REACTIONS OF POLYFLUOROAROMATIC COMPOUNDS WITH VANADIUM PENTAFLUORIDE

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The reactions of polyfluoroaromatic compounds with vanadium pentafluoride have been studied. At $-30\div-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ in the presence of VF₅ perfluoroaromatic compounds were readily transformed to the derivatives of 1.4-cyclohexadiene and cyclohexene.

The derivatives of toluene $C_6F_5CH_nF_{3-n}$ (n= 1-3) gave, apart from polyfluorinated 1,4-cyclohexadienes and cyclohexenes, the products of side-chain substitution of hydrogen by fluorine. This did not occur in the series of the anisole derivatives; the reactions of these compounds gave the products of high fluorination of the aromatic ring.

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\text{CHF}_{2} \\
\text{F} \\
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\text{VF}_{5}/\text{SO}_{2}\text{FCI} \\
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-25\div -30^{\circ}\text{C}
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The results of the reaction of ${\rm VF}_5$ with deuteropentafluorobenzene allowed to make a conclusion that no C-D bond cleavage takes place in the reaction conditions. Applications of ${\rm VF}_5$ in syntheses of polyfluorinated organic compounds are discussed.