

**DIIDROSSILAZIONE ASIMMETRICA  
(AD)  
DEGLI ALCENI**

# Olefin oxidation

**K. Barry Sharpless** (The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, California) - 2001 Nobel Prize "for his work on chirally catalyzed oxidation reactions".



**1980**      **Asymmetric epoxidation (AE)**

**1987**      **Asymmetric dihydroxylation (AD)**

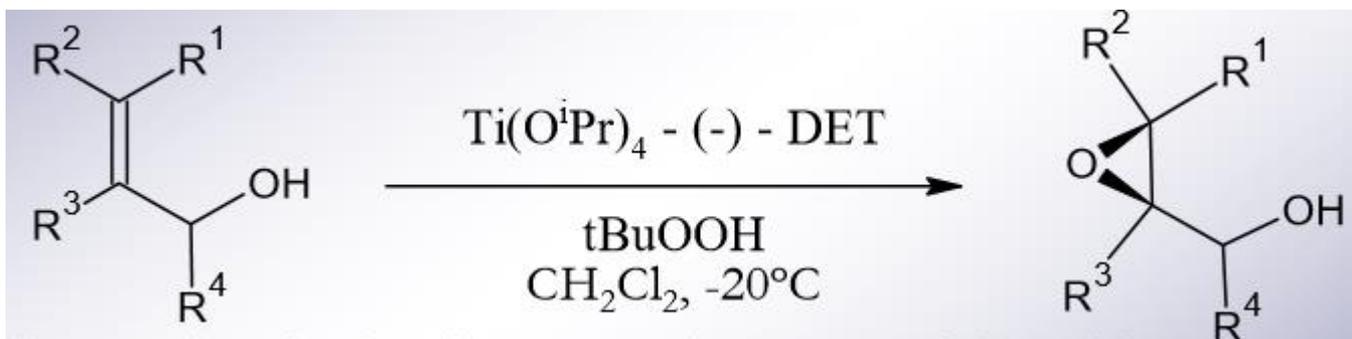
The process for the selective oxidation of olefins have long been among the most useful tools for day-to-day organic synthesis because of these appealing characteristics of olefins:

- they are among the *cheapest* functionalized organic starting materials,
- most simple olefins are *prochiral*, providing a prominent portal to the chiral world.

(K. B. Sharpless, Nobel Lecture, 2001)

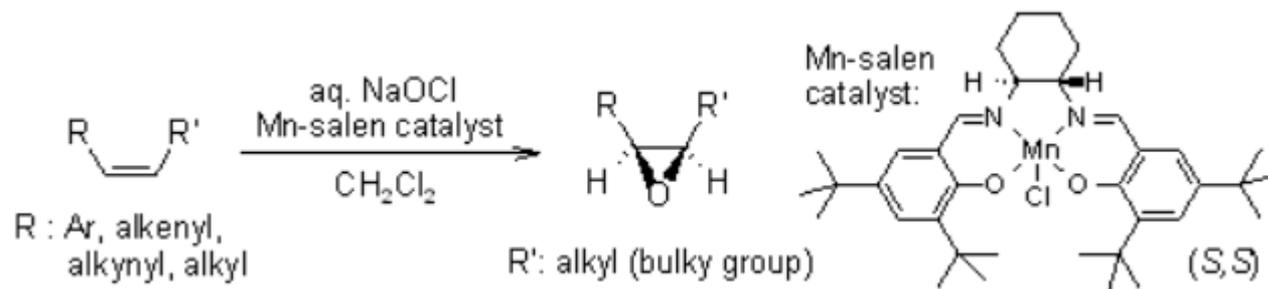
K. Barry Sharpless and his co-workers have discovered and developed widely used catalytic oxidation processes, including the first general methods for stereoselective oxidation— the Sharpless reactions for asymmetric epoxidation, dihydroxylation, and aminohydroxylation of olefins. His mentors at Dartmouth College (BA in 1963), Stanford College (PhD in 1968 and postdoctoral research), and Harvard University (further postdoctoral research) were Prof. T. A. Spencer, Prof. E. E. van Tamelen, Prof. J. P. Collman, and Prof. K. Bloch, respectively. Before 1990, when he became W. M. Keck Professor of Chemistry at the Scripps Research Institute, Prof. Sharpless was a member of Faculty at the MIT (1970 - 77, 1980 - 90) and Stanford (1977 - 80). Prof. Sharpless' s honors include the Chemical Sciences Award of the National Academy of Sciences, the Roger Adams and Arthur C. Cope Awards from the American Chemical Society, the Tetrahedron Award, the King Faisal Prize, the Prelog Medal, the Wolf Prize, the Nobel Prize.

## Epossidazione Asimmetrica (AE) di Sharpless



1. Converte **alcol allilici** primari e secondari in 2,3-epossilcoli
2. La reazione è altamente enantioselettiva
3. L'enantiomero prodotto dipende dalla stereochimica del catalizzatore usato, cioè (+) oppure (-) tartrato
4. Catalizzatore: titanio tetra-isoprossido con dietiltartrato
5.  $t\text{BuOOH}$  ossidante
6. DCM ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) e  $-80^\circ\text{C}$

## Epossidazione Asimmetrica (AE) di Jacobsen-Katsuki



1. Complementare alla AE di Sharpless
2. Riportata indipendentemente da Jacobsen e Katsuki negli anni 90
3. Catalizzatori simili, più semplici quelli di Jacobsen
4. Catalizzatore: complesso chirale di Mn(III)-salen
5. Ossidante: NaOCl
6. Condizioni: 0°C, DCM

# Asymmetric Epoxidation of Electron-Deficient Alkenes

Review: M.J. Porter and J. Skidmore, *Chem. Commun.*, **2000**, 1215.



## Abstract

Asymmetric epoxidation reactions have the distinction of being among the first enantioselective transformations to be widely used in organic synthesis. The Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation is arguably one of the most important methods for the synthesis of enantiomerically enriched intermediates used en route to a wide range of synthetic targets. To date most examples have employed electrophilic oxidizing agents and are thus applicable to electron-neutral or electron-rich double bonds. On the other hand alkenes substituted with electron-withdrawing groups often react inefficiently with electrophilic oxidizing agents; such alkenes are more readily epoxidized using nucleophilic oxidants. The Weitz-Scheffer epoxidation of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones to the corresponding epoxy ketones using basic hydrogen peroxide is the classical nucleophilic epoxidation reaction.

This chapter considers the more general case of the conversion of an electron deficient alkene into the corresponding epoxide in an enantioselective fashion. Only methods based on chiral reagents or catalysts are covered. This review covers the literature to the end of 2005.

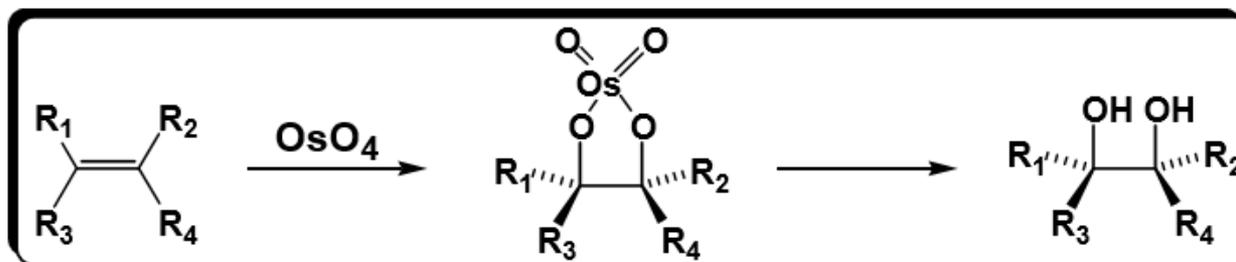
# Asymmetric Epoxidation of Electron-Deficient Alkenes

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- Polyleucine,  $H_2O_2$ , base: e.g. *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **2001**, 42, 3741.  
Reviews: *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1997**, 8, 3163; **1998**, 9, 1457.
- Catalytic Mg peroxides ( $tBuOOH$ , cat.  $Bu_2Mg$ , cat. diethyl tartrate):  $R_1, R_2=Ph$   
Jackson, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.* **1997**, 36, 410.
- Chiral phase-transfer catalysts ( $R_2$  can be alkyl): Lygo, *Tetrahedron*, **1999**, 55, 6289;  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **2001**, 42, 1343.
- Lanthanide catalysis (BINOL,  $La(O^iPr)_3$  or  $Yb(O^iPr)_3$ , 4Å MS,  $tBuOOH$ ):  
 $R_1=Ph$ ,  $iPr$  or  $Me$ ;  $R_2=Ph$ ,  $iPr$ ,  $Ph(CH_2)_2$  or  $Me$ .  
La-BINOL- $Ph_3AsO$ -mechanistic studies: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2001**, 123, 2725.
- Chiral hydroperoxides,  $KOH$ ,  $CH_3CN$ : Adam, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2000**, 122, 5654.
- Stoichiometric zinc alkylperoxides ( $O_2$ ,  $Et_2Zn$ ,  $R^*OH$ ):  $R_1=Ph$  or  $tBu$ ,  $R_2=alkyl$  or aryl  
Enders, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1996**, 35, 1725; *Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1997**, 1101
- Chiral dioxiranes: e.g. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry*, **2001**, 12, 1113.

