

8 H); IR (KBr) 1650, 1180 cm⁻¹. A similar procedure gave 3a in 20% yield.

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These capped cyclodextrins were readily converted to the corresponding diiodo derivatives (AC and/or AD) by treatment with KI in DMF at 80-90 °C for 2 h;⁷ these were further converted to dideoxy derivatives by treatment with NaBH₄. Spectral characteristics of the capped cyclodextrins and corresponding diiodo and dideoxy derivatives were satisfactory, but no appreciable difference has been observed between AC and AD isomers. Most characteristic is the ¹³C NMR spectrum where the AC and AD isomers exhibit practically identical absorptions: 102.03 (C₁), 81.39 (C₄), strong peak centered at 72.11 (\tilde{C}_2, C_3, C_5), 59.87 (\tilde{C}_6 adjacent to hydroxyl), and 9.50 (C_6 adjacent to iodine) for the AC isomer and 101.91 (C1), 81.39 (C4), strong peak centered at 72.11 (C₂, C₃, C₅), 59.87 (C₆ adjacent to hydroxyl), and 9.50 (C₆ adjacent to iodine) for the AD isomer. The possibility of an AB isomer is easily excluded on the basis of ¹³C NMR chemical shifts of the present capped cyclodextrins listed above which are slightly but appreciably different from that of the AB isomer expected from the α -A,B,X isomer, 7.8



The A,C capping with **2b** was strongly supported by our results of formation of the doubly capped β -cyclodextrin with **2b**⁹ in good yield (ca. 35% based on cyclodextrin used, which is very close to the yield of single A,C capping of 40%), since any double capping is not possible from a A,D capping reagent (Table I). Actually A,D capping reagent **2a**¹⁰ leads to polymeric material almost exclusively, and double cap was obtained in less than 2.5% yield under the conditions of **2b** capping (Scheme II).

The presence of AC and AD isomers was first proved by Breslow⁴ for C in Scheme I, the observed isomer ratio being dependent on the nature of the capping reagent (2c and 2d). This structural dependence of regioselectivity, not remarkable for such similar capping reagents as 2c and 2d, is dramatically shown in the present examples. Judging from the CPK molecular model,



the major determining factor of the present regiospecific AC and AD capping is concluded to be the "looper's walk" mechanism of the capping reaction, i.e., the first functionalization determines the site of the second functionalization at the "best fit" position, considering the distance between two reacting sites (see Table II), strain in a transition state, direction of approach of an entering group, etc. This mechanism seems to be generally applicable to regiospecific multifunctionalization of large molecules to afford models of enzymes or other biologically important molecules.

Facile Degradation by Superoxide Ion of Carbon Tetrachloride, Chloroform, Methylene Chloride, and p,p'-DDT in Aprotic Media

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Although there is ample evidence that superoxide ion (O_2^{-}) is an effective nucleophile in aprotic sovlents,¹ studies have been limited to alkyl halides²⁻⁵ and esters.⁶⁻⁸ Kinetic studies confirm

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⁽⁹⁾ Double cap was obtained as a sharp round spot on TLC (silica gel, *n*-PrOH/H₂O/AcOEt/25% NH₃ = 5:3:2:1, R_f double cap 0.64, single cap 0.54, β -CD 0.18, polymeric 0; CH₃CN/H₂O = 5:1, R_f double cap 0.6, single cap 0.2, β -CD 0), and the ¹H NMR intensity of the corresponding pure tetradeoxy derivative (NaBH₄ reduction of the tetraiodide) was satisfactory. Impure compound was contaminated with benzophenone-3,3'-disulfonic acid ascertained by ¹H NMR of the cap, which was successfully eliminated by repeated reprecipitation with tetrachloroethylene. Electronic and IR spectra were also satisfactory. Details will be described in a forthcoming article.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Structure of the A,D cap was ascertained by its photochemistry. Two well-separated peaks, P_1 and P_2 , were observed for the *cis*-stilbene-4,4'-disulfonyl cap, where P_2 was identical with the cis cap, derived from the present *trans*-stilbene-4,4'-disulfonyl cap by irradiation in every respect. Since neither P_1 nor P_2 was an AB isomer, the present stilbene cap is concluded to have the AD structure.

