

Scheme 1. Resolution of racemates with mixtures of reagents. Mixtures used: **P**: *ortho*-substituted phenylphosphoric acids; **M**: *para*-substituted mandelic acids; **T**: *para*-substituted benzoyltartrates; **PE-I**: *para*-substituted phenylethylamines; **PE-II**: nitrated phenylethylamines; **PG**: *para*-substituted 2-amino-2-phenylethanol; **PE-III**: α -alkylbenzylamines; **PGA**: *para*-substituted *N*-benzoylphenylglycines; **TA**: *para*-substituted bis(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)dioxalanes. For the preparation of the mixes, see the Experimental Section.

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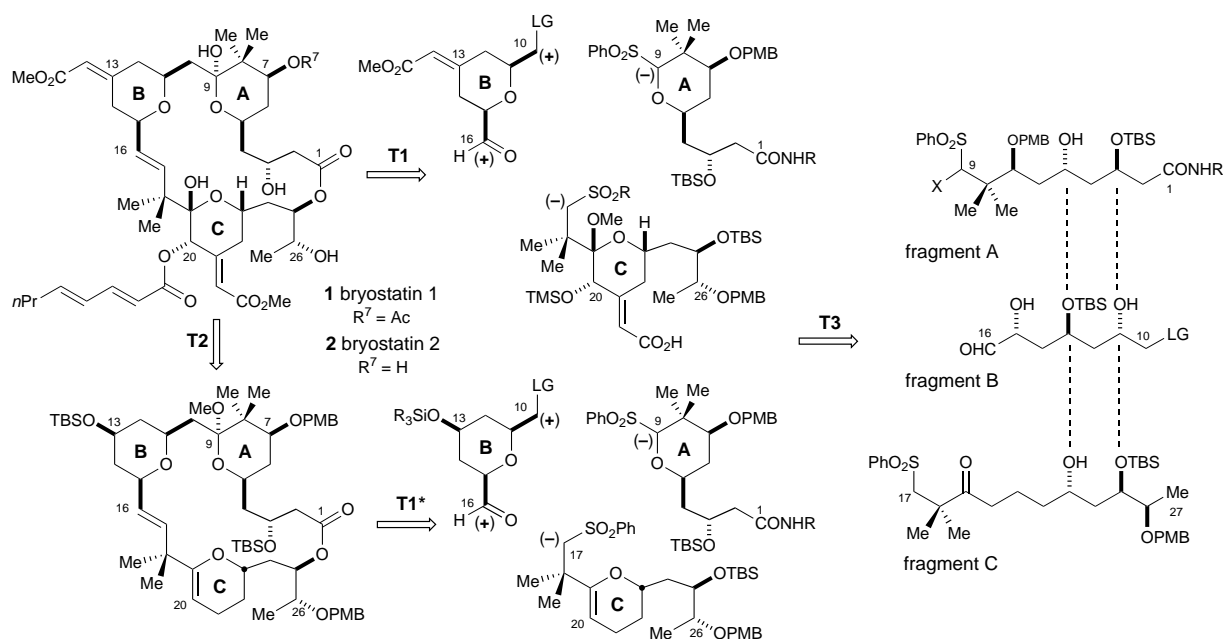
Asymmetric Synthesis of Bryostatin 2**

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Bryostatin 1 (**1**), a biologically active marine macrolide with clinical potential for the treatment of several forms of cancer,^[1] was isolated and structurally characterized by Pettit et al. in 1982.^[2] Since that time, Pettit and co-workers have reported the isolation of seventeen other bryostatin macrolides, most of which differ from **1** in their substitution at C7 or C20 (e.g. **2**).^[3] The biological and clinical importance of bryostatin 1 has prompted a major effort towards the syn-

