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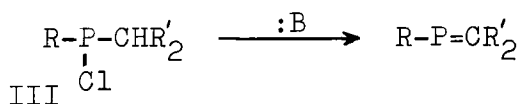
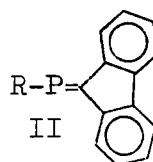
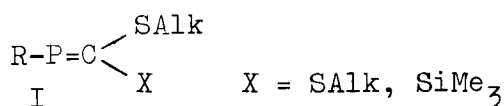
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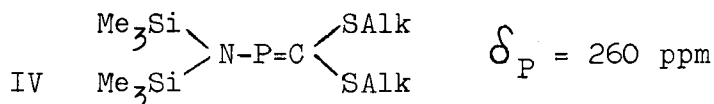
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Abstract Synthesis and properties of new phosphaalkenes having different functional substituents at phosphorus and carbon atoms are discussed.

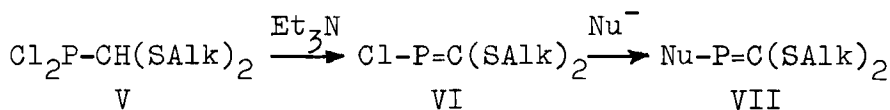
New phosphaalkenes (type I and II) containing alkylthio- and fluorenylidene groups at carbon atom of the P=C bond were obtained in order to study their stability and reactivity.



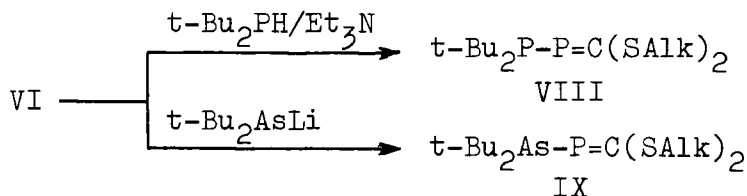
These compounds were prepared by treating the correspondent chlorophosphines (III) with bases (triethylamine, DBU or lithium hexamethyldisilazane).¹ The phosphaalkenes (I) are stabilized by bulky substituents at sulfur and, especially, at phosphorus atom. P-Bis-(trimethylsilyl)amino-C-bis(methylthio)phosphaethylene (IV) was found to be the most stable compound. Heating to 150 °C does not lead to its decomposition.



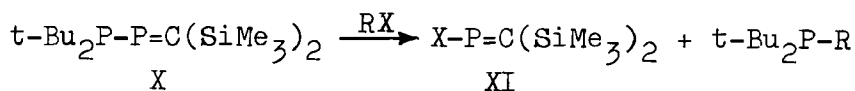
Dichlorophosphines (V) were dehydrochlorinated by triethylamine at 0°C to give P-chloro-C-bis(alkylthio)-phosphaethylenes (VI) which are stable in solution below 0°C . They are key synthones for the preparation of various phosphaaalkenes (VII) having different functional substituents at phosphorus. The chlorine atoms in these compounds are readily substituted by nucleophiles with P=C bond being preserved.¹



The reaction of chlorophosphaaalkenes with phosphines or arsines leads to the P-P and As-P substituted phosphaaalkenes (VIII) and (IX).²



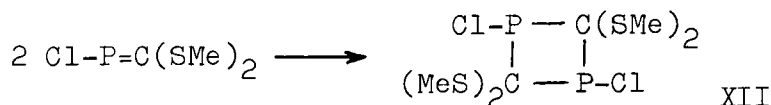
The stability of these new P-P and As-P phosphaaalkenes increases substantially when alkylthio groups at carbon atom of the P=C bond are substituted by more bulky trimethylsilyl radicals. The reactions of phosphaaalkenes (X) with halogen alkanes or acetyl chloride are accompanied by P-P bond cleavage and P-halogenophosphaethylenes (XI) are obtained.



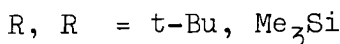
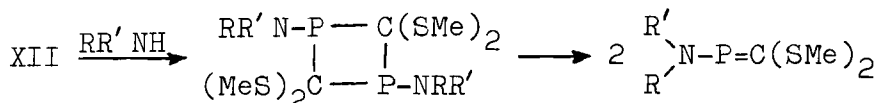
R = Me, Et, Ac; X = I, Br, Cl

The reaction of the compound (X) with CBr_4 results in formation of tribromomethylphosphaethylene (XI, $\text{X} = \text{CBr}_3$).

P-Chloro-C-bis(methylthio)phosphaethylene readily dimerizes to give dimer (XII). Its "head-to-tail" structure was confirmed by ^{13}C NMR spectrum.

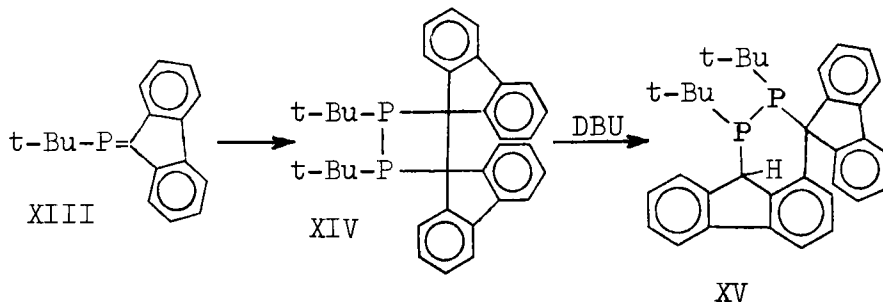


This dimer can participate in reactions of nucleophilic substitution with dimeric or monomeric products being formed depending on the substituent volume. The introduction of bulky substituents destabilizes the four-membered cycle structure and favours the formation of the monomeric phosphalkenes.

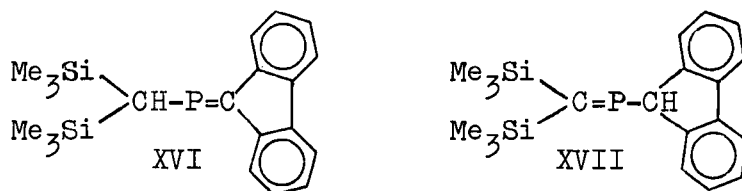


The stability of the fluorenylidene phosphines (II) prepared by dehydrochlorination of corresponding chlorophosphines with bases changes in a wide range.

P-tert-Butylfluorenylidene phosphine (XIII) is unstable and readily undergoes "head-to-head" cycloaddition to give dimer (XIV).³



In the presence of catalytic amounts of DBU the dimer (XIV) easily rearranges into 1,2-diphosphorine (XV). The structure of the compounds (XIV, XV) was determined by the X-ray diffraction analysis. The transformation of the dimer (XIV) to the diphosphorine was also observed in its reaction with methyl iodide or with oxygen. P-Bis(trimethylsilyl)methyl-fluorenylidene phosphine (XVI) turned out a stable compound. We prepared its isomer (XVII) and investigated the prototropic migration in CH-P=C system of these compounds.⁴



At 20 °C the compounds (XVI) and (XVII) do not undergo mutual conversion. But in the presence of bases the isomerization of the type (XVI—XVII) becomes possible. For example, 1% of DBU results in fast transformation of (XVII) into (XVI). Triethylamine appears to be too weak base to catalyze the isomerization.

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