

Mild and General Conditions for the Cross-Coupling of Aryl Halides with Pentafluorobenzene and other Perfluoroaromatics

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Supporting Information

General Methods:

All experiments were carried out under an atmosphere of argon. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR were recorded in CDCl_3 solutions using a Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer. Trifluorotoluene ($\delta = -67.73$ ppm) was employed as an external standard in ^{19}F NMR spectra ($T_1 = 20$ seconds). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Kratos Concept IIH. Infra-Red analysis was performed with a Bruker EQUINOX 55. HPLC Grade pentane, Et_2O , hexane, and CHCl_3 were employed. Isopropyl acetate was degassed with Argon before every use. Phosphonium salts were purchased from Strem, stored in a dessicator and used without further purification. Palladium sources were stored in a dessicator and were weighed out to air unless otherwise specified. Compounds **3**¹, **4**², **6**², **10**³, **16**¹, **17**¹, **18**¹, **19**⁴, **20**¹, **23**⁵, **25**⁶, **27**³, **28**³, **29**⁷ exhibited identical spectral data to that reported, all other reagents and solvents were used as is from commercial sources.

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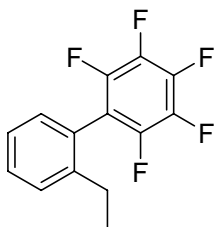
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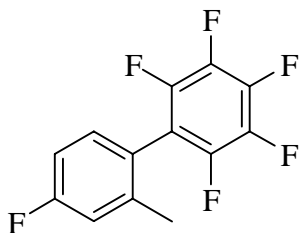
General Procedure:

K₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), 2-cyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (0.10 equiv.), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.05 equiv.) were weighed to air and placed in a screw capped vial (2mL) with a magnetic stir bar. The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon (x3). The fluoroarene (1.5 eq.) and isopropylacetate (1M) were then added via syringe and the reaction was stirred for one minute. The aryl halide (1 equiv.) was then added and the reaction was heated to 80°C for 12 hours (If the aryl halide is a solid, it is added as a solution in *i*-PrOAc). Upon completion, the reaction was then cooled to room temperature and purified by loading the crude reaction mixture directly onto a short silica gel packed flash chromatography column typically using hexane or pentane/ether mixtures as the eluant.

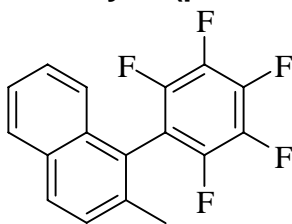
3'-ethyl-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (5)



The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 82% yield: R_f = 0.46 (SiO₂, 100% Hexane); IR (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 2973, 1522, 1494, 1062, 989; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 1.10 (3H, t, J = 7.6Hz), 2.45 (2H, q, J = 7.6Hz), 7.15 (1H, dd, J = 7.5, 1.0Hz), 7.30 (1H, ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.3Hz), 7.40 (1H, dd, J = 7.5, 1.1Hz), 7.42 (1H, ddd, J = 7.4, 7.4, 1.3Hz); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 15.0, 26.6, 115.7 (td, J_F = 20.3, 4.0Hz), 125.4, 125.4, 126.3, 129.0, 130.0, 130.9, 137.8 (dm, J_F = 253.2Hz), 140.8 (dm, J_F = 253.4Hz), 143.6, 144.4 (dm, J_F = 245.8Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (377MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): -145.2 (2F, dd, J_F = 23.2, 8.2Hz), -160.4 (1F, t, J_F = 21.3Hz), -167.5 (2F, ddd, J_F = 23.1, 21.6, 8.3Hz); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₉F₅ (M⁺) 272.0624; found: 272.0628.

