

Reactions of 1b in Aqueous Base. To 0.25 mL of 0.02 M **1b** in D₂O was added 0.25 mL of pH 11¹⁴ 0.10 M carbonate buffer in D₂O. After 25 min at 25 °C, only *p-n*-C₁₂H₂₅C₆H₄Ph₂P⁺CD₂CH₂OD Br⁻ (**2b-d**) and/or (*p-n*-C₁₂H₂₅C₆H₄Ph₂P⁺CD₂CH₂)₂O 2Br⁻ were detected by ¹H NMR. The same result was obtained with the substitution of pH 10 0.10 M carbonate buffer in D₂O. With extended reaction times, conversion to **6a/6b** is likely, analogous to that of **1a** to **6a**.^{4b,5b}

A reaction mixture was prepared from 1.0 mL of 0.02 M NaOD-D₂O and 1.0 mL of 0.002 M **1b** in D₂O. After 3 min at 25 °C, an oil had precipitated, and the reaction mixture was acidified with 20 wt % DCl-D₂O. By ¹H NMR, no organic material was detected in the supernatant solution. The oil was washed with H₂O and dried under vacuum; its ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) was similar to that of the crude product obtained from **1b** in 0.1 M NaOH.

As above for **1a**, 0.27 g (0.50 mmol) of **1b** in 25 mL of H₂O was treated with 25 mL of 0.2 M NaOH. The 0.20 g of crude product was chromatographed on basic alumina packed in Et₂O with MeOH-Et₂O elution. **4b** and **3b/3c** (7:1 mol ratio, 91 mg, 45%) eluted together with 1% MeOH-Et₂O. **4a**^{1a} (13 mg, 11%) eluted with 1% MeOH-Et₂O. **5b** (trace) and **5c** (21 mg, 11%) eluted with 3% MeOH-Et₂O. **6a** (trace), **6b**, and *p-n*-C₁₂H₂₅C₆H₄Ph₂P⁺CH₂CH₂OH Cl⁻/Br⁻ (2:1, 22 mg, 10%) eluted with 10-50% MeOH-Et₂O. **5a** was not detected. New compounds were identified by ¹H NMR in comparison with analogues from **1a** and by HRMS. **3b/3c**: calcd for C₃₂H₄₃OP 474.3051, found, 474.3032. **4b**: calcd for C₂₆H₃₇OP 396.2581, found 396.2551. **5b**: calcd for C₃₈H₄₈O₂P₂ 598.3128, found 598.3083. **5c**: calcd for C₅₀H₇₂O₂P₂ 766.5007, found 766.4990. **6a**: calcd for C₁₄H₁₅O₂P 246.0810, found 246.0818. **6b**: calcd for C₂₆H₃₉O₂P 414.2688, found 414.2686.

Stability of 2a in Aqueous Base. To 0.25 mL of 0.02 M **1a** was added 0.25 mL of 5.0 M NaOD-D₂O. After 30 min at 25 °C, the solution was acidified with 20 wt % DCl-D₂O. By ¹H NMR it contained ca. 10% Ph₂P(O)CD₂CH₂OD (**6a-d**), with the remainder being **2a-d**.

Reaction of 1c in Aqueous Base. As for **1a**, 0.77 g (2.0 mmol) of **1c** in 100 mL of H₂O was treated with 100 mL of 5.0 M NaOH. The 0.80 g of crude product was chromatographed on basic alumina packed in Et₂O with MeOH-Et₂O elution. **3b** and **3c** (1:1 mol ratio, 93 mg, 14%) eluted with 1% MeOH-Et₂O. **4a**^{1a} (trace) and **4b** (132 mg, 27%) eluted with 2% MeOH-Et₂O. **5b** (trace) and **5c** (144 mg, 31%) eluted with 3% MeOH-Et₂O. **6a**^{5b} (trace) and **6b** (16 mg, 3%) eluted with 10% MeOH-Et₂O. *p*-MeC₆H₄Ph₂P⁺CH₂CH₂OH Cl⁻/Br⁻ (52 mg, 7%) eluted with 50% MeOH-Et₂O. **5a** was not detected. New compounds were identified by ¹H NMR in comparison with analogues from **1a** and by HRMS. **3b/3c**: calcd for C₂₁H₂₁OP 320.1330, found 320.1315. **4b**: calcd for C₁₅H₁₅OP 242.0860, found 242.0844. **5b**: calcd for C₂₇H₂₆O₂P₂ 444.1407, found 444.1395. **5c**: calcd for C₂₈H₂₈O₂P₂ 458.1564, found 458.1554. **6b**: calcd for C₁₅H₁₇O₂P 260.0966, found 260.0986.

