

over magnesium sulfate and decolorized with activated charcoal. Solvent removal gave the crude product.

2,4-Diphenyl-1-*p*-toluenesulfonylbut-1-en-3-yne (17c).—From **3a** (7.68 g, 0.02 mol) and cuprous phenylacetylide (3.29 g, 0.02 mol) there was obtained 1.05 g (15%) of **17c**, mp 117–118°.

Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈O₂S: C, 77.07; H, 5.06; S, 8.94. Found: C, 77.33; H, 5.00; S, 8.96.

2,4-Diphenyl-1-ethanesulfonylbut-1-en-3-yne (17b).—**5a** (6.44 g, 0.02 mol) and the acetylide (3.29 g, 0.02 mol) afforded 3.47 g (59%) of **17b**, mp 76–77°.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₂S: C, 72.99; H, 5.44; S, 10.82. Found: C, 73.08; H, 5.60; S, 10.58.

4-Phenyl-2-cyclohexyl-1-*p*-toluenesulfonylbut-1-en-3-yne (17a).—When **3c** (7.81 g, 0.02 mol) and the acetylide (3.29 g, 0.02 mol) were combined as before, a viscous yellow oil was obtained (5.84 g, 80%) which could not be induced to solidify. The ir and nmr spectra of this oil were identical with those obtained on the pure product (see the following). A portion of this oil was then chromatographed on a silica gel column using chloroform–hexane (1:1) as the eluent. Again, the same viscous, yellow oil was encountered and, after vacuum drying, it was analyzed as such.

Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₄O₂S: C, 75.78; H, 6.64; S, 8.80. Found: C, 75.79; H, 6.83; S, 8.92.

Registry No.—**3a**, 22183-12-6; **3b**, 22214-91-1; **3c**, 22297-38-7; **3d**, 29038-88-8; **3e**, 28995-73-5; **3f**, 28995-74-6; **3g**, 28995-75-7; **3h**, 28995-76-8; **3i**, 28995-77-9; **3j**, 28995-78-0; *trans*-**3k**, 28995-79-1; *cis*-**3k**, 22214-90-0; **3l**, 22214-94-4; **3m**, 22214-93-3; **3n**, 22214-92-2; **4a**, 28995-82-6; **4b**, 28995-83-7; **5a**, 28995-84-8; **5b**, 28995-85-9; **6**, 28995-86-0; **7**, 28995-87-1; **8**, 28995-88-2; **9**, 28995-90-6; **10**, 28995-91-7; **11**, 28995-92-8; **12**, 24378-05-0; **15**, 28995-94-0; **17b**, 28995-95-1; **17c**, 28995-96-2; *cis*-1-cyclohexyl-2-*p*-toluenesulfonylethene, 28995-97-3.

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Reaction of Carboethoxycarbene with Aliphatic Sulfides and Allyl Compounds

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Reactions of carboethoxycarbene produced by photolysis of ethyl diazoacetate with dialkyl and alkyl allyl sulfides were investigated. Reactions in dialkyl sulfides bearing β -hydrogen atoms resulted in the formation of ethyl alkylmercaptoacetates. On the other hand, the reactions in alkyl allyl sulfides gave mixtures of 1-alkyl 1-alkylmercaptoacetates (C–S insertion) and cyclopropane derivatives (C=C addition). These product formations are explained by the mechanism involving ylide formation from the carbene and sulfides. Copper-catalyzed thermal decomposition of ethyl diazoacetate in these sulfides resulted in more selective reactions and gave high yields of the acetates, the formation of cyclopropane derivatives being drastically reduced. Allyl ethers and chlorides react less selectively with carboethoxycarbene to produce mixtures of insertion and addition products.

Although the reactions of carbenes with molecules containing heteroatoms have been extensively studied, little has been recorded of the photochemical and thermal reactions with aliphatic sulfides and allyl compounds containing sulfur, oxygen, and halides.¹ Some of the reactions of the allyl compounds have been reported with dichlorocarbene derived from the acid-base-catalyzed reaction of the halo ester² and with methylene produced by the decomposition of diazomethane with metal salts.³ Kirmse has reported that the copper salt catalyzed thermal decomposition of diazomethane in allyl sulfides yields methylene insertion products into the carbon–sulfur bond as major products, together with some cyclopropane derivatives. In the allyl ethers and amines, however, the cyclopropane derivatives have been obtained as the major products. Furthermore, the addition products have been formed from allyl chlorides without substantial formation of insertion products. This is contrasted with the reaction in allyl bromide in which the insertion product has been obtained in about 80% yield. The

formation of insertion products may be ascribed to ylide formation by the attack of the carbene on the lone-pair electrons of a heteroatom, followed by allylic rearrangement which is a thermally symmetry-allowed process. Similar results in the copper-catalyzed thermal decomposition of ethyl diazoacetate in allyl halides have been obtained. Thus, the addition of the carbene to the double bond in allyl chlorides competes effectively with insertion into the carbon–chlorine bond, whereas no cyclopropanes have been obtained from allyl bromides and iodides.^{4,5} However, these reaction species have been known as carbenoids and should be significantly different in nature from the free carbenes formed by photolysis of the diazo compounds.^{6–8}

Recently we reported that the photochemical reaction of dimethyl diazomalonate in aliphatic sulfides forms stable sulfonium ylides⁹ and in allyl compounds forms the carbene insertion products into the carbon–sulfur, oxygen, and halogen bond.^{10,11} We have sug-

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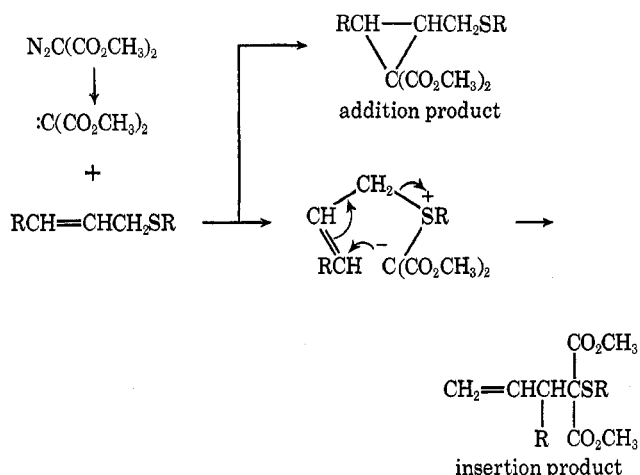
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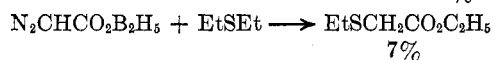
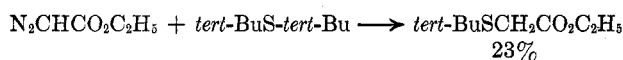


The study was extended to the photochemical reaction of diazoacetate, where the carbene formed by the photolysis is considered to be less electrophilic, and ylides formed by the reaction of the carbene with heteroatom-containing molecules are expected to be less resonance stabilized compared with the case of the reaction of diazomalonate.

Results

Irradiation of a solution of ethyl diazoacetate in a relevant substrate was carried out in a Pyrex tube with a high-pressure mercury lamp. The reaction mixture was analyzed by vpc, and the structures of the isolated products were determined on the basis of nmr and ir spectra and elemental analysis.

Reactions with Aliphatic Sulfides.—Photochemical decomposition of ethyl diazoacetate in di-*tert*-butyl sulfide produced 23% ethyl *tert*-butylmercaptoacetate. Similarly, the reaction in diethyl sulfide gave ethyl ethylmercaptoacetate, although the yield was reduced. Each product was identified by comparison of its spectra with that of the authentic sample. On the other hand,



the reaction in dimethyl sulfide gave only tarry materials and no product detectable by gas chromatographic analysis.



Reactions with Allyl Sulfides.—Thermal and photochemical decomposition of ethyl diazoacetate in allyl sulfides produced insertion and addition products. The dependence of the yield on the reaction variables is summarized in Table I. The starting allyl sulfides and the products were stable under the conditions employed in the reactions and the analytical procedures.

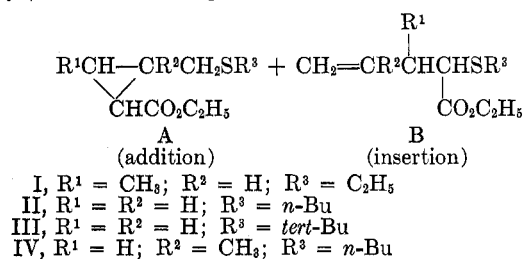
In the reaction of I with carbethoxycarbene, no significant difference in the product distribution was observed between the thermal and photochemical decomposition, although thermolysis gave only 30% decomposition of ethyl diazoacetate under the conditions.

TABLE I
DEPENDENCE OF PRODUCT DISTRIBUTION ON
REACTION VARIABLES

Sulfide	Diazoacetate, mmol	Mode of decompn	A (addition) (cis + trans), %	B (insertion), %
I	1.8	$h\nu$	6	23
I	1.9	$h\nu$	7	19
I	1.8	CuCl, 90° (2 min)		95
I	1.8	Cu, 90° (2 hr)		85
I	2.0	80°, 24 hr ^a	5	25
II	4.4	$h\nu$	10	15
III	4.4	$h\nu$	13	16
IV	4.4	$h\nu$	15	23

^a 30% of diazoacetate was decomposed under these conditions.

