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# *Sulfur Fluoride Exchange (SuFEx)*



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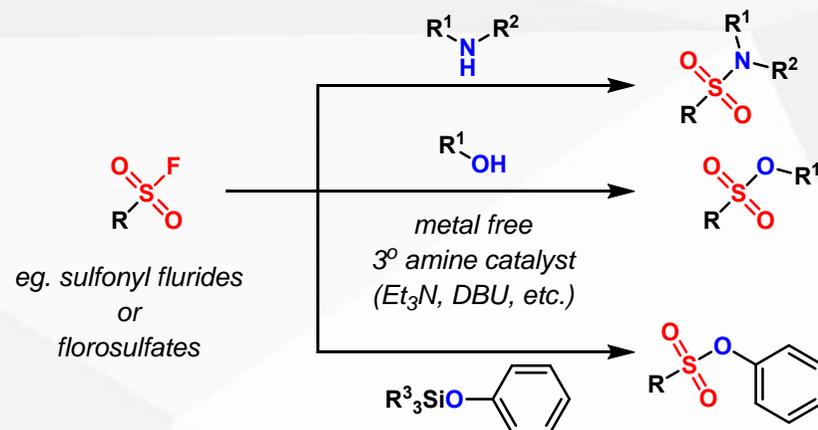
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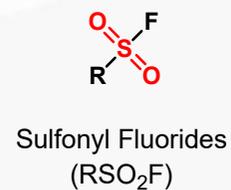
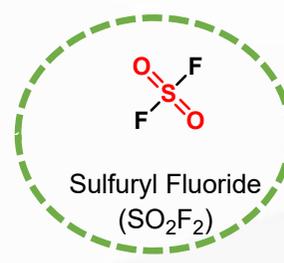
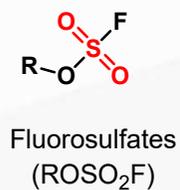
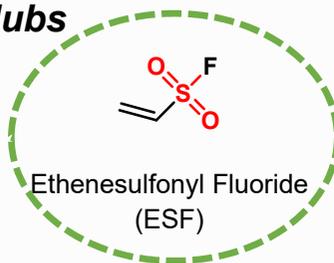
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## Sulfur Fluoride Exchange



### Modular SuFEx Hubs

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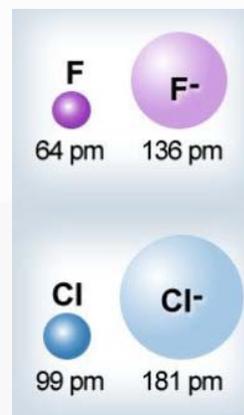
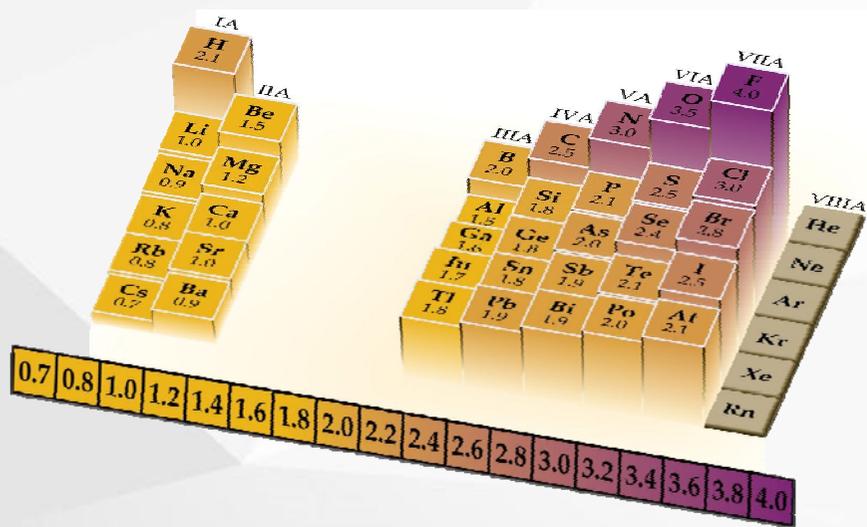
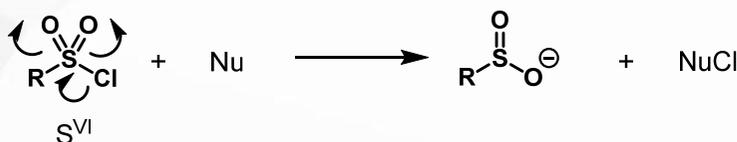
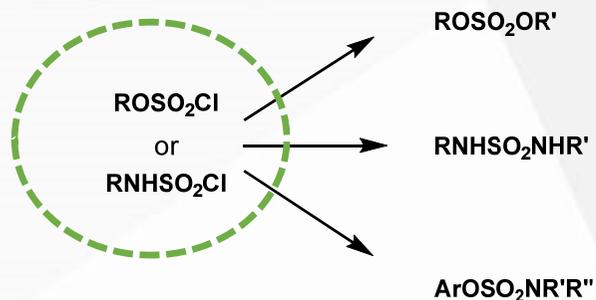
Originally reported by  
Lebeau in 1901

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## Reactivity between $RSO_2Cl$ & $RSO_2F$

Not reliable connective units for the fast assembly of sophisticated molecules

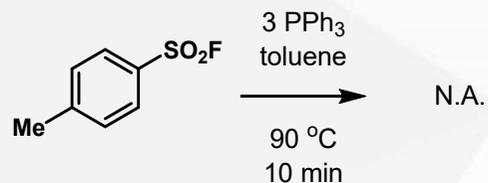
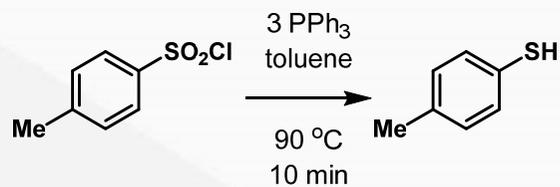


S-F bond strength  
 $SO_2F_2$  ( $90.5 \pm 4.3$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>)  
 $SO_2Cl_2$  ( $46 \pm 4$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>)

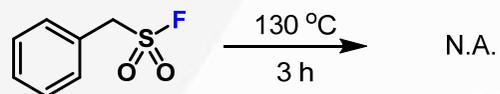
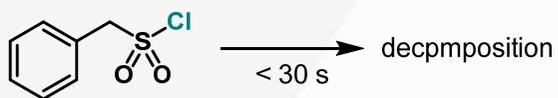
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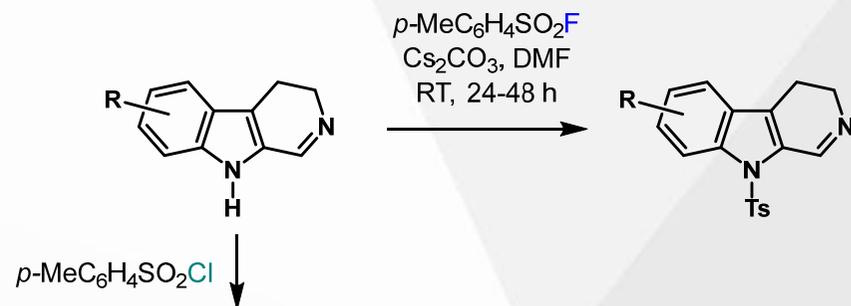
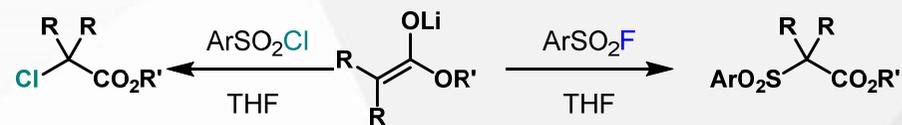
### 1) Resistance to reduction



### 2) Thermodynamic stability



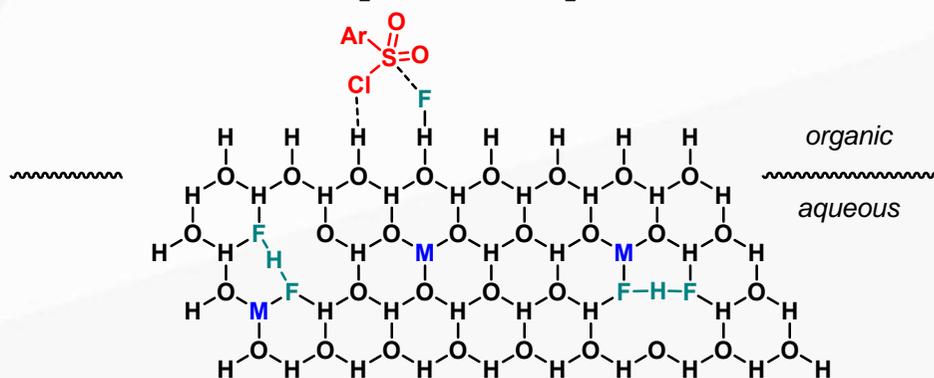
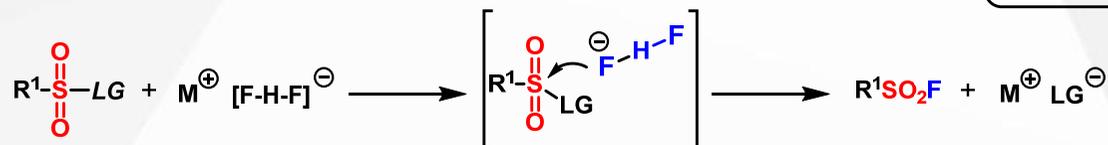
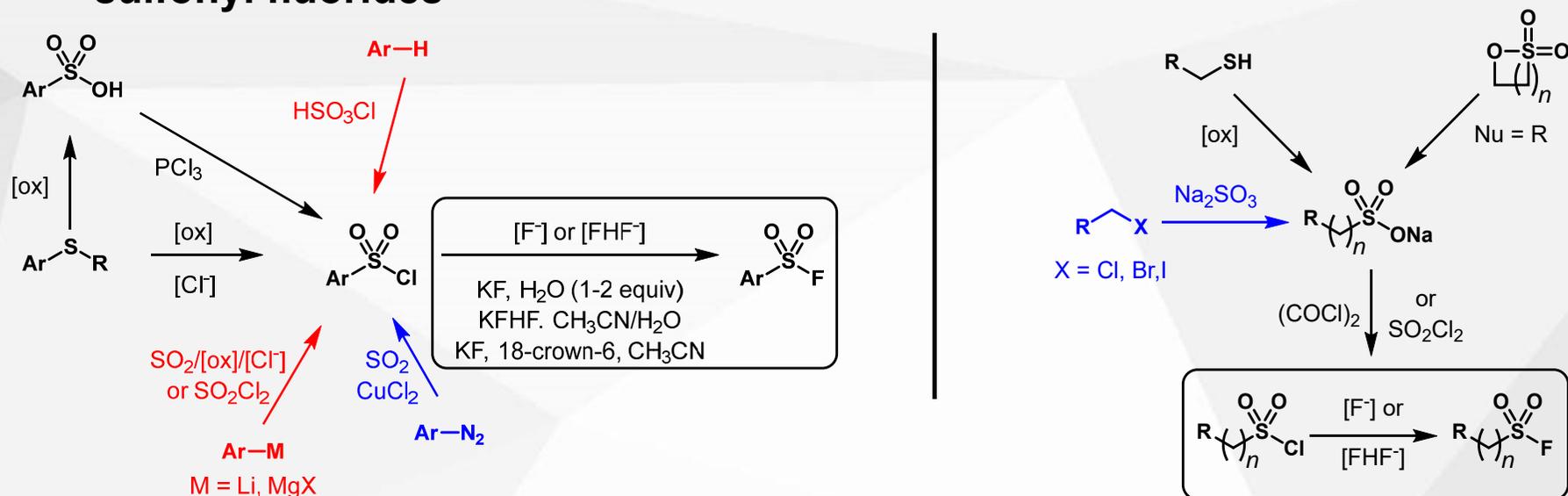
### 3) Exclusive reaction at sulfur



p-MeC6H4SO2Cl  $\downarrow$   
uncontrolled chlorination and tosylation

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## General synthesis of sulfonyl fluorides



Kessler, R. J.\* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 2419-2428.

