

Supporting Information

Tri- and difluoroethylation of alkenes by visible light photoredox catalysis

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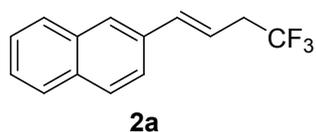
1. General information

^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra were detected on a 500 MHz, 400 MHz or 300 MHz NMR spectrometer. Data for ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F NMR were recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet, coupling constant (s) in Hz). Mass spectra were obtained on GC-MS or LC-MS (ESI). High resolution mass data were recorded on a high resolution mass spectrometer in the EI or ESI mode. The mass analyzer types for HRMS-EI, HRMS-ESI, and HRMSMALDI are time-of-flight, Fourier transform mass spectrometer, and Fourier transform mass spectrometer, respectively. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained commercially and used without further purification.

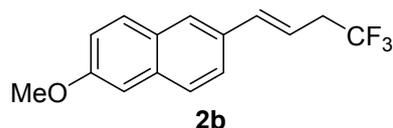
2. General procedure for trifluoroethylation of alkenes

Into a 5 mL sealed tube were added alkene **1** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), reagent **I** (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.), CuO (1.0 mmol, 2 equiv.), Ir(ppy)₃ (0.015 mmol, 3 mol%) and DMAc (3 mL) under a N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was exposed to blue light and stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The solid was removed by filtration and washed with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (10 mL \times 3), dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed by concentration.

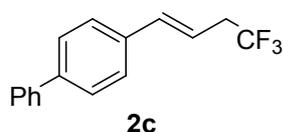
As the desired product and the byproduct Ph₂S have similar polarity, it was hard to isolate the desired product by direct flash column chromatography. Ph₂S was oxidized first by Me₃O⁺ BF₄⁻. The procedure is shown as follows. The mixture obtained above was dissolved in dichloromethane (3 mL), and Me₃O⁺ BF₄⁻ (400 mg, 2.7 mmol) was added into the solution. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, ethyl acetate (20 mL) was added. The mixture was washed with water (10 mL \times 3), dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed by concentration, and the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography to afford the final product.



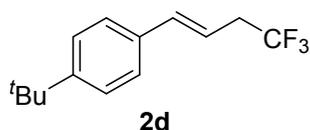
(*E*)-2-(4,4,4-trifluorobut-1-en-1-yl)naphthalene (**2a**)¹: White solid, 70.9 mg, 60%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 - 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dt, J = 16.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.11 - 3.01 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.2 (t, J = 10.6 Hz, 3F).



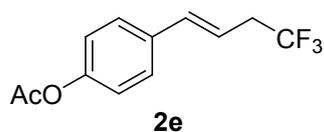
(*E*)-2-methoxy-6-(4,4,4-trifluorobut-1-en-1-yl)naphthalene (**2b**): White solid. M.p. 102 °C. 73.2 mg, 55%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dt, *J* = 15.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.09 – 2.99 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.2 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0 (s), 136.8 (s), 134.4 (s), 131.6 (s), 129.6 (s), 128.9 (s), 127.2 (s), 126.4 (s), 126.0 (q, *J* = 277.8 Hz), 123.9 (s), 119.1 (s), 116.4 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 105.9 (s), 55.3 (s), 37.8 (q, *J* = 29.8 Hz). IR (neat) ν = 3058, 2969, 2849, 1628, 1601, 1260, 1245, 1109, 1031, 970, 857, 818, 770 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃F₃O [M]⁺: 266.0918, Found: 266.0920.



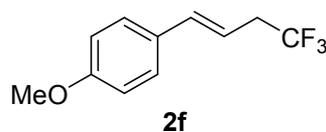
(*E*)-4-(4,4,4-trifluorobut-1-en-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**2c**)²: White solid, 91.8 mg, 70%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.38 (tt, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (dt, *J* = 15.9, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 2.99 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.2 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 3F).



(*E*)-1-(tert-butyl)-4-(4,4,4-trifluorobut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**2d**)¹: Colorless oil, 72.7 mg, 60%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.03 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.3 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 3F).