On the other hand, the copper-catalyzed thermal decomposition was remarkable both in high reaction rate and in increased yields of insertion products. The



structure of the insertion product obtained from I was established to be IB by the analysis of nmr and ir spectra. Absence of the nonrearranged insertion product in the reaction mixture was proved by gas chromatography. The elimination product, ethyl γ -methylallylmercaptoacetate, was also found not to be produced.

Reactions with Allyl Ethers.—Reaction products of carbethoxycarbene with allyl methyl ethers are tabulated in Table II. Analogous to the reactions with

TABLE II
REACTIONS OF CARBETHOXYCARBENE WITH
ALLYL METHYL ETHERS

Ether	Diazoacetate, mmol	Mode of decompn	A ^a (addition), %	B (insertion), %	C (insertion), %
V	1.5	$h\nu$	19.5		19.5
V	1.5	CuSO ₄ ^b	25.0		45.8
VI	0.95	$h\nu$	15.2	4.5	21.8
VI	0.95	CuSO ₄	10.4	2.7	32.0

^a The mixture of cis and trans cyclopropanes. ^b Copper sulfate catalyzed thermal reaction was carried out at 105° for 5.5 hr.

allyl sulfides, the insertion and addition products were mainly produced. However, the product distribution shows that the carbene attacked less favorably on oxygen atoms, compared with the reaction with allyl sulfides. It is noteworthy that, even in the copper salt catalyzed reaction, considerable amounts of addition products were formed.

Furthermore, a small percentage of the direct insertion product, namely VIB, was detected in the reaction mixture of VI. Although the possibility that this

acetate in 3 ml of a substrate was carried out with a high-pressure mercury lamp. After the diazo band disappeared from the reaction mixture, a known amount of an internal standard (phenyltriethylsilane) was added to the reaction mixture, which was then analyzed by gas chromatography. The structure of the isolated product was determined on the basis of nmr and ir spectra data and elemental analysis. The cyclopropane derivatives obtained from the reaction with the allyl system consist of two geometrical isomers. Their configurations were not assigned. Analytical data are summarized (A-1 and A-2 are stereoisomers of cyclopropane products).

IA-1: nmr 1.25 (m, 12 H), 2.48 (m, 4 H), 4.10 (q, 2 H); ir 1725 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 59.38; H, 8.97. Found: C, 58.67; H, 8.81.

IA-2: nmr 1.25 (m, 11 H), 1.68 (m, 1 H), 2.50 (q, 2 H), 2.70 (m, 2 H), 4.10 (q, 2 H); ir 1725 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 59.38; H, 8.97. Found: C, 59.91; H, 8.92.

IB: nmr 1.18 (m, 9 H), 2.55 (q, 2 H), 2.66 (m, 1 H), 2.96 (d, 1 H), 4.13 (q, 2 H), 5.01 (broad m, 2 H), 5.66 (m, 1 H); ir 930, 980, 1635, 1750 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 59.38; H, 8.97. Found: C, 59.55; H, 9.17.

IIA: nmr 1.25 (m, 14 H), 2.42 (m, 2 H), 4.03 (q, 2 H); ir 1725, 1746 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 61.09; H, 9.32. Found: C, 61.55; H, 9.35.

IIIB: nmr 0.92 (t, 3 H), 1.26 (t, 3 H), 1.44 (m, 4 H), 2.51 (t, 2 H), 3.10 (m, 3 H), 4.13 (q, 2 H), 5.03 (broad d, 2 H), 5.80 (m, 1 H); ir 920, 1645, 1735 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 61.09; H, 9.32. Found: C, 61.39; H, 9.56.

IIIA-1: nmr 1.25 (m, 7 H), 1.29 (s, 9 H), 2.50 (center of two d, 2 H), 4.05 (q, 2 H); ir 1725 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 61.09; H, 9.32. Found: C, 60.86; H, 8.95.

IIIA-2: nmr 1.28 (m, 7 H), 1.29 (s, 9 H), 2.70 (center of two d, 2 H), 4.10 (q, 2 H); ir 1725 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 61.09; H, 9.32. Found: C, 60.96; H, 8.95.

IIIB: nmr 1.25 (t, 3 H), 1.34 (s, 9 H), 2.40 (m, 2 H), 3.18 (center of two d, 1 H), 4.12 (q, 2 H), 5.02 (broad d, 2 H), 5.72 (m, 1 H); ir 925, 1645, 1730 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 61.09; H, 9.32. Found: C, 61.07; H, 9.14.

IVA: nmr 0.97 (m, 3 H), 1.23 (s, 3 H), 1.26 (t, 3 H), 1.58 (m, 7 H), 2.45 (m, 2 H), 2.70 (s, 2 H), 4.10 (q, 2 H); ir 1716 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 62.58; H, 9.63. Found: C, 62.63; H, 9.51.