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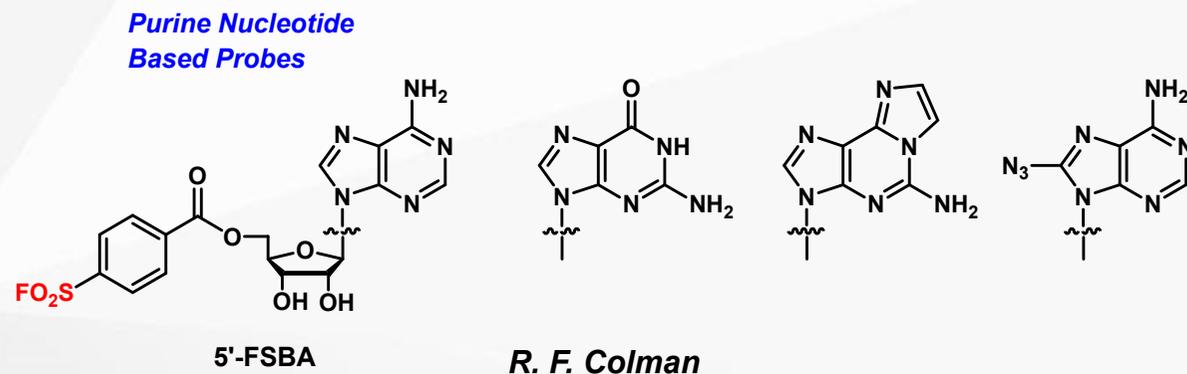
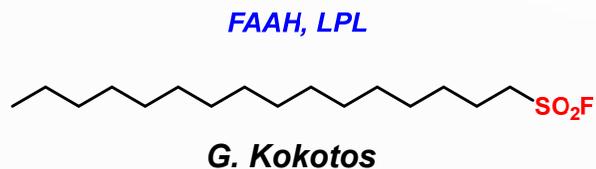
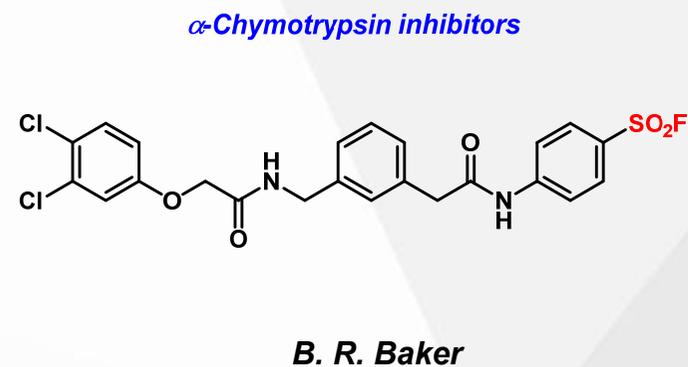
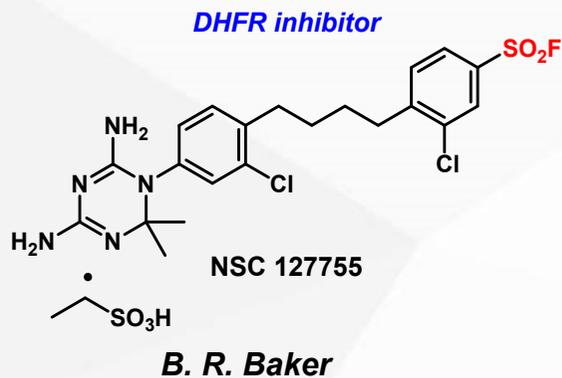
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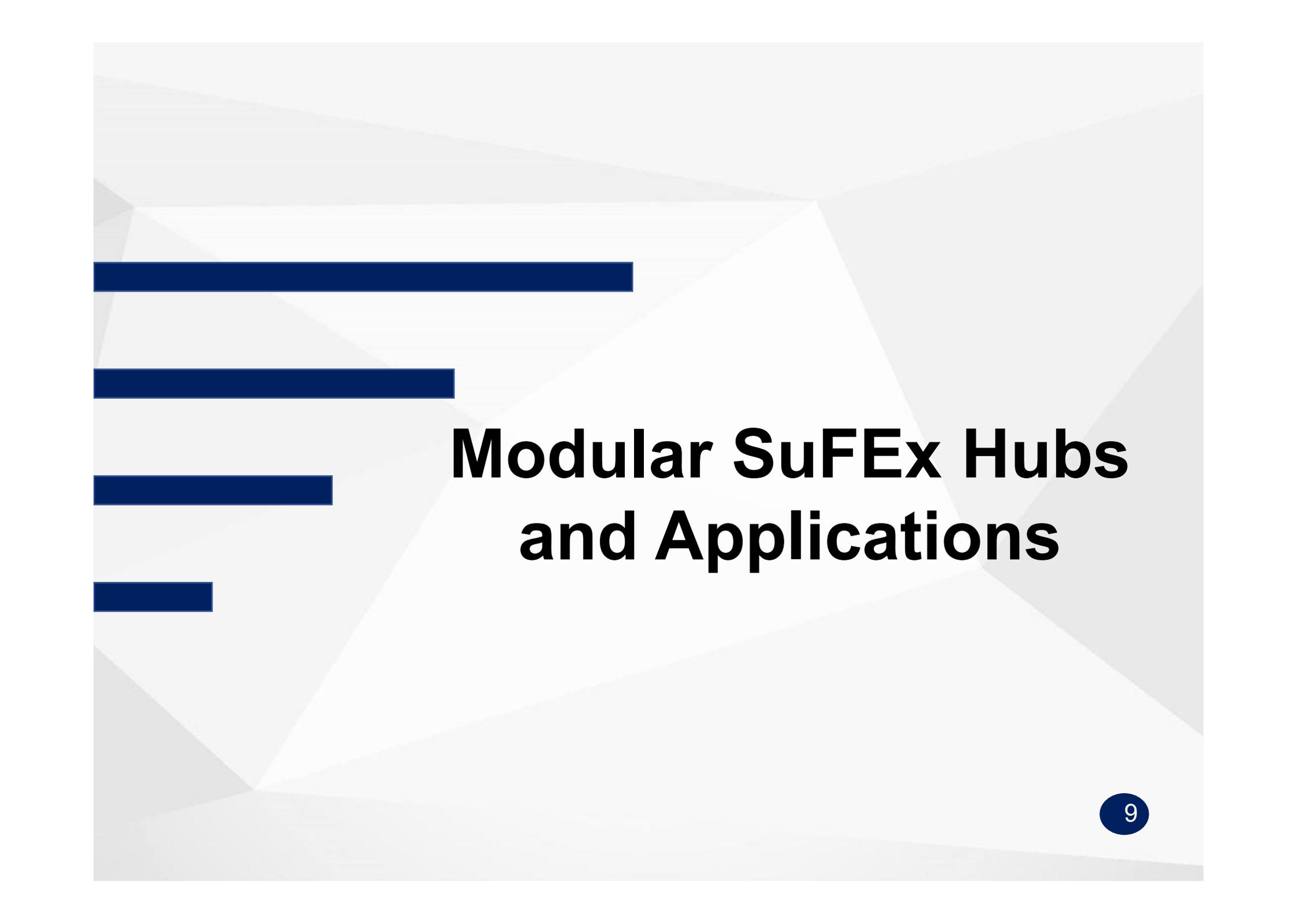
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## Implications for drug discovery

### SO<sub>2</sub>F modified noncovalent inhibitor analogues

1. SO<sub>2</sub>F-bearing compound
2. Enzyme
3. Covalent bond





# **Modular SuFEx Hubs and Applications**

## 2.1 Ethenesulfonyl Fluoride

### ESF

Hedrick 1953

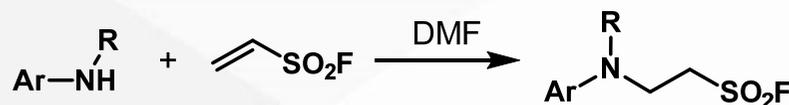


$X = \text{NH}_4^+$ , Alkali metal, Alkaline earth metal

Strong Michael acceptor  
as well as  
Diels–Alder dienophile

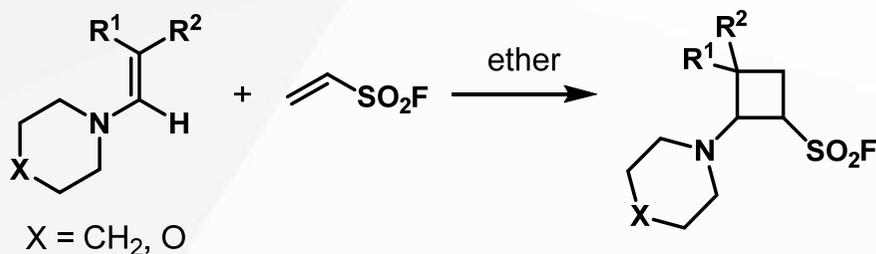
Krutak 1979

Michael addition



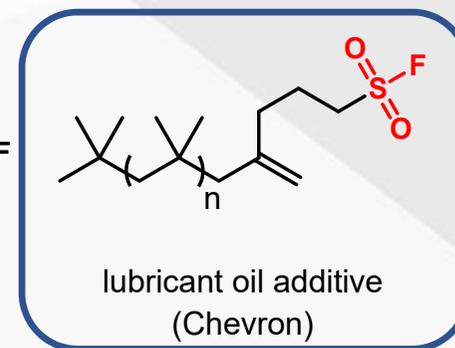
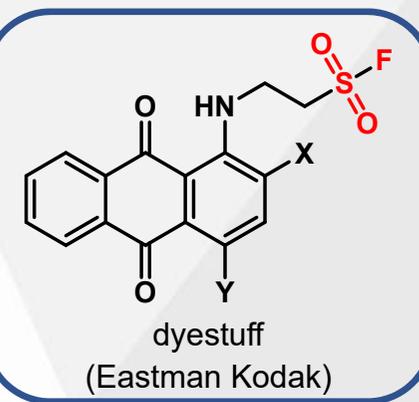
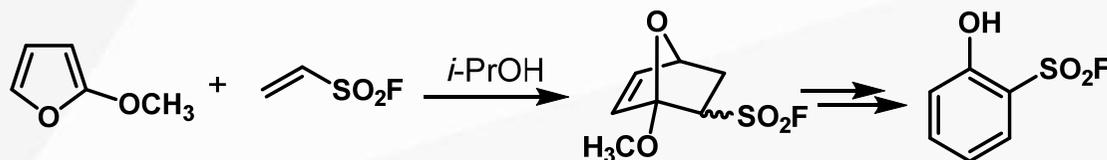
up to 93% yield

[2+2]



up to 100% yield

[4+2]



Hedrick, R. M. *US Pat.* 2653973, 1953.

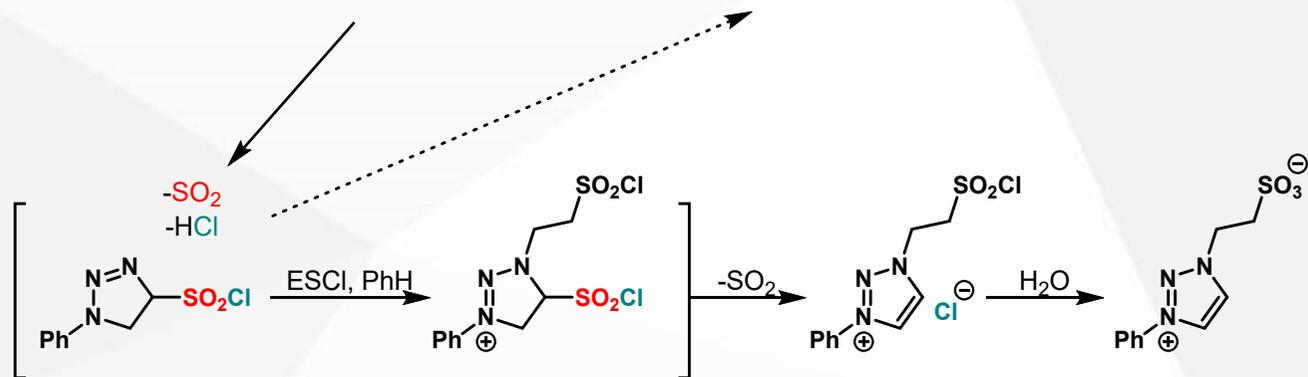
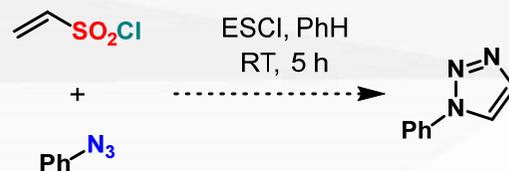
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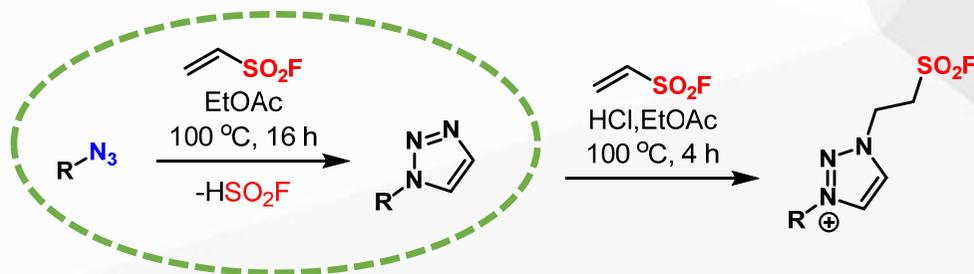
### ESF Synthesis of Triazoles

