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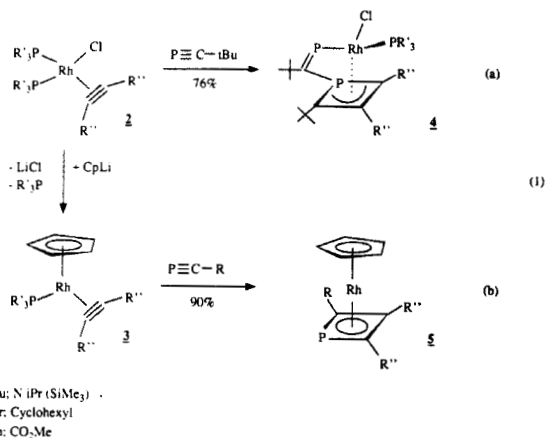
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Abstract Some cooligomerization between phosphalkynes and alkynes in the coordination sphere of a transition metal are reported.

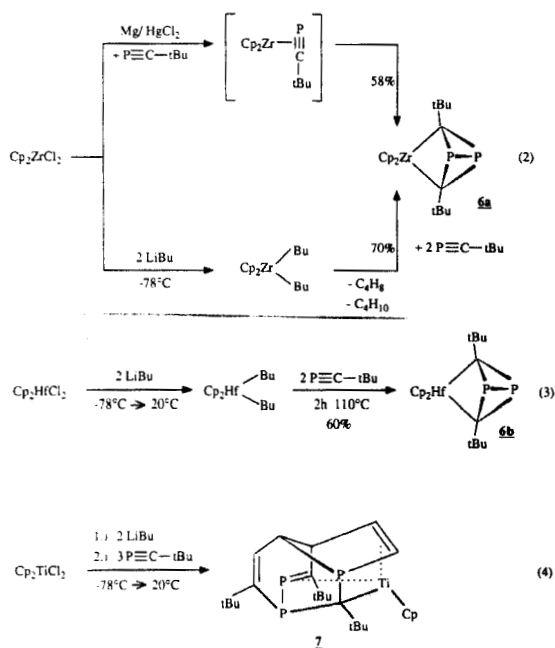
Whereas cyclodimerization of phosphalkynes 1 leading to η^4 -1,3-diphosphacyclobutadiene complexes of cobalt, rhodium or iron are now well known¹, comparable cyclocodimerization between a phosphalkyne and an alkyne to give η^4 -monophosphacyclobutadiene metal complexes are rare.²

We now found that this goal can be readily achieved when η^5 -cyclopentadienyl-(tri-sec.-alkylphosphane)- η^2 -alkyne rhodium complexes³ 2 are used as starting materials (Eq. 1 b).⁴ On the other hand, from η^2 -alkyne-bis(tri-sec.-alkylphosphane)rhodiumchloride 2 and 1 the primarily formed monophosphacyclobutadiene rhodium complex reacts with a second phosphalkyne, presumably by insertion into the P-Rh σ -bond of the η^1, η^3 -monophosphacyclobutadiene form to give the new rhodium complex 4⁴ (Eq. 1 a). Over all, in this reaction a cotrimerization between two phosphalkynes and one alkyne has been achieved for the first time. Cyclodimerization of phosphalkynes as well as cyclocodimerization with alkynes can also be carried out in the coordination sphere of metallocene(II) derivatives of Zr and Hf, but the structures of the resulting new complexes are completely different from those obtained with Co or Rh as

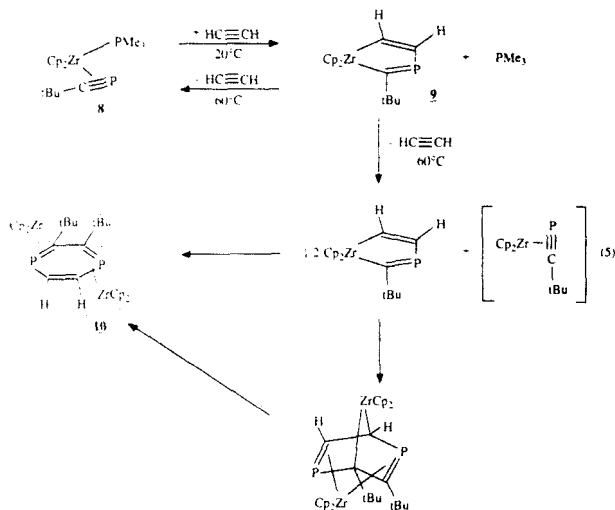
central metal.



The one pot cyclodimerization of phosphalkynes starting with zirconocendichloride and hafnocendichloride gives the corresponding 1,3-diphoshabicyclo[1.1.0]butandiyl metalocenes 6 a,b in good yield⁵ (Eq. 2 and 3). The analogous reaction sequence starting with titanocene dichloride is much more complicated and incorporation of the cyclopentadiene group into the new formed oligomere is observed leading to the titanium complex 7 (Eq. 4).



Contrary to these findings, codimerization between a phosphalkyne and an alkyne is best accomplished starting with a preformed phosphalkyne metallocene complex, e. g. 8.⁶ As an example, the codimerization of acetylene with tert-butyl phosphaacetylene affords complex 9 (Eq. 4). In an analogous manner, mono- and disubstituted alkynes react to give 1-phospha-3-metallacyclopentadiene derivatives of type 9. All these 1-phospha-3-metallacyclopentadienes are thermally much less stable than the corresponding metallacyclopentadiene derivatives; e. g. in complex 9 the new formed P-C bond is broken by heating to 60°C. In the presence of trimethylphosphane the educts 8 and acetylene are regained; in the absence of trimethylphosphane the coordinative unsaturated phosphalkyne complex undergoes a [4+2]cycloaddition to complex 9. After rearrangement the unknown 1,4-diphospha benzene derivative 10 can be isolated which is stabilized by η^2 -complexation of the two P=C double bonds to two zirconocene units. Other 1-phospha-3-zirconacyclopentadienes decompose into the educts even at 0°C, especially those bearing phenyl groups at the C=C double bond.



1,3-diphospha bicyclo[1.1.0]butanediyl zirconocene 6 a and hafnocene 6 b are excellent starting materials for the synthesis of new phosphorous heterocycles. The products are often not predictable because after splitting of the M-C bond unusual

rearrangements or cycloadditions are observed. One prominent example is the high yield synthesis of tetraphosphacubane from complex 6 a and hexachlorethane.⁵

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