Strain-Promoted Reactivity in Organic Synthesis



C-C bond:

What

255 kJ/mol (61 kcal/mol) for cyclopropane 355 kJ/mol (85 kcal/mol) for open-chain propane

Ring Strain Theory: Adolf von Baeyer (Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1905)

- 1. Angle Strain: Expansion/compression of ideal (tetrahedral) bond angle
- 2. Torsional Strain: Rotational strain e.g. eclipsing bonds on neighboring atoms vs staggered
- 3. Steric Strain: Repulsive interaction when atoms approach each other too closely



Small Strained Aza- and Carbocycles



• Cyclopropane (~27 000 hits in scifinder) vs bicyclobutane (831), methyleneaziridine (89), azabicyclobutane (56)

Scope/Brief History

Scope of Presentation:

- Reactivity/applications of underrepresented carbo- and azacycles containing a 3-membered ring
- 2. Proposal Section Gaps in the synthesis and reactivity profile of strained ring systems and applications in total synthesis





methylene aziridine (MA)





1-azabicyclo[1.1.0]butane (ABB)

1950s – 1990s Theoretical/Synthetic Research

- Useful models to study ring strain in organic compounds
- Synthesis:
 MA (1951, Pollard)
 BCB (1959, Wiberg)
 ABB (1969 Funke)

2001-2017 General reactivity

Methods to form small-medium sized rings and novel scaffolds

2008-2017

Applications

- Total synthesis
- Chiral Ligands for asymmetric catalysis
- Medicinal chemistry unnatural amino acids, peptide labeling

Methyleneaziridines: Properties

Ring strain ~43 kcal/mol



Very little enamine character (Nitrogen lone pair is pyramidal)



• Thermal decomposition to olefin and isonitrile (slow T>120 °C, fast T>190 °C)



Calculated ring strain energy (HF/6-31G*) Bachrach J. Phys. Chem. 1993, 97, 4996; Shipman Tetrahedron, 1996, 52, 7037

Methyleneaziridine Synthesis



Heterocycle Synthesis: Radical cyclization



Shipman Org. Lett. 2001, 3, 2383

Transition Metal Catalyzed Ring-Expansion to βlactams



Alper Tetrahedron Lett., 1987, 28, 3237; Shipman J. Org. Chem., 2008, 73, 9762

Heterocycle Synthesis: 3-Me-Pyrroles



Yamamoto J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2004, 126, 13898; Yamamoto Tetrahedron Lett. 2007, 48, 2267; Wan Chem. Commun., 2013, 49, 5073

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Lewis Acid Catalyzed [3+2]Cycloaddition



Shibata Org. Lett., 2014, 16, 1192

Lewis Acid Catalyzed [4+3] Cycloaddition of 2-Amino-Allyl Cations



Shipman Angen. Chem. Int. Ed. 2004, 43, 6517

C-F/C-N/C-O Stereotriads



Schomaker Org. Lett. 2017, 19, 3239-3242

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Synthesis of the Aminocyclopentitol Core of Jogyamycin using an Allene Aziridination Strategy

Schomaker, Org. Lett. 2016, 18, 284-287

Summary Methyleneaziridines

REACTIONS

- Lewis Acid promoted cycloadditions
- Radical/TM-catalyzed heterocycle synthesis
- Sequential functionalization's to stereotriads / β-lactams APPLICATIONS
- α , β and γ amino acids synthesis
- total synthesis applications

Bicyclobutane Synthesis

Thermal Reactions

Formal Alder-Ene

Wipf et al. Acc. Chem. Res., 2015, 48, 1149; Wipf and Walczak Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2006, 45, 4172

Thermal Reactions Formal Alder-Ene

Thermal Reactions [2+2] Cycloaddition

Wipf et al. Acc. Chem. Res., 2015, 48, 1149; Wipf and Walczak Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2006, 45, 4172

Metal-Catalyzed Reactions Rh(I) Cycloisomerizations

Wipf et al. Acc. Chem. Res., 2015, 48, 1149; Wipf and Walczak J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 6924

Pt^{II} Cycloisomerizations

Applications: C–C Bond Functionalization

Strain-Release Hydrophosphination

Wipf, Milligan et al Org. Lett. 2016, 18, 4300

Chiral Cyclobutanes via Homoconjugate Addition

- One pot procedure (no β-H elimination to diene)
- High *ee* (> 95%) in bicyclobutanation
- *d.r.* upgraded by epimerization/ reversal od *dr* by kinetic protonation

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Fox J. Am. Chem. Soc, 2013, 135, 9283
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Steph McCabe @Wipf Group

Enantioselective Total Synthesis of Piperarborenine B

Strain-Release Amination

Peptide Labeling

Baran JACS, 2017, 139, 3209

Summary BCB

REACTIONS

- Thermal cycloadditions
- TM-catalyzed heterocycle synthesis
- C-C bond Difunctionalization

APPLICATIONS

- Total synthesis
- Peptide labeling
- Chiral ligand synthesis

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