# Alkene Dihydroxylation



## ◆ Catalytic systems:

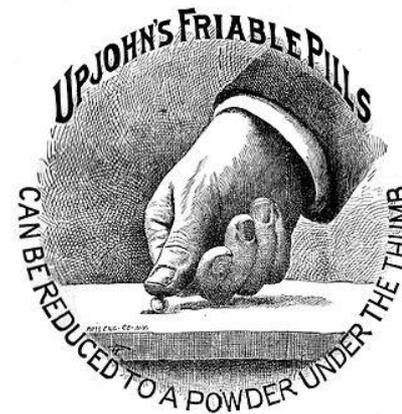
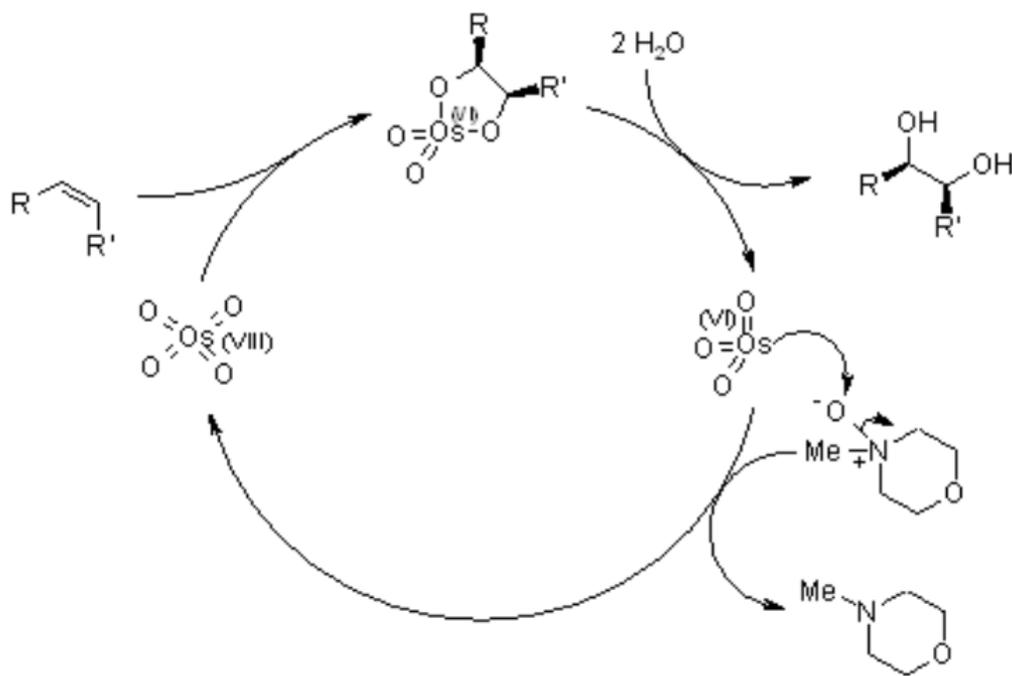
- NMO / acetone / H<sub>2</sub>O (Upjohn procedure): *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 23, 1973.
- Cat. Me<sub>3</sub>NO•2H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: Poli, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 7385.
- K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOH / H<sub>2</sub>O: Minato, Yamamoto, Tsuji, *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, 55, 766.
- NMO, PhB(OH)<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: Narasaka, *Chem. Lett.* **1988**, 1721.
  - Diol trapped as boronate ester - useful if diol is unstable or highly water soluble
- Selenoxides as co-oxidants: Krief, *Synlett*, **2001**, 501.
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, cat. flavin, cat. N-methylmorpholine: Backvall, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, 121, 10424; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 1365.
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, cat. V(O)(acac)<sub>2</sub>, NMM, acetone/water: Backvall, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **2001**, 42, 2569.
- O<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>[OsO<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub>], <sup>t</sup>BuOH / H<sub>2</sub>O:  
Beller, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **1999**, 38, 3026; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 10289.  
Wirth, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2000**, 39, 334.

**Fe-catalysed asymmetric dihydroxylation:** Que, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 6722.

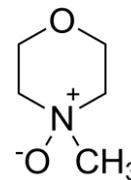
## Upjohn: Meccanismo

**NB:** il TOSSICO e volatile  $OsO_4$  può essere formato *in situ* da  $K_2OsO_2(OH)_4$  e NMO\*

NMO è anche co-ossidante: permette uso cat. di  $OsO_4$  perché rigenera Os (VIII) da Os (VI) tramite ossidazione



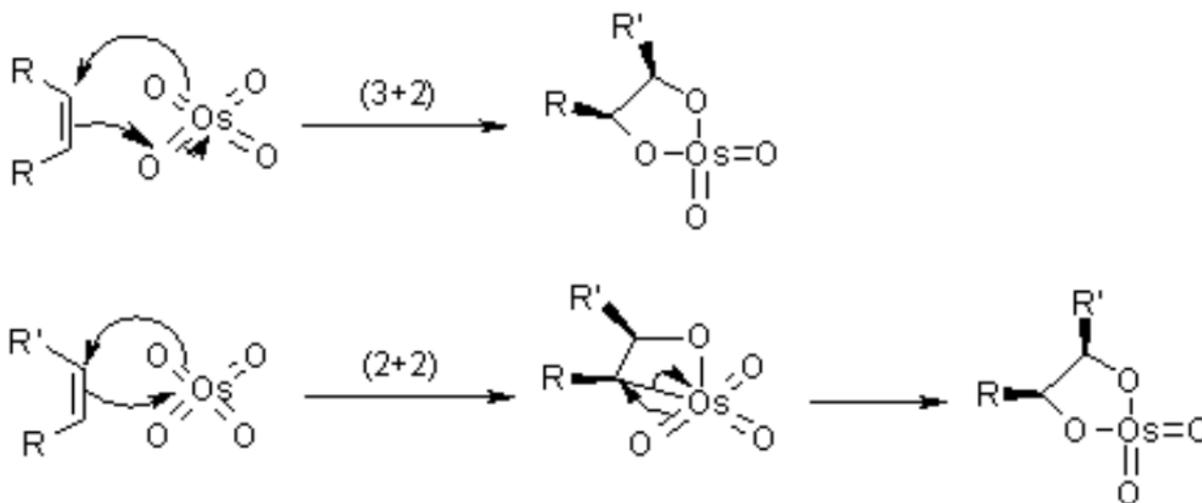
... e se l'alchene è chirale?



