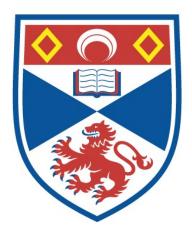
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ABSTRACT

The surface interaction between Pigment Yellow 13, a classical diarylide pigment, and abietic acid type resin acids, used commercially to coat pigment products, was investigated by the joint techniques of solid-state ¹³C CP/MAS NMR and powder X-ray diffraction. The initial objective of the study was to synthesise ¹³C labelled resin acid analogues to provide a handle for the NMR study.

Attempts were made to label the carboxylic acid carbon of abietic acid, *via* a Barton reaction and subsequent Grignard reaction and carboxylation. Esterification of various resin acid substrates with ¹³C labelled diazomethane was also attempted. These routes proved difficult, due to the sterically hindered nature of the acid substrates. Labelled adducts were formed from ¹³C-maleic anhydride and isomerised abietic acid, but were found to be lost from the pigment during resination. Attempts to form a more stable adduct with *N*-methylmaleimide were unsuccessful.

A series of experiments was carried out to coat Pigment Yellow 13 with incremental amounts of abietic acid, maleopimaric acid and dihydroabietic acid. The maleopimaric acid was lost during processing. The pigment samples resinated with abietic acid and dihydroabietic acid were analysed by the techniques mentioned previously.

The presence of resin acids during pigment processing was found to enhance the crystallinity of the pigment particles, as opposed to the heat treatment during processing which promotes particle size. The resin acids were found to be more amorphous than the starting resin when reprecipitated on the pigment particles. ¹³C CP/MAS NMR shows that there is no chemical interaction between the pigment molecule and the carboxylic acid of the resin.

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Project description

Various natural resins of the abietic acid type are used commercially by Ciba-Geigy to coat many of their pigment products. Applying resin to the pigment crystals serves to enhance certain properties or characteristics of the pigment. Resination has been used commercially for many years, but to this point, the mechanism of the action of the resin on the pigment is not fully understood. The purpose of this project then was to try to define more fully the exact role of the resin acids when added to the pigment.

A technique which suggests itself as being applicable to the investigation of the interaction between abietic type resin acids and the surface of pigment crystals is the solid-state NMR technique known as cross-polarisation / magic angle spinning NMR: or more conveniently CP/MAS NMR.

In the ¹³C CP/MAS NMR spectrum of abietic acid there are three well separated chemical shift regions of interest; the carboxylic acid carbon, the olefinic carbons and the alicyclic carbons. Because of the low concentrations of abietic acid typically used in pigment preparation, it would seem advisable to attempt to insert a ¹³C label to facilitate the NMR investigation. It would be desirable to label the carboxylic acid carbon which is well separated in chemical shift from the other carbons.

The ¹³C CP/MAS NMR spectra will potentially show a variety of features of the interaction between the resin acid and the pigment e.g. chemical shift, line width and relaxation times. Multiple occupancy sites for the acid grouping will show as a series of chemical shifts. If there is a single site occupied then a single resonance should be observed. Several sites will lead either to the observation of several lines or to a 'smearing out' of the carboxylic acid resonance. Line widths can also give a good indication of the degree of crystallinity, or order, of the molecules in a solid.

Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) studies can be used to supplement the NMR data. The resolution, or sharpness, of the diffraction patterns obtained for resinated pigments can again give an indication of crystallinity. Also, by comparing the

scattering angles of the peaks observed, the likelihood of any chemical interaction having taken place can be assessed.

Studies within this project were carried out using Pigment Yellow 13 (P.Y.13), a classical diarylide pigment. P.Y.13 has three separate methyl environments, and so gives a useful pattern when analysed by ¹³C CP/MAS NMR, as opposed to P.Y.12 which only has one methyl environment. The resin acids used in the study were abietic acid, maleopimaric acid (commercial Ennesin MU4 resin) and dihydroabietic acid (commercial Staybelite resin).

1 LITERATURE SURVEY

1.1 C-13 NMR of Pigment Yellow 12 and Pigment Yellow 13

MSc. Thesis, University of St Andrews (1992)

K. S. Cameron.

A range of recrystallised diarylide yellow pigments, as well as the corresponding monoazo pigments, were analysed by ¹³C CP/MAS NMR on a Bruker 500MSL spectrometer operating at 125.758MHz. Many of the resonances for Pigment Yellow 12 and Pigment Yellow 13 were reported¹ (Table 1.1).

A diarylide yellow pigment has a basic structure (Figure 1.1) that contains a minimum of 32 carbons and so can be expected to give a complex solid-state ¹³C NMR spectrum. The information gained for the monoazo precursors made it possible to identify and assign most of the resonances for the diarylide pigments.

Since the molecule is symmetrical, half of the molecule is numbered and each ¹³C resonance accounts for at least two carbons.

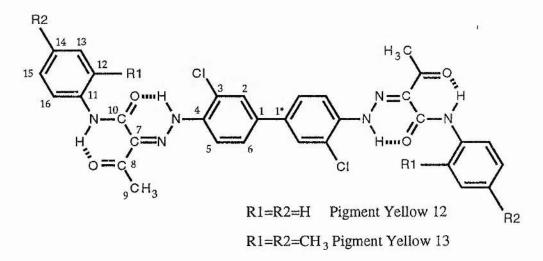


Fig. 1.1 Diarylide Yellow pigment structure.

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Where there is no assignment made for a resonance, this is because the peak could not be assigned to a particular carbon. The only carbons not assigned are the aromatic carbons with a hydrogen substituent, since these peaks tend to overlap and so individual peaks are obscured.

Table 1.1 Solid-state C-13 resonances for P.Y.12 and P.Y.13

	P.Y.12	P.Y.13
	$\delta_{\rm C}$	δ _C
C-1	134.3 135.0ppm	131.7ppm
C-2		
C-3	120.4 123.4	118.9 123.0
C-4	138.2	138.7
C-5		
C-6		
C-7	127.0	126.7
C-8	199.0 199.9	199.4
C-9	26.7	26.8
C-10	162.2	161.4
C-11	138.2	135.8
C-12		126.7
C-13		
C-14		131.7
C-15		
C-16		
R-1		20.2
R-2		22.8

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The diarylide pigments in general give very similar ¹³C chemical shifts to those obtained for the corresponding monoazo compounds, indicating similar environments in both classes of pigment. The main differences in the spectra are the C-1 peaks and the splitting of C-8 in Pigment Yellow 12.

1.2 Crystal structure of Pigment Yellow 13

PhD Thesis, Heriot-Watt University (1990)

J. E. Monteith.

The crystal structures of diarylide yellow pigments, including Pigment Yellow 12 and Pigment Yellow 13, were solved² using intensity data measured on a STOE Stadi-2 two-circle diffractometer.

Pigment Yellow 13 was synthesised by coupling tetrazotised 3.3'dichlorobenzidine with acetoacet-*m*-xylidine at 5°C. Intensely coloured, orange, triclinic shaped crystals were grown by slowly cooling a hot 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene solution of the boiled pigment.

Good quality single crystals were analysed, and the data gained were used to determine cell parameters and the space group. Several methods were used to achieve this; structure factor calculations, least-squares refinement and mosaic spread. Computation of the data was performed following a FORTRAN program, to calculate bond lengths and angles, torsion angles, intermolecular contacts and least-squares best planes.

<u>Crystal data</u> C₃₆H₃₄N₆O₄Cl₂ M.W. 685 triclinic a=8.363 (4), b=12.512 (8), c=8.743 (7) Å, β=105.70 (8), γ=104.04 (4) °, V=823.5 Å³, Space group P1, Z=1, Dx=1.35Mgm⁻³, Dc=1.41Mgm⁻³, λ (Mo K α)=0.07103Å, μ (Mo K α)=0.250mm⁻¹.

Approximate crystal dimensions 0.5 x 0.5 x 0.5 mm.

R. A. Spark, MPhil., 1995.

The two halves of P.Y.13 are related by a crystallographic centre of symmetry at the midpoint of C-1 - C-1'. As a result, the two central chloro-substituted benzene rings must be parallel and also coplanar. There is weak hydrogen bonding present which may be responsible for the planarity of the molecule. Bond length information suggests a degree of localisation of π -electrons within the molecule.

The molecules pack in a two-dimensional interleaved arrangement and the inclination of the normal to the molecular plane relative to the stacking direction is 47.78°. The distances between the plane of the ketohydrazone group in one molecule and the equivalent planes in molecules above and below are 3.36 and 3.23Å respectively.

Pigment Yellow 12 differs from Pigment Yellow 13 by having no methyl groups on the extreme benzene rings. This change affects the end-to-end molecular packing, and consequently significantly changes the angle of rotation around C-1 - C-1'. This dramatic change is well illustrated in Figure 1.2.

Pigment Yellow 13



Pigment Yellow 12

Fig. 1.2 Structures of P.Y.13 and P.Y.12 derived from XRD data.

1.3 C-13 NMR of abietic acid

A Org. Magn. Res., 11 (1978) 427-8 W. B. Smith.

Commercial grade abietic acid was purified by several recrystallisations of the diamylamine salt. The ¹³C NMR spectrum was recorded on a JEOL FX-60 spectrometer operating at 15MHz in CDCl₃ solution. The assignment of lines in the ¹³C spectrum was achieved³ by using carbon T_1 relaxation time values and lanthanide induced shift effects (Table 1.2).

<u>B</u> Magn. Reson. Chem., 28 (1990) 443-7
 C. Kruk, N. K. de Vries, G. van der Velden.

Abietic acid was purified from the diamylamine salt. Two-dimensional (2D) INADEQUATE ¹³C NMR was recorded on a Bruker WM250 spectrometer operating at 62.89MHz in CDCl₃ solution. The information gained was used to establish the carbon-carbon connectivities in abietic acid, and allowed unambiguous assignment for all 20 carbons⁴ when considered with other 1D and 2D NMR techniques (Table 1.2). Proton assignment was established via ¹H-¹³C heteronuclear chemical shift correlation and NOE-difference experiments.

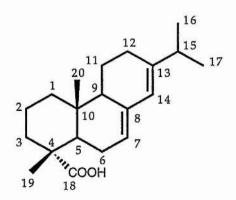


Fig. 1.3 Abietic acid.

Table	1.2	C-13	resonances	for	abietic	acid

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
	$\delta_{\rm C}$	δ _C
C-1	38.3ppm	38.37ppm
C-2	18.1	18.11
C-3	37.2	37.27
C-4	46.3	46.40
C-5	44.9	45.01
C-6	25.6	25.66
C-7	120.5	120.48
C-8	135.5	135.56
C-9	51.0	51.05
C-10	34.5	34.54
C-11	22.5	22.55
C-12	27.5	27.49
C-13	145.1	145.12
C-14	122.5	122.54
C-15	34.8	34.90
C-16	20.9	20.89
C-17	21.4	21.42
C-18	185.4	185.20
C-19	16.7	16.71
C-20	14.0	14.05

The T_1 for C-15 is just over twice that for the ring methines and indicates the rotational freedom of the isopropyl sidechain at C-13.

1.4 C-13 NMR of maleopimaric acid

Magn. Reson. Chem., **28** (1990) 443-7 C. Kruk, N. K. de Vries, G. van der Velden.

As for abietic acid, 2D INADEQUATE ¹³C NMR, plus several 1D and 2D NMR techniques, was used to gain unambiguous assignments for the 24 carbons in maleopimaric acid⁴ (Table 1.3).

Purified maleopimaric was obtained from the crude reaction mixture by dissolving in toluene and precipitating the adduct by the addition of n-heptane. The structure of maleopimaric acid can be seen in Figure 1.4.

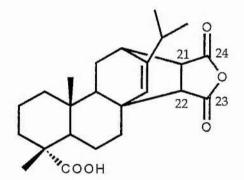


Fig. 1.4 Maleopimaric acid.

Although the reaction between levopimaric acid (isomerised abietic acid) and maleic andydride can theoretically lead to four isomers, only one isomer is formed in high yield.

An NOE-difference experiment using the multiple irradiation technique was performed to establish the isomer formed. Observed NOE effects confirmed the dominant isomer is the one which is formed when the dienophile, maleic anhydride, attacks the diene from below, with the anhydride ring pointing upwards (Figure 1.5).

	$\delta_{\rm C}$		δ_{C}
C-1	37.97ppm	C-13	148.07ppm
C-2	16.89	C-14	125.12
C-3	36.74	C-15	32.69
C-4	46.77	C-16	19.91
C-5	49.05	C-17	20.50
C-6	21.62	C-18	184.86
C-7	34.76	C-19	16.40
C-8	40.37	C-20	15.42
C-9	53.25	C-21	45.58
C-10	37.51	C-22	53.03
C-11	27.18	C-23	172.64
C-12	35.64	C-24	170.87

Table 1.3 C-13 resonances for maleopimaric acid

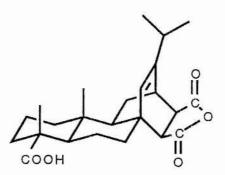


Fig. 1.5 Major isomer of maleopimaric acid.

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1.5 Crystal structure of abietic acid

Bull. Chem. Soc Jpn., 67 (1994) 807-15K. Okada, S. Takekuma.

The crystal and molecular structures of abietic acid have been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis⁵. Crystals of abietic acid were recrystallised as colourless prisms from aqueous ethanol by slow evaporation. M.p.159-168°C. $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ -104.4" (c=0.5, EtOH). Data were collected at room temperature.

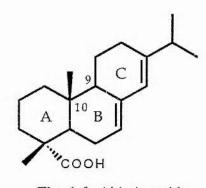


Fig. 1.6 Abietic acid.

The crystallographic asymmetric unit cell contains two independent molecules with similar geometries and planar conformations. In each molecule (Figure 1.6) cyclohexane ring A has a typical chair form. Cyclohexane rings B and C have half-chair conformations. The relative stereochemistry for both molecules is *trans* fusion for the A/B ring junction, and *anti* between H-9 and C-10 methyl.

<u>Crystal data</u> C₂₀H₃₀O₂ M.W. 302.46 monoclinic a=14.058 (2), b=11.911 (1), c=11.753 (2) Å, β =111.73 (1) °, V=1828.1 (6) Å³, Space group P2₁, Z=4, Dx=1.099gcm⁻³, λ (Cu K α)=1.5148Å, μ (Cu K α)=5.01cm⁻¹.

Approximate crystal dimensions 0.2 x 0.2 x 0.2 mm.

1.6 The structure of an abietic acid dimer

J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun., (1986) 1038-9

B. Gigante, R. Jones, A. M. Lobo, M. J. Marcelo-Curto, S. Prabhakar, H. S. Rzepa, D. J. Williams, D. F. Zinkel.

The first X-ray structural determination of an acid-catalysed dimer of abietic acid is reported⁶. The dimer was isolated from toluene-*p*-sulphonic acid-catalysed dimerisation of methyl levopimarate in chloroform at room temperature.

A single-crystal X-ray analysis reveals that only one new C-C bond, between C-7 and C-7', has been formed. The two monomer fragments are orientated to each other in a way which brings H-7 and H-14' close together (2.01Å). This conformation is confirmed by ¹H NMR by the observation of a strong nuclear Overhauser enhancement between H-7 and H-14'.

Two new chiral centres are created during dimerisation, at C-7' and C-13', and one is lost at C-9'. The structure of the abietic acid dimer is seen in Figure 1.7.

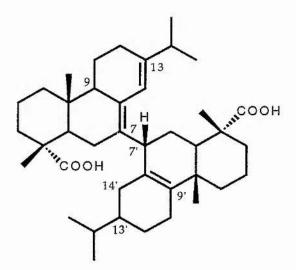


Fig. 1.7 Structure of an abietic acid dimer.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 CIBA-GEIGY - a brief history

Previous to 1970, CIBA and GEIGY were two independent companies, both involved in the manufacture of pigments and pigment preparations. CIBA had manufacturing facilities in Switzerland and concentrated on high performance pigments. J.R. GEIGY produced high performance pigments in Switzerland too, but had also acquired a classical organic pigments company earlier in the century. This was the Glasgow firm of James Anderson Colours Ltd. which was later moved to Paisley. Both businesses grew from the Swiss chemical industries' large involvement in the development and manufacture of synthetic organic dyestuffs.

Competition existed between the two, although CIBA's main business was in plastics and fibres while Geigy targeted mainly inks and paints. At the time of the merger, therefore, a good synergy existed between their product ranges and many of those original products are still produced today.

After the initial merger the first major change to take place was in 1979 when the business of Hercules Inc. was acquired, with manufacturing facilities in the United States. This allowed the company to become a major supplier of inorganic pigments, including lead chromates, cadmiums, iron blue, chromium oxide green and ceramic pigments. This acquisition also included Ten Horn of Holland who produced lead chromate pigments and some speciality organic pigments.

In 1980 a joint venture was set up with Daihan Colours of South Korea to manufacture classical pigments. This served primarily to expand CIBA-GEIGY's presence in the Far East but since then Daihan Swiss products have become international products and are now sold throughout the world.

The last major addition to the business came about in 1983 when the quinacridone business was acquired from Du Pont Chemical of the United States. These products complemented the existing range of high performance pigments.

In 1987 the decision was taken to close the inorganic and organic pigments plant at Glens Fall in the United States, originally part of Hercules Inc.. Organic pigment production from Glens Fall was transferred to Paisley.

CIBA-GEIGY is now a multiple production site operation and makes the business very much a global and international enterprise with a broad range of products on offer.

2.2.1 Light and colour

Light is a form of energy. Our main source of light is the sun, kept at a fierce temperature by a series of chemical and nuclear reactions. The energy released by these reactions is also felt by us as heat. Heat and light are produced in the same process: they are different manifestations of energy and form part of a large series of electromagnetic radiations.

Energy is radiated in waves, alternating between maximum and zero intensity; the crests and troughs of the waves. All electromagnetic radiations move at the same high velocity through air or vacuum (the speed of light). They differ, however, in frequency. The frequency is the number of waves that move past a fixed point in one second. Since all radiations move at the same velocity and the frequency may differ, then the wavelength must vary also. The wavelength is the distance from trough to trough or crest to crest.

For electromagnetic radiations, the wavelengths vary from less than 0.1nm for gamma rays to up to 20km for radiowaves. Visible light, with a wavelength of 400 to 700nm, is the only electromagnetic radiation which affects the eye in such a way as to transmit signals to the brain, which the brain then interprets as a picture.

2.2.2 Colour

If two rays of visible light differ slightly in wavelength, they will have different effects on the eye i.e. they will appear to be a different colour or shade.

Throughout the visible range of the electromagnetic spectrum, there is a gradual change in colour from violet at about 400nm, through blue, green, yellow and orange, to red at about 620nm. However, the colours merge smoothly into each other throughout and so cannot be counted. Sunlight contains all the wavelengths as a mixture and the eye registers the mixture as the colour white. White light can be separated into its component colours by a prism and the range of colours produced is a spectrum. The principle colours in a spectrum are Red-Orange-Yellow-Green-Blue-Indigo-Violet.

When a coloured object is illuminated by white light, it absorbs some of the wavelengths and transmits others. The eye receives the transmitted wavelengths and interprets them as one colour. This colour is dominated by the main wavelength transmitted, and modified by undertones of the other wavelengths, which give an individual shade.

There are, for example, many red shades, some are dark, some are bright, some have a yellow undertone (e.g. scarlet) and some have a blue undertone (e.g. magenta). A truly black object absorbs all the wavelengths and a truly white one none of them.

A fundamental aspect of colour chemistry (and thus pigment chemistry) is how much and at what wavelengths original white light is retransmitted by an object.

2.2.3 Colour chemistry

Among organic compounds, it is evident that coloured chemicals usually contain certain groups, which are called chromophores, and are found as part of aromatic molecules. Typical chromophores include the azo group, the nitro group, the carbonyl group, the thio group, the nitroso group and the ethenyl group.

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These coloured molecules have their colour intensified or modified by certain other groups known as auxochromes. Typical auxochromes include the amino group, the hydroxyl group, the methoxy group and the iodo, bromo and chloro groups.

This phenomenon can be explained to some extent by saying they create within the molecule highly localised electronic disturbances. These "areas" absorb electromagnetic radiations and, depending on the visible wavelengths absorbed, the colour is determined. Colourless compounds absorb only in regions outside the visible spectrum.

2.3 Pigments

The word pigment is derived from the Latin word PINGERE, to paint, and was originally restricted to those solid materials added to a medium to give a paint with the desired consistency, covering power and appearance. This definition has long since been extended to include materials used for similar purposes in inks, rubber, plastics and many other media.

Industrially, a pigment is any finely divided insoluble black, white or coloured solid material, a major function of which is to improve the appearance of or give colour to the medium in which it is to be used. Incorporation is always by physical mixing of pigment and medium, and it is this feature that distinguishes a pigment from a dyestuff.

Pigments and dyes are often derived from the same basic building blocks - the difference being dyes are soluble in the media they are incorporated into and pigments are not. Ciba-Geigy at Paisley is concerned solely with the manufacture of pigments.

Pigments used for industrial purposes can be classified as:

Natural or Synthetic

Organic or Inorganic.

It is unlikely that there is any organic pigment of which the naturally occurring form is still in industrial use today. Many inorganic pigments, however, are still dug out from the earth's crust. Frequently there is a synthetic equivalent - apparently the same chemically, but often with quite different properties.

Organic pigments, as in general chemistry, are those products which are based on carbon chains and carbon rings. However, organic pigments can also include metallic elements in their structure, as in the phthalocyanines, which help stabilise the properties of the organic component.

It is interesting to note that the average particle size of inorganic pigments is significantly greater than that for organic pigments. This means that the specific surface area of organic pigments is much bigger. The larger surface area for organic pigments gives products with much higher colour strength, although their dispersibility in media is usually poorer.

The optimum particle size to achieve maximum light scattering (leading to opacity) is between 400 and 800nm (wavelength of visible light). Inorganic pigments have particle sizes nearer to this optimum than organic pigments, which tend to be much smaller. This is a primary reason why most organic pigments are considered transparent and most inorganic pigments are considered opaque.

2.3.1 Organic pigments

Organic pigments can be fundamentally divided into classical pigments and high performance pigments. It is normally the performance criteria which determine whether an organic pigment is defined as classical or high performance. The division between high performance pigments and classical pigments relates also to historical development. Most common classical pigments were developed before the Second World War; it is only since then that the more complex chromophoric structures of the high performance pigments have been commercially available products.

It is a sound principle that as the molecular weight of a pigment, and by implication its complexity, is increased, so its solvent fastness properties improve. The increase in molecular weight of monoazo pigments (340-400) to diazo pigments (600-830) to azo condensation pigments (900-1200) shows this trend quite clearly.

Molecular weight consideration is often not the most important factor, for it is easily obscured by the influence of groups which either prevent close packing because of their bulk and shape or, because of their electronic state, tend to induce repulsion between individual pigment molecules.

Groups which are widely used to confer insolubility in pigments are carbonyl and amino groups, which may occur together as an amide group or can be situated in different parts of the molecule. Through the strategic placing of CO and NH groups, virtual insolubility can be achieved in all common solvents. Increased intermolecular forces such as hydrogen bonding also raise the melting point and hence increase the range of applications in which a pigment may be used.

It is often the case that, to achieve these more stable types of molecule, the whole manufacturing procedure is much more complicated.

2.3.2 Classical organic pigments

Some of these product structures date back to the earliest development of synthetic dyestuffs in the mid 1800's. By far and away the most common classical pigments are the azo compounds (compounds which include the chromophore N=N). Many different azo structures exist which give rise to a whole range of yellow, orange and red pigments. A fundamental split can be made between monoazo compounds (containing one N=N group) and diazo compounds (containing two N=N groups).

