

was  $w = [\sigma^2(F_o) + gF_o^2]^{-1}$ , where  $g = 3.37 \times 10^{-3}$ . The final values of  $R$  and  $wR$  were 0.073 and 0.077, respectively. The largest shift/e.s.d. in the last cycle was 0.235. A final difference Fourier synthesis had a maximum peak of 0.54 and a minimum of -0.50 e Å<sup>-3</sup> and was featureless. All calculations were carried out using the *SHELXTL* program (Sheldrick, 1986) on a Data General Eclipse Model 30 computer. The scattering factors used in the *SHELXTL* program are the analytical form given in *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974). The final atomic coordinates are given in Table 1.\* Selected bond lengths, bond angles and torsion angles are given in Table 2. The molecule with the atomic numbering scheme is shown in Fig. 1. The poorly defined solvent molecules are probably related to the decrease in the standard reflections during data collection. The result is a somewhat higher  $R$  value.

\* Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters and H-atom parameters have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 51791 (28 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

**Related literature.** The P—O distances of 1.474 (6) and 1.485 (7) Å are similar to the P—O distances in triphenylphosphine oxide (Brock, Schweizer & Dunitz, 1985) and related species (Bye, Schweizer & Dunitz, 1982). The various P—C, C—C and C—N distances are similar to those reported in other phosphinomethyl-pyridines by McNair & Pignolet (1986).

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## Tetraphenylphosphonium Chloride Monohydrate, Tetraphenylphosphonium Bromide and Tetraphenylphosphonium Iodide

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**Abstract.**  $[C_{24}H_{20}P]Cl \cdot H_2O$ , (1),  $M_r = 392.84$ , triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 10.837$  (3),  $b = 10.996$  (3),  $c = 18.399$  (5) Å,  $\alpha = 77.28$  (2),  $\beta = 76.45$  (2),  $\gamma = 85.69$  (2)°,  $V = 2078.5$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ , 2.0 molecules/asymmetric unit,  $D_x = 1.26$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda(MoK\alpha) = 0.71073$  Å,  $\mu = 20.0$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 428$ ,  $T = 296$  K,  $R_F = 5.79\%$  for 2659 reflections and 198 parameters.  $[C_{24}H_{20}P]Br$ , (2),  $M_r = 419.27$ , triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 10.031$  (3),  $b = 10.688$  (3),  $c =$

10.678 (3) Å,  $\alpha = 77.45$  (2),  $\beta = 83.27$  (2),  $\gamma = 71.87$  (2)°,  $V = 1060.5$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 2$ ,  $D_x = 1.31$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda(MoK\alpha) = 0.71073$  Å,  $\mu = 20.0$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 428$ ,  $T = 296$  K,  $R_F = 5.75\%$  for 2659 reflections and 198 parameters.  $[C_{24}H_{20}P]I$ , (3),  $M_r = 466.28$ , tetragonal,  $I\bar{4}$ ,  $a = 11.9785$  (14),  $c = 6.9809$  (9) Å,  $V = 1001.7$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 2$ ,  $D_x = 1.55$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda(MoK\alpha) = 0.71073$  Å,  $\mu = 16.63$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 464$ ,  $T = 296$  K,  $R_F = 3.68\%$  for 624 reflections and 81 parameters. A curious feature of these three tetrahedral tetraphosphonium halides is that no two are isomorphous.

