$Bis[(pentafluorothio)(trifluoromethyl)amido]mercury, Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$, and Bis[(pentafluorotelluro)(trifluoromethyl)amido]mercury, Hg[N(CF₃)TeF₅]₂

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The mercurial compound $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$ can be obtained in over 95% yield from the direct reaction of SF_5N —CCl₂ with excess HgF₂ at 150 °C. X-ray crystal structure analysis of the tellurium analogue Hg[N(CF₃)TeF₅]₂ reveals a linear N-Hg-N arrangement as well as a planar framework around each nitrogen [\angle TeNC = 119 (2)°]. C₂F₁₆N₂HgTe₂ crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group Pbca. Unit cell parameters: a = 10.746 (5) Å, b = 9.702 (6) Å, c = 12.718 (8) Å, Z = 4; R = 0.090, $R_{\rm w} = 0.101$. Reactions of Hg[N(CF₃)SF₅]₂ with halogens or interhalogens give the series of tertiary amines SF₅N(X)CF₃, where X = F, Cl, Br, and I. Of these only the N-iodo compound is unstable at room temperature. The successful syntheses of $SF_5N(CH_3)CF_3$ and $TeF_5N(CH_3)CF_3$ from the respective mercurial compound and CH_3I allow the comparison of the relative group electronegativities of $SF_5N(CF_3)$ - and $TeF_5N(CF_3)$ - with $(CF_3)_2N$ -, $(CF_3S)_2N$ -, $(CF_3S)_2N$ -, $(CF_3SO_2)_2N$ -, and $(FSO_2)_2N$ -. The new perfluorinated tertiary amine $(SF_5)_2NCF_3$ is prepared in high yield from the gas-phase photolysis of $SF_5N(Cl)CF_3$. The bromoamine SF₅N(Br)CF₃ adds readily to the alkenes C_2H_4 and C_3F_6 to give SF₅N(CF₃)CH₂CH₂Br and the mixture of isomers SF₅N(CF₃)CF₂CF(Br)CF₃ and SF₅N(CF₃)CF(CF₃)CF₂Br, respectively.

Introduction

A number of new Hg^{II} derivatives containing highly electronwithdrawing amino substituents have appeared lately. These mercurials, which include $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$, $Hg[N(SF_5)_2]_2$, $Hg[N(SF_5)_2$, $Hg[N(SF_5)_2]_2$, $Hg[N(SF_5)_2]_2$, $Hg[N(SF_5)_2]_2$, $Hg[N(SF_5)_2]_2$, $Hg[N(SF_5)_2]_2$, Hg[N $Hg[N(SO_2CF_3)_2]_2$,³ and $Hg[N(SO_2F)_2]_2$,³ are of interest because they serve as valuable precursors to a variety of derivatives containing these amino groups. For example, we recently reported a number of derivatives of the type $TeF_5N(CF_3)X$, where X = F, Cl, Br, I, SF₅, TeF₅, C(O)CH₃, CH₂CH₂Br, CF₂CF(Br)CF₃, and $CF(CF_3)CF_2Br$, starting from $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$.¹ As several of these derivatives have no known analogues in the chemistry of sulfur-nitrogen compounds,⁴ it was of interest to attempt their preparation. We were also interested in comparing the relative group electronegativities of the SF₅N(CF₃)- and TeF₅N(CF₃)groups, which could be most easily achieved by preparing the N-methyl derivatives $SF_5N(CH_3)CF_3$ and $TeF_5N(CH_3)CF_3$. Also reported herein are the results of our X-ray crystal structure analysis of $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$.

The mercurial $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$ was first reported in 1964 by Tullock et al.⁴ from the reaction of SF₅N=CF₂ with mercuric fluoride:

$$2SF_5N = CF_2 + HgF_2 \xrightarrow{100-125 \circ C} Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2 \quad 76\% \quad (1)$$

The tellurium analogue $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$ can be prepared in a similar fashion;^{1a} however, an improved synthesis was found in the direct reaction between $TeF_5N=CCl_2$ and HgF_2 :^{1b}

$$2\text{TeF}_5\text{NHCF}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{HgF}_2, 70-80} \text{Hg}[\text{N}(\text{CF}_3)\text{TeF}_5]_2 \quad 20\% \qquad (2)$$

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$$2\text{TeF}_{5}\text{N} = \text{CCl}_{2} + 3\text{HgF}_{2} \xrightarrow{60 \text{ °C}} 2\text{HgCl}_{2} + \text{Hg}[\text{N}(\text{CF}_{3})\text{TeF}_{5}]_{2} \quad 97\% \quad (3)$$

It was obvious that our study would be easier if this same direct reaction were to work with the sulfur compound, thus eliminating two reaction steps in the preparation of $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$.

Experimental Section

Spectra. Infrared spectra were recorded on either a Perkin-Elmer 283B or a Bio-Rad FTS-40 infrared spectrophotometer on gases at pressures between 1 and 10 Torr. Mass spectra were obtained on a Hewlett-Packard 5985A GC/MS system by using a controlled gas inlet probe. Only the most important ions are reported. The mass numbers

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Table I. Summary of Crystal Data and Data Collection Conditions for Hg[N(CF₁)TeF₁]₂

JLI	$\operatorname{Ig}[\operatorname{IN}(\operatorname{Cr}_3)] \operatorname{Ier}_{5]_2}$	
	formula	$C_2N_2F_{16}HgTe_2$
	space group	Pbca
	a, Å	10.746 (5)
	b, Å	9.702 (6)
	<i>c</i> , Å	12.718 (8)
	V, Å ³	1326
	Z	4
	$d_{\rm calcd}$, g cm ⁻³	4.08
	cryst dimens, mm	$0.4 \times 0.1 \times 0.6$
	radiation	Mo K α (graphite monochromated)
	$\mu, \rm cm^{-1}$	161.73
	scan width, deg	$0.80 + 0.20 \tan \theta$
	std reflens	400, 040, 004
	variation of stds	<8%
	2θ range, deg	2-50
	no. of measd reflens	1400
	no. of abs reflens	832
	no. of variables	96
	R	0.090
	R _w	0.101
	goodness of fit	1.52

are given for $^{202}Hg,\,^{130}Te,\,^{79}Br,$ or ^{35}Cl where applicable; the intensities include all isotopes. The ^{19}F and ^{1}H NMR spectra were recorded on either a Varian EM360L, a Nicolet NIC 200 FT, or a Bruker AM 500 nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer. The ¹⁹F and ¹H spectra were taken on dilute solutions in CCl₃F and referenced to CCl₃F and Si(CH₃)₄, respectively. Resonances appearing upfield from CCl₃F in the ¹⁹F NMR spectra are designated negative. The ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet NIC 200 FT NMR spectrometer with TMS as the standard. Elemental analyses were obtained from Galbraith Laboratories, Inc., Knoxville, TN

Reagents. SF₅Cl,^{4,5} SF₅N=CCl₂,⁴ Hg[N(CF₃)TeF₅]₂,¹ HgF₂,⁶ and ICl⁷ were prepared by known literature methods. All other materials were taken from laboratory stock and purified, where necessary, before use. Caution! Mercury salts are poisonous, and thus suitable safety precautions should be kept in mind when working with the volatile mercurials describe herein.

