Organofluorosilicate Chemistry

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Organofluorosilicates (OFS) can be easily prepared both in water and in organic fluids and handled without danger. They readily react likewise both in water and also in organic fluids mostly at room temperature although they are soluble only in the first but not in organic fluids. From them it is possible to prepare metal organic compounds of Ag (Au, Cu), Hg, Pb, Sb, Bi, Co, Tl, and Pd. Alkanes, alkenes, dienes, aromatics, biaromatics, halocarbons, alcohols, aldehydes, esters, ethers, pseudohalocarbons and tetracyanocarbons can also be prepared. They are a new class of compounds widely applicable to syntheses. It is the intention to show this in the following report.

Preparation and properties of the OFS

Organopentafluorosilicates (OPFS)

Preparation in water

Booth and coworkers [1], [2] tried to prepare OPFSs by passing $C_2H_5SiF_3$ over NaF without success. Tansjö [3] obtained OPFSs by treating phenyltriaminosilanes ($C_6H_6Si(NHR)_3$) with anhydrous hydrogen fluoride in ether. He more accurately and unambiguously described them first in 1964 [4], [5], although he did not perceive their astonishing properties.

We have utilized the solubility and stability of the $RSiF_3$ compounds in H_2O and have added them to solutions of alkali fluorides in H_2O . In this manner solutions of the OPFSs are obtained [6].

$$RSiF_3 + 2 MF \xrightarrow{H_2O} M_2[RSiF_5]$$
 (1)

If the concentration is higher than the saturation the OPFSs precipitate and can be isolated in the solid state. The solubility decreases if an excess of MF exists. But in such cases double salts precipitate too, for instance $(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5]\cdot NH_4F$ or $(NH_4)_2[F_5SiCH_2 - CHCH - CH_2SiF_5]\cdot 2NH_4F$ [9], [10], [11], [12]. These are not mixtures as shown by x-ray pictures [9]. The OPFS are not soluble in all organic fluids. Exceptions are $Rb_2[n-C_8H_{17}SiF_5]$ and $Cs_2[n-C_8H_{17}SiF_5]$. They are slightly soluble in ethanol from which they can be recrystallized [10]. Because of this insolubility they can also be precipitated from aqueous solution, e.g. with C_2H_5OH [7]. OPFSs which are readily soluble in H_2O can be transformed into slightly soluble OPFSs by exchanging the cation (cf. tab. 1)

$$(NH_4)_2[C_2H_5SiF_5] + 2 KCl \rightarrow K_2[C_2H_5SiF_5] + 2 NH_4Cl$$
 (2)

The solubility of the OPFSs in $\rm H_2O$ does not solely depend on the counter cation (e.g. K, Na, NH₄) but also on the organic group. If its size increases the solubility decreases. The different solubility in $\rm H_2O$ and in organic fluids can perhaps be used to separate, to enrich or possibly even to analyse the alkali metals by varying R.

All substituents or groups X on a trifunctional silicon which are hydrolysable can be exchanged for fluorine in aqueous solution:

$$RSiX_3 + 5 NaF \xrightarrow{H_2O} Na_2[RSiF_5] + 3 NaX$$
 (3)

X = Cl, Br, I, RCOO, OH, OR and so on.

Tab. 1 The solubility of the OPFSs in H₂O at room temperature

OPFS .	Solubility $g/100 ext{ g } ext{ } ext{H}_2 ext{O}$	OPFS	Solubility g/100 g $\rm H_2O$	
$(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5]$	67	$\mathrm{Rb}_{2}[\mathrm{CH}_{3}\mathrm{SiF}_{5}]$	5	
$(NH_4)_2[C_2H_5SiF_5]$	122	$\mathrm{Cs_2[CH_3SiF_5]}$	100	•
$(NH_4)_2[n-C_3H_7SiF_5]$	67	$Na_2[CH=CHSiF_5]$	6,6	*
$Na_2[CH_3SiF_5]$	3	$({ m NH_4})_2 [{ m C_{12}H_{25}SiF_5}]$	unstable in ${ m H_2O}$	
$K_2[C_2H_5SiF_5]$	3	$\mathrm{K_2[CH_2}{=}\mathrm{CHSiF_5]}$	1,5	
$Na_2[n-C_3H_7SiF_5]$		$({ m NH_4})_2 [{ m C_6H_5SiF_5}]$	43	
$K_2[CH_3SiF_5]$	1,5	$\mathrm{Na_2[C_6H_5SiF_5]}$	1,9	
$(NH_4)_2[CH_2=CHSiF_5]$	slightly soluble	$\mathrm{K_2[C_6H_5SiF_5]}$	0,4	
$K_2[n-C_3H_7SiF_5]$		$(\mathrm{C_6H_5NH_3})_2[\mathrm{CH_3SiF_5}]$		
$\mathrm{(NH_4)_2[CH_2\!\!=\!\!CHCH_2SiF_5]}$	ata.			
$\rm (NH_4)_2[CH_3CH\!=\!CHSiF_5]$	*			

^{*} in accordance with the color test (see below) preparable but not separable. CH₃CH=CH₂ is eliminated [7], [10] (see (47))

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The methods can be applied to different R groups. For instance the following compounds have also been prepared in H_2O :

 $K_4[\bigcirc (SiF_5)_2]$ [9] and recently $K_2[CH_3O_2C\bigcirc SiF_5]$ [14H] $K_2[CH_3(CH_2)_2CH=CH(CH_2)_3SiF_5]$ (E/Z = 83/17) [14H], $K_2[RCH=CHSiF_5]$ [15], $K_2[C_6H_5CH(CH_3)CH_2SiF_5]$ [16],

 $\begin{array}{l} K_2[C_6H_5CH(CH_3)CH_2CH_2SiF_5] \ [16] \ and \\ K_2[C_6H_5C(CH_3)_2CH_2CH_2SiF_5] \ [16]. \end{array}$

Mono- (R_3SiX) and bifunctional (R_2SiX_2) organofluorosilanes do not react under these conditions to form stable OFSs (but see below!) Therefore it is possible to separate e.g. the CH_3SiCl_3 from the other products of the "direct synthesis" between Si and CH_3Cl in the form of $(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5]$ by transforming the methylchlorosilanes to the methylfluorosilanes with aqueous HF [6], [9], [11], [13]. The mixture which principally consists of $(CH_3)_2SiF$, $(CH_3)_2SiF_2$ and CH_3SiF_3 passes through an aqueous NH_4F solution. The CH_3SiF_3 precipitates in the form of $(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5]$ and can be filtered off. $(CH_3)_2SiF$ and $(CH_3)_2SiF_2$ remain gaseous. Their boiling points are widely separated and can be easily separated by distillation (see Fig. 1). The methyl-PFS is finally decomposed with acid and the CH_3SiF_3 can be recovered in this manner.

