

Substituted Tungsten Fluorides

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WF₆ reacts with HOCH₂CF₃ to form F₅W–OCH₂CF₃ and *cis*-WF₄(OCH₂CF₃)₂. CsF is added to F₅WOCH₂CF₃, yielding the heptacoordinated anion [F₅WOCH₂CF₃][–], which has a capped octahedral structure with the oxygen ligand in an equatorial position. The first step of the reaction of WF₆ with HN(CH₂CF₃)₂ results in F₅WN(CH₂CF₃)₂. Excess HN–

(CH₂CF₃)₂ causes deprotonation, yielding the heptacoordinated [F₅W(η²CF₃–CHN–CH₂CF₃)][–] anion. This can be described as a tungstaazacyclopropane derivative or a π complex between F₅W[–] and CF₃–CHN–CH₂CF₃. The only case in which MoF₆ reacts similarly is the formation of F₅Mo–OCH₂CF₃.

Of the 15 known hexafluorides (SF₆, SeF₆, TeF₆, MoF₆, WF₆, TcF₆, ReF₆, RuF₆, OsF₆, RhF₆, IrF₆, PtF₆, UF₆, NpF₆, PuF₆), only a few – TeF₆, WF₆, and to some extent also UF₆ – have been considered as starting material for other hexacoordinated molecular compounds prepared by means of nucleophilic substitution. There are many reasons for the failure of such simple reactions, in particular the inertness of SF₆ and SeF₆ towards nucleophilic attack, and the oxidation strengths of most other hexafluorides, which prevents a controlled nucleophilic substitution.

In the case of TeF₆, the step-by-step replacement by OR or NR₂ ligands is well known.^[1–10] For UF₆ the only thoroughly investigated case^[11] seems to be the replacement of the fluorine ligand by the OTeF₅ group. WF₆ can be transformed step by step into WF₅OR and finally to W(OR)₆, although the latter is usually made from WCl₆.^[12–14] CF₃CH₂OH has been treated with WF₆ to give the whole series Cl_xW(OCH₂CF₃)_{6–x}.^[15] F₅W–NR₂ has been prepared in a similar manner; this is the starting point of another series that ends with the known W(NR₂)₆.^[16–18] The ligand –N=C(CF₃)₂ replaces five fluorine atoms of WF₆ in FW[NC(CF₃)₂]₂.^[19]

In the present study, we have chosen systems with R = CH₂–CF₃, in order to obtain some stabilization by the CF₃ group, and to avoid the inertness of fully fluorinated groups such as –C₂F₅.

F₅WO–CH₂CF₃, *cis*-F₄WOCH₂CF₃)₂, and [F₆WOCH₂CF₃][–]

The reaction of WF₆ and CF₃CH₂OH proceeds smoothly in two steps to F₅W–OCH₂CF₃ and *cis*-F₄W(OCH₂CF₃)₂. The first compound is a liquid, and is structurally characterized by the ¹H-, ¹⁹F-, and ¹³C-NMR spectra. The ¹⁹F-

NMR AB₄-type spectra for the F₅W group is, of course, typical. The same method clearly indicates the *cis* position of the two alkoxy groups in F₄W(OCH₂CF₃)₂ by means of the ¹⁹F-NMR A₂B₂-type spectra. The latter compound can also be obtained in crystalline form, and the single-crystal structure determination gives a full account of the molecular structure (see Figure 1 and Table 1).

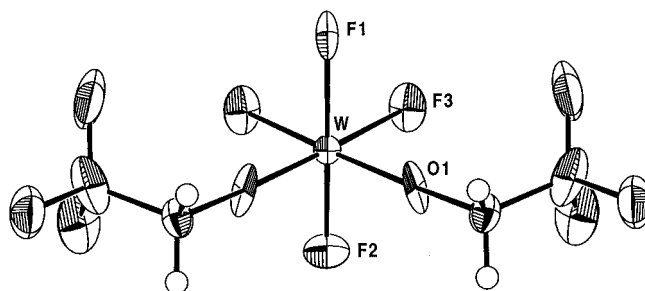


Figure 1. Structure of *cis*-F₄W(OCH₂CF₃)₂ in the crystal, ORTEP plot with 50% ellipsoids

Although the existence and structure of these two species is unsurprising, F₅W–OCH₂CF₃ is the starting material for a simple but theoretically interesting compound. It is easy to add CsF to obtain Cs⁺[WF₆OCH₂CF₃][–]. This compound obviously has, according to a single-crystal structure determination, seven-coordinate tungsten atoms and one ligand that differs from the rest (see Figure 2 and Table 1).

