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Awards

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Development of Copper-Catalyzed Asymmetric Additions: Stereodivergent Synthesis of Organoboron Compounds

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Organoboron compounds are versatile intermediates in synthetic organic chemistry. Transition-metal catalyzed additions of boron reagents to carbon-carbon multiple bonds have become important tools for the synthesis of organoboron derivatives. My research group has developed catalytic asymmetric reactions using copper catalysts with high levels of regio- and enantioselectivity; asymmetric conjugate reduction, asymmetric borvlation¹ and hydroboration.² In this symposium, I will present 1) highly enantioselective copper(I)catalyzed hydroboration of bicyclic alkenes, which also constitutes enantiodivergent hydroboration with the same chiral ligand-copper sources based on alternative mechanistic pathways.³ 2) A mild copper-catalyzed regio- and stereoselective monoborylation of conjugate divnes with bis(pinacolato)diboron to yield envnylboronates with high and complementary regioselectivity to classical hydrometallation reactions.⁴ 3) highly selective, copper-catalyzed stereodivergent hydroboration of terminal alkynes to produce either (Z)- or (E)-alkenylboron compounds, using 1,8-naphthalenediaminatoborane as the hydroborating reagent.⁵



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Awards

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- 2013 Distinguished Lectureship Award, The Chemical Society of Japan
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Cyclopolymerization of diynes

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Olefin metathesis reaction is a powerful tool to prepare various small to large molecules very efficiently. Ru-based Grubbs catalysts have popularized the reaction because the catalysts are not just highly active but also very easy to handle with good functional group tolerance. So far especially in polymerization, olefins are the main functional group for the monomer. Here, we will describe alkyne polymerization of various monomers containing diynes by olefin metathesis using Grubbs catalysts. The first example is cyclopolymerization of 1,6-hepatadiyne derivatives. Also, our strategy to achieve controlled polymerization to prepare polymers with desired molecular weights and narrow polydispersity indices will be discussed. Finally, application to synthesize various block copolymers, dendronized and graft polymers will be presented.



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Catalyst and Reaction Development for Sustainable Chemical Synthesis

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Development of useful, practical, and selective synthetic methods that generate minimal by-product is of critical importance in both academic and industrial research. The research of our group seeks to develop practical and environmentally friendly synthetic methodology using transition metal catalysts. Specifically, we have explored novel C–N formation reactions from primary alcohols and various N-sources, chemical synthesis using CO_2 and methanol as C1 sources, and development of organometallic catalysts based on N-heterocyclic carbene ligands.

Direct C–N formation reactions from alcohols and N-containing molecules is a highly atom economical transformation producing hydrogen as the sole byproduct. Well-defined N-heterocyclic carbene based Ru complexes were developed as highly active precatalysts based on the mechanistic insight suggesting a Ru hydride species as an active catalytic intermediate. With the developed catalysts, various novel C–N formation reactions for the synthesis of amides, imides, ureas, and amines were achieved.

The developed catalytic systems involving hydrogen transfer have been also applied to CO_2 reduction and methanol activation. With these sustainable C1 sources, our recent efforts on reaction and catalyst developments will be presented.



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