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Pentakis(trimethylsilyl)-3-phospha-2-pentazene $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}-\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)-\text{P}=\text{N}-\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (**1**) reacts with AlCl_3 and TiCl_4 (MX_n) to form an iminophosphorane, $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}-\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)-\text{P}(\text{X})(\text{MX}_{n-1})=\text{N}-\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$. The latter decomposes to form 3,5,5-trichloro-1,2-bis(trimethylsilyl)-4-bis(trimethylsilyl)amino-1,2-diaza-3-phospha-4-amino-5-titanacyclo-pentane. SbCl_3 forms a similar cyclic product 3,5-dichloro-1,2-bis(trimethylsilyl)-4-bis(trimethylsilyl)amino-1,2-diaza-3-phospha-4-amino-5-stibacyclopentane. Lewis acids SnCl_4 and SbCl_5 act as oxidants to yield $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}-\text{N}=\text{N}-\text{P}=\text{N}-\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$.

Keywords: Pentasila-phospha-pentazene; reactivity; Lewis acids; phosphoranes; cyclic derivatives

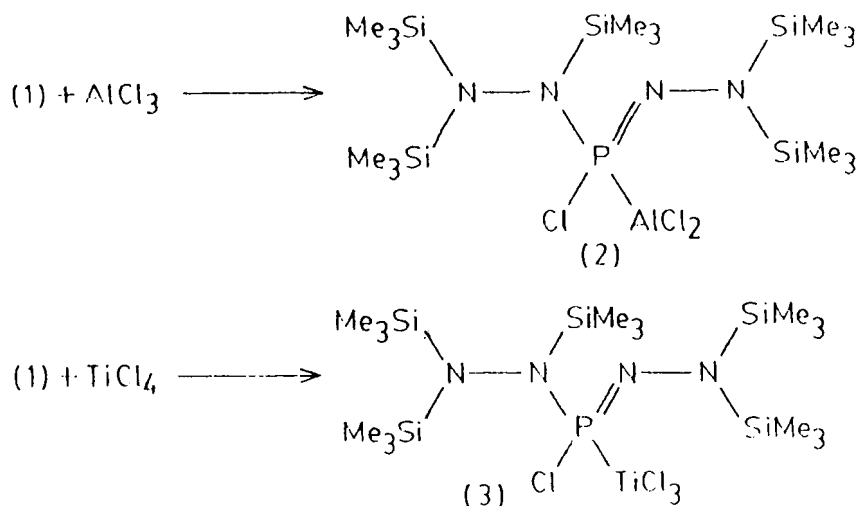
INTRODUCTION

Silylated cyclic pentazene is known in the literature,^[2] whereas, the corresponding acyclic derivative has not been previously reported. Silylated cyclic phosphapentazene is not known but a silylated acyclic phosphapentazene has been synthesised recently.^[1] Unlike silylated cyclic pentazene the acyclic silylated phosphapentazene has been found to be quite reactive and undergoes a variety of reactions.^[1,3]

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Pentasilaphosphapentazene $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}-\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)-\text{P}=\text{N}-\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$, (**1**), isolated recently in our laboratory,^[1] has been found to be quite reactive towards protonating agents.^[3] Reaction of (**1**) with some representative Lewis acids are reported here.

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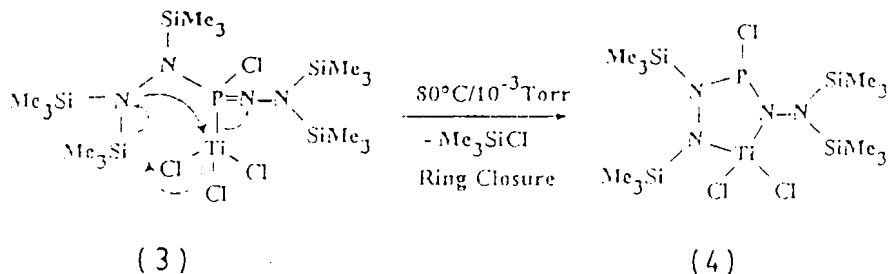


Aluminium(III)chloride and titanium(IV)chloride MCl_n react with phosphinimine (1) at low temperatures to form the oxidative addition products, [tris(trimethylsilyl)hydrazino] [bis(trimethylsilyl)hydrazono](dichloroalumino)-(chloro)phosphorane (2) ($\text{M} = \text{Al}$; $n = 3$) and [tris(trimethylsilyl)hydrazino]-[bis(trimethylsilyl)hydrazono](trichlorotitana)(chloro)phosphorane (3) ($\text{M} = \text{Ti}$; $n = 4$). As already suggested,¹³ the reaction may first involve addition at the $\text{P}=\text{N}$ -linkage initiated by donor acceptor complex formation with the metal chloride. This is followed by intramolecular rearrangement of the intermediate phosphine to provide more stable iminophosphoranes.

