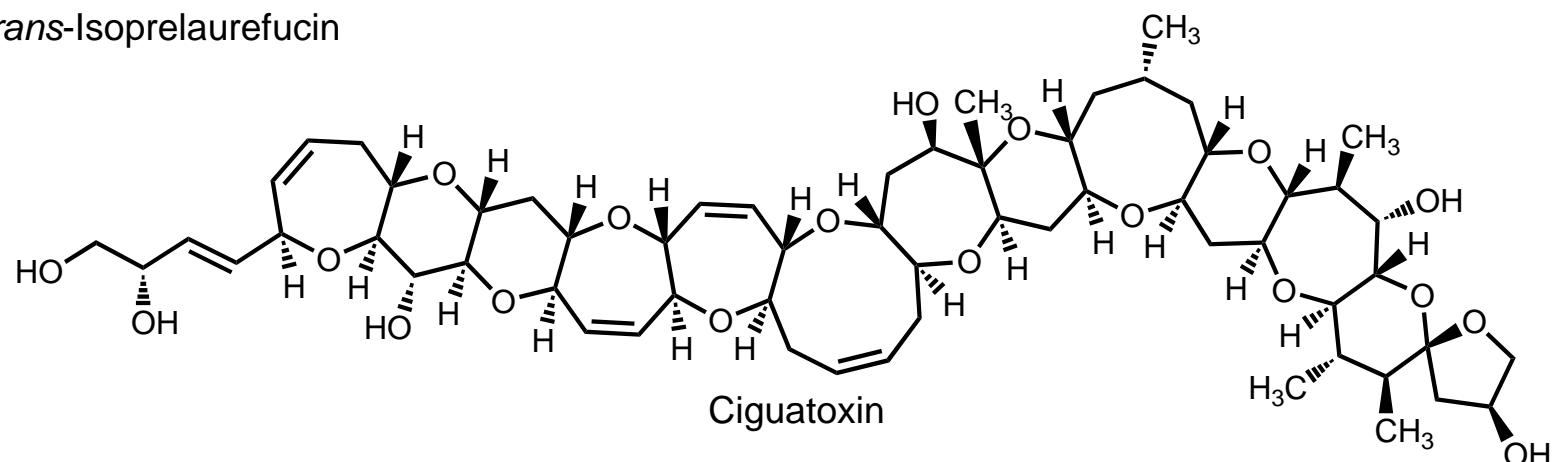
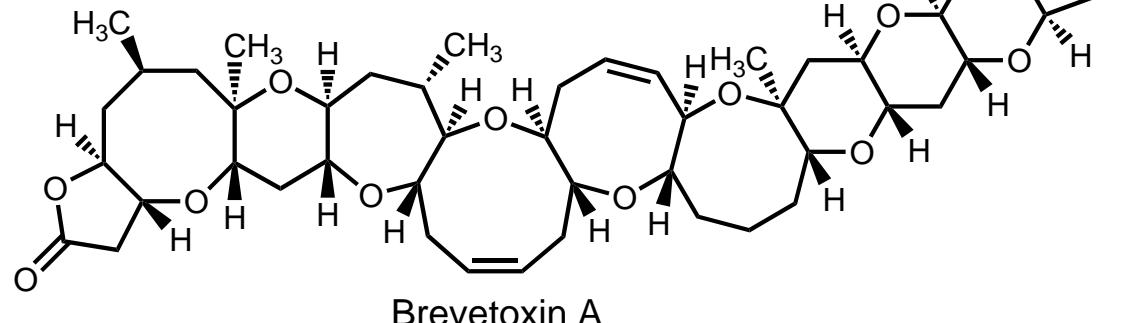
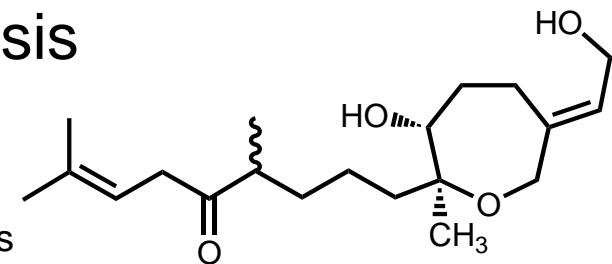


# Approaches to the Synthesis of Medium Ring Ethers

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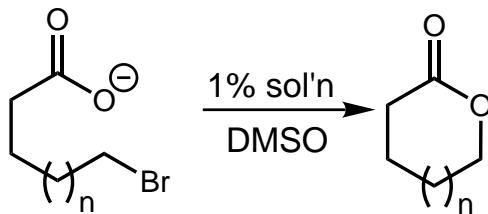
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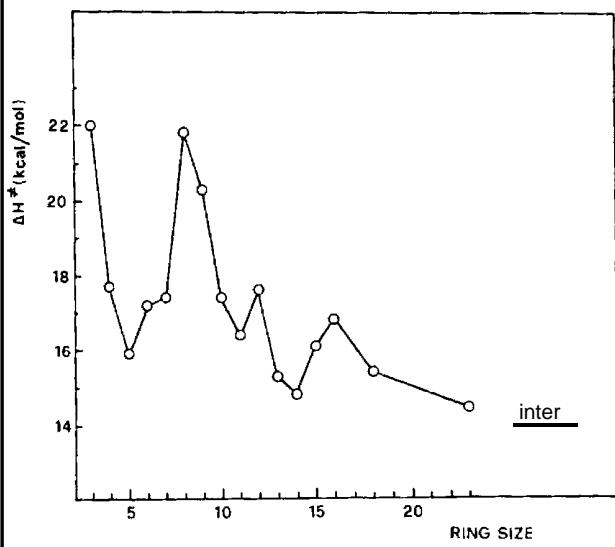
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## The Problem of Medium Ring Synthesis

### Energetics of Ring Closure Reactions



$\Delta H$  of Cyclization



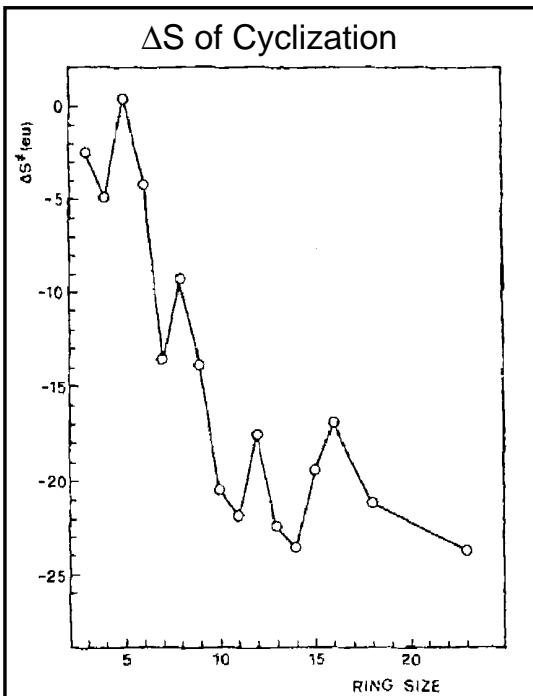
- an indicator of ring strain

#### Sources of Strain:

- 1) Imperfect staggering (Pitzer)
- 2) Deformation of bond < s (Baeyer)
- 3) Transannular strain

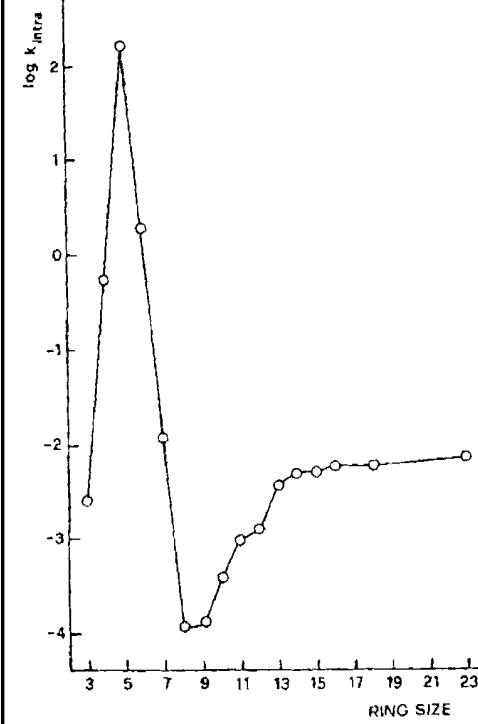
#1 and #3 are especially severe for medium rings

$\Delta S$  of Cyclization



- a measure of the probability of end-to-end encounters

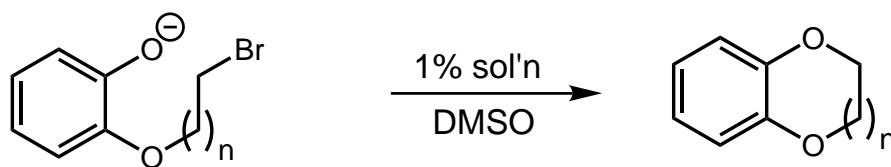
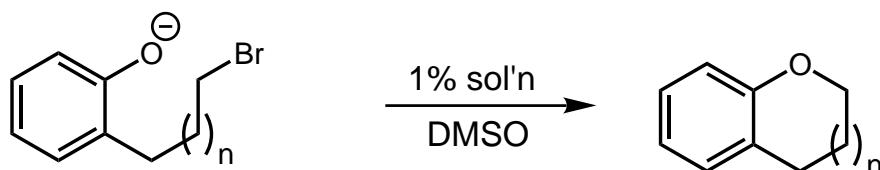
Rates of Cyclization



- a million-fold decrease in rate from 5- to 10-membered cyclization reaction

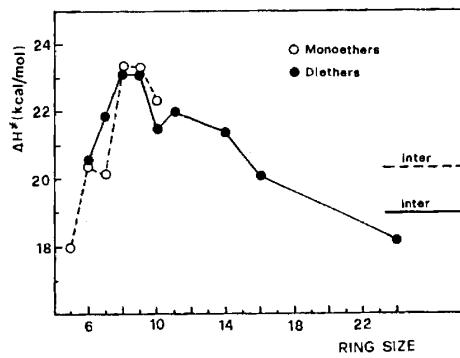
- Note: These data can NOT necessarily be extrapolated to other cyclization reactions or to substrates with differing degrees of substitution.

## The Problem of Medium Ring Synthesis Energetics of Ring Closure Reactions

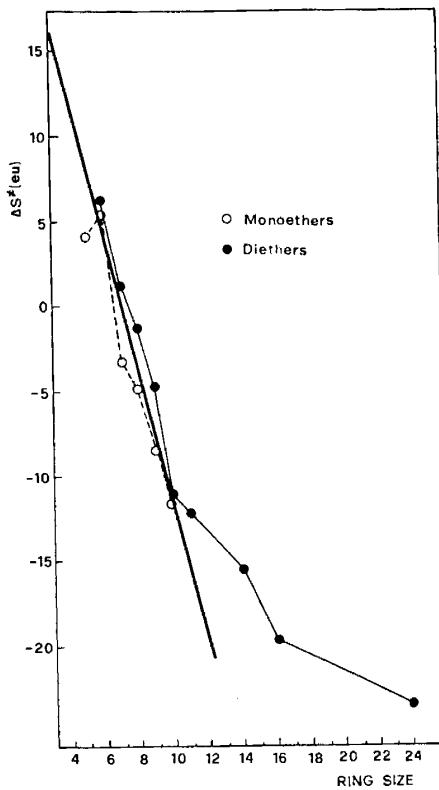


transannular CH---O interactions are less unfavorable than the corresponding CH---HC interactions

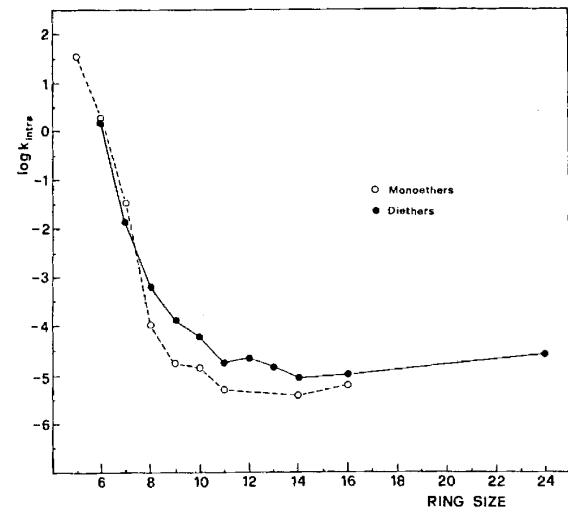
$\Delta H$  of Cyclization



$\Delta S$  of Cyclization



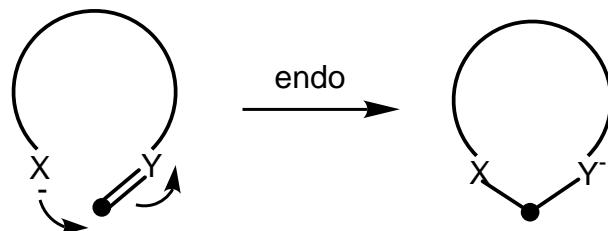
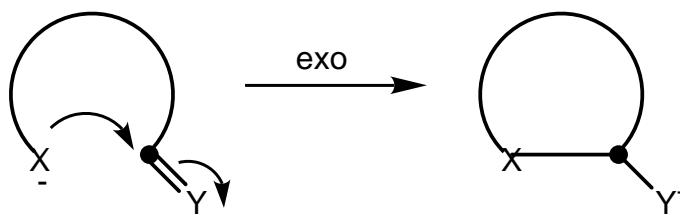
Rates of Cyclization



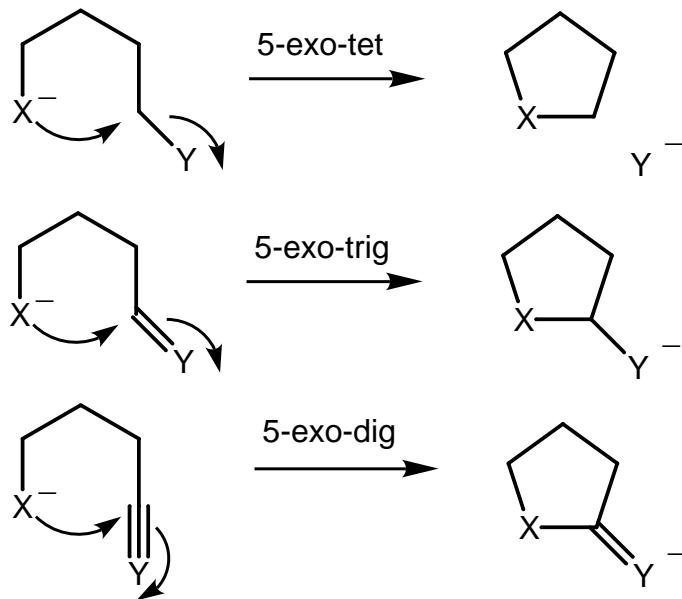
## *Ring Closure Basics*

General definitions/underlying concepts:

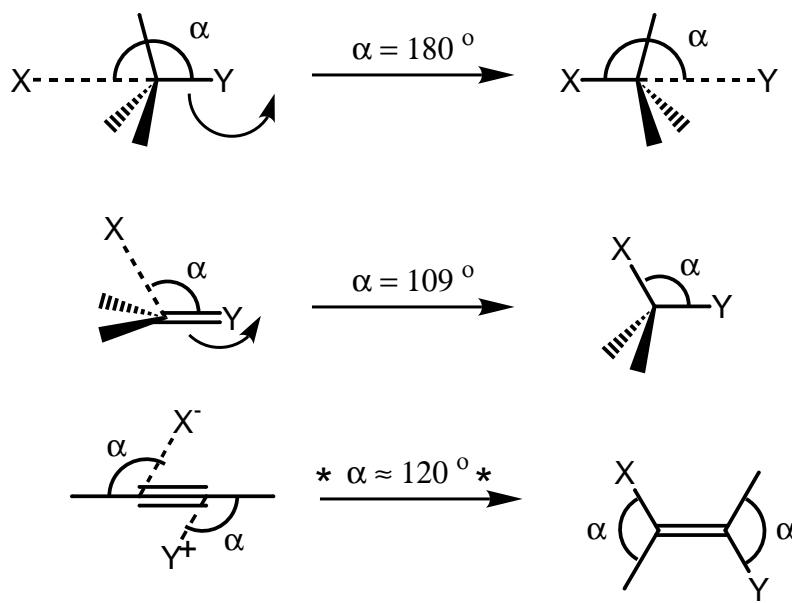
Cyclization modes:



Hybridization at atom undergoing attack:



Required trajectories:



Baldwin, J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun., 1976, 734.

