Diastereoselective Synthesis and Molecular Structure of a Bicyclic and a Cage Phosphane

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A two-step formal insertion of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexafluoro- (2a) and 1,1,1-trifluoropentane-2,4-dione (2b) into the P-H bonds of phosphane gave the primary α -hydroxyphosphanes 3 and 4, precursors for the resulting secondary phosphanes, 6,9-dioxa-2-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (6a) and 2,4,8-trioxa-6-phosphaadamantane (7), both formed diastereospecifically.

The molecular structures of **6a** and **7** were established by single-crystal X-ray structure analysis which revealed two independent molecules for **6a** in the unit cell possessing a chair-boat conformation with a C-P-C angle of 95.4(2) °, and a characteristic heteroadamantane geometry for **7**, with the corresponding angle being smaller by 4.9 °.

Phosphane, PH_3 , adds to activated ketones, e. g. 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro- and 1,1,1-trifluoropropanone, to furnish primary and secondary α -hydroxyphosphanes: $H_{3-n}P[C(CF_3)R(OH)]_n$ (n = 1, 2; R = CF₃, CH₃).^{[1][2][3][4]} A similar reaction carried out with pentane-2,4-dione, in the presence of a strong acid, results in the formation of diastereomerically pure 1,3,5,7-tetramethyl-2,4,8-trioxa-6phosphaadamantane.^[5] 1,3,5-Triaza-7-phosphaadamantane and its reductive cleavage products, namely N-methyl-Palkylbicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes, are already used as transitionmetal ligands.^{[6][7]} Fluorinated pentane-2,4-diones (e.g. the tautomers^[8] of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexafluoro- and 1,1,1-trifluoropentane-2,4-dione) and phosphane could lead to bicyclic compounds or to phosphaadamantanes. Both diones proved to be versatile reactants for the synthesis of phosphorus-containing mono-, bi- and tricyclic phosphoranes. [9][10][11]

Results and Discussion

In an "insertion" reaction^{[1][2][3][4]} without any auxiliary acid, phosphane (1), and the keto/enol tautomers **2a** and **2b** of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexafluoro- and 1,1,1-trifluoropentane-2,4-dione furnished the primary (R,S)- α -hydroxyphosphanes **3a** and **3b**, whose enol functions probably isomerized rendering the corresponding ketones **4a** and **4b** (Scheme 1). A similar tautomerism was observed in the reaction product with diethyl phosphite, where the keto group of compound **2a** "inserted" into the P-H function.^{[12][13]} Further addition of **2a** and **2b** to **4a** and **4b** and isomerisation afforded the formation of the secondary bis(α -hydroxy- γ -oxo)phosphanes **5a** and **5b**, which, upon standing for 7 d at ambient tem-

perature, or heating for a short time at 80°C, produced colorless crystalline solids, surprisingly $1,3\alpha,5,7\beta$ -Tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-6,9-dioxa-2-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane- 3β , 7α -diol (6a) and 1, 7-trifluoromethyl-3, 5-methyl-2, 4, 8trioxa-6-phophaadamantane (7) (Scheme 2), in good yields (82 % for 6a, 73 % for 7), exclusively one diastereomer in each case. The main mechanistic feature of these reactions is a consecutive diastereoselective hemiketal cyclization. The PH_2 group of (RS)-4a and (RS)-4b probably add to the keto functions of 2a and 2b, assuming an orientation of the internal chelates^[14] by an additional attractive OH… π interaction^[15] [see Scheme 2; pathways are depicted for (S)-4, exemplarily] to give (RR)- and (SS)-5a and -5b exclusively. The α -hydroxy group in one C(OH)(CF₃)CH₂C-(O)CF₃ substituent of compound 5 could form a cyclic chair-configurated hemiketal (intermediate A, $R = CF_3$, route I, Scheme 2) with the γ -oxo group of the neighboring substituent. The new 6-hydroxy group in the proposed 1,3oxaphosphirane ring by virtue of the anomeric effect^[16] is located axially (like the already existing 4-hydroxy group), thus creating a new (S)-carbon center starting from the (RR) precursor and a new (R)-carbon center from the (SS)precursor. The axially oriented 6-hydroxy and not the possibly competing 4-hydroxy^[17] group in its turn induced a further anomeric effect^[16] controlled hemiketal cyclisation with the remaining keto function furnishing bicyclic compound **6a** in the (1S,3S,5R,7R) or the mirror image (1R, 3R, 5S, 7S) configuration (see Scheme 2). The HO groups in **6a** arc in an α , β -arrangement (chair-boat conformation of the two rings, see discussion of the X-ray structure determination), unable to split off water intramolecularly. An additional final (1R,3S,5S,7R) or (1S,3R,5R,7S)



geometry of 6a could not be found excluding the (RS) or (SR) configuration in the precursor phosphane 4a.

