# Asymmetric oxidation reactions

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## Simplified catalytic cycle



From www.name-reaction.com

## Origin of selectivity

Formation of a dimeric titanium complex incorporating DET ligand and oxidant



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#### Mnemonic



#### Substitution patterns tolerated

Works well with



• Less efficient and selective with (Z)-disubstituted olefins



#### Examples

• Styrenyl derivative



## Epoxides as useful intermediates



Numerous applications in total synthesis of biologically active molecules

## Application : pharmaceutical industry

Kilogram scale synthesis of a bioactive molecule (Wyeth drug company)



WAY-315193 treatment of mental disorders

A. Alimardanov et al. Org. Process. Res. Dev. 2009, 13, 880

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## Application : synthesis of a bioactive alkaloid



## **Kinetic resolution**

Operating when secondary allylic alcohols are used



Kinetic resolution = the two enantiomers of the initial racemic mixture are differentiated because one reacts with an higher reaction rates than the second

High ee can be obtained for both the epoxide and the recovered alkene but yields are limited to 50%.

## **Kinetic resolution**

• Operating when secondary allylic alcohols are used





#### Jacobsen epoxidation



- Sodium hypochlorite generally used as an oxidant
- Works on unactivated alkenes, better with (Z)-olefins
- Mechanism not fully understood, oxo-Mn(V) species probaly involved



#### Jacobsen epoxidation – ligand synthesis



Optically active diamine obtained by resolution



## Jacobsen epoxidation – application



#### Synthesis of Indinavir



- HIV protease inhibitor
- Used in combination with antiviral agents AZT and Lamivudine (tritherapy)
- This combination reduces the amount of virus to undetectably low levels
- 3 g per day dose needed in Indinavir (1 kg per year per patient) = need for very efficient synthesis
- Complex structure with 5 stereocenters

## Jacobsen epoxidation – application



Retrosynthesis



## Jacobsen epoxidation – application







## Shi epoxidation





- General asymmetric epoxidation of (*E*)- and (*Z*)-olefins
- Organocatalyst prepared from (D)-fructose



## Shi epoxidation - mechanism



Wang, Z.-X.; Tu, Y.; Frohn, M.; Zhang, J.-R.; Shi, Y. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1997, 19, 11224–11235.

## Shi epoxidation - rationalization



- Spiro approached is proposed
- Selective epoxidation of one face of the alkene due to steric interaction with the acetal moiety.
- Good selectivity with di- or tri-substituted olefins, terminal alkene are not good substrates.

#### Kinetic resolution of terminal epoxides



## Hydrolytic kinetic resolution of terminal epoxides



- High difference of rate between the two enantiomers of the epoxide  $(k_{rel} > 400)$ .
- Both enantioenriched epoxide and diol are valuable compounds.
- Yields limited to 50% in both products.
- Extensions to other Nu have been developed (ex = TMSN<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>Boc...)

## Kinetic resolution of terminal epoxides - examples

E. N. Jacobsen *et al. Science* **1997**, *277*, 936.

#### Asymmetric Sharpless dihydroxylation - hypothesis



#### Screening of chiral tertiary amines and particularly natural alkaloids (Sharpless)

## Asymmetric dihydroxylation - ligands

• Identification of two cinchona alkaloids



• High selectivity in asymmetric dihydroxylation when attached to an aromatic group





U-shaped binding pocket

## Asymmetric dihydroxylation - conditions



Pre-formed mixture commercially available, ready to use

 $K_{3}Fe(CN)_{6} (3 \text{ equiv})$   $K_{2}CO_{3} (3 \text{ equiv}), \text{Lig-PHAL} (1 \text{ mol }\%)$   $K_{2}OsO_{2}(OH)_{4} (0.2 \text{ mol }\%)$ AD-Mix  $\beta$  (Lig = DHQD)

« This alternative asymmetric oxidation is probably the best asymmetric reaction of all » (in Organic Chemistry, J. Clayden)

## Asymmetric dihydroxylation - mechanism



#### Asymmetric dihydroxylation – mnemonic



## Asymmetric dihydroxylation – Application of mnemonic



## Application – medicinal chemistry



Moderate yield and ee, m-CPBA hazardous on large scale (shock sensitive, potentially explosive)

Not suitable on a preparative scale

## Application – medicinal chemistry



• Option 2: Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation



## Application – total synthesis of a natural product



(-)-Sundiversifolide Potent naturally occurring herbicide Pericyclic reactions
**Diels-Alder cycloadditions** 

# **Diels-Alder cycloaddition - generalities**



- Discovered in 1928 by Otto Diels (1876-1954) and Kurt Alder (1902-1958) at Kiel University, Nobel Prize in 1950.
- Involves a conjugated diene and an alkene (dienophile), results in the formation of a 6-membered ring.
- 3 bonds formed, 3 bonds broken.
- Alkynes and allenes are also good dienophiles in Diels-Alder cycloaddition.
- Concerted mechanism, [4+2] cycloaddition.
- One of the most used synthetic tools.

#### Diels-Alder cycloaddition – simple example

Synthesis of Captan, an agricultural fungicide





#### Molecular orbital interactions



- Normal demand Diels-Alder: electron-rich diene (HOMO high in energy) with electron-poor alkene (LUMO low in energy)
- Reverse demand Diels-Alder: electron-poor diene (LUMO low in energy) with electron-rich alkene (HOMO high in energy)

From Organic Chemistry, J. Clayden.

## Molecular orbital interactions

• Orbital overlap in a normal demand Diels-Alder reaction



Molecular Orbital Interactions In The Diels-Alder Reaction

#### Both reactive sites have constructive orbital overlap between the lobes

This helps to explain why the Diels-Alder reaction is favorable

#### Examples of normal/reverse demand D-A



From masterorganicchemistry.com.

# The diene

- Diene must be conjugated.
- Diene can be acyclic or cyclic.
- Acyclic diene can adopt s-*trans* or s-*cis* conformations:

s-*trans* conformation More stable but not reactive in D-A

s-*cis* conformation Less stable but reactive in D-A

To be able to react in Diels-Alder reaction, diene must be able to adopt s-cis conformation.

Excellent partners in D-A





Unreactive partners in D-A



s-*cis* conformation is blocked

Unable to adopt a s-cis conformation

• In normal demand Diels-Alder, electron-rich substituents (alkyl, O- or N-substituents) facilitate the reaction.

# The dienophile

- In normal demand Diels-Alder, electron-poor substituents (generally π-acceptor groups) accelerate the rate of the Diels-Alder.
- Common dienophiles:



# Regioselectivity (normal demand D-A)

- Substituents on diene/dienophile affect the coefficient in HOMO/LUMO orbitals. Bond created between the two atoms possessing the largest coefficients in HOMO/LUMO.
- Case 1: 1-substituted diene



# Regioselectivity (normal demand D-A)

• Case 1: 2-substituted diene



# Danishefsky diene

#### Normal demand Diels-Alder



Hetero Diels-Alder



# Stereoselectivity – disubstituted alkene



Diels-Alder is **diastereospecific** 

# Stereoselectivity – disubstituted diene



Easier to see with cyclic diene:



# Stereoselectivity – disubstituted diene

Examples with acyclic dienes:



# Stereoselectivity – endo rule (1)



- Under kinetic control (irreversible D-A), less stable *endo* adduct is formed preferentially
- Explained by secondary orbital interactions between HOMO of diene and LUMO of dienophile



# Stereoselectivity – endo rule (2)

• With acyclic diene/dienophile:



• Mnemonic:



#### Kinetic versus thermodynamic control

- *Endo* product is the **kinetic product**. Under kinetic control, the distribution between *endo* and *exo* products reflects the **difference in energy** between the *endo* and *exo* **transition states**.
- Kinetic control is operating when Diels-Alder reaction is irreversible. Depending on diene and conditions (temperature), retro Diels-Alder can occur, rending the cycloaddition reversible. Under such conditions, reactants and products are in equilibrium resulting in a thermodynamic control. The most stable *exo* adduct is formed preferentially and the distribution between *exo* and *endo* products reflects the difference in energy (stability) between the *exo* and *endo* products.