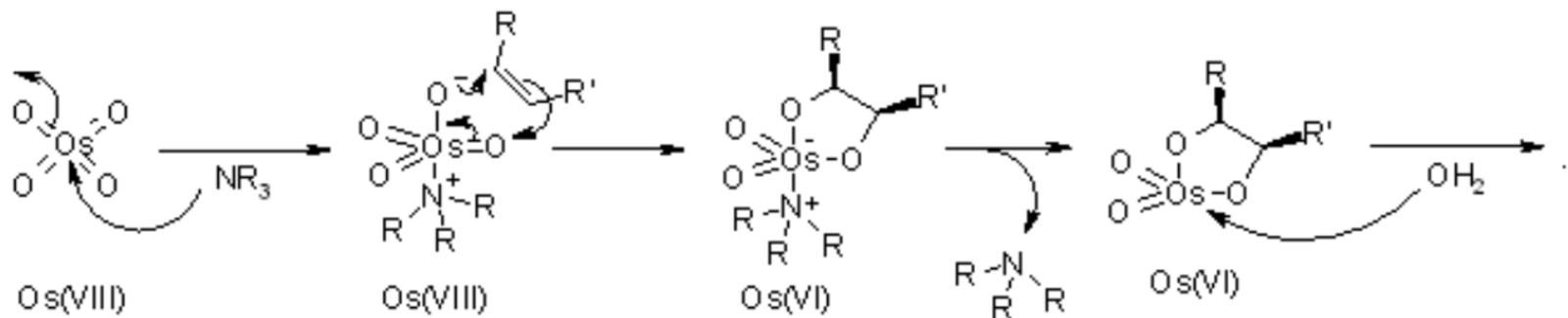
\* N-ossido  
di N-metil  
morfolina

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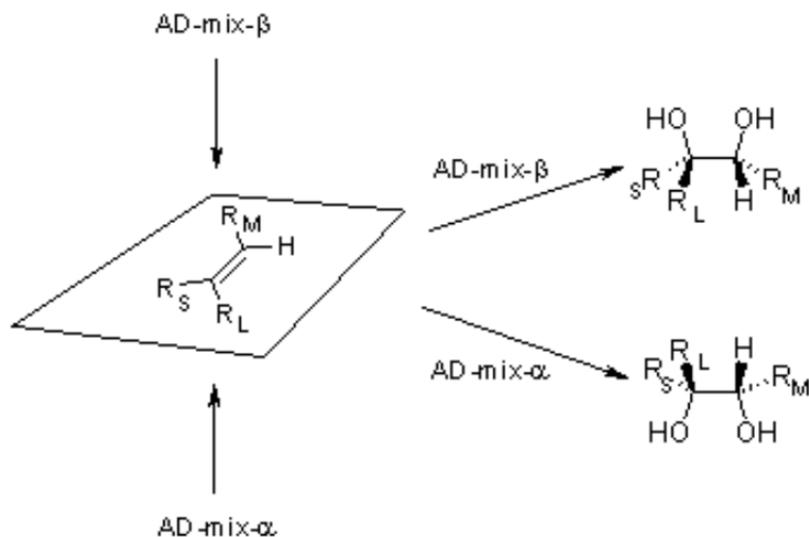
Il passaggio chiave è la **cicloaddizione** di  $\text{OsO}_4$  all'olefina. Meccanismo accettato: **[3+2] (1,3-dipolar cycloaddition)**, favorito anche da calcoli quantistici, a lungo tempo dibattuto con meccanismo alternativo a 2 steps: **[2+2] + espansione del metallaciclo**



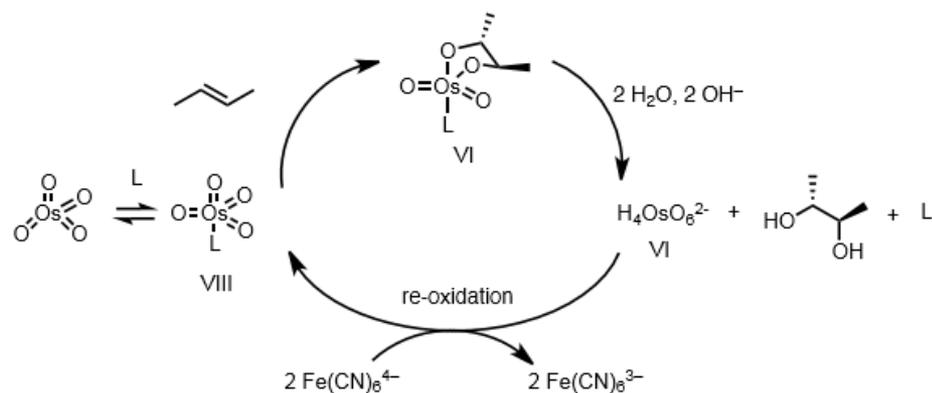
**Catalizzatori come DMAP o pyr (amine terziarie) accelerano la reazione:**



# Sharpless AD (SAD)



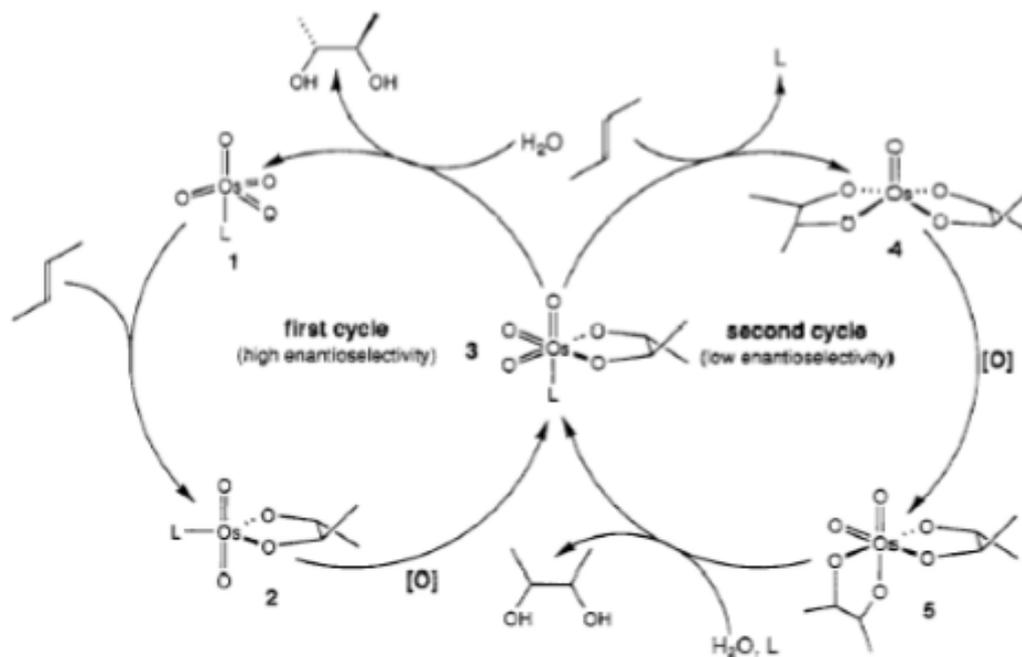
## Ciclo catalitico\*



1.  $OsO_4$  come ossidante (**CAT!**) + co-ox. (stechiom.: NMO oppure  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$  )
2. Soluzione TAMPONE
3. **Stabile Cat. Mix PRONTO e disponibile per entrambe enantiopreferenze**
4. Enantioselettività ottenuta tramite uso di **AMMINE CHIRALI**
5. Aria e acqua non sono un problema.

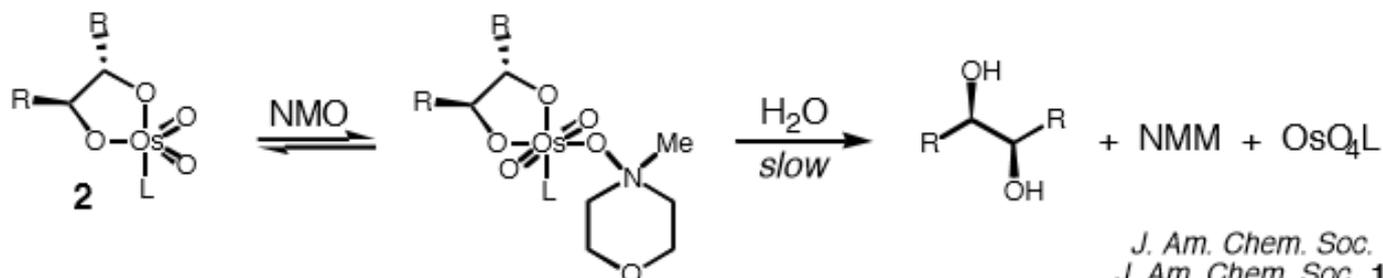
# AD Catalytic Cycles

## Two Pathways for Dihydroxylation



crystals obtained of 1, 2, 4

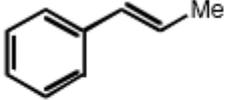
- Extent of participation in secondary cycle depends on the rate of hydrolysis of **3**
- Rate of turnover in the second cycle is slower and tends to tie up the catalyst
- Second cycle is minimized with slow olefin addition and the addition of acetate
- NMO hydrolysis is slow and reversible so a second olefin has increased access to **3**



