Tetraarylphosphonium Salts as Solubility-Control Groups:
Phosphonium-Supported
Triphenylphosphine and
Azodicarboxylate Reagents

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CIO}_4 \\ \bigcirc \\ \text{PPh}_3 \\ \text{Ph}_3 \\ \end{array}$$

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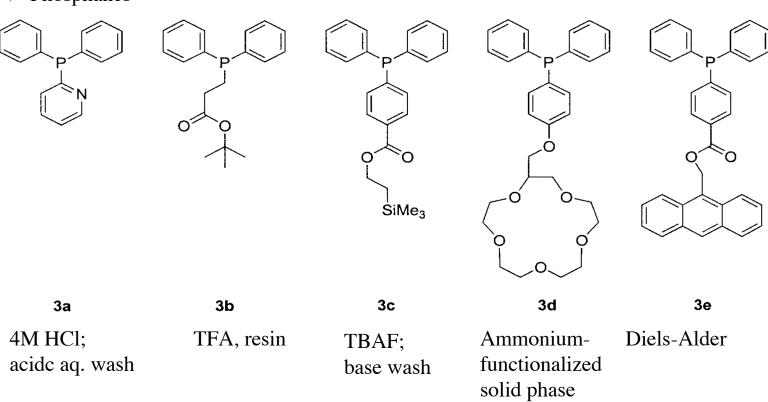
$$R-OH$$
 + $Nu-H$ + $R_3'P$ + $R"CN=NCR"$
 $Nu-R$ + $R_3'P=O$ + $R"CN-NCR"$
 H H

- ➤ Widely used reaction
- Stereoselective, compatible with variety of fuctional groups, mild conditions
- **▶**Problematic:

Separation of products from spent and excess reagent Applications towards combinatorial chemistry

Modified Reagents

➤ Phosphanes



> Drawback:

Additional reactions are necessary to affect separation

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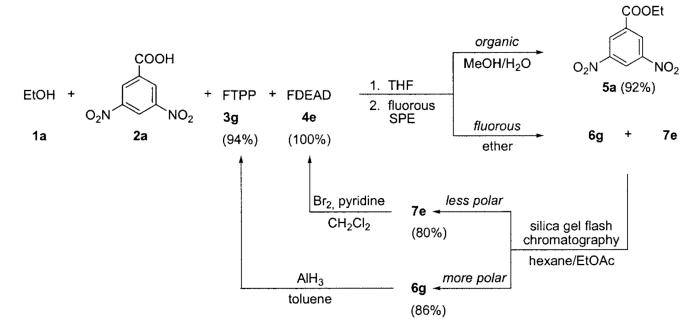
Modified Reagents

➤ Azodicarboxylates

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Drawback: funtional group compatibility

> Fluorous Reagents



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➤ Insoluble Polymer bound reagentseasy filtration; longer reactions times; large excess required

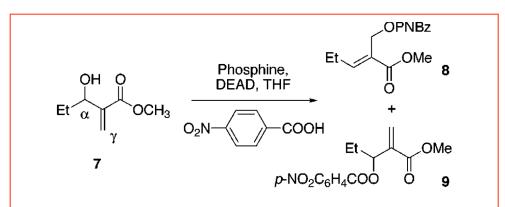
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➤ Soluble polymer support

Me COOEt DEAD, PhMe Me COOEt
$$p$$
-NO₂C₆H₄COOH p -NO₂C₆H₄COOH p -NO₂C₆H₄COOH p -NO₂C₆H₄COOH p -NO₂C₆H₄COOH p -NO₂ p -NO₂C₆H₄COOH p -NO₂ p -NO₂C₆H₄COOH p -NO₂ p -NO₃ p

-Lower yields due to trapping of product in polymer

- -Available in 3 steps from commercially available polystyrene
- -Can be recovered after reaction
- -Additional of MeOH to precipitate



entry	temp (°C)	ratio (9:8)ª	phosphine	yield (%) <i>^b</i>
1	rt	1:6	PPh_3	90
2	rt	1:20	1	88
3	0	1:10	PPh_3	86
4	0	1:>90	1	81
5	-40	1:25	PPh_3	85
6	-40	1:>90	1	65^{c}

 a The ratios were determined by 1H NMR of the crude reaction mixture. b Isolated yield of 8 + 9. c In this case, the remaining was the starting alcohol 7.

