



New F-18 Labeling Methods

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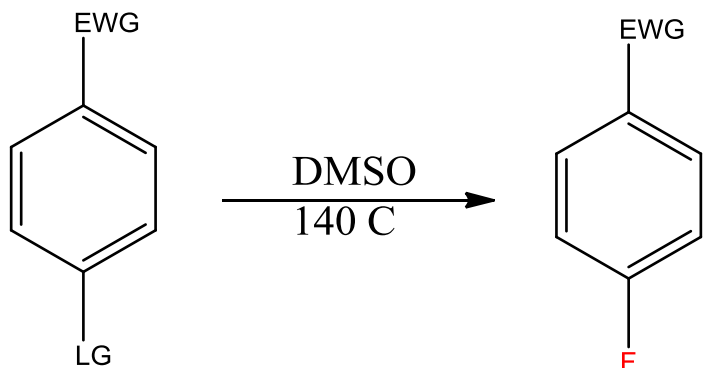
Outline

1. Nucleophilic aromatic substitution
2. Prosthetic group chemistry (labeling peptide and protein)
 1. Random substitution
 2. Site directed
3. New F18-Labeling Methodologies:
 1. Protic solvent
 2. Ionic liquid
 3. Iodonium salts
 4. Transition metal catalysis
 5. Enzyme catalysis
 6. Polymer supported chemistry

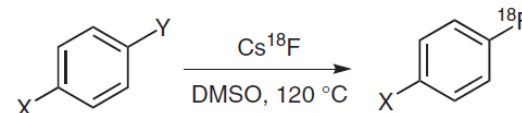
NUCLEOPHILIC AROMATIC SUBSTITUTION (S_N AR)

Precursor Requirements

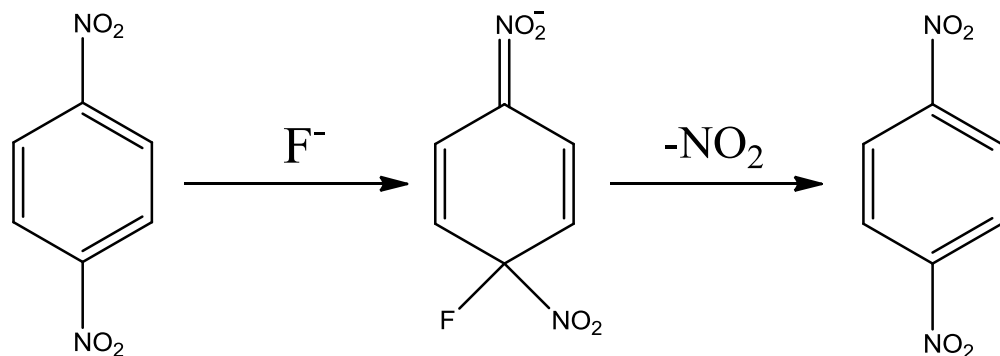
(a) Activating effect: EWG: 3-NO₂ < 4-CH₃CO < 4-CN < 4-NO₂



Effect of activating (X) and leaving groups (Y) on nucleophilic aromatic fluorination



X	Y	k_{rel} (80 °C)	k_{rel} (120 °C)
NO ₂	NMe ₃ ClO ₄	400	30000
NO ₂	NO ₂	40	420
CN	NMe ₃ ClO ₄	16	100
COMe	NMe ₃ ClO ₄	8	33
CN	NO ₂	1	1



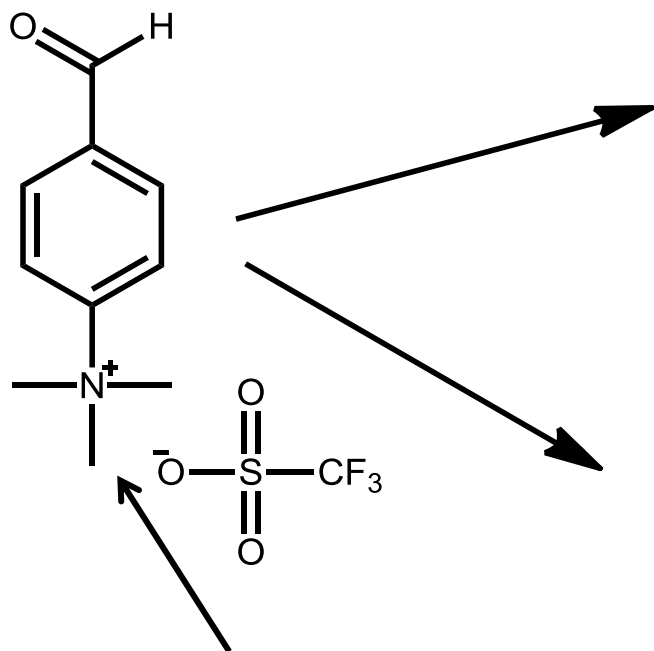
Meisenheimer complex; delocalization electron onto EWG

(b) Leaving group: I < Br < Cl < F < NO₂ < N⁺Me₃
(C-F bond making is RLS. Polar effects favors addition step)

(c) Solvent effect: DMSO > DMAc (N,N,-dimethylacetamide) > sulfolane >> acetonitrile

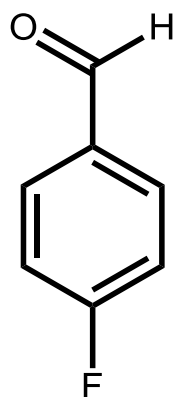
Side Reactions in S_{NAr}

Side reactions

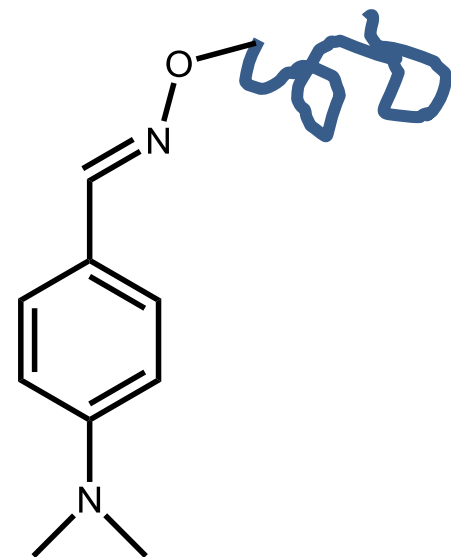
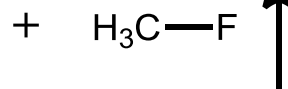
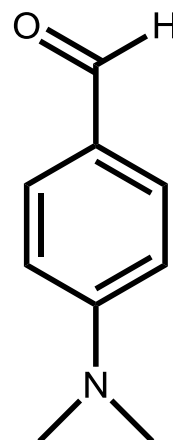
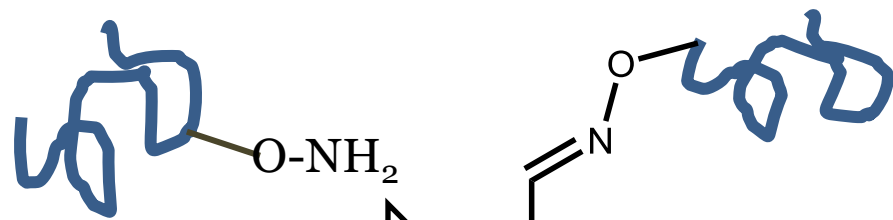


Trimethylammonium triflate LG
Most reactive
Easy to separate (charged)

Fluorobenzaldehyde \rightarrow site specific peptide
(Prosthetic group) conjugation; away
from the binding sites

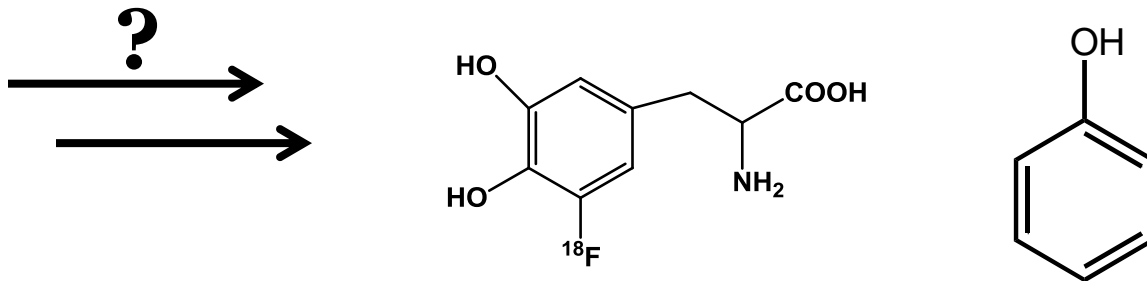


Amino-oxy functionalized peptide

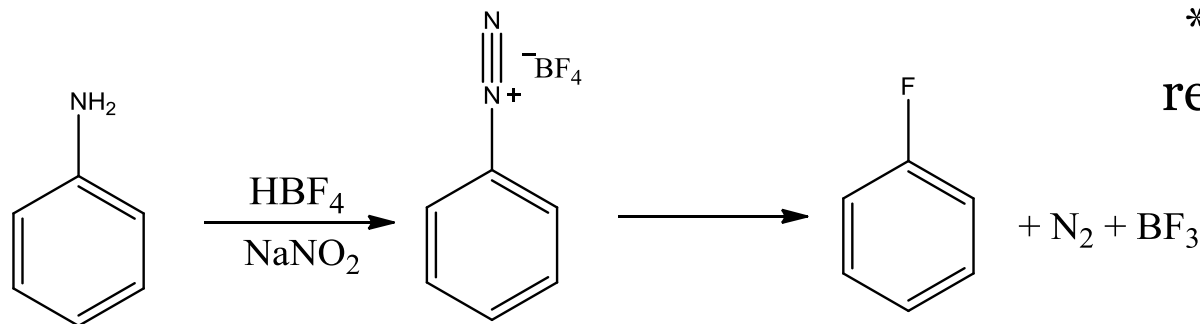


Oxime formation

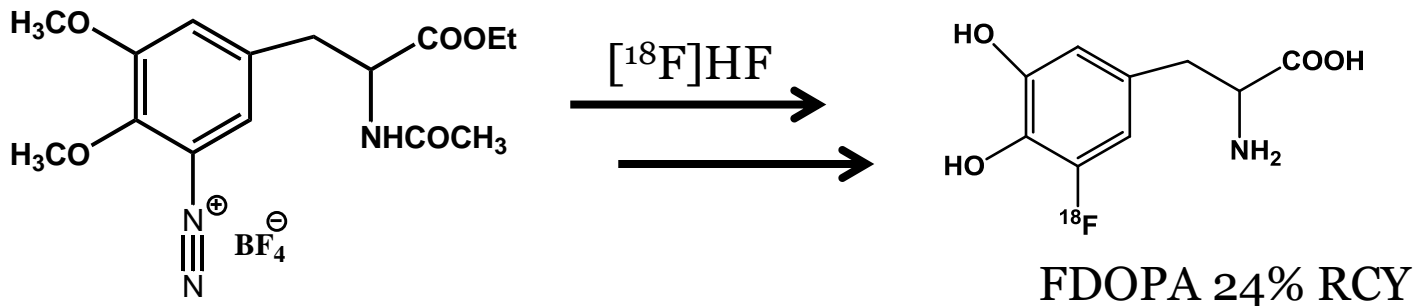
Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution *of substrate without EWG?*



Balz-Schiemann reaction



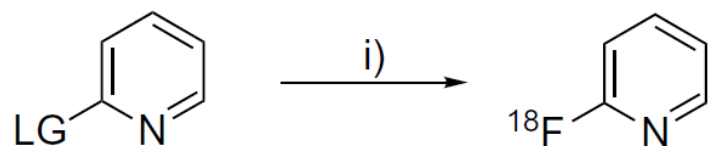
* High temperature, harsh reagent, corrosive, explosive
Low yield ~ 2-15% RCY
Only 1 F is from BF_4 is transferred to arene



FDOPA 24% RCY

[¹⁸F]F-Nucleophilic *Heteroaromatic* Substitution

LUMO of pyridine at ortho and para position lower than benzene
No need activating group



LG	150 °C RCY (%)	180 °C RCY (%)
I	1	19
Cl	23	57
Br	25	87
NO ₂	92	89
(CH ₃) ₃ N ⁺ CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	90	92

Coenen, H.H. 2007. Basic Fluorine-18 Labeling Methods

Scheme 46. i) [¹⁸F]F⁻/K₂CO₃/K₂₂₂, DMSO

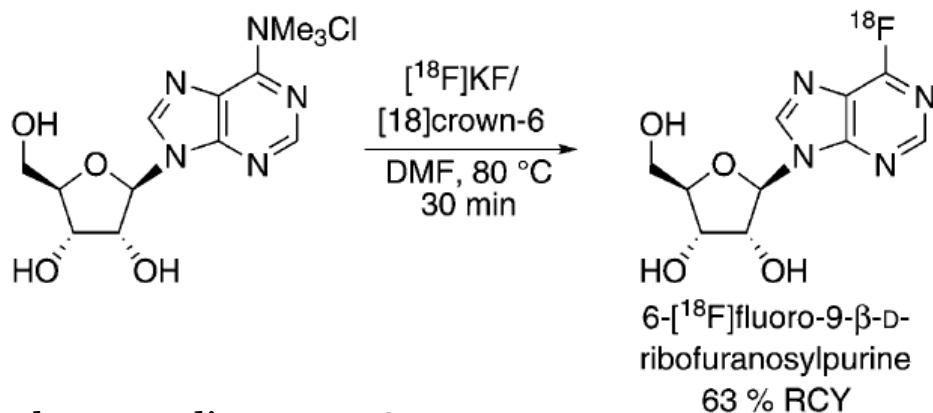


TABLE 2. Temperature dependence of the radiochemical yields of ¹⁸F-(IV)

Reaction temp. (°C)	Radiochemical yield (%) ¹
room temp	55–66
50–60	68–75
80–90	0.4–1.4

¹ Yields from the reaction for 20 min of 15 μmol of (II) with the solubilized K¹⁸F (1.2 μmol) in DMF-CE solution before addition of (II).

Irie, T. et al. App Radiat Isot. 1982. 33 445.

Gouverneur, V. et al. Angew Chem Int Ed. 2012, 51, 2-14

Summary Nucleophilic Substitution

1. Preferred method
2. High specific activity of $[^{18}\text{F}]\text{F}^-$ vs $[^{18}\text{F}]\text{F}_2$ (1740 Ci/umole vs 0.1 Ci/umole)
3. Easy to handle (liquid vs gas)
4. $[^{18}\text{F}]\text{F}^-$ Can be transported and distributed to nearby imaging clinic (Decentralized model of PET probe production)
5. $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$, leaving group, solvent, phase transfer catalyst and base
6. Side reactions, optimization
7. Activated substrate and good leaving group for S_{NAr}

PEPTIDE AND PROTEIN LABELING

Why label peptide and proteins?

Features

- Target tumor cell receptors
- Hormone receptor in cancerous cell
- Key regulators of cellular function and cell growth
- Peptide as PET traces- quantify apoptosis and angiogenic processes
- Multidendate characteristic → Higher binding affinity, selectivity

Why label with F18?

- Moderate half-life
- Low β^+ energy (lower radiation, short positron pathlengths (image resolution))
- High % of β^+ decay vs other radiometals (i.e.: Cu⁶⁴ 18%, Ga⁶⁸ 57%, Y⁸⁶ 33%)

How to label with Fluorine-18?

1. Direct labeling

(i) Electrophilic Substitution



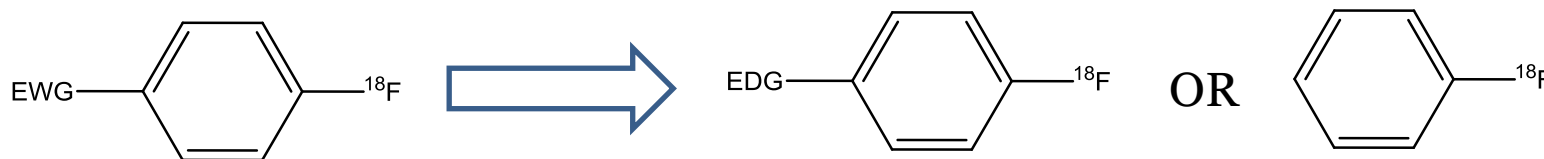
Oxidative, low yield, low SA

(ii) Nucleophilic Substitution



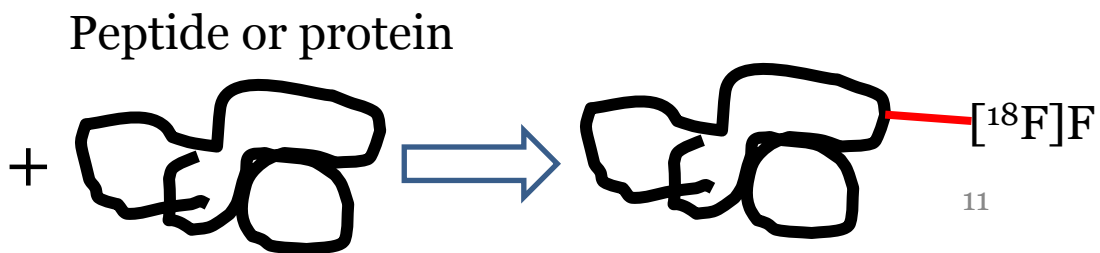
High pH, high temperature, organic solvent

2. Via built-up procedures



3. Via prosthetic groups

^{18}F -Substrates-coupling group



F18-Peptides and Proteins

Prosthetic group and labeling

1. Possessed reactive coupling moieties: allow mild labeling conditions suitable for biomolecules
2. Temperatures: for peptide up to 100 C; for protein ~ RT
3. Mild pH : physiological pH for protein; wider range pH for peptide.
4. Does not disrupt binding affinity of peptide/proteins
5. In aqueous/buffer solution or alcoholic solution (peptide only).
6. Formation of desirable product at tracer level concentration
7. Negligible steric impairment upon labeling
8. High specific activity
9. High radiochemical yield

2-types of labeling chemistry (choice of prosthetic group?)

