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Protonation of Nitriles: Isolation and Characterization of Alkyl- and AryInitrilium Ions

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Experimental Details

General

Caution! Anhydrous HF can cause severe burns and contact with the skin must be avoided. AsF₅ and SbF₅ are corrosive and highly poisonous and should only be handled in a well ventilated fume hood. Appropriate safety precautions should be taken when working with these materials.

Materials and apparatus: All reactions were carried out in either Teflon-FEP ampules or NMR tubes that were closed by stainless steel valves. Volatile materials were handled in grease-less Pyrex glass or stainless steel/Teflon-FEP vacuum lines.¹ Reaction vessels and the stainless steel vacuum line were passivated with CIF₃ prior to use. Non-volatile materials were handled in the dry nitrogen atmosphere of a glove box. HF (Galaxy Chemicals) was dried by storage over BiF₅.² AsF₅ was prepared from AsF₃ and F₂.³⁻⁵ SbF₅ (Ozark Mahoning) was triple distilled before use. Acetonitrile, propionitrile, butyronitrile, and benzonitrile (all Aldrich) were dried over molecular sieves and freshly distilled prior to use. Toluidine and dicyanobenzene (both Alrich) were used as received.

The NMR spectra were recorded at 298 K on Bruker AMX-500, Varian NMRS-600, or Varian NMRS-500 spectrometers. Spectra were externally referenced to neat nitromethane for ¹⁴N NMR spectra, neat tetramethylsilane for ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, and to 80% CFCl₃ in chloroform-d for ¹⁹F NMR spectra. Raman spectra were recorded directly in the Teflon reactors or in a 5mm J. Young nmr tube in the range 4000–80 cm⁻¹ on Bruker Equinox 55 FT-RA or Vertex 70/RAM II spectrophotometer, using Nd-YAG lasers at 1064 nm. Infrared spectra were recorded in the range 4000-400 cm⁻¹ on Bruker Alpha, Bruker Vertex 70, or Bruker Tensor FT-IR spectrometers using KBr pellets.

Crystal Structure determinations

The single-crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX DUO 3-circle platform diffractometer, equipped with an APEX II CCD, using Mo Kα radiation (TRIUMPH curved-crystal monochromator) from a fine-focus tube. The diffractometer was equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems Cryostream 700 apparatus for low-temperature data collection. The frames were integrated using the SAINT algorithm to give the *hkl* files corrected for Lp/decay.⁶ The absorption correction was performed using the SADABS program.^{7, 8} The structures were solved by the direct method and refined on *F*² using the Bruker SHELXTL Software Package and ShelXle.⁹⁻¹³ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. ORTEP drawings were prepared using the CRTEP-3 for Windows V2.02 program.¹⁴ Further crystallographic details can be obtained from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB21EZ, UK (Fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk) on guoting the deposition no. CCDC 1469645-1469652.

Preparation of [RCNH][AsF₆] (R = CH₃, C_2H_5 , C_3H_7 , C_6H_5 , o-CH₃C₆H₄)

Anhydrous HF (2.0 mL) and AsF₅ (3.50 mmol) were condensed into a Teflon-FEP ampule containing a frozen sample of the corresponding nitrile (3.00 mmol) at -196 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and the colorless solution stirred for 30 min. The volatile compounds were removed *in vacuo*, first at -64 °C, then at ambient temperature, leaving behind a colourless solid. Single crystals were grown from HF solution by slow evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* at -30 °C. [CH₃CNH][AsF₆] (687 mg; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 693 mg).

Raman (200 mW): \tilde{v} (rel. Intensity) = 3039 (1.1), 3003 (1.5), 2945 (5.1), 2293 (0.9), 1744 (0.8), 1415 (1.3), 1361 (1.9), 1052 (0.5), 916 (0.5), 884 (3.4), 791 (0.7), 732 (0.8), 682 (10.0), 624 (0.8), 572 (1.5), 534 (1.5), 430 (0.8), 371 (5.0) cm⁻¹; IR (KBr): \tilde{v} = 2950 (w), 2345 (w), 2324 (w), 2293 (w), 2258 (vw), 1743 (m), 1706 (m), 1672 (m), 1558 (vw), 1534 (m), 1419 (m), 1404 (m sh), 1375 (vw), 1363 (vw), 1343 (vw), 1301 (vw), 1196 (w), 1151 (m), 1037 (m), 927 (m), 881 (vw), 701 (vs), 674 (s sh), 544 (w), 510 (vw) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 2.54 ppm (s, CH₃), 10.44 ppm (t, ¹J(¹H¹⁴N) = 95.0 Hz, CNH); ¹³C NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 8.2 ppm (s, CH₃), 117.7 ppm (t, ¹J(¹³C¹⁴N) = 42.7 Hz, CNH); ¹⁴N NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = -241.1 ppm (d, ¹J(¹H¹⁴N) = 95.7 Hz).

[C₂H₅CNH][AsF₆] (731 mg; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 735 mg).

Raman (200 mW): \dot{v} (rel. Intensity) = 3022 (2.4), 2967 (5.4), 2943 (4.9), 2898 (2.7), 2262 (6.4), 1467 (4.5), 1411 (3.8), 1076 (4.1), 989 (4.2), 837 (3.2), 693 (10.0), 680 (8.8), 672 (10.0), 586 (3.9), 557 (4.6), 373 (7.9), 225 (5.6) cm⁻¹; IR (KBr): \tilde{v} = 2975 (m), 2943 (vw), 2884 (vw), 2326 (w), 2250 (w), 1743 (vw), 1725 (vw), 1572 (w sh), 1548 (m), 1536 (w sh), 1467 (w), 1389 (w), 1343 (vw), 1327 (vw), 1278 (vw), 1255 (w), 1155 (m), 1087 (m), 1040 (vw), 874 (vw), 745 (s sh), 702 (vs), 562 (vw) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 1.24 ppm (t, ${}^{3}J({}^{1}H{}^{1}H)$ = 7.8 Hz, CH₃), 2.80 ppm (q, ${}^{3}J({}^{1}H{}^{1}H)$ = 7.8 Hz, CH₂), 10.58 ppm (t, ${}^{1}J({}^{1}H{}^{1}H)$ = 94.5 Hz, CNH); ${}^{13}C$ NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 9.1 ppm (s, CH₃), 18.2 ppm (s, CH₂), 111.0 ppm (t, ${}^{1}J({}^{1}C{}^{14}N)$ = 44.8 Hz, CNH); ${}^{14}N$ NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = -241.0 ppm (d, ${}^{1}J({}^{1}H{}^{1}H)$ = 96.0 Hz).

 $[C_{3}H_{7}CNH][AsF_{6}]$ (775 mg; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 777 mg).

Raman (200 mW): \tilde{v} (rel. Intensity) = 2952 (5.8), 2929 (6.9), 2890 (4.5), 2257 (7.2), 1276 (5.9), 1091 (6.0), 869 (5.5), 694 (10.0), 671 (8.7), 572 (5.5), 540 (7.4), 369 (8.3), 194 (6.2), 140 (7.3) cm⁻¹; IR (KBr): \tilde{v} = 2973 (w), 2940 (vw), 2884 (vw), 2354 (vw), 2326 (w), 2256 (vw), 1558 (m), 1541 (m), 1458 (w), 1251 (vw), 1152 (w), 1088 (w), 873 (vw), 743 (s sh), 701 (vs), 551 (w) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 0.75 ppm (t, ³*J*(¹H¹H) = 8.0 Hz, C*H*₃), 1.59 ppm (tq, ³*J*(¹H¹H) = 8.0 Hz, ³*J*(¹H¹H) = 7.3 Hz, CH₃C*H*₂), 2.67 ppm (t, ³*J*(¹H¹H) = 7.3 Hz, C*H*₂CNH), 10.34 ppm (t, ¹*J*(¹H¹⁴N) = 94.5 Hz, CN*H*); ¹³C NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 10.8 ppm (s, CH₃), 16.6 ppm (s, CH₃CH₂), 16.8 ppm (s, CH₂CNH), 110.4 ppm (t, ¹*J*(¹³C¹⁴N) = 45.1 Hz, CNH); ¹⁴N NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = -240.5 ppm (d, ¹*J*(¹H¹⁴N) = 94.6 Hz).

[C₆H₅CNH][AsF₆] (877 mg; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 879 mg).

Raman (200 mW): \tilde{v} (rel. Intensity) = 3092 (0.9), 2230 (4.5), 1592 (8.2), 1200 (1.9), 1173 (3.6), 1025 (1.6), 1000 (10.0), 774 (1.2), 761 (1.5), 694 (2.7), 669 (1.6), 625 (1.9), 553 (1.4), 538 (1.1), 468 (1.3), 387 (1.6), 364 (1.4), 183 (2.3) cm⁻¹; IR (KBr): \tilde{v} = 3111 (vw), 3066 (vw), 2925 (vw), 2299 (m), 2264 (vw), 2229 (w), 1624 (m), 1591 (s), 1561 (m), 1495 (vw), 1474 (vw), 1450 (m), 1419 (vw), 1396 (vw), 1359 (m), 1339 (vw), 1307 (w), 1285 (vw), 1256 (vw), 1230 (vw), 1199 (w), 1174 (m), 1106 (vw), 1071 (vw), 1025 (w), 999 (w), 947 (vw), 830 (vw), 748 (s sh), 701 (vs), 656 (s sh), 552 (m), 533 (w), 467 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 7.1 – 7.8 ppm (m, C₆H₅), 11.48 ppm (t, ¹J(¹H¹⁴N) = 94.6 Hz, CNH); ¹³C NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 108.6 ppm (t, ¹J(¹C¹⁴N) = 45.0 Hz, CNH), 130.3 ppm, 133.1 ppm, 140.2 ppm, 150.1 ppm (**C**₆H₅); ¹⁴N NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = -230.7 ppm (d, ¹J(¹H¹⁴N) = 95.3 Hz, C**N**H).

[o-CH₃C₆H₄CNH][AsF₆] (916 mg; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 921 mg).

Raman (200 mW): \tilde{v} (rel. Intensity) = 3083 (1.2), 2936 (1.6), 2230 (10.0), 1597 (9.9), 1573 (2.2), 1483 (1.8), 1216 (6.7), 1192 (2.8), 1173 (3.9), 1112 (1.5), 1048 (7.0), 724 (8.7), 687 (6.4), 546 (3.3), 463 (1.9), 459 (2.0), 364 (1.9), 234 (1.8), 178 (4.2), 157 (3.2) cm⁻¹; IR (KBr): \tilde{v} = 3110 (vw), 3075 (vw), 2923 (w), 2298 (m), 2230 (w), 1621 (s), 1590 (s), 1563 (s), 1523 (w), 1496 (w), 1474 (m), 1450 (w), 1420 (vw), 1394 (vw), 1357 (m), 1307 (m), 1280 (m), 1193 (m), 1106 (w), 1025 (w), 999 (m), 895 (vw), 838 (vw), 748 (s sh), 702 (vs), 648 (m sh), 553 (w), 481 (vw), 467 (w) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 2.58 ppm (s, C**H**₃), 7.4 – 8.1 ppm (m, C₆**H**₄), 10.90 ppm (t, ¹J(¹H¹⁴N) = 93.4 Hz, CN**H**); ¹³C NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 18.4 ppm (s, **C**H₃), 109.3 ppm (t, ¹J(¹³C¹⁴N) = 41.0 Hz, **C**NH), 127.6 ppm, 131.6 ppm, 136.0, 139.8 ppm, 148.6 ppm (**C**₆H₅); ¹⁴N NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = -219 ppm (s, broad, C**N**H).

Preparation of $[(CH_3)_2NCH_2CNH][AsF_6]_2$ and $[C_6H_4(CNH)_2][AsF_6]_2$

Anhydrous HF (2.0 mL) and AsF₅ (6.50 mmol) were condensed into a Teflon-FEP ampule containing a frozen sample of the corresponding nitrile (3.00 mmol) at -196 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and the colorless solution stirred for 30 min. The volatile compounds were removed *in vacuo*, first at -64 °C, then at ambient temperature, leaving behind a colourless solid. Single crystals were grown from HF solution by slow evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* at -30 °C.

[(CH₃)₂NCH₂CNH][AsF₆]₂ (1.387 g; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 1.392 g).

Raman (200 mW): \tilde{v} (rel. Intensity) = 3059 (2.0), 2989 (4.4), 2964 (2.6), 2252 (1.0), 822 (2.7), 791 (1.4), 733 (5.2), 702 (2.8), 682 (10.0), 537 (3.7), 386 (2.8), 214 (1.1) cm⁻¹; IR (KBr): \tilde{v} =2978 (vw), 2940 (w), 2879 (vw), 2326 (w), 2256 (m), 1541 (w), 1523 (w), 1471 (w), 1419 (vw), 1407 (w), 1329 (vw), 1307 (vw), 1255 (w), 1240 (w), 1135 (vw), 1091 (vw), 1067 (vw), 1011 (vw), 959 (w), 846 (vw), 814 (m sh), 744 (s sh), 701 (vs), 671 (s sh), 583 (vw), 545 (m) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 3.12 ppm (s, C*H*₃), 4.70 ppm (s, C*H*₂), 10.7 ppm (t, ¹*J*(¹H¹⁴N) = 96.0 Hz, CN*H*); ¹³C NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 46.4 ppm (s, *C*H₃), 54.9 ppm (s, *C*H₂), 108.0 ppm (t, ¹*J*(¹3C¹⁴N) = 45.6 Hz, *C*NH); ¹⁴N NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = -222.0 ppm (d, ¹*J*(¹H¹⁴N) = 96 Hz, C*N*H), -346.7 ppm (d, ¹*J*(¹H¹⁴N) = 63 Hz, (CH₃)₂*N*H).