Moreover the following reactions can be run with the other products from the "direct synthesis":

$$\underbrace{(CH_3)_3SiCl + SiCl_4 + 7HF}_{\text{in part azeotropic}} \xrightarrow{H_2O} (CH_3)_3SiF + H_2[SiF_6] + 5 HCl \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
CH_{3}Si - O - Si CH_{3} \\
O & O \\
O & O
\end{bmatrix}_{x} + 10 \times HF \xrightarrow{H_{2}O}$$

$$\{2 \times H_{2}[CH_{3}SiF_{5}]\} + 3 \times H_{2}O$$

$$2 \times CH_{3}SiF_{3} + 4 \times HF$$
(5)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{CH}_3 \text{Si} - \text{SiCH}_3 \end{bmatrix}_{\text{x}} + 10 \text{ x HF} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2 \text{O}} \{2 \text{ x H}_2 [\text{CH}_3 \text{SiF}_5]\} + 3 \text{ x H}_2 \\ \downarrow \\ 2 \text{ x CH}_3 \text{SiF}_3 + 4 \text{ x HF}$$
 (6)

$$CH_3SiHCl_2 + 3HF \xrightarrow{H_2O} CH_3SiF_3 + 2HCl + H_2$$
 (7)

The salts of this acid $(M_2[HSiF_5])$ form white precipitates which decompose spontaneously. Another earlier observation elucidated the existence of this acid. The reductions of Ag-, Au- and Hg-salts by the

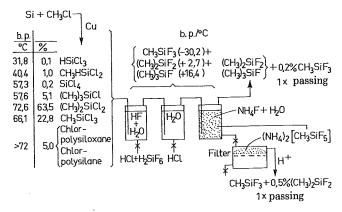


Fig. 1.

polymeric disiloxane are accelerated in the presence of fluoride ions:

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & I & I \\ I - Si - O - SiH & I \\ I & I \\ O & O \\ I & I \end{array}\right]_x + 10 \text{ x HF} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \{2 \text{ H}_2[\text{HSiF}_5]\} + 3 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow$$

$$xH_2[SiF_6] + xSiF_4 + 2xH_2 \xrightarrow{Ag^+Au^3 + Hg^2 +} Ag, Au, Hg$$
 (9)

Furthermore, whilst HSiCl₃, HSiBr₃ and HSiI₃ hydrolyse to polymeric disiloxane the different behavior of HSiF₃ is probably based on the formation of the acid:

$$2 \text{HSiF}_3 + 3 \text{H}_2 \text{O} \rightarrow \underbrace{\{\text{H}_2[\text{HSiF}_5]\} + \text{HF}}_{\text{H}_2[\text{SiF}_5]} + \text{H}_2 \text{SiO}_3 + \text{H}_2$$
(10)

Pyrolysis [8]

 $Na_2[CH_3SiF_5]$ gave 95% CH_3SiF_3 on heating. $(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5]$ decomposed CH_4 , NH_3 and the adduct $CH_3SiF_3 \cdot NH_3$. $K_2[CH_3SiF_5]$ was converted to carbon and hydrocarbons.

Electrolysis [13]

Electrolysis between Pt electrodes in aqueous solutions gave CH_4 and C_2H_6 from $M_2[CH_3SiF_5]$ and C_6H_6 from $M_2[C_6H_5SiF_5]$.

Organotri- and organotetrafluorosilicates

Using the conditions of fig. 1 the mono- and bifunctional fluorosilanes did not form OFSs. OFSs with hexacoordinated silicon could be prepared under pressure: [18]

$$(CH_3)_3SiF + 2 (CH_3)_4NF \xrightarrow{5 \text{ atm}} ((CH_3)_4N)_2[(CH_3)_3SiF_3]$$
 (11)

$$(CH_3)_2SiF_2 + 2 (CH_3)_4NF \xrightarrow{5 \text{ atm}} ((CH_3)_4N)_2[(CH_3)_2SiF_4]$$
 (12)

In order to enhance the negativity of the methyl group we substituted halogens. We presumed that it could be possible to prepare OFSs from bifunctional organofluorosilanes without pressure. CH₃(CH₂Cl)SiCl₂ and CH₃(CH₂Br)SiCl₂ were not suitable but the following reaction occurred: [19]

$$CH3(CHCl2)SiF2 + 2 NH4F \xrightarrow{H2O} (NH4)2[CH3(CHCl2)SiF4]$$
 (13)

However, the compound was unstable in water and gradually decomposed in the following manner:

$$2(NH_4)_2[CH_3(CHCl_2)SiF_4] \xrightarrow{H_2O} (NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5]$$

$$+ \underbrace{CH_3SiF_3 \cdot 2NH_3 + 2 CH_2Cl_2}_{CH_3SiF_3 + NH_3}$$
 (14)

The diphenyltetrafluorosilicate with hexacoordinated Si which was obtained from $(C_6H_5)_2SiF_2$ with primary ammonium fluorides was transformed to the OPFS during the preparation [4], [5], [9]

$$(RNH_3)_2[(C_6H_5)_2SiF_4] + RNH_3F$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}} (\text{RNH}_3)_2 [\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SiF}_5] + \text{C}_6\text{H}_6 + \text{RNH}_2 \quad (15)$$

Quarternary ammonium fluorides provided OFSs with pentacoordinated Si from trifluorosilanes: [13], [20], [21]

$$(C_2H_5)_4NF + CH_3SiF_3 \xrightarrow[(C_8H_5OH)]{H_2O} (C_2H_5)_4N[CH_3SiF_4]$$
 (16)

In contrast to the OPFSs the organotetrafluorosilicate was soluble in ethanol and could be recrystallized from it.

In the same manner (n-C₃H₇)₄N[C₆H₆SiF₄] and (n-C₃H₇)₂NH₂—[C₆H₈SiF₄] were obtained.

From (CH₃)₂SiF₂ a dimethyltrifluorosilicate could be prepared:

$$(C_2H_5)_4NF + (CH_3)_2SiF_2 \rightarrow (C_2H_5)_4N[(CH_3)_2SiF_3]$$
 (17)

Finally it was recently proved that R_3SiF and R_2SiF_2 can form short lived OFSs, respectively, with a catalytic or excess amount of KF and that all their R-groups can be split off [22].

By forming an amphoteric ion acids of the OFSs with pentacoordinated Si can be stabilized by insertion of NH₂-groups into R [9].

$$\begin{array}{c} {\rm H_2N(CH_2)_3Si(OC_2H_5)_3} + 3\,{\rm HF} \rightarrow {\rm H_2N(CH_2)_3SiF_3} + 3\,{\rm C_2H_5OH} \\ \\ {\rm \mid HF} \end{array}$$

$$H^{+}[H_{2}N(CH_{2})_{3}SiF_{4}]^{-} \rightleftharpoons H_{3}^{+}N(CH_{2})_{3}SiF_{4}^{--} \rightleftharpoons [H_{3}N(CH_{2})_{3}SiF_{3}]^{+}F^{-}$$

Crystallization from hot water gave large crystals. $\rm H_2^+[H_2N(CH_3)_2NH(CH_2)_3SiF_5]^{2-}$ was prepared in the same manner.

Preparation of OPFSs in organic fluids

OPFSs can be prepared in organic fluids.

$${\rm C_6H_5SiF_3} + 2\,{\rm NH_4F} \xrightarrow{\rm (CH_4)_2CO} ({\rm NH_4)_2[C_6H_5SiF_5]} \ [23] \ (\approx 100\%)$$

(19)

$$(F_{3}Si)_{3}CCl + 6NH_{4}F \xrightarrow{\text{cycl. C}_{8}H_{12}} (NH_{4})_{6}[ClC(SiF_{5})_{3}] [24]$$
 (20)

$$(NH_4)_4[ClHC(SiF_5)_2] + (NH_4)_2[HOSiF_5]$$

In organic fluids were also obtained: $(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5]((CH_3)_2CO)$ [23]; $(NH_4)_2[ClH_2CSiF_5](CH_3CN)$; $(NH_4)_4[Cl_2C(SiF_5)_2](CH_3CN)$; $(NH_4)_4[CH_2(SiF_5)_2](CCl_4)$ [24]; $K_2[CF_2=CFSiF_5](CH_3CN)$ or Dioxan); $Na_2[CF_2=CFSiF_5](CH_3CN)$ or Dioxan) [25].

Recently the following OPFSs were prepared in this manner:

 $Na_{2}[n-C_{8}H_{17}SiF_{5}](CH_{3}CN);$

 $K_{2}[n-C_{8}H_{17}SiF_{5}](CH_{3}CN); Cs_{2}[n-C_{8}H_{17}SiF_{5}](CH_{3}CN);$

 $Rb_{2}[n-C_{8}H_{17}SiF_{5}](CH_{3}CN); K_{2}[n-C_{16}H_{33}CH=CHSiF_{5}](C_{2}H_{5}OH);$

 $K_2[n-C_{18}H_{37}SiF_5](C_2H_5OH); K_2[C_6H_5CH=CHSiF_5](C_2H_5OH);$

 $K_{2}[n-C_{16}H_{33}CH=CHSiF_{5}](C_{2}H_{5}OH);$

 $K_{2}[CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{6}CH = CH(CH_{2})_{6}CH_{2}SiF_{5}](C_{2}H_{5}OH)$ [10].

Preparation of the OPFSs without solvent

The intention of Booth and coworkers (see above!) could be realized by exchanging the NaF for KF and the C₂H₅SiF₃ for CH₃SiF₃ [6]:

$$CH_3SiF_3 + 2 KF(solid) \xrightarrow{\sim 20^{\circ}C} K_2[CH_3SiF_5]$$
 (21)

The hexa- and pentacoordination of the Si in the OFSs could be demonstrated spectroscopically [21], [26–29]. (IR-spectra see [9], [13A]!)

Syntheses with OPFSs

Syntheses in H₂O

Syntheses of metal-organic compounds

Ag: If AgNO₃ or AgF are reacted with aqueous OPFSs an intensive color develops followed quickly by precipitation of a colored sediment [6], [9], [11], [13] (see tab. 2) corresponding to the bright yellow $(C_6H_5Ag)_2$ -AgNO₃ which has been prepared from $(C_6H_5)_3C_2H_5$ Pb or $(C_6H_5)_3C_2H_5$ Sn in anhydrous ethanol by Krause and Schmitz [30].

These compounds decompose in H_2O rapidly to metallic Ag and coupled $(C_2H_6, CH_2 \!\!=\!\! CHCH \!\!=\!\! CH_2, (C_6H_5)_2)$ and protonolysis-products $(CH_4, CH \!\!=\!\! CH_2, C_6H_6)$. The precipitates could not be studied in detail because of this rapid decomposition. They show a tendency to "explode" on the filter.

Tab. 2 Color-test with AgF or AgNO₃ in H₂O

R in [RSiF ₅]	color	R—R (%)	R—H (%)
CH ₃ — CH ₂ —CH— CH ₂ —CH— CH ₃ CH—CH— CH ₂ —CHCH ₂ — C ₆ H ₅ —	yellow ^a) dark blue ^b) blue red purple yellow-orange yellow-orange	85–93 87,1	15 – 7

- a) fire-like decomposition by heating
- b) with excess AgNO3 the color changes via green to yellow

In some cases the protonolysis predominates; the color-test is then hindered. Its rate depends on R. The larger is R the slower the rate. For instance the color of $(NH_4)_2[n-C_{12}H_{25}SiF_5]$ is slow to form. (Color test in organic fluids see table 3!)

The following reactions evidently occur in H₂O:

$$CH_2 = CH^{\bullet -} + Ag^{+} \xrightarrow{xAgX} (CH_2 = CHAg)^{\bullet}xAgX$$
 dark blue

$$\rightarrow \text{Ag*} + \text{CH}_2 = \text{CH*} + \text{xAgX}$$
 black (23)

Homocoupling:
$$2CH_2 = CH \cdot \rightarrow CH_2 = CHCH = CH_2$$
 (24)

Protonolysis without significant formation of Ag or Ag₂O was observed:

$$2[RSiF_5]^{2-} + 3H_2O \xrightarrow{Ag^+} 2RH + [SiF_6]^{2-} + H_2SiO_3 + 2HF_2^-$$
(25)

With Ag-salts $[CF_2 - CFSiF_5]^{2-}$ gave only $CF_2 - CFH$ both in H_2O and ethanol [25] (cf. (26)!)

Corresponding to (2) the siliconates, e.g. $Na(OH)_2SiCH=CH_2$, the silantriols, e.g. $CH_2=CHSi(OH_3)$, the silatranes, e.g.

CH2-CHSi(OCH2CH2)3N, the bis(acetylacetonyl)organosilicon

chlorides, e.g.
$$(CH_3)$$
 $C - O$ $Si(CH = CH_2)Cl$ [6], CH_2 CH_3 CH_2 CH_3 CH_3 CH_4 CH_5 CH_5

and the organotetrafluorosilicates [20], e.g. $(C_2H_5)_4N[CH_3SiF_4]$, gave likewise the color-test with Ag-salts but only in the presence of added MF. These results are worthy of notice because the silicons with the higher coordination exist in the anion and the cation or in a neutral molecule.

Cu: The OPFSs can also be decomposed by Cu-salts. Both protonolysisand homocoupling-products, diene, are formed:

$$\begin{split} & \text{K}_2[\text{CH}_2 = \text{CHSiF}_5] \xrightarrow{\text{CuSO}_4} \text{CH}_2 = \text{CH}_2 + \text{CH}_2 = \text{CHCH} = \text{CH}_2 \text{ (26)} \\ & \text{K}_2[\text{CF}_2 = \text{CFSiF}_5] \xrightarrow{\text{CuSO}_4} \text{CF}_2 = \text{CFH} + \text{CF}_2 = \text{CFCF} = \text{CF}_2 \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

(cf. above!) [7] [25]

The formation of organocopper intermediates is probable but it could not be proved.

The R of the OPFSs can be added to the double bond of unsaturated α,β -ketones with Cu(OAc)₂ in the presence of water: [14F], [45]

$$\frac{\text{Cu(OAo)}_2}{\text{d }135^{\circ}\text{C}} \rightarrow \text{n-C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{CiH}_2 = \text{CHC(O)CH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

$$\frac{\text{Cu(OAo)}_2}{\text{d }135^{\circ}\text{C}} \rightarrow \text{n-C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{(CH}_2)_2\text{C(O)CH}_3 + \text{K}_2\text{[HOSiF}_5]}$$
(28)

In this manner
$$n-C_8H_{17}$$
 (16%) and

 $\mathrm{CH_3O_2C(CH_2)_{10}(CH_2)_2C(O)CH_3}$ (46%) could be prepared.

With alkenyl-PFSs and solid CuCl the following reaction occurred: [14], [31]

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{K}_2[\text{R}^1\text{CH} = \text{CR}^2\text{SiF}_5] \xrightarrow[3-20 \text{ mm Hg}]{\text{CuCl}} & \begin{array}{c} \text{R}^1 \\ \text{C} = \text{C} \\ \text{R}^2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{R}^2} & \\ \text{(E, E)-1, 3-Diene} \end{array}$$

$$+ \left(\stackrel{R^1}{H} \right) C = C \stackrel{R^2}{\longrightarrow} SiF_2$$
 (29)

(E,E)-7,9-hexadecadiene (56%, isomeric purity 95%) and dioctenyldifluorosilane (8%) were likewise produced from (E)-1-octenyl-PFS. Also the (E,E)-n-C₄H₉CH—CHCH—CHC₄H₉-n (isom. pur. 96%), (E,E)-CH₃OCH₂CH—CHCH—CHCH₂OCH₃ (isom. pur. 97%), (E,E)-C₆H₅CH—CHCH—CHC₆H₅ (isom. pur. 99%),

were obtained.

In contrast to these reactions solid CuCl gave with alkyl-OFSs under these conditions only protonolysis products and (by β -elimination) olefins and no homocoupling products.

Solid CuF₂·2H₂O produced almost entirely protonolysis products in this manner. As for the mechanism the formation of organocopper(II) intermediates and of radical ions is proposed (see (71)!)

Au: $HAuCl_{4}$ · $4H_{2}O$ is soluble both in $H_{2}O$, ethanol, and ether and therefore especially favourable for comparative studies. Nevertheless we could not study the dark colored precipitates which it gives with the OPFSs in $H_{2}O$ more accurately. The decomposition products are unknown [8].

