





## Syntheses and structures of fluorosulfur-nitrogen anions

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TAS-fluoride,  $(Me_2N)_3S^+$   $Me_3SiF_2^-$  (1) [1], and trifluoromethyl-DAS-fluoride,  $F_3CS(NMe_2)^+$   $Me_3SiF_2^-$  (2), obtained according to:

$$F_3CSF_3 + 2Me_2N - SiMe_3 \longrightarrow$$

$$F_{3}CS(NMe_{2})_{2}^{+} Me_{3}SiF_{2}^{-} + Me_{3}SiF$$

$$(2)$$

$$+CF_{3}SF_{3}$$

$$CF_{3}S(NMe_{2})_{2}^{+} HF_{2}^{-} F_{3}CS(NMe_{2})_{2}^{+} F_{3}CSF_{4}^{-}$$

$$(3)$$

$$(4)$$

are useful fluoride donors. The HF<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> salt 3 was isolated from the thermal decomposition while 4 is the ionic isomer to CF<sub>3</sub>SF<sub>2</sub>(NMe<sub>2</sub>) [2].

Cleavage of the Si-N bond in  $Me_3SiNS(O)F_2$  gives the  $NS(O)F_2^-$  ion [3], i.e.

$$Me_3SiNS(O)F_2 + 1 \longrightarrow TAS^+ NS(O)F_2^- + 2Me_3SiF$$
(5)

Like its isoelectronic counterpart NSF<sub>3</sub>, the anion of 5 exhibits a rather short S-N bond distance  $\{d(SN)=142.0(5) \text{ pm at } -160 \text{ °C. Similar short bonds}$  are found in  $Hg[NS(O)F_2]_2$  (6),  $ClHgNS(O)F_2$  (7),  $[-CH_2-N(CH_3)SF_2\equiv N]_2$  (8) and  $(CF_3)_3CSF_2\equiv N\cdot AsF_5$  (9)}.

The trimer  $[NS(O)F]_3$  exists in two isomeric forms, the *cis/trans* isomerization being catalyzed by the  $F^-$  anion [4]. On addition of  $F^-$  via 1, the intermediate involved in this isomerization may be isolated:

$$cis$$
-S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub> + 1  $\longrightarrow$  TAS<sup>+</sup> S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> + Me<sub>3</sub>SiF  
(10) (11)

The primary product of  $F^-$  addition to  $P_3N_3F_6$ , which is isoelectronic with 10, is not stable:

$$P_{3}N_{3}F_{6} + TASF \xrightarrow{-Me_{3}SiF} \{TAS^{+} P_{3}N_{3}F_{7}^{-}\} \xrightarrow{-Me_{3}SiF}$$

$$\longrightarrow (TAS^{+})_{2}P_{3}N_{3}F_{5}NPF_{2}NPF_{2}NPF_{5}^{2}$$
(12)

and might be considered as one of the first steps in the anion-catalyzed formation of polyphosphazenes from cyclic oligomers. The TAS salt of the cyclic acyclic phosphazene dianion 12 may be isolated in almost quantitative yield.

The  $F^-$  anion adds exclusively to the sulfur centres in the bifunctional systems  $NC-NSF_2$  and  $NC-NS(O)F_2$  with  $TAS^+$   $NC-NSF_3^-$  and  $TAS^+$   $NC-NSOF_3^-$  (13) being formed respectively. Similar reactions are possible with CsF slow hydrolysis of Cs<sup>+</sup>  $NC-NS(O)F_3^-$  giving Cs<sup>+</sup>  $NC-NSO_2F^-$  (14).

Attack by the F<sup>-</sup> anion also occurs at the sulfur atom in NC-CF<sub>2</sub>-NSF<sub>2</sub>, the primary product rearranging quantitatively to the cyclic bis(imino)fluorosulfinate 15.

$$NCCF_2NSF_2 + TASF \xrightarrow{-Me_3SiF}$$

The X-ray structures of compounds 2–15 are reported and the bonding properties of the compounds discussed.

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