Synthesis of Functionalized Organic Molecules containing a Tetrafluoroethylene Fragment by Cobaloxime-Promoted Fluoroalkylation with Substituted Tetrafluoroethyl Bromides

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Functionalized organic molecules containing a tetrafluoroethylene fragment have been synthesized in moderate to excellent yields via cobaloxime/Zn-redox-couple-promoted fluoroalkylation of various C-C multiple bonds with a variety of substituted tetrafluoroethyl bromides (RCF_2CF_2Br) as substrates, giving hydrofluoroalkylation products under mild conditions. In the present case, it is found that the bromine atom bonded to the fluorocarbon moiety is more reactive than the one bonded to the hydrocarbon moiety.

It is well known that the introduction of fluorine atoms into organic molecules usually leads to significant changes in biological properties.^{1,2} Therefore, synthesis of partially fluorinated molecules has been a project of much interest.^{2,3} Recently, tetrafluoro-substituted suberates and (Z)-dec-5-enyl acetate have been synthesized by Fuchikami's and Prestwich's group,^{4,5} but the procedures were rather tedious. Thus, a search for a general approach to perform such reactions is necessary.

Our continuing studies on the utilization of Halon 2402 (1,2dibromo-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane) led to a class of compounds having the general formula RCF_2CF_2Br .⁶⁻⁹ The radical reactivity of the remaining reactive centre (bromodifluoromethyl, CF_2Br) has not yet been explored.

We have reported the perfluoroalkylation of electrondeficient carbon–carbon multiple bonds with perfluoroalkyl iodides and bromides catalysed by cobaloxime and $Zn^{10,11}$ Here this redox couple promoted fluoroalkylation of RCF_2CF_2Br and synthesis of functionalized molecules containing a CF_2CF_2 fragment is presented.

Results and Discussion

Under the catalysis of low-valent cobalt generated *in situ* by reducing $BrCo(dmgH)_2Py$ with Zn, the C-Br bond in RCF_2 -CF₂Br was effectively cleaved and such an effect could be used to fluoroalkylate the C-C multiple bonds. The procedure used to perform the title reaction was similar to that previously reported.^{10.11} Some typical substrates were selected to illustrate the reaction in detail (Table 1).

Using various substrates and functionalized alkenes, cyclic or linear and symmetrical or unsymmetrical molecules containing a CF_2CF_2 fragment could be synthesized by this methodology. It was also advantageous that the present initiating system could successfully promote the fluoroalkylation of both electron-rich and -deficient alkenes.

When diallyl ether 10 was used (entries 4 and 11), the tetrahydrofuran derivatives thus obtained implied that the reaction might proceed *via* a radical mechanism.¹²

The radicals RCF_2CF_2 could add to methallyl (2-methylprop-2-enyl) or allyl chloride, **17** and **27**, to give allyl derivatives in excellent yields (entries 7^{+} and 12). When compound **9** reacted with propargyl chloride **19**, the allene **20** was obtained in moderate yield. Such products might be formed *via* a radical addition–elimination route.¹⁴ Fluoroalkyl-allyl and -allenyl derivatives are important fluorine-containing molecules, which have been synthesized by alternative methods.^{15,16}

As shown in Table 1, the C-X (X = I or Br) bonds in substituents R were reduced during the course of fluoroalkylation (entries 1–8). It was found that such fluoroalkylation could be greatly accelerated by the addition of 1 mol equiv. of HCO_2NH_4 , when the reaction was usually completed within 2 h. Possibly the Zn surface was activated by ammonium ions. Other ammonium salts, *i.e.* NH_4Cl , NH_4Br and NH_4OAc , could also be used but the yields were lower. In these cases, the selectivity of the two different C–Br bonds was clearly demonstrated, *i.e.*, the bromine atom bound to the fluorocarbon moiety reacted preferentially while the bromine atom bound to the hydrocarbon moiety was retained (entries 9–12).

Homoallyl bromides **29** and **32** could be used as substrates but gave reduced yields (entries 13 and 14).

It was noted that in all the reactions studied above only hydrofluoroalkylated products were obtained regardless of the structure and property of the alkenes used.

Experimental

General.—B.p.s are uncorrected. ¹H NMR spectra were measured with external SiMe₄ standard by a Varian EM-360A spectrometer at 60 MHz. ¹⁹F NMR spectra were measured with external CF₃CO₂H standard by a Varian EM-360L spectrometer at 56.4 MHz. ¹H NMR and ¹⁹F NMR were measured neat unless otherwise indicated. Coupling constants were reported in Hz. IR spectra were recorded with a Shimadzu IR-440 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded with a Finnigan GC-MS-4021 mass spectrometer.

Materials.—The catalyst $BrCo(dmgH)_2Py$ was prepared according to the literature.¹⁷ Substrates 1, 4, 6, 9, 16, 23 and 25 were synthesized by heating CF_2BrCF_2I or CF_2BrCF_2Br with the corresponding alkenes in the presence of catalytic Cp_2TiCl_2 and iron.^{7,13} Compounds 29 and 32 were obtained by polyfluoroalkylation of propargyl alcohol or its methyl ether with $CF_2BrCF_2Br.^6$ All other chemicals were commercially available and were used without further treatment.

1-Bromo-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoro-4-iododecane 1. B.p. 84 °C (2 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.69 (1 H, m), 3.26 (2 H, t d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HF}$ 17.4, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 6.5), 1.44–2.45 (10 H, m) and 1.27 (3 H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 6.0); $\delta_{\rm F}$ – 10.0 (2 F, s) and 34.0 (2 F, AB, $J_{\rm AB}$ 282); m/z 291 (M – I, 4.27%), 249 (M – I – C₃H₇ + 1, 7.98) and 57 (C₄H₉, 100) (Found: C,

[†]Compound **16** was prepared by the transannulation addition of CF_2BrCF_2l to (Z,Z)-cycloocta-1,5-diene promoted by catalytic Cp_2TiCl_2 and Fe.¹³

 Table 1
 Synthesis of functionalized molecules containing a CF₂CF₂ fragment^a

	BrCF2CF2R +	BrCo(dmgH) ₂ Py/Zn RCF EtOH, room temp. 24 h	$F_2 C F_2$ $R'' = R' \text{ or } R'' =$	± R')
Entry	BrCF ₂ CF ₂ R	Alkene/Alkyne	Product	Yield (%) ^b
1	BrCF ₂ CF ₂ CH ₂ CH(I)C ₆ H ₁₃ 1	hex-1-ene 2	C ₆ H ₁₃ CF ₂ CF ₂ C ₈ H ₁₇ 3	61
2	BrCF ₂ CF ₂ CH ₂ CH(Br)C ₄ H ₉ 4	oct-1-ene 5	C ₆ H ₁₃ CF ₂ CF ₂ C ₈ H ₁₇ 3	53
3	CF ₂ CF ₂ Br	Ū,		64
4	I CF ₂ CF ₂ Br	CH2=CHCH2OCH2CH=CH2 10		76
5	CF ₂ CF ₂ Br	CH₂=CHCH₂CH₂COMe 12		73
6	I CF ₂ CF ₂ Br	CH ₂ =CHOCH ₂ Me 14		87
7	$\bigcup_{I}^{CF_2CF_2Br}$	CH ₂ =C(Me)CH ₂ CI 17		91 °
8	I CF ₂ CF ₂ Br	HC≡CCH₂CI 19	CF ₂ CF ₂ CH=C=CH ₂	45
9	BrCF ₂ CF ₂ CH ₂ CH(Br)C ₄ H ₉ 4	СН ₂ =СНСО ₂ Ме 21	CF₂CH₂CH₂CO₂Et I CF₂CH₂CH(Br)C₄H₂ 22	51 ^ø
10	CF ₂ CF ₂ Br Br 23	CH₂=CHCO₂Me 21	CF ₂ CF ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	62 ^d
11	Br CF ₂ CF ₂ Br	СH2=CHCH2OCH2CH=CH2 10		69 ^{d.e}
12	Br CF ₂ CF ₂ Br	CH ₂ =CHCH ₂ CI 27		84 ^{c,d}
13	BrCF ₂ CF ₂ CH=CHCH ₂ OH 29	сн₂=снсн₂он 30	СF ₂ CH—СНСН ₂ ОН СF ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ OH 31	54
14	BrCF₂CF₂CH≕CHCH₂OMe 32	Сн₂=СНСН₂ОН 30	CF₂CH—CHCH₂OMe CF₂CH₂CH₂CH₂OH 33	49

^a The reaction conditions were not optimized. Alkene or alkyne (20 mmol) and $BrCF_2CF_2R$ (10 mmol) were added to a mixture of $BrCo(dmgH)_2Py$ (0.2 mmol) and Zn (100 mmol) at 0 °C. Then the contents were stirred at room temp. (25–30 °C) for 24 h except for entries 9–12 (2 h). ^b Isolated yields based on $BrCF_2CF_2R$. ^c Alkene 17 or 27 was used in 10 mol equiv. ^d HCO_2NH_4 (10 mmol) was added. ^e Product **26** was obtained and identified as the debromo derivative 11 by reduction with LiAlH₄.

