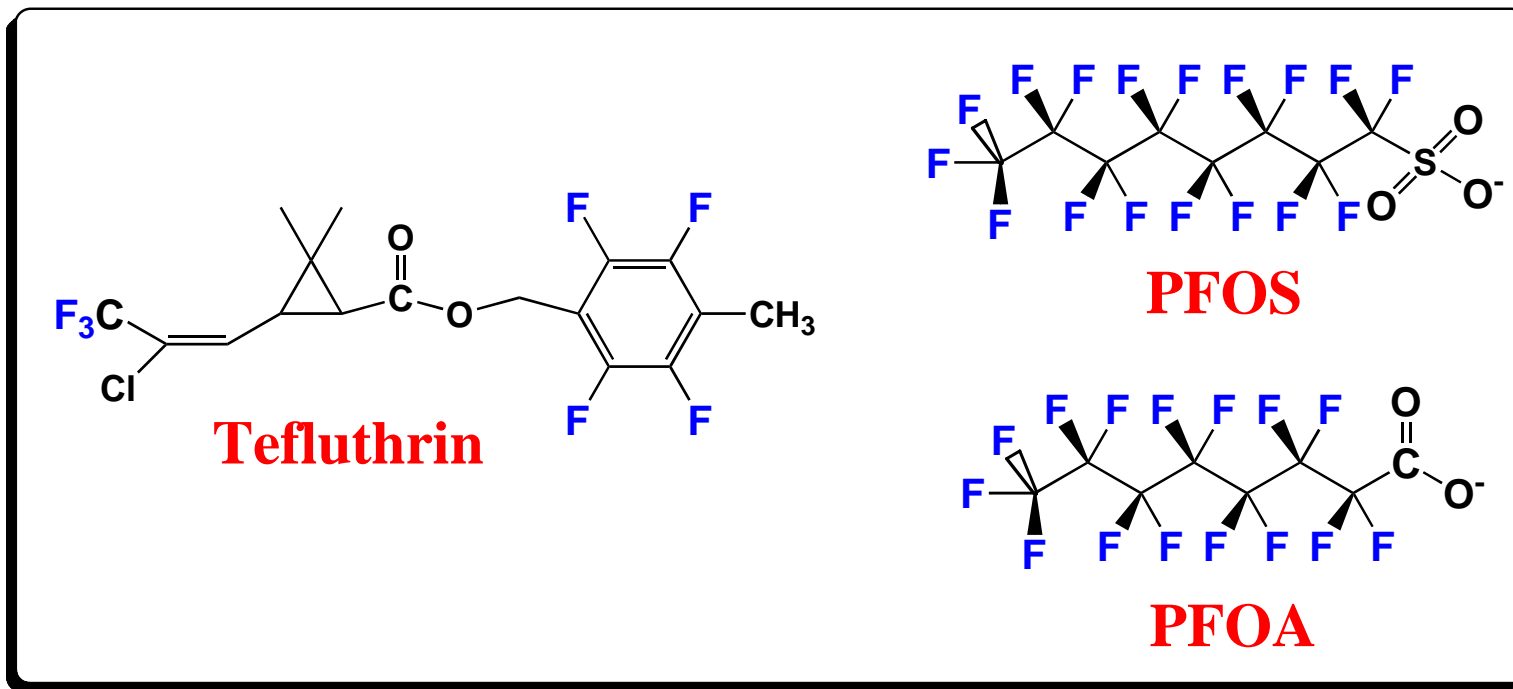


“Chemical Personality of Fluorinated Organics or Why Chemical Architecture Matters!”



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Fluoros August, 2005

Items in Talk ~

- **“Natural” Organofluorines**
- **Pesticides, Pharmaceuticals, Consumer, Industrial materials**
- **Fluorine and the C-F bond**
- **Reactivity ~ oxidation, photolysis, hydrolysis, elimination, metabolism**
- **Physical Properties...water solubility, partitioning, volatility**
- **Summary with ‘big picture’ on PFOS and PFOA**

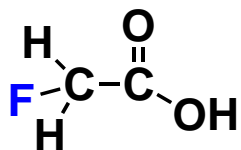
Natural Organic Fluorines?

Organofluorines = ~30; Cl=2,400; Br=2,050

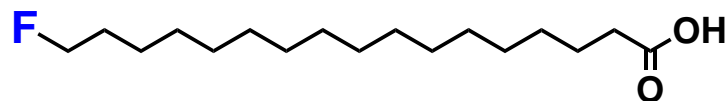
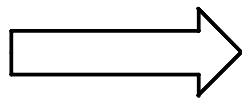
Haloperoxidase?



Most Common



'Fluoroacetate'



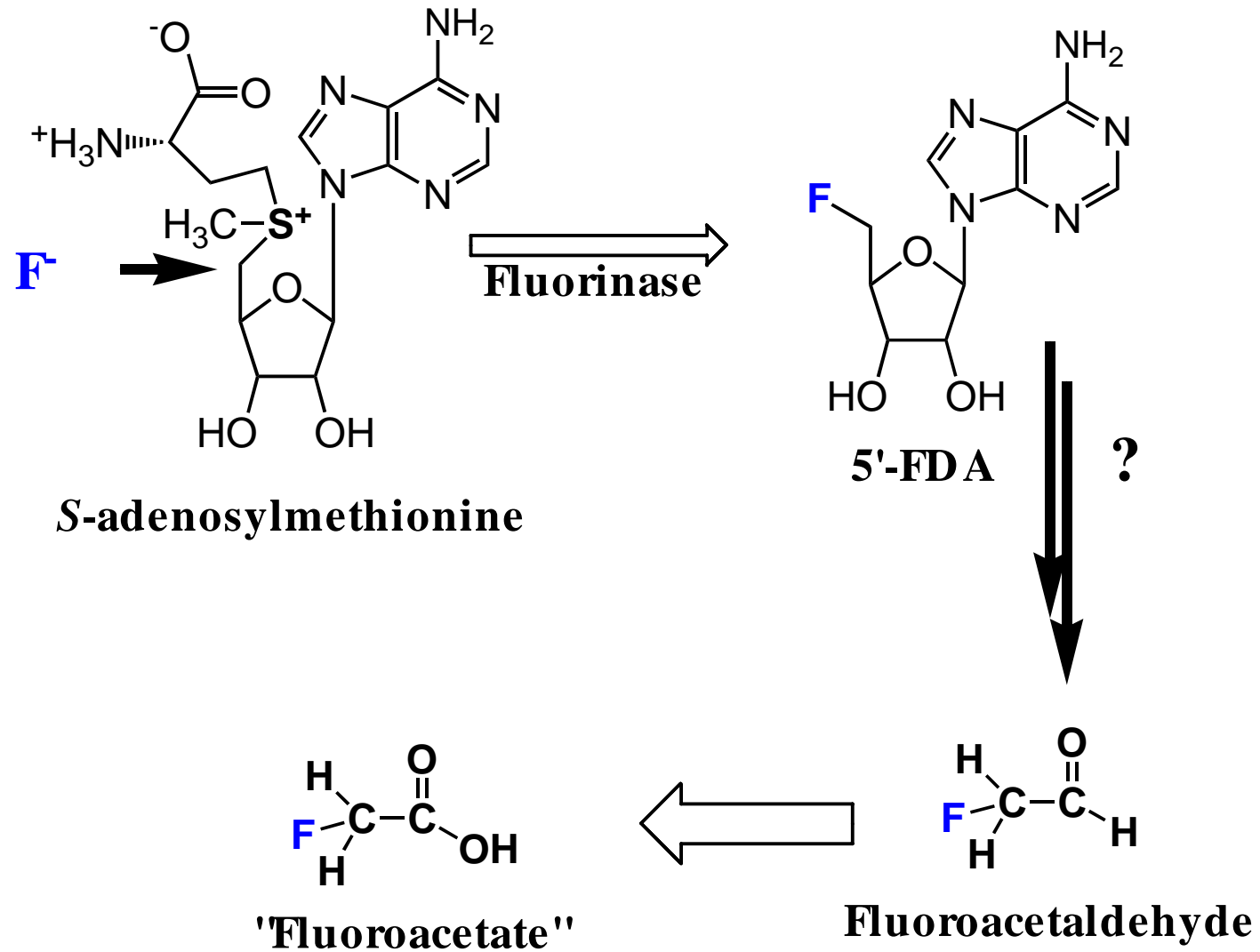
Oleic, stearic, palmitic, myristic, etc

Highly Toxic



'Fluorocitrate'
inhibits citrate transport

Biosynthesis of Fluoroacetate



O'Hagan et al, 2002, *Nature*, 416, p279.

“Small Polyfluorinated Organics”

Anthropogenic 'small organofluorines'

Aluminum Production: CF_4 (82), CF_3CF_3 (3) [0.75 and 0.11 kg/ton of Al]

Freons: CFCl_3 (267), CF_2Cl_2 (535), $\text{CF}_2\text{ClCFCl}_2$ (85)

HCFC: CF_3CFH_2 (12), CHF_2Cl (145), $\text{CH}_3\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}$ (15)

HFCs: CF_3CHF_2 , $\text{CF}_3\text{CHFCH}_2\text{CF}_2$, $\text{CH}_2\text{FCF}_2\text{CHF}_2$

Note: numbers in (x) reflect atmospheric concentration pptv;

IPCC Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis

Natural Sources as well?

CF_4 , CF_2Cl_2 , CFCl_3 , CF_3Cl , CHF_3 , $\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}_2$ (fluorite)¹...

CFCl_3 , CF_2Cl_2 , $\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}_2$, CHF_2Cl , CHFCl_2 , $\text{CCl}_2\text{FCClF}_2$ (volcanoes)²...

CF_3COOH ...estimate of 268 million tons in the world's oceans³; (ocean vents⁴)

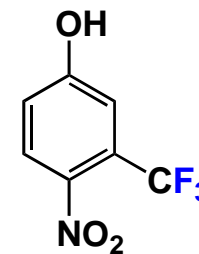
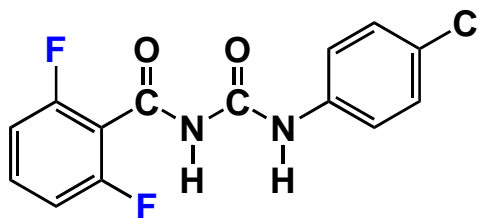
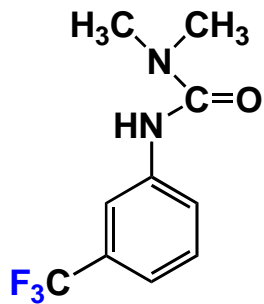
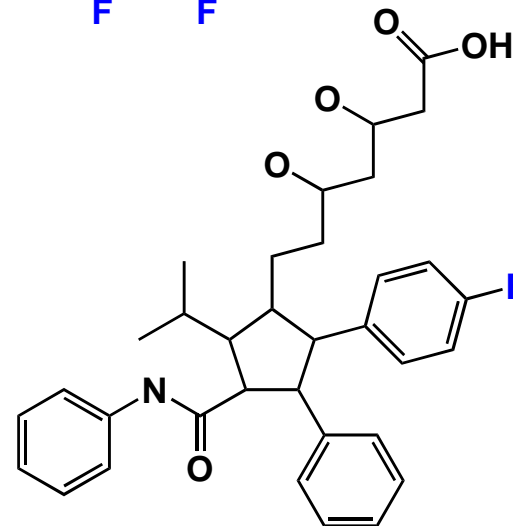
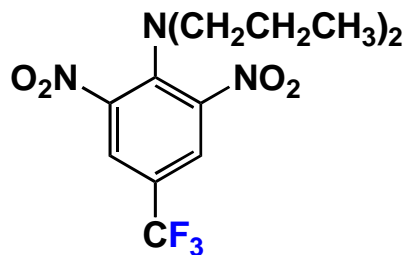
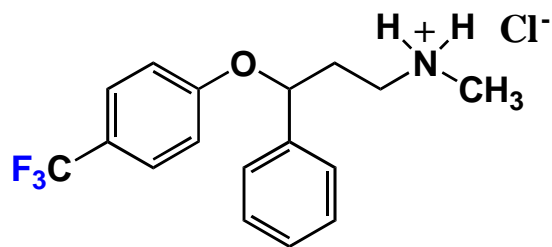
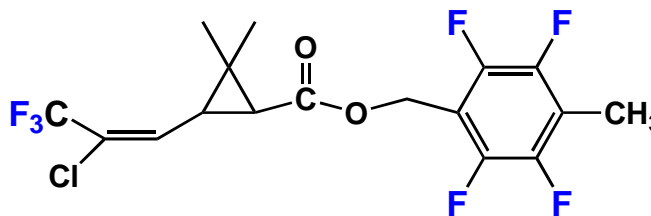
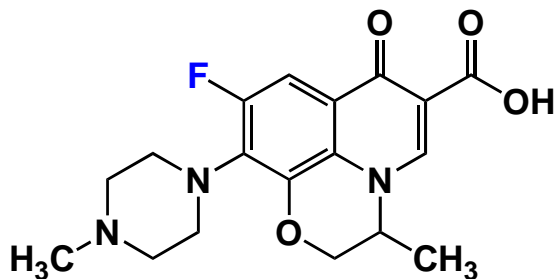
1) Harnisch & Eisenhauer, 1998; Harnisch et al, 2000.

2) Isidorov et al 1990; Isidorov, 1990.

