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ELECTROPHILIC PERFLUOROALKYLATION OF ALKENES

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No electrophilic perfluoroalkylation of alkenes has been reported. We synthesized (perfluoroalkyl)phenyliodonium trifluoromethanesulfonates(FITS) as reactive electrophilic perfluoroalkylating agents by treatment of bis-(trifluoroacetoxy)iodoperfluoroalkanes with benzene and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid.

RfI \longrightarrow RfI(0C0CF₃)₂ \longrightarrow RfI(Ph)0S0₂CF₃; FITS FITS could smoothly undergo electrophilic displacement or addition re-



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SYNTHESIS OF HEXAFLUOROISOBUTENE FROM THE METHANOL ADDUCT OF OCTAFLUOROISOBUTENE

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Hexafluoroisobutene is an useful monomer for the synthesis of fluoropolymers. During the study of making the compound, we found potassium hydroxide acted as the dehydrating reagent upon hexafluoroisobutanol with mild conditions to give the monomer. The dehydrate reaction could easily carry out using powdered potassium hydroxide in the solvent or without solvent at moderate reaction temperatures. Hexafluoroisobutanol itself was synthesized with two steps from the methanol adduct of octafluoroisobutene.

Hexafluoroisobutene was also made by the following route;

$$(CF_3)_2 CHCF_2 OCH_3 \longrightarrow (CF_3)_2 C=CFOCH_3 \longrightarrow (CF_3)_2 CHCH_2 OCH_3 \longrightarrow (CF_3)_2 CHCH_2 OSO_2 OCH_3 \longrightarrow (CF_3)_2 C=CH_2$$

Details will be presented.