

Enzyme Catalysis Easy and Efficient

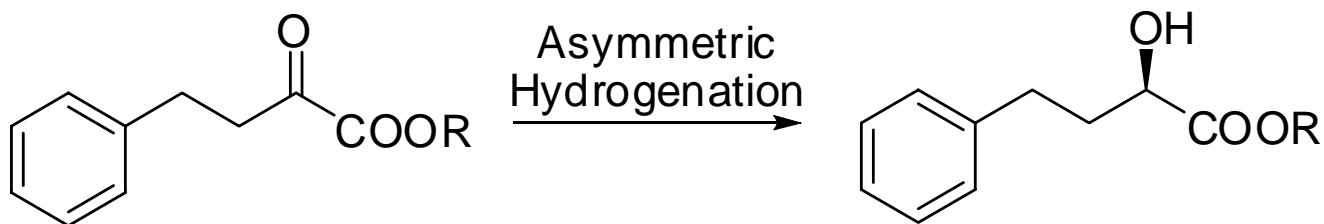


Pascal Dünkermann



- Replacement of kinetic resolutions with asymmetric synthesis
- Catalytic rather than stoichiometric reagents
- Exquisite enantioselectivity; e.e.s >99.5 are routine
- Exquisite chemoselectivity
- Green processes: water as solvent, mild conditions; e.g. reductions (IPA) and oxidations (air) at RT, atmospheric pressure
- Inexpensive catalysts manufactured by low-cost fermentation
- No special equipment required to run reaction
- More reaction classes become available





Feature	Whole cell bioreduction	LDH/FDH Membrane	Pt-cinchona Ketoester	Pt-cinchona Diketoester
Yield (%)	99	79	46	50
Atom economy (%)	30	34	51	52
e.e. Product (%)	>99.8	>99.8	80-92	76-82



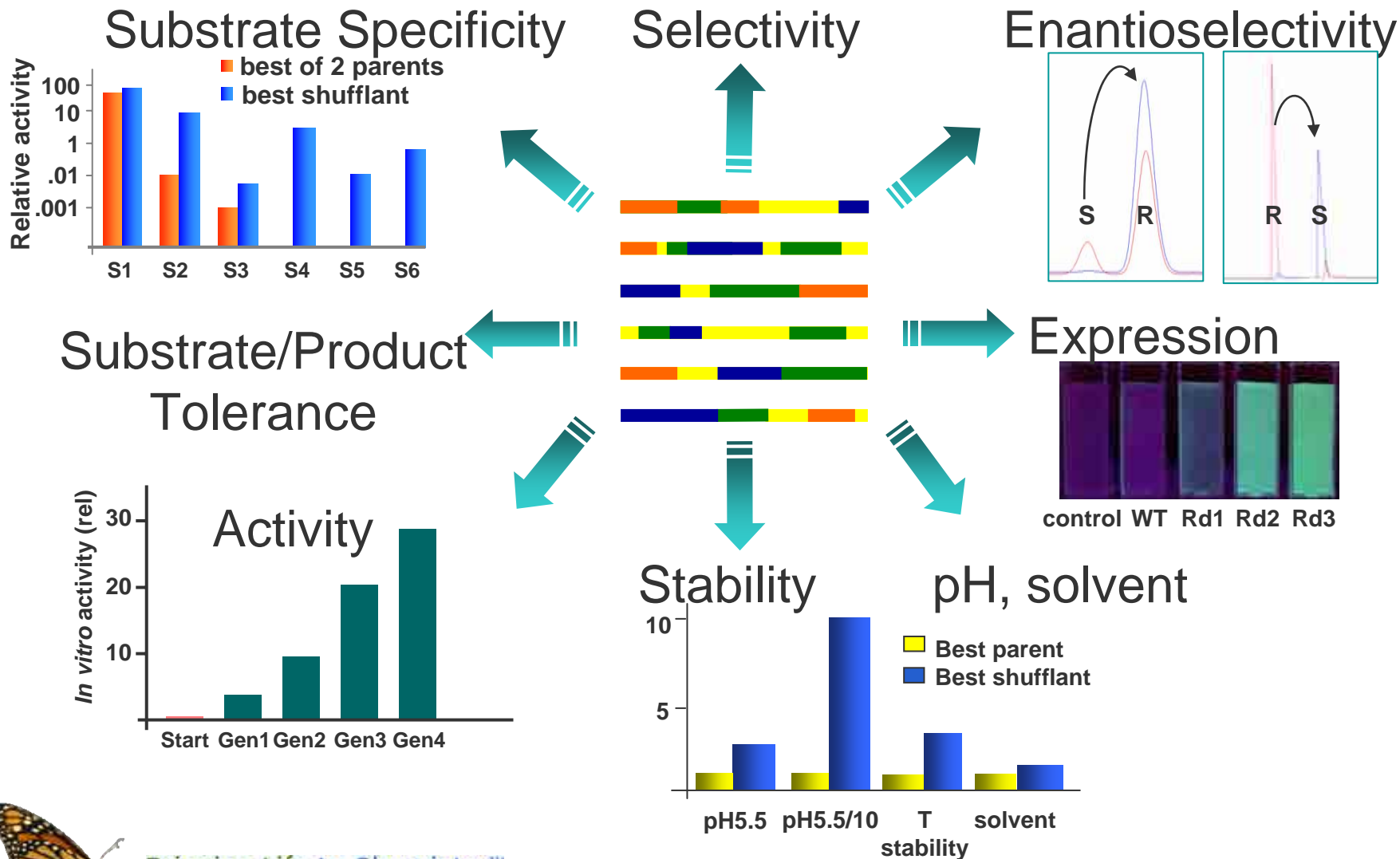
Feature	Whole cell bioreduction	LDH/FDH Membrane	Pt-cinchona Ketoester	Pt-cinchona Diketoester
Space-time yield (mol/L/d)	1.7-0.64	1.0	24	12
Ketone conc (%)	1.9	1.9	>20	>20
kg materials/ kg product	105	82	58	40
kg solvent/ kg product	42	25	14	16

Conclusion: “Green-ness” of biocatalysis is lacking here due to low substrate concentration and isolation of dilute product from water



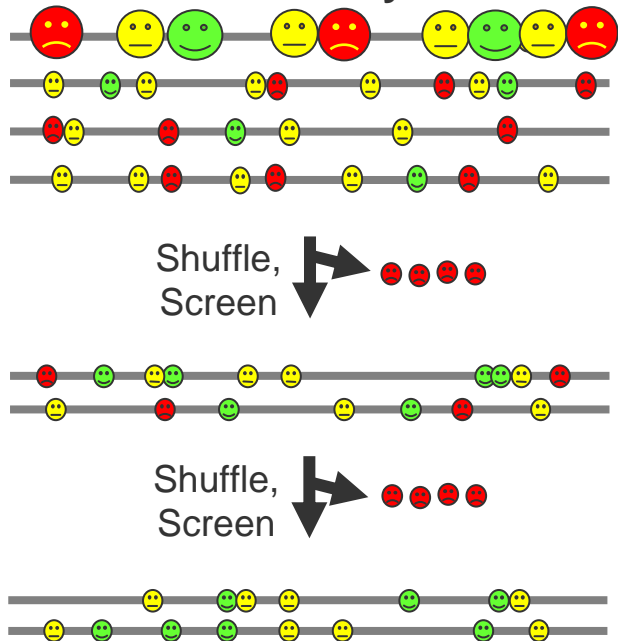
- 1. Design the desired conceptual biocatalytic chemical process**
 - **Make it “green-by-design”**
- 2. Evolve the biocatalyst for fitness to enable the desired process**