Stable metal organic compounds could be obtained from the following elements:

Hg: With Hg(II) salts and OPFSs the following reactions occurred: [6], [32]

$$\label{eq:hgCl2} {\rm HgCl_2} + ({\rm NH_4})_2 [{\rm CH_3SiF_5}] \xrightarrow[1-2h]{\frac{{\rm H_2O}}{\approx 20^{\circ}{\rm C}}} {\rm CH_3HgCl} + ({\rm NH_4})_2 [{\rm ClSiF_5}] \tag{30}$$

$${\rm CH_3HgCl} + ({\rm NH_4})_2 [{\rm CH_3SiF_5}] \xrightarrow[{\rm 2h}]{} ({\rm CH_3})_2 {\rm Hg} + ({\rm NH_4})_2 [{\rm ClSiF_5}] \\ (83\%)$$

 $\mathrm{HgCl_2} + \mathrm{RSi}(\mathrm{OC_2H_5})_3 + 5\mathrm{HF}$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{RHgCl} + 3\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} + \text{H}_2[\text{ClSiF}_5]$$
 (32)

 $HgCl_2 + (NH_4)_2[ClCH_2SiF_5]$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{ClCH}_2\text{HgCl} + (\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{ClSiF}_5][24]$$

$$(\approx 88\%)$$
(33)

The following compounds were also obtained in this way: C_6H_5HgCl (69%); CH_2 =CHHgCl (92%); $C_6H_5HgNO_3$ (97%); C_6H_5HgOAc (78%).

Hg(I) salts—even the insoluble Hg₂Cl—reacted to form RHgX, but by separation of metallic Hg.

Pb: With Pb(OAc)₄ one-step-reactions could be performed: [33]

$$Pb(OAc)_4 + C_6H_5SiF_3 + HF$$

$$\frac{\text{H}_2\text{O}}{\text{NH}_4\text{F}} \cdot (\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{PbF} + (\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{PbF}_2 + \text{AcOH} + \text{H}_2[\text{SiF}_6]$$
(34)
(75%) (23%) (64%)

$$Pb(OAc)_4 + 4C_6H_5SiF_3 + 12NH_4F$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{H}_{5}\text{O}} \\ \text{highly} \end{array} \text{ (C}_{6}\text{H}_{5})_{4}\text{Pb} + 4\text{NH}_{4}\text{OAc} + 4(\text{NH}_{4})_{2}[\text{SiF}_{6}] \\ \text{exothermic} \end{array} \tag{35}$$

the following reactions also occurred:

 $2\text{Pb(OAe)}_4 + 2(\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{RSiF}_5] + 8\text{NH}_4\text{F}$

$$\stackrel{\text{H}_2\text{O}}{\longrightarrow} 2\text{RPbF}_3 + 2(\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{SiF}_6] + 8\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$$
 (36)

$$R = CH_3-, C_2H_5-, CH_2=CH-.$$

Sb: Because SbF $_3$ is soluble and stable in $\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}$ the following reactions occurred:

$$SbF_3 + 3(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5] \xrightarrow[\approx 20^{\circ}C]{} (CH_3)_3Sb + 3(NH_4)_2[SiF_6]$$
spontaneously
-combustible (37)

$$SbF_3 + 3(NH_4)_2[CH_2 = CHSiF_5]$$
 [33]

$$\xrightarrow{\text{H}_{2}\text{O}} (\text{CH}_{2} = \text{CH})_{3}\text{Sb} + 3(\text{NH}_{4})_{2}[\text{SiF}_{6}]$$

$$\text{(CH}_{2} = \text{CH}_{3})\text{SbBr}_{2} (\text{CH}_{2} = \text{CH})_{3}\text{SbI}_{2}$$
(38)

4% (CH₂—CH)₃Sb(I)O(I)Sb(CH—CH₂)₃ was also formed by air oxidation. (see also (51)!) Furthermore the following reactions occurred.

$$SbF_3 + 2(NH_4)_2[C_6H_5SiF_5]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}} (\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{SbF} + 2(\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{SiF}_6]$$
(39)
(34%)
(64%)

 $(C_6H_5)_2SbF$ can likewise be obtained with the water soluble ammoniumpentafluoroantimonate [32]. As to the preparation of $(C_6H_5)_2Sb(C_2H_5)$ and of $(C_6H_5)_2(C_2H_5)Sb(I)O(I)Sb(C_2H_5)(C_6H_5)_2$ see (51)!

Bi: Bi(OH)₃ +
$$3C_6H_5SiF_3 + 6NH_4F + 3HF$$

$$(C_6H_5)_3Bi + 3(NH_4)_2[SiF_6] + 3H_2O$$
 (40)

The mixture exothermed violently.

Co: Derivatives of vitamin 12 have been obtained from the "hexafluorosilicate" [34] (see above!)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} | & X & | \\ = N & | & N = \\ - Co & N = \\ - N & | & N = \\ | & N & | \end{array} + (NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5] \cdot NH_4F$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & CH_{3} \\
 & N \\
 & N \\
 & -N \\
 &$$

X = CN, HO, Cl, Br, I or a 5'-desoxyadenosyl group

Tl: The following compounds have been prepared in water: [35], [36]

$$\begin{split} & \text{CH}_3\text{Tl}(\text{CN})\text{OAc}, \\ & \text{[(CH}_3)_2\text{Tl}]^+[\text{OAc}]^-, \\ & \text{(CH}_3)_2\text{TlCl}, \\ & \text{RTl}(\text{OAc})_2, \\ & \text{R=C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}(\text{OCH})_3\text{CH}_2--, \\ & \text{n-C}_8\text{H}_{17}-\text{und} \\ & \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_{10}- \\ \end{split}$$

Syntheses of organometallics from silatranes

In the presence of fluoride ions silatranes also give organometallics in H_2O and show the color test

For instance the following reaction: [37]

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Bi(OH)}_3 + 3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\overline{\text{Si(OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3}\text{N} + 6\text{NH}_4\text{F} + 15\text{HF} \\ \\ \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}} (\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{Bi} + 3(\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3\text{N} \cdot \text{HF} + 3(\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{SiF}_6] + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \end{array} \tag{42}$$

RHgCl (R=CH₃— (57%), CH₂=CH— (89%), C₆H₅— (60%), C₆H₅HgNO₃ (60–70%).

 R_3PbF and R_2PbF_2 R=CH_3 (90%), CH_2=CH_-(R_3PbF = 35%; R_2PbF_2 = 65%), C_6H_6--(R_3PbF = 10%, R_2PbF_2 = 85%), (C_6H_6)_2SbF (45%) were also obtained.

Syntheses of hydro- and halocarbons in water [7]

In addition to the already mentioned protonolysis (see (14), (15), (25), (26), (27)!), which have been recently supplemented by the reactions of CuCl and CuF₂·2H₂O the following observations can be reported: If acids are added to OPFSs cleavages take place:

$$(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5] + 2 HF \rightarrow CH_3SiF_3 + 2 NH_4HF_2$$
 (43)

If there is an excess of acid or acidic salts even the C—Si bonds are cleaved. The displaced organic groups add hydrogen (protonolysis):

$$(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5] + (NH_4)HF_2$$

$$Na_2[CH_2=CHSiF_5] + NaHF_2$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{CH}_2 = \text{CH}_2 + \text{Na}_2[\text{SiF}_6] + \text{NaF}$$
 (45)

$$(NH_4)_2[C_6H_5SiF_5] + HF \xrightarrow{H_2O} C_6H_6 + (NH_4)_2[SiF_6]$$
 (46)

The following one-step reactions are possible:

The mixture was exothermic.

Halocarbons were obtained with halogens in H₂O:

$$CH_{3}SiF_{3} + 2KF \xrightarrow{H_{3}O} \{K_{2}[CH_{3}SiF_{5}]\}$$

$$\frac{\text{Br}_2}{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{Br} + \text{K}_2[\text{BrSiF}_5]$$
 (49)

In some cases we have added an excess of MF for forming the $[SiF_6]^{2-}$ because we supposed that it is energetically favoured and that the reactions are facilitated in that way.