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Figure 1. Cyclic voltammograms for the reduction of 4 mM O₂ (1 atm) in dimethylformamide (0.1 M tetraethylammonium perchlorate) at a platinum electrode (area, 0.23 cm²) in the absence (—) as well as in the presence (– –) of (a) 3 mM CCl₄ and (b) 3 mM CH₃Cl. The cathodic peak (upper) height from an initial negative scan at a rate of 0.1 V s⁻¹ is proportional to O₂ concentration at the electrode surface. The anodic peak (lower) height that results from reversal of the scan direction is proportional to the O₂- concentration (produced by the reduction of O₂) that diffuses to the electrode surface during the life of the experiment. Saturated calomel electrode (SCE) vs. NHE, +0.244 V.

that the reactions are first order in substrate,^{9,10} the rates follow the order primary > secondary >> tertiary for alkyl halides and tosylates^{4,5} and I > Br > Cl,^{3,4,10} and the attack by O₂⁻ on alkyl halides results in an inversion of configuration.^{4,5} Thus, the alkyl halide-O₂⁻ reaction occurs via an S_N2 mechanism and yields dialkyl peroxide as an overall product.

We wish to report that CCl₄, CHCl₃, CH₂Cl₂, CH₃Cl, and p,p'-DDT react rapidly with superoxide ion in dimethylformamide (DMF) and dimethyl sulfoxide (Me₂SO). The overall reactions for the chloromethane substrates are multistep processes that consume one or more O_2^{-} ions per chloride to yield oxygenated products. An especially surprising result is that the relative rates of reaction for the primary rate-limiting step follow the order CCl₄ > CHCl₃ > p,p'-DDT > CH₃Cl > CH₂Cl₂. The second-order rate constants for reaction of CCl₄ and CHCl₃ with O_2^{-} indicate that these are among the fastest displacement reactions yet reported for superoxide ion.

The solid curves of Figure 1 illustrate the cyclic voltammetric reduction of O_2 to O_2^{-} and the reoxidation of the latter. The effect on the process of adding CCl₄ and CH₃Cl to the solutions is illustrated by the dashed curves of Figure 1. All alkyl halides exhibit the same general effect upon the O_2/O_2^{-} electrochemistry. The reduction peak is enhanced, which implies an intermediate reaction step that generates O_2 from O_2^{-} , and the oxidation peak for the reverse scan (due to O_2^{-}) is diminished or absent. The latter indicates that O_2^{-} is being removed by reaction with the substrates.

The overall reactant and product stoichiometries for the degradation of polychloro substrates by O_2^{-} in DMF and Me₂SO

Table I. Stoichiometries and Kinetics for the Reaction of 0.1-4 mM O_2^{-1} with Polychloromethanes and p,p'-DDT in Dimethylformamide (0.1 M Tetraethylammonium Perchlorate) at 25 °C^a

substrate (S), 0.1-5 mM	O₂ per S	C1 ⁻ released per S	O ₂ released per S	$k_2, M^{-1} s^{-1}$
$CH_{3}CI$ $CH_{2}CI_{2}$ $CHCI_{3}$ CCI_{4} $p p'-DDT$	$ \begin{array}{r} 1 \pm 0.2 \\ 2 \pm 0.4 \\ 4 \pm 0.5 \\ 6 \pm 0.5 \\ 3 \pm 0.5 \\ \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1 \pm 0.1 \\ 2 \pm 0.2 \\ 3 \pm 0.2 \\ 4 \pm 0.2 \\ 2 \pm 0.2 \\ \end{array} $	1.2 ± 0.3 4.2 ± 0.3	$80 \pm 10 9 \pm 2 460 \pm 60 1300 \pm 200 130 \pm 20 \\ 100 \pm 20 \\ 1$

