

GM Focus: Interesting applications of fluorinated starting materials and reagents therein.

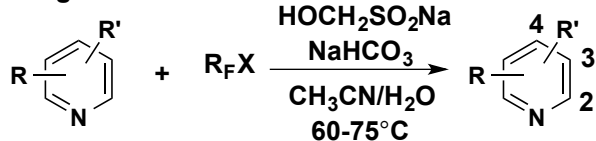
To Be Covered:

1. Rongalite: "The Confused Sulfinate"
2. "The Nitrogen Walk"
3. Perfluoroheteroaromatics and "Mirror Image Logic"
4. N-Fluoropyridinium Salts and "The Fluorine Walk"
5. "The Negative Fluorine Effect" and the "chemical chameleon"

Not Covered:

General/"Traditional" Fluorination Reagents and techniques:  
i.e. Selectfluor, NFSI, DAST, XeF<sub>2</sub>, AgF<sub>2</sub> (see Fluorination GM by S. Su (2008))

Rongalite: "The Confused Sulfinate"



*J. of Fluorine Chemistry*, 64 (1993) 37-46

General Isomer Distribution:

C2:C3:C4 = 1:4:4

Observed byproducts:  
R<sub>F</sub>H and R<sub>F</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na

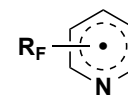
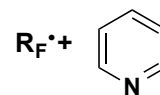
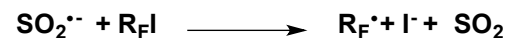
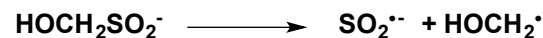
R<sub>F</sub>X:  
C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>I  
C<sub>7</sub>F<sub>15</sub>I  
C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>I  
Cl(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>Br

52-68%

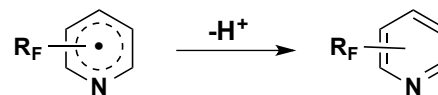
R, R' = H, CH<sub>3</sub>  
R<sub>F</sub> = C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>, C<sub>7</sub>F<sub>15</sub>,  
C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>, Cl(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>

- \*Bicarb. kept rxn slightly basic and prevent dissociation of Rongalite.
- \*Also works on pyrroles (selective C2 substitution), quinolines and isoquinolines.
- \*Pyrazine and imidazole were problematic.

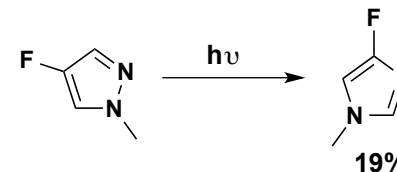
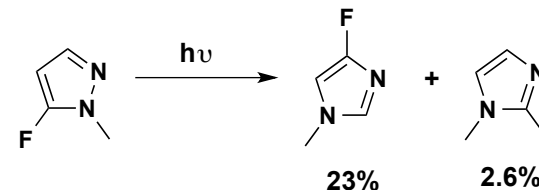
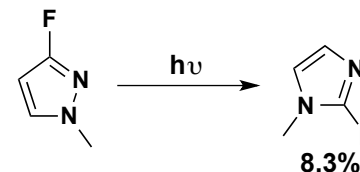
General Mechanism:



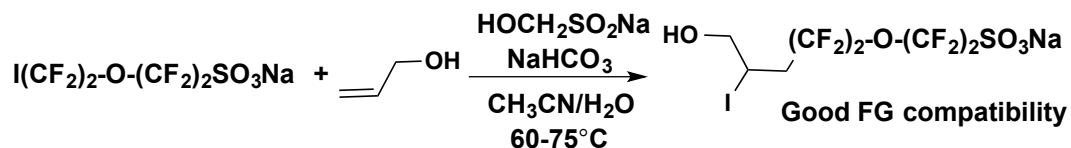
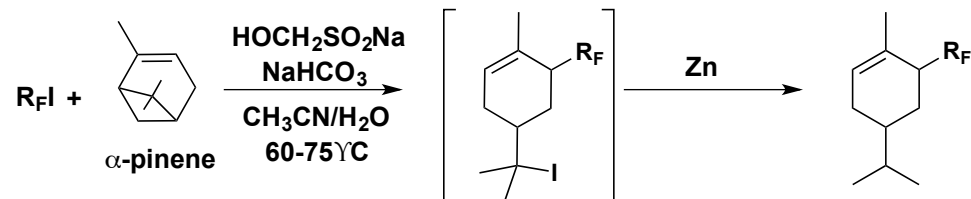
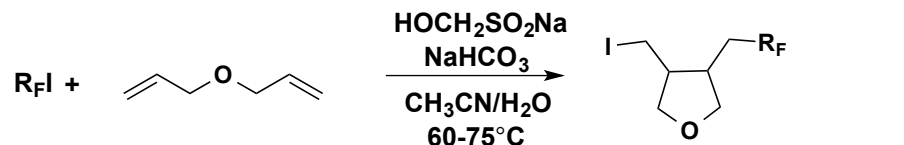
FYI: Rongalite  
\$250/5KG = \$0.05/g  
Aldrich