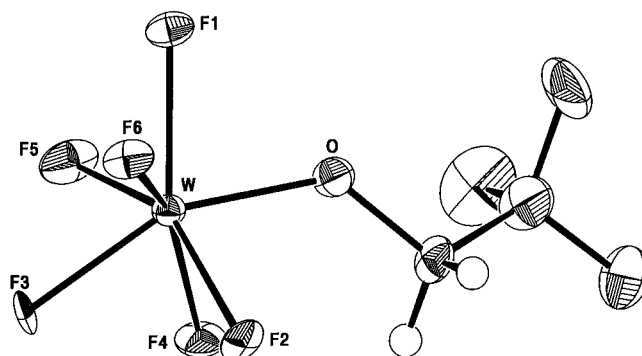
WF₆ is known to add F[–] to form WF₇[–] and WF₈^{2–}; both anions are structurally fully characterized and turn out to be capped octahedral and square antiprismatic.^[20–24] The latter structure seems to be the principle structure of the coordination number 8. For the coordination number 7 we know there are three different geometric orientations that have a very similar ligand repulsion, namely the capped octahedron, the capped trigonal prism, and the pentagonal bipyramid, listed in order of increasing ligand repulsion.^[25] In the main-group series, the pentagonal bipyramid is always obtained, e.g. in IF₇^[26–29]; this is also the case for species with different ligands, such as IOF₆[–], TeF₆OCH₃[–]

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Table 1. Selected bond lengths [pm] and angles [°]

<i>cis</i> -F ₄ W(OCH ₂ CF ₃) ₂		
W–F1	186(2)	
W–F2	182(2)	
W–F3	186(2)	
W–O	181(1)	
F1–W–F2	168.3(7)	
F3–W–F3'	86.5(7)	
etc.		
O–W–O'	93.2(9)	
Cs ⁺ [WF ₆ OCH ₂ CF ₃] [–] · CH ₃ CN		
W–F1	189.9(7)	
W–F2	192.0(6)	
W–F3	190.0(7)	
W–F4	191.4(7)	
W–F5	186.7(8)	
W–F6	188.4(7)	
W–O	183.4(9)	
F1–W–F2	135.4(3)	
F1–W–F3	124.7(3)	
F1–W–F4	136.1(3)	
F1–W–F5	74.6(3)	
F1–W–F6	73.0(3)	
F1–W–O	79.1(4)	
etc.		
FW–N(CH ₂ CF ₃) ₂ first modification, values for the second modification in brackets		
W–F1–5	181.9(4)–187.5(4) [182.9(7)–187.1(7)]	
W–N	194.6(4) [197.1(8)]	
W–N–C2	123.4(3) [122.8(5)]	
W–N–C3	125.0(3) [123.7(6)]	
C2–N–C3	111.6(4) [113.4(7)]	
[(CF ₃ CH ₂) ₂ NH ₂] ⁺ [F ₅ W(η ² CF ₃ –CHN–CH ₂ CF ₃)] [–] , first modification, values for the second modification in brackets		
W–F1–5	185.0(4)–197.9(4) [184.1(5)–196.2(5)]	
W–N1	188.0(5) [187.0(8)]	
W–C3	215.0(9) [212.8(9)]	
N1–C3	142.6(10) [134.9(12)]	
F–W–F	81.3(2)–95.2(2), 159.4(2), 166.4(2) [79.4(2)–93.3(2), 157.6(2), 169.8(3)]	
N1–W–F5	161.8(2) [121.2(3)]	
C3–W–F5	156.2(3) [160.4(3)]	
N1–W–C3	40.8(3) [38.8(4)]	
C3–N1–W	79.8(5) [81.0(5)]	
N1–C3–W	59.4(4) [60.2(5)]	

and TeF₅(OCH₃)₂[–].^[30–33] The oxygen ligands always occupy axial positions in the pentagonal bipyramid. The pentagonal structures of XeF₅[–] and XeOF₅[–] can be similarly explained.^[34–36] Thus, in main-group compounds the overall structure (pentagonal bipyramid) is not the one with minimum interligand repulsion. However, the finer details such as the occupation of different sites by different ligands follow this ligand repulsion model. This finding calls for a theoretical explanation that is beyond the scope of this article.

