Recent Developments in Cascade Catalysis



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Defining Cascade Catalysis: Flowchart of One-Pot Processes

Are all precatalysts present at outset?

no ↓ one-pot reaction (multicatalytic)

One Pot, Multicatalytic Reaction: Both Catalysts not Present at Outset



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Domino Catalysis: Conjugate Addition/Aldol Cascade



The rate of aldol cyclization is faster than rhodium enolate hydrolysis: single catalytic cycle

Cauble, D. F.; Gipson, J. D.; Krische, M. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125 (5), 1110.

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Orthogonal Catalysis: Multiple Catalysts Present from Outset



Both imium and Bronsted acid catalysts are present at the beginning of the reaction and catalyze separate steps

Jones, S. B.; Simmons, B.; MacMillan, D. W. C. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 13606

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Tandem Catalysis: Single Catalyst, Mechanistically Distinct Transformations

Auto tandem catalysis: Single catalyst directly performs multiple catalytic transformations



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Assisted tandem catalysis: Mechanistic change induced by addition of chemical trigger



Thadani, A. N.; Rawal, V. H. Org. Lett. 2002, 4 (24), 4321.

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Selected Examples of Enantioselective Cascade Catalysis



Merging LUMO-lowering and HOMO-raising with one catalyst



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Organocascade Catalysis: Before the Name



Indoline carboxylic acid facilitates the formation of cyclopropanes via iminium-enamine cascade catalysis

Kunz, R. K.; MacMillan, D. W. C. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 3240

Double Organocascade Catalysis: Wang Group



Triple Organocascade Catalysis: Jørgensen Group



Carlone, A.; Cabrera, S.; Marigo, M.; Jorgensen, K. A. Angew. Chem.-Int. Ed. 2007, 46 (7), 1101

Quadruple Organocascade Catalysis: Zhang Group



Zhang, F. L.; Xu, A. W.; Gong, Y. F.; Wei, M. H.; Yang, X. L. Chem. Eur. J. 2009, 15 (28), 6815





Triazolium salt mediates Benzoin type cyclization to give functionalized cyclopentanones

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Kinetic product favored due to free approach of aryl group onto iminium ion Thermodynamic product favored due to all equitorial arrangement of substituents



HN HV, N O CO-Me	
CO ₂ Me	CO ₂ Me
Α	В

condition	yield	ee	dr A:B
А	69%	94%	85:15
В	64%	94%	18:82

Kinetic method A: 20 mol% HCl, rt. Thermodynamic method B: conc. TFA, 70 °C

Kinetic cyclization induced by catalytic HCl gives rise to predominantly the cis isomer A

Thermodynamic cyclization induced by excess TFA gives predominantly the trans isomer A



Thermodynamic equilibration of the *cis* product to the *trans* product might go via regeneration of the acyl iminium ion or via an intermediate 10-membered ring.





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Gold catalysis facilitates β,γ unsaturated lactone via activation of the alkyne toward 5-endo-*dig* cyclization
Brønsted acid catalyzed N-acyl iminium cyclization generates enantioenriched heterocycles

Muratore, M. E.; Holloway, C. A.; Pilling, A. W.; Storer, R. I.; Trevitt, G.; Dixon, D. J., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131 (31), 10796.

Brønsted Acid/Gold (I) Multicatalyst Cascade: Dixon Group



Organometallo cascade proceeds in good selectivity only at high temperatures. Lower temperatures (i.e., rt to 50 °C gave around 30 to 50% ee.

Bulky phosphoric acid catalyst required for good selectivity. Aryl substituted Binol phosphoric acid catalysts gave < 55% ee.</p>

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Because only a single diastereomer is formed, equilibration of **1**, **2** must be fast relative to cyclization and $k_2 >> k_1$. Muratore, M. E.; Holloway, C. A.; Pilling, A. W.; Storer, R. I.; Trevitt, G.; Dixon, D. J., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131* (31), 10796.

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Role of silver is unknown. Initially it was suspected that it might act as a Lewis acid to enable cyclization of the aldehyde onto the alkyne. However, subjection of the SM to silver did not produce any cyclization derived products

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Alkyne regioselectivity is dictated by the TMS group

Allylic leaving group not present until after ene-yne coupling reaction

Key criterion: Ru catalyst must not be able to ionize allylic group (racemic pathway)

Trost, B. M.; Machacek, M. R.; Faulk, B. D. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128 (20), 6745.



For nitrogen nucleophiles, ionization is the enantiodetermining step



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OrganoBio Cascade Catalysis: β -Hydroxy Ketone Synthesis



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Deracemization of Secondary Alcohols via Biocascade Catalysis

When lysed cells were used, racemization of enantiopure secondary alcohols was observed

OH

Me

They concluded that the oxidation and reduction cycles must be separated: intact cell membrane

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