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The reactivity of sulfurated monosubstituted alkynes with dithiophosphoric acid (noted Z-H) has been investigated. Depending on the transition-metal-catalyst (Ni, Pd, Rh) and solvent (benzene or THF), two types of alkenes can be isolated:  $Z\text{-CH=CH-CH}_2\text{-SR}$  and/or  $Z\text{-C(CH}_2\text{-SR)=CH}_2$ . The selectivity of this reaction was studied.  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of these new sulfurated alkenes are reported.

**Keywords:** Dithiophosphoric acid; alkynes; sulfurated alkenes;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR

## INTRODUCTION

We have previously published our results of the addition of dithiophosphoric acid (DTPA, noted Z-H) on monosubstituted sulfurated alkynes<sup>1</sup>. We have shown that the addition of Z-H on sulfurated alkynes could lead to regioselective reaction, depending on reagents (radical reaction (AIBN) or ionic reaction (MeCN or Triton B)).

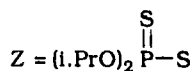
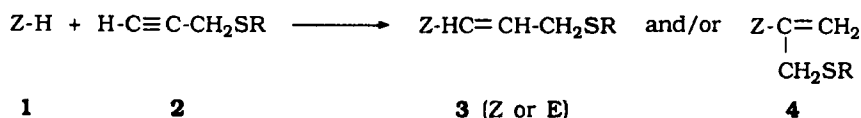
In this present work, we studied the influence of transition-metal-catalyst (Pd, Rh, Ni) on the same reaction. We report our results concerning the reactivity of diisopropyldithiophosphoric acid with a monosubstituted sulfurated alkyne. The selected alkyne have a sulfur which is not directly bound on the triple bond.

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## RESULTS

Two types of alkenes can be isolated:



The results are reported in Table I. The reaction gives always 100% of conversion. We used different catalysts:  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ ,  $\text{PdCl}_2$ ,  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{PdCl}_2$ ,  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{RhCl}$ ,  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{NiCl}_2$  with two solvents: benzene (Bz) or THF.

In Table I, we have reported the  $\delta$  values observed in the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR, and the retention time (Tr) observed in GC/MS. For all the trials, the  $\delta$  values observed in the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR are similar, but not the retention time. Indeed, we always used the same column of chromatography but experimental conditions could change (pressure, temperature, programming).

We can note that alkene 4 has always a lower retention time than alkene 3. When a compound is not identified in GC/MS, no value is written in Table I for Tr.

### Note about "others" compounds:

We observed two "other" compounds:

- The first ( $\delta = 100,3$  ppm in the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR) has been already identified when we worked on the sulfurated alkynes<sup>2</sup>. The product is not identified in GC/MS. We are not sure of its structure, but it could be derived from DTPA.
- For the second compound ( $\delta = 75,4$  ppm in the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR), not identified in GC/MS, we have not totally established its structure.

## DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Isolated compounds have been characterized by  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR and analyzed by GC/MS. In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, only the  $\delta$  values of  $\text{CH=}$  and  $\text{CH}_2=$  are different (Table II).

TABLE I Reactivity of Z-H on H-C≡C-CH<sub>2</sub>S-i.Bu

Cat.	Solvent	Alkene 3	Alkene 4	Others	NMR <sup>31</sup> P	Tr GC/MS
Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Bz	E: 5%			84,5	35,4
		Z: 9%			85,3	35,4
			86%		85,9	33,9
Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	THF	E: 48%			84,5	34,6
		Z: 43%			85,3	34,6
			3%		85,9	
PdCl <sub>2</sub>	Bz	E: 2%		6%	100,3	
		Z: 2%			84,5	31,4
			92%		85,4	31,4
PdCl <sub>2</sub>	THF	E: 49%		4%	85,9	30,3
		Z: 49%			100,3	
					84,5	32,1
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> /PdCl <sub>2</sub>	Bz	E: 3%		2%	85,3	32,1
		Z: 3%			100,3	
			93%		84,5	31,7
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> /PdCl <sub>2</sub>	THF	E: 62%			85,3	31,7
		Z: 37%			85,9	30,6
					84,5	32,2
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> /RhCl	Bz	E: 5%			85,3	32,2
		Z: 12%			84,5	31,5
			83%		85,4	31,5
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> /RhCl	THF	E: 50%			85,9	30,3
		Z: 50%			84,5	32,6
					85,4	32,6
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> /NiCl <sub>2</sub>	Bz	E: 6%			84,5	31,6
		Z: 10%			85,4	31,6
			83%		85,9	30,4
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> /NiCl <sub>2</sub>	THF	E: 76%			84,5	31,3
		Z: 15%			85,4	31,3
			trace			29,2
				8%	75,4	

The same fact can be noticed in the <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra (Table II).

We also observed a complex system for hydrogenes of compound **3** (-CH=CH-CH<sub>2</sub>), and a relatively simple system for compound **4** (-C=CH<sub>2</sub>). In GC/MS, E and Z isomers of alkene **3** give one single signal.

Fragmentations observed are, on an average:

Alkene **3** (E + Z): Tr = 32,3 min; m/z = 129 (100%): [i.Bu-S-CH<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>

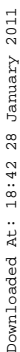
Alkene **4**: Tr = 30,6 min; m/z = 169 (100%): [(HO)<sub>2</sub>-P(S)-S-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>

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The influence of solvent is fundamental: the regioselectivity is totally reversed with the same catalyst. Benzene widely favours formation of alkene **4** with a good selectivity.

The regioselectivity is more important with THF (compound **4** is rarely present; in the opposite, with benzene, compound **3** is present up to 17%). This difference could be due to the possible liaison of the atom of oxygen (of THF) with the metal of different catalysts.

To isolate alkene **3**, we can use all the catalysts, but for alkene **4** we would prefer  $\text{PdCl}_2$  or  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{PdCl}_2$ .

## EXPERIMENTAL

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER AC 250 spectrometer in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard.

$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER AC 250 spectrometer in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  using  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  as external standard.

The chemical shifts (ppm) are presented in Table II (abbreviations: m (multiplet)).

Mass spectra were realized after GC/MS coupling on HP display (capillary column SE30, 25 meters; temperature programming:  $60^\circ\text{C}$  during 3 minutes, then  $4^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$  until  $300^\circ\text{C}$ ). The results are summarized in Table I.

## General Procedure

To a solution of benzene or THF (30 ml) and catalyst (0.02 equivalent) is added alkyne (15 mmol). 15 mmol of dithiophosphoric acid is added dropwise under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere.

The mixture is heated at reflux for 16 hours and the precipitated metal complex is removed through celite.

The resultant mixture is washed with a solution of sodium hydroxide, and the organic layer is dried with sodium sulfate. The solvent is removed under reduced pressure.

Products are isolated by chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (90/10) as eluent.

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