Workshop 19 Solutions Diverted Alkene Addition Mechanisms

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Again, the other enantiomer would come from the initial bromonium ion forming from the bottom of the alkene instead of the top, as I've shown it above.

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The epoxide oxygen must be protonated first in this mechanism, because the oxygen attacks at the more substituted carbon. You could draw a mechanism in which protonation happened later, but then the oxygen would attack the less hindered carbon (which is not the case).

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Addition is anti-Markovnikov, with Br added to less substituted carbon.

Here, the final radical reacts to generate the most substituted alkene as the most stable product.