

reaction center is different, the $[\text{Pd}(\text{dien})\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+} + \text{RSR}'$ reaction provides the closest comparison.⁹ In spite of the difference in charge, leaving group, and reaction center and the very large resultant difference in reactivity (6 orders of magnitude), the relative rates in both systems are reasonably similar. Neither shows any sensitivity to inductive effects and the relative rate constants are in the order $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{S}$ (85) > $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{S}$ (33) > $(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{S}$ (18) > $(i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2\text{S}$ (2.5) > $(\text{sec-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{S}$ (1.0) for the palladium system and $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{S}$ (104) > $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{S}$ (55) > $(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{S}$ (35) > $(i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2\text{S}$ (2.4) > $(\text{sec-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{S}$ (1.0) for the platinum complex. Since the dimensions of Pd(II) and Pt(II) are essentially the same,¹⁴ this

suggests a close similarity of the intimate mechanism of the two processes.

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Registry No. Pt(dien)Br⁺, 15522-24-4; $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{S}$, 75-18-3; $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)(\text{CH}_3)\text{S}$, 624-89-5; $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{S}$, 352-93-2; $(\beta\text{-ClC}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{CH}_3)\text{S}$, 542-81-4; $(i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2\text{S}$, 625-80-9; $(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{S}$, 544-40-1; $(\text{sec-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{S}$, 626-26-6; $(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{S}$, 110-01-0; thioxane, 505-29-3.

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Oxidation Reactions of Perfluoro(methanimine) and Related Compounds. Electrophilic Additions to $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ and Fluoride-Promoted Oxidation of Perhalo Imines and Nitriles by Cl_2 and Br_2

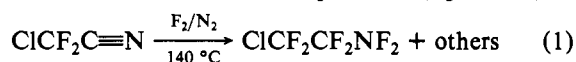
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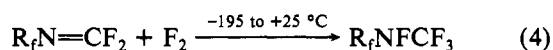
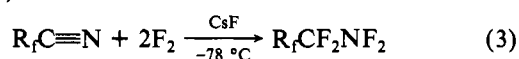
Reactions of $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ with $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$, BrOSO_2F , ClOSO_2F , CF_3OF , CF_3OCl , FOSO_2F , Cl_2 , Br_2 , and I_2 were carried out. The electrophilic halides and pseudohalide XOSO_2F ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{OSO}_2\text{F}$) add in high yield to form $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NFX}$. The other reagents are unreactive under the same conditions, and only FOSO_2F resulted in a small yield of the addition product $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NF}_2$ on heating. The in situ formation of CF_3NF^- from $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ and MF ($\text{M} = \text{K}, \text{Cs}$) in the presence of Cl_2 and Br_2 results in the formation of CF_3NFX ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$). These reactions were extended with Br_2 to the imines $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{NF}$ and $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{CF}=\text{NF}$ with similar results. With the nitriles CF_3CN and XCN ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$), reactions of Cl_2 in the presence of MF results in chlorofluorinations forming $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{NCl}_2$, $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{N}=\text{NC}_2\text{F}_5$, and CF_3NCl_2 , respectively. With Br_2 , bromofluorination is observed, forming $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{NBr}$, $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{N}=\text{NC}_2\text{F}_5$, and $\text{CF}_3\text{N}=\text{NCF}_3$ as the respective products.

Introduction

The oxidation of fluorinated compounds containing carbon-nitrogen multiple bonds by halogens has been studied by many investigators. Earlier work on the direct fluorination of fluorocarbon nitriles, dinitriles, and other related compounds at higher temperatures led to a variety of interesting products, including in some cases products resulting from the simple addition of fluorine to the C-N multiple bonds (eq 1 and 2).²⁻⁴

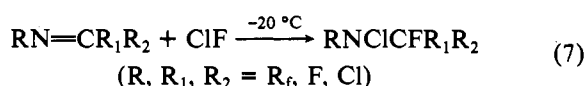
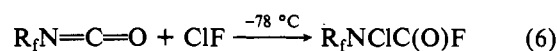
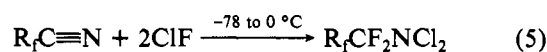


In general, these reactions are low yield and lead to many different products resulting from bond cleavage. Subsequently, it was shown that CsF catalyzed the low-temperature addition of fluorine to fluorocarbon nitriles⁵ and that certain fluorinated imines would add fluorine directly without apparent catalysis (eq 3 and 4).⁶

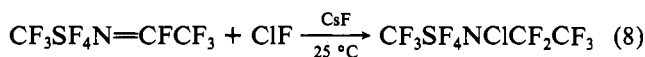


Chlorine monofluoride has also been shown to add readily to almost any fluorinated compound containing a carbon-

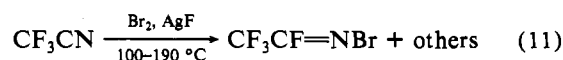
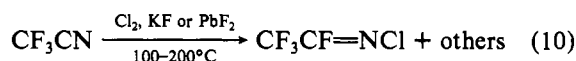
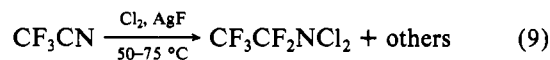
nitrogen double or triple bond.⁷⁻¹¹ Thus nitriles react at low temperatures to add 2 mol of ClF , and a variety of imines add ClF (eq 5-7). However, some reactions of ClF with imines



require a CsF catalyst (eq 8).¹² Similarly, certain per-



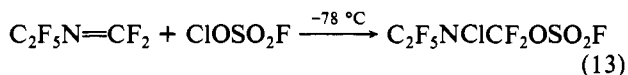
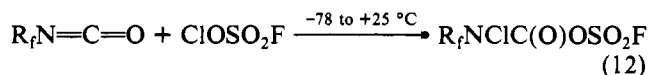
fluoroalkyl nitriles undergo low-yield chlorofluorination or bromofluorination on heating with metal fluorides (AgF , PbF_2 , KF) and halogen (eq 9-11).¹³ Finally, ClOSO_2F has also been



