

bonding orbital. That the long wavelength band is correctly assigned as ligand to metal charge transfer is indicated by the shift produced on substituting *trans*-NH<sub>3</sub> by isonicotinamide. Taking into account the increase in reduction potential attending this change the new band position is calculated as 750 nm, to be compared with the observed 772 nm. The observations made on replacing NH<sub>3</sub> trans to sulfur by isonicotinamide demonstrate that the intensity of long wavelength band in the complex of the eight-membered ring is very sensitive to this change. The lone-pair interactions are also very sensitive to substitution on the sulfur atoms. Thus, both binuclear species, ([3,2] and [3,3]) show only a single band in the visible, the positions being nearly the same for both. For the [3,3] species,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  is registered at 510 nm with  $\epsilon 7.0 \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The diminution in the splitting in the binuclear complexes can be ascribed to the contraction of the sulfur orbitals by the cationic charges and, on this basis, the position of the single band can be taken as an approximate measure of the center of gravity of the orbitals when they are unaffected by the lone pair interactions.

The second observation which is significant for the issue of through-space interaction is the much higher intensity recorded for the intervalence transition of the mixed valence complex based on the eight-membered ring compared to the six-membered ring (see Figure 3). Effects transmitted through the  $\sigma$ -bond systems are expected to be much weaker in the former than in the latter case, and thus the higher intensity observed for the former suggests a through-space mechanism for the interaction in the case of the eight-membered ring. Presumably, the stable conformation of the eight-membered ring allows for better overlap of the sulfur lone pairs than is the case for the six-membered ring.

If the general correlation between rates of intramolecular electron transfer (Ru(II)-Co(III)) and the intensity of the intervalence transition for the Ru(III)-Ru(II) mixed valence molecules with the same bridging groups<sup>6,7</sup> carries over to the present system, the results suggest that the through-space contact in the eight-membered ring is sufficient to provide for virtually adiabatic electron transfer between the metal ions.

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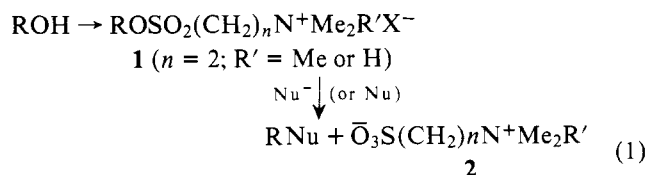
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## Preparative Nucleophilic Substitution with "Betylates". Substrate Phase Transfer and Substrate-Reagent Ion-Pair Reactions<sup>1,2</sup>

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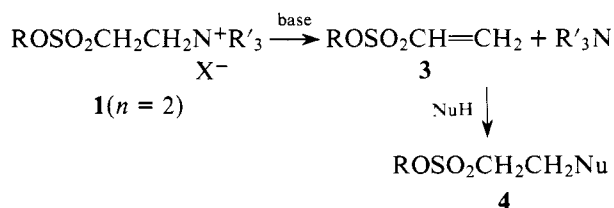
We wish to point to the synthetic value of ammonioalkanesulfonate esters ("betylates")<sup>3</sup> as intermediates in the

overall reaction  $\text{ROH} + \text{Nu} \rightarrow \text{RNu}$  as in



and at the same time to call attention to two useful ways of facilitating reaction between a lipophilic substrate and a hydrophilic reagent. As may be seen from Table I, betylates work well with a remarkably wide array of nucleophiles, substrates, and solvent systems; the procedures are characterized by mild conditions, easy workup, and the formation of clean products with generally good yields.<sup>4</sup> Noteworthy are (a) the use of an aqueous medium with substrates bearing large hydrophobic alkyl groups (e.g., 1-docosyl), and (b) the formation of the corresponding esters with such feeble nucleophiles as perchlorate and triflate anions.

[2]Betylates ( $\mathbf{1}$ ,  $n = 2$ ) are made<sup>4,5</sup> from the alcohol via the ethenesulfonate ester ( $\mathbf{3}$ ) in overall yields of  $\sim 90$ – $95\%$ . In a homogeneous system (acetone:H<sub>2</sub>O) [2]betylates are about as reactive to nucleophiles (e.g.,  $\text{N}_3^-$ ) as trifluoroethanesulfonates,<sup>6</sup> but in an aqueous suspension or a  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ :H<sub>2</sub>O system [2]betylates react as much as  $10^5$  times more quickly. One specific limitation of the [2]betylate grouping stems from the ease with which bases convert it back to ethenesulfonate ( $\mathbf{3}$ ), sometimes followed by Michael addition to form  $\mathbf{4}$ .



[3]Betylates ( $\mathbf{1}$ ,  $n = 3$ ), however (which are obtained as shown<sup>7</sup> in Scheme I), show no tendency to eliminate the trialkylammonio group under such conditions and are converted in good yields to the substitution products with both basic and nonbasic nucleophiles. [3]Betylates react about 10 times more slowly than [2]betylates.

