

#### Outline

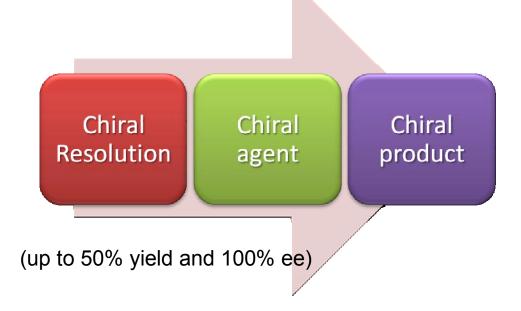
- Importance of asymmetric synthesis
- Organocatalysis and organocatalysts
- Comparison with conventional catalysis
- Advantages of organocatalysts
- Large scale organocatalytic reaction

processes

Why asymmetric synthesis?

- Different enantiomers or diastereomers of a molecule often have different biological activity
- Synthesis of chiral drugs \$18 billion annually (growing @ 9.04% p.a.)
- Predicted that 75% of the drugs will be sold as single enantiomers in the coming years

#### Why asymmetric synthesis?



#### Why asymmetric synthesis? Chiral Chiral Chiral Resolution product agent (up to 50% yield and 100% ee) Chiral Chiral Chiral product **Synthesis** catalysis (up to 100% yield and 100% ee)

#### Asymmetric catalysis

Organometallic catalysis

Enzyme catalysis

#### organocatalysis

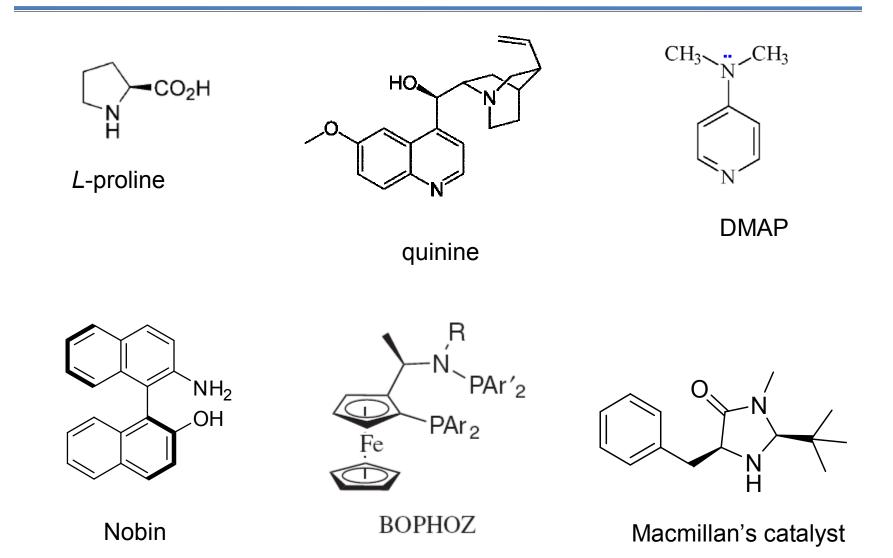
## What is Organocatalysis?

- A concatenation of the terms "organic" and "catalyst"
- In organic chemistry, the term Organocatalysis refers to a form of catalysis, whereby the rate of a chemical reaction is increased by an organic catalyst consisting (mainly) of carbon hydrogen, sulfur, nitrogen, oxygen and phosphorus.
- "Metal free catalysis"

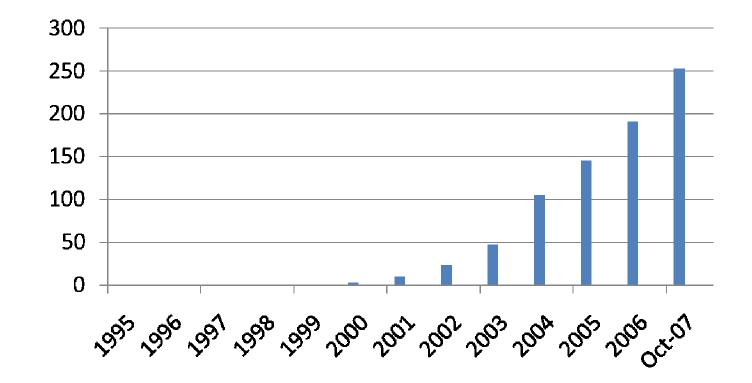
## What is an Organocatalyst?