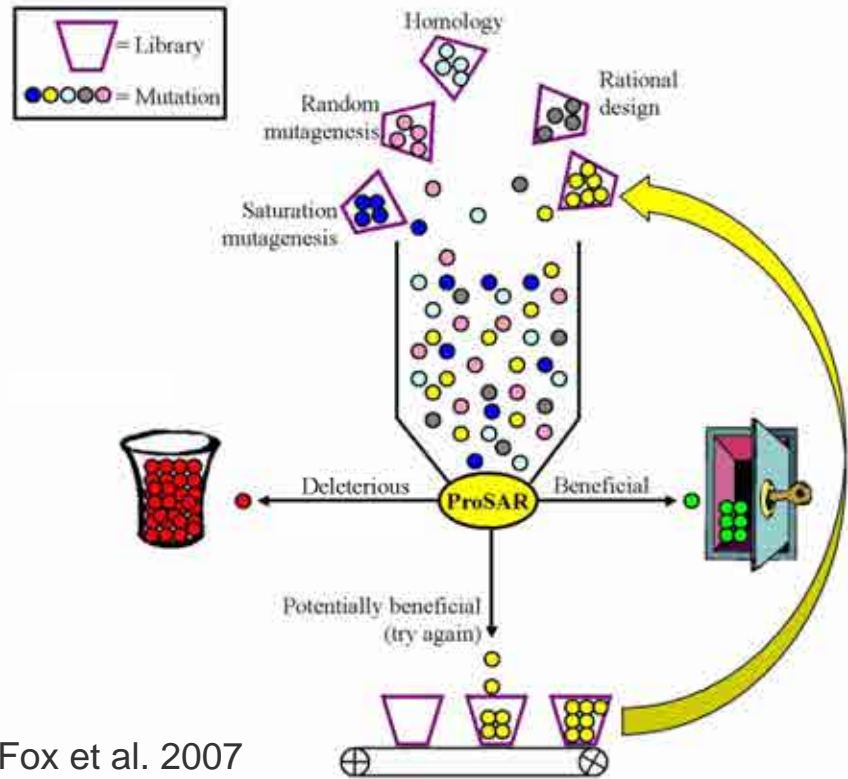
Legacy DNA shuffling

Genes / Enzymes



Stemmer 1994

ProSAR-Driven Semi-Synthetic Shuffling



Fox et al. 2007

Sorting gene-by-gene

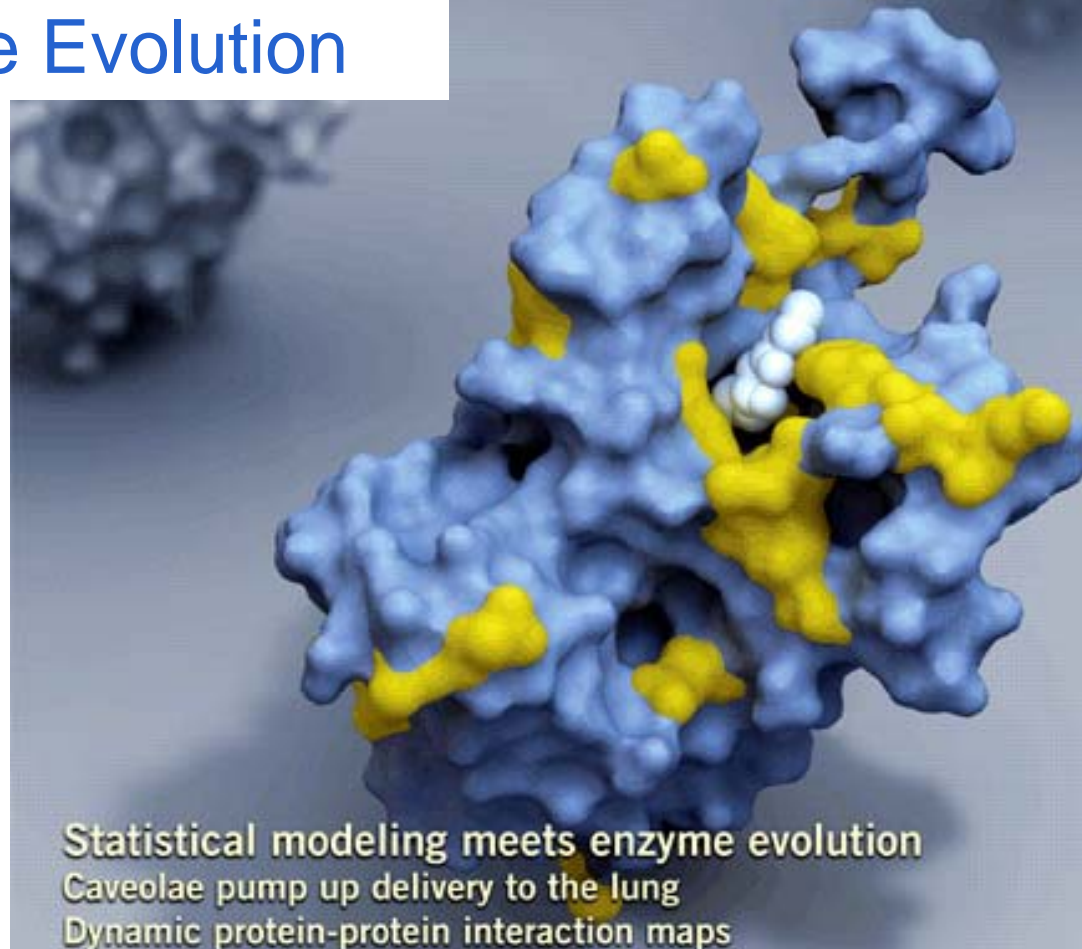
Sorting mutation-by-mutation



Nature Biotech. March, 2007

Improving Catalytic Function by ProSAR-Driven Enzyme Evolution

- 4000-fold improved over WT
- 37 mutations from WT
- Random mutation, rational design, shuffling and ProSAR used in concert
- Most beneficial mutations were not in top 10 hits and would have been missed without PROSAR



Codex™ Diagnostic Panels:

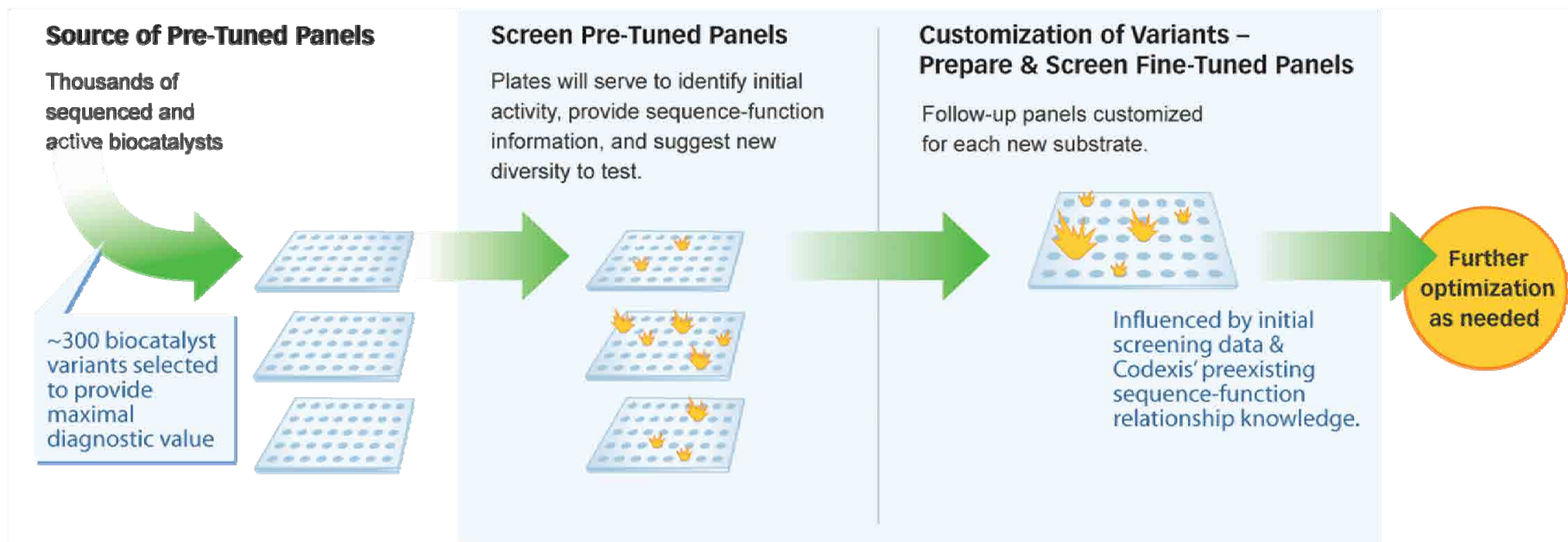
- Functionally diverse biocatalyst variants of a wild-type biocatalyst pre-evolved to:
 - to be chemical process robust (organics-stable, thermostable)
 - to be readily manufactured at commercial scale
 - to accept wide range of substrates
 - to produce different stereo-isomers
- Combinatorial design for structure-function analysis (Codexis' ProSAR™)
- Arrayed on three 96-well plates

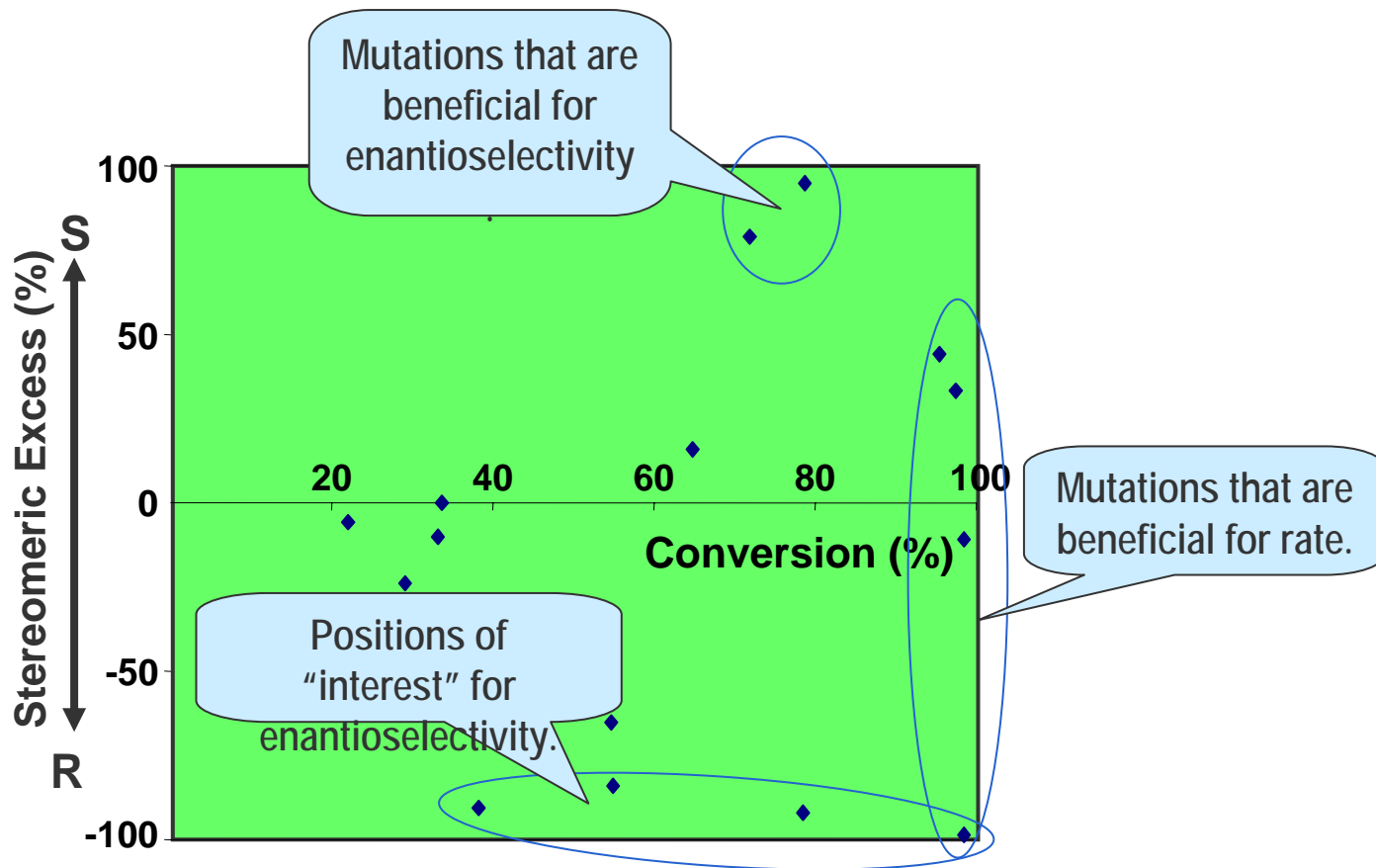
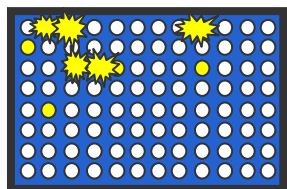
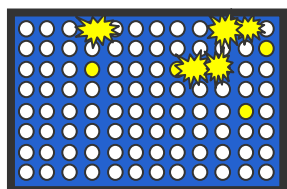