Previous work

Chang 1955



Dong 2020

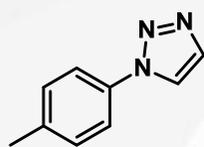
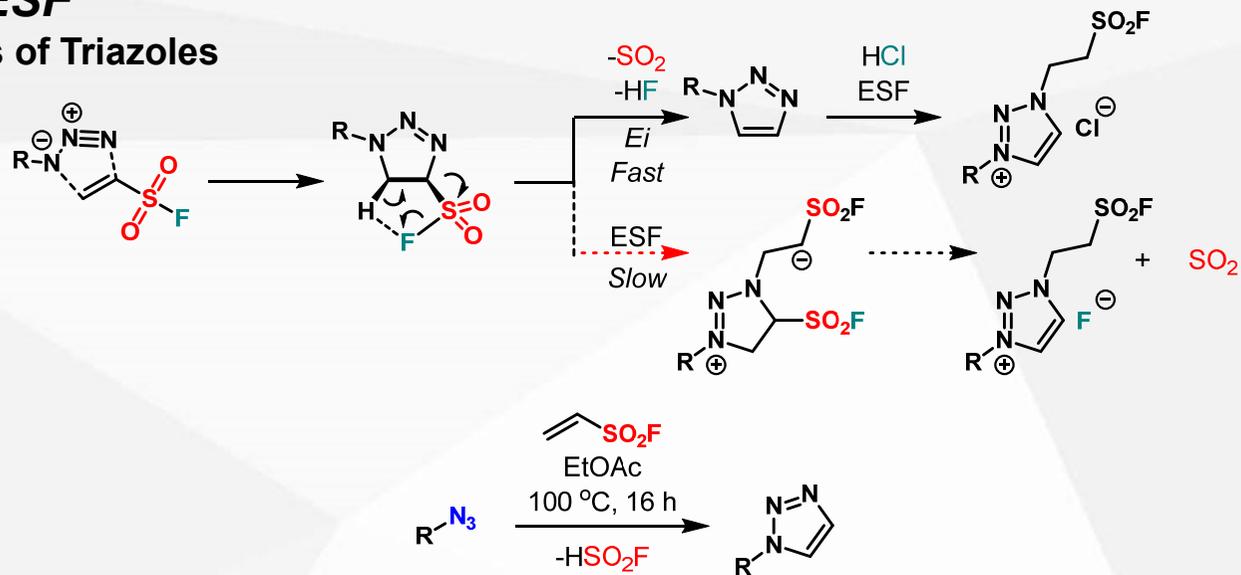


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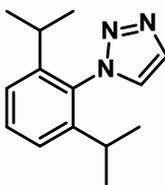
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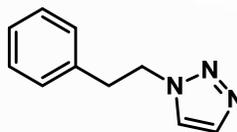
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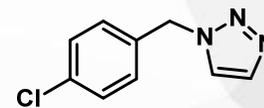
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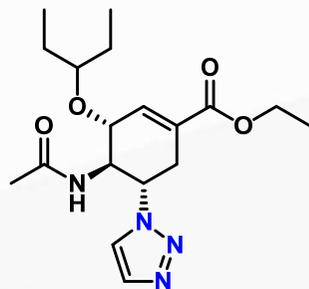
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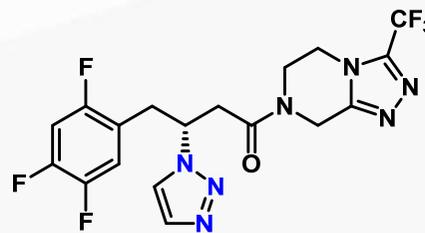


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Parent drug = Oseltamivir  
(Tamiflu<sup>®</sup>, anti-viral)



72%

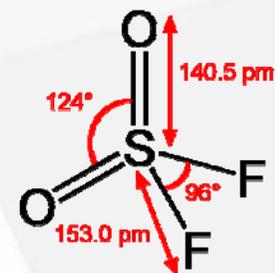
Parent drug = Sitagliptin  
(anti-diabetic)

## 2.2 F-SO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> donor

### SO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (Sulfuryl Fluoride):

Hydrogen Bonding as Mediator

Lebeau, P  
1901



molecular weight  
density (25 °C, 1 atm)  
boiling point  
vapor pressure  
odor  
appearance  
flammability  
solubility (25 °C, g L<sup>-1</sup>)

102.1 g mol<sup>-1</sup>  
4.18 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> (air: 1.18 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>)  
-55 °C  
1611.47 kPa at 20 °C  
odorless  
colorless gas  
non-flammable  
water: 0.75, DCE: 25, MeOH: 33, EtOAc: 59, acetone: 71

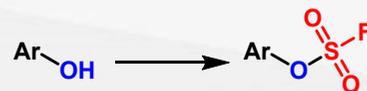


stable up to 400 °C

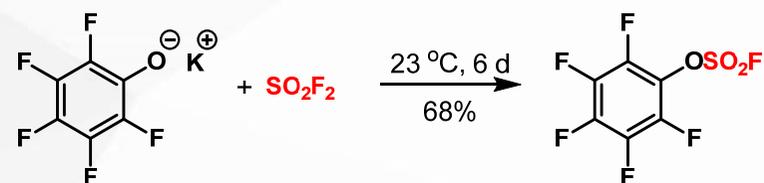
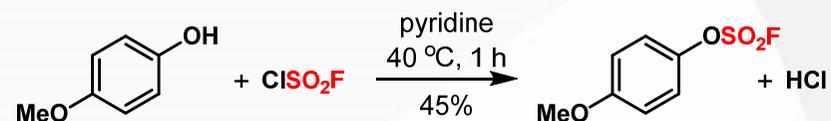


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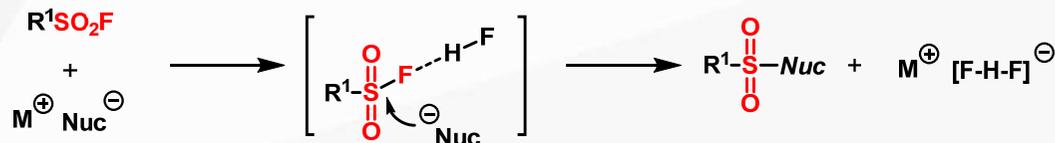
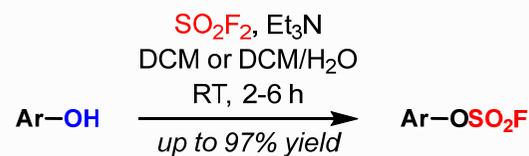
### SO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> Preparation of Aryl fluorosulfates



#### Previous works



#### Sharpless 2014



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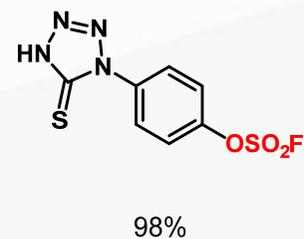
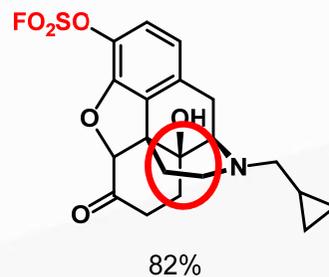
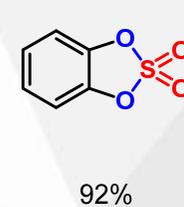
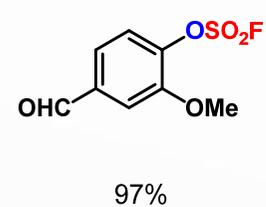
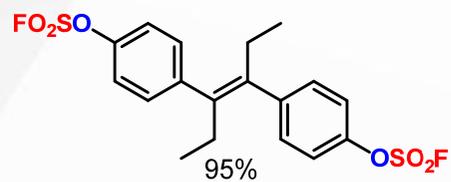
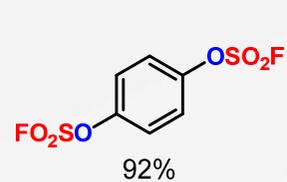
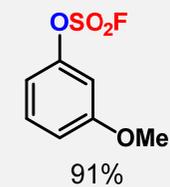
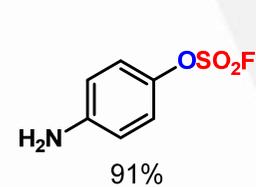
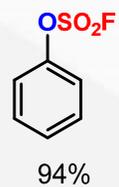
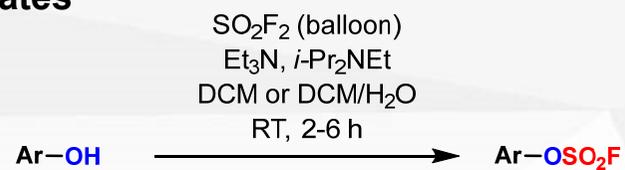
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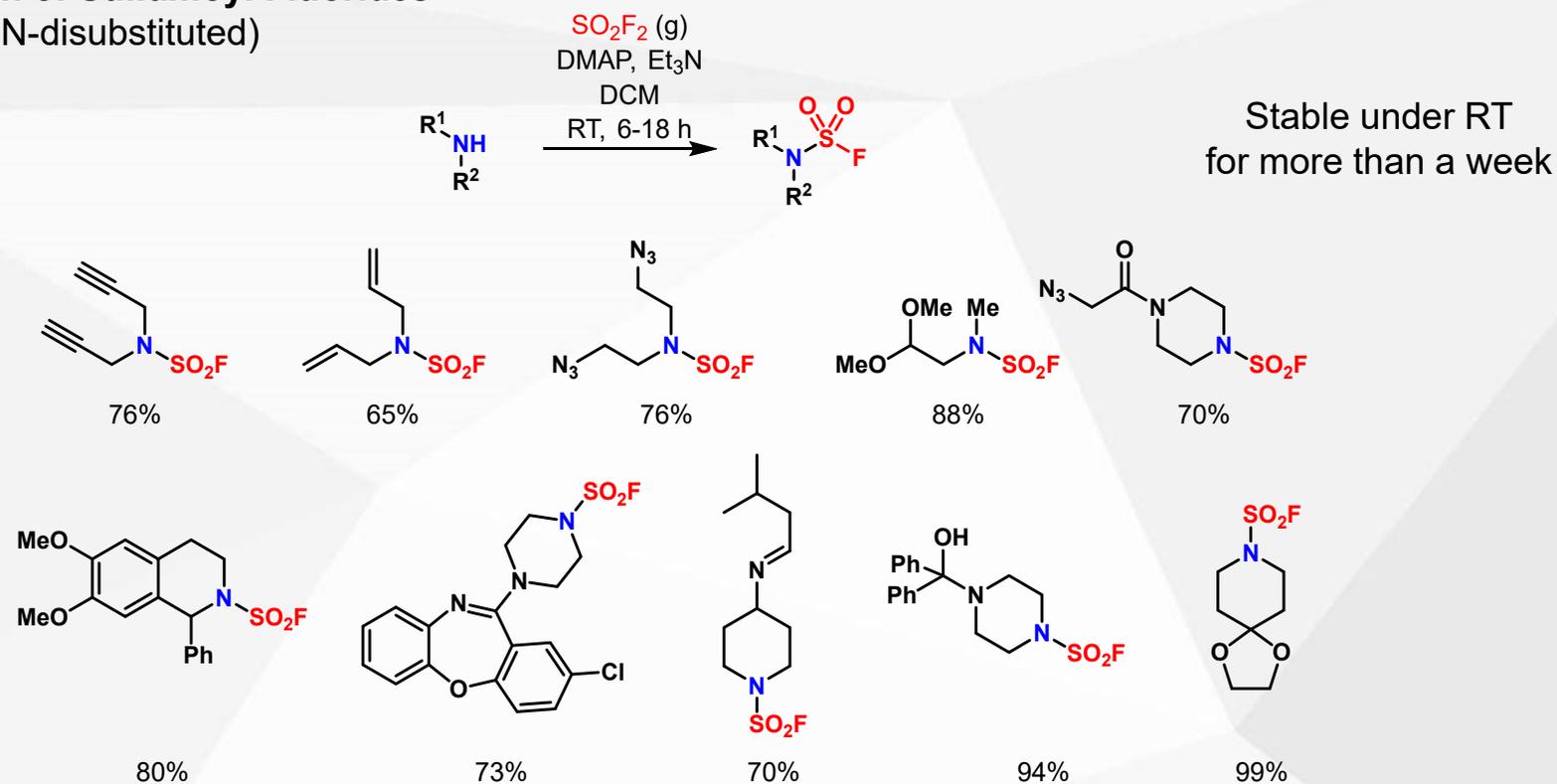


