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Fluoroalkylcopper(I) Complexes Generated by the Carbocupration of Tetrafluoroethylene: Construction of a Tetrafluoroethylene-Bridging Structure

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Construction of a Tetrafluoroethylene-Bridging Structure via Carbocupration

Selected examples:

Synthesis of a liquid-crystalline compound:

$$H_{11}C_5$$
 OH
 $H_{11}C_5$
 F
 F

Significance: The authors report the synthesis, characterization, and synthetic application of 2-aryl-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethylcopper complexes. Starting with a carbocupration of tetrafluoroethylene (TFE), a variety of 1,2-difunctionalized 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethanes were prepared in high yields.

Comment: The molecular structure of the aryl–TFE–copper species was determined by X-ray crystallography and NMR analysis. Furthermore, the synthetic utility for liquid-crystalline compounds bearing a tetrafluoroethylene-bridging structure was demonstrated.

64% yield over 6 steps

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