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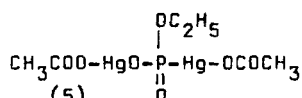
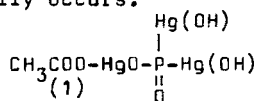
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MERCURATION OF UNSATURATED β -BROMO PHOSPHONITE AND α -CHLORO PHOSPHONATE

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The present work deals with mercuriation of diethyl(2-bromo-1-phenyl, vinyl)phosphonite and diethyl(1-chloro-1-phenyl, vinyl)phosphonate with mercuric acetate at different temperatures, solvent and ratios of the reagents. Different mercurated products were obtained some of them were due to cleavage of P-C bond with the formation of mercurated aliphatic phosphonites and phosphonates. The others were formed through substitution and addition reactions. The new compounds prepared in these studies, their melting points and their analysis have been collected.

Compound ng. (1) is predominant in the case of phosphonite while compound ng. (5) is prevalent with phosphonate. The latter was previously described¹. In all cases infra-red spectra are consistent with the proposed structures. It is clear that in this type of reaction cleavage of C-P bond usually occurs.



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SPECTRES DE MASSE SOUS IONISATION CHIMIQUE DE COMPOSES DIASTEREISOMERES EN SERIE DIOXA ET OXAZAPHOSPHORINANE. D. BOUCHU, H. HALIMI, P. LHOSTE, D. FRAISSE et J. DREUX. Université Claude Bernard Lyon I, Labo. de synthèse et de Chimie Organique Appliquée, 43 Bd du 11 novembre 1918, 69622 Villeurbanne Cédex, France.

L'étude en spectrométrie de masse de la fragmentation sous impact électronique des esters cycliques des acides phosphoriques et thiophosphoriques est maintenant bien documentée. Nous avons pour notre part montré que cette technique pouvait, grâce à la mise en évidence de relations entre les fragmentations et la stéréochimie de composés diastéréoisomères, être un moyen utile d'attribution de la configuration.

Nous avons maintenant prolongé cette étude par l'enregistrement de spectres d'ionisation chimique d'un certain nombre de composés en série dioxo et oxazaphosphorinane en faisant varier le gaz ionisant. Nous avons ainsi recherché s'il pouvait exister des différences entre les spectres d'ionisation chimique des diastéréoisomères qui seraient dues à des différences de réactivité de ceux-ci :

- soit lors du processus d'ionisation chimique par le gaz réactif,
- soit lors de la décomposition unimoléculaire qui fait suite à l'ionisation,
- soit encore lors de réactions bimoléculaires après ionisation.

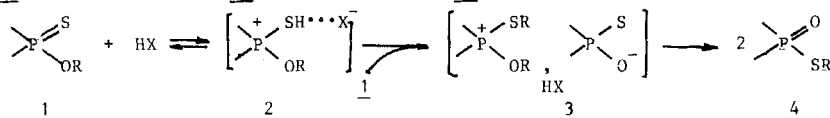
Les spectres de collision (CID) des adducts obtenus après ionisation par un mélange d'ammoniac et de pyridine ont été enregistrés pour deux paires de composés épimères au niveau de l'atome de phosphore en série dioxaphosphorinane. Ils consistent essentiellement dans la formation de l'ion moléculaire protoné des esters phosphorés et de l'ion pyridium. Les valeurs des rapports de ces ions sont en bon accord avec la basicité plus grande d'une liaison P=O axiale en série dioxaphosphorinane.

ALKOXYPHOSPHONIUM SALT INTERMEDIATES IN THE THIONO-THIOLO REARRANGEMENTS OF PHOSPHYLTHIONATES IN PROTIC ACID MEDIA

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According to the earlier proposed mechanism for the thiono-thiolo rearrangement of O-alkyl phosphylthionates **1** in protic acid solutions alkoxyalkylthiophosphonium salts **2** and **3** are the key intermediates in this reaction (Bruzik, K.S., Stec, W.J. (1979) J.Org.Chem. **44**, 4488; *ibid*, 1981, **46** 1618; *ibid*, 1981, **46**, 1625).



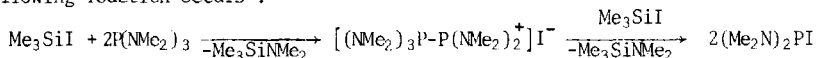
The existence of two types of transient alkoxyphosphonium intermediates is postulated; **2** with thiophosphoryl sulfur being protonated and **3** formed by alkylation of the neutral substrate molecule **1**. Direct evidences for the involvement **2** and **3** in the promotion of alkyl group transfer from oxygen to sulfur atom of **1** are presented. Alkylation of the phosphylthioate anion vs. neutral phosphylthionate by the alkoxyphosphonium salt in acidic media and its consequences for the reaction mechanism is discussed.

