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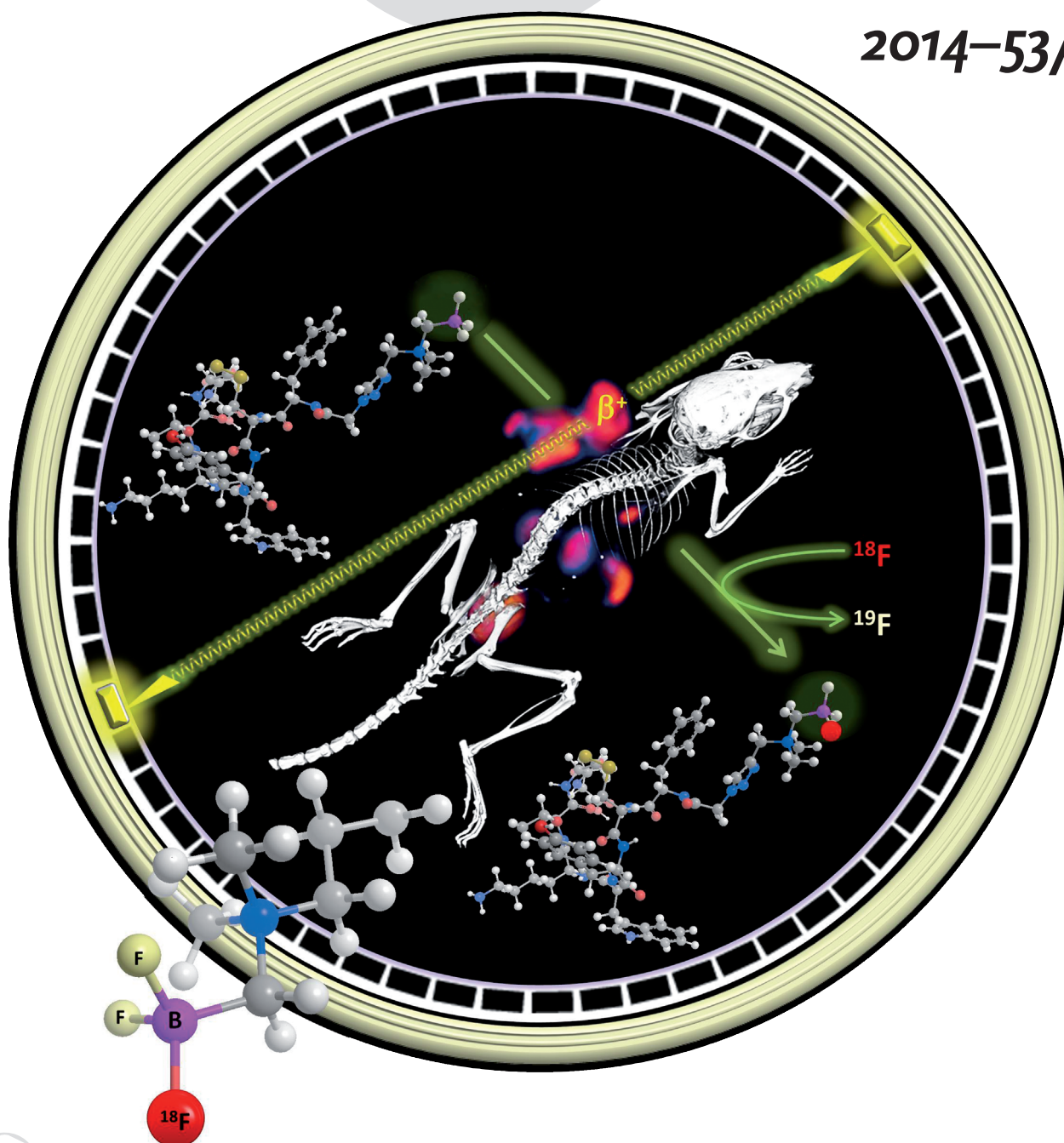
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Time is the essence ...

... for ^{18}F labeling. The poor reactivity of aqueous fluoride ions has long been a challenge in ^{18}F labeling. In their Communication on page 11876 ff., D. M. Perrin et al. present trifluoroborate–peptide conjugates that are labeled by isotopic exchange in water within 15 minutes to provide ^{18}F tracers with high specific activity. Time-consuming HPLC can be avoided. Several bioactive ligands enable PET imaging of in vivo targets.

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