

20.5 tr ($J_{P-F} = 88.0$ Hz) and -9.2 tr ($J_{P-F} = 92.4$ Hz) appeared.

Reaction of $(CF_3)_3PO$ with CH_3NH_2 . One millimole of CH_3NH_2 was condensed into a 50-mL Pyrex flask that contained 3 mmol of $(CF_3)_3PO$. The mixture was allowed to warm overnight from -78 °C to room temperature. After volatile CF_3H (~ 1 mmol) and CH_3NH_2 were removed, a light yellow solid, $(CF_3)_2P(O)NHCH_3$, remained. 1H NMR: δ 7.67 s; br (NH), 2.43 s (CH_3). ^{19}F NMR: ϕ -73.35 d (CF_3 , $J_{P-F} = 102.5$ Hz). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR: δ -2.67 septet. IR: 3050 s, br, 2900 w, 2800 w, 2610 w, 2510 w, 1658 w, 1645 w, 1550 w, br, 1475 w, 1395 w, 1295 s, 1252 m, 1212 s, 1140 s, 1105 s, 1070 m, 980 m, 755 m, 585 vs, 510 s cm^{-1} . MS (EI) (m/e (species), %): 218 ($(CF_3)_2PONH_3CH_3^+$), 7.36; 198 ($(CF_3)_2PNCH_3^+$), 1.72; 157 ($C_2F_3PONCH_3^+$), 5.24; 146 ($CF_3PONCH_4^+$), 1.1; 133 (CF_3PONH^+), 4.25; 119 (CF_4P^+), 11.0; 100 (CF_3P^+), 6.59; 81 (CF_2P^+), 3.53; 78 ($P(O)NCH_3^+$), 3.7; 69 (CF_3^+), 100.

Reaction of $(CF_3)_3PO$ with Excess CH_3NH_2 . Six millimoles of CH_3NH_2 as condensed into a 50-mL Pyrex flask that contained 2 mmol of $(CF_3)_3PO$. The mixture was allowed to warm overnight from -78 °C to room temperature. After volatile CF_3H (3.45 mmol) and CH_3NH_2 were removed, 0.34 g of a light yellow viscous liquid, $CF_3P(O)[NHC(H_3)_2]$, remained. 1H NMR: δ 5.52 s, br (NH), 2.69 dd (CH_3 , $J_{CH_3-P} = 11.7$ Hz, $J_{CH_3-NH} = 4.4$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR: ϕ -72.41 d (CF_3 , $J_{P-F} = 107.4$ Hz); $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR: 10.56 q. IR: 3250 m, br, 2940 w, 1390 s, br (ν_{P-O}), 1293 m, 1235 s, 1210 s, 1110 s, br, 975 w, 890 m, 825 w, 810 m, 585 m, 565 m, 510 cm^{-1} . MS (EI) (m/e (species), %): 175 ($M^+ - 1$), 1.43; 125 ($FPON_2HC_2H_6^+$), 1.42; 107 ($PON_2H_2C_2H_6^+$), 100; 96 (CF_2PNH^+),

8.48; 93 ($PON_2H_3CH_3^+$), 3.29; 78 ($PONH_2CH_3^+$), 35.71; 69 (CF_3^+), 7.06.

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A New Pentafluorothio (SF_5) Sultone: Rearrangement and Pathway to $SF_5CH_2SO_3H$. New Pentafluorothio Fluoro Esters

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The new fluorosultone $SF_5CHCF_2OSO_2$ has been prepared along with its rearranged isomer ($SF_5CH(SO_2F)COF$) and hydrolysis product ($SF_5CH_2SO_2F$); further reaction of $SF_5CH_2SO_2F$ with base and acid affords the corresponding sulfonic acid and salt: $SF_5CH_2SO_3H \cdot H_2O$ and $Ca(SF_5CH_2SO_3)_2$. New pentafluorothio (SF_5) esters, $SF_5CX(SO_2F)C(O)OR_f$ ($R_f = CF_3CH_2$, $(CF_3)_2CH$;

$X = H, F$), have been synthesized by using the fluorosultones $SF_5CFCF_2OSO_2$ and $SF_5CHCF_2OSO_2$ with appropriate polyfluoro alcohols in the presence of sodium fluoride. In a like manner, the diester $[SF_5CF(SO_2F)C(O)OCH_2CF_2]_2CF_2$ was prepared from

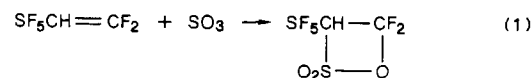
$HOCH_2(CF_2)_3CH_2OH$ and $SF_5CFCF_2OSO_2$. These new esters, unlike fluorinated esters with fluorine at the alkoxy α -carbon atoms, are stable in the presence of fluoride ion at 25 °C or higher temperature. The new compounds are characterized by their IR, NMR (1H , ^{19}F , ^{13}C), and mass spectra.

Introduction

Fluorinated sultones are occupying an ever-increasing importance in the synthesis of new sulfonyl fluorides (RSO_2F , $R =$ hydrocarbon or fluorocarbon moieties). The incorporation of the sulfonyl fluoride group into molecular systems can lead to compounds useful as ion-exchange resins, surface-active agents, and thermally stable and strong sulfonic acids.¹⁻⁵ Since fluorinated sultones lead to new RSO_2F systems, it is of considerable interest that new sultones with unique structural features be prepared. While there are a number of fluorocarbon sultones, only one sultone with the unique pentafluorothio group (SF_5) exists.³ We wish to present our success in preparing the second SF_5 -containing sultone and its rearrangement, hydrolysis, and reaction chemistry leading to $SF_5CH_2SO_3H$; in addition, results obtained by using both SF_5 -containing sultones in preparing new SF_5 -containing fluorosulfonyl fluoro esters will be reported.

