

# ***Synthetic Isotopic Labeling***

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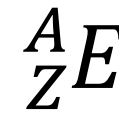
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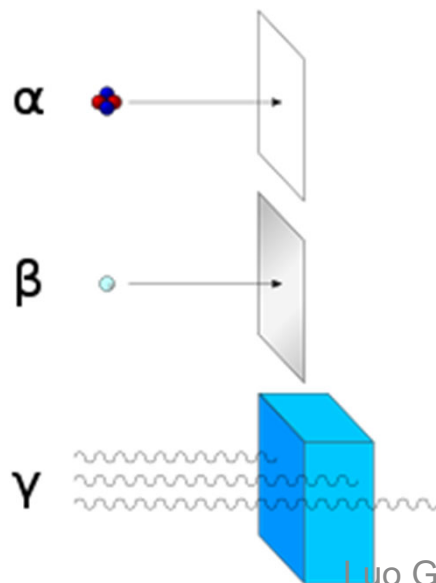
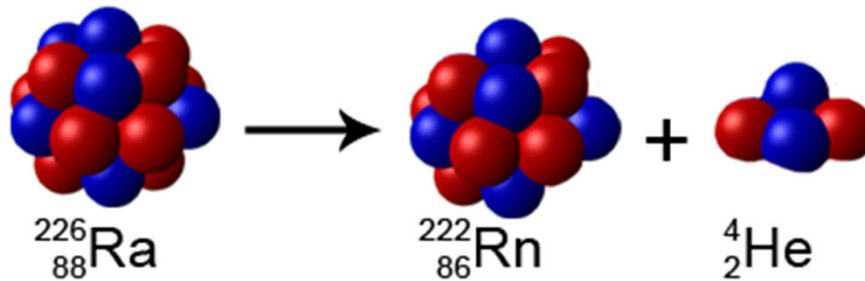
# Isotope

- *Isotope: atoms with same atomic number*
  - *From Greek roots: “isos” (equal) & “topos” (place)*

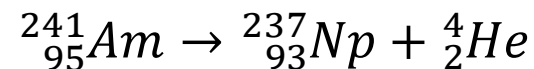


Frederick Soddy (1877-1956)  
1921 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

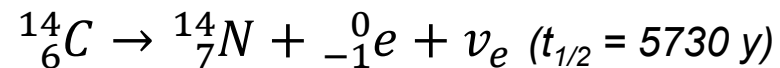
- *Unstable isotope (radioactive isotopes)*



Smoke detector:  ${}^{241}\text{AmO}_2$  ( $t_{1/2} = 432.2 \text{ y}$ )



Fast energetic electron or positron

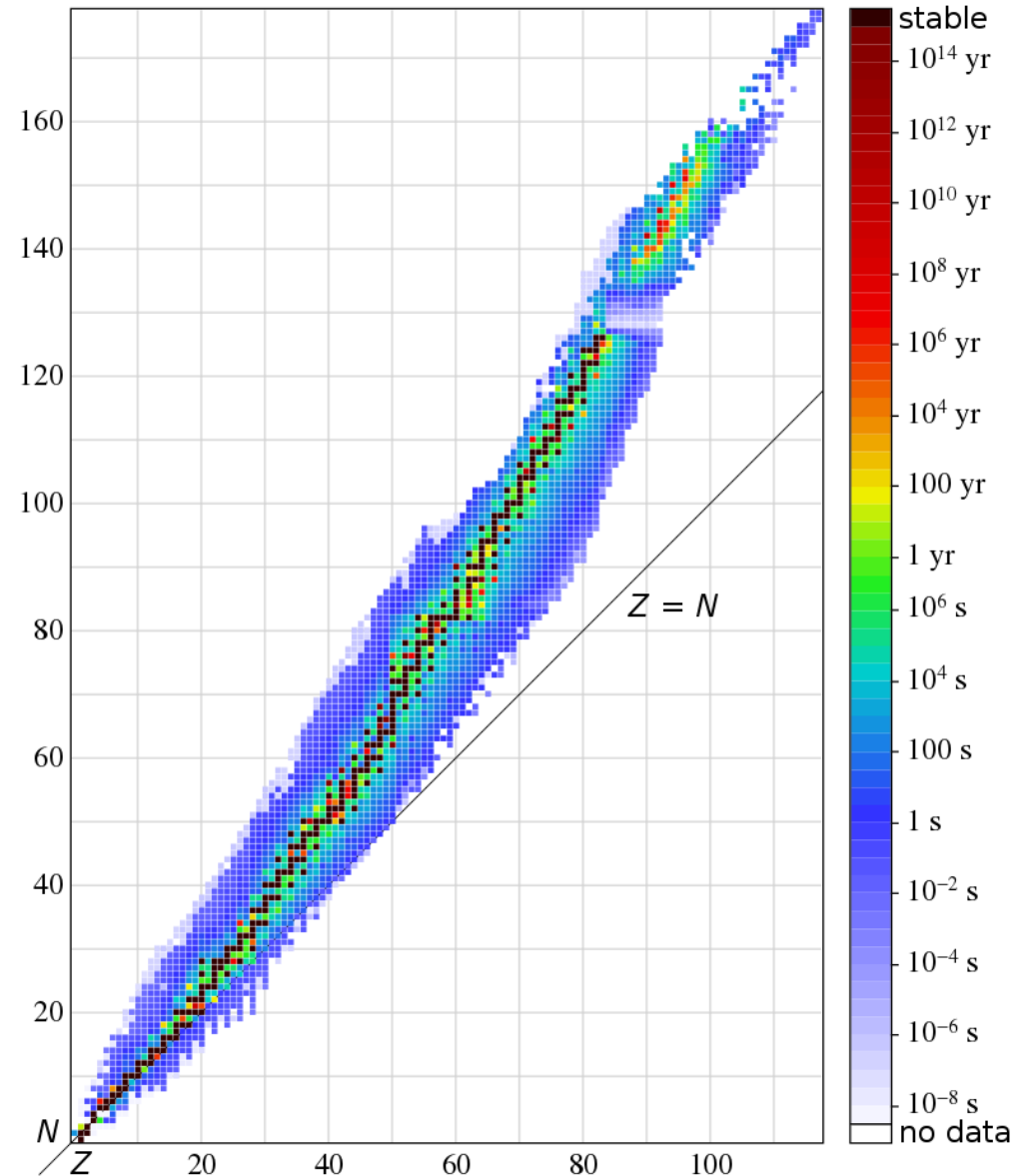


$$\lambda < 10^{-10} \text{ m}, E > 1.24 \text{ eV}$$

# Isotope

## ➤ Stable isotope

Nuclide	Natural abundance	Spin
$^1\text{H}$	[0.99972, 0.99999]	1/2
$^2\text{H}$ (D)	[0.00001, 0,00028]	1
$^{12}\text{C}$	0.9893(8)	0
$^{13}\text{C}$	0.0107(8)	-1/2
$^{14}\text{C}$	trace	0
$^{14}\text{N}$	0.99636(20)	1
$^{15}\text{N}$	0.00364(20)	-1/2
$^{16}\text{O}$	0.99757(16)	0
$^{17}\text{O}$	0.00038(1)	5/2
$^{18}\text{O}$	0.00205(14)	0
$^{19}\text{F}$	1.0000	1/2



# Synthetic Isotopic Chemistry

➤ Strategy for isotopic labeling (*long half-life & stable isotope*)

➤ Exchange ~ Late stage derivatization ( $P \rightarrow P^*$ )

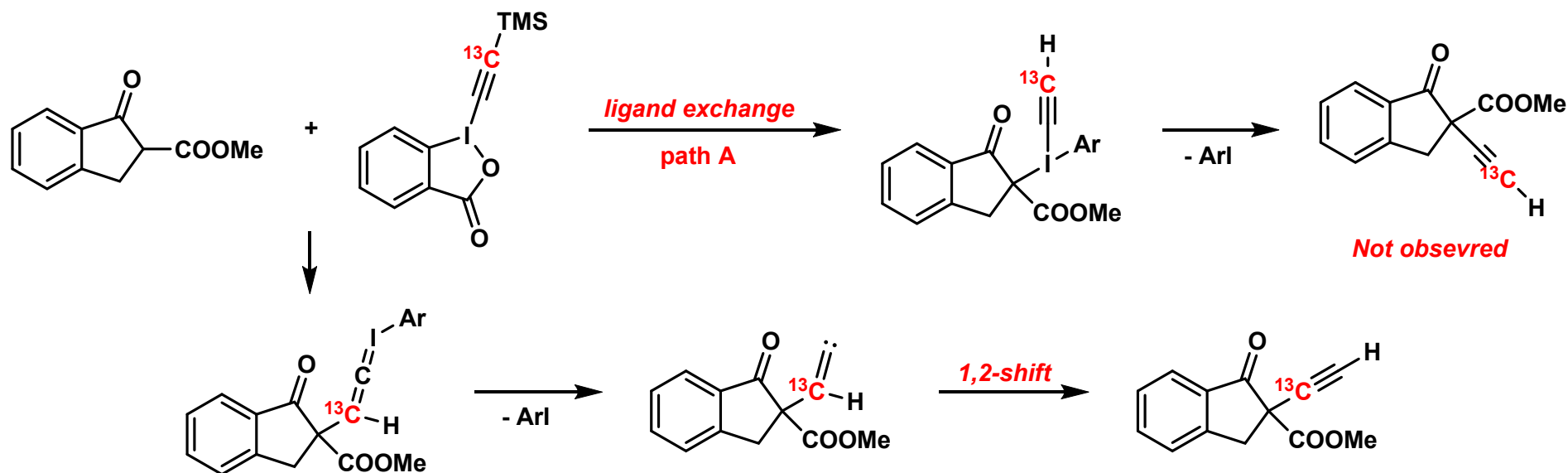
➤ Construction ~ Total synthesis ( $A \rightarrow B^* \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow P^*$ )

➤ Reconstruction ~ Semi-synthesis ( $P \rightarrow A \rightarrow B^* \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow P^*$ )

➤ Usage

➤ NMR solvent:  $CDCl_3$ ,  $C_6D_6$ ,  $THF-d_8$ , etc...

➤ Mechanism study: KIE, isotope tracer



➤ Biological tracing: metabolic pathway, PET-CT, SILAC

➤ ...

