# Enantioselective Radical Processes<sup>†</sup>

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# 1. Introduction

The title "Enantioselective Radical Processes" should raise a rather interesting thought to the curious reader: Why do I not normally see a similar review on enantioselective ionic reactions? So, what is unique to radical chemistry that sets it apart? Upon reflection, one realizes that the initial misconception about radicals as highly reactive short-lived species that are difficult to tame hindered their use in stereoselective reactions. This misconception has long since been negated, and the synthetic utility of radicals has been properly recognized. Radical reactions have been shown to be compatible with many functional groups, and tedious protection/deprotection steps can quite often be avoided. The naïve debutant might have many questions regarding the potential of radical chemistry and the appropriate methods for its application in organic synthesis. There are many good sources of literature disseminating information in this regard.<sup>1</sup>

Radical methodologies typically involve the generation of radicals from non-radical species, followed by their reaction with other radicals or with neutral molecules. The diffusion-controlled rates of radical/ radical recombination need to be minimized to effect efficient stereoselective radical/molecule reactions. In cases where the transformation involves radical/ radical coupling, the high rates dictate that the stereocontrolling factor be strong enough to prevent nonselective processes. Enantioselective radical processes have been approached in various ways.<sup>2</sup> Researchers have certainly taken advantage of lessons learned from ionic and cycloaddition chemistry.

In a very simple line of thought, it is helpful to visualize the radical process in its various elementary steps (Scheme 1) and question which steps provide a handle for enantiotopic discrimination. If a chiral initiator is used, the chiral source needs to be bound to the substrate during radical generation and remain bound to it until the propagation event is complete. In the propagation steps, one can think of several ways to control enantioselectivity:

(a) A chiral Lewis acid<sup>3</sup> can be used to bind to substrate or radical species and determine the approach of the other reacting component while accelerating the chiral pathway relative to the background reaction.

(b) A chiral catalyst can be coordinated temporarily to the substrate and/or the reacting radical and bring about the reaction in an intramolecular sense.

(c) A chiral chain-transfer agent can be used: this will determine the approach in an atom-transfer step.

(d) A chiral environment can be provided, as in the photolysis of chiral crystals.

(e) A chiral inductor along with the substrate can be trapped in an organized medium.

(f) The chirality inherent in the molecule can be converted to molecular chirality (memory of chirality).

Among all of the above-mentioned approaches, the most popular has been the use of a chiral Lewis acid. This method is powerful when the Lewis acid activates the substrate/radical species and the reaction in the absence of the Lewis acid (background reaction) is negligible. This situation leads to the catalytic use of the chiral source (in view of chiral economy). Although stated explicitly for case (a), this difference

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in rates needs to be borne in mind for designing all the enantioselective radical reactions to be performed catalytically.

This review has been organized in terms of the different types of radical reactions so that the reader can be updated quickly depending on his/her interest. The focus is on enantioselective radical reactions of simple systems as well as diradicals generated by chemical, photolytic, and electron-transfer methods. A bit of lenience has been taken in including reactions that are not completely proven to be proceeding through a radical mechanism. We have used literature available through January 2003.

# 2. Atom/Group-Transfer Reactions

Atom/group-transfer reactions can be broadly defined as those that involve the transfer of an atom



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#### **Scheme 1. Elementary Steps in Radical Reactions** and Fate of Radicals



(or a group) from a chain-transfer agent to a radical species to generate another radical in a potentially chain-propagating step. The two major classes of atom-transfer reactions involve the transfer of either a hydrogen or a halogen atom. Although many examples of group-transfer reactions are known, enantioselective examples are missing at present.

# 2.1. Hydrogen Atom Transfer

Enantioselective H-atom-transfer reactions can be performed in two distinct ways: (1) by H-atom transfer from an achiral reductant to a radical complexed to a chiral source, or alternatively (2) by H-atom transfer from a chiral reductant to a radical.

### 2.1.1. Chiral Lewis Acid

Chiral Lewis acid-mediated reductions at a carbon atom  $\alpha$  to a carbonyl group can be carried out either by generation of the radical from  $\alpha$ -halo carbonyl compounds or from conjugate addition to a  $\beta$ -carbon atom. Figure 1 shows both a C-centered and an enol form of a radical generated in the presence of a chiral Lewis acid. The hydrogen atom can be delivered selectively to one face of either **2** or **3**. Murakata et al. described the reduction of  $\alpha$ -alkyl- $\alpha$ -iododihydrocoumarins using stoichiometric amounts of MgI<sub>2</sub> and a *C*<sub>2</sub>-symmetric diamine (synthesized from proline)



Figure 1. Chiral Lewis acid-controlled H-atom transfer.

as a chiral Lewis acid in the presence of  $Bu_3SnH$  as a hydrogen atom source.<sup>4</sup>

The results from reduction of the  $\alpha$ -alkyl- $\alpha$ -iododihydrocoumarins **4a**–**d** are shown in Table 1. It was found that the substrate concentration greatly affected the observed enantioselectivities (compare entries 1 and 2). This may suggest that under dilute conditions there is a higher amount of uncomplexed enol, leading to product with low enantioselectivity. Under higher concentrations (e.g., 36 mM 4a), however, excellent chemical yields and good to moderate selectivities were achieved. The reaction efficiency depends on the rate of H-atom transfer: reactions using Ph<sub>3</sub>SnH were much slower than those with Bu<sub>3</sub>-SnH (5 h vs 40 min), but their chemical yields and selectivities were similar. Tris(trimethylsilyl)silane (TTMSS), a weaker H-atom donor, proved ineffective, and no reaction was observed. The nature of the binding of substrate to the chiral Lewis acid is not apparent. Substrates 4a-c give higher selectivities than **4d**, and this leads us to conclude that bidentate binding of the substrates is essential for higher ee's in this system. Marukata and co-workers<sup>4</sup> prepared the  $MgI_2$  in ether and used this solution for their reactions. As is generally known in chiral Lewis acid catalysis, the presence of donor solvents can lead to competition with the chiral ligand for coordination to the metals. This situation would, in principle, lead to less than optimal results. The tertiary iodides undergo C–I bond homolysis readily, and hence there was no need to use a separate initiator in this reaction.

In one of the earliest reports on enantioselective radical reactions, chiral Lewis acid-mediated conjugate addition, followed by enantioselective H-atom transfer  $\alpha$  to a carbonyl, was reported by Sato and co-workers (Scheme 2).<sup>5</sup> The single-point-binding chiral aluminum complex presumably coordinates to the carbonyl oxygen of the  $\alpha$ -methylene- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone as shown in **10**. The strong Lewis acidity of the aluminum complex activates the substrate **7** to nucleophilic conjugate addition, which is followed by an enantioselective H-atom transfer from Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH in a chiral environment provided by BINOL ligand in **8**. Only 28% ee was observed for product **9**.

Sibi et al. recently demonstrated chiral Lewis acidmediated conjugate additions to dehydroalanines followed by enantioselective H-atom transfer to provide a variety of  $\alpha$ -amino acid derivatives (Scheme 3).<sup>6</sup> The chiral Lewis acid system derived from Mg-





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	5	4d	35	78	30 ( <i>S</i> )	
	4	4c	38	89	58 ( <i>R</i> )	

37

84

65 (R)

Scheme 2. Reductions Mediated by Chiral Aluminum Lewis Acid

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4b



 $(ClO_4)_2$  and ligand **13** gave the best ee's. The intermediate obtained by the addition of a variety of nucleophilic radicals to 11 underwent H-atom transfer with good selectivity. It was shown that acetyl, α-alkoxyalkyl, primary alkyl, secondary alkyl, and cycloalkyl radical additions all give good selectivity in H-atom transfer (see entries 1-6). An exception to this trend was the reaction with the bulky tertbutyl radical, which gave low selectivity. This decrease in selectivity was attributed to the bulky tertbutyl group and the chiral Lewis acid shielding opposite faces, resulting in reactions occurring from a mono-coordinated or noncomplexed substrate. The Lewis acid coordination is essential to activate the substrate toward conjugate addition of the nucleophilic radical. The enantioselective H-atom transfer, however, follows the conjugate addition, and it is assumed that the structure of the intermediate radical resembles the that of starting complex. On the basis of these results, a conjugate addition to a seven-membered chelate in the ternary complex (14, starting material + ligand + Lewis acid) followed by a H-atom transfer was proposed which is consistent with the observed stereochemistry.

It was recently reported that Lewis acid-mediated nucleophilic conjugate radical additions to  $\alpha$ -methacrylates, followed by enantioselective H-atom trans-

Scheme 3.  $\alpha$ -Amino Acids from Dehydroalanines via Enantioselective H-Atom Transfer



fer using a novel naphthosultam template, can occur with a high degree of selectivity.<sup>7</sup> In conjugate radical additions, the high selectivity may be attributed to control of various rotamers of the substrate with reaction occurring from one reactive conformation. On the other hand, preferential conformations in  $\alpha$ -alkyl-substituted systems such as **15** (Scheme 4) are not as easily predicted. It may be possible for an s-cis (15), s-trans (16), or an alternate twisted conformer to predominate. Previous results show that twisting does readily occur, and thus any additional stabilization from  $\pi$  conjugation is secondary to relief of steric strain. In the chiral Lewis acid-complexed system, after conjugate addition, H-atom transfer to the intermediate radical should occur selectively from one reactive conformation. If hydrogen atom transfer can occur much faster than conformational interconversion (17 to 18), then maximum face shielding from a substrate-chiral Lewis acid complex (ground-state conformer) should provide high selectivity.

It was found that a commercially available achiral template, 1,8-naphthosultam, in conjunction with a chiral Lewis acid, efficiently controlled the rotamer of the acyl side chain of  $\alpha$ -methacrylates. Scheme 5 shows the results of nucleophilic radical additions followed by enantioselective H-atom transfer to  $\alpha$ -methacrylates containing the naphthosultam template. In the absence of a Lewis acid, isopropyl radical addition did not occur (<5% product was observed by NMR of the crude reaction product, entry 1). In the presence of MgBr<sub>2</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 equiv) and ligand 13, however, both high yield and high selectivity were observed (entry 2). Substoichiometric amounts of chiral Lewis acid (30 mol %) proved to be just as efficient as stoichiometric catalyst loading, giving high yield and 80% ee (entry 3). Raising the temperature of the reaction to -40 °C (entry 4) or 0 °C (entry 5) led to decreased yields and selectivities. Use of an



alternate H-atom donor, triphenyltin hydride, resulted in a slight decrease in chemical yield but proved to be as efficient as tributyltin hydride for selectivity (compare entries 3 and 6). Other nucleophilic radicals could be added successfully using catalytic amounts of chiral Lewis acid in excellent yields and selectivities (entries 7–9). The enantioselectivities of these alternate radical additions were quite good, ranging between 82 and 90%.

# Scheme 5. Sultam Templates in Enantioselective H-Atom Transfer

0 0=S- 0		MgBr; RX, Bu <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> (	C 2•Et <sub>2</sub> O, <b>13</b> SnH, Et <sub>3</sub> B/O <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , -78 °C		R
Entry	R	Temp (°C)	Lewis Acid (equ	uiv.) Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	<i>i</i> -Pr	-78	none	<5	0
2	<i>i</i> -Pr	-78	MgBr <sub>2</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (1.0	) 90	78
3	<i>i</i> -Pr	-78	MgBr <sub>2</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (0.3	3) 80	80
4	<i>i</i> -Pr	-40	MgBr <sub>2</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (0.3	3) 71	59
5	<i>i</i> -Pr	0	MgBr <sub>2</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (0.3	3) 52	5
6 <sup>a</sup>	⊬Pr	-78	MgBr <sub>2</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (0.3	3) 55	80
7	<i>t</i> -Bu	-78	MgBr <sub>2</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (0.3	3) 84	89
8	c-Hex	-78	MgBr <sub>2</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (0.3	3) 71	82
9	MeOCH <sub>2</sub>	-78	MgBr <sub>2</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O (0.3	3) 89	90

<sup>a</sup>Ph<sub>3</sub>SnH was used



A model describing the stereochemical outcome for the naphthosultam template in Lewis acid-mediated

enantioselective H-atom transfer is depicted in 21. It is known that radical reactions progress via an early transition state, and thus the transition state's structure closely resembles that of the starting material (complex). In this analysis (vide supra), it is assumed that H-atom transfer occurs rapidly in relation to any rotamer interconversion, and thus the precursor geometry impacts on the product stereochemistry. Additional evidence for this conclusion was provided by the poor selectivity and reactivity found for reactions with the corresponding lactam template (data not shown). Product stereochemistry analysis suggests that the reaction should occur from the conformer shown in 21 with H-atom transfer taking place from the *re*-face of the radical intermediate. The reasons for the preference for this rotamer are not apparent. Models suggest that higher selectivities may be possible with the s-cis rotamer.

