

CARBON-CARBON CONDENSATIONS VIA OXYPHOSPHORANES FROM THE REACTION
OF HEXAFLUOROACETONE WITH TRIPHENYLPHOSPHINE AND WITH DIPHENYL-
PHOSPHINITE, PHENYLPHOSPHONITE, AND PHOSPHITE ESTERS.

THE OXYPHOSPHORANE FROM TRIPHENYLPHOSPHINE AND PHENANTHRENEQUINONE

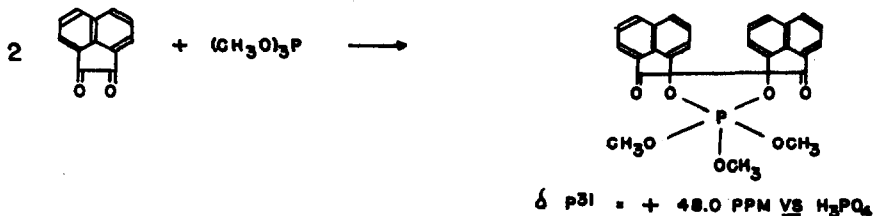
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The first 2,2,2-trialkoxo-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane was made
from acenaphthenequinone and trimethyl phosphite at 20° 2a.



An analogous oxyphosphorane, XXIX of Chart 1, was prepared from
biacetyl and trimethyl phosphite^{2b}. In this case, it could be shown
that the carbon-carbon condensation involved a dioxaphospholene
XIX as an intermediate^{2c,d}. The latter was formed rapidly and was
consumed slowly; therefore, it was readily isolated. Other oxyphos-
phorane condensations were reported subsequently^{2e-1}. These reactions
appeared to be related to the conversion of phthalic anhydride into
biphtalyl by triethyl phosphite at elevated temperatures³.

The formation of dioxaphospholenes, V-VIII, XII-XIV, and
XVIII-XIX, from the reaction of phosphite esters with o-quinones²,
α-diketones^{2,4,5}, α-ketoaldehydes^{2k}, and triketones^{2k}, involves an
attack by phosphorus on a carbonyl-oxygen. Probably, this is the initial

process, since the attack by the phosphite on the carbonyl-carbon of propionaldehyde did not produce a 1,3,2-dioxaphospholane, but led instead to a 1,4,2-dioxaphospholane, XXX⁶.

This Communication describes new developments in oxyphosphorane chemistry. (1) The reaction of triphenylphosphine with phenanthrenequinone at 120° gave the first reported 2,2,2-triphenyl-1,3,2-dioxaphospholene, I. The ³¹P n.m.r. shift is given in Table 1. Note the positive value of the shift and its relationship to those of related compounds, V-VIII². Several new dioxaphospholenes, II-IV were made from diphenylphosphinite and phenylphosphonite esters.

(2) Benzil and biacetyl failed to react with triphenylphosphine at 120°. However, they reacted with diphenylphosphinite and phenylphosphonite esters. The products were dioxaphospholenes, IX-XI, and XV-XVII; cf. Table 1. The corresponding phosphite-adducts, XII-XIV, and XVIII-XIX^{2,4,5} are listed also.

(3) Diphenyl phenylphosphonite was much more reactive than triphenyl phosphite and triphenylphosphine toward α -dicarbonyl compounds. This might be related to the rather large negative value of the ³¹P n.m.r. shift of the phosphonite; i.e., to the relatively poor shielding of its P-nucleus by electrons (see Table 1).

