

Figure 3. Molecular structure of one independent molecule of **1** and associated nomenclature. The insert shows ring I and the relative orientation of the 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) substituent for the second crystallographically independent molecule. Ellipsoids are drawn to enclose 50% probability except for those of the hydrogens, which are not to scale. Hydrogens on side chains other than the 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) have been eliminated for clarity.

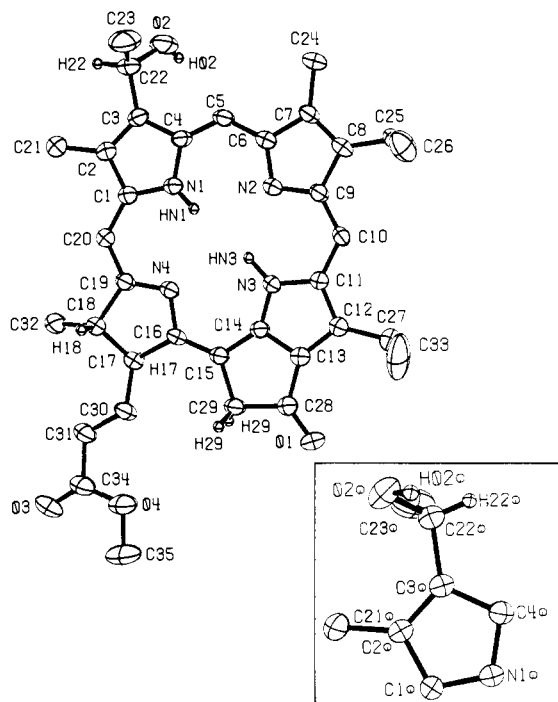


Figure 4. Molecular structure of one independent molecule of **5** and associated nomenclature. The insert shows ring I and the relative orientation of the 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) substituent for the second crystallographically independent molecule. Ellipsoids are drawn to enclose 50% probability except for those of the hydrogens, which are not to scale. Hydrogens on side chains other than the 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) have been eliminated for clarity.

graphic asymmetric unit in both structures consists of two independent molecules, the insert in each figure shows ring I and the geometry of the 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) group of the second molecule. Within a pair, the difference in orientation of the 2-(1-hydroxy-

ethyl) substituents is conformational in nature. Their rotation enables the formation of dimers that are held together by two intermolecular hydrogen bonds between the hydroxyl group of ring I and the keto group of ring V (O2 and O1', and O2' and O1). However, neither 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) substituent in **1** is superimposable on the analogous group in **5**.¹⁸ Thus, **1** and **5**, being *S* and *R*,¹⁸ respectively, at position 2, are configurationally distinct, in agreement with the NMR and HPLC results.

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Registry No. (2*S*)-**1**, 81873-38-3; (2*R*)-**1**, 59924-08-2; (2*S*)-**2**, 81873-39-4; (2*R*)-**2**, 59924-05-9; (2*R*)-**3**, 59924-07-1; (2*S*)-**3**, 81873-40-7; (2*R*)-**4**, 59954-19-7; (2*S*)-**4**, 81938-66-1; (2*R*)-**5**, 59924-06-0; (2*S*)-**5**, 81873-41-8; (2*R*)-**6**, 59954-18-6; (2*S*)-**6**, 61665-26-7.

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Spectroscopic Evidence for Directed Electronic Influences within Norbornyl Frameworks¹

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Revealing early studies by Jensen² and Traylor,³ which gave indication of preferential electron supply to an *exo*-2-norbornyl substituent, have not been accorded proper importance because their key conclusions were couched in terms of a less than satisfactory⁴ hyperconjugative model. Brown challenged "if there is a hunger for a directed electron contribution in the *exo*-norbornyl system, one can only hope that someone will demonstrate unambiguously the existence of such a directed electronic effect."⁵ In the intervening years, several additional relevant experiments have been reported.⁶⁻¹¹ Also, norbornenes and 2-methylenenorbornanes

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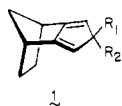
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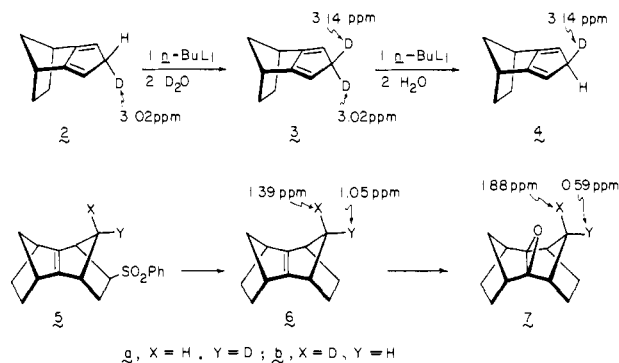
have been examined theoretically in an effort to assess their strong penchant for highly stereoselective addition.¹²⁻¹⁴ Notwithstanding, conclusive proof of the phenomenon in question has not yet been brought forward in a form that would be universally accepted.