1. Random
2. Site specific **

Prosthetic group: Succinimydyl-4-fluorobenzoate

RANDOM LABELING
AMINE REACTIVE

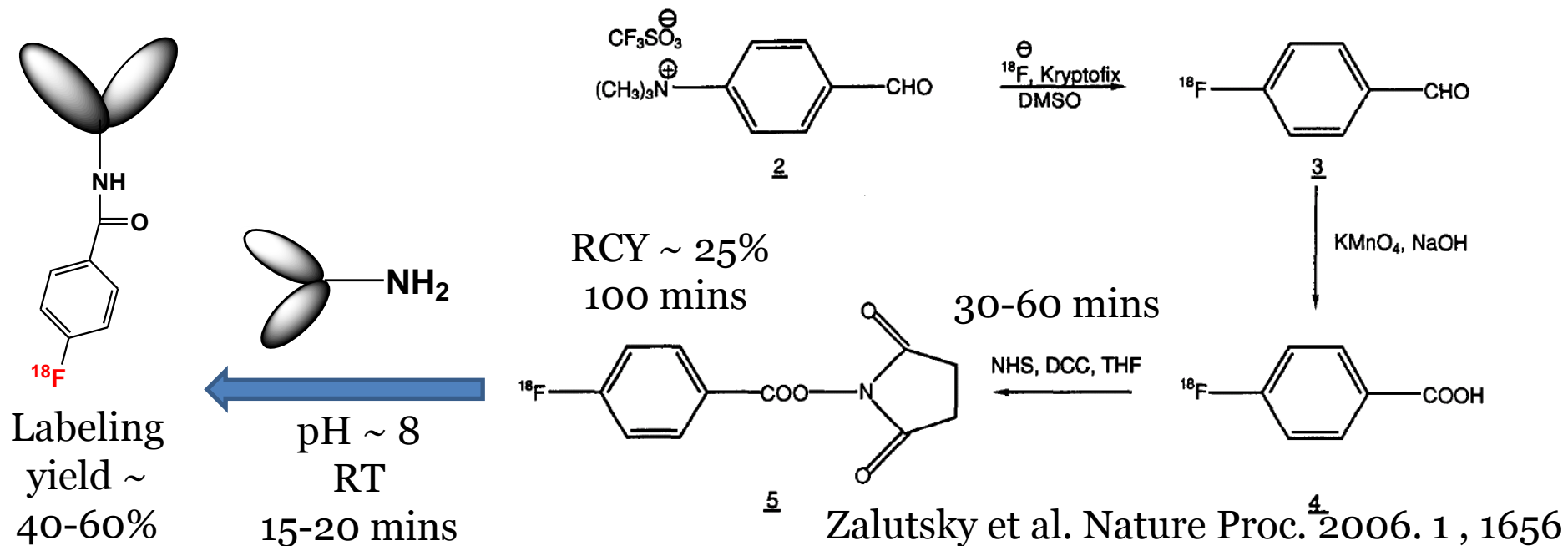
N-Succinimidyl 4-[¹⁸F]fluorobenzoate ([¹⁸F]SFB)

Labeling Proteins with Fluorine-18 Using N-Succinimidyl 4-[¹⁸F]Fluorobenzoate

Nucl. Med. Biol. Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 275–281, 1992

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Department of Radiology, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC 27710, U.S.A.



Improvement in [^{18}F]SFB Synthesis

steps?

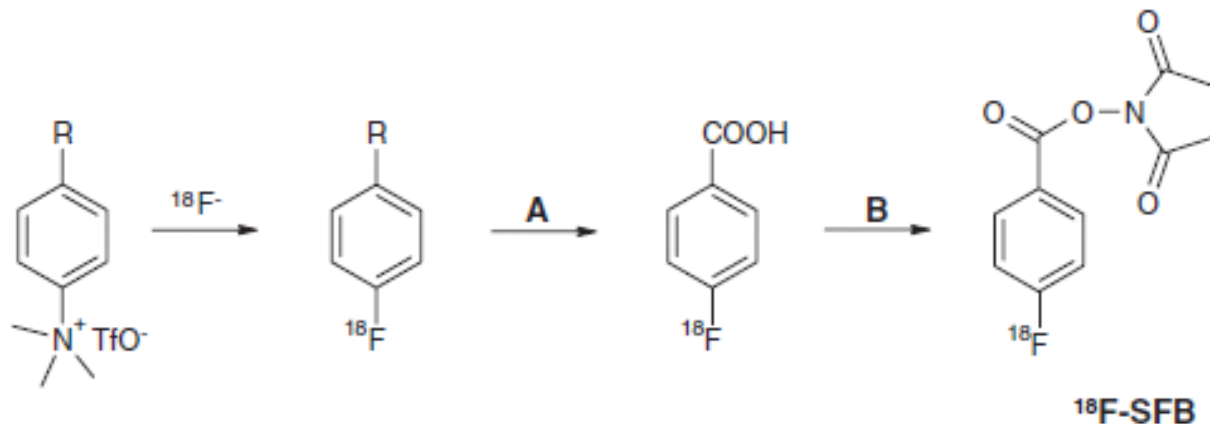
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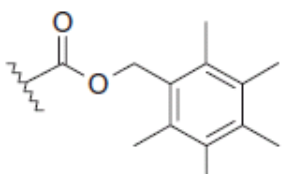
Reaction time?

Yield?

Reagent sensitivity?

Automation?



R	# pots	A	B	RCY ^a	Reference
-CHO	3	KMnO ₄ /NaOH/HCl	NHS/DCC	25%	Vaidyanathan and Zalutsky ⁷
-CHO	3	KMnO ₄ /NaOH/HCl	DSC ^b	51%	Vaidyanathan and Zalutsky ^{8,9}
-COOEt	2	NaOH/HCl	TSTU ^c	50–60%	Wester <i>et al.</i> ¹⁰
-COOEt	1	Pr ₄ NOH	HSTU ^d	43.8 ± 4.6%	Tang <i>et al.</i> ¹¹
-COO ^t Bu	1	TFA	TSTU	44–53%	Wüst <i>et al.</i> ¹²
		TFA	DSC/DMAP	44%	Azarian <i>et al.</i> ¹³

^aTotal radiochemical yield, decay-corrected.

^b*N,N'*-disuccinimidyl carbonate.

^c*O*-(*N*-succinimidyl)-*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate.

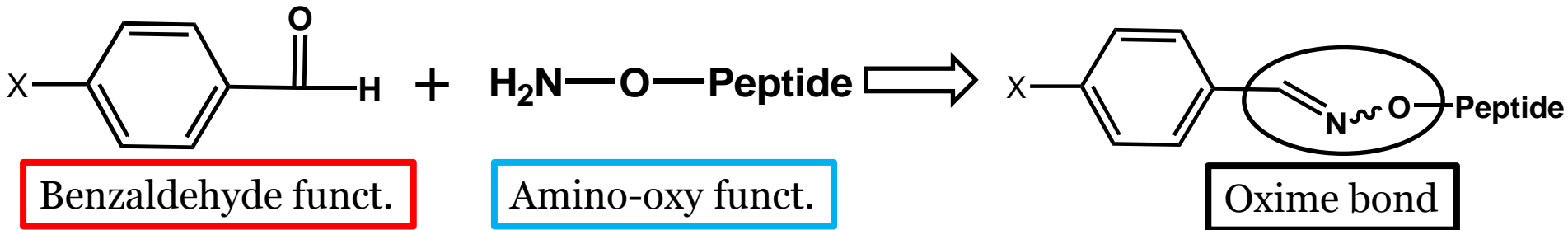
^d*O*-(*N*-succinimidyl)-*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate.

Prosthetic group: Aldehyde functional group

SITE-SPECIFIC LABELING

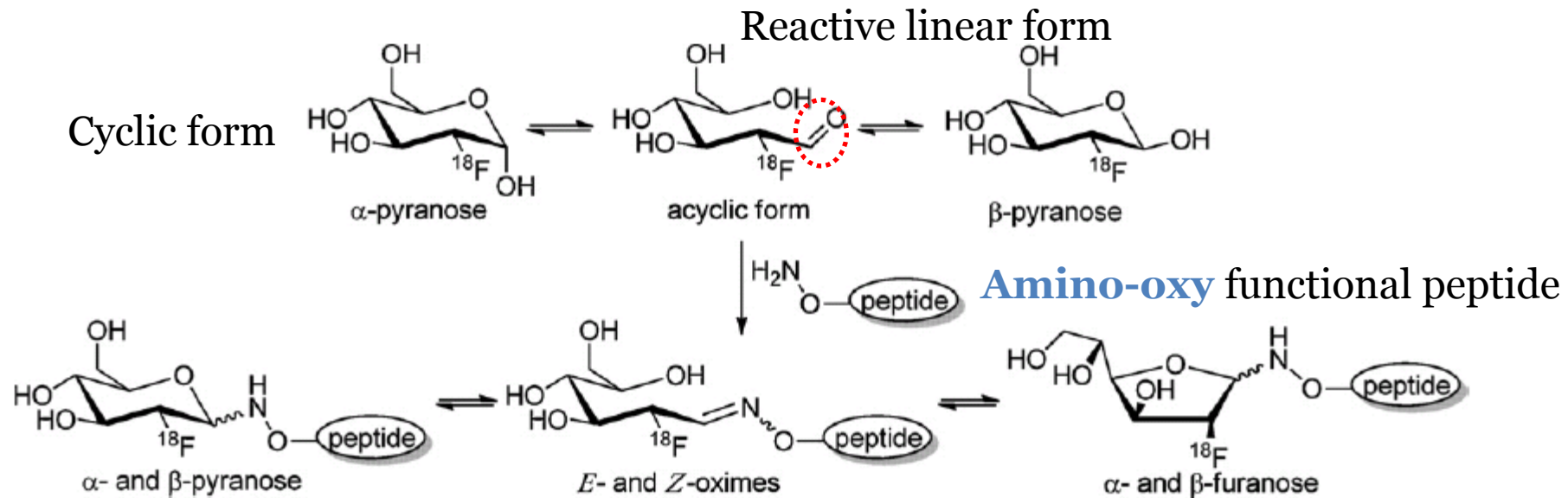
AMINO-OXY REACTIVE

Oxime formation



Selective despite the presence of other amino acid functionalities

(1) [¹⁸F]FDG as prosthetic group



Scheme 8. Proposed product profile in [¹⁸F]FDG conjugations with peptide [30,51].

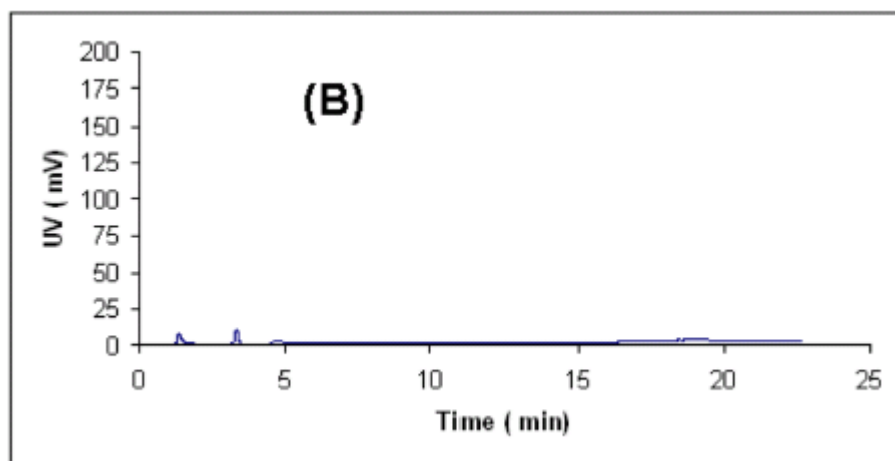
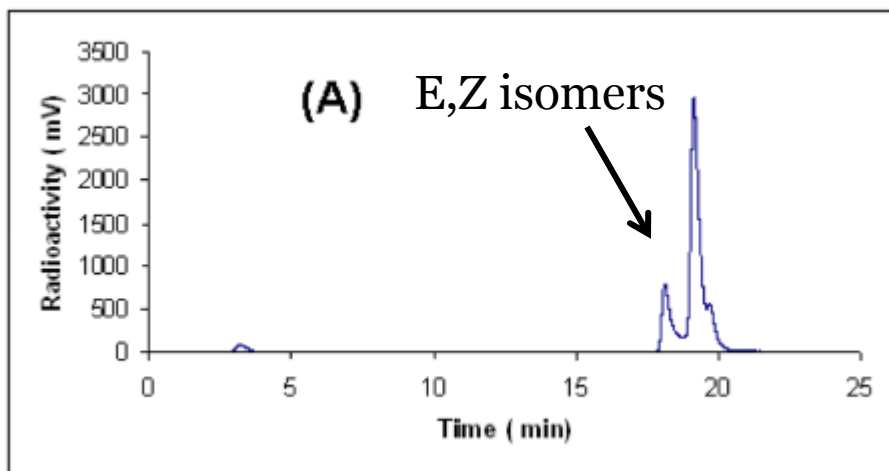
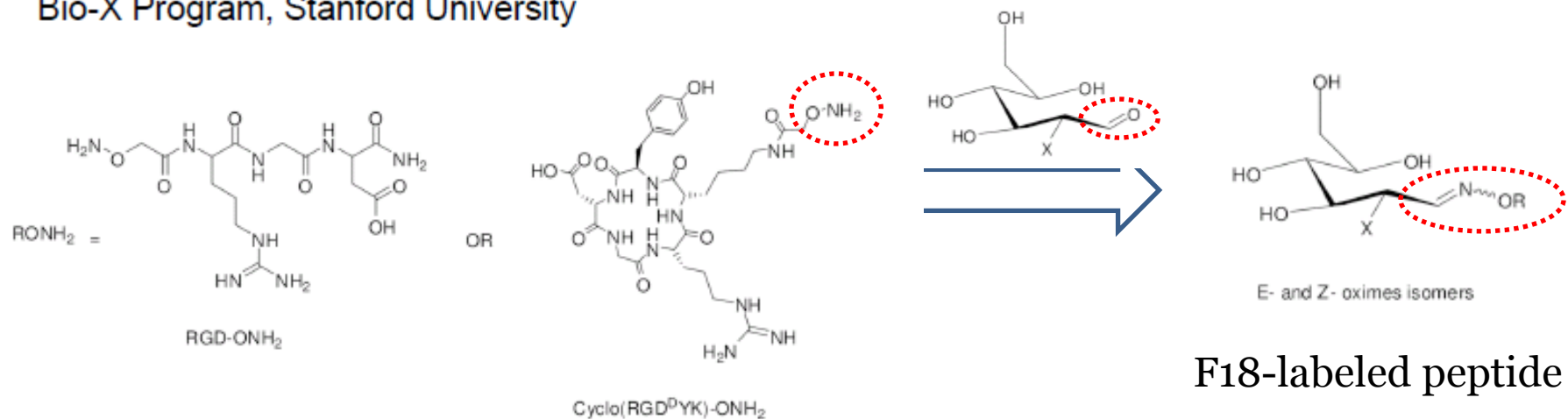
A Novel Method for Direct site-specific Radiolabeling of Peptides

Using [¹⁸F]FDG

Bioconjug Chem. 2009 March ; 20(3): 432–436.

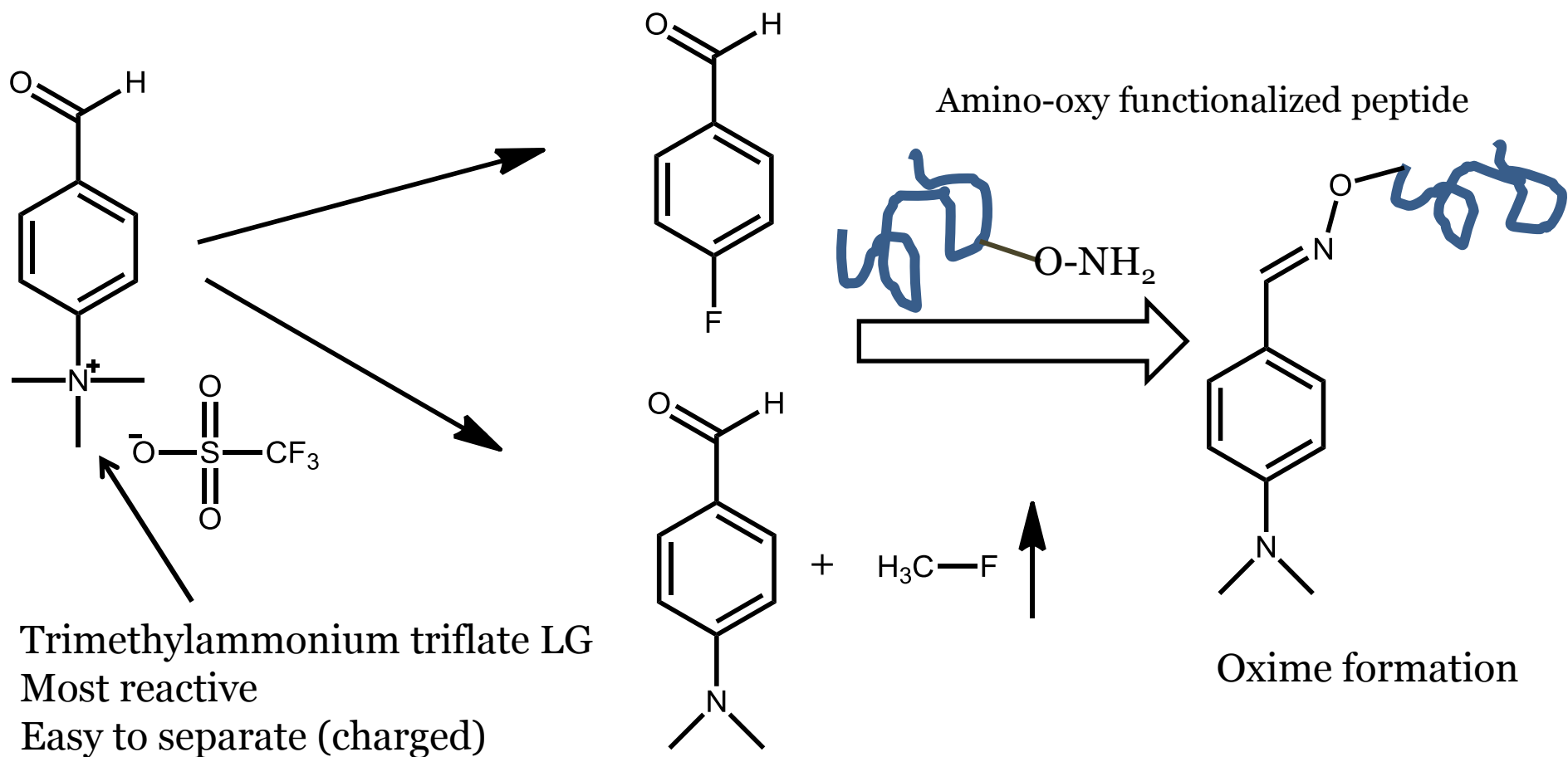
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[¹⁸F]Fluorobenzaldehyde

Fluorobenzaldehyde → site specific conjugation; away from the binding sites, retain immunoreactivity of peptide/protein

