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NEW PATHWAY OF PERFLUOROALKYL HALIDE RADICAL ANIONS DISSOCIATION

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Two different pathways for dissociation of perfuoroalkyl halide radical anions were proposed on the basis of quantum-chemical calculations (method AM1 with completely optimized geometry) of the enthalpies $(\Delta H_1 \text{ and } \Delta H_2)$.

$$(\Delta H_1) \quad R_F^{\bullet} + X^{-} \quad \longleftarrow \quad R_F^{\bullet} X^{\overline{\bullet}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad R_F^{-} + X^{\bullet} \quad (\Delta H_2)$$

The dissociation pathway is determined by a relation of the electron affinities of R_F^{\bullet} and X[•]. In the gas phase, any $R_F J^{\bullet}$ dissociates with F-carbanion formation: $(CF_3)_3 CJ \Delta H_1=64.9$ and $\Delta H_2=5.2$ kcal/mol. However the high energy of halide solvatation (particularly for Br⁻ and Cl⁻) may change the correlation between ΔH_1 and ΔH_2 in solvents and turn the reaction to the 'radical' pathway. Thus F-tret.hexyl iodide does not add to the hexene double bond in the presence of electron donor (Zn) in EtOAc at 30° and yields F-alkene only. $C_3F_7CJ(CF_3)_2 + Zn + CH_2=CHR \longrightarrow [C_3F_7CJ(CF_3)_2]^{\bullet} \longrightarrow$

 $\xrightarrow{} J^{\bullet} + [C_{3}F_{7}C(CF_{3})_{2}]^{-} \xrightarrow{} C_{2}F_{5}CF=C(CF_{3})_{2} + F^{-}$ On the contrary, F-tret.hexyl bromide readily adds to hexene double boud under the same conditions with high yield. This result supposes the 'radical' pathway for the dissociation. $C_{3}F_{7}CBr(CF_{3})_{2} (1) + 2n \xrightarrow{} [C_{3}F_{7}CBr(CF_{3})_{2}]^{\bullet} (2)$ $(2) \xrightarrow{} Br^{-} + [C_{3}F_{7}C(CF_{3})_{2}]^{\bullet} (3)$ $(3) + CH_{2}=CHR \xrightarrow{} [C_{3}F_{7}C(CF_{3})_{2}CH_{2}CHR]^{\bullet} (4)$ $(4) + (1) \xrightarrow{} C_{3}F_{7}C(CF_{3})_{2}CH_{2}CHRFF + (3)$