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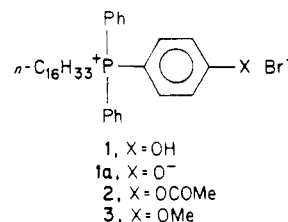
Ester Cleavage by a Phenolic Quaternary Phosphonium Surfactant

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Numerous functionalized surfactants have been used to catalyze the hydrolysis of carbon and phosphorus esters.¹ Most of these have been quaternary ammonium systems. Previously, we described² the first functionalized quaternary phosphonium surfactants, and herein we report the synthesis and application of additional examples 1-3.

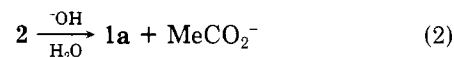
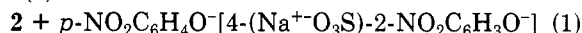


Reaction of *p*-MeOC₆H₄PPH₂ with *n*-C₁₆H₃₃Br gave **3**, which was converted to **1** with hydrobromic acid. Acetylation of **1** with MeCOCl yielded **2**. By UV and ³¹P NMR methods, micellar **1** has a pK_a of 6.6. Thus, the *p*-C₁₆H₃₃Ph₂⁺P substituent and micellization³ combine to give an acidity enhancement of ca. 3 pK_a units relative to phenol (9.86).⁴

Phenolic **1** in comicellar form with hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide (HTABr) was used as a catalyst for hydrolyses of *p*-nitrophenyl acetate (**4**) and sodium 4-acetoxy-3-nitrobenzenesulfonate (**5**), and the results are summarized in Tables I and II. **1**'s solubility characteristics precluded its use alone.

In pH 9 buffer with [1] = [HTABr] = 0.001 M, the pseudo-first-order rate constant (*k_p*) for hydrolysis of **4** is 2.7 × 10⁻³ s⁻¹ (entry 1). Compared to reactions with **3** substituted for **1** (entry 2), with [HTABr] = 0.002 M (entry 3), and without surfactant (entry 4), that with **1** is 2.7, 5, and 13 times faster, respectively. These facts are consistent with the involvement of **1a** in nucleophilic attack on micellar bound **4** to give **2** (eq 1), which can undergo deacy-

1a + **4(5)** →



lation to regenerate **1a** (eq 2). At pH 9, **1** is >99% ionized to **1a**. The reaction of eq 2 was performed independently with [2] = 0.0001 M and [HTABr] = 0.002 M, and *k_p* = 5.4 × 10⁻³ s⁻¹ resulted (entry 5). Comparison of entries 1 and 5 suggests that **2** decomposes faster than it is formed under the conditions of the former, i.e., that **1** is a turnover catalyst.⁵ A conclusive demonstration of **1**'s turnover capability with [4] > [1] = 0.001 M was precluded by **4**'s limited solubility. Furthermore, lower [1]s could not be

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Table I. Hydrolyses of 4^a and 2 in pH 7 and 9 Buffers^b at 25 °C

entry	pH	[HTABr], M	[1], M	[2], M	[3], M	10 ³ k _v ^c s ⁻¹
1	9	0.001	0.001			2.7
2	9	0.001			0.001	1.0
3	9	0.002				0.54
4	9					0.21
5	9	0.002		0.0001		5.4
6	9	0.01	0.01			6.3
7	9	0.01			0.01	1.5
8	9	0.02				0.93
9	9					0.21
10	9	0.02		0.0001		2.4
11	7	0.01	0.01			2.1
12	7	0.02				0.048

^a[4] = 2 × 10⁻⁵ M in all entries but 5 and 10, wherein 2 was the substrate. ^bEntries 1–5 contained 0.4% and 6–12, 2.2% (v/v) MeCN. ^cAverages of duplicate runs; average deviations ≤6%.