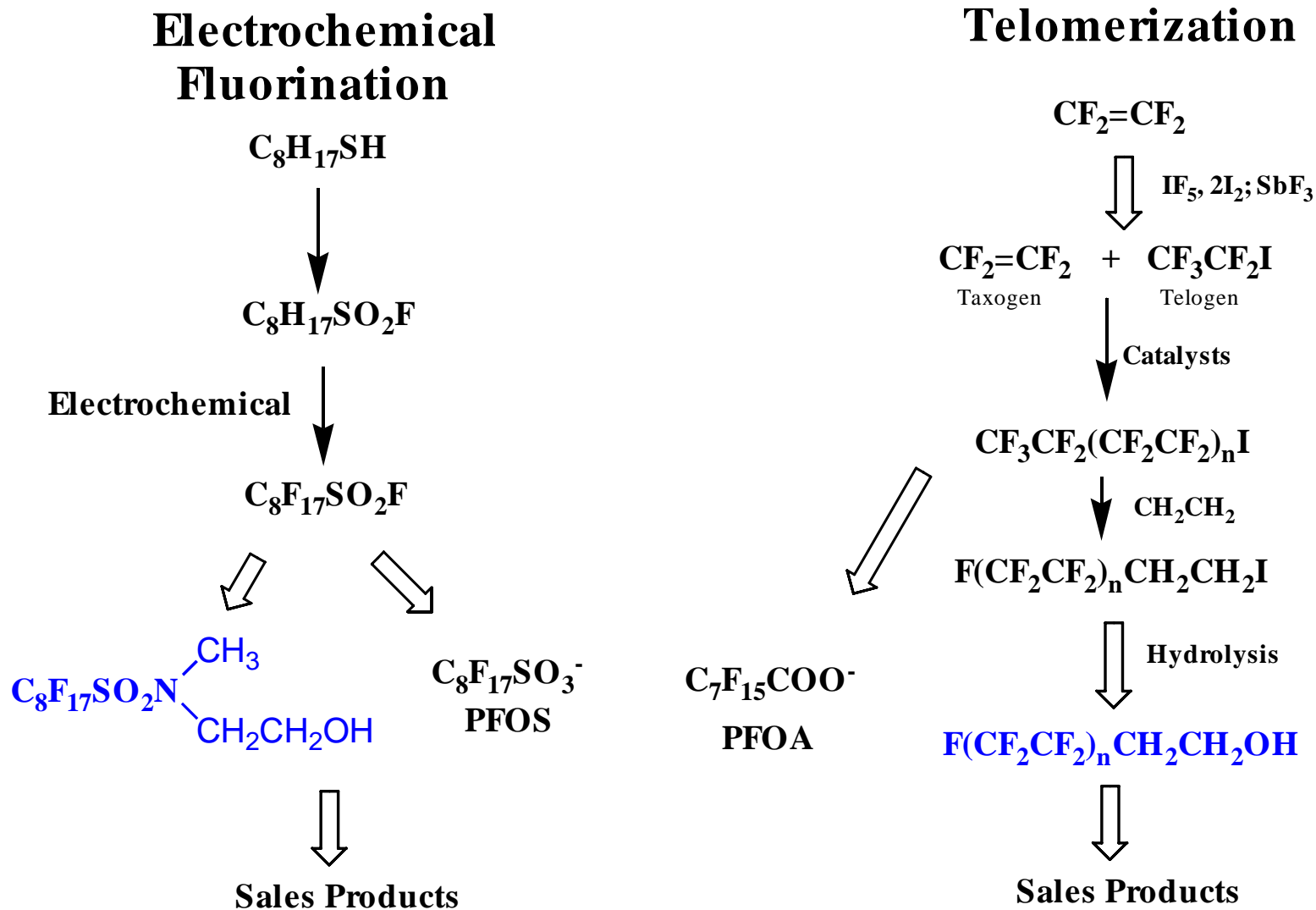
3) Frank et al, 2002

4) Scott et al, 2005

Pesticides and Pharmaceuticals...



Major Routes to Perfluoro Chains



[adapted from Kissa]

Direct releases of Perfluorinated Acids?



**“Airport Foam Seeps into Creek”
Toronto Star, June 10, 2000**

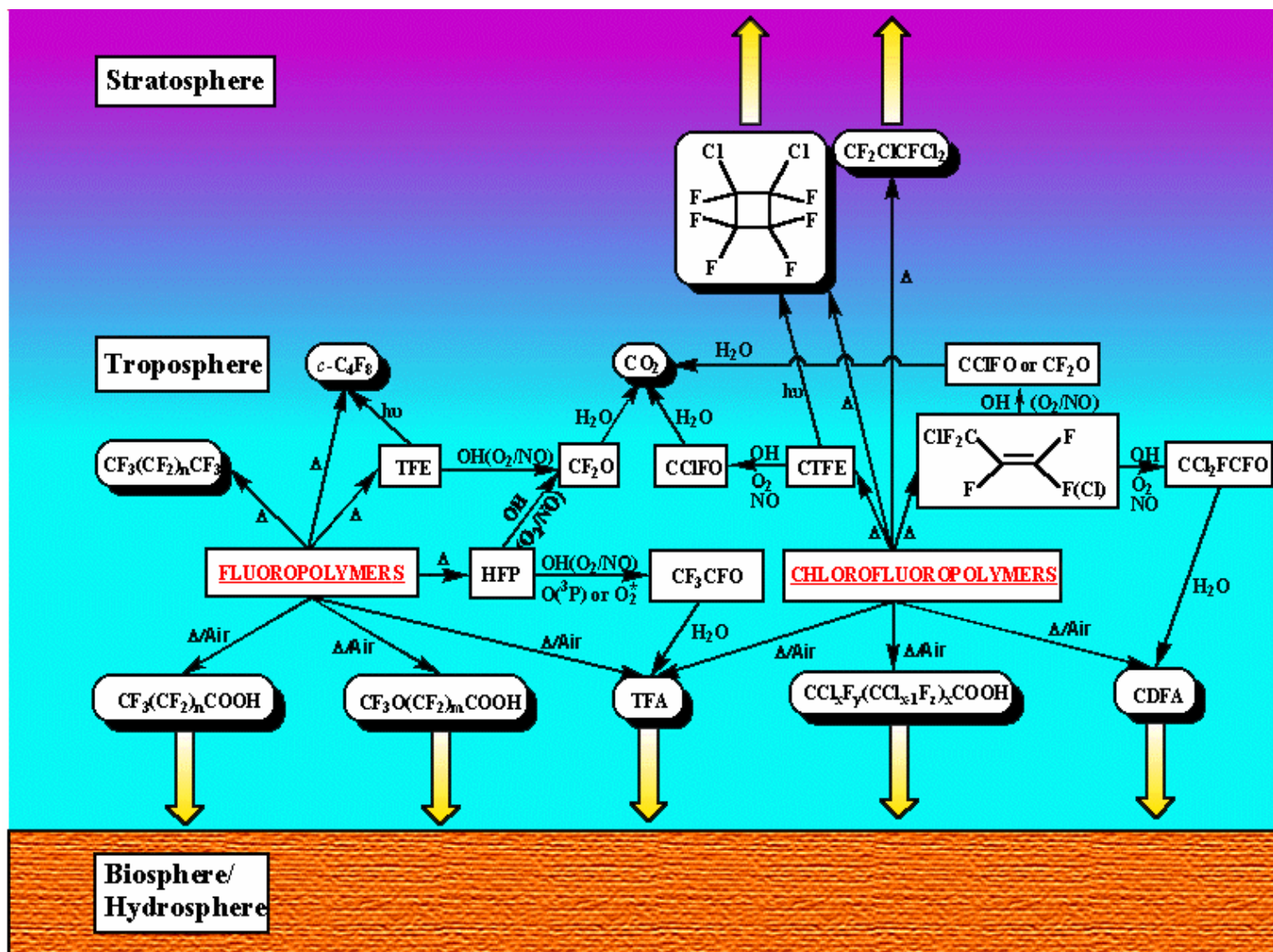


22,000 liters of AFFF; ~300 kg of PFOS!

PTFE Leaching of PFOA



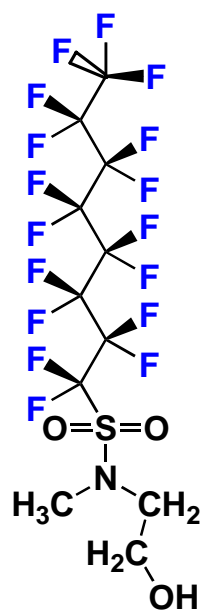
PTFE Thermolysis Products



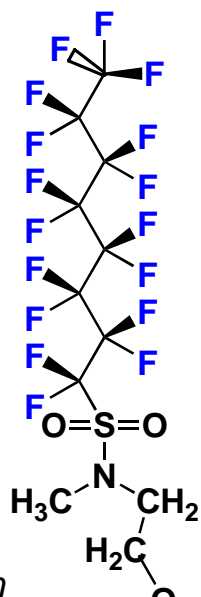
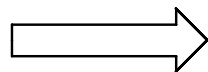
Ellis, D.A., S.A. Mabury, J. Martin, and D.C.G. Muir. 2001. Thermolysis of fluoropolymers as a potential source of halogenated organic acids in the environment. *Nature*. **412**:321-324; Ellis, DA, JW Martin, DCG Muir, and SA Mabury. 2003. The Use of ^{19}F NMR and Mass Spectrometry for the Elucidation of Novel Fluorinated Acid and Atmospheric Fluoroacid Precursors Evolved in the Thermolysis of Fluoropolymers. *Analyt.* **128**:756 – 764.

Nomenclature for Fluorinated Polymers

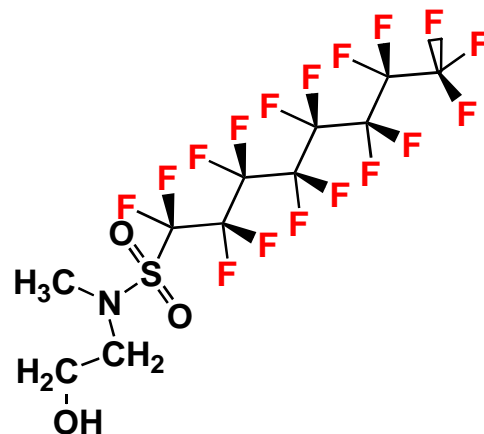
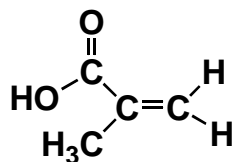
'MethyFose Alcohol'



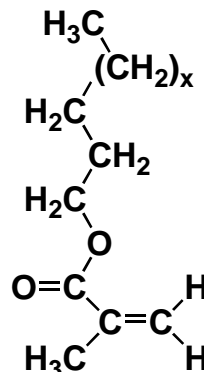
Esterification



'Fluoro-Monomer'

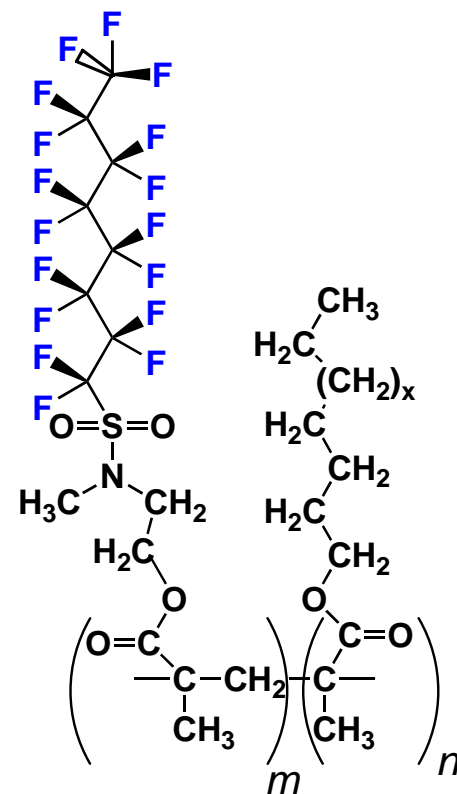
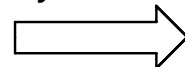


'Residual Fluoro-alcohol'



'Monomer'

free-radical polymerization



'Fluorinated Polymer'

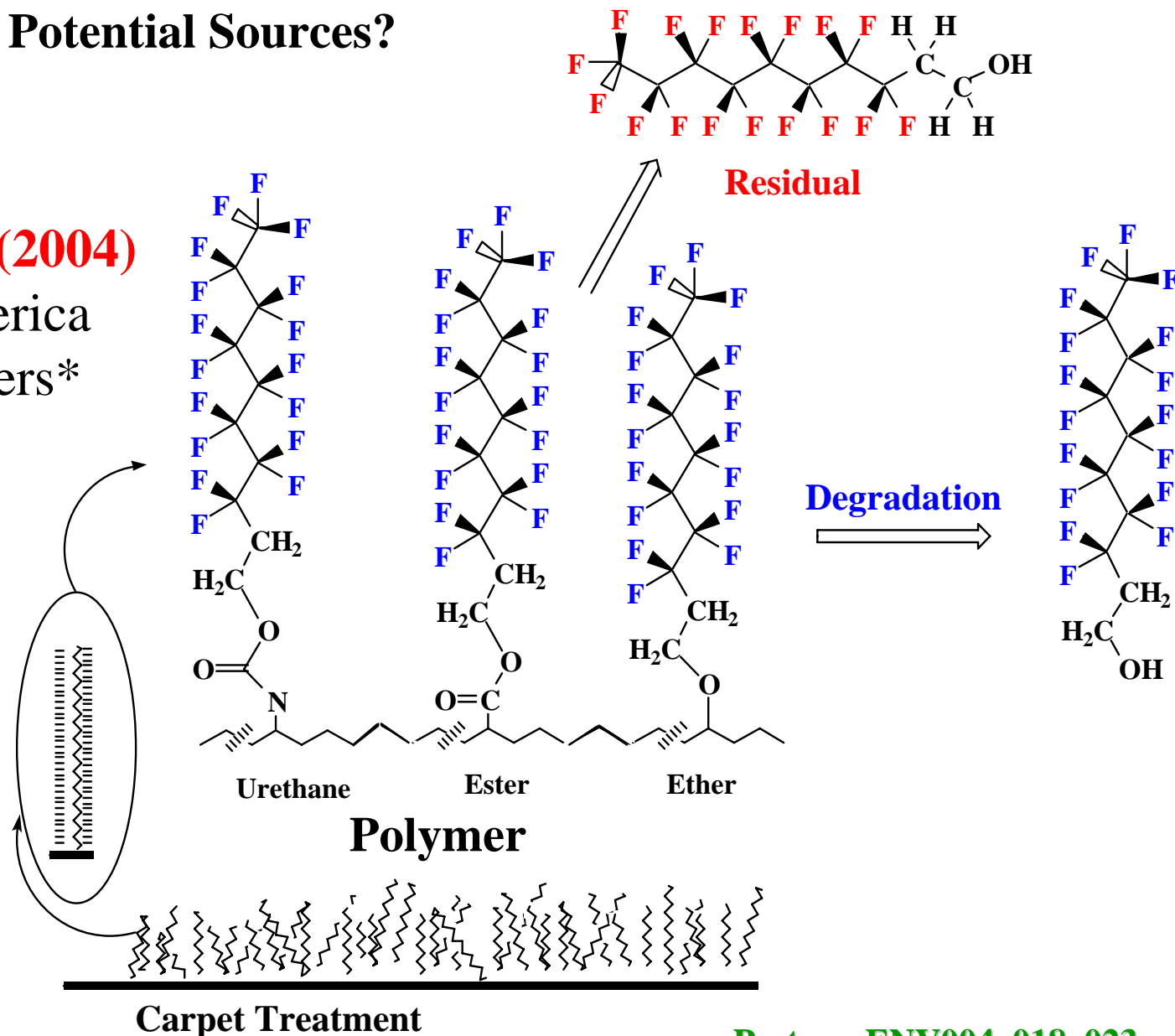
Fluoro alcohols ~ Fugitive Emissions from Residual Material OR Does the Linkage Chemistry Break?

