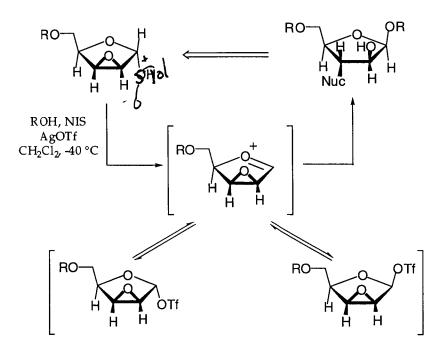
#### John Macor, Bristol Myers Squibb

The Discovery of Multiple Heterocyclic Templates Producing Sub-Nanomolar PDE5 Inhibitors (Viagra analogs)

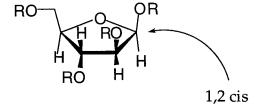
- sidenifil (Pfiser) has poor selectivity for other PDE enzymes which are involved in the regulation of cyclic GNP
- BMS analogs:

• Most lead compounds show moderate to good selectivity and the activities are comparable to sidenifil

- 1,2 trans linkages are 'easy' due to protecting group participation
- 1,2 cis linkages are 'hard' to control



α-triflate is prefered



- Glycosyl acceptor approaches from the same face as the epoxide
- $\alpha/\beta$  configuration depends on the epoxide configuration
- epoxide is opened by glycosyl acceptor in some cases
- moderate regioselectivity selectivity (~3/1) in separate epoxide opening

#### John Vederas, University of Alberta

Heterocyclic Amino Acids as Inhibitors of the Diaminopimelate Pathway to L-Lysine

Diaminopalemitic acid (DAP):

$$HO_2C$$
 $NH_2$ 
 $NH_2$ 
 $HO_2C$ 
 $NH$ 
 $NH_2$ 
 $NH$ 
 $NH_2$ 

• DAP is an intermediate in the synthesis of L-Lysine (necessary for cell wall peptidoglycans)

Targeted intermediate

• The enzymes involved are not found in mammalian cells

Nitrile oxide [3+2]:

Compound is not competitive with DAP -binds in a different mannor (wrong end)

Others:

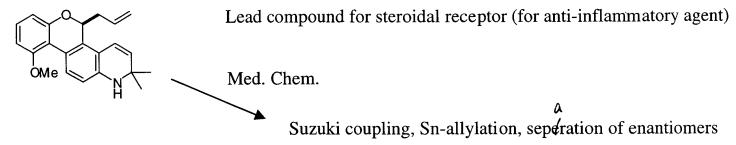
$$HO_2C$$
  $CO_2H$   $Non-competitive$   $HO_2C$   $CO_2H$   $NH_2$   $Competitive$ 

• Also investigates DAP epimerase:

$$HO_2C$$
  $HO_2C$   $HO_2$ 

#### Yi-Yin Ku, Abbott Laboratories

Asymmetric Synthesis of A-240610 via Atropisomeric Control of Axial Chirality



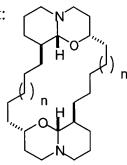
Process:

Could cyclize only one isomer, the other eliminated

#### Tadeusz Molinski, University of California, Davis

Marine-Derived Heterocycles: Nature Drives Discovery

Ca channel antagonist:



- 2,9-Bisoxaquinolizidines
- wide number isolated differing in conf. and chain length
- compounds bind to ion channel not to the corresponding receptor

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Ca channel agonist:

• Bastadin 5

# Thomas Roper, GlaxoWellcome

 $Convergent\ Synthesis\ of\ Adenosine\ A2a\ Agonists:\ New\ Approaches\ to\ 2-Alkylaminoadenosines$ 

## Adenosine-PA maleate - powerful anti-inflammatory agent

### Minoru Isobe, Nagoya University

#### Synthesis of Marine Toxins

# Ciguatoxin -fused polycyclic ethers

- Uses Nigishi coupling two couple two halfs
- For medium size rings, uses Co-Co group to protect/ bend alkyne to improve closure

# Peter Seeberger, MIT

Automated Synthesis of Oligosaccharides and Glycosaminoglycans

• Linking glycosyl acceptor to solid phase allows excess donor, higher yields

• Interesting protecting groups:

#### Kevin Moeller, Washington Unversity

Reversing the Polarity of Enolate Equivalents: Developing an Efficient Route to (+)-Nemorensic Acid

Towards:

Acid group associated with necine

- Good yield when n = 1,2
- No product when n = 3
  - $\sim$ 3/1 selectivity with n = 1 (1/1 with n = 2)

Enol configuration is unimportant as the radical cation is not confurationally stable

# Laura Kiessling, University of Wisconsin, Madison Synthesis of Functional Oligosaccharides and Glycoproteins

- Synthesis of oligosaccharides crosslinked by Ring Opening Metathesis
- The proximity of activators brings cellular receptors in close proximity
- Polymerized activators provide larger responses than unpolymerized activators at the same conc.
  - There is an additive effect of bringing receptors together
  - Can tune polymerization to accieve optimal spacing

