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## Zirconium arene-phosph(on)ates: chemical and structural characterization of oxy- and methyl-linked 2-naphthyl phosphonates, and mixed oxy-linked derivatives

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## Materials and Synthetic Methodologies

Purchased chemicals were used as received. Hexamethyldisiloxane, phosphorus tribromide, 2naphthylphosphate monosodium salt, and methylphosphonic acid were purchased from Lancaster Synthesis, Inc. Triethyl phosphite, 2-bromomethylnaphthalene, methanol, acetone, diethyl ether, and zirconyl chloride were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. Hydrofluoric acid was purchased from J.T. Baker, Inc. Trimethylsilylbromide, TMSBr, was synthesized according to the procedure of Gilliam and co-workers,<sup>1</sup> from hexamethyldisiloxane and phosphorus tribromide. Ethyl phosphate was purchased from TCI America, as a mixture of the monoethyl and diethyl forms, and monoethylphosphate was isolated from the commercial monodi mixture according to the procedure of Stewart and Crandall.<sup>2</sup>

**Diethyl 2-Naphthylmethylphosphonate,**  $(C_2H_5O)_2P(O)CH_2C_{10}H_7$  [**DE2NMP**]. Triethyl phosphite (1.20 mL, 7.00 mmols) was added dropwise to 2-bromomethylnaphthalene (0.916 g, 4.142 mmols) which had been heated in an oil bath to 110 °C under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was heated for 1.5 hours under N<sub>2</sub>. It was cooled to 50 °C and evacuated to remove any volatile components. The liquid was distilled under vacuum, affording DE2NMP as a colorless oil (0.964 g, 84.0%): bp 132 - 132.5 °C, 0.07 mm Hg; MS (ei) *m/z* 278 (M<sup>+</sup>), 141; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 - 7.72 (m, 4 H), 7.46 - 7.38 (m, 3 H), 4.02 - 3.95 (m, 4 H), 3.28 (d, 2 H, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 1.20 (t, 6 H, *J* = 7.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  133.86 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 132.73 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 129.62 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 128.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 128.49 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 128.30 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 128.02 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 127.96 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 126.50, 126.10 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 62.49 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 34.36 (d, *J* = 138.0 Hz), 16.76 (d, *J* = 6.0); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.78; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3055, 2928, 2931, 2907, 2870, 1633, 1601, 1508, 1443, 1392, 1367, 1250, 1163, 1053, 1027, 965, 902, 863, 824, 787, 750, 643.

**2-Naphthylmethylphosphonic** Acid, (HO)<sub>2</sub>P(O)CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub> [2NMPA]. Trimethylsilylbromide (4.50 mL, 34.8 mmol) was added dropwise to the phosphonate ester DE2NMP (3.474 g, 12.48 mmol) and the mixture stirred overnight at room temperature under N<sub>2</sub>. The excess bromotrimethylsilane was evacuated off and the resulting solid refluxed in 35.0 mL of methanol overnight under N<sub>2</sub>. The methanol was removed under reduced pressure, the solid residue treated with cold acetone and filtered to afford 2NMPA as a white solid (2.774 g, 93.0%): mp = 233 - 234 °C; MS (ei) *m/z* 222 (M<sup>+</sup>), 141; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 - 7.91 (m, 3 H), 7.84 (s, 1 H), 7.60 - 7.53 (m, 3 H), 3.24 (d, 2 H, *J* = 21.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  132.94 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 131.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 131.56 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 128.48 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 127.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 127.38, 127.24, 127.22, 125.91, 125.28, 35.52 (d, *J* = 131.9 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  22.60; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3050, 3018, 2927, 2860, 1598, 1506, 1407, 1283, 1250, 1058, 1001, 951, 946, 892, 861, 827, 744, 720, 643; UV (MeOH, nm, M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\epsilon$ ) 227 (104,000), 252 (2620), 261 (3940), 268 (5020), 277 (5310), 287 (3490), 305 (326), 314 (183), 319 (174).

**Zirconium Bis(2-naphthyl phosphate), Zr(O<sub>3</sub>POC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>)<sub>2</sub> [Zr(ONap)<sub>2</sub>].** A solution of zirconyl chloride (0.166 g, 0.514 mmol) in 2.5 mL of water was added dropwise to a solution of 2-naphthyl phosphate monosodium salt (0.252 g, 1.026 mmol) in 5.0 mL of water with stirring. Subsequently, 1.0 mL of 2.038 M HF (2.04 mmol) and 30.0 mL of water were added to the mixture and it was refluxed under nitrogen for six days. The solution was cooled to room temperature and the solid was filtered, washed with water, acetone, diethyl ether and air dried to yield Zr(ONap)<sub>2</sub> as a faint pink colored solid (0.236 g, 86.0%): <sup>31</sup>P NMR (500 MHz, solid state)  $\delta$  -29.5; XRD d<sub>001</sub> (Å) 19.6; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3086, 3062, 3053, 3033, 1634, 1600, 1579, 1510,

1466, 1441, 1355, 1251, 1220, 1172, 1118, 1075, 1063, 1000, 958, 879, 854, 804, 771, 761, 740, 702, 618, 607, 534, 514, 484; TGA (150 °C to 1000 °C,  $Zr(ONap)_2 \rightarrow ZrP_2O_7$ ) % Wt Loss: Exptl (Calcd)<sup>3</sup> 43.5 (50.5); UV (glycerol mull, nm)  $\lambda_{max}$  237, 282, 286, 294, 309, 316, 325.

