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# <sup>17</sup>0 AND <sup>13</sup>C NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE STUDY OF POLYFLUORINATED CARBONYL COMPOUNDS

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### SUMMARY

 $\delta^{17}$ O- and  $\delta^{13}$ C values are reported for 15 polyfluorinated carbonyl compounds. If the  $R_f$  group is separated from the carbonyl group by less than two carbon atoms a marked increase in the nuclear shielding of  $13C(C=0)$  and a marked decrease in the nuclear shielding of the  $170$ (C=O) nucleus is observed. This is ascribed to the differing effects of the R<sub>f</sub> group on the  $\sigma$  and the  $\pi$  system of the carbonyl unit. The effect on the  $\sigma$ -manifold leads to increase in shielding but it may be offset (as in the case of the  $170$  nucleus) by destabilization of the  $\pi$  system. WV spectroscopic data for some polyfluorinated carbonyl compounds support these arguments.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The electronic structure of carbonyl compounds is of prime interest for many different lines of research. Therefore, the investigation of spectroscopic properties of the C=O bond has been a major object for many years [1]. Our current interest in the influence of polyfluorinated alkyl groups upon NMR spectroscopic parameters [2,3] prompted us to study polyfluorinated carbonyl compounds by  $17_{\text{O}-}$  and  $13_{\text{C}}$  NMR. The  $13_{\text{C}}$  NMR measurements are continuing a previous more general study  $[2]$  whereas  $^{17}$ O NMR for this type of compounds is studied in a systematic way for the first time. Thus far, some  $^{17}$ O-chemical shifts (  $\mathcal{O}^{17}$ O) have been reported for pentafluorophenyl carbonyl compounds [4], and a few other data are scattered in the literature [5]. The comparison of the  $\delta^{17}$ O values

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C_6F_5-C_{R}^{\prime0}
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 R  $\Delta^{17}C_{14}$   $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|}\n\hline\nR & He & CF_3 & Cl & OMe \\
\hline\n612 & 615 & 627 & 552 & 379 \\
\hline\n(C=0) & & Cl & Cl & OMe\n\end{array}$ 

for the pentafluorophenyl carbonyl compounds with those of their hydrocarbon analogues shows the deshielding influence of the  $C_6F_5$ group [4].

The effect of perfluoroalkyl groups  $(R_f$  effect) on unsaturated linkages was found to be thermodynamically destabilizing. Thus, it was concluded that the enormous thermal stability of many perfluorinated compounds is completely kinetic in nature  $[6,7]$ . From the spectroscopic point of view the changes in the electronic structure induced by the  $R_f$  group are important. The electron withdrawing power (-I effect) of the  $R_f$  group is expected to stabilize  $\sigma$ -orbitals (including n-orbitals). However,  $\pi$ -orbitals may be destabilized owing to the repulsing effects of the fluorine non-bonding electrons  $[8]$ . In order to shed some light on these problems we have selected different types of carbonyl compounds with the structures  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ ,  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ ,  $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ .

These should allow to study the influence of the  $R_f$  group on the  $17_{\text{O}-}$  and  $13_{\text{C}-\text{chemical shifts}}$ .

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R_{f} - C \zeta^{0} \qquad R_{f} - \frac{1}{C} - C \zeta^{0} \qquad R_{f} - \frac{1}{C} - \frac{1}{C} \zeta^{0}
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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 collates  $\delta^{17}$  and  $\delta^{13}$ C data together with chemical shift differences ( $\Delta^{17}$ 0,  $\Delta^{13}$ C) with respect to the corresponding hydrocarbon analogues. The inspection of the  $3^{17}$ O and  $3^{13}$ C data for the C=O group shows that the shielding of the  $13<sub>C</sub>$ -nucleus increases markedly in the presence of an  $R_f$  group (type  $\underline{A}$  or  $\underline{B}$ ), whereas the shielding of the  $17$ O-nucleus decreases. In general these effects are more pronounced for type  $\underline{A}$  (1-2) than for type  $\underline{B}$  (10-14). In type  $C$  (15) the influence of the  $R_f$  group is very small, both on  $\dot{\mathcal{O}}^{13}$ C and  $\dot{\mathcal{O}}^{17}$ O, as expected from previous observations  $[2,3]$ It also appears that the effects of the  $R_f$  group is compensated to some extent in the carboxylic acids, esters and in the amide  $(8, 14, 16)$ 2, 12, 2) as compared to the aldehydes, ketones and halides. The additivity of the effects exerted by the  $R_f$  groups is shown by the  $\Delta^{13}$ C and  $\Delta^{17}$ O values for compound 4.