THE INTERACTION OF SOME P(III) COMPOUNDS WITH SILYL HALIDES

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Though the interaction of P(IV) compounds with compounds of silicon having a polarizable substituent was recently studied little is known about the similar interaction involving compounds of tricoordinate phosphorus. This knowledge is necessary for a better understanding of both the reactivity of various P(III) compounds towards silicon reagents as well as the behaviour of compounds bearing P(III) and Si centres. We found that various classes of P(III) compounds among which are phosphorous acid triamides, esters of diorganophosphinic acids and trialkyl phosphines are able to form ionic complexes with some triorganosilyl halides. An example is 1/1 complex formed as a result of the addition of equimolar amounts of Me₃SiI to P(NMe₂)₃ solution in CH₂Cl₂ at -50°C. In an excess of P(NMe₂)₃ both the amide and the complex give separate ³¹P NMR signals indicating that the exchange is slow as compared with the NMR time scale, what is in contrast to HMT/Me₃SiI system showing only one averaged signal. After rising the temperature the following reaction occurs:

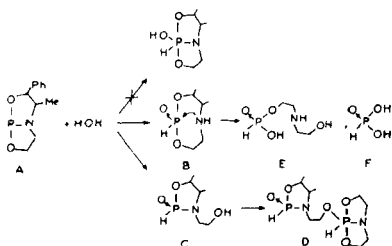
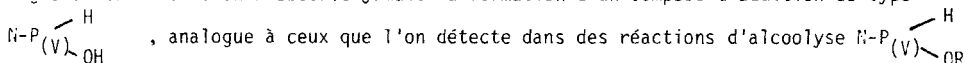


The reaction proceeds quantitatively and may serve as a convenient synthetic route to IP(NMe₂)₂.

HYDROLYSE D'UN AMINO-PHOSPHITE BICYCLIQUE CONTRAINT

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L'étude en spectrographies infrarouge et de résonance magnétique nucléaire montre que l'hydrolyse du phosphite à liaison P(III)-N, A, conduit aux composés $[P(V)]$, B et C, C réagissant aussitôt sur A pour donner le composé mixte $[P(IV), P(V)]$, D, puis à des produits de dégradation E ou F. On n'observe jamais la formation d'un composé d'addition de type



Le proton (N)H de B est relativement acide en raison de la conjugaison transannulaire entre l'atome d'azote et l'atome de phosphore ($\nu_{NH}(CCl_4) - \nu_{NH}(\text{pyridine}) = 117 \text{ cm}^{-1}$)

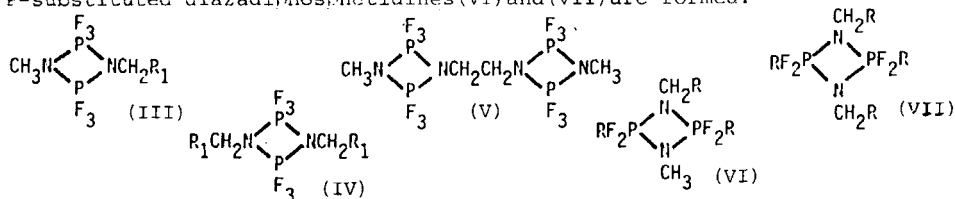
CARBENE INTERMEDIATES IN THE REACTION OF TRIALKYL PHOSPHITES WITH DIALKYL AROYLPHOSPHONATES

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The reaction of trialkyl phosphites with a number of 2- and 4-substituted dialkyl benzoylphosphonates have been investigated both in the presence and absence of electrophiles. In both cases the reaction products are best explained by proposing an initial attack by the trialkyl phosphite on the carbonyl oxygen of the aroylphosphonate to give an anionic intermediate. At room temperature reaction only proceeds further at a significant rate if a suitable electrophile, such as a proton donor, is present to trap the anionic intermediate as it forms. The resulting quasi-phosphonium salt then undergoes dealkylation to form either a diphosphorus compound or a phosphonate plus trialkyl phosphate. In the absence of an electrophile the reaction only proceeds further at a significant rate above about 80°C . Under these conditions we believe that the anionic intermediate undergoes cleavage of the $\alpha\text{C-O}$ bond to give a carbene. If a suitable "ortho" substituent is present on the aryl ring a carbene insertion reaction can occur to give a cyclic system. If no such group is present the carbene is trapped by the trialkyl phosphite present to give novel quasi-phosphonium ylide phosphonates which in some cases rearrange to give diphosphonates.

NUCLEOPHILIC SUBSTITUTION REACTIONS OF $\text{ClCH}_2(\text{NPF}_3)_2\text{CH}_3$ (I) AND $(\text{ClCH}_2\text{NPF}_3)_2$ (II) WITH SELECTED ORGANOMETALLIC REAGENTS.
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Photochemical chlorination of $(\text{CH}_3\text{NPF}_3)_2$ yields I and II, which are valuable compounds to obtain a number of new N-substituted fluorodiazadiphosphetides by reaction with organometallics. By this method it is possible to synthesize unsymmetric N-substituted hexafluorodiazadiphosphetides (III) without the difficulties of former methods. Depending on the nucleophilic strength of the used organometallic reagents the chlorine atom of the $\text{N-CH}_2\text{Cl}$ group can be selectively substituted versus an organic rest without side reaction at the phosphorus atom. The reaction of I with magnesium leads to the dimerization product (V). With LiOCH_3 or LiSCH_3 the corresponding N- and P-substituted diazadiphosphetides (VI) and (VII) are formed.