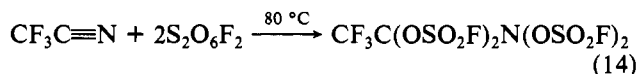
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demonstrated to add readily to C=N bonds (eq 12 and 13).^{14,15}



In the above work, free-radical additions with fluorinated nitriles and imines, other than higher temperature reactions with F₂, are rare. However, the pseudohalogen S₂O₆F₂ will add to certain nitriles (eq 14).¹⁶



In continuing investigations on the chemistry of the simplest perfluoro imine, CF₂=NF, we undertook an investigation of its reaction chemistry with halogens and reactive halogen compounds. Both F₂ and ClF had been previously shown to add to CF₂=NF in high yield,^{6,9} and reactions of CF₂=NF with Cl₂, Br₂, I₂, CF₃OCl, CF₃OF, and XOSO₂F (X = F, Cl, Br) were investigated. Fluoride-promoted reactions of C-F₂=NF with X₂ (X = Cl, Br, I) were also investigated and extended to R_fCF=NF (R_f = CF₃, C₂F₅), CF₃CN, and XCN (X = Cl, Br).

Experimental Section

General Considerations. All work was carried out in Pyrex or stainless steel (304 and 316) vacuum systems equipped with glass-Teflon or stainless steel valves. Pressures were measured on a Wallace and Tiernan Series 1500 differential pressure gauge. Quantities of reactants and products were measured by direct weighing or by PVT measurements.

IR spectra were taken on a Perkin-Elmer 337, 1330, or 180 spectrometer. A 10-cm glass cell fitted with a AgCl, KCl, or CsI window was employed. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-100-15 spectrometer using ~80 mol % CFCl₃ as solvent and internal reference. High-field chemical shifts are negative and vice versa. Mass spectra were taken on a Finnigan 4021-C instrument at 70 eV for EI and CI (CH₄). Samples were introduced by direct gas injection.

Melting points were determined by a modified Stock procedure. Vapor pressures as a function of temperature were determined by the method of Kellogg and Cady¹⁷ or by the use of a small isoteniscope.¹⁸ Equations describing pressure as a function of temperature were obtained by a least-squares fit of the data to both linear and quadratic equations, and the best fit is reported.

For further purification of reaction products, GLC was carried out on a Victoreen Series 4000 gas chromatograph equipped for gas injection, TCD, and low-temperature collection. A 10 ft × 3/8 in. or 20 ft × 1/4 in. column packed with ~35% Halocarbon 11-21 polymer oil or perfluoro(tributylamine) on acid-washed Chromosorb P was used.

Reagents. The chemicals I₂, Br₂, Cl₂, F₂, CsF, KF, SO₃, CF₃CN, C₂F₅CN, ClCN, and BrCN were obtained from commercial sources and appropriately purified before use. The compounds BrOSO₂F,¹⁹ ClOSO₂F,²⁰ S₂O₆F₂,²¹ CF₂=NF,²² CF₃CF=NF,²² C₂F₅CF=NF,²² CF₃NCIF,²³ CF₃OCl,²⁴ CF₃OF,²⁵ and FOSO₂F²⁶ were prepared by

Table I. Addition Reactions to CF₂=NF

reactant ^a	conditions (°C, h) ^b	products (% yield) ^c
S ₂ O ₆ F ₂	22, 2	FSO ₂ OCF ₂ N(F)OSO ₂ F (98)
ClOSO ₂ F	22, 4	FSO ₂ OCF ₂ NCIF (85)
ClOSO ₂ F	22, 48	FSO ₂ OCF ₂ NCIF (85)
BrOSO ₂ F	22, 5	FSO ₂ OCF ₂ NBrF (85)
CF ₃ OF	22, 66	no react
CF ₃ OF	120, 3	no react
CF ₃ OF	150, 3	COF ₂ , N ₂ , SiF ₄ , CF ₃ OCF ₃ ²⁷
CF ₃ OCl	22, 84	CF ₃ NCIF ²³ (62), COF ₂ , CF ₃ OCl, CF ₂ NF
FOSO ₂ F	22, 12	no react
FOSO ₂ F	65, 3	FSO ₂ OCF ₂ NF ₂ (15), N ₂ , CF ₃ OSO ₂ F ²⁸ (64), CF ₂ (OSO ₂ F) ₂ ²⁹ (9)
Cl ₂	22, 23	no react
Cl ₂	22, 17 (UV)	no react
Br ₂	22, 10	no react
Br ₂	22, 3 (UV)	no react
I ₂	22, 12	no react

^a Equimolar amounts of CF₂=NF and reactant on a 1-5-mmol scale. ^b See Experimental Section under Reactions. ^c % yield based on starting CF₂=NF. Small amounts of products other than those listed were present but were not identified.

literature methods. Chlorine monofluoride was prepared by reaction of equimolar amounts of Cl₂ and F₂ in a Monel bomb at 250 °C. **Caution!** Many of the compounds employed in this work are probably rather toxic, many are very aggressive oxidizers, and some are explosive. Due caution must be exercised in handling these materials.

