## Modern $C(sp^2)$ -F bond forming reactions: From C-A to C-F (A = H, X, M)



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# Fluorination chemistry

- more than 100 years
- *first examples: second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century* Ann. Chem. Pharm. **1863**, 126, 58-62

fluorine substitution can impart lots of properties on molecules, such as pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, materials, and radiotracers for positron emission tomography (PET).





[half-lives] <sup>11</sup>C, <sup>13</sup>N, <sup>15</sup>O: ≤20 min <sup>18</sup>F : 110 min

- Hydrophobic/hydrophilic properties
- membrane penetration at physiological pH
- strategically used as transition state inhibitors
- *increased metabolic stability*
- Increase binding affinity to proteins (hydrogen bond donors)

### Fundamental challenge of C-F bond forming reaction:

the nature of fluorine itself High electronegativity high hydration energy of fluoride anion

- Weak nucleophile in the presence of hydrogen bond donors
- Better nucleophile when hydrogen bond donors are meticulously exclude, but also a strong base













dehydrates solvated fluoride In the active site



## Nucleophilic C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-Fluorination From C-X to C-F

■ Traditional sp<sup>2</sup> C-F bond formation



*Nucleophilic fluorination of aryl diazonium salts (the Balz–Schiemann reaction)* 



Nucleophlic aromatic substitution of electron-poor arenes (the Halex process).



Fluorination of aryl bromides via aryne intermediates.

Synthesis of anhydrous "naked" fluoride sources



Room temperature nucleophilic arene fluorination using anhydrous TBAF



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### *Large kinetic barrier to C–F bond formation*

Thermodynamically favorable process (the C–F bond is the strongest of all C–X single bonds)

*Therefore, improving nucleophilic arene fluorination can ideally be approached by catalysis* 

General catalysis cycle for metal-catalyzed nucleophilic fluorination.



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$$[(Ph_{3}P)_{2}Pd(Ph)F] \xrightarrow{\text{toluene, N}_{2}} [(Ph_{3}P)_{3}Pd] + Pd + Ph_{2} + \frac{110 - 120^{\circ}C}{Ph_{3}PF_{2}} + Ph_{2}PPPh_{2}$$

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metal-fluorine bonds are significantly polarized toward fluorine.

For reductive elimination to occur, there must be sufficient orbital overlap between the metal–carbon and the metal–fluorine  $\sigma$ -bonds; however, electron is lacking in the region where it is required for C–F

The high polarization of the metal-fluorine bond results in a significant ionic contribution to the bond which strengthens it and increases the energy barrier to C-F reductive elimination

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An additional challenge:

palladium(II) fluoride complexes have been observed to be strongly basic

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Steric repulsion with *P*(*t*-*Bu*)<sub>3</sub> destabilize dimer by 20 kcal/mol However, still cannot provide over trace amount of Ar-F product

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"Reductive elimination mechanism for aryl fluoride formation was not rigorously established, and an  $S_N$ Ar pathway is also feasible"

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The breakthrough



L = 2. <sup>a</sup> 5 equiv. AgF,  $CH_2CI_2$ , 25 °C, exclusion of light, 12 to 24 h. <sup>b</sup> toluene, 100 °C, 2 h, yields determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy.





Three-coordinate T-shaped geometry

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OTf	5 mol% [(cinn 15 mo 2 equiv Csl	amyl)PdCl] <sub>2</sub> I% <b>3</b> F, Solvent	F +	F F
CO <sub>2</sub> nBu	110 °C	, 12 h	CO <sub>2</sub> nBu	CO <sub>2</sub> nBu
32			33	14
Solvent	conversion	combined yield	ratio 33/14	ArH
Toluene	100	71%	78:22	2%
Benzene	100	69%	90:10	*
THF	95	18%	78:22	*
Cyclohexane	100	60%	>98:2	1%
n-Heptane	100	39%	85:15	*
Cyclohexane <sup>†</sup>	100	80%	99:1	1%

\* Yield not determined. <sup>†</sup> Optimized condition 100 °C, isolated yield.

ligand modification in 2011



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First Cu-catalyzed nucleophilic C-F bond formation



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#### Sensitive to proton source





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## Electrophilic C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-Fluorination From C-M to C-F

Comparison of the redox potential of bench-top stable fluorinating reagents (versus SCE)



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For arylmetal nucleophiles react with F<sub>2</sub>, XeF<sub>2</sub> or F-OSO<sub>3</sub>R, see:

Diorazio, L. J.; Widdowson, D. A.; Clough, J. M. *Tetrahedron* **1992**, *48*, 8073. Cazorla, C.; Métay, E.; Andrioletti, B.; Lemaire, M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2009**, *50*, 3936. Vints, I.; Gatenyo, J.; Rozen, S. *J. Org. Chem.* **2013**, *78*, 11794.



increasing reduction potential

*Formally: as source of fluoronium cation ("F+")* 

Actually: the N–F bonds are polarized toward fluorine, with a partial negative charge on fluorine.