The example described above requires that the intermediate radical 17 or 18 be trapped with a hydrogen atom source faster than their interconversion. Interestingly, Rychnovsky et al. considered the formation of achiral conformers from chiral molecules and trapping of the prochiral radical with a hydrogen atom donor based on memory of chirality (Scheme 6).<sup>8</sup> The photo-decarboxylation of optically active tetrahydropyran 22 leads to an intermediate 23, which can racemize through ring inversion. If the intermediate 23 can be trapped by some hydrogen atom source before ring inversion takes place, then an optically active product 25 will be formed. This is an example of conformational memory effect in a radical reaction. It was reported that the radical inversion barrier is low ( $\leq 0.5$  kcal/mol), while the energy for chair flip  $23 \Leftrightarrow 24$  is higher (5–10 kcal/ mol).

#### Scheme 6. Memory of Chirality in H-Atom Transfer



Table 2 shows that photolysis of the optically active ester **27** at -78 °C in the presence of 1 M PhSH as a hydrogen atom donor led to a reduced product with 86% ee. This suggests that, in the presence of PhSH, an efficient hydrogen atom source, the radical trapping is competitive with the ring/radical inversion, producing an enantiomerically enriched product. Since a more efficient hydrogen atom donor will produce higher selectivities, several hydrogen atom sources were studied. Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH proved to be a poor H-atom donor for this reaction. Phenylselenol, although an efficient trap, gave low yields. It was found that PhSH in stoichiometric amounts was the most effective hydrogen atom donor.

#### **Table 2. Reduction of Barton Esters**

27, > 97% ee			X-H toluen ter	I, hv, e, 3.5 h np.	25 26	H + H Ph
	Entry	Donor	[X-H] (M)	Temp (°C)	) Yield (%)	ee (%)
	1	Bu <sub>3</sub> SnH	1.0	-78	70	3
	2	<i>t</i> -BuSH	1.0	-78	83	26
	3	PhSH	1.0	-78	92	86
	4	PhSH	0.5	-78	75	70
	5	PhSH	0.5	-40	50	40
	6	PhSH	0.5	0	77	15
	7	PhSH	0.5	22	72	8
	8	PhSeH	0.05	-78	28	35

The reductive decyanation of 28 in metal-ammonia solutions proceeds via a stepwise mechanism, producing a radical intermediate similar to 23/24 (Table 3). Reduction using sodium resulted in lower selectivities, which may be attributed to the lower reducing ability of sodium allowing for a longer lifetime of the intermediate radical and thus more racemization (entry 1). The concentration of lithium showed a strong correlation with enantioselectivity of the reduced product **25**. Interestingly, it was found that above a 4 M concentration of Li in NH<sub>3</sub>, the ee was drastically increased (see entries 4 and 5). At high Li concentration, the intermediate radical is reduced much faster than the ring inversion, leading to high levels of retention of configuration. It could also be plausible for the reduction mechanism to switch to a two-electron process under high Li concentrations. This would also result in the reduction of the nitrile proceeding with retention of configuration. This two-electron theory was tested using a single diastereomer of a tetrahydrofuran nitrile. It is well known that the inversion of a five-memberedring radical intermediate is much faster than that of a six-membered-ring radical such as 23/24. The tetrahydrofuran nitrile gave low selectivities (1.15: 1) at both low (0.8 M) and high (6.0 M) Li concentrations. This suggests that the two-electron process is not taking place, presuming that both substrates react via the same mechanism.

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10	Z CN Ph -	Li/NH <sub>3</sub> THF -78 °C	[R•] —	<sup>−</sup> , H <sup>+</sup>	$\sim_{Ph}$
<b>28</b> , >	> 97% ee		23/24	25	
	Entry	Conditi	ons	% ee ( <b>25</b> )	
	1	Na (1.8 N	1)/NH3	16	
	2	Li (0.8 M)	)/NH <sub>3</sub>	30	
	3	Li (3.5 M)	)/NH <sub>3</sub>	30	
	4	Li (5.4 M)	)/NH <sub>3</sub>	54	
	5	Li (6.4 M)	)/NH <sub>3</sub>	90	

#### 2.1.2. Chiral Reagent

The use of a chiral chain-transfer agent is a straightforward strategy for discrimination of the prochiral faces of the radical. The geometry of the approach in an atom-transfer step is linear, and hence a primary requirement of a successful chiral reagent is that it should possess steric-differentiating elements adjacent to the hydrogen atom being transferred. At the same time, this should not hinder the approach of the reagent to the prochiral radical. For reaction efficiency, stoichiometric amounts of the chiral transfer reagent are generally required. However, an important advancement would be the use of chiral transfer reagent in catalytic amounts, which has been addressed below in one example.

An early example of a chiral atom-transfer reagent, later recognized to proceed through a radical mechanism, is the chiral nicotinamides **31a,b**. The reduction of ketones with chiral 1,4-dihydropyridines was reported by Ohno et al. to proceed with  $\sim$ 70% ee.<sup>9</sup> Tanner and Kharrat studied this reaction (Scheme 7) and found that the reaction of ketone **29** was inhibited in the presence of *m*-dinitrobenzene (DNB, an efficient electron acceptor) and was initiated with AIBN.<sup>10</sup> The ee's obtained were comparable under all these conditions, alluding to the fact that these reactions were proceeding through a radical pathway. The enantioselective transfer of hydrogen atom to the ketyl radical **32** is shown in the scheme; the dihydropyridyl radical **33** then propagates the chain.

# Scheme 7. Reduction of Ketones: Chiral Nicotinamides



Syntheses and evaluations of chiral organotin hydrides provided the first examples of chiral reducing agents to be reported in the literature. Early investigations into chiral tin hydride reagents examined the transfer of chirality via a chiral tin center.<sup>11</sup> These tin hydrides, however, were prone to racemization, and as a result, chiral carbon-based ligands were studied. The first chiral tin hydride **34**, containing a  $C_2$ -symmetric binaphthyl substituent, was reported by Nanni and Curran in 1996 (Table 4).<sup>12</sup> They showed that, in the presence of excess triethylborane at -78 °C, moderate ee's (up to 41%) could be achieved in the reduction of  $\alpha$ -bromoketone **35** using chiral tin reagent **34**. AIBN-initiated reactions

were more efficient but low ee's were obtained, even at -78 °C.

Table 4. Reduction of  $\alpha\mbox{-}Bromoketone:$  Chiral Tin Hydride

34	'Me Sn + Ph ₹ H + Ph ₹ Br ↑ 35	Ph →	Ph H O H O 36
Entry	Conditions	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	AIBN, 80 °C	N, 80 °C 70	
2	AIBN, -78 °C	AIBN, -78 °C 54	
3	Et <sub>3</sub> B, -78 °C, air	30	41

Metzger et al. independently reported the synthesis of chiral tin hydride **38**-H (Table 5).<sup>13</sup> This chiral tin reagent is similar to Curran's chiral binaphthyl organotin hydride, where the methyl group on the tin atom has been replaced with a bulky *tert*-butyl group. In the presence of triethylborane and chiral tin hydride **38**-H at -78 °C, bromoester **37** can be reduced with slightly increased enantioselectivities up to 52%. Surprisingly, these authors used substoichiometric amounts of chiral tin hydride in entries 1 and 2. The chiral tin bromide, **38**-Br, could be used in catalytic amounts with in situ generation of tin hydride **38**-H, and comparable ee's were obtained. Other chiral tin hydride sources utilizing optically active 2-[(1-dimethylaminoalkyl)phenyl] ligands (DAAP) have been examined, but these showed low to moderate ee's (26%) in the reduction of  $\alpha$ -bromo esters.14

Table 5. Reduction of  $\alpha$ -Bromoesters: Chiral Tin Hydride

Br Ph	0 ↓ OMe 2≁Bu 37	+	∑,≁Bu Sn ∕ X E	<u>Et₃B</u> t₂O, -78 °C	H Ph 29
	Entry	<b>38</b> -X	Temp. (°	C) ee (%)	
	1	38-H (0.5 eq.)	-78	52	
	2	<b>38-</b> H (0.5 eq.)	24	28	
	3	<b>38</b> -Br (0.1 eq.) + Na(CN)BH <sub>3</sub> (3 eq.)	24	26	

Enantiomerically enriched bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yltin hydrides **40** and **41** were synthesized from camphor by Thomas et al. (Scheme 8).<sup>15</sup> Preliminary studies, however, showed very low enantioselectivities (<5% ee) for the reduction of bromoketone **35** in the presence of chiral organotin hydrides **40** and **41**.

The above examples focused only on chiral tin hydrides. Schiesser et al. showed that the efficacy of this reduction could be enhanced with achiral and chiral Lewis acids.<sup>16</sup> Table 6 shows that Lewis acid additives greatly enhance enantioselectivity (entries 1-5) in free radical reductions of halo esters and ketones **42a**-**e** in the presence of menthol or cholic acid-derived chiral stannanes. One equivalent of Lewis acid was essential for the selectivity enhance-





ment. Among the Lewis acids used, BF3 and Cp2ZrCl2 gave moderate ee's, whereas in the presence of Jacobsen's catalyst 45, excellent ee's were observed (entry 5). The enantiomeric catalysts 45 and 46 gave comparable ee's, pointing to the fact that the Lewis acid acts only to provide an increase in bulk at the coordinating carbonyl and does not have much of a role in controlling the face selection in the hydrogen atom-transfer process. Although the Lewis acid additive greatly enhances the enantioselectivity, the chirality transfer is derived primarily from the chiral ligand on the organotin reagent. This is supported by the fact that, when stannane 48 is used, the ee of 43 increases from 2% in the absence of Lewis acid to 36% in the presence of the achiral Lewis acid 44. It was also demonstrated that Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH reduces 42d in the presence of 44 to give a racemic product, showing the importance of chiral tin reagent. Another line of

Table 6. Lewis Acids as Additives in Reductions

evidence is presented in entry 14, where the enantiomer of 48 was used as the reductant and the product was obtained with *R* configuration. Among the stannanes derived from cholic acid, the stannane **50c**, with the tin located in the cavity of the molecule, produced better selectivity compared to 50b, which has tin in the terminal cyclohexane ring (entries 15 and 16). The dependence of ee's on the substituents on the substrates is less understandable: ketone 42e always gave lower ee's, and among the esters a regular trend is not apparent.

A new class of chiral dithiogermanium hydrides prepared from  $C_2$ -symmetric dithiols has shown promising selectivities in asymmetric hydrometalation reactions. Curran and Gualtieri prepared chiral stannanes/germanes 51-53 because the corresponding dithiostannanes are either labile or unstable under the reaction conditions.<sup>17</sup> Scheme 9 shows the results from hydrometalation of methyl methacrylate using (S)-51, (R)-52, and (R)-53. Hydrogermylation using (R)-52 yielded 56/59 in a 3/1 ratio, while (R)-53 displayed much higher selectivities (compare entries 1 and 3). In this asymmetric hydrometalation, two germanium species are involved: 54 and a second molecule of chiral germane doing the hydrogen atom transfer. This reaction requires the use of enantiopure germanes. If racemic germanes are used, the selectivity drops significantly because the two germanium species involved in the hydrogen atomtransfer step need to be matched. If mismatched species are involved, the selectivity decreases (entry 5). This study demonstrates the efficacy of naphthalene C3 and C3' substituents in effecting the enantioselective reductions with higher ee's.



isolated yields.

Scheme 9. Hydrometalations with Chiral Stannane and Germanes



All the examples presented until now have involved the generation of the radical species either from a halide or by the addition of a radical to olefins. Are we limited to halides/xanthates as precursors for radicals? No! Polarity reversal catalysis (PRC, explained below), among other applications, allows for the production of radicals from C–H and Si–H bond homolysis. There are several examples of reagentbased enantioselective radical reactions using polarity reversal catalysis.

The kinetic resolution of racemic ester **61a** using catalytic amounts of chiral amine-borane 62 (derived from menthol and TMEDA) and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide as initiator under photolytic conditions at -74 °C gave 74% ee of the residual enantiomer (R,R)-**61a** after 52% consumption of racemate (Scheme 10).<sup>18</sup> For the ester **61b** at -90 °C, after 75% consumption of racemate, 97% ee of (*R*,*R*)-**61b** was recovered. The *tert*-butoxyl radical, being electrophilic, cannot selectively abstract the  $\alpha$ -hydrogen atom from **61** to generate another electrophilic radical in the absence of 62. The reaction of t-BuO• with 62 generates a highly nucleophilic radical, 63•, which is then poised to abstract the  $\alpha$ -hydrogen atom from **61**. The amineborane catalyst is a *hydridic* polarity reversal catalyst. Enantioselective hydrogen atom abstraction by chiral amine-boryl radicals from 61 leads to the radical 64, which then decomposes, thereby enhancing the ee of residual ester. The enantioselection for this reaction is explained by the transition state 65 for the H-atom abstraction step.

Roberts and co-workers also examined the enantioselective radical chain hydrosilylation of electronrich prochiral alkenes using various sugar-derived chiral thiols.<sup>19</sup> Scheme 11 illustrates the uncatalyzed reaction (A) along with the catalytic cycle for the





thiol-catalyzed reaction (B). The normally slow Hatom transfer from a silane to a carbon radical, step **b**, hinders this reaction, whereas in catalysis with thiols, step **b** is replaced by the faster propagation reactions **c** and **d**. Here, the thiols act as *protic* polarity reversal catalysts. If **67** is a prochiral radical and the thiol is optically active, then step c could proceed enantioselectively.

