Scheme II. Plausible Structures for Fe Complexes FS-1 and FS-2



oxidation of C-H bonds with dioxygen whereas those of FS-2 (Fe) would be inactive.

Cyclohexane oxidation was investigated with several complexes prepared from the functionalized silica gels.⁸ It was observed that the compound which contains the dimethylamino group and two iron atoms [FS-1 (Fe)] is effective but that the compounds synthesized from other complexing ligands [FS-2 (Fe), FS-3 (Fe), and FS-4 (Fe)] were not active catalysts for oxidation (see Scheme I). The results of FS-1 are given in Table I.

Different metal complexes show different reactivities. The results are also shown in Table I. Runs 1, 2, and 8 are blanks. (Runs with various metals are 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.) The order of reactivity is $Cu > Fe \approx Mn \approx Ni \approx Co$.

The stability constants for complex formation of metal ions with ethylenediamine diacetate as a ligand are known:⁹ $Fe^{2+} = 14.33$; $Co^{2+} = 16.21$; $Ni^{2+} = 18.52$; $Cu^{2+} = 18.79$; and $Fe^{3+} = 25.1$. Making use of these constants and using for iron a mean value of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} , Cu(II) might form the most stable complex with FS-1 compared with the other metals. When a stable complex reacts with dioxygen, a new reactive metal-oxygen complex is produced that is active as oxidizing catalyst.

The main product obtained from the oxidation of cyclohexane by the present method is cyclohexanol. In contrast, Barton¹⁰ and co-workers observed cyclohexanone as the main product. This suggests that the mechanisms of the oxidations by these two reactions are different. We are investigating the mechanism by means of substituted cyclohexanes.

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Powerful Dienophiles for Asymmetric Diels-Alder Reactions: α -(2-exo-Hydroxy-10-bornylsulfinyl)maleimides

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Summary: Enantiomerically pure N-substituted α -(2exo-hydroxy-10-bornylsulfinyl)maleimides 1 have been synthesized diastereoselectively, and these dienophiles undergo Diels-Alder reactions readily with furan to give the corresponding cycloadducts with high diastereoselectivity.

The asymmetric Diels-Alder reactions using chiral dienes or dienophiles or chiral Lewis acid derivatives as promoters have received wide-spread attention during the past decade.² A number of applications of chiral dienophiles have been reported, including our studies in the area of chiral sulfoxides.³⁻⁵ High asymmetric induction in the cycloadditions with reactive dienes such as cyclopentadiene has been achieved. In sharp contrast, few reports concerning asymmetric Diels-Alder reactions with furan have appeared because of its low reactivity.^{4,5} Generally, the use of furan in a Diels-Alder reaction requires highpressure conditions.⁶ Although the high-pressure meth-

⁽⁸⁾ Representative oxidation procedure: To cyclohexane in a 100-mL round-bottom flask were added metal complexed FS, Zn powder, and acetic acid, and the suspension was stirred magnetically for a given time at room temperature under a static pressure of oxygen provided by a balloon. (A reviewer has suggested caution since a potentially explosive mixture could be generated. We experienced no problems, however, and add that the balloon was thin and the pressure was never greater than 1 atm. The system was always in the hood.) After the reaction, the contents of the flask were filtered and washed thoroughly with anhydrous ethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were distilled to a constant residual volume and this was analyzed by GC. Recovered cyclohexane was weighed. The only products were cyclohexanone and cyclohexanol. Quantitative GC analysis was carried out by the comparison of a standard cyclohexane-cyclohexanol-cyclohexanone calibration curve.

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entry	dienophile	diene	additive (1.5 equiv)	temp (°C)	time (h)	product (ratio)	isolated yield (%)
1	18	cyclopentadiene	ZnCla	0	0.5	5a/6a (94:6) ^b	95
2	1 b	cyclopentadiene	ZnCl	õ	0.5	5b/6b (90:10) ^b	97
3	1c	cyclopentadiene	ZnCl ₂	Ō	0.3	5c/6c (97:3)°	100
4	lc	cyclopentadiene	ZnCl ₂	-78	0.5	5c/6c (97:3)°	97
5	1c	furan	ZnCl	-20	62	7/8/9/10 (49:26:11:15)°	60
6	1c	furan	$ZnCl_2$	0	0.5	7/8 (71:29)	66
7	1 c	furan	$ZnCl_2$	0	60	7/8 (68:32)	72
8	1c	furan	$ZnCl_2$	10	1	7/8/9/10 (79:9:7:5)°	56
9	1 c	furan	$ZnCl_2$	10	56	7/8/9/10 (80:8:4:8) ^c	68
10	1c	furan	$ZnCl_2$	rt	20	7/9 (55:45)	56
11	1 c	furan	none	0	24	7/8/9/10 (29:22:29:20)°	56
12	1c	furan	none	rt	5	7/8/9/10 (22:32:24:22) ^c	54