Intermediate A (R = CH₃, route *II*, Scheme 2) led to the bicyclic phosphane **6b** having (*RRSS*) or (*SSRR*) configuration by allowing the axial α -hydroxy group in 4-position to interact with the free keto function. In this case, the 4-OH group is more acidic than the 6-OH moiety due to the presence of a CF₃ substituent at C-4 and thus is preferred in the hemiketal formation. The two new HO groups, because of the double chair conformation of the two rings in close vicinity to one another, cnable a condensation reaction to give phosphaadamantane 7 and water. From (*RS*)or (*SR*)-4b and 2b and from their resulting (*RSS*) or (*SRR*) intermediates the second cyclisation with the respective α hydroxy moiety (4-OH) is not possible for steric reasons.

The primary phosphane precursors **3** and **4** were not separated successfully, since upon distillation, only **6a** or **7** and phosphane were obtained, indicating the thermal instability of the primary phosphanes.

The X-ray diffraction investigation showed two symmetry-independent molecules, **A** [absolute configuration (1S,3S,5R,7R)] and its mirror image **B** [absolute configuration (1R,3R,5S,7S)] in the unit cell of the heterobicy-

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clononane 6a (see Figure 1 and Table 1); B exhibiting minor but not significant differences. Therefore, only the molecular structure of 6aA will be discussed. The bicyclic system consists of two six-membered rings, one [P(1), C(1a), C(2a)]C(3a),O(1a),C(4a)] in a chair conformation (puckering parameters^[18] Q = 60.1 pm, $\theta = 173.0^{\circ}$, $\Phi = 108.2^{\circ}$) with $P(1)-H(1a)^{[19]}$ and C(1a)-O(3a) in the axial, C(1a)-C(9a)F₃, C(3a)C10a)F₃, and C(4a)-C(8a)F₃ in the equatorial position; the other ring [O(1a),C(3a),O(2a),C(6a), C(5a), C(4a)] was found to be in a boat conformation (puckering parameters $Q = 69.2 \text{ pm}, \theta = 91.3^{\circ}, \Phi = 179.9$ °) with C(6a) - O(4a) and C(6a) - C(7a) located equatorially. The two hydroxy groups are in an endolexo position, unavailable for intramolecular water abstraction to give a heteroadamantane system. A double chair geometry is usually found in heterobicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes, e. g. N-methyl-Palkylbicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes.^[7] The conformation observed in 6a is obviously due to steric and electrostatic repulsions of the rather bulky endo substituents at C(1) or C(6).^[20] In addition, the chair/boat conformation is stabilized by the O(1a)...H(41)-O(4a) hydrogen bond [O(1a)...O(4a) 288.9 pm]. Finally, if the reaction path from 5a to 6a is simulated in a model, the C(6a)CF₃ group is forced into an endo position. The bond lengths and angles in the two rings, e.g. P(1)-C(1a) 189.6(4), P(1)-C(4a) 189.1(4) pm and C(1a)-P(1)-C(4a) 95.3(2) °, are similar to those found elsewhere.^[7]





 Table 1. Selected bond lengths [pm] and angles [°] of compound 6aA

P(1) - C(1a)	189.5(4)	P(1) - C(4a)	189.2(4)
O(1a) - C(3a)	139.7(4)	O(1a) - C(4a)	144.6(4)
O(2a) - C(3a)	142.6(4)	O(4a) - C(6a)	139.8(4)
C(1a) - C(2a)	153.6(5)	C(3a) - C(10a)	155.3(5)
C(7a) - F(71a)	133.4(4)		
C(1a) - P(1) - C(4a)	95.4(2)	C(3a) = O(2a) = C(6a)	116.3(3)
C(3a) = O(1a) = C(4a)	113.4(3)	P(1) = C(1a) = O(3a)	105.2(2)
P(1) - C(1a) - C(2a)	113.9(2)	O(3a) - C(1a) - C(2a)	113.2(3)
$\dot{C}(1a) - \dot{C}(2a) - \dot{C}(3a)$	114.6(3)	O(2a) - C(3a) - C(2a)	110.4(3)
P(1) - C(4a) - O(1a)	112.8(2)	O(1a) - C(4a) - C(8a)	101.3(3)
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The single-crystal X-ray study of 7 (see Figure 2 and Table 2) showed the structure to consist of two equivalent phosphaadamantane molecules in the unit cell. The CF₃ groups were found in α -positions to the phosphorus atom. The bond lengths P(1)-C(1) and P(1)-C(4) of 188,5(2) and 188.7(2) pm are similar to those observed for **6a** and 1,3,5-triaza-7-phosphaadamantane, whereas the angle C(1)-P(1)-C(4) [89.41(7) °] is significantly smaller than the corresponding parameter of 6a; the C-C distances in the six-membered rings are comparable with those obtained here. The conformational analysis of the four six-membered rings proved the expected chair geometry. A minor deviation of the phosphorus-containing ring [P(1),C(1),C(2),C(3),O(1),C(4)] was observed leading to the puckering parameters^[17] Q = 70.9 pm, $\theta = 170.0^{\circ}$, $\Phi =$ 198.8 °.

