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2-Chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane **1** reacted with ammonium perfluoropinacolate **2** to give the stable tetraoxa(hydro)spiroposphorane **3**, which upon u.v. irradiation in the presence of dimethyldisulfide yielded the methylthio derivative **8**. Compound **8** was available also from 2-methylthio-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane **7** and hexafluoroacetone whereas 2-methoxy-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane **4** furnished a 1 : 1 mixture of the 1,3,2λ<sup>5</sup> and 1,3,4λ<sup>5</sup>-dioxaphospholane, **5** and **6**. Bis(trimethylsilyl)ethyleneglycolether **11** and 2,2-difluor-2-methylthio-4,4,5,5-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,2λ<sup>5</sup>-dioxaphospholane **9** did not form **8**. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** was analyzed as an AA'BB'X spin system. A <sup>19</sup>F—<sup>19</sup>F homocorrelated 2 D spectrum indicated a 2-CF<sub>3</sub> ··· 5-F<sub>3</sub>C coupling interaction, probably via a non-bond mechanism.

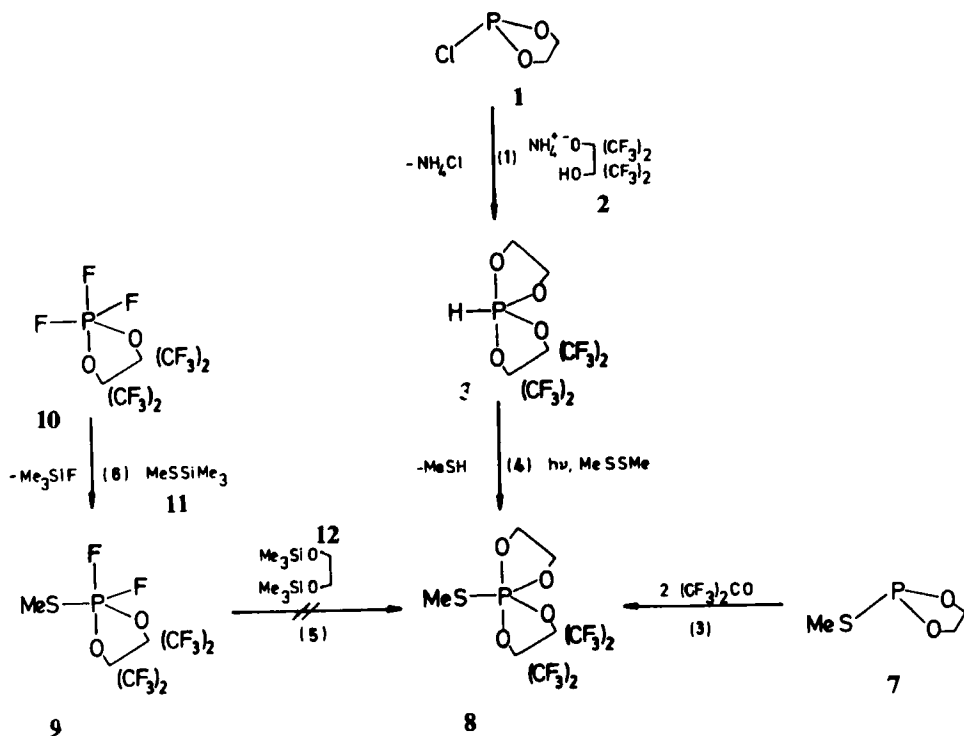
## INTRODUCTION

1,1,1,4,4,4-Hexafluoro-2,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-butane-2,3-diol(perfluoropinacol), HOC(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OH, or its ammonium salt react with 2-dimethylamino-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-,<sup>1</sup> 2-chloro-4,4,5,5-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane<sup>2</sup> or 2-chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane<sup>3</sup> to form hydrospiroposphoranes which do not show tautomeric equilibria in solution between a tri- and penta-coordinated species. 2-Chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane<sup>4</sup> **1** should furnish a hydrophosphorane, too. The properties of the methoxy and corresponding methylthio derivative will give more information about the expected spiro ring system.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Using a modified literature method,<sup>1</sup> 2-chloro-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane **1** and ammonium perfluoropinacolate<sup>3</sup> **2** reacted to form the title compound **3**, a colourless,

