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# Méthodes et stratégies en synthèse totale et asymétrique

# Applications of transition metal complexes in cascade cyclization reactions

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testosterone ...))

### **Biomimetic cyclizations?**

**1973**, 7, 69.



4β-hydroxyandrostan-17-one

W. S. Johnson et al J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1993, 115, 493; 497; 504; 515

the other halogen atoms: Olah, G. A.; Mo, Y. K. Adv. Fluorine Chem.

#### Stork-Eschenmoser postulate (1955)



### emerging methods



Toste, F. D. et al J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 8276

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#### Helpful knowledge:

- Woodward-Hoffmann rules
- Gem-disubstituent effect (Thorpe-Ingold Effect, reactive rotamer effect)
- Baldwin's rules
- Bredt rule

#### CYCLIZATIONS THAT INVOLVE A SIMPLE ISOMERIZATION OF AN ACYCLIC SUBSTRATE

ex:

Intramolecular Diels-Alder

Intramolecular Alder-ene (group transfer reaction)



**Limitations :** - high temperature required

- low chemoselectivity of the thermal process



Solution : (TRANSITION)-METAL CATALYSIS

#### 5 main categories of pericyclic reactions:

- Electrocyclic ring opening/closure
- Cycloaddition/cycloreversion reactions
- Cheletropic reactions
- Group transfer reactions
- Sigmatropic rearrangements











#### Ene-reactions are also known as the Alder-ene reaction (1943)

(same Alder as in Diels-Alder (1928), Nobel prize 1950)



# The main frontier-orbital interaction occurring in an ene reaction is between the HOMO of the ene and the LUMO of the enophile.

The HOMO of the ene results from the combination of the  $\pi$ -bonding orbital in the vinyl moiety and the C-H bonding orbital for the allylic H. Concerted, all-carbon-ene reactions have, in general, a high activation barrier, which was approximated at 33 kcal/mol in the case of propene and ethene, as computed at the M06-2X/def2-TZVPP level of theory. However, if the enophile becomes more polar (going from ethane to formaldehyde), its LUMO has a larger amplitude on C, yielding a better C–C overlap and a worse H–O one, determining the reaction to proceed in an asynchronous fashion. This translates into a lowering of the activation barrier until 14.7 kcal/mol (M06-2X/def2-TZVPP), if S replaces O on the enophile (Bieckelhaupt et al, *J. Comput Chem.* **2012**, *33*, 509).

Intramolecular ene reactions benefit from less negative entropies of activation than their intermolecular counterparts, so they are usually more facile, occurring even in the case of simple enophiles, such as unactivated alkenes and alkynes

The pericyclic reaction is symmetry allowed but too energetically demanding anyway. A metal-catalyzed reaction can provide the desired product through a stepwise (not pericyclic) mechanism, from the same substrate.



Trost, B. M. et al. (NB: Pd(0) does not work)

Thermal Alder-ene reaction

High temperatures, long time



Formal Alder-ene reaction: in the presence of a catalyst, milder conditions, lower activation barriers

MeO MeO				
cat. <sup>[a]</sup>	T (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%)	
Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl / AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	0	0.5	70	
Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl / AgPF <sub>6</sub>	0	0.5	70	
Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl / AgBF <sub>4</sub>	0	0.5	72	
Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl / AgOTf	0	0.5	84	
Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuNTf <sub>2</sub>	0	0.5	70	
Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl / AgClO <sub>4</sub>	0	0.5	75	
Pt(PhCN) <sub>2</sub> dppp(BF <sub>4</sub> )	2 35	0.3	57	

<sup>[a]</sup> [Au] / [Ag] (1 mol%), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; [Pt] (5 mol%), toluene.



### **1.** MECHANISTIC POSSIBILITIES WITH ENVNES



# 1. A. METALLACYCLOPENTENE PATHWAY









Alkyne = enophile Alkene = ene



A.1



M = Pd, Ru, Co ...

#### Alkenes and hydrides:

It is possible sometimes to isolate complexes in which the vacant orbital is partially filled by the electrons of the C<sup> $\beta$ </sup>–H bond. These species that are pre-organized for  $\beta$ -H elimination are usually transition states only. There existence demonstrate nonetheless the possible coordination of the C<sup> $\beta$ </sup>–H bond. The  $\sigma$  C–H bond serves as ligand. The metal gives electrons back in the  $\sigma^*$  C–H. Therefore, the C–H bond elongates (1.20 Å instead of 1.09 Å)



This type of interaction is called agostic (Brookhardt, Green, 1983) This is a case of *3-center 2-electron* bonding (delocalization of 2 e over three atoms)



Original definition: "to refer specifically to situations in which a hydrogen atom is covalently bonded to both a carbon and to a transition metal atom."