28.7; H, 3.8; F, 18.25. Calc. for $C_{10}H_{16}BrF_4I$: C, 28.66; H, 3.85; F, 18.13°₀).

1,4-Dibromo-1,1,2,2-tetrafluorooctane **4**. B.p. 69–70 °C (6 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.71 (1 H, m), 3.15 (2 H, t d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HF}$ 18.0, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 6.0), 1.60–2.70 (6 H, m) and 1.36 (3 H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 6.0); $\delta_{\rm F}$ –10.8 (2 F, s) and 34.1 (2 F, s); *m/z* 343 (M + 1, 0.51%) and 263 (M – Br, 100) (Found: C, 28.4; H, 3.5; F, 22.15. Calc. for C₈H₁₂Br₂F₄: C, 27.93; H, 3.52; F, 22.09%).

1-(2-Bromo-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)-2-iodocyclohexane **6**. B.p. 97–98 °C (6 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ trans-isomer: 5.60 (1 H, m) and 1.70–3.20 (9 H, m); $\delta_{\rm H}$ cis-isomer: 5.40 (1 H, m), 1.70–3.20 (9 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ trans-isomer: -14.6 (2 F, s) and 29.0 (2 F, AB, $J_{\rm AB}$ 267); $\delta_{\rm F}$ cis-isomer: -14.6 (2 F, s) and 36.3 (2 F, s); m/z 387 (M – 1, 15.29%), 261 (M – I, 100) and 181 (M – I – Br – 1, 62.50) (Found: C, 24.6; H, 2.5; F, 19.6. Calc. for C₈H₁₀BrF₄I: C, 24.70; H, 2.59; F, 19.54%).

3-(3-Bromo-2,2,3,3-tetrafluoropropyl)-4-(iodomethyl)tetrahydrofuran 9. B.p. 95–96 °C (1.5 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.25–4.80 (m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ –11.7 (2 F, s) and 33.1 (2 F, m); *m*/z 405 (M + 1, 56.56%) and 277 (M – 1, 100) (Found: C, 24.5; H, 2.5; F, 19.3. Calc. for C₈H₁₀BrF₄IO: C, 23.73; H, 2.49; F, 18.76%).

1-Bromo-2-(2-bromo-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)cyclohexane **23**. B.p. 88–89 °C (6 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.25 (1 H, m) and 1.40–3.05 (9 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ trans-isomer: -14.5 (2 F, s) and 29.8 (2 F, AB, $J_{\rm AB}$ 276); $\delta_{\rm F}$ cis-isomer: -14.1 (2 F, s) and 36.5 (2 F, s); m/z 341 (M + 1. 0.35%), 261 (M - Br, 100) and 181 (M - 2 Br - 1, 91.05) (Found: C, 28.2; H, 2.9; F, 22.4. Calc. for C₈H₁₀Br₂F₄: C, 28.10; H, 2.95; F, 22.22%).

3-Bromomethyl-4-(3-bromo-2,2,3,3-tetrafluoropropyl)tetrahydrofuran **25**. B.p. 99–101 °C (2 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.20–4.80 (m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ –11.7 (2 F, s) and 33.6 (2 F, m); m/z 357 (M + 1, 7.82%) and 277 (M – Br, 69.43) (Found: C, 26.7; H, 2.6; F, 21.6. Calc. for C₈H₁₀Br₂F₄O: C, 26.84; H, 2.82; F, 21.23%).

5-Bromo-4.4,5,5-tetrafluoropent-2-en-1-ol **29**. B.p. 79–81 °C (6 mmHg): v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3350 (O–H), 1700 and 1675 (C=C); δ_{H} (CCl₄) 5.70–6.70 (2 H, m), 4.36 (2 H, m) and 1.83 (1 H, s, OH); δ_{F} Z-isomer: -11.23 (2 F, s) and 28.67 (2 F, s); δ_{F} E-isomer: -11.23 (2 F, s) and 32.43 (2 F, s); m/z 237 (M + 1, 1.05%), 219 (M – H₂O + 1, 25.25), 108 (M – CF₂Br + 1, 34.08) and 58 (CH=CHCH₂OH + 1, 100) (Found: C, 25.25; H, 1.9; F, 32.1. Calc. for C₅H₅BrF₄O: C, 25.34; H, 2.13; F, 32.06%).

