

this bath could well prevent complete condensation of the disilapropanes. We assumed that roughly half of the disilapropane products entering the $-45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ trap passed the trap and were recirculated. The modeling results on this basis are in good agreement with the reported overall yield data (see Table IV). It is clear, from the modeling, that the proposed mechanism is a reasonable one, both qualitatively and quantitatively. While the modeling could be extended and better fits realized, such an exercise would not be instructive at this time as there are far too many unknowns in the rate constant assignments. Clearly the pressing need now is for more and better data on the

elementary reactions of silylenes.

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The Mechanism of the Formation of Silyl Enol Ethers from Hydrosilanes and Organic Carbonyl Compounds in the Presence of Cobalt Carbonyls. Kinetic Investigation of Some Reaction Steps

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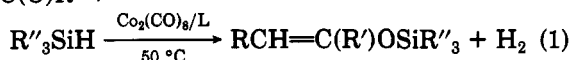
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The cleavage of isobutyrylcobalt tetracarbonyl with triethylsilane gives (triethylsilyl)cobalt tetracarbonyl, isobutyraldehyde, dicobalt octacarbonyl, and the corresponding unsaturated and saturated silyl ethers. Silyl enol ether was also formed, along with order products, in the reaction of (trimethylsilyl)cobalt tetracarbonyl with isobutyraldehyde. The kinetics of both reactions were studied. The first one proceeds through an acylcobalt tricarbonyl intermediate that oxidatively adds hydrosilane in the rate-determining step and then gives the products in fast consecutive steps. The second reaction involves probably an (α -(trimethylsiloxy)isobutyl)cobalt tetracarbonyl intermediate formed from silylcobalt tetracarbonyl and aldehyde. Silyl enol ethers as main products will be provided by β -hydrogen elimination from α -siloxyalkyl complexes in both reactions.

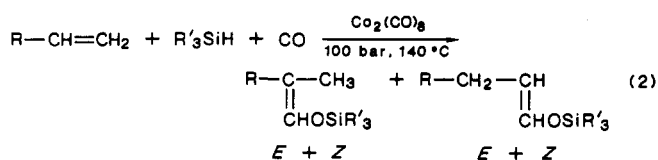
Introduction

The formation of silyl enol ethers from ketones and hydrosilanes in good yields in the presence of dicobalt octacarbonyl and amines was described some years ago (eq 1)¹ ($\text{RCH}_2\text{C(O)R}' = \text{aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, or alkyl-}$

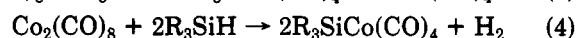
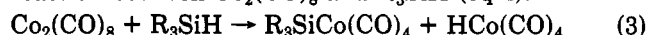


aromatic ketone; $\text{R}''_3\text{SiH} = \text{trialkyl-, aryldialkyl-, or trialkoxysilane; L} = \text{amine}$). Without use of an amine, a mixture of $\text{RCH}=\text{C(R}')\text{OSiR}''_3$ and $\text{RCH}_2\text{CH(R}')\text{OSiR}''_3$ results.

The mechanism of this interesting process has not been discussed. More detailed studies were conducted by Murai and co-workers² to the "siloxy-methylenylation" of alkenes and cycloalkenes, which was regarded as an analogue of the hydroformylation process (eq 2). The mechanistic



proposals made by the authors at that time were necessarily based on rather scanty information regarding the formation and reactivity of silylcobalt carbonyl complexes^{3,4} and thus need reexamination. For example, it was shown recently that reaction 3, which was proposed to be the first step of reaction 2, actually did not take place but that $\text{R}_3\text{SiCo}(\text{CO})_4$ and H_2 are the only products in the reaction between $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ and R_3SiH (eq 4).⁶



