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Mesityl-Phosphorus Compounds: Synthesis of a New Imino(methylene)phosphorane and Its Dimers¹

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Abstract

The reaction of CCl₄ with the sterically congested (silylamino)phosphine (Me₃Si)₂NP(R)CH₂SiMe₃ (1, R = 2,4,6-Me₃C₆H₂) unexpectedly yields the 4-membered P_2N_2 ring system [Me₃SiCH=P(R)-NSiMe₃]₂ (2). Heating of the dimer 2 under a dynamic vacuum results in distillation of the monomeric, 3-coordinate imino(methylene)phosphorane R-P(=CHSiMe₃)(=NSiMe₃) (3). Compound 3 exhibits reasonable stability at room temperature but reverts to the dimer 2 on standing for a few days. Treatment of 3 with methanol affords the stable addition product Me₃SiN=P(R)(OMe)CH₂SiMe₃ (4). Direct bromination of the phosphine 1 occurs to give the expected P-bromophosphinimine 5 which, by reaction with LiOCH2CF3, is converted to $Me_3SiN=P(R)(OCH_2CF_3)CH_2SiMe_3$ (6). When either the dimer 2 or the monomer 3 is heated in a sealed tube, an isomeric, 4-membered PCPN dimer 7 is obtained quantitatively. Proton, ^{13}C , and ^{31}P NMR data are reported for the new compounds and the CCl4 reaction of 1 is contrasted to that observed for related systems.

Introduction

Several recent studies have dealt with the synthesis, structure, and reactivity of a novel class of 3-coordinate phosphorus-V compounds known as imino(methylene)phosphoranes (A). By variation of the steric and electronic properties of the substituent groups, such systems have been obtained as kinetically stabilized monomers $(\underline{A})^{2-5}$, as dimers of two types $(\underline{C}^3 \text{ and } \underline{D}^{3,4})$, and, in one case, as the isomeric 3-membered PNC ring (\underline{B})^4. Unsymmetrical dimers of type <u>E</u>, however, have not been observed. Moreover, all of these compounds reported to date have contained bulky dialkyl or disilylamino substituents on phosphorus.



As part of our current investigation⁵ of the chemistry of P-mesityl substituted compounds, we report here the synthesis of a new imino(methylene)phosphorane. This compound exhibits



limited thermal stability at room temperature as a monomer which, depending on temperature, forms either the P_2N_2 (D) or the novel PCPN (E) dimers.

Results and Discussion

The new compounds described herein were obtained as derivatives of the recently prepared⁶ P-mesityl substituted (silylamino)phosphine 1. When phosphine 1 was treated with an excess of carbon tetrachloride (eq 1) at 0° C in the absence of solvent, the novel four-membered P₂N₂ ring product 2 was isolated in about 70% yield. The characterization and possible formation pathway of compound 2 are discussed below.



The crystalline solid 2 (mp 145° C) was recognized as being one possible dimeric form of the 3-coordinate phosphorus-V compound, mesityl(trimethylsilylimino)(trimethylsilylmethylene) phosphorane (3). Indeed, we initially assumed that 2 was formed via the intermediacy of the thermally unstable monomer 3. This hypothesis was subsequently rejected upon finding that the thermolysis of 2 (eg 2) gave the monomer 3 as an isolable, reasonably stable compound. Thus, when the dimer 2 was heated



slightly below its melting point in a vacuum distillation apparatus, a colorless liquid distillate (bp 91-93°C/0.03mm) was collected in high yield. The liquid was shown by NMR spectroscopy to be a mixture consisting largely of the monomer 3 with lesser amounts of the dimer 2. On standing overnight, crystallization of the dimer occurred, leaving 3 as the spectroscopically pure supernatant liquid. After several days at room temperature, complete conversion of 3 to the crystalline dimer was observed.

