transitions $({}^{2}T_{2g} \rightarrow {}^{2}A_{2g} \text{ and } {}^{2}T_{2g} \rightarrow {}^{2}T_{1g})$ which are of almost equal energy.

Above 26 kK lies a broad, intense absorption with maxima at 28.3, 32.1, and 37.1 kK. By analogy with similar low-spin d⁵ systems, for example¹¹ IrCl₆²⁻, the bands at 28.3 and 37.1 kK most probably represent allowed charge-transfer transitions from filled ligand π orbitals to the t_{2g} level (t_{1u} \rightarrow t_{2g} and t_{2u} \rightarrow t_{2g}). Although the assignment of the 37.1-kK band as $\pi \rightarrow e_g$ cannot be entirely ruled out, the high Dq value renders this rather improbable. Gaussian analysis of the curve in this region is of dubious validity, but the peak at 32.1 kK appears thereby to be quite weak and is therefore more likely to represent a d-d transition than a further charge-transfer band. The peak in fact corresponds (11) C. K. Jørgensen, *Mol. Phys.*, 2, 309 (1959).

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We have derived as before¹ approximate values for the extinction coefficients and oscillator strengths of the d-d bands, and the values thus obtained are given in Table I. The intensities of the ${}^{2}A_{2g}$ and ${}^{2}T_{1g}$, ${}^{2}T_{2g}$, and ${}^{2}T_{1g}$ bands are all reasonable for Laporte-forbidden transitions, and the ${}^{4}T_{1g}$ and ${}^{4}T_{2g}$ bands are as weak as expected for spin-forbidden excitations. The actual intensities of the spin-forbidden bands are rather less in $CoF_{6}{}^{2-}$ than in $NiF_{6}{}^{2-}$, possibly owing to the greater energy gap between the interacting states in the cobalt compound.

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Phosphorus-Phosphorus Spin-Spin Coupling in Metal Carbonyl Complexes of Phosphorus Trifluoride

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Fluorine nmr parameters are reported for $M(CO)_{\delta}PF_{3}$, *cis*- $M(CO)_{4}(PF_{3})_{2}$, and *trans*- $M(CO)_{4}(PF_{3})_{2}$ (where M = Cr, Mo, and W) and for $Fe(CO)_{4}PF_{3}$, $Fe(CO)_{3}(PF_{3})_{2}$, and $Ni(CO)_{2}(PF_{3})_{2}$. Values of ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ for the disubstituted complexes are discussed in terms of the relatively large degree of s character expected in the phosphorus-metal bond compared to that in analogous complexes of other trivalent phosphorus ligands.

Introduction

In another paper² we report ³¹P-³¹P coupling constants for over 30 complexes containing two phosphorus ligands. Because ligands such as $P(N(CH_3)_2)_3$, P- $(CH_3)_3$, $P(OCH_3)_3$, and $P(OCH_2)_3CCH_3$ used in that study contained from 6 to 18 protons, the ¹H nmr spectra of the complexes could be classed as $X_nAA'X'_n$ systems where *n* is the number of protons and X and A represent hydrogen and phosphorus, respectively. In all these systems except $P(CH_3)_3$ the coupling constants $J_{XX'}$ and $J_{AX'}$ could be assumed to be zero owing to the three-bond separation of the A and X nuclei in the ligands and the magnitude of ² J_{PP} was calculated from the ¹H nmr spectra using a computer program to simulate the observed envelope of the unresolved lines.

Recent interest³ in the unusual ligand properties of PF₈ in metal carbonyls made it attractive to determine the ¹⁸³W-³¹P coupling constant in W(CO)₅PF₃ reported elsewhere⁴ and the ⁸¹P-³¹P spin-spin interaction constants herein reported, inasmuch as the magnitude of such couplings is undoubtedly related to the nature of

the bonding between the coupling nuclei. The ¹⁹F nmr spectra of the PF₈ complexes are still representative of the $X_nAA'X'_n$ system where n = 3 but the separation of the X (fluorine) nuclei from the A (phosphorus) nucleus by only one bond allows significant coupling of fluorines on one PF₈ ligand with those on the other $(J_{XX'})$ as well as with the phosphorus on the second ligand $(J_{AX'} = J_{XA'})$.

