



Supporting Information

for

Activation of pentafluoropropane isomers at a nanoscopic aluminum chlorofluoride: hydrodefluorination versus dehydrofluorination

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Analytical data and copies of spectra

1- General procedure

In a JYoung NMR tube, 25 mg of ACF was suspended in either C_6D_6 or C_6D_{12} (0.4 mL) as solvent. In the reactions involving a silane, either 60 μL of silane were added to the tubes containing a solvent (0.4 mL) or the reactions were performed in neat silane (0.5 mL). The gases were then condensed using a small glass bulb filled with 0.5 atm of the corresponding gas (0.1 mmol). The reactions were monitored by ^1H and ^{19}F NMR spectroscopy over 7 days and the tubes were kept at 70 $^\circ\text{C}$. PhCF_3 or C_6F_6 was used as an external standard in a closed capillary in order to calculate the conversion based on the consumed substrate by the integration of ^{19}F NMR spectra.

2- Activation of 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluoropropane **10a**

a. Without the presence of silane

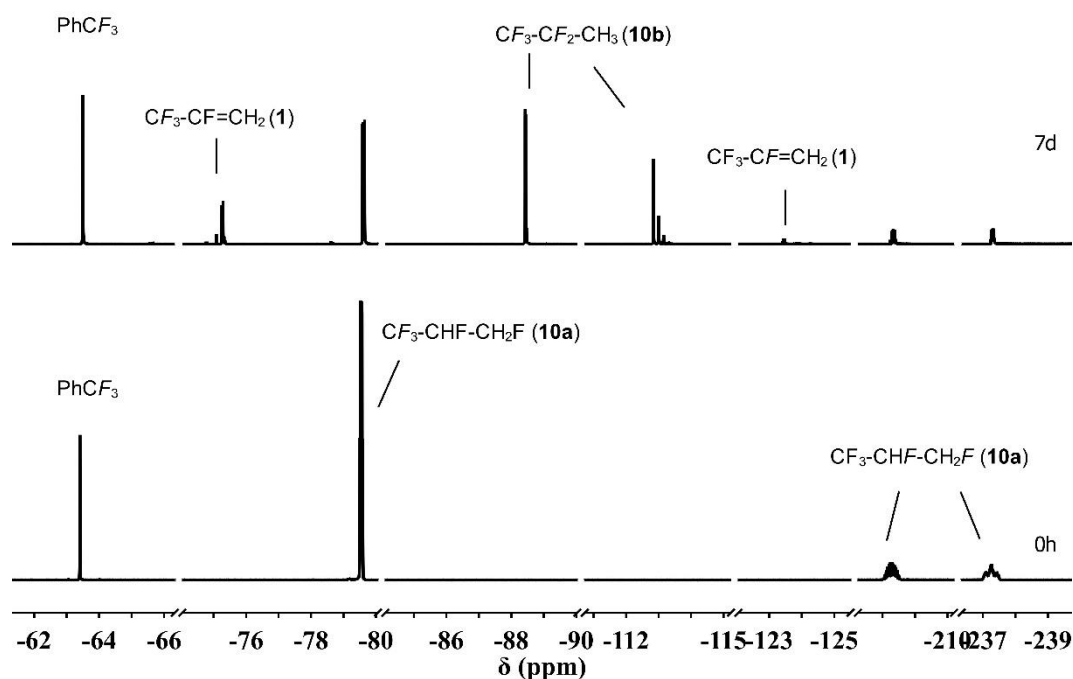


Figure 1: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10a** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst in C_6D_{12} .

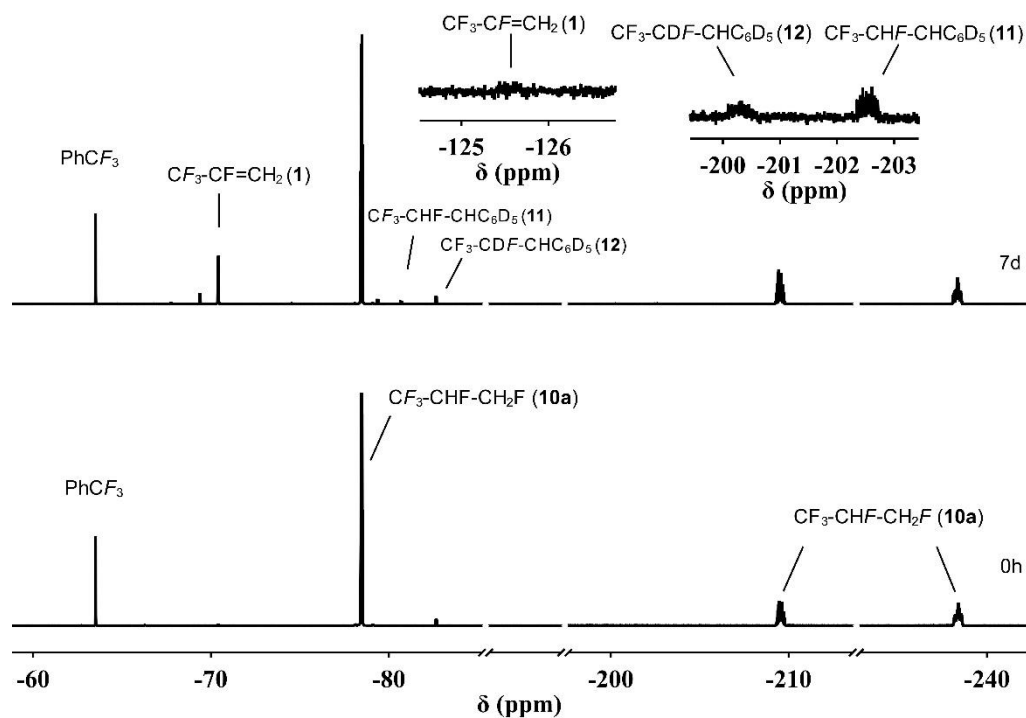


Figure 2: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10a** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst in C_6D_6 .

b. In the presence of silane

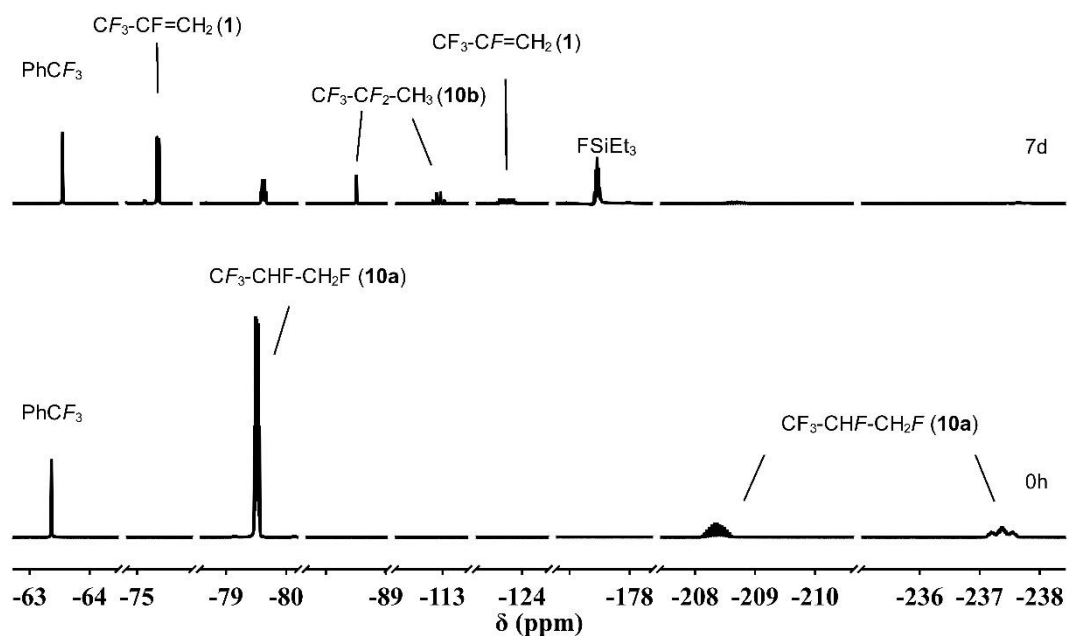


Figure 3: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10a** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_{12} .

