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The N-(N',N',N'',N''-tetramethyl)guanidinyl substituted phosphines 1 and 2 were allowed to react with the Lewis acids, boron trifluoride and antimony pentachloride. Instead of the expected Lewis acid-base adducts the phosphonium compounds 3 - 5 were obtained. The reaction with boron trifluoride lead to the rupture of the P-N bond, followed by the formation of the $\sigma^3 P \sigma^4 P^+$ -phosphonium compound 3 by reaction with a further molecule of 1. Antimony pentachloride acted as oxidizing agent, leading to the chlorophosphonium hexachloroantimonates 4 and 5.

Keywords: N-(N',N',N'',N''-tetramethyl)guanidine; Phosphines, N-(N',N',N'',N''-tetramethyl)guanidinyl-substituted; chlorophosphonium compounds, N-(N',N',N'',N''-tetramethyl)guanidinyl substituted; $\sigma^3 P \sigma^4 P^+$ -phosphonium compounds.

INTRODUCTION

In N-(N',N',N",N"-tetramethyl)guanidinyl (TMG)-substituted phosphines a hard Lewis basic center (the imino nitrogen atom) is directly bonded to a soft Lewis acid center (the phosphorus atom).

We have shown before, that the imino nitrogen in TMG-substituted phosphoryl compounds is a harder Lewis acid center than the phosphoryl oxygen¹; boron trifluoride reacted with methylphosphonic-bis-N-(N',N',N",N"-tetramethyl)guanidinide with formation of a 2:1 complex containing two BF₃ moieties bonded to the imino nitrogen atoms. The possibility of boron trifluoride being bonded to

nitrogen instead of phosphorus has been discussed previously for dialkylaminodifluorophosphines².

With protonic acids TMG-substituted phosphines reacted, depending on the further substituents at phosphorus, either at the imino nitrogen or at the phosphorus atom³. In the TMG-substituted phosphines the basicity of the phosphorus atom is increased by the mesomeric effect of the substituents. The positive partial charge at phosphorus, arising as a result of its quaternization, is delocalised over the TMG-substituents. Thus, we were interested in extending our studies of the properties of TMG-substituted phosphines to their reactions with Lewis acids, especially with boron trifluoride and antimony pentachloride. Our aim was to determine whether the imino nitrogen atoms in the TMG substituent or the phosphorus(III) atom of the title compounds are more reactive towards Lewis acids.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Diphenyl-N-(N',N',N",N"-tetramethylguanidinyl phosphine 1 reacted with boron trifluoride diethyl etherate at -50°C [Eq. (1)]. In the reaction mixture only traces of the 1:1 adduct of boron trifluoride with 1 could be observed by ³¹P-NMR spectroscopy. The solid product isolated consisted mainly of the phosphonium salt 3. A similar product was obtained by Cowley et. al. in the reaction of t-BuP(F)NMe₂ with PF₅⁴.

The 31 P-NMR spectrum of 3 displayed the AB-pattern expected for such a system, involving a phosphorus-phosphorus bond $[\delta(\sigma^4P^+)=20.48 \text{ ppm}, \delta(\sigma^3P)=-11.90 \text{ ppm}, ^1J(PP)=266.96 \text{ Hz}]$. The $^1J(PP)$ -coupling constants observed before for such compounds lay, normally, in the range of 160-300 Hz, although in some cases values up to 506 Hz were observed⁴. The value of $^1J(PP)$ (266.96 Hz) observed for 3 is significantly smaller than that observed for the cation $[Ph_zPP(NMe_2)Ph_2]^+$ (325 Hz)⁵, a species closely related to the cation of 3.

The reason for the smaller coupling constant observed for 3 is suggested to be the mesomeric effect of the TMG-substituent. This leads to an increase of the electron densitiy at the σ^4P^+ -atom and thus to a decrease of $^1J(PP)$.