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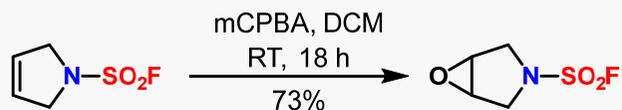
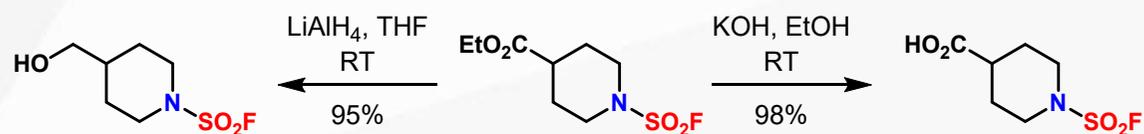


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### SO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> Preparation of Sulfamoyl Fluorides (N-disubstituted)



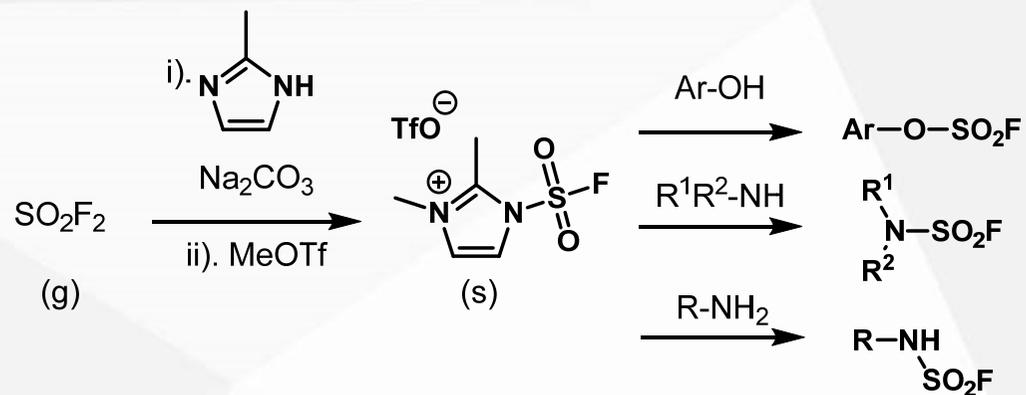
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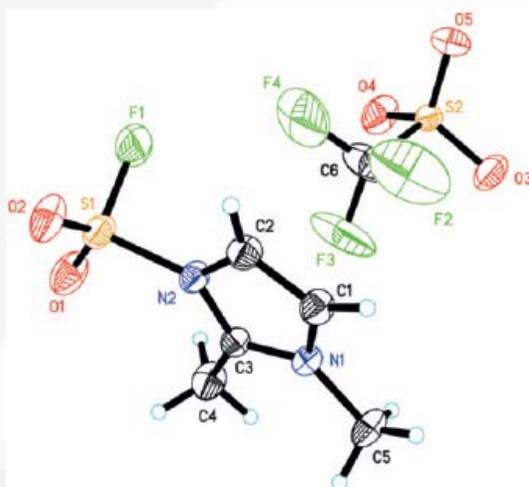
Transformations of the sulfamoyl fluoride moiety

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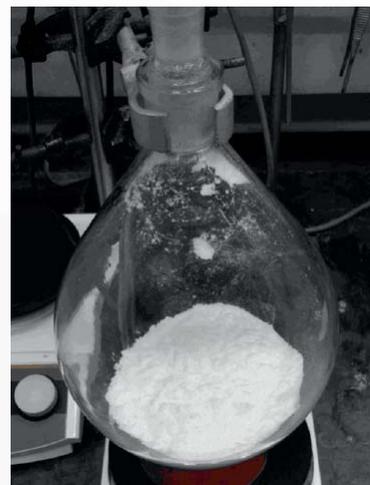
### Fluorosulfuryl Imidazolium Salt



- Shelf-stable
- Overwhelming performance with phenols, primary and secondary amines



Single-crystal X-ray diffraction



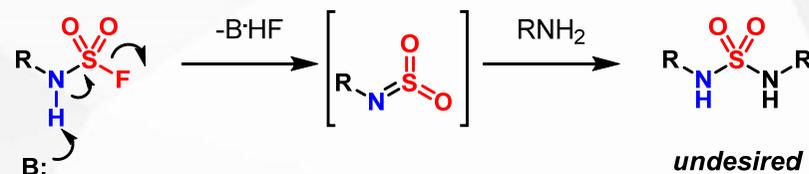
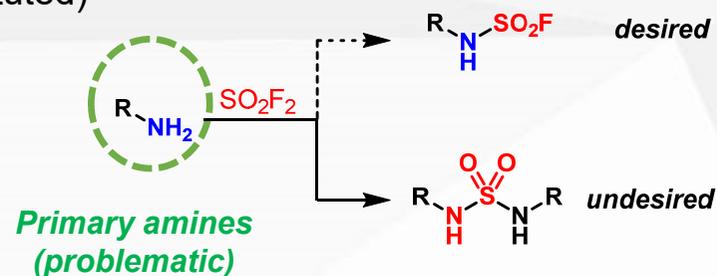
Stable in refrigerator or desiccator

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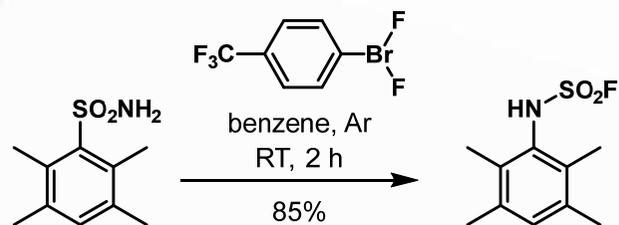
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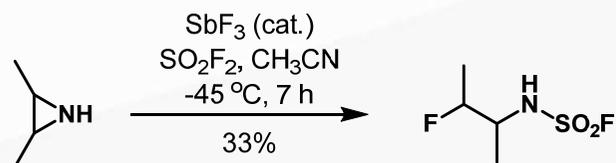
(N-monosubstituted)



**Indirect approaches**



**Hoffmann rearrangement**



**Ring opening**

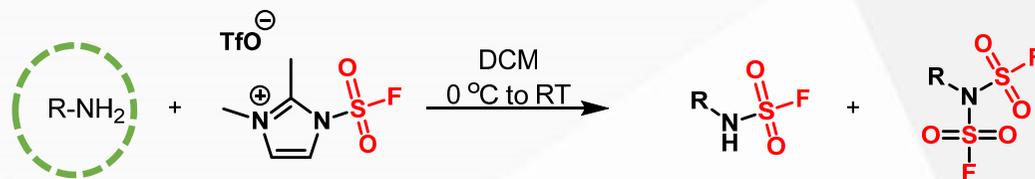
known preparations of N-monosubstituted sulfamoyl fluorides

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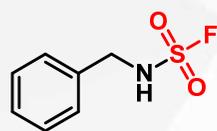
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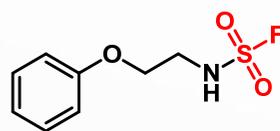
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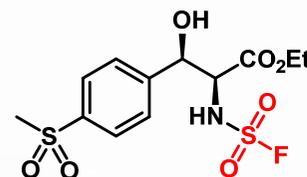
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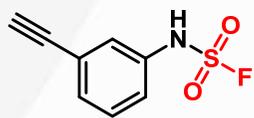
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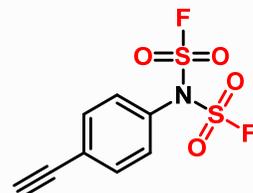
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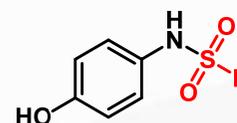
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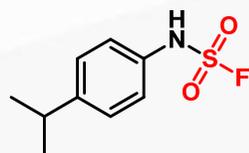
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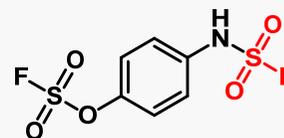
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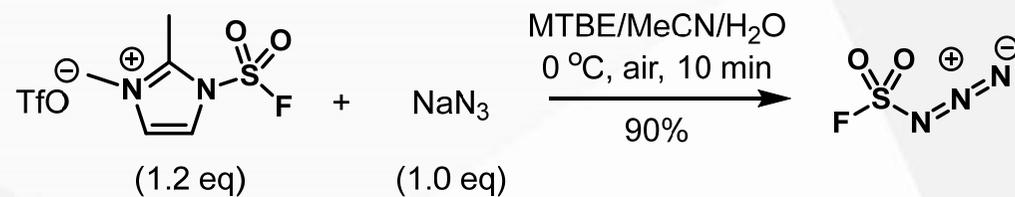


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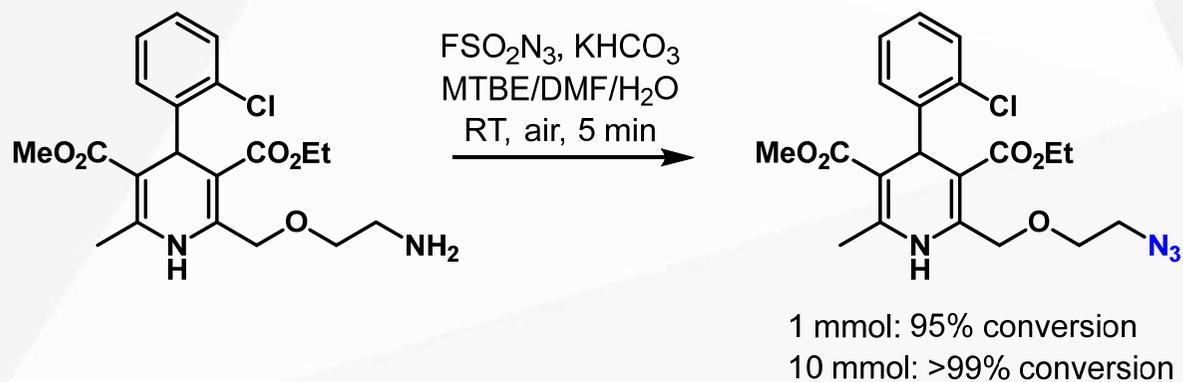
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Preparation of fluorosulfonyl azide

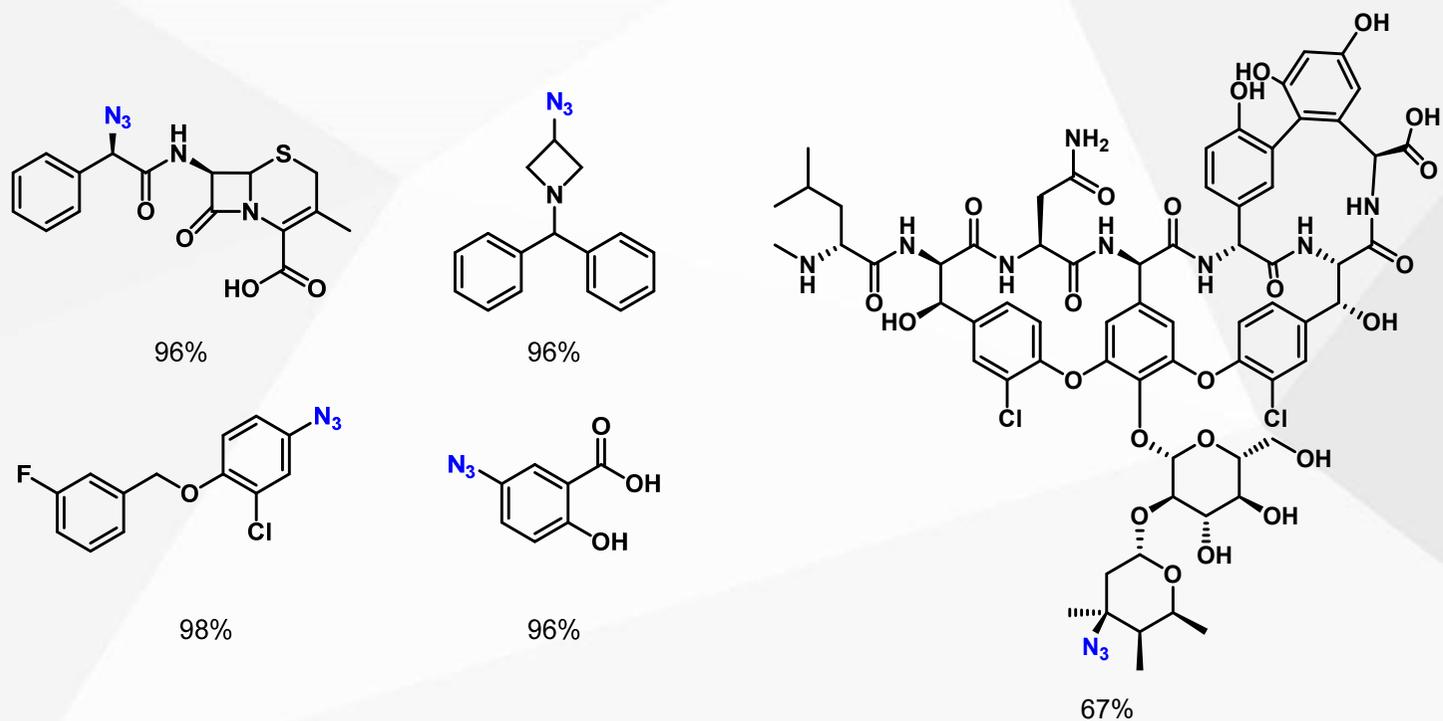
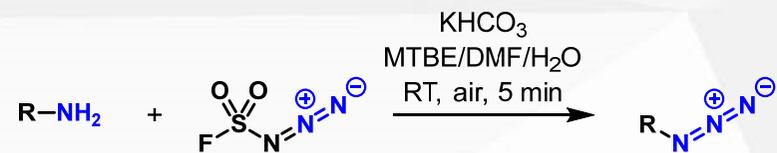


