## REACTION OF 1,5-CYCLOUNDECADIYNE AND 1,6-CYCLOUNDECADIYNE WITH CpCo(CO)2

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The reaction of 1,5-cycloundecadiyne with CpCo(CO)<sub>2</sub> leads to <u>inter</u>molecular products while 1,6cycloundecadiyne reacts in an <u>intra</u>molecular fashion.

Recently we showed that 1,6-cyclodecadiyne reacts with  $CpCo(CO)_2$  mainly in an intermolecular fashion<sup>1</sup>. To test the reactivity of other cyclic diacetylenes we prepared 1,5-cycloundecadiyne (1) and 1,6-cycloundecadiyne (2)<sup>2</sup>. The results of the reaction of 1 and 2 with  $CpCo(CO)_2$  are summarized in Scheme 1. In the case of 1 we find an intermolecular reaction to 3 (7%). The other possible isomer, 7,





could not be detected. As a side product (3%) we isolated a compound whose spectroscopic data

are compatible with structure 4 (see Table 1). The less strained compound 2 reacts intramolecularly to yield 5 (32%) and 6 (2.5%). Similarly 1,6-cyclododecadiyne yields 8 in 75% yield. The results summarized in Scheme 1 demonstrate a strong influence of the chain length on the reactivity. The same holds for the intermolecular formed cyclic products. The X-ray investigation on single crystals of 3 shows that the two triple bonds are separated considerably (see Figure 1)<sup>3</sup>. They are not aligned parallel to each other, so that a second dimerization to an unsymmetrical superphane



Fig.1 Structure of 3 according to an X-ray investigation. The most relevant bond(Å)lengths are;

C(6)-C(17) = 1.46; C(6)-C(16) = 1.46; C(16)-C(27) = 1.45; C(17)-C(27) = 1.44; C(9)-C(10) = 1.16; C(23)-C(24) = 1.17; C(9)-C(24) = 6.42; C(9)-C(23) = 6.75; C(10)-C(23) = 7.31; C(10)-C(24) = 6.90.

seems unlikely. Furthermore, a superphane of this type would exhibit extreme sterical crowding. Semiempirical calculations (AM1)<sup>4</sup> on a model with a square planar cyclobutadiene ring without a CpCo unit reproduce the geometry of the carbon skeleton of **3** rather accurately. Our calculations (on a model) for the non-isolated intermediate **7** predict, however, a conformation which is suited for the

reaction with a further triple-bond in a [2+2+2] fashion. This would rationalize the side-product 4 and the absence of 7.

Our studies on medium sized diacetylenes<sup>1,5</sup> indicate that the <u>intramolecular</u> reaction to a tricyclic CpCo-stabilized cyclobutadiene is preferred if  $n \ge 3$  in both -  $(CH_2)_n$  - chains. This is in line with the observation that 2 and cyclic diacetylenes of larger ring-size<sup>6</sup> yield the <u>intramolecular</u> cyclobutadienes in large amounts with CpCo(CO)<sub>2</sub>. Once n < 3 (e.g. as in 1) a cyclobutene annelated cyclobutadiene would result, a structure which has not been observed to date<sup>7</sup>. If the total ring size is twelve or larger the yield of the intramolecular complex is substantial<sup>6</sup> while for smaller rings the bifunctionality of the diacetylene mainly leads to undefined products next to small amounts of the discussed complexes (see Scheme 1).

## Table 1: Most relevant analytical data of 3-6 and 8.

3: mp. =  $133^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 4.62 (s, 5H), 2.45 (t, <sup>3</sup>J(H,H) = 10Hz, 2H), 2.14-2.30 (m, 8H), 1.83-2.08 (m, 10H), 1.54-1.67 (4H), 1.33-1.45 (4H), 1.33-1.45 (4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (50.32 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 18.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.33 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.78 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.67 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.50 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.75 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 77.61 (C), 79.99 (C), 81.28 (CH), 81.56 (C), 82.26 (C); MS (EI): m/z 416 (M<sup>+</sup>, 12.2%), 350 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, 2.2), 291 (M<sup>+</sup>-CoC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, 3.1), 189 (Co(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, 11.6), 124 (CoC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 80), 91 (48), 59 (Co, 100); MS (CI): m/z 416 (M<sup>+</sup>), 417 (M<sup>+</sup>+H), 445 (M<sup>+</sup>+C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); **IR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu$  [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 2924 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2238 (C=C), 1448, 1432, 802; **UV/VIS** (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$ [nm] (lg $\epsilon$ ) = 264 (4.35), 290 (3.23), 365 (2.8).