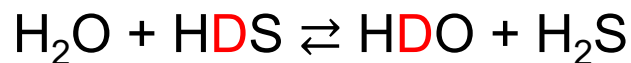
# Overview of $^2\text{H}$ (D)

- Source: all D-labelled compounds come from  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (~ 10 RMB/g)
  - All  $^{18}\text{O}$ -labelled compounds come from  $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}$  (~ 2000 RMB/g)

	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (light water)	$\text{HDO}$ (semiheavy water)	$\text{D}_2\text{O}$ (heavy water)
B. P.	100 °C	100.7 °C	101.4 °C
pH (25 °C)	7.0	7.266 (pHD)	7.44 (pD)
$U^\circ$	1.230 V	-	1.240 V
abundance	1	1/3200	-

- Gridler sulfide process (invented in 1943)

- Enrichment process

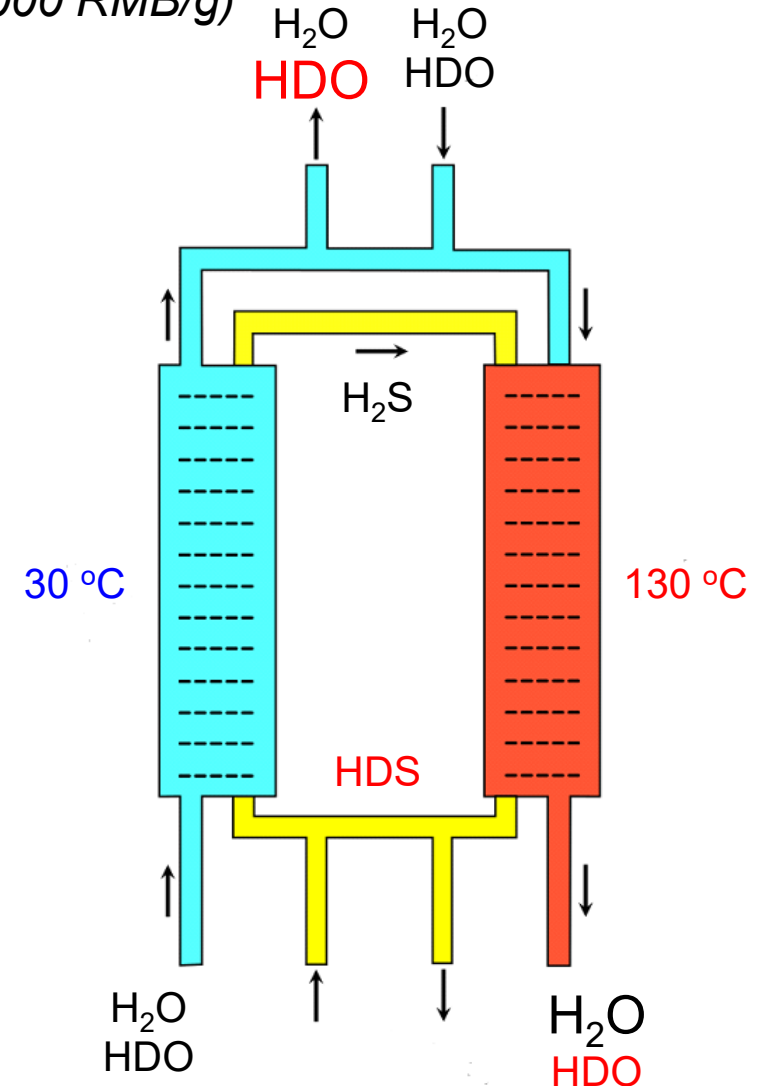


$$K = 2.33 \text{ (30 °C)}, K = 1.82 \text{ (130 °C)}$$

28% more D each cycle (ideally)

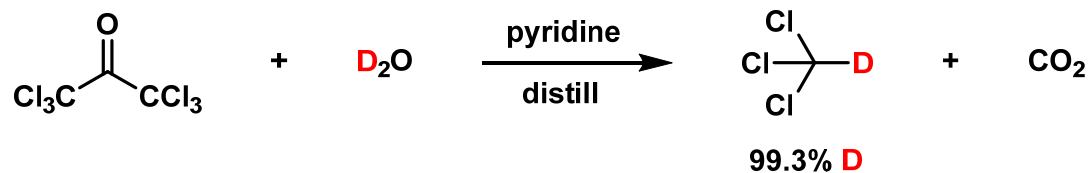
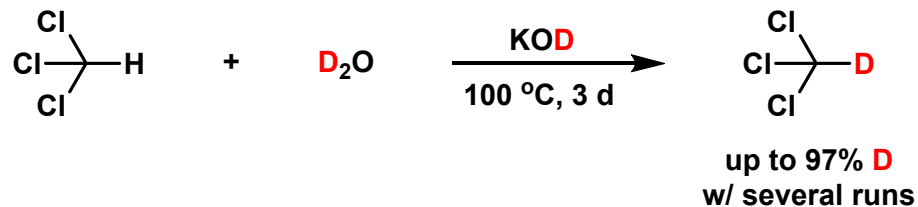
Water is enriched to 15-20%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$

- Distillation to get reactor grade  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (> 99%)

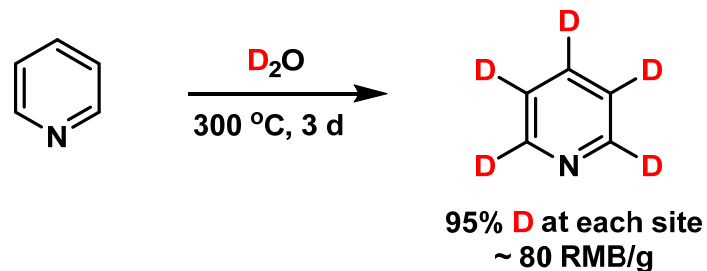
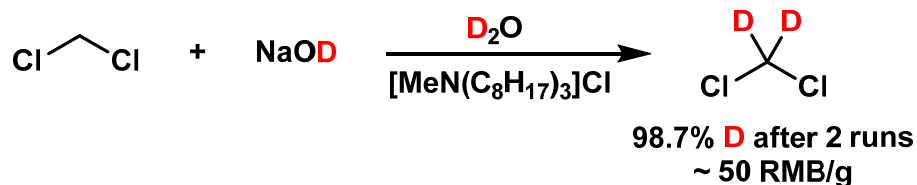
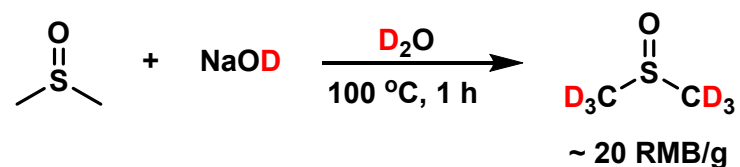
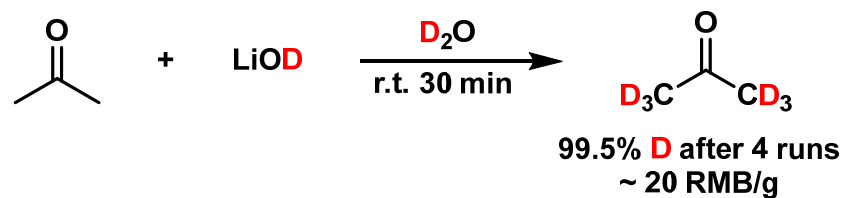


# D-Labelled Solvent

➤ Chloroform-*d* (~ 1.6 RMB/g)

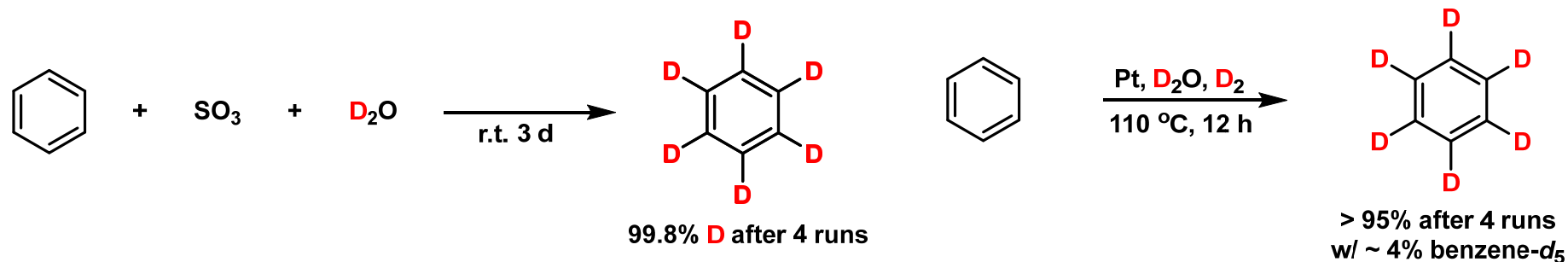


➤ Via basic H-D exchange

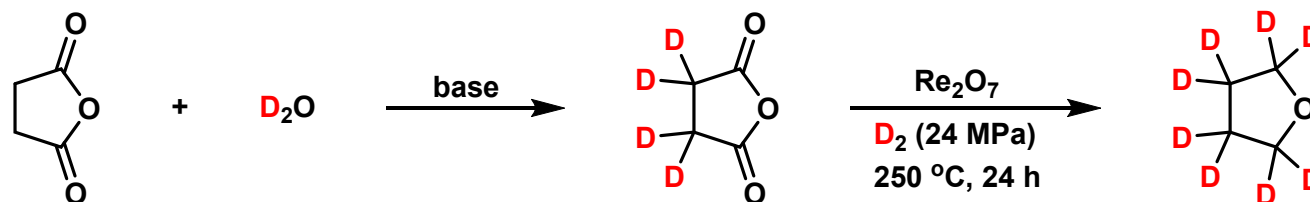


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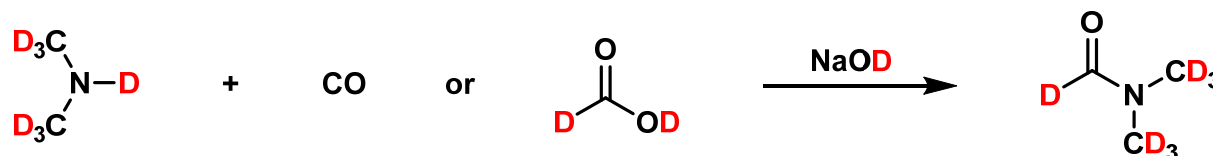
## ➤ Benzene- $d_6$ (~ 40 RMB/g)



## ➤ THF- $d_8$ (~ 200 RMB/g)



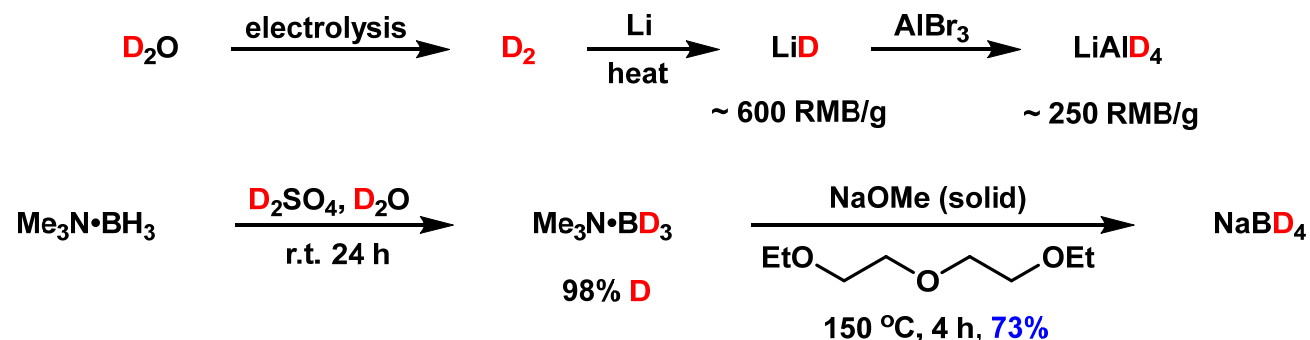
## ➤ DMF- $d_7$ (~ 400 RMB/g)