Potential Sources?

11 to 14 x10⁶ kg/yr (2004)

40% in North America

80% are in polymers*



*Dupont Presentation to
USEPA OPPT. Jan 31, 2005
US Public Docket AR226-1914

Carpet Treatment

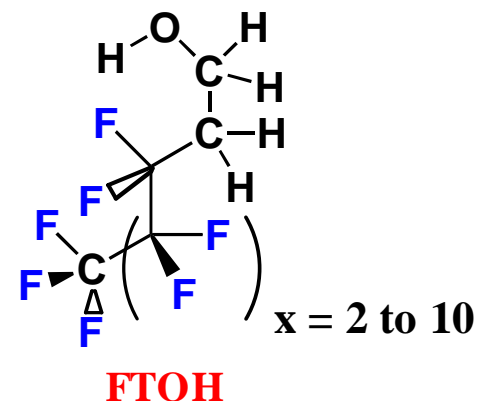
Posters: ENV004, 018, 023

Residuals could be important source of fluoroalcohols *...to the atmosphere*

Fluorinated Material

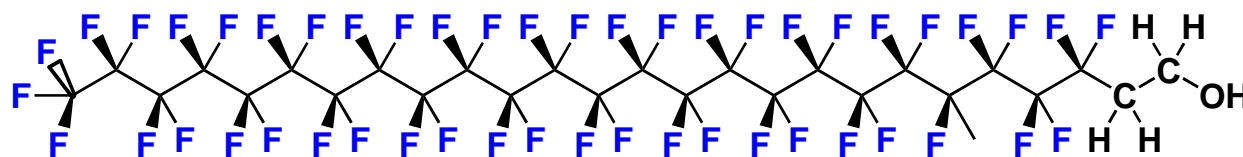
Dry Weight % Residual

Polyfox-L-Diol	0.11 (0.03)
Teflon™ Advance	0.34 (0.20)
Zonyl™ FSO 100	1.03 (0.61)
Zonyl™ FSE	3.80 (1.09)
8:2 Methacrylate Monomer	0.04 (0.01)
Motomaster™ Windshield Washer Fluid w/ Teflon	0.36 (0.01)
Scotchgard™ Rug and Carpet Protector*	0.39 (0.06)



n=3 or 6

Dinglasan, MJA and SA Mabury. 2005. *Environ. Sci. Technol.* In review

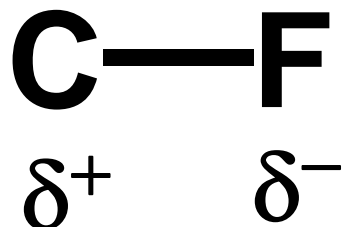


24:2 FTOH
'49 Fluorines'

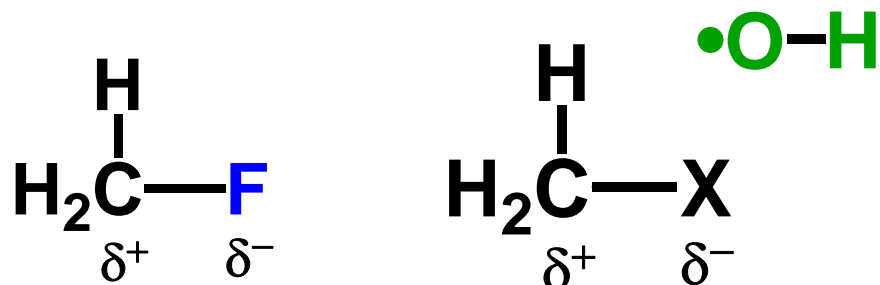
Tentatively identified in a telomer phosphate mixture via GC/MS; see **Poster ANA044**

Anything Interesting about the C-F bond?

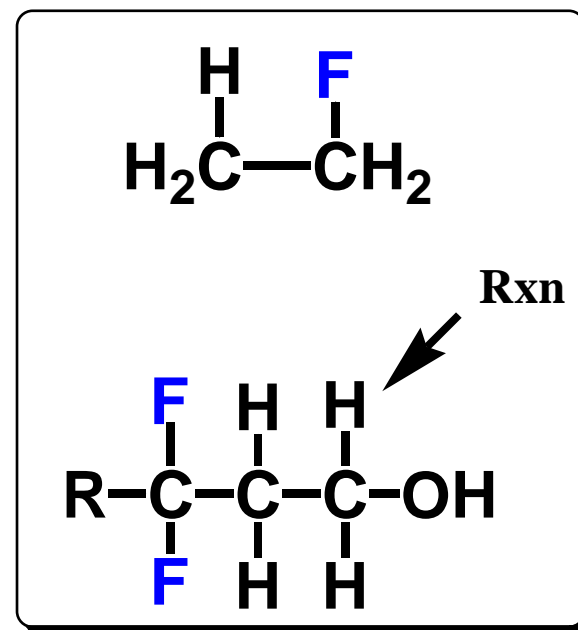
	bond length C-X (Å)	Bond Strength C-X (kcal/mol)	EN	Van der Waal's radius (Å)	Hydradation X⁻ (kcal/mol)
H	1.09	99	2.2	1.20	-
F	1.39	110	4.0	1.35	117
Cl	1.78	85	3.0	1.80	84
Br	1.93	71	2.8	1.95	78



What does the Fluorine atom do to reactivity towards Oxidation?



X	f(x)
F	0.094
Cl	0.38
Br	0.28
CF ₃	0.071
OH	3.4



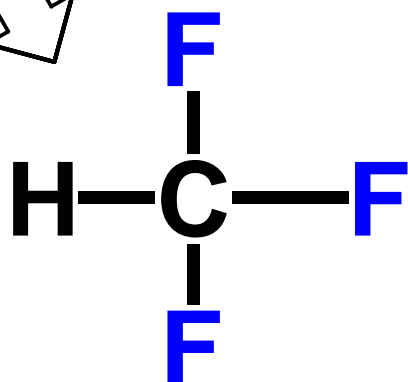
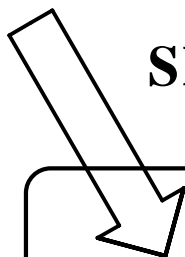
Note: Similar story for ring oxidations.

Slows it way down!

HFCs are slow...PFCs are like diamonds!



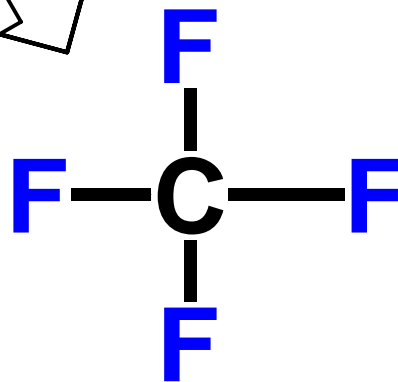
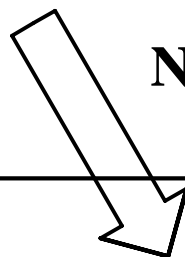
Slow!



Lifetime = 260 years!



No Reaction

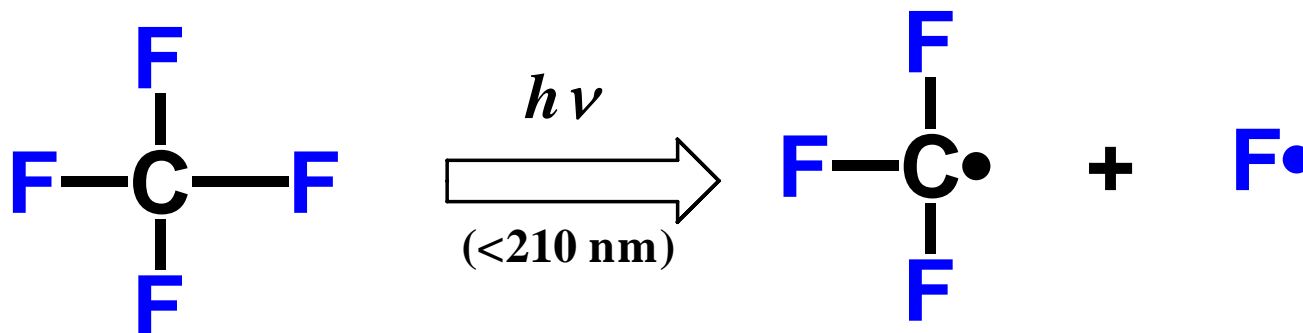


Lifetime =>50,000 years!

Only option is photolysis

...but where?

way up high!

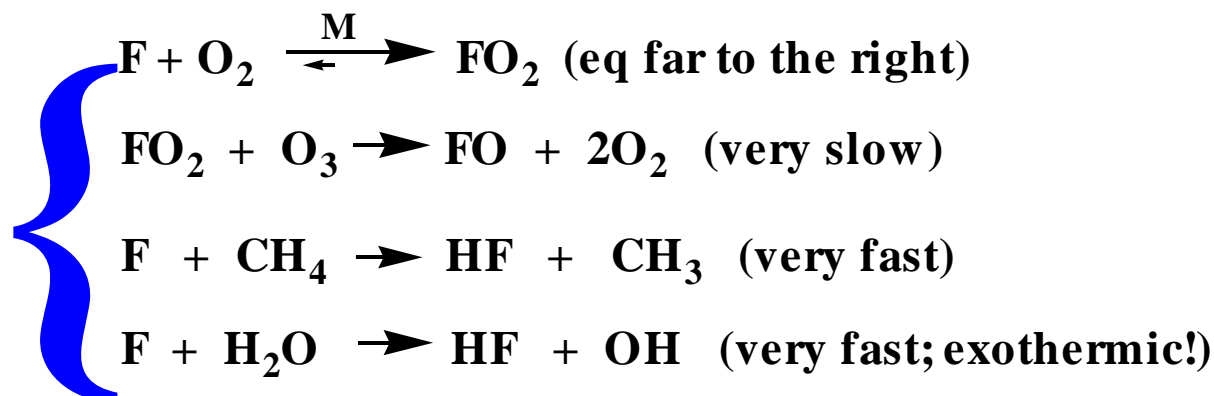


Lifetime =>50,000 years!

Ultimate Fate? Photolysis in upper atmosphere (highly energetic photons)

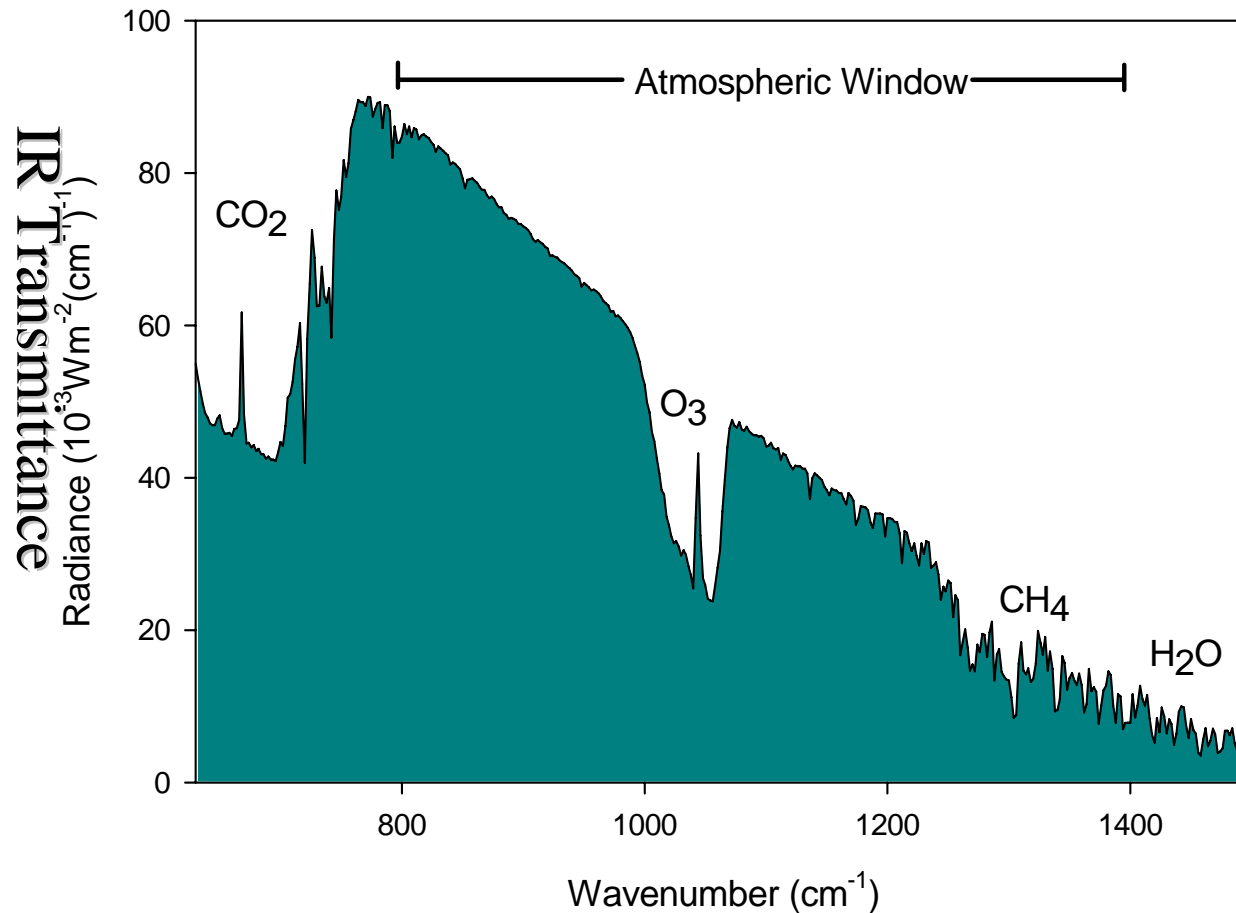
Does $\text{F}\cdot$ cause O_3 destruction like Cl or Br? NO! [10^4 less than Cl]

Why?



