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### Exploring the Impact of Ligand and Catalyst Selection on Petrochemical Applications

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- Solvay Phosphorus Specialties Strem Chemicals Inc. Partnership
- Chemistry for the Manufacture of Phosphine Ligands
- Applications in Petrochemicals
- Developing Unique Solutions
- Summary and Questions

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Corporate Headquarters Newburyport, MA USA

**Chem**Stewards<sup>®</sup>

ISO 9001:2015

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European Headquarters Strasbourg, France

- Established in 1964
- More than 55 years of experience in manufacturing and handling high-quality inorganics and organometallics
- 5,000+ specialty chemicals available
- Laboratory Chemicals for R&D
- cGMP Products Manufactured in Kilo-lab Suites
- High Pressure Materials
- Custom Synthesis Projects
- Customers include:
  - Academic, industrial and government R&D laboratories
  - Commercial scale businesses in the pharmaceutical, microelectronics, chemical & petrochemical industries





### Solvay: A Global Leader in Phosphorus Chemistry





## Differentiated products and technologies

We offer a wide range of phosphorusbased chemistry to meet precise application requirements



#### Partnership

We work closely with customers to translate their needs into concrete solutions



#### Innovation

160 years of know-how and innovation in phosphorus chemistry



### Secure and consistent supply source

Stringent quality control standards and timely order fulfillment due to global footprint and supply chain



#### Scale-up capabilities

From R&D to large scale; largest capacity in the industry

### **2030 Solvay One Planet Goals**

#### 10 ambitious objectives



Align greenhouse gas emissions with **Paris Agreement** 

Reduce by 26% (-2%/y)

RESOURCES

Embed circular business



Increase Sustainable Solutions revenues

Achieve 65% vs 50%

Achieve 15% vs 7%

Phase

out coal

Increase

circularity

Achieve 100%

Accelerate Inclusion & Diversity

Parity in 2035 vs 24% for mid & senior management

Reduce negative pressure on biodiversity



30% reduction

non-recoverable

industrial waste

30% reduction

Reduce

Reduce intake of freshwater

25% reduction

Safety

**BETTER LIFE** 

Improve quality of life



is a priority

#### Aim for zero accident





Extend maternity leave time and open it to co-parents

16 weeks regardless of the gender in 2021







WE PARTNER WITH CUSTOMERS AND COLLABORATE ACROSS THE VALUE CHAIN TO REDUCE GLOBAL IMPACT

### The Markets we Serve



Agriculture ECO<sub>2</sub>FUME<sup>®</sup> | VAPORPH3OS<sup>®</sup>

 Cylinderized phosphine gas fumigants that efficiently eradicate insects at all life stages

✓ Used on post-harvest products or storage structures



Textiles PROBAN<sup>®</sup> | THPC

- P-chemistry imparting flame-resistance to textiles & garments
- ✓ THPC for leather treatment applications



#### Life Sciences CYTOP<sup>®</sup> | RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup>

- Specialty phosphorus compounds for applications requiring stringent purity profiles
- Catalysis; oligonucleotide synthesis; reagents; intermediates



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#### **Electronics** CYPURE<sup>®</sup> | CYTOP<sup>®</sup> | CYPHOS<sup>®</sup> IL

- ✓ High-purity phosphine gases & derivatives used throughout the electronics supply chain
- Dopants for LED & semi-conductors; capping ligands; solvents; quantum dot materials



Biocides TTPC | THPS

✓ TTPC & THPS for control of microorganisms\*

 Oilfield & industrial wastewater treatment applications



#### Chemical Processing

#### CYPHOS<sup>®</sup> | CYTOP<sup>®</sup> | RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup>

- ✓ Phosphine derivatives used in the manufacture of chemical compounds
- Organic extraction, catalysis, ligands and additives