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 737  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 1123

■ Wai found the non-enantioselective second cycle, slow addition of the olefin and the addition of an acetate nucleophile could serve as a partial remedy.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 1123

	stoichiometric <sup>a</sup>	catalytic <sup>a</sup>		
		original	acetate <sup>b</sup>	slow addition
	87% e.e.	65	73	86 (5h)
	69% e.e.	20	64	70 (10h)

<sup>a</sup> reactions run at 0 °C with (DHQD)CLB <sup>b</sup> 2 equiv NH<sub>4</sub>OAc·4H<sub>2</sub>O

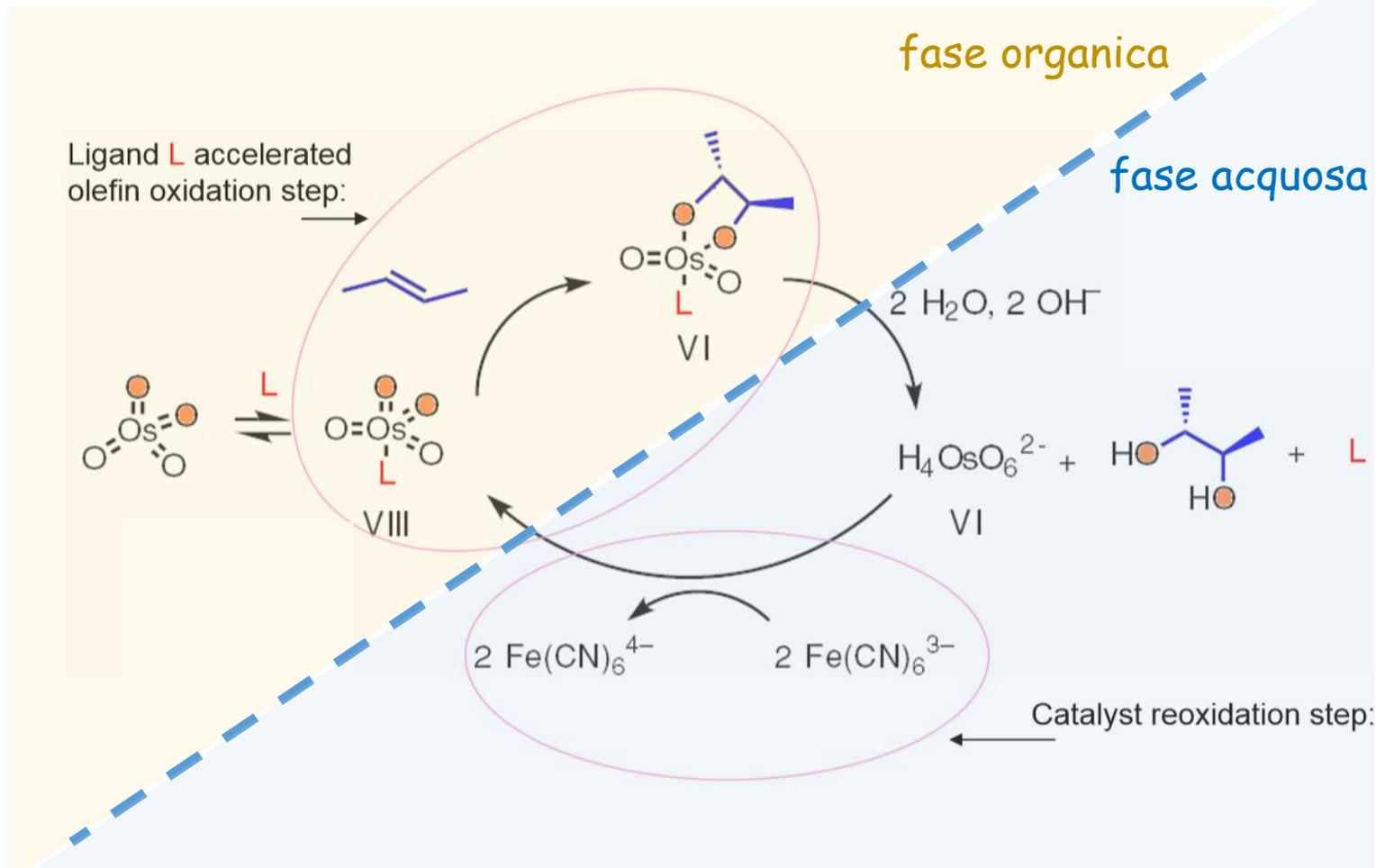
■ Kwong applied the biphasic ferricyanide re-oxidant system, eliminating the second catalytic cycle and the need for slow addition of the olefin.

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, 31, 2999

■ Amberg found the "sulfonamide effect" - the addition of organic sulfonamides facilitates catalyst turnover for substrates whose osmate esters resist hydrolysis

*J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, 57, 2768

## Sistema bifasico per fare la SAD:

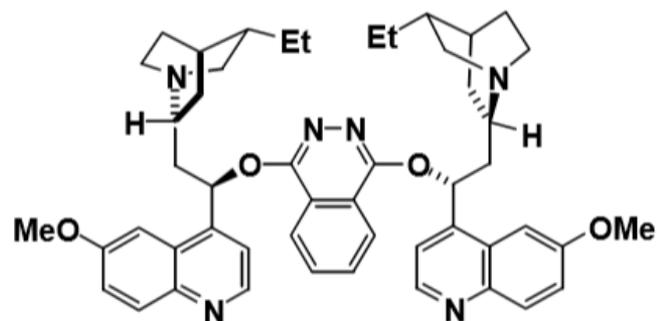


Criegee, *Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1942**, 550, 99

- $\text{MeSO}_2\text{NH}_2$  accelera l'idrolisi del composto ciclico
- La reazione ha caratteristici cambiamenti di colore in solventi non-polari

Ogino, Y.; Chen, H.; Kwong, H.-L.; Sharpless, K.B. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1991**, 32, 3965

**AD-Mix:**  
 $K_2OsO_2(OH)_4$ , ligand,  
 $K_3Fe(CN)_6$ ,  $K_2CO_3$



(DHQD)<sub>2</sub>-PHAL

## Simmetria C2 del legante

DHQD= dihydroquinidine

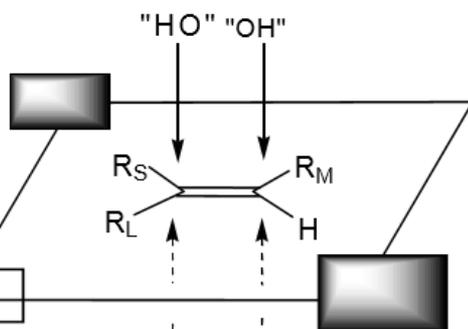
DHQ= dihydroquinine

"pseudoenantiomers"

*DHQD series*

β-face

slightly hindered



attractive area -  
 good for aromatic  
 and alkyl substituents

"HO" "OH"