To resolve this longstanding question, we have made recourse to the simple innovation of removing the probes from the immediate vicinity of the norbornyl framework and arranging them symmetrically about a fused nodal plane as in **1**. Because of the



location of the double bonds, a classical exo/endo distinction is not possible until three additional bonds have been traversed. Although reliance must consequently be placed upon long-range orbital interactions, our expectations ran high as a consequence of the unusual level of stereoelectronic control exhibited by these molecules in Diels-Alder reactions¹⁵ and the strikingly large orbital interactions through four or more bonds that have been recently uncovered.¹⁶ It is especially important to recognize that R_1 and R_2 in **1** differ only by virtue of the syn disposition of a methano or ethano bridge at the other, remote end of the structure.

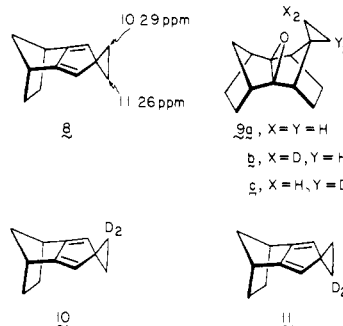
Quenching of the cyclopentadienide anion derived from **1** ($R_1 = R_2 = H$)¹⁷ with D_2O in THF at $-78^\circ C$ results in the regio-specific and π -facial stereoselective¹⁸ formation of **2** as denoted



by the appearance of a predominant singlet at 3.02 ppm in the proton-decoupled 2H NMR spectrum of the product. Following repetition of this procedure to give **3**, a third exchange was carried out, and this d_1 anion was protonated so as to give **4**, which exhibits a major singlet at 3.14 ppm. Confirmation of these stereochemical

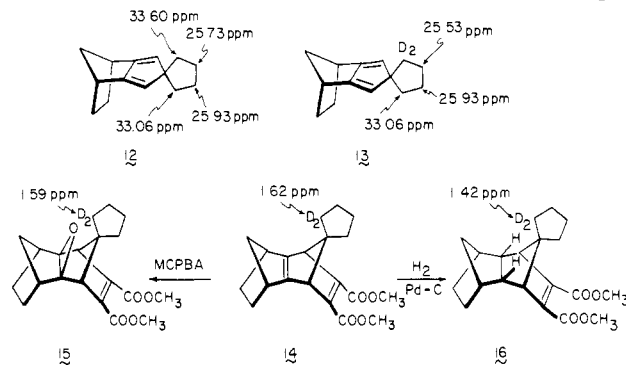
assignments was achieved by means of independent cycloaddition of phenyl vinyl sulfone to **2** and **4**,¹⁹ reductive desulfonylation of **5a** and **5b**, and peracid oxidation of the two d_1 syn-sequinorbornenes.¹⁹ The well-recognized anisotropy contributions of the oxirane oxygen²⁰ in **7a** and **7b** cause the inner D atom to be deshielded by 0.49 ppm and the outer to be shielded by 0.46 ppm.

The carbon atoms within the three-membered ring of spirocyclopropane **8** similarly exhibit different chemical shifts.²¹ The



upfield position of the above-plane carbon atom in this hydrocarbon was ascertained by two complementary series of experiments. In the first, **8** was transformed via its phenyl vinyl sulfone adduct²² into **9a**, where a clear-cut distinction between proximal and distal cyclopropane protons was realized by $Eu(fod)_3$ shift studies (ΔEu values:²³ $X_2 = 4.07$; $Y_2 = 1.75$). With these observations as our basis for stereochemical assignment, the d_2 derivatives **10** and **11** were prepared¹⁸ and similarly transformed into **9b** and **9c**. With knowledge of the location of the isotopic labels in **10** and **11**, the specific ^{13}C shifts of interest in **8** became clearly apparent.

The four methylene carbons within the spirocyclic five-membered ring of **12** also emerge with distinctively different chemical shifts. Following the preparation of **13**,¹⁸ the lowest field ^{13}C signal



of the set of four was not seen, and a small geminal deuterium isotope effect was observed as expected.²⁴ In the case of **13**, knowledge of the locus of isotopic substitution was gained by preparing **14** and examining 2H chemical shift alterations as its central double bond was chemically altered in two different ways. The relevant data accompany the structural formulas for **14-16**.

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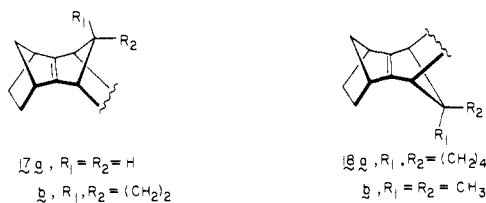
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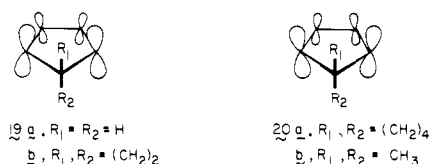
Without doubt, the carbon shielding effects operating in **12** are reversed relative to those in **8**!