# Scheme 11. Hydrosilylation: Thiols as *Protic* Polarity Reversal Catalysts



Several optically active organosilanes, **71** and **72**, were synthesized from methylene- $\delta$ -lactones **69** and **70** (Table 7). The sugar-derived thiols (5 mol %), in the presence of a slight excess of silane, and di-*tert*-butyl hyponitrite (TBHN, 5 mol %) as the initiator were used. The stronger S–H bonds and the high electrophilicity of the thiyl radicals, due to the many electron-withdrawing groups in **73–76**, are the keys to their success. It was found that a mixture of hexane/dioxane (H/D, 5:1 or 4:1) and thiol catalysts **73–76** gave the highest yields and selectivities when starting from substrate **69** or **70**. Other systems studied using chiral thiol catalysts include kinetic resolution of silanethiyl radicals<sup>20</sup> and reductive carboxyalkylation of electron-rich alkenes.<sup>21</sup>

#### **Table 7. Hydrosilylation of Lactones**



# 2.2. Halogen Atom Transfer

Halogen atom-transfer reactions involve homolysis of a C-X or an X-X bond in a neutral molecule, followed by the transfer of both radical components to unsaturated functional groups. There is atom economy in such processes, and these processes provide functionality for further transformations.<sup>22</sup> Ruthenium complexes are capable of catalyzing halogen atom-transfer reactions of olefins. This has been illustrated in the enantioselective atom-transfer reactions of alkane- and arenesulfonyl chlorides and bromotrichloromethanes with olefins using chiral ruthenium complexes (Scheme 12). Moderate ee's up to 40% can be achieved for  $\beta$ -chlorosulfones **79** starting from substrates 77.23 Reactions with a slightly different substrate, bromotrichloromethane **78**, provided **80** in 32% ee.<sup>24</sup> These specific reactions are believed to follow a radical redox-transfer chain process. The Ru(II) catalyst 82 abstracts a halogen (either chlorine or bromine) from the reagent to yield an arenesulfonyl radical and a Ru(III) species, 83. Next is a  $\pi$ -complexation between the Ru(III) and alkene substrate 84, followed by radical addition (85) and halogen atom transfer to produce the product 79 or 80.

A chiral Lewis acid-promoted atom-transfer reaction (Kharasch reaction) of  $\alpha$ -halo oxazolidinone imide **86** and 1-octene **87** was reported by Mero and Porter (Scheme 13).<sup>25</sup> In this example, Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> and phenyl bisoxazoline ligand **88** were combined to form the chiral Lewis acid. The yields of the products, however, were quite low, ranging from 5 to 15%, and only moderate enantioselectivities were achieved (up to 40%).

Arylation of activated double bonds with diazonium salts in the presence of copper catalysts is known as the Meerwein reaction. The reaction is postulated to

Scheme 12. Chiral Ruthenium-Catalyzed Halogen Atom-Transfer Reaction

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proceed either through an organocopper intermediate or through a chlorine atom transfer from the chiral CuCl complex to the  $\alpha$ -acyl radical intermediate. Brunner, Bluchel, and Doyle carried out the addition

Scheme 13. Atom-Transfer Addition of  $\alpha$ -Iodoimide 86



of mesityldiazonium tetrafluoroborate **91** with methyl acrylate using catalytic amounts of Cu(I)-bisoxazoline **93** and were able to obtain 19.5% ee for the product **92** (Scheme 14).<sup>26</sup> The use of *p*-tolyl diazonium salts gave lower ee's. Since the mechanism of the Meerwein reaction is unclear, it is difficult to rationalize the low ee's obtained and to plan for further modifications.

Scheme 14. Enantioselective Meerwein Arylation



# 2.3. Cyclization

Recently, highly enantioselective atom-transfer radical cyclization reactions catalyzed by chiral Lewis acids were reported by Yang et al.<sup>27</sup> Two main advantages of these enantioselective cyclizations include installing multiple chiral centers and retaining a halogen atom in the product, which allows for further functionalization.

Table 8 shows the atom-transfer radical cyclizations of unsaturated  $\beta$ -keto esters **94a**-**d** using Mg- $(ClO_4)_2$  and chiral ligand 95. It was found that toluene as a solvent generally gave higher enantioselectivities than CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (see entries 1 and 2). Both 5-exo and 6-exo cyclization proceeded equally well. One notable observation was the addition of activated 4Å molecular sieves, which proved to enhance ee's and allow for the use of substoichiometric amounts of chiral Lewis acid (see entries 3, 6, 7, and 9). The molecular sieves are thought to act as a drying agent: the addition of 1.0 equiv of water drastically reduces the selectivity and cyclization rate of 94a (see entries 2 and 4). Catalytic loading of the chiral Lewis acid showed efficiency nearly identical to that obtained with stoichiometric amounts of chiral Lewis acid with respect to both chemical yields and enantioselectivities (compare entries 2 and 3).

The high selectivity can be explained by the model shown in Scheme 15, in which magnesium is tetrahedral. Due to the steric bulk of the *tert*-butyl groups of bisoxazoline ligand **95**, *re*-face cyclization (**98**) should be favored over *si*-face cyclization (**97**). Transition state **98** results in the lowest overall steric interaction and leads to product **96a** with (2*R*,3*S*) configuration, where the ester group on C2 and the alkyl group on C3 are trans to one another.

Enantioselective tandem (cascade) radical cyclization reactions are synthetically useful since in one step they provide highly functionalized polycyclic compounds with multiple stereocenters. Yang et al.<sup>28</sup> recently reported the first Lewis acid-catalyzed enantioselective atom-transfer tandem cyclization reaction (Table 9). It was found that the enantioselective tandem cyclization of **99** using Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and chiral **Table 8. Atom-Transfer Cyclization** 



Entry	Substrate	Catalyst (equiv.)	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	94a	1.1	$CH_2CI_2$	7.5	68	71
2	94a	1.1	toluene	5	67	94
3 <sup>a</sup>	94a	0.5	toluene	7	65	93
4 <i><sup>b</sup></i>	94a	1.1	toluene	9	53	21
5	94b	1.0	toluene	9.5	57 (1/1.2) <sup>c</sup>	68/78 <sup>d</sup>
6 <sup>a</sup>	94b	0.3	toluene	12	58 (1/1) <sup>c</sup>	74/87 <sup>d</sup>
7 <sup>a</sup>	94c	0.3	toluene	9.5	81 (1/1.4) <sup>c</sup>	74/95 <sup>d</sup>
8	94d	1.1	toluene	7.5	62	93
9 <i>ª</i>	94d	0.5	toluene	7.5	53	94

<sup>*a*</sup> MS 4Å (500mg/mmol substrate); <sup>*b*</sup> 1.0 equiv. of water was added <sup>*c*</sup> ratio of **96b:96c**; <sup>*d*</sup> ee's for **96b** and **96c** 





ligand **95** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  gave poor ee's (entry 1). The use of molecular sieves slightly increased the ee but reduced the chemical yield by half (entry 2). Substrate **100** in toluene at higher temperatures gave good enantioselectivities, but still poor yields were obtained (entries 3 and 4).

Cyclizations of substrate **99** could also be performed with Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub> as the Lewis acid in the presence of several chiral ligands (Table 10).<sup>28</sup> The best results were obtained using the **105**/Yb complex in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, which gave a 60% yield of **101** with 66% ee (entry 2). It is interesting to note that the addition of 4Å molecular sieves gave a nearly complete reversal of enantiofacial selectivity in the tandem radical cyclization, along with an increase in the reduced product (compare entries 2 and 3). The use of toluene as solvent gave a low yield of **101** and an ee comparable to that obtained in methylene chloride.

Scheme 16 explains the stereochemical outcome from the tandem radical cyclization in the presence of the [Yb(Ph-pybox)(OTf)<sub>3</sub>] (pybox = 2,6-bis(2-oxazolin-2-yl)pyridine). The ytterbium complex **107** is shown in an octahedral geometry (with one triflate still bound to the metal), where *re*-face cyclization is favored due to the steric interactions of the substrate and the phenyl groups of the ligand. The 6-endo cyclization takes place via a chairlike transition state,

**Table 9. Tandem Cyclizations Using Atom-Transfer Additions** 



**Table 10. Ytterbium-Mediated Tandem Cyclization** 



to yield a tertiary radical, **108**, followed by a ring flip and a 5-exo cyclization (**108** to **109** to **110**). The primary radical in **110** then abstracts a bromine atom from **99** to yield (2R, 3S, 4S, 5S)-**101**.

# Scheme 16. Model/Mechanism for Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>-Mediated Cyclization



### 3. Reductive Alkylations

Addition of radicals to carbon–carbon or carbon– heteroatom multiple bonds, followed by trapping of the resulting radicals with a hydrogen atom source, leads to reduced products. A very favorable situation for catalytic processes exists here if the chiral Lewis acid modulates the reactivity of the substrate suitably.

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# 3.1. Additions to Imines

Glyoxylate imines have proven to be good substrates for the enantioselective ene and hetero-Diels-Alder reactions.<sup>29</sup> Radical addition to glyoxylate imines has been carried out with chiral Lewis acids. These reactions can provide optically active aliphatic  $\alpha$ -amino acids. The radical methodology is advantageous since anionic nucleophiles do not distinguish the imine and the carboxylic esters and regioselectivity is not attained.<sup>30</sup> The only other case where such selectivity is obtained is in the addition of allylmetal reagents. Naito et al. utilized catalysts derived from 88 with various metal salts in the addition of isopropyl radical to 111 with limited success (Scheme 17).<sup>31</sup> Among the Lewis acids evaluated, only magnesium bromide gave reasonable ee's. A tetrahedral model, 113, has been proposed for the observed selectivity. Similar studies were carried out by Halland and Jørgensen using a chiral Lewis acid derived from Cu(I) and Tol-BINAP, 116, with less success (Scheme 18).<sup>32</sup> The use of Et<sub>3</sub>B as the initiator at room temperature in the absence of TBTH seems novel in this study. At low temperature, where the concentration of *i*-Pr radicals is low, higher amounts of ethyl addition products (Et<sup>•</sup> obtained from Et<sub>3</sub>B)





were observed. At room temperature, the atomtransfer step (Et• + *i*-PrI  $\rightarrow$  *i*-Pr• + EtI) to produce the *i*-Pr radical is more efficient, and the use of tributyltin hydride can be avoided. This also restricts this particular process to alkyl iodides; other haloalkanes have much smaller halogen-transfer rates.

Scheme 18. Addition to Glyoxylate Imine Using Cu-BINAP



#### 3.2. Conjugate Addition

Intermolecular conjugate addition<sup>33</sup> of nucleophilic Alder radicals to  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated compounds has been and t Scheme 19. Conjugate Addition to Oxazolidinone Cinnamate

carried out enantioselectively using chiral Lewis acids. Sibi, Porter, and co-workers showed that magnesium and zinc Lewis acids, along with bisoxazoline ligands, can catalyze the reaction of oxazolidinone cinnamate 117 with *i*-PrI to give the addition product **118** (Scheme 19).<sup>34</sup> The success of this process depends on the activation provided by the Lewis acids, which make the reaction possible at -78°C. The non-Lewis acid-mediated process is negligible at this temperature. Bidentate chelation of the substrate and chiral ligand to the Lewis acid generates the reactive complex. The substrate adopts an s-cis orientation at the  $C(O) - C(sp^2)$  bond when bound to the Lewis acid. The use of Et<sub>3</sub>B, an efficient initiator at low temperatures, in the presence of oxygen generates radicals from haloalkanes. These radicals then add to the substrates bound to the chiral Lewis acid in an enantioselective manner. Interestingly, face selection depends on whether the C-4 substituent on the bisoxazoline ligand has an alkyl (119) or an aryl (120) group.<sup>35</sup> Moreover, zinc Lewis acids gave good selectivities with **120**, whereas magnesium salts gave good selectivities with 119. The process was shown to be catalytic in the chiral Lewis acid. Sibi and Ji then evaluated various bisoxazoline ligands with MgI<sub>2</sub> and found that ligands derived from *cis*-aminoindanol were more effective in these reactions.<sup>36</sup> Further optimization based on the ring size at the bridging carbon showed ligand **121** to be the best ligand. This combination of MgI<sub>2</sub> and **121** catalyzed the reaction, even at 10 mol % loading (entry 3) and also at room temperature (entry 5), without significant loss in enantioselectivity. The observed stereochemical outcome of the reactions was explained using octahedral models, as shown in 122 and 123. A cis-octahedral model 122 is proposed with **121**, whereas a trans-octahedral model **123** accounts for the selectivity with **120**.

Iserloh, Curran, and Kanemasa explored the use of DBFOX/Ph ligand **124** in this reaction.<sup>37</sup> This ligand had previously proven to be effective in Diels– Alder reactions. Evaluation of various main-group and transition-metal Lewis acids revealed that only



 $Mg(ClO_4)_2$  gave good reactivity (100% yield) and enantioselectivity (75% ee). DBFOX, a tridentate ligand, increases the electron density on Mg and makes it a weaker Lewis acid. This leads to the nonselective background reaction (non-Lewis acidcatalyzed) and hence to the lowering of the enantioselectivity.