5-Bromo-4.4,5,5-tetrafluoro-1-methoxypent-2-ene **32**. B.p. 62–63 °C (36 mmHg); $v_{max}(neat)/cm^{-1}$ 1735 and 1680 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.80–6.80 (2 H, m), 4.0–4.4 (m, 2 H) and 3.50 (3 H, s); $\delta_{\rm F}$ Z-isomer: –10.4 (2 F, s) and 29.6 (2 F, s); E-isomer: –10.4 (2 F, s) and 33.40 (2 F, s); m/z 249 (M – 1, 38.08%), 235 (M – CH₃, 1.37), 219 (M – OCH₃, 2.28), 171 (M – Br, 12.93), 139 (M – Br – OCH₃ – 1, 35.34), 120 (CF₂CH=CHCH₂OCH₃ – 1, 13.13), 91 (CF₂CH=CHCH₂ + 1, 22.52) and 45 (CH₂OCH₃, 100) (Found: C, 28.8; H, 2.7; F, 30.5. Calc. for C₆H₇BrF₄O: C, 28.71; H. 2.81; F, 30.27%).

Synthesis of Molecules containing a CF_2CF_2 Fragment by Cobaloxime-promoted Fluoroalkylation.—The procedures were identical with that previously reported.^{10,11} The reaction conditions were as indicated in footnote *a* of Table 1.

7,7,8,8-*Tetrafluorohexadecane* **3**. B.p. 81–82 °C (2 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.21–2.72 (24 H, m) and 1.00 (6 H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 6.0); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 38.9 (m); m/z 297 (M – 1, 44.04%), 269 (M – Et, 10.34), 255 (M – C₃H₇, 12.41) and 57 (C₄H₉, 100) (Found: C, 64.0; H, 9.8; F, 25.5. Calc. for C₁₆H₃₀F₄: C, 64.40; H, 10.13; F, 25.47%).

1,2-Dicyclohexyl-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane **8**. B.p. 105–106 °C (2 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.25–2.95 (m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 33.5–48.0 (m); m/z 267 (M + 1, 2.43%) and 207 (100) (Found: C, 62.6; H, 7.85; F, 28.6. Calc. for C₁₄H₂₂F₄: C, 63.14; H, 8.33; F, 28.53%).

2,2,3,3-*Tetrafluoro*-1,4-bis-(4-*methyltetrahydrofuran*-3-yl)*butane* 11. B.p. 98–100 °C (1 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.20 (4 H, m), 3.70 (4 H, m), 1.80–3.12 (8 H, m) and 1.20–1.80 (6 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 36.8 (m); *m/z*

297 (M - 1, 26.43%) and 199 (M - C₆H₁₁O, 10.16) (Found: C, 58.4; H, 7.7; F, 25.6. Calc. for C₁₄H₂₂F₄O₂: C, 58.37; H, 7.43; F, 25.47%).

8-Cyclohexyl-6,6,7,7-tetrafluorooctan-2-one **13**. B.p. 103– 105 °C (1 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.38 (3 H, s) and 1.25–3.02 (19 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 33.2–43.5 (m); *m*/z 283 (M + 1, 51.13%) and 43 (CH₃CO, 100) (Found: C, 58.9; H, 7.75; F, 26.55. Calc. for C₁₄H₂₂F₄O: C, 59.56; H, 7.85; F, 26.93%).

3-(5-*Ethoxy*-2,2,3,3-*tetrafluoropentyl*)-4-*methyltetrahydrofuran* **15**. B.p. 78–80 °C (2 mmHg); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.25–4.46 (8 H, m), 1.68–3.15 (6 H, m) and 1.05–1.65 (6 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}({\rm Et}_2{\rm O})$ 37.1 (m); *m/z* 273 (M + 1, 81.15%) and 103 (100) (Found: C, 52.75; H, 7.2; F, 27.2. Calc. for C₁₂H₂₀F₄O₂: C, 52.93; H, 7.40; F, 27.91%).

2-(1,1,2,2-*Tetrafluoro*-4-*methylpent*-4-*enyl*)*bicyclo*[3.3.0]*octane* **18**. B.p. 81–82 °C (1 mmHg); $\nu_{max}(neat)/cm^{-1}$ 1655 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.02–5.28 (2 H, m), 2.03 (3 H, s) and 1.12–3.28 (15 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 35.0 (2 F, s), and 40.3 (2 F, AB, $J_{\rm AB}$ 273); *m/z* 264 (M, 10.98%) and 107 (C₈H₁₃ – 2, 100) (Found: C, 63.15; H, 7.4; F, 27.9. Calc. for C₁₄H₂₀F₄: C, 63.62; H, 7.63; F, 28.75%).

