CONCEPT: GENERATING ELECTROPHILES – FRIEDEL-CRAFTS ACYLATION

Friedel-Crafts Acylation requires an acyl halide to complex with a Lewis Acid Catalyst before the reaction can begin.

• Active electrophile is an acylium ion

General Reaction:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
 & O \\
\hline
 & R \\
\hline
 & AIX_3
\end{array}$$

Mechanism: