

## Reactions of *N*-sulfinylfluoroalkanesulfonylamides with alkene oxides

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### Abstract

Reactions of *N*-sulfinylfluoroalkanesulfonylamides,  $R_fSO_2NSO$  (**1**), with alkene oxides **2** at room temperature gave the cyclo condensation products 2-oxa-3-fluoroalkanesulfonyl-1,2,3-oxathiazolidines,  $R_fSO_2NCH(R)CH_2OS(O)$  (**3**). When R was phenyl, the compound decomposed at 160 °C to give *N*-fluoroalkanesulfonylaziridine,  $R_fSO_2NCH_2CH(C_6H_5)$ , with elimination of  $SO_2$ . Acidic hydrolysis of **3c** [ $R_f=I(CF_2)_2O(CF_2)_2$ , R = Ph] gave  $R_fSO_2NHCH(Ph)CH_2OH$  (**5**) which was identified by X-ray diffraction analysis.

**Keywords:** *N*-Sulfinylfluoroalkanesulfonylamides; Alkene oxides; Cyclo condensation; 2-Oxa-3-fluoroalkanesulfonyl-1,2,3-oxathiazolidines; X-ray diffraction; NMR spectroscopy; IR spectroscopy; Mass spectrometry

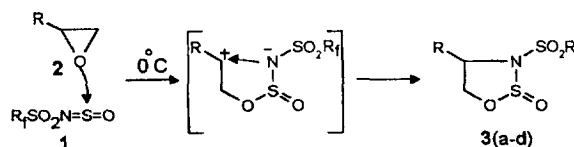
### 1. Introduction

The reaction of *N*-sulfinylamine,  $ArNSO$ , with alkene oxides was well studied many years ago [1–4]. For example, Etlis *et al.* [1] reported that in the presence of  $Et_4NBr$ ,  $ArNSO$  reacted with oxirane at 95–100 °C in a sealed ampoule to give 2-oxa-3-aryl-1,2,3-oxathiazolidine,  $ArNCH_2CH_2OS(O)$ . Yamada *et al.* [2,3] found that  $ArNSO$  reacted with ethylene oxide without solvent and catalyst to form mainly resinous products, which decomposed to *N,N'*-diarylhexahydro-1,4-diazines,  $ArNCH_2CH_2N(Ar)CH_2CH_2$ , with evolution of  $SO_2$  when heated up to 160 °C.

During the study of the chemistry of *N*-sulfinylfluoroalkanesulfonylamides,  $R_fSO_2NSO$  (**1**), it was found that the polar  $N=S$  double bond is very sensitive to nucleophilic attack [5,6] and is also subjected to a Diels–Adler reaction with dienes [7]. In this paper, the cyclo condensation between **1** and alkene oxides is reported and the decomposition of the corresponding heterocyclo products is studied in detail.

### 2. Results and discussion

Reaction of *N*-sulfinylaniline with oxirane in the presence of catalysts such as  $Et_4NBr$ ,  $LiCl$  or  $LiBr$  at 60–90 °C gave a cyclo condensation product. In the case of  $R_fSO_2NSO$  (**1**),



Scheme 1.  $R_f=I(CF_2)_2O(CF_2)_2$ , (**1a**); R = H, (**2a**);  $R_f=H(CF_2)_2O(CF_2)_2$ , (**1b**); R =  $C_6H_5$  (**2b**).

the strong electron-withdrawing group  $R_fSO_2$  makes the nitrogen sulfur double bond more reactive and easy to react with nucleophiles. The reaction of **1** with alkene oxides **2** occurred smoothly at 0 °C and without catalyst.

In contrast to the reaction of  $Ar-N=S=O$  with alkene oxide, Etlis has reported that two regioisomers, (3-aryl-4-alkyl)- and (3-aryl-5-alkyl)-2-oxa-1,2,3-oxathiazolidine, were obtained, the latter being the major product [1]. However, reaction of **1** with styrene oxide **2b** gave only 3-fluoroalkanesulfonyl-4-phenyl-2-oxa-1,2,3-oxathiazolidine (**3c, d**). The reaction results are summarised in Table 1. The structure of product **3c** was characterised by  $^1H$  NMR and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectra, and by elemental analyses, and was further confirmed by X-ray analysis of its hydrolysis product **5** (Fig. 1). In the reactions a small amount of the by-product  $R_fSO_2NH_2$  is also formed.

