ring with 11 containing only 0.25 D all in the 6-exo position. No 6-endo D incorporation is noted.

The detailed mechanism of the alkyl reaction is not yet clear, but several points should be noted. First, alkyl migrations from the acyl complex 10 to give directly the product can be ruled out. In the presence of a 12-fold excess of PPh₃, the $5c \Rightarrow 10c$ equilibrium strongly favors acyl (>99:1) and the rate of isopropyl migration is greatly retarded rather than accelerated. Secondly, the surprising lack of endo migration of the hydride suggests that the mechanism is not simply irreversible migration of -R from manganese to the arene ring followed by PPh₃ trapping of the 16-electron cyclohexadienyl intermediate as was originally suggested by us.¹ Were this the case, hydrogen migration is expected to be much more rapid than alkyl migration, contrary to our observations. An attractive mechanistic alternative is the intermediacy of an $(\eta^4$ -ar $ene)(CO)_2(PPh_3)Mn-R complex 12$. On the basis of sim-



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Formation and Structure of a Ferraphosphacyclopentenone

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Summary: Reaction of Na(C₅H₅)Fe(CO)₂ with (C₆H₅)P-(Cl){N[Si(CH₃)₃]₂} in THF results in the formation of a metallophosphane complex (C₅H₅)Fe(CO)₂[P(C₆H₅){N[Si-(CH₃)₃]₂}]. This complex combines readily with CF₃C CCF₃, and a compound of composition (C₅H₅)Fe(CO)₂[P-(C₆H₅){N[Si(CH₃)₃]₂}](CF₃C=CCF₃) is isolated. The structure of the compound has been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques and found to con-

$C(O)C(CF_3) = C(CF_3)P(C_8H_5)\{N[Si(CH_3)_3]_2\}.$

It has been demonstrated that the combination of the highly nucleophilic group 8 metal carbonylates Na(C₅-H₅)Fe(CO)₂ and Na[C₅(CH₃)₅]Fe(CO)₂ with monohalophosphines P(X)(Y)(Cl) results in the formation of metallophosphanes (C₅H₅)Fe(CO)₂[P(X)(Y)], which contain a terminal, pyramidal phosphorus atom.¹⁻⁶ The phosphorus atom in these complexes should serve as a site for nucleophilic reactivity and several reports which confirm this assumption have recently appeared.^{24,6} We report here the synthesis of a metallophosphane (C₅H₅)Fe(CO)₂[P(C₆H₅){N[Si(CH₃)₃]₂}] (1) and the formation of a novel ferraphosphacyclopentenone complex, (C₅H₅)(CO)FeC-(O)C(CF₃)=C(CF₃)P(C₆H₅){N[Si(CH₃)₃]₂} (2) through nucleophilic attack of the pyramidal phosphorus center on the activated acetylene CF₃C=CCF₃.

Combination of Na(C_5H_5)Fe(CO)₂ with (C_6H_5)P(Cl){N-[Si(CH₃)₃]₂⁷ in equimolar amounts in tetrahydrofuran at 25 °C (12 h) resulted in a blood red solution containing (C_5H_5)Fe(CO)₂[P(C_6H_5){N[Si(CH₃)₃]₂]] (1). The solution was filtered to remove NaCl, the THF⁸ solution evaporated to dryness, extracted with benzene, and filtered to remove remaining traces of NaCl, and the filtrate evaporated to dryness. 1 was recovered in 90% yield as a dark red microcrystalline solid which was characterized by analytical and spectroscopic techniques.⁹ Elemental analysis and mass spectrometric data confirm the composition of 1. An infrared spectrum shows the expected two-band pattern, 2007 and 1960 cm⁻¹, in the terminal carbonyl stretching

