³⁴S, ³⁶S, and ¹⁸O Isotope Effects on ³¹P Chemical Shifts in Thiophosphate Anhydrides

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Abstract: ³⁴S, ³⁶S, and ¹⁸O isotope effects on ³¹P chemical shifts were measured for the isomeric thiophosphate anhydrides bis(5,5-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinanyl) sulfide (1) and P-oxo-P'-thionobis(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinanyl) oxide (2). The doubly bonded S in 2 gave isotopic shifts of 0.0097 and 0.018 ppm upfield of P=32S for 34S and 36S, respectively. The singly bonded S in 1 gave a smaller isotopic shift, the exact value being obscured by the line widths. ¹⁸O in the nonbridging position in 1 gave an isotopic shift of 0.0455 ppm. 18 O in the bridging position in 2 gave an isotopic shift of 0.019 ppm. These observations confirm the expectation that ³⁶S effects should be twice as large as the corresponding ³⁴S effects.

Isotope effects on chemical shifts in NMR spectra have been studied with increasing frequency over the past few years.¹ The ¹⁸O isotope effect on ³¹P chemical shifts is probably the best known example, having been used extensively in studying positional isotope exchange, bond cleavage sites, kinetic behavior of intermediates, and the stereochemistry of phosphate-transfer reactions.^{2,3} Since thiophosphoroorganic compounds have attained increasing attention among chemists and especially biochemists, the S isotope effect on ³¹P chemical shifts is an interesting augmentation to the present body of knowledge.

³⁴S isotope-induced shifts have previously been reported for ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra (0.009 ppm for doubly bonded C=S and 0.05 ppm^{4,5} for singly bonded F-S, respectively). We wish to report the first observation of ³⁴S and ³⁶S isotope effects on ³¹P NMR spectra. To the best of our knowledge, this is also the first measurement of a ³⁶S isotope effect on any NMR spectrum and the first comparison of isotope shifts for three different isotopes of the same element.

Measurements were performed on the following two isomeric compounds:



 $^{34}S,\,^{36}S,$ and ^{18}O in the thiophosphate anhydrides examined all led to upfield shifts of the ³¹P peaks compared to compounds containing ³²S and ¹⁶O. The magnitude of the isotope effects increased from ³⁴S to ³⁶S (vs. ³²S) to ¹⁸O (vs. ¹⁶O) and also increased with bond order.

Experimental Section

Synthesis of Labeled Compounds. ¹⁸O was substituted at the nonbridging position in 1 and at the bridging, exocyclic position in 2. Bis-(5,5-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinanyl) sulfide (1) substituted with ³⁴S and ³⁶S was synthesized⁶ by using elemental sulfur (Texnabexport USSR) containing 20 atom % ³⁴S and 80 atom % ³⁶S. The compound containing a natural abundance S was labeled with ¹⁸O by using^{6,7} 95 atom % [180]H20. 34S- and 36S-labeled P-oxo-P'-thionobis(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinanyl) oxide (2) was obtained by the quantitative isomerization⁸ of isotopically modified 1. Compound 2 containing a natural abundance S was synthesized by a known method.⁹ **2** with an ¹⁸O label only in the bridging position was obtained in the same way, starting with 40 atom % [¹⁸O]H₂O. ³¹P NMR spectra were measured

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	compound		
isotope	1	2	
³⁴ S vs. ³² S ³⁴ S vs. ³⁶ S ³⁶ S vs. ³² S	(0.004 ppm) ^a (P—S)	0.0097 ppm (P=S) 0.0087 ppm (P=S) 0.0184 ppm (P=S)	
¹⁸ O vs. ¹⁶ O	0.0455 ppm (P=O)	0.019 ppm (P—O)	

^aThe line width prevents an accurate measurement of the isotopic shift. See Figure 3.

for the isotopically labeled compounds both before and after mixing with natural abundance material.

NMR Measurements. The ³⁴S, ³⁶S, and ¹⁸O isotope effects on ³¹P NMR signals were measured by using a JEOL FX-200 spectrometer with a 10-mm probe. Protons were broad-band decoupled by using 30% of the full power to avoid heating the samples. Thirty-two or 40 scans were collected. Samples were prepared by dissolving 20 mg of 1 or 2 in 0.4 mL of CDCl₃ (99.8 atom % D containing 1% Me₄Si from Stohler Isotope Chemicals). Thin-walled sample tubes (5-mm) were used with a capillary insert containing 85% H₃PO₄ for a reference when necessary. ³¹P chemical shifts were determined by using a sweep width of 8000 Hz, a 60° pulse angle with a pulse delay of 100 ms, and 8K data points. The isotope effects on the chemical shifts were determined by using a sweep width of 160 Hz and a 80° pulse angle with a pulse delay of 100 ms. The 4K data points were extended to 8K by zero-filling. No line-broadening factor was used.