## *Conclusions and Caveats*

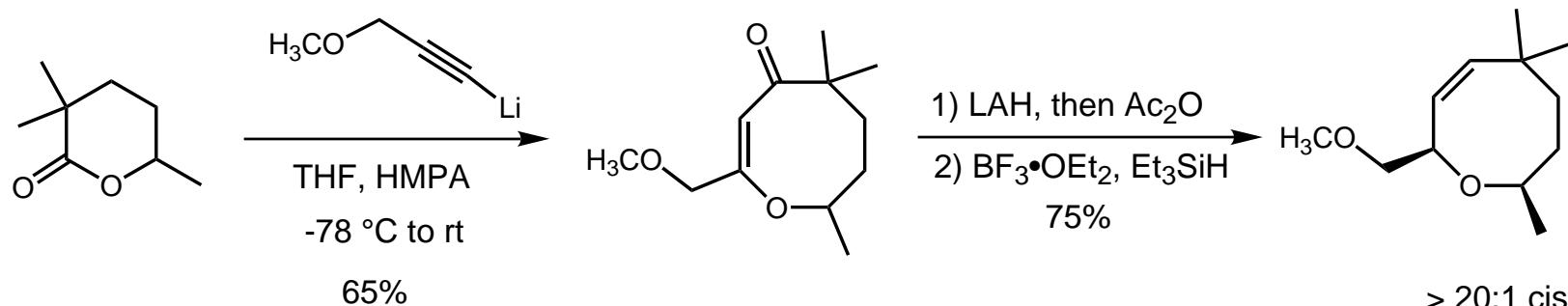
- Baldwin's Rules are an effective first line of analysis in evaluating the stereoelectronics of a given ring closure
- Baldwin's Rules have provided an important foundation for the study of reaction mechanism
- Competition studies between different modes of cyclization only give information about relative rates, and are not an absolute indicator of whether a process is "favored" or "disfavored"
- Structural modifications can dramatically affect the cyclization mode; beware of imines and epoxides

	EXO			ENDO		
	Tet	Trig	Dig	Tet	Trig	Dig
3	✓	✓	X		X	✓
4	✓	✓	X		X	✓
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7	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓

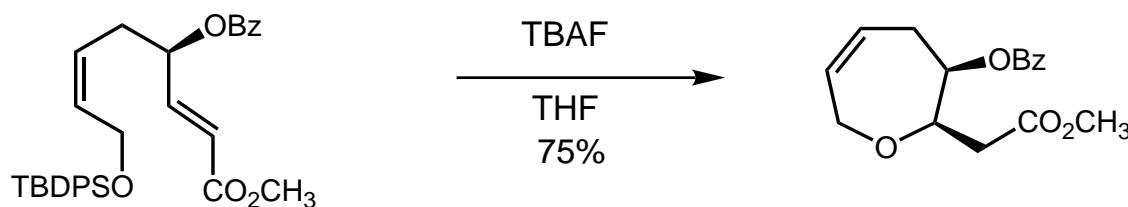
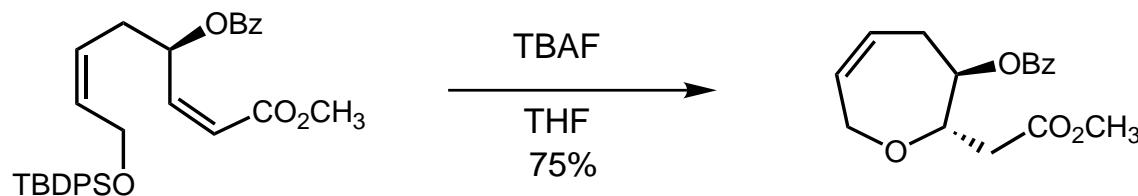
This and the previous slide taken from Jeff Johnson's seminar of 3/29/96:  
*Ring Closure and Stereoelectronics: An Examination of Baldwin's Rules*

## Cyclization By C-O Bond Formation

### Hetero-Michael Reactions



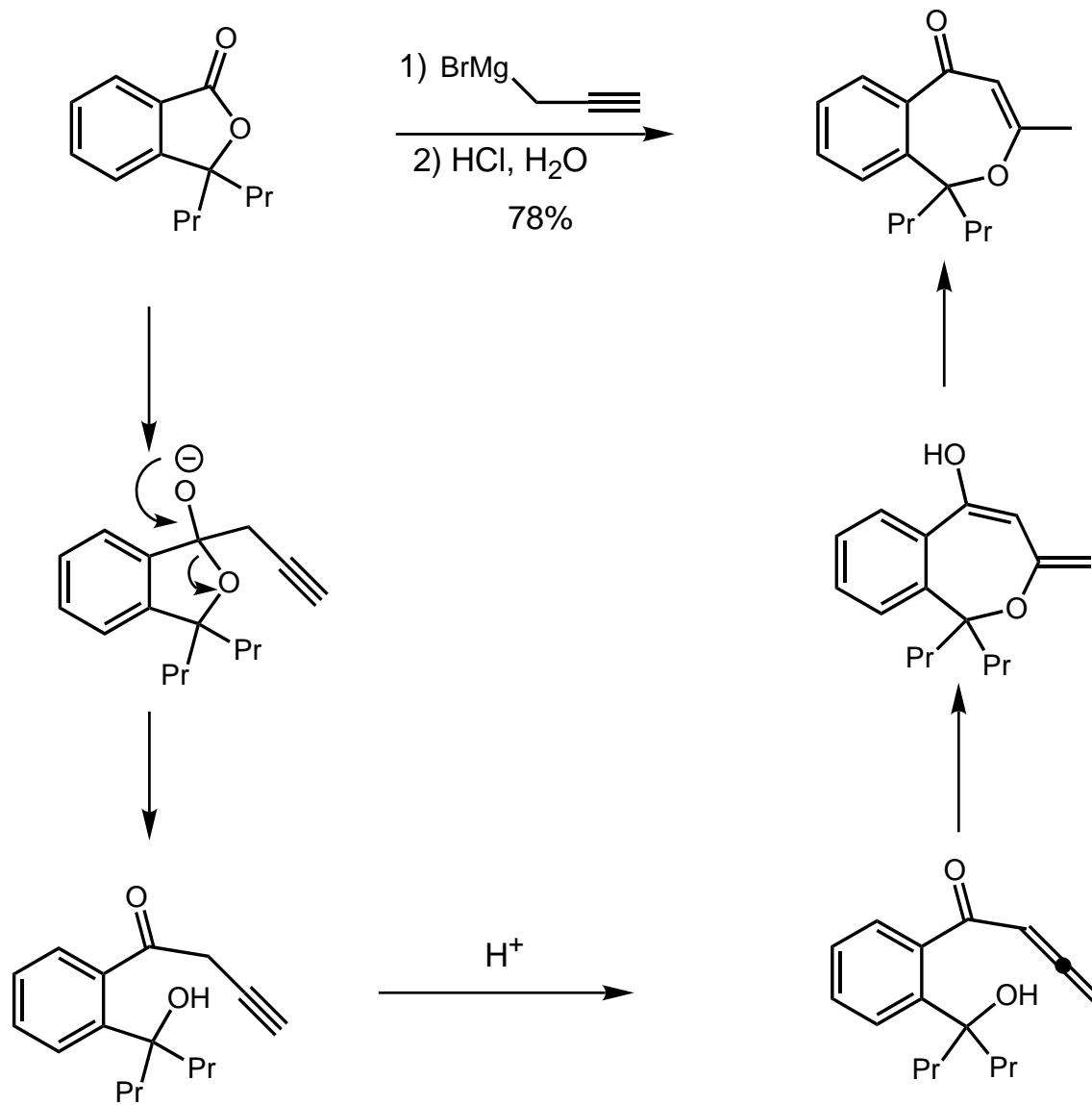
> 20:1 cis  
Schreiber  
TL 1984, 1757.  
JACS 1988, 6210.



- *cis* olefin was necessary for cyclization to occur

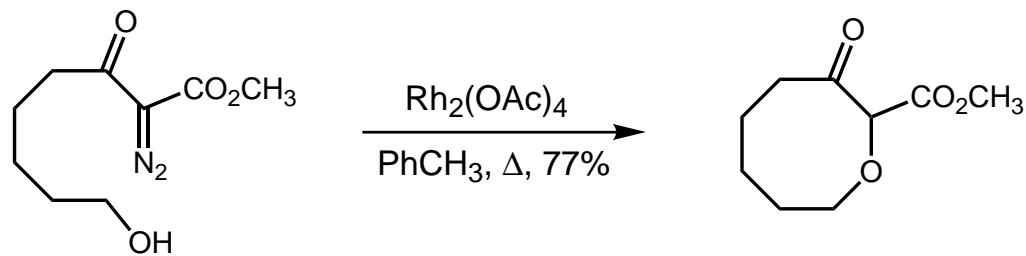
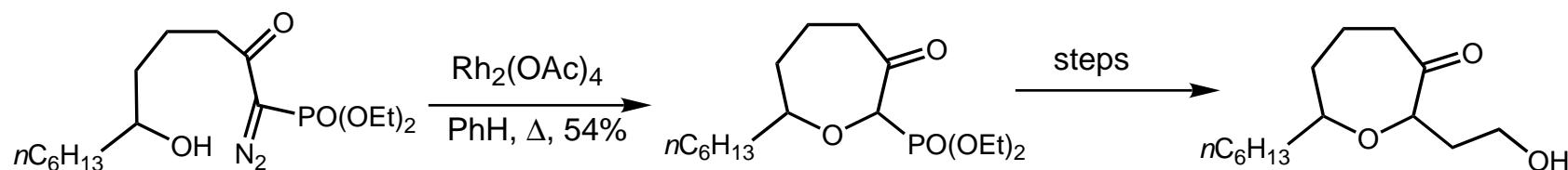
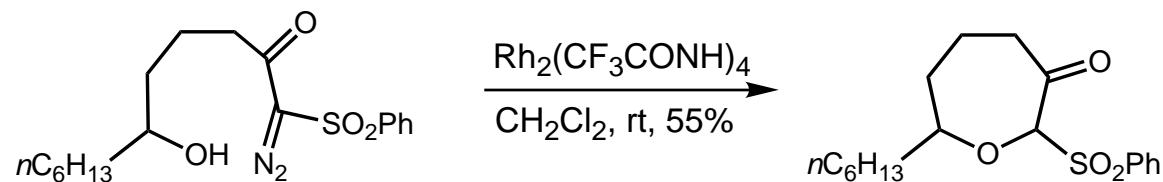
V.S. Martin TL 1993, 5471.

### Another Hydroxy Allene Cyclization



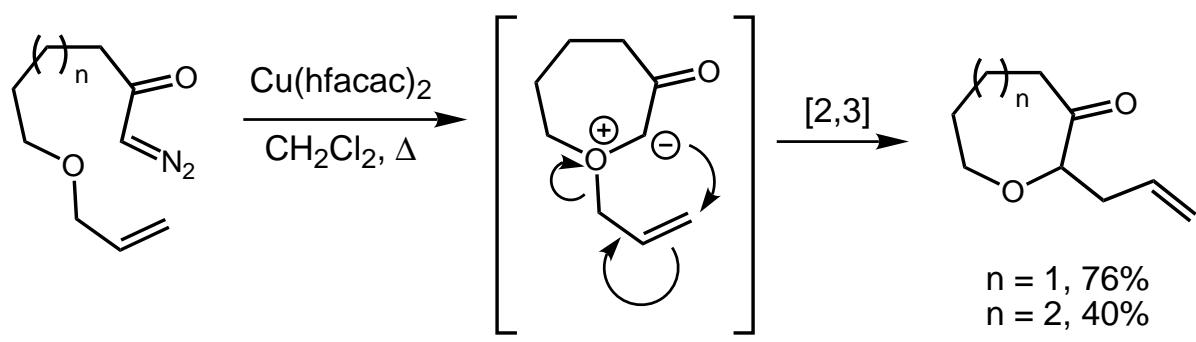
Nagao  
Chem. Comm. 1996, 19.

### O-H Insertion



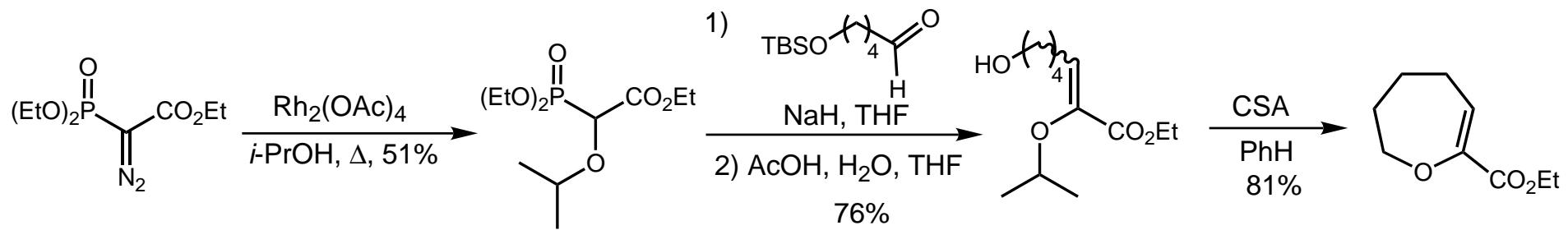
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Synlett, 1992, 975.  
JCS Perkin I, 1991, 1.  
JCS Perkin I, 1994, 501.

### O-H Insertion



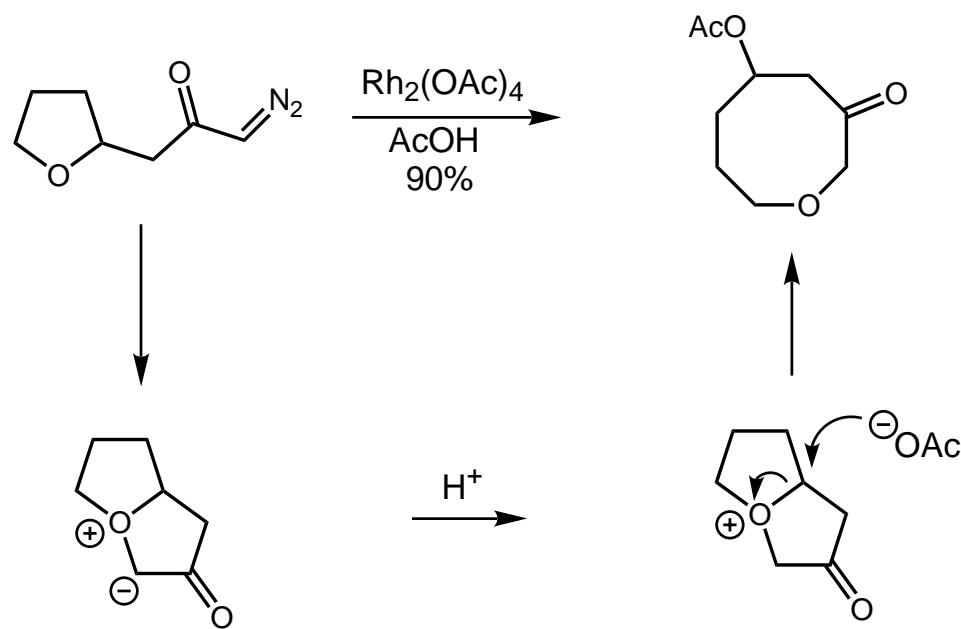
Cu catalysts give fewer by-products derived from C-H insertions than Rh catalysts

J. S. Clark  
TL 1993, 4385.



C. J. Moody  
Tetrahedron, 1992, 3991.

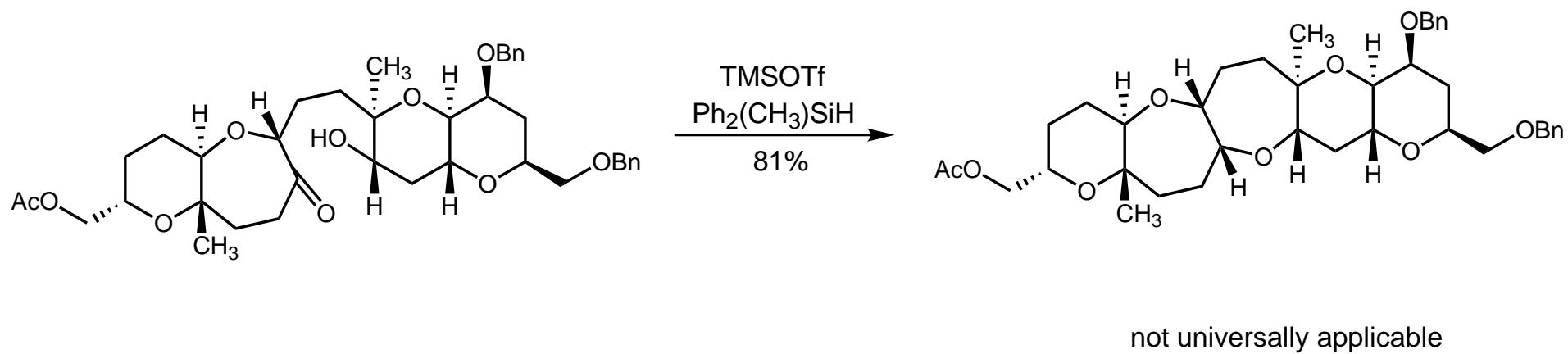
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Oku  
Chem. Comm. 1996, 1077.