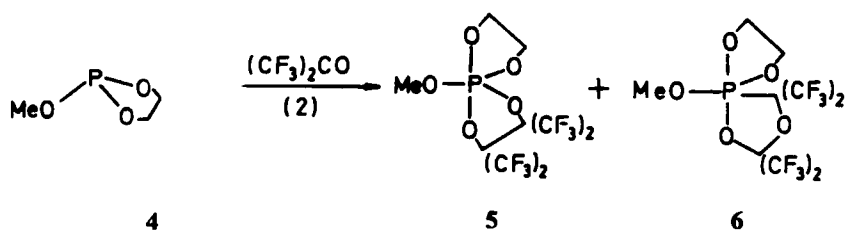
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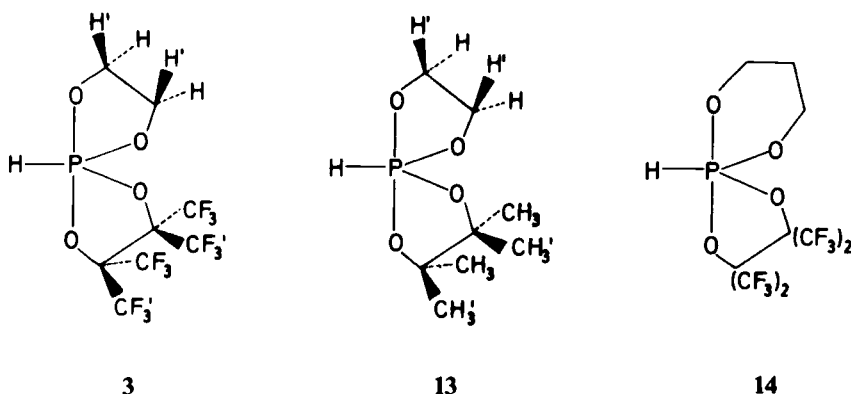
SCHEME 1

moisture-sensitive liquid (b.p. 72–73°C/5 Torr) (eq. 1). The methoxy derivative **5** was obtained together with its 1,3,4λ<sup>5</sup>-isomer **6** in a 1 : 1 ratio when 2-methoxy-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane<sup>5</sup> **4** was treated with hexafluoroacetone at room temperature (eq. 2). (In the case of the phenoxy analogue the same mixture of isomers was isolated.)<sup>1</sup> Compound **6** could not be separated from **5** by distillation nor be converted thermally into isomer **5**. The composition of the mixture was not altered after heating for two days at 80°C.

2-Methylthio-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane<sup>6</sup> **7** and hexafluoroacetone yielded only one isomer, **8**, which was obtained also from irradiation<sup>7</sup> of a solution of **3** and dimethyldisulfide in benzene (eq. 3, 4). A third pathway, starting from the di-fluoromethylthiophosphorane **9** and the bis(trimethylsilyl)ethyleneglycolether<sup>8</sup> **11**



was not effective. The thiophosphorane **9** was prepared using the trifluorophosphorane<sup>9</sup> **10** and (trimethylsilyl)methylthioether<sup>10</sup> **12** (eq. 6). The 30 eV *mass spectra* of **3**, **8** and **9** exhibited the molecular ion  $M^+$  only for **3**. Typical fragments were  $M^+ - H$  (**3**),  $M^+ - F$  (**3**, **8**, **9**).