Various models have been developed to understand the  $^{13}$ C-nuclear shielding of carbonyl compounds [9]. From solid state NMR measurements it is known that the principal axis corresponding to the largest paramagnetic shift is parallel to the C=O bond and the largest diamagnetic shift is perpendicular to the  $\big)$ C=O plane[1o]. Recently, the same picture has been established experimentally for  $17$ <sub>O</sub>-nuclear shielding in benzophenone [11]. Clearly, this implies





Footnotes to Table 1

- In 10 mm (o.d.) tubes;  $^{13}$ C NMR at 27 28<sup>o</sup>C; chemical shift differences with respect to the hydrocarbon analogues are given in parentheses.
- $b$ The accuracy of the  $\delta^{17}$ O values depends on the line widths h1/2:  $+$  1 ppm (h1/2 $\leq$  300 Hz),  $+$  3 ppm (h1/2  $\leq$  600 Hz),  $+$  5 ppm (h1/2  $\leq$  60  $Hz$ ).
- $\mathbf C$ For typical  $\delta^{13}C(R_f)$  values see Ref [2].

 $1_J(13_C1_H) = 200.3 Hz + 1.$ d,

- e Estimated values from data for closely related compounds.
- f  $J({}^{13}C_{H}) = 187.$ o Hz  $\pm 1$ .
- $g = 1_J(13_C1_H) = 177.4$  Hz +1.

that magnetic field  $(B_{\rho})$  induced paramagnetic charge circulations involving the oxygen lone electron pair control a large part of the isotropic values  $\delta^{13}$ C(C=O) and  $\delta^{17}$ O(C=O). Although there is a parallel trend for  $\delta^{13}$ C and  $\delta^{17}$ O values in most carbonyl compounds, it is difficult to predict changes in the anisotropic shielding tensors. Therefore, the participation of the oxygen lone electron pair in the changes of  $\delta^{13}$ C and  $\delta^{17}$ O values is not obvious.

Considering solely the  $\delta^{13}$ C and  $\delta^{17}$ O values for the compounds 1-15 the changes in  $\delta^{13}$ C and  $\delta^{17}$ O values are similar to those for other carbonyl compounds  $[9,5]$ , especially if we look at the  $\delta^{13}$ c,  $\delta^{17}$ o values for 2, 6, 7, 9 or for 10, 11, 13. However, it is unusual to find a marked shielding of the ''C(C=O) nucleus and, at the same time, a considerable deshielding of the  $^{17}$ O nucleus by introducing a new substituent, in our case by replacing R with  $R_f$ .

It has been shown that the isotropic nuclear shielding of  $^{13}C(C=0)$ and  $17<sub>0</sub>(C=0)$  increases with gain in electronic charge on both nuclei (in contrast to  $^{13}C(sp^3)$  and to two-cordinate oxygen)  $[12]$ . The discrepancy with the behaviour of  $\mathcal{O}^{13}$ C(sp<sup>3</sup>) arises because of the inverse changes of  $\sigma$ - and  $\pi$ electron densities in many  $\pi$  systems  $\lceil 12 \rceil$ . In the case of the polyfluorinated carbonyl compounds the  $R_f$  group is expected to reduce the electron population at the  $^{13}$ C(C=O) nucleus, both by  $\sigma$ and  $\pi$  effects. The importance of the  $\sigma$  effects for  $\mathcal{S}^{13}$ C has been noted  $[12]$ , and the observed increase in nuclear shielding of  $^{13}$ C(C=O) in  $1-14$  (with respect to the hydrocarbon analocues) is in accord with the analysis of the electron population in the C=O bond. In the absence of other influences a shielding effect of the  $R_f$  group on the  $^{17}$ 0(C=0) nucleus would also be expected. However, the  $\sigma$  effect of the R<sub>f</sub> aroup may be offset by the possible interaction between the Eluorine lone electron pairs and the antibonding  $C=O$   $\pi$ <sup>\*</sup>orbital  $[13]$ . This may be particularly important for the  $17<sub>0</sub>(C=0)$  resonance since the  $\sigma$  effect of the  $R_f$  group will be somewhat attenuated by the intervening carbonyl carbon atom (e.g. in type  $\underline{A}$ ).