The "Nitrogen Walk" *J. Org. Chem.* 1991,56, 6313-6320

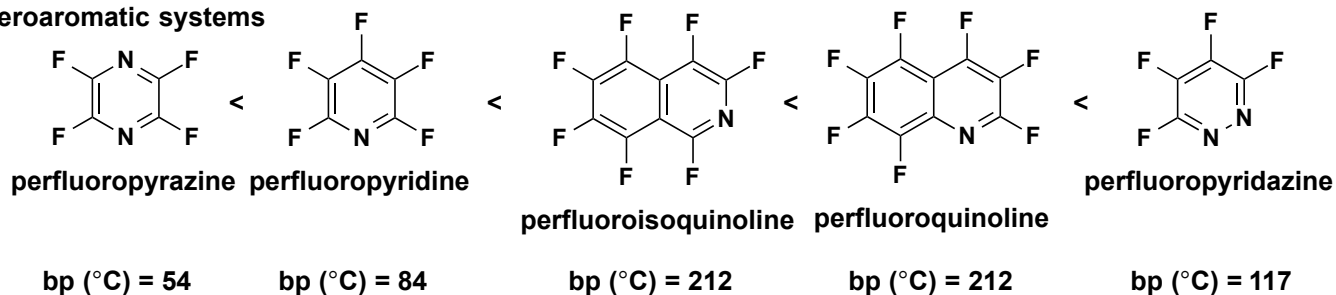


Rongalite With Olefins

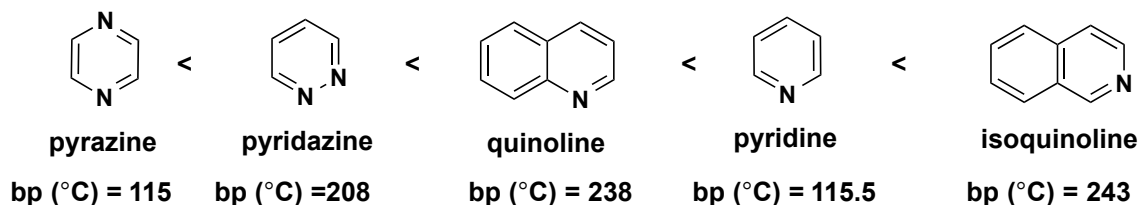


# Perfluorinated Heterocycles as Synthons?

## perfluoroheteroaromatic systems



## heteroaromatic systems

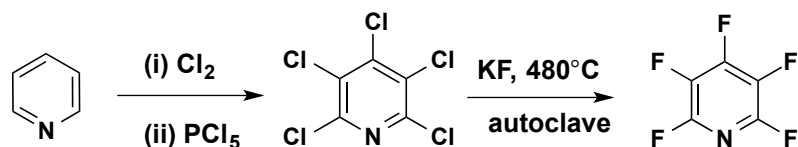


Increasing base strength

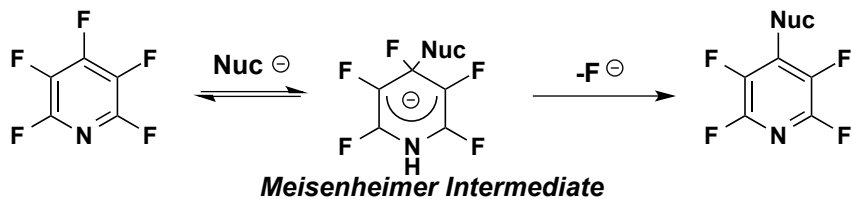
\*All perfluoroheteroaromatic compounds are weak bases - a fluorine atom placed *ortho* to the nitrogen atom significantly decreases the basicity of the system.

\*Boiling points: Lower bp is attributed to lower intermolecular forces and low basicities of fluorocarbon systems that compensate for the increase in mass upon replacing hydrogen by fluorine.

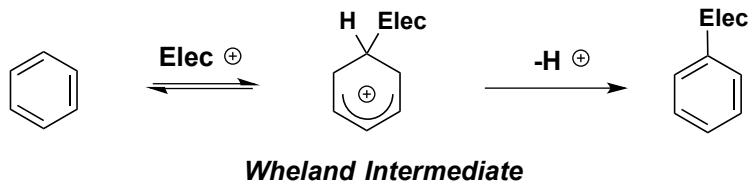
General synthesis of perfluoroheteroaromatic heterocycles (many other methods available).



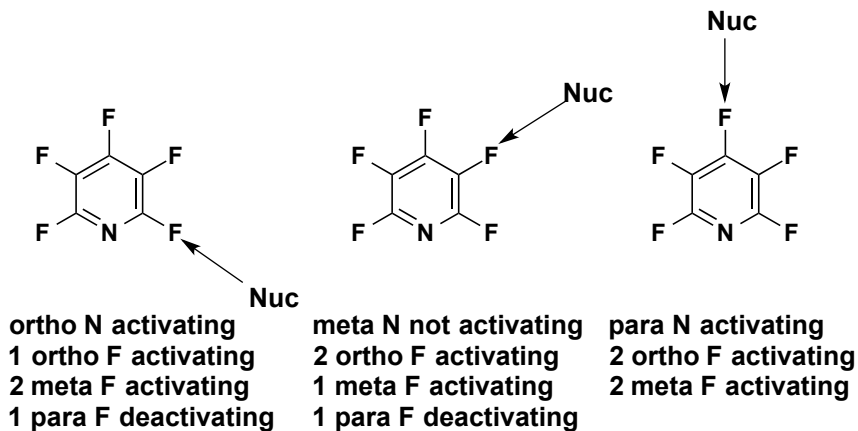
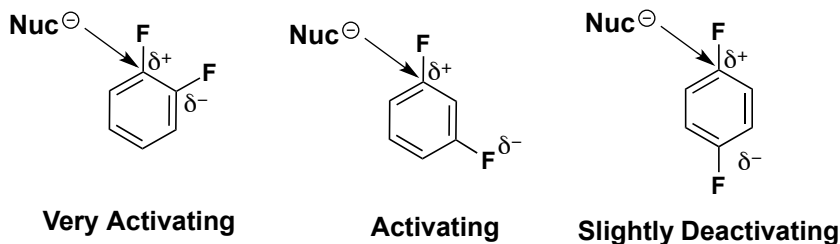
# Perfluoroheteroaromatics: "Mirror Image" Chemistry



