Catalyzing the Hydrodefluorination of CF₃-substituted Alkenes by PhSiH₃. H• Transfer from a Nickel Hydride

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Figure S1. ¹⁹F-NMR before workup. The peak at -140.8 ppm matches well with reported chemical shift value for PhSiF₃. ¹

Synthesis of Substrates







2a

2c





2e





2k

20







2j

NC

[] 0













2m



2р



2n

The substrates **2a**², **2b**³, **2c**⁴, **2d**⁵, **2e**-**f**⁴, **2g**-**2i**, **2s**⁶, **2r**⁷ and **2q**⁸ were prepared by literature methods. Substrates **2j**, **2k**, **2n**, and **2o** were synthesized by modifying the method reported by the Molander group.⁹ Substrates **2l**, **2m**, and **2p** were synthesized by Wittig reaction.

General procedure for the synthesis of 2j, 2k, 2n, and 2o



4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzonitrile, 2j

To a 50 mL oven-dried Schlenk flask was added 4-bromobenzonitrile (273 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1 equiv), Cs_2CO_3 (1.47g, 4.5 mmol, 3 equiv), potassiumtrifluoro(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)borate (455 mg, 2.25 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (17 mg, 0.075 mmol, 0.05 equiv),and PPh₃ (47 mg, 0.18 mmol, 0.12equiv).The Schlenk flask was evacuated and then refilled with argon. A mixture of degassed THF (9 mL) and degassed deionized H₂O (4.5 mL) were added via syringe. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 24h. Once complete the reaction was cooled to room temperature and diluted in EtOAc (25 mL). The reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and further diluted with deionized H₂O (25 mL). The layers were separated, and the aq layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent was removed in vacuo by rotary evaporation. Further purification was achieved by SiO₂ column (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to give the desired product **2j** (177mg, 60%). The ¹H-NMR spectrum was in agreement with that reported in the reference.⁸

methyl 4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzoate, 2k was prepared according to the general procedure. The desired product was purified by flash column with 2.5% EtOAc in hexanes. The ¹H-NMR spectrum was in agreement with that reported in the reference.⁴

1-(4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one, 2n was prepared according to the general procedure. The desired product was purified by flash column with 10% EtOAc in hexanes. The ¹H-NMR spectrum was in agreement with that reported in the reference.¹⁰

4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzaldehyde, 2o was prepared according to the general procedure. The desired product was purified by flash column with 10% EtOAc in hexanes. The ¹H-NMR spectrum was in agreement with that reported in the reference.⁸



N,N-dimethyl-4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)aniline, 2m

To a 50 ml oven-dried Schlenk flask, were added methyl triphenylphosphonium bromide (1.79 g, 5 mmol, 1.25 equiv) and dry THF (10 ml). nBuLi (4 mmol, 1 equiv) was added dropwise at 0 °C. After stirring the mixture for 10 min, 1-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethan-1- one (872 mg, 4 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (10 ml) was added at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at rt for 3h. Once complete the reaction was cooled to room temperature and diluted with diethyl ether. The reaction mixture was quenched by NH₄Cl (aq) and then transferred to a separatory funnel. The layers were separated, and the aq layer was extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with deionized H₂O (25 mL), and brine (25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent was removed in vacuo by rotary evaporation. Further purification was achieved by SiO₂ column (5% EtOAc in hexanes) to give the desired product **2m** (570mg, 66%). The ¹H-NMR spectrum was in agreement with that reported in the reference.⁶



1-fluoro-3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene, 2I was prepared according to the general procedure. The desired product was purified by flash column with pure hexanes. The ¹H-NMR spectrum was in agreement with that reported in the reference.¹¹



1-methyl-3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1H-indole, 2p was prepared according to the general procedure. The desired product was purified by flash column with 10% EtOAc in hexanes. The ¹H-NMR spectrum was in agreement with that reported in the reference.¹²

Product Purification and Characterization



(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene, 3a Flash column chromatography was done using pure hexane. Product was obtained with 88% yield. Spectral data matches the reported data in the literature.¹³



1-(tert-butyl)-4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene, 3b Flash column chromatography was done using pure hexane. Product was obtained with 91% yield. Spectral data matches the reported data in the literature.¹⁴