The ^1H -NMR of (2) in benzene shows resonances at δ 0.26, 0.17 and 0.39 in the expected intensity ratio 2:2:1. The ^{31}P -NMR in C_6D_6 shows a resonance signal at δ 20.63 typical of tetracoordinated phosphorus(V)^(4,5,6) and imino-chlorophosphoranes.^[8] The ^{29}Si -NMR shows signals at δ 5.64, 6.58 and 7.12 with appropriate relative intensity 2:2:1. The infrared spectrum shows a strong band at 1255 cm^{-1} due to $\nu(\text{P}=\text{N})$ to support structure (2). The mass spectrum of compound (2) shows the molecular ion at m/Z 586.

Spectral data of (3) is similar to that of (2) and is given in the Experimental section.

Compound (3) is stable at room temperature but decomposes on heating to lose Me_3SiCl and forms a cyclic derivative 3,5,5-trichloro-1,2-bis(trimethylsilyl)-4-bis(trimethylsilyl) amino-1,2-diaza-3-phospha-4-amino-5-titanacyclopentane (4) which shows ^1H -NMR resonance signals in benzene at δ 0.36, 0.23 and 0.19 in the intensity ratio 2:1:1.



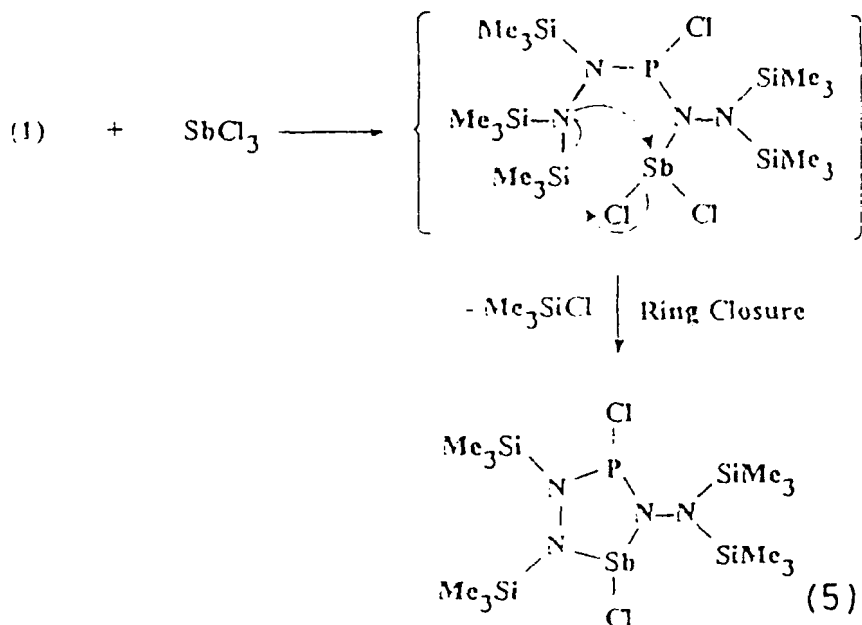
The ^{31}P -NMR in C_6D_6 shows a resonance signal at $\delta 184.42$ ppm. corresponding to tricoordinated phosphorus(III).^[7] The infrared band for $\nu(\text{P}=\text{N})$ is missing in (4) which shows strong bands at 1050, 850 and 390 cm^{-1} attributed to $\nu(\text{P}-\text{N})$, $\nu(\text{Si}_2\text{N})$ and $\nu(\text{Ti}-\text{Cl})$ groups. A mass spectral analysis of (4) shows molecular ion peak at m/Z 534.

Antimony(III)chloride reacts with (1) at lower temperatures but unlike AlCl_3 and TiCl_4 , it does not appear to stabilise a phosphorane derivative. The intermediate undergoes loss of Me_3SiCl below room temperature to form a cyclic derivative, 3,5-dichloro-1,2-bis(trimethylsilyl)-4-bis(trimethylsilyl)amino-1,2-diaza-3-phospha-4-amino-5-stibacyclopentane, (5). Compound (5) resembles (4) and the spectral data of (5) is similar to that of (4) and is given in experimental section.

