

FLUORINE CONTAINING POLYMER MATERIALS BASED ON UNSATURATED ACIDS MODIFIED ACCORDING TO ESTER FRAGMENT AND THEIR PRACTICAL APPLICATION

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Here we discuss the approach to the fluorine modification of acrylates and maleates ester fragment using partly fluorinated alcohols and acrylic, methacrylic and maleic acids' derivative synthesize them. We also discuss the reactions involving multiply bond and carboxylic group maleic acid fluorine containing mono-ester and acrylic acid esters. We analyze acrylic polymerization processes their co-polymerization with other olefines, and also fluorine containing polymers' characteristics. We also take a look at practical application fields of such polymer materials.

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Introduction

At every stage of technical progress the role and direction of fundamental researches, especially ones of new class of organic compounds is initiated by society's need in new materials, which can't be obtained without creating fundamentally new, possessing high consumer properties and able to work under more severe conditions materials. Indeed fluorine compounds meet such requirements and can play a defining part in intensification and production simplification of many goods without fundamental reconstruction of existing manufactures. Perfluorinated compounds are the compounds of our present and future. The production of such perfluorinated organic compounds has already been developed. Such compounds meet up-to-date requirements by thermophysical and dielectric characteristics, can be used in a wide temperature and thermal loads ranges their practical application field is

found. The entire replacement of hydrogen atoms for fluorine in the organic molecule results in changing of properties, what has been used to create new generation materials possessing excellent working characteristics. They began to be used for metals and alloys atmospheric and salt corrosion defense, and also as lubricating oils, applied at aggressive conditions, in hydraulic liquids, as heat transfers, liquids for vacuum pumps, operating in corrosion active medium, as additives for oils, and at high pressure in different compressors etc. In terms of scope and level of scientific achievement and scale of their commercial implementation the fluorine chemistry is now a powerful independent scientific and technical direction of organic chemistry.

The production of fluorine containing materials doesn't only depend on the level of our knowledge regarding fluororganic compounds properties, but also on their practical application perspectives which is dictated by development of technical conception.

Among fluoropolymers [1-3] an independent and intensively developing class of polymers and copolymers, acrylates and methacrylates [3-7] fluorine modified fills an important place. It occurs because of the fact, that acrylates based on fluorinated alcohols possess unique properties, especially high hydro- and oleophobic abilities. It makes a base to obtain polymeric suspensions for fibrous articles surface processing and creating coatings for non-organic materials. In most cases water and oil-repellent agents are obtained out of polymers, which main chains are poly-acrylic or polymetacrylic acid, turning acid groups into fluorocarboxylic chains ester ones (C8-C10) [8-12]. They are surfactants, sorbing at the edge of phase break sharply change surfaces' nature and properties. Their specific surface activity, which can't be reached in case of hydrocarboxylic component, makes a base to create materials, which achieved a strong position among commercial products. Surface energy of coatings made of such fluorine containing polymers is low, and that's why they can be hardly dampened and are characterized by low friction coefficients comparatively to other solid materials. This said above allows creating materials for field of techniques. The field of their practical application includes different directions. For example, we can point out the water and oil-repellent properties and chemicals for fabrics [13], materials for microelectronics [14], surfactants (SAM) for oleophobic polymerization processes [10], systems stable to electronic strike and X-rays [15-17] etc.

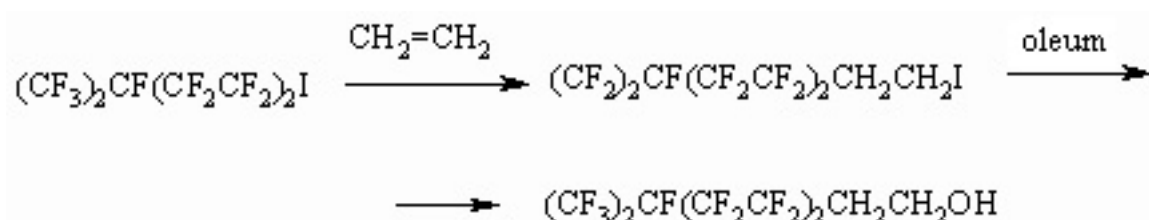
Here we see the chemical enterprises re-orientation to science intensive articles production, technologies and new products.

The synthesis of fluorine modified monomers (acrylates) is mainly carried out by interaction of acrylic and metacrylic acids with linear partially fluorinated alcohols, that was boosted by patent competition [18]. The interest for modified acrylates is constantly growing a great file of information on this class of compounds, especially in the field of practical application. If earlier at acrylates synthesis they used linear poly-fluorinated aliphatic alcohols, then by now the interest for introduction opportunities of hydrophilic fragments such as ether bounds, nitrogen atoms etc into main chain of molecule is shown. Such opportunity for acrylates can be implemented in hydrocarboxylic skeleton of ester part.

Acrylic and metacrylic acids are commercially produced in huge amounts. Because of this researchers paid a lot of their attention to developing of partly fluorinated alcohols obtaining methods and technology and other unsaturated organic compounds co-polymerization processes [1,3]. The requirements for properties of polymer materials used for techniques, in regards to wearing qualities, weather resistance, incombustibility, antiadhesive and anti-corrosive properties, dielectrical and other special characteristics remain high. Owing to so strict requirements for such materials and in consequence that their production is complicated and price is high compare to other plastics they work up a special market. Combination of fluorine containing polymer materials based on acrylates improves their characteristics of chemical and atmosphere stable coatings.