Brookhart, M.; Green, M. L. H. J. Organometal. Chem. 1983, 250, 395

### PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CYCLOISOMERIZATION OF 1,6-ENYNES



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PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CYCLOISOMERIZATION OF 1,6-ENYNES



Hard to predict, but selective











PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CYCLOISOMERIZATION OF 1,6-ENYNES





 $Pd(OCOCF_3)_2$  (5 mol%)

chiral ligand (10 mol%)

100°C, 24 h, >99%



(*R*)-segphos, 99% ee (S)-H<sub>8</sub>-binap, 95% ee



(S)-H<sub>8</sub>-binap



(R)-segphos

1. RUTHENIUM-CATALYZED CYCLOISOMERIZATION OF 1, n-ENYNES





# 1. RUTHENIUM-CATALYZED CYCLOISOMERIZATION OF 1, n-ENYNES











### • RHODIUM-CATALYZED CYCLOISOMERIZATION OF 1,6-ENYNES



RHODIUM-CATALYZED CYCLOISOMERIZATION OF 1,6-ENYNES





Zhang, X. et al.



**Thermal Conia-ene reaction** (1967)













enol form = ene partner alkyne = enophile

(NB: Enol form more favored from the ketone than from the ester)













10 mol% Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4,</sub> 50 mol% Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	dioxane, 50 °C, 15 h	0%
10 mol% Ni(acac) <sub>2,</sub> 20 mol% Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	dioxane, 50 °C, 12 h	83%







Toste F. D. et al

















Ar = 3,5-di(*tert*-butyl)-4-methoxyphenyl: (*R*)-DTBM-SEGPHOS





Some enyne cycloisomerizations can hide  $4\pi$  electrocyclic ring opening/closure







The first pericyclic reaction is symmetry forbidden. A metal-catalyzed reaction can provide the desired product anyway, from the same substrate.









**When :** • the rate of the  $\beta$ -elimination slows down for geometric, steric and electronic reasons

• no β-hydrogens are available



Pericyclic reactions involve conjugated  $\pi$  systems as substrates or transition states


## They usually obey Woodward-Hoffmann rules

set of rules in organic chemistry predicting the barrier heights of pericyclic reactions based upon conservation of orbital symmetry





symmetry allowed product



NB: the oxidative cyclization is stereoselective

*t*-BuMe<sub>2</sub>SiO Pd CO<sub>2</sub>Me

![](_page_38_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_38_Figure_1.jpeg)

The thermal conrotatory opening of the cyclobutene explains the ratio of the cycloadducts

In some cases, the opening of the cyclobutene is not possible :

![](_page_38_Figure_4.jpeg)

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![](_page_39_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_39_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_39_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_39_Figure_4.jpeg)

 $E = CO_2Et$ 

![](_page_40_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### ... would follow a mechanism such as this:

![](_page_40_Figure_2.jpeg)

The direct [2+2] cycloaddition of two alkenes or one alkene and one alkyne is formally symmetry forbidden (HOMO S /LUMO A) and thus has a high activation energy. The Chauvin mechanism (1971) involves the **[2+2] cycloaddition** of a  $\pi$  bond to a transition metal alkylidene. The resulting 4-membered ring complex then **cyclorevert**. Interaction with the *d*-orbitals on the metal catalyst lowers the activation energy enough that the reaction can proceed rapidly at modest temperatures

![](_page_40_Figure_4.jpeg)

# 1. A. METALLACYCLOPENTENE PATHWAY / ELECTROPHILIC INSERTIONS

![](_page_41_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_41_Figure_2.jpeg)

 $Csp^2$ -metal bond  $Csp^3$ -metal bond

could react selectively with one or two electrophiles

With transition metals from column 8, 9, 10 :

With transition metals from column 4 (Ti, Zr) :

β-elimination and reductive elimation are favored

No vacant site of coordination Inert towards  $\beta$ -elimination

Intermolecular reactions

- Carbonylation
- Hydrolysis, halogenolysis
- Transmetalation
- Alkylation of aldehydes

