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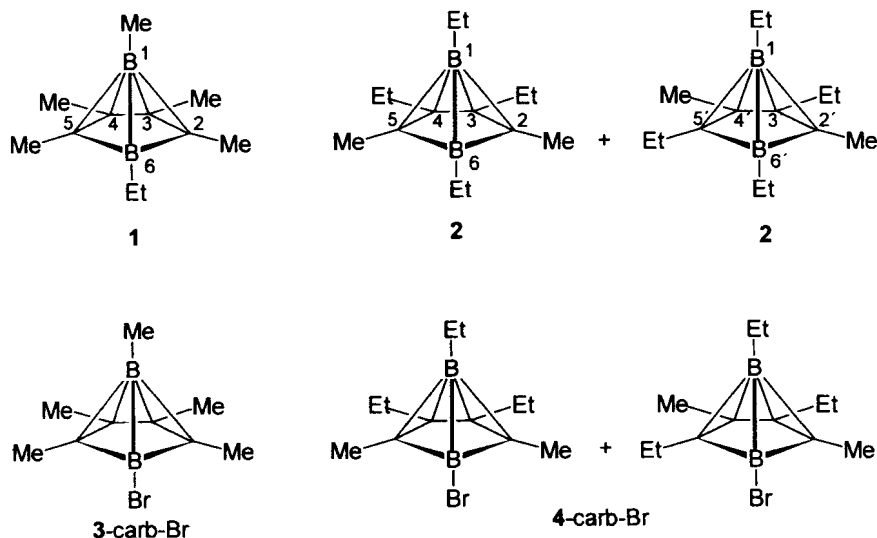
Pentaalkyl-6-bromo-2,3,4,5-tetracarba-*nido*-hexaboranes(6) (3-carb-Br and 4-carb-Br) react with lithium-diphenylphosphide to give the 6-diphenylphosphino substituted carboranes 3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> and 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub>. 3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> can be oxidized to give the respective oxide, sulfide and selenide. Treatment of 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> with an excess of methyl iodide cleaves the P-B bond and 4-carb-I is formed together with [Me<sub>2</sub>Ph<sub>2</sub>P]<sup>+</sup>I. 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> reacts with borane in tetrahydrofuran (BH<sub>3</sub>-THF/THF) or W(CO)<sub>5</sub>-THF/THF to give the BH<sub>3</sub> and W(CO)<sub>5</sub> complexes. All products were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>11</sup>B, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy.

**Keywords:** Boron; Phosphorus; Carborane; NMR

### INTRODUCTION

Peralkylated 2,3,4,5-tetracarba-*nido*-hexaboranes(6) **1** and **2** have been known since the mid-sixties<sup>[1]</sup> and were found to be exceptionally stable compounds, in contrast to the parent derivative C<sub>4</sub>B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub><sup>[2]</sup>. In order to study the chemistry of the carboranes **1** and **2**, functional groups other than alkyl at one or both boron atoms are needed. Recently, we have reported on the synthesis of tetraalkyl-1,6-dibromo-<sup>[3]</sup> and pentaalkyl-6-bromo-derivatives 3-carb-Br and 4-carb-Br<sup>[4]</sup>, and the basic structure of such alkylated carboranes has been determined by an X-ray diffraction analysis of the pentamethyl derivative with an N-bonded Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>-μ-SN fragment in 6-position<sup>[5]</sup>. The 6-bromo-derivatives **3** and **4** have already served for the synthesis of novel tin-boron compounds such as carb-SnPh<sub>3</sub> and carb-SnCl<sub>3</sub><sup>[6]</sup>. Here we report that the pentaalkylcarboranyl moiety

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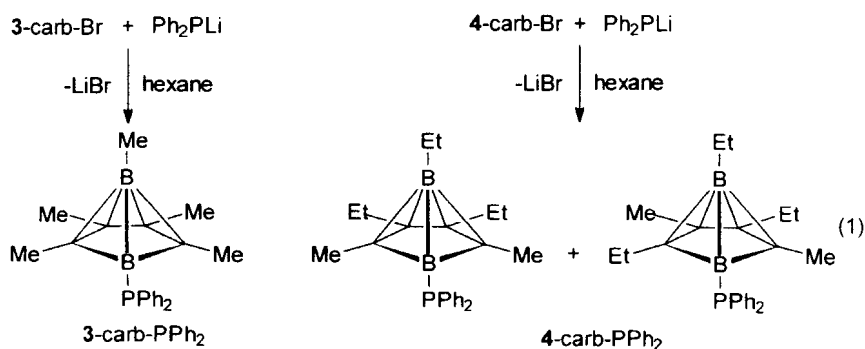


