







Ready; Catalysis	Kinetic Resolution
Some thoughts:	if not the only, route to optically pure allylic alcohols. ²² Another noteworthy aspect of this approach to chiral materials is that virtually any degree of enantiomeric purity can be obtained. For example, if the epoxidation of 2-methylhept-1-en-3-ol (entry 7) is carried to 60% conversion, the enantiomeric excess is calculated to be 99.999999999%, ²² and one can go much higher than this simply by proceeding to higher conversions. Such extreme en-
	For the production of enantiomerically pure substances, kinetic resolution is generally regarded as a poor cousin to asymmetric synthesis. Kinetic resolution suffers from the disadvantage that at least half of the starting material is lost. However, we believe this work makes clear one striking advantage kinetic resolution holds over asymmetric synthesis. The enantiomeric excess realized in an asymmetric synthesis is simply a consequence of the energy difference ($\Delta\Delta G^*$) between two diastereomeric transition states; the only way to improve the % ee is to increase that energy difference between diastereomeric transition states, but the manner in which that energy difference is expressed is unique to kinetic resolutions. The energy difference, manifested as a relative rate difference, represents a constant and unrelenting differential pressure upon the two enantiomers. This winnowing should continue until the last molecule of the more reactive enantiomer is swept away, and one is left with a substance possessed of absolute enantiometric purity. ²⁵



