"Mirror Image" to:



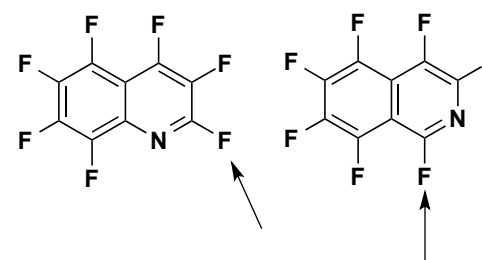
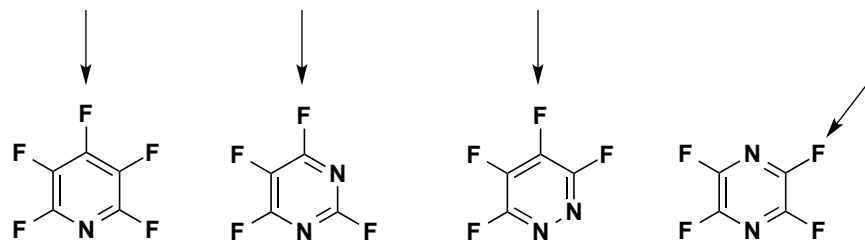
General Reactivity: Effects of Fluorine on Nucleophilic Substitution



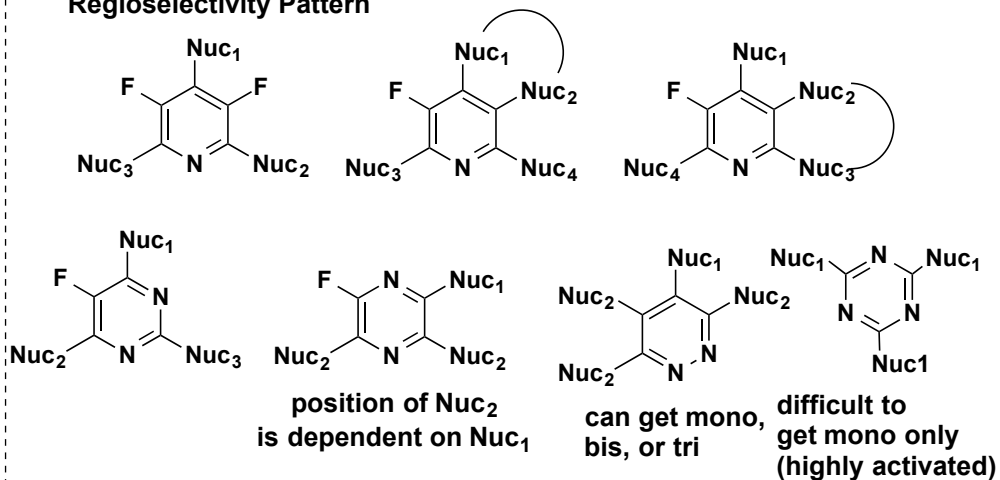
Nucleophilic substitution of perfluorinated heteroaromatic systems occurs at sites that:

- 1) are para to the ring nitrogen
- 2) maximize the number of activating ortho and meta F atoms
- 3) minimize the number of F atoms para to the site of attack