2'-methyl-4'-fluoro-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (7)

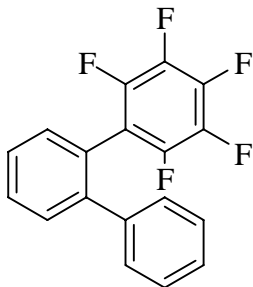
The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 96% yield: $R_f = 0.46$ (SiO_2 , 100% Hexane); IR (ν_{max} / cm^{-1}): 2931, 1521, 1493, 1057, 835; ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 2.18, (3H, s), 7.0 (1H, ddd, $J=8.3$, 8.3, 2.7Hz), 7.07 (1H, dd, $J=9.5$, 2.5Hz), 7.16(1H, dd, $J=8.5$, 5.7Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 19.8 (d, $J_F = 1.1\text{Hz}$), 113.3 (d, $J_F = 21.6\text{Hz}$), 114.4-114.8 (m), 117.5 (d, $J_F = 21.6\text{Hz}$), 121.8 (d, $J_F = 1.5\text{Hz}$), 132.4, (d, $J_F = 8.8\text{Hz}$), 137.8, (dm, $J_F = 253.5\text{Hz}$), 140.9 (dm, $J_F = 253.8\text{Hz}$), 140.2 (d, $J_F = 8.4\text{Hz}$), 144.4 (dm, $J_F = 249.0\text{Hz}$), 150.5, 150.6; ^{19}F NMR (377MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): -117.3 (1F, s), -145.4 (2F, dd, $J_F = 23.4$, 8.7Hz), -159.8 (1F, t, $J_F = 20.7\text{Hz}$), -166.9 (2F, ddd, $J_F = 22.9$, 21.4, 8.6Hz); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_6\text{F}_6$ (M^+) 276.0374; found: 276.0383.

2-methyl-1-(perfluorophenyl)naphthalene (8)

The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 96% yield: mp 82-85°C (CHCl_3); $R_f = 0.34$ (SiO_2 , 100% Hexane); IR (ν_{max} / cm^{-1}): 3057, 1521, 1494, 1108, 987; ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 2.28, (3H, s), 7.29 (1H, d, $J=7.8\text{Hz}$), 7.40-7.47 (3H, m), 7.85-7.89 (2H, m); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 20.4, 113.3 (td, $J_F = 20.6$, 3.9Hz), 121.9 (d, $J_F = 1.2\text{Hz}$), 124.1, 125.5, 127.1, 128.4, 128.4, 129.8, 132.1, 132.2, 136.0, 137.9 (dm, $J_F = 253.9\text{Hz}$), 141.0, (dm, $J_F = 253.9\text{Hz}$), 144.4 (dm, $J_F = 246.8\text{Hz}$); ^{19}F NMR (377MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): -144.0 (2F, dd, $J_F = 23.6$, 9.1Hz), -159.4 (1F, t, $J_F = 21.2\text{Hz}$), -166.6

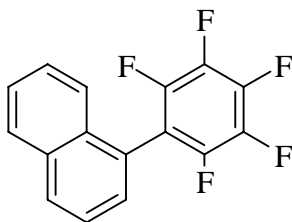
(2F, ddd, $J_F = 24.2, 21.9, 9.3\text{Hz}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_9\text{F}_5$ (M^+) 308.0624; found: 308.0607.

2-(perfluorophenyl)biphenyl (9)⁸



The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 92% yield: mp 89-91°C (CHCl_3); $R_f = 0.33$ (SiO_2 , 100% Hexane); IR (ν_{max} / cm^{-1}): 3068, 1522, 1495, 988; ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 7.12-7.14 (2H, m), 7.24-7.28 (3H, m), 7.32-7.34 (1H, m), 7.44-7.50 (2H, m), 7.53-7.57 (1H, m); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 116.0 (td, $J_F = 19.4, 4.0\text{Hz}$), 125.0, 127.5, 127.5, 128.2, 128.5, 129.8, 130.4, 131.1, 137.4 (dm, $J_F = 252.9\text{Hz}$), 140.4, 140.6 (dm, $J_F = 253.4\text{Hz}$), 143.1, 144.1 (dm, $J_F = 246.5\text{Hz}$); ^{19}F NMR (377MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): -145.1 (2F, dd, $J_F = 24.5, 9.5\text{Hz}$), -160.4 (1F, t, $J_F = 20.8\text{Hz}$), -167.5 (2F, ddd, $J_F = 23.3, 20.6, 8.5\text{Hz}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_9\text{F}_5$ (M^+) 320.0624; found: 320.0613.