Experimental Section

The compounds were prepared and separated by simple variations on procedures used to prepare these compounds earlier.⁶⁻⁷ The iron compounds were prepared by the high-pressure thermal reaction between Fe(CO)₅ and PF₃ and separated by glpc on a 7 m \times ¹/₄ in. 40% DC-702 silicone column on Chromosorb P. The group VI compounds⁶ were prepared by the irradiation of M(CO)₆ and PF₃ in about 1:2 molar ratios in a sealed Pyrex vessel which was heated to about 80–100°. Irradiation with an AH-6 1000-W lamp for 2–3 hr served to convert 1–2 g of M(CO)₆ into a mixture of liquid intermediates. Through the use of this technique, the distribution of species could be controlled in overall composition to approximately M(CO)_{4.5}(PF₃)_{1.5}. The complexes were separated on the 7-m silicone column. Alternately, shorter columns were used to obtain compositional cuts of mono-

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and disubstituted complexes, and the cuts of disubstituted complexes were separated with a second pass on the longer column. The chromium compounds are considerably more difficult to separate than the heavier analogs. Data for the *cis*- and *trans*bis(trifluorophosphines) were obtained from mixtures of these two species. The nickel complexes⁷ were prepared thermally from PF₃ and Ni(CO)₄ and isolated on the 7-m silicone column. Since the nickel complexes readily disproportionate, they were kept at -196° until immediately before the spectra were run.

The ¹⁰F spectra were obtained on Varian HA-60 and HR-60 spectrometers at 56.4 MHz. The samples were either liquids at room temperature or low-melting solids that would dissolve in small amounts of solvent. Samples available in adequate quantities were run neat using microcells while samples of insufficient volume were diluted with cyclohexane. CFCl₃ was used as an internal standard. The ³¹P-³¹P coupling constants were calculated from the ¹⁹F spectra using the method of Harris and Woodman.⁸

Results and Discussion

Although the changes in the ¹⁹F chemical shifts among the complexes of the same metal are relatively small, a consistent decrease in shielding is observed in all cases from monosubstituted to *trans* to *cis*. Because of the subtle factors capable of affecting such small changes in the dominant paramagnetic contribution to ¹⁹F shielding,⁹ it is presently not possible to interpret this trend.

While the ¹⁹F spectra of the monosubstituted complexes are characterized by a simple doublet due to P–F coupling, the general appearance of all of the spectra of the disubstituted metal carbonyls is illustrated for the case of cis-W(CO)₄(PF₈)₂ in Figure 1. From the sep-



Figure 1.—The ¹⁹F nmr spectrum of cis-W(CO)₄(PF_a)₂.

arations of the major peaks (N) and the most intense four secondary line groups $(\chi = 1)$, it was possible to calculate ${}^{2}J_{\rm PP}$, ${}^{1}J_{\rm PF}$, and ${}^{3}J_{\rm PF}$. Theoretically there are two more sets of four line groups corresponding to $\chi = 2$ and $\chi = 3$. These are much less intense and in many cases cannot be seen. If there is long-range fluorine-fluorine coupling, then each of the four line groups corresponding to $\chi = 1$ should be a quartet. In many of the complexes reported here such long-range coupling was observed but the quartet could not be resolved sufficiently to calculate ${}^{4}J_{FF'}$. Thus we can set an upper limit to ${}^{4}J_{FF'}$ in these complexes of 1 Hz.

The nmr data for the complexes are given in Table I. Although the relative signs of ${}^{1}J_{PF}$ and ${}^{8}J_{PF}$ could be calculated directly from the ¹⁹F spectrum, an attempt to determine the signs of ${}^{1}J_{WP}$ and ${}^{2}J_{WF}$ relative to ${}^{1}J_{PF}$ in $W(CO)_5 PF_3$ by double-resonance indor techniques was unsuccessful because our frequency synthesizer did not generate sufficient power at 2.47 MHz to irradiate ¹⁸³W nor was a suitable amplifier available. The relative signs of ${}^{1}J_{\rm WP}$ and ${}^{2}J_{\rm WF}$, however, were determined from a double-resonance indor experiment. Thus while the spectrometer remained at the frequency of the lowest field member of the four-line ¹⁹F resonance due to ¹⁸³W, the ³¹P region was scanned with the irradiating frequency. A similar experiment involving the highest field member of the ¹⁹F spectrum showed that the relative signs were the same.

