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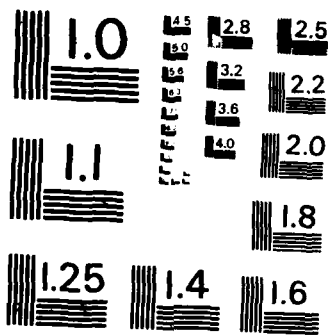
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# Description of Project

This research program consists of a parallel effort directed toward the synthesis of conjugated polymers and the characterization of these polymers through a broad base of physical measurements. The approach involves step-by-step synthesis of new polymer systems using specific synthetic techniques; i.e. the design and synthesis of new conducting polymers. This involves close interaction between chemists and physicists and a constant back-and-forth interplay to characterize new materials and stimulate ideas on new systems. Continuing studies of the chemistry and physics of known conducting polymers is a critical part of the program, since future progress is limited by an in-depth understanding of successful known systems. Recent efforts in the latter area focused on the polyheterocycle, poly(thiophene).

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Significant Results During the  
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A. Studies of the Chemistry and Physics of Poly(thiophene)

Using a new method of electrochemical polymerization of poly(thiophene) from dithiophene as the starting material, we obtain a high quality film with a sharp interband absorption edge. An in situ study of the absorption spectrum during the electrochemical doping process has been carried out. In the dilute regime, the results are in detailed agreement with charge storage via bipolarons; weakly confined soliton pairs with confinement parameter  $\gamma \sim 0.1-0.2$ . At the highest doping levels, the data are characteristic of the free carrier absorption expected for a metal. From a parallel electrochemical voltage spectroscopy (EVS) study, we find evidence of charge injection near the band edge and charge removal from the bipolaron gap states. In the dilute regime, the position of the chemical potential is consistent with charge storage in weakly confined bipolarons.

Extensive earlier studies of polyacetylene have demonstrated that the coupling of electronic excitations to nonlinear conformational changes is an intrinsic and important feature of conducting polymers. Although this coupling and the degenerate ground state lead to the novel soliton excitations

in trans-(CH)<sub>x</sub>, generalization of these concepts and application to the larger class of conjugated polymers has been an obvious goal of the field. The experimental evidence of electron-hole symmetry and weak confinement in polythiophene (carried out in this grant period) makes this polymer a nearly ideal example of a model system in which the ground state degeneracy has been lifted. The study of bipolarons (or confined charged solitons) in poly(thiophene) has now demonstrated that the concepts carry over in detail and that a quantitative understanding of the resulting phenomena is possible even for relatively complex systems.

## B. Synthesis of New Conducting Polymers

### a. Poly-ynes

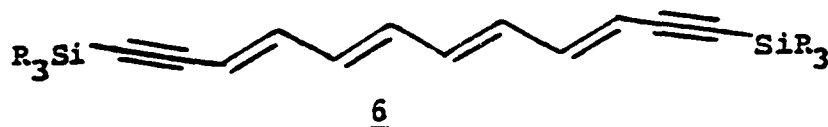
We prepared a number of precursors for the preparation of poly-ynes. These are (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SiC≡CC≡CSi(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (1), (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SiC≡CC≡CH (2), 1,6-bis(trimethylsilyl)hex-1,5-diyne-3-ene (3) and hex-1,5-diyne-3-ene (4).

Attempts to prepare polyynes using traditional chemistry (Ullman coupling) on either acetylene, butadiyne, or 3 and 4, above, have produced polymers which are heavily contaminated with copper. These polymers are blue-black and exhibit infrared spectroscopy commensurate with a structure containing C=C (for material derived from 3 and 4, above) and C≡C bonds (for material derived from all monomers). Unfortunately the copper is tenaciously entrained in these materials so that new approaches to couple sp hybridized carbons are currently being

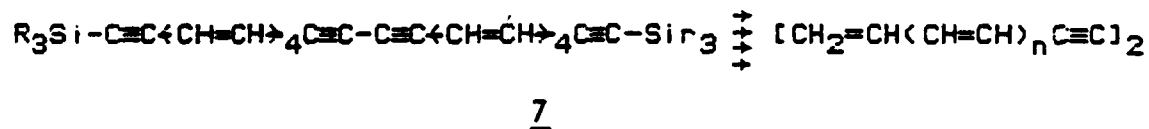
explored (see below).

b. Mixed Polyenes.

We have succeeded in the preparation of  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{C}(\text{CH}=\text{CH})_4\text{C}\equiv\text{CSi}(\text{CH}_3)_3$  (5) and found that the yields reported in the literature are not reproducible; it has therefore been taking us longer to build up enough of this compound to submit it to further reactions. This compound is an important step in our program. In connection with designing alternate methods for the preparation of all trans polyacetylene, we found that the tetraenediyne 6 could be made in one step by an existing literature procedure.



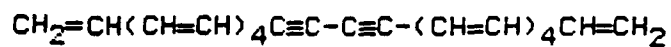
While interesting polyene-polydiynes could be prepared by removing the silyl groups and Ullman coupling, the resulting tetraenediyne, a much more interesting polymer, would result if one only mono-protected 6 and prepared the Ullman coupling product 7.



The polyene units could be extended with a little extra work on the end groups (hydrolysis, hydroboration, mercuration, lithiation and coupling with an alkene iodine via a cuprate).