$[C_6H_4(CNH)_2][AsF_6]_2$ (1.517 g; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 1.524 g).

Raman (200 mW): \tilde{v} (rel. Intensity) = 3105 (0.4), 3087 (0.4), 2223 (2.2), 1602 (10.0), 1317 (1.1), 1167 (6.9), 819 (3.1), 694 (3.4), 664 (1.7), 655 (1.5), 589 (1.4), 566 (1.7), 526 (2.2), 378 (1.7), 364 (1.8), 209 (1.9) cm⁻¹; IR (KBr): \tilde{v} = 3122 (vw), 3098 (w), 3054 (w), 2998 (vw), 2369 (vw), 2353 (vw), 2319 (w), 2233 (m), 1504 (w), 1403 (w), 1278 (w), 1255 (w), 1201 (w), 1181 (vw), 1125 (vw), 1021 (vw), 986 (vw), 845 (m), 743 (s sh), 702 (svs), 562 (m), 531 (vw) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 7.0 ppm (s, C₆*H*₄), 10.8 ppm (s, broad, CN*H*); ¹³C NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 111.9 ppm (s, broad, *C*NH), 126.0 ppm, 136.8 ppm (*C*₆H₄); ¹⁴N NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = - 223 ppm (s, broad, C*N*H).

Preparation of [RCNH][SbF₆] (R = CH₃, C₂H₅, C₃H₇, C₆H₅, o-CH₃C₆H₄)

Anhydrous HF (2.0 mL) was condensed into a Teflon-FEP ampule containing a frozen sample of SbF₅ (3.00 mmol) at -196°C. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature to form a clear colourless solution. The solution was cooled to about -50°C and, under a stream of dry nitrogen using an 18 gauge FEP tubing, transferred into a second Teflon-FEP ampule containing a frozen sample of the corresponding nitrile (3.00 mmol) at -196°C. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and, after 30 min, the volatile compounds removed *in vacuo*, first at -64°C, then at ambient temperature, leaving behind a colourless crystalline solid.

[CH₃CNH][SbF₆] (830 mg; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 833 mg).

[C₂H₅CNH][SbF₆] (874 mg; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 875 mg).

 $[C_{3}H_{7}CNH]$ [SbF₆] (913 mg; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 917 mg).

 $[C_6H_5CNH]$ [SbF₆] (1.009 g; weight expected for 3.00 mmol: 1.019 g).

Preparation of [RCNH][Sb₂F₁₁] (R = CH₃, C₂H₅, C₃H₇, C₆H₅)

Anhydrous HF (2.5 mL) was condensed into a Teflon-FEP ampule containing a frozen sample of SbF5 (4.00 mmol) at -196°C. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature to form a clear colourless solution. The solution was cooled to about -50°C and, under a stream of dry nitrogen using an 18 gauge FEP tubing, transferred into a second Teflon-FEP ampule containing a frozen sample of the corresponding nitrile (2.00 mmol) at -196°C. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and, after 30 min, the volatile compounds removed *in vacuo*, first at -64°C, then at ambient temperature, leaving behind a colourless crystalline solid.

[CH₃CNH][Sb₂F₁₁] (0.981 g; weight expected for 2.00 mmol: 0.989 g).

Raman (200 mW): \tilde{v} (rel. Intensity) = 2944 (3.7), 2305 (4.4), 1743 (1.4), 1739 (1.3), 1358 (2.0), 1284 (1.2), 914 (0.7), 679 (10.0), 670 (5.3), 663 (4.4), 657 (6.1), 625 (1.7), 608 (1.2), 604 (1.2), 543 (0.5), 530 (0.9), 386 (1.1), 294 (3.7), 229 (2.7), 127 (2.1); IR (KBr): \tilde{v} = 2944 (w), 2339 (w), 2311 (w), 2290 (vw), 2254 (w), 1742 (w), 1701 (m), 1663 (m), 1607 (vw), 1530 (m), 1419 (m), 1361 (m), 1298 (vw), 1255 (w), 1194 (vw), 1181 (vw), 1154 (vw), 1035 (m), 919 (w), 695 (s sh), 664 (vs), 545 (w), 495 (w) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 2.53 ppm (s, CH₃), 10.40 ppm (t, ¹J(¹H¹⁴N) = 94.6 Hz, CNH); ¹³C NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = 8.1 ppm (s, CH₃), 117.7 ppm (t, ¹J(¹³C¹⁴N) = 43.2 Hz, CNH); ¹⁴N NMR (HF, unlocked, 25°C) δ = -239.2 ppm (d, ¹J(¹H¹⁴N) = 94.9 Hz). [C₂H₅NH][Sb₂F₁₁] (1.013 g; weight expected for 2.00 mmol: 1.017 g).

 $[C_{3}H_{5}NH][Sb_{2}F_{11}]$ (1.038 g; weight expected for 2.00 mmol: 1.045 g).

[C₆H₅CNH][Sb₂F₁₁] (1.107 g; weight expected for 2.00 mmol: 1.113 g).

Crystallographic Details





Figure S1. The crystal structure of CH₃CNHAsF₆.



Figure S2. The unit cell in the crystal structure of $CH_3CNHAsF_6$.



Figure S3. The crystal structure of $CH_3CNHSb_2F_{11}$.



Figure S4. The unit cell in the crystal structure of $CH_3CNHSb_2F_{11}$.



Figure S5. The crystal structure of C₂H₅CNHAsF₆.



Figure S6. The unit cell in the crystal structure of $C_2H_5CNHAsF_6$.



Figure S7. The crystal structure of C₃H₇CNHAsF₆.



Figure S8. The unit cell in the crystal structure of $C_3H_7CNHAsF_6$.



Figure S9. The crystal structure of $(CH_3)_2NCH_2CNH(AsF_6)_2$.



Figure S10. The unit cell in the crystal structure of $(CH_3)_2NCH_2CNH(AsF_6)_2$.



Figure S11. The crystal structure of $C_6H_5CNHAsF_6$.



Figure S12. The unit cell in the crystal structure of $C_6H_5CNHAsF_6$.



Figure S13. The crystal structure of *o*-CH₃C₆H₄CNHAsF₆.



Figure S14. The unit cell in the crystal structure of o-CH₃C₆H₄CNHAsF₆.



Figure S15. The crystal structure of $C_6H_4(CNH)_2(AsF_6)_2$.



Figure S16. The unit cell in the crystal structure of $C_6H_4(CNH)_2(AsF_6)_2$.

| Identification code | MeCNHAsF6 | - 0 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chemical formula | $C_2H_4AsF_6N$ | |
| Formula weight | 230.98 g/mol | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | |
| Space group | P 1 21 1 | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 5.2169(6) Å | α = 90° |
| | b = 6.5905(7) Å | $\beta=92.267(2)^\circ$ |
| | c = 9.3342(10) Å | γ = 90° |
| Volume | 320.68(6) Å ³ | |
| Z | 2 | |
| Density (calculated) | 2.392 g/cm ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 5.347 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 220 | |

Table S1. Sample and crystal data for MeCNHAsF₆.

| Table S2. Data collect | ion and structure | e refinement for |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| MeCNHAsF ₆ . | | |

| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX DUO | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Radiation source | fine-focus tube, ΜοΚα | | |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.18 to 30.52° | | |
| Index ranges | -7<=h<=7, -9<=k<= | =9, -13<= <=13 | |
| Reflections collected | 6612 | | |
| Independent reflections | 1927 [R(int) = 0.02 | 268] | |
| Coverage of independent reflections | 99.2% | | |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | | |
| Structure solution technique | direct methods | | |
| Structure solution program | SHELXTL XT 2013/1 (Bruker AXS, 2014) | | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | | |
| Refinement program | SHELXTL XL 2014/7 (Bruker AXS, 2014) | | |
| Function minimized | $\Sigma w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2$ | | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 1927 / 1 / 95 | | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.122 | | |
| Δ/σ_{max} | 0.001 | | |
| Final R indices | 1908 data; I>2σ(I) | R1 = 0.0169, wR2 = 0.0426 | |
| | all data | R1 = 0.0173, wR2 = 0.0427 | |
| Weighting scheme | w=1/ $[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2})+(0.02)]$ where P= $(F_{o}^{2}+2F_{c}^{2})$ | 234P) ² +0.0179P])/3 | |
| Absolute structure parameter | 0.5(0) | | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.243 and -1.040 eÅ ⁻³ | | |
| R.M.S. deviation from mean | 0.112 eÅ ⁻³ | | |

Table S3. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for MeCNHAsF₆.

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| C1 | 0.9815(4) | 0.4792(5) | 0.7187(3) | 0.0146(5) |
| C2 | 0.1020(4) | 0.5079(7) | 0.8599(2) | 0.0170(4) |
| N1 | 0.8871(4) | 0.4570(4) | 0.6102(2) | 0.0168(5) |
| F1 | 0.6534(6) | 0.3328(4) | 0.3679(4) | 0.0188(6) |
| F2 | 0.3121(5) | 0.6685(4) | 0.1451(4) | 0.0197(5) |
| F3 | 0.6083(6) | 0.6986(4) | 0.3544(4) | 0.0197(5) |
| F4 | 0.7340(2) | 0.5058(8) | 0.14466(14) | 0.0207(3) |
| F5 | 0.3573(6) | 0.2959(4) | 0.1612(4) | 0.0204(6) |
| F6 | 0.2275(3) | 0.4858(8) | 0.36802(16) | 0.0213(5) |
| As1 | 0.47792(3) | 0.50056(15) | 0.25471(2) | 0.01045(7) |

Table S4. Bond lengths (Å) for MeCNHAsF₆.

| C1-N1 | 1.119(3) | C1-C2 | 1.449(3) |
|--------|----------|--------|------------|
| C2-H2A | 0.98 | C2-H2B | 0.98 |
| C2-H2C | 0.98 | N1-H1 | 0.79(3) |
| F1-As1 | 1.761(3) | F2-As1 | 1.718(3) |
| F3-As1 | 1.727(3) | F4-As1 | 1.7174(12) |
| F5-As1 | 1.713(3) | F6-As1 | 1.7158(13) |

Table S5. Bond angles (°) for MeCNHAsF₆.

| N1-C1-C2 | 179.6(2) | C1-C2-H2A | 109.5 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| C1-C2-H2B | 109.5 | H2A-C2-H2B | 109.5 |
| C1-C2-H2C | 109.5 | H2A-C2-H2C | 109.5 |
| H2B-C2-H2C | 109.5 | C1-N1-H1 | 175.(2) |
| F5-As1-F6 | 89.77(18) | F5-As1-F4 | 89.43(18) |
| F6-As1-F4 | 177.5(3) | F5-As1-F2 | 92.15(9) |
| F6-As1-F2 | 91.49(16) | F4-As1-F2 | 90.91(15) |
| F5-As1-F3 | 177.14(19) | F6-As1-F3 | 90.21(18) |
| F4-As1-F3 | 90.46(18) | F2-As1-F3 | 90.72(19) |
| F5-As1-F1 | 89.03(17) | F6-As1-F1 | 89.14(16) |
| F4-As1-F1 | 88.48(17) | F2-As1-F1 | 178.66(17) |
| F3-As1-F1 | 88.10(9) | | |

Table S6. Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for $MeCNHAsF_{6}$.