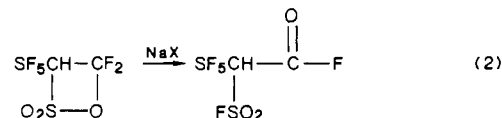
Results and Discussion

The new pentafluorothio β -sultone 2-hydroxy-1-(pentafluoro- λ^6 -sulfanyl)-2,2-difluoroethanesulfonic acid sultone, $SF_5CHCF_2OSO_2$, was prepared via the reaction of $SF_5CH=CF_2$ with monomeric sulfur trioxide in a Carius tube under autogeneous pressure at 100 °C:



The $SF_5CHCF_2OSO_2$ product is a stable crystalline solid with a vapor pressure of 9 Torr at 22 °C; it melts at 47-48 °C.

The SF_5 sultone undergoes rearrangement in the presence of NaX ($X = I, F$), giving the isomeric bifunctional fluoride 2-(fluorosulfonyl)-2-(pentafluoro- λ^6 -sulfanyl)acetyl fluoride:



In the presence of water, $SF_5CHCF_2OSO_2$ undergoes rearrangement, followed by a concerted hydrolysis-decarboxylation reaction:

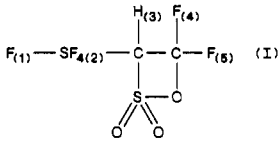
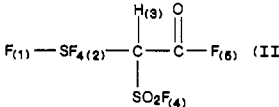
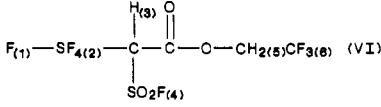
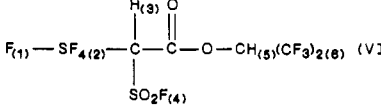
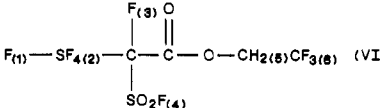
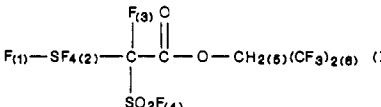
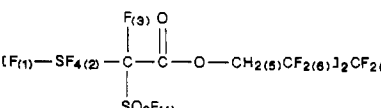
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Table I. NMR Chemical Shifts^{a,c}

compd	SF _{ax}	S(F _{eq}) ₄	CF ₃	CF ₂	CF	SO ₂ F	CH	CH ₂
SF ₅ CHCF ₂ OSO ₂ (I) ^g	69.4 (m)			-72.8 (d) -79.7 (d)			6.58 (m)	
SF ₅ CH(SO ₂ F)COF (II) ^b	66 (9-line)	72.2 (d)				58.4	6.18 (d, p)	
SF ₅ CH ₂ SO ₂ F (III)	71.4 (m)					58.5 (m) ^d		5.33 (m)
(SF ₅ CH ₂ SO ₃) ₂ Ca (IV)	76.7 (9-line)	64.3 (d)						5.0 (p)
SF ₅ CH ₂ SO ₃ H·H ₂ O (V) ^{f,h}	81.4 (9-line)	68.1 (d)						5.13 (p) ^e
SF ₅ CH(SO ₂ F)COOCH ₂ CF ₃ (VI)	70.0 (m)		-76.4 (t)			57.0 (p)	6.23 (p, d)	4.83 (br q)
SF ₅ CH(SO ₂ F)COOCH(CF ₃) ₂ (VII)	70.5 (m)		-75.4 (d)			58.5 (p)	6.20 (p) 6.07 (sept)	
SF ₅ CF(SO ₂ F)COOCH ₂ CF ₃ (VIII)	62.3 (9-line)	56.5 (d)	-76.2 (t)		-123.5 (d, p)	48.9 (p)		4.97 (q)
SF ₅ CF(SO ₂ F)COOCH(CF ₃) ₂ (IX)	61.5 (9-line)	57.2 (d)	-75.2 (d)		-119.0 (d, p)	49.6 (p)	6.25 (sept)	
[SF ₅ CF(SO ₂ F)COOCH ₂ CF ₂] ₂ CF ₂ (X)	62.6 (9-line)	56.7 (d)		-121.3 (br t) -127 (br s)	-123.4 (br p)	49.1 (br p)		5.22 (br t)

^aFluorine chemical shifts in ppm from CFCl₃ and proton chemical shifts in ppm downfield from TMS. ^bChemical shift for the COF fluorine is 46.5 ppm (m); it is found at 30.4 ppm in SF₅CF(SO₂F)COF.³ ^cAbbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septet, br = broadened, m = multiplet. ^dFor SF₅CHF₂SO₂F and CF₃CH₂SO₂F the chemical shifts are δ +51.3 and +64.45, respectively.^{3,17} ^e δ values:^{3,17} SF₅CHFSO₂F, 6.31; CF₃CH₂SO₂F, 4.10. ^fThe chemical shift for the proton on -SO₃H is 10.22 ppm. ^gIn Freon-11. ^hIn CD₃CN.

Table II. ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR Coupling Constants