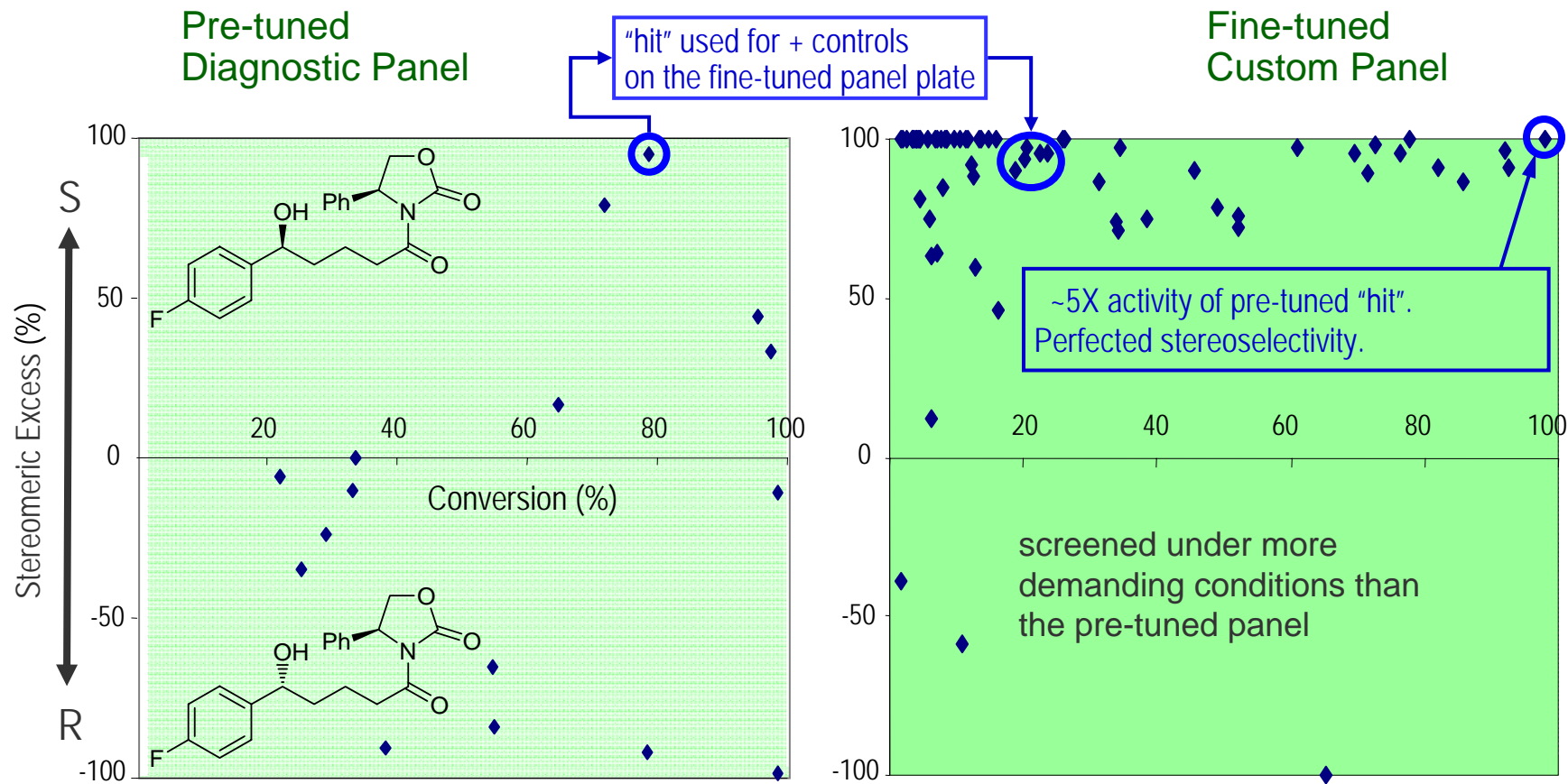
- A diagnostic tool for PROtein Sequence-Activity Relationships
- Provide a jumpstart for directed evolution by DNA shuffling



CODEX PANEL OVERVIEW – PRE-TUNED AND FINE-TUNED PANELS

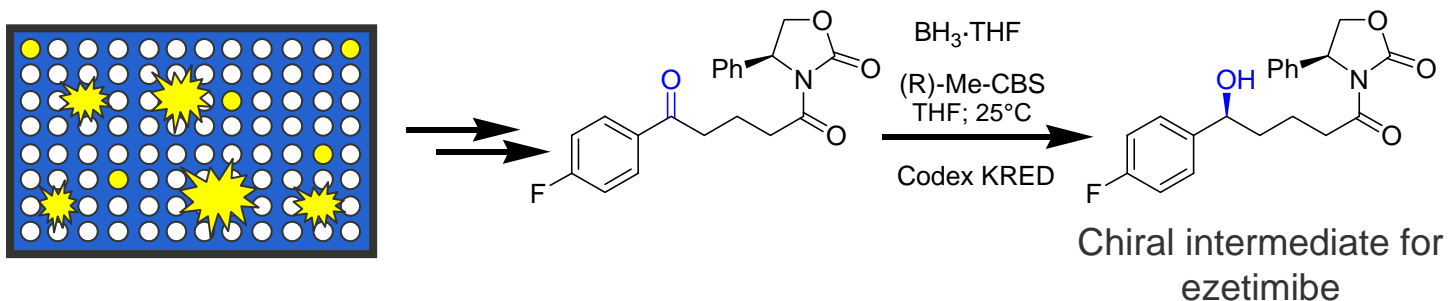






Fine-tuned panel “hit” required 500x further activity improvement

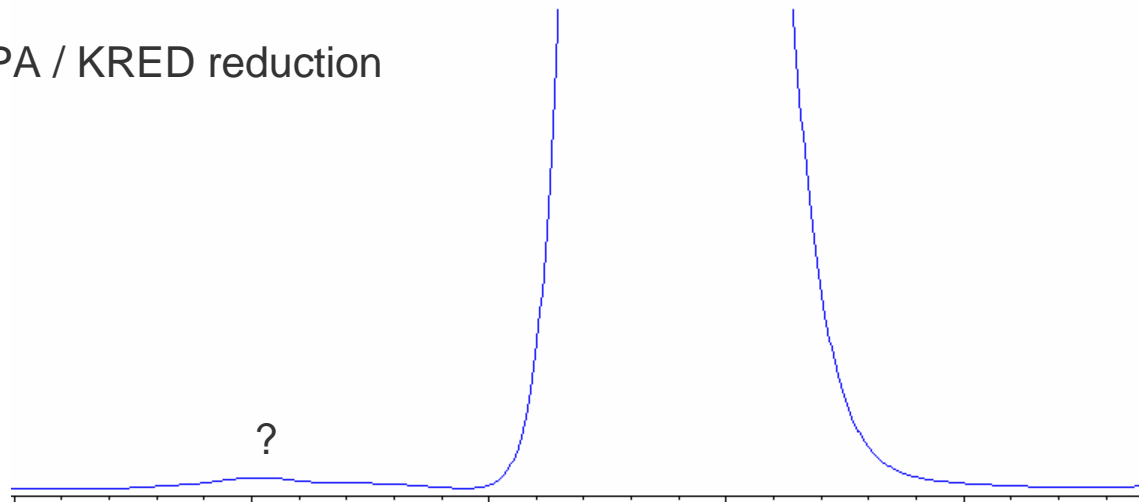




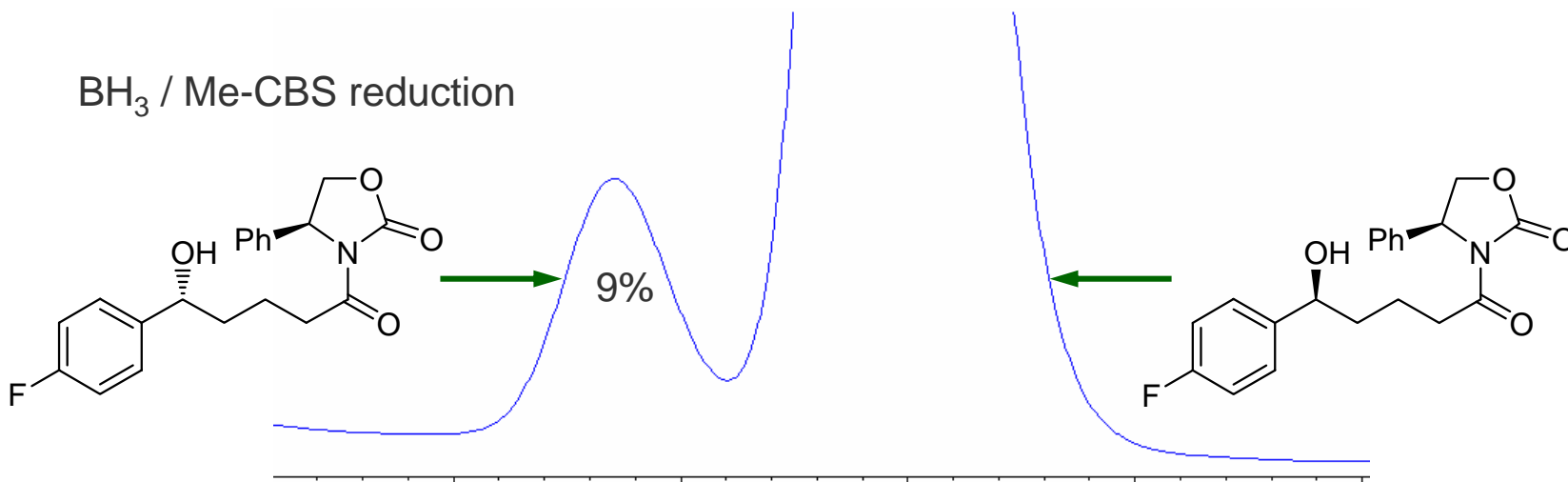
Chemical Process	KRED Process
<p>Uses Me-CBS and BH_3 Both are toxic and hazardous. Me-CBS is expensive and used at high loading</p>	<p>Catalytic: Runs at 100 g/L: Environmentally friendly, Greatly reduced hazard (water, IPA at RT), Economically superior</p>
<p>Stereoselectivity is inadequate and highly “touchy” (over-reduction). Sensitive to moisture and reagent quality. Stereopurity upgrade required.</p>	<p>Reduction using glucose, GDH in H_2O, Produces >99.9% e.e. alcohol</p>
<p>Complicated Work-up</p>	<p>Straightforward work-up In tech transfer</p>



