Chapter 21



• Strategies for enantioselective redox



 Prediction of epoxide stereochemistry in the Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation

Factors affecting the Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation





• Note that *cis* allylic alcohols give widely variable levels of enantioselectivity



• substitution in *cis* allylic alcohols reveals that substitution at the δ position lowers the enantioselectivity, while substitution at the ϵ position has little effect



 Proposed active species in the Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation





 Prediction of stereochemistry epoxidation of chiral allylic alcohols based on rate differential

Reaction synopses: Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation



Reagents:

titanium alkoxide: Ti(OCHMe₂)₄, Ti(OCMe₃)₄ tartrate esters: diethyl tartrate (DET), diisopropyl tartrate (DIPT) oxidant: *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (Me₃COOH, TBHP); cumyl hydroperoxide (PhCMe₂OOH); etc. adjuvants: 4Å molecular sieves (4Å MS); CaH₂, SiO₂; etc.

Reaction synopses: Kinetic resolution of allylic alcohols



Reagents: as for asymmetric epoxidation

Representative Jacobson catalysts







M = Mn or Cr $R_1 = Ph \text{ or } -(CH_2)_4 - R_2 = R, Ar, OR$ $R_3 = t-Bu, CHAr_2$

generic Jacobson catalyst

chiral directing influence is exercised by the chiral ethylenediamine unit









• Possible mechanisms for delivery of oxygen to the alkene.



• Predicting the stereochemistry of olefin epoxidation using Mn (*S*,*S*)- salen complexes

Representative epoxidations using Jacobson catalysts



Katsuki catalysts

- chirality is incorporated into the groups labeled R₃ in the generic Jacobson catalyst
- the chiral directing influence is exercised by a binaphthyl unit rather than by the ethylenediamine moiety
- e.e. values are typically above 80%



Reaction synopses: Jacobson-Katsuki epoxidation of unactivated alkenes



Enantioselectivity is higher for *cis*-disubstituted alkenes. Enantioselectivity enhanced by donor ligands (e.g. NMMO, pyridine-N-oxide, etc.) Reactivity often enhanced by ammonium ion additives



 Preferred approach of the enolate anion to the chiral oxaziridine avoids steric congestion between the alkene substituent and the camphor framework.





Table 21.2





Stereochemical outcome of oxidation of enolates with the Davis camphorsulfonyloxaziridine

Representative oxidations with Davis oxaziridines

- oxidation of ester enolates with the Davis CSO does not always give high enantioselectivities
- an excellent reagent for effecting hydroxylation, even when no new chiral center is formed
- Enolates from deprotonation of saturated compounds or conjugate addition to α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds are both amenable to oxidation





 A model for predicting the stereochemistry of the major epoxide by oxidation of sulfides with chiral oxaziridines

Representative sulfide oxidation with Daviz chiral oxaziridine



Chiral dioxiranes

- formed by oxidation of ketones with Oxone[®]
- C₂-symmetric dioxiranes are easily formed, but do not always give high e.e. levels in the product
- Shi epoxidation catalyst is based on chiral fructose derivatives









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 Effects of alkene structure on the enantioselectivity of the Shi oxidation of trisubstituted alkenes

R ₁	R_2	R ₃	% e.e. (e.r)
Ph	Н	Ph	>95 (>39:1)
Ph	н	Me	88 (47:3)
Ph	_	$(CH_2)_4$ —	98 (99:1)
Ph	Н	CH=CHPh	97 (197:3)
PhCO ₂	_	(CH ₂) ₄ —	93 (193:7)
Ph	Н	CH ₂ Cl	93 (193:7)
Ph	Н	(CH ₂ O) ₂ CH	93 (193:7)
$C_{10}H_{21}$	Et	Et	89 (189:11)
Me ₃ C	_	(CH ₂) ₄ —	26 (63:37)
n-Bu	_	(CH ₂) ₄ —	79 (179:21)
Me	_	$(CH_2)_4$ —	81 (181:19)



• Catalytic cycle for the Shi oxidation using hydrogen peroxide-acetonitrile as the stoichiometric oxidant.

Representative Shi epoxidations

• epoxidation of terminal alkenes gives higher e.e. levels when a modified (urethane) catalyst is used

• Baeyer-Villiger oxidation of the ketone catalyst is a problem when the oxidation of electrondeficient alkenes is undertaken

• Baeyer-Villiger oxidation of the catalyst can be reduced by using the modified catalysy where one dioxolane ring is replaced by a diacetate



Epoxidation of enones with chiral phase transfer catalysts (PTC)



- PTC based on *Cinchona* alkaloids are efficient catalysts for asymmetric epoxidation of enones
- PTC based on dimeric *Cinchona* alkaloids are even more efficient catalysts for asymmetric epoxidation of enones

Reaction synopses: Oxidation with chiral oxaziridines



or RR'C=NR", oxone[®], NaHCO₃, MeCN-H₂O; RR'C=NR", (Ph₄P)(HSO₅), MeCN.