Table II. Hydrolyses of 5^a in pH 9 Buffer^b at 25 °C

entry	[HTABr], M	[1], M	[3], M	10 ³ k _v ^c s ⁻¹
13	0.001	0.001		11
14	0.001		0.001	3.3
15	0.002			2.3
16				0.32
17	0.01	0.01		9.0
18	0.01		0.01	2.0
19	0.02			1.3
20				0.34

^a[5] = 5 × 10⁻⁵ M. ^bEntries 13–16 and 17–20 contained 0.4% and 2.2% (v/v) MeCN, respectively. ^cAverages of duplicate runs; average deviations ≤6%.

used because the rate enhancement for 1-HTABr relative to HTABr systems dropped to negligible values.

Results comparable to those above were obtained at higher surfactant concentrations (entries 6–10), except that the cleavage of 2 (entry 10) was slower than that of 4 (entry 6). Also, two reactions were performed with 4 at pH 7, where 1 is 71% ionized. With [1] = [HTABr] = 0.01 M, k_v = 2.1 × 10⁻³ s⁻¹ (entry 11). Compared to reactions with [HTABr] = 0.02 M (entry 12) and without surfactant (estimated k_v = 2 × 10⁻⁶ s⁻¹), that with 1 is 44 and 1050 times faster, respectively.

In pH 9 buffer with [1] = [HTABr] = 0.001 M, k_v = 11 × 10⁻³ s⁻¹ for hydrolysis of 5 (entry 13). This value is 3, 5, and 34 times greater than k_vs for reactions with the substitution of 3 for 1 (entry 14), with [HTABr] = 0.002 M (entry 15), and without surfactant (entry 16), respectively. Attack of 1a on micellar bound 5 (eq 1) is implicated, analogous to that on 4. Since k_v for deacylation of 2 (entry 5) is less than k_v for hydrolysis of 5, 1 does not function as a turnover catalyst in this case. Comparable results were obtained at higher surfactant concentrations (entries 17–20).

Moss and Dix³ studied cleavage of 4 by n-C₁₆H₃₃Me₂N⁺CH₂C₆H₄XH-p-Br⁻ (6, X = O; 7, X = S) comicellized with HTABr. In pH 8 buffer at 25 °C, where 6 is 48% and 7 >99% ionized, k_v = 0.0123 s⁻¹ with [6] = [HTABr] = 0.01 M, and 0.034 s⁻¹ with [7] = 0.0075 M and [HTABr] = 0.01 M. Although 6 and 7 are kinetically superior, 1 does possess the advantage of modest turnover capability at pH 9.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 270 MHz with Me₄Si as internal standard in CDCl₃ and ³¹P NMR spectra at 109.1 MHz with 85% phosphoric acid as external standard (by substitution). Fast atom bombardment (FAB) mass spectra were obtained on a VG-ZAB 1F spectrometer with glycerol as sample matrix.

Materials and Solvents. 4 (Aldrich) was recrystallized from EtOH, mp 78–79.5 °C (lit.^{6a} mp 79.5–80 °C), and 5, mp >300 °C (lit.^{6b} mp >300 °C), was prepared by a literature procedure. HTABr (Aldrich) was purified by recrystallization from 4:1 (v/v) Me₂CO–MeOH to give material with a cmc of 9.0 × 10⁻⁴ M (H₂O) (lit.⁷ 9.2 × 10⁻⁴ M). For kinetic studies, H₂O (HPLC-grade) was purified as before,² and MeCN (HPLC-grade) was used as received. All synthetic procedures were under N₂.

