

# Asymmetric Hydrogenation

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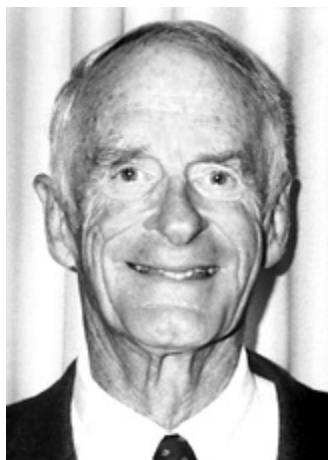
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## 2001 Nobel Prize in Chemistry – Asymmetric Catalysis

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William S. Knowles  
1/4 of the prize  
USA

St. Louis, MO, USA

b. 1917



Ryoji Noyori  
1/4 of the prize  
Japan

Nagoya University  
Nagoya, Japan

b. 1938



K. Barry Sharpless  
1/2 of the prize  
USA

The Scripps  
Research Institute  
La Jolla, CA, USA

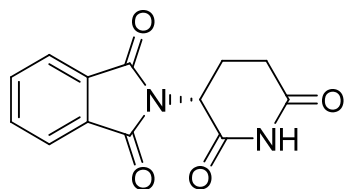
b. 1941



*"for their work on chirally catalysed hydrogenation and oxidation reactions"*

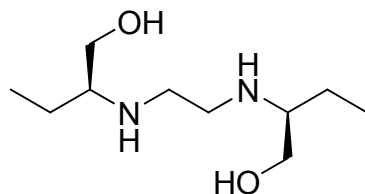
# Importance of Enantiopurity

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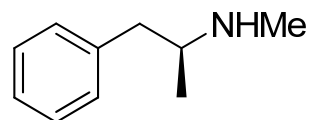
**(R)-Thalidomide**

Sedative



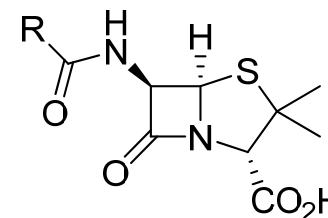
**Ethambutol**

Anti-TB



**(S)-methamphetamine**

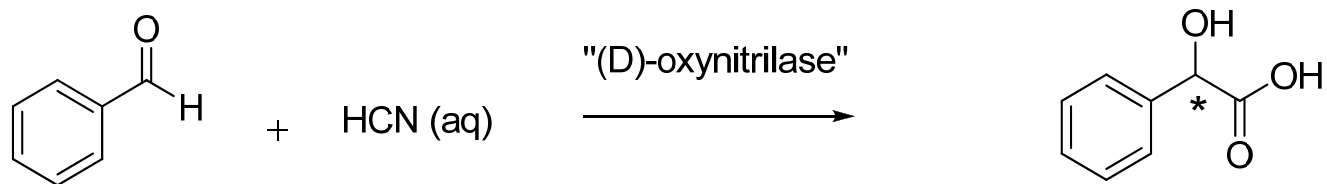
Nasal decongestant



**penicillin**

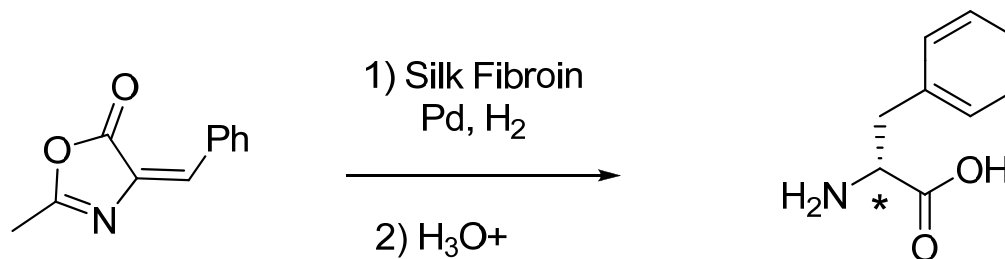
- Chiral resolution is an expensive and wasteful process
- Selective crystallization of enantiomers is not a general process
- Traditionally through biochemical routes (specificity), although synthetic more efficient
- Enzymatic vs Molecular Catalysis
  
- Early 1990's – ca. 90% of synthetic chiral drugs were racemic.
- “Racemic Switching”

# Early examples of asymmetric reactions

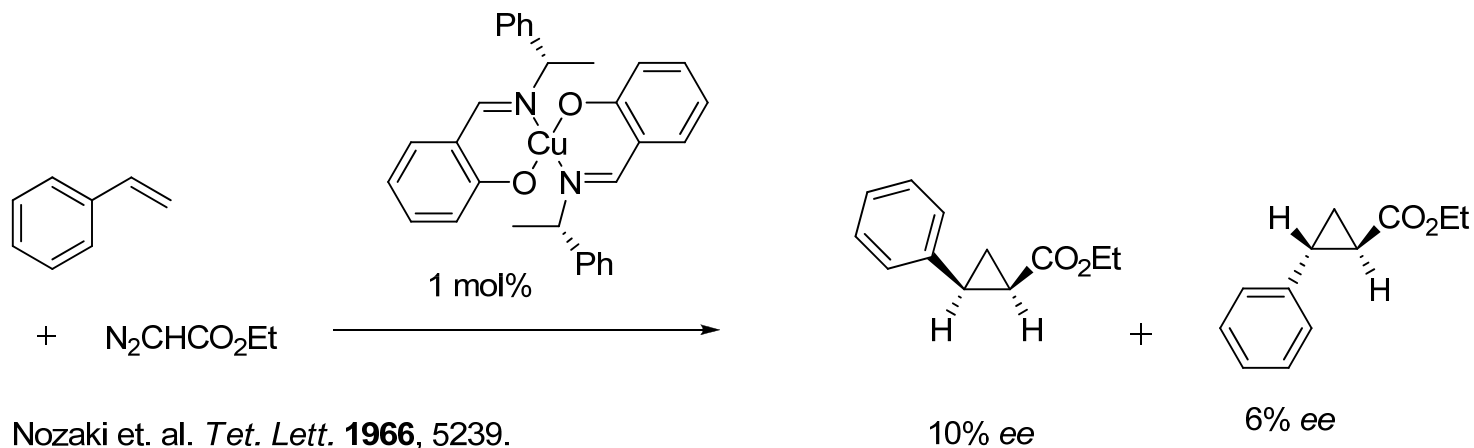


Krieble, V; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1913**, 35, 1643.