Evidently the $(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5]$ and $K_2[CH_3SiF_5]$ are completely destroyed by $KMnO_4$ [7]. Only CO_2 and MnO_2 and a small amount of CH_4 were found.

Synthesis with OPFSs in organic fluids

It is astonishing that all the preparations of the forementioned metal organics and organics—for which hitherto chemists considered organic fluids quite unavoidable—run in water. Now we become acquainted with another surprising property of the OPFSs. They easily react in organic fluids although they are in the most cases insoluble therein. Fascinated by the observation that we could perform so many reactions in water we have still considered reactions in organic fluids as a variation and have demonstrated this behavior only with a few examples:

$$(NH_4)_2[CH_3SiF_5] + 3C_2H_5OH + 3NH_3$$
 $C_2H_5OH \longrightarrow CH_3Si(OC_2H_5)_3 + 5NH_4F$ [7] (50)

$$\begin{split} &(C_6H_5)_2SbF + C_2H_5SiF_3 + 2 NH_4F \\ &\xrightarrow{AcOH} (C_6H_5)_2Sb(C_2H_5) + (NH_4)_2[SiF_6] [33] \\ &\downarrow I_2 + 1/2 O_2 \\ &(C_6H_5)_2(C_2H_5)Sb(I)O(I)Sb(C_2H_5)(C_6H_5)_2 \text{ (s. auch Gl. (38)!)} \end{split}$$

AcOH = glacial acetic acid

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{M}_{2}[\text{CH}_{3}\text{SiF}_{5}] + 3\,\text{C}_{2}\text{H}_{5}\text{MgBr} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{Ether}} \quad \text{CH}_{3}\text{Si}(\text{C}_{2}\text{H}_{5})_{3} + 3\,\text{MgBrF} + 2\,\text{MF} [13] \\ (\approx 25\%) \end{array} \tag{52}$$

 $M = NH_4$, K, Na

Recently this last reaction has been used to prepare 5-norbornen-2-yl-trimethylsilane: [14G], [38]

Furthermore we performed:

$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{Cl_3CSiF_3} + 2\operatorname{NH_4F} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{CH_3CN}} \{(\operatorname{NH_4})_2[\operatorname{Cl_3CSiF_5}]\} \\ &\to \operatorname{HCCl_3} + \operatorname{NH_3} + (\operatorname{NH_4})_2[\operatorname{SiF_6}] \ [24] \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

This branch of the OPFS-chemistry by using organic fluids has been developed with eminent success by Kumada and his collaborators.

Syntheses of organometallics with OPFSs in organic fluids

Ag: (E)-alkenyl-PFSs which can be prepared in the following manner give the color test also in organic fluids [39]

$$R^{1}C = CR^{2} + HSiCl_{3} \xrightarrow{H_{2}P_{1}Cl_{3}} \xrightarrow{R^{1}} C = C \xrightarrow{SiCl_{3}} [40]$$

$$\xrightarrow{KF} K_{2} \begin{bmatrix} R^{1} \\ H \end{bmatrix} C = C \xrightarrow{SiF_{5}}$$

$$(55)$$

Besides sym. (E,E)-1,3-dienes ($R^1=R^2$) of high stereoselectivity and retention of the double bond, biphenyl and biphenylethane were also obtained from Ag salts. (tab. 3)

Terminal and internal alkenyl-PFSs showed no significant differ-

Pd: (E)-1-hexenyl-PFS and ethylacrylate gave di- μ -chlorodi-(1-ethoxy-carbonyl-oct-2-enyldipalladium(II) with PdCl₂ at 0°C: [14E], [41]

Tab. 3. Color test with Ag salts of the (E)-alkenyl-, phenyl- and aralkyl-PFSs and coupled products formed in organic fluids

R in K ₂ [RSiF ₅]	${ m AgF} + { m CH_3CN}$		$AgNO_3 + Ether + H_2O$		$O_{\mathfrak{S}}$		
	color	yield	$R-R^b$)	color	yield	$R-R^b$)	comments
$C_6H_5CH=CH-$	red purple	74		blue	64		a) isolated yields;b) GLC-yields;
$n-C_4H_9CH=CH-$	blue purple	63	86	red purple	47	66	c) under N ₂ ; d) AgBF ₄ ;
CH ₃ OCH ₂ CH=CH-	blue		10	blue	ŏ1	61	in CH ₂ Cl ₂ gave 20–28%
$CH_3O_2C(CH_2)_8CH = CH -$	red	36		blue	65		C ₁₆ H ₃₄ ;
$(C_2H_5)_3SiCH \stackrel{\frown}{=} CH - $ $n-C_4H_9$ C_4H_9-n	red	43	51	blue	58		e) $C_6H_6 > DMF >$ $THF > C_2H_5OH$;
СН=СН	orange	26		orange	72		f) AgF > AgNO ₃ > AgBF ₄
C_6H_5-	orange	82	93	orange	60	69	
$C_6H_5CH_2-$	yellow	46	60°)	colorless	0		
$n-C_8H_{17}-d$)	colorless	0°)		colorless	0		

 $2[\text{n-C}_4\text{H}_9\text{CH}{=}\text{CHSiF}_5]^{2-} + \text{PdCl}_2$

$$\frac{\text{THF}}{\text{N}_{2},0^{\circ}\text{C}} \stackrel{\text{2-n-C}_{4}\text{H}_{9}\text{CH} = \text{CHPdCl} + [\text{ClSiF}_{5}]^{2-}}{}$$
(56)

was obtained. Vinyl methyl ketone gave
$$\begin{bmatrix} H \\ n-C_4H_9C & CCH_2CCH_3 \\ | Pd & | \\ H & Cl & 0 \end{bmatrix}_2 (57)$$

Organo-Pd-intermediates are postulated for the following reactions: [14E], [41], [42]

Crosscoupling in the presence of Pd-salts

(E)-
$$K_2[n-C_4H_9CH=CHSiF_5] + CH_2=CHCH_2Cl(Br)$$

 $\xrightarrow{\text{Pd}(OAc)_5} (E)-n-C_4H_9CH=CHCH_2CH=CH_2$
(71%)

Similarly: $n-C_4H_9CH$ — $CHCH_2C(CH_3)$ — CH_2 (35%), C_6H_5CH — $CHCH_2CH$ — CH_2 (40%), CH_2 — $CHCH_2CH$ — $CH(CH_2)_6CO_2CH_3$ (55%). This last compound is an intermediate in the synthesis of the naturally occurring recifeiolide [14E], [42].

In combination with the hydrosilylation in conformity with (54) a regioand stereoselective transformation of alkynes is possible to (E)-1,4dienes [14E]. (Exception: 3-chloro-1-butene gave (2,5E)- and (2Z, 5E)-2,5-decadienes).

Activated olefins exchange the H of the double bond for R of the OPFSs

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{K_{2[n\text{-}C_{4}H_{9}CH=CHSiF_{5}]} + CH_{2}=CHCH + Pd(OAc)_{2}} \\ \mathrm{O} \end{array}$$

$$\xrightarrow[N]{\text{THF}} \text{n-C}_4\text{H}_9\text{CH} = \text{CHCH} = \text{CHCH} + \text{HPd(OAc)} + \text{K}_2[\text{AcOSiF}_5]$$

The Pd salt was reduced and Pd was precipitated in the form of a mirror.

Methyl acrylate or methyl crotonate could be substituted for acrolein.

CH₂=CHCN gave under reflux (E,E)- and (Z,E)-isomers. All reactions of the (E)-alkenyl-PFS were highly stereoselective and only (E,E)-dienes were obtained. The phenyl-PFS also reacted stereoselectively and gave (E)-phenyl-substituted olefins.

