

Figure 3.—The structure proposed for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}_2]_n$ .

tained: 27°, 11.4 ml, 35 torr, weight of sample 6.6 mg. From these data a molecular weight of  $305 \pm 10$  was obtained. Other similar measurements gave values of 290, 270, and 300, all  $\pm 10$ . The average, 290, may be compared with the theoretical value of 295 for  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4\text{I}$ . The approximate equilibrium vapor pressure over the liquid at 25° is 45 torr.

The diamagnetism of the compound in xylene solution at 25° was demonstrated by the nmr method of Evans.<sup>11</sup>

**Preparation of  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}_2$ .**— $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9\text{I}_2$  in tetrahydrofuran was treated with 2 equiv of iodine in the same solvent. After shaking for 1 hr the solvent was removed under vacuum. A dark brown powder was obtained. This product was insoluble in a wide range of solvents and decomposed instantaneously on contact with air.

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## Studies Involving Some Nonmetal Oxy- and Thiofluoride Salts

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Some recent publications describe the reactions of carbonyl fluoride, perfluoroalkylacyl fluorides, and ketones with alkali metal fluorides.<sup>1-3</sup> It was of interest to extend this study to other compounds. For example, in the case of thionyl tetrafluoride,  $\text{SF}_4\text{O}$ , the reaction with cesium fluoride led to the formation of the complex pentafluorosulfoxide anion,  $\text{SF}_5\text{O}^-$ . This ion has been considered to be an intermediate when thionyl fluoride,  $\text{SF}_2\text{O}$ , or  $\text{SF}_4\text{O}$  is fluorinated in the presence of cesium fluoride to form pentafluoro-sulfur hypofluoride,  $\text{SF}_5\text{OF}$ ,<sup>4</sup> but the intermediate has always been prepared *in situ* and no details have been reported regarding its preparation or properties. No attempt was made to isolate the pure  $\text{CsOSF}_5$  salt because it slowly decomposes to  $\text{SF}_4\text{O}$  and cesium fluoride, and only a partial characterization of the complex salt is presented below.

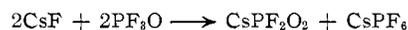
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When phosphoryl fluoride,  $\text{PF}_3\text{O}$ , was used as a substrate toward cesium fluoride, there was no evidence for the formation of the  $\text{PF}_4\text{O}^-$  ion. Instead, an oxygen for fluorine-exchange reaction occurred and equimolar quantities of two products—cesium difluorodioxophosphate,  $\text{CsPO}_2\text{F}_2$ ,<sup>5</sup> and cesium hexafluorophosphate,  $\text{CsPF}_6$ —were formed according to the equation



The corresponding thio derivative,  $\text{PF}_3\text{S}$ , behaved in a similar manner toward attack by cesium fluoride and quantitatively produced the new difluorodithiophosphate ion,<sup>6</sup>  $\text{PF}_2\text{S}_2^-$ , as well as the  $\text{PF}_6^-$  ion. This same reaction now has also been found to take place nearly quantitatively when potassium fluoride is employed. Similarly, reaction between thiophosphoryl chloride,  $\text{PSCl}_3$ , and potassium fluoride also yields the fluorophosphates,  $\text{KPS}_2\text{F}_2$  and  $\text{KPF}_6$ , by the route



The alkali metal difluorodithiophosphate salts have been converted to the corresponding tetraphenylarsonium and bis(triphenylphosphine)immonium derivatives. The infrared and <sup>19</sup>F nmr spectra of the pentafluorosulfoxide and the difluorodithiophosphate ions have been examined.

### Experimental Section

**Reagents.**—Thiophosphoryl trichloride and the potassium and cesium fluorides were procured from Alfa Inorganics, Inc. The alkali metal fluorides were heated to 300° while pumping and then ground to fine powders before using. The trichloride was converted to the trifluoride by the method of Tullock and Coffman<sup>7</sup> and it was purified by gas partition chromatography using a 15-ft perfluorotri-*t*-butylamine on Chromosorb P column at -30°. All solvents were dried by storage over 5A molecular sieves.