Codexis IPA / KRED reduction



BH₃ / Me-CBS reduction

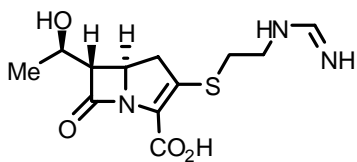
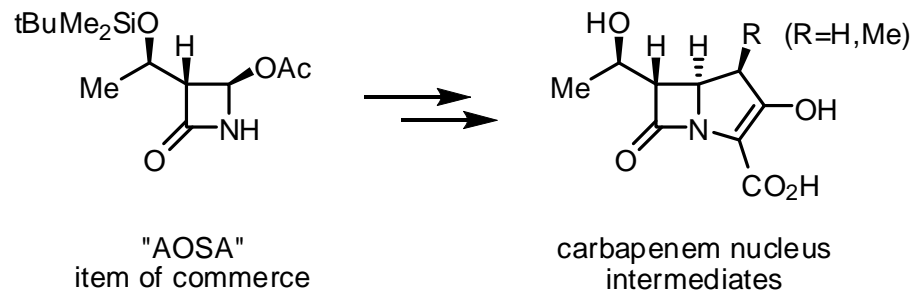
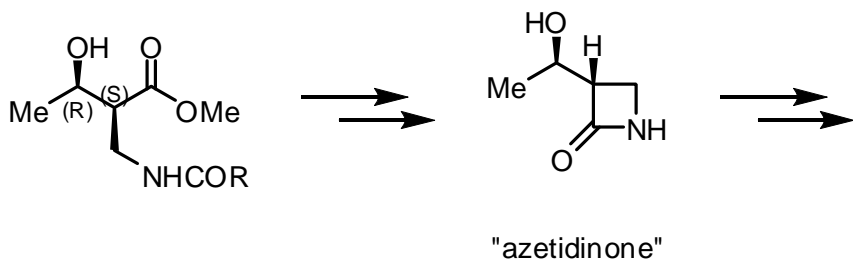


The Azetidinone Intermediate for Carbapenem Antibiotics

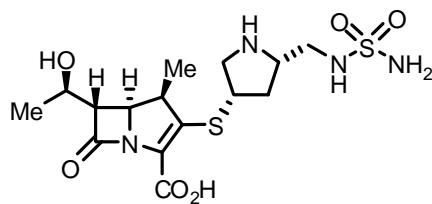
Replacing Noyori's Ru-BINAP



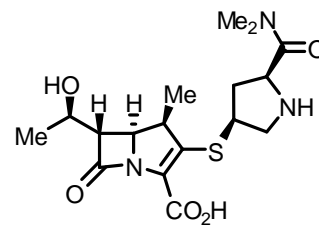
Azetidinone Intermediate for Carbapenem Antibiotic Nuclei



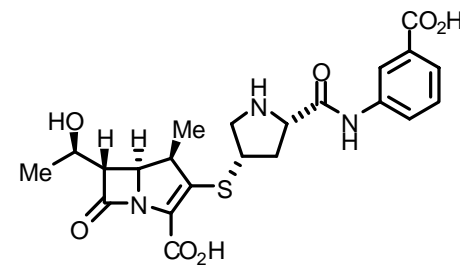
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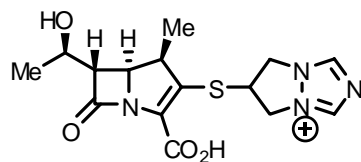
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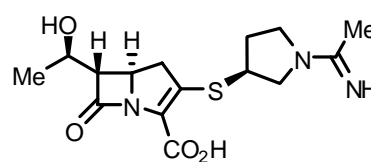
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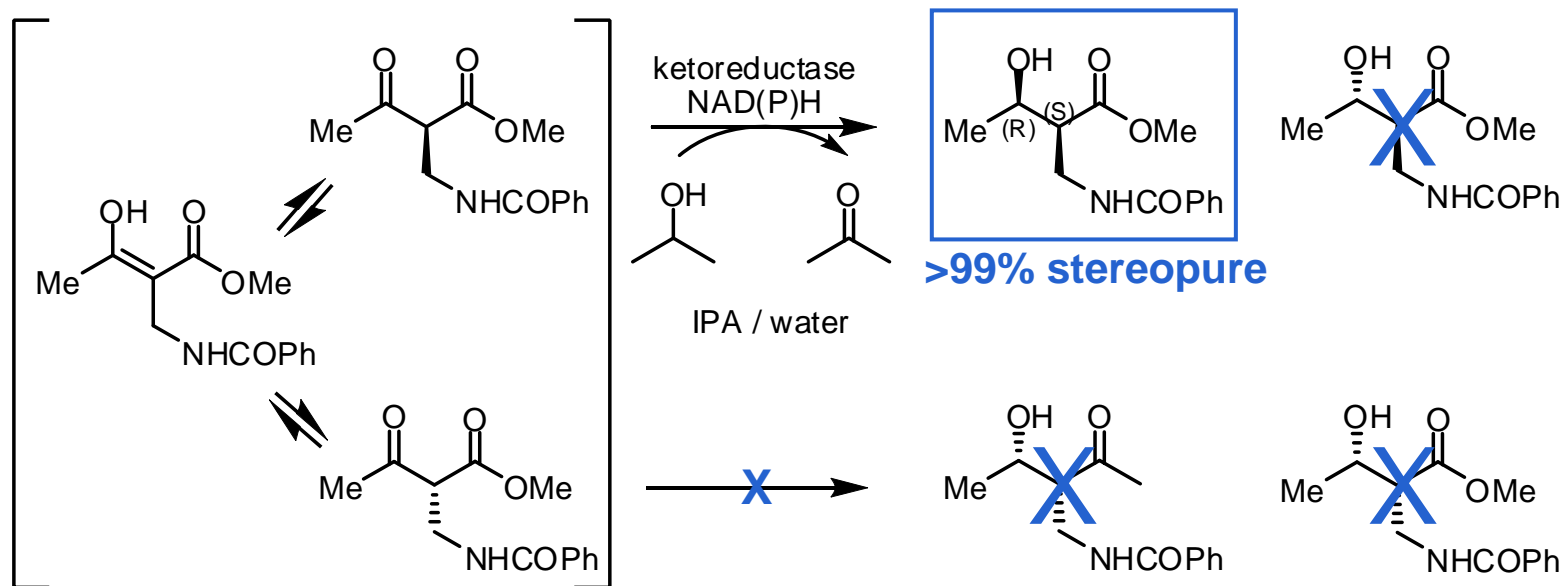


biapenem



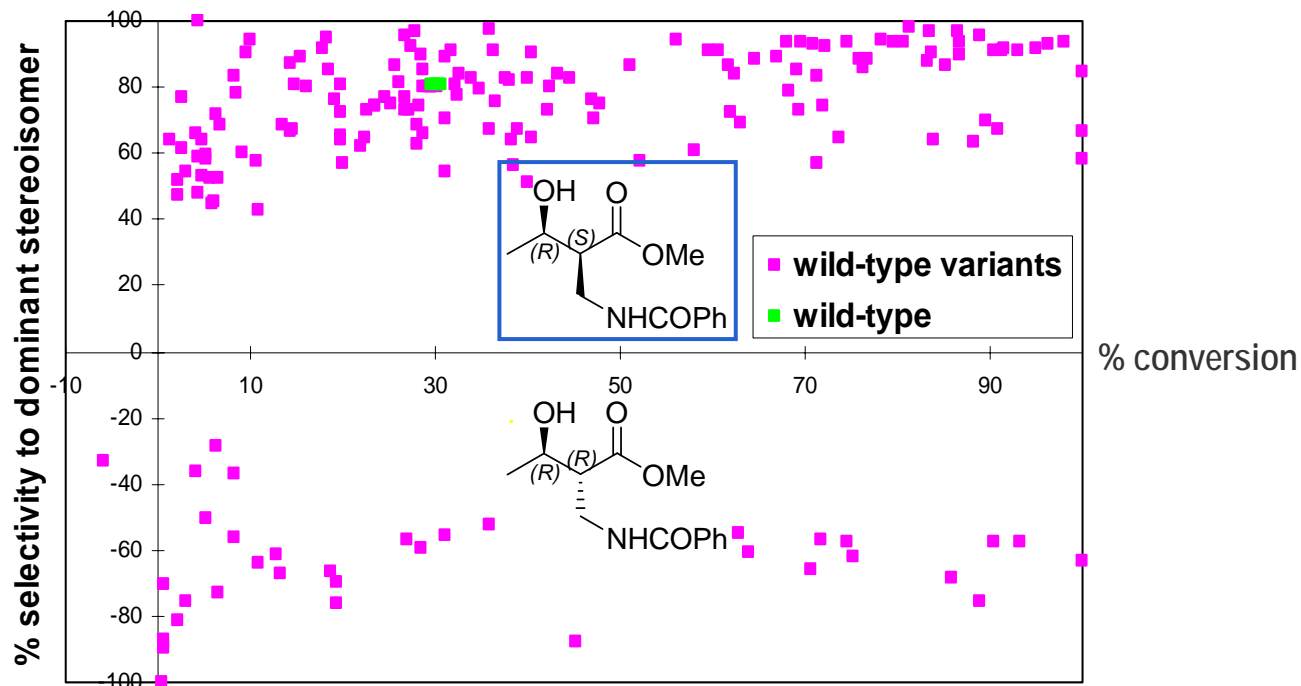
panipenem





More highly stereospecific/diastereoselective reduction with IPA in water enabled by a custom-evolved ketoreductase





