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AROMATIC FLUORODERIVATIVES. XCVI. REACTIONS OF POLYFLUOROAROMATIC COMPOUNDS WITH SALTS OF THE FLUOROCHLORONIUM AND FLUOROBROMONIUM CATIONS

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SUMMARY

Polyfluorinated derivatives of benzene, naphthalene and pyridine react with salts of the difluorochloronium  $\text{ClF}_2^+$ , difluorobromonium  $\text{BrF}_2^+$  and tetrafluorobromonium  $\text{BrF}_4^+$  cations to give fluorinated derivatives of 1,4-cyclohexadiene and 1-aza-1,3-cyclohexadiene respectively. In the absence of fluorine anion acceptors,  $\text{ClF}_3$ ,  $\text{BrF}_3$  and  $\text{BrF}_5$  are less reactive in these reactions than salts of the  $\text{HalF}_n^+$  cations.

INTRODUCTION

For the synthesis of polyfluoroaromatic compounds containing various substituents, reactions of the Friedel-Crafts type are widely used. They proceed most readily in the presence of  $\text{SbF}_5$  as a catalyst [1]. At the same time, reactions of polyfluoroaromatic compounds with electrophilic fluorinating agents with strong oxidative ability have not been systematically studied until recently. There are only a few examples of such reactions. Tatlow and his co-workers have shown that  $\text{BrF}_3$  reacts with polyfluorinated derivatives of benzene [2] and naphthalene [3] in the presence of bromine to give the corresponding 1,4-cyclohexadienes and the products of their bromofluorination. We have shown that hexafluorobenzene and pentafluorobenzene do not react with  $\text{IF}_5$  at  $120^\circ\text{C}$ , but that pentafluorobenzene reacts with  $\text{IF}_4^+$  at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  to yield the aromatic derivatives of pentavalent iodine [4].

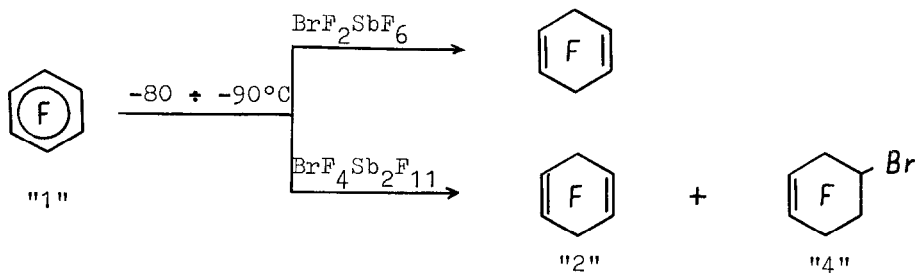
The salts of the fluoroxenonium cation  $\text{XeF}^+$  possess strong fluorinating ability. Their reactions with polyfluorinated derivatives of benzene and naphthalene afford 1,4-cyclohexadienes [5].  $\text{XeF}_2$  reacts in a similar way in the presence of HF [5] and  $\text{BF}_3$  [6]

This work deals with the reactions of polyfluoroaromatic compounds with electrophilic fluorooxidants of the type  $\text{Hal}_n^+ \text{MF}_m^-$  (Hal = Cl, Br;  $\text{MF}_{m-1} = \text{BF}_3, \text{SbF}_5$ ). The structures of these adducts as solids and non-aqueous solutions have been thoroughly studied [7]. This allows us to judge about the structure of the actual electrophilic reagents, which is not possible for the reactions involving other electrophiles.

#### REACTIONS WITH SALTS OF THE FLUOROBROMONIUM CATIONS, $\text{BrF}_2^+$ AND $\text{BrF}_4^+$

Hexafluorobenzene "1" reacts with the salts  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$  and  $\text{BrF}_2\text{SbF}_6$  in  $\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$  solution at  $-80 \pm -90^\circ\text{C}$  to yield perfluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene "2". Hydrolysis of the products of the reaction of hexafluorobenzene with  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$  gives, along with diene "2", perfluoro-2,5-cyclohexadien-1-one "3" (Table 1).

Interaction of hexafluorobenzene with the salt  $\text{BrF}_4\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}$  leads to two main products, one of which is perfluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene. The second product of this reaction is 4-bromononafluorocyclohexene "4" which is apparently formed as a result of bromofluorination of diene "2" [2].