(4) The formation of adducts from triphenyl phosphite required heating. Since biacetyl is quite reactive as an acceptor in the oxyphosphorane condensation², the formation of the 2:1 adduct, XXVIII, was unavoidable

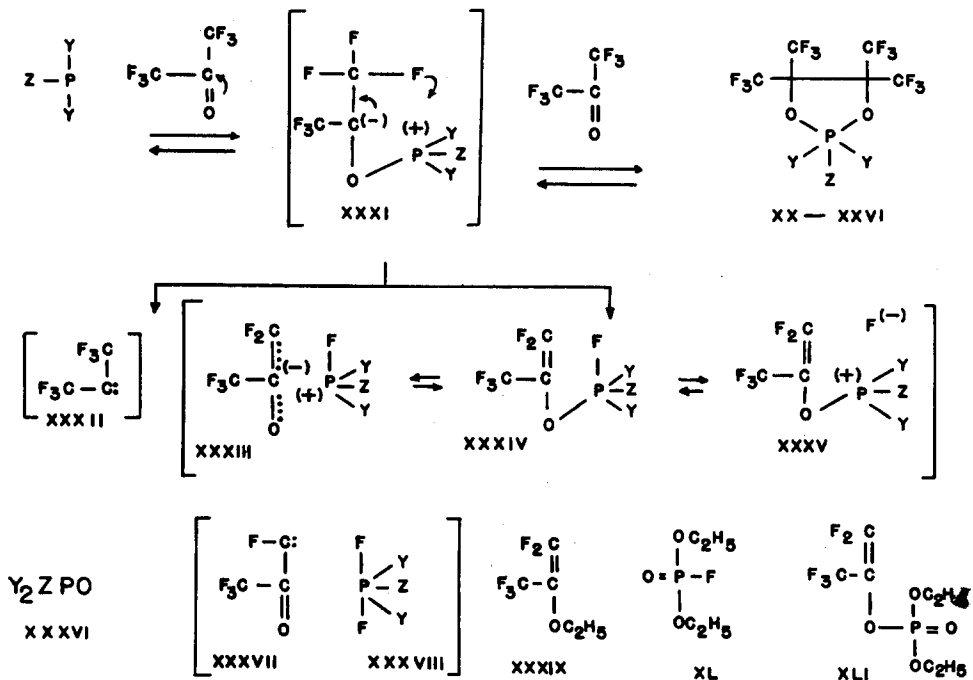
(5) The biacetyl-ethyl diphenylphosphinite adduct, XV, dissociated into its original components at 160° and 0.2 mm.

(6) Hexafluoroacetone (HFA) reacted with triphenylphosphine at low temperatures (-70 to 0°). The product was a dioxaphospholane XX, isolated in 90% yield. This behavior was quite general: the

dioxaphospholanes XXI-XXVI were obtained in 90% yields from the reactions of HFA with phosphinite, phosphonite and phosphite esters at, or below, 0°. The ^{31}P shifts are given in Table 1. The ^{19}F shifts were in the range -8.9 to -10.8 p.p.m. vs CF_3COOH ; the signals were singlets when examined at 94.1 Mcps, which confirmed the four-bond separation between the F-P nuclei, i.e., the establishment of a new phosphorus-oxygen bond in the adducts.

The phosphine-adduct XX dissociated into triphenylphosphine and 1.5 moles of HFA at 120°. The triethyl phosphite-HFA adduct XXV remained unchanged after 4 hrs. at 140°; however, it released one mole of HFA within 4hrs. at 165°. Most of the phosphorus appeared as diethyl phosphorofluoridate (XL; $\delta^{31}\text{P}$ +12.0 p.p.m., J_{PF} 972 cps) and triethyl phosphate ($\delta^{31}\text{P}$ +1.2 p.p.m.) in a 3:1 ratio; there were also traces of what could be an enol-phosphate (XLI; $\delta^{31}\text{P}$ +2.8 p.p.m.). Several phosphorus-free substances were formed in this pyrolysis. One of them, 2-ethoxy-pentafluoropropene, XXXIX, was produced in less than one-half the amount of fluoridate XL; i.e., the latter is formed in more than one way. The other decomposition products will be discussed in the full paper. The elemental analyses, the infrared and the ^1H n.m.r. spectra of the substances in Table 1 were determined.