We have recently determined the kinetics of the cleavage of *n*-butyrylcobalt tetracarbonyl and isobutyrylcobalt tetracarbonyl with H_2 and $\text{HCo}(\text{CO})_4$ and proposed a mechanism⁷ for these reactions that form a part of the catalytic hydroformylation cycle of propene. The present

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Table I. Initial Rates of the Reaction of Isobutyrylcobalt Tetracarbonyl (1) with Triethylsilane (2a) at 25 °C in *n*-Heptane

$10^2[1]$, M	$10^2[2a]$, M	$10^2[CO]$, ^a M	10^6r^b , M s ⁻¹	10^6r^c , M s ⁻¹
0.46	1.90	1.07	1.33	0.75
0.99	1.90	1.08	2.01	1.41
1.50	1.90	1.07	3.58	2.44
2.01	1.90	1.08	4.90	3.20
3.91	1.90	1.07	9.64	5.96
0.98	1.01	1.08	1.01	0.78
1.01	3.16	1.08	3.16	2.44
0.98	5.00	1.07	4.82	3.61
0.92	6.32	1.08	5.88	4.75
0.92	3.16	0.85	3.23	2.77
1.06	3.16	1.54	2.77	1.97
0.92	3.16	2.23	1.76	1.31
0.95	3.16	2.77	1.55	1.00
0.93	3.16	3.32	1.46	0.98

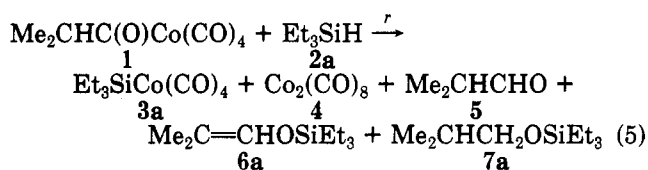
^a Calculated from p_{CO} and the solubility of CO in *n*-heptane.

^b Rate calculated from the decrease of [1]. ^c Rate calculated from the increase of [3a].

work deals with the kinetics and the mechanism of the reaction between isobutyrylcobalt tetracarbonyl and triethylsilane and between (trialkylsilyl)cobalt tetracarbonyls and isobutyraldehyde.

Results

We found that an excess of triethylsilane reacts smoothly with isobutyrylcobalt tetracarbonyl at 25 °C under CO in *n*-heptane solution leading to not only the expected⁸ isobutyraldehyde and $Co_2(CO)_8$ but to $Me_2C=CHOSiEt_3$, $Me_2CHCH_2OSiEt_3$, $Et_3SiCo(CO)_4$, and traces of $HCo(CO)_4$ as well (eq 5).



The kinetics of reaction 5 were measured, because of probable consecutive reactions, by the initial rate method. Clear first-order kinetics for both 1 and 2a and negative first order kinetics for CO were found.¹⁰ The initial rate of formation of 3a amounted to only about 60% of the rate of consumption of 1 (Table I). The rate of formation of the organic products could not be measured exactly. Nevertheless, it was evident that 5, 6a, and 7a were formed as main products up to ~65% conversion. Although 5 slowly disappeared during long reaction times, forming partly silylated oligomeric products, the ratio of 6a to 7a remained unchanged (~1.2:1).

The reaction between silylcobalt tetracarbonyls and aldehydes leading to silyl enol ethers and $HCo(CO)_4$ was suggested² to play an important role in catalytic siloxy-methylenylation (eq 2) and seemed to be involved also in reaction 1. We proved experimentally that 5 and 3a indeed

(8) According to a recent report,⁹ $MeC(O)Co(CO)_3PPh_3$ and Et_3SiH give only $MeCHO$ as the organic product. We repeated this experiment using $Me_2CHC(O)Co(CO)_3PPh_3$ and Et_3SiH and found that at 60 °C both Me_2CHCHO (5) and $Me_2C=CHOSiEt_3$ (6a) were formed even at the initial stages of the reaction. At higher conversions the amount of 5 decreased and further amounts of 6a appeared in the product, probably as a result of a reaction analogous to that described in eq 6. The formation of the cobalt-carbonyl containing products could not be followed exactly by IR spectroscopy because of the overlap of their bands with those of the starting complex. At the end of the reaction most of the cobalt was present in form of the well-known complex $Co_2(CO)_8(PPh_3)_2$.