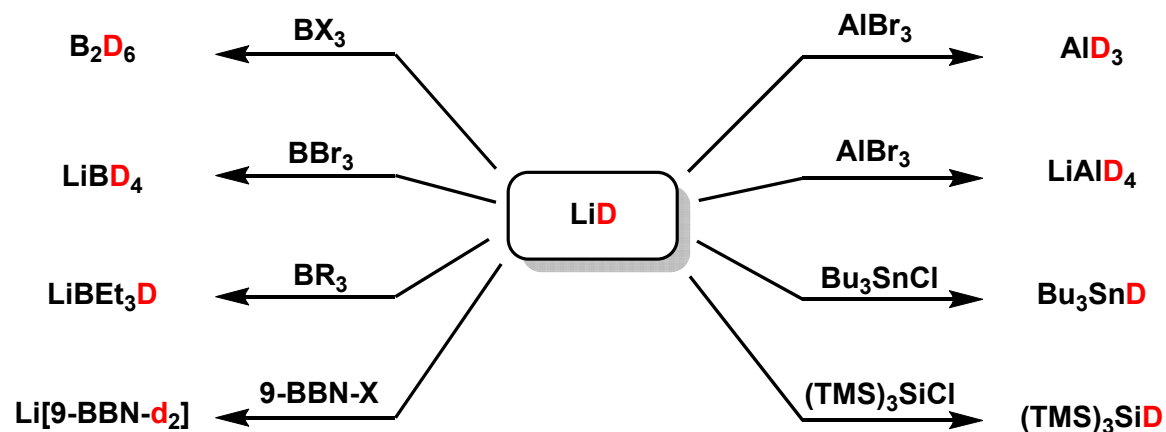


# D-Labelled Hydrides

## ➤ Electrolyzed $D_2O$

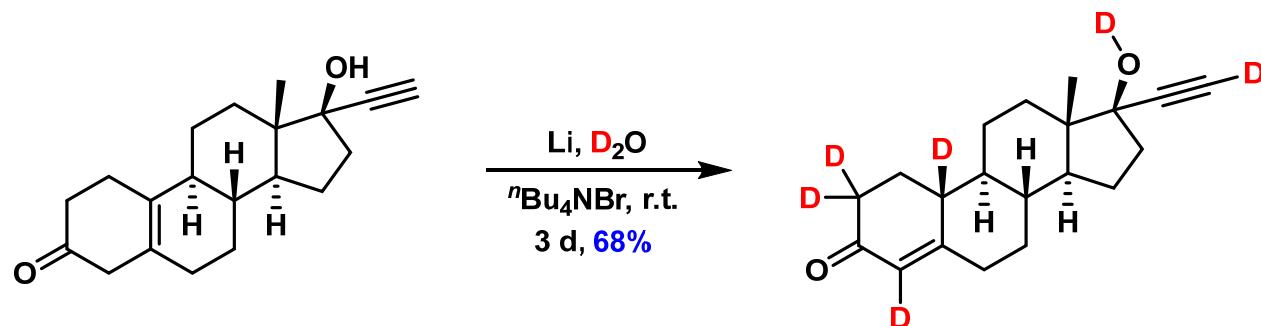


## ➤ Other D-hydrides



# D-Labeling in Synthesis

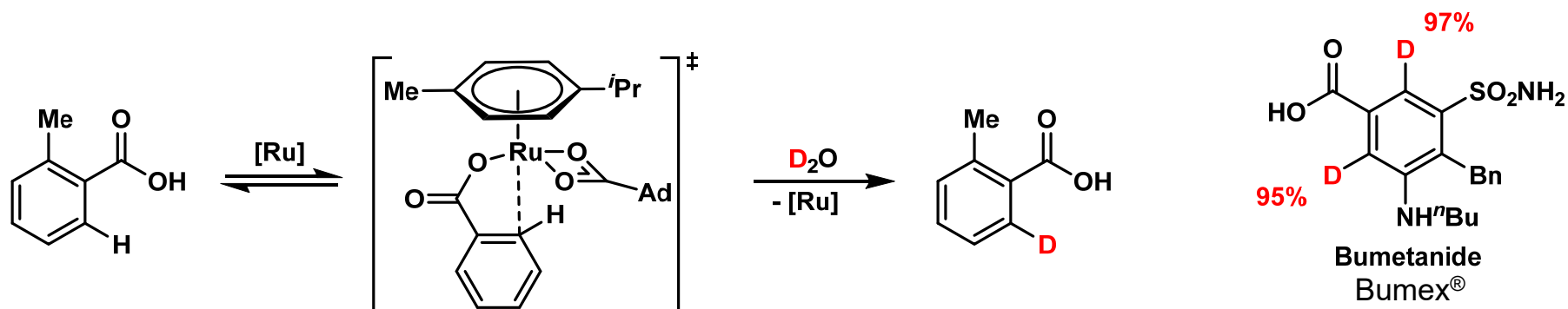
## ➤ H/D exchange



	<i>d</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>d</i> <sub>5</sub>	<i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>
Li	21.9	38.9	28.9
Na	23.6	30.8	23.0

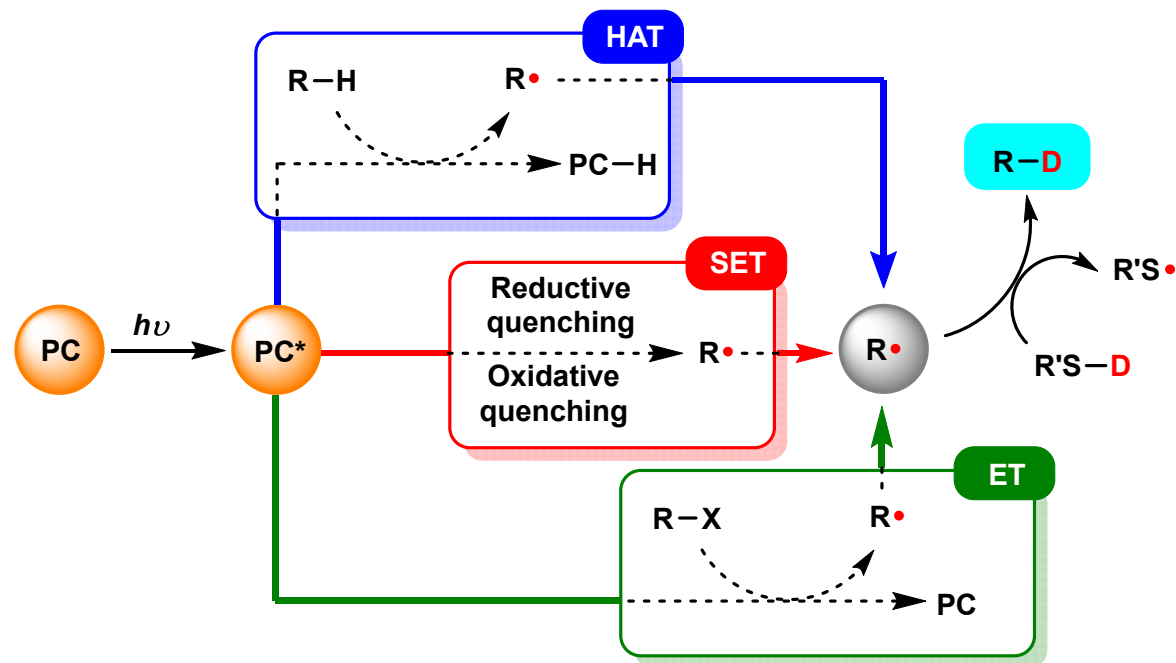
*Journal of Labelled Compounds*, 1989, 27, 629-633.

## ➤ H/D exchange: via C-H activation

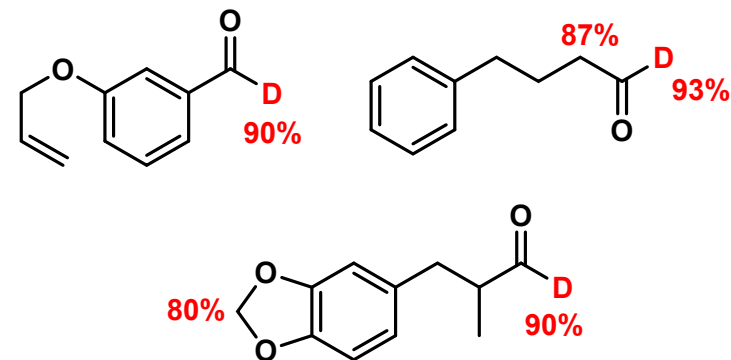
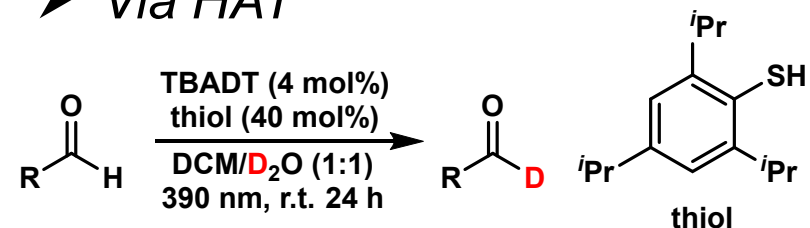


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## ➤ D quenched carbon radical

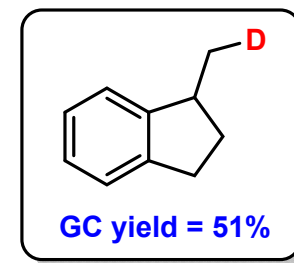
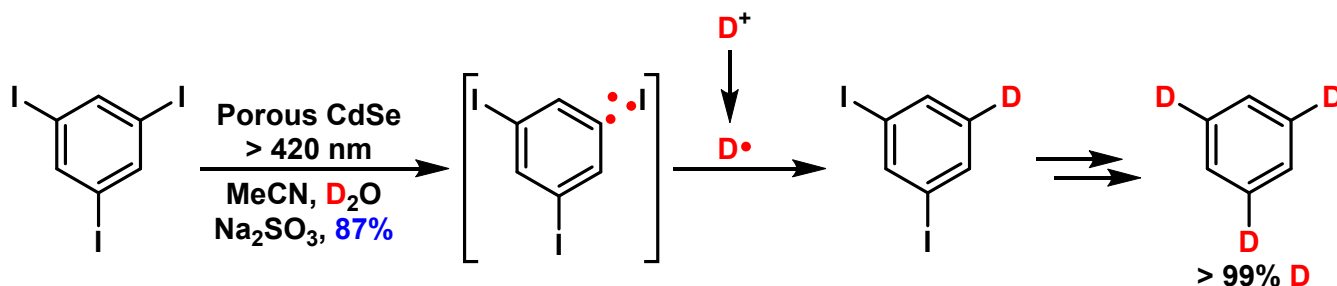