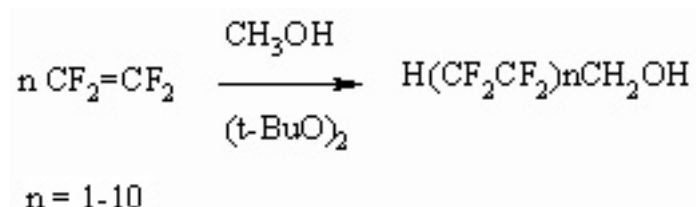
In this review we demonstrate the last decade achievements in the field of synthesis and application of polymer materials based on acrylates and maleates, containing fluorine modified ester fragments, the synthesis of which is based first of all on use of partly fluorinated alcohols. These alcohols production technology is based on the following chemical transformations. .

1) Alcohols like $R_FCH_2CH_2OH$ are produced out of R_FI perfluoroalkyl iodides, which at first were introduced into reaction with ethylene with further saponification of new sub-derivative [19,20].



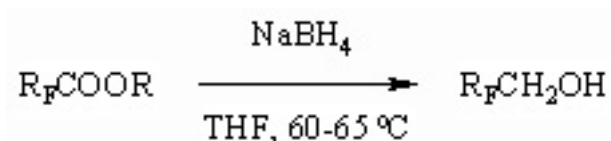
The method is implemented in commercial scale.

2) Synthesis method of $\text{H}(\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2)_n\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ($n = 1-15$) telomeric alcohols is based on telomerization of tetrafluoroethylene and other fluorolefines in methyl alcohol or aliphatic alcohol in presence of peroxide initiators [21-55].



This process is implemented commercially.

3) Alcohols like $\text{R}_F\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ are obtained by reduction of polyfluorinated carbonyl containing compounds (perfluorocarboxylic acids, ethers [51,56-69] and diketones and ketofluoroanhydrides) by NaBH_4 or LiAlH_4 action.



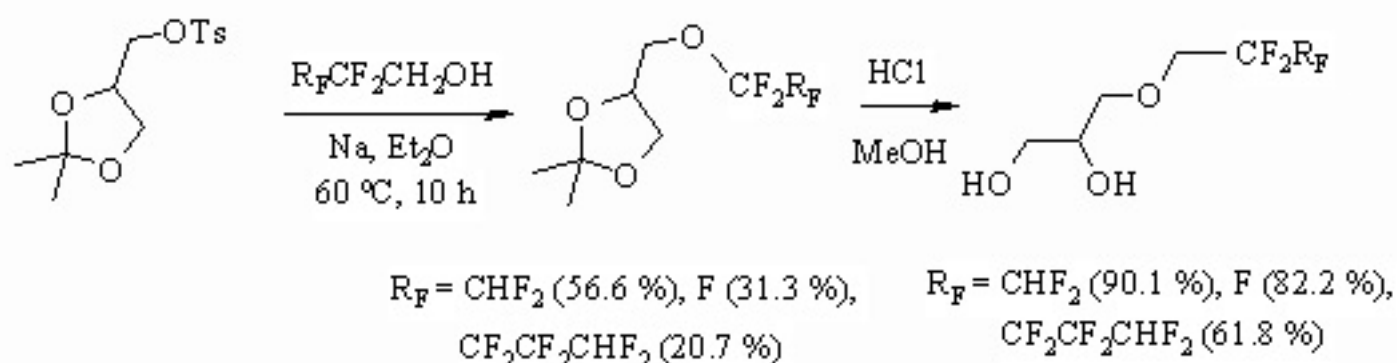
$\text{R}_F = \text{CF}_3(\text{CF}_2)_m(\text{CH}_2)_n$ ($m = 0-20$; $n = 0-5$);

$\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_m(\text{CH}_2)_n$ ($m = 1-20$; $n = 0-5$);

$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CF}$; $\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}$; $\text{CF}_2=\text{C}-\text{CF}_3$

$\text{R} = \text{Me}$, $n\text{-Pr}$, $i\text{-Pr}$

4) Synthesis of diols with polyfluoroalkyl groups was developed by Paleta and his co-workers. It is carried out by reaction of partly fluorinated alcohols and 4(hydroxymethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-5-yl tosylate with further deprotonation of reaction product [71-79].



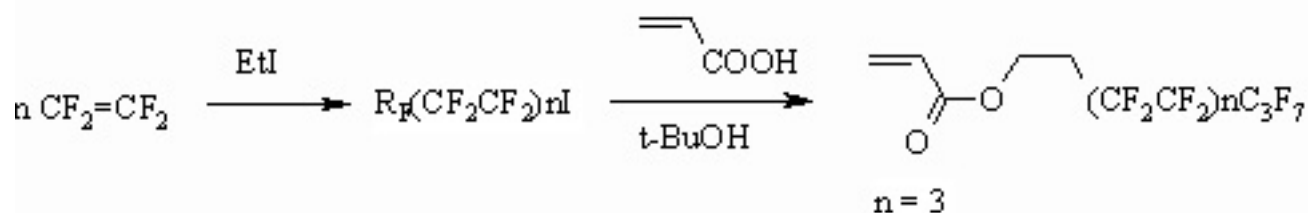
Acrylic acid itself and methacrylic acid or its chloroanhydride, anhydride, maleic acid or maleic anhydride are used as unsaturated carboxylic acids.

1. Obtaining of Fluorine Modified Acrylates Ester Fragment.

Esterification of acrylic and methacrylic acid by poly-fluorinated alcohols like $\text{R}(\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2)_n\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ($\text{R} = \text{H, F}$; $n = 1-4$) or $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2)_n\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ($n = 1-4$) is carried out in presence of acidic catalyst (sulfuric acid) and concentrated sulfuric acid in toluene medium at $110\text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$ for 6-8 h [80-83].

