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Asymmetric Synthesis of α,β -Thioepoxy Carbonyls by Rhodium Catalysis

Selected examples:

Synthetic transformations of thiirane products:

Proposed reaction pathway:

Significance: Stereoselective formation of C–S bonds is a difficult yet important challenge. This report describes the use of diazo thianes as intramolecular sulfur-donor reagents. Under rhodium catalysis, reaction with aldehydes forms thiiranes with high selectivity.

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Comment: Computational studies indicate formation of thiocarbonyl ylide intermediate **A**. Reaction with an aldehyde yields a tricyclic adduct, with preferential formation of *anti,exo*-product **B** by 0.8–1.2 kcal/mol, which collapses to the *cis* product by an S_N2 reaction. However, when the aryl substituent is anisyl, the *trans* product forms by an S_N1 mechanism.