

Synthesis of novel partially fluorinated phosphonic/sulfonic acids

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Abstract

A new synthesis of $(\text{EtO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ (**1**) has been developed. Addition of $\text{I}(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ or $\text{I}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ to **1** followed by hydrolysis, reduction and ion exchange of the addition adducts gave $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{SO}_3\text{H} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_3\text{H} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, respectively.

Introduction

Significant changes in the acidity of organic acids are observed when hydrogen atoms are replaced by fluorine. For example, fluorinated sulfonic or phosphonic acids are much stronger acids than their hydrocarbon analogs [1]. Perfluorinated sulfonic acids are the strongest organic acids known. On the other hand, some fluorinated sulfonic acids, such as trifluoromethanesulfonic acid and its derivatives, play an important role in organic synthesis [2]. The perfluoroalkylphosphonic acids have recently attracted attention as biological chelating agents [3] and electrolytes [4]. The mixed fluorinated phosphonic/sulfonic acids $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CF}_2\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ [5], $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CFHSO}_3\text{H}$ and $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ [6] have recently been reported. Incorporation of oxygen atoms into the skeleton of polymers is known to enhance their flexibility [7]. Mixed acids of the type $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{CH}_2)_x\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_y(\text{CF}_2)_z\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ could be suitable precursors for the preparation of polymer-supported superacid catalysts by attachment to a polymer support via the phosphonic acid group. The mixed phosphonic/sulfonic acids $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{CH}_2)_x\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_y(\text{CF}_2)_z\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ have not been reported, although Gard *et al.* [8] have recently reported the preparation of $(\text{EtO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ by the reaction of tetrafluoroethane sultone with CsF or KF in the presence of diethyl 2-bromoethylphosphonate. In this work, we report the synthesis of novel partially fluorinated phosphonic/sulfonic acids $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_3\text{H} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{SO}_3\text{H} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ isolated as their hydrates, **8** and **12**, respectively.

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the mixture at 0 °C with stirring. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring until the sodium disappeared (c. 3 h). Under nitrogen, paraformaldehyde (18 g, 0.6 mol) was slowly added to the flask and the resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Allyl bromide (61.5 g, 0.51 mol) was added dropwise at 0 °C and the mixture was allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. After removal of the solid salts by filtration, the filtrate was washed with 100 ml water and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed and the residue was distilled to afford 68.3 g (66% yield based on phosphite) of **1**, b.p. 75–78 °C/0.7 mmHg. ¹H NMR δ: 1.35 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 6H, CH₃); 3.77 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H, PCH₂); 4.11 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H, CH₂C=); 4.18 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₃); 5.28 (m, 2H, =CH₂); 5.88 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 6 Hz, 1H, –CH=) ppm. ¹³C NMR δ: 16.5 (CH₃); 62.4 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 63.7 (d, *J* = 167 Hz, PCH₂); 74.0 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, CH₂CH=); 118.4 and 133.6 (CH=CH) ppm. ³¹P NMR δ: 21.0 (s) ppm. GC MS (*m/z*); 208 (M⁺, 0.08); 193 (0.29); 181 (0.22); 167 (0.76); 152 (36.65); 125 (100); 109 (35.06). FT-IR (CCl₄) (cm⁻¹); 2986 (m); 2983 (m); 2933 (w); 2907 (w); 1261 (s); 1056 (s); 1031 (s); 968 (s).

Preparation of (EtO)₂P(O)CH₂OCH₂CHICH₂(CF₂)₂O(CF₂)₂SO₂F (3) (nc) using (PhCO₂)₂ as the catalyst