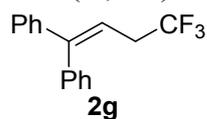


(*E*)-4-(4,4,4-trifluorobut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl acetate (**2e**)¹: White solid, 86.7 mg, 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.03 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.3 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 3F).



(*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(4,4,4-trifluorobut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**2f**)¹: Light yellow oil, 49.7 mg, 46%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dt, *J* = 16.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.01 –

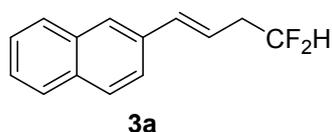
2.92 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -66.4 (t, J = 10.6 Hz, 3F).



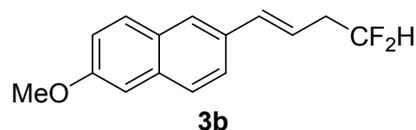
(4,4,4-trifluorobut-1-en-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (**2g**): Colorless oil, 102.3 mg, 78%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.06 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.85 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.7 (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 3F).

3. General procedure for difluoroethylation of alkenes

Into a 5 mL sealed tube were added alkene **1** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), reagent **II** (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.), CuO (1.0 mmol, 2 equiv.), Ir(ppy)₃ (0.015 mmol, 3 mol%) and DMAc (3 mL) under a N_2 atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was exposed to blue light and stirred at room temperature for 48 h. The solid was removed by filtration and washed with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (10 mL \times 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 . After the solvent was removed by concentration, the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography to afford the final product.

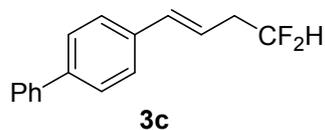


(*E*)-2-(4,4-difluorobut-1-en-1-yl)naphthalene (**3a**): White solid. M.p. 70 °C. 56.7 mg, 52%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 - 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dt, J = 15.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (tt, J = 56.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.77 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.4 (dt, J = 56.6, 17.2 Hz, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.4 (s), 134.1 (s), 133.6 (s), 133.1 (s), 128.3 (s), 128.0 (s), 127.7 (s), 126.37 (s), 126.33 (s), 126.0 (s), 123.4 (s), 119.9 (t, J = 6.8 Hz), 116.3 (t, J = 240.7 Hz), 38.2 (t, J = 22.0 Hz). IR (neat) ν = 3053, 2989, 2921, 1594, 1507, 1393, 1208, 1119, 1050, 816, 751, 479 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2$ [M]⁺: 218.0907, Found: 218.0903.

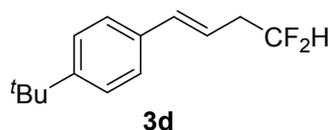


(*E*)-2-(4,4-difluorobut-1-en-1-yl)-6-methoxynaphthalene (**3b**): White solid. M.p. 95 °C. 63.3 mg, 51%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.55 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dt, J = 15.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (tt, J = 56.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.86 – 2.74 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.5 (dt, J = 56.7, 17.1 Hz, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8 (s), 135.4 (s), 134.2 (s), 132.0 (s), 129.5 (s), 128.9 (s), 127.1 (s), 126.1 (s),

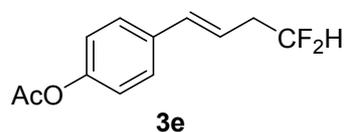
124.0 (s), 119.1 (s), 118.8 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 116.3 (t, $J = 240.8$ Hz), 105.9 (s), 55.3 (s), 38.2 (t, $J = 22.0$ Hz). IR (neat) $\nu = 2977, 2851, 1630, 1601, 1244, 1205, 1117, 1024, 858, 822, 772, 478$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 248.1013, Found: 248.1020.