## ➤ Via HAT



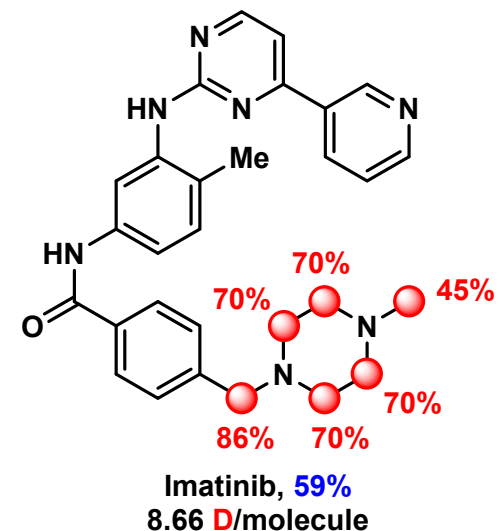
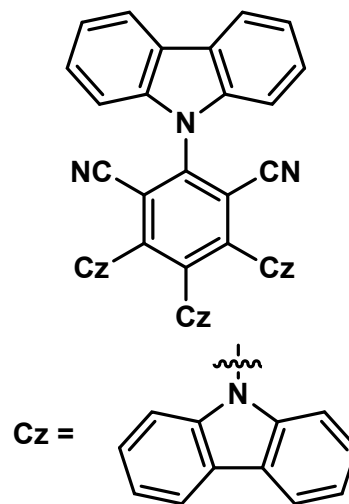
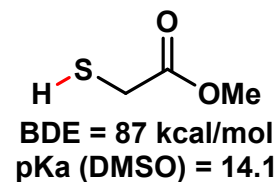
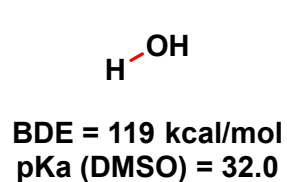
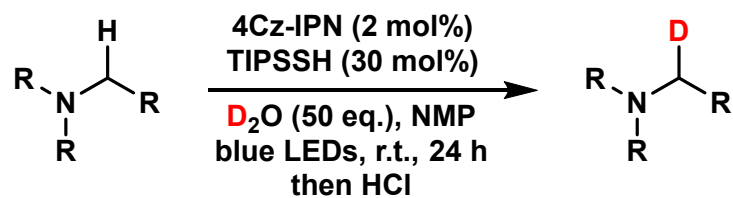
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## ➤ Via ET

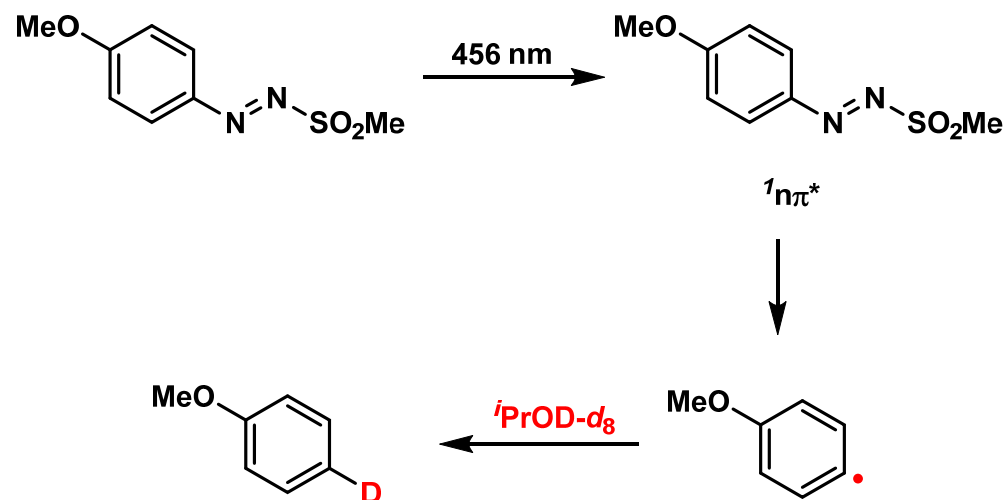
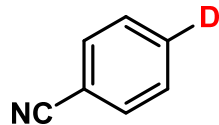
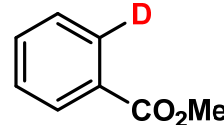
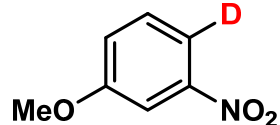
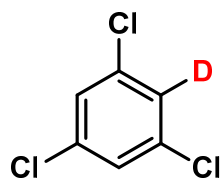
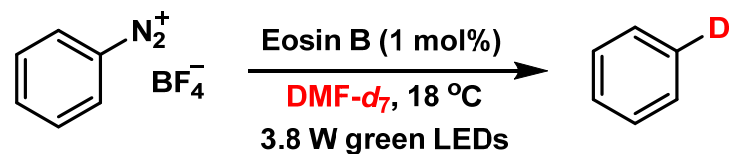


# D-Labeling in Synthesis

## Via SET



Science 2017, 358, 1182-1187.

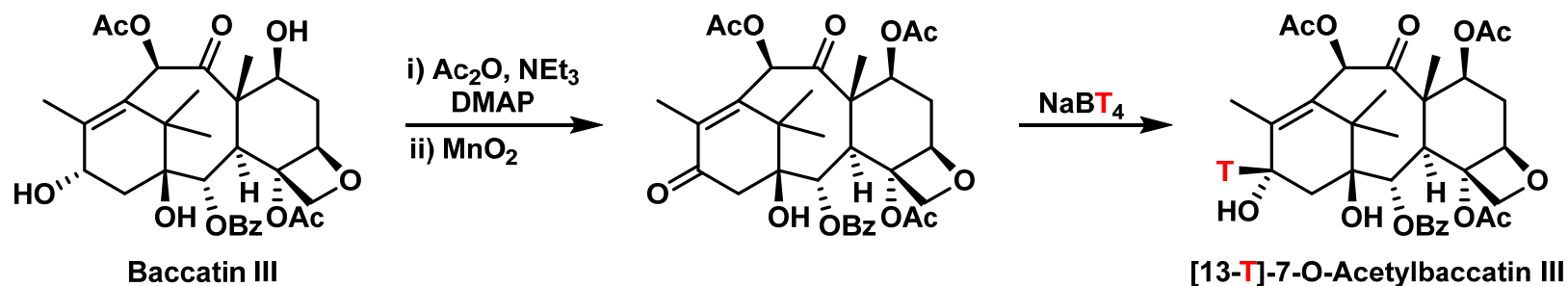


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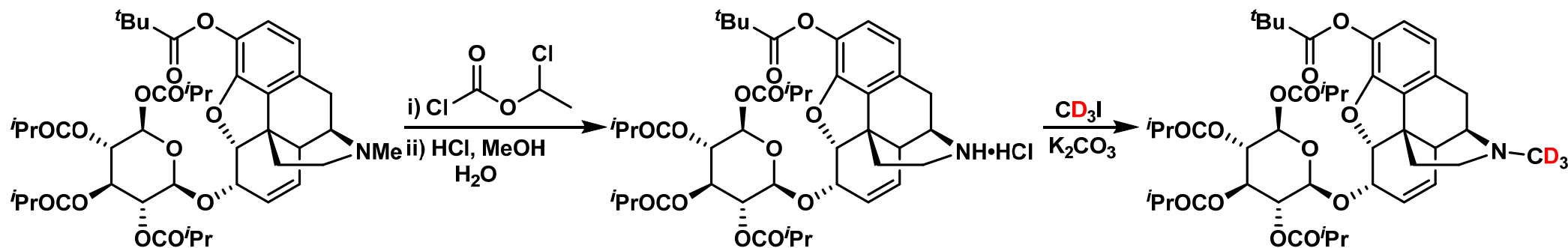
➤ Via reconstruction (P → B → A\* → B\* → P\*)

➤ Baccatin III



*J. Nat. Prod.* **2010**, 73, 151–159.

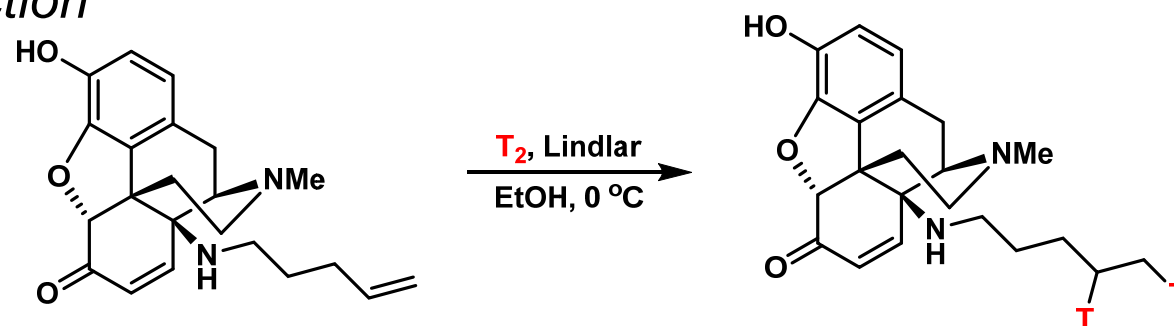
➤ Morphine-6-*b*-D-glucuronide



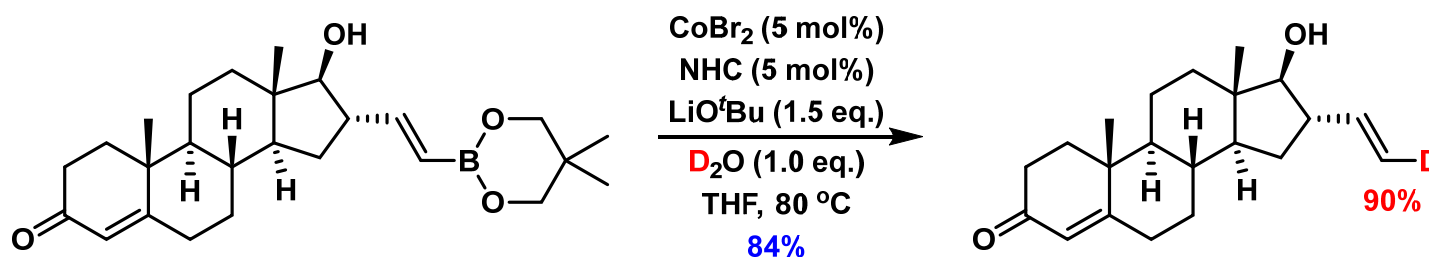
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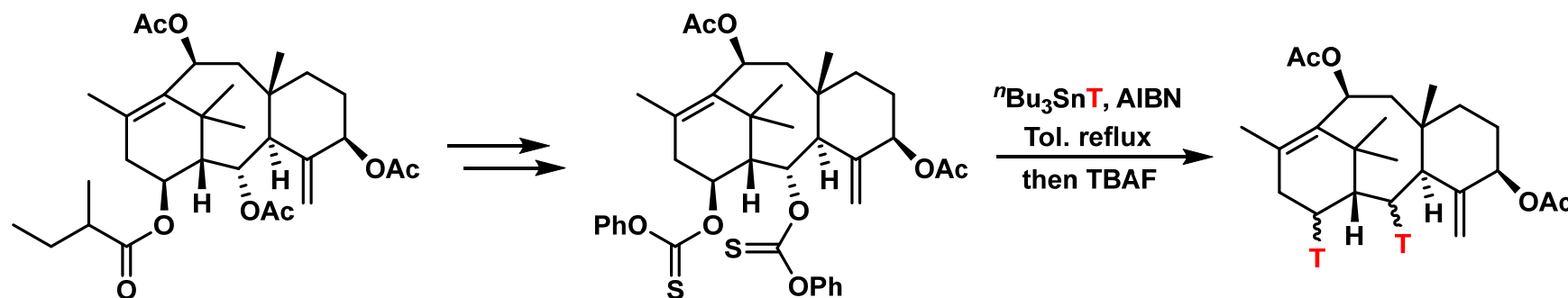
## ➤ Via construction



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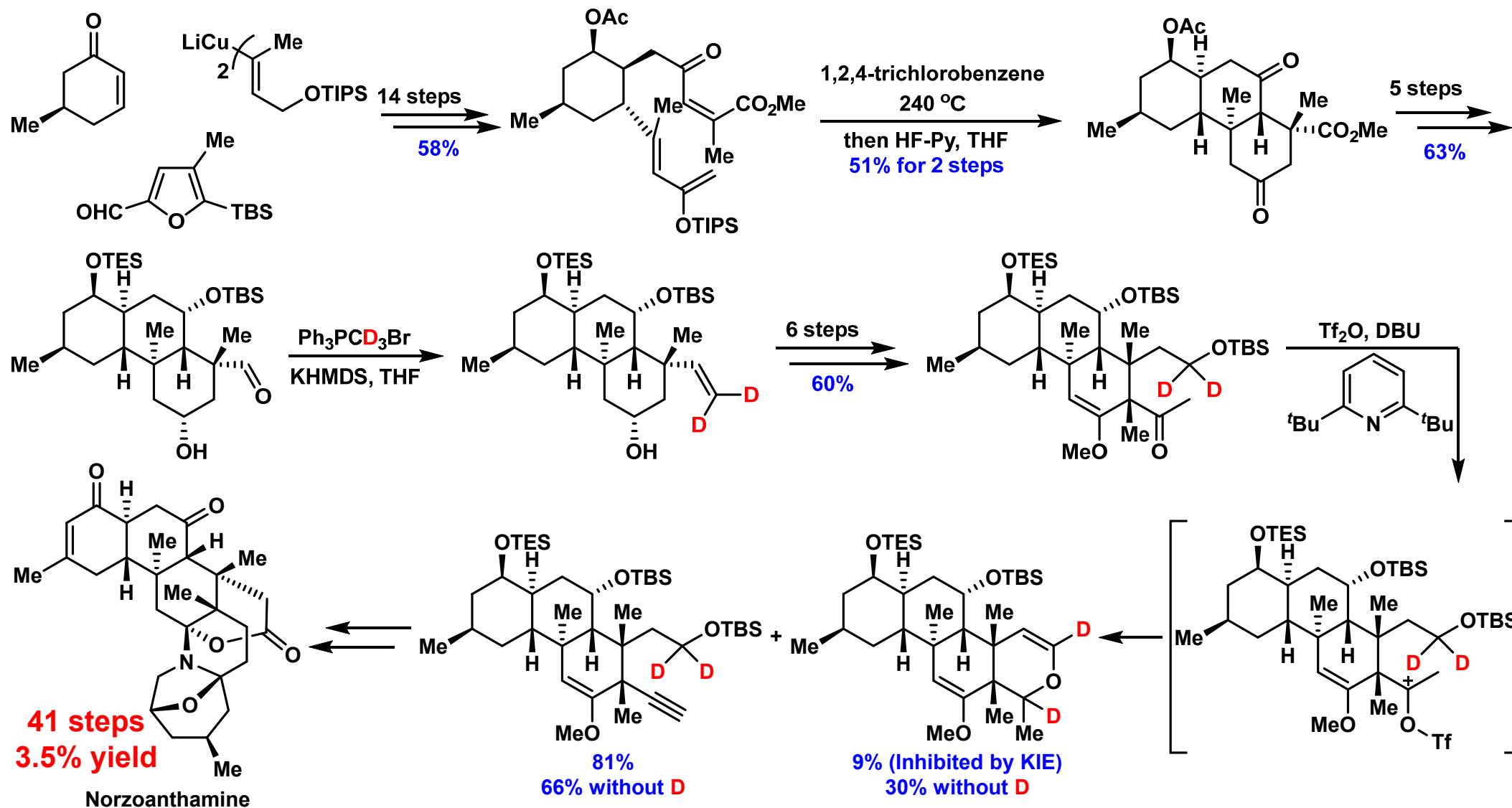
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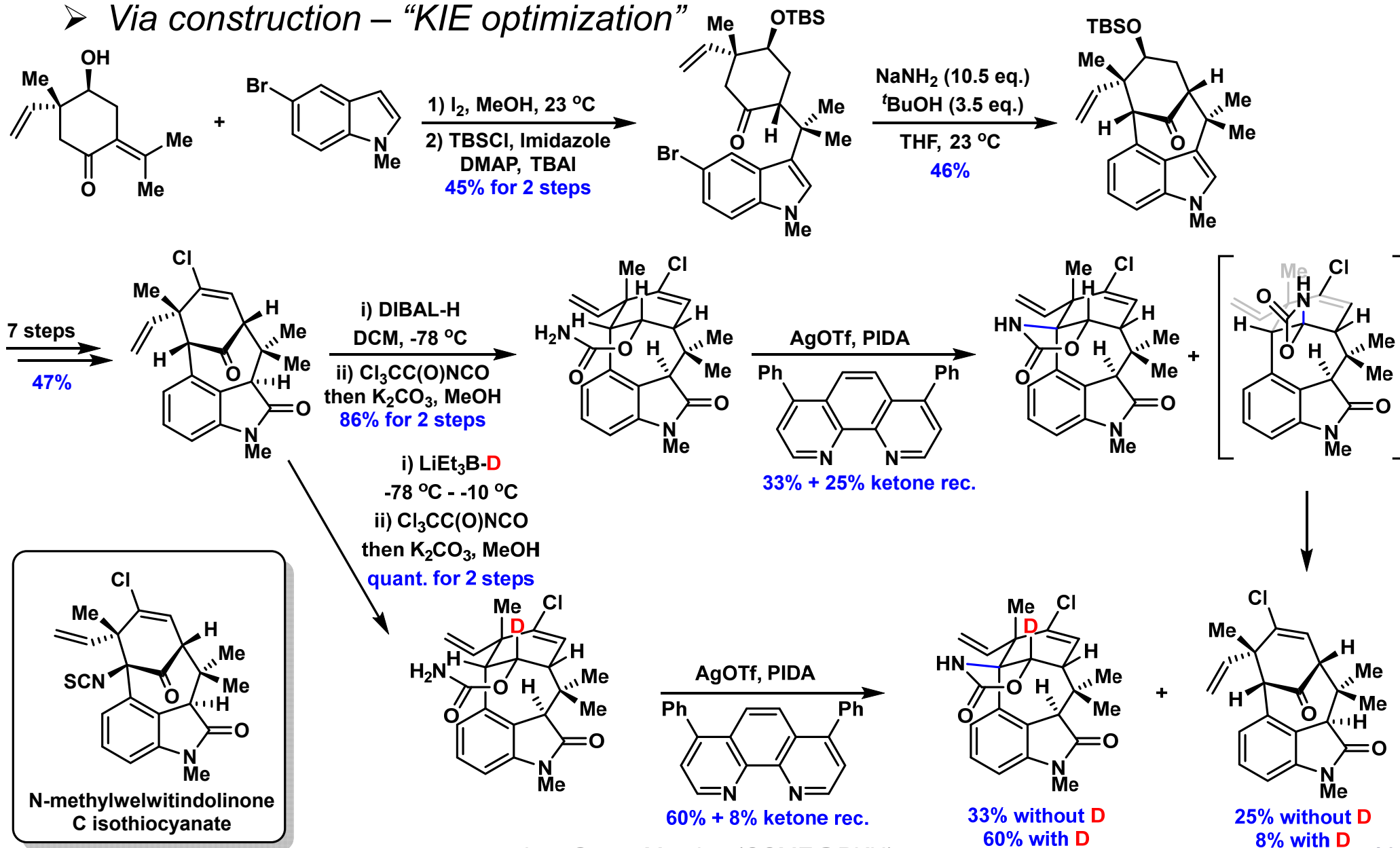
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➤ Via construction – “KIE optimization”



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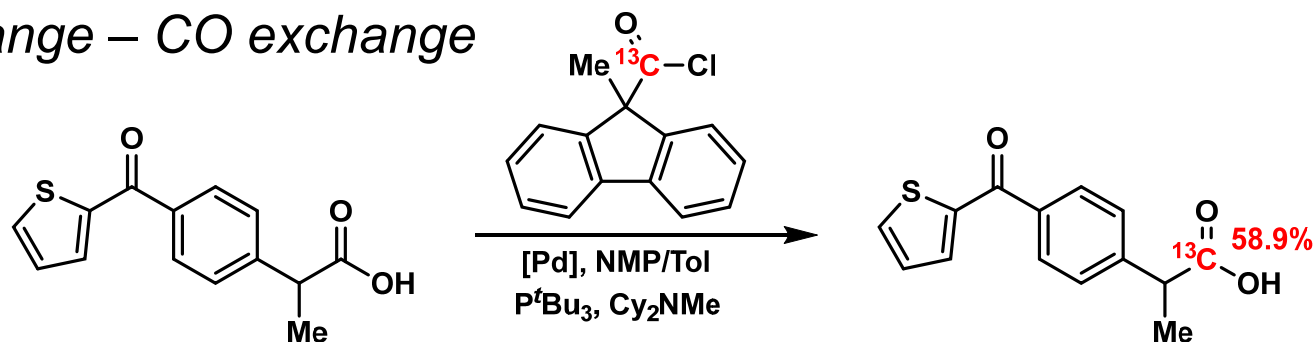