A 50 ml glass Ace reactor with a Teflon screw-cap was charged with 2.1 g (10 mmol) of **1**, 4.9 g (11.5 mmol) of **2** and 0.25 g (1 mmol) of benzoyl peroxide. The mixture was stirred at 110–120 °C for 22 h. Column chromatography (silica gel 400 × 30 mm) with methylene chloride and ethyl acetate (2:1) eluent gave 4.5 g (70% yield) of **3** as an oil. ¹⁹F NMR δ: +45.0 (s, 1F, SO₂F); –82.7 (s, 2F, CF₂CF₂SO₂F); –88.2 (s, 2F, CH₂CF₂CF₂O); –112.8 (s, 2F, CF₂SO₂F); –118.1 (t, *J* = 17 Hz, 2F, CH₂CF₂) ppm. ¹H NMR δ: 1.35 (td, *J* = 7, 1.2 Hz, 6H, CH₃); 2.54–3.11 (m, 2H, CH₂CF₂); 3.79–3.91 (m, 4H, PCH₂OCH₂); 4.22 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₃); 4.33 (m, 1H, CHI) ppm. ¹³C NMR δ: 12.9 (s, CHI); 16.5 (s, CH₃); 37.2 (t, *J* = 21 Hz, CH₂CF₂); 62.7 (CH₂CH₃); 65.3 (d, *J* = 166 Hz, PCH₂); 77.7 (s, OCH₂CHI); 112.0–121.3 (m, 4 CF₂) ppm. ³¹P NMR δ: 20.3 (s) ppm. FT-IR (CCl₄) (cm⁻¹): 2987 (w); 2984 (w); 1462 (vs); 1267 (s); 1243 (s); 1208 (s); 1193 (s); 1152 (vs); 1115 (s); 1055 (s); 1030 (s). DIP/MS (*m/z*): 507 (M⁺ – I, 0.23); 451 (M⁺ – CF₂CF₂SO₂F, 0.18); 137 (6.11).

Preparation of 3 with triethylborane initiation

A mixture consisting of 6.7 g (32 mmol) of phosphonate **1**, 15 g (35 mmol) of **2** and 15 mmol of Et₃B (1.0 M in hexane) was stirred overnight at 65 °C. ¹⁹F NMR analysis indicated that only a trace of the addition product was formed. An additional 15 mmol of Et₃B were added and the mixture was stirred at 110 °C for another day. ¹⁹F NMR analysis revealed that **2** was the major component, while a small amount of addition product was formed. Chromatography on silica gel gave 3.7 g (18% yield) of **3**.

Preparation of $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CHICH}_2(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ with triethylborane initiation

A mixture consisting of 0.9 g (2.1 mmol) of **2**, 0.35 g (4.2 mmol) of 1-hexene and 2 mmol of Et_3B was stirred at 40 °C for 3 h, then at 60 °C for 3 h. ^{19}F NMR analysis indicated that **2** was converted into the corresponding addition product. The mixture was concentrated and dried under vacuum to give 0.85 g (79% yield) of the product as an oil. ^{19}F NMR δ : +44.9 (1F, SO_2F); -82.2 (s, 2F, $\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$); -88.4 (m, 2F, $\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{O}$); -112.7 (s, 2F, $\text{CF}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$); -115.5 (m, 2F, CH_2CF_2) ppm.

*Preparation of $(\text{EtO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ (**7**)*

A 50 ml flask was charged with 3.5 g (5.5 mmol) of **3** and 5 ml of methanol. Triethylamine (3.5 g, 35 mmol) was added dropwise and an exothermic reaction was observed immediately. ^{19}F NMR analysis indicated that the sulfonyl fluoride had been converted to the sulfonate **4**. Pd (5% on activated carbon, 0.5 g) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under H_2 (1 atm). After removal of the Pd-C by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated and dried under vacuum to give 5.2 g of residue. The residue was dissolved in 5 ml of methanol and added to 0.65 g NaOH in 20 ml of methanol. The mixture was concentrated to afford a residue which was dissolved in 20 ml of water and passed through an ion-exchange column packed with Dowex 50X8-200 ion-exchange resin to give 2.3 g (82% crude yield) of acid **7**.

Compound **4**: ^{19}F NMR (MeOH) δ : -82.9 (2F, $\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SO}$); -88.8 (2F, $\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2$); -117.2 (2F, CH_2CF_2); -118.4 (2F, CF_2S) ppm.

Compound **5**: ^{19}F NMR (MeOH external CFCl_3) δ : -84.3 (2F, $\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SO}$); -89.9 (2F, $\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2$); -119.4 (t, $J = 16$ Hz, 2F, CH_2CF_2); -119.8 (2F, CF_2SO) ppm.

Compound **7**: ^{19}F NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : -82.2 (2F, $\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{S}$); -87.6 (2F, $\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_2$); -116.9 (t, $J = 20$ Hz, 2F, CF_2CH_2); -117.9 (2F, CF_2S) ppm.

