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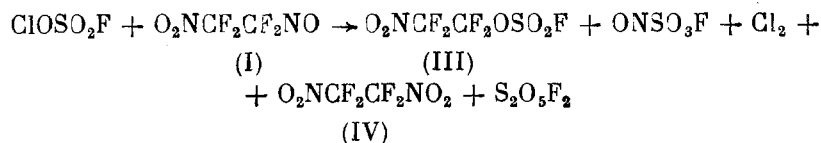
REACTION OF CHLORINE FLUOROSULFATE AND PEROXYDISULFURYL  
DIFLUORIDE WITH PERFLUORONITROSOALKANES

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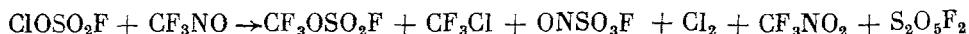
It is known that highly electrophilic chlorine fluorosulfate ( $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$ ) easily replaces with fluorosulfate groups the halogen atoms in haloalkanes [1, 2] and even the Cl atoms in Freons [3, 4]. Unlike  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$ , under mild conditions peroxydisulfuryl difluoride ( $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$ ) which is a radical agent, replaces with the fluorosulfate group only the Br [5] and I [6] atoms in Freons, i.e., the comparatively easily oxidizable halogens.

Therefore, the study of the reaction of perfluoronitroso compounds with such strong oxidizing agents as  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  seemed of definite interest. Previously we noted that 1-chloro-2-nitrotetrafluoroethane (II) is formed in the reaction of  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  with 1-nitroso-2-nitrotetrafluoroethane (I) [7]. In the present paper, we have determined that (II) is formed only under very mild conditions ( $< -50^\circ\text{C}$ , dilution with an inert solvent) with obligatory addition of  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  to a large molar excess of (I). In the absence of a solvent or in sufficiently concentrated solutions, even at low temperature ( $\leq -50^\circ\text{C}$ ), the main direction of the reaction is replacement of the nitroso group not by Cl, but by the fluorosulfate group with the formation of 2-nitrotetrafluoroethyl fluorosulfate (III), nitrosyl fluorosulfate, and  $\text{Cl}_2$ . 1,2-Dinitrotetrafluoroethane (IV) and pyrosulfuryl difluoride ( $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$ ) were also isolated as byproducts.



In the considered process, about 2 moles of  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  is consumed per 1 mole of (I). Increasing the temperature to between  $-30$  and  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  leads to some decrease of the yield of (III) and  $\text{ONSO}_3\text{F}$  and to a simultaneous increase of the yield of (IV) and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$ .

At  $-60^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  also reacts easily with trifluoronitrosomethane ( $\text{CF}_3\text{NO}$ )

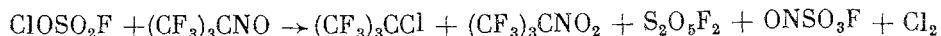


Unlike in the case of the reaction involving (I), in this case, despite the reverse order of mixing of the reagents, not only the product of replacement of the nitroso group by fluorosulfate, trifluoromethyl fluorosulfate ( $\text{CF}_3\text{OSO}_2\text{F}$ ), is formed, but also the product of its replacement by Cl— $\text{CF}_3\text{Cl}$ .

The reaction of  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  with perfluoro-tert-nitrosobutane ( $(\text{CF}_3)_3\text{CNO}$ ) does not afford perfluoro-tert-butyl fluorosulfate. The formation of perfluoro-tert-butyl chloride, perfluoro-tert-nitrobutane, and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$  was determined by spectral methods and GLC:

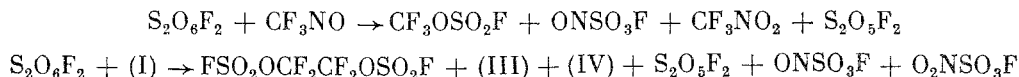
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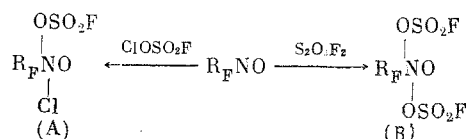
The  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  is less active than  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  and it begins to react with  $\text{CF}_3\text{NO}$  and (I) only above 5-10°C.