Due to its limited thermal stability, the 3-coordinate phosphorane 3 was not submitted for standard elemental analysis. Satisfactory analytical data were obtained, however, for the dimer 2, an isomeric PCPN compound (see below), and the MeOH addition product 4 (eq 3). In addition to the formation of these stable derivatives, the identity of 3 is confirmed by NMR spectroscopy (Table I). The ³¹P chemical shift of +122 ppm and the chemical shifts (¹H and ¹³C) and ³¹P coupling constants of the P=CH moiety are in good agreement with data reported on other imino(methylene)phosphoranes²⁻⁵. Like the related compound (Me₃Si)₂N-P(=CHSiMe₃)(=NSiMe₃)⁵, the reaction of 3 with one equivalent of MeOH (eq 3) occurs smoothly to afford the P-methoxyphosphinimine 4 as a distillable, fully-characterized derivative.



A compound analogous to 4, containing the trifluoroethoxy group instead of methoxy, was prepared by a different procedure as part of this study. Direct bromination (eq 4) of the starting phosphine 1 proceeds as expected with elimination of Me₃SiBr to yield the P-bromophosphinimine 5. Subsequent reaction with lithium trifluoroethoxide (eq 5) affords the more thermally stable product 6. Phosphinimines 5 and 6 are of interest as





possible precursors to cyclic⁷ or polymeric⁸ phosphazenes which can result from loss of Me₃SiX (X = Br, OCH₂CF₃). More to the point of this paper is the finding that the bromo compound 5 decomposes to some extent via elimination of HBr. When a freshly

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prepared and spectroscopically pure sample of 5 is distilled, the distillate is shown by NMR to contain substantial amounts of the HBr-elimination product 3 and its dimer 2. Unfortunately, more vigorous heating (sealed tube, 160° C, 2 h), gives a complex mixture resulting from loss of Me₃SiBr as well as HBr. The possibility of base-assisted dehydrohalogenation of halophos-phinimines such as 5 is under current investigation.

As mentioned above, the 3-coordinate phosphorane 3 dimerizes across the P=N bond to yield 2 (eq 2) at room temperature. Other experiments, however, show that 2 is not the thermodynamically most stable dimer of 3. Thus, if neat samples of either 2 or 3 are heated <u>in a sealed</u>, evacuated tube at $145^{\circ}C$ (i.e., just above the melting point of 2) for several hours, then rearrangement (eq 6) to the novel PCPN four-membered ring system 2 occurs quantitatively. The unsymmetrical dimer 7 (mp 158-



160°C) simply sublimes when it is heated under a dynamic vacuum. The monomer 3, therefore, is not produced by the thermal cracking of 7 as it is from the symmetrical dimer 2.

In addition to satisfactory elemental analyses and molecular weight determinations (by mass spectroscopy and cryscopically in benzene), the ³¹P NMR spectra provide good structural evidence for dimers 2 and 7. Most importantly, the ³¹P spectrum of the unsymmetrical dimer 7 consists of 2 doublets at +10.9 and -10.6 ppm with ${}^{2}J_{PP} = 15.5$ Hz, consistent with 2 nonequivalent phosphorus atoms within the same molecule. Moreover, there is a smooth and internally consistent trend in the ³¹P shifts of compounds 2, 7, and the bis(imino)phosphorane dimer 8 which we have recently reported⁶. For example, the average of the two ³¹P shifts of 7 is almost exactly equal to the average of the values for the symmetrical model compounds 2 and 8.



The mass spectral fragmentation patterns of dimers 2 and 7 are also in accord with the proposed structures. For example, the spectrum of 2 contains significant peaks for the dimer and monomer at $\underline{m/e}$ 646 and 323, respectively. Of more significance is the fact that 7 gives both a parent ion peak of $\underline{m/e}$ 646 and a set of 3 peaks ($\underline{m/e}$ 324, 323, 322) corresponding to the 3 possible monomer fragments which could result from symmetrical (a) or unsymmetrical (b) cleavage of the dimer 7.

