

# Regiospecific fluorination of the aryl group in $C_6F_5I$ and the preparation of $C_6F_7IF_2$ – the first perfluorovinyl iodine(III) compound

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## Abstract

Pentafluoriodobenzene was oxidized regiospecificly by  $IF_5/BF_3$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$  to 1-iodo-heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene. With bromo- and chloro-pentafluorobenzene as substrates, the addition of two fluorine atoms to the aromatic ring proceeded analogously but more slowly. 1-Iodo-heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene was converted to 1-difluoroiodo-heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene by low-temperature fluorination. The thermal stability and reactivity of the first example of a perfluorinated vinyl iodine(III) compound are reported.

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## 1. Introduction

Pentafluorobenzenes,  $C_6F_5X$  ( $X = Br, Cl, F, H, C_6F_5$ ), add two fluorine atoms when treated with  $XeF_2$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at room temperature in the presence of  $BF_3$  and form 1-X-heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadienes [1]. In contrast to other halogenopentafluorobenzenes, pentafluoriodobenzene cannot be converted to the corresponding diene by this very convenient preparative method.  $C_6F_5I$  (**1**) reacts with  $XeF_2$  with oxidative fluorination of the iodine centre. Depending on the stoichiometry and the reaction temperature, pentafluorophenyl iodine difluoride,  $C_6F_5IF_2$  (**2**), or tetrafluoride,  $C_6F_5IF_4$  (**3**), are obtained [2]. Other fluorinating agents such as  $F_2$  [3],  $ClF_3$  [4],  $ClF$ ,  $CF_3OCl$  [5],  $BrF_3$ ,  $C_6F_5BrF_2$ ,  $BrF_5$  and  $C_6F_5BrF_4$  [6] also add fluorine to the iodine centre of **1**.

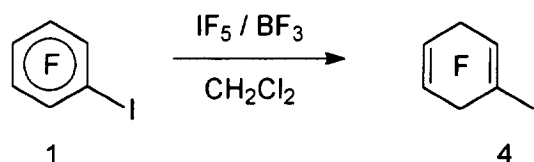
With  $VF_5$  as fluorinating agent, no fluorine addition at the iodine centre of **1** takes place, but the fluorination of the aromatic ring gives a nearly 1:1 mixture of 1-iodo-heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene,  $C_6F_7I$  (**4**), and 1-iodo-nonafluoro-1-cyclohexene,  $C_6F_9I$  (**5**) [7]. In this paper we show that  $IF_5$  (**6**) in the presence of  $BF_3$  is a useful fluorinating agent for **1** when only ring fluorination and diene formation is desired. To our knowledge, no physical or spectrometric data for **4** are given in the literature [7–9]. Hence, we report the physical and spectrometric properties of **4**.

Additionally, we describe the low-temperature fluorination of **4** to 1-difluoroiodoheptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene,

$C_6F_7IF_2$  (**7**). Compound **7** is the first  $IF_3$  derivative with a cyclic perfluoroolefin group where  $I^{III}$  is bonded in a vinylic position. In addition to its thermal stability, the first examples of the reactivity of **7** are given.

## 2. Results

The positive halogen atoms in  $ClF$ ,  $BrF_3$ ,  $C_6F_5BrF_2$ ,  $BrF_5$  or  $C_6F_5BrF_4$  are able to oxidize iodine in **1**, whereas  $I^V$  in  $IF_5$  ( $CH_2Cl_2$  or MeCN solutions under reflux or neat at room temperature) is not able to do this. However, under the influence of  $BF_3$ , **1** can be oxidized by  $IF_5$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution at room temperature. No oxidation of the iodine centre in **1** takes place; the aromatic ring is oxidized exclusively in a slow reaction and **4** is formed regiospecificly.

