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The reaction of elemental sulfur and five diynes of general formula $PhC = C(G)_n C = CR$ has been studied. While 1 - (1 - propyny1) - 2 - phenylethynylbenzene 1b reacted at $120^{\circ}C$ to give solely 6-methylbenz[b]indeno[2,1-d]-thiopyran 2b, 1,1' - (1,2 - phenylene)bis(3-phenyl-2-propyn-1-one) 4 and 1,8-bis(phenylethynyl)naphthalene 5 yielded the sulfides 11,11' - thiobis - (6 - phenyl-5,12 - naphthacenedione) 9 and 12,12' - thiobis - (7 - phenylbenzo[k] - fluoranthene) 13, respectively, as the major products. Diyne 5 gave also a small amount of bis(7 - phenylbenzo[k]fluoranthene-12-yl)disulfide 14. 3,3' - Oxybis(1 - phenyl-1 - propyne) 6 did not react in the absence of a metallic additive, but yielded 4,6-diphenyl-1H, 3H-thieno[3,4-c]furan 15 in the presence of equimolar quantities of $RhCl_3 \cdot 3H_2O$ and Aliquat-336. The reaction of the conjugated diyne 1,1' - (1,3 - butadiyne-1,4-diyl)bisbenzene 7 with sulfur afforded 3,6-diphenyl[1,2]dithiolo[4,3-c]-1,2-dithole 16.

Key words: Sulfur addition to diynes; benz[b]indeno[2,1-d]thiopyran; [1,2]dithiolo[4,3-c]-1,2-dithiole; polycyclic sulfides; polycyclic disulfides.

INTRODUCTION

Although a vast amount of work has been done in the field of organosulfur compounds, surprisingly little research has been published on the addition of elemental sulfur to carbon-carbon triple bonds. Recently, we have shown that sulfur adds to 1,2-bis(phenylethynyl)benzene 1a in the presence of the RhCl₃-Aliquat-336 catalyst to give compounds 2a and 3a. Since the reaction was found to take place also in the absence of the metallic catalyst, we find it interesting to investigate the interaction of the chalcogen also with some other diacetylenes of general formula $RC = C(G)_n = CR'$. As representative dignes compounds 1b, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were chosen.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1-(1-Propynyl)-2-phenylethynylbenzene **1b**, obtained by CuI-PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂-catalyzed propynylation of 1-bromo-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene was found to react slowly

with sulfur in a similar fashion to the diphenyl analog 1a (though in a more selective manner), and to yield solely 6-methylbenz[b]indeno[2,1-d]thiopyran 2b. The structure of the product was established by elemental analysis, by the NMR and mass spectra, as well as by the electronic spectrum (Table I), which resembles closely that of 1a (for which X-ray diffraction analysis was carried out²), and that of the parent compound, benz[b]indeno[2,1-d]thiopyran.⁴ It is notable that although 1a forms 2a only under exclusion of air and gives 3-benzoyl-2-phenyl-1H-inden-1-one in the presence of oxygen,² 2b could be obtained from 1b both in air and under argon atmosphere.

Since 2a and 2b can formally be regarded as the products of sulfur incorporation into the rearranged starting materials (i.e., 5-phenyl- and 5-methylindeno[2,1-a]indene, respectively⁵), a similar incorporation process was expected to occur also during the reaction of sulfur and 1,1'-(1,2-phenylene)bis(3-phenyl-2-propyn-1-one) 4 (which isomerizes under thermal conditions to 6-phenyl-5,12-naphthacenedione 8⁶). In fact, no sulfur heterocyclic resulted but sulfide 9 was formed instead. The structure of 9 was deduced from the elemental analysis, the ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra and from the UV spectrum which resembles that of 8 (see Table I). Although 4 rearranges rapidly to 8 already at 50°C in the absence of sulfur, it is converted into 9 in the presence of the chalcogen even at 70–80°C (see Experimental Section). It should be recalled that when 4 was reacted with sulfur in the presence of an equimolar amount of RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 1,3-diphenyl-4,9-naphtho[2,3-c]thiophenedione 10 rather than a sulfur bridged dimer was obtained.⁷