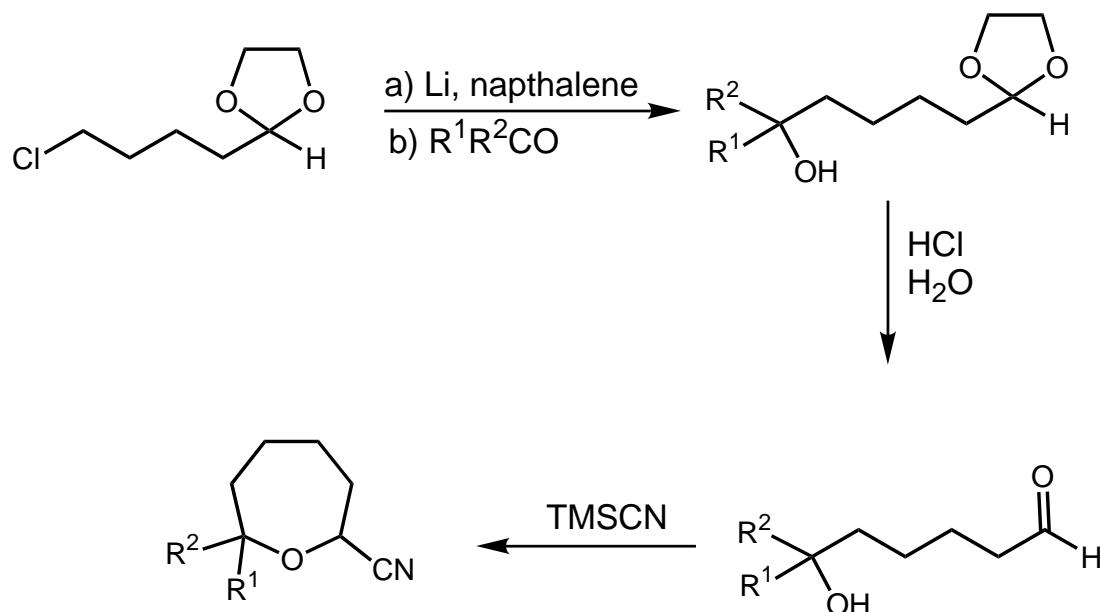
## Reductive Cyclization

Both the synthesis of Hemibrevetoxin B and 7-epi-Hemibrevetoxin B have utilized this reaction:



Nicolaou  
JACS 1993, 3558.  
The Brevetoxin Odyssey:  
ACIEE 1996, 589.

## TMSCN Induced Cyclizations of Aldehydes



Three step yields

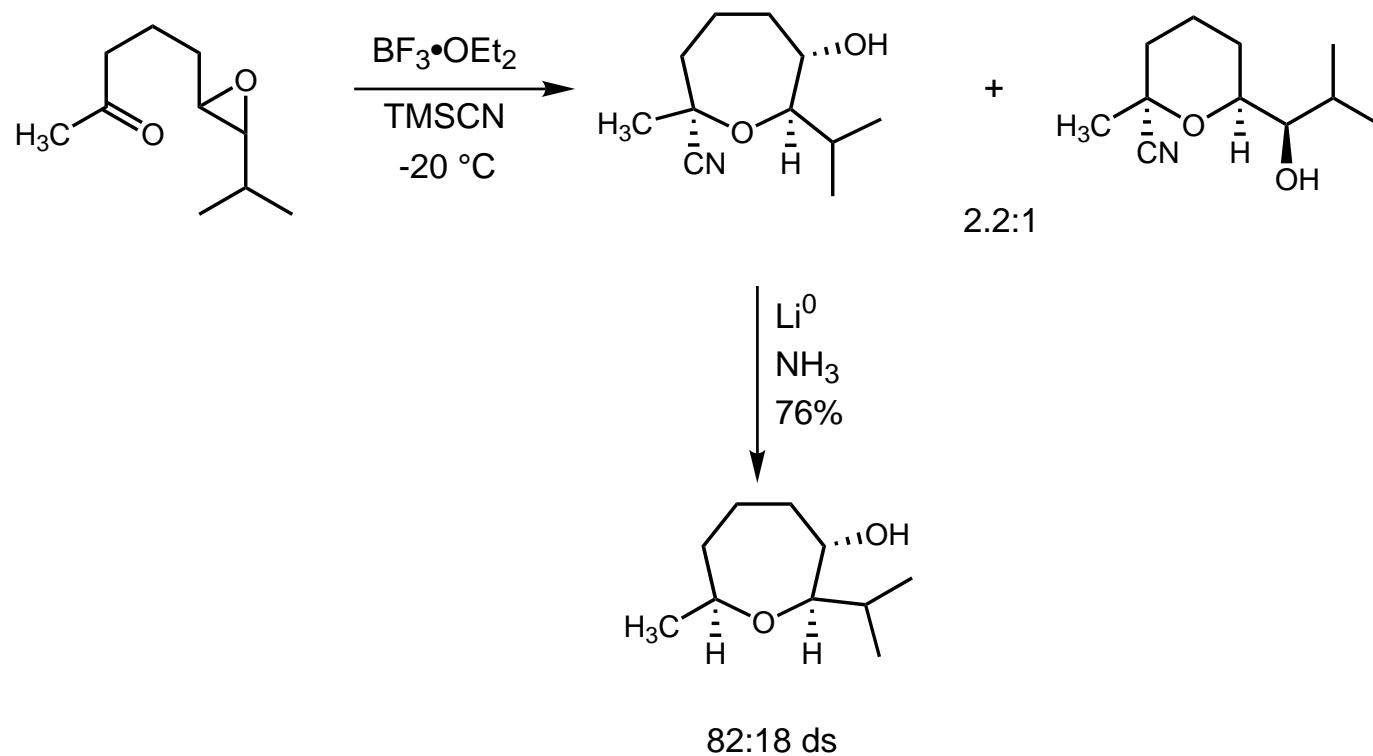
$\text{R}^1 = \text{H}, \text{R}^2 = \text{Ph}, 36\%$

$\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{CH}_3, 22\%$

$\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3, 39\%$

$\text{R}^1\text{R}^2 = (\text{CH}_2)_5, 34\%$

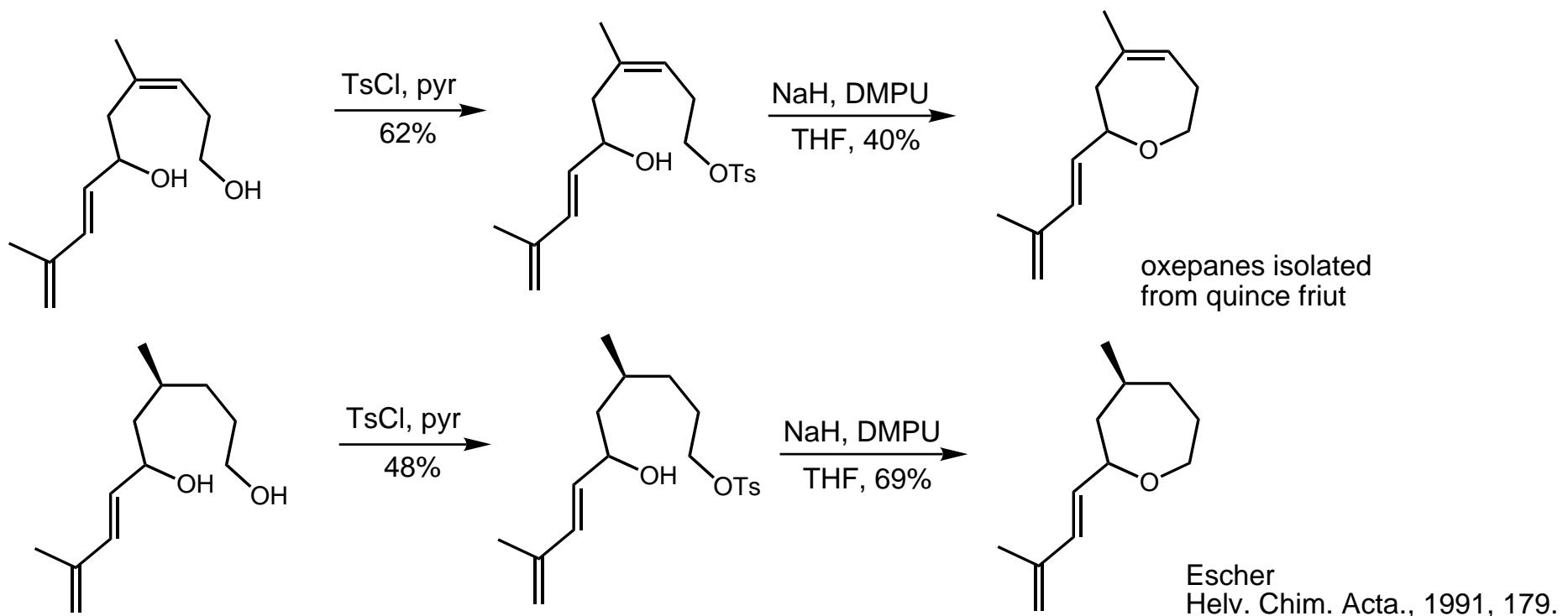
## TMSCN Induced Cyclizations of Ketones



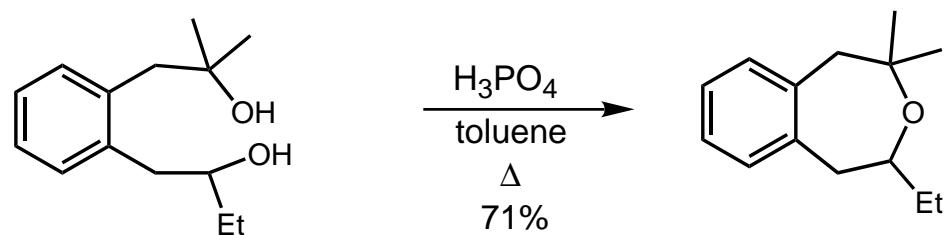
reagents other than TMSCN only  
give mixtures THPs

Rychnovsky  
TL, 1996, 339.  
based on  
Chamberlin  
JOC 1991, 4141.

### Tosylate Displacement

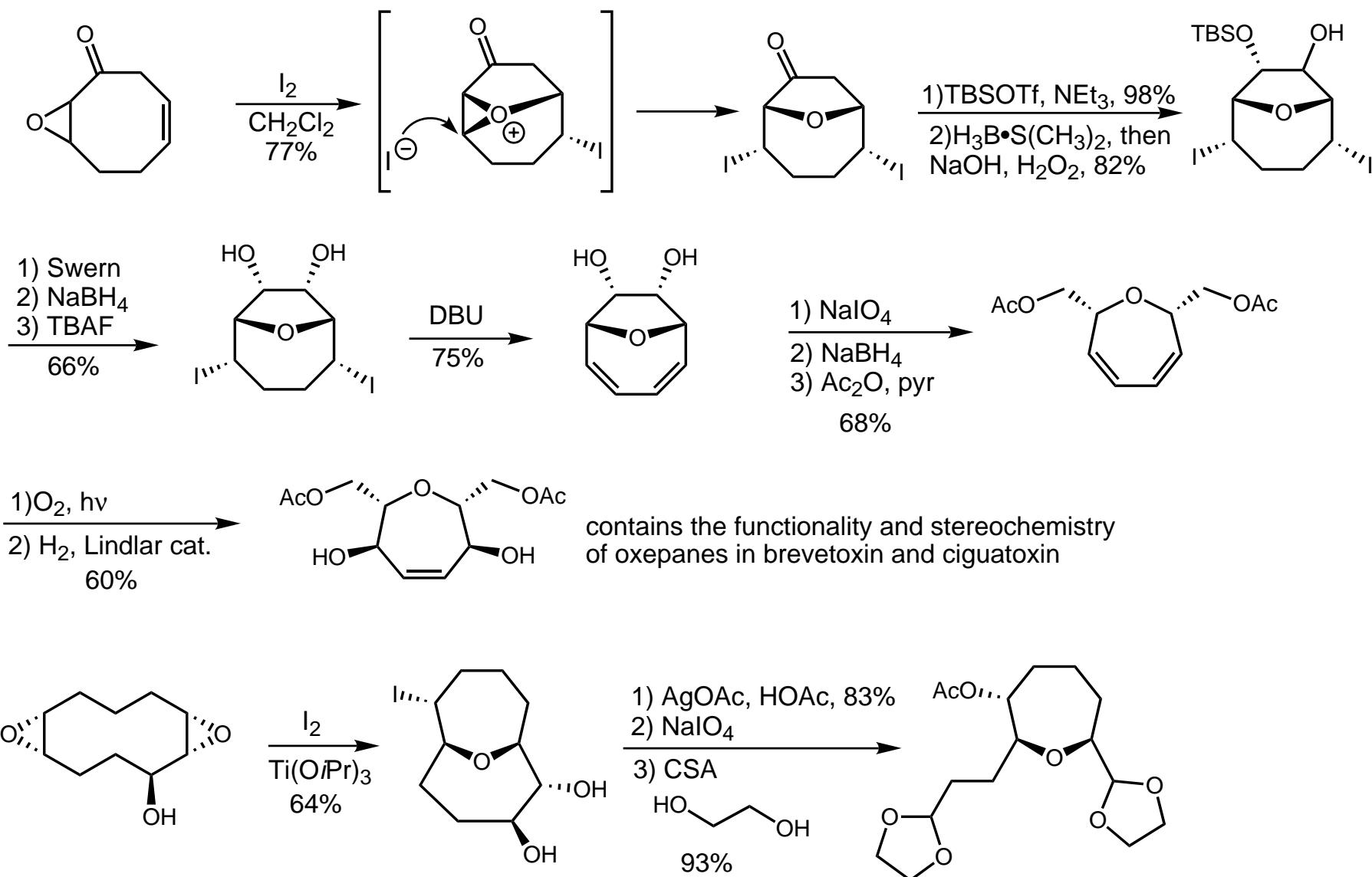


### Protic Acid Cyclization



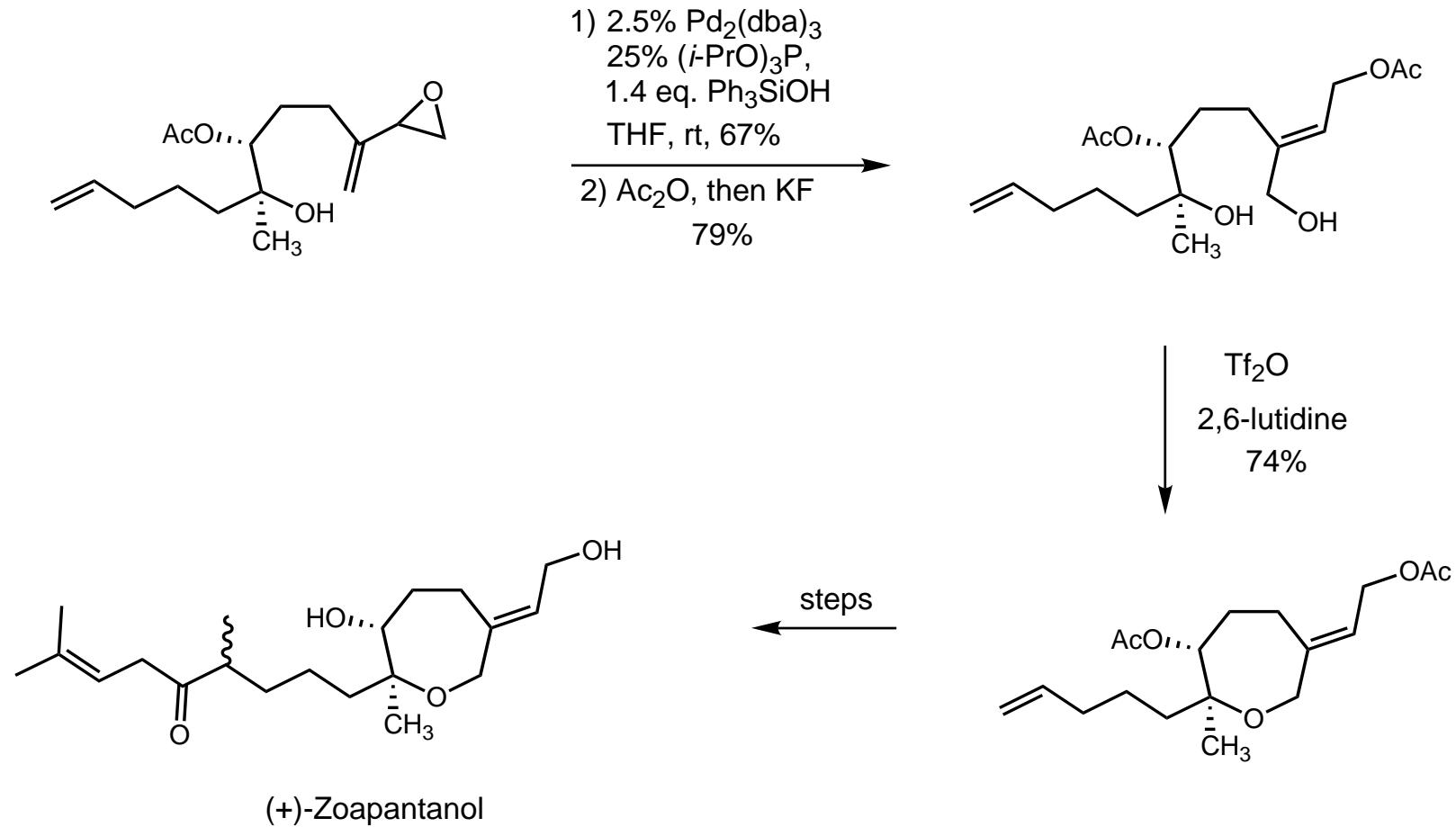
C. J. Moody  
JCS Perkin I, 1995, 1137.

### Transannular Ether Formation



J.D. Martin  
 TL 1990, 1629.  
 TL 1991, 2241.  
 TL 1991, 2245.

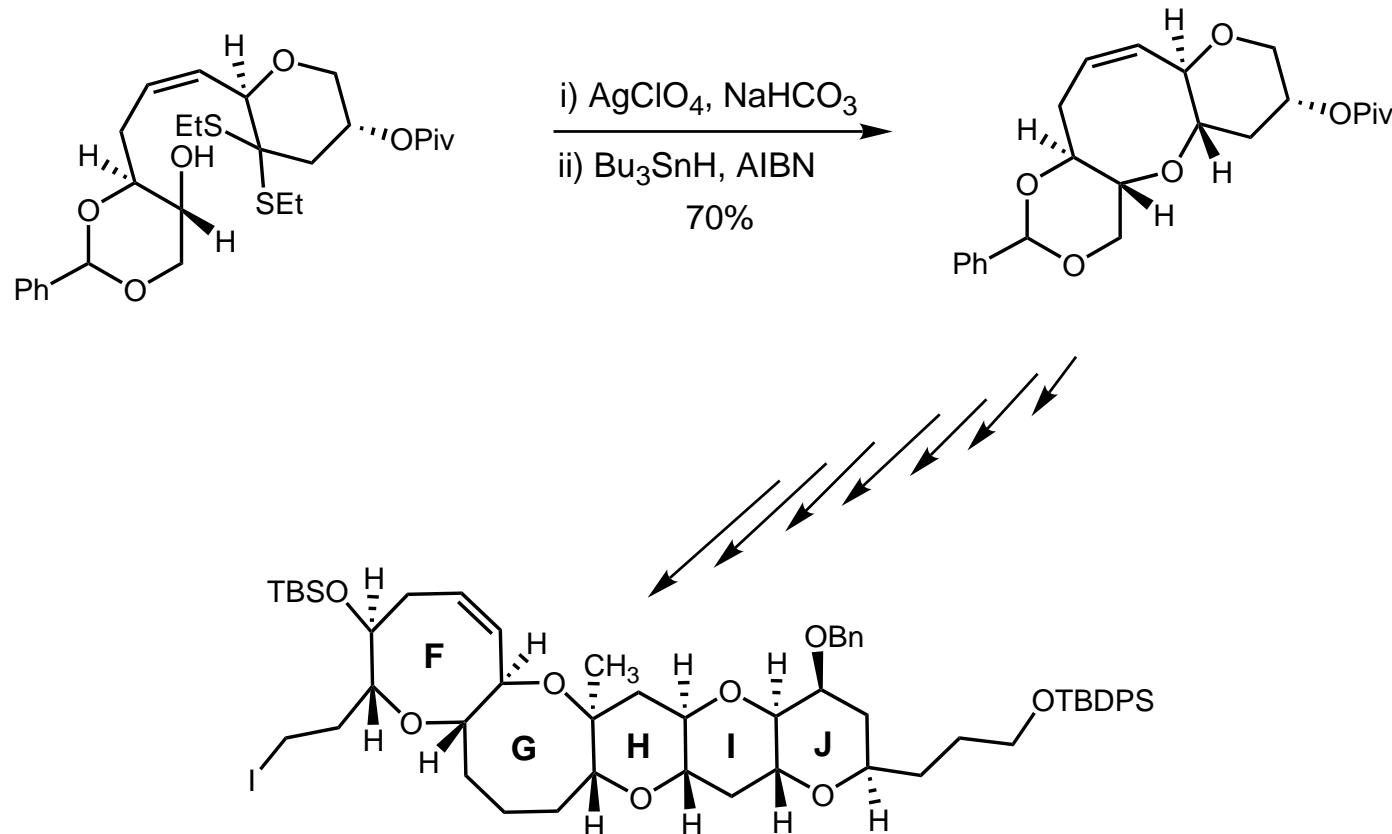
## Zoapantanol Synthesis



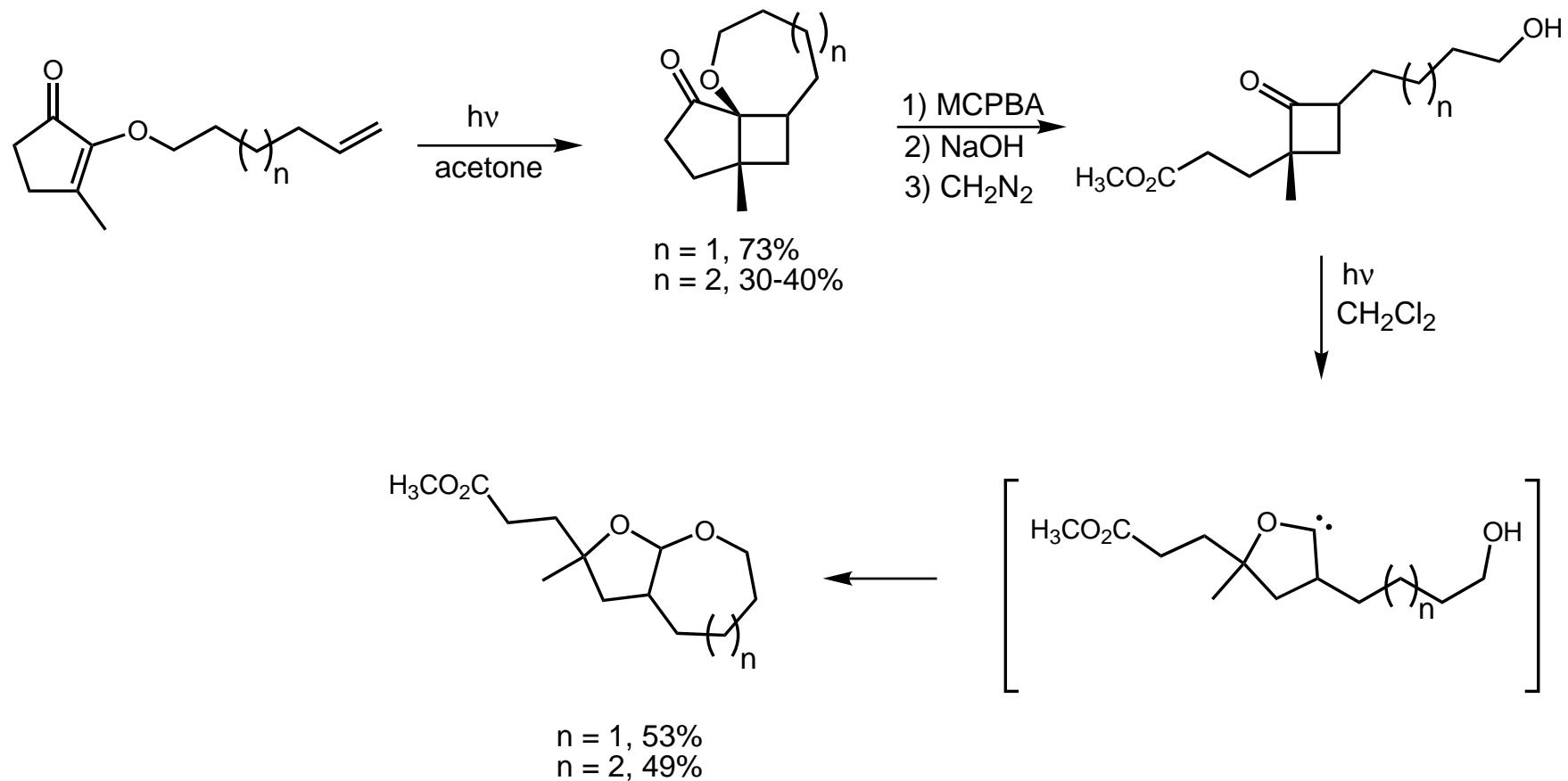
Trost  
ACIEE 1994, 2182.

## Cyclization onto a Dithioketal

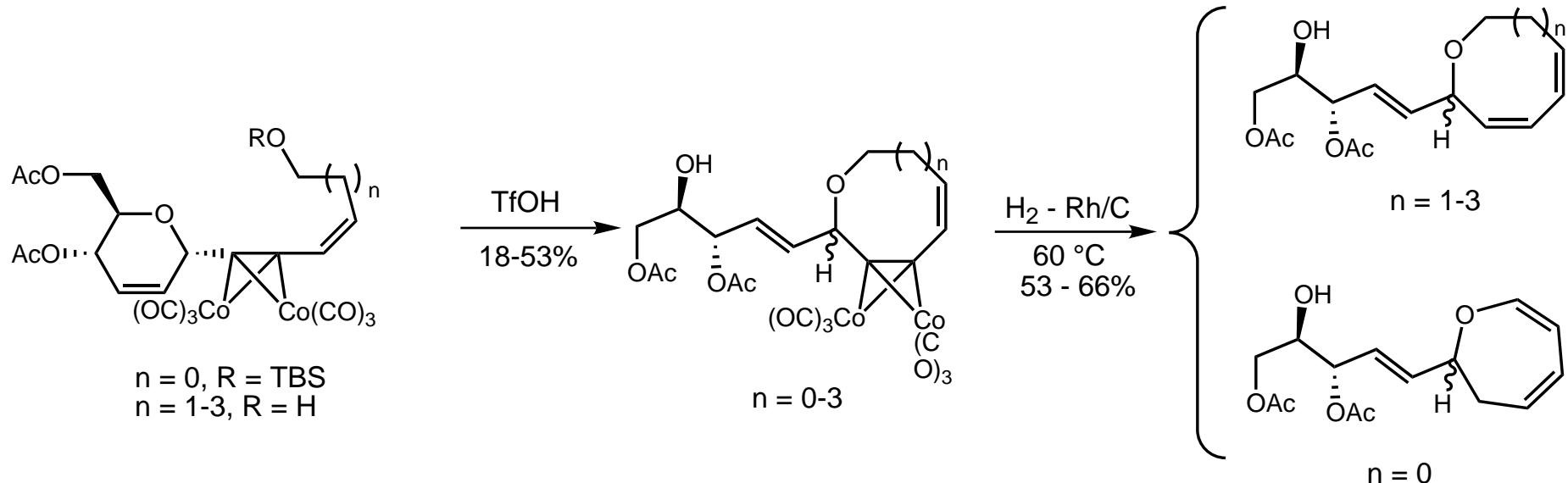
Both oxacanes of Brevetoxin B were formed by cyclization of an alcohol onto a dithioketal:



**Photolysis**



## Intramolecular Nicolas Reaction



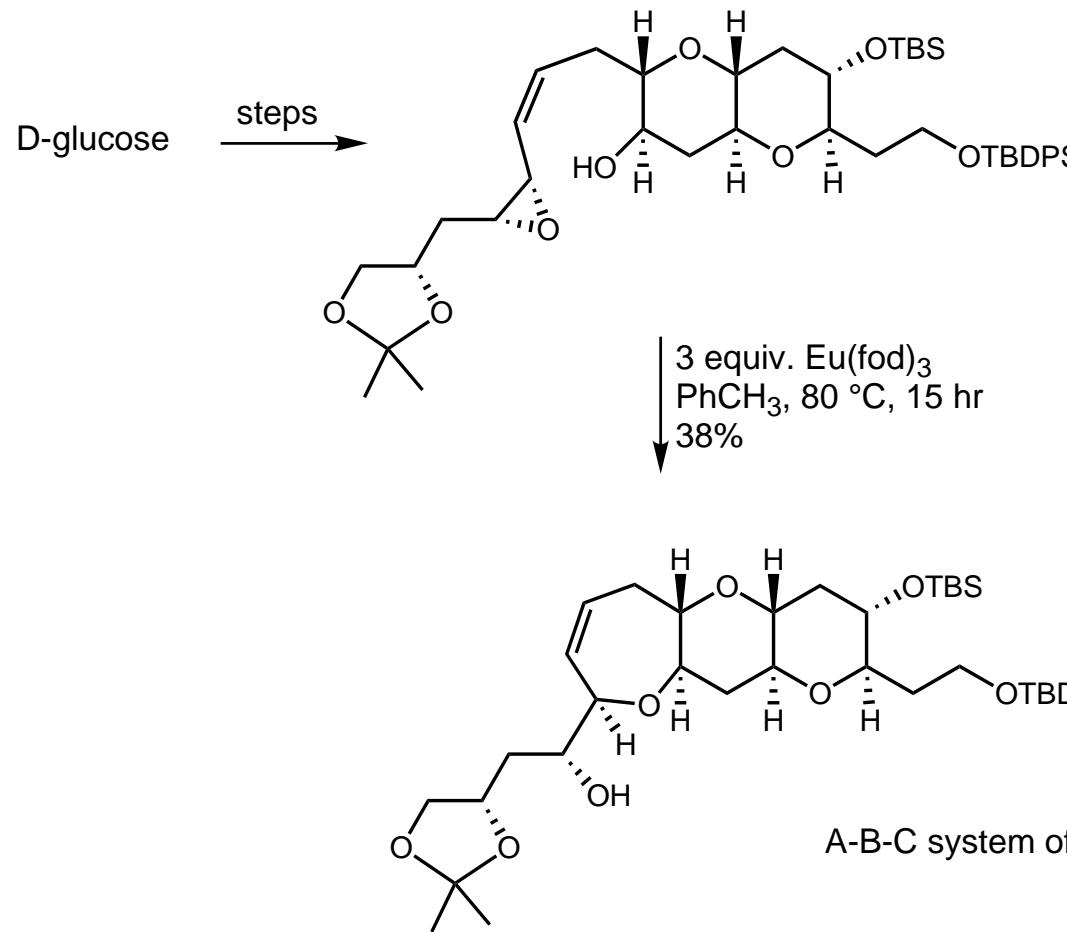
Several similar cyclizations have been used w/ limited success.