X-ray Structure Analysis of Hg[N(CF₃)TeF₅]₂. Suitable crystals of $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_3]_2$ obtained by vacuum sublimation were sealed under nitrogen in thin-walled glass capillaries. Final lattice parameters as determined by least-squares refinement of 24 reflections $(2\theta > 35^{\circ})$ accurately centered on the diffractometer are given in Table I. Data were collected on a Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer by the θ -2 θ scan

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Table II. Positional Parameters for $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$

atom	x	у	Z	$10^2 U_{\mathrm{eq}}$, ^a Å ²
Hg	0.5000	0.5000	0.0000	1.1 (3)
Te	0.4240 (2)	0.2744 (2)	0.1944 (2)	1.3 (2)
F(1)	0.568 (3)	0.367 (2)	0.191 (2)	3.8 (6)
F(2)	0.493 (3)	0.132 (3)	0.132 (3)	7.2 (50)
F(3)	0.281 (2)	0.174 (3)	0.199 (2)	3.6 (12)
F(4)	0.480 (2)	0.184 (3)	0.313 (2)	3.9 (6)
F(5)	0.365 (3)	0.401 (3)	0.283 (2)	5.1 (34)
F(6)	0.238 (3)	0.225 (3)	-0.009 (2)	4.5 (9)
F(7)	0.254 (2)	0.431 (3)	-0.062 (2)	3.6 (11)
F(8)	0.169 (3)	0.385 (3)	0.081(2)	5.2 (7)
N	0.376	0.376 (3)	0.063 (2)	0.7 (6)
c	0.260 (4)	0.354 (4)	0.022 (3)	1.9 (8)

 ${}^{a}U_{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = {}^{1}/{}_{3}\sum_{i}\sum_{j}U_{ij}a_{i}^{*}a_{j}^{*}a_{i}a_{j}.$

Table III. Selected Interatomic Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$

Bond Lengths							
Hg-N	1.97 (3)	Te-N	2.01 (3)				
Te-F(1)	1.79 (3)	Te-F(2)	1.76 (3)				
Te-F(3)	1.82 (2)	Te-F(4)	1.85 (2)				
Te-F(5)	1.79 (3)	C-N	1.37 (5)				
C-F(6)	1.33 (5)	CF(7)	1.30 (4)				
C-F(8)	1.27 (5)						
Bond Angles							
N-Hg-N'	180.000	N-Te-F(1)	88 (1)				
F(1) - Te - F(2)	91 (2)	N-Te-F(2)	97 (2)				
F(1) - Te - F(3)	178 (1)	F(2)-Te-F(3)	87 (1)				
N-Te-F(3)	94 (1)	F(1)-Te-F(4)	88 (1)				
F(2)-Te-F(4)	82 (2)	F(3)-Te- $F(4)$	90 (1)				
N-Te-F(4)	176 (1)	F(1)-Te-F(5)	89 (1)				
F(2)-Te-F(5)	168 (2)	F(3)-Te- $F(5)$	93 (1)				
F(4)-Te-F(5)	86 (1)	N-Te-F(5)	95 (1)				
N-C-F(6)	115 (3)	F(6) - C - F(7)	107 (3)				
N-C-F(7)	106 (3)	F(6)-C-F(8)	105 (3)				
F(7) - C - F(8)	109 (4)	N-C-F(8)	116 (3)				
Hg-N-Te	118 (1)	Hg-N-C	124 (2)				
Te-N-C	119 (2)						

technique.⁸ Intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. An absorption correction was also applied after the method of Churchill and Hollander.9

Calculations were carried out on an IBM-3081D computer with the SHELX system of computer programs.¹⁰ Neutral-atom scattering for C, N, and F was taken from the compilation of Cromer and Waber;¹¹ scattering for Hg and Te was corrected for the real and imaginary components of anomalous dispersion by using the tabulations of Cromer and Liberman.¹² The structure was solved by Patterson methods, which revealed the positions of the Hg and Te atoms. All other atoms were located from a subsequent difference Fourier map. All atoms were refined with the use of anisotropic thermal parameters. The following reflections were deleted from the data set due to a large extinction problem (hkl): 111, 202, 222, 420, 122, 442, 313, 234, 054, 264, 515, 088, 2,6,10. Refinement using least-squares methods led to a final R = $\sum_{i} ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \sum_{i} |F_{o}| = 0.090, R_{w} = \sum_{i} [w(F_{o} - F_{c})^{2} / w(F_{o})^{2}]^{1/2} = 0.101.$ The weighting scheme was based on unit weights, and no systematic variation of $w(|F_0| - |F_c|)$ vs $|F_0|$ or $(\sin \theta)/\lambda$ was noted. The largest peaks on the final difference map of 4.0 e Å⁻³ were located around the Hg atom. The final fractional coordinates are given in Table II, important distances and angles in Table III, and nonbonded intermolecular distances under 3.6 Å in Table IV

Preparation of Hg[N(CF₃)SF₅]₂.⁴ Mercuric fluoride (17.2 g, 72.1 mmol) was loaded into a 30-mL stainless steel cylinder in a drybox under nitrogen atmosphere. The cylinder was then evacuated, and SF₅N=CCl₂ (6.72 g, 30.0 mmol) was condensed in at -196 °C. The cylinder was then heated for 48 h at 150 °C. At that time the cylinder was cooled to -30 °C, and any materials volatile at that temperature were removed under vacuum. IR of the volatile materials (0.01 g) indicated the presence of

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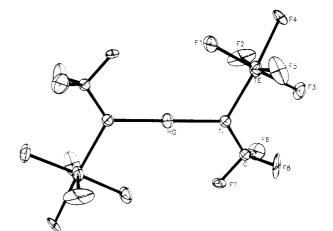


Figure 1. Molecular structure of $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$. The ellipsoids correspond to 50% probability.

