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Efficient and Selective Hydrogen Peroxide-Mediated Oxidation of Sulfides in Batch and Segmented and Continuous Flow using a Peroxometalate-Based Polymer Immobilised Ionic

Liquid Phase Catalyst

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Experimental

General Comments. All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. $[NBu_4]_3[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]^1$ and 1-benzyl-1-((2-methylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2yl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-ium bromide were prepared as previously described² and $H_3[PO_4\{WO(O_2)\}_4]$ was generated *in situ* immediately prior to use as previously described.³ ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} spectra were recorded on JEOL LAMBDA-500 or ECS-400 instruments. Solid-state ³¹P spectra were recorded at 161.87 MHz using a Varian VNMRS 400 spectrometer and a 4 mm (rotor o.d.) magic-angle spinning probe. They were obtained using cross-polarization with a 2 s recycle delay, 3 ms contact time, at ambient probe temperature (~25 °C) and at a sample spin-rate of 10 kHz. Between 1000 and 3600 repetitions were accumulated. Spectral referencing was with respect to an external sample of neat tetramethylsilane (carried out by setting the high-frequency signal from adamantane to 38.5 ppm). Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed using a TA TGA Q5000, at a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹. All samples were sealed in the glovebox into aluminium pans. The onset of the weight loss in each thermogram was used as a measure of the decomposition temperature. TEM images were acquired in bright field using a Tecnai 200 kV F20 Transmission Electron Microscope with a Field Emission Gun. A few drops of sample were pipetted onto an Agar holey carbon film copper TEM grids and the prepared grid was set aside for ca. 20 min prior to inserting it into the microscope, in order to allow the solvent to evaporate. Images were taken with a Gatan CCD digital camera attached to the microscope. Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was conducted on a Varian ProStar instrument (Varian Inc.) equipped with a Varian 325 UV-vis dual wavelength detector (254 nm), a Dawn Heleos II multi-angle laser light scattering detector (Wyatt Technology Corp.), a Viscotek 3580 differential RI detector, and a pair of PL gel 5 μ m Mixed D 300 \times 7.5 mm columns with guard column (Polymer Laboratories Inc.) in series. Near monodisperse polystyrene standards (Agilent Technologies) were used for calibration. Data collection was performed with Galaxie software (Varian Inc.) and chromatograms analysed with the Cirrus software (Varian Inc.) and Astra software (Wyatt Technology Corp.). Flow reactions were performed using a Uniquis FlowSyn Maxi all stainless steel platform with mandrels supplied by Uniqsis.

polymerisation of 1-benzyl-1-((2-methylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-Ring opening metathesis yl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-ium bromide with cis-cyclooctene. A flame-dried three-neck round bottom flask under a nitrogen atmosphere was charged with chloroform (80 mL), cis-cyclooctene (3.0 mL, 23.0 mmol) and 1-benzyl-1-((2-methylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1-ium bromide (4.23 g 11.7 mmol). To this was added a solution of [RuCl₂(PCy₃)₂(=CHPh)] (0.571 g, 0.694 mmol) in chloroform (ca.10 mL) and the resulting mixture was heated at 40°C and left to stir for 19 h. Upon completion the reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, ethyl vinyl ether (0.69 mL, 7.0 mmol) added and the solution stirred for an additional hour. The polymer was precipitated by slowly adding the reaction mixture portion wise to diethyl ether (ca. 600 mL) with vigorous stirring; after stirring for a further 60 minutes the polymer was isolated by filtration, using a sintered glass frit, washed with diethyl ether and dried to yield 5.2 g of a pale green solid. A solution of tris(hydroxymethyl)phosphine was prepared by degassing 2-propanol (90 mL) with nitrogen for 30 min prior to adding tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)phosphonium chloride (2.6 mL, 18 mmol). Potassium hydroxide (1.0 g, 18.0 mmol) was added slowly over 15 minutes to the vigorously stirred solution during which time a white precipitate formed. The mixture was allowed to stir for an additional 10 min and then added to a solution of the polymer in chloroform (ca. 100-150 mL). After heating at 60 °C for 19 h, NaBr (18.52 g, 180 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred for an additional 3 h at 60 °C. The mixture was then filtered, washed rigorously with distilled water (3 \times 50 mL) and the resultant organic layer added dropwise to diethyl ether (ca. 500 mL) with vigorous stirring. After stirring for a minimum of 60 min the polymer was allowed to settle, isolated by filtration through a frit, washed with diethyl ether $(2 \times 50 \text{ mL})$ and dried under high vacuum to afford 1 as a buff brown solid in 61% yield (4.1 g). Anal. Calc for C₃₆H₅₆NBr: C, 74.20, H, 9.69, N, 2.40. Found: C, 73.82, H, 10.01, N, 2.35 (corresponding to a pyrrolidinium monomer content of 62.5 mol%, 1.72 mmol g⁻¹); GPC (average over 3 runs): $M_{\rm w} = 9100$, $M_{\rm n} = 8600$, PDI = 1.06 (Figure S1).