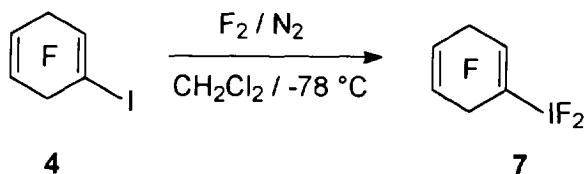


When bromopentafluorobenzene or chloropentafluorobenzene are reacted with  $IF_5/BF_3$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$ , instead of **1** the corresponding 1-halogeno-heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadienes,  $C_6BrF_7$  (**8**) and  $C_6ClF_7$  (**9**), are obtained. For  $C_6F_5Br$  and  $C_6F_5Cl$ , the rate of conversion is lower than for **1**.

Using SchmeiBer's method of low-temperature fluorination [10], diene **4** could be fluorinated with 3%  $F_2$  (diluted

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with nitrogen) in  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$  solution at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . 1-Difluoroiodoheptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene (**7**) was isolated in high yield (93%).



Attempts to fluorinate **7** with  $\text{XeF}_2$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  up to  $50^\circ\text{C}$ , in order to obtain 1-tetrafluoroiodoheptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene, were not successful. Compound **7** was not stable in basic solvents like MeCN. One of the fluorine atoms bonded to iodine could be substituted by a trifluoroacetoxy group. Attempts to also substitute the second fluorine atom ended in decomposition. Compound **7** acted as a fluorinating agent towards phosphanes.

### 3. Discussion

The problem of converting perfluoroaromatic iodo compounds into fluorinated iodocyclohexadienes consists in the suppression of the easy addition of fluorine to the iodine centre. Thus difluorine, as well as strong or non-Lewis acidic fluorination agents ( $\text{ClF}$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{OCl}$ ,  $\text{BrF}_3$ ,  $\text{RBrF}_2$ ,  $\text{BrF}_5$ ,  $\text{RBrF}_4$ ), preferably oxidize the iodine centre, whereas strong Lewis acids and weak fluorination agents ( $\text{VF}_5$  [7],  $\text{SbF}_5$  [11]) add two or four fluorine atoms preferably to the aromatic ring.

$\text{IF}_5$  does not possess strongly distinct Lewis acidity as a result of its pseudo-octahedral valence shell, but fluoridotropic properties are still known. Thus it reacts with fluoride ions to give  $[(\text{IF}_5)_n\text{F}]^-$ ,  $n = 1-3$  [12], and with strong Lewis acids like  $\text{SbF}_5$  with  $[\text{IF}_4]^+$  formation [13].  $\text{IF}_5$  belongs to the group of weaker oxidizers within the halogen fluorides. Its oxidation ability is best characterized by the oxidation of polarized chlorine or chloride ion to elemental chlorine. Neither in MeCN or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution nor neat is  $\text{IF}_5$  capable of attacking  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{I}$ , but in the presence of the Lewis acid  $\text{BF}_3$  diene **4** is formed exclusively.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectroscopic monitoring shows that during the reaction the multiplet structure of  $\text{IF}_5$  is destroyed, e.g. the four equatorial fluorine atoms which exhibit a doublet structure in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution collapse to a broad singlet but do not shift. At the end of reactions with excess  $\text{IF}_5$ , the multiplet structure becomes observable again.

As far as the influence of  $\text{BF}_3$  is concerned, we assume that this weak Lewis acid polarizes  $\text{IF}_5$  and strengthens the oxidation ability of  $\text{IF}_5$ . A second aspect may result from a weak donor-acceptor interaction of  $\text{BF}_3$  with the iodine atom in **1** which leads to the inhibition of this potential reaction centre toward fluorination with the electrophilic polarized  $\text{IF}_5$ . A similar reactivity was observed in the case of the isoelectronic cation  $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Xe}]^+$  which could be fluorinated by  $\text{XeF}_2$  in

AHF to 1-Xe(+)heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene [14]. In both cases the electrophilic fluorinating agents generated from  $\text{IF}_5$  or  $\text{XeF}_2$  and the Lewis acids  $\text{BF}_3$  or HF caused the regioselective 1,4-addition of two fluorine atoms to the aromatic ring.

It should be mentioned that the addition of diiodine accelerates the fluorination of **1** with  $\text{IF}_5/\text{BF}_3$ . As well as the nature of the iodine-containing byproduct which results from  $\text{IF}_5$ , the mechanistic aspects of this fluorination reaction require further investigation.

$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectral comparison of the F-2 ( $-104.4$ ;  $-119.0$ ;  $-128.6$  ppm) and F-6,6 ( $-95.6$ ;  $-101.4$ ;  $-105.6$  ppm) shift values in the  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_7\text{Hal}$  series (Hal = I, Br, Cl) shows a good linear correlation of these values with Pauling's *EN* values. However, Hal = F (F-2:  $-158$ ; F-6,6:  $-114$  ppm [15]) deviates significantly from the linear correlation. Consequently, in the case of Hal = I, Br and Cl, F-2 and F-6,6 are mainly influenced by inductive interaction and not by orbital overlap of the halogens into the olefinic  $\pi$ -electron system [9]. In the mass spectrum (EI mode), the molecular cation appears with high intensity whilst its fragmentation to the arenium cation radicals  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{I}^{+\cdot}$  and  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_6^+$  showed a differentiated picture. The latter was formed with high intensity whereas the iodine-centred cation radical  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{I}^{+\cdot}$  was only found in traces.

A lot is known about the thermal stability and reactivity of perfluoroaromatic [2,16] and perfluoroaliphatic [17] derivatives of  $\text{IF}_3$  and  $\text{IF}_5$  from the literature. To our knowledge, however, compounds with perfluorovinyl fragments bonded to the iodine difluoride or tetrafluoride fragment are still unknown. Non-fluorinated species of this type are known but are less stable than the corresponding aromatic derivatives [17]. Hence, we decided to investigate the fluorination of **4** to **7** and to 1-tetrafluoroiodo-1,4-heptafluorocyclohexadiene. Compound **4** can be converted in nearly quantitative yield to **7** by low-temperature fluorination with nitrogen-diluted fluorine. Compound **7** is a colourless solid at room temperature and melts at  $103^\circ\text{C}$  (DTA: endothermic without decomposition) and is still stable above  $150^\circ\text{C}$ . In the EI MS (70 eV), the molecular cation radical appears at a lower intensity than the iodonium cation  $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_7\text{IF}]^+$ . The  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_7\text{I}$  cation radical possesses the highest intensity by far. Furthermore, the  $\text{IF}_2^+$  cation appeared with a low and the cation radical  $\text{IF}^{+\cdot}$  with a high intensity. The  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of a  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution of **7** showed the following resonances:  $\delta$   $-95.65$  (F-2);  $-98.00$  (F-6,6);  $-110.95$  (F-3,3);  $-149.88$  (F-5);  $-156.01$  (F-4);  $-158.36$  ( $-\text{IF}_2$ ) ppm. The  $\text{IF}_2$  group appeared at room temperature as a singlet (hwt = 16 Hz) with a similar shift value and also with a singlet structure as in **2**.

When **7** is dissolved in the basic solvent MeCN, rapid decomposition also takes place at low temperature. This is different to the behaviour of **2** which is stable in MeCN solution, although the parent molecule  $\text{IF}_3$  has been described as being unstable in the presence of bases [18]. Attempts to oxidize **7** with  $\text{XeF}_2$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  failed below  $50^\circ\text{C}$ . Also

nucleophilic fluorine–aryl substitution reactions at the IF<sub>2</sub> group in **7** which can readily occur with **2** were not successful. The fluorine–trifluoroacetoxy substitution reaction investigated by Schmeißer and Naumann [19] for perfluoroalkyl-iodine difluorides cannot be simply transferred to **7**. We were able to show that C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>7</sub>I(F)O<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub> is formed in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, but that the product became unstable and decomposed rapidly when the second fluorine atom was substituted. Compound **7** itself possesses fluorination abilities which could be demonstrated by the conversion of the phosphane (*p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>P to the difluorophosphorane (*p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>PF<sub>2</sub>.