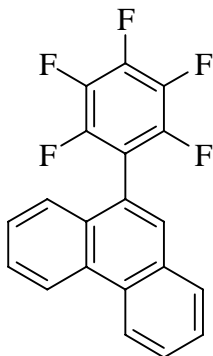
1-(perfluorophenyl)naphthalene (11)



The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 99% yield: mp 92-93°C (CHCl_3); $R_f = 0.34$ (SiO_2 , 100% Hexane); IR (ν_{max} / cm^{-1}): 3066, 1516, 1493, 992; ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 7.44-7.60 (5H, m), 7.94-8.01 (2H, m); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 114.4 (td, $J_F = 19.6, 3.9\text{Hz}$), 123.8, 124.6, 125.2, 126.4, 127.1, 128.7, 129.0, 130.2, 131.6, 133.7, 137.8 (dm, $J_F = 253.5\text{Hz}$), 141.0 (dm, $J_F = 254.0\text{Hz}$), 144.6 (dm, $J_F = 247.4\text{Hz}$), 150.5, 150.6; ^{19}F NMR (377MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): -144.5 (2F, dd, $J_F = 25.4, 9.9\text{Hz}$), -159.6

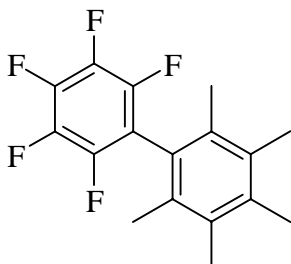
(1F, t, $J_F = 21.2\text{Hz}$), -166.9 (2F, ddd, $J_F = 22.3, 20.5, 8.7\text{Hz}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_7\text{F}_5$ (M+) 294.2188; found: 294.2132.

9-(perfluorophenyl)phenanthrene (12)



The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 97% yield: mp 151-153°C (CHCl_3); $R_f = 0.30$ (SiO_2 , 100% Hexane); IR ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3067, 1520, 1499, 1490, 988; ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 7.51 (1H, d, $J = 7.5\text{Hz}$), 7.58 (1H, d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$), 7.65 (1H, d, $J = 7.3\text{Hz}$), 7.69-7.75 (3H, m), 7.90 (1H, d, $J = 7.8\text{Hz}$), 8.74 (1H, d, $J = 8.3\text{Hz}$), 8.78 (1H, d, $J = 8.3\text{Hz}$); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 114.4 (td, $J_F = 19.5, 4.0\text{Hz}$), 122.7, 122.7, 123.2, 125.3, 127.2, 127.2, 127.2, 127.9, 129.0, 130.0, 130.5, 130.7, 130.9, 130.9, 137.8 (dm, $J_F = 253.7\text{Hz}$), 141.0 (dm, $J_F = 254.4\text{Hz}$), 144.9 (dm, $J_F = 247.5\text{Hz}$); ^{19}F NMR (377MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): -144.1 (2F, dd, $J_F = 24.5, 9.3\text{Hz}$), -159.4 (1F, t, $J_F = 20.3\text{Hz}$), -166.7 (2F, ddd, $J_F = 23.4, 20.8, 8.6\text{Hz}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_9\text{F}_5$ (M+) 344.0624; found: 344.0635.