"85% active"



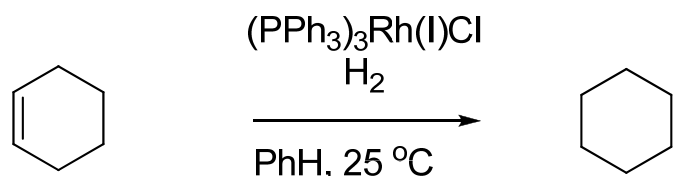
Akabori, *Nature*, **1956**, 178, 323.



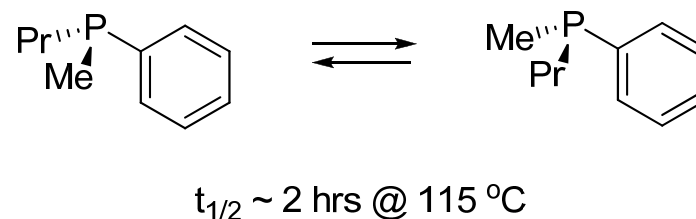
Nozaki et. al. *Tet. Lett.* **1966**, 5239.

# Reactions leading up to asymmetric hydrogenation

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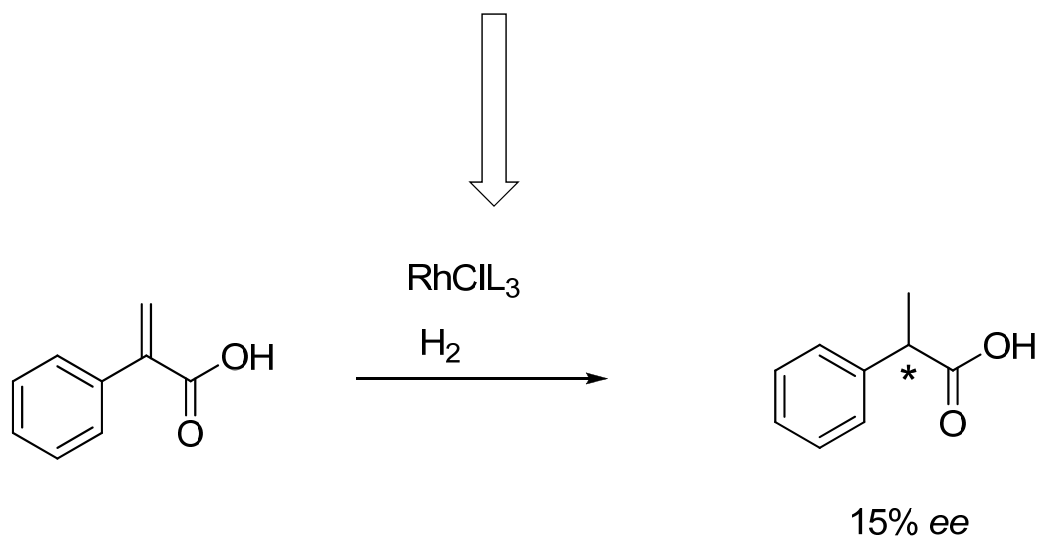


Wilkinson, *J. Chem. Soc. A*, **1966**, 1711



Horner, *Tet. Lett.*, **1961**, 5, 161.

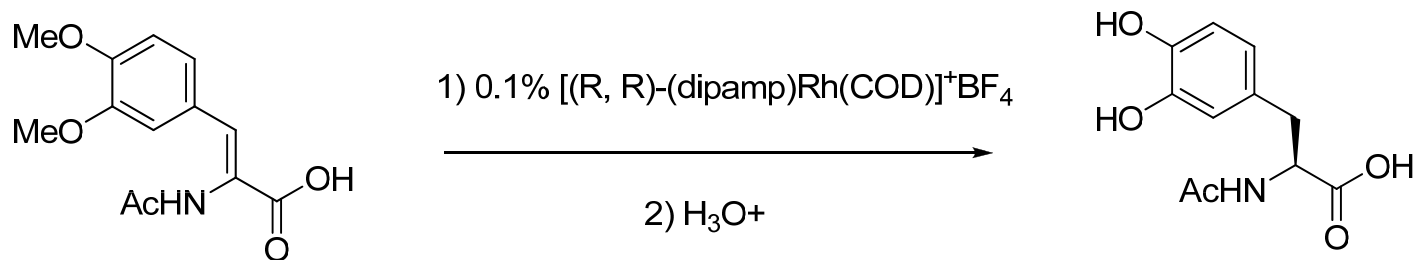
Mislow, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1967**, 89, 4784.



Knowles, *Chem. Commun*, **1968**, 1445

1<sup>st</sup> example of asymmetric homogenous catalysis with chiral phosphine ligands

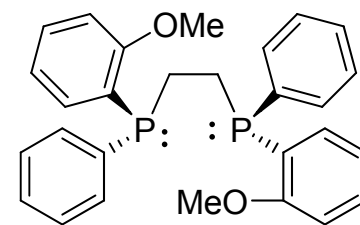
# Rh(I) Hydrogenation - Further Development and Scope