Also, 1,8-bis(phenylethynyl)naphthalene 5 (which rearranges thermally to 7-phenylbenzo[k]fluoranthene 11⁸) failed to give any heterocyclic compounds, in spite of the fact that its complex with RhCl(PPh₃)₃ yielded 7,9-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-

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TABLE I Electronic spectra of compounds 2a, 2b, 8, 9, 13 and 14

	Solvent				<u>"</u>	λ [nm] ^a /(log ε)				
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~ 63	n-heptane	247	280(infl.)	291	315	337	8	356 (infl.)	365	436
		(4.41)	(4.34)	(4.62)	(4.20)	(4.14)	(4.15)	(4.04)	(3.98)	(3.73)
۰	n-heptane	250	281(infl.)	290	314		**	358	363	428
		(4.32)	(4.55)	(4.72)	(4.14)		(4.07)	(3.99)	(3.97)	(3.61)
	EtOH	240	273(infl.)	284		339(infl.)	391			
		(4.55)	(4.34)	(4.35)		(3.43)	(3.64)			
	EtOH	238(infl.)	797	291(infl.)		338(infl.)	392			
		(4.32)	(4.48)	(4.18)		(3.61)	(3.54)			
m	cyclohexane	272	303(infl.)	312		360	372	394	418	
		(4.19)	(409)	(4.23)		(3.57)	(3.53)	3.67	(3.72)	
4	cyclohexane	274	303(infl.)	316			372	392	418	
		(4.88)	(4.42)	(4.49)			(3.93)	(3.95)	(3.90)	

a) Infl.: inflection point.

c]thiophene 12.7 Under our experimental conditions, 5 and S_8 formed 64% of the sulfide 12,12'-thiobis(7-phenylbenzo[k]fluoranthene) 13 accompanied by 9.5% of disulfide 14 and just <1% of 11. The structure of compound 14 was unequivocally determined by X-ray diffraction analysis (see Figure 1).9 The structure of 13 was deduced from the elemental analysis, from the mass spectrum, the NMR studies, and from the electronic spectrum which resembles that of 14 (see Table I).

Some interesting features of the X-ray structure of 14 are noteworthy. The stereoscopic view⁹ shows that in the crystal the two benzo[k]fluoranthene moieties form two disulfide-bound non-parallel planes with a dihedral angle of 157° between the planes. The phenyl groups E and J that are connected to C7 and to C7′ are twisted, so that the dihedral angles between E and plane ABC, and between J and

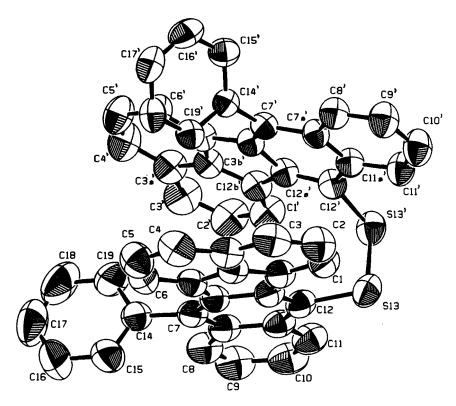


FIGURE 1 ORTEP drawing of 14.

FGH are 76.5 and 75°, respectively. Ring E forms a right angle with plane FGHI and one of its sides is in close proximity to the atoms of ring F. The distances C19–C3a' and C19–C4' are 3.746(4) and 3.918(4) Å, respectively. Ring J forms an angle of 114° with plane ABC of the second benzo[k]fluoranthene moiety, and C19' is even closer to ring A than C19 to ring F. The respective distances between C19' and C3a, C3b, C4, C5, C6 and C6a are 3.648(3), 3.767(3), 3.686(3), 3.882(4), 3.989(3) and 3.972(3) Å, respectively. We assume that these structural features of 14 are exhibited also in solution, although the phenyl rings E and J can then rotate freely. It seems that due to the free rotation, several ¹H-NMR peaks broaden. This broadening is particularly pronounced in the low field signals of the more hindered protons (see Experimental Section).