The cyclo condensation products **3a** and **3b**,  $R_fSO_2NCH_2CH_2OS(O)$ , are high boiling point oils which can be purified by vacuum fractional distillation without decomposition at 160–170 °C. Compound **3c**,  $R_fSO_2NCH(Ph)CH_2OS(O)$ , is a solid which decomposed at 160 °C to *N*-fluoroalkanesulfonylaziridine,  $R_fSO_2-$

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Table 1

Reactants	Solvent	Products	B.p. (°C/mmHg) or m.p. (°C)	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
<b>1a + 2a</b>	ether	<b>3a</b>	136–138/2	62
<b>1b + 2a</b>	ether	<b>3b</b>	130–132/2	68
<b>1a + 2b</b>	benzene	<b>3c</b>	94–95	77
<b>1b + 2b</b>	benzene	<b>3d</b>	87–89	56

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yields based on **1**.

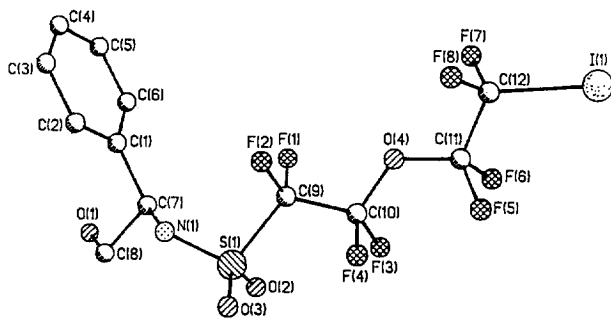


Fig. 1.

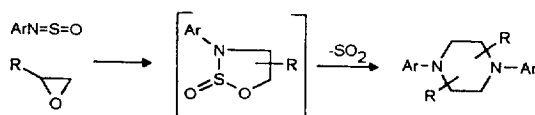
$\text{NCH}_2\text{CHPh}$  (**4**), through the elimination of  $\text{SO}_2$  (see Scheme 3 below).

It should be noted that both Yamada *et al.* [2] and Tsuge and Mataka [4] have reported that  $\text{ArNCH(R)CH}_2\text{OS(O)}$  ( $\text{R} = \text{H, Ph}$ ) decomposed on heating and gave the  $N,N'$ -diarylhexahydro-1,4-diazine derivatives via coupling of the two intermediates (Scheme 2).

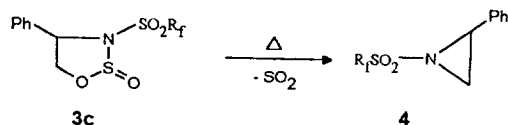
In our case, no corresponding 1,4-diazine derivatives could be detected during the decomposition of **3c**. The sole product was **4** which was a high boiling point oil characterised by comparison with an authentic sample which was prepared from the reaction of  $\text{R}_f\text{SO}_2\text{N}_3$  with styrene [8].

The hydrolysis of **3c** under acidic conditions gave a pale yellow solid **5**. Recrystallisation from  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}-\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  gave colourless crystals. Their structure was determined by X-ray crystal structure analysis and is as shown in Fig. 1, the bond angles and bond lengths being listed in Tables 2 and 3. The proposed mechanism for the hydrolysis is that **3c** is first protonated at the nitrogen atom, followed by N–S bond scission and evolution of  $\text{SO}_2$  (Scheme 4).

In conclusion, the cyclo condensation of  $N$ -sulfonyl-fluoroalkanesulfonylamides with alkene oxides have been



Scheme 2.



Scheme 3.

