# *Recent Advances in Radical Mediated Csp<sup>3</sup>–H Bond Fluorination*



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  - Metal-Free Catalyzed C–H Fluorination



# Properties & Importance of Fluorine Containing Compounds



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### Challenges of C–H Alkanes Activation



- Alkanes are relatively inert
- C–H alkanes have high BDE ~ 90 100 kcal/mol.

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# Challenges of C–H Fluorination

- C–F bond formation is a challenging:
  - due to fluorine's high electronegativity
  - the high hydration energy of fluoride anion



 In nature, haloperoxidase enzymes give rise to thousands of organochlorides and organobromides, but no fluoroperoxidase enzyme has been identified.



- Other Challenges Include:
  - Lack of solubility of alkali metal fluorides in organic solvents
  - Dearth of metal catalysts for selective C-F coupling reactions
  - Slow rate of most fluorination methods

# **Overview of Modern Organic Compounds Fluorination**



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simple alkankes, amides, ester, teriary alkohol, terpenoids, ketones,sterioids



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### Iron Catalyzed Benzylic C–H Fluorination



Premilinary Evidence of Radical Involved Fluorination



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#### Decatungstate Anion Catalyzed C-H Fluorination under Photo-irradiation



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4(Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>)

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**Fluorination of Natural Product Sclareolide** 



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# Decatungstate Anion Catalyzed C–H Fluorination under Photo–irradiation Proposed Mechanism



#### Silver–Catalyzed Oxidative Benzylic C–H Bonds Difluorination of Arenes



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Silver–Catalyzed Benzylic C–H Bonds Difluorination of Arenes Proposed Mechanism



$$Ag^{l} + S_2O_8^{2-} \longrightarrow Ag^{l} + SO_4^{2-} + SO_4^{--}$$

 $Ag^{I} + SO_{4}^{-} \rightarrow Ag^{II} + SO_{4}^{2-}$ 



#### Transition–Metal Free Oxidative Aliphatic C–H Fluorination



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#### Late Stage Fluorination of Complex Molecules



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Kinetic Deuterium Isotope Effect



Proposed Mechanism



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#### Vanadium–Catalyzed Fluorination of C–H Bonds



Chen, Org Chem Front 2014, 1, 468–472.

# KIE Study of Vanadium–Catalyzed Fluorination of Aliphatic C–H Bonds

#### Kinetic Deuterium Isotope Effect



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#### Uranyl Nitrate Catalyzed C–H Fluorination Under Visible Light Irradiation



#### Silver Catalyzed Fluorination of C–H Bonds Using Unprotected Amino Acids



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#### **Mechanistic Studies**

Two Mechanistic Scenarios for Ag(I) Oxidation



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#### Metal–Free C–H Fluorination Using N–Oxyl Radical



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# Photocatalyzed Metal–Free Benzylic C–H Fluorination



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#### Photocatalyzed Metal–Free Benzylic C–H Monofluorination



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### Photocatalyzed Metal–Free Bencylic C–H gem–Difluorination



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#### Photocatalyzed Metal–Free Benzylic C–H Fluorination Proposed Mechanism



### Photocatalyzed Metal–Free Aliphatic C–H Fluorination



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#### Triethylborane–Initiated Radical C–H Fluorination Proposed Mechanism



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#### Tetracyanibenzene Catalyzed Fluorination of Aliphatic C–H Bonds



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# Hypothesized Mechanism of Tetracyanibenzene Catalyzed Fluorination of Aliphatic C–H Bonds



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### Tetracyanibenzene Catalyzed Fluorination of Benzylic C–H Bonds



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# Summary

- Presented the different systems and associated mechanisms of C–H Fluorination
- Monofluorination vs. Difluorination
- Compatibility with various functional groups:
  - Aldehydes
  - Esters
  - Tertiary alcohols
  - Halogens
  - Amines
  - Carboxylic acids