Previously, Ginsburg et al. [8] noted replacement of the nitroso group by fluorosulfate in the reaction of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  with  $\text{CF}_3\text{NO}$ . We isolated not only fluorosulfates, but also products of redox processes, the corresponding perfluoronitroalkanes and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$ . In the case of (I), 1,2-bis(fluorosulfonyloxy)tetrafluoroethane (V) was obtained unexpectedly as the main product:

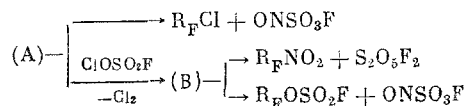


The formation of (V) cannot be related to direct replacement of the nitro group by fluorosulfate because it was shown by direct experiments that neither  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  nor  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  reacts with such nitro compounds as (III), (IV), fluoronitroform, and tetranitromethane even with prolonged heating in a closed vessel at  $\geq 80-100^\circ\text{C}$ .

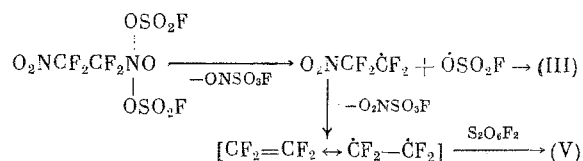
Thus, considering the results of the reactions of  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  with perfluoronitroalkanes, we can assume that their mechanism is similar to the mechanism of replacement of I in alkyl iodides in the presence of these same reagents [6, 9]. In the first step, the nitrogen of the nitroso group is oxidized by  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  with the formation of the unstable adducts (A) and (B), respectively.



Adduct (A) subsequently either decomposes into perfluoroalkyl chloride and  $\text{ONSO}_3\text{F}$  or reacts with excess  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  giving adduct (B). The decomposition of adduct (B) can also occur in two directions with the formation of perfluoronitroalkanes and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$  or the corresponding fluorosulfates and  $\text{ONSO}_3\text{F}$



The correlation of these possible reaction routes of adducts (A) and (B) is determined mainly by the structure of the fluoroalkyl group  $\text{R}_F$ . In addition, the second direction of the decomposition of adduct (B) at a temperature of  $>0^\circ\text{C}$ , evidently, after elimination of  $\text{ONSO}_3\text{F}$  is related to the intermediate formation of  $\beta$ -nitrotetrafluoroethyl and fluorosulfate radicals, which can lead to tetrafluoroethylene, which, to a certain degree, explains the formation of fluorosulfate (V) in the reaction of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  with (I):



It should be noted that the isolation of tetrafluoroethylene was also observed previously, for example, in the reaction of alkyl mercaptides with 1,2-dibromotetrafluoroethane [10].

#### EXPERIMENTAL

The  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded in ppm on a Hitachi R-20 instrument (56.45 MHz) from  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ .

Reaction of  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  with 1-Nitroso-2-nitrotetrafluoroethane (I). To 10 g (0.057 mole) of (I), 15.3 g (0.114 mole) of  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  was added dropwise at  $-60^\circ\text{C}$  with stirring during 1.5 h, and the whole was stirred for 1 h at between  $-60$  and  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  and gradually heated to  $20^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\sim 3$  g of  $\text{Cl}_2$  was evolved into a trap). The reaction mixture was kept for 2.5 h at  $20-40^\circ\text{C}$  under a vacuum of 1 mm, while the volatile products were collected in a trap ( $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ), after

which 7.3 g (99.5%) of  $\text{ONSO}_3\text{F}$  remained. By fractionation of the trap contents, we obtained: a) 8.5 g (60.8%) of 2-nitrotetrafluoroethyl fluorosulfate (III) with bp  $76-78^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $d_4^{20}$  1.697,  $n_D^{20}$  1.3193 (cf. [11]). Fluorine-19 NMR spectrum: 24.22 t ( $\text{O}_2\text{NCF}_2$ ), 6.83 d ( $\text{CF}_2\text{O}$ ),  $-127.42$  t (SF),  $J_{\text{N-F}} = 10.7$ ,  $J_{\text{CF}_2\text{O-SF}} = 8.5$  Hz (cf. [11]); b) 4 g of the liquid with bp  $50-55^\circ\text{C}$ , consisting of a mixture of 1,2-dinitrotetrafluoroethane (IV) and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$  in a ratio of  $\sim 2:1$ , according to the data of GLC with known samples and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $-125.37$  s ( $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$ ) (cf. [12]), 20.53 t ( $\text{CF}_2\text{NO}_2$ ),  $J_{\text{F-N}} = 11.8$  Hz.

