hydrogen transfer process that leads cleanly to 2-indanols and that provides unique information about a rotational equilibrium.

We have studied a group of α -(o-tolyl)acetophenones, which undergo quantitative photocyclizations to 2-phenyl-2-indanols. Table I lists several of the compounds together with excited-state kinetics data. All starting ketones were synthesized by standard methods; product structures were determined by isolation and standard spectroscopic analysis. In all cases, the yield of indanol was within experimental error of 100% for 313-nm irradiation of 0.1 M ketone solutions. Quantum efficiencies are quite high,

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