## Strategies for the Asymmetric Synthesis of Tertiary Alcohols

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aldol type reactions

#### Tertiary Alcohol Containing Natural Products



## Strategies for the Asymmetric Synthesis of Tertiary Alcohols Challenges



-Kinetic resolution (*i.e. Stoltz Pd catalyzed oxidation*)
-Noyori asymmetric hydrogenation
-Enantioselective additions to aldehydes

-Many are commercially available



- -No oxidation of C-O possible for kinetic resolution
- -No hydrogenation of carbonyl possible
- -Ketones are less reactive

-Smaller steric and electron differences between prochiral carbons

#### Copper Catalyzed Enantioselective Aldol Reactions Additions of Enolsilanes to Pyruvate Esters



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#### Copper Catalyzed Enantioselective Aldol Reactions Additions of Enolsilanes to Pyruvate Esters Reaction Scope



entry	R	yield (%)	ee
1	Ме	96	99
2	Et	84	94
3	<i>i</i> -Bu	94	94
4	<i>i</i> -Pr	36	36

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## Copper Catalyzed Enantioselective NitroAldol Reaction

Et	0 − − − − − − − − − − − − −	MeNO <sub>2</sub> pKa ~17	Me Me O I I N Cu I t-Bu 20 mol% Et <sub>3</sub> N (20 mol% rt, 24 h	$ \xrightarrow{2^{+}} 2^{TfO^{-}} $ $ \xrightarrow{HO} R \\ HO R \\$
entry	R	yield(%)	ee	
1	Ме	95	92	
2	Et	73	87	
3	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Ph	47	77	-Nitromethane used as solvent
4	hexyl	91	93	and prenucleophile
5	but-3-enyl	97	94	-1.1 Tallo of Cu and Elgin childar
6	pent-4-enyl	92	94	
7	3-methylbutyl	90	94	
8	<i>i</i> -butyl	99	92	
9	Ph	81	86	
10	p-CIC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	91	88	
11	<i>p</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	99	93	
12	<i>p</i> -MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	68	57	Jørgensen, J. Org. Chem. 2002, 67, 4875-4881.

#### Copper Catalyzed Enantioselective Aldol Reactions Ketones



Shibasaki, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 7164-7165.





## Lewis Base Catalyzed Enantioselective Aldol Reactions



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# Catalytic Asymmetric Aldol Reactions Summary



-Can give high yields and good enantioselectivities

-Usually use a prenucleophile

-Often need activated ketones

## Asymmetric Addition of Diphenylzinc to Ketones



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product arises from aldol/dehydration/conjugate addition

#### Asymmetric Addition of Diphenylzinc to Ketones



-Works best when R = aryl and R' = methyl (2-pentanone reacts in 74% yield and 36% ee)-Only more reactive diphenylzinc adds to ketones (dialkylzincs do not work)

#### Asymmetric Addition of Alkylzinc Reagents to Ketones Early Work



Yus, Tetrahedron 1998, 54, 5651-5666.

#### Asymmetric Addition of Alkylzinc Reagents to Ketones



- -Process is more general than previous reports
- -Generally high yields and enantioselectivies
- -Both simple and functionalized zinc reagents work
- -Reasonable reaction time
- -Low catalyst loading for more active substrates

Walsh, J. Org. Chem. 2005, 70, 448-455.

#### Asymmetric Addition of Alkylzinc Reagents to Ketones Catalyst



constrained geometry gives larger binding pocket to accommodate the bulky ketone

Walsh, *Synlett* **2004**, 749-760. Walsh, *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, *70*, 448-455.