Any problems percolating way up there?

$\text{F}_3\text{C}-\text{CF}_3$ Lifetime = 10,000 yrs
Radiative Efficiency = $0.26 \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ ppb}^{-1}$
GWP (100 yr) = 11,900 (where $\text{CO}_2 = 1$)
Year 2000 concentration: 3 pptv





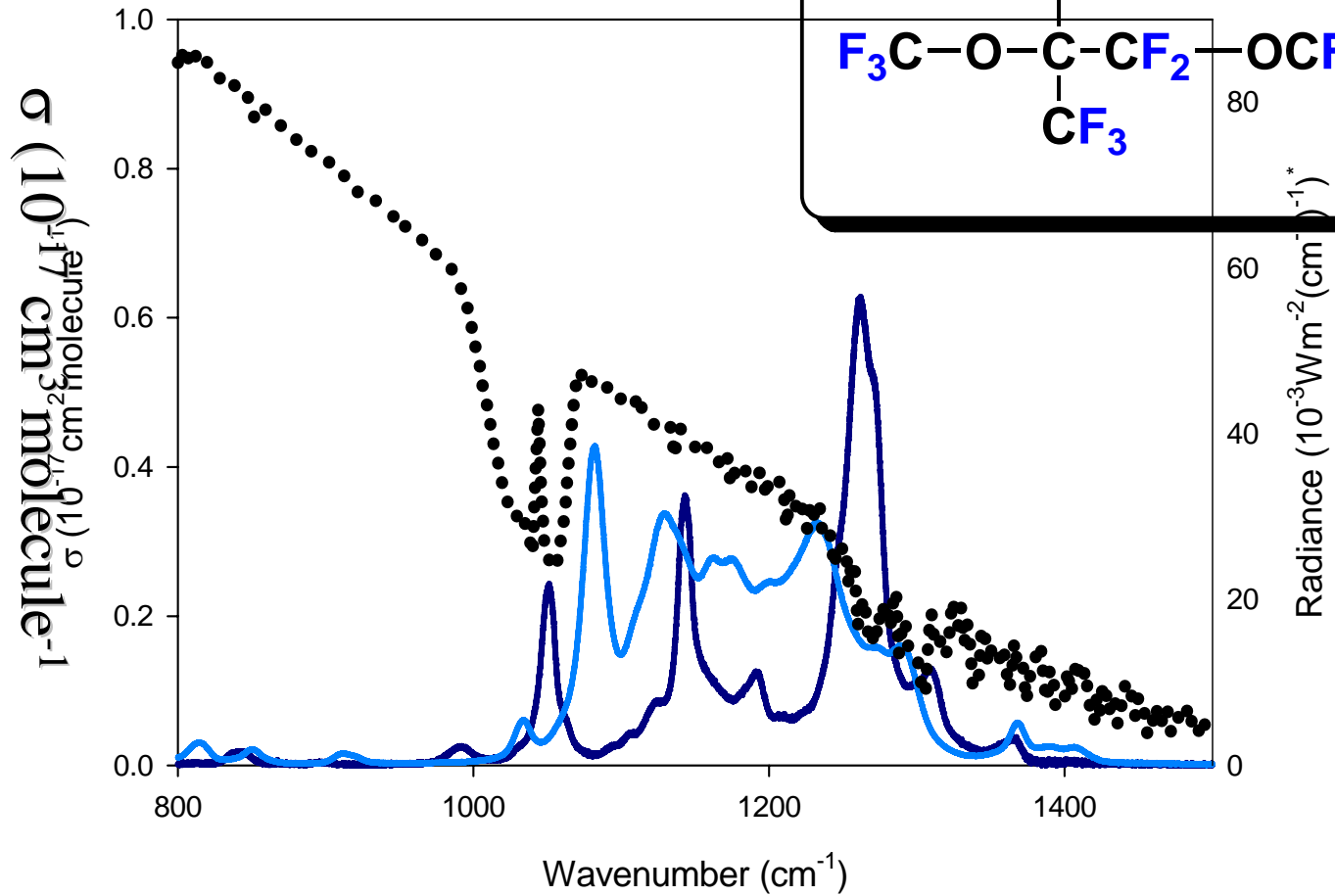
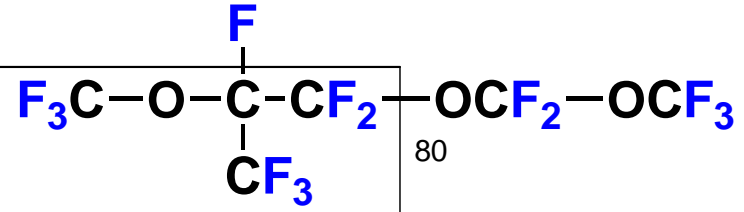
Lifetime = >1,000 yrs

Radiative Efficiency = $0.59 \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ ppb}^{-1}$

GWP (100 yr) = >17,500 (where $\text{CO}_2 = 1$)

Year 2000 concentration: 4 pptv

(Sturges et al, 2000, Science 289:611-613)



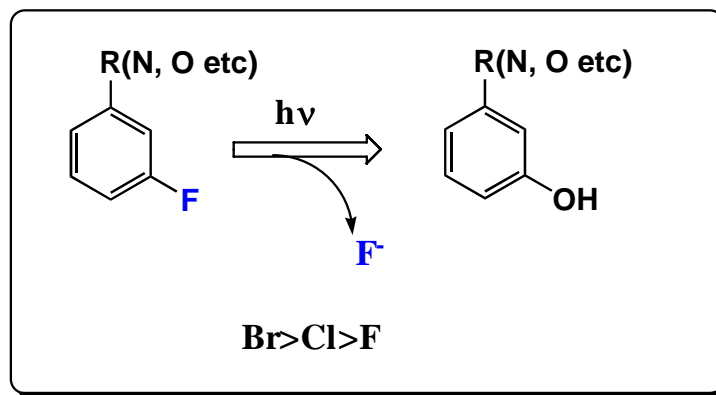
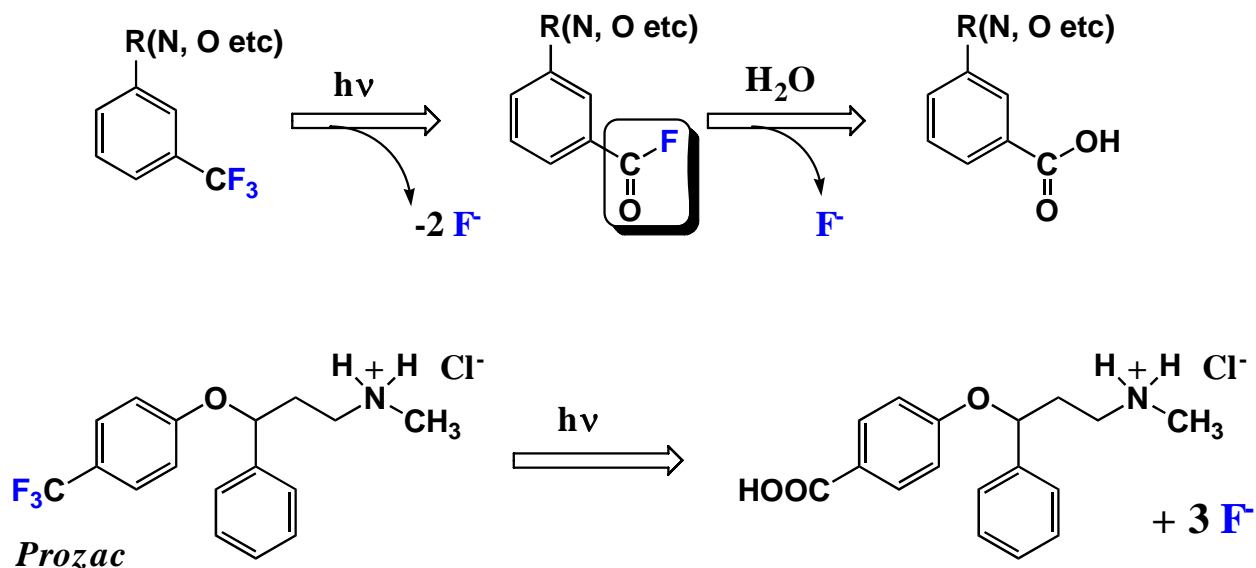
- Gal70
- H-Gal 1040x
- Atmospheric Window*

* Calculated for mid-altitude during winter using calculator found on <http://geosci.uchicago.edu/~archer/cgimodels/radiation.html>

Can you break a C-F bond?

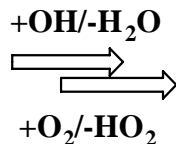
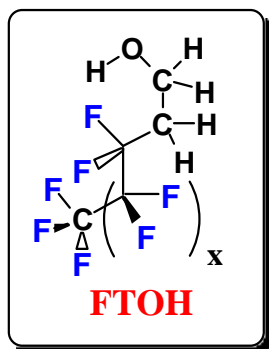
Only in special cases or conditions

Photolysis in Natural Waters

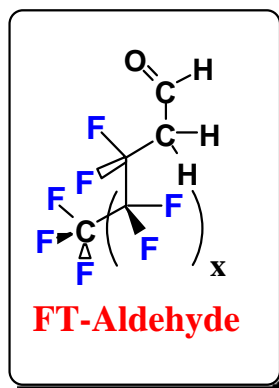


Overall Atmospheric Chemistry of FTOHs

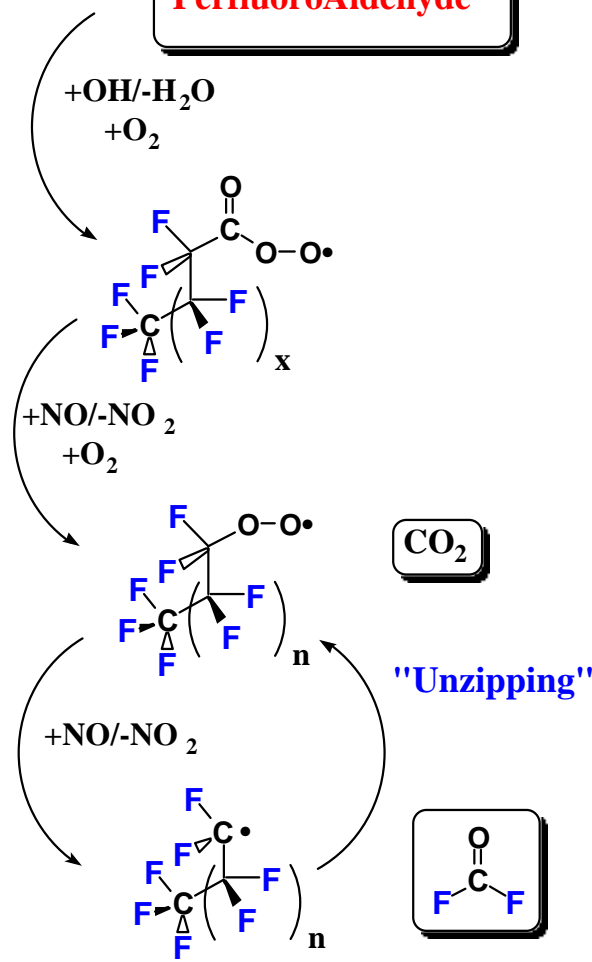
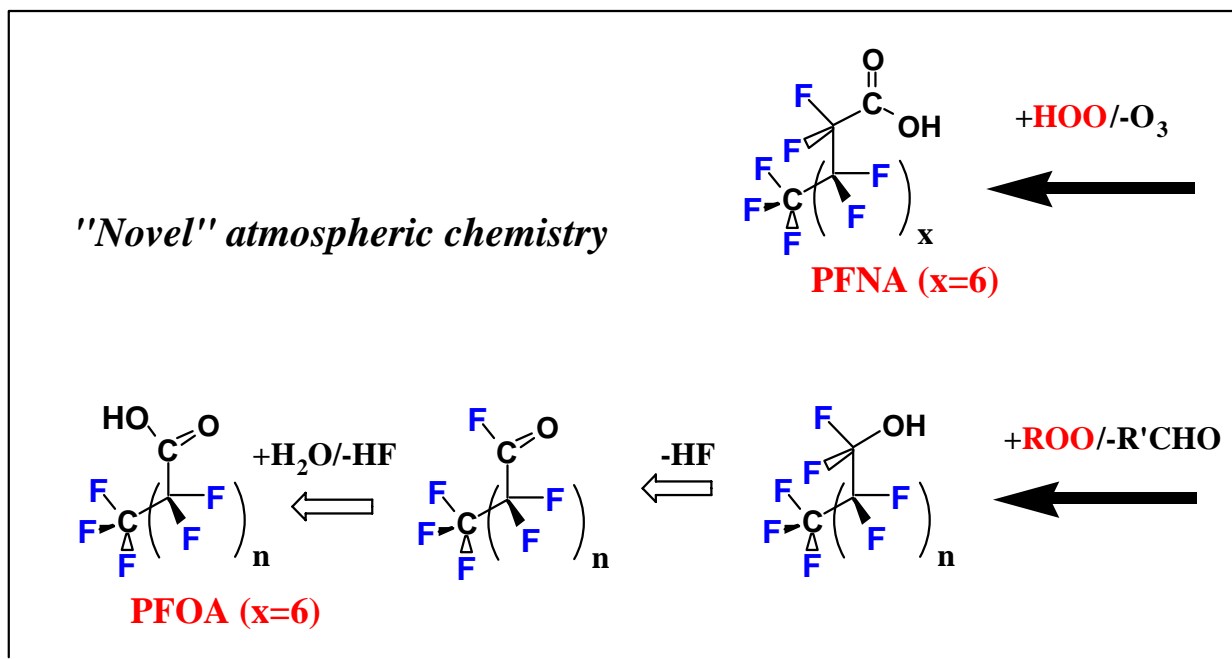
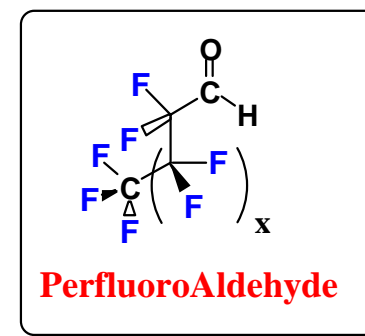
Lifetime = 20 d