Figure 2. Structure of the [F₆WOCH₂CF₃][–] anion in Cs⁺[F₆WOCH₂CF₃][–], ORTEP plot with 50% ellipsoid

The situation of the transition-metal compounds is also not straightforward. WF₇[–] and MoF₇[–] display the capped octahedral structure that the simple ligand-repulsion picture leads us to expect.^[20] However, the structure of isoelectronic ReF₇ might best be described as pentagonal bipyramidal, although it is distorted into the direction of a capped octahedron.^[37] ReF₇[–], with just one d electron more than WF₇[–] and ReF₇, has a regular pentagonal bipyramidal structure,^[38] as has ReOF₆[–]^[38], surprising results that also require a theoretical explanation beyond the interligand-repulsion model.

The reaction of F₅W–OCH₂CF₃ with CsF allows a test on a seven-coordinate structure, in which one ligand differs from the other six. It should be kept in mind that the analogous reaction between F₅W–OCH₃ and F[–] yields only WF₅O[–] and CH₃F^[39]. The structure of the anion [F₆WOCH₂CF₃][–] is shown in Figure 2. If viewed from the direction of W–F1, the (pseudo) threefold symmetry of the anion becomes visible.

This symmetry clearly shows that the capped octahedral structure of WF₇[–] is retained in [WF₆OCH₂CF₃][–]. A capped octahedron has three different positional sites: the capping position, three equatorial positions, and three basal positions. The –OCH₂CF₃ ligand occupies an equatorial position, which is obviously the site towards which the larger ligands are directed, since the W–F bond lengths of the equatorial bonds in WF₇[–] are shorter than those of the basal and capping fluorine atoms.

The difference in W–F bond lengths are nearly the same as those in WF₇[–], allowing for certain small deviations induced by the one different ligand. This is also the case for the bond angles within the anion (see Table 1).

It should be kept in mind that these structures are fluxional in solution. As in WF₇[–], the different fluorine atoms in [F₆WOCH₂CF₃][–] show only one signal without ¹⁸³W–¹⁹F coupling, indicating rapid intermolecular fluorine exchange.

In order to check the above described structural model, we attempted to treat *cis*-F₄W(OCH₂CF₃)₂ with CsF. Unfortunately, however, the resulting product could not be obtained in single-crystal form.

$F_5W-N(CH_2CF_3)_2$ and $[F_5W(\eta^2CF_3-CHN-CH_2CF_3)]^-$

Like with $F_5W-N(CH_2CH_3)_2$ ^[16], the compound $F_5W-N(CH_2CF_3)_2$ can readily be obtained from WF_6 and $HN(CH_2CF_3)_2$. It is a crystalline solid and stable at room temperature. Crystal structure investigations resulted in two different crystallizations from pentane or isopentane, a red needle-shaped modification at low temperature, and a brown one at room temperature. However, the two modifications of the $WF_5-N(CH_2CF_3)_2$ molecules are very similar (see Figure 3 and Table 1). In both cases, the nitrogen environment is completely planar, while $N(CH_2CF_3)_3$ has a pyramidally surrounded nitrogen atom. In contrast to the (alkoxy)tungsten fluorides, the different fluorine atoms on the tungsten atom are not resolved in $F_5W-N(CH_2CF_3)_2$ in the temperature range of -90 to $+25^\circ C$ and in different solvents.

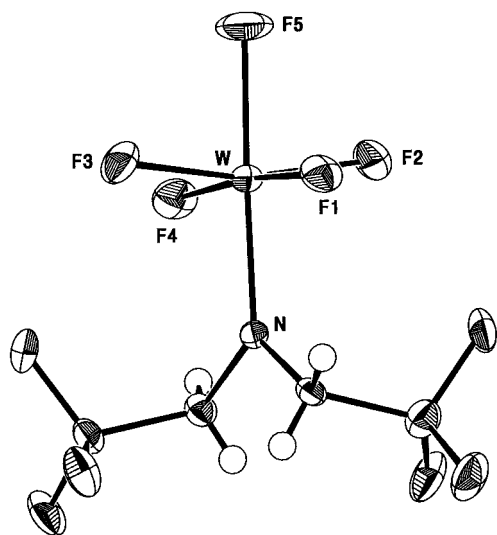


Figure 3. Structure of $F_5W-N(CH_2CF_3)_2$ in the crystal modification (1); ORTEP plot with 50% ellipsoids; overall structure and atomic numbering of modification (2) is the same

