



ppm relative to the CH<sub>3</sub> group of **1D** + **1H** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 <sup>1</sup>H NMR). Subsequently the ee of **1H** was calculated after comparison of the rotation **1D** + **1H** (+18.7°) with a stoichiometrically identical mixture of **1D** with racemic **1H** (+13.1°). The ee of **1H** was established to be 17% in favor of the same (+)-isomer (an average of three runs, accuracy 5%). This value was in agreement with the ee of **1H** determined by integration of the enantiomeric methine proton in **1H** using quinine as a shift reagent.<sup>3</sup>

We define the effect of a product ligand acting on the stereochemical course of a reaction as the principle of enantioselective autoinduction. The formation of mixed aggregates containing both product and starting material fragments influences the stereochemistry of subsequent C-C bond formation.<sup>4,5</sup> A vast majority of asymmetric synthetic reactions proceeding via addition of organometallic reagents to carbonyl compounds, the observation of an autoinductive effect, is pertinent to all these examples.<sup>1,6</sup>

We successfully demonstrated the effect to be operative in a catalytic manner. Recently it was shown that orthotitanates catalyze the widely studied<sup>7</sup> addition of diethylzinc to benzaldehyde.<sup>8,9</sup> We prepared the titanate from **1D** and TiCl<sub>4</sub> in ether with triethylamine. One mmol of this compound, a colorless oil, was added to 16 mmol of diethylzinc in toluene (1.1 M solution) at room temperature. Benzaldehyde, 12 mmol, was added, and the homogeneous mixture was left overnight. After hydrolytic workup a 72% yield of **1D** and **1H** was obtained with a ratio of **1D** vs **1H** of 100:512. The ee of **1H** was determined by comparison of the found rotation (+15.5°) with that of a stoichiometrically identical sample of **1D** and racemic **1H** (+4.0°). The optically active alcohol was replicated with an ee of 32% in favor of the same enantiomer completely without the assistance of chiral auxiliaries.

Further research is directed toward the realization of more efficient examples as well as to a detailed study of the interplay of enantioselective autoinduction and auxiliary induction with chiral ligands in asymmetric synthesis.

## Reaction in the Bicontinuous Phase of a Nonaqueous Microemulsion: Amidation of the Olefin C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub> by $\gamma$ Radiolysis

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A microemulsion is generally defined as a transparent medium made up of water, oil (saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon), a surfactant, and a cosurfactant (a short chain amphiphile such as an alcohol or an amine).<sup>1</sup> Depending on the proportions of the constituents, three main types of structure can be distinguished:<sup>1,2</sup> reverse micelles (W/O), direct micelles (O/W), or bicontinuous structures (Figure 1). In general, reactions carried out in microemulsions take place either in the direct micellar zone or more commonly in the reverse micellar zone.<sup>3</sup> There are few reports of reactions taking place in the bicontinuous phase.<sup>4</sup>

We have demonstrated for the first time the use of microemulsions based on formamide instead of water to produce media for carrying out chemical reactions.<sup>5</sup> Formamide was employed in view of the low solubility of many organic compounds in water. Moreover, formamide can be used as a reactant, with the preparation of microemulsions in which the two main components (oil and formamide) are reactants.

We describe here the amidation of the olefin C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub> by  $\gamma$  radiolysis in a formamide (F) microemulsion containing 1,1,2-trihydroperfluoro-1-decene (C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>) as oil (O), potassium 2,2,3,3-tetrahydroperfluoroundecanoate (C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>K) as surfactant (S), and 1,1,2,2-tetrahydroperfluorohexanol (C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>9</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH) as cosurfactant (CoS). The phase diagram of this system reported in a previous publication<sup>6</sup> was explored after  $\gamma$  radiolysis. Study of self-diffusion by <sup>1</sup>H NMR<sup>7</sup> enabled the structures of the various microemulsions to be determined. The results are shown in Figure 2 and Table I.

**Self-Diffusion Measurements.** The self-diffusion coefficients (cf. Table I) defined three microemulsion zones similar to those of the corresponding aqueous systems: (a) Microemulsions 1 and 2 have an O/F structure similar to that of direct micelles (O/W); the olefin in droplets has a much lower self-diffusion coefficient than that of the pure liquid, while formamide, making up the continuous phase, diffuses readily. (b) In contrast, microemulsions 4 and 5 have a F/O structure similar to reverse micelles (W/O); the formamide in droplets has a low self-diffusion coefficient unlike that of the olefin. (c) In microemulsion 3, the coefficients of self-diffusion of formamide and oil are similar, indicating the presence of a bicontinuous phase, not organized in micelles. This type of structure, well-known in aqueous media,<sup>6</sup> is described here for the first time in nonaqueous microemulsions.

These results show that by judicious choice of surfactant and cosurfactant, it is possible to find systems in formamide micro-

(3) The double doublet is split into eight lines (1:1 **1D**/**1H**:quinine, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 21 °C, 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR) (+)-isomer at 5.134, 5.120, 5.144, 5.088 and the (-)-isomer 5.124, 5.110, 5.096, 5.082. Rosini, C.; Ucello-Barretta, G.; Pini, D.; Abete, C.; Salvadori, P. *J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, *53*, 4579.

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(6) Adverse enantioselective autoinduction takes place in the reaction of a lithium-magnesium reagent with benzaldehyde: addition of a second equivalent of the carbonyl compound is detrimental to the optical yield (Noyori, R.; Suga, S.; Kawai, K.; Okada, S.; Kitamura, M. *Pure Appl. Chem.* **1988**, *60*, 1597). Adverse autoinduction overrules auxiliary induction in the second stage of the quinine-catalyzed bishydroxylation of olefins: the second equivalent is produced with a 7% excess of the "wrong" enantiomer (Sharpless, K. B.; Marko, I.; Svendsen, J. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 737). Capricious results in asymmetric condensations with enolates and metal alkyls with the first, second, third, and fourth equivalent of the carbonyl compound were obtained earlier: Mukayama, T.; Soai, K.; Sato, T.; Shimizu, H.; Suzuki, K.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 1455. Seebach, D.; Crass, G.; Wilka, E.-M.; Hilvert, D.; Brunner, E. *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1979**, *62*, 2695. Mazaleyarat, J. P.; Cram, D. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 789. By using the same method with an optically active deuterated hydroxyester, we have studied enantioselective autoinduction in the aldol condensation of the Li enolate of ethyl acetate and benzaldehyde in depth. Small counterproductive effects were observed. However, precipitation of a tetrameric diastereomeric Li-O complex is a crucial factor in the stereochemistry of this process and probably in several of the reactions listed in Table IX in ref 1 (Alberts, A. H.; Wynberg, H. to be published). In the perspective of nonlinear effects in asymmetric induction (ref 7), assuming precipitation-inactivation of aggregated complexes with internal mirror planes, we note that in enantioselective autoinduction (as in auxiliary induction processes with partially resolved chiral ligands) the optical purity of the formed product is not necessarily limited by the optical purity of the previously added product.

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