



Nonlinear Effects (NLE) in Asymmetric Catalysis

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How does a chiral molecule function in asymmetric catalysis?

Research Labs & Industry Goals: Prepare drug candidates of defined configuration for biological tests.

Fact: The substances used as the starting point for these syntheses are in general *not* chiral.

Chemists approach: Use of chiral auxiliaries (catalysts) to control the production of the desired chiral product



http://www.nobel.se/chemistry/educational/poster/2001/catalyst.html

Self & nonself recognition of enantiomers at the molecular level: aggregation

Solid state: Pasteur (1848)¹ & Noyori (2001)²



¹ Pasteur, L. Ann. Chim. Phys. **1848**, 24, 442; ²R. Noyori, S. Suga. The Chemical Record **2001**, 1, 85; ³A. Houreau, Tetrahedron Lett. **1969**, 3121.

Nonlinear effect in chemical reactions

Dependence of chemical reactivity on *ee* of starting material: reactivity = $f(ee_{SM})$



NLE in Asymmetric Catalysis (title review)

"When autoassociation or formation of multiligand catalysts occur, Eq 1 generally is no longer obeyed, because diastereomeric species may be produced which are impossible to generate from the enantiopure auxiliaries" from Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2009, 48, 456-494





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Theoretical models of NLE. (a) for ML₂ systems: Sharpless epoxidation of geraniol



K. Katsuki; K. B. Sharpless. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1980, 102, 5974.

D. Guillaneux; S. Zhao; O. Samuel; D. Rainford; H. B. Kagan. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1994, 116, 9430.



Curtin-Hammet Principle

Theoretical models of NLE. (b)The Noyori model: Addition of R₂Zn to Benzaldehyde



M. Kitamura; S. Okada; S.Suga; R. Noyori, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1989, 111, 4028.



(c) The reservoir effect: for the formation of various metal complexes, one being the active catalyst





Homogeneous Organometallic Cat.: Addition of R₂Zn to aldehydes (exception to the Noyori model)

ee of product vs ee of MIB for substituted benzaldehyde derivatives

Curtin-Hammet Principle is not obeyed with strongly binding electron-rich aldehydes!!

"The amount or total monomer available to be channeled into the catalytic cycle will depend of the strength of binding of substrate..."



Y. Chen; A. Costa; P. Walsh, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2001, 123, 5378; F. Buono; P. Walsh; D. Blackmond, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 13652.

Homogeneous Organometallic Cat.: Addition of R₂Zn to aldehydes (exception to the Noyori model)

Validity of the Mathematical Treatment : calorimetric studies

"Catalyst composition may be a function of the substrate properties"



Homogeneous Organometallic Cat: Absence of NLE in R₂Zn addition to aldehydes by rational design

"The absence of an NLE is a good indication of the involvement of one ligand or chiral auxiliary in the catalytic cycle. However, this is not a proof, since linearity, for example, is possible with a ML2 system when g=1"...(title paper)



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Homogeneous Organometallic Cat: Diels Alder & Hetero-Diels Alder reaction

"A scalemic organometallic catalyst can be prepared either directly from the scalemic ligand or by mixing two enantiopure catalysts. If there is an NLE in the first case and not in the second one, it is good evidence that the catalyst retains its integrity during the reaction."...(title paper)



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Homogeneous Organometallic Catalysis (Misc.) Alkenyl zirconocene/Zn addition to aldehydes



- Unusual NLE profile due to participation of monomeric and aggregated metal-ligand species in the catalysis.
- Rational for unusual NLE in **2a**: Lewis acid zirconocene species facilitate generation of tricoordinate Zn species



Homogeneous Organometallic Cat. Misc. A practical exploitation of NLE in a stoichiometric reaction.¹

Preparation of an intermediate in the synthesis of a LTD_4 antagonist by Merck.



Kinetic modeling approach applied to the Merck study.² (+)-NLE in lpc_2BCl reduction of the ketone (1).

Relative concentrations or chiral auxilliary change over the course of the reaction



Dynamic equilibrium



Initial conditions

 ML_2 Model: K = 49, g = 0.1

Final conditions:

 $ee_{prod} = f(t)$

Experimental and modeling results of NLE in the reduction of ketone **1** with 1 eq of Ipc_2BCI prepared from α -pinene.