(*E*)-4-(4,4-difluorobut-1-en-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3c**): White solid. M.p. 104 °C. 68.4 mg, 56%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.36 (tt, $J = 7.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.19 (dt, $J = 15.7, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.90 (tt, $J = 56.7, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.74 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.6 (dt, $J = 56.6, 17.3$ Hz, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.63 (s), 140.57 (s), 135.7 (s), 134.9 (s), 128.8 (s), 127.4 (s), 127.3 (s), 127.0 (s), 126.7 (s), 119.7 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 116.3 (t, $J = 240.7$ Hz), 38.1 (t, $J = 22.0$ Hz). IR (neat) $\nu = 3032, 2972, 1913, 1488, 1408, 1118, 1061, 970, 846, 758, 688, 468$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 244.1064, Found: 244.1073.

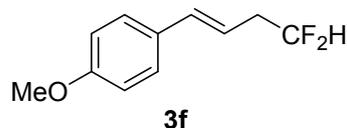


(*E*)-1-(tert-butyl)-4-(4,4-difluorobut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**3d**). This product also has similar polarity with that of byproduct Ph_2S . Therefore, the oxidization of Ph_2S was necessary. The oxidization process was shown in trifluoroethylation of alkenes except that the oxidization reaction should be quenched within a period of 3 h as the desired product is slightly sensitive to the oxidization reagent. Colorless oil, 59.4 mg, 53%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 6.54 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dt, $J = 15.8, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (tt, $J = 56.8, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.6 (dt, $J = 56.6, 17.2$ Hz, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.9 (s), 135.1 (s), 133.9 (s), 126.0 (s), 125.5 (s), 118.7 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 116.3 (t, $J = 240.7$ Hz), 38.1 (t, $J = 21.9$ Hz), 34.6 (s), 31.3 (s). IR (neat) $\nu = 2964, 2906, 1515, 1393, 1267, 1209, 1117, 1055, 968, 890, 806, 557$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 224.1377, Found: 224.1379.

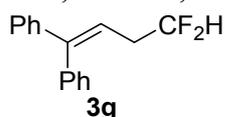


(*E*)-4-(4,4-difluorobut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl acetate (**3e**): White solid. M.p. 49 °C. 73.5 mg, 65%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dt, $J = 15.8, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.86 (tt, $J = 56.6, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.7 (dt, $J = 56.6, 17.3$ Hz, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4 (s), 150.2 (s), 134.5 (s), 134.3 (s), 127.3 (s), 121.7 (s), 119.8 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 116.1 (t, $J = 240.7$ Hz), 38.0 (t, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 21.1 (s). IR (neat) $\nu = 2986, 1755, 1600, 1508, 1374, 1221, 1116, 1052,$

1016, 912, 854, 594, 505 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 226.0805, Found: 226.0797.



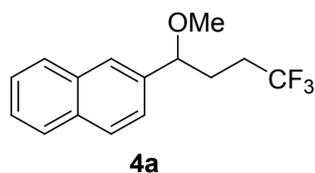
(*E*)-1-(4,4-difluorobut-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (**3f**): Light yellow oil, 46.6 mg, 47%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dt, $J = 15.8, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (tt, $J = 56.8, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.79 – 2.67 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.6 (dt, $J = 56.6, 17.1$ Hz, 2F).



(4,4-difluorobut-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (**3g**): Colorless oil, 86.7 mg, 71%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.07 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.83 (tt, $J = 56.8, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.61 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.5 (dt, $J = 56.9, 17.6$ Hz, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.6 (s), 141.8 (s), 139.2 (s), 129.6 (s), 128.5 (s), 128.2 (s), 127.6 (s), 127.5 (s), 127.3 (s), 118.2 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 116.3 (t, $J = 240.8$ Hz), 35.06 (t, $J = 21.8$ Hz). IR (neat) $\nu = 3057, 2977, 1599, 1494, 1445, 1393, 1121, 1052, 888, 762, 702, 592$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 244.1064, Found: 244.1060.

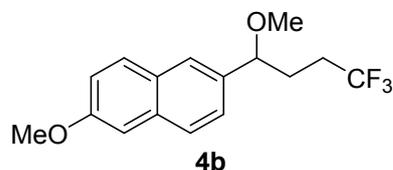
4. General procedure for methoxytrifluoroethylation of alkenes

Into a 5 mL sealed tube were added alkenes **1** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), reagent **I** (1.0 mmol, 2 equiv.), $\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})_3$ (0.01 mmol, 2 mol%) and MeOH (3 mL) under a N_2 atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was exposed to blue light and stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Ethyl acetate (20 mL) was added, and the resulting organic phase was washed with water (10 mL \times 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 . After the solvent was removed by concentration, the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography to afford the final product.