Knowles, *J. Chem. Educ.*, **1986**, 63 (3), 222

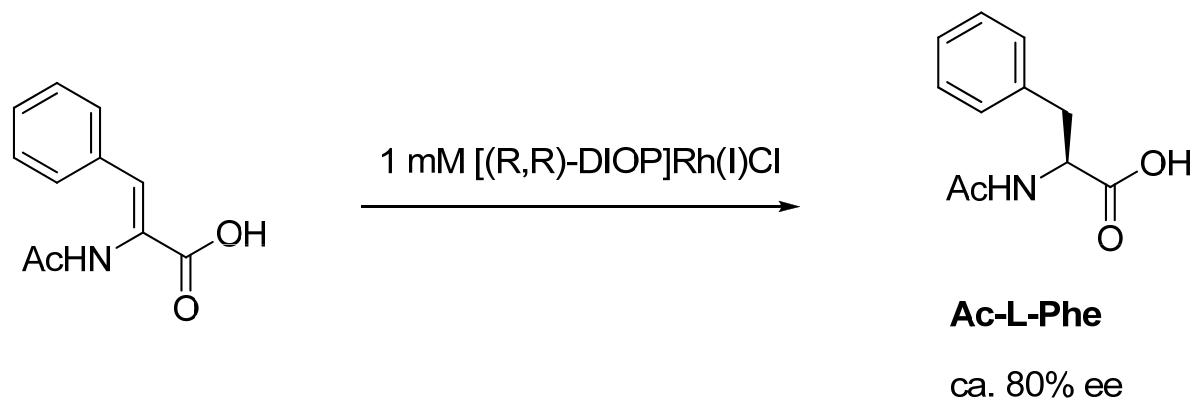
**L-DOPA**

95% ee



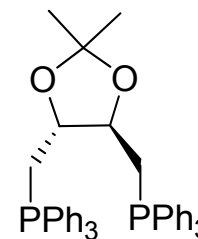
(R,R)-DiPAMP

*(Kagan) Ligands with backbone chirality also effective:*



**Ac-L-Phe**

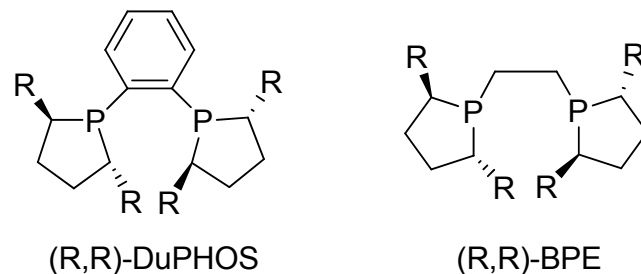
ca. 80% ee



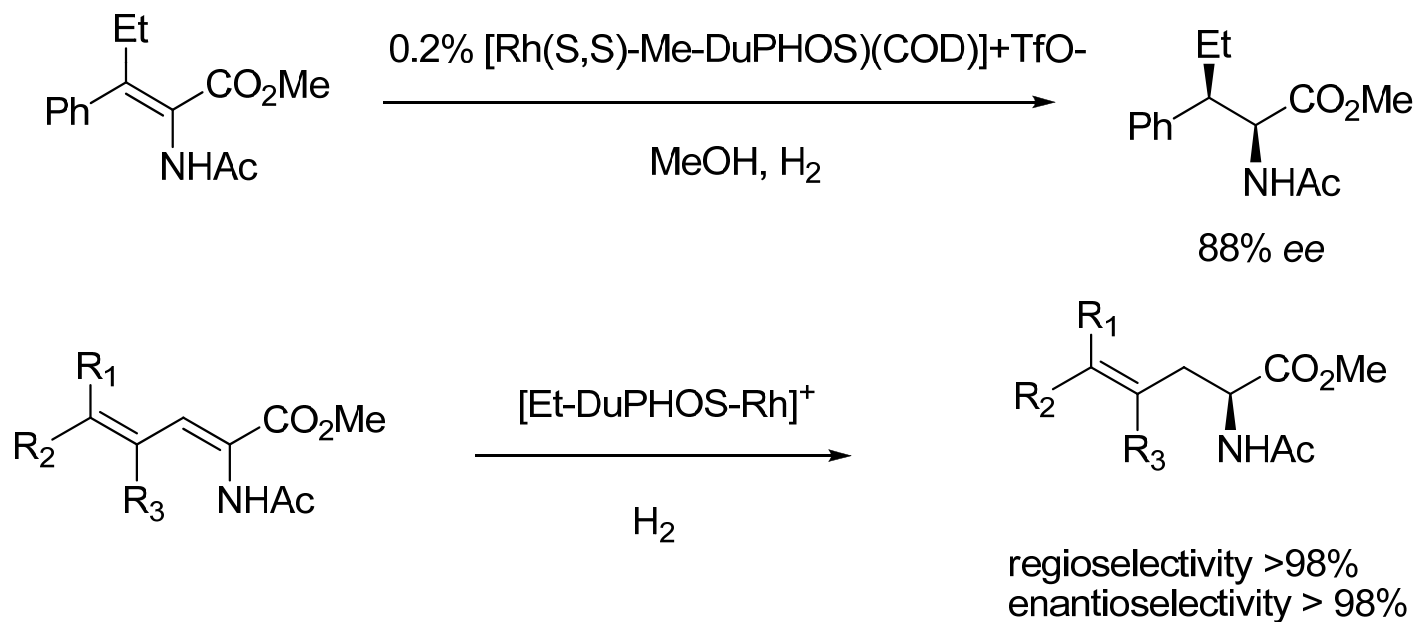
(R,R)-DIOP

- (E)- alkene hydrogenates slower and with low enantioselectivity
- $\beta$ -disubstituted enamides hydrogenate with low enantioselectivities

# Rh(I) Hydrogenation – DUPHOS and BPE Ligands



R=Me,Et, Pr

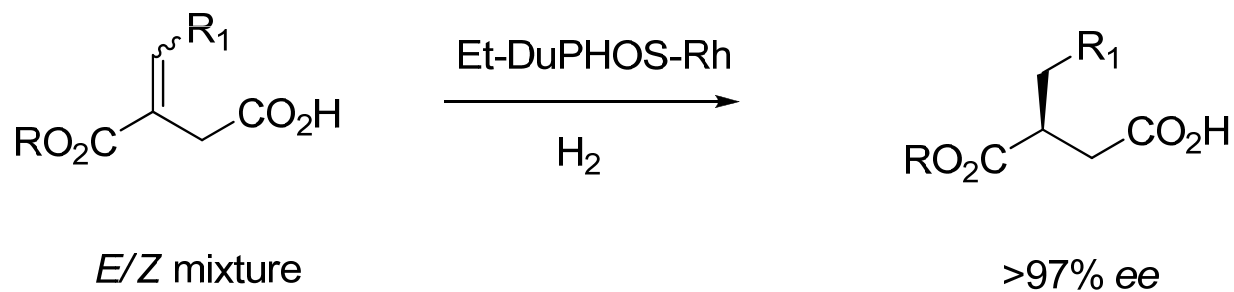
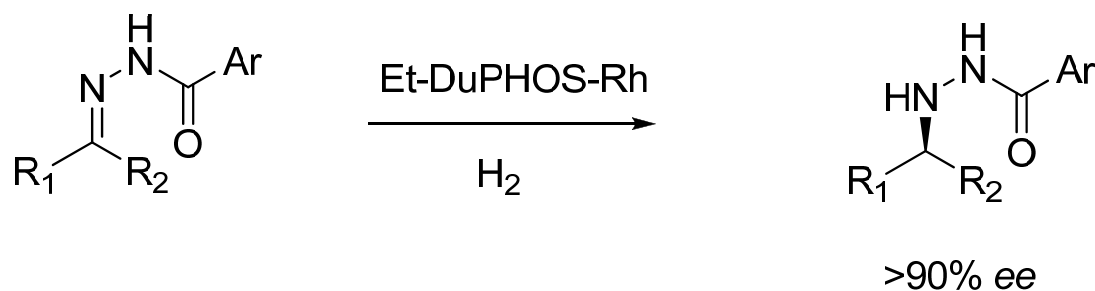
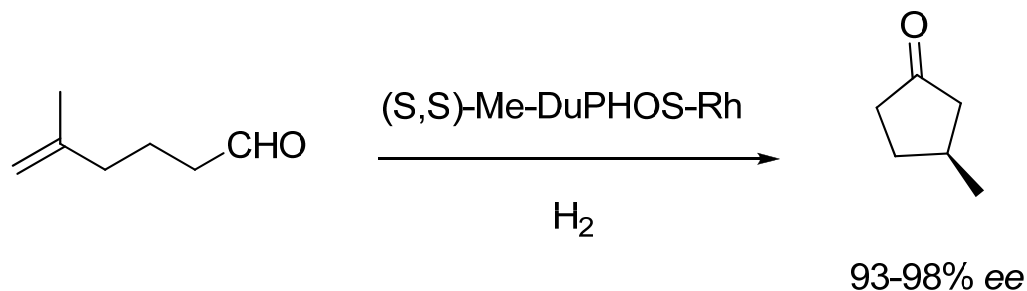


