CYCLISATIONS INITIATED BY SOLVOLYSES OF $\alpha\text{-}CF_3$ SULFONATES AND $\alpha\text{-}CF_3$ ALCOHOLS

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The following reactions have been studied:

$$R_1$$
 R_2
 CF_3
 CF_3
 R_1
 R_2
 CF_3
 R_2
 CF_3

$$R=H$$
, SO_2CH_3 , SO_2CF_3 (depending on R_2)
 $R_1=H$, OCH_3 , CH_3
 $R_2=H$, C_6H_5

Cyclization occured for R_2 =H and C_6H_5 but failed for R_2 =CH $_3$. The results will be discussed in terms of stability of the incipient carbocation R_2 - $\dot{\xi}$ -CF $_3$ related to internal long range participation.