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A New Cycloisomerization Reaction: Formation of Eight-Membered-Ring Compounds from 3-Sila 1,7-Enynes

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Summary: An intramolecular cycloisomerization occurred upon adding a tertiary amine *N*-oxide to alkyne-cobalt complexes, derived from 3-sila 1,7-enynes and dicobalt octacarbonyl. As a result, eight-membered cyclic dienylsilanes were obtained by a regioselective insertion of the alkynyl group into the C(1)–H bond.

The Pauson–Khand reaction¹ is a potent method for the preparation of cyclopentenone derivatives from alkenes, alkynes, and carbon monoxide. This reaction usually is performed by heating a mixture of an alkene and an alkyne–cobalt complex. A variety of modifications have been reported; tertiary amine *N*-oxides,² DMSO,^{2d} and silica gel³ effectively promote the reaction.

During our initial study concerning the intramolecular Pauson–Khand reaction of silicon-tethered 1,7-enyne **1**, we observed the unexpected formation of eight-membered cyclic dienylsilanes **2** instead of cyclopentenone derivative **3** (Scheme 1).⁴ A characteristic of this cycloisomerization reaction⁵ is that a new C–C bond was formed between the C(1) and the C(8) of the 1,7-enyne to give a 1,3-cyclooctadiene skeleton. Some cycloisomerization reactions of 1,7-enynes have been reported, which can be classified into three categories on the basis of the structure of the products: the cycloisomerizations to (1) 1,2-dimethylenecyclohexanes,⁶ (2) 1-methylene-2-vinylcyclohexanes,^{6b,7} and (3) 1-vinylcyclohexenes.⁸ However, no cycloisomerization reaction of 1,7-enynes giving 1,3-cyclooctadienes has been reported so far. Although an eight-membered ring is a common structural element in both natural and un-

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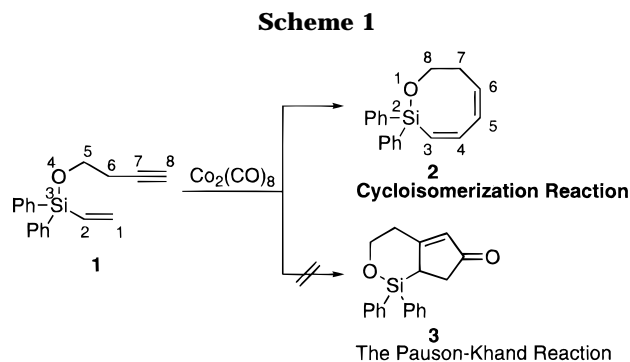
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natural compounds, its synthesis is rather difficult because of its high degree of ring strain and transannular interaction.⁹ In this paper, we report a novel cycloisomerization reaction of 1,7-enynes, providing a conceptually new method for the construction of eight-membered rings.

As mentioned above, it was found that the alkyne-cobalt complex, prepared from 1,7-enyne **1** and dicobalt octacarbonyl in CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature, reacted with *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide monohydrate (NMO· H_2O) (abbreviated as the *N*-oxide condition) to give eight-membered cyclic diene **2** in 46% yield.¹⁰ Neither a carbonylated nor a regio- and/or stereoisomeric product could be detected by capillary GC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture. It is noteworthy that the cycloisomerization mode is quite different from that of 1,7-enynes that do not contain silicon; they underwent the Pauson-Khand reaction to produce bicyclo[4.3.0]nonenone derivatives on treatment with amine *N*-oxides^{2a,c,e,f} or upon heating.¹¹

The stereochemistry of the diene moiety of product **2** was determined on the basis of the ^1H NMR coupling constants of the olefinic protons.¹² The coupling constants ($J_{3-4} = 14.8$ Hz, $J_{5-6} = 11.5$ Hz) clearly indicate that **2** has (3*Z*,5*Z*)-stereochemistry. Furthermore, the stereochemistry was established by an X-ray crystallographic analysis¹³ of the epoxyvinylsilane **4**, prepared by the epoxidation of **2** with *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (*m*CPBA) in CH_2Cl_2 (86% yield). This epoxyvinylsilane **4** has (5*R**,6*S**)-stereochemistry as shown in Figure 1. If we take into account that the epoxidation of alkenes by *m*CPBA proceeds by *syn*-addition, the stereochemistry of the original diene **2** must be 3*Z*,5*Z*.

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(12) **2**: ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.52 (dt, 2H, $J = 5.6, 8.6$ Hz), 3.91 (t, 2H, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 5.73 (dt, 1H, $J = 8.6, 11.5$ Hz), 5.98 (d, 1H, $J = 14.8$ Hz), 6.31 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.4, 11.5$ Hz), 6.84 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.4, 14.8$ Hz), 7.32–7.63 (m, 10H).

(13) X-ray crystal data for **4**: Triclinic; $P\bar{1}$; colorless crystal; $a = 9.415(1)$, $b = 11.909(2)$, $c = 7.697(1)$ Å; $\alpha = 96.56(1)$, $\beta = 113.02(1)$, $\gamma = 89.57(1)^\circ$; $Z = 2$; $R = 0.043$; GOF = 0.30. For full details, see the Supporting Information.