Homo couplings as with the reactions of the Ag- or Cu-salts in H₂O could be carried out with PdCl₂ in organic fluids only with the styrene-and phenyl-PFS [14E], [41] (but cf. 43) too!)

$$2K_2[(E)-C_6H_5CH=CHSiF_5]+PdCl_2$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{CH}_5\text{CN}}$$
 (E, E)-C₆H₅CH=CHCH=CHC₆H₅)
(54%)

$$+ K_2[SiF_6] + K_2[Cl_2SiF_4] + Pd$$
 (60)

Similarly the phenyl-PFS gave biphenyl (48%) in THF.

At higher temperature the following reaction could be run without organic fluid with PdCl₂ (also with other Pd(O) and Pd(II)-complexes): [41]

 $K_2[C_6H_5CH=CHSiF_5] + C_6H_5I$

$$\frac{\text{PdCl}_{2}}{135^{\circ}\text{C}} \xrightarrow{\text{C}_{6}\text{H}_{5}\text{CH} = \text{CHC}_{6}\text{H}_{5} + (\text{C}_{6}\text{H}_{5})_{2}\text{C} = \text{CH}_{2}}$$
(61)
(36%)
(9%)

The reaction by exchanging R proceeded in THF in the subsequent manner: [41]

$$K_{2}[C_{6}H_{5}SiF_{5}] + C_{6}H_{5}CH = CHBr$$

$$\xrightarrow{Pd(OAc)_{2}/(C_{6}H_{5})_{2}P(CH_{2})_{4}P(C_{6}H_{5})_{2}} (C_{6}H_{5})_{2}C = CH_{2}$$

$$\xrightarrow{THF} (OAC)_{2}(C_{6}H_{5})_{2}C = CH_{2}$$

$$(62)$$

 C_6H_5CH — CHC_6H_5 was only found in traces. Carbomethoxylations of the alkenyl-PFS could be performed with CO in CH_3OH and stoichiometric amounts of Pd-salts. The NaOAc was evidently necessary to neutralize the HCl [15], [41].

$$K_2[CH_3(CH_2)_5CH = CHSiF_5] + CO + PdCl_2$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{CH}_3\text{OH/NaOAc}} \text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{CH} = \text{CHCO}_2\text{CH}_3$$
(92%)

$$+ HCl + K_{\mathfrak{g}}[ClSiF_{5}] + Pd \tag{63}$$

In this way a series of esters $RCH=CHCO_2CH_3$ could be produced in which R was $(CH_3)_3C-(90\%)$, $C_6H_5-(76\%)$. Functional groups were tolerated. For instance compounds could be prepared in which R was $CH_3OCH_2-(61\%)$ or $CH_3O_2C(CH_2)_8-(72\%)$. An ester with an internal double bond was obtained: $CH_3(CH_2)_3CH=C(CO_2CH_3)-(CH_2)_3CH_3$ (88%).

In combination with the hydrosilylation (see (54)!) the procedure allows the regio- and stereoselective transformation of alkynes to unsaturated (E)- α , β -carboxylic esters.

Cu: Syntheses with OPFSs in the presence of catalytic or stoichiometric amounts of Cu-salts in organic fluids

The reaction specified below could be accomplished:

$$K_{2} \begin{bmatrix} R^{1} \\ H \end{bmatrix} C = C \begin{bmatrix} R^{2} \\ SiF_{5} \end{bmatrix} + R^{3}OH + O_{2}$$

$$\frac{Cu(OAe)_{2}}{25^{\circ}C} \begin{bmatrix} R^{1} \\ H \end{bmatrix} C = C \begin{bmatrix} R^{2} \\ OR^{3} \end{bmatrix}$$
(64)

With the suitable alcohols and oxygen the corresponding ethers were prepared:

$$n-C_6H_{13}CH = CHOCH_3$$
 (66%), $n-C_6H_{13}CH = CHOC_2H_5$ (64%),

$$n-C_6H_{13}CH = CHOCH_2CH = CH_2$$
 (62%),

$$n-C_6H_{13}CH = CHOCH_2CH = CHCH_3$$
 (55%),

$$_{\text{n-C_6}H_{13}\text{CH}=\text{CHOCH}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2}$$
 (31%), CH₃

 $C_6H_5CH = CHOCH_3$ (55%), $CH_3O_2C(CH_2)_8CH = CHOCH_3$ (67%), $NC(CH_2)_2OCH_2CH = CHOCH_3$ (55%).

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
& \text{n-C}_4\text{H}_9 & \text{C=C} \\
& \text{OCH}_3
\end{array}$$

The reactions are highly stereoselective and produce the (E)-alkenylether in an isom. pur. of more than 99%. It is supposed that the mechanism involves a radical ion (see (71)!)

Without alcohols and without oxygen the ester, octenyl acetate, was formed from octenyl-PFS in DMF [45].

$$\mathrm{K_2[(E)\text{-}n\text{-}C_6H_{13}CH}\!=\!\mathrm{CHSiF_5]}+\mathrm{Cu(OAc)_2}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{DMF}} \text{(E)-n-C}_{6}\text{H}_{13}\text{CH} = \text{CHOAc} + \text{Cu[AcOSiF}_{5}]$$
(65)

Using H₂O instead of the alcohols and added O₂, aldehydes were prepared [44]:

$$K_{2}[RCH=CHSiF_{5}] + H_{2}O + O_{2} \xrightarrow{CH_{3}CX} \xrightarrow{RCH_{2}CHO} (66)$$
 $\approx 20^{\circ}C (50-52\%)$

$$R = n-C_6H_{13}-$$
, $CH_3O_2C(CH_2)_8CH=CH-$

$$\frac{\text{C}_{1}[\text{C}_{1}-\text{C}_{8}\text{H}_{17}\text{SiF}_{5}] + \text{O}_{2}}{\frac{\text{C}_{11}\text{C}_{11}}{\text{C}_{11}\text{O}_{11}}} \xrightarrow{\text{n-C}_{7}\text{H}_{17}\text{CHO} + \text{n-C}_{8}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}} \text{(67)}$$

$$\frac{\text{C}_{12}\text{C}_{11}}{\text{C}_{11}\text{O}_{11}} \xrightarrow{\text{n-C}_{7}\text{H}_{17}\text{CHO} + \text{n-C}_{8}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}} \text{(67)}$$

See also (72)!

With stoichiometric amounts of CuCl2 and CuBr2 halocarbons were obtained in ether [14F], [45], [46], [47]

$$\label{eq:K2RSiF5} \text{K}_2[\text{RSiF}_5] + 2\text{Cu(II)} \text{X}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Ether}} \text{RX} + 2\text{Cu(I)} \text{X} + \text{K}_2[\text{XSiF}_5]$$
 (68)

By this procedure n-C₈H₁₇Br (88%), CH₃CO(CH₂)₄Cl (66%), $Br(CH_2)_{11}Cl$ (60%), CH_2 =CHCH₂O(CH₂)₃Br (52%) and (E)-1-CH₂=CH(CH₂)₄Br (45%, isom. pur. >99%; no cyclisation product detected) were achieved. The processes ran with retention of the configuration of the alkenyl group and with high stereoselectivity. Furthermore $C_6H_5(CH_3)CHCH_2Br$ (53%), $C_6H_5(CH_3)CH(CH_2)_2Br$ (55%) and $C_6H_5(CH_3)_2CCH_2Br$ (16%) and $C_6H_5(CH_3)_2SiF_3$ (71%) were prepared [49].

The C—Si-linkages of both the exo- and endo-2-norbornyl-PFS were nonstereoselectively cleaved by CuBr2 and mixtures of exo- and

endo-2-norbornylbromide were formed [45].

Because the yields of the alkyl products highly decreased in the presence of radical trapping agents

the following radical mechanism is postulated:

$$[RSiF_5]^{2-} + Cu(II)X_2 \rightarrow R^{\bullet} + [XSiF_5]^{2-} + Cu(I)X$$
 (69)

$$R^{\bullet} + Cu(II)X_{2} \to RX + Cu(I)X \tag{70}$$

Under the present conditions the copper(I) is probably oxidized to copper(II) by molecular oxygen and can rereact.