Attempts to treat $F_5W-N(CH_2CF_3)_2$ with a second equivalent of $HN(CH_2CF_3)_2$, and the reaction of WF_6 with two equivalents $HN(CH_2CF_3)_2$, do not yield the expected *cis*- $F_4W[N(CH_2CF_3)_2]_2$. Instead we obtained a red-brown compound in the form of needles or platelets; these contain an anion formed by deprotonation according to the single-crystal structure determinations, done as before on two modifications. The structure is in agreement with the complete set of 1H -, ^{19}F -, and ^{13}C -NMR data. One remarkable feature is its tetragonal pyramidal WF_5 group, attached to a CN linkage, which forms a three-membered WNC ring (Figure 4 and Table 1). Thus, it also has a seven-coordinate tungsten atom. The counterion is $[H_2N(CH_2CF_3)_2]^+$. The anion could also be regarded as a π complex between WF_5^- and $CF_3-CHN-CH_2-CF_3$. In addition to its peculiar structure the spontaneous formation of a W-C bond

with help of the weak base $HN(CH_2CF_3)_2$ is another remarkable finding.

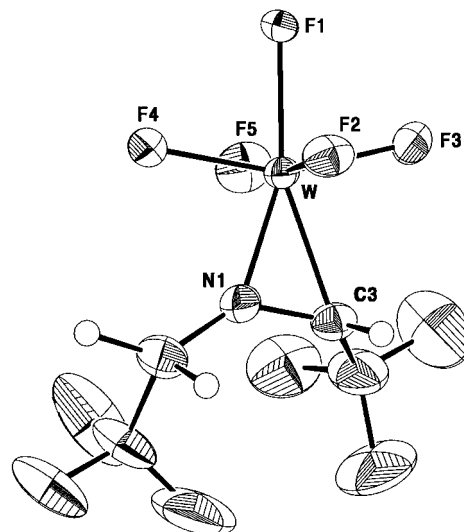


Figure 4. Structure of the anion of $[(CF_3CH_2)_2NH_2]^+[F_5W\eta^2-(CF_3-CHN-CH_2CF_3)]^-$, ORTEP plot with 50% ellipsoids; overall structure and atomic numbering of modification (2) is the same

The existence of highly oxidized organometallic compounds with certain heavy transition-metal elements as central atoms, especially from Re $\{(CH_3)ReO_3$, Cp^*ReO_3 [Cp^* = cyclo- $(CH_3)_5C_5\}$] is, of course, well known.^[40] In the tungsten series recently the compounds Cp^*WF_4 and Cp^*WF_5 have been reported^[41]; these may most closely resemble the tungstaazacyclopropane compound presented in this paper.

Experimental Section

General: All materials were handled in a drybox or in glass or metal vacuum systems in order to avoid hydrolysis. Reaction vessels made of FEP tubing (Perfluoro ether/propene copolymer) were often used. WF_6 and CsF were purchased from Aldrich Co.; MoF_6 and CF_3CH_2OH were purchased from Merck GmbH. $HN(CH_2CF_3)_2$ was prepared from $H_2N-CH_2CF_3$ and $C_4F_9-SO_2-O-CH_2CF_3$. Solvents were carefully dried and degassed before use.

Physical Measurements: The IR spectra were recorded with a Perkin Elmer 883 instrument, the Raman spectra with a Type 1403 of Spex Industries, 1064 nm, 300 mW; and the NMR spectra with a JEOL JNM-LA 400 instrument for 1H , ^{19}F , and ^{13}C . Chemical shifts are given for $CFCl_3$ and tetramethylsilane as standards. Dry-boxes for the use of water-sensitive compounds were obtained from Brown GmbH, Munich, Germany. Elemental analyses were performed by the Beller Co., Göttingen, Germany.