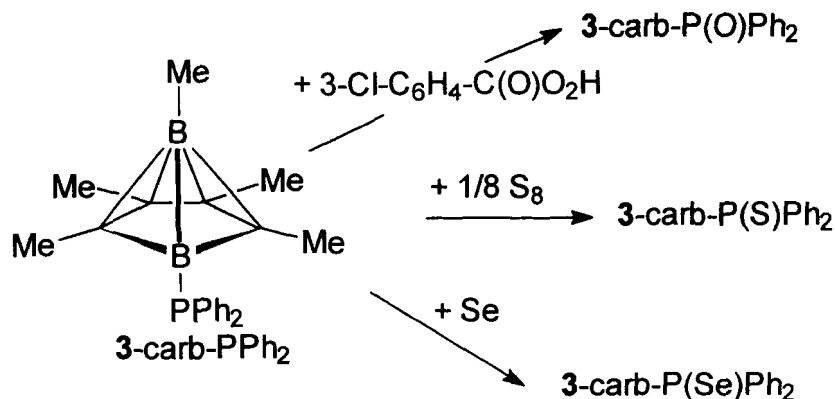
can be linked to phosphorus as shown for the  $\text{Ph}_2\text{P}$  derivatives 3-carb- $\text{PPh}_2$  and 4-carb- $\text{PPh}_2$ . A few reactions typical of phosphanes are studied.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Synthesis

The reaction of 3-carb-Br and the isomers 4-carb-Br with  $\text{Ph}_2\text{PLi}$  proceeds readily to give the new phosphines 3-carb- $\text{PPh}_2$  and 4-carb- $\text{PPh}_2$  in high yield (Scheme 1). There was no indication of cluster degradation or of any rearrangement of the 6-substituted isomers to the 1-substituted isomers. This is in agree-





ment with previous findings for the reaction of carb-Br with organo-<sup>[7]</sup> or stannyl lithium compounds<sup>[6]</sup>.

The new phosphane 3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> shows the expected typical behavior in the reactions summarized in Scheme 2. Further reactions were carried out with 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> on a small scale in NMR tubes in order to explore the reactivity towards methyl iodide, BH<sub>3</sub>-THF/THF and W(CO)<sub>5</sub>-THF/THF (Scheme 3). In the case of the latter two reactions, the carboranyl group does not exert any particular effect. However, in the reaction with methyl iodide, the P-B bond is cleaved giving rise to the formation of the 6-iodo derivatives 4-carb-I and [Me<sub>2</sub>Ph<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>I. This indicates that a systematic study is necessary in order to com-

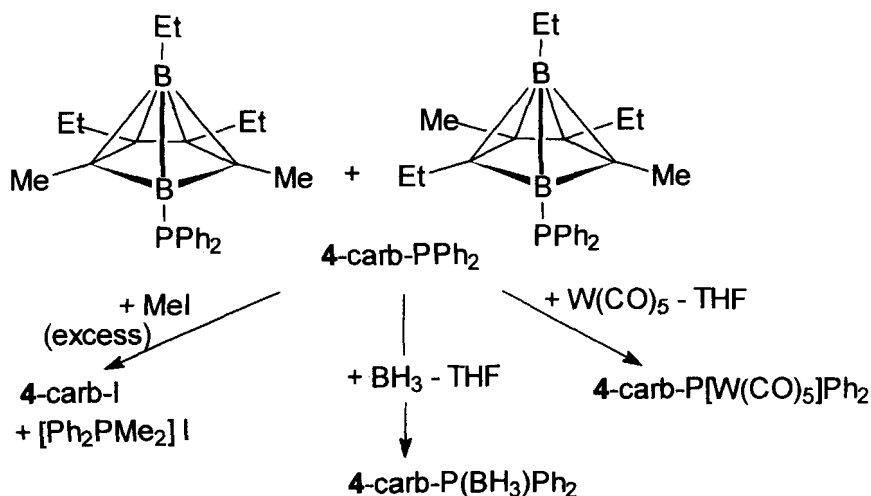


TABLE I  $^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR data<sup>[a]</sup> of 6-diphenylphosphino- and 6-diphenyl-phosphoryl-pentamethyl-2,3,4,5-tetracarba-*nido*-hexaboranes 3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub>, and 3-carb-P(O)Ph<sub>2</sub>, 3-carb-P(S)Ph<sub>2</sub>, 3-carb-P(Se)Ph<sub>2</sub>,<sup>[b]</sup>

