THE EFFECT OF ALKOXY GROUP AND THE STRUCTURE OF CYCLOALKENE ON THE 2+2 PHOTOCYCLOADDITION TO ALKOXY SUBSTITUTED PENTAFLUOROBENZENE

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The photoreaction of alkoxy substituted pentafluorobenzene with cycloalkenes in cyclohexane solution resulted in regioselective 2+2 cycloaddition to the 3,4 position of the arene. The stereochemistry of the products formed depended on the structure of cycloalkene: only anti 2+2 adduct was observed with cyclopentene, syn 2+2 adduct with norbornene, while both syn and anti 2+2 cycloaddition took place with cycloheptene and cyclooctene. The magnitude of the alkoxy group had no influence on the course of the photochemical reaction.