Isobe  
Synlett 1995, 1179.  
Synlett 1995, 351.  
Chem Lett 1996, 473.

V. S. Martin  
TL 1995, 3549.

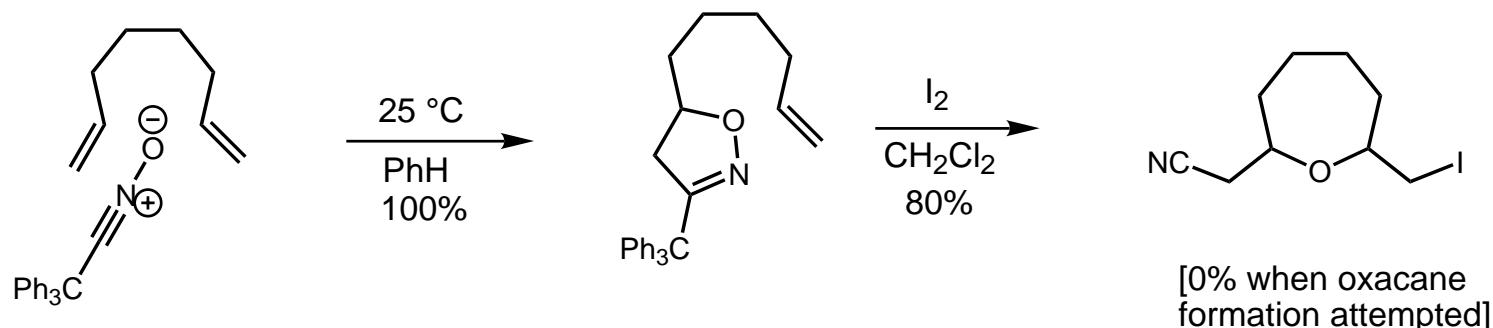
Greeé  
JOC 1995, 2316.

## Epoxide Opening



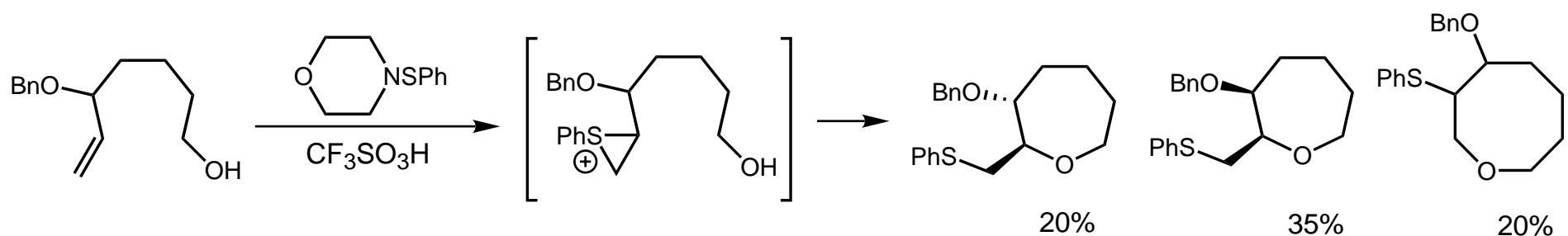
Other Lewis and protic acids completely failed to deliver the desired product.

### From Isoxazolines



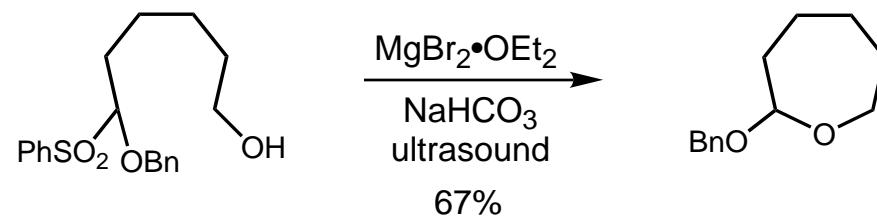
Kurth  
JOC 1990, 283.

### From Hydroxy Olefins



### From $\alpha$ -Sulphonyl Ethers

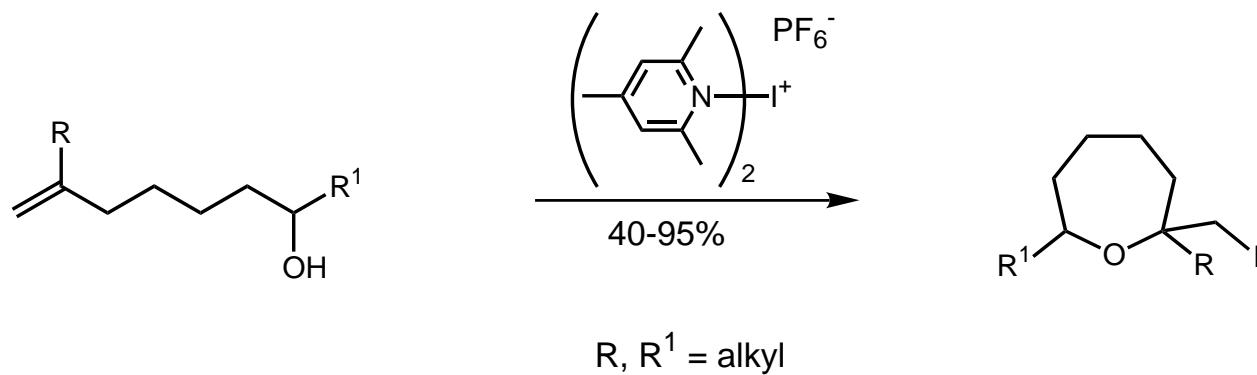
K. Jones  
TL 1991, 2261.



works for 5-8 membered rings

Ley  
Synlett, 1991, 415.

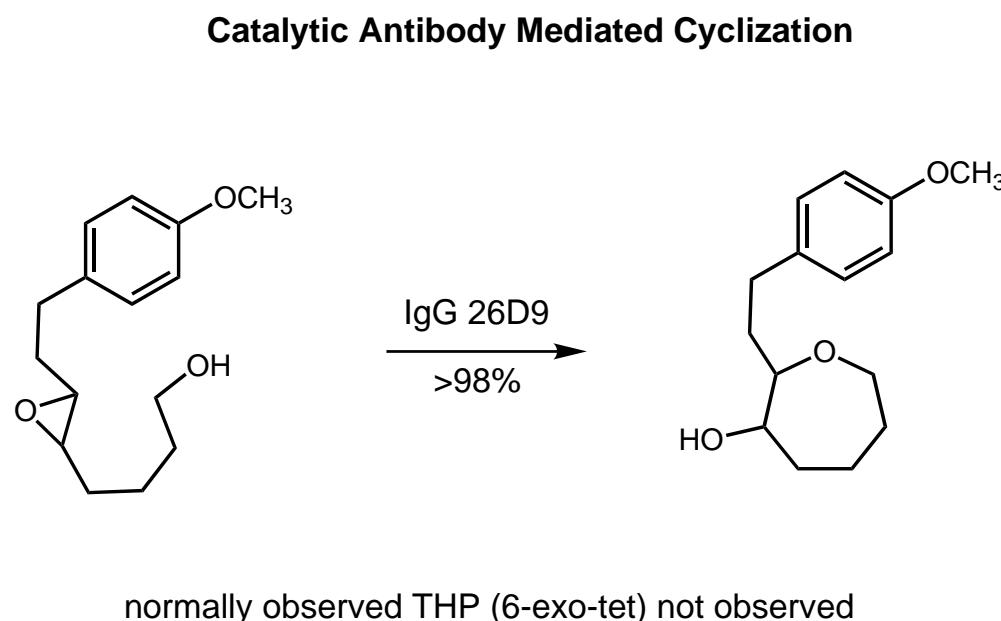
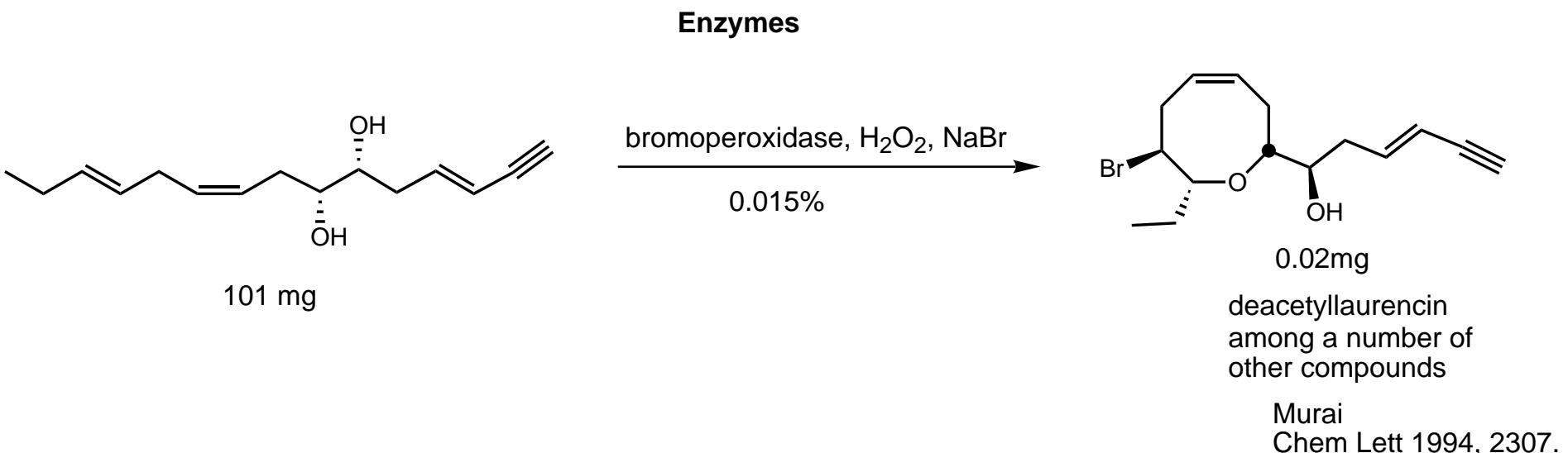
## Misc Cyclizations



R, R<sup>1</sup> = alkyl

Rousseau  
JOC 1996, 5793.

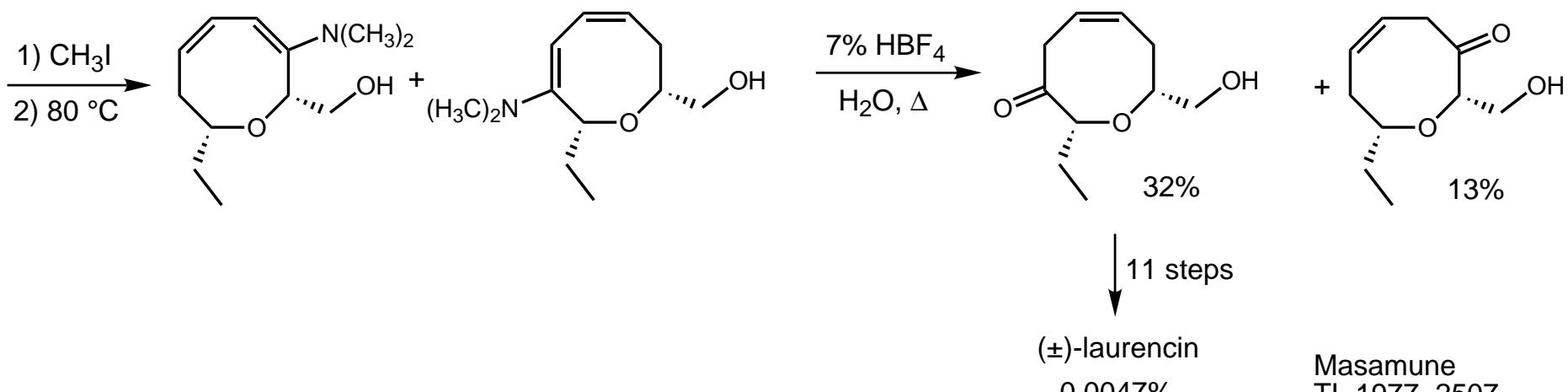
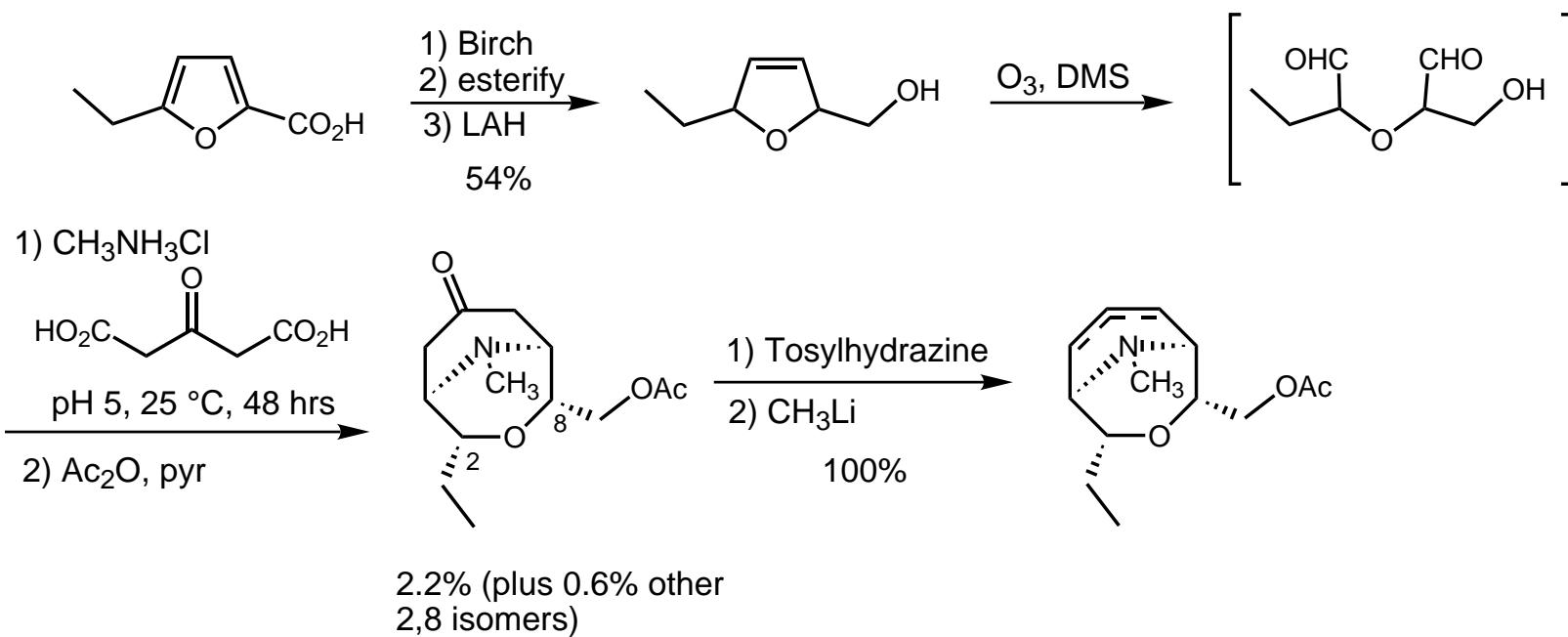
oxacanes could not be formed  
under these conditions



Lerner, Janda  
JACS 1995, 2659.

