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## ELECTROCHEMICAL SYNTHESIS OF BIS(TRIFLUOROMETHYL) ALICYCLIC COMPOUNDS

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The electrochemical oxidation of trifluoroacetic acid anion in the presence of activated dienes, ROOCCH = CH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH=CHCOOR, gives bis(trifluoromethyl) alicyclic products. The ring size of the products was determined by comparing the fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance spectra of the protonated compounds with the corresponding  $\alpha_i \alpha^i$ -dideuterated analogues. The results can be explained by an intramolecular radical addition and by an intramolecular cupling of a biradical intermediate.

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## THE <sup>13</sup>C N.M.R. SPECTRA OF SOME POLYFLUOROALICYCLIC COMPOUNDS

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Wide band <sup>19</sup>F decoupled <sup>13</sup>C nmr spectra of perfluorocyclopentane, -cyclopentene, -cyclohexane, -cyclohexene, cycloheptane and heptene, monahydrononafluroocyclopentane, monohydroundecafluorocyclohexane, monohydrotridecafluorocycloheptane and related compounds have been obtained. Some  $J_{CH}$  and  $J_{CF}$  values have been observed.

Also measured were the <sup>13</sup>C spectra of perfluorocyclohexa-1,3- and -1,4-dienes perfluoro 1,4 dimethycyclohexane cis and trans perfluorodecalin, hexadecafluorobicyclo-[4,4,0]deca-1(6)-ene and 3H,4H-tetradecafluorobicyclo[4,4,0]deca-1(6)-ene.

The use of  $^{19}{\rm F}$  decoupled  $^{13}{\rm C}$  nmr for structural investigation on highly fluorinated alicyclic compounds will be discussed and the influence of structure on the nmr parameters considered.