# **Oxidation Dynamics of 8-Oxoguanine by Singlet O<sub>2</sub> Using Guided-Ion Beam Scattering and Density Functional Theory**

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## Introduction

- Singlet oxygen  $({}^{1}O_{2})$ : one of the most • common reactive oxygen species in live organisms, and causes mutation and cell death.
- Guanine: the exclusive DNA target toward •  $^{1}O_{2}$  oxidation.
- 8-Oxoguanine: more reactive toward  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ than the undamaged guanine.





## **Results** [Y. Sun, W. Lu and J. Liu, J. Phys. Chem. B. 2017, 121, 956-966.]

• Reaction PESs of protonated  $[8-0xoG + H]^+$  with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ 



Literature proposed mechanisms of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ -induced oxidation of 8-oxodGuo:  $\bullet$ 



## **Instrumentation and Methodology**



a) Reaction coordinate for  $[8-0xoG + H]^+ + {}^1O_2$ . Energies (relative to reactants) were calculated at B3LYP/aug-cc-pVQZ//B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p), including thermal corrections at 298 K. b – d) 2D-PESs for the addition of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  to the C4 – C5, C2 – C5 and C2 – C4 positions of [8 $oxoG + H]^+$ , respectively. Numbers in the contour maps are potential energies calculated at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p). Colored lines represent IRC trajectories. e) IRC trajectory for hydrated  $[8-0xoG + H]^+ \cdot W$ 

with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ . Compared to dehydrated [8-oxoG + H]<sup>+</sup>, the activation barrier for 4,5-addition to [8 $oxoG + H]^+ \cdot W$  decreases by 0.32 eV whereas that for 2,5-addition increases by 0.07 eV.

Experimental Findings: No product was observed for the reaction of  $[8-0xoG + H]^{+}(H_2O)_{0,1} + {}^1O_2$  because insurmountable barriers block the addition of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  to reactant ions.

• Reaction of deprotonated  $[8-0xoG - H]^-$  with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ 



### Guided-ion-beam tandem mass spectrometer [Y. Fang and J. Liu, J. Phys. Chem. A. 2009, 113, 11250-11261.]



• <u>10, Generation and detection</u> [Y. Fang, F. Liu, A. D. Bennett, S. Ara, and J. Liu. J. Phys. Chem. B. 2011, 115, 2671-2682.]



• Chemical <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub> generator



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-1.5

-2.0



Experimental Findings: Neither is  $[8-oxoG - H]^-$  reactive with  ${}^1O_2$ , in this case due to the rapid decay of transient intermediates to starting reactants.

However, the nonreactivity of  $[8-oxoG - H]^-$  toward  ${}^1O_2$  is inverted by hydration of the reactant ions; as a result, 4,5-dioxetane of  $[8-0xoG - H]^-$  was captured as the main oxidation product.

water dissociation energy (between 0.32 and 0.47 eV) which makes it possible to kick out a  $H_2O$ ligand.







# • Determination of <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub> concentration

 ${}^{1}O_{2}({}^{1}\Delta_{g}^{-}) \xrightarrow{Emission} {}^{3}O_{2}({}^{3}\Sigma_{g}) + hv(1270 nm)$ 

#### 0.5 0. Collision Energy (eV)

### • Similarities & differences between protonated vs. deprotonated system

The oxidation of  $[8-0xoG + H]^+$  begins by concerted cycloaddition of  ${}^1O_2$ , but all pathways are blocked by high activation barriers. On the contrary, synchronous addition does not occur to [8-oxoG – H]<sup>-</sup>. The latter involves a low-energy, stepwise addition starting with formation of a 5-terminal peroxide, followed by evolving into a 4,5dioxetane and a 5-hydroperoxide.

Compared to the dehydrated systems, hydration not only changes the stabilities of protonated 8-oxoG conformations, but "cools down" the energized oxidation intermediates of deprotonated 8-oxoG, suppressing their otherwise complete decomposition back to reactants.

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