(4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)(methyl)sulfane, 3c Flash column chromatography was done using pure hexane. Product was obtained with 92% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.29 (m, 4H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.98 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) AB system ($\delta_A = -90.20$, $\delta_B = -90.44$, ²J_{F,F} = 43.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.45 (dd, J = 290.0, 286.1 Hz), 137.29, 131.60 (t, J = 3.8 Hz), 127.96 – 127.66 (m), 126.49, 87.03 (dd, J = 22.6, 14.6 Hz), 15.80, 13.11. HRMS-ASAP+ (m/z): calcd for C₁₀H₁₁F₂S [M+H]⁺: 201.0549, found: 201.0542



1-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-3,5-dimethoxybenzene, 3d Flash column chromatography was done using 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 92% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.54 (dd, J = 2.3, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 1.97 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) AB system ($\delta_A = -89.48, \delta_B = -89.89, {}^{2}J_{F,F} = 42.6$ Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.67, 153.51 (dd, J = 290.5, 285.9 Hz), 136.86 (t, J = 4.2 Hz), 105.96 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.4 Hz), 99.09, 87.63 (dd, J = 22.9, 14.0 Hz), 55.33, 13.33 (t, J = 1.8 Hz). HRMS-ASAP+ (m/z): calcd for C₁₁H₁₃F₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 215.0884, found: 215.0880



4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-*N***-methylbenzamide, 3e** Flash column chromatography was done using 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 96% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 6.51 (br, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 3H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 167.81, 153.74 (dd, *J* = 292.1, 287.3 Hz), 137.98 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 133.06, 127.47 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.3 Hz), 126.94, 87.16 (dd, *J* = 23.2, 13.6 Hz), 26.81, 12.94 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) ABX3 system (δ_A = -88.29, δ_B = -88.87, ²J_{F,F} = 39.4 Hz, ⁴J_{H,F} = 3.9 Hz). HRMS-ASAP+ (m/z): calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₂NO [M+H]⁺: 212.0887, found: 212.0881

4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzoic acid, 3f Flash column chromatography was done using 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 82% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.77 (br, 1H), 8.13 (m, 2H), 7.51 (m, 2H), 2.04 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 171.92, 153.95 (dd, *J* = 293.1, 288.0 Hz), 140.59 (t, J = 5 Hz), 130.28, 127.82, 127.46 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.4 Hz), 87.33 (dd, *J* = 23.4, 13.2 Hz), 12.90. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) AB system (δ_A = -87.12, δ_B = -87.70, ²J_{F,F} = 36.5 Hz). HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₀H₇F₂O₂ [M-H]⁻: 197.0414, found: 197.0439



3-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)quinoline, 3g Flash column chromatography was done using 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 90% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.98 (m, 1H), 8.21 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.04-2.18 (m, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) AB system (δ_A = -87.91, δ_B = -88.88, ²J_{F,F} = 39.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 154.00 (dd, *J* = 291.6, 288.3 Hz), 149.66 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 146.89, 133.83 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 129.54, 129.19, 128.12 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 127.76, 127.66, 127.02, 85.29 (dd, *J* = 24.4, 14.6 Hz), 12.98 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz). HRMS-ASAP+ (m/z): calcd for C₁₂H₁₀F₂N [M+H]⁺: 206.0781, found: 206.0777



1-(difluoromethylene)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene, 3h The reaction was carried out at 70 °C. Flash column chromatography was done using pure hexanes. Product was obtained with 75% yield. Spectral data matches the reported data in the literature.¹⁵

(1-fluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene, 3i The reaction was carried out at 50 °C. Flash column chromatography was done using pure hexanes. Product was obtained with 77% yield. Spectral data matches the reported data in the literature.¹⁶



4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzonitrile, 3j Flash column chromatography was done using 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 80% yield. Spectral data matches the reported data in the literature.¹⁷



methyl 4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzoate, 3k Flash column chromatography was done using 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 90% yield. Spectral data matches the reported data in the literature.¹⁸

1-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-fluorobenzene, 3I Flash column chromatography was done using pure hexanes. Product was obtained with 86% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.34 (td, J = 8.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddt, J = 7.9, 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddt, J = 10.6, 2.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (tdd, J = 8.4, 2.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) ABX3 system (δA = -93.09, δB = -93.21, ²J_{F,F} = 50.3 Hz, ⁴J_{H,F} = 3.9 Hz), δ -113.17 (td, *J* = 9.8, 6.5

Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.99, 161.55, 153.70 (dd, *J* = 291.3, 286.8 Hz), 129.77 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 123.08 (dt, *J* = 4.9, 3.1 Hz), 114.50 (ddd, *J* = 22.6, 5.2, 3.4 Hz), 113.94 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 86.95 (ddd, *J* = 22.9, 14.2, 2.4 Hz), 13.01 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz). HRMS-ASAP+ (m/z): calcd for C₉H₈F₃ [M+H]⁺: 173.0578, found: 173.0568



4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylaniline, 3m Flash column chromatography was done using 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 86% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.31 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (s, 6H), 1.99 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) AB system (δA = -88.90, δB = -89.09, ²J_{F,F} = 50.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 153.18 (t, J = 286.3 Hz), 149.48, 128.16 (t, J = 4.0 Hz), 122.59, 112.31, 87.04 (dd, J = 18.8, 17.9 Hz), 40.47, 13.21 (t, J = 1.7 Hz). HRMS-ASAP+ (m/z): calcd for C₁₁H₁₄F₂N [M+H]⁺: 198.1094, found: 198.1096



1-(4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one, 3n Flash column chromatography was done using 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 53% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 2.62 (s, 2H), 2.03 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) ABX3 system ($\delta A = -87.38$, $\delta B = -87.98$, ²J_{F,F} = 37.2 Hz, ⁴J_{H,F} = 3.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 197.47, 153.89 (dd, *J* = 292.9, 288.0 Hz), 139.80 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 135.61, 128.40, 127.52 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.4 Hz), 87.28 (dd, *J* = 23.6, 13.3 Hz), 26.56, 12.91 (t, J = 2.3 Hz). HRMS-ASAP+ (m/z): calcd for C₁₁H₁₁F₂O [M+H]⁺: 197.0778, found: 197.0781



4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzaldehyde, 3o Flash column chromatography was done using 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 50% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 2.05 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) ABX3 system (δA = -86.61, δB = -87.34, ²J_{F,F} = 35.6 Hz, ⁴J_{H,F} = 3.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 191.62, 154.02 (dd, *J* = 293.5, 288.5 Hz), 141.26,

134.93, 129.73, 127.96 (dd, J = 5.3, 3.4 Hz), 87.38 (t, J = 13.1, 23.6 Hz), 12.91 (t, J = 1.7 Hz). HRMS-ASAP+ (m/z): calcd for C₁₀H₉F₂O [M+H]⁺: 183.0621, found: 183.0621

$$H_2C$$

3-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1-methyl-1*H***-indole, 3p** Flash column chromatography was done using 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 85% yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.71 (ddt, *J* = 8.0, 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.11 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-d) ABX3 system (δA = -89.10, δB = -93.85, ²J_{F,F} = 48.7 Hz, ⁴J_{H,F} = 3.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.87 (dd, *J* = 286.7, 284.3 Hz), 136.85, 127.47 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 126.31 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 121.89, 120.46 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 119.51, 109.44, 108.97 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 3.2 Hz), 81.64 (dd, *J* = 25.5, 17.9 Hz), 32.84, 14.19 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz). HRMS-ASAP+ (m/z): calcd for C₁₂H₁₂F₂N [M+H]⁺: 208.0938, found: 208.0930



benzyl 3,3-difluoro-2-methylacrylate, 3q Flash column chromatography was done using 20% dichloromethane/hexanes mixture. Product was obtained with 85% yield. Spectral data matches the reported data in the literature.⁸



(1,1-difluorobut-1-en-2-yl)benzene, 3r The reaction was carried out at 95 °C for 10 days with a mixture of Z/E isomers (Z:E = 1: 0.84). Reaction progress was monitored by ¹⁹F-NMR. The Z isomer of the starting material showed no conversion. The yield from the E isomer was determined by ¹⁹F-NMR to be 91%. Spectral data matches the reported data in the literature.¹⁹



NMR Assignment of compound 6





¹⁹F-NMR: 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-((1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylpropan-2-yl)oxy)piperidine, 6



¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 1.95 (q, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H, H-11), 1.69 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.47 - 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.36 (m, 7H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.43 (s, 3H, H-6). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 140.86 (C-13), 128.27 (Ar-C), 127.76 (Ar-C), 127.68 (Ar-C), 126.00 (q, J = 287.6 Hz, C-12), 82.54 (q, J = 26.4 Hz, C-10), 60.98 (C-1), 60.26 (C-5), 41.68 (C-2), 41.56 (C-4), 33.13 (C-3), 33.08 (q, J = 4.1 Hz, C-6), 20.89 (C-7), 20.80 (C-8), 16.92 (C-9), 16.35 (q, J = 1.7 Hz, C-11). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -74.83.

HMBC spectrum of compound 6



Zoom-in HMBC spectrum of compound 6



HSQC spectrum of compound 6



Zoom-in HSQC spectrum of compound 6



NMR Spectra



¹H-NMR: (4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)(methyl)sulfane, 3c













¹³C-NMR: 1-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-3,5-dimethoxybenzene, 3d







¹H-NMR: 4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-*N*-methylbenzamide, 3e













¹³C-NMR: 4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzoic acid, 3f







¹H-NMR: 3-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)quinoline, 3g













¹³C-NMR: 1-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-fluorobenzene, 3I















¹⁹F-NMR: 4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylaniline, 3m









¹⁹F-NMR: 1-(4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one, 3n





¹H-NMR: 4-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzaldehyde, 30







¹H-NMR: **3-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1-methyl-1***H***-indole, 3p**





¹³C-NMR: **3-(1,1-difluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1-methyl-1***H***-indole, 3p**







¹H-NMR: 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-((1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylpropan-2-yl)oxy)piperidine, 6 -45000

11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 f1 (ppm)

¹³C-NMR: 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-((1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylpropan-2-yl)oxy)piperidine, 6





¹⁹F-NMR: **2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-((1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylpropan-2-yl)oxy)piperidine, 6** cy-4-90-column-1-07162019-400sl-cdcl3.7.fid

Crystal Structure of Compound 6

lattice	Orthorhombic
formula	C18 H26 F3 N O
formula weight	329.40
space group	P 212121
a/Å	6.3624(3)
b/Å	10.6132(4)
<i>c</i> /Å	25.6176(11)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ / °	90
V/Å ³	1729.84 (13)
Ζ	4
temperature (K)	200
radiation (λ , Å)	0.71073
ρ (calcd.) g cm $^{-3}$	1.265
μ (Mo Kα), mm ⁻¹	0.099
θ max, deg.	30.518
no. of data collected	28510
no. of data	5290
no. of parameters	213
$R_1\left[I > 2\sigma(I)\right]$	0.0414
$wR_2\left[l>2\sigma(l)\right]$	0.0981
R1 [all data]	0.0541
wR2 [all data]	0.1069
GOF	1.029
R _{int}	0.061

Table S1. Crystal, intensity, collection, and refinement data of 6

The structure of **6** has been confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction (Figure 2). The fact that the CF₃ group is not disordered suggests an attractive interaction between one of its F's and something else. However, the shortest distance between an F and the carbon of the closest methyl (3.143(3) Å) is long in comparison with the F–C distances in compounds reported to have intramolecular [C–F•••H-C] contacts: for example, the F–C distance is 2.996(3) Å in **7**²⁰ and 2.963(6) Å in **8** (Figure 3).²¹ The interactions in **7** and **8** are reflected in the ¹⁹F–¹H and ¹⁹F–¹³C coupling constants that are observed in both cases — but we see no such coupling in **6**. The interaction between the CF₃ and the closest piperidine methyl in **6** is therefore insignificant.



Figure S1. Molecular structure of TEMPO-adduct 6. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



Figure S2. Compounds reported to have intramolecular [C–F•••H-C] contacts.

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