Since diacetylenes polymerize in the solid state to form

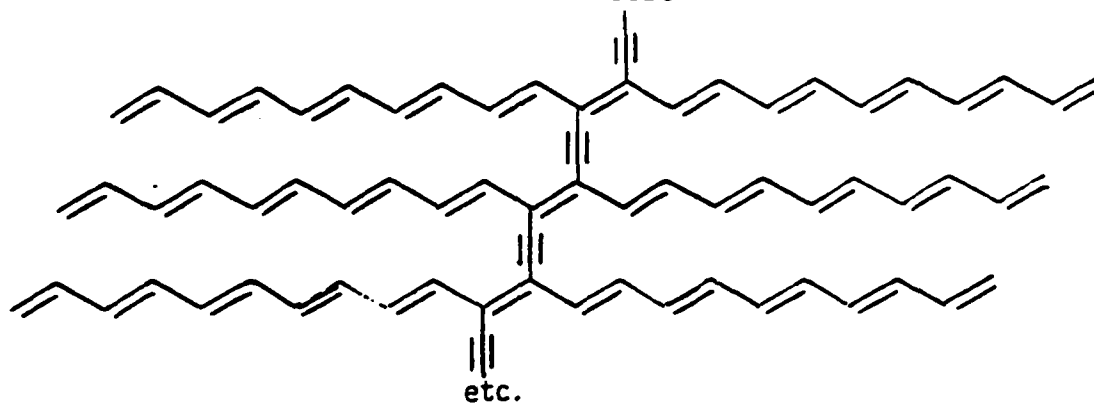
crystalline polymers, monomer 7, its elongated derivative, or its deprotected, reduced product 8 would produce a polydiacetylene:



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etc.



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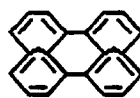
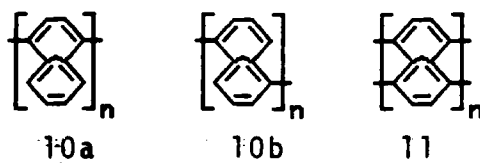
Recently, Planchetta et al. [Makromol. Chem., Rapid Commun. 3, 249 (1982)] have shown that  $\text{RO C(O)}-(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{OC(O)R}$  polymerize under the usual conditions to form unusual polydiacetylenes of weight-average molecular weights from  $3 \times 10^5$  to  $1.3 \times 10^6$ . Therefore, long chain appendages do not appear to interfere with the well-known Wegner-Baughman solid state polymerization reaction.

### c. Polyannulenes.

This has been the most successful part of our new synthesis research so far. Through a collaboration with Professor Vogel (Koin) we have obtained 10g of methano[10]annulene and 500g



of isotetraline, a precursor to substituted methano[10]annulenes. We prepared precursors to polymers 10 and 11 (below) and very recently made a small amount of polymer 9 as well as the important dimer (bis methanoperylene) 12.



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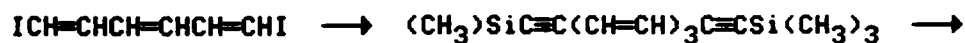
### C. Plans for Next Year's Work

As implied above, there is a serious gap in synthetic organic chemical methodology for the formation of carbon-carbon bonds from sp hybridized precursors. We are, and will, study coupling reactions which are truly catalytic in added transition metal. The first attempts will involve Kumada-type chemistry using alkynyl Grignard reagents and iodoacetylenes. Preliminary results are encouraging. We have recently shown that alkynyl Grignard reagents can be coupled efficiently with alkenyl halides. This is an exciting result because it will allow us to prepare, for the first time the elusive "parent" (unsubstituted) polydiacetylene  $[(-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-)_n]$ .

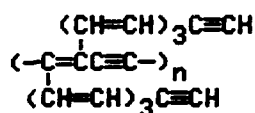
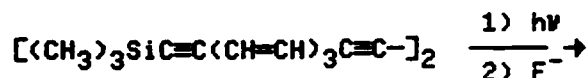
In Scheme I, below is shown a new approach to the triene-

diyne (5a), an analog of 5, above.

Scheme I



5a



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This approach should allow us to pursue our attempts to prepare the intriguing crossconjugated polymer 13.

Physical measurements will support these synthetic efforts as well as continuing the current focus on the properties of carefully prepared poly(thiophene). High priority will be placed on an experimental attempt to detect photo-induced absorption in polythiophene in response to illumination by photons with  $\hbar\omega > E_g$ . If successful, this experiment should lead to the kind of definitive description of the photoexcitations that has been possible in polyacetylene using similar techniques (see Blanchet et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 50, 1938 (1983); this paper was also supported by ONR during the previous grant period).

List of Reports, etc., for  
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Technical Report #1 "Charge Storage in Doped Poly(thiophene):  
Optical and Electrochemical Studies"

Dissertations: none

Publications: "Photoexcitations in trans-(CH)<sub>x</sub>: A Fourier-  
Transform Infrared Study" by G. Blanchet, C. R. Fincher, T.-C.  
Chung and A. J. Heeger, Phys. Rev. Lett. 50, 1938 (1983)

Manuscripts submitted: "Charge Storage in Doped  
Poly(thiophene): Optical and Electrochemical Studies" by T.-C.  
Chung, J. H. Kaufman, A. J. Heeger and F. Wudl, accepted  
for publication in Phys. Rev. B.

Honors and Awards

Professor A. J. Heeger received the 1983 Oliver P.  
Buckley Prize in Solid State Physics. Much of the research  
recognized by this award was supported by ONR.

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