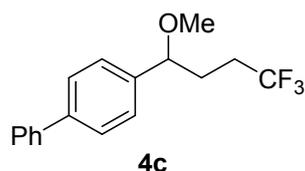


2-(4,4,4-trifluoro-1-methoxybutyl)naphthalene (**4a**): Colorless oil, 107.3 mg, 80%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90– 7.86 (m, 3H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, $J = 7.6, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.38 – 1.96 (m, 4H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -66.2 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.4 (s), 133.24 (s), 133.21 (s), 128.7 (s), 127.84 (s), 127.75 (s),

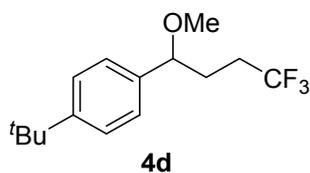
127.3 (q, $J = 276.7$ Hz), 126.3 (s), 126.0 (s), 125.8 (s), 124.0 (s), 82.2 (s), 56.8 (s), 30.33 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 30.26 (q, $J = 29.3$ Hz). IR (neat) $\nu = 3057, 2936, 2825, 1508, 1451, 1253, 1195, 1010, 858, 821, 749, 479$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{OF}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 268.1075, Found: 268.1078.



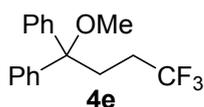
2-methoxy-6-(4,4,4-trifluoro-1-methoxybutyl)naphthalene (**4b**): White solid. M.p. 65 °C. 101.4 mg, 68%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 4.32 – 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.34 – 1.94 (m, 4H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -66.2 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8 (s), 136.0 (s), 134.4 (s), 129.3 (s), 128.6 (s), 127.5 (s), 127.3 (q, $J = 276.7$ Hz), 125.7 (s), 124.5 (s), 119.1 (s), 105.7 (s), 82.2 (s), 56.6 (s), 55.3 (s), 30.31 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 30.29 (q, $J = 29.3$ Hz). IR (neat) $\nu = 3059, 2939, 2825, 1608, 1508, 1418, 1267, 1172, 1033, 854, 655, 476$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 298.1181, Found: 298.1185.



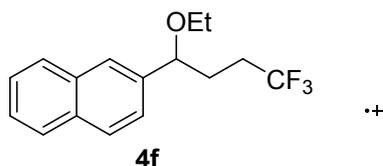
4-(4,4,4-trifluoro-1-methoxybutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**4c**): White solid. M.p. 60 °C. 125.1 mg, 85%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 4.23 (dd, $J = 8.1, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.39 – 1.92 (m, 4H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -66.2 (t, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.9 (s), 140.7 (s), 140.0 (s), 128.8 (s), 127.4 (s), 127.3 (q, $J = 276.7$ Hz), 127.1 (s), 126.9 (s), 81.8 (s), 56.8 (s), 30.5 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 30.3 (q, $J = 28.3$ Hz). IR (neat) $\nu = 3000, 2935, 2827, 1567, 1451, 1348, 1249, 1128, 836, 762, 691, 581$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{OF}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 294.1231, Found: 294.1240.



1-(tert-butyl)-4-(4,4,4-trifluoro-1-methoxybutyl)benzene (**4d**): Colorless oil, 90.5 mg, 66%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 8.1, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.35 – 1.87 (m, 4H), 1.35 (s, 9H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -66.2 (t, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.9 (s), 137.9 (s), 127.3 (q, $J = 277.8$ Hz), 126.2 (s), 125.5 (s), 81.9 (s), 56.7 (s), 34.5 (s), 31.4 (s), 30.4 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 30.3 (q, $J = 29.3$ Hz). IR (neat) $\nu = 2964, 2870, 2825, 1510, 1452, 1347, 1253, 1143, 1099, 1008, 834, 589$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{OF}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 274.1544, Found: 274.1544.



