

Figure 2. Photoelectron spectrum of Re_2^- . Labels indicate $Re_2 \leftarrow Re_2^$ vibrational quantum numbers for transitions to the ground and (excited) Re2 states. The low electron kinetic energy region was obtained at 457.9 nm, but the entire spectrum is displayed as for 488.0-nm (2.540 eV) excitation for clarity. Intensities of the bands below $\sim 0.5 \text{ eV}$ are suppressed by up to a factor of 3 by a decreasing instrumental sensitivity in this region.

electrons were energy-analyzed by a hemispherical electrostatic monochromator with multichannel detection. The instrumental resolution was 11 meV (90 cm⁻¹) in the electron kinetic energy region above 0.7 eV and up to ~ 20 meV at lower energies. A detailed description of the negative ion photoelectron spectrometer has recently appeared.8

The photoelectron spectrum of Re₂⁻, shown in Figure 2, displays at least four vibronic band systems. The rightmost of these corresponds to the transition between the ground states of the anionic and neutral dimers, and its origin band position yields a Re₂ electron affinity of 1.571 ± 0.008 eV. The observed vibronic structure indicates fundamental vibrational frequencies of 340 \pm 20 cm⁻¹ for Re₂ and 320 \pm 15 cm⁻¹ for Re₂⁻. The same vibrational frequencies are observed in a second band system 890 \pm 30 cm⁻¹ higher in energy. Harmonic Franck-Condon analyses of these intensity profiles indicate a change of 0.03 Å in the internuclear separation on electron attachment for both systems and a vibrational temperature of 1200 K. On the basis of this anion temperature and the similar intensities of the two band systems, we assign them to different states of Re2 rather than Re2. The small shifts in bond lengths and vibrational frequencies on electron attachment suggest that both Re₂ electronic states result from the detachment of a nonbonding or weakly antibonding electron. At least two additional band systems are observed in the low electron kinetic energy region of the spectrum, with intensity maxima approximately 5100 and 6200 cm⁻¹ from that of the ground-state band system.

The Re₂ and Re₂⁻ vibrational frequencies observed here imply unusually large force constants of 6.4 ± 0.8 and 5.6 ± 0.5 mdyn Å⁻¹, respectively. Among the homonuclear transition-metal dimers, force constants of this magnitude have been reported⁹ only for Mo₂ (6.44 mdyn Å⁻¹) and V₂ (4.34 mdyn Å⁻¹), which are multiply bonded.^{10,11} In contrast, the single 6s–6s bond in Au₂ yields a vibrational force constant⁹ only one-third that of Re₂. We conclude that these results provide strong evidence for multiple bonding in both Re_2 and Re_2^- . The bonding in this third row dimer

thus differs dramatically from the van der Waals bonding⁶ in the isoelectronic first-row molecule, Mn₂.

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Asymmetric Synthesis of Helical Metallocenes[†]

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We report that the helical metallocene 3, prepared previously by the steps summarized in eq 1,¹ can be obtained optically active



by a simple procedure that controls the direction in which the helix winds during photocyclization.² Consider the cyclization of diether (S,S)-1. If the steric bulk of the silvloxyls favored their placement outside the helix, ring A would stack above ring B, and the helix would wind to the left (eq 2).³ In fact, however, when (S,S)-1,



synthesized from (S)-4 (see below), is photocyclized as in eq 1, it gives helical hydrocarbon 2 that is largely racemic.⁴ So does the isomer of 1 synthesized⁵ from (R)-(-)-5, giving the isomer of 2 in which both double bonds are shifted one position.⁷

Supposing the scheme's failure to be a consequence of ROH having eliminated from the precursors, 1 and its isomer, before they cyclize, experiments were performed to prevent the eliminations. The discovery was that with propylene oxide added to consume HI as it forms,⁸ with a full mole of I_2 to effect the

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to eq 2. For absolute configurations see notes 31 and 37 below. (7) Previously prepared by combining 2 with t-BuLi and then aqueous acetic acid;1 its structure was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis of a sample prepared from racemic 5. We thank Dr. Ian Williams of MIT for the analysis