Figure 2. Molecular structure of compound 7 (thermal elipsoids with 50 % probability)



Table 2. Selected bond lengths [pm] and angles [°] of compound 7

P(1)-C(1) C(1)-C(2) C(1)-C(9) C(1)-P(1)-C(4) P(1)-C(1)-O(3) C(2)-C(1)-C(9) C(1)-C(2)-C(3) P(1)-C(2)-C(3) P(1)-C(3) P(1)-C(3)	188.6(2) 152.6(2) 151.9(2) 89.5(1) 112.7(1) 111.8(1) 108.8(1)	P(1)-C(4)C(1)-O(3)C(8)-F(81)P(1)-C(1)-C(2)C(2)-C(1)-O(3)O(3)-C(1)-C(9)O(1)-C(3)-O(2)	188.7(2) 142.8(2) 132.6(3) 108.3(1) 110.0(2) 105.2(1) 110.6(1)
$\begin{array}{c} C(2) - C(1) - C(3) \\ C(1) - C(2) - C(3) \\ C(2) - C(3) - C(10) \\ P(1) - C(4) - O(1) \\ O(1) - C(4) - C(8) \end{array}$	$108.8(1) \\114.5(1) \\109.5(1) \\103.9(1)$	$\begin{array}{l} O(3) - C(3) - O(2) \\ O(1) - C(3) - O(2) \\ C(3) - O(1) - C(4) \\ P(1) - C(4) - C(5) \\ C(4) - C(5) - C(6) \end{array}$	$103.2(1) \\ 110.6(1) \\ 114.7(1) \\ 111.6(1) \\ 108.9(1)$

NMR spectroscopy was essential for monitoring the reaction pathway and supporting the proposed mechanism. For 1 and 2a after 2 d at room temperature, the α -hydroxyphosphanes 3a/4a and the secondary phosphane 5a could be identified as intermediate products by their ³¹P-NMR shift and ${}^{1}J_{\rm PH}/{}^{3}J_{\rm PF}$ values^[21] [3a/4a;^[22] $\delta = -115.3$ (tdq), -118.5 (ttq); 5a: -76.6 (dm)]. Within the limits of error one tautomer of 5a was present exclusively. For the bicyclononane 6a, the main product, one would expect a doublet of quadruplets of quadruplets of triplets of triplets. We observed a doublet of deceptively simple multiplets (11 lines) at $\delta_{\rm P} = -72.8^{[20]}$ ($^{1}J_{\rm PH} = 207.4$, $^{3}J_{\rm PF} = 15.2$, $^{3}J_{\rm PF} = 13.2$, $^{3}J_{\rm PH} = 10.5$ Hz). The two resonances at $\delta_{\rm F} = -83.5$ ($^{3}J_{\rm PF} = 15.7$, $^{4}J_{\rm FH} = 1.1$ Hz) and $\delta_{\rm F} = -85.7$ ($^{3}J_{\rm PF} = 12.9$, $^{4}J_{\rm HF} = 1.3$ Hz) in the 19 F-NMR spectrum were assigned to the CF₃ groups in vicinity of phosphorus, the two signals for the other two CF₃ groups were overlapping to give *one* resonance at $\delta_{\rm F} = -90.1$.

For the reaction of phosphane and **2b** only one signal $[\delta = -117.5, \text{ tq}, {}^{1}J_{\text{PH}} = 200.0, {}^{3}J_{\text{PF}} = 4.3 \text{ Hz})$ in the ${}^{31}\text{P-}$ NMR spectrum was found due to the primary α -hydroxyphosphane^[22], whose four resonances in the {}^{1}\text{H-NMR} spectrum [$\delta = 2.26$ (CH₃), 3.10 (CH₂), 3.28 (PH₂), 5.17 (OH)] showed the presence of isomer **4b**. The chiral center at the α -carbon atom did not cause magnetic inequivalence for the methylenc group hydrogen nuclei. The proposed intermediates **5b** and **6b** could not be observed. For the phosphaadamantane **7** a doublet of quadruplets of quadruplets was found in the ${}^{31}\text{P-NMR}$ spectrum ($\delta_{\text{P}} = -74.6{}^{[21]}$, ${}^{1}J_{\text{PH}} = 206.3, {}^{3}J_{\text{PF}} = 15.3, {}^{3}J_{\text{PF}} = 16.0 \text{ Hz}$). The assignment for the CF₃ groups was difficult because of the similar chemical environment.

