their hydrogen bonds are **strong.** Consistent with this, the value of the electrostatic stabilization term in the MM2 calculation for the only **DDH** form of **2** is -22.3 kJ/mol, while for two of the **DDH** forms of **5** (though only 7% contributors) it is -23.1 and -23.3 kJ/mol and for two of the **DDH** forma of **6** (12% contributors) it is -22.7 and -22.8 kJ/moL Similarly, the structural parameters of the hydrogen bonds in **6** and **6** are **as** good (2.75-A interoxygen distance and 163' bond angle) **as those** seen' in the energetically more accessible **DDH** forma of **1** and **2.** Also, the **shift** of 135 cm-' seen in the OH stretching frequency of **5** and **6** is still quite comparable to the 130 cm-I **shift** seen for the 8-membered ring hydrogen bond in $1,5$ -pentanediol.^{9c}

It is clear that intramolecular hydrogen bonding is a prominent feature in these compounds. Secondly, the constraints of the $[n.3.3]$ propellane skeleton significantly affect the balance among available conformers. And, finally, strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding can be manifest even in those molecules whose **DDH** conformers show significant skeletal distortion.

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Reactions of Enamines with Dehydro Aromatic Compounds

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Benzyne mcta with enamines through a combination of ene and 2 + **2 cycloadditions. One of the two poesible ene reactions is greatly favored. The three-dimensional intermediate, 1,2-dehydro-o-carboranene,' eschews the** $2 + 2$ **reaction in favor of the ene reaction that is less favored in the benzyne reactions. This preference is rationalized in** terms **of the different steric demands of the two intermediates.**

Almost 30 years *ago* Martin Kuehne first described the reaction of benzyne with enamines. The reaction led, after hydrolysis, to 2-phenylcyclohexanone and compounds containing four-membered rings (eq 1).^{2,3} Although the

yields of the products depended upon reaction conditions and the method of benzyne generation, an overall mechanistic scheme was developed in which a dipolar intermediate partitioned between closure to give the aminocyclobutanes and protonation to give an iminium ion, the precursor to the ketone. **This** view was supported by the relative increase in cyclobutane formation when proton sources were reduced (eq 2).

This scheme is sensible in the context of 1962, and even presages the requirements of the yet-to-be-developed theory of orbital symmetry control in its stepwise $2 + 2$ reaction. However, even though at least one recent review accepts the mechanism,⁴ there are other possibilities. For example, **benzyne** was **known,** even in 1962, to undergo **the** ene reaction with simple alkenes? There are two possible

ene reactions of benzyne and Kuehne's enamines. One of these, compound **1,** would surely lead **to** the ketone on

evidence that the concerted⁶ ene reaction and the nonconcerted $2 + 2$ reaction⁷ are in competition in this reaction

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and make comparisons between these ene reactions of benzyne and those of its three-dimensional cousin, 1,2 dehydro-o-carborane.^{1,8}

Our plan was a simple one: **run** the reactions of benzyne with an enamine without a hydrolysis step and take advantage of 30 years of advances in analytical technology to search for the products of ene reaction. Presumably, they should appear in place of the ketone.

When benzyne generated from l-bromo-2-fluorobenzene and magnesium in tetrahydrofuran (THF) was allowed to react with **1-pyrrolidinocyclohexene** followed by Kuehne's hydrolytic workup, we obtained the two reported products, 2-phenylcyclohexanone and 3, **as** well **as** traces of **2,** one of the two possible products of an ene reaction. Identification was by comparison with data in the literature2 **as** well as analysis by ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy, IR spectroscopy, and high-resolution mass spectrometry. Crucial to the identification of **2** was the presence of two signals for "olefinic" hydrogens in the **'H** NMR spectrum at δ 6.36 (d, 1 H, $J = 13$ Hz) and 5.85 (m, 1 H). The presence of doublet and multiplet signals argues strongly for the structure assigned in which the double bond **oc**cupies the position proximate to the spiro carbon (eq **4).**

When the reaction was repeated without hydrolysis and the products worked up by distillation, no ketone could be found and a new product, **1,** appeared in its place in approximately the same amount (eq **5).**

In **1** a single "olefinic" hydrogen appeared in the 'H NMR spectrum as a singlet at δ 4.5. Treatment of the reaction mixture containing **1** with dilute HC1 led to 2 phenylcyclohexanone in good yield after extraction with ether. Remaining in the aqueous layer were **3,2,** and traces of **1.**