Advances to safty-catch activator:

W/o E - low reactivity

W/ Me - mod reactivity

W/ CH2CN - mod reactivity

W/ Allyl - high reactivity

#### Hans Reissig, Free University of Berlin

Stereoselective Synthesis of Heterocycles via Metallated Alkoxyallenes

OMe
H very acidic

Nucleophile

• Versatile reagent for heterocyclic synthesis

- Choice of metal determines  $\alpha$  vs  $\gamma$  reaction
- Can also add to nitrones, imines

OMe 
$$n$$
-BuLi,  $NR_2$   $R$  OMe  $NR_2$   $R$  OH  $NR_2$   $R$  OH  $NR_2$   $R$  OH

- Chiral allenes do not give good differentiation in addition reactions
- Needs to use a chiral auxilliary (sugar based in place of OMe)

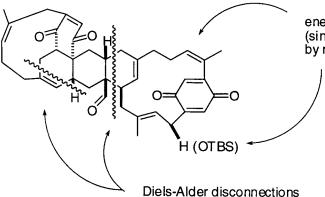
#### Matthew Shair, Harvard University

From Target-Oriented Synthesis to Diversity-Oriented Synthesis and Their Use in Exploring Cell Biology

Work towards the CP molecules:

| ViMgBr | Fetro-aldol | Pool | P

Lingithorone A:



ene-yne metathesis (single atropisomer set by removable chiral center)

- Central DA goes with 3/1 selectivity (facial) with Me2AlCl
- Necessary LA suggest Diels-Alderase may be involved

Divergent synthesis: Combi-chem based on the core structure of know natural product (for other uses)

#### Franco Cozzi, University of Milan

Poly(ethylene glycol)-supported Synthesis of Heterocycles and Chiral Heterocyclic Ligands and Catalysts

PEG support:

- Soluable polymer support
- Has low loading can add dendridic linkers for inreased loadings

Can also use as supports for:

- Ammonium salts
- bisoxazoline ligands
- proline based catalysts

#### Eric Jacobsen, Harvard University

Target-Oriented Synthesis Based on Asymmetric Catalytic Methods

New salen ligands for hetero-Diels-Alder:

Best Ligand:

Does not work with:

- Suggests there is single point binding on the aldehyde
- Kenetics show 1st order in diene, catalyst
- Catalyst is dimer in solid state but no non-linear effect (only homochiral dimer)

Catalyst also works well with inverse demand D-A and ene reactions

#### Dr. Robert Grossman, University of Kentucky

[5 + 1] Annulation Route to Highly Substituted and Functionalized Piperidines: A Heterocycle-Forming Double Michael Reaction

$$Z = EWG$$

$$Z =$$

- Annulation is typically high yielding and shows high diastereoselectivity for the equatorially disposed acetate group.
- The observed selectivty appears to be a kinetic process controlled by the initial conjugate addition to the propiolate.
- It has been shown the this first addition occurs through the carbon proximal to the nitrogen atom.
- The highly substituted piperadine core can be further functionalized into a number of groups:
  - Reduction of the cyanide to an amine
  - Lactamization or Dieckmann condensation

#### Viresh Rawal, University of Chicago

New Methods and Strategies for the Stereocontrolled Asymmetric Synthesis of Indole Alkaloids

• This strategy avoids the traditionally used organometallic additon, which adds numerous steps.

than Danishefsky's diene

- This powerful diene allows for a variety of Diels-Alder type processes to occur under mild conditions.
- Application of asymmetric catalysis using Cr(III)-salen complexes allows for highly enantioselectivity, >89% yield and >95% ee ( see *J. Am. Chem Soc.* 2000, 122, 7843 ).
- This strategy has also been applied to alkaloid synthesis, especially the Aspidosperma family.

#### James Leighton, Columbia University

Strained Silacycles in Organic Synthesis

• Strain relief plays a major role in driving this sigmatropic rearragement en route to the CP skeleton.

- This intermolecular silyl formylation / allylation sequence allows for rapis access to polyols.
- Strain relief Lewis acidity accounts for the activation of the aldehyde by the carbon-bound silicon.

## **Gunda Georg, University of Kansas**

Synthesis and Evaluation of Novel Heterocyclic Anticancer Agents

Salicylihalamide A

potent toxin with activity against melanoma

- While the RCM works very well, late stage formation of the enamine has prevented completion of the synthesis.
- A novel method for removal of ruthenium containing impurities:
  - Stir with SiO2 in DMSO then filter

## Tony Zhang, Eli Lilly

Selective Synthesis of Heterocycles for the Process Development of 5HT1a Antagonists

Medicinal Chemistry Route:

65% yield / 97% ee

Process Route:

- Several routes were examined towards generating the stereocenter in this molecule:
  - Enzymatic resolution
  - Palladium catalyzed enolate arylation
- The process route was successful since during the Grignard addition to the lactone, only the major diastereomer reacts.