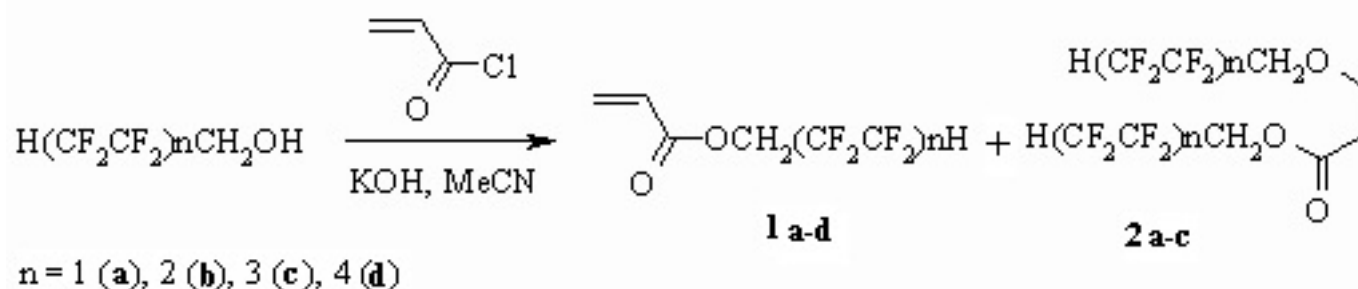
perfluoroalkylethyliodides like $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CF}(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{I}$ can also be used, but in this case acrylic potassium salt is used and reaction is held in presence of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}\text{N}^+\text{Et}_3 \cdot \text{I}^-$ salt in isopropyl alcohol at 120°C for 5 h [84].

Fluorine containing acrylate synthesis can be carried out without isolating of corresponding alcohol. Thus, the authors of the work [85] showed such an opportunity, using two apparatus. Inside the first one the tetrafluoroethylene's telomerization is carried out in the presence of ethyl iodine, then reaction products are put inside the second apparatus, where the acrylic acid and tert-butyl alcohol are added that leads to formation of corresponding acrylate.

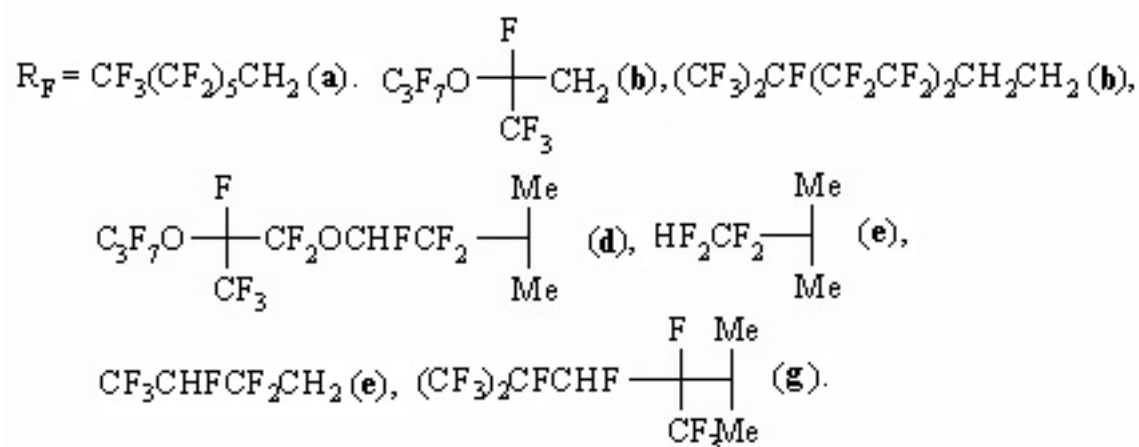
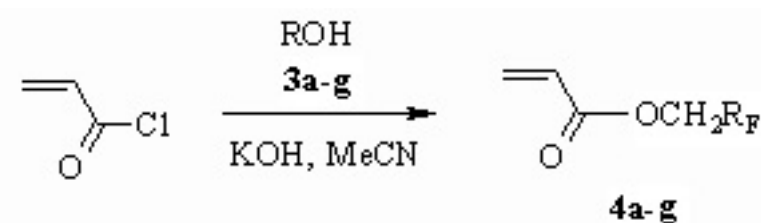


Most often acrylic and methacrylic acid chloroanhydride and anhydride are used, the reaction is carried out in the presence of Et_3N .

When $\text{H}(\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2)_n\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ($n = 1-4$) linear fluorinated alcohols are influencing acrylic acid chloroanhydride in the presence of bases (KOH , NEt_3) acrylates are formed in acetonitrile [30,80,81]. Here the base plays the definitive part. Thus when using potash (K_2CO_3) in acetonitrile we get corresponding ester of acrylic acid **1a** in the mixture of initial alcohol; NEt_3 promotes the formation of only one product **1a**, while KOH is very effective, however we get not only the **1a** product as expected but also (**2a**) compound, which is a result of fluorinated alcohol addition according to the C=O bond of reaction product **1a**. It should be noticed that before was showed [86] the formation of addition product according to C=C bond of telomeric alcohols with acrylonitrile, though those authors carried out their reaction in the presence of sodium metal at 40°C (yield is 73 %). At present conditions acrylic acid chloroanhydride other telomeric alcohols along with **1b-d** acrylates produce also **2** compounds.

