Construction of Aryliridium – Salen Complexes: Enantio- and *Cis*-Selective Cyclopropanation of Conjugated and Nonconjugated Olefins

Katsuki et al. JACS ASAP.



Marija Manojlović Wipf Group Current Litarature Meeting 7-19-08

Asymmetric Cyclopropanation



Transition Metal Catalyzed Decomposition of Diazoalkanes

Four main types of diazoalkanes:



Transition metals used:



- In most cases mechanism is believed to proceed through metal carbene.

- Cu, Rh, Ru and Co metal carbenes react faster with electron-rich alkenes; Pd carbenes are optimal for electron-deficient alkene.

Chem. Rev. 2003, 103, 977.

Transition Metal Catalyzed Asymmetric Carbene Transfer Cyclopropanation - Overview



 R^1 = Aryl or vinyl, Metal = Ru, Rh, Co, Cu, Au

The most common carbene sources:



Chem. Rev. 2003, 103, 977.

Transition Metal Catalyzed Asymmetric Carbene Transfer Cyclopropanation - Overview



Transition Metal Catalyzed Asymmetric Carbene Transfer Cyclopropanation - Overview



Title Paper – Aryliridium-Salen Complexes







Title Paper – Cyclopropanation of Nonactivated Alkenes



Synthesis of 8-[(1R,2S)-2-hexylcyclopropyl]octanoate

- Cyclopropyl fatty acid ester, isolated from Ecsherichia coli



Katsuki et al. JACS, ASAP.

Title Paper – Mechanistic Considerations

-Crystal structure of the catalyst 4



4 : L= C₆H₅, Ar= Ph





S1

S2



Conclusions

- First stable Ir(III) salen complexes that carry apical aryl ligand were synthesized
- Two of these complexes are shown to be unique and potent catalysts for *cis*-selective asymmetric cyclopropanation
- More than 30 different *cis*-cyclopropyl esters were made in excellent yields and selectivities strating from both conjugated and unactivated alkenes
- This cyclopropanation was applied to the synthesis of natural cyclopropyl fatty acid ester