**Apparatus and General Procedure.**—A standard Pyrex vacuum apparatus was used for transfer and purification of gaseous materials. All chemicals were handled with the strict exclusion of moisture. The reactors were 50-ml thick-walled Pyrex bulbs with Fisher-Porter Teflon valves unless otherwise stated. Infrared spectra of the solids were taken as Nujol mulls using a Perkin-Elmer 521 spectrometer in the 4000-200- $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region. Cesium bromide plates were employed. Salts containing the known  $\text{PO}_2\text{F}_2^-$  and  $\text{PF}_6^-$  ions were identified by the infrared bands near 1140 and 1310  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectra of the former and near 840  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in those containing the latter. The <sup>19</sup>F nmr spectra were obtained with a Varian Model V4310 spectrometer operating at 40 Mc using dimethyl sulfoxide, DMSO, as a solvent for the samples and fluorotrichloromethane as an internal standard. Samples were placed in 5-mm o.d. Pyrex tubes.

**Reaction between CsF and  $\text{PF}_3\text{O}$ .** **A. Neat.**—Cesium fluoride, 0.817 g (5.36 mmoles), was charged into the reactor. While holding the vessel at -196°,  $\text{PF}_3\text{O}$  (5.50 mmoles) was added. The bulb was then heated to 100° for 1 hr. A small pressure decrease was observed, and then the temperature of the reactor was raised to 135° for a 24-hr interval. A small amount of  $\text{PF}_3\text{O}$  remained in the gas phase. After pumping to constant weight the increase in weight of the solid phase corresponded to the absorption of 5.35 mmoles of  $\text{PF}_3\text{O}$  or 99.5% yield based on a 1:1  $\text{PF}_3\text{O}$  to CsF mole ratio. The  $\text{PF}_2\text{O}_2^-$  and  $\text{PF}_6^-$  ions were identified by comparing their infrared and nmr spectra with the

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known spectra. Also, the  $^{19}\text{F}$  spectrum of the sample of the product mixture indicated that both ions were present in equal amounts.

**B.  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  Slurry.**—Onto 0.398 g (2.62 mmoles) of  $\text{CsF}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (3 ml) and  $\text{PF}_3\text{O}$  (2.84 mmoles) were added. The reactor was heated to  $50^\circ$  while stirring. After 24 hr the  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and excess  $\text{PF}_3\text{O}$  were pumped out. The weight increase of the salt phase indicated the absorption of 2.52 mmoles of  $\text{PF}_3\text{O}$  or 82.6% yield. Analysis revealed the presence of equal quantities of the fluorophosphate ions indicated above.

**Reaction between  $\text{CsF}$  and  $\text{SF}_4\text{O}$ .**—Charges consisting of 0.717 g (4.75 mmoles) of  $\text{CsF}$ , 3 ml of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , and 5.27 mmoles of  $\text{SF}_4\text{O}$  were placed together in the reactor in the same way given above. The mixture was stirred for 72 hr at room temperature and then the resulting solid was pumped to dryness. The weight of the solid corresponded to the addition of 3.58 mmoles of  $\text{SF}_4\text{O}$  or 76.2% yield. Upon prolonged pumping at room temperature, trace quantities of  $\text{SF}_4\text{O}$  were found to evolve from the solid. The spectral data given below suggest that the  $\text{SF}_3\text{O}^-$  ion has been formed.

**Reaction of Alkali Metal Fluorides with  $\text{PF}_3\text{S}$ .** **A.  $\text{CsF}$ .**—Cesium fluoride (0.449 g, 2.96 mmoles),  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (3 ml), and  $\text{PF}_3\text{S}$  (3.08 mmoles) were stirred together at ambient temperature for 72 hr and then the volatile phase was removed. The absorption of  $\text{PSF}_3$  was 100% with respect to the amount of  $\text{CsF}$  used. To separate the  $\text{PF}_2\text{S}_2^-$  ion from the  $\text{PF}_6^-$ , 50 ml of absolute ethanol was added. The undissolved portion contained  $\text{CsPF}_6$ , and the solution was filtered within a nitrogen-atmosphere drybox. Anhydrous ether was added to the ethanolic solution until it became cloudy and the mixture was allowed to stand at  $0^\circ$  for 3 hr. The solid which separated from solution was filtered and contained mostly  $\text{CsPF}_6$  along with a small quantity of  $\text{CsPF}_2\text{S}_2$ . This process of fractional crystallization was continued several times until only  $\text{CsPS}_2\text{F}_2$  was present in the solid. The solution phase was then pumped to dryness and the white solid deposit (needles) was washed several times with ether. *Anal.* Calcd for  $\text{CsPF}_2\text{S}_2$ : Cs, 50.0; F, 14.3; P, 11.6. Found: Cs, 50.3; F, 14.3; P, 11.9. The compound decomposed above  $298^\circ$ , somewhat lower than previously reported.<sup>6</sup>