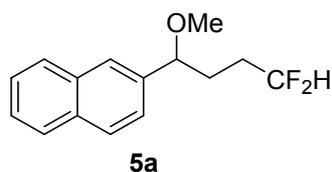
(4,4,4-trifluoro-1-methoxybutane-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (**4e**): White solid. M.p. 62 °C. 91.2 mg, 62%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 8H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 2.58 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.85 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.1 (t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.2 (s), 128.2 (s), 127.7 (q, *J* = 276.7 Hz), 127.1 (s), 126.7 (s), 81.2 (s), 49.9 (s), 28.2 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 27.4 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz). IR (neat) ν = 3061, 2954, 2830, 1600, 1448, 1389, 1320, 1256, 1141, 1093, 1007, 699, 601 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇OF₃ [M]⁺: 294.1231, Found: 294.1227.



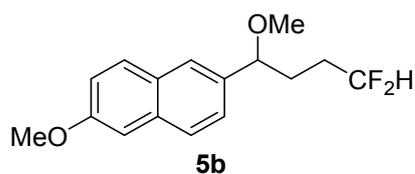
2-(1-ethoxy-4,4,4-trifluorobutyl)naphthalene (**4f**): EtOH/DMAc (v/v = 1 mL/2 mL) was used as the solvent instead of MeOH. Colorless oil, 80.5 mg, 57%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 - 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.48 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 2.39 – 1.94 (m, 4H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.1 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.2 (s), 133.20 (s), 133.17 (s), 128.6 (s), 127.8 (s), 127.7 (s), 127.33 (q, *J* = 277.1 Hz), 126.3 (s), 126.0 (s), 125.6 (s), 124.0 (s), 80.3 (s), 64.3 (s), 30.5 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 30.3 (q, *J* = 29.0 Hz), 15.2 (s). IR (neat) ν = 3058, 2977, 2870, 1451, 1387, 1340, 1252, 1141, 1094, 1020, 820, 748, 479 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₇OF₃ [M]⁺: 282.1231, Found: 282.1234.

5. General procedure for methoxydifluoroethylation of alkenes

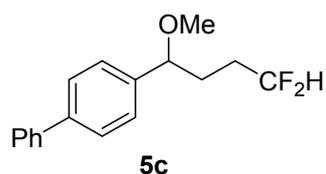
Into a 5 mL sealed tube were added alkenes **1** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), reagent **II** (1.0 mmol, 2 equiv.), Ir(ppy)₃ (0.01 mmol, 2 mol%) and component solvent (MeOH 1mL and DMAc 2 mL) under a N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was exposed to blue light and stirred at room temperature for 30 h. Ethyl acetate (20 mL) was added, and the resulting organic phase was washed with water (10 mL × 3), dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed by concentration, the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography to afford the final product.



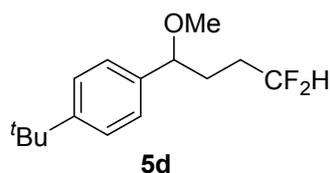
2-(4,4-difluoro-1-methoxybutyl)naphthalene (**5a**): Colorless oil, 83.8 mg, 67%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (tt, *J* = 56.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.83 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.34 (ddt, *J* = 280.1, 57.2, 17.3 Hz, 1F), -116.38 (ddt, *J* = 280.1, 57.2, 17.3 Hz, 1F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.8 (s), 133.22 (s), 133.20 (s), 128.6 (s), 127.8 (s), 127.7 (s), 126.2 (s), 126.0 (s), 125.8 (s), 124.1 (s), 117.3 (t, *J* = 240.4 Hz), 83.1 (s), 56.8 (s), 30.6 (t, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 30.4 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz). IR (neat) ν = 3056, 2934, 2824, 1508, 1403, 1111, 1067, 1018, 859, 821, 749, 479 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆OF₂ [M]⁺: 250.1169, Found: 250.1176.