CONFORMATIONAL ANALYSIS OF PHOSPHORUS SX-DERIVATIVES

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R^2 Conformations of phosphorus thioesters of type $R^1R^2P(Y)SX$, where $R^1, R^2 = \text{Alk, OAlk, SAlk}$; $X = \text{Alk, SiAlk}_3, \text{SnAlk}_3, \text{Cl}$; $Y = \text{lone pair, O, S}$, determined by use of set of physicochemical data, including vibrational spectroscopy, electric and electrooptical properties. General principles are suggested for investigation of conformations of molecules with several internal rotation axes.

The preference of the forms with trans and gauche orientations of SX bonds in relation to lone electron pair or P=Y bond is typical for all compounds investigated. Results are compared with data for similar compounds having P(Y)-OX fragment. Coordination of phosphorus and the nature of R^1, R^2, X groups determine preferences of conformers in equilibrium, relative role of steric, electrostatic, and resonance interactions.

Conformations of molecules with one axis of internal rotation are retained essentially in compounds containing two or three fragments P-SX both in presence and in absence of other internal rotations, e.g. about P-OAlk bond.

The preference of staggered bond orientations is the general conformational rule for phosphorus thioesters.

IRREVERSIBLE AND REVERSIBLE (ELEMENTOTROPIC) REARRANGEMENTS OF ELEMENT-SUBSTITUTED (P, As, Sb) CARBONYL COMPOUNDS.

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Methods of synthesis of O- and C-isomeric element-substituted (P, As, Sb) carbonyl compounds were developed and their irreversible and reversible rearrangements were found.

Factors responsible for the relative thermodynamic stability of O- and C-isomers were studied. Raising enolizability of carbonyl compounds in ester-Ketone-aldehyde as well as the presence of electron-acceptor substituents in the molecule of these compounds were shown to stabilize O-isomers. An increase of steric hindrances at α -carbon atom of a carbonyl compound and the size of the radical at the element results in the greater destabilization of C-isomers than O-form. Reversible elementotrophic transformations are observed for O- and C-derivatives of As and Sb, whose thermodynamic stabilities are close and energy rearrangement barriers are rather small. The investigation of the effect of the nature of radicals at phosphorus atom on the stability of isomers in phosphorus derivatives showed that alkyl substituents stabilize C-isomers, while dialkylamide groups reduce the energy barrier of the rearrangement and stabilize O-form.

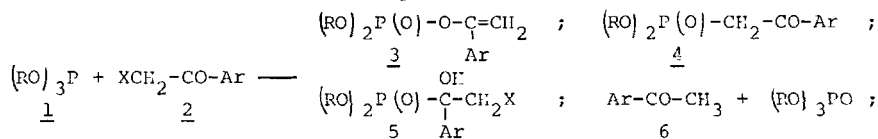
CLEAVAGE REACTIONS OF PHOSPHORAMIDITES, PHOSPHORAMIDATES, AND PHOSPHORAMIDES.

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Reactions of neopentyl N,N,N',N' -tetramethylphosphorodiamidite with alkyl halides show an increasing tendency to quaternization at nitrogen and P-N fission in the order $I < Br < Cl$. Iodomethane gave only the quasiphosphonium salt which was shown to decompose on heating by an S_N2 process to yield neopentyl iodide and methylphosphonic bisdimethylamide. On the other hand, chloromethane also gave tetramethylammonium chloride, formed by reaction at nitrogen, P-N fission, and further reaction of the so-formed trimethylamine with excess of chloromethane. Bromomethane reacted by both pathways. The results provide an example of contrasting hard and soft acid behaviour of the halogenoalkanes in their reactions with ambident P-N nucleophiles. The differing behaviour of phosphoramidates and phosphoramides in their reactions with electrophilic reagents is illustrated by their reactions with chloral. Whereas O,O-diethyl phosphoramidate gives a 1:1 adduct in high yield, an increasing tendency to P-N fission accompanies the replacement of RO by R_2N . The phosphoramidate $(Me_2N)_2P(O)NH_2$ thus underwent cleavage with chloral to yield dimethylformamide, chloroform, polymeric phosphorus-containing products, and also $(Me_2N)_2P(O)NHCH(CCl_3)NMe_2$, whose structure was confirmed by X-ray crystallography. $(Me_2N)(RO)P(O)NH_2$ showed intermediate behaviour.

REACTIONS OF TRIALKYL PHOSPHITES WITH HALOGENO ACETOPHENONES IN PROTIC SOLVENTS. I. Petneházy, Gy. Keglevich, L. Töke. Department of Organic Chemical Technology, Technical University Budapest, 1521 Budapest, HUNGARY

It is known from the literature, that the reaction between trialkyl phosphite and α -haloketone in protic solvent results in formation of vinyl phosphate 3, β -ketophosphonate 4, α -hydroxy phosphonate 5 and dehalogenated ketone 6 but detailed work for the product formation supported by firm mechanistic studies are missing. In this paper we present our work on the reactions of α -haloacetophenones:



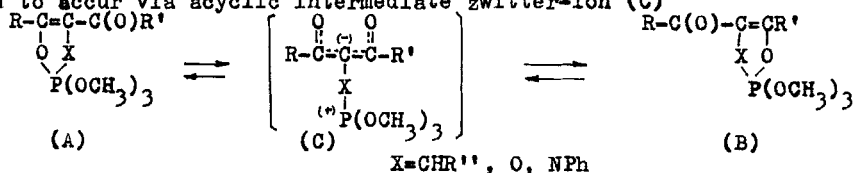
X = Cl, Br; R = Me, Et, iPr; Ar = ring substituted aryl

On the basis of kinetic and nonkinetic methods we substantiated a reasonable mechanism involving common intermediate for the formation of the products. A number of new compounds were prepared and identified. The side reactions were also examined.

