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## Structure of 2,2,4,4,6-Pentaphenyl-2,4,1,3,5-diphosphatriazine;† a Six-Membered P<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>C Ring

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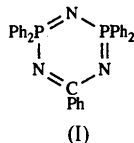
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### Abstract

The structure of Ph<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>CPh consists of a nearly planar P<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>C ring in which the P atoms and two of the N atoms are related by a twofold axis. The endocyclic bond distances are P—N = 1.601 (2) and 1.626 (2), C—N = 1.334 (2) Å. The endocyclic bond angles are P—N—P = 116.4 (2), N—P—N = 116.4 (1), P—N—C = 120.1 (2) and N—C—N = 130.1 (3)°.

### Comment

The title compound (I) was obtained as a minor product from the reaction of Ph<sub>2</sub>PCl<sub>3</sub> with Li[PhC(NSiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (Chandrasekhar, Chivers, Kumaravel, Meetsma & van de Grampel, 1991), but it was not structurally characterized. The major product was the eight-membered ring 1,5-Ph<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>Ph<sub>2</sub>, which was shown to exist in a distorted boat–boat conformation. The heterocycle (I) is also produced from the reaction of PhC[N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](NPPH<sub>2</sub>) with PhSeCl in dichloromethane in a 1:2 molar ratio.



The largest deviation from planarity of the nearly planar six-membered P<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>C ring of (I) involves the symmetry-related N atoms, which are 0.067 Å out of, and on opposite sides of the P<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>C plane. No structural data for other P<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>C rings are available for comparison. The P—N bond lengths are 1.601 (2) and 1.626 (2) Å [cf. 1.584–1.610 Å in Ph<sub>6</sub>P<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (Ahmed, Singh & Barnes, 1969)]. The C—N bond

† IUPAC nomenclature: 2,2,4,4,6-pentaphenyl-1,3,5,2,4-triazadiphosphorinine.

lengths are 1.334 (2) Å [cf. 1.302 (8)–1.328 (8) Å for 1,5-Ph<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>Ph<sub>2</sub> (Chandrasekhar, Chivers, Kumaravel, Meetsma & van de Grampel, 1991)].

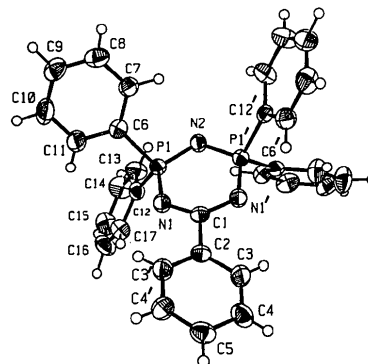


Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) drawing of Ph<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>CPh (I). Ellipsoids are scaled to enclose 50% probability. H atoms are represented as spheres of arbitrary radii. Primes indicate symmetry-related atoms.

### Experimental

#### Crystal data

C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>P<sub>2</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 501.51  
 Monoclinic  
*C*2/*c*  
*a* = 15.760 (2) Å  
*b* = 10.832 (2) Å  
*c* = 16.611 (2) Å  
 $\beta$  = 116.34 (1)°  
*V* = 2541.3 (7) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.311 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 $\lambda$  = 0.71093 Å  
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 10–15°  
 $\mu$  = 0.191 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 296 K  
 Block  
 0.40 × 0.23 × 0.22 mm

#### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  
 $\omega/2\theta$  scans (1.0–6.67° min<sup>-1</sup>)  
 Absorption correction: empirical (DIFABS; Walker & Stuart, 1983)  
 $T_{\min}$  = 0.948,  $T_{\max}$  = 1.045  
 4011 measured reflections  
 3892 independent reflections

2159 observed reflections [ $I > 3\sigma(I)$ ]  
 $R_{\text{int}}$  = 0.026  
 $\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 30°  
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 22$   
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 15$   
 $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$   
 3 standard reflections  
 frequency: 60 min  
 intensity variation: < 1.5%

#### Refinement

Refinement on *F*  
 Final *R* = 0.049  
 $wR$  = 0.040  
 $S$  = 1.77  
 2159 reflections  
 203 parameters  
 Only coordinates of H atoms refined  
 $w = 1/\sigma^2(F)$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.1$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.20 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 Atomic scattering factors from Cromer & Waber (1974) and Stewart, Davidson & Simpson (1965)  
 Anomalous dispersion allowed for according to Ibers & Hamilton (1964)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )
$$B_{\text{eq}} = \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* a_i \cdot a_j$$

|       | x           | y           | z           | $B_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| P(1)  | 0.41670 (5) | 0.00680 (6) | 0.25607 (5) | 2.39 (2)        |
| N(1)  | 0.4287 (1)  | -0.1424 (2) | 0.2603 (1)  | 2.58 (8)        |
| N(2)  | 0.5000      | 0.0847 (3)  | 0.2500      | 2.5 (1)         |
| C(1)  | 0.5000      | -0.1944 (3) | 0.2500      | 2.3 (1)         |
| C(2)  | 0.5000      | -0.3332 (3) | 0.2500      | 2.4 (1)         |
| C(3)  | 0.5576 (2)  | -0.3985 (3) | 0.2222 (2)  | 3.2 (1)         |
| C(4)  | 0.5567 (2)  | -0.5252 (3) | 0.2213 (2)  | 3.8 (1)         |
| C(5)  | 0.5000      | -0.5903 (4) | 0.2500      | 3.6 (2)         |
| C(6)  | 0.4009 (2)  | 0.0591 (2)  | 0.3512 (2)  | 2.6 (1)         |
| C(7)  | 0.4700 (2)  | 0.1276 (3)  | 0.4189 (2)  | 3.2 (1)         |
| C(8)  | 0.4576 (2)  | 0.1638 (3)  | 0.4927 (2)  | 3.9 (1)         |
| C(9)  | 0.3758 (3)  | 0.1353 (3)  | 0.4987 (2)  | 4.1 (1)         |
| C(10) | 0.3063 (2)  | 0.0686 (4)  | 0.4315 (2)  | 4.9 (2)         |
| C(11) | 0.3185 (2)  | 0.0304 (3)  | 0.3580 (2)  | 4.1 (1)         |
| C(12) | 0.3050 (2)  | 0.0401 (2)  | 0.1617 (2)  | 2.5 (1)         |
| C(13) | 0.2821 (2)  | 0.1608 (3)  | 0.1334 (2)  | 3.9 (1)         |
| C(14) | 0.1962 (2)  | 0.1889 (3)  | 0.0622 (2)  | 4.6 (1)         |
| C(15) | 0.1324 (2)  | 0.0981 (3)  | 0.0183 (2)  | 4.2 (1)         |
| C(16) | 0.1532 (2)  | -0.0209 (3) | 0.0459 (2)  | 4.1 (1)         |
| C(17) | 0.2390 (2)  | -0.0514 (3) | 0.1177 (2)  | 3.4 (1)         |

