shown in Figure 1. This consists of a triangle of osmium atoms bridged on the longest edge by an acetyl group and a hydrogen atom. The carbene group is terminally bonded to Os(1), to which is also coordinated the oxygen of the bridging acetyl group. The bond distances from C(25), the carbenoid carbon atom, to Os(1) and to the methoxy oxygen and the methyl carbon atoms as well as the angles about C(25) are all typical of those found in Fischer-type carbene complexes² (see caption to Figure 1).

Our work clarifies for the first time the rarity of the Fischer carbene groups on metal clusters. This derives from the chemical properties of the η^1 -C(O)R group formed in the attack of nucleophile on the cluster. In the medium needed to form such a group, alkylation is very slow; in attempts to exchange solvent, the labilizing influence of the η^1 -C(O)R group leads to loss of CO and formation of the bridged μ -O=C(R) complex. It is ironic that synthesis of the Fischer carbene takes place on a hydridocluster complex, which gives some idea of the relative tendencies for competing processes such as attack by nucleophile on coordinated CO as opposed to removal of bridging hydrogen as proton.

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Dichlorine Monoxide: A Powerful and Selective Chlorinating Reagent[†]

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Dichlorine monoxide (Cl₂O) has long been known¹ and has been the subject of some modern mechanistic² and physical³ studies, but it has not been shown to be a useful reagent in synthetic chemistry. We have found that Cl₂O is a powerful and selective reagent for either side-chain or ring chlorination of deactivated aromatic substrates, and it gives excellent yields under mild conditions where conventional reagents fail or require harsh conditions.

The free-radical, side-chain chlorinations of deactivated alkyl aromatic compounds such as p-nitrotoluene normally require high temperatures and give largely benzyl chlorides and hydrochloric acid.⁴ Only small amounts of benzal chlorides and little or no benzotrichlorides are produced.⁵ More forcing conditions lead

Table I. Chlorination of Deactivated Alkyl Aromatic Compounds with Cl_2O in CCl_4

substrate	substrate product	
C ₂ N-CH ₃	0 ₂ N	99
0 ₂ N CH ₃	0 ₂ N CCI ₃	89
NC	NC	99
CH302S-CH3	CH302S-CC13	96
0 ₂ N-CH ₂ CH ₃	0 ₂ N	100
O ₂ N	C ₂ N C ₁₂ b	97
	Cl2	

^a Reaction temperature 25 °C. b Reaction temperature 75 °C.

Table II. Pseudo-First-Order Rate Constants for

$$\times$$
 CHCl₂ + Cl₂O in CCl₄ at 25.0 °C

X	10 ⁴ k, s ⁻¹
NO ₂	1.05
CF ₃	1.42
Cl	2.70

Table III. Relative Rate Constants for

$$X \longrightarrow CH_3 + Cl_2O \text{ in } CCl_4 \text{ at } 25.0 \text{ }^{\circ}C$$

X	$k_{ m rel}$	
Cl	3.44	
CO, CH,	1.76	
CF,	2.28	
CO ₂ CH ₃ CF ₃ NO ₂	1.00	

to excessive byproducts via the ipso reaction.⁶ In marked contrast, chlorinations with Cl₂O at 25 °C can lead exclusively to trichloromethyl derivatives in high yields with water as the only byproduct (eq 1). Representative examples are shown in Table I. Mono- and dichloro products also can be produced in useful

$$2 \bigcirc CH_3 + 3CI_2O - 2 \bigcirc CCI_3 + 3H_2O$$
 (1)

yields by adjusting the $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}/\text{arene}$ ratio, but the chief utility of this chemistry is the direct synthesis of relatively inaccesible, negatively substituted trichloromethyl arenes, which are convenient precursors to other functionalized arenes such as the corresponding trifluoromethyl derivatives or carboxylic acids.

In a typical reaction, ^{7,8} Cl₂O (42.4 g, 0.49 mol) in CCl₄ (750

⁽¹⁰⁾ Orange crystals are monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$, a=9.578 (4) Å, b=13.494 (4) Å, c=15.187 (6) Å, $\beta=96.30$ (3)°; V=1951 (1) ų, Z=4, $\rho_{\rm calcd}=3.15$ g cm⁻³ (MoK $\alpha=0.710$ 69 ų). The structure was solved and refined by using 2728 observed ($I>3\sigma(I)$) independent reflections measured on a Syntex P1 automated diffractometer in the range 0° < 2 θ < 50°. An absorption correction was applied ($\mu=195.66$ cm⁻¹). Refinement converged at R=0.050 and $R_{\rm w}=0.061$.