**B.  $\text{KF}$ .**—Potassium fluoride,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , and  $\text{PF}_3\text{S}$  were loaded into the reactor in the quantities 1.01 g (17.4 mmoles), 3 ml, and 18.5 mmoles, respectively. The resulting mixture was stirred for 72 hr at ambient temperature. The solid was pumped upon until constant weight was achieved which corresponded to 98.9% conversion to  $\text{KPS}_2\text{F}_2$  and  $\text{KPF}_6$ . The  $\text{KPS}_2\text{F}_2$  was purified by the above method. *Anal.* Calcd for  $\text{KPF}_2\text{S}_2$ : K, 22.7; F, 22.1; P, 18.0. Found: K, 23.1; F, 22.3; P, 18.2; dec pt  $>260^\circ$ .

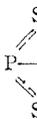
**Reaction between  $\text{KF}$  and  $\text{PCl}_3\text{S}$ .**—The reaction mixture— $\text{KF}$  (15.0 g, 0.258 mmole),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 ml), and  $\text{PCl}_3\text{S}$  (0.0643 mole)—was placed into a 150-ml stainless steel cylinder containing a dozen  $3/8$ -in. diameter stainless steel balls and the cylinder was shaken for 24 hr. Infrared spectral examination of the vapor phase revealed a small amount of  $\text{PF}_3\text{S}$  was present. The cylinder was shaken for an additional 24 hr and no  $\text{PF}_3\text{S}$  remained. Infrared and nmr analysis revealed the presence of  $\text{KPF}_2\text{S}_2$  and  $\text{KPF}_6$  salts after removal of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ . The  $\text{KPF}_2\text{S}_2$  was extracted by dissolution in 100 ml of ethanol and the small amounts of dissolved  $\text{KPF}_6$  were removed in the manner given above; however, after recrystallizing twice in ethanol-ether mixtures, traces of chloride were still present with the  $\text{KPF}_2\text{S}_2$ . Consequently, the above methods are more convenient if pure alkali metal difluorodithiophosphates are desired. The recovery of  $\text{KPS}_2\text{F}_2$  was 3.21 g or 58.4%.

**Preparation of  $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{AsPF}_2\text{S}_2$ .**—Equimolar quantities of  $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{AsCl}$  and  $\text{CsPS}_2\text{F}_2$  (2.41 mmoles) were added to 30 ml of absolute ethanol, and a solid consisting of  $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{AsPF}_2\text{S}_2$  and  $\text{CsCl}$  settled out of solution. After stirring for 3 hr the solids were filtered and then extracted with 50 ml of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  while stirring for 18 hr. Ether was added to the  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution until the solution became cloudy. After allowing the small amounts of solids to settle, they were filtered and discarded. The liquid phase was pumped out and the remaining  $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{AsPF}_2\text{S}_2$  was

washed several times with ether. The recovery was 0.783 g (63.1%). *Anal.* Calcd for  $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{AsPS}_2\text{F}_2$ : C, 55.8; H, 3.9; F, 7.4. Found: C, 54.8; H, 3.94; F, 7.2; dec pt  $270$ – $275^\circ$ .

**Preparation of  $[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{P}]_2\text{NPF}_2\text{S}_2$ .**—The preparation was accomplished by adding 4.2 g of  $\text{CsPS}_2\text{F}_2$  dissolved in 50 ml of ethanol to 9.1 g of  $[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{P}]_2\text{NCl}$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The solids that were formed were filtered and then extracted in 100 ml of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The resulting solution was refiltered and then concentrated to 50 ml. Ether (100 ml) was added and the resulting mixture was cooled to  $0^\circ$  for 18 hr. The solid was removed by filtration and 8.7 g of  $[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{P}]_2\text{NPS}_2\text{F}_2$  was recovered, corresponding to 82% yield. *Anal.* Calcd for  $[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{P}]_2\text{NPS}_2\text{F}_2$ : C, 64.4; H, 4.47; N, 2.09; F, 5.7. Found: C, 64.8; H, 4.71; N, 2.13; F, 5.9; mp  $222$ – $225^\circ$ .

