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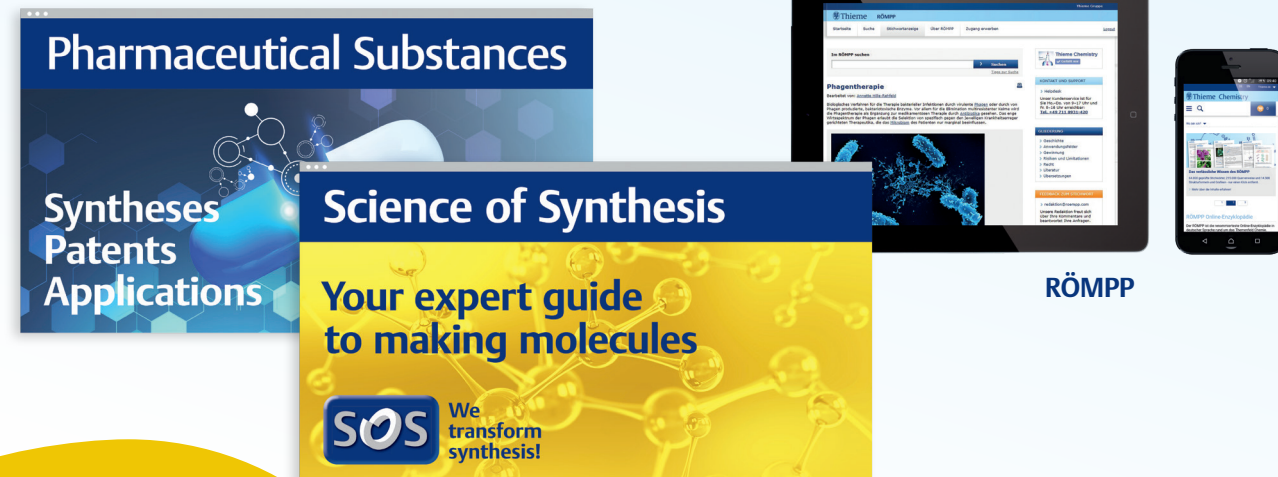


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## Fluorine-effect-enabled Reductive Fluoroalkylation

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The incorporation of fluorine atom(s) into organic molecules could dramatically change the physical, chemical and biological properties of parent molecules, and thus the fluorine-containing compounds have been widely used in pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals and special materials.<sup>[1]</sup> The development of efficient and selective synthetic methods to construct fluorinated compounds is always one of the key goals of organofluorine chemistry. To address the issues on substrate scope and reaction generality for synthesis of fluorinated alkanes, our strategy is to offer a solution via strategical cleavage of C-C bond, in which diverse fluorine-containing compounds could be synthesized via efficient and selective construction of C-C bond based on nickel-catalyzed reductive cross-coupling fluoroalkylation with readily available fluoroalkyl halides enabled by fluorine effect of F or CF<sub>3</sub>.<sup>[2]</sup> These newly established synthetic methods were further successfully applied to diverse late-state fluorine-containing modification of various biologically active complex molecules.

**Keywords:** reductive fluoroalkylation, fluorine-effect, nickel catalysis, fluorinated compounds



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## Halogen Atoms as Directing Tools: From Reactivity to Bioactive Compounds

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Nature harnesses the beneficial properties of carbon-halogen (C-X) bonds and utilizes them as a strategic tool for assembling structurally complex frameworks.<sup>[1]</sup> Likewise, installing a halogen atom in organic synthesis opens further transformations, particularly carbon-carbon (C,C) forming reactions. By harnessing the concept of cryptic halogenations using hypervalent iodane chemistry, electrochemistry, photocatalysis or combining enzyme and chemocatalysis, efficient multi-step sequences can be performed straightforwardly.<sup>[2]</sup> In addition, our group utilizes fluorinated Lewis acid-Lewis base cooperative effects, thus steering transformations, such as terpene cyclizations, and activating strong bonds, e.g., for hydrogen isotope exchange, by creating dynamic and catalytically active supramolecular assemblies in solution.<sup>[3]</sup> These strategies help push the boundaries of chemical space, granting access to a rich diversity of novel chemical structures that often cannot be approached by our current standard method repertoire.

**Keywords:** halogenations, biocatalysis, photocatalysis, hypervalent iodines, deuterations

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## Isotopic Organoboron Chemistry

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The introduction of boron into organic chemistry has significantly enhanced chemists' ability to precisely synthesize and create new molecules. This makes the study of simple organic molecule borylation and the in-depth development of boron reagent applications highly significant. Our group has been dedicated to the systematic study of isotopic organoboron chemistry, specifically focusing on: 1) Leveraging the important application value of boron-10 in BNCT technology and carbon-13 in tracer studies, we have developed isotopic reagents such as diboron-10 and carbon-13 gem-diboron reagents. 2) By utilizing readily available C1-functionalized carbonyl compounds (aldehydes, ketones, esters) and polyhalomethanes as platform molecules for borylation reactions, we have successfully synthesized structurally diverse organoboron reagents; 3) Developing novel application strategies for boron reagents. Using the synthesized series of organoborons, we further explore functional applications and develop new reagents and methods for carbon-boron bond transformation.

**Keywords:** BNCT, Isotope, Boron chemistry, gem-diborylalkanes

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The talk tells our silylium-ion story,<sup>[1]</sup> eventually leading to a protolysis strategy<sup>[2]</sup> that enables the on-demand interconversion of various cationic (highly) reactive intermediates.<sup>[3]</sup> Examples of how to apply this technique in catalysis will be shown.<sup>[4–10]</sup>

**Keywords:** Brønsted acids, catalysis, Lewis acids, reactive intermediates, silicon

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Radical anions, which possess both the properties of radicals and anions, are an important type of intermediate in organic synthesis transformations.<sup>1</sup> However, the common methods for generating such reactive intermediates often require relatively harsh conditions, leading to difficulties in controlling the reactivity and limited functional group compatibility. In recent years, with the development of photoredox catalysis and transition metal catalysis,<sup>2</sup> the chemistry of radical anions has ushered in new opportunities. Building on our previous work in photocatalysis and copper catalysis,<sup>3</sup> we have developed a synergistic mode of photoredox and copper catalysis for controllable generation and efficient transformations of radical anions, including asymmetric cyanofunctionalization of alkenes, hydroalkynylation and hydroarylation of alkenes, and hydrofunctionalization of epoxides.<sup>4</sup>

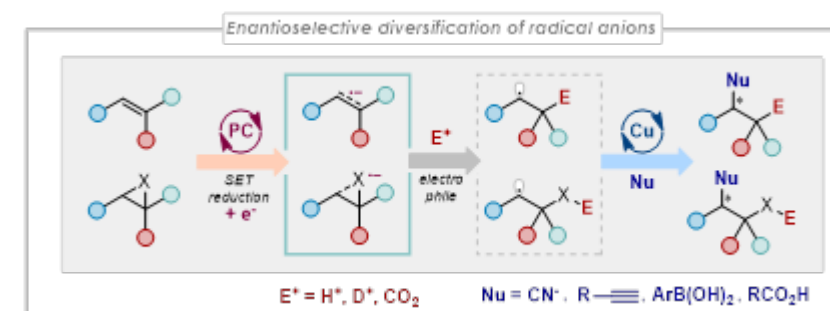


Fig. 1 Enantioselective diversification of radical anions

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## Cyclic Peptoids: from Structure to Properties

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Macrocyclic compounds are highly effective tools in the field of supramolecular chemistry, with applications in numerous areas of research. An interesting, biologically-inspired subset of these are cyclic peptoids, which are macrocyclic oligomers of N-substituted glycines.<sup>[1]</sup> These peptidomimetics have demonstrated notable structural and physical characteristics, as well as significant promise as molecules capable of binding guests.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

A key benefit of this group of compounds is their modular nature, which facilitates the straightforward creation of extensive libraries of derivatives by altering the decorations on the backbone or the size of the ring.<sup>[2]</sup> In fact, cyclic peptoids with different cavity sizes have shown a remarkable capacity for binding cations.<sup>[2][3]</sup> We have discovered a wide range of applications for these compounds in recent years across diverse fields, including material chemistry<sup>[4]</sup> and catalysis.<sup>[5]</sup> They have also been employed as agents with biological activity<sup>[6]</sup> and as starting molecules for new azamacrocycles.<sup>[7]</sup>

More recently, we have pioneered a novel category of macrocycles that incorporates a triazole spacer within the backbone.<sup>[8]</sup> This presentation will outline the synthesis, characterization, properties, and applications of this adaptable class of macrocyclic compounds.

**Keywords:** peptidomimetics, macrocycles, ionophores, organocatalysis, multivalency

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By employing unsaturated nitrogen-containing aromatics as the fundamental feedstocks, our group has been focusing on the utilization of their reductive intermediates to develop new tandem reactions in recent years (Fig. 1), and the developed synthetic methods were further applied for streamline synthesis of functional molecules such as biomedical, ligands, dyes, polymers, etc. By employing different strategies, the talk will present precise in situ interception of single reductive intermediates among multiple ones to develop tandem reactions involving both C–C and C–N bond formations. The contents will cover the following two sections: (1) Reductive functionalization of N-heteroarenes.<sup>[1]</sup> (2) Reductive tandem reactions for direct and diverse construction of functional N-containing molecules.<sup>[2]</sup>