*BPEPhos more flexible, so sometimes better for hindered alkenes*

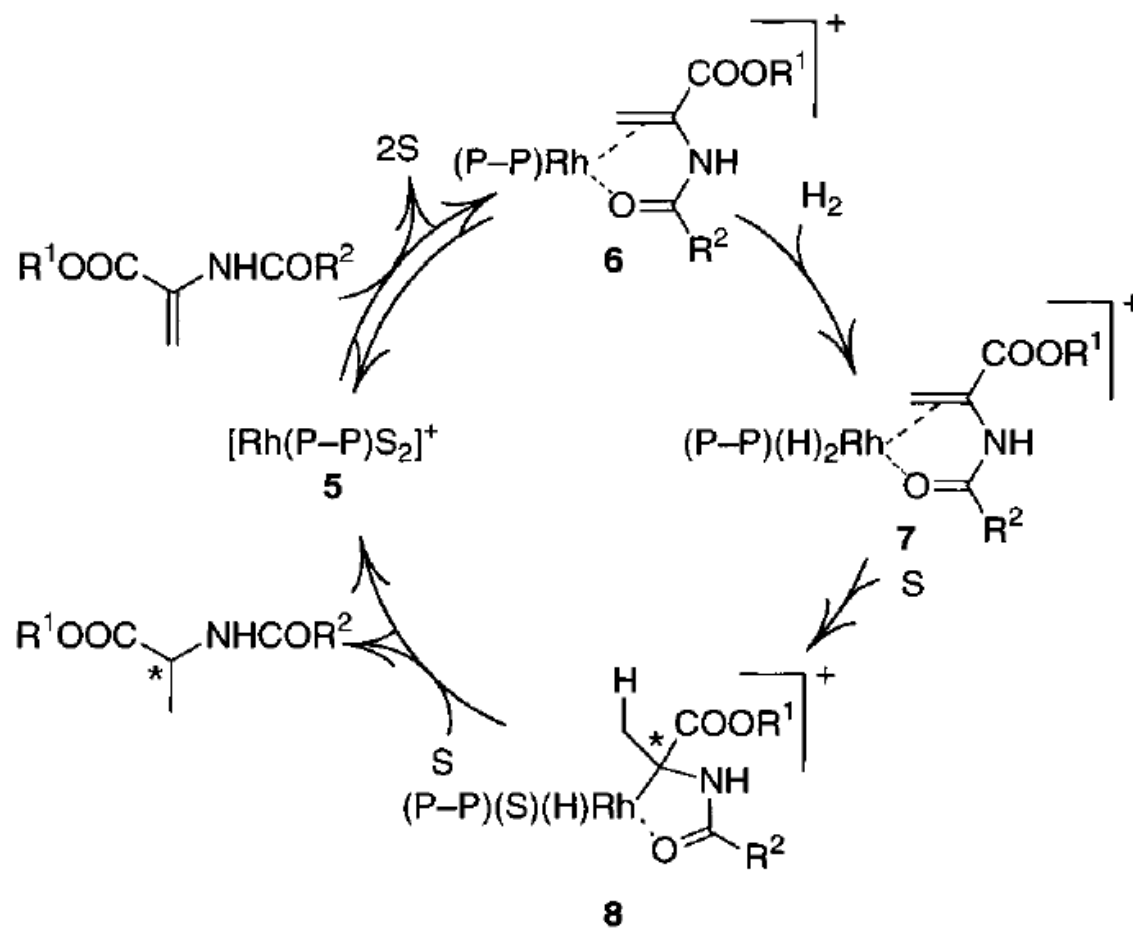
Burk, *Acc. Chem. Res.*, **2000**, 33,363.

## *Rh(I) Hydrogenation – DUPHOS and BPEP Ligands*

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# General Reaction Mechanism



S = solvent, substrate as monodentate ligand, product, etc.

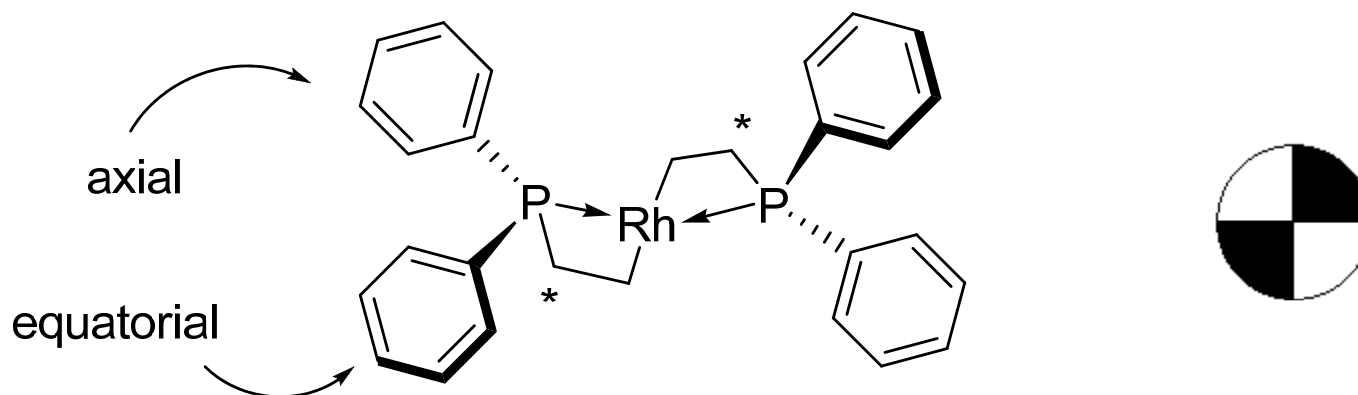
P-P = chiral diphosphine ligand

Noyori, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2002**, 124, 6649.