In addition to providing what we believe to be a useful and general synthetic procedure, the reactions of betylates illustrate two powerful methods for dealing with the general synthetic problem of inducing reaction between a lipophilic substrate and a hydrophilic reagent.<sup>9</sup> One method, "substrate phase transfer", has three logically distinct steps, (i) attachment of a hydrophilic group to the original substrate ( $\text{ROH} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$ , in the present case), (ii) reaction in an aqueous medium, and (iii) removal of the hydrophilic group. In practice these conceptual steps need not be separate processes, steps ii and iii in the present examples occur in the same reaction. Solid-liquid

Scheme I

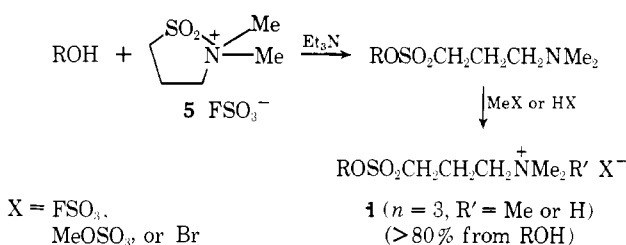


Table I. Reaction of [2]- and [3]Betylates with Nucleophiles

Proce- dure <sup>a</sup>	Betylate	Substrate (mmol)	R	X <sup>-</sup>	Reagent	Conditions, medium (T, °C, time)	Product	% yield <sup>b</sup>
A	Me <sub>3</sub> N <sup>+</sup> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> - SO <sub>2</sub> OR	(11)	1-Butyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	KSCN	H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 2 h)	RSCN	91
A	HMe <sub>2</sub> N <sup>+</sup> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> - SO <sub>2</sub> OR	(8)	1-Butyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 1 h)	RSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> Na <sup>+</sup>	(80)
C4		(22)	Neopentyl	I <sup>-</sup>	None	DMF (120–130, 2 h) <sup>c</sup>	RI	68
B	Me <sub>3</sub> N <sup>+</sup> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> - SO <sub>2</sub> OR	(0.5)	1-Octyl	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	KSCN	CHCl <sub>3</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 24 h)	RSCN	88
B		(0.5)	1-Octyl	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=S	PhH:H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 21.5 h)	[RSC(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	75
C1		(0.25)	1-Octyl	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 1.5 h)	ROClO <sub>3</sub>	92
C3		(0.5)	1-Octyl	I <sup>-</sup>	None	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (61, 0.25 h)	RI	70
B		(0.5)	2-Octyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaN <sub>3</sub> (satd)	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (25, 0.25 h)	RN <sub>3</sub>	85
A		(2.0)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaN <sub>3</sub> (satd)	H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 4 h)	RN <sub>3</sub>	90
A		(1.0)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	KBr	H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 5 h)	RBr	90
A		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	KCN	H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 60 h)	ROSO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CN	90
B		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaCl	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O (50, 18 h)	RCI	80
B		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	KNO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O (50, 16 h)	RONO <sub>2</sub>	65
B		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=S	PhH:H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 1 h)	[RSC(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> - FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	75
B		(0.25)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaOAc	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 2.5 h)	ROSO <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	90
B		(0.25)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaSH	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 0.25 h)	ROSO <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	60
D		(0.25)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaOEt	EtOH:PhH (25, 3 h)	ROSO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OEt	55
C1		(0.4)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 0.25 h)	ROSO <sub>2</sub> OR	90
C1		(0.4)	1-Hexadecyl	CH <sub>3</sub> - SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 1 h)	ROSO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	74
C1		(0.2)	1-Hexadecyl	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 1.5 h)	ROClO <sub>3</sub>	100
C1		(0.2)	1-Hexadecyl	CF <sub>3</sub> - SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 2 h)	ROSO <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	67
C3	HMe <sub>2</sub> N <sup>+</sup> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> - SO <sub>2</sub> OR	(0.4)	1-Hexadecyl	SCN <sup>-</sup>	None	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (61, 0.5 h)	RSCN	77
C4		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	Cl <sup>-</sup>	None	PhH (81, 0.25 h)	RCI	100
C4	Me <sub>3</sub> N <sup>+</sup> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> - SO <sub>2</sub> OR	(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	I <sup>-</sup>	None	PhH (81, 0.5 h)	RI	92
A		(0.2)	1-Docosyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	KBr	H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 3.5 h)	RBr	74
B	Me <sub>3</sub> N <sup>+</sup> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> - SO <sub>2</sub> OR	(0.2)	1-Docosyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaN <sub>3</sub> (satd)	PhH:H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 1 h)	RN <sub>3</sub>	77
B		(1)	1-Butyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Imidazole	CHCl <sub>3</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 18 h)	1-R-imidazole	84
B		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaN <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 24 h)	RN <sub>3</sub>	100
B		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaSPh	PhH:H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 18 h)	RSPh	85
B		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaCN	PhH:H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 72 h)	RCN	95
B		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaBr	PhH:H <sub>2</sub> O (25, 48 h)	RBr	95
C1		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 4.5 h)	ROSO <sub>2</sub> OR	85
C2		(0.6)	1-Hexadecyl	Cl <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 2 h)	RCI	95
C2		(0.6)	1-Hexadecyl	CN <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 2.5 h)	RCN	(60)
C2		(0.5)	1-Hexadecyl	F <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 84 h)	RF	(47)
C4	HMe <sub>2</sub> N <sup>+</sup> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> - SO <sub>2</sub> OR	(0.6)	1-Hexadecyl	Br <sup>-</sup>	None	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (110, 2 h)	RBr	(80)
B	Me <sub>3</sub> N <sup>+</sup> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> - SO <sub>2</sub> OR	(1.0)	2-Octyl	FSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NaSPh	PhCH <sub>3</sub> (25, 18 h)	RSPh	60

<sup>a</sup> Procedures. A: a suspension (or solution) of the substrate is stirred with an aqueous solution of the reagent (in tenfold excess). B: a solution of the substrate in the organic phase is stirred with an aqueous solution of the reagent (tenfold excess except as otherwise noted). Typical conditions for 0.5 mmol of the substrate include 10 mL of each phase in a 50-mL round-bottomed flask stirred by a magnetic stirrer at ~500 rpm (i.e., slowly enough to avoid thick emulsions). C1: the substrate was simply heated as specified. Procedures C2 to C4 have the same final step as C1 and differ in that the substrates were obtained as follows: C2, by ion exchange of a methanolic solution of the FSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> salt on Rexyn 201 or 202 resin and evaporation of solvent; C3, by stirring the FSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> or ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> salt in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with an aqueous solution of excess K<sup>+</sup>Nu<sup>-</sup> for 15–30 min and then separating the organic layer; C4, by adding excess HNu to a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of Me<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>OR and then evaporating the solvent. <sup>b</sup> Yields without parentheses refer to isolated yields of products judged pure by NMR and (or) IR spectra. Yields within parentheses have been estimated from NMR spectra. <sup>c</sup> Me<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>O-neopentyl (22 mmol) mixed with aqueous 57% HI (33 equiv, 1.5 mL) in DMF (25 mL) and refluxed.

substrate phase transfer is believed to occur in the reactions carried out as aqueous suspensions (i.e., by procedure A, see footnote *a* of Table I), and present evidence points to liquid-liquid phase transfer for the two-phase (procedure B) reactions with thiourea.

In the second method, "substrate-reagent ion-pair reaction,"

the substrate and reagent become the ion and counterion constituting a salt; the two components then react to form the product. In the examples in this paper we (i) attached a cationic group to the substrate (ROH → **1**), (ii) made the anionic nucleophile the counterion of the new cation, and (iii) allowed the salt to react, usually by heating. These steps also need not

be experimentally distinct; in procedures C1 and C4, generation of the cation automatically gives the correct anion, thereby combining steps i and ii. The C procedures presumably all proceed by this process, but the two-phase systems are potentially mechanistically complex. Some of the betylates, for example, may act as phase transfer agents thereby making it difficult to distinguish between (a) substrate phase transfer (with the actual reaction occurring in the aqueous phase), and (b) "normal" phase transfer of the anion followed by a substrate-reagent ion-pair reaction in the organic phase; micellar and interfacial processes can also further complicate the picture.

Both the phase transfer and ion-pair processes are obviously capable of extension well beyond the betylate reactions given here, and we foresee application of betylate chemistry and of these methods not only in synthesis but in mechanistic and biological studies as well.

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## References and Notes

- (1) Dedicated to Professor R. B. Woodward on the occasion of his 60th birthday.
- (2) Presented at the CIC/ACS Joint Conference, Montreal, May-June, 1977.
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- (4) Further experimental details regarding the preparation and use of betylates appear in the microfilm edition. See paragraph at end of paper regarding supplementary material.
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## Mixed Phenazine-*N*-Methylphenazinium 7,7,8,8-Tetracyano-*p*-quinodimethanide. A Quasi-One-Dimensional "Metal-Like" System with Variable Band Filling

