# **Tandem Catalysis**

A Highly Efficient and Rapid Approach to Synthetic Elaboration



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#### Tandem catalysis reviews:

- Fogg, D.; Santos, E. *Coord. Chem. Rev.*, 2004, *248*, 2365
  Gleason, J.; Ajamain, A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2004, *43*, 3754
  Baker, R.; Bazan, G. *Chem. Rev.*, 2005, *105*, 1001
  Chang, S. *Chem. Soc. Rev.*, 2004, *33*, 302

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"We reserve the term Tandem catalysis to describe coupled catalyses in which sequential transformation of the substrate occurs via two (or more) mechanistically distinct processes", with "all catalytic species - whether masked or apparent - present from the outset."1

- Multiple catalytic transformations which directly involve the substrate
- Different mechanisms for each catalytic cycle
- All catalysts or precatalysts present from the beginning of the reaction

#### **Definitions and Classifications**

Classes of Tandem Catalysis

Orthogonal tandem catalyis: A subclass of tandem catalysis which involves two or more functionally distinct and (in principle) non-interfering catalysts or precatalysts. Often these catalytic mechanisms operate concurrently, though the substrate is transformed sequentially.



Auto-tandem catalysis: A subclass of tandem catalysis in which two or more mechanistically distinct reactions are promoted by a single catalyst. Both catalytic cycles occur spontaneously by cooperative interaction of species present from the outset of reaction, and no change in conditions is required to trigger the change in catalytic mechanism.



Assisted tandem catalysis: A subclass of tandem catalysis in which a change in reaction conditions (with the exclusion of catalyst addition) causes a shift from one catalytic mechanism toward a different mechanism. These transformations are not concurrent.



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#### Why Use Tandem Catalysis? Costs and Benefits

#### Advantages to using tandem catalysis:

- · Elimination of intermediate workup and isolation steps simplifies synthesis by saving both time and energy. Additionally, increased yields may result if intermediates are hard to isolate or purify.
- · Catalyst efficiency is increased for cases of auto-tandem or assisted tandem catalysis.
- · Process efficiency is increased for cases of auto-tandem or orthogonal catalysis.
- · For orthogonal tandem and auto-tandem catalysis, high-engery intermediates from one catalytic cycle can be introduced into the next catalytic cycle before decomposition or transformation. This (potentially) allows for synthetic elaboration of normally unstable structures.

#### Disadvantages to using tandem catalysis:

- Orthogonal tandem catalysis often suffers from detrimental catalyst-catalyst interactions. Poisoning by another catalyst, or an undesired reactive intermediate, is very possible.
- · Optimizing conditions for two simultaneous and distinct catalytic processes can be extremely difficult (with the exception of auto tandem catalysis)
- · Assisted tandem catalysis suffers from low process efficiency.
- Catalyst recovery can be problematic.

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1.) Catalyst (10 mol%) Danishefsky's diene PhMe, -20°C 2.) Et<sub>2</sub>Zn, -20°C

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92.0% yield 97.4% *ee* 95.0% *de* 



Ar = 2,4,6-Trimethylphenyl

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· Sequentally constructs two stereocenters with the same catalyst

- · Efficient catalyst use
- Initial Hetero Diels-Alder deactivates the aromatic ring to prevent further reaction and effect desymmetrization
- · Very limited substrate scope



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#### Assisted Tandem Catalysis **Titanium Catalyzed Tandem Reaction**

· More elegent examples of tandem catalysis exploit the nature of the intermediate structure as well as the catalytic species.

• Simple addition of TBHP to an asymmetric titanium catalyzed allylation provides diastereoselective epoxidation of enones:



• Walsh, P. J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2004, 126, 12580

#### Assisted Tandem Catalysis Rhodium Cataylzed Cross-Coupling and Tandem Annulation

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 Increasing the steric bulk at the C2 position favors formation of the *cis* isomer over the *trans* due to interaction with coordinating rhodium during the annulation step.



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· Initial annulation provides an anti-aromatic intermediate after demetalation, which is subsequently cyclized.

• Auto-tandem (and orthogonal) processes can access thermodynamically unstable intermediates!