Accordingly, it seems reasonable to replace the previous mechanism in which a dipolar intermediate partitions between protonation and closure with a new, related process in which a concerted⁶ $4 + 2$ ene reaction and a presumably nonconcerted $2 + 2$ cycloaddition^{7,8} both lead to products. Although we cannot exclude the possibility that some or **all** of the observed ene product **1** comes from a dipolar intermediate in this case **(as** originally pro $posed^{2,4}$, there is strong evidence for the concerted ene reaction of benzyne in other systems.⁶

We have recently described a number of ene reactions of 1,2-dehydro-o-carborane (4), a three-dimensional relative of 1,2-dehydrobenzene, benzyne.^{8,9} We have now examined reactions of **4** with 1-morpholinocyclohexene and **1-morpholinocyclopentene.** In the tirat *case,* reaction with the enamine, followed by mild hydrolysis, yielded a ketone **5** and one product of ene reaction, **6.** When the reaction **was** examined before hydrolysis the ketone was replaced by **a** higher yield of **6. Two** other products of the **same** molecular weight **as ⁶**were formed, but in lese than 1% yield (eq *6;* in this equation and **all** equations containing carboranes, the **dote** represent carbons and the other vertices **borons;** there is a hydrogen at every uneubstituted vertex).

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The hydrolysis of **6** to **5** presents more problems than the straightforward conversion of enamine **1** to **2** phenylcyclohexanone. Nonetheless, it clearly occure **on** hydrolysis and is nearly quantitative when **6** is treated with dilute HCl. We suggest the following protonation-migration-hydrolysis mechanism for the reaction (eq 7).

The outstanding differences between the reactions of **4** and those of benzyne are the absence of producte of **2** + 2 addition of **4** and the predominant formation of different ene products in reactions of **4** and benzyne. We can speculate on the reason for the change in preference for 1 in the benzyne reaction and 6 in the dehydro-o-carborane reaction. Although there are great differences in steric demands **imposed** by benzyne and **4,** they are not dictated *so* much by the "fatness" of **4, as** by the direction in which the hydrogens adjacent to the "extra" or "dehydro" bond point. In **4,** the dehydro bond is guarded by two carbonhydrogen bonds which extend in **quite** a different direction than do the pair of flanking carbon-hydrogen bonds in benzyne.

In the reaction of **4** with the enamine, intaraction of the dehydro bond with hydrogen H_b requires one of the

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flanking hydrogens to approach ring "X" very closely. By contrast, reaction of benzyne with H_b requires no such energetically unhappy event (eq 8).

The difference in the direction in which the flanking hydrogens point may **also** help to explain why benzyne forms cyclobutanes and 4 does not. The figure shows the producte, but the transition states for their formations must share some of the evident destabilizing interactions.

Reaction of **4** with **l-morpholinocyclopentene** is *similar.* Reaction followed by mild hydrolysis led to **7** and **8** in **610%** and **10-20%** yield, respectively. When the hydrolysis step was omitted, **8** could be isolated in **20-30%** yield and **7** could not be found *(eq* 9). When treated with **dilute** HC1 compound **8** could be hydrolyzed to **7.**

In summary, benzyne reacts with enamines through a combination of ene and $2 + 2$ cycloadditions. One of the two possible ene reactions is greatly favored. The threedimensional intermediate, **1,2-dehydro-o-carborane,** eschews the $2 + 2$ reaction in favor of the ene reaction that is **lesa** favored in the benzyne reactions. This preference is rationalized in terms of the different steric demands of the two intermediates.

Experimental Section

Reactions were run under *Ar. All* eolventa were purified and dried by standard procedures. Separations and purifications of the crude products were carried out by preparative GC on a **6-ft** \times ¹/₄-in. aluminum column packed with 20% OV-17 on Chromosorb WHP 80/100 (carrier gas, helium). Melting points were

determined in a capillary melting point tubes. **Analytical GC** was performed on a 6-m SPB-1 glass capillary column (carrier gas, helium). GC/MS was performed on a 20-ft OV-111 glass capillary column **(carrier** gas helium). 'H *NMR* and *'3c NMR* spectra were measured at 300 and 75 MHz, respectively.