Reaction coordinate

#### Reversible Diels-Alder - example



- D-A disrupts the aromaticity of furan, retro Diels-Alder easier than with other dienes (ie possible at much lower temperatures).
- *Endo* product formed 500 times faster than *exo* but quickly reverts to starting materials. 1.9 kcal/mol of difference in energy between *endo* and *exo* products.

# Lewis/Bronsted acid catalyzed Diels-Alder

The presence of Lewis or Bronsted acid significantly increases the rate of D-A reactions by lowering the LUMO of the dienophile (factors as large as 10<sup>6</sup>). It modified the coefficients in the LUMO orbital improving regioselectivity (by increasing the difference in magnitude between coefficients of the 2 carbons) and *endo* stereoselectivity (by increasing secondary orbital interactions).



#### Lewis/Bronsted acid catalyzed Diels-Alder

• Simple examples

Regioselectivity



Stereoselectivity



## **Enantioselective Diels-Alder**



• Chiral bis(isoxazoline) ligand hindered one face of the dienophile rendering the reaction enantioselective.

# Diels-Alder application – Total Synthesis



*Pseudopterosin* : family of diterpene marine natural products with anti-inflammatory and analsegic properties M. S. Sherburn *et al. Nature Chem.* **2015**, *7*, 82.

# **Diels-Alder application in biotechnology**

- Advantages of Diels-Alder reaction for biomedical applications:
- proceeds readily in water
- with well chosen partners, can go to completion at room temperature without any catalyst
- Partners of choice : furan and maleimide



# Nanoparticles for intracellular anticancer drug delivery



M. S. Shoichet et al. Adv. Funct. Mater. 2009, 19, 1689.

#### Nanoparticles for intracellular anticancer drug delivery



Objective: intracellular delivering of DOX selectively in cancer cells

# Nanoparticles for intracellular anticancer drug delivery



- Free DOX cytotoxic towards both cancer and normal cells (= side effects)
- NP-anti HER2-DOX more selective towards cancer cells
- NP-anti HER2-DOX more cytotoxic than NP-DOX (enhanced intracellular uptake and apoptosis)

#### Shape-memory elastomers



Final covalent adaptable network

#### Shape-memory elastomers



Initial state - linear

Elastomer shaped into helical structure at rt Residual stresses induced in the polymeric network

> Heating at 120 °C, retro D-A favored Cross-link temporary lost, stress released

Temperature decreased to 92 °C, D-A favored Cross-linked network recovered

The whole process reprogramms the network into a permanent helical geometry

C. J. Bettinger et al. Biomacromolecules 2013, 14, 2162. 1

# Shape-memory elastomers

- T < Tg : material can be reshaped, shape is arbitrarily fixed (ex = linear)
- Once T > Tg, the material returns to its permanent programmed shape (helical)

See the video !

Very interesting for biomedical application

1,3-dipolar cycloadditions

# 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition - generalities



- Formation of 5-membered rings by cycloaddition = need for an unsaturated compound (= alkene, alkyne) and for a 3 atoms, 4 electrons molecule (= 1,3-dipole).
- Concerted mechanism, [3+2] cycloaddition.
- Common 1,3-dipoles: see the table.
- In this course: nitrones, azomethine ylides, azides, nitrile oxides, diazoalkanes.

#### Frontier molecular orbital



Two modes of interaction are possible:

- (1) HOMO (dipole) / LUMO (dipolarophile)
- (2) LUMO (dipole) / HOMO (dipolarophile)

Will depend on the nature of the reactants, 3 mains cases

#### Frontier molecular orbital – Case 1

Case 1: dipoles with HOMO of high energy level 1,3-dipole 4,000-controlled dipoles » or nucleophilic dipoles

- HOMO (dipole) / LUMO (dipolarophile) interaction is predominant
- Nucleophilic dipoles: azomethine ylides, carbonyl ylides, nitrile ylides, diazoalkanes.
- Reaction is faster with EWG groups on the dipolarophile (decrease of the LUMO energy level).
- Example:



dipolarophile

НОМО

LUMO

номо

#### Frontier molecular orbital – Case 2

Case 2: dipoles with LUMO of low energy level « LUMO-controlled dipoles » or electrophilic dipoles



- LUMO (dipole) / HOMO (dipolarophile) interaction is predominant
- Electrophilic dipole: ozone.
- Reaction is faster with EDG groups on the dipolarophile (increase of the HOMO energy level).
- Example:



#### Frontier molecular orbital – Case 3

Case 3: dipoles with HOMO and LUMO of medium energy level ambiphilic dipoles



- Ambiphilic dipoles: nitrile imides, nitrones, carbonyl oxides, nitrile oxides, azides.
- Ambiphilic dipoles can interact with dipolarophiles either through their HOMO or their LUMO depending on the electronic nature of the dipolarophile.
- Electron-poor dipolarophiles: HOMO (dipole) / LUMO (dipolarophile)
  Electron-rich dipolarophiles: LUMO (dipole) / HOMO (dipolarophile)
- Any substituent on the dipolarophile will accelerate the reaction.

# Regioselectivity



- Essential to know the nature of frontier orbital interaction to determine the regioselectivity.
- Generally, atoms with the larger coefficients in HOMO and LUMO which are involved to form one of the two new bonds.
- Example:


#### Regioselectivity

• Be careful, steric effect can compete:



#### Stereospecificity



- When disubstituted alkenes are used, geometry of the double bond totally reflected in the relative stereochemistry of the two substituents in the product.
- Reaction is stereospecific.

#### General scheme



- Formation of substituted isoxazolidines
- (E) and (Z) nitrones generally under equilibrium through isomerization process.
- Consequence: isoxazolidines generally formed as a mixture of 2 diastereomers.
- Stereospecific with respect to the geometry of the double bond.

#### Synthesis of nitrones

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• From reaction between aldehyde and hydroxylamine



 $R^2$  H  $R^2$  H

Common oxidative agents: MeReO<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-urea, oxone, KMnO<sub>4</sub>

• From oxidation of hydroxylamines



#### Regioselectivity

- Regioselectivity directed by the dominant frontier orbital interaction.
- Nitrones = amphiphilic dipoles so regioselectivity highly dependent on the nature of dipolarophile



#### Application: access to 1,3-amino alcohols



• N-O = weak bond, can be cleaved to give amino-alcohols (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, Zn/AcOH,  $H_2$ /Ni or Pt or Pd cat)

Application: intramolecular cycloaddition



F. A. Davis et al. Org. Lett. 2010, 12, 4118.

#### Application: cyclic nitrone



#### 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions with azomethine ylides

Resonance forms of azomethine ylides



- Preparation of azomethine ylides
- through iminium formation and deprotonation



Generation of azomethine ylides has to be done *in situ*, in the presence of the dipolarophile

### 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions with azomethine ylides



- Access to substituted pyrrolidines
- Azomethine ylides = nucleophilic dipoles, will interact through the HOMO, reaction favored with EWG groups on the alkene (especially when intermolecular)
- Regioselectivity depends on the nature of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup>: one σ bond formed between carbon atom with the highest coefficient in HOMO of the ylide and carbon and carbon atom with the highest coefficient in the LUMO of alkene.
- Stereoselectivity depends on the conformation of the azomethine ylide.

#### 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions between azides and alkynes

#### General scheme – Thermal conditions



- Reaction is slow: prolonged reaction time, high temperature required
- Lack of selectivity: both regioisomers obtained, difficult to separate



# 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions between azides and alkynes

Copper (I)-catalyzed Azide-Alkyne Cycloaddition (CuAAC)



 $R^{1} \cdot N^{1} \cdot N^{3}$ 



- Tremendous acceleration of the reaction rate: 10<sup>7</sup> to 10<sup>8</sup>
- Reactions can be run at rt or under moderate heating
- Perfect regioselectivity towards the formation of 1,4-triazoles
- Easy work-up (filtration, extraction), no need for chromatography
- Tolerant towards a wide array of functional groups
- Compatible with water as solvent, broad range of pH tolerated (4-12)
- Limited to terminal alkynes (see the mechanism)



K. B. Sharpless et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2002, 41, 2596.

Click reaction = connexion of 2 building-blocks to furnish a more complex molecule



B. Sharpless: « CuAAC is the premier example of click reaction »

K. B. Sharpless et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2001, 40, 2004.



Alkyne/Azide: available materials. Bioorthogonal functions.