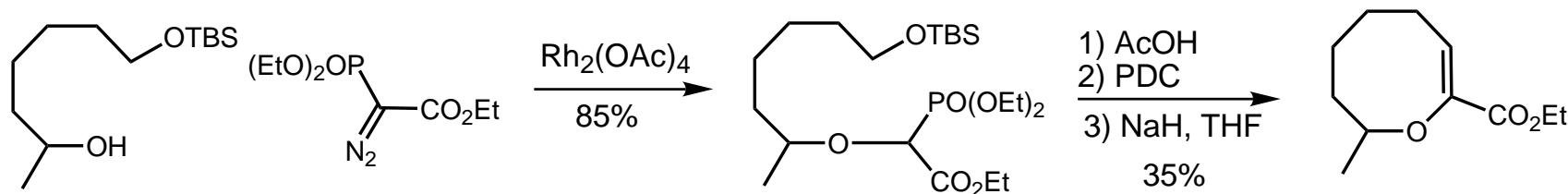
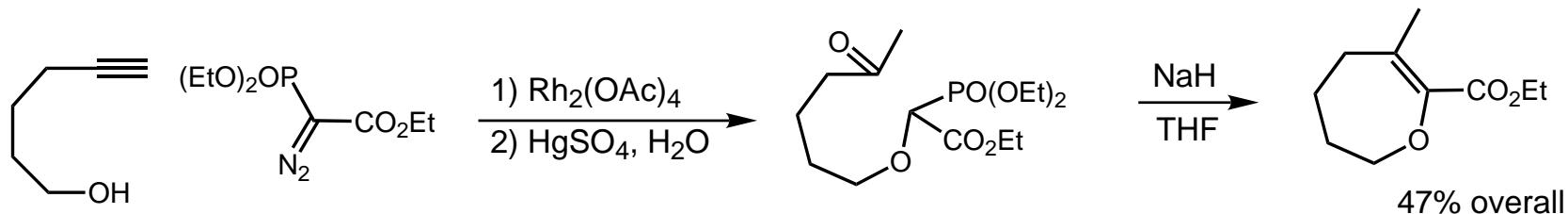
## Cyclization By C-C Bond Formation

### The Epic Assault

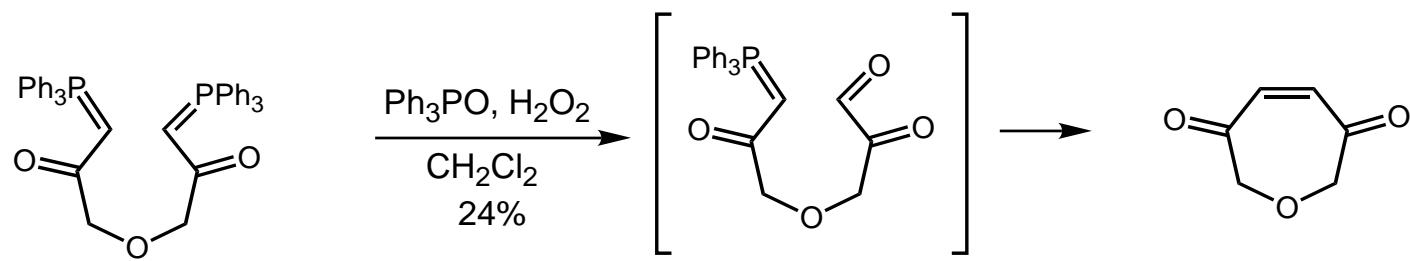


Masamune  
TL 1977, 2507.  
Chem Lett, 1975, 895.

## Wadsworth-Emmons Cyclization



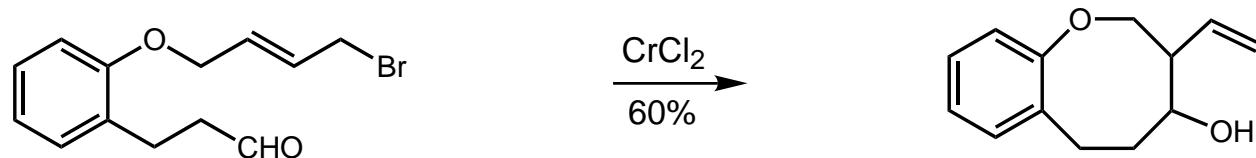
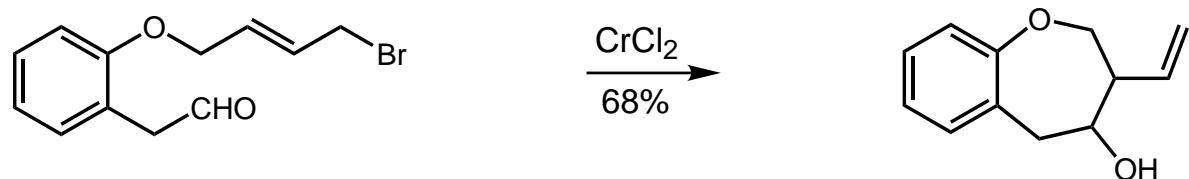
C. J. Moody  
TL 1991, 6947.



Bestmann  
Chem. Ber. 1993, 725.

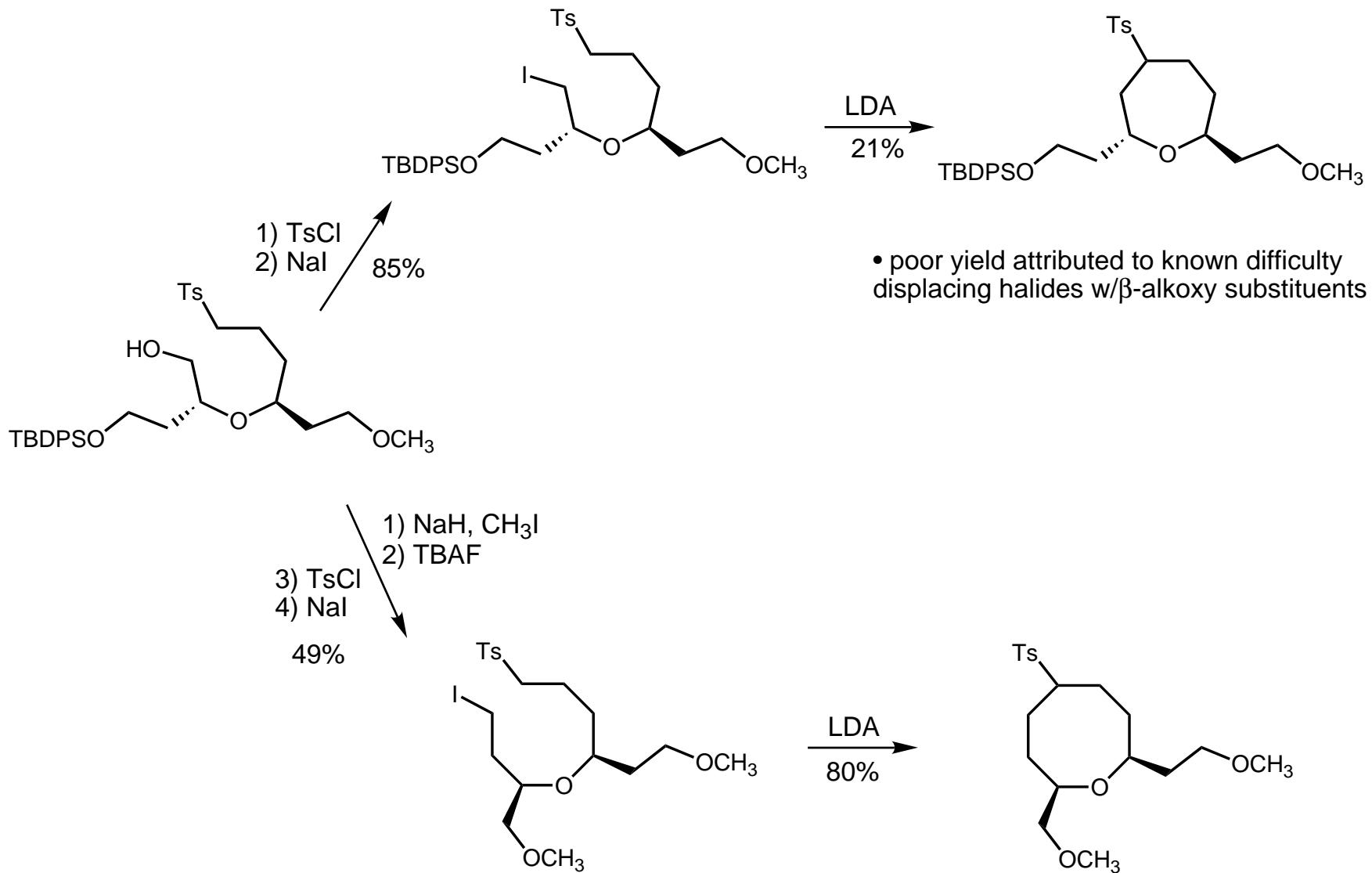
- The HWE reaction is general for aldehyde and ketone carbonyl components, and phosphonyl-ketones and -sulfones, bis-phosphonates and phosphonoacetates as nucleophiles.

## Chromium Mediated Cyclizations

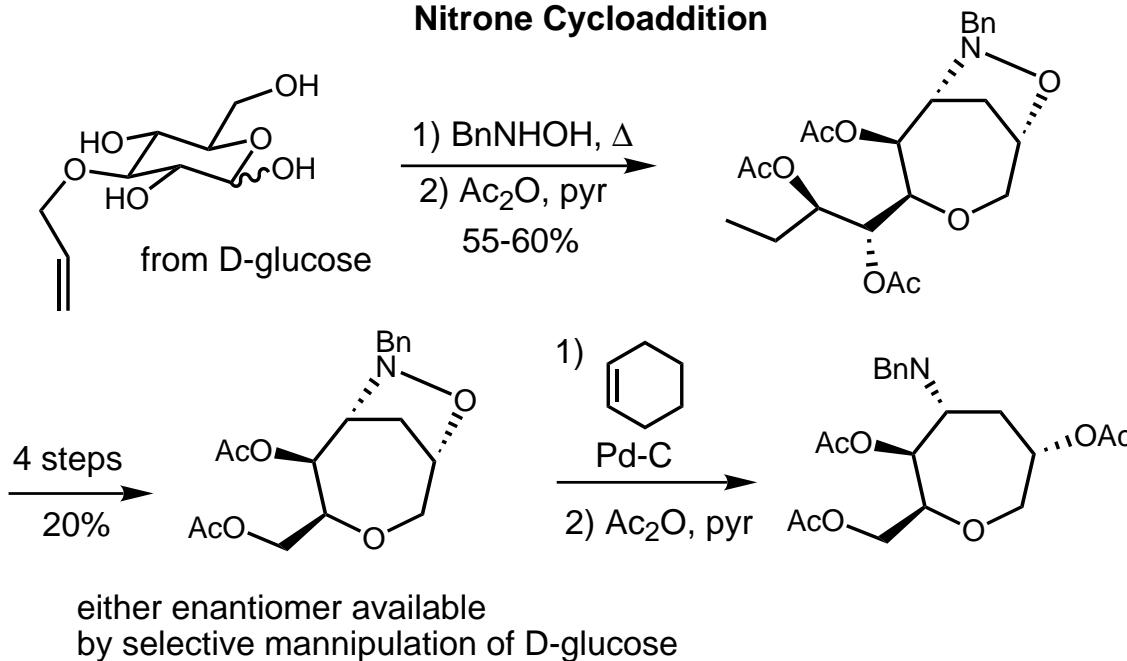


- attempted formation of a benzopyran failed due to formation of the elimination product salicylaldehyde

## Oxapanes and Oxacanes from a Common Precursor

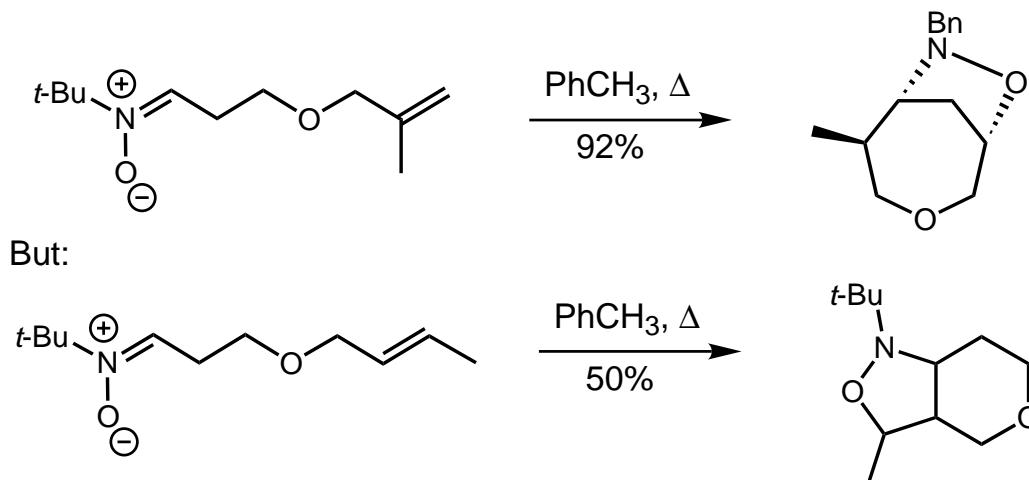


### Nitronate Cycloaddition



Bhattacharya  
Chem. Comm. 1990, 1508.  
TL 1993, 3585.

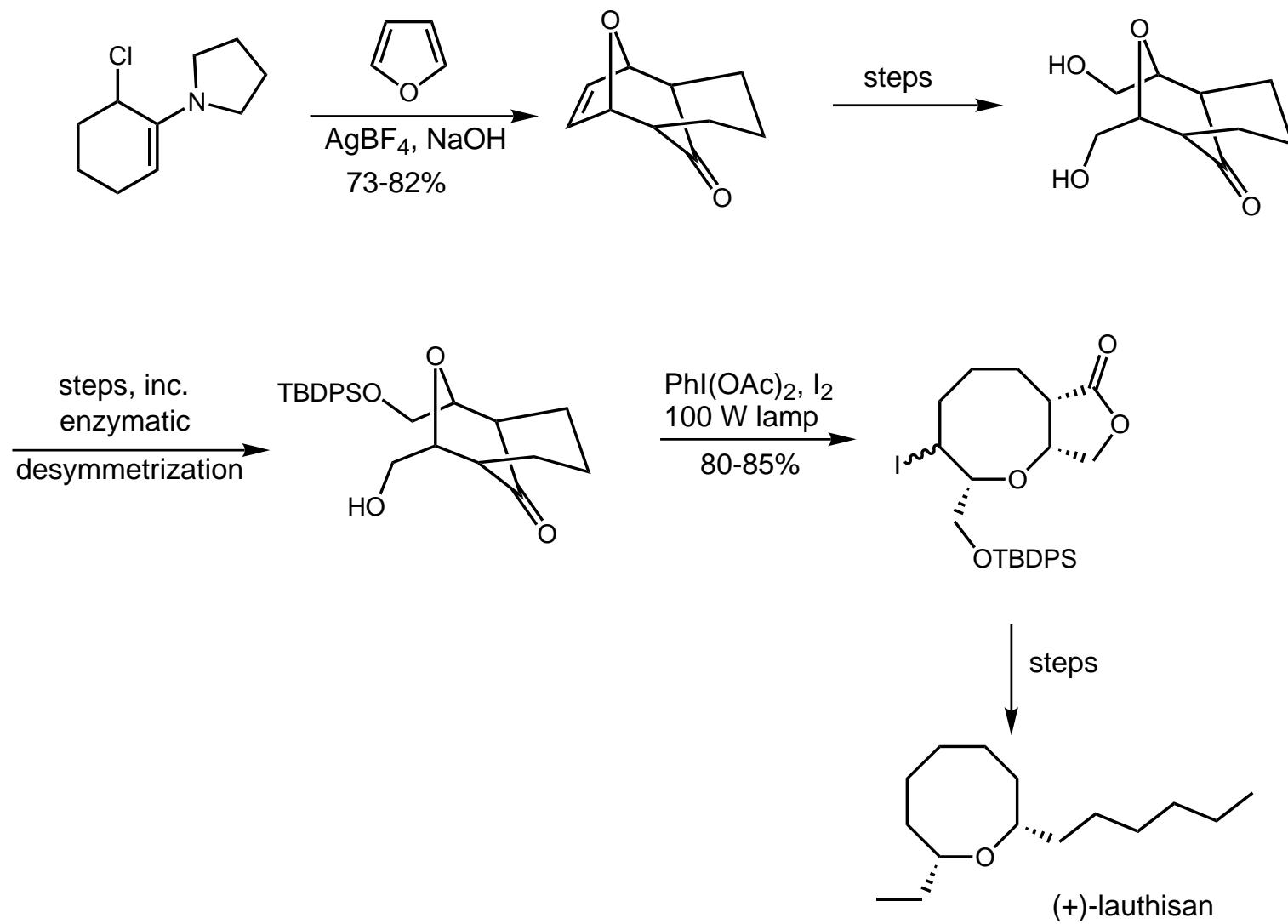
*Minor Structural Changes can have a Major Impact on Reactivity*



Aurich  
Chem. Ber. 1990, 1508.