^a Overall reactions: (1) CH₃Cl + O₂^{-.} \rightarrow ¹/₂CH₃O-OCH₃ + Cl⁻ + ¹/₂O₂; (2) CH₂Cl₂ + 2O₂^{-.} \rightarrow CH₂O + 2Cl⁻ + ³/₂O₂; (3) CHCl₃ + 4O₂^{-.} \rightarrow HC(O)OO⁻ + 3Cl⁻ + ⁵/₂O₂; (4) CCl₄ + 6O₂^{-.} \rightarrow CO₄²⁻ + 4Cl⁻ + 4O₂; (5) p,p'-DDT + 3O₂^{-.} \rightarrow products + 2Cl⁻ + ³/₂O₂.

are summarized in Table I.¹¹ Combination of CCl₄ with 6 equiv of O_2^{-} in Me₂SO yields a product solution which, after dilution with water, can be titrated with aqueous HCl. The stoichiometry and titration curve are consistent with those for an authentic sample of Na₂CO₃ in the same medium. Because peroxides are known to oxygenate Me₂SO to dimethyl sulfone (DMSO₂),¹² a reasonable conclusion is that the overall product from the reaction of CCl₄ with excess O_2^{-} is CO₄²⁻ and that it reacts with this solvent to yield the CO₃²⁻ which is determined by the HCl titration.

When CHCl₃ is combined with 4 equiv of O_2^{-1} in DMF, a basic product solution is obtained. Dilution with water and titration with HCl yield a titration curve with a stoichiometry (monoprotic) and an apparent pK_a (6.7) that are consistent with peroxyformate ion.¹³ The acidified product solution oxidizes I⁻ to I₂, which is a further indication of a peroxide species.

On the basis of these experiments and the stoichiometries, overall reactions are proposed for the degradation of polychloro substrates (see Table I). The second-order rate constants for the reaction of O_2^{-} with several polychloro substrates are summarized in Table I.¹⁴

The data for CH₃Cl in Table I are in accord with previous studies of the reactivity of O_2^{-} with *n*-alkyl halides; the value of the rate constant (80 M⁻¹ s⁻¹) is 25 times greater than the values for *n*-BuCl in Me₂SO.² Likewise, previous kinetic data for the reaction of O_2^{-} with methylene bromide and related halides confirm the order of reactivity for CH₂Cl₂ and CH₃Cl in Table I (CH₃Br reacts 25 times faster than CH₂Br₂ with O_2^{-}).¹⁰ This and the data for the other substrates in Table I are consistent with the conclusion that the primary step (first order in O_2^{-} and first order in substrate) for all of the substrates is rate limiting.¹⁵

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A subsidiary observation is that hydroxide ion (as 25% tetraethylammonium hydroxide in methanol) reacts rapidly with CCl4 and CHCl₃ in aprotic solvents. For example, the reaction with CCl₄ is so rapid in Me₂SO that it can be titrated with a stoichiometry of 4 mol of OH⁻ per mol of CCl₄. The ultimate product presumbably is CO₂, which probably cannot be further titrated to CO_3^{2-} in Me₂SO.

In the presence of a fourfold excess of OH⁻, the rate of disappearance of O_2^- by reaction with CCl_4 is measurably reduced. Analysis of the kinetics for such experiments indicates that the assumed second-order rate constant for the $OH^- + CCl_4$ reaction is 0.7 \pm 0.3 of that for the O₂⁻ + CCl₄ reaction.

For the solution conditions of Table I, thiocyanate ion (SCN⁻) does not react to a significant extent with CCl₄ in Me₂SO (second-order rate constant <10⁻² $M^{-1} s^{-1}$). Hence, O_2^{-1} and OH^{-1} appear to be unique, exceptionally strong nucleophiles with respect to their reactivity toward alkyl halides in aprotic media

Although strong bases are known to eliminate HCl from CHCl₃ and p,p'-DDT via an S_N1cB mechanism to give dichlorocarbene and $(p-ClC_6H_4)_2C=CCl_2$,¹⁶ there is not any evidence that such processes are competitive with the displacement reactions of Table I. However, the stoichiometry for the reaction of p,p'-DDT indicates that only two of the three alkylchloro atoms are removed. Hence, subsequent to the first step, there may be a dehydrohalogenation to give a chloro-substituted alkene. Such a product may have limited reactivity with O_2^{-} ; for example, 1,1,2-trichloroethene (trichloroethylene) reacts extremely slowly.