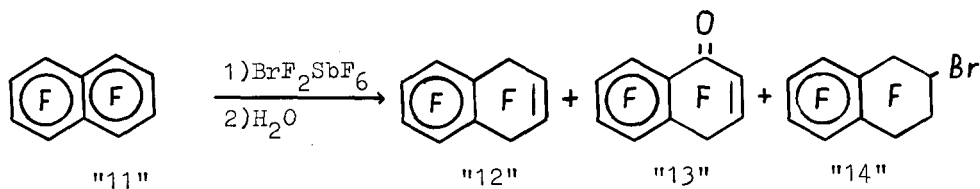
Reactions of salts of the di- and tetrafluorobromonium cations with other polyfluorinated derivatives of benzene also involve regiospecific addition of two fluorine atoms producing

polyfluorinated 1,4-cyclohexadienes. It should be noted that the reactivity of polyfluorobenzenes is decreased in these reactions with an increase of their ionization potentials. For example, octafluorotoluene "5" (IP = 10.4 eV [2]) reacts with  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$  already at  $-80 \pm -90^\circ\text{C}$  to give perfluoro-1-methyl-1,4-cyclohexadiene "6" and 4(5)-bromoundecafluoro-1-methylcyclohexene "7". Under these conditions nitropentafluorobenzene "8" (IP = 10.6 eV) is inert towards  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$  and only at  $15-20^\circ\text{C}$  it is converted to 1-nitroheptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene "9" and 4(5)-bromo-1-nitro-octafluorocyclohexene "10".

Correlation between IP and the reactivity of polyfluorobenzenes in the reactions with  $\text{BrF}_3 - \text{Br}_2$  was observed earlier by Tatlow and his co-workers [2,3].

Nitropentafluorobenzene reacts in a similar way with  $\text{BrF}_4\text{BF}_4$ , but this reaction occurs already at  $-30 \pm -40^\circ\text{C}$  (Table 1).

At  $-50 \pm -60^\circ\text{C}$  the salts of the di- and tetrafluorobromonium cations reacts easily with octafluoronaphthalene "11". Hydrolysis of the reaction mixture leads to perfluoro-1,4-dihydronaphthalene "12", 1-Oxo-octafluoro-1,4-dihydronaphthalene "13" and 2-bromoundecafluorotetralin "14". When the relative amount of the  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$  salt is increased from 0.5 to 1 mole per mole of octafluoronaphthalene, the yield of compound "14" is increased from 3 to 46%.



Pentafluoropyridine "15" and 3-chlorotetrafluoropyridine "16" proved to be more stable in reactions with salts of the difluorobromonium cation  $\text{BrF}_2^+$  than polyfluoroderivatives of benzene and naphthalene. They reacted only at temperatures above  $-10^\circ\text{C}$ . By contrast with benzene and naphthalene derivatives, pyridines "15" and "16" are fluorinated to give conjugated 1-azaheptafluoro-1,3-cyclohexadiene "17" and 1-aza-3-chlorohexafluoro-1,3-cyclohexadiene "18" respectively (Table 1).

TABLE 1

Reactions of Polyfluoroaromatic Compounds with Salts of the Di- and Tetrafluorobromonium Cations,  $\text{BrF}_2\text{MF}_m$  and  $\text{BrF}_4\text{MF}_m$

Compound, g	Reagent, g	Solvent, ml	Temperature, °C	Yield, g	Conversion of the starting compound, %	Yields of the reaction products, % <sup>a</sup>
Pentafluorobenzene ("19"), 11.0	$\text{BF}_3$ , $\text{BrF}_3$ , 4.3	$\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$ , 20	-80±-90	22.2	70	1-H- $\text{C}_6\text{F}_7$ ("20"), 10 $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Br}$ ("22"), 47 1-Br- $\text{C}_6\text{F}_7$ ("21"), 10
Pentafluorobenzene ("19"), 10.9	28% $\text{SbF}_5$ in $\text{BrF}_3$ , 4.5	$\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$ , 40	-80±-90	19.5	52	1-H- $\text{C}_6\text{F}_7$ ("20"), 9 3-H- $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{O}$ ("23"), 13 $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Br}$ ("22"), 57
Pentafluorobenzene ("19"), 2.5	$\text{BF}_3$ , $\text{BrF}_5$ , 1.3	$\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$ , 40	-80±-90	4.6	34	3-H- $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{O}$ ("23"), 26 $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Br}$ ("22"), 46 1-Br- $\text{C}_6\text{F}_7$ ("21"), 10

Pentafluoro- benzene ("19"), 4.0	SbF <sub>5</sub> , 1.1 BrF <sub>5</sub> , 2.1	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40	-80+-90	7.3	78	1-H-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("20"), 26 3-H-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> O ("23"), 1 C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> Br ("22"), 35 1-Br-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("21"), 17
4-H-Heptafluoro- toluene ("24"), 4.0	BF <sub>3</sub> , BrF <sub>3</sub> , 1.2	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40	-80+-90	5.5	71	1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> HF <sub>6</sub> ("25"), 45 1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> HBrF <sub>7</sub> ("27"), 4 4-BrC <sub>6</sub> F <sub>4</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> ("26"), 8
4-H-Heptafluoro- toluene ("24"), 6.0	BF <sub>3</sub> , BrF <sub>3</sub> , 3.5 <sup>b</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40	-80+-90	9.5	89	1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> HF <sub>6</sub> ("25"), 11 1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> HBrF <sub>7</sub> ("27"), 64 4-BrC <sub>6</sub> F <sub>4</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> ("26"), 1
4-H-Heptafluoro- toluene ("24"), 4.2	23% SbF <sub>5</sub> in BrF <sub>5</sub> , 2.2	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40	-80+-90	7.1	27	1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> HF <sub>6</sub> ("25"), 33 1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> HBrF <sub>7</sub> ("27"), 11 4-BrC <sub>6</sub> F <sub>4</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> ("26"), 33
Hexafluoro- benzene ("11"), 6.8	BF <sub>3</sub> , BrF <sub>3</sub> , 2.5	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40	-80+-90	5.0	73	1,4-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>8</sub> ("2"), 34 2,5-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O ("3"), 4

TABLE 1 (cont.)