## Asymmetric Addition of Alkylzinc Reagents to Acetophenone Derivatives



entry	substrate	mol% <b>1</b>	time (h)	yield (%)	ee
1	X = H	2	29	71	96
2	X = 3-Me	10	12	82	99
3	X = 3-Me	2	24	78	99
4	X = 4-OMe	10	111	85	94
5	$X = 3-CF_3$	2	14	56	98
6	X = 2-Me	10	48	24	96

## Asymmetric Addition of Alkylzinc Reagents to Conjugated Enones



entry	R	n	R'	time (h)	yield (%)	ee
1	Н	2	Et	19	75	52
2	Ph	2	Me	40	84	99
3	CH <sub>2</sub> OTBS	2	Et	40	81	>99
4	CH <sub>3</sub>	1	Et	37	65	96
5	pentyl	1	Ме	40	62	99
6	H*	3*	Et	40	70	96



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#### Asymmetric Addition of Functionalized Dialkylzinc Reagents to Ketones Preparation of Reagents

Method A



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Results using Method A

	RI +	Et <sub>2</sub> Zn 50-55 °C	R₂Zn	+ Etl	
entry	substrate	ZnR <sub>2</sub>	time (h)	yield (%)	ee (%)
1 2		ZnOct <sub>2</sub> Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>	40 40	91 95	98 99
3		Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> OPiv) <sub>2</sub>	40	58	96
4 5		ZnOct <sub>2</sub> Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>	40 40	70 83	99 99
6 7 8		ZnOct <sub>2</sub> Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub> Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> OPiv) <sub>2</sub>	40 40 40	83 62 53	97 96 97
9	OTBS	ZnOct <sub>2</sub>	40	70	>99

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#### Results using Method B

	1) HBEt <sub>2</sub>	→ BEt₂	2) Et <sub>2</sub> Zn	B₂Zn + BEt₂	
	R" 1 equiv 0 °C	R" > -	2 equiv 0 °C		
entry	substrate	ZnR <sub>2</sub>	time (d)	yield (%)	ee (%)
1	Q	Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CHMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	3	77	96
2		Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> OTBS) <sub>2</sub>	3	89	98
3		Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> OPiv) <sub>2</sub>	3	47	96
4		$Zn((CH_2)_5Br)_2$	3	89	96
5	O II	Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CHMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	3	75	90
6		Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> OTBS) <sub>2</sub>	5	52	98
7		$Zn((CH_2)_5Br)_2$	3	55	94
9		Zn((CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> OPiv) <sub>2</sub>	3	88	87
	$\sim$ 0		Walsl	n, <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> 2005,	<i>70</i> , 448-455.

## Asymmetric Addition of Diorganozinc Reagents to Ketones Summary



-Reasonable substrate scope

- -Both alkyl and aryl zinc reagents work
- -Good yields and generally high enantioselectivity
- -1 Step process
- -Branched alkyl, vinyl and heteroaryl groups not accessible
- -Lack of commericially available diorganozinc reagents available (Synthesis of functionalized reagents seems tricky)

## Enantiodivergent Synthesis of Tertiary Alcohols through Conversion of Chiral Secondary Alcohols



-2° Alcohols are easily accessed through known methods (Noyori hydrogenation, resolution, etc.)

-Potentially access either isomer through a "retention" or "inversion" event

## Enantiodivergent Synthesis of Tertiary Alcohols through Conversion of Chiral Secondary Alcohols

Lithiation-Borylation of Chiral Secondary Carbamates



- -Deprotonation of carbamate
- -Addition of borane (inversion) or boronic ester (retention)
- -1,2-Metallate rearrangement
- -Oxidation

## *Lithiation-Borylation of (S)-1-Phenylethanol*

Entry	Substrate	Migrating group, R	Borane/boronic ester	Product	Yield (%) (e.r., S:R)
1	Ph OCb*	Et	- <b>ξ-</b> BEt <sub>2</sub>	Et OH	91 (99:1)
3	Ph	<i>i</i> Pr	-§-B	Pr OH	91 (98:2)
5	Ph	nHex	-§-B	nHex OH	60 (98:2)

\*Cb = *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamoyl (99:1 e.r.)