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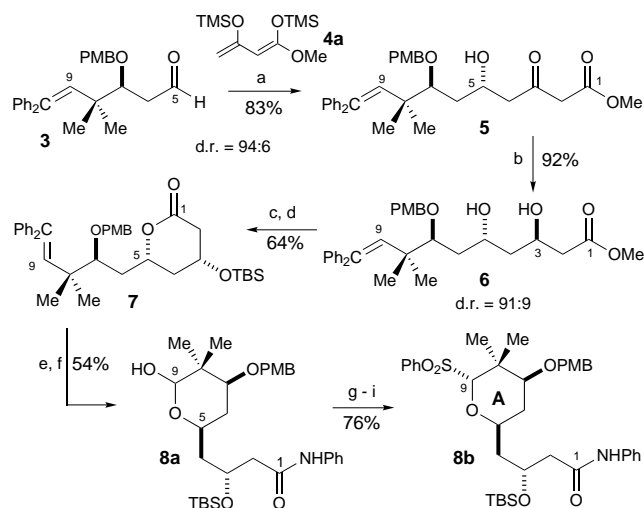


Scheme 1. Retrosynthetic analysis of bryostatins 1 and 2. See reference [7] for abbreviations.

thesis of this macrolide,^[4] including one total synthesis of bryostatin 7 (OAc at C7 and C20).^[5] Here we describe the first total synthesis of bryostatin 2 (**2**) by the general plan outlined in Scheme 1.^[6]

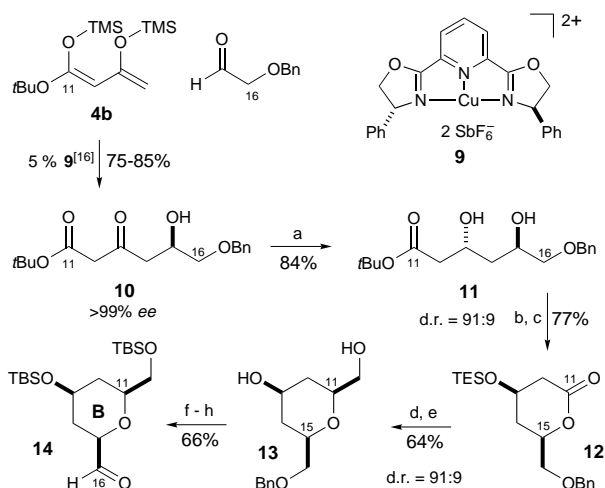
Following the retrosynthetic analysis shown, application of macrocyclization, olefination, and sulfone alkylation affords fragments **A**–**C** of comparable complexity (Scheme 1, T1). While each of the indicated subunits could be fully synthesized, sulfone-based fragment coupling could not be employed when the exocyclic enoate appendages at C13 and C21 were in place owing to unwanted proton transfer. Accordingly, the synthesis plan was modified to accommodate introduction of these moieties at a later stage (T2→T1*). Both the elaborated and simplified versions of rings **A**–**C** were derived from the same set of acyclic precursors, each of which contains a common *anti*-1,3-diol subunit (T3). In all instances, the synthesis of this stereochemical motif can be effectively addressed by sequential aldol and reduction reactions.

Our route to the ring **A** synthon (C1–C9) began with β -alkoxyaldehyde **3** (Scheme 2), which is available in greater than 98% *ee* via a chiral imide enolate.^[8] Addition of the bis(trimethylsilyl)dienol ether **4a**^[9] to **3** proceeded with good 1,3-*anti* diastereoselectivity (d.r. = 94:6)^[10] only when the alkoxytitanium Lewis acid TiCl₂(OiPr)₂ was employed. Subsequent hydroxyl-directed 1,3-*anti* reduction^[11] afforded diol **6**, which was successively cyclized and monosilylated to provide the diastereomerically pure lactone **7**. Lactone **7** was then transamidated^[12] to the open-chain anilide, which was cyclized to the lactol **8a** by oxidative cleavage of the C–C double bond.^[13] Acylation, thiol displacement,^[14] and thiol oxidation then served to convert **8a** (α : β = 1:1) into the analytically pure α -sulfone **8b** (76% yield for three steps).^[15] The carboxyl terminus of fragment **8b** was functionalized as an amide in order to accommodate the metalation of the C9 sulfone, an operation required for the union of rings **A** and **B**.