2.3.2.1 Monoazo pigments

All azo compounds are manufactured by diazotising an aromatic amine to form a diazo base which is then coupled with a suitable coupling component. For example, a substituted aniline can be diazotised then coupled with beta-naphthol. By controlling the type of coupling component used, a division between yellow and orange/red pigments is achieved. For yellow pigments, the diazo base is coupled with an aceto-acetarylamide to form the generically known group of arylamide Yellow Pigments, often known as "Hansa Yellows".

In the case of the simpler red pigments, the coupling component is betanaphthol, giving rise to the generic name "Beta-Naphthol Reds". Both pigments use the same diazo base: 3-nitrotoluene-4-diazonium chloride (from 3-nitro-4aminotoluene).

2.3.2.2 Diazo pigments

This group of pigments overcome some of the deficiencies of the monoazo group, namely fastness to heat and solvents. The basic starting point for most pigments of this type is 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine which is tetrazotised and coupled with an aceto-acetarylamide to form diarylide Yellow Pigments (Figure 2.1).

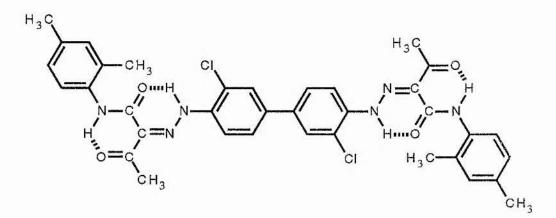


Fig. 2.1 Pigment Yellow 13.

Tetrazotised 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine, coupled with acetoacet-m-xylidine.

By varying the coupling component, namely to use pyrazolone derivatives, orange and red pigments are produced.

2.3.2.3 Diarylide Yellow pigments

(most common products: Pigment Yellow 12, 13, 14, 17, 55, 83)

The Diarylide Yellows are characterised, by virtue of their larger molecular size, as having good heat and solvent resistance and excellent colour strength. They vary in lightfastness from very poor (P.Y.12) to good (P.Y.83). The range of products offered by diarylide yellows is sufficient to meet virtually all requirements of most printing processes. The products are widely used in the plastics industry, although they are generally not recommended at low concentrations as the migration resistance is not sufficient.

2.3.3 Colour Index

With the extremely large number of pigments available, it is useful to have a system of classification. Such a system is "The Colour Index", as drawn up by the Society of Dyers and Colourists (U.K.) and the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colourists.

The system classifies each commercially available pigment firstly as C.I. Pigment. Each product has a C.I. Generic Name and Number described in terms of properties e.g. C.I. Pigment Yellow 12. In addition, where the chemical constitution of the pigment has been disclosed, a 5 figure C.I. Constitution Number is allocated e.g. C.I. No.44045.

This means that the broad chemical constitution may refer to a number of Generic Names, depending on whether the final conversion is to basic dye, pigment etc.. Each product has a C.I. Generic Name but not necessarily a C.I. Constitution Number. In the pigments business, the C.I. Generic Name is most useful in that all the products of Ciba-Geigy and its competitors are classified in the same way.

Throughout this thesis, pigment products will be named either, for example, Pigment Yellow 13 or P.Y.13.

2.4 Property requirements of pigments

A pigment has already been defined as an insoluble material used to improve the appearance or provide colour to the medium in which it is being used. To achieve this, certain fundamental properties are required of pigments.

A fundamental aspect common to all usages of pigment is that the product has to be incorporated into the medium for which it is intended. This is known as <u>dispersion</u> of pigments.

2.4.1 Dispersion

The smallest pigment particles are formed in discrete units, or primary particles. These primary particles may be cubes, spheres, rods, needles etc. and, owing to their high surface energy, randomly join together to form aggregates. During subsequent processing (filtration and drying), these aggregates and other primary particles lump together to form what are known as agglomerates. Thus, the sold product is a mixture of agglomerates and aggregates.

As these aggregates are formed, so the surface area of the pigment is reduced and since it is the surface of the pigment particles which impart colour, then less colour will be delivered. Therefore, to obtain maximum value, these large particles must be broken down to increase surface area - by dispersion. The effect on this increase in surface area is very dramatic as particle size is reduced.

2.4.1.1 Optimum particle size

As the pigment is dispersed and the particle size reduced, so the colour strength is increased, but how far can this be reduced to achieve the optimum size? Firstly, individual particles must not be visible to the naked eye. The resolving power of the human eye is $50-70\mu m$, so any particle larger than this will be visible.

Secondly, as dispersion is increased and more surface area is made available, then it follows that the fluidity of the medium is reduced and viscosity is increased.

There may then come a point where the forces required to manoeuvre the medium are too great and at high pigmentation levels there is a limit to the particle size reduction.

Thirdly, achievement of opacity and transparency is important. A pigment displays maximum hiding power when its particle size corresponds to the wavelength of visible light. Maximum hiding power is therefore obtained in the particle size range $0.2-1\mu m$; below $0.1\mu m$, the higher the transparency.

Finally, the economics need to be considered, since pigment dispersion in a medium requires time and energy. Colour strength increase in relation to particle size reduction is not linear, and to achieve a significant further increase in colour strength after a set period of time, a disproportionately high level of energy and time is used. Therefore, for economic reasons pigments are rarely dispersed to their full extent.

From these factors, the optimum particle size can be estimated to be up to 50μ m, and in practice between 0.1 and 0.5 μ m. In reality, however, it is usual for there to be a spread of particle sizes, with small numbers of particles of much larger and much smaller size.

2.4.1.2 Principles of dispersion

Dispersion, the broad term for incorporation of pigments in a medium consists of four processes:

wetting out (of the pigment surface) breaking down (of the agglomerates) distribution (of the particles uniformly in the substrate) stabilisation (of the dispersion obtained).

Wetting can be described as the spreading of a liquid on the surface of powder pigment and the elimination of the pigment-air interface. It can also be thought of as the softening of the powder pigment agglomerates by means of a liquid. Wetting, therefore, depends on the affinity of the pigment surface to the medium and also the

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steric interaction between the molecules of the medium and the structure of the pores of the agglomerates.

The affinity for absorption of a medium by a pigment is dependent on a number of factors; the type of pigment being used, particle size and size distribution. particle shapes and surface characteristics.

The achievement of good wetting is the first step to achieving good dispersion, and the lower the viscosity of the medium, the better the chances of achieving good wetting. In paints and inks, for example, viscosity is reduced by "thinning" the medium down with solvents, which serves to improve wetting.

The agglomerates and remaining aggregates are <u>broken down</u> into the primary particles and distributed throughout the medium. The breaking of the agglomerates is achieved under shear conditions and by impact/attrition. It is clear then that to achieve maximum effectiveness at this stage, the shear forces and/or the probability of crushing must be at a maximum. This may be achieved by the correct selection of the dispersion equipment, depending on the viscosity, and type of medium to be pigmented.

Once a pigment has been dispersed into the medium, <u>stabilisation</u> is required to maintain the pigment as primary particles. In media with low viscosities, the attraction forces between the dispersed pigment particles cause the particles to contract and come together again. This is known as flocculation or reagglomeration, and to reduce this tendency the particles must be stabilised.

There are two actions of stabilisation to consider:

i) <u>Steric stabilisation</u>. Particle separation, due to the adsorbed layer of carrier medium on the pigment particle surface, which interferes with the close approach of other particles. For effective steric hindrance, there must be a sufficient thickness of adsorbed layer to extend far enough around the particle to counteract the natural attractive forces between particles.

ii) <u>Charge stabilisation</u>. Repulsive forces between particles owing to electrical charges maintain the deflocculated state only if the particles are sufficiently far apart for the repulsive forces to counteract and exceed the attractive forces that exist between the particles.

Charge stabilisation occurs when an ionisable material from the medium allows a negative or positive ion to be adsorbed on the pigment surface, the opposite charge diffusing into the medium. Thus the particles acquire a like charge. The ability to achieve sufficient stabilisation is dependent on the surface chemistry of both the pigment and the medium.

Inability to achieve stabilisation, such that flocculation occurs, leads to a number of problems:

- extreme viscosity (sometimes leading to gelation) and poor flow
- lower colour strength
- lower gloss
- colour differences on application
- poor dispersion level in general.

In addition to the fundamental requirement of dispersion, the following important <u>characteristics</u> of pigments in use need to be considered and defined:

lightfastness weatherfastness flocculation heat stability opacity / transparency / hiding power colour strength chemical resistance solvent resistance rheology gloss properties. 2.4.2 <u>Lightfastness</u> is defined as the resistance of the product, within a given medium, to colour change when exposed to daylight. The radiation within daylight that is most damaging is the Ultra Violet radiation. Testing for lightfastness is a useful way of determining reasonably quickly whether a product will have sufficient durability for a given application.

When measuring lightfastness, there is no definitive result which can be measured directly. The quoted result is comparative to an accepted standard, after exposure to light for a set period of time, under a standard set of conditions and in a given medium.

2.4.3 The ultimate test of durability for a coloured system is for <u>weatherfastness</u>, actual exposure to outside weather conditions. Exposure during weathering is influenced by more than just visible light: high energy U.V. radiation. heat, moisture and impurities in the atmosphere. Tests for exterior exposure are carried out at locations selected for their aggressive conditions. One of the well known testing stations in the world is in Florida - particularly for automotive paint applications.

Weatherfastness data can only be compared when the climatic conditions during testing are constant and well known. Artificial weathering equipment may be used to accelerate the assessment. The equipment is capable of providing water spray (for rain), temperature changes, light (and dark) and varying levels of humidity.

2.4.4 During dispersion the aim is to surround the pigment particles with sufficient resin, such that particle to particle contact is then avoided. On occasions this process is reversed and reagglomeration or <u>flocculation</u> occurs.

Reagglomeration means that pigment particles stick together, and the contact surfaces between the particles contain no binder material. Flocculation differs in that the particles do not lose their surrounding binder material. Flocculates are weakly linked particles which may be easily separated by low shear forces.

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Flocculation of a pigment leads to problems like loss of colour strength, gloss and transparency. The tendency to flocculate is based on the interaction of the pigment surface and constituents of the medium. Flocculation may be prevented by the addition of small amounts of suitable amounts of additives into the application medium.

2.4.5 <u>Heat stability</u> is defined as the resistance of the pigment to change brought about by exposure to high heat conditions, either during dispersion or application of the medium. Many applications of pigment products require that the material is exposed to high heat conditions. High heat conditions cause colourants to degrade and in the plastics industry, processing temperatures are pushing the limits of stability of many compounds. Heat stability is not merely a case of noting the temperature at which a pigment product degrades, but the total time that the product is subjected to that high temperature must also be considered.

2.4.6 <u>Opacity / transparency / hiding power</u>. Light passing through a transparent medium will either pass straight through or be reflected from the substrate without substantial alteration. Light entering an opaque medium, however, will not penetrate and will either be absorbed or reflected.

Transparency is an important requirement in certain pigment applications. It is not strictly correct to describe pigments in terms of transparency or opacity. A pigment should instead be described by its ability to impart a degree of hiding (hiding power), or reduction of the transfer of light in a particular medium. Pigmented media achieve hiding power by one of two mechanisms; absorption of light and scattering of light.

As previously discussed, black absorbs all light, colours absorb selected wavelengths and white absorbs no light but scatters the light very effectively. White and black pigments, therefore, have excellent hiding power, whereas coloured pigments rely on selective absorption of light and degree of scattering to achieve hiding power.

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Two important parameters influence the degree to which light scattering occurs: .i) <u>Refractive index</u>. When light moves from a low density medium into a high density medium, the change in direction which the light experiences is called refraction. The Refractive Index is the ratio of the angle of incidence to the angle of refraction. Refraction at an irregular surface causes scattering of the light crossing the boundary, and the greater the difference in refractive index between the two sides of a boundary, the greater the scattering.

ii) <u>Particle size</u>. The particle size of the pigment also determines the level of scattering that occurs when light enters a pigmented medium. The nearer the particle size of the pigment to the wavelengths of light, the more the light will be interfered with. In the yellow colour area, where less light is absorbed, the predominant mechanism for achieving hiding power is light scattering. Inorganic pigments such as Chrome Yellow have a significantly higher hiding power potential than organic pigments. Blending with inorganic pigments such as Titanium White is probably the best known technique for achieving hiding power. However, other pigments offer the potential to reduce light penetration by the mechanism of absorption.

2.4.7 <u>Colour strength</u> relates to the amount of a particular colourant that is required to produce any given colour intensity. Pigments in a medium absorb and scatter light, and the degree to which these phenomena occur determine the colour strength of the pigment. There are several ways colour strength may be assessed. One technique uses the ability of a coloured pigment to absorb light, and thus change the colour of an opaque white pigment when the two are mixed together.

Similarly, for any given level of coloured pigment, the amount of white pigment required to give a particular colour intensity is a measurable assessment of the colour strength. Another technique used is a comparison of the tinting power of one pigment versus another. In other words, the number of parts of one pigment that equate to one hundred parts of another. 2.4.8 <u>Chemical resistance</u>. Pigment products are often likely to come into contact with chemicals which react with and so adversely affect the characteristics of the product. The most common form of chemical attack is from acidic or alkaline media. For example, in industrial atmospheres sulphur dioxide is present, which forms sulphurous acid and subsequently sulphuric acid with water. This can attack pigmented systems and is particularly important when considering applications for long term exposure e.g. automotive paint finishes.

2.4.9 <u>Solvent resistance</u>. Many applications of pigmented media will come into contact with organic solvents during their useful life. It is thus an important requirement that pigments should be as insoluble as possible in organic solvents.

It was mentioned previously that increasing the complexity of the chemical structure of organic pigment molecules imparts a much higher degree of solvent resistance. Therefore, it is mainly with classical organic pigments that problems of poor solvent resistance occur. Pigment products are tested against a broad range of solvents for resistance to chemical reaction and degradation.

2.4.10 <u>Rheology</u> is the study of flow and deformation of matter. The incorporation of a pigment into a medium will invariably alter its rheological properties. The most common term used when discussing rheology is the viscosity of the medium, but many other factors contribute.

Fluids which show ideal fluid behaviour are known as Newtonian. Many fluids behave in a Newtonian manner, including water and mineral oil. As we would expect, however, many fluids show deviations from ideal Newtonian behaviour.

2.4.11 <u>Gloss</u>. Part of the light incident on a surface is reflected, and the rest of the light penetrates the surface and, after scattering and multiple reflection beneath the surface, is re-emitted in a nearly diffuse state.

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Light reflected at the surface is composed of two parts: the specular reflection (mirror gloss) and the diffuse reflection (haze). For specular reflection, the incident rays are reflected directly off the pigmented surface and the undercoat surface. Diffuse reflection is made up of point scattering and absorption within the pigment layer.

Gloss deficiency of a surface may be due to:

- poor level of dispersion and presence of very large pigment particles or agglomerates
- insufficient dispersion stability which leads to flocculation
- pigment concentration which is too high
- unfavourable rheology which leads to a poor levelling of the wet film.

There is also a close relationship between the gloss behaviour of a pigmented film and the crystal shape of pigment particles. Pigments with pronounced angular crystal shape often prevent the formation of a sufficiently smooth film surface. This can be largely overcome and the gloss improved if the pigment needles are broken perpendicular to their length.

2.5 Resins and the resination

Resins are only one of a number of additives which are employed industrially to change pigment characteristics in some way, and this thesis is concerned with the interaction between the pigments and the resins. Other additives include fatty acids, oligomeric and polymeric acids, aliphatic amines, pigment functional derivatives and surfactants. The additives which are used are carefully selected to influence the pigment characteristics in order to suit the chosen application. These additives can be responsible for controlling the size of pigment particles, enhancing the crystal structure, altering crystal surface and shape and improving processing. Pigment characteristics to be enhanced by such additives include rheology, gloss, colour strength, dispersibility, transparency and heat stability.

2.5.1 Influence of resins

The resins themselves can be utilised to influence certain well defined pigment characteristics. Pigment resination serves to:

- control crystal growth, influencing transparency and dispersibility
- reduce aggregation and agglomeration in finishing, drying and grinding,
so improving dispersibility. The resin finish rounds off sharp corners on
the pigment crystals and covers defects

- reduce interfacial tension, which positively influences the dispersibility due to the improved wettability. Wetting is improved because the resins applied to the pigment particles are often soluble in the solvent media.

Not only the amount of resin, but when it is added, is an important factor. Addition of resin during the early part of pigment synthesis means that the resin is adsorbed by the crystal nuclei, thereby preventing unlimited crystal growth. The resultant small particles give rise to certain improved pigment characteristics:

- colour strength
- gloss
- transparency
- purity.

Even additions of 40% resin (especially with diarylide pigments) scarcely affect the colour strength because now the particles are protected from aggregation and agglomeration, are optimally coated and can contribute fully to the colour strength.

When the resin is applied to the fully developed larger particles, after synthesis is completed, then other characteristics are positively influenced:

- dispersibility
- rheology
- opacity.

2.5.2 The abietic-type resin acids

Resin acids are monocarboxylic acids of alkylated hydro-phenanthrene nuclei. The two-double-bond acids have the formula $C_{20}H_{30}O_2$ and the abietic type resin acids are characterised by the isopropyl group at C-13. The two double bonds may be located as illustrated in Figure 2.2.

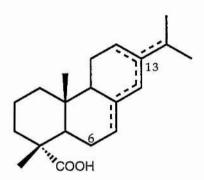


Fig. 2.2 Abietic-type resin acid structure.

The three rings of the resin acids are fused together to form relatively rigid structures which means they possess relatively high melting points. Also, some of their unique properties arise from their hydrophobic skeleton and hydrophilic carboxylic acid group which contributes to their excellent solubility in the correct solvent media.

The carboxylic acid group is attached to a tertiary carbon atom and is so closely surrounded by other groups that it is highly hindered. In particular, it is hindered by the methylene group at C-6 which can be appreciated with a molecular model.

The abietic-type acids are readily susceptible to isomerisation by heat, acid or atmospheric oxygen. Migration of the whole diene system to an adjacent position should be expected when the resin acids are heated above their melting point.

There are three abietic-type acids which will be utilised during these studies:

abietic acid itself,

maleopimaric acid (commercial Ennesin MU4 resin) and dihydroabietic acid (commercial Staybelite resin).

2.5.3 Abietic acid

Abietic acid is the most common of the resin acids by virtue of its ready formation by acid-catalysed isomerisation of rosin.

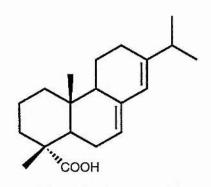


Fig. 2.3 Abietic acid.

The literature survey has already detailed much information about abietic acid. The structure and conformation of abietic acid solved by single crystal X-ray diffraction were reported², as were the ¹³C NMR data^{3,4}, including a full assignment for all 20 carbons. The structure of an abietic acid dimer was also reported⁶.

Over many years there has been much research carried out by a great deal of people to isolate and characterise abietic acid, the main component of oleorosin obtained from pine trees. Abietic-type acids are found to isomerise easily under certain conditions, which made characterisation of abietic acid difficult due to the shifting of the double bonds. Since it has been possible to isolate abietic acid, it has been the subject of many types of chemical reactions, due to its availability and its many commercial applications. An excellent account of the isolation and characterisation of abietic acid, as well as an extensive review of its chemistry are reported by Simonsen and Barton⁷.

Abietic acid is difficult to purify to its full extent by conventional methods. However, this can be achieved by first isomerising the rosin to abietic acid, then forming a diamylamine salt of the acid⁸. The diamylamine salt is a convenient way to store the acid, since it may be susceptible to atmospheric oxidation as the free acid. Abietic acid is regenerated from the pure salt by decomposition with a weak acid such as acetic acid.

Abietic acid used in these studies was twice recrystallised from Aldrich technical grade material (~70 %) using aqueous ethanol (m.p. 131-134°C).

2.5.4 Maleopimaric acid

Maleopimaric acid is the main chemical component of the commercial resin Ennesin MU4.

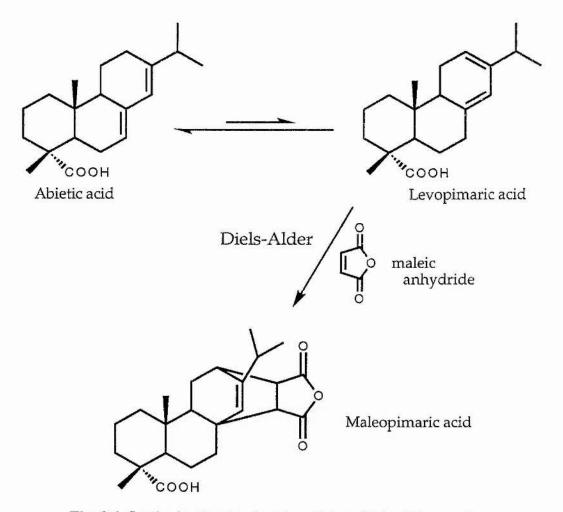


Fig. 2.4 Synthesis of maleopimaric acid by a Diels-Alder reaction.

Maleopimaric acid is the condensation product of the reaction between levopimaric acid, an isomerisation product of abietic acid, and maleic anhydride by a

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Diels-Alder type reaction (Figure 2.4). ¹³C NMR data for the adduct and configuration of the molecule have been reported in the literature survey⁴, and further structural information is reported⁹,10,11,12.

It has been reported^{9,10} that abietic acid only forms addition products with maleic anhydride at temperatures over 100°C. Elevated temperatures serve to isomerise the abietic acid to the diene, levopimaric acid, in trace quantities. The trace of levopimaric acid reacts with maleic anhydride to displace the equilibrium, until eventually all of the abietic acid has been converted to the Diels-Alder adduct.

The isopropyl bearing ring in levopimaric acid is skewed in such a way that the β face is shielded by the methyl group at C-10, while the α face is free for attack by the dienophile. This would indicate a back-side approach by the dienophile in the Diels-Alder reaction.

Generally, in Diels-Alder reactions, the original geometry in the dienophile is retained. When a cyclic diene and a dienophile are allowed to react via the Diels-Alder reaction, the *endo* isomer is generally favoured. The anhydride moiety of maleopimaric acid has been shown¹¹ to be *cis* to the double bond. It has been confirmed¹² that the anhydride group is in the *endo* position, as represented in Figure 2.5. It should also be noted that the carbonyls in the anhydride ring shown are orientated differently; one is close to the isopropyl group and the other is remote.

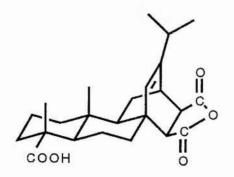
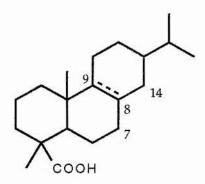


Fig. 2.5 Major isomer of maleopimaric acid.

2.5.5 Dihydroabietic acid

Dihydroabietic acid is the main chemical component of the commercial resin Staybelite.



- - - probable position of double bond

Fig. 2.6 Dihydroabietic acid.

Dihydroabietic acid (Figure 2.6) is a product of the partial hydrogenation of abietic acid. The process of hydrogenation, however, leads to isomerisation of the double bond, and it is uncertain where the double bond resides. The double bond will be in one of three positions: from C-8 to either C-7, C-9 or C-14. It is thought most likely to reside between C-8 and C-9, although a mixture is probable in which this structure is the main component.

The solution NMR of Staybelite resin seems to confirm the presence of a mixture, because of the many lines present in the spectrum compared to what we would expect from a pure sample.