		3-carb-PPh <sub>2</sub>	3-carb-P(O)Ph <sub>2</sub>	3-carb-P(S)Ph <sub>2</sub>	3-carb-P(Se)Ph <sub>2</sub>
$\delta^{11}\text{B}$	B(1)	-43.7	-42.9	-42.6	-42.4
	B(6)	14.0	8.9	11.1	10.9
$\delta^{31}\text{P}$	[ $^1\text{J}(^{31}\text{P}^{11}\text{B})$ ]	-59.9[80]	34.8[215]	14.4[200]	-4.5[190]
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	B(1)-Me	-17.3 (80)	-17.5 (80)	-17.7 (80)	-17.8 (80)
	C(2/5)	100.0[br][11.0 <sup>[c]</sup> ]	100.3[br]	100.5[br][15.0 <sup>[c]</sup> ]	100.2[br]
	C(3/4)	110.2[4.4]	111.9[13.0]	110.6[12.5]	110.6[12.0]
	C(2/5)-Me	11.0[4.9]	10.9[< 1]	10.8[< 1]	10.8[< 1]
	C(3/4)-Me	9.4[< 1]	9.0[< 1]	9.1[< 1]	9.0[< 1]
	PPh <sub>2</sub> ; C <sub>i</sub>	140.2[10.4]	138.7[97.3]	137.4[64.0]	135.0[58.0]
	C <sub>o</sub>	134.8[17.4]	131.6[10.2]	131.8 [10.0]	132.5 [10.9]
	C <sub>m</sub>	128.5 [7.1]	128.6 [13.4]	128.4 [11.2]	128.4 [10.9]
	C <sub>p</sub>	128.3 [ < 1]	130.4 [ < 1]	130.2 [3.0]	130.2 [2.7]

[a] In C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 25 ± 1 °C; coupling constants  $^1\text{J}(^{31}\text{P},^{11}\text{B})$  (± 10 Hz) and  $\text{J}(^{31}\text{P},^{13}\text{C})$  (± 0.8 Hz) are given in square brackets,  $^1\text{J}(^{13}\text{C},^{11}\text{B})$  (± 5 Hz) in parentheses; [br] indicates the broad signal of a boron-bonded carbon atom owing to unresolved scalar  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^{11}\text{B}$  coupling

[b]  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR:  $\delta^{77}\text{Se} = -334.0$ ;  $^1\text{J}(^{77}\text{Se},^{31}\text{P}) = 667.0 \pm 3$  Hz

[c] From heteronuclear  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H},^{11}\text{B}\}$  triple resonance experiments.

pare the behavior of 3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> or 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> with Ph<sub>3</sub>P or Ph<sub>2</sub>(R)P in general.

## NMR Spectroscopic Results

$^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR data of the carborane derivatives are given in Table I and Table II (see Experimental for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data). The NMR data are fully consistent with the proposed structures. The relatively sharp  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR signals at ca.  $\delta -42 \pm 1$  are typical of an apical B(1)-alkyl group<sup>[8]</sup>. The  $\delta^{11}\text{B}(6)$  values change slightly for different substituents, and the  $^{11}\text{B}$  nuclei become more deshielded by the phosphino than by the various phosphoryl substituents. This is the same trend as for the  $^{13}\text{C}_i$  resonance signals.  $^{11}\text{B}$ - and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra serve as excellent tools for monitoring the progress of the reaction and determining the product distribution. As an example, Figure 2 shows that the formation of 4-carb-P(BH<sub>3</sub>)Ph<sub>2</sub> is readily evident from the  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectra, and that both P-B bonds in this borane adduct are kinetically stable in the presence of a large excess of BH<sub>3</sub>-THF. In the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra the formation of the P-B bond is indicated either by a broad singlet (3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> and 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub>) or a partially relaxed quartet [ $^1\text{J}(^{31}\text{P},^{11}\text{B})$  is given by the difference between the frequencies of the inner lines] owing to scalar relaxation of the second kind<sup>[9]</sup>.