The proton and ¹³C NMR spectral data (Table I) provide additional evidence for the structures of these dimers. Some relevant points include: (1) the multiplicity of Me₃Si peaks in the ¹H NMR spectra (2 signals for 2, and 4 signals for 7), (2) the relatively high-field resonance⁹ observed for the ylide proton (P=CH, \S 0.60, J_{PH} = 19.8 Hz) of 2; the corresponding signal of 7 is partially obscured by a Me₃Si peak, and (3) the coupling to <u>two</u> phosphorus atoms observed for the CH moiety (both ¹H and ¹³C) in the PCPN ring of 7.

The formation of the dimer 2 in high yield from the CCl₄ reaction of phosphine 1 is, indeed, an unexpected result. Especially perplexing is the fact that the monomer 3 is not observable when the reaction is monitored by ^{1}H and ^{31}P NMR spectroscopy. When prepared by thermal cracking of the dimer 2, however, compound 3 exhibits long-term stability in solution at room temperature. Therefore, the intermediacy of 3 in the CCl₄ reaction, which is rapid at 0°C, seems to be precluded.

Based on other recent work, 10,11 the reaction of 1 with CCl₄ was expected to proceed with elimination of HCCl₃ and sily1 migration from nitrogen to carbon to yield phosphinimine 9b (eq 7), probably via the ylide intermediate 9a. This pathway seemed

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quite reasonable since it has been observed for a large series of similar reactions involving (silylamino)phosphines containing the CH₂SiMe₃ group¹¹. The 1,2-elimination of Me₃SiCl from either 9a or 9b could then yield the imino(methylene)phosphorane 3. However, since 3 is not observed in the reaction mixture, the formation of dimer 2 must occur by a more complicated, probably bimolecular, pathway. Efforts are underway to synthesize 9b and related compounds by other preparative methods in order to further address this problem.

Experimental Section

Materials and General Procedures. The following reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without purification: Br_2 , <u>n</u>-BuLi, CCl_4 , CF_3CH_2OH , and MeOH. Benzene, CH_2Cl_2 , Et_2O , and hexane were distilled from CaH_2 prior to use.

The starting phosphine (Me₃Si)₂NP(mesityl)CH₂SiMe₃ (1) was prepared by a straightforward procedure as described elsewhere⁶. Proton NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-390 spectrometer; ¹³C and ³¹P NMR, both with ¹H decoupling, were obtained in the FT mode on a JEOL FX-60 instrument. Mass spectral data were obtained on a Finnagin GC-MS system. Elemental analyses were performed by Schwarzkopf Microanalytical Laboratory, Woodside, N.Y. All reactions and other manipulations were carried out under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen or under vacuum. The procedures described herein are typical of those used for the preparation of the new compounds in this study.

 P_2N_2 Dimer, 2. Carbon tetrachloride (20 mL, 0.20 mol) was added at 0°C with stirring to a neat sample of phosphine 1⁶ (41.0 g, 0.103 mol). After stirring for 6 hours at 0°C, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and the excess CCl₄ and other volatiles were removed under vacuum. Chloroform, Me₃SiCl, and a small amount of Me₃SiCCl₃ were identified in the volatile mixture by ¹H NMR. The remaining solid was dissolved with heating in hexane (~20 mL). Cooling to -15°C afforded pale yellow crystals of the dimer 2 (22.3 g, 69% yield, mp 145°C). <u>Anal</u>. Calcd: C, 59.39; H, 9.35. Found: C, 58.86; H, 9.26. Molecular weight. Found: 681 (cryscopic in benzene), 646 (mass spectrum). Calcd: 646. Major mass spectral peaks, <u>m/e</u> (relative intensity): 646(8), 631(14), 577(11), 559(20), 323(12), 308(54), 236(18), 146(11), 130(27), 73(100), 59(22), 45(32), 43(16). Proton, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR data are listed in Table I.