The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR pattern of the  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  grouping in **3** was analyzed as an  $\text{AA}'\text{BB}'\text{X}$  spin system similar to the related compound<sup>11</sup> **13**. The corresponding parameters (Table I) were obtained by iterative simulation (Program PANIC from the Bruker Software). Two magnetically non-equivalent pairs of protons ( $\delta_{\text{H}} = 3.988$ ,  $4.054$ ) and  $\text{CF}_3$  groups ( $\delta_{\text{F}} = -67.71$ ,  $-70.13$ ) led to the conclusion that the "high energy" process<sup>1,11</sup> of a two step intramolecular substituent exchange in a trigonal bipyramid was slow on the NMR time scale. The multiplet splitting is consistent with a  $^4J_{\text{FF}'}$  coupling (8.7 Hz) of the geminal  $\text{CF}_3$  groups and additional through-bond ( $^5J_{\text{FF}}$ ) and/or non-bond interaction<sup>12</sup> of *cis*  $4\text{-CF}_3$  and  $5\text{-CF}_3$  groups ( $J_{\text{F}\dots\text{F}}$ ,  $J_{\text{F}'\dots\text{F}'}$ ) (vide infra). The position of the sets of protons H or H' and  $\text{CF}_3$  or  $\text{CF}_3'$  relative to the hydrogen bonded to phosphorus could not be determined.

TABLE I  
 $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR data of **3** ( $J$  in Hz)

| $\delta_{\text{H}}^{\text{a}}$<br>$\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ | $\delta_{\text{F}}^{\text{a}}$                   | $\delta_{\text{P}}^{\text{a}}$ |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 3.988(4-H', 5-H')   | -67.71(4'- $\text{CF}_3$ , 5'- $\text{CF}_3$ )   | -23.37                         |
| $^2J_{\text{HH}'} = -9.2$   | $^4J_{\text{FF}'} = 8.7$                         |                                |
| $^3J_{\text{PH}'} = 15.9^{\text{b}}$                                | $J_{\text{FF}} = 8.7^{\text{c}}$                 |                                |
| $^3J_{4\text{-H}, 5\text{-H}'} = 6.3$                               | -70.13(4'- $\text{CF}_3$ ', 5'- $\text{CF}_3$ ') |                                |
| $^3J_{4\text{-H}', 5\text{-H}} = 6.5$                               | $^4J_{\text{PF}'} = 5.6$                         |                                |
| 4.054(4-H, 5-H)   | $J_{\text{F}'\text{F}} = 8.7^{\text{c}}$         |                                |
| $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 12.6$  |  |                                |
| $^4J_{\text{HH}} = -0.2$  |  |                                |

<sup>a</sup>Signals upfield to TMS,  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$  and 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  are measured as negative.

<sup>b</sup> $\delta_{\text{H}}(\text{PH}) = 7.317$  ( $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 893.6$ ).

<sup>c</sup> $J_{\text{FF}}$  and/or "through-space" coupling.

The larger group electronegativity of  $\text{CF}_3$  caused an increase in s-character<sup>13</sup> of the P—H bond in **3** ( $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 894$  Hz) compared with **13** ( $^1J_{\text{PH}} = 812$  Hz). In comparison, the hydrophosphorane **14** containing a 1,3,2λ<sup>5</sup>-dioxaphosphorinane ring exhibits only one signal<sup>3</sup> for all four  $\text{CF}_3$  groups indicating rapid pseudorotation, because of the lower activation energy barrier for the equatorial-equatorial arrangement of the six-membered ring<sup>14,15</sup> at phosphorus in the trigonal bipyramidal structure. The phosphorus nucleus in **3** ( $\delta_{\text{P}} = -23.57$ ) is more deshielded relative to **14** ( $\delta_{\text{P}} = -35.75$ ) which can be explained in terms of a greater distortion in **3** towards a rectangular pyramid along the “Berry coordinate”.<sup>16,17</sup> A similar observation was made in compound **5** ( $\delta_{\text{P}} = -27.71$ ) (Table II) and the 1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinane analogue ( $\delta_{\text{P}} = -47.95^3$ ).

