Pauson-Khand Catalysis

Introduction to the Pauson-Khand reaction

Development of a PPh₃ based catalyst of the PK R

An investigation of an asymmetric Pauson-Khand catalyst

A new intermolecular Pauson-Khand reaction

Magnus' mechanism for the stoichiometric PKR



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Catalyst operates on relatively large scale



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dark red crystals



Solution studies confirm key pre-catalyst



Do alkynes form complexes?

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- 1. 30 min., r.t.
- 2. 30 min., 40 °C
- 3. **CO₂Me** 2 h, 40 °C

THF







Structure of two isomers

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majorminor CO_2Me HOC(binap)Co $CO(CO)_3$ OC(binap)Co $CO(CO)_3$

CO₂Me

Isomer ratio and e.e. do not match



Isomerisation is faster under CO than N₂ at 75 °C and 60 °C

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Inverse gated ³¹P NMR isomerisation experiments starting with major isomer Diamond, — CO / 75 °C. Triangle, ----, N_2 / 75 °C. Square, ----, CO / 60 °C. Cross, ----, N_2 / 60 °C.

S.E. Gibson, K.A.C. Kaufmann, J.A. Loch, J.W. Steed, A.J.P. White, Chem. Eur. J. 2005, 11, 2566-2576

Alkyne rotation pathway

major



minor

A ³¹P NMR study of enyne complexes



 ^{31}P NMR spectra run at 5 °C or 10 °C intervals between 30 °C and 75 °C and afterwards at 30 °C

DME / CO



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What is $\delta 54$?



Proposed pathways to δ 54 and δ 43



Use of 'cyclobutadiene' in PKR?



Catalytic cyclobutadiene PKR avoiding intermediate isolation



S.E. Gibson, N. Mainolfi, S.B. Kalindjian, P.T. Wright, *Angew. Chem. Int. Edn.*, **2004**, *43*, 5680-2.

C₃ Symmetry

Current applications of *C***³ symmetry**

A new synthetic approach

Potential applications of new synthetic approach

Natural and unnatural symmetry



A Trillium flower



The Borromean rings

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Introduction of three methyl groups



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A tris-pyridine ligand.....



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Control of inner stereochemistry



Synthesis of electrophile to give R_{outer}



S.E. Gibson, J. Rendell, A. Drake, manuscript in preparation

Construction of molecule with $R_{inner}R_{outer}$



Four stereoisomers and their CD spectra