Favored sites of attack for  $S_NAr$

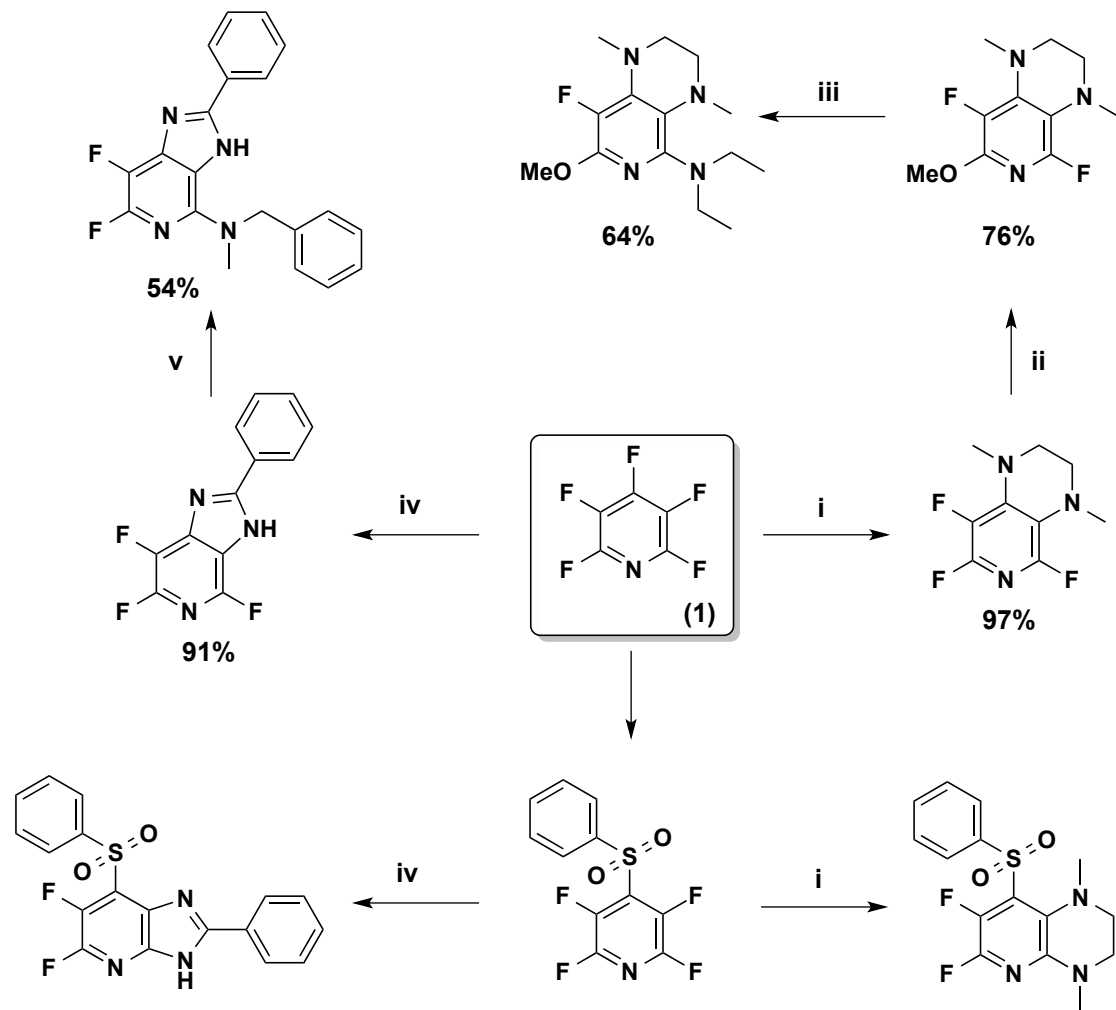


Regioselectivity Pattern



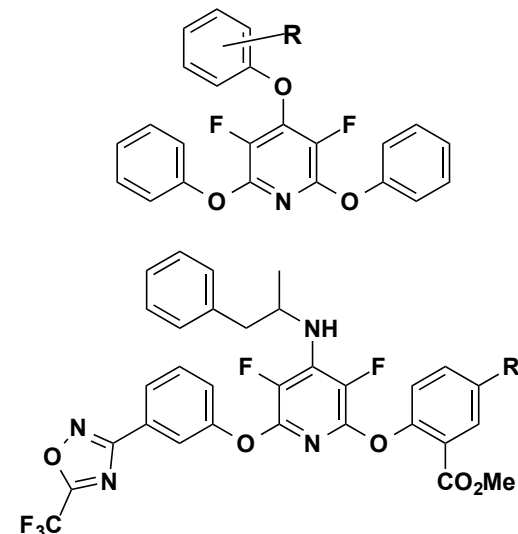
# "Mirror Image Logic" Examples

\*a reaxys search showed 1134 reactions with (1) as starting material

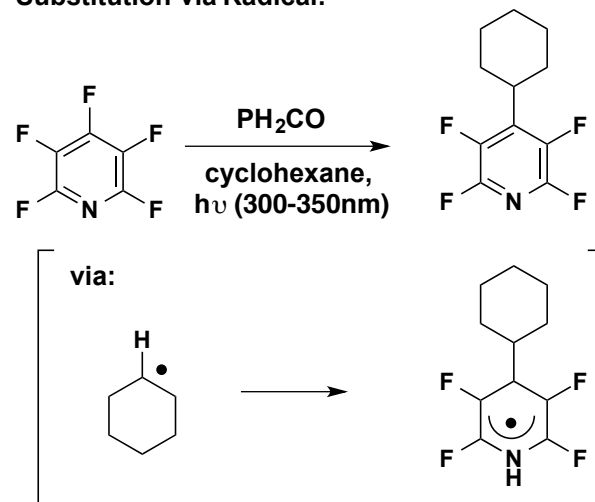


Reagents and Conditions: i,  $\text{CH}_3\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NHCH}_3$ ,  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , MeCN, reflux; ii, MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 2d; iii,  $\text{Et}_2\text{NLi}$ , THF, reflux; iv, (a)  $\text{PhC}=\text{NHNH}_2$ ,  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , MeCN, reflux, (b) LDA, THF, rt; v,  $\text{PHCH}_2\text{NHMe}$ , THF, 150°C; microwave; vi,  $\text{PHSO}_2\text{Na}$ , DMF, 140°C

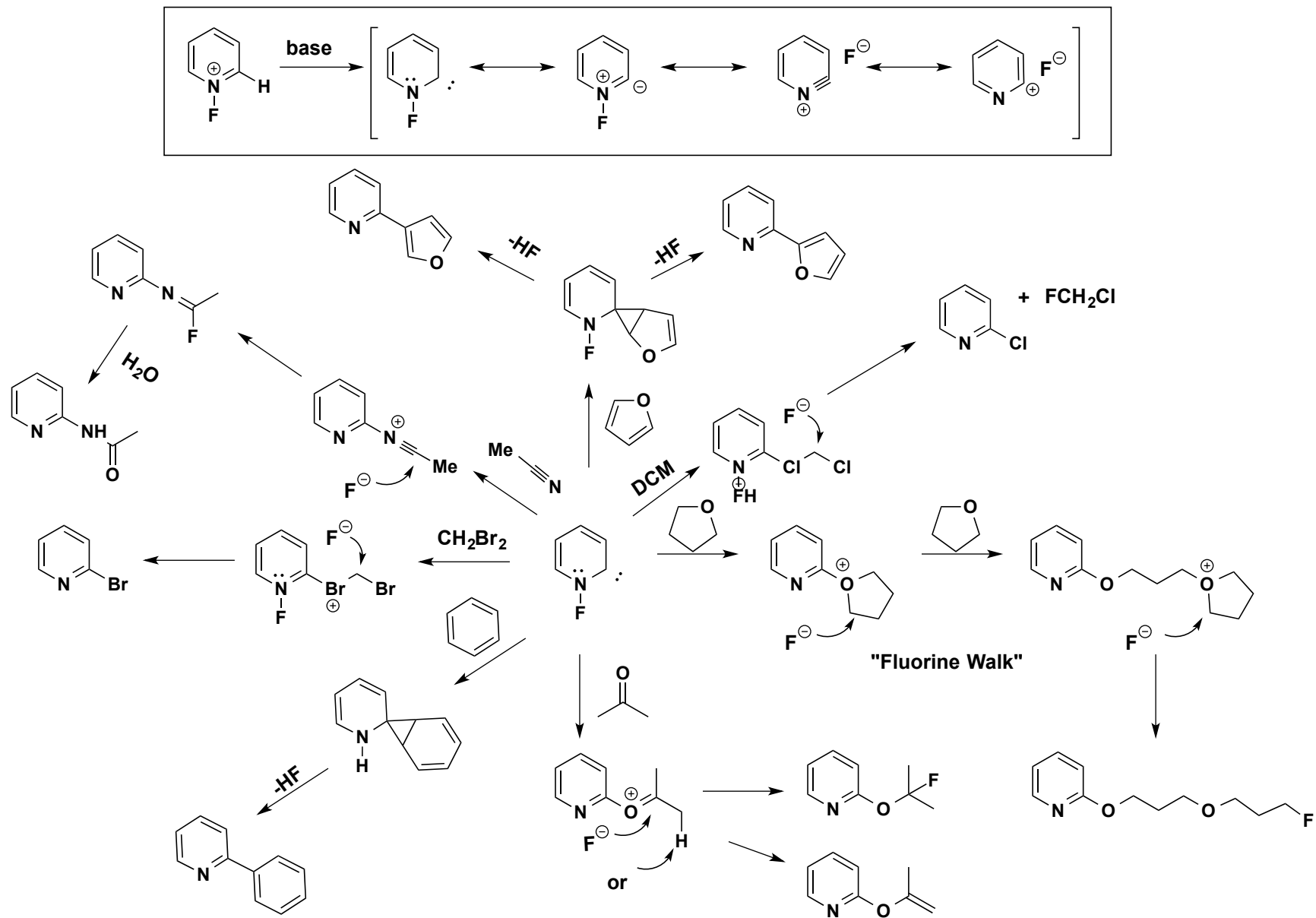
Biologically active compounds using "Mirror Logic" (used by Novartis and others)



Substitution via Radical:

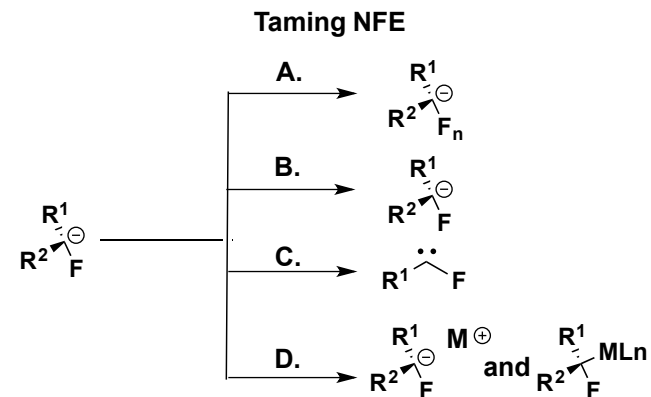
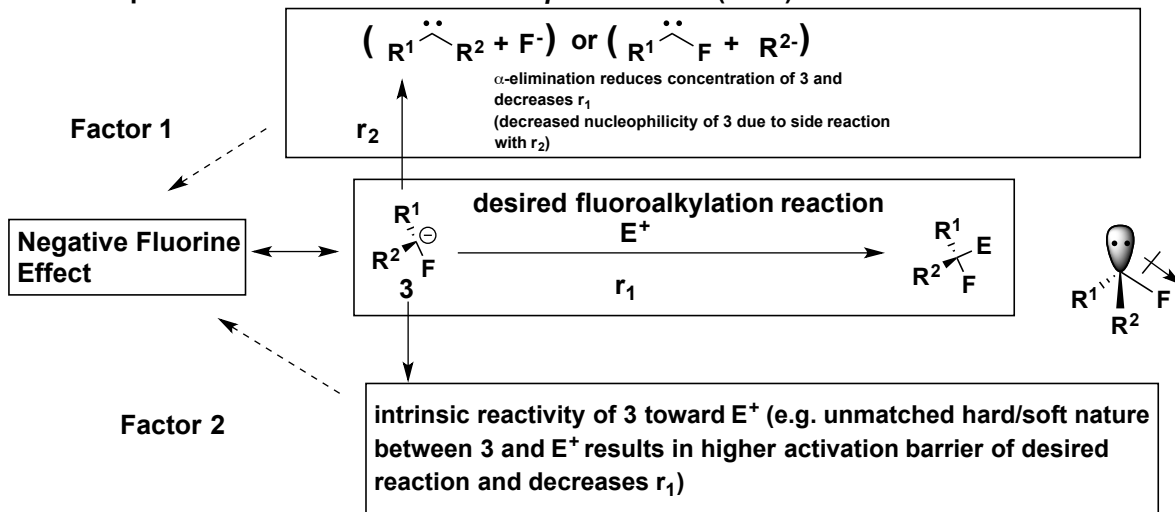