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra show all the required signals, together with the typical pattern of the *nido*-C<sub>4</sub>B<sub>2</sub> cage<sup>[8]</sup>: broad (partially relaxed scalar  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^{11}\text{B}$  coup-

TABLE II  $^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR-data<sup>[a]</sup> of 4-carb-PPH<sub>2</sub> and complexes with BH<sub>3</sub> and W(CO)<sub>5</sub>

	4-carb-PPH <sub>2</sub>	4-carb-P[W(CO) <sub>5</sub> ]Ph <sub>2</sub>	4-carb-P(BH <sub>3</sub> )Ph <sub>2</sub>
$\delta^{11}\text{B}$	B(1) -44.0	-43.6	-43.9
$\delta^{31}\text{P}$	B(6) 14.3	14.7	10.7 <sup>[b]</sup>
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	-59.6	-40.7/-42.7 (ratio 2:1 <sup>[d]</sup> )	-24.2 [180]
	-4.4 [br] (86); 11.7	-3.9 [br]; 10.1	-4.8[br]; 10.2
	C(2/2') 99.7[br][10.9 <sup>[c]</sup> ]; 99.4 [br][10.9 <sup>[c]</sup> ]	97.9 [br]; 97.9 [br]	100.7 [br]; 100.7 [br]
	C(5/5') 99.4[br][10.9 <sup>[c]</sup> ]; 106.3 [br] [10.9 <sup>[c]</sup> ]	97.9 [br]; 103.7 [br]	100.7 [br]; 104.3 [br]
	C(3/3') 114.9 [3.8]; 114.9 [3.8]	116.2 [8.0]; 116.2 [8.0]	116.3 [9.0]; 116.3 [8.7]
	C(4/4') 114.4[3.8]; 109.2 [3.8]	115.3 [8.0]; 109.8 [8.0]	115.6 [8.7]; 110.5 [8.7]
	C(2)-Me 11.8 [3.8]	11.5	10.8
	C(2')-Me 11.8 [3.8]	11.5	10.8
	C(3)-Et 19.3 [4.9]; 15.1	18.7 [8.8]; 14.2	19.0[ 14.2
	C(3')-Et 17.8 [6.0]; 13.7	17.7; 13.6	17.7 [8.5]; 13.8
	C(4)-Et 19.3 [4.9]; 15.1	18.7 [8.8]; 14.2	19.0; 14.7
	C(4')-Me 9.0	9.3	9.1
	C(5)-Me 11.8 [3.8]	11.5	10.8
	C(5')-Et 17.8 [6.0]; 12.9	17.7; 12.8	17.7 [8.5]; 12.9
	PPH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>i</sub> 139.9[9.8]; 139.8[9.8];	137.2[37.5];137.1[37.5];137.0[36.9]	133.3[47.3];133.3[47.2];133.5[47.6]
	C <sub>o</sub> 135.5[16.3]; 135.2[16.3];134.9[17.4];	134.8[11.2];134.2[11.0];134.1[11.2]	134.1[8.7];133.9[8.2];133.8[8.7]
	C <sub>m</sub> 128.5[9.0];127.3[9.3];127.1[10.3];	128.6[9.7];128.5[9.7];128.4[9.7]	128.5[9.8];128.4[9.3]
	C <sub>p</sub> 128.4 [2.2-3.2]	129.3[2.1];129.2[2.1];129.1[2.1]	129.9[3];129.8[3]

[a] In C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at  $25 \pm 1$  °C; coupling constants  $J(^3\text{P}, ^{11}\text{B})$  ( $\pm 10$  Hz) and  $J(^3\text{P}, ^{13}\text{C})$  ( $\pm 0.8$  Hz) are given in square brackets,  $J(^{13}\text{C}, ^{11}\text{B})$  ( $\pm 5$  Hz) in parentheses; [br] indicates the broad signal of a boron-bonded carbon atom owing to unresolved scalar  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^{11}\text{B}$  coupling; n.m. means not measured owing to insufficient signal-to-noise ratio.

[b]:  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  (carb-P-BH<sub>3</sub>) = 39.9, broad,  $J(^3\text{P}, ^{11}\text{B})$  and  $J(^{11}\text{B}, ^1\text{H})$  are not resolved.

[c] From selective heteronuclear  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}, ^{11}\text{B}\}$  triple resonance experiments.

[d]  $\delta^{13}\text{C}(\text{CO}_{\text{eq}}) = 198.8$  [6.3] ( $J^{183}\text{W}, ^{13}\text{C} = 126$  Hz);  $198.9$  [6.1] {126} (ratio 2:1);  $\delta^{13}\text{C}(\text{CO}_{\text{trans}}) = 200.3$  [16.9]{n.m.};  $200.4$  [16.9]{n.m.}. (ratio 2:1).