Intramolecular reactions • Rearrangements

## A. METALLACYCLOPENTENE PATHWAY / ELECTROPHILIC INSERTIONS

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

The Pauson-Khand reaction

![](_page_42_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_43_Picture_0.jpeg)

Two modes of cyclization :

1. The cyclization of 2 unsaturated partners generates the  $\pi$ -allyl complex

![](_page_43_Picture_3.jpeg)

In intramolecular version , two metals are able to mediate such a reaction : Fe , Pd

**2.** The  $\pi$ -allyl complex is generated before the cyclization

![](_page_43_Picture_6.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Figure_2.jpeg)

The enophile is a double bond:  $\beta$ -elimination is possible

![](_page_45_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_46_Figure_2.jpeg)

Yamamoto, K. et al

1.

![](_page_47_Picture_1.jpeg)

**1.** PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CYCLIZATION OF A  $\pi$ -ALLYL COMPLEX

![](_page_48_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_49_Figure_2.jpeg)

Holzhapfel, C. W. et al

![](_page_50_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_51_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_51_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_51_Figure_2.jpeg)

We will limit to R = H and palladium

Hydridometallation : Palladium - Ruthenium

Stanno- and Borometallation : Palladium

![](_page_52_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_52_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_52_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_53_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_53_Figure_1.jpeg)

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![](_page_53_Figure_3.jpeg)

Trost, B. M. et al

![](_page_54_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_54_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_54_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_54_Figure_3.jpeg)

## - HYDRIDOPALLADATION / β-ELIMINATION

![](_page_55_Figure_1.jpeg)

## HYDRIDOPALLADATION / $\beta$ -ELIMINATION: ENANTIOSELECTIVITY

![](_page_56_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_57_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_57_Figure_2.jpeg)

Insertion of alkene is also possible : cascade of cyclizations

![](_page_57_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Figure_4.jpeg)

PLATINUM-CATALYZED CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS OF 1,6-ENYNES

![](_page_59_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### **Enyne metathesis**

![](_page_59_Figure_3.jpeg)

The reaction works with PtCl<sub>4</sub> as well

## GOLD-CATALYZED CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS OF 1,6-ENYNES

![](_page_60_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_60_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_60_Figure_3.jpeg)

95%

?? Not the expected product (see double cleavage)

Me

Me

É

![](_page_61_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_61_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_62_Figure_0.jpeg)

Saul Winstein's reaction (1949): coined the term « non-classical ion » (but also anchimeric assistance, homoaromaticity, intimate ion pair ...)

#### 2-norbornyl carbocation: non-classical view (greater stabilization)

classical view:

![](_page_63_Figure_2.jpeg)

(a) Explicit resonance structures for the non-classical 2-norbornyl cation. (b) Common depiction of the 2-norbornyl cation, using dashed lines for partial bonds.

![](_page_63_Picture_4.jpeg)

In the classical depiction of the 2norbornyl cation, there is a rapid equilibrium between two asymmetric enantiomeric structures.

![](_page_63_Figure_6.jpeg)

(a) In the non-classical view, the delocalized cation is the stable potential energy minimum. (b) In the classical view, it is instead a low-lying transition state between two enantiomers of the asymmetric species

#### classical view:

#### 2-norbornyl carbocation:

![](_page_64_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_64_Figure_3.jpeg)

*classical carbocation:* rapidly equilibrating pairs of cations (Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement)

<u>Cons:</u> H. C. Brown Acc. Chem. Res. **1986**, *19*, 34

non-classical view (greater stabilization)

![](_page_64_Figure_7.jpeg)

(a) Explicit resonance structures for the non-classical 2-norbornyl cation. (b) Common depiction of the 2-norbornyl cation, using dashed lines for partial bonds.

![](_page_64_Figure_9.jpeg)

<u>Pros:</u> S. Winstein *et a*l *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1949**, *71*, 2953 G. Olah et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 2529

<u>End game</u>: cristal structure determination of the nonclassical 2 norbornyl carbocation, K. Meyer, I. Krossing *et al*, *Science* **2013**, *341*, 62

![](_page_64_Picture_12.jpeg)

Attack of an alkene onto an alkyne activated by a  $\pi$ -acidic metal

M+ -Μ Μ M= Au, Pt, etc. alkyl shift This is no less than (classical carbocation?) the [2+2] cycloaddition product complexed in a  $\kappa^1$  fashion (now M depicted  $\kappa^2$  for clarity) M+--M+-11 M⁺<sup>≠</sup> M Μ M= Au, Pt, etc. resonance forms (non-classical carbocation?) M

 $M^{+} - H = M$  M = Au, Pt, etc. M = Au, Pt, et

#### Attack of an alkene onto an alkyne activated with a $\pi$ -acidic metal

![](_page_66_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_67_Figure_1.jpeg)

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![](_page_68_Figure_1.jpeg)

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![](_page_68_Figure_3.jpeg)

Streptorubine B

# 1. FORMATION OF BICYCLO[4.1.0]HEPTENES

![](_page_69_Figure_1.jpeg)

Blum, J. et al

![](_page_69_Figure_3.jpeg)

Fürstner, A. et al

![](_page_69_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_70_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_70_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_70_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_70_Figure_3.jpeg)

Fensterbank, L.; Malacria, M. et al

![](_page_70_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_71_Figure_0.jpeg)






INTRAMOLECULAR [4+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKENES WITH ENYNES



R₁



## The Nazarov reaction

### **Discovered by Vorländer** (1903)



(enol oxidation took place)

Rediscovered by Nazarov (1941)





## The Nazarov reaction





### the Rautenstrauch rearrangement





the Rautenstrauch rearrangement



Chirality transfer is possible, how can this be if a carbocation is involved??



### the Rautenstrauch rearrangement





Not planar, chiral

#### **Center-to-Helix-to-Center Chirality Transfer**

# 1. NAZAROV TYPE REACTIONS

## the Rautenstrauch rearrangement



# 1. NAZAROV TYPE REACTIONS

### **Metalla-Nazarov reactions**



M. L. Roumestant, M. Malacria, J. Goré. J. Grimaldi, M. Bertrand, Synthesis 1976, 755.



### **Metalla-Nazarov reactions**



A. Buzas, F. Gagosz, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 12614; Zhang, L.; Wang, S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 1442; Huang, X.; Zhang, L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 6398; Lee, J. H.; Toste, F. D. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, *46*, 912; Funami, H.; Kusama, H.; Iwasawa, N. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, *46*, 909; Trillo, B.; López, F.; Gulías, M.; Castedo, L.; Mascareñas, J. L. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2008**, *47*, 951



# NAZAROV TYPE REACTIONS





#### **Metalla-Nazarov reactions**







### **Metalla-Nazarov reactions**









#### **Bent Allenes Are Not Just Computational Curiosities**



"The unit cell of this bent allene complex contains two enantiomers, which is consistent with the fact that bent allene complexes can be helically chiral"





## **Metalla-Nazarov reactions**



# • CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [1,3] Sigmatropic Rearrangements: H migration





Suprafacial migration

FORBIDDEN

Antarafacial migration

#### ORBITALLY ALLOWED BUT H CANNOT BRIDGE DISTANCE



• CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [1,3] Sigmatropic Rearrangements: C migration



# 1. CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

#### classical example: [1,3] carbon migration



This reaction proceeds by a [1,3] migration and with complete inversion of configuration in the migrating group.<sup>1</sup>

# CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS



Wikipedia in English:



# Keto-enol tautomerism, a [1,3] sigmatropic shift?

Wikipedia in English:

In a thermal [1,3] hydride shift, a hydride moves along three atoms. The Woodward–Hoffmann rules dictate that it would proceed in an antarafacial shift. Although such a shift is symmetry allowed, the Mobius topology required in the transition state prohibits such a shift because it is geometrically impossible, which accounts for the fact that enois do not isomerize without an acid or base catalyst.

# Geometrically impossible [1,3] Hydride Shift



# Keto-enol tautomerism, no arrows!

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# 1. CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS





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Walden retention seems impossible











# CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS



# CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS



not superimposable

#### Memory of chirality: planar chiral ion pair

# 1. CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

The [1,3]-sigmatropic rearragement appears in many textbook ...

a [1,3] sigmatropic rearrangement



... but it is suspicious

# 1. CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [1,5] Sigmatropic Rearrangements



# CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [1,5] Sigmatropic Rearrangements




### . CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [1,5] Sigmatropic Rearrangements



A (0.0)

B (-28.2)

C (-29.5)

D (-57.8)



### CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [3,3] Sigmatropic Rearrangements



### • CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [3,3] Sigmatropic Rearrangements



## 1. CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [3,3] Sigmatropic Rearrangements



Suprafacial/suprafacial



• CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [3,3] Sigmatropic Rearrangements





#### • CYCLOISOMERIZATIONS INVOLVING SIGMATROPIC SHIFTS

• [3,3] Sigmatropic Rearrangements



#### • SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHAPTER 1



**Scheme 3.** Formal total synthesis of (-)-platensimycin. Reagents and conditions: a) DIBAL-H (1.0 M in hexanes, 1.2 equiv), THF,  $-78 \rightarrow$  -20 °C, 1 h; then 2 N aq HCl, 0 °C, 30 min, 88%; b) TMSOTf (1.2 equiv), Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.5 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, 30 min; c) IBX (1.2 equiv), MPO (1.2 equiv), DMSO, 23 °C, 3 h; d) 1 N aq HCl, THF, 0 °C, 1 h, 68% over three steps; e) [Rh((S)-binap)]SbF<sub>6</sub> (0.05 equiv), DCE, 23 °C, 12 h, 86%, >99% *ee*. DIBAL-H = diisobutylaluminum hydride, DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide, IBX = *o*-iodoxybenzoic acid, MPO = 4-methoxypyridine-*N*-oxide, TBS = tert-butyldimethylsilyl, TMS = trimethylsilyl.

#### SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHAPTER 1



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#### • SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHAPTER 1



Scheme 4 Total syntheses of pubinernoid B, orientalol F and englerin A.

#### • SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHAPTER 1



Scheme 1 The total synthesis of gomerone C.

#### SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHAPTER 1



Scheme 8 The total synthesis of indoxamycin B.

#### • SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHAPTER 1



Scheme 5 The total synthesis of (+)-schisanwilsonene A.

Echavarren et al.

# 2. [2+2+2] Cycloadditions

[2+2+2] cyclizations of three unsaturated moieties : A very powerful strategy for the construction of six-membered rings



# 2. [2+2+2] Cycloadditions

1st example of cyclotrimerization:



Berthelot, M. C.R. Acad. Sci. 1866, 62.

Transition-metals can promote the reaction by templating the reactants:

# 2. [2+2+2] Cycloadditions



Reppe, W. et al Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem. 1948, 560, 1 and 116

Almost all the transition metals can catalyze the cyclotrimerization of alkynes to benzene derivatives

Many unsaturated moities can take part: alkynes, alkenes, allenes, nitriles, isocyanates, aldehydes, ketones, CO ....

## 2. [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES: MECHANISTIC ASPECTS



# 2. [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES: MECHANISTIC ASPECTS





# 2. [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES: MECHANISTIC ASPECTS

3. Complexation /Insertion/ Reductive elimination



retro [2+2]

# 2. [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES: CHEMOSELECTIVITY



#### [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES: REGIOSELECTIVITY



### . REGIO- AND CHEMOCONTROLLED INTERMOLECULAR REACTIONS

Disposable silyl-tether for a regio- and chemoselective process



### . REGIO- AND CHEMOCONTROLLED INTERMOLECULAR REACTIONS



# 2. [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES



B. Heller et al

# 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES



n = 2, 3, 4, 5; R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> = H, alkyl, aryl, vinyl, ester, ether, ketone, amine, SiMe<sub>3</sub>



o-quinodimethane

#### BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES



2.

### BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES



## 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES



The more crowded is regioselectively generated

## 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES

Access to Multiphenylenes: Iterative approach



# 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES / [4+2]

TANDEM REACTION [2+2+2] - [4+2] :



#### BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES / [4+2]



5 carbon-carbon bonds are created in one step

Vollhardt, K. P. C. et al

### 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES / [4+2]

TANDEM PRINCIPLE

NB: outward and inward isomers are allowed by conrotatory ring opening. The stereoselectivity is controlled by torquoselectivity



# 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES / [4+2]



It has been shown that the metal is not involved in the Diels-Alder closure

#### TANDEM PRINCIPLE: THE COBALT WAY TO (±) ESTRONE

THE D  $\rightarrow$  ABCD approach



# 2. INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES

With Cobalt :



## 2. INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES



## 2. INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES



R = H, R' = OH ((-)-8-O-methyltetrangomycin)
### INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES



2.

[Rh(cod)<sub>2</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> (20 mol%) (*R*,*R*)-MeDUPHOS (20 mol%)

CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, 15 h





80% (ee 71%)



CpCo(CO)<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv) PPh<sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)

Dioxane, 95 °C, 63 h

Tol = p-tolyl



(P, 1S)-(+) (66% ([ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> +199))

## 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND ALKENES





Cobalt and rhodium are effective

Type 2 : Enyne-monoalkyne cyclization



Co and Rh are not very efficient even inert in this cyclization Pd is effective

### BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND ALKENES



## 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND ALKENES

Cyclization of alkynes with the Indole 2, 3 double bond



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## 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND ALKENES

Cyclization of alkynes with the Indole 2, 3 double bond : formal synthesis of Strychnine



Strychnine

### BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND ALKENES

Cyclization of alkynes with the Imidazole 4, 5 double bond



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Cyclization of alkynes with Uracil derivatives



## 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND ALKENES



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## 2. INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ENEDIYNES

Enediynes with a terminal double bond :



## 2. INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ENEDIVNES

Enediynes with an internal double bond :







R = H or Me ; n = 1, 2



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#### INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ENEDIYNES: MECHANISTIC ASPECTS



Isolation of cobaltacyclopentenes: Wakatsuki, Y. et al J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1979, 101, 1123

### 2. [2+2+2] CYCLIZATIONS OF ENEDIYNES : THE COBALT WAY TO (±)-ESTRONE

The A  $\rightarrow$  ABCD approach



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# 2. INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ENEDIYNES

Stereoselective synthesis of the sesquiterpene Illudol



Synthesis of the diterpene Stemodine



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## 2. INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ENEDIVNES



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### INTERMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND NITRILES



## 2. INTERMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND NITRILES



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### BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND NITRILES

Diyne and nitrile :



n =0, 1, 2 ;  $R^1$  = alkyl, aryl,  $CH_2OCH_3$ ,  $CH_2CO_2C_2H_5$ 

Cyanoyne and alkyne :



 $R^{1}$ ,  $R^{2}$  = SiMe<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>Me, CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, H, alkyl, aryl

### BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND NITRILES



### BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND NITRILES







86 % yield , 93 % ee



INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND NITRILES



50-100% yield

X = NCbz,  $CH_2$ ,  $(CH_2)_2$ ,  $C(CO_2Me)_2$ , O n = 1, 2, 3



C. Aubert, M. Malacria et al.

## 2. BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION OF ALKYNES AND ISOCYANATES

Cyclization of alkynes with isocyanates : formal total synthesis of Camptothecin



Camptothecin

### BIMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITIONS INVOLVING ISOCYANATES



#### K. Tanaka et al

## 2. [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITIONS INVOLVING ALDEHYDES AND KETONES

**Enamine double bond could also react and allow the formal total synthesis of** γ**-Lycorane**: Vollhardt, K. P. C. *et al* Synthesis **1993**, 579

Inter- and intramolecular cyclizations of alkynes with aldehydes and ketones :





## 2. [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITIONS INVOLVING ALDEHYDES AND KETONES



## 2. SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHAPTER 2



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## 2. SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHAPTER 2

Scheme 2. Synthesis of (+)-Salvileucalin B (1)



Reisman, S. E. et al

## 3. High Order Cycloadditions

### Ex: [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS

Access to seven-membered rings



R = H, Me solvent = toluene,  $CF_3CH_2OH$  additive = AgOTf

when the polarity of the solvent increases, the reaction proceeds more rapidly (20 min At 110 °C)

## 3. [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS: MECHANISTIC ASPECTS



## **3.** [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS: CHOICE OF THE CATALYST







[Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl] <sub>2</sub>	5 mol % 110°C, 20 min	80 %	0 %
Rh(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Cl/AgOTf		0 %	0 %







[Rh(CO)\_2Cl]\_25 mol % 110°C, 3 h80 %0 %Rh(PPh\_3)\_3Cl/AgOTf10 mol % 110°C, 2 d69 %20 %

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## [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS: NHC-Rh CATALYST



NHC

With this catalyst, intermolecular reaction does not work

Chung, Y. K. et al

#### 1-Substituted 1-vinylcyclopropanes



 $R = H, CO_2Me, Ph$ 



5 mol% RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> 5 mol% AgOTf toluene, 110°C, 1h

5 mol% RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> 5 mol% AgOTf

toluene, 110°C, 1h

77-83%

90%



R = H R = Me



2. HCI/MeOH

5 mol% cat., CDCl<sub>3,</sub> 30°C, 40h 0.5 mol% cat., CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2,</sub> rt, 30h



of Cobn



81% 73%

1,2-Disubstituted 1-vinylcyclopropanes:



1,2-Disubstituted 1-vinylcyclopropanes:



The product arises from the cleavage of the less substituted cyclopropane bond

1,2-Disubstituted 1-vinylcyclopropanes:



## • RUTHENIUM-CATALYZED [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS

Construction of tricyclic compounds containing a seven-membered ring





## • RUTHENIUM-CATALYZED [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS



**93%** dr > 20:1



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## [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS OF ENE-VINYLCYCLOPROPANES


## 3. [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS OF ALLENE-VINYLCYCLOPROPANES



Total transfer of axial chirality to centered chirality



### 3. RHODIUM-MEDIATED INTERMOLECULAR [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS

Unactivated vinylcyclopropanes



#### . RHODIUM-MEDIATED INTERMOLECULAR [5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS



 $R_1 = CO_2Me, CH_3CO, CH_2OH, SiMe_{3,} i$ -Pr, H ;  $R_2 = CO_2Me, H, Me$ 

Preparative scale syntheses by using a practical five carbon component



## 3. INTERMOLECULAR AZA-[5+2] CYCLOADDITIONS

Synthesis of dihydroazepines



# **3.** APPLICATIONS IN SYNTHESIS

Asymmetric synthesis of the tricyclic core of NGF-inducing cyathane diterpene (NGF = Nerve Growth Factor) Antifungal, antibacterial





### APPLICATIONS IN SYNTHESIS

Asymmetric total synthesis of (+)-Aphanamol I Toxic componant of the fruit aphanamixis grandifolia





[4+2+2] CYCLOADDITIONS

#### Access to eight-membered rings



 $X = NTs, SO_{2}, O; R = H, Me, Ph$ 

71-92%

Proposed mechanism:



# 3. [4+2+2] CYCLOADDITIONS

**Dimer formation** 



[4+2+2] cycloaddition



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3. [4+2+2] CYCLOADDITIONS
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# 3. [4+2+2] CYCLOADDITIONS



#### Intermolecular version



 $Ni(0) = Ni(cod)_2$  $Ni(acac)_2 / Et_2AIOEt$  Cope ( $\sigma$ [3,3])

 $L = P \left( \begin{array}{c} O \\ Ph \end{array} \right)_{3}$ 



Intramolecular version: effect of the ligand



# 3. [4+4] CYCLOADDITIONS



 $Ni(cod)_2 / PPh_3$ 

toluene, 90 °C





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# **3.** CARBONYLATIVE [x+y+z+1] CYCLOADDITIONS

#### Intermolecular [5+2+1] cycloadditions



 $R_1 = COMe$ ,  $CONH_2$ , CHO,  $CO_2Me$ ;  $R_2 = alkyl$ , Ph, TMS

# 3. CARBONYLATIVE [x+y+z+1] CYCLOADDITIONS

#### Intramolecular [2+2+2+1] cycloadditions



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## 4. The Nicholas Reaction

#### INTRODUCTION: ALKYNE/DICOBALT HEXACARBONYL COMPLEXES



Dickson, R. S.; Fraser, P. J.

## 4. INTRODUCTION: Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub> PROTECTING GROUP



Nicholas, K. M.; Pettit, R.

## 4. INTRODUCTION: Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub> PROTECTING GROUP





Seyferth, D. et al

## 4. INTRODUCTION: Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub> PROTECTING GROUP



Pérez-Castells, J. *et al* Danishefsky, S. J. *et al* 

# 4. THE NICHOLAS REACTION





Smit, W. A.; Caple, R. et al

### ACTIVATION - STABILISATION OF THE $\alpha$ CARBOCATION







# 4. ALCOHOLS AS NUCLEOPHILES











# 4. ENAMINES AS NUCLEOPHILES



Roth, K. D.

## 4. ENOL ETHERS AS NUCLEOPHILES



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Nicholas, K. M. et al

## 4. MODIFICATION OF THE STEREOSELECTIVITY





Ganesh, P.; Nicholas, K. M.







without cobalt, ee 62-74% with cobalt, great improvement



 $CO_2R$ 

R<sub>1</sub> = H ; R<sub>2</sub> = Me ; 97:3 = *syn:anti* ; 86% ee

Roush, W. R.; Park, J. C.

# 4. OTHER NUCLEOPHILES



Nicholas, K. M.; Siegel, J.



Roth, K. D.; Müller, U.

#### 4. SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHAPTER 4



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