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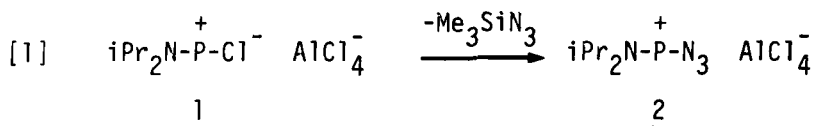
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Abstract New phosphonium cations of general formula R_2N-P^+-X , with a variety of X group ($-N=P^+R_2$, $-N=PR_3$, $-C\equiv N$, $-C=N=S$, OR) are synthesized using trimethylsilyl derivatives as reagents.

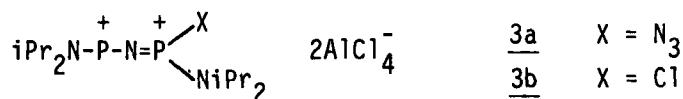
Interest in two coordinated phosphorus cations - the phosphonium ions - has grown substantially in recent years¹. With few exceptions the majority of phosphonium ions $-P^+$ - has been prepared by phosphorus halogen bond heterolysis. Because of the great extend of the chemistry of such species there is a need to diversify the synthetic approach in order to increase the variety of environment around phosphorus.

The reaction of condensation involving silicon-nitrogen, silicon-oxygen or silicon-sulfur derivatives with covalent halides of boron, phosphorus and arsenic has proved to be very useful and is now a classical method. In a particular case, we recently demonstrated^{2,3} that a reaction of this type occurs between the chlorophosphonium 1 and trimethylsilylazide :

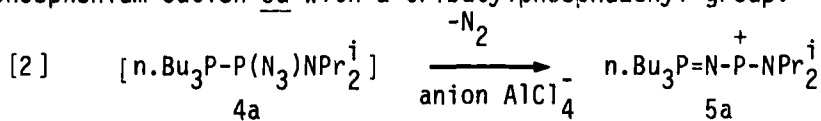


The azido phosphonium cation 2 has been well characterized as an intermediate ($\delta^{31}P = 280$, at $-30^\circ C$) ; it reacts on itself or on

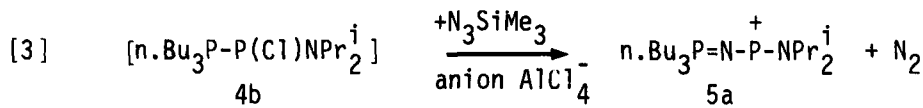
the chlorophosphonium 1 leading to bicationic species 3a and 3b.



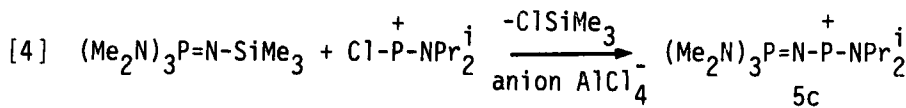
By addition of tri n-butylphosphine we have tried to stabilize the phosphonium azide 2 as the adduct 4a; in this case a Staudinger reaction takes place at room temperature leading to the new phosphonium cation 5a with a tributylphosphazenylyl group.



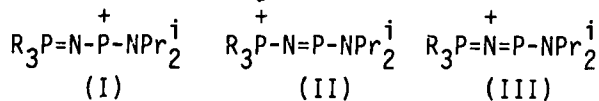
The cation 5a can be obtained directly by addition of trimethylsilyl azide on the chlorophosphonium adduct 4b:



Using triphenyl phosphine instead of n.Bu₃P, the phosphonium cation Ph₃P=N-P⁺-NPr₂ⁱ 5b has been prepared by reaction [3]. This reaction is more complicated with (Me₂N)₃P; however the phosphonium cation 5c has been prepared easily by reaction [4]:



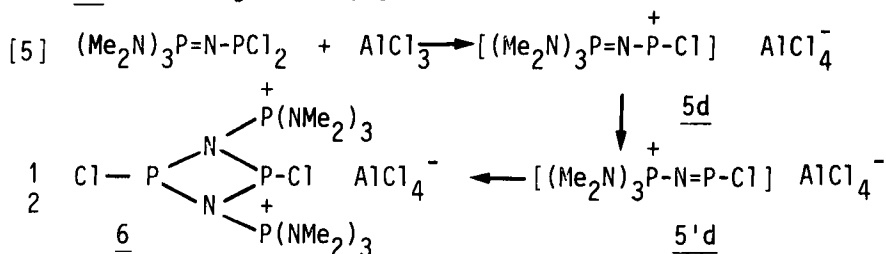
In connection with these phosphazenylyl-phosphonium cations, the localisation of the positive charge, deserves to be discussed. So, there are at least three limiting structures for the compounds 5



In view of the ³¹P NMR parameters the structure (II) is the most likely. But the non-observation of the well known dimerization of (II) suggests a strong participation of the limiting form (III) with a positive charge on the dicoordinated nitrogen atom.