X-ray Crystallographic Procedures: When necessary, suitable single crystals were obtained as described in the experimental procedures. A suitable single crystal was cut, then mounted on an Enraf-Nonius CAD 4 four-cycle diffractometer with help of a special device (a simplified version of the one previously described).^[41] $Mo-K_\alpha$ radiation with a graphite monochromator was used. Lattice constants were obtained by fine adjustment of 25 reflections with θ values between 20 and 25° . X-ray intensities were measured with the ω -scan method, with maximal 60 s/reflection, allowing 25% of this time for background measurements. A Lorentz polarization

and ψ absorption corrections were applied. The structures were solved and refined with the SHELX procedures.^[42] All atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically with a single vibrational parameter for all hydrogen atoms. Most hydrogen atoms could be located in difference Fourier analyses, missing hydrogen atoms were refined using a riding model. Table 2 lists further crystallographic details, while Table 1 lists selected bond lengths and angles. Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structures reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC-102175. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [Fax: int. code + 44(1223)336-033; E-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

F₅W–OCH₂CF₃: 1.44 g (14.5 mmol) of CF₃CH₂OH and 5.34 g (17.9 mmol) of WF₆ are condensed at –196°C with the help of a metal vacuum line into an FEP tube equipped with a metal valve. The mixture is warmed to room temperature, and a slightly pink solution is formed. HF and excess WF₆ are removed by pumping all volatile material through an NaOH/CaO containing FEP tube, and pure F₅W–OCH₂CF₃ is trapped in a –40°C cold FEP trap. The result is 4.2 g (76% yield) of F₅W–OCH₂CF₃ as a colorless liquid. – IR (liquid): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3024 w, 2967 w (C–H), 1438 m, 1395 s, 1285 vs, 1173 vs, 1113 s, 1043 s, 995 m, 951 s, 912 w, 846 w, 840 s, 712 s, 633 vs, 531 w, 486 w, 434 w cm^{–1}. – Raman (liquid): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3020 (8), 2969 (12), 1438 (9), 1395 (5), 1279 (12), 1143 (35), 1043 (1), 951 (6), 841 (40), 771 (5), 734 (100), 638 (10), 618 (35), 529 (30), 364 (30), 306 (60), 247 (5), 185 (4), 122 (20) cm^{–1}. – ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 6.29 (q, ³J_{FH} = 8 Hz). – ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 123.82 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 279 Hz), 80.40 (q, ²J_{CF} = 39 Hz). – ¹⁹F NMR (376.0 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 128.36 (d, ²J_{FF} = 65 Hz), 102.69 (qt, ²J_{FF} = 63 Hz), –72.15 (t, ³J_{HF} = 8 Hz). – MS (70 eV, EI, for ¹⁸⁶W); *m/z* (%): 361 (35) [M⁺ – F], 341 (20) [M⁺ – H – 2 F], 311 (40) [F₅W–OCH₂⁺], 281 (100) [F₅W⁺], and smaller fragments. – C₂H₂F₈OW (377.9): calcd. C 6.36, H 0.71, F 39.3; found C 7.01, H 0.71, F 40.2.

F₃Mo–OCH₂CF₃: 210 mg (2.1 mmol) of CF₃CH₂OH and 530 mg (2.5 mmol) of MoF₆ are treated and purified as described above.

Obtained is a yellow liquid. – ¹⁹F NMR: δ = 239.10 (d, ²J_{FF} = 82 Hz), 223.99 (qt, ²J_{FF} = 86 Hz), –69.96 (t, ³J_{HF} = 8 Hz).