Reactions. The addition reactions of BrOSO₂F, ClOSO₂F, and S₂O₆F₂ were carried out in a 250-mL glass reactor fitted with a cold finger and glass-Teflon valves. CF₂=NF was condensed into the cold finger at -196 °C by vacuum transfer. The valve was closed, and then the bottom of the large bulb was cooled to -196 °C and the fluorosulfate was added. The cold finger valve was then opened, and the reactor was allowed to warm in air to 22 °C. Other addition reactions were carried out in a 100-mL glass reactor fitted with a glass-Teflon valve. CF₂=NF was condensed into the bottom of the reactor at -196 °C, followed by the other reactant on the upper walls. The vessel was then warmed at 22 °C over a period of 30 min or held at another low temperature for a time. After the reactions were complete, the reactor contents were cooled to -196 °C and allowed to distill through a series of cold traps under dynamic vacuum as the reactor warmed slowly in the air. The addition reactions are summarized in Table I.

Metal fluoride promoted reactions were carried out in 100-mL glass reactors fitted with glass-Teflon valves and containing a small stirring bar. Metal fluoride, which had been fused and ground to a fine powder in a drybox, was added to the reactor in the drybox. The reactor was then evacuated and cooled to -196 °C. The appropriate reactants were added by vacuum transfer, and the reactor was then warmed to 22 °C and stirred for an appropriate time. The reactor contents were then separated as in the addition reactions. The metal fluoride promoted reactions are summarized in Table II. Characterization of new compounds from all reactions follows. The known products were identified by IR and in most cases also by mass spectra or ¹⁹F NMR or both.

F^mO₂SOⁿCF^aF^bN^xOSOⁿFⁿ: mp -89 °C; mol wt 278.7 (calcd 281.14); NMR M δ 50.1 (dt), N 41.1 (dd), A -79.4 (m), B -78.4 (m), X -14.1 (br s) (J_{AB} = 98, J_{AM} = J_{BM} = 7.5 J_{AX} ≈ J_{BX} ≈ 3.5,

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Table II. Fluoride-Promoted Reactions of Imines and Nitriles with Halogens

reactants (amt, mmol)	MF (amt, mmol) ^c	conditions (°C, h) ^a	products (yield, mmol) ^b
CF ₂ =NF (3.0), Cl ₂ (3.0)	KF (8)	22, 20	CF ₃ NClF ²³ (1.6), Cl ₂ , CF ₂ =NF
CF ₂ =NF (1.2), Cl ₂ (2.3)	CsF (10)	22, 14	CF ₃ NClF (0.7), Cl ₂ , CF ₂ =NF
CF ₂ =NF (11.7), Br ₂ (14.0)	KF (6.2)	22, 21	CF ₃ NBrF (6.1), Br ₂ , CF ₂ =NF
CF ₂ =NF (4.8), Br ₂ (7.0)	CsF (6.1)	22, 12	CF ₃ NBrF (2.8), Br ₂ , CF ₂ =NF
CF ₂ =NF (3.0), I ₂ (4.0)	KF (3.8)	22, 21	CF ₃ NFCF=NF ³⁰ (1.1), I ₂ , CF ₂ =NF
CF ₃ CF=NF (2.6), Br ₂ (3.0)	CsF (5.3)	22, 18	C ₂ F ₅ NBrF (1.1), Br ₂ , CF ₃ CF=NF ²²
CF ₂ =NF (2.0), CF ₃ OF (1.9)	KF (1.0)	22, 9	CF ₃ NF ₂ ³¹ (~1.5), CF ₃ NFC(O)F ³² (~0.5), CF ₃ OF, COF ₂
CF ₃ CF ₂ CF=NF (1.5), Br ₂ (2.0)	CsF (1.0)	22, 7	C ₃ F ₇ NBrF (0.3), C ₃ F ₇ N=NC ₃ F ₇ ¹³ , Br ₂ , CF ₃ CF ₂ CF=NF ²²
CF ₃ CN (3.0), Cl ₂ (3.0)	CsF (3.6)	22, 22	C ₂ F ₅ NCl ₂ ⁷ (0.2), Cl ₂ , CF ₃ CN
CF ₃ CN (3.0), Cl ₂ (6.0)	CsF (3.6)	22, 70	C ₂ F ₅ NCl ₂ (0.9), Cl ₂ , C ₂ F ₅ N=NC ₂ F ₅ (0.6) ¹³
CF ₃ CN (4.0), Br ₂ (4.4)	CsF (7.2)	22, 20	CF ₃ CF=NBBr ¹³ (0.4), CF ₃ CN, Br ₂ , C ₂ F ₅ N=NC ₂ F ₅
CF ₃ CN (4.0), Br ₂ (8.4)	CsF (7.2)	22, 68	CF ₃ CF=NBBr (1.9), Br ₂ , CF ₃ CN, C ₂ F ₅ N=NC ₂ F ₅ (0.3)
CICN (3.0), Cl ₂ (6.0)	CsF (10.2)	22, 12	CF ₃ NCl ₂ ⁷ (0.6), Cl ₂ , CICN
CICN (2.1), Cl ₂ (4.2)	CsF (10.2)	55, 4	CF ₃ NCl ₂ (0.8), Cl ₂ , CICN
BrCN (7.4), Br ₂ (8.9)	CsF (2.3)	22, 20	CF ₃ N=NCF ₃ ¹³ (0.3), Br ₂ , BrCN, others

^a See Experimental Section under Reactions. ^b Small amounts of other products were often present but were not identified. ^c In all reactions except those with I₂, the MF was partially converted to MX (X = Cl, Br) and considerable X₂ was absorbed on the MF/MX mixture at 22 °C, especially with M = Cs.

