**In Vivo Olefin Metathesis – challenges, approaches and applications**

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No info at all

Citation needed?

# Introduction

* 1. Olefin metathesis

In this chapter I'll present very briefly the history of olefin metathesis, general reaction mechanism, metals used to catalyze it, phosphine ligands and carbenes, including Schrock's and Fischer's. Some non-biological industry use-cases might be interesting as well.

Formation of new carbon-carbon bonds is one of the major objectives in modern organic chemistry. Alongside mechanisms like the Wittig reaction and palladium-catalyzed coupling, olefin metathesis is an important tool for achieving this goal.

Olefin metathesis usually involves the exchange of partners between two double bonds, though the same concept has also been applied to reactions in enynes? (between the double and triple bond).

The mechanism of the catalytic cycle was proposed by Yves Chauvin in 1971. It involves initiation of the catalyst by a [2+2]-cycloaddition to create a metallacyclobutane intermediate that immediately undergoes cycloreversion to form a species with the metal atom of the catalyst bonded to the carbon atom of the first alkene. In the propagation step, another cycloaddition and cycloreversion cycle with the second alkene creates the metathesis product (figure 1). The release of small alkenes, like ethylene, can make the reaction entropically favorable.?

OM reactions can be grouped by the nature of the reactants and products (figure 2) – intermolecular cross-metathesis (2a) involves the exchange of double-bond partners between two separate molecules. Ring-closing metathesis (RCM; 2b) is an intramolecular reaction that can be driven by the relative stability of five- and six- membered rings?. Polymerization reactions include ring-opening metathesis polymerization (ROMP; 2c) and acyclic diene metathesis (ADMET; 2d), which competes with RCM in some cases.? A sentence about the regio- and stereo- selectivity of the reaction.

The evolution of metathesis catalysts development includes two major progressions – choice of the central transition metal involved and its ligands. Early reactions included Ti?, Nb? and Ta? complexes as catalysts. Later, tungsten (W) and molybdenum complexes were introduced and enabled – especially in Mo complexes – superior catalytic activity.? However, their low functional group tolerance and sensitivity to moisture and oxygen were significant drawbacks for many reactions.? In 1992, Grubbs introduced the first ruthenium complex for olefin metathesis, exhibiting lower activity but a significant improvement in stability in oxygen- and water-containing environments and for various functional groups.? The second factor determining the catalyst's characteristics – its ligands – has also progressed significantly. Most Ru catalysts contain the carbene ligand responsible for the initiation – usually benzylidene (?) – two anionic ligands like chloride and two neutral ligands. While in early catalysts these neutral ligands were phosphines – chosen for…

* 1. Principles of bioorthogonal chemistry

As my work attempts to describe OM as a bioorthogonal process, some detail on existing bioorthogonal reactions is needed – definition, short history, two-three examples of the following:

* native chemical ligation
* **Staudinger ligation**
* **copper-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition (?)**
* strain-promoted [3 + 2] reactions
* tetrazine ligation
* metal-catalyzed coupling reactions
* oxime and hydrazone ligations
* photoinducible bioorthogonal reactions

I can use [this](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34585143) article.

Bioorthogonal chemistry

In this work, I shall summarize the recent advances ……. and focus on……

# Body

1. Reasons to attempt in-vivo metathesis and examples of specific reactions

Not sure if this section should be in the end (more inspiring) or the beginning (makes more sense when introducing the challenges), can consult Reem about it. Here I'd present in detail both the existing and proposed usages:

* "Living factories" inside organisms
* Drug synthesis, transport and uncaging/deprotection
* Protein modification
* DNA modification
* Further examples
* Replacement of different bioorthogonal reactions (not OM)

1. Challenges and requirements

The things that currently prevent us from achieving in-vivo metathesis in industry scale.

* 1. General (limitations of every OM)

There must be alkenes…

Side reactions must be avoided…

Beta-hydrsomething and double bond migration…

Removing ruthenium from the final products…

* 1. Reaction-specific

Two ways I can explain this:

* + the common grouping of OM reactions – RCM, CM, ROMP and ADMET, which is better and which present challenges
  + effect of specific groups in biological reactants, such as OH in sugars, steric hindrance in proteins, side reactions and reactivity of products
  1. Water-related
  2. Biology-related

The reaction must be fast…

Low substrate concentration…

Specificity

That damned GSH

Poisoning the organism - Ru is usually considered toxic and carcinogenic :(

Catalyst poisoning, decomposition, chelation and aggregation

Probably more about it in my summaries

* 1. use-case-specific (e.g. blood/cancer environment)

componentization of the reaction to the correct organ/organelle inside the cell

1. Solutions (can include lessons from other biorthogonal reactions)
   1. Catalysts

Generally, why Ru is the best and the rest suck

* + 1. GHII (and III?) catalysts

Why carbenes are the best and phosphines suck

Short introduction to GHII, GHIII, AquaMet and Grela with comparative studies of their STABILITY, TON, TOF and selectivity in some reactions

* + 1. Charged catalysts

Cationic and anionic and what's good about them, should compare to previous point's catalysts in same/similar table

* + 1. Metalloproteins/metalloenzymes – design, synthesis and usage+examples
    2. Getting rid of the catalyst afterward
  1. Biologically relevant conditions and model reactions – choice of substrate and reaction partners

Pseudo-amino acids and how to make them

The chalcogen effect

Steric optimizations

All the nice things that facilitate reactions

* 1. Modification of the environment/additional reagents

Should be careful that these reagents are chemically and biologically inert

* 1. Choice of the organism

In case we get to – a good place for lessons from other reactions

# Discussion

1. Recommended catalyst for each use-case
2. Most- and least-fitting OM reactions
3. Challenges that still aren't answered and if I have any possible solutions
4. More ideas for applications

# Conclusion

# References