# Asymmetric Counteranion-Directed Catalysis in Organocatalysis



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#### Representative asymmetric activation modes:



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What is Asymmetric Counteranion-Directed Catalysis (ACDC) :



Asymmetric counteranion-directed catalysis refers to the induction of enantioselectivity in a reaction proceeding through a cationic intermediate by means of ion pairing with **a chiral, enantiomerically pure anion** provided by the catalyst.

Stablizing interactions in ion-pairs:

- 1. Coulombic attraction;
- 2. Hydrogen bonding interaction;
- 3. Even covalent bonding (not in enantiodeterming step)

Early uses of chiral anions and their conjugate acids:

as tools for the resolution and spectroscopic analysis of chiral molecules



Intellectual foundations of chiral non-coordinating anions



the achiral counterion affected ee value.

Org. Lett. 2000, 26, 4165-4168.

place the copper cation within a chiral pocket created by two separate binaphthol fragments on the boron center.

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Early work using CPA by Terada (2004):



CP1i

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 5356-5357. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2007, 129, 6756-6764.

protonation.

R<sup>2</sup>

HO

Ph

NMR study :



hydrogen bonds could be characterized by a combination of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>15</sup>N NMR spectroscopy.

Possible activated modes: (300 K = 26.8 °C; 240 K = - 33.15 °C; 200 K = - 73.15 °C)



Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2011, 50, 6364 –6369.

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

Influence of temperature:

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at low temperatures, the ion pairs  $NH(1\cdot 2_{O\cdots HN})$  are stabilized; at increasing temperatures, the hydrogen-bonded complexes  $OH(1\cdot 2_{OH\cdots N})$  become favored.

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![](_page_10_Figure_1.jpeg)

Design of new chiral Brønsted acid :

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- ➡ 3,3'-substituents on BINOL radiate away from active site;
- ➡ More than one base/acid pairs in 4 and 5;
- Low selectivity

![](_page_11_Figure_1.jpeg)

- ➡ High rigidity;
- ➡ Steric blocking of alternative Brønsted basic N-site;
- high selectivity

![](_page_11_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_12_Figure_1.jpeg)

Non-thermodynamic configuration

Enantioselective Sulfoxidation:

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![](_page_12_Figure_5.jpeg)

 $H_2O_2$  could be activated in a well-defined and narrow position within a chiral cavity

Nature **2012**, 483, 315–319. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2012**, 134, 10765–10768

![](_page_13_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_13_Picture_2.jpeg)

Hydroxy group ortho to the aldehyde is crucial for reactivity and enantioselectivity

entry	catalyst	time (days)	conv. (3a) (%)	er <sup>b</sup>
1	4a	5	7	ND
2	4b	5	13	ND
3	5a	5	52	91:9
4	5b	2.5	83	87:13
5	6a	2.5	>99	95.5:4.5
6	6b	2.5	>99	94:6

- ➡ Electron-withdrawing nitro group
- → Strong electron acceptor (NTf group)

#### High acidity

Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2015**, 54, 7703 –7706; J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2016**, 138, 10822–10825

Asymmetric reaction of olefins relies on transitional metal catalysis:

![](_page_14_Figure_2.jpeg)

Activation of olefins via ACDC:

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![](_page_14_Figure_5.jpeg)

Activation of olefins via ACDC:

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Only 1,1'-disubtituted alkenes worked in this reaction conditions.

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Through DFT, The lowest energy transition state TS1 suggests a concerted though asynchronous mechanism.

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The first example of asymmetric counteranion-directed Lewis acid catalysis:

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Enantioselective Mukaiyama aldol reaction:

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![](_page_19_Figure_3.jpeg)

Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2009, 48, 4363-4366

Enantioselective Mukaiyama aldol reaction:

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_21_Figure_1.jpeg)

Conventional approaches to enantioselective Lewis acid catalysis:

- chirality directly attached to Lewis acid
- complexation between chiral catalyst and substrate
- achiral counteranion present, if Lewis acid is cationic

![](_page_21_Picture_6.jpeg)

Asymmetric counteranion-directed catalysis with catalytic silylium ion equivalents (silylium ion-ACDC):

- chirality at the counteranion
- Coulomb interaction between chiral anion and activated substrate
- silylium ion equivalent = highly active Lewis acid catalyst

*Nature communication*. **2016**, 7, 12478. *Science*, **2016**, 351, 949.

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### **2.3.** Chiral counterions combining with amine

![](_page_23_Figure_1.jpeg)

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 13368-13369.

## 2.3. Chiral counterions combining with amine

Enantioselective epoxidation of enals:

![](_page_24_Figure_2.jpeg)

Proposed catalytic cycle:

![](_page_24_Figure_4.jpeg)

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The primary product of the cyclization, C, is a chiral iminium–TRIP ion pair. This indicates that the transition state leading to C will also have ion-pair character.

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## 2.4. Chiral anion binding from hydrogen-bonding catalysts

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A: anion remains achiral

B: the complex of thiourea and the leaving group can be considered to be anionic part

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Pictet-Spengler-Type Cyclizations of hydroxylactams:

![](_page_26_Figure_6.jpeg)

Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2007**, 46, 612–614. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2007**, 129, 13404-13405.

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### 2.5. Chiral counterions in phase-transfer catalysis

Chiral anion phase transfer catalysis compared to chiral cation PTC:

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Asymmetric ring opening with anionic chiral PTC:

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## 2.5. Chiral counterions in phase-transfer catalysis

Asymmetric ring opening with anionic chiral PTC:

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The failure of  $Ag_2CO_3$  to promote the reaction alone is consistent with PTC role of the phosphrate anion.

Addition of more soluble silver compounds such as AgOTs led to significantly lower ee due to competition from the achiral anion

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Trichloroacetimidate as leaving group

## 2.5. Chiral counterions in phase-transfer catalysis

Asymmetric electrophilic fluorination with anionic chiral PTC:

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#### 4. Conclusion

#### ➡ Five reaction modes of chiral anion: realization of asymmetric reaction in good selectivty

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- ➡ Most substrates restricted to aldehyde or ketones in CBA and LA catalysis
- ➡ Application in photocatalysis, activation of alkene or alkyne

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buried acid with big subtituents

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Thank you!

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