Table 2

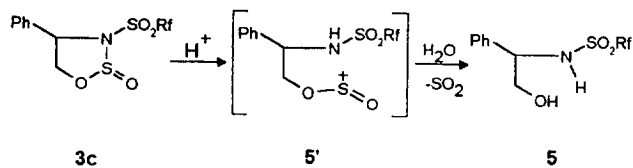
Selected bond lengths (Å) for compound **5**

C(1)–C(7)	1.502(12)	N(1)–S(1)	1.579(8)
C(7)–N(1)	1.499(12)	S(1)–C(9)	1.829(10)
C(7)–C(8)	1.538(13)	S(1)–O(2)	1.410(7)
C(8)–O(1)	1.436(11)	S(1)–O(3)	1.430(7)

Table 3

Selected bond angles (°) for compound **5**

O(2)–S(1)–O(3)	122.4(4)	O(2)–S(1)–N(1)	111.7(4)
O(3)–S(1)–N(1)	107.5(4)	O(2)–S(1)–C(9)	104.8(5)
O(3)–S(1)–C(9)	104.7(4)	N(1)–S(1)–C(9)	104.9(4)
N(1)–C(7)–C(1)	110.6(7)	S(1)–N(1)–C(7)	123.1(6)
O(1)–C(8)–C(7)	110.4(7)	N(1)–C(7)–C(8)	106.0(7)



Scheme 4.

studied and the products were 2-oxa-3-fluoroalkane-sulfonyl-(4-phenyl)-1,2,3-oxathiazolidines.

### 3. Experimental details

Melting points were measured on a Thiele apparatus. Both melting points and boiling points are reported uncorrected. Solvents were purified and dried before use.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (60 MHz) and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (54.6 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Varian-360L instrument with TMS and TFA ( $\delta_{\text{CFCl}_3} = \delta_{\text{TFA}} + 77.8$ , and with upfield as positive) as internal and external standards, respectively.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 instrument. Elemental analysis were performed at this Institute. IR spectra were obtained with an IR-440 Shimadzu spectrophotometer. Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan GC-MS 4021 instrument.

Reactants **1** were synthesized by refluxing the corresponding sulfonylamines with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  [9].

#### 3.1. Reaction of **1** with **2a**

Ethylene oxide (5 ml, excess) was bubbled into a 50 ml flask containing a solution of **1a** (4.7 g, 10 mmol) and dry ether (15 ml) at 0 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then stirred for another 2 h at room temperature. The solvent and excess ethylene oxide were evaporated and the residue distilled under vacuum to give  $\text{I}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$  (b.p. 88–90 °C/2 mmHg, 0.5 g, 12%), which was identified with an authentic sample [9], and  $\text{I}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{-NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OS(O)}$  (**3a**) (3.2 g, b.p. 139 °C/2 mmHg, 62%).

Compound **3a**: IR (film,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2984 (m); 2880 (w,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1378 (s,  $\text{SO}_2$ ); 1188 (m, S=O); 1220–1080 (vs, C–

F).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 5.00 (m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ); 3.60 (m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ) ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR  $\delta$ : -12.5 (s,  $\text{ICF}_2$ ); 3.9 (m,  $\text{OCF}_2$ ); 7.8 (m,  $\text{CF}_2\text{O}$ ); 37.7 (s,  $\text{CF}_2\text{S}$ ) ppm. MS ( $m/e$ , %): 514 ( $\text{M}^+\text{H}$ , 1.6); 466 ( $\text{M}^+\text{H} - \text{SO}$ , 37.7); 450 ( $\text{M}^+\text{H} - \text{SO}_2$ , 100.0); 227 ( $\text{ICF}_2\text{CF}_2^+$ , 90.6). Analysis: Calc. for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{F}_8\text{INO}_5\text{S}_2$ : C, 14.04; H, 0.78; N, 2.73; F, 29.63%. Found: C, 14.34; H, 0.55; N, 2.77; F, 29.64%.

Similar treatment of  $\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{NSO}$  (**1b**) (3.4 g, 10 mmol) with **2a** (5 ml) gave  $\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OS}(\text{O})$  (**3b**) (2.6 g, b.p. 130 °C/2 mmHg, 68%).