Scheme I



oxidation, and with the precursor 6, derived from racemic 4 and (R)-5, the synthesis summarized in Scheme I could be carried out easily.^{9.10} The product is the helical hydrocarbon 8, in which one of the double bonds in 2 (or in the double-bond isomer described above) is shifted one position.¹² It is obtained in excellent enantiomeric purity.13

Two other experiments confirm that in stereoisomers of 6 it is the chiral center derived from 5 that dominates the direction in which the helix winds.¹⁵ The configuration of 4 plays essentially no role.¹⁷ Thus, if the configuration of **4** is fixed, while that of 5 is inverted, the configuration of the helicene is inverted.¹⁸ Moreover, if optically active (S)-4 [46% enantiomeric excess (ee)] and racemic 5 are carried through the steps in Scheme I, the resulting helicene 8 (in 51% yield from the stilbene) is largely racemic.19

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b) S is converted to the phosphonum sail; (3) only one precursor need be obtained optically active. (18) Subjecting (S)-5 of 53% ee and (S)-4 of 48% ee to Scheme I gave helicene 8 (in 58% yield from the stilbene) $[\alpha]_D + 2770^\circ$ (c 0.02 g/dL, CH₂Cl₂, ee 66%), whereas (R)-5 of 51% ee gave 8 $[\alpha]_D - 2550^\circ$ (c 0.09, CH₂Cl₂). When the ee of the (R)-(-)-5 in this last experiment was raised to 90% and that of the (S)-(-)-4 was 40%, the ee of helix 8 (64% yield from the stilbene) was 95% $[[\alpha]_D - 4000^\circ$ and $[\alpha]_{578} - 4250^\circ$ (c 0.022, CH₂Cl₂)].

When 8 in tetrahydrofuran (THF) is combined with tert-butyllithium at -78 °C and then with FeCl₂·2THF, the helical ferrocene 3 is obtained optically active (ca. 60% yield).²⁰ If CoBr₂-dimethoxyethane is substituted for the iron salt, the analogous cobaltocenium hexafluorophosphate $9^{21,23}$ can be obtained also [in 58% yield after acidification, oxidation (aqueous FeCl₃), and precipitation (aqueous NH₄PF₆)].²⁴

To prepare 5, the corresponding ketone was made from 2bromonaphthalene and 3-chloropropionyl chloride (AlCl₃, at high concentration in CH₂Cl₂, 20 °C, >3 h;²⁵ then H₂SO₄-AlCl₃, 90 °C, 1 h; 55-80% yield).²⁶ To prepare the ketone corresponding to 4,27 the same procedure was applied to 2-bromo-7-(trimethylsilyl)naphthalene (-78 °C; this time the concentration was not high; yield 75%).²⁸ This last material was made in ca. 100% yield from 2,7-dibromonaphthalene $[n-C_4H_9Li$, then $(CH_3)_3SiCl]^{1,29}$

The best procedure for reducing the ketones asymmetrically uses LiAlH₄, N-methylephedrine, and 3,5-dimethylphenol in ether $(0-20 \text{ °C})^{30}$ One crystallization gives $(R) \cdot (-) \cdot 5^{30b}$ of 90% ee in 42% yield, and crystallization of the mother liquor gives an additional 21% of 81.5% ee.31 Similarly, one crystallization gives

(19) Its $[\alpha]_{578}$ is +330° (c 0.017, CH₂Cl₂), implying an ee of ca. 8%.^{6,13}

(19) Its $[\alpha]_{578}$ is +350 (20.017, CH₂Cl₂), inlipsing all et al. 8%. In-(20) Obtained from (-)-8 of 62% et $[\alpha]_D - 3700^\circ$ (c 0.022, THF), im-plying $[\alpha]_D^{max} = -5970^\circ$ (assuming no racemization occurred). (21) The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, in the supplementary material, show under sharp peaks, broad resonances possibly due to polymeric cobaltocenium salts. The ¹³C spectrum shows five intense (CH) and four weak (quaternary) aromatic resonances and three intense and two weak cyclopentadienyl res nances. The latter (δ 104–78) are at lower fields than in diindenylcobalt(III) hexafluorophosphate (δ 80–74).²² (22) Köhler, F. H. Chem. Ber. **1974**, 107, 570.