Mass Spectrometry. Electron impact mass spectra of labeled material were run on Finnigan 4000 with quadrupole and Kratos MS 80 mass spectrometers. The energy of the bombarding electrons was 20 or 70 eV for the Finnigan MS and 30 eV for the Kratos MS. The acceleration voltages were 2 kV for the Finnigan MS and 3 kV for the Kratos MS. Samples were introduced with the aid of a direct probe. Isotopic composition was measured on the basis of intensities of the parent peaks M (330), M + 2 (332), and M + 4 (334). Typical spectra for both compounds are shown in Figure 1.

Results

The ³¹P NMR spectrum of compound 1 shows a single signal 7.0 ppm downfield from H_3PO_4 . The spectrum of compound 2 has a pair of doublets at 44.8 ppm (P=S) and -21.8 ppm (P=O).

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Figure 1. (a) Mass spectrum of $[{}^{34}S, {}^{36}S]$ -1 at 30 eV. (b) Mass spectrum of $[{}^{34}S, {}^{36}Si]$ -2 at 30 eV.

The two-bond phosphorus-phosphorus coupling constant is 33.3 Hz. These values are in good agreement with those previously reported.⁸

Restricted acquisition of the thionophosphate (P=S) in a mixture of ³⁴S- and ³⁶S-labeled and -unlabeled **2** showed three doublets, one for each isotope (Figure 2). No S isotope effect

was observed on the P=O signal in 2. The S isotope effect on the ³¹P chemical shift for compound 1 was smaller than in 2. Unfortunately, the exact value of the isotope effect was obscured by the 0.4-Hz line width. Figure 3 shows the ³¹P peak of ³⁴Sand ³⁶S-labeled 1. We attribute the shoulder downfield from the main peak to [³⁴S]-1.



Figure 2. Thionophosphate (P=S) signals of ³¹P NMR spectra of 2 containing ³²S, ³⁴S, and ³⁶S (see text).





The ratio of ${}^{34}S$ to ${}^{36}S$ in compound 2 was determined both from peak heights (0.29:1) in the NMR spectrum (Figure 2) and from molecular peaks in the mass spectrum (0.25:1). The ¹⁸O isotopic shifts (Table I) match previously published values for doubly and

singly bonded ¹⁸O in phosphates.²

Discussion

Despite a large number of experiments involving isotope effects on chemical shifts in NMR spectra,¹ this is the first report of a sulfur isotope effect on a ³¹P chemical shift and, to our knowledge, the first time the effects of three different isotopes have been compared. Based on the ¹⁸O isotope effect on ³¹P chemical shifts in phosphates,¹¹ we expected the sulfur isotopes in thiophosphates to shift the ³¹P signal upfield. As anticipated,^{10,11} the observed upfield shift increased with mass and bond order and decreased with distance.

The isotope shift also increases by roughly a factor of 2 as the mass is increased from 34 to 36 (vs. 32), as predicted.¹⁰ Both the ¹⁸O and S isotope shifts approximately double as the bond order changes from 1 to 2. While there are not enough examples in this case to show whether other factors are involved (e.g., geometry of the molecule), the increase in isotopic shift with bond order has been predicted for diatomic and triatomic molecules¹⁰ and verified experimentally for larger molecules.¹

The observation that the ¹⁸O isotopic shifts on thiophosphates is larger than on phosphates¹¹ suggests that the P-O bond order is slightly greater in thiophosphates. The slightly smaller bond order would make the isotopic shift smaller. It would be interesting to see if calculations bear out this decrease in bond order from P-O to P-S.

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Communications to the Editor

Novel 16-Electron Organometallic Complexes of Molybdenum and Tungsten: $(\eta^5 - C_5 H_5) M(NO)(alkyl)_2^1$

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The familiar 18-valence-electron rule can often be used to rationalize the stability and reactivity of transition-metal organometallic complexes.² It is particularly applicable to compounds possessing monomeric "three-legged piano stool" molecular structures such as $(\eta^n - C_n H_n)M(L)(L')(L'')$ where M is a metal from group 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 and some of the ligands, L, are good π -acceptors (e.g. CO or NO).³ We now wish to report the first, thermally stable examples of a class of such molecules that do



Figure 1. Molecular structure of 1. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) are W-N = $1.757(8), W-C(1) = 2.103(9), W-C(2) = 2.108(9), W-C(C,H_5,av)$ = 2.373 (10), N-O = 1.226 (10), Si-C(CH₂, av) = 1.840 (11), N-W-C(1) = 97.7 (4), N-W-C(2) = 95.7 (4), C(1)-W-C(2) = 109.6 (4),W-N-O = 169.5 (6), W-C(1)-Si(1) = 125.5 (5), W-C(2)-Si(2) = 125.5127.1 (5).

not conform to the rule by virtue of the fact that their lowest unoccupied molecular orbitals (LUMOs) are nonbonding in character. Specifically, we wish to describe the syntheses, characterization, and remarkable properties of the new 16-electron complexes $(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})W(NO)(CH_{2}SiMe_{3})_{2}$ (1), $(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})W_{-}$ $(NO)(CH_2CMe_3)_2$ (2), and $(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Mo(NO)(CH_2SiMe_3)_2$ (3).

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