SYNTHESIS OF POLYFLUORINATED DIHYDROBENZO/b/THIPHENES FROM AROMATIC DERIVATIVES OF BIVALENT SULPHUR.
PROPERTIES OF POLYFLUORODIHYDROBENZO/b/THIPHENES

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We found a general route to previously inaccessible polyfluorodihydrobenzo/b/thiophenes, which involves the reaction of aromatic derivatives of bivalent sulphur with polyfluoroolefins in the presence of  $\mathbf{I}_2$  or HI in a flow system. The mechanism of these reactions involving intermediate radicals is discussed.

$$X$$
 SR + CF<sub>2</sub>=CFY  $\frac{I_2 \text{ or HI}}{330-365^{\circ}\text{C}}$   $X$  FY  
R=H,C<sub>6</sub>X<sub>5</sub>S; X=H,F; Y=F,Cl  $25-50\%$ 

We report here the results of our studies of the chemical transformations of polyfluorodihydrobenzo/b/thiophenes - in particular, the reactions with electrophilic and nucleophilic reagents and oxidants. Electrophile is shown to enter position 5. Interaction with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>Li involves cleavage of 5-membered ring. The mechanism of the cleavage is discussed. Oxidation gave the sulphoxides and the sulphones.

Kinetics of the nucleophilic reactions of some derivatives of 2,2,3,3-tetrafluorodihydrobenzo/b/thiophene has been studied.