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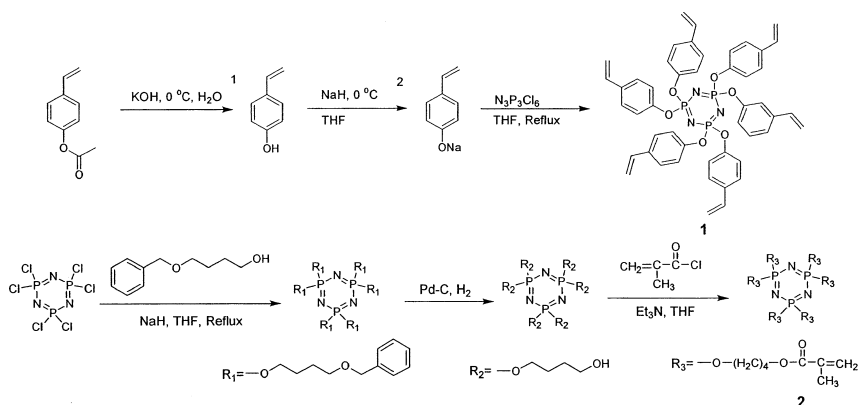
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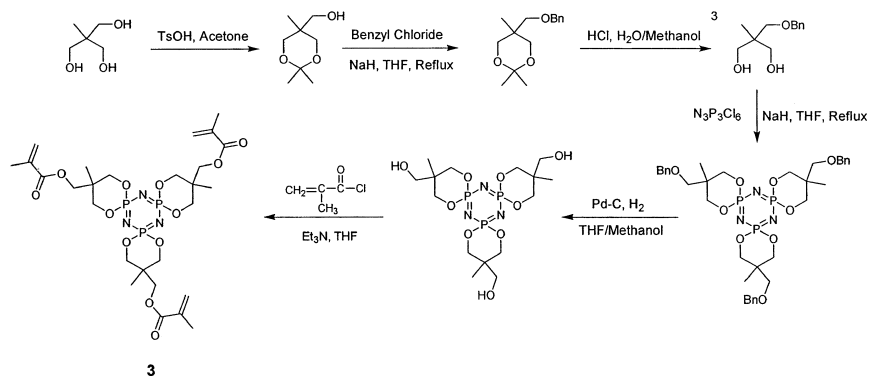
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It has been found that the variety of new and useful cyclotriphosphazene derivatives that are available by nucleophilic displacement of halogens on the phosphazene ring can be expanded dramatically by incorporation of the organofunctional substituents on the phosphazene ring. In our lab, several cyclotriphosphazene derivatives with multiple exocyclic, unsaturated groups were synthesized: $N_3P_3(OC_6H_4CH=CH_2)_6$ (**1**), $N_3P_3(O(CH_2)_4OC(O)C(CH_3)=CH_2)_6$ (**2**), $N_3P_3(OCH_2C(CH_3)(CH_2OC(O)C(CH_3)=CH_2CH_2O)_3)$ (**3**). (Scheme 1). The polymerization and thermal stability of the copolymers of the



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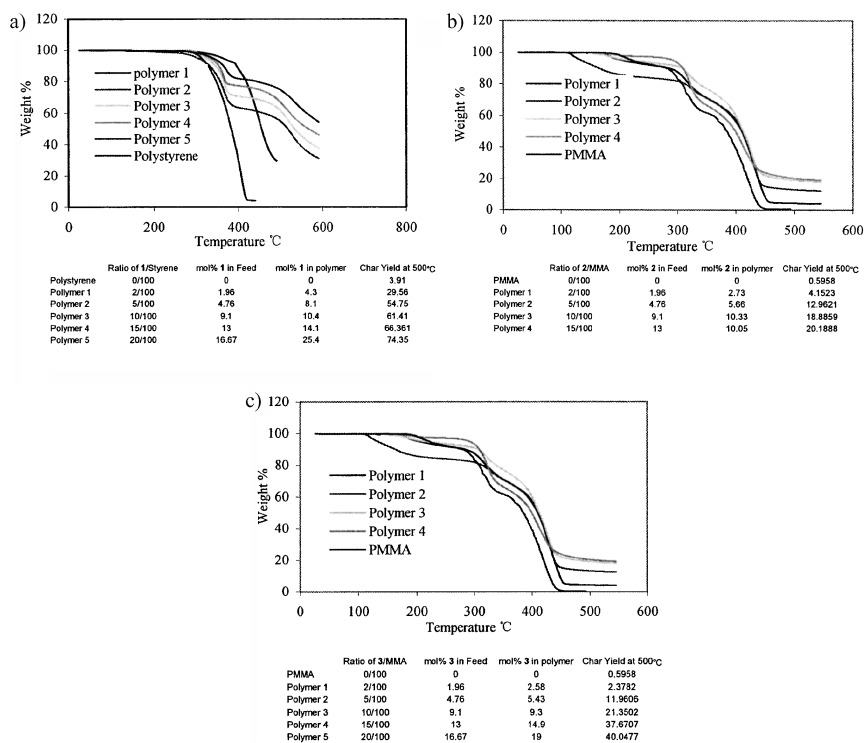


FIGURE 1 (a) TGA of copolymers of cyclotriphosphazene 1 and styrene; (b) TGA of copolymers of cyclophosphazene 2 and MMA; and (c) TGA of copolymers of cyclophosphazene 3 and MMA.

multifunctional cyclotriphosphazenes and styrene or methyl methacrylate were investigated. TGA analysis showed the thermal stability of copolymer was greatly enhanced compared with polystyrene and polymethyl methacrylate (Figure 1).

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