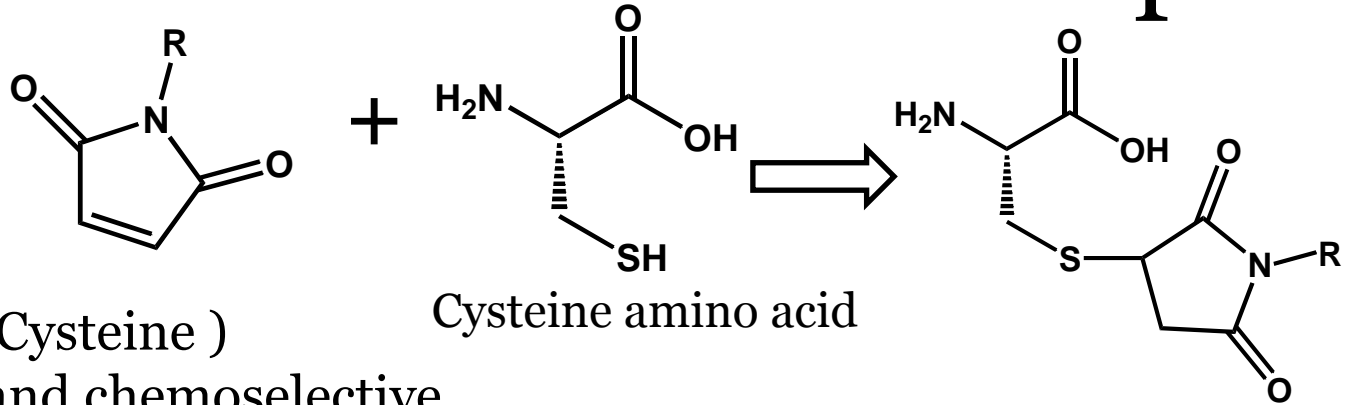


Prosthetic group: Maleimide

**SITE SPECIFIC
THIOL-REACTIVE**

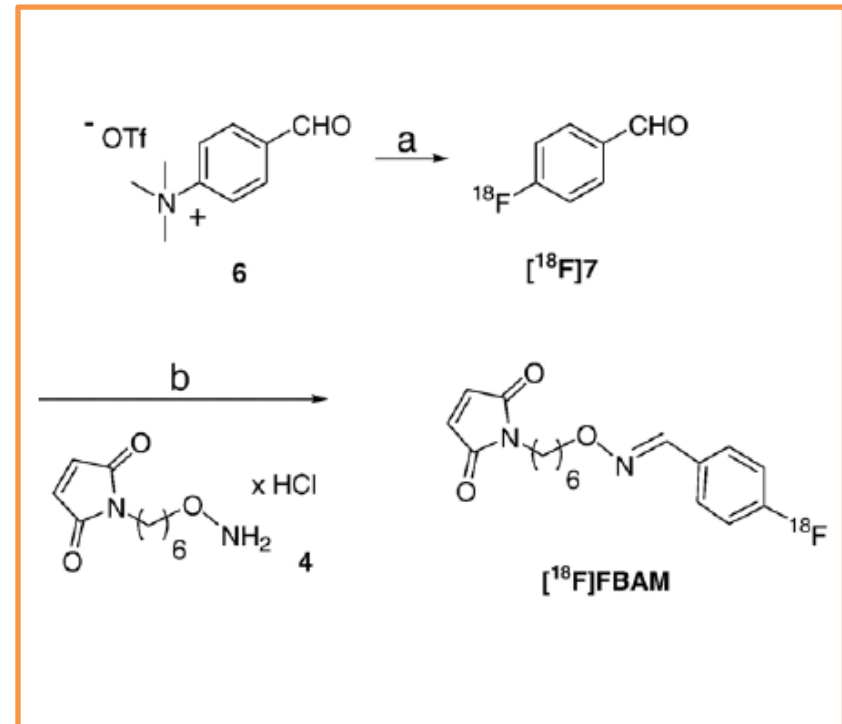
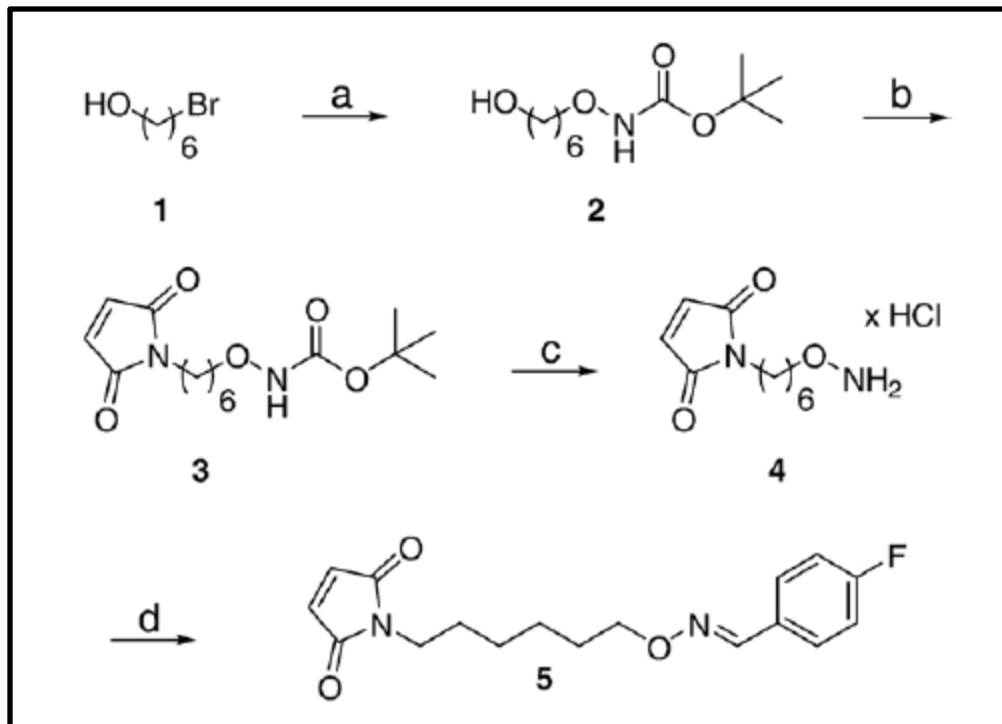
Maleimide Prosthetic Group

Maleimide thiol reactive functional group



Thiol reactive (eg.: Cysteine)

Site specific, regio and chemoselective



Shiue et al. JLCR. **1987**, 26, 287

Wuest et al. Nuc Med Biol. **2007**, 34, 5-15

Prosthetic group: Alkyne and azide

SITE SPECIFIC CLICK CHEMISTRY

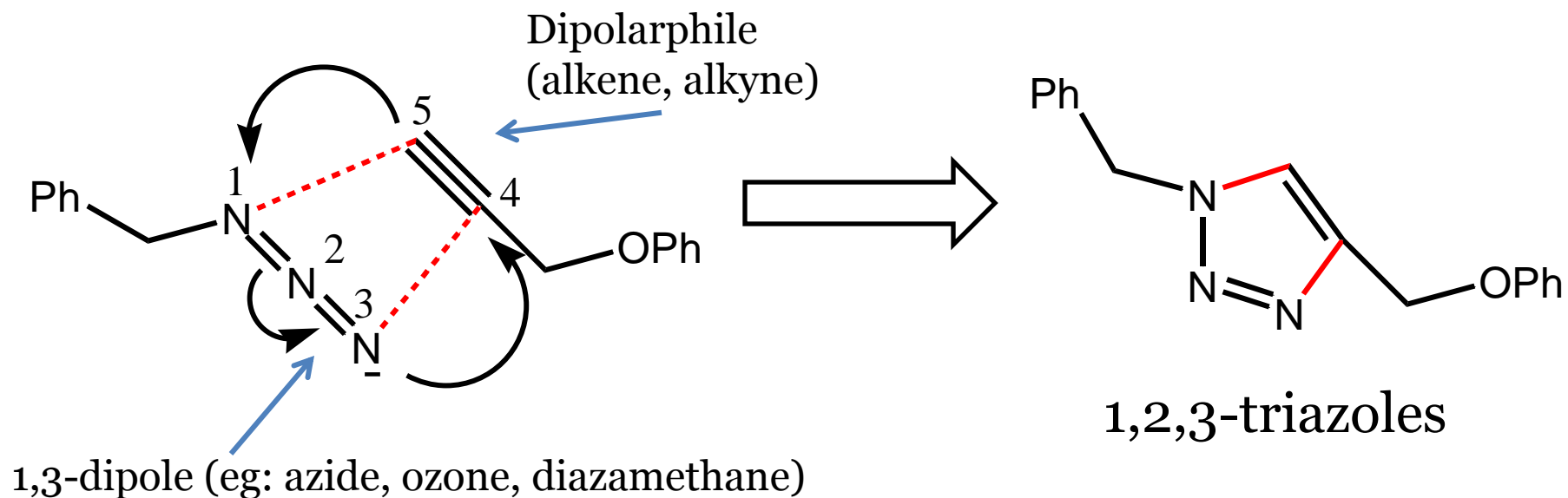
Click Chemistry

1. Mild
2. Large exotherm (driving force)
3. Stereospecific
4. High yielding
5. No side products
6. Final product is stable

Examples of Click Chemistry

- 1,3 dipolar Huisgen cycloaddition
- Thiol-ene Click reaction
- Inversed electron demand Diels Alder
- Nucleophilic substitution on strained rings

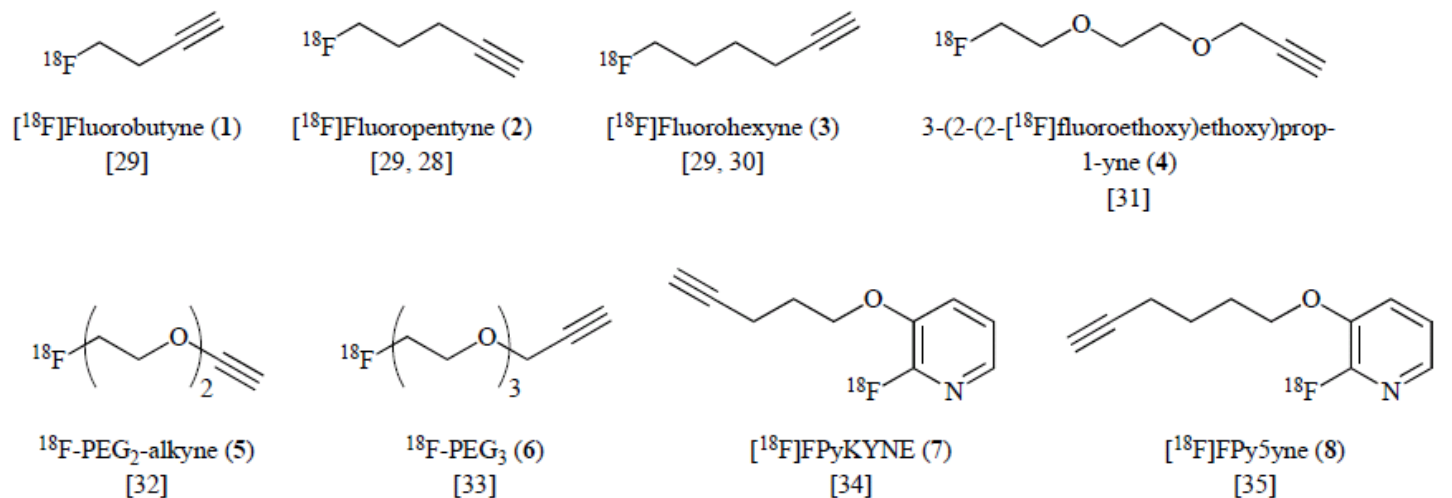
1,3-dipolar Huisgen cycloaddition



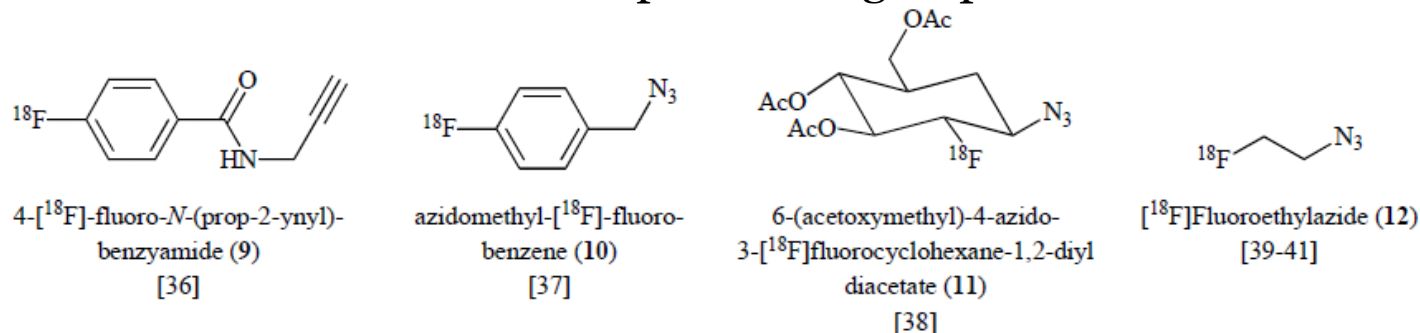
1,3-dipolar Huisgen reaction for peptide labeling

Terminal alkyne and azide → triazole (both precursors and product are stable; not easily cleaved)

F18-labeled terminal **alkyne** prosthetic group



F18-labeled **azide** prosthetic group



NEW LABELING METHODOLOGIES

Ideal F18 Radiochemistry?

Parameter	Current	Ideal (Future?)
Time	40~300 mins	ASAP
Yield (RCY)	1~60%	AHAP
Selectivity	Many side products	Single product
Purification	HPLC	None or cartridge
Reaction requirement	Azeotropic drying	Reaction in aqueous
Reaction condition	Basic, high temp, organic solvent, high pH	In aqueous, mild temp and pH
Multistep	1-3 steps	1 step and direct

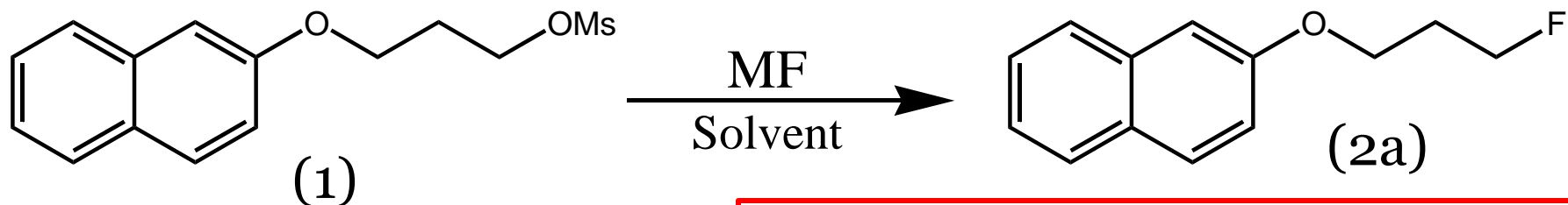
New F18 Labeling Chemistry

Features	New Chemistry
Higher yield and selectivity	Bulky protic solvent Diaryliodonium salts precursor Transition metal catalysis
Labeling in aqueous [^{18}F]fluoride ion solution	Al-F Arylboronic acid Enzymatic fluorination
Direct labeling complex molecules	Si-F Transition metal catalysis
HPLC-free	Solid phase radiosynthesis Fluorous phase synthesis

Aliphatic substitution: (1) Bulky protic solvent; (2) ionic liquid as solvent

**HIGHER YIELD AND
SELECTIVITY**

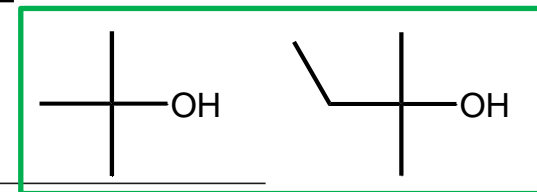
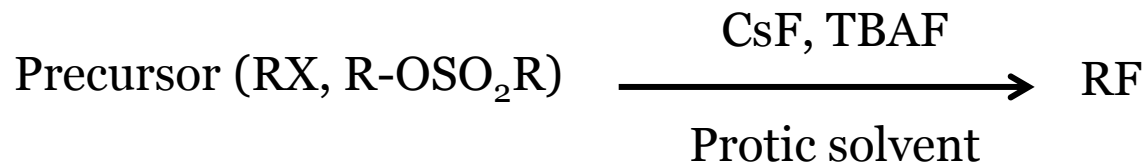
(1) Fluorination in Protic Solvents

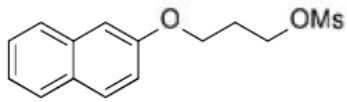
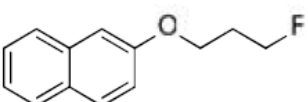
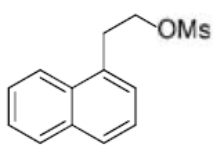
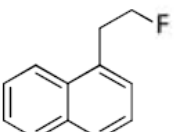
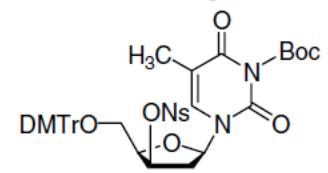
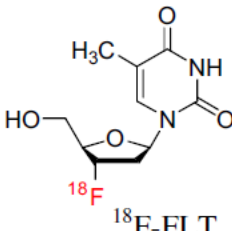
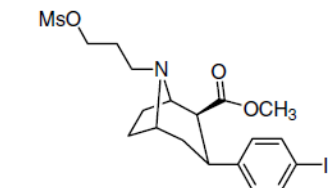
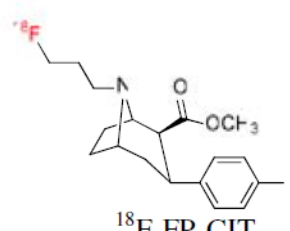


+ alcohol (2b) + alkene (2c) + ether (2d)

entry	solvent	MF	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield of product ^b (%)				
					1	2a	2b	2c	2d
1	<i>t</i> -BuOH	CsF	80	6	trace	92	-	-	7
2	<i>n</i> -BuOH	CsF	80	6	4 ^c	64	-	-	30
3	CH ₃ CN	CsF	80	6	91	7 ^c	-	trace	-
4	DMF	CsF	80	6	33	48	8 ^c	9 ^c	-
5	1,4-dioxane	CsF	80	6	94	-	-	-	-
6	benzene	CsF	80	6	97	-	-	-	-
7	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	CsF	80	6	-	93	-	-	5(5 ^o)
8	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	CsF	90	2.5	-	94	-	-	4(5 ^o)
9	<i>t</i> -BuOH	CsBr	80	6	94	4 ^d	-	-	trace
10	CH ₃ CN	CsBr	80	6	68	32 ^d	-	-	-
11	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	RbF	90	24	13	76	-	-	9
12	<i>tert</i> -amyl alcohol	KF	90	24	90	trace	-	-	7 ^c

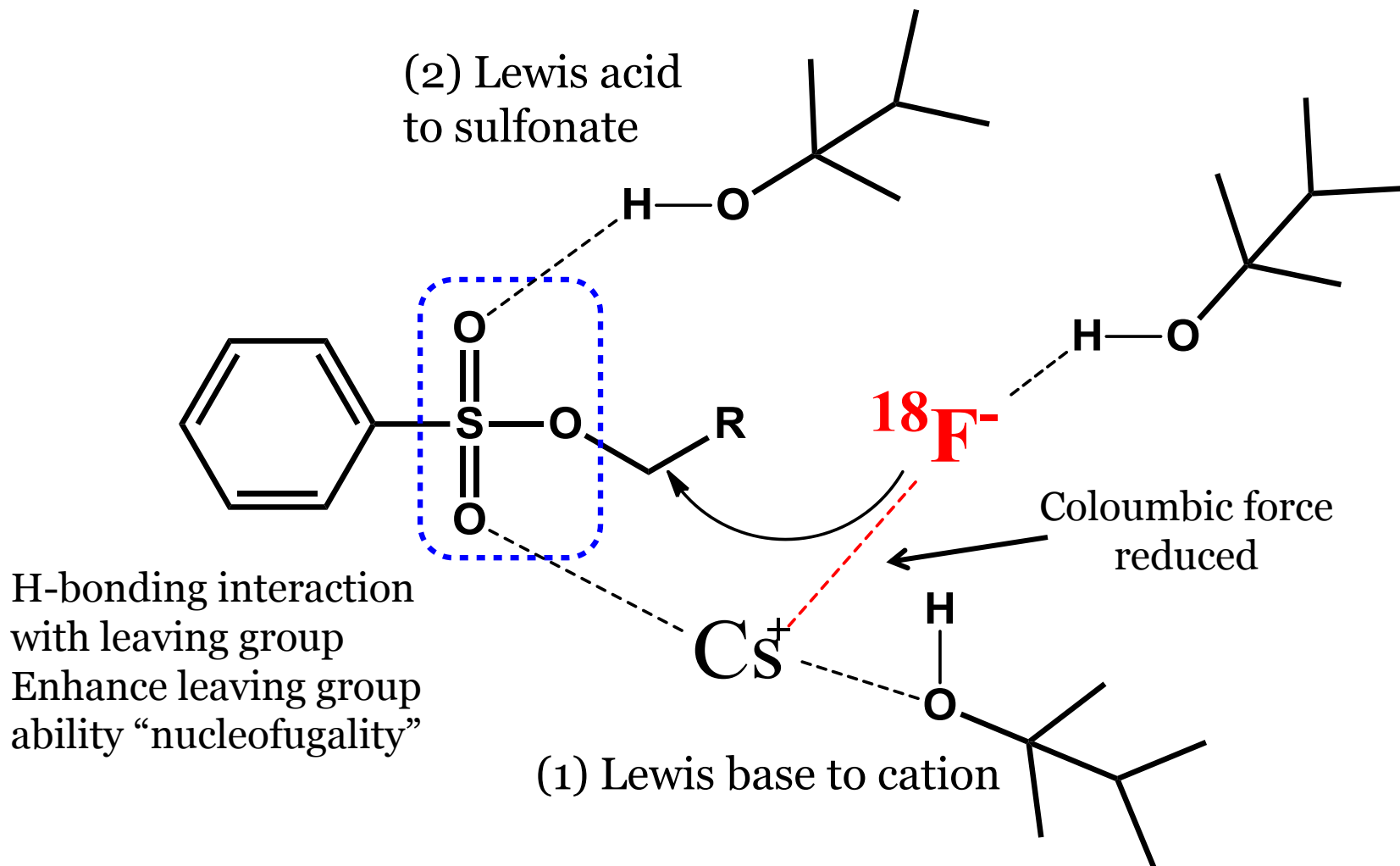
Effect of solvents and examples



Entry	Precursor	Temp. (C)	Time (min)	Yield (%)	Product
1		80	6	92	
	CsF in <i>t</i> -BuOH				
	CsF in CH ₃ CN	80	6	7	
2		80	1	87	
	TBAF in <i>t</i> -BuOH				
	TBAF in CH ₃ CN	80	1	33	
5		120	10	65.5±5.4	
	Method in literature	110	10	15.0±5.4	
4		100	20	35.8±5.2	
	Method in literature	90	10	only 1%	

Proposed Mechanism

How is the fluoride ion more flexible?