- An organocatalyst is an organic molecule that does not contain a metal which in substoichiometric amounts accelerates the reaction
- Usually a low molecular weight compound
- Two types:
  - Achiral
  - Chiral

#### Few examples..



## Increasing popularity



Number of articles per year focusing on number of the use of organocatalytic concept

Primary attractions of organocatalysis

- Usually robust
- Inexpensive
- Readily available
- Non-toxic
- Able to bring about transformations that were not known earlier

Primary attractions of organocatalysis

Inertness towards moisture and oxygen

 Demanding reaction conditions (inert atmospheres, low temperatures, absolute solvents etc.) are usually not required

• Absence of transition metals – attractive for synthesis of pharmaceutical products

# Comparison with conventional catalysis

Туре	Advantage	Disadvantage
Organometallic catalysis	Wide substrate scope high catalytic activity	Tedious process, potential heavy metal pollution
Enzyme catalysis	High selectivity & catalytic activity	Limited substrate scope Usually single enantiomer
Organocatalysis	Simple structure, inexpensive, natural molecules, nontoxic.	

#### **Pharmaceutical Roundtable**

#### ACS Green Chemistry Institute Pharmaceutical Roundtable



#### **Mission:**

To catalyze the implementation of green chemistry and engineering in the pharmaceutical industry globally.

#### **Brainstorm Output**

Organocatalysis

- Asymmetric Hydrocyanation
- •Aldehyde or Ketone +  $NH_3$  + "X" to give a chiral amine
- •*N*-Centred chemistry avoiding azides hydrazines etc
- Asymmetric Hydrolysis of nitrilesAsymmetric Hydrogenation of
- unfunctionalised
- olefins/enamines/imines
- Asymmetric Hydroformylation
- •C-H activation of aromatics
- •C-H activation of alkyl groups
- •New Green Fluorination Methods
- •Oxygen Nucleophiles with high reactivity
- •Green sources of electrophilic Nitrogen
- •Asymmetric Hydroamination of olefins

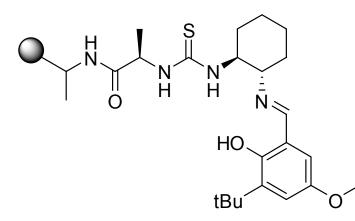
- •Green Mitsunobu Reactions
- •Reduction of amides avoiding LAH and Diborane
- Bromination Reactions
- Sulfonation reactions
- Amide Formation avoiding poor
- atom economy reagents
- Nitration reactions
- •F/C Reactions on unactivated substrates
- •Demethylation Reactions
- •Ester Hydrolysis
- •OH activation for nucleophillic substitution
- Epoxidation
- Oxidation
- •Wittig Chemistry without (Ph<sub>3</sub>PO)
- •Radical Chemistry without Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH

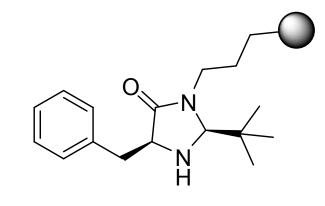
#### Large –scale Organocatalytic Reaction Processes

- General considerations:
  - Economy of the catalyst (Price and availability)
    - Readily available from nature's "Chiral pool" or their derivatives
    - Cheap
  - Stability of the catalysts and handling issues
    - Not moisture sensitive (serious issue for chiral metal complexes)
    - No special equipments for handling not required
  - Enantioselectivity, conversion and catalyst loading

#### Large –scale Organocatalytic Reaction Processes

- General considerations:
  - Recycling: Immobilization of Organocatalysts
    - Leaching problems do not occur due to covalent bonding with the support unlike metal complexes



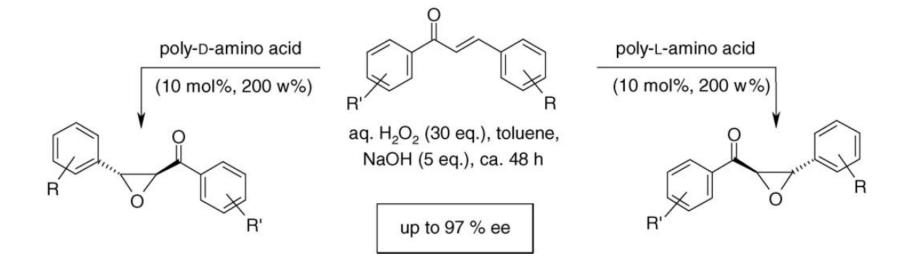


Very efficient over 10 reaction cycles Yield: 96-98% ee: 92-93% Results superior to those obtained with analogous "free" solution-phase catalyst