Figure S2 TGA and DSC curves for benzyl-1-((2-methylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl)methyl)pyrrolidin-1ium bromide-cis-cyclooctene copolymer **1.** The heating rate was 5 °C min⁻¹.



The heat flow plot (lower trace) of co-polymer **1** clearly shows an exotherm at 100 °C which could correspond to Hoffmann elimination with no loss in mass.

Synthesis of polymer immobilised peroxophosphotungstate 2. A hydrogen peroxide solution (35% w/w, 9.7 mL, 100 mmol) was added to phosphotungstic acid (1.73 g, 0.6 mmol) dissolved in a minimum volume of water and stirred at room temperature for 30 min. After this time, pyridine (0.145 mL, 1.8 mmol) was added followed by a solution of 1 (0.877 g, 1.8 mmol) in the minimum volume of ethanol, which resulted in the immediate precipitation of an amorphous white solid. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, filtered through a sintered glass frit and the precipitate washed with water (2 × 10 mL) and diethyl ether (3 × 75 mL) and dried under vacuum to afford **6** in 84% yield. FT-IR (KBr plates): $\tilde{v} = 1087$, 1058, 1028 (P-O), 956 (W=O), 837 (O-O), 585, 535 W(O₂)_{sym,asym}: Anal. Calc for C₁₀₈H₁₆₈N₃O₂₄PW₄: N, 1.58; W, 27.66. Found: N, 1.46; W, 26.31. Loading of tungsten 1.4 mmol g⁻¹.

Synthesis of [*n*Bu₄N]₃[PO₄{WO(O₂)₂}₄]/SiO₂

A flame dried Schlenk flask was charged with $[nBu_4N]_3[PO_4\{WO(O_2)_2\}_4]$ (0.094 g, 0.05 mmol) and dichloromethane (6 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 15 min after which time 1.0 g of Geduran[®] Si60 (43-60 µm) was added and stirring continued for a further 2 h. The dichloromethane was removed under vacuum to afford a free flowing powder. FT-IR (KBr plates): $\tilde{v} = 1084$, 1059, 1028 (P-O), 966 (W=O), 845 (O-O), 592, 532 W(O₂)_{sym,asym}. The tungsten loading was confirmed to be 0.19 mmol of W g⁻¹ of silica by ICP-OES analysis.



Figure S3a TEM image of freshly prepared polymer immobilised peroxophosphotungstate 2

Figure S3b TEM image of polymer supported peroxophosphotungstate 2 recovered after use in catalysis



General Procedure for Catalytic Sulfoxidation in Batch

An oven-dried Schlenk flask was allowed to cool to room temperature and charged sequentially with sulfide (1.0 mmol), catalyst (0.013 g, 0.005 mmol) and solvent (3 mL), the reaction was then activated by the addition of 35% H₂O₂ (0.24 mL, 2.5 mmol) and allowed to stir at room temperature for 15 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (25 mL), washed with water (*c.a.* 50 mL) and the organic extract dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was analysed by either ¹H or ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectroscopy to quantify the composition of starting material and products; for each substrate tested an internal standard of 1,3-dinitrobenzene was initially employed to ensure mass balance.

General Procedure for Catalytic Sulfoxidation Recycle Studies

An oven-dried Schlenk flask was allowed to cool to room temperature and charged sequentially with sulfide (3.0 mmol), polymer immobilised catalyst **2** (0.039 g, 0.015 mmol) or $[nBu_4N]_3[PO_4\{WO(O_2)_2\}_4]/SiO_2$ (100 mg of a 6.5 wt%) and solvent (9 mL). The reaction was initiated by addition of 35% H₂O₂ (0.72 mL, 7.5 mmol) and the resulting mixture allowed to stir at room temperature for 20 min. After this time the solution was centrifuged (10 min, 12000 rpm), decanted using a pipette and the remaining catalyst washed with the reaction solvent and dried prior to reuse under the same conditions. The remaining solution was subject to the same work-up and analysis as described above. ICP analysis of a portion of the organic and aqueous phases between recycles was conducted using a using a Perkin Elmer Optima 4300DV ICP-OES (Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer).