In the 1,3,4λ<sup>5</sup>-dioxaphospholane **6**, isomer of **5** substituent exchange processes were slow on the NMR time scale producing a chiral centre with five different ligands at phosphorus. All four  $\text{CF}_3$  groups, two doublets of septets at lower field (A, B;  $\text{PC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{O}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 3.75$  Hz) and two septets in the upfield region (C, D;  $\text{OC}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ )<sup>18,19</sup> (Table II, Figure 1) were magnetically non-equivalent (also observed for the phenoxy derivative<sup>14</sup>). The septet splitting can only be explained by assuming

TABLE II  
<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>31</sup>P NMR data of **5**, **6**, **8**, and **9** (*J* in Hz)

|                       | $\delta_{\text{H}}^{\text{a}}$<br>$\text{CH}_3$<br>( $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ ) | $\delta_{\text{F}}^{\text{a}}$<br>$\text{CF}_3$<br>( $^4J_{\text{FF}}$ )   | $\delta_{\text{P}}^{\text{a}}$ |
|-----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>5</b> <sup>b</sup> | 3.77<br>(14.23)  | −69.20   | −27.71                         |
| <b>6</b> <sup>c</sup> | 3.76<br>(14.23)  | −68.46 <sup>d,e</sup><br>−68.51 <sup>d,e</sup><br>(9.50)<br>−80.18 <sup>e,f</sup><br>−81.31 <sup>e,f</sup><br>(9.50) | −16.33                         |
| <b>8</b> <sup>g</sup> | 2.24<br>(21.02)  | −68.79 <sup>h,i</sup><br>(8.22)<br>−70.19 <sup>i,j</sup><br>(8.22)   | −2.45 <sup>k</sup>             |
| <b>9</b> <sup>l</sup> | 2.43<br>(24.56)  | −68.91   | −14.62                         |

<sup>a</sup> Signals upfield to TMS,  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$  and 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  are measured as negative.

<sup>b</sup>  $\delta_{\text{H}}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}) = 4.01$  ( $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 15.37$ ).

<sup>c</sup>  $\delta_{\text{H}}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}) = 3.92\text{--}4.22$  (m).

<sup>d</sup>  $\text{PC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{O}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{PF}} = 3.75$ .

<sup>e</sup>  $^6J_{\text{FF}}$  and/or “through-space” coupling 9.50.

<sup>f</sup>  $\text{OC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{O}$ .

<sup>g</sup>  $\delta_{\text{H}}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}) = 4.08$  ( $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 14.52$ ).