**Infrared Spectra.**—The spectral properties of the  $\text{PF}_2\text{S}_2^-$  ion have not been reported. Bands assigned to the P–F stretching frequencies are found at  $818$  (s)  $\nu_{\text{as}}$  and  $805$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (s)  $\nu_{\text{s}}$  in the spectrum of  $\text{CsPS}_2\text{F}_2$  while the spectrum of the potassium salt shows only a single broad absorption near  $805$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (s). The  $\text{PF}_2\text{S}_2$  group of the salts containing the above-mentioned complex cations have greater splitting of the bands associated with the P–F stretching motions as well as a shift to a slightly longer wavelength. For example, the spectrum of  $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{AsPS}_2\text{F}_2$  shows these absorptions at  $804$  (s) and  $781$  (m)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . When the cation is exchanged for the bis(triphenylphosphine)immonium ion, stretching motions due to the  $\text{PF}_2$  group are found at  $800$  (s) and  $771$  (ms)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . When the sulfur atoms are replaced by oxygen, the P–F stretching motions are shifted to shorter wavelengths, *viz.*, at  $814$  and  $797$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of  $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{AsPF}_2\text{SO}$ .<sup>9</sup> Upon further oxygen substitution the shift is again increased, *e.g.*, to  $850$  and  $835$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of  $\text{KPF}_2\text{O}_2$ . Such a shift is in the expected direction because a decrease in electron density in a nonmetal-fluorine bond normally causes a stretching frequency increase.



The bands assigned to the P— group are at  $735$  (sh) and  $710$

(vs)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of  $\text{CsPF}_2\text{S}_2$  and at  $718$  (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in that of  $\text{KPF}_2\text{S}_2$ . In the cases of the tetraphenylarsonium and bis-(triphenylphosphine)immonium salts absorptions due to P=S stretching vibrations are located at  $740$  (obscured by the phenyl group absorption) and  $725$  (vs)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and at  $740$  (w-m) and  $720$  (vs)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. The P=S stretching vibration bands of salts containing the  $\text{P}_2\text{F}_2\text{SO}$  anions are found in the  $618$ – $645$ - $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region.<sup>9</sup> The difluorodithiophosphate anions also show medium-intensity bands at  $385$  and  $360$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and, in addition, at  $318$  (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the cases of the potassium and cesium salts. These latter three absorptions are in the domain assigned to  $\text{PF}_2$  bending motions.<sup>10</sup>

The spectrum of the  $\text{SF}_3\text{O}^-$  ion is relatively nondiagnostic. It contains a very strong, broad, and complex band centered at  $718$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which is in the region associated with S–F and S–O stretching vibrations. Other absorptions are located at  $600$ ,  $498$  (m), and  $470$  (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These three latter bands are *ca.*  $100$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  lower than the corresponding three in  $\text{SF}_5\text{NF}_2$  and  $\text{SF}_5\text{Cl}$  which are assigned to the  $\text{SF}_3$  group.<sup>11</sup>

**$^{19}\text{F}$  Nmr Spectra.**—The spectrum of  $\text{CsPF}_2\text{S}_2$  shows a doublet centered at  $\phi$  2.4 having a splitting value of 1164 cps. These values are in general agreement with those reported by Roesky, *et al.*<sup>6</sup> The splitting is somewhat larger than that of the  $\text{PF}_2\text{O}_2^-$  ion ( $J = 952$  cps), whose resonance is centered at  $\phi$  78.4. The  $\delta$  and  $J$  values for the  $\text{PF}_2\text{SO}^-$  ion are intermediary.<sup>9</sup> The larger phosphorus-fluorine splitting in the spectrum of  $\text{PF}_2\text{S}_2^-$  than in that of  $\text{PF}_2\text{O}_2^-$  may be explained by the enhanced electron density in the P–F bond in the former.