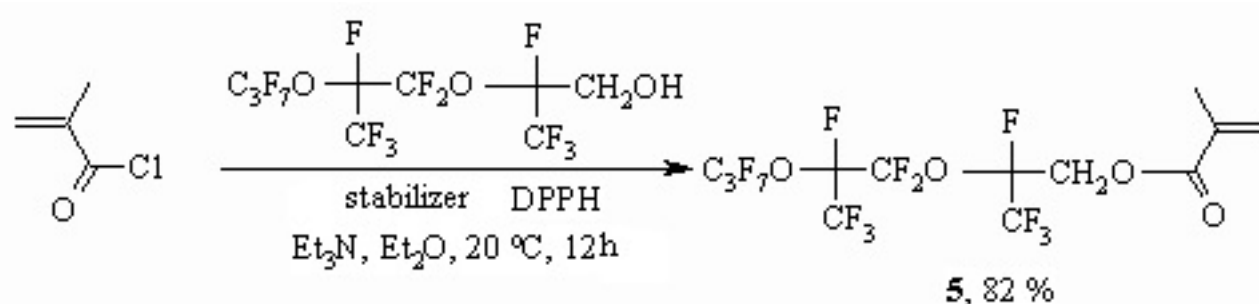


Thus, depending on fluorinated alcohol being used we should apply either triethylamine or KOH base, that depends on their activity. Other fluorinated alcohols **3a-g** which have a branching in carbon chain especially in the beginning, or oxygen atoms are introduced into reaction with acrylic acid chloroanhydride, at that acrylates **4a-g** were obtained [30].

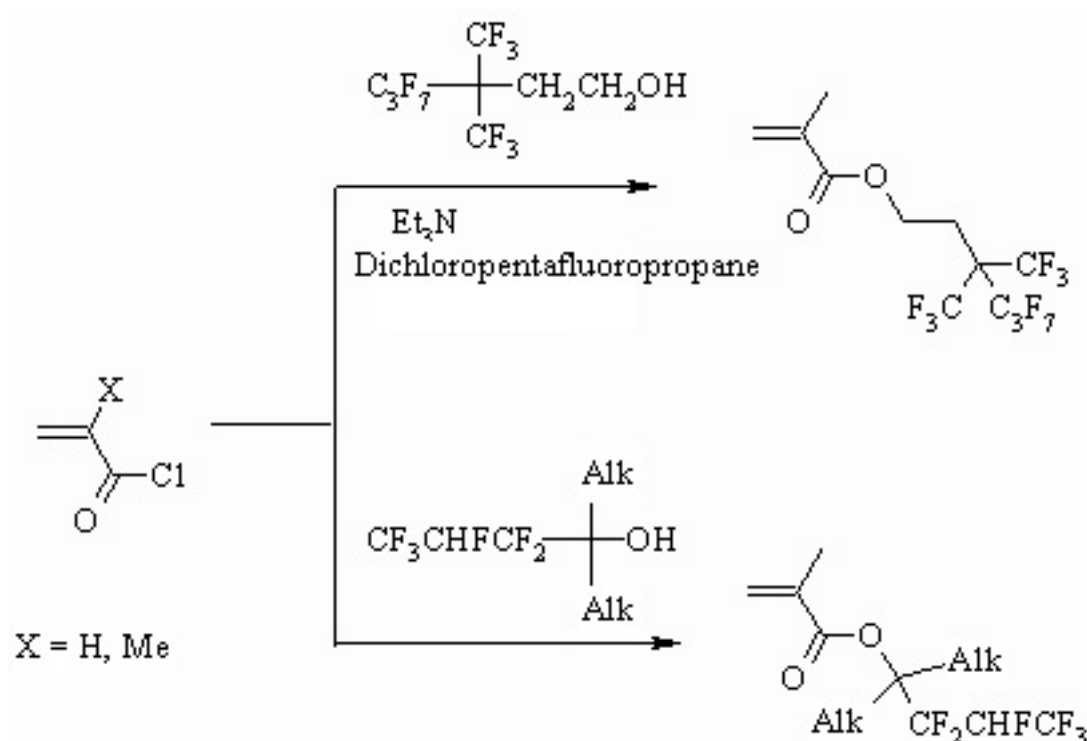


As the **3g** alcohol used had an admixture of isomeric alcohol (11 %) the **4g** acrylate formed is a mixture of two isomers with the same composition. In case of **3d** alcohol (mixture of diastereomers 1:1.65 proportion) the formed **4d** acrylate is also obtained as a mixture of two diastereomers, with proportion is 1:1.1 (according to chromat-mass-spectrometry data and NMR ^1H and ^{19}F spectra)

By the example of **3d** alcohol reaction they show the opportunity of methacrylic acid chloroanhydride introducing into reaction forming the corresponding methacrylate **5** [58].

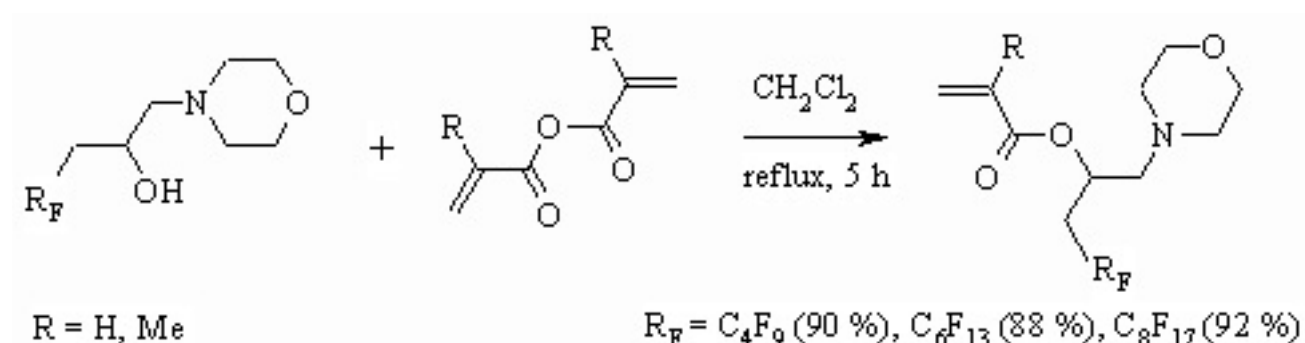


Alcohols with spatially branched carbon chains are also effective for the acrylates synthesis [87]. You can look for the review on 2-phenyl-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-ol using for polyacrylate synthesis in [89].