# <sup>13</sup>C-Labeling

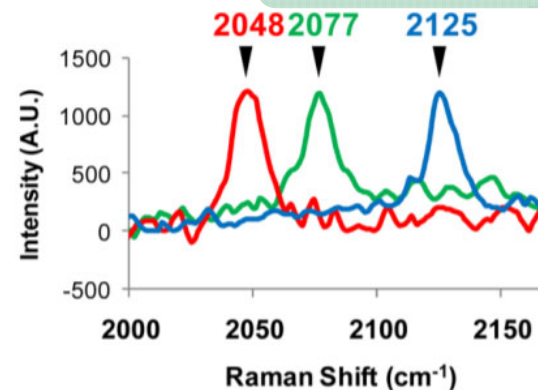
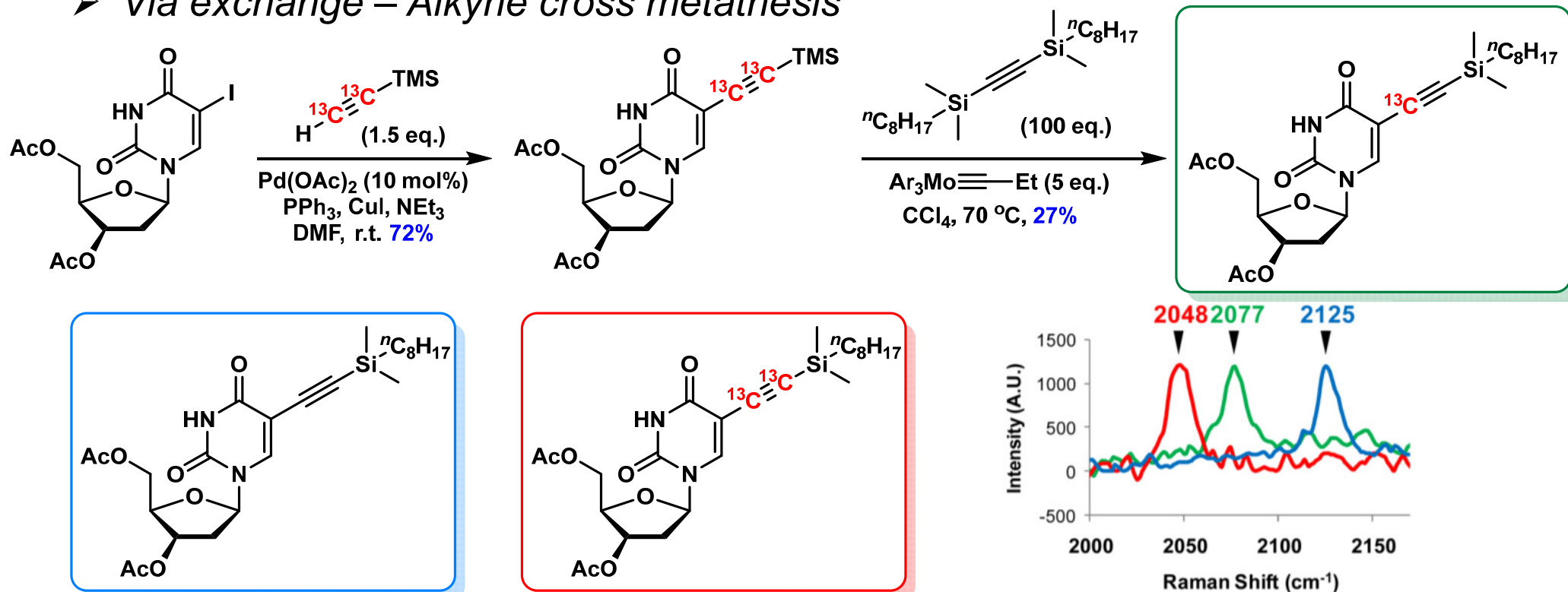
## ➤ Via exchange – CO exchange



Suprofen

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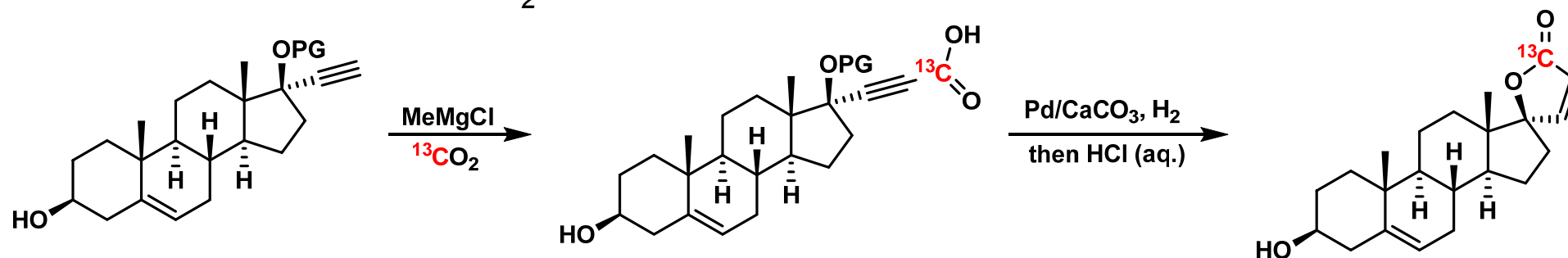
## ➤ Via exchange – Alkyne cross metathesis



Luo Group Meeting (CCME@PKU)  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136*, 8027–8033.

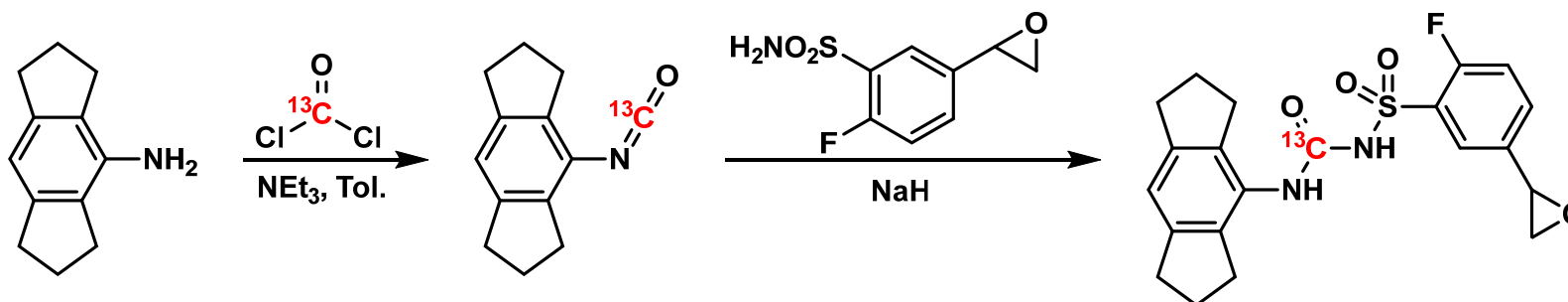
# $^{13}\text{C}$ -Labeling

➤ Via construction –  $^{13}\text{C}\text{O}_2$



*J Label Compd Radiopharm* 1988, 25, 515–529.

➤ Via construction –  $^{13}\text{C}\text{OCl}_2$

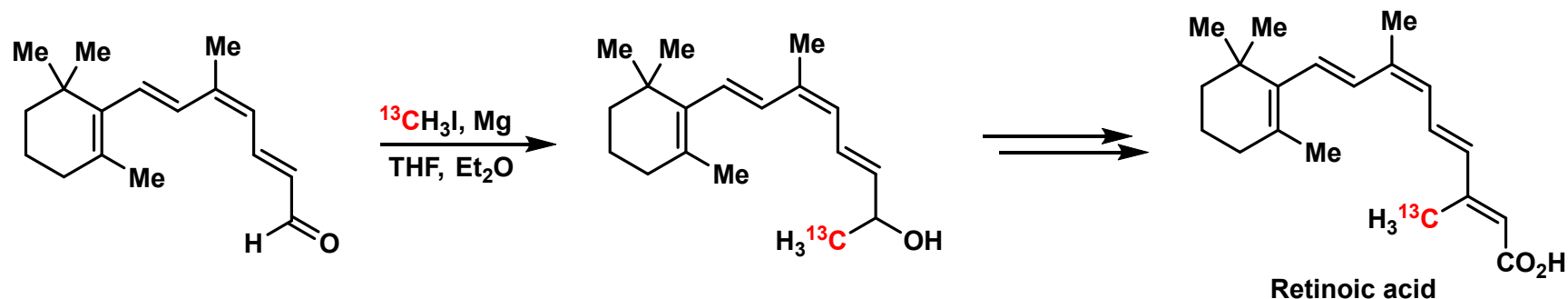


*J Label Compd Radiopharm* 2002, 45, 785–794.

➤  $\text{H}^{13}\text{CHO}$ ,  $^{13}\text{CH}_3\text{I}$ ,  $\text{BrCH}_2^{13}\text{COCl}$ , etc...

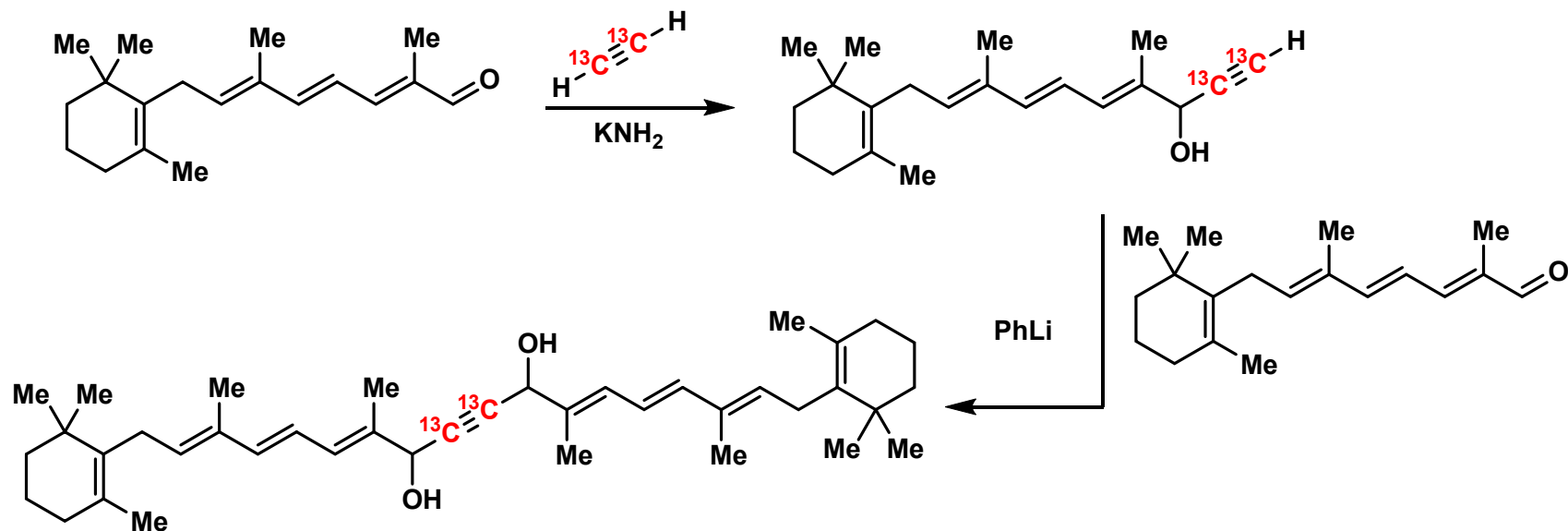
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➤ Via construction –  $^{13}\text{CH}_3\text{I}$



*Pure & Appl. Chem.* **1985**, *57*, 753–762.