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Experimental Section

The appropriate precautions for handling moisture- and oxygensensitive compounds were observed throughout this work. – Analyses: Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium Beller, Göttingen. – MS: Varian-MAT CH 7A spectrometer at 70 eV (EI). – NMR: Bruker AC 80 instrument at 80.13 MHz (^{1 H,} standard TMS), 75.39 MHz (¹⁹F, standard CCl₃F), and 32.44 MHz (³¹P, standard 85% H₃PO₄). High-field shifts from TMS, CCl₃F, and 85 % H₃PO₄ were given negative signs. – The single-crystal X-ray structure determination was performed at 153 K with a Siemens P4 diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo- K_{α} radiation ($\lambda = 71.073$ pm). The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by fullmatrix least squares on F^2 using the SHELXSTL PLUS (VMS) program package.

(1R, 3R, 5S, 7S)-1, 3 α , 5, 7 β -Tetrakis(tri-(1S, 3S, 5R, 7R)and fluoromethyl)-6,9-dioxa-2-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-3 β ,7 α -diol (6a), (RS)-[4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-hydroxy-3-oxo-1-(trifluoromethyl)butyl]phosphane (4a) and (RR,SS)-Bis[4,4,4-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-3oxo-1-(trifluoromethyl)butyl]phosphane (5a): Into a heavy-walled glass tube, equipped with a Teflon[®] stopcock, was placed 30.0 g (143 mmol) of 2a and 2.7 g (80 mmol) of 1. This mixture was kept for 2 d at ambient temperature. After removal of the volatiles in vacuo, a viscous liquid remained containing compounds (RS)-3a, (RS)-4a, (RR,SS)-5a and (RRSS,SSRR)-6a in a 1:1:2:10 ratio $[(RS)-3a/(RS)-4a: {}^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3): \delta = -115.3 (ttq, {}^{1}J_{PH} =$ 206.5, ${}^{3}J_{PH} = 8.5$, ${}^{3}J_{PF} = 5.2$ Hz), -118.5 (tdq, ${}^{1}J_{PH} = 204.2$, ${}^{3}J_{PH} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{PF} = 4.1 \text{ Hz}).$ **5a**: ${}^{31}P \text{ NMR} (\text{CDCl}_3): -76.6 (dm, {}^{1}J_{PH} = 211.0, {}^{3}J_{PH} = 10.5, {}^{3}J_{PF} = 10.1 \text{ Hz})].$ Crystalline colorless (RRSS,SSRR)-6a slowly precipitated. After 5 d at ambient temperature and successive removal of phosphane, 29.0 g (82 %) of compound 6a (m. p. 76°C, subl. 40°C/0.001 Torr) remained. Heating of the starting materials, 3.0 g of 2a and 0.3 g of 1, for 2.5 h