Compound, g	Reagent, g	Solvent, ml	Temperature, °C	Yield, g	Conversion of the starting compound, %	Yields of the reaction products, % <sup>a</sup>
Hexafluoro-benzene ("1"), 16.2	28% SbF <sub>5</sub> in BrF <sub>3</sub> , 8.3	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40	-80+-90	19.6	58	1,4-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>8</sub> ("2"), 77
Hexafluoro-benzene ("1"), 6.2	23% SbF <sub>5</sub> in BrF <sub>5</sub> , 4.2	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40	-80+-90	8.8	100	1,4-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>8</sub> ("2"), 44 4-BrC <sub>6</sub> F <sub>9</sub> ("4"), 40
Octafluoro-naphthalene ("11"), 5.9	28% SbF <sub>5</sub> in BrF <sub>3</sub> , 2.1	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40	-50+-60	5.9	75	1,4-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>10</sub> ("12"), 50 1,4-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>8</sub> O("13"), 9 1,2-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>10</sub> , 4 <sup>c</sup> 2-BrC <sub>10</sub> F <sub>11</sub> ("14"), 3
Octafluoro-naphthalene ("11"), 9.3	28% SbF <sub>5</sub> in BrF <sub>3</sub> , 6.5 <sup>b</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 60	-50+-60	14.2	96	1,4-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>10</sub> ("12"), 23 1,4-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>8</sub> O("13"), 7 2-BrC <sub>10</sub> F <sub>11</sub> ("14"), 46
Octafluoro-naphthalene ("11"), 4.6	BF <sub>3</sub> , BrF <sub>5</sub> , 1.5	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 50	-50+-60	22.5	37	1,4-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>10</sub> ("12"), 34 1,4-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>8</sub> O("13"), 38 1,2-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>10</sub> , 4 <sup>c</sup>

Octafluoro- toluene ("15"), 13.0	BF <sub>3</sub> , BrF <sub>3</sub> , 3.5	C <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> , 60	-80+/-90	16.5	16	1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("6"), 34 1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> BrF <sub>8</sub> ("7"), 40
Nitropenta- fluorobenzene ("8"), 13.2	BF <sub>3</sub> , BrF <sub>3</sub> , 6.5	Perfluoro- heptane, 30	15+20	61.0	72	1-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("9"), 44 1-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> BrF <sub>8</sub> ("10"), 20
Nitropenta- fluorobenzene ("8"), 5.2	BF <sub>3</sub> , BrF <sub>5</sub> , 2.2	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40	-30+/-40	8.4	10	1-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("9"), 40 1-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> BrF <sub>8</sub> ("10"), 8
Pentafluoropy- ridine ("15"), 7.3	BF <sub>3</sub> , BrF <sub>3</sub> , 3.3	45 <sup>d</sup>	15+25	16.6 <sup>e</sup>	24	1,3-C <sub>5</sub> F <sub>7</sub> N("17"), 61
3-Chlorotetra- fluoropyridine ("16"), 27.0	BF <sub>3</sub> , BrF <sub>3</sub> , 9.9	C <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> F <sub>3</sub> , 25	-3+5	63.5	27	3-ClC <sub>5</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N("18"), 73

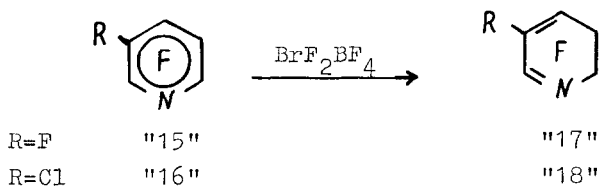
<sup>a</sup> Yield of products to converted substrate.

<sup>b</sup> The ratio of substrate to reagent = 1 : 1.

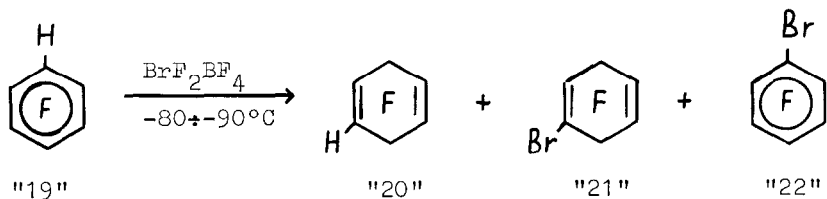
<sup>c</sup> Perfluoro-1,2-dihydronaphthalene [18].

<sup>d</sup> Perfluorodibutyl ether as a solvent.