PHOSPHOROTROPIC TAUTOMERISM OF CYCLIC PHOSPHORANES

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A tautomerism for series of five-members cyclic phosphoranes with an acyl group in position-4 have been discovered and studied. An equilibrium of two tautomeric forms pentacoordinated phosphorus atom (A \rightleftharpoons B) is supposed to occur via acyclic intermediate zwitter-ion (C)



The values of chemical shifts $\delta^{31}\text{P}$ for the compounds studied have been shown to be unchanged in the range of temperatures from 203K to 383K. Rate constants and thermodynamic parameters of phosphorotropic rearrangements have been determined by means of dynamic NMR (^1H and ^{13}C) spectroscopy.

UTILISATION DE LA SPECTROSCOPIE DE VIBRATION A L'ETUDE DES RELATIONS PROPRIETES-STRUCTURES DES COMPOSES OXYFLUORES DU PHOSPHORE V TETRAVALENT.

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Dans le cadre d'une étude spectroscopique des composés oxyfluorés du phosphore V, nous nous sommes intéressés aux édifices $PO_2F_2^-$, PO_3F^- et POF_3 . Le calcul à priori des fréquences dans le champ de forces de symétrie locale a permis de proposer une description cohérente des modes normaux de vibration. Nous avons ensuite testé la transférabilité de ce champ de force sur l'espèce condensée $P_2O_5F_4$ comportant les mêmes motifs élémentaires. Ces résultats ont permis de formuler des hypothèses sur la géométrie de cette molécule dont la structure est encore inconnue. Un travail identique a été fait pour l'ion $P_2O_5F_2^-$. A partir de ces données nous avons montré que suivant le nombre de ligand Fluor ou d'oxygène ponté, les édifices phosphorés se contractent ou se dilatent reflétant ainsi leur variation d'énergie interne. $P_2O_5F_4$ étant un excellent agent de synthèse, nous avons obtenu de nouveaux sels, pour lesquels nous avons vérifié ces résultats. Cette méthode d'approche reliant traitement spectroscopique et énergie des édifices phosphorés tétraédrique doit permettre une meilleure compréhension des relations propriétés-structure que nous illustrons par quelques exemples.

A NOVEL BASE-PROMOTED N → O MIGRATION OF A PHOSPHONATE ESTER

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Cleavage of the P-N bond in basic solution in acyclic phosphoramidates where nitrogen is fully substituted does not usually occur. Thus the observation that ethyl phenylphosphonic acid was formed rapidly as the only phosphorus containing product when 2-deoxy-2-methylamino-3,4,6-tri-O-methyl-D-glucose 2-N(ethyl phenylphosphonamidate) was treated with sodium ethoxide at room temperature prompted a more detailed investigation of the reaction. The formation of the main carbohydrate product ie 3-deoxy-2-N-methyl-4,6-di-O-methyl-α-D-erythro-hexofuran-2-ulosylamine 1,1-diethyl-acetal, was consistent with P-N bond cleavage occurring following an elimination process, N to O migration of phosphorus occurring with imine formation. A series of related reactions, including stereochemical studies, which support the proposed mechanism will be reported.

THEORETICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF NUCLEOPHILIC PROPERTIES OF DERIVATIVES OF P(III) AND RELATED COMPOUNDS

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Ab initio (at the STO-3G and 4-31G levels) and MNDO methods were employed for calculating the electronic and spatial structure of compounds $X-PY_2$ and $X-Y$, of their protonated derivatives and of the adducts of compounds PH_2-X with CH_3^+ , $CH_2=OH^+$, BH_3 , BF_3 ($X, Y=H, Me, NH_2, NMe_2, OH, OMe, F, SiH_3, PH_2, PMe_2, SH, SMe, Cl$). The following regularities were observed:

a) the relative nucleophilicity of the phosphorus atom in the row does not depend on the nature of the electrophile; b) the enthalpies of the formation of the adducts of P(III) compounds with the different electrophiles are linearly related and so are the quantities of electronic transfer from ligands to the phosphonium centre; c) the influence of the substituent X on the proton affinity (PA) of the phosphorus atom in molecules PH_2-X is quantitatively similar to its influence on the PA of the atom $Z=O, N, S$ in molecules $H-Z-X$; d) the relative nucleophilicity of the phosphorus atom and the heteroatom in the system $P-E$ depends both on the nature of the heteroatom and on the electrophilic reagent.

TITRE : ETUDE COMPARÉE DE L'HYDROLYSE D'ESTERS PHOSPHORIQUES BASOCATALYSEE EN MILIEU ACETONITRILE - EAU ET ENZYMO CATALYSEE.

