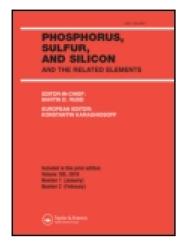
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#### ADVANCES IN TRIFLUOROMETHYLATING PHOSPHORUS COMPOUNDS

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Abstract The System  $CF_3I/Me_3P$  is re-investigated and  $Me_2PCF_3$ ,  $Me_4P^+\Gamma$ ,  $(CF_3)_2PMe_3$ ,  $Me_3PI_2$ ,  $[Me_3(CF_3)P]^+\Gamma$  are found as products. Using  $CF_3Br/P(NEt_2)_3$  the phosphines  $R^1_2PCF_3$  and  $R^1P(CF_3)_2$  (e.g.  $R^1=Me$ , iPr,  $NEt_2$ ) can be obtained which are precursors either for phosphoranes (e.g.  $1,2\lambda^5\sigma^5$ -oxaphosphetanes) or phosphonium salts (e.g.  $[R^1_2(Me)PCF_3]^+X^-$  or  $[R^1(Me)P(CF_3)_2X^-]$ . The latter are deprotonated to furnish methylene phosphoranes  $R^1_2(CH_2=)PCF_3$  or  $R^1(CH_2=)P(CF_3)_2$ , reactive synthons. From  $CF_3Br/P(NEt_2)_3/P(OPh)_3$  the phosphine  $P(CF_3)_3$  is available, which turned out to be a potent electrophile. Amido phospites  $ROP(NEt_2)_2$  and halides  $R^2X$  ( $R^2=CCl_2CF_3$ , X=Cl;  $R^2=CF=CFCF_3$ , X=F;  $R^2=C_6F_5$ , X=Br, I;  $R^2=C(CF_3)_3$ , X=Br;  $R^2=SCF_3$ ,  $X=CF_3$ ) undergo an ARBUZOV reaction.

Keywords: Trifluoromethylated phosphines, P-trifluoromethylated phosphonium salts and ylides, oxaphosphetanes, phosphoranides, ARBUZOV reaction.

#### INTRODUCTION

Trifluoroiodomethane, CF<sub>3</sub>I and PMe<sub>3</sub> react to give<sup>1</sup> Me<sub>4</sub>P<sup>+</sup>Γ and CF<sub>3</sub>PMe<sub>2</sub>, which adds (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO or MeI to furnish an oxaphosphetane or the phosphonium salt [Me<sub>3</sub>PCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>Γ, respectively<sup>2</sup>. The latter is easily fluorinated yielding the phosphorane Me<sub>3</sub>(F)PCF<sub>3</sub>. With P(NR<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (R=Me, Et) the compounds CF<sub>3</sub>P(NR<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, (R<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>P<sup>+</sup>Γ or [CF<sub>3</sub>P(NR<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>Γ and [(R<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>PI]<sup>+</sup>Γ are observed depending on temperature and solvent<sup>3,4</sup>. The system CF<sub>3</sub>Br/P(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>/PCl<sub>3</sub> is found to yield CF<sub>3</sub>P(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and the phosphonium salt, [CF<sub>3</sub>P(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>Br̄, as a by-product, which was investigated regarding its structure and reactivity<sup>5,6</sup>. The amidophosphites ROP(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (R=CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et, CHMeCOOEt) and CF<sub>3</sub>SSCF<sub>3</sub> react to give<sup>7</sup> (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>P(O)SCF<sub>3</sub> and RSCF<sub>3</sub>.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The re-investigation of the system CF<sub>3</sub>I/ PMe<sub>3</sub> without a solvent showed that not only CF<sub>3</sub>PMe<sub>2</sub> and PMe<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>I<sup>-</sup>, but also [CF<sub>3</sub>PMe<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>I<sup>-</sup>, (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PMe<sub>3</sub><sup>8</sup> (Fig. 1) and Me<sub>3</sub>PI<sub>2</sub><sup>9</sup> are being formed probably via a radical mechanism.