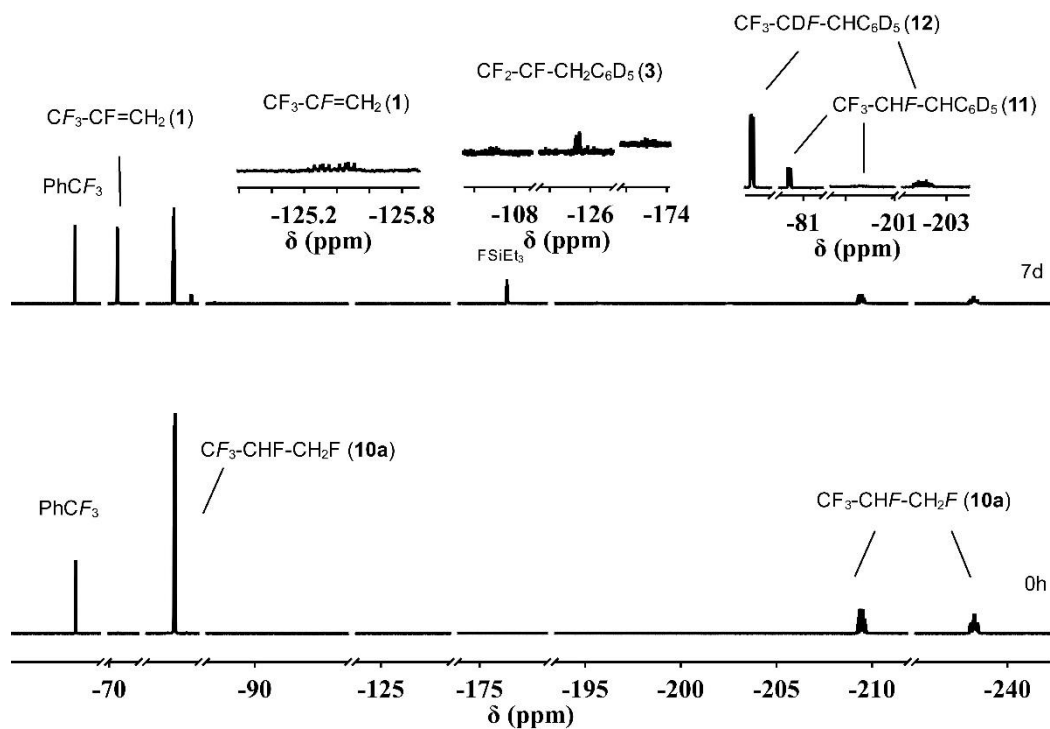


Figure 4: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10a** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_6 .

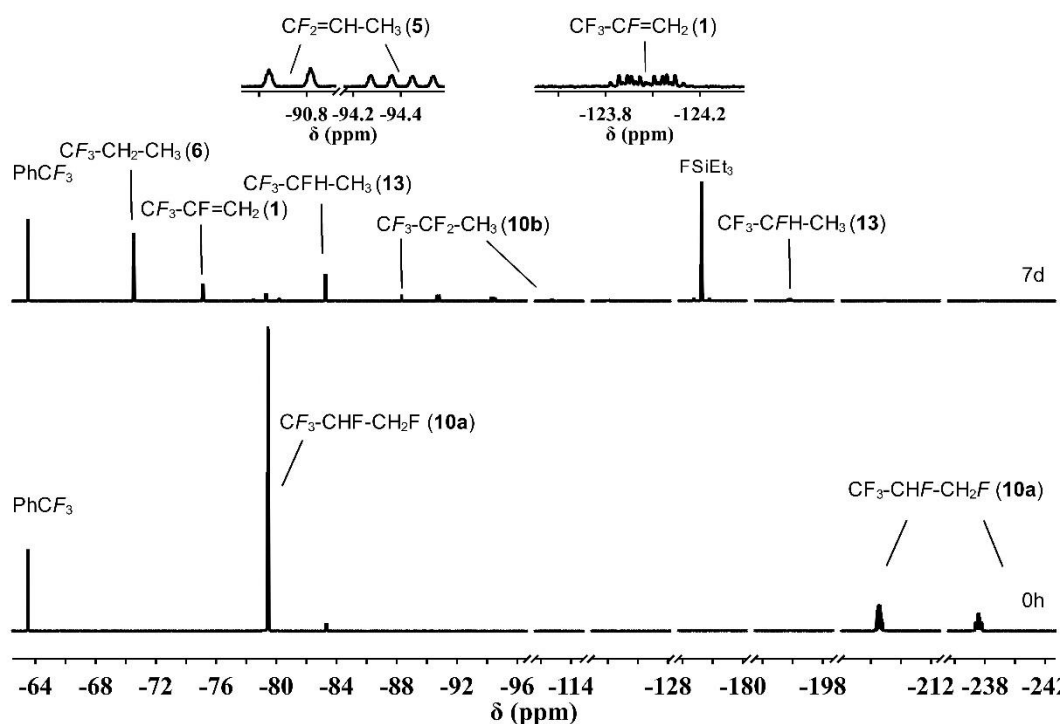


Figure 5: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10a** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source (neat).

3- Activation of 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane **10c**

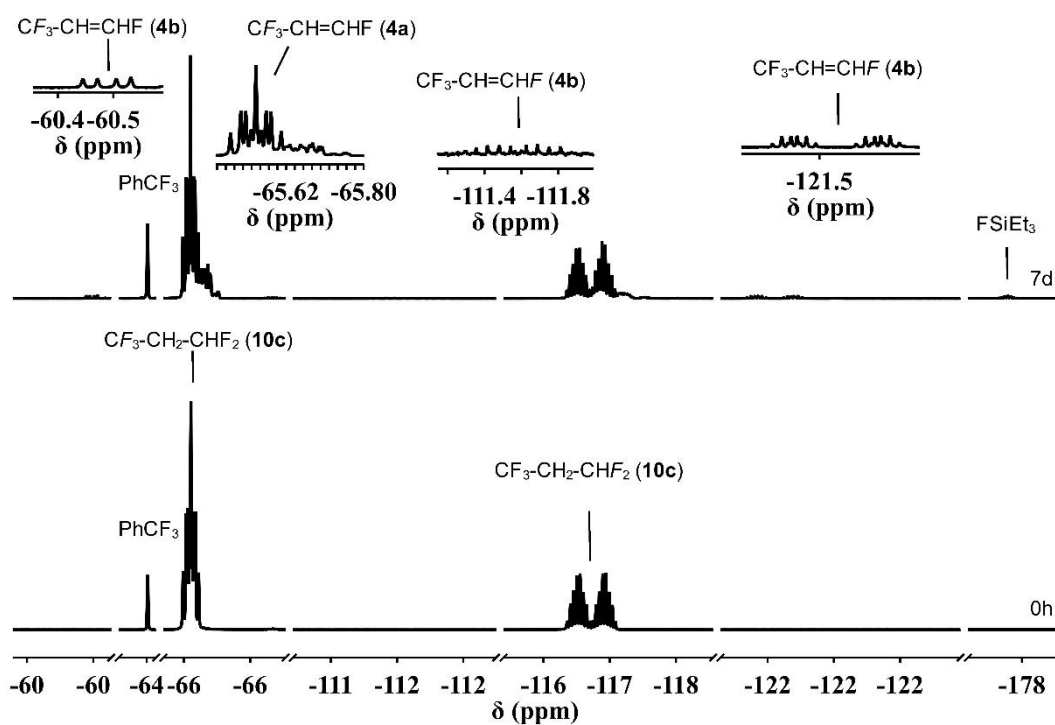


Figure 6: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10c** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and 0.5 equivalent of HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_{12} .

