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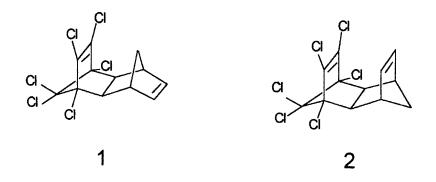
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ABSTRACT: Dechlorination reactions of exo-endo and endo-endo perhalogenated tetracyclic compounds with Li/t-BuOH/THF system, when subjected to simultaneous ultra-sound irradiation, led to exceptionally high yields (77-95%) of the corresponding hydrocarbons.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Several workers have published on the dechlorination reaction of hexachlorinated polycyclic systems. Winstein et al<sup>1</sup> utilized Li/t-BuOH/THF and heat to reach yields around 50% for "aldrin" derivatives. Gassmann and Pape<sup>2</sup> observed that this method could result in partial reduction of the double bond to give a mixture of saturated and unsaturated compounds; they replaced lithium by sodium. Paddon-Row et al<sup>3</sup> observed that the method with sodium, when applied on large scale, required longer times and produced yields that were below 50%. So, they proposed the system Na/EtOH, which allowed shorter reaction times,

simpler separation procedures and yields better than those for previous dechlorinating agents; e.g., for aldrin close to 69%. Recently, Lightner et al<sup>4</sup> observed that best result can be obtained with a Birch reduction with Na/NH<sub>3(1)</sub>, with yields about 70%. The first three methods<sup>1,2,3</sup> have been tested in our laboratory on "aldrin" (1), "isodrin"(2) and their derivatives, and we have verified that normally intramolecular rearrangement, decomposition products, degradation by oxidative and retro-Diels-Alder reactions take place, decreasing the yield of pure products. Therefore, we decided to substitute the source of radiating energy from heat to ultrasound.

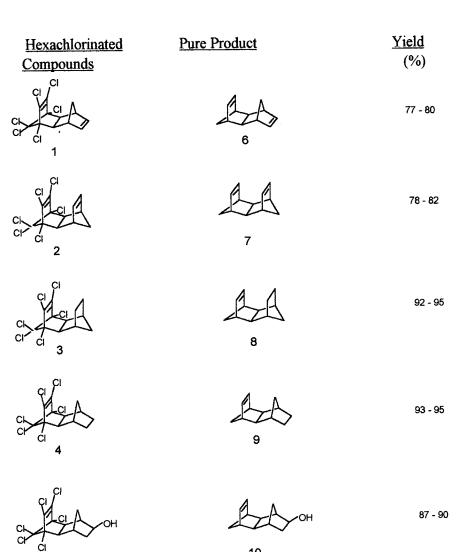


#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:**

The ultra-sound apparatus was a Thornton T14 model, 40 kHz and 90 watt. We tested the following methods on "aldrin": Na/EtOH; Na/n-BuOH; Na/t-BuOH/THF; Li/EtOH; Zn/EtOH; Mg/EtOH; Li/t-BuOH/THF, ultra-sound bath temperature was bept between 30-50°C. However, with Li/EtOH it was impossible to control the temperature, and as the ultra-sound bath was turned on, a strong exotermic reaction is observed.

The Li/t-BuOH/THF/U-S system was the only one which worked and gave good yield. So, we decided to test this system on other hexachlorinated polycyclic molecules. Yields between 77-95% of the pure final product were obtained:

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### **EXPERIMENTAL METHODS:**

Into a 250 ml flask equipped with reflux condenser and under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere were placed 88 ml of THF, and small pieces (wire) of lithium (2.25 g; 0.324 g - atoms) and tert-butyl alcohol (16 ml; 0.168 mol) were added. The apparatus was then immersed into the ultra-sound bath (45 kHz, 100 watt) the system was turned on, and a solution of 5 g  $(1.36.10^{-2} \text{ mol})$  of hexachlorinated compound in 10 ml of THF was added during 20 min. The ultra-sound apparatus was turned off after 5 hours and the temperature of the bath oscillated between 30-50°C. A hundred grams of crushed ice was added under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The aqueous layer was extracted with 3x80 ml of ethyl ether and the ethereal extracts were washed with 3x50 ml of water, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvents were evaporated. After chromatography on a column of silica gel 60 (0.2-0.5mm) and elution with ethyl etherpetroleum ether gradients, the pure product was isolated.

The analytical data of the compounds are in good agreement with literature values. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Varian VXR-200 spectrometer with TMS as reference set to 0.00 ppm to <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and CDCl<sub>3</sub> as reference set to 77.00 ppm to <sup>13</sup>C-NMR. All NMR work was recorded at room temperature (22 <sup>0</sup>C). All melting points were recorded on Uniscience 498 Melting Point appparatus and are reported uncorrected. Elemental analysis were recorded on Perkin Elmer 2400 CHN Elemental Analyzer apparatus.

