# **Sustainable Methods in Hypervalent Iodine Chemistry**

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# Abstract

Hypervalent iodine compounds are a widely used class of metal-free oxidants that find application in organic synthesis. Due to the homology between the reactivity of hypervalent iodine and many transition metals — oxidative addition, ligand exchange, and reductive elimination can be facile for both — hypervalent iodine species find application in a variety of synthetically important organic transformations. Major limitations of these reagents include the frequent need for (super)stoichiometric loading and the intrinsically poor atom economy that results from the generation of stoichiometric quantities of iodoarene byproducts. In addition, hypervalent iodine reagents are often synthesized using metal-based terminal oxidants, which compound the resulting waste stream. Recently, substantial progress has been made to address these limitations. Here, we discuss progress towards sustainable synthetic methods for the preparation of hypervalent iodine catalysis. The discussion is organized according to the active oxygen content, and thus atom economy, of the terminal oxidant employed. Hypervalent iodine electrochemistry and the development of recyclable iodoarenes are also discussed.

# A. Introduction

Oxidation reactions, in which electron equivalents are removed from a substrate, are often critical steps in the synthesis of functional organic molecules. By definition, oxidation reactions require the use of an electron acceptor (*i.e.*, terminal oxidant). Because the reduced byproducts generated from the terminal oxidant are often lost as chemical waste, the chemical structure of the terminal oxidant dictates the sustainability of the oxidation reaction. Biological oxidation chemistry often utilizes dioxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) as the terminal oxidant and generates water as the ultimate byproduct [1, 2]. As such, these enzymatic oxidation reactions are nearly ideal from the perspective of sustainability. Analogous utilization of O<sub>2</sub> as a terminal oxidant in synthetic chemistry remains a significant challenge because 1) the triplet ground state of O<sub>2</sub> imposes kinetic barriers to O<sub>2</sub> utilization [3], 2) O<sub>2</sub> often engages in poorly selective radical chain reactions [4], 3) the electron inventories of O<sub>2</sub> reduction (four-electron) and substrate oxidation (two electrons) are mismatched [5, 6]; and, 4) O<sub>2</sub> utilization can present safety concerns depending on the specific reaction conditions employed [7]. The challenges associated with direct O<sub>2</sub> utilization as a terminal oxidant in selective synthesis have stimulated the development of alternative chemical oxidants for application in specific synthetic contexts. Implicit in the use of designer chemical oxidants is an increase in the waste associated with oxidation chemistry and in turn reduced sustainability.

The principles of green chemistry articulated by Anastas *et al.* [8, 9] codify the concept of atom economy and the impact of the nature of waste on the efficiency of a chemical process. Active oxygen content, which is defined as the percent weight ratio of the oxygen transferred to

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product divided by the formula weight of the reagent, can be used as a guiding parameter for evaluating the sustainability of oxidants [10]. Table 1 lists the active oxygen content and associated waste products generated from a variety of commonly encountered terminal oxidants.

Substrate + Oxidant -	Product +	Reduced Oxidant (Stoichiometric waste)
Oxidant	Active Oxygen Content (wt %)	Waste Generated
$O_2$ or $O_2$ / reductant <sup><i>a</i></sup>	100 (50)	None $(H_2O)$
$H_2O_2$	47	$H_2O$
KMnO <sub>4</sub>	30.4	Mn(II) salt
NaOCl	21.6	NaCl
O <sub>2</sub> / CH <sub>3</sub> CHO	21.1	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H
CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> H	21.1	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H
<i>t</i> BuOOH	17.8	<i>t</i> BuOH
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> -Urea	17.0	H <sub>2</sub> O-Urea
KHSO <sub>5</sub>	10.5	KHSO <sub>4</sub>
<i>m</i> -CPBA	9.3	<i>m</i> -CBA
NaIO <sub>4</sub>	7.5	NaIO <sub>3</sub>
PhIO	7.3	PhI
NaBO <sub>3</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	7.2	NaBO <sub>2</sub>
Oxone <sup>b</sup>	2.6	K2S2O8·KHSO4·K2SO4

Table 1. List of general oxidants in order of their respective active oxygen content [10].

<sup>*a*</sup>This analysis assumes the reduced byproduct is H<sub>2</sub>O. If chemical reductants are employed (*i.e.*, H<sub>2</sub>, NADH, CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, etc.) the active oxygen content will be lower depending on the mass of the generated byproducts.  ${}^{b}(2KHSO_{5}\cdot KHSO_{4}\cdot K_{2}SO_{4})$ .

While  $O_2$  is an attractive oxidant based on its active oxygen content, chemical strategies that utilize both oxygen atoms for substrate functionalization (*i.e.*, dioxygenase reactivity) are rare [11]. More typically, O<sub>2</sub> utilization is accomplished in the presence of an appropriate reductant, which addresses the incongruous electron inventory of O<sub>2</sub> reduction and substrate functionalization. Consequently only 50% of active oxygen content of O<sub>2</sub> is utilized and the other 50% is lost as waste (ideally H<sub>2</sub>O). Hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) is also considered a green oxidant, and has 47% active oxygen content when utilized in direct substrate oxidation chemistry with attendant generation of H<sub>2</sub>O as the byproduct. Utilization of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as an oxidant in hypervalent iodine chemistry often requires acetic anhydride, to generate peracetic acid in situ, or the use of urea-hydrogen peroxide (UHP) adduct, both of which reduce the active oxygen content of the reagent. Other commonly encountered chemical oxidants, such as NaOCl, CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H, *m*-CPBA, NaIO<sub>4</sub>, NaBO<sub>3</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O, and Oxone display significantly lower active oxygen contents. The recent renaissance of organic electrosynthesis offers an alternative strategy to sustainable oxidation chemistry: Anodic substrate oxidation provides the opportunity to avoid stoichiometric redox reagents and the associated waste streams [12]. The frequent requirement for high concentrations of supporting electrolyte can reduce the chemical efficiency of electrosynthetic approaches.

Hypervalent iodine compounds are a class of metal-free oxidants based on three-centered-fourelectron I–L bonds [13, 14] that have emerged as important reagents in the functionalization of unsaturated hydrocarbons, transition metal-catalyzed chemistry, alcohol and amine oxidation, and group transfer chemistry [15-21]. The reactivity of hypervalent iodine compounds bears some similarities to that of transition metal species — namely the accessibility of multiple stable redox states, the facility of ligand exchange steps, and the participation in bond-forming processes [15-18, 22]. Both I(III) and I(V) compounds are important oxidation states in hypervalent iodine chemistry due to their complementary reactivities. Although hypervalent iodine compounds are attractive oxidants due to the abundance of iodoarene starting materials and lower toxicity compared to transition metal catalysts, when employed as terminal oxidants hypervalent iodine reagents display poor atom economy. For example, when reduced, iodosylbenzene (PhIO) generates a stoichiometric quantity of iodobenzene and only features 7.3% active oxygen content. In addition, hypervalent iodine species are typically prepared with stoichiometric metal-based oxidants (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, Oxone, NaIO<sub>4</sub>, etc.) or organic peracids (*m*-CPBA, CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H) which amplifies the overall chemical inefficiency of using these reagents in synthesis.

The development of either 1) methods to synthesize hypervalent iodine compounds using higher active-oxygen-content reagents, or 2) methods to employ hypervalent iodine species as catalysts in tandem with oxygen-dense oxidants could provide a platform for sustainable oxidation methods for wide variety of reactions. Here, we summarize progress towards sustainable synthesis and use of hypervalent iodine compounds. We first discuss progress towards greener methods to prepare hypervalent iodine compounds and this discussion is organized by the active oxygen content of the terminal oxidant employed. Catalytic application of hypervalent iodine compounds as a way to reduce waste generation and increase energy efficiency is discussed. Electrochemistry as an alternate sustainable method for synthesis of hypervalent iodine compounds is described in the context of both synthesis of hypervalent iodine reagents and fluorous hypervalent iodine compounds, which have been developed to support reagent recycling, are also discussed. Only organic hypervalent iodine chemistry is presented; utilization of tetrabutylammonium iodide and other inorganic iodide sources will not be described.

# **B.** Chemical Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine Reagents

# B.1. Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine Reagents Using O<sub>2</sub>

In concept, if hypervalent iodine reagents were generated using  $O_2$  as the terminal oxidant, the array of chemistry that is available to these reagents could be achieved aerobically. Iodoarenes do not react directly with  $O_2$  to afford hypervalent iodine compounds, and thus the development of aerobic methods of hypervalent iodine chemistry requires identification of an appropriate reductant to enable aerobic oxidation to be realized.