cis-F₄W(OCH₂CF₃)₂: 378 mg (1.0 mmol) F₅W–OCH₂CF₃ is weighed into an FEP tube, equipped with a metal valve. With help of a glass vacuum line 250 mg (2.5 mmol) CF₃CH₂OH is condensed on it at –196°C. Warming to room temperature gives a light brown solution. Volatile HF is pumped off at room temperature. Obtained is 320 mg of cis-F₄W(OCH₂CF₃)₂ as a colorless liquid at room temperature, mp –5°C. – IR (liquid, KBr, ν CH): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1441 s, 1397 s, 1373 m, 1284 vs, 1167 vs, 1105 vs, 1050 m, 952 vs, 839 s, 3024 w, 2967 w, 712 s, 681 vs, 632 vs, 533 m cm^{–1}. – Raman (liquid): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3010 (12), 2962 (30), 2869 (4), 2777 (4), 1440 (25), 1398 (12), 1280 (20), 1156 (50), 1031 (2), 962 (10), 839 (100), 732 (75), 667 (55), 649 (10), 619 (50), 531 (65), 360 (55), 307 (80), 250 (20), 183 (15) cm^{–1}. – ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): δ = 5.94 (q, ³J_{HF} = 8 Hz). – ¹⁹F NMR (CD₃CN): δ = 91.37 (t, ²J_{FF} = 66 Hz), 76.68 (t, ²J_{FF} = 66 Hz), –73.19 (t, ³J_{HF} = 9 Hz). – MS (70 eV, EI for ¹⁸⁶W); *m/z* (%): 441 (15) [M⁺ – F], 421 (8) [M⁺ – H – 2 F], 391 (55) [M⁺ – CF₃], 361 (100) [F₄W – OCH₂CF₃⁺], and smaller fragments.

C₄H₄F₁₀O₂W (457.9): calcd. C 10.49, H 0.88, F 41.49, W 40.1; found C 10.51, H 0.95, F 41.00, W 39.3. Single crystals are obtained by recrystallization at –30°C without solvent.

Cs⁺[F₆WOCH₂CF₃][–]: In a dry-box 152 mg (1 mmol) of CsF and 275 mg (0.7 mmol) of F₅W–OCH₂CF₃ are weighed into an FEP tube. The tube is sealed and heated for 24 h to 60°C. The liquid phase disappears, and a light brown solid is formed. Recrystallization from CH₃CN at –30°C affords Cs⁺F₆W(OCH₂CF₃)[–] as colorless crystals. Under the microscope these appear as thin platelets. – IR (Nujol): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1282 s, 1168 s, 1084 m, 1035 m, 983 s, 946 m, 916 w, 888 w, 830 w, 683 m, 598 vs, 502 s, 435 w cm^{–1}. – Raman (solid): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1296 (10), 1112 (20), 983 (100, br), 841 (30), 733 (80), 711 (75), 663 (100) cm^{–1}. – ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): δ = 5.56 (q, ³J_{HF} = 9 Hz). – ¹³C NMR (CD₃CN): δ = 126.44 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 278 Hz), 73.91 (q, ²J_{CF} = 36 Hz). – ¹⁹F NMR (CD₃CN): δ = 106.40 (s), –73.71 (t, ³J_{HF} = 8 Hz).

Table 2. Crystal data and structure refinements

	<i>cis</i> -F ₄ W(OCH ₂ CF ₃) ₂	Cs ⁺ [F ₆ WOCH ₂ CF ₃] [–]	F ₅ W–N(CH ₂ CF ₃) ₂		[(CF ₃ CH ₂)NH ₂] ⁺ [F ₅ Wη ² (CF ₃ –CHN–CH ₂ CF ₃)] [–]	
			(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
formula weight	457.92	570.85	458.93	458.93	640.15	640.15
[g mol ^{–1}]						
temperature [°C]	–143	–143	–143	–143	–143	–143
space group	<i>Pbnm</i>	<i>P1</i>	<i>P2₁/n</i>	<i>P2₁2₁2₁</i>	<i>P4/n</i>	<i>P2₁/c</i>
<i>a</i> [pm]	494.4(1)	530.6(1)	804.4(1)	546.4(1)	1822.5(1)	1007.5(4)
<i>b</i> [pm]	961.6(1)	727.1(1)	910.6(2)	1292.5(1)	1822.5(1)	1347.4(4)
<i>c</i> [pm]	2100.0(2)	1518.7(2)	1367.5(2)	1346.7(2)	1033.8(1)	1227.6(4)
α [°]	90	93.69(1)	90	90	90	90
β [°]	90	94.95(1)	95.13(1)	90	90	91.69(3)
γ [°]	90	94.46(1)	90	90	90	90
<i>V</i> [10 ⁶ pm ³]	998.4(2)	580.5(1)	997.7(2)	951.0(2)	3433.6(4)	1665.7(10)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	4	4	8	4
$\rho_{\text{calcd.}}$ [Mgm ^{–3}]	3.046	3.266	3.055	3.205	2.476	2.552
μ [mm ^{–1}]	11.71	13.14	11.72	12.29	6.89	7.11
Transmission, max/min	0.95/0.84	0.85/0.62	0.98	0.99/0.89	0.98/0.82	
reflections						
collected	660	3613	35.30	1627	2618	3053
unique	600	3293	3443	1622	2477	2874
θ_{max} [°]	25	30	35	30	25	25
parameters	82	141	171	149	281	276
<i>R</i> ₁ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	0.053	0.068	0.038	0.044	0.031	0.039
<i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.113	0.206	0.107	0.109	0.073	0.103

