

## REACTIONS OF PHOSPHORUS FLUORIDES AND ORTHO-CARBORANE DITERTIARY AMINOPHOSPHINES

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Fluorophosphine bidentate ligands containing *o*-carborane as backbone can be prepared by the reaction of the lithium-*o*-carboranes and PF<sub>2</sub>X derivatives to give only two species: the unsymmetrical (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>P[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>2</sub> and the cyclic FP[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>PF, both in low yield. However, exchange of F and NMe<sub>2</sub> groups by use of PF<sub>5</sub> or PF<sub>3</sub> provides a facile way to produce several new fluorophosphines.

Phosphorus pentafluoride forms solid adducts with the *o*-phosphino derivatives (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>P[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, (Me<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>P[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>P[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]H. All the adducts contain a phosphorus-phosphorus bond as evidenced from i.r., NMR and stoichiometry. The stability of the adducts reflects the strength of the P-P bond formed upon complexation. When suspensions or solutions of the adducts are heated they exchange F and NMe<sub>2</sub> groups and no redox occurs. The products (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>P[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]P(F)NMe<sub>2</sub>(I) and Me<sub>2</sub>N(F)P[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]P(F)NMe<sub>2</sub>(II) react further with PF<sub>5</sub> giving (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>P[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>2</sub>(III) and F<sub>2</sub>P[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>2</sub>(IV).

The precursors also react with phosphorus trifluoride to produce only (I) and (Me<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>P[B<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>2</sub>]P(F)NMe<sub>2</sub>(V) regardless of the reaction conditions. All the products I-V have been identified by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR and i.r. spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, and elemental analysis. The NMR spectra of the novel (IV) have been analysed as X<sub>2</sub>AA'<sub>2</sub>X'<sub>2</sub> spin system.

## FLUROSULFATES OF GROUP(IV) ELEMENTS

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Synthesis of binary and ternary fluorosulfates of tin and germanium by metal oxidation in a HSO<sub>3</sub>F/S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>2</sub> mixture is investigated. Attempts to obtain Ge(SO<sub>3</sub>F)<sub>4</sub> resulted in the formation of GeF<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>3</sub>F)<sub>2</sub>. Instead Ge(SO<sub>3</sub>F)<sub>4</sub> has been stabilized by the formation of M<sub>2</sub>[Ge(SO<sub>3</sub>F)<sub>6</sub>] (where M = Cs or ClO<sub>2</sub>) complexes. In the tin system simple alternative routes to the previously known Sn(SO<sub>3</sub>F)<sub>4</sub> and M<sub>2</sub>[Sn(SO<sub>3</sub>F)<sub>6</sub>] are found. In addition a new compound of the composition Cs[Sn(SO<sub>3</sub>F)<sub>5</sub>] is formed and identified by the Mossbauer spectrum as a novel structural type with an oligomeric anion. Structural conclusions are based on vibrational spectra (Raman and IR), <sup>119</sup>Sn Mossbauer spectra and solution studies in HSO<sub>3</sub>F via conductivity and NMR (<sup>19</sup>F and <sup>119</sup>Sn) measurements. Attempted synthesis of Sn(II)Sn(IV)(SO<sub>3</sub>F)<sub>6</sub> was not successful.