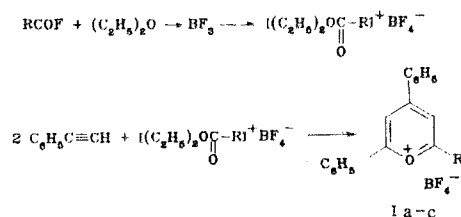


## SYNTHESIS OF 2-ALKYL(OR PHENYL)-4,6-DIPHENYLPYRYLIUM TETRAFLUOROBORATES

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For the first time, we have demonstrated the possibility of obtaining substituted pyrylium tetrafluoroborates (Ia-c) as a result of the acylation of phenylacetylene by an oxonium complex generated *in situ* by reacting the corresponding acyl fluorides with boron trifluoride etherate. At the same time, the direct use of acyl fluoborates as acylating agents resulting in the polymerization of phenylacetylene.



Ia R=CH<sub>3</sub>; Ib R=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>; Ic R=C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>

This method makes it possible to vary the radical R as a function of the acyl fluoride used and to obtain the difficultly accessible 2-alkylated pyrylium tetrafluoroborates.

A 20-ml portion of CHCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature is given an addition of 1.4 g (0.01 mole) of boron trifluoride etherate and 0.08 mole of the corresponding acyl fluoride. The mixture is stirred for 1 h, then cooled to -30°C, and given a dropwise addition of a solution of 1.8 g (0.02 mole) of phenylacetylene in 20 ml of CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The reaction mixture obtained is stirred at room temperature for 24 h, and the precipitate formed is separated and recrystallized. The yields of compounds Ia-c are 15, 30, and 35%, and their mp's are 238-240, 252-254, and 218-220°C, respectively (from acetic acid).

Literature data: mp's of Ia-c, 242-245 [1], 253-256 [2], 214-216 [2] respectively. The structures of compounds Ia-Ic were confirmed by data from PMR spectroscopy.

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