**Experimental.** For (1), colorless crystals from methylene chloride/hexane (0.36 × 0.26 × 0.30 mm); Nicolet R3m diffractometer with graphite monochromator;  $\omega$  scans; lattice parameters from least-squares fit of 25 reflections ( $20 < 2\theta < 25$ °); an absorption correction

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Table 1. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for (1)

|        | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>x</i>  | <i>U*</i> |
|--------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cl(1)  | 4327 (1) | 1193 (1) | 2463 (1)  | 49 (1)    |
| Cl(2)  | 5309 (1) | 3710 (1) | 7797 (1)  | 55 (1)    |
| P(1)   | 1612 (1) | 2219 (1) | 5217 (1)  | 33 (1)    |
| P(2)   | 1573 (1) | 2160 (1) | 231 (1)   | 34 (1)    |
| C(1)   | 3039 (3) | 402 (3)  | -464 (1)  | 43 (2)    |
| C(2)   | 3806     | -674     | -477      | 50 (2)    |
| C(3)   | 4031     | -1405    | 204       | 47 (2)    |
| C(4)   | 3490     | -1060    | 898       | 50 (2)    |
| C(5)   | 2722     | 16       | 911       | 46 (2)    |
| C(6)   | 2497     | 747      | 230       | 35 (2)    |
| C(11)  | 2062 (2) | 3241 (3) | -1302 (2) | 52 (2)    |
| C(12)  | 1756     | 3631     | -2014     | 67 (3)    |
| C(13)  | 536      | 3463     | -2095     | 73 (3)    |
| C(14)  | -379     | 2907     | -1463     | 75 (3)    |
| C(15)  | -73      | 2517     | -751      | 50 (2)    |
| C(16)  | 1147     | 2685     | -670      | 37 (2)    |
| C(21)  | 3236 (3) | 3045 (2) | 911 (2)   | 41 (2)    |
| C(22)  | 3861     | 3977     | 1078      | 51 (2)    |
| C(23)  | 3691     | 5222     | 733       | 60 (2)    |
| C(24)  | 2894     | 5535     | 221       | 65 (3)    |
| C(25)  | 2269     | 4603     | 53        | 55 (2)    |
| C(26)  | 2439     | 3358     | 398       | 36 (2)    |
| C(31)  | -346 (3) | 699 (2)  | 1224 (2)  | 54 (2)    |
| C(32)  | -1525    | 526      | 1735      | 66 (3)    |
| C(33)  | -2204    | 1545     | 1982      | 69 (3)    |
| C(34)  | -1704    | 2735     | 1719      | 64 (2)    |
| C(35)  | -525     | 2907     | 1208      | 51 (2)    |
| C(36)  | 154      | 1889     | 961       | 39 (2)    |
| C(1')  | 3109 (3) | 473 (3)  | 4518 (1)  | 40 (2)    |
| C(2')  | 3847     | -621     | 4507      | 48 (2)    |
| C(3')  | 4011     | -1390    | 5191      | 47 (2)    |
| C(4')  | 3437     | -1065    | 5886      | 54 (2)    |
| C(5')  | 2699     | 29       | 5897      | 46 (2)    |
| C(6')  | 2534     | 798      | 5213      | 34 (2)    |
| C(11') | 2155 (2) | 3396 (3) | 3701 (2)  | 54 (2)    |
| C(12') | 1899     | 3782     | 2976      | 65 (3)    |
| C(13') | 722      | 3553     | 2856      | 74 (3)    |
| C(14') | -200     | 2937     | 3462      | 73 (3)    |
| C(15') | 56       | 2550     | 4187      | 56 (2)    |
| C(16') | 1234     | 2780     | 4307      | 37 (2)    |
| C(21') | 2264 (3) | 4640 (3) | 5109 (2)  | 53 (2)    |
| C(22') | 2878     | 5557     | 5299      | 66 (3)    |
| C(23') | 3697     | 5218     | 5797      | 58 (2)    |
| C(24') | 3903     | 3962     | 6104      | 51 (2)    |
| C(25') | 3289     | 3045     | 5914      | 44 (2)    |
| C(26') | 2469     | 3384     | 5417      | 36 (2)    |
| C(31') | -334 (3) | 748 (2)  | 6169 (2)  | 54 (2)    |
| C(32') | -1517    | 561      | 6675      | 63 (2)    |
| C(33') | -2202    | 1567     | 6935      | 65 (3)    |
| C(34') | -1704    | 2759     | 6690      | 61 (2)    |
| C(35') | -522     | 2946     | 6184      | 47 (2)    |
| C(36') | 163      | 1940     | 5924      | 37 (2)    |
| O(1)   | 4018 (3) | 1322 (3) | 7477 (2)  | 72 (2)    |
| O(2)   | 5402 (4) | 3471 (4) | 2950 (2)  | 80 (2)    |

\* Equivalent isotropic *U* defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized *U*<sub>ij</sub> tensor.