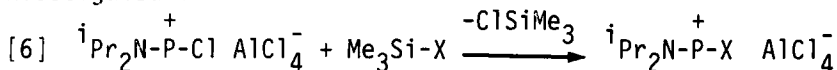
Incidentally we have found one case where the structure (II) is clearly demonstrated from the attempt to prepare the chlorophospho-

nium 5d according scheme [5].

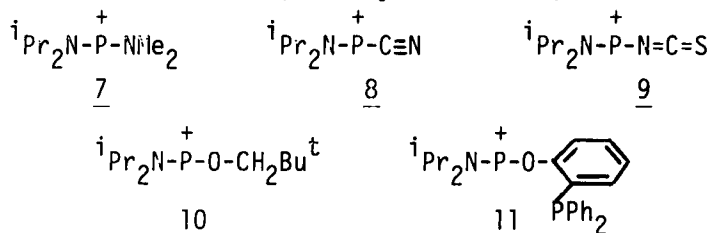


The structure of the phosphonium cation 5d is that of the phosphonium salt 5'd which dimerizes, as expected, into the diazadi-phosphetidine 6.

The preparation of other phosphonium cations (7, 11) has been investigated :

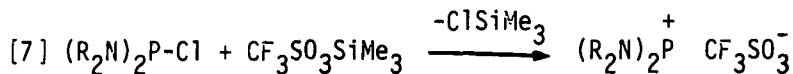


It is of interest to note that no reaction occurs when the $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}-\text{X}$ reagent is added to the starting dichlorophosphine, $\text{iPr}_2\text{N}-\text{PCl}_2$, under the same conditions, namely at ambient, in dichloromethane.



The cations, 7 and 8, have been isolated, whereas 9 and 10, are very unstable and were characterized only in solution. On the other hand in solution, 11 could not be synthesized using reaction [6]: the presence of the diphenyl phosphino group yields to a complicated redox reaction, similar to the one observed by Schmidpeter and al⁵. Thus the triphosphonium salt $(\text{Ph}_2\text{ArP}-\text{P}-\text{PArPh}_2)^+ \text{AlCl}_4^-$ ($\text{Ar} = \text{Me}_3\text{SiC}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$) is formed among other products.

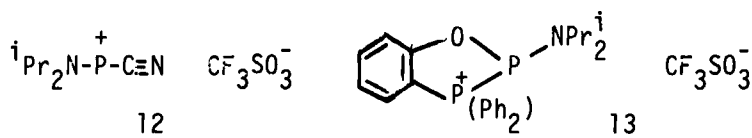
Finally the existence of the bis (dimethylamino) phosphonium cation with the triflic anion,⁶ CF_3SO_3^- , encouraged us to use the trimethyl silyl triflate as reagent in presence of the bis (dialkylamino) chlorophosphine :



The phosphonium cations with $R = Et, ^iPr, Me-N-CH_2-CH_2-N-Me$, have been isolated and the spectroscopic data are the same as the corresponding compounds with $AlCl_4^-$ anion.

It is noteworthy to observe that the alkylamino dichlorophosphines R_2N-PCl_2 , do not react with $CF_3SO_3SiMe_3$ even at high temperature ; however addition of $Me_3Si-C \equiv N$ in a CH_2Cl_2 solution containing both reagents $^iPr_2N-PCl_2$ and $CF_3-SO_3SiMe_3$, gives quantitatively the phosphonium cation 12 which differs from 8 only by the anion.

Interestingly, addition of $ArPPh_2$ to a mixture of $^iPr_2N-PCl_2$ and $CF_3SO_3SiMe_3$ in CH_2Cl_2 solution, leads to aryloxy phosphonium-phosphine cation 13, with the formation of a P-P bond.



Other examples of this new class of cations have been described ⁷.

In conclusion we have shown that the use of silyl derivatives provides efficient synthesis of a great variety of original phosphorus cations such as the bis phosphocations (3a and 3b) the phosphazenyloxyphosphonium ions (5a to 5d) and phosphonium-phosphine salt (13).

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