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INTRODUCTION

- **Deracemization** via crystallization has the advantage to give access to 100% yield of pure enantiomers in the solid state. ¹
- Achiral inorganic salt sodium chlorate (NaClO₃) crystallizes in a chiral space group P2₁3 giving rise to two enantiomorphic crystals (Figures 1 and 2).^{2,3,4}
- While deracemization of NaClO₃ by attrition (i.e. Viedma ripening) has been widely described, temperature cycles induced deracemization (TCID) has been specifically used for organic
- Sodium dithionate (Na₂S₂O₆), as impurity, generates morphological and growth kinetics changes of NaClO₃ crystals.⁸ Via the similar geometry of the ClO₃ ions and the SO₃ moiety of the dithionate ions, Na₂S₂O₆ docks onto {1111} faces of NaClO₃ (Figure 3) and triggers the secondary nucleation of the counter NaClO₃ enantiomorph giving a phenomenon of epitaxy (Figure 4).

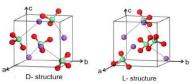






Figure 2 Crystals of NaClO₃ from aqueous solution observed under polarized light





Figure 3 Crystal of NaClO3 showing the tetrahedral morphology, obtained by evaporation of solvent at room temperature in presence of Na₂S₂O₆.



Figure 4 Epitaxy of NaClO2 showing two opposite handedness obtained by evaporation of solvent at room temperature in presence of Na₂S₂O₆

ATTRITION ENHANCED DERACEMIZATION

I. Theory: Viedma ripening



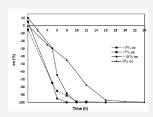
Ostwald ripening Small crystals Large crystals





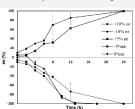
III. Results

Preliminary tests using Alfa Aesar commercial NaClO₃



Impurities in Alfa Aesar commercial product?

Deracemization tests using recrystallized NaClO₃



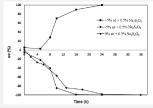
Total deracemization of NaClO₃ toward expected final ee.

II. Experimental conditions



- 20 mL of saturated solution at 20 °C + 5 g of NaClO₃ crystals + 15 g of glass beads (1.5 mm).
- Thermostated round bottom flasks at 20 °C.
- Magnetic stirring (1000 rpm).
- Samplings are submitted to growth step to count crystals.

With impurity: Na₂S₂O₆, 0,5%mol



No specific effect of Na₂S₂O₆ on NaClO₃ deracemization.

→ Could higher amount of Na₂S₂O₆ influence NaClO₂ $\frac{2^{2}}{2^{2}}$ deracemization? /!\ Higher amount of Na₂S₂O₆ could hamper growth step of

Determination of ee

Enantiomeric excess is determined according to the equation [1] by manual counting ${\rm NaClO_3}$ crystals of each chirality under polarized light microscopy.

$$ee_{\%} = \frac{|m_d - m_l|}{m_d + m_l} \times 100$$
 Eq. [1]





ee = 100%

CONCLUSION & PERSPECTIVES

ATTRITION

TCID

Deracemization

Total deracemization of First deracemization of NaClO₃ toward expected final ee via attrition

NaClO₃ via temperature cycles.

Deracemization in presence of $Na_2S_2O_6$ (0.5% mol)

* No specific effect on attrition enhanced deracemization

References

- No epitaxy observed in samplings
- Significant delay of NaClO₂ deracemization via TCID in the presence of Na₂S₂O₄.

Perspectives

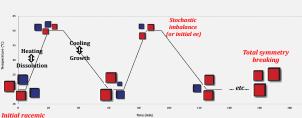
- ❖ Influence of **higher amount of Na** $_2$ **S** $_2$ **O** $_6$ on deracemization.
- Investigation of the Na₂S₂O₆ impact during the delayed period in TCID experiments.

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TEMPERATURE CYCLES INDUCED DERACEMIZATION (TCID)⁴

I. Theory



II. Experimental conditions

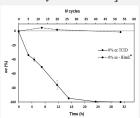
- 10 mL of saturated solution + 5 g of NaClO₃ crystals.
- Thermostated round bottom flasks Magnetic stirring (500 rpm).
- Temperature cycles between 26 and 40 °C. (12% more of solid dissolved at 40 °C)
- Heating rate: 1.2 °C/min
- Cooling rate: 0.8 °C/min

III. Results

*Blank: reactor subjected to a constant temperature of

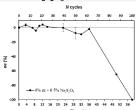
20 °C

Deracemization tests using recrystallized NaClO₃



First NaClO₃ deracemization by TCID

With impurity: Na₂S₂O₆, 0,5%mol



- → No epitaxy observed in samplings.
- → What is the effect of Na₂S₂O₆ on the system during the delayed period?
- → Could higher amount of Na₂S₂O₆ totally block deracemization?

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Starting of deracemization is significantly delayed by the presence of $Na_2S_2O_6$