Imamoto, *Chem. Commun.*, **2009**, 7447.

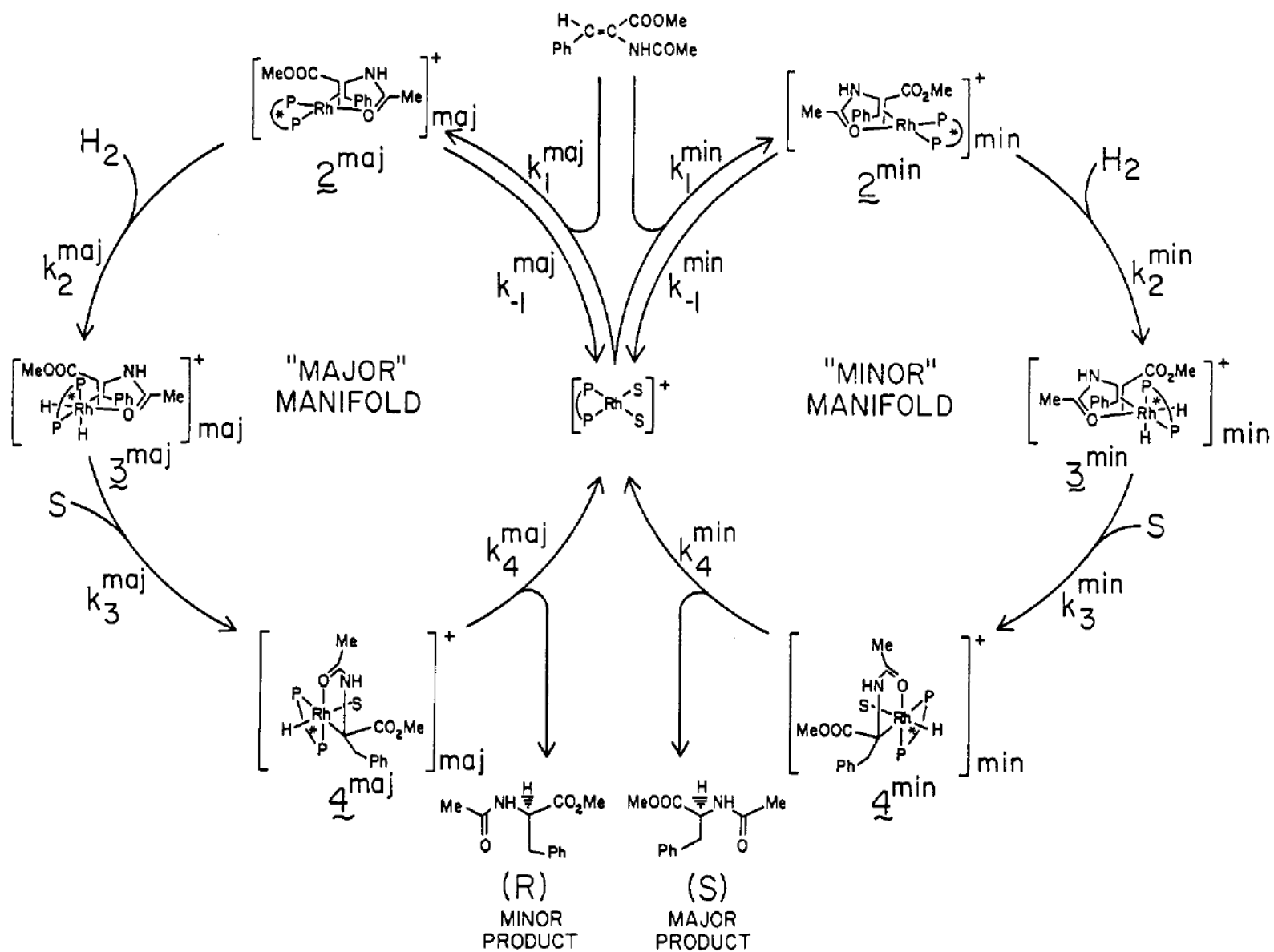
## Source of Stereoselection

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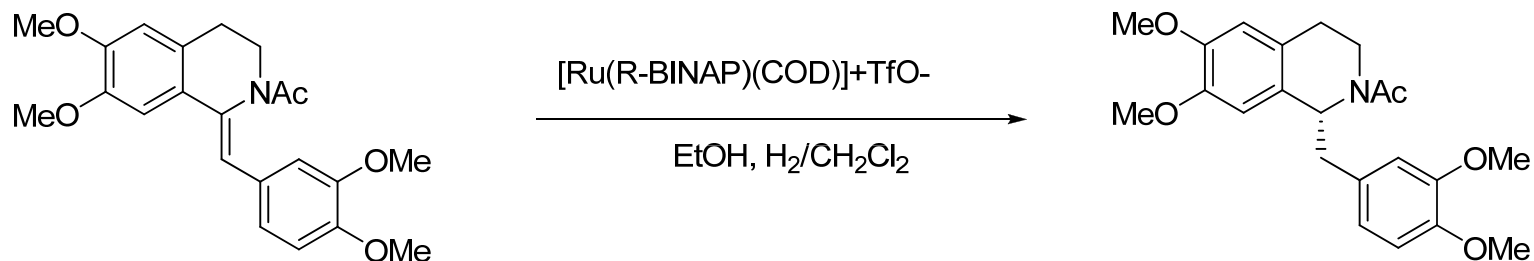
- Less stable diastereomeric complex reacts fastest with H<sub>2</sub>
- Stereoselection mechanism changes with ligand type
  - Electron – Rich Phosphines, P-chiral, Sterically-Hindered Phosphines
- Electron – Donating substituents change regioselectivity of H addition