(2) Fluorination in Ionic Liquid

Definition:

- Salt in liquid state at room temperature
- Low vapor pressure
- As green solvent;
- ion-pairs– moderate conductivity,
- AQ and organic miscibility → functionalization, anion
- catalytic effect

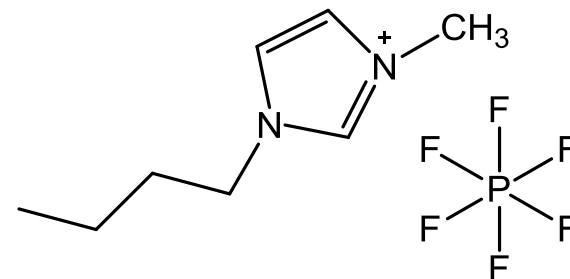
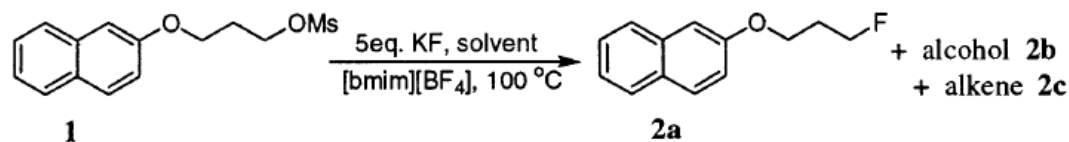


Table 1. Fluorinations of Mesylate **1** with KF under Various Reaction Conditions^a



Ionic liq in Nucleophilic fluorination

- Water tolerant < 10%
- Eliminate need for azeotropic drying
- Accelerate reaction rate
- Improve selectivity → Reduce side products

Controlled exps
w/o IL; low yield

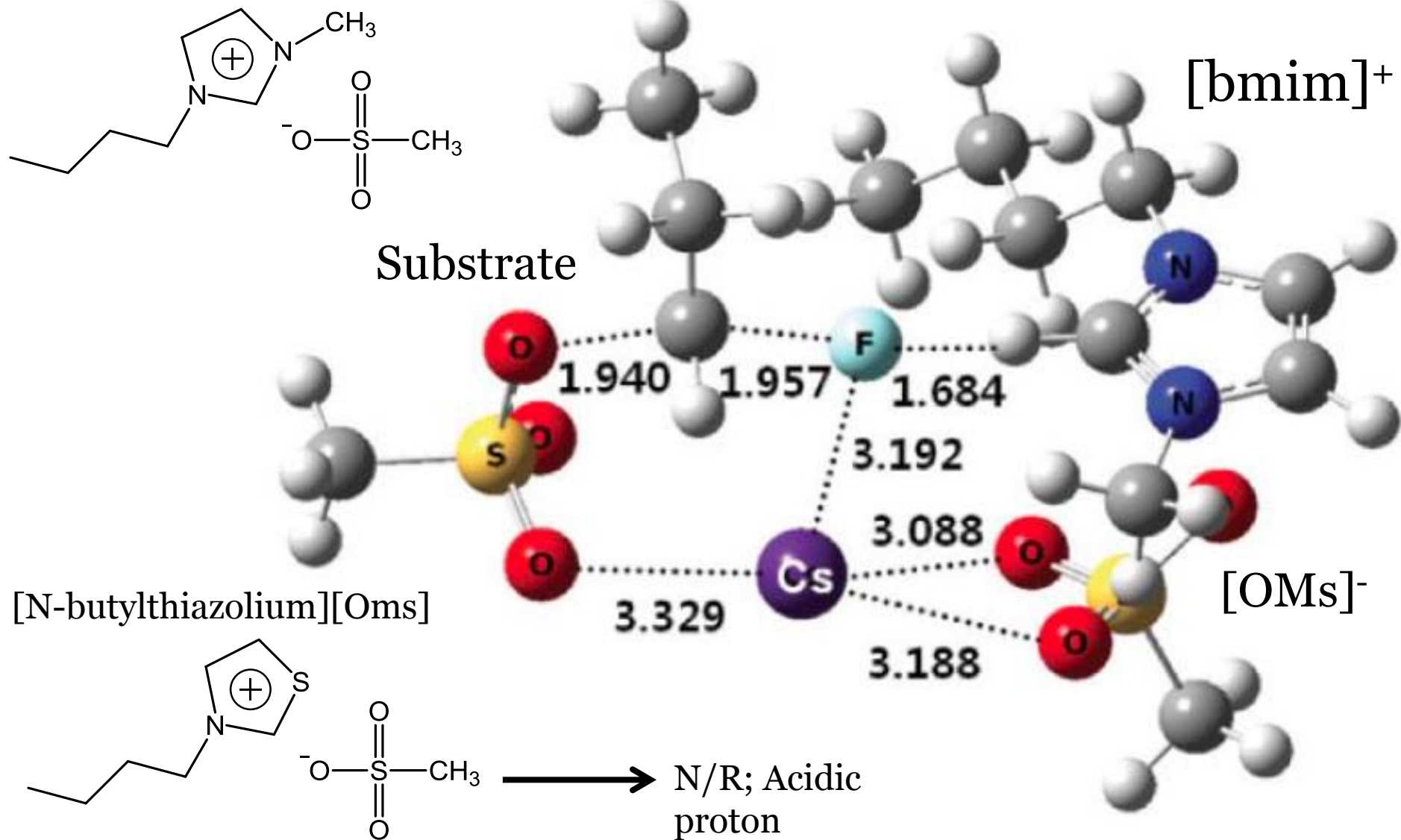
entry	[bmim][BF ₄] mL (equiv)	CH ₃ CN (mL)	H ₂ O (μL)	reaction time (h)	yield of product (%) ^b			
					1	2a	2b	2c
1	5	—	0	2	—	85	—	10
2	5	—	90 (5 equiv)	1.5	—	92	—	—
3	3.2	1.6	90	1.5	—	93	trace	—
4	1.6	3.2	90	1.5	—	94	—	—
5	3	1.5	500	1.5	—	88	6	—
6	1	4	90	1.5	—	92	—	—
7	0.57 (3)	4.4	90	3	—	91	trace	—
8	0.19 (1)	4.8	90	6	—	89	trace	—
9	0.1 (0.5)	5	90	12	trace	84	8	trace
10	—	5	0	24	86	trace	—	—
11	18-crown-6 (2)	5	0	24	53	40	—	—

^a All reactions were carried out on a 1.0 mmol reaction scale of mesylate **1** using 5 mmol of KF at 100 °C. ^b Isolated yield.

Mechanism: Theoretical Modeling

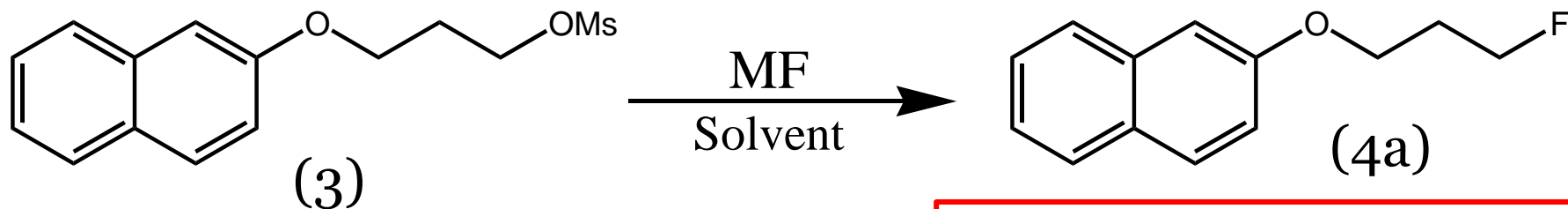
S_N2 mechanism with [bmim][OMs]

“Flexible” fluoride ion

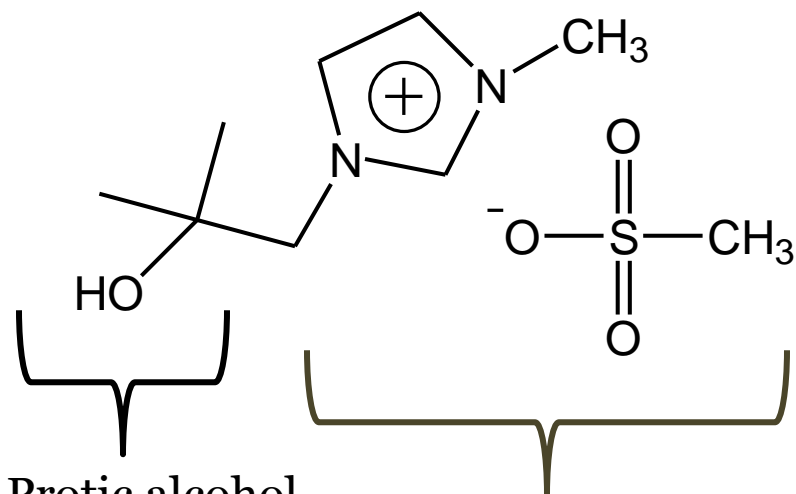


Lee et al. *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, **2011**, 9, 418

Protic alcohol and IL in ONE molecule



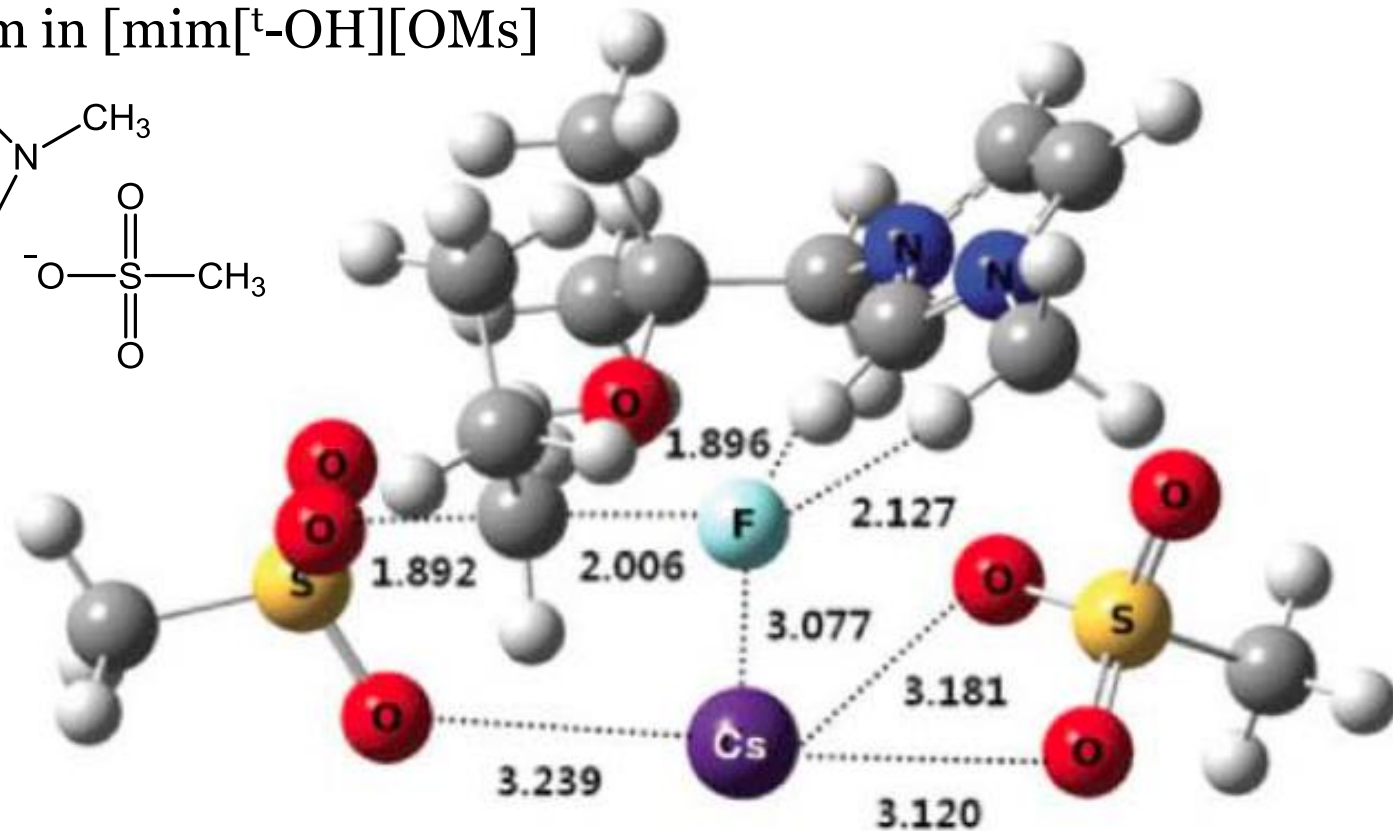
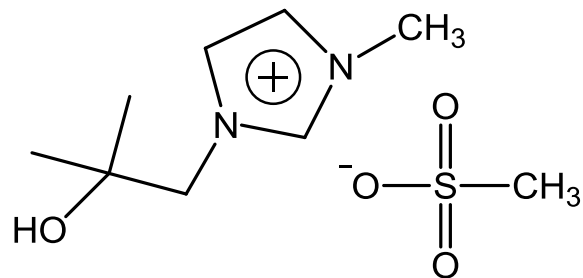
+ alcohol (4b) + alkene (4c)



entry	imidazolium salt	equiv	yield ^b (%)			
			3	4a	4b	4c
1	[bmim][OTf]	0.5	80	18	2	— ^c
2	[bmim][BF ₄]	0.5	73	24	3	—
3	[bmim][OMs]	0.5	64	32 (30) ^d	4	—
4	2a	0.5	—	100 (97) ^d	—	—
5	2b	0.5	11	85	3	—
6	2c	0.5	28	70	2	—
7	2d	0.5	42	56	2	—
8 ^e	2a	3.0	—	93	7	trace
9 ^f	2a	3 mL	—	84	10	6
10 ^g	<i>t</i> -BuOH	0.5	77	23 (22) ^d	—	—
11 ^h	[bmim][OMs]/ <i>t</i> -BuOH	0.5/0.5	58	40 (37) ^d	2	trace
12 ⁱ	2a	0.5	—	83	5	12

Synergistic Effect of Ionic Liquid and Tertiary Alcohol

S_N2 mechanism in [mim[^t-OH][OMs]



Computational modeling of the ionic liquid-alcohol, Cs-F and substrate

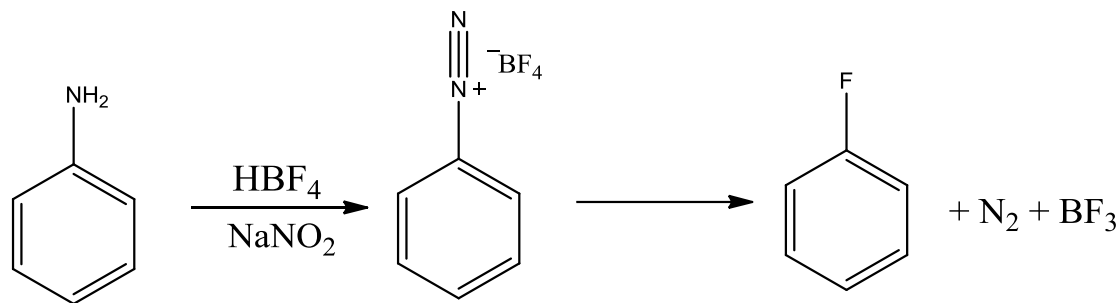
- Lower energetic barrier
- Retard acidic H—F interactions
- Acidic OH interacts with LG
- Retards E2 side reaction

Aromatic substitution: (1) Iodonium salt precursor, (2) Transition metal catalysis