Table 2. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for (2)

|       | <i>x</i>  | <i>y</i>   | <i>z</i>   | <i>U*</i> |
|-------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Br    | 621.1 (7) | 2554.3 (7) | 1223.2 (7) | 51.1 (3)  |
| Br'   | 669 (6)   | 5744 (6)   | 1666 (5)   | 97 (3)    |
| P     | 5645 (2)  | 2636 (1)   | 3421 (1)   | 45.2 (6)  |
| C(1)  | 3866 (4)  | 2826 (4)   | 5571 (3)   | 58 (3)    |
| C(2)  | 2555      | 3193       | 6233       | 69 (3)    |
| C(3)  | 1351      | 3356       | 5605       | 74 (3)    |
| C(4)  | 1458      | 3251       | 4315       | 69 (3)    |
| C(5)  | 2769      | 2984       | 3653       | 58 (3)    |
| C(6)  | 3972      | 2822       | 4281       | 46 (2)    |
| C(7)  | 7212 (4)  | 3136 (3)   | 5099 (4)   | 65 (3)    |
| C(8)  | 8080      | 2748       | 6131       | 82 (4)    |
| C(9)  | 8675      | 1389       | 6628       | 93 (4)    |
| C(10) | 8403      | 419        | 6093       | 90 (4)    |
| C(11) | 7535      | 808        | 5061       | 65 (3)    |
| C(12) | 6940      | 2166       | 4563       | 49 (2)    |
| C(13) | 5140 (4)  | 599 (4)    | 2466 (4)   | 65 (3)    |
| C(14) | 5485      | -361       | 1688       | 82 (4)    |
| C(15) | 6740      | -574       | 936        | 82 (4)    |
| C(16) | 7651      | 175        | 963        | 74 (3)    |
| C(17) | 7307      | 1135       | 1741       | 63 (3)    |
| C(18) | 6051      | 1347       | 2492       | 49 (2)    |
| C(19) | 4397 (3)  | 5130 (4)   | 1977 (4)   | 59 (3)    |
| C(20) | 4413      | 5287       | 1076       | 73 (3)    |
| C(21) | 5690      | 6504       | 581        | 76 (4)    |
| C(22) | 6951      | 5563       | 986        | 68 (3)    |
| C(23) | 6935      | 4407       | 1887       | 60 (3)    |
| C(24) | 5659      | 4190       | 2383       | 48 (2)    |

\* Equivalent isotropic *U* defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized *U*<sub>ij</sub> tensor.

Table 3. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for (3)

|      | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i>  | <i>U*</i> |
|------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| I    | 0        | 0        | 0         | 78 (1)    |
| P    | 0        | 5000     | 2500      | 28 (1)    |
| C(1) | 1007 (3) | 4325 (3) | 978 (6)   | 34 (1)    |
| C(2) | 615 (4)  | 3556 (5) | -334 (8)  | 52 (2)    |
| C(3) | 1349 (5) | 3024 (5) | -1586 (8) | 57 (2)    |
| C(4) | 2464 (5) | 3298 (5) | -1546 (8) | 55 (2)    |
| C(5) | 2860 (4) | 4049 (4) | -222 (14) | 57 (2)    |
| C(6) | 2146 (4) | 4564 (4) | 1074 (8)  | 44 (1)    |

\* Equivalent isotropic *U* defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized *U*<sub>ij</sub> tensor.