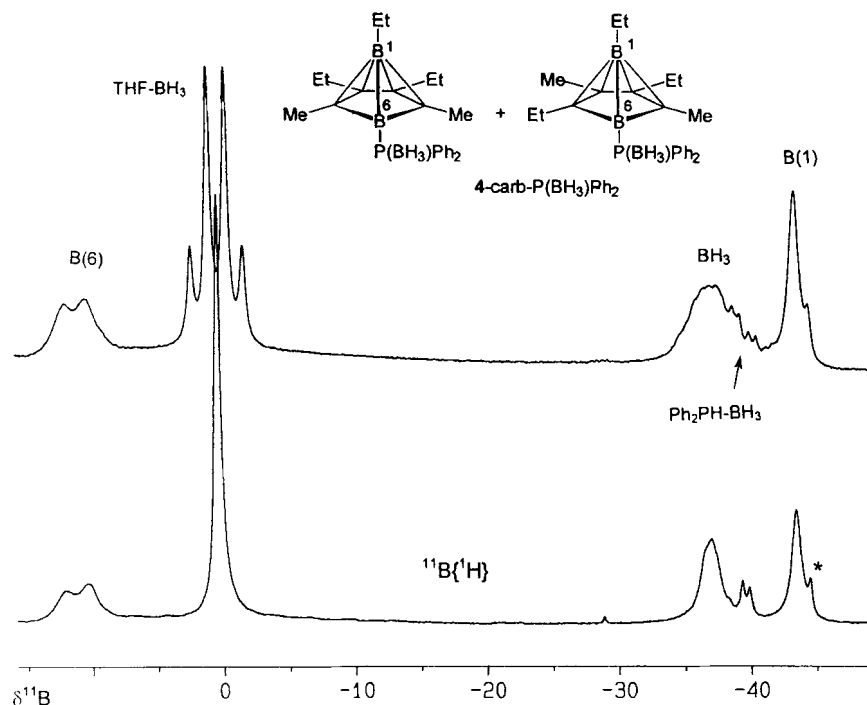


FIGURE 1 80.3 MHz  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectra (with and without  $^1\text{H}$  decoupling) of the reaction solution containing 4-carb- $\text{P}(\text{BH}_3)\text{Ph}_2$  in the presence of a large excess of  $\text{THF-BH}_3$ . The sample also contains a small amount of  $\text{Ph}_2\text{PH-BH}_3$ , which arises from traces of  $\text{Ph}_2\text{PH}$  present in 4-carb- $\text{PPh}_2$ .

ling<sup>[8,10]</sup>  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signals for the C(2,5)- and sharp signals for the C(3,4) atoms as doublets owing to  $^3\text{J}(^{31}\text{P}, ^{13}\text{C}(3,4))$ . By selective heteronuclear  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}, ^{11}\text{B}\}$  triple resonance experiments, the broad  $^{13}\text{C}(2,5)$  NMR signals become sharp doublets owing to  $^2\text{J}(^{31}\text{P}, ^{13}\text{C}(2,5))$  (Figure 2).

The comparison of  $^1\text{J}(^{31}\text{P}, ^{13}\text{C})$  and  $^1\text{J}(^{31}\text{P}, ^{11}\text{B})$  values for  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$  and derivatives with those for 3-carb- $\text{PPh}_2$  and derivatives (Table III) suggests that rehybridization<sup>[11]</sup> at the phosphorus atom in the P(V) compounds is induced by the 6-carboranyl group. The large magnitude of the coupling constants  $^1\text{J}(^{31}\text{P}, ^{11}\text{B})$  indicates increased s character of the P-B hybrid orbital, whereas the smaller magnitude of  $^1\text{J}(^{31}\text{P}, ^{13}\text{C})$  in 3-carb- $\text{P}(\text{E})\text{Ph}_2$  ( $\text{E} = \text{O}, \text{S}, \text{Se}$ ) as compared with  $\text{P}(\text{E})\text{Ph}_3$  indicates reduced s character in the P-C hybrid orbitals. The  $\delta^{31}\text{P}$  values in Table III also show the markedly different substituent effects exerted by the 6-carboranyl and phenyl groups.