# General Reaction Mechanism Revisited (Backbone Chiral Ls)



# *Ru(I) catalyzed hydrogenations provides generality*

## *Isoquinoline Alkaloids*

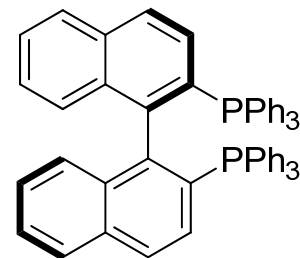
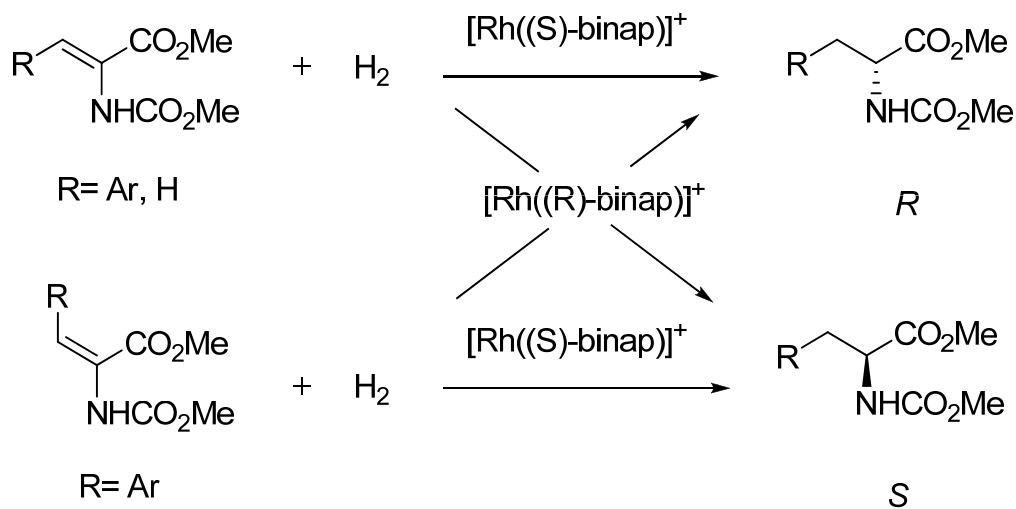


Noyori, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1986**, 108, 7117

**N-acetyl-tetrahydropapaverine**

100%, 99.5% ee

## *Stereospecific enamide hydrogenation R vs S binap*



(R)-BINAP

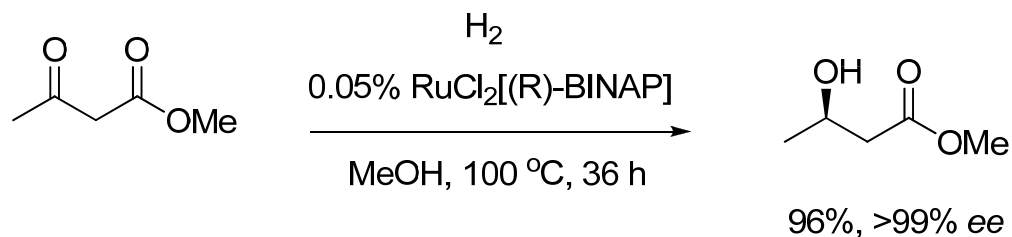
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90-92% ee

# Ru-catalyzed Hydrogenation of $\beta$ -keto esters

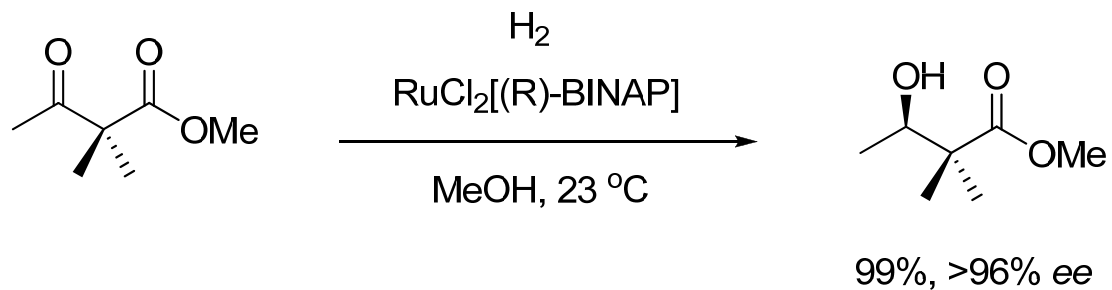
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## Beta-keto esters



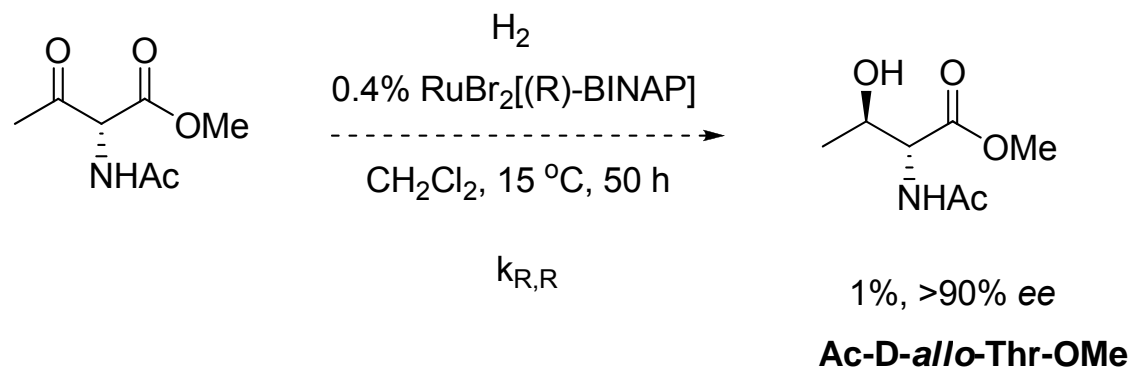
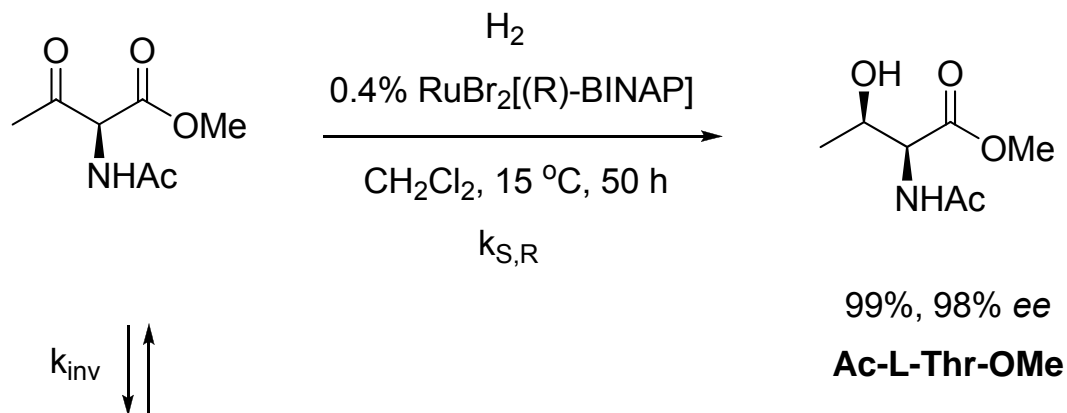
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## Reduction proceeds through keto form