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L'étude préalable de l'hydrolyse baso-catalysée d'ester allophaniques (modèles de carboxyhistine) en milieu acétonitrile/eau a montré une augmentation importante de la vitesse de réaction avec la diminution de la concentration en eau dans le milieu. La variation de la constante de vitesse expérimentale passe par un maximum pour des concentrations faibles en eau puis décroît brutalement : une interprétation a été proposée.

Cette étude a été poursuivie avec les esters phosphoriques tous porteurs du même groupe partant paranitrophényle.

L'hydrolyse des triesters phosphoriques et phosphorothioïques a été étudiée dans ce milieu et présente des accélérations inhabituelles.

Le monoester (dianion) a été également étudié ; des accélérations encore plus marquées ont été mesurées ($10^4 < k < 10^8$) et comparées à celles obtenues par catalyse enzymatique (phosphorylase alcaline de l'intestin de veau). Des mécanismes sont proposés.

KINETIC AND STEREOCHEMICAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN A NUCLEOPHILIC ACTIVATED SUBSTITUTION, $SN_{NA}(P)$, AND A TWO STEP NUCLEOPHILIC DISPLACEMENT AT PHOSPHORUS

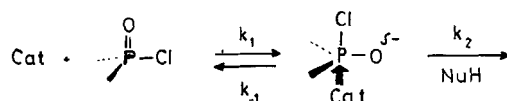
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We have studied kinetics and stereochemistry of the reactions of alcohols and water with chlorophosphorus derivatives, activated by nucleophilic catalysts (NmI, pyridine, HMPT). Kinetics are complex, varying in a "continuum" as a function of the nucleophile, the catalyst and the phosphorus species.

$$v = k_1 k_2 / k_{-1} [P] [NuH] [Cat] \quad , \quad v = \frac{k_1 k_2 / k_{-1} [P] [NuH] [Cat]}{1 + k_2 / k_{-1} [NuH]} \quad , \quad v = k_1 [P] [Cat]$$

These results, plus large entropic factors (ΔS -50 u.e) associated with the stereochemical trends (chlorophosphates with retention, chlorophosphonates with inversion) are best interpreted by the so-called nucleophilic activated substitution process, $SN_{NA}(P)$.

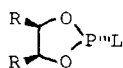
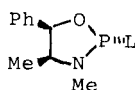
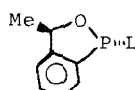


STEREOCHEMISTRY OF NUCLEOPHILIC SUBSTITUTION AT TRICOVALENT PHOSPHORUS

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The stereochemistry of substitution of Cl, OR or NR_2 at tricovalent phosphorus in a variety of cyclic compounds (1-4) with nucleophiles (RO^- , ROH, R_2NH) has been studied. In many cases the result is clean inversion, although with good leaving groups like Cl the reactions are normally unselective.

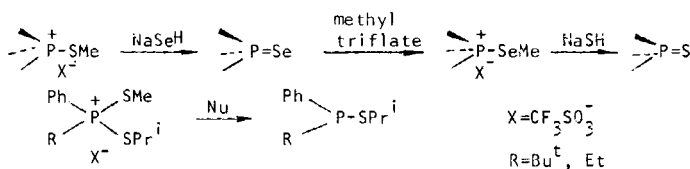
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STEREOSPECIFIC INTERCONVERSION OF THIO- AND SELENOPHOSPHORYL COMPOUNDS. STEREOSPECIFIC SYNTHESIS OF OPTICALLY ACTIVE PHOSPHINOUS ACID THIOESTERS.

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The conversion of chiral methyl-*n*-propylphenylphosphine sulphide into the corresponding selenide and the reverse reaction are accomplished by treatment of the methylthio- and methylselenophosphonium salts with sodium hydrogen selenide and sodium hydrogen sulphide, respectively. Both reactions occur with retention of configuration at phosphorus. The mechanism of the reaction will be discussed. It was also found that the reaction of the optically active *S*-methyl-*S*-*i*-propylalkylphenylphosphonium salts with thiophilic reagents leads selectively to the corresponding optically active *S*-*i*-propylalkylphenylphosphinites with retention of configuration and high stereospecificity.



KINETICS OF ALKALINE HYDROLYSIS OF QUATERNARY PHOSPHONIUM SALTS.

THE DEPENDENCE OF APROTIC SOLVENT EFFECTS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE SALTS.

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Third order rate constants have been determined for the alkaline hydrolyses of five ethyl phenyl phosphonium iodides and four benzyl phenyl phosphonium bromides in 70% methanol in water (€40) and in 70% aqueous tetrahydrofuran in water (€20). The salts which possess one or no ethyl groups hydrolyse much more rapidly in the medium with the lower dielectric constant. However, the hydrolysis of salts which possess two, three or four ethyl groups is only slightly faster in the less polar medium. These trends are consistent with increased delocalisation of the positive charge as the number of alkyl substituents increase which leads to less specific solvation of the alkylphosphonium ions and reduced sensitivity to changes in the solvating power of the medium. The replacement of a phenyl group by a benzyl group increases the salts sensitivity to the solvating power of the medium. This appears to be due mainly to the benzyl groups inability to d π -p π bond, which in the case of phenyl groups stabilise the positive charge on phosphorus and encourages specific solvation. Since the more aliphatic salts, which contain benzyl groups, show little sensitivity to medium effects, solvation of the transition state in the final step (which involves the ejection of the leaving group) does not appear to be very important.