No NMR or crystal data for dihydroabietic acid have been reported to my knowledge, which makes assignment of ¹³C NMR signals very difficult.

2.6 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)

Atomic nuclei observable by NMR have a nuclear spin quantum number (I) which makes them behave in a similar way to tiny bar magnets when subjected to a magnetic field, B_0 . The magnetic moments of each nucleus can align themselves in (2I+1) ways. ¹H and ¹³C both have I=1/2, so they can align themselves in one of two ways; in the direction of the magnetic field (low energy state), or against the direction of the field (high energy state). The precessional frequency of the nuclei in the external field is ω_0 (the Larmor frequency) and is directly proportional to the strength of the external field, B_0 :

$$\omega_0 = \gamma B_0$$

where, B₀= strength of external field

 γ = magnetogyric ratio (constant for a given nucleus)

The vector sums of the millions of nuclear magnets give rise to a net nuclear magnetisation parallel to the magnetic field (Figure 2.7).

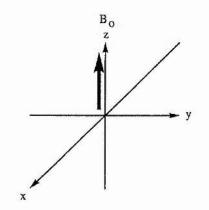


Fig. 2.7 Nuclear magnetisation parallel to Bo.

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A powerful radiofrequency (RF) pulse is then applied close to the Larmor frequency, the effect being to excite some of the nuclei. The RF pulse serves to generate an electromagnetic field along the x-axis and to tip the magnetisation towards the xy plane. The magnetisation now precesses in the xy plane at the Larmor frequency.

However, the excited nuclei lose their extra energy and relax back along the zaxis. A receiver coil picks up the resultant oscillation of magnetisation in the xy plane during what is called the acquisition period, and gives a complicated wave pattern called the free induction decay (FID). The FID contains frequency information about all of the nuclear spins. The FID is converted into a frequency spectrum by Fourier transform, which is a mathematical conversion of the interference pattern.

Our analysis involves gathering information on the compounds by ¹³C NMR spectroscopy in the solid state. Historically, huge problems have had to be overcome to make these techniques more common in the modern laboratory.

2.6.1 Carbon-13 NMR

Carbon-13 NMR has several advantages over proton NMR in terms of its power to elucidate organic structures¹³. First, ¹³C NMR provides information about the backbone of the molecule rather than the periphery. In addition, the chemical shift range for ¹³C in a number of compounds is about 200ppm, compared with only up to about 15ppm for ¹H; less overlap of peaks is the consequence. Because the natural abundance of ¹³C is only about 1.1%, spin-spin coupling between carbon nuclei does not occur since chances of having two ¹³C adjacent in the same molecule are negligible, and ¹³C-¹²C coupling does not occur because I=0 for ¹²C. Finally, good methods exist for decoupling the interaction between ¹³C and ¹H, giving carbon spectra consisting of only single lines.

Analysis of the ¹H nucleus is relatively easy because of its high abundance (99.98%) and high sensitivity. Carbon-13 accounts for only 1.1% of carbon nuclei,

and the small magnetogyric ratio, which is about 0.25 that of the proton, combine to make ¹³C NMR about 6000 times less sensitive than ¹H NMR.

The most important developments in ¹³C signal enhancement include high field strength magnets, Fourier transform instruments, and ¹H decoupling by double resonance techniques. Without these developments, the method would be restricted to the study of highly soluble low-molecular weight solids, neat liquids and isotopically enriched compounds.

2.6.2 Solid-state C-13 NMR¹⁴

NMR of solid materials is still a less popular spectroscopic technique than high resolution solution NMR. It is interesting to note that the very first NMR experiments were carried out on both liquids and solids, in fact the first ¹H observation was on paraffin wax. However, it soon became evident that conventional high resolution techniques were not possible for solids.

The main difference between the liquid and solid-state is the timescale involved and the geometry of the molecular motions. These affect the signal by modulating interactions between the spins and their environment. There are three principal reasons why high resolution spectra are difficult to achieve for solids:

i) <u>dipolar couplings</u>. Heteronuclear dipolar couplings between ¹³C and ¹H, which are of the order of a few kHz, produce severe line broadening because they are dependent on the angle between the ¹H-¹³C vector and the magnetic field. Whilst isotropic tumbling averages out these interactions in solution, this cannot happen in a normal solid. Strong homonuclear dipolar couplings between ¹³C spins can be neglected due to the low natural abundance of ¹³C (~1.1%). In such diluted spin systems the heteronuclear dipolar interactions between ¹H and ¹³C are dominant.

ii) <u>chemical shift anisotropy</u> (CSA). The orientation dependent magnetic shielding of the nuclear spins, which give rise to the CSA, typically lead to a broadening of the ¹³C resonance of about 10kHz at a magnetic field of 4Tesla. Different molecular orientations give rise to many lines for each resonance on the NMR spectrum, which

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is observed as severe line broadening. Rapid molecular motion for solutions again averages out the effect to zero.

iii) long spin-lattice relaxation times (T_1) for C-13. Molecular motions in solids are reduced when compared to liquids and so the dipolar relaxation produced as a result of molecular tumbling in liquids is virtually absent.

The dependence of ¹³C NMR spectra on the distribution of orientations, as well as on the slow motions of the molecules, provides the main applications of NMR spectroscopy. It is useful to investigate samples in the solid-state since their physical properties are of more interest than their chemical structure. In addition, the chemical structure can be analysed using "liquid-like" solid-state NMR spectra which can be generated by special experimental techniques.

Difficulties posed by reduced molecular motions in solids can be overcome by ¹H high power decoupling, and the techniques collectively known as CP/MAS NMR (cross-polarisation magic angle spinning).

2.6.2.1 CP (cross-polarisation)

The strong magnetic moment and high abundance of the ¹H nucleus can be utilised to enhance the signal intensity of the ¹³C spins. Utilisation of this technique to observe ¹³C is called cross-polarisation.

A 90° ¹H pulse is first applied along the x'-axis. The phase of the ¹H transmitter is then shifted 90° along the y'-axis to spin lock the ¹H magnetisation, and the ¹³C transmitter is turned on so that both RF fields meet the Hartman-Hahn condition:

$\gamma_{\rm C}B_{1\rm C} = \gamma_{\rm H}B_{1\rm H}$

Under these conditions, the magnetisation from the large ¹H reservoir is transferred into the ¹³C spin system.

After use of the dipolar couplings between ¹H and ¹³C for cross-polarisation, the couplings become a nuisance as they give rise to line broadening. The broadening can be removed by applying a particularly intense dipolar decoupling (DD) field (typically 100W) on the ¹H channel during acquisition of the ¹³C signal, for which a specially designed probe is essential. However, the signals are still broadened by chemical shift anisotropy.

2.6.2.2 MAS (magic angle spinning)

The chemical shift anisotropy broadening, and also the dipolar coupling, are proportional to $(3\cos^2\theta-1)$ where θ is the angle between the magnetic field and the solid sample. This term vanishes at 54.7°, the "magic angle", where the sample is observed to imitate the motions of the molecules in a liquid.

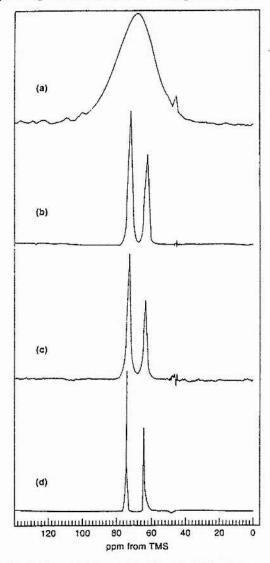
i.e. when
$$(3\cos^2\theta - 1) = 0$$

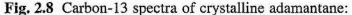
 $\theta = 54^{\circ}44'$ (54.7°)

If the entire sample is mechanically rotated at this angle with a frequency higher than the chemical shift anisotropy, then the CSA vanishes from the spectrum. At lower spinning speeds a series of spinning sidebands, whose intensity is similar to the CSA pattern, is observed.

For MAS, the solid sample is placed inside a small turbine called a rotor which is air-borne and driven by a stream of gas. This limits the speed of rotation to typically 10kHz, although nowadays supersonic turbines and probes are available. The spectrum consists of centre bands and sidebands which occur at multiples of the spinning frequency. These sidebands can be removed either by higher spinning speeds or by a total suppression of spinning sidebands (TOSS) pulse sequence. When combining these techniques, the acquisition of high resolution ¹³C spectra for solids is now made possible.

The following diagram (Figure 2.8) makes clear the effect each of these techniques has in improving the resolution of ^{13}C spectra obtained in the solid-state:





a) nonspinning and no proton decoupling,

b) nonspinning with dipolar decoupling and CP,

c) with MAS but no dipolar decoupling or CP,

d) with MAS, dipolar decoupling and CP.

Figure 2.8 reproduced from *Principles of Instrumental Analysis*, D. A. Skoog and J. J. Leary, (1992).

2.7 Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD)

X-ray diffraction is a technique which can be used to solve crystal structures and conformations of crystalline solids. Although this is normally achieved through analysis of single crystals. Which have well defined crystal domains, it is also possible when analysing crystalline powders, which have many crystals at random orientations. The information gained, namely scattering angle, 2θ , and scattering intensity, is processed in a complex but methodical manner to obtain well defined crystal parameters.

However, our study is not interested in solving crystal structures. Instead, we are to consider the diffractograms obtained as "fingerprints", with characteristic patterns of peaks for each pigment and resin sample. Since we are looking for some indication of a chemical interaction taking place during resination of the pigment, we are to compare the diffractograms obtained for the pigment and the resin acid with the resultant diffraction pattern for the resinated pigment.

If new peaks are seen to emerge or initially peaks are totally diminished in the diffractogram of the resinated sample, then this would presumably indicate the presence of a new species in the sample, and not just the starting pigment and resin acid. If all the peaks in the diffractogram of the resinated pigment can be ascribed to either the starting pigment or resin acid, or both, then this could indicate that chemical interaction during resination has not taken place.

Information on crystallinity, or degree of order, in the pigment crystals can also be obtained from the diffractograms. Increased crystallinity is inferred when the diffraction pattern for a pigment sample is sharper and better resolved when compared with the pattern for a similar sample.

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2.8 Proposed chemistry

The synthesis of ¹³C labelled resins would be most attractive for studying the interaction between pigments and resins. This would allow ready observation by solid-state ¹³C NMR of particular atoms in the resin coating the pigment. at reasonably low concentrations, and could also facilitate relaxation time measurements to probe motions of the resin molecules in the resinated pigment.

2.8.1 The Barton reaction

It would be desirable to label the carboxylic carbon of abietic acid with ${}^{13}C$ because of its distinctive chemical shift. If the ${}^{12}C$ carboxylic acid group could be converted to the bromide, then the labelled carboxylic acid could be obtained *via* the Grignard and ${}^{13}CO_2$ (from ${}^{13}C$ labelled barium carbonate of which we have a supply).

The traditional method of generating the bromide from the acid is by the Hunsdiecker reaction, seen in Figure 2.9, where the silver salt of the acid is heated with bromine in CCl₄ to facilitate a radical reaction.

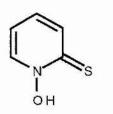
overall
$$R = C = OAg + Br_2 = CCl_4$$

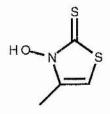
heat $R = RBr + CO_2 + AgBr_2$

Fig. 2.9 The Hunsdieker reaction.

Labelling by this method is difficult, however, but is thought to be readily achieved by use of the Barton reaction followed by a Grignard and ¹³CO₂. Both Leo Paquette (leading American synthetic chemist) and John Walton (our internal expert on radical reactions) believed this route would work.

The Barton reaction is a very versatile reaction involving a radical mechanism and is driven by aromatisation of the starting reagent. Many variants of the starting reagent have been used, and two are shown in Figure 2.10.





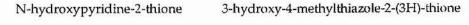


Fig. 2.10 Two possible reagents for Barton reaction.

Paquette carried out an investigation 15 of several bromodecarboxylation options for the conversion of cycloalkanones to vinyl bromides. The most reliable and effective intermediate found was the thiohydroxamic ester (Figure 2.11), from the thiazole reagent above.

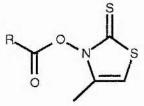


Fig. 2.11 Thiohydroxamic ester intermediete.

It is reported by Barton¹⁶ that carboxylic acid esters derived from N-hydroxypyridine-2-thione react with bromotrichloromethane in a radical chain reaction to give the corresponding nor-alkyl bromides in high yield. It is reported that high yields of primary, secondary and tertiary bromides can be obtained in a reaction which tolerates ester and ketonic functionality.

A general scheme for the reaction is outlined in Figure 2.12.

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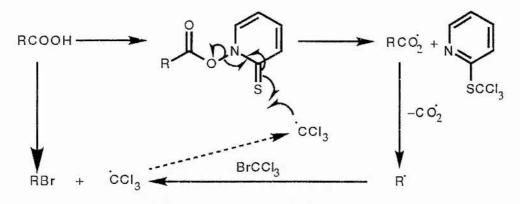


Fig. 2.12 General scheme for the Barton reaction.

2.8.2 A model reaction system - cyclohexanone

In order to check the feasibility of this chemistry, it was proposed to employ a model reaction system, using cyclohexanone to generate a quaternary carbon centre with both bromine and methyl substituents, as required for abietic acid. The model scheme is given in Figure 2.13.

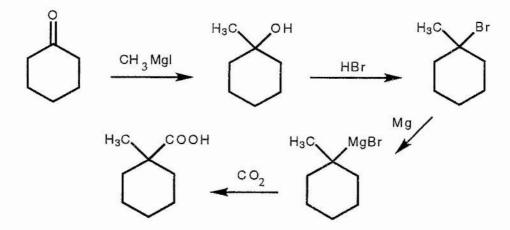


Fig. 2.13 Reaction scheme for model compound.

The tertiary bromide, mimicking the bromide formed from abietic acid after the Barton reaction, may then be used to generate the Grignard reagent when reacted with magnesium. The tertiary carboxylic acid could then be formed by reaction of the Grignard reagent with CO_2 . Labelled CO_2 could be used to form the labelled carboxylic acid.

3 DISCUSSION

3.1 The model reaction system

A scheme for the model reaction system is outlined in Figure 2.13.

The Grignard reagent in the first step was formed from methyl iodide and magnesium and was used immediately to make the tertiary alcohol from previously distilled cyclohexanone. An acid work-up allowed isolation of the alcohol. Purification by distillation yielded a colourless product which freezes at around room temperature.

Preparation of the bromide was accomplished by the straightforward addition of hydrobromic acid to facilitate bromination, with water as a by-product. Purification by distillation gave the tertiary bromide, a clear colourless liquid.

The next two steps were combined in one reaction. A Grignard reagent was prepared from the bromide and magnesium, and several attempts were made to form the carboxylic acid with CO₂. Initially the Grignard was poured onto an excess of solid carbon dioxide, but the isolated product was not the desired acid, as confirmed by spectroscopic means (IR and ¹H NMR). Gutt reported¹⁷ a similar reaction and stated very poor yields, with substantial amounts of methylcyclohexane, methylenecyclohexane and 1-methylcyclohexene formed (Figure 3.1).

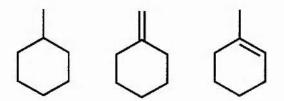


Fig. 3.1 Products of the model reaction.

After scrutiny of the ¹H NMR spectra of the product mixture, all three species were positively identified. Further experiments were carried out using gaseous CO_2 bubbled through the Grignard solution, since ¹³CO₂ generated from the labelled

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barium carbonate would be most conveniently delivered in this way. However these experiments and other variations with solvents (various quantities of ether and THF) proved unsuccessful. This may be due to the tertiary nature of the intended carboxylic acid, but carboxylation of modified abietic acid would be even more difficult due to the additional steric hindrance encountered from substituents of the adjoining ring.

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The desired acid was made, however, following a method by Haaf¹⁸ (Figure 3.2). Acid treatment of methylcyclohexanol gives a cationic intermediate which rearranges to give a more stable species which yields the acid on addition of formic acid.

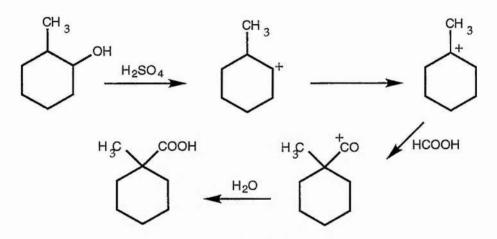


Fig. 3.2 Alternative synthesis of model compound.

This in itself is not a useful means of introducing a ¹³C label, since the carboxylic acid carbon in the product is incorporated from the formic acid, but it was thought the acid could be used as a substrate for a trial Barton reaction. However, since the final stage does not yield the desired model acid, this route is not worth pursuing further.

An alternative route, though not studied here, could be by introduction of a bromide by a Barton reaction, as initially intended, followed by reaction with a ¹³C labelled cyanide and subsequent hydrolysis of the nitrile to the labelled carboxylic acid.

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3.2 Resinations of Pigment Yellow 13

Next, it was necessary to consider the resin acids and their application in coating pigments. The pigment to be used throughout this study was Pigment Yellow 13 (P.Y. 13), which was one of the pigments prepared and studied by Ken Cameron during his MSc.

3.2.1 Synthesis of Pigment Yellow 13

While at Paisley sufficient P.Y.13 aqueous slurry was prepared, as described in the Experimental Section, for a series of resination experiments.

The synthesis (Figure 3.3) involved the controlled coupling of DCB tetrazo with 2 equivalents of the amide coupling component, AAMX. The formation of the yellow pigment was observed immediately upon addition of the DCB tetrazo.

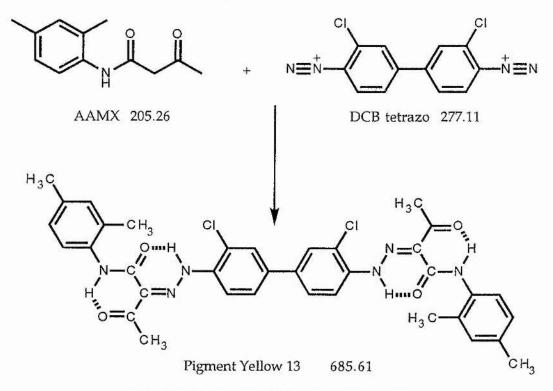


Fig. 3.3 Synthesis of Pigment Yellow 13.

AAMX = acetoacet-m-xylidine

DCB tetrazo = 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine tetrazo

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The Pigment Yellow 13 was stored, for use in the resinations, as an aqueous slurry at pH6.0.

3.2.2 Resination procedure

Resinations of Pigment Yellow 13 were carried out using incremental amounts of each resin acid i.e. abietic acid, Ennesin MU4 and Staybelite. It was proposed to apply 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% by weight of resin acid in each case, with respect to P.Y.13 weight.

A general procedure for the resinations is given in the Experimental Section.

The P.Y.13 aqueous slurry is adjusted to pH10 before adding the resin solution, to maintain the resin in solution. After raising the temperature to 95°C, the pH is adjusted to 7.0 to precipitate the resin. Stirring is continued at 90-95°C for 30 minutes; the "heat treatment". After cooling to 70°C, the resinated product is filtered, washed with water and dried at 70°C overnight.

The yields of the resinated pigments are reported in Table 3.1. Each resinated pigment sample was analysed at Paisley for total resin content, and the results of these analyses can be seen in Table 3.2.

A sample of P.Y.13 was isolated in the absence of any resin, as a standard.

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3.2.3 Results of resination experiments

Table 3.1 Yields of resinated P.Y.13 samples

% Resin		YIELDS (g)	
added	Abietic acid	Ennesin MU4	Staybelite
10%	10.04	9.84	10.57
20%	10.74	10.00	8.27*
30%	11.65	10.05	12.21
40%	11.86	10.06	13.23
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* physical losses!

Table 3.2 Resin contents of resinated P.Y.13 samples

% Resin		% RESIN	
added	Abietic acid	Ennesin MU4	Staybelite
10%	6.9	1.6	7.7
20%	11.7	2.1	15.3
30%	19.9	2.8	20.1
40%	24.5	3.3	26.0

During the resinations, the resin acids were dissolved in alkali, and so were in solution as the sodium salt. The P.Y.13 resinated with maleopimaric acid (Ennesin MU4 resin) would seem to retain little of the acid during the resination procedure. During the resination procedure, exposure to alkali would presumably cause ring opening of the anhydride moiety (Figure 3.4), resulting in the modified tri-acid being washed away by the water. Throughout this study, it was noted that the pH of the prepared resin solution was often higher than 12, which is a harsh environment for these acid anhydrides.

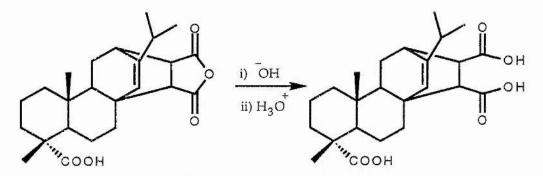


Fig. 3.4 Base induced anhydride ring opening.

3.3 C-13 labelling experiments

The failure of the initial approach suggested that alternative ways of introducing ¹³C labels to the resin acids should be examined. There are two ways which would seem appropriate:

i) the use of labelled maleic anhydride as a dienophile for the Diels-Alder reaction with isomerised abietic acid,

ii) the use of labelled Diazald to provide a ¹³C labelled methylene group for esterification of carboxyl groups.

First, we need to look at the possibility of reacting abietic acid and maleic anhydride to form maleopimaric acid, with a view to using ¹³C labelled maleic anhydride.

3.3.1 Diels-Alder reaction of abietic acid with maleic anhydride

Isomerisation of abietic acid to levopimaric acid is necessary to provide a suitable diene for the Diels-Alder reaction with maleic anhydride. The use of heat or acid is required for this isomerisation. It has already been mentioned that the resin acids isomerise at temperatures approaching their melting points¹⁰. It was therefore decided to perform the reaction (Figure 3.5) at raised temperatures to achieve a molten reaction mixture where solvents are not a concern.

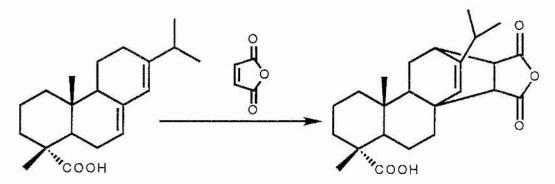


Fig. 3.5 Diels-Alder reaction of abietic with maleic andydride.

Levopimaric acid is known to be formed in only trace quantities from isomerisation of abietic acid^{9,10}, but the continual reaction of this diene with maleic anhydride drives the reaction to completion. It was initially unknown how long was necessary for complete reaction, so a series of test-tube reactions were set up at 150°C and taken off sequentially each hour. Traces of impurities were still present after 2 hours by solution ¹³C NMR, but reaction was clean after this. Samples of maleopimaric acid were then prepared optimally at ~160°C for 2.5 hours with 1.1 equivalents of maleic anhydride. Yields were consistently around 85-95%, and it was observed that at temperatures of ~170°C the maleic anhydride was observed to sublime to some extent.

A temperature of ~160°C is sufficient to achieve a molten reaction mixture and the product is a glassy amber coloured solid when allowed to cool. After dissolving in ether, washing with water and evaporating the ether, a crispy off-white solid is obtained. Acetic acid seemed to be the only suitable solvent for recrystallisation but is not desirable. A preferred recrystallisation from toluene/n-heptane was reported⁴, but was found to be unsatisfactory.

It was then agreed with Ciba-Geigy to purchase two 250mg samples of ¹³C labelled maleic anhydride (Figure 3.6).