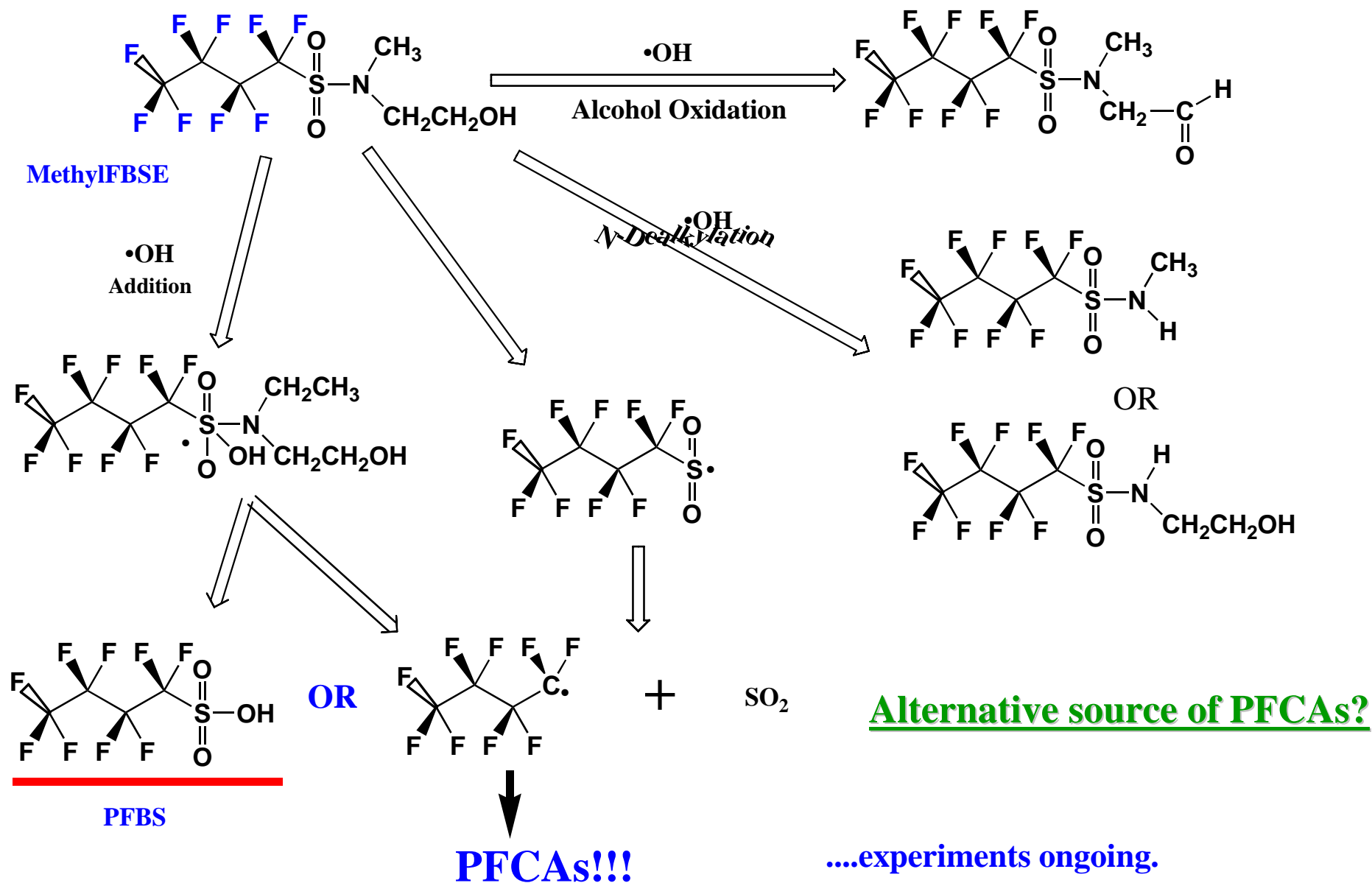
Lifetime = 20 d



Lifetime = 30 d

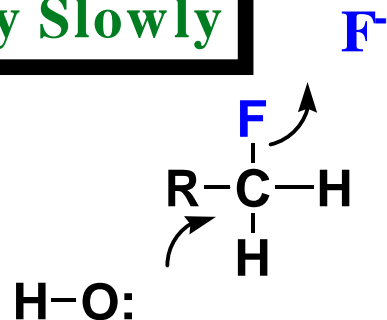


Do the Sulfamidoethanols Degrade to Acids in the Atmosphere?



Hydrolysis?

Only Slowly



Why?

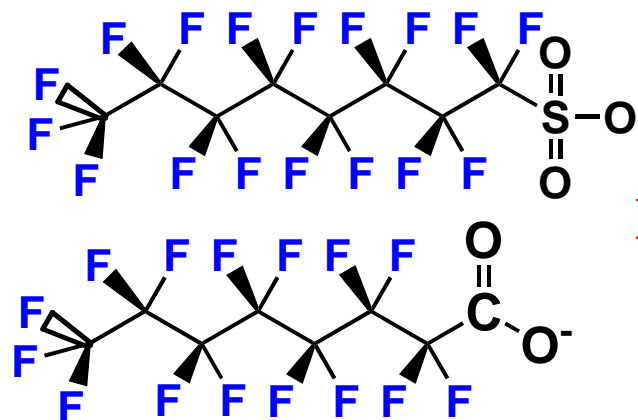
- **F** is a VERY poor leaving group;
- Thus SN1 and SN2 only go slowly;
- polyfluorination increases 'steric' issues;

	<u>pK_a</u>
HCl	Low
H ₃ PO ₄	2.12
HF	3.14
Benzoic acid	4.20
TFA	0.5
PFOS	Extremely Low
PFOA	~2

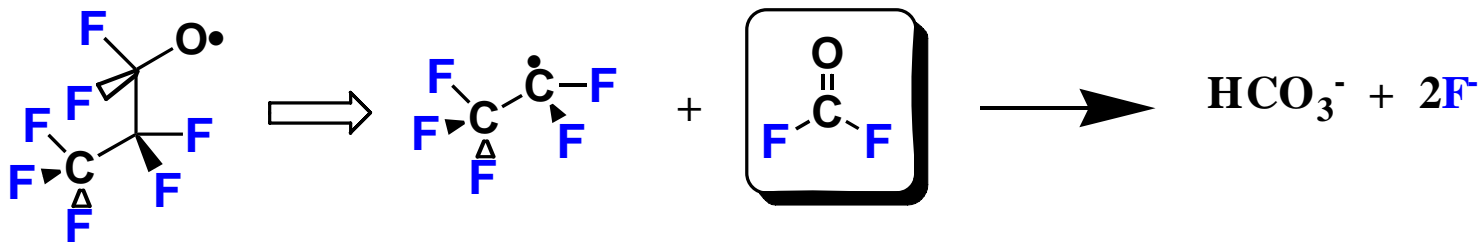
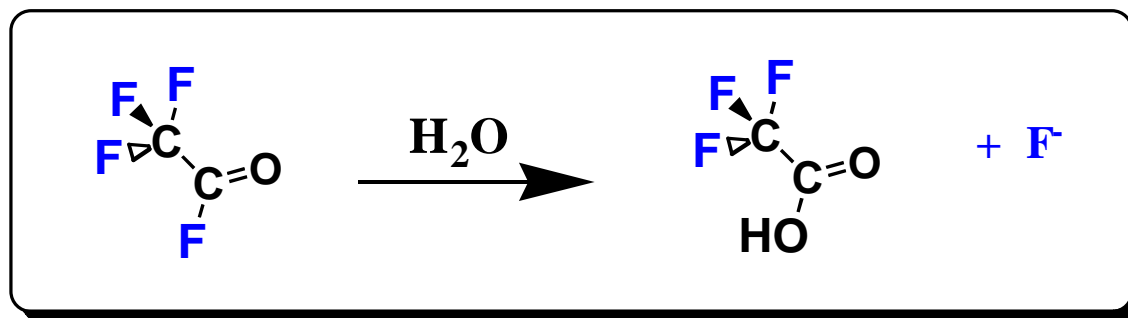
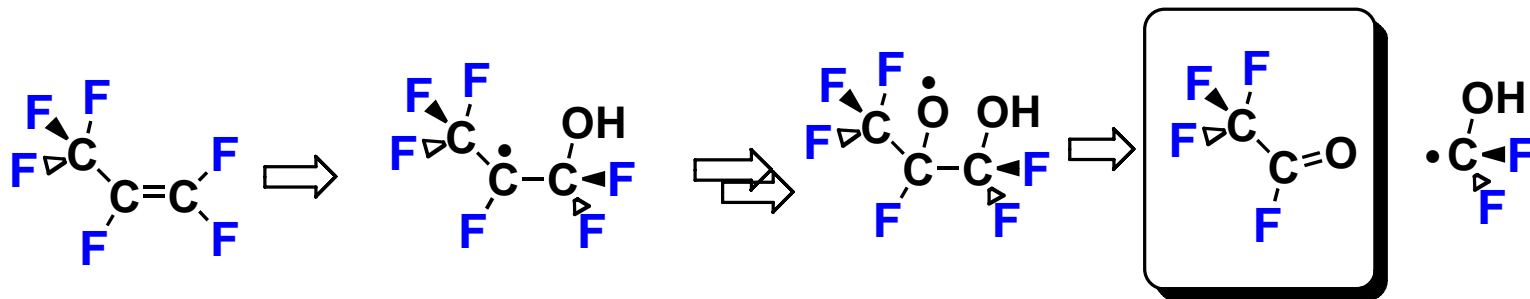
half-life (pH 7)

CH ₃ F	~30 yrs
CH ₃ Br	1 yr
(CH ₃) ₃ CF	50 days
(CH ₃) ₃ CCl	23 sec

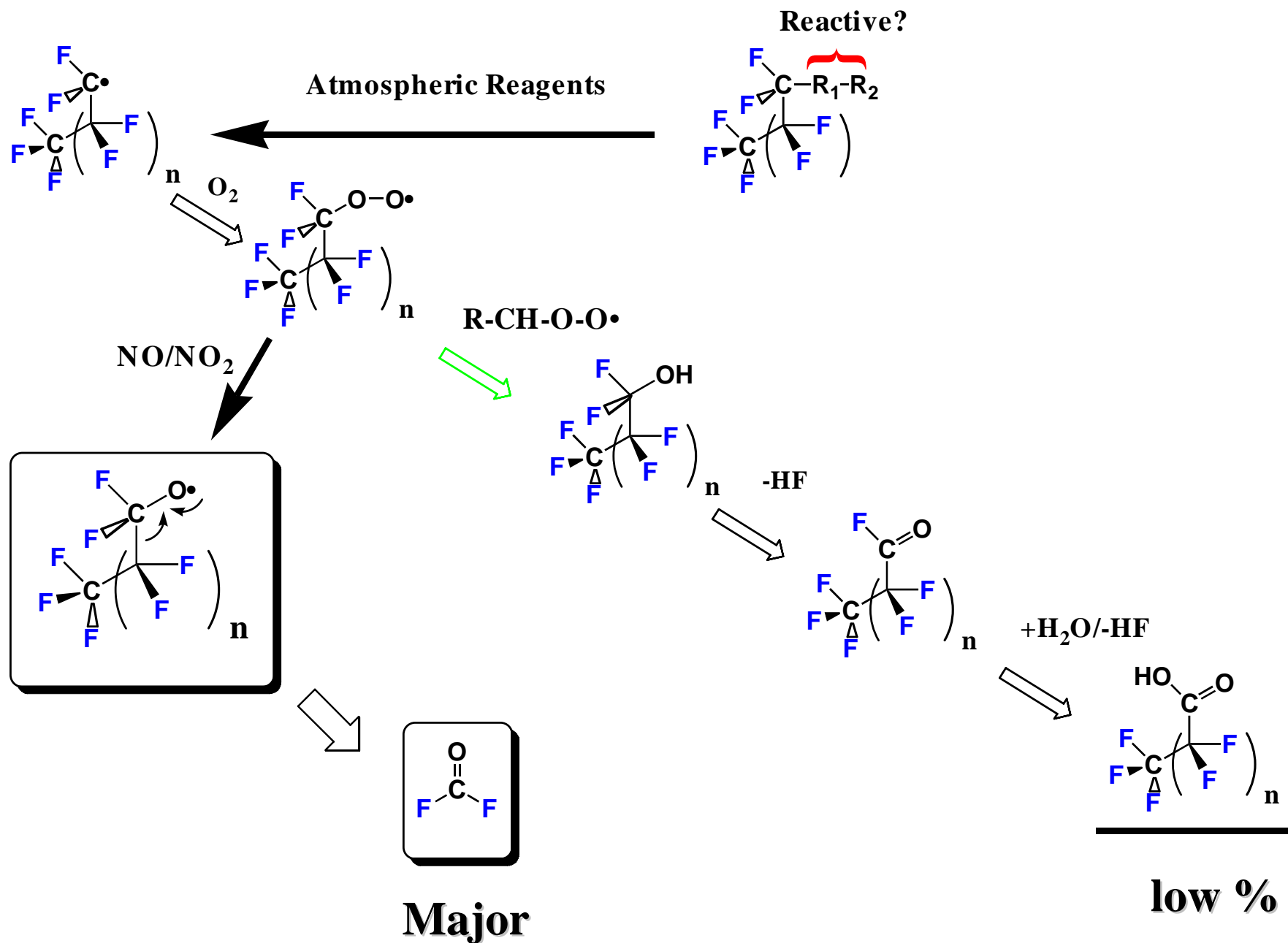
In the environment?