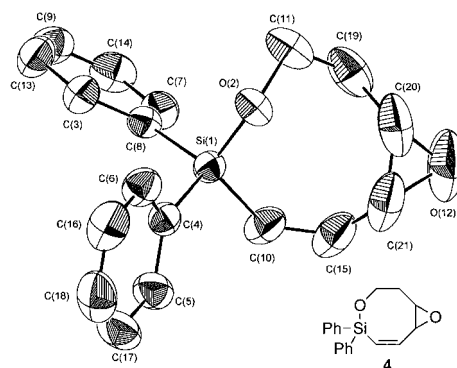


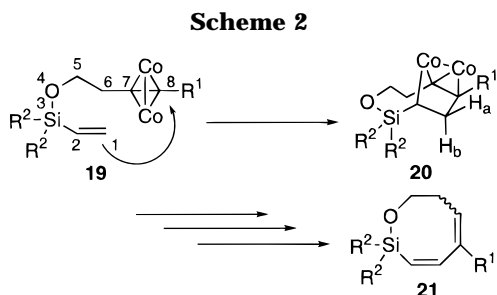
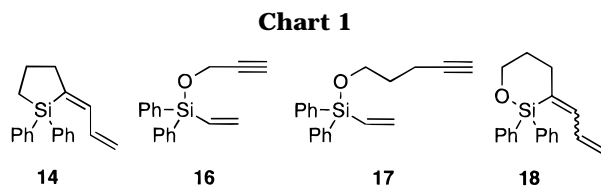
Figure 1. ORTEP view of **4**.

Table 1. Cycloisomerization Reaction of 1,7-Enynes

Entry	1,7-Enyne	Time/h	Product	Yield/% ^a
1		1		46
2		2		30 ^b
			<i>E/Z</i> = 3:2 ^c	
3		4	—	0
4		3		24
			<i>E/Z</i> = 1:4	
5		2		24
6		4		22 ^b
7		1	—	0

^aIsolated yields. ^bGC yields. ^cStereoisomer ratios were determined by GC.

The results for the cycloisomerization of a variety of 1,7-enynes under the *N*-oxide condition are summarized in Table 1. First, we examined the effect of a substituent on the alkyne terminus (entries 1–3). A bulky substituent at the alkyne terminus such as a trimethylsilyl group retarded the cycloisomerization reaction, and a considerable amount of the decomplexed enyne was recovered. In the reaction of methyl-substituted 1,7-enyne **5**, the (3*Z*,5*E*)-isomer was obtained as a major product in addition to the (3*Z*,5*Z*)-isomer. 1,7-Enynes, which have a methyl group at the alkenyl moiety, also underwent cycloisomerization (entries 4 and 5). 1,7-Enyne **12** gave the expected product **13** (entry 6), and the intramolecularly carbosilylated product **14** (Chart 1), which resulted from the insertion of the alkyne



moiety into the Si–C(2) bond, was a byproduct in 8% yield. In all cases, no six-membered ring product was detected by ^1H NMR and capillary GC-MS analysis, although the yields of the cycloisomerized products were not high.

In the reaction of allyl(propargyloxy)silane **15**, no cycloisomerized product was detected (entry 7). In this case, only decomposition of the starting material occurred. Moreover, under the *N*-oxide condition, a one carbon-shorter analog, 1,6-enyne **16**, and a one carbon-longer analog, 1,8-enyne **17**, did not cycloisomerize to the corresponding seven-membered¹⁴ and nine-membered products, respectively. However, a small amount (4%, *E/Z* = 1:9) of an intramolecular carbosilylated

product **18** was isolated from the reaction mixture of **17** (Chart 1). These results reveal that this cycloisomerization reaction is peculiar to 3-sila 1,7-enynes.

Although the reaction mechanism, especially concerning the regio- and stereoselectivities, and the reason for the lack of incorporation of CO are not clear at present, we consider that metallacycle **20** is a key intermediate in the present cycloisomerization (Scheme 2). The insertion of the vinylsilyl part into the C(8)–Co bond of alkyne–cobalt complex **19** occurs in such a manner as to make a bond between the Co atom and the α -carbon (C(2)) of the vinylsilyl group. The regioselectivity would be determined by the stabilization of the α -carbanion by the silyl group, which is well-known.¹⁵ Metallacycle **20** would be converted to **21** by successive β -hydrogen (H_a) abstraction, reductive elimination, and elimination of the cobalt moiety.

In conclusion, we have found a new cycloisomerization reaction of 3-sila 1,7-enynes to give eight-membered cyclic diensilanes. Further studies are in progress to explore mechanistic aspects responsible for the regio- and stereoselectivities, as well as to develop a catalytic system.

Supporting Information Available: Text giving experimental procedures and spectral data for synthesized compounds, tables of crystal data, atomic positional and isotropic and anisotropic thermal parameters, bond lengths, and bond angles for compound **4**, and NMR spectra (18 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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