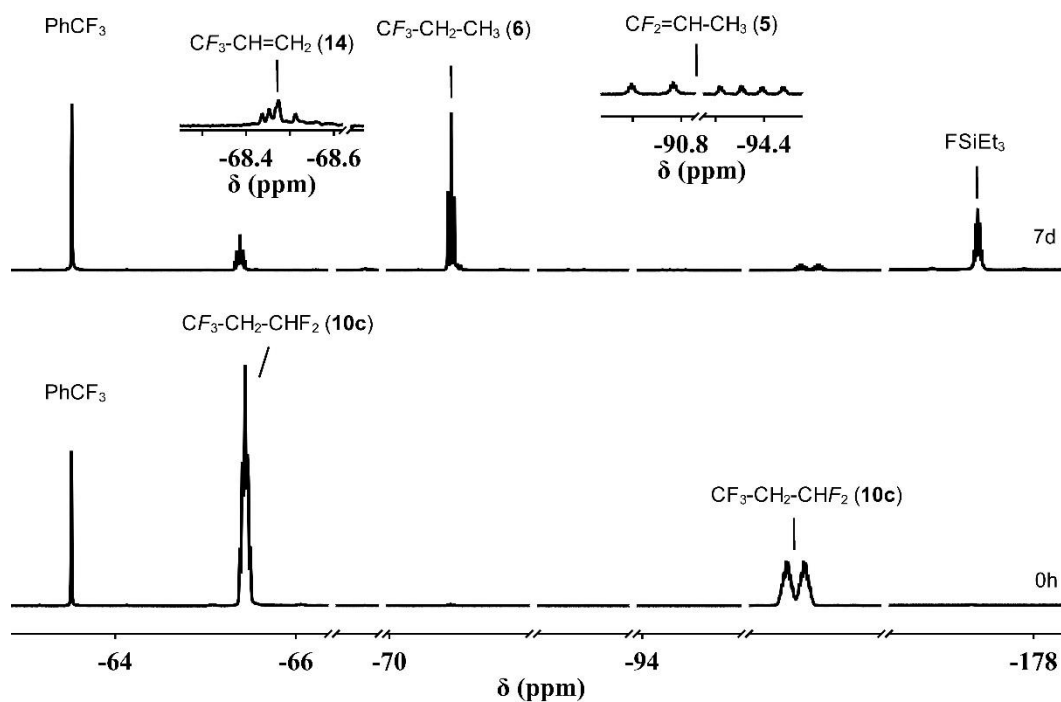


Figure 7: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10c** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_{12} .

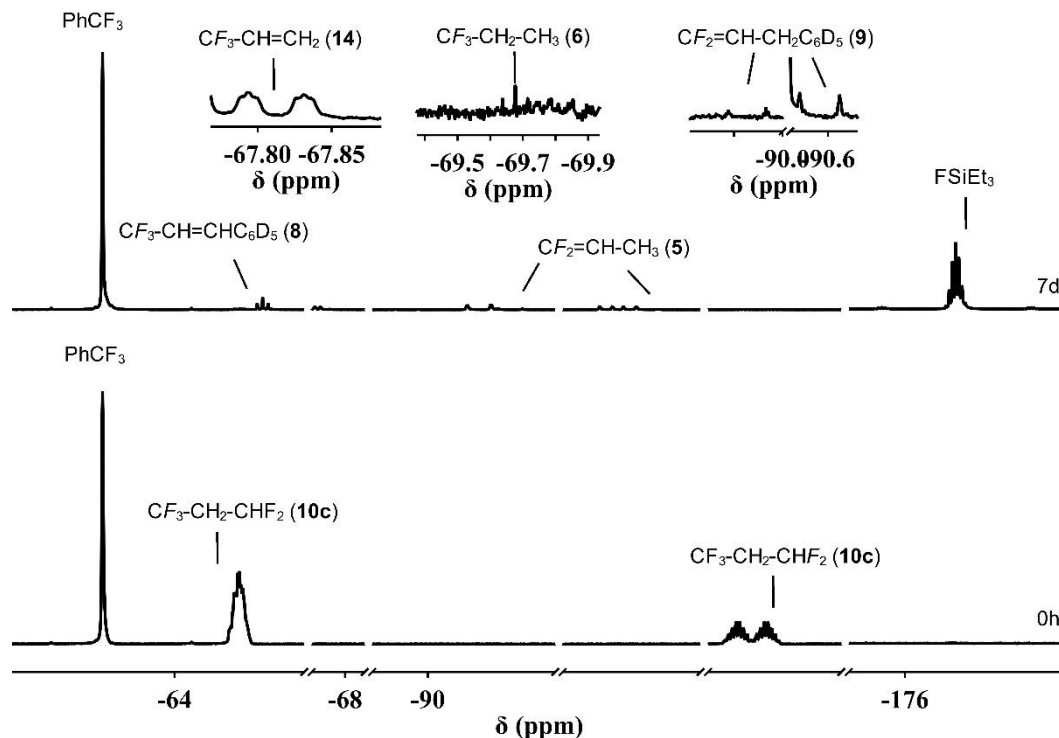


Figure 8: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10c** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_6 .

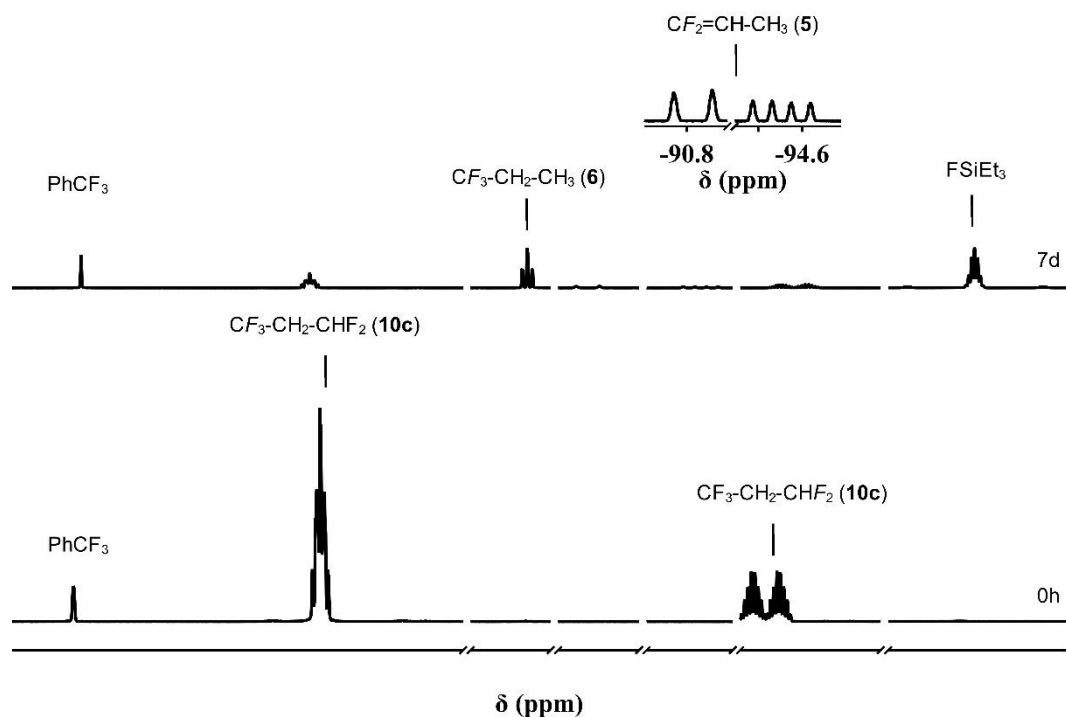


Figure 9: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10c** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source (neat).

4- Activation of 1,1,1,2,2-pentafluoropropane **10b**

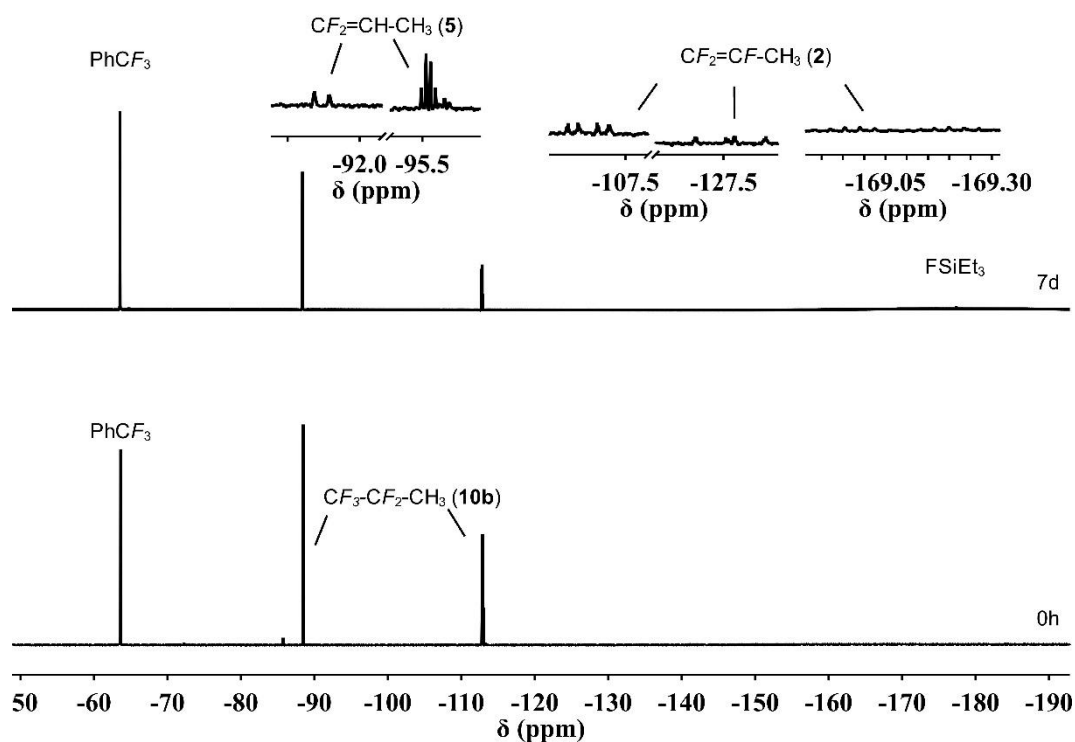


Figure 10: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10b** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_{12} .

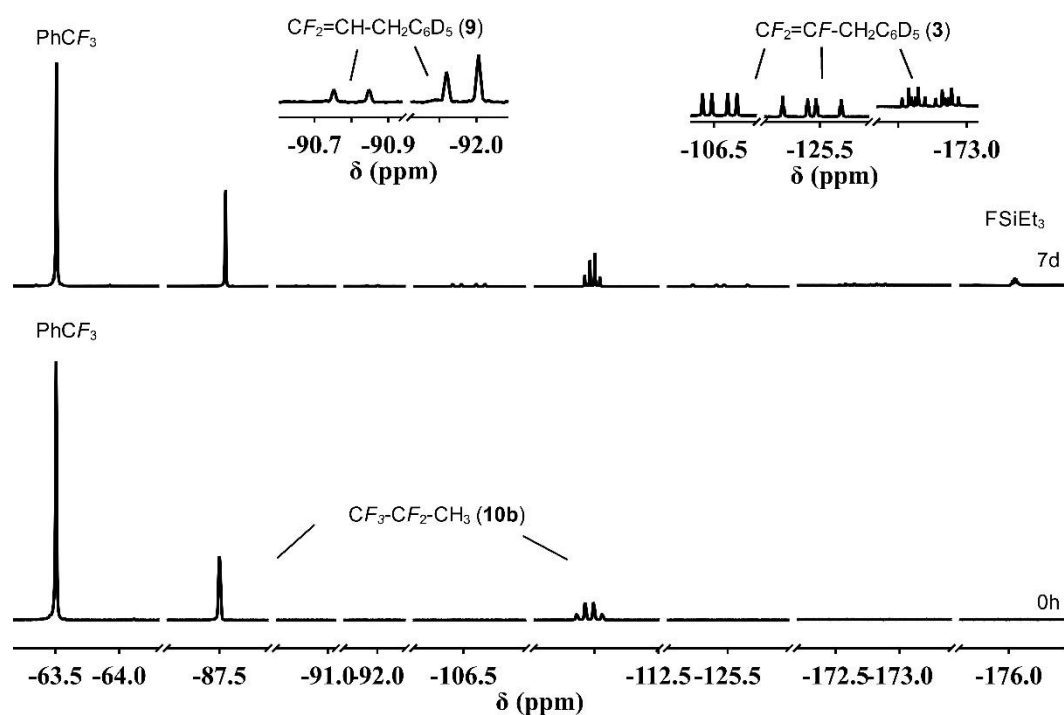


Figure 11: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10b** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_6 .

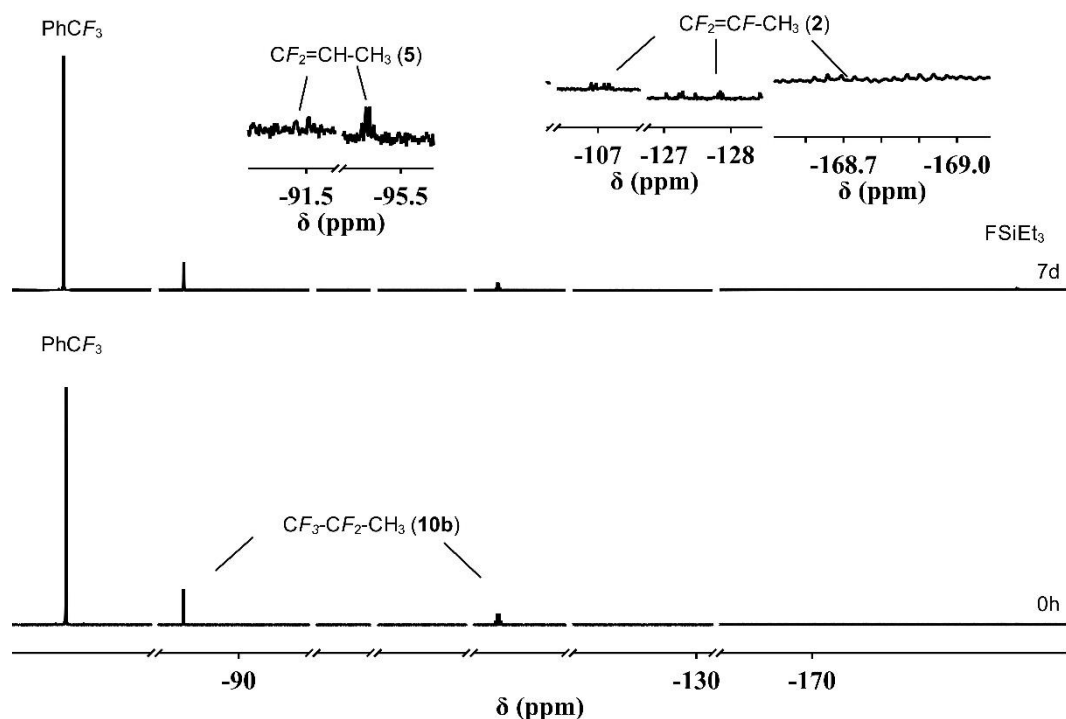


Figure 12: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **10b** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source (neat).

5- Independent reactions

c. 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoropropane **13**

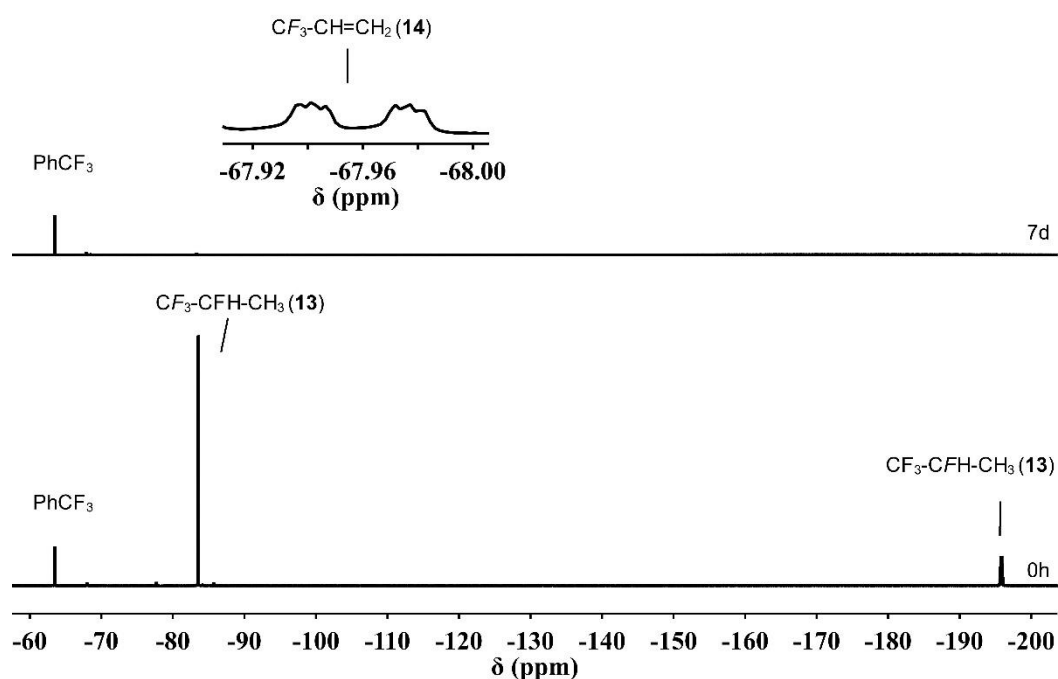


Figure 13: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **13** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst in C_6D_{12} .

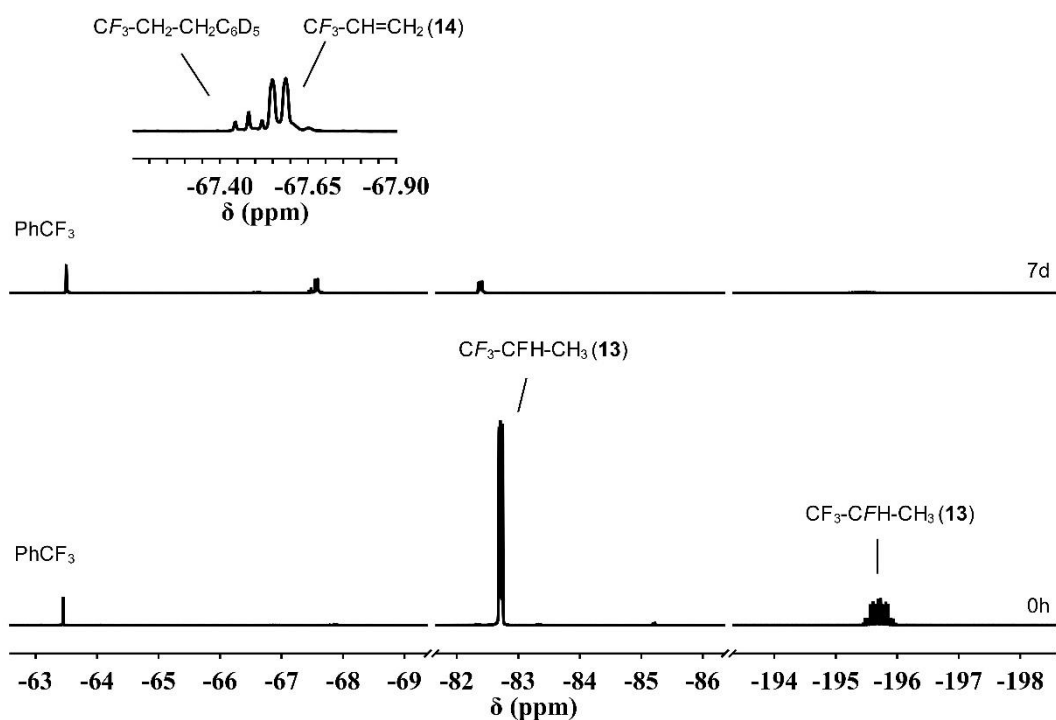


Figure 14: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **13** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst in C_6D_6 .

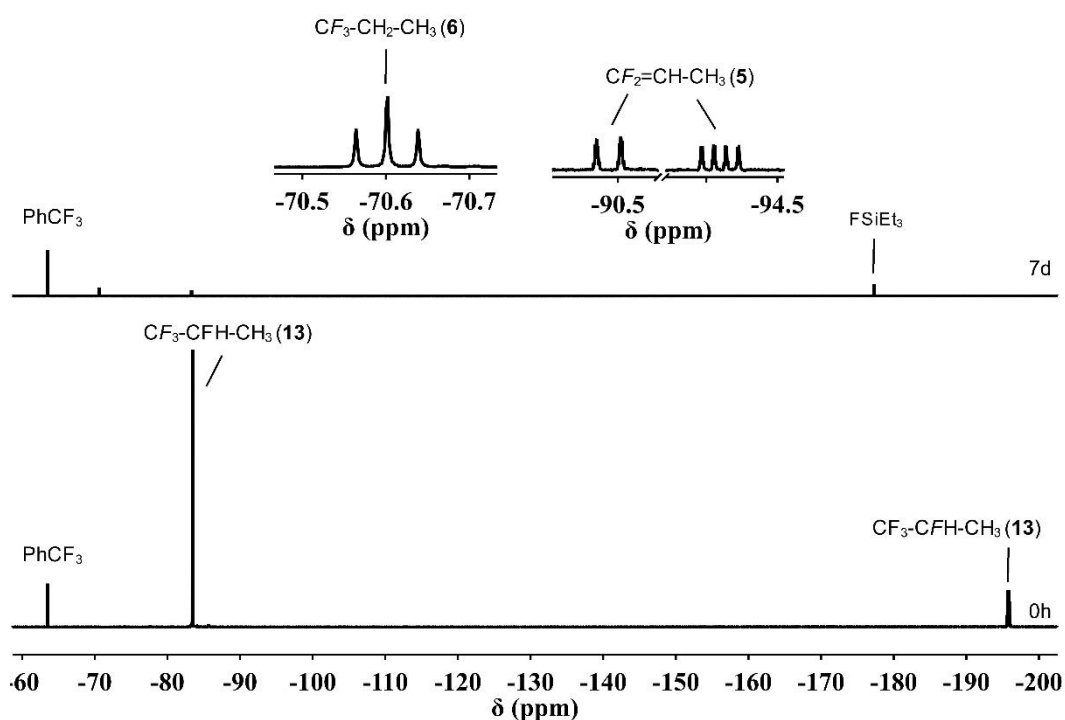


Figure 15: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **13** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_{12} .

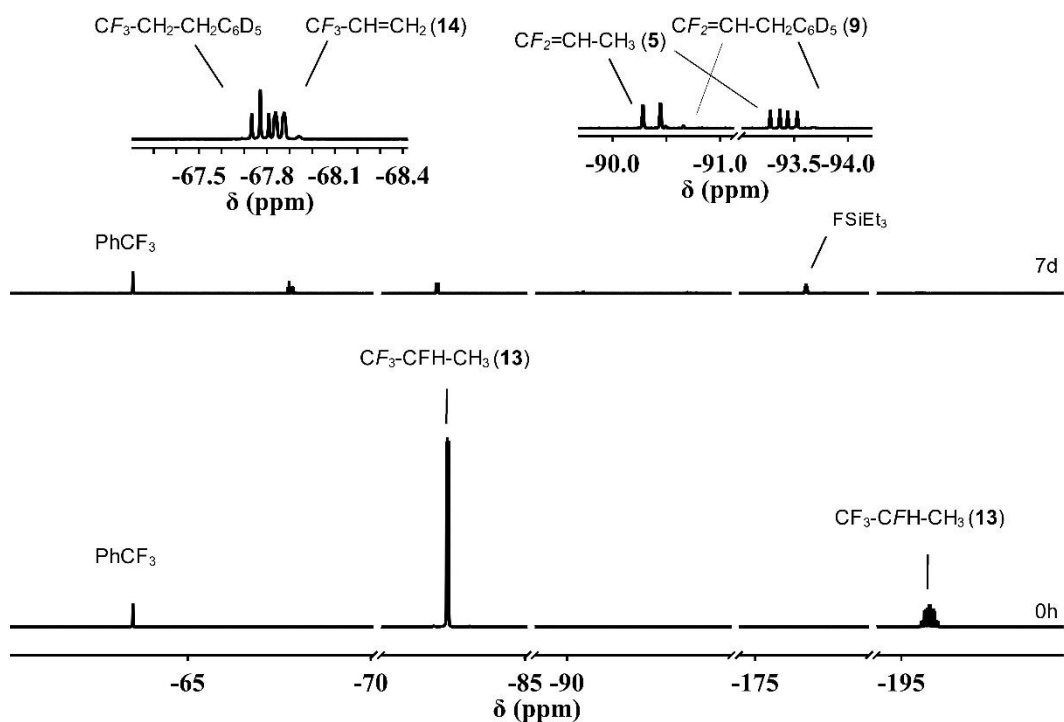


Figure 16: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **13** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_6 .

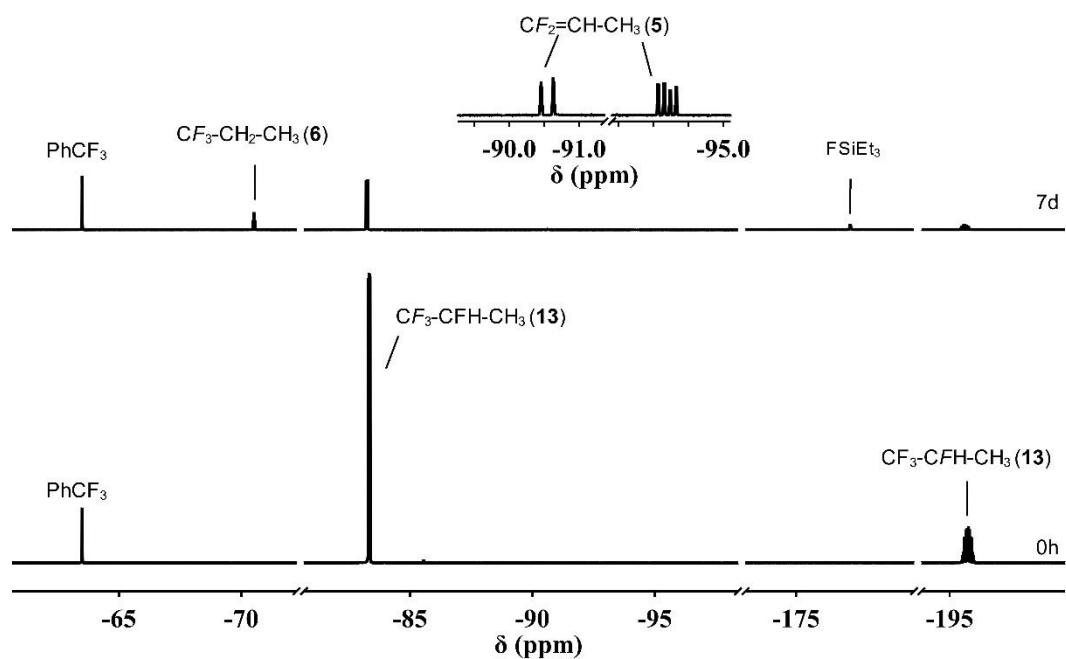


Figure 17: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **13** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source (neat).

d. 1,1-difluoropropene **5**

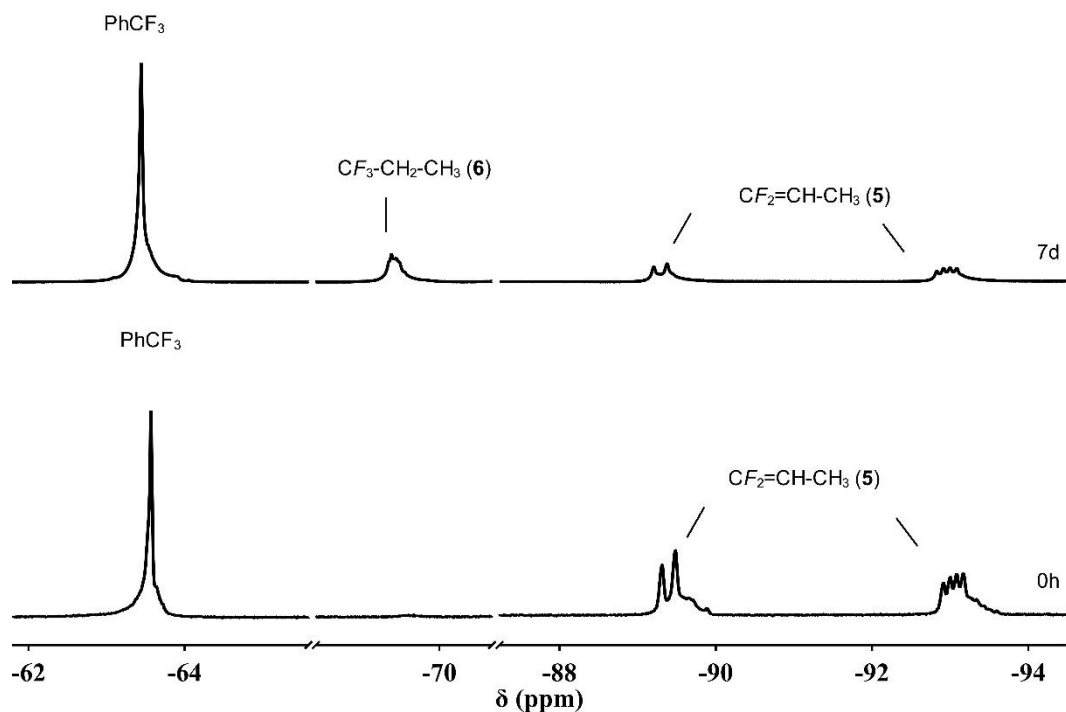


Figure 18: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **5** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HF in C_6D_{12} .

