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Chemistry of Phosphinidene complexes: carbene like chemistry of monovalent phosphorus.
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1. Electrophilic terminal phosphinidene complexes:

Synthesis of exotic structures

These deficient electron species described here are thermally generated *in situ* from their corresponding 7-phosphanorbornadiene complexes .They behave as singlet carbenes and have a very rich chemistry[1]. We report here, only one from its multiple reactivities: their [1+2] cycloaddition with alkenes and alkynes leading to the 3-membered rings phosphirane and phosphirene complexes[2,3,4]. (Fig.1).

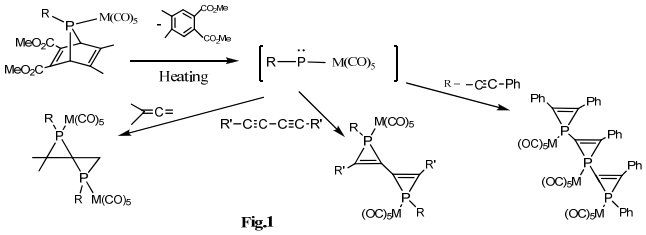


Fig.1

Optoelectronic design

We used phosphirene as conjugating spacer in thiophene oligomers[5] (Fig.2) to help modulate properties of polythiophenes. We are still far from useful optoelectronic polymer but nevertheless " this synthesis is the first and key step for developing π-conjugated organic materials", as reported in *Chemical & Engineering News* (**2006**, *84*, 12).

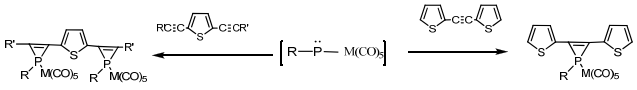


Fig.2

Umpolung of electrophilic terminal phosphinidene complexes by interaction with nucleophilic carbenes

We indeed isolated a stable phosphinidene-carbene 1:1 adduct with a nucleophilic phosphorus[6] (Fig.3). We are currently exploring the synthetic possibilities of these nucleophilic species.

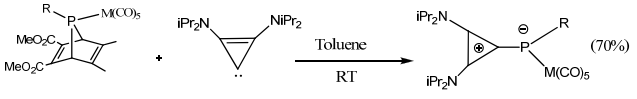
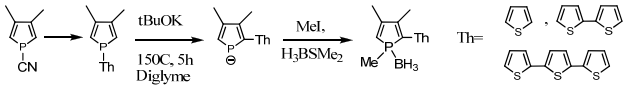


Fig.3

2. Phosphole-Thiophene Oligomers for optoelectronic applications:

We used the phosphorus 5-membered ring, the phosphole, to modulate the electronic band gap of polythiophenes. By an easy way, we succeeded to get a novel family of Phosphole-Thiophene Oligomers[7] (Fig. 4). For example, the 1-methyl-2-terthienylphosphole-borane fluoresces at 510nm in CH_2Cl_2 with a quantum yield of 0.17 while the terthiophene fluoresces at 420nm with a quantum yield of 0.06.



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