General Procedure for Catalytic Sulfoxidation Kinetic Studies

An oven-dried Schlenk flask was allowed to cool to room temperature and charged sequentially with sulfide (3.0 mmol), polymer immobilised catalyst **2** (0.039 g, 0.005 mmol) and solvent (9 mL). The reaction was initiated by addition of 35% H_2O_2 (0.72 mL, 7.5 mmol) and the resulting mixture stirred at room temperature for the 20 min during which time 0.5 mL aliquots were removed for work-up (as above) and analysis by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. After the final aliquot had been removed the remaining reaction mixture was decanted, the catalyst washed with diethyl ether, dried and replenished to account for losses arising from the sampling.

The recycle kinetic experiment was conducted by charging the Schlenk with fresh sulphide (3.0 mL), solvent (9 mL) and 35% H₂O₂ (0.72 mL, 7.5 mmol).

General Procedure for Segmented and Continuous Flow Catalytic Sulfoxidation

Two reservoirs were charged with sulfide (5.0 mmol) dissolved in the appropriate solvent (25 mL, 0.2 M) and hydrogen peroxide (1.29 mL, 35%) in the same (25 mL, 0.6 M). A Uniqsis FlowSyn reactor was used to pump 1 mL of each reagent at total flow rates that varied between 0.293 mL min⁻¹ and 8.8 mL min⁻¹ (using the same solvent as stock) through a T-piece mixer to combine the two streams; in the case of segmented flow an additional reservoir of carrier solvent was also employed. The reaction stream was then flowed through a OMNIFIT[®] glass column reactor cartridge (10 mm id x 100 mm) packed with 0.1 g of $[PO_4\{WO(O_2)_2\}_4]@PIILP$ and 2.0 g of SiO₂ (Geduran[®] Si 60) and mounted in a FlowSyn column heater. The exiting stream was passed through a back pressure regulator (BPR) and 2 mL fractions were collected into separate vials followed by a 2 mL post-collect. Each sample was diluted with dichloromethane (10 mL), washed with water (*c.a.* 15 mL), the organic extract dried over MgSO₄, the solvent removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue analysed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy to quantify the composition of starting material and products.

Characterisation of Sulfoxides and Sulfones

Methyl phenyl sulfoxide.^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.69-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100.5 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.42, 130.95, 128.63, 123.54, 43.93; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 163 [M+Na]⁺.

Methyl phenyl sulfone.^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.95-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100.5MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 137.44, 133.21, 128.54, 126.23, 44.88; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 179 [M+Na]⁺.

Ethyl phenyl sulfoxide.^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.84-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.13 (m, 3H), 2.91 (q, 1H, *J* = 6.61 Hz), 2.78-2.69 (q, 1H, *J* = 6.61 Hz), 1.23 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.61 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100.5 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.69, 131.47, 129.85, 125.42, 47.19, 10.39; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 177 [M+Na]⁺.

Ethyl phenyl sulfone.^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.59 (m, 3H), 3.09 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.11 Hz), 1.30 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.11 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100.5MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 138.31, 133.47, 128.92, 127.86, 50.28, 7.34; LRMS (EI⁺) m/z 193 [M+Na]⁺.

Allyl phenyl sulfoxide.^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.64-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 5.44 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 7.11, 10.22, 17.10 Hz), 5.16 (dq, 1H, *J* = 1.12, 10.22 Hz), 5.01 (dq, 1H, *J* = 1.42, 17.10 Hz), 3.43 (dt, 2H, *J* = 7.11, 1.12 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100.5 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 142.13, 131.24, 129.06, 125.09, 124.71, 117.93, 60.63; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 167 [M+Na]⁺.