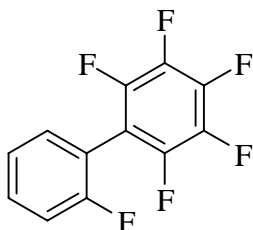
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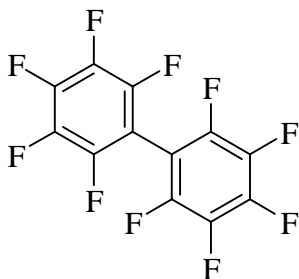
The compound was prepared following the general procedure but using 3.0 eq. of pentafluorobenzene in 85% yield: mp 157-160°C (CHCl_3); $R_f = 0.42$ (SiO_2 , 100% pentane); IR ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 2950, 1492, 1120, 978; ^1H NMR (400MHz,

CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 1.99 (6H, s), 2.26 (6H, s), 2.29 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 16.7, 17.0, 17.9, 116.5 (td, $J_F = 21.2, 3.8\text{Hz}$), 123.2 (d, $J_F = 1.1\text{Hz}$), 132.6, 133.2, 136.8, 137.8 (dm, $J_F = 253.3\text{Hz}$), 140.5 (dm, $J_F = 252.6\text{Hz}$), 144.0 (dm, $J_F = 244.4\text{Hz}$); ¹⁹F NMR (377MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): -144.9 (2F, dd, $J_F = 23.9, 8.7\text{Hz}$), -161.0 (1F, t, $J_F = 20.8\text{Hz}$), -167.4 (2F, ddd, $J_F = 23.7, 20.7, 8.5\text{Hz}$); HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₅F₅ (M⁺) 314.1094; found: 314.1114.

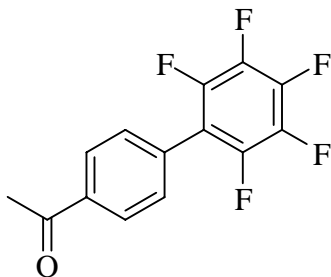
2'-fluoro-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (14)⁹



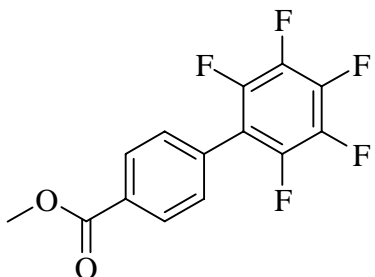
The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 99% yield: mp 57-59°C (CHCl₃); $R_f = 0.44$ (SiO₂, 100% Hexane); IR (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 2939, 1488, 1445, 1231, 1064, 987; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 7.22 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.5, 8.5, 1.0\text{Hz}$), 7.26 (1H, td, $J = 7.6, 1.1\text{Hz}$), 7.35 (1H, td, $J = 6.9, 0.6\text{Hz}$), 7.45-7.51 (1H, dddd, $J = 15.7, 7.3, 5.3, 1.8\text{Hz}$); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 110.3 (td, $J_F = 18.6, 4.0\text{Hz}$), 114.4 (dd, $J_F = 16.0, 1.5\text{Hz}$), 116.3 (d, $J_F = 21.6\text{Hz}$), 124.5 (d, $J_F = 3.7\text{Hz}$), 131.8 (d, $J_F = 8.3\text{Hz}$), 132.1 (d, $J_F = 0.8\text{Hz}$), 137.9 (dm, $J_F = 252.7\text{Hz}$), 141.3 (dm, $J_F = 254.6\text{Hz}$), 144.5 (dm, $J_F = 160.1\text{Hz}$), 160.1 (d, $J_F = 250.7\text{Hz}$); ¹⁹F NMR (377MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): -117.9 (1F, t, $J_F = 10.9\text{Hz}$), -145.4 (2F, ddd, $J_F = 24.8, 10.6, 7.7\text{Hz}$), -159.3 (1F, t, $J_F = 21.0\text{Hz}$), -167.2 (2F, ddd, $J_F = 22.9, 20.5, 7.8\text{Hz}$); HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₄F₆ (M⁺) 262.0217; found: 262.0218.