In contrast to the above diynes, 3,3'-oxybis(1-phenyl-1-propyne) 6¹⁰ did not react with elemental sulfur in the absence of a metallic additive. In the presence of a stoichiometric amount of the RhCl₃-Aliquat-336 ion pair, however, the diyne and sulfur reacted to give 4,6-diphenyl-1*H*,3*H*-thieno[3,4-*c*]furan 15. Since 15 was reported to be formed also by interaction of eqimolar quantities of 6, S₈ and RhCl(PPh₃)₃, it can be assumed that the diyne gives initially a complex of similar structure to that formed from 6 and the Wilkinson complex, and in a second step the rhodium atom is replaced by sulfur.¹⁰

As an example for a conjugated phenylated divne we chose 1,1'-(1,3-butadiyne-

1,4-diyl)bisbenzene 7.11 Unlike the other acetylenes it reacted to give a compound with four sulfur atoms, i.e. 3,6-diphenyl[1,2]dithiolo[4,3-c]-1,2-dithiole 16. Thus, the addition of sulfur to the conjugated diacetylenes is a most facile route to this bicyclic system. To the best of our knowledge the only stable [1,2]dithiolo[4,3-c]-1,2-dithiole derivatives that have been isolated so far, are of a higher oxidation state of general formula 17.12.13 Since 16 separates as large red crystals, its structure could readily be established by X-ray diffraction analysis.9 The ORTEP drawing shown as Figure 2 reveals that 16 consists of two fused five-membered rings with an inversion center in the middle of bond C3a-C6a. The observed bond lengths of 1.439(8) Å for C3a-C6a and 1.362(5) Å for both C3-C3a and C6-C6a clearly indicate the locations of the single and double C—C bonds in the molecule.

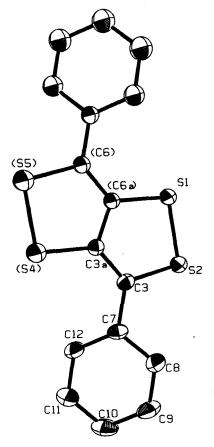


FIGURE 2 ORTEP drawing of 16.

Finally, for comparison we examined the mode of interaction of S₈ with a monoalkyne. As a representative reagent we chose diphenylacetylene. Its reaction was slower than that of the diynes. The only isolable product was the well known tetraphenylthiophene 18. It should be recalled that although 17 has not yet been prepared from PhC=CPh, some other thiophenes have been synthesized from acetylenes and sulfur.¹⁴

The high selectivity in the interaction of sulfur with diynes is surprising since the addition of the chalcogen to C—C triple bonds is considered to give highly reactive thiirenes that may react with additional alkyne molecules to give thiophene derivatives, 15 but can equally well undergo fragmentation and form a variety of secondary products. 16

EXPERIMENTAL

General Data. Melting points (not corrected) were obtained on a Thomas-Hoover capillary melting point apparatus. IR and UV spectra were taken on a Perkin-Elmer Model 457 and a UVICON 860 instrument, respectively. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR were measured on Bruker WP 200 SY and AMX 400 spectrometers. MS were recorded on a Varian MAT-311 mass spectrometer.

