of a coupling between the olefinic protons.  ${}^{1}J(C6/7-H6/7)$  increases on bonding to iron whereas it decreases on bonding to lithium in 2b,<sup>5</sup> which means that charge transfer to and rehybridization at C6/7 do not dominate the coupling.

The isolation of 4 shows that even if the  $\pi$ -system of Cp anions is broken down into olefinic and allylic systems bonding to transition metals is still possible. "Opening" Cp ligands once as realized in metal-pentadienyl chemistry<sup>14</sup> is not the ultimate perturbation that  $\pi$ -complexes tolerate.

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## Modification of Photochemical Reactivity by Zeolites: Norrish Type I and Type II Reactions of Benzoin Derivatives

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Selectivity in organic phototransformations continues to be one of the main topics of current interest.<sup>1</sup> Of the various approaches use of constrained and ordered media has shown considerable promise.<sup>2</sup> By the utilization of the cage effect<sup>3</sup> and conformational control we illustrate below that one can induce molecules included in zeolites to follow reaction pathways that are improbable in isotropic solvents.

The photochemical behavior of benzoin alkyl ethers (1a) and alkyl deoxy benzoins (2a) in solution are fairly well understood.<sup>4,5</sup> In benzene, the former prefers the Norrish type II pathway while the latter gives the Norrish type I products in high yields (Scheme I). Photolyses of alkyl benzoin ethers and alkyl deoxy benzoins in zeolites<sup>6</sup> show a dramatic difference in behavior when compared to that in benzene (Table I). Results on benzoin methyl ether and propyl deoxy benzoin in faujasite zeolite (M-X type)<sup>7</sup> alone

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Scheme I



Table I. Product Distribution upon Photolysis of Benzoin Methyl Ether and Propyl Deoxy Benzoin in Zeolites

					ratio of products	
	percentage of products				5/	3 + 4 + 5/
medium	3, 4	5	6	7	6 <del>+</del> 7	6 + 7 ′
(a) Benzoin Methyl Ether						
benzene	26, 66	0.2	1.1	7	0.03	12.2
Li-X (dry)	3	76	13	8	3.6	3.6
Li-X (wet)	18	40	19	23		
Na-X (dry)	4	72	10	14	2.9	3.1
Na-X (wet)	22	47	11	20		
K-X (dry)	24	44	14	18	1.5	2.2
Rb-X (dry)	15	46	17	22	1.1	1.5
Cs-X (dry)	31	34	15	20	0.9	1.9
(b) Propyl Deoxy Benzoin						
benzene	5, 19		54	22	0	0.3
Li-X (dry)		95	4	1	18.5	
Na-X (dry)		88	5	7	7.6	
K-X (dry)		51	35	14	1.1	
Rb-X (dry)		48	31	21	0.9	
Cs-X (dry)		32	42	26	0.5	

<sup>a</sup> Product yields (relative) were measured at  $\sim 15\%$  conversion by gas chromatography with cis-stilbene as the internal standard; error limit  $\pm 5\%$ . <sup>b</sup>Wet zeolite complexes were prepared by exposing the dry complex to atmospheric moisture; zeolites made wet prior to inclusion did not include benzoin methyl ether. <sup>e</sup>Extraction by dissolution of the zeolite framework with HCl gave the same products (and in the same yields) as those on ether extraction. Pinacol ether and other products were stable to acid. <sup>d</sup> Loading in all cases was about 2% by weight as estimated by carbon analysis and re-extraction. Loading variation carried out with NaX and NaY indicated that the product distribution is independent of the loading in the range 0.5-5% by weight. eZSM-5, -8, and -11 did not include benzoin methyl ether and propyl deoxy benzoin.

Figure 1.

are highlighted in Table I. Similar behavior was observed in M-Y zeolites. Identical behavior was found for other alkyl-substituted benzoin ethers (1b,c) and deoxy benzoin (2b).

With 1a the amount of the type II products is considerably increased over that observed in benzene. Even more importantly, the rearrangement product, benzoylbenzyl alkyl ether (5), was

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<sup>(7)</sup> Zeolites 13X (Na-X) and LZ-Y52 (Na-Y) were obtained from Linde. The cation of interest was exchanged into these powders by contacting the material with the appropriate nitrate solution at 90 °C. For each gram of zeolite, 10 mL of a 10% nitrate solution was used. This was repeated a number The samples were then thoroughly washed with water and dried. Exchange loadings were typically between 40 and 90%. Prior to use the samples were heated in air at 1 deg/min to 500 °C and held at 500 °C for 7 h. The samples were removed at 100 °C and stored under anhydrous conditions.

major among the type I products.<sup>8</sup> In contrast, 2a, which generally gives type II products in benzene, gave the type I derived 5 as the major product in M-X zeolite. In both cases, the yield of the rearrangement product 5 was dependent upon the exchangeable cation. It is important to note that the inherent reactivity controlled product distribution has been dramatically altered by the zeolite cavity in both cases.

We believe the preference for 5 among the type I products is a consequence of the restriction experienced by the geminal radical pair (Scheme I).<sup>9</sup> Low yields of coupling products 3 and 4 in the product mixture in the case of 1a and their absence in 2a clearly indicate that the translational motion of the radical pair is restricted by the zeolite framework.<sup>10</sup> Even more interesting is the fact that the rotational process required to produce the rearrangement product is greatly dependent upon the cavity free space. It is known that in proceeding from Li-X to Cs-X the degree of "lebensraum" or open void space is significantly reduced.11 It is of interest to note that the relative yield of 5 decreases in the same order as the increase in the cation size. Such a space dependent rotational restriction is also evident when one compares the product distribution between the dry and the wet zeolites. Water decreases the void space by co-ordinating to the free cations present within the zeolite cavity.12

The behavior of benzoin alkyl ethers and alkyl deoxy benzoins when viewed together provides important additional information. The zeolite cavity induces 1a to yield products derived via the type II pathway, a minor pathway in benzene. On the other hand, zeolites do not cause 2a to proceed via the type II pathway, which is favored in benzene. We attribute this to the ability of the cation present in the cavity to control the conformation of the included molecules (Figure 1). The presence of an alkoxy chain in 1a most likely directs the chelation of the cation to a conformer that is favorable for the type II process. Similarly in 2a, the phenyl ring directs the conformational preference in the cavity.<sup>13</sup> Such a hypothesis is supported by the results on dealuminated zeolite-Y in which the Si to Al ratio is very high (>550).<sup>14</sup> At very low levels of aluminum the cation concentration is also low. Therefore conformational control is expected to be minimal and indeed only the type I products, 3-5, dominated the product mixture. Furthermore, the increase in the yield of benzil from Li-X to Cs-X (Table I) is also a reflection of the decreased interaction between the cation and the benzoyl radical.<sup>15</sup> The increased yield of the type II products in 1a in zeolite must also be the result of the cage effect as significant  $C^{13}$  enrichment (25%) of the oxetanol was observed.16

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The results presented above illustrate the important role zeolites can play in selective phototransformations. Since zeolites of varied and tailor-made frameworks are readily prepared, the future for zeolites as a reaction medium appears bright.

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## $(\mu$ -NO)<sub>2</sub>[Co( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)]<sub>2</sub> Is Not Paramagnetic

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A recent theoretical article, published in this journal, has suggested that the molecule,  $Cp_2Co_2(\mu-NO)_2$ , is a ground-state triplet (S = 1) and therefore paramagnetic.<sup>1</sup> The only evidence in the literature relative to the magnetic properties of this molecule of idealized  $D_{2d}$  symmetry in the solid state<sup>2</sup> is the apparently normal <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (for a diamagnetic molecule) that contains a single resonance at  $\delta 4.77^3$  or 4.60,<sup>4</sup> the temperature not being specified. In this brief paper we show that  $Cp_2Co_2(\mu$ - $NO_{2}$  is diamagnetic in the solid state (5-280 K) and in solution  $(C_6H_6, 303-327 \text{ K})$  and conclude that the theoretical calculations of Demuynck, Mougenot, and Benard<sup>1</sup> predict the wrong result.

For a diamagnetic compound the magnetic susceptibility,  $\chi$ , is negative and on the order of  $10^{-6}$  (emu)(g<sup>-1</sup>). For a paramagnetic compound  $\chi$  is positive and on the order of 1-3 times greater than that of a diamagnetic compound. As can be seen from Table I, the only  $\chi$  value that is negative is the value at 281 K at 5 kG. The other values of  $\chi$  are positive though very small. The slightly positive values of  $\chi$  could be due to trace metal or other paramagnetic impurities (cobalt metal is ferromagnetic with a magnetic moment of 1.7  $\mu_B$ )<sup>5c</sup> or due to the TIP (temperature independent paramagnetism) term being positive, the TIP term for Co(II) can be as high as  $10^{-4}$  emu mol<sup>-1</sup>. Further, the molecule is diamagnetic as deduced by the Evans' method. Thus, 19.8 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> of  $Cp_2Co_2(\mu$ -NO)<sub>2</sub> in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> does not shift the <sup>1</sup>H NMR absorption of  $C_6H_6$  (internal) relative to  $C_6H_6$  (external) by a detectable amount at 32 °C and 54 °C. The resonance due to the equivalent protons of the  $C_5H_5$  rings occurs at  $\delta$  4.54 at 32 °C and 54 °C with a line width at half height of 1.7 Hz.

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