Table 4. Bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for (1)

was not necessary;  $2\theta_{\max} = 48^\circ$  ( $h = \pm 13$ ,  $k = \pm 13$ ,  $l = +22$ ); standard reflections  $\bar{6}20$ ,  $\bar{1}60$ ,  $0, 1, 10$  ( $\leq 2\%$ ). 6755 reflections collected, 6525 independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.7\%$ ), 3663 observed with  $F_o > 5\sigma(F_o)$ , 2862 unobserved reflections. Direct-methods (*SOLV*) structure solution; least-squares refinement on 391 parameters; all non-H atoms anisotropic, H atoms idealized and updated ( $\text{C}-\text{H} = 0.96 \text{\AA}$ ,  $U = 1.2U$  of attached C).  $R_F = 5.79\%$ ,  $wR_F = 6.12\%$ ,  $S = 1.30$ ,  $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_o) + gF_o^2$ ,  $g = 0.001$ ;  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.075$ ;  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.29$ ,  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.52 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ ; atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974); *SHELXTL* computer program (Sheldrick, 1984).

For (2), colorless crystals from methylene chloride/hexane ( $0.18 \times 0.18 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$ ); lattice parameters

|                    |           |                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| P(1)-C(6')         | 1.790 (3) | C(1)-O(1)          | 3.177 (3) |
| P(1)-C(16')        | 1.783 (4) | C(1)-O(2)          | 3.216 (3) |
| P(1)-C(26')        | 1.786 (4) | C(2)-O(1)          | 3.289 (3) |
| P(1)-C(36')        | 1.787 (3) | C(2)-O(2)          | 3.218 (3) |
| P(2)-C(6)          | 1.785 (3) | P(1)-C(1)          | 5.534 (2) |
| P(2)-C(16)         | 1.787 (4) | P(2)-C(1)          | 5.500 (2) |
| P(2)-C(26)         | 1.792 (3) | P(2)-C(2)          | 5.342 (2) |
| P(2)-C(36)         | 1.783 (3) | P(1)-C(6')-C(1')   | 119.5 (1) |
| C(6')-P(1)-C(16')  | 109.8 (2) | P(1)-C(6')-C(5')   | 120.5 (1) |
| C(6')-P(1)-C(26')  | 110.8 (2) | P(1)-C(16')-C(11') | 119.2 (1) |
| C(16')-P(1)-C(26') | 108.8 (2) | P(2)-C(26)-C(25)   | 120.5 (1) |
| C(6')-P(1)-C(36')  | 109.7 (1) | P(2)-C(26)-C(21)   | 119.4 (1) |
| C(16')-P(1)-C(36') | 108.4 (2) | P(2)-C(36)-C(31)   | 120.8 (1) |
| C(26')-P(1)-C(36') | 109.3 (2) | P(2)-C(36)-C(35)   | 118.9 (1) |
| C(6)-P(2)-C(16)    | 109.8 (2) | P(1)-C(6')-C(1')   | 119.2 (1) |
| C(6)-P(2)-C(26)    | 111.1 (1) | P(1)-C(6')-C(5')   | 120.5 (1) |
| C(16)-P(2)-C(26)   | 108.7 (1) | P(1)-C(16')-C(11') | 119.2 (1) |
| C(6)-P(2)-C(36)    | 109.6 (1) | P(1)-C(16')-C(15') | 120.7 (1) |
| C(16)-P(2)-C(36)   | 108.6 (2) | P(1)-C(26)-C(21')  | 119.8 (1) |
| C(26)-P(2)-C(36)   | 109.0 (2) | P(1)-C(26')-C(25') | 120.1 (1) |
| P(2)-C(6)-C(1)     | 119.4 (1) | P(1)-C(36')-C(31') | 120.5 (1) |
| P(2)-C(6)-C(5)     | 120.6 (1) | P(1)-C(36')-C(35') | 119.3 (1) |

Table 5. Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for (2)

|                        |           |               |           |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| P—C(6)                 | 1.792 (4) | P—C(12)       | 1.768 (5) |
| P—C(18)                | 1.787 (5) | P—C(24)       | 1.788 (4) |
| P···Br (2-x, 1-y, 1-z) | 5.835 (2) | P···Br        | 5.244 (3) |
| C(6)—P—C(12)           | 107.7 (2) | C(6)—P—C(18)  | 112.0 (2) |
| C(12)—P—C(18)          | 107.7 (2) | C(6)—P—C(24)  | 109.6 (2) |
| C(12)—P—C(24)          | 110.5 (2) | C(18)—P—C(24) | 109.3 (2) |
| P—C(6)—C(1)            | 118.7 (1) | P—C(6)—C(5)   | 121.0 (1) |
| P—C(12)—C(7)           | 120.3 (1) | P—C(12)—C(11) | 119.0 (1) |
| P—C(18)—C(13)          | 122.3 (1) | P—C(18)—C(17) | 117.6 (1) |
| P—C(24)—C(19)          | 120.0 (1) | P—C(24)—C(23) | 119.7 (1) |

Table 6. Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for (3)

|           |            |                |           |
|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|
| P—C(1)    | 1.799 (4)  | C(1)—P—C(1a)   | 110.4 (1) |
| P—C(1a)   | 1.799 (4)  | C(1)—P—C(1b)   | 107.6 (3) |
| P—C(1b)   | 1.799 (4)  | C(1a)—P—C(1b)  | 110.4 (1) |
| P—C(1c)   | 1.799 (4)  | C(1)—P—C(1c)   | 110.4 (1) |
| C(1)—C(2) | 1.382 (7)  | C(1a)—P—C(1c)  | 107.6 (3) |
| C(1)—C(6) | 1.395 (6)  | C(1b)—P—C(1c)  | 110.4 (1) |
| C(2)—C(3) | 1.394 (8)  | P—C(1)—C(2)    | 117.6 (3) |
| C(3)—C(4) | 1.376 (9)  | P—C(1)—C(6)    | 122.4 (3) |
| C(4)—C(5) | 1.374 (10) | C(2)—C(1)—C(6) | 120.1 (4) |
| C(5)—C(6) | 1.390 (9)  | C(1)—C(2)—C(3) | 120.4 (5) |
| P···I     | 6.238 (1)  | C(2)—C(3)—C(4) | 119.4 (5) |
|           |            | C(3)—C(4)—C(5) | 120.4 (5) |
|           |            | C(4)—C(5)—C(6) | 121.0 (5) |
|           |            | C(1)—C(6)—C(5) | 118.7 (5) |

Table 7. Inter-phenyl-ring torsional angles (°) for (1), (2) and (3) (centroids identified by ipsoid carbon atom)

| (1) Molecule A | C(6)  | C(16)  | C(26)  |
|----------------|-------|--------|--------|
| C(6)           | 70.6  |        |        |
| C(16)          | 59.8  | 86.5   |        |
| C(26)          | 56.5  | 100.0  | 108.4  |
| (1) Molecule B | C(6') | C(16') | C(26') |
| C(6')          |       |        |        |
| C(16')         | 75.1  |        |        |
| C(26')         | 64.8  | 77.6   |        |
| C(36')         | 58.1  | 91.2   | 102.1  |
| (2)            | C(6)  | C(12)  | C(18)  |
| C(6)           | 100.0 |        |        |
| C(12)          | 48.0  | 78.6   |        |
| C(18)          | 114.9 | 114.3  | 108.8  |
| (3)            | C(1a) | C(1b)  |        |
| C(1a)          |       |        |        |
| C(1b)          | 63.4  |        |        |
| C(1c)          | 83.9  | 63.4   |        |