The Panel data shows diversity for higher activity and higher stereoselectivity over the wild type



- Screened KRED panel
- Based on ProSAR, generated and screened **one** semi-synthetic library
- Rationally constructed **4 variants** of the shuffled hit with combinations of 3 mutations previously identified as sometimes beneficial in evolution of this wild-type's variants

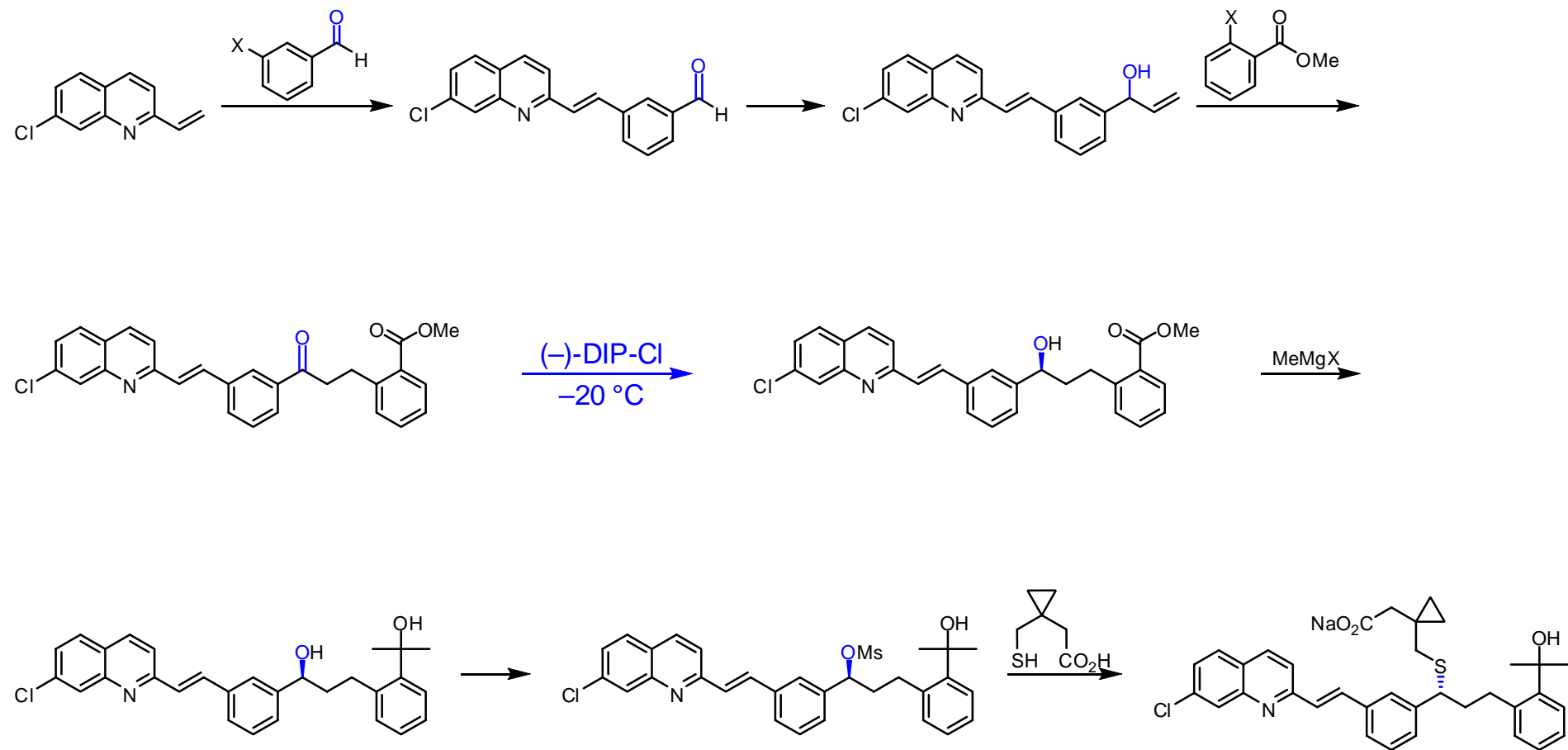
Parameter	Target	wild-type	final biocatalyst
[substrate] (g/L)	≥ 200	20	250
[enzyme] (g/L)	≤ 1 g/L	5	1
NADP (g/L)	≤ 0.1	0.1	0.01
Time (hrs)	≤ 24	24	24
Conversion (%)	>90	<5	100
Stereopurity (%)	>99	80	>99

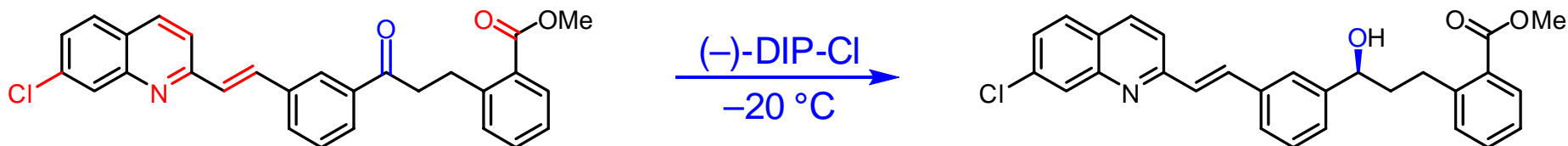
- **The directed evolution was completed using only previously known mutations**
- **From initiation to tech-transfer, the project took 3 months**



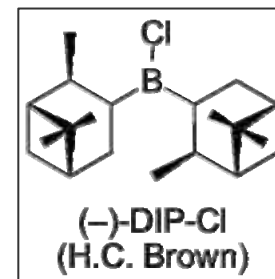
The Chiral Alcohol Intermediate for Montelukast

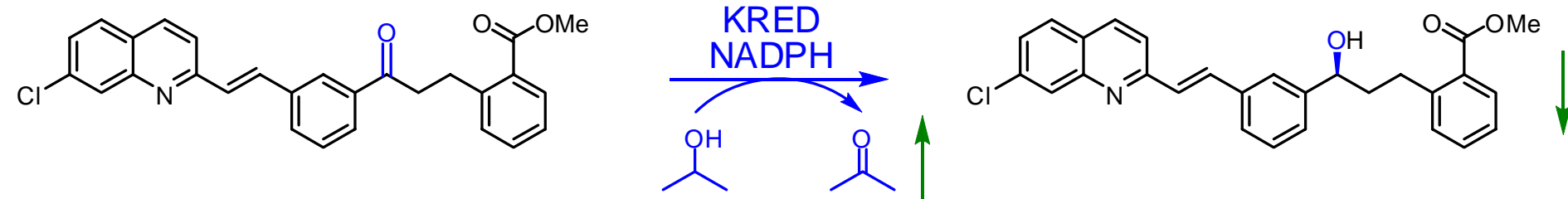






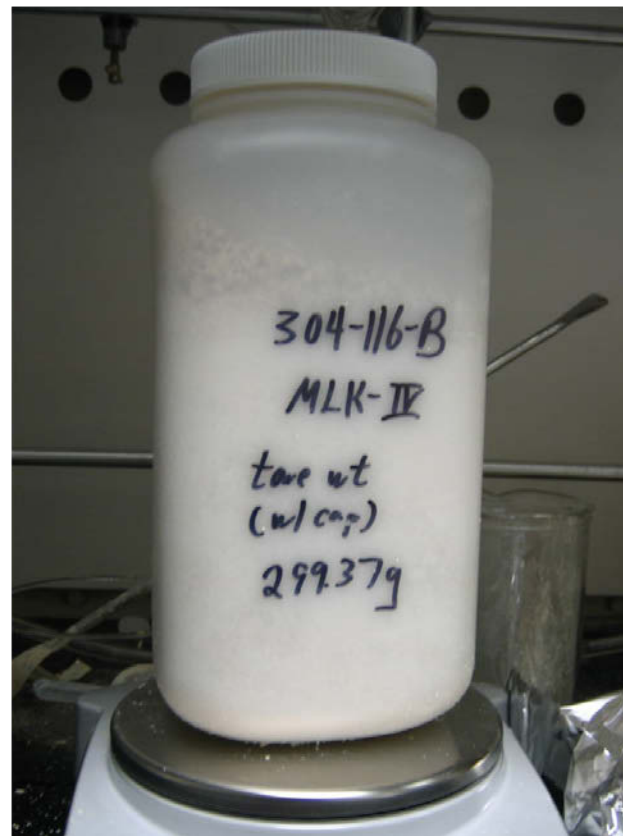
- Merck's process¹ uses a mild and selective reagent, $(-)\text{-DIP-Cl}$ that is a corrosive solid, acidic (DOT); causes burns; moisture-sensitive
- “To obtain both completion and high enantioselectivity, 1.8 equiv. of the reagent was necessary”
- Produced 97% e.e. alcohol. Isolated 87.1% yield, 99.5% e.e.
- Tedious work up to remove borate salts
- Merck publication: “Despite the availability of this method, alternative economical and environmentally acceptable procedures are desired”²