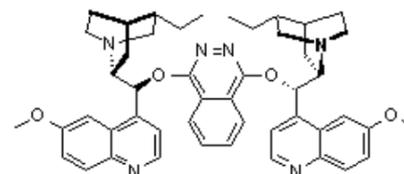
α-face

*DHQ series*

very!!!!  
 hindered

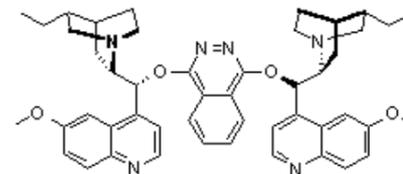
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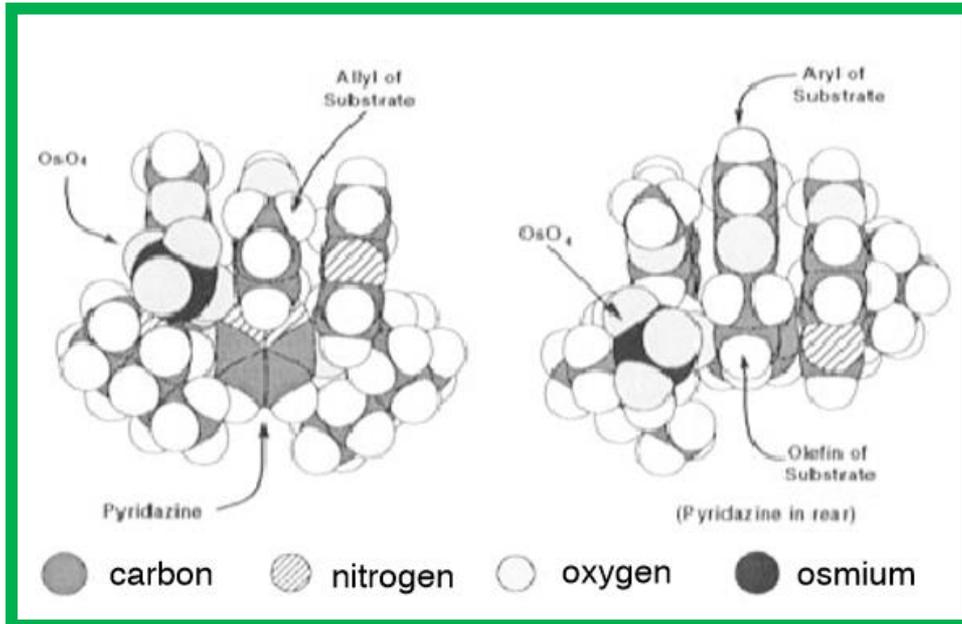
$K_2OsO_2(OH)_4$  (cat),  $K_2CO_3$ ,  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$ , (DHQD)<sub>2</sub>PHAL (cat):



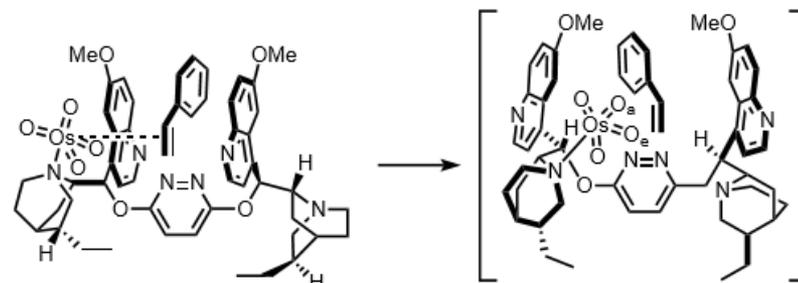
**AD-mix-α:**

$K_2OsO_2(OH)_4$  (cat),  $K_2CO_3$ ,  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$ , (DHQ)<sub>2</sub>PHAL (cat):

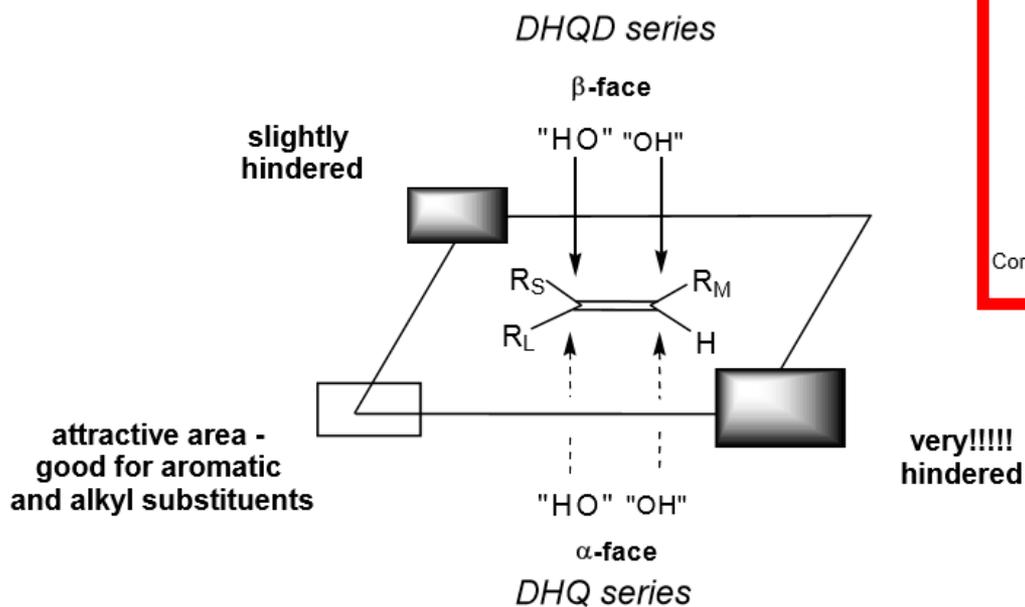




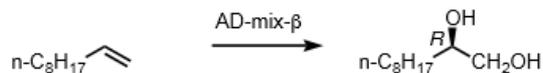
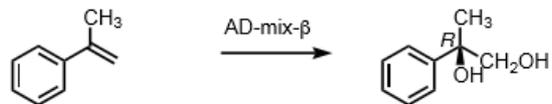
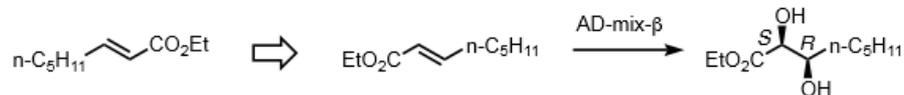
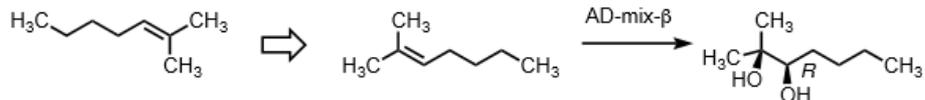
Corey proposes a U-shaped binding pocket:



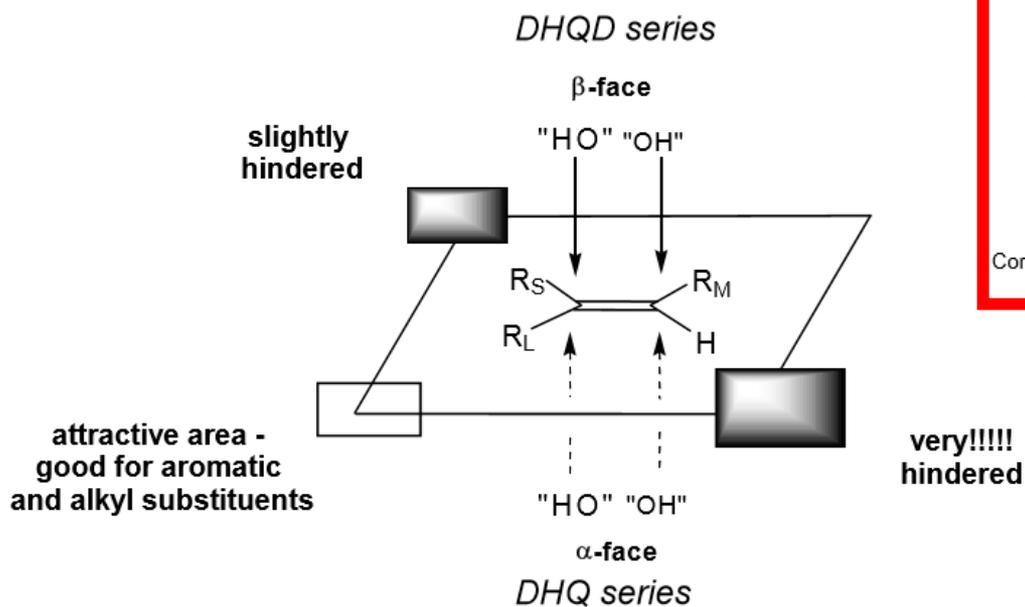
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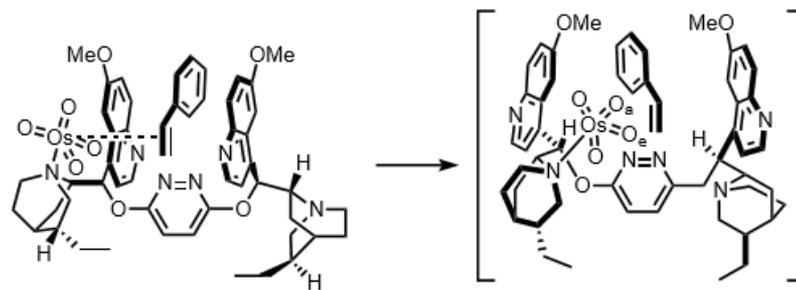
Piridazina (1,2-diazina)