Diphenyl(p-methoxyphenyl)hexadecylphosphonium Bromide (3). p-MeOC₆H₄PPH₂, mp 66–68 °C (lit.⁸ mp 68–69 and 78–79 °C), was prepared by a literature procedure.⁸ A mixture of 2.92 g (9.99 mmol) of p-MeOC₆H₄PPH₂ and 3.36 g (11.0 mmol) of n-C₁₆H₃₃Br (Aldrich) in 10 mL of MeNO₂ was degassed (N₂), held at 80 °C for 3.5 h, concentrated to 5 mL, and added to 200 mL of Et₂O. At -10 °C, 4.1 g (69%) of crude product precipitated as an oil, which was chromatographed on a 3.5 × 30 cm column of silica gel packed in CHCl₃ with 300 mL each of CHCl₃ and 1:1 CHCl₃–Et₂O and 1 L of 1:19 MeOH–CHCl₃. With the last solution 3.50 g (59%) of 3 eluted as an oil: ¹H NMR δ 7.19–7.84 (m, 14 H, Ar H), 3.92 (s, 3 H, CH₃O), 3.63 (br m, 2 H, CH₂P), 1.63 (m, 4 H, CH₂CH₂CH₂P), 1.24 (m, 24 H, (CH₂)₁₂), 0.87 (t, 3 H, CH₃); FAB HRMS calcd for C₃₅H₅₀BrOP (cation) 517.3599, found 517.3597.

Diphenyl(4-hydroxyphenyl)hexadecylphosphonium Bromide (1). A solution of 3.00 g (5.02 mmol) of 3 in 60 mL of 48% hydrobromic acid was refluxed for 4 h. At 25 °C the resultant oil was extracted into 100 mL of CHCl₃. The aqueous layer was further extracted with two 50-mL portions of CHCl₃, and the combined extracts were washed with two 50-mL portions of H₂O and dried (Na₂SO₄) to give 2.19 g (75%) of crude product, which was chromatographed on a 3.5 × 28 cm column of silica gel packed in CHCl₃ with 150 mL of CHCl₃ and 300 mL of 1:19 MeOH–CHCl₃. The surfactant eluted with the latter to give 1.90 g (65%) of 1 as a wax: mp 110–115 °C; ¹H NMR δ 10.37 (s, 1 H, OH), 7.28–7.78 (m, 14 H, Ar H), 3.21 (m, 2 H, CH₂P), 1.59 (m, 4 H, CH₂CH₂CH₂P), 1.24 (m, 24 H, (CH₂)₁₂), 0.87 (t, 3 H, CH₃); FAB HRMS calcd for C₃₄H₄₈OP (cation) 503.3443, found 503.3425. For equimolar 1 and HTABr in pH 9 buffer (see below) at 25 °C, a critical micelle concentration of 5.0 × 10⁻⁵ M was determined as described previously.⁹

Diphenyl(p-acetoxyphenyl)hexadecylphosphonium Bromide (2). To a solution of 0.88 g (1.5 mmol) of 1 and 0.34 g (4.3 mmol) of pyridine in 5 mL of CHCl₃ at 0 °C was added 0.22 g (2.8 mmol) of MeCOCl. The resultant mixture was held for 30 min each at 0 °C and 60 °C. After the addition of 15 mL of CHCl₃, it was washed with two 10-mL portions of 10% hydrobromic acid and two 10-mL portions of saturated aqueous NaBr and dried (Na₂SO₄) to give 0.76 g (81%) of crude product. This material was chromatographed on a 12.5 × 36 cm column of silica gel packed in CHCl₃ with 150 mL of CHCl₃ and 300 mL of 1:33 MeOH–CHCl₃, and 0.63 g (67%) of 2 eluted as an oil with the latter: ¹H NMR δ 7.48–7.98 (m, 14 H, Ar H), 3.81 (m, 2 H, PCH₂), 2.36 (s, 3 H, CH₃CO), 1.62 (m, 4 H, CH₂CH₂CH₂P), 1.19–1.24 (m, 24 H, (CH₂)₁₂), 0.89 (t, 3 H, CH₃); FAB HRMS calcd for C₃₆H₅₀O₂P (cation) 545.3548, found 545.3573.

