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#### AMINOPHOSPHINIDENE DERIVATIVES

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Abstract Elimination and fragmentation reactions lead to carbene analogous iminophosphanes which undergo 2+1 addition as well as insertion reactions. Secondary aminophosphanes and amino substituted three-membered phosphorus rings are phosphinidene transfer reagents and therefore valuable building units for cyclic and acyclic compounds. Synthetic routes to amino substituted diphosphenes and their reaction behaviour are reported.

#### CARBENE ANALOGOUS IMINOPHOSPHANES

Frontier orbital theory predicts  $^1$  for methylenephosphane two almost degenerate orbitals  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$ , with the  $\pi$  slightly above the  $\sigma$ . In contrast to in iminophosphane the  $\sigma$  orbital is distinctively over the  $\pi$  orbital.

In accord with these theoretical predictions is the reaction route of P-alkylated iminophosphanes  $\underline{1}$  which easily undergoes (2+1)-cycloaddition to give the azadiphosphiranes  $\underline{2}$ 

On the contary the isoelectronic phosphaalkenes  $Bu^{t}-P=CHR^{3,4}$  show the expected olefinic behaviour.

Another example of the carbene analogy is the ring expansion reaction of  $\underline{2}$  by insertion of  $\underline{1}$  to give the azatriphosphetidines  $\underline{3}^{5}$ .

of 
$$\underline{2}$$
 by insertion of  $\underline{1}$  to give the azatriphosphetidines  $\underline{3}$ 

$$Bu^{t} \qquad Bu^{t}$$

$$Bu^{t} \qquad Bu^{t}$$

$$RN=P - P=NR \qquad RN=P - P=NR$$

$$RN=P - NR \qquad Bu^{t} - P - NR$$

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#### AMINOPHOSPHINIDENES TRANSFER REAGENTS

Various secondary aminophosphanes  $\underline{4}$  (X=NR $_2$ ', F)  $^6$  has been synthesized and studied with respect to their behaviour as aminophosphinidene transfer reagents, according to their formation of diphosphanes 5

$$\underline{4} \quad R_2 N-P(H) X \qquad \xrightarrow{\Delta} \qquad 1/2 \quad R_2 N-P(H)-P(X)-NR_2 \qquad \underline{5}$$

Good sources for this reaction are the cases X=F, R=SiMe  $_3$  and X=NR $_2$ ', R=R'=CHMe $_2$ .

Three membered  $\lambda^3$ -phosphorus heterocycles decompose into three reaction channels - route (a), (b) and (c) - depending on the fragments A and B, as it is shown for the isovalent systems azadiphosphirane (A=NBu<sup>t</sup>, B=PBu<sup>t</sup>) <sup>7</sup> (a), diazaphosphirane (A=NBu<sup>t</sup>, B=NBu<sup>t</sup>) <sup>8</sup> (b) and azaphosphirane (A=NBu<sup>t</sup>, B=CHBu<sup>t</sup>) or phosphirane (A=B=CHBu<sup>t</sup>) <sup>3</sup> (c).

$$R_{2}^{N-P} = A$$

$$+ \qquad (a)$$

$$R_{2}^{N-P} \downarrow A$$

$$R_{2}^{N-P} \downarrow B$$

$$R_{2}^{N-P} \downarrow A=B$$

The synthetic utility of the azaphosphirane  $\underline{6}$  as a source for aminophosphinidene is proven by its thermally induced decomposition; e.g. from aminomethylenephosphene the corresponding diphosphirane  $\underline{7}$  is obtained  $\underline{9}$ .

$$\underline{6} \quad (\text{Me}_2\text{CH})_2\text{N-P} \swarrow |_{\text{CHBu}}^{\text{NBu}} \text{t} \qquad \frac{\text{R}_2\text{N-P=CHR}}{\text{Bu}^{\text{t}}\text{N=CHBu}^{\text{t}}} \quad (\text{Me}_2\text{CH})_2\text{N-P} \swarrow |_{\text{CHR}}^{\text{P-NR}_2} \qquad \underline{7}$$

$$(\text{R=SiMe}_3)$$

#### DIAMINODIPHOSPHENES

Various symmetrically (R'=R'') and unsymmetrically substituted (R' $\neq$ R'') diaminodiphosphenes 8 of different kinetic stabilities were synthesized  $^{10}$ .

In diaminodiphosphenes  $\underline{8}$  the  $\delta^{31}P$  n.m.r. shift strongly depends on substituents (at N): Increased replacement of silyl by alkyl groups causes  $\delta^{31}P$  high field shifting, as well as strong temperature dependance of the resonances. According to theory  $^{11}$  the coplanar versus bisorthogonal conformations are depending on substituents; e.g. silyl groups promote bisorthogonality. This agrees with a structure elucidation  $^{10}$ .

Diaminodiphosphenes like  $R_2N-P=P-NR_2$  (R=SiMe<sub>3</sub>) react with dienes (2,3-dimethylbutadiene or cyclopentadiene) to the corresponding (2+4)-cycloadducts  $\frac{9}{2}$  and  $\frac{10}{2}$  (Diels Alder reaction).

$$\underline{9} \qquad \begin{array}{c} P-NR_2 \\ P-NR_2 \end{array}$$

$$R_2N-P=P-NR_2 \qquad \begin{array}{c} P-NR_2 \\ P-NR_2 \end{array}$$

Oxidation with sulfur or silyldiazoalkane leads to thiadiphosphirane  $\underline{11}$  (diphosphirane  $\underline{12}$  rsp.)  $^{3,12}$ . In the presence of silylazide the corresponding open form, the iminodiphosphene  $\underline{13}$  is formed  $^{3}$ .

These reactions are compared with the corresponding reactions of amino substituted iminophosphanes and methylenephosphenes.

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