Compound **3b**: IR (film,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2980 (m); 2880 (w,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1380 (vs,  $\text{SO}_2$ ); 1190 (s,  $\text{S}=\text{O}$ ); 1200–1080 (vs, C–F).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 6.33 (t,  $\text{HCF}_2$ ,  $^2J_{\text{HF}} = 54$  Hz); 5.03 (m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ); 3.53 (m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ) ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR  $\delta$ : 8.6 (m,  $\text{OCF}_2$ ); 15.3 (m,  $\text{CF}_2\text{O}$ ); 43.3 (s,  $\text{CF}_2\text{S}$ ); 65.3 (d,  $\text{HCF}_2$ ) ppm. MS ( $m/e$ , %): 388 ( $\text{M}^+\text{H}$ , 2.3); 368 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{F}$ , 40.2); 352 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{F} - \text{O}$ , 90.0); 324 ( $\text{M}^+\text{H} - \text{SO}_2$ , 24.9); 101 ( $\text{HCF}_2\text{CF}_2^+$ , 57.2); 90 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OS}$ , 73.2); 42 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}^+$ , 100.0); Analysis: Calc. for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{F}_8\text{NO}_5\text{S}_2$ : C, 18.61; H, 1.29; N, 3.62; F, 39.28%. Found: C, 18.50; H, 1.44; N, 3.79; F, 39.00%.

### 3.2. Reaction of **1** with styrene oxide (**2b**)

Styrene oxide (**2b**) (1.2 g, 10 mmol) was added dropwise into a 25 ml flask containing a solution of **1a** (4.7 g, 10 mmol) and dry benzene (10 ml) at 0 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred for another 4 h at room temperature. Column chromatography on silica gel [using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (9:1) as eluent] gave  $\text{I}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{NCH}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{CH}_2\text{OS}(\text{O})$  (**3c**) (4.5 g, 77%) and  $\text{I}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$  (0.3 g, 8%), respectively.

Compound **3c**: M.p. 94–95 °C. IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2990 (m); 2887 (w); 1380 (s,  $\text{SO}_2$ ); 1190 (s,  $\text{S}=\text{O}$ ); 1210–1100 (vs, C–F); 730 (s); 700 (s).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.31 (m, 5H); 4.89 (d–d,  $J_1 = 4.1$  Hz,  $J_2 = 5.5$  Hz, 1H); 4.13 (d–d,  $J_1 = 4.1$  Hz,  $J_3 = 11.7$  Hz, 1H); 3.94 (d–d,  $J_2 = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_3 = 11.7$  Hz, 1H) ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR  $\delta$ : -11.5 (s,  $\text{ICF}_2$ ); 5.0 (m,  $\text{OCF}_2$ ); 8.5 (m,  $\text{CF}_2\text{O}$ ); 39.5 (s,  $\text{CF}_2\text{S}$ ) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 137.3 (Ar–C); 129.0 (Ar–C); 128.5 (Ar–C); 126.5 (Ar–C); 66.1 (O–C); 60.6 (N–C) ppm. MS ( $m/e$ , %): 512 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{SO}_2 - \text{CH}$ , 100.0); 462 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{I}$ , 1.4); 227 ( $\text{ICF}_2\text{CF}_2^+$ , 24.5); 104 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_6\text{H}_6 - \text{R}_p$ , 72.3). Analysis: Calc. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{F}_8\text{INO}_5\text{S}_2$ : C, 24.45; H, 1.36; N, 2.38; F, 25.81%. Found: C, 24.40; H, 1.52; N, 2.40; F, 25.66%.

$\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{NCH}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{CH}_2\text{OS}(\text{O})$  (**3d**) was obtained similarly (56%).

Compound **3d**: IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2995 (m); 2880 (w,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1375 (s,  $\text{SO}_2$ ); 1200 (s,  $\text{S}=\text{O}$ ); 1200–1100 (vs, C–F); 725 (s); 700 (s).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.27 (m, 5H); 6.50 (t,  $\text{HCF}_2$ ,  $^2J_{\text{HF}} = 54$  Hz); 6.29 (m, 1H); 4.56 (m, 1H); 3.90 (m, 1H) ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR  $\delta$ : 8.5 (m,  $\text{OCF}_2$ ); 15.3 (m,  $\text{CF}_2\text{O}$ ); 42.9 (s,  $\text{CF}_2\text{S}$ ); 66.8 (d,  $\text{HCF}_2$ ) ppm. MS ( $m/e$ , %): 464 ( $\text{M}^+\text{H}$ , 1.5); 386 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{SO}_2 - \text{CH}$ , 100.0); 101

( $\text{HCF}_2\text{CF}_2^+$ , 50.1). Analysis: Calc. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{F}_8\text{NO}_5\text{S}_2$ : C, 31.10; H, 1.94; N, 3.02; F, 32.83%. Found: C, 29.95; H, 1.77; N, 3.13; F, 32.68%.