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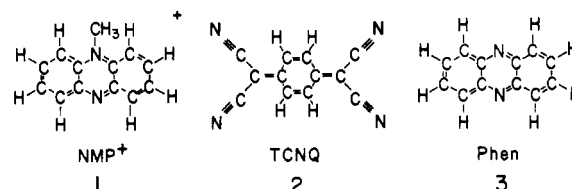
In the past few years there has been enhanced activity in the design and synthesis of highly conducting pseudo-one-dimensional (1-D) organic<sup>1,2</sup> and inorganic complexes<sup>2,3</sup> so that the salient features of such 1-D materials can be understood.<sup>4</sup> To date only a few prototype organic systems have been studied. These are based on 7,7,8,8-tetracyano-*p*-quinodimethanide ( $\text{TCNQ}^-$ ) (**2**) salts of heterocyclic open shell sulfur

**Table I.** Unit Cell Parameters for  $(\text{NMP})_x(\text{Phen})_{1-x}\text{TCNQ}$

	(NMP) (TCNQ) <sup>a</sup>	(NMP) <sub>0.74</sub> - (Phen) <sub>0.26</sub> - TCNQ	(NMP) <sub>0.54</sub> - (Phen) <sub>0.46</sub> - TCNQ
<i>a</i> , Å	3.8682 (4)	3.890 (8)	3.865 (7)
<i>b</i> , Å	7.7807 (8)	7.799 (3)	7.611 (32)
<i>c</i> , Å	15.735 (2)	15.706 (6)	16.329 (51)
$\alpha$	91.67 (1)	91.75 (6)	93.73 (49)
$\beta$	92.67 (1)	92.96 (13)	91.53 (31)
$\gamma$	95.38 (1)	95.45 (2)	94.65 (20)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	470.7	473.4	477.4

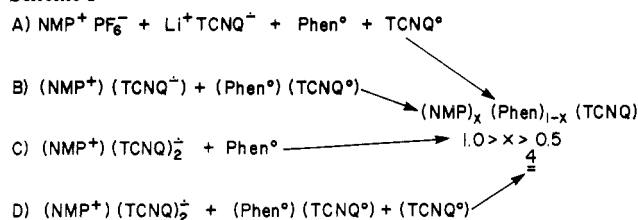
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(and/or selenium) (e.g., tetrathiofulvalene (TTF)), and closed shell nitrogen containing (e.g., *N*-methylphenazinium ( $\text{NMP}^+$ , **1**) cations. The results of such studies and, in par-



ticular, the former open shell cation, TTF, has led to significant advances in the understanding of the physics of 1-D organic materials. However, many fundamental questions still persist. Since the charge-transfer organic 1-D complexes studied to date differ in structure and stoichiometry, comparisons between them have to be reported with caution. To alleviate the intrinsic comparative difficulties, we attempted to design an isomorphous series of highly conducting 1-D organic complexes which possess a variable filled conduction band so that the physical properties could be studied as a function of band filling, i.e., Fermi energy.<sup>5</sup> Of the available prototype organic 1-D "metals",  $(\text{NMP}^+)(\text{TCNQ}^-)$ <sup>6</sup> was chosen as the model system.<sup>7,8</sup> It seemed reasonable that, if the TCNQ chain provides a driving force for the stabilization of the 1-D structure and if on the average each TCNQ in  $(\text{NMP}^+)(\text{TCNQ}^-)$  is  $\text{TCNQ}^{1-}$ , removal of  $\text{NMP}^+$  (and of course the electron associated with its  $\text{TCNQ}^-$  moiety) would reduce the average charge per TCNQ, i.e.,  $\text{TCNQ}^{z-}$  ( $z < 1$ ). Removal of the cation would destroy the unit cell; however, substitution of the  $\text{NMP}^+$  cation with a neutral molecule of comparable size, shape, and polarizability should stabilize the structure.<sup>10</sup> For these reasons the substitution of phenazine, Phen (**3**), for  $\text{NMP}^+$  in  $(\text{NMP}^+)(\text{TCNQ}^-)$ , (**1**)(**2**), was attempted.

## Scheme I



Through reactions A, B, C, or D, outlined in Scheme I, complexes of  $(\text{NMP}^+)_x(\text{Phen})_{1-x}(\text{TCNQ}^-)_x(\text{TCNQ}^0)_{1-x} \equiv (\text{NMP}^+)_x(\text{Phen})_{1-x}(\text{TCNQ}^-)^{x-}$ , **4**, stoichiometry with  $1 \geq x \geq 0.5$ , could be isolated as dark reflecting needle crystals. Visual appearance and crystallographic, elemental composition and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurements, as well as temperature dependence of the conductivity and magnetic susceptibility, indicate that these crystals resemble but are not identical with  $(\text{NMP}^+)(\text{TCNQ}^-)$ .<sup>12</sup>

Unit cell determinations were obtained on **4** ( $x = 0.24 \pm 0.01$  and  $0.46 \pm 0.01$ ).<sup>18</sup> The results suggest that **4** ( $x = 0.24$