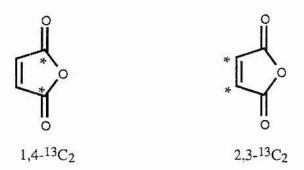


Fig. 3.6 C-13 labelled maleic anhydride.

It was considered sufficient to apply the label at 10% loading i.e. applied along with 90% normal maleic anhydride. The labelled maleopimaric acids (Figure 3.7) were prepared at ~160°C for 2.5 hours in expected yield. Solution ¹³C NMR showed enhanced signals for the relevant carbon frequencies. 'Triplets' were observed for both cases due to coupling.

For $1,4-^{13}C_2$ maleic anhydride, the resonances enhanced for the subsequent adduct are 172.6 and 170.9ppm for C-23 and C-24 respectively.

For $2,3-^{13}C_2$ maleic anhydride, the resonances enhanced for the subsequent adduct are 45.6 and 53.0ppm for C-21 and C-22 respectively.

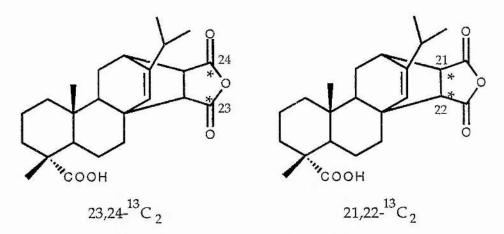


Fig. 3.7 C-13 labelled maleopimaric acids.

These prepared ¹³C labelled maleopimaric acids were then used in resination experiments to coat P.Y.13. These were carried out as described earlier, but on onetenth scale. 10 and 20% loadings were prepared for each label. Unfortunately, we now know that little of this adduct is retained during resination and this was confirmed when yields of the resinated pigment products were similar to the weight of the starting pigment.

The problem of retention of the maleopimaric during resination needs to be addressed, or an alternative approach is needed.

3.3.2 Use of N-methylmaleimide as the dienophile

Since the maleic anhydride moiety of Ennesin MU4 resin ring opens during the caustic dissolution prior to resination, an alternative approach would be to use an analogue more resistant to alkaline hydrolysis. A suitable compound to try may be maleimide, or an N-alkylated maleimide to confer stability on the system. N-Methylmaleimide (Figure 3.8) would appear to be a good target compound since it is more stable to ring opening than maleimide itself, and is more suitable than N-phenylmaleimide, for example, since molecular packing in the crystal will not be significantly disrupted when compared with the maleic anhydride adduct.

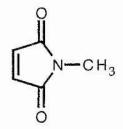


Fig. 3.8 N-Methylmaleimide.

In order to incorporate a label, it would be necessary to utilise labelled maleic anhydride in a reaction with methylamine to form the subsequent *N*-methylmaleimide (Figure 3.9). The first step involves reaction of maleic anhydride with methylamine to yield the maleic acid monomethylamide, a method for which is reported¹⁹.

The second stage involves loss of water to allow ring closure of the amide to yield the *N*-methylmaleimide. Two methods for this reaction have been reported. The first method²⁰ reacts the maleic acid monomethylamide with acetic anhydride and sodium acetate at 100°C for 1 hour. An alternative method²¹ merely heats the amide to 160°C, to drive off water and allow ring closure.

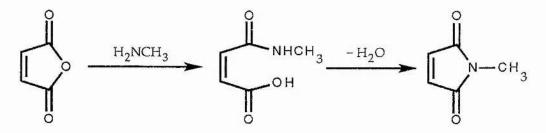


Fig. 3.9 Synthesis of N-methylmaleimide from maleic anhydride.

Formation of the maleic acid monomethylamide was carried out by reacting maleic anhydride in ether with 1.5 equivalents of ethanolic methylamine solution. Initially this reaction was cooled in an ice-water bath, but the maleic anhydride was observed to come out of ether solution. Later reactions were carried out at room temperature, where solution was maintained until the methylamine was added. An off-white precipitate was formed immediately upon addition of the methylamine.

Precipitation was promoted by stirring with ice-water cooling, before filtering the product. Two solvents were used for recrystallisation; ethanol yielded a white crystalline product in 30.6% yield, and acetone yielded a similar product in 11.5% yield. The acetone solution which this product was isolated from quickly degraded to a deep brown colour.

Reaction of the amino acid with sodium acetate and acetic anhydride at 100°C was found to be very inefficient. During distillation of the organic mixture. a clear liquid product was collected which proved to be acetic anhydride. However, a crystalline solid was observed to form in the arm of the Vigreux distillation flask, and was collected. This product, which had a characteristic sharp irritating odour, proved to be *N*-methylmaleimide by NMR.

Reaction of the amino acid at 160° C for 2 hours yielded a brown residue in the bottom of the test-tube. A crystalline deposit was collected separately from near the mouth of the test-tube, and had the same characteristic odour as before. Conversion to *N*-methylmaleimide was poor at 8.7%.

The yields of these reactions needed to be optimised, especially since labelled maleic anhydride is proposed to be used. In the meantime, the formation of the adduct from isomerised abietic acid and *N*-methylmaleimide (Figure 3.10) needed to be assessed.

We had hoped that the reaction would be as efficient as the corresponding formation of maleopimaric acid discussed earlier.

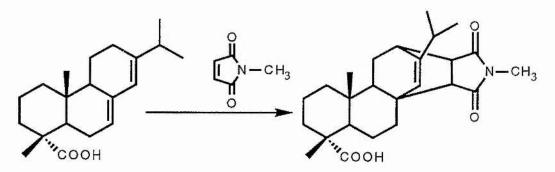


Fig. 3.10 Diels-Alder reaction of abietic acid with N-methylmaleimide.

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Abietic acid and 1.1 equivalents of *N*-methylmaleimide were reacted at 160°C in a quickfit test-tube for 2 hours. The resultant glassy residue did not dissolve in ether, so the precipitate was filtered and dried under vacuum. ¹³C NMR of the precipitate showed many more peaks than expected. Since peaks corresponding to abietic acid were not present, they were probably due to decomposition products, even though there may have been an insignificant conversion to the adduct.

Subsequent attempts to form the adduct were hindered to some extent by the evaporation of the *N*-methylmaleimide at elevated temperatures. Reacted residues which were obtained were analysed and the NMR spectra were highly complex. indicating a mixture of components, as suggested previously.

The formation of the N-methylmaleimide proved to be more difficult than expected. Because of the poor conversions of the two reactions to form the Nmethylmaleimide and the apparent decomposition during attempts to form the adduct. this route is seen as an unsuitable means of introducing a label.

An alternative possibility is the use of a higher N-substituted maleimide, namely N-phenylmaleimide (Figure 3.11). The higher molecular weight should ensure it is less volatile at elevated temperatures, and remains in a molten state during reaction. However, molecular packing in the crystal may be affected by the introduction of a bulky phenyl group, and constraints on time meant this route could not be investigated further.

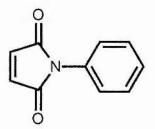


Fig. 3.11 N-Phenylmaleimide.

3.3.3 Diazald esterification

N-methyl-*N*-nitroso-*p*-toluenesulphonamide, otherwise known as Diazald, is the precursor to diazomethane, a useful reagent for the preparation of methyl esters. When Diazald is subjected to base, diazomethane is generated (Figure 3.12) and distilled across in ethereal solution ready for application to the carboxylic acid substrate.

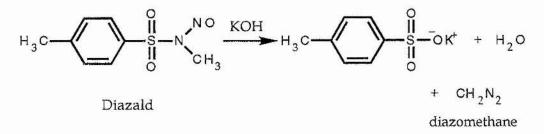


Fig. 3.12 Generation of diazomethane from Diazald.

It was proposed to use 13 C-labelled Diazald, which is obviously a source of a 13 C labelled methylene group, for the generation of 13 C labelled methyl esters. It was hoped that Diazald esterification would provide a useful route to an enhanced handle for 13 C NMR.

Attempts to incorporate a labelled ester into resin acid analogues, via diazomethane, concentrated on the study of Ennesin MU4 resin and abietic acid itself.

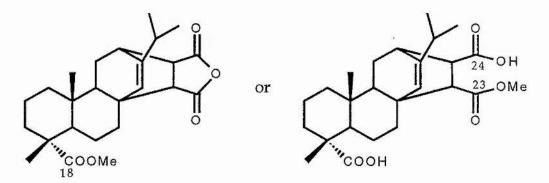


Fig. 3.13 Possible esterification products of Ennesin MU4.

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Esterification of the Ennesin MU4 resin was expected to be complicated (Figure 3.13), since it is probably readily converted to the tri-acid in the presence of base. Esterification at C-18 alone depends on the anhydride moiety staying intact. However, esterification at C-23 or C-24 may be useful, or indeed esterification at a mixture of the three.

Esterification of Ennesin MU4 proved unsuccessful, with complex spectra and no evidence of a characteristic ester resonance by solution ¹³C NMR. It is known that esterification of the tertiary carboxyl group at C-18 is difficult, due to steric hindrance, and requires elevated temperatures with other esterification reagents.

Esterification of abietic acid would appear to be a simpler proposition (Figure 3.14), but steric hindrance at C-18 is still a problem.

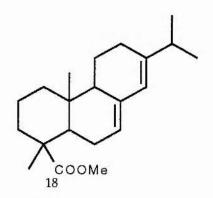


Fig. 3.14 Esterification of abietic acid.

Of course a consequence of esterification of abietic acid is the loss of the free acid for solubility in alkali. Also, the carboxylic acid group, which it is believed may take part in some chemical interaction with the pigment, would be modified, which is undesirable for the subsequent study. However, esterification of abietic acid may be followed by addition of maleic anhydride to form maleopimaric acid methyl ester with free acid potential for formation of the sodium salt.

Attempts were made to synthesise methyl abietate, but in each case ¹³C solution NMR gave complex spectra with many lines, indicating a mixture of products, which

may only contain a very small amount of methyl abietate. if any. Column chromatography would have proved impractical with such a mixture.

Difficulty of esterification of the carboxyl group may again be explained by steric hindrance.

3.4 Investigation of the form of resin acids during resination

The form of each resin acid when it actually coats the pigment needed to be investigated. In order to evaluate this, each acid was subjected to the so called 'heat treatment' process, but in the absence of any P.Y.13. This involved adding the hot resin solution to water adjusted to pH10. The solution was then heated to 95°C at which point the pH was adjusted to 7.0 to precipitate the resin. The mixture was then stirred at 90-95°C for a further 30 minutes. After cooling, filtration, washing and drying each resin acid was isolated, presumably in the form which coats the pigment.

Solution ¹³C NMR indicated that the abietic acid and Staybelite remained essentially unchanged after the process, while the maleopimaric acid underwent a marked change. Although the exact nature of this is not certain, some ring opening mechanism to the tri-acid seems inevitable. Recovery of this modified maleopimaric acid was difficult in any quantity.

Abietic acid and Staybelite resin which were isolated were unchanged chemically, by solution NMR, but were physically lumpy and off-white in appearance. They may be more amorphous than the initial acids when re-precipitated during the resination, but analyses by solid-state ¹³C NMR and powder X-ray diffraction should prove conclusive.

4 SOLID-STATE NMR STUDIES

Solid-state ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500MSL spectrometer, operating at 125.758MHz, utilising the CP/MAS (cross-polarisation magic angle spinning) technique to optimise ¹³C spectra. The spectra were recorded at a spinning speed of ~7.5kHz unless otherwise stated, and a different spinning speed was used, where appropriate, to identify spinning sidebands. Spinning sidebands are denoted +.

4.1 Pigment Yellow 13

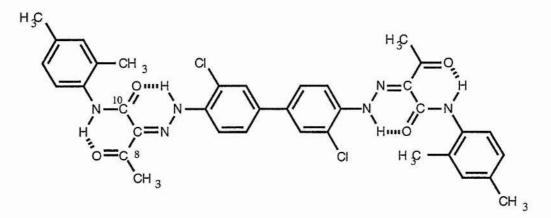
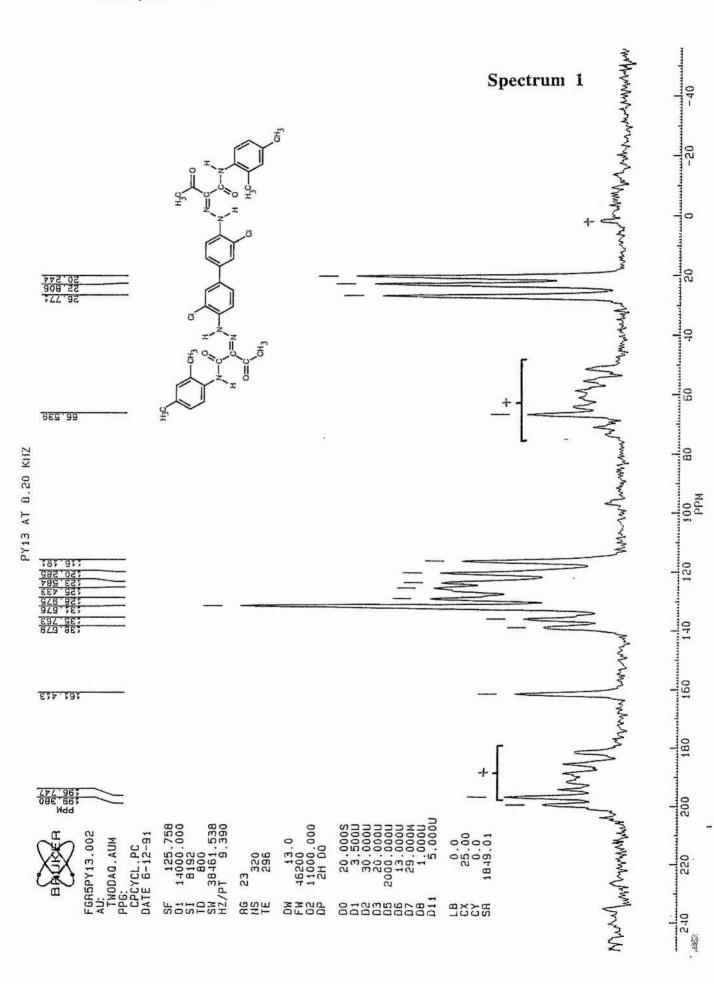


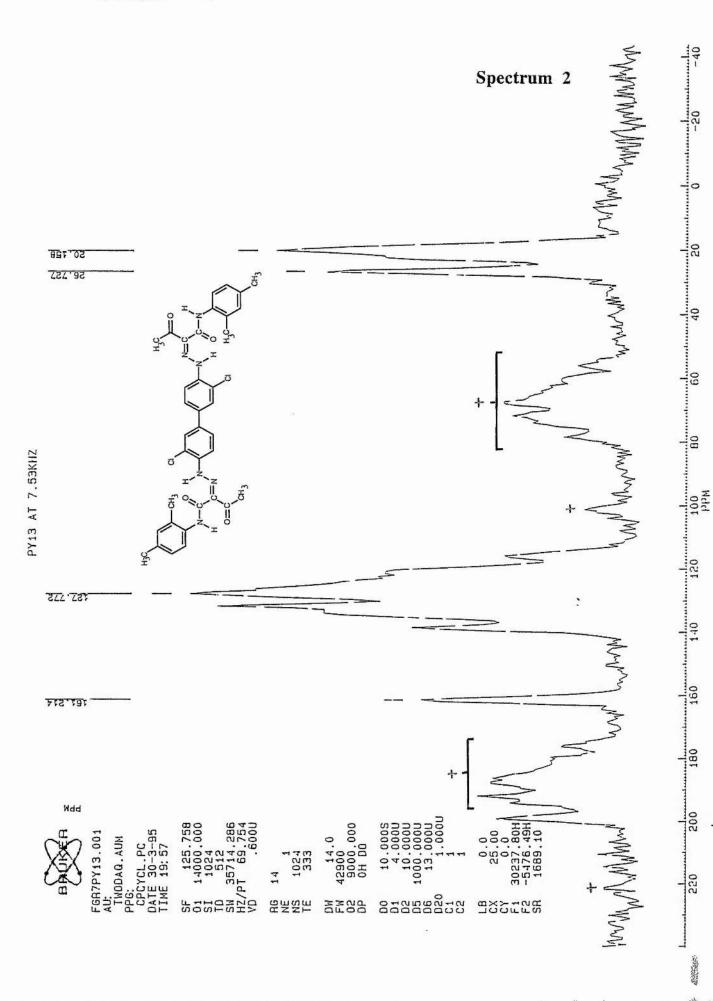
Fig. 4.1 Pigment Yellow 13.

Solid-state ¹³C CP/MAS NMR spectra for Pigment Yellow 13 have been previously reported¹, as discussed in the literature survey.

Spectrum 1 shows a sample of P.Y.13 synthesised previously within the group and recrystallised from 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene. The three methyl environments for P.Y.13 are well resolved between 20 and 27ppm. There is a broad region from 110 to 140ppm containing carbon resonances for cyclic parts of the molecule. Spinning sidebands are observed at equal frequencies either side of this region.

The C-10 carbonyl resonance is observed at 161.4ppm, and the other carbonyl resonance, for C-8, is at 199.4ppm but partially obscured by sidebands. The C=N resonance (126.7ppm) is obscured by the cyclic part of the spectrum.





Spectrum 2 shows a sample of crude P.Y.13 isolated as a standard for the resinations (which has undergone the heat treatment in the absence of resin). The sample is more amorphous than the recrystallised sample, as can be seen from the broader lines throughout. The three methyl resonances are poorly resolved and appear as two broad peaks, one of which has a pronounced shoulder.

The heat treatment alone is known to promote increased crystal size, but it appears crystallinity is not enhanced.

4.2 Abietic Acid

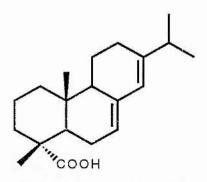
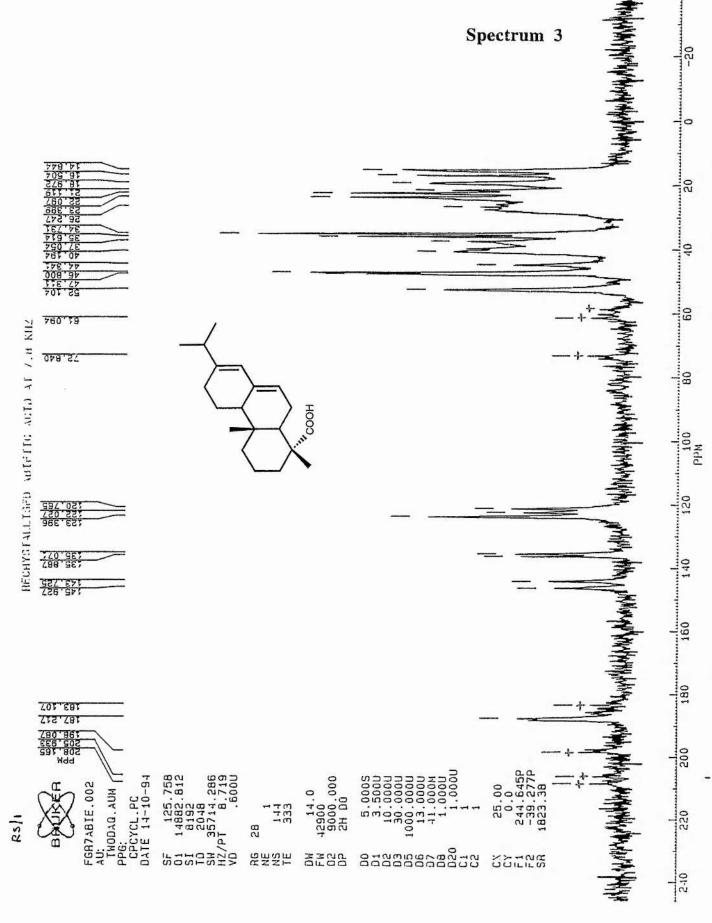


Fig. 4.2 Abietic acid.

Spectrum 3 shows a solid-state spectrum of abietic acid recrystallised twice from aqueous ethanol. There are three main regions in the spectrum. The region from 15 to 55ppm contains the aliphatic resonances. The four olefinic carbons are observed between 120 and 145ppm, while the carboxylic acid resonance is seen at 187.2ppm. A full assignment is detailed in the literature survey.

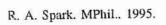
The resolution of the spectrum in the solid-state is sufficient to show many of the signals as doublets, especially evident for the olefinic carbons, reflecting the presence of two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit cell.

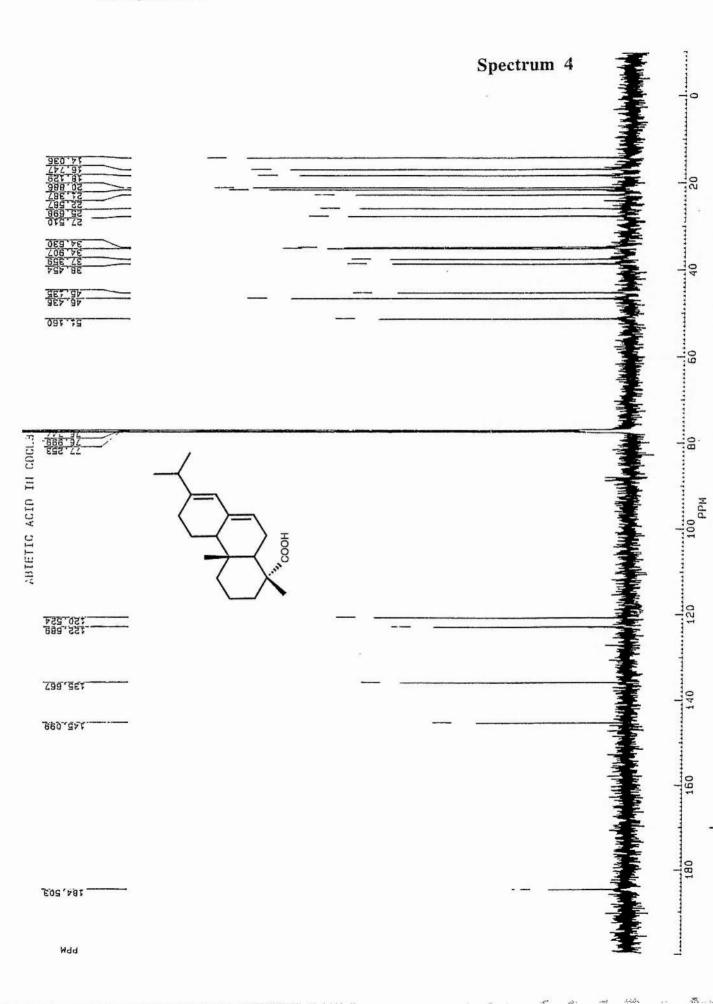
Spectrum 4 shows the same sample in CDCl₃ solution recorded on the Bruker 500MSL for comparison. Spectrum 5 is provided as a direct comparison of the two techniques.