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Organophosphanes are known to undergo complex addition reactions with activated acetylenes;¹⁴ therefore, it was of interest to determine the nature of the reactivity of metallophosphanes with acetylene fragments. A methylcyclohexane solution of 1 mixed with excess $F_3CC =$ CCF₃ (1:2) at 25 °C for 12 h produces a red-orange solid¹⁵ and a blood red solution¹⁶ which are separated by filtration. The solid 2, rinsed with methylcyclohexane, is recovered in 33% yield. Elemental analyses and mass spectra of the solid are consistent with the formulation $Fe(C_5H_5)(CO)_2$ - $(CF_3C \equiv CCF_3)[P(Ph)\{N[Si(CH_3)_3]_2\}$. Infrared spectra display absorptions at 1942, 1604, and 1580 cm⁻¹ which are assigned to a terminal metal carbonyl stretch, a bridging carbonyl or acyl stretch, and an olefinic C=C stretch, respectively. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum shows a strong singlet at δ 164 which is attributed to 2 and a minor resonance (<10%) at δ 157 which is presently unassigned. The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum shows two quartets of doublets centered at δ -47.4 (${}^{3}J_{\rm FP}$ = 3.6 Hz, ${}^{5}J_{\rm FF}$ = 11.2 Hz) and δ



Figure 1. Molecular geometry and atom-labeling scheme for $Cp(CO)FeC(O)C(CF_3) = C(CF_3)P(C_6H_5)[N[Si(CH_3)_3]_2]$. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) include the following: Fe- $C(Cp)_{av} = 2.103$ (3), Fe-C(1) = 1.739 (3), Fe-C(2) = 1.907 (2), Fe-P= 2.179 (1), C(1)-O(1) = 1.156 (3), C(2)-O(2) = 1.223 (3), C-(2)-C(33) = 1.542 (3), C(32)-C(33) = 1.330 (3), P-C(32) = 1.873 (2), P-N = 1.689 (2), and P-C(16) = 1.837 (2); C(1)-Fe-C(2) = (16) = 1.837 = 1.237 =86.9 (1), C(1)-Fe-P = 94.3 (1), C(2)-Fe-P = 83.8 (1), Fe-C(2)-C(33) = 115.6 (2), Fe-C(2)-O(2) = 129.2 (2), O (2)-C(2)-C(33) = 115.2 (2), Fe-P-C(16) = 115.9 (1), Fe-P-C(32) = 101.2 (1), Fe-P-N = 121.6 (1), N-P-C(16) = 105.6 (1), and N-P-C(32) =108.5 (1).

-49.6 (${}^{4}J_{\rm FP}$ = 2.6 Hz, ${}^{5}J_{\rm FF}$ = 11.2 Hz) which require the presence of two inequivalent CF_3 groups.

Single crystals of 2 are obtained from a concentrated THF solution. X-ray diffraction analysis confirms the proposed elemental composition;¹⁷ however, the molecular structure is more complex than suggested by the simple stoichiometric formula given above. A view of the structure is shown in Figure 1. The iron atom is bonded to a η^5 -C₅H₅ ring, Fe—C(ring)_{av} = 2.103 Å and C—C(ring)_{av} = 1.394 Å, and a single terminal CO group with Fe-CO =1.739 (3) Å and C = 0 = 1.156 (3) Å. The latter pair of distances are comparable with related average distances in 3, 1.766 (7) and 1.145 (14) Å. The iron atom is also incorporated into an envelope-shaped five-membered $FeC(O)C(CF_3) = C(CF_3)P$ ferraphosphacyclopentenone ring: the four atoms P, C(2), C(32), and C(33) define a least-squares plane with deviations from the plane of -0.03, 0.04, 0.08, and -0.09 Å, respectively. The iron atom resides 0.68 Å above the plane with a fold angle between the C-(2)–Fe–P and C(2)–C(33)–C(32)–P planes of 152.8°. The acyl oxygen atom and CF_3 groups are distorted above and below the latter plane: O(2), 0.62 Å; C(31), 0.28 Å, C(34), -0.28 Å. The sum of the angles about C(2) is 360°. The Fe-P distance 2.179 (1) Å is considerably shorter than the Fe-P distances in 3, 2.340 (2) Å,³ and in 1, 2.338 (1) Å.¹³ The iron-acyl carbon atom bond distance Fe-C(2), 1.907 (2) Å, is shorter than related iron-acyl carbon atom distances in $[C_5H_4C_6H_6CO]Fe_2(CO)_5$,¹⁸ 1.960 (3) Å, in $(C_5-H_5)Fe(COCF_2C_5H_5)$,^{19c} 1.99 (1) Å, and in a ferr-

