

Phosphorus and Selenium NMR Spectroscopy

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Practical: Abstract

Like most phosphines, PP_3 is oxidised by reaction with chalcogens to form pentavalent phosphorus compounds.

You will be able to monitor the extent and regioselectivity of the reaction of PP_3 with S and Se through the use of ^{31}P (100% abundance) NMR spectroscopy after the addition of 1, 2, 3 and 4 equivalents of the oxidant.

Intended academic level

Duration

Outcomes

Materials

FT-NMR spectrometer with multinuclear capabilities. We have run this experiment using a JEOL JNM GX270 NMR spectrometer, although lower-field instruments should also suffice.¹

Two NMR tubes for each group of students.

Two 10 mL volumetric flasks for each group of students.

Two small weighing boats for each group of students.

10 g tris(2-diphenylphosphinoethyl)phosphine. Typically, less than 1.2 g is used by each group of students. This reagent is also known as “tetraphos” or “ PP_3 ”; it can be purchased from several chemical companies as “tetraphos 2”. We have purchased our supplies from Strem Chemicals

10 g sulfur. Typically, less than 1.2 g is used by each group of students.

10 g selenium. Typically, less than 1.2 g is used by each group of students.

500 mL dichloromethane. Typically, only 100 mL is used by each group of students.

Costs

Further comments

Reading

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