Scheme 2. Synthesis of the ring **A** synthon **8b** (C1–C9). a) TiCl₂(OiPr)₂, PhCH₃, –78 °C; then **4**, –78 °C; b) Me₄NHB(OAc)₃, AcOH/MeCN, –35 °C; c) PPTS, C₆H₆, 80 °C; d) TBSOTf, 2,6-lut, CH₂Cl₂, –10 °C; e) Me₃Al, HCl·H₂NPh, CH₂Cl₂, 30 °C; then **7**, 0 °C; f) O₃, CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (10/1), –78 °C; then Me₂S; g) Ac₂O, pyr; h) PhSTMS, ZnI₂, *n*Bu₄NI, CH₂Cl₂; i) *m*CPBA, NaHCO₃, EtOAc. See reference [7] for abbreviations.

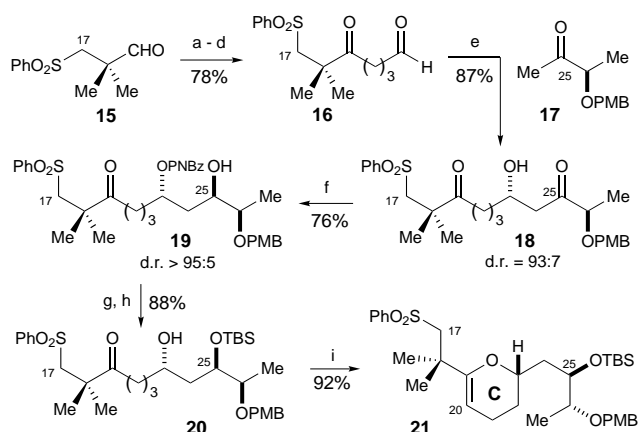
The synthesis of the ring **B** synthon (C10–C16) began with the enantioselective aldol reaction between enolsilane **4b** and α -benzyloxyacetaldehyde, catalyzed by the copper complex **9** (5 mol%), which afforded **10** in 75–85% yield and with greater than 99% *ee* (Scheme 3).^[16] Subsequent hydroxyl-directed 1,3-*anti* reduction^[11] provided synthon **11** in good yield.^[17] Sequential lactonization and protection with chlorotriethylsilane gave lactone **12**, which was homologated by treatment with *para*-methoxybenzyloxymethyl lithium.^[18] Reduction (BF₃·OEt₂, Et₃SiH)^[19] of the derived lactols afforded the deprotected β -C-glycoside **13** in good yield and diastereoselectivity. Silylation of the hydroxyl groups, hydrogenol



Scheme 3. Synthesis of the ring **B** synthon **14** (C10–C16). (a) $\text{Me}_4\text{N}\text{-HB}(\text{OAc})_3$, AcOH/MeCN , -35°C ; b) $\text{F}_3\text{CCO}_2\text{H}$, CH_2Cl_2 ; c) TESCl , im , CH_2Cl_2 , 0°C ; d) PMBOCH_2Li , THF , $-78 \rightarrow -50^\circ\text{C}$; e) $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$, Et_3SiH , CH_2Cl_2 , -20°C ; f) TBSCl , im , DMAP (cat.), CH_2Cl_2 ; g) H_2 (1 atm), 10% Pd/C , AcOH , EtOAc ; h) $(\text{COCl})_2$, DMSO , NEt_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , $-78 \rightarrow -50^\circ\text{C}$. See reference [7] for abbreviations.

ysis of the benzyl ether, and Swern oxidation of the resultant alcohol provided the target synthon **14**.