<sup>e</sup> Fraction with b.p. below 96°C. The still residue (66 g) contained 92% of the solvent and 5% of pentafluoropyridine.



Reactions of the electrophilic fluorooxidants  $\text{BrF}_n\text{MF}_m$  with partly fluorinated aromatic compounds are of particular interest. By analogy with the reaction of  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{H}$  with salts of the fluoro-iodonium cation  $\text{IF}_4^+$  [4] that gave the aromatic derivatives of pentavalent iodine, this reaction could also be expected to form the corresponding compounds of polyvalent bromine ( cf. [8]). But it appeared that pentafluorobenzene "19" reacts with  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$ ,  $\text{BrF}_2\text{SbF}_6$ ,  $\text{BrF}_4\text{BF}_4$  and  $\text{BrF}_4\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}$  to give 1-H-heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene "20", 1-bromoheptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene "21" and bromopentafluorobenzene "22". In some cases, the reaction products contain also 3-H-pentafluoro-2,5-cyclohexadien-1-one "23", after hydrolysis ( Table 1 ).

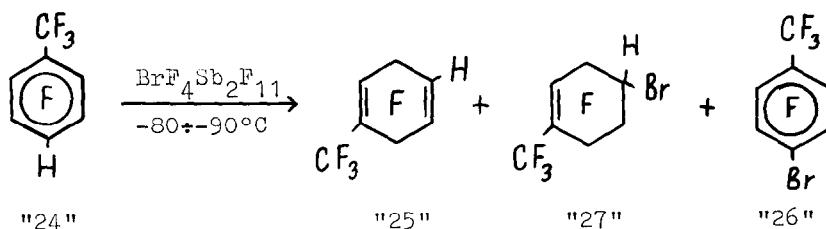


The formation of 1-H-heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene is specific to this reaction, unlike the reaction of pentafluorobenzene with  $\text{BrF}_3 - \text{Br}_2$  which has not been observed to form hydrogen-containing products [2]. This may result from the greater reactivity of the  $\text{BrF}_2^+$  cation in  $\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$  as compared to the reactivity of the fluorooxidant  $\text{BrF}_3 - \text{Br}_2$  in fluorocarbon solvents.

The major product in the reaction of 4-H-heptafluorotoluene "24" with  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$  at  $-80\text{ to }-90^\circ\text{C}$  is 4-H-decafluoro-1-methyl-1,4-cyclohexadiene "25". In 4-H-heptafluorotoluene, hydrogen is replaced by bromine to a smaller extent than in pentafluorobenzene, so, apart from 4-bromoheptafluorotoluene "26", 4-H-4-bromononafluoro-1-methylcyclohexene "27" is formed. If 4-H-heptafluorotoluene is



reacted with an equimolar amount of  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$ , cyclohexene "27" becomes the major product, though the yield of bromotoluene "26" remains small ( $\sim 1\%$ ). Interaction of 4-H-heptafluorotoluene with  $\text{BrF}_4\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}$  at  $-80\pm-90^\circ\text{C}$  gives the same products as the reaction with  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$ , but the yield of bromotoluene is increased up to 33% (compare also the reaction of  $\text{BrF}_4\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}$  with benzene "1")(Table 1).



It should be noted that no aromatic compounds of polyvalent bromine were formed in these reactions.

#### REACTIONS WITH SALTS OF THE DIFLUOROCHLORONIUM CATION, $\text{ClF}_2^+$

Interaction of polyfluoroaromatic compounds with the tetrafluoroborate or hexafluoroantimonate salts of the difluorochloronium cation,  $\text{ClF}_2^+$ , generally proceeds in a similar way as the reactions with salts of the fluorobromonium cations. These reactions involve mainly fluorination of polyfluoroaromatic compounds.

Pentafluorobenzene reacts with  $\text{ClF}_2\text{BF}_4$  or  $\text{ClF}_2\text{SbF}_6$  at  $-80\pm-90^\circ\text{C}$  to form 1-H-heptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene, 1-chloroheptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene "28" and chloropentafluorobenzene "29". Apart from these, the reaction products may contain 3-H-pentafluoro-2,5-cyclohexadien-1-one (Table 2).

4-H-Heptafluorotoluene reacts at  $-80\pm-90^\circ\text{C}$  with the salts of the difluorochloronium cation to form polyfluorinated 1-methylcyclohexadiene "25", 4-H-4-chlorodecafluoro-1-methylcyclohexene "30" and 4-chloroheptafluorotoluene "31". As in the case of the salts of the fluorobromonium cations, the formation of the aromatic derivatives of polyvalent chlorine was not observed.