Solvent: Usually THF at low (-90 to -50°C) temperatures due to generation of enolate and oxidation being caried out in a single operation

Enantioselectivity varies from high with ketone enolates, to marginal, with ester enolates. Reactivity is greater with oxaziridinium ions, but enantioselectivity may be modest.

Reaction synopses: Shi epoxidation



Reagents: R₁R₂C=O, oxone®, K₂CO₃, MeCN; R₁R₂C=O, H₂O₂, K₂CO₃, MeCN; etc.

Reaction synopses: Enantioselective oxidation of conjugated carbonyl compounds





Table 21.4

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Alkene structure	Method
	Sharpless epoxidation
	Shi epoxidation
$R_1 \to R_2$	Jacobsen-Katsuki epoxidation
$\stackrel{R_1}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{H}{\underset{H}{\overset{R_2}{\longrightarrow}}}$	Shi epoxidation
$R_1 \rightarrow H$ $R_2 \rightarrow R_3$	Shi epoxidation
	Epoxidation with dimeric Cinchona alkaloid phase transfer catalyst; Shi (modified catalyst) epoxidation
	Davis oxaziridine epoxidation

Choosing an Asymmetric Epoxidation Method

steric hindrance



 Mnemonic for predicting absolute stereochemistry in hydroxylation of alkenes bearing large (L), mediumsized (M) and small (S) groups attached to the double bond.

AD-mix reagents





dehydroquinidine-phthalazine dimer, [DHQD]₂PHAL ("AD-mix-β")

 Commercially available reagents contain the ligand, K₂OsO₂(OH)₄ (the osmium oxidant), K₃Fe(CN)₆ (the secondary oxidant to regenerate the active osmium oxidation state), and K₂CO₃ (to hydrolyze the osmium intermediate).

Effects of alkene stereochemistry on asymmetric dihydroxylation



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Z alkenes do not generally give high levels of asymmetric induction in the asymmetric dihydroxylation reaction

Reaction synopses: Asymmetric dihydroxylation



Reagents: $L^*/K_2OsO_4(OH)_2/K_3Fe(CN)_6$; L^*/K_2CO_3 $L^* = (DHQ)_2PHAL (AD-mix-\alpha) \text{ or } (DHQD)_2PHAL (AD-mix-\beta)$



• Effect of rate ratio on the enantiomeric excess of the residual reactant in a kinetic resolution



• (S,S)-(salen) catalysts and a mnemonic model for the binding of the epoxide to the catalyst.

Asymmetric epoxide hydrolysis catalyzed by salen complexes

(*R*,*R*)- catalyst • (R,R)-(salen)Co(III) OTs (0.50 mol %) selectively promotes CO₂Me (21.56)57 CO₂Me the hydrolysis of the H₂O (0.70 eq) (1.0 eq) >99.5% S *R* epoxide HO Na Me₃SiN₃ (0.5 eq.) (21.57)58 0 the strong (S,S)-(salen)Cr(III) • (5 mol %) stereochemical (74% vield: 93% ee) preference for ring opening is shown here, where the epoxide left is the ΟН OH (S,S)-(salen)Co(III) OH OH (R,R) epoxide, and (1.0 mol %) the completely (21.58)59 (CH₂)7 (CH₂)7 (CH2)7 (CH₂)7 H2O (60 mol %) hydrolyzed product OH ő is the (S,S)-tetraol 0 Ô ŌН 45% 9% 19%



 Putative catalytic cycle for the oxidation of a secondary alcohol by molecular oxygen, catalyzed by a palladium (II) complex

Enantioselective Uemura oxidation of benzylic alcohols

- using (–)-sparteine as the chiral adjuvant in addition to pyridine, one can selectively oxidize S benzylic alcohols to the corersponding ketones
- This provides a method for the kinetic resolution of the alcohols because the remaining alcohol is enriched in the *R* enantiomer



Vanadium-based enantioselective oxidation of α -ketols



• this reagent leads to relatively high e.e. at relatively low levels of conversion (52-62%)

Reaction synopses: Hydrolytic kinetic resolution of epoxides



Reagents:

catalyst: chiral (salen)Co(III) salen complex (0.5 mol %) Nu: H—OH (70 mol %); Me₃SiN₃; etc.

no solvent used with liquid epoxides.

