

Asymmetric Dihalogeneration from Sulfoxonium Ylides

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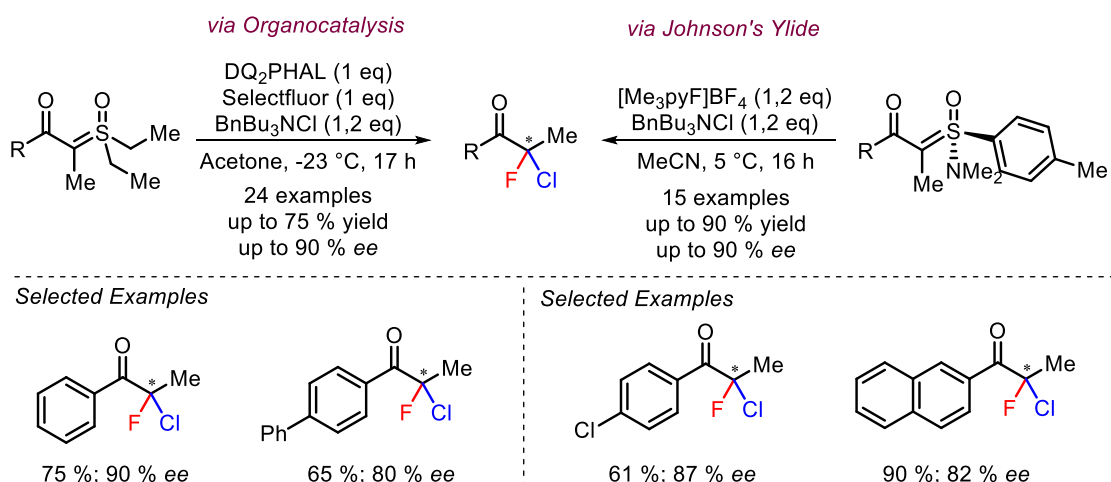
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ABSTRACT

Optically activated fluorinated compounds are vital in medicinal and agricultural chemistry, with chiral *gem*-chlorofluorinated carbon centers being key building blocks for biologically active compounds.¹ Existing synthesis methods for these chiral centers often involve multiple steps or require starting materials containing halogens.² In this context, sulfoxonium ylides offer a promising alternative, capable of generating *gem*-disubstituted compounds in a single step.³

We developed two strategies to synthesize *gem*-chlorofluorinated compounds from sulfoxonium ylides under mild conditions. The first strategy, utilizing organocatalysis (Scheme 1, left), achieved the dihalogenated products with good yields and high enantioselectivity. The second strategy, employing Johnson's Ylide (Scheme 1, right), also produced the target compounds efficiently, with good yields and enantioselectivity. These methods streamline the synthesis process, offering a more efficient route to these important chiral building blocks.



Scheme 1. Asymmetric Dihalogeneration from Sulfoxonium Ylides via: Left-Organocatalysis; right-Johnson's Ylide.

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