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(10) At low CO pressures a very fast initial rate was observed, but the reaction slowed down in a few minutes.

Table II. Initial Rates of the Reaction of (Trimethylsilyl)cobalt Tetracarbonyl (3b) with Isobutyraldehyde (5) at 25 °C in *n*-Heptane^a

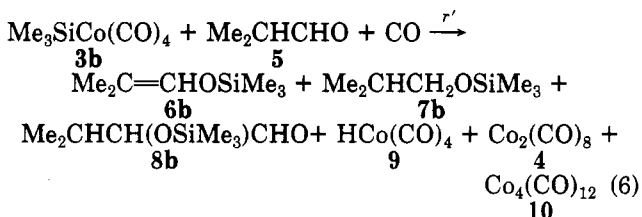
$10^2[3b]$, M	$10^2[5]$, M	10^6r_0 , M s ⁻¹
0.92	2.00	2.15
1.40	2.00	2.90
2.06	2.00	3.84
3.17	2.00	5.13
4.01	2.00	5.46
5.95	2.00	7.30
1.98	0.90	1.66
2.02	4.00	7.14
2.04	6.00	9.33
2.02	8.00	11.52
1.12	8.28	7.32
1.59	8.24	10.51
1.88	8.40	12.70
2.04	2.00	3.85 ^b
1.01	4.40	0.09 ^c
0.88	19.50	1.00 ^d
1.60	4.00	0.13 ^e

^a [CO] = 1.07×10^2 M. ^b Experiment under 1 bar of Ar.

^c Starting complex 3a. The conversion of 3a was 3% in 1 h.

^d Starting complex 3a at 40 °C. ^e Starting complex 3c. The conversion of 3c was 3% in 1 h.

react with each other but only at a negligible rate as compared with that of reaction 5 under the same conditions. We tried therefore to find a more reactive silyl complex that would allow the study of this reaction under mild conditions. Actually, (trimethylsilyl)cobalt tetracarbonyl (3b) was found to react with 5 at 25 °C under argon or CO in *n*-heptane at a rate convenient for kinetic measurements (eq 6). Under argon, fast decomposition of 9 to 4 and 10



took place as a consecutive reaction. Under CO, however, not only 6b (62%) but also 7b (7%) and 8b (23%) were formed as well, together with the corresponding amounts of 9 and 4. Simultaneous volumetric, IR, and GC measurements showed that the formation of 8b was connected with CO uptake and the source of 8b was the starting product 3b and not 6b. No 8b was formed at 25 °C under CO in either the presence or the absence of 4 (cf. ref 5) in attempted reactions of 6b with 5 or 9, respectively. Thus the formation of the aldehyde 8b by hydroformylation of 6b could be excluded. The yield of 8b in reaction 6 could be increased by raising the CO pressure. For example, the product mixture obtained from nearly equimolar amounts of 3b and 5 at 50 bar of CO pressure in 1 h gave 8b by vacuum distillation in 36% isolated yield.

The rate of 3b consumption was found to be independent of CO concentration and first order in 5. The order in 3b was less than 1 at low [5]:[3b] ratios, but it approached 1 at higher relative concentrations of 5 (Table II).

The catalytic hydrosilylation of 5 in the presence of 4 (an analogue of reaction 1) was carried out at 50 °C under CO in *n*-heptane. Since we did not use basic additives, a 4:3 mixture of 6a and 7a was obtained in accord with the results of Sakurai and co-workers.¹ We note here that no catalytic process related to that described in eq 2 could be observed under ambient conditions if we used aliphatic alkenes, 2a, and 4 as catalysts.