#### CuAAC - Mechanism



formation of a 6-membered copper metallacycle

- Cu(I) generally generated from Cu(II) salts in the presence of sodium ascorbate as a reductive agent.
- Different from thermal 1,3-cycloaddition, step-wise mechanism (not concerted)
- Established based on calculations, bi-nuclear copper intermediates isolated

Identification of cellular targets of bioactive molecules

Most of the marketed drugs have unidentified cellular target and/or mechanism



#### Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome

- Extremely rare genetic disease causing an accelerated aging of children.
- Due to a mutation of LMNA gene encoding for lamin A and C.
- The mutation causes misshapen nuclei and altered chromatin organization.
- No effective existing treatment, average age of death is 13 years old.



Identification of an active compound





treated abnormal cells

untreated abnormal cells

normal cells

- Extensive screening: identification of an active molecule.
- Restoration of nuclear circularity.
- Complete nuclear-shape rescue after 12 h of treatment without affection of the cell cycle.
- But mode of action and cellular target both unknown.

R. Rodriguez et al. Science 2014, 344, 527.

Towards the identification of the cellular target

Option 1: localization of the bioactive molecule through direct labelling



- Problem: fluorophore are big molecules displaying various functional groups.
- Will modify the cellular behaviour of the active molecule.
- Lack of fiability for the observed results.



Alexa Fluor 594 Azide

R. Rodriguez et al. Nat. Rev. Chem. 2018, 24, 202.

Towards the identification of the cellular target

• Option 2: *in cellulo* labelling through *in cellulo* click reaction



- Labelling occured after the incubation, bioactivity and localization of the molecule not disturbed by the presence of the fluorophore.
- Alkyne = small function that generally does not affect the bioactivity of the molecule (have to be checked).
- Alkyne and azide not present in living cells (= bioorthogonal functions), click reaction is selective.
- Cellular localization gives some clue about the target and biological mechanism.

R. Rodriguez et al. Nat. Rev. Chem. 2018, 24, 202.

Towards the identification of the cellular target

Pull-down experiment: how to fish the cellular target?



- Based on the strong biotin/streptavidin interaction.
- Most of cellular targets are proteins. Can be identified through mass spectrometry (generally associated

to liquid chromatography, LC/MS)



R. Rodriguez et al. Nat. Rev. Chem. 2018, 24, 202.



Synthesis of a clickable analog



- Alkyne introduction does not affect the bioactivity towards abnormal cells.
- Excellent candidate for pull-down and imaging experiments.

Pull-down experiment



• Identification of a protein target: NAT10 by (LC/MS)/MS



Μ





colocalization of M and NAT10 Μ

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- NAT10 targetting confirmed (+ complementary experiments)
- R. Rodriguez et al. Science 2014, 344, 527.

Towards innovative therapeutic strategies

 Identification of the protein target open the way towards new therapeutic strategies against Hutchinson-Gilford syndrome



More active analog Remodelin





### Application of CuAAC: Cu(II) detection

- Copper: transition metal essential to life but highly toxic if present in excess in the body
- Liver damage in children exposed to high dose of copper suspected.
- Need for efficient and practical analytical methods for the measurement of Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions in environmental and biological samples.
- Colorimetric methods are attractive, particularly if the presence of Cu can be detected by the naked eye.
- Concept: exploit gold nanoparticles that are colored at very low concentrations (nanomolar) when dispersed but lose their color upon aggregation.



#### Application of CuAAC: Cu(II) detection



- Preparation of 3 thiols (S has a high aurophilicity):
- **1**: alkyne functionalized thiol
- **2**: azide functionalized thiol
- **3**: stabilizer and spacer
- Preparation of 2 families of Au NPs by ligand exchange (Alkyne Au NPs and Azide Au NPs)
- In the presence of sodium ascorbate (reductive agent) and Cu<sup>2+</sup>, aggregation of the Au NPs caused by click reaction occuring between alkyne and azide functions.

X. Jiang et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2008, 47, 7454.

#### Application of CuAAC: Cu(II) detection



- In the absence of Cu<sup>2+</sup>: pink solution while in the presence of Cu<sup>2+</sup> the solution turned colorless.
- Easy to monitor by the naked eye but also with UV/Vis spectra.
- Limit of detection is ca. 50  $\mu$ M (cannot compete with methods using sophisticated instruments but very interesting for detection by the naked eye alone).
- Very selective towards the detection of copper ions, method can be applied in complex mixtures.



X. Jiang et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2008, 47, 7454.

Fragment-based drug design



Fragment-based drug design



Protein-templated click chemistry



- Two families of ligands prepared: azide-ligands and alkyne-ligands.
- Targeted protein acts as a template to bring close to each other azide-ligand and alkyne-ligand with high affinity for different but closed binding sites.
- If the orientation of the two molecules is appropriated, click reaction occurs without any Cu(I) catalyst.
- Isolation of the formed triazoles (1,4 or 1,5) leads to identification of hits.

Example: Inhibition of endothiapepsin (pepsin-like aspartic protease)

- Aspartic protease: role in several diseases (Alzheimer, hypertension, AIDS).
- Endothiapepsin = good model (high degree of similarity, high stability over time at rt)
- Molecular modeling and docking based on a X-Ray structure of the protein (cristallized in the presence of small molecules 1 (purple) and 2 (yellow))
- In silico screening of various triazoles (green) to design the libraries of azide and alkynes.



Protein templated click reaction



- Azides prepared from the bromo-derivatives.
- Alkynes prepared through Sonogashira reaction.
- Incubation of 13 molecules with the protein (2 weeks).
- LC/MS monitoring to identify the formed triazoles

Hit selection and biological activity test



- Four triazoles formed 17-20 (21 = negative control for the end of the study)
- Synthesis of these molecules through CuAAC.
- IC<sub>50</sub> measurement (inhibitory activity against endothiapepsin):

| Inhibitor             | 17 | 18 | 19  | 21            |
|-----------------------|----|----|-----|---------------|
| IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) | 43 | 94 | 121 | no inhibition |

## **Copper-free click reaction**

- Main drawback of CuAAC: toxicity of copper salts.
- Examples: exposition of zebra fish to 1 mM CuSO<sub>4</sub> + 1 mM sodium ascorbate let to embryos death in less than 15 minutes
  - incubation of Escherichia coli with 100  $\mu M$  CuBr for 16 h stops the cell division
- Detrimental for the use of CuAAC for *in vivo* bio-imaging.
- Alternative strategy: use highly strained and consequently reactive alkynes to facilitate copper-free 1,3dipolar cycloaddition with azides.



- Mixture of triazoles obtained (generally not a problem for biological applications)
- Synthesis of the cyclooctyne needed

# 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions between azides and alkynes

Ruthenium (II)-catalyzed Azide-Alkyne Cycloaddition (RuAAC)



- [Cp\*RuCl] are efficient catalysts
- 1,5-triazoles obtained regioselectively (complementarity with CuAAC)
- Compatible with internal alkynes (mechanism different from CuAAC, no Ru-acetylide formed)
### **RuAAC - Examples**

• Terminal alkyne



More electronegative and less sterically hindered carbon of the alkyne reacts with terminal nitrogen on the azide

V. V. Fokin et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 8923.

General scheme



• Interaction HOMO (dipolarophile) / LUMO (nitrile oxide) generally favored.

#### Dimerization



- Side reaction occuring with unhindered nitrile oxides.
- Resulting heterocycles are called furoxans, can be cracked to regenerate nitrile oxides under extreme conditions.
- Hindered nitrile oxides (R = *t*-Bu, Mesityl) stable enough to be isolated.
- Due to this lack of stability, nitrile oxides often generated *in situ* from stable precursors.

Synthesis of nitrile oxides: 2 main methods

(1) From nitro-alkane dehydration



(2) From oxime oxidation



Application: ring-opening of isoxazolines

• Isoxazoline complete reduction: access to 1,3-amino alcohols



• Isoxazoline partial reduction: access to aldol type products



Application: intramolecular reaction in the synthesis of Biotin



Biotin

# [2+2] thermal cycloaddition

# Thermal [2+2] cycloadditions: generalities

• Reaction is not possible between two « classical » alkenes under simple heating



2 bonding interactions, 2 antibonding interactions = no reaction

# Thermal [2+2] cycloadditions: generalities

• Reaction possible with peculiar alkenes possessing 2 double bonds on the same carbon



Additional presence of the p orbital of the second alkene offers 2 extra-bonding interactions, making the reaction possible.

## Cyclobutanone synthesis – formation of ketenes

• From acyl chloride

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Ketenes are generated in situ, risk of dimerization.

### Cyclobutanone synthesis – Regioselectivity



- The most nucleophilic carbon of the alkene adds on the most electrophilic carbon of the ketene (regioselectivity).
- The two chloride atoms can be removed by reduction using Zn in AcOH.

### Cyclobutanone synthesis – Diastereoselectivity

Alkene geometry



- Exclusive formation of *cis*-cyclobutanone from (*Z*)-alkenes but mixture of diastreomers obtained starting from (*E*)-alkenes.

- Isomerization in favor of a stepwise mechanism.

Unsymmetrical disubstituted ketenes



- Approach of ketene and alkene from the least hindered direction results in the formation of all-*cis* cyclobutanone.

### Cyclobutanone synthesis – Application

Total synthesis of Ginkgolide B

- Extracted from the root bark of Ginkgo biloba.
- Anti-inflammatory effect, improves blood circulation.
- Polycyclic molecules, cage structure, 11 stereogenic centers.
- Several total syntheses described, first one was reported by Corey et al. in 1988.





### Cyclobutanone synthesis – Application

[2+2] ketene cycloaddition in the total synthesis of Ginkgolide B



E. J. Corey et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1988, 110, 649.

# Synthesis of $\beta$ -lactams

 $\beta$ -lactams = key motif in a several antibiotics



Core structure of penicillins



Core structure of cephalosporins

### Synthesis of β-lactams – Staudinger synthesis



- Often with N-aryl imines (stability)
- Stepwise mechanism is generally proposed.
- Nucleophilic attack of the nitrogen to the C=O electrophilic carbon to form an iminium as the first step followed by ring closure by intramolecular addition of the enolate to the iminium
- When disubstituted unsymmetrical ketenes are used, diastereoselectivity depends on the nature of the substituents on ketene and imine (depends on the rate of the ring-closure).



### Synthesis of β-lactams – Staudinger synthesis

Synthesis of a spirocyclic pharmacophore Classical batch method



### Synthesis of β-lactams – Staudinger synthesis

Synthesis of a spirocyclic pharmacophore Flow method



H. Sorensen et al. Org. Process. Res. Dev. 2015, 19, 2067.

## Synthesis of β-lactams

What about another disconnection?



- [2+2] cycloaddition between alkene and isocyanate also leads to  $\beta$ -lactams.
- As alkenes are not strong nucleophiles, a strong EWG is required on the N-isocyanate to reinforce its electrophilicity.
- R = SO<sub>2</sub>Cl often used (commercial availability of the isocyanate, easy to remove after the cycloaddition).
- Mechanism is concerted with « neutral » alkenes: HOMO alkene / LUMO isocyanate interaction. Bond is formed between the terminal carbon of the alkene and the C=O carbon of the isocyanate)



- Stepwise mechanism favored with electron-rich alkenes such as enol ethers or enol thioethers.



### ADVANCED SELECTIVE ORGANIC SYNTHESIS (ASOS)



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#### Outline

- Asymmetric synthesis of substituted carbonyl compounds (CM)
- Stereoselective aldol and allylation reactions (CM)
- Enantioselective oxidation reactions (AG)
- Enantioselective reduction reactions (CM)
- Pericyclic reactions (Sigmatropic rearrangements, cycloadditions) (CM, AG)
- Examples of total syntheses of bioactive compounds (AG, CM)

#### 2019

### Challenges with structurally complex bioactive compounds





#### Discodermolide

From extracts of a marine sponge (*Discodermia dissoluta*) Immunosuppresant, antitumor agent (60 g produced by total synthesis – Novartis ) Clinical trials stopped (pneumotoxicity)





**Simeprevir** (Olysio<sup>®</sup>) Inhibitor of hepatitis C virus NS3/4A protease



### Selectivity in organic synthesis

#### Regioselectivity

A regioselective reaction is one in which one direction of bond making or breaking occurs preferentially over all other possible directions

#### Chemoselectivity

Chemoselectivity is the preferential reaction of a chemical reagent with one of two or more different functional groups

#### Stereoselectivity

The preferential formation in a chemical reaction of one stereoisomer over another.

When the stereoisomers are enantiomers, the phenomenon is called enantioselectivity.

When they are diastereoisomers (diastereomers), it is called diastereoselectivity.

Enantioselective reaction : from an <u>achiral substrate</u> Diastereoselective reaction: <u>introduces one (or more) new stereocenter(s)</u>

A process is termed **stereospecific** if starting materials differing only in their configuration are converted into stereoisomeric products

IUPAC definitions (http://goldbook.iupac.org)

### Chiral drugs: Importance of enantioenriched compounds

The asymmetry of bio(macro)molecules allows for a differentiation between the enantiomers of a substrate: Enantiomers have different affinities at receptor sites, rates of metabolism (and metabolic pathways) and pharmacokinetic properties

The tragedy of thalidomid

Thalidomid was sold as a racemate Thalidomid racemizes *in vivo* anyway



Sedative, hypnotic (used to alleviate morning sickness for pregnant women)



Teratogenic action (by inhibition of angiogenesis)

Chiral drugs (50%) are not always marketed as "enantiopure" compounds but the biological properties of enantiomers (or stereoisomers if appropriate) has to be carefully evaluated

In recent years, most chiral drugs approved (by the FDA) were produced as enantiomerically pure compounds

Some drugs previously sold as racemates are also developed as *de novo* enantiomerically pure compounds

### **Examples of chiral drugs**



#### **D-Penicillamine**

(chelating agent used to treat Wilson's disease – Cu<sup>2+</sup>) The (*S*) enantiomer is toxic (optic neuritis)



Penicillin G



#### **Escitaprolam**

(used for treating depression, obsessive/compulsive disorders) reformulated as a single enantiomer since 2014 (fewer side effects claimed)



(*S*) and (*R*) enantiomers both have antiarythmic activity but only the (*S*) acts as a  $\beta$ -adrenergic antagonist



Lesinurad (used for gout treatment) marketed as a racemate

### Diastereoselective synthesis



#### **Diastereomeric transition states TS1 and TS2**

Under kinetic control (assuming first order reaction) the selectivity factor depends on  $\Delta(\Delta G^{\ddagger})$ 

$$s = [P_1]/[P_2] = exp(-(\Delta G_1^{\dagger} - \Delta G_2^{\dagger})/RT)$$



### Enantioselective synthesis



With achiral reagents -> enantiomeric transition states P and *ent*-P are formed at the same rate  $(k_P = k_{ent-P})$ The racemate is obtained

### Enantioselective synthesis



### Enantioselective synthesis







| Steric interactions                                   | A values (Eliel values) |              |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|
| H X axial X   | х                       | A (kcal/mol) |
| $\Delta \mathbf{G}^\circ = -\mathbf{A}$ equatorial X  | CN                      | 0.20         |
|   | F                       | 0.25         |
| ЧЧ <mark>Х</mark> ЦЦЦ                                 | С≡С−Н                   | 0.41         |
|   | CI                      | 0.50         |
|   | OMe                     | 0.75         |
| Ĥ Ĥ Ĥ Ĥ   | COOEt                   | 1.1          |
|   | $NO_2$                  | 1.1          |
| Me 1,3-diaxial interaction Me syn-pentane interaction | $HC=CH_2$               | 1.7          |
|   | Ме                      | 1.8          |
|   | Et                      | 1.9          |
|   | <i>i</i> Pr             | 2.1          |
|   | SO <sub>2</sub> Ph      | 2.5          |
|   | Ph                      | 3.0          |
|   | <i>t</i> -Bu            | 5.0          |