Except in special cases...where F⁻ is pushed!

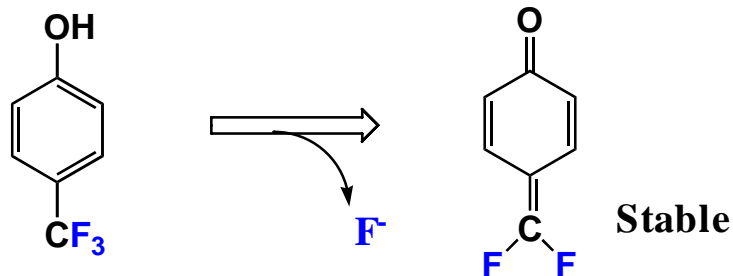


Fate of Perfluorocarbon Radicals

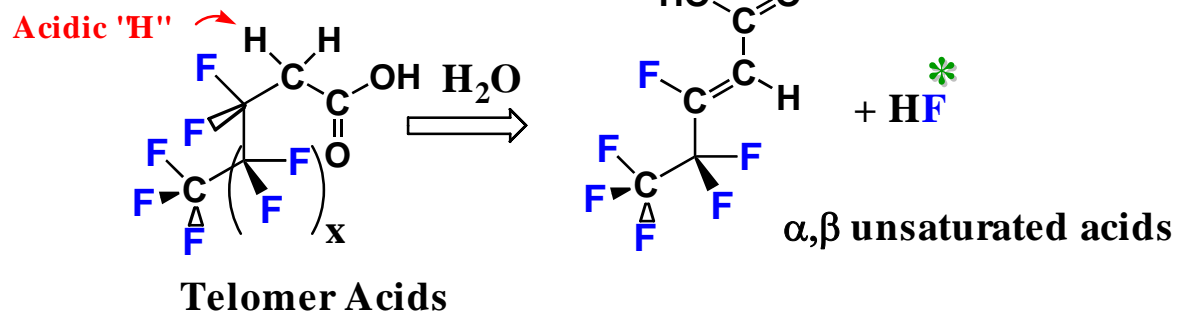


If the right 'architecture' then *ELIMINATE*?

Elimination



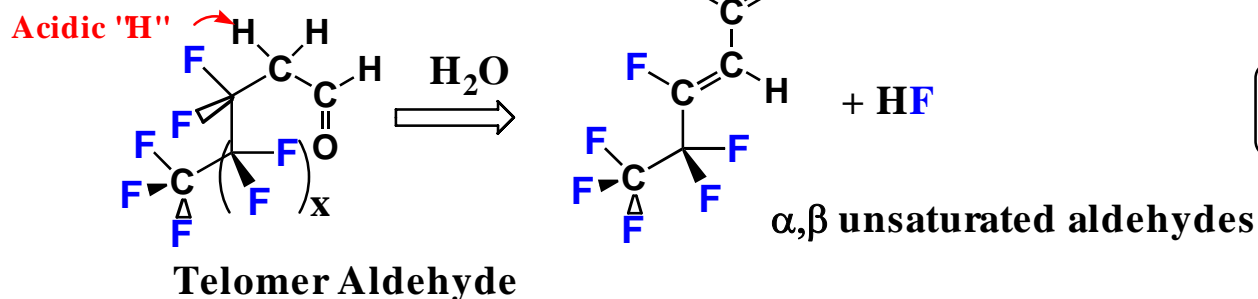
β -Elimination



abiotic; x=6, pH 7, T=23C
~35 days

biotic (bacteria); x=6, pH 7, T=23C
~14 days

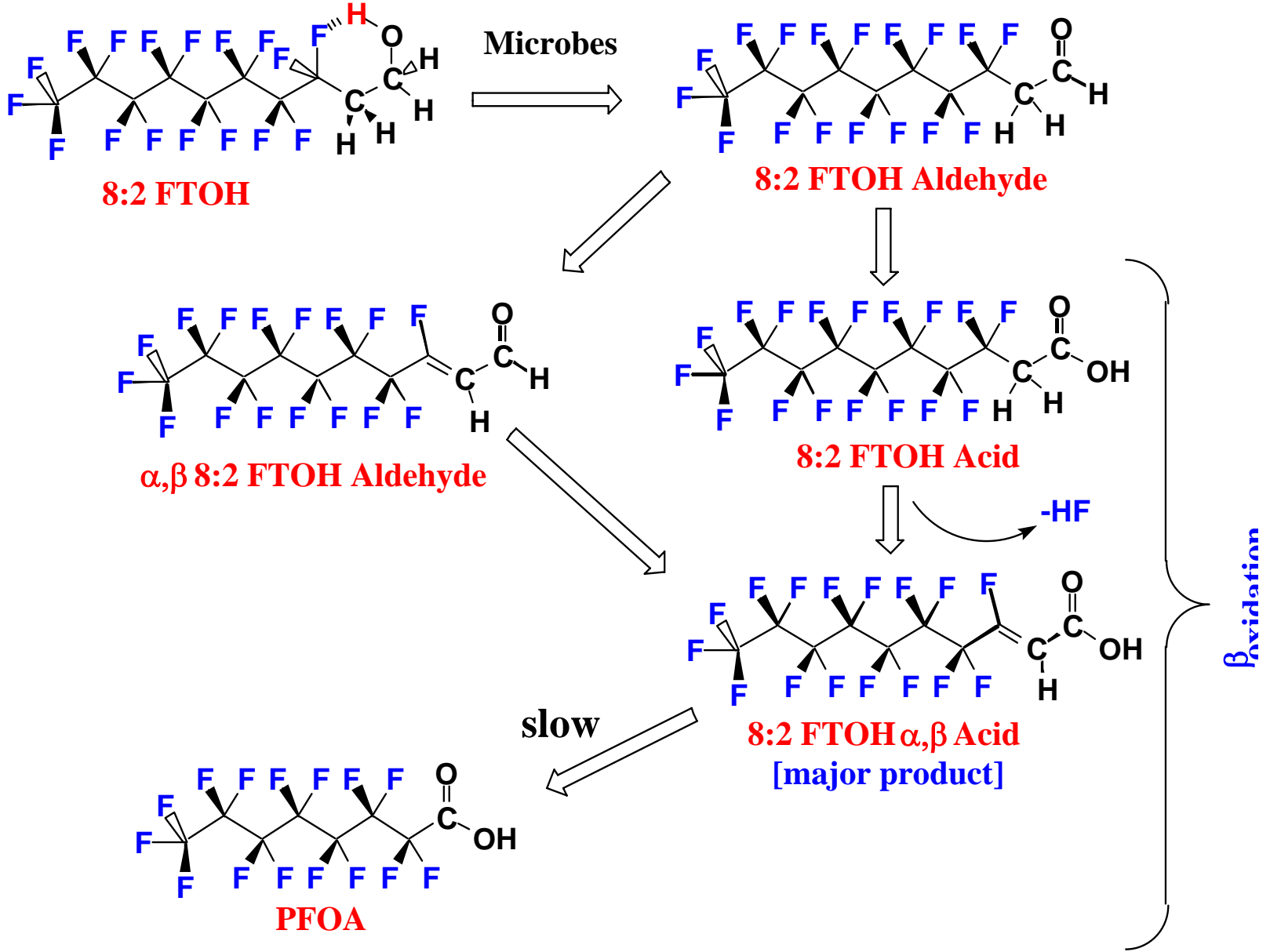
biotic (rats); x=6, pH 7.2, T=23C
~very fast



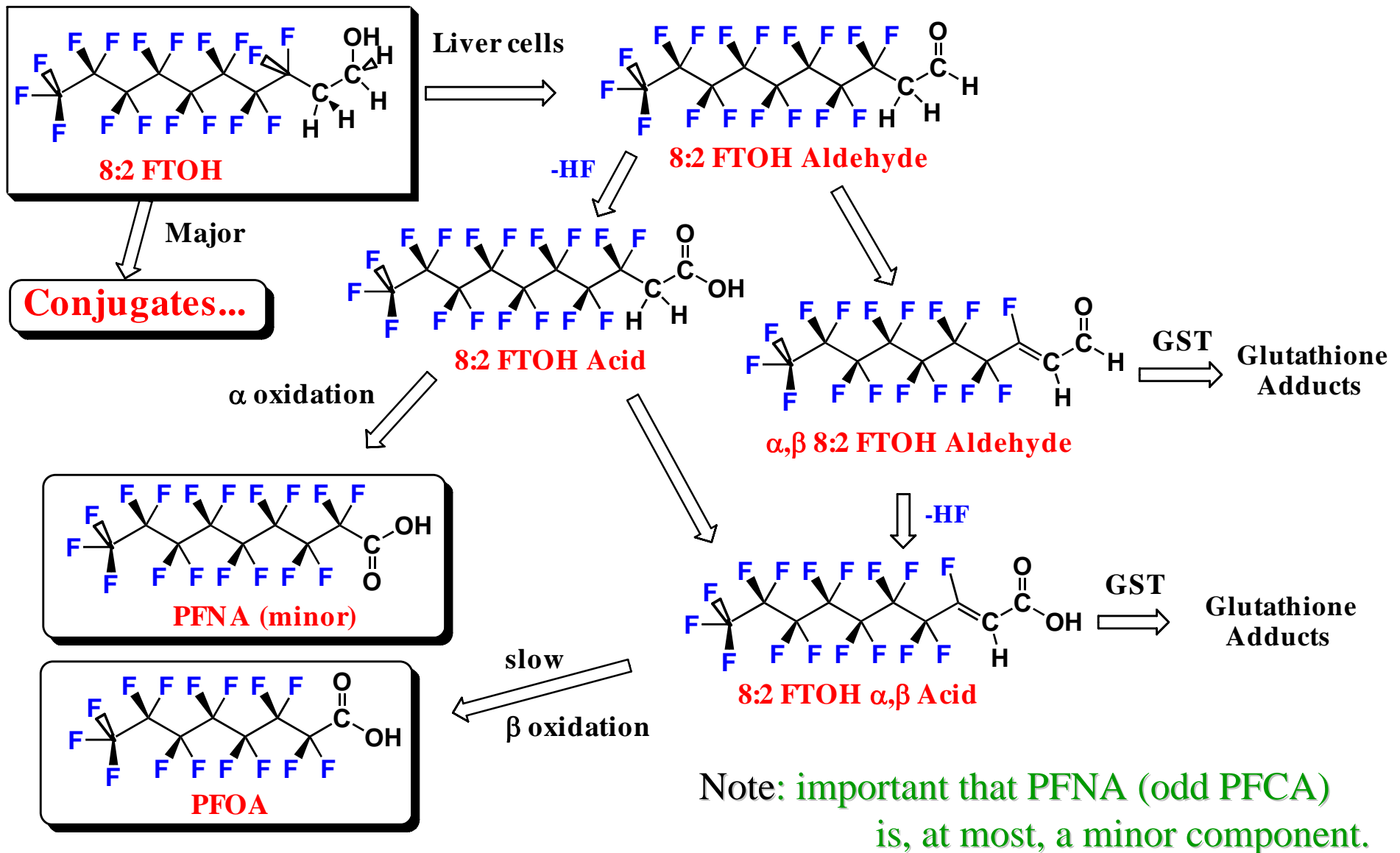
Biotic & Abiotic are **much Faster**

*SEE Poster TOX008; is HF the cause of the high toxicity of 10:2 FTCA?

Microbial Metabolism Pathway ~



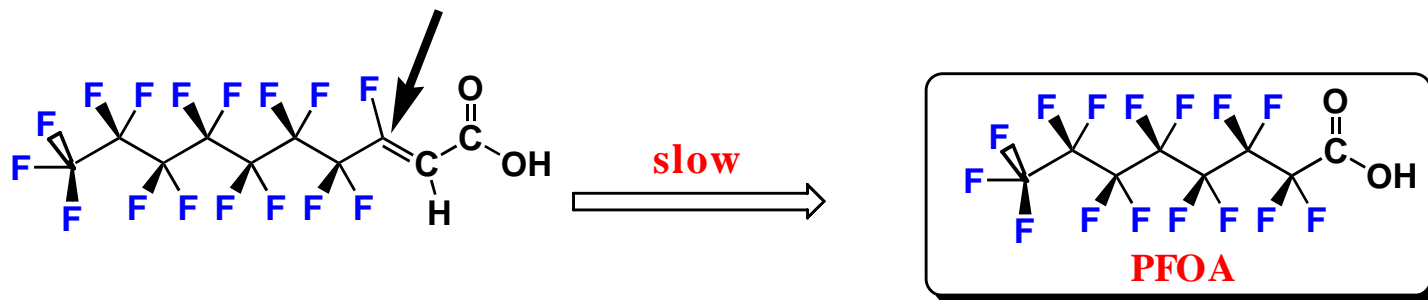
Rat Liver Metabolism Pathway ~



Hagen, Belisle, et al, 1981. Anal Biochem. 118:336-343; Martin, JW, SA Mabury, and PJ O'Brien. 2005. Metabolic Products and Pathways of Fluorotelomer Alcohols in Isolated Rat Hepatocytes. *Chemico-Biological Inter* In press.