- No commercially available/wild type enzyme exhibits any activity
- Activity was identified in a collection of Codexis' previously evolved KREDs, but **~2000x activity improvement** was needed to meet commercial process targets
- Improvement was accomplished by Codexis' directed evolution technology
- Process requirements for evolutionary fitness:
 - **>50% IPA** to shift equilibrium reaction.
 - **50 °C**: for acetone removal to shift equilibrium reaction
 - **<<0.01 g/L** solubility in 1:1 IPA/water at room temperature

Slurry-to-Slurry reaction of nearly insoluble substrate to nearly insoluble product



10 L reaction slurry

filter, wash, dry

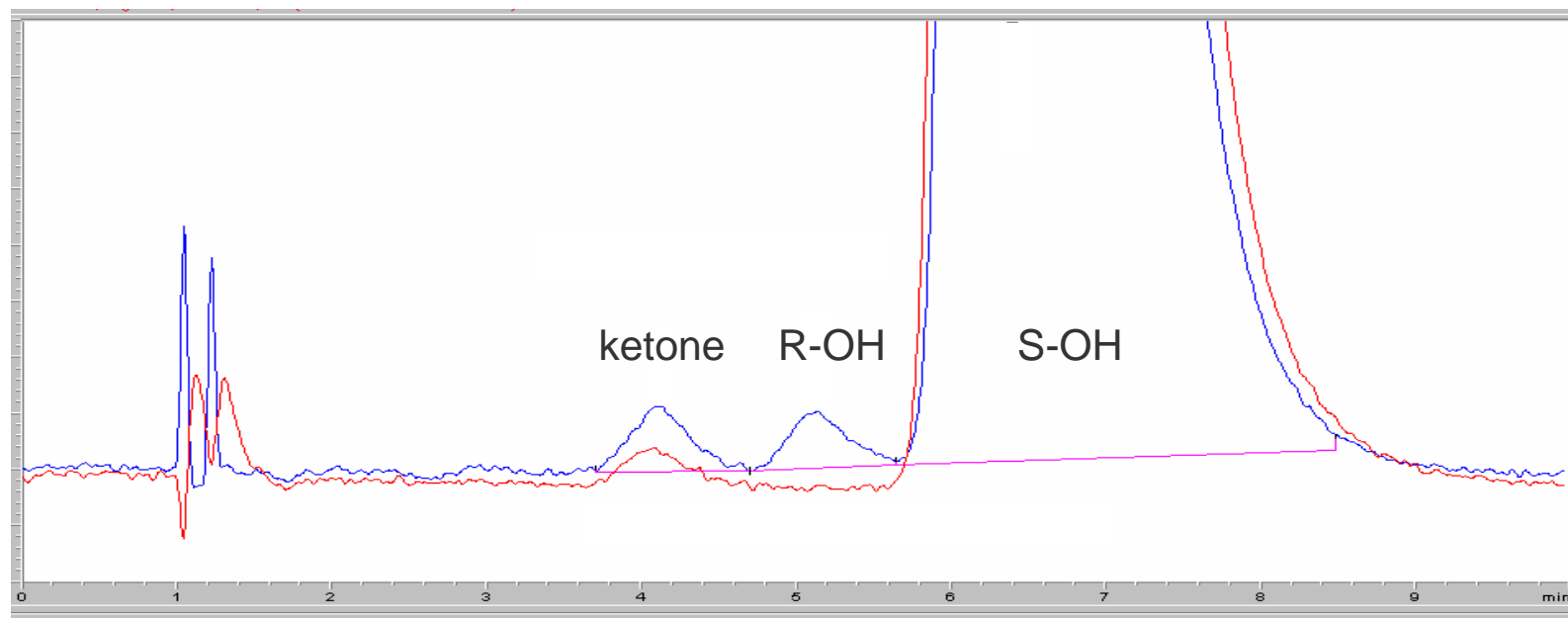
1 kg product
on spec, incl. use test to API



Perfect Enantioselectivity

blue: **crystalline** product from (–)-DIP-Cl reaction, 99.4 % e.e.

red: precipitate filtered from KRED reaction slurry;
R-enantiomer is never observed



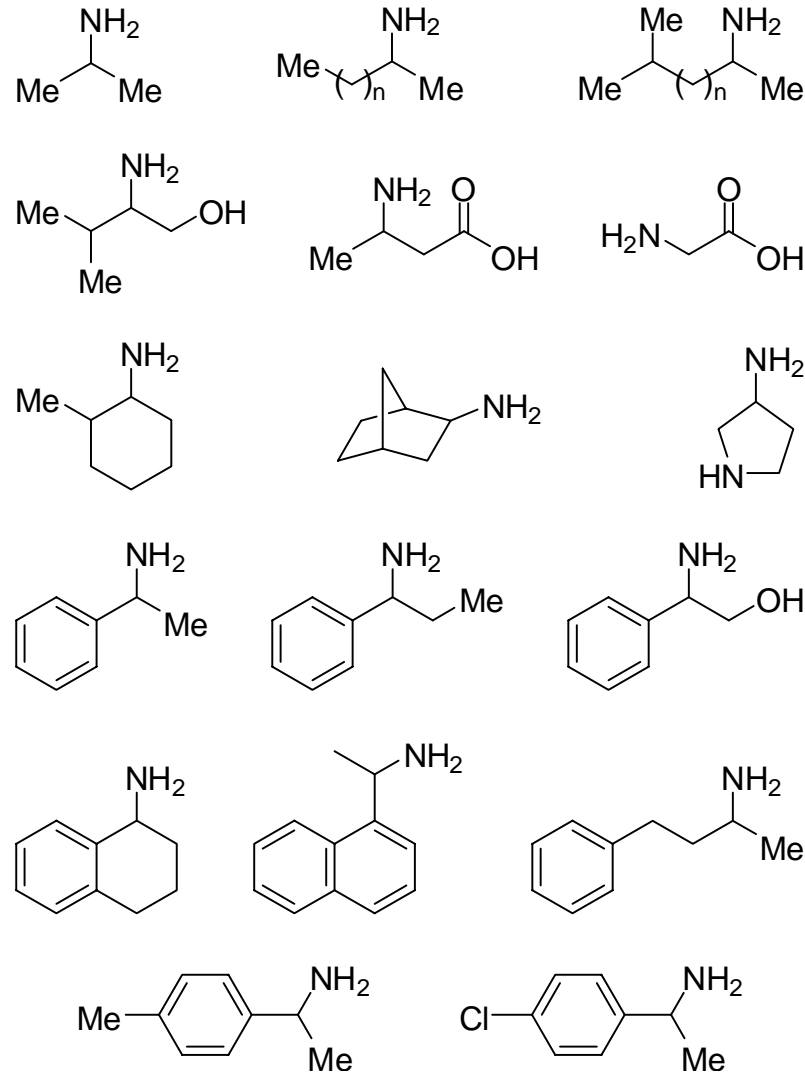
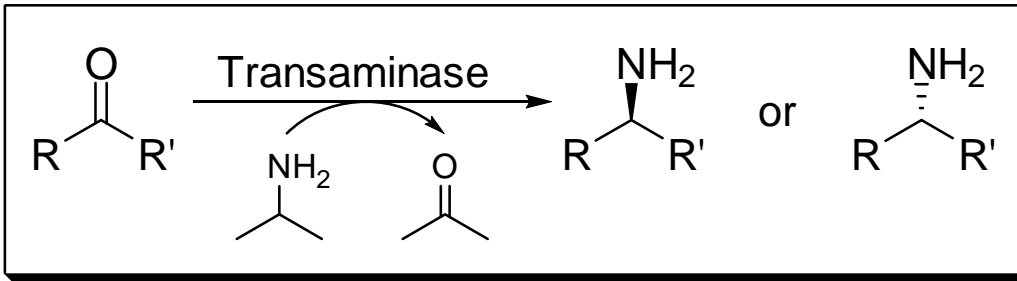
	(-)-DIP-CI Process	Biocatalytic Process
Ketone Concentration	100 g/L	100 g/L
Chiral Agent/Ketone	1.8	catalytic
Temperature	-25 deg C	45 deg C
Conversion	not provided (87% isolated yield)	99.3%
Product Isolation	extraction with high dilution	direct filtration
Enantiomeric Excess	99.2% (after crystallization)	>99.9% (without crystallization)
Solvent/Product (L/kg)	30–50	6
Solvents used	dichloromethane, THF	iPrOH, toluene, water
Other waste	borate salts, other inorganics, 3.6 equiv. of α -pinene	biodegradable enzyme, water

Other Available Enzyme Classes



- Ketoreductases (KRED) chiral alcohols
- Transaminases (TA) chiral amines
- Acylases (ACY) chiral alcohols or amines (by resolution)
- Ene Reductases (ERED) α and/or β chiral ketones, esters, nitriles
- Halohydrin
Dehalogenases (HHDH) chiral epoxides, vicinal cyanohydrins,
amino alcohols, diols
- Nitrilases (NIT) chiral carboxylic acids
- Cytochrome P450
(human and bacterial) metabolites, hydroxylation, dealkylation,
heteroatom oxidation





Chemical Process

- Diastereomeric salt resolution
- Reductive amination
- Reduction of enamines
- Simulated Moving Bed

Issues:

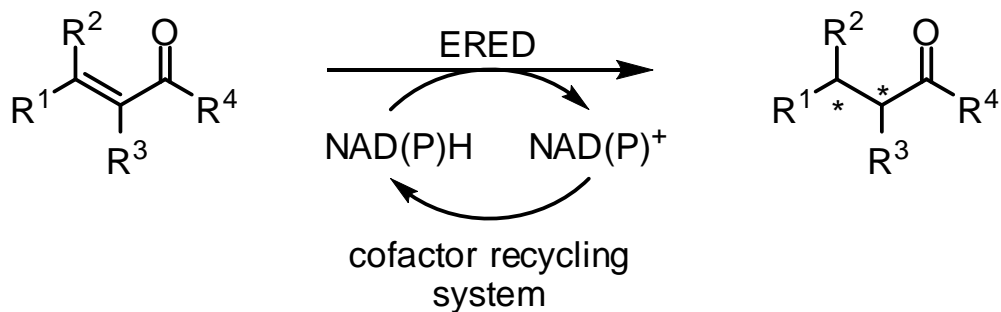
- Low yielding
- Expensive catalysts
- Need for dedicated equipment