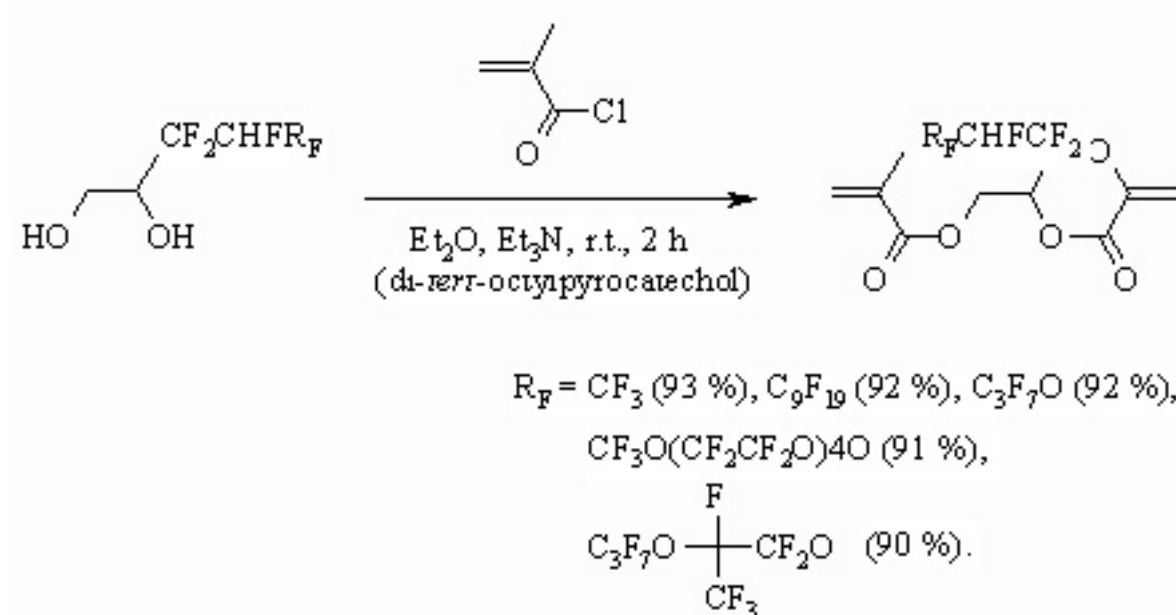
Esterification of methacrylic acid using secondary fluorocontaining alcohols in the presence of sulfuric acid isn't very much effective, that's why it is more preferable to use chloroanhydride of methacrylic acid. Thus, morpholine fluorinated methacrylate is obtained with high yield and

corresponding alcohol reacts with the methacrylic acid anhydride [60].

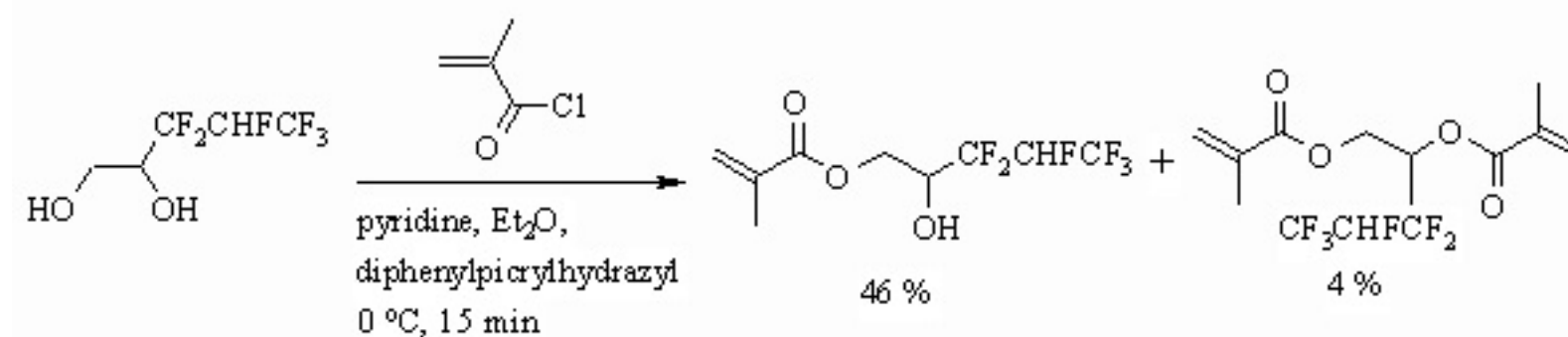


Secondary alcohols like $F(CF_2)_nCH(CH_2Cl)OH$ ($n = 6, 8, 10$) react with acrylic acid chloroanhydride in the presence of Et_3N in benzene at room temperature for 2 hours forming the corresponding acrylate with high yield [90].