*Preparation of $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_3\text{H} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**8**) (nc)*

The crude sulfonic acid **7** (2.3 g) was dissolved in 3 ml of concentrated HCl and stirred at 110–120 °C for 6 h. After removal of HCl by vacuum, 20 ml of water and 0.3 g charcoal were added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After removal of the charcoal by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated to form a residue which was pumped under vacuum for 5 d to give 1.83 g (80% yield) of **8** as a viscous oil. ^{19}F NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : -82.3 (2F, $\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{S}$); -87.4 (2F, $\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_2$); -116.8 (t, $J = 17$ Hz, 2F, CH_2CF_2); -117.8 (2F, $\text{CF}_2\text{SO}_3\text{H}$) ppm. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 1.75 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2$); 2.20 (m, 2H, CH_2CF_2); 3.57 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 2H, OCH_2CH_2); 3.60 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 2H, PCH_2); 7.21 (s, 7H, $\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$) ppm. ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 20.4 (s, OCH_2CH_2); 26.6 (t, $J = 22$ Hz, CH_2CF_2); 65.4 (d, $J = 161$ Hz,

PCH_2); 70.8 (s, OCH_2CH_2); 108.0–120.8 (m, 4 CF_2) ppm. ^{31}P NMR ($DMSO-d_6$) δ : 17.6 (s) ppm.

*Preparation of $(EtO)_2P(O)CH_2OCH_2CHICH_2(CF_2)_4I$ (**9**) (nc)*

A 50 ml flask was charged with 0.1 g (0.09 mmol) of $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ and 2.6 g (12.5 mmol) of **1**. $I(CF_2)_4I$ (7.5 g, 16.5 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture under nitrogen at room temperature and an exothermic reaction occurred after a few minutes. After the mixture had been stirred at room temperature for 1 h, 1H NMR analysis indicated that **1** had been completely consumed. Chromatography on silica gel (300 \times 35 mm) with ethyl acetate eluent gave 5.6 g of the mono adduct **9** (68%). Further elution with methanol eluent gave 1.6 g of the bis adduct **9a** (29%). A similar reaction, but with a 1:1.1 ratio of **1** to $I(CF_2)_4I$, afforded 53% of the mono adduct **9** and 43% of the bis adduct **9a**.

Compound **9**: ^{19}F NMR δ : -59.4 (2F, CF_2I); -113.2 (2F, CF_2CF_2I); -114.3 (2F, CH_2CF_2); -123.2 (2F, $CF_2CF_2CH_2$) ppm. 1H NMR δ : 1.35 (t, $J=7$ Hz, 6H, CH_3); 2.66–3.07 (m, 2H, CH_2CF_2); 3.79–3.91 (m, 4H, PCH_2OCH_2); 4.18 (m, 4H, OCH_2CH_3); 4.36 (p, $J=6$ Hz, 1H, CHI) ppm. ^{13}C NMR δ : 13.4 (s, CHI); 16.5 (s, CH_3); 37.5 (t, $J=21$ Hz, CH_2CF_2); 62.6 (s, OCH_2CH_3); 65.1 (d, $J=166$ Hz, PCH_2); 77.6 (d, $J=10$ Hz, OCH_2CHI); 94.1 (tt, $J=322, 42$ Hz, CF_2I); 108.3–117.6 (m, 3 CF_2) ppm. ^{31}P NMR δ : 20.1 (s) ppm. FT-IR (CCl_4) (cm^{-1}) 1187 (vs); 1263 (s); 2983 (w).

Compound **9a**: ^{31}P NMR δ : 20.4 (s). ^{19}F NMR δ : -114.3 (s, 4F); -124.0 (s, 4F) ppm. 1H NMR δ : 1.35 (t, $J=7$ Hz, 12H, CH_3); 2.70–3.02 (m, 4H, CH_2CF_2); 3.86 (m, 8H, PCH_2OCH_2); 4.18 (m, 8H, OCH_2CH_3); 4.36 (p, $J=6$ Hz, 2H, CHI) ppm.