Decafluorobiphenyl (15)¹⁰

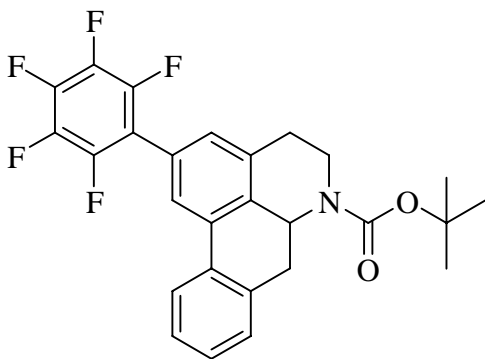
The compound was prepared following the general procedure but using 3.0 eq. of pentafluorobenzene in 83% yield: mp 68-70°C (CHCl₃); R_f = 0.55 (SiO₂, 100% pentane); IR (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 2929, 1507, 976; ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 101.5-102.0 (m), 138.2 (dm, J_F = 253.8Hz), 142.8 (dm, J_F = 258.1Hz), 144.8 (dm, J_F = 252.3Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (377MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): -142.6--142.7 (2F, m), -155.0 (1F, t, J_F = 20.7Hz), -165.5--165.7 (2F, m); HRMS calcd for C₁₂F₁₀ (M⁺) 333.9840; found: 333.9826.

4-(perfluorophenyl)acetophenone (21)

The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 62% yield: mp 78-81°C (CHCl₃); R_f = 0.29 (SiO₂, 15% Ether/Hexane); IR (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 2933, 1688, 1486, 1264, 1062, 982; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 2.63, (3H, s), 7.52 (2H, d, J = 8.3Hz), 8.05 (2H, d, J = 8.4Hz); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 26.7, 115.0 (td, J_F = 16.8, 4.1Hz), 128.6, 130.6, 131.1, 137.6, 138.0 (dm, J_F = 253.3Hz), 140.9 (dm, J_F = 255.1Hz), 144.1 (dm, J_F = 248.7Hz), 197.4; ¹⁹F NMR (377MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): -148.3 (2F, dd, J_F = 22.9, 8.2Hz), -161.2 (1F, t, J_F = 20.9Hz), -167.5 (2F, ddd, J_F = 22.2, 20.4, 9.0Hz); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₇F₅O (M⁺) 286.0417; found: 286.0428.

4-(perfluorophenyl)methylbenzoate (22)

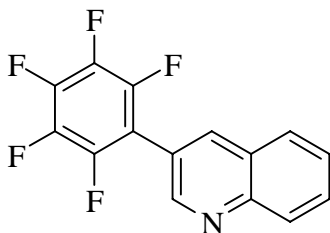
The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 99% yield: $R_f = 0.26$ (SiO₂, 5% Ether/Hexane); IR (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 2967, 1730, 1485, 1281, 1117, 983; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 3.96, (3H, s), 7.52 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 8.16 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 52.4, 115.0 (td, $J_F = 17.0$, 4.0Hz), 129.9, 130.3, 131.0, 138.0 (dm, $J_F = 253.3$ Hz), 140.9 (dm, $J_F = 255.1$ Hz), 144.2 (dm, $J_F = 248.8$ Hz), 166.4; ¹⁹F NMR (377MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): -147.8 (2F, dd, $J_F = 23.1$, 8.4Hz), -159.1 (1F, t, $J_F = 20.8$ Hz), -166.6 (2F, ddd, $J_F = 23.4$, 21.8, 8.3Hz); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₇F₅O₂ (M⁺) 302.0366; found: 302.0366.

2-(perfluorophenyl)-4,5,6a,7-tetrahydro-dibenzo[de,g]quinoline-6-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (24)

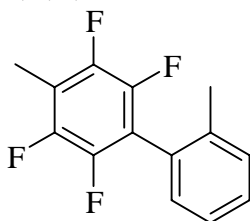
The compound was prepared following the general procedure using 2-chloro-4,5,6a,7-tetrahydro-dibenzo[de,g]quinoline-6-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester¹¹ in 99% yield: mp 176-178°C (CHCl₃); $R_f = 0.16$ (SiO₂, 10% Ether/Hexane); IR (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 2976, 1693, 1522, 1498, 1411, 1170, 990; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 1.52 (9H, s), 2.76-3.06 (4H, m), 3.14 (1H, dd, $J = 14.1$, 3.3Hz), 4.49