1-(1-Propynyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene, **1b**. A stream of propyne was bubbled through a solution of 7.71 g (30 mmol) of 1-bromo-2-phenylethynyl-benzene, ¹⁷ 0.42 g (0.6 mmol) of PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ and 57 mg (0.3 meq) of Cu₂l₂ in 100 ml of dry Et₃N at 60°C. After 6 h, when all the bromide reacted, the amine was evaporated and 200 ml of ether was added. The ammonium salt was filtered off and washed with ether. The filtrate was washed successively with 10% aq. HCl, water, 5% aq. NaHCO₃ and again with water. The dried etheral solution was evaporated to dryness and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel using a 1:19 ether-hexane mixture as eluent. Pale yellow oil; yield 4.20 g (65%). IR (neat): \bar{v} 2240, 2225 cm⁻¹ (C≡C). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz): δ = 2.165 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.229-7.594 (m, 9H, ArH). EI MS (70 eV, 25°C): m/z (%) 216 (100) [M·+], 215 (75) [C₁₇H⁺₁₁], 213 (24) [C₁₇H⁺₇], 189 (9) [C₁₅H⁺₇].

C₁₇H₁₂(216.3). Calc.: C 94.40; H 5.59. Found: C 94.09; H 5.69%.

General Procedure for the Reaction of Diynes with Sulfur. A stirred mixture of 0.5 mmol of the diyne, 80 mg (2.5 mmol) of sulfur and 2 ml of an appropriate solvent was heated until the desired conversion was achieved. The crude product was separated by column chromatography using ether hexane mixtures as eluent.

6-Methylbenz[b]indeno[2,1-d]thiopyran, **2b**. Obtained in 22% yield by interaction of sulfur and **1b** in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane at 120°C for 40 h. R_f (ether/hexane 1:19) = 0.49; pale orange crystals, mp 120–122°C (from hexane). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz): δ = 2.253 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.345–7.759 (m, 7H), 8.111 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.303 (dd, $J_0 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_m = 1.3$ Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 Hz): δ = 21.61, 114.49, 120.39, 122.99, 123.07, 125.35, 125.38, 126.24, 126.37, 127.25, 128.17, 129.14, 129.16, 131.19, 132.51, 138.10, 141.66. EI MS (70 eV, 80°C): m/z (%) = 248 (72) [M · †], 247 (14) [C₁₇H₁₁S⁺], 223 (40) [C₁₅H₁₁S⁺], 216 (100) [C₁₇H₁₂· †], 215 (83) [C₁₇H⁺₁₁], 213 (25) [C₁₇H⁺₃]. C₁₇H₁₂S (248.3). Calc.: C 82.22; H 4.87; S 12.91. Found: C 82.01; H 4.60; S 12.73%.

6-Phenyl-5,12-naphthacenedione, **8**⁷ and 11,11'-thiobis(6-phenyl-5,12-naphthacenedione), **9**. Obtained in 27 and 55% yield, respectively, when 1,1'-(1,2-phenylene)bis(3-phenyl-2-propyn-1-one), **4**⁷ was allowed to react with sulfur for 48 h either in boiling chloroform or benzene. Separation of the products on silica gel was accomplished by a 2:8 mixture of ether/hexane followed by a 1:1 mixture of the same solvents ($R_f = 0.31$ and 0.39, respectively). **9**: orange crystals. mp 170–172°C (dec.) (from Et₂O). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz): $\delta = 7.086-7.110$ (m, 4H, 3'-H, 5'-H), 7.361–7.647 (m, 16H), 7.816–7.839 (m, 2H), 7.910–7.931 (m, 2H), 8.713 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 1- or 4-H). ¹³C[¹H]-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): $\delta = 126.18$, 126.79, 126.87, 127.26, 127.49, 128.28, 128.52, 128.99, 129.41, 129.42, 133.44, 133.49, 133.68, 134.21, 134.77, 135.02, 135.34, 139.51, 142.74, 143.30, 183.05, 184.73; El MS (70 eV, 280°C): m/z (%) = 698 (34) [M·+¹], 697 (63) [C₄₈H₂₄O₄S·+¹], 366 (48) [C₂₄H₁₄O₂S·+¹], 365 (100) [C₂₄H₁₃O₂S⁺], 334 (16) [C₂₄H₁₄O₂·+¹], 333 (29) [C₂₄H₁₃O₂+²].

C₄₈H₂₆O₄S (698.8). Calc.: C 82.50; H 3.75; S 4.59. Found: C 82.26; H 4.04; S 4.14%.