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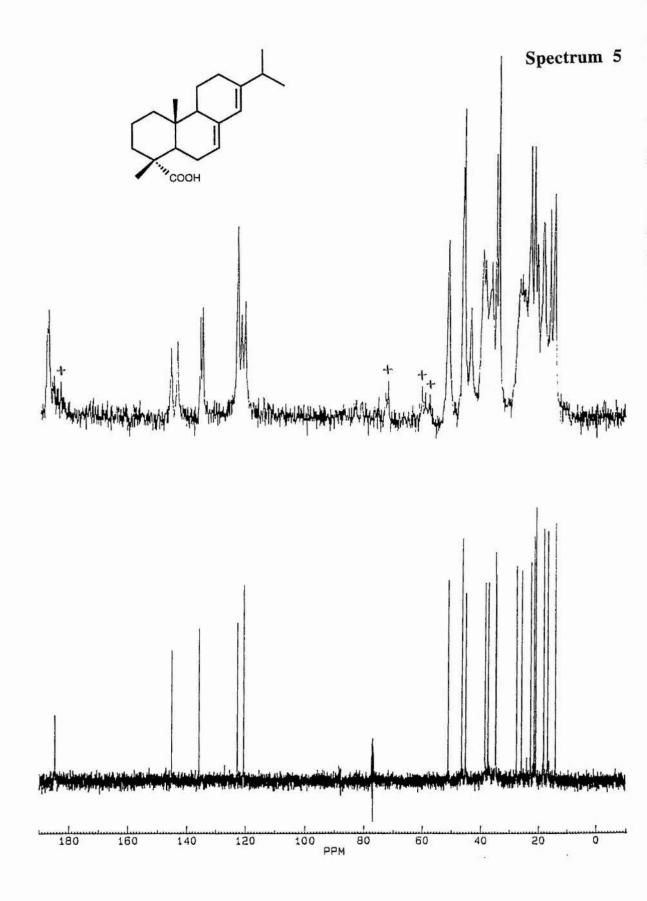
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4.3 Maleopimaric acid (Ennesin MU4 resin)

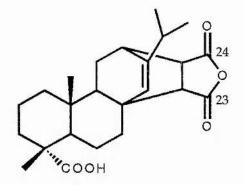
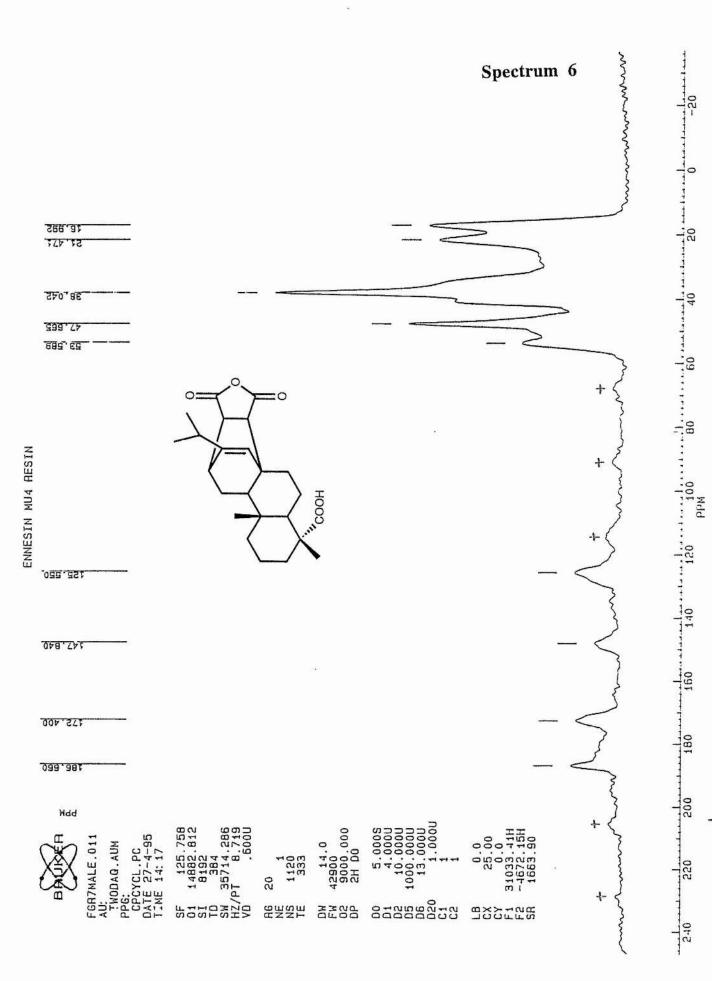


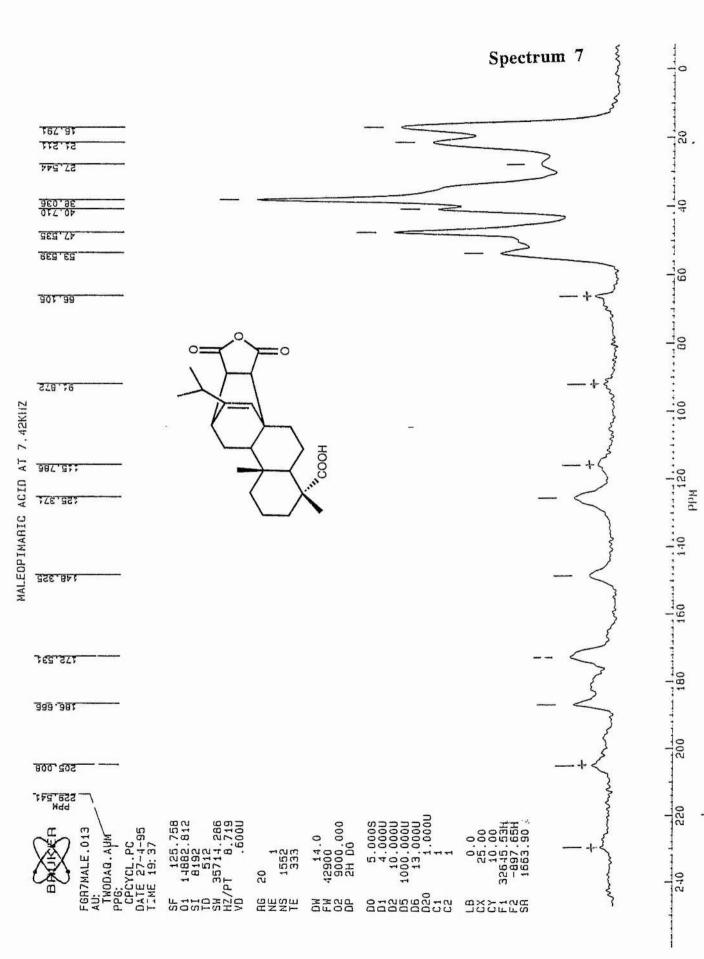
Fig. 4.3 Maleopimaric acid.

The commercial grade adduct, Ennesin MU4 resin, is seen in Spectrum 6, while the lab. synthesised compound, maleopimaric acid, is seen in Spectrum 7. They are similar in appearance, each having a broad amorphous region between 15 and 55ppm. Spectrum 6 shows four signals further down field. The resonances at 125.6 and 147.8ppm are from the two olefinic carbons. The broad signal at 172.4ppm accounts for both carbonyl resonances of the anhydride moiety of the adduct, while the carboxylic acid carbon is seen at 186.5ppm. Additional peaks in Spectrum 7 are due to spinning sidebands.

A marked difference is observed for the maleopimaric acid in Spectrum 8, which was recrystallised from acetic acid. Much greater resolution and hence crystallinity is reflected by the emergence of discrete peaks. The resonances for the carbonyl carbons, C-23 and C-24, are now well resolved at 174.5 and 172.4ppm respectively. The presence of five peaks around 180ppm instead of the three we would expect is presumably due to acetic acid of recrystallisation, although this was not checked further.



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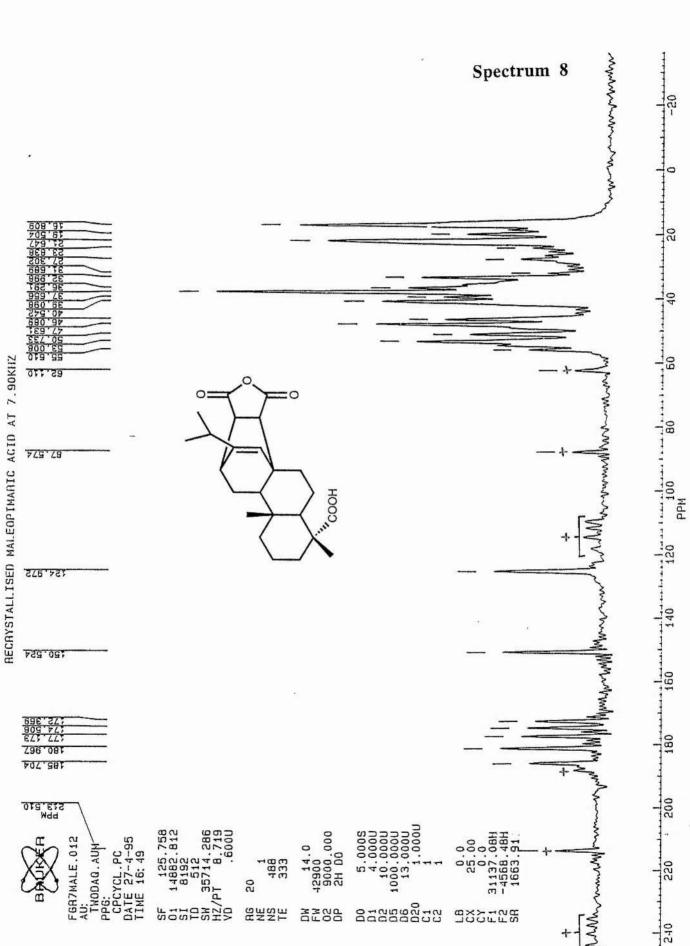


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4.4 Dihydroabietic acid (Staybelite resin)

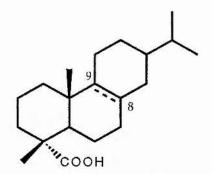


Fig. 4.4 Dihydroabietic acid.

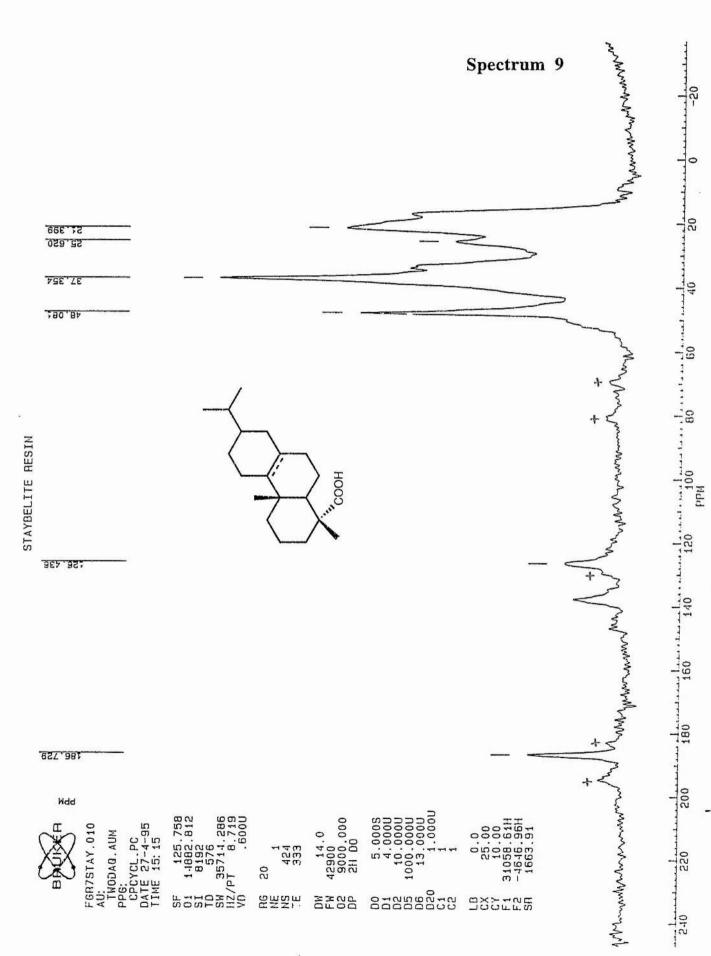
Spectrum 9 shows the commercial product, Staybelite resin, which is crude and so the signals are understandably broad. The three signals seen down field are due to the carboxylic acid carbon (186.7ppm) and the two olefinic carbons. The presence of two olefinic signals, although broad, may indicate that there is only one principal double bonded species responsible for dihydroabietic acid, most likely between C-8 and C-9.

The Resinated Pigments

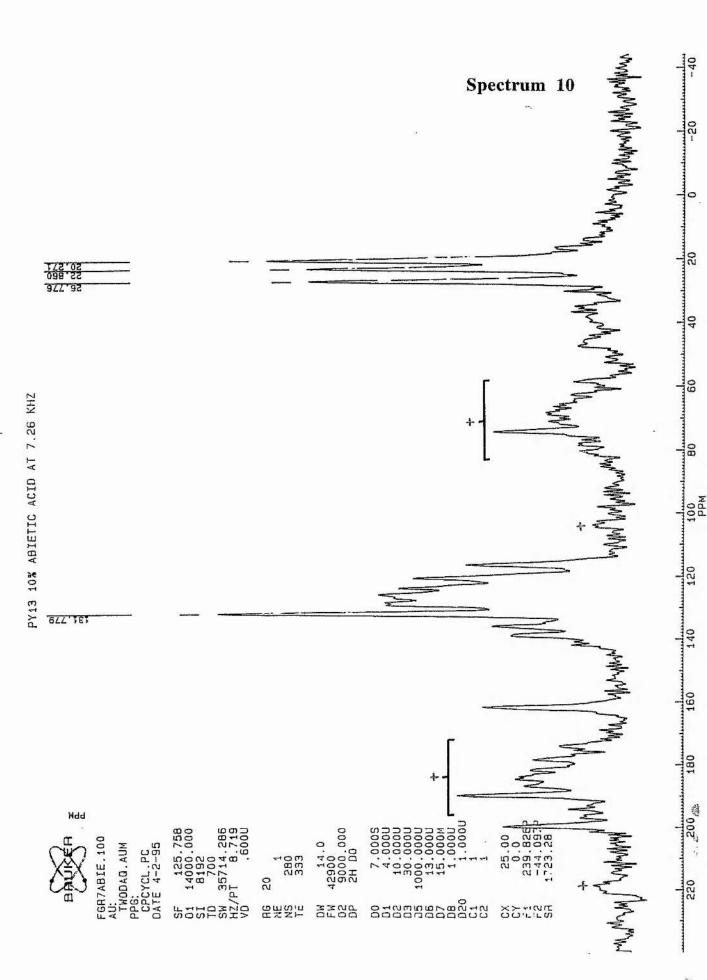
Each sample was recorded twice, at two different spinning speeds. ~7.5kHz and ~10kHz. This allowed the identification of spinning sidebands, since the position of the sidebands moves with varying spinning speed.

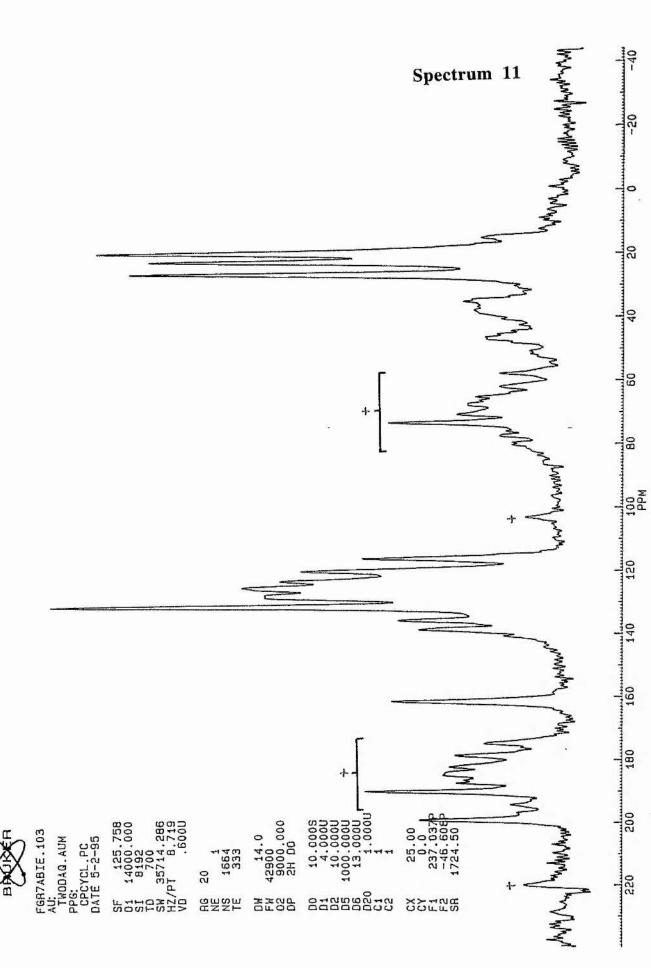
4.5 Pigment Yellow 13 / abietic acid

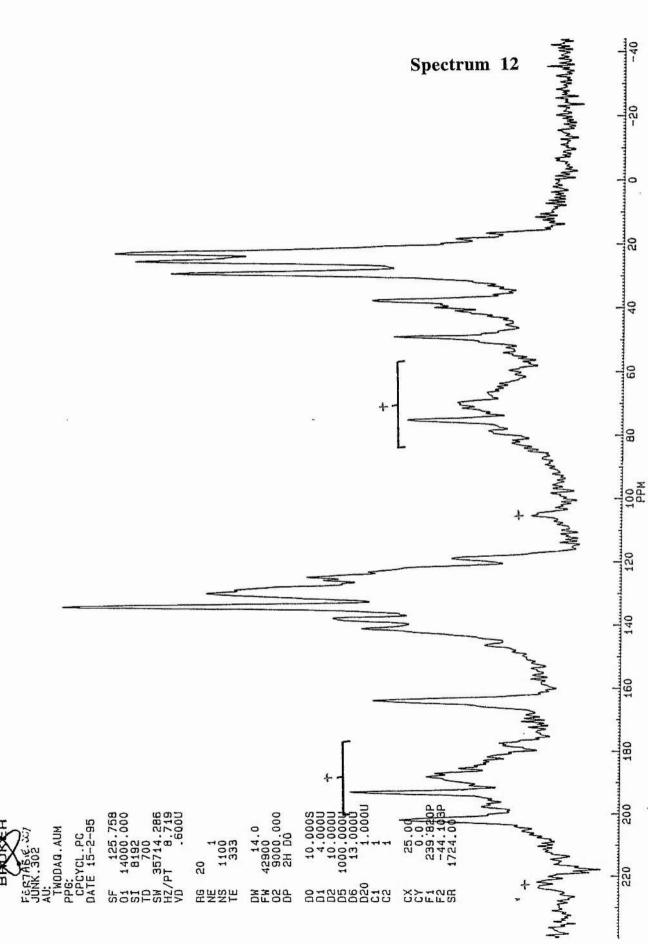
Spectra 10 to 13 relate to Pigment Yellow 13 resinated with 10-40% recrystallised abietic acid. Spectrum 14 is a stacked plot of these spectra, from 10 to 70ppm, provided for comparison purposes.

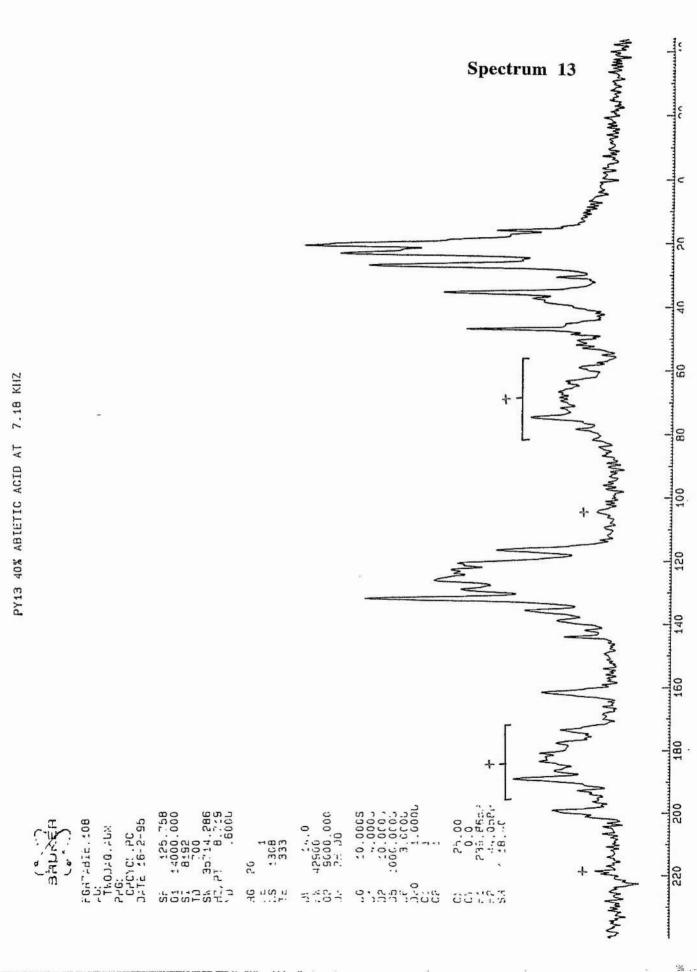


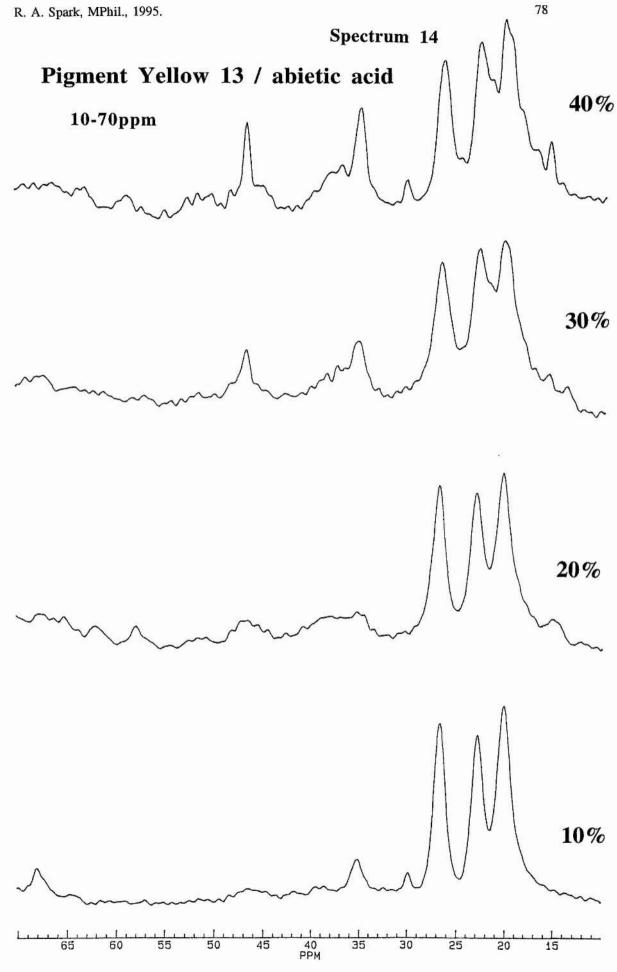
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The presence of abietic acid, even at 10% loading, during resination of P.Y.13 would appear to enhance crystallinity of the pigment dramatically since the spectra are much better resolved. The amount of abietic acid incorporated seems to make little difference to the enhancement of crystallinity.