Compound 1 (lit<sup>5</sup> mp 97  $^{0}$ C) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  1.26 (1H,d), 1.50 (1H,d), 2.70 (2 H, br.s), 2.83 (2H,d), 6.26 (2H, d); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$  40.73 (1C), 40.87 (2C), 54.55 (2C), 79.96 (2C), 105.35(1C) 141.00 (2C). Anal. Calcd. C:39.52 H:2.21 found C:39.70 H:2.03.

Compound 2 (lit<sup>6</sup> mp 239-241 <sup>0</sup>C) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR δ 1.50 (1H,d), 1.70 (1H,d), 2.95 (2H, s), 3.30 (2H, s), 5.95 (2H,s); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR δ 43.9 (2C), 52.6 (2C), 55.1 (1C), 80.3 (2C), 107.5 (1C), 129.2 (2C), 130.8 (2C).

Compound 3 (lit<sup>7</sup> mp 218-219 °C) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  1.4-1.7 (6H,m), 2.5 (2H,m), 3.1 (2H,m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  24.0 (2C), 38.7 (2C), 44.2 (1C), 55.0 (2C), 80.5 (2C), 110.0 (1C), 132.0 (2C). Anal. Calcd C:39.2 H:2.73 found C:39.4 H:2.70.

Compound 4 (lit<sup>5</sup> mp 73 <sup>0</sup>C) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  0.96 (1H,d), 1.11 (2H,dd), 1.39 (1H, dt), 1.52 (2H,m), 2.31 (2H,m), 2.59 (2H, br.s); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$  30.45 (2C), 34.09 (1C), 35.50 (2C), 56.11 (2C), 80.87 (2C), 104.50 (1C), 130.28 (2C). Anal. Calcd C:39.30 H:2.75 found C:39.36 H:2.77.

Compound 5 (lit<sup>8</sup> mp 115-117 °C) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  1.25-1.40 (3H,m), 1.62 (1H,m), 2.24 (1H, br.s.), 2.35-2.42 (2H,m), 2.50 (1H,d), 3.72 (1H,d); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$  30.30 (1C), 34.94 (1C), 43.28 (1C), 43.70 (1C), 51.81 (1C), 55.46 (1C), 74.33 (1C), 80.31 (1C), 80.61 (1C), 104.37 (1C), 130.37 (1C), 130.46 (1C).

Compound 6 (lit<sup>9</sup> bp 108  $^{0}$ C 25mm n<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> 1.5324) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  0.95 (1H,d), 1.50 (1H,d), 1.62 (1H,d), 2.19 (2H, br.s.), 2.47 (2H, br.s.), 2.55 (1H, d), 2.67 (2H, br.s.), 6.02 (2H, br.s.), 6.20 (2H, br.s.); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$  40.49 (1C), 42.74 (2C), 44.48 (2C), 48.19 (2C), 55.72 (1C), 136.16 (2C), 141.28 (2C). Anal. Calcd C:91.08 H:8.92 found C:90.78 H:9.30.

Compound 7 (lit<sup>1,10</sup> bp 100-101  $^{0}$ C C 17mm;  $n_{D}^{25}$ , 1.5285); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  1.47 (4H,m), 2.59 (4H,m), 2.70 (2H,m), 5.22 (4H,m); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$  42.93 (2C), 44.49 (4C), 55.50 (2C), 131.38 (4C).

Compound 8 (lit<sup>1,11</sup> mp 64-65  $^{0}$ C); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  0.9-1.8(8H,m), 2.0 (2H,br.s.), 2.4 (2H, br.s.), 2.6 (2H, br.s.), 6.03 (2H,br.s.); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$  25.0 (2C), 39.7 (2C), 44.6 (2C), 47.1 (1C), 48.6 (2C), 59.1 (1C), 131.5 (2C); Anal. Calcd C:89.94 H:10.06 found C:90.01 H:9.95.

Compound 9 (lit<sup>12</sup> bp 90-93  $^{0}$ C 11mm;  $n_{D}^{27}$  1.5197) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  0.52 (1H,d), 0.94-1.40 (6H,m), 1.93 (2H, br.s.), 2.00-2.07 (3H,m), 2.82 (2H,m), 5.93 (2H,d); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$  31.89 (2C), 33.71 (1C), 37.81 (2C), 46.65 (2C), 48.59 (2C), 52.81 (1C), 135.17 (2C); Anal. Calcd. C:90.0 H:10.0 found C:89.8 H:10.0.

Compound 10 (lit<sup>13</sup> mp 98-99 °C) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  0.90 (1H,d), 1.09-1.21 (2H,m), 1.26 (1H,d), 1.52-1.54 (OH, 1H, m), 1.70 (1H,dd), 1.78 (1H,dd), 1.90-2.00 (3H,m), 2.76 (2H,br.s), 3.57 (1H,d), 5.90 (2H,br.s.); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$  30.08 (1C), 37.12 (1C), 43.80 (1C), 45.14 (1C), 46.20 (1C), 46.38 (1C), 46.42 (1C), 48.09 (1C), 53.26(1C), 76.36 (1C), 135.37 (1C), 135.42 (1C); Anal. Calcd. C:81.79 H:9.15 found C:81.62 H:9.10.

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