Fluorine atoms next to the carbonyl group in HFA promote the attack by phosphorus on oxygen leading to the 1:1 adducts XXXI⁷. Under mild conditions, XXXI condenses with more HFA to give the 2:1 adducts XX-XXVI². The stability of the latter depends on the nature of Y and Z attached to the phosphorus. If a 1:1 adduct, XXXI, $\text{Y}=\text{Z}=\text{OR}$, is generated at high temperatures, it may break up in several ways, XXXII-XLI. The differences that have been observed in the reactions of α -haloketones with trivalent phosphorus compounds⁸ are probably related to the relative stabilities of 1:1 adducts (XXXI), ion-pairs (XXXIII, XXXV) and halophosphoranes^{2,9} (XXXIV, XXXVIII). These are related to the nucleophilicity of the halides and the nature of Y, Z.

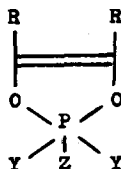
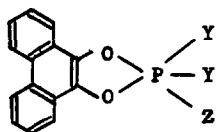


The nature and the number of halogens in the ketone, and the halophilicity of the phosphorus compound, Y_2ZP , will also play a role.

Wiley and Simons¹⁰ found only the ethoxypropene XXXIX and the fluoride XL in their study of the reaction of HFA with triethyl phosphite; apparently they distilled adduct XXV at 760 mm. Russian investigators reported^{11a} the formation of XXV, but gave no ³¹P n.m.r. data. Later^{11b}, they stated that the pyrolysis of XXV gave the ethoxypropene XXXIX and tetra-trifluoromethylethylene oxide (the latter by loss of phosphate from XXV). They did not account for the phosphorus and did not mention other products.

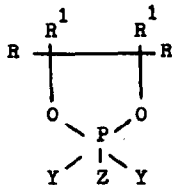
The HFA-triphenylphosphine adduct XX is being reported also by Stockel¹². A 1:1 adduct from o-chloranil and triphenylphosphine has been assigned an open-dipolar structure¹³. This may well be correct because the adduct has a band at 6.88 μ in the infrared. We have been

CHART 1

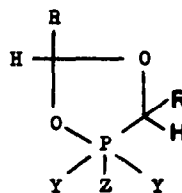


- I, Y = Z = C₆H₅
 II, Y = C₆H₅; Z = OC₂H₅
 III, Y = OC₂H₅; Z = C₆H₅
 IV, Y = OC₄H_{9-n}; Z = C₆H₅
 V, Y = Z = OC₂H₅
 VI, Y = Z = OC₄H_{9-n}
 VII, Y = Z = OC₂H₅
 VIII, Y = Z = OCH₃

- IX, R = C₆H₅; Y = C₆H₅; Z = OC₂H₅
 X, R = C₆H₅; Y = OC₂H₅; Z = C₆H₅
 XI, R = C₆H₅; Y = OC₄H_{9-n}; Z = C₆H₅
 XII, R = C₆H₅; Y = Z = OC₂H₅
 XIII, R = C₆H₅; Y = Z = OC₄H_{9-n}
 XIV, R = C₆H₅; Y = Z = OCH₃
 XV, R = CH₃; Y = C₆H₅; Z = OC₂H₅
 XVI, R = CH₃; Y = OC₂H₅; Z = C₆H₅
 XVII, R = CH₃; Y = OC₄H_{9-n}; Z = C₆H₅
 XVIII, R = CH₃; Y = Z = OC₂H₅
 XIX, R = CH₃; Y = Z = OCH₃



- XX, R = R¹ = CF₃; Y = Z = C₆H₅
 XXI, R = R¹ = CF₃; Y = C₆H₅; Z = OC₂H₅
 XXII, R = R¹ = CF₃; Y = OC₂H₅; Z = C₆H₅
 XXIII, R = R¹ = CF₃; Y = OC₄H_{9-n}; Z = C₆H₅
 XXIV, R = R¹ = CF₃; Y = Z = OC₂H₅
 XXV, R = R¹ = CF₃; Y = Z = OC₄H_{9-n}
 XXVI, R = R¹ = CF₃; Y = Z = OCH₃
 XXVII, R = CH₃; R¹ = CH₃CO; Y = OC₂H₅; Z = C₆H₅
 XXVIII, R = CH₃; R¹ = CH₃CO; Y = Z = OC₂H₅
 XXIX, R = CH₃; R¹ = CH₃CO; Y = Z = OCH₃



- XXX, R = alkyl;
 Y = Z = OCH₃
 $\delta_{\text{P}}^{31} +34.1 \text{ ppm}$

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 unable, however, to detect the ³¹P n.m.r. signal of this adduct due to insufficient solubility. Triaminooxyphosphonium dipolar ions have been made from the reaction of trisdimethylaminophosphine with o-quinones, vicinal triketones and oxomalic esters¹⁴.