Codex TA Panel

- Versatile catalyst for a broad range of substrates
- Standard methods of use
- High volumetric throughput

Solutions:

- Economically attractive processes
- High yielding
- Standard catalyst manufacturing



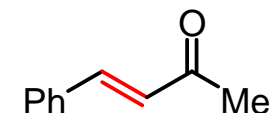
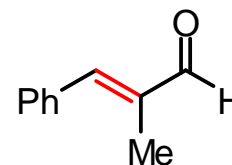
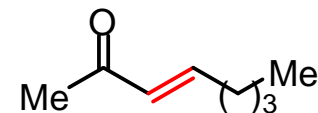
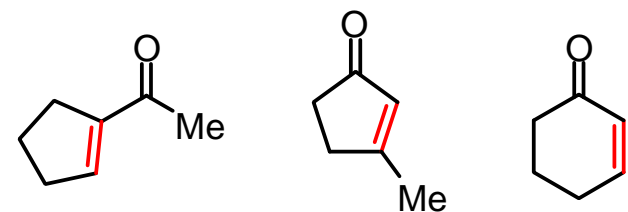
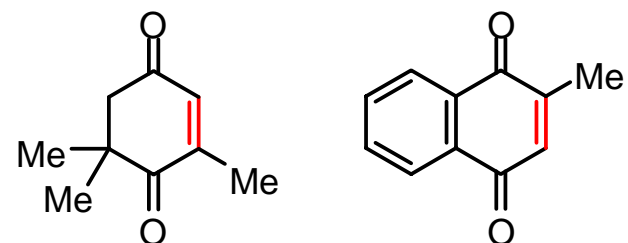
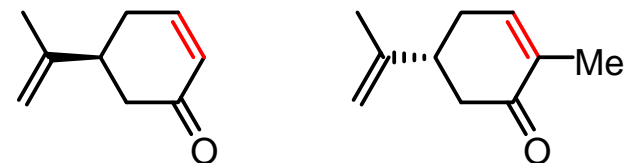
The ERED Codex for:

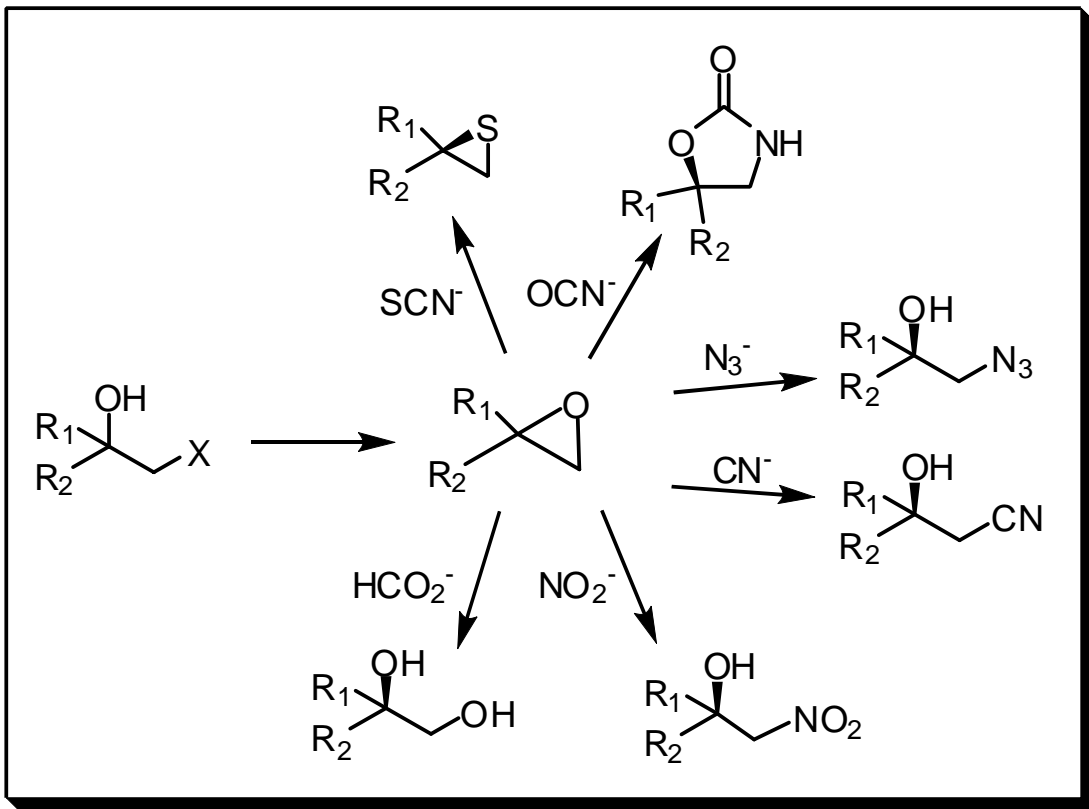
Chiral reduction of α,β -carbonyls:

- Esters
- Nitriles
- Ketones/aldehydes
- Nitro compounds

Co-factor recycling with either IPA/KRED or glucose/GDH

Variants are highly stable to organic solvents (e.g. IPA) and elevated temperatures





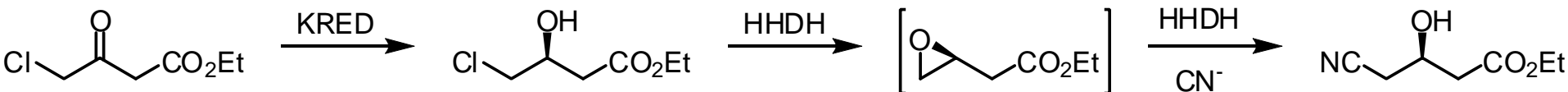
Codex HHDH Panel

Broad range nucleophiles

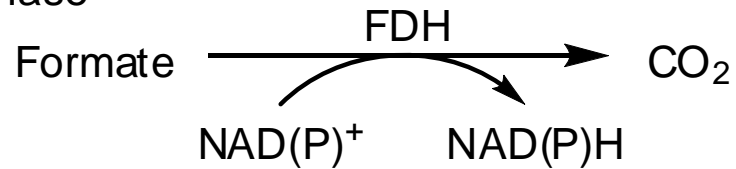
α, α -disubstitution

HHDH Opportunity:

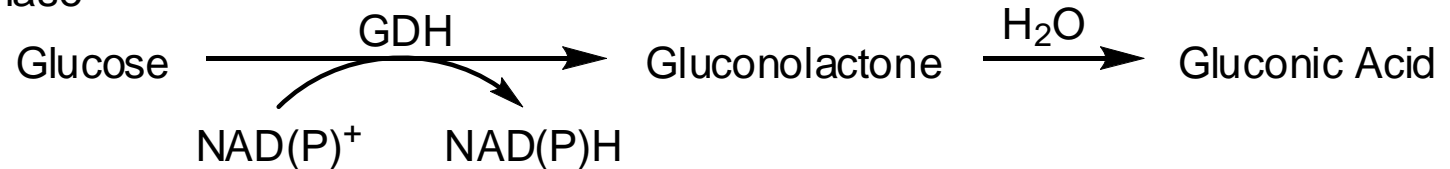
- Hetero atom substitution allowed
- Regioselectivity tuneable
- Cheap nucleophiles



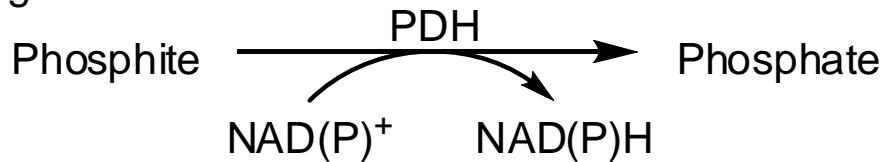
Formate Dehydrogenase



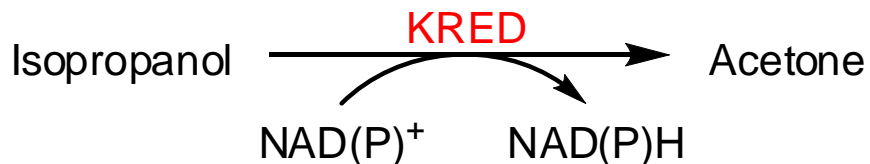
Glucose Dehydrogenase



Phosphite Dehydrogenase



Ketoreductase



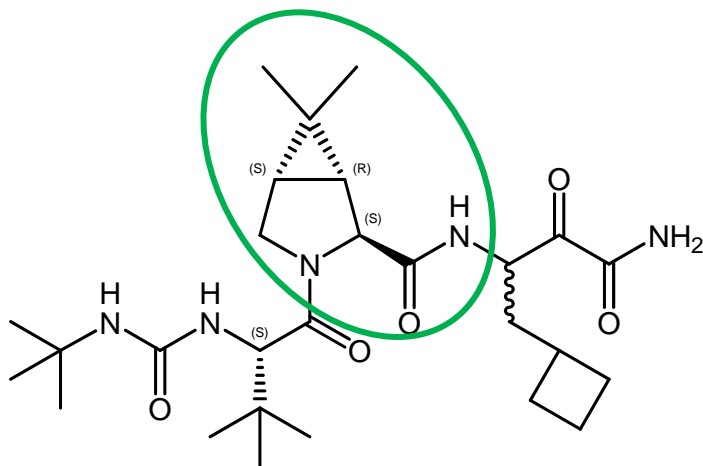
- Nitrilases: Mild hydrolysis of nitriles to carboxylic acids/amides; Panel available soon
- Hydrolases: in collaboration with Novozymes
- Cytochrome P450 enzymes: for metabolite synthesis and lead diversification
- Other reactions can be developed, e.g. amine oxidases...