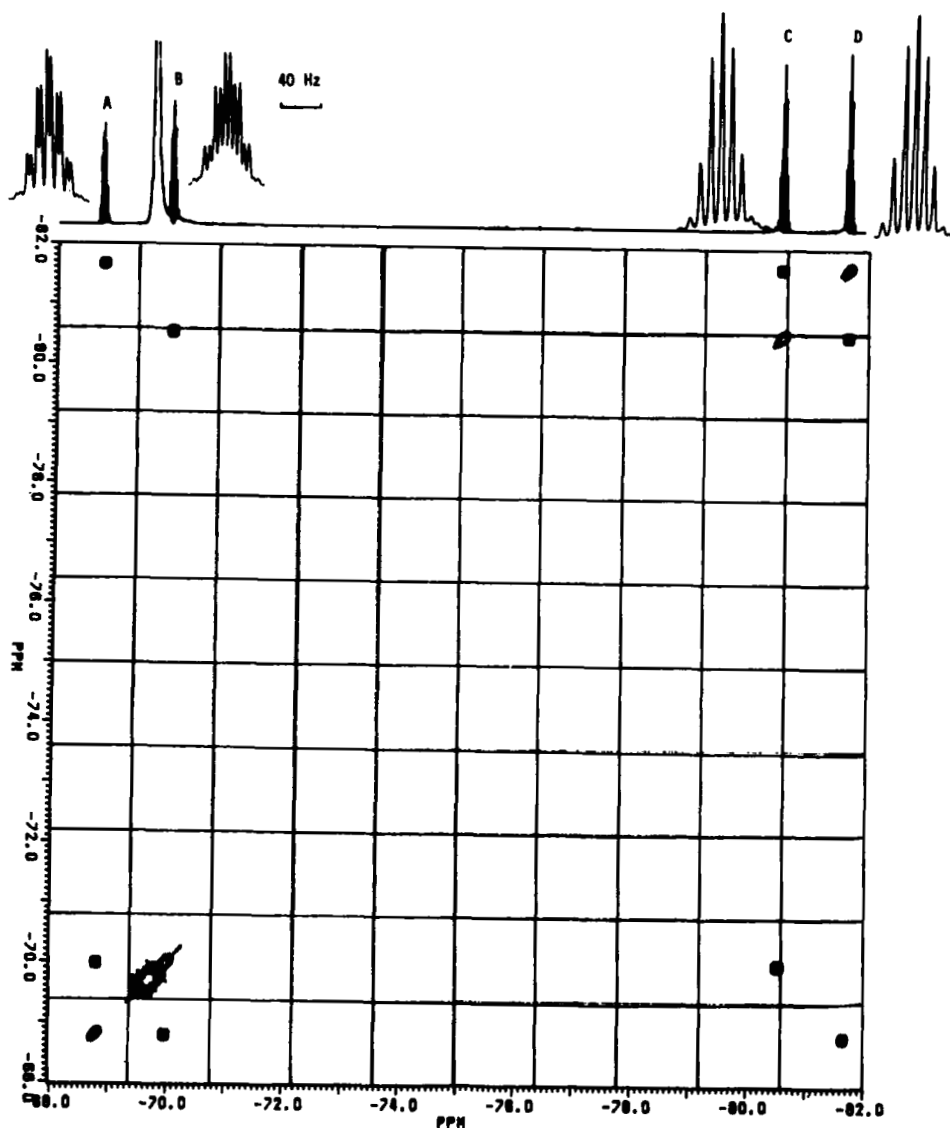
<sup>h</sup>  $\text{CF}_3$ .

<sup>i</sup>  $^5J_{\text{FF}}$  and/or “through-space” coupling 8.22.

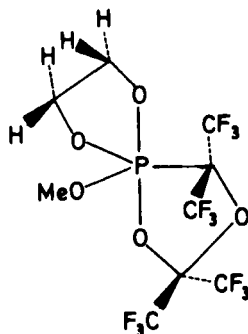
<sup>j</sup>  $\text{CF}_3$ .

<sup>k</sup> Quartet of quintets.

<sup>l</sup>  $\delta_{\text{F}}(\text{PF}) = -37.76$  ( $^1J_{\text{PF}} = 1032.2$ ).

FIGURE 1  $^{19}\text{F}$ — $^{19}\text{F}$  homocorrelated 2 D spectrum of 6.

a  $^4J_{\text{FF}}$  coupling (9.5 Hz) of the geminal 2- $\text{CF}_3$  or 5- $\text{CF}_3$  groups and a non-bond interaction<sup>12</sup> of each  $\text{CF}_3$  group with a  $\text{CF}_3$  group in *cis* position; a coupling constant of 9.5 Hz via six bonds without a  $\pi$ -system seems not very likely<sup>12</sup>. A  $^{19}\text{F}$ — $^{19}\text{F}$  homocorrelated 2 D spectrum (Figure 1, Experimental Part) proved the existence of a scalar 2- $\text{CF}_3 \cdots$  5- $\text{CF}_3$  interaction ( $\text{CF}_3(\text{A}) \cdots \text{F}_3\text{C}(\text{D})$ ,  $\text{CF}_3(\text{B}) \cdots \text{F}_3\text{C}(\text{C})$ ). The orientation relative to the MeO group could not be determined. The resonance between signal A and B is due to the four equivalent  $\text{CF}_3$  groups of 5.