Functional groups are preserved because the processes run at room temperature. Cu(OAc)2 and Cu(NCS)2 were inefficient. Cu-triflate cleaved $n-C_8H_{17}SiF_3$ from $K_2[n-C_8H_{17}SiF_5]$.

Although the radical trapping agent, nitrosobenzene, also greatly decreased [45] the yield of the reaction of the (E)-1-hexenyl-PFS with $\mathrm{CuBr_2}$ (61 ightarrow 31%) it is nevertheless guessed that the alkenyl-PFSs do not react through radicals because the configurational stability of the alkenyl group is known to be very low. By proceeding through alkenyl radicals an isomerisation should occur and produce a mixture of (E)and (Z)-alkenyl halides. But the (E)-1-hexenylbromide had a high stereoselectivity (99%). Therefore a mechanism is postulated through alkenyl-Cu-intermediates and radical ions:

$$[RCH=CHSiF_{5}] \bullet -/CuX_{2} \bullet -$$

$$CuX_{2}$$

$$\rightarrow [RCH=CHCuX_{2}] + [XSiF_{5}]^{2-} + CuX$$

$$RCH=CHX + CuX,$$
(71)

Such Cu-intermediates are known and their decomposition has been studied [48].

However a radical mechanism is proposed for the process of (67): [45]

$$2n-C_8H_{17} + 2O_2 \rightarrow 2n-C_8H_{17}OO$$

 $\rightarrow n-C_7H_{18}CHO + n-C_8H_{17}OH + O_2$ (72)

Although the alcohol was not found it could have been oxidized.

Syntheses with m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (MCPBS) in organic fluids [51]

With peroxyacetic acid in acetic acid, tert-butylhydroperoxide in diglyme or with H2O2 the OPFSs gave only RSiF3. But with m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid the corresponding alcohols were obtained in high yields:

$$\label{eq:K2} {\rm K_2[CH_3O_2C(CH_2)_{10}SiF_5] + MCBPS}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{DMF}} \text{CH}_3\text{O}_2\text{C(CH}_2)_{10}\text{OH} + \text{K}_2[\text{m-ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CO}_2\text{SiF}_5]$$
 (73)

In this manner were prepared:

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$$n-C_8H_{17}OH$$
 (82%), $n-C_{12}H_{25}OH$ (75%),
 CH_2CH_2OH (54%),

the highly valuable insect repellent with low irritancy and low toxicity

 $C_6H_5(CH_3)CHCH_2OH \quad (83\%), \quad C_6H_5(CH_3)CH(CH_2)_2OH \quad (92\%),$ $C_6H_5(CH_3)_2CH_2OH$ (traces) [16].

Syntheses with halogens and N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) in organic fluids

With the halogens (X = Cl, Br, I) halocarbons can be prepared [10], [14B], [47], [52]

$$K_2[RSiF_5] + X_2 \xrightarrow[0.50 °C]{CCI_4} RX + K_2[XSiF_5]$$
 (74)

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm RX = n-C_8H_{17}Cl~(73\%),\,n-C_8H_{17}Br~(69\%),\,n-C_8H_{17}I~(73\%),\,n-C_{12}H_{25}Br~(75\%),\,\,CH_{3}O_{2}C(CH_{2})_{10}Br~(85\%),\,\,C_{6}H_{11}Cl~(54\%),\,\,C_{6}H_{11}} -Br~(67\%),\,\,C_{6}H_{11}I~(32\%),\,\,n-C_{4}H_{9}CH = CHBr~(61\%,\,regio-\ but\ only\ slightly\ stereoselective,\ since\ both~(E)-~(67\%)\ and~(Z)-product)\,\,n-C_{4}H_{9}CH = CHI~(48\%,\,only~(E)-product),\,C_{6}H_{5}Br~(59\%);\,\,Br~gave~17\%\,\,C_{6}H_{11} - I\ and~27\%\,\,C_{6}H_{11} - Br~90\%\,\,n-C_{4}H_{9}CH = CHI\ and~3\%\,\,n-C_{4}H_{9}CH = CHBr.\ With~phenyl-PFS~only~C_{6}H_{5}I~was~formed. \end{array}$

The bromine cleavage of the exo- and endo-2-norbornyl-PFS in $\mathrm{CH_3OH}$ or THF proceeded in a highly stereoselective fashion with more than 95% inversion of the configuration at carbon. In $\mathrm{C_6H_6}$ or $\mathrm{CCl_4}$ the endo-compound was nearly completely (98%) transformed to the exo-2-norbornylbromide; but the exo-PFS was only partly converted into the endo-2-norbornylbromide:

$$K_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{r_{2}} \\ F_{3} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{B_{r_{2}} \\ F_{3}} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{r_{2}} \\ F_{3} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{B_{r_{2}} \\ H} + K_{2}[BrSiF_{5}]$$
 (75)

This result corresponds with the reaction using CuBr₂ [45]. N-bromosuccinimid (NBS) can be employed for brominations. Using Rb-, Cs- or K-PFSs the following reactions occurred: [14B], [47], [52]

$$K_{2}[n-C_{8}H_{17}SiF_{5}] + \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \parallel \\ NBr \\ N$$

In this way alkylbromides could be prepared: $n-C_{12}H_{25}Br$ (75%),

$$\langle CH_2 \rangle_2 Br (54\%), \langle DR (79\%), \langle PR (7$$

 $C_6H_5(CH_2)_2Br$ (60%), $CH_3O_2C(CH_2)_{10}Br$ (86%), $CH_3CO(CH_2)_4Br$ (73%). $K_2[Br(CH_2)_{11}SiF_5]$ was converted into $Br(CH_2)_{11}Br$ (73%). Moreover, in combination with hydrosilylation (54) the reactions of NBS allow a regio- and stereoselective transformation of alkynes to alkenylbromides [14B]: (E)-1-hexenyl-PFS yielded 75% hexenylbromide (E/Z = 91/9). The C_6H_5CH —CHBr was only composed of the (E)-compound (83%), for the $CH_3O_2C(CH_2)_8CH$ —CHBr (68%) was E/Z = 95/5 and the n- C_4H_9CH — $C(Br)C_4H_9$ -n (70%) E/Z = 99/1. The $CH_3(CH_2)_2CH$ — $CH(CH_2)_3Br$ gave a yield of 36% (E/Z = 83/17) [14H], [49].

1,2,3,4-Tetrahydronaphthyl bromide, an intermediate in the synthesis of the above mentioned insect repellent, was obtained in a yield of 56% in dioxane. Furthermore

(36%, m/p = 58/42) was prepared in CH₃OH.

The reactions of 2-norbornyl-PFS with NBS proceed in the same manner as those with Br₂ (75) and CuBr₂. Inversion was also observed in this case.

Endo- and exo-norborn-5-en-2-yl-PFS were transformed into the 3-nortricyclyl bromide: [14F], [38]

Because the bromination of the "neutral"

with its tetravalent coordinatively unsaturated Si-atom (preparation see (52)!) differs from (77) it could be elucidated in all likelihood, why the Si—C-linkages of the OPFSs can so easily be cleaved. The force-constant of the Si—C-bond of the $[CH_3SiF_5]^{2-}$ has been shown to be much smaller than that of the CH_3SiF_3 [27]. The OPFSs contain double negatively charged, coordinatively saturated Si-atoms which make the bonds highly electron-rich. [14G] In the order $C_6H_5SiF_3(I) > C_6H_5Si-(CH_3)_3(II) \gg Na_2[C_6H_5SiF_5]$ (III) the ionisation potentials decrease. That of the Si—C σ bond of III is comparable with those of the phenyl π electrons and with those of the Si—Si-bond which is also easily cleaved. The σ bonding energy levels of I and II lie much lower than those of III. The bond order of the Si—C σ bonds of III is much lower than those of I and II [10].

