# **Problem Session (5)**

Please provide the reaction mechanisms.



### **Problem Session (5) Answer**

**Topic**: The reaction with O<sub>2</sub> in total synthesis **Introduction**:



Energy



Photosensitization is a common way of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  generation. Intersystem crossing (ISC) from  ${}^{3}O_{2}$ \* to  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  is difficult because of their energetic difference.

By using sensitizer (such as rose bengal, methylene blue, tetraphenylporphyrin),  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  can be generated from  ${}^{3}O_{2}$  via sensitization.

For the reaction of <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, see also 100703\_LS\_Tamaki\_Hoshikawa 140620\_PS\_Komei\_Sakata

Unique feature of oxygen molecule:

Usually, product contains O-O bond, which can be used as an oxidant.  $\rightarrow$  O<sub>2</sub> can activate more than 1 position.



Problem 1: Total synthesis of cardamom peroxide by Maimone (2014)



Problem 2: Total synthesis of cephalosporolide G by Carreño (2009)







\* Slow addiiton of PhSiH<sub>3</sub> suppressed premature reduction of peroxy radical 1-13.





path B (Ti should be located on the same face)

The first dimerization proceeds from less hindered face.

OTi<sup>n</sup> avoid large dimethyl-cyclobutane ring, and generates **1-31-a**.



From both pathway, **1-5** would be generated. For path B to proceed, Ti<sup>n</sup>O group of **1-31-a** must be located on the same face, thus stereoselectivity was ensured.

1-5

## Discussion 2: <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub> [4+2] cycloaddition

[4+2] cycloaddition of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  is proposed to proceed with diradical pathway<sup>8,9)</sup> (except for benzene with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ ).



Author mentioned that **1-9** was also obtained in 12% yield in step 2. Radical **1-35** is stabilized by captodative effect, thus BDE of highlighted C-H would be lowered. It might be the cause of auto oxidation.





Discussion 3: Generation of singlet oxygen from peroxide

1. Detection of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ 

 $O_2$  can be generated by decomposition of hydrogen peroxide or organic peroxides, and it is described that the generated oxygen molecule is  ${}^{1}O_2$ , not ground state  ${}^{3}O_2$ .<sup>5)</sup>

In case of Oxone: Chemical trap<sup>6)</sup>



detected in both conditions **2-15** was used as a trap for  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ , and Oxone under basic conditions gave endoperoxide **2-16**.

2. Plausible mechanism of decomposition of HSO5<sup>-</sup>

Path A or path B seems plausible in the reaction.

Path A: nucleophilic attack on O atom



Path B: nucleophilic attack on S atom



### 2.2. O<sup>18</sup> labeling experiment<sup>6)</sup>



O<sup>18</sup> labeling experiment was conducted. In the experiment, authors mixed O<sup>18</sup> labeled peroxy acid and normal peroxy acid, then measured the molecule weight of  $O_2$ . If path A proceeds, scrambled  $O_2^{34}$  would be observed. From the ratio of generating  $O_2^{36}$ , we can judge which pathway is more favorable. Authors measured 4 peroxy acids described above. The result showed that path A was more favorable in case of Oxone. For other peroxy acids, the tendency of the reaction pathway depends on leaving ability of RO<sup>-</sup> and bulkiness of carbonyl group.

Note: Experimental results show that the rate of Oxone loss follows a second-order reaction of Oxone concentration and the decomposition speed can be expressed as  $v = k [OSO_4H^-][OSO_4^{2^-}]$ . The rate constant in aqueous solution at pH=pKa ([OSO4H-]=[OSO42-]) was measured:

In this problem, the initial concentration of Oxone was about 0.45 M, so assuming that the solution was at pH = pKa = 9.2, the half-life  $t_{1/2}$  of Oxone is

#### $t_{1/2} = 1/k/[OSO42-] = 1/(47*10^{-3}*0.45/2) = 94 [s].$

The actual half-life should be longer than this time because the actual pH is not likely to be 9.2, but the rate of singlet oxygen generation is considered fast enough.

Therefore, this reaction should be reacted from singlet oxygen rather than from Oxone.

**Discussion 4**: Stereoselective conjugate addition

4 diastereomers could be generated in conjugate addition.



Construction of trans-6/6 ring seems hard in this substrate due to steric repulsion between OOH and side chain. Incomparison with 2-6-b and 2-6-c, 2-6-b is more stable because methyl group locates on equatorial position. The reaction is reversible, thus more stable 2-6-b was obtained as a major product.

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