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Solubility of Phosphonium Salts

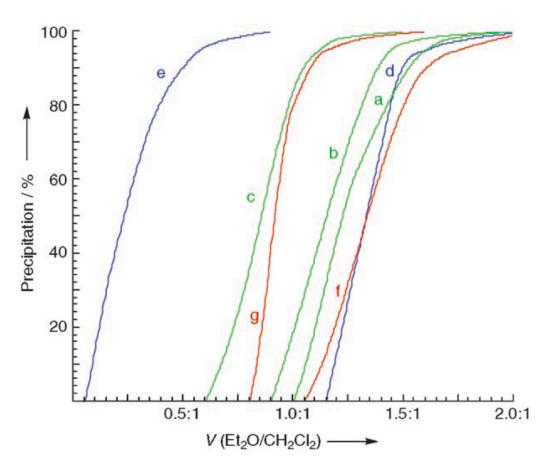
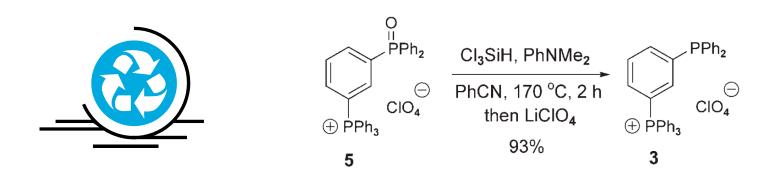


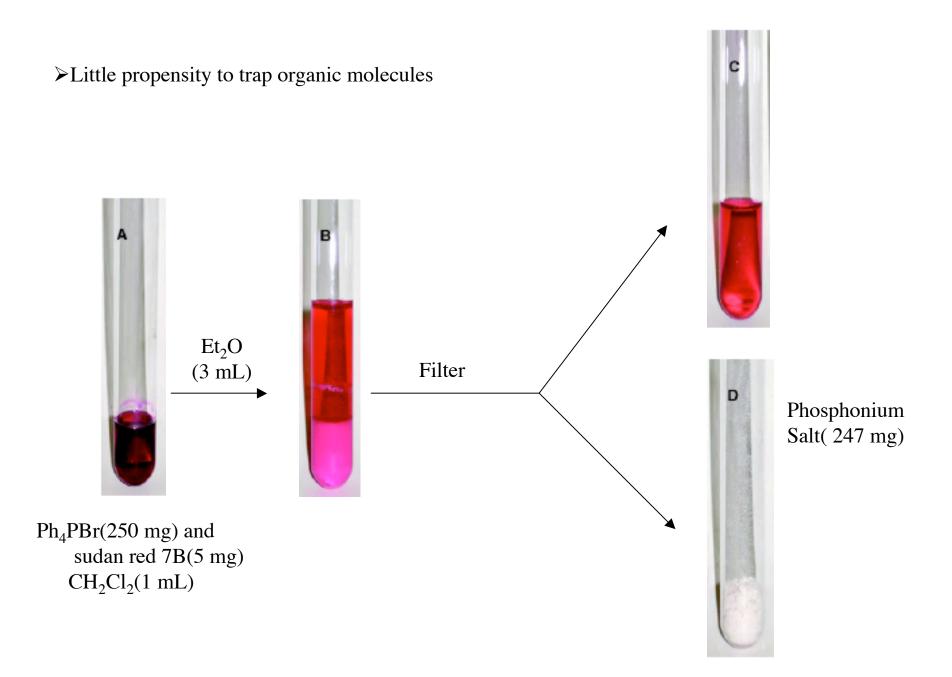
Figure 1. Relative solubility of arylphosphonium salts in Et_2O/CH_2Cl_2 . Ph₃PMe; a) Ph₄PX, X = Br; b) Ph₄PX, X = ClO₄; c) Ph₄PX, X = PF₆; d) Ph₄PX, X = Br; e) Ph₄PX, X = ClO₄, X = PF₆ (insoluble); f) **3**; g) **5**.