SN<sub>2</sub> displacement? the  $\sigma^*N$ –F orbitals are sterically inaccessible on **N** the  $\sigma^*N$ –F orbitals are too small on F

two-electron oxidation single-electron transfer

### C-F Reductive Elimination from Pd(IV).



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Dissociation of one oxygen ligand

five-coordinate Pd(IV) cationic complex
 concerted reductive elimination

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super electron-deficient Pd(IV)
 very quick transmetallation with F<sup>-</sup> (even at 10<sup>-4</sup> M concentration



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#### Bimetallic Oxidation-Reductive Elimination mechanism:



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From silver-mediate to silver catalysis

EtO <sub>2</sub> C	SnBu <sub>3</sub> Ag(I) 1.5 F-TEL	equiv DA-PF <sub>6</sub> EtO <sub>2</sub> C	+ D <sub>2</sub> C		<sup>⊕</sup> _⊂CI √ <sub>2 PF6</sub> ⊖
1	ace	tone 2	2a	F-TE	DA-PF <sub>6</sub>
Ag(I) catalyst	Base (2.0 equiv)	Additive	Temp time	Yield <sup>a</sup> 2	Yield <sup>a</sup> 2a
10 mol% AgOTf	none	none	65 °C 3 h	30%	(68%)
5 mol% Ag <sub>2</sub> O	NaHCO₃	none	65 °C 5 h	87%	(9%)
5 mol% Ag <sub>2</sub> O	NaHCO₃	1.0 equiv NaOTf	65 °C 3 h	90%	(5%)
5 mol% Ag₂O	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	1.0 equiv NaOTf 5.0 equiv MeOH	65 °C 3 h	92%	(2%)
1 mol% Ag <sub>2</sub> O	NaHCO₃	1.0 equiv NaOTf	90 °C 18 h	92%	(2%)
1 mol% Ag <sub>2</sub> O	NaHCO₃	1.0 equiv NaOTf 5.0 equiv MeOH	90 °C 18 h	75%	(20%)

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# Electrophilic C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-Fluorination From C-H to C-F

An early example

<i>E</i> <sup>o</sup> > 1	1 > <i>E</i> <sup>0</sup> > 0	<i>E</i> <sup>0</sup> < 0
$\begin{array}{l} Co^{3+} + e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Co^{2+} \\ Ag^{2+} + e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Ag^{1+} \\ Pb^{4+} + 2e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Pb^{2+} \\ Ce^{4+} + e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Ce^{2+} \end{array}$	$Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Cu^{0}$ $Ag^{1+} + e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Ag^{0}$ $Te^{4+} + 4e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Te^{0}$ $Hg^{2+} + 2e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Hg^{0}$	$\begin{array}{l} Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Zn^{0} \\ Mg^{2+} + 2e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Mg^{0} \\ Al^{3+} + 3e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Al^{0} \\ Co^{2+} + 2e^{-} \Leftrightarrow Co^{0} \end{array}$

 $E^0>1$ , the fluorides are strong oxidants and can be recycled with elemental fluorine  $1>E^0>0$ , the fluorides are moderate oxidants and can be recycled with HF and O<sub>2</sub>  $E^0<0$ , the fluorides are inert toward C-H bonds



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$\bigcirc$	N N 1a	[Pd] (10 mol Additives (2 Solver	%) / [F <sup>+</sup> ] 2.0 equiv.) nt	N 2a	$+ \underbrace{N}_{N} + \underbrace{K}_{N} + \underbrace{K}_{K$
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Entry	Cat.	$[F^+]$	Add.	Solvent	Yields of $2a/2aa^b$ (%)
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## Summary and outlook

Modern C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-F bond forming reactions: Still a challenging and important problem

transition-metal catalysis approach has been the most successful to date



### From C-M to C-F

- most effective for highly functionalized substrates
- requires expensive electrophilic fluorinating reagents
- poor atom economy
- arylmetal substrates not always readily available.

### From C-X to C-F

- inexpensive fluoride salts and aryl halides
- basicity of fluoride → undesired reactions

## From C-H to C-F

- step and atom economy
- poor FG tolerance
- require directing-group





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