The spectrum of the  $\text{SF}_3\text{O}^-$  ion shows a typical  $\text{AB}_4$  pattern

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very similar to the textbook example.<sup>12</sup> Resonances for the two sets of multiplets of the B<sub>4</sub> fluorine atoms are located at  $\phi$  -92.9 and -96.9. The nine absorptions<sup>13</sup> for the A fluorine atom are centered at  $\phi$  -130.7, -134.5, -135.3, -138.3, -138.8, -139.6, -142.6, -143.3, -146.9. The average  $J \cong 160$  cps for the A fluorine nucleus and  $J = 162$  for the B<sub>4</sub> nuclei.

**Stability of CsPF<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> toward Hydrolysis.**—A saturated DMSO solution of CsPF<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> was prepared. The solution was combined with an equal volume of water, and the <sup>19</sup>F nmr spectrum of the resulting mixture showed no reaction after 7 hr. Also, there was no reaction within the same length of time when *ca.* 0.1 N HCl solution was substituted for the water.

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## New Preparation of Difluorocarbonyl Chloride, ClC(O)NF<sub>2</sub>

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While ClC(O)NF<sub>2</sub> has been prepared by the reaction of Al<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> with FC(O)NF<sub>2</sub>,<sup>1</sup> it may also be obtained by irradiating N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> and (ClCO)<sub>2</sub> with Pyrex-filtered ultraviolet light.

In a typical run, 12 mmoles of (ClCO)<sub>2</sub> and 18 mmoles of N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> were held in a 2-l. glass bulb with a finger containing a medium-pressure, 350-w, water-cooled mercury lamp, and irradiated for 2 days. The flask then contained in decreasing amounts COCl<sub>2</sub>, ClC(O)NF<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, *cis*-N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, COClF, N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>, SiF<sub>4</sub>, HNF<sub>2</sub>, COF<sub>2</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O. All known compounds were identified by their characteristic infrared spectra. About 20% of the (ClCO)<sub>2</sub> was converted into ClC(O)NF<sub>2</sub>, which was purified by fractional codistillation.<sup>2</sup>

The average molecular weight of the pure compound obtained from vapor density measurements was 115.3 g/mole (calcd for ClC(O)NF<sub>2</sub>, 115.5).

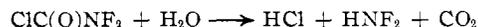
The F<sup>19</sup> nmr spectrum was taken on a Varian Associates high-resolution, 40-Mc nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer with a Model No. V-4311 fixed-frequency radiofrequency transmitter using 65 mole % CCl<sub>3</sub>F as an internal standard. The spectrum showed a single, broad band at -41.8 ppm. This is close to Shreeve and Fraser's<sup>1</sup> value of -40.4 ppm which employed an external standard.

The infrared spectrum was taken at gas pressures

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ranging from 1 to 100 mm using a Beckman IR10 spectrometer and a Monel cell equipped with silver chloride windows, having a length of 10 cm. The infrared spectrum (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) is: 3629 (vw), 1975 (vw), 1845 (vs), 1800 (s), 1117 (vw), 1071 (m), 947 (s), 910 (vvs), 770 (w, doublet), 645 (m, doublet), 521 (w), 474 (vww). These values agree to within 5 cm<sup>-1</sup> with those reported by Shreeve and Fraser.<sup>1</sup>

When water vapor was placed in an infrared cell along with difluorocarbonyl chloride the following reaction occurred



All products were identified by their characteristic infrared spectra.

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## A Photochemical Preparation of 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloro-1,2-dimethyldisilane

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While 1,1,2,2-tetrachloro-1,2-dimethyldisilane long has been recognized as a major constituent of the "disilane fraction" produced in the course of the direct synthesis of methylchlorosilanes,<sup>1-3</sup> it so far has not been obtained in a pure state. This apparently is the consequence of the extreme difficulties encountered in attempts to separate the 1,1,2,2-tetrachloro-1,2-dimethyldisilane from 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trimethyldisilane also present in the "disilane fraction."<sup>4</sup> A procedure involving photochemical chlorination has been suggested as a means of obtaining 1,1,2,2-tetrachloro-1,2-dimethyldisilane in a "reasonably pure" state since 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trimethyldisilane chlorinates at a faster rate than the other disilane.<sup>5</sup>

We wish to report a simple and convenient means of obtaining this and other symmetrically substituted disilanes in a high degree of purity with no difficult separation problems.

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