- Amount of Et_2O required is counterion dependent $Br > ClO_4 > PF_6$
- ➤ Amount of Et₂O required is less for Ph₄PX than for Ph₃PMeX for the same counterion

Tetraarylphosphonium salts

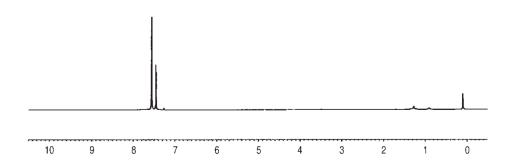
- ➤ Soluble in solvents of medium polarity--> CH₃CN, DMSO, DMF, CH₂Cl₂
- ➤ Insoluble in solvents of low polarity--> Et₂O, PhMe, hexanes
- ➤ No extra equivalents needed-- all reactive sites are available





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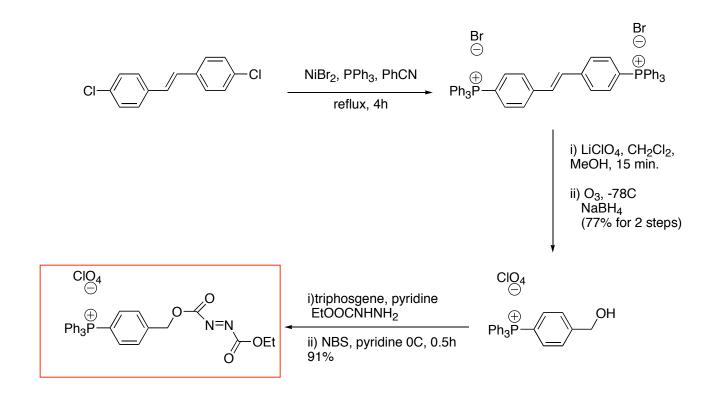
- ➤ Substantial amounts of Ph₃PO produced
- ➤ Yields comparable to Ph₃P



Entry			Yield [%] ^[a]
1	Br Br	6	94 ^[b]
2	Br	7	90 ^[b]
3	Br	8	90 ^[b]
4	Br Br	9	96 ^[b]
5	NC Br	10	96 ^[b]
6	Br Br	11	98 ^[c]
7	Br Br Br	12	95 ^[d]
8	OBr	13	85 ^[b]
9	TIPSO	14	96 ^[b]

[a] After flash chromatography. [b] Phosphine **3** (2.5 equiv), CBr_4 (2.5 equiv), Zn dust (2.5 equiv), CH_2Cl_2 (0.2 M), reflux (0.5 h); then addition of aldehyde, RT, 3 h. [c] Three equivalents of all reagents, RT, 6 h. [d] Six equivalents of all reagents, RT, 6 h.

DEAD Reagent



➤ 60% overall yield

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- ➤ Comparable Yields to PPh₃
- ➤ Phosphorous free product
- ➤ Less than 2% of product is evident in ³¹P NMR of recovered phosphonium salt
- ➤ 2 supported reagents were used

Entry	ROH		Yield [%] ^[a]	Yield [%] ^[f]
1	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ CO ₂ /,	15	79 ^[b] 84 ^[c]	65–84
2	O OEt 4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ CO 2	16	83 ^[b]	71–91
3	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ CŌ ₂	17	91 ^[b] 84 ^[d]	83
4	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ CO ₂ H	18	78 ^[b]	70–89
5	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ CO ₂ H	19	89 ^[e]	-

[a] After flash chromatography. [b] Phosphine **3** and DEAD reagent. [c] Phosphine **4** and DEAD reagent. [d] Phosphine **3** and azodicarboxylate **24** at -10° C. [e] Phosphine **3** and DIAD reagent. [f] PPh₃ or other supported systems. [18,27,29]

Summary

- ➤ Developed a novel solubility control group-low molecular weight
- ▶Both PPh₃ and DEAD reagents are reactive on this support
- ➤ Convenient to precipitate out using Et₂O
- Reagents display comparable reactivity to their parent compounds
- Extra equivalents or longer reaction times are not needed
- Salts are easy to handle and can be recycled
- Application towards other reactions, reagents, and catalyst
- ➤ Applications towards Combinatorial Chemistry