The synthesis of the ring **C** synthon (C17–C27) commenced with the homologation of aldehyde **15** (Scheme 4).^[20] Thus, addition of pent-1-en-5-ylmagnesium bromide was

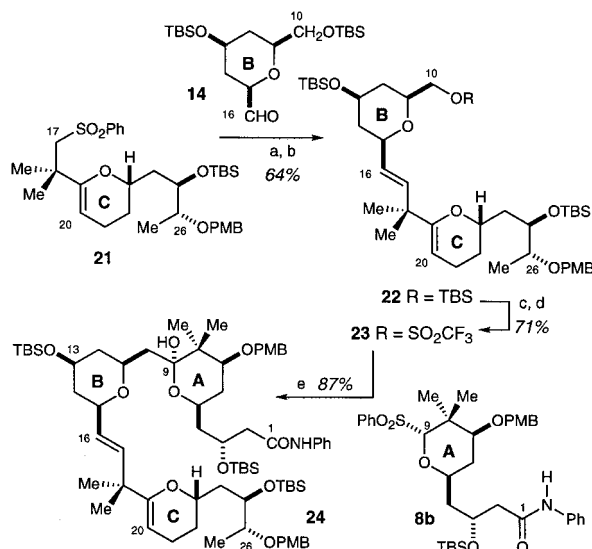


Scheme 4. Synthesis of the ring **C** synthon **21** (C17–C27). a) $\text{BrMg}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (1/1), $0 \rightarrow -23^\circ\text{C}$; b) $(\text{COCl})_2$, DMSO , NEt_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , $-78 \rightarrow -50^\circ\text{C}$; c) $\text{K}_2\text{OsO}_4(\text{OH})_2$ (2 mol %), quinuclidine (2 mol %), $[\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$, K_2CO_3 , $t\text{BuOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1/1); d) NaIO_4 , NaHCO_3 , $t\text{BuOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{THF}$ (2/2/1); e) **17**, (–)- DIPCl , NEt_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C ; then **16**, -70°C ; f) SmI_2 (20 mol %), $p\text{-O}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$, THF , 0°C ; g) TBSOTf , 2,6-*lut*, CH_2Cl_2 , -15°C ; h) LiOH , $\text{THF}/\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2/2/1); i) CSA (5 mol %), C_6H_6 , 80°C . See reference [7] for abbreviations.

followed by Swern oxidation, osmium-mediated dihydroxylation, and periodate cleavage to afford ketoaldehyde **16** in 78% overall yield. The aldol reaction of aldehyde **16** with ketone **17**^[21] was only moderately diastereoselective under a wide variety of enolization conditions.^[22] Accordingly, we used chiral boryl enolates, and found that the aldol addition could be carried out in good yield and diastereoselectivity with the isopinylboryl enolates of Paterson and Brown.^[23]

Subsequent samarium-promoted Tishchenko reduction^[24] afforded the *p*-nitrobenzoate **19**, which was readily converted into alcohol **20** in two steps. Acid-catalyzed cyclization and dehydration of **20** (CSA , C_6H_6 , 80°C) provided the target dihydropyran **21** in 92% yield.