The ^{13}C spectral data parallel exactly the differing stereoselectivities of dienophile capture exhibited by **8** and **12**. Thus, while **8** undergoes below-plane bonding to electron-deficient olefins with formation of adducts of type **17b**,^{15a} **12** engages in Diels-Alder



chemistry from its exo surface to give **18a**.^{15,25} The *gem*-dimethyl derivative **1** ($R_1 = R_2 = \text{CH}_3$) behaves comparably to **12**, but no technique has yet been found to distinguish between these substituents (^{13}C shifts: 23.55 and 22.92 ppm).

In isodicyclopentadiene, the influence of the norbornane σ -electron network is to cause disrotatory tilting within the subjacent π_s diene orbital toward the methano bridge (see **19**) with resultant



minimization of closed-shell antibonding interaction on the endo surface during dienophile approach.⁸ However, various theoretical calculations reveal this tilting to be critically dependent upon all σ orbital energies.²⁶ In fact, simple replacement of hydrogen atoms by alkyl groups at R_1 and R_2 (with $R_1 = R_2$) is adequate to reverse the mode of disrotation as in **20**. The exception is the spirocyclopropane **8**, where the high level of spiroconjugation²⁷ that develops as the result of strong π interaction with the symmetric Walsh orbitals of the three-membered ring²⁸ causes π_s once again to become tilted as in **19b**.¹⁵ Consequently, in the ground state of those dienes whose π -electron character is of type **19**, R_2 should experience greater shielding than R_1 . The reverse should be true in **20**, as observed experimentally. It follows that [4 + 2] cycloaddition occurs preferentially from the *less shielded* face of these dienes in order to profit from lower secondary antibonding influences along this pathway.

While ^{13}C shieldings are dominated chiefly by local paramagnetic electron currents,²⁹ local diamagnetic effects make the more important contribution to ^2H chemical shifts.³⁰ These differences may account for the spectral parameters of **2-4**.³¹

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Electrochemical Preparation of a Prussian Blue Analogue: Iron-Ruthenium Cyanide

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Recent reports by Neff et al. have shown a method of preparation of Prussian blue (PB) on platinum and gold electrodes based on a chemical method.^{1,2} We disclosed very recently an electrochemical method of synthesis for the preparation of thin films of PB³ and have discussed the electron-transfer reactions and the possibilities for application in electrochromic displays.^{3,4} The crucial point for the preparation of PB films in both the chemical and the electrochemical methods is that a ferric ferricyanide mixture obtained by mixing solutions of ferric ion, Fe^{3+} , and of ferricyanide ion, $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}$, is a clear solution where no precipitate is formed for several hours. Other mixing combinations lead immediately to heavy precipitates (gels) that have been called Prussian blue, Turnbull's blue, and Prussian white (Everitt's salt), depending on the valency values of the iron ions used.^{5,6} Recently, Siperko and Kuwana obtained a copper hexacyanoferrate film on a glassy carbon electrode based on dissolution of copper layers on the substrate.⁷

We disclose here a method for the preparation of thin films of ferric ruthenocyanide, $\text{Fe}_4^{3+}[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_6]_3$, by means of an electrochemical reduction method and discuss the spectroelectrochemical results. Precipitation reactions for ruthenocyanide ion, $\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}$, and ruthenicyanide ion, $\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}$, are quite similar to those of ferric and ferrocyanide ions.^{8,9} Both ferricyanide and ruthenicyanide yield red-brown solutions, but no precipitates, with ferric ion.⁹ This result strongly encouraged us to extend the method employed in our previous paper^{3,4} for the preparation of films of iron ruthenocyanide mixed-valency complexes.

The ruthenicyanide solutions used here were prepared by adding lead peroxide, PbO_2 , to a solution of 1 mM $\text{K}_4\text{Ru}(\text{CN})_6$, obtained from the Soekawa Chemical Co., in 0.01 M H_2SO_4 . A fresh solution of reagent grade $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ (1 mM) and $\text{K}_3\text{Ru}(\text{CN})_6$ (1 mM) was prepared by mixing solutions of each. The electrodes, SnO_2 , Pt, or glassy carbon, immersed in the above solution, were cathodically polarized under galvanostatic conditions by using a current density of about $20 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$. A large platinum foil was used as a counterelectrode. The purple due to the formation of ruthenium purple (RP), $\text{Fe}_4^{3+}[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_6]_3$,^{5,10} can be seen right from the beginning of the electrolysis. This behavior is basically the same as observed in the preparation of PB reported previously. However, the current efficiency for the deposition of RP was far below the value of 100% obtained in the case of PB.

Figure 1 shows cyclic voltammograms of an RP-modified Pt electrode in 0.5 M K_2SO_4 adjusted to pH 4.0 with sulfuric acid. The amount of RP ($3 \text{ mC}/\text{cm}^2$) was estimated from a coulometric curve measured during the potential scan from 0.6 to -0.2 V vs. SCE (saturated calomel electrode). The peak potentials of the reductive and oxidative waves are 0.22 and 0.25 V vs. SCE, which are slightly dependent on the scan rate. Although the peak currents are directly proportional to the scan rate up to 50 mV/s, distortion of the wave is observed at higher scan rates. It is an

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