compd	coupling const, Hz	
 (I)	$J_{1,2} \approx 130$ $J_{4,5} = 103$	$J_{2,3} = 4.6$
 (II)	$J_{1,2} = 148.9$ $J_{2,3} = 3.0$ $J_{2,4} = 12.0$ $J_{2,5} = 8.7$	$J_{3,5} = 4.9$ $J_{4,5} = 12$
F ₍₁₎ -SF ₄₍₂₎ -CH ₂₍₃₎ SO ₂ F ₍₄₎ (III) (F ₍₁₎ -SF ₄₍₂₎ -CH ₂₍₃₎ SO ₃) ₂ Ca (IV)	$J_{1,2} = 141.1$ $J_{2,3} = 7.5$	
F ₍₁₎ -SF ₄₍₂₎ -CH ₂₍₃₎ SO ₃ H·H ₂ O (V)	$J_{1,2} = 141.1$ $J_{2,3} = 7.5$	
 (VI)	$J_{1,2} \approx 100$ $J_{1,3} = 2.3$ $J_{2,3} = 4.5$	$J_{2,4} = 12.8$ $J_{5,6} = 7.8$
 (VII)	$J_{1,2} \approx 122$ $J_{2,3} = 4.5$	$J_{2,4} = 11.8$ $J_{5,6} = 5.4$
 (VIII)	$J_{1,2} = 141$ $J_{1,3} = 3.0$ $J_{2,3} = 3.0$	$J_{2,4} = 9.4$ $J_{5,6} = 7.4$
 (IX)	$J_{1,2} = 136$ $J_{1,3} = 3.0$ $J_{2,3} = 3.0$	$J_{2,4} = 10.1$ $J_{5,6} = 5.6$
 (X)	$J_{1,2} = 136$ $J_{1,3} = 3.0$ $J_{2,3} = 3.0$	$J_{2,4} = 9.2$ $J_{5,6} = 12$

[SF₅CF(SO₂F)COOCH₂CF₂]₂CF₂. Appropriate fragments were found for cleavages at the -C(O)O- functional group in the esters.

The NMR spectra generally consist of complex multiplets (see Table I for chemical shift values). Some of the first-order coupling constants were determined and are reported in Table II. In most cases the SF₅ fluorine resonances consist of the AB₄ multiplet with B₄ equatorial fluorine split into a doublet and the A part into a nine-line pattern. In compounds I, III, VI, and VII the AB₄ pattern is overlapping; therefore, the chemical shifts and/or coupling constants could only be approximated. The AB₄ pattern

in SF₅CH(SO₂F)COF is reversed with the A axial fluorine pattern occurring upfield from the B₄ doublet. Compounds I, VI, and VII also show overlap and reversal of the AB₄ pattern compared to that for other SF₅ systems. This reversal of the AB₄ pattern has also been noted for SF₅NCO and SF₅C≡CH.^{13,14} The

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Table III. ^{13}C NMR Spectra^a

$\begin{array}{c} \text{A} \quad \text{B} \\ \text{F}_{(1)}-\text{SF}_{4(2)}-\text{CH}_{(3)}-\text{CF}_{2(4)} \quad \text{(I)} \\ \quad \\ \text{O}_2\text{S} \quad \text{O} \end{array}$	$\delta_{\text{A}} = 99.6$ (d, p, m) $\delta_{\text{B}} = 112.0$ (br p) $J_{\text{A},2} = 23$ $J_{\text{B},2} = 3.8$ $J_{\text{B},4} = 293$
$\begin{array}{c} \text{A} \quad \text{B} \\ \text{F}_{(1)}-\text{SF}_{4(2)}-\text{CH}_{(3)}-\text{COF}_{(6)} \quad \text{(II)} \\ \\ \text{SO}_2\text{F}_{(4)} \end{array}$	$\delta_{\text{A}} = 88.5$ (d, d, p, d) $\delta_{\text{B}} = 146.8$ (d, p) $J_{\text{A},2} = 21.6$ $J_{\text{B},2} = 2.9$ $J_{\text{B},5} = 363.5$
$\text{F}_{(1)}\text{SF}_{4(2)}\overset{\text{A}}{\text{C}}\text{H}_{2(3)}\text{SO}_2\text{F}_{(4)} \quad \text{(III)}$	$\delta_{\text{A}} = 77.6$ (m)
$\text{F}_{(1)}\text{SF}_{4(2)}-\overset{\text{A}}{\text{C}}\text{H}_{2(3)}-\text{SO}_3\text{H}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O} \quad \text{(V)}$	$\delta_{\text{A}} = 82.8$ (br s)

^aSolvent CDCl_3 ; chemical shifts in ppm relative to TMS and coupling constants in Hz. Abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, p = pentet, br = broadened, m = multiplet.

chemical shift values for the SF_5 group in all compounds fall within the expected range.^{15,16} It is interesting to note that the collapse and reversal of the SF_5 pattern occurs only for derivatives of sultone I and not for derivatives of $\text{SF}_5\text{CFCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$. The acid $\text{SF}_5\text{CFHSO}_3\text{H}$ gives SF_{ax} at 72.3 ppm and $\text{S}(\text{F}_{\text{eq}})_4$ at 53.5 ppm,³ while compound V gives SF_{ax} at 81.4 ppm and $\text{S}(\text{F}_{\text{eq}})_4$ at 68.1 ppm. The axial and equatorial fluorine chemical shifts of the SF_5 group in $\text{SF}_5\text{CH}_2\text{CHFBr}$ are 79.9 and 66.4 ppm, respectively.¹⁶

The ^{19}F NMR resonance for the fluorosulfonyl group is found in the range 48.9–58.5 ppm. The splitting pattern of the CF_2 group for the new sultone I consists of a doublet of doublets exhibiting the weak–strong–strong–weak pattern reported for other fluorinated sultones.^{3,4,17} The ^1H NMR spectra for all compounds were self-consistent with respect to the expected chemical shifts for CH and CH_2 groups.

In general, we find that replacing a hydrogen with fluorine on carbon adjacent to an SF_5 group results in greater shielding (shift to high field) for all fluoro groups present; for example, in going from $\text{SF}_5\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ to $\text{SF}_5\text{CHF}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ the SF_{ax} , $\text{S}(\text{F}_{\text{eq}})_4$, and SO_2F groups are more shielded by 6, 16, and 7 ppm, respectively. Also, as one goes from $\text{SF}_5\text{CH}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{R}$ to $\text{SF}_5\text{CF}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{R}$, where $\text{R} = \text{C}(\text{O})\text{F}$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}'$, greater shielding for the SF_{ax} , $\text{S}(\text{F}_{\text{eq}})_4$, SO_2F , and $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{F}$ groups is found. While it is impossible to rule out anisotropic effects produced upon replacing a hydrogen with fluorine, it is suggested that, inductively, replacement by fluorine allows for electron donation from that fluorine to other fluoro groups, thereby causing a general increase in shielding. Correspondingly, the CF resonance is deshielded in molecular systems in which SF_5 , SO_2F , $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{F}$, and $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}$ groups are present.