Murakata et al. also examined enantioselective conjugate addition, as shown in Table 11.<sup>38</sup> In an effort to evaluate the role of additives in chiral Lewis acid-mediated reactions, they chose Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> as the Lewis acid. Ligand 129, with diethyl substitution at the bridging carbon of bisoxazoline, was utilized throughout their study. Under stoichiometric chiral Lewis acid, very low enantioselectivity of the product was observed. When additives 130 and 131 were added, there was a marked increase in ee's (entries 2 and 3). This increase was more dramatic when 4.4diphenyl-substituted oxazolidinone 126 was used as the template, along with **131** as the additive (entries 4 and 5). In an effort to understand the origin of this additive effect, the *N*-methylated compound **132** was prepared and tested. The fact that there was no change in selectivity compared to that found in the experiment without any additive suggested that the additives 130 and 131 were coordinating to zinc through the NH group. Further support for this hypothesis was obtained through low-temperature NMR experiments, which showed that the substrate could displace the additive 132 but not 131. It was also possible for the reaction to be carried out at substoichiometric loading of chiral Lewis acid, without substantial loss in selectivity (entries 9 and 10).

Table 11. Oxazolidinone Additives in Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>-Catalyzed Conjugate Additions



The templates used in these reactions have a significant impact on the outcome, modulating reactivity and determining selectivity. Sibi et al. also showed that changing the oxazolidinone template in **117** to a 3,5-dimethylpyrazole, as in **133**, resulted in a reversal of stereochemistry when using the same chiral Lewis acid (Scheme 20).<sup>39</sup> Additions in the presence of stoichiometric amounts of zinc triflate and ligand **121** gave good yields and moderate selectivities of **134**. These acylated pyrazoles **133** form five-membered chelates, unlike the six-mem-

bered chelate formed with oxazolidinones **117** (vide supra). This change in chelate ring size, accompanied by a trans-octahedral geometry with **133** and **121**, has been proposed to account for the reversal of enantioselectivity (see **135**).

Scheme 20. Pyrazole Templates: Five-Membered Chelation for Reversal of Enantioselectivity



All the examples of conjugate additions outlined above utilized either main-group or transition-metal Lewis acids. To expand the scope of these reactions, Sibi and Manyem developed a lanthanide Lewis acid-ligand system (Table 12).<sup>40</sup> Lanthanide Lewis acids are unique in that they are less sensitive to air and moisture (ease of handling), and they also make it possible for reactions to be carried out in aqueous media.<sup>41</sup> The reaction under study was similar to that shown in Scheme 19. After a brief survey of lanthanide triflates, the authors found the best combination to be samarium triflate in the presence of ligand 136, with 30 mol % of the chiral Lewis acid being optimal. Examination of various substitutions in the ligand allowed determination of the importance of different groups. The aryl groups in the tertiary alcohol were necessary for good selectivity. After it was determined that the product was binding to the chiral Lewis acid and lowering the ee's (see entry 2), the importance of additives in improving selectivity was investigated. Among various additives, acyloxazolidinones 137-140 were the best, and two equivalents relative to the chiral Lewis acid were required. A size dependence of the substitution on the exo carbonyl of the additive was also investigated (entries 3-6). Two equivalents of benzoyl oxazolidinone **137**, along with 4-Å molecular sieves in addition to chiral Lewis acid, gave the highest selectivity (entry 7). Sibi and Manyem proposed that the additives aid in blocking the vacant coordination sites in the lanthanide complex,<sup>40</sup> hence making a more robust complex, as first demonstrated in enantioselective Diels-Alder cycloadditions by Kobayashi.<sup>41</sup>

#### 3.3. Cyclizations

Enantioselective cyclizations by radical additions to olefins have been reported, and a few of them have already been discussed in section 2.3. Cyclizations were performed by Nishida et al. using chiral aluminum Lewis acid derived from Me<sub>3</sub>Al and BINOLs (Scheme 21).<sup>42</sup> Formation of a vinyl radical, followed by a 5-exo or 6-exo (for n = 1 or 2) cyclization



controlled by the chiral Lewis acid, provides enantiofacial selection. For the carboxylic esters **141**, the cyclizations were carried out at -78 °C for the cyclopentane formation and at 0 °C for the cyclohexane formation. Lower yields of the six-membered-ring products are due to difficulty in 6-exo cyclizations. The use of 1 equiv of either 145 or 146 provided cyclized products in low ee's, with 146 performing slightly better. With use of 4 equiv of 146, cyclized products (*R*)-**142a** and (*R*)-**142b** were obtained in 36 and 48% ee, respectively. When the ester was replaced with the Weinreb amide, the cyclization proceeded smoothly to provide the enantiomeric product (S)-144 in 26% ee. The low ee's are due to the background reaction of the amide in the absence of complexed **146**. The importance of the carboxylic substituents is evidenced in this example. The esters, upon complexation, are oriented in an s-trans fashion, whereas the Weinreb amides adopt an s-cis conformation.





Hiroi and Ishii performed cyclizations of  $\alpha$ -bromo-*N*-allyl amides and sulfonamides **147a**-**c** with radical generation by using triethylborane and trapping

the cyclized radical with tin hydride (Table 13).<sup>43</sup> The use of various Lewis acids was explored, and titanium tetraisopropoxide emerged as superior to either triethylaluminum or magnesium triflate. Among the substrates, less bulky substituents on nitrogen resulted in better reaction efficiency, with larger substituents such as 2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl and 1-naph-thalenesulfonyl leading to reduced products along with recovered starting materials. The substrate **147c** with *p*-tolyl sulfonyl (tosyl) substituent was ideal in terms of both reaction efficiency and enantioselectivity. The products obtained possessed trans geometry at the newly formed C–C bond. The best selectivity (77%) was obtained with ligand **150** for the trans product **148c**.

Table 13. Cyclization of  $\alpha$ -Bromo-N-allylamides and Sulfonamides



A unique cyclization procedure was conducted by Curran et al., in which they showed that axial chirality can be transferred into a new stereocenter with retention of chirality (Scheme 22).44 Substrates *M*- and *P*-151a-e were prepared either from the chiral pool or by racemic synthesis, followed by preparative chiral HPLC separation. When these substrates were subjected to the conditions shown in Scheme 22, the products (R)- and (S)-152 were obtained in good yields and high ee's. The radical can be derived from both aryl bromides and aryl iodides, and the ee's are very similar (entries 1 and 3). The high ee's are due to the almost complete absence of racemization of radical intermediates 153 and 154. This is, in turn, related to the efficiency of the aryl radical addition to the olefin. A point of note is that the olefin bond has to move out of conjugation from the carbonyl bond during cyclization. The intermediate 153 obtained from M-151 has to rotate around the aryl-nitrogen bond in order for the proper overlap required for cyclization to occur. If the cyclization is not efficient, there is a possibility of the bond rotation going further, leading to 154 and hence to racemization. These factors are borne out in the examples presented. In entries 5 and 6, higher ee's are obtained when  $R_E$  is phenyl: the delocalization (and hence stabilization) provided by the carbonyl group becomes less important due to the delocalization provided by conjugation with the phenyl ring. This allows for *M*-151c to react faster, furnishing higher ee's.





#### 4. Fragmentations

Fragmentation reactions involve the addition of radicals to a neutral molecule, followed by  $\beta$ -elimination of the resultant radical, generating a terminal olefin.<sup>45</sup> The most common trap for a radical is allyltributylstannane, which was used initially by Keck and Yates.<sup>46</sup> Porter et al. performed the trapping of acyl radicals obtained from  $\alpha$ -bromo oxazolidinones **155** with allylstannanes and allylsilanes (Table 14).<sup>47</sup> Magnesium and zinc Lewis acids were used with bisoxazolines to induce enantioselectivity. Although the allylstannanes are good trapping agents, this reaction produces stannyl halides that are Lewis acidic and can compete with the chiral Lewis acid in catalyzing the reaction. This results in racemic products, which then reduces the overall enantio-

Table 14. Allylations of α-Bromo Oxazolidinones

selectivity of the products (entry 1). Replacement of allylstannanes with allylsilanes overcomes this problem, and higher selectivities are obtained (compare entries 1-4). With the same bisoxazoline ligand, magnesium and zinc Lewis acids gave enantiomeric products (entries 5 and 6), as was observed in the conjugate addition reactions (vide supra). However, magnesium Lewis acids provided higher levels of selectivity with alkyl substituents at R<sub>3</sub> than with aryl substituents (entries 6 and 7). In addition, a spirocyclic ligand gave better ee's compared to the dimethyl ligand (entries 7 and 8). The authors also showed that addition of Me<sub>3</sub>SnBr decreases the enantioselectivity, depending on the amount, supporting the hypothesis that this is the most probable cause for the decreased ee's in allylstannane reactions.

A similar study was published independently by Renaud and Fhal, in which they reported the use of aluminum Lewis acids (Table 15).48 This study utilized the  $\alpha$ -iodo acyloxazolidinones 159 as substrates, and the corresponding radical was generated either by photolysis (-10 °C) or by using triethylborane (-78 °C). The Et<sub>3</sub>B method always gave better selectivities than photolysis. In the case of **159a**, (S)-BINOL 161, bistriflamide 162, and the TADDOL 163 were ineffective, giving <20% ee's. Substituents at C-4 can influence the s-cis versus s-trans conformers in the reactive radical species, but in this instance, the increase in ee's for 159b was less than expected (entries 4-6). Similar ee's were obtained with both allylstannane and methallylstannane (entries 5 and 6).

In a related study, Porter et al. showed that  $\alpha$ -bromo  $\gamma$ -lactams **164a**-**d**, containing a pyridyl moiety, can react with allyltrimethylsilane enantioselectively in the presence of chiral Lewis acids derived from zinc and **167** (Table 16).<sup>49</sup> In contrast to the above study, the ligand of choice for substrates **164** was found to be the bisoxazoline ligand **167**. Excellent ee's were obtained in the presence of 2 equiv of the chiral Lewis acid. When substoichiometric amounts of the catalyst were used, turnover was demonstrated, albeit with lower selectivity. Different substituents on the pyridyl moiety of **164** were also examined, although no predictable trend was observed. A trans-octahedral model similar to that in

	0   	∕_ <sub>R1</sub> + r	//	∕Z 156	MX <sub>2</sub> , Et <sub>3</sub> B CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , -7	8/O <sub>2</sub> 8 °C ⊂ C	0 0 N ↓ 157	R <sub>1</sub>	+ Z-Br
			158						
Entry	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	config.	MX <sub>2</sub>	Z	Yield (%)	ee (%)	
1	Me	Me	Ph	( <i>R, R</i> )	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	SnBu <sub>3</sub>	84	42 ( <i>S</i> )	
2	Me	Me	Ph	( <i>R, R</i> )	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	65	60 ( <i>S</i> )	$R_2 R_2$
3	<i>t</i> -Bu	Me	Ph	( <i>R, R</i> )	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	SnBu <sub>3</sub>	63	74 ( <i>R</i> )	
4	<i>t</i> -Bu	Me	Ph	( <i>R, R</i> )	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	SiMe <sub>3</sub>	88	90 ( <i>R</i> )	$\rightarrow N N \sim /$
5	<i>t</i> -Bu	Me	Ph	( <i>R, R</i> )	MgI <sub>2</sub>	SiMe <sub>3</sub>	86	68 ( <i>S</i> )	R <sub>3 158</sub> R <sub>3</sub>
6	<i>t</i> -Bu	Me	<i>t</i> -Bu	( <i>S, S</i> )	MgI <sub>2</sub>	SiMe <sub>3</sub>	61	78 ( <i>R</i> )	100
7	<i>t</i> -Bu	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -	<i>t</i> -Bu	( <i>S, S</i> )	Mgl <sub>2</sub>	SiMe <sub>3</sub>	65	88 ( <i>R</i> )	
8	<i>t</i> -Bu	Me	<i>i</i> -Bu	( <i>S, S</i> )	Mgl <sub>2</sub>	SiMe <sub>3</sub>	83	82 ( <i>R</i> )	





**123** was proposed to explain the stereochemical outcome of the reaction.

Hoshino and co-workers demonstrated the creation of chiral quaternary centers by using allyltributylstannane.<sup>50</sup> In this study, a monodentate substrate, 4a-c, was used (Table 17; cf. Table 1). An initial evaluation of Lewis acids showed that, among MgI<sub>2</sub>, MgBr<sub>2</sub>, Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>AlCl, and Me<sub>3</sub>Al, only Me<sub>3</sub>Al activated the substrate to provide the desired product. Use of this Lewis acid with ligand 170 provided the allylated product 169 in low (27%) ee. Addition of diethyl ether (1 equiv to Lewis acid and ligand) produced a dramatic increase in selectivity to 81% ee. Other additives, such as diisopropyl ether, THF, or *N*-methylpyrrolidine (NMP) were not as effective as diethyl ether. Substrates containing either a simple methyl group 4a, or those with an alkoxyalkyl group **4b**,**c**, benefited from added ether. The reaction was also shown to be catalytic in chiral Lewis acid (entries 10 and 11). A five-coordinate aluminum complex, **171**, has been proposed to account for the selectivity. Sulfonamido ligands derived from (R)-1,2diphenylethylenediamine were also studied by Hoshi-