A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE THIONO-THIOLO REARRANGEMENT OF O-ALKYLTHIOPHOSPHORODICHLORIDES. Hu Shui-sheng, Zhang Jing-lin, Yang Xing-yu, Department of Chemistry, Huazhong Normal University, Wuhan, Hubei, The People's Republic of China.

The rearrangement of O-methyl-, O-ethyl-, O-n-propyl- and O-isopropylthiophosphorodichlorides to corresponding S-alkyl-isomers in the presence of a catalyst or without it has been studied. The results of Gas Chromatograph being used to follow the reactions reveal that in this isomerization exist four different reactions, thiono-thiolo rearrangement, decomposition, crossed reaction and hydrolysis. The softer pyridine possesses a powerful catalytic ability than triethylamine in the first step of rearrangement to form an anionic intermediate(1). In the second step, in our opinion, there would be two competition reactions, the attack on (1) by thiophosphorodichloride itself causes the formation of the main products, and the attack on the hard P atom in (1) by chloride anion (2), produced in hydrolysis of substrate, tends to form by-products. The action of (2) has been examined. The rearrangement would become more difficult to take place as the size and the branched chain of the alkyl group are increased. Besides pyridine, however, adding isopropyl chloride to the reaction mixture of O-isopropylthiophosphorodichloride is able to reduce the quantities of by-products and to enhance the yield of S-isomer. In this way four S-alkyl isomers were prepared in comparative satisfactory yields.

ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE OF SOME BORON-PHOSPHORUS POLYMERS

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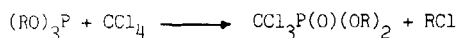
The electronic structures of some boron-phosphorus polymers have been calculated by the MNDO method. The geometry of the polymeric systems $(BP)_n$, $(BPH)_n$ and $(BH_2PH)_n$ have been optimised and the framework bonds are found n to span 1.62Å, 1.74Å and 1.90Å respectively while the corresponding framework angles measure 145° , 121° , and 111° . The band structures of the polymers are presented and the composition of the bands is described. All three systems have a substantial band gap. The effect on the band structures of replacing the hydrogen atoms by various substituents is reported. The calculated electron distribution of the polymers indicates that there is an electron drift towards the phosphorus atom in $(BP)_n$ and $(PHBH)_n$ while the reverse is true for $(PH_2BH_2)_n$. The calculated bond indices show that multiple bonding is present in $(BP)_n$ and $(PHBH)_n$ with values of 1.41 and 1.08 respectively while in $(PH_2BH_2)_n$ the boron-phosphorus index measures 0.76.

Finally, the electronic structures of the polymers are compared with those of realted molecules and ions whose geometry, electron distribution, and bonding is reported and discussed.

REACTIVITY OF VARIOUS PHOSPHITES WITH POLYHALOGENOMETHANES. ROLE OF ELECTRON TRANSFER. BAKKAS, S., TORDO, P., BUONO, G., JULLIARD, M., CHANON, M.

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The reaction between various phosphites (RO_3P with $\text{R} = \text{Et}$, Methyl cyclopropyl, hexene-5 y 1-1 tertio-butyl, dimethyl-1,1 hexene-5 y 1-1) and polyhalogenomethanes (CX_{n-1}Y , $\text{X}=\text{Cl}$, $\text{Y}=\text{Br}$) has been studied under photochemical and thermal conditions :



The use of TNCQ as scavenger, (and ESR consequences) evidence for CTC, measurement of quantum yields, observation of by products when appropriate free radical clocks are used and tentative CIDNP experiments suggest a non chain electron transfer mechanism for this type of reaction. The proposed general scheme undergoes modifications when the structure of reagents is progressively modified. These modifications will be discussed.

PHOTOCHEMISTRY OF TETRA-tert-BUTYLCYCLOTETRAPHOSPHANE

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Irradiation of tetra-tert-butylcyclotetraphosphane, $(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_4\text{P}_4$, I, in an ESR cavity using a broad-band high-pressure 254 nm light source results in the observation of an ESR spectrum consisting of a doublet with a splitting of 90 gauss. There is a linear decline in the intensity of this ESR signal as the irradiation continues; typical solutions (0.1 M in cyclohexane) are inactive after 40-50 min of exposure to the light. This loss of photoactivity is accompanied by a gradual decline in the intensity of the 257 and 284 nm absorption peaks of the electronic spectrum of I, and an increase in the complexity of the ^1H NMR spectrum. ^{31}P NMR spectra indicate the tetramer is converted to the trimeric cyclophosphane in good yield. Analogous experiments with tetra-n-butyl, tetraisopropyl, and hexaphenyl phosphanes do not give spectral evidence for any similar photoactivity. Traces of water and/or dissolved oxygen in the solutions of I do not appear to affect the photolysis. Irradiation of a carbon disulfide solution of I and sulfur produces a new monosulfide, $(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_4\text{P}_4\text{S}$; the molecular structure determination of this product reveals a new phosphane sulfide bonding arrangement which includes a non-planar P_4 central ring and an exocyclic-bonded sulfur atom.

AMINATION ELECTROCHIMIQUE DE β -CETO-PHOSPHONATES.

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L'amination électrochimique de l'oxo-2 propyl phosphonate de diéthyle a été étudiée sur cathode de mercure dans les milieux $\text{NH}_3 + \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ et $\text{AcOH} + \text{AcONH}_4 + \text{EtOH}$. Une étude détaillée conjointe des polarogrammes et des spectres ultra-violet des solutions a montré que l'espèce électroactive est l'ion immonium. La constante d'acidité de cet ion et la constante d'équilibre cétone-énamine ont été évaluées. Le processus électrochimique est contrôlé dans ces deux milieux par la cinétique d'isomérisation de l'ion énaminium en ion immonium. La réduction irréversible est biélectronique. Les électrolyses préparatives sont plus faciles à conduire en milieu ammoniacal. La concentration maximale en substrat est égale à $0,5 \text{ mol.l}^{-1}$; l'aminophosphonate correspondant a été isolé avec un rendement supérieur à 90 %.

L'oxo-1 éthylphosphonate de diéthyle et le (diéthoxyphosphoryl)pyruvate d'éthyle ont été aminés dans des conditions identiques.

Les réductions en présence de divers inducteurs d'asymétrie (tartrate, camphorate, N,N-diméthyléphédrinium et strychnine) n'ont conduit qu'au racémique. Les interactions trop faibles entre le substrat et l'électrode sont vraisemblablement responsables de cet échec.

L'amination électrochimique est donc une voie d'accès aux acides amino-phosphoniques, simple et nouvelle. Le mécanisme de réduction sera discuté.

THE INTERACTION PHOSPHINE OXIDES AND DIPHOSPHINE DIOXIDES WITH THE STRONG ACIDS.

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The structure of adducts of phosphine oxides, alkylendiphosphine di-oxides and other phosphoryl compounds ($\text{B} = \text{P}=\text{O}$) with HClO_4 , $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{OH}$, HBr and HCl (HA) has been studied by means of low-temperature PMR-spectroscopy, IR spectra and X-ray diffraction. There has been established the formation of protonated salts of two main types.

(1) Basic salts BHB^+A^- with very strong symmetrical hydrogen bond in complexes BHB^+ . These complexes have an extreme short the O...O contact, a continuous absorption in the IR spectra, a mobile proton signal of $\delta = 21,4 \text{ ppm}$ and $J = 6,8 \text{ Hz}$ in PMR spectra. From the spectral and structural consideration one may assume a symmetrical single, flat minimum of the potential function for the proton BHB^+ complexes.

(2) Ion pairs or proton-transfer complexes $\text{BH}^+\text{..A}^-$ stabilized by a strong "inverse" hydrogen bond. Complexes of this type are characterised by the strong absorption near 1000 cm^{-1} IR spectra and the signal parameters of the bridging proton $\delta = 15,6 \text{ ppm}$ and $J = 25 \text{ Hz}$ (PMR spectra). The "inverse" hydrogen bond in salts of type 2 results in an incomplete protonation of the base; the protonation extent for $\text{Ph}_2\text{POH}^+\text{..Br}^-$ and $\text{Ph}_3\text{POH}^+\text{..Cl}^-$ is 0,72 and 0,68 respectively.

¹³C N.M.R. SPECTRA OF DI- AND TRI-PHOSPHORUS COMPOUNDSK. M. Higgins, M. Murray, and I. Salter, University of Bristol, England

The spectra of ¹³C nuclei which lie off the symmetry elements of symmetrical di- and tri-phosphorus compounds belong to the AA'X and AA'₂X spin systems (A=³¹P, X=¹³C).

The X spectrum of the AA'X spin system typically consists of 5 lines, symmetrically placed about ν_X ; analytical expressions can be written for the line positions in terms of the coupling constants. From the two splittings observable it is clearly impossible to determine the three coupling constants involved, but it will be shown that the intensity ratios of the lines afford additional information, so that all three coupling constants can often be obtained from the ¹³C spectra.

For the AA'₂X spectrum a maximum of twelve lines are expected for the X part, and in suitable cases all three coupling constants can be obtained without the use of intensity measurements. If J_{AA'} is large, and J_{A'X}=0, the spectrum consists of four lines of equal intensity and equal separations J_{AX}/3.

Examples will be presented of ¹³C spectra of organophosphorus compounds and transition metal complexes.

ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE AND REACTIVITY OF YLIDIC SYSTEMS

XI: DICYANO-METHYLIDS, MODES OF STABILIZATION

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Ylids e.g. R₃PCXY are characterized by a highly polar donor-acceptor bond with partial π contribution $\text{D} \rightarrow \text{A}$.

Their photoelectron spectra not only span a new low ionization potential range on the chemical energy scale; they also illuminate aspects of carbanion and carbene stabilization. Earlier PES and C-13 NMR studies of simple and conjugated ylids showed the reduction of the carbanionic π -charge to be an efficient mode of stabilization. Interestingly, for the ylidic carbon of Ph₃PC(CN)₂ the C-13 chemical shift is basically unchanged compared to that of the clearly more reactive Ph₃PCH₂.