Mesityl(trimethylsilylimino)(trimethylsilylmethylene)phosphorane (3). A sample of the dimer 2 (10.5 g, 0.016 mol) was heated under a dynamic vacuum in a flask on which was mounted a 10-cm distillation column. Some sublimation of 2 occurred along with the distillation of a colorless liquid (7.5 g, bp 91-93°C/0.03mm) which was shown by NMR to be a mixture of 2 and 3. After standing overnight at room temperature, the dimer 2 crystallized, and the supernatant liquid was removed by means of a pipette. Analysis by NMR spectroscopy (Table I) confirmed that the liquid product was compound 3 (3.3 g, 31% yield) of good purity. Complete cyrstallization to the dimer 2 occurred when the product was allowed to stand for several days at room temperature.

P-Mesityl-P-methoxy-P-(trimethylsilylmethyl)-N-(trimethylsilyl)phosphinimine (4). A freshly prepared sample of 3 (3.0 g, 9.3 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) and treated at 0°C with anhydrous methanol (0.38 mL, 9.3 mmol). After stirring for 20 min at 0°C, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. Solvent removal followed by distillation gave 4 as a colorless liquid (2.8 g, 85% yield, bp 89-90°C/0.02mm). <u>Anal</u>. Calcd: C, 57.42; H, 9.64. Found: C, 57.57; H, 9.85.

P-Bromo-P-mesityl-P-(trimethylsilylmethyl)-N-(trimethylsilyl)phosphinimine (5). Using our previously reported procedure⁷, phosphine <u>1</u> (37.0 g, 93 mmol) in benzene (200 mL) was treated at 0°C with a solution of bromine (16 g, 100 mmol) in benzene (75 mL). After stirring at 0°C for 4 hours, the mixture was warmed to room temperature. Removal of solvent and Me_3SiBr under reduced pressure left compound 5 as a spectroscopically pure orange liquid. Attempted distillation caused partial decomposition so that the distillate (bp $124^{\circ}C/0.02mm$) contained small amounts of 2 and 3 in addition to 5. Heating of a neat sample of 5 at higher temperature (ca. $160^{\circ}C$) resulted in extensive decomposition to a complex mixture of products.

P-Mesityl-P-(trimethylsilylmethyl)-P-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-N-(trimethylsilyl)phosphinimine (6). A sample of the P-bromophosphinimine 5 (15.9 g, 40 mmol) was prepared as described above and was dissolved in Et₂O (60 mL). A solution of LiOCH₂CF₃ (40 mmol, prepared from <u>n</u>-BuLi and CF₃CH₂OH) in Et₂O (30 mL) was then added with stirring at 0°C. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. Most of the Et₂O was removed under vacuum and hexane (100 mL) was added. Filtration, followed by solvent removal, and distillation gave <u>6</u> as a colorless liquid (11.0 g, 65% yield, bp 95-96°C/0.03mm). <u>Anal</u>. Calcd: C, 51.04; H, 7.85. Found: C, 52.04; H, 7.92.

PCPN Dimer, 7. A sample of the P_2N_2 dimer 2 (-2 g) was heated in a sealed, evacuated ampoule at 145°C for 2 hours. Quantitative conversion to the isomer 7 was indicated by NMR, especially ³¹P, spectroscopy (Table I). Analytically pure crystals of 7 were obtained by recrystallization from hexane at -15°C. <u>Anal</u>. Calcd: C, 59.39; H, 9.35. Found: C, 59.01; H, 9.31. Molecular Weight. Calcd: 646. Found: 646 (mass spectrum), 613 (cryscopic in benzene). Mass spectrum. <u>m/e</u> (relative intensity): 646(4),

631(9), 559(10), 513(12), 486(17), 441(15), 411(10), 410(20), 409(10), 395(12), 368(10), 353(4), 337(10), 336(15), 324(5), 323(5), 322(5), 310(5), 309(13), 308(15), 130(20), 73(100), 59(20), 45(32). Compound 7 was also formed quantitatively when a freshly prepared sample of the monomer 3 was heated at 145°C for 2 hours in a sealed tube. Heating of 7 under a dynamic vacuum, as described above for 2, resulted only in sublimation of 7; no formation of the monomer 2 was observed.