#### 4. Experimental details

All experiments were performed in FEP–PTFE tube reactors or inliners under a dry Ar atmosphere. IF<sub>5</sub> was prepared from the elements and distilled over NaF. BF<sub>3</sub> (BASF) was pretreated over NaF at –78 °C and handled in a stainless steel vacuum line with appropriate gas reservoirs. <sup>19</sup>F NMR measurements were performed in FEP inliners using Varian EM 360 L (56.45 MHz) and Bruker WP 80 SY spectrometers (75.39 MHz). Shift values are referred to CCl<sub>3</sub>F using C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> as internal or SR standard [ $\delta(\text{C}_6\text{F}_6) = -162.9$  ppm]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured with a Bruker WM 300 spectrometer at 75.47 MHz with TMS as SR standard, IR spectra with a Nicolet 20 DXB (extended version: CsI beam splitter) instrument and MS (EI, 20 or 70 eV) with a Varian MAT 311 A spectrometer. Fragments are reported without charge.

##### 4.1. Fluorination of **1** under normal pressure (FEP tube reactor fitted with stopper)

Boron trifluoride, BF<sub>3</sub> (2 mmol), was bubbled through 500  $\mu$ l of a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (0 °C) consisting of 305 mg (1.38 mmol) of IF<sub>5</sub> and 1014 mg (3.45 mmol) of C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>I over a period of 10 min. The solution became dark brown. After 72 h at room temperature (r.t.) only traces of **4** had been formed. Again the same quantity of BF<sub>3</sub> was bubbled through the solution, but this time at –78 °C. After a total reaction time of 168 h at r.t., 5% of **1** had been converted to **4**. BF<sub>3</sub> (2.7 mmol) was then fed through the solution over 20 min at –78 °C and after allowing a total reaction time of 213 h at r.t., it was shown that all the IF<sub>5</sub> has been consumed (<sup>19</sup>F NMR). Even at this stage 54% of **1** was still present, the other part having been oxidized to **4**. Small amounts of CH<sub>2</sub>ClF were also detected. For the separation and purification of the products, see later.

##### 4.2. Fluorination of **1** under normal pressure in the presence of I<sub>2</sub> (FEP tube reactor fitted with stopper)

To a suspension consisting of 7.73 g (30.45 mmol) of I<sub>2</sub> in 25 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 26.05 g (88.62 mmol) of C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>I and a solution consisting of 13.61 g (61.33 mmol) of IF<sub>5</sub> in 5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added. Then 62 mmol of BF<sub>3</sub> were bubbled

Table 1  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR data for **4** (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C): coupling constants in Hz

	F-2	F-3,3	F-4	F-5	F-6,6
C-1	25.6	1.9	5.4	5.4	33.2
C-2	277.6	24.5	6.4	3.0	9.1
C-3	23.0	242.4	28.5	7.1	3.0
C-4	7.8	25.1	278.1	11.0	7.9
C-5	1.9	7.1	10.2	282.9	27.6
C-6	10.9	2.3	7.6	22.6	236.1

through the suspension at –78 °C over a period of 25 min with stirring. After 24 h at r.t. and in the absence of light, a second amount of BF<sub>3</sub> was introduced at –78 °C. This led to 40% of **1** being converted to **4**. After storage for 21 d at r.t. without intermediate rate control, 100% of **1** was fluorinated to **4**. The yield of **4** after separation and distillation was 27.86 g (83.93 mmol, 94.7%).