**HIGHER YIELD AND
SELECTIVITY**

Conventional n.c.a. Aromatic Substitution

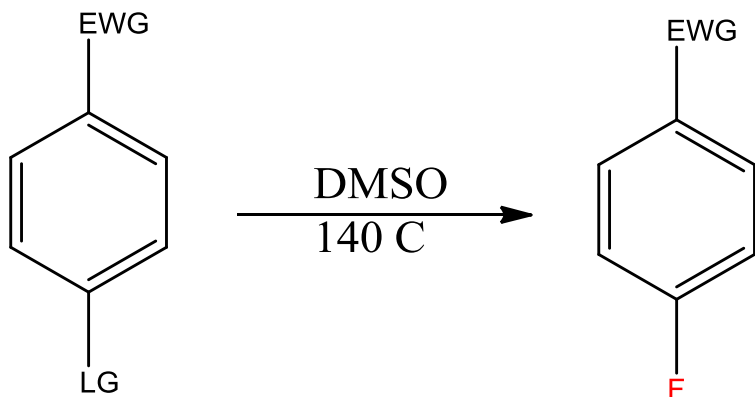
Balz-Schiemann reaction



Limitation

- Harsh condition
- High temperature
- low yield

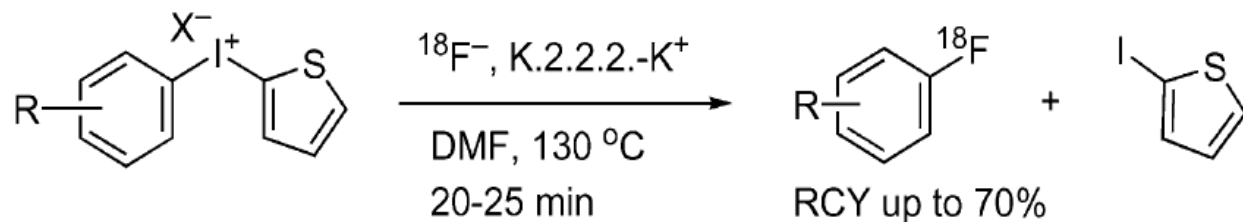
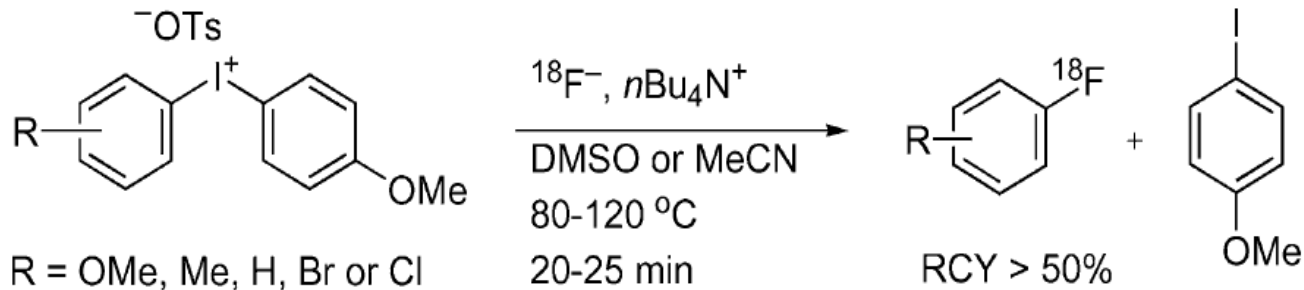
S_NAr



- Electron deficient arenes only
- High temperature
- Low yield

(1) Diaryliodonium Salt Precursor

- Electron rich and deficient arene
- Ortho effect; substitution directed to the least electron-rich ring (chemoselective)



R = H, 4-Me, 2-OMe, 3-OMe, 4-OMe, 4-OBn, 4-I, 4-Br, 4-Cl
X = Br, I, OTs, OTf

** Handling of diaryliodonium salt

Rules

Table 2 [¹⁸F]Fluoroarene synthesis

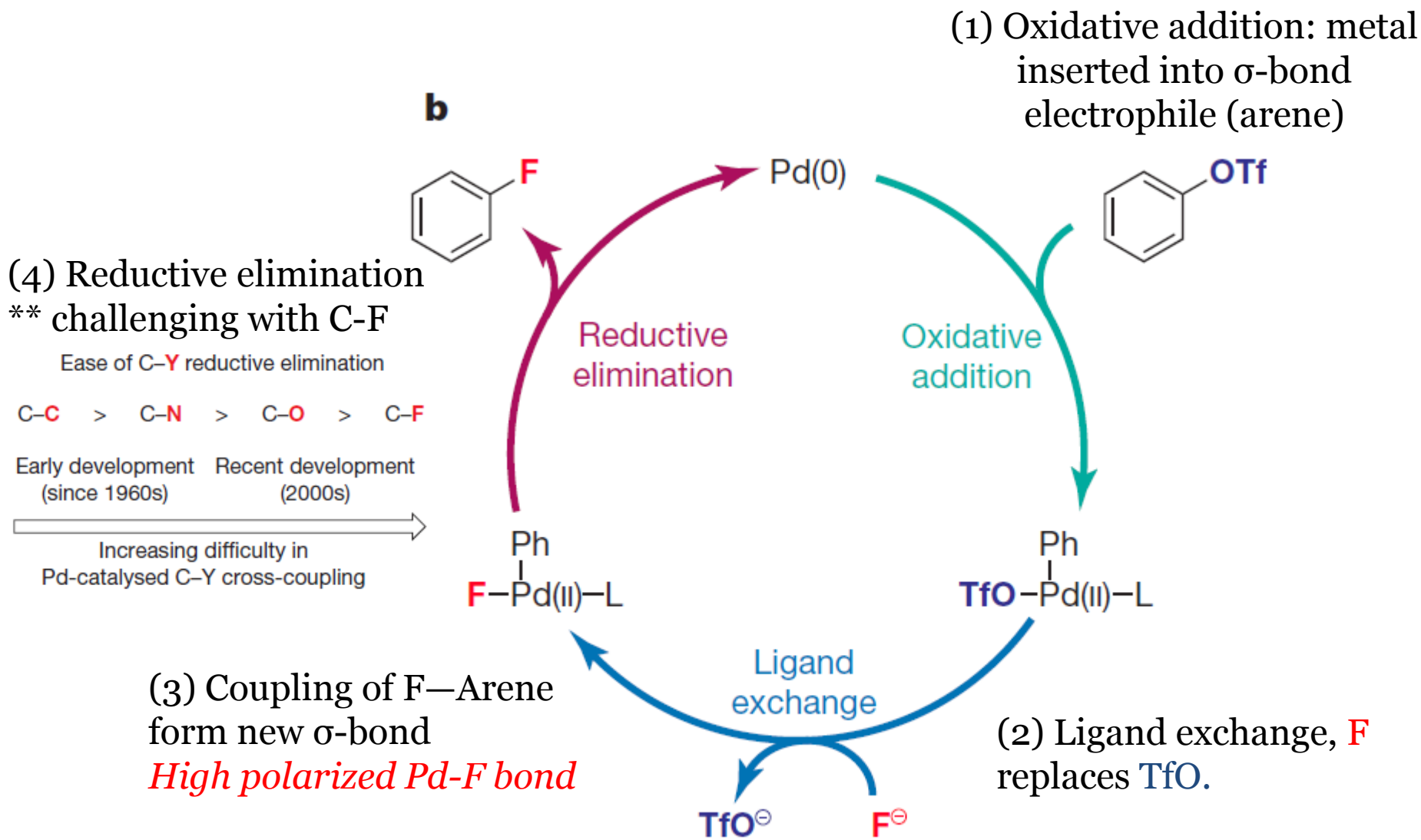
Run	Diaryliodonium salts 5					Radiochem. yield ^a (%)	Radiochem. loss ^b (%)	Product ratio	
	Cpd.	R-aryl	R'-aryl	A ⁻	Salt			3A	3B
1	a	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	KF-APE 2.2.2	80	NM	1.00	—
2	b	C ₆ H ₅	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	KF-APE 2.2.2	96	NM	1.00	0
3	c	C ₆ H ₅	4-Bu ^t OC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	KF-APE 2.2.2	95	NM	1.00	0
4	d	C ₆ H ₅	4-BrC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	KF-APE 2.2.2	95	NM	0.30	0.70
5	e	C ₆ H ₅	4-IC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	KF-APE 2.2.2	94	NM	0.15	0.85
6	f	C ₆ H ₅	4-FC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	KF-APE 2.2.2	92	NM	0.10	0.90
7	g	C ₆ H ₅	2,4,6-(CH ₃) ₃ C ₆ H ₂	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	KF-APE 2.2.2	96	NM	0	1.00
8	h	2-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	4-Bu ^t C ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	CsF	60	20	0.80	0.20
9	i	2-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	CsF	50	26	(1.00) ^c	
10	j	2-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ CO ₂ ⁻	CsF	45	22	(1.00) ^c	
11	k	2-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ CO ₂ ⁻	CsF	64	9	1.00	0
12	l	3-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	CsF	66	10	1.00	0
13	m	2-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	2,4,6-(CH ₃) ₃ C ₆ H ₂	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	CsF	65	11	0.20	0.80
14	n	2,4,6-(CH ₃) ₃ C ₆ H ₂	2,4,6-(CH ₃) ₃ C ₆ H ₂	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	CsF	50	20	(1.00) ^c	
15	o	2,4,6-(CH ₃) ₃ C ₆ H ₂	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ CO ₂ ⁻	CsF	67	8	1.00	0
16	p	3,5-(CH ₃) ₂ C ₆ H ₃	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	CsF	45	19	1.00	0
17	q	4-(CH ₃) ₃ CCH ₂ C ₆ H ₄	3-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	CF ₃ SO ₃ ⁻	CsF	66	9	1.00	0

Substitution favored on the **most** electron deficient arene. Strong EWG (alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl)

Mixtures when arene is moderately activated (eg.: F, Br, I)

N/R when both arenes are substituted

(ii) Transition metal catalysis for C-F

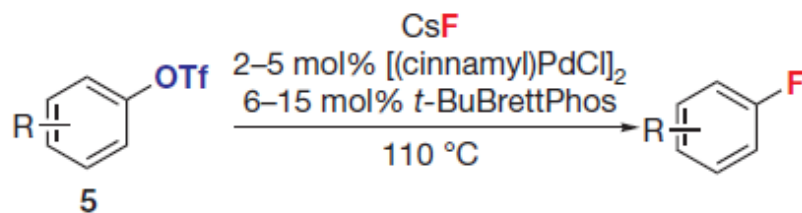


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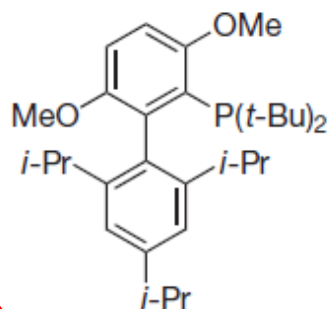
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Regioselective aromatic fluorination, without the need of activating/directing group

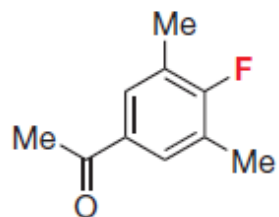
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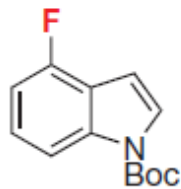
t-BuBrettPhos (6, L):



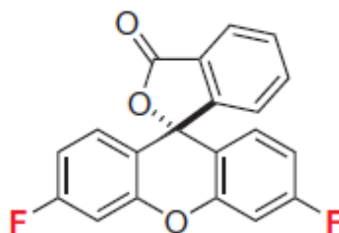
Bulky ligand
Promote reductive elimination of C-F from the arylpalladium (II) complex



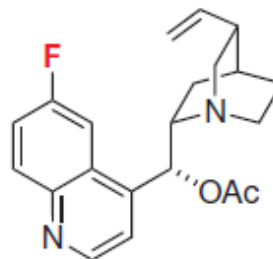
83%



73%



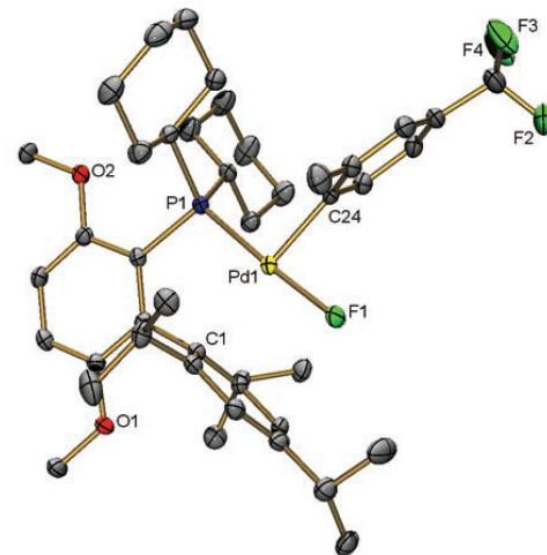
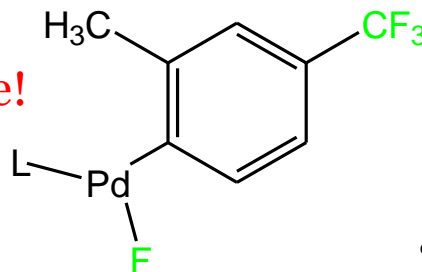
73%



70%

Wide scope of aryl triflates: electron rich and poor arene, hindered substrates, heteroatoms

- Requires stoichiometry fluoride source!



“T-shaped” arylpalladium fluoride complex

Donald A. Watson, *et al.*
Science **325**, 1661 (2009)

Revisit Fluorination Methods

Electrophilic fluorination

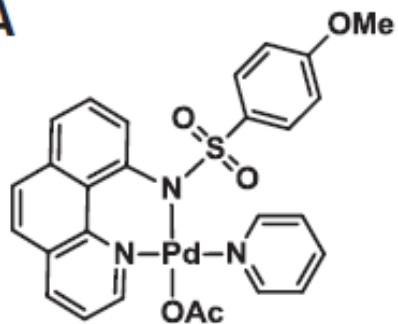
- F_2 source- difficult to handle
- Low specific activity; dilution with F^{19}
- **Highly reactive towards arenes**

Nucleophilic fluorination

- **F^- ion source in H_2O , ease of handling**
- **High specific activity**
- Water hydration; need activation
- Not reactive to unactivated arenes

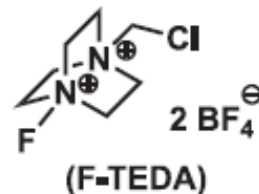
Fluoride Ion Reversal in Polarity

A



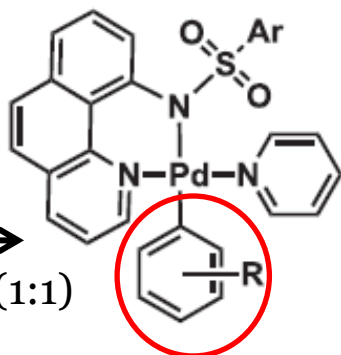
7 = [Pd]-OAc

Electrophilic fluorine source

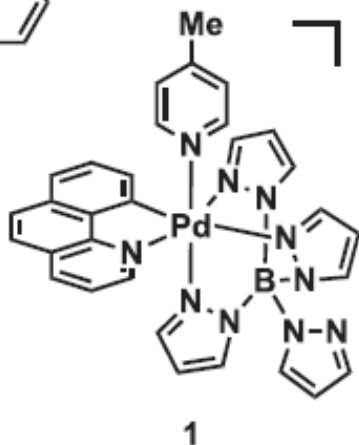


(F-TEDA)

“A” Pd-aryl complex *electrophilic fluorination*

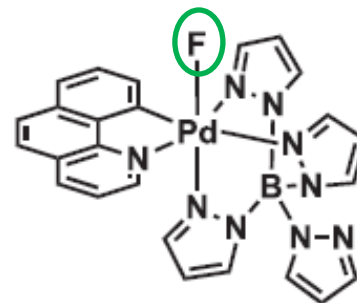


“B” Pd-F complex



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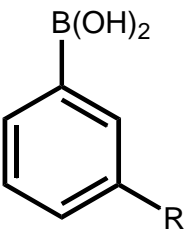
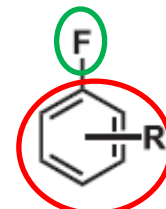
2⁺
2⁻OTf



2

OTf

aryl fluoride

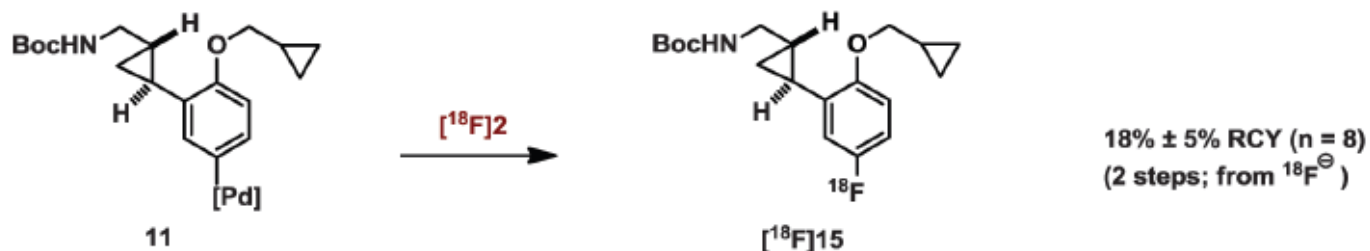
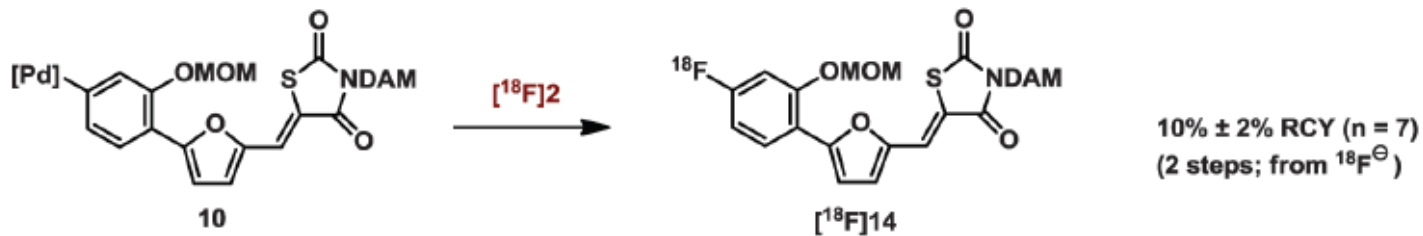
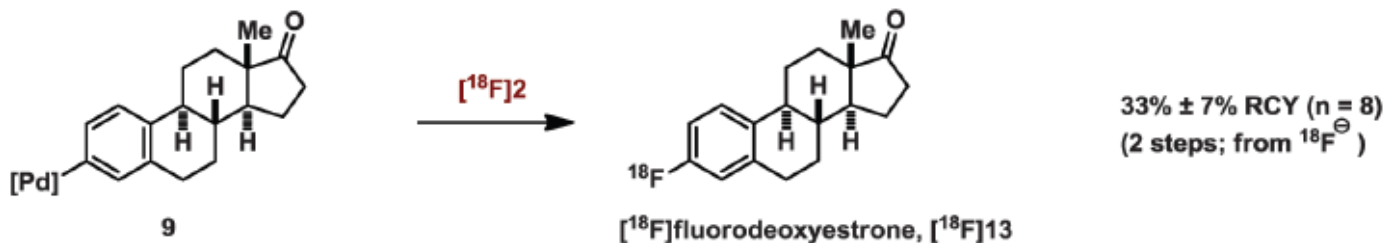
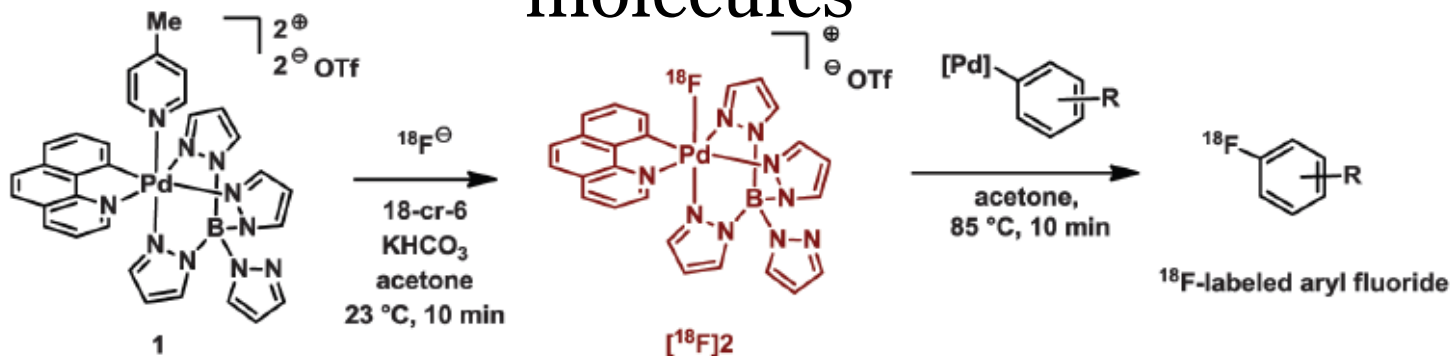