Table 17. Allylation of  $\alpha$ -Iodo Lactones: Al-BINOL as Single-Point-Binding Chiral Lewis Acid

	Ŧ		SnBu <sub>3</sub>			
		Me <sub>3</sub> Al, tolue <b>170</b> , E	ene, -78 ° Et <sub>3</sub> B/O <sub>2</sub>	c → C	R	
4a-c					169	
Entry	R	CLA (eq.)	Additive	Yield (%)	ee (%)	
1	Me	1.0	-	72	27 ( <i>R</i> )	
2	Me	1.0	Et <sub>2</sub> O	84	81 ( <i>R</i> )	SiPh <sub>3</sub>
3	CH <sub>2</sub> OMe	1.0	-	75	10 ( <i>S</i> )	
4	CH <sub>2</sub> OMe	1.0	Et <sub>2</sub> O	85	82 ( <i>R</i> )	ОН
5	CH <sub>2</sub> OMe	1.0	<i>i</i> -Pr₂O	83	43 ( <i>R</i> )	ОН
6	CH <sub>2</sub> OMe	1.0	THF	71	33 ( <i>R</i> )	
7	CH <sub>2</sub> OMe	1.0	NMP	59	3 ( <i>R</i> )	SiPh <sub>3</sub>
8	CH <sub>2</sub> OBn	1.0	-	72	3 ( <i>S</i> )	170
9	CH <sub>2</sub> OBn	1.0	Et <sub>2</sub> O	76	91 ( <i>R</i> )	
10	CH <sub>2</sub> OBn	0.2	Et <sub>2</sub> O	73	82 ( <i>R</i> )	
11	CH <sub>2</sub> OBn	0.1	Et <sub>2</sub> O	78	71 ( <i>R</i> )	



no et al., with both trimethylaluminum and triisobutylaluminum, with much less success: a maximum of 54% ee was achieved (Table 18).<sup>51</sup> The chiral Lewis acids were prepared by refluxing **172a**-**c** with aluminum salts and then cooled to -78 °C before the reaction. The heterogeneity of the catalyst in toluene was an issue. This was overcome by using larger amounts of the aluminum salts relative to the ligand or by using substoichiometric amounts of the catalyst. Similar levels of ee's (54%) were achieved in the lower loading of catalyst (entry 9).

In fragmentation reactions involving sulfonamides **173**, Hiroi and Ishii examined various Lewis acids with chiral diamines, diols, and sulfoxides (Scheme 23).<sup>43</sup> Among these ligands, the sulfoxide ligand **178** gave good selectivity with magnesium triflate. The tosyl group in the substrate was important, as the smaller methane sulfonamide gave much lower ee's (data not shown). The origin of selectivity with magnesium Lewis acid was explained using the model **180**. It is important to note that the sulfonyl

Br		} + ∕ R		SiMe <sub>3</sub>	MX <sub>2</sub> , Et <sub>3</sub> B/O <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , temp.	$\sim$		N R		0
	_ 164a-d		165				166	;	$\sum^{N}$ N-	
а	к Н	Entry	Substrate	Ligand	MX <sub>2</sub> (eq.)	T (°C)	Yield (%	) ee (%)	Ph <b>120</b>	Ph
b	4-Me	1	164a	120	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-78	70	59 ( <i>S</i> )		
c d	5-CI 5-CO₂Me	2	164a	167	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-78	75	96 ( <i>S</i> )	$\rho$	.O
	2	3	164a	168	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-78	42	75 ( <i>R</i> )		<u>`</u> ''''
		4	164a	167	MgBr <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-78	54	84 ( <i>R</i> )		
		5	164a	167	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (2.0)	-78	83	>99 ( <i>S</i> )		Ų
		6	164a	167	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (2.0)	-20	94	95 ( <i>R</i> )	167	
		7	164a	167	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-20	93	91 ( <i>R</i> )	$\land$	
		8	164b	167	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-20	85	70 ( <i>R</i> )		
		9	164c	167	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-20	88	67 ( <i>S</i> )	∧ N N	$\Gamma^{0}$
		10	164d	167	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-20	91	80 ( <i>S</i> )	∑×N N	V.
		11	164a	167	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (0.2)	-20	69	81 ( <i>S</i> )	∕-Pr 168	ÆPr



	I	1	SnBu	3		
$\bigcirc$		Bn LA, to	oluene, -78	<sup>3 °C</sup> ►		∼OBn
$\checkmark$	0~0	17	72, Et <sub>3</sub> B/O	2		C
	4c				170c	
Entry	172 (eq)	LA (eq.)	Yield (%)	ee (%)		
1	<b>172a</b> (1)	Et <sub>2</sub> AICI (1)	19	0		
2	<b>172a</b> (1)	Me <sub>3</sub> AI (1)	75	25 ( <i>R</i> )	Ph	Ph
3	<b>172a</b> (1)	i∕-Bu₃Al (1)	62	16 ( <i>R</i> )		- <b>(</b>
4	<b>172b</b> (1)	Me <sub>3</sub> AI (1.5)	73	54 ( <i>R</i> )	RO <sub>2</sub> SHN	NHSU <sub>2</sub> R
5	<b>172b</b> (1)	Me <sub>3</sub> AI (2)	76	51 ( <i>R</i> )		R OF
6	<b>172b</b> (1)	<i>i</i> -Bu <sub>3</sub> AI (2)	75	43 ( <i>R</i> )	172a	
7	<b>172c</b> (1)	Me <sub>3</sub> AI (1)	76	13 ( <i>S</i> )	1/2b	
8	<b>172c</b> (1)	i∕-Bu₃Al (1)	68	42 ( <i>S</i> )	1/2C	CH2CF3
9	<b>172b</b> (0.5)	Me <sub>3</sub> AI (1)	72	54 ( <i>R</i> )		
10	<b>172b</b> (0.5)	Me <sub>3</sub> AI (1.5)	75	10 ( <i>R</i> )		

oxygens are enantiotopic, and hence one can form four different complexes, depending on the orientation of the substrate and the sulfonyl oxygen that binds to the metal. The orientation shown in **180** is the lowest energy conformation, and the radical is trapped by the allylstannane from the face opposite to the *p*-tolyl group. In this case, although not mentioned by the authors, one cannot rule out the assisted addition of the radical to allylstannane: tin can coordinate to the uncoordinated sulfonyl oxygen and hence assist the addition. Tin salts are known to coordinate to oxygen atoms, as has been shown by Porter et al.<sup>47</sup> (vide supra).

# 5. Tandem Reactions: Addition–Trapping

The previous section detailed the possibility of generating radicals followed by fragmentation reactions with allylstannanes. Such  $\alpha$ -acyl radicals are

Scheme 23. Allylations Using Acyclic Template: Sulfonamide



Scheme 24. Installation of  $\alpha$ -Stereocenter through Addition–Trapping

		Zn(OTf	) <sub>2</sub> , <b>L</b> *, R-I SnBu <sub>3</sub> Et <sub>3</sub> B/O <sub>2</sub>	- -		Ŝ		¥ N∕
	181	-78	°C		182	Ph	120	Ph
Entry	RI (eq.)		L* ´	181:M:L*	Solvent	Yi€	eld (%)	ee (%)
1	c-Hexl (10	)) ( <i>S</i> , .	S)- <b>120</b>	1:1:1	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>		62	50 ( <i>S</i> )
2	c-Hexl (10	)) ( <i>S</i> , .	S)- <b>120</b>	1:1:1	ether		90	64 ( <i>S</i> )
3	c-Hexl (10	)) ( <i>S</i> , .	S)- <b>120</b>	1:2:2	ether		61	80 ( <i>S</i> )
4	c-Hexl (1.	5) ( <i>R</i> , <i>i</i>	R)- <b>120</b>	1:1:1.2	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> :pent	4:6	62	68 ( <i>R</i> )
5	c-Hexl (1.	5) ( <i>R</i> , <i>i</i>	R)- <b>120</b>	1:2:2.4	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> :pent	4:6	92	72 ( <i>R</i> )
6	<i>t-</i> Bul (5)	( <i>S</i> , .	S)- <b>120</b>	1:1:1.2	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> :pent	4:6	78	88 ( <i>S</i> )
7	<i>t-</i> Bul (5)	( <i>R</i> , <i>i</i>	R)- <b>120</b>	1:1:1.2	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> :pent	4:6	92	90 ( <i>R</i> )
8	<i>t-</i> Bul (5)	( <i>R</i> , <i>i</i>	R)- <b>120</b>	1:2:2.1	ether		55	88 ( <i>R</i> )

Zinc triflate was found to be the ideal Lewis acid; zinc chloride, magnesium triflate, and scandium triflate were ineffective. Ether as solvent proved to be better than methylene chloride (entries 1 and 2), an anomalous behavior that possibly hints at a superior chiral catalyst with ether coordinated to zinc or stannane. Further experiments were carried out with  $CH_2Cl_2$ –pentane (40:60) mixtures, and *tert*-butyl radical additions gave up to 90% ee (entry 7). High selectivity could be obtained with ether, although 2 equiv of the chiral Lewis acid was required (entry 8). Unlike tributyltin bromide, tributyltin iodide, being a weaker



Me<sup>-</sup> 180 SnBu<sub>3</sub>

Lewis acid, did not have a detrimental impact on selectivity. A tetrahedral zinc complex with bidentate chelation to substrate and ligand was proposed to account for the observed stereochemistry (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Model for allylation.

Porter et al. made a direct comparison of the stereochemical efficiency of the fragmentation reaction versus the tandem reaction as a function of the steric effect based on the Taft parameters for different substituents.<sup>53</sup> Their results are shown in Figure 3 for the reactions shown in Scheme 25. In general, the tandem reactions perform better and provide higher levels of ee's than the fragmentation reactions. This effect could be due to the tin bromide byproduct catalyzing a non-stereoselective process, as has been uncovered by the same authors (vide supra) and by Sibi and Ji in their diastereoselective studies.<sup>47,54</sup>

Scheme 25. Addition-Trapping vs **Fragmentation: Influence of Sterics on Selectivity** 



Sulfones are an appealing class of substrates and have been used in tandem reactions with generation of a chiral center  $\alpha$  to the sulforyl group (Scheme 26).<sup>55</sup> To achieve bidentate chelation with metal, pyridyl or benzimidazolyl moieties were also introduced in the substrates **183a**–**c**. The results indicate that the benzimidazolyl substrates 183c perform better than pyridyl substrate 183a. The effect of an N-substituent is not apparent: with allyltributyltin, the ee's increase from 183a-c (entries 3-5), whereas with allyltriphenyltin, the ee's follow the reverse order (entries 6-8). The reaction efficiency is dependent on the amount and nature of the trapping agent employed. Diallyldibutylstannane performed better than all other stannanes. In addition, 10 equiv of the stannane gave the best results in terms of yield and selectivity (entries 10, 12, and 13). The model proposed for the observed selectivity is shown in Figure 4. In attempting to understand the structures of the chiral complex, one has to remember that the



Figure 3. Comparison of fragmentation and tandem reactions. Legend:  $\blacklozenge$ , 0.2 equiv;  $\blacksquare$ , 0.6 equiv;  $\triangle$ , 1.0 equiv;  $\times$ , 2.0 equiv.

sulfonyl oxygens are enantiotopic and can form diastereotopic complexes with the chiral Lewis acid. Selection at this level is then translated in combination with discrimination from the ligand into the final ee's observed in the products.



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Allyl2Bu2Sn

AllylBu<sub>2</sub>SnCl

Allyl2Bu2Sn

Allyl2Bu2Sn

Allyl<sub>2</sub>Bu<sub>2</sub>Sn

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Figure 4. Allylation of sulfones.

Sibi and Chen demonstrated for the first time that relative and absolute stereocenters of both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  carbons can be controlled in the intermolecular addition-trapping experiments (Table 19).<sup>56</sup> Magne-

# Table 19. Vicinal Stereocenters inAddition-Trapping



<sup>a</sup> Allyltriphenyltin was used.

sium and copper Lewis acids performed better than zinc. The use of 30 mol % of chiral Lewis acid gave higher selectivities than the stoichiometric amounts for both magnesium and copper. Interestingly, copper triflate gave better selectivities with allyltriphenyl stannane, whereas no such difference was found with magnesium Lewis acids. Among the magnesium salts, iodide counterion was found to be more effective than bromide or perchlorate. The products obtained predominantly had anti stereochemistry. Another point of note was that copper triflate and magnesium iodide gave enantiomeric products. The selectivity was noted to be dependent on both the size of the radical being added and the size of the  $\beta$ -substituent (Table 20). The best selectivities were obtained when *tert*-butyl radical was added and for the  $\beta$ -phenyl substituent. In the case of crotonate substrates, changing the template from oxazolidinone 187 to pyrrolidinone 188 led to higher selectivities. The anti selectivity was shown to depend mainly on the  $\beta$ -stereocenter.