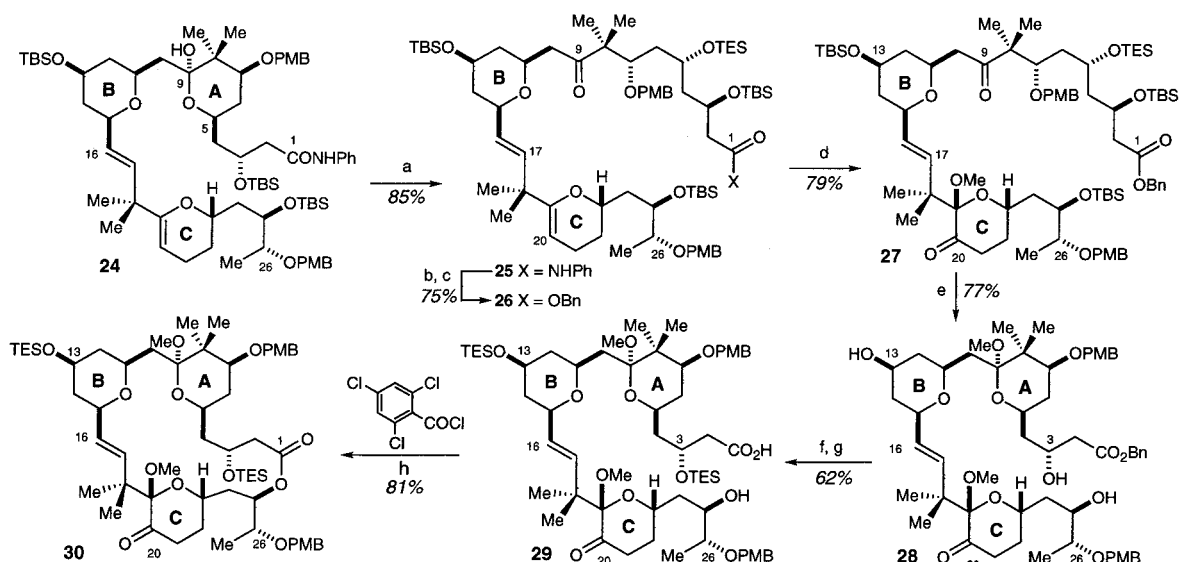
Exploratory experiments directed at defining the optimal sequence for fragment coupling revealed the preferred order to be **C** \rightarrow **CB** \rightarrow **CBA**. Accordingly, union of the metalated ring **C** sulfone **21** with one equivalent of aldehyde **14** afforded the hydroxysulfone adduct, which was transformed by a modified Julia procedure^[25] to *trans* olefin **22** (64% overall yield, *E:Z* > 95:5; Scheme 5). Selective removal of the TBS



Scheme 5. Fragment assemblage. a) 1. $n\text{BuLi}$, THF , -78°C ; then **14**, $-78 \rightarrow -50^\circ\text{C}$; 2. Ac_2O , DMAP , CH_2Cl_2 ; b) Mg , HgCl_2 (20 mol %), EtOH ; c) TBAF , THF , -15°C ; d) Ti_2O , 2,6-*lut*, CH_2Cl_2 , -10°C ; e) **8b**, $n\text{BuLi}$ (2 equiv), THF , -78°C ; then HMPA ; then **23**, -78°C . See reference [7] for abbreviations.

group from the primary silyl ether (TBAF , -15°C) and treatment of the derived alcohol with buffered trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride produced the unstable triflate **23**. The triflate was purified and then immediately coupled with bis-metalated **8b** (THF/HMPA , -78°C) in good yield (87%).^[26]

Refunctionalization of **24** to the optimal macrocyclization precursor **29** is shown in Scheme 6. While the overall transformations ideally could have been implemented in several different permutations, the indicated sequence of chemical events proved to be closely constrained by reactivity considerations. In preparation for the refunctionalization of the carboxyl terminus, the lactol (C9) was silylated to provide the open-chain silyl ether **25** (85%). Conversion of anilide **25** into the benzyl ester **26** was accomplished through the action of lithium benzyloxide on the *N*-Boc-amide (THF/DMF , -30°C , 75%).^[27] With the carboxyl terminus protected as its benzyl ester, the ring **C** glycal was elaborated by a three-step sequence: 1) epoxidation/methanolysis, 2) equilibration of the C19 ketal with monochloroacetic acid (d.r. > 95:5), and 3) Dess–Martin oxidation of the hydroxyl group at C20. These reactions were executed without purification of inter-