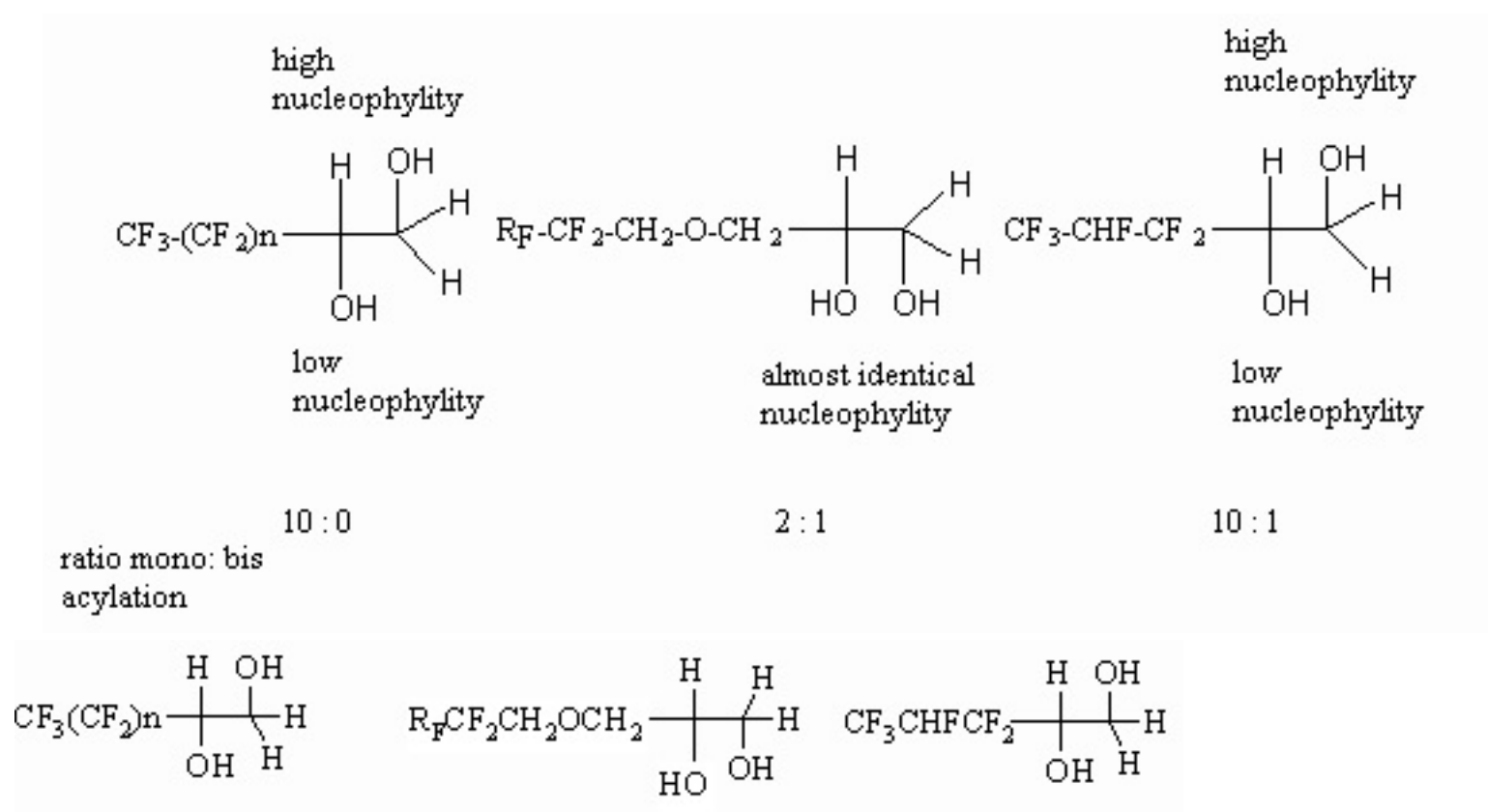
1-(Polyfluoroalkyl)ethan-1,2-diols produce corresponding bis-metacrylates [73] when methacrylic acid chloroanhydride influences them. We should note, that process conditions essentially influence proportion of monoester and diester. Thus, using the medium of pyridine, diethyl ether and boiling 72 h- produces solely monoether [74], while in the system of triethylamine, diethyl ether, room temperature and 2 h time of reaction we get solely diether [73].