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2 π^2 [$h^2 a^{*2} U_{11}$ + ... + 2 h k $a^* b^* U_{12}$]

| | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U ₁₂ |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| C1 | 0.0154(8) | 0.0122(16) | 0.0164(9) | 0.0026(12) | 0.0019(7) | 0.0008(10) |
| C2 | 0.0198(8) | 0.0180(10) | 0.0130(9) | 0.0018(15) | -0.0032(7) | -0.0019(18) |
| N1 | 0.0196(9) | 0.0168(15) | 0.0139(9) | 0.0000(7) | -0.0011(7) | -0.0008(7) |
| F1 | 0.0220(11) | 0.0196(11) | 0.0144(11) | 0.0026(8) | -0.0040(8) | 0.0040(8) |
| F2 | 0.0239(12) | 0.0197(11) | 0.0151(9) | 0.0004(8) | -0.0042(9) | 0.0067(9) |
| F3 | 0.0236(12) | 0.0174(10) | 0.0177(10) | -0.0065(8) | -0.0021(9) | -0.0034(8) |
| F4 | 0.0192(5) | 0.0256(8) | 0.0179(6) | 0.0029(15) | 0.0076(5) | -0.0026(15) |
| F5 | 0.0239(11) | 0.0165(11) | 0.0202(13) | -0.0046(9) | -0.0068(8) | -0.0034(8) |
| F6 | 0.0165(5) | 0.0275(14) | 0.0205(6) | 0.0030(12) | 0.0072(5) | 0.0002(11) |
| As1 | 0.01088(10) | 0.01240(10) | 0.00799(11) | -0.00047(13) | -0.00059(6) | -0.0008(2) |

Table S7. Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for MeCNHAsF₆.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| H2A | 0.2600 | 0.4277 | 0.8680 | 0.026 |
| H2B | -0.0156 | 0.4635 | 0.9330 | 0.026 |
| H2C | 0.1429 | 0.6518 | 0.8741 | 0.026 |
| H1 | -0.186(6) | 0.432(5) | 0.536(3) | 0.02 |

| Identification code | C2H4F11NSb2 | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| Chemical formula | $C_2H_4F_{11}NSb_2$ | | |
| Formula weight | 494.56 g/mol | | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | | |
| Crystal size | 0.043 x 0.102 x 0.191 mm | | |
| Crystal habit | clear colourless plateplate | | |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | | |
| Space group | P 1 21/n 1 | | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 7.7010(15) Å | α = 90° | |
| | b = 16.831(3) Å | $\beta=98.287(3)^\circ$ | |
| | c = 8.4837(17) Å | γ = 90° | |
| Volume | 1088.1(4) Å ³ | | |
| Z | 4 | | |
| Density (calculated) | 3.019 g/cm ³ | | |
| Absorption coefficient | brption coefficient 5.092 mm ⁻¹ | | |
| F(000) | 896 | | |

Table S8. Sample and crystal data for MeCNHSb₂F₁₁.

Table S9. Data collection and structure refinement for $MeCNHSb_{2}F_{11}$.

| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX DUO | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Radiation source | fine-focus tube, M | ΙοΚα |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.42 to 30.51° | |
| Reflections collected | 3267 | |
| Coverage of independent reflections | 98.9% | |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.8110 and 0.4430 |) |
| Structure solution technique | direct methods | |
| Structure solution program | SHELXTL XT 2013/ | 1 (Bruker AXS, 2014) |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-se | quares on F ² |
| Refinement program | SHELXTL XL 2014/ | 7 (Bruker AXS, 2014) |
| Function minimized | $\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$ | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 3267 / 0 / 150 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.108 | |
| Δ/σ_{max} | 0.001 | |
| Final R indices | 2985 data; I>2σ(I) | R1 = 0.0183, wR2 = 0.0369 |
| | all data | R1 = 0.0229, wR2 = 0.0382 |
| Weighting scheme | w=1/[$\sigma^2(F_o^2)$ +(0.01) where P=(F_o^2 +2 F_c^2 | 119P) ² +1.3064P])/3 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.626 and -0.727 e | eÅ- ³ |
| R.M.S. deviation from mean | 0.111 eÅ ⁻³ | |

Table S10. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for MeCNHSb₂F₁₁.

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| C1 | 0.4083(3) | 0.41311(15) | 0.8111(3) | 0.0217(5) |
| C2 | 0.5673(3) | 0.36625(14) | 0.8275(3) | 0.0171(4) |
| N1 | 0.6910(3) | 0.33073(13) | 0.8396(3) | 0.0203(4) |
| F1 | 0.5068(2) | 0.23917(10) | 0.3402(2) | 0.0306(4) |
| F2 | 0.5967(2) | 0.37794(11) | 0.49167(19) | 0.0308(4) |
| F3 | 0.8265(2) | 0.26078(11) | 0.5079(2) | 0.0349(4) |
| F4 | 0.7952(2) | 0.25772(9) | 0.19739(19) | 0.0259(3) |
| F5 | 0.5748(2) | 0.37602(9) | 0.18066(18) | 0.0238(3) |
| F6 | 0.88586(19) | 0.39243(9) | 0.35863(17) | 0.0225(3) |
| F7 | 0.1825(2) | 0.33498(10) | 0.2804(3) | 0.0397(4) |
| F8 | 0.9564(3) | 0.40582(13) | 0.06564(19) | 0.0449(5) |
| F9 | 0.9705(2) | 0.53258(10) | 0.2465(2) | 0.0364(4) |
| F10 | 0.1927(2) | 0.46040(12) | 0.4592(2) | 0.0357(4) |
| F11 | 0.2711(2) | 0.47639(9) | 0.1557(2) | 0.0287(3) |
| Sb1 | 0.68729(2) | 0.31401(2) | 0.34517(2) | 0.01491(4) |
| Sb2 | 0.08931(2) | 0.43661(2) | 0.25424(2) | 0.01419(4) |

Table S11. Bond lengths (Å) for $MeCNHSb_2F_{11}$.

| C1-C2 | 1.446(3) | C1-H1A | 0.98 |
|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| C1-H1B | 0.98 | C1-H1C | 0.98 |
| C2-N1 | 1.117(3) | N1-H1 | 0.74(3) |
| F1-Sb1 | 1.8718(15) | F2-Sb1 | 1.8545(16) |
| F3-Sb1 | 1.8524(15) | F4-Sb1 | 1.8603(15) |
| F5-Sb1 | 1.8544(14) | F6-Sb1 | 2.0107(14) |
| F6-Sb2 | 2.0474(14) | F7-Sb2 | 1.8559(17) |
| F8-Sb2 | 1.8449(17) | F9-Sb2 | 1.8530(16) |
| F10-Sb2 | 1.8485(16) | F11-Sb2 | 1.8562(14) |

| C2-C1-H1A | 109.5 | C2-C1-H1B | 109.5 |
|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| H1A-C1-H1B | 109.5 | C2-C1-H1C | 109.5 |
| H1A-C1-H1C | 109.5 | H1B-C1-H1C | 109.5 |
| N1-C2-C1 | 179.3(3) | C2-N1-H1 | 177.(3) |
| Sb1-F6-Sb2 | 146.82(8) | F3-Sb1-F5 | 172.08(7) |
| F3-Sb1-F2 | 90.83(8) | F5-Sb1-F2 | 89.88(8) |
| F3-Sb1-F4 | 89.37(8) | F5-Sb1-F4 | 89.14(7) |
| F2-Sb1-F4 | 174.24(7) | F3-Sb1-F1 | 92.26(7) |
| F5-Sb1-F1 | 95.57(7) | F2-Sb1-F1 | 93.19(8) |
| F4-Sb1-F1 | 92.55(7) | F3-Sb1-F6 | 85.49(7) |
| F5-Sb1-F6 | 86.68(7) | F2-Sb1-F6 | 86.42(7) |
| F4-Sb1-F6 | 87.86(6) | F1-Sb1-F6 | 177.71(7) |
| F8-Sb2-F10 | 170.49(8) | F8-Sb2-F9 | 90.27(10) |
| F10-Sb2-F9 | 89.32(9) | F8-Sb2-F7 | 90.08(10) |
| F10-Sb2-F7 | 88.87(9) | F9-Sb2-F7 | 171.17(8) |
| F8-Sb2-F11 | 94.06(8) | F10-Sb2-F11 | 95.44(8) |
| F9-Sb2-F11 | 94.03(7) | F7-Sb2-F11 | 94.75(7) |
| F8-Sb2-F6 | 84.82(7) | F10-Sb2-F6 | 85.67(7) |
| F9-Sb2-F6 | 85.83(7) | F7-Sb2-F6 | 85.41(7) |
| F11-Sb2-F6 | 178.88(7) | | |

Table S13. Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters (Ų) for MeCNHSb $_2F_{11}$.

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2 π^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + ... + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]

| | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U ₁₂ |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| C1 | 0.0165(11) | 0.0178(11) | 0.0298(12) | -0.0027(9) | 0.0003(9) | 0.0031(9) |
| C2 | 0.0192(11) | 0.0166(11) | 0.0147(10) | -0.0026(8) | 0.0000(8) | -0.0011(8) |
| N1 | 0.0218(10) | 0.0172(10) | 0.0214(10) | -0.0039(8) | 0.0009(8) | 0.0036(8) |
| F1 | 0.0205(7) | 0.0320(9) | 0.0386(9) | 0.0091(7) | 0.0017(6) | -0.0116(7) |
| F2 | 0.0299(8) | 0.0400(10) | 0.0264(8) | -0.0055(7) | 0.0170(7) | -0.0038(7) |
| F3 | 0.0272(8) | 0.0415(10) | 0.0323(9) | 0.0216(8) | -0.0081(7) | -0.0022(7) |
| F4 | 0.0261(8) | 0.0195(7) | 0.0333(8) | -0.0041(6) | 0.0090(6) | 0.0023(6) |
| F5 | 0.0236(7) | 0.0246(8) | 0.0223(7) | 0.0084(6) | 0.0004(6) | 0.0051(6) |
| F6 | 0.0209(7) | 0.0265(8) | 0.0217(7) | -0.0030(6) | 0.0089(6) | -0.0101(6) |
| F7 | 0.0411(10) | 0.0153(8) | 0.0688(13) | 0.0062(8) | 0.0284(9) | 0.0073(7) |
| F8 | 0.0466(11) | 0.0714(14) | 0.0161(7) | -0.0040(8) | 0.0026(7) | -0.0298(10) |
| F9 | 0.0316(9) | 0.0258(8) | 0.0571(11) | 0.0178(8) | 0.0241(8) | 0.0165(7) |
| F10 | 0.0304(9) | 0.0470(11) | 0.0266(8) | -0.0043(7) | -0.0068(7) | -0.0111(8) |
| F11 | 0.0205(7) | 0.0239(8) | 0.0459(10) | 0.0048(7) | 0.0189(7) | -0.0014(6) |
| Sb1 | 0.01181(7) | 0.01702(7) | 0.01603(7) | 0.00467(5) | 0.00247(5) | -0.00083(5) |
| Sb2 | 0.01212(7) | 0.01372(7) | 0.01727(7) | 0.00105(5) | 0.00394(5) | -0.00056(5) |

Table S14. Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for MeCNHSb₂F₁₁.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) | |
|-----|----------|------------|----------|-------|--|
| H1A | 0.3364 | 0.4009 | 0.7090 | 0.032 | |
| H1B | 0.4385 | 0.4697 | 0.8148 | 0.032 | |
| H1C | 0.3423 | 0.4005 | 0.8984 | 0.032 | |
| H1 | 0.771(4) | 0.3064(19) | 0.843(4) | 0.024 | |

| Identification code | EtCNHAsF6 | | |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Chemical formula | C ₃ H ₆ AsF ₆ N | | |
| Formula weight | 245.01 | | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | | |
| Crystal size | 0.243 x 0.264 x 0.278 mm | 1 | |
| Crystal habit | clear pale yellow prism | | |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | | |
| Space group | P 1 21/n 1 | | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 8.6760(10) Å | α = 90° | |
| | b = 7.8918(9) Å | $\beta = 108.7610(17)^{\circ}$ | |
| | c = 11.7685(14) Å | γ = 90° | |
| Volume | 762.97(15) ų | | |
| Z | 4 | | |
| Density (calculated) | 2.133 g/cm ³ | | |
| Absorption coefficient | 4.502 mm ⁻¹ | | |
| F(000) | 472 | | |

Table S15. Sample and crystal data for EtCNHAsF₆.

| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX DUO | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Radiation source | fine-focus tube, M | οΚα | |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.56 to 30.59° | | |
| Index ranges | -12<=h<=12, -11<= | =k<=11, -16<=l<=16 | |
| Reflections collected | 17027 | | |
| Independent reflections | 2325 [R(int) = 0.03 | 86] | |
| Coverage of independent reflections | 99.1% | | |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | | |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.4080 and 0.3680 |) | |
| Structure solution technique | direct methods | | |
| Structure solution program | SHELXTL XT 2013/6 (Sheldrick, 2013) | | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | | |
| Refinement program | SHELXTL XLMP 2014/1 (Bruker AXS, 2013) | | |
| Function minimized | $\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$ | | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 2325 / 1 / 105 | | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.124 | | |
| Δ/σ_{max} | 0.001 | | |
| Final R indices | 1985 data; I>2σ(I) | R1 = 0.0395, wR2 = 0.0992 | |
| | all data | R1 = 0.0488, wR2 = 0.1042 | |
| Weighting scheme | w=1/ $[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2})+(0.05)]$ where P= $(F_{o}^{2}+2F_{c}^{2})$ | 596P) ² +0.8354P])/3 | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 2.218 and -0.721 e | 2Å-3 | |
| R.M.S. deviation from mean | 0.169 eÅ ⁻³ | | |

Table S16. Data collection and structure refinement for EtCNHAsF₆.

Table S17. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for EtCNHAsF₆.