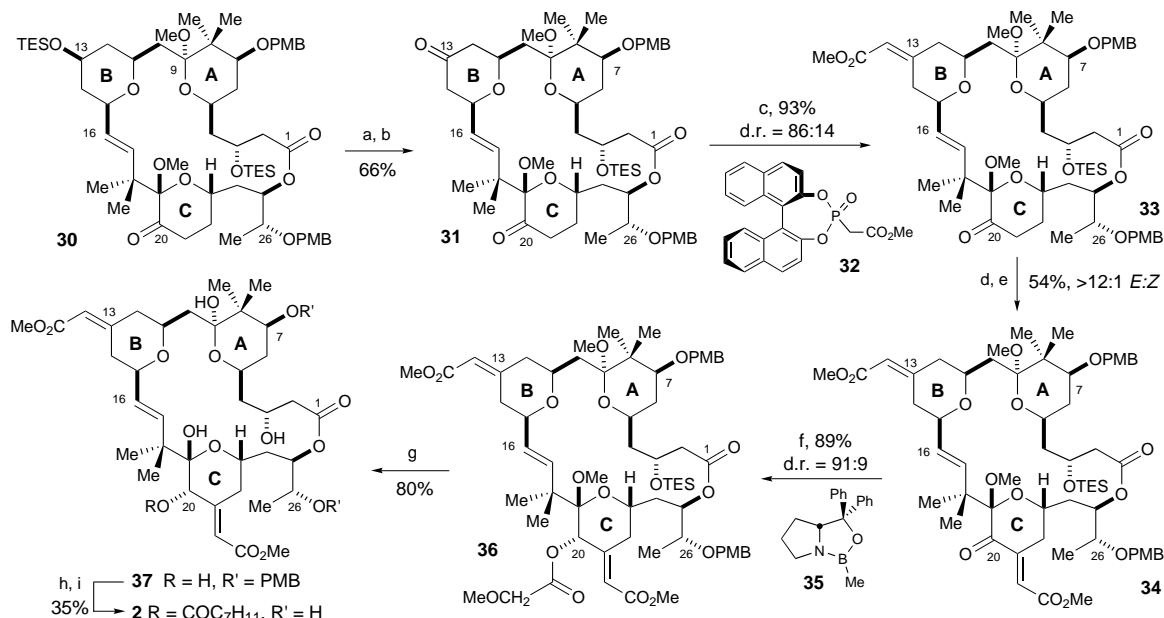
Scheme 6. Functionalization and macrocyclization of the tricycle. a) TESCl, im, MeCN; b) Boc₂O, DMAP, MeCN; c) BnOLi, THF/DMF (1/1), -30 °C; d) 1. *m*CPBA, MeOH, -20 °C; 2. ClCH₂CO₂H, MeOH, 0 °C; 3. Dess–Martin periodinane, pyr, CH₂Cl₂; e) HF·pyr, THF/MeOH/pyr (4/4/1); f) TESCl, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, -10 °C (65% plus 15% each of the mono- and tris-silylether); g) 1,4-cyclohexadiene, 10% Pd/C (50 mol %), EtOAc; h) 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, *i*PrNEt₂, C₆H₆; then DMAP, C₆H₆ (1.0 mM). See reference [7] for abbreviations.

mediates to provide ketone **27** in 79% overall yield after chromatography on silica gel.

In preparation for macrocyclization, all silyl groups of ester **27** were removed with methanolic HF·pyridine to afford triol **28** (Scheme 6). Initial attempts to macrocyclize this triol-carboxylic acid were frustrated by the reactivity of the hydroxyl group at C3, and macrocyclization could only be accomplished in low yields (<35%) from the thiopyridyl ester. Consequently, the hydroxyl groups at C3 and C13 were selectively protected (TESCl, DMAP, -10 °C) before proceeding. Debenzylation of the ester (cyclohexadiene, 10%

Pd/C) provided the monohydroxy acid **29**, which was successfully lactonized in good yield (81%) according to a modified Yamaguchi procedure.^[28]

With macrocycle **30** in hand, elaboration of the ring **B** and **C** enoate moieties was undertaken. Selective deprotection of the silyl ether at C13 and Dess–Martin oxidation of the resultant hydroxyl group afforded C13,C20-diketone **31** (66%, Scheme 7). Condensation of **31** with two equivalents of Fuji's chiral phosphonate **32** as its derived sodium enolate^[29] selectively transformed the C13 ketone to the C13,C30-unsaturated enoate in 93% yield and diastereoselectivity of



Scheme 7. Synthesis of bryostatin 2 (**2**). a) PPTS (20 mol %), MeOH/(MeO)₂CH (2/1), CH₂Cl₂, -30 °C; b) Dess–Martin periodinane, pyr, CH₂Cl₂; c) **32**, NaHMDS, THF, -78 °C; then **31**, -15 °C; d) KHMDS, THF, -78 °C; then OHCCO₂Me, -78 °C; e) Et₃NSO₂NCO₂Me, C₆H₆; f) **35**, BH₃·SMe₂, CH₂Cl₂; then MeOH; then (Mac)₂O, pyr, DMAP; g) 1. PPTS, THF/H₂O (3/1); 2. Na₂CO₃, MeOH; 3. TsOH, MeCN/H₂O (4/1); h) (*E,E*)-2,4-octadienoic acid, DIC, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂; i) DDO, CH₂Cl₂/buffer (10/1, pH 7). See reference [7] for abbreviations.