7-Phenylbenzo[k]fluoranthene, 11⁸ 12,12'-thiobis(7-phenylbenzo[k]fluoranthene), 13 and bis(7-phenylbenzo[k]fluoranthene-12-yl)disulfide, 14. Formed in <1, 64, and 9.5% yields, respectively by interaction of sulfur and 1,8-bis-phenylethynyl)naphthalene 5 in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane at 120°C for 44 h. The products were separated by chromatography on silica gel with a 1:19 mixture of ether-hexane as eluent. The corresponding R_f values for 11, 13 and 14 were 0.52, 0.36 and 0.27.

13: Yellow crystals, mp 254–256°C (from Et₂O). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz): δ = 6.596 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.964–7.967 (m, 24H), 8.578 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 9.562 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 122.28, 125.94, 126.11, 126.23, 126.29, 126.35, 126.58, 127.07, 127.26, 127.85, 128.06, 128.38, 128.97, 129.22, 130.30, 133.61, 134.71, 135.42, 135.85, 136.20, 136.42, 136.81, 138.53, 139.47. EI MS (70 eV, 280°C) m/z (%) 686 (16) [M · †], 685 (41) [C₅₂H₂₉S †], 360 (100) [C₂₆H₁₆S · †], 359 (60) [C₂₆H₁₅S †], 328 (17) [C₂₆H₁₆· †], 327 (7) [C₂₆H †₁₅], 326 (39) [C₂₆H₁₄· †].

C₅₂H₃₀S (686.9). Calc.: C 90.93; H 4.40; S 4.67; Found: C 90.63; H 4.20; S 4.88%.

14: Yellow crystals, mp 231-233°C (from hexane). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz): $\delta = 6.100$ (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.887 (dd, $J_1 = 7.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.145-7.642 (m, 22H), 8.316 (br s, 2H), 8.737 (br s, 2H). EI MS (70 eV, 265°C): m/z (%) 718 (38) [M·+], 360 (67) [C₂₆H₁₆S·+], 359 (100) [C₂₆H₁₅S⁺], 328 (56) [C₂₆H₁₆S·+], 327 (8) [C₂₆H⁺₁₅], 326 (44) [C₂₆H₁₄·+]. A suitable crystal for X-ray diffraction analysis was obtained from a 1:19 mixture of ether and hexane (vide infra).

4,6-Diphenyl-1H,3H-thieno[3,4-c]furan, 15. A mixture of 123 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3,3'-oxybis(1-phenyl-1-propyne) 6.10 80 mg (2.5 mmol) of sulfur, 132 mg (0.5 mmol) of RhCl₃·3H₂O, 202 mg (0.5 mmol) of Aliquat-336, 2 ml of 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane and 2 ml of H₂O was stirred vigorously at 104°C for 24 h. The organic layer was separated, washed with water, dried and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using a 1:9 mixture of ether/hexane as eluent. The fraction with $R_f = 0.26$ consisted of 70 mg (50%) of pure 15; colorless needles, mp 150–151°C (from hexane). The compound was identical in every respect with a sample prepared according to Scheller *et al.*10

3,6-Diphenyl[1,2]dithiolo[4,3-c]-1,2-dithiole, **16**. Obtained in 24% yield when sulfur reacted with 1,1'-(1,3-butadiyne-1,4-diyl)bisbenzene **7** for 52 h in boiling 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane. The product was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexane as eluent. $R_f = 0.20$; red crystals, mp 142–144°C (from EtOH). 'H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.458$ (m, 6H), 7.543 (m, 4H). '³C{¹H}-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): $\delta = 128.58$, 129.18, 130.07, 132.60, 137.91, 148.39. EI MS (70 eV, 120°C): m/z (%) 330 (60) [M·⁺], 298 (24) [(M-S)·⁺], 297 (23) [(M-SH)⁺], 266 (24) [(M-S)·⁺], 145 (17) [C₈H₅S⁺], 121 (100) [C₂H₅S⁺], 77 (45) [C₆H₅*].