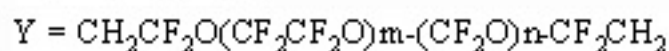
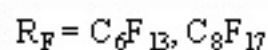
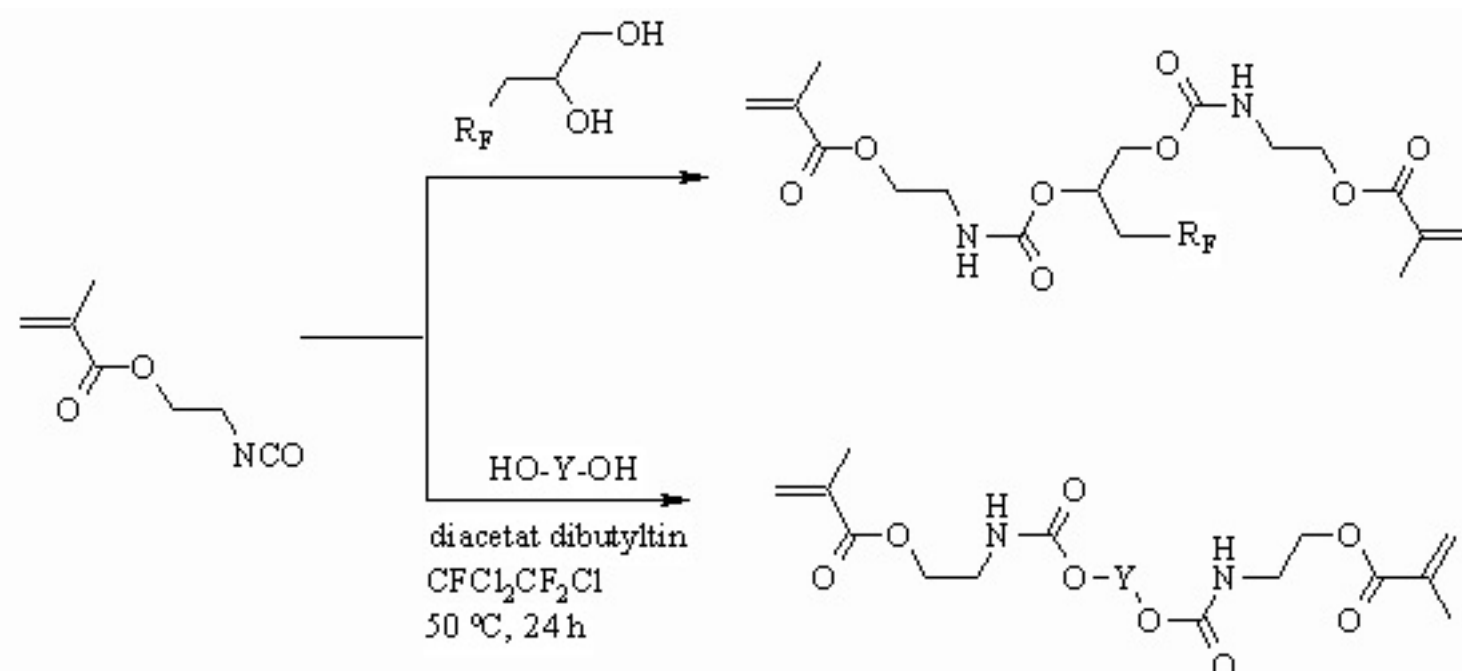
The authors of work [71] point out an important role of process conditions for the conversion level of fluorocontaining 1,2-diols with methacrylic acid chloroanhydride.



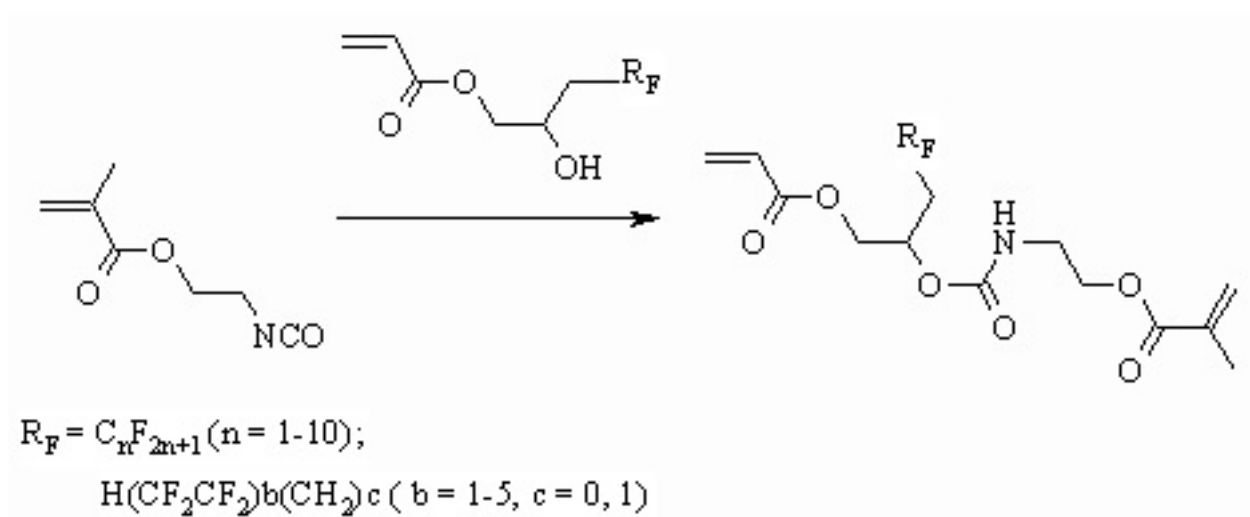
Initially only one of the two -OH groups of fluorocontaining 1,2-diol reacts. Perfluorinated groups influence its reactivity. The authors of work [71] have established the following row of activity for series of 1,2-diols.



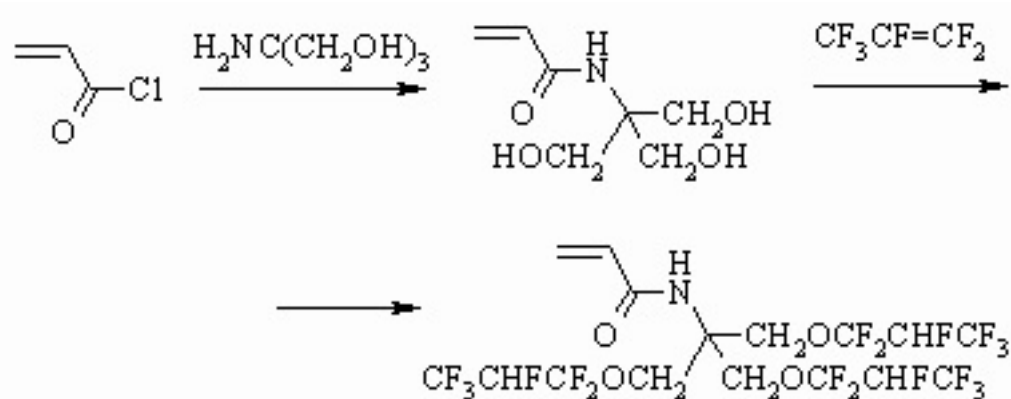
Other esters of methacrylic acid also react with 1,2-diol having perfluoralkyl group [91-93] or perfluoropolyether [94], at that the compounds, having acrylic and urethane fragments are formed