Benzene/MeOH (1:1)

K₂CO₃

23 °C, 10 h

Late-stage/Direct radiofluorination of complex molecules



Eliminate azeotropic drying using new F18-prosthetic group chemistry

N.C.A RADIOLABELING IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION

Fluorination in Aqueous media

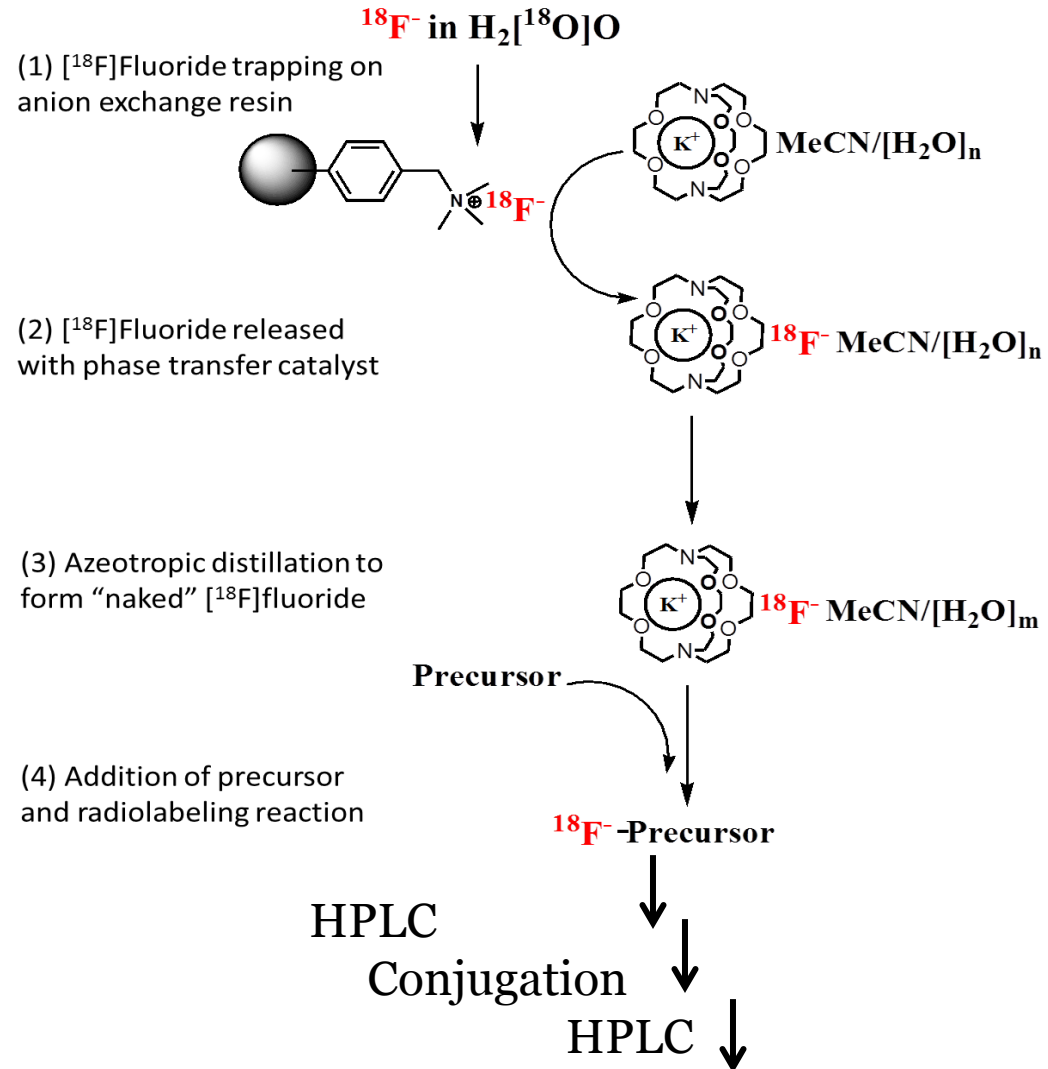
1. Si-F chemistry
2. Al-F chemistry
3. Enzymatic fluorination

Features:

- Preparation of *F18-prosthetic group* directly in aqueous media.
- Or *direct labeling* with F18 ion in aqueous.
- Eliminate lengthy azeotropic drying steps
- Reduce radiolabeling time

Conventionally

Radiolabeling peptide/protein with n.c.a F18



Organofluorosilanes (Si-[¹⁸F]F)

Schirmacher et al. App Sci. 2012. 2, 277

Si-F bond: 153-167 kcal/mole

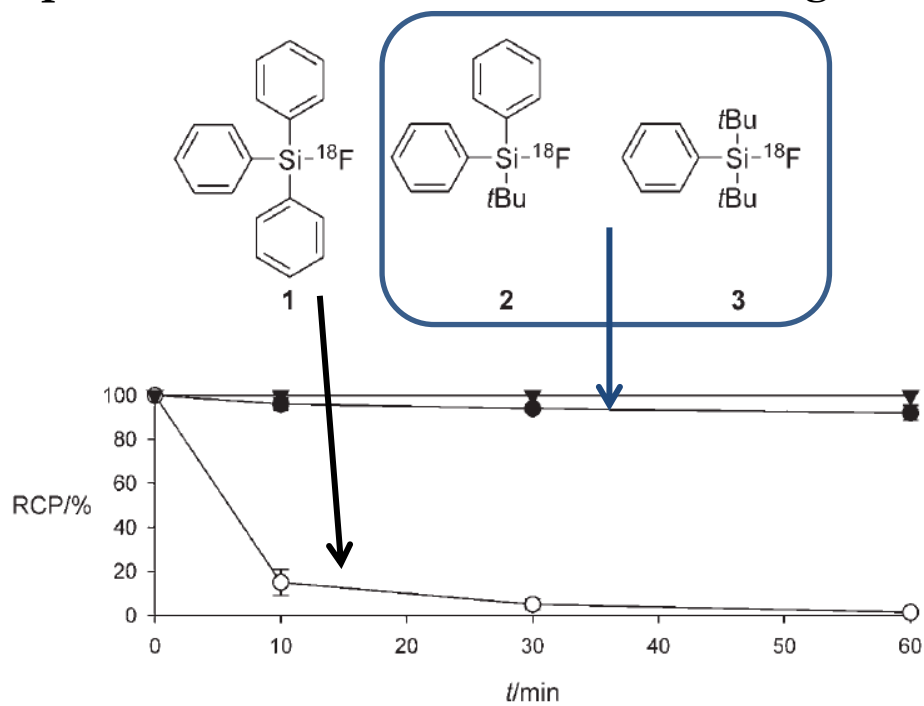
Mild reaction conditions

Extremely specific

No by-product; cartridge purification

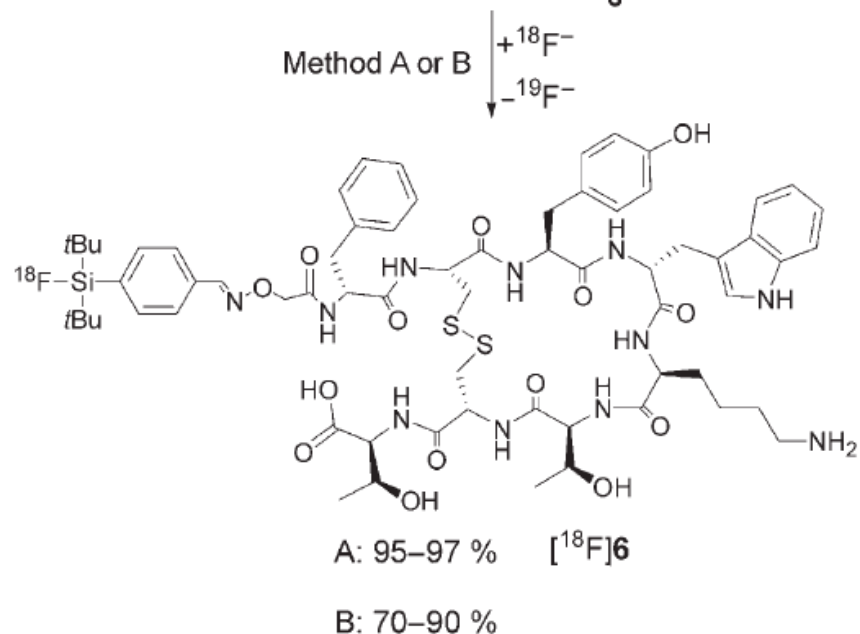
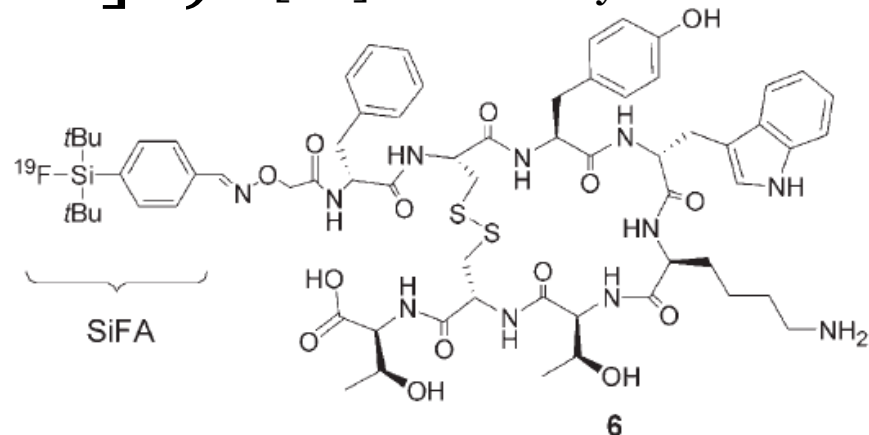
Labeling in directly in [¹⁸F]F⁻/[¹⁸O]H₂O

Isotopic exchange; exchange efficiencies depend on substituent on aromatic ring



Stability of R₃Si-F in human

[¹⁸F]-labelled Tyr³-octreotate



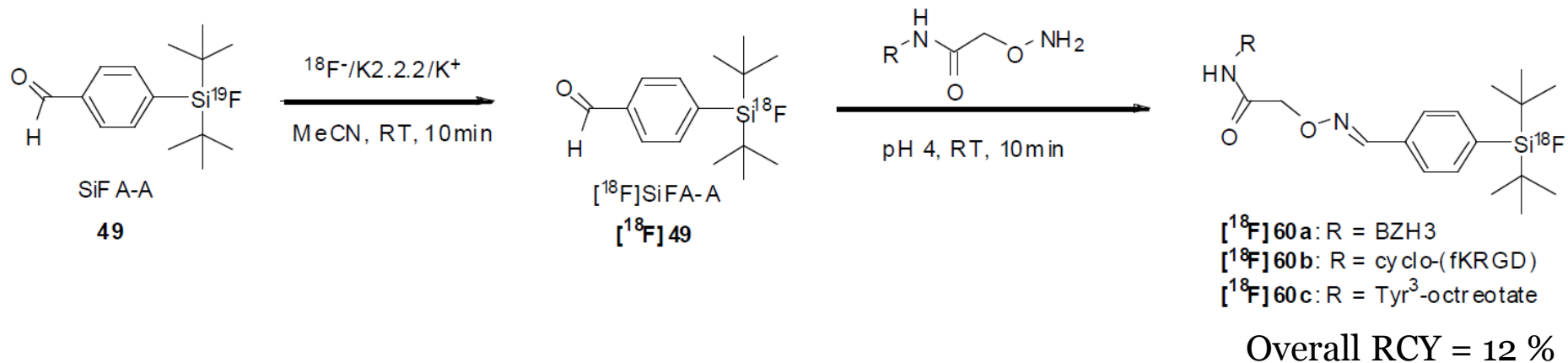
Method A: [¹⁸F]F⁻/K₂₂₂/K⁺, MeCN, RT, 10-15 mins
RCY: 95 - 97%

Method B: [¹⁸F]F⁻/[¹⁸O]H₂O, MeCN, 95 °C, 30 mins
RCY: 70 - 90%

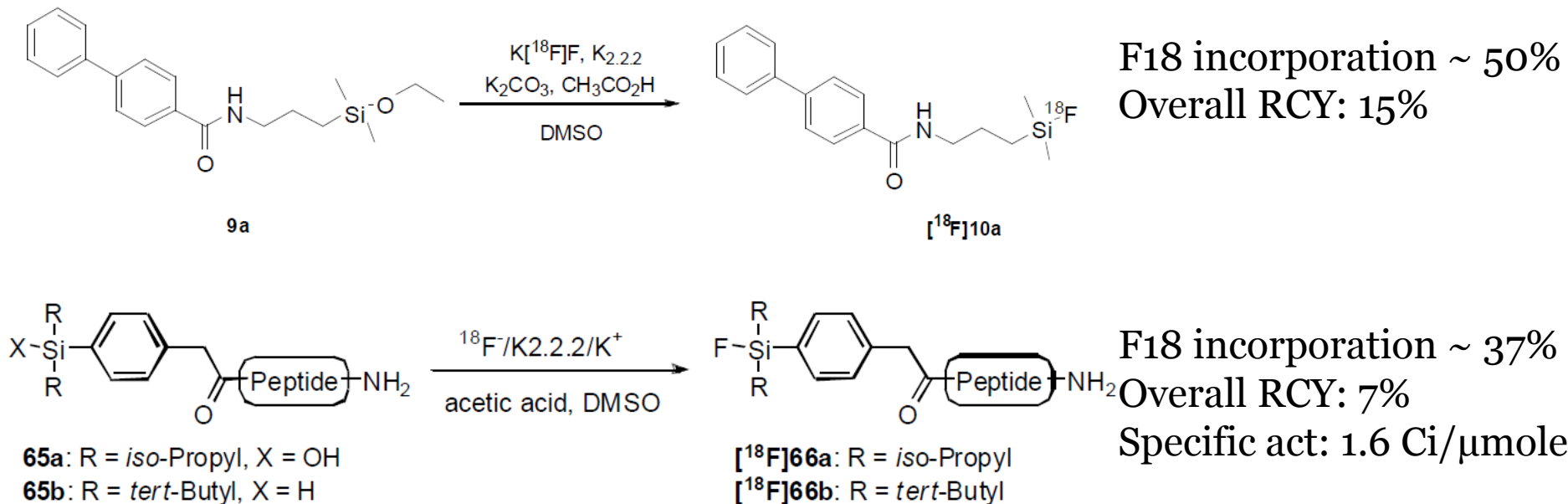
Specific act ~ 108 mCi/μmole

Organofluorosilanes in Radiochemistry

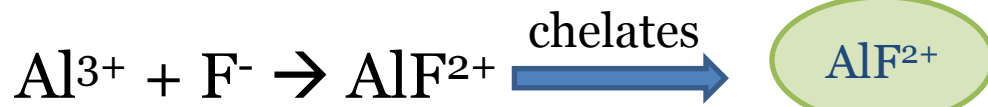
(i) Isotopic exchange method; 2 steps → improved specific activities ~ 1 Ci/umole



(ii) Organosilane substrate with hydroxyl and ethoxyl leaving group

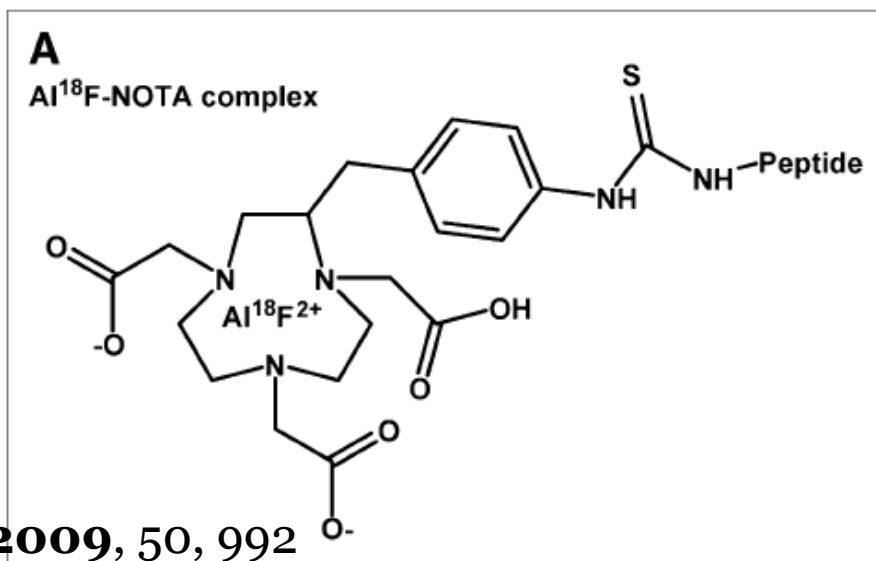
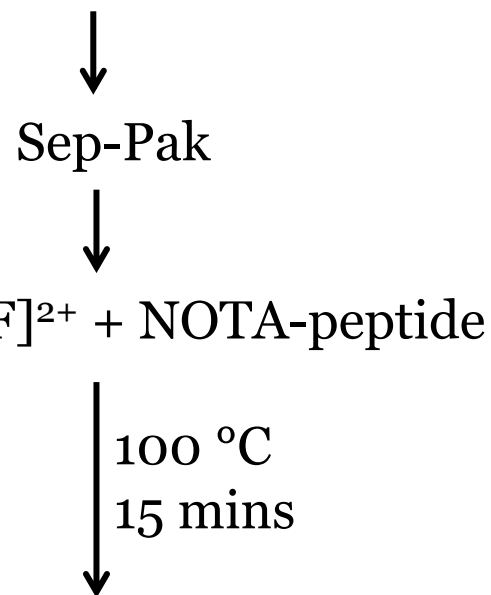
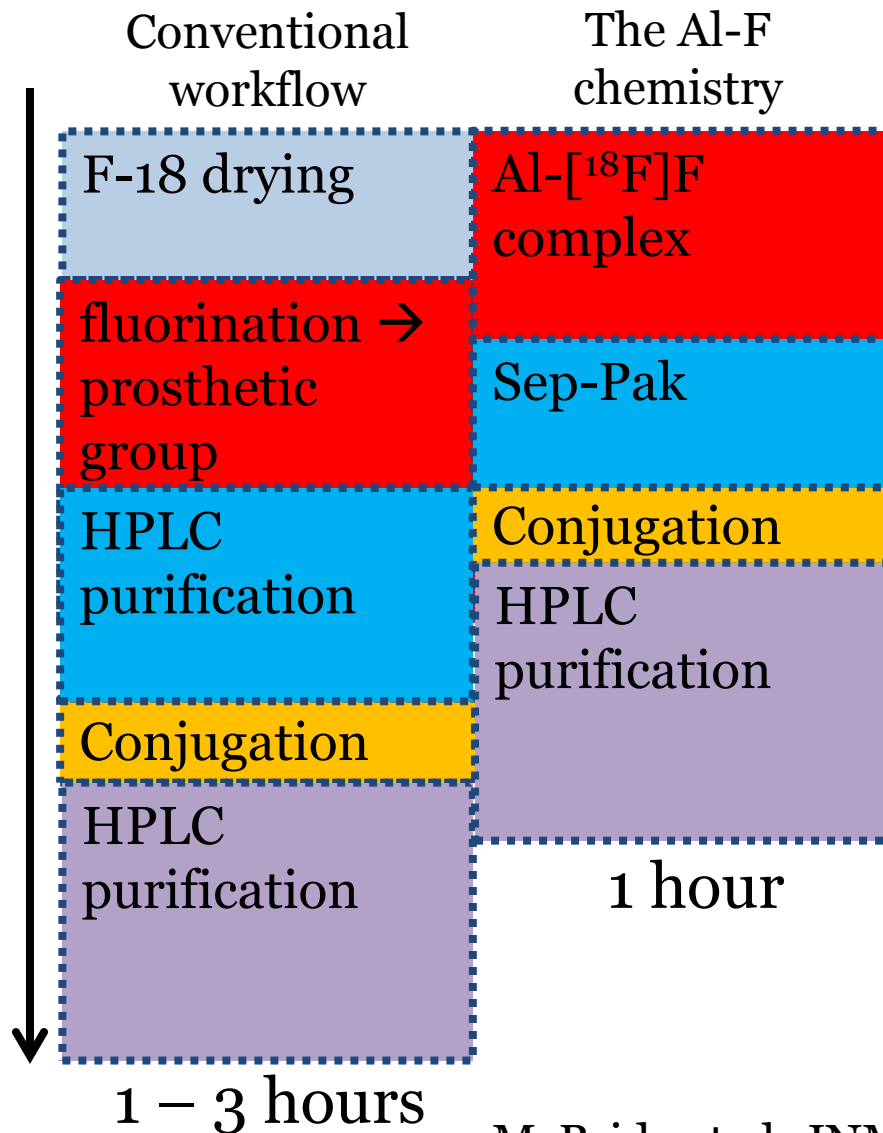


Al-¹⁸F Complex

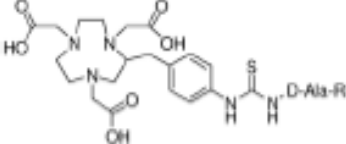
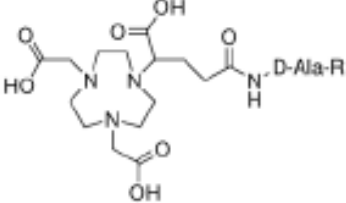
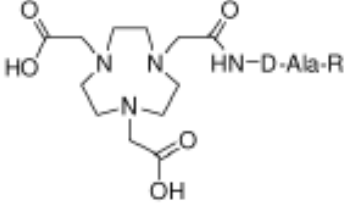
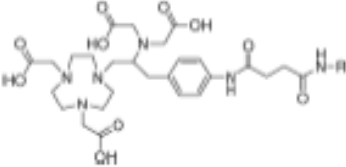


*eliminate azeotropic drying

AlCl₃ hexahydrate + [¹⁸F]fluoride/H₂O



Improved ^{18}F -Labeling with $[\text{Al-F}]^{2+}$ chelate complex

PEPTIDE	Structure	Maximum ^{18}F -Labeling Yield
IMP449		44%
IMP460		5.8%
IMP461		31%
IMP467		87%

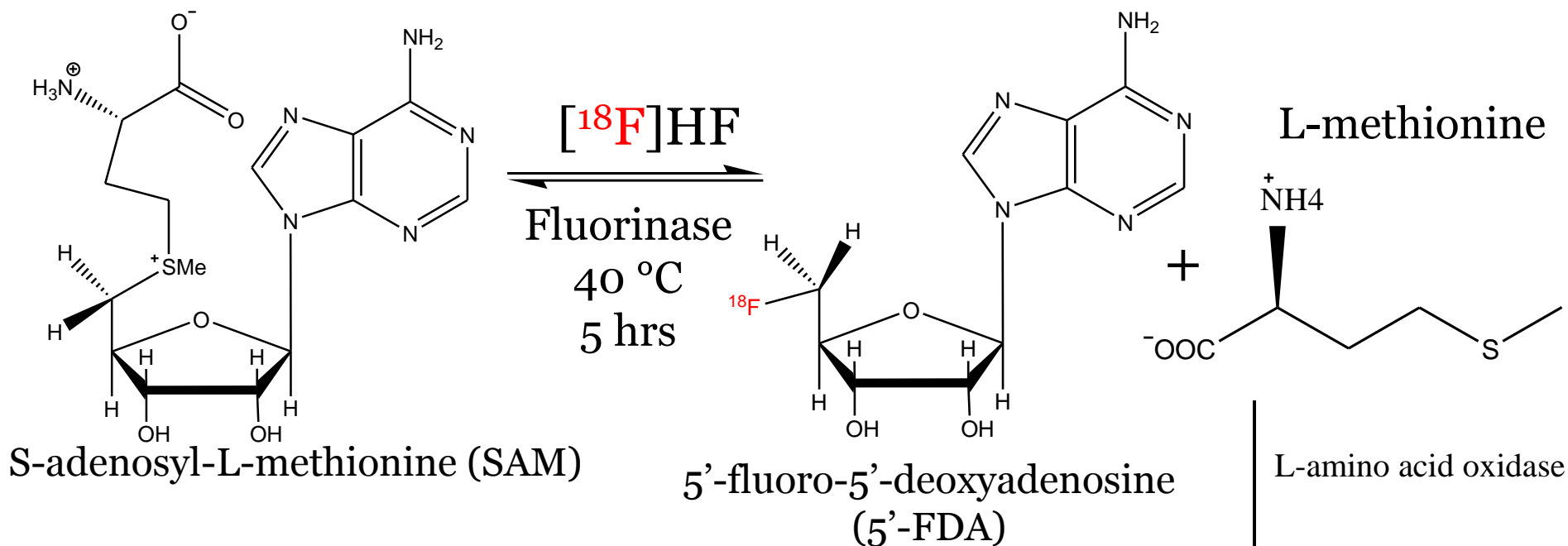
Optimization

1. Reduced volume
2. Concentration of chelates (>40 nmoles)
3. Concentration of peptide (>10 nmoles)
4. Labeling time (>5 mins)
5. Labeling temp (>100 C)
6. pH 4~5 (yield 70%)

Comparison to other methods

Author	Schirmacher	Hohne	Marik	Glaser	Poethko	Wester/ Mading	Becaud	McBride
Chemistry	Silicon	Silicon	Click	Click	Oxime	Amide	Direct substitution	Al-F
Rx steps	2	1	2	2	2	many	1	1
Process time (min)	40	115-155	30	65	75	60	35	30
Yield (%)	55	13	79	50	40	10	57	51
HPLC-purification steps	1	1	Distillation+ Sep-Pak	1+ distillation	1	2	1	SPE
Specific activity (Ci/umole)	6-18	1.8	>1	high	high	high	2	3

Enzyme Catalyzed C-[¹⁸F]F



Features:

Radiofluorination in aqueous (H_2O)

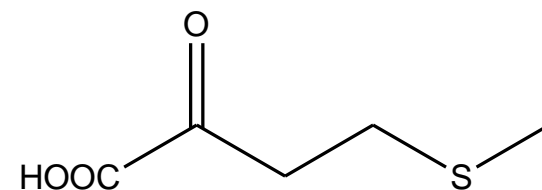
Eliminate azeotropic drying steps

Eliminate need of phase transfer catalyst

Results:

Without oxidase co-enzyme: 1% RCY 5hr

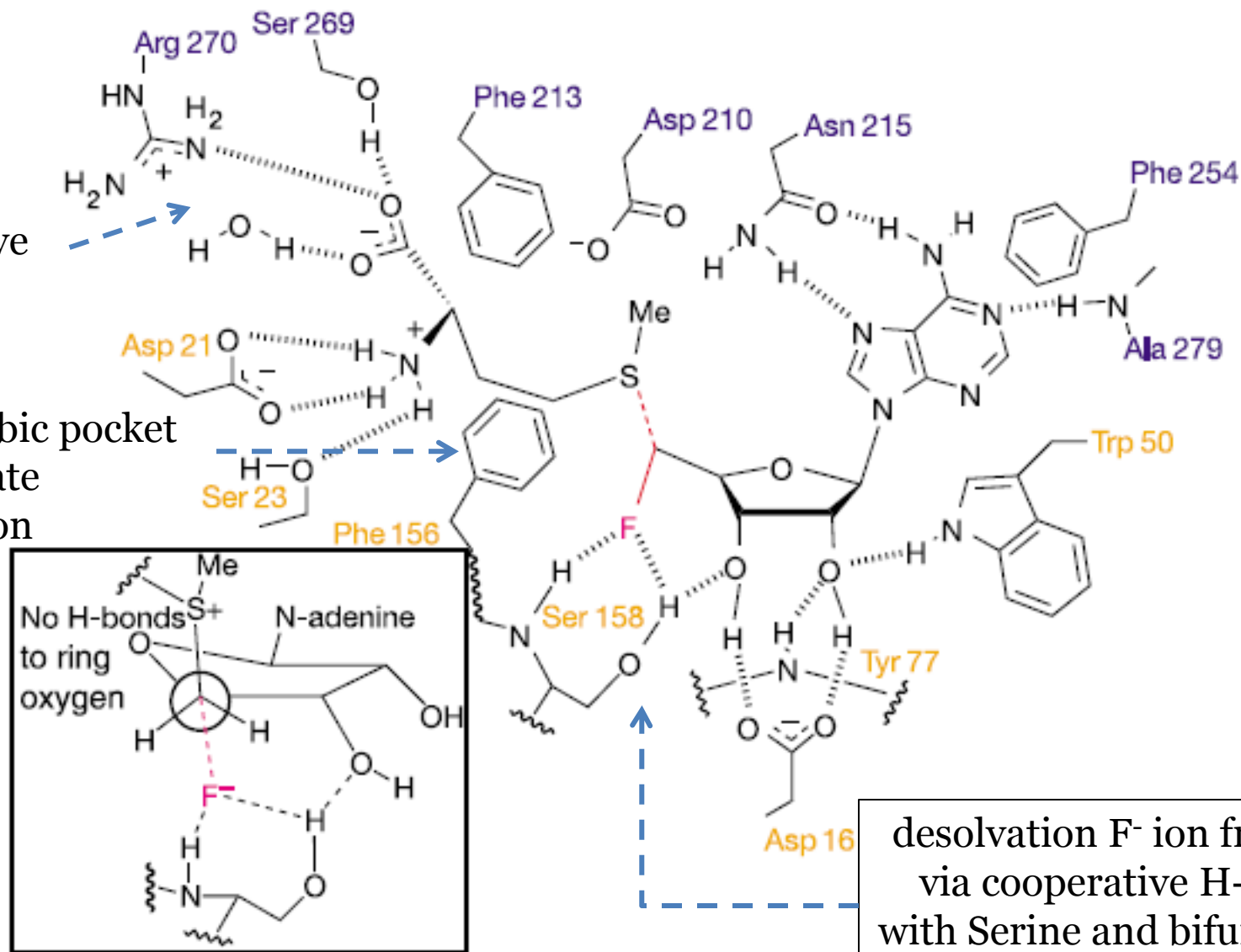
With oxidase co-enzyme: 95% RCY 1 hr



Mechanism of fluorinase

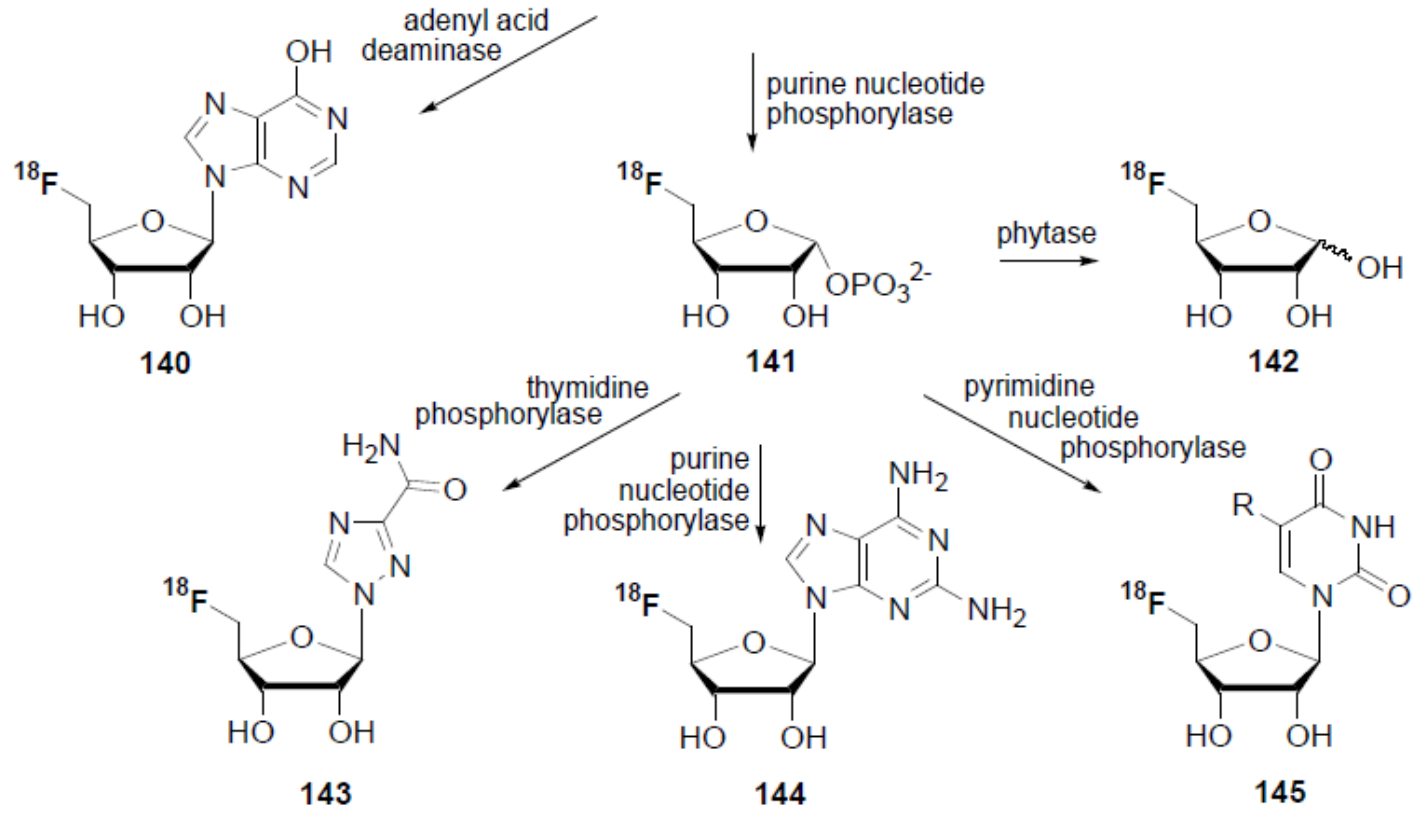
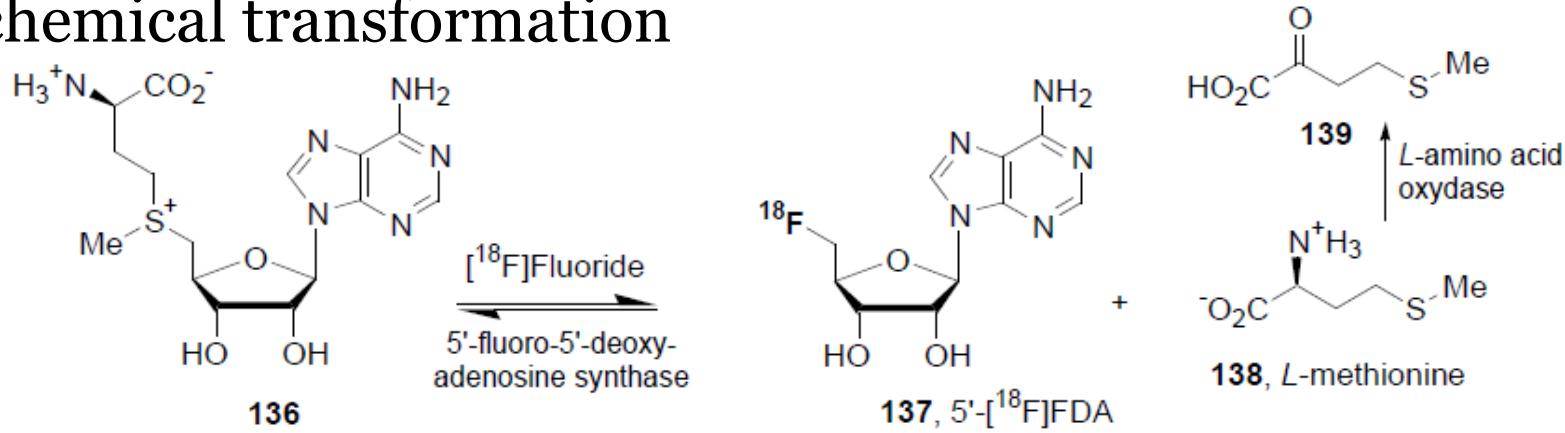
Cooperative hydrogen bonding

Hydrophobic pocket for substrate stabilization



Representation of enzyme active site

Derivatives of F18-labelled 5'-fluorodeoxyadenosine via biochemical transformation



R = H, Me, F, Cl, Br

(1) Polymer supported reagent, (2) Polymer supported precursors,
(3) fluorous phase detagging

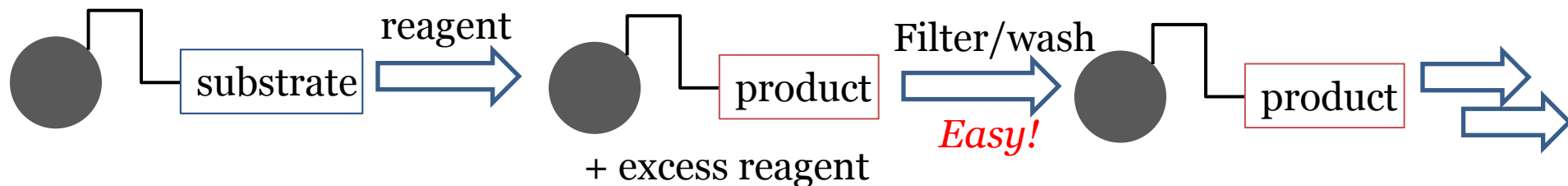
HPLC-FREE APPROACHES

Polymer Supported Radiosynthesis

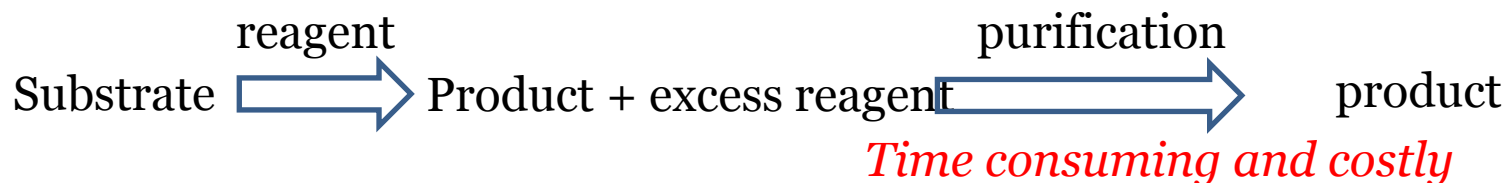
Advantages:

1. Synthetic intermediate don't have to be isolated
2. Large excess of reagents are use to drive reaction forward, without complicating purification
3. Reagents simply wash away in each step
4. Selective cleavage → simplify purification
5. Support hazardous reagents → increase safety
6. Amenable to automation

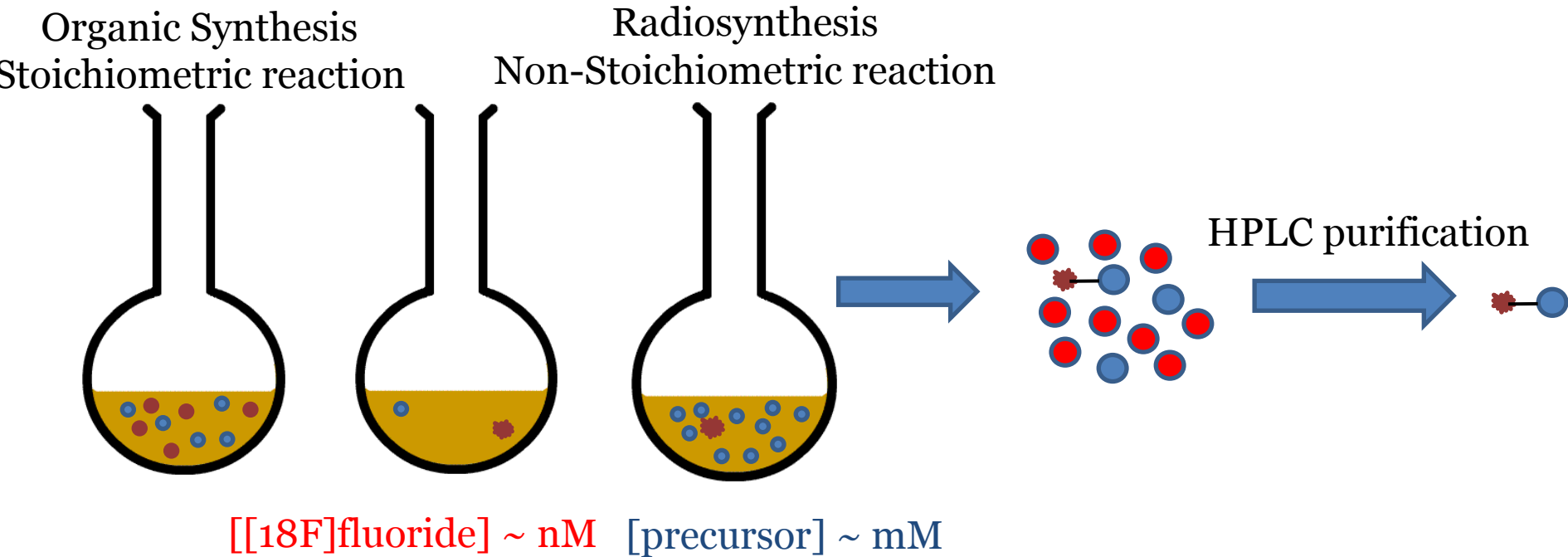
Solid Phase Synthesis



“Conventional” Solution Phase Synthesis

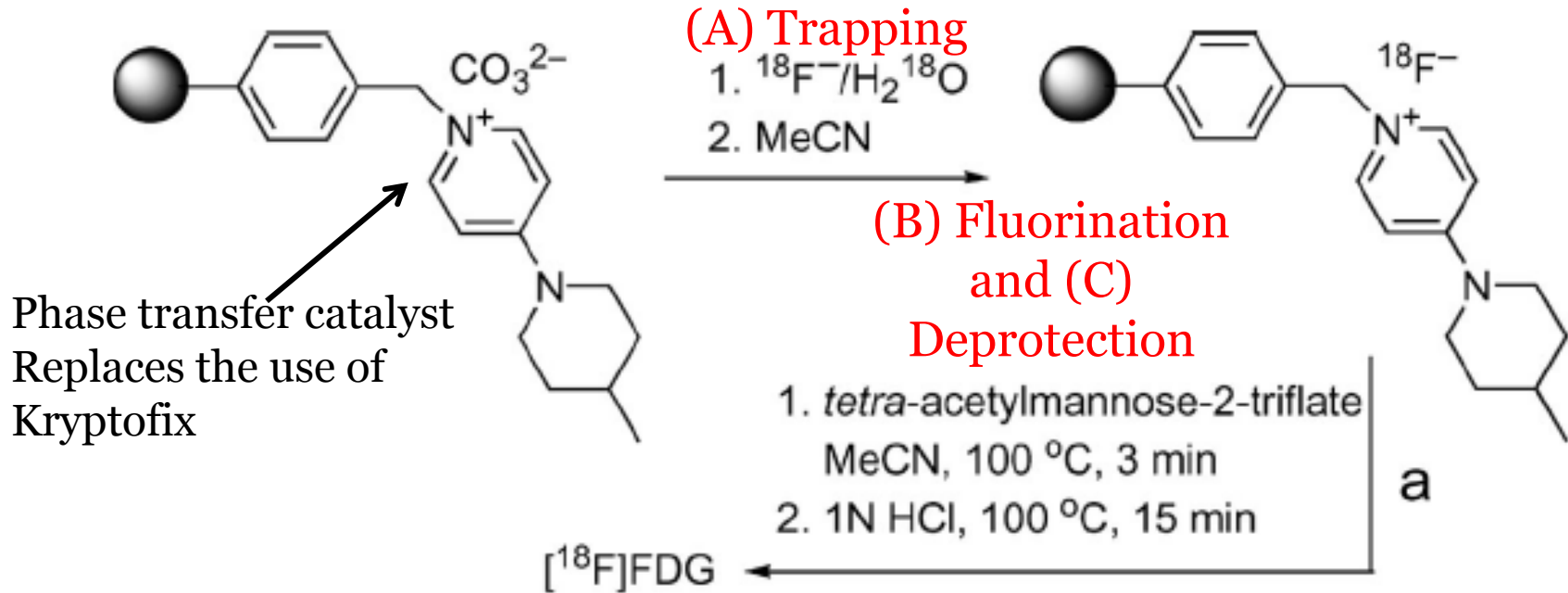


Implication of Non-Stoichiometry Reactions in Radiochemistry



- (a) Increases reaction kinetics in a short reaction time
- (b) Complicates purification

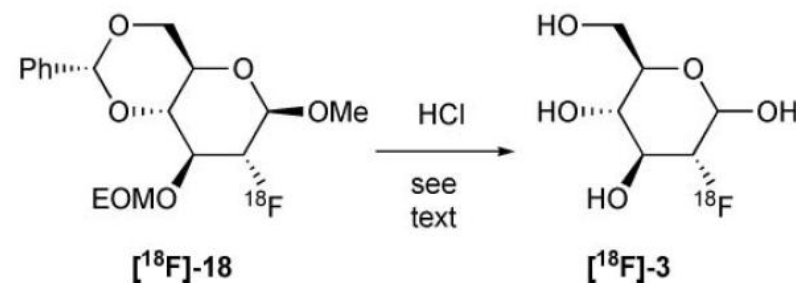
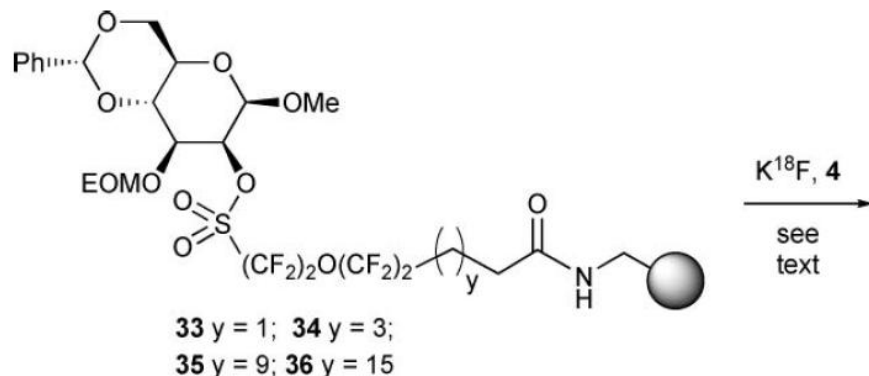
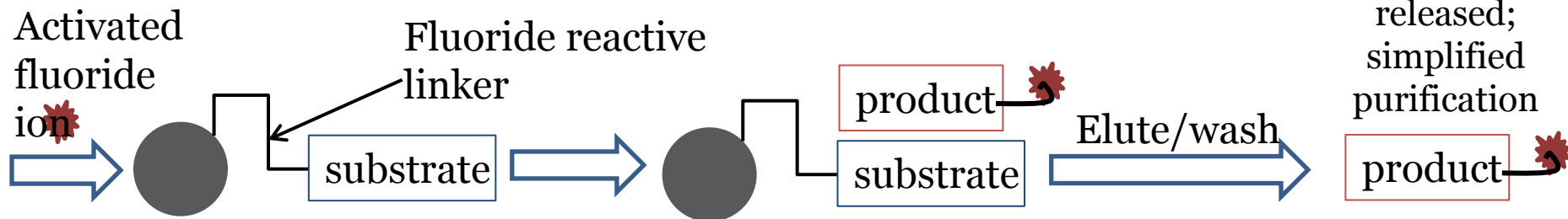
(1) Polymer supported *reagent*



Phase transfer catalyst = 4-aminopyridinium salt supported on polymer support; eliminate the need of using the toxic Kryptofix; simplify purification

(2) Polymer supported precursor

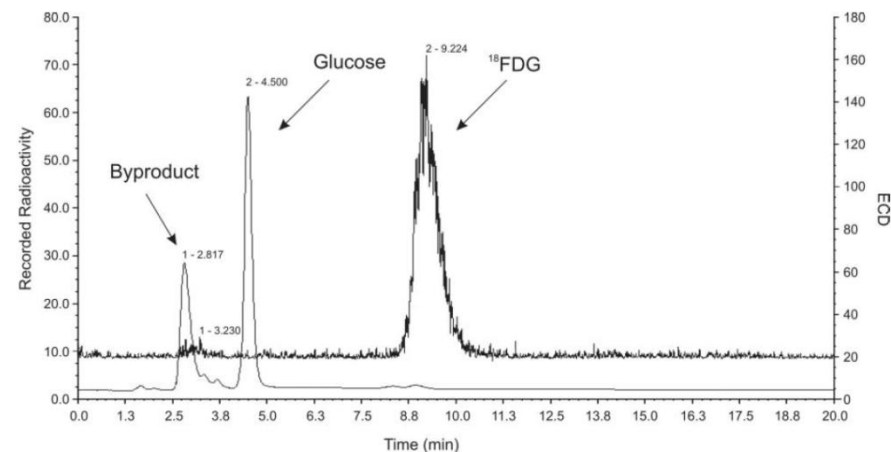
Only fluorinated product is released; simplified purification



Effect of linker chain length

Entry	Linker length (y)	Radiochemical yield (%) ^a	[^{18}F]fluoride remaining (%) ^a
1	0	45–50	50–55
2	1	75	25
3	3	92	8
4	9	85–90	10–15
5	15	77	23

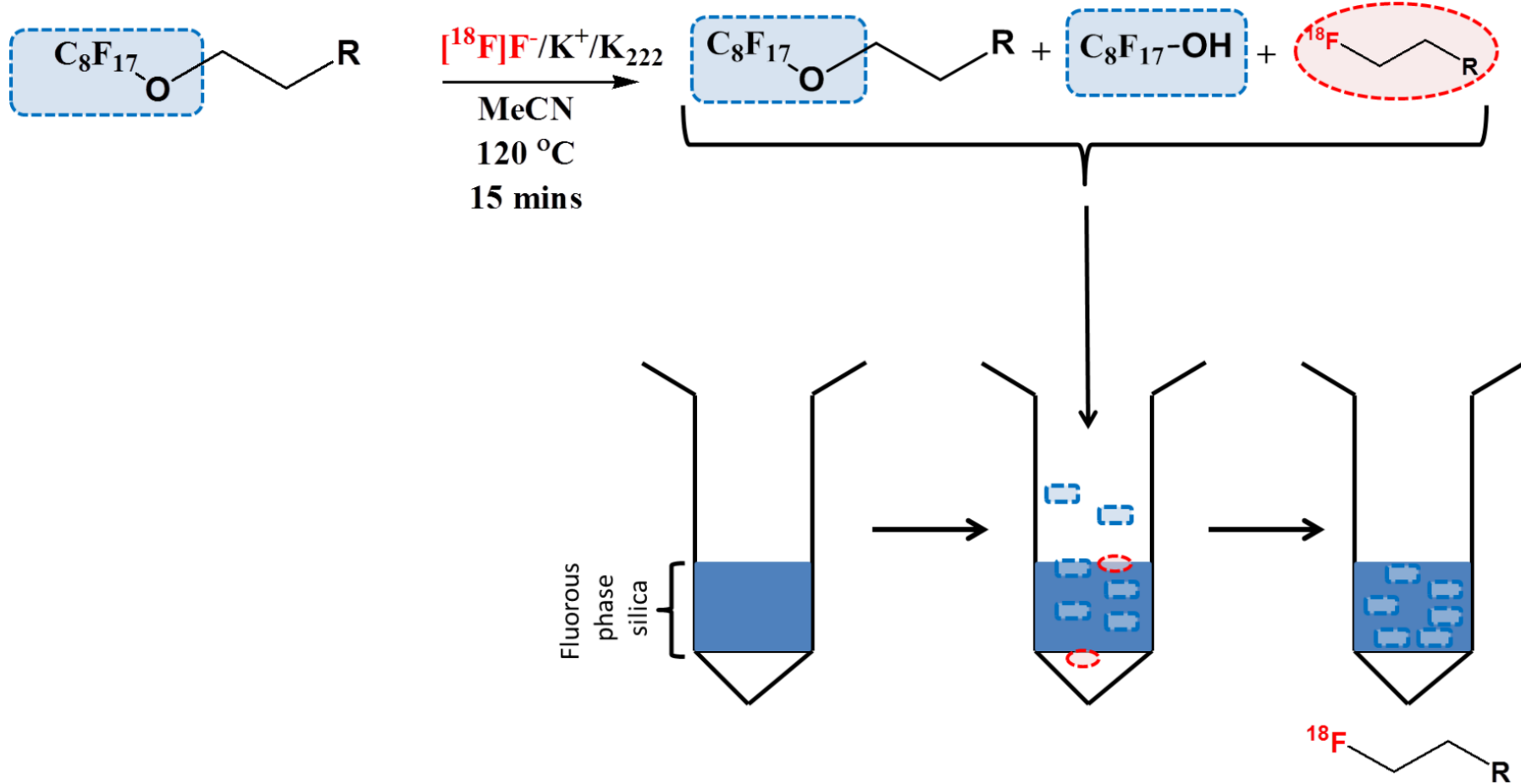
^a Determined by HPLC with γ -detection (decay corrected).



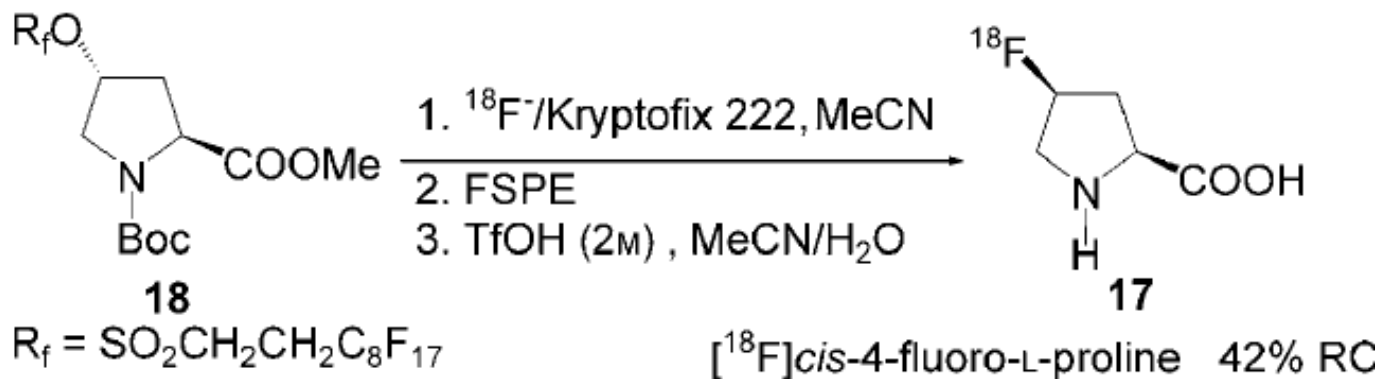
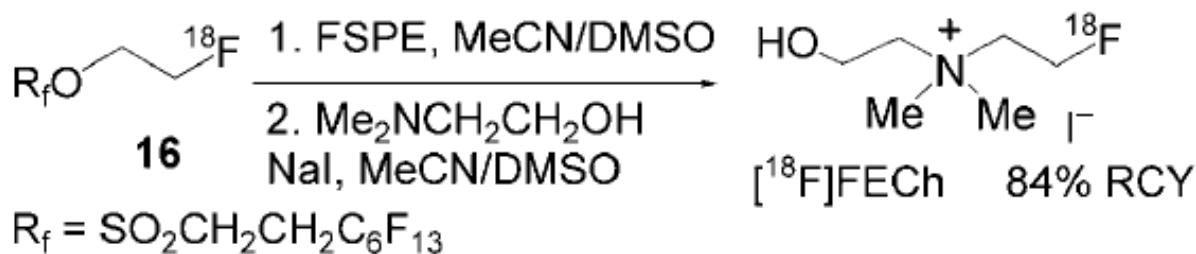
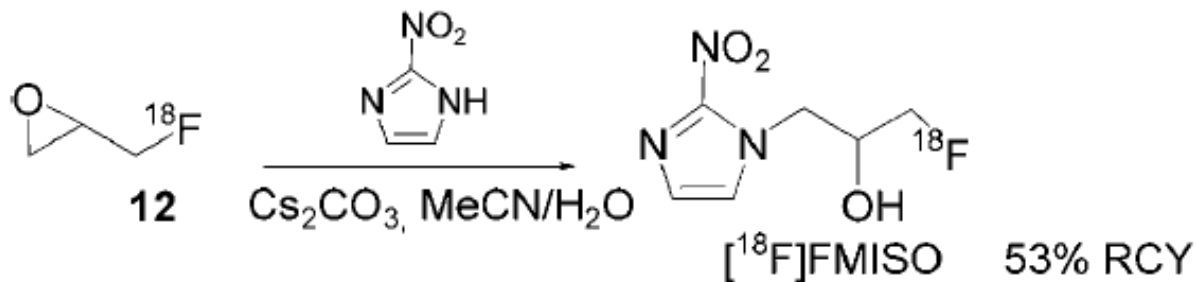
(3) Fluorous phase detagging

** Solution phase reaction kinetics

** Simplified purification; separation based on fluorous vs non-fluorous compound



Examples of PET probes synthesized via fluororous detagging approach without HPLC purification



** Reduction in specific activities

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