3-Methyl-4-(2,2,3,3-tetrafluorohexa-4,5-dienyl)tetrahydrofuran **20**. B.p. 67–69 °C (1.5 mmHg); $v_{max}(neat)/cm^{-1}$ 1955 and 1985 (CH=C=CH₂); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.50–6.95 (3 H, m), 3.20–4.42 (4 H, m), 1.60–2.85 (4 H, m) and 0.85–1.22 (3 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 25.3–49.7 (m); m/z 239 (M + 1, 100%) and 219 (M – F, 77.67) (Found: C, 55.6; H, 6.05; F, 30.4. Calc. for C₁₁H₁₄F₄O: C, 55.46; H, 5.92; F, 31.90%).

Ethyl 7-*bromo*-4,4,5,5-*tetrafluoroundecanoate* **22**. B.p. 85–86 °C (1 mmHg); v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 1740 (CO₂Et); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.37 (3 H, m), 2.37–3.32 (6 H, m) and 0.95–2.37 (12 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 37.4 (2 F, s) and 39.3 (2 F, s); *m/z* 365 (M + 1, 100%) and 285 (M – Br, 56.05) (Found: C, 43.1; H, 5.8; F, 21.2. Calc. for C₁₃H₂₁BrF₄O₂: C, 42.75; H, 5.80; F, 20.81%).

Ethyl 5-(2-*Bromocyclohexyl*)-4,4,5,5-*tetrafluoropentanoate* **24**. B.p. 90–92 °C (1 mmHg); $v_{max}(neat)/cm^{-1}$ 1740 (C=O); δ_{H} *trans*-isomer: 4.80 (1 H, m), 4.20 (2 H, q, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 7.0), 1.5–3.0 (13 H, m) and 1.30 (3 H, t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 7.0); δ_{H} *cis*-isomer: 5.77 (1 H, m), 4.20 (2 H, q, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 7.0), 1.5–3.0 (13 H, m) and 1.30 (3 H, t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 7.0); δ_{F} *trans*-isomer: 37.7 (2 F, m) and 41.5 (2 F, m); δ_{F} *cis*isomer: 36.5 (2 F, m) and 42.5 (2 F, m); m/z 363 (M + 1, 15.43%), 283 (M – Br, 22.96) and 81 (C₆H₉ – 1, 100) (Found: C, 42.7; H, 5.6; F, 21.7. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₉BrF₄O₂: C, 42.99; H, 5.27; F, 20.92%).

3-Bromomethyl-4-(2,2,3,3-tetrafluorohex-5-enyl)tetrahydrofuran **28**. B.p. 89–90 °C (1 mmHg); $\nu_{max}(neat)/cm^{-1}$ 1645 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.10–6.85 (3 H, m), 3.50–4.65 (6 H, m) and 1.78–3.50 (6 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 36.8 (m); m/z 318 (M, 88.50%), 239 (M – Br, 70.84) and 225 (M – CH₂Br, 100) (Found: C, 41.4; H, 4.6; F, 24.1. Calc. for C₁₁H₁₅BrF₄O: C, 41.40; H, 4.74; F, 23.81%).

4,4,5,5-*Tetrafluoroocta*-2-*ene*-1,8-*diol* **31**. B.p. 60–62 °C (2 mmHg); v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3350 (O–H), 1720 and 1660 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.02–6.75 (2 H, m), 5.58 (2 H, s, 2 × OH), 3.42–4.50 (4 H, m) and 1.72–3.15 (4 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 28.1–49.2 (m); *m*/z 217 (M + 1, 6.19%), 197 (M – H₂O – 1, 88.75), 181 (M – 2 H₂O + 1, 45.79) and 57 (CH₂CH₂CH₂OH – 2, 100) (Found: C, 44.5; H, 5.4; F, 36.7. Calc. for C₈H₁₂F₄O₂: C, 44.45; H, 5.60; F, 35.15%).

4,4,5,5-*Tetrafluoro-8-methoxyoct-6-en-1-ol* **33**. B.p. 77–78 °C (2.5 mmHg); ν_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3400 (O–H), 1720 and 1660 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.05–6.36 (2 H, m), 5.43 (1 H, s, OH), 4.10 (2 H, s), 3.57 (3 H, s), 3.30 (2 H, s) and 1.65–2.80 (4 H, m); $\delta_{\rm F}$ 27.7–49.5 (m); *m/z* 231 (M + 1, 23.61%), 213 (M – H₂O + 1, 23.01), 197 (M – H₂O – CH₃, 33.77) and 45 (CH₂CH₂OH, 100) (Found: C, 47.0; H, 5.9; F, 32.8. Calc. for C₉H₁₄F₄O₂: C, 46.96; H, 6.13; F, 33.01%).

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