The relatively rapid buildup of a hydrazine-forming intermediate corresponds very closely with disappearance of 2B. We are led to conclude that the loss of PPh_3 from 2B leads to the early buildup in concentration of an intermediate in the ammonia-forming reaction that upon reaction with H_2O generates hydrazine. Significantly, hydrazine was not generated by HBr (or HCl^1) present in the reaction. Later, when all 2B has reacted, the concentration of the intermediate is low because of the slower reaction of 2A to produce ammonia.

The reaction of 2A and 2B to produce ammonia results in the formation of 0.5 mol of N_2 per mol of complex (eq 3). Interestingly, the formation of the hydrazine-forming intermediate does not result in any N_2 evolution. Thus, the amount of N_2 evolved, before quenching, corresponds to the amount of ammonia formed.

The behavior of 1 described in this communication is strikingly similar to that of nitrogenase.² No other "model" system has displayed this behavior: an analogy with the only recognized property of the substrate N_2 during turnover of the enzyme.¹¹ It is hoped that elucidation of the structure of the hydrazine-forming intermediate will provide a model for one of the intermediate stages in ammonia synthesis by nitrogenase. Further work in this direction is in progress.

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Preparation and Diels-Alder Reactions of 1,3-Dienes Containing both Sulfur and Nitrogen Substituents. Complete Orientational Control by the Acylamino Group

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In recent years the Diels-Alder reaction of heterosubstituted 1,3-dienes has emerged as a powerful method for preparing highly functionalized ring systems.\(^1\) As a result of the enhanced functionality imparted to their cycloadducts, dienes substituted with two differnt heteroatoms are of considerably interest, and those with oxygen and sulfur substitution have received significant attention.\(^2\) In contrast, the Diels-Alder chemistry of 1,3-dienes containing both nitrogen and sulfur substituents is completely unexplored.\(^1\) The successful use of heterosubstituted 1,3-dienes in synthesis typically demands knowledge of the substituent's effect on cycloaddition rate, regioselectivity, and endo stereoselectivity. Both acylamino\(^3\) and thiophenyl\(^{2a}\) substituents endow 1,3-dienes

with useful Diels-Alder reactivity and positional selectivity, ¹⁻⁴ although only the former substituent^{3,4} exhibits good stereochemical-orienting characteristics.⁵ In this communication, we describe a convenient synthesis of 1-(acylamino)-1,3-dienes that have sulfenyl, sulfinyl, and sulfonyl substitution at carbon 4. We also detail initial observations concerning Diels-Alder reactions of these new heterosubstituted 1,3-dienes, which exhibit excellent Diels-Alder reactivity, regioselectivity, and endo stereoselectivity, with regiocontrol being completely dominated by the acylamino substituent.

Dropwise addition of phenylsulfenyl chloride (1.05 equiv) at -78 °C to (E)-1,3-butadiene-1-carbamates 1^6 (0.1 M in ether) and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (\sim 3 equiv), followed by warming to room temperature and purification on silica gel, gave $directly^7$ 4-(phenylsulfenyl)-1,3-butadiene-1-carbamates 2 (85–95% yields) as crystalline 1:1 mixtures⁸ of 1E,3E and 1E,3Z stereoisomers (eq 1). Oxidation¹⁰ to the sulfoxides, followed by base-catalyzed

equilibration (1 M Et₃N in refluxing benzene),⁹ afforded the crystalline (1E,3E)-4-(phenylsufinyl)-1,3-butadiene-1-carbamates 3 in 50–65% overall yields from 1. Further oxidation¹⁰ gave the corresponding (1E,3E)-4-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,3-butadiene-1-carbamates 4 (50–75% yields). These new dienes^{11,12} are stable, highly crystalline solids, which are well suited for Diels-Alder transformations.

Sulfide diene carbamate $2a^{13}$ reacted with N-phenylmaleimide (110 °C, 24 h, dioxane) and phenyl vinyl ketone (56 °C, 26 h) to give endo cycloadducts^{11,14} 5 and 6¹¹ in 70% and 89% yields, respectively. A 4:1 mixture^{13b} of cycloadducts 7 and 8 was formed from the reaction of 2a with excess acrolein at 56 °C for 24 h (eq 2). The major endo adduct $7^{11,14}$ (mp 83–84 °C) could be

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⁽¹¹⁾ New compounds exhibited NMR, IR, and mass spectra and elemental compositions consistent with their assigned structures.