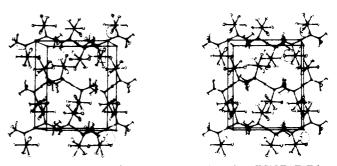


Figure 2. Stereoview of the unit cell packing of $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$.

SF₅NHCF₃, SF₅N=C=O, and SF₅N=CF₂.⁴ The yield of 99+% was based on the volatiles removed and the weight gain (6.71 g) of the cylinder. The isolated salt contained 15.0 mmol of $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$ along with 27.1 mmol of unreacted HgF_2 and 30.0 mmol of $HgCl_2$ or was 20.8

(4.14 g, 6.7 mmol) was distilled into a FEP reaction tube under dynamic vacuum. The reaction tube was then chilled to -196 °C, and fluorine (13.7 mmol) was condensed in. The reactor was placed in a -150 °C slush bath and allowed to warm slowly to room temperature overnight. The reactor was then cooled to -196 °C and pumped on in order to remove any residual fluorine. The condensable products were then distilled through a series of traps at -40, -115, and -196 °C with the product, SF₅N(F)CF₃ (1.66 g, 7.2 mmol; 54% yield), remaining in the trap held at -115 °C. The compound SF₅N(F)CF₃ was identified by IR, NMR, and mass spectroscopy.¹³ Vapor pressure data treated by leastsquares methods gave $\ln (P/P_0) = 17.86 - 3184.09T^{-1} (-55 \text{ to } -20 \text{ °C}),$

bp 10.3 °C, $\Delta H_v = 6.37$ kcal/mol, and $\Delta S_v = 22.32$ cal K⁻¹ mol⁻¹. **Preparation of SF₅N(Cl)CF₃.**⁴ Chlorine (1.11 g, 15.8 mmol) was condensed into a stainless-steel cylinder containing Hg[N(CF₃)SF₅]₂ (4.44 g, 7.15 mmol; 11.3 mol %). The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature and react overnight. The volatile materials were then removed from the cylinder and subjected to repeated trap-totrap distillations (-40, -100, and -196 °C traps). The product SF₅N-(Cl)CF₃ (3.42 g, 13.95 mmol; 98% yield) stopped in the trap held at -100 °C. The compound was identified by its IR, NMR, and mass spectra.4

Preparation of SF₅N(Br)CF₃. The preparation of the bromoamine was analogous to that of SF₅N(Cl)CF₃. A mixture of Br₂ (1.59 g, 10.0 mmol) and excess of Hg[N(CF3)SF5]2 (5.90 g, 9.5 mmol; 15.5 mol %) was allowed to react overnight before the volatile portion was removed to the vacuum line and distilled through a series of traps at -40, -78, and -196 °C. A very pale yellow liquid, which stopped in the trap cooled to -78 °C, was subsequently identified as SF₅N(Br)CF₃ (1.30 g, 4.5 mmol; 80% yield). IR (gas): 1260 (vs), 1218 (vs), 1183 (vs), 962 (m), 915 (vs), 900 (vs), 735 (s), 700 (m), 603 (s) cm⁻¹. Chemical ionization mass spectrum (methane): major m/z 289 (M⁺, 23%), 270 (M - F⁺, 100%),

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Table IV. Nonbonded Intermolecular Distances $(\dot{A})^a$ Less Than 3.6 \dot{A}

HgF(4) ⁱ	2.977	F(5)F(6) ^{ix}	3.221	
HgF(4) ⁱⁱ	2.977	$F(1) \cdots F(5)^{viii}$	3.222	
HgF(6) ⁱⁱⁱ	3.363	F(3)F(8) ^{vii}	3.226	
HgF(6) ^{iv}	3.363	$F(3) \cdots F(4)^{x}$	3.238	
F(5)F(7) ^v	2.856	F(3)F(5) ^{vii}	3.256	
$F(2) - F(5)^{vi}$	2.916	$F(1) \cdots F(3)^{viii}$	3.266	
F(6)F(7) ^{vii}	2.940	F(2)F(8) ^{iv}	3.309	
$F(2) - F(7)^{iv}$	3.000	F(2)F(6) ^{iv}	3.357	
F(2)F(8) ^{vii}	3.034	$F(4) \cdots N^{ix}$	3.419	
$F(1) - F(6)^{iv}$	3.087	F(4)F(5) ^{vi}	3.441	
F(1)F(8) ^{viii}	3.094	F(2)C ^{iv}	3.468	
F(4)F(7) ^{ix}	3.104	F(1)F(2) ⁱⁱ	3.478	
F(4)F(8) ^{viii}	3.118	$F(4) \cdots F(6)^{ix}$	3.562	
$F(1) - F(4)^{ii}$	3.122	F(4)C ^{ix}	3.572	
$F(3) - F(7)^{ix}$	3.214			

^aSymmetry transformations: (i) x, $\frac{1}{2} - y$, $z - \frac{1}{2}$; (ii) 1 - x, $y + \frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2} - z$; (iii) $\frac{1}{2} - x$, $y + \frac{1}{2}$, z; (iv) $\frac{1}{2} + x$, $\frac{1}{2} - y$, -z; (v) $\frac{1}{2} - x$, 1 - y, $\frac{1}{2} + z$; (vi) 1 - x, $y - \frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2} - z$; (vii) $\frac{1}{2} - x$, $y - \frac{1}{2}$, z; (viii) $x + \frac{1}{2}$, y, $\frac{1}{2} - z$; (ix) x, $\frac{1}{2} - y$, $z + \frac{1}{2}$; (x) $x - \frac{1}{2}$, y, $\frac{1}{2} - z$.

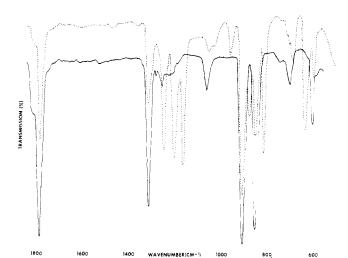


Figure 3. Gas-phase infrared spectra of $SF_5N=CF_2$ (--) and $SF_5N=(1)CF_3/SF_5N=CF_2$ mixture (---) obtained from the reaction of $Hg[N-(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$ with ICl, -196 and -55 °C trap contents, respectively.

192 (SF₃NHCF₂⁺, 25%), 172 (SF₅NCF⁺, 24%), 127 (SF₅⁺, 11%), 89 (SF₃⁺, 7%). ¹⁹F NMR (degenerate AB₄X₃ pattern): $\delta_A \simeq \delta_B = 68.3$, $\delta_X = -58.8$.

