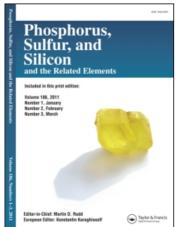
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2H-1,3-Thiazetes have been supposed to be the intermediates of the photoaddition of thiocarbonyl compounds to nitriles, yielding N-(alkylidene)thiocarboxamides 1. Using the stabilizing effect of trifluoromethyl groups on small ring systems 2 we succeeded in synthesizing 2H-1,3-thiazetes as stable compounds 3. At elevated temperatures a thermal mobile valence tautomeric equilibrium with N-(perfluoroisopropylidene)thiocarboxamides was observed, which competes with a [2+2] cycloreversion process.

The sulfur containing hetero-1,3-dienes easily accessible by this reaction turned out to be very versatile reagents. By [4+1] and [4+2] cycloaddition reactions numerous 5- and 6-membered sulfur heterocycles became readily available.

$$F_3C \times S \times F_3C \times S \times F_3C \times$$

Partially fluorinated thiazoles are the result of a new type of reaction, which includes an addition-elimination process followed by an electrocyclic reaction with a successive elimination step. The fluorine atom present at $C_{-}(5)$ is readily exchangeable by various nucleophiles.

$$F_3C$$
 CF_3
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