The 19 F-NMR spectrum of 3 exhibited two signals for the BF₃ groups due to the isotope effect. The $\delta(^{19}F)$ values lay at -153.16 ppm ($^{11}BF_3$) and -153.11 ppm ($^{10}BF_3$). This constitutes a slight high field shift, compared to the values found for the adduct of methylphosphonic-bis-N-(N',N',N",N"-tetramethyl)guanidinide with two BF₃-moieties (-151.98 and -151.93). The results of the elemental analysis are in agreement with a 1:1 adduct of 1 with BF₃. The ^{19}F -NMR spectrum indicated identical environments for both BF₃ groups. It appears that both BF₃ groups are attached to the same imino nitrogen atom, forming the anion displayed in Eq. (1) for 3. There is no unambiguous proof for this anion. Compounds with two trimethylsilyl groups bonded to the imino nitrogen of TMG are known⁶.

The reactions of 1 and of 2 with antimony pentachloride were expected to lead either to Lewis acid-base adducts or to products like 3, from reaction (1). The observations made for the protonation of TMG-substituted phosphines suggested that in the case of 1 the reaction should occur at the imino nitrogen atom, and in the case of 2 at the phosphorus atom³.

Despite the low temperatures employed (-80°C) we were unable to isolate any of the expected Lewis acid-base adducts. From the reaction of 1 and of 2 with antimony pentachloride we isolated colourless solid products, poorly soluble in nonpolar solvents [Eq. (2)].

In both cases antimony pentachloride acted as oxidizing agent. Probably, the initial products were the corresponding dichlorophosphoranes which, under the reaction conditions, were isolated as the chlorophosphonium hexachloroantimonates 4 and 5. The $\delta(^{31}P)$ values of 4 (25.22 ppm) and of 5 (-1.93 ppm) were observed at unusually high field, for compounds of this type. The $\delta(^{31}P)$ values of most chlorophosphonium compounds were reported to lie between 60 and 120 ppm⁷.

The highfield shift of the observed resonances is attributed to the mesomeric effect of the TMG-substituents. The positive charge is delocalised over the TMG

substituents. The electron distribution in 4 and 5 is better represented by structures B and C in Eq. (3) than by structure A.

$$Ph-P-N=C \longrightarrow Ph-P=N=C \longrightarrow Ph-P=N-C \oplus NMe_{2} \longrightarrow Ph-P=N-C \oplus NMe_{2}$$

$$R \longrightarrow NMe_{2} \longrightarrow Ph-P=N-C \oplus NMe_{2}$$

$$A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C$$

$$C \longrightarrow NMe_{2} \longrightarrow Ph-P=N-C \oplus NMe_{2}$$

$$A \longrightarrow Ph-P=N-C \oplus NMe_{2}$$

In the case of 5 the positive charge is delocalised over two TMG-groups. Thus, the phosphorus atom is shielded more strongly, compared to 4.

The $\delta(^1H)$ values of the protons of the TMG-substituents were nearly the same for 4 (2.96 ppm) and 5 (2.97 ppm). Both $\delta(^1H)$ values are at lower field than in the corresponding phosphines (1: $\delta = 2.78$ ppm; 2: $\delta = 2.72$ ppm)⁸. This downfield shift is observed for nearly all TMG-substituted phosphorus compounds upon increase of the coordination number of phosphorus from three to four^{1,8,9}

EXPERIMENTAL

All operations were carried out in a nitrogen atmosphere, employing standard vacuum and inert gas techniques. The solvents were dried by standard procedures and were freshly distilled before use. The ¹H (200.1 MHz), ¹³C (50.3 MHz), ¹⁹F (188.3 MHz) and ³¹P (80.1 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-200 spectrometer using CDCl₃ as a solvent, unless indicated otherwise. All shifts are reported relative to TMS (¹H, ¹³C), CFCl₃ (¹⁹F) and H₃PO₄ (³¹P). The IR-spectrum was recorded in CDCl₃ solution, using KBr cells on a BioRad 165 spectrometer. The abbreviation "i.v." refers to a pressure of 0.1 mm Hg.

The following compounds were prepared according to published methods: diphenyl-N-(N',N',N'',N''-tetramethyl)guanidinylphosphine 1 and phenyl-bis-N-(N',N',N'',N''-tetramethyl)guanidinylphosphine 2^8 . Other reagents were commercially available.