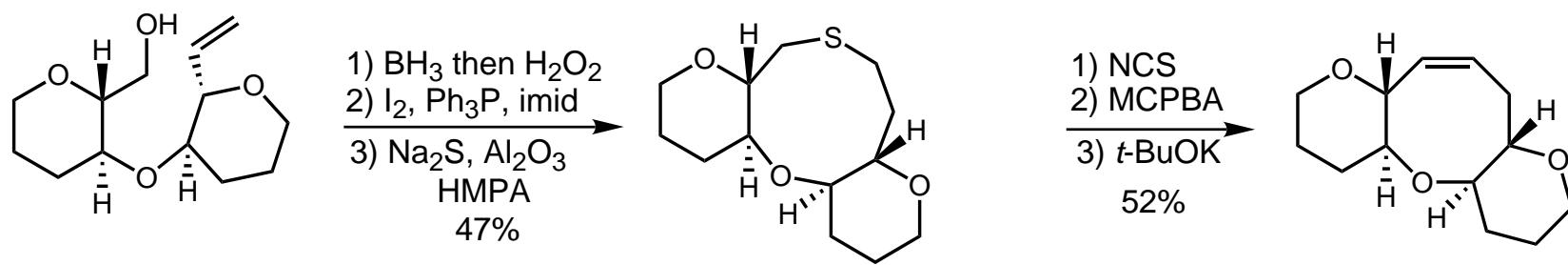
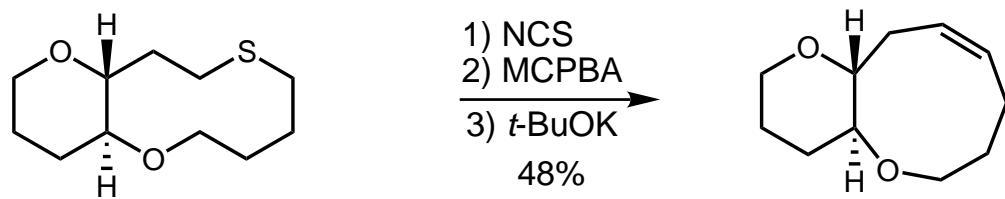
Other nitrone oxide cycloadditions:  
Shing  
Tetrahedron: Asymmetry, 1996, 1323.

## [4+3] Cycloaddition Chemistry

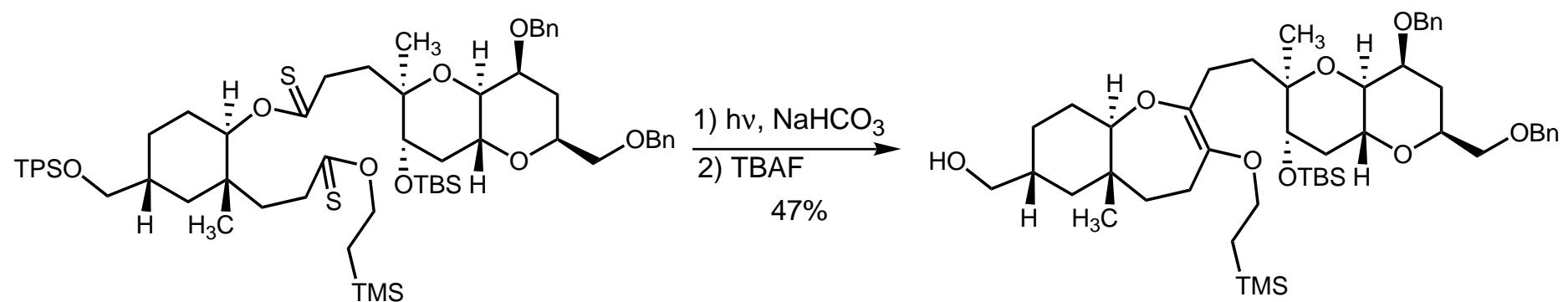


Cha  
JOC 1995, 792.

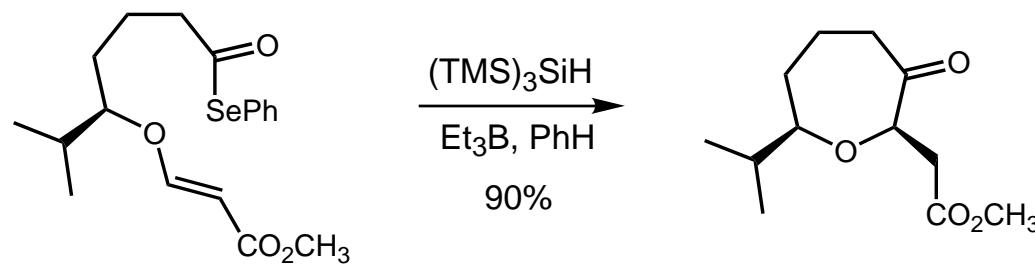
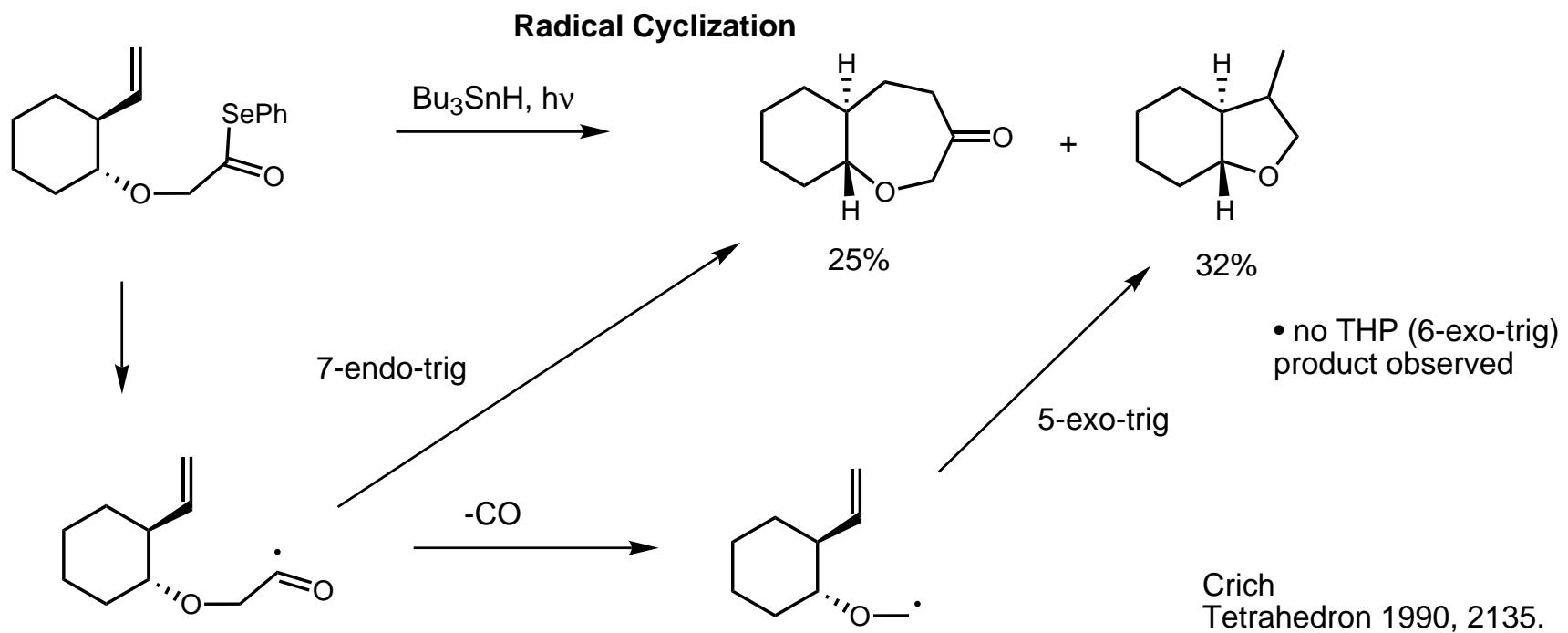
## Ramberg-Bäcklund Reaction



### Photochemical Cyclization of a bis-Thionoester



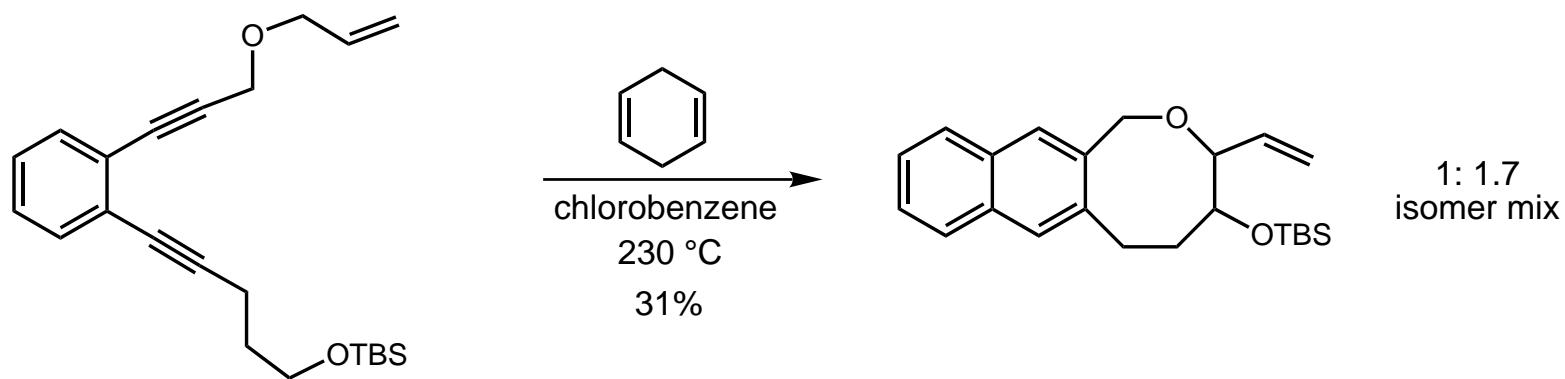
towards hemibrevetoxin  
Nicolaou  
JACS 1993, 3558.



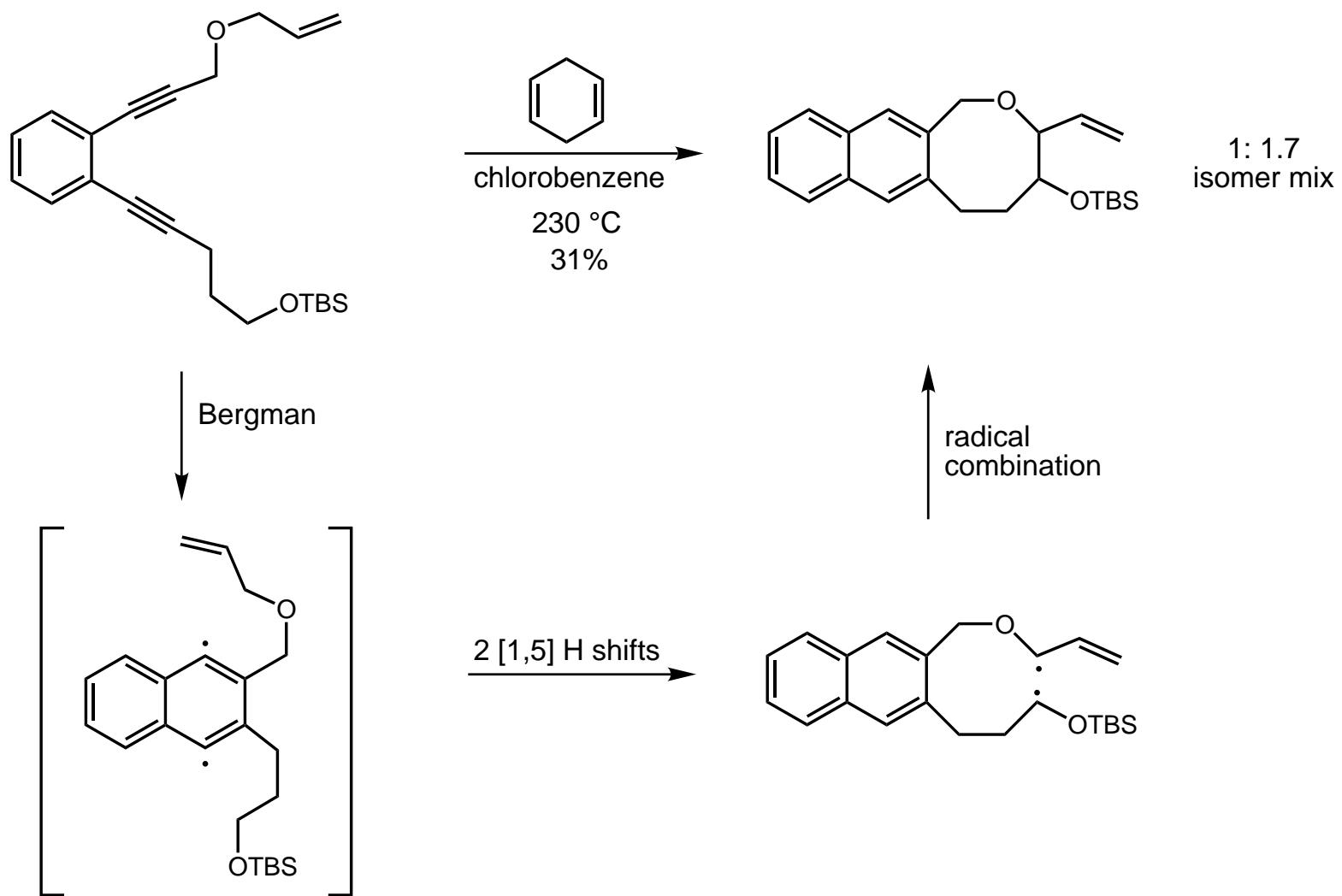
similar conditions used to form a THP  
relevant to the brevetoxins in 99% yield.