The Lewis acids SnCl_4 and SbCl_5 react differently and behave as oxidants towards (1). Both form the same 2-coordinated phosphorus(III) derivative, [(trimethylsilyl)azeno] [bis(trimethylsilyl)amino]phosphazene (6). In the process, lower metal chlorides are lost.

Phosphinimine (6) is a yellow liquid showing ^1H -NMR resonance signals in benzene at δ 0.22 d with $^5J_{\text{H-P}} = 0.9$ Hz and 0.46 with relative area 2:1. The ^{31}P -NMR shows a resonance signal at 282.10 ppm in C_6D_6 . This region is characteristic of two coordinated P(III) compounds.^[1,7] The ^{29}Si -NMR spectrum in C_6D_6 shows resonances at 7.33 and 5.70 ppm with relative area 2:1. The infrared spectrum shows characteristic bands (cm^{-1}) at 1445 $\nu(\text{N}=\text{N})$, 1260 $\nu(\text{P}=\text{N})$, 1050 $\nu(\text{P}-\text{N})$ and 850 $\nu(\text{Si}_2\text{N})$. Mass spectral analysis of (6) shows a molecular ion peak at m/Z 306. Compound (6) is an interesting molecule and its chemistry will be discussed separately.

It appears that the lower valent metal chlorides react with (1) to form phosphoranes,^[3] whereas, higher valent metal chlorides behave as oxidants and in the process lose lower valent metal chlorides.



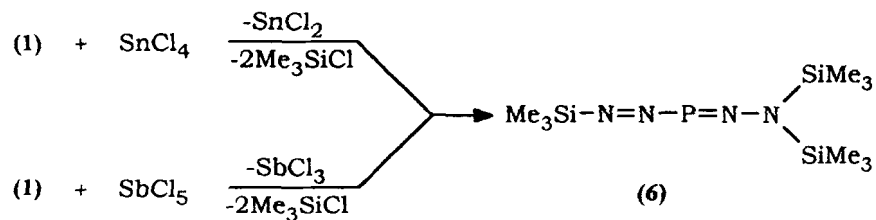
EXPERIMENTAL

General Comments

All investigations were carried out as already detailed.^[1] Pentasila-3-phospha-2-pentazene was prepared as reported.^[1] ¹H-NMR of Me₃Si protons, δ (ppm) in benzene (Et₂O/CCl₄/n-hexane): (Me₃Si)₅N₄P (1), 0.28 d, 0.21, 0.43 (0.14 d, 0.22, 0.34), (2:2:1); Me₃SiCl, 0.21(0.40).

General Procedure

Pentasila-3-phospha-2-pentazene (1) (40 mmol, 18.0 g), dissolved in 50 ml diethyl ether or n-hexane, was maintained at -50°C to 0°C and equivalent amount (40 mmol) of Lewis acid dissolved in Et₂O or n-hexane was added dropwise



and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature with stirring. The rest of the procedure remains the same as stated before^[3] or is given independently.

Reaction of (1) with AlCl₃/TiCl₄

Phosphapentazene (1) was reacted with AlCl₃ (TiCl₄) at 0°C (–50°C) in ether (n-hexane). The color of reaction mixture changed to light yellow (orange) as temperature slowly rose to room temperature. The ¹H-NMR of the reaction mixture showed prominent signals at δ 0.30, 0.24 and 0.09 (δ 0.57, 0.45 and 0.35). It was evacuated to remove the solvent and the residue left behind was crystallised out of n-hexane at low temperatures. The light yellow solid from the reaction of (1) with AlCl₃ sublimed at 100°C/10^{–3} torr and was characterised as [tris(trimethylsilyl)hydrazino][bis(trimethylsilyl)hydrazono](dichloroalumino)-(chloro)phosphorane, (Me₃Si)₂N-N(SiMe₃)-P(Cl) (AlCl₂)=N-N(SiMe₃)₂, (2), (Yield = 70%).

Found: C, 30.57; H, 7.50; N, 9.40; P, 5.10; Al, 4.52; Cl, 18.00. Calc. for C₁₅H₄₅N₄PAiCl₃Si₅: C, 30.79; H, 7.70; N, 9.58; P, 5.30; Al, 4.62; Cl, 18.05%.

¹H-NMR in Et₂O or n-hexane; δ (ppm) 0.28b [s, 18H, (Me₃Si)₂N-N=], 0.08 [s, 18H, (Me₃Si)₂N], 0.36 [s, 9H, Me₃SiN].