Large –scale Organocatalytic Reaction Processes

Epoxydation of Chalcones

Alkylation of Cyclic Ketones



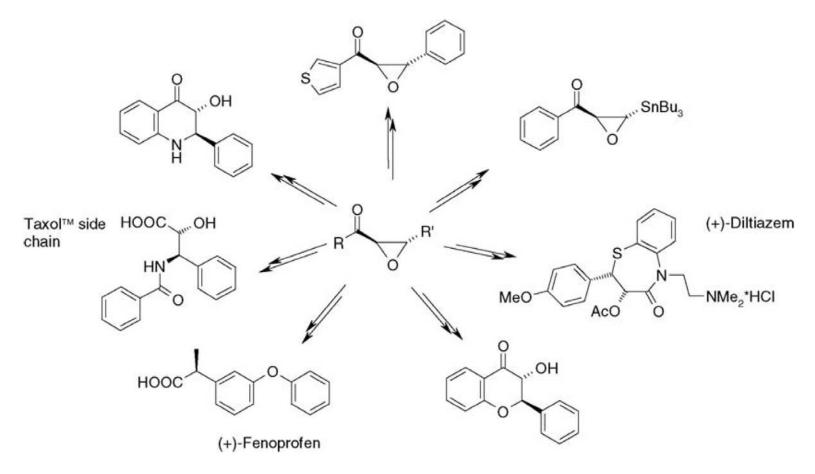
Advantages

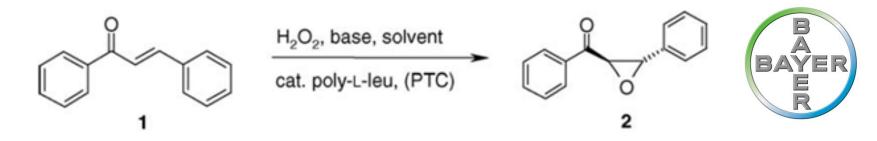
Disadvantages

- •Use of  $H_2O_2$
- •Use of organocatalyst
- Recyclability of catalyst
- •High enantioselectivity

- •Large excess of catalyst (up to 200%)
- •Preactivation of catalyst needed (6hrs)
- •Long reaction times (1-5 days)

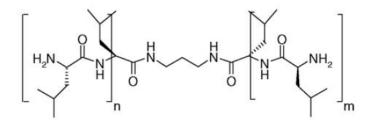
Potential applications

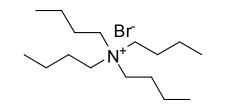




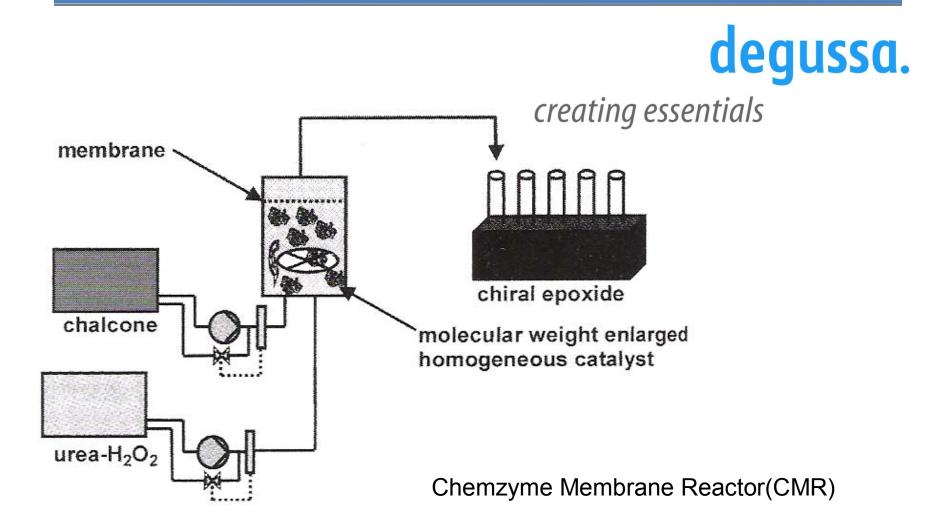
H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 1.3 eq, NaOH: 1.3eq, cat: 0.35-0.7mol%, PTC: 11mol% at room temperature