IVB: nmr 0.95 (t, 3 H), 1.25 (t, 3 H), 1.50 (m, 4 H), 1.73 (s, 3 H), 2.50 (m, 4 H), 3.28 (center of two d, 1 H), 4.11 (q, 2 H), 4.72 (m, 2 H); ir 895, 1655, 1725, 1745 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 62.58; H, 9.63. Found: C, 62.84; H, 9.61.

VA: nmr 1.25 (t, 3 H), 1.53 (m, 4 H), 3.26 (s, 3 H), 3.28 (m, 2 H), 4.08 (q, 2 H); ir 1730 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$: C, 60.74; H, 8.92. Found: C, 60.77; H, 9.06.

VB: nmr 1.30 (t, 3 H), 2.41 (m, 2 H), 3.33 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (t, 1 H), 4.15 (q, 2 H), 4.98 (broad d, 2 H), 5.55 (m, 1 H); ir 916, 1643, 1740, 1755 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$: C, 60.74; H, 8.92. Found: C, 60.98; H, 8.86.

VIA-1: nmr 1.27 (m + t, 9 H), 3.20 (s, 3 H), 3.45 (m, 2 H), 4.06 (q, 2 H); ir 1725 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: C, 62.76; H, 9.36. Found: C, 63.09; H, 9.42.

VIA-2: nmr 1.27 (m + t, 9 H), 3.25 (m + s, 5 H), 4.08 (q, 2 H); ir 1725 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: C, 62.76; H, 9.36. Found: C, 62.33; H, 9.09.

VIB: nmr 1.27 (t, 3 H), 1.73 (d, 3 H), 2.33 (center of two d, 2 H), 3.24 (d, 3 H), 3.53 (m, 1 H), 4.08 (q, 2 H), 5.45 (m, 2 H); ir 966, 1675, 1742 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: C, 62.76; H, 9.36. Found: C, 62.89; H, 9.55.

VIC: nmr 1.03 (d, 3 H), 1.28 (t, 3 H), 2.50 (m, 1 H), 3.30 (s, 3 H), 3.48 (d, 1 H), 4.15 (q, 2 H), 4.91 (broad d, 2 H), 5.65 (m, 1 H); ir 915, 1640, 1735, 1754 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: C, 62.76; H, 9.36. Found: C, 63.08; H, 9.52.

VIIA-1: nmr 1.13 (m, 2 H), 1.28 (t, 3 H), 1.80 (m, 2 H), 3.72 (center of two d, 2 H), 4.12 (q, 2 H). *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_2$: C, 51.69; H, 6.76. Found: C, 51.37; H, 6.72.

VIIA-2: nmr 1.26 (t + m, 5 H), 1.58 (m, 2 H), 3.45 (s, 2 H), 4.10 (q, 2 H). *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_2$: C, 51.69; H, 6.76. Found: C, 51.56; H, 6.98.

VIIIB,C: nmr 1.30 (t, 3 H), 2.67 (m, 2 H), 4.21 (q + t, 3 H), 5.12 (broad d, 2 H), 5.68 (m, 1 H). *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_2$: C, 51.69; H, 6.76. Found: C, 51.75; H, 7.12.

IXA-1: nmr 1.26 (t + d + m, 9 H), 3.72 (center of two d, 2 H), 4.10 (q, 2 H); ir 1730 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_2$: C, 54.36; H, 7.36. Found: C, 54.90; H, 7.40.

IXA-2: nmr 1.26 (t + d, 6 H), 1.54 (m, 3 H), 3.45 (d, 2 H), 4.10 (q, 2 H); ir 1730 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_2$: C, 54.36; H, 7.36. Found: C, 54.09; H, 7.55.

IXB: nmr 1.30 (t, 3 H), 1.68 (d, 3 H), 2.60 (m, 2 H), 4.10 (t, 1 H), 4.18 (q, 2 H), 5.54 (m, 2 H); ir 965, 1745 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_2$: C, 54.36; H, 7.36. Found: C, 53.78; H, 7.23.

IXC: nmr 1.18 (t, 3 H), 1.28 (t, 3 H), 2.75 (m, 1 H), 3.96 (d, 1 H), 4.16 (q, 2 H), 5.09 (broad d, 2 H), 5.70 (m, 1 H); ir 940, 975, 1745 cm^{-1} . *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_2$: C, 54.36; H, 7.36. Found: C, 54.77; H, 7.76.

General Procedure of Copper Salt Catalyzed Thermal Reactions.—Thermal reactions were carried out for 0.17 g (1.5 mmol) of ethyl diazoacetate in 2 ml of a substrate in the presence of 20 mg of copper salt. Samples were sealed in Pyrex tubes under vacuum and heated at 100° for the appropriate time.

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