**Zirconium 2-Naphthyl phosphate Methylphosphonate,**  $Zr(O_3POC_{10}H_7)_1(O_3PCH_3)_1$ [ $Zr(ONap)_1(Me)_1$ ]. A solution of zirconyl chloride (0.183 g, 0.567 mmol) in 5.0 mL of water was added dropwise to a solution of 2-naphthyl phosphate monosodium salt (0.140 g, 0.568 mmol) and methylphosphonic acid (0.054 g, 0.564 mmol) in 5.0 mL of water with stirring, 10.0 mL of water was used to rinse the zirconyl chloride flask and added to the mixture. This was followed by 0.30 mL of 2.0 M HF (0.60 mmol) and the entire mixture was refluxed under flowing nitrogen for six days. After cooling to room temperature, the solid was collected by centrifugation, washed successively with water, acetone, diethyl ether, and air dried, yielding  $Zr(ONap)_1(Me)_1$  as a white solid (0.217 g, 94.0%): <sup>31</sup>P NMR (500 MHz, solid state)  $\delta$  7.0, -28.1; XRD d<sub>001</sub> (Å) 15.3; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3058, 3028, 2992, 2927, 2854, 1632, 1600, 1580, 1512, 1467, 1441, 1384, 1356, 1312, 1253, 1220, 1169, 1100, 1044, 985, 941, 880, 852, 811, 790, 747, 702, 647, 606, 538, 512, 476; TGA (150 °C to 1000 °C,  $Zr(ONap)_1(Me)_1 \rightarrow ZrP_2O_7)$  % Wt Loss: Exptl (Calcd)<sup>3</sup> 33.6 (34.9); UV (glycerol mull, nm)  $\lambda_{max} 236, 280, 291, 307, 324$ .

**Zirconium Bis(ethylphosphate),**  $Zr(O_3POC_2H_5)_2$  [ $Zr(OEt)_2$ ]. To a solution of zirconyl chloride (0.616 g, 1.911 mmol) in 11.0 mL of water was added 3.86 mL of 1.98 M HF (7.64 mmol). This was then added to a solution of monoethylphosphate (0.482 g, 3.824 mmol) in 15.0 mL of water with stirring and the solution was refluxed for six days under nitrogen. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, and the solid was filtered, washed with water, acetone, diethyl ether and air dried to afford  $Zr(OEt)_2$  as a white solid (0.644 g, 99.4%): <sup>31</sup>P NMR (500 MHz, solid state)  $\delta$  -19.82, -20.82, -21.80; XRD d<sub>001</sub> (Å) 11.6 (lit<sup>4</sup> d<sub>001</sub> = 11.7 Å); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2982, 2932, 2911, 2872, 1632, 1480, 1454, 1445. 1396, 1386, 1371, 1295, 1166, 1122, 1073, 1048, 979, 810, 784, 602, 538, 478; TGA (150 °C to 1000 °C,  $Zr(OEt)_2 \rightarrow ZrP_2O_7$ ) % Wt Loss: Exptl (Calcd)<sup>3</sup> 17.4 (21.8).