#### **Plastics, Epoxy & Coating** CYPHOS<sup>®</sup> | AMGARD<sup>®</sup> | Albritect<sup>®</sup>

- Phosphorus additives optimizing the performance of plastics, epoxy, and coating systems
- Epoxy resin curing; flame retardant polymers; surface coating treatment; catalysts



Other

#### Phos Acid | CYTOP\* | CYPHOS \* IL

- Phosphorus-based chemistries for commodity and niche applications
- Metal extraction & recycling; liquid extractions; ionic liquids; fertilizer; other applications

#### **Phosphorus Specialties**

## Solvay in Phosphorus Catalysis



Solvay is the leader in supplying P-based ligands at industrial scale



# Chemistry for the Manufacture of Phosphine Ligands



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Samples available from Strem



### Phosphorus Specialties Product Platform







### **Foundational Chemistry**

- Solvay
- Free radical addition of PH<sub>3</sub> to olefins is a major component of Solvay's alkylphosphine derivatives technology (alkylphosphine route)





Rahut, M. et.al., J. Org. Chem. 1961, 26, 5138
Pellon, J., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1961, 83, 1915

## Example – CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 340



- Product distribution is dependent on the nature of the olefin
- Initiator fragments and some olefin oligomers are formed
- Olefin diversity translates to product diversity





### **Foundational Chemistry - Olefin Variety**



• Product distribution is dependent on the nature of the olefin



 Reactivity of olefins and the product compositions depend on number of double bonds and positions



## Acid-Catalyzed Addition to Olefins

 Acid-catalyzed addition to olefins allows access to useful products not accessible through free radical routes



- Tri-tert-butylphosphine cannot be prepared under acid catalysis
- Tri-*iso*-butylphosphine is readily accessible CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 341 (Strem: 97-5750)



## **Extensive Toolbox for Synthesis**

Michael Addition to activation olefins



• Addition to 2,4-pentadione



- **CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 216X** (Strem: 97-1310)
- 1,3,5,7-tetramethyl-2,4,6-trioxa-8phosphaadamantane
- CAS No. 26088-25-5



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- (1) Welcher, J. Org. Chem. **1962**, 27, 1824
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### Applications in Petrochemical Catalysis



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### Catalysts - A Great Opportunity to Innovate

- Catalysts facilitate the conversion of one molecule to another
- They are essential to industries such as pharma, petro, specialty chemicals, polymers, etc.
- A key enabler to sustainable processes
  - Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
  - Reduce chemical use
  - Reduce energy input
  - Less waste
  - Higher yields of desired products
- Petrochemical catalysis is critical to basic building blocks in chemistry
- Petrochemical catalysis is valued at greater than \$33 billion USD/year and growing (~25% homogeneous)







Homogeneous catalysts are needed when heterogeneous catalysts cannot provide the desired selectivity, activity, and/or lifetime - many of these require a phosphine ligand at industrial scale



## Why the Interest in Phosphorus for Catalysis?

- Tunability: Diversity of structure, steric/electronic effects, thermal and chemical stability, reactivity, selectivity
- Key balances between P ligands and metals (Cr, Co, Rh, Ni, etc.) critical to process efficacy
- **Available in multiple forms** for ease of handling (product stewardship, safety, etc.)



• Established manufacturing routes, Right Scale



Solvay is a leader in the safe supply of phosphine ligands to the market.





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## **Diverse Ligands Enable Diverse Applications**

#### Multifunctional building blocks



Samples available from Strem

- Ability to tune ligand/catalyst properties via changes in composition: a key feature in all successful ligands
- Modularity leads to breadth in applications, i.e., Josiphos<sup>™</sup>



• Achiral primary and secondary phosphines can be made into chiral motifs for life sciences catalysis



## CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 282T – Bulky Phosphine

### **Ligand Precursor**

- CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 282T- sterically bulky secondary phosphine
  - Isomers can be separated via selective protonation





- CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 282T (Strem: 15-7535)
- 9-phosphabicyclononane [3.3.1] and [4.2.1]
- CAS No. 13887-02-0/ 13396-80-0
- CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 282T is a cost-effective alternative to tertiary-butyl and adamantyl substituents
- Modularity leads to a breadth of applications Metathesis, Dehydration and Hydroformylation chemistry



### **Ethylene Conversion Applications**

### Control of conversion is critical



- Ethylene is one of the most import building blocks in chemistry (150+ million tons in 2018)
- Conversion of ethylene to higher value products and different functionalities is critical to a variety of applications
- Control of this conversion is key (C4, C6, C8, C10, etc.) and isomers
- Dimerization, oligomerization, oxidation, halogenation, hydroformylation, alkylation, etc. are required





### Ethylene to 2-Butene

### Key Raw Material for Propylene and Alkylate



- 2-butene is mostly recovered and used in the production of gasoline alkylate
- Increased demand for 2-butene in the production of propylene
- Critical to use the right catalyst for high conversion to 2-butene maximize productivity and quality





### **Ethylene to 2-Butene**

Key Raw Material for Propylene and Alkylate



 RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup> NICAT is a nickel catalyst most commonly employed in dimerizations of olefins of varying lengths (butenes, propenes, ethenes, etc.) – many of these products serve as precursors



RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup> NICAT (Strem: 28-0075)

- Favors formation of 2-butene in ethylene dimerization
- RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup> NICAT is also applied in processes for polymer formation, cycloadditions of olefins and isomerizations of olefins
- Also employed in dimerization of propylene
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- (2) Behr, A.; Bayrak, Z.; Stochniol, G. et al. Chem. Eng. & Tech. 2016, 39, 263
- (3) WO 2019105844 A1, June 6, 2019
- (4) Hulea, V. Catal. Sci. & Tech. 2019, 9, 4466
- (5) Chemical Week, 20 November 1985, p. 54
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### Ethylene to 1-Hexene and 1-Octene

### Control is key to form desired oligomers

- Control over trimerization vs tetramerization of ethylene is critical
- 1-hexene and 1-octene are BOTH required for different polyester grades (among other applications)
- Control of the ratio of formation is important to simplify purification processes





### RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup> PNP 12M Oligomerization of Ethylene





RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup> PNP 12M (Strem: 15-0745)

- RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup> PNP12M is employed in chromium-catalyzed tetramerization of ethylene
- Selective formation of 1-octene in tetramerization
- High-yielding reaction (1-hexene is second major product)
- Ligand can be modified to include other functional groups at both the phosphorus and the nitrogen atom





### **SHOP Process**

### Derivatization of secondary phosphines

- Development of complex and specific ligands is a hallmark of homogeneous catalysis
- SHOP = Shell Higher Olefin Process (1977)
- Ethylene oligomerized to high-purity, even-numbered, linear-alpha olefins followed by isomerization and hydroformylation to make alcohols



• Process requires industrial quantities of a phosphine ligand



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## **Ethylene Polymerization**

### **Control of Polymer Chain Length**



- Ethylene polymerization is a straightforward method to produce high-value polyolefins with properties such as adhesiveness, improved barrier effects, dyeability and printability, among others
- Single-site catalysts effectively control molecular weight and size distribution
- Ti:P complexes offer good control over molecular weight and distribution. They are also relatively stable, easy to handle and easily modified





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## P Ligands for Telomerization of Dienes

### Specialty Chemicals from Petrochemical Feedstocks

- Telomerization of dienes is an industrially relevant process to provide specialty chemicals
- It is 100% atom economical and tolerant to nucleophiles; chemistry requires P ligands
- Current systems (PPh<sub>3</sub>) are susceptible to oxidation and have low selectivity
- Replacing with CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 292:10% increased yield, significant cost improvements at industrial scale





## Highly attractive ruthenium-based catalysts offer an alternative in synthesis of alpha olefins

- Robustness to air, water and oxygenates
- High reaction rates and selectivity
- CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 366 is an effective ligand in the self-metathesis of 1-octene & methyl oleate
  - TON 64,000 600,000 with high selectivity (>98%)
  - TOF 3,800/s
  - High activity: combination of bulk and electron donating capabilities of ligand set and stability of catalyst (faster rates than TPP analogues)



