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**PREPARATION AND PROPERTIES OF
TETRAKIS(TRIFLUOROMETHYL)TELLURIUM**

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Tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)tellurium is prepared by the reaction of $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{TeCl}_2$ with $\text{Cd}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ complexes at low temperature [1] and can be isolated by vacuum distillation. It is the first compound of a chalcogen element with more than two perfluoroalkyl groups. $\text{Te}(\text{CF}_3)_4$ is characterized by physical data and n.m.r., mass, and vibrational spectra. The chemical behaviour will be discussed. With Lewis acids $[\text{Te}(\text{CF}_3)_3]^+$ is easily formed. $\text{Te}(\text{CF}_3)_4$ behaves as polar as well as radical trifluoromethylation reagent.

In similar reactions also the higher homologous tetrakis-(perfluoroalkyl)tellurium compounds can be prepared.

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