NEW OTEF, DERIVATIVES OF XENON(IV), XENON(VI) AND TELLURIUM(VI).

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In view of the recent synthesis and characterization of the novel pentagonal planar (D_{5h}) XeF₅⁻ anion, it was of interest to attempt the synthesis of the corresponding OTeF₅ substituted anion, Xe(OTeF₅)₅⁻, as well as the series of mixed F/OTeF₅ anions, XeF_n(OTeF₅)_{5-n}⁻ (n = 1 - 4). So far all efforts to prepare these anions have failed, rather reactions of Xe(OTeF₅)₄ with N(CH₃)₄*F⁻ or N(CH₃)₄*OTeF₅⁻ in CH₃CN have resulted in the formation of the new Xe(IV) oxo-species O=XeF(OTeF₅) and O=Xe(OTeF₅)₂. These species, together with the previously known O=XeF₂, have been characterized in solution for the first time by ¹²⁹Xe and ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy.

Analogous reactions with OTeF, derivatives of Xe(VI) and Te(VI) will also be discussed.