### 6. Electron-Transfer Reactions

Reactions involving metals to generate radicals from oxygenated substrates such as aldehydes, ketones, and epoxides comprise a unique class in enantioselective radical reactions. Here, the radical-

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X = 0, R = Ph 117 $R_2 = Bu \text{ or Ph}$ X = 0, R = Ph 189         X = 0, R = CH <sub>3</sub> 187       X = 0, R = CH <sub>3</sub> 197       X = 0, R = CH <sub>3</sub> 190         X = CH <sub>2</sub> , R = CH <sub>3</sub> 188       X = CH <sub>2</sub> , R = CH <sub>3</sub> 198       X = CH <sub>2</sub> , R = CH <sub>3</sub> 191         Entry Substrate LA (0.3 eq.) R <sub>1</sub> X Yield (%) dr ee (%)         1       117       Mgl <sub>2</sub> MeOCH <sub>2</sub> Br       80       20       72         2       117       Mgl <sub>2</sub> CHexl       80       60       92         4       117       Mgl <sub>2</sub> c-Hexl       80       60       92         5 <sup>a</sup> 117       Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> t-Bul       84       99       97         5 <sup>d</sup> 117       Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> t-Hexl       83       4       61         7       187       Mg(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> c-Hexl       83       7       66         9       188       Mg(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> c-Hexl       84       7       69 <td>x<sup>M</sup>N<sup>-</sup></td> <td>R</td> <td>Et<sub>3</sub>B/O<sub>2</sub>, C</td> <td>H<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °</td> <td>C→ X へ</td> <td></td> <td>ΎR</td> <td></td>	x <sup>M</sup> N <sup>-</sup>	R	Et <sub>3</sub> B/O <sub>2</sub> , C	H <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , -78 °	C→ X へ		ΎR	
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<sup>a</sup> Allyltriphenyltin was used.

generating reagent is bound to the radical precursor and remains bound to the reacting radical species, allowing for stereocontrol in subsequent reactions in the presence of a chiral ligand suitable for the metal. Some popular reagents in this class are titanocenes and samarium diiodide. Two recent reviews detail the development of transition-metal reagents for catalysis in radical reactions.<sup>57</sup> This section will summarize the developments in this field.

# 6.1. Ketyl Radical Reactions

The ability of HMPA to facilitate SmI<sub>2</sub> (Kagan reagent)-mediated reactions has been well recognized, and chiral ligands that have similar electrondonating capabilities have been tested in these reactions. Inanaga et al. applied chiral Sm(II) complexes toward the hydrodimerization of acrylic acid amides 192 (Scheme 27).58 Dimerization of conjugated ketyl radicals in a ligand-controlled environment leads to the enantioselective formation of 3,4trans-disubstituted adipamides 193. Among the various bases that were evaluated, TMEDA proved to be the best. The reactions could be carried out with 2 equiv of SmI<sub>2</sub>, but as shown in the scheme, 4 equiv was preferred due to the gradual decomposition of the chiral samarium complex, even at -78 °C. The requirement of such an excess of (R)-BINOL is discouraging, but the ligand could be recovered in pure form following a simple workup. The yield of **193** obtained in this reaction is rather low and is accompanied by the reduced product 194. No meso products were observed in the majority of cases. Good selectivities but moderate yields were obtained when  $\beta$ -substitution involved a linear alkyl group (entries 1-3). The efficiency of the reaction was lowered when bulky substituents were placed in the  $\beta$ -position, and no homo-coupling was observed when isopropyl or tert-butyl groups were present (entries 5 and 6). Interestingly, when the amide substitution was changed from benzyl to phenyl, the dl:meso ratio decreased and the opposite enantiomer was formed (entry 7). The higher reactivity of this substrate was postulated as the reason for this change in stereochemistry.

Scheme 27. Hydrodimerization through Ketyl Radicals



In cyclization reactions of ketyl radicals with hydrazone, Skrydstrup and co-workers used different ligands to control the face selectivity in these coupling reactions (Scheme 28).<sup>59</sup> Reaction of carbonyl hydrazone **196** in THF with SmI<sub>2</sub>, precomplexed with stoichiometric amounts of ligands **198–200**, led to cyclization products in varying yields and low ee's, depending on the ligand. The (*S*)-BINAPO ligand **198**, which was moderately successful in Mikami's experiments (vide infra), decreased the reactivity, providing only 15% yield of the cyclized product with 10% ee. Only ligand **200** gave a reasonable yield (62%) but with low (5%) enantioselectivity of the trans product.

Scheme 28. Cyclization: Ketyl Radical Addition to Hydrazone



Mikami and Yamaoka demonstrated enantioselective addition of ketyl radicals, generated using SmI<sub>2</sub>, to olefins.<sup>60</sup> As shown in Scheme 29, the reductive coupling of acetophenone with methyl acrylate **202**  in the presence of chiral 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphinyl)-1,1'-binaphthyl (*R*-BINAPO, (*R*)-**198**) gives somewhat low yields (mostly under 50%) but moderate to good levels of enantioselectivity (60–70% ee) for the  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone products **203**. The mechanism is shown for this reaction. Samarium diiodide is a one-electron donor, and hence 2 equiv of the metal is required in order for the reaction to proceed. The first electron donated from the samarium produces a chiral ketyl radical **204** that undergoes enantioselective addition to the acrylate according to the chelated transition state **205**. The second electron donation then provides a samarium enolate intermediate **206** that can potentially undergo stereoselective proton transfer in the formation of a second chiral center.

### 6.2. Pinacol Coupling

Reductive coupling of aldehydes using organometallic reagents to make pinacols is a powerful method. Most common metals for this process are titanium, vanadium, samarium, and niobium, and of these, titanium reagents are popular. The reaction involves generation of the ketyl radicals, which upon coupling provide 1,2-diols. Various issues need to be considered regarding this reaction: control of both relative and absolute stereochemistry is required; in catalytic conditions, the product inhibition due to diol should be addressed; the reductant used for catalytic turnover further complicates the structure of the heterobimetallic reactive complex involved. Catalytic turnover can be achieved by cleaving the Ti–O bond using either TMSCl or proton. While TMSCl activates the aldehydes toward electron transfer, a general concern is the catalysis due to chlorosilane, especially for less reactive substrates. Low-valent titanium species can be either used directly (stoichiometric) or generated in situ (catalytic) using a reducing agent. Both methods have been investigated in the enantioselective reactions (Table 21). Commercially available TiCl<sub>3</sub> has been used in stoichiometric amounts with (+)-dimethyltartarate 211, resulting in a drastic reduction in diastereoselectivity (compared to the reaction without any chiral ligand) and very poor enantioselectivity (entry 2).<sup>61</sup> TiCl<sub>2</sub> has been used along with diamine 212, providing diols with moderate ee's (entries 3 and 4). The added amines accelerate the reaction by making a homogeneous catalyst.<sup>62</sup> Although the solution was visibly homogeneous, the authors performed small-angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) and atomic force microscopy (AFM) to analyze the nature of the titanium reagent in solution. They found that there were two sets of particles with different sizes. This, combined with the X-ray structure of the titanium-amine complex available in the literature, led them to conclude that two species were present: one of them being a cluster of the TiCl<sub>2</sub>–**212** and the other being a monomeric species with coordinated THF. It seems that the cluster leads to lower ee's: addition of tetrahydrothiophene resulted in higher selectivity (58% ee).<sup>63</sup> Enders used SMP, 213, under similar conditions with low yields and moderate ee's (entry 5).<sup>64</sup> Brintzinger's ansa-metallocene **214** is the most successful chiral catalyst to date in pinacol coupling (entry 6).<sup>65</sup> Other

#### Scheme 29. Ketyl Radical Addition and Cyclization



ligands, such as the salen ligand 215, have been screened (entry 7).<sup>66</sup> A general observation is that the use of chelating ligands decreases the dl:meso selectivity in most cases. It appears that the structural/ mechanistic concepts in this process are rather uncertain in the literature, but enough is known that a synthetically useful process is imminent. Recently, air-stable catalysts 216, derived from tridentate salen ligands and TiCl<sub>4</sub>, were prepared and used in enantioselective pinacol coupling in both stoichiometric and catalytic amounts.<sup>67</sup> A survey of various reductants (Mn, Ce, SmI<sub>2</sub>, and Zn) indicated manganese to be the ideal choice at -10 °C. Good ee's were obtained with benzaldehyde and p-methoxybenzaldehyde (entries 8 and 9). The lowering of ee's under catalytic conditions was a result of increasing the temperature rather than due to the poor turnover. Electron-deficient benzaldehydes, on the other hand, resulted in poor ee's for the pinacols.

# 6.3. Epoxide Ring Opening

Titanium catalysts have long been used in electrontransfer reactions involving epoxides, mostly as stoichiometric reagents. Gansäuer et al. developed a catalytic version of these reactions using titanocenes along with zinc metal to generate the active catalyst (Scheme 30).<sup>68</sup> In situ reduction of Ti(IV) with zinc metal provides Ti(III) species **217**, which coordinates to the epoxide **218** and does the electron transfer. The  $\alpha$ -titanoxy radical **219** can be reduced with 1,4cyclohexadiene, generating 221, which is then protonated with collidine hydrochloride to provide the product, and the Ti(IV) species **223**, which proceeds to the next catalytic cycle. On the other hand, 219 can add to an electron-deficient olefin to give 224. Using chiral titanocenes allows for stereocontrol in the ring opening as well as further reactions of the generated radical. Table 22 shows the results from the reductive opening of epoxides 225 to alcohols

(S)-216













**226.**<sup>68</sup> Among the catalysts derived from menthol **228**, neomenthol **229** and phenylmenthol **230** performed excellently, providing products in >93% ee (entries 3 and 4). Linear alkyl chains as substituents in the terminal ether of **225** are tolerated, whereas bulkier *tert*-butyl groups decrease selectivity due to the steric disorientation of the discriminating groups

(entries 7 and 8). The same catalysts were also utilized in the ring opening of cyclic epoxides **231**, followed by addition to *tert*-butyl acrylate **232** (Table 23). The trans:cis selectivities were greater than 4:1, and good enantioselectivities for the trans isomers **233** were obtained. The selectivity was only slightly dependent on the ring size. Enantioselective cyclizations using this methodology would certainly lead to complex systems and will undoubtedly be useful in total synthesis.

# 7. Oxidations

The previous section described reactions in which the electron transfer takes place from the metal to the organic substrate. The reverse scenario can also be used in radical reactions via oxidative generation of cationic radical species, which can undergo coupling reactions. The other, more common situation is the use of air or other terminal oxidant.

#### 7.1. Oxidative Coupling

Kurihara et al. used chiral oxovanadium species as a one-electron-transfer oxidant to silylenol ethers in a hetero-coupling process.<sup>69</sup> Treatment of **234** with a catalyst prepared in situ from VOCl<sub>3</sub>/chiral alcohol/ 4Å molecular sieves, followed by addition of **235**, provided the coupling product **236** (Table 24). 8-Phenylmenthol **239** was found to be the best ligand for this process. The use of 4Å molecular sieves is essential to the success in generating the active catalyst. Although the results are good, a catalytic variant is not available at this time.

Oxidative homo-coupling of enolates generated from acyl oxazolidinones to give the corresponding dimers can be achieved in the presence of oxidants. Titanium and ytterbium enolates of **240** were coupled in the presence of a chiral diol or chiral bisoxazoline in the presence of ferrocenium cation **242** (Table 25).<sup>70</sup> The amount of the meso dimer varied with the chiral ligand, with a maximum of 3:1. TADDOL **149** performed best, providing a 76% ee for the product **241**. Ytterbium enolate gave a low ee of 34% with the same ligand.

Cyclizations of dihydroxystilbene **245** using 4 mol % of chiral ruthenium complexes under photolytic conditions was investigated by Katsuki et al. (Table





26).<sup>71</sup> Coordination of alcohols/phenols to Ru(IV) species generates a cation radical with concomitant reduction of metal to Ru(III). Cyclization of this oxygen radical, followed by another cyclization, provides the product **246**. Catalyst **248** provided 81% ee of the product in chlorobenzene solvent. Optimization of the solvent polarity led to a mixture of toluene and *tert*-butyl alcohol in a 2:3 ratio as the ideal solvent. Substituents on the phenyl rings led to a decrease in selectivity. Low yields were due to the byproduct **247**.