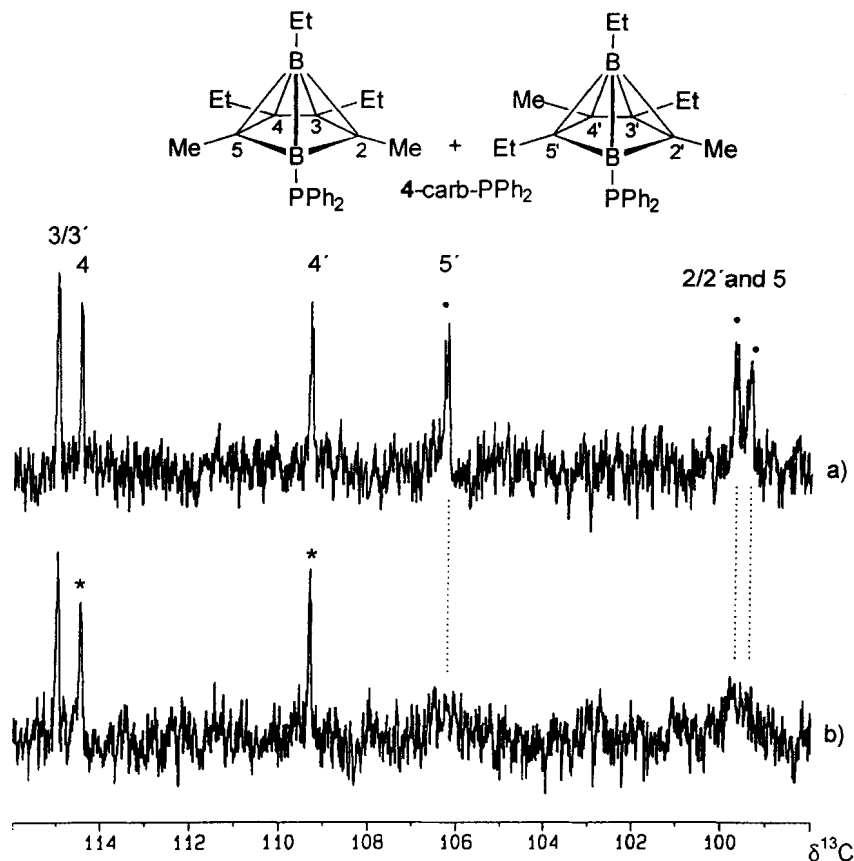


FIGURE 2 125.75 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the isomers 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> showing the carboranecage  $^{13}\text{C}$  resonances a) Heteronuclear  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H},^{11}\text{B}(6)\}$  triple resonance experiment showing C(2/2' to 5/5'), with resolved splitting owing to  $^2J(^{31}\text{P},^{13}\text{C})$  and  $^3J(^{31}\text{P},^{13}\text{C})$  as marked (\*).  $^{13}\text{C}(2/2')$  and  $^{13}\text{C}(5/5')$  resonances are broad due to partially relaxed scalar  $^{13}\text{C}-^{11}\text{B}$  coupling. b) Normal  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum showing the same region as in a). The  $^{13}\text{C}(2/2')$  and  $^{13}\text{C}(5/5')$  resonances are now typically broad due to partially relaxed scalar  $^{13}\text{C}-^{11}\text{B}$  coupling.

## CONCLUSIONS

The first 2,3,4,5-tetracarba-*nido*-hexaborane(6) derivatives with a phosphino group in 6-position were prepared, and characterized by multinuclear magnetic resonance. Oxidation of these compounds leads to the first boron compounds in which boron is linked to phosphorus in the formal +5 oxidation state. Although the P-B bond is cleaved by the attempt to prepare a methyl phosphonium iodide, the P-B bond is stable in the presence of an excess of borane, and therefore, the new phosphanes may become interesting ligands in coordination chemistry.



TABLE III Comparison of  $\delta^{31}\text{P}$  values and coupling constants  $^1J(^{31}\text{P},^{13}\text{C})$  and  $^1J(^{31}\text{P},^{11}\text{B})$  (proposed signs are given in parentheses) for  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$  and 3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> derivatives

	$\delta^{31}\text{P}$	$^1J(^{31}\text{P},^{13}\text{C}_i)$	$^1J(^{31}\text{P},^{13}\text{C}_i)$	$^1J(^{31}\text{P},^{11}\text{B})$	$\delta^{31}\text{P}$	
$\text{PPh}_3$	-6.0	-12.5 <sup>[a]</sup>	(- )10.0	(+ )80	-59.9	3-carb-PPh <sub>2</sub>
$\text{P(O)Ph}_3$	+29.3	+104.4 <sup>[b]</sup>	(+ )94.3	(+ )215	+34.8	3-carb-P(O)Ph <sub>2</sub>
$\text{P(S)Ph}_3$	+43.2	(+ )88.5 <sup>[c]</sup>	(+ )67.0	(+ )200	+14.4	3-carb-P(S)Ph <sub>2</sub>
$\text{P(Se)Ph}_3$	+34.1	(+ )75.8 <sup>[d]</sup>	(+ )58.0	(+ )190	-4.5	3-carb-P(Se)PPh <sub>2</sub>