e. 1,1,1-trifluoropropane **6**

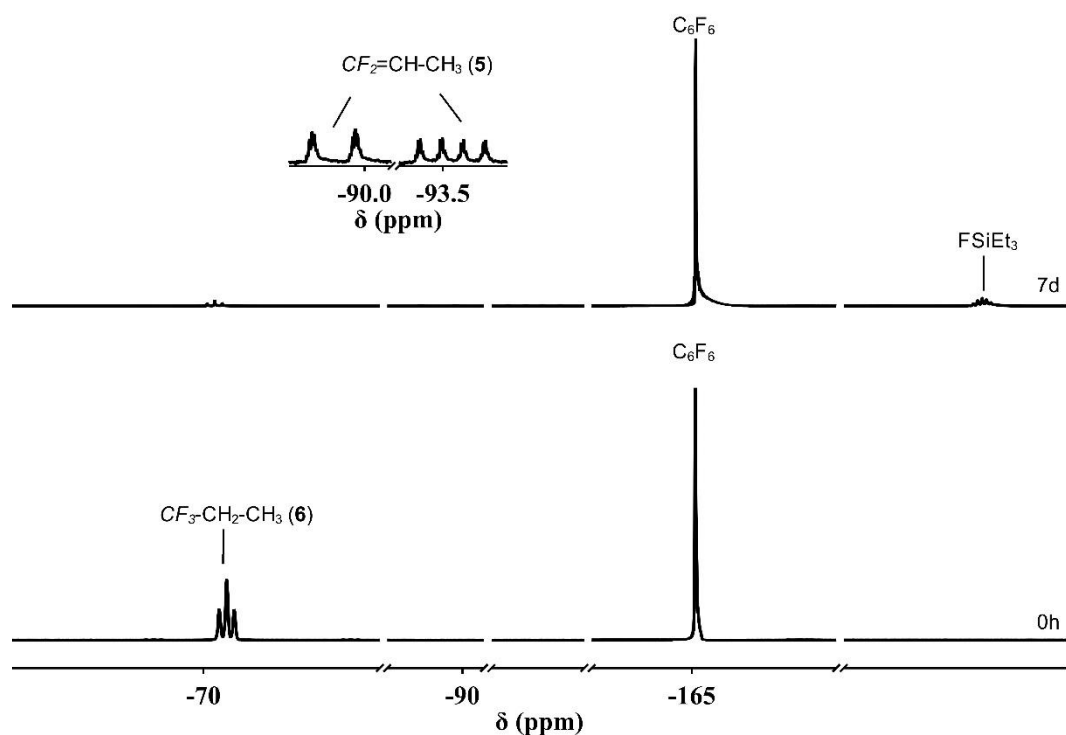


Figure 19: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **6** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_{12} .

f. 3,3,3-trifluoropropene **14**

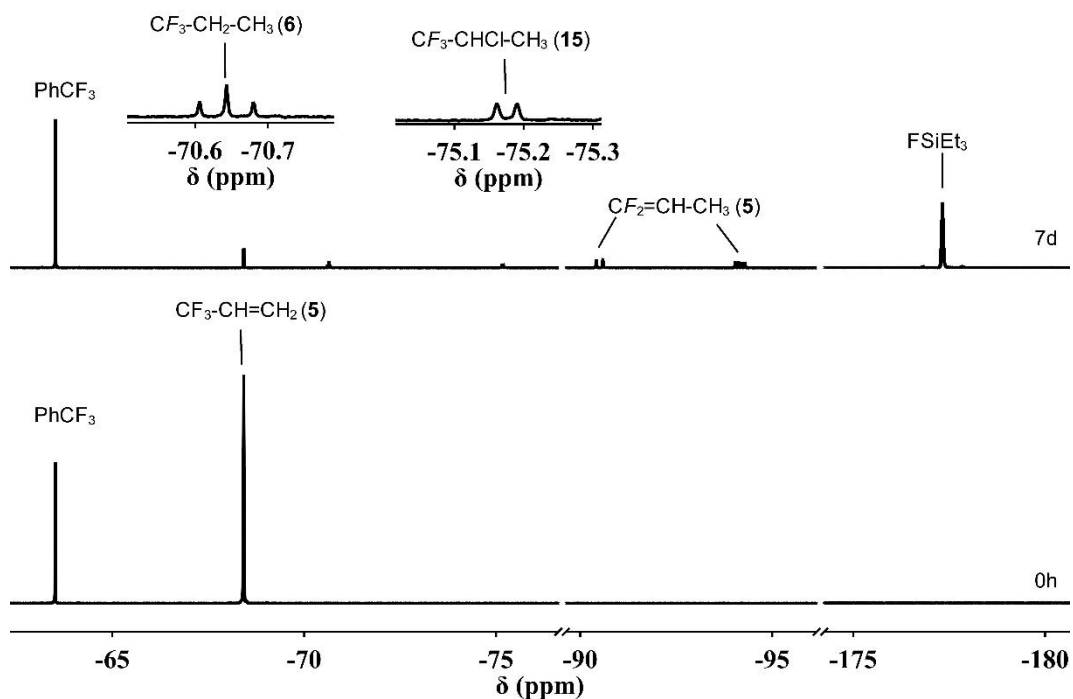


Figure 20: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **14** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_{12} .

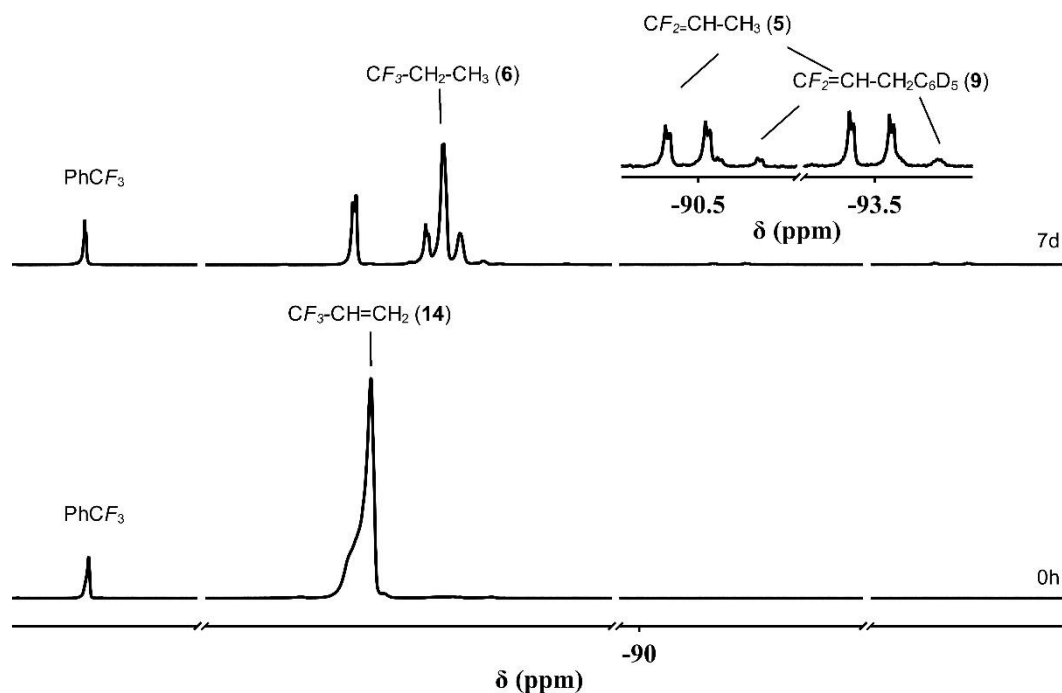


Figure 21: ^{19}F NMR spectra for the activation of **14** in the presence of ACF as the catalyst and HSiEt_3 as the hydrogen source in C_6D_6 .