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and $(C_5H_5)(CO)_2WC(CO_2CH_3)C(CO_2CH_3)C(O)SCH_3$ 1.46 (1) Å. The phosphorus atom possesses a distorted tetrahedral geometry with bond angles ranging between 101.2° and 121.6°. The P-N bond distance 1.689 (2) Å is slightly shorter than the average P-N distance in 3, 1.701 (6) Å, and significantly shorter than the P-N distance in the parent compound 1, 1.734 (4) Å.¹³ The P-N bond shortening in 2 is consistent with electron release from the phosphorus lone pair onto the C(32) atom. The P-C(16) distance 1.837 (2) Å in 2 is comparable with the related distance in 1, 1.834 (5) Å.

The formation of a ferraphosphacyclopentenone structural unit from the combination of 1 with $CF_3C \equiv CCF_3$ is interestingly reminiscent of the results of reactions of metal thiolates $(C_5H_5)Fe(CO)_2(SR)^{20,23}$ and $(C_5H_5)W(CO)_3$ - $(SR)^{22,24}$ with $CF_3C \equiv CCF_3$. It has been proposed²⁴ that the nucleophilic thiolate sulfur atom attacks one carbon of the activated acetylene forming dipolar intermediates, of the general type $(CO)M-S^+(R')C(R)=C^-(R)$. This intermediate may then produce a metal vinyl thiolate, (CO)M-C(R)=C(R)(SR'),metalor а lathiacyclopentenone, M - S(R')C(R) = C(R)C(O), identical in nature with 2. The thiolate encones have also been found to undergo ring expansion and ring rearrangement reactions,²⁴ and it is likely that the additional, cyclohexane-soluble products of the reaction of 1 with $CF_3C \equiv$ CCF_3 are phosphorus analogues of one or more of the metal thiolate products. At this time, these products as well as the products formed by combination of 1 and other alkynes are under study.

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A New Type of Organometallic Spiro Compounds: 2,2,6,6-Tetracyclopentadlenyl-4-slla-2,6-dititanaspiro-[3.3]heptane

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Summary: The reaction of Cp2TiCl2 with CH2(MgBr)2 gave the di-Grignard reagent Cp2Ti(CH2MgBr)2 which on treatment with 0.5 molar equiv of SiCl₄ furnished the title compound Cp2TiCH2Si(CH2)Ti(Cp2)CH2 (4) in 48% yield.

Compound 4 was characterized by NMR and UV spectra. The ²⁹Si chemical shift (δ –145.3) is unusually shielded; this is briefly discussed in the context of other silicon spiro compounds. Reaction of 4 with iodine or Me₃SnCl gave $Si(CH_2I)_4$ or $Si(CH_2SnMe_3)_4$, respectively.

We have recently developed a number of routes to prepare 1,1- and 1,3-di-Grignard reagents and explored their potential for the synthesis of metal-containing four-membered rings.^{1,2} Here we report the application of this approach to the preparation of 2,2,6,6-tetracyclopentadienyl-4-sila-2,6-dititanaspiro[3.3]heptane (4) which belongs to a new type of compounds combining the structural features of a silicon-centered spiro compound with those of 1,3-dimetallacyclobutanes. Compound 4 is remarkably stable and has interesting spectroscopic properties.

The concept for the synthesis of 4 is rather simple. It consists of the reaction of the 1,3-di-Grignard reagent 3, which can be obtained from dichlorodicyclopentadienyltitanium (1) and methylenedimagnesium dibromide (2) in situ with silicon tetrachloride (Scheme I).

In a typical experiment, 1 (0.7 mmol) was added at -20 °C to the solution of 2 (1.4 mmol) in diethyl ether/benzene (1:1; 50 mL). After the solution was stirred for 1 h, 3 was formed as a red, viscous precipitate,^{2a} and silicon tetra-

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