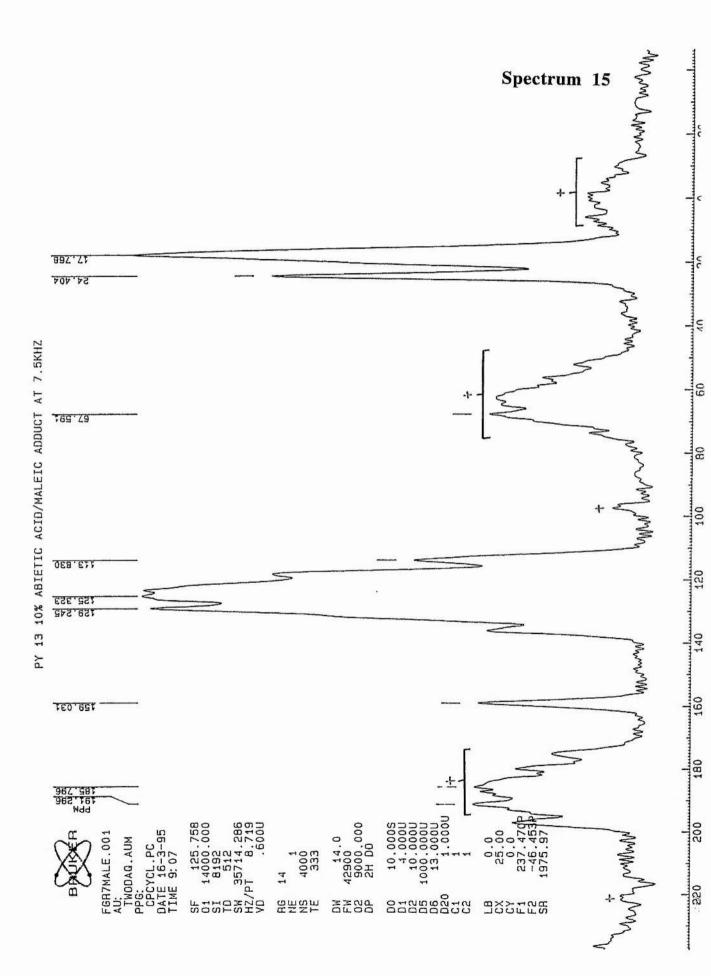
The emergence of peaks due to the abietic acid from 10 through to 40% loading can be observed in the region at around 40ppm. Two of the abietic acid peaks are obvious, but others are not so clear since they are emerging beneath the methyl resonances of P.Y.13 at around 25ppm, evident as shoulders of the methyl peaks. The emerging abietic acid peaks appear to be broader in the spectrum of the resinated pigment than in the spectrum of abietic acid itself.

The stacked plot, Spectrum 14, is supplied to make clear the emergence of the abietic acid.

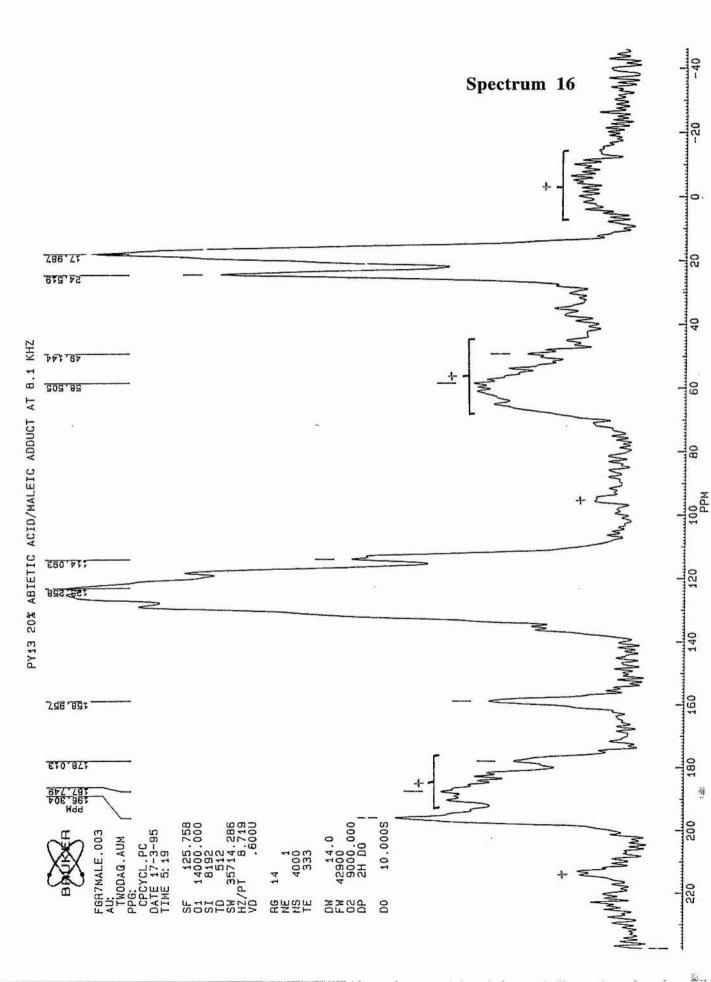
4.6 Pigment Yellow 13 / maleopimaric acid (Ennesin MU4)

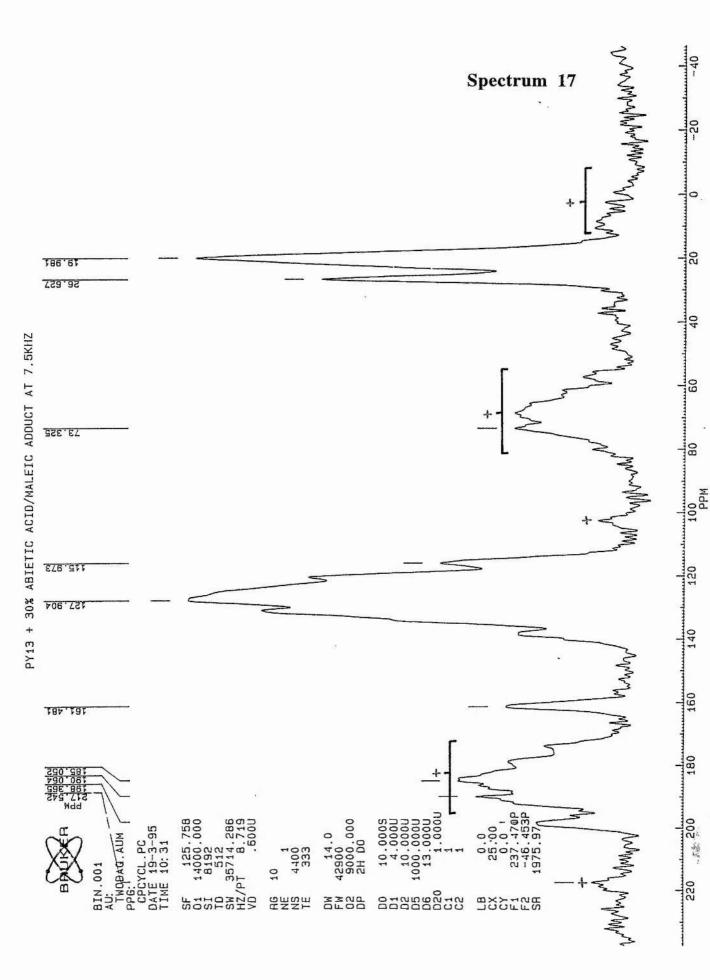
Spectra 15 to 17 relate to Pigment Yellow 13 resinated with 10-30% Ennesin MU4 resin.

As discussed previously, little of this particular resin acid is retained during the resination process. Accordingly, the pigment peaks are broad which reflects the crude nature of the starting P.Y.13, which is unchanged by this experiment. This is best seen around 20ppm, where the broad methyl resonances are merged into only two signals. Since the sample has undergone the 'heat treatment', we can confirm that this process alone does not serve to promote crystallinity in the pigment particles. Also, there is no indication of the presence of maleopimaric acid in the spectra, even at 30% loading.



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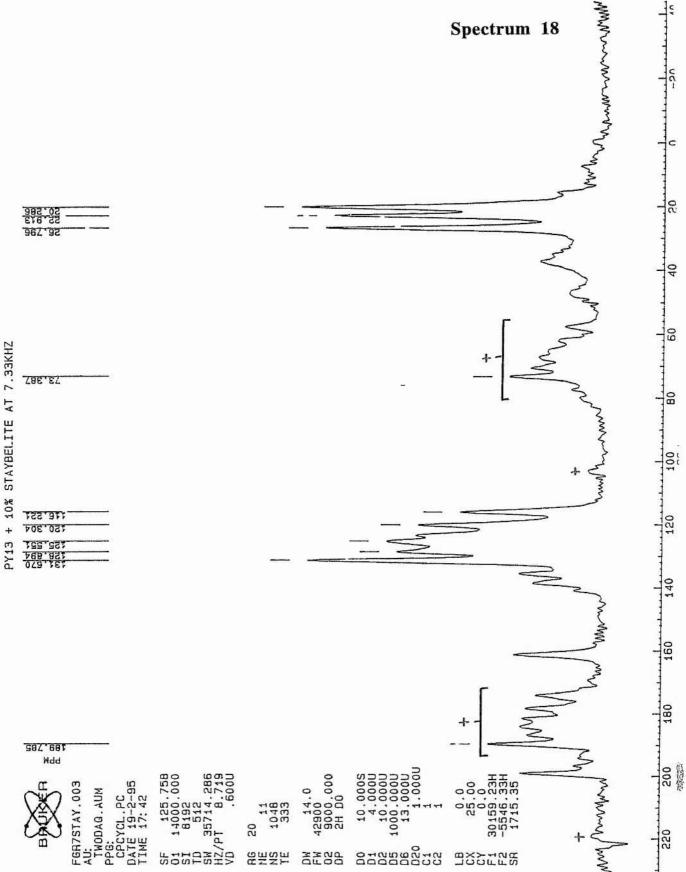
4.7 Pigment Yellow 13 / dihydroabietic acid (Staybelite)

Spectra 18 to 21 relate to Pigment Yellow 13 resinated with 10-40% Staybelite resin. Spectrum 22 is a stacked plot of these spectra, from 0 to 90ppm. Spectrum 23 is a stacked plot of the same Staybelite coated resin samples, from 150 to 220ppm, but recorded at a spinning speed of ~10kHz, in order to remove spinning sidebands from the <u>C</u>OOH region.

Again, as for P.Y.13 resinated with abietic acid, the pigment peaks in each case are relatively well resolved, indicating improved order in the pigment crystals. The emergence of the Staybelite resin peaks can be clearly seen, mainly at around 40ppm, with these resin peaks appearing to be broad when coated on the pigment. The stacked plot, Spectrum 22, displays the emergence of the Staybelite.

Especially important to note is the emergence of the Staybelite resonance at 187ppm in the stacked plot, Spectrum 23. These experiments were run at ~10kHz, so the spinning sidebands no longer obscure this resonance, accountable to the carboxylic acid carbon. This indicates that the carboxylic functionality of the resin acid remains untouched throughout the resination, instead of being involved in some chemical interaction with the pigment molecules.

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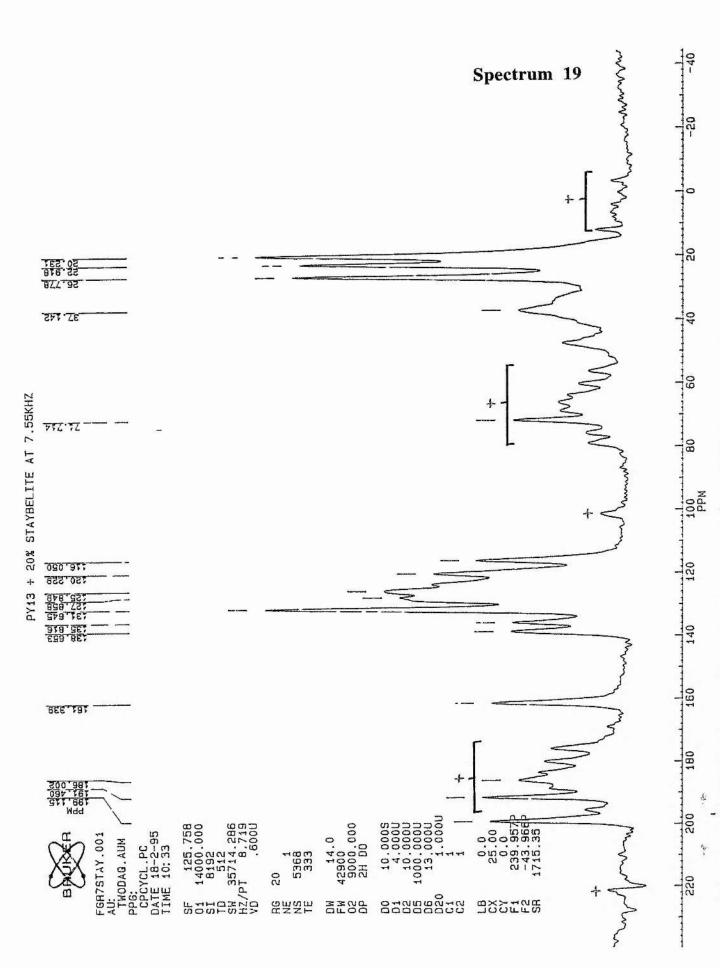


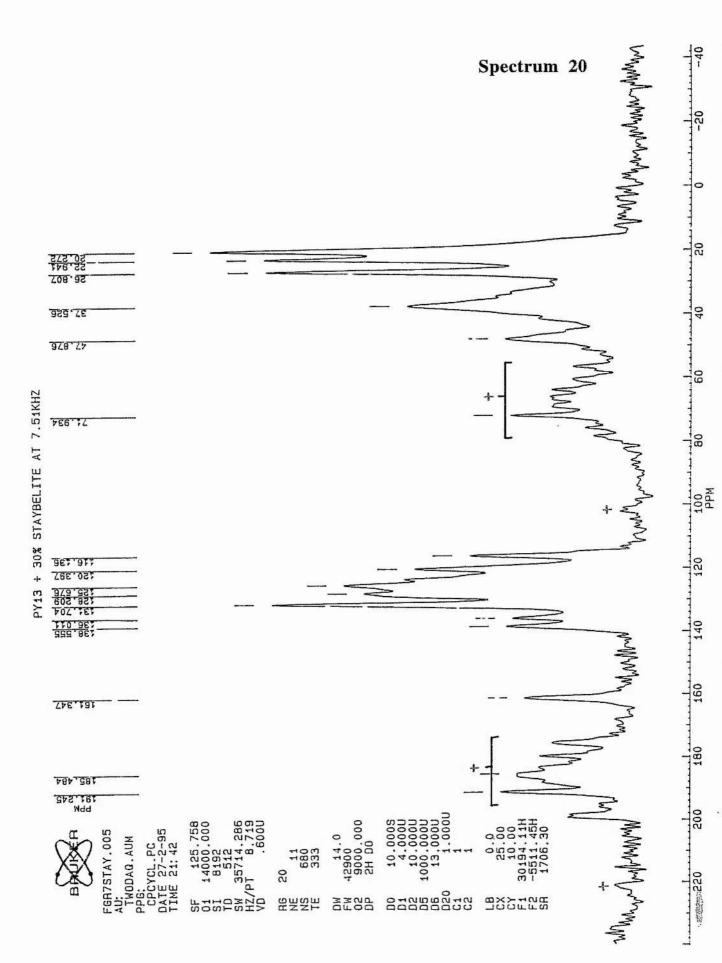
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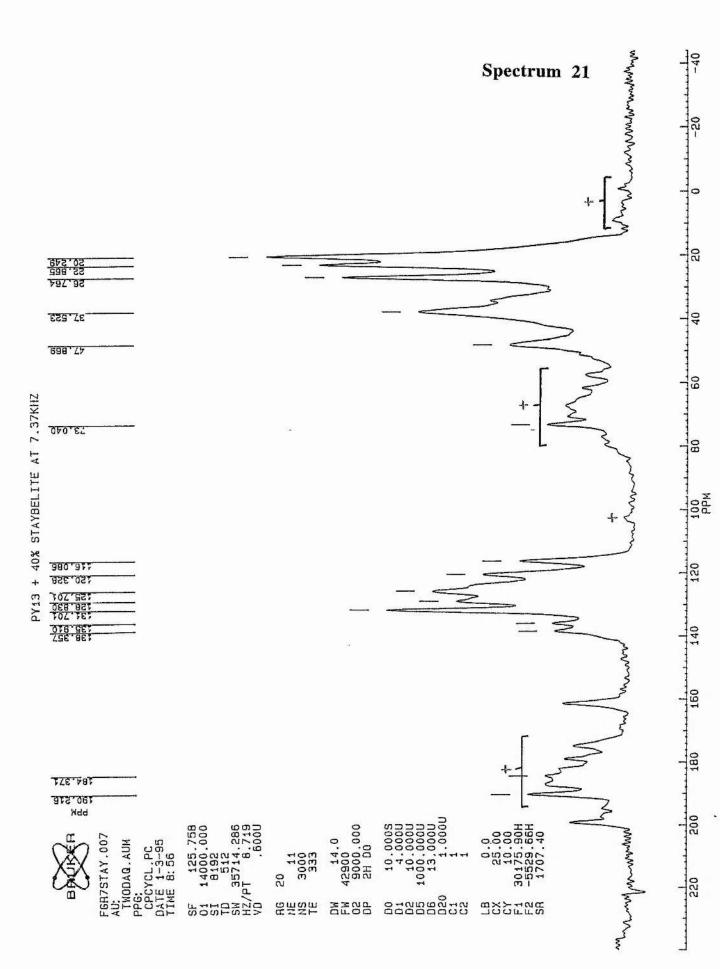
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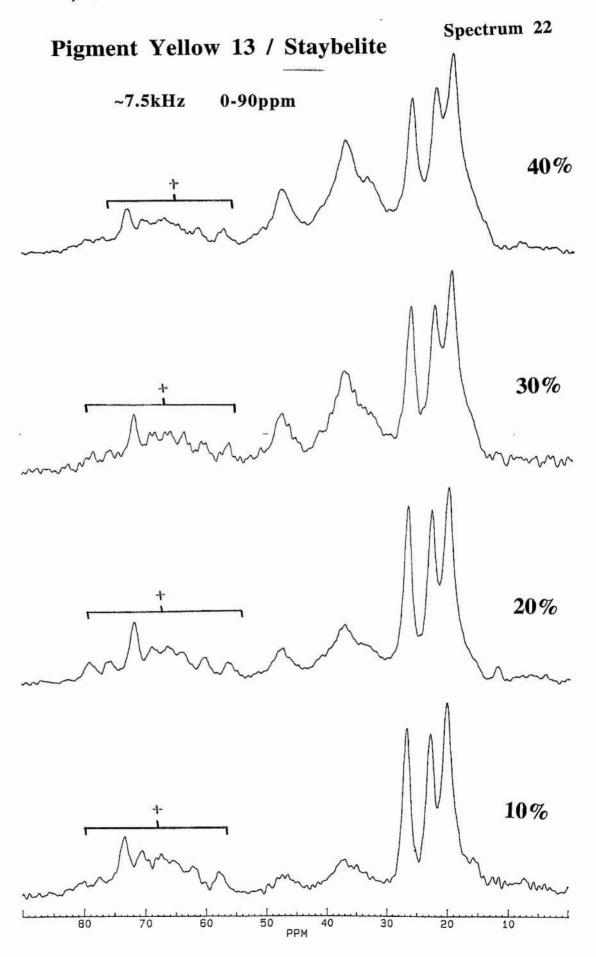






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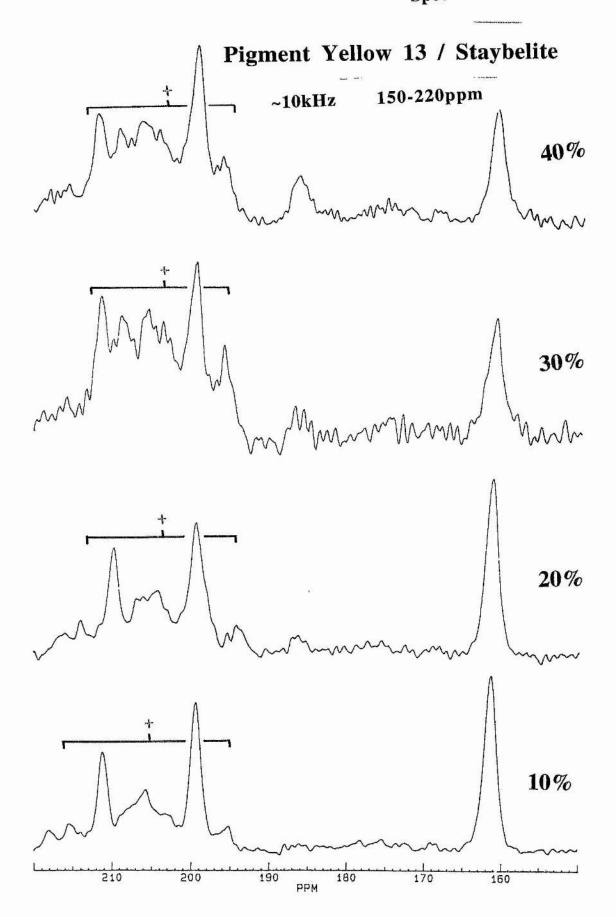


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Other Experiments

Apart from resinated Pigment Yellow 13 samples, there were other samples which were required to be run to complete the solid-state ¹³C NMR study.