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| As1 | 0.19050(3) | 0.77854(4) | 0.40384(2) | 0.01716(11) |
| C1 | 0.3316(5) | 0.1970(5) | 0.7213(3) | 0.0311(7) |
| C2 | 0.3259(4) | 0.3378(4) | 0.6318(3) | 0.0248(6) |
| C3 | 0.3385(4) | 0.2740(4) | 0.5190(3) | 0.0208(6) |
| F1 | 0.0663(3) | 0.9532(3) | 0.3676(2) | 0.0388(5) |
| F2 | 0.3156(3) | 0.6055(3) | 0.4353(2) | 0.0377(5) |
| F3 | 0.3159(2) | 0.8702(3) | 0.33315(17) | 0.0320(4) |
| F4 | 0.0787(3) | 0.6860(3) | 0.26728(17) | 0.0318(5) |
| F5 | 0.0639(3) | 0.6847(3) | 0.46961(19) | 0.0379(5) |
| F6 | 0.3019(2) | 0.8712(3) | 0.53698(16) | 0.0303(4) |
| N1 | 0.3502(4) | 0.2278(3) | 0.4326(2) | 0.0233(5) |

Table S18. Bond lengths (Å) for EtCNHAsF₆.

| As1-F5 | 1.703(2) | As1-F2 | 1.709(2) |
|--------|------------|--------|------------|
| As1-F1 | 1.716(2) | As1-F6 | 1.7174(18) |
| As1-F3 | 1.7263(19) | As1-F4 | 1.7477(19) |
| C1-C2 | 1.521(5) | C1-H1A | 0.98 |
| C1-H1B | 0.98 | C1-H1C | 0.98 |
| C2-C3 | 1.456(4) | C2-H2A | 0.99 |
| C2-H2B | 0.99 | C3-N1 | 1.115(4) |
| N1-H1 | 0.881(19) | | |

Table S19. Bond angles (°) for EtCNHAsF₆.

| F5-As1-F2 | 90.66(12) | F5-As1-F1 | 90.97(12) |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| F2-As1-F1 | 178.00(11) | F5-As1-F6 | 91.51(10) |
| F2-As1-F6 | 90.61(11) | F1-As1-F6 | 90.50(11) |
| F5-As1-F3 | 178.22(10) | F2-As1-F3 | 89.11(11) |
| F1-As1-F3 | 89.23(11) | F6-As1-F3 | 90.25(10) |
| F5-As1-F4 | 89.31(10) | F2-As1-F4 | 89.50(11) |
| F1-As1-F4 | 89.36(11) | F6-As1-F4 | 179.17(10) |
| F3-As1-F4 | 88.92(10) | C2-C1-H1A | 109.5 |
| C2-C1-H1B | 109.5 | H1A-C1-H1B | 109.5 |
| C2-C1-H1C | 109.5 | H1A-C1-H1C | 109.5 |
| H1B-C1-H1C | 109.5 | C3-C2-C1 | 112.5(3) |
| C3-C2-H2A | 109.1 | C1-C2-H2A | 109.1 |
| C3-C2-H2B | 109.1 | C1-C2-H2B | 109.1 |
| H2A-C2-H2B | 107.8 | N1-C3-C2 | 178.6(3) |
| C3-N1-H1 | 168.(3) | | |

Table S20. Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$ for EtCNHAsF₆.

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2 π^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + ... + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]

| | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U_{12} |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| As1 | 0.01983(16) | 0.01939(17) | 0.01242(15) | 0.00089(9) | 0.00542(11) | -0.00197(10) |
| C1 | 0.0388(18) | 0.036(2) | 0.0223(15) | 0.0037(13) | 0.0159(14) | 0.0035(14) |
| C2 | 0.0287(15) | 0.0261(15) | 0.0211(13) | -0.0034(12) | 0.0101(11) | -0.0016(12) |
| C3 | 0.0225(13) | 0.0189(13) | 0.0204(13) | 0.0035(10) | 0.0060(11) | -0.0014(10) |
| F1 | 0.0350(11) | 0.0307(11) | 0.0453(12) | 0.0010(9) | 0.0055(9) | 0.0121(9) |
| F2 | 0.0400(11) | 0.0175(9) | 0.0503(13) | 0.0030(9) | 0.0072(10) | 0.0052(9) |
| F3 | 0.0376(10) | 0.0337(11) | 0.0294(10) | -0.0001(8) | 0.0175(9) | -0.0112(9) |
| F4 | 0.0395(11) | 0.0358(12) | 0.0191(9) | -0.0060(8) | 0.0080(8) | -0.0124(9) |
| F5 | 0.0401(12) | 0.0510(14) | 0.0257(10) | 0.0023(9) | 0.0150(9) | -0.0181(10) |
| F6 | 0.0328(10) | 0.0351(11) | 0.0202(9) | -0.0058(7) | 0.0046(7) | -0.0066(8) |
| N1 | 0.0288(13) | 0.0223(12) | 0.0185(11) | -0.0002(9) | 0.0070(10) | -0.0038(10) |

Table S21. Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic displacement parameters ($Å^2$) for EtCNHAsF₆.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| H1A | 0.3203 | 0.2459 | 0.7948 | 0.047 |
| H1B | 0.4358 | 0.1372 | 0.7405 | 0.047 |
| H1C | 0.2423 | 0.1173 | 0.6863 | 0.047 |
| H2A | 0.2224 | 0.4009 | 0.6155 | 0.03 |
| H2B | 0.4163 | 0.4180 | 0.6675 | 0.03 |
| H1 | 0.361(7) | 0.215(6) | 0.361(3) | 0.057(16) |

| Identification code | PrCNHAsF6 | Ŭ |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Chemical formula | $C_4H_8AsF_6N$ | |
| Formula weight | 259.03 g/mol | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 1.54178 Å | |
| Crystal size | 0.009 x 0.010 x 0.105 mm | |
| Crystal habit | clear colourless needle | |
| Crystal system | triclinic | |
| Space group | P -1 | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 6.0657(3) Å | α = 94.120(4)° |
| | b = 8.0332(4) Å | $\beta = 105.177(4)^{\circ}$ |
| | c = 8.9481(5) Å | γ = 94.836(4)° |
| Volume | 417.30(4) Å ³ | |
| Z | 2 | |
| Density (calculated) | 2.061 g/cm ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 6.142 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 252 | |

Table S22. Sample and crystal data for PrCNHAsF₆.
Table S23. Data collection and structure refinement for $PrCNHAsF_{6}$.

| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX DUO | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Radiation source | IuS microsource, C | CuKα |
| Theta range for data collection | 5.15 to 68.31° | |
| Reflections collected | 1473 | |
| Coverage of independent reflections | 97.4% | |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.9470 and 0.5650 |) |
| Structure solution technique | direct methods | |
| Structure solution program | SHELXTL XT 2014/4 | 4 (Bruker AXS, 2014) |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-so | quares on F ² |
| Refinement program | SHELXTL XL 2014/2 | 7 (Bruker AXS, 2014) |
| Function minimized | $\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$ | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 1473/0/114 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.063 | |
| Final R indices | 1284 data; I>2σ(I) | R1 = 0.0600, wR2 = 0.1512 |
| | all data | R1 = 0.0704, wR2 = 0.1601 |
| Weighting scheme | w=1/ $[\sigma^2(F_o^2)+(0.08)]$ where P= $(F_o^2+2F_c^2)$ | 870P) ² +2.2221P])/3 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.977 and -1.120 e | eÅ- ³ |
| R.M.S. deviation from mean | 0.199 eÅ ⁻³ | |

Table S24. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for PrCNHAsF₆.

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| C1 | 0.4951(13) | 0.2894(9) | 0.6824(8) | 0.0201(16) |
| C2 | 0.7053(12) | 0.3182(10) | 0.8095(9) | 0.0203(17) |
| C3 | 0.8491(13) | 0.1692(9) | 0.8092(9) | 0.0207(16) |
| C4 | 0.0759(13) | 0.2086(11) | 0.9355(9) | 0.0246(17) |
| N1 | 0.3345(10) | 0.2687(8) | 0.5849(8) | 0.0200(14) |
| F1 | 0.9860(7) | 0.1943(7) | 0.3383(5) | 0.0313(11) |
| F2 | 0.4443(8) | 0.3290(6) | 0.2795(5) | 0.0293(11) |
| F3 | 0.8014(7) | 0.3766(6) | 0.4843(5) | 0.0242(10) |
| F4 | 0.7997(9) | 0.4274(6) | 0.2203(6) | 0.0363(12) |
| F5 | 0.6309(7) | 0.1441(6) | 0.1310(5) | 0.0261(10) |
| F6 | 0.6288(9) | 0.0927(6) | 0.3943(6) | 0.0318(11) |
| As1 | 0.71005(13) | 0.26065(10) | 0.30650(8) | 0.0157(3) |

Table S25. Bond lengths (Å) for PrCNHAsF₆.

| C1-N1 | 1.115(10) | C1-C2 | 1.459(10) |
|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| C2-C3 | 1.540(10) | C2-H2A | 0.99 |
| C2-H2B | 0.99 | C3-C4 | 1.527(10) |
| C3-H3A | 0.99 | C3-H3B | 0.99 |
| C4-H4A | 0.98 | C4-H4B | 0.98 |
| C4-H4C | 0.98 | N1-H1 | 0.88(9) |
| F1-As1 | 1.758(4) | F2-As1 | 1.709(4) |
| F3-As1 | 1.716(4) | F4-As1 | 1.712(5) |
| F5-As1 | 1.700(4) | F6-As1 | 1.710(5) |

Table S26. Bond angles (°) for PrCNHAsF₆.

| N1-C1-C2 | 179.4(9) | C1-C2-C3 | 110.4(6) |
|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| C1-C2-H2A | 109.6 | C3-C2-H2A | 109.6 |
| C1-C2-H2B | 109.6 | C3-C2-H2B | 109.6 |
| H2A-C2-H2B | 108.1 | C4-C3-C2 | 109.2(6) |
| C4-C3-H3A | 109.8 | C2-C3-H3A | 109.8 |
| C4-C3-H3B | 109.8 | C2-C3-H3B | 109.8 |
| НЗА-СЗ-НЗВ | 108.3 | C3-C4-H4A | 109.5 |
| C3-C4-H4B | 109.5 | H4A-C4-H4B | 109.5 |
| C3-C4-H4C | 109.5 | H4A-C4-H4C | 109.5 |
| Н4В-С4-Н4С | 109.5 | C1-N1-H1 | 173.(6) |
| F5-As1-F2 | 92.2(2) | F5-As1-F6 | 90.6(2) |
| F2-As1-F6 | 91.0(2) | F5-As1-F4 | 89.6(2) |
| F2-As1-F4 | 90.7(3) | F6-As1-F4 | 178.3(3) |
| F5-As1-F3 | 177.6(2) | F2-As1-F3 | 90.1(2) |
| F6-As1-F3 | 89.7(2) | F4-As1-F3 | 90.0(2) |
| F5-As1-F1 | 89.2(2) | F2-As1-F1 | 178.5(2) |
| F6-As1-F1 | 89.3(2) | F4-As1-F1 | 89.0(3) |
| F3-As1-F1 | 88.5(2) | | |

Table S27. Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$ for PrCNHAsF₆.

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2 π^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + ... + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]

| | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U ₁₂ |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| C1 | 0.023(4) | 0.017(4) | 0.024(4) | 0.003(3) | 0.009(3) | 0.013(3) |
| C2 | 0.017(3) | 0.011(4) | 0.029(4) | 0.002(3) | -0.002(3) | 0.009(3) |
| C3 | 0.023(4) | 0.007(4) | 0.028(4) | 0.004(3) | -0.001(3) | 0.005(3) |
| C4 | 0.022(4) | 0.026(5) | 0.024(4) | 0.006(3) | 0.000(3) | 0.008(3) |
| N1 | 0.015(3) | 0.014(3) | 0.026(3) | -0.003(3) | -0.003(3) | 0.006(3) |
| F1 | 0.023(2) | 0.038(3) | 0.030(2) | -0.008(2) | 0.0009(18) | 0.013(2) |
| F2 | 0.026(2) | 0.030(3) | 0.029(2) | -0.003(2) | -0.0004(18) | 0.014(2) |
| F3 | 0.024(2) | 0.020(3) | 0.028(2) | -0.0052(19) | 0.0083(18) | -0.0028(19) |
| F4 | 0.048(3) | 0.025(3) | 0.038(3) | 0.005(2) | 0.016(2) | -0.002(2) |
| F5 | 0.024(2) | 0.025(3) | 0.024(2) | -0.008(2) | 0.0011(18) | 0.003(2) |
| F6 | 0.040(3) | 0.012(2) | 0.041(3) | 0.004(2) | 0.008(2) | -0.002(2) |
| As1 | 0.0160(4) | 0.0122(4) | 0.0170(4) | -0.0014(3) | 0.0015(3) | 0.0024(3) |

| Table S28. Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic |
|--|
| atomic displacement parameters ($Å^2$) for PrCNHAsF ₆ . |