$J_{XM} = 1.5$, $J_{BN} = 1.0$, $J_{XN} = 4.5$, $J_{NA} \approx 0$ Hz; IR 1850 (w), 1500 (vs), 1272 (vs), 1250 (vs), 1217 (s), 1188 (w), 1159 (vs), 1116 (m), 1100 (w), 1020 (m), 990 (s), 942 (m), 920 (m), 841 (s), 776 (m), 733 (w), 718 (w), 599 (w), 566 (m) cm⁻¹; major m/z (EI) 182 (CF₄NO₃S⁺), 149 (CF₃SO₃S⁺), 85 (CF₃O⁺), 83 (FSO₂⁺ or CF₃N⁺), 69 (CF₃⁺), 67 (FSO⁺), 64 (SO₂⁺), 50 (CF₂⁺), 48 (SO⁺), 47 (CFO⁺), 44 (CFN⁺); major m/z (CI, 140–400) 262 (MH⁺ – HF), 216 (?), 183 (CF₄NO₃SH⁺), 182 (CF₄NO₃S⁺), 164 (CF₃NO₃SH⁺), 149 (CF₃SO₃S⁺).

CF₃^MOCF₂^NCF^AF^BNBrF^X: mp < –120 °C; mol wt 217.5 (calcd 216.5); NMR M δ 48.5 (dd), A –76.6 (m), B –77.7 (m), X –3.6 (br s) ($J_{AB} = 97.0$, $J_{AM} = J_{BM} = 8.0$, $J_{MX} \approx 2.5$, $J_{AX} \approx J_{BX} = 12.0$ Hz); IR 2742 (vw), 1878 (vw), 1491 (vs), 1240–1270 (vs), 1201 (vs), 1115–1150 (vs), 954 (vs), 917 (s), 839 (vs), 780 (sh), 762 (m), 733 (sh), 688 (w), 636 (m), 595 (s), 578 (sh), 520 (m) cm⁻¹; major m/z (EI) 149 (CF₃O₃S⁺), 120/118 (CF₃CIN⁺), 101/99 (CF₂CIN⁺), 85 (CF₃O⁺), 83 (CF₃N⁺ or FSO₂⁺), 80 (SO₃⁺), 70/68 (NFCI⁺), 69 (CF₃⁺), 67 (FSO⁺), 64 (SO₂⁺); major m/z (CI) 120/118 (MH⁺ – HOSO₂F), 84 (CF₃NH⁺ or FO₂SH⁺).

CF₃^MOCF₂^NCF^AF^BNBrF^X: bp 91.6 °C; mp –97 °C; mol wt 262.0 (calcd 261.98); log P (torr) = 8.2364 – 1953.7/ T ; $\Delta H_{vap} = 8.94$ kcal/mol; $\Delta S_{vap} = 24.5$ eu; NMR M δ 48.1 (td), A –75.0 (m), B –75.9 (m), X –13.8 (br m) ($J_{AB} = 95.0$, $J_{AM} = J_{BM} = 7.8$, $J_{MX} = 2.0$, $J_{BX} = J_{AX} = 20.0$ Hz); IR 1500 (s), 1384 (w), 1364 (w), 1250 (vs), 1199 (vs), 1112 (vs), 950 (s), 917 (s), 838 (s), 783 (m), 747 (m), 671 (w), 624 (m), 584 (m), 556 (m), 509 (m) cm⁻¹; major m/z (CI) 183 (MH⁺ – Br), 149 (CF₃SO₃S⁺), 118 (F₂SO₃⁺), 84 (CF₃NH⁺ or FSO₂H⁺).

CF₃^MOCF₂^NCF^AF^BNF₂^C. This compound was not isolated pure and is characterized only by its NMR spectrum: A δ 49.5 (tt), B –82.5 (d), C 21.2 (br s) ($J_{AB} = 7.5$, $J_{AC} = 7.5$, $J_{BC} = 1.5$, $J_{BC} < 1.0$ Hz).

CF₃^MNBrF^X: bp –2.8 °C; mp –90 °C; mol wt 182.8 (calcd 181.92); log P (torr) = 7.6820 – 1298.2/ T ; $\Delta H_{vap} = 5.94$ kcal/mol; $\Delta S_{vap} = 22.0$ eu; NMR A δ –77.6 (d), X –16.5 (br s) ($J_{AX} = 14.5$ Hz); IR 1365 (w), 1245 (vs), 1238 (vs), 1198 (vs), 1031 (w), 934 (s), 872 (m), 731 (s), 579 (w), 516 (m) cm⁻¹; major m/z (EI) 183/181 (M⁺), 95/93 (NBr⁺), 81/79 (Br⁺), 69 (CF₃⁺), 64 (CF₂N⁺), 50 (CF₂⁺); major m/z (CI) 183/181 (M⁺), 164/162 (M – F⁺), 145/143 (CF₂NBr⁺), 103 (CF₄NH⁺), 95/93 (NBr⁺), 84 (CF₃NH⁺), 83 (CF₃N⁺), 81/79 (Br⁺).