4: mp. = 98<sup>o</sup>C; <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 4.56 (s, 5H), 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.30-3.15 (m, 16H), 1.80-2.20 (m, 12H), 1.25-1.60 (12H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (50.32 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 18.65 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.26 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.39 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.53 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.27 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.81 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.98 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.14 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.91 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.11 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.31 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.14 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.18 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.68 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.45 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.08 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.15 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.11 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 77.31 (C), 77.76 (C), 78.17 (C), 78.62 (C), 80.35 (CH), 82.60 (C), 83.87 (C), 136.37 (C), 136.80 (C), 138.10 (C), 138.30 (C), 139.01 (C), 139.40 (C); MS (EI): m/z 562 (M<sup>+</sup>, 89.7%), 355 (10.3), 278 (33.3), 255 (33.3), 189 (Co(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, 25.6), 124 (CoC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 82.1), 91 (59), 59 (Co, 38.5), 41 (100); **IR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): ν [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 2918 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 1483, 1455, 1268, 800; **UV/VIS** (n-pentane):  $\lambda_{max}$ [nm] (lgε) = 212 (3.51), 268 (3.31), 300 (2.09), 370 (1.05).

5: mp. =  $64^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 4.59 (s, 5H), 2.25 (m, 2H), 1.62-2.12 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.46 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 23.78 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.68 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.98 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.17 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.18 (C), 80.69 (CH), 81.42 (C); **MS** (EI): m/z 270 (M<sup>+</sup>, 63%), 265 (73), 200 (70), 189 (Co(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, 92), 141 (34), 124 (CoC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 85), 91 (30), 59 (Co, 100); **IR** (KBr):  $\nu$  [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 2969 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2830 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 1445, 1435, 801; **UV/VIS** (n-pentane):  $\lambda$  max[nm] (lg $\epsilon$ ) = 205 (3.08), 267 (3.13), 300 (2.73), 375 (1.80).

6: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  = 4.73 (s, 5H), 1.92-2.56 (m, 14H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 21.98 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.27 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.75 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.29 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.33 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.50 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.09 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 82.99 (CH), 85.32 (C=C), 85.80 (C=C), 86.69 (C=C), 98.04 (C=C), 149.91 (C=0); **MS** (EI): m/z 298

 $(M^+, 41\%), 269 (M^+-COH, 10), 265 (28), 200 (34), 189 (Co(C_5H_5)_2^+, 49), 141 (35), 124 (CoC_5H_5, 88), 115 (33), 91 (24), 59 (Co, 100), 44 (13);$ **IR** $(CDCl_3): <math>\nu$  [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 2954 (CH\_2), 2204, 1559 (C=0), 1548 (C=0), 1432, 1258, 818; **UV/VIS** (CH\_2Cl\_2):  $\lambda_{max}$ [nm] (lg $\epsilon$ ) = 222 (4.04), 284 (4.22), 364 (3.30), 415 (3.01). **8**: mp. = 91°C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 4.68 (s, 5H), 1.84-2.14 (m, 4H), 1.82-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.80 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.46 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 27.19 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.83 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.98 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.00 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.17 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.86 (C), 79.72 (CH), 81.83 (C); **GC-MS** (EI): m/z 284 (M<sup>+</sup>, 69.7%), 255 (M<sup>+</sup>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 12.8), 189 (Co(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, 100), 124 (CoC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 31.4), 91 (13.2), 59 (Co, 32.6); **IR** (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\nu$  [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 2916 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2836 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 1443 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 804; **UV/VIS** (n-pentane):  $\lambda_{max}$ [nm] (lg $\epsilon$ ) = 205 (4.07), 265 (4.09), 295 (2.87), 380 (2.5).

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