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Reactive Organophosphorus Species: Synthesis, Structure and Reactivity



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Abstract: Phosphinidenes ($R-P:$) are a class of reactive intermediates, which are of considerable importance in a variety of organic reactions. Due to their high reactivity, the chemical properties of phosphinidenes have been deduced almost exclusively from trapping or complexation experiments. The talk reports the first synthesis, IR, and UV/vis

spectroscopic characterization of parent phenylphosphinidene (**1**) and its reactions with small molecules (O_2 , CO , NO) leading to **2-4**, which are elusive intermediates that we have identified using matrix isolation spectroscopy (Figure 1A). We illustrate that the chemical transformations involved are distinctly different from those observed with triplet nitrenes, the lighter congeners of **1**.