Z:E = 86:14 (75% yield of isolated **33**). Subsequent installation of the ring **C** enoate was best accomplished with a two-step protocol (KHMDS, OHCCO₂Me; then Burgess reagent). The ability of KHMDS to selectively enolize a ketone (C20) in the presence of an ester (C1) is precedented,^[30] and is favored in the present system by the conformation of macro-lactone **33**.^[31] In contrast to its monocyclic analogue, reduction of the ring **C** enone in **34** was troublesome; however, it was eventually discovered that the CBS reagent^[32] **35** stereoselectively mediated this reduction when BH₃·Me₂S was utilized as the hydride source (89%, d.r. = 10:1, 55–70% yield of isolated **36**). In situ acylation of the hydroxyl group at C20 was required in order to isolate the product in good yield.

The deprotection of **36** required a careful ordering of the hydrolysis steps. A three-step sequence consisting of hydrolysis at C9 (and desilylation at C3), methanolysis of the methoxyacetate group, and hydrolysis at C19 could be reliably executed to afford **37** after only one chromatographic purification. The hydroxyl group at C20 could be selectively^[33] acylated using carbodiimide chemistry ((*E,E*)-2,4-octadienoic acid,^[34] DIC, DMAP, 23 °C, 1.5 d, 62% yield). The subsequent oxidative removal of the PMB ethers was best effected under buffered conditions (DDQ, CH₂Cl₂, pH 7) to provide pure bryostatin 2 (**2**) in 57% yield. The synthetic bryostatin 2 obtained by this procedure was identical to a natural sample^[35] by several criteria: [α]_D, R_f (TLC), reverse-phase HPLC, mass spectrometry, and ¹H NMR spectroscopy (500 MHz, CDCl₃ and C₆D₆, including COSY-90). Pettit et al. have previously documented the three-step conversion of bryostatin 2 (**2**) into bryostatin 1 (**1**).^[6]

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- sulfonate; pyr = pyridine; TBAF = tetrabutylammonium fluoride; TBS = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl; TES = triethylsilyl; Tf = trifluoromethanesulfonyl; TMS = trimethylsilyl; Ts = *p*-toluenesulfonyl.
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The Cluster Anion Si_9^{4-}

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The 40 valence electron cluster anions E_9^{4-} of the Group 14 (E14) elements Ge, Sn, and Pb have been known for many years. These anions form monocapped square antiprisms (SAPRS-9)—that is, the framework of a 22e *nido*- E_{10} Wade cluster—as shown by the investigations of Kummer et al.,^[1] Corbett et al.,^[2] and Fässler et al.^[3] Until recently, it appeared certain that these cluster anions are only formed by the reactions of intermetallic phases with suitable solvents.^[4] However, the existence of the isolated anions in these binary phases of the alkali metals $M = Na, K, Rb, Cs$ was then established.^[5, 6] Besides X-ray structure analyses, the successful stepwise thermal decomposition of the alkali metal tetrahydrides ME (M_4E_4), the quantitative analysis of the vibrational spectra, and the quantum chemical calculation of these spectra proved to be essential tools in our investigations.^[5] The binary compounds $M_{12}E_{17} = M_{12}[(E_4)_2E_9] = ME_{1.42}$ and $M_4E_9 = ME_{2.25}$, which contain the cluster anions E_4^{4-} and E_9^{4-} , were identified as well as clathrates of the types $M_6E_{25} = ME_{4.17}$,^[7] $M_8E_{44\Box_2} = ME_{5.50}$, and M_xE_{136} ($5 \leq x \leq 12$) $\approx ME_{11-27}$. These results also suggested a route to the elusive Si_9^{4-} , for which no evidence for its existence was available.