# B.1.1. Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine(III) Reagents with O<sub>2</sub>

In 2018, Powers *et al.* reported the synthesis of hypervalent iodine reagents by intercepting reactive oxidants generated during acetaldehyde autoxidation [23]. Initial studies of the oxidation of iodobenzene (1) in the presence of acetaldehyde and  $O_2$  afforded variable yields of (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (2, 42-91% yield), presumably due to inconsistent initiation of the aldehyde autoxidation chain reaction. Co(II) additives, which have been previously used as initiators of aldehyde autoxidation chemistry [24, 25], were found to be critical in achieving reproducible chemical yields. The developed aerobic oxidation protocol provided ready access to a wide variety of hypervalent iodine reagents (Figure 1): Oxidation of 4-substituted

iodoarenes provided access to hypervalent iodine species bearing both electron-donating and withdrawing groups (**3-8**). Oxidation of 2-substituted iodoarenes afforded the corresponding cyclic iodanes (**9-12**) in high yields, which are an important class of reagents for hypervalent iodine mediated group transfer chemistry. Addition of external acids provided direct entry to acid-exchanged I(III) products (**13-15**) instead of the corresponding (diacetoxyiodo)benzene derivatives; for example, addition of TsOH, benzoic acid (BzOH), and trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) led to the formation of Koser's reagent (**13**), PhI(OBz)<sub>2</sub> (**14**), and PhI(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (**15**) in 84%, 48%, and 52% yields, respectively.



**Figure 1.** Aldehyde-promoted aerobic oxidation of iodoarenes provides access to a family of hypervalent iodine(III) reagents. <sup>*a*</sup>DCE as solvent, <sup>*b*</sup>in presence of TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O, <sup>*c*</sup>in presence of BzOH, and <sup>*d*</sup>in presence of CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H.

A detailed investigation of the mechanism of aerobic oxidation revealed that iodoarene oxidation proceeds via a one-electron radical chain mechanism, which differs from the commonly observed two-electron oxidation / reduction reactions of these reagents [26]. The proposed mechanism was formulated based on 1) EPR spectroscopy of spin-trapped acetoxy radicals, 2) comparative Hammett analyses of aerobic oxidation and peracetic acid oxidation, 3) kinetic competition experiments, and 4) computational analysis. These data indicated that aerobic oxidation of iodobenzene (1) in presence of acetaldehyde and  $O_2$  proceeds via addition of aerobically generated acetoxy radicals (16) to iodoarenes to generate transient iodanyl radicals 17 (Figure 2). Subsequent chain propagation by reaction with peracetic acid (18, an intermediate from aldehyde autoxidation) affords I(III) product (19) and regenerates the acetoxy radical or via iodanyl radical disproportionation leads to (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (2).



**Figure 2.** Aldehyde-promoted aerobic oxidation proceeds by addition of an aerobically generated acetoxy radical to iodobenzene to generate a transient iodanyl radical, which is a chain carrier in the synthesis of I(III) compounds.

#### B.1.2. Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine(V) Reagents with O<sub>2</sub>

The first aerobic synthesis of iodylbenzene (20) was reported by Jorissen *et al.* in 1938 [27], who demonstrated that an aerated acetaldehyde solution of iodobenzene (1) produced white crystals over the course of three weeks (Figure 3). These crystals were identified as iodylbenzene by iodometry.

Figure 3. Upon standing for several weeks, an aerated solution of iodobenzene (1) in acetaldehyde resulted in the formation of crystalline iodylbenzene (20).

In 2018, Powers and co-workers described a strategy for the aerobic synthesis of I(V) reagents by coupling aldehyde-promoted aerobic oxidation of iodoarenes with disproportionation of the initially generated I(III) species [28]. Aerobic oxidation of iodoarenes with weakly chelating *ortho*-substituents like sulfonyl, nitro, or pyridyl were found to furnish the corresponding I(V) compounds **21-23** in good yield (Figure 4) [22, 29].



**Figure 4.** Aerobic synthesis of hypervalent iodine(V) reagents was achieved by coupling aldehyde-promoted aerobic oxidation iodoarenes with subsequent *in situ* disproportionation.

# B.2. Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine Reagents with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> or UHP

 $H_2O_2$  is considered to be an environmentally benign oxidant due to its 47% active oxygen content and the potential generation of water as the byproduct.  $H_2O_2$  is produced via the Riedl– Pfleiderer process where 2-alkylanthraquinone is first reduced to 2-alkylhydroanthraquinone by hydrogenation and again oxidized aerobically to regenerate 2-alkylanthraquinone and  $H_2O_2$ [30]. In spite of many advantages, decomposition of  $H_2O_2$  to  $H_2O$  and  $O_2$  is exothermic (-94.6 kJ/mol) [31], and the use of concentrated solutions presents significant safety hazards. Hence,  $H_2O_2$  is typically employed as  $\leq 30\%$  aqueous solution. An alternative way to safely deliver  $H_2O_2$  into the reaction is by using urea adduct of hydrogen peroxide (UHP), which is an odorless, water-soluble, crystalline solid that has an active oxygen content of 17% [32].

# B.2.1. Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine(III) Reagents with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> or UHP

There are no examples of direct oxidation of iodoarenes with  $H_2O_2$  alone, which may be due to the spontaneous decomposition of  $H_2O_2$  by I(III) compounds to form singlet oxygen ( ${}^1O_2$ ) and reduced I(I) (Figure 5) [33].  $H_2O_2$  is often employed as an oxidant in combination with acid anhydrides and hydrohalic acids, which promote the *in situ* generation of peracids and hypohalous acids, respectively. Here, we organize presentation of  $H_2O_2$ -based methods by the type of hypervalent iodine compounds generated.

$$H_2O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Phl}(\text{OCOCF}_3)_2} 1O_2 + 2 \text{ CF}_3\text{COOH}$$

Figure 5. Hydrogen peroxide reacts with (ditrifluoroacetoxy)iodobenzene to form singlet oxygen  $(^{1}O_{2})$  and iodobenzene (1).

Peracid-based oxidation of iodoarenes was first reported by Boeseken and Schneider in 1931 who synthesized (diacetoxyiodo)benzene by treatment of iodobenzene in chloroform with 55% peracetic acid [34]. In 1953, Pausacker reported a modified synthesis in which 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and acetic anhydride were stirred together at 40 °C to generate peracetic acid followed by addition of iodobenzene (1) to the resulting solution (Figure 6) [35]. This method avoids the use of highly concentrated peracetic acid solution and was the earliest example with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as the terminal oxidant for the synthesis of I(III) compounds. To date, this method is among the most widely used for the synthesis of PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2).



Figure 6. The combination of hydrogen peroxide and acetic anhydride generate peracetic acid *in situ*, which is responsible for oxidation of iodobenzene (1) to (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (2).

[Bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]arenes are stronger oxidants than PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> due to the more electron withdrawing trifluoroacetoxy groups on the iodine center [36]. Zhdankin *et al.* reported a direct synthetic route to [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]arenes using trifluoroperacetic acid, generated *in situ* by combination of 80% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with trifluoroacetic anhydride [37]. Although the described procedure was more efficient than previous synthetic methods based on ligand exchange reactions of hypervalent iodine(III) compounds with trifluoroacetic acid [38, 39], silver trifluoroacetate [40], or trimethylsilyl trifluoroacetate [41], the use of such high concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> poses serious safety hazards. In 2006, Wirth *et al.* described a modification of the procedure using UHP as the terminal oxidant, which enabled in situ formation of trifluoroperacetic acid, leading to efficient formation of [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]benzene (15), [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]toluenes (24,25). [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]arenes with electron-withdrawing substituents (26-29), and chiral I(III) product **30** (Figure 7) [42].



**Figure 7.** *In situ* generation of trifluoroperacetic acid from UHP and trifluoroacetic anhydride provides access to [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]arenes from the corresponding iodoarenes.

(Dichloroiodo)arenes, ArICl<sub>2</sub>, are widely used reagents for the chlorination of unsaturated hydrocarbons and also as terminal oxidants for transition metal catalysis [43]. Historically, (dichloroiodo)benzene (31) has been synthesized by bubbling chlorine gas into a solution of iodobenzene (1) at a low temperature. Use of toxic and corrosive chlorine gas can be avoided using hydrochloric acid in combination with oxidants like KClO<sub>3</sub> [44], KMnO<sub>4</sub> [45], concentrated HNO<sub>3</sub> [45], Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [46], CrO<sub>3</sub> [47], NaClO<sub>2</sub>, or NaClO [48]. These methods suffer from (super)stoichiometric use of terminal oxidants and poor substrate scope with respect to electron withdrawing substituents on the iodoarenes. Jarnej and co-workers reported an alternative route for the synthesis of (dichloroiodo) arenes from a mixture of HCl/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30% aqueous solution) in 1,1,1-trifluororethanol (TFE) which acts both as a solvent and activator for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Figure 9) [49]. In this protocol, hypochlorous acid (HOCl) is generated in situ and acts as the active oxidant and chlorinating agent. This method tolerates alkyl substituents (32, 33) as well as electron-withdrawing groups such as carboxyl-, nitro-, and chloro substituents (34-37). In case of 4,4'-diiodo-1,1'-biphenyl, both the iodine centers are chlorinated to generate 38. In the presence of electron donating groups like dimethyl, trimethyl or methoxy substituents, the corresponding (dichloro)iodoarenes (39-41) decompose to the chlorinated arene products.