¹ M. Zhao; A. O. King; R. Larsen; T. Verhoeven; P. Reider, *Tetrahedron Letters*, **1997**, *38*, 2641; ² D. Blackmond, *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2000**, *33*, 402.

Homogeneous Organocatalytic Reactions: Catalysis by proline





¹C. Agami, C. Puchot. *J. et al. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.* **1985**, 441; ²L. Hoang; S. Bahmanyar; K. Houk; B. List. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*,16; ³ A. Cordova, H. Sundn, Y. Xu, I. Ibrahem, W. Zou, M. Engqvist, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2006**, *12*, 5446.

NLE through partial solubility: Addition of R₂Zn to aldehydes

• Ohno–Kobayashi (1989).¹



• Kagan studies of Ohno–Kobayashi system.^{3,4}

"The partial solubility of non-enantiopure auxiliaries or complexes in the experimental conditions of the reaction may generate NLEs. The insoluble racemate compound usually acts as a reservoir of the racemic auxiliary, hence enhancing the *ee* value of the actual catalyst"... *(title paper)*



¹ H. Takahashi, T. Kawakita, M. Yoshioka, S. Kobayashi, M. Ohno, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 7095; ² S. Pritchett, D. H. Woodmansee, P. Gantzel, P. J. Walsh, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 6423; ³ T. O. Luukas, D. R. Fenwick, H. B. Kagan, *C. R. Chim.* **2002**, *5*, 487; ⁴ T. Satyanarayana, B. Ferber, H. B. Kagan, *Org. Lett.* **2007**, *9*, 251.

Asymmetric Autocatalysis

Enantioselective synthesis in which the chiral product acts as an asymmetric catalyst for its own production.



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K. Soai; I. Sato, Chirality 2002, 14, 548.

Asymmetric Autocatalysis (Cont..)

Amplification of Chirality from Extremely Low to Greater than 99.5% ee¹



¹ K. Soai et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2003, 42, 315; ² K. Soai, et al. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 2001, 12, 1965.

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Asymmetric Autocatalysis (Cont..): Calorimetric study of reaction rate

D. Blackmond; C. R. McMillan; S. Ramdeehul; A. Schorm; J. Brown, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2001, 123, 10103.

D. G. Blackmond, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 2006, 17, 584.

Heterogeneous Metal-Based Catalysis: Adsorption of chiral modifiers on the metal surface.¹

- Supported metal catalysts (Pd, Pt) modified by cinchona alkaloids provide high ee's in hydrogenation reactions.
- Experiments on NLE represent very useful tool to estimate in situ the efficiency of a chiral modifier.
- Absorption mode of substrate-modifier in the enantio-differentiating step is the most speculative step.



¹ S. Diezi, T. Mallata, A. Szabo, A. Baiker, *J. Catal.* **2004**, *228*, 162; ² A. Baiker, *J. Mol. Catal. A* 163 (2000) 205; ³ J.L. Margitfalvi, E. Tfirst, J. Mol. Catal. A 139 (1999) 81; ⁴ G. Vayner, K.N. Houk, Y.-K. Sun, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 126 (2004) 199.

Heterogeneous Metal-Based Catalysis (Cont...)

Transient behavior of the hydrogenation of ethyl pyruvate over Pt/Al₂O₃ induced by addition of 1 M equiv. of ROCD or CD to the reaction mixture containing already a chiral modifier.



Order of adsorption strength on Pt: CD > MeOCD > EtOCD > PhOCD ≈ TMSOCD.

S. Diezi, T. Mallata, A. Szabo, A. Baiker, J. Catal. 2004, 228, 162.

Conclusions

• NLE occurs when the relation between the *ee* value of the chiral catalyst or auxilliary and the *ee* value of the product deviates from linearity.



- NLEs can act as a probe to obtain information on the subtle mechanisms by which enantioselectivity is generated. The reaction rate dependence on ee's of the chiral auxilliary is also useful to consider.
- NLEs can be used to generate products with high *ee*'s from an enantiomerically impure, and more economical to prepare, chiral auxiliary or ligand.
- The concepts that form the foundations of non-linear effects may be extended to asymmetric autocatalysis, kinetic resolution and other nonlinear processes.

What is the correlation between NLE & enantiomer differentiation in the prebiotic age?