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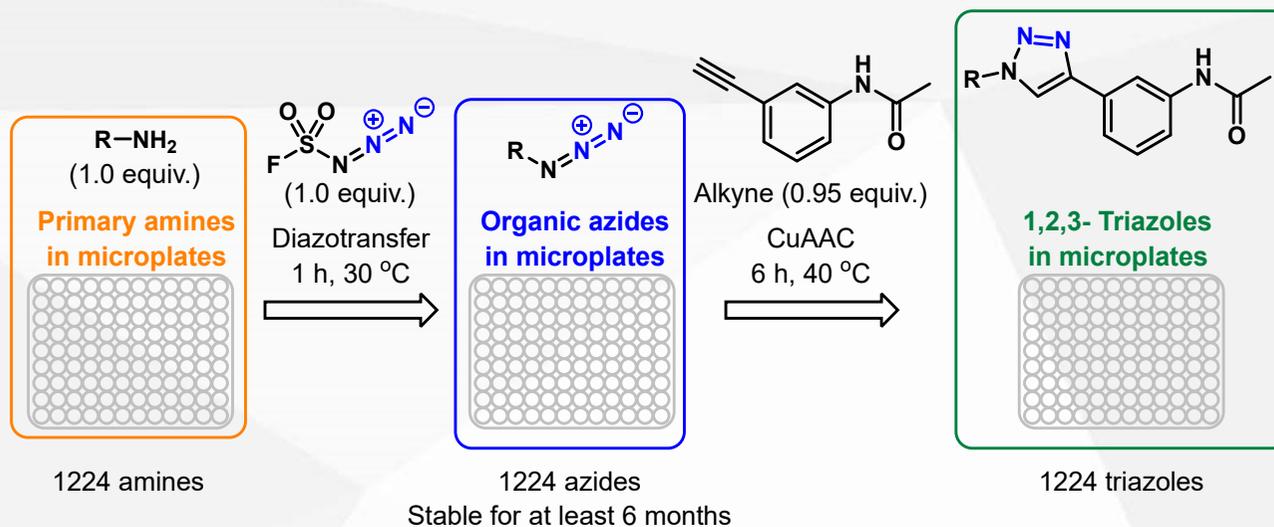
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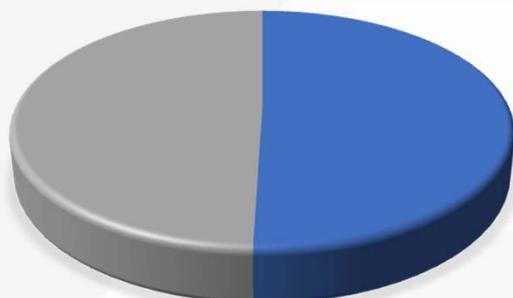
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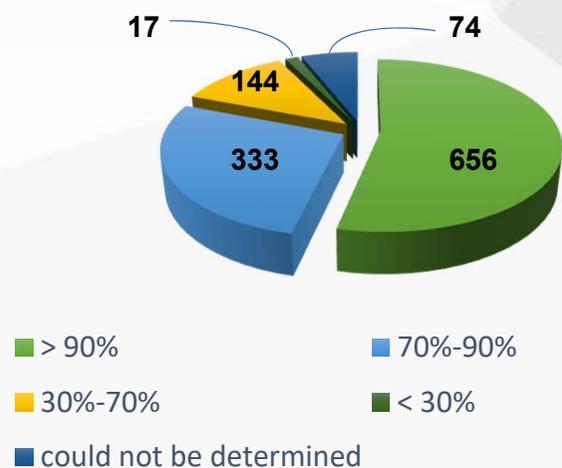
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### Conversion of alkyne



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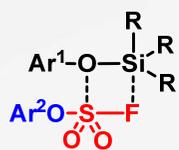
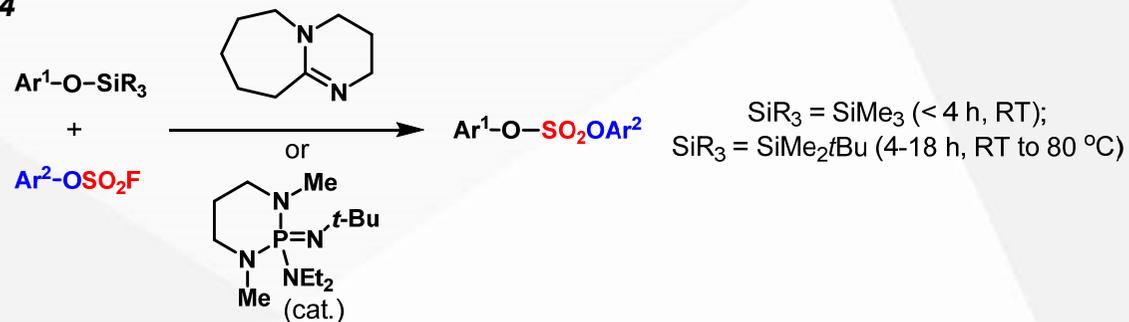
### Preparation of Sulfates

Silicon as Mediator

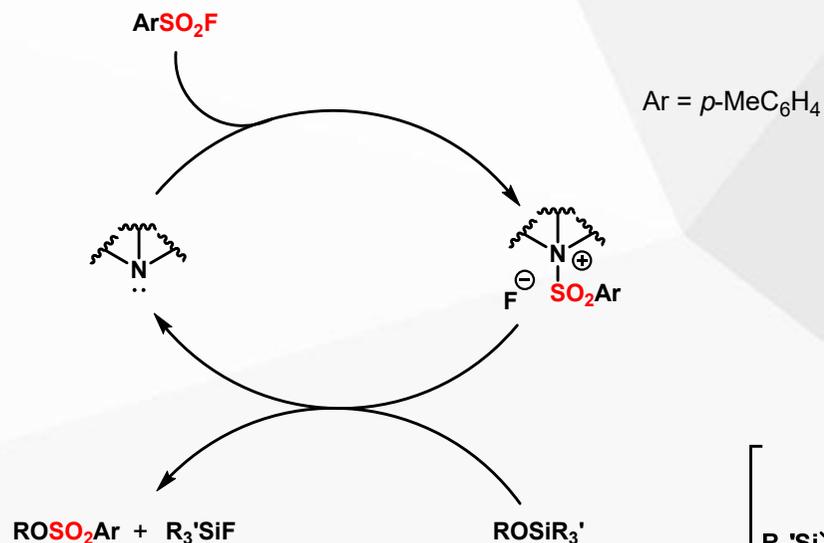
Previous works



Sharpless 2014



	Bond Strength (KJ/mol)	Bond Length (pm)
H-H	432	74
C-C	346	154
Si-O	452	163
Si-F	565	160



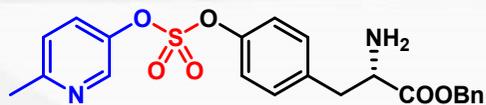
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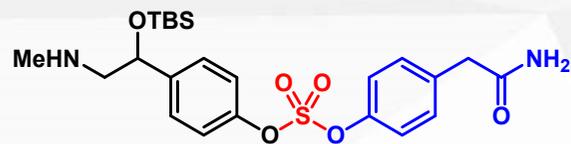
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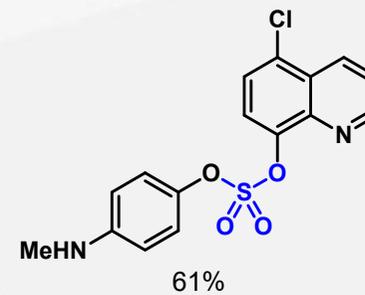
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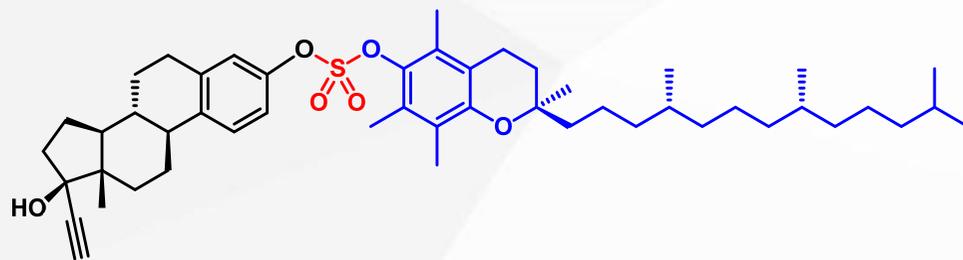
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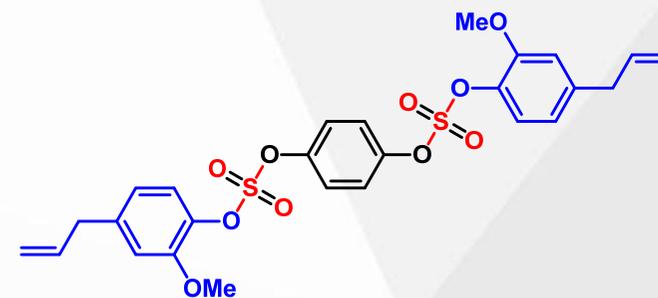
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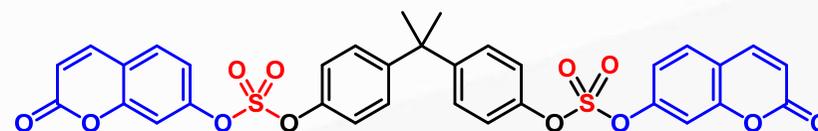
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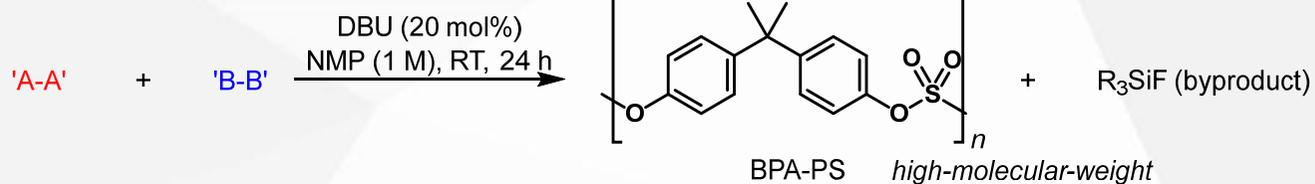
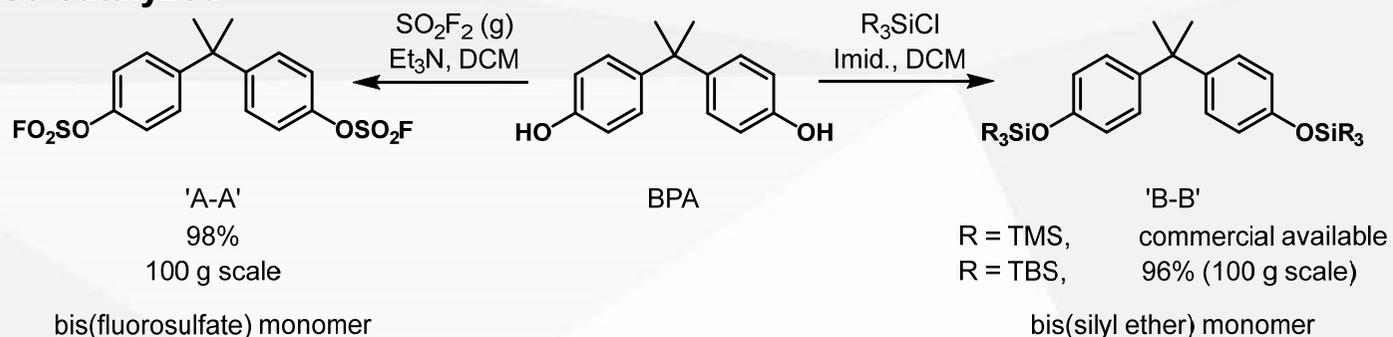


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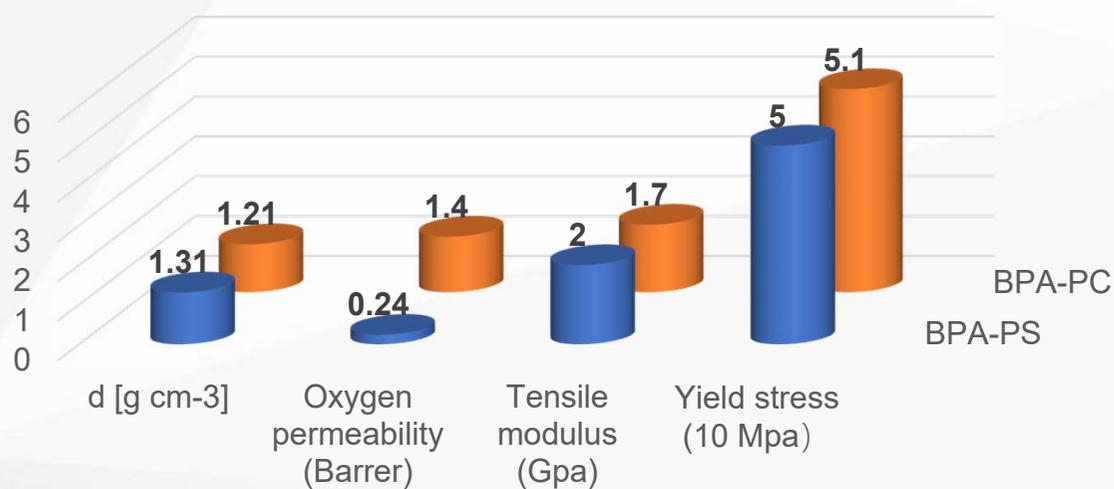
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### Preparation of Polysulfates

Lewis base-catalyzed



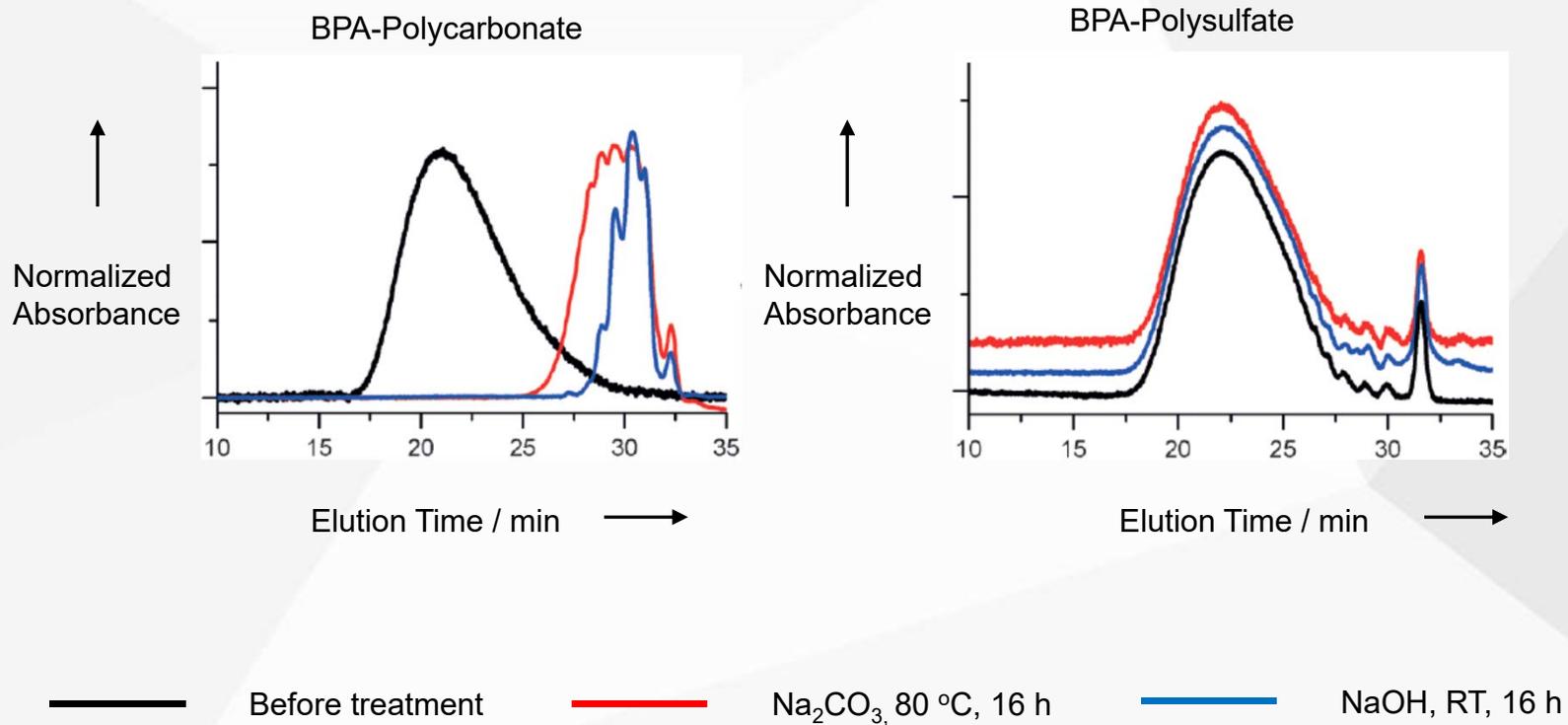
Average measured properties



■ BPA-PS ■ BPA-PC

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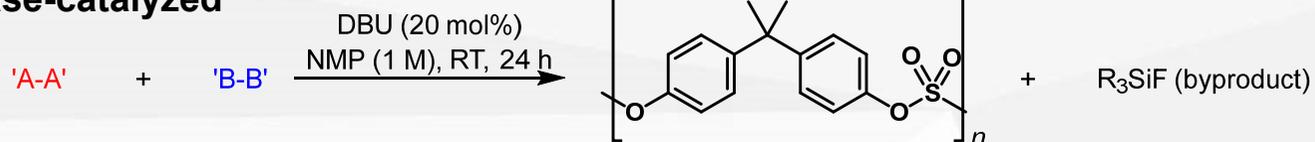
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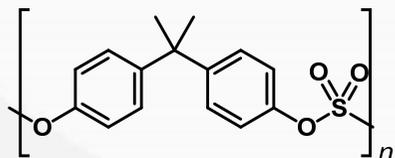
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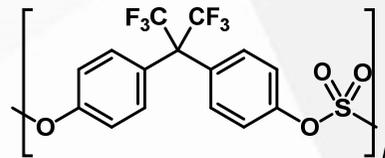


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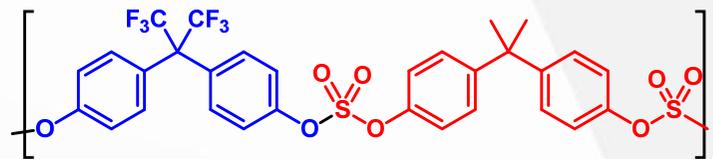


R = TMS,  $M_n^{ps} = 30.9$  kDa, PDI = 1.6

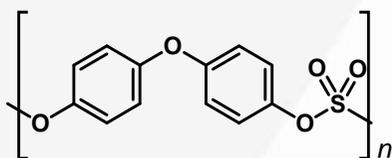
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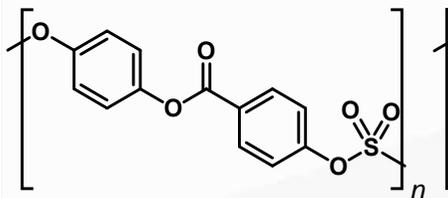
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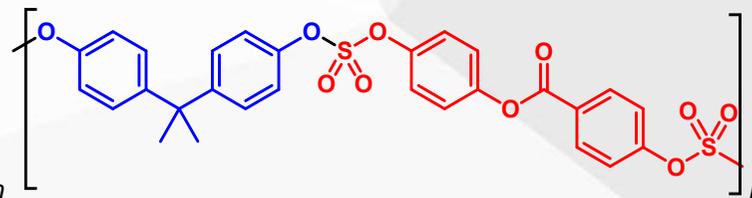
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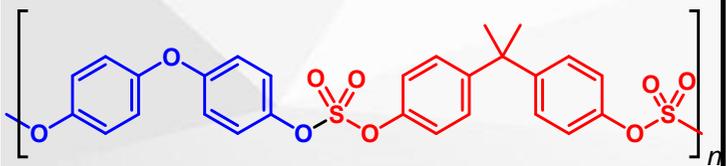
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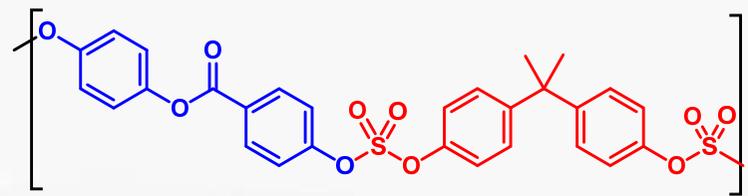
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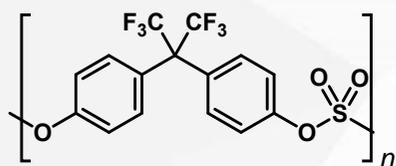
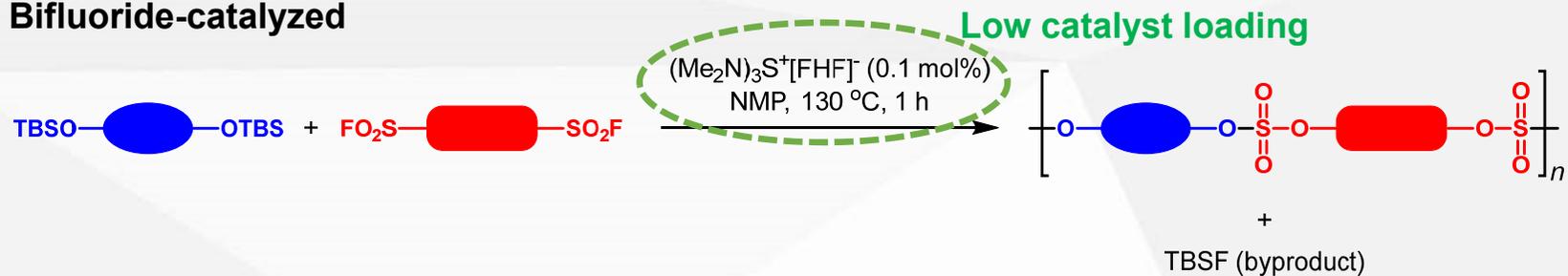


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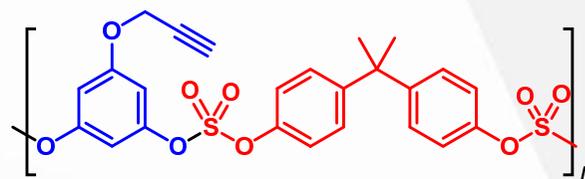
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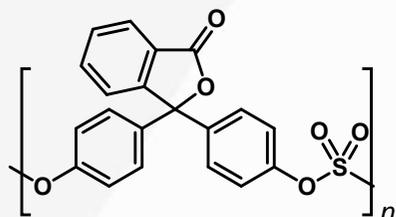
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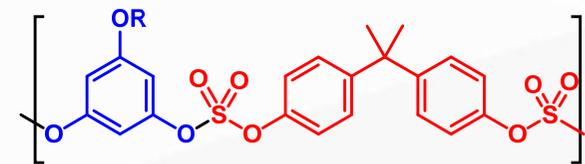
$M_n^{ps} = 84 \text{ kDa}$ , PDI = 1.6



$M_n^{ps} = 16 \text{ kDa}$ , PDI = 1.3



$M_n^{ps} = 37 \text{ kDa}$ , PDI = 1.6



(R = Me)

$M_n^{ps} = 33 \text{ kDa}$ , PDI = 1.5

1)  $\text{BBr}_3$ , DCM  
2)  $\text{SO}_2\text{F}_2$  (g),  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$   
 $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

(R =  $\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ )

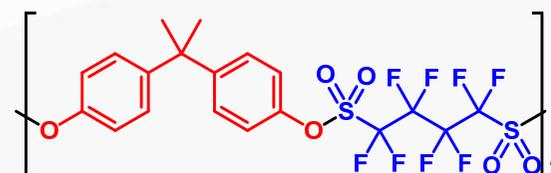
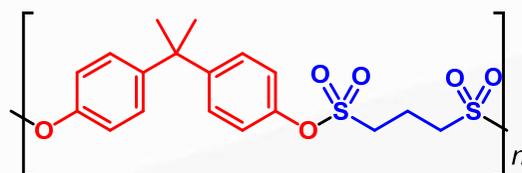
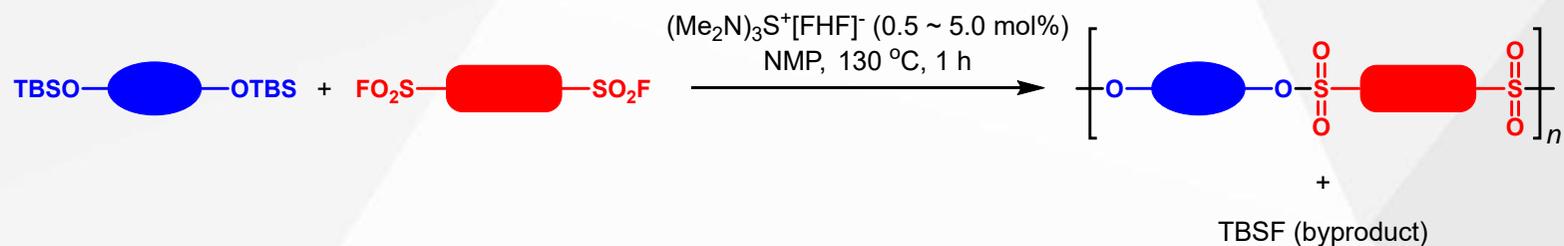
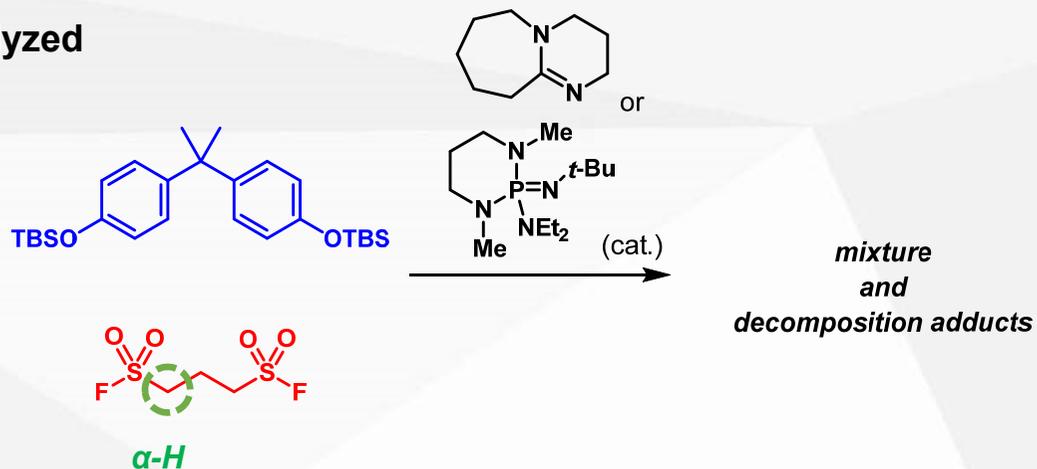
$M_n^{ps} = 38 \text{ kDa}$ , PDI = 1.9

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### Preparation of Polysulfates

Lewis base-catalyzed

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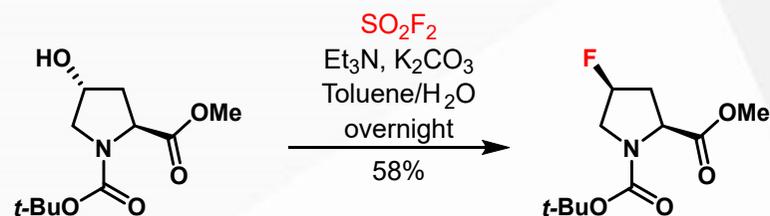


## 2.4 SuFEx based application

### Functional Reagents

#### Deoxyfluorination reagent

Central Glass 2014

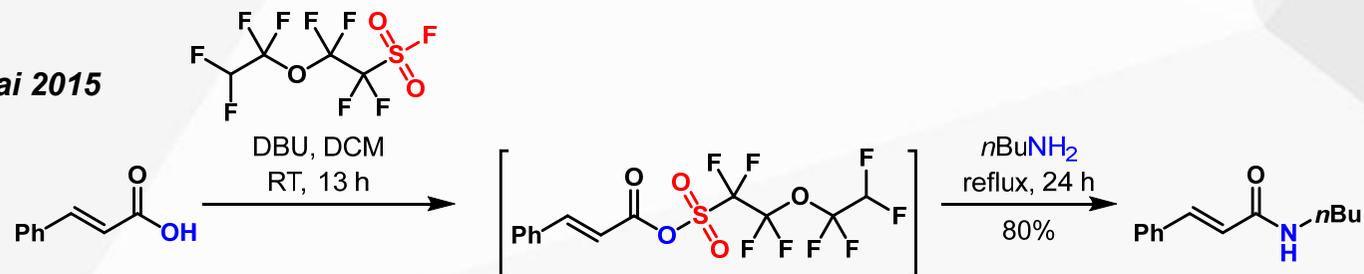


Doyle 2015



#### Coupling reagent

Dai 2015



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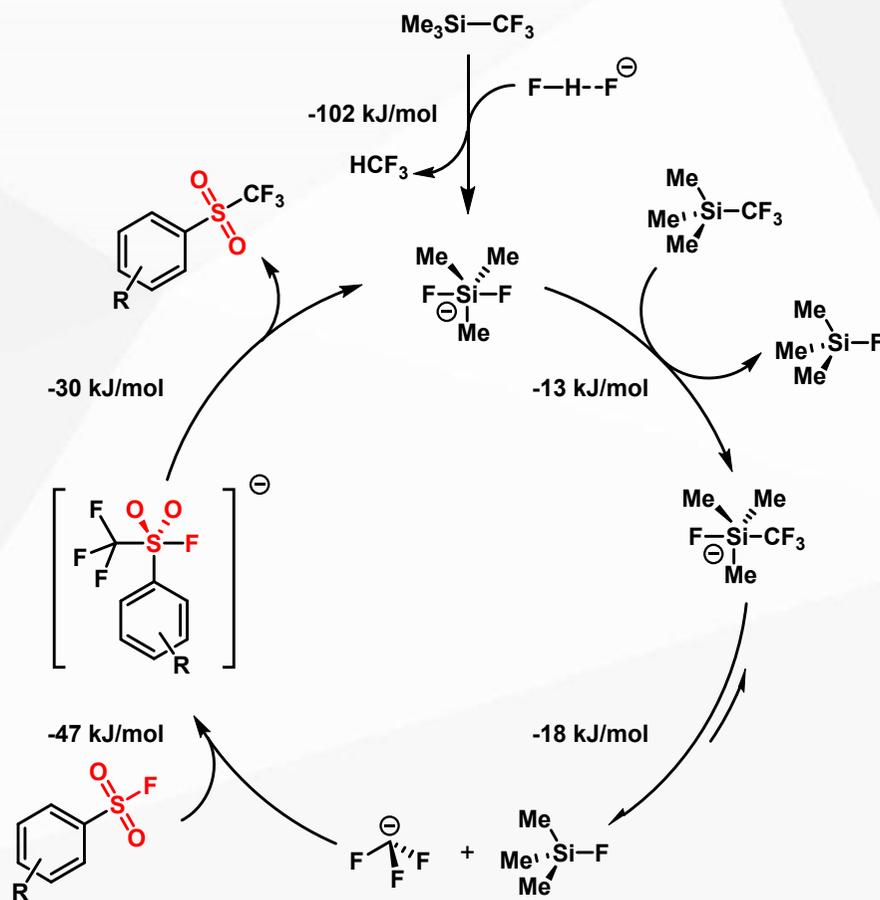
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### SuFEx Trifluoromethylation



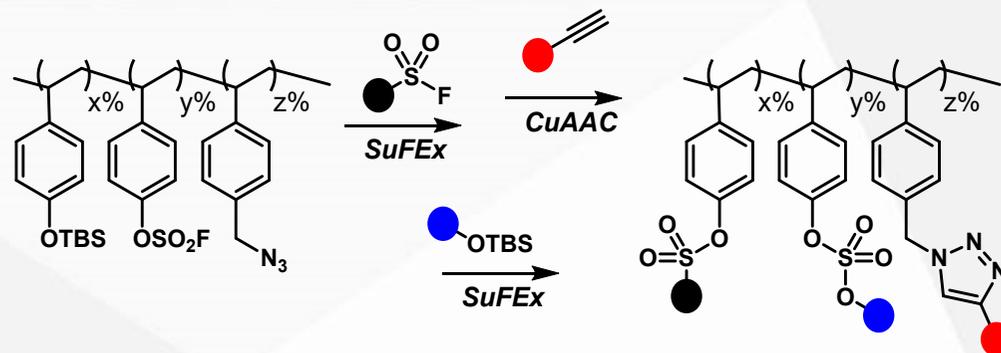
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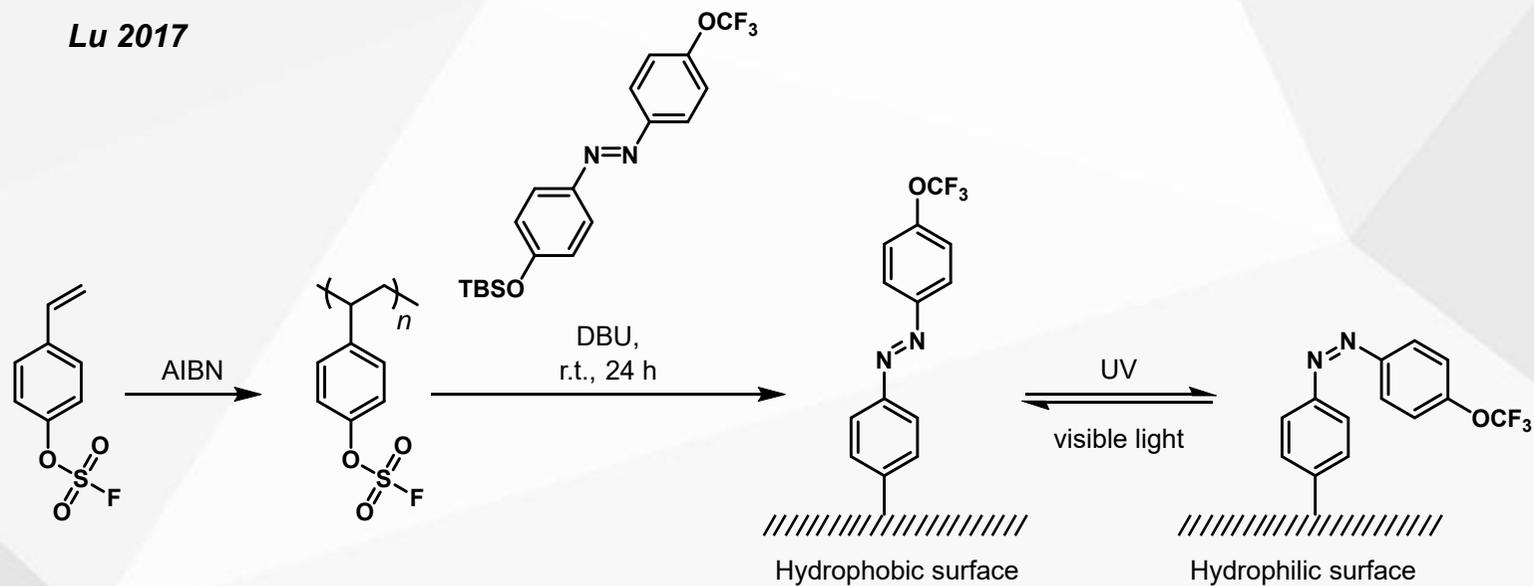
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### Polymer modification