Allyl phenyl sulfone.^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.95-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 1H), 5.63 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 7.19, 10.31, 17.21 Hz), 5.18 (dq, 1H, *J* = 1.22, 10.31 Hz), 5.02 (dq, 1H, *J* = 1.48, 17.21Hz), 3.91 (dt, 2H, *J* = 7.19, 1.22Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 138.27, 133.74, 129.02, 128.88, 124.63, 117.51, 60.67; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 189 [M+Na]⁺.

Methyl 4-nitrophenyl sulfoxide.^{[5] 1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 152.4, 150.0, 126.2, 125.8, 43.5; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 205 [M+Na]⁺.

Methyl 4-nitrophenyl sulfone.^{[6] 1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 150.9, 145.9, 129.0, 124.6, 44.3. LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 224 [M+Na]⁺.

Dibenzothiophene sulfoxide.^[4] ¹H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.98-7.91 (m, 4H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100.5 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.33, 132.67, 129.83, 126.37, 124.16, 123.45; LRMS (EI⁺) *m*/*z* 223 [M+Na]⁺.

Dibenzothiophene sulfone.^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.85-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100.5 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 137.62, 133.77, 131.53, 130.16, 121.97, 121.54; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 239 [M+Na]⁺.

Homoallyl phenyl sulfoxide.^{[7] 1}H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.75-7.55 (m, 5H), 6.04-5.90 (m, 1H), 5.31-5.20 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.83 (m, 2H), 2.73-268 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.45 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 135.4, 130.4, 129.0, 124.1, 117.0, 56.2, 26.3; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 203 [M+Na]⁺.

Homoallyl phenyl sulfone.^[8] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.89-7.87 (m, 2 H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2 H), 5.73-5.64 (m, 1 H), 5.04-4.99 (m, 2 H), 3.15-3.11 (m, 2 H); 2.46-2.40 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ) 138.9, 133.7, 133.6, 129.2, 128.0, 117.1, 55.3, 26.7; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 219 [M+Na]⁺.

Benzyl phenyl sulfoxide.^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.55-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.11-6.63 (m, 5H), 3.98 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100.5 MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 142.59, 130.83, 130.26, 128.87, 128.57, 128.24, 128.15, 124.21, 63.44; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 239 [M+Na]⁺.

Benzyl phenyl sulfone.^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.74-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 5H), 4.41 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100.5 MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 137.49, 133.44, 130.53, 128.61, 128.47, 128.39, 128.31, 62.53; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 255 [M+Na]⁺.

tert-Butyl methyl sulfoxide.^[9] ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 57.80, 36.68, 26.60; LRMS (EI⁺) *m/z* 143 [M+Na]⁺.

tert-Butyl methyl sulfone.^[10] ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 2.70 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 50.51, 32.05, 23.25. LRMS (EI⁺) *m*/*z* 137 [M+H]⁺.

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Figure S4 ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of thioanisole in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.





Figure S5 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of thioanisole in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.

Figure S6 ¹H NMR spectrum of methyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of thioanisole in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.





Figure S7 ¹³C NMR spectrum of methyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of thioanisole in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.

Figure S8 Mass Spectra for methyl phenyl sulfoxide (left) and methyl phenyl sulfone (right)





Figure S9 ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of ethyl phenyl sulfide in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.



Figure S10 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of ethyl phenyl sulfide in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.





Figure S11 ¹H NMR spectrum of ethyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of ethyl phenyl sulfide in MeCN using 0.5 mol% **2.**



Figure S12 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of ethyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of ethyl phenyl sulfide in MeCN using 0.5 mol% **2**.

Figure S13 Mass Spectra for ethyl phenyl sulfoxide (right) and ethyl phenyl sulfone (left)







Figure S14 ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of allyl phenyl sulfide in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.



Figure S15 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of allyl phenyl sulfide in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.



Figure S16 ¹H NMR spectrum of allyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of allyl phenyl sulfide in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.

Figure S17 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of allyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of allyl phenyl sulfide in MeCN using 0.5 mol% **2.**



Figure S18 Mass spectra for allyl phenyl sulfoxide (left) and allyl phenyl sulfone (right)



Figure S19 ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of 4-nitrothioanisole in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.





Figure S20 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of 4-nitrothioanisole in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.







Figure S22 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of methyl 4-nitrophenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of 4-nitrothioanisole in MeCN using 0.5 mol% **2.**
Figure S23 Mass spectra for methyl 4-nitrophenyl sulfoxide (left) and methyl 4-nitrophenyl sulfone (right)



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Figure S24 ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of dibenzothiophene in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.

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Figure S25 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of dibenzothiophene in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.

Figure S26 ¹H NMR spectrum of dibenzothiophene sulfone obtained from the oxidation of dibenzothiophene in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.





Figure S27 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of dibenzothiophene sulfone obtained from the oxidation of dibenzothiophene in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.

Figure S28 Mass spectra for dibenzothiophene sulfoxide (left) and dibenzothiophene sulfone (right)



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Figure S29 ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of homoallyl phenyl sulfide in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.







Figure S31 ¹H NMR spectrum of homoallyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of dibenzothiophene in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.

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Figure S32 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of homoallyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of dibenzothiophene in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.

Figure S33 Mass spectra for homoallyl phenyl sulfoxide (left) and homoallyl phenyl sulfone (right)





Figure S34 ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of benzyl phenyl sulfide in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.



Figure S35 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of benzyl phenyl sulfide in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.





Figure S36 ¹H NMR spectrum of benzyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of benzyl phenyl sulfide in MeCN using 0.5 mol% **2.**

Figure S37 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of benzyl phenyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of benzyl phenyl sulfide in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.



Figure S38 Mass spectra for benzyl phenyl sulfoxide (left) and benzyl phenyl sulfone (right)





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Figure S40 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture for the selective oxidation of *tert*-butyl methyl sulfide in methanol at RT for 15 min using 0.5 mol% 2.





Figure S41 ¹H NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl methyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of *tert*-butyl methyl sulfide in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.

Figure S42 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl methyl sulfone obtained from the oxidation of *tert*-butyl methyl sulfide in MeCN using 0.5 mol% 2.



Figure S43 Mass spectra for tert-butyl methyl sulfoxide (left) and tert-butyl methyl sulfone (right)



Figure S44 FT-IR Spectra of (a) fresh $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILP (2) and (b) catalyst isolated after the 6th run of a methanol recycle experiment.



Figure S45 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of temperature for the continuous flow $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP$ -catalysed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in acetonitrile with a residence time of 4 min



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Figure S46 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of temperature for the continuous flow $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP$ -catalysed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in methanol with a residence time of 4 min



thioanisole residence time = 4 minutes, MeOH

Figure S47 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP-$ catalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in acetonitrile at 30 °C.



thioanisole, Temp = 30 oC, MeCN

Figure S48 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP-$ catalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in methanol at 30 °C.



thioanisole, temp = 30 oC, MeOH

Figure S49 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in acetonitrile at 30 °C with 2 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeCN, 2 eq H2O2

Figure S50 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4\{WO(O_2)_2\}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in acetonitrile at 30 °C with 3 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeCN, 3 eq H2O2

Figure S51 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in acetonitrile at 30 °C with 6 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeCN, 6 eq H2O2

Figure S52 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in acetonitrile at 30 °C with 12 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeCN, 12 eq H2O2

Figure S53a,b Determination of rate constants for the formation of methyl phenyl sulfoxide (k_a) and methyl phenyl sulfone (k_b) in acetonitrile with 12 equivalents of H₂O₂ by fitting the concentration-time profile for the consumption of sulfide and the formation of product.





(b)



k _a (min⁻¹)	<i>k_b</i> (min⁻¹)
2.89	0.2

Figure S54 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in acetonitrile at 30 °C with 20 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeCN, 20 eq H2O2

Figure S55a,b Determination of rate constants for the formation of methyl phenyl sulfoxide (k_a) and methyl phenyl sulfone (k_b) in acetonitrile with 20 equivalents of H₂O₂ by fitting the concentration-time profile for the consumption of sulfide and the formation of product.



(a)

(b)



<i>k_a</i> (min ⁻¹)	<i>k_b</i> (min⁻¹)
2.68	0.17

Figure S56 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in methanol at 30 °C with 2 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeOH, 2 eq H2O2,

Figure S57 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in methanol at 30 °C with 3 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeOH, 3 eq H2O2

Figure S58 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP-$ catalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in methanol at 30 °C with 6 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeOH, 6 eq H2O2
Figure S59 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in methanol at 30 °C with 12 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeOH, 12 eq H2O2

Figure S60a,b Determination of rate constants for the formation of methyl phenyl sulfoxide (k_a) and methyl phenyl sulfone (k_b) in methanol with 12 equivalents H₂O₂ by fitting the concentration-time profile for the consumption of sulfide and the formation of product.





(b)



<i>k</i> _a (min⁻¹)	<i>k</i> _b (min⁻¹)
0.82	0.065

Figure S61 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in methanol at 30 °C with 20 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeOH, 20 eq H2O2

Figure S62a,b Determination of rate constants for the formation of methyl phenyl sulfoxide (k_a) and methyl phenyl sulfone (k_b) in methanol with 20 equivalents H₂O₂ by fitting the concentration-time profile for the consumption of sulfide and the formation of product.





<i>k_a</i> (min⁻¹)	<i>k_b</i> (min⁻¹)
0.56	0.11

Figure S63 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4\{WO(O_2)_2\}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in acetonitrile at 30 °C with 3 equivalents of H_2O_2 and doped with water



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeCN water doped

Figure S64 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in methanol at 30 °C with 3 equivalents of H_2O_2 and doped with water





Figure S65 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP-$ catalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole in methanol-water (1:1, v/v) at 30 °C with 3 equivalents of H_2O_2



thioanisole temp = 30 oC in MeOH/H2O (1:1), 3 eq H2O2

Figure S66 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4\{WO(O_2)_2\}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of benzyl phenyl sulfide in acetonitrile at 30 °C.



benzyl phenyl sulfide temp = 30 oC, MeCN

Figure S67 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP-$ catalyzed sulfoxidation of benzyl phenyl sulfide in methanol at 30 °C.



benzyl phenyl sulfide temp = 30 oC, MeOH

Figure S68 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP-$ catalyzed sulfoxidation of nitrothioanisole in acetonitrile at 30 °C.



4-nitrothioanisole temp = 30 oC, MeCN

Figure S69 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP-$ catalyzed sulfoxidation of nitrothioanisole in methanol at 30 °C.



4-nitrothioanisole temp = 30 oC, MeOH

Figure S70 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4\{WO(O_2)_2\}_4]$ @PIILP-catalyzed sulfoxidation of homoallylphenyl sulfide in acetonitrile at 30 °C.



homoallyl phenyl sulfide Temp = 30 oC in MeCN

Figure S71 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP-$ catalyzed sulfoxidation of homoallylphenyl sulfide in methanol at 30 °C.



homoallyl phenyl sulfide temp = 30 oC, MeOH

Figure S72 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of residence time for the $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]$ @PIILPcatalyzed sulfoxidation of dibenzothiophene in acetonitrile at 30 °C.



dibenzothiophene temp = 30 oC, MeCN

Figure S73 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of time for an 8 h continuous flow $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP$ -catalysed sulfoxidation of thioanisole at 30 °C with a residence time of 4 min in acetonitrile at 30 °C



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Figure S74 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of time for an 8 h continuous flow $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP$ -catalysed sulfoxidation of thioanisole at 30 °C with a residence time of 4 min in acetonitrile at 30 °C, with the H₂O₂ reservoir replenished after 4 h (*)



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Figure S75 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of time for an 8 h continuous flow $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP$ -catalysed sulfoxidation of thioanisole at 30 °C with a residence time of 4 min in methanol at 30 °C



thioanisole temp = 30, Rt = 4 min, MeOH

Figure S76 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of time for an 8 h continuous flow $[PO_4{WO(O_2)_2}_4]@PIILP$ -catalysed sulfoxidation of thioanisole at 30 °C with a residence time of 4 min in methanol at 30 °C, with the H₂O₂ reservoir replenished after 4 h (*)



thioanisole temp = at 30, Rt = 4 min, MeOH

Figure S77 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of time for an 8 h continuous flow sulfoxidation of thioanisole using $[nBu_4N]_3[PO_4\{WO(O_2)_2\}_4]$ as catalyst at 30 °C with a residence time of 4 min in acetonitrile, with the H₂O₂ reservoir replenished after 4 h (*)



thioanisole temp = 30 oC, Rt = 4 min MeCN

Figure S78 Conversion-selectivity profile as a function of time for an 8 h continuous flow sulfoxidation of thioanisole using $[nBu_4N]_3[PO_4\{WO(O_2)_2\}_4]$ as catalyst at 30 °C with a residence time of 4 min in methanol, with the H₂O₂ reservoir replenished after 4 h (*)



thioanisole temp = 30 oC, Rt = 4 min, MeOH