Mass Spectrum (70 eV) m/Z (assignment, relative intensity %) 586 [(m⁺), 20], 571 [(m-Me)⁺, 12], 556 [(m-2Me)⁺, 11], 551 [(m-Cl)⁺, 17], 513 [(m-Me₃Si)⁺, 29], 499 [(m-Me₃SiN)⁺, 15], 431[(m-Me₂SiAlCl₂)⁺, 18], 416 [(m-Me₃SiAlCl₂)⁺, 25], 370 [(m-2Me₃SiCl)⁺, 31], 247 [(Me₃Si)₃N₂⁺, 18], 147 [(Me₂SiPSiMe₂)⁺, 100], 108 [(Me₃SiCl)⁺, 14], 77 [(MeAlCl)⁺, 25].

The reaction of (1) with TiCl₄ resulted in the formation of a light yellow solid [tris(trimethylsilyl)hydrazino] [bis(trimethylsilyl)hydrazono](trichlorotitana)-(chloro)phosphorane, (Me₃Si)₂N-N(SiMe₃)-P(Cl)(TiCl₃)=N-N(SiMe₃)₂, (3), (Yield = 67%) which decomposes on heating before its s.pt.

Found: C, 27.49; H, 6.89; N, 8.50; P, 4.57; Cl, 21.09; Ti, 7.42. C₁₅H₄₅N₄PTiCl₄Si₅. Calc.: C, 28.03; H, 7.00; N, 8.72; P, 4.83; Cl, 22.12; Ti, 7.47 %.

¹H-NMR in benzene (n-hexane); δ (ppm) 0.49 (0.45) (s, 18H, (Me₃Si)₂N-N=], 0.21 (0.35) [s, 18H, (Me₃Si)₂N], 0.47 (0.57) [s, 9H, Me₃SiN].

³¹P-NMR in C₆D₆ (H₃PO₄ external standard) 0.83 ppm.

²⁹Si-NMR in C₆D₆ (TMS external standard) δ (ppm) 14.35 [s, 3Si, (Me₃Si)₂N, Me₃SiN], 4.32 [s, 2Si, (Me₃Si)₂N-N=].

IR-bands (cm^{–1}) 1260 ν (P=N), 850 ν (Si₂N), 525 ν (P-Cl), 390 ν (Ti-Cl).

Mass Spectrum (70 eV) m/Z (assignment, relative intensity %) 642 [(m⁺), 7], 612 [(m-2Me)⁺, 20], 592 [(m-MeCl)⁺, 18], 534 [(m-3Cl)⁺, 17], 487 [(m-

$\text{TiCl}_3)^+$, 14], 468 $[(\text{m-Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}_2)^+$, 20], 378 $[(\text{m-Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{TiCl}_2)^+$, 21], 147 $[(\text{Me}_2\text{SiPSiMe}_2)^+$, 100], 118 $[(\text{TiCl}_2)^+$, 20], 108 $[(\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl})^+$, 32].

Compound (3) (5 mmol, 3.210 g) was taken in a flask fitted with a glass boat. The apparatus was evacuated and the flask was placed in a hot temperature bath. The temperature was slowly raised to $80^\circ\text{C}/10^{-3}$ torr and allowed to remain constant for 2h. The gaseous product Me_3SiCl (5 mmol) was trapped in the liquid nitrogen trap and a yellowish liquid 3,5,5-trichloro-1,2-bis(trimethylsilyl)-4-bis(trimethylsilyl)amino-1,2-diaza-3-phospha-4-amino-5-titanacyclopentane, (4), (Yield = 80%) was distilled into the boat kept at -78°C .

Found: C, 27.04; H, 6.76; N, 10.52; Cl, 19.81; Ti, 9.01. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{36}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_4\text{PSi}_4\text{Ti}$. Calc.: C, 26.96; H, 6.74; N, 10.48; Cl, 19.66; Ti, 8.98.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ in n-hexane; δ (ppm) 0.44 [s, 18H, $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}$], 0.33 [s, 9H, Me_3SiN], 0.28 [s, 9H, Me_3SiN].

Mass Spectrum (70 eV) m/Z (assignment, relative intensity %) 534 $[(\text{m})^+$, 15], 499 $[(\text{m-Cl})^+$, 11], 461 $[(\text{m-Me}_3\text{Si})^+$, 12], 427 $[(\text{m-3Cl})^+$, 15], 357 $[(\text{m-Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{P})^+$, 27], 271 $[(\text{Me}_4\text{Si}_2\text{TiCl}_3)^+$, 17], 236 $[(\text{Me}_3\text{SiNPTiCl}_2)^+$, 20], 147 $[(\text{Me}_2\text{SiPSiMe}_2)^+$, 100], 118 $[(\text{TiCl}_2)^+$, 21], 73 $[(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})^+$, 25].