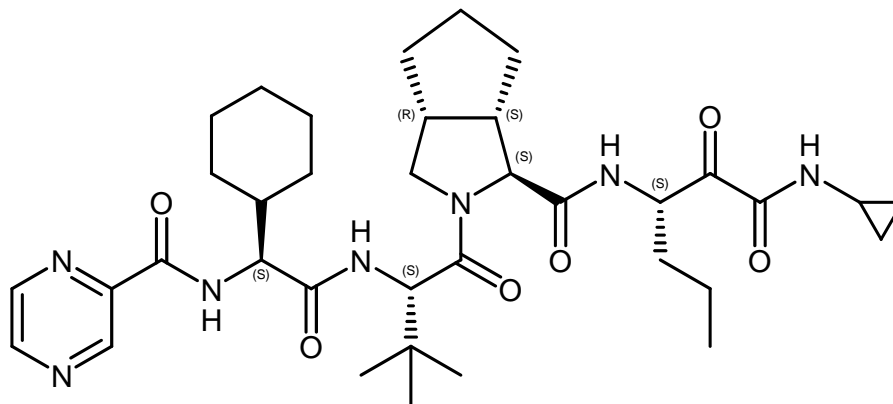
Boceprevir and Telaprevir



Hepatitis C Protease Inhibitors in Phase III Clinical Trials Candidates for a first-in-class Hepatitis C therapy



boceprevir
Schering-Plough

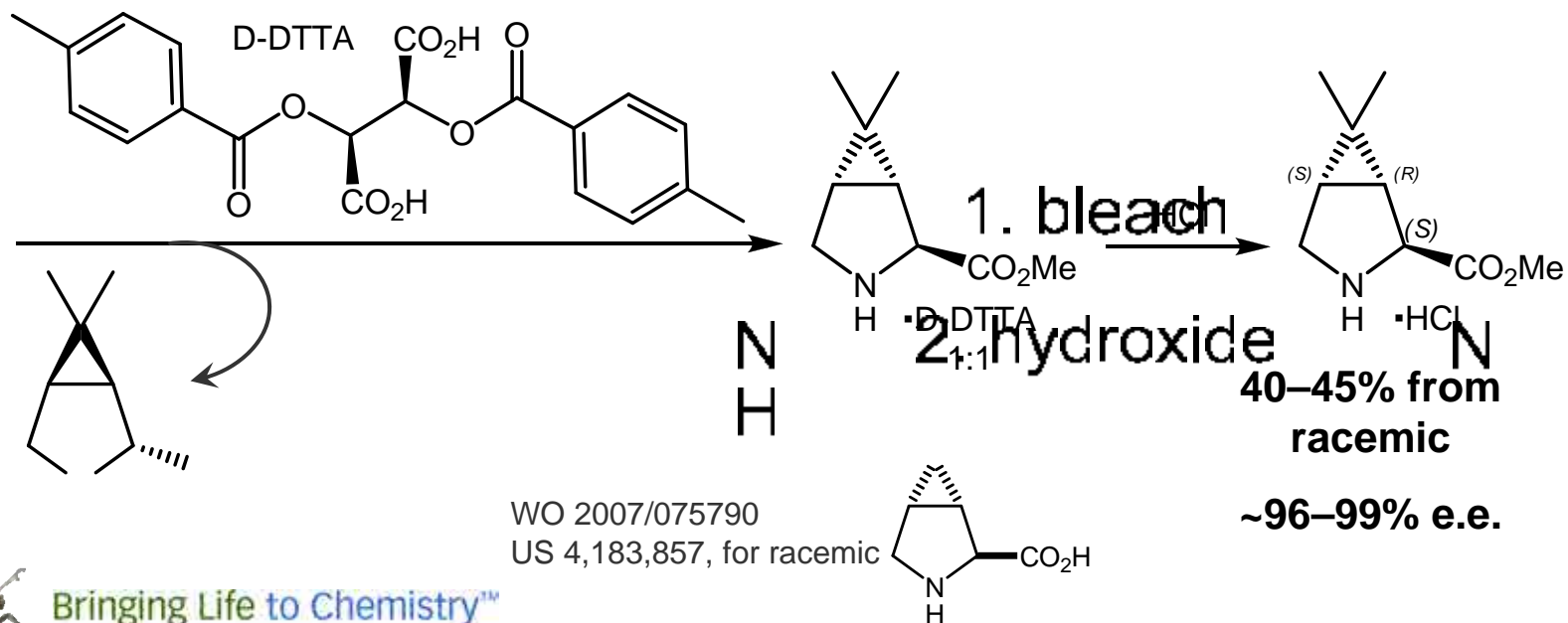
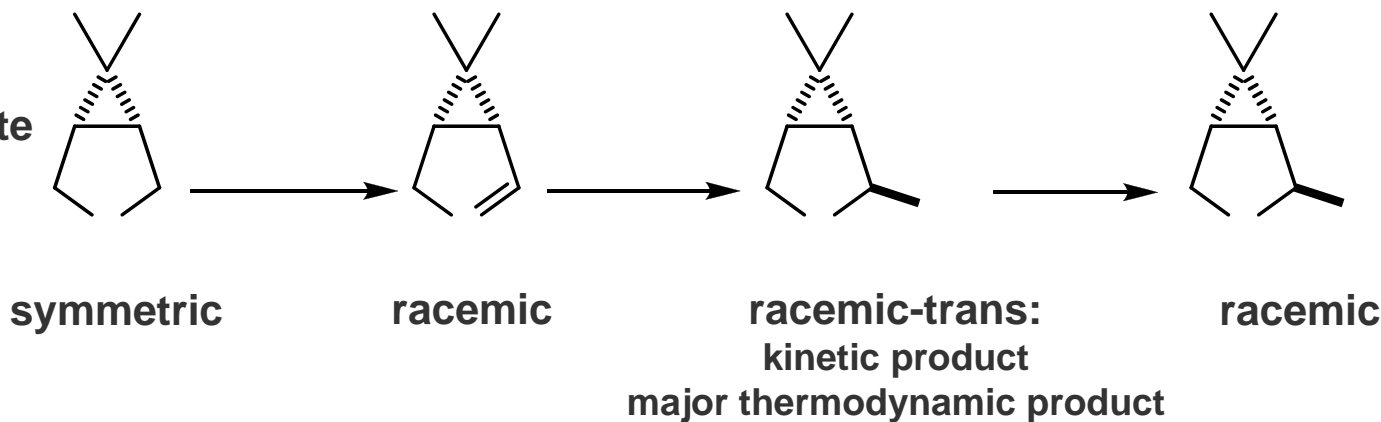


telaprevir
Vertex

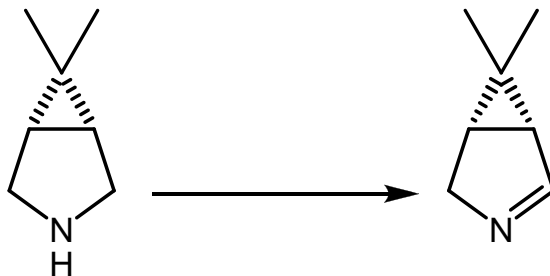


Established Route for Boceprevir's Bicyclic Proline Analog

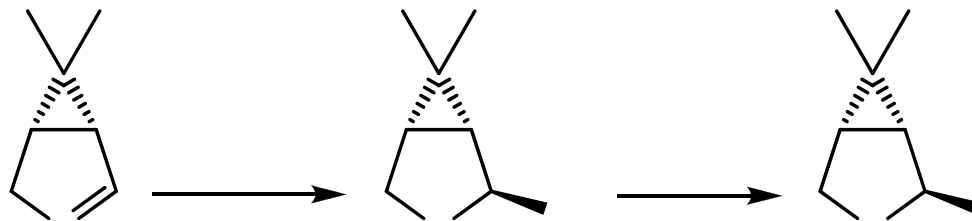
3 steps from chrysanthemate
30% yield with MW loss



- Desired: enantioselective desymmetrization to create first two centers:



- Take advantage of facial selectivity in cyanide addition :



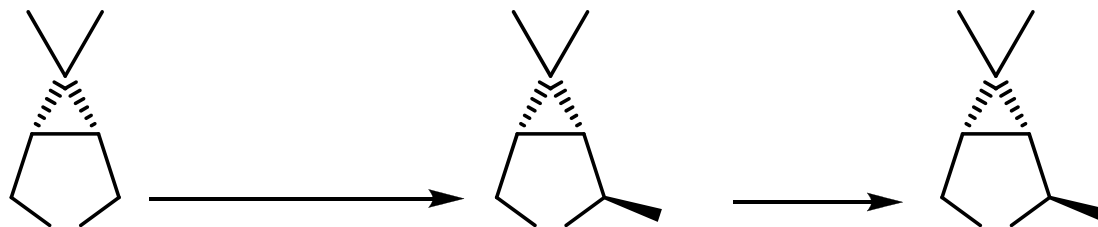
- Fed-batch reaction, feeding a neutral solution of the amine and bisulfite
 - Minimizes bisulfite inhibition and oxidation
 - Add $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ to the amine in solution to get to neutral pH
 - The salt solution contains protonated amine and sodium cations with bisulfite and sulfite anions (bisulfite pKa ~7)

- Overall reaction:



- Flow through air with agitation adequate to provide a practical mass-transfer limited reaction rate
- After the reaction, NaCN is added to form the amino nitrile in the same pot





Major Advantages:

- No accumulation of noxious imine (it is isolated in established route)
- Overall yield is at least 2.5x higher than the established route
- >99% optical purity; no need to further upgrade (no further lost in yield)
- Can be telescoped from the amine to the amino acid ester without intermediate isolations

1. air / MAO /
catalase / NaHSO₃

N
H

2. NaCN

N
H



- **Privately-held company based in California, USA**
- **Incorporated in February 2002**
- **Employees: ~300**
- **Sites in California, Germany, Singapore and Hungary**
- **Alliance Partners: Pfizer, Merck, BMS, Lilly, Arch, Shell, Cargill, Schering Plough**
- **Track record: >40 projects completed, >10 commercial products**