Coupling constants for the SF_{ax} to $\text{S}(\text{F}_{\text{eq}})_4$ fluorines in the new compounds vary from approximately 100 to 149 Hz. The coupling constants for $J_{1,2}$ could not be determined for compound III. It is interesting to note that the lower values for $J_{1,2}$ occur in compounds derived from sultone I and go as low as 100 Hz in ester IV. The sultone $\text{SF}_5\text{CFCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$ and its derivatives have an AB_4 coupling in the range $J = 141$ –157 Hz; one exception is found for $\text{SF}_5\text{CF}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{COF}$ with $J_{1,2} = 100.1$ Hz.⁴ Esters derived from this sultone and reported here have coupling constants $J_{1,2}$ in the 136–141-Hz range; by comparison, the ester $\text{SF}_5\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{COOCH}_3$ has $J_{1,2} = 144$ Hz.¹⁶ The compounds containing the sulfonyl fluoride grouping vicinal to $\text{S}(\text{F}_{\text{eq}})_4$ have values in the range $J_{2,4} = 9.2$ –12.8 Hz.

The new sulfonyl fluoride esters contain fluorine–fluorine and fluorine–proton coupling constants that are self-consistent. In esters VIII, IX, and X the $J_{1,2}$ and $J_{2,3}$ values are the same, 3.0 Hz. The coupling constant $J_{4,5} = 103$ Hz in β -sultone I is approximately the same as in $\text{SF}_5\text{CFCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$, where $J_{4,5} = 104$

Hz. The coupling $J_{2,3}$ values in compounds I, II, and V vary considerably; 4.8, 3.0, and 7.5 Hz, respectively. These values reflect the differences in structure with different group attachments to the SF_5CH moiety. Due to the complexity of the spectrum, no coupling constants could be determined for compound III.

The ^{13}C NMR spectral data for compounds I, II, III, and V are given in Table III. Chemical shift values for the carbon next to an SF_5 group, C(A), range from 77.6 to 99.6 ppm; for C(B) in I and II the values are 112.0 and 146.8 ppm, respectively. Compound V has only a broadened singlet at 77.6 ppm while III has a band center of a complex multiplet at 82.8 ppm. The coupling constant for I ($J_{\text{B},4}$) is in good agreement with values reported for other cyclic systems; for $\text{C}-\text{C}_4\text{F}_8$ and $\text{C}-\text{C}_4\text{F}_4\text{Cl}_4$ the J_{CF} values are 298 and 300 Hz, respectively.¹⁸ The large J_{CF} coupling ($J_{\text{B},5}$) value of 363.5 Hz for II is in good agreement with that of other acyl fluorides.

Experimental Section

Materials. The compounds used in this work were obtained from commercial sources: SO_3 (MCB); NaF (Baker); $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CHOH}$ (Eastman); $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ (PCR); HCl (Matheson); NaOH (Baker); $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ (Baker); MgSO_4 (Mallinckrodt). $\text{HOCH}_2(\text{CF}_2)_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ was obtained from 3M and sublimed prior to use. All other reagents were used without further purification. $\text{SF}_5\text{CH}=\text{CF}_2$ and $\text{SF}_5\text{CF}=\text{CF}_2$ were synthesized by literature methods.^{16,19}

General Procedure. Gases were manipulated in a conventional Pyrex-glass vacuum apparatus equipped with a Heise-Bourdon tube gauge and a Televac thermocouple gauge. Infrared spectra were obtained with use of a Pyrex-glass gas cell equipped with KBr windows or as liquids or solids between KBr or KRS-5 disks on a Nicolet 20DX spectrometer. The NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian Model EM-390 spectrometer operating at 90.0 MHz for proton and 84.67 MHz for fluorine resonances or on a Bruker AM400 spectrometer operating at 400.1 MHz for proton, 376.5 MHz for fluorine, and 100.6 MHz for carbon resonances. TMS, CFCl_3 , and CDCl_3 were used as external/internal standards. The mass spectra were recorded with a VG 7070 HS mass spectrometer with an ionization potential of 70 eV. Perfluorokerosene was used as an internal standard.

Elemental analyses were determined by Beller Microanalytical Laboratory in Göttingen, West Germany.

$\text{SF}_5\text{CH}=\text{CF}_2$ with SO_3 . Into a 130-mL Pyrex-glass Carius tube equipped with a Kontes Teflon valve were placed 52.3 mmol of SO_3 and 57.05 mmol of $\text{SF}_5\text{CH}=\text{CF}_2$. The mixture was heated for 24 h at 95 ± 5 °C. Distillation gave 30.33 mmol of a white solid, $\text{SF}_5\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$, in 58% yield; bp 108–111 °C (600 mm); mp 47–48 °C.

The infrared spectrum had the following bands (cm^{-1}): 3002 (wm), 1419 (s), 1315 (s), 1271 (s), 1203 (vs), 1106 (s), 1078 (s), 965 (m), 916 (vw), 878, 845, 819 (vs, b), 750 (vs), 684 (s), 669 (w), 656 (ms), 612 (ms), 575 (m, sh at 565), 525 (s), 444 (m), 403 (m).