Noyori, *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1990**, 23, 345

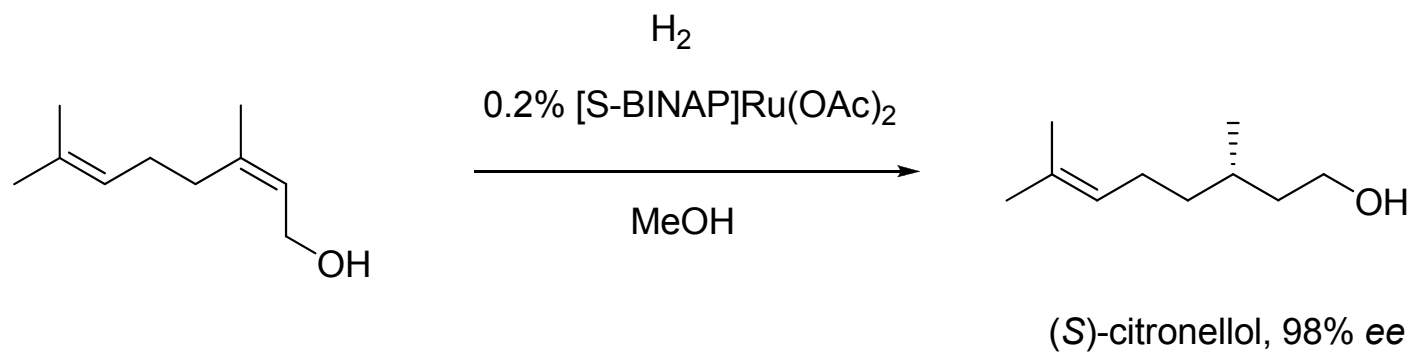
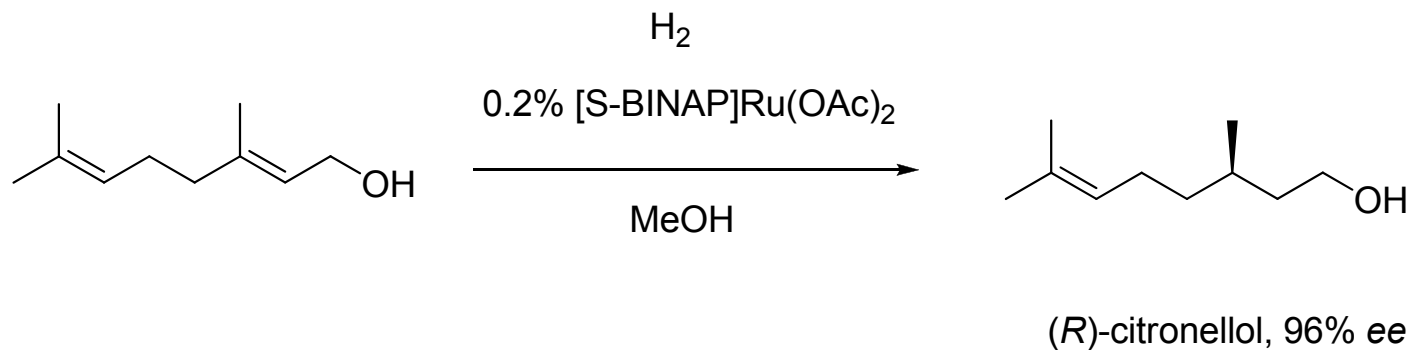
# Dinamic Kinetic Resolution of $\beta$ -keto esters



- Efficient reaction is obtained when  $K_{\text{inv}} \gg K_{\text{S,R}}$  and  $K_{\text{R,R}}$
- Quick acces to  $\beta$ -hydroxy amino acids

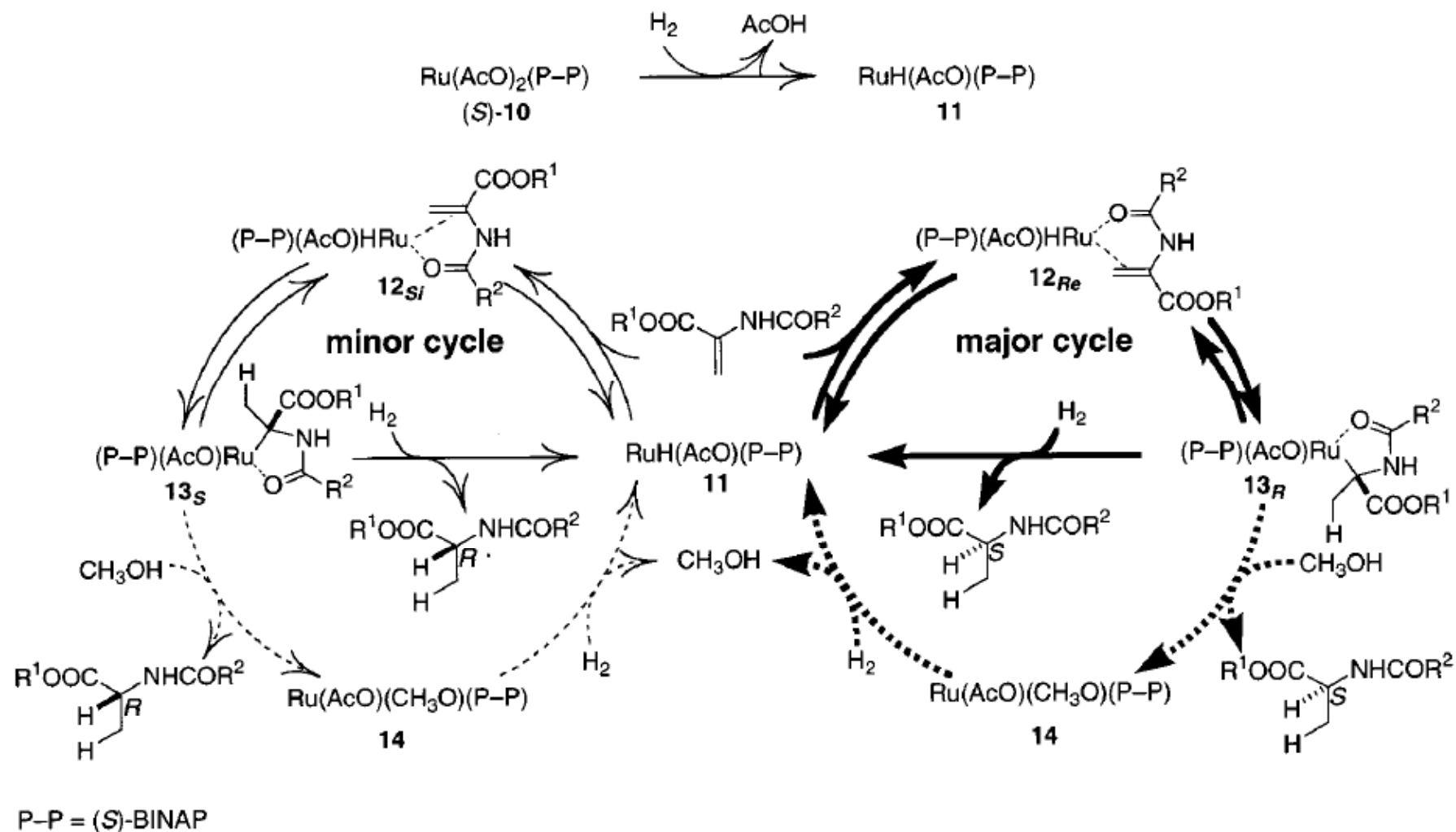
# *Ru* catalyzed stereospecific hydrogenation of allylic esters