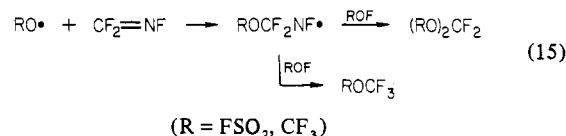
CF₃^MCF^AF^BNBrF^X: bp 27.5 °C; mp –98 °C; mol wt 231.9 (calcd 231.93); log P (torr) = 7.8931 – 1507.0/ T ; $\Delta H_{vap} = 6.90$ kcal/mol; $\Delta S_{vap} = 22.9$ eu; NMR M δ –80.6 (dd), A –111.9 (m), B –103.9 (m), X –17.1 (br d) ($J_{AB} = 202$, $J_{AM} = 1.0$, $J_{BM} \approx 0$, $J_{AX} = 9.5$, $J_{BX} = 57.0$, $J_{MX} = 13.0$ Hz); IR 1553 (w), 1348 (s), 1224 (vs), 1167 (s), 1073 (s), 921 (m), 794 (w), 765 (w), 736 (sh), 711 (m), 682 (m), 613 (m), 566 (w), 534 (w) cm⁻¹; major m/z (EI) 233/231 (M⁺), 164/162 (CF₃NBr⁺), 145/143 (CF₂NBr⁺), 119 (C₂F₅⁺), 114 (C₂F₄N⁺), 100 (C₂F₄⁺), 95/93 (NBr⁺), 81 (C₂F₃⁺), 69 (CF₃⁺), 50 (CF₂⁺).

CF₃^MCF₂^NCF^AF^BNBrF^X. This compound could not be separated from small amounts of C₃F₇N=NC₃F₇ by GLC due to decomposition. Therefore, the NMR, IR, and mass spectra were obtained on impure samples and some of the IR absorptions and MS values might be due to C₃F₇N=NC₃F₇: NMR M δ –82.2 (m), N –124.8 (dm), A –108.7 (br m), B –99.9 (br m), X –16.5 (br d) ($J_{AB} = 204$, $J_{AX} < 15$, $J_{BX} = 60$, J_{AM} or $J_{XM} = 3.5$ or 8.0, J_{AN} or $J_{BN} \approx 2$, $J_{MN} \approx 0$, $J_{XN} = 17.0$ Hz); IR 1340 (w), 1283 (m), 1240 (vs), 1204 (m), 1143 (w), 1120 (w), 1075 (vw), 1057 (vw), 1020 (w); 996 (m), 980 (sh), 923 (w), 831 (w), 730 (m), 690 (vw), 640 (vw), 582 (w) cm⁻¹; major m/z (EI) 283/281 (M⁺), 169 (C₃F₇⁺), 119 (C₂F₅⁺), 114 (C₂F₄N⁺), 100 (C₂F₄⁺), 95/93 (NBr⁺), 92 (?), 69 (CF₃⁺); major m/z (CI) 284/282 (MH⁺), 264/262 (M – F⁺), 204 (C₃F₈NH₂⁺), 202 (C₃F₈N⁺), 200 (?), 184 (C₃F₇N⁺), 169 (C₃F₇⁺), 119 (C₂F₅⁺), 109/107 (CNBrH⁺).

CF₃^MCF^AF^BNBr. This compound has been previously reported, but only an incomplete IR spectrum was given along with mention of M⁺ ions at 193 and 195 in the mass spectrum:¹³ NMR A δ –71.8 (d), B –27.5 (br q) ($J_{AB} = 5.5$ Hz); IR 1700 (s), 1640 (sh), 1340 (vs), 1230 (vs), 1185 (vs), 1112 (vs), 1020 (vw), 832 (m), 730 (m), 700 (w), 659 (s), 570 (w) cm⁻¹.

Results and Discussion

Additions to CF₂=NF. The addition reactions carried out with perfluoro(methanimine) are summarized in Table I. These results imply a low reactivity for CF₂=NF toward free radicals, compared to that for fluoroolefins such as C₂F₄, which readily add Cl₂, Br₂, CF₃O₃CF₃³³ and FSO₂OF³⁴ under very mild conditions. However, the addition of F₂ to CF₂=NF, as well as the addition of FSO₂OF and possibly S₂O₆F₂, shows that free-radical additions are possible. The reactions with CF₃OF did not occur readily below 150 °C, and the failure to isolate the addition compound may be a consequence of this high reaction temperature. The observed products other than the addition compound with both FSO₂OF and CF₃OF are in fact very similar and could arise by the same path (eq 15).

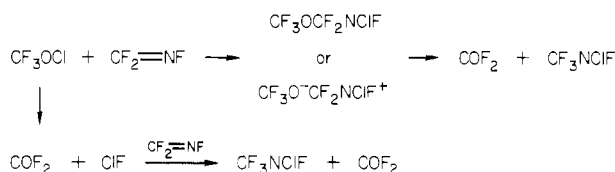


The amount of (RO)₂CF₂³⁵ in the case of R = CF₃, if formed,

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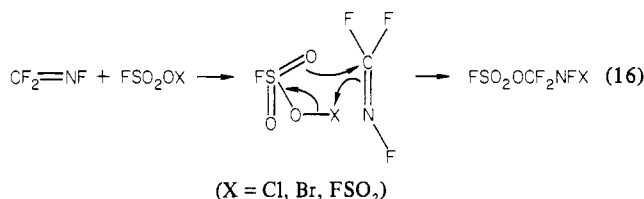
Scheme I



was very small. Faint signals in the NMR spectrum had chemical shifts close to those of $(\text{CF}_3\text{O})_2\text{CF}_2$, but it cannot be concluded that the compound was definitely present.