The ^{19}F NMR spectrum (ϕ) gave the following relative peak areas: SF_5 (4.94), CF_2 (1 + 1). Negative ion (C^-) mass spectrum (m/e , species, %): 269, (M^-), 11.1; 142, $\text{C}_2\text{F}_2\text{SO}_3^-$, 13.5; 138, $\text{SC}_2\text{SO}_3\text{H}_2^-$, 17.1; 136, SC_2SO_3^- , 21.2; 127, SF_5^- or FSCSO_2^- , 100; 123, $\text{C}_2\text{F}_2\text{SO}_3^-$, 9.5; 83, SF_5CH^- or SO_2F^- , 34.5; 81, SO_3H^- , 30.7; 79, CHCF_2O^- , 29.6.

Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_2\text{HF}_8\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$: C, 8.89; H, 0.37; S, 23.74; F, 49.2. Found: C, 9.05; H, 0.51; S, 23.63; F, 48.9.

$\text{SF}_5\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$ with NaF. Into a 50-mL Pyrex-glass round-bottom flask equipped with a Teflon stirring bar were placed 29 mmol of dried

NaF and 12.4 mmol of $\text{SF}_5\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$. The reaction vessel was connected to a reflux condenser and dry-ice trap, which was attached to a drying tube. The mixture was heated at 60 °C with stirring (4 days). Distillation gave a clear liquid in 58% yield; bp 115–117 °C.

The infrared spectrum had the following absorption bands (cm^{-1}): 3037 (vw), 2980 (w), 1856 (m), 1448 (ms), 1387 (vw), 1291 (wm), 1222 (m), 1181 (w), 1116 (w), 1078 (vw), 872 (vs, b, sh at 850, 834, 816, 803), 772 (wm), 681 (w), 656 (w), 609 (wm), 578 (m), 572 (m), 559 (ms), 487 (w), 450 (w), 419 (w), 413 (w).

The ^{19}F NMR spectrum gave the following relative peak areas: SF (1.1); SF_4 (4.8); SO_2F (1.1); COF (1.0).

$\text{SF}_5\text{CHCF}_2\text{SO}_2$ with H_2O . Into a 40-mL Kel-F vessel equipped with a Teflon stirring bar was placed 17.74 mmol of $\text{SF}_5\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$. The reaction vessel was cooled to 0 °C, and 88 mmol of H_2O was added slowly with stirring over a period of 4 h. The mixture was allowed to

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stand at room temperature overnight, after which the lower layer was separated, washed with water, and dried over MgSO_4 . Distillation gave 9.03 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ in 51% yield; bp 110–111 °C.

The infrared spectrum had the following bands (cm^{-1}): 3037 (m), 2980 (m), 1478 (w), 1441 (s), 1384 (m), 1356 (w), 1291 (ms), 1222 (s), 1181 (m), 1150 (w), 1075 (w), 1028 (w), 894, 872 (vs, b), 847 (s), 831 (s, sh at 816), 791 (m), 769 (m), 709 (wm), 656 (ms), 613 (m), 578 (s), 559 (s), 487 (m), 450 (m), 406 (m).

The ^{19}F NMR spectrum gave the following relative peak areas: SF_3 (5.0) and SO_2F (1.0). EI^+ mass spectrum (m/e , species, %): 204, $(\text{M} - \text{F})^+$, 2.23; 129, $\text{FSCH}_2\text{SO}_2^+$, 6.92; 127, SF_3^+ or FSCSO_2^+ , 100; 97, $\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}^+$ or FSCH_2S^+ , 25.71; 89, SF_3^+ , 42.59; 78, CHSO_2^+ or SCF_2S^+ , 8.25; 67, SOF^+ , 53.44.

Anal. Calcd for $\text{CH}_2\text{F}_6\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 5.36; H, 0.90; S, 28.61; F, 50.9. Found: C, 5.48; H, 0.90; S, 28.59; F, 50.8.

$\text{SF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}/\text{SF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{Na}$ with HCl . Into a 50-mL Pyrex-glass round-bottom flask equipped with a Kontes Teflon valve and a Teflon stirring bar were placed 20 mL (1389 mmol) of H_2O and 78.5 mmol of NaOH . To this solution, cooled to 0 °C, was slowly added 27.8 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ (2 days). The mixture was heated to 50 °C (42 h) under reflux. Hydrogen chloride was slowly bubbled into this solution at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was filtered; excess water was evaporated away. The crude product, $\text{SF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{H}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$, was purified by sublimation: 6 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{H}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$, yield 22%; mp 97 \pm 1 °C.

The infrared spectrum had the following bands (cm^{-1}): 3308 (s, b), 3051 (w), 2987 (w), 1718 (m, b), 1400 (vw), 1242 (vs), 1223 (vs), 1177 (m), 1064 (m), 1029 (m), 900 (m), 892 (m), 876 (ms), 862 (m), 829 (m), 821 (ms), 810 (s), 772 (w), 695 (w), 649 (w), 624 (wm), 589 (ms), 564 (wm), 528 (m, sh at 517), 438 (vw).

The ^{19}F NMR spectrum (ϕ) gave the following relative peak areas: SF (1.0) and SF_4 (3.8). EI^+ mass spectrum (m/e , species, %): 223, $(\text{M} + \text{H} - \text{H}_2\text{O})^+$, 0.73; 202, $\text{SF}_4\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2^+$, 32.05; 149, $\text{SF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{H}^+$, 8.06; 127, SF_3^+ or FSCSO_2^+ , 25.46; 122, SF_4CH^+ , 71.88; 97, SCH_3S^+ , 12.27; 95, $\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{H}^+$, 36.24; 89, SF_3^+ , 100; 81, SO_3H^+ , 15.57; 80, SO_3^+ , 4.77; 70, SF_2^+ , 9.48; 67, SOF^+ , 15.37; 65, FSCH_2^+ , 54.5; 64, FSCH^+ or SO_2^+ , 18.55; 48, SO^+ , 17.03; 44, CS^+ , 8.22.