Preparation of SF₅N(I)CF₃. Iodine monochloride (1.30 g, 8.0 mmol) was condensed at -196 °C into a U-shaped FEP reaction vessel containing freshly distilled Hg[N(CF₃)SF₅]₂ (2.62 g, 4.22 mmol). The reaction mixture was then warmed and allowed to react at room temperature overnight. The volatile products were first distilled through -40 and -196 °C traps. The -40 °C trap stopped primarily I₂ and unreacted Hg[N(CF₃)SF₅]₂. The contents of the -196 °C trap were then redistilled through traps at -55, -80, and -196 °C. The -196 °C trap contained SF₅N=CF₂⁴ (1.18 g, 6.18 mmol), while the -80 °C trap contained a mixture (0.44 g) of SF₅N=CF₂, I₂, and IF₅, the latter two resulting from the disproportionation of IF. The contents of the -55 °C trap, yellow needle-like crystals (0.40 g), were warmed to room temperature and quickly examined by both ¹⁹F NMR and gas-phase infrared spectroscopy (see Figure 3). The spectra revealed the presence of SF₅N=CF₂ as well as a new SF₅N(X)CF₃ derivative, which was attributed to SF₅N(I)CF₃. IR (gas): 1249 (s), 1201 (s), 1165 (s), 875 (s) cm⁻¹. ¹⁹F NMR (degenerate AB₄X₃ pattern): $\delta_A \simeq \delta_B = 65.8$, $\delta_X = -62.0$. **Preparation of SF₅N(CH₃)CF₃**.

Preparation of SF₅N(CH₃)CF₃. The mercurial compound Hg[N(C-F₃)SF₅]₂ (2.91 g, 4.6 mmol) was condensed into an FEP reaction tube held at -196 °C followed by methyl iodide (1.33 g, 9.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. After 2 days the volatile products were removed to the vacuum line and repeatedly distilled through -90 and -196 °C traps. The contents of the -196 °C trap contained mainly SF₅N=CF₂⁴ and CH₃F, which were identified by IR and NMR. The clear liquid that remained in the -90 °C trap was later identified as the product SF₅N(CH₃)CF₃ (0.69 g, 3.1 mmol; 33% yield). IR (gas): 2990 (w), 1300 (vs), 1275 (vs), 1172 (vs), 1150 (s), 1090 (m), 932 (s), 905 (vs), 830 (vs), 730 (w), 685 (m), 601 (m) cm⁻¹. Mass spectrum (70 eV): major m/z 225 (M⁺, 6%), 224 (M - H⁺, 2%), 206 (M - F⁺, 6%), 127 (SF₅⁺, 100%), 89 (SF₃⁺, 44%), 69 (CF₃⁺, 87%). Chemical ionization mass spectrum (methane): major m/z 226 (M + H⁺, 10%), 225 (M⁺, 9%), 206 (M - F⁺, 100%), 127 (SF₅⁺, 13%). ¹⁹F NMR (AB₄X₃ pattern) $\delta_{A} = 76.8$, $\delta_{B} = 66.5$, $\delta_{X} = -60.0$ ($J_{AB} = 152.9$ Hz, $J_{BX} = 14.3$ Hz). ¹H NMR: δ 3.17 (bm, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CCl₃F): δ 35.17 (CH₃), 121.8 (q, CF₃, $J_{CF} = 262.6$ Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₂H₃NF₈S: C, 10.67; H, 1.34; N, 6.22. Found: C, 10.43; H, 1.25; N, 6.24.

Preparation of TeF₅N(CH₃)CF₃. Under nitrogen atmosphere Hg[N-(CF₃)TeF₅]₂ (3.00 g, 3.7 mmol) was loaded with a stirring bar into a 250-mL Pyrex glass reaction flask fitted with a Teflon stopcock. The flask was then degassed, and methyl iodide (1.21 g, 8.4 mmol) was condensed in at -196 °C. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred overnight. Repeated fractionation through -78 and -196 °C traps yielded TeF₅N(CH₃)CF₃ (1.94 g, 6.1 mmol; 82% yield) stopping in the trap at -78 °C. Vapor pressure data treated by least-squares methods gave ln (P/P_0) = 19.08 - 4301.61*T*⁻¹ (-34 to +22 °C), bp 72.4 °C, ΔH_v = 8.55 kcal/mol, ΔS_v = 24.74 cal K⁻¹ mol⁻¹. IR (gas): 2999 (w), 1490 (w), 1453 (w), 1280 (s), 1172 (s), 1068 (w), 719 (s), 700 (m) cm⁻¹. Mass spectrum (70 eV): major m/z 323 (M⁺, 15%), 304 (M - F⁺, 14%), 225 (TeF₅⁺, 7%), 187 (TeF₃⁺, 46%), 97 (CF₃NCH₂⁺, 9%), 96 (CF₃NCH⁺, 34%), 69 (CF₃⁺, 10%). ¹⁹F NMR (AB₄C₃ pattern): δ_A = -40.7, δ_B = -49.2, δ_C = -57.6 (J_{AB} = 176.4 Hz, J_{BC} = 7.1 Hz). ¹H NMR: δ 3.27 (bm, CH₃). ¹³Cl¹H} NMR (CCl₃F): δ 34.04 (CH₃), 122.5 (q, CF₃, ¹ J_{CF} = 263.2 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₂H₃NF₈Te: C, 7.49; H, 0.94; N, 4.37. Found: C, 7.50; H, 1.22: N, 4.41.

Preparation of $(SF_5)_2NCF_3$. **Method A.** The chloroamine $SF_5N(Cl)CF_3$ (3.33 g, 13.6 mmol) was condensed into a 1-L photolysis vessel fitted with a quartz immersion well. The reactant was allowed to vaporize before being irradiated with a low-pressure mercury lamp for 3.5 h. The volatile contents were then moved to the vacuum line and distilled through -100 and -196 °C traps. The -196 °C trap contained Cl_2 (0.48 g) and $CF_3N=NCF_3$ (0.53 g).¹⁵ The -100 °C trap contained 2.4 g of a clear liquid, later identified as a mixture of $(SF_5)_2NCF_3$ and $SF_5(C-F_3)NN(CF_3)SF_5$.⁴ The two compounds were separated by distillation using a Bantam organic distillation apparatus. $(SF_5)_2NCF_3$ was the first fraction collected, bp 72-74 °C (2.13 g, 6.3 mmol; 93% yield).