⁽¹²⁾ 1E,3E isomer of 2a: mp 94-95 °C; $J_{1,2}=13$ Hz, $J_{3,4}=15$ Hz. 1E,3E isomer of 2a: mp 94-95 °C; $J_{1,2}=14$ Hz, $J_{3,4}=9$ Hz. 3a: mp 131-132 °C; $J_{1,2}=12$ Hz, $J_{3,4}=15$ Hz. 3b: mp 146-147 °C; $J_{1,2}=13$ Hz, $J_{3,4}=15$ Hz. 3b: mp 146-147 °C; $J_{1,2}=13$ Hz, $J_{3,4}=15$ Hz. 4a: mp 159-161 °C; $J_{1,2}=12$ Hz, $J_{3,4}=14$ Hz. 4b: mp 145-146 °C; $J_{1,2}=12$ Hz, $J_{3,4}=14$ Hz. (13) (a) A 1:1 mixture of 1E,3E and 1E,3Z dienes was employed. Careful reprised in the specific property of the reaction hy HDIC channel that only the 1E,3E isomer.

^{(13) (}a) A 1:1 mixture of 1E,3E and 1E,3Z dienes was employed. Careful monitoring of the reaction by HPLC showed that only the 1E,3E isomer reacted under these conditions. (b) Cycloadduct ratios were determined by HPLC and/or 250-MHz ¹H NMR analysis of crude cycloadduct mixtures.

⁽¹⁴⁾ Stereochemical assignments were made from decoupled $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra measured at 250 MHz. These assignments follow from arguments similar to those utilized in ref 3. Selected characterization data, diagnostic chemical shifts (δ) and coupling constants (in Hz), for representative cycloadducts. 5: $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR $J_{3a,4}=6,J_{4,5}=3,J_{7,7a}=7,J_{6,7}=4$. 7: $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (H₁) 4.83, (H₆) 2.72, (H₄) 3.76, $J_{1,6}=4,J_{56,6}=3,J_{5a,6}=10,J_{3,4}\sim0$. 10: $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (H₁) 4.9, (H₆) 2.65, (H₄) 3.85, $J_{1,6}=J_{56,6}=3.5,J_{5a,6}=14,J_{34}=1.4$. 11: $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (H₁) 4.6, $J_{1,2}=3.6$, (H₆) 2.95, m, half-height width = 21 Hz, (H₄) 3.85, $J_{3,4}=3.1$. 13: $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (H₁) 4.91, (H₃) 5.67, (H₆) 2.70, $J_{1,6}=3.7,J_{5a,6}=13,J_{4,5a}=10$. 14: $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (H₁) 4.92, (H₃) 6.08, (H₆) 2.65, $J_{1,6}=J_{5a,6}=13,J_{4,5a}=10$. 18: mp 111–112 °C; $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (H₂) 4.14, br s, half-height width = 10 Hz, (H₁ and CHHOH) 3.6–3,9, m; $J_{5a,6}=11$ Hz. 19: mp 176–178 °C; IR (CHCl₃) 3470, 1770, 1682 cm⁻¹; $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (H₂) 5.14, (H₁) 4.47, (H₆) 3.76, $J_{1,2}=7.4$, $J_{1,6}=1.8$; $J_{2,3}=3.1$; $J_{5e,6}=6.6$; $J_{5a,6}=10.2$. 20: $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (4 vinylic H), 5.9–6.1, m; (H₁ and OCH₂CH₂O) 3.6–4.1, m, (H₆) 3.15, br s, half-height width = 14 Hz.