Fokin 2016



Lu 2017



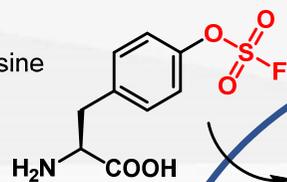
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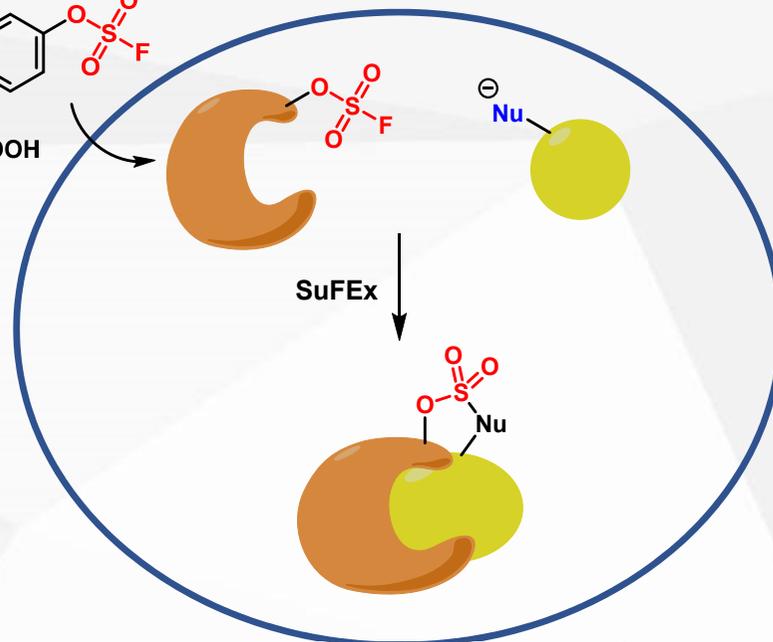
**Bio-SuFEx**

Fluorosulfate-L-tyrosine  
(FSY)

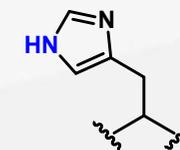


Wang 2018

Live Cell

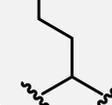


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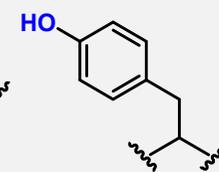
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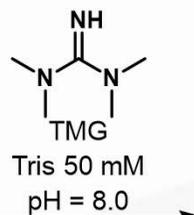
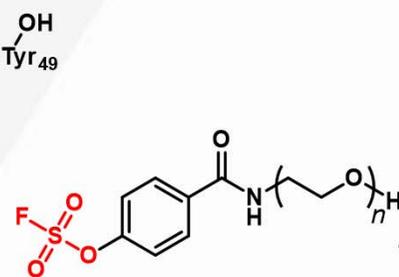
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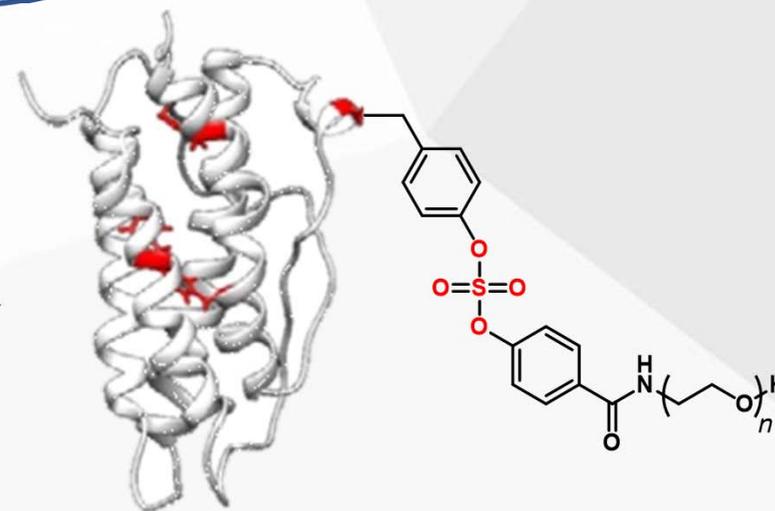
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erythropoietin



Tris 50 mM  
pH = 8.0



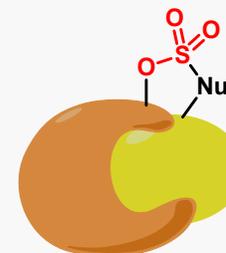
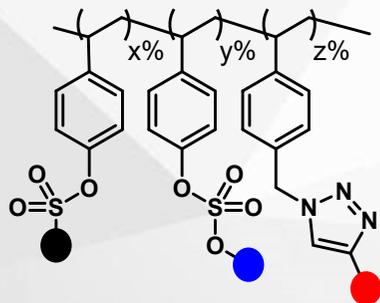
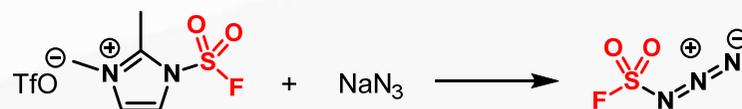
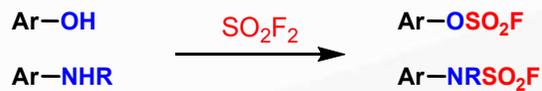
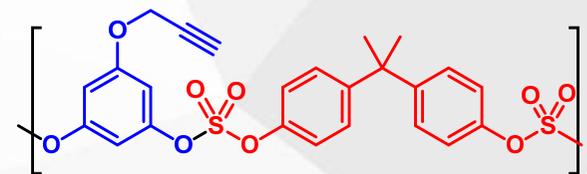
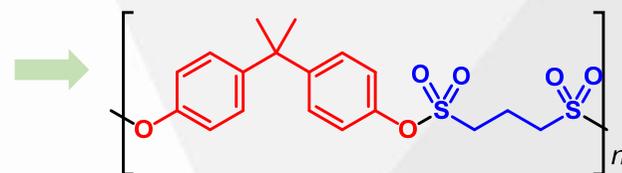
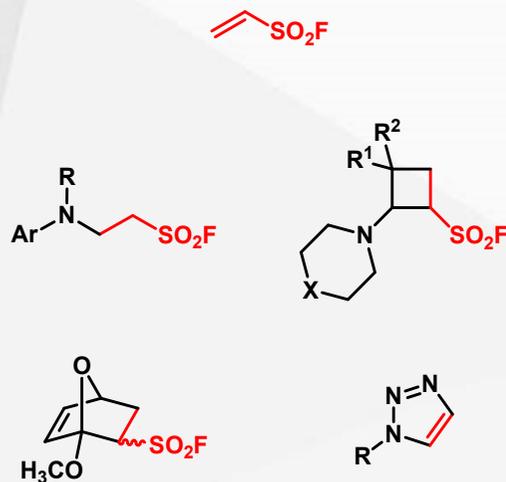
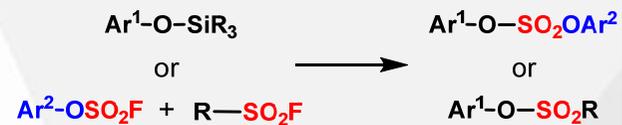
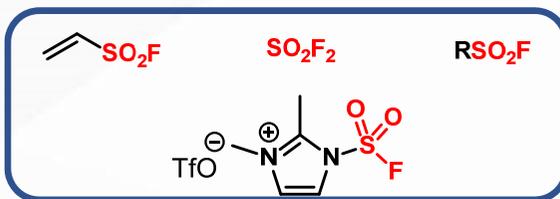


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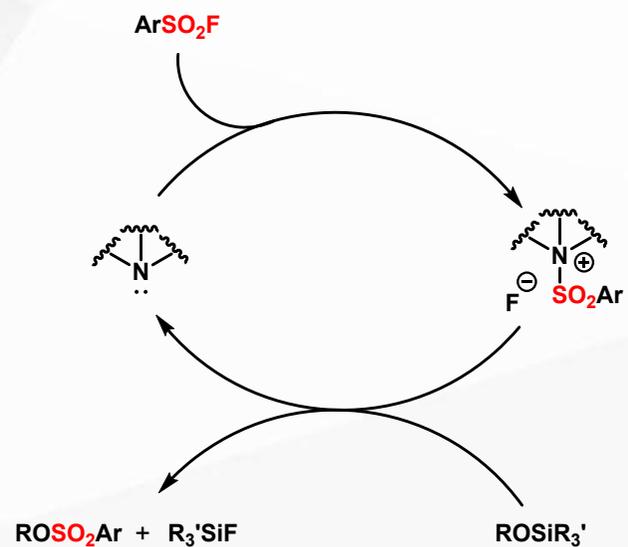
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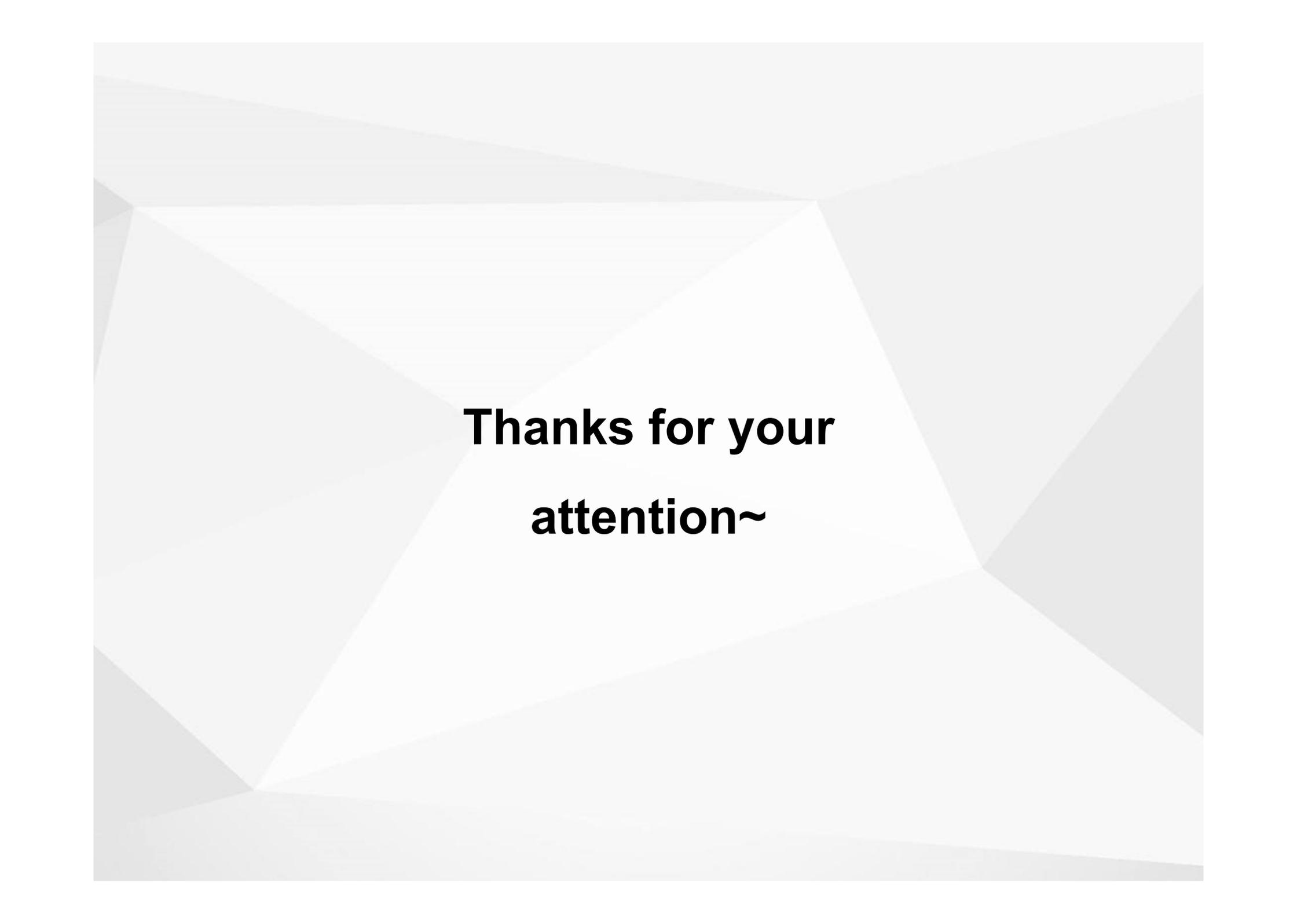


Challenge:

A deeper understanding of the finer details of SuFEx catalysis will hopefully

Etc.





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