The unsuccessful attempt to add Br_2 and I_2 to $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ is not surprising, because the reverse reaction would probably be favored. In the case of Cl_2 , however, the addition product ClCF_2NCIF , which can be prepared by reaction of ClF and F_2 with ClCN , is stable to at least 100°C .³⁶ Obviously, the lack of reactivity with Cl_2 is related to other factors.

In contrast to the above, $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ readily adds both of the very electrophilic halogen reagents FSO_2OBr and FSO_2OCl at or below 22°C . The facile addition of $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$ under the same conditions leads us to speculate that these three reactions are mechanistically the same and could occur in a highly concerted manner (eq 16).³⁷ The reaction with CF_3OCl

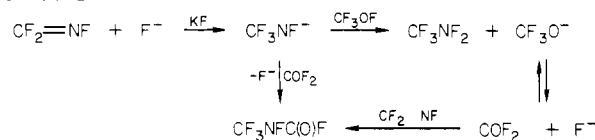


represents a case of only a moderately electrophilic halogen derivative.³⁸ As such, its rate of reaction with $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ was very slow at 22°C and the possibility exists that it does not react at all. The observed chlorofluorination may derive from the slow decomposition of CF_3OCl to ClF and COF_2 . In any case, the observed products can be explained via Scheme I.

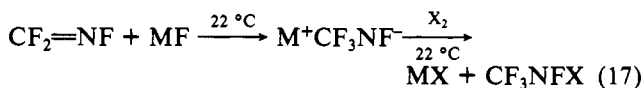
The decomposition of a CF_3O^- derivative can occur readily in some compounds, but it is rather unexpected for a $\text{CF}_3\text{O}-\text{C}$ derivative.³⁹ If the reaction is a two-step ionic mechanism, then the CF_3O^- may lose F^- and give the observed product. Chlorofluorination by CF_3OCl is observed in additions to olefins.⁴⁰ Normally, CF_3OCl is quite stable at 22°C in properly passivated containers, but it is quite sensitive to traces of H_2O and other impurities, which can promote its decomposition to COF_2 and ClF . The latter is probably the most likely path for the formation of CF_3NCIF and COF_2 .

Fluoride-Promoted Oxidations. In the previous section, the lack of reactivity of $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ toward Cl_2 , Br_2 , and I_2 was noted, whereas strong polar electrophiles were very reactive. If one activated the $\text{C}=\text{N}$ bond by making the nitrogen more nucleophilic, then less electrophilic halogens might react. One way to accomplish this is to form a nitrogen-centered anion. This is a very facile process with $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ and metal fluorides,³⁰ and the system $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}/\text{X}_2/\text{MF}$ (X = Cl, Br; M = K, Cs) was investigated. The success of this work then prompted us to look at similar reactions with some other perhalo imines and nitriles.

Scheme II



The fluoride-promoted oxidations of imines and nitriles are summarized in Table II. The reactions with $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ are easily rationalized as shown in eq 17. Clearly, both CsF and

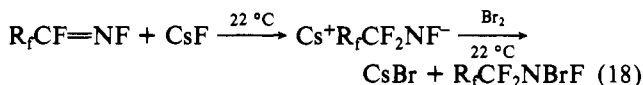


KF are equally effective fluoride sources and Cl_2 and Br_2 are sufficiently strong oxidants, whereas I_2 is not. The formation of MX may be a fortuitous benefit, because it decreases the fluoride ion activity in these heterogeneous reactions and minimizes any competing reactions. Perfluoro(methanimine) reacts very readily with itself in the presence of KF or CsF

to form $\text{CF}_3\text{NFCF}=\text{NF}$ and $\text{CF}_3\text{NCF}_2\text{NF}$, respectively.³⁰ The absence of these products and the material balance show that all the CF_3NF^- formed is oxidized by halogen. This must be due to a large difference in reaction rates with $\text{X}_2 \gg \text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ under the experimental conditions.

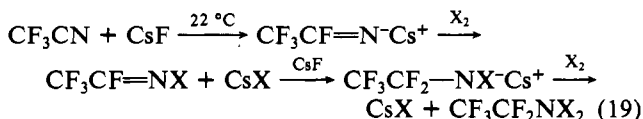
The reaction of CF_3OF with $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ in the presence of KF is interesting. As stated in the previous section, CF_3OF and $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ alone do not react at 22°C . In the presence of KF , however, CF_3OF will oxidize the CF_3NF^- ion to CF_3NF_2 . The observed products can be rationalized by Scheme II. A related reaction has been observed for $\text{KOC}(\text{CF}_3)_3$ with CF_3OF , forming KOCF_3 and $(\text{CF}_3)_3\text{COF}$.⁴¹

The reactions with $\text{R}_f\text{CF}=\text{NF}$ clearly proceed in a manner analogous to that of $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ with CsF/Br_2 (eq 18; $\text{R}_f = \text{CF}_3$,