Table 2. Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

|                 |           |                   |           |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| P(1)—N(1)       | 1.626 (2) | C(7)—C(8)         | 1.382 (4) |
| P(1)—N(2)       | 1.601 (2) | C(8)—C(9)         | 1.371 (4) |
| P(1)—C(6)       | 1.798 (3) | C(9)—C(10)        | 1.372 (4) |
| P(1)—C(12)      | 1.799 (3) | C(10)—C(11)       | 1.382 (4) |
| N(1)—C(1)       | 1.334 (2) | C(12)—C(13)       | 1.382 (4) |
| C(1)—C(2)       | 1.504 (5) | C(12)—C(17)       | 1.387 (4) |
| C(2)—C(3)       | 1.382 (3) | C(13)—C(14)       | 1.379 (4) |
| C(3)—C(4)       | 1.372 (4) | C(14)—C(15)       | 1.363 (4) |
| C(4)—C(5)       | 1.378 (4) | C(15)—C(16)       | 1.358 (4) |
| C(6)—C(7)       | 1.383 (4) | C(16)—C(17)       | 1.390 (4) |
| C(6)—C(11)      | 1.387 (4) |                   |           |
| N(1)—P(1)—N(2)  | 116.4 (1) | P(1)—C(6)—C(11)   | 120.0 (2) |
| N(1)—P(1)—C(6)  | 109.5 (1) | C(7)—C(6)—C(11)   | 118.9 (3) |
| N(1)—P(1)—C(12) | 106.7 (1) | C(6)—C(7)—C(8)    | 120.2 (3) |
| N(2)—P(1)—C(6)  | 109.1 (1) | C(7)—C(8)—C(9)    | 120.6 (3) |
| N(2)—P(1)—C(12) | 110.6 (1) | C(8)—C(9)—C(10)   | 119.7 (3) |
| C(6)—P(1)—C(12) | 103.8 (1) | C(9)—C(10)—C(11)  | 120.2 (3) |
| P(1)—N(1)—C(1)  | 120.1 (2) | C(6)—C(11)—C(10)  | 120.4 (3) |
| P(1)—N(2)—P(1') | 116.4 (2) | P(1)—C(12)—C(13)  | 119.5 (2) |
| N(1)—C(1)—N(1') | 130.1 (3) | P(1)—C(12)—C(17)  | 122.1 (2) |
| N(1)—C(1)—C(2)  | 114.9 (2) | C(13)—C(12)—C(17) | 118.4 (3) |
| C(1)—C(2)—C(3)  | 120.8 (2) | C(12)—C(13)—C(14) | 120.6 (3) |
| C(3)—C(2)—C(3') | 118.4 (3) | C(13)—C(14)—C(15) | 120.6 (3) |
| C(2)—C(3)—C(4)  | 120.7 (3) | C(14)—C(15)—C(16) | 119.6 (3) |
| C(3)—C(4)—C(5)  | 120.9 (3) | C(15)—C(16)—C(17) | 120.8 (3) |
| C(4)—C(5)—C(4') | 118.4 (4) | C(12)—C(17)—C(16) | 120.0 (3) |
| P(1)—C(6)—C(7)  | 121.1 (2) |                   |           |

Symmetry code: (')  $1 - x, y, 0.5 - z$ .

Space groups  $C2/c$  and  $Cc$  were indicated from systematic absences ( $hkl$ ,  $h + k = 2n + 1$  and  $h0l$ ,  $h = 2n + 1$  and  $l = 2n + 1$ ); the former was chosen and confirmed by successful analysis. Data were corrected for Lorentz, polarization and absorption effects. The structure was solved by direct methods using SAPI91 (Fan, 1991). Refinement of the structure was by full-matrix least-squares calculations, initially with isotropic and finally with anisotropic temperature factors for the non-H atoms. At an intermediate stage in the refinement a difference map revealed maxima consistent with the positions of the H atoms, which were included in the subsequent cycles of refinement with fixed isotropic temperature factors. All computer programs used in this study were part of the TEXSAN package (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1992) installed on a Silicon Graphics Personal Iris 4D/35 computer.

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### Structures of (*E,E*)-*o*-Nitroacetophenone Azine (I), (*E,Z*)-*o*-Nitroacetophenone Azine (II) and (*E,E*)-*o*-Nitrobenzaldehyde Azine (III)

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## Abstract

In compounds (I) and (II) the *o*-nitro group is *anti* to the methyl group where as in (III), which lacks the methyl, it is *syn* to the H atom. Distortions from planarity indicate that the nitro group experiences

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