from least-squares fit of 25 reflections ( $20 < 2\theta < 25^\circ$ ); empirical absorption correction (6 reflections, 216 data),  $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 53^\circ$  ( $h = \pm 13$ ,  $k = \pm 14$ ,  $l = +14$ ); standard reflections  $\bar{6}\bar{1}1$ ,  $\bar{3}\bar{5}1$ ,  $\bar{2}05$ . 4651 reflections collected, 4404 independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 1.8\%$ ), 2659 observed with  $F_o > 5\sigma(F_o)$ , 1745 unobserved reflections. Least-squares refinement on 198 parameters; all non-H atoms anisotropic, H atoms idealized and updated ( $\text{C—H} = 0.96 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U = 1.2 U$  of attached C); disordered Br<sup>-</sup> ion at two sites: Br at 84% occupancy, Br' at 16%;  $R_F = 5.75\%$ ,  $wR_F = 8.33\%$ ,  $S = 1.37$ ,  $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_o) + gF_o^2$ ,  $g = 0.0002$ ;  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.022$ ;  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.72$ ,  $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.48 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ .

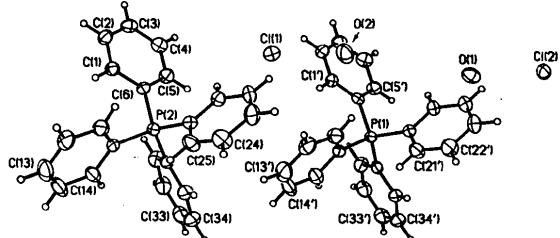


Fig. 1. Molecular structure and labeling scheme for (1).

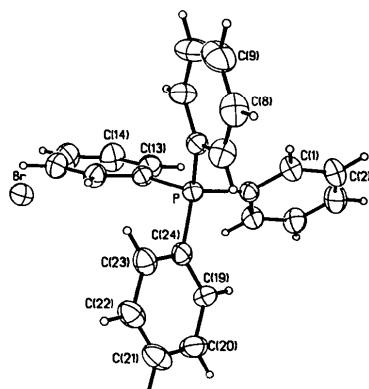
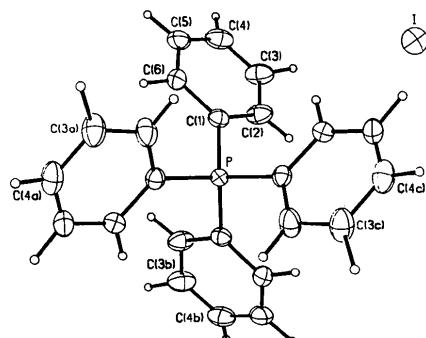
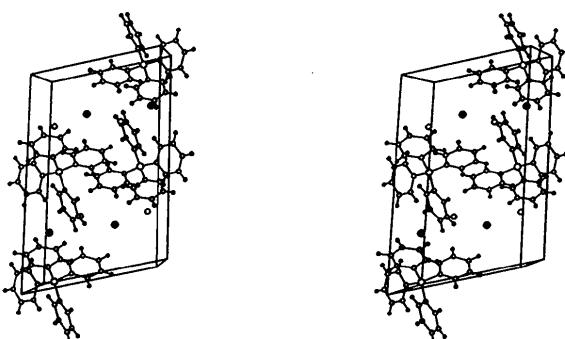
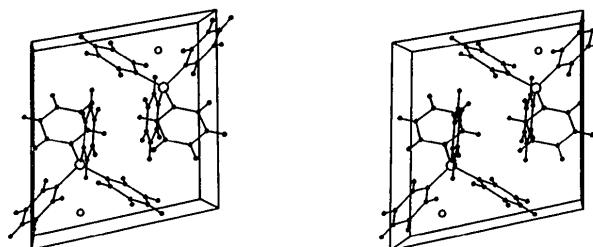
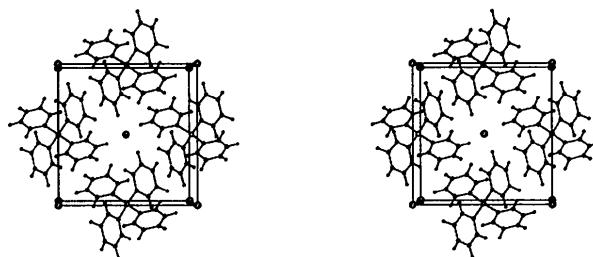
Fig. 2. Molecular structure and labeling scheme for (2). The Br<sup>-</sup> ion is disordered at two sites; only the major-occupancy site (84%) is depicted.