Kinetic Studies. Runs were performed at 25.0 ± 0.1 °C on a Cary Model 2300 UV-VIS-NIR spectrophotometer in pH 7 and 9 buffers (0.06 M phosphate, μ = 0.13, and 0.0125 M borate, μ = 0.025, respectively). Reactions of 4 and 5 were generally monitored to ≥95% completion by the appearance of p-NO₂C₆H₄O⁻ at 400 nm (λ_{max}) and 4-(Na⁺O₃S)-2-NO₂C₆H₃O⁻ at 415 nm (λ_{max} 410 nm), respectively. Rate constants resulted from computer-generated least-squares plots of log (A_∞ - A_t) vs. time; A_∞ was determined by calculation¹⁰ for entries 12 and 16 and by experiment for others. All runs gave good first-order kinetics (r > 0.999). A MeCN solution of 1 or 3 was added to HTABr (if appropriate)–buffer within a 1-cm cuvette containing a star-shaped

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stirrer. Then 4-MeCN or 5-H₂O was added, and the resultant solution was stirred intermittently. Runs with **2** as substrate were prepared analogously and were monitored by the appearance of **1a** at 288 nm (λ_{\max}); A_{∞} was determined by experiment. A MeCN solution was used for its addition to HTABr-buffer. In no run was there evidence for hydrolytic cleavage of the phosphonium salt as found¹¹ in other systems at higher pH.

pK_a of 1. The pK_a of **1** was measured by UV³ and ³¹P NMR methods. In the former, three buffers containing 0.002 M HTABr were prepared at pH 2.0 (0.013 M HCl, $\mu = 0.13$ (KCl)), 7.0 (0.06 M phosphate, $\mu = 0.13$), and 12.0 (0.025 M phosphate, $\mu = 0.13$). To each 1-MeCN was added to give 1.0×10^{-4} M **1** and 0.4% (v/v) MeCN. Absorbances (*A*) were measured for each solution at 25 °C at 5-nm intervals over the range of 240–300 nm. The ratio $(A_{7.0} - A_{2.0}) / (A_{12.0} - A_{7.0})$ was taken as $[A^-] / [HA]$ and was calculated at each wavelength. An average value of 3.81 was obtained (with exclusion of anomalous data from 260–280 nm) to give pK_a = 7.0 - log 3.81 = 6.4. In the NMR method, three buffers containing 0.01 M HTABr were prepared at pH 2.0 and 7.0 (same as above) and at 10.8 (0.0125 M borate, $\mu = 0.13$ (KCl)). To each 1-MeCN was added to give 0.01 M **1** and 2.2% (v/v) MeCN. ³¹P NMR chemical shifts of 19.45, 18.50, and 17.92, respectively, were obtained. The ratio $[A^-] / [HA]$ was determined from $\delta_{7.0} = X_A \delta_{10.8} + X_{HA} \delta_{2.0}$ and $X_{A^-} + X_{HA} = 1$, wherein *X* = mole fraction. A value of 1.63 was obtained to give pK_a = 7.0 - log 1.63 = 6.8. The average pK_a (6.6) from the UV and NMR methods was used in the text.