Yields were determined in the following way. All reactions of 1,2-dehydrw-carborane lead to subtantial amounts *of* polymeric boron-containing materials. Passage through a short silica gel column removes the high molecular weight materials but *can* lead to hydrolysis of enamines. In sensitive cases (enamines) we assumed that the crude products contained the same percentage of polymeric material and analyzed the crude products without passage through the silica gel column. Compounds collected by preparative GC were weighted and compared to the weight of material injected to determine the yields. The ranges reported reflect the uncertainties noted above and in collection efficiency. They are conservative measures. Literature yields² were reproduced quite closely. Analytical GC revealed no substantial unknown volatile products.

Reaction of Benzyne with **l-Pyrrolidinocyclohexene. A.** With Hydrolysis. A suspension of magnesium $(0.83 \text{ g}, 34 \text{ mmol})$ in anhydrous THF' (100 **mL)** and l-bromo-2-fluorobenzene (5.95 g, 34.0 mmol) was stirred vigorously under an Ar flow and warmed gently until the reaction startad. Then, **l-pyrrolidinocyclohexene** (Aldrich, 5.14 g, 34.0 mmol) was added dropwise. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h at reflux and 24 h at rt, an excess of dilute HCl was added until $pH = 2$, and the mixture was **stirred** for another 8 h. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (4 **X** 25 mL). The extracts were washed with water until pH = **7,** dried **(MgSO,)** overnight, and concentrated using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product, a brown liquid which contained 2-phenylcyclohexanone (ca. 20% yield). Further purification by preparative GC **(20%** OV-17 column, 100-220 "C) provided a sample, mp 56-58 $^{\circ}$ C (lit.² mp 54-56 $^{\circ}$ C).

The aqueous portion **was** neutralized with dilute NaOH until $pH = 8$ and then extracted with ether $(4 \times 25 \text{ mL})$. The extracts were washed with water until $pH = 7$, dried (MgSO₄) overnight, and concentrated using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product, a brown liquid which contained 3 (7-15% yield) and **2** (ca. 1% yield). Further purification by preparative GC (20% OV-17 column, 100-250 "C) provided samples. Compound 3: **FT-IR (film) 2937, 749 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.09-7.23** (m, 4 H), 3.66 **(8,** 1 H), 2.78-2.82 (m, 2 H), 2.66-2.69 (m, 2 H), 1.90-2.18 (m, 6 H), 1.76-1.80 (m, 4 H), 1.44-1.48 (m, 2 H); 13C *NMR* (CDC13) 6 (ppm) **149.3,146.5,128.5,127.6,** 123.1,69.7,48.5, 45.4, 31.0, 24.5, 24.3, 19.0, 18.5; **HRMS** calcd for C₁₆H₂₁N 227.1674, found 227.1660. Compound 2: FT-IR (film) 2848, 776, 755 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.08-7.67 (m, 5 H), 6.36 (d, 1 H, J = 13 *Hz),* 5.85 (m, 1 H), 3.73 (m, 1 H), 3.09 (m, 1 H), 2.56 **(8, 4** H), 2.00-2.38 (m 4 H), 1.79-1.95 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 134.6, 129.0, 128.0,127.0, 126.8, 126.2, 66.5, 54.0, 36.9, 33.1, 24.0, 21.8; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}N$ 227.1674, found 227.1669.

B. Without Hydrolysis. The reaction was conducted **as** described above. Ater 6 h at reflux and 24 h at rt, the solution was distilled at 10 mm (bp 80-100 "C) to remove the solvent and unreacted starting materials. The residue was extracted with anhydrous ether $(4 \times 25 \text{ mL})$, and the extracts were concentrated using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product, a dark brown liquid which contained almost no ketone, but 3 (15-25% yield). **²**(ca. 1% yield), and **1** (15-25% yield). Further purification by preparative GC (20% OV-17 column, 100-250 °C) provided a sample of **1.** Compound **1: FT-IR** (film) 2935,758,699 cm-'; 'H NMR (CDC13) **6** (ppm) 7.14-7.37 (m, 5 H), 4.49 **(8,** 1 H), 3.65 **(e,** 1 H), 2.94 (m, 2 H), 2.81 (m, 2 H), 1.55-2.35 (m, 8 H), 1.40 (br s,2 H); '% NMR (CDC13) *S* (ppm) 145.9,143.5, 129.1,128.5, 126.3, 95.4, 58.0, 47.8, 43.2, 33.3, 25.3, 18.1; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}N$ 227.1674, found 227.1682.