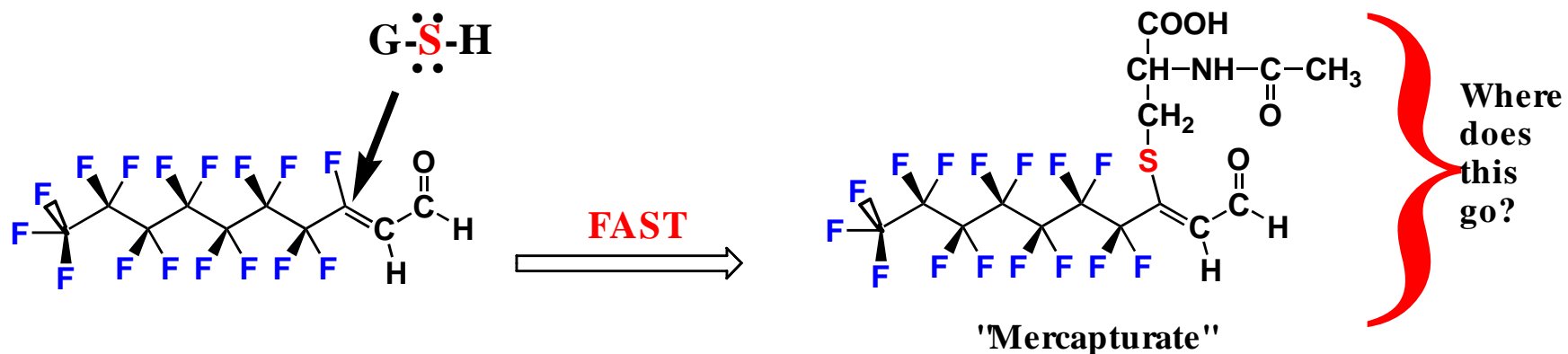
Why is this reaction so slow?

- OH or FeO⁺ are strong electrophiles but...



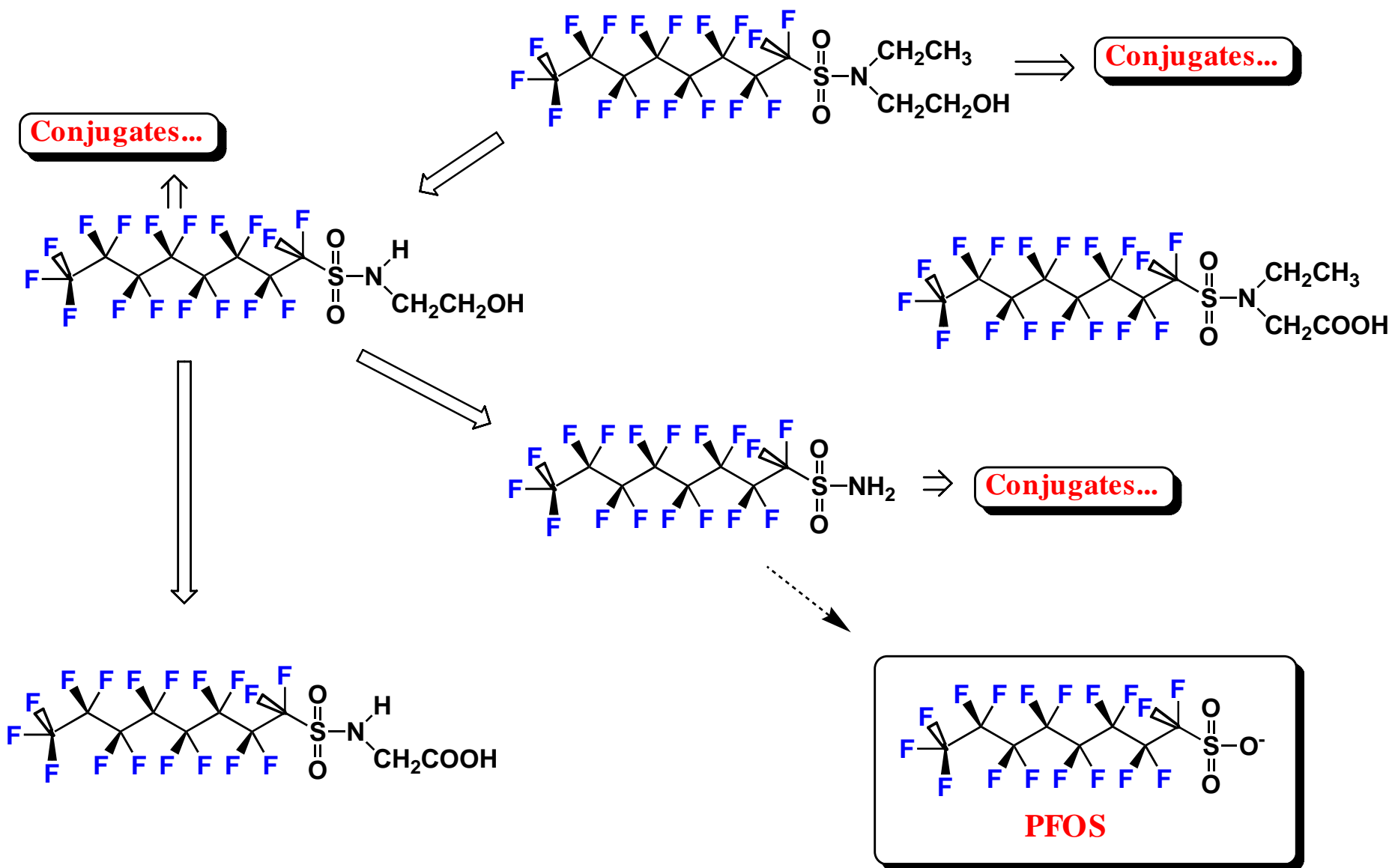
...the β carbon is relatively electron deficient!

Thus is it surprising the β carbon is reactive towards nucleophiles?

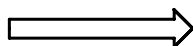
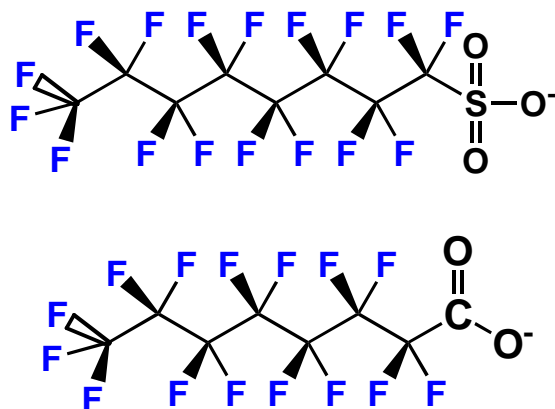


NO! One hopes it is GSH and not one of the nucleophilic centres on a protein or in DNA.

Human & Rat Biotransformation of EthylFose

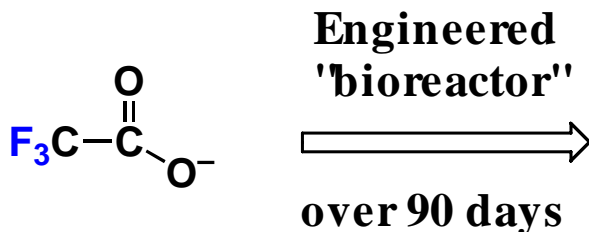


Okay but what about those perfluorinated acids that are all the rage?



No Reactions @ Environmentally Relevant Conditions....even examples under 'extreme conditions' are rare or hard to decipher.

One persuasive example:



Measured evolution of F⁻

Kim et al, 2000. Env Eng Sci. 17:

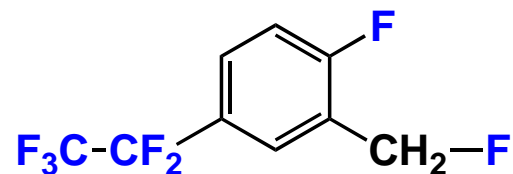
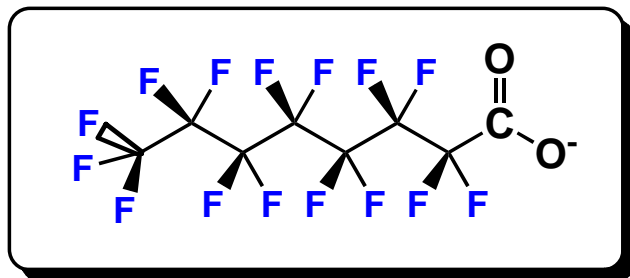
Yes...pretty boring indeed with respect to Reactions!

Water Solubility and Partitioning

Kow Fragments

X	f	f^θ
X-F	-0.38	0.37
X-Cl	0.06	0.94
X-Br	0.20	1.09
X-I	0.59	1.35
X-COOH	-1.11	-0.03
X-COO ⁻	-5.19	-4.13
X-OH	-1.64	-0.44

Hansch & Leo; EOC 1st Edition



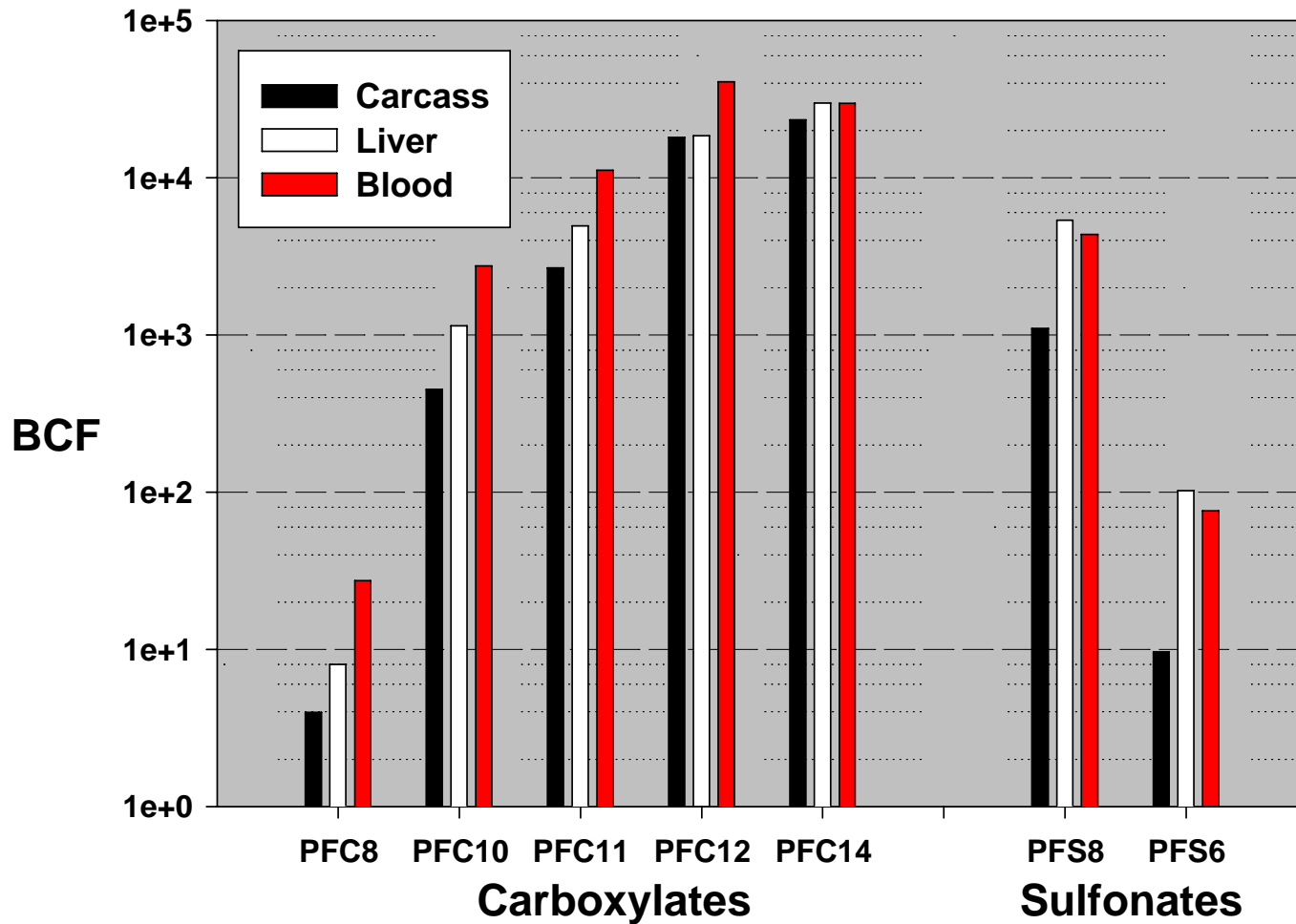
Kow Correction Factors "electronic effects"

Nearby Polyhalogenation

2 on same C	0.60
3 on same C	1.59
2 on adjacent single-bonded C	0.28
3 on adjacent single-bonded C	0.56
and so forth...	

$$\text{Water Solubility} \propto \frac{1}{K_{ow}}$$

BCF/BAF of PFCAs



$$\text{BCF} = k_u / k_d$$

Additional CF_2 results in a $\sim 7x$ increase in the BCF.

Martin, J., S.A. Mabury, K.S. Solomon, D.C.G. Muir. 2003 Bioconcentration and Tissue Distribution of Perfluorinated Acids in Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss* Environ. Tox. Chem. **22**: 189-195.

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Fluoros Flying?