Chiral binaphthol (BINOL) derivatives are popular ligands in asymmetric catalysis. Chiral BINOLs, both symmetrical and unsymmetrical, can be prepared by the enantioselective oxidative coupling of naphthols using copper, vanadium, and ruthenium catalysts.<sup>72</sup> The goal of chiral BINOL synthesis was achieved almost a decade ago, albeit with stoichiometric amounts of copper-chiral amine reagents. These results were possible due to either a second-order asymmetric transformation (the selective precipitation of the less solvated diastereomer in the presence of a kinetically favorable epimerization equilibrium) or diastereoselective crystallization. Examples in which enantioselectivity arises in the coupling step are described here. Smrcina et al. reported enantioselective cross-coupling of **249** and **250** using both stoichiometric and catalytic amounts of a Cu(II)– (–)-sparteine combination (Scheme 31).<sup>73</sup> Enantiomeric excess of 41% was obtained in the stoichiometric reaction, which could be increased to 71% due to selective precipitation. The catalytic version was developed with a stoichiometric amount of silver chloride to reoxidize Cu(I) to Cu(II) and hence aid catalytic turnover. However, lower yield and ee were obtained for **251**.

Copper(I) salts along with chiral amines have also been exploited in homo-coupling of naphthols. Nakajima and co-workers evaluated chiral diamines derived from L-proline in the presence of CuCl (Table 27).74 Under these conditions, Cu(I) is oxidized to Cu-(II) in situ due to the presence of  $air/O_2$  and enters the catalytic cycle. (-) Sparteine **252** proved to be inefficient in terms of both reactivity and selectivity. Hence, ligands 254 were considered. For the oxidative coupling of methyl 2-hydroxynaphthoate 250, ligands 254 with different substitution patterns were studied. Entries 2-4 show that a secondary amine is required in the ring nitrogen and the side chain should possess a tertiary nitrogen for good selectivities to be achieved. Ligand 254C was found to be the ideal ligand. Furthermore, reaction efficiency increased when preformed Cu(OH)Cl was used as catalyst: 85% yield of product with 78% ee. These conditions could not be extended for the coupling of the parent naphthol 249 nor to other non-ester substitution at C3: the presence of an ester group at C3 was essential. Kozlowski et al. investigated this reaction in greater detail.<sup>75</sup> Starting from ligands 255 that were identified through a computer-aided procedure and using Cu(I) halides under homogeneous conditions, they obtained good yields and selectivities. Many Cu(I) salts could be used: although the reaction efficiency was dependent on the counterion, the ee's were similar. Entries 6–8 show that introducing substituents on either one or both of the nitrogen atoms decreases selectivity. Solvents do not greatly affect the selectivity, but acetonitrile was used in some cases to ensure homogeneous reaction conditions and partly due to the stabilization provided by acetonitrile to Cu(I) species. Molecular sieves proved beneficial in increasing the catalyst turnover. The selectivity obtained with 255A (93% ee) is the best reported for this copper-catalyzed reaction. Here too, the parent naphthol (entry 11) provided low enantioselectivity. The authors obtained several crystal structures of various copper-diamine complexes utilized in their studies. A slightly positive nonlinear effect was also observed, indicating the initial formation of a 2:1 complex of the diamine and copper, which coexists with other  $\mu$ -hydroxo species. The coordination of the substrate to the precatalyst leads to a Cu-ligand-substrate complex. Radical generation, followed by stereoselective reaction with a second substrate, provides the product 253A or 253B.

**Table 26.** Cyclizations under PET Conditions



Scheme 31. Copper-Mediated Oxidative Coupling



Biaryl coupling can also be achieved with vanadium complexes. The groups of Uang<sup>76</sup> and Chen<sup>77</sup> independently reported the use of chiral tridentate Schiff base ligands 256 and 257 derived from 2-hydroxynaphthaldehyde and  $\alpha$ -amino acids in the enantioselective coupling (Table 28). Moderate selectivities were obtained in both cases, but the reaction was faster in the presence of TMSCl as a promoter (entry 1). Barhate and Chen improved the catalyst by using (+)-ketopinic acid in place of 2-hydroxynaphthaldehyde to form 258 and obtained 84% ee for the BINOL adduct.<sup>78</sup> A crystal structure of the catalyst was obtained. It showed vanadium in a 5+ oxidation state, which might be the active catalyst. Vanadium-(IV) is rapidly oxidized to vanadium(V) under the reaction conditions. Gong et al. utilized a catalyst derived from 3,3'-diformyl-BINOL to form catalyst 259A and 259B, both of which gave the desired product in good yield and selectivity.<sup>79</sup> The reaction times are too long, and the most common solvent seems to be carbon tetrachloride. Both of these requirements need to be improved for practical applications. The catalyst 260, which also has a binaphthyl skeleton with a free hydroxyl group, was developed by Chu and Uang.<sup>80</sup> The reaction with







catalyst **260** was much faster and could be performed in chloroform with only 2 mol % catalyst loading. The ee obtained with this catalyst is low (54%). In the catalysts containing a binaphthyl skeleton, the stereochemistry of the amino acid component determines the stereoselectivity in the final product. However, there is a match-mismatch among the stereochemistry of the binaphthyl unit and the amino acid unit (data not shown).

Katsuki et al. used catalyst **263** in the synthesis of BINOLs **262** in what is thought to be a single-

#### Table 28. Vanadium-Catalyzed Oxidative **Homo-coupling**



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16 h

93

54 (*R*)

80

260 (5) CHCl<sub>3</sub>

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electron-transfer (SET) mechanism.<sup>81</sup> Naphthols 261 were converted to BINOLs with moderate enantioselectivities using only 2-5 mol % of 263 in the presence of air and light at ambient temperatures (Table 29). The less reactive (electron-deficient) substrates needed 5 mol % of the catalyst and usually gave higher ee's compared to the faster reacting (electron-rich) substrates.

#### **Table 29. BINOL Synthesis**



Another case of the use of a ruthenium complex in biaryl coupling involves  $M(C_3)-\Delta$ -[Ru(menbpy)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>

(menbpy = 4, 4' - di(1R, 2S, 5R) - (-) - menthoxycarbonyl2,2'-bipyridine) as a photosensitizer and Co(acac)<sub>3</sub> as the oxidant. Ohkubo showed that 2-naphthol can be oxidized to BINOL in acetonitrile by irradiation at 400 nm, albeit in low enantioselectivity (16% ee).<sup>82</sup>

Electrocatalytic oxidation of naphthol 249, 2-methoxynaphthalene 264, and phenanthrol 265 with high ee's was reported by Bobbitt et al. (Table 30).83 The electrolysis was carried out on a poly(acrylic acid)coated graphite electrode in acetonitrile. In the presence of 1 equiv of (-)-sparteine **252**, the authors were able to make the corresponding binaphthyls in >90% yields and very high ee's.

Table 30	. Electrolytic	Oxidative	Coupling

	Substrate	Current Efficiency (%)	Yield (%)	ee (%)
	OH	89	99	99
	249			
ĺ	OM	91	92	94
	264			
ĺ		90	98	98
_	<b>265</b>			

# 7.2. Oxidation of Activated C–H Bonds

Oxidation of benzylic carbon has been attempted with porphyrin-based metal complexes mimicking the cytochrome P-450 enzyme.<sup>84</sup> A chiral rutheniumporphyrin complex **280** was utilized by Che et al.<sup>85</sup> Oxidations were carried out with either stoichiometric amounts of 280A or catalytic amounts of 280B in the presence of 2,6-dichloropyridine N-oxide (Cl<sub>2</sub>-PyNO) as a terminal oxidant. Table 31 shows the results. Overoxidation of the hydrocarbons to ketone was unavoidable. Stoichiometric catalyst loading of **280A** led to lower ee's than the catalytic reactions with the Ru(II) catalyst 280B. Moderate to good enantioselectivities were obtained at low conversions for the catalytic reactions. Benzene- and naphthalenederived substrates 266-270 gave much better ee's than the cyclic substrates 271 and 272. Kinetic isotope studies revealed that the hydrogen abstraction step was rate determining. It is possible that chiral ion-pairs **281A** and **281B** are generated and the face selection in the radical collapse step leads to the observed selectivity, as shown in Scheme 32.

Benzylic oxidation was investigated by Katsuki and co-workers using chiral (salen)manganese(III) complexes (Table 32).86 The reaction proceeds through a radical mechanism, with the prochiral hydrogen atom abstraction from the benzylic position being the ratedetermining step. To preserve the enantioselective hydrogen atom abstraction obtained in this step, it is necessary to use a highly viscous solvent. This leads to the increased lifetime of the diastereomeric species in the solvent cage. As shown in the table, good enantioselectivities were obtained, but the yields were low. Other substrates such as ethyl benzene and

**Table 31. Benzylic Oxidations Using Ruthenium Catalysts** 

		280A (stoichiometric)			<b>280B</b> (catalytic) + Cl <sub>2</sub> PyNO					
	Substrate	Product	Alcohol Yield (%	) <sup>ee (%)</sup>	Ketone Yield (%)	t (h)	Conv. (%)	Alcohol Yield (%	) <sup>ee (%)</sup>	Ketone Yield (%)
266		273	32	45 (S)	33	12	13	62	72 (S)	37
Me <b>267</b>		Me	31	51 (S)	32	30	20	72	76 (S)	24
CI— 268		CI	35	55 (S)	31	18	23	28	74 (S)	70
MeO- <b>269</b>		MeO	44	55 (S)	26	8	15	65	62 (S)	32
270		277 ОН	32	58 (S)	31	20	15	62	75 (S)	38
271 <sup>(</sup>		278	48	9 (S)	25	6	54	65	12 (S)	34
272		279	47	18 (S)	24	2	42	60	12 (S)	40





tetralin were also tested, and moderate to good ee's were obtained.

The same authors applied this methodology to desymmetrization of meso-pyrrolidine and mesotetrahydrofuran derivatives. These oxidations were carried out with Mn-salen catalysts 295-296 with iodosyl benzene as the oxidant (Table 33). Low yields and ee's were obtained for the tetrahydropyran 286.87 This was attributed to the presence of two conformers that underwent oxidation at different rates. This situation was avoided when bicyclic ethers 287A,B were used as substrates: higher yields and ee's were realized. The nitrogen variant 289 was also oxidized in 70% yield and 88% ee with the catalyst 296 derived from phenylene diamine.<sup>88</sup> In all of these examples, second-generation Mn-salen catalysts, with chirality residing on both the amine moiety and the binaphthyl moiety, were used. In contrast to the benzylic oxidation described above, the (R,R) catalysts were more effective in the oxidations shown in Table 33. The authors attempted to explain this difference in terms of the different structures of the diastereomeric complexes and the distance of approach required for the oxidation processes.<sup>89</sup> Murahashi et al. utilized similar catalysts in desymmetrization of 291 under similar conditions with added 4-phenylpyridine Noxide as a donor ligand.<sup>90</sup> Low ee's were obtained. Higher selectivity was obtained for the indan derivative 294.

Table 32. Benzylic Hydroxylation



280A: X = Y = O 280B: X = CO, Y = EtOH

Kinetic resolution of 2-phenylbutane 299 was attempted by Schulz et al. using CuOTf and PyBOX ligand **104** (Scheme 33).<sup>91</sup> At 57% conversion of the tert-butyl hydroperoxide, the peroxide 300 was obtained in 4% ee. No further optimization has been reported.

The oxidation of olefins to allylic alcohols using copper salts and peresters, the Kharasch-Sosnovsky reaction, has been investigated, and many reports of the catalytic enantioselective reaction are known. This topic was recently reviewed independently by Andrus and also by Eames.<sup>92</sup> No significant developments have been reported since then. Hence, the

#### Table 33. Oxidation at Activated C-H Bonds





**297**: R<sub>1</sub> = Me; R<sub>2</sub> = *F*Bu

Ro

 $R_2$ 

**298**:  $R_1 = t$ -Bu;  $R_2 = t$ -Bu

<sup>*a*</sup> PhIO was used as the oxidant. <sup>*b*</sup> ee was determined after oxidizing hydroxyl group to ketone  $^{c}$  4-phenylpyridine-*N*-oxide was used as additive.

#### Scheme 33. Benzylic Peroxidation



reader is directed to those references for a comprehensive treatment of this topic.

### 7.3. Oxidation of Alcohols/Amines

Oxidations of alcohols **301** under photolytic conditions, catalyzed using a nitroso-ruthenium complex **303**, led to kinetic resolution with high ee's and with good  $k_{rel}$  values (Table 34).<sup>93</sup> The same ruthenium complex has been used previously in the presence of *N*-oxides for epoxidation, but in this case no epoxidations were observed when substrates containing olefins were used. The *N*-oxide decomposes slowly under these conditions. Different secondary alcohols were utilized, and high ee's were obtained for the recovered alcohols.

Electrocatalytic oxidation of alcohols and amines **304** can be carried out with nitroxyl radicals. The use of chiral nitroxyl radicals in enantioselective oxidation has been explored. Kashiwagi et al. carried out a kinetic resolution of secondary alcohols and amines under electrocatalytic conditions using **305** as the catalyst in a "H"-type divided cell separated by a cation-exchange membrane.<sup>94</sup> Two equivalents of 2,6-lutidine and 0.5 equiv of NaClO<sub>4</sub>, along with a chromatographic standard and 5 mol % of the catalyst **305** in acetonitrile, were used as the catholyte. The anolyte was a solution of NaClO<sub>4</sub> in acetonitrile.

