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EMERGING STRETCHED AND CONTACTED HELICES AND ITS STIMULI INDUCED MUTUAL CONVERSION OF SUBSTITUTED POLYACETYLENES PREPARED WITH AN ORGANO-RHODIUM CATALYST

We have revealed that monosubstituted polyacetylenes (SPA)s which were prepared with a [Rh(norbornadiene)Cl]₂ in the presence of amine or alcohol as co-catalyst have highly stereoregular main-chains with helical *cis-cisoid* and/or cis-transoid structures which have various helical pitches depending on the side chain structure (Fig. 1). The SPAs with a re1lative small side chain like an aliphatic group generate a *contracted cis-cisoid* helix structure and in contrast in the case of a *stretched* is created. Furthermore, in the case of aromatic side chains, an interesting mutual conversion between the *contracted* and *stretched* helices was induced by an external stimulus, i.e., heat treatment, solvent vapor, and soak insolvent, accompanied with a drastic colour change in the solid state. The cis-transoid and *cis-cisoid* helices constructed from the aliphatic polyacetyl-ene ester main chain in solution showed an interesting accordion-*like helix oscillation*, HELIOS between their helices where restricted rotations around the O-C bond in the ester side-chain are dynamically synchronized.



Figure 1: Relationships between helical main chain structures and stretched and contracted helices

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