Figure 9.  $H_2O_2$  was combined with concentrated HCl to form hypochlorous acid (HOCl) *in situ*, the active chlorinating reagent for the synthesis of (dicholoroiodo)arenes from iodoarenes.

Diaryliodonium salts are typically synthesized via a two-step process involving iodoarene oxidation followed by arylation of the I(III) with a suitable arene; thus, catalysis is often limited and sustainable synthesis of these reagents is important to decrease the environmental impact. Building on the demonstration of UHP in the synthesis of iodine(III) reagents, Olofsson *et al.* developed a UHP-based synthesis of diaryliodonium triflates [50]. The authors utilized the *in situ* formation of triflic peroxide using UHP and triflic anhydride (Tf<sub>2</sub>O) to oxidize the iodoarenes in presence of suitable arenes to furnish diaryliodonium triflates in a single step. The developed methodology was effective in synthesizing both symmetric (42) and unsymmetric iodonium (43-51) salts in good yield (42-86%) but, use of oxidatively labile substrate like anisole or pyridine led to undesired side-products or pyridine-*N*-oxides, respectively without any desired product formation (52, 53) (Figure 8).



**Figure 8.** Diaryliodonium triflates were synthesized using urea adduct of hydrogen peroxide in a sustainable method leading to symmetric and unsymmetric iodonium salts.

# B.2.1. Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine(V) Reagents from H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> or UHP

Zhdankin and co-workers reported a two-step, one-pot strategy to access iodylarenes using  $H_2O_2$  as the terminal oxidant by coupling *in situ* generation of peracid with subsequent disproportionation chemistry catalyzed by RuCl<sub>3</sub> (0.8 mol%) [51]. This method was effective in furnishing iodylarenes bearing both electron-donating (54-57) and electron-withdrawing groups (58-63), but formation of 2-iodoxybenzoic acid (IBX) from 2-iodobenzoic acid was unsuccessful (Figure 10a). When independently synthesized PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2) was treated with RuCl<sub>3</sub> (0.4 mol%) in an aqueous acetonitrile solution at room temperature, immediate formation of equimolar amount of iodylbenzene (20) and iodobenzene (1) were observed, which is consistent with disproportionation being operative in the synthesis of I(V) species (Figure 10b) [52].



Figure 10. (a) RuCl<sub>3</sub>-mediated disproportionation of initially formed hypervalent iodine(III) intermediates provided access to the corresponding iodylarenes. (b) Treatment of independently synthesized (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (2) with RuCl<sub>3</sub> resulted in disproportionation to equimolar amount of iodobenzene (1) and iodylbenzene (20).

#### C. Electrochemical Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine Reagents

Anodic oxidation of iodoarenes represents a conceptually attractive approach to these species, in which stoichiometric oxidants are replaced by electrical potential. Electrosynthesis can broadly be classified as either *ex cell*, in which anodic oxidation of iodoarenes is accomplished during a first step and the resulting hypervalent iodine reagents are subsequently utilized for substrate functionalization in a separate step, or *in cell*, in which anodic oxidation of iodoarenes is carried out in the presence of substrate, such as is required to achieve electrocatalysis [53]. Both I(III) and I(V) reagents have been prepared electrochemically. Due to the substantial overpotential that is typically required for the anodic oxidation of iodoarenes, hypervalent iodine electrochemistry is often limited to *ex cell* applications (*i.e.*, at the potential required to oxidation).

### C.1. Electrochemical Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine(III) Reagents

The first example of electrochemical synthesis of hypervalent I(III) reagents was reported in 1960 by Schmidt and Meinert, who described the anodic oxidation of iodobenzene in the presence of silver fluoride (AgF), which acts as both the fluorine source and supporting electrolyte, to generate (difluoroiodo)benzene (PhIF<sub>2</sub>, **65**) [54]. Subsequent reports have described difficulty reproducing this synthesis [55]. In 1994, Fuchigami and co-workers discovered that direct electrolysis of 4-iodonitrobenzene (**64**) in presence of Et<sub>3</sub>N·3HF as the supporting electrolyte and fluorine source formed 4-(difluoroiodo)nitrobenzene (**66**) in 53% yield (Figure 11) [56]. But, electrolysis of iodobenzene and 4-iodotoluene did not lead to the desired I(III) compounds, but instead gave rise to benzylic fluorination and diaryliodonium products, respectively.



**Figure 11.** Electrochemical synthesis of 4-(difluoroiodo)nitrobenzene (**66**) was achieved using triethyl amine adduct of hydrogen fluoride both as the source of fluoride and the supporting electrolyte under constant current electrolysis conditions.

Hara *et al.* later discovered that by using Et<sub>3</sub>N·5HF as the supporting electrolyte and fluorine source resulted in the successful electrosynthesis of 4-(difluoroiodo)toluene (**68**) via potentiostatic electrolysis of 4-iodotoluene (**67**) at 1.5 V vs Ag<sup>+</sup>/Ag [57]. Electrochemically generated **68** has been applied to a variety of substrate functionalization reactions including fluorination of  $\beta$ -dicarbonyl substrates [57], fluorocyclization of *N*-allylbenzamides [58], and vicinal difluorination of olefins (Figure 12) [59].



**Figure 12.** Electrochemical synthesis of 4-(difluoroiodo)toluene (67) was carried out under constant current electrolysis condition and then utilized in various *ex cell* fluorination reactions.

*Ex cell* electrochemistry of hypervalent iodine reagents provides a means to generate unstable, or dangerous reagents *in situ* without the need for isolation, which often leads to improved yields and safer reaction conditions [60, 61]. Nishiyama and co-workers developed anodic oxidation of iodoarenes in fluorinated solvents, such as trifluoroethanol (TFE) to afford [bis(trifluoroethoxy)iodo]benzene (72) [62-64]. Fluorinated alcohol solvents are known to help stabilize radical cation intermediates and consequently improve single electron oxidation events of iodoarenes at anode surfaces [36, 65-67]. While many of the I(III) reagents supported by fluorinated alkoxide ligands are not stable to isolation (with the exception of the *p*-nitro substituted derivative), these electrochemically derived reagents have been widely employed in subsequent *ex cell* substrate functionalization (Figure 13) [62-64, 68-72].



**Figure 13**. Fluorinated alcohol solvents such as trifluoroethanol (TFE) is used to stabilize anodically generated hypervalent iodine(III) intermediate and the resulting oxidizing solution is utilized for *ex cell* applications leading to various alkaloids, lactones and lactams. <sup>*a*</sup>Only stable in solution, not isolable.

The anodic oxidation of iodoarenes can also be used to electrochemically synthesize diaryliodonium salts. In 1967, Miller and Hoffmann disclosed that potentiostatic electrolysis of iodobenzene at 1.65 V vs Ag<sup>+</sup>/Ag, in acetonitrile, with lithium perchlorate as the supporting electrolyte afforded (4-iodophenyl)(phenyl)iodonium perchlorate in 45% yield [73]. Similarly,

electrolysis of iodobenzene and 4-iodotoluene in the presence of benzene resulted in diphenyliodonium perchlorate (32% yield) and (4-methylphenyl)(phenyl)iodonium perchlorate (56% yield), respectively. Wendt and co-workers later investigated the mechanism of diaryliodonium formation. Because benzene does not oxidize below 1.9 V vs Ag<sup>+</sup>/Ag, they concluded that iodoarenes are oxidized at the anode surface [74].

In 2000, Peacock and Pletcher reported a method to expand the scope of diaryliodonium salts that could be prepared electrochemically [75, 76]. By using a mixture of acetic acid, acetic anhydride, and sulfuric acid as the reaction solvent, anodic synthesis of iodonium salts (75) was extended to electron rich iodoarenes and arene coupling partners (Figure 14). In addition, both symmetric and asymmetric iodonium salts were synthesized. Due to the substantial overpotential for anodic oxidation of iodoarenes, many functional groups were still found to be incompatible with the developed conditions. Electron-withdrawing substituents on the iodoarene (73) increased the onset potential beyond the solvent window and thus prevented initial anodic oxidation. Electron-donating substituents on the iodoarene, such as 4-methoxy, decreased the onset potential for iodoarene oxidation, however, gave rise to side reactions, such as anisole sulfonation by sulfuric acid. With respect to the arene coupling partner (74), electron-withdrawing substituents decreased yields due to decreased nucleophilicity and electron-rich arene coupling partners were limited due to direct anodic oxidation and subsequent radical polymerization.



Figure 14. Electrochemical synthesis of both symmetric and unsymmetric diaryliodonium bisulfates under constant current conditions.

One challenge in utilizing electrochemically derived hypervalent iodine reagents for substrate functionalization is the need to remove the iodoarene byproducts and electrolyte from the reaction product. To address this, Francke and coworkers developed low-molecular-weight, charged iodoarenes as potential *ex cell* mediators in which the supporting electrolyte and the iodoarene mediator were combined [77-79]. The first examples developed were quaternary ammonium substituted 4-iodoarenes. Anodic oxidation of iodoarene **76** in fluorinated solvents provided access to the corresponding hypervalent iodine compound **77**, which was subsequently utilized in *ex cell* C–N bond forming reactions such as carbazole formation (**78**), *N*-arylation (**79**) [77], and oxazole syntheses (**80**) (Figure 15) [78].



**Figure 15**. Iodoarene (**76**) with tetramethylammonium moiety obviates the need to use additional supporting electrolyte and acts as a mediator for C–N bond forming reactions leading to carbazoles, *N*-aryl benzoxazinones and oxazoles. <sup>*a*</sup>Only stable in solution, not isolable.

Francke and co-workers advanced iodophenylsulfonates (**83**, **84**) and iodobenzoates (**85-87**) as redox-active supporting electrolytes [79]. The *ex cell* reactivity of the corresponding I(III) compounds [ArI(OCH(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] was evaluated by reaction with N-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acetamide (**81**) to afford 1-(9*H*-carbazol-9-yl)ethan-1-one (**82**) (Figure 16). While both of the iodophenylsulfonate isomers **83** and **84** could be used as *ex cell* mediators for the intramolecular C–H amination reaction, iodobenzoate compounds **85-87** did not promote substrate oxidation to form carbazole **82**.



Figure 16. Tetramethylammonium salts of iodophenylsulfonates and iodobenzoates combine the roles of electrolyte and iodoarene mediator.

Flow chemistry has also been advanced as an approach to achieve anodic synthesis of hypervalent iodine reagents and utilize them in *ex cell* substrate functionalization. Flow conditions offer advantages compared to mechanical stirring, such as better mixing, more efficient heat transfer, and easy scale-up [80]. Flow systems can be especially useful in industrial settings for energy conservation [81], multistep synthesis [82] or end-to-end production [83]. Wirth and co-workers have studied the synthesis and utilization of hypervalent iodine species via flow technology [84-87]. Symmetrical and unsymmetrical iodonium salts have been synthesized by Wirth and co-workers using a microreactor with two platinum electrodes separated by a thin film (250 mm) [84]. This method was later elaborated to achieve *meta*-selective C–H arylation of anilines in an end-to-end production [85].

More recently, Wirth and co-workers extended the scope of electrochemically derived hypervalent iodine reagents generated in flow by preparing [bis(hexafluoropropoxy)iodo]arenes and utilizing them in a wide range of substrate oxidation reactions including sulfide oxidation, oxidative heterocyclization, and  $\alpha$ -functionalization of carbonyl compounds (Figure 17) [87].



Figure 17. Anodically generated *bis*-HFIP adduct under flow condition is used for various substrate functionalization reactions.

### C.2. Electrochemical Synthesis of Hypervalent Iodine(V) Reagents

Anodic oxidation of 2-iodobenzoic acid (**88**) in 0.2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> aqueous solution with a borondoped diamond electrode produced IBX (**89**) under potentiostatic electrolysis conditions [88, 89]. This system displayed potential-dependent product selectivity: Applied potentials between 1.6–1.8 V vs SCE resulted in the formation of 1-hydroxy- $\lambda^3$ -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-3(1*H*)-one (**9**) while applied potentials above 1.8 V vs SCE yielded IBX (**89**) (Figure 18). The borondoped diamond electrode was found to be important due to both its stability and the high overpotential for O<sub>2</sub> evolution at this electrode.



**Figure 18**. Electrochemical oxidation of 2-iodobenzoic acid (**88**) leads to both 1-hydroxy- $\lambda^3$ -benzo[*d*][1,2]iodaoxol-3(1*H*)-one (**9**) and 2-iodoxybenzoic acid (**89**) under constant potential electrolysis conditions.

# **D. Recyclable Hypervalent Iodine Reagents**

In addition to developing more sustainable oxidation protocols for the synthesis of hypervalent iodine compounds, significant effort has been made to improve iodoarene recyclability. Separation of iodoarene byproducts from the desired reaction products is often tedious, and thus iodoarenes are not typically reused. Strategies based on polymer-supported hypervalent iodine compounds, which facilitate recovery via simple filtration, and based on fluorous alkyl iodoarenes, which facilitate recovery via biphasic separations with fluorous solvents, have been developed to enable iodoarene recycling. Here we highlight the synthesis and application of polymer-supported and fluorous I(III) and I(V) reagents.

# **D.1.** Synthesis of Polymer-supported Hypervalent Iodine(III) Reagents

Poly[4-(diacetoxyiodo)styrene] (90) was first prepared by Okawara via iodination of polystyrene followed by oxidation with peracetic acid [90, 91]. The loading of I(III) centers on

the polystryrene backbone was determined to be 1.99 mmol/g by iodometry. In other examples, polystyrenes that display high molecular weight (poly-(diacetoxyiodo)styrene, ~45,000) and low molecular weight (poly-(diacetoxyiodo)( $\alpha$ -methylstyrene), ~6000) have been converted to the corresponding hydroxy(tosyloxy)iodine(III) polymers (**91** and **92**, respectively) by treatment with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate [92, 93]. Alternately, iodinated polymers derived from coupling between poly[(aminomethyl)styrene] and either *p*-iodobenzoic acid or *p*-iodophenylacetic acid, were oxidized with *in situ* generated peracetic acid to afford the polymer-supported (diacetoxyiodo)arenes (**93** and **94**, respectively) (Figure 19) [94]. In each of these cases, iodoarene recycling was achieved by simple filtration followed by a methanol wash of the polymer. In a similar context, highly insoluble small-molecule iodoarene mediators have also been demonstrated to be recyclable [95-98].



**Figure 19.** Synthesis of polymer-supported (diacetoxyiodo)arenes using  $H_2O_2$  and acetic anhydride. These reagents participate in ligand exchange chemistry in presence of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid to form tosylated I(III) reagents. These reagents can be recycled by simple filtration.

# D.2. Synthesis of Polymer-Supported Hypervalent Iodine(V) Reagents

IBX is poorly soluble in many organic solvents, which often necessitates the use of dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) as a reaction solvent. In general, it is challenging to recover the corresponding I(III) byproduct (*i.e.*, **9**) from these reaction conditions [99, 100]. To alleviate the need for DMSO as solvent, Mülbaier and Giannis developed silica-immobilized IBX reagent **95** (0.4 mmol/g) by tethering the appropriate iodoarene via a phenoxide linker (Figure 20) [101]. Oxidation to the corresponding immobilized I(V)-based material was accomplished with Oxone. Oxidation of alcohols was achieved in good yield by **95** in THF instead of DMSO, the solvent required for IBX-mediated alcohol oxidation. Polychloromethyl styrene- [102] and multiwalled carbon nanotubes (MWCNT)-supported for I(V) reagents (**96** and **97**, respectively) have also been synthesized [103]. Similarly, amide linkages have been used to prepare polymer-supported I(V) reagents **98-101** [104, 105].



Figure 20. Examples of polymer-supported hypervalent iodine(V) reagents that facilitate recycling of the corresponding iodoarenes after substrate functionalization.

Yakura and co-workers reported magnetic nanoparticle-supported iodoarene **103** for the catalytic oxidation of phenols (**102**) to form *p*-quinones (**104**) and demonstrated recovery by application of an external magnetic field (Figure 21a) [106]. Kirsch and co-workers also reported solid-supported iodoarene catalysts **106** and **107** and for catalytic oxidation of secondary alcohols (**105**) to ketones (**108**) in the presence of Oxone and demonstrated that the recovered catalyst was catalytically active up to 5 cycles (Figure 21b) [107]. For additional discussion of iodoarene catalysis, see Section E.



Figure 21. Oxone is used as a terminal oxidant for (a) magnetic nanoparticle-supported iodoarene (103) catalyzed phenolic oxidation and (b) polymer-supported iodoarene (106 and 107) catalyzed oxidation of secondary alcohols to ketones. While 103 is recovered by application of an external magnetic field, 106 and 107 were recycled by filtration after the reaction with  $\geq$ 95% recovery.

#### **D.3.** Fluorous Hypervalent Iodine(III) Reagents

Fluorous hypervalent iodine reagents have also been developed to enable extraction-based recovery of iodoarene byproducts. Since the first synthesis of hypervalent iodine reagents with fluoroalkyl substituents in 1971 [108], these reagents have proved to be useful due to their high lipophobicity and hydrophobicity. In 2003, Gladysz and co-workers developed a series of hypervalent iodine reagents with fluoroalkyl substituents **110-113**, which were prepared by

oxidation with NaBO<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O [109]. This family of hypervalent iodine reagents participated in the oxidation of hydroquinones **109** to generate p-quinones **114** (Figure 22). The resulting iodoarene byproducts displayed high fluorous-phase affinity, which facilitated separation and recycling.



**Figure 22**. Fluorous hypervalent iodine mediated oxidation of hydroquinone led to high yield of benzoquinone. Iodoarene byproducts were recovered by fluorous-phase extraction with  $CF_3C_6F_{11}$ .

In 2006 Gladysz and co-workers reported a family of hypervalent iodine reagents (**115**) derived from fluorous alkyliodides and applied them in alcohol oxidation chemistry (Figure 23a) [110]. Fluorous extraction enabled repeated use and recovery; three cycles achieved with high recovery of alkyliodides. More recently, polyfluorinated hypervalent iodine reagents have been utilized towards the synthesis of sulfoximines from sulfides under mild conditions [111, 112]. Wirth and co-workers developed oxidation of sulfides (**116**) with hypervalent iodine compound **117**, catalyzed by  $Fe(acac)_3$  in acetonitrile, to afford *N*-substituted sulfoximines (**118**) (Figure 23b) [111]. Using the (diacetoxyiodo)arene **119** and TPGS-750-M as a surfactant allowed for formation of N–H sulfoximines (**120**) from **116** in aqueous media (Figure 23c) [112].



**Figure 23**. Fluorous hypervalent iodine compounds can be utilized for the oxidation of (a) alcohols to ketones, (b) sulfides to *N*-substituted sulfoximines, and (c) sulfides to N–H sulfoximines.

#### E. Catalytic Application of Hypervalent Iodine Compounds

Hypervalent iodine catalysis utilizes selective *in situ* oxidation of substoichiometric amounts of iodoarenes to accomplish hypervalent iodine mediated substrate functionalization chemistry. Catalysis inherently reduces the iodoarene waste that is generated by hypervalent iodine reagents. The central challenge in achieving hypervalent iodine catalysis is the selective oxidation of the iodoarene catalyst in the presence of oxidatively labile substrates. Here we highlight recent progress in hypervalent iodine catalysis, and as above, organize the presentation by the nature of the terminal oxidant employed. The examples presented are not

exhaustive, but have been selected to highlight different approaches to achieving hypervalent iodine catalysis.

# E.1.1 Catalytic Hypervalent Iodine(III) Reactions Using O<sub>2</sub>

Miyamoto and co-workers developed iodoarene-catalyzed aerobic glycol cleavage and Hofmann rearrangement chemistry under isobutyraldehyde autoxidation conditions [113]. Using pentamethyliodobenzene (122) as catalyst, oxidative C–C cleavage of various diols (121) was achieved forming ketones 123 (Figure 24a). Notably, this aerobic oxidation condition was effective for glycol scission of cyclic *trans*-diols, which can be difficult to achieve using common oxidants like NaIO<sub>4</sub>. The authors also carried out Hofmann rearrangement of carboxamides 124 to form carbamates 125 using the same catalysis conditions (Figure 24b). This was an improvement over existing protocols that use *m*-CPBA as the terminal oxidant because aromatic amides undergo background oxidation with *m*-CPBA to form *N*-oxides [114]. The reported hypervalent iodine catalysis can also be performed using air, in place of  $O_2$ , without significant decrease in yield.



**Figure 24.** Aerobically generated hypervalent iodine(III) intermediates are applied to (a) oxidative C–C cleavage and (b) Hofmann rearrangement reactions using  $O_2$  as the terminal oxidant.

Contemporaneously, Powers *et al.* utilized aerobically generated I(III) reagents (Figure 1) derived from acetaldehyde autoxidation in catalytic C–H amination, carbonyl  $\alpha$ -functionalization, and spirocyclization reactions [23]. C–H amination was achieved using catalytic amount of 1,2-diiodobenzene (127) [115] with O<sub>2</sub> as the terminal oxidant to furnish *N*-methoxy-4-methyl-*N*-phenylbenzenesulfonamide (128) from benzene and amine 126 (Figure 25a). Similar reaction conditions resulted in aerobic bromination of ethyl acetoacetate (129) and aerobic spirocyclization of *N*-methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propenamide (131) to form 130 and 132 respectively (Figure 25b-c). Control reactions in the absence of iodoarene did not furnish products in any of the reactions in Figure 25, which demonstrates that reactive intermediates from aldehyde autoxidation are not directly involved in substrate functionalization.



**Figure 25.** Utilization of aerobically generated hypervalent iodine(III) reagents are exemplified in the context of (a) C–H amination, (b) aerobic halogenation, and (c) spirocyclization using O<sub>2</sub> as terminal oxidant.

Similar aldehyde-promoted aerobic oxidation catalysis was reported by Sen and co-workers, who demonstrated the synthesis of substituted 1,3,4-oxadiazole **135** from N'-anilidene acetohydrazines **133** using 4-iodoanisole (**134**) as catalyst (Figure 26) [116].



Figure 26. Synthesis of substituted oxadiazoles were carried out using  $O_2$  as the terminal oxidant and 4-iodoanisole as the catalyst.

# E.1.2 Catalytic Hypervalent Iodine(V) Reactions Using O<sub>2</sub>

In 2018, Powers and co-workers utilized *in situ* aerobic synthesis of (2-*tert*-butylsulfonyl)iodylbenzene (**21**, Figure 4) from (2-*tert*-butylsulfonyl)iodobenzene (**136**) to accomplish hypervalent-iodine-catalyzed alcohol oxidation [28]. Secondary alcohols were oxidized to ketones, whereas primary alcohols were oxidized to carboxylic acids because initially generated aldehydes were further oxidized under aldehyde autoxidation conditions (Figure 27a). Oxidative C–C cleavage was observed for 1,2-diols, which is characteristic of the reactivity of Dess-Martin Periodinane (DMP) (Figure 27b).



**Figure 27.** (a) Aerobically generated (2-*tert*-butylsulfonyl)iodylbenzene (**21**) was applied for oxidation of primary alcohols to carboxylic acids and secondary alcohols to ketones. (b) (2-*Tert*-butylsulfonyl)iodobenzene (**136**) catalyzed oxidative cleavage of hydroxybenzoin was realized under aldehyde autoxidation condition to form benzoic acid, analogous to DMP chemistry.

### E.2 Catalytic Hypervalent Iodine Reactions Using Peracid Oxidants

Peracid oxidants are among the most utilized terminal oxidants in hypervalent iodine catalysis. Use of peracetic acid as a terminal oxidant generates acetic acid as the only byproduct. While less oxygen dense, *m*-CPBA has also become a popular terminal oxidant in hypervalent iodine catalysis. Because 1) similar reactions have been accomplished using peracetic acid and *m*-

CPBA as terminal oxidants, and 2) the chemical structures of these reagents are similar, hypervalent iodine catalysis using either peracid will be presented together here.

*Carbonyl*  $\alpha$ -*Functionalization.* Some of the first examples of hypervalent iodine(III) catalysis utilized iodobenzene as a catalyst and *m*-CPBA as the terminal oxidant to achieve the  $\alpha$ -oxidation of carbonyl compounds (*i.e.*, conversion of **137** to **138**, Figure 28) [117]. Addition boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O), which was proposed to both induce the enolization of carbonyl starting materials and promote ligand exchange at the *in situ* generated (diacetoxyiodo)benzenes, was found to be essential for the  $\alpha$ -acetoxylation. Following the discovery of  $\alpha$ -acetoxylation of ketones by Ochiai and co-workers, several research groups have reported additional examples of  $\alpha$ -acetoxylation [118], as well as  $\alpha$ -tosyloxylation [119-121],  $\alpha$ -phosphoryloxylation [122], and  $\alpha$ -fluorination reactions [123, 124].



**Figure 28.** *α*-Functionalization of carbonyl compounds is exemplified by catalytic *α*-acetoxylation of ketones via hypervalent iodine intermediates generated using *m*-CPBA.

Catalytic enantioselective  $\alpha$ -oxidation reactions can be accomplished with chiral iodoarenes and *m*-CPBA as the terminal oxidant. In 2007, Wirth and co-workers reported the first catalytic, enantioselective  $\alpha$ -tosyloxylation of **137** using chiral iodoarene **139** with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid as the tosylate source to form **141** (Figure 29, condition a) [125]. In contrast to the previously developed method, which used stoichiometric chiral I(III) to accomplish enantioselective  $\alpha$ tosyloxylation and required a reaction temperature of -30 °C for optimum enantioselectivity [126], the catalytic reaction was performed at room temperature to overcome slow reaction kinetics (lower enantioselectivity was observed). The triazole-substituted chiral iodoarene catalyst **140** was later identified to provide similar  $\alpha$ -tosyloxylation with higher yields as well as increased enantioselectivity (Figure 29, condition b) [127-131]. Enantioselective  $\alpha$ fluorination of carbonyl compounds has also been accomplished by using chiral iodoarenes and replacing the tosylate nucleophile with triethylamine hydrogen fluoride as fluorine source [132, 133].



Figure 29. Enantioselective  $\alpha$ -tosyloxylation of ketones was achieved using iodoarene catalysts bearing chiral *o*-substituents (139 and 140). Triazole based catalyst 140 was observed to provide increased enantioselectivity.

Spirocyclization. Hypervalent iodine catalysis has also been applied to oxidative spirocylclization chemistry (*i.e.*, the conversion of phenol **142** to spirocycle **143**, Figure 30a) [134]. Trifluoroacetic acid was found to improve the yield of spirocyclized products, which formation attributed to the in situ of the stronger oxidant was [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]benzene (15). Enantioselective examples of spirocylclization of phenolic substrates has also been studied [135-137]. Kita and co-workers reported chiral iodoarene 146 bearing an ortho-substituted spirobiindane backbone [135], Ishihara's group developed a conformationally flexible  $C_2$ -symmetric iodoarene catalyst **147** [136], and Ibrahim and co-workers prepared  $C_2$ -symmetric iodoarene catalyst **148** [137], all of which promote the spirocyclization of substrate **144** to form **145** in good enantioselectivity (Figure 30b). Other catalysts including atropisomeric binaphthyl-based chiral iodides **149** have also been developed for similar spirolactonization reactions [138-148].



**Figure 30**. (a) Hypervalent iodine-catalyzed synthesis of lactones was achieved by dearomatization of 4-substituted phenolic derivatives. (b) Enantioselective spirocyclization of naphthyl propanoic acids can be achieved with various chiral iodoarenes catalysts (146-149).

*Oxidative C–H Coupling Chemistry*. In 2013, Kita and co-workers developed a hypervalent iodine-catalyzed oxidative cross-coupling reaction of aromatic sulfonanilides **150** with aromatic hydrocarbons to give the biaryl products **152** in high yields (Figure 31) [149]. While using iodobenzene as the catalyst resulted in low yields, 2,2'-diiodobiphenyl derivative **151** was found to be highly active towards the described C–C coupling chemistry.



Figure 31. Hypervalent iodine-catalyzed oxidative C-C coupling with *m*-CPBA as the terminal oxidant.

Similarly, Gong and co-workers demonstrated intramolecular asymmetric oxidative C–C bond-forming chemistry, in the context of spirooxindole (155) synthesis from 153, using chiral iodoarene 154 as the catalyst (Figure 32) [150]. In 2017, a computational study by Sunoj and co-workers reasoned that the observed enantioselectivity is due to the helical fold of the chiral amide arms on the iodoarene catalyst at *ortho*-positions [148].



Figure 32. Asymmetric spirocyclization was achieved using chiral iodoarene catalyst 154 and peracetic acid as terminal oxidant.

Martin and co-workers reported a  $C(sp^2)$ -O coupling reaction of biphenyl-2-carboxylic acids **156** in the presence of catalytic amounts of iodoarene **134** with peracetic acid as the terminal oxidant to form lactones **157** (Figure 33a) [151]. Previously, similar chemistry had been accomplished under the action of either Pt or Pd catalysts in tandem with stoichiometric hypervalent iodine(III) or Ag(I) terminal oxidants [152-158]. The authors also described formation of **160** via  $C(sp^3)$ -O coupling of pyrrolobenzoxazinones **158** using 4-bromoiodobenzne (**159**) as the catalyst (Figure 33b) [151].



**Figure 33.** Iodoarene-catalyzed (a)  $C(sp^2)$ -H and (b)  $C(sp^3)$ -H functionalization of phenyl carboxylic acid derivatives resulted in the formation of corresponding C–O coupled lactone products.

A considerable amount of interest has focused on the development of hypervalent iodine catalysis for oxidative N–H / C–H coupling for both sp<sup>2</sup> and sp<sup>3</sup> C–H amination [115, 159-163]. The Muñiz group reported intermolecular C–H amination (*i.e.*, the conversion of amine **161** to arylated product **162**) catalyzed by 1,2-diiodobenzene (**127**), which was identified as an exceptionally efficient catalyst that could be used in as low as 3 mol% loading (Figure 34a) [115]. The high reactivity of the corresponding  $\mu$ -oxo iodine(III) species **12** was reasoned to be due to the instability of the 5-membered  $\mu$ -oxo ring. Recently, Kita's group has also reported such reactivity using the 2,2'-diiodo-4,4',6,6'-tetramethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**163**) as catalyst (Figure 34b) [164]. Similar to **12**, the  $\mu$ -oxo structure of the iodine(III) species generated from **163** results in high catalytic activity; catalyst loading as low as 0.5 mol% were found to be effective.



**Figure 34.** Hypervalent iodine-catalyzed C–H amination was achieved using (a) 1,2-diiodobenzene (127) and (b) 2,2'-diiodo-4,4',6,6'-tetramethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (163) as catalysts and peracetic acid as terminal oxidant. These reactions are proposed to proceed through  $\mu$ -oxo *bis*-iodine(III) intermediates (e.g. 12).

Difunctionalization of Unsaturated C–C Bonds.

Difunctionalization of olefins is one of the main classes of transformations available to hypervalent iodine compounds [165]. Achieving catalysis using peracid-based oxidants requires that the rate of iodoarene oxidation competes successfully without direct olefin epoxidation chemistry, which can be facile with peracid-based oxidants.

*Oxygenation Reactions.* Iodomesitylene (165) catalyzed *syn*-diacetoxylation of alkenes was performed using *m*-CPBA as terminal oxidant, forming vicinal diacetates (Figure 35a) [166]. These methods complement previous methods that have been developed with transition metal catalysts, including osmium [167], ruthenium [168, 169], manganese [170, 171], iron [172-174], and palladium [175, 176]. Muñiz and co-workers described an enantioselective diacetoxylation of styrenes using chiral iodoarene 168 and peracetic acid (Figure 35b) [177]. While the use of *m*-CPBA promoted significant epoxidation in this case, little background reaction was observed with peracetic acid as the terminal oxidant. The Muñiz group also demonstrated catalytic olefin diacetoxylation with iodoarene catalyst 171 bearing an *o*-pyridyl Lewis base, which proved to be kinetically superior to pervious acetoxylation methods (Figure 35c) [178]. In this case, other terminal oxidants including Selectfluor, perborate, and periodate were ineffective; only peracetic acid was found to be effective. Both activated and unactivated olefins were diacetoxylated in good yields with 171, and the increased reactivity was attributed to the stabilizing effect of pyridyl group on electrophilic iodine centers [179-181].



**Figure 35.** (a) Hypervalent iodine-catalyzed *syn*-diacetoxylation of alkenes was achieved using iodomesitylene as catalyst and *m*-CPBA as terminal oxidant. (b) Enantioselective diacetoxylation of alkenes was achieved with C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric iodoarene catalyst **168** and peracetic acid as terminal oxidant. (c) 2-Pyridyliodobenzene catalyzed diacetoxylation of alkenes. The proximal pyridyl group was found to accelerate catalysis as compared to iodobenzene.

*Fluorination Reactions.* In 2016, Jacobsen and co-workers reported the enantioselective 1,2*anti*-difluorination of alkenes with iodoarene catalyst **173**, *m*-CPBA as terminal oxidant, and an excess of Py·9HF as fluoride source (Figure 36a) [182]. The developed method is applicable to various substituted alkenes including terminal, internal, and acrylamide olefins. In the case of isolated alkenes, addition of pyridine afforded improved yields, presumably due to reduced acidity and increased nucleophilicity of fluoride ions in the reaction medium. In the same year, the Jacobsen group also reported a method for the catalytic, asymmetric, migratory geminal difluorination of  $\beta$ -substituted styrenes to access products bearing difluoromethylated tertiary or quaternary stereocenters using a chiral iodoarene catalyst **176** (Figure 36b) [183].



**Figure 36**. Asymmetric (a) vicinal difluorination and (b) gem difluorination of alkenes via chiral hypervalent iodine catalysis were achieved using *m*-CPBA as the terminal oxidant.

Amination Reactions. Iodoarene derivatives with modified chiral lactic acid side chains have emerged as effective catalysts for intermolecular diamination reactions [184]. The first hypervalent iodine-catalyzed enantioselective intermolecular diamination (*i.e.*, the conversion of **167** to **179**) was reported by the Muñiz group using iodoarene catalyst **178** (Figure 37). Background epoxidation/aminooxygenation reactions of alkenes by *m*-CPBA were reduced by changing the solvent from ethyl acetate to methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE) or MTBE/HFIP mixtures, and by lowering the reaction temperature to -5 °C. With a 10 mol % catalyst loading the reaction provided 40-87% yield and up to 98% ee.



Figure 37. Hypervalent iodine-catalyzed asymmetric diamination of olefins was realized using  $C_2$ -symmetric catalyst (178) and *m*-CPBA as the terminal oxidant.

*Oxidative Cleavage Reactions*. In 2009, Miyamoto and Ochiai developed an efficient method for iodoarene-catalyzed oxidative cleavage of carbon–carbon multiple bonds as an alternative to ozonolysis [185]. Under these conditions, various unsaturated compounds such as cyclic alkenes, acyclic alkenes, and aryl acetylenes are selectively cleaved to afford carboxylic acids (Figure 38).



Figure 38. Iodomesitylene-catalyzed oxidative cleavage of C–C unsaturated bonds was developed as an alternative method to ozonolysis.

# E.3 Catalytic Hypervalent Iodine Reactions Using Oxone

Although the active oxygen content of Oxone, in which the active oxidant is the peroxymonosulfate anion ( $HSO_5^-$ ), is lower than that of  $O_2$  or  $H_2O_2$ , it offers several advantages, including stability, ease of transport, simple handling, controllable addition, and is nontoxic [186]. Oxone is prepared from a mixture of  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $H_2O_2$  and potassium hydroxide (KOH) [187]. Both iodine(III) and iodine(V) species can be generated from iodoarene oxidation with Oxone.

# E.3.1 Catalytic Hypervalent Iodine(III) Reactions Using Oxone

Hypervalent iodine-catalyzed oxidation of phenols using Oxone as the terminal oxidant has been widely studied. Yakura and co-workers reported iodoarene (**183**) catalyzed oxidation of phenolic derivatives to form *p*-quinones **184** (Figure 39a) [188-190], and *p*-quinols **186** (Figure 39b) [191, 192], depending on the substituents at *para*-positions of **182** and **185** respectively. It was hypothesized that the *in situ* generated I(III) intermediates react with phenolic compounds to form a cationic intermediate, which is then trapped by  $H_2O$  to form the desired quinols.



**Figure 39.** 2-(4-iodophenoxy)acetic acid (**183**) catalyzed oxidation of phenolic derivatives provided access to (a) *p*-quinones and (b) *p*-quinols with Oxone as the terminal oxidant.

Zhdankin and co-workers demonstrated hypervalent iodine-catalyzed Hofmann rearrangements, which had been previously accomplished by Ochiai and co-workers using m-CPBA as the terminal oxidant [114], could also be accomplished using Oxone as the terminal oxidant (Figure 40a) [193]. Using similar reaction conditions with 3,5-dimethyliodobenzene (188) as the catalyst, Zhdankin and co-workers reported cyclization of oxime 187 with alkenes or alkynes to form isoxazolines 190 or isoxazoles 191 (Figure 40b) [194]. In these reactions, in situ generated iodine(III) reagents oxidize oximes into nitrile oxides 189, which then undergo [3+2] cycloaddition with alkenes or alkynes to form the corresponding heterocycles. Synthesis of substituted oxazoles 193 via cycloisomerization-amination reactions of Npropargyl carboxamides 192 was also realized utilizing *in situ* generated I(III) intermediate by Oxone (Figure 40c) [195].



**Figure 40.** Oxone is often used as the terminal oxidant for various hypervalent iodine-catalyzed reactions such as (a) Hofmann rearrangement of amides, (b) [3+2] cycloaddition of alkenes or alkynes with *in situ* generated nitrile oxide, and (c) cycloisomerization-amination reactions of *N*-propargyl carboxamides.

# E.3.2 Catalytic Hypervalent Iodine(V) Reactions Using Oxone

The first example of I(V) catalysis was reported by Vinod and co-workers in 2005, who reported oxidation of primary and secondary alcohols to carboxylic acids and ketones, respectively, by the *in situ* generation of IBX (**89**) from 2-iodobenzoic acid (**88**) using Oxone as the terminal oxidant (Figure 41) [196]. 1,2-Diols were also cleanly oxidized to corresponding dicarbonyls without oxidative C–C cleavage. Control reactions in the absence of catalyst resulted in no product formation.



Figure 41. Catalytic oxidation of alcohols in presence of 2-iodobenzoic acid and Oxone leads to carboxylic acid from primary alcohols and ketones from secondary alcohols via the intermediacy of IBX (89).

The Ishihara group reported oxidation of primary and secondary alcohols with iodophenylsulfonate **194** as the catalyst (Figure 42a) [197]. It is noteworthy that a significantly lower catalyst loading (as low as 1 mol%) was achievable with sodium 2-iodobenzenesulfonate (**194**) to generate 2-iodoxysulfonic acid (IBS), which is an analogue of IBX. It was proposed that IBS might have had greater catalytic activity since the iodine(V) center has higher Lewis acidity than that of IBX due to a strong electron withdrawing sulfonate group in the *ortho*-position. Also, the oxidative rearrangement of tertiary alcohols with sodium 5-methyl-2-iodobenzenesulfonate (**196**) as catalyst was accomplished to form enones with Oxone as the terminal oxidant (Figure 42b) [198].



**Figure 42.** Iodoarene-catalyzed (a) oxidation of primary and secondary alcohols and (b) rearrangement of tertiary alcohols were performed using Oxone as the terminal oxidant. Selective oxidation of primary alcohols to aldehydes was observed.

In contrast to the I(III)-mediated oxidation of phenolic derivatives in presence of Oxone, which gave rise to 1,4-quinones (section E.3.1) [188-190], 5-methyl-2-iodobenzenesulfonate (196) catalyzed oxidation of phenols leads to selective *ortho*-oxidation to form 1,2-quinones via corresponding I(V) intermediate (Figure 43a) [199]. Although the reason for the selectivity remained unclear, a mechanism was proposed where the phenol-iodine(V) adduct underwent [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement to give the resulting 1,2-quinones. This reaction was further expanded to effect the formation of *o*-quinols (202 and 203) catalyzed by sodium 4,5-dimethyl-2-iodobenzenesulfonate 201 from *ortho*-substituted phenols 200 (Figure 43b) [200]. The introduction of a trialkylsilylmethyl substituent at the 2-position in this case further improved the reaction rate and selectivity for monomeric quinol product 202 over the dimerized product 203.



**Figure 43.** Catalytic oxidation of phenols by 2-iodobenzenesulfonic acid derivative and Oxone leads to (a) *o*-quinone and (b) *o*-quinol depending on the reaction conditions.

# E.4 Catalytic Hypervalent Iodine Reactions Using Electrophilic Halides

Electrophilic halogen-based reagents, such as Selectfluor and *N*-bromosuccinimide (NBS), can act as terminal oxidants in hypervalent iodine catalysis. While Selectfluor oxidation generates (difluoroiodo)arenes, which are stable to isolation [201], NBS oxidation affords (dibromoiodo)arenes, which are not generally stable to isolation (the presence of *ortho*-substituents that are Lewis basic can stabilize cyclic bromo-I(III) reagents) [202]. Among the oxidants discussed here, electrophilic halides are the least atom economical; the reduced

products of Selectfluor and NBS are 1-chloromethyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane and succinimide, respectively.

#### E.4.1 Catalytic Hypervalent Iodine(III) Reactions Using Electrophilic Halides

(Difluoroiodo)arenes, generated *in situ* by the combined action of Selectfluor and hydrofluoric acid, have been applied in fluorination reactions. Moran and co-workers described the hypervalent iodine-catalyzed cyclization of *N*-allylamides to the corresponding oxazoline compounds with five- to seven-membered rings using *o*-iodoanisole (**205**) as catalyst (Figure 44a) [203]. Saito and co-workers demonstrated metal-free and catalytic fluorinative cyclization of *N*-propargyl amides to form substituted oxazoles with a similar catalysis strategy (Figure 44b) [204].



Figure 44. (a) Cyclization of *N*-allyamides in presence of Selectflour and *o*-iodoanisole (205) furnished corresponding hydroxy substituted oxazoline compounds. (b) Addition of fluoride source such as pyridine hydrogen fluoride to the previous reaction condition leads fluorocyclized products 208.