directly crystallized from the crude cycloadduct mixture in 68% yield. Alternatively, this mixture could be treated with a catalytic amount of DBU15 in refluxing methanol to give the more stable exo adduct 811 in 83% yield. Structural assignments for 6-8 followed from fully decoupled ¹H NMR spectra, ¹⁴ which clearly showed that for all three cycloadducts the allylic hydrogen α to the NHCOOR substituent3 was coupled to the acyl methine hydrogen. The complete regiocontrol exercised by the NHCOOR substituent is striking in light of the excellent regiodirecting ability of the SPh substituent, which, in the thermal cycloadditions,² is greater than that of the OAc or OMe groups. That this regiocontrol derives from the powerful activating influence of the NHCOOR substituent is apparent from competition experiments between diene 1a and (E)-1-(phenylsulfenyl)-1,3-butadiene (9), which demonstrate that the former diene is at least 10 times more reactive toward N-phenylmaleimide.16

Sulfone diene carbamate 4a also reacted cleanly with excess acrolein at 56 °C to give a 7:113b mixture of stereoisomeric1c adducts 10 and 11 in 78% yield (eq 3). This mixture was sep-

arated by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and the major endo cycloadduct 10 was isolated as a crystalline solid (mp 145-146 °C). Structural assignments again followed unambiguously from decoupled ¹H NMR spectra. ¹⁴ In a similar fashion, sulfoxide diene carbamate 3a reached with phenyl vinyl ketone (25 °C, 3 days) to give cycloadduct 1211 (85% yield) as a crystalline 1:113b mixture of sulfoxide diastereomers and with acrolein at 56 °C to give a 10:10:1:1 mixture 13b of cycloadducts 13, 14, 15, and 16, respectively. 11 This latter mixture was separated by HPLC (30-45% combined yields) to give pure samples of the major endo adducts 13^{14,17} (mp 126-127 °C) and 14^{14,17} (mp 109-110 °C) and, as nearly pure oils, the minor exo adducts 15 and 16. That the sulfoxide diastereomers 13 (14) and 15 (16) have the indicated regiochemistry and stereochemical relationship of NHCOOR and CHO groups was apparent from their preparation¹⁰ from sulfenyl cycloadducts 7 and 8, respectively.

Clearly, the acylamino substituent has a stronger influence on both cycloaddition rate¹⁶ and regiodirection than the PhS, PhSO, and PhSO₂ groups. Of equal note in the reactions of 3a and 4a with acrolein was (a) the excellent reactivity of these dienes, even though they contain the strongly electron-withdrawing PhSO₂ and PhSO substituents and (b) the greater endo stereoselectivities observed with 3a and 4a than with sulfenyl diene carbamate 2a.¹⁹

(15) 1,5-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-5-ene.

Scheme I

^a 7, DBU, MeOH, 65 °C. ^b NaBH₄, MeOH, 0 → 25 °C. ^c m-Chloroperbenzoic acid, CH₂Cl₂, -20 °C. ^d P(MeO)₃, MeOH, 65 °C. ^e 12, Me₃SiOSO₂CF₃, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C. ^f 12, (Me₃SiOCH₂)₂, ^{23 b} CF₃SO₃H, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C. ^g Et₂NH, toluene, 110 °C.

To our knowledge, this marked effect of a remote diene substituent on endo stereoselectivity has no precedent. 20,21

The bisheterofunctionalized dienes reported here should find use in organic synthesis. Representative illustrations of transformations of these diene cycloadducts, which exploit their sulfur functionality,²² are shown in Scheme I. The direct conversion of carbamate sulfoxide 12 to bicyclic carbamate 1911,14 upon treatment at room temperature with trimethylsilyl triflate (TMSOTf)^{23a} is particularly noteworthy. To our knowledge, this transformation is without precedent and likely involves intramolecular cyclization,²⁴ with allylic rearrangement, of the allyl-O-(trimethylsilyl)sulfoxonium cation formed from 12 and TMSOTf.²⁵ Although 12 was inert to conventional ketalization procedures, it was cleanly converted to the corresponding ethylene ketal, without formation of contaminating amounts of 19, when treated with 1,2-bis((trimethylsilyl)oxy)ethane^{23b} in the presence of CF₃SO₃H. Importantly, the transformations summarized in Scheme I demonstrate the ability to introduce functionality, in a controlled fashion, at all six carbons of a cyclohexane ring using these new cycloaddition components.

(19) Endo/exo ratios decreased somewhat with reaction time. In cycloadditions performed under identical conditions with acrolein at 80 °C with dioxane as the solvent, kinetic (early time) endo:exo selectivities were (diene 2a) $6 \pm 1:1$, (diene 3a) $18 \pm 4:1$, (diene 4a) $12 \pm 2:1$.