Although only the relative signs of ${}^{1}J_{PF}$ and ${}^{3}J_{PF}$ can be determined from the spectra, it is probable that ${}^{1}J_{PF}$ is negative.¹⁰ The magnitudes of ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ of the PF₃ complexes and those of the corresponding phosphine and phosphite complexes² fall in the general order $PR_3 <$ $P(OR)_3 < PF_3$. A similar trend has been noted for ${}^{1}J_{WP}$ in W(CO)₅L complexes.^{4,11} These results can be rationalized on the proposal that the dominant spinspin coupling mechanism involves bonding orbitals having nonzero spin density at the nucleus. Thus substantial evidence has been reported, both theoretical¹²⁻¹⁵ and experimental,^{14,15} that the greater the s character in the bond, the greater the coupling between the bonded nuclei. These arguments have been applied¹⁵ to trends in directly bonded phosphorus nuclei in diphosphorus compounds and we believe it valid to extend them here to phosphorus atoms separated by a metal.

The increase in s character in the order $PR_3 < P(OR)_3 < PF_3$ can be understood using the arguments of Bent¹⁸ which consider the increase in electronegativity and lower steric requirement of fluorine compared to the R or OR phosphorus substituents. Indeed the CPC bond angle in $P(CH_3)_3$ (98.6°)^{17a} is larger than the recently determined FPF angle in PF₃ (97.8°).^{17b} Inasmuch as we are dealing with four-coordinate phosphorus in these complexes, it would appear perhaps more appropriate to examine what few data are available for ligands of this type attached to an acceptor. In complexes of the type PR₃, CPC bond angles are found to

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NMR DATA FOR PF3 COMPLEXES				
	Chem shift relative to CFCl ₃ , ppm	JPF, Hz	³ J _{PF} , Hz	² Jpp, ^a Hz
$Cr(CO)_5PF_8$	2.06	1315		
cis-Cr(CO) ₄ (PF ₃) ₂	-0.09	± 1306	± 1.5	$78 \ (78.5)^b$
$trans-Cr(CO)_4(PF_3)_2$	1.28			$(34.0)^{b}$
$Mo(CO)_5 PF_3$	4.70	1310		
cis-Mo(CO) ₄ (PF ₃) ₂	3.03	± 1306	± 2.5	$55 \ (55.5)^b$
trans- $Mo(CO)_4(PF_3)_2$	3.99	± 1320	± 37	312
$W(CO)_5 PF_{3}^c$	7.89	1245		
cis-W(CO) ₄ (PF ₃) ₂ ^d	5.96	± 1281	± 1.5	38 (39,0) ^b
$trans-W(CO)_4(PF_3)_2^e$	6.97	± 1286	Ŧ 39	315
$Fe(CO)_4PF_3$	6.22	1329		
$Fe(CO)_3(PF_3)_2$	5.59	± 1322	± 26	98
$Ni(CO)_2(PF_3)_2$	18.87	± 1357	± 34.5	$38 (39)^{b}$

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^{*a*} Error limits ± 1 Hz. ^{*b*} J. F. Nixon, private communication. Error limits ± 0.5 Hz except for the last compound for which none was specified. ^{*a*} ²J_{WF} = 31 Hz. ^{*d*} ²J_{WF} = 30 Hz. ^{*e*} ²J_{WF} = 32 Hz.

