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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unusual $O-C_{sp^2}$ Bond Cleavage in Vinyl Ethers with Organylhalosilanes

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We found a previously unknown reaction of $O-C_{sp^2}$ bond cleavage in vinyl ethers with organylhalosilanes, involving substitution of the halogen atom by an alkoxy group.

$$CH_2 = CHOR + X_n SiR'_{4-n}$$
$$\longrightarrow CH_2 = CHX + X_{n-1}(RO)SiR'_{4-n},$$
$$R = Bu; R' = CH_2CI, Me, Ph; X = F, CI; n = 2-4.$$

For example, the reaction of butyl vinyl ether with trichloro(phenyl)silane at a 1:1 molar ratio at 20°C gives vinyl chloride and dichloro(butoxy)phenylsilane in a near-quantitative yield (96%). At 2:1 and 3:1 reagent molar ratios, a mixture of chloro(butoxy)phenylsilanes PhSi(OBu)_{3-n}Cl_n (n = 0-2) is formed. The major component of the mixture is dichloro(butoxy)phenylsilane.

The reactions of butyl vinyl ether with ClCH₂SiCl₃, PhMeSiCl₂, MeSiCl₃, and SiCl₄ at 1:1 molar ratios at 20°C, too, give chloro(butoxy)(methyl)phenylsilane, dichloro(chloromethyl)butoxysilane, dichloro(butoxy)methylsilane, and trichloro(butoxy)silane (yields 32, 57, 45, and 37%, respectively). From butyl vinyl ether and trifluoro(phenyl)silane under similar conditions we obtained difluoro(butoxy)phenylsilane in an yield of up to 10% and poly(butyl vinyl ether).

Reaction of butyl vinyl ether with trichloro-(phenyl)silane. A mixture of 10.0 g of butyl vinyl ether and 21.2 g of trichloro(phenyl)silane was allowed to stand at room temperature for 1 day. Vacuum distillation gave 23.9 g (96%) of dichloro(butoxy)phenylsilane, bp 110°C (3 mm), n_D^{20} 1.4930, d_4^{20} 1.1246 {published data [1]: bp 130–135°C (14 mm)}. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 460, 560 (Si–Cl), 1080, 1115 (Si–O), 1430 (Si–Ph), 1590 (C=C), 2870, 2950 (CH₃), 3050, 3070 (CH₂). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.93 t (CH₃CH₂), 1.40 m (CH₃CH₂), 1.65 m (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 4.00 t (OCH₂), 7.2–7.8 m (C₆H₅). Found, %: C 48.39; H 5.47; Cl 28.50; Si 11.34. $C_{10}H_{14}Cl_2OSi$. Calculated, %: C 48.20; H 5.66; Cl 28.45; Si 11.27. The vinyl chloride formed in the course of the reaction was condensed in a liquid nitrogen trap and then brominated to obtain 1,2-chlorodibromoethane, bp 60°C (8 mm), n_D^{20} 1.5535 {published data [2]: bp 44°C (4 mm), n_D^{20} 1.5540}.

The reactions of trichloro(phenyl)silane with butyl vinyl silane at 1:2 and 1:3 molar ratios, as well as the reactions of butyl vinyl ether with PhMeSiCl₂, ClCH₂SiCl₃, MeSiCl₃, SiCl₄, and PhSiF₃ were performed in a similar way.

Dichloro(chloromethyl)butoxysilane, bp 58°C (3 mm), n_D^{20} 1.4412, d_4^{20} 1.1560. IR spectrum, cm⁻¹: 460, 570 [v(Si–Cl)], 1090 [v(Si–O)], 1385, 1460 [δ (CH₂)], 2870, 2930, 2950 [v(CH)]. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm : 0.93 t (CH₃CH₂), 1.39 m (CH₃CH₂), 1.63 m (CH₂CH₂CH₂), 3.08 (ClCH₂), 3.98 t (OCH₂). Found, %: C 27.19; H 5.07; Cl 48.25; Si 7.34; C₅H₁₁Cl₃OSi. Calculated, %: C 27.10; H 5.00; Cl 48.00; Si 7.22.

Dichloro(butoxy)(methyl)phenylsilane, bp 87°C (2 mm), n_D^{20} 1.4845 {published data [3]: bp 101°C (5 mm), n_D^{20} 1.4838}.

Dichloro(butoxy)methylsilane, bp 46°C (15 mm), $n_{\rm D}^{20}$ 1.4130 {published data [4]: bp 29.5°C (9 mm), $n_{\rm D}^{20}$ 1.4125}.

Trichloro(butoxy)silane, bp 45°C (15 mm), $n_{\rm D}^{20}$

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1.4120 {published data [5]: bp 38°C (10 mm), n_D^{20} 1.4118}.

Difluoro(butoxy)phenylsilane, bp 85°C (10 mm). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 860, 955 (Si–F), 1090, 1145 (Si–O), 1435 (Si–Ph), 1595 (C=C), 2875, 2940, 2960 (CH₃), 3050, 3080 (CH₂). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.88 t (CH₃CH₂), 1.35 m (CH₃CH₂), 1.50 m (CH₂CH₂ · CH₂), 3.40 t (OCH₂), 7.2–7.5 m (C₆H₅).

Poly(butyl vinyl ether). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 1.02 (CH₃CH₂), 1.40–1.60 (CH₃CH₂), 1.65–2.30 (CH₂CH₂CH₂, OCHCH₂), 3.40–4.00 (OCH₂, OCH). Found, %: C 71.86; H 12.20. C₆H₁₂O. Calculated, %: C 71.95; H 12.08.

The IR spectra were obtained on a Specord IR-75 instrument. The ¹H NMR spectra were measured on a

Bruker DPX-400 instrument (400 MHz) for 15–20% solutions in $CDCl_3$ and C_6D_6 , internal reference HMDS.

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