Hydrolysis of **1.** To the reaction mixture containing **1** (ca. 1.3 g) made by procedure B was added an excess of dilute HCl (lo%, 4.1 mL) and water (20 mL). The reaction mixture was **stirred** for 8 h at rt under an *Ar* flow and then extracted with ether (4 **x** 25 mL). The extracts were washed with water until pH = 7, dried (MgSO,) overnight, and concentrated using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product, **a** brown liquid which contained 2-phenylcyclohexanone. Analytical GC revealed only a single peak (>95%) that was shown by preparative GC (20%

OV-17,100-220 "C) to be 2-phenylcyclohexanone. The yield of hydrolysis was estimated by injecting a portion of a solution of the crude 2-phenylcyclohexanone in ether, measuring the percentage of the injected material corresponding to the product, and using this percentage to calculate the amount of 2-phenylcyclohexanone in the crude material (1.0 g, ca. 96% yield). Re**sponse** factors were not measured. **Further** purification **by** column chromatography *(silica* **gel)** and preparative GC provided a sample of 2-phenylcyclohexanone. The acidic aqueous layer was neutralized with dilute NaOH and extracted with ether (4 **X** 26 **mL).** The extracts were washed with water until $pH = 7$, dried $(MgSO_4)$ **overnight,** and concentmted on a **rotary** evaporator to give a brown liquid which was shown by GC to contain 3, 2, and traces of 1.

Generation of 1,2-Dehydro-o-carborane. To a solution of butyllithium (10 mL, 2 M solution in pentane; 20 mmol) in ether (10 **mL)** at 0 "C under an *Ar* flow **was** added dropwise with *etirring* a solution of o-carborane (1.44 g, 10 mmol) in ether (10 mL). After the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and cooled to 0° C. bromine $(1.6 g, 10 mmol)$ was added very slowly. The resulting clear solution was stirred at 0 °C for an additional 0.5 h. The reaction mixture was expected to generate 1,2-didehydro-ocarborane^{8,9} (\sim 10 mmol) and was used immediately to run the following reactions.

Reaction of 1,2-Dehydro-o -carborane with 1- Morpholinocyclohexene. A. With Hydrolysis. To the reaction mixture used for generating 1,2-didehydro-o-carborane (10 mmol) was added a solution of 1-morpholinocyclohexene (Aldrich, 3.35 g, 20 mmol) in ether (5 **mL).** The reaction mixture was warmed to rt, stirred for 1 h, and then heated at reflux for 24 h. Upon cooling, the reaction mixture was treated with water (15) **mL).** The ethereal layer was separated, washed with water until $pH = 7$, dried (MgSO₄) overnight, and concentrated by using a rotary evaporator to give the crude brown liquid product, which contained two products, **6** (2-5% yield) and **6** (10-20% yield). A further purification by preparative GC (20% OV-17 column, 100-270 "C) provided samples of **6** and **6.** Compound **6** was a white solid; mp 118-120 °C; FT-IR (film): 2590, 2572, 1711 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 5.15 (s, 1 H), 3.28 (m, 1 H), 1.6-2.6 (m, 8 H), 1.2-3.2 (m, 10 H, BH); **'w** *NMR* (Cad **S** (ppm) 206.4,74.5, 60.8, 53.3, 42.9, 36.7, 27.6, 25.2. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₂₀B₁₀O: C, 39.99; H, 8.39. Found: C, 40.22; H, 8.47. Compound $\tilde{6}$ was a yellow liquid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 5.13 (br *s*, 1 H), 4.87 (br *s*, 1 H), 3.6-3.8 (m, 4 H), 3.28 (br **s,** 1 H), 2.93-3.05 (m, 4 H), 1.61-2.47 $(m, 6 H)$, 0.8-3.5 (br m, 10 H, BH); ¹³C NMR (C_6D_6) δ (ppm) 144.9,'O 112.8, **79.6,67.0,59.7,50.8,36.8,28.5,** 23.9, 16.2; HRMS calcd for $C_{12}H_{27}^{11}B_8^{10}B_2NO$ 309.3096, found 309.3066.