**Steric interactions** A values (Eliel values) axial X A (kcal/mol) Х  $\Delta \mathbf{G}^\circ = -\mathbf{A}$ CN 0.20 Χ F 0.25 equatorial X С≡С-Н 0.41 Н Н н н н н CI 0.50 Н Н Η OMe 0.75 Η н COOEt 1.1 Н н  $NO_2$ 1.1 ,3-diaxial interaction Me syn-pentane interaction Me  $HC=CH_2$ 1.7 3.7 kcal/mol 3.7 kcal/mol Me Me Me 1.8 1.9 Et *i*Pr 2.1 н SO<sub>2</sub>Ph 2.5 Allylic strain Ph 3.0  $R_{(E)}$ Ra, *t*-Bu 5.0 (E)Н  $\kappa_{(Z)}$ Н н Allylic 1,2-strain (A<sup>1,2</sup>) Allylic 1,3-strain (A<sup>1,3</sup>) If R = Me and  $R_{\alpha}$  = Me If R = Me and  $R_{(Z)} = Me$ 15 3.9 kcal/mol 3.0 kcal/mol

### Access to enantioenriched compounds




#### Access to enantioenriched compounds



### Asymmetric synthesis



functional group interconversions (via stereospecific processes)

# Asymmetric (multi-step) synthesis



**Convergent approach** 

# Synthesis of chiral $\alpha$ -substituted carbonyl compounds

Problem



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# Synthesis of chiral $\alpha$ -substituted carbonyl compounds

Problem



# Synthesis of chiral $\alpha$ -substituted carbonyl compounds



## Enolization of carbonyl compounds with amide bases





Stable and isolable enolate equivalents

#### Regioselective enolization with amide bases





**Reaction Coordinate** 

### Kinetic/thermodynamic enolates



#### Stereoselective enolization with amide bases



JACS 1976, 98, 2868; J. Org. Chem. 1991, 56, 650

#### Stereoselective enolization with amide bases



### Oxazolidinones derived from chiral 1,2-aminoalcohols



#### Evans oxazolidinones : Alkylation reactions



Evans, D. A. et al. JACS 1982, 104, 1737; review: Heravi, M. M. et al. RSC Adv. 2016, 3, 30498

### Evans oxazolidinones : Alkylation reactions



### Evans oxazolidinones : Cleavage of the chiral auxiliary



Evans, D. A. et al. JACS 1982, 104, 1737; Tetrahedron Lett. 1987, 28, 6141

#### Alkylation of Evans oxazolidinones : Applications



# Alkylation of Evans oxazolidinones : Applications



#### Alkylation of Evans oxazolidinones : Applications



#### Evans oxazolidinones : Hydroxylation



#### Evans oxazolidinones : Amination



JACS 1986, 108, 6395; 1987, 109, 6881; 1990, 112, 4012

### Amination of Evans oxazolidinones : Applications



### Amination of Evans oxazolidinones : Applications



Key intermediate in the synthesis of antibiotic NW-G101





Org. Lett. 2011, 13, 4700

Produced by *Streptomyces alboflavus* Active against *Staphylococcus aureus* 

#### Evans oxazolidinones : Useful chiral auxiliaries



Reliable reaction which has found many applications in industry Broad substrate scope (R substituent) and high diastereoselectivities

Alkylation reaction limited to reactive halides (MeI, Allylic bromides, Benzylic bromides)  $\beta$ -branched primary iodides (ICH<sub>2</sub>CHR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>) are poor substrates, secondary iodides not suitable

Cleavage of the auxiliary sometimes difficult (when R is relatively hindered) Direct access to ketones with concomittant auxilary cleavage (addition of RLi or RMgX) is not possible



#### Myers alkylation (pseudoephedrine amides)



#### Other useful auxiliaries for ketone alkylation reactions



R-X = Mel, alkyl iodides, AllylBr, BnBr, BrCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>t-Bu

RAMP/SAMP hydrazones: Enders, D. et al. Tetrahedron 2002, 58, 2253



N-Amino cyclic carbamates: Coltart, D. M. et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2008, 47, 5207; J. Org. Chem. 2010, 75, 8578

#### **Bioactive polyketides**





Erythromycin A (from a strain of *actinomyces*) (antibiotic)





#### Enolate geometry and diastereoselectivity of the aldol reaction



Zimmerman, H. E.; Traxler, M. D. JACS 1957, 79, 1920; Heathcock, C. H. et al. JOC 1980, 45, 1066



Products are usually isolated after an oxidative hydrolytic work-up (aqueous pH = 7 buffer / MeOH / 30%  $H_2O_2$ )



Evans, D. A. et al. JACS 1979, 101, 6101; JACS 1983, 103, 3099

#### Control of the enolate face selectivity



How can one product stereoisomer be formed selectively ?

- Control geometry of enolate
- Control facial selectivity of enolate : Use of a chiral auxiliary (Y\*)



Addition onto re face

### Control of the enolate face selectivity : Aldol reaction





more stable and reactive conformer

Open transition state for enolization

#### Control of the enolate face selectivity : Aldol reaction



Steric interactions between oxazolidinone group (iPr) and RCHO and dipole-dipole interactions are minimized in the favored TS

major, dr > 99:1 (up to 99.9:0.1)

### **Evans aldol reaction**



- High diastereoselectivities controlled by the oxazolidinone (even if R includes stereocenters)
- Broad scope of aldehydes and R $\alpha$  substituents (**but not R\alpha = H**)
- Reliable process which has been used industrially
- Only syn aldols are accessible by this method

### Cleavage of the auxiliary



#### Cleavage of the auxiliary : transamidation to Weinreb amides



Nahm, S.; Weinreb, S. M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1981**, *22*, 3815 Review on Weinreb amides: *Synthesis* **2008**, 3707

#### Evans aldol reaction : limitations and potential solutions



JACS 1981, 103, 2127

One entry toward anti propionate aldol subunits : Frater-Seebach alkylation



(other halides can be used: AllyIBr, BnBr)

Helv. Chem. Acta 1979, 2825; 1980, 63, 197; Tetrahedron Lett. 1984, 40, 1269


## Diastereoselective reduction of $\beta$ -hydroxy ketones : syn-1,3-diols



Chem. Lett. 1980, 1415; Tetrahedron 1984, 40, 2233; Tetrahedron Lett. 1987, 28, 155

## Diastereoselective reduction of $\beta$ -hydroxy ketones : anti-1,3-diols



 $Me_4NBH(OAc)_3$ : poorly reactive reducing agent Ligand exchange on boron + intramolecular hydride delivery



Evans, D. A.; Chapman, K. T.; Carreira, E. M. JACS 1988, 110, 3560

## Enoxysilanes (silyl enol ethers) as nucleophiles



Examples of electrophiles: halogenating agents, enones and aldehydes (activated by Lewis acids)

(Nomenclature note) : Enoxysilanes (general), silyl enol ethers (more suitable for ketones/aldehydes) Y = OR' (silyl ketene acetals),  $Y = NR'_2$  (silyl ketene aminals)

## Mukaiyama aldol reaction



- Reaction discovered by Mukaiyama (1973)
- Trialkylsilyl enol ethers are unreactive toward aldehydes
- A promoter / catalyst is required : usually a Lewis acid



 $MX_n = BF_3.OEt_2, TiCl_4, SnCl_4...$ 

- Acetals can be used instead of aldehydes



## Mukaiyama aldol reaction : Diastereoselectivity



The reaction proceeds through an open TS



Antiperiplanar approach





Note that this is nevertheless an oversimplified analysis

### Example of catalytic enantioselective Mukaiyama aldol reaction



## Enamines as nucleophiles : Organocatalyzed reactions





Organocatalysis : Use of (small) organic molecules as catalysts



## Organocatalyzed $\alpha$ -functionalization of aldehydes



### **Organocatalyzed** $\alpha$ -functionalization of aldehydes



Hamada, Y. et al. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 2004, 15, 3477



## **Proline-catalyzed aldol reactions**

Hajos-Parrish-Eder-Sauer-Wiechert aldol reaction : a major breakthtough in organocatalysis



J. Org. Chem. 1973, 38, 3239; 1974, 38, 1615; Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl. 1971, 40, 496



Tetrahedron Lett. 2006, 44, 7607

Aldehyde cross-aldol reaction: Northrup, A. B.; MacMillan, D. W. C. JACS 2002, 124, 6798

So far, we have considered reagent-controlled aldol reactions: chiral enolate/nucleophile + achiral aldehyde



- Achiral enolate : Substrate-controlled aldol reactions with chiral aldehydes ?
- Chiral enolate + chiral aldehyde : Double stereodifferentiating aldol reactions

Stereocontrol by the enolate and the aldehyde can be **cooperative** : **Matched case** *Excellent diastereoselectivities will be observed* 

Stereocontrol by the enolate and aldehyde can be opposite : **Mismatched** case *Diastereoselectivities can be high but depends on the partners* 

# Nucleophilic addition to carbonyl compounds : Felkin-Anh model



#### Felkin-Anh model

Nu<sup>⊖</sup> +

н

R<sub>M</sub>

- Reactive conformers  $R_L \perp C=O$  group
- Attack of the nucleophile: Bürgi-Dunitz trajectory angle 109°



## Nucleophilic addition to carbonyl compounds : Felkin-Anh model

Assuming that the R (large) group does not exert any particular effect ...

Addition to  $\alpha$ -methyl aldehydes



(R larger than Me)



major diastereomer "Felkin-Anh"



+

minor diastereomer "anti Felkin-Anh "

For the reduction of  $\alpha$ -methyl substituted ketones:



### Examples with $\alpha$ -unsubstituted enolates/enoxysilanes



(*syn/anti* = 50:50)

## Felkin-Anh model for $\alpha$ -heterosubstituted aldehydes

Electron-withdrawing substituents at the  $\alpha$  position of the C=O group play the role of the large substituent  $R_L$  in the Felkin-Anh model for stereoelectronic reasons (low lying  $\sigma^*_{C-OP}$  orbital overlaps with  $\pi^*_{C=O}$  and also  $\sigma_{C-Nu}$  in the TS)



## Cram chelate model for $\alpha$ -heterosubstituted aldehydes

An heteroatom at the  $\alpha$  position can coordinate  $M^+$ : Nucleophilic addition preferentially proceeds on the less-hindered face of the carbonyl group on the resulting chelate



OTMS,  $OSiMe_2t$ -Bu,  $OSiPh_2t$ -Bu,  $OSi/Pr_3$ (OTBS) (OTBDPS) (OTIPS) OP = OMe, OBn, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe (OMOM)

No chelation (in general)

Chelation depends on M<sup>+</sup>, the conditions (solvent), the presence of additives (Lewis acids/bases)

- The ability of M<sup>+</sup> to be chelated (or not) and its Lewis acidity should be considered



Influence of a  $\beta$ -alkoxy group







The Fekin-Anh/Chelate models apply well to Mukaiyama aldol reactions (open transition state)



Tetrahedron Lett. 2003, 44, 7607

However the Felkin-Anh model does not consider the case of nucleophilic additions proceeding through an ordered (cyclic) transition state (ex: Zimmerman-Traxler transition state)

How do the Felkin-Anh and Zimmerman-Traxler transition state merge ?

### Zimmerman-Traxler and Felkin-Anh models



#### (E) enolates favor the Felkin-Anh diastereomers



### Zimmerman-Traxler and Felkin-Anh models





## Double stereodifferentiating aldol reactions



Excellent diastereoselectivity (reagent-controlled) in both situations

Facial bias imposed by the reagent (oxazolidinone (Z)-boron enolate) overrides substrate control

Regioselectivity, chemoselectivity and stereoselectivity issues in a chemical reaction

#### Enantiomerically enriched $\alpha$ -substituted carbonyl compounds

#### \* Enolization of carbonyl compounds

"Hard" enolization = deprotonation with amide bases (typical pK<sub>A</sub> values)

Regioselectivity (kinetic versus thermodynamic enolate)

Stereoselectivity : **Ireland-Model** Under kinetic control: Amides -> (Z) enolates, esters -> (E) enolates For esters, reversal of selectivity -> (Z) enolates in THF/HMPA or THF/DMPU

**O**-silylation of enolates

\* Evans oxazolidinones : Alkylation, hydroxylation, azidation and hydrazination reactions

**Reagents** (alkylating halides, Davis oxaziridine, trisyl azide and BocN=NBoc) You should be able to explain the **stereochemical outcome of these reactions Cleavage of the auxiliary** (LiOH, LiOOH, reduction: LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF; LiBH<sub>4</sub>, THF/MeOH or NaBH<sub>4</sub>, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O) Alternative auxiliary for alkylations: Myers pseudoephedrine propionamide (*Only the principle not the stereochemical control*)

#### \* Aldol reactions

**Zimmerman-Traxler model**: (*Z*)-enolates -> *syn* aldols, (*E*)-enolates -> *anti* aldols Interest of boron enolates (tighten the transition state)

#### **Evans aldol reaction**

Conditions (soft enolization), formation of a (Z) boron enolate

You should be able to explain the stereochemical outcome of these reactions

Cleavage of the auxiliary : LiOOH, reduction, transamidation to Weinreb amides and interest of Weinreb amides

### What needs to be remembered



## What needs to be remembered



You should know the **reagents** and the principle of these diastereoselective reductions (chelation/external hydride delivery or ligand exchange/intramolecular hydride delivery on protonated carbonyl group)

#### Mukaiyama aldol reactions

#### Enoxysilanes (silyl enol ethers) as partners: a Lewis acid promoter/catalyst is required (general mechanism)

You should be aware that those reactions proceed through an open TS

(syn diastereoselectivity regardless of enoxysilane geometry)

Enantioselective versions have been developed using chiral Lewis acid catalysts (principle only)

#### Organocatalyzed $\alpha$ -functionalization of aldehydes

With *in situ* generated **enamines** as nucleophiles (general mechanism)

Examples of catalysts (proline, prolinol derivatives, imidazolidinones)

Representative reactions: oxyamination (O=NPh)/hydroxylation, hydrazination, 1,4-addition, cross-aldol reactions

#### Addition to $\alpha$ -substituted carbonyl compounds

#### Felkin-Anh and Cram chelate models ( $\alpha$ -heteromatom), $\beta$ -chelation

#### You should be able to draw the models and predict/analyze the diastereoselectivity of nucleophilic additions

You should be aware that for aldol reactions proceeding through cyclic TS (Zimmerman-Traxler TS), the stereochemical outcome depends on the geometry of the enolate (E : Felkin-Anh control, Z: anti-Felkin-Anh control) but a detailed explanation does not need to be remembered at this stage



## Allylic organometallic reagents

Key issue : metallotropic equilibrium  $\begin{bmatrix} L_n M \\ \downarrow \\ E \\ R_\alpha \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{OH}}_{R_\alpha} \underset{Z}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{H}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{H}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{H}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{H}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\underset{R_\alpha}{\overset{\mathsf{OH}}{\underset{R_\alpha$ 

Three different types of allylic organometallic reagents

- Highly covalent C–M bond and M not significantly Lewis acidic Configurationally stable Activation of aldehyde by a Lewis acid required (open TS)
- Covalent C–M bond, M Lewis acidic (Very) slow metallotropic equilibrium (configurationally stable)
  Addition occurred without a catalyst (through a cyclic TS)
- 3. Ionic C–M bond, M Lewis acidic Rapid metallotropic equilibrium, not configurationally stable Addition occurred without a catalyst (through a cyclic TS)

ML<sub>n</sub> = SnBu<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>3</sub>

 $ML_n = BR_2, B(OR)_2$ 

 $ML_n = Ti(IV), Cr(III)$ 



Denmark, S. E. et al. JACS 1988, 110, 984; Keck, G. E. J. Org. Chem. 1994, 59, 7889



Keck, G. E. Tetrahedron Lett. 1984, 25, 1883; J. Org. Chem. 1994, 59, 7889

## Addition of allyl- and crotylboranes/boronates



For allylic organoboron reagents, products are usually isolated after an oxidative hydrolytic work-up (NaOH, 30 %  $H_2O_2$  or sometimes NaBO<sub>3</sub>) (oxidation of C-B bonds of the ligands, B–L -> HO–L) For allylic organoboronates (M = B(OR)<sub>2</sub>), a standard hydrolytic (acidic) work-up can be used

## Preparation of allylboranes/boronates





### Allylboration of aldehydes



Brown, H. C. *J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, *47*, 5065; **1984**, *49*, 945; **1986**, *51*, 432 *JACS* **1983**, *105*, 2092; **1986**, *108*, 5919; **1991**, *105*, 2092



By using  $B(OMe)_3$ ,  $B(OiPr)_3$  instead of  $R'_2B(OMe)$ , it is possible to prepare (E)- or (Z)-crotylboronic acids/boronates

### **Crotylboration of aldehydes**



Crotylboranes add to aldehydes through a Zimmerman-Traxler transition state. Normally (*E*) crotylborane -> Felkin-Anh selectivity and (*Z*) crotylborane -> anti Felkin-Anh selectivity



Brown, H. C. et al.

*J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, *47*, 5065; **1984**, *49*, 945; **1986**, *51*, 432 *JACS* **1983**, *105*, 2092; **1986**, *108*, 5919; **1991**, *105*, 2092

## Addition of allyltitanium/allylchromium reagents



**Rapid metallotropic equilibrium** in favor of the (*E*) crotyl metal reagent which also adds more rapidly with an aldehyde through a close Zimmerman-Traxler TS


#### Duthaler-Hafner allyl/crotyltitanation



## Application to the synthesis of strictifolione



## What needs to be remembered



 Highly covalent C–M bond and M not significantly Lewis acidic Configurationally stable Activation of aldehyde by a Lewis acid required (open TS) (ex: BF<sub>3</sub>.OEt<sub>2</sub>, SnCl<sub>4</sub>, TiCl<sub>4</sub>....)

CrotylSnBu<sub>3</sub> leads to syn homoallylic alcohols

For chiral  $\alpha$ -substituted aldehydes : Felkin-Anh/Cram-chelate control applies

#### 2. Covalent C–M bond, M Lewis acidic

(Very) slow metallotropic equilibrium (configurationally stable) Addition occurred without a catalyst : Zimmerman-Traxler transition state

(E)-Crotylboranes/boronates lead to *anti* homoallylic alcohols (Z)-Crotylboranes/boronates lead to *syn* homoallylic alcohols

The synthesis of theses reagents from (E)- or (Z)-but-2-ene should be known

You should be aware that the face-selectivity can be controlled by chiral ligands on boron

3. Ionic C–M bond, M Lewis acidic

Rapid metallotropic equilibrium, not configurationally stable Addition occurred without a catalyst : Zimmerman-Traxler transition state

(E)- and (Z)-crotyl reagents both lead to anti homoallylic alcohols

You should be aware that the face-selectivity can be controlled by chiral ligands on titanium

 $R_{\alpha}$ ML<sub>n</sub> = SnBu<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>3</sub>

 $ML_n = BR_2, B(OR)_2$ 

 $ML_n = Ti(IV), Cr(III)$ 



Asymmetric functionalization of C-H bonds (challenging approach...not yet general !)

For catalytic asymmetric processes, the "background reaction"(uncatalyzed reaction leading to the racemate) should be slow: **acceleration by the chiral catalyst/ligand should operate** 

#### Enantioselective reduction of ketones: BINAL-H



## Enantioselective reduction of ketones : DIPCI and Alpineborane



Midland, M. M. J. Organomet. Chem. 1978, 156, 203; Brown, H. C. J. Org. Chem. 1985, 50, 1384; 1986, 51, 3394 & 5446

### Enantioselective reduction of ketones : DIPCI



## **CBS enantioselective reduction of ketones**

**The reduction of ketones with BH**<sub>3</sub>**•SMe**<sub>2</sub> **is slow** : opportunity for asymmetric catalysis **Corey-Bakshi-Shibata (CBS) reduction** : chiral oxazaborolidines as catalysts



#### CBS enantioselective reduction of ketones



## **CBS enantioselective reduction of ketones: Application**



## **CBS enantioselective reduction of ketones: Application**



(treatment of glaucoma)

## Noyori hydrogenation reaction: a brief overview



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Tetrahedron Lett. 1988, 29, 6327; JACS 1989, 111, 8934

## Noyori hydrogenation reaction: a brief overview



JACS 1998, 120, 13529; Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2001, 40, 40

# Enantioselective reduction of ketones : a brief overview



#### What needs to be remembered?

**The principle** of the most classical enantioselective reduction of ketones (with BINAL(OEt)HLi, DIPCI, oxazaborolidines) should be known (but the sense of induction in each case need not be remembered).

You should be aware that the enantioselective reduction of a wide variety of ketones possessing another coordinating group (typically  $\beta$ -ketoesters) or not (aryl/heteroaryl/alkenyl/alkynyl ketones) can be achieved by hydrogenation in the presence of a chiral ruthenium catalyst. BINAP or related substituted derivatives are classically used as chiral ligands. Ru complexes possessing a chiral diphosphine and a chiral diamine as ligands lead to excellent results.



### Bäckwall dynamic kinetic resolution : bio- and organometallic catalysis



## Fu's kinetic resolution with « chiral DMAP » analogs



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## Nucleophilic addition of organozinc reagents to aldehydes



Chiral ligand : catalytic enantioselective addition



But few diorganozinc are commercially available ( $Et_2Zn$ ,  $Me_2Zn$ )

Noyori Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl. 1991, 30, 49; Soai Chem. Rev. 1992, 92, 833



High ee's (ee > 90 %) for most aldehydes (alkyl, aryl) Moderate yields for unbranched aliphatic aldehydes Tolerates a wide variety of substituents on the alkyne



*N*-methylephedrine

Chiral zinc acetylide formed in situ

A catalytic version (with 20 mol % ligand) has also been reported (toluene, 60 °C)

Other catalytic enantioselective alkynylation reactions of aldehydes have been developed

# Pericyclic reactions : Definition and representative classes

Pericyclic reactions are concerted processes in which bonds are formed/broken in a cyclic transition state (with a cyclic movement of electrons)

(concerted process = single transition state from substrate to product without any reaction intermediate)

**Electrocyclizations** Conversion of conjugated polyenes into cyclic products

Can be achieved thermally of photochemically



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often indicated as [3+2] althgouh this does not reflect the number of electrons

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#### Sigmatropic rearrangement

Concerted migration of an allylic  $\sigma$  bond with concomittant reorganization of the  $\pi$  system A new  $\sigma$  bond is formed between atoms not linked previously and a  $\sigma$  bond is broken There is relocalization of  $\pi$  bonds in the product but the total of  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  bond does not change



| [n,m] | n and m correspond to the number of atoms              |
|-------|--|
|       | on each side of the <b>broken</b> $\sigma$ <b>bond</b> |
|       | n < m by convention                                    |

# Hydrogen [1,n]-shift



[1,7]-shift

antarafacial shift possible (enough flexibility) suprafacial

# [3,3]-Sigmatropic rearrangements





The equilibrium can be displaced:

- By a relief of ring-strain



(Still-Gennari olefination: Tetrahedron Lett. 1983, 24, 4404)

- By the presence of an alcohol/ alkoxide



*Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2013**, *11*, 7587; *JACS* **1964**, *86*, 5019; *J. Org. Chem.* **1983**, *48*, 1000



- Carbonyl compound more stable than vinylic ether (by ca 20 kcal/mol)
- Requires the generation of a vinylic ether from an allylic alcohol derivative (sometimes more difficult than the rearrangement itself)
- Extremely useful tool in organic synthesis (many applications)
- Several variants have been developed
- Z = ORJohnson-Claisen (1970) $Z = NR_2$ Eschenmoser-Claisen (1964) $Z = OSiR_3$ Ireland-Claisen (1972)
- Many opportunities for stereochemical control



## Claisen rearrangement



#### Claisen rearrangement : Examples



Synth. Commun. 2002, 32, 869; Tetrahedron Lett. 1995, 36, 15; JACS 1996, 118, 727

## Johnson-Claisen rearrangement



CH<sub>3</sub>C(OR)<sub>3</sub> : orthoacetates essentially used, limited stereocontrol for other orthoesters (but cyclic ones are useful)



JACS **1970**, *92*, 741; Tetrahedron Lett. **1996**, *37*, 2863; Tetrahedron Lett. **1997**, *38*, 7909; J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. **1986**, *325; Tetrahedron* **1991**, *47*, 7171

#### Johnson-Claisen rearrangement : stereoselectivity



## Eschenmoser-Claisen rearrangement



Helv. Chim. Acta 1964, 47, 2425; 1969, 52, 1030; Tetrahedron Lett. 1977, 18, 1625; J. Prakt. Chem. 1994, 336, 27

#### Ireland-Claisen rearrangement



Esters precurors easily generated from allylic alcohols

Mild conditions for the generation of the ketene silyl acetal (-78 °C) and the rearrangement (in most cases)

If R" = H, C-silylation can be observed as a side reaction, TBSCI (*t*-BuMe<sub>2</sub>SiCI) usually lead to better results



#### Control of the geometry of silyl ketene acetals



## Ireland-Claisen rearrangement



JACS 1981, 103, 3205; Synlett 1997, 657; Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 1103

- The **main different types of pericyclic reactions** including sigmatropic rearrangements and what nomenclature [n,m] means

- **Cope rearrangement**, oxy-cope and anionic oxy-Cope versions You should recognize these reactions and be able draw the structure of the product (all the stereochemical aspects not been discussed thoroughly in this course)

Claisen rearrangement and the different variants (Johnson, Eschenmoser, Ireland)
Classical methods for the generation of the reactive enol ether
Generation of ketene acetal derivatives (from orthoesters, amide acetals)
Generation of silvl ketene acetals and stereochemical control (Ireland model, reversal of kientic selectivity with HMPA or DMPU, chelation control with glycolates)

You should recognize these reactions and be able to draw the structure of the product You should consider the use of Claisen rearrangements for the synthesis of  $\gamma$ , $\delta$ -unsaturated compounds You should be able to draw a chair-like transition state and predict/understand the stereochemical outcome of a Claisen rearrangement (in simple cases, see slide 10 and slide 14 - last example)
[3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangements applied to propargyl alohols



Overman rearrangement of allylic trichloroacetimidates



High temperatures (130 °C) are usually required but can be catalyzed (Pd(II) complexes)

Cyanate to isocyanate rearrangement



# A glimpse of [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangements



### **ADVANCED SELECTIVE ORGANIC SYNTHESIS (2019)**

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## **Total Synthesis of Bioactive Natural Products**

## Total Synthesis of Rhizoxin D

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The rhizoxins are a family of sixteen-membered macrolactones with exceptionally potent antitumor and antifungal activity.

#### Scheme I<sup>a</sup>



<sup>4</sup>Key: a) *n*·Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to -78 °C then 3, 95%; b) DHP, PPTs, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 100%; c) OsO<sub>4</sub>, NMO, Acetone/ H<sub>2</sub>O, 88%; d) cyclopentanone, PPTs, HC(OEt)<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 92%; e) LiBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 0 °C, 91%; f) TsCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 98%; g) ArSH, NaH, DMF/THF, 0 °C, 95%; h) *m*CPBA, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 98%; i)LDA, HMPA, THF, -78 °C then (*E*)-1,3dibromo-2-butene, 88%; j) DBU, tol., 105 °C, 70%.

The authors observed that sulfone **7** gave a much higher yield of **9** in step j) (70%) than sulfone **8** (30% yield). PPTS = Pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate DHP = 3,4-Dihydro-2*H*-pyrane; THP = tetrahydropyran-2-yl NMO = *N*-Methylmorpholine *N*-oxide HMPA :  $O=P(NMe_2)_3$ 





"Key: a) *n*-Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTI, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to -78 °C then 10, 87%; b) Bu<sub>3</sub>B, LiBH<sub>4</sub>, HOAc, THF, 77%; c) TBDMSCI, Imid., CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, (100%); d) *i*. NaH, CH<sub>3</sub>I, THF, *ii*. PPTs, EtOH, 66 °C, 97% (two steps); e) (COCI)<sub>2</sub>, DMSO, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C to 22 °C, then  $(C_6H_5)_3$ PCHCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, 88%; f) DIBAL, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 93%; g) Ti(O<sup>I</sup>PT)<sub>4</sub>, (-)-DET, <sup>1</sup>BuOOH, CaH<sub>2</sub>, 4Å sieves, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 93%; h) Red-Ai, THF, -78 °C to 22 °C, 90%; *i*) Piv-Ci, pyr, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 90%; *j*) Me<sub>2</sub><sup>1</sup>BuSiOTf, collidine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 98%; *k*) DIBAL, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C to 22 °C, 87%; *i*) (COCI)<sub>2</sub>, DMSO, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then Et<sub>3</sub>N, -78 °C to 22 °C, 92%.

PMB = p-methoxybenzyl; (-)-DET = (-)-D-Diethyl tartrate; Piv = t-BuCO<sub>2</sub>Red-Al = NaAlH<sub>2</sub>(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe)<sub>2</sub>; collidine = 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine

Suggest a method for the preparation of aldehyde **10** from ethylene glycol HO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OH or glycerol HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OH and p-methoxybenzylalcohol.

#### Assembly of the fragments:

Linkage of our nonracemic fragments was achieved through halogen-metal exchange of 9 ('BuLi, 2 equiv., THF/Et<sub>2</sub>O/pentane (4:1:1) at -120 °C; warming to -90 °C) followed by addition of aldehyde 15 (-90 °C to -78 °C). The process afforded a mixture (1:1 ratio) of C<sub>13</sub> alcohol diastereomers 16 in 77% yield (Scheme III).<sup>18</sup> Undesired isomer 16b was readily separated by flash chromatography and effectively converted into 16a via TPAP oxidation<sup>19</sup> and borohydride reduction using (*R*)-2-methyl-CBS-oxazaborolidine,<sup>20</sup> giving a 68% overall yield of the desired C<sub>13</sub> alcohol.



<sup>a</sup>Key: a) TPAP, NMO, 4Å sieves,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 80%; b) (*H*)-2-methyl-CBS-oxazaborolidine, BH<sub>3</sub>, THF, -10 °C, 85%; c) SEMCI, <sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>EtN,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 94%; d) TBAF, THF, 94%; e) diisopropylphosphonoacetic acid, 1-cyclohexyl-3-(2-morpholinoethyl)carbodiimide methyl-p-toluenesulfonate, DMAP, 4Å sieves,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 97%; f) HOAc/H<sub>2</sub>O (4/1), 48 h, 56%; g) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O; h) TPAP, NMO, 4Å sieves,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 67%, 2 steps; i) DBU (2 equiv),  $CH_3CN$ , LiCl (15 equiv), 4.6 x 10<sup>-4</sup> M, 84%; j) DDQ, H<sub>2</sub>O,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 98%; k) MnO<sub>2</sub>, 70%; l) KHMDS, 4-[3-(diphenylphosphinoyl)-2-methylpropenyl]-2-methyloxazole, 44%; m) Me<sub>2</sub>BBr, THF/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, 65%

 $TPAP = n - Pr_4 N^+ RuO_4^-$ SEM = CH\_2 - O - CH\_2 - CH\_2 - SiMe\_3



Completion of the total synthesis of **2** was realized by oxidation of the allylic alcohol **20**, and Wittig olefination (-78 °C, THF) with the carbanion generated from 4-[3-(diphenylphosphinoyl)-2-methyl-propenyl]-2-methyloxazole.<sup>9</sup> The all-*trans*-triene was obtained in 44% yield,<sup>24</sup> and deprotection of the C<sub>13</sub> SEM ether afforded synthetic rhizoxin D,  $[\alpha]_D^{24}$  + 293° (c 0.53, MeOH), with characterization data which were identical to the literature for the natural product.<sup>2a</sup>