Reaction of diphenyl-N-(N',N',N'',N''-tetramethyl)guanidinylphosphine 1 with boron trifluoride diethyl etherate; Synthesis of the $\sigma^3 P \sigma^4 P^+$ -diphosphorus compound 3

A solution of 0.83 g (5.85 mmol) of BF₃·Et₂O in 20 ml of diethyl ether was added at -50° C to a solution of 1.73 g (5.78 mmol) of 1 in 20 ml of diethyl ether. The mixture was stirred during 2 h at -50° C. The precipitate was filtered off and dried i.v. It was then dissolved in 5 ml of dichloromethane and precipitated by

addition of 10 ml of diethyl ether. The product thus purified was collected by filtration and dried i.v. Yield: 1.06 g (49.9%). Colourless solid, dec. > 50° C.

¹H-NMR: δ = 2.62 (s, 12 H, PNC(N(C<u>H</u>₃)₂)₂); δ = 2.93 (s, br, 12 H, BNC(N(C<u>H</u>₃)₂)₂); δ = 7.69 – 7.16 (m, 20 H, P(C₆<u>H</u>₅)₂ and P⁺(C₆<u>H</u>₅)₂), ¹⁹F-NMR: δ = –153.16 (s, ¹¹B<u>F</u>₃); δ = –153.11 (s, ¹⁰B<u>F</u>₃). ³¹P-NMR: δ = 20.48 (d, ¹J(PP) = 266.73, σ ⁴P⁺); δ =–11.90(d, ¹J(PP) = 267.19, σ ³P). C₃₄H₄₄B₂F₆N₆P₂ (734.32): calcd.: C 55.61, H 6.04, N 11.44; found: C 53.81, H 6.07, N 10.40.

Reaction of diphenyl-N-(N',N',N",N"-tetramethyl)guanidinylphosphine 1 with antimony pentachloride; Synthesis of diphenyl-N-(N',N',N",N"-tetramethyl)guanidinylchlorophosphonium hexachloroantimonate 4

A solution of 1.25 g (4.2 mmol) of antimony pentachloride in 10 ml of dichloromethane was added at -80° C to a solution of 0.83 g (2.8 mmol) of **1** in 10 ml of diethyl ether. After warming to room temperature the mixture was stirred during 16 h. The solution was separated from an oily precipitate. This was redissolved several times in 5 ml portions of dichloromethane and precipitated by addition of 10 ml of diethyl ether. Yield: 0.78 g (55.5 %). Yellow solid, Mp.: 101°C. 1 H-NMR: δ = 2.96 (s, 12 H, N(C $\underline{\text{H}}_3$)₂); δ = 7.85 – 7.64 (m, 10 H, P(C $_{6}\underline{\text{H}}_{5}$)₂). 31 P-NMR: δ = 25.22 (s). C₁₇H₂₂Cl₇N₃PSb (669.28): calcd.: C 30.51, H 3.31, N 6.28; found: C 29.89, H 3.31, N 5.92.

Reaction of phenyl-bis-N-(N',N',N",N"-tetramethyl)guanidinylphosphine 2 with antimony pentachloride; Synthesis of phenyl-bis-N-(N',N',N",N" -tetramethyl)guanidinyl-chlorophosphonium hexachloroantimonate 5

A solution of 1.18 g (3.5 mmol) of **2** in 20 ml of diethyl ether was added over a period of 15 min at -80° C to a solution of 2.3 g (7.7 mmol) of antimony pentachloride in 20 ml of dichloromethane. The solution was warmed up to room temperature during 2 h with stirring. The solvent was removed i.v., and the remaining solid was dissolved several times in 5 ml portions of dichloromethane, and precipitated by addition of 10 ml of diethyl ether. Yield: 1.5 g (60.7 %). Yellow solid, Mp.: 108° C. ¹H-NMR: δ = 2.97 (s, 24 H, N=C(N(CH₃)₂)₂); δ = 7.87 – 7.52 (m, 5 H, P(C₆H₅)). ¹³C-NMR: δ = 40.95 (s, N=C(N(CH₃)₂)₂); δ = 161.46 (s, N=C<); aromatic C: δ = 128.89, 129.22, 129.60, 129.83 (not assigned); δ = 132.77 (d, ¹J(PC) = 3.39, ipso-C). ³¹P-NMR: δ = -1.93 (s). IR (CDCl₃): ν = 1650 (s), 1570 (vs, br), 1530 (sh), 1480 (s) (CN). C₁₆H₂₉Cl₇N₆PSb (706.34): calcd.: C 27.21, H 4.14, N 11.90; found: C 26.07, H 3.95, N 10.43.

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