Reaction of (1) with SbCl_3

The reaction of (1) with SbCl_3 was carried out in ether at -20°C and the color of the reaction mixture became reddish brown. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ of the reaction mixture at room temperature showed major resonance signals at δ 0.40, 0.30, 0.24 and 0.18. The amount of Me_3SiCl (δ 0.40) was found to be one equivalent. The reaction mixture was evacuated thoroughly and the residue was heated to obtain a colorless distillate at $100^\circ\text{C}/10^{-3}$ torr which was characterised as 3,5-dichloro-1,2-bis(trimethylsilyl)-4-bis(trimethylsilyl)-amino-1,2-diaza-3-phospha-4-amino-5-stiba-cyclopentane $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_4\text{N}_4\text{PSbCl}_2$, (5).

Found: C, 25.05; H, 6.23; N, 9.67; Cl, 12.20; Sb, 21.32. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{36}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{PSbSi}_4$. Calc.: C, 25.17; H, 6.29; N, 9.79; Cl, 12.23; Sb, 21.50%.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ in Et_2O or n-hexane 0.26 [s, 18H, $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}$], 0.21 [s, 9H, Me_3SiN], 0.13 [s, 9H, Me_3SiN].

$^{31}\text{P-NMR}$ in C_6D_6 (H_3PO_4 external standard) 115.67 ppm.

IR-bands (cm^{-1}) 1050 ν (P-N), 945 ν (Sb-N), 525 ν (P-Cl), 390 ν (Sb-Cl). Mass Spectrum (70 eV) m/Z (assignment, relative intensity %) 572 $[(\text{m})^+$, 6], 557 $[(\text{m-Me})^+$, 18], 537 $[(\text{m-Cl})^+$, 11], 499 $[(\text{m-Me}_3\text{Si})^+$, 20], 485 $[(\text{m-Me}_3\text{SiN})^+$, 15], 471 $[(\text{m-Me}_3\text{SiN}_2)^+$, 12], 365 $[(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_4\text{N}_3\text{P}^+$, 25], 309 $[(\text{m-Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}_2\text{PSiMe}_2^+$, 100], 247 $[(\text{Me}_3\text{Si}_3\text{N})_2^+$, 35], 157 $[(\text{SbCl})^+$, 18], 108 $[(\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl})^+$, 18].

Reaction of (1) with $\text{SnCl}_4/\text{SbCl}_5$

The reaction of (1) with SnCl_4 (SbCl_5) was carried out in n-hexane at -50°C . The reaction mixture was protected from light. Immediately after addition, the reaction mixture became orange with a white precipitate at the bottom. Filtration of the mixture allowed isolation of the orange filtrate from the white solid which was found to be tin(II)chloride (antimony(III)chloride (39.5 mmol). The ^1H -NMR of the filtrate showed resonances at δ 0.48, 0.40 and 0.31. The signal at δ 0.40 was found to be two equivalents of Me_3SiCl . It was further confirmed from chloride estimation of the trapped Me_3SiCl . The residual orange thick liquid left behind on evacuation was further heated in vacuo to obtain a yellow liquid distilling at $70^\circ\text{C}/10^{-3}$ torr, [(trimethylsilyl)azeno][bis(trimethylsilyl)-amino]phosphazene, $\text{Me}_3\text{SiN}=\text{N}-\text{P}=\text{N}-\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$, (6) (Yield = 60%).

It is a yellow liquid, b.p. = $65^\circ\text{C}/10^{-3}$ torr and is soluble in common organic solvents.

Found: C, 34.98; H, 8.70; N, 18.24; $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_4\text{PSi}_3$. Calc.: C, 35.29; H, 8.82; N, 18.30 %.

^1H -NMR in n-hexane, CCl_4 δ (ppm), 0.30 [d, $^5J_{\text{H-P}} = 0.9$ Hz, 18H, $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}$], 0.50 [s, 9H, Me_3SiN].

Mass Spectrum (70 eV) m/Z (assignment, relative intensity %) 306 [(m) $^+$, 7], 261 [(m-3Me) $^+$, 10], 247 [(Me_3Si) $_3\text{N}_2^+$, 61], 233 [(m- Me_3Si) $^+$, 15], 175 [(m- $\text{Me}_3\text{SiSiMe}_2$) $^+$, 7], 132 [(m-(Me_3Si) $_2\text{N}_2$) $^+$, 12], 87 [(Me_3SiN) $^+$, 10], 73 [(Me_3Si) $^+$, 100].

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