**Production of Alpha Olefins** Metathesis catalysts for 1-octene and methyl oleate

• Metathesis exists predominantly in petrochemical applications as a heterogeneous process





**CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 366** (Strem: 15-6152)

- Tricyclohexylphosphine
- CAS No. 2622-14-2



(1) M.B. Dinger, J.C. Mol, Adv. Synth. Catal. 2002, 344, 671.

## Hydroformylation

### **Critical Process for the Production of Aldehydes**



- Hydroformylation the "oxo" reaction is one of the highest volume homogeneous-catalyzed reactions in the world
- The conversion of alkenes, hydrogen and CO to aldehydes and related products at a rate of over 10 million metric tons/year



- Phosphine-modified versions were discovered initially in the 1960s
- Homogeneous catalysis is dominated by Rhodium and Cobalt systems, many which require a phosphorus-based ligand



## Hydroformylation

### Monodentate phosphines as additives to P-containing catalyst systems

- Many complex, bidentate or chelating ligand systems • are known for hydroformylation
- Rh-catalyzed hydroformylation of propylene, addition ٠ of phosphines improves activity without impacting branching
- TCHP (tricyclohexylphosphine) shown to substantially • increase activity, no change on N/Iso ratio.
- TOP (trioctylphosphine) did not have the same impact • but rather decreases activity
- Sterically hindered phosphines enhance activity while • non-hindered do not!



Monodentate Phosphine	Mole ratio PR₃:Rh	N/Iso Ratio	Activity Ib HBu /g Rh∙h	
none	n/a	2.32	2.78	
ТСНР	3/1	2.30	4.10	
TCHP	6/1	2.31	4.30	
ТОР	3/1	2.43	2.10	
ТОР	6/1	2.58	1.05	



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CAS No. 2622-14-2

Tricyclohexylphosphine











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## Hydroformylation

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CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 186TOP (Strem: 15-1705) Diphenylphosphine CAS No. 829-85-6



### New reactivity for a classic reaction

• New cationic cobalt supported by phosphines have high reactivity and isomerization activity leading to high L:B selectivities for internal olefins





Catalyst	Temp (°C)	Pressure (bar)	Aldehyde (%)	Aldehyde L:B	Alkane (%)
[Co:DPPBz]+	140	30	60.0	58	0.8
[Co:dppe]+	140	30	64.1	57	1.0
[Co:depe]+	140	30	77.1	54	1.2
[Co:DEPBz]+	140	30	84.8	51	1.2

- New ligands offer exceptional stability, high reactivity, and high L:B ratios for internal olefins
- Opens the path to medium-pressure hydroformylation technology
- New efforts make for exciting, industrially relevant discoveries



(1) Stanley, G.G. et al. Science, 2020, 367, 542

## Alkoxycarbonylation of Alkenes

### Increasing productivity with P-based ligands



- Carbonylation (hydroformylation) of alkene is one of the most important homogeneous industrial processes
  - Can require complex challenges to meet specific needs (improve activity, etc.)
- Recent developments have shown improved routes for sterically hindered and demanding olefins



- CYTOP<sup>\*</sup> 242 (Strem: 97-1000) Di(tert-butyl)phosphine CAS No. 819-19-2
- CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 142 (Strem: 97-0966) mono(tert-butyl)phosphine CAS No. 2501-94-2
- Bulk ethylene can be functionalized with high activity (TON >1,425,000: TOF 44,000/hr) and high selectivity (>99%) with certain P-based ligands



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**Phosphorus Specialties** 

US 5763688A (1) WO Patent 2011108772

RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup> CP100R has also been employed as a bidentate ligand in chromium-based ethylene oligomerizations