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| H2A | 0.6660 | 0.3326 | 0.9100 | 0.024 |
| H2B | 0.7964 | 0.4224 | 0.7981 | 0.024 |
| H3A | 0.7635 | 0.0664 | 0.8289 | 0.025 |
| H3B | 0.8796 | 0.1492 | 0.7063 | 0.025 |
| H4A | 1.1773 | 0.1221 | 0.9257 | 0.037 |
| H4B | 1.0462 | 0.2105 | 1.0381 | 0.037 |
| H4C | 1.1497 | 0.3184 | 0.9239 | 0.037 |
| H1 | 0.218(15) | 0.260(11) | 0.502(10) | 0.024 |

| Table S29. Sa | mple and | crystal | data for | $C_4H_{10}As_2F_{12}N_2$. |
|---------------|----------|---------|----------|----------------------------|
|---------------|----------|---------|----------|----------------------------|

| Identification code | DiNH2acetonitrileH | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Chemical formula | $C_4H_{10}As_2F_{12}N_2$ | |
| Formula weight | 463.98 g/mol | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Crystal system | orthorhombic | |
| Space group | P c a 21 | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 14.703(4) Å | α = 90° |
| | b = 10.260(3) Å | β = 90° |
| | c = 16.759(4) Å | γ = 90° |
| Volume | 2528.1(11) Å ³ | |
| Z | 8 | |
| Density (calculated) | 2.438 g/cm ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 5.426 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 1776 | |

Table S30. Data collection and structure refinement for $C H_{2}A_{2}E_{2}N_{2}$

| $C_4 \Pi_{10} A S_2 \Gamma_{12} N_2.$ | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX DUO | | |
| Radiation source | fine-focus tube, M | ΙοΚα | |
| Theta range for data collection | 1.99 to 30.48° | | |
| Index ranges | -20<=h<=20, -14<= | =k<=14, -23<=l<=23 | |
| Reflections collected | 59685 | | |
| Independent reflections | 7636 [R(int) = 0.05 | 57] | |
| Coverage of independent reflections | 99.4% | | |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | | |
| Structure solution technique | direct methods | | |
| Structure solution program | SHELXTL XT 2013/ | 1 (Bruker AXS, 2014) | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-se | quares on F ² | |
| Refinement program | SHELXTL XL 2014/ | 7 (Bruker AXS, 2014) | |
| Function minimized | $\Sigma w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$ | | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 7636 / 5 / 378 | | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.032 | | |
| Δ/σ_{max} | 0.001 | | |
| Final R indices | 6795 data; I>2σ(I) | R1 = 0.0263, wR2 = 0.0547 | |
| | all data | R1 = 0.0331, wR2 = 0.0568 | |
| Weighting scheme | w=1/[$\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2})$ +(0.01) where P=(F_{o}^{2} +2 F_{c}^{2} | 178P) ² +2.3671P])/3 | |
| Absolute structure parameter | 0.5(0) | | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.718 and -0.596 e | eÅ- ³ | |
| R.M.S. deviation from mean | 0.102 eÅ ⁻³ | | |

Table S31. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for $C_4H_{10}As_2F_{12}N_2$.

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| C1 | 0.1219(3) | 0.5777(5) | 0.5751(3) | 0.0156(10) |
| C2 | 0.1079(3) | 0.5684(5) | 0.6612(3) | 0.0176(9) |
| N1 | 0.1288(2) | 0.5868(5) | 0.5082(3) | 0.0169(9) |
| N2 | 0.1583(2) | 0.4580(3) | 0.6990(2) | 0.0114(6) |
| C3 | 0.1344(3) | 0.3288(5) | 0.6616(4) | 0.0237(12) |
| C4 | 0.1384(3) | 0.4591(5) | 0.7874(3) | 0.0193(9) |
| C5 | 0.3817(3) | 0.0879(5) | 0.5401(3) | 0.0147(10) |
| C6 | 0.3796(3) | 0.0920(5) | 0.4525(3) | 0.0179(10) |
| N3 | 0.3815(3) | 0.0879(5) | 0.6065(3) | 0.0173(9) |
| N4 | 0.4170(3) | 0.9742(4) | 0.4168(2) | 0.0212(8) |
| C7 | 0.3789(3) | 0.8495(5) | 0.4526(4) | 0.0233(11) |
| C8 | 0.3951(4) | 0.9758(5) | 0.3275(3) | 0.0231(9) |
| As1 | 0.37446(3) | 0.46335(5) | 0.52521(3) | 0.01211(10) |
| F1 | 0.29677(17) | 0.3398(3) | 0.50909(19) | 0.0244(6) |
| F2 | 0.45301(17) | 0.5835(3) | 0.54379(17) | 0.0221(6) |
| F3 | 0.43147(16) | 0.3625(3) | 0.59112(17) | 0.0192(5) |
| F4 | 0.30669(17) | 0.5204(3) | 0.60191(16) | 0.0187(6) |
| F5 | 0.31727(18) | 0.5626(3) | 0.45951(17) | 0.0224(6) |
| F6 | 0.44051(19) | 0.4032(3) | 0.44872(17) | 0.0241(6) |
| As2 | 0.13285(3) | 0.95935(5) | 0.58442(3) | 0.01398(11) |
| F7 | 0.20995(18) | 0.8352(3) | 0.5749(2) | 0.0317(8) |
| F8 | 0.05395(19) | 0.0807(3) | 0.5923(2) | 0.0383(9) |
| F9 | 0.1957(2) | 0.0515(4) | 0.5194(2) | 0.0410(9) |
| F10 | 0.19359(19) | 0.0222(3) | 0.66268(18) | 0.0253(6) |
| F11 | 0.07069(19) | 0.8635(3) | 0.64891(17) | 0.0240(6) |
| F12 | 0.07017(19) | 0.8970(3) | 0.50564(17) | 0.0296(7) |
| As3 | 0.13102(3) | 0.75023(4) | 0.28460(3) | 0.01421(11) |

| F13 | 0.23158(19) | 0.7049(3) | 0.24068(19) | 0.0309(7) |
|-----|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| F14 | 0.03210(19) | 0.7875(3) | 0.3338(2) | 0.0340(8) |
| F15 | 0.0777(2) | 0.6208(3) | 0.24041(19) | 0.0328(7) |
| F16 | 0.1033(2) | 0.8488(3) | 0.2066(2) | 0.0367(8) |
| F17 | 0.1846(2) | 0.8749(3) | 0.3332(2) | 0.0376(8) |
| F18 | 0.1614(2) | 0.6484(3) | 0.36453(19) | 0.0371(8) |
| As4 | 0.62392(3) | 0.74491(4) | 0.32252(3) | 0.01263(11) |
| F19 | 0.66891(19) | 0.6583(3) | 0.24418(19) | 0.0327(8) |
| F20 | 0.57880(18) | 0.8396(3) | 0.39626(16) | 0.0246(6) |
| F21 | 0.73026(17) | 0.8076(3) | 0.34183(18) | 0.0250(7) |
| F22 | 0.6420(2) | 0.6203(3) | 0.3870(2) | 0.0367(8) |
| F23 | 0.51719(18) | 0.6889(3) | 0.29910(19) | 0.0270(7) |
| F24 | 0.6047(2) | 0.8769(3) | 0.25729(17) | 0.0274(6) |

| Table S32. Bond lengths (A | Å) for C4 | $_{\rm H_{10}}$ As ₂ F ₁₂ N ₂ . |
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| C1-N1 | 1.129(8) | C1-C2 | 1.461(8) |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| C2-N2 | 1.494(6) | C2-H2A | 0.99 |
| C2-H2B | 0.99 | N1-H1N | 0.86(3) |
| N2-C3 | 1.508(6) | N2-C4 | 1.511(6) |
| N2-H2N | 0.89(2) | C3-H3A | 0.98 |
| C3-H3B | 0.98 | C3-H3C | 0.98 |
| C4-H4A | 0.98 | C4-H4B | 0.98 |
| C4-H4C | 0.98 | C5-N3 | 1.112(7) |
| C5-C6 | 1.470(7) | C6-N4 | 1.457(6) |
| C6-H6A | 0.99 | C6-H6B | 0.99 |
| N3-H3N | 0.94(3) | N4-C7 | 1.520(6) |
| N4-C8 | 1.530(6) | N4-H4N | 0.95(3) |
| C7-H7A | 0.98 | С7-Н7В | 0.98 |
| C7-H7C | 0.98 | C8-H8A | 0.98 |
| C8-H8B | 0.98 | C8-H8C | 0.98 |
| As1-F2 | 1.718(3) | As1-F5 | 1.719(3) |
| As1-F6 | 1.723(3) | As1-F1 | 1.728(3) |
| As1-F4 | 1.729(3) | As1-F3 | 1.730(3) |
| As2-F8 | 1.707(3) | As2-F7 | 1.712(3) |
| As2-F10 | 1.713(3) | As2-F9 | 1.714(3) |
| As2-F11 | 1.723(3) | As2-F12 | 1.733(3) |
| As3-F16 | 1.702(3) | As3-F17 | 1.708(3) |
| As3-F15 | 1.711(3) | As3-F14 | 1.715(3) |
| As3-F13 | 1.716(3) | As3-F18 | 1.757(3) |
| As4-F22 | 1.696(3) | As4-F20 | 1.706(3) |
| As4-F23 | 1.717(3) | As4-F19 | 1.718(3) |
| As4-F21 | 1.721(3) | As4-F24 | 1.763(3) |

| Table S33 | . Bond angles | (°) for | $C_4H_{10}As_2F_{12}N_2$. |
|-----------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
|-----------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|

| N1-C1-C2 | 176.9(5) | C1-C2-N2 | 113.5(4) |
|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| C1-C2-H2A | 108.9 | N2-C2-H2A | 108.9 |
| C1-C2-H2B | 108.9 | N2-C2-H2B | 108.9 |
| H2A-C2-H2B | 107.7 | C1-N1-H1N | 178.(4) |
| C2-N2-C3 | 112.0(4) | C2-N2-C4 | 108.3(3) |
| C3-N2-C4 | 111.7(4) | C2-N2-H2N | 107.(3) |
| C3-N2-H2N | 110.(3) | C4-N2-H2N | 107.(3) |
| N2-C3-H3A | 109.5 | N2-C3-H3B | 109.5 |
| НЗА-СЗ-НЗВ | 109.5 | N2-C3-H3C | 109.5 |
| НЗА-СЗ-НЗС | 109.5 | НЗВ-СЗ-НЗС | 109.5 |
| N2-C4-H4A | 109.5 | N2-C4-H4B | 109.5 |
| H4A-C4-H4B | 109.5 | N2-C4-H4C | 109.5 |
| H4A-C4-H4C | 109.5 | H4B-C4-H4C | 109.5 |
| N3-C5-C6 | 177.8(6) | N4-C6-C5 | 112.2(4) |
| N4-C6-H6A | 109.2 | C5-C6-H6A | 109.2 |
| N4-C6-H6B | 109.2 | C5-C6-H6B | 109.2 |
| H6A-C6-H6B | 107.9 | C5-N3-H3N | 175.(4) |
| C6-N4-C7 | 113.4(4) | C6-N4-C8 | 108.2(4) |
| C7-N4-C8 | 108.5(4) | C6-N4-H4N | 109.(3) |
| C7-N4-H4N | 109.(3) | C8-N4-H4N | 108.(3) |
| N4-C7-H7A | 109.5 | N4-C7-H7B | 109.5 |
| Н7А-С7-Н7В | 109.5 | N4-C7-H7C | 109.5 |
| H7A-C7-H7C | 109.5 | Н7В-С7-Н7С | 109.5 |
| N4-C8-H8A | 109.5 | N4-C8-H8B | 109.5 |
| H8A-C8-H8B | 109.5 | N4-C8-H8C | 109.5 |
| H8A-C8-H8C | 109.5 | H8B-C8-H8C | 109.5 |
| F2-As1-F5 | 91.14(14) | F2-As1-F6 | 90.74(14) |

| F5-As1-F6 | 90.66(14) | F2-As1-F1 | 178.18(14) |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| F5-As1-F1 | 90.65(14) | F6-As1-F1 | 89.62(14) |
| F2-As1-F4 | 90.55(13) | F5-As1-F4 | 89.64(13) |
| F6-As1-F4 | 178.67(14) | F1-As1-F4 | 89.07(13) |
| F2-As1-F3 | 89.29(13) | F5-As1-F3 | 179.57(14) |
| F6-As1-F3 | 89.29(13) | F1-As1-F3 | 88.92(13) |
| F4-As1-F3 | 90.41(13) | F8-As2-F7 | 178.44(15) |
| F8-As2-F10 | 91.15(16) | F7-As2-F10 | 90.34(15) |
| F8-As2-F9 | 90.76(17) | F7-As2-F9 | 89.68(17) |
| F10-As2-F9 | 89.89(15) | F8-As2-F11 | 90.42(15) |
| F7-As2-F11 | 89.13(15) | F10-As2-F11 | 90.64(14) |
| F9-As2-F11 | 178.70(18) | F8-As2-F12 | 88.12(16) |
| F7-As2-F12 | 90.38(16) | F10-As2-F12 | 179.24(15) |
| F9-As2-F12 | 90.34(16) | F11-As2-F12 | 89.14(14) |
| F16-As3-F17 | 91.79(17) | F16-As3-F15 | 91.11(17) |
| F17-As3-F15 | 177.04(17) | F16-As3-F14 | 91.93(17) |
| F17-As3-F14 | 89.72(16) | F15-As3-F14 | 89.57(15) |
| F16-As3-F13 | 92.15(16) | F17-As3-F13 | 90.57(16) |
| F15-As3-F13 | 89.93(16) | F14-As3-F13 | 175.90(16) |
| F16-As3-F18 | 179.08(17) | F17-As3-F18 | 87.99(17) |
| F15-As3-F18 | 89.12(17) | F14-As3-F18 | 88.97(16) |
| F13-As3-F18 | 86.95(15) | F22-As4-F20 | 91.62(17) |
| F22-As4-F23 | 92.12(15) | F20-As4-F23 | 90.03(14) |
| F22-As4-F19 | 92.10(17) | F20-As4-F19 | 176.26(16) |
| F23-As4-F19 | 90.24(14) | F22-As4-F21 | 91.11(15) |
| F20-As4-F21 | 90.25(13) | F23-As4-F21 | 176.75(15) |
| F19-As4-F21 | 89.27(14) | F22-As4-F24 | 178.70(16) |
| F20-As4-F24 | 87.12(14) | F23-As4-F24 | 88.22(14) |

F19-As4-F24 89.15(16) F21-As4-F24 88.56(14)

Table S34. Torsion angles (°) for $C_4H_{10}As_2F_{12}N_2$.

| C1-C2-N2-C3 | -56.5(5) | C1-C2-N2-C4 | 179.9(4) |
|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| C5-C6-N4-C7 | 48.6(5) | C5-C6-N4-C8 | 169.1(4) |

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Table S35. Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters (Ų) for $C_4H_{10}As_2F_{12}N_2$.

