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## **Oxidation Reactions of Alkenes (Addition Reactions)**

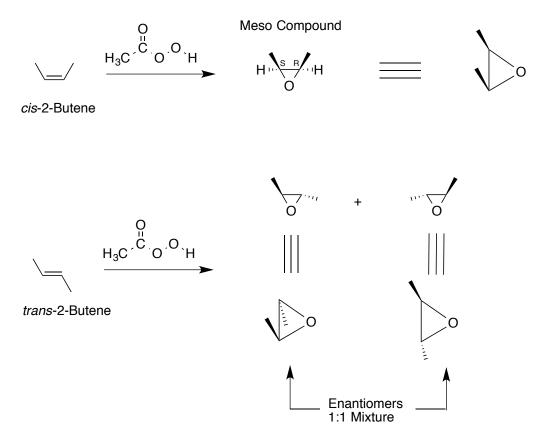
### **Epoxidation:**

#### Mechanism:

# **Example 2:** 2-Methyl-7-octadecene

biologically, only one enantiomer is active (one shown) – racemate produced by peracetic acid

## **Example:** trans- vs cis-Butene



The possibility of epoxidation from the top is 50% and from the bottom is 50% so a 1:1 mixture of enantiomers is form (racemic mixture).