Reaction of  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  with Trifluoronitrosomethane. Through 25 g (0.186 mole) of  $\text{ClOSO}_2\text{F}$  placed in a reactor with a reflux condenser ( $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ), 8.3 g (0.083 mole) of  $\text{CF}_3\text{NO}$  was bubbled at between  $-70$  and  $-60^\circ\text{C}$  and stirred for 3 h, and the whole was stirred for 1 h at  $-50^\circ\text{C}$ . The evolved gas was collected in a gas container, then it was passed through 10% aqueous NaOH and through a trap ( $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ), and it was condensed in a trap ( $-110^\circ\text{C}$ ). We obtained 2.1 g (24.4%) of  $\text{CF}_3\text{Cl}$ , bp between  $-81$  and  $-79^\circ\text{C}$ , mol. wt.: found  $103.5^\circ\text{C}$ ; calculated  $104.5^\circ\text{C}$  (cf. [13]). The reaction mixture was heated gradually to  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ , the temperature in the reflux condenser was brought to between  $-25$  and  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ , the evolved gases ( $\sim 4$  g of a mixture of  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{NO}_2$ ) were collected in a trap ( $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ) and passed through 10% NaOH, and  $\sim 0.9$  g (9.4%) of  $\text{CF}_3\text{NO}_2$  was obtained with bp  $-30^\circ\text{C}$  (cf. [14]);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $-3.88$  t,  $J_{\text{F-N}} = 14.1$  Hz.

The reaction mixture was heated gradually to  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , with the volatile products being collected in a trap, and fractionated. We obtained 8.1 g (57.8%) of trifluoromethyl fluorosulfate with bp between  $-3$  and  $-5^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (ppm,  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ ):  $-122.84$  q (SF),  $-19.95$  d ( $\text{CF}_3$ ),  $J = 7.3$  (cf. [6]). The reaction mixture was kept at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  under a vacuum of 50 mm, with the products being collected in a trap. In the residue, 9.9 g (91.7%) of  $\text{ONSO}_3\text{F}$  was obtained. The trap contents (0.8 g) were  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $-125.18$  s (SF) (cf. [12]).

Reaction of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  with 1-Nitroso-2-nitrotetrafluoroethane (I). To 7 g (0.04 mole) of (I), 9.9 g (0.05 mole) of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  was added at  $5-10^\circ\text{C}$  with stirring, and the reaction mixture was heated gradually to  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , stirred for 1 h at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , and kept for 2 h at  $40^\circ\text{C}$  under a vacuum of 10 mm, with the volatile products being collected in a trap ( $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ). In the residue, 7.2 g of a mixture of  $\text{ONSO}_3\text{F}$  and  $\text{O}_2\text{NSO}_3\text{F}$  was obtained. By fractionation of the trap contents, 1.7 g (17.3%) of 2-nitrotetrafluoroethyl fluorosulfate was obtained, with bp  $75-78^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $d_4^{20}$  1.702,  $n_D^{20}$  1.3190 (cf. experiment run 1). The  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum was identical to the spectrum of the product isolated in experiment run 1. We also obtained 5.8 g (52%) of bis(fluorosulfonyloxy)tetrafluoroethane with bp  $98-100^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $d_4^{20}$  1.809,  $n_D^{20}$  1.3152 (cf. [15]):  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR; 10.13 d ( $\text{CF}_2$ ),  $-127.4$  t (SF),  $J = 9.6$  Hz, and 1.5 g of a liquid with bp  $50-56^\circ\text{C}$ , consisting of a mixture of (IV) and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$  in a ratio of  $\sim 2:1$  (GLC data with known samples), and the  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum was identical to the spectra of the analogous mixture obtained above.

Reaction of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  with Trifluoronitrosomethane. Through a mixture of 9.9 g (0.05 mole) of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  and 20 ml of perfluorodecalin, 4.9 g (0.05 mole) of  $\text{CF}_3\text{NO}$  was bubbled with stirring at  $5^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h, and the whole was stirred for 1.5 h at  $5-20^\circ\text{C}$  and heated gradually to  $40^\circ\text{C}$ , with the volatile products being collected in a trap ( $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ). By fractionation of the trap contents, 0.8 g (12.5%) of  $\text{CF}_3\text{NO}_2$  and 5.2 g (61.9%) of  $\text{CF}_2\text{OSO}_2\text{F}$  were isolated. From the reaction mixture,  $\sim 0.7$  g (7.7%) of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$  were isolated. The constants and the data of the  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra of  $\text{CF}_3\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{OSO}_2\text{F}$ , and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$  were identical to the constants and spectra of the analogous compounds obtained in the first experiment run.

## CONCLUSIONS

The replacement of the nitroso group in perfluoronitrosoalkanes in the presence of chlorine fluorosulfate and peroxydisulfuryl difluoride was studied. A hypothesis concerning the possible reaction mechanism was stated.

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