Method B. Irradiation of the bromoamine $SF_5N(Br)CF_3$ (5.62 g, 19.0 mmol) was carried out in the same fashion as above. Trap-to-trap distillation gave CF_3N = NCF_3^{15} (IR) stopping in the -196 °C trap and a mixture of Br_2 , unreacted $SF_5N(Br)CF_3$, $(SF_5)_2NCF_3$, and $SF_5(CF_3)N-N(CF_3)SF_5^4$ in the -90 °C trap (¹⁹F NMR: N-S-F compounds integrated 78:14:8, respectively). The desired product $(SF_5)_2NCF_3$ could not be separated from this mixture by trap-to-trap distillation.

IR (gas) for $(SF_5)_2NCF_3$: 1369 (m), 1300 (m), 1258 (w), 935 (s), 905 (s), 850 (s), 820 (m), 795 (m), 715 (w), 600 (w), 585 (w), 550 (w) cm⁻¹. Chemical ionization mass spectrum (methane): major m/z 192 $(SF_5NCF_2 + H^+, 89\%)$, 172 $(SF_5NCF^+, 100\%)$, 127 $(SF_5^+, 33\%)$, 89 $(SF_3^+, 3\%)$. ¹⁹F NMR (AA'B₄B₄'X₃ pattern): $\delta_A \simeq \delta_{A'} = 67.6, \delta_B \simeq$ $\delta_{B'} = 82.8, \delta_X = -48.1 (J_{AB} \simeq J_{A'B'} = 155 Hz, J_{BX} \simeq J_{B'X} = 20.3 Hz)$. Anal. Calcd for CNF₁₃S₂: C, 3.56; N, 4.15; S, 19.02. Found: C, 3.49; N, 5.04; S, 19.91.

Preparation of SF₅N(CF₃)CH₂CH₂Br. A mixture of SF₅N(Br)CF₃ (4.5 mmol, 1.30 g) and C₂H₄ (8.0 mmol) were condensed into a 100-mL glass reaction vessel at -196 °C and allowed to warm to room temperature. Within a period of 15 min the reaction mixture had become completely colorless. After the reaction was allowed to proceed overnight, the volatiles were moved to the vacuum line for distillation. Repeated distillations gave SF₅N(CF₃)CH₂CH₂Br (1.25 g, 3.9 mmol; 87% yield) stopping in a trap at -60 °C; mp -65 to -68 °C. IR (gas): 1375 (s), 1350 (m), 1270 (m), 1255 (m), 921 (w), 900 (s), 890 (s), 829 (s), 668 (w) cm⁻¹. Mass spectrum (70 eV): m/e 317 (M⁺, <1%), 224 (SF₅N-(CF₃)CH₂⁺, 26%), 127 (SF₅⁺, 100%), 107 (BrCH₂CH₂⁺, 13%), 89 (SF₃⁺, 45%), 69 (CF₃⁺, 82%). Chemical ionization mass spectrum (methane): major m/z 318 (M + H⁺, 7%), 298 (M - F⁺, 16%), 238 (SF₅N(CF₃)CH₂CH₂⁺, 40%), 224 (SF₅N(CF₃)CH₂⁺, 100%), 192 (SF₅NCF₂H⁺, 77%), 127 (SF₅⁺, 9%), 107 (BrCH₂CH₂⁺, 54%). ¹⁹F NMR (AB₄X₃ pattern): $\delta_A = 77.1$, $\delta_B = 68.7$, $\delta_X = -57.3$ ($J_{AB} = 151.6$ Hz, $J_{BX} = 11.3$ Hz). ¹H NMR (A₂M₂ pattern): δ 3.84 (t, NCH₂, J_{HH} = 8.24 Hz). 3.41 (t, BrCH₂, $J_{HH} = 8.24$ Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₃H₄NBrF₈S: C, 11.33; H, 1.27; N, 4.40. Found: C, 11.26; H, 1.19; N. 4.46.

Reaction of SF₅N(Br)CF₃ with C₃F₆. The bromoamine (3.18 g, 11.0 mmol) was reacted with an excess of C_3F_6 (15.0 mmol) in a glass reaction vessel. Because little or no reaction was found to take place at room temperature to 150 °C, the reaction mixture was heated at 170 °C for

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3 days. At this time the contents of the reactor were moved to the vacuum line for separation by trap-to-trap distillation (-45 and -196 °C traps). The trap at -45 °C was found to contain SF₅N(CF₃)C₃F₆Br (2.58 g, 5.9 mmol) as a colorless liquid in 53% yield. The product was found to be a mixture of the isomers $SF_5N(CF_3)CF_2CF(CF_3)Br$ and SF₅N(CF₃)CF(CF₃)CF₂Br in an approximate ratio of 99.5:0.5 as determined by NMR spectroscopy. The latter isomer was observed only with the enhanced sensitivity and signal averaging of the 500 MHz (470.6 MHz for ¹⁹F) NMR spectrometer. The following characterization data was obtained on the isomer mixture. IR (gas): 1309 (s), 1279 (s), 1259 (s), 1247 (s), 1230 (s), 1214 (s), 1178 (m), 1122 (m), 934 (s), 919 (sh), 855 (s), 806 (s), 713 (m), 603 (m) cm⁻¹. Chemical ionization mass spectrum (methane): major m/z 420 (M – F⁺, 3%), 401 (M – 2F⁺, 7%), 192 (SF₃NCF₂H⁺, 100%), 172 (SF₃NCF⁺, 15%), 127 (SF₅⁺, 33%), 69 (CF₃⁺, 7%). ¹⁹F NMR (F^ASF^B₄N(CF₃^V)C(F^W)F^XCF^Y(CF₃²)Br): $\delta_{A} =$ 67.6, $\delta_{B} = 80.4$, $\delta_{V} = -50.8$, $\delta_{W} = -78$, $\delta_{X} = -81$, $\delta_{Y} = -129.8$, $\delta_{Z} = -76.4$ ($J_{AB} = 153$ Hz, $J_{WX} = 232$ Hz, $J_{BV} = 14$ Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (F^ASF^B₄N- $(CF_3^V)CF^W(CF_3^X)CF^Y(F^Z)Br$: δ_A unresolved, $\delta_B = 83.1$, $\delta_V = -50.0$, $\delta_{\rm W} = -139.3$, $\delta_{\rm X} = -72.0$, $\delta_{\rm Y}$ unresolved, $\delta_{\rm Z}$ unresolved. Anal. Calcd for C₄NBrF₁₄S: C, 10.92; N, 3.18; Br, 18.16. Found: C, 10.83; N, 3.33; Br. 17.69.