F₅W-N(CH₂CF₃)₂: 970 mg (5.3 mmol) of HN(CH₂CF₃)₂ is weighed into an FEP tube equipped with a metal valve. 1.7 g (5.7 mol) of WF₆ is condensed into the tube with help of a glass vacuum line at −196°C. After warming to room temperature a yellow solution and a colorless solid is formed. Excess WF₆ is pumped off, and the solution turns red. Addition of 12 mL of isopentane, centrifugation and cooling to −40°C affords red, needle-shaped crystals, yield 1.2 g (49%). – Raman (solid): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3052 (5), 3003 (11), 1377 (12), 1022 (60), 827 m, 720 (100), 689 (35), 292 (70) cm^{−1}. – ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, r.t.): δ = −66.8 (CF₃), 143 (br., F₅W).

H₂N(CH₂CF₃)₂⁺[F₅W-η²(CF₃CH₂-NCH-CF₃)][−]: 325 mg (1.8 mol) of HN(CH₂CF₃)₂ is weighed into a 10-mm (inner diameter) glass tube, equipped with a teflon valve. With help of a glass vacuum line 1 mL of CHCl₃ as solvent and 175 mg (0.6 mmol) of WF₆ are condensed into the glass tube at −196°C. The tube is sealed and warmed to room temperature. The solution turns yellow, then orange and red due to formation of F₅W-N(CH₂CF₃)₂, and colorless powder precipitates. After shaking for 8 h at room temperature the color changes to yellow orange. The entire reaction mixture is kept at room temperature for 2 weeks. Brown crystals of H₂N(CH₂CF₃)₂⁺[F₅W(η²CF₃CH₂-NCH-CF₃)][−] are formed. – Raman (solid, only peaks with at least medium intensity): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2997 (12), 2948 (8), 1432 (10), 1413 (7), 1044 (20), 978 (10), 934 (7), 874 (30), 834 (30), 679 (28), 665 (80), 635 (10), 618 (25), 502 (35), 460 (15), 378 (15), 363 (20), 329 (25), 293 (75), 281 (75), 255 (100), 119(40) cm^{−1}. – ¹H NMR (CD₃CN, r.t.): δ = 5.24 (m, *J*_{HF} = 9 Hz, 1 H, −CH_ACF₃), 5.64 (m, *J*_{HF} = 9 Hz, 1 H, CH_BCF₃, *J*_{HH} = 14.7 Hz), 3.55 (s, −CHCF₃), 8.5 (s, −NH₂), 4.00 (q, −CH₂). – ¹³C NMR (CD₃CN): δ = 128.9 (q, ¹*J*_{CF} = 279.5 Hz, ²*J*_{CH} = 7 Hz, −CH_AH_BCF₃), 128.6 (q, ¹*J*_{CF} = 275.8 Hz, ²*J*_{CH} = 7 Hz, −CHCF₃), 58.7 (q, ²*J*_{CF} = 33.9 Hz, ¹*J*_{CH} = 146 Hz, −CH_AH_BCF₃), 81.7 (q, ²*J*_{CF} = 40.5 Hz, −CHCF₃), 50.1 (q, ²*J*_{CF} = 36 Hz, ¹*J*_{CH} = 149 Hz, −CH₂CF₃, cation), 124.1 (q, ¹*J*_{CF} = 277.8 Hz, ²*J*_{CH} = 7 Hz, −CH CF₃ cation). – ¹⁹F NMR (CF₃CN): δ = 57.5 (d, *J*_{FF} = 80.6 Hz, −WF₄), 1.2 (qt, *J*_{FF} = 80.6 Hz, −WF), −68.3 (t, *J*_{FH} = 8 Hz, −CH_AH_BCF₃), −62.8 (s, −CHCF₃), −67.8 (t, *J*_{FH} = 9 Hz, −CH₂CF₃, cation).

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