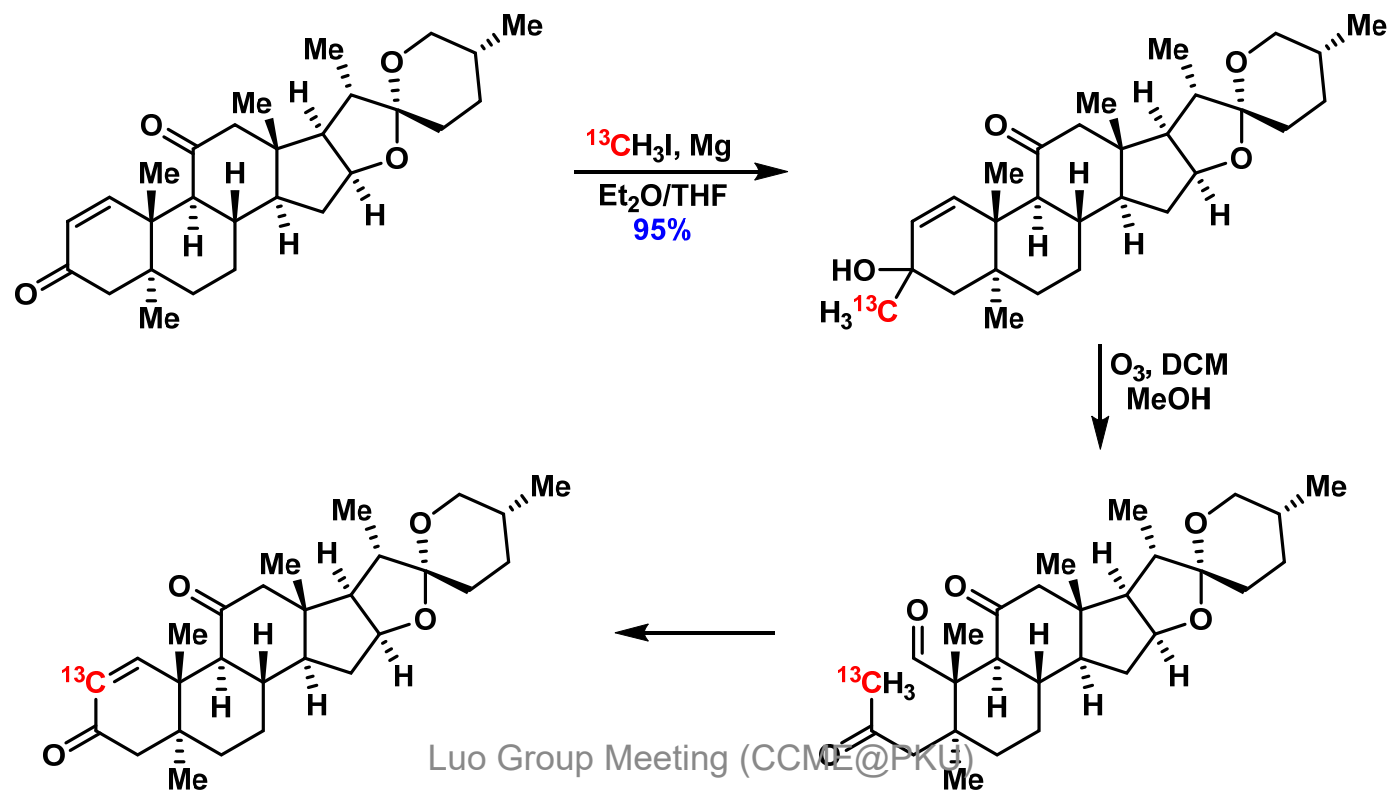
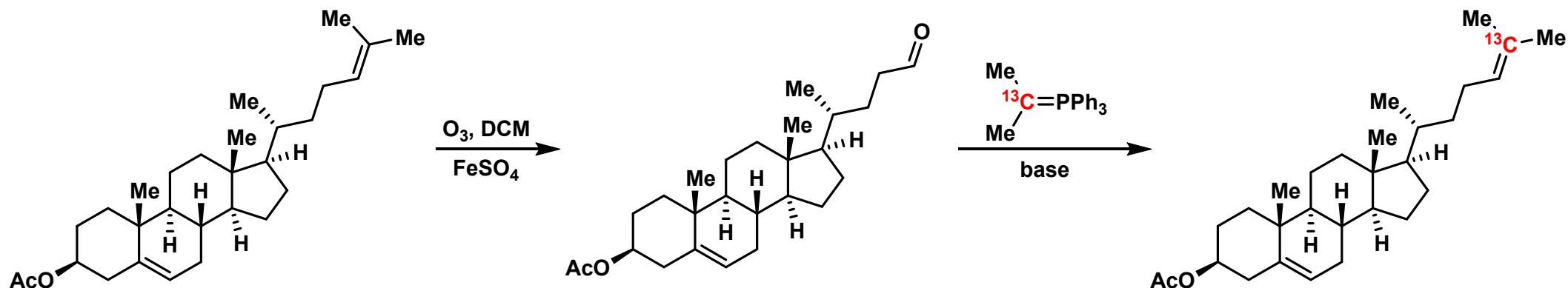
➤ Via construction –  $\text{H}^{13}\text{C}^{13}\text{C}\text{H}$



➤  $^{13}\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$ ,  $\text{TMS}^{13}\text{CN}$ , etc...

# <sup>13</sup>C-Labeling

➤ Via reconstruction



# Unstable Isotope

## ➤ Radioactivity

➤ Nuclear reaction equation:  ${}_{19}^{40}\text{K} \rightarrow {}_{20}^{40}\text{Ca} + {}_{-1}^0\text{e} + \nu_e$  ( $t_{1/2} = 10^9 \text{ y}$ )

### ➤ Unit:

- Activity: Becquerel (贝克勒尔): 1 Bq = 1 decay/s  
Curie (居里) (1 g  ${}^{226}\text{Ra}$ ): 1 Curie = 37G Bq
- Dose: Sievert (西弗): 1 Sv = 1 J/Kg

	1 banana	1 h plane	X-Ray	Natural	Safe dose	Disease	Death
Dose (mSv)	0.0001	0.01	0.02	2.4 /year	1 /year	2000-4000	> 4000

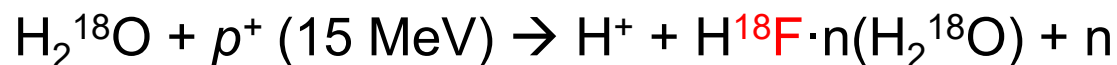
## ➤ Short half-life isotope

- ${}^{18}\text{F}$  (110 min),  ${}^{11}\text{C}$  (20 min),  ${}^{13}\text{N}$  (10 min),  ${}^{15}\text{O}$  (2 min),  ${}^{131}\text{I}$  (8 h)
- ${}^{32}\text{P}$  (14 days),  ${}^{35}\text{S}$  (87 days)
- Not commercial available
- Fast chemical reaction
- Late stage functionalization

# Overview of $^{18}\text{F}$

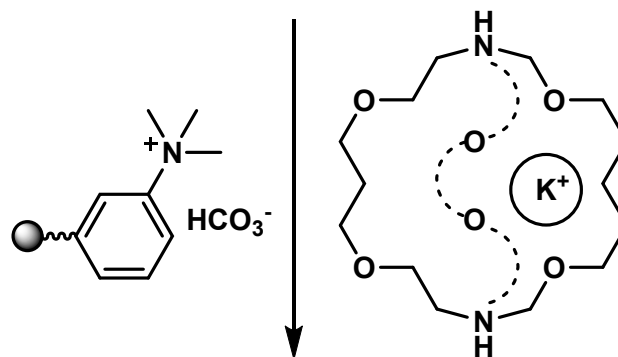
Isotope	Commercial	Half-life	Preparation	Decay
$^{18}\text{F}$	-	110 min	$^{18}\text{O} + p (15 \text{ MeV}) \rightarrow ^{18}\text{F} + n$ $^{20}\text{Ne} + ^2\text{D}^* \rightarrow ^{18}\text{F} + ^4\text{He}$	$^{18}\text{F} \rightarrow ^{18}\text{O} + e^+$ $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow 2 \gamma (511 \text{ keV})$

- In hospital  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG synthesis
  - High energy proton generation (Cyclotron)
  - $^{18}\text{F}^-$  synthesis

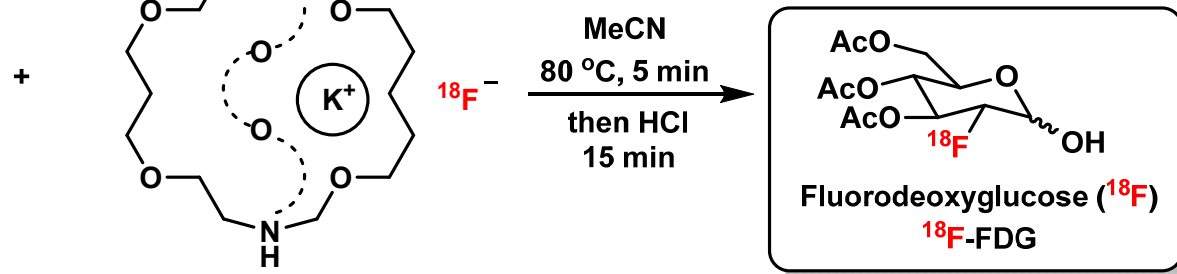
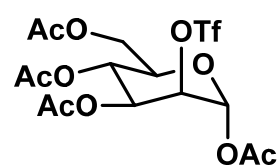


(~ 2000 RMB/g)