## **Greg Fu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Asymmetric Catalysis with "Planar-Chiral" Heterocycles

- Planar chiral heterocycles have proven themselves as powerful, asymmetric Lewis base catalysts:
  - Resolution of alcohols and amines
  - Ketene reactions: protonation and beta-lactam formation
  - Epoxide openings
- In most cases, attack of the nucleophile on the catalyst-reagent complex is rate determining.

## **James McNamara, Merck**

Asymmetric Syntheses of an NK-1 Receptor Antagonist

# Justin Du Bois, Stanford University Catalytic Insertion Reactions for the Amination of C-H Bonds

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{NH}_2 \\ \text{NH}_2 \\ \text{O.05 eq. Rh}_2\text{OAc}_4 \\ \text{2.3 eq. MgO} \\ \text{H}_2\text{N} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{H}_3\text{C} \\ \text{CH}_3 \\ \text{C} \\ \text{C} \\ \text{H}_3\text{C} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{O.05 eq. Rh}_2\text{OAc}_4 \\ \text{2.3 eq. MgO} \\ \text{H}_3\text{C} \\ \text{O} \\$$

- Reaction proceeds through a metal nitrene complex.
- Sulfur containing linker holds great synthetic potential due to ease of removal.
- Also, the geometry of the sulfoxide linker favors formation of a 6 member ring over a 5 membered ring.

# Alan Armstrong, Imperial College Asymmetric Heteroatom Transfer from Small-Ring Heterocycles

- Installation of the alpha heteroatom serves a dual purpose: stabilization of the catalyst against BV oxidation, introduction of an enhanced chiral environment.
- Still, despite an extensive empirical survey only 93% ee could be obtained.

- Oxaziridines seemed promising based on literature precedent.
- Early success in the realm of intramolecular transfer has promise for an asymmetric, auxiliary based methodology.

#### Larry Overman, University of California, Irvine

Recent Studies in Alkaloid Total Synthesis

- Overman has developed two distinct strategies for formation of vicinal quaternary centers.
- Both strategies rely on installation of two control stereocenters.
- However, the conformation of the final structure plays a major role in determining the overall selectivity of the synthesis.

# Ray C. F. Jones, Loughborough University

Ringing the Changes: Expected and Unexpected Annulations of Imidazolines

- Reaction of the imidazole based dipole yields the *anti* product with high diastereoselectivity.
- Both oxygenated and carbon containing dipoles work well.
- The formation of the di-addition product is facile when good Micheal acceptors are employed.

#### Albert Eschenmoser, ETH-Zürich/Scripps

#### Chemical Etiology of Nucleic Acid Structure: Strategy and Recent Results

- The criterion for good DNA base pairing known: the energy of the C=O bond is 30 kcal/mol less than the corresponding C=N bond. Hence the amide form of the base pair exists rather than the enamine form.
- Can similar criterion be found for the structure of the nucleic acid backbone?

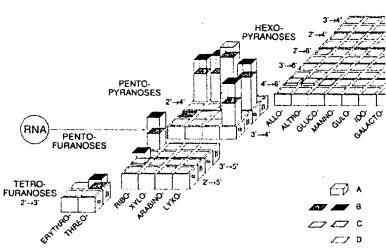
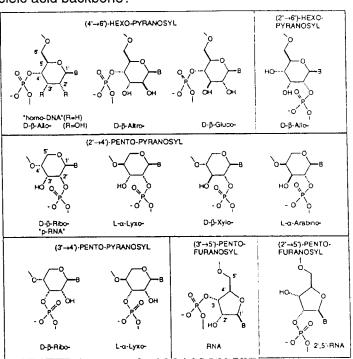


Fig. 5. Pairing-strength landscape of hexose-, pentose-, and tetrose-derived oligonucleotide systems, showing the range of the constitutional and configurational diversity of (potentially natural) alternatives of the RNA structure and giving  $T_{\rm m}$  values of duplexes  $A_{\rm s} \cdot T_{\rm s}$  (red level) and  $A_{12} \cdot T_{12}$  (black level) investigated in the ETH and TSRI laboratories. For conditions, see the caption of Fig. 3. (A) Column height unit is 10°C above 0°C (see also Fig. 3); (B) observed  $T_{\rm m}$  values; (C) estimated  $T_{\rm m}$  values, purple for  $A_{\rm s} \cdot T_{\rm s}$  and gray for  $A_{12} \cdot T_{12}$ ; and (D) not investigated. Data are as follows: hexopyranosyl series (31), pentopyranosyl series (37), pentopyranosyl series (47).



Ribose is not unique in its ability to pair or form anti-parrallel strands. Certain structures ( alpha 2,4 arabino pentose ) even have higher melting temperatures than natural structures.