range from 101 to 111° ^{18,19} In compounds of the type XPR_3 (where X = S, Se, or O) these angles are between 106 and 108°.18 Structural data for phosphites coordinated to metals are restricted to [Ni(P(OCH)3- $(CH_2)_3)_5](ClO_4)_2$.²⁰ This complex contains five bicyclic phosphites in which the average OPO bond angle is 104°. Magnitudes for this angle in the bicyclic systems $O = P(OCH_2)_3 CCH_3^{21a} \text{ and } S = P(OCH)_3 (CH_2)_3^{21b} \text{ are } 104$ and 105°, respectively, while in O=P(OCH₂C₆H₅)₂(OH)²² it is 104°. No FPF angles for metal PF₃ complexes have appeared as yet but their sizes in $O=PF_3$, S=PF3, (F2B)3BPF3,232 and H3BPF323b are 102.5,16 100.3.¹⁶ 101.7.^{23a} and 99.8°.^{23b} respectively. If the angles between the substituent atoms in the chalcogenide derivatives can be taken as indicative of the trend in bond angles in metal coordination compounds, the order of angles might then reasonably be $PR_3 >$ $P(OR)_3 > PF_3$ in an analogous series of complexes. If this is indeed the case, the order of s character in the phosphorus-metal bond is $MPR_3 < MP(OR)_3 < MPF_3$ which parallels the increasing order of ³¹P--³¹P coupling constants.

An additional and perhaps dominating influence in the rise of ${}^{2}J_{\rm PP}$ with the electronegativity of the phosphorus substituent is that attributable to the increase in phosphorus nuclear charge in the order MPR₃ < MP-(OR)₃ < MPF₃. Grant and Litchman²⁴ have pointed out on theoretical grounds that the effective nuclear charge appears as a cubed term in the coupling equation for a 13 C-H bond whereas that due to the per cent s

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Although π bonding very probably exists in the phosphorus-metal bond, we presently favor the s character interpretation of the spin-spin coupling data. The synergic effect of π bonding in strengthening the σ bond between the phosphorus lone-pair orbital and the metal may well be important¹¹ but available data do not permit its assessment. The question of the possible role of π bonding in the spin-spin coupling mechanism¹¹ is discussed elsewhere.^{2,4}

Where both *cis* and *trans* isomers are known, ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ has always been found to be larger in the *trans* isomer except for Cr(CO)₄L₂.² We note that PF₃ apparently also follows this "rule" although it is not yet clear why the reversal with chromium takes place with all of the ligands studied so far. The observation that ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ *trans* is greater than ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ *cis* for the molybdenum and tungsten PF₃ complexes is perhaps best explained by the fact that the σ -bonding lone pairs of *trans* phosphorus nuclei share the same metal p_{σ} molecular orbital whereas those *cis* do not. Thus ${}^{31}P-{}^{31}P$ coupling may be enhanced by overlap of the two phosphorus lone-pair orbitals with a common metal orbital in the *trans* case.

The one case in which ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ for PF₃ is substantially less than that for the corresponding complex with a phosphite is the iron compound. The value for ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ in *trans*-Fe(CO)₃(P(OCH₂)₃CC₂H₅)₂ is 300 ± 40 Hz which contrasts sharply with the value of 98 Hz for Fe-(CO)₃(PF₃)₂. However, the iron spectra are almost certainly time averaged because of equivalence of the PF₃ ligands. Infrared evidence^{5.26,27} clearly indicates

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The Polyhedral $B_6C_2H_8$, $B_7C_2H_9$, and $B_8C_2H_{10}$ Carboranes and Their C-Monomethyl and C-Monophenyl Derivatives

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The pyrolysis of 1,3- $B_7C_2H_{18}$ at 215° in the absence of diborane yields the $B_6C_2H_8$, $B_7C_2H_9$, and 1,6- $B_8C_2H_{10}$ carboranes, while in the presence of diborane the yield of 1,6- $B_8C_2H_{10}$ is considerably enhanced. Isomerization of 1,6- $B_8C_2H_{10}$ to the 1,10- $B_8C_2H_{10}$ isomer occurs at 300°. Pyrolysis of 1,3-Na $B_7C_2H_{12}$ at 200° yields 1,7- $B_7C_2H_9$. The C-monomethyl and C-monophenyl derivatives of these carboranes are also described.

Recently, the preparation and characterization of the C, C'-dimethyl derivatives of 1,7-dicarba-*closo*-octaborane(8), 1,7-B₆C₂H₈, 1,7-dicarba-*closo*-nonaborane(9), 1,7-B₇C₂H₉, 1,6-dicarba-*closo*-decaborane(10), 1,6-B₈-C₂H₁₀, and 1,10-dicarba-*closo*-decaborane(10), 1,10-B₈C₂H₁₀, were reported.^{1,2} The results of X-ray diffraction studies and theoretical treatments of the C,C'-dimethyl derivatives of 1,7-B₆C₂H₈ and 1,7-B₇C₂H₉ have been reported^{3,4} by Lipscomb and coworkers. Dunks and Hawthorne⁵ have reported the low-pressure pyrolysis of 1,3-B₇C₂H₁₃ at 360° to give a 60% yield of 1,7-B₆C₂H₈. This paper describes the preparation and characterization of the 1,7-B₆C₂H₈, 1,7-B₇C₂H₉, 1,6-B₈C₂H₁₀, and 1,10-B₈C₂H₁₀ carboranes and their C-monomethyl and C-monophenyl derivatives.

Results and Discussion

Pyrolysis of 1,3-B₇C₂H₁₃.—The thermal decomposition of 1,3-dicarba-*nido*-nonaborane(13) near 215° in diphenyl ether solution produced 1,7-B₆C₂H₈, 1,7-B₇-C₂H₉, and 1;6-B₈C₂H₁₀ carboranes. The corresponding C-monomethyl derivatives were obtained by the same route while the C-monophenyl derivatives were obtained using benzene solvent. Vield and characterization data are presented in Table I. The almost equivalent yields of 1,7-B₆C₂H₈ and 1,6-B₈C₂H₁₀ carboranes and the low yield of 1,7-B₇C₂H₉ suggests that the pre-

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 $2(1,3-B_7C_2H_{13}) \longrightarrow 1,7-B_8C_2H_8 + 1,6-B_8C_2H_{10} + 4H_2 \quad (1)$

ination of hydrogen from 1,3-B₇C₂H₁₃ (eq 2).

$$1,3-B_7C_2H_{13} \longrightarrow 1,7-B_7C_2H_9 + 2H_2$$
(2)

When a continuous stream of diborane was passed through a diphenyl ether solution of 1,3-B₇C₂H₁₃ at 215°, the yield of 1,6-B₈C₂H₁₀ increased at the expense of 1,7-B₆C₂H₈ and 1,7-B₇C₂H₉. With excess diborane, 1,6-B₈C₂H₁₀ was the predominant product along with only trace amounts of 1,7-B₆C₂H₈ and 1,7-B₇C₂H₉ and a low yield of 1,7-B₁₀C₂H₁₂ (eq 3). Hydroboration of pure

$$1,3-B_7C_2H_{18} + B_2H_6 \longrightarrow 1,6-B_8C_2H_{10} + 1,7-B_{10}C_2H_{12}$$
 (3)

1,6-B₈C₂H₁₀ under the same conditions produced 1,7-B₁₀-C₂H₁₂ in moderate yield¹ and this may account for its appearance among the pyrolysis reaction products. The yield data for the pyrolysis of 1,3-B₇C₂H₁₃ and its C-monomethyl and C-monophenyl derivatives in the presence of diborane are presented in Table I. $1-C_6H_5-1$, $6-B_8C_2H_9$ could not be successfully prepared by pyrolysis of $1-C_6H_5-1$, $3-B_7C_2H_{12}$ in the presence of added diborane.

Thermal rearrangement of $1,6-B_8C_2H_{10}$ occurs above 300° to give a nearly quantitative yield of the $1,10-B_8-C_2H_{10}$ isomer.¹ The yield and characterization data for $1,10-B_8C_2H_{10}$ and its C-monomethyl and C-monophenyl derivatives are presented in Table I.

Isomers of Substituted 1,6-B₈C₂H₁₀ Carboranes.—The infrared and ¹H nmr spectra of 1,7-B₆C₂H₈, 1,7-B₇C₂H₉, 1,6-B₈C₂H₁₀, and 1,10-B₈C₂H₁₀ and their C-monomethyl

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