The thermal decomposition of the alkali metal monosilicides MSi (M_4Si_4) by Schäfer and Klemm^[8] 40 years ago only led to the clathrates $M_8Si_{44\Box_2}$ in steep thermogravimetric (TG)

steps, as was also observed for the germanides. We have now reinvestigated these reactions in a Knudsen cell under dynamic vacuum^[9] and found the following:

1. In the thermal decomposition of $NaSi$, a distinct step appears for $NaSi_{2.3}$ (Na_4Si_9 ?), followed very quickly by the steps for the clathrates Na_6Si_{25} and $Na_8Si_{44\Box_2}$, and then by that of Na_xSi_{136} .
2. According to DTG investigations, the thermal decomposition of KSi and $RbSi$ passes through two steps close to KSi_2 and $RbSi_2$. However, only the later formed clathrates M_6Si_{25} , $M_8Si_{44\Box_2}$, and M_xSi_{136} can be characterized unambiguously.
3. The thermal decomposition of $CsSi$ (Cs_4Si_4) starts at 500 K and passes through three distinct steps at 630, 690, and 850 K (Figure 1). These steps represent the formation and

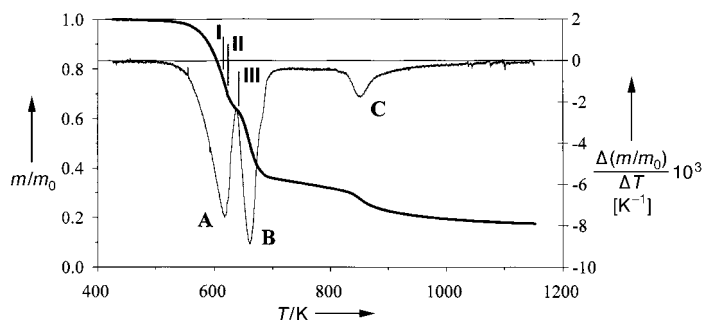


Figure 1. Thermal decomposition of Cs_4Si_4 in a Knudsen cell under dynamic vacuum (TG: bold lines; DTG: thin lines, m_0 = sample mass). See text for details of the analysis of the mass losses A–C and of products I–III.

decomposition of several phases, and these processes overlap over appreciable temperature intervals. The quantitative analysis of the DTG curves show that the mass loss at A corresponds to the formation and decomposition of the cluster phase $CsSi_{1.3}$ and the formation of the phase cluster $CsSi_{2.2}$. Before the formation of the latter is complete, its decomposition into the clathrate phases $CsSi_{4.2}$ and $CsSi_{5.5}$ commences (at B). The slightly declining TG plateau between 690 and 800 K indicates that the transformation into $CsSi_{5.5}$ needs a longer period of time. The mass loss at C corresponds to the formation of the clathrate phase Cs_xSi_{136} ($x \approx 10-12$, $CsSi_{11-14}$), which subsequently decomposes to silicon (ca. 1050 K). The phases identified here are direct analogues of the germanides and stannides of the types $M_{12}E_{17}$, M_4E_9 , M_6E_{25} , $M_8E_{44\Box_2}$, and M_xE_{136} .^[5]

We then tried to isolate individual phases during the decomposition. All attempts to characterize these phases by X-ray diffraction failed. Upon disappearance of the reflections of the M_4Si_4 phases, X-ray amorphous products were formed. After annealing for several weeks, these products gave sharp diagrams, but with many reflections of low intensity. We therefore applied Raman spectroscopy to the characterization of the phases close to $CsSi_2$.^[10] We used three samples from region A (Figure 1), which were obtained by stopping the decomposition reaction.

The vibrations of the tetrahydride anions E_4^{4-} ($E = Si, Ge, Sn$) have been described in detail by Kliche et al.^[11] These

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