Reaction of $SF_5N(Br)CF_3$ with CO. The bromoamine $SF_5N(Br)CF$ (2.31 g, 7.9 mol) was reacted at room temperature with an excess of CO (10.6 mmol) in a 500-mL glass reaction vessel. After a reaction period of 5 days, the reaction vessel was chilled to -196 °C and the unreacted CO was pumped away. Fractional distillation of the condensable products gave unreacted $SF_3N(Br)CF_3$ and Br_2 (0.85 g) stopping in the trap at -75 °C and a mixture of SF₅Br¹⁶ and CF₃N=C=O¹⁷ (1.15 g) in the -196 °C trap.

Attempted Preparation of SF₅I. Iodine monochloride (2.27 g, 14.0 mmol) and Hg[N(CF₃)SF₅]₂ (4.47 g, 7.2 mmol) were condensed into a 500-mL glass reaction vessel and allowed to react in the presence of excess $C\bar{O}$ (20 mmol) for 3 h at room temperature. The reaction vessel was then chilled to -196 °C, unreacted CO was removed under vacuum, and the condensable products were distilled through traps at -75, -115, and -196 °C. The -75 °C trap contained I₂ and unreacted Hg[N(C- F_3)SF₅]₂ (0.31 g), the -115 °C trap of a mixture of SF₅N=CF₂⁴ and FC(O)I¹⁸ (3.41 g), and the -196 °C trap primarily COF₂ with traces of $SF_5N = CF_2$ and FC(O)I (0.22 g). No spectroscopic evidence was obtained for SF₅I.

Attempted Preparation of TeF₅I. A mixture of Hg[N(CF₃)TeF₅]₂ (3.25 g, 4.0 mmol), ICl (1.2 g, 7.4 mmol), and CO (8 mmol) was allowed to react as in the preceding reaction. Fractional distillation gave primarily I₂ stopping in the -55 °C trap, TeF₅N=CF₂¹ (4.4 mmol) in the -90 °C trap, FC(O)I¹⁸ (4.2 mmol) in the -125 °C trap, and COF₂ (1.6 mmol) in the -196 °C trap. Again no evidence was obtained for the existence of a pentafluorochalcogen iodide.

Results and Discussion

The direct reaction between $SF_5N=CCl_2$ and HgF_2 gives $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$ in close to quantitative yield, but the required reaction temperature is almost 100 °C more than what is necessary in the analogous reaction with TeF₅N=CCl₂:^{1b}

$$2SF_5N \longrightarrow CCl_2 \xrightarrow{HgF_2 \text{ (excess)}} 2HgCl_2 + Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2 \quad 99\%$$
(4)

Other mercurials, namely [(CF₃)₂N]₂Hg and [(CF₃)₂NNC- $F_3]_2$ Hg, have also been formed in a like manner from N=CCl¹⁹ and (CF₃)₂NN=CCl₂²⁰ respectively. Hg[N(CF₃)SF₅]₂ was not always isolated as a pure substance due to its extreme sensitivity to moisture⁴ and near-room-temperature melting point (10-12 °C). Instead, on occasion, we used the mixture of mercury salts obtained in eq 4 with the concentration of $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$ ranging from 10 to 20 mol %.

Structure of $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$. The tellurium compound, unlike the sulfur derivative, has a melting point (67-68 °C) sufficiently above room temperature for an X-ray crystal structure determination to be successful without the use of a low-temperature

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accessory. The structure of this compound represents the third structure determination of a $TeF_5N < compound$, the other two being of TeF₅N=WCl₄ (X-ray)²¹ and TeF₅N=C=O (electron diffraction).²² The two most interesting features of the molecular structure of $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$ (Figure 1) are the linear N-Hg-N arrangement and the planar geometry around each nitrogen $[2 \text{TeNC} = 119 (2)^\circ]$. The N-Hg-N bond angle of 180° compares closely to that observed in Hg[N=SF₂)₂ of 178 (1)°.²³ The planar geometry around the nitrogen atoms is not surprising, especially when one considers the structural effect of fluorine incorporation in tertiary amines.²⁴ For example, the following compounds all have planar frameworks around nitrogen: $(S-F_5)_2NH$,²⁵ $(SF_5)_2NF$,²⁵ and $(CF_3SO_2)_2NH$.²⁶ Other important bond distances and angles are given in Table III.

The observed Te-N distance of 2.01 (3) Å in $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$ compares with those of 1.98 (3) Å in TeF₅N=WCl₄,²¹ 1.859 (21) Å in TeF₅N=C=O,²² and 1.980 (3) Å in Ar₂Te=NTos.²⁷ This comparison clearly indicates that the latter compound should in no way be viewed as having a discreet Te-N double bond. Both the low melting point and the Hg-N distance of 1.97 (3) Å suggest a covalent bonding for Hg[N(CF₃)TeF₅]₂. Other Hg^{II}-N compounds that have been structurally characterized have Hg-N distances greater than 2.03 $Å^{23,28-30}$ and hence are more ionic.

As shown in Figure 2, the normal, distorted octahedral coordination for Hg^{II} compounds³⁰ is also seen in Hg[N(CF₃)TeF₅]₂. Although there are several close intramolecular contacts between the mercury and fluorine atoms [four at 2.84 Å, Hg-F(1) and Hg-F(7)], these interactions are virtually coplanar with the N-Hg-N skeleton. It is four nonbonded fluorine atoms (two at 2.98 Å and two at 3.36 Å) of different molecules that complete the coordination around each mercury atom. Other nonbonded intermolecular distances less than 3.6 Å are also shown in Table IV.

 $SF_5N(CF_3)$ – Derivatives. Reactions of $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$ with halogens or interhalogens have led to the series of trisubstituted amines $SF_5N(X)CF_3$, where X = F, Cl, Br, I:

$$Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2 \xrightarrow[-HgF_2]{2F_2} 2SF_5N(F)CF_3 \quad 54\%$$
 (5)

$$Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2 \xrightarrow[-HgCl_2]{2Cl_2} 2SF_5N(Cl)CF_3 \quad 98\%$$
 (6)

$$Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2 \xrightarrow[-HgBr_2]{2Br_2} 2SF_5N(Br)CF_3 \quad 80\%$$
(7)

 $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2 \xrightarrow{2ICI}_{-HgCl_2} 2SF_5N(I)CF_3 \xrightarrow{} 2[IF] + 2SF_5N = CF_2 (8)$

 $\frac{4}{5}I_2 + \frac{2}{5}IF_5$

The N-fluoro derivative had previously been prepared from the direct fluorination of both CF₃N=SF₂¹³ and SF₅N=CF₂,¹⁴ while

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the N-chloro compound had been obtained by heating a mixture of SF₅NHCF₃, AgF₂, and Cl₂.⁴ The current syntheses represent an improvement over the original methods. Like its tellurium analogue, 1 SF₅N(I)CF₃ is unstable with respect to elimination of iodine monofluoride. The best evidence for the existence of this derivative was obtained from the infrared spectra shown in Figure 3. The infrared spectrum of each $SF_5N(X)CF_3$ derivative generally exhibits three strong stretching frequencies in the CF region of 1300-1150 cm⁻¹. As in the related $(CF_3)_2NX^{31}$ and $TeF_5N(X)CF_3$ derivatives,¹ one can readily observe progressive shifts in these stretching frequencies with respect to the mass and electron-withdrawing power of X.

