Staudinger Reaction



R¹ = alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, RC(O), RSO₂, RP(O), R₂P, R₃Si, R₃Sn, R₃Ge; R²⁻³ = H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl; X = alkyl, aryl, O-alkyl, Oaryl, NH₂, NR₂, Cl, F, NCO, (also the combination of these ligands); Y = Cl, Br; Z = O, S; <u>solvent</u>: THF, Et₂O

Features

- 1) the reaction is usually very fast and takes place in almost quantitative yield without the formation of side products;
- 2) virtually any trivalent phosphorus compound undergoes the reaction;
- 3) the structure of the azide component can also be widely varied;
- 4) the iminophosphorane products derived from alkyl- or arylazides and trialkyland triarylphosphines are stable compounds that can be isolated, but alkoxy groups on the P atom tend to undergo alkyl migration.



The iminophosphoranes are versatile synthetic intermediates:

- 1) hydrolysis with water gives rise to primary amines (this reduction of azides is highly chemo- and stereoselective);
- 2) inter- or intramolecular reaction with carbonyl or thiocarbonyl compounds affords imines (*aza-Wittig reaction*);
- 3) carboxylic acids convert minophosphoranes to Nsubstituted amides;
- 4) acyl halides condense to generate imydoyl halides;
- 5) ozonolysis produces nitro compounds.

Mechanism





Applications



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