TABLE 2

Reactions of Polyfluoroaromatic Compounds with Salts of the Difluorochloronium Cation,  $\text{ClF}_2\text{MF}_m$ 

Compound, g	Reagent, g	Solvent, ml	Temperature, °C	Yield, g	Conversion of the starting compound, %	Yields of the reaction products, % <sup>a</sup>
Pentafluorobenzene ("19"), 6.6	$\text{BF}_3$ , $\text{ClF}_3$ , 1.8	$\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$ , 50	-80+-90	8.6	90	1-H- $\text{C}_6\text{F}_7$ ("20"), 19 $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Cl}$ ("29"), 41 1- $\text{ClC}_6\text{F}_7$ ("28"), 6
Pentafluorobenzene ("19"), 6.6	$\text{ClF}_2\text{SbF}_6$ , 3.9	$\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$ , 40	-80+-90	8.9	88	1-H- $\text{C}_6\text{F}_7$ ("20"), 6 $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Cl}$ ("29"), 37 1- $\text{ClC}_6\text{F}_7$ ("28"), 4 3-H- $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{O}$ ("23"), 13
4-H-Heptafluorotoluene ("24"), 8.6	$\text{BF}_3$ , $\text{ClF}_3$ , 1.8	$\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$ , 50	-80+-90	18.2	24	1- $\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{HF}_6$ ("25"), 23 1- $\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{HClF}_7$ ("30"), 39 4- $\text{ClC}_6\text{F}_4\text{CF}_3$ ("31"), 16

4-H-Heptafluorotoluene ("24"), 6.0	ClF <sub>2</sub> SbF <sub>6</sub> , 8.8 <sup>b</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 20 HF, 30	-70±-80	8.2	96	1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> HF <sub>6</sub> ("25"), 23 1-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> HClF <sub>7</sub> ("30"), 27 4-ClC <sub>6</sub> F <sub>4</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> ("31"), 12
Hexafluorobenzene ("1"), 7.3	BF <sub>3</sub> , ClF <sub>3</sub> , 1.8	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 40 <sup>c</sup>	-70±-80	8.2	75	1,4-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>8</sub> ("2"), 12 2,5-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O ("3"), 25 3-ClC <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("32"), 13
Hexafluorobenzene ("1"), 6.3	ClF <sub>2</sub> SbF <sub>6</sub> , 5.2	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 30 HF, 30	-70±-80	10.1	55	1,4-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>8</sub> ("2"), 26 2,5-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O ("3"), 5 3-ClC <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("32"), 49
Octafluoronaphthalene ("11"), 10.6	ClF <sub>2</sub> SbF <sub>6</sub> , 6.5 <sup>b</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> FCl, 50	-50±-60	18.4 <sup>d</sup>	95	1,4-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>10</sub> ("12"), 49 1-ClC <sub>10</sub> F <sub>9</sub> ("33"), 17 1,2-C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>10</sub> <sup>e</sup> , 2

<sup>a</sup> Yield of products to converted substrate.

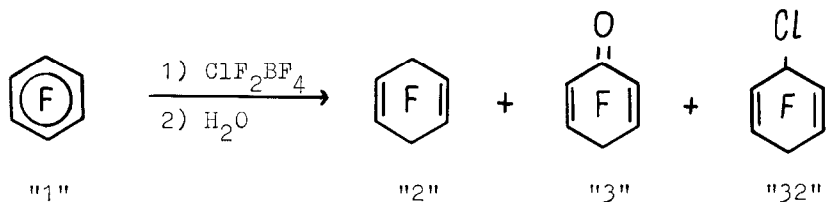
<sup>b</sup> The ratio of substrate to reagent is equal 1 : 1 (mole).

<sup>c</sup> After keeping, the reaction mixture was diluted with 40 ml of HF and treated as usual.

<sup>d</sup> Extracted with dichloromethane.

<sup>e</sup> Perfluoro-1,2-dihydronaphthalene [18].

Hydrolysis of the reaction mixture of hexafluorobenzene or octafluoronaphthalene and  $\text{ClF}_2\text{BF}_4$  or  $\text{ClF}_2\text{SbF}_6$  quite unexpectedly gave, apart from the derivatives of cyclohexadiene "2", "3" and dihydronaphthalene "12", "13", the products of chlorofluorination of the starting compounds: 3-chloroheptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene "32" and 1-chlorononafluoro-1,4-dihydronaphthalene "33", respectively ( Table 2 ).



Neither 4-chlorononafluorocyclohexene nor 2-chloroundecafluorotetralin were observed to be formed in these reactions. Suggested pathways of these reactions giving chlorine-containing dihydroaromatic compounds "32" and "33" and the reasons of difference between chloro- and bromofluorination mechanisms will be discussed in a later paper.

The reactivities of chlorine and bromine trifluorides and bromine pentafluoride turned to be essentially lower in the absence of Lewis acids than those of the corresponding fluoro-halogenonium cations. Thus, octafluorotoluene and 4-H-heptafluorotoluene do not react with  $\text{BrF}_3$  and  $\text{BrF}_5$  at  $-80\pm-90^\circ\text{C}$ , while pentafluoropyridine and 3-chlorotetrafluoropyridine do not react with these compounds at  $0\pm 20^\circ\text{C}$ , though in these conditions they react readily with  $\text{BrF}_n\text{MF}_m$  salts.