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2 π^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + ... + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]

| | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U_{12} |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| C1 | 0.0098(19) | 0.015(2) | 0.022(3) | 0.0023(19) | -0.0030(17) | 0.0007(14) |
| C2 | 0.024(2) | 0.016(2) | 0.013(2) | -0.0031(17) | -0.0037(18) | 0.0088(18) |
| N1 | 0.0146(19) | 0.021(2) | 0.015(2) | 0.0018(17) | -0.0001(14) | 0.0008(14) |
| N2 | 0.0115(15) | 0.0117(16) | 0.0109(16) | 0.0002(12) | -0.0013(12) | 0.0006(12) |
| C3 | 0.033(3) | 0.012(2) | 0.026(3) | -0.0044(19) | 0.005(2) | -0.0031(18) |
| C4 | 0.024(2) | 0.025(2) | 0.008(2) | 0.0030(17) | -0.0009(17) | 0.0015(17) |
| C5 | 0.0114(18) | 0.016(2) | 0.016(3) | 0.0040(18) | -0.0008(16) | 0.0008(16) |
| C6 | 0.020(2) | 0.021(2) | 0.012(2) | 0.0019(17) | -0.0026(17) | -0.0004(17) |
| N3 | 0.0151(19) | 0.019(2) | 0.018(2) | -0.0014(17) | 0.0011(14) | -0.0005(14) |
| N4 | 0.024(2) | 0.0185(19) | 0.021(2) | 0.0001(15) | -0.0007(16) | 0.0011(15) |
| C7 | 0.033(3) | 0.015(2) | 0.022(3) | 0.0026(19) | 0.006(2) | -0.0004(19) |
| C8 | 0.035(2) | 0.021(2) | 0.013(2) | -0.0041(18) | -0.002(2) | 0.0034(19) |
| As1 | 0.0106(2) | 0.0155(2) | 0.0102(2) | -0.00017(17) | -0.00037(15) | 0.00188(15) |
| F1 | 0.0170(12) | 0.0230(14) | 0.0331(17) | -0.0057(12) | -0.0061(11) | -0.0027(10) |
| F2 | 0.0170(12) | 0.0205(13) | 0.0287(16) | -0.0002(11) | 0.0024(11) | -0.0028(10) |
| F3 | 0.0158(11) | 0.0216(13) | 0.0202(13) | 0.0064(11) | -0.0044(11) | 0.0022(10) |
| F4 | 0.0161(12) | 0.0262(14) | 0.0138(13) | -0.0002(11) | 0.0031(10) | 0.0026(10) |
| F5 | 0.0213(13) | 0.0280(15) | 0.0178(14) | 0.0079(11) | -0.0003(11) | 0.0075(11) |
| F6 | 0.0206(13) | 0.0350(17) | 0.0165(14) | -0.0040(12) | 0.0021(11) | 0.0078(12) |
| As2 | 0.0109(2) | 0.0165(2) | 0.0145(3) | 0.00085(19) | 0.00064(17) | -0.00181(15) |
| F7 | 0.0199(13) | 0.0319(16) | 0.043(2) | -0.0132(15) | 0.0013(13) | 0.0078(11) |
| F8 | 0.0214(14) | 0.0169(14) | 0.077(3) | -0.0021(17) | -0.0055(16) | 0.0050(11) |
| F9 | 0.0213(15) | 0.069(2) | 0.0331(19) | 0.0317(17) | -0.0071(14) | -0.0198(15) |
| F10 | 0.0255(15) | 0.0272(15) | 0.0234(15) | -0.0085(12) | -0.0036(12) | -0.0070(12) |

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| Table S36. Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic |
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| displacement parameters ($Å^2$) for C ₄ H ₁₀ As ₂ F ₁₂ N ₂ . |

| • | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|------------|----------|------------|-------|
| H2A | 0.0421 | 0.5577 | 0.6719 | 0.021 |
| H2B | 0.1276 | 0.6510 | 0.6864 | 0.021 |
| H1N | 0.134(3) | 0.591(6) | 0.4572(16) | 0.02 |
| H2N | 0.2175(18) | 0.475(4) | 0.693(3) | 0.014 |
| НЗА | 0.0684 | 0.3163 | 0.6633 | 0.035 |
| НЗВ | 0.1643 | 0.2584 | 0.6911 | 0.035 |
| нзс | 0.1550 | 0.3278 | 0.6059 | 0.035 |
| H4A | 0.1567 | 0.5431 | 0.8101 | 0.029 |
| H4B | 0.1726 | 0.3889 | 0.8135 | 0.029 |
| H4C | 0.0732 | 0.4458 | 0.7961 | 0.029 |
| H6A | 0.3159 | 1.1033 | 0.4345 | 0.022 |
| H6B | 0.4148 | 1.1683 | 0.4338 | 0.022 |
| H3N | 0.378(3) | 1.095(6) | 0.6623(16) | 0.021 |
| H4N | 0.4815(18) | 0.975(5) | 0.423(3) | 0.025 |
| H7A | 0.3921 | 0.8473 | 0.5099 | 0.035 |
| H7B | 0.4071 | 0.7741 | 0.4266 | 0.035 |
| H7C | 0.3129 | 0.8467 | 0.4443 | 0.035 |
| H8A | 0.3292 | 0.9694 | 0.3200 | 0.035 |
| H8B | 0.4250 | 0.9019 | 0.3014 | 0.035 |
| H8C | 0.4172 | 1.0574 | 0.3040 | 0.035 |

Table S37. Sample and crystal data for PhCNHAsF₆.

| Identification code | PhCNHAsF6 | |
|------------------------|--|---------|
| Chemical formula | C ₇ H ₆ AsF ₆ N | |
| Formula weight | 293.05 g/mol | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Crystal system | orthorhombic | |
| Space group | Pbca | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 10.3956(10) Å | α = 90° |
| | b = 9.5385(9) Å | β = 90° |
| | c = 19.5358(19) Å | γ = 90° |
| Volume | 1937.1(3) Å ³ | |
| Z | 8 | |
| Density (calculated) | 2.010 g/cm ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 3.565 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 1136 | |

| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX DUO | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Radiation source | fine-focus tube, N | ΙοΚα | |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.09 to 30.53° | | |
| Reflections collected | 2954 | | |
| Coverage of independent reflections | 99.8% | | |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | | |
| Structure solution technique | direct methods | | |
| Structure solution program | SHELXTL XT 2013/1 (Bruker AXS, 2014) | | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | | |
| Refinement program | SHELXTL XL 2014/ | 7 (Bruker AXS, 2014) | |
| Function minimized | $\Sigma w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$ | | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 2954 / 6 / 152 | | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.123 | | |
| Final R indices | 2160 data; I>2σ(I) | R1 = 0.0606, wR2 = 0.1092 | |
| | all data | R1 = 0.0966, wR2 = 0.1187 | |
| Weighting scheme | w=1/[$\sigma^2(F_o^2)$ +(0.02) where P=(F_o^2 +2 F_c^2 | 182P) ² +14.0236P])/3 | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 1.127 and -1.222 e | eÅ- ³ | |
| R.M.S. deviation from mean | 0.135 eÅ ⁻³ | | |

Table S38. Data collection and structure refinement for PhCNHAsF₆.

Table S39. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for PhCNHAsF₆.

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| C1 | 0.7836(5) | 0.6166(5) | 0.3508(2) | 0.0229(10) |
| C2 | 0.8383(4) | 0.5167(5) | 0.3963(2) | 0.0174(9) |
| C3 | 0.9616(5) | 0.4681(5) | 0.3831(2) | 0.0228(9) |
| C4 | 0.0121(5) | 0.3649(6) | 0.4249(2) | 0.0279(11) |
| C5 | 0.9396(5) | 0.3147(5) | 0.4796(2) | 0.0261(11) |
| C6 | 0.8184(5) | 0.3659(5) | 0.4934(2) | 0.0260(10) |
| C7 | 0.7650(5) | 0.4681(5) | 0.4515(2) | 0.0237(9) |
| N1 | 0.7385(4) | 0.6937(5) | 0.3139(2) | 0.0252(9) |
| As1 | 0.59179(4) | 0.96071(5) | 0.16329(2) | 0.01965(12) |
| F1 | 0.6411(4) | 0.8940(3) | 0.24233(15) | 0.0431(9) |
| F2 | 0.5460(4) | 0.0262(4) | 0.08567(17) | 0.0559(10) |
| F3 | 0.6517(7) | 0.8192(6) | 0.1246(3) | 0.074(2) |
| F4 | 0.5380(6) | 0.1073(6) | 0.2065(3) | 0.0532(15) |
| F5 | 0.7405(5) | 0.0396(7) | 0.1597(3) | 0.0652(17) |
| F6 | 0.4444(5) | 0.8907(8) | 0.1703(3) | 0.070(2) |
| F3' | 0.551(2) | 0.7832(17) | 0.1446(9) | 0.074(2) |
| F4' | 0.6194(16) | 0.1214(15) | 0.1870(8) | 0.0532(15) |
| F5' | 0.7292(13) | 0.932(2) | 0.1263(8) | 0.0652(17) |
| F6' | 0.4450(15) | 0.964(2) | 0.2036(10) | 0.070(2) |

Table S40. Bond lengths (Å) for PhCNHAsF₆.

| C1-N1 | 1.132(6) | C1-C2 | 1.422(6) |
|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| C2-C3 | 1.387(6) | C2-C7 | 1.399(6) |
| C3-C4 | 1.383(7) | C3-H3 | 0.95 |
| C4-C5 | 1.392(7) | C4-H4 | 0.95 |
| C5-C6 | 1.378(7) | C5-H5 | 0.95 |
| C6-C7 | 1.389(7) | C6-H6 | 0.95 |
| C7-H7 | 0.95 | N1-H1 | 0.99(6) |
| As1-F5' | 1.624(14) | As1-F4' | 1.626(15) |
| As1-F3 | 1.668(5) | As1-F6 | 1.677(5) |
| As1-F2 | 1.708(3) | As1-F6' | 1.718(16) |
| As1-F5 | 1.721(5) | As1-F4 | 1.726(5) |
| As1-F1 | 1.747(3) | As1-F3' | 1.783(16) |

Table S41. Bond angles (°) for PhCNHAsF₆.

| N1-C1-C2 | 178.4(5) | C3-C2-C7 | 122.4(4) |
|-------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| C3-C2-C1 | 118.5(4) | C7-C2-C1 | 119.1(4) |
| C4-C3-C2 | 118.6(4) | C4-C3-H3 | 120.7 |
| С2-С3-Н3 | 120.7 | C3-C4-C5 | 119.5(5) |
| С3-С4-Н4 | 120.2 | C5-C4-H4 | 120.2 |
| C6-C5-C4 | 121.6(5) | C6-C5-H5 | 119.2 |
| C4-C5-H5 | 119.2 | C5-C6-C7 | 119.9(4) |
| С5-С6-Н6 | 120.0 | C7-C6-H6 | 120.0 |
| C6-C7-C2 | 118.0(4) | C6-C7-H7 | 121.0 |
| С2-С7-Н7 | 121.0 | C1-N1-H1 | 178.(3) |
| F5'-As1-F4' | 97.5(9) | F3-As1-F6 | 93.2(4) |
| F5'-As1-F2 | 84.9(6) | F4'-As1-F2 | 87.6(6) |
| F3-As1-F2 | 89.9(2) | F6-As1-F2 | 87.9(2) |
| F5'-As1-F6' | 171.3(10) | F4'-As1-F6' | 90.5(8) |
| F2-As1-F6' | 98.8(6) | F3-As1-F5 | 90.0(4) |
| F6-As1-F5 | 176.6(4) | F2-As1-F5 | 93.1(2) |
| F3-As1-F4 | 176.5(3) | F6-As1-F4 | 89.2(3) |
| F2-As1-F4 | 92.7(2) | F5-As1-F4 | 87.5(3) |
| F5'-As1-F1 | 94.2(6) | F4'-As1-F1 | 92.3(6) |
| F3-As1-F1 | 89.8(2) | F6-As1-F1 | 92.9(2) |
| F2-As1-F1 | 179.11(19) | F6'-As1-F1 | 82.1(6) |
| F5-As1-F1 | 86.1(2) | F4-As1-F1 | 87.6(2) |
| F5'-As1-F3' | 87.5(9) | F4'-As1-F3' | 174.3(9) |
| F2-As1-F3' | 95.7(6) | F6'-As1-F3' | 84.3(9) |
| F1-As1-F3' | 84.5(6) | | |

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| C7-C2-C3-C4 | 2.0(7) | C1-C2-C3-C4 | -176.2(4) |
| C2-C3-C4-C5 | -1.2(7) | C3-C4-C5-C6 | -0.4(7) |
| C4-C5-C6-C7 | 1.4(7) | C5-C6-C7-C2 | -0.6(7) |
| C3-C2-C7-C6 | -1.0(7) | C1-C2-C7-C6 | 177.2(4) |

Table S42. Torsion angles (°) for PhCNHAsF₆.

