Supplementary Materials

Cubane-forming cyclic dienes that exhibit orthogonal reactivities in the solid state

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S1. Experimental section

A) Materials

2,6-Dimethyl-4*H*-pyran-4-one (**DMP**) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. 4-Oxo-4*H*-pyran-2,6-dicarboxylic acid (**CA**) was purchased from Honeywell Research Chemicals. Solvents were purchased from Fisher Scientific. All reagents and solvents were used without further purification.

B) Synthesis

1) Preparation of single crystals of CA·THF

CA powder (55 mg, 0.3 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL THF. Single crystals as colorless irregular prisms were obtained after slow evaporation of 2 days. **CA·THF** quickly lost THF molecules and generated the non-solvated form of **CA** within periods of minutes. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) showed the resulting powder to be the same phase as the solid obtained commercially (Honeywell Research Chemicals).

2) Preparation of cocrystals of CA·DMP·2H₂O

CA (50 mg, 0.27 mmol) and **DMP** (33.7 mg, 0.27mmol; 1:1 molar ratio) were dissolved in 5 mL warm MeOH/H₂O (1:1). Single crystals of **CA·DMP·2H₂O** as transparent plates were obtained by slow evaporation over a period of 3 days. The purity of **CA·DMP·2H₂O** is confirmed by PXRD. Compositions of **CA·DMP·2H₂O** were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy and single crystal X-ray diffraction.

C) Photodimerization

All photodimerization reactions were carried out in an ACE Glass photochemistry cabinet using a 450 W Hanovia medium-pressure mercury lamp with a broad wavelength distribution. Approximately 40-48% of total energy radiated lies in the UV range of the spectrum, 40-43% in the visible, and the balance in the IR. Cocrystals of **CA·DMP·2H₂O** were finely ground using a mortar and pestle before being placed between a pair of Pyrex glass plates. Samples were irradiated in 10 h intervals to ensure uniform irradiation. The progress of the photodimerization reaction was monitored using ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

S2. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data of **CA**·**THF**, **CA**·**DMP**·**2H**₂**O** and **CG1-H** were collected on a Bruker D8 Venture Duo diffractometer using MoK α radiation (λ =0.71073 Å) with APEX II detector. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data of **CG2** were collected on a Nonius APEX II Kappa diffractometer using MoK α radiation (λ =0.71073 Å). Crystals were mounted in paratone oil on a Mitegen magnetic mount. Lorentz and polarization corrections with programs from the APEXII package were used for data reduction. Structure solution and refinement were completed using SHELXT¹ and SHELXL², respectively within the Olex2³ graphical user interface. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model.

Compound name	CA·DMP·2H ₂ O	CG1-H·6H₂O
CCDC deposition number	2082537	2082538
Empirical formula	C ₁₄ H ₁₆ O ₁₀	C14.6H24.6O19.4 *
Formula weight	344.27	510.51
Temperature/K	298.15	150.15
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
a/Å	8.2125(17)	7.7763(19)
b/Å	9.891(2)	8.1868(17)
c/Å	11.508(3)	8.683(2)
α/°	64.766(10)	82.568(7)
β/°	85.376(8)	82.756(8)
γ/°	74.390(10)	65.804(6)
Volume/Å ³	813.7(3)	498.4(2)
Z	2	1
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.405	1.701
µ/mm⁻¹	0.122	0.163
F(000)	360.0	267.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.125 × 0.12 × 0.07	0.105 × 0.095 × 0.02
Radiation	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.69 to 52.764	4.746 to 50.04
Index ranges	$-10 \le h \le 10, -12 \le k \le 12, -14 \le 1$	$-9 \le h \le 9, -9 \le k \le 9, 0 \le l \le 10$
Reflections collected	20353	1743
Independent reflections	3320 [Rint = 0.0276, R _{sigma} =	1743 [$R_{int} = 0.0279$, $R_{sigma} =$
	0.0214]	0.0767]
Data/restraints/parameters	3320/0/227	1743/1/186
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.066	1.068
Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0415, WR_2 = 0.1215$	R1 = 0.0605, $wR2 = 0.1220$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0568$, $wR_2 = 0.1333$	R1 = 0.1004, wR2 = 0.1424
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.20/-0.20	0.34/-0.36

Table S1. Crystallographic parameters for CA·DMP·2H₂O and CG1-H·6H₂O.

*Non-integral number of atoms in unit cell from substitutional disorder at O2 position: 2/3 C-O-H; 1/3 C-O-CH₃.

Compound name	CA·THF	CG2
CCDC deposition number	2082539	2082540
Empirical formula	C11H12O7	$C_{14}H_{16}O_{4}$
Formula weight	256.21	248.27
Temperature/K	150.15	298.15
Crystal system	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 21/c	Cmce
a/Å	9.6261(10)	12.4105(12)
b/Å	11.4586(11)	7.2547(7)
c/Å	11.0733(11)	13.7901(14)
α/°	90	90
β/°	111.621(5)	90
γ/°	90	90
Volume/ų	1135.5(2)	1241.6(2)
Z	4	4
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.499	1.328
µ/mm ⁻¹	0.127	0.097
F(000)	536.0	528.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.14 × 0.085 × 0.055	0.34 × 0.16 × 0.1
Radiation	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)
2O range for data collection/°	4.552 to 52.778	8.792 to 50.696
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -12 ≤ l ≤	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -7 ≤ k ≤ 8, -16 ≤ l ≤
index ranges	13	15
Reflections collected	25641	3393
Independent reflections	2319 [$R_{int} = 0.0281$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0145$]	$598 [R_{int} = 0.0659, R_{sigma} = 0.0315]$
Data/restraints/parameters	2319/0/165	598/0/49
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.099	1.052
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0319$, w $R_2 = 0.0818$	R ₁ = 0.0439, wR ₂ = 0.1102
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0362$, $wR_2 = 0.0847$	$R_1 = 0.0527$, $wR_2 = 0.1167$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.24/-0.21	0.19/-0.12

 Table S2. Crystallographic parameters for CA·THF and CG2.

S3. NMR spectral data

¹H NMR spectra were collected at ambient temperature using a Bruker AVANCE 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. DMSO-*d*₆, CDCl₃ and D₂O were used as NMR solvents. All NMR data were processed with MestreNova software suite.



Fig. S1. ¹H NMR spectra showing photostability of **CA** after UV irradiation (150 h) (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Fig. S2. ¹H NMR spectra of DMP before (top) and after (bottom) UV irradiation for 140 h (400 MHz, CDCl₃).



Fig. S3. ¹H NMR spectra of **CA·DMP·2H₂O** before (top) and after (bottom) UV irradiation for 90 h (400 MHz, D₂O).

S4. Powder X-ray diffraction data

Powder X-ray diffraction data were collected using a Bruker D8 Advance X-ray diffractometer with $CuK\alpha_1$ radiation (λ = 1.54056 Å) typically in the range of 5–35° two-theta (scan type: locked coupled; scan mode: continuous; step size: 0.02°). Samples were ground and mounted on glass slides. The equipment was operated at 40 kV and 30 mA.



Fig. S4. PXRD patterns from commercial sample of CA (red) and desolvated CA·THF (black).



Fig. S5. PXRD patterns of **CA·DMP·2H**₂**O**: simulated pattern from single crystal X-ray diffraction data (red); experimental pattern from powder sample (black).



Fig. S6. PXRD patterns of **CG2**: simulated pattern from single crystal X-ray diffraction data (red); experimental pattern from powder sample (black).

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