(1H, d, J = 6.7Hz), 4.95 (1H, d, J = 11.8Hz), 7.16 (1H, s), 7.24-7.34 (3H, m), 7.64 (1H, s), 7.74 (1H, d, J = 7.5Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 28.6, 30.5, 34.2, 38.7, 51.6, 80.2, 115.8 (td, J_F = 17.3, 3.8Hz), 123.8, 124.0, 124.9, 127.5, 128.5, 128.8, 129.2, 133.2, 134.1, 135.1, 135.8, 135.9, 137.9 (dm, J_F = 253.4Hz), 140.5 (dm, J_F = 249.4Hz), 144.3 (dm, J_F = 247.4Hz), 154.6; ^{19}F NMR (377MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): -147.8 (2F, dd, J_F = 22.9, 8.1Hz), -160.5 (1F, t, J_F = 21.0Hz), -167.0 (2F, ddd, J_F = 22.7, 21.6, 7.8Hz); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_4\text{H}_9$) 430.0866; found: 430.0858.

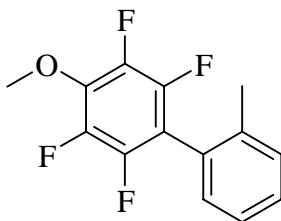
3-(perfluorophenyl)quinoline (26)



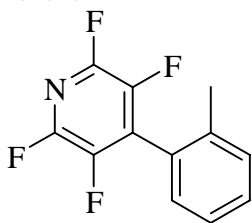
The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 92% yield: mp 135-137°C (CHCl_3); R_f = 0.17 (SiO_2 , 10% Ether/Hexane); IR (ν_{max} / cm^{-1}): 2933, 1500, 1365, 1064, 990; ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 7.63 (1H, t, J = 7.4Hz), 7.82 (1H, td, J = 7.2, 0.9Hz), 7.89 (1H, d, J = 8.1Hz), 8.18 (1H, d, J = 8.5Hz), 8.28 (1H, s), 8.95 (1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 112.8 (dt, J_F = 17.2, 4.0Hz), 120.1, 127.4, 127.6, 128.2, 129.5, 130.9, 137.8, 138.1 (dm, J_F = 253.8Hz), 141.1 (dm, J_F = 255.6Hz), 144.5 (dm, J_F = 248.9Hz), 147.9; ^{19}F NMR (377MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): -147.8 (2F, dd, J_F = 22.7, 8.3Hz), -158.4 (1F, t, J_F = 20.7Hz), -166.1 (2F, ddd, J_F = 22.9, 20.5, 7.1Hz); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_6\text{NF}_5$ (M^+) 295.0420; found: 295.0428.

2,3,5,6-Tetrafluoro-4,2'-dimethyl-biphenyl (30)

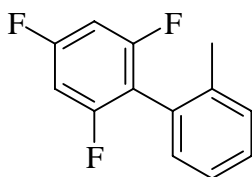
The compound was prepared following the general procedure but using 3.0 eq. of pentafluorobenzene in 96% yield: $R_f = 0.43$ (SiO_2 , 100% Hexane); IR (ν_{max} / cm^{-1}): 2932, 1481, 1303, 1065, 923; ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 2.19 (3H, s), 2.3 (3H, t, $J = 2.1\text{Hz}$), 7.20 (1H, d, $J = 7.4\text{Hz}$), 7.27 (1H, tdd, $J = 6.5, 2.2, 0.6\text{Hz}$), 7.31-7.38 (2H, m); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 7.6-7.7 (m), 19.7 (t, $J_F = 1.2\text{Hz}$), 115.3 (t, $J_F = 19.2\text{Hz}$), 117.6 (t, $J_F = 19.5\text{Hz}$), 125.8, 127.2 (t, $J_F = 2.1\text{Hz}$), 129.3, 130.4, 130.6, 137.4, 143.6 (dddd, $J_F = 244.2, 14.3, 5.9, 3.8\text{Hz}$), 145.1 (dddd, $J_F = 244.3, 14.5, 7.3, 4.0\text{Hz}$); ^{19}F NMR (377MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): -143.0 (2F, dd, $J_F = 23.1, 13.4\text{Hz}$), -144.2 (2F, dd, $J_F = 23.1, 12.4\text{Hz}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_4$ (M $^{+}$) 254.0719; found: 254.0707.

