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## Communication

# A SIMPLE ROUTE TO 1,4-DIHYDRO-1λ<sup>5</sup>,4λ<sup>5</sup>-DIPHOSPHORINES

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Reaction between ethynylaminophosphanes with thiobenzoic acid or 3-oxobutanedithioic acid yield 1,4-dihydro- $1\lambda^5$ ,4 $\lambda^5$ -diphosphorine 1,4-disulfides. The NMR data and the results of the x-ray structure determination of 1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetraphenyl- $1\lambda^5$ ,4 $\lambda^5$ -diphosphorine 1,4-disulfide are described.

Key words: Dihydro-diphosphorine disulfides; crystal structure; NMR.

#### INTRODUCTION AND RESULTS

Compounds of the monocyclic 1,4-dihydro- $1\lambda^5$ ,4 $\lambda^5$ -diphosphorine (or  $1\lambda^5$ ,4 $\lambda^5$ -diphosphadihydrobenzene) class are almost unknown. The first representatives of this class were described by Märkl in 1975.<sup>1</sup> In this paper we describe a simple route to compounds of this type based on the reaction of ethynylaminophosphanes with thiobenzoic acid or 3-oxobutanedithioic acid, CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>C(S)SH. Reaction of the latter with phenyl(phenylethynyl)diethylaminophosphane 1 (Scheme I), for example, gives 1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetraphenyl- $1\lambda^5$ ,4 $\lambda^5$ -diphosphorine 1,4-disulfide 3, isolated after recrystallization from chloroform in the form of a colorless crystalline solvate that decomposes rapidly in air with loss of chloroform. We assume that the reaction proceeds via phenyl(phenylethynyl)mercaptophosphane 2, which then rearranges to phenyl(phenylethynyl)phosphane sulfide. Two successive additions (one inter-, the other intramolecular) of P—H to the triple bond result in the formation of  $3.^2$ 

Crystals of 3 recrystallized from 1,2-dichloroethane are solvent-free. They melt at 287°C. In the  $^{31}P\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum ( $C_6D_6$ , 85%  $H_3PO_4$  reference) of 3, the chemical shift is at 17.0 ppm. The  $^{13}C\{^{1}H, ^{31}P\}$  NMR spectrum ( $C_6D_6$ , TMS reference) of 3 shows chemical shifts for the endocyclic carbon atoms at 134.6 ppm (methyne C) and 144.6 ppm. The associated  $^{1}J(PC)$  values of 77.8 Hz and 73.0 Hz and the  $^{3}J(PP)$  value of 44.1 Hz were extracted from the  $^{13}C$  satellites in the  $^{31}P\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum, which comprises the AB portion of an ABX spin system. The  $^{14}H\{^{31}P\}$  NMR spectrum ( $C_6D_6$ , TMS reference) of 3 shows a broad singlet for the olefinic hydrogen atoms with a chemical shift of 6.75 ppm.

SCHEME I

The NMR data, together with the results of the X-ray structure determination (see Figure 1), confirm the structure of 3.

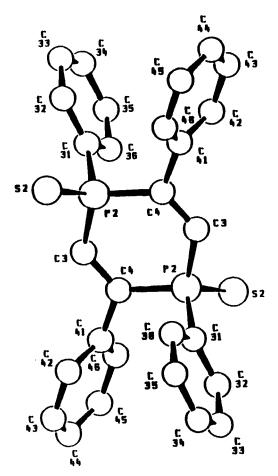


FIGURE 1 Molecular structure of 3. Only one of the two crystallographically independent but very similar molecules is shown. The H atoms have been omitted for clarity. The ring atoms are approximately planar; the average and the maximum deviations of the "best" plane in each molecule are 1.7 and 1.9 pm or 2.2 and 2.4 pm, respectively. The corresponding distances (pm) and angles (°) are almost identical: P2—C4 179.1(5), P2—C3 179.8(5), C3—C4 134.4(6), P2—S2 194.5(2); P2—C4—C3 124.1(4), P2—C3—C4 127.9, C3—P2—C4 107.8(2).

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

A solution of 10 mmol phenyl phenylethinyl diethylamino phosphane in 10 ml of chloroform was cooled to  $-30^{\circ}$ C and treated dropwise with stirring with a solution of 2.4 ml thiobenzoic acid in 10 mL of chloroform. When the reaction mixture was kept in a refrigerator at 3°C for several days a colorless solid precipitated, which after cooling of the mixture to  $-30^{\circ}$ C is separated by filtration. By recrystallization from chloroform 3 was obtained in the form of a colorless crystalline solvate that decomposed in air with release of chloroform. Crystals of 3 from 1,2-dichlororoethane, however, were solvent free. Yield, 1,0 g (20%).

Crystal Data. — $C_{28}H_{22}P_2S_2$ , M=484.5, triclinic,  $\overline{P}1$ ; Z=2; a=940.2(2), b=1139.2(2), c=1263.9(3) pm;  $\alpha=104.32(2)$ ,  $\beta=98.48(2)$ ,  $\gamma=102.32(2)^\circ$ ;  $D_c=1.29$  g/cm³ at 20°C; four circle diffractometer CAD 4 (graphite monochromator, scintillation counter,  $CuK_\alpha$ );  $\Omega$ -scans in the region  $2^\circ < \theta < 65^\circ$ ; 4217 symmetry independent reflections, 869 with  $F_a < 4\sigma < (F_o)$ ; empirical absorption correction with  $\Psi$ -scans; structure solution with direct methods in  $\overline{P}1$ ; refinements with full matrix least squares, R=0.057; after anisotropic refinement of the P, S, and C atoms, the H atoms were localized

by differential Fourier synthesis. The calculations were done with SHELXTL,<sup>4</sup> PLATON,<sup>5</sup> and SCHAKAL.<sup>6</sup> Atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles, and thermal parameters are available on request from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

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