Table S43. Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$ for PhCNHAsF₆.

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2 π^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + ... + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]

| | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U ₁₂ |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| C1 | 0.027(2) | 0.023(2) | 0.018(2) | -0.0026(17) | -0.0015(18) | -0.001(2) |
| C2 | 0.019(2) | 0.016(2) | 0.0178(19) | -0.0011(16) | -0.0033(17) | -0.0001(17) |
| C3 | 0.024(2) | 0.026(2) | 0.0186(19) | 0.0014(19) | -0.0008(18) | -0.003(2) |
| C4 | 0.027(3) | 0.030(3) | 0.027(2) | -0.003(2) | -0.005(2) | 0.006(2) |
| C5 | 0.036(3) | 0.020(2) | 0.023(2) | -0.0006(18) | -0.011(2) | 0.002(2) |
| C6 | 0.034(3) | 0.024(2) | 0.020(2) | 0.0016(18) | 0.002(2) | -0.005(2) |
| C7 | 0.022(2) | 0.027(2) | 0.021(2) | -0.002(2) | 0.0015(18) | 0.000(2) |
| N1 | 0.030(2) | 0.023(2) | 0.0231(17) | -0.0015(16) | -0.0017(18) | 0.0031(18) |
| As1 | 0.0206(2) | 0.0222(2) | 0.01615(19) | 0.0015(2) | -0.0029(2) | 0.0037(2) |
| F1 | 0.072(2) | 0.0355(17) | 0.0219(15) | 0.0056(13) | -0.0127(16) | 0.0168(18) |
| F2 | 0.071(3) | 0.067(3) | 0.0303(17) | 0.0152(18) | -0.0171(17) | 0.008(2) |
| F3 | 0.111(6) | 0.055(4) | 0.054(3) | -0.032(3) | -0.027(4) | 0.051(4) |
| F4 | 0.065(4) | 0.049(3) | 0.045(3) | -0.014(2) | -0.011(3) | 0.040(3) |
| F5 | 0.033(2) | 0.107(5) | 0.055(3) | 0.015(3) | -0.003(2) | -0.031(3) |
| F6 | 0.039(2) | 0.090(5) | 0.080(5) | 0.029(4) | -0.019(3) | -0.043(3) |
| F3' | 0.111(6) | 0.055(4) | 0.054(3) | -0.032(3) | -0.027(4) | 0.051(4) |
| F4' | 0.065(4) | 0.049(3) | 0.045(3) | -0.014(2) | -0.011(3) | 0.040(3) |
| F5' | 0.033(2) | 0.107(5) | 0.055(3) | 0.015(3) | -0.003(2) | -0.031(3) |

| | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U ₁₂ |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| F6' | 0.039(2) | 0.090(5) | 0.080(5) | 0.029(4) | -0.019(3) | -0.043(3) |

Table S44. Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for PhCNHAsF₆.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|----|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| H3 | 1.0103 | 0.5050 | 0.3461 | 0.027 |
| H4 | 1.0957 | 0.3286 | 0.4164 | 0.034 |
| H5 | 0.9744 | 0.2433 | 0.5080 | 0.031 |
| H6 | 0.7715 | 0.3315 | 0.5316 | 0.031 |
| H7 | 0.6812 | 0.5040 | 0.4600 | 0.028 |
| H1 | 0.697(5) | 0.763(6) | 0.283(3) | 0.03 |

| Identification code | TolHAsF6 | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Chemical formula | C ₈ H ₈ AsF ₆ N | | |
| Formula weight | 307.07 g/mol | | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | | |
| Crystal size | 0.176 x 0.201 x 0.320 mm | | |
| Crystal habit | clear colourless prism | | |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | | |
| Space group | P 1 21/c 1 | | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 11.1940(9) Å | α = 90° | |
| | b = 9.7842(8) Å | $\beta = 92.4450(10)^{\circ}$ | |
| | c = 9.5122(8) Å | γ = 90° | |
| Volume | 1040.87(15) Å ³ | | |
| Z | 4 | | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.960 g/cm ³ | | |
| Absorption coefficient | 3.322 mm ⁻¹ | | |
| F(000) | 600 | | |

Table S45. Sample and crystal data for C₈H₈AsF₆N.

| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX DUO | |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Radiation source | fine-focus tube, ΜοΚα | |
| Theta range for data collection | 1.82 to 30.68° | |
| Index ranges | -16<=h<=16, -13<=k<=13, -13<=l<=1 | 13 |
| Reflections collected | 25393 | |
| Independent reflections | 3197 [R(int) = 0.0307] | |
| Coverage of independent reflections | 99.1% | |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | |
| Structure solution technique | direct methods | |
| Structure solution program | SHELXTL XT 2013/1 (Bruker AXS, 20 | 14) |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | |
| Refinement program | SHELXTL XL 2014/7 (Bruker AXS, 20 | 14) |
| Function minimized | $\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$ | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 3197 / 0 / 149 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.060 | |
| Δ/σ_{max} | 0.001 | |
| Final R indices | 2871 data; I>2σ(I) R1 = 0.0184, wR | 2 = 0.0439 |
| | all data R1 = 0.0226, wR | 2 = 0.0453 |
| Weighting scheme | w=1/[$\sigma^2(F_o^2)$ +(0.0205P) ² +0.3924P] where P=(F_o^2 +2 F_c^2)/3 | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.388 and -0.327 eÅ ⁻³ | |
| R.M.S. deviation from mean | 0.060 eÅ ⁻³ | |

Table S46. Data collection and structure refinement for $C_8H_8AsF_6N$.

Table S47. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for $C_8H_8AsF_6N$.

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C1 | 0.33356(11) | 0.34452(12) | 0.05843(12) | 0.0157(2) |
| C2 | 0.23082(11) | 0.40164(12) | 0.12073(13) | 0.0149(2) |
| C3 | 0.24799(11) | 0.50905(13) | 0.21759(13) | 0.0170(2) |
| C4 | 0.14849(11) | 0.56471(13) | 0.27804(13) | 0.0183(2) |
| C5 | 0.03551(11) | 0.51400(13) | 0.24122(13) | 0.0176(2) |
| C6 | 0.01977(11) | 0.40816(13) | 0.14446(13) | 0.0166(2) |
| C7 | 0.11713(11) | 0.34845(12) | 0.08149(12) | 0.0144(2) |
| C8 | 0.10201(12) | 0.23469(13) | 0.97672(13) | 0.0183(2) |
| N1 | 0.41460(10) | 0.29880(12) | 0.00960(12) | 0.0195(2) |
| As1 | 0.66121(2) | 0.43454(2) | 0.30257(2) | 0.01374(4) |
| F1 | 0.58239(8) | 0.28683(9) | 0.34798(10) | 0.02906(19) |
| F2 | 0.73694(7) | 0.58031(8) | 0.25681(9) | 0.02596(18) |
| F3 | 0.79135(7) | 0.36170(9) | 0.36721(9) | 0.02676(18) |
| F4 | 0.63618(8) | 0.50116(9) | 0.46507(8) | 0.02729(18) |
| F5 | 0.52967(7) | 0.50472(10) | 0.23709(10) | 0.03015(19) |
| F6 | 0.68313(8) | 0.36385(10) | 0.14078(8) | 0.02920(19) |

Table S48. Bond lengths (Å) for $C_8H_8AsF_6N$.

| C1-N1 | 1.1291(17) | C1-C2 | 1.4298(16) |
|--------|------------|--------|------------|
| C2-C3 | 1.4054(17) | C2-C7 | 1.4103(16) |
| C3-C4 | 1.3864(17) | C3-H3 | 0.95 |
| C4-C5 | 1.3895(18) | C4-H4 | 0.95 |
| C5-C6 | 1.3917(18) | C5-H5 | 0.95 |
| C6-C7 | 1.3942(17) | C6-H6 | 0.95 |
| C7-C8 | 1.4988(17) | C8-H8A | 0.98 |
| C8-H8B | 0.98 | C8-H8C | 0.98 |
| N1-H1 | 0.789(17) | As1-F4 | 1.7117(8) |
| As1-F3 | 1.7122(8) | As1-F6 | 1.7144(8) |
| As1-F5 | 1.7173(8) | As1-F2 | 1.7244(8) |
| As1-F1 | 1.7569(8) | | |

Table S49. Bond angles (°) for $C_8H_8AsF_6N$.

| N1-C1-C2 | 179.64(15) | C3-C2-C7 | 123.10(11) |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| C3-C2-C1 | 118.30(11) | C7-C2-C1 | 118.60(11) |
| C4-C3-C2 | 118.41(11) | C4-C3-H3 | 120.8 |
| C2-C3-H3 | 120.8 | C3-C4-C5 | 119.60(12) |
| C3-C4-H4 | 120.2 | C5-C4-H4 | 120.2 |
| C4-C5-C6 | 121.37(11) | C4-C5-H5 | 119.3 |
| C6-C5-H5 | 119.3 | C5-C6-C7 | 121.11(12) |
| C5-C6-H6 | 119.4 | С7-С6-Н6 | 119.4 |
| C6-C7-C2 | 116.41(11) | C6-C7-C8 | 121.92(11) |
| C2-C7-C8 | 121.67(11) | C7-C8-H8A | 109.5 |
| C7-C8-H8B | 109.5 | H8A-C8-H8B | 109.5 |
| C7-C8-H8C | 109.5 | H8A-C8-H8C | 109.5 |
| H8B-C8-H8C | 109.5 | C1-N1-H1 | 174.1(13) |
| F4-As1-F3 | 90.22(4) | F4-As1-F6 | 178.21(4) |
| F3-As1-F6 | 90.13(4) | F4-As1-F5 | 90.25(4) |
| F3-As1-F5 | 178.97(4) | F6-As1-F5 | 89.37(4) |
| F4-As1-F2 | 90.81(4) | F3-As1-F2 | 90.86(4) |
| F6-As1-F2 | 90.94(4) | F5-As1-F2 | 90.05(4) |
| F4-As1-F1 | 89.31(4) | F3-As1-F1 | 89.87(4) |
| F6-As1-F1 | 88.94(4) | F5-As1-F1 | 89.21(5) |
| F2-As1-F1 | 179.26(4) | | |

| Table S50. Torsion angles (| °) for C ₈ H ₈ AsF ₆ N. |
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| C7-C2-C3-C4 | 0.42(18) | C1-C2-C3-C4 | 179.93(11) |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| C2-C3-C4-C5 | -0.34(18) | C3-C4-C5-C6 | -0.06(19) |
| C4-C5-C6-C7 | 0.42(19) | C5-C6-C7-C2 | -0.34(17) |
| C5-C6-C7-C8 | -179.80(11) | C3-C2-C7-C6 | -0.08(18) |
| C1-C2-C7-C6 | -179.59(11) | C3-C2-C7-C8 | 179.38(11) |
| C1-C2-C7-C8 | -0.13(17) | | |

Table S51. Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for $C_8H_8AsF_6N$.