# Carbenes from N-Fluoropyridinium Salts: Featuring the "Fluorine Walk"?



# The Negative Fluorine Effect (NFE)

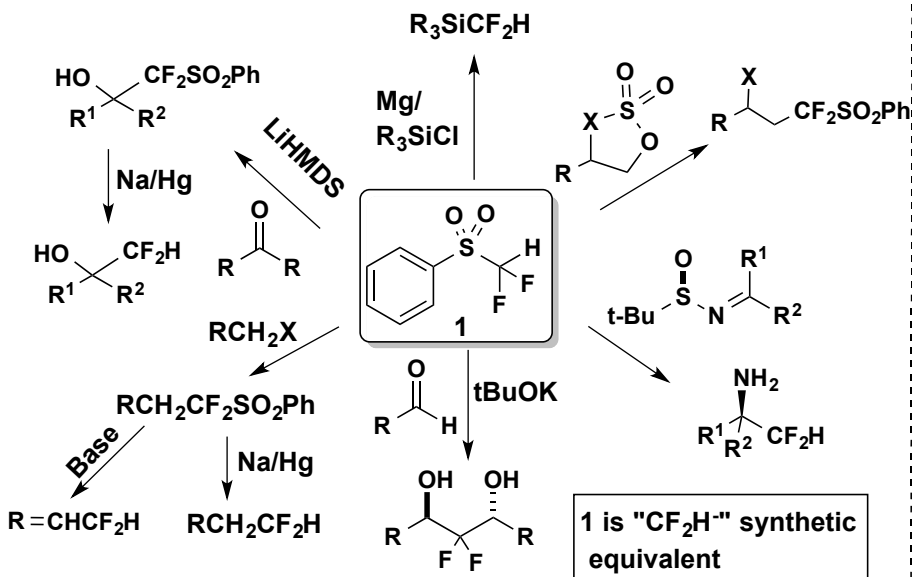
NFE Overview: "Fluorine substitution on the carbanionic C poses a negative effect in many nucleophilic fluorination reactions." *Top Curr Chem* (2012) 308:25-44



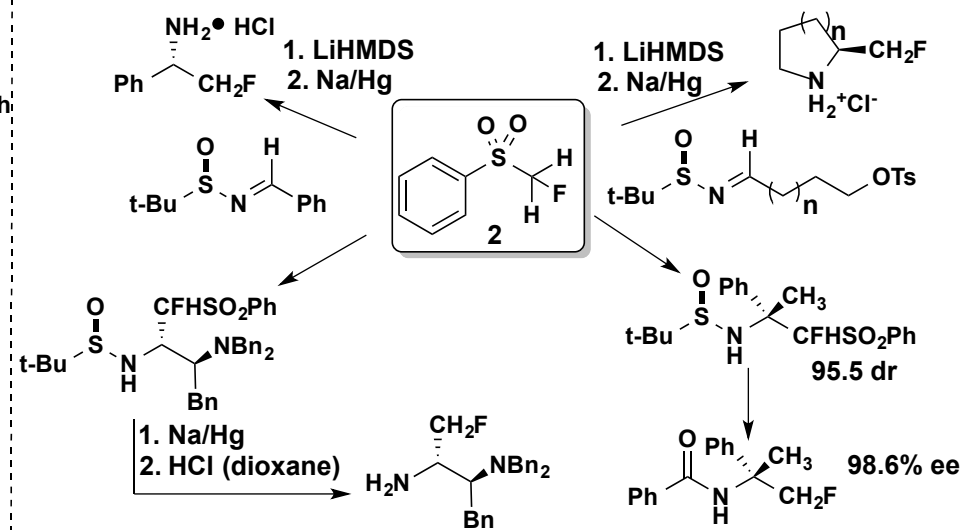
**4 Methods for Modulating the NFE**

- Change fluorine atoms
- Slightly change neighboring groups ( $R^1, R^2$ )
- Enhance generation of carbene species
- Change the metal counterion  $M^+$  or covalent bond to  $M$