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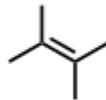
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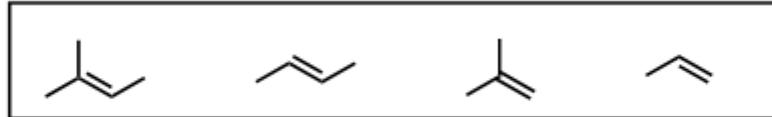
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4 of 6 Olefin substitution classes are successfully dihydroxylated:



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tri

trans-di

gem-di

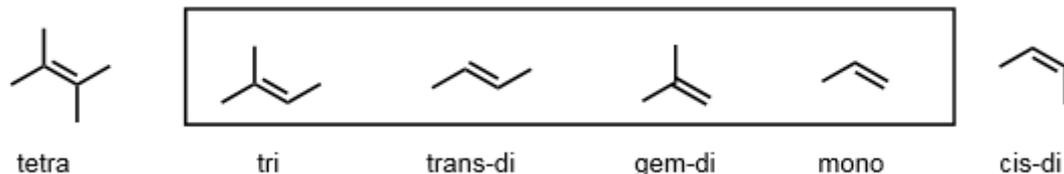
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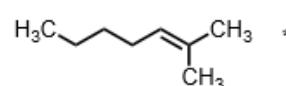
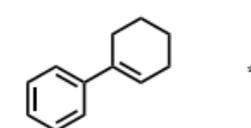
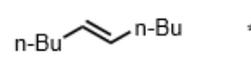
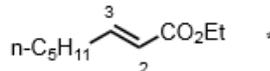
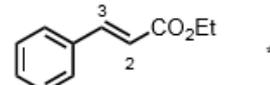
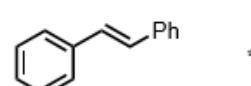
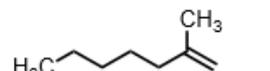
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4 of 6 Olefin substitution classes are successfully dihydroxylated:

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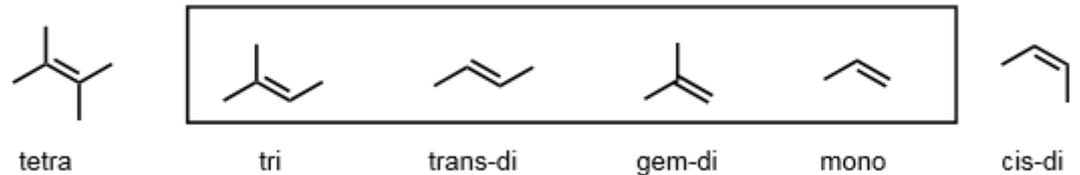
## Alcheni TRANS - OK!

	AD-mix- $\beta$ [(DHQD) <sub>2</sub> -PHAL] <u>% ee, config.</u>	AD-mix- $\alpha$ [(DHQ) <sub>2</sub> -PHAL] <u>% ee, config.</u>
 *	98, <i>R</i>	95, <i>S</i>
 *	99, <i>R, R</i>	97, <i>S, S</i>
 *	97, <i>R, R</i>	93, <i>S, S</i>
 *	99, 2 <i>S</i> , 3 <i>R</i>	96, 2 <i>R</i> , 3 <i>S</i>
 *	97, 2 <i>S</i> , 3 <i>R</i>	95, 2 <i>R</i> , 3 <i>S</i>
 *	>99.5, <i>R, R</i>	>99.5, <i>S, S</i>
	78, <i>R</i>	76, <i>S</i>

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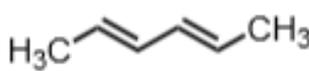
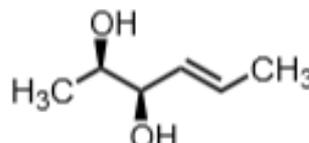
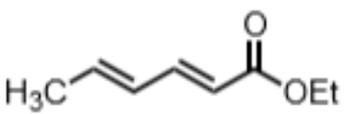
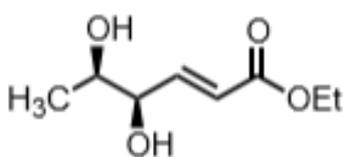
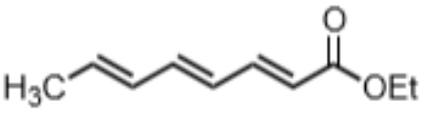
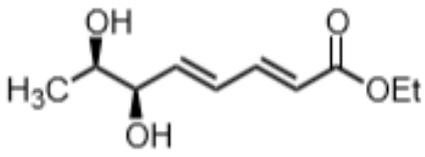
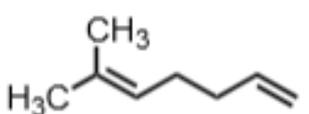
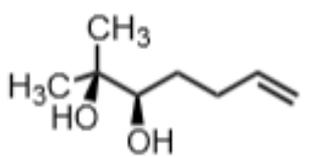
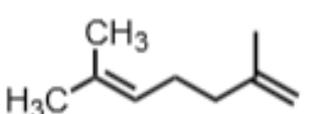
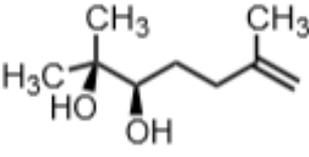


Alcheni **CIS** e **terminali**...  
 ...tipicamente ee bassi ma grazie a ottimizzazione liganti situazione può migliorare

Table 3. Recommended ligands for the AD of different classes of olefins

Olefin class						
Preferred ligand	R=aromatic DPP, PHAL R=aliphatic AQN	R=aromatic DPP, PHAL R=aliphatic AQN	Aacylic IND Cyclic PYR, DPP, AQN	R=aromatic DPP, PHAL R=aliphatic AQN	PHAL, DPP, AQN	PYR, PHAL
ee range	R=branched PYR 30–97%	R=branched PYR 70–97%	20–80%	90–99.8%	90–99%	20–97%

Regioselectivity of AD with diene substrates ((DHQD)<sub>2</sub>PHAL as ligand):

Substrate	Product	% yield, % ee
		78, 93
		78, 92
		93, 95
		73, 98
		70, 98

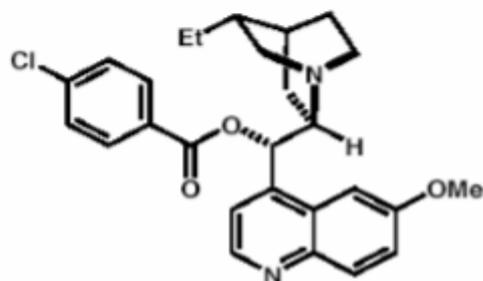
in general, AD is selective for the more electron-rich double bond