(3)WO Patent 2009022770

## Hydrogenation

### Homogeneous catalysis for asymmetric or symmetric hydrogenations

- Hydrogenation is used to convert alkenes and aromatics into saturated alkanes (paraffins) and cycloalkanes
- Hydrogenation is also used to convert olefins from refining feedstocks to value-added chemicals ٠
- Homogeneous catalysis offers controlled reactivity under milder conditions ۲
- RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup> CP100R can be employed in the chemoselective production of ٠ chiral alcohols





- RhodaPhos<sup>®</sup> CP100R (Strem: 97-0165)
- (2R,3R)-(+)-Bis(diphenylphosphino)but ane
- CAS No. 74839-84-2





## Alkylation Chemistry – C8

### Phosphonium ionic liquids as catalysts



- Alkylation of paraffins with olefins for the production of alkylate for gasoline can use a variety of catalysts
- Many processes involve harsh conditions such as hydrofluoric acid (HF) or sulfuric acid
- Phosphonium ionic liquids can be employed for conversion at near ambient conditions (C8 selectivity >70%)
  - Lewis acidity allows ionic liquid to act as a catalyst





## P Based Phase Transfer Catalysts - PTC

### Phosphonium ionic liquids as PTC

- The OMEGA process (Shell) is a catalytic system to produce MEG
  - Applications in manufacture of polyester, antifreeze, dioxanes, etc.
  - MEG is 92% of EG market at about 26.8 MMT (2017)
  - Requires a PTC

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- Key advantages of this process are 99% conversion efficiency vs ~90% for traditional methods
- Further advantages include less steam use and less wastewater production
- Chemistry can be catalyzed by P based ionic liquids





**CYPHOS<sup>®</sup> 442** (Strem: 97-1579) CAS No. 3115-68-2





### **Acetic Acid Process**

#### Phosphine oxides as Additives to Reduce Corrosion

- The carbonylation of methanol is a long-established route to acetic acid.
- Rhodium catalysts affect the carbonylation of methanol via addition of CO using added HI or MeI.
- The result is a highly acidic medium that can quickly corrode reactors, process vessels etc.
- CYTOP<sup>®</sup> 503 has been shown to significantly reduce corrosion while at the same time increasing stability and thus activity of the catalyst system!
  - Phosphine oxide shown to complex and extract HI very effectively!



Stabilizer	Molarity	Corrosion (%)	Additive	Time	Active Rh(I) (%)	Mel (M)	MeOAc (M)	Feed Conversion (%)
None	n/a	0.516	Additive	(s)				
CYTOP 503	0.25	0.490	None	912	6	0.008	0.008	44
CYTOP 503	0.5	0.327	TPPO	1341	0	0.010	0.010	53
CYTOP 503	1	0.181	CYTOP 503	1814	36	0.008	0.008	80

316L, 0.5M HI, 3.2 wt%  $\rm H_20,$  HOAc, CO, 70°C, 48hrs

1. Hallinan et al., US 2015/0246866 Sept 3, 2015



### Why Work With Solvay?

- Get the speed, flexibility and intimacy of a small company with strong corporate support
- Ability to meet demanding purity, supply and scale-up needs, successfully transitioning chemistries from lab quantities to industrial-scale production
- Proven track record of developing innovative and practical routes to market
- Diverse and expanding R&I organization prepared to support today's applications and tomorrow's innovations
- Safe handling and processing of laboratory and large-scale air-sensitive material
- Logistics, registration support, toxicology support

Together, let's unlock the potential of phosphorus chemistry to support your sustainable growth



### **Custom Solutions - Critical to Sustainability**

- Each company has its own feedstocks, equipment, objectives, etc.
- Many situations require a custom ligand or catalyst solution our specialty
- Solvay has **over 60 years of experience** providing customer-specific ligand solutions
- We have the ability to partner with users and developers to create sustainable, cost-effective and value-added solutions
- Let's talk about your ligand next!



## What Does Your Future Hold?



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