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CF=CH}_2$ (1) [1]:

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_{12}): 4.46 (dd, $J = 13.2$ Hz, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H, CH_2), 4.32 (ddq, $J = 14.8$ Hz, $J = 4.9$ Hz, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, CH_2) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_{12}): -74.4 (dd, $J = 11$ Hz, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -125.2 (ddq, $J = 44$ Hz, $J = 14.8$, $J = 11$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_{12}): -74.4 (d, $J = 11$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -125.2 (q, $J = 11$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_2\text{=CFCH}_3$ (2) [2]:

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 3.87 (dt, $J = 17$ Hz, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 3H, CH_3) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -107.4 (ddq, $J = 91$ Hz, $J = 32$ Hz, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -127.2 (ddq, $J = 114$ Hz, $J = 91$ Hz, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -168.2 (ddq, $J = 114$ Hz, $J = 32$ Hz, $J = 17$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -107.4 (dd, $J = 91$ Hz, $J = 32$ Hz, 1F, CF_2) , -127.2 (dd, $J = 114$ Hz, $J = 91$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -168.2 (dd, $J = 114$ Hz, $J = 32$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_2\text{CFCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{D}_5$ (3):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 3.10 (ddd, $J = 23$ Hz, $J = 4$ Hz, $J = 3$ Hz, 3H, CH_3) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -107 (ddt, $J = 87$ Hz, $J = 32$ Hz, $J = 3$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -125.7 (ddt, $J = 114.7$ Hz, $J = 86.4$ Hz, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -173 (ddt, $J = 114.7$ Hz, $J = 32$ Hz, $J = 23$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -107 (dd, $J = 87$ Hz, $J = 32$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -125.7 (dd, $J = 114.7$ Hz, $J = 86.4$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -173 (ddt, $J = 114.7$ Hz, $J = 32$ Hz, $J = 23$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}=\text{CHF}$ (4a) [3]:

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_{12}): 6.24 (ddq, $J = 77$ Hz, $J = 11$ Hz, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H, CH), 4.88 (dq, $J = 15$ Hz, $J = 11$ Hz, $J = 7$ Hz, 1H, CH) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_{12}): -62.3 (tt, $J = 8$ Hz, $J = 2$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -119.3 (dm, $J = 77$, $J = 8$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_{12}): -61.5 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -119.3 (q, $J = 8$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}=\text{CHF}$ (4b) [3]:

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_{12}): 5.42 (dd, $J = 77$ Hz, $J = 5$ Hz, 1H, CH), 4.26 (dq, $J = 37$ Hz, $J = 7.7$ Hz, $J = 5$ Hz, 1H, CH) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_{12}): -58.7 (dd, $J = 7$ Hz, $J = 17$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -110 (dm, $J = 77$, $J = 17$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_{12}): -58.7 (d, $J = 17$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -110.3 (q, $J = 17$, 1F, CF) ppm

Analytical data of CF_2CHCH_3 (5):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 4.00 (dq, $J = 25$ Hz, $J = 7$ Hz, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H, CH), 1.48 (dt, $J = 7$ Hz, $J = 3$ Hz, 3H, CH_3) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -90.4 (m, 1F, CF_2), -94.1 (ddq, $J = 48$ Hz, $J = 25$ Hz, $J = 3$ Hz, 1F, CF_2) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -90.4 (d, $J = 48$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -94.1 (d, $J = 48$ Hz, 1F, CF_2) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ (6):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 1.95 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.06 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 3H, CH_3) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -70.5 (t, $J = 10$ Hz, 3F, CF_3) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -70.5 (s, 3F, CF_3) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{D}_5$ (9):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 3.99 (dtd, $J = 22.4$ Hz, $J = 8$ Hz, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H, CH), 2.94 (dt, $J = 22.4$ Hz, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H, CH_2) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -90.3 (d, $J = 46$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -93.1 - -93.7 (m, 1F, CF_2) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -90.3 (d, $J = 46$ Hz, 1F, CF_2), -93.1 - -93.7 (d, $J = 46$ Hz, 1F, CF_2) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CHFCH}_2\text{F}$ (10a):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 4.84 (m, 1H, CHF), 4.66 (m, 1H, CH_2F), 4.76 ppm (m, 1H, CH_2F) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -79.6 (q, $J = 6$ Hz, $J = 11$ Hz, $J = 25$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -208.3 (m, 1F, CHF), -237.3 (m, 1F, CH_2F) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -79.6 (q, $J = 6$ Hz, $J = 11$ Hz, $J = 16$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -208.3 (qt, $J = 6$ Hz, $J = 11$ Hz, $J = 16$ Hz, 1F, CHF), -237.3 (m, 1F, CH_2F) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_3$ (10b):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 1.70 (tt, $J = 1.2$ Hz, $J = 18$ Hz, 3H, CH_3), ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -88.3 (s, 3F, CF_3), -112.8 (q, $J = 18$ Hz, 2F, CF_2) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -88.3 (s, 3F, CF_3), -112.8 (s, $J = 18$ Hz, 2F, CF_2) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHF}_2$ (10c):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 2.66 (m, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 3H, CH_2), 5.97 (tt, $J = 4.7$ Hz, $J = 54$ Hz, 1H, CHF_2) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -63.1 (tm, $J = 8$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -116 (dm, $J = 8$ Hz, $J = 57$ Hz, 2F, CHF_2) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -63.1 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -116 (m, $J = 8$ Hz, 2F, CHF_2) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CHFCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{D}_5$ (11):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 2.25 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 3.94 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H, CH) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -79.4 (dd, $J = 6$ Hz, $J = 11$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -202 (m, $J = 18$, 1F, CF) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -79.4 (d, $J = 11$, 3F, CF_3), -202 (q, $J = 11$, 1F, CF) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CDFCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{D}_5$ (12):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 2.28 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -80.7 (dd, $J = 6$ Hz, $J = 11$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -200 (m, $J = 18$, 1F, CF) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -80.7 (d, $J = 11$, 3F, CF_3), -200 (q, $J = 11$, 1F, CF) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CHFCH}_3$ (13):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 1.5 (dd, $J = 25$ Hz, $J = 6$ Hz, 3H, CH_3), 4.8 (dm, $J = 46$ Hz, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H, CH) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -83.5 (dd, $J = 11$ Hz, $J = 6$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -195.8 (m, $J = 10$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -82.3 (d, $J = 11$ Hz, 3F, CF_3), -194.5 (q, $J = 10$ Hz, 1F, CF) ppm

Analytical data of $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ (14):

δ ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 5.39-5.33 (m, 2H, CH_2), 4.88 - 4.75 (m, 1H, CH) ppm

δ ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -67.4 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 3F, CF_3) ppm

δ $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): -67.4 (s, 3F, CF_3) ppm

Analytical data of CF₃CHClCH₃ (15) [4]:

δ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆): 4.04 (q, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm

δ ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, C₆D₆): -74.2 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 3F, CF₃) ppm

δ ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282 MHz, C₆D₆): -74.2 (s, 3F, CF₃) ppm

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