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Unexpected Formation of 1,4,7,9-Tetrafluorodiamantane in the Reaction of 1,4,9-Tribromodiamantane with NO₂⁺BF₄⁻/Pyridinium Polyhydrogen Fluoride (PPHF)

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Recently we reported¹ the preparation and NMR spectroscopic (¹³C and ¹⁹F) study of a series of bridgehead mono- and polyfluorinated adamantanes and diamantanes. The bridgehead fluorides were conveniently prepared in excellent yields from the corresponding bromo compounds using NO₂⁺BF₄⁻ pyridinium polyhydrogen fluoride (PPHF).² In that study we reported the preparation of two bridgehead difluorodiamantanes (namely, 1,6-difluorodiamantane and 4,9-difluorodiamantanes). The similar conversion of adamantanoid halides to fluorides was also possible by the action of elemental fluorine.³ In continuation of our studies we were interested in preparing the tri- and tetrafluorodiamantanes from the corresponding

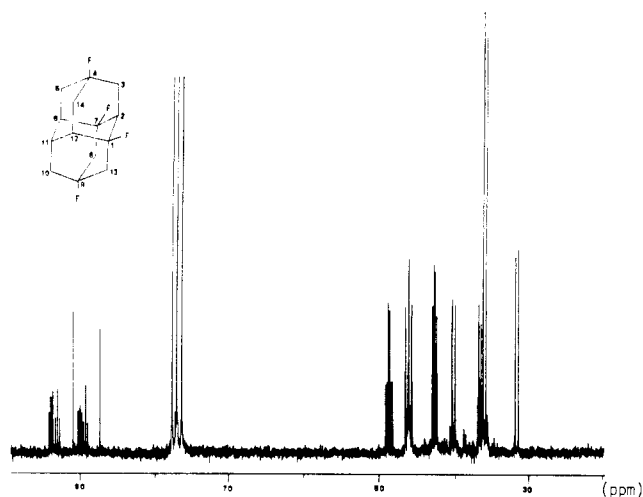
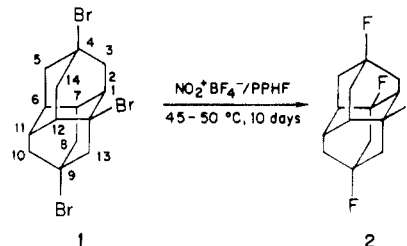


Figure 1. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1,4,7,9-tetrafluorodiamantane (**2**) in CDCl₃ at room temperature.

bromo compounds. We now report our results in the reaction of 1,4,9-tribromodiamantane,⁴ (**1**) with excess NO₂⁺BF₄⁻/PPHF reagent which gave, unexpectedly, 1,4,7,9-tetrafluorodiamantane (**2**).



Results and Discussion

1,4,9-Tribromodiamantane (**1**) was prepared according to literature procedure⁴ by ionic bromination of diamantane. The elemental analysis and ¹³C NMR spectral characteristics [$\delta^{13}\text{C}$: 70.2 (s), 60.2 (s), 59.6 (s), 59.3 (t), 48.6 (t), 47.8 (d), 47.3 (t), 44.7 (t), 41.9 (d), 38.2 (d)] correspond well with the structure, and the melting point (190–192 °C) is very close to that reported in the literature^{4b} (193–195 °C).

Reaction of **1** with excess NO₂⁺BF₄⁻ in 70% pyridinium polyhydrogen fluoride (PPHF) at 45–50 °C in an autoclave for 10 days gave in 72% yield a tetrafluorocompound with molecular formula C₁₄H₁₆F₄ as determined by elemental analysis (see Experimental Section for details). ¹⁹F NMR⁵ of the product showed three signals at $\delta(^{19}\text{F})$ -142.9 (1 F), -146.8 (1 F), and -150.4 (2 F). These are in the region of bridgehead ¹⁹F chemical shift.¹ Also, the absence of any observable ¹⁹F-¹H coupling indicates that all the fluorine atoms are at the bridgehead position. The ¹H noise-decoupled ¹³C NMR spectrum in CDCl₃ is shown in Figure 1. It shows ten ¹³C multiplets (¹³C-¹³F coupling), indicating a C_s symmetry in the diamantane skeleton. The ¹³C chemical shifts along with their proton multiplicities (obtained using APT experiment⁶) are listed in the Table I.

The spectral characteristics (both ¹³C and ¹⁹F) indicate that the product is 1,4,7,9-tetrafluorodiamantane (**2**). Every individual ¹³C-¹⁹F multiplet in the ¹³C NMR spec-

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