C_2F_5). The yields compared to that for $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ decrease considerably with larger R_f groups, and the stability of $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{NBrF}$ is marginal at 22°C . The diazene formed in this reaction presumably arises by the decomposition of the *N*-bromo compound. Although Cl_2 was not tried in these reactions, it seems safe to assume that it would be equally or perhaps more effective in the formation of the known stable compounds $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{NCIF}$ and $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{NCIF}$.³⁶

The above work with imines suggested that nitriles should also react. Indeed, the work cited in the Introduction had already shown this to be possible.¹³ However, most of this work was done with AgF and X_2 at elevated temperatures and it is possible under these conditions that the reacting species might be XF rather than X_2 .⁴² The reactions with CF_3CN clearly suggest that the same type intermediates can be postulated in these reactions as in those with $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ and $\text{R}_f\text{CF}=\text{NF}$ (eq 19; X = Cl, Br). From the results in Table



II it seems clear that oxidation of $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{NCl}$ by Cl_2 is faster than that of $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{NBr}$ by Br_2 , because no $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{NCl}$ is isolated. It also follows that $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{NCl}_2$ is more stable than $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{NBr}_2$, which is not observed, and both *N,N*-dihalo compounds decompose to the corresponding diazene $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{N}=\text{NC}_2\text{F}_5$.⁴³

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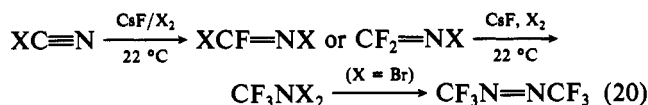
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The reactions of XCN are very similar to the above except that at some point the original C-X bond is converted to a C-F bond. The failure to isolate either $\text{CF}_2=\text{NCl}$ or $\text{CF}_2=\text{NBr}$ shows that their conversion to CF_3NX_2 is fast relative to their rate of formation and the product in the case of Br_2 is completely converted to the diazene (eq 20; X = Cl, Br).



Characterization of New Compounds. The data given in the Experimental Section provide convincing proof of structure for the new compounds $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NFX}$ (X = F, Cl, Br, OSO_2F) and R_fNBrF ($\text{R}_f = \text{CF}_3, \text{C}_2\text{F}_5, \text{C}_3\text{F}_7$) and additional data for $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{NBr}$. The CI or EI mass spectra contain intense molecular ions for R_fNBrF . For $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NFX}$, the CI spectra contain ions corresponding to the loss of HOSO_2F and HF from MH^+ for X = Cl and OSO_2F , respectively. A weak molecular ion MH^+ was also present in the CI spectrum of $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NFCI}$. For $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NBrF}$, the CI mass spectrum indicated the loss of Br· from the MH^+ molecular ion, resulting in an intense $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NFH}^+$ ion.

The infrared spectra of $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NFX}$ (X = Cl, Br, OSO_2F) contain strong absorptions at $\sim 1500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to $\nu_{\text{antisym}}(\text{SO}_2)$ and $1250\text{--}1272\text{ cm}^{-1}$ for $\nu_{\text{sym}}(\text{SO}_2)$. Two strong absorptions in the $1100\text{--}1220\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region for each compound are due to the two expected $\nu(\text{CF}_2)$ stretches. Other bands in the $700\text{--}1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region are reasonable in terms of C-O, S-F, C-N, S-O, and N-X stretches, but these cannot be readily assigned. For R_fNBrF , the spectra are as expected for a fluorocarbon derivative and a detailed assignment of the infrared and Raman spectra of CF_3NBrF will be reported separately.⁴⁴

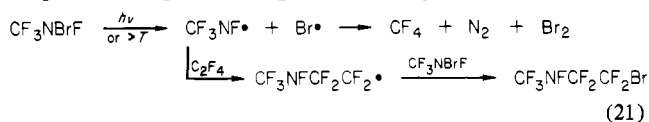
The ^{19}F NMR results are particularly definitive for the new compounds. Except for CF_3NBrF and $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NF}_2$, all the new compounds are of the type $\text{RCF}^{\text{A}}\text{F}^{\text{B}}\text{NF}^{\text{X}}\text{X}$ and exhibit the expected second-order ABX spin system.^{9,36} The signal for F^{X} is rather broad in every case as expected for molecules of this type.⁴⁵ The J_{AB} values for $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NFX}$ (X = Cl, Br, OSO_2F) are all $\sim 100\text{ Hz}$, and those for $\text{R}_f\text{CF}_2\text{NBrF}$ ($\text{R}_f = \text{CF}_3, \text{C}_2\text{F}_5$) are $\sim 200\text{ Hz}$. These values are comparable to those of other related compounds of the type $\text{R}_f\text{CF}_2\text{NClF}$ and XCF_2NClF , which have J_{AB} values in the range of $128\text{--}204\text{ Hz}$.³⁶ The J_{AX} and J_{BX} values vary widely from ~ 60 to $\sim 3\text{ Hz}$. This variation may be explicable in terms of the rotamer population. In CF_3NBrF , $^3J_{\text{FF}} = 14.5\text{ Hz}$, which probably represents an average value for a freely rotating CF_3 group ($^3J_{\text{FF}}$ in CF_3NClF is 9.9 Hz). In $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NFX}$ (X = Cl, Br), the $^3J_{\text{FF}}$ values (12 and 20 Hz, respectively) would imply rotamer populations similar to those of CF_3NFX (X = Cl, Br). The large J_{BX} ($\sim 60\text{ Hz}$) and small J_{AX} ($\sim 10\text{ Hz}$) in $\text{R}_f\text{CF}^{\text{A}}\text{F}^{\text{B}}\text{NFX}$ (X = Cl,^{9,36} Br) may be consistent with a predominance of gauche BX and trans AX fluorines in the rotamer populations.

In $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}^{\text{A}}\text{F}^{\text{B}}\text{NF}^{\text{X}}\text{OSO}_2\text{F}$, the high electronegativity of the fluorosulfate group on nitrogen mimics the electronic effects of fluorine. Thus the small $J_{\text{AX}} \approx J_{\text{BX}}$ values of $\sim 3.5\text{ Hz}$ are comparable to $^3J_{\text{FF}}$ values of $0\text{--}3\text{ Hz}$ in $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NF}_2$ and RCF_2NF_2 (R = F, Cl, R_f).⁴⁵ In comparison to those of $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NFX}$ and $\text{R}_f\text{CF}_2\text{NFX}$ (X = Cl, Br; R = CF_3 ,

C_2F_5 , F, Cl), these values imply rather different rotamer populations and (or) coupling constants of opposite sign, which average to near zero.

All the compounds reported in this work are reasonably stable at 22°C in dry glass, with $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NBrF}$ and $\text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{NBrF}$ showing some decomposition on prolonged standing at 22°C . The reactivity of the N-Br bond was investigated with CF_3NBrF . The compound was found to be a useful reagent for thermal additions to various olefins,⁴⁶ but other obvious reactions were disappointing. On the basis of the chemistry of $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{NBr}$,⁴⁷ we anticipated that CF_3NBrF would be an effective source of the $\text{CF}_3\text{NF}\cdot$ radical. However, the latter is apparently very short-lived. Both thermal and photochemical (medium-pressure Hg lamp, with and without Pyrex filter) reactions with NO and CO failed to produce $\text{CF}_3\text{NFC(O)Br}$ or CF_3NFNO in contrast to reactions of $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{NBr}$. Similarly, under a variety of photolysis conditions no evidence was found for $(\text{CF}_3\text{NF})_2$, an expected product on the basis of the formation of $[(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{N}]_2$ and N_2F_4 from related reactions of $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{NBr}$ and F_2NCl ,⁴⁸ respectively. Reaction of CF_3NBrF with Hg, an effective route to $[(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{N}]_2$ with $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{NBr}$,⁴⁷ also failed to produce $(\text{CF}_3\text{NF})_2$.

The major products in all these reactions were CF_4 , N_2 , and Br_2 with occasional small amounts of CF_3Br . These observations suggest that in contrast to the $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{N}\cdot$ and $\text{NF}_2\cdot$ radicals, $\text{CF}_3\text{NF}\cdot$ is very short-lived. The radical can be effectively trapped by olefins, but in the absence of an effective trap, it decomposes to N_2 and CF_4 (eq 21).



Conclusion. The facile addition of electrophilic halogen and pseudohalogen to a perhalogenated imine has been demonstrated with $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$ and XOSO_2F (X = Cl, Br, OSO_2F). The reaction with BrOSO_2F provided the first example of an *N*-bromo *N*-fluoro amine.

The oxidation of perfluoro(alkanamine) ions by halogens has also been shown to occur readily at 22°C . The perfluoro(alkanamine) ions can be generated in situ by reaction of nitriles and imines with KF and CsF in the presence of halogens (Cl_2 , Br_2). Three additional examples of *N*-bromo *N*-fluoro amines of the type R_fNBrF ($\text{R}_f = \text{CF}_3, \text{C}_2\text{F}_5, \text{C}_3\text{F}_7$) were obtained, and potentially useful methods were found for the synthesis of the known compounds R_fNCl_2 , $\text{R}_f\text{N}=\text{NR}_f$, and $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{NBr}$ ($\text{R}_f = \text{CF}_3, \text{C}_2\text{F}_5$).

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Registry No. BrOSO_2F , 13997-93-8; ClOSO_2F , 13997-90-5; $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$, 13709-32-5; $\text{CF}_2=\text{NF}$, 338-66-9; $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{N(F)OSO}_2\text{F}$, 83949-12-6; $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NClF}$, 83949-13-7; $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NBrF}$, 83949-14-8; CF_3NCl , 13880-72-3; $\text{FSO}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{NF}_2$, 83949-15-9; $\text{CF}_3\text{OSO}_2\text{F}$, 926-08-9; $\text{CF}_2(\text{OSO}_2\text{F})_2$, 6123-47-3; $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{CF}=\text{NF}$, 78343-32-5; CF_3CN , 353-85-5; ClCN , 506-77-4; BrCN , 506-68-3; KF, 7789-23-3; CsF, 13400-13-0; CF_3NBrF , 82241-76-7; $\text{CF}_3\text{NFCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{Br}$, 41409-49-8; $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{NBrF}$, 83949-16-0; CF_3NF_2 , 335-01-3; $\text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{NBrF}$, 83949-17-1; $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{NCl}_2$, 677-66-7; $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{N}=\text{NC}_2\text{F}_5$, 756-00-3; $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{NBr}$, 758-34-9; CF_3NCl_2 , 13880-73-4; $\text{CF}_3\text{N}=\text{NCF}_3$, 372-63-4; Cl_2 , 7782-50-5; Br_2 , 7726-95-6; I_2 , 7553-56-2; CF_3OF , 373-91-1; FOSO_2F , 13536-85-1.

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