Entry	Catalyst	Time (min)	Result
1	Standard poly-L-leu	90	2% conversion, ee not evaluated
2	ht-Poly-L-leu	90	59% conversion, $ee = 91\%$
3	ht-Poly-L-leu + TBAB	7	>99% conversion, ee = $94%$

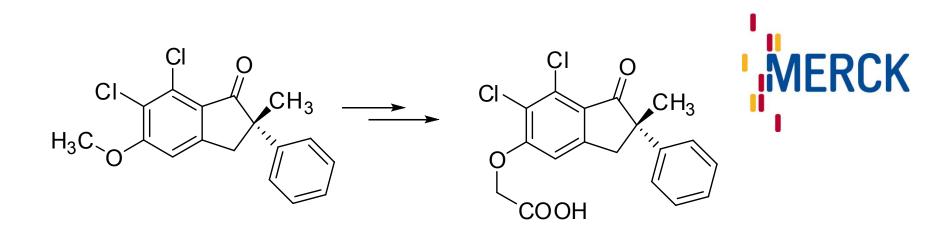




tetrabutylammonium bromide

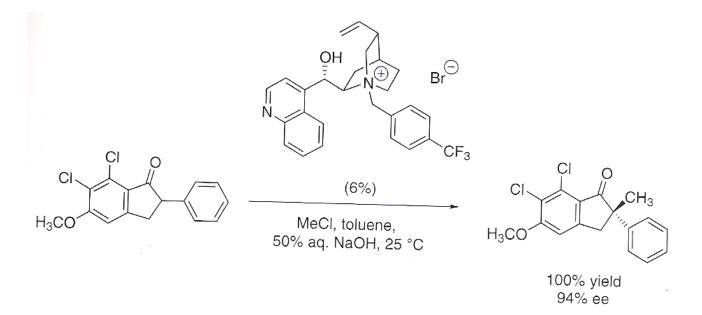


#### **Alkylation of Cyclic Ketones**



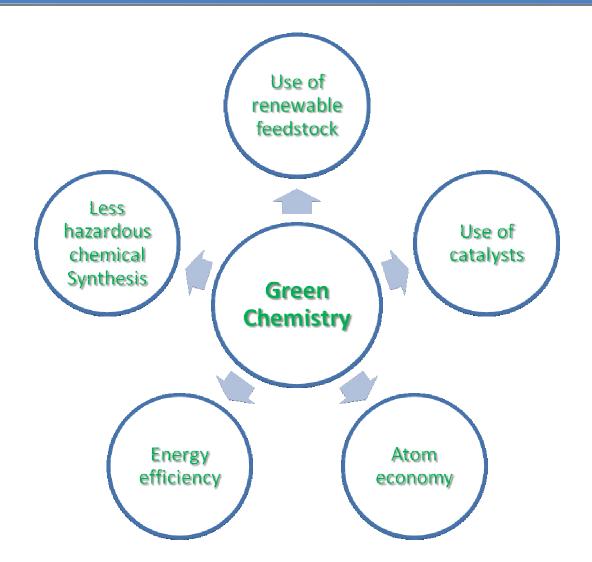
• Synthesis of Indacrinone

## **Alkylation of Cyclic Ketones**



- First highly asymmetric PTC-catalyzed alkylation
- First organocatalytic synthesis applied on a large scale
- Highly efficient (100% yield, 94% ee)

#### **Green Chemistry**





 Asymmetric organocatalysis has matured in the recent few years into a very powerful, practical and broadly applicable third methodological approach in the catalytic asymmetric synthesis.

- Process development and scale up already achieved for several organocatalytic reactions have shown that organocatalysis can be a valuable tool for industrial-scale solutions.
- Broad variety of efficient syntheses will contribute to an increasing number of organocatalytic large-scale reactions in the future.



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