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Table IV. Chlorination of Deactivated Aromatic Rings with Cl₂O/Acid at 20-40 °C

substrate	product	acid	yield, %
0 ₂ N	C ₂ N — CH ₃	H ₂ SO ₄	99
0 ₂ N-CH ₃	O ₂ N-CH ₃	CF ₃ SO ₃ H	97
0 ₂ N—	0 ₂ N	H ₂ SO ₄	94
CH302C	CH3O2C — CO2CH3	CF ₃ SO ₃ H	99

^a 0.5 equiv of Cl₂O. ^b \geq 2.5 equiv of Cl₂O.

mL) was added to p-nitrotoluene (33.3 g, 0.243 mol) in CCl₄ (30 mL). After 96 h at room temperature, water and solvent were removed to give p-nitrobenzotrichloride (58.8 g, 99% purity, yield 99.8%). At 75 °C the reaction affords an equivalent yield in about 3 h.

The relative rate constants for introducing the first, second, and third chlorines into p-nitrotoluene at 30 °C are 1.0, 1.35, and 0.9, respectively. These nearly equivalent rates sharply contrast with the normal decreasing order of benzylic hydrogen reactivities toward electrophilic radicals: CH₃ > CH₂Cl >> CHCl₂.⁴ Although Cl₂O is exceptionally reactive, the chlorinations of pnitroethylbenzene and 5-nitroindan (Table I) illustrate its remarkable selectivity for the replacement of benzylic hydrogens.

We have probed the mechanistic aspects of the Cl₂O reactions using isotope effects, free-energy relationships, and related kinetic studies. The kinetic deuterium isotope effect determined with 4-nitrobenzyl chloride- α - d_1 is substantial $(k_H/k_D = 9.1 \text{ at } 55 \text{ °C})$ in CCl₄). Although the comparative isotope effect for the reaction with Cl₂ in CCl₄ could not be determined at 55 °C because of unreactivity, our value at 165 °C ($k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$ = 1.7) compares favorably with literature data for the chlorinations of toluene- d_1 $(k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}=1.30$) and p-chlorotoluene- d_1 $(k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}=1.44)$ with Cl₂ in CCl₄.10 The linear free energy relationships found for the chlorination of 4-substituted benzal chlorides and toluenes by Cl₂O ($\rho = -0.76$ and -0.9, respectively; cf. Tables II and III) reveal a polar effect similar in magnitude to that reported for hydrogen abstraction from toluenes by chlorine radical in CCl₄ at 40 °C $(\rho = -0.7).^{11}$

These results are consistent with a free-radical process involving hydrogen abstraction by ClO· radical. The comparative isotope effects indicate more bond breaking and a more symmetrical transition state for hydrogen abstraction by ClO· than by Cl·. 12 The transition state for attack by ClO therefore has appreciably more benzylic free radical character than that for attack by Cl. (The apparent anomaly of similar ρ values yet widely different isotope effects for benzylic chlorinations is explained at least in part by the significantly greater electronegativity of Cl. vs. ClO. 13) The similar reactivity of the benzylic hydrogens in p-nitrotoluene and p-nitrobenzyl and -benzal chlorides toward ClO in fact indicates that radical stability effects can be at least as important as polar effects. This contrasts with attack by Cl., which is dominated by polar effects.4

Table V. Chlorination of Toluene

reagent	chlorotoluene, %		
	ortho	para	meta
Cl ₂ O/TFA ^a	71	29	ca. 0.1
Cl ₂ /HClO ₄ /AgClO ₄ ^b	7 5	23	2.2
Cl ₂ /HClO ₄ /AgClO ₄ ^b Cl ₂ /HOAc ^c	60	40	0.5

^a This work. ^b Reference 14. ^c Reference 18.

A new and powerful reagent that gives exclusive ring chlorination of deactivated aromatics in high yields at 0-50 °C is produced if a strong protic acid $(pK_a (HY) \le pK_a (CF_3CO_2H))$ is added to the Cl₂O reaction medium (eq 2).

$$2 + nCl_{2}O + rCl_{2}O + rH_{2}O$$
 (2)

In comparison with known reagents 14-18 and from the representative chlorinations shown in Table IV, this reagent is among the most reactive and selective known for chlorination of deactivated ring systems. The degree of chlorination is controlled by the quantity of Cl₂O employed, although mono- and perchlorinated products are normally the most easily isolated and purified. 19 The large ρ value of -7.8 obtained for monochlorination of a series of 4-substituted toluenes by Cl₂O in CF₃CO₂H at 25.0 °C and the observed regioselectivity (Table V) are consistent with electrophilic aromatic substitution.