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2 π^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + ... + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]

| | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U ₁₂ |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| C1 | 0.0153(5) | 0.0161(5) | 0.0155(5) | 0.0017(4) | -0.0009(4) | -0.0014(4) |
| C2 | 0.0131(5) | 0.0166(5) | 0.0151(5) | 0.0024(4) | 0.0023(4) | 0.0014(4) |
| C3 | 0.0147(5) | 0.0170(6) | 0.0192(6) | 0.0004(5) | 0.0009(4) | -0.0010(4) |
| C4 | 0.0205(6) | 0.0154(5) | 0.0191(6) | -0.0006(5) | 0.0022(5) | 0.0013(5) |
| C5 | 0.0162(5) | 0.0183(6) | 0.0187(6) | 0.0030(5) | 0.0048(4) | 0.0042(4) |
| C6 | 0.0133(5) | 0.0202(6) | 0.0162(5) | 0.0044(4) | 0.0016(4) | 0.0003(4) |
| C7 | 0.0155(5) | 0.0149(5) | 0.0127(5) | 0.0033(4) | 0.0008(4) | 0.0001(4) |
| C8 | 0.0206(6) | 0.0188(6) | 0.0155(5) | -0.0010(5) | 0.0005(4) | -0.0017(5) |
| N1 | 0.0167(5) | 0.0213(5) | 0.0207(5) | -0.0020(4) | 0.0039(4) | 0.0017(4) |
| As1 | 0.01083(6) | 0.01556(6) | 0.01498(6) | 0.00050(5) | 0.00227(4) | -0.00219(4) |
| F1 | 0.0303(4) | 0.0220(4) | 0.0361(5) | -0.0006(4) | 0.0156(4) | -0.0112(3) |
| F2 | 0.0228(4) | 0.0229(4) | 0.0320(4) | 0.0081(3) | -0.0003(3) | -0.0092(3) |
| F3 | 0.0188(4) | 0.0308(4) | 0.0307(4) | 0.0071(4) | 0.0007(3) | 0.0068(3) |
| F4 | 0.0331(4) | 0.0287(4) | 0.0204(4) | -0.0064(3) | 0.0055(3) | 0.0015(4) |
| F5 | 0.0143(4) | 0.0392(5) | 0.0365(5) | 0.0039(4) | -0.0048(3) | 0.0031(3) |
| F6 | 0.0315(5) | 0.0375(5) | 0.0192(4) | -0.0070(4) | 0.0076(3) | -0.0041(4) |

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| H3 | 0.3259 | 0.5427 | 0.2411 | 0.02 |
| H4 | 0.1575 | 0.6371 | 0.3442 | 0.022 |
| H5 | -0.0324 | 0.5524 | 0.2830 | 0.021 |
| H6 | -0.0586 | 0.3761 | 0.1209 | 0.02 |
| H8A | 0.0167 | 0.2150 | -0.0396 | 0.027 |
| H8B | 0.1430 | 0.1528 | 0.0133 | 0.027 |
| H8C | 0.1364 | 0.2620 | -0.1120 | 0.027 |
| H1 | 0.4686(15) | 0.2698(18) | -0.0321(18) | 0.023 |

Table S52. Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for $C_8H_8AsF_6N$.

| Identification code | Dicyanobenzene | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Chemical formula | $C_8H_6As_2F_{12N_2}$ | | |
| Formula weight | 507.99 g/mol | | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | | |
| Crystal size | 0.065 x 0.141 x 0.269 mm | | |
| Crystal habit | clear colourless rod | | |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | | |
| Space group | P 1 21/c 1 | | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 6.1068(5) Å | α = 90° | |
| | b = 12.0339(10) Å | $\beta = 98.3970(10)^{\circ}$ | |
| | c = 9.5336(8) Å | γ = 90° | |
| Volume | 693.10(10) Å ³ | | |
| Z | 2 | | |
| Density (calculated) | 2.434 g/cm ³ | | |
| Absorption coefficient | 4.961 mm ⁻¹ | | |
| F(000) | 484 | | |

Table S53. Sample and crystal data for $C_8H_6As_2F_{12}N_2$.

| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX DUO | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Radiation source | fine-focus tube, M | οΚα | |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.74 to 30.51° | | |
| Index ranges | -8<=h<=8, -17<=k< | =17, -13<=l<=13 | |
| Reflections collected | 13844 | | |
| Independent reflections | 2116 [R(int) = 0.02 | 17] | |
| Coverage of independent reflections | 99.9% | | |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | | |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.7390 and 0.3490 |) | |
| Structure solution technique | direct methods | | |
| Structure solution program | SHELXTL XT 2013/1 (Bruker AXS, 2014) | | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-so | quares on F ² | |
| Refinement program | SHELXTL XL 2014/2 | 7 (Bruker AXS, 2014) | |
| Function minimized | $\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$ | | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 2116/0/112 | | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.072 | | |
| Δ/σ_{max} | 0.001 | | |
| Final R indices | 1958 data; I>2σ(I) | R1 = 0.0145, wR2 = 0.0355 | |
| | all data | R1 = 0.0171, wR2 = 0.0363 | |
| Weighting scheme | w=1/ $[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2})+(0.01)]$ where P= $(F_{o}^{2}+2F_{c}^{2})$ | .62P) ² +0.2971P])/3 | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.476 and -0.323 e | A ⁻³ | |
| R.M.S. deviation from mean | 0.060 eÅ ⁻³ | | |

Table S54. Data collection and structure refinement for $C_8H_6As_2F_{12}N_2$.

Table S55. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for $C_8H_6As_2F_{12}N_2$. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C1 | 0.84317(19) | 0.59048(10) | 0.23655(12) | 0.0150(2) |
| C2 | 0.92383(19) | 0.54421(9) | 0.11485(12) | 0.0135(2) |
| C3 | 0.12466(19) | 0.48689(10) | 0.13571(12) | 0.0148(2) |
| C4 | 0.20306(19) | 0.44215(10) | 0.01861(12) | 0.0151(2) |
| N1 | 0.77712(18) | 0.62615(9) | 0.33111(11) | 0.0178(2) |
| As1 | 0.68887(2) | 0.31457(2) | 0.41911(2) | 0.01170(4) |
| F1 | 0.42102(13) | 0.29715(7) | 0.46720(9) | 0.02271(17) |
| F2 | 0.94651(13) | 0.33234(8) | 0.37160(9) | 0.02534(18) |
| F3 | 0.57326(13) | 0.39898(7) | 0.28259(8) | 0.02144(16) |
| F4 | 0.72493(13) | 0.42804(6) | 0.53002(8) | 0.02191(16) |
| F5 | 0.79476(14) | 0.22925(7) | 0.55548(8) | 0.02509(17) |
| F6 | 0.63581(13) | 0.20098(6) | 0.31078(8) | 0.01990(15) |

Table S56. Bond lengths (Å) for $C_8H_6As_2F_{12}N_2$.

| C1-N1 | 1.1250(16) | C1-C2 | 1.4373(16) |
|--------|------------|--------|------------|
| C2-C3 | 1.3958(16) | C2-C4 | 1.3994(16) |
| C3-C4 | 1.3863(16) | C3-H3 | 0.95 |
| C4-C2 | 1.3994(16) | C4-H4 | 0.95 |
| N1-H1 | 0.886(17) | As1-F5 | 1.7080(8) |
| As1-F2 | 1.7130(8) | As1-F6 | 1.7153(7) |
| As1-F3 | 1.7193(7) | As1-F4 | 1.7214(7) |
| As1-F1 | 1.7745(8) | | |

Table S57. Bond angles (°) for $C_8H_6As_2F_{12}N_2$.

| N1-C1-C2 | 179.02(13) | C3-C2-C4 | 123.09(10) |
|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| C3-C2-C1 | 118.29(10) | C4-C2-C1 | 118.62(10) |
| C4-C3-C2 | 118.48(10) | C4-C3-H3 | 120.8 |
| C2-C3-H3 | 120.8 | C3-C4-C2 | 118.43(11) |
| C3-C4-H4 | 120.8 | C2-C4-H4 | 120.8 |
| C1-N1-H1 | 175.0(11) | F5-As1-F2 | 90.92(4) |
| F5-As1-F6 | 89.80(4) | F2-As1-F6 | 92.31(4) |
| F5-As1-F3 | 178.02(4) | F2-As1-F3 | 91.01(4) |
| F6-As1-F3 | 89.68(4) | F5-As1-F4 | 90.52(4) |
| F2-As1-F4 | 91.34(4) | F6-As1-F4 | 176.33(4) |
| F3-As1-F4 | 89.88(4) | F5-As1-F1 | 89.61(4) |
| F2-As1-F1 | 179.47(4) | F6-As1-F1 | 87.78(4) |
| F3-As1-F1 | 88.47(4) | F4-As1-F1 | 88.57(4) |

Table S58. Torsion angles (°) for $C_8H_6As_2F_{12}N_2$.C4-C2-C3-C40.5(2)C1-C2-C3-C4-179.99(11)C2-C3-C4-C2-0.52(19)

Table S59. Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for $C_8H_6As_2F_{12}N_2$.

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2 π^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + ... + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]

| | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U ₁₂ |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| C1 | 0.0139(5) | 0.0152(5) | 0.0156(5) | 0.0007(4) | 0.0009(4) | -0.0008(4) |
| C2 | 0.0156(5) | 0.0126(5) | 0.0128(5) | -0.0014(4) | 0.0039(4) | -0.0020(4) |
| C3 | 0.0153(5) | 0.0155(5) | 0.0133(5) | 0.0001(4) | 0.0014(4) | -0.0003(4) |
| C4 | 0.0145(5) | 0.0150(5) | 0.0156(5) | 0.0001(4) | 0.0022(4) | 0.0006(4) |
| N1 | 0.0172(5) | 0.0202(5) | 0.0164(5) | -0.0024(4) | 0.0043(4) | 0.0008(4) |
| As1 | 0.01129(6) | 0.01389(6) | 0.01009(6) | -0.00030(4) | 0.00215(4) | 0.00146(4) |
| F1 | 0.0167(4) | 0.0282(4) | 0.0255(4) | -0.0069(3) | 0.0107(3) | -0.0029(3) |
| F2 | 0.0133(3) | 0.0423(5) | 0.0212(4) | -0.0011(3) | 0.0053(3) | -0.0029(3) |
| F3 | 0.0252(4) | 0.0205(4) | 0.0167(3) | 0.0037(3) | -0.0031(3) | 0.0045(3) |
| F4 | 0.0268(4) | 0.0193(4) | 0.0187(3) | -0.0065(3) | 0.0002(3) | -0.0009(3) |
| F5 | 0.0352(5) | 0.0259(4) | 0.0140(3) | 0.0054(3) | 0.0028(3) | 0.0113(3) |
| F6 | 0.0246(4) | 0.0175(4) | 0.0180(4) | -0.0058(3) | 0.0045(3) | 0.0016(3) |
Table S60. Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for $C_8H_6As_2F_{12}N_2$.

| | x/a | y/b | z/c | U(eq) | |
|----|-----------|------------|------------|-------|--|
| H3 | 0.2058 | 0.4787 | 0.2280 | 0.018 | |
| H4 | 0.3397 | 0.4031 | 0.0287 | 0.018 | |
| H1 | -0.286(3) | 0.6514(15) | 0.4027(17) | 0.021 | |

Spectroscopy

Table S61. Comparison of the v(CN) stretching frequencies for the nitrilium ions and free nitriles.

| | ν(CN) [cm ⁻¹] ^a | |
|---|--|--------------|
| Compound | Nitrilium ion [RCNH] ⁺ | Free nitrile |
| [CH ₃ CNH][Sb ₂ F ₁₁] | 2305 | 2253 |
| [C ₂ H ₅ CNH][AsF ₆] | 2262 | 2247 |
| [C ₃ H ₇ CNH][AsF ₆] | 2257 | 2250 |
| [Me ₂ HNCH ₂ CNH][AsF ₆] ₂ | 2252 | 2231 |
| [PhCNH][AsF ₆] | 2230 | 2230 |
| [o-MeC ₆ H ₄ CNH][AsF ₆] | 2230 | 2227 |
| $[p-C_6H_4(CNH)_2][AsF_6]_2$ | 2223 | 2230 |

a: In the Raman spectrum.



Figure S17. Raman spectrum of [CH₃CNH][AsF₆].



Figure S18. Raman spectrum of [CH₃CNH][Sb₂F₁₁].



Figure S19. Raman spectrum of $[C_2H_5CNH][AsF_6]$.



Figure S20. Raman spectrum of $[C_3H_7CNH][AsF_6]$.



Figure S21. Raman spectrum of [PhCNH][AsF₆].



Figure S22. Raman spectrum of $[p-C_6H_4(CNH)_2][AsF_6]_2$.



Figure S22. Raman spectrum of [o-CH₃C₆H₄CNH][AsF₆].



Figure S23. IR spectrum of [CH₃CNH][AsF₆].



Figure S24. IR spectrum of [CH₃CNH][Sb₂F₁₁].



Figure S25. IR spectrum of $[C_2H_5CNH]$ [AsF₆].



Figure S26. IR spectrum of $[C_3H_7CNH]$ [AsF₆].



Figure S27. IR spectrum of [PhCNH][AsF₆].



Figure S28. IR spectrum of $[Me_2HNCH_2CNH][AsF_6]_2$.



Figure S29. IR spectrum of $[o-CH_3C_6H_4CNH][AsF_6]$.



Figure S30. IR spectrum of $[p-C_6H_4(CNH)_2][AsF_6]_2$.

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