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2,8-Dimethyl-4-(carboxymethyl)-6-(aminomethyl)phenoxathiin S-Dioxide: An Organic Substitute for the β -Turn in Peptides?

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Cyclic peptides are known to adopt several conformations in solution; single rigid conformations are found only for small rings with a specific combination of amino acids. Attempts to stabilize specific peptide conformations incorporating nonpeptide residues are rare.¹ We propose the use of the spacer 1 to force hydrogen



bridging between antiparallel peptide strains (2) in a similar manner as a β -turn (3).

Here we report the synthesis and conformational investigation of compound 4, a cyclic peptide consisting of 1 and the amino acid sequence Ile-Val-Gly. Two low-energy conformations of 4 were found with the MM2 force field. One- and two-dimensional ¹H NMR experiments support 4A as the prominent conformation in Me₂SO. 4A contains a β -type hydrogen bridge and possibly a γ -loop, a situation that is found in several cyclic pentapeptides. Therefore, 1 may be used as an organic substitute simulating a pair of amino acids preferring the i + 1 and i + 2 positions of the β -reverse turn in peptides.



2,8-Dimethylphenoxathiin,² lithiated α to the oxygen, reacts with bromoacetic acid to form 2,8-dimethyl-4-(carboxymethyl)phenoxathiin.³ This was converted by H₂O₂ in acetic acid to the S-dioxide. Subsequent treatment with (hydroxymethyl)phthalimid in concentrated H₂SO₄ gave 2,8-dimethyl-4-(carboxymethyl)-6-(phthalimidomethyl)-phenoxathiin S-dioxide (5), the N-protected derivative of 1. The tripeptide Ile-Val-Gly-OMe was coupled with 5 by propanephosphonic anhydride in CH₂Cl₂⁴ (33%). Deprotection with hydrazine and cyclization by the Medzihradszky method yields 4 in 35% yield.⁵

The ¹H NMR spectrum of 4 in Me₂SO- d_6 was completely assigned with the aid of two-dimensional scalar correlated spectroscopy. The weak temperature coefficient of the chemical shift of the Ile-NH proton (Ile-NH, 0.5×10^{-3} ; Val-NH, 3.3×10^{-3} ; Gly-NH, 3.9×10^{-3} ; 1-NH, 4.7×10^{-3} ppm/deg) indicates that the proton is shielded from the solvent. This can be attributed to various types of intramolecular interactions-the most probably one is a hydrogen bridge to the Gly-CO (see below). Force-field calculations⁶ revealed two basic low-energy conformations 4A and 4B, both possessing trans peptide bonds (Figure 1). Whereas 4A has the expected " β -loop" with a hydrogen bridge from the Ile-NH to the Gly-CO (and in addition a γ -loop), conformation **4B** contains two γ -loops. It is possible to "invert" the phenoxathiin part in 4A without significant change in the energy or distortion of the peptide moiety (see Figure 1). The NH- α -CH dihedral angles, derived from NMR coupling constants, support both conformations 4A,B if fast inversion of the phenoxathiin part is assumed.⁸ More definitive conclusions, however, can be drawn from the intramolecular distances measured by the nuclear Overhauser experiments.

We observed cross peaks due to chemical exchange in the 2D NOE spectra at 78 °C. Inspection of the 1D spectrum proves the presence of small amounts (4%) of a second conformation in slow exchange with the dominant form. To slow the exchange rate, in order to determine the NOE connectivity pattern of the main component, the experiments were run in a Me₂SO/CCl₄ solvent mixture at -3 °C. Here, the NOEs are negative and of medium size (2–18% in 1D experiments with 2.8-s presaturation).

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