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2	OCb	Et	-§-B, 0, (	Et, OH Ph	95 (1:99)
			-§-B		
4	OCb	<i>i</i> Pr	-§-B 0	Pr, OH	80 (4:96)
			-ξ-В		
6	OCb	<i>n</i> Hex	-§-B, 0	nHex OH	85 (4:96)
7	OCb	<i>c</i> Pr	-§-B, 0, (	cPr. OH Ph	85 (3:97)
8	OCb Ph	vinyl	-§-B, 0, (	Ph OH	75 (2:98)
9	Ph	allyl	-§-B,0,	Ph	95 (1:99)

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## Lithiation-Borylation of (S)-1-Indanol and (S)-1-Tetralol



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## Enantiodivergent Synthesis of Tertiary Alcohols through Conversion of Chiral Secondary Alcohols Summary



-High yields and enantioselectivies

-Good substrate scope within the migrating group (vinyl and heteroaryl group work fine)

-Limited to aryl ketones

-Can access either enantiomer of tertiary alcohol from the same chiral secondary alcohol

-3 Step process (1 pot)

## Kinetic Resolution of Tertiary Alcohols using (1S,2R)-N-methylephedrine













#### Kinetic Resolution of Tertiary Alcohols Proposed Origin of Selectivity



Fagnou, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2009, 8343-8347.

## Kinetic Resolution of Tertiary Alcohols Using (1S,2R)-N-Methylephedrine Summary



-Good selectivities for select substrates

-50% yield maximum

-Not catalytic

## Stategies for the Asymmetric Synthesis of Tertiary Alcohols Summary



aldol type reactions

- •Many strategies have been developed to allow for access of tertiary alcohols in good yields and enantiopurity
- •Most require some sort of specialized substrate and are not very general
- •Continued work will lead to further development

# Copper Catalyzed Enantioselective NitroAldol Reaction



#### Rhodium Catalyzed Kinetic Resolution of Tertiary Homoallyl Alcohols



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Hayashi, Org. Lett. 2008, 10, 1191-1193.

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#### Asymmetric Addition of Diphenylzinc to Ketones Nonlinear Dependence of Product ee on catalyst ee



#### N to C Aryl Migration in Lithiated Carbamates to form Tertiary Alcohols



-N to C aryl transfer with inversion at the lithium-bearing center

-Theorectical studies suggest attack on aromatic ring is a significantly lower energy pathway than the expected 1,2acyl transfer

-THF and DMPU which they use as additives in the racemic version lower e.r.

Clayden, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 3410-3411.

## Enantioselective Preparation of Tertiary Alcohols by Copper-Mediated Diastereoselective Allylic $S_N 2$ ' Substitutions



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They have shown you can make these allylic quaternary centers with high almost complete transfer of chiral information



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Catalytic and Asymmetric Vinylogous Mukaiyama Reaction





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entry	alkene	intermediate y	yield (%	») ee (%)	product	yield (%)	ee (%)
1	Pent Me Ph Me	Pent Me Ph CHO	85	98	OH Pent Me	70	97
2	Et Me Pent Me	Et Me Pent CHO	63	96	OH Et····Pent Me	76	92
3	Et Me Hex Me	Et Me Hex CHO	65	98	OH Et:Hex	68	93
4	Et. Ph BnO Me	Et Ph BnO CHC	62 )	99		<sup>3n</sup> 70	99
5	Pent Ph BnO Me	Pent Ph BnO CHC	66 )	99	OH Pentu OF Ph	3n 77	98
6	BnO Me	BnO CHC	71 )	99	OH Et····OF	3n <sub>93</sub>	96

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# Enantioselective Preparation of Tertiary Alcohols by Copper-Mediated Diastereoselective Allylic S<sub>N</sub>2' Substitutions Conclusions

-Access to certain tertiary alcohols that might not be available otherwise

-Good yields and high fidelity of enantiopurity of starting reagents

-3-Steps

-Requires synthesis of allylic pentafluorobenzoates