

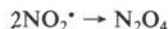
**Figure 3.** Peroxonitrite-generated hydroxyl radical. To samples of BSA and enolase in  $O_2$ -saturated 10 mM  $NaH_2PO_4$ , pH 7.0, was added directly either 2, 20, or 40 mg of ONOOK/ $KNO_3$  generating 22, 220, and 440 nmol of  $HO^\bullet$ , respectively. BSA was present at a concentration of 0.30 mg/mL and enolase at a concentration of 0.23 mg/mL. After BHZ derivatization, 0.5  $\mu$ g of protein/lane was loaded, separated, and then Western blotted. The streptavidin-AP/BCIP/NBT visualized blots are shown. Lane 1: untreated BSA control (biotinylation omitted, no bands apparent). Lane 2: untreated, BHZ-derivatized BSA control. Lane 3: 22 nmol of  $HO^\bullet$ /0.15 mg of BSA. Lane 4: 220 nmol of  $HO^\bullet$ /0.15 mg of BSA. Lane 5: 440 nmol of  $HO^\bullet$ /0.15 mg of BSA. Lane 6: untreated, BHZ-derivatized enolase control. Lane 7: 22 nmol of  $HO^\bullet$ /0.10 mg of enolase. Lane 8: 220 nmol of  $HO^\bullet$ /0.10 mg of enolase. Lane 9: 440 nmol of  $HO^\bullet$ /0.10 mg of enolase. Lane 10: biotinylated molecular weight standards.

and *p*-nitro blue tetrazolium chloride (NBT). Comparison of the Western blots for the two proteins using samples exposed to the two different  $HO^\bullet$ -generating methods (Figures 2 and 3) indicates that addition of the peroxonitrite reagent results in protein damage directly analogous to that produced radiolytically.

The streptavidin-AP-probed Western blots show that the majority of the newly formed BHZ-derivatized carbonyl moieties are present in the unfragmented protein, indicating that side-chain oxidation giving carbonyl substitution occurs more frequently than protein scission. This is consistent with the observation that side-chain H atom abstraction by  $HO^\bullet$  predominates over  $\alpha$ -hydrogen abstraction in amino acids.<sup>13</sup>

The advantages of the peroxonitrite solid solution as a  $HO^\bullet$  source are numerous. The solid solution is remarkably stable; irradiated  $KNO_3$  solid has been kept under ambient conditions for months with no observed decrease in yellow color or reactivity. The peroxonitrite can be quantified by dissolution in 0.1 M NaOH using  $\epsilon_{302} = 1670 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}$ .<sup>14</sup> This quantitation permits reproducible amounts of  $HO^\bullet$  to be generated in separate experiments.

Another advantage is the rapid disproportionation of the other radical product,  $NO_2^\bullet$ , which proceeds by the two steps



which have rate constants  $9 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $1 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively.<sup>15</sup> By contrast, Fenton chemistry, which requires  $H_2O_2$ , generates  $HO_2^\bullet$  by the reaction of  $HO^\bullet$  with  $H_2O_2$ <sup>16</sup> and potentially generates hypervalent iron-oxo and nucleophilic iron-coordinated peroxy moieties. The large number of reactive species makes it difficult to determine the reaction sequences that generate the observed products. If the site-directed iron-EDTA protein cleavage systems<sup>17</sup> generate diffusible  $HO^\bullet$ , significant

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oxidative damage to neighboring amino acids should be observed in addition to cleavage. The lack of such surrounding damage would corroborate the proposal of Rana and Meares<sup>18</sup> that the protein fragmentation observed with a site-specific iron-EDTA conjugate is the result of a nucleophilic reaction.

A final major advantage of the single reagent system is enhanced control over the time and place of  $HO^\bullet$  generation. The time scale of exposure to  $HO^\bullet$  radical with the peroxonitrite reagent is on the order of several seconds beyond the time required for dissolution. This provides the potential for probing transient phenomena with half-lives as short as 10 s. The present results suggest the interesting possibility of generating  $HO^\bullet$  inside a cell by microinjection of the peroxonitrite-containing solid and investigating damage to the cellular components. This localization of effect would be impossible with either radiolysis or Fenton chemistry.

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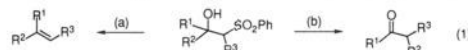
### Cyclorearrangement and Cycloolefination of Keto Bis-sulfones. A Sulfone Analogue of a Pinacol Reduction-Rearrangement

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The utility of organosulfones as basic building blocks initially stemmed from their ease of deprotonation to generate nucleophiles followed by reductive cleavage.<sup>1</sup> The recent discovery of the displacement of an arylsulfonyl group by a nucleophile mediated by a Lewis acid<sup>2-4</sup> or a transition metal complex<sup>5</sup> significantly enhances their use in synthesis. The utility of  $\beta$ -hydroxy sulfones



as olefination intermediates (eq 1a)<sup>6</sup> and their prospects for Wagner-Meerwein shifts (eq 1b)<sup>7</sup> suggest versatile cyclization

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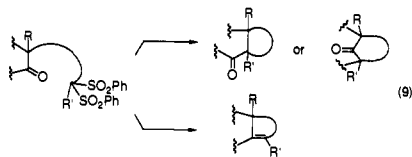
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### Spectroscopic Observation of a Thermal C-H Bond Insertion Reaction at 5 K: Intramolecular Rearrangement of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3(\eta^2\text{-C}_3\text{H}_6)$ To Produce $\text{HFe}(\text{CO})_3(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)$

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We report direct observation of the rearrangement of a coordinatively-unsaturated ( $\eta^2$ -alkene)metal complex to yield a coordinatively-saturated ( $\eta^3$ -allyl)metal hydride complex. This observation is significant in two distinct mechanistic contexts: alkene isomerization<sup>1</sup> and C-H bond activation.<sup>2</sup> Although several ( $\eta^3$ -allyl)metal hydrides have been well characterized,<sup>3,4</sup> few of the corresponding coordinatively-unsaturated ( $\eta^2$ -alkene)metal complexes have been characterized<sup>5</sup> because of their rapid rearrangement to ( $\eta^3$ -allyl)metal hydrides. Recent studies of C-H bond activation resulted in the direct observation of intermolecular C-H bond insertion reactions.<sup>2a,6</sup> Our studies result in direct observation of an intramolecular C-H bond insertion reaction that is remarkably facile, occurring thermally at temperatures as low as 5 K.

Photolysis ( $260 \pm 10$  nm, 30 min) of  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4(\eta^2\text{-CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_3)$  (1),<sup>7-9</sup> matrix-isolated in either argon or methylcyclo-

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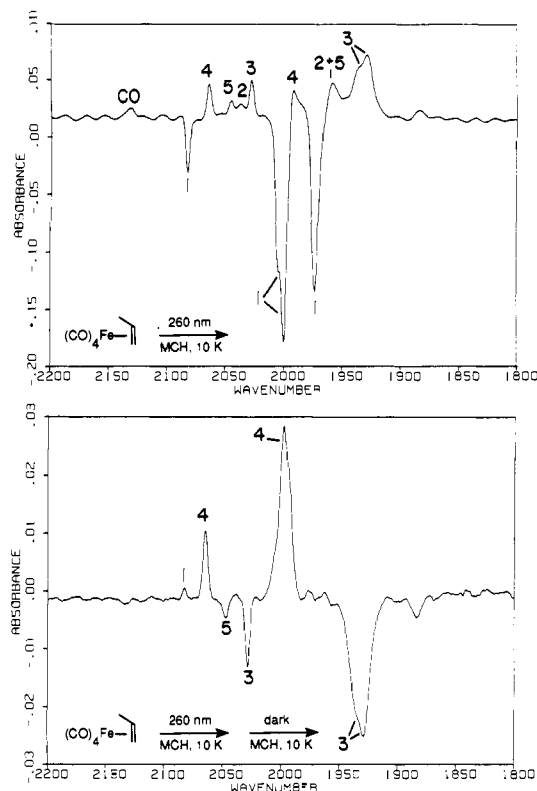
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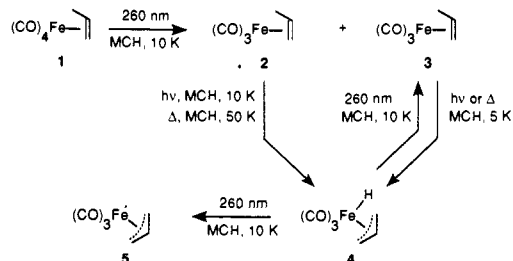
(7) Solutions of  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4(\eta^2\text{-C}_3\text{H}_6)$  in methylcyclohexane were prepared as described by Wrighton.<sup>8</sup>  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4(\eta^2\text{-C}_3\text{H}_6)$ , as the pure material, was synthesized by the method of Murdoch and Weiss.<sup>9</sup>

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**Figure 1.** IR difference spectrum showing spectral changes observed upon photolysis ( $260 \pm 10$  nm, 30 min, 45% conversion) of  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4(\eta^2\text{-CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_3)$  (1) in MCH at 10 K (top). The spectrum shows the disappearance of 1 and the appearance of 2-5 and free CO. IR difference spectrum showing spectral changes observed on allowing the matrix to stand in the dark at 10 K (6 h) (bottom). The spectrum shows the disappearance of 3 and 5 and the growth of hydride 4. (The absorption at  $1884\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is tentatively identified as a trace amount of  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^2\text{-CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_3)$ ).

hexane (MCH) at 10 K,<sup>10</sup> results in a decrease in intensity of the carbonyl infrared absorptions of 1 with concomitant appearance of free CO ( $2132\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and several new carbonyl infrared absorptions (Figure 1, Table I). The absorptions at  $2064$  and  $1998\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are due to  $\text{HFe}(\text{CO})_3(\eta^3\text{-CH}_2\text{CHCH}_2)$  (4), which has been previously characterized by IR spectroscopy in an MCH glass at  $90\text{ K}$ <sup>8</sup> and by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy in fluid MCH-*d*<sub>14</sub> at  $160\text{ K}$ .<sup>4</sup> The absorption at  $2046\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is due to  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3(\eta^3\text{-CH}_2\text{CHCH}_2)$  (5).<sup>11</sup> The absorptions at  $2038$  and  $1959\text{ cm}^{-1}$



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