*Preparation of $(EtO)_2P(O)CH_2OCH_2CHICH_2(CF_2)_4SO_2F$ (**14**) (nc)*

A mixture consisting of **13** (2 g, 4.9 mmol), **1** (1.0 g, 4.8 mmol) and benzoyl peroxide (0.12 g, 0.5 mmol) was stirred at 110 $^\circ C$ for 1 h. ^{19}F NMR analysis indicated that the addition product had formed. Column chromatography on silica gel (300 \times 35 mm) with methylene chloride and ethyl acetate (3:1) eluent gave 2.4 g (80% yield) of **14** as an oil. ^{19}F NMR δ : +45.9 (1F, SO_2F); -108.0 (2F, CF_2S); -114.1 (2F, CF_2CH_2); -120.3 (2F, CF_2CF_2S); -123.6 (2F, $CF_2CF_2CH_2$) ppm. 1H NMR δ : 1.36 (td, $J=7, 1.2$ Hz, 6H, CH_3); 2.66–3.15 (m, 2H, CH_2CF_2); 3.80–3.94 (m, 4H, PCH_2OCH_2); 4.20 (m, 4H, CH_2CH_3); 4.35 (p, $J=7$ Hz, 1H, CHI) ppm. ^{13}C NMR δ : 12.7 (s, CHI); 16.6 (s, CH_3); 37.5 (t, $J=21$ Hz, CH_2CF_2); 62.8 (CH_2CH_3); 65.3 (d, $J=166$ Hz, PCH_2); 77.7 (s, OCH_2CHI); 110.5–121.2 (m, 4 CF_2) ppm. ^{31}P NMR δ : 20.4 (s) ppm. FT-IR (CCl_4) (cm^{-1}): 2986 (w); 2983 (w); 1461 (vs); 1262 (s); 1240 (s); 1212 (s); 1168 (m); 1142 (s); 1030 (s). DIP/MS (m/z): 491 ($M^+ - I$, 0.77); 435 ($M^+ - CF_2CF_2SO_2F$, 0.69); 137 (8.45); 109 (12.67).

*Preparation of $(EtO)_2P(O)CH_2O(CH_2)_3(CF_2)_4SO_3H$ (**18**)*

The adduct **14** (7.7 g, 12.5 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml of methanol. Et_3N (5 ml) was added slowly and an exothermic reaction was observed.

^{19}F NMR analysis of the reaction mixture indicated that **14** had been hydrolyzed to sulfonate **15**. Pd (5% on activated carbon, 0.25 g) was added to the reaction mixture and the resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature under H_2 (1 atm) for 20 h. After removal of the Pd-C by filtration, NaOH (1.5 g) was added. The mixture was concentrated to give 9.1 g of solid residue which was dissolved in 37 ml of water and passed through an ion-exchange column packed with Dowex 50X8-200 ion-exchange resin to give 4.85 g (79% yield) of crude **18** which contained some partially hydrolyzed acid $(\text{EtO})(\text{HO})\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{SO}_3\text{H}$.

Compound **15**: ^{19}F NMR (MeOH) δ : -115.5 (2F); -116.2 (2F); -121.8 (2F); -125.7 (2F) ppm.

Compound **16**: ^{19}F NMR (MeOH) δ : -116.4 (4F); -122.2 (2F); -125.7 (2F) ppm.

Compound **18**: ^{19}F NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : -114.2 (2F); -114.3 (2F); -119.7 (2F); -123.2 (2F) ppm.

*Preparation of $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{SO}_3\text{H}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**12**) (nc)*

The crude acid **18** (6.2 g, 12.7 mmol) was dissolved in 30 ml of concentrated HCl and refluxed for 5 h. After removal of the HCl, 60 ml of water and charcoal (2 g) were added. The resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After removal of charcoal by filtration, the aqueous solution was concentrated to form a residue which was pumped under vacuum for 4 d at room temperature to give 5 g (84% yield) of **12** as a hygroscopic solid. ^{19}F NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : -113.1 (m, 2F, CF_2CH_2); -114.2 (t, $J=15$ Hz, 2F, CF_2S); -119.8 (m, 2F, $\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{S}$); -123.1 (t, $J=10$ Hz, 2F, $\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_2$) ppm. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 1.78 (m, OCH_2CH_2); 2.22 (m, CH_2CF_2); 3.56 (m, PCH_2OCH_2); 5.72 (s, $\text{OH}+\text{H}_2\text{O}$) ppm. ^{31}P NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 17.3 (s) ppm. ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 20.3 (s, OCH_2CH_2); 27.4 (t, $J=22$ Hz, CH_2CF_2); 66.0 (d, $J=161$ Hz, PCH_2); 70.7 (d, $J=11$ Hz, OCH_2CH_2); 108.2-122.1 (m, 4 CF_2) ppm.

*Titration of $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_3\text{H}\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**8**)*

The acid **8** (76.9 mg) was dissolved in 10 ml of 0.1 N NaCl (aq.), then titrated with 0.0312 N NaOH which had been standardized with primary standard potassium acid phthalate. A pH meter was used to monitor the titration. Two breaks were observed. The first break was at $V=9.70$ ml and the second break at 14.65 ml. The total titration purity was 99.9% (based on the acid trihydrate, MW=504).

*Titration of $(\text{HO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{SO}_3\text{H}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**12**)*

The acid **12** (30.2 mg) was dissolved in 10 ml of 0.1 N NaCl (aq.), then titrated by 0.0312 N NaOH. The first break was at $V=4.00$ ml and the second break at 6.15 ml. The total titration purity was 99.5% (based on the acid dihydrate with MW=470).

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