2,3,5,6-Tetrafluoro-4-methoxy-4'-methyl-biphenyl (31)

The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 94% yield: $R_f = 0.33$ (SiO_2 , 100% Hexane); IR (ν_{max} / cm^{-1}): 2959, 1485, 1123, 1082, 990; ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 2.19 (3H, s), 4.13 (3H, t, $J = 1.3\text{Hz}$), 7.19 (1H, d, $J = 7.7\text{Hz}$), 7.27 (1H, tdd, $J = 6.8, 2.1, 0.6\text{Hz}$), 7.32-7.38 (2H, m); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): 19.7, 62.2, 113.8 (t, $J_F = 19.9\text{Hz}$), 125.9, 126.7, 129.3, 130.4, 130.8, 137.6, 137.7 (dt, $J_F = 12.0, 3.6\text{Hz}$), 141.1 (ddt, $J_F = 247.4, 15.8, 4.3\text{Hz}$), 144.2 (dddd, $J_F = 244.7, 12.1, 7.9, 3.8\text{Hz}$); ^{19}F NMR (377MHz, CDCl_3 , 293K, TMS): -163.5 (2F, dd, $J_F = 22.4, 8.9\text{Hz}$), -147.7 (2F, dd, $J_F = 22.4, 8.8\text{Hz}$); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{OF}_4$ (M $^{+}$) 270.0668; found: 270.0689.

2,3,5,6-Tetrafluoro-4-o-tolyl-pyridine (32)

The compound was prepared following the general procedure in 97% yield: mp 55-57°C (CHCl₃); R_f = 0.36 (SiO₂, 100% Hexane); IR (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 2967, 1448, 1278, 967; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 2.23 (3H, s), 7.22 (1H, d, J = 7.6Hz), 7.27 (1H, dt, J = 7.7, 0.4Hz), 7.38 (1H, dd, J = 7.0, 0.6Hz), 7.44 (1H, dt, J = 7.5, 1.1Hz); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 19.6, 125.4 (t, J_F = 1.9Hz), 126.2, 129.7, 130.5, 130.8, 134.0 (tt, J_F = 17.6, 2.9Hz), 136.8, 139.4 (ddt, J_F = 257.6, 21.1, 6.2Hz), 143.7 (dddd, J_F = 245.7, 17.6, 13.2, 2.6Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (377MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): -95.9—96.1 (2F, m), -147.2—147.4 (2F, m); HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₇NF₄ (M⁺) 241.0515; found: 241.0493.

2,4,6-Trifluoro-2'-methyl-biphenyl (33)

The compound was prepared following the general procedure but using 5.0 eq. of pentafluorobenzene in 82% yield: R_f = 0.42 (SiO₂, 100% pentane); mp 37-38°C (CHCl₃); IR (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3066, 1597, 1475, 1119, 998; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 6.71-6.76 (2H, m), 7.18 (1H, d, J = 7.3Hz), 7.26 (1H, td, J = 7.9, 2.6Hz), 7.30-7.32 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): 19.7, 99.9-100.5 (m), 114.3-114.8 (m), 125.7, 128.0, 128.9, 130.2, 130.8, 137.5, 160.3 (dt, J_F = 248.4, 12.6Hz), 162.1 (dt, J_F = 249.1, 15.5Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (377MHz, CDCl₃, 293K, TMS): -114.1 (3F, broad s); HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₉F₃ (M⁺) 222.0656; found: 222.0650.

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