C₁₆H₁₀S₄ (330.5). Calc.: C 58.15; H 3.05; S 38.80. Found: C 58.35; H 3.21; S 38.53%.

A suitable crystal for X-ray diffraction analysis was obtained by slow recrystallization from dichloromethane (vide infra).

Tetraphenylthiophene, 18. A stirred mixture of 178 mg (1 mmol) of diphenylacetylene, 160 mg (5 mmol) of sulfur and 2 ml of 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane was refluxed for 72 h. The product was chromatographed on silica gel with a 1:49 mixture of ether/hexane as eluent to give 65 mg (34%) of 18 which was identical with an authentic sample prepared from tetracyclone and sulfur.¹⁷

X-ray crystal structure analysis of 14 and 16. Data were measured on an ENRAF-NONIUS-CAD-4 automatic diffractometer. CuK_a ($\lambda = 1.54178$ Å) radiation with a grphite crystal monochromator in the incident beam was used. The standard CAD-4 centering, indexing, and data collection programs were used. The unit cell dimensions were obtained by a least-squares fit of 24 centered reflections in the range of $24 \le \theta \le 28$ for 14 and in the range of $22 \le \theta \le 32^{\circ}$ of 16. Intensity data were collected using the ω -2 θ technique to a maximum 2 θ of 120° for 14 and of 110° for 16. The scan width, $\Delta\omega$, for each reflection was $0.80 + 0.15 \cdot \tan \theta$. An aperture with a height of 4 mm and a variable width, calculated as $(2.0 + 0.5 \tan \theta)$ mm, was located 173 mm from the crystal. Reflections were first measured with a scan of 4.12°/min. for 14 and of 8.24°/min for 16. The rate of the final scan was calculated from the preliminary scan results so that the ratio $I/\sigma(I)$ would be at least 40 and the maximum scan time would not exceed 60 s. If in a preliminary scan $I/\sigma(I) \le 2$, this measurement was used as the datum. Scan rates varied from 1.26 to 4.12°/min for 14 and from 1.26 to 8.24°/min for 16. Of the 96 steps in the scan, the first and the last 16 steps were considered to be background. During data collection the intensities of three standard reflections were monitored after every hour of X-ray exposure. No decay was observed. In addition, three orientation standards were checked after 100 reflections to check the effects of crystal movement. If the standard deviation of the h, k, and l values of any orientation reflection exceeded 0.06, a new orientation matrix was calculated on the basis of the recentering of the 24 reference reflections. Intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. All non-hy-

TABLE II
Crystallographic data for 14 and 16

	14	16
ormula	C ₅₂ H ₃₀ S ₂	C ₁₆ H ₁₀ S ₄
ace group	P2 ₁ /n	P2 ₁ /c
Å	17.299(5)	13.776(3)
Å	16.820(2)	7.307(2)
Å	12.416(2)	7.120(2)
deg.	98.34(2)	74.79(2)
Å ³	3574(1)	714.2(5)
	4	2
calcd.), g cm ⁻³	1.34	1.54
CuK _α), cm ⁻¹	15.94	58.96
o. of unique reflections	5443	1060
o. of reflections with $I>3\sigma(I)$	4236	819
	0.038	0.074
,	0.058	0.091
	0.058	0.09

drogen atoms were found by using the results of the SHELXS-86 direct method analysis. After several cycles of refinements the positions of the hydrogen atoms were calculated, and added to the refinement process. Refinement proceeded to convergence by minimizing the function $\sum w(|F_0| - |F_c|)^2$. A final difference Fourier synthesis map showed several peaks less than 0.1 e/Å³ scattered about the unit cell without a significant feature. The discrepancy indices, $R = \sum ||F_0|| - |F_c|| \sum |F_0|$ and $R_w = [\sum w(|F_0| - |F_c|)^2]^{1/2}$ are presented with other pertinent crystallographic data in Table II.

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