^a The reactions were carried out in dichloromethane as solvent and at 1-2 mmol (dienophile) scale. The major adducts 5 were separable from the minor products 6 by recrystallization. Diastereoisomers 7-9 were separable from each other by column chromatography; however, adduct 10 was inseparable from adduct 8 without the aid of HPLC. ^bRatio was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. ^cRatio was determined by HPLC analysis.

odology is attractive for reactions that proceed inefficiently under conventional conditions, development of the Diels-Alder reaction under lower pressure conditions is more practical for large-scale preparation. Furthermore, the high-pressure procedure has the disadvantage that the cycloaddition products obtained under ultrahigh pressure $(\sim 1 \text{ GPa})$ often undergo cycloreversion at ambient or higher temperature. Recently, we demonstrated that (2pyridylsulfinyl)acrylates react with furan to afford the Diels-Alder adducts with a high degree of diastereoselectivity.⁴ Unfortunately, these reactions require long reaction times (\sim 7 days) and suffer from unsatisfactory yields. This indicates a need for powerful chiral dienophiles that could effect a Diels-Alder reaction with dienes of low reactivity under conventional conditions. Herein, we show the first practically useful dienophile, chiral sulfinylmaleimides 1, that react diastereoselectively with poor Diels-Alder dienes such as furan with short reaction times.

Sulfoxides 1 were easily prepared in three steps and excellent yields (Scheme I). Treatment of the maleimides 2 with 10-mercaptoisoborneol⁷ gave the sulfides $3.^8$





Chlorination with N-chlorosuccinimide and subsequent elimination of hydrogen chloride afforded the maleimides 4. Exposure of 4 to 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (m-CPBA) produced the sulfoxides 1. The oxidation proceeded in a diastereoselective manner (de ~100%), and the configuration of the sulfinyl center could be tentatively assigned as $R.^9$ Although these sulfoxides are sensitive to acid, base, or silica gel, one crystallization of the crude oxidation product affords material satisfactory for use.

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in Table I, indicating some notable features. Under chelation-controlled conditions, the Diels-Alder reaction with cyclopentadiene proceeded with high diastereofacial selectivity to give the corresponding adducts (entries 1–4). It should be noted that the product ratios derived from furan were dependent entirely on the reaction temperature (entries 5–10). At 0 °C (entries 6 and 7), the diastereofacial selectivities for endo and exo additions are $\sim 100\%$, while the endo/exo selectivities are low. In contrast, for reactions at 10 °C (entries 8 and 9), the endo/exo selectivities are remarkably high. The reaction conducted at room temperature afforded the *exo*-sulfinyl adducts exclusively (entry 10).

This observation indicates that the kinetically favored initial *exo*-sulfinyl products undergo isomerization to thermodynamically more stable *endo*-sulfinyl adducts via dissociation and recombination. Under chelation-controlled conditions, sulfoxides 1 would exist predominantly in conformation A where the zinc metal could coordinate with one of the imido carbonyl groups and the sulfinyl oxygen, resulting in preferential attack of a diene on the less hindered lone-pair side (Figure 1). In the absence of a Lewis acid, 1 would exist in both A and the conformation B due to the dipole-dipole repulsion.

The stereochemistry of the exo-sulfinyl adducts 5 and 6 was confirmed by transformation into the known endomaleimide adducts 11¹¹ by samarium-induced reduction.¹² which also allowed efficient recovery of the chiral auxiliary, 10-mercaptoisoborneol. The absolute stereochemistry of 5c and 7 was established by X-ray crystallography.¹³ The exo orientation of the sulfinyl group in 8 and 10 was determined by the coupling constant (J = 5 Hz) between the H-3 and H-4 protons, whereas both H-3 protons in 7 and 9 appear as singlets. The absolute stereostructures of 5-10 should be tentatively assigned on the basis of the proposed mechanism we reported previously,³ except for 5c and 7. The utility of the adducts is exemplified by the following transformation into a ω -carbinol lactam, which is known to be a useful precursor for synthesis of nitrogen-containing natural products based on the N-acyliminocyclization strategy.¹⁴ Adduct 5c was thus transformed into lactam 12 by selective reduction with sodium borohydride in 94% yield. The regioselectivity in the reduction of the imido carbonyl in a rigid bridged system such as 5c can be explained by steric factors¹⁵ in contrast to bicyclic anhydrides and succinimides.¹⁶ Treatment of 12 with samarium diiodide in the presence of hexamethylphosphoric triamide (HMPA)¹⁷ gave the optically active ω -carbinol lactam 13 in 60% yield.



As described previously, sulfinylmaleimides 1 are easily prepared as single diastereoisomers and the chelationcontrolled Diels-Alder reaction proceeded with high diastereoselectivity. Application of the adducts to natural product synthesis is in progress.

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