##### 4.3. Fluorination of **1** under 43 bar pressure (FEP inliner in a stainless steel reactor)

IF<sub>5</sub> (381 mg, 1.72 mmol) and 835 mg (2.84 mmol) of C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>I were dissolved in 400  $\mu$ l of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in a FEP inliner inside the stainless steel reactor. Into this solution was condensed 1.7 mmol of BF<sub>3</sub> at –196 °C. The stainless steel reactor was warmed up to r.t. when the pressure inside increased to 43 bar. After 120 h at r.t., BF<sub>3</sub> was separated and <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the reaction mixture showed that all the IF<sub>5</sub> had been consumed and that 82% of **1** had reacted to **4**. In addition, traces of CH<sub>2</sub>ClF, CH<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>Cl were also found.

##### 4.4. Separation and purification of **4**

The cold reaction mixture was poured on to a mixture of ice, CaCO<sub>3</sub> and KOH (10%) with vigorous stirring. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> phase was separated and the aqueous phase extracted three times with the same amount of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> phases were washed with dilute H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and treated with NaHSO<sub>3</sub> solution at a pH of 2 until the iodine colour had disappeared. After washing with water (until neutral) and drying over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was distilled off and the residue fractionated using a 30 cm Vigreux column (b.p. 126.5–127 °C;  $d^{20} = 2.169$  g cm<sup>–3</sup>; m.p. –35.0 °C).

Compound **4**: <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 35 °C)  $\delta$ : –95.59 (F-6,6); –104.36 (F-2); –111.84 (F-3,3); –149.65 (F-5); –157.87 (F-4) ppm. [<sup>3</sup>J(F-2, F-3) = 24.3 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J(F-2, F-4) ~ 0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J(F-2, F-6) = 10.2 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J(F-2, F-5) = 2.7 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J(F-3, F-4) = 19.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J(F-3, F-5) = 10.6 Hz, <sup>5</sup>J(F-3, F-6) = 4.6 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J(F-4, F-5) = 4.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J(F-4, F-6) = 10.3 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J(F-5, F-6) = 23.1 Hz]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C)  $\delta$ : 78.33 (C-1); 106.76 (C-3); 109.59 (C-6); 138.52 (C-4); 139.48 (C-5); 155.44 (C-2) ppm<sup>1</sup>. MS (20 eV) *m/z* (rel.

<sup>1</sup> The <sup>13</sup>C NMR coupling constants for compound **4** are listed separately in Table 1.

int./%, fragment): 332 (81, M<sup>+</sup>); 313 (3, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>I); 294 (2, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>I) 282 (2, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>5</sub>I); 263 (5, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>4</sub>I); 205 (73, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>7</sub>); 186 (59, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>); 167 (7, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>); 155 (100, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>5</sub>); 136 (16, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>4</sub>); 131 (5, C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>); 127 (24, I); 124 (4, C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>4</sub>); 117 (79, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>); 105 (13, C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>); 98 (13, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>2</sub>); 93 (49, C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>); 86 (14, C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>2</sub>); 79 (8, C<sub>5</sub>F); 74 (15, C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>); 69 (60, CF<sub>3</sub>); 55 (C<sub>3</sub>F). IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1772 (s); 1735 (s); 1374 (m); 1347 (w); 1306 (vs); 1227 (vs); 1068 (vs); 1055 (vs); 960 (vs); 795 (s); 774 (s); 638 (w); 596 (m); 463 (m).

#### 4.5. Low-temperature fluorination of 4 with F<sub>2</sub>

Into a cold (−78 °C), stirred solution containing 3.469 g (10.45 mmol) of 4 in 40 ml of CCl<sub>3</sub>F was discharged a precooled gas mixture (3% F<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>, ≤ 18 mmol F<sub>2</sub>) over 35 h. During such discharge, compound 7 precipitated as colourless solid. After separation and washing with cold CCl<sub>3</sub>F, 7 was dried in vacuum. Yield 3.579 g (9.67 mmol, 93%). To achieve further purification, 7 was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Yield 2.846 g (7.69 mmol, 74%); m.p. 103.0 °C (DTA): 106.5 °C endothermic maximum; neutralization equivalent; 180.45 (calc. 184.98) g mol<sup>-1</sup><sub>OH<sup>-</sup></sub>.

Compound 7: <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 35 °C) δ: −95.65 (F-2); −98.00 (F-6,6); −110.95 (F-3,3); −149.88 (F-5); −156.01 (F-4); −158.36 (s, IF<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C) δ: 153.7 (C-2, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C,F</sub> = 297 Hz); 138.2 (C-5, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C,F</sub> = 278 Hz); 136.9 (C-4, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C,F</sub> = 280 Hz); 109.0 (C-6, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C,F</sub> = 254.4 Hz); 105.2 (C-3, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C,F</sub> = 246 Hz) ppm. MS (70 eV) m/z (rel. int./%, fragment): 370 (2, M<sup>+</sup>); 351 (16, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>7</sub>IF); 332 (100, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>7</sub>I); 313 (4, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>I); 301 (2, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>6</sub>I); 294 (2, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>I); 282 (3, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>5</sub>I); 263 (5, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>2</sub>I); 224 (30, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>8</sub>); 205 (69, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>7</sub>); 193 (4, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>7</sub>); 186 (47, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>); 174 (11, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>6</sub>); 167 (5, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>); 165 (2, IF<sub>2</sub>); 162 (2, C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>6</sub>); 155 (87, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>5</sub>); 146 (50, IF); 143 (4, C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>5</sub>); 136 (12, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>4</sub>); 131 (7, C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>); 127 (15, I); 124 (8, C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>4</sub>); 117 (46, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>); 112 (2, C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>4</sub>); 105 (8, C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>); 98 (6, C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>2</sub>); 93 (28, C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>); 86 (6, C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>2</sub>); 79 (4, C<sub>5</sub>F); 74 (7, C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>); 69 (32, CF<sub>3</sub>); 55 (3, C<sub>3</sub>F); IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1833 (vw); 1773 (s); 1751 (s); 1700 (s); 1471 (vs, b); 1356 (vs); 1308 (s); 1263 (vs); 1229 (vs); 1214 (sh); 1176 (s); 1140 (s); 1099 (s); 1085 (sh); 1077 (s); 990 (sh); 948 (vs); 880 (sh); 801 (s); 785 (vs); 777 (s); 710 (w); 661 (w); 653 (w); 640 (w); 628 (w); 609 (m); 594 (m); 541 (m); 526 (s); 512 (s); 475 (s, b); 464 (s); 417 (w).

#### 4.6. Fluorine–trifluoroacetoxy substitution on 7 (under stoichiometric reaction conditions)

To a solution consisting of 50 mg (135 μmol) of 7 in 300 μl of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at −10 °C, <28.4 mg (135 μmol) of [CF<sub>3</sub>C(O)]<sub>2</sub>O were added with stirring. The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum at −10 °C showed, beside small quantities of 7, equimolar amounts of CF<sub>3</sub>C(O)F [δ: −74.5 (CF<sub>3</sub>); 16.4

(C(O)F) ppm] and C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>7</sub>I(F)OC(O)CF<sub>3</sub> [δ: −93.4 (F-2); −98.2 (F-6,6); −111.2 (F-3,3); −137.7 (IF); −149.5 (F-5); −155.5 (F-4) ppm]. Addition of a further equivalent of [CF<sub>3</sub>C(O)]<sub>2</sub>O or warming up to r.t. caused decomposition of the iodo compound.

#### 4.7. Fluorinating ability of 7: fluorination of phosphane

Compound 7 (125 mg, 338 μmol) in 600 μl of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added to a solution of 107 mg (338 μmol) of (*p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>P dissolved in 300 μl of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. (*p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>PF<sub>2</sub> was formed quantitatively [<sup>19</sup>F NMR δ: −39.6 (d, PF<sub>2</sub>, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>FP</sub> = 667.4 Hz); −108.6 (*p*-F) ppm].

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