B. Without Hydrolysis. The reaction was carried out **as** described above. After **cooling,** the **reaction** mixture was distilled at 10 mm (bp 100-120 °C) to remove the solvent and the unreacted *starting* materials. The residue was extracted with ether (4 **X** 25 mL), and the extracts were concentrated by using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product, a **dark** brown liquid which contained a major product 6 (15-25% yield). Further purification by and preparative GC (20% OV-17 column, 100-270 °C) provided a sample of **6.**

Hydrolysis of **6.** To the crude reaction mixture made by procedure B containing **6** (0.60 g) was added an excea of dilute HCl (lo%, 4.1 mL) and water (20 **mL).** The reaction mixture

was **stirred** for 8 h at rt under an *Ar* flow and **then extracted** with ether $(4 \times 25 \text{ mL})$. The extracts were washed with water until pH = 7, dried (MgSO4) overnight, and concentrated by **using** a rotary evaporator to give the crude **6. Analysis as** before (under Hydrolysis of 1) led to an estimate of 0.42 g of **6** (ca. 96% yield). Further purification by column chromatography (silica gel) and preparative GC (20% OV-17 column, 100-240 °C) provided a sample of **5.**

Reaction of 1,2-Dehydro-o -carborane with 1- Morpholinocyclopentene. A. With Hydrolysis. To the reaction mixture used for generating 1,2-didehydro-o-carborane (10 mol) **was** added a solution of l-morpholinocydopentane (Aldrich, 3.06 g, 20 mmol) in ether (5 mL). The reaction mixture was warmed to rt, stirred for 1 h, and then heated at reflux for *24* h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was treated with water (15 **mL).** The ethereal layer was separated, washed with water until $pH = 7$, dried (MgSO₄) overnight, and concentrated by using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product, a brown liquid, containing **7** (5-101 yield) and **8** (10-20% yield). Further purification by preparative GC (20% OV-17 column, 100-270 $^{\circ}$ C) provided samples of 7 and 8. Compound 7 was a white solid: mp (CDC13) **6** (ppm), 5.05 **(a,** 1 H), 2.83 (m, 1 H), 1.7-2.5 (m, 6 H), 1.2-3.2 (br m, 10 H, BH); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 212.1 73.3, 58.7, 51.5, 38.4, 32.4, 19.4; HRMS calcd for $C_7H_{18}^{11}B_8^{10}B_2O$ 226.2361, found 226.2318. Compound 8 was a yellow liquid: ^IH **NMR** (CDC13) **S** (ppm) 4.90 *(8,* 1 HO, 4.48 **(e,** 1 H), 3.72 (br *8,* 4 **H),** 3.49 (d, J ⁼7.5 *Hz,* 1 HI, 2.88 (m, 2 **H),** 2.65 (m, 2 H), 2.05-2.6 $(m, 4 H)$, 1.2-3.2 (br m, 10 H, BH); ¹³C NMR (C_6D_6) δ (ppm) 151.8,'O **109.3,79.3,66.3,59.6,50.4,47.1,32.2,28.8;** HRMS *calcd* for $C_{11}H_{25}^{11}B_8^{10}B_2$ NO 295.2940, found 295.2926. 100.5-102.5 °C; FT-IR (film) 3079, 2585, 1739, 725 cm¹⁻; ¹H NMR

B. Without Hydrolysis. The reaction was carried out **as** described above. After **cooling,** the reaction **mixture** was distilled at 10 mm (bp 100-120 "C) to remove the solvent and the unreacted **starting** materials. The residue was extracted with ether (4 **X** 25 **mL),** and the extracts were concentrated by **using** a rotary evaporator to give the crude product, a dark brown liquid which contained 8 (20-30% yield). Further purification by preparative GC (20% OV-17 column, 100-270 "C) provided a sample of 8.

Hydrolysis of 8. To the crude reaction mixture containing 8 (0.50 g) made by procedure B was added an excess of dilute HCl (10%,4.1 **mL)** and water (20 mL). The reaction mixture was atjrred for 8 h at **rt** under **an** *Ar* flow and then extraded with ether $(4 \times 25 \text{ mL})$. The extracts were washed with water until pH = 7, dried (MgSO,) overnight, and concentrated on a rotary evap orator to give **7.** Analysis **as** before (under Hydrolysis of 1) led to an estimate of the yield of **7 aa ca.** 97%. Further purification by column chromatography (silica gel) and preparative GC **(20%,** OV-17 column, 100-240 "C) provided a sample of **7.**

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Supplementary Material Available: 'H NMR spectra of compounds 1-3 and **6-8** (7 **pages).** Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

⁽¹⁰⁾ In **neither 6** nor **8** *can* **we be certain of the poeition of both olefinic carbons. The signals at 112.8 (6) and 109.3 (8) ppm are strong and in the** tentatively assigned to the other olefinic carbons. Note that the ¹H NMR **spectra leave no doubt as to the presence of two different olefinic hydrogens.**