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| Br I | Me ₃ SiN | 0.05 | 1 | 0.14 | 4.2 | 0.8 |
| Me ₃ SiN=P-R | Me ₃ SiC | 0.34 | I | 2.99 | 5.5 | |
| CH ₂ SiMe ₃ | PCH ₂ | 2.4 <u>d</u> | ١ | 36.57 | 60.4 | |
| L | o-Me | 2.82 | 2.2 | 24.36 | 3.7 | |
| n č | p-Me | 2.32 | I | 21.20 | I | |
| | C _{6H2} | 6.87 | 4 . L | | | |
| | c1 | | | 130.56 | 116.0 | |
| | c2,6 | | | 141.99 | 11.6 | |
| | C3, 5 | | | 132.23 | 14.6 | |
| | C4 | | | 141.66 | 5.5 | |
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Table I. continued.

| | | 1 _{H NN} | IR | 13 _C | JMR | 31 _{P NMR} |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| compound | signal | Ş | J _{PH} | Ş | J_{PC} | Ş |
| och2cF3 | Me ₃ SiN | C.07 | ł | -0.28 | 3.7 | 23.4 |
| Me ₃ SiN=P-R | Me ₃ SiC | 0.13 | I | 3.39 | 3.7 | |
| L CH2SiMe3 | PCH ₂ | 1.57 | 18.6 | 24.31 | 84.9 | |
| ړم | 0CH ₂ | 4.2 ^C | ı | 59.02 | 4.3 <mark>e</mark> | |
| | CF 3 | I | ł | 123.32 | 11.6 ^f | |
| | o-Me | 2.65 | 1.3 | 23.70 | 3.1 | |
| | p-Me | 2.28 | I | 20.87 | I | |
| | C _{6H2} | 6.87 | 4.1 | | | |
| | c ₁ | | | 128.60 | 128.2 | |
| | C2,6 | | | 141.62 | 11.6 | |
| | c3,5 | | | 131.27 | 12.8 | |
| | C4 | | | 140.56 | 3.1 | |

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| Table | |

| | ţ | 1 _H NMR | | 13 _{C NN} | 1R | 31 _P NMR |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| compound | signal | 10 | J _{PH} | Ş | JPC | Ş |
| ж- | Me ₃ SiN | -0.28 | I | 1.8- 6-1 <u>0</u> - | | 10.9 -10.6 <u>9</u> |
| le ₃ SiCH=PNSiMe ₃ | | -0.16 | ł | | | |
| HCP=NSiMe3 | Me ₃ SiC | 0.55 | I | | | |
| Me ₃ Si R | | 0.60 | I | | | |
| n | СН | 0.6h | I | 24.2 ^C | | |
| -2 | PCHP | 3.40 | 10.5 <u>b</u> | 52.52 | 34.2, 40.2 | |
| | o-Me | 2.5 <u>C</u> | I | 24.2 ^C | | |
| | p-Me | 2.10 | ı | 20.59 | I | |
| | C ₆ H ₂ | 6.43 | 4.2 | 126- 141 <u>C</u> | | |

 $\frac{a}{2}$ Chemical shifts downfield from Me $_4$ Si for 1 H and 13 C and from H $_3$ PO $_4$ for 31 P spectra; deceptively simple "triplets." ^C Complex multiplet with unresolved couplings and/or f J_{FC =} <u>b</u> Peaks are overlapping signals. $\frac{d}{d}$ Partially hidden by p-Me signal. $\frac{e}{d}$ J $_{
m FC}$ = 36.6 Hz. coupling constants in Hz. Solvents: l H, CH $_{2}$ Cl $_{2}$; l3 C and 31 P, CDCl $_{3}$. $\frac{h}{2}$ Partially hidden by a Me $_3$ Si signal. 276.5 Hz. ⁹J_{PP} = 15.5 Hz.