### 3.3. Thermolysis of **3c**

Compound **3c** (4.0 g, 6.8 mmol) was heated to 160 °C to eliminate a large amount of gas which was identified as  $\text{SO}_2$ . The residue was distilled under vacuum to give  $\text{ICF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SO}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{Ph})$  (**4**) (2.1 g, b.p. 133–135 °C, 58%).

Compound **4**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.33 (m, 5H); 4.83 (m, 1H); 2.95 (m, 2H) ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR  $\delta$ : -10.9 (s,  $\text{ICF}_2$ ); 5.5 (m,  $\text{OCF}_2$ ); 9.5 (m,  $\text{CF}_2\text{O}$ ); 40.0 (s,  $\text{CF}_2\text{S}$ ) ppm. MS ( $m/z$ , %): 526 ( $\text{M}^+\text{H}$ , 1.0); 525 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 1.7); 449 ( $\text{M}^+\text{H} - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ , 22.1); 227 ( $\text{ICF}_2\text{CF}_2$ , 100.0).

### 3.4. Hydrolysis of **3c**

A mixture of **4c** (4.0 g, 6.8 mmol) and hydrochloric acid (10%, 10 ml) was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3  $\times$  10 ml). After removing the ether, the residual solid was recrystallised from  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN} - \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  to give  $\text{I}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{SO}_2\text{NHCH}(\text{Ph})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  (**5**) (3.4 g, 91%).

Compound **5**: M.p. 103–104 °C. IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3200 (m); 3030 (m); 2883 (w); 1370 (s,  $\text{SO}_2$ ); 1200–1100 (vs, C–F); 730 (s).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.55 (m, 5H); 6.72 (d, NH); 4.78 (m, 1H); 3.94 (m, 1H); 3.83 (m, 1H); 2.62 (broad, OH) ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR  $\delta$ : -11.2 (s,  $\text{ICF}_2$ ); 4.8 (m,  $\text{OCF}_2$ ); 8.7 (m,  $\text{CF}_2\text{O}$ ); 41.3 (s,  $\text{CF}_2\text{S}$ ) ppm. MS ( $m/e$ , %): 512 ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O} - \text{CH}$ , 100.0); 227 ( $\text{ICF}_2\text{CF}_2^+$ , 34.0).

### 3.5. Crystal structure data

$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_8\text{INO}_4\text{S}$ :  $M = 542.2$ , monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/C$ ,  $a = 5.6200(10)$ ,  $b = 30.557(6)$ ,  $c = 10.396(2)$  Å,  $\beta = 91.90(3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1784.5(6)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_c = 2.018$  g  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ . Absorption coefficient = 1.982  $\text{mm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 1044$ . Radiation, Mo  $K\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). Crystal dimensions, 0.3  $\times$  0.3  $\times$  0.4 mm. Intensity data were collected at 23 °C with a Siemens R3 M/V diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation. A total of 3142 independent reflections were measured in the range  $4^\circ < 2\theta < 50^\circ$  with  $0 < h < 6$ ,  $0 < k < 36$ ,  $-12 < l < 12$ . The structure was solved via a direct method using a Siemens SHELXTL PLUS (VMS) system. The position of all H atoms was obtained by theoretical calculations. All positional parameters and anisotropic thermal parameters for non-H atoms were refined by means of a full-matrix least-squares technique. The final  $R$  and  $R_w$  values were 0.0689 and 0.0678, respectively, for 2002 observed reflections [ $F > 4.0\sigma(F)$ ]. All calculations were performed on a MICRO VAXII computer with SDP, MULTAN 82 and ORTEP programs.

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