Fig. 3. Molecular structure and labeling scheme for (3).

Fig. 4. Unit-cell packing diagram for (1) as viewed down the  $a$  axis.

Fig. 5. Unit-cell packing diagram for (2) as viewed down the  $c$  axis.Fig. 6. Unit-cell packing diagram for (3) as viewed down the  $a$  axis.

For (3), yellow crystals from methylene chloride/hexane ( $0.26 \times 0.30 \times 0.36$  mm); lattice parameters from least-squares fit of 25 reflections ( $20 < 2\theta < 25^\circ$ ); empirical absorption correction (6 reflections, 216 data);  $2\theta_{\max} = 48^\circ$  ( $h = +15, k = +15, l = +9$ ); standard reflections 222, 123, 321 ( $\leq 1\%$ ). 675 reflections collected, 667 independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 2.7\%$ ), 624 observed with  $F_o > 5\sigma(F_o)$ , 43 unobserved reflections. Least-squares refinement on 81 parameters; all non-H atoms

anisotropic, H atoms were refined ( $C-H = 0.96 \text{ \AA}$ ).  $R_F = 3.68\%$ ,  $wR_F = 5.63\%$ ,  $S = 1.28$ ,  $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_o) + gF_o^2$ ,  $g = 0.001$ ;  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.044$ ;  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.55$ ,  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ .

Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters for (1), (2), and (3) are given in Tables 1, 2 and 3, respectively.\* Bond lengths and angles for (1) are given in Table 4, for (2) in Table 5, and for (3) in Table 6. Phenyl-ring torsional angles for (1), (2) and (3) are given in Table 7. Figs. 1, 2 and 3 show the labeled molecular structures for (1), (2) and (3), respectively. Unit-cell packing diagrams for (1), (2) and (3) are shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 6, respectively.

**Related literature.** To our knowledge, there has been only one previous report of the structure of a tetraphenyl cation halide of a group-15 element: tetraphenylphosphonium dibromiodide (Muller, 1979).

\* Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters and H-atom parameters have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 51738 (78 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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## Structure of 8-Methoxy-5-methyl-3,4-cis-diphenylisochroman-1-one

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**Abstract.**  $C_{23}H_{20}O_3$ ,  $M_r = 344.4$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ ,  $a = 6.254$  (6),  $b = 18.266$  (3),  $c = 15.536$  (3)  $\text{\AA}$ ,  $\beta = 93.35$  (1) $^\circ$ ,  $V = 1771.7$  (4)  $\text{\AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_x = 1.29 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\mu = 0.79 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 728$ ,  $T = 295 \text{ K}$ , final  $R = 0.044$  for 1023 observed reflections. The bond distances are  $C=O = 1.196$  (11),  $O-C$  (cyclic, av.) = 1.405 (10),  $O-C$  (benz.) = 1.364 (8),  $O-CH_3 = 1.417$  (7),  $C-C$  (benz.,

av) = 1.382 (12),  $C-C$  (aliph.-aliph.) = 1.535 (6) and  $C-C$  (benz.-aliph., av.) = 1.512 (9)  $\text{\AA}$ . The X-ray structure shows the half-boat conformation of the six-membered lactone ring and confirms the *cis* disposition of the 3- and 4-phenyl groups.

**Experimental.** The title compound (1) was prepared by an intramolecular addition of the lithio salt obtained by the reaction of 6-benzyl- $\alpha$ -lithio-5-methyl- $\alpha$ -anisonitrile and benzaldehyde at 195 K to room temperature (18 h)

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