The case is similar for the reactions of hexafluorobenzene, pentafluorobenzene and 4-H-heptafluorotoluene with chlorine trifluoride. Octafluoronaphthalene is less stable in the reactions with these halogen fluorides and reacts with  $\text{BrF}_3$ ,  $\text{BrF}_5$  and  $\text{ClF}_3$  at  $-50\pm-60^\circ\text{C}$  to form perfluoro-1,4-dihydronaphthalene.

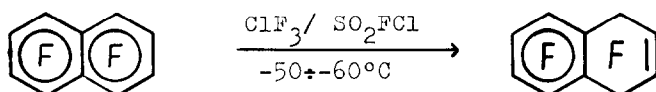
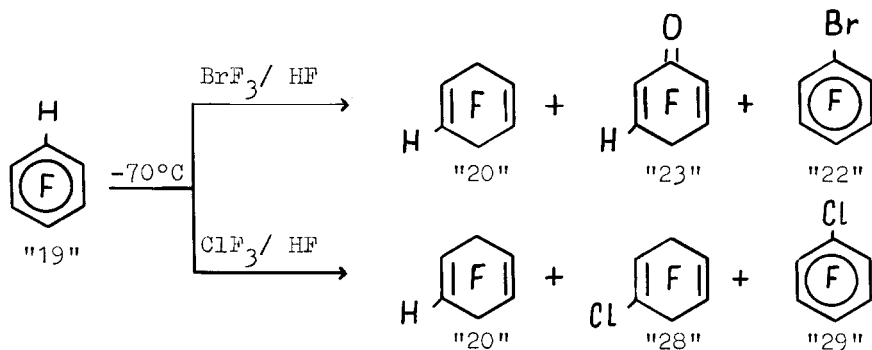


TABLE 3  
 Reactions of Polyfluoroaromatic Compounds with Chlorine and Bromine Trifluorides  
 in the Presence of Hydrogen Fluoride

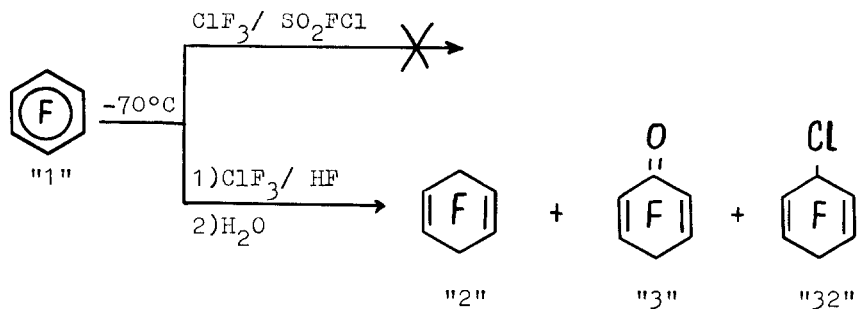
Compound, g	Reagent, g	Solvent, ml	Temperature, °C	Yield, g	Conversion of the substrate, %	Yields of the reaction products, % *
Pentafluoro- benzene ("19"), 7.6	BrF <sub>3</sub> , 3.1	SO <sub>2</sub> FCI, 10 HF, 60	-80+-90	13.6	59	1-H-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("20"), 5 3-H-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> O("23"), 14 C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> Br("22"), 56
Pentafluoro- benzene ("19"), 6.6	ClF <sub>3</sub> , 1.8	HF, 40	-70+-80	6.9	77	1-H-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("20"), 14 C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> Cl("29"), 39 1-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("28"), 17
Hexafluoro- benzene ("11"), 7.3	ClF <sub>3</sub> , 1.8	HF, 40	-70+-80	8.0	18	1,4-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>8</sub> ("2"), 5 2,5-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O("13"), 23 3-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ("32"), 48

\* Yield of products to converted substrate.

At the same time, in the presence of even as weak an acceptor of fluorine anions as HF, the reactivity of these fluorides is considerably increased. Thus, in the presence of HF, pentafluorobenzene reacts at  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$  with bromine and chlorine trifluorides to yield compounds "20", "22", "23" and "20", "28", "29", respectively ( Table 3 ).

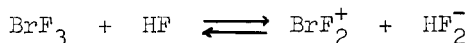


In these conditions, hexafluorobenzene is converted to polyfluorinated derivatives of cyclohexadiene "2", "3" and "32", though in the absence of HF the reaction does not take place.



Possibly, the increased reactivity of these halogen fluorides in the presence of HF as compared to that in the absence of HF is caused by the increased concentration of  $\text{HalF}_n^+$  cations, resulting from the interaction of these fluorides with

hydrogen fluoride, which was reported in [9] to proceed in the following way:



The mechanism of transformation of polyfluoroaromatic compounds to cyclohexadiene derivatives by regiospecific addition of two fluorine atoms requires special investigation. Nevertheless, our ESR studies showed the formation of a radical cation of octa-fluoronaphthalene with chlorine and bromine trifluorides, and bromine pentafluoride in  $\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$  at  $-50$  to  $-70^\circ\text{C}$ . It is possible that these species are key intermediates in the reactions of polyfluoroaromatic compounds with adducts  $\text{Hal}_n\text{MF}_m$  (cf. [2,3]).

