

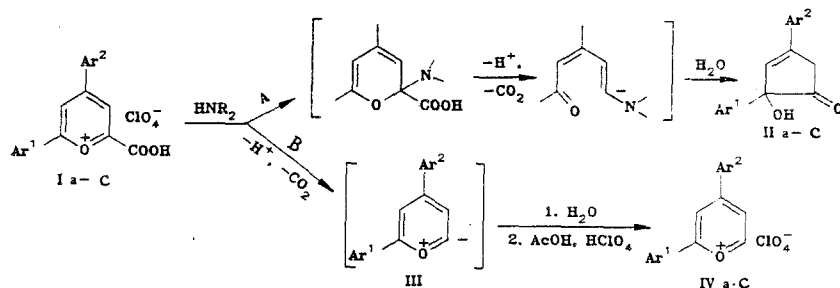
DUAL REACTING OF MONOCYCLIC α -CARBOXYPYRYLIUM SALTS IN REACTION
WITH SECONDARY AMINES

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In reaction with secondary amines in benzene, 1-aryl-3-carboxy-2-benzo-pyrylium salts become decarboxylated with simultaneous contraction of the heteroring, concluded with formation of benzo-annealed acyloins [1, 2].

We found that α -carboxypyrylium salts I, obviously, because of a lesser tendency to add nucleophile, compared with the benzo-[c]-annealed analogs, react under these conditions through two paths:



I-IV a $\text{Ar}^1 = \text{Ar}^2 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$; b $\text{Ar}^1 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, $\text{Ar}^2 = p\text{-CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$; c $\text{Ar}^1 = p\text{-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$, $\text{Ar}^2 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$

After evaporation, treatment with water and chromatography of the reaction mixture on a column with Al_2O_3 (colorless fractions with R_f 0.4), acyloins IIa-c were obtained in yields of 15-40%, which are clearly formed by intramolecular condensation (path A).

After the evaporation of the colored fractions with R_f 0.9, oily products are obtained, dissolution of which in acetic acid and addition of 70% HClO_4 gave the previously difficultly obtainable α -unsubstituted pyrylium salts IVa-c [3] in yields similar to those indicated above. The formation of these salts presumes an intermediate formation of type III ylides (path B) as in reactions of α -carboxypyrylium salts with carbonyl compounds [4].

2-Hydroxy-2,4-diphenylcyclopent-3-enone (IIa). mp 122-124°C. IR spectrum (KBr): 1582, 1594 (C=C, arom.), 1688 (C=O), 3435 cm^{-1} (O-H). PMR spectrum (CDCl_3): 3.28 (2H, s, CH_2), 4.10 (1H, s, OH), 6.50 (1H, s, CH), 7.00-7.65 ppm (10H, m, arom.).

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylcyclopent-3-enone (IIb). mp 134-135°C. IR spectrum (KBr): 1581, 1600 (C=C, arom.), 1674 (C=O), 3395 cm^{-1} (OH). PMR spectrum (CDCl_3): 3.30 (2H, s, CH_2), 3.72 (3H, s, CH_3O), 4.35 (1H, s, OH), 6.40 (1H, s, CH), 6.75-7.40 ppm (9H, m, arom.).

2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylcyclopent-3-enone (IIc). mp 128-129°C. IR spectrum (KBr): 1568, 1594 (C=C, arom.), 1688 (C=O), 3434 cm^{-1} (OH).

2,4-Diphenylpyrylium Perchlorate (IVa). mp 198-200°C, according to the data in [3], mp 218-219°C. IR spectrum (KBr): 1088 (ClO_4^-), 1594, 1621 cm^{-1} (C=C, arom.).

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylpyrylium Perchlorate (IVb). mp 254-255°C. IR spectrum (KBr): 1090 (ClO_4^-), 1594, 1621 cm^{-1} (C=C, arom.). PMR spectrum (CDCl_3): 3.60 (3H, s, CH_3O), 6.72-8.05 ppm (12H, arom.).

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2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-4-phenylpyrylium Perchlorate (IVc). mp 178-180°C. IR spectrum (KBr): 1090 (ClO_4^-), 1580, 1620 cm^{-1} (C=C, arom.).

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HIGH-TEMPERATURE REACTION OF 2-THIOPHENETHIOL WITH ACETYLENE

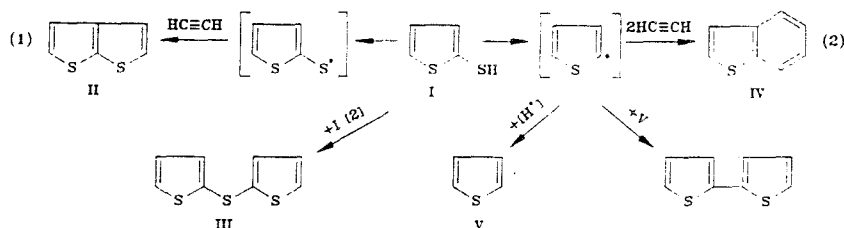
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Thiophenol reacts with acetylene at 550-650°C with the formation of benzo[b]thiophene in 70-93% yield [1]. We have determined that the reaction of 2-thiophenethiol (I) under similar conditions (500-600°C) affords not only the expected thieno[2,3-b]thiophene (II), but also bis(2-thienyl) sulfide (III) as well as thiophene and benzo[b]thiophene (IV). At temperatures above 530°C, dithienyls are additionally formed.

At 500°C, with a 1:1 reagent ratio, the main reaction product was sulfide III (76% yield), and the yields of thienothiophene II and benzothiophene IV were only 12 and 6%, respectively. An increase of the mole fraction of acetylene [1:(2-3)] resulted in an increase of the yield of reaction products II (up to 40-50%) and IV (up to 15-20%) and a decrease of the yield of sulfide III to 40-30%. The maximum yield of thieno[2,3-b]thiophene (52%) was attained at 550°C (1:2 reagent ratio). A further temperature increase (to 600°C) resulted in the formation, preferentially, of thiophene (20%), benzothiophene IV (25%), and dithienyls (8%).

The complex nature of the conversions of 2-thiophenethiol in the high-temperature reaction with acetylene (unlike in the case of thiophenol [1]) may be due to the dual primary thermal decomposition of thiol I occurring at the S-H and C-S bonds:



Thus, in this case, acetylene acts as a trap both of thiyl radicals [reaction (1)] and C radicals [reaction (2)]. The latter are trapped less efficiently.

The reaction was carried out in a tubular quartz reactor (250 × 15 mm) in an annular gap (3 mm) formed by the walls of the reaction tube and a thermocouple housing. 2-Thiophenethiol was fed into the reaction zone with an automatic dispenser at a rate of 3.2 ml/h. The acetylene feed rate depended on the reagent ratio (0.8-2.5 liters/h). The reaction products were identified by GLC (comparison with known samples) and chromatography-mass spectrometry. Thienothiophene II was recovered by distillation in vacuo (110-120°C at 13 mm) and purified by preparative GLC. According to PMR data (acetone- D_6), the reaction products contained no thieno[3,4-b]thiophene (cf. [3]).

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