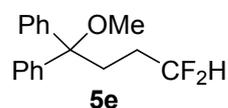
2-(4,4-difluoro-1-methoxybutyl)-6-methoxynaphthalene (**5b**): White solid. M.p. 42 °C. 99.5 mg, 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 5.85 (tt, *J* = 57.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 1.80 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.29 (ddt, *J* = 278.2, 56.4, 15.0 Hz, 1F), -116.32 (ddt, *J* = 278.2, 56.4, 15.0 Hz, 1F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8 (s), 136.5 (s), 134.4 (s), 129.3 (s), 128.7 (s), 127.4 (s), 125.7 (s), 124.7 (s), 119.1 (s), 117.3 (t, *J* = 240.4 Hz), 105.8 (s), 83.1 (s), 56.7 (s), 55.3 (s), 30.7 (t, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 30.4 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz). IR (neat) ν = 3058, 2937, 2824, 1608, 1484, 1390, 1267, 1230, 1111, 1068, 855, 477 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈O₂F₂ [M]⁺: 280.1275, Found: 280.1274.



4-(4,4-difluoro-1-methoxybutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**5c**): White solid. M.p. 44 °C. 85.7 mg, 62%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 5.86 (tt, *J* = 56.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 1.82 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.30 (ddt, *J* = 279.7, 57.2, 16.9 Hz, 1F), -116.36 (ddt, *J* = 279.7, 57.2, 16.9 Hz, 1F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.79 (s), 140.77 (s), 140.5 (s), 128.8 (s), 127.34 (s), 127.31 (s), 127.1 (s), 127.0 (s), 117.3 (t, *J* = 239.4 Hz), 82.7 (s), 56.8 (s), 30.6 (t, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 30.5 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz). IR (neat) ν = 3029, 2934, 2824, 1600, 1487, 1405, 1112, 1008, 979, 841, 765, 698 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈OF₂ [M]⁺: 276.1326, Found: 276.1330.



1-(tert-butyl)-4-(4,4-difluoro-1-methoxybutyl)benzene (**5d**): Colorless oil, 76.9 mg, 60%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 5.83 (tt, $J = 57.0, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, $J = 6.8, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.05 – 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.27 (ddt, $J = 279.7, 57.2, 16.9$ Hz, 1F), -116.32 (ddt, $J = 279.7, 57.2, 16.9$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.7 (s), 138.2 (s), 126.2(s), 125.4 (s), 117.3 (t, $J = 240.4$ Hz), 82.7 (s), 56.6 (s), 34.5 (s), 31.4 (s), 30.7 (t, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 30.5 (t, $J = 5.1$ Hz). IR (neat) $\nu = 2965, 2870, 2824, 1510, 1449, 1405, 1305, 1112, 1070, 980, 835, 595$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{OF}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 256.1639, Found: 256.1647.

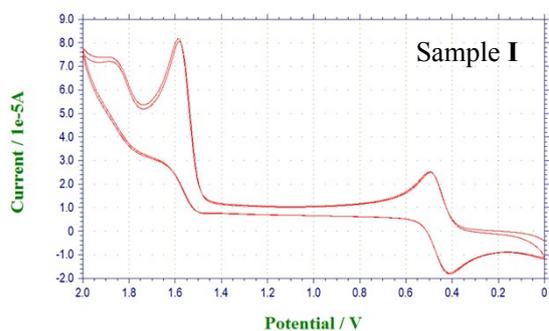


(4,4-difluoro-1-methoxybutane-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (**5e**): White solid. M.p. 63 °C. 98.1 mg, 71%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 8H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.78 (tt, $J = 57.0, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 2.50 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.62 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -116.04 (dt, $J = 56.8, 18.4$ Hz, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.6 (s), 128.1 (s), 126.9 (s), 126.8 (s), 117.3 (t, $J = 240.4$ Hz), 81.6 (s), 49.9 (s), 28.2 (t, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 27.0 (t, $J = 5.1$ Hz). IR (neat) $\nu = 3059, 2944, 2828, 1598, 1447, 1404, 1199, 1129, 1065, 976, 753, 700$ cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{OF}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 276.1326, Found: 276.1335.