The structures of new compounds "9", "10", "18", "27" and "30" were revealed from the data of elemental analysis, IR,  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra.

## EXPERIMENTAL

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were measured on a Varian A 56/60 A instrument at 60 and 56.4 MHz, respectively (HMS and  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_6$  as internal standards). ESR spectra were measured on an EPR-3 instrument. GLC analysis was carried out on an LHM-7A instrument (15% SE-30, SKTFT-50 or SKTFV-803 on Chromosorb W, He flow rate  $3.6 \text{ l h}^{-1}$ ). New compounds were isolated by preparative GLC in conditions of analytical determination. Infrared spectra were measured on an UR-20 and a Specord 75 IR instruments (5% solutions in  $\text{CCl}_4$ ). The elemental analysis of new compounds was conducted according to high-resolution mass-spectra, measured on an MS-902 instrument.

Reactions of polyfluoroaromatic compounds with halogen fluorides and their adducts with  $\text{SbF}_5$  or  $\text{BF}_3$  were conducted in a 100 ml Kel-F reactor, kept cooled, equipped with a copper or Teflon stirrer and a Teflon coated thermocouple. Charges and yields of the reaction products are given in Tables 1, 2 and 3.

Compounds "3", "20", "21", "23" [1], "12", "13" [12], "28" [13] were found to be identical with the samples obtained earlier at our laboratory. Compounds "4", "6", "7" [2], "14" [3], "17" [14], "25" [15], "32" [16], "33" [17] were identified by GLC and NMR with the authentic samples.

Reactions of polyfluoroaromatic compounds with:A.  $\text{BrF}_2\text{BF}_4$  and  $\text{BrF}_4\text{BF}_4$ 

Boron trifluoride was passed through a stirred solution of the polyfluoroaromatic compound at the appropriate temperature and then bromine trifluoride (pentafluoride) was added dropwise at a rate that caused no temperature increase. After all the fluoride had been added, the reaction mixture was stirred for additional 15-20 min, the  $\text{BF}_3$  flow was cut off and the products were poured on to ice cooled with liquid nitrogen. The organic layer was separated, washed with water and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The content of each reaction product was determined by GLC.

After keeping them for a while, the products of the reactions of nitropentafluorobenzene, pentafluoropyridine and 3-chloro-tetrafluoropyridine were diluted with water, washed with 10% aq.  $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ , 10% aq.  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  and with water, and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ .

B.  $\text{BrF}_2\text{SbF}_6$  and  $\text{BrF}_4\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}$ 

A solution of  $\text{SbF}_5$  in bromine trifluoride (pentafluoride) was added slowly to a stirred solution of the polyfluoroaromatic compound at the appropriate temperature. The mixture was stirred for 20-30 min and then treated as above.

C.  $\text{ClF}_2\text{BF}_4$ 

Chlorine trifluoride (1 ml) was condensed in a Kel-F graduated test tube. Boron trifluoride was passed through a cooled solution of polyfluoroaromatic compound while it was being stirred, then  $\text{ClF}_3$  vapour was passed in a stream of dry argon at a rate which caused no temperature increase. The solution was stirred for additional 15-25 min, then the  $\text{BF}_3$  flow was cut off and the solution treated as above.



D. ClF<sub>2</sub>SbF<sub>6</sub>

ClF<sub>2</sub>SbF<sub>6</sub> was added slowly to a cooled solution of the poly-fluoroaromatic compound while it was being stirred and kept at the appropriate temperature. The solution was stirred for an additional 20-30 min and treated as above.

4-Bromo-4-H-decafluoro-1-methylcyclohexene "27", (n.c.)

Infrared spectrum: 2890 (C - H), 1720 (FC = CCF<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$  : 4.43 ( m ). <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum,  $\delta$  : 104.3 ( 3F -  $\alpha$  ), 63.7( 1F - 6A ), 59.2, 58.5( 1F - 3, 1F - 3' ), 54.9( 1F - 2 ), 41.5 ( 2F - 5 ), 40.9 ( 1F - 6B );

$J_{FF}^{AB} = 287$  Hz,  $J( F_6^A - CF_3 ) = 22$  Hz,  $J( F_2 - CF_3 ) = 12$  Hz.  
M 353.9122 (<sup>79</sup>Br). C<sub>7</sub>HBrF<sub>10</sub>. B.p. 129-130°C.

1-Nitroheptafluoro-1,4-cyclohexadiene "9", ( n.c. )

Infrared spectrum: 1778 ( FC = CF ), 1722 ( FC = CNO<sub>2</sub> ), 1568 ( NO<sub>2</sub> ) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum,  $\delta$  : 57.1 ( 2F - 6 ), 50.9( 2F - 3 ), 42.2( 1F - 2 ), 10.5( 1F - 4 ), 6.3( 1F - 5 );  
 $J( F_2 - F_4 ) = 3$  Hz,  $J( F_3 - F_2 ) = J( F_3 - F_4 ) = 21$  Hz,  
 $J( F_4 - F_5 ) = 5$  Hz,  $J( F_2 - F_6 ) = J( F_3 - F_5 ) = J( F_4 - F_6 ) = 10$  Hz,  $J( F_5 - F_6 ) = 20$  Hz. M 250.9842. C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>.