The electrophilic species produced from Cl₂O and strong acids has limited stability at room temperature and has not been characterized. The "substitutive electrophilic dehalogenations" we have observed with alkyl halides (eq 3) are similar to those reported for perfluoroalkylsulfonyl hypohalites.²⁰ This suggests the possible intermediacy of acid hypohalites in the electrophilic chlorinations (eq 4).²¹

$$Cl_2O + CF_3CO_2H + CH_3I \rightarrow CF_3CO_2CH_3 + ICI + HOCI$$
(3)

$$Cl_2O + CF_3CO_2H \rightleftharpoons CF_3CO_2Cl + HOCl$$
 (4)

We are continuing to investigate this possibility as well as the scope, limitations, and further mechanistic aspects of these new reactions.

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Phospholipids Chiral at Phosphorus. 2. Preparation, Property, and Application of Chiral Thiophospholipids¹

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Recently we have reported the synthesis of chiral [18O₁]1,2dipalmitoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphorylcholine (DPPC) and its application in studying the stereochemistry of transphosphatidylation catalyzed by phospholipase D.² By similar procedures, we have synthesized chiral [17O₁]DPPC (as separate diastereomers and mixture), which are potentially useful in the chemical and physical study of the conformation and the motion of the phosphate head group of phospholipids in different phases and in protein-lipid interactions.3-5

However, [18O₁]DPPC is useful only for phospholipases C and D and not for other phospholipases. Also, the ¹⁷O NMR study of [17O₁]DPPC is difficult in vesicles or lipid bilayers⁷ due to large line widths and quadrupolar splittings. As an alternative and complementary approach, we now report synthesis and application of separate diastereomers of 1,2-dipalmitoyl-sn-glycero-3-thiophosphorylcholine (DPPsC).

The diastereomeric mixture of thiophospholipids (random configuration at both C-2 and P) has been synthesized recently⁸ but has not been resolved into separate diastereomers either chemically or spectroscopically. Following the procedure of Nifant'ev et al., 8a we have synthesized DPPsC (1) from (S)-(-)-1,2-dipalmitin (synthesized from D-mannitol9). The structures of synthetic intermediates and the final DPPsC have been characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, IR, and TLC, which are consistent with literature data.⁸ ³¹P NMR analysis of 1 in CDCl₃ (Figure 1A) showed two separate peaks due to two diastereomers (isomer A, lower field; isomer B, higher field). It was found that phospholipase A₂ (bee venom, Sigma, 1500 units/mg) preferentially hydrolyzes isomer B of DPPsC, which provides a convenient

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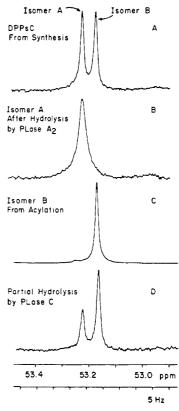
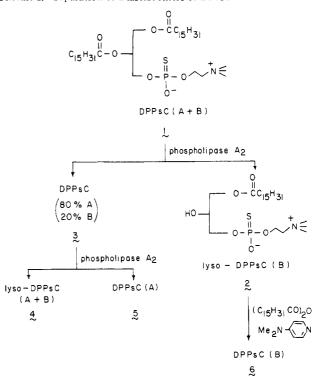


Figure 1. ³¹P NMR spectra (81.0 MHz) of DPPsC (10 mM in CDCl₃): (A) mixture of diastereomers from chemical synthesis; (B) pure isomer A recovered from hydrolysis by phospholipase A2; (C) pure isomer B (containing 3% isomer A) obtained from acylation of the product of phospholipase A2 hydrolysis, lyso-DPPsC; (D) DPPsC after partial hydrolysis by phospholipase C. NMR parameters: spectral width 1000 Hz; acquisition time 4.1 s; ¹H decoupling; line broadening 0.1 Hz; pulse width 12 μ s (90° pulse at 20 μ s); number of scans 500 (A, D), 1000 (B), 2600 (C); temperature 30 °C. Chemical shifts are referenced to external 1 M H₃PO₄, with + indicating a downfield shift.

Scheme I. Separation of Diastereomers of DPPsC



way to separate the two diastereomers, as outlined in Scheme I. Hydrolysis of DPPsC(A + B) in a mixture of 0.1 M Tris buffer