In the sequence of reactions to prepare the (R)—(–)— α -curcumen the following step has been inserted [53]

$$K_{2} \begin{bmatrix} H_{3}C & ...H \\ & & \\ & & \\ SiF_{5} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{NBS} \begin{array}{c} H_{3}C & ...H \\ & & \\ & & \\ Br \end{bmatrix}$$
 (78)

The product showed low optical purity because of partial racemization

 $\mathrm{CH_3(C_6H_5)CHCH_2Br}$, $\mathrm{CH_3(C_6H_5)CH(CH_2)_2Br}$ and $\mathrm{(CH_3)_2(C_6H_5)-CCH_2Br}$ were obtained in the same manner in ether or $\mathrm{CH_3OH}$ [49]

Syntheses by pseudohalogens in organic fluids

Alkenyl- (but not alkyl-) PFSs can be transformed to (E)-alkenyl-thiocyanates by copper(II)isothiocyanate [14D], [45], [54]:

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{K_2[RCH=CHSiF_5]} + 2\mathrm{Cu(NCS)_2} \\ & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{DMF}} \mathrm{RCH=CHSCN} + 2\mathrm{CuNCS} + \mathrm{K_2[(SCN)SiF_5]} \end{array} \tag{79}$$

KSCN + CuSO₄·5H₂O can also be used instead of the pure copper compound. By these procedures (E)-n-C₆H₁₃CH=CHSCN (67-74%), C₆H₅CH=CHSCN (53%), NC(CH₂)₂OCH₂CH=CHSCN (49%), CH₃O₂C—(CH₂)₈CH=CHSCN (70%), n-C₄H₉CH=C(C₄H₉-n)SCN (78%), C₆H₅SCN (42%) and n-C₈H₁₇SCN (trace, difference to the halogenations) were obtained.

Copper(II)selenocyanate ($Cu(OAc)_2 + 2 KSeCN$) and (E)-1-hexenyl-PFS were allowed to react in DMF. They gave (E,E)-di-1-hexenyl selenide: [14D], [45]

$$\begin{split} & 2 \, \mathrm{K_{2}[(E)\text{-}n\text{-}C_{4}H_{9}CH\text{=}CHSiF_{5}]} + 2 \, \mathrm{Cu(SeCN)_{2}} \\ & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{DMF}} \quad [(E, E)\text{-}n\text{-}C_{4}H_{9}CH\text{=}CH]_{2}\mathrm{Se} + 2 \, \mathrm{Cu(SeCN)} \\ & \qquad \qquad (58\%) \\ & + \, \mathrm{K_{2}[(SeCN)SiF_{5}]} + \, \mathrm{K_{2}[NCSiF_{5}]} \end{split} \tag{80}$$

Syntheses with tetracyanoethylene (TCNE) with and without organic fluids [14C], [55]

Because of the four cyano groups the tetracyanoethylene is electronpoor. Therefore it is considered to be a typical one-electron acceptor. It did not react with methyl-PSF. But with ethyl-PSF in CH₃CN suspension a reaction occurred to produce 1,1,2,2-tetracyanobutane

 Furthermore the following reactions could be realized:

Solid n-octyl-PFS and TCNE (without organic fluid!) by stirring under N_2 vac. and quenching with CF_3CO_2H afforded 80% 1,1,2,2-tetracyanodecane and 13% tricyanodecane:

$$\frac{\mathrm{K_{2[n-C_8H_{17}SiF_5]} + TCNE}}{\mathrm{solid}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}} \xrightarrow{\text{n-C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{C(CN)}_2\text{C(CN)}_2\text{H}} + \text{n-C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{C(CN)} = \text{C(CN)}_2$$
 (84)

Conclusions see below!

Fluorinations without organic fluids [56]

NaF or Na₂[SiF₆] are not able to fluorinate the Cl—Si-bond; but the following reaction occurred without organic fluid:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \text{SiHCl}_2 + \text{Na}_2 [\text{C}_6 \text{H}_5 \text{SiF}_5] \\ \xrightarrow{0^{\circ}\text{C}} \text{C}_6 \text{H}_6 \text{SiF}_3 + \text{CH}_3 \text{SiHF}_2 + 2 \text{NaCl} \\ & (70\%) \end{array} \tag{85}$$

The mixture was exothermic. The HSi-bond was left intact. Also CH_3SiCl_3 with OPFS exothermed and formed CH_3SiF_3 (72–76%). In H_2O (CH_3)₃SiCl and the OPFS became cool (CH_3)₃SiF was formed (71%).

With $C_6H_5CCl_3$, which can be easily fluorinated by other means both $Na[SiF_6]$ and $Na_2[CH_3SiF_6]$ gave $C_6H_5CCiF_2$ in the same yield (80–90%). NaF provided $C_6H_5CF_3$ (15%).

Conclusions

The ability of the OPFSs to add $(CN)_2C$ — $C(CN)_2$ increases but the color test is retarded, if their R increases. Therefore it is easily understood that at the very least two other mechanisms must still exist besides a possible radical reaction in agreement with (69). Especially in H_2O very active anions can be cleaved:

$$[RSiF_5]^{2-} + X^- \rightarrow [XSiF_5]^{2-} + R^{-}$$
 (86)

These anions are able to react with a great number of cations or electrophiles and can be transformed by the help of Ag- or Cu-salts into likewise very active radicals:

$$: R^- + Ag^+ \to AgR \to Ag^{\bullet} + R^{\bullet}$$
(87)

Finally R. can homo-couple (R—R) mostly at room temperature. In organic fluids (see (71) particularly in the reactions in the solid state the OPFSs are good electron-donors and an initial one-electron transfer will play an important part.

Electron spin resonance studies have proved that the formation of radical anions dominates the reactions: [14C], [55], [56]

$$[\mathrm{RSiF_5}]^{2-} + \mathrm{TCNE} \rightarrow [\mathrm{RSiF_5}^{-}, \mathrm{TCNE}^{-}] \rightarrow \mathrm{RC(CN)_2C(CN)_2^{-}} \\ \downarrow^{\mathrm{H}^+} \\ \mathrm{RC(CN)_2C(CN)_2H}$$

The successful reaction in the solid state (see (84)!) demonstrates that this one-electron transfer can occur even at the solid surface of the OPFSs. This perhaps also causes the OPFSs to react in organic fluids although they are not soluble.

The great number of the above mentioned reactions show that the OPFSs are a new class of compound which is universally suited for metalorganic and organic syntheses even at room temperature.

Prospects

The reaction (84) with its mild conditions perhaps allows a profound insight into solid state chemistry. Although differences are found between the aptitude of the organic fluids the transactions in them are perhaps also solid state reactions.

It ought to be accurately elaborated that the OPFSs are color reagents for the qualitative determination of silver. If AgOAc does not give the color test [39] it is only necessary to add a drop of HNO₃.

Alternatively the Ag-salts are reagents for the qualitative indication of the OPFSs, which can be used in thin layer chromatography [8] e.g. for the analysis of a silicone resin. With Ag- or Cu-salts and "bivalent" OPFSs, e.g. M₄[F₅SiCH—CHCH—CHSiF₅] or M₄[F₅SiCCl—CClSiF₅] (starting compounds see [58]–[61]) cyclic hydrocarbons or linear oligomers and even polymers can probably be obtained with groups —CH—CHCH—CH—etc. "Monovalent" M₂[RSiF₅] could terminate the chains. From HC(SiCl₃)₃ [62] or C(SiCl₃)₄ [58], [60], [61] (perhaps only briefly stable) "tri- and tetravalent" OFPSs can be used for branching.

Because Clark and Willis [63] have prepared K₂[CF₃GeF₅] it is perhaps possible to perform several reactions of the OPFSs with organofluorogermanates.

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