

REACTIONS OF PYRYLIUM SALTS WITH PYRIDINIUM AND
SULPHONIUM YLIDS ¹

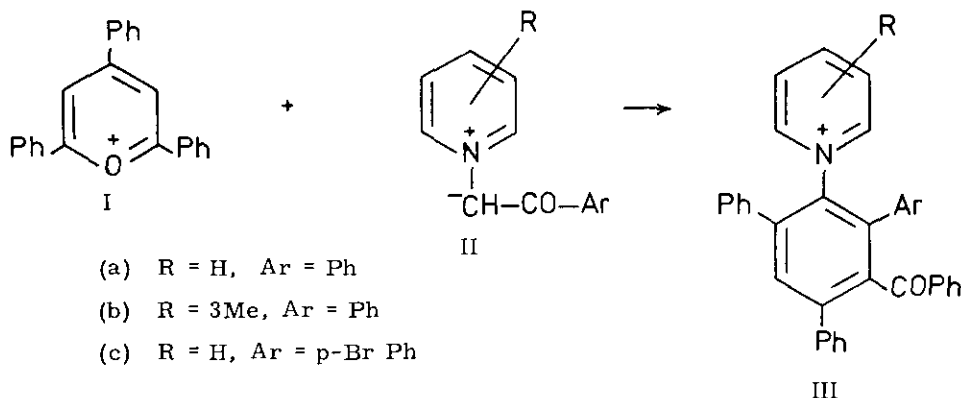
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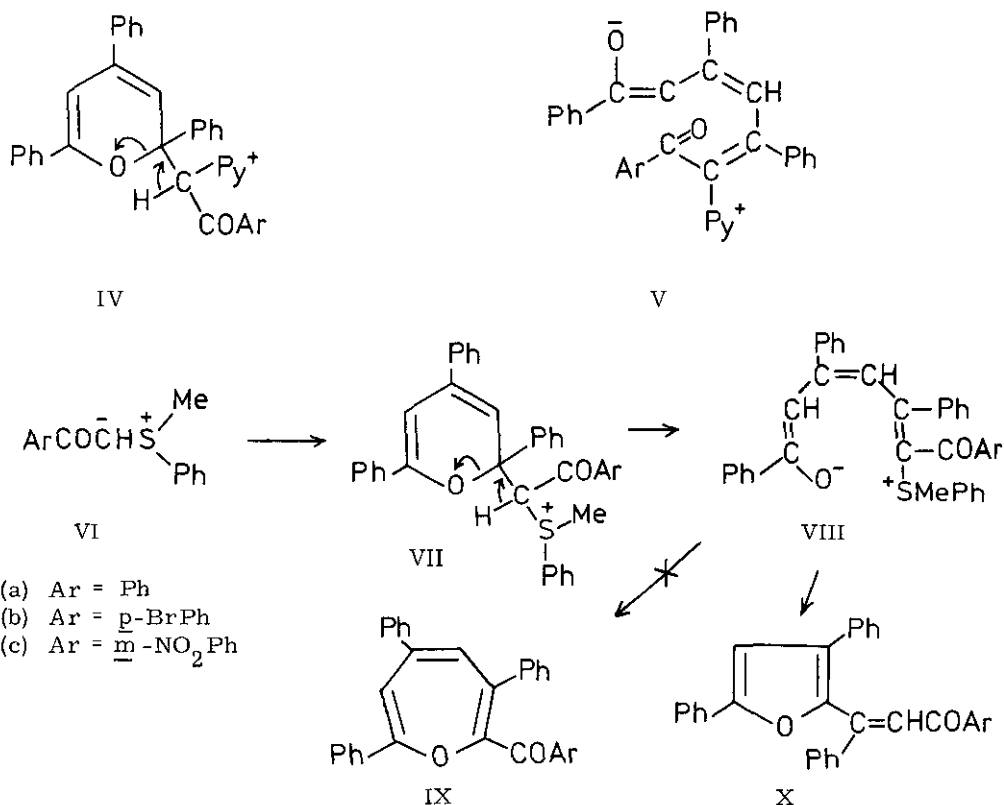
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Pyrylium salts with pyridinium acylylids give
1-arylpseudopyridinium cations by a RORC mechanism, whereas
sulphonium acylylids afford furans.

Although numerous conversions of pyrylium salts into other heterocyclic and homocyclic ring systems are known,² their reactions with ylids have been very little investigated. We now report our preliminary results of such reactions which are of considerable synthetic interest.

2,4,6-Triphenylpyrylium perchlorate I reacts with the pyridinium acylylids IIa-c to form the arylpseudopyridinium perchlorates III. This reaction involves intermediates of types IV and V. The products IIIa-c³ displayed one-proton singlets in the n. m. r. spectra at δ 7.91 \pm 0.02 for the 5-position hydrogen of the aryl group and $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ at 1670 \pm 2 cm^{-1} for the benzoyl group. Other spectroscopic data confirmed the structures IIIa - IIIc.⁴





The sulphonium ylids VIa-c with 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium perchlorate I gave products which could have been either the oxepins IXa-c or the furans Xa-c, in each case formed via intermediates VII and VIII. Infrared, n. m. r. and mass spectral data⁴ could all be reconciled with either the furan or the oxepin formulation. We therefore arranged for X-ray crystallographic study,⁵ which proved the furan structure Xa unambiguously.

The above reactions possess synthetic potential as will be reported later.⁴

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