P. A. Evans  
JOC 1996, 2252.  
JOC 1996, 4880.

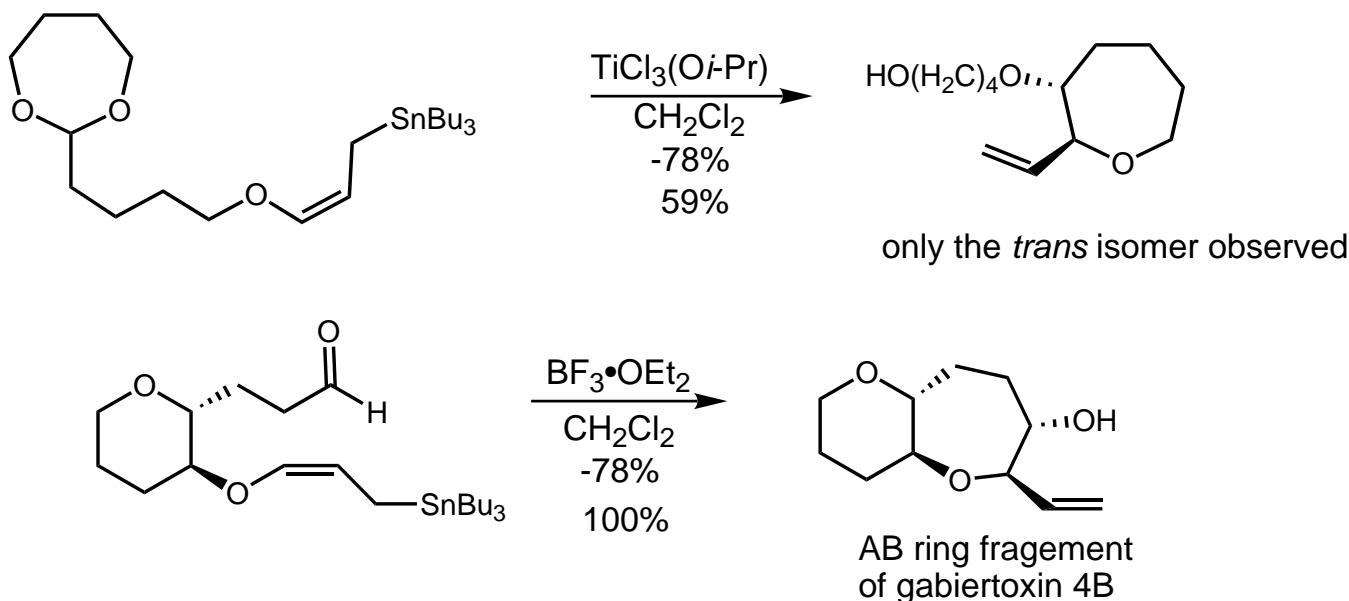
## An Interesting Cyclization



## Bergman Cyclization

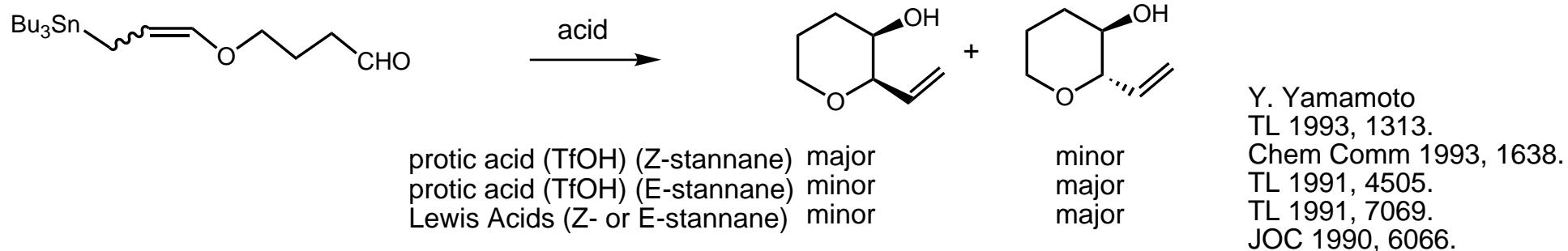


## Allyl Stannations



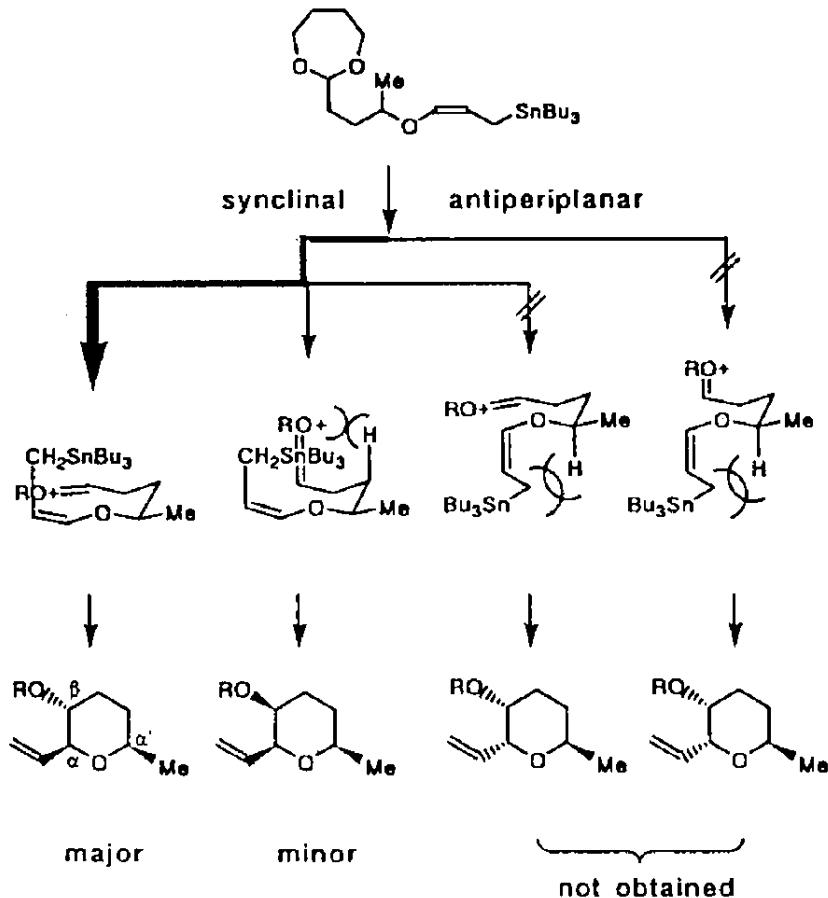
- fusion to 6 membered ring reduces conformational mobility of acyclic precursor
- cyclizations onto aldehydes are generally accompanied by higher stereocontrol and yields than onto acetals
- $TiCl_4$  doped with  $Ph_3P$  can be used to increase levels of diastereoselectivity
- Yamamoto has prepared the 6-7-7-6 and 7-7-6-6 systems of brevetoxin B and hemibrevetoxin respectively using this methodology

This reaction has extensively been studied under a wide range of conditions for THP synthesis:

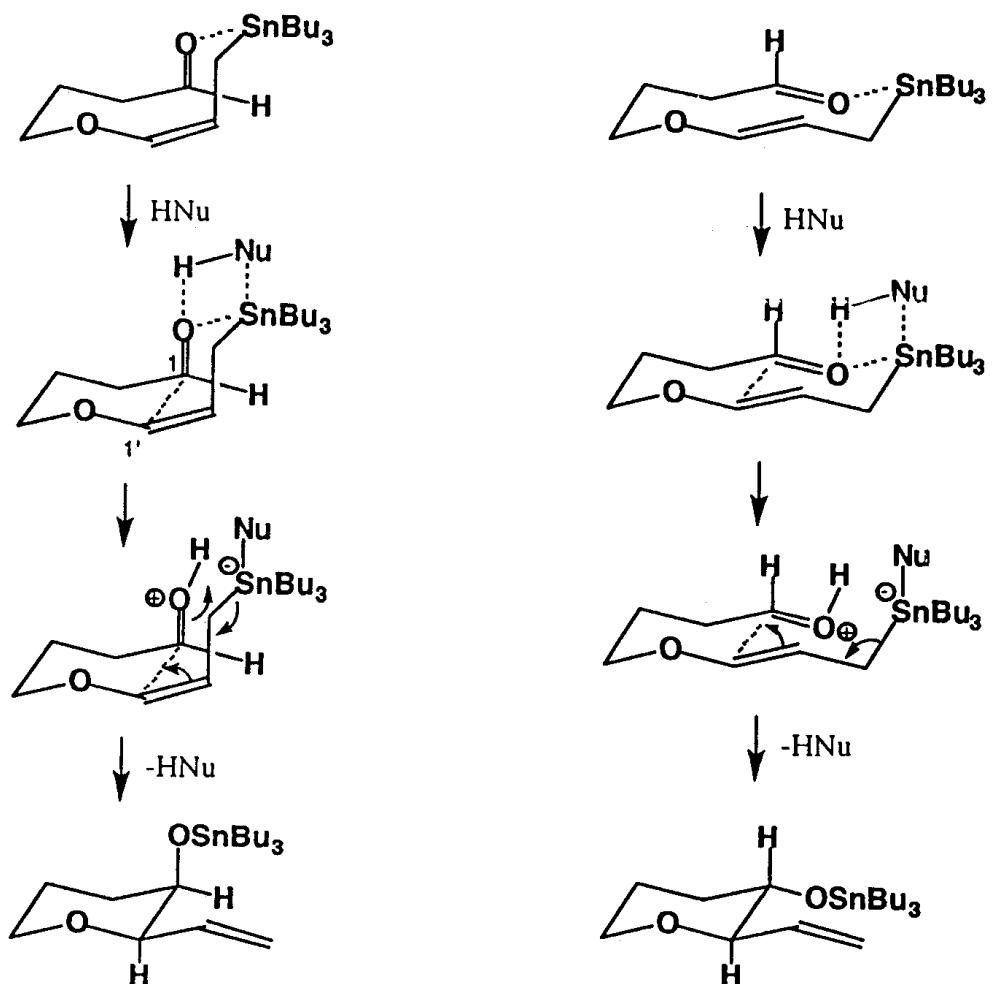


## Allyl Stannations: Mechanism and Stereochemistry

6-membered rings always give *anti* products when promoted with Lewis Acid

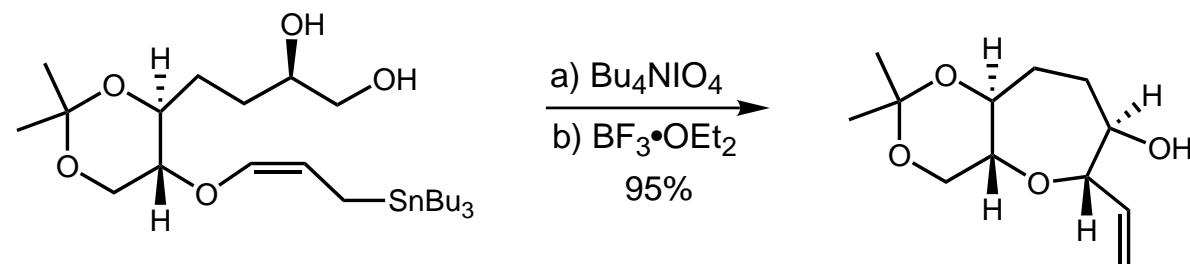
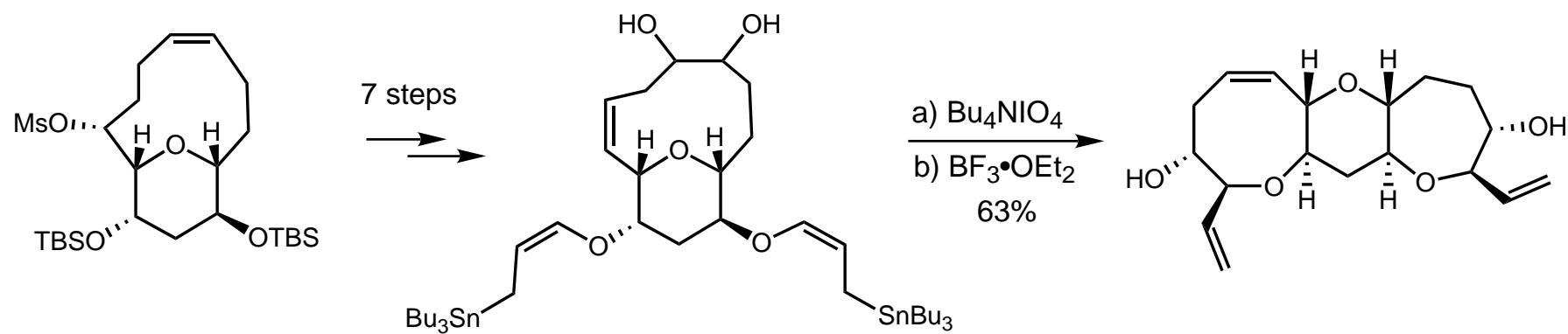


6-membered rings give *anti* or *syn* products when promoted with protic acid, depending on allylstannane geometry



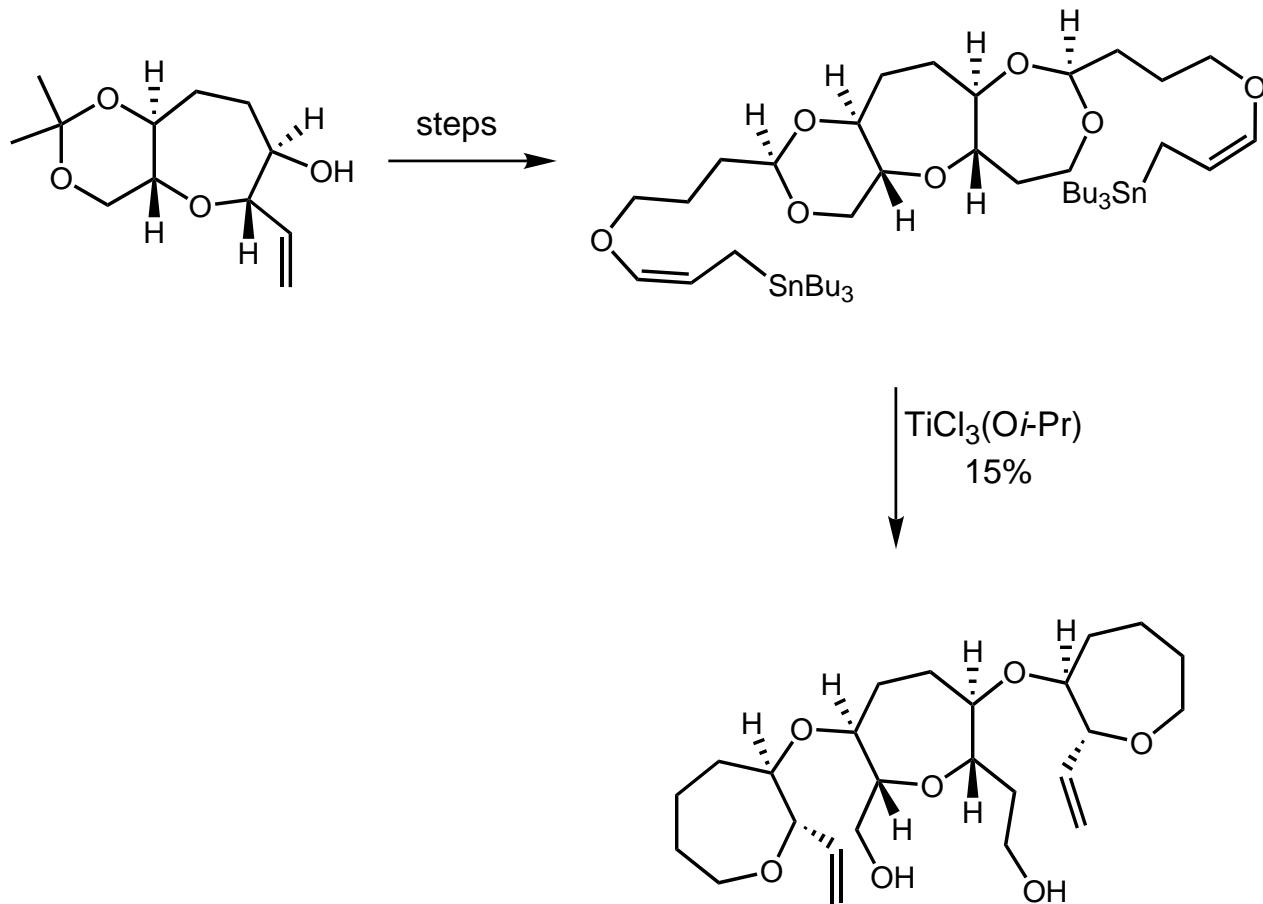
"In the 7-membered cyclization, the transition state geometry becomes more flexible, being able to give a thermodynamically stable *trans* isomer with high diastereoselectivity".

### One-Pot Oxidation-Cyclization



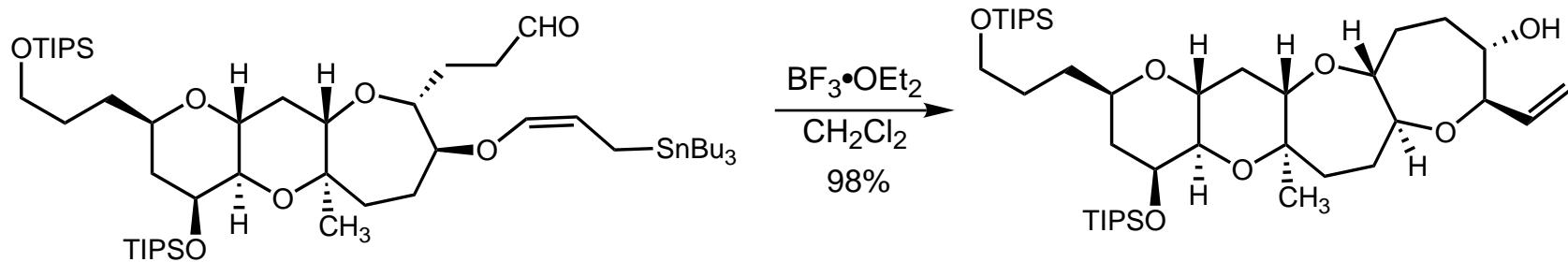
J. D. Martin  
TL 1992, 3389.  
TL 1996, 2869.

## A Disappointing Allyl Stannation



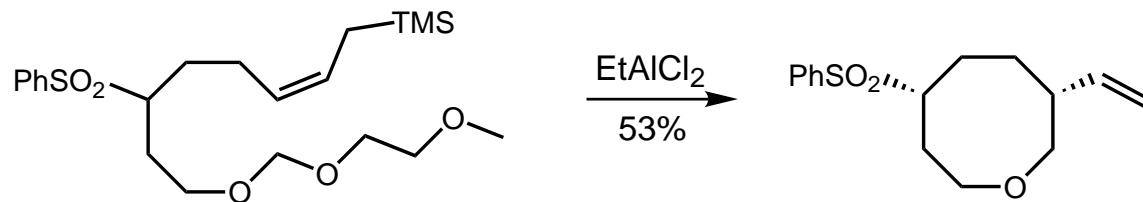
## A More Complex Allyl Stannation

Both 7-membered rings of hemibrevetoxin B  
formed using this method; The latter is shown here:



