

The Living Cell

Living cells are a complex network of interacting biopolymers, ions, and metabolites.

Complex cellular processes cannot be observed when the components are in their purified, isolated forms.

Thus, we are forced outside of the artificial confines of a test tube and into the dynamic living cell.

There is a burgeoning interest in developing methods where a reporter tag can be attached to a cellular component for aid in visualization and/or isolation.

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Bioconjugation Chemistry

Bioconjugation chemistry - a selective coupling of two biomolecules together in a covalent linkage



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Bioorthogonal Chemistry - Requirements



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A Brief Consideration of Reaction Kinetics



[product] is approximately k_2 [A]₀[B]₀t k_2 is typically anywhere from 10⁻³ to 10³ M⁻¹s⁻¹

 $k_2 = 2.3 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$, [A] = [B] = 1 μ M, time = 1 hr

~ 0.8 % labeling of product

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Incorporation of Unnatural Amino Acids

unnatural amino acid natural amino acid X







cell is auxotrophic for amino acid X gene for aaRS (aminoacyl tRNA synthetase)



global replacement of X with unnatural amino acid

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hydrazides and oxyamines are commonly used for this condensation chemistry

biological nucleophiles can condense but the equilibrium favors the starting material



this chemistry is not widely employed inside cells or within live organisms

is applicable to cell surfaces for aldehydes and ketones are not present there

Unnatural amino acid mutagenesis was performed on T4 lysozyme

incorporated at two solvent accessible sites - Ser⁴⁴ and Ala⁸²



determined by catalytic activity, SDS-PAGE, and autoradiography

Cornish, V. W.; Hahn, K. M.; Schultz, P. G. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1996**, *118*, 8150-8151.

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Hydrazone Formation



condensation proceeds in roughly 50% efficiency

wild-type displays no fluorescence while the mutant does

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Cell surface remodeling



Keppler, O. T.; Horstkorte, R.; Pawlita, M.; Schmidts, C.; Reutter, W. Glycobiology 2001, 11, 11R-18R. Mahal, L. K.; Yarema, K. J.; Bertozzi, C. R. Science 1997, 276, 1125-1128.

Cell surface remodeling



cells were analyzed by flow cytometry after staining with FITC (fluorescein isothiocyanate) avidin

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tunicamycin



alpha-benzyl N-acetylglucosamine



Addition of tunicamycin, a known inhibitor of N-linked protein glycosylation, inhibits ketone expression with ManLev treatment in Jurkat cells.

Ketone expression was blocked on HL-60 and HeLa cells via alpha-benzyl *N*-acetylgalactosamine, an inhibitor of O-linked glycosylation.

Selective drug delivery?



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Selective drug delivery?



ricin inhibits protein synthesis toxicity of the conjugate was dependent on the expression of ketones

cells with high ketone expression (~700,000 ketones per cell) were sensitive to lethal doses of ricin

LD₅₀ between 1 to 10 nM

cells with low ketone expression (~50,000 ketones per cell) showed no toxicity

indicates the potential for cell surface engineering to support selective drug delivery

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Bioorthogonal Chemistry





Azide - A Powerful Chemical Reporter



absent from biological systems

possesses orthogonal reactivity to most biological functional groups

the azide is small, so biological perturbation is minimal

first used as a chemical reporter in 2000 in the Staudinger Ligation

Griffin, R. J. *Prog. Med. Chem.* **1994**, *31*, 121. Hendricks, S. B.; Pauling, L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1925**, *47*, 2904. Saxon, E.; Bertozzi, C. R. *Science* **2000**, *287*, 2007.

The Staudinger Reduction

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Carolyn Bertozzi



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Jurkat cells were incubated with azidoacetylmannosamine at a concentration 20 mM for three days.

Cell viability was tested with incubation for up to six days.

Cells were washed and reacted with phosphine for 1 hour at a concentration of 1 mM.

Stained with FITC-avidin and analyzed by flow cytometry.



Saxon, E.; Bertozzi, C. R. Science 2000, 287, 2007.

Biological Controls -

Could a Staudinger reduction be taking place and the phosphine oxide localizes in or outside the cell?

Could the phosphine be reducing disulfide bonds and not be completely bioorthogonal?



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Staudinger Ligation in Living Animals



Activation of a Fluorgenic Dye via the Staudinger Ligation

The lone pair of electrons on phosphorus quench the excited fluorophore



Lemieux, G. A.; de Graffenried, C. L.; Bertozzi, C. R. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 4708-4709.

Activation of a Fluorgenic Dye via the Staudinger Ligation

A small problem



Oxidation of the probe by air would provide background fluorescence.

Activation of a Fluorgenic Dye via the Staudinger Ligation

Fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET) based probe



Hangauer, M. J.; Bertozzi, C. R. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2008, 47, 2394.

"Traceless" Staudinger Ligation

Peptide coupling by the traceless Staudinger ligation



Nilsson, B. L.; Kiessling, L. L.; Raines, R. T. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, *2*, 1939. Soellner, M. B.; Nilsson, B. L.; Raines, R. T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 8820.

"Traceless" Staudinger Ligation

Traceless Staudinger ligation is reminiscent of native chemical ligation





Dawson, P. E.; Muir, T. W.; Clarklewis, I.; Kent, S. B. H. Science 1994, 266, 776.



The Staudinger ligation has been used to probe biomolecules within living animals.

Second-order kinetics where the rate-determining step is purported to be attack of the phosphine on the azide.

 $k = 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ (very slow)

High concentrations of the phosphine are often necessitated (> 250 uM)

Attempts to increase phosphine nucleophilicity has increased the suspectibility of phosphine oxidation.

Lin, F. L.; Hoyt, H. M.; Van Halbeek, H.; Bergman, R. G.; Bertozzi, C. R. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, *127*, 2686. Prescher, J. A.; Dube, D. H.; Bertozzi, C. R. *Nature* **2004**, *430*, 873.

Bioorthogonal Chemistry





[3 + 2] Cycloadditions



First discovered by Arthur Michael in 1893.

In the 1950s, Rolf Huisgen proposed that the reaction proceeds through a 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition.

High temperatures and pressure required made this reaction largely impractical.

In separate efforts, Meldal and Sharpless reported the copper-catalyzed azide-alkyne 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition (CuAAC).



Rostovtsev, V. V.; Green, L. G.; Fokin, V. V.; Sharpless, K. B. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2002**, *41*, 2596. Tornoe, C. W.; Christensen, C.; Meldal, M. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 3057.

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Himo, F.; Lovell, T.; Hilgraf, R.; Rostovtsev, V. V.; Noodleman, L.; Sharpless, K. B.; Fokin, V. V. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, *127*, 210-216.

Copper(I) Toxicity



Finn, Sharpless, and coworkers reported the first biomolecule coupling application of [3+2] cycloaddition through the attachment of dyes to the cowpea mosaic virus.

CuAAC is not widely employed, due to copper(I)'s toxicity.

E. Coli stops dividing after exposure to 100 uM CuBr for 16 hours.

Mammalian cells and zebrafish embryos can survive low concentrations of copper (I) (< 500 uM) but considerable cell death is observed above 1 mM.

Wang, Q.; Chan, T. R.; Hilgraf, R.; Fokin, V. V.; Sharpless, K. B.; Finn, M. G. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 3192-3193. Chan, T. R.; Hilgraf, R.; Sharpless, K. B.; Fokin, V. V. Org. Lett. **2004**, *6*, 2853. Link, A. J.; Tirrell, D. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 11164. Speers, A. E.; Adam, B. F.; Cravatt, B. F. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 4686.

[3+2] Cycloaddition - Ring Strain

Strain-promoted azide cycloadditions were first investigated by Alder and Stein in the 1930s.

In the 1960s, Krebs and Wittig commented that phenylazide and cyclooctyne



massive bond angle deformation of the acetylene to 163° ~ 18 kcal/mol of ring strain

Wittig, G.; Krebs, A. *Chem. Ber.* **1961**, *94*, 3260. Alder, K.; Stein, G. *Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1931**, *485*, 211.

[3+2] Cycloaddition - Ring Strain

Cyclooctynes react smoothly on cell-surface glycans with no apparent cytotoxic effects.





Reactions kinetics is still an issue.



Agard, N. J.; Prescher, J. A.; Bertozzi, C. R. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 15046. Agard, N. J; Baskin, J. M.; Prescher, J. A.; Lo, A.; Bertozzi, C. R. ACS Chem. Biol. 2006, 1, 644. Baskin, J. M.; Prescher, J. A.; Laughlin, S. T.; Agard, N. J.; Chang, P. V.; Bertozzi, C. R. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 2007, 104, 16793.



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First confirmed that zebrafish glycan biosynthetic enzymes are tolerant of the unnatural sugar.

Zebrafish cell line ZF4 was incubated with various doses of Ac₄GalNAzm reacted with DIFO-488 and analyzed by flow cytometry.

Azide-labeled cell lysates were further characterized by treatment with a DIFO-Flag peptide conjugate.

Observed high-molecular weight species were consistent with labeled glycoproteins.

Flag-containing species (glycoproteins like b-hexosaminidase, b-integrin, nicastrin) were known or predicted sites of mucin-type O-linked glycosylation.



From 60 hours post-fertilization (hpf) to 72 hpf, a burst in fluorescence intensity in the jaw region, pectoral fins, and olfactory organs.



These three areas are reexamined and reacted with **DIFO-647** between 60 and 61 hpf and **DIFO-488** between 61 and 62 hpf.









mouth region

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Three-dye bioimaging - **DIFO-647** between 60 and 61 hpf, **DIFO-488** between 62 and 62 hpf, and then **DIFO-555** between 72 and 73 hpf.



jaw region



olfactory region



cells



kinocilia

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Cyclooctyne Analogues



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Genetically encoded norbornene directs site-specific cellular protein labelling



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Pyrrolysine "The 22nd Amino Acid" Genetically coded amino acid used by some methanogenic archaea.

Pyrrolysyl-tRNA synthetase/tRNA_{CUA} is orthogonal to endogenous tRNAs and aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases in *E. coli* and eukaryotic cells.

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The fluorescence of certain probes increased by a 5-10 fold increase after the cycloaddition



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Cycloaddition tested with mutated epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR-GFP)

2 (1 mM)



3(1 mM)



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Photochemical 1,3-Dipolar Cycloaddition



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Bioorthogonal Cross-Metathesis

Interestingly, allyl sulfides are required due to purported sulfur coordination to the ruthenium center.



subtilisin Bacillus lentus (SBL)

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Salts, such as MgCl₂ or NaCl, were added to disrupt any nonproductive chelation to ruthenium

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Future Outlook

Groups 15 elements have been particularly lucrative.

Perhaps larger elements in this group, like bismuth or antimony, may be of use.

Pericyclic reactions have been very promising as well, due to concerted mechanisms that leave little room for interruption from other components.

Applications with other sources of energy, such as light or ultrasound, may occur.

We may see the extension of chemical reporters to other small-molecule metabolites.