V.P. Fragments

X	<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>^θ
X-F	0.07	0.21
X-Cl	-0.79	-0.53
X-Br	-1.18	-0.84
X-CF₃	-0.20	0.32
X-CCl₃	-1.89	-2.63
X-CBr₃	-3.47	na
X-COOH	-3.67	-4.69

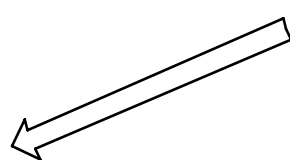
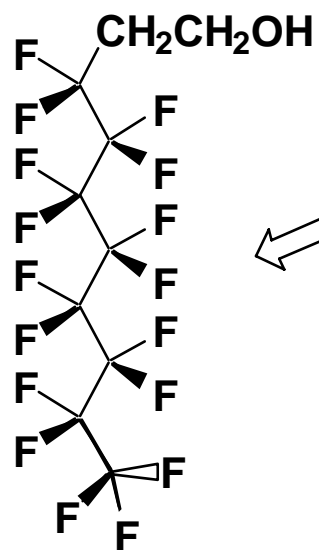
Simmons; 1999. JAFC; 47:1711-1716

Henry's Law Fragments

X	<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>^θ
C-F	+0.50	
C-Cl	-0.30	+0.14
C-Br	-0.87	-0.21
C-OH	-3.21	
C-NO₂	-3.10	-1.83

Hine & Mookerjee 1975 in EOC 1st Edition

8:2 FTOH by V.P. and M.W.



	M.W.	V.P. (Pa)
8:2 FTOH	464	212*
Cl₈-Dioxin	460	0.0000000001
PCB 153	360	0.0001
Di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	390	0.0019
n-Decane	142	173
CBr₃H	252	724
1,2 Dichlorobenzene	147	200
Ethoxybenzene	122	204

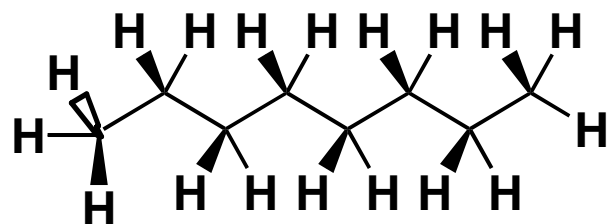
Data from "EOC" Schwarzenbach *et al* ;

*Data from Lei, Mabury, et al, unpublished data.

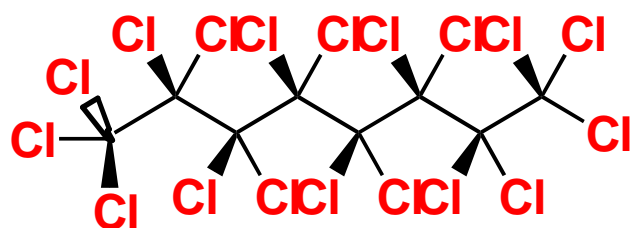
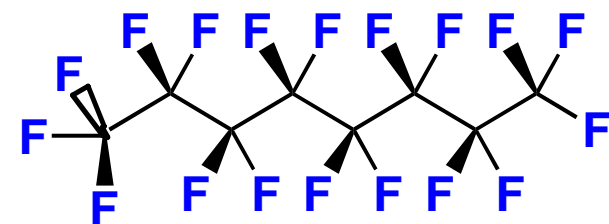
So are Fluorocarbons very Polarizable? **NO!**

α = polarizability
 R.I. = Refractive Index
 M = Molar Volume

Per...Octanes



M.W.	R.I. ¹	Density ¹	M^2 (cm ³ /mole)	V.P. (Pa)	α^5 \AA^3
114	1.398	0.703	124	1819 ⁴	15.8
438	1.282	1.766	155	4677 ³	15.2
890	?????	?????	?	10 ⁻³ *	47.1



'make believe molecule'

¹Aldrich; ²McGowan *et al*; ³CRC Online; ⁴Schwarzenbach

⁵Calculated with Gaussian by M. Staikova; *for C₁₀Cl₆H₁₆

FluoroAlcohol Physical Properties

	P (Pa)	Log K _{aw}	Log K _{oa}	C _{sat} ^w	Log K _{ow} [?]
4:2 FTOH	1670; 992; 489(a)	1.8	3.3	148	2.0
6:2 FTOH	876; 713; 107(a)	1.7	3.6		3.3
8:2 FTOH	227; 254; 2;4(b)	1.3	4.2		4.9
10:2 FTOH	53; 144; 0.7(a)		4.8		2.7
NEtFosa	7; 0.24		5.9		4.1
NMeFose	0.7; 0.0004		6.8		
NEtFose	0.35; 0.0017; 0.79		7.1		

R²=0.99

Stock et al 2004. ES&T. 38:1693-1699; Lei et al, 2004. J Chem Eng Data 49:1013-1022; 25C
 Krusic et al, J Phys Chem A; 2005; 109:6232-6241; (a) calculated at 35C; (b) calculated at 21C;
 Schoeib et al,
 3M Values OPPT Docs
 Bonin, Lau, Ellis, & Mabury, unpublished data.

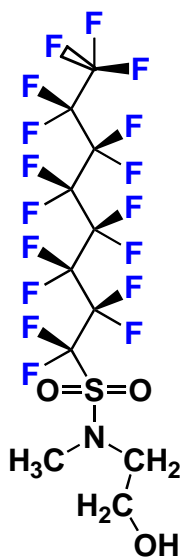
Summary...major points:

- **Organofluorines are intriguing ~ lots to learn and interesting science to do;**
- **They are generally highly persistent because of inductive effects of F and the 'poor leaving group' ability of F⁻; Perfluorinated acids could 'redefine persistence';**
- **Breakage of C-F bonds requires specific conditions;**
- **Polyfluorinated compounds are highly volatile with respect to mass;**
- **Longer chain Perfluorinated compounds are moderately bioaccumulative;**
- **Appropriate to treat acids such as PFOS, PFOA, etc as degradation products;**
- **Intermediates in the conversion of Fluoroalcohol to PFAcids are worth investigation;**
- **As a first step in solving "the problem" address 'residual' materials;**
- **Chemical Architecture matters...watch out for large, perfluorinated chemicals that do not react with OH in the atmosphere ~ GWP issues.**

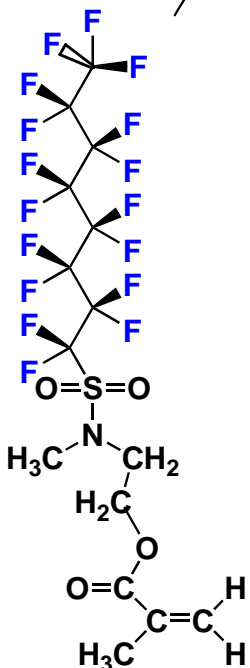
PolyFluoro Sulfamidoethanols...Big Picture

Human Exposure?

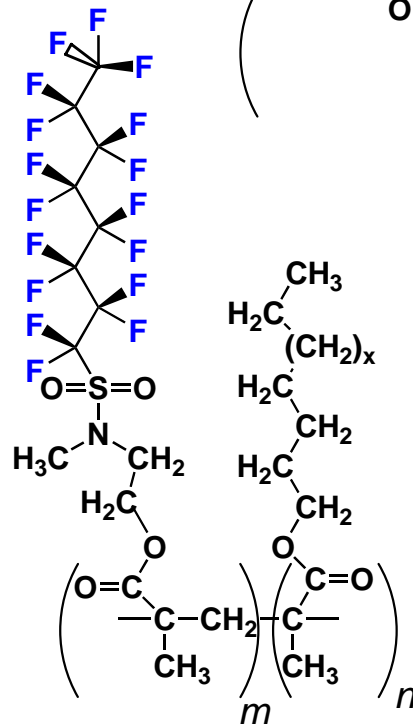
'Residual'
1-3 %



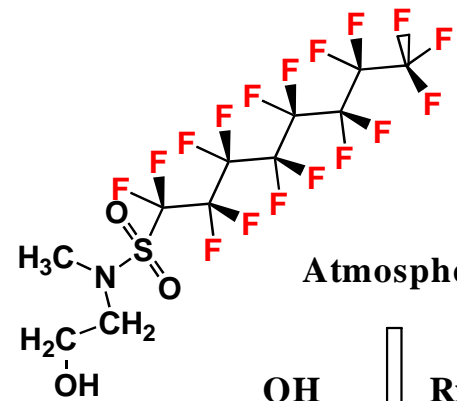
'MethyFose Alcohol'



'Fluoro-Monomer'



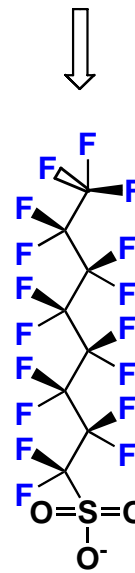
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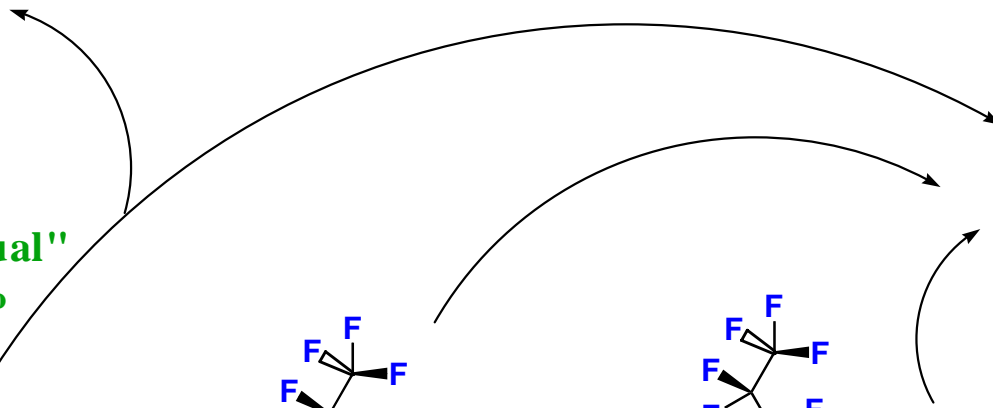
Atmosphere

OH Biological Rxns
Rxns

'Intermediates'

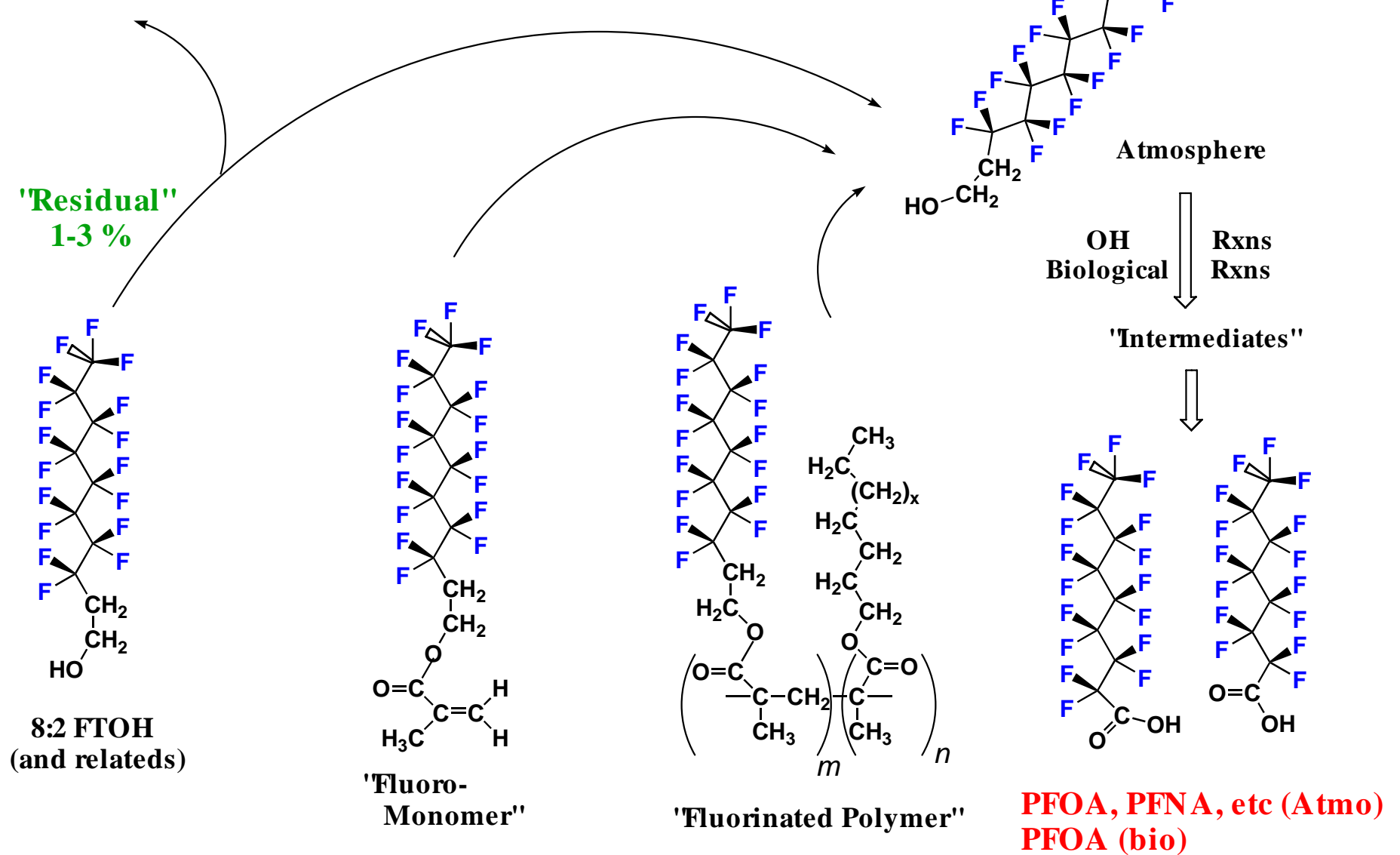


PFOS



Finale...the FTOH Fate

Human Exposure?



Differences? More is known (published); potential for longer chain PFCAs from larger FTOHs.

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