Reaction synopses: Enantioselective oxidation of secondary alcohols (Pd)



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Reagents:
catalyst: Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; Pd(nbd)Cl<sub>2</sub>; etc.
adjuvants: (–)-sparteine, other chiral diamines
perform poorly; CsCO<sub>3</sub>
solvent: PhMe, (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>
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Reaction synopses: Enantioselective oxidation of secondary alcohols (V)



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Reagents:
catalyst: VO(O-i-Pr)<sub>3</sub>;
adjuvants: chiral salen ligand based on tert-leucine
solvent: MeCN, Me<sub>2</sub>CO; etc.
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Enantioselective insertion of nitrogen and oxygen



- intramolecular oxidation of sulfamate esters gives the cyclic sulfamates
- intermolecular insertion of *N*-sulfonylnitrenes gives chiralsulfonamides
- the enantioselectivity in the Baeyer-Villiger oxidation is highest with cyclobutanones, but still far short of that attainable with enzymes

Reaction synopses: Asymmetric nitrene insertion into C—H bonds



Configuration of product: L* = S-TCPTAD, R; L* = S-nap, S.

Standard types of chiral chelating ligands



- DIOP: chirality is from chiral carbons in the backbone
- DIPAMP: chirality is from chiral phosphorus atoms
- BINAP: chirality resides in the chiral binaphthyl unit
- DuPHOS: the chirality is due to the chiral carbons of the C_2 -symmetric phospholane ring
- PHOX: the two coordinating atoms in this ligand are very different: one is hard (N) and one is soft (P); the chirality is due to the oxazoline ring

Table 21.5

Asymmetric hydrogenation of Z-2-(N-acetylamino)cinnamic acid with representative Rh(I) complexes



The (S)-BINAP and (S,S)-DIOP ligands have "axial" phenyl groups (in boxes) bound to phosphorus (shown schematically by the shaded ellipses; the darker one projects above the plane of the paper) in enantiomeric alignment when bound to rhodium (I), so we expect opposite chirality in the products of hydrogenation.



The two possible complexes between a rhodium (I) catalyst and an amidoacrylic acid. In the favored isomer, the complex does not react readily with hydrogen.





Table 21.6



Data taken from Takaya, H.; Ohta, T.; Noyori, R. In Ojima, I, Ed. Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis (VCH: Weinheim, 1993), ch. 1.

Stereochemical outcome of hyrogenations with chiral rhodium (I)-BINAP and -DIOP catalysts

Kinetic resolution by hydrogenation



- The S enantiomer of the allylic alcohol hydrogenates much faster than the R enantiomer, leaving the remaining alcohol enriched in the R enantiomer
- this corresponds to an approximate rate ratio of 10:1



- η⁶-Areneruthenium (II) catalysts for transfer hydrogenation of ketones and imines (left)
- model for predicting stereochemistry of the hydrogenation of ketones (right)



 Model for predicting outcome of asymmetric transfer hydrogenation of imines by TsDPEN complexes

Transfer hydrogenation of aryl ketones using ruthenium TsDPEN complexes



 sodium formate in water or the formic acidtriethylamine azeotrope can be used as the hydrogen source

Ph Ph Ph A model for the Ph-H١ BH₃ reduction of ketones H۰ by borane with a RI R chiral oxazaborolidine (21.96) catalyst (21.97)OBH₂ BH₃ •H Ph Ph (21.100)Ph-Ph-H• H۰ Ph CI C (1 mol%) HO. B Ŕ BH3•THF/25°C (21.101) Ś (97%; 98.3% R) (21.99)(21.98)

(R)-Alpine borane[®]







 reduction by hydrogen transfer from carbon is facile in boranes, especially 9-alkyl-9-borabicyclo[3.3.0]nonanes



- 1) Oxidoreductases, which obviously catalyze redox reactions;
- Transferases, which transfer groups from one molecule to another; these enzymes are generally too specific to be of general use synthetically;
- 3) Hydrolases, which hydrolyze a wide range of functional groups;
- 4) Lyases, which catalyze additions to π bonds and the eliminations that generate π bonds;
- 5) Isomerases, whose function is to isomerize the substrate (e.g. double bond migration or racemization); of all the enzyme-catalyzed reactions, these reactions are the most easily carried out without an enzyme;
- 6) Ligases, or Synthetases, which catalyze the formation of C—X and C—C bonds.

Table 21.7

Enantioselectivity in the Baeyer-Villiger oxidation of 4substituted cyclohexanones by CHMO in recombinant *E. coli*



Substituent	Yield (%)	e.e (%)	Substituent	Yield (%)	e.e. (%)
cis-OH	77	99	trans-OH	80	96
cis-Cl	40	>99	trans-Cl	54	92
$=CH_2$	63	99	(CH ₂) ₂	65	>99
Н	58	91			