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The  $^1\text{H}$  spectrum of **8** showed a  $A_4X$  pattern ( $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 14.52$  Hz) whereas two multiplets for two non-equivalent  $\text{CF}_3$  pairs in the  $^{19}\text{F}$  spectrum characterized a "frozen" high energy process<sup>1,11</sup> (Table II). (The exchange rate of both nuclei is depending on the shift differences of the resonances in question.) The multiplicity of signals can be derived from geminal  $^4J_{\text{FF}}$  (8.22 Hz) coupling and through-bond ( $^5J_{\text{FF}}$ ) and/or non-bond interaction of *cis*  $\text{CF}_3$  groups by the same coupling constant ( $J_{\text{F} \dots \text{F}} = 8.22$  Hz).

The methylthio substituent in **9** is responsible for the deshielding effect in comparison to the MeO analogue;<sup>20</sup>  $\delta_{\text{H}} = 2.43$  (3.87),  $\delta_{\text{F}}(\text{PF}) = -37.76$  ( $-64.0$ ), and  $\delta_{\text{P}} = -14.62$  ( $-52.8$ ). The coupling constants  $^3J_{\text{PH}}$  and  $^1J_{\text{PF}}$  are considerably larger in the case of **9**,  $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 24.56$  (15.1),  $^1J_{\text{PF}} = 1032.2$  (903). One signal in the  $\text{CF}_3$  region indicated pseudorotation rapid on the NMR time scale, equilibrating all four  $\text{CF}_3$  groups.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The appropriate precautions in handling moisture and oxygen-sensitive compounds were observed throughout this work.

Solvents were dried by standard procedures. Mass spectra were taken on a Varian MAT CH-7 instrument at 30 eV. The IR spectrum of **3** was recorded on a Perkin Elmer 577 spectrometer. NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker WH 360 spectrometer at 360.08 MHz ( $^1\text{H}$ , internal Standard TMS), 338.68 MHz ( $^{19}\text{F}$ , external  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$ ), and 145.72 MHz ( $^{31}\text{P}$ , external  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ ). Solutions ca. 10% (V/V) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  were measured. The  $^{19}\text{F}$ – $^{19}\text{F}$  homocorrelated 2D spectrum was obtained under proton decoupling conditions.<sup>21</sup> The second pulse angle was  $45^\circ$ . The data size was 2 K points in  $t_2$  direction (16 single scans) and 512 experiments in  $t_1$  direction, which were zero filled to 1 K for processing. Both dimensions were multiplied by a sine bell function prior to transformation. After transformation, the full spectrum was symmetrized.

The irradiation experiment was carried out with a 450 W Hanovia medium-pressure mercury lamp in a pyrex glass system. The following compounds were prepared according to literature procedures: **1**<sup>4</sup>, **2**<sup>3</sup>, **4**<sup>5</sup>, **7**<sup>6</sup>, **10**<sup>9</sup>, **11**<sup>8</sup>, **12**<sup>10</sup>.

**4,4,5,5-Tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-spiro[1,3,2 $\lambda^5$ -dioxaphospholane-2,2'[1,3,2 $\lambda^5$ ]-dioxaphospholane](3).** Compound **2**, 10.47 (30 mmole) were added to 3.79 g (30 mmole) **1** and hold at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was washed with 100 ml petroleum ether. After removing the solvent the residue was distilled two times. Yield of **3** 8.87 g (70%, b.p.  $72$ – $73/5$  Torr).

MS (30 eV,  $30^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $m/e$ : 424 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 2%), 423 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$ , 17), 405 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{F}$ , 8), 394 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_2\text{O}$ , 34), 381 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{F}$ , 9), 355 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{CF}_3$ , 100), 197 ( $\text{C}_4\text{F}_7\text{O}^+$ , 52), 91 ( $\text{PO}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4^+$ , 48), 69 ( $\text{CF}_3^+$ , 24) and other

fragments. IR: 2970 s, 2895 s ( $\nu_{CH}$ ); 2455 m ( $\nu_{PH}$ ); 1300–1150 vs ( $\nu_{CF}$ ) [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ].  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{F}_{12}\text{O}_4\text{P}$  (424.08): Calcd.: C, 22.66; H, 1.19; F, 53.70; P, 7.30. Found: C, 22.81; H, 1.24; F, 53.60; P, 7.39.