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at 80°C gave 2.9 g of 6a. – MS (20°C); m/z (%): 450 (3) [M – $H_2O]^+$, 335 (5) $[M - H_2O - CF_3CO]^+$, 242 (32) [M - $CF_{3}C(O)CH_{2}C(O)CF_{3}]^{+}$, 161 (48) $[CF_{3}C(O)CH_{2}CF_{+}^{2}]$, 139 (72) $[CF_3C(O)CHC(O)H^+]$, 97 (46) $[CF_3CO^+]$, 69 (100) $[CF_4^3]$, and other fragments. $-{}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.30-2.70$ (m, 2 H, ABX system), 2.85-3.45 (m, 2 H, ABX system), 3.05 (s, 1 H, OH), 3.98 (dqq, 1 H, PH, ${}^{1}J_{PH} = 207.4$, ${}^{4}J_{PH} = 1.3$, ${}^{4}J_{FH} = 1.1$ Hz). -¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = -83.5$ (dd, 3 F, CF₃, ³*J*_{PF} = 15.7, ⁴*J*_{FH} = 1.1 Hz), -85.7 (dd, 3 F, CF₃, ${}^{3}J_{PF} = 12.9$, ${}^{4}J_{FH} = 1.3$ Hz), -90.1(s, 6 F, CF₃). $-{}^{31}$ P NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = -72.8$ (dqq"quint", 1 J_{PH} = 207.4, ${}^{3}J_{PF} = 15.2$, ${}^{3}J_{PF} = 13.2$, ${}^{3}J_{PH} = 10.5$ Hz). $- C_{10}H_{7}F_{12}O_{4}P$ (450.12): calcd. C 26.68, H 1.57, F 50.65, P 6.88; found C 26.56, H 1.71, F 50.40, P 7.08. - The data collection for the X-ray structural study of compound (SSRR)-6aA and (RRSS)-6aB^[23] (single crystal 0.3 \times 0.5 \times 0.65 mm, monoclinic P2₁/c with a = 1217.3(2), b = 1009.0(2), c = 2439.8(4) pm, $\beta = 96.03(2)$ °. Z =8, $D(\text{calcd.}) = 2.007 \text{ Mg/m}^3$, cell volume 2.9801(9) nm³, absorption coefficient 0.343 mm⁻¹, difference electron density 519 and -561 e nm⁻³) was carried out in a θ -range 1.68–27.06°, reflections collected 7057, independent reflections 6527 ($R_{int} = 0.0518$), goodness of fit on F^2 1.069; final R values $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$, R1 = 0.0561, wR2 =0.1301; R value (all reflections) R1 = 0.0921, wR2 = 0.1585.

3,5-Methyl-1,7-trifluoromethyl-2,4,8-trioxa-6-phophaadamantane (7) and (RS)-[1-Hydroxy-3-oxo-1-(trifluoromethyl)butyl]phosphane (4b): Into a heavy-walled glass tube, equipped with a Teflon® stopcock, was placed 22.7 g (150 mmol) of 2b and 6.8 g (200 mmol) of 1. The mixture was heated for 30 min at 80°C. After removal of all volatiles in vacuo, a liquid, compounds 4b and 7 (1:5) [4b: ¹H NMR: $\delta = 2.26$ (s, 3 H, CH₃), 3.10 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 3.28 (d, 2 H, $PH_{2,}^{-1}J_{HP} = 200.0 \text{ Hz}$), 5.17 (s, 1 H, OH). $- {}^{19}F \text{ NMR}$: $\delta = -83.90$ (d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm EP} = 4.3$ Hz). $-{}^{31}$ P NMR: $\delta = -117.5$ (tq)] and a solid, compound 7, remained. Heating of the liquid again under the conditions mentioned above gave rise to the formation of 1 and 7. The vield of compound 7 (m. p. 67-69°C, subl. 45°C/0.001 Torr) was 17.4 g (73 %). – MS (20°C); mlz (%): 324 (53) [M⁺], 281 (38) [M $- CH_3CO]^+$, 69 (42) [CF³₊], 43 (100) [CH₃CO⁺] and other fragments. $-^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.51$ (s, 6 H, CH₃), 1.90–2.50 (m, 4 H, ABX system), 3.45 (d, 1 H, PH, ${}^{1}J_{PH} = 206.3$ Hz). - ${}^{19}F$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = -86.2$ (d, 3 F, CF₃, ${}^{3}J_{PF} = 15.3$ Hz), -87.0 (d, 3 F, CF₃, ${}^{3}J_{PF} = 16.0$ Hz). $- {}^{31}P$ NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = -74.6$ $(dqq, {}^{1}J_{PH} = 206.3, {}^{3}J_{PF} = 15.3, {}^{3}J_{PF} = 16.0 \text{ Hz}). - C_{10}H_{11}F_{6}O_{3}P$ (324.16): calcd. C 37.05, H 3.42, F 35.16, P 9.56; found C 37.14, H 3.48, F 35.20, P 9.64. - The data collection for the X-ray structural study of compound 7^[23] (single crystal 0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.5 mm, triclinic $P\bar{1}$ with a = 809.1(2), b = 881.2(2), c = 984.7(2) pm, $\alpha = 85.62(2), \beta = 84.66(2), \gamma = 68.59(2)$ °, Z = 2, D(calcd.) =1,656 Mg/m³, cell volume 0.6501(3) nm³, absorption coefficient 0.289 mm⁻¹, difference electron density 305 and -230 e nm⁻³) was carried out in a &thetas; range 2.71-27.56 °, reflections collected 6220, independent reflections 3017 ($R_{int} = 0.0185$), goodness of fit on F^2 1.035; final R values $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$, R1 = 0.0362, wR2 = 0.0892; R value (all reflections) $R_1 = 0.0484$, $wR_2 = 0.0965$.

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