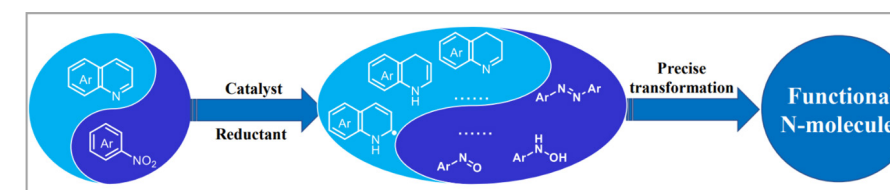


Figure 1. Reduction-specified tandem reactions

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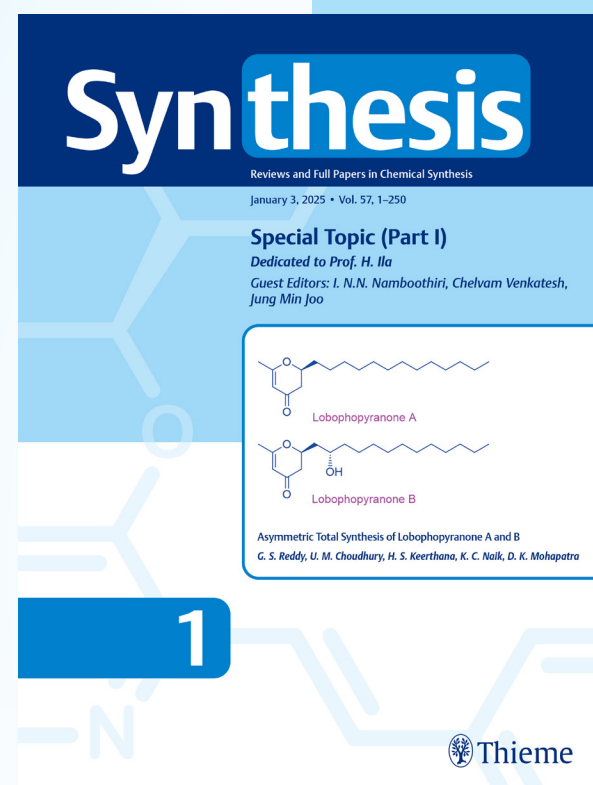
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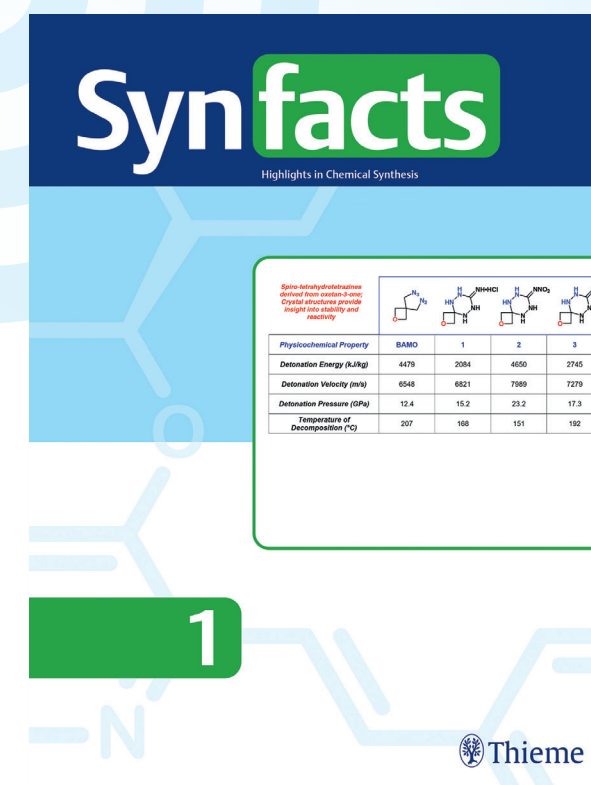
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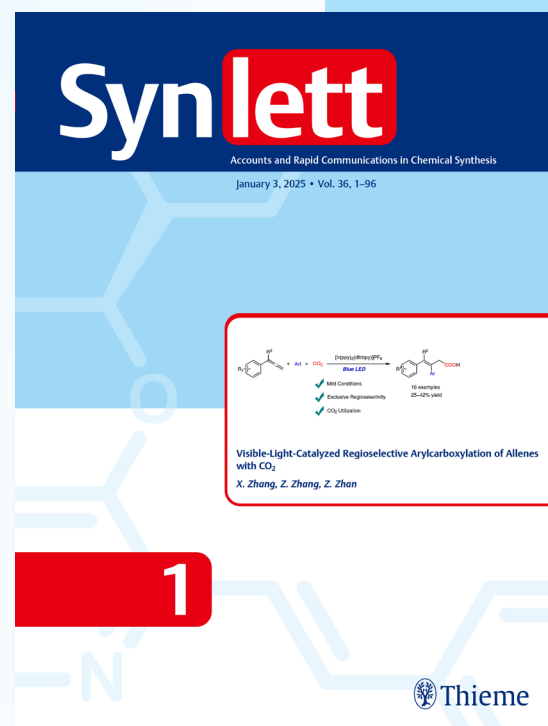
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