Ph ₃ PCH ₂	$\delta^{13}\text{C} = -5.3 \text{ ppm}$	$ E_1(n_{\text{C}}^-) = 6.62 \text{ eV} $	$\Delta IE_1 = 1.0 \text{ eV!}$
Ph ₃ PC(CN) ₂	$\delta^{13}\text{C} = 5.4 \text{ ppm}$	$ E_1(n_{\text{C}}^-) = 7.63 \text{ eV} $	

CNDO model calculations for Me₃PCH₂ and Me₃PC(CN)₂ support the view of practically the same π -charge at both ylid carbanion centers. However, the HOMO of the dicyanomethylid is predicted to be energetically stabilized relative to that of the parent trimethylphosphine-methylene.

α -PHOSPHONYLKETYS : AN ESR STUDY

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Twenty six α -phosphonyl ketyls $RC(O)P(O)L_2$ ($R = Ar, Alkyl$, $L = Alkoxy, Alkyl, Ar$) have been produced by electrochemical reduction or by the mirror metal technique and studied by ESR. The configuration, the spin and charge distributions as well as the conformational preference of these species have been deduced from the analysis of the ESR data. The α -phosphonyl ketyls have a bent configuration and a large negative charge localized on the carbon of the keto group. The decomposition of α -phosphonyl ketyls produces different secondary radicals whose nature gives some information on the reactivity of the former.

AN ESCA STUDY OF THE P2p BINDING ENERGIES IN $(C_6H_5)_{3-n}PX_nCr(CO)_5$ COMPLEXES ($X = Cl, Br, I, H$; $n = 0-3$).

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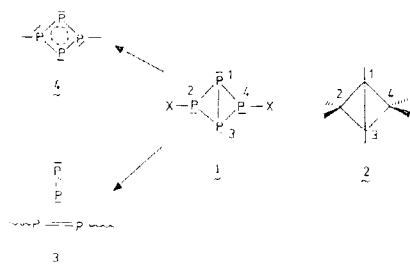
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An ESCA study of the P2p binding energies in $(C_6H_5)_{3-n}PX_nCr(CO)_5$ complexes ($X = Cl, Br, I, H$; $n = 0-3$) provides information on the chemical bond in these compounds. The experimental parameters are shown to be predictable following the so-called potential model equation. For $X = Cl$ a linear correlation between the $P2p_{3/2}$ binding energy and the field and resonance parameters of the substituents on phosphorus is observed. Therefore the $P2p_{3/2}$ binding energy in the chlorine series seems to be directly related to the atomic charge on phosphorus. For $X = Br, I$ and H however, additional variations of the relaxation energy have to be taken into account to rationalize the observed $P2p_{3/2}$ shifts. Finally, a comparison of the data for the ligands with those for the complexes proves that, although the σ -donor effect is primarily responsible for the $P2p_{3/2}$ ESCA shift on complexation, it is certainly not the only binding energy determining effect.

ON THE ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE OF BICYCLOTETRAPHOSPHABUTANE

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The electronic structure of bicycletetraphosphabutane 1 is analyzed. Accordingly, π -donors (e.g. $X=NR_2$) or π -acceptors decrease (increase resp.) the central bond in the parent compound, which therefore possesses olefinic character. X exerts a new type of substituent effects, common to inorganic three-membered ring systems, spanning a Hückel system of frontier orbitals. The presence of two high lying, energetically closely spaced frontier

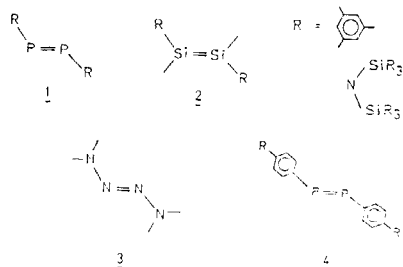


orbitals reveals for the cation radicals various isomers, which are comparable in energy. The concerted fragmentation of 1 ($R=H$) to 3 is symmetry forbidden in the ground state. Similarly the reaction of 1 to 4 is forbidden in the ground state and allowed in the excited state. 4 takes up a nonplanar structure and is isoivalent to S_2N_2 which is not known yet in the bicyclic form.

SUBSTITUENT EFFECTS ON THE BONDING PROPERTIES IN DIPHOSPHENES AND DISILENES

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The compounds 1 to 3 ($R=NR_2$) represent linear 6 electron 4 center π -systems. They possess low rotational barriers for the peripheral amino groups. The preference of a bisorthogonal over a coplanar conformation is promoted



with increasing electropositive character of the central π -bonding atoms, due to increasing overlap repulsion between the lone pairs at the amino groups and the central π -bond. Electron withdrawing groups (e.g. silyl) at the amino groups promote in 1 a bisorthogonal conformation as well is the case for $R= \pi$ -acceptor for 4. π -electron donors in 4 do the opposite, i.e. they promote coplanarity of the π -units. The relation of this concept to substituent effects on 3 and on 2 are drawn.