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## EXPERIMENTAL

All reactions were carried out in an inert atmosphere of Ar or N<sub>2</sub>, using carefully dried solvents, oven-dried glassware, and generally observing all necessary precautions to exclude moisture and oxygen. 6-Ethyl-pentamethyl-2,3,4,5-tetracarba-*nido*-hexaborane(6) (**1**) and a 2:1 mixture of the isomers 2,4-dimethyl-1,3,5-triethyl- and 2,5-dimethyl-1,3,4-triethyl-2,3,4,5-tetracarba-*nido*-hexaboranes(6) (**2**)<sup>[1]</sup> served as starting materials. These were converted into the bromides 3-carb-Br and 4-carb-Br<sup>[4]</sup>. Suspensions of LiPPh<sub>2</sub> in hexane were prepared in the usual way from diphenylphosphane and <sup>n</sup>BuLi (1.6 M in hexane).

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>11</sup>B, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>31</sup>P, <sup>77</sup>Se NMR spectra were recorded by using Bruker AC 300, ARX 250, and DRX 500 instruments equipped with multinuclear probe heads (ca. 10–20% in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 25 ± 1°C in 5mm o.d. tubes, if not mentioned otherwise). Heteronuclear <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>11</sup>B} triple resonance experiments were carried out using the Bruker DRX 500 spectrometer equipped with three independent frequency channels. Chemical shifts are given with respect to Me<sub>4</sub>Si [ $\delta^1\text{H}$  7.15 (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>H); 7.24 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  128.0 (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>); 77.0 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)], external Et<sub>2</sub>O-BF<sub>3</sub> [ $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  = 0 for  $\Xi(^{11}\text{B})$  = 32.083971 MHz], external H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (85%, aq.) [ $\delta^{31}\text{P}$  = 0 for  $\Xi(^{31}\text{P})$  = 40.480747 MHz], and external neat Me<sub>2</sub>Se [ $\delta^{77}\text{Se}$  = 0 for  $\Xi(^{77}\text{Se})$  = 19.071523 MHz].-IR spectra were recorded by using a Perkin-Elmer 983G spectrometer.

### 6-Diphenylphosphino-1,2,3,4,5-pentamethyl-2,3,4,5-tetracarba-*nido*-hexaborane(6) 3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub>

3-carb-Br (1.3 g; 0.94 ml; 5.8 mmol) was added to a suspension of LiPPh<sub>2</sub> (5.8 mmol) in 50ml of hexane. The reaction mixture was heated for 12 h at 60°C. Then insoluble material was filtered off and the solvent was removed in vacuo.

Fractional distillation gave a 1.88 g of **3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub>** as a colorless oil (b.p. 50°C/10<sup>-4</sup> Torr; yield 87%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: δ<sup>1</sup>H -0.64 br (s, 3H, B(1)-Me); 1.38 (s, 6H, C(2/5)-Me); 1.42 (s, 6H, C(3/4)-Me), 7.0 to 7.8 (m, 10H, -PPh<sub>2</sub>).

**6-Diphenylphosphinyl-1,2,3,4,5-pentamethyl-2,3,4,5-tetracarba-nido-hexaborane(6) 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub>**

The mixture of isomers **4-carb-Br** (0.91 ml; 4.4 mmol) was added to a suspension of LiPPh<sub>2</sub> (4.4 mmol) in 30 ml of hexane at -78°C. After 15 minutes the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was heated for 5 h at 60°C. Insoluble material was filtered off, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. Distillation of the yellow residue gave 1.39 g of **4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub>** as a colorless oil (b.p. 55°C/10<sup>-4</sup> Torr; yield 85%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: δ<sup>1</sup>H 0.19 br (q), 0.72 br (t) (15H, B(1)-Et); 1.50 (s, 12H, C(2/2'/5)-Me); 1.97 bis 2.16 (m), 0.94 (t), (10H, C(3/4)-Et); 1.90 bis 1.99 (m), 0.91 (t), (10H, C(3')-Et); 1.90 bis 2.00 (m), 0.89 (t), (10H, C(5')-Et); 1.56 (s, 6H, C(4')-Me); 6.9 bis 8.05 (m, 30H, -PPh<sub>2</sub>).