## Method A: Nucleophilic Difluoromethylation Reactions with 1

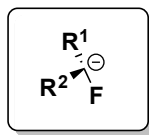


## Method A: Nucleophilic Monofluoromethylation Reactions with 2

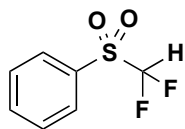


# The Negative Fluorine Effect: Changing Neighboring Groups

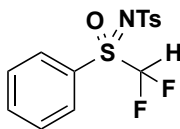
Method B:



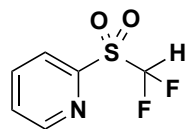
\*The sulfone functionality is a "chemical chameleon" that is ideal for various types of reactions.



sulfone



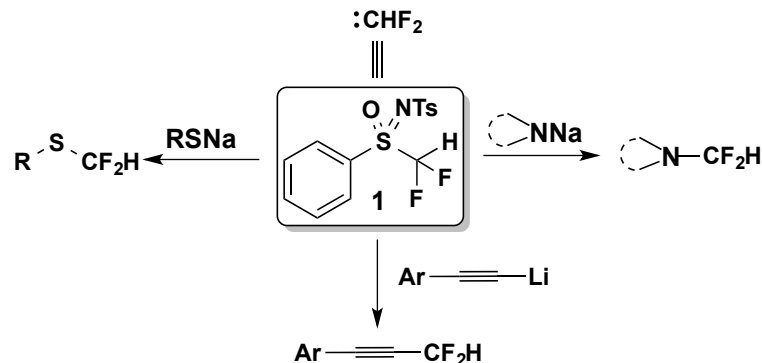
sulfoxime



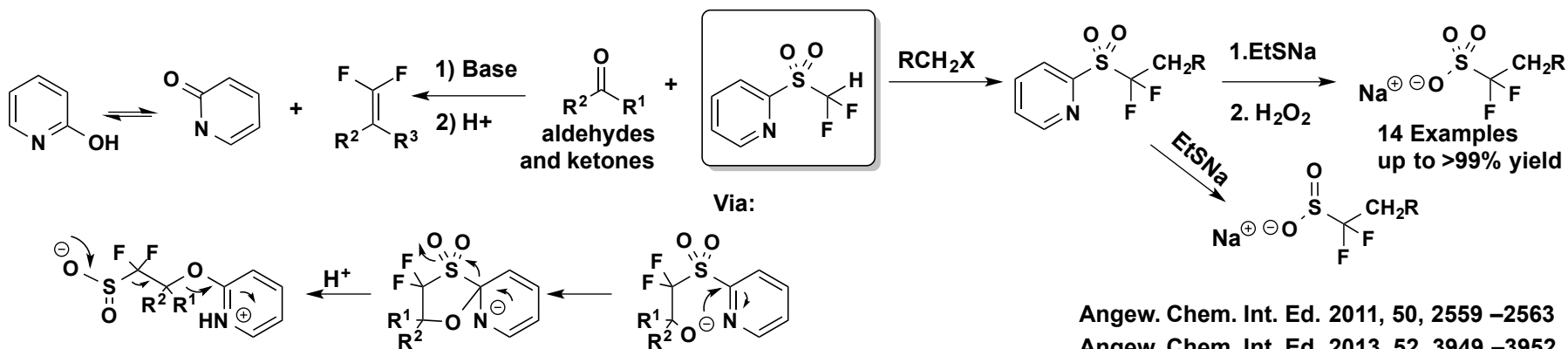
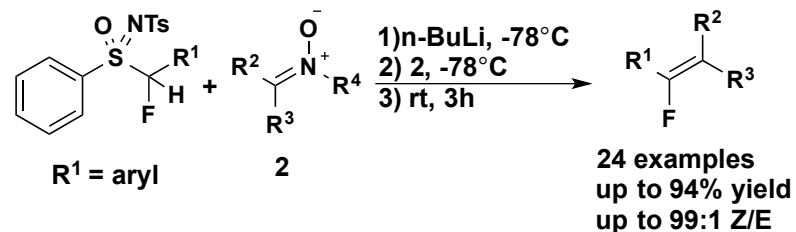
2-pyridyl sulfone

\*Slightly changing R groups results in dramatically different chemistry.

Difluoromethylation of S-, N-, and C-Nucleophiles with 1.



Fluorinated alkenes from nitrones.