 Table 34. Kinetic Resolution under Photolytic Conditions

OH R <sub>1</sub> Me	303 Solvent	→ 0 R <sub>1</sub>	$Me + R_1$	)H Me
R <sub>1</sub>	Solvent	ee (%)	Conversion	(%) k <sub>rel</sub>
Ph-CH=CH-	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	97 ( <i>R</i> )	76	8
Ph	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CI	95 ( <i>R</i> )	65	11
Ph-=	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CI	>99 ( <i>R</i> )	65	20
Ph-CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	82 ( <i>R</i> )	58	11



In the case of amines, a 4:1 mixture of CH<sub>3</sub>CN and water was used. The (*R*) and (*S*) enantiomers of 1-phenylethanol were oxidized at different rates, and after 10 h of electrolysis the (*R*) alcohol was recovered in 70% ee. Other alcohols were also resolved but with lower ee's (Table 35). Amines in general gave higher selectivities and turnover numbers (TONs). It was also shown that the chiral center  $\alpha$  to the amine was essential: the last entry shows that the  $\beta$ -chiral center has no effect in this oxidation procedure. It was subsequently demonstrated that this process could be carried out on a gold electrode containing a self-assembled monolayer of chiral nitroxyls with thiol groups appended to them.<sup>95</sup> The authors alluded

Table 35. Electrocatalytic Oxidation Using Chiral Nitroxyl Radical

	XH			0 II	<u> </u>	ίΗ			
	$R_1 \wedge R_2 =$		──► F	$R_1 H_R_2$	+ R1	R <sub>2</sub>			
	304				( <i>R</i> )-	304			
хн	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	Charge passed C	Current efficiency %	ee (%)	Conversion %	n <sub>S</sub>	Turnover number	
ОН	Ph	Me	144.1	85.6	70 (R)	63.9	4.6	25.6	O II
ОН	Ph	Et	116.7	87.3	52 (R)	52.8	4.1	21.1	HN
ОН	1-Np	Me	112.8	87.9	50 (R)	51.4	4.5	20.6	<u> </u>
ОН	2-Np	Me	135.1	86.1	60 (R)	60.3	4.1	24.1	
$NH_2$	Ph	Me	137.9	91.5	78 (R)	65.4	5.3	26.2	∕_N []
$NH_2$	<i>p</i> -Tol	Me	134.6	94.8	75 (R)	66.1	4.7	26.5	$\circ$
$NH_2$	1-Np	Me	115.5	90.7	62 (R)	54.3	5.8	21.7	· /
$NH_2$	2-Np	Me	124.8	92.3	66 (R)	59.7	4.0	23.9	(6S, 7R, 10R)- <b>3</b>
$NH_2$	Ph(Me)CHCH <sub>2</sub>	Н	192.4	96.1	0	95.8	0	38.3	

to application of such chiral differentiation in determination of optical purity of amines.

### 8. Photochemical Processes

Photochemical processes involving the generation of biradicals followed by recombination are discussed in this section. Two reactions that involve such a process are the Norrish-Yang photocyclization and the di- $\pi$ -methane rearrangement. These reactions have been done both in the solid state<sup>96</sup> and in the solution phase. In the solid state, enantioselective reactions can be carried out using (a) crystals that grow in a chiral space group,<sup>97</sup> (b) crystals grown with ionic chiral auxiliaries,98 (c) host-guest complexes, or (d) zeolites in which a chiral inductor is present along with the substrate in the cavity.<sup>99</sup> The advantage of doing chemistry in the solid state is that once a chiral environment is established in the crystal, it is transferred to the product due to the restricted rotations in the crystal.

There are several issues at hand: (a) the number of achiral molecules that crystallize in a chiral space group is limited; (b) in the case of using chiral ionic auxiliaries, it is necessary to have an acidic/basic group in the substrate to form suitable chiral crystals; (c) although there is restricted rotation in the crystals, the crystals should have high melting points so that they do not melt during the photoreaction; and (d) the ee's of the reactions decrease with increasing conversions for most reactions. It is encouraging that there are numerous examples of enantioselective photoprocesses despite the above-mentioned hurdles. We have included selected examples from the literature to illustrate the different methods available to perform enantioselective photochemical reactions. For a deeper discussion and greater breadth of examples, the reader should plunge into comprehensive/insightful reviews available in asymmetric synthesis using photochemistry.<sup>96-99</sup>

Chiral crystals can be grown from organic molecules, but no concrete correlation or guidelines are available in terms of which molecules will crystallize in one of the 64 chiral space groups. Nevertheless, when chiral crystalline compounds are obtained, photochemical reactions can most often faithfully transform this environmental chirality into molecular chirality (Scheme 34). A first example was the di- $\pi$ - methane rearrangement of **306** in the solid state to **307** in 95% ee.<sup>100</sup> Sakamoto et al. performed a crystalto-crystal photocyclization of olefin **308** to obtain a spirocyclic thiolactam **310** in 81% ee, even at 100% conversion.<sup>101</sup>

#### Scheme 34. Photochemistry in Chiral Crystals



The use of ionic chiral auxiliaries provides a temporary alternative to the need to grow chiral crystals. This method necessitates the presence of an acidic/basic group to form a corresponding chiral salt, which can be crystallized. The advantages of this method are that one need not have isomorphous crystals and that the salt formation usually results in crystals with higher melting points. Norrish–Yang photocyclization of **311**, a prolinol salt of the adamantyl keto acid, resulted in the cyclobutanol product **312** in good yield and 97% ee (Scheme 35).<sup>102</sup>

Host–guest complexations (inclusion compounds) have been applied in solid-state photochemical processes. It is possible to prepare such complexes just by mixing the components and crystallizing them in a suitable solvent. Optically active hosts need to interact with the substrate in a well-defined manner. Examples presented here include  $\beta$ -lactam formation<sup>103</sup> from **313** with chiral diols **315** and **316** as hosts and benzoin condensation in a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin cavity (Scheme 36).<sup>104</sup>

#### **Scheme 35. Ionic Chiral Auxiliaries**



Zeolites, crystalline aluminosilicates, have been used to effect asymmetric photochemical reactions in their cavities. Ramamurthy et al. showed that, by using chiral inductors that can coexist with substrates in the cavities, enantioselective transformations can be performed.<sup>105</sup> Two examples are presented here (Scheme 37). The Schenk ene reaction, involving hydroperoxidation of olefins using singlet oxygen, was performed on olefin **319**, and it was observed that reaction in zeolite NaY produced **320** in a highly regioselective manner. The presence of (+)-pseudoephedrine hydrochloride led to the product in a low 15% ee. They also reported the photoreduction of arylalkyl ketones **321** to chiral alcohol **322** in 61% ee in the presence of (+)-norephedrine.<sup>106</sup>





Solution-phase asymmetric photochemical processes have not been successful in the past due to the stronger and more rigid interaction needed in solution to achieve high ee's. Very recently, Bach and co-workers solved this problem in one case of Norrish–Yang photocyclization (Scheme 38).<sup>107</sup> The imidazolidinone **321** was irradiated in the presence of 2.5 equiv of a chiral host in toluene to obtain the cyclized product **322** in good yields and moderate ee's. The host *ent*-**323b** proved to be the best, providing good face shielding due to a more rigid planar structure. Decreasing the amounts of the chiral host lowered the ee's. A model for explaining the observed selectivity was proposed, as shown in **324**. The authors also carried out reactions in the solid state and obtained 78% ee at 1% conversion and 28% ee at 36% conversion. Hence, the solution-phase chemistry was better than the solid-state reaction in this case.

#### Scheme 38. Solution Photochemistry



# 9. Polymerizations

Enantioselective radical polymerization is an interesting area of study but is rather limited at present. Polymerizations proceeding through a radical mechanism have been investigated using chiral initiators, additives, or chain-transfer agents. Helical polymers can be formed from a variety of monomers. Polymers preferring either right- or left-handed helix formation can be obtained through anionic polymerizations. One example of such helix-sense-selective polymerization has been reported, achieved using the radical method (Table 36). The challenge is in understanding the key chirality-determining step: the chain growth process. Nakano et al. performed polymerization using 1-phenyldibenzosuberyl methacrylate (PDBSMA) 325.108 This monomer gives a highly isotactic helical polymer. When chiral initiators (-)-dimenthyl peroxydicarbonate 326 and (-)o-carbomethoxybenzoyl peroxide 327 were used in the polymerization with a monomer: initiator of 1:1, optically active polymers were obtained but in low optical yields. These results indicate that enantioselection is minimally governed by the initiator. Chiral additives had a positive impact: chiral alcohols resulted in a better selection than the chiral initiators (entries 4-6). In one experiment (entry 6), both (-)-menthol and thiophenol were added, and the product polymer was racemic. Thiophenol is a faster chain-transfer agent than menthol. Hence, the authors concluded that the predominance of one helix sense over the other was determined in the chaintransfer step. This was further confirmed and optimized using a chiral chain-transfer agent, (-)neomenthylthiol **329** (entries 7-9). Interestingly, the optical yields were lower than those obtained in the presence of chiral alcohols. The most efficient chaintransfer agent was eventually found to be the chiral cobalt(II) complex 330 in chloroform/pyridine as solvent (entry 13). Finally, copolymerization was done with small amounts of chiral monomer 328 (entries 10-12). Higher optical yields were obtained, but the magnitude was dependent on the amount of 328 added. The added chiral monomer presumably acts as a template for the polymer formation.

#### **Table 36. Helix-Sense-Selective Polymerizations**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> 4.6M in toluene

<sup>e</sup>thiophenol was added

When a racemic monomer is used along with a chiral polymerization catalyst, it is possible that one of the antipodes adds to the growing polymer, whereas the opposite antipode is enriched in the unconsumed monomer. Kakuchi and co-workers demonstrated such a process by using racemic 2,4-pentanediyl dimethacrylate (*rac*-**331**) under Kharasch atomtransfer conditions (Table 37).<sup>109</sup> In the presence of CuBr/L\*/**333** in anisole at 90 °C, the free radical cyclopolymerization took place with relatively narrow molecular weight distributions. Among the ligands evaluated, (–)-sparteine **252** and **335** showed higher optical rotation for the polymer **332**. The selectivity obtained was dependent on the nature of ligand. The authors also showed that the selectivity indeed

originated from the ligand by using enantiomeric ligand (S)-**335**, which resulted in the (S,S) monomer being left behind (entries 3 and 4).





The oxidative biaryl coupling discussed in section 7.1 was applied in the polymerization of 2,3-dihydroxynaphthalene **336** by Okamoto et al., using various Cu(I)-bisoxazoline catalysts (Scheme 39).<sup>110</sup> Polymers of molecular weight of 41 000 were obtained and showed different properties, depending on the catalyst used for the synthesis. The actual enantio-selectivities obtained were not measured and were presumed to be low.

# Scheme 39. Polymerization Using Oxidative Coupling



#### 10. Miscellaneous Reactions

The [1,2] Wittig rearrangement of  $\alpha$ -lithiated ethers proceeds through a homolytic cleavage of the C–O bond, followed by radical transposition and recombination. Chiral ligands along with *t*-BuLi were used by Nakai et al. for this asymmetric transformation (Scheme 40).<sup>111</sup> Chiral bisoxazoline ligand **340**, with ethyl substituents on the bridging carbon, was used; sparteine gave much lower (24%) ee's. Two equivalents of *t*-BuLi were needed in order to regenerate the chiral lithium species responsible for  $\alpha$ -lithiation. It was found that the uncomplexed *t*-BuLi, which exists as a dimer, is not capable of deprotonation: a clear example of ligand acceleration. On the basis of this difference in reactivity, the authors considered using substoichiometric amounts of the ligand and indeed succeeded in obtaining ee's (60%) comparable to those obtained in the the stoichiometric reaction (62%). Other substrates gave similar levels of selectivity, as shown in the scheme. On the basis of deuterated substrates in this reaction, the authors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> [thiol]/[monomer] <sup>d</sup>mol%



clearly showed that the radical recombination step, and not the deprotonation step, was stereo-determining. The mechanism outlining the concepts mentioned above is shown in Scheme 41.

Scheme 41. Mechanism of Wittig Rearrangement



# 11. Summary and Future Outlook

The development of enantioselective radical reactions outlined in this review is remarkable. Barring a few examples, most of the processes described in this review involve formation of either C-C or C-H bonds (except for halogen atom transfer and one example of a C-O bond, the Schenk-ene reaction). All the examples in section 2 involved atom-transfer reactions, but no examples of enantioselective group transfer were found in the literature. Furthermore, enantioselective cyclizations have been sparsely investigated. Establishing multiple stereocenters in a single reaction is intriguing, and until now, the record stands at four stereocenters for two-bond construction

Although these are important achievements, there is a need to further the applications by introducing more functional groups during the radical process: in the complexity of substrates used or the radicals that are being added. Radical reactions in alternate media, for example, aqueous media, polymer-sup-

ported chiral reagents, or even enantioselective radical reactions on solid support, are awaiting exploration. Interestingly, enantioselective radical chemistry is young enough that it has not yet been utilized in any total synthesis. We hope and believe that the next major review in this field will have many more interesting transformations as we build our understanding and solve existing and yet unimagined problems in radical chemistry.

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