Anal. Calcd for $\text{CH}_2\text{F}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 5.00; H, 2.10; S, 26.70; F, 39.5. Found: C, 5.30; H, 1.93; S, 26.55; F, 39.1.

$\text{SF}_3\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$ with CaO . Into a Pyrex-glass round-bottom flask was placed 11.6 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$, 26.8 mmol of CaO , and 14.7 g of H_2O . The mixture was heated at 50 \pm 5 °C for a period of 1.1 days. CO_2 gas was bubbled vigorously through the mixture (15 min). It was then filtered and the salt dried under vacuum, giving 3.15 mmol of $\text{Ca}(\text{SF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2)_2$ in 54.3% yield; dec 340 °C.

The infrared spectrum had the following bands (cm^{-1}): 3051 (vw), 2987 (vw), 1391 (w), 1286 (m), 1244 (s), 1223 (s), 1173 (ms), 1103 (m, sh at 1082), 1033 (m), 885 (ms), 871 (ms), 815 (ms), 779 (m), 702 (w), 653 (m), 618 (w), 597 (m), 562 (wm), 534 (w), 512 (m).

The ^{19}F NMR spectrum gave the following relative peak areas: SF (1.0) and SF_4 (4.0).

$\text{SF}_3\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$ with $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$. Into a 100-mL Pyrex-glass reaction vessel equipped with a Teflon stirring bar and a Kontes Teflon valve were placed 60 mmol of dried NaF , 19.05 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$, and 20.6 mmol of $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$. The mixture was heated with stirring at 60 °C (4 days). Distillation under vacuum gave 13.38 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CH}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OCH}_2\text{CF}_3$ in 70% yield; bp 103 °C (100 mm).

The infrared spectrum of $\text{SF}_3\text{CH}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OCH}_2\text{CF}_3$ had the following bands (cm^{-1}): 2987 (wm), 1785 (s), 1448 (s), 1412 (m), 1315 (s), 1293 (s), 1272 (s), 1223 (s), 1187 (s), 1147 (s), 1050 (w), 1033 (vw), 984 (ms), 875 (vs, b, sh at 920), 803 (ms), 775 (wm), 750 (wm), 694 (wm), 666 (wm), 644 (wm), 612 (m), 569 (s), 553 (m), 491 (m), 459 (w), 444 (w), 434 (w), 419 (w), 403 (w).

The ^{19}F NMR spectrum gave the following relative peak areas: SF_3 (5.3), SO_2F (1.0), and CF_3 (3.0). The ^1H NMR spectrum gave the following relative peak areas: CH (1.0) and CH_2 (2.2). EI^+ mass spectrum (m/e , species, %): 331, $(\text{M} - \text{F})^+$, 0.93; 330, $(\text{M} - \text{HF})^+$, 5.06; 251, $\text{SF}_3\text{CHSO}_2\text{FCO}^+$, 30.54; 231, $\text{SF}_3\text{CSO}_2\text{CO}^+$, 20.62; 209, $\text{SF}_3\text{C}_2\text{SO}_4^+$, 9.06; 127, SF_3^+ or $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}^+$ or FSCSO_2^+ , 44.79; 105, CHSO_2CO^+ , 6.26; 89, SF_3^+ , 67.29; 83, CH_2CF_3^+ or SO_2F^+ , 100 + 3.08; 69, CF_3^+ , 9.90; 67, SOF^+ , 26.2; 51, SF^+ , 4.07; 44, CS^+ , 6.19.

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{F}_{10}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 13.72; H, 0.8635; S, 18.31; F, 48.8. Found: C, 13.86; H, 0.85; S, 18.24; F, 48.5.

$\text{SF}_3\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$ with $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CHOH}$. Into a 100-mL Pyrex-glass reaction vessel equipped with a Teflon stirring bar and a Kontes Teflon valve were placed 75.5 mmol of dried NaF , 17.73 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CHCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$, and 17.92 mmol of $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CHOH}$. The mixture was

heated with stirring (7 days) at 45 \pm 5 °C. Distillation under vacuum gave 14.18 mmol of liquid $\text{SF}_3\text{CH}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OCH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ in 80% yield; bp 98–100 °C (100 mm).

The infrared spectrum had the following bands (cm^{-1}): 2987 (wm), 1799 (ms), 1453 (ms), 1384 (ms), 1366 (ms), 1287 (ms, sh at 1303), 1269 (ms), 1237 (s), 1212 (s), 1118 (s), 1081 (wm), 1066 (wm), 969 (wm), 956 (wm), 897 (s), 875 (vs), 806 (wm), 784 (wm), 775 (wm), 756 (wm), 722 (wm), 691 (ms), 647 (w), 613 (ms, sh at 603), 569 (ms), 525 (w), 491 (w), 469 (w), 456 (wm), 419 (vw), 409 (s).

The ^{19}F NMR spectrum (ϕ) gave the following relative peak areas: SF_3 (5.3), SO_2F (1.0), and CF_3 (5.4). EI^+ mass spectrum (m/e , species, %): 401, $(\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O})^+$, 0.28; 400, $(\text{M} - \text{F})^+$, 0.77; 399, $(\text{M} - \text{HF})^+$, 4.32; 398, $(\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{F})^+$, 6.65; 251, $\text{SF}_3\text{CSO}_2\text{FCO}^+$, 61.95; 231, $\text{SF}_3\text{CSO}_2\text{CO}^+$, 25.72; 195, $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2^+$, 44.12; 151, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2^+$, 37.38; 143, $\text{F}_2\text{SCHSCO}^+$, 8.31; 127, SF_3^+ or FSCSO_2^+ , 79.96; 105, HCSO_2CO^+ , 8.54; 89, SF_3^+ , 88.64; 83, SO_2F^+ , 6.31; 69, CF_3^+ , 100; 67, SOF^+ , 40.57; 51, SF^+ , 16.68; 48, SO^+ , 5.6; 44, CO_2^+ or CS^+ , 3.58.

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_5\text{H}_3\text{F}_{13}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 14.36; H, 0.48; S, 15.34; F, 54.5. Found: C, 14.45; H, 0.53; S, 15.36; F, 54.2.

$\text{SF}_3\text{CFCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$ with $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$. Into a 100-mL Pyrex-glass reaction vessel equipped with a Kontes Teflon valve and a Teflon stirring bar were placed 116.7 mmol of dried NaF , 13.9 mmol of $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, and 13.5 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CFCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$. The mixture was stirred at 40–50 °C (5 days). Distillation of the mixture gave 10.35 mmol of the ester $\text{SF}_3\text{CF}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{COOCH}_2\text{CF}_3$ in 76.45% yield; bp 88 °C (101 mm).

The infrared spectrum had the following bands (cm^{-1}): 3051 (vw), 2995 (vw), 1806 (s), 1455 (s), 1413 (m), 1321 (s), 1293 (s), 1259 (s), 1230 (s), 1195 (vs), 1166 (vs), 1054 (m), 1026 (w), 991 (m), 977 (m), 955 (m), 927 (s), 913 (vs), 892 (vs), 871 (vs), 850 (s), 808 (ms), 787 (s), 681 (m), 667 (m), 653 (m), 646 (m), 639 (m), 611 (ms), 597 (s), 576 (s), 534 (w), 520 (vw), 491 (wm), 477 (w), 438 (wm).

The ^{19}F NMR spectrum (ϕ) gave the following relative peak areas: SF (0.9), SF_4 (4.0), SO_2F (1.1), CF (1.0), and CF_3 (3.0). CI^+ mass spectrum (m/e , species, %): 369, $(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$, 0.4; 349, $(\text{M} - \text{F})^+$, 1.2; 127, SF_3^+ or FSCSO_2^+ or $\text{OCH}_2\text{CF}_3^+$, 46.1; 89, SF_3^+ , 61.6; 83, SO_2F^+ or CF_3CH_2^+ , 100; 69, CF_3^+ , 7.3; 67, SOF^+ , 51.3; 64, SO_2^+ , 5.8; 63, CFS^+ , 4.7.

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_4\text{F}_{10}\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$: C, 13.04; H, 0.54; F, 51.6; S, 17.39. Found: C, 13.09; H, 0.55; F, 52.3; S, 17.14.

$\text{SF}_3\text{CFCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$ with $\text{HOCH}_2(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$. Into the same reaction vessel described previously were placed 115.2 mmol of dried NaF , 9.25 mmol of $\text{HOCH}_2(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, and 23.8 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CFCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$. The mixture was stirred at 40–50 °C (4 days) and 60–70 °C (5 days). Distillation of the mixture gave 7.29 mmol of $(\text{SF}_3\text{CF}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{COOCH}_2\text{CF}_2)_2$ in 78.9% yield; bp 152 °C (15 mm).

The infrared spectrum had the following bands (cm^{-1}): 3044 (w), 2988 (w), 1806 (vs), 1785 (vs), 1462 (vs), 1406 (m), 1286 (vs), 1272 (vs), 1237 (vs), 1216 (vs), 1202 (s), 1181 (s), 1159 (s), 1124 (s), 1103 (m), 1082 (w), 1054 (m), 1019 (w), 977 (ms), 963 (ms), 934 (vs), 899 (vs), 878 (vs), 865 (vs), 850 (vs), 815 (vs), 801 (vs), 779 (vs), 766 (s), 738 (w), 731 (w), 716 (w), 709 (vw), 695 (m), 681 (m), 674 (m), 667 (m), 646 (w), 618 (s), 597 (s), 582 (s), 569 (s), 550 (w), 541 (m), 527 (w), 513 (w), 491 (m), 470 (w), 456 (w), 435 (w), 414 (w).

The ^{19}F NMR spectrum (ϕ) gave the following relative peak areas: SF (0.9), SF_4 (4.0), SO_2F (1.0), CF (1.0), and CF_2 (2.1 for CF_2 external and 1.0 for CF_2 internal). CI^+ mass spectrum (m/e , species, %): 621, $(\text{M} - \text{SF}_3)^+$, 0.14; 269, $\text{SF}_3\text{CF}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{C}^+$, 15.05; 143, C_3COOCS^+ , 8.55; 175, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_2)_3\text{C}^+$, 11.07; 127, SF_3^+ , 13.03; 113, SF_2CFC^+ , 6.21; 95, CSO_2F^+ , 6.73; 89, SF_3^+ , 100; 83, SO_2F^+ , 3.08; 69, COOCHC^+ , 6.30; 67, SOF^+ , 43.67; 65, C_4HO^+ , 14.77; 64, SO_2^+ , 4.93; 51, SF^+ , 7.74; 48, SO^+ , 6.85; 41, COCH^+ , 66.29.

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{F}_{20}\text{H}_4\text{S}_4\text{O}_8$: C, 14.44; H, 0.54; F, 50.7; S, 17.14. Found: C, 14.67; H, 0.46; F, 50.6; S, 15.90.

$\text{SF}_3\text{CFCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$ with $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CHOH}$. Into a 100-mL Pyrex-glass reaction vessel containing a Teflon-coated stirring bar and 102.1 mmol of dry NaF were placed 138.2 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CFCF}_2\text{OSO}_2$ and 140.5 mmol of $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CHOH}$. The mixture was heated at 40–50 °C (24 days). Distillation of the mixture gave 107.6 mmol of $\text{SF}_3\text{CF}(\text{SO}_2\text{F})\text{COOCH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ in 77.5% yield; bp 124 \pm 2 °C (455 mm).