It is interesting to contrast the reactivity of the mercurials $Hg[N(CF_3)EF_5]_2$, where E = S and Te, with other bis(amido)mercury compounds. For example, halogens do not react with either $Hg[N(SF_5)]_2^2$ or $Hg[N(SO_2CF_3)_2]_2^3$ to give the respective N-haloamines:

$$Hg[N(SF_5)]_2 + 2X_2 (X = Cl, Br) \rightarrow \text{no reaction}$$
(9)

$$Hg[N(SO_2CF_3)_2]_2 + 2Br_2 \rightarrow \text{no reaction}$$
(10)

Instead these derivatives must be formed either by alternate methods^{25,32} or by reaction with polar halogenides such as BrOSO₂F.³

$$Cs^+N(SF_5)_2^- + XF (X = F, Cl) \rightarrow (SF_5)_2NX + CsF$$
 (11)

$$Hg[N(SO_2CF_3)_2]_2 + 2BrOSO_2F \rightarrow 2(CF_3SO_2)_2NBr + Hg(SO_3F)_2 (12)$$

On the other hand, all of the N-halobis(trifluoromethyl)amines have been prepared from reactions of $Hg[N(CF_3)_2]_2$ with halogens with the exception of the N-fluoro derivative:²

$$Hg[N(CF_3)_2]_2 + 2X_2 (X = Cl, Br, I) \rightarrow 2(CF_3)_2NX + HgX_2 (13)$$

Mews has attributed the lack of reactivity of $Hg[N(SF_5)]_2$ with halogens to the greater N-X bond polarity in the expected Nhaloamines (Pearson principle³³), which would result from the greater group electronegativity of (SF₅)₂N- versus (CF₃)₂N-. It is also conceivable that the greater steric bulk of the SF₅ groups lowers the reactivity of this mercurial compound with respect to $Hg[N(CF_3)_2]_2$. The group electronegativities (Pauling scale) of $(SF_5)_2N-(3.2-3.45)$ and $(CF_3)_2N-(2.85-3.0)^2$ were determined from a correlation of ¹H chemical shifts of a series of methyl derivatives CH_3X with the electronegativity of X^{34} We were able to use this same correlation to compare the group electronegativities of SF₅N(CF₃)- and TeF₅N(CF₃)- upon the successful syntheses of the N-methyl derivatives as shown in eq 14. A competing reaction was observed in the case of $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$ (eq 15, cf. ref 2).

$$Hg[N(CF_3)EF_5]_2 (E = S, Te) + 2CH_3I \rightarrow 2EF_5N(CH_3)CF_3 + HgI_2 (14)$$

$$Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2 + 2CH_3I \rightarrow 2CH_3F + 2SF_5N = CF_2 + HgI_2 (15)$$

In Figure 4 the ¹H chemical shifts of the N-methylamines CH₃N(SO₂F)₂,³⁵ CH₃N(SO₂CF₃)₂,³⁶ CH₃N(SF₅)₂,² CH₃N(SC- F_{3})₂,³⁷ CH₃N(CF₃)TeF₅, CH₃N(CF₃)SF₅, and CH₃N(CF₃)₂² are correlated with those of the methyl halides. Although the chemical shifts of the N-methylamines were not obtained at infinite dilution

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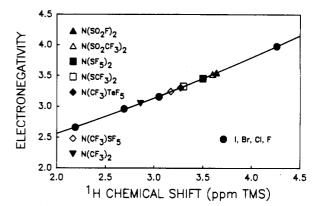


Figure 4. Plot of the electronegativity of substituents (Pauling scale) versus ¹H chemical shifts of the methyl derivatives CH_3X , where X =F, Cl, Br, and I.³⁴ Interpolation of the ¹H chemical shifts of the *N*-methylamines $CH_3N(SO_2F)_{2,}^{35}$ $CH_3N(SO_2CF_3)_{2,}^{36}$ $CH_3N(SF_5)_{2,}^{2}$ CH₃N(SCF₃)₂,³⁷ CH₃N(CF₃)TeF₅, CH₃N(CF₃)SF₅, and CH₃N(CF₃)₂² yields approximate electronegativities for these amino groups.

in CCl_4^{34} (some were obtained as 10–20% solutions in CCl_3F), the relative order of electronegativities of the amino substituents is consistent with the reactivities displayed by their parent mercurials. A comparison of electronegativity with ¹³C chemical shifts,³⁴ for those which are known, gave a similar trend with the exception that $(CF_3S)_2N$ - was found to be the most electronegative (3.7) among the amino substituents.³⁷ Haas and co-workers have previously reported a group electronegativity of 3.7 for (CF₃S)₂Nfrom ¹³C NMR data on a series of (CF₃S)₂NCH₂X derivatives.³⁷ We cannot account for the large difference that is projected for the $(CF_3S)_2N$ - group electronegativity between the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data at this time. To our knowledge no report has appeared describing reactions between $Hg[N(SCF_3)]_2^{38}$ and the halogens; however, it is known that the respective N-haloamines are unstable with respect to a 1,3 halogen atom shift:³⁹

$$(CF_{3}S)_{2}NH + X_{2} \xrightarrow{-HX} [(CF_{3}S)_{2}NX] \rightarrow CF_{3}SN = S(X)CF_{3}$$
(16)

We had hoped that the above correlations would provide evidence for either the SF₅ or TeF₅ group being more electronegative than the other. This was not the case as both the ${}^{1}H$ and ${}^{13}C$ chemical shifts of the methyl derivatives $SF_5N(CH_3)CF_3$ and $TeF_5N(CH_3)CF_3$ were found to be in close proximity of one another; in fact the relative order of chemical shifts between the two switched upon going from one correlation to the other. An earlier comparison between SF5NH2 and TeF5NH2, which showed TeF_5NH_2 to be more stable against HF elimination and less basic, indicated that the TeF₅ group was probably more electron with-drawing than SF_5 ,^{21,40} However, these observations may be due instead to the inability of tellurium(VI) to form four- or fivecoordinated species, while this is obviously not the case with sulfur(VI) as SF_5NH_2 is known to exist in equilibrium with $N \equiv SF_3$, for example.