4.8 C-13 labelled maleopimaric acids

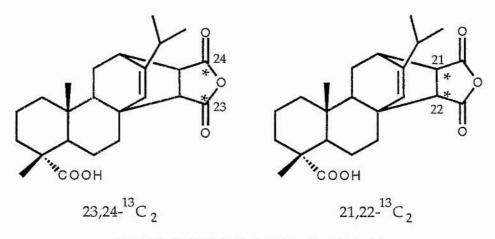
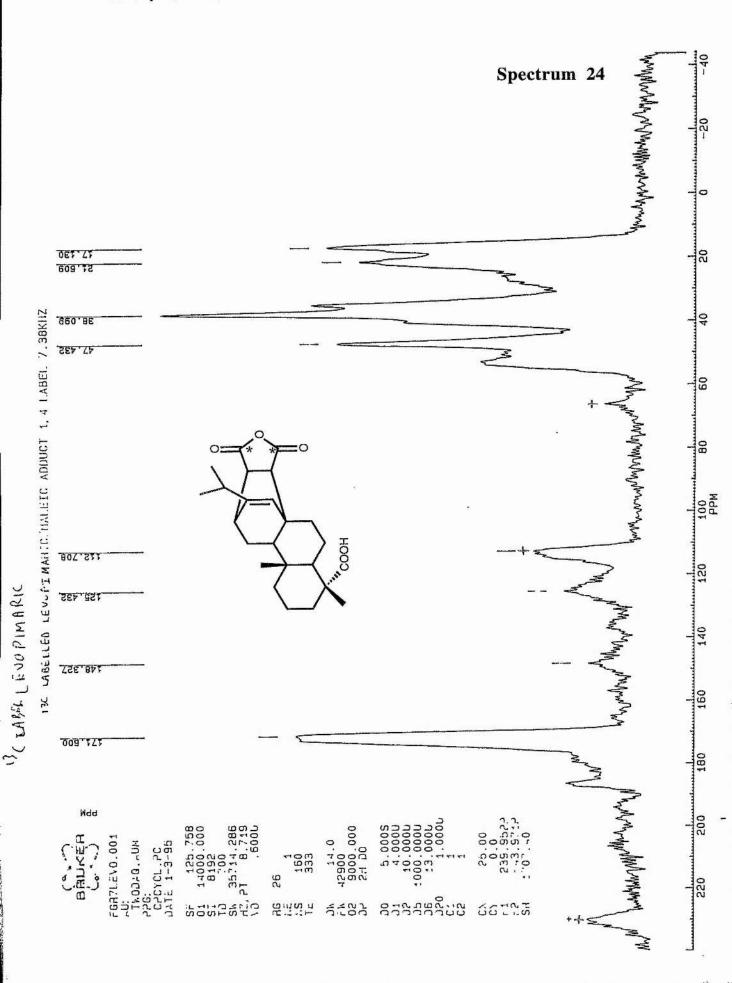


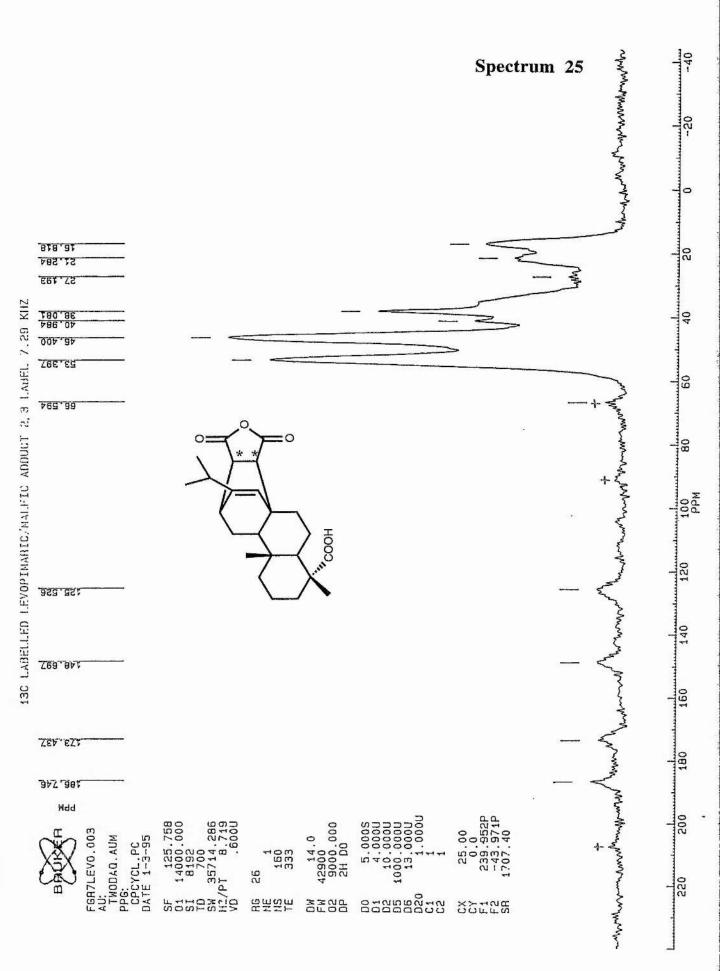
Fig. 4.5 C-13 labelled maleopimaric acids.

It is necessary to compare the spectra of the crude $23,24-13C_2$ and $21,22-13C_2$ labelled maleopimaric acid adducts with normal lab. synthesised maleopimaric acid (Spectrum 7). Both samples were prepared with 10% of the ¹³C labelled maleic anhydride.

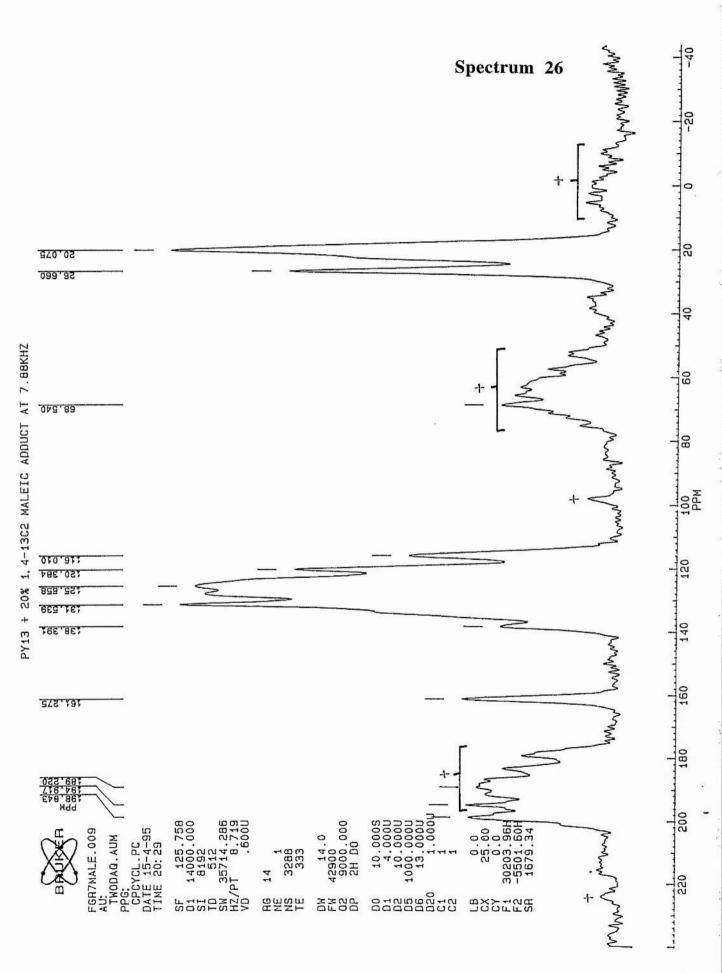
Spectrum 24 shows the adduct prepared from $1,4-^{13}C_2$ maleic anhydride. The enhanced signals for C-23 and C-24 in the adduct are actually seen to merge at ~171ppm. Of course, recrystallisation of the labelled adduct would improve the resolution of the spectrum.

Spectrum 25 shows the adduct prepared from $2,3-{}^{13}C_2$ maleic anhydride. The two enhanced signals for C-21 and C-22 in the adduct can be seen at 46.4 and 53.4ppm respectively.





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The sample of P.Y.13 resinated with 20% of 23.24- $^{13}C_2$ labelled maleopimaric acid was run. It was already suspected that there would be no significant change noted, since the adduct is not retained during the resination. Spectrum 26 serves to confirm this belief. The pigment peaks remain broad, and there is no evidence of an enhanced signal for the labelled acid expected at ~171ppm.

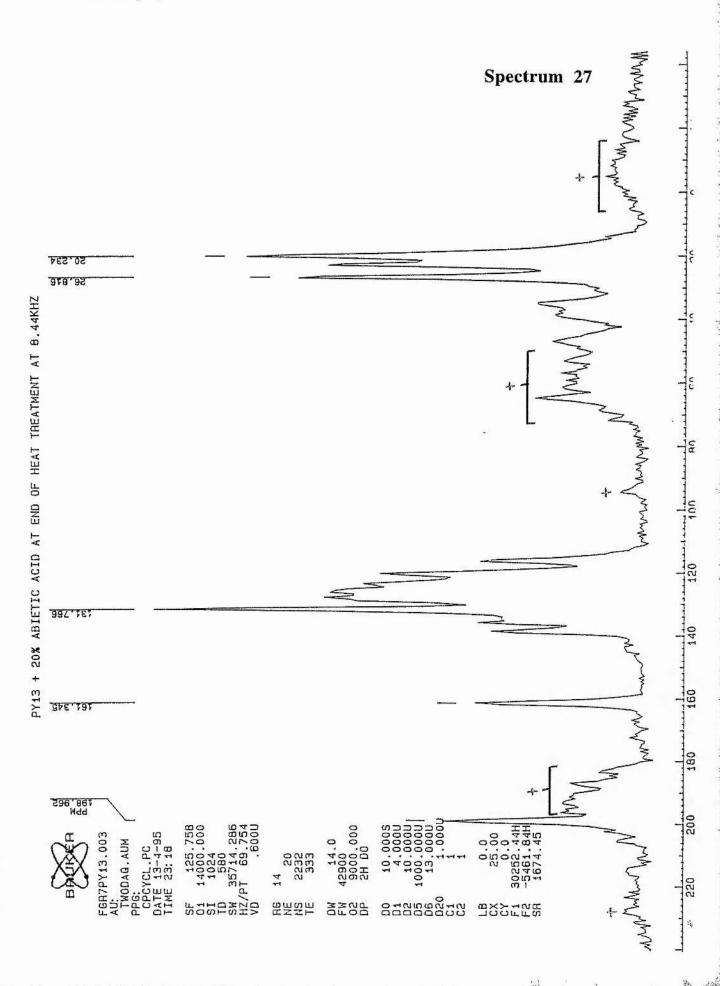
4.9 P.Y.13 + 20% abietic acid added at end of heat treatment

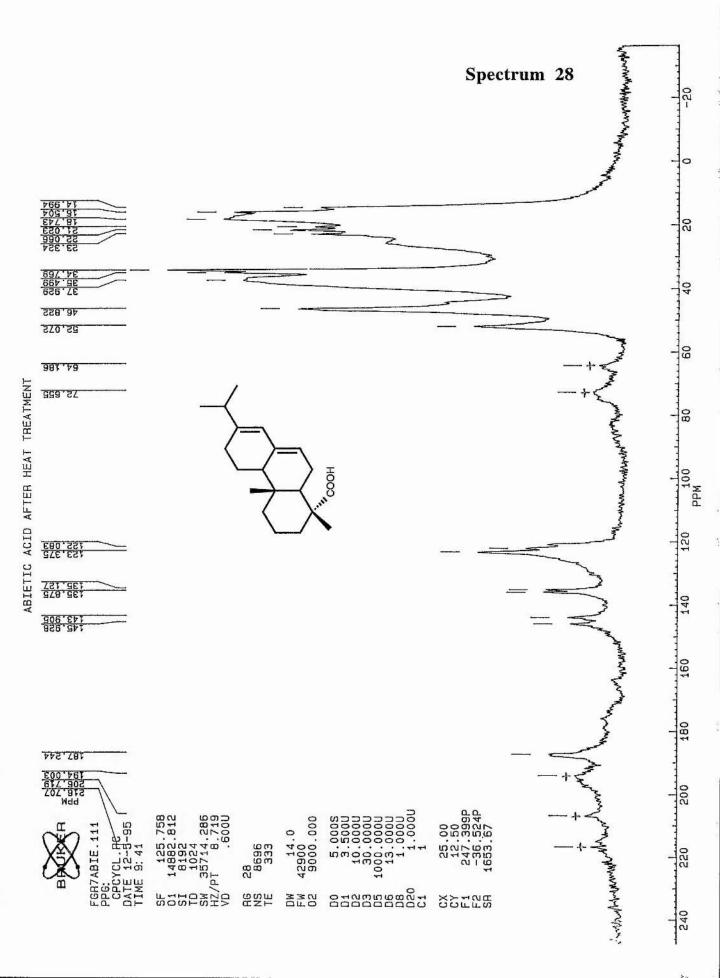
The purpose of this experiment was to assess if pigment crystallinity was enhanced, even when adding the abietic acid to the crude pigment crystals for a short time only. The heat treatment was continued as normal for 25 minutes, before adding the resin solution, reprecipitating the resin and stirring at 90-95°C for a further 5 minutes. During the 25 minutes of the heat treatment in the absence of any resin, pigment particle size was presumably increased.

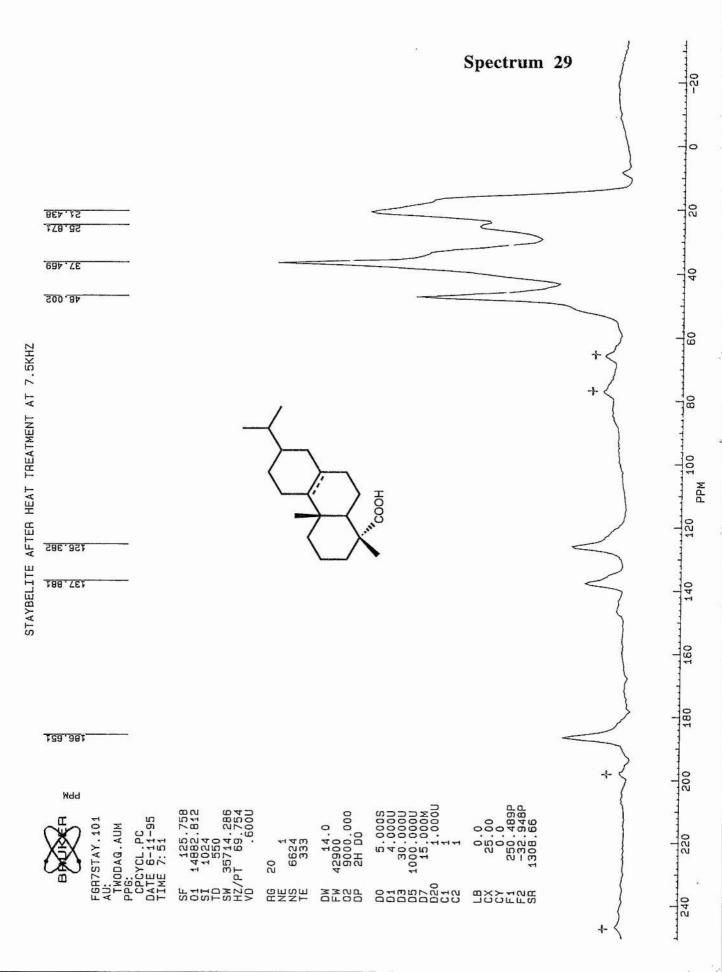
Spectrum 27 shows that crystallinity has indeed been enhanced. It should be noted that the "development of colour", where the pigment slurry is normally observed to get brighter in colour, was only seen to occur after the abietic had been added and reprecipitated.

4.10 Form of resin acids after heat treatment

The physical and chemical states of the resin acids when precipitated on the pigment crystals needed to be evaluated. Solution NMR has already indicated that abietic acid and Staybelite are unchanged chemically, while Ennesin MU4 is chemically altered.







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Spectrum 28 shows a sample of abietic acid which has been subjected to the heat treatment process, in the absence of any pigment. Although the lines are broader than for the recrystallised sample (Spectrum 3), doubling of resonances in the solid-state is again observed, due to the presence of two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit cell.

When compared to the recrystallised abietic acid, the isolated acid appears to be much more amorphous because of the broad nature of all the signals. This would account for the broad abietic acid peaks noted in the spectra of the resinated pigments. We can conclude that recrystallised abietic acid is reprecipitated in a more amorphous physical form, the form which is coated on the pigment crystals.

Spectrum 29 shows a sample of Staybelite resin which has been subjected to the heat treatment. When compared to commercial Staybelite in Spectrum 9, broader and less well resolved signals again indicate a more amorphous product. There are several well resolved shoulders in Spectrum 9 which are not present for the isolated acid. The difference is not as marked as for abietic acid, but this is because the starting Staybelite is crude anyway, while the inputted abietic acid is recrystallised.

4.11 Recrystallised P.Y.13 + 40% abietic acid

One last experiment was carried out to complete the NMR study. What would be the effect of resinating previously recrystallised Pigment Yellow 13? It would be interesting to find out if crystallinity was enhanced further by the resination process. 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (b.p. 214°C) was used to recrystallise P.Y.13 (m.p. 351-353°C).

An aqueous slurry of recrystallised P.Y.13 was prepared, and adjusted to pH10. A solution of abietic acid (40% by weight of P.Y.13) in aqueous NaOH was made up with heat and stirring. The resin solution was added to the P.Y.13 aqueous slurry at pH10. The mixture was heated to 95°C, and the pH was adjusted to 7.0 to

reprecipitate the resin. The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at 90-95°C, before allowing to cool to 70°C. The resinated sample was filtered, washed with water and dried at 70°C overnight.

The isolated product was peachy pink in colour, rather than the intense orange of the recrystallised Pigment Yellow 13. This dramatic loss of colour strength can be explained: there is a relationship between particle size and colour strength, whereby the colour strength decreases rapidly with increasing particle size. Maximum colour strength is achieved with a particle size of 0.01 to 0.1microns.

Crude pigment particles are very small and so have a huge surface area, whereas recrystallised pigment crystals are comparatively large and so have a very much smaller surface area. Therefore, crude pigment particles will have a thin layer of coated resin while the recrystallised particles will have a thick layer.

With the smaller pigmented particles, the incident light is not greatly hindered by the resin layer and almost all of the light is reflected by the pigment crystals. For the larger pigmented particles, much of the incident light is absorbed or reflected by the resin layer, diluting the colour.

It should be noted that when a portion of the recrystallised P.Y.13 was added to chloroform, the resin was dissolved and the bright orange pigment crystals reappeared.

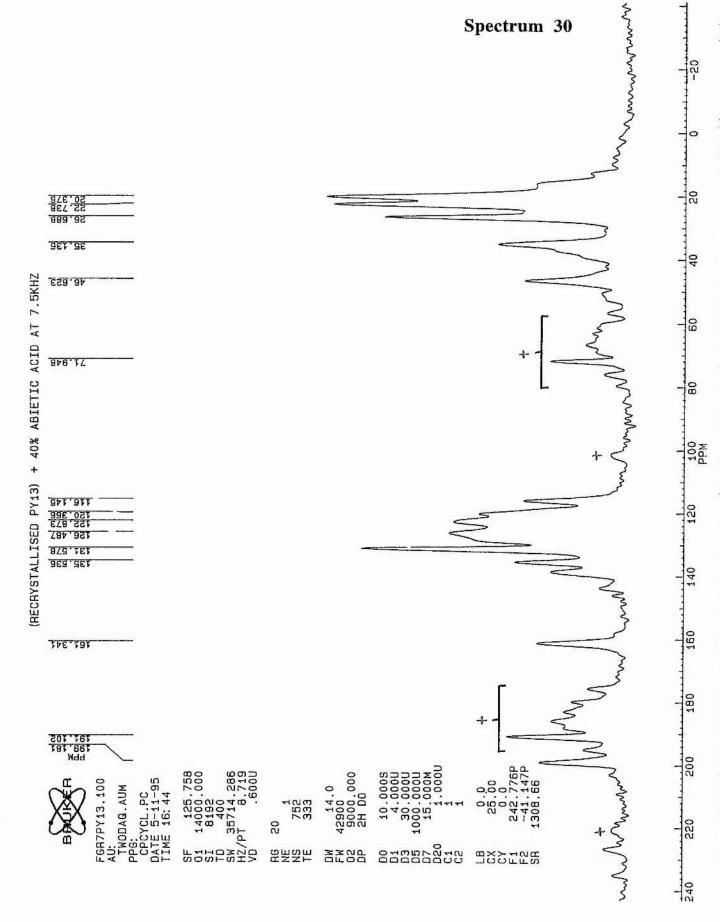
Spectrum 30 shows the recrystallised P.Y.13 coated with 40% abietic acid. The inputted recrystallised P.Y.13 used in this experiment can be seen in Spectrum 31. However, a comparison is difficult due to the abietic acid peaks which overlap the pigment peaks in Spectrum 30.

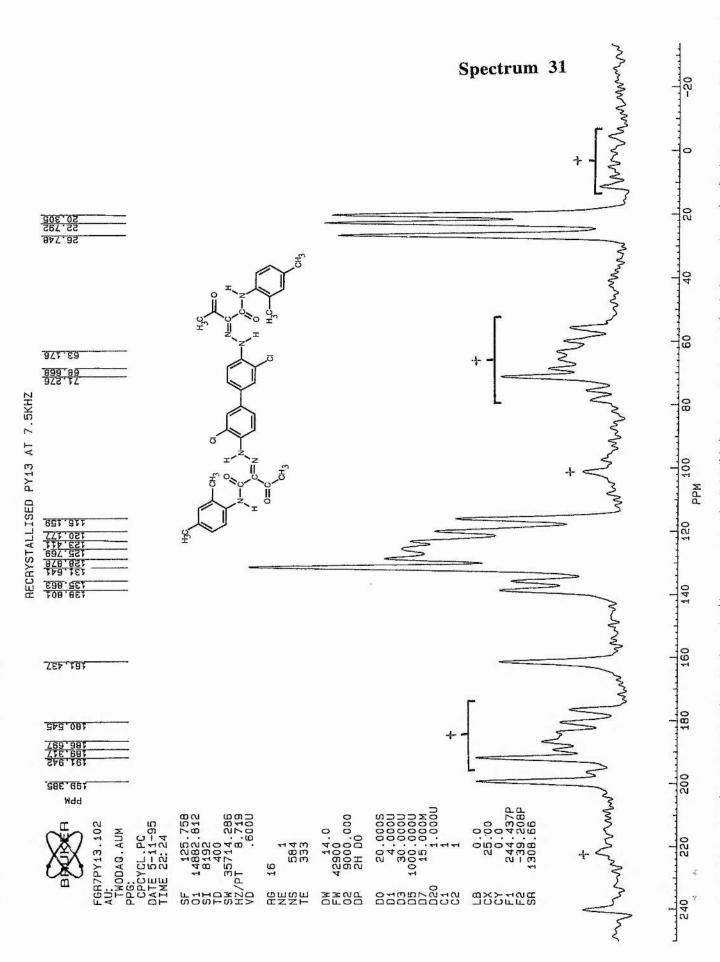
Therefore, it was necessary to carry out a powder X-ray diffraction experiment to make a conclusion, in the hope that there may be some observable difference.

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5 POWDER X-RAY DIFFRACTION STUDIES

Powder X-ray diffraction data were collected on a STOE Stadi diffractometer. The samples were mounted in 0.5mm glass capillaries and the detector was programmed to collect data within a suitable scattering angle range in 0.5° increments. The detector range used and the length of time at each increment varied according to the sample.

5.1 Crude / recrystallised Pigment Yellow 13

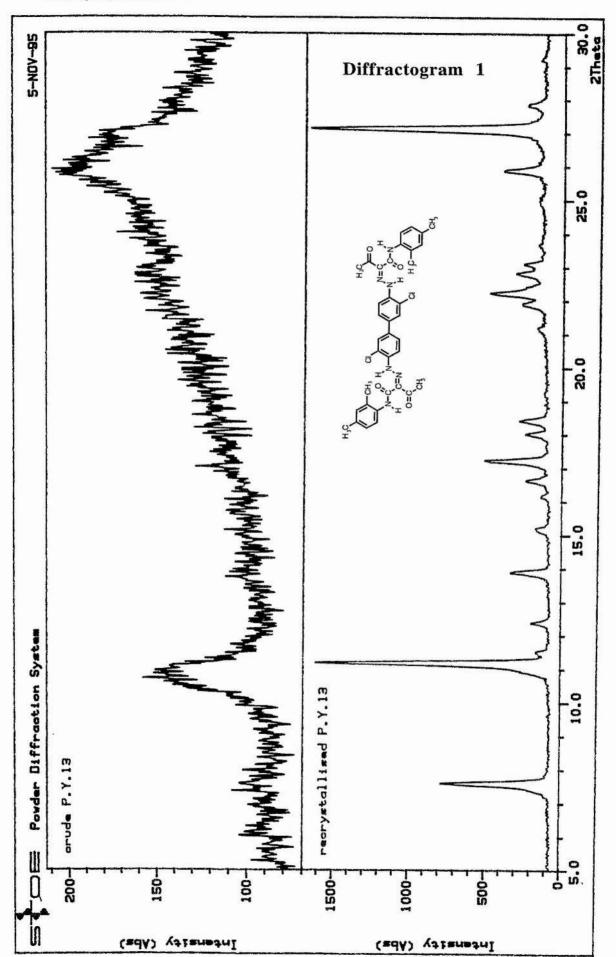
Diffractogram 1 shows the diffraction pattern obtained for crude P.Y.13 and also P.Y.13 recrystallised from 1.2.4-trichlorobenzene. Crude P.Y.13 gives a similarly crude diffraction pattern, containing two broad amorphous humps and a noisy baseline.