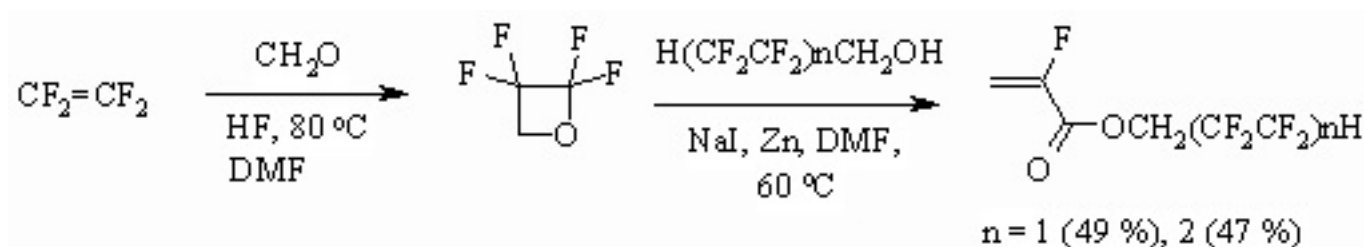
Monoester, obtained by interaction of fluorocontaining 1,2-diol and acrylic acid chloroanhydride reacts with 2-methacrylethylisocyanate and as a result we get a compound with acrylates urethane functions [95,96].



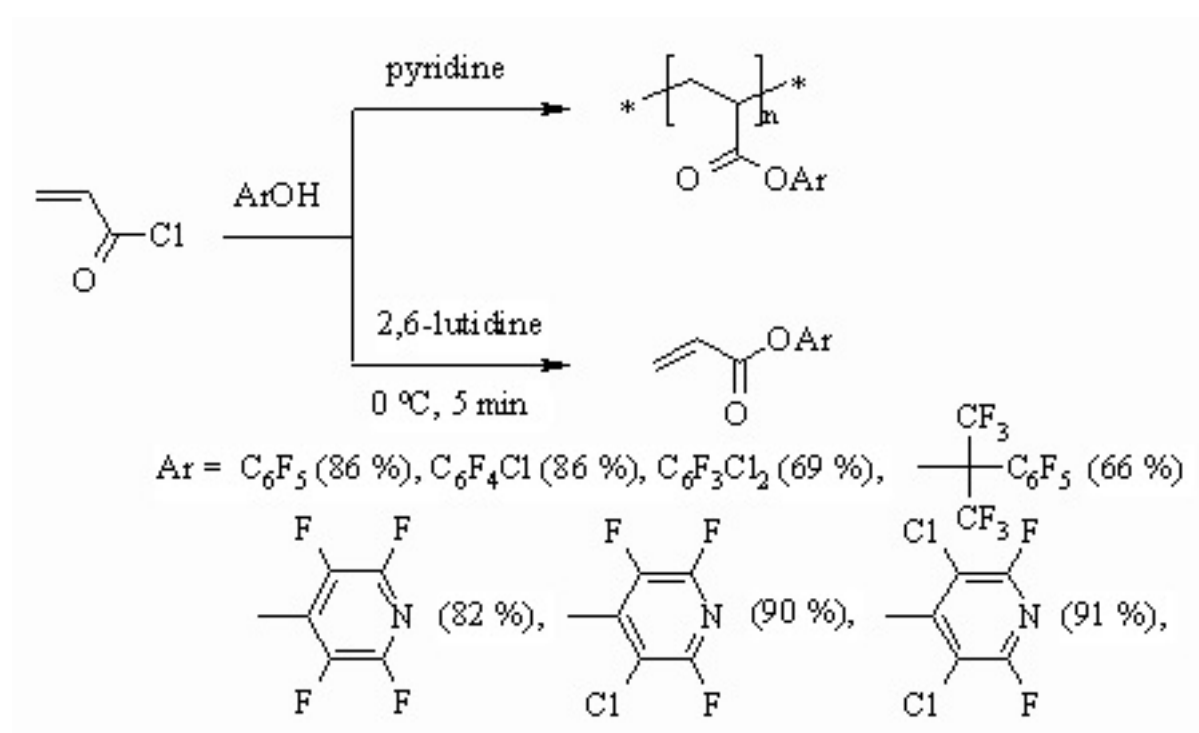
The authors of work [97] showed the opportunity of acrylates obtaining using perfluoroalcohols according to the following scheme and without using fluorinated alcohols.



α -fluoroacrylic acid fluoroanhydride, which is transformed into esters by reaction with telomer alcohols [98-101], is obtained by interaction of 2,2,3,3-tetrafluoroxetane, alkali metals halogenides dehalogenizing agent in aprotic bipolar solvents in the presence of radical polymerization inhibitor.



Polymer materials based on fluorine modified acrylates and methacrylates according to the fragment are of great interest of waveguides and optical glassfiber production because they are transparent in the range of 1200-1600 nm, what is used for optical connection, along with the relatively low refracting indexes [102-104]. These properties can be enhanced by introducing fluorine atoms or other heavy atoms into carbon chain. Modified derivatives of initial monomer are of interest; they are obtained by introducing pentafluorophenyl group into ester part of molecule. The work [105,106], during which authors had carried out acrylates' synthesis using fluorine containing phenyl groups, are devoted to this subject. It turned out, that a base used plays an important part. Thus in case of pyridine application the acrylate forming reaction goes together with polymerization process, while in the presence of 2,6-lutidine we get only acrylic acid ester.



The reactions of pentafluorophenol with α -chloroacrylate, α -fluoroacrylate and metacrylate were ea described in the [102-104].

To be continued