A variety of other $SF_5N(CF_3)$ - derivatives were prepared through reactions of the N-haloamines SF₅N(Cl)CF₃ and SF₅N- $(Br)CF_3$. The new perfluorinated tertiary amine $(SF_5)_2NCF_3$ was formed in over 90% yield from the gas-phase UV photolysis of $SF_5N(Cl)CF_3$:

$$2SF_5N(Cl)CF_3 \xrightarrow{n\nu} (SF_5)_2NCF_3 + Cl_2 + \frac{1}{2}CF_3N \Longrightarrow NCF_3$$
(17)

A small amount (<5%) of the hydrazine SF₅N(CF₃)NN(CF₃)-SF₅⁴ was also produced in this reaction. In contrast, the photolysis of $(SF_5)_2NCl$ gives exclusively the hydrazine $(SF_5)_2NN(SF_5)_2$.⁴¹ Photolysis of the bromoamine SF₅N(Br)CF₃ was not nearly as

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efficient and gave a mixture of $(SF_5)_2NCF_3$ and $SF_5N(CF_3)N-N(CF_3)SF_5$, which could not be separated from the unreacted starting material.

The compound $SF_5N(Br)CF_3$ reacted readily with ethylene upon warming to room temperature to give $SF_5N(CF_3)CH_2CH_2Br$ in over 85% yield:

$$SF_5N(Br)CF_3 + C_2H_4 \rightarrow SF_5N(CF_3)CH_2CH_2Br$$
 (18)

On the other hand, a temperature of $170 \,^{\circ}$ C was required for its reaction with hexafluoropropylene. The addition product, which was isolated in 53% yield, was found to be largely one of two possible isomers:

$$SF_5N(Br)CF_3 + CF_3CF = CF_2 \rightarrow SF_5N(CF_3)CF_2CF(CF_3)Br + SF_5N(CF_3)CF(CF_3)CF_2Br \quad 99.5:0.5 \quad (19)$$

In fact, the second isomer was observed only with the enhanced sensitivity and signal averaging obtained from an NMR spectrometer operating at 470.6 MHz. The distribution of isomers is as expected based on the results of other addition reactions of hexafluoropropylene.^{1,42} Generally attack is favored at the CF₂ position not only because it is sterically advantageous but also because a more stable anionic or radical intermediate (depending on the mechanism) is formed.^{42a} The results outlined above point to a rather surprising thermal and photolytic stability for the bromoamine SF₅N(Br)CF₃.

As with the tellurium chemistry,¹ the reaction of $SF_5N(Br)CF_3$ with carbon monoxide failed to give the carbamoyl bromide $SF_5N(CF_3)C(O)Br$ but gave SF_5Br and $CF_3N=C=O$ instead:

$$SF_{5}N(Br)CF_{3} + CO \rightarrow [SF_{5}N(CF_{3})C(O)Br] \rightarrow SF_{5}Br + CF_{3}N = C = O (20)$$

Attempts failed to prepare the first pentafluorochalcogen iodides by this reaction pathway, and a different route was observed when the reaction was repeated with the N-iodoamines (prepared in situ):

$$Hg[N(CF_3)EF_5]_2 (E = S, Te) + 2ICl + 2CO \rightarrow 2[EF_5N(CF_3)C(O)I] + HgCl_2 \rightarrow 2EF_5N=CF_2 + 2IC(O)F$$
(21)

It is quite possible that the carbamoyl iodide was never formed and that the IC(O)F resulted from the reaction of IF (IF₅) with CO.¹⁸ Nevertheless, we saw no evidence for the formation of a pentafluorochalcogen iodide under these conditions.

Conclusion. This investigation has demonstrated the utility of the mercurials $Hg[N(CF_3)SF_5]_2$ and $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$ for incorporating the $SF_5N(CF_3)$ - and $TeF_5N(CF_3)$ - groups into a variety of materials. The group electronegativities of $SF_5N(CF_3)$ and $TeF_5N(CF_3)$ -, although not discernible from one another, clearly lie between the values for $(CF_3)_2N$ - and $(SF_5)_2N$ -. The structural investigation of $Hg[N(CF_3)TeF_5]_2$ provides yet another example of the ability of highly electron-withdrawing, bulky substituents to flatten the geometry about an otherwise pyramidal amine.

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Synthesis and X-ray Crystal Structure of the Divalent [Bis(trimethylsilyl)amido]samarium Complexes $[(Me_3Si)_2N]_2Sm(THF)_2$ and $\{[(Me_3Si)_2N]Sm(\mu-I)(DME)(THF)\}_2$

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SmI₂(THF)₂ reacts with 2 equiv of NaN(SiMe₃)₂ in THF to form $[(Me_3Si)_2N]_2Sm(THF)_2$, which crystallizes from hexane in space group $P2_1/c$ with unit cell dimensions a = 8.690 (5) Å, b = 19.721 (5) Å, c = 19.870 (5) Å, $\beta = 97.78$ (5)°, and Z = 4 for $D_{calcd} = 1.21$ g cm⁻³. Least-squares refinement on the basis of 2041 unique observed reflections converged to a final R = 0.040. The THF oxygen atoms and the N(SiMe₃)₂ nitrogen atoms form a distorted tetrahedron around the Sm atom with average Sm-O and Sm-N distances of 2.59 (1) and 2.43 (1) Å, respectively. $[(Me_3Si)_2N]_2Sm(THF)_2$ reacts with 1 equiv of SmI₂(THF)₂ in a THF/DME mixture to form $\{[(Me_3Si)_2N]Sm(\mu-I)(DME)(THF)\}_2$, which crystallizes from a THF/DME mixture in space group C2/c with unit cell dimensions a = 28.580 (4) Å, b = 8.7679 (14) Å, c = 20.247 (3) Å, $\beta = 90.224$ (11)°, and Z = 4 (dimers) for $D_{calcd} = 1.57$ g cm⁻³. Least-squares refinement on the basis of 2617 unique observed reflections converged to a final R = 0.042. The THF oxygen atom, the silylamide nitrogen atom, the two bridging iodide ligands, and the two DME oxygen atoms describe an inregular six-coordinate geometry around samarium. The Sm-N distance is 2.455 (7) Å; the Sm-I distances are 3.3414 (9) and 3.3553 (9) Å.

Introduction

As part of our study of the remarkable organometallic chemistry of Sm(II), we have used the pentamethylcyclopentadienyl ligand extensively.²⁻⁸ Traditionally, cyclopentadienyl ligands have been important in organolanthanide chemistry because they meet the electrostatic and steric requirements necessary to form thermally

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