These qualitative arguments are corroborated by UV spectroscopic data (Table 2) of some polyfluorinated carbonyl compounds. The absorption band at lonqest wave length (small extinction), usually *assiqned*  to the n $*\pi^*$  transition, is slightly shifted to longer wave lengths with respect to the hydrocarbon analogues, in agreement with other observations  $[14]$ . This proves the complex influence of the R<sub>f</sub> group on the C=O bond. Clearly, there is considerable delocalization of the oxygen lone electron pair and a direct relationship between  $\lambda_{\max}$  (n- $\pi$ ) and  $\delta^{17}$  0 would be fortuitous. On the other hand, the fairly small effect of the  $R_{\epsilon}$  group (with respect to R) on the UV absorption bands in the region between ca. 190-300 nm may be regarded as an



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UV Spectroscopic Data for some  $R_f$  Carbonyl Compounds  $a$ 



a Extinction  $\epsilon$  < 20; absorption bands assigned to  $\pi$ <sup>\*</sup> transitions are observed at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 219$  ( $\epsilon = 242$ ) ( $\underline{10}$ ) and at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} < 200$  for the other compounds.

 $<sup>b</sup>$  Ref.  $[14]$ .</sup>

 $c$  The n+  $\pi^*$  absorption band is partially hidden by the long wave shoulder of the intense  $\pi$ <sup>\*</sup> absorption band.

indication for the proposed different influence of the  $R_f$  group on the  $\sigma$ - and  $\pi$  system of the C=O bond. Recent work (<sup>15</sup>N, <sup>17</sup>O NMR) on N-sulphinyl-polyfluoroarylamines [IS) has led to similar conclusions.

Finally, a comparison between  $\delta^{13}$ C of alkenes and  $\delta^{13}$ C,  $\delta^{17}$ O of carbonyl compounds should help to assess the influence of the oxygen lone electron pair on changes in  $\dot{\delta}^{17}$ 0. In principle the nuclear shielding of  $17<sub>0</sub>$  and  $13<sub>C</sub>$  should be related by the ratio of the radial expansion terms  $\langle r^{-3}_{2n} \rangle$  for both nuclei, assuming the dominance of the local paramagnetic term,  $\sigma_{\rm p}^{\rm loc}$ , in Pople's approximation [16]. This will be the case if the shielding of both nuclei is controlled by the same effects. Then the ratio of  $\Delta^{17}$ 0/  $\Delta^{13}$ C should correspond to the ratio of  $\left\langle r^{-3}_{2p}\right\rangle_{0}/\left\langle r^{-3}_{2p}\right\rangle_{0}$  which is in the order of 3 to 4  $\lceil 17 \rceil$  :



The examples available show the parallel trend in the change of  $\mathcal{S}^{13}$ C and  $\mathcal{S}^{17}$ O in the carbonyl compounds and alkenes upon introduction of the R<sub>f</sub> group. Furthermore,the ratio A<sup>17</sup>O/A<sup>13</sup>C(=CH<sub>2</sub>) is close to the ratio predicted by theory. That indicates a small influence of the oxygen lone electron pair on the changes in the  $^{17}$ O-nuclear shielding induced by the R<sub>f</sub> group.

EXPERIMENTAL

The NMR spectra ( $^{13}$ C,  $^{17}$ O) have been recorded with a Bruker WP 200 spectrometer (see Table 1).  $^{17}$ O NMR spectra of concentrated solutions (ca. 50-60 %) were obtained after  $10^4$  to  $10^5$  scans (acquisition time  $ca.$   $0.02$  s, pulse angle  $ca.$   $70^{\circ} = 35 \mu s$ ). A fairly straight base line was observed when a pre-acquisition delay of 35 to 80  $\mu$ s was used. The UV spectra have been measured with a Perkin-Elmer Lamda-5 spectrophotometer.

The aldehyde 1 has been obtained from perfluoroheptanyl chloride by Rosenmund reduction, followed by purification through a slot tube column. The ketones 2 and 2 have been prepared in moderate yields by slowly adding an ether solution of methyl- or phenyl magnesium bromide, respectively, to perfluoroheptanoyl chloride in ether at  $-20^{\circ}$ C. The compounds  $6, 7, 9$ , and 13 were prepared by standard procedures. Compound  $12$  has been obtained by photobromination of 2-perfluorohexyl-ethanol, similarly to the preparation of the corresponding acid chloride  $11$  (c.f. [18] ). A hydroformylation reaction of 1.1.2-trihydro-I-perfluorooctene in benzene (cata $lyst:[Rh(CO)H(PPh_3)_{3}]$ ; 2h, 80°C; p(CO) = p(H<sub>2</sub>) = 40 bar) yielded after distillation the aldehydes  $14$  (54%, b.p. 45-47<sup>°</sup>/13 mbar) and  $\frac{15}{2}$  (32%, b.p. 65-67 $^\circ$ /15 mbar). The aldehyde  $\frac{15}{2}$  is the major product in the cobalt-catalyzed hydroformylation (c.f. [18] ). The compounds  $4, 5$ , and 11 have been prepared according to literature procedures[18]

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