Table 1. δ_{1p} NMR Shifts, in p.p.m. vs 85% H_2PO_4 , of 1:1 Adducts (1,3,2-Dioxaphospholanes) and of 2:1 Adducts (1,3,2-Dioxaphospholanes) From the Reaction of Trivalent Phosphorus Compounds (PM) with Phenanthrenequinone (PQ), Benzil (BZ), Biacetyl (BI) and Hexafluoroacetone (HFA). Solvent: CH_2Cl_2 , M.p. or b.p. (mm).

Compd.	OCH ₃ P-OCH ₃ OCH ₃		OC ₂ H ₅ P-OC ₂ H ₅ OC ₂ H ₅		OC ₆ H ₅ P-OC ₆ H ₅ OC ₆ H ₅		OC ₆ H ₅ P-OC ₆ H ₅ - η OC ₆ H ₅ - η		OC ₆ H ₅ P-OC ₆ H ₅ OC ₆ H ₅		OC ₆ H ₅ P-OC ₆ H ₅ OC ₆ H ₅		OC ₆ H ₅ P-OC ₆ H ₅ OC ₆ H ₅		
	M.P. ^o	δ_{P^1}	M.P. ^o	δ_{P^1}	M.P. ^o	δ_{P^1}	M.P. ^o	δ_{P^1}	M.P. ^o	δ_{P^1}	M.P. ^o	δ_{P^1}	M.P. ^o	δ_{P^1}	M.P. ^o
III	111 (760)	-140.0	154 (760)	-138.5	184 (0.2)	-127.1	132 (1.7)	-155.0	161 0.1	-157.9	93 (0.1)	93	-109.8	80	+ 5.7
IV-PQ ^a	74	+ 44.7	74	+ 47.1	147	+ 58.6	52	+ 29.6 ^b	142	+ 38.1	147	+ 16.3 ^c	165	+15.6	
IV-BZ ^a	49	+ 49.5		+ 52.2	99	+ 62.5		+ 36.6		+ 43.2	90	+ 27.0 ^d		None	
IV-BI ^e	45 (0.5) 31	+ 48.9 + 54.8 ^f	62 (0.05)	+ 51.3		+ 64.7 ^g		+ 36.1		+ 42.4 ^h		+ 27.7 ⁱ		None	
IV-HFA ^j	34 (0.5)	+50.1	33 (0.2)	+ 53.2	55	+ 64.1	99 (0.1)	+ 33.4		+ 40.1	111	+ 19.0 ^k	105	+21.6 ^l	

^a Forms 1:1 Adducts only. ^b For the (n-C₆H₅O)₂P₂PQ Adduct, $\delta_{P^1} = +47.3$ ppm. ^c +17.3 ppm in benzene
^d +27.3 ppm in benzene ^e Forms 1:1 Adducts (upper values) and 2:1 Adducts (lower values) ^f For meso-
 isomer of dioxaphospholane with *cis*-acetyl groups; +52.6 ppm for racemic-isomer ^g A 1:1 mixture of
 phosphite and biacetyl gave 1.0 parts of 1:1 adduct (+64.7 ppm), 5.2 parts of meso-2:1 adduct (+66.1 ppm)
 and 0.5 parts of racemic-2:1 adduct (+65.3 ppm) after 2 hours at 75°. ^h After 2 hours at 30° obtained 5
 parts of 1:1 adduct and 1 part of 2:1 adduct, probably meso-isomer ⁱ +28.1 ppm in benzene ^j Forms only

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