When running recrystallised P.Y.13 under the same conditions, a remarkable transformation has occurred. Three intense sharp peaks are observed, as well as several smaller peaks. The two largest peaks, with scattering angles of 11° and 27°, do not exactly correspond to the maxima of the two amorphous humps for the crude sample, although an approximate correlation is observed.

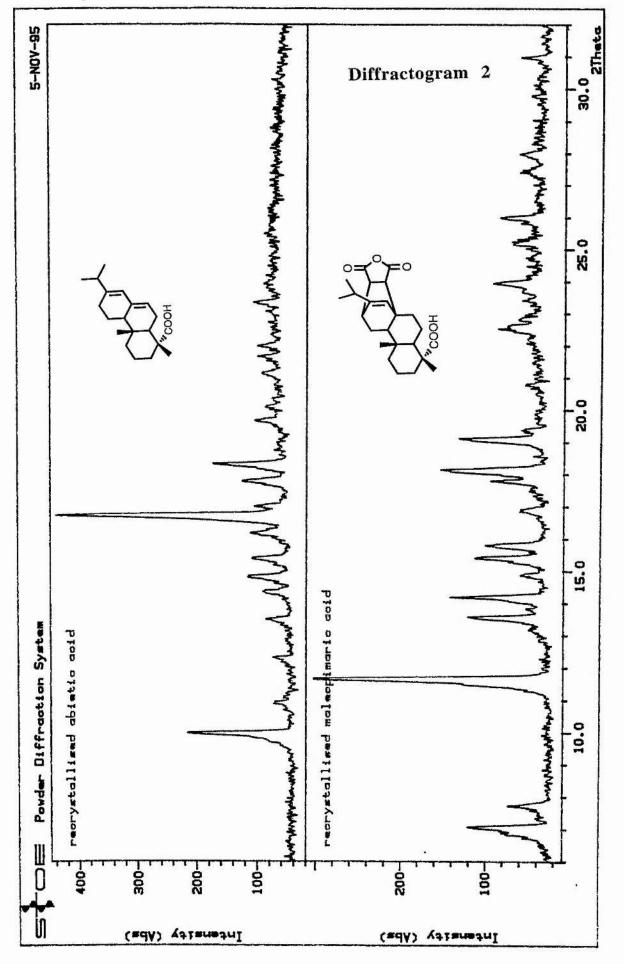
5.2 Abietic acid and maleopimaric acid

Diffractogram 2 shows the patterns obtained for abietic acid recrystallised from aqueous ethanol and maleopimaric acid recrystallised from acetic acid. These are provided for information only, and provide a useful "fingerprint" for the acids.

Abietic acid has a maximum absorbance at a scattering angle of 16.5°, while maleopimaric acid has a maximum at 11.5°.



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5.3 Resinated Pigment Yellow 13

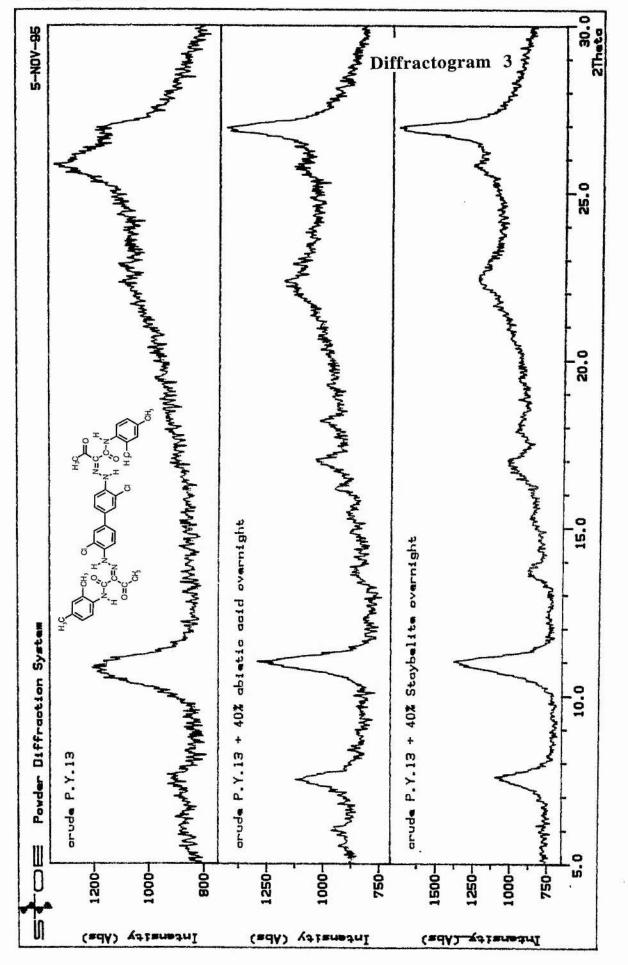
Resinated samples of P.Y.13 were then examined by powder XRD, to assess any effect on crystallinity of the pigment crystals. As we have seen already, recrystallisation of the crude pigment results in a much better defined diffraction pattern. However, when recrystallising resinated P.Y.13 the resin is lost and solely recrystallised P.Y.13 is obtained.

Therefore, samples of crude P.Y.13 resinated with 40% loadings of abietic acid and Staybelite resin were run for 15 hours and compared with crude P.Y.13 run for a similar time. The results of the experiment are seen in Diffractogram 3.

The diffraction patterns for the resinated samples are clearly better resolved and so are more crystalline in nature, or less amorphous. It is interesting to note that the amorphous hump for the crude P.Y.13, at a scattering angle of 26°, is lost after resination. But all other peaks are sharper and better defined, and small peaks are seen to appear from the baseline. Especially noticeable is the appearance of a sizeable peak at a scattering angle of 7.5°, which is where one of the larger peaks in recrystallised P.Y.13 occurs.

It should be pointed out that all the peaks present in the patterns of the resinated P.Y.13 samples correspond to P.Y.13 itself, and not the resin acids.

This result confirms those found by ¹³C CP/MAS NMR i.e. that degree of crystallinity in the pigment crystals is enhanced in the presence of resin acids.



5.4 Form of resin acids after heat treatment

The purpose of this experiment was to try to determine what happens to the physical form of the resin acids, when they are processed through the heat treatment in the absence of any pigment. This should reflect the form of the resin acids when coated on the pigment crystals during resination. Solid-state NMR studies carried out previously suggest the resin acids are more amorphous when reprecipitated during the resination process.

Diffractogram 4 shows a sample of abietic acid isolated after the heat treatment, as well as a sample of recrystallised abietic acid used as starting material for the experiment. The reprecipitated abietic acid is indeed much more amorphous than the starting material, as evidenced by the lack of definition in the diffraction pattern.

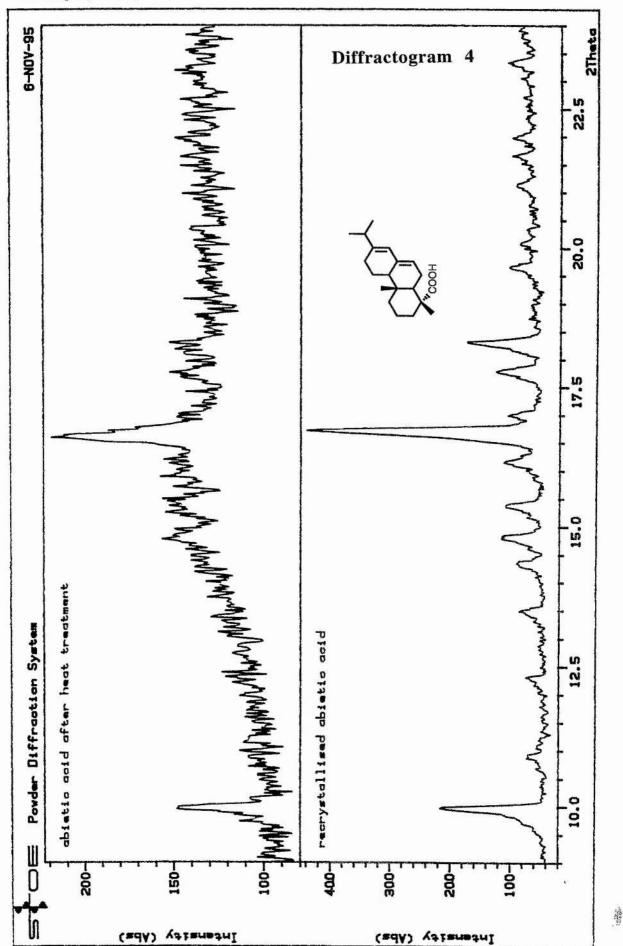
It is considered pointless to carry out this study with Staybelite resin, since commercial Staybelite is amorphous anyway, and so the diffraction patterns obtained would be difficult to compare.

5.5 <u>Recrystallised P.Y.13 + 40% abietic acid</u>

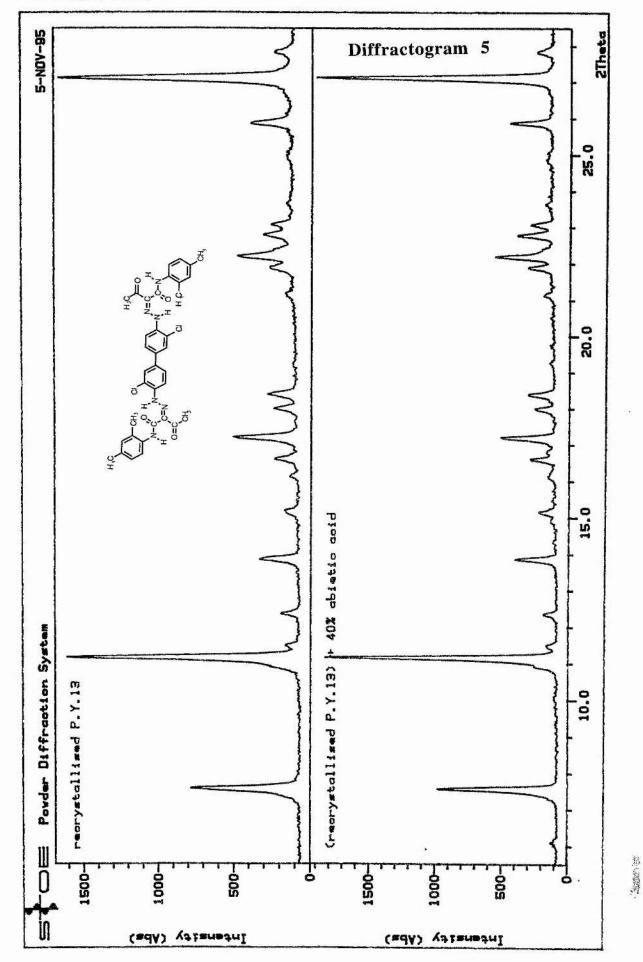
No conclusion was made after the solid-state NMR study due to the abietic acid peaks overlapping the pigment peaks. It is useful then that the abietic acid peaks do not appear to obscure X-ray diffraction patterns of the resinated pigments.

The results of this study can be seen in Diffractogram 5. The resinated recrystallised P.Y.13 gives a diffraction pattern which is slightly better resolved when compared with the pattern for the pigment itself. This is clearly seen within a scattering angle range of 21.5 to 23.5°; the peaks are sharper and the wells are deeper. The improved sharpness of the shoulder on the peak at 11° also serves to make this point.

So, even when starting with crystalline Pigment Yellow 13, the crystallinity in the pigment crystals is further enhanced.



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6 <u>CONCLUSION</u>

It appears, both from solid-state ¹³C CP/MAS NMR and powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) studies, that the resins applied to pigments industrially to improve their characteristics have a profound effect on their crystallisation. Whereas the heat treatment enhances pigment crystal size, resination serves to improve crystallinity, or degree of order, within the pigment crystals. This knowledge is in addition to what is traditionally understood about the resination process; limitation of aggregation and agglomeration and the subsequent benefits of smaller particle size, improvement of dispersibility in liquid media and reduction in interfacial tension.

Increased sharpness and resolution seen in both solid-state ¹³C NMR spectra and powder XRD diffraction patterns of resinated Pigment Yellow 13 samples was a good indication of improved crystallinity of the pigment crystals.

Even when a recrystallised Pigment Yellow 13 sample is resinated, a further increase in pigment crystal order is observed in the resinated sample.

The mechanism of this improved crystal order is uncertain, although a physical phenomenon could be responsible, where the resin layer applies a degree of pressure on the pigment crystals to reduce volume and so increase order.

It is a popular theory that the carboxylic acid group of the resin acids takes part in some chemical interaction with the pigment molecule. In the solid-state ¹³C NMR spectra of Pigment Yellow 13 resinated with Staybelite resin, a peak is seen to emerge with a chemical shift which is accountable to the carboxylic acid carbon of the Staybelite resin.

Also, in the XRD diffractograms for resinated Pigment Yellow 13, there are no peaks present which can not be allocated to either P.Y.13 or the resin acid.

These observations would seem to conclusively prove that there is no chemical interaction between the carboxylic acid of the resin acids and the pigment molecule, but merely a physical coating of resin on to the pigment particles.

Lines observed for the resins in solid-state ¹³C NMR spectra of resinated Pigment Yellow 13 samples appear to be broader than those seen in spectra for the resins themselves. This result is confirmed by powder XRD, where a sample of abietic acid subjected to the heat treatment in the absence of any pigment gave a diffraction pattern much more amorphous than that observed for the starting abietic acid.

It would appear, therefore, that the resin acids, when reprecipitated and applied to the pigment, are physically more amorphous in nature i.e. their molecules are arranged in a relatively random fashion on the pigment particles. This may be a consequence of the relatively harsh caustic conditions experienced during the resination process.

Lastly, it is unfortunate that attempts to synthesise a useful ¹³C labelled resin acid analogue were unsuccessful.

Initial investigations, to carry out a Barton reaction to provide a ¹³C labelled carboxylic acid group in abietic acid, proved difficult in the model compound due to steric hindrance, and so would be impossible in abietic acid itself due to further steric effects.

The two ¹³C labelled resin acid analogues which were synthesised, ¹³C labelled maleopimaric acids, were washed out during the resination process, so no label was retained and no information was gained. Attempts to overcome this by synthesising a more stable analogue, from *N*-methylmaleimide rather than maleic anhydride, were only partially successful. Conversion from maleic anhydride to *N*-methylmaleimide was low, but this was to no avail since the Diels-Alder reaction between isomerised abietic acid and *N*-methylmaleimide did not proceed.

Diazald esterification of various molecules, with a view to introducing a ¹³C-Me labelled group, proved to be difficult also.

7 EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were carried out on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus. Infra Red spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 1310IR spectrophotometer and ¹H and ¹³C NMR solution spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini 200 NMR spectrometer, operating at 200MHz and 50MHz for ¹H and ¹³C respectively.

1-Methylcyclohexanol

The Grignard reagent was prepared by reacting magnesium turnings (24.30g, 1mol.) and methyl iodide (141.94g, 1mol.) in ether (60ml), under nitrogen. Freshly distilled cyclohexanone (52.36g, 0.53mol.) in ether (50ml) was added to the prepared Grignard reagent. Further ether (80ml) was necessary to mobilise the reaction. After refluxing for 1 hour, the reaction mixture was poured onto 2M H₂SO₄ in crushed ice (400g). The separated aqueous layer was washed twice with ether. The combined ether was dried over MgSO₄, evaporated under reduced pressure and purified by Vigreux distillation. Yield 45.94g (75.4%), b.p. 61°C/16mmHg, m.p. 24-26°C, IR vmax 2850cm⁻¹ (C-H), 3340cm⁻¹ (broad, O-H), NMR (CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.5 (10H, m, cyclic aliphatics), 1.05 (3H, s, CH₃).

1-Bromo-1-methylcyclohexane

1-Methylcyclohexanol (40.0g, 0.35mol.) was stirred vigorously with 48.5% hydrobromic acid (400ml). The mixture was extracted with ether and washed with water. The ether was dried over MgSO₄, evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was purified by Vigreux distillation. Yield 50.52g (81.4%), b.p. 56°C/16mmHg, IR v_{max} 2850cm⁻¹ (C-H), 750cm⁻¹ (C-Br), NMR (CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.8 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.6 (10H, m, cyclic aliphatics).

1-Methyl-1-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid

Conc. formic acid (3ml) was added dropwise to conc. sulphuric acid (392g. 4mol.) with vigorous stirring at 15-20°C to generate carbon monoxide. Freshly distilled 2-methylcyclohexanol (28.5g, 0.25mol.) in formic acid (46g, 1mol.) was added over 1 hour, during which time vigorous foaming of CO occurred. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 15-20°C and poured onto crushed ice (1Kg) with stirring. The acid separated as a white solid and was taken up in hexane (200ml). The separated aqueous layer was washed with hexane (2x150ml). The combined hexane layers were extracted with a mixture of 1.4M KOH (175ml) and crushed ice (50g) twice. The combined alkaline aqueous layer was extracted with hexane (100ml) and acidified with conc. HCl to pH2. The liberated carboxylic acid was taken up in hexane (150ml). The aqueous layer was washed with hexane (100ml). The combined hexane layers were washed with water, dried over MgSO4, evaporated under reduced pressure and purified by Vigreux distillation. Yield 27.03g (76.2%), b.p. 125°C/20mmHg, m.p. 35-37°C, IR ν_{max} 2950cm⁻¹ (C-H), 3000cm⁻¹ (broad, COOH), NMR (CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.4 (10H, m, cyclic aliphatics), 1.2 (3H, s, CH₃).

Pigment Yellow 13

A solution of AAMX (62.5g, 0.305mol.) in 47% NaOH (27.5g) and water (440ml) was prepared. A solution of glacial acetic acid (23.4g) in water (83ml) was added dropwise to adjust the mixture to pH6, with vigorous stirring,to re-precipitate the AAMX. The mixture was stirred for 15 minutes before cooling with ice to 16°C. Meanwhile, a solution of DCB tetrazo (~11%; 361.1g, 0.14mol.) was cooled with ice. A little sulphamic acid was added to the DCB tetrazo to eliminate nitrite. DCB tatrazo was added to the AAMX via a peristaltic pump, maintaining the temperature at 16°C. The pH was kept at 4.8 throughout by the addition of a solution of 47% NaOH (50g) in water (150ml). Towards the end of the coupling reaction, the mixture was checked for excess DCB tetrazo with a solution of 'H'-acid (4-amino-5-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalene disulphonic acid). The coupling took one hour, after which the mixture

was allowed to stir for 90 minutes. while warming naturally to room temperature, before adjusting the pH to 6.0 with 47% NaOH. The prepared P.Y.13 was stored as an aqueous slurry at pH 6.0. A quantitative amount of P.Y.13 was produced i.e. ~97g.

Resinated Pigment Yellow 13 (general procedure)

Pigment Yellow 13 aqueous slurry (containing ~9.7g P.Y.13) was stirred, and adjusted to pH10 with dil. NaOH. Meanwhile, a solution of resin acid;

A	0.97g	(10% by weight of P.Y.13)
В	1.94g	(20%)
С	2.91g	(30%)
D	3.88g	(40%)

in water (~40ml) and 47% NaOH (few drops) was made up with heat and stirring. The hot resin solution was added to the P.Y.13 slurry at pH10, which retains the resin in solution. Steam was applied directly to the mixture until a temperature of 95°C was reached, at which point dil. HCl was added to pH7.0 to precipitate the resin. Stirring was continued at 90-95°C for 30 minutes. After allowing to cool to 70°C, the resinated product was filtered under vacuum and washed with water until salt free (conductivity < 250μ s). The product was oven dried at 70°C overnight. Yields and total resin contents of the resinated products are reported in Table 3.1 and Table 3.2 respectively.

Recrystallised P.Y.13 resinated with 40% abietic acid

Pigment Yellow 13, recrystallised from 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene (3.0g), was added to water to make an aqueous slurry, which was adjusted to pH10 with dil. NaOH. Meanwhile, a solution of abietic acid (1.2g; 40% by weight of P.Y.13) in water and 47% NaOH (few drops) was made up with heat and stirring. The hot resin solution was added to the recrystallised P.Y.13 slurry at pH10, which retains the resin in solution. The mixture was heated on an electric hotplate until a temperature of 95°C was reached, at which point dil. HCl was added to pH7.0 to precipitate the resin. Stirring was continued at 90-95°C for 30 minutes. After allowing to cool to 70°C, the resinated product was filtered under vacuum, washed with water and oven dried at 70°C overnight. Yield 3.56g, Total resin 21.2%.

Maleopimaric acid

Twice recrystallised abietic acid (5g, 16.5mmol.) and maleic anhydride (2.43g, 24.8mmol., 1.5eq.) were combined and heated until molten and reacted at 160°C for 2 hours, after which the mixture was allowed to cool. The remaining glassy residue was dissolved in ether and washed with water. The ether was dried over MgSO4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. Yield 6.13g (92.6%), m.p. 146-150°C, ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ_{C} 185.8 (C-18), 173.3 (C-23), 171.5 (C-24), 148.6 (C-13), 125.6 (C-14), 53.8 (C-9), 53.5 (C-22), 49.5 (C-5), 47.3 (C-4), 46.1 (C-21), 40.9 (C-8), 38.4 (C-1), 38.0 (C-10), 37.2 (C-3), 36.1 (C-12), 35.2 (C-7), 33.3 (C-15), 27.7 (C-11), 22.2 (C-6), 21.1 (C-17), 20.4 (C-16), 17.4 (C-2), 16.9 (C-19), 16.0 (C-20).

23.24-13C2 Maleopimaric acid (10% label)

Twice recrystallised abietic acid (0.70g, 2.3mmol.) and maleic anhydride (250mg, 2.5mmol., 1.1eq.; 25mg 1,4- $^{13}C_2$, 225mg normal) were combined and heated until molten, and reacted at 160°C for 2.5 hours. The mixture was allowed to cool and dissolved in ether. The ether was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. Yield 0.76g (81.9%), ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) as for maleopimaric acid except δ_C 173.3 (C-23, t), 171.5 (C-24, t).

21,22-¹³C₂ Maleopimaric acid (10% label)

Procedure as for 23,24-¹³C₂ maleopimaric acid except maleic anhydride (250mg, 2.5mmol., 1.1eq.; 25mg 2,3-¹³C₂, 225mg normal). Yield 0.77g (83.0%), ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) as for maleopimaric acid except $\delta_{\rm C}$ 53.5 (C-22, t), 46.1 (C-21, t).

Maleic acid monomethylamide

Methylamine (33% ethanolic solution; 37.5ml, 0.3mol.) in ether (50ml) was added to a stirred solution of maleic anhydride (19.62g, 0.2mol.) in dry ether (200ml) with cooling, over 20 minutes. An off-white precipitate formed immediately and the resultant thick mixture was diluted with ether (50ml). The precipitate was filtered under vacuum, washed with ether, collected and dried. The product was recrystallised from ethanol. Yield 7.91g (30.6%), m.p. 148-150°C, NMR (D₂O) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.35 (1H, quart., NH), 4.75 (2H, s, olefinics), 2.8 (3H, d, CH₃).

N-Methylmaleimide

Maleic acid monomethylamide (2.0g, 15.5mmol.) was heated in a test-tube at 160°C for 2 hours. A brown residue remained in the bottom of the tube. A white crystalline product was deposited in the mouth of the tube, and identified as *N*-methylmaleimide by spectroscopy and its characteristic irritating odour. Yield 0.15g (8.7%), m.p. 82-86°C, NMR (CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.0 (2H, s, olefinics), 2.8 (3H, s, CH₃).

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