**6-Diphenylphosphoryl-1,2,3,4,5-pentamethyl-2,3,4,5-tetracarba-nido-hexaborane(6) 3-carb-P(O)Ph<sub>2</sub>**

A solution of 3-chloroperbenzoic acid (0.25 g; 0.08 mmol) in 10 ml of THF was added to a solution of **3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub>** (0.03 g; 0.08 mmol) in 20 ml of THF at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h, the solvent was removed in vacuo. **3-carb-P(S)Ph<sub>2</sub>** was obtained as a white waxy solid (0.03 g; 90%; mp. 150–157°C). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: δ<sup>1</sup>H -0.50 br (s, 3H, B(1)-Me); 1.21 (s, 6H, C(2/5)-Me); 1.49 (s, 6H, C(3/4)-Me), 6.90 to 8.18 (m, 10H, -PPh<sub>2</sub>).

**6-Diphenylthiophosphoryl-1,2,3,4,5-pentamethyl-2,3,4,5-tetracarba-nido-hexaborane (6) 3-carb-P(S)Ph<sub>2</sub>**

Sulfur (0.15 g; 0.6 mmol) dissolved in 5 ml of THF was added to a solution of **3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub>** (0.14 g; 0.6 mmol) in 20 ml of THF. After stirring the reaction mixture for 12 h and removing the solvent in vacuo, 0.23 g of **3-carb-P(S)Ph<sub>2</sub>** as a yellowish solid was obtained. (90%; m.p. 162–170°C). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: δ<sup>1</sup>H -0.36 br (s, 3H, B(1)-Me); 1.32 (s, 6H, C(2/5)-Me); 1.40 (s, 6H, C(3/4)-Me), 7.00 to 8.35 (m, 10H, -PPh<sub>2</sub>).

### 6-Diphenylselenophosphoryl-1,2,3,4,5-pentamethyl-2,3,4,5-tetracarbanido-hexaborane(6) 3-carb-P(Se)Ph<sub>2</sub>

A suspension of an excess of selenium (2.8 g; 0.81 mmol) in 5 ml of THF was added to a solution of 3-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> (0.11 g; 0.285 mmol) in 20 ml of THF. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and then the excess of selenium was filtered off. The solvent was removed in vacuo and 3-carb-P(Se)Ph<sub>2</sub> was obtained as a dark solid (0.12 g; >90%; m.p. > 100°C, decomp.). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR; δ<sup>1</sup>H – 0.34 br (s, 3H, B(1)-Me); 1.31 (s, 6H, C(2/5)-Me); 1.40 (s, 6H, C(3/4)-Me), 6.95 to 8.45 (m, 10H, -PPh<sub>2</sub>).

### Reaction of 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> with methyl iodide

A tenfold excess of methyl iodide was added to a solution of 0.05 g (0.13 mmol) of 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> in 0.5 mL of C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>. The <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectrum showed the formation of the isomers 4-carb-I [δ<sup>11</sup>B(1) 5.9, δ<sup>11</sup>B(6) – 42.8<sup>[4]</sup>].

### Reaction of 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> with W(CO)<sub>5</sub>-THF/THF

A THF solution (50 mL) of 0.5 mmol of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>-THF was prepared in the usual way by UV irradiation of W(CO)<sub>6</sub> in THF (1.5 h), and 0.192 g of 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> was added. After stirring for 24 h at room temperature most of the THF was removed in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in 1 mL of C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (see Table II for NMR data). IR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): 2065 w; 1932 s; 1922 m, sh

### Reaction of 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> with BH<sub>3</sub>-THF/THF

A fivefold excess of BH<sub>3</sub>-THF/THF was added to a solution of 0.05 g (0.13 mmol) of 4-carb-PPh<sub>2</sub> in 0.5 mL of C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>. The <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra (Figure 1) showed the formation of the borane adduct 4-carb-P(BH<sub>3</sub>)Ph<sub>2</sub>, together with a small amount of Ph<sub>2</sub>PH-BH<sub>3</sub> [δ<sup>11</sup>B = –39.9, <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>11</sup>B, <sup>1</sup>H) = 105 Hz; δ<sup>31</sup>P = 2.5, <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>31</sup>P, <sup>11</sup>B) = 53 Hz; δ<sup>1</sup>H(PH) = 5.75, <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>31</sup>P, <sup>1</sup>H) = 376 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P) = 7.3 Hz; the NMR data differ from those given Ref 12] which arises from a small amount of Ph<sub>2</sub>PH present in the starting material.

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