*2-Methoxy-4,4,5,5-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-spiro-[1,3,2 $\lambda^5$ -dioxaphospholane-2,2' [1,3,2 $\lambda^5$ ]-dioxaphospholane] (5) and 2-Methoxy-3,3,5,5-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-spiro[1,3,4 $\lambda^5$ -dioxaphospholane-2,2' [1,3,2 $\lambda^5$ ]-dioxaphospholane] (6).* Compound **4**, 3.30 g (27 mmole) and 9.00 g (54 mmole) hexafluoroacetone reacted for 24 hours at room temperature. Excess hexafluoroacetone was removed. The residue was recrystallized from pentane. The yield of **5** and **6** was 96% (m.p. 30°C). The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR indicated a 1:1 mixture. Heating for two days at 80°C did not change the composition of the mixture.

$\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{F}_{12}\text{O}_5\text{P}$  (454.10): Calcd.: C, 23.80, H, 1.55; F, 50.20, Found: C, 24.16; H, 1.66; F, 49.50.

*2-Methylthio-4,4,5,5-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-spiro-[1,3,2 $\lambda^5$ -dioxaphospholane-2,2' [1,3,2 $\lambda^5$ ]-dioxaphospholane] (8).* Compound **7**, 3.45 g (25 mmole) and 8.30 g (50 mmole) hexafluoroacetone react for 24 hours at room temperature to give 11.75 g (100%) **8** (b.p. 115°C/15 Torr).

MS: (30 eV, 30°C):  $m/e$ : 470 ( $\text{M}^+$ , –), 425 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{F}$ , 2%), 424 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{SCH}_2$ , 112), 423 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{SCH}_3$ , 100), 401 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{CF}_3$ , 12), 397 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{SC}_3\text{H}_5$ , 6), 69 ( $\text{CF}_3$ , 51) and other fragments.  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{F}_{11}\text{O}_4\text{PS}$  (470.17): Calcd.: C, 22.99; H, 1.50; F, 48.49. Found: C, 23.05; H, 1.50; F, 48.30.

A solution of 0.85 g (2 mmole) **3** and 0.18 g (2 mmole) dimethyldisulfide was irradiated through Pyrex at 20°C with a medium-pressure 450-W Hanovia mercury lamp. After 2 hours the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of the solution showed the presence of 80% **8**. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum indicated the presence of methyl mercaptan.

*2,2-Difluoro-2-methylthio-4,4,5,5-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,2 $\lambda^5$ -dioxaphospholane (9).* Compound **10**, 6.30 g (15 mmole) and 1.81 g (15 mmole) methyl(trimethylsilyl)thioether<sup>10</sup> **12** were held for one week at room temperature. The reaction mixture was distilled at 25 Torr. 6.00 g **9** (b.p. 65/25 Torr) were obtained.

MS (30 eV, 30°C):  $m/e$ : 448 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{SCH}_3$ , 82), 379 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{CF}_3$ , 30), 159 ( $\text{C}_3\text{F}_4\text{OP}^+$ , 41), 97 ( $\text{C}_3\text{F}_3\text{O}^+$ , 20), 69 ( $\text{CF}_3^+$ , 100).  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_3\text{F}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{PS}$  (448.12): Calcd.: C, 18.76; H, 0.67; F, 59.35; S, 7.16. Found: C, 18.88; H, 0.70; F, 58.8; S, 7.29.

*Reaction of 9 with bis(trimethylsilyl)ethyleneglycolether (11).* Compound **9**, 4.50 g (10 mmole) and 2.10 g (10 mmole) **11** were heated for two days at 80°C. The starting materials could be recovered unchanged.

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