4(5)-Bromo-1-nitrooctafluorocyclohexene "10", (n.c.)

Infrared spectrum: 1717 ( FC = CNO<sub>2</sub> ), 1572 ( NO<sub>2</sub> ) cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
M 348.8970 (<sup>79</sup>Br). C<sub>6</sub>BrF<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum is complex, it indicates the presence of two components with nearly equal content of each.

1-Aza-3-chlorohexafluoro-1,3-cyclohexadiene "18", ( n.c. )

Infrared spectrum: 1751, 1715, 1671  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$  : 124.6( 1F - 2 ), 61.3( 2F - 6 ), 50.0 ( 1F - 4 ), 37.6 ( 2F - 5 );  $J( F_2 - F_4 ) = 28$  Hz,  $J( F_4 - F_5 ) = 19$  Hz,  $J( F_5 - F_6 ) = 6$  Hz,  $J( F_4 - F_6 ) = 4$  Hz. M 222.9617.  $\text{C}_5\text{ClF}_6\text{N}$ .

4-Chloro-4-H-decafluoro-1-methylcyclohexene "30", ( n.c. )

Infrared spectrum: 2972 ( C - H ), 1723 ( FC =  $\text{CCF}_3$  )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$  : 4.50 ( m ).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$  : 103.5 ( 3F -  $\alpha$  ), 62.0( 1F - 6A ), 54.6( 2F - 3 ), 54.1( 1F - 2 ), 41.0( 1F - 6B ), 37.2( 2F - 5 );  $J_{\text{FF}}^{\text{AB}} = 287$  Hz. M 310 (  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  ) ( mass-spectrum ). Found, %: C 27.1, H 0.6, Cl 12.0, F 60.5.  $\text{C}_7\text{HClF}_{10}$ . Requires, %: C 27.1, H 0.3, Cl 11.4, F 61.2.

E.  $\text{BrF}_3$  and  $\text{BrF}_5$ 

Bromine trifluoride ( 2.4 g ) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 9.5 g of octafluoronaphthalene in 40 ml of  $\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$  at  $-50\pm-60^\circ\text{C}$ . The solution was stirred for 20 min, hydrolysed, extracted with dichloromethane, washed with water and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The solvent was distilled off to give 11.0 g of product containing 45% of octafluoronaphthalene, 23% of perfluoro-1,4-dihydronaphthalene, 14% of 1-oxooctafluoro-1,4-dihydronaphthalene and 3% hexafluoronaphthoquinone-1,4 ( GLC data ).

Likewise, 5.0 g of octafluoronaphthalene and 1.5 g of bromine pentafluoride afforded 8.6 g of the product containing 39% of  $\text{SO}_2\text{FCl}$ , 46% of octafluoronaphthalene, 1% of perfluoro-1,4-dihydronaphthalene and 9% of 1-oxooctafluoro-1,4-dihydronaphthalene.

F. ClF<sub>3</sub>

Chlorine trifluoride ( 1.8 g ) was passed through a stirred solution of 10.6 g of octafluoronaphthalene in 60 ml of 1,2-dichlorotetrafluoroethane at -50+-60°C. The solution was stirred for 25 min and was then poured onto ice. It was extracted with dichloromethane, washed with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent distilled off to yield 29.9 g of product containing 62% of the solvent, 30% of octafluoronaphthalene and 3% of perfluoro-1,4-dihydronaphthalene.

REACTIONS OF POLYFLUOROAROMATIC COMPOUNDS WITH CHLORINE AND BROMINE TRIFLUORIDE IN THE PRESENCE OF HF

The solution of polyfluoroaromatic compound was stirred at an appropriate temperature and BrF<sub>3</sub> was added slowly ( or ClF<sub>3</sub> vapour was passed in a stream of dry argon ). After 20-25 min the mixture was poured onto ice. The organic layer was separated and dried.

Charges and yields of the reaction products are given in Table 3.

OXIDATION OF OCTAFLUORONAPHTHALENE WITH CHLORINE AND BROMINE TRIFLUORIDES AND BROMINE PENTAFLUORIDE

Octafluoronaphthalene (0.005-0.010 g) was placed in an ESR tube and then SO<sub>2</sub>FCl (0.03 ml) was condensed in. The tube was cooled down to -50+-70°C and BrF<sub>3</sub> (or BrF<sub>5</sub>) added using a quartz pipette. Chlorine trifluoride was condensed in the tube at -80°C. After stirring the tube was placed in a thermostated detector of the instrument. ESR spectra were recorded at -50+-70°C. The resulting ESR spectra were identical to an ESR spectrum of the octafluoronaphthalene radical cation [10].

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