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#### **Assisted Tandem Catalysis** Metathesis and Tandem Catalysis

Metathesis reactions preformed with either generation Grubbs catalyst can be followed by subsequent hydrogenation.

• By placing an RCM reaction under an atmosphere of hydrogen, the function of the Grubbs catalysts can be altered.



#### **Assisted Tandem Catalysis** Metathesis and Tandem Catalysis

Transfer hydrogenation and transfer dehydrogenation are also possible, provided that suitable hydrogen donors or acceptors are added to the reaction after metathesis is complete.



# Assisted Tandem Catalysis

Metathesis and Tandem Catalysis

Grubbs ruthenium catalysts can be sequentially "tuned" and change reactivity based on the order of added reagents.

• Total synthesis of (R)-(-)-Muscone:



## **Assisted Tandem Catalysis** Metathesis Plus Palladium Catalysis

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<sup>Cy</sup>₃P ,(Cl

Grubbs Gen.

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<ul> <li>Further study indicated that both the palladium species and phosphine ligands used in the heck reaction poison the ruthenium catalyst and halt metathesis.</li> </ul>	Simultaneous (Orthogonal)	22
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	Technique	Yield (%)
<ul> <li>Ruthenium poisoning was circumvented by sequestering palladium in a perfluorous solvent phase.</li> </ul>	Sequential (Intermediate isolation)	48
Heating to the temperature required for Heck reaction caused the reaction to turn mononbasic. Beaction	Simultaneous (Orthogonal)	22
did not occur at the interphase boundary.	Perfluorous Biphasic (Assisted)	67



L = P-

Perfluorous solvent = PhMe : Hex :  $C_6F_{11}(CF_3)$  (2:2:3)

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<ul> <li>Polymer swelling at room temperature is insufficient to allow exposure of bound palladium. Upon heating to 110°C, swelling</li> </ul>	Sequential (Intermediate isolation)	48
increases, and Heck reaction can proceed.	Simultaneous (Orthogonal)	22
This procedure provides benefits over the sequential approach, but is it truly tandem catalysis?	Perfluorous Biphasic (Assisted)	67
	Polysytrene bound Pd (Assisted)	73
Cy <sub>3</sub> P		



PS-Pd: Polystyrene bound palladium catalyst

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			R'	R²	R³	Yield (%)
	1.) Allyl bromide (1 eq) PdBr <sub>2</sub> (PhCN) <sub>2</sub> (3 mol%)	$\mathbb{R}^2 \mathbb{R}^1$	"Bu	н	C(Me) <sub>2</sub> OH	85
R <sup>1</sup>	DME, 0°C to rt, 6 h		C(Me) <sub>2</sub> (OH)	н	C(Me) <sub>2</sub> OH	73
	2.) R <sup>3</sup> H (2 eq)		Ph	н	C(Me) <sub>2</sub> OH	79
	P'Bu <sub>3</sub> (6 mol%) Cul (2 mol%), HN <sup>/</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> (1.5 eq)	̈́R <sup>3</sup>	<i><sup>n</sup></i> Pr	<sup>n</sup> Pr	Ph	84
	rt. 12 h		<sup>n</sup> Pr	<sup>n</sup> Pr	C(Me) <sub>2</sub> OH	87

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 Because Pd(II) does not readily undergo oxidative addition, its chemistry can be exploited in the presence of vinyl or aryl halides. Subsequent reduction by addition of appropriate ligands can then intitate cross coupling reactions.



Catalysts don't always 'die' after completion of a reaction! This kind of palladium reduction allows acces to other Pd(0) based transformations, including the Heck reaction.



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Pharmaceutically relevant 2-inodlinone kinase inhibitors



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• Use of a tandem Heck-Suzuki reaction provides for high levels of (*E*) selectivity, via transmetallation of the palladium alkyne insertion intermediate.



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## Auto-Tandem Catalysis Tandem Mukaiyama Micheal - Aldol Reactions



Catalyst	Time (h)	Combined Yield	A : B
Sml <sub>2</sub> (THF) <sub>2</sub>	36	100	95 : 5
Ybl <sub>2</sub> (THF) <sub>2</sub>	20	81	78 : 22
Ybl <sub>3</sub> (THF) <sub>3</sub>	28	93	97 : 3
Lal <sub>3</sub> (DME) <sub>2</sub>	28	100	97 : 3
Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	22	100	93 : 7

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#### Auto Tandem Catalysis An Illustration of Auto Tandem Benefits

· Zirconium catalyzed cyanohydrin formation was initially found to be sluggish and ineffective:



· Tuning the catalytic conditions allowed for increased yields and reduced reaction times:



Shibasaki, M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2001, 123, 1256



 Rate studies revealed a first-order dependency upon the catalyst concentration for epoxide formation, and a second order dependency for epoxide opening.



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#### Orthogonal Tandem Catalysis Palladium Catalyzed Akylation and Rhodium Catalyzed Annulation

· In addition to the assisted and auto-tandem catalytic methods for alkylation / annulation couples, orthogonal methods also exist.

· Initial palladium cross-coupling provides suitable ene-yne substrates for Pauson-Khand annulation.

· Both palladium and rhodium catalysts coexist under the same reaction conditions throughout the entire process.



#### Assisted Tandem Catalysis Cobalt Annulation and Palladium Alkylation in Tandem

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• Though this is a three-step "one-pot" process, only the final the two steps are tandem catalytic.

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#### Orthogonal Tandem Catalysis Ruthenium and Platinum Catalyzed Heterocycle Formation





Orthogonal Tandem Catalysis **Ruthenium and Platinum Catalyzed Heterocycle Formation** 







Hidai, M.; Uemura, S. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2003, 42, 2681 Nishibayashi, Y.; Uemura, S. Chem. Commun. 2004, 2712

#### Orthogonal Tandem Catalysis Concurrent Construction of β-Lactams

· Benzoylquinine catalyzes the addition of ketenes into appropriate imines, but yields are typically low.



• Under conditions of nucleophilic catalysis, the ketene undergoes dimerization, thus preventing  $\beta$ -lactam formation.

R	Yield (%)	ee (%)	dr ( <i>cis:trans</i> )
Ph	65	96	99:1
OPh	45	99	99:1
OAc	56	98	99:1
OBn	56	95	99:1



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Concurrent Construction of β-Lactams

· Addition of an appropriate Lewis acid catalyst was expected to activate the imine:



65% (without Lewis acid)

Most Lewis acids added actually decreased the observed yield.
Lewis acids interaction with benzoylquinine impedes catalysis

by either.

LA + BQ LA-BQ





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· Addition of an appropriate Lewis acid catalyst was employed to activate the imine:



• Orthogonal catalysis by indium(III) triflate and benzoylquinine together provide higher yields than either catalyst alone.

R	Yield (%) Without In(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	Yield (%) With In(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	ee (%)	dr ( <i>cis:trans</i> )
Ph	65	95	98	60:1
Bn	60	94	98	9:1
OPh	45	93	97	22:1
OAc	56	98	98	34:1
CH <sub>2</sub> OPh	53	93	96	12:1
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Ketene generation followed by nucleophilic addition generates an acylammonium enolate which adds into the Lewis acid activated imine.

Indium was found to be the most efficient Lewis acid. Other Lewis acid species simply bind to benzoylquinine, thus
preventing nucleophilic catalysis.



## Tandem Catalysis Summary and Conclusions

- Tandem catalysis provides a rapid pathway toward synthetic elaboration:
  - All tandem catalytic processes save time and energy by eliminating workup and purification problems, sometimes increasing isolated yield as a result.
  - Auto tandem catalysis and assisted tandem catalysis both maximize the use of the catalyst species.
  - Orthogonal tandem catalysis and auto tandem catalysis have the potential to exploit high-energy intermediates.
- · Tandem catalysis is still new:
  - Concurrent tandem catalysis often suffers from unwanted detrimental interactions between catalysts. They can be difficult to design and problematic to optimize.
  - Catalyst recovery for assisted tandem and orthogonal tandem catalysis can be difficult.
  - Assisted tandem catalysis is operationally inefficient compared to auto and orthogonal cases.





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