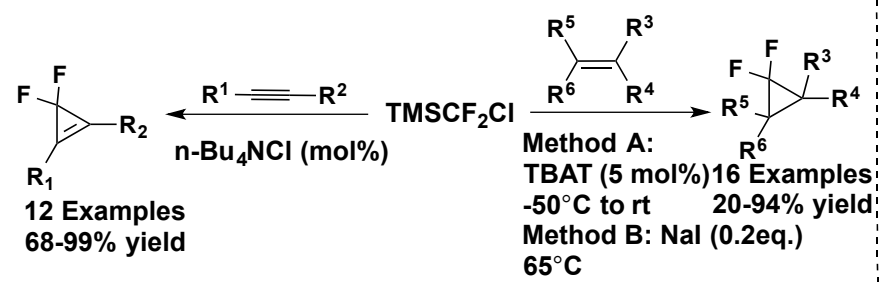
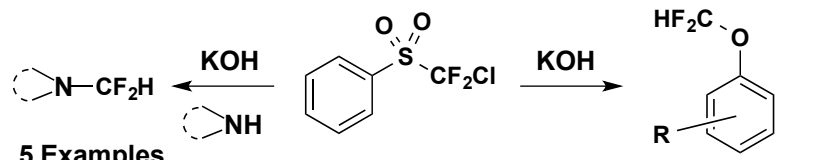
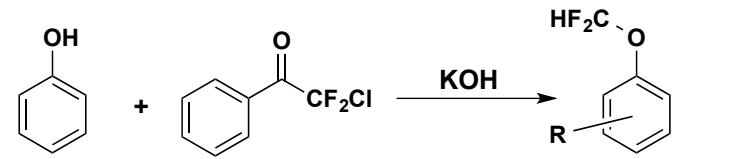
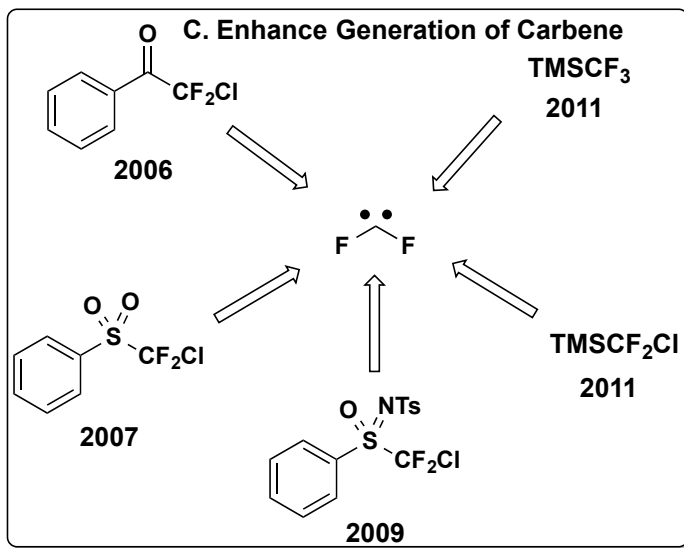


Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2011, 50, 2559–2563

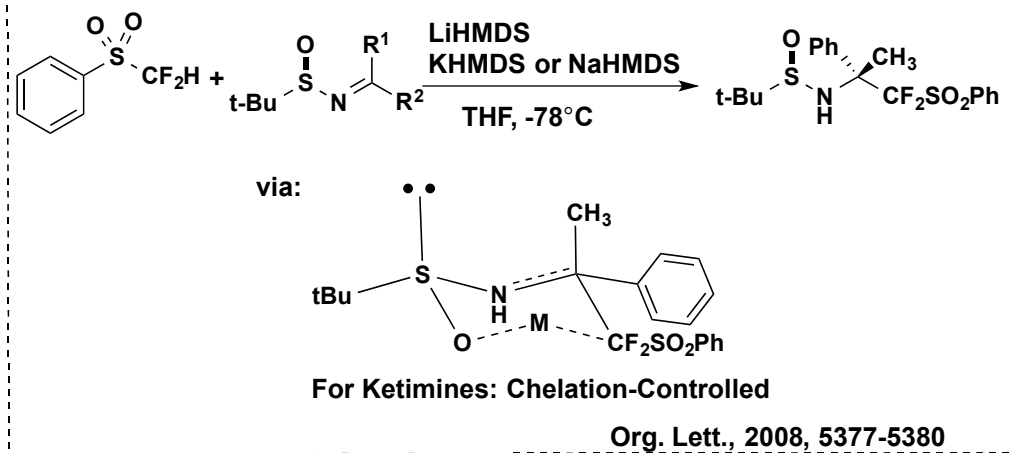
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2013, 52, 3949–3952

# The Negative Fluorine Effect: Carbene, Counterion, M-X

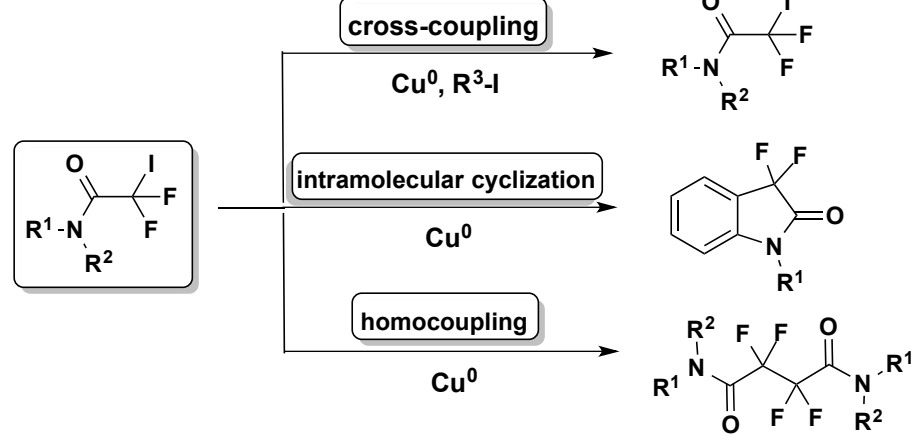
## C. Enhance Generation of Carbene



## D. Changing the Counterion



## D. Modulation of M-X bond



## D. Modulation of M-X bond