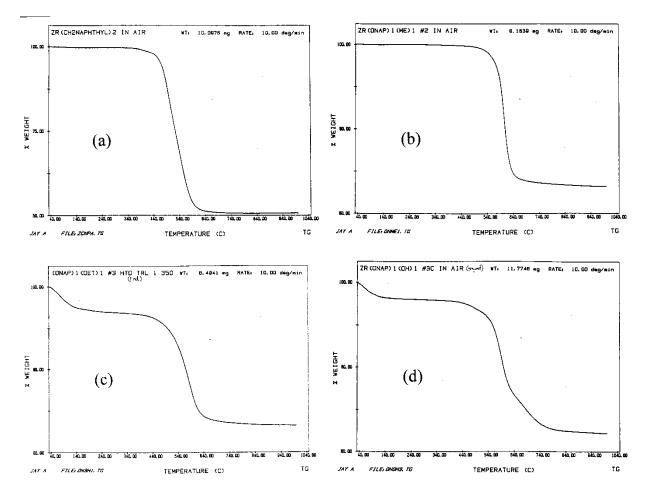
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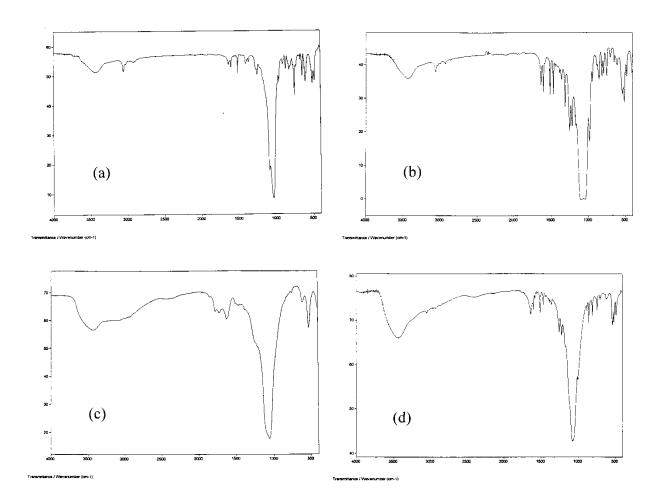
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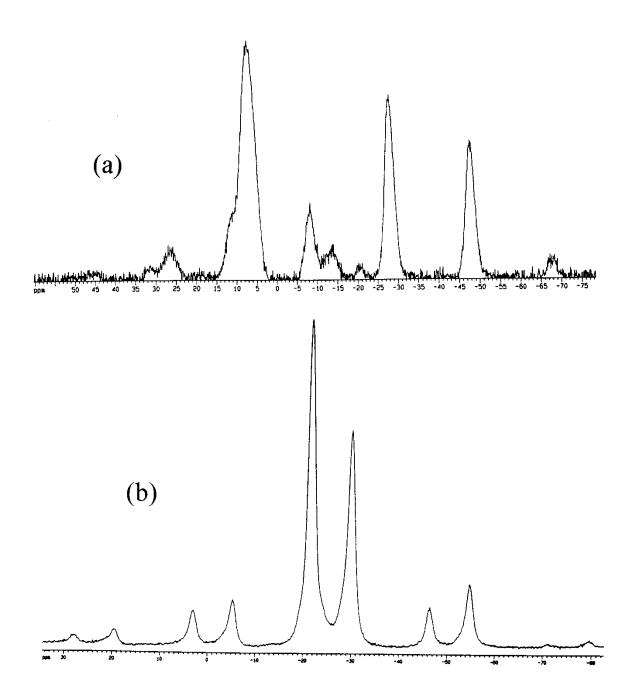
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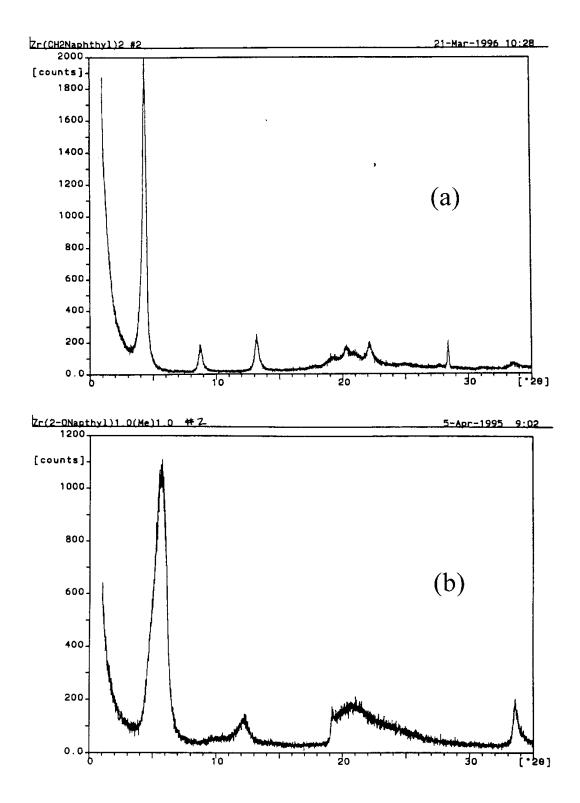
**Fig. 1S** Thermal gravimetric analysis curves of (a)  $Zr(CH_2Nap)_2$ , (b)  $Zr(ONap)_1(Me)_1$ , (c)  $Zr(ONap)_1(OH)_1$ , and (d) *stg*  $Zr(ONap)_1(OH)_1$ .



**Fig. 2S** Infrared spectra of (a)  $Zr(CH_2Nap)_2$ , (b)  $Zr(ONap)_1(Me)_1$ , (c)  $Zr(ONap)_1(OH)_1$ , and (d) *stg*  $Zr(ONap)_1(OH)_1$ .



**Fig. 3S** Solid-state  ${}^{31}PNMR$  spectrum of (a)  $Zr(ONap)_1(Me)_1$  and (b)  $stg Zr(ONap)_1(OH)_1$ .



**Fig. 4S** X-ray diffraction patterns of (a)  $Zr(CH_2Nap)_2$  and (b)  $Zr(ONap)_1(Me)_1$ . The sharp peak at 28.4° in panel (a) is due to silicon added as an internal standard.