- Anhydrous extraction



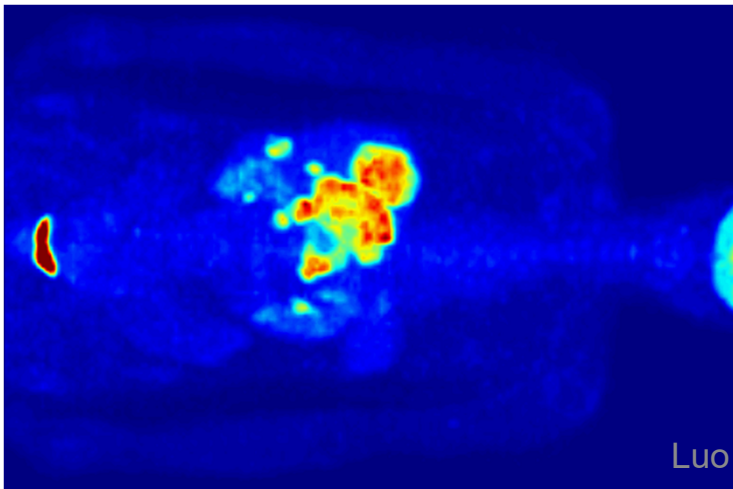
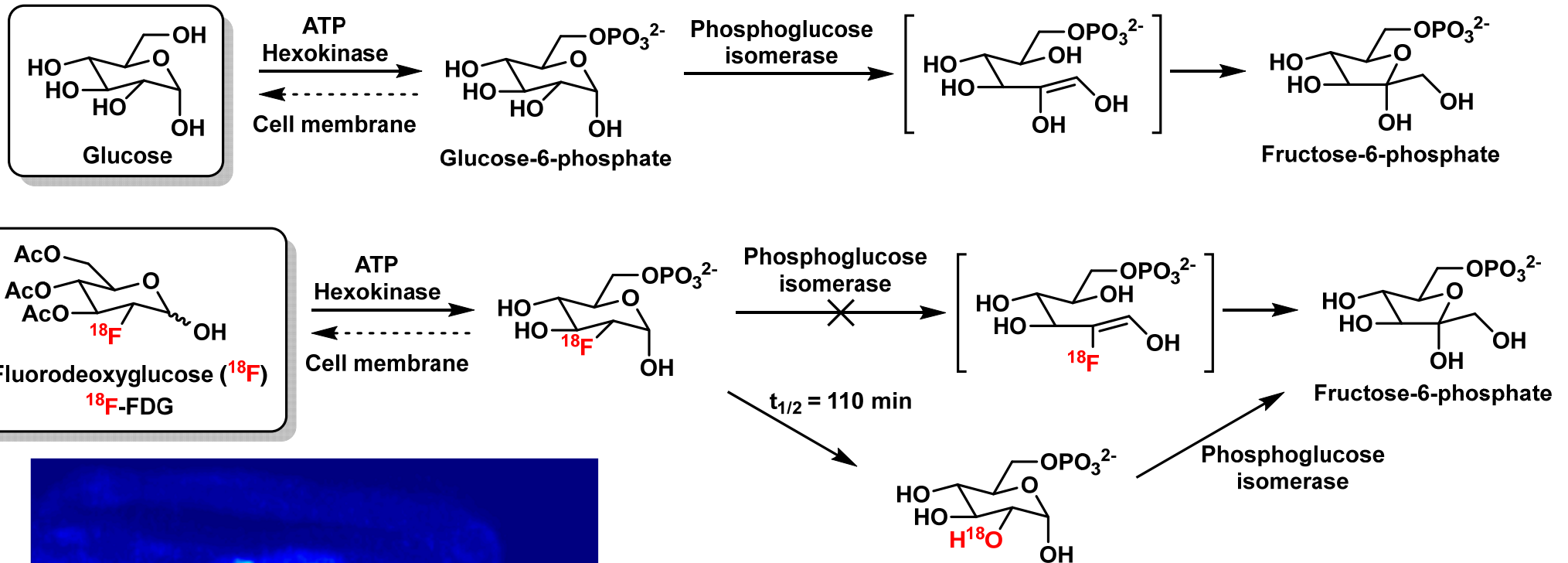
- Organic synthesis



# $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG & PET-CT

## ➤ PET-CT

- Fasting for at least 12 h, blood sugar test
- Injection of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG (30 mSv, 8 MBq/kg) (Full body CT: 15 mSv)



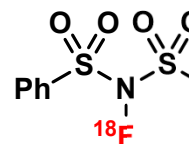
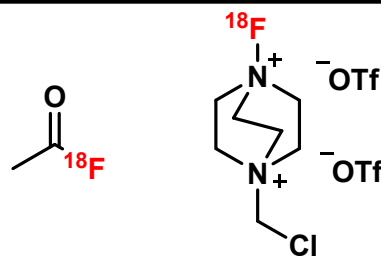
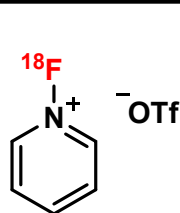
High-glucose-using cells: brain, kidney, and cancer cells. Diagnosis, staging, and monitoring treatment of cancers. Colorectal, breast cancer, and lung cancer.



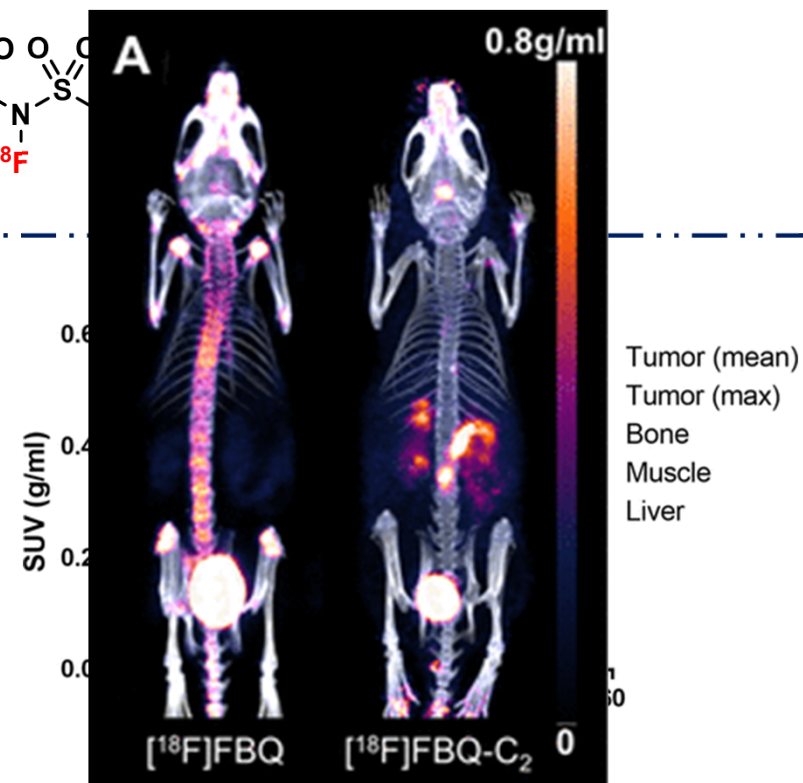
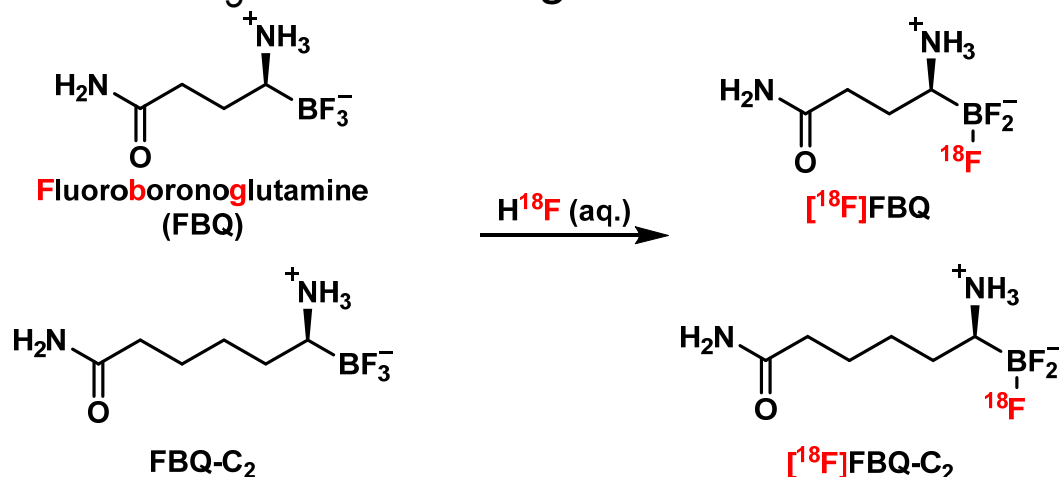
# $^{18}\text{F}$ -Labeling

## ➤ Other $^{18}\text{F}$ source

Nuclear reaction	$^{20}\text{Ne} \rightarrow ^{18}\text{F}$	$^{18}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{18}\text{F}$	$^{18}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{18}\text{F}$
Target	$^{20}\text{Ne}$ (200 $\mu\text{mol}$ of $\text{F}_2$ )	$^{18}\text{O}_2$ , Kr (50 $\mu\text{mol}$ of $\text{F}_2$ )	$\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}$
Product	$[^{18}\text{F}]\text{F}_2$	$[^{18}\text{F}]\text{F}_2$	$[^{18}\text{F}]\text{fluoride}$
Specific activity (GBq/ $\mu\text{mol}$ )	0.04 – 0.40	0.35 – 2.00	$4 \times 10^4$

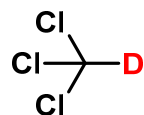


## ➤ $\text{R}-\text{BF}_3$ : $^{18}\text{F}$ exchange

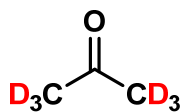


# Summary

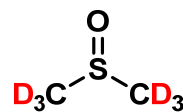
## ➤ $^2\text{H}$ (D)-Labelled solvent



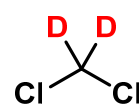
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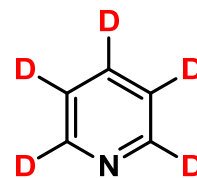
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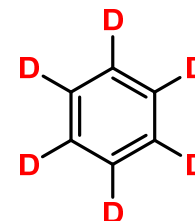
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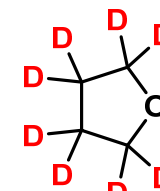
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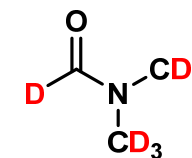
~ 80 RMB/g



~ 40 RMB/g



~ 200 RMB/g



~ 400 RMB/g

## ➤ Synthetic $^2\text{H}$ (D)-Labeling strategies

## ➤ $^{13}\text{C}$ -labelled reagent