(20) The complete orientational dominance of the NHCOOR substituent

in cycloadditions of diene 2a with acrolein as well as the remote effect of PhSO and PhSO₂ substituents on cycloaddition stereoselectivity are not rationalized by conventional frontier MO considerations.^{2a,21} Alternate theoretical treatments are being explored in collaboration with Professor W. Hehre and S. Kahn. Calculations (STO-3G level) of the relative energies of transition states for cycloadditions with different orientations are consistent with the greater regiodirecting ability observed for NHCOOR

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Stereochemical Course of Thermal Cycloreversion of [3.2.1]Propellanes to 1,3-Dialkenylcyclohexanes

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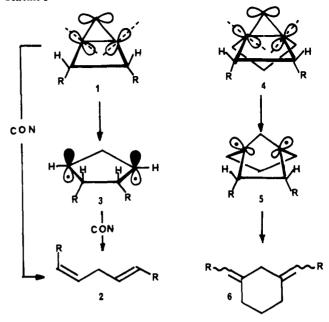
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The observed conrotatory preference in the thermal cycloreversions of bicyclo[2.1.0] pentanes (1) to 1,4-pentadienes (2) has been discussed as an orbital symmetry effect operating in a concerted $[2\sigma_s + 2\sigma_a]$ reaction (Scheme I). The transition state is formed either directly from the bicyclic hydrocarbon or from the biradical 3, in which the lower energy component of the frontier orbital linear combination is imagined to be C_s symmetric. In an effort to block access to the latter pathway, we now have studied the pyrolysis of the three 6,7-dimethyltricyclo[3.2.1.0^{1,5}] octanes ([3.2.1]propellanes), e.g., 4 (R = CH₃). Achievement of a planar local configuration at the bridgeheads in the corresponding biradical 5 would be opposed by severe geometric constraints. This work provides stereochemical supplementation of the important contribution of Aue and Reynolds,2 who demonstrated the thermal cycloreversion in the unsubstituted [3.2.1] propellane ($4 \rightarrow 6$, R

Synthesis of the three stereoisomers of propellane 4 ($R = CH_3$) was accomplished as shown in Scheme II.6 Cyclopropanation of trans olefin 7 gave the trans disubstituted propellane 11, whereas the same procedure applied to cis olefin 8 gave a separable 4:1 mixture of cis disubstituted propellanes 9 and 10, in which the CH₃ groups are, respectively, anti and syn to the cyclopropane CH₂ group. The anti vs. syn assignments are based upon the assumption that cyclopropanation occurs preferentially on the less hindered face of the double bond of 8 and the NMR chemical shifts of the methyl protons (δ 0.88 for 9 vs. 0.78 for 10) and the 6- and 7-protons (δ 1.95 for 9 vs. 2.21 for 10), which show the expected shielding effect of the cyclopropane ring.

Scheme I



Scheme II

^a Methods: (1) Me₂NCH(OMe)₂, 95 °C; (2) TsN₃, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 24 h; (3) Ph₂CO, cis- or trans-2-butene, -30 °C, $h\nu$ (>280 nm)³; (4) separation; (5) TsNHNH₂; (6) NaOMe, DME, <0.5 torr 165 °C;4 (7) CH₂N₂, CuCl.5

Stereochemical assignments to the three observed pyrolysis products 12-14 are based on the absence of symmetry in the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 13 and on the following three criteria:

(1) chemical shifts (δ) of the doubly allylic methylene protons, which by analogy to those of the 2,5-heptadienes,7 would be expected to resonate furthest downfield in the cis, cis isomer 12, furthest upfield in the trans, trans isomer 14, and at an intermediate position in the cis, trans isomer 13, because of the deshielding effect of a nearby methyl group; (2) magnitudes of the observed homoallylic proton-proton couplings, which in model systems⁸ are found to be larger in the transoid than in the cisoid configuration. (Double irradiation experiments at 500 MHz extracted the coupling constants $J_{cd} = 0.83$ and $J_{bd} < 0.35$ Hz for diene 12 and

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