Difunctionalization of olefins can also be achieved with Selectfluor as the terminal oxidant. In 2016, Muñiz and co-workers developed an enantioselective styrene diacetoxylation reaction using chiral iodoarene **209** as catalyst (Figure 45a) [205]. The use of Selectfluor as the terminal oxidant avoided background reactions, such as epoxidation, that were observed with peracid-based oxidants. In addition, oxidation by Selecfluor generates arylfluoroiodonium species that have a more electrophilic iodine(III) center and is highly reactive towards olefins compared to other hypervalent iodine reagents like PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub>. Gilmour and co-workers elaborated on the developed method to achieve vicinal dichlorination of alkenes (*i.e.*, the conversion of **164** to **210**) by *in situ* generation of 4-(dichloroiodo)toluene (**32**) from the I(III) fluoride species via ligand exchange reaction with cesium chloride (CsCl) (Figure 45b) [206].



**Figure 45.** Selectflour is used as a terminal oxidant for iodoarene-catalyzed (a) diacetoxylation and (b) vicinal dichlorination of alkenes.

NBS has been used for *in situ* generation of (dibromoiodo)arenes, which are efficient in bromine transfer to alkenes or arenes. Braddock and co-workers reported the *in situ* synthesis of cyclic brominated hypervalent iodine intermediates from a variety of *ortho*-substituted iodoarenes (e.g. **213-217**), and found that amidine **213** was superior in the synthesis of bromolactones **212** from alkenecarboxylic acids **211** (Figure 46) [202]. Although molecular bromine has better atom economy, it failed to give rise to the formation of the expected bromoiodinane species. Instead, NBS was found to be a suitable reagent for such

transformation in good yields. Increased reaction rate and yields were obtained by increasing the nucleophilicity of the *ortho*-substituents of the iodoarene.



**Figure 46.** Bromocyclization of alkenecarboxylic acids to bromolactones was realized using (*E*)-2-iodo-*N*,*N*-diphenylbenzimidamide (**213**) as catalyst and Selectfluor as terminal oxidant.

Gulder and co-workers expanded the utility of olefin functionalization catalyzed by iodoarenes using NBS as the terminal oxidant to access bromination reactions with *o*-iodobenzamide derivatives **219** and **222** as the catalysts. Specifically, 1,2-dibromination of alkenes (*i.e.*, the conversion of **218** to **220**, Figure 47a) [207] and bromocyclization of methacrylamide derivatives (*i.e.*, the conversion of **221** to **223**, Figure 47b) [208] were accomplished by the iodoarene catalysts **219** and **222**, respectively. In a similar fashion, iodoarene-catalyzed bromination followed by rearrangement of *N*-alkyl derivatives **224** was performed to access  $\alpha, \alpha$ -dialkylated  $\alpha$ -alkanoate carboxylamides **225** (Figure 47c) [209] as well as the cascade bromination/rearrangement/cyclization reaction to generate  $\beta$ -lactams **227** from **226** (Figure 46d) [210]. The generation of bromobenziodoxolone **228**, from *o*-iodobenzamide **222** and NBS, was observed by NMR spectroscopy and ESI-MS experiments, and was proposed to be the active brominating reagent in these transformations.



**Figure 47.** Hypervalent iodine-catalyzed substrate functionalizations with NBS as the terminal oxidant are exemplified in the context of (a) 1,2-dibromination of alkenes, (b) bromocyclization of methacrylamide derivatives, (c) bromination/rearrangement, and (d) cascade bromination/rearrangement/cyclization of *N*-alkyl imide derivatives. Formation of brominated hypervalent iodine intermediates is proposed in these transformations.

# **E.5 Hypervalent Iodine Electrocatalysis**

As discussed in the context of electrochemical synthesis of hypervalent iodine reagents, *ex cell* methods require the stoichiometric generation of hypervalent iodine species, which obviates many of the potential advantages of electrochemistry vis-à-vis sustainability. *In cell* electrocatalytic methods, in which hypervalent iodine species are generated *in situ* during substrate functionalization, can be limited by the significant overpotential that is often required to anodically oxidize many iodoarenes, however, strategies to enable electrocatalysis have begun to emerge.

# E.5.1 Catalytic Hypervalent Iodine(III) Electrocatalysis

In 1994, Fuchigami and co-workers reported *in cell* utilization of hypervalent iodine intermediates to accomplish 1,1-difluorination of dithioketals (*i.e.*, the conversion of **229** to **230**, Figure 48) [56]. As discussed in section C.1, Fuchigami and co-workers were only able to electrosynthesize 4-(difluoroiodo)nitrobenzene upon anodic oxidation of 4-iodonitrobenzene in Et<sub>3</sub>N·5HF (Figure 11). Since the oxidation peak potential of 4-iodonitrobenzene (2.3 V vs SCE) was higher than the potential required for the oxidation of dithioketals (2.1-2.2 V vs SCE), 4-iodoanisole was used as an electrocatalyst (1.9 V vs SCE), and resulted in selective iodoarene oxidation to form the reactive 4-(difluoroiodo)anisole (**231**) *in situ*.



Figure 48. The first example of hypervalent iodine electrocatalysis was reported in the context of the difluorination of propane-1,3-dithiol protected carbonyl compounds 229 under constant potential conditions.

In 2019, Ackermann and co-workers reported an electrochemical co-catalytic system based on iodobenzene (1) and Ru-compound 233, for the directed C–H hydroxylation of 232 to give 234 (Figure 49) [211]. The iodine(III)/ruthenium(II)-electrocatalyzed C–H functionalization was enabled by the electrochemical generation of hypervalent iodine(III) reagents. Complementary computational work indicated that the oxidation potential of iodobenzene is 200 mV lower than that of the ruthenium(II/IV) manifold, and most likely goes through anodically generated hypervalent iodine intermediates [212]. Replacement of applied potential with other oxidants, like *m*-CPBA or Oxone, under these reaction conditions, resulted in considerably inferior yield (15% and 32% respectively).



Figure 49. Iodoarene and Ru co-catalyzed C-H hydroxylation of benzamide derivatives.

In 2020, Powers and co-workers developed hypervalent iodine electrocatalysis for intra- and intermolecular C–N bond-forming reactions [213]. In the intramolecular carbazole formation, either iodoarene catalyst **134** or **163** was used depending on the substrate (Figure 50a). 4-

Iodoanisole was selected for its low onset potential and was successfully used as an electrocatalyst for electron-neutral or slightly electron-poor substrates. For more electron-poor substrates, bearing nitro- or carbonyl substituents, the more oxidizing iodoarene **163** was employed as catalyst in potenstiatic electrolysis at 1.9 V vs Ag<sup>+</sup>/Ag. Electron-rich substrates with methyl or methoxy substituents underwent unselective anodic oxidative degradation due to lower onset potentials compared to iodoarene catalyst. Intermolecular C–H amination was also achieved between *N*-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)acetamide **161** and arenes using iodoarene **163** as catalyst (Figure 50b). The absence of an oxidation peak in the cyclic voltammogram (CV) for amine **161** at the high potentials required to oxidize iodoarene **163** allowed for its *in cell* utilization. Control experiments in the absence of iodoarene, acetate, or HFIP resulted in no desired products. Titration of increasing acetate concentration to iodoarene resulted in CVs with decreased reversibility and increased current response, which is indicative of trapping anodically generated I(II) intermediate by acetate ion and subsequent oxidation to I(III) intermediate (Figure 50c).



**Figure 50.** Anodically generated hypervalent iodine intermediates were used in (a) inter- and (b) intramolecular C–H amination reactions. (c) Stabilization of *in situ* generated I(II) intermediate (**237**) by acetate anion was proposed to enable hypervalent iodine electrocatalysis.

### F. Conclusion

Hypervalent iodine compounds are an important class of oxidants in synthetic chemistry. Use of hypervalent iodine reagents is often not highly atom economical due to the low active oxygen content of these species. Advances in the sustainable synthesis of these reagents promise to impact the sustainability of the substrate functionalization reactions that can be affected by these compounds. Here, we have discussed advances in the use of environmentally benign oxidants such as  $O_2$  and  $H_2O_2$  in the preparation of hypervalent iodine species. In addition, significant progress has been made towards the electrochemical oxidation of iodoarenes, which avoids the need for stoichiometric terminal chemical oxidants. Polymersupported and fluorous hypervalent iodine compounds have emerged as recyclable platforms that could reduce the waste associated with stoichiometric application of these reagents. More recently, the development of hypervalent iodine catalysis promises to significantly impact the sustainability of reaction chemistry effected at the hypervalent iodine center by enabling use of substoichiometric iodoarenes to achieving selective oxidation of iodoarenes in the presence of oxidatively labile substrates is critical. Ongoing efforts to better define the mechanistic

alternatives available for the synthesis of these species promises to impact the ongoing development of aerobic and electrochemical strategies to hypervalent iodine compounds and catalysis.

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