



Enzymatic oxygen atom transfer reactions: Trends explained with Valence Bond Theory.

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Nonheme Enzymes.

Prolyl-4-hydroxylase (P4H)



Nonheme enzymes: Involved in:

- Oxygen sensing
- Cellular responses to hypoxia
- Collagen cross-linking
- DNA & RNA repair mechanisms

Nonheme enzyme with 2His/1Asp ligand system.

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Non-heme iron enzymes with a 2-His/1-Asp motif.



Taurine/ α -ketoglutarate dioxygenase (TauD)

Has 2-His/1-Asp ligand system.

Does aliphatic hydroxylation.



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The University of Manchester Hydrogen-Abstraction

Thermodynamically, the H-abstraction reaction is described by the following equations:

 $Fe(IV)=O(L) + SubH \rightarrow Fe(III)(OH)(L) + Sub^{\bullet}$ $\Delta H_{\rm r} = BDE_{\rm C-H} - BDE_{\rm O-H}$

SubH \rightarrow Sub• + H• + BDE_{C-H} Fe(III)(OH)(L) \rightarrow Fe(IV)=O(L) + H• + BDE_{O-H}



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Reaction exothermicity & barrier height versus BDE



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- Axial ligand on iron(IV)-oxo porphyrin(+•) gives 20 kcal mol⁻¹ difference in BDE_{OH}!
- Best oxidant: L = OH⁻; poor oxidant: ImH.
- Interestingly, the P450 axial ligand is midway in between those. de Visser J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 1087–1097

H-Abstraction correlations

- Thus, H-abstraction barrier correlates with both BDE_{CH} & BDE_{OH} .
- Barrier heights can be predicted from BDE_{CH} & BDE_{OH} values.
- Moreover, dramatic differences in axial ligand effect seen.
- What is the origin of these correlations?
- Try Valence Bond Theory!





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VB curve crossing diagram

- Is qualitative way to rationalize hydrogen abstraction reactions.
- Explains that the mechanism is stepwise via a radical intermediate.
- Explains the electron transfer mechanisms.
- Shows that the barrier height correlates with the strength of the C–H/O–H bonds.

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Substrate epoxidation?



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- First step: breaking of C=C double bond and formation of C–O bond.
- Does rate constant/barrier height correlate with the Ionization Potential of olefin and *BDE*_{OH}?

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VB Curve Crossing Diagram





Epoxidation.

- Stepwise mechanism via radical intermediate.
- Barrier of olefin epoxidation correlates with $\rm IE_{\rm substrate}$ and $\rm BDE_{\rm OH}.$
- Barriers explained with a VB diagram.
- Recent studies on substrate sulfoxidation by iron(IV)-oxo complexes also gave correlations with $\rm IE_{\rm substrate}$ and $\rm BDE_{\rm OH}.$

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Overall summary

- DFT calculations done on non-heme iron dioxygenases and heme iron monoxygenases.
- Efficient oxidants of oxygen atom transfer reactions.
- Ligand (cis/trans) effects established.
- Predictive trends for H-atom abstraction.
- VB diagrams used to explain the trends.



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