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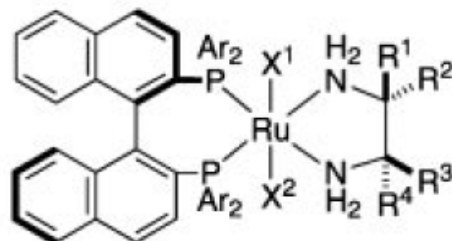
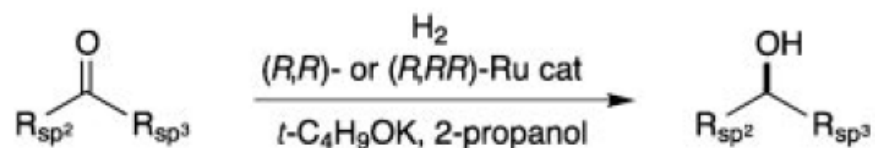
# Mechanism of Ru(II)-catalyzed hydrogenation of enamides



- Change of mechanism relative to (Rh)-based hydrogenation allows excellent selectivity in favor of most stable Ru(II) complex

Noyori, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2002**, 124, 6649.

# Simple Ketones



**(R,R)-35:** Ar = 3,5-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>; R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
R<sup>3</sup> = (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH; R<sup>4</sup> = H; X<sup>1</sup> = X<sup>2</sup> = Cl

**(R,SS)-36:** Ar = 3,5-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>; R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>4</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; R<sup>2</sup> = R<sup>3</sup> = H;  
X<sup>1</sup> = BH<sub>4</sub>; X<sup>2</sup> = H

**(R,RR)-37:** Ar = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>4</sup> = H; R<sup>2</sup> = R<sup>3</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>;  
X<sup>1</sup> = X<sup>2</sup> = Cl

**(R,RR)-38:** Ar = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>4</sup> = H; R<sup>2</sup> = R<sup>3</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>;  
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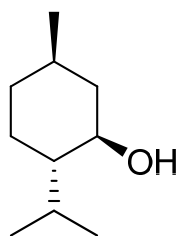
**(R,SS)-39:** Ar = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>4</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; R<sup>2</sup> = R<sup>3</sup> = H;  
X<sup>1</sup> = X<sup>2</sup> = Cl

- Also works for Alkyl-Alkyl and functionalized ketones
- NH<sub>2</sub>-type ligand is important for catalyst activity, “NH effect”
- Proceeds by different outersphere mechanism (no ketone-Ru coord involved)

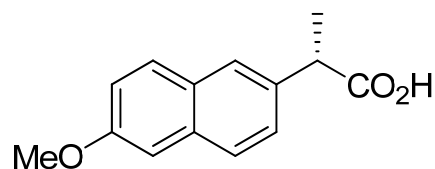
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# Application of Ru(II)-based Hydrogenation to Natural Products

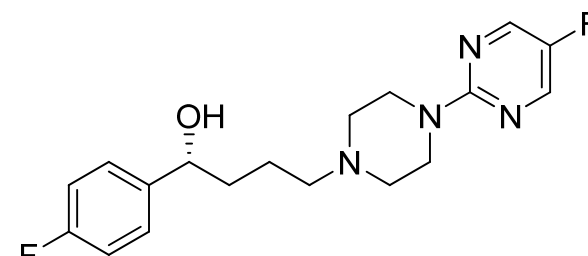
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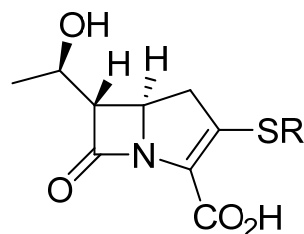
**(-)-menthol**



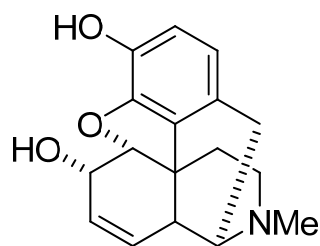
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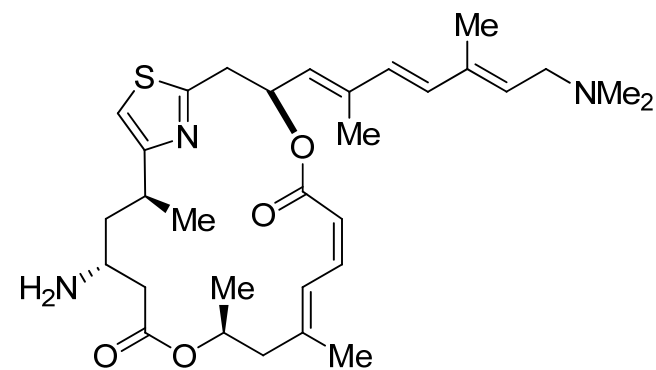
**BMS 181100**  
(antipsychotic agent)



**carbapenems**



**morphine**



**Pateamine A**