## Sharpless Dihydroxylation: Chiral Ligands

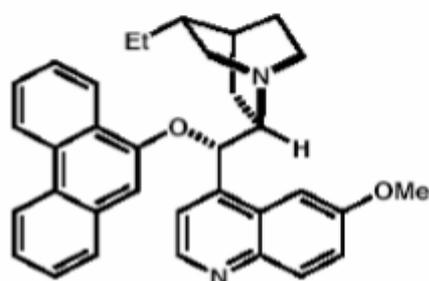
### Sharpless' ligands

Reviews: Sharpless, K. B. et al. *Chem. Rev.* **1994**, *94*, 2483-2547.  
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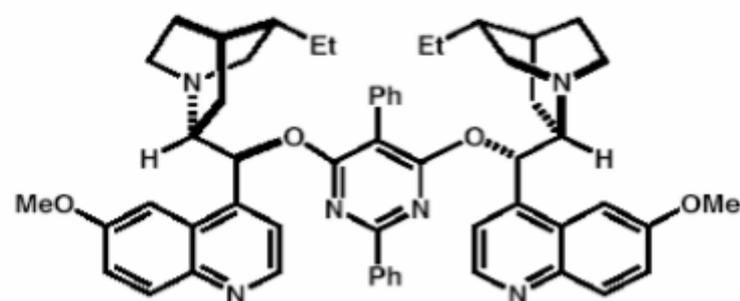
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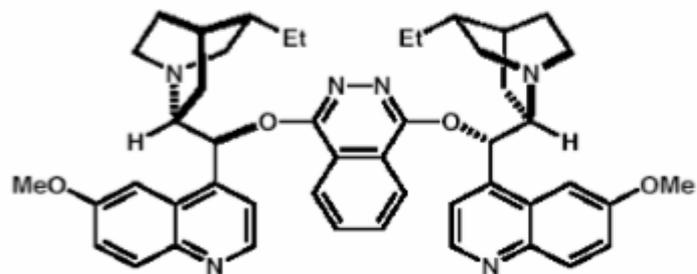
DHQD-CLB



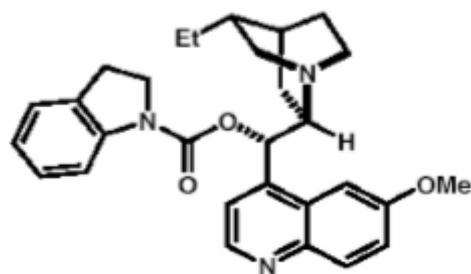
DHQD-PHN



(DHQD)<sub>2</sub>-PYR



(DHQD)<sub>2</sub>-PHAL  
Ligand used in AD-mix-β



DHQD-IND

## AD: il legante

e' l' azoto della quinuclidine che si lega al metallo

ha poco effetto sulla velocita' ma aumenta il binding

la natura di R ha un grosso effetto sulla velocita', ma una piccola influenza sul binding

la presenza dell'ossigeno e' indispensabile per consentire il binding all'Os,

la configurazione e' importante: solo gli eritro consentono alte velocita' e binding

aumenta il binding al  $\text{OsO}_4$  e anche la velocita'

la presenza di un sistema planare aromatico aumenta binding e velocita', l'azoto non ha effetto

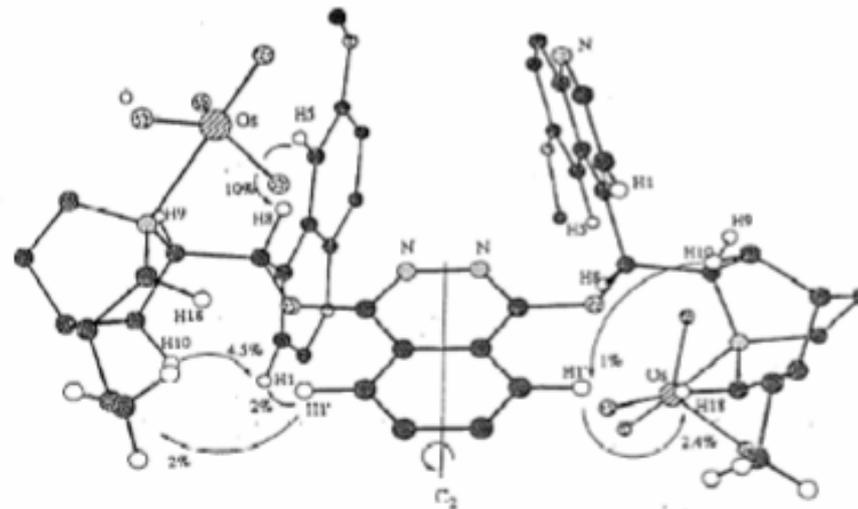


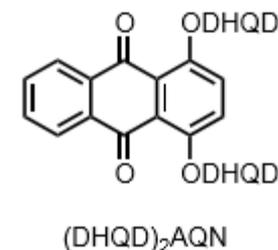
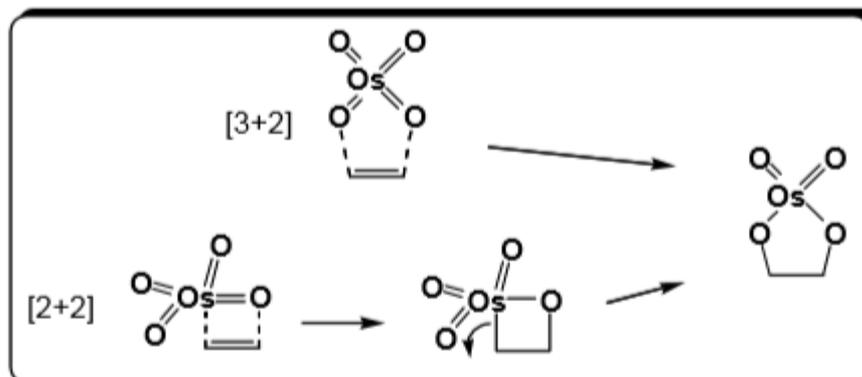
Figure 4. Structure of the bis- $\text{OsO}_4$  complex of  $(\text{DIHQD})_2\text{PIAL}$  based on molecular mechanics calculations and NOE experiments.

## Sharpless AD: Recent Developments

### Improved ligands:

- Pyrimidine (PYR) spacer for sterically congested / terminal alkenes: *J. Org. Chem.* **1993**, 58, 3785.
- Anthraquinone (AQN) spacer gives better results for almost all alkenes having only aliphatic substituents: *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1996**, 35, 448.

### Mechanism:



(DHQD)<sub>2</sub>AQN

- Comparison of theoretical and experimental kinetic isotope effects supports [3+2]-mechanism  
Sharpless, Houk *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 9907.

### Origins of asymmetric induction:

Sharpless: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 1840.

Corey ("enzyme like" binding pocket): *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, 118, 319; 11038.

**Polymer supported chiral ligands:** Review: *Synlett*, **1999**, 1181. Crudden, *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 2325.

Bolm, *Synlett*, **2001**, 93 (AQN-ligands).

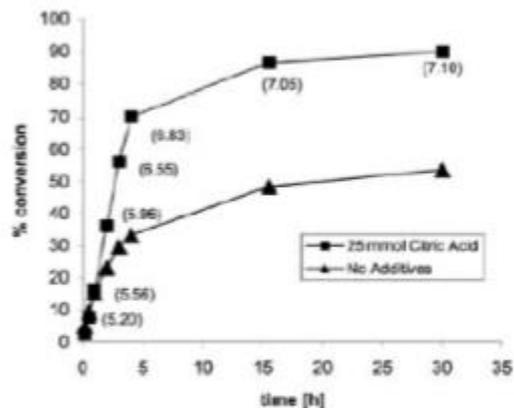
**Polymer supported Os-catalyst:** Kobayashi, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, 121, 11229. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 2649.

**Importance of pH control: improved rates for internal olefins at pH 12 (no MeSO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>);**

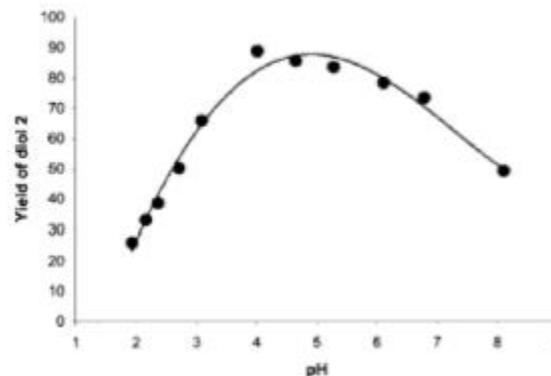
**higher ee for terminal olefins at pH 10:** Beller, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2000**, 41, 8083.