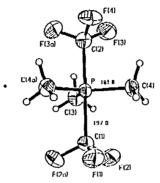


FIGURE 1 Molecular structure of (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PMe<sub>3</sub>
The straightforward fluorination of [CF<sub>3</sub>PMe<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> I using the covalent F<sub>2</sub>P(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>
(Fig. 2) give CF<sub>3</sub>(F)PMe<sub>3</sub> and [FP(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>(Fig. 3).

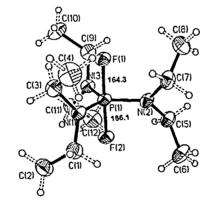


FIGURE 2 Molecular structure of F<sub>2</sub>P(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>

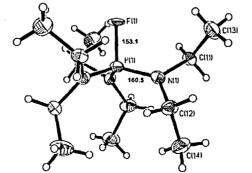


FIGURE 3 Molecular structure of [FP(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>

The chlorophosphines R<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>PCl and R<sup>1</sup>PCl<sub>2</sub> (R<sup>1</sup>=Me, iPr, NEt<sub>2</sub>) are trifluoromethylated using the RUPPERT reagent to yield R<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>PCF<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>1</sub>P(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. Both types of phosphines are methylated and the resulting phosphonium salts deprotonated to give methylene phosphoranes which can be stabilized adding activated ketones to furnish oxaphosphetanes.

$$R_{2}^{1} PCI \xrightarrow{+ (Et_{2}N)_{3}P/CF_{3}Br} R_{2}^{1} PCF_{3} \xrightarrow{H_{3}COSO_{2}CF_{3}} R_{2}^{1} PCF_{3} \xrightarrow{-OSO_{2}CF_{3}} R_{2}^{1} PCF_{3} \xrightarrow{-OSO_{2}CF_{3}} R_{2}^{1} PCF_{3} \xrightarrow{-DI^{+}, -HN(SiMe_{3})_{2}} R_{2}^{1} PCF_{3} \xrightarrow{R^{2}C(O)CF_{3}} R_{2}^{2} Ph, CF_{3}$$

From  $CF_3Br/P(NEt_2)_3/P(OPh)_3$  the tertiary phosphine  $P(CF_3)_3$  is prepared in very good yield. Addition of F,  $CN^-$ ,  $[CF_3^-]$  leads to phosphoranides  $[FP(CF_3)_3]^-$ ,  $[NCP(CF_3)_3]^-$  and  $[P(CF_3)_4]^-$ .

$$P(CF_3)_3 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} P(CF_3)_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Me_3SiCN/F \longrightarrow P(CF_3)_3CN \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Me_4N^+CN \longrightarrow P(CF_3)_3CN$$

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Amidophosphites ROP(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(R= CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, CH(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) and hexafluoropropene form monofluorophosphoranes which decompose in the case of R= CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> under formation of FR and an amidophosphonate. The ARBUZOV reaction with CCl<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> results in the formation of  $(Et_2N)_2P(O)Cl$  and  $RCH_2CCl_2CF_3$ . The latter compound is dehydrochlorinated to yield  $RC=CCF_3$ , (R=Ph, CF<sub>3</sub>) using  $(Et_2N)_3P=NMe$ .

RO-P(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 
$$CF_3CF=CF_2$$
  $F_3C$   $F$   $F$   $NEt_2$   $F$   $OR$ 

$$RCH_{2}OP(NEt_{2})_{2} + CCl_{3}CF_{3} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} Et_{2}N_{I_{1}} + OCH_{2}R \\ Et_{2}N & Cl \end{bmatrix}$$

$$CCl_{2}CF_{3}$$

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$$RCH_{2}CCl_{2}CF_{3}$$

A similar transfer of a benzyl group is observed in the case of  $PhCH_2OP(NEt_2)_2$  and  $XC(CF_3)_3$  and  $XC_6F_5$  (X=Br, I)

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