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Donor-Acceptor Cyclopropanes in the Synthesis of Carbo- and Heterocycles

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Donor-acceptor cyclopropanes (DACs) are three-membered carbocycles containing vicinal donor and acceptor substituents. Such an arrangement of the functional groups leads to the unique reactivity of these compounds.[1] DACs are currently attracting considerable attention due to the diversity of their synthetic applications. Cycloaddition reactions involving DACs enable the preparation of various carbo- and heterocycles, some of which demonstrate useful biological activity.[2–4] In this talk, we will consider the principal methods for the synthesis of DACs and their key transformations, including recent examples of dimerization and cycloaddition reactions with diverse substrates (**Scheme 1**). Diastereo- and enantioselective variants of these transformations will also be discussed.

$$A = N_{2}$$

$$D = D$$

$$CH_{2}l_{2}$$

$$Zn/Cu$$

$$-S - CH_{2}$$

$$X = Y$$

Scheme 1. Typical synthetic routes to DACs and their key transformation types.

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