That the rate constants for CCl₄ and CHCl₃ are much larger than that for CH₃Cl is surprising and in conflict with their extreme steric inhibition of an $S_N 2$ process. Although a direct electron transfer is an attractive alternative mechanism (reaction 1), the

$$\operatorname{CCl}_4 + \operatorname{O}_2^{-} \to \operatorname{CCl}_4^{-} + \operatorname{O}_2 \tag{1}$$

redox potentials for CCl₄ ($E^{\circ\prime}$, -1.3 V vs. SCE) and O₂ ($E^{\circ\prime}$, -0.9 V vs. SCE) in DMF do not favor a rapid and complete reaction. However, formation of an adduct, $CCl_4(O_2, \cdot)$, as a transition state prior to concerted intramolecular electron transfer, displacement of Cl⁻, and formation of CCl₃O₂ would facilitate a rapid reaction and overcome the thermodynamic inhibition of reaction 1. Hence, reasonable and self-consistent initial reactions for the O_2^- -CCl₄ system in DMF are

$$\operatorname{CCl}_4 + \operatorname{O}_2^{-} \to [\operatorname{CCl}_4(\operatorname{O}_2^{-})]_{\mathrm{tr}} \to \operatorname{CCl}_3\operatorname{O}_2^{-} + \operatorname{Cl}^{-}$$
(2)

$$\operatorname{CCl}_3\operatorname{O}_2^{\cdot} + \operatorname{O}_2^{-} \to \operatorname{CCl}_3\operatorname{O}_2^{-} + \operatorname{O}_2 \tag{3}$$

These are followed by additional rapid displacement and reduction steps to give the overall reaction of Table I. Analogous mechanistic pathways are proposed for the other substrates. There is not any evidence that the C-H bond of CHCl₃ is broken or that aromatic chlorides (p, p'-DDT) are displaced within the time frame of our experiments (less than 1 h).

The exceptional reactivity of O2- with polychloro hydrocarbons in aprotic solvents provides a convenient means to their degradation and detoxification. For example, a controlled-potential electrolysis cell with an air-saturated Me₂SO-tetraalkylammonium chloride electrolyte could be used to generate O_2^{-} , which would convert CCl_4 wastes (added to the cell) to CO_3^{2-} and Me_2SO_2 .

Slater¹⁷ has suggested that the hepatotoxicity of CCl₄ is due to a CCl₄-stimulated peroxidation of unsaturated fatty acids via the Cl₃CO₂• radical. Because this species is believed to be the

$$2O_2^{-} + H_2O \rightarrow O_2 + HO_2^{-} + OH^{-}$$

However, these nucleophiles (OH⁻ and HO₂⁻), at most, would be present at a tenfold lower concentration than O_2^{-} . Their contribution to the total a tenfold lower concentration than O_2^{-} . Their contribution to the total reaction rate with CCl₄ would be less than 5% (less than the experimental error of the measurements).

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Ferrocenyl-Stabilized Two-Coordinate Phosphorus Cations: Synthesis, Coordination Chemistry, and Mössbauer Spectroscopy

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Halide abstraction from bis(dialkylamino)halophosphines with Lewis acids to form two-coordinate phosphorus cations (phosphenium ions) is well established,^{1,2} but there are no unequivocal examples of phosphenium ions featuring two P-C bonds.³ Since the remarkable ability of the ferrocenyl moiety (Fc) to stabilize carbenium ions is well documented,⁶ it seemed appropriate to attempt the stabilization of phosphenium ions by using this substituent. The purpose of the present communication is to report the synthesis of $(Fc)_2P^+(1)$, the first example of a low-coordinate noncarbon main group cation stabilized by ferrocenyl groups. We also report initial results on the coordination chemistry of 1.



Treatment of Fc₂PCl⁷ with a stoichiometric quantity of Al₂Cl₆ in CH_2Cl_2 at -78 °C, followed by warming to room temperature, resulted in a deep red solution. The ³¹P NMR spectrum of this

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