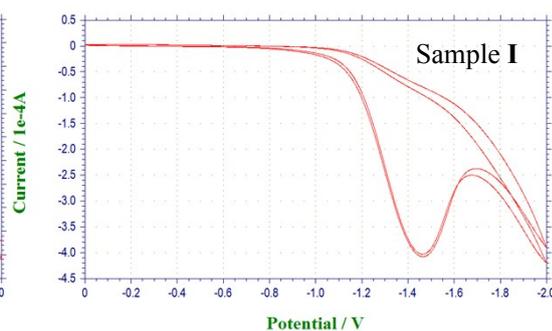
6. Cyclic Voltammetry studies

Electrochemical measurements were performed on a CHI660E electrochemical analyzer, using a standard three-electrode setup with a platinum working electrode (2 mm diameter), a platinum wire counter electrode, and a Ag/AgCl reference electrode. Sample **I** were prepared with reagent **I** (0.012 mmol) and Ferrocene (0.012 mmol) in the solution of ${}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ in dry and degassed acetonitrile (2.5 mL, 0.1 M). Sample **II** were prepared with reagent **II** (0.5 mmol) and Ferrocene (0.012 mmol) in the solution of ${}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ in dry and degassed acetonitrile (2.5 mL, 0.1 M). Solutions were kept under a N_2 atmosphere during the measurements. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) with the following settings: Scan Rates = 0.1 V/s, Sweep Segments = 4, Sample Interval = 0.001 V, Quiet Time = 2 sec. Data was analyzed using Origin 2016, and Epc was the peak potential at the maximum current. The obtained value was referenced to Ag/AgCl and converted to Saturated Calomel Electrode (SCE). Reagent **I** : $E_{\text{pc}} = -1.517$ V vs SCE; Reagent **II** : $E_{\text{pc}} = -1.237$ V vs SCE.

Reagent I: $\text{Ph}_2\text{S}^+\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3 \text{TfO}^-$

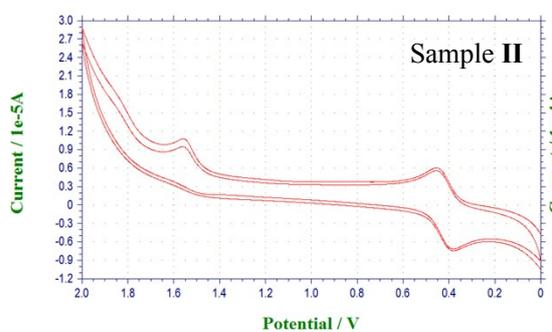


$$E_{1/2}(\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+) = 0.453 \text{ V vs Ag/AgCl}$$
$$E_{1/2}(\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+) = 0.400 \text{ V vs SCE}^3$$

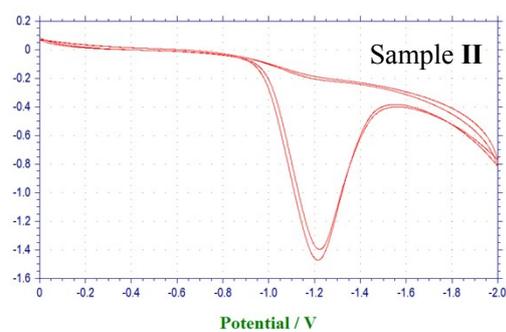


$$E_{\text{pc}} = -1.464 \text{ V vs Ag/AgCl}$$
$$E_{\text{pc}} = -1.517 \text{ V vs SCE}$$

Reagent II: $\text{Ph}_2\text{S}^+\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{H TfO}^-$



$$E_{1/2}(\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+) = 0.418 \text{ V vs Ag/AgCl}$$
$$E_{1/2}(\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+) = 0.400 \text{ V vs SCE}^3$$



$$E_{\text{pc}} = -1.219 \text{ V vs Ag/AgCl}$$
$$E_{\text{pc}} = -1.237 \text{ V vs SCE}$$

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8. Copies of ^1H NMR, ^{19}F NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of products