The infrared spectrum had the following bands (cm^{-1}): 2988 (w), 1813 (s), 1469 (s), 1462 (s), 1384 (s), 1363 (ms), 1300 (s), 1258 (vs), 1237 (vs), 1209 (vs), 1166 (s), 1117 (vs), 1082 (m), 1061 (wm), 998 (w), 997 (mw), 948 (m), 906–892 (vs, b), 857 (s), 822 (m), 787 (s), 730 (m), 688 (s), 660 (w), 625 (mw), 583 (s), 576 (s), 548 (w), 527 (w), 512 (w), 491 (w), 470 (w), 428 (w).

CI^+ mass spectrum (m/e , species, %): 290, $\text{S}_2\text{F}_6\text{C}_4\text{O}_4^+$, 1.21; 225, $\text{SF}_3\text{CF}(\text{SOF})^+$, 17.69; 195, $\text{FSO}_2\text{CFCOOCHC}_2^+$, 35.25; 151, CH -

(CF₃)₂⁺ or SF₃C₂⁺, 79.44; 131, C₂O₂CHC₂F₄⁺, 6.67; 89, SF₃⁺, 100; 79, CFSO⁺, 5.53; 78 OC₂F₂⁺, 5.59; 70, SF₂⁺, 10.30; 69, CF₃⁺, 100; 67, SOF⁺, 87.85; 65, SO₂H⁺, 7.25; 64, SO₂⁺, 9.18; 51, SF⁺, 29.41; 50, CF₂⁺, 9.67; 48, SO⁺, 13.75.

Anal. Calcd for C₃H₂F₄O₂S₂: C, 13.70; H, 0.23; F, 56.6; S, 17.42. Found: C, 13.90; H, 0.34; F, 57.2; S, 17.14.

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Coordination Chemistry of Gold(I) with Cyanide and 1-Methylpyridine-2-thione. Kinetics and Thermodynamics of Ligand Exchange at Gold(I) in Aqueous Solution

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The equilibrium constants for the stepwise cyanide substitution at Au(CN)₂⁻ by 1-methylpyridine-2-thione (mpt) were determined in acidic solution by UV spectroscopy. The kinetics of the forward and reverse reaction of Au(CN)₂⁻ with mpt were studied by means of the stopped-flow method. Surprisingly, the rate constant in the exergonic direction is significantly below the diffusion-controlled limit. This reveals a lower reactivity of the Au(I) center compared with the metal center of similar Hg(II) and Ag(I) complexes. The reactivity of CN⁻ toward Au(CN)(mpt) is at least 7 orders of magnitude greater than that of HCN. This is indicative of an associative mechanism.

Introduction

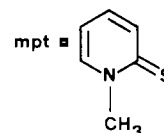
The importance of gold(I) compounds in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis has recently increased the interest in gold(I) coordination chemistry. Although structural aspects are well documented,¹ quantitative investigations of the thermodynamics of individual ligand-exchange reactions in aqueous solution are scarce, and knowledge about their kinetics is generally limited to the observation that Au(I) complexes are labile. Isad and Sadler² have estimated the rate constants and activation parameters for thiol exchange in gold-bound thiolates in solutions that contain predominantly polynuclear Au(I) species. In a very recent study by Boles Bryan, Mikuriya, Hempel, Mellinger, Hashim, and Pasternack,³ the rate and equilibrium constants for the substitution of tetraacetylthioglucose by chloride in auranofin were measured in aqueous acid solutions. The dearth of information about the dynamics of ligand exchange is surprising in the light of the important role such processes are likely to play in the biological chemistry of Au(I).⁴

Many possibilities exist for facile reactions of Au(I)-containing antiarthritis drugs with S-containing molecules in the human body.² Indeed, some hypotheses suggest that Au(I) is the active moiety in these drugs and that sequential ligand-exchange processes alter the pharmacokinetics and intracellular distribution of the gold.⁵ Evaluation of this and other hypotheses concerning the efficacy of gold therapy will require detailed understanding of all facets of the ligand-exchange process. In this paper we report a stopped-flow kinetic study on a ligand-exchange process at a mononuclear Au(I) in aqueous solution. In addition, new equilibrium information is presented.

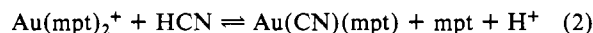
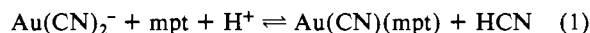
In this and several other studies, the stable linear Au(CN)₂⁻ was used as starting material. Protonation of the cyanide released

upon ligand exchange facilitates the use of ligands with very different affinities in the studies of the kinetics and equilibria of ligand substitution reactions of Au(CN)₂⁻. Cyanide can be displaced by various soft ligands without causing the disproportionation to Au(0) and Au(III). It was shown by Raman and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy that thiolates (RS⁻) form mixed-ligand complexes, RSAuCN⁻, which undergo ligand redistribution to form Au(CN)₂⁻ and Au(SR)₂⁻.⁶ The complex Au(CN)(S₂O₃)²⁻ can be formed by dissolving AuCN in aqueous thiosulfate solution.⁷ The stepwise substitution of CN⁻ on Au(CN)₂⁻ by I⁻ could be studied spectrophotometrically.⁸

The present study utilizes the S-donor ligand 1-methylpyridine-2-thione (mpt). The reactions can be monitored directly



because the UV spectrum of mpt changes upon coordination with Au(I). Some years ago we used mpt in the investigation of rate-equilibria relationships for ligand-exchange reactions at CH₃Hg^{II}.⁹ Starting with Au(CN)₂⁻, eq 1, or with Au(mpt)₂⁺,



eq 2, it was possible to investigate the stepwise substitution reactions of mpt with Au(CN)₂⁻. Similar thione complexes were shown to form linear complexes (with coordination through the S) by X-ray structure determination of chloro(1-propyl-1,3-imidazolidine-2-thione)gold(I)¹⁰ and of bis(1-propyl-1,3-

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