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### **Topic Review**

# Cycloisomerization Reactions of 1,*n*-Enynes (Pd- and Au-Catalyzed)

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### **Overview**

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- Enyne C.I.R. Introduction
  - I. Pd-Catalysis
    - Early Chemistry
    - Mechanism Development
    - Catalysis in Total Synthesis
  - II. Au-Catalysis
    - Properties of Au(I) (Relativistic)
    - 5-*exo* vs 6-*endo*; Mechanism
    - Catalysis in Total Synthesis

### **Introduction** Cycloisomerization of Enynes; General Information

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- Atom economical
- Environmentally friendly
- Producing new rings
- High control of:
  - Double bond position
  - Diastereoselectivity
- 1,*n*-Enynes (*n* = 4–8)
- 1,6-Enynes most

common

### **Introduction** Cycloisomerization of Enynes; General Information

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 "Enyne-cycloisomerization reactions were the first noble metal catalyzed processes to be implemented into a natural product total synthesis"



- Highly substrate-dependant

#### **Cycloisomerization** Introduction; Metals

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#### **1,***n***-Enyne** Different Pathways (≠Pt, Au)

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### **1,***n***-Enyne** Metallacycle; General Mechanism; Different Pathways

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### **Palladium-Catalyzed C.I.R**

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#### Palladium-Catalyzed C.I.R. First Reported Reaction

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"... unanticipated observation that Pd(II) salts catalyze cyclizations via an isomerization to lead to related products ..."



Pd(II): (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>; [(*o*-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>P)]<sub>2</sub>Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> solvent: non-polar solvents (max. with benzene)

#### Conclusions

- Mild conditions
- Pd(0) (*e.g.*  $Pd(PPh_3)_3$ ) does not catalyze the reaction
- Effectiveness of Pd(II) due to Lewis acidity
- Double bond position directed by stereoelectronic effects

#### **First Reported Reaction** Mechanism; Palladacycle, β-Elimination





- Examples with allylic carbon mono- or disubstituted



### **Palladium-Catalyzed C.I.R** Trost's Example; Trapping Intermedaite ([2+2+2])



E: CO<sub>2</sub>Me

- Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> did not work (electron deficient Pd; H-shift too fast)
- TCPC furnished product in 82% yield
- Incorporation of CO unsuccessful; Pd black
- Control Exp.  $\rightarrow$  1. E<sub>reagent</sub>=CO<sub>2</sub>Et; 2. [2+4] **negative**
- Formation of unexpected product ("Metathesis product")



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#### **Palladium-Catalyzed C.I.R** Single vs. Double Cleavage; <sup>2</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C Labelling

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- Evidence for a cyclopropyl intermediate



#### Palladium-Catalyzed C.I.R Alkoxy-/Hydroxycyclization

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- Carbohydroxypalladation of allyl propargyl ethers (diastereoselective)



- Proposed Mechanism (complexation of Pd(II) to alkyne)



- Scope of nucleophiles extended later
  - N-nucleophilies, electron-rich aromatics (e.g. indoles)

#### Palladium-Catalyzed C.I.R Asymmetric Reactions; Pd(0) → Pd(II)

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ligand (Ar=p-CF<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)

- First example ((S)-binaphtoic acid), in situ Pd–H



68%, 95% ee (7:2)

#### **Palladium-Catalyzed C.I.R.** Asymmetric Catalysis; $Pd(0) \rightarrow Pd(II)$ ; VinyImetal PW

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I. D. G. Watson, F. D. Toste, Chem. Sci. 2012, 3, 2899–2919

#### **Palladium-Catalyzed C.I.R** Total Synthesis; Heteroatom-Substituted Alkenes

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- Enantioselective cycloisomerization of silyloxy-1,6-enynes

small

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OR

MeC

Me

Total synthesis of (–)-laurebiphenyl



MeO





#### **Palladium-Catalyzed C.I.R** Total Synthesis; Substrate Controlled

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Preparation of C.I.R. precursor from (R)-carvone in 6 steps



#### **Gold Catalyzed C.I.R.** "The Ultimate Catalyst for Enyne C.I.R."





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#### Metals as π-Acids Activation of Enynes; η-Complexation

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- Formation of a non-classical carbocation (after "**slippage**" and attack of the alkene



#### Metals as $\pi$ -Acids Alkyne Interaction; Slippage $\eta^2 \rightarrow \eta^1$

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- Fundamental processes in the noble metal activation of an alkyne



#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.-Reactions Properties of Gold; Relativistic effects

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- Au(I) linear, bicoordinate geometry
- Au(I) species are not particular nucleophilic (compared to corr. Cu complexes)
- Au(I) species avoid oxidative addition
- **Reductive elimination** of LR<sub>3</sub>Au(III) disvafored as well
- Au(I) and Au(III) do **not readily cycle** between oxidation states
- Au(I) species generally tolerant of oxygen
- Au: [Xe]4f<sup>14</sup>5d<sup>10</sup>6s<sup>1</sup>
- Relativistic contraction of 6s-orbital
  - Large first ionization potential (9.22 eV)
  - greatly strengthened Au-L bonds
  - "Aurophilicity": tendency of Au-Au interactions stabilizing on the order of H-bond

#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.-Reactions Properties of Cationic Au(I) Species

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- Superior Lewis acids compared with other group 11 metals (Cu, Ag)
- Relatively low-lying LUMO
- For ligands: Au–P bond much
  more covalent than Ag–P bond
- LAu(I)<sup>+</sup> large, diffuse → charge is shared with P
  - **Orbital interaction** rather than charge interaction
- "Soft" Lewis acid for soft electrophiles (*e.g.* alkenes, alkynes)



 $E_h$  (atom units): [hartree] = 27.211 eV  $\Delta E$  = 2.7 eV

#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.-Reactions Alkyne Interaction

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- Au(I)–ethene vs. Au(I)–ethyne ( $\Delta E_{stabilization} \sim 10 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ )
- Apparently favoured complexation to alkenes
  - Discrimination by the nucleophile
  - LUMO/HOMO (alkyne) < LUMO/HOMO (alkene) (~0.5 eV)
  - $\rightarrow$  Au(I)-alkyne lower LUMO



M. S. Nechaev, V. M. Rayon, G. Frenking, *J. Phys. Chem. A*, **2004**, *108* (15), 3134–3142 A. Fürstner, P. W. Davies, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, *46*, 3410–3449

#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R; 1,6-enynes Mechanism; *5-exo* vs. *6-endo*



-  $[Au(PR_3)]^+$  isolobal to  $H^+ \rightarrow$  cannot coordinate both unsaturated moieties



- Alder-Ene does not compete
- Further reactions (5-exo-dig)



### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R.; 1,6-enynes Trost's substrate; Effect of Nucleophilie/Substitution

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- Alder-Ene product found occasionaly (DMSO = Nu)



C. Nieto-Oberhuber et al., Chem. Eur. J. 2006, 12, 1677–1693

### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R.; 1,6-enynes Trost's substrate; Effect of Nucleophilie/Substitution

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- Absence of nucleophile







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#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R.; 1,6-enynes Single- and Double Cleavage

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#### single cleavage



#### double celavage



- Effect of substituents (Stabilization of carbocation)





E. Jimenez-Nunez, A. M. Echavarren, *Chem. Rev.* **2008**, *108*, 3326–3350 S. Oi, I. Tsukamoto, S. Miyano, Y. Inoue, *Organometallics*, **2001**, *20* (17), 3704–3709

#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,6-enynes Single vs Double Cleavage; Mechansim



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#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R.; 1,6-enynes 5-*exo* Pathway; Alkoxycyclization

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Intermolecular alkoxycyclization of enynes



- Intramolecular alkoxycyclization of enynes



R = H; Me; *t*Bu; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>; Ph; C(OH)Me<sub>2</sub>

#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R.; 1,6-enynes 5-*exo* Pathway; Ketocylization

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Intermolecular ketocyclization of enynes



- Reaction works as well with **epoxides**
- Many different catalysts work

#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,6-enynes Cyclopropanation; Conformation of *c*Pr-Carbenoid



- Trapping of the intermediate carbene



- Cyclopropanes have wrong relative stereochemistry (unnatural)



#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,5-enynes Cyclopropanation; Cyclohexadienes

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- Preparation of **bicyclo[3.1.0]hexenes** 



- Preparation of **cyclohexadienes** (from silyloxylalkynes)



#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,6-enynes Effect of Ligand (Electron-Density)



- Electron rich (A) vs electron poor (B)



A: $[(t-Bu)_2P(o-biphenyl)]AuCl (10 mol%), AgSbF_6 (5 mol%) i-PrOH, CH_2Cl_2, 88% (19:1)$  $B: (C_6F_5)_3AuCl (10 mol%), AgSbF_6 (5 mol%) i-PrOH, CH_2Cl_2, 83% (1:8)$ 

### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,6-enynes Ring Expansion; Heteroatom Assisted 1,2-shift

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#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,6-enynes Total Synthesis; Heteroatom-Substituted Alkenes

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- Formation of an all-carbon 4° stereogenic center



- Application to the synthesis of (+)-lycopladine A



#### Au-Catalyzed C.I. Reactions 6-*endo* Pathway

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- 6-endo-dig cyclization (TRENDS)



#### **Au-Catalyzed C.I. Reactions** 6-endo Pathway; Influence of Nucleophile + Tether

In absence of a nucleophile and Z = O, NTs (*6-endo-dig*)

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 $[Au(PPh_3)Cl]$  (2 mol%)  $AgSbF_6$  (2 mol%)

rt, 15 min

TsN

96%

Mechanism can't explain formation of A

AuL



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#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,6-enynes 6-endo Pathway; Cyclopropanation

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- Cyclopropanation of allylic ether



- Modification of the substrate



#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,6-enynes 6-*endo* Pathway; Macrocycles; Polycyclization

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- Route to macrocycles (1,2-alkyl shift)



- Tandem Cyclopropanation/Cope Rearrangement/C–H activation



#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,6-enynes Selected Examples; Alkoxycyclization, [3,3]



- Generation of 1,4-Cycloheptadienes



- Formation via [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement



#### Au-Catalyzed C.I.R: 1,6-enynes Total Synthesis

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- Towards ventricosene, 1,2-alkyl shift



ventricosene

- Towards Aromadendrane sesquiterpenes (artificial cyclase)



S. G. Sethofer, S. T. Staben, O. Y. Hung, F. D. Toste, *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 4315–4318 J. Carreras, M. Livendahl, P. R. McGonigal, A. M. Echavarren, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 5896–4899

### Conclusion

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- Not covered in this Topic Review
  - Most metals
  - Pauson-Khand
  - Conia-Ene
  - Dienes
  - Allenynes
  - [2+2+2]

### Thank you for your attention!

### Backup Isolobality

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Table 1 Isolobality of H <sup>+</sup> , R <sup>+</sup> , and LAu <sup>+</sup> units at oxygen, nitrogen and carbon centres		
H+	R+	LAu <sup>+</sup>
H <sub>2</sub> O	R <sub>2</sub> O	(LAu) <sub>2</sub> O
H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	R <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	$(LAu)_{3}O^{+}$
H <sub>4</sub> O <sup>2+</sup>	$R_4O^{2+}$	(LAu) <sub>4</sub> O <sup>2+</sup>
H <sub>3</sub> N	R <sub>3</sub> N	(LAu) <sub>3</sub> N
$H_4N^+$	$R_4N^+$	$(LAu)_4N^+$
$H_{5}N^{2+}$	$R_5N^{2+}$	$(LAu)_5 N^{2+}$
H₄C	$R_4C$	(LAu)₄C
H <sub>5</sub> C <sup>+</sup>	R <sub>5</sub> C <sup>+</sup>	$(LAu)_5C^+$
H <sub>6</sub> C <sup>2+</sup>	R <sub>6</sub> C <sup>2+</sup>	$(LAu)_6C^{2+}$

### Backup Orbital Contraction

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- Orbital contraction
- Colour of Gold

#### **Backup** Proposed Mechanism for unexpected Product (Trost)

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- Reductive Elimination (Metathesis Product)



#### **Backup** Mechansim; Silyloxylalkynes, 1,5-enynes



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#### **Backup** Mechansim; 6-endo, allylic ether

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#### **Backup** *endo*- vs *exo*-Cyclization; DFT calculations

- Very reactive propyne-metal complex (compared to Pd(II), Pt(II), and Au(III)
- Highly polarized (η<sup>1</sup>-alkyne)gold complex
- 5-exo-dig cyclization favoured
- Comparison to Pt(II):  $E_a(exo) = 10.3$ ,  $E_a(endo) = 11.2 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$



#### Backup 6-endo Pathway; Tandem

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### Backup Au(I) Catalysts & Precursors

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- **A-D** very active with Ag(I) salt
- E, F, I  $\rightarrow$  [Au<sup>+</sup>] (stable crystalline solids)





- G+H weakly coordinating -NTf<sub>2</sub> (cleaner reactions in absence of Ag(I))
- J highly electrophilic catalyst

#### **Backup** Au(I) Catalysts & Precatalysts

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- **K-N** strongly donating NHC
- O moderate stability at rt