# New Developments in Dihydroxylation

## Osmium-Catalyzed Dihydroxylation of Olefins in Acidic Media

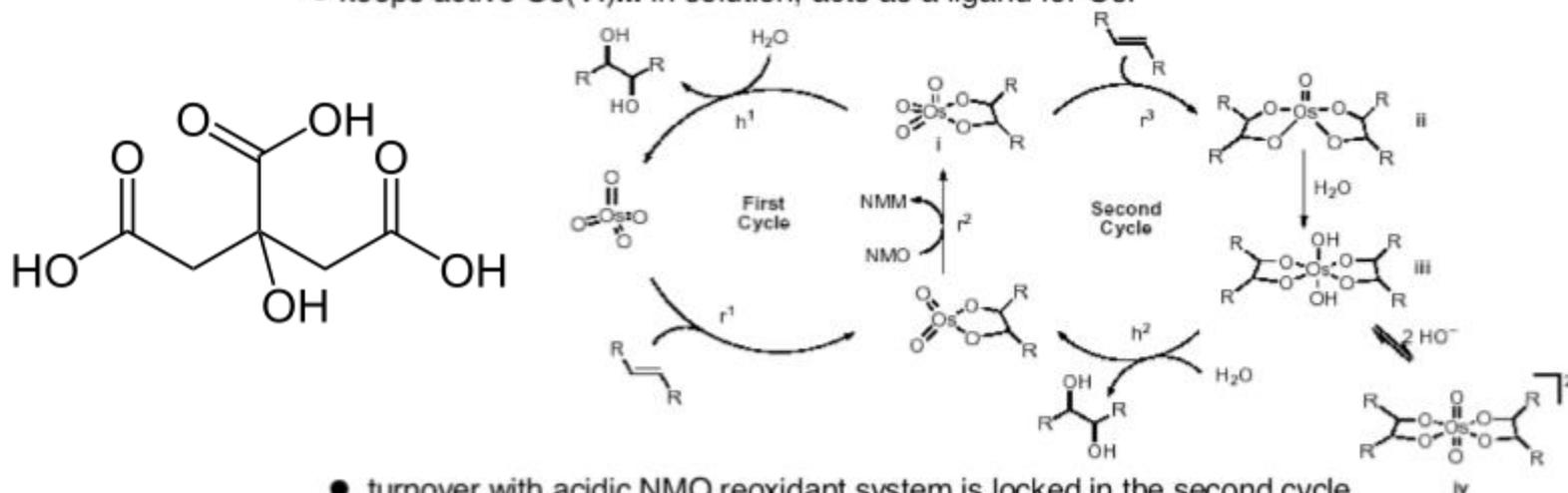


Optimal activity with pH = 4-6



### ■ Citric acid is the additive of choice

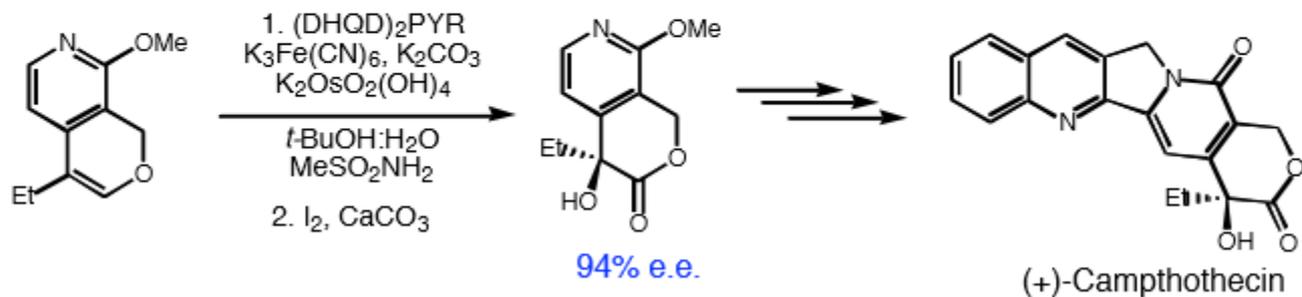
- neutralizes NMM formed, buffers the reaction
- keeps active Os(VI)iii in solution, acts as a ligand for Os.



- turnover with acidic NMO reoxidant system is locked in the second cycle
- acid blocks precipitation of iv, which is very stable and inert to hydrolysis

## AD in Natural Product Synthesis

### ■ Camptothecin (Fang, F. G.; et al. *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 6142)



*Camptotheca acuminata*

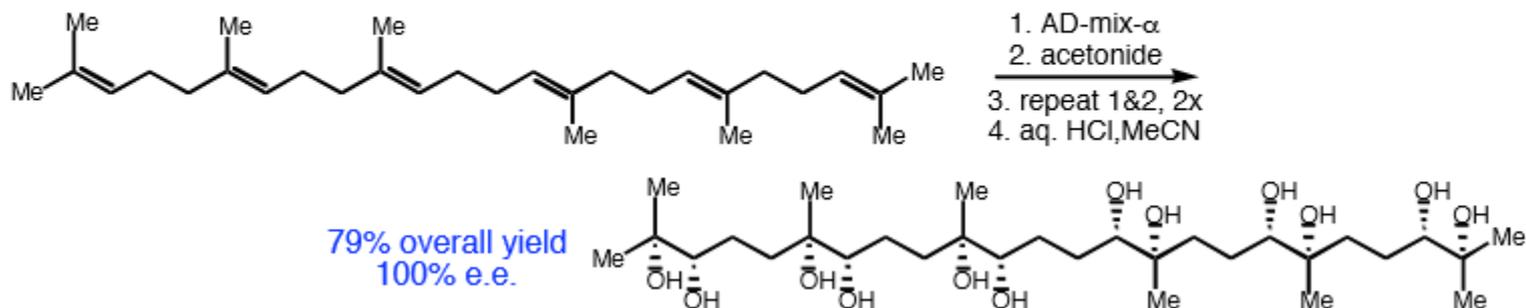
*La camptotecina è un alcaloide pentaciclico naturale che si può estrarre dalla corteccia dell'albero *Camptotheca acuminata*, con attività antitumorale. Oggi si preferiscono usare a tale scopo suoi derivati più solubili.*

## AD in Natural Product Synthesis



Lo squalene è un'importante sostanza naturale, precursore del colesterolo e di molti steroidi. Si trova naturalmente nell'olio di fegato di squalo (usato come integratore), da cui deriva il nome. La sua bassa densità permette il galleggiamento dei pesci, come gli squali, che sono privi della vescica natatoria. Viene anche utilizzato nella formulazione di alcuni vaccini.

### ■ Dihydroxylation of Squalene (Crispino, G. A.; Ho, P. T.; Sharpless, K. B. *Science*. **1993**, 259, 64)



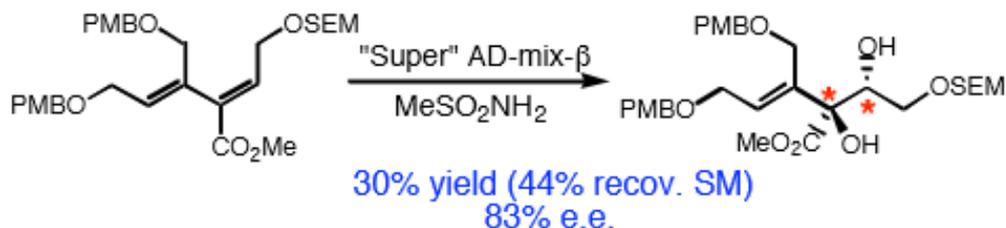
## AD and AE in Natural Product Synthesis

*Sporormiella*



L'acido zaragozico si trova naturalmente in alcuni funghi microscopici (ad es. del genere *Sporormiella*, in foto, che appartiene alla famiglia delle *Sporormiacee*), che si trovano nella zona di Zaragoza (Spagna), da cui deriva il nome. L'acido e i suoi derivati sono potenti inibitori della squalene sintasi, quindi inibiscono la sintesi dello squalene e perciò degli steroli, risultando di fatto in un abbassamento di livelli di colesterolo. Purtroppo il loro accumulo e la loro tossicità ne previene l'uso terapeutico.

### ■ Zaragozic Acid (Nicolaou, et al. *Chem. Eur. J.*, **1995**, 1, 467)



"Super" AD-mix:  
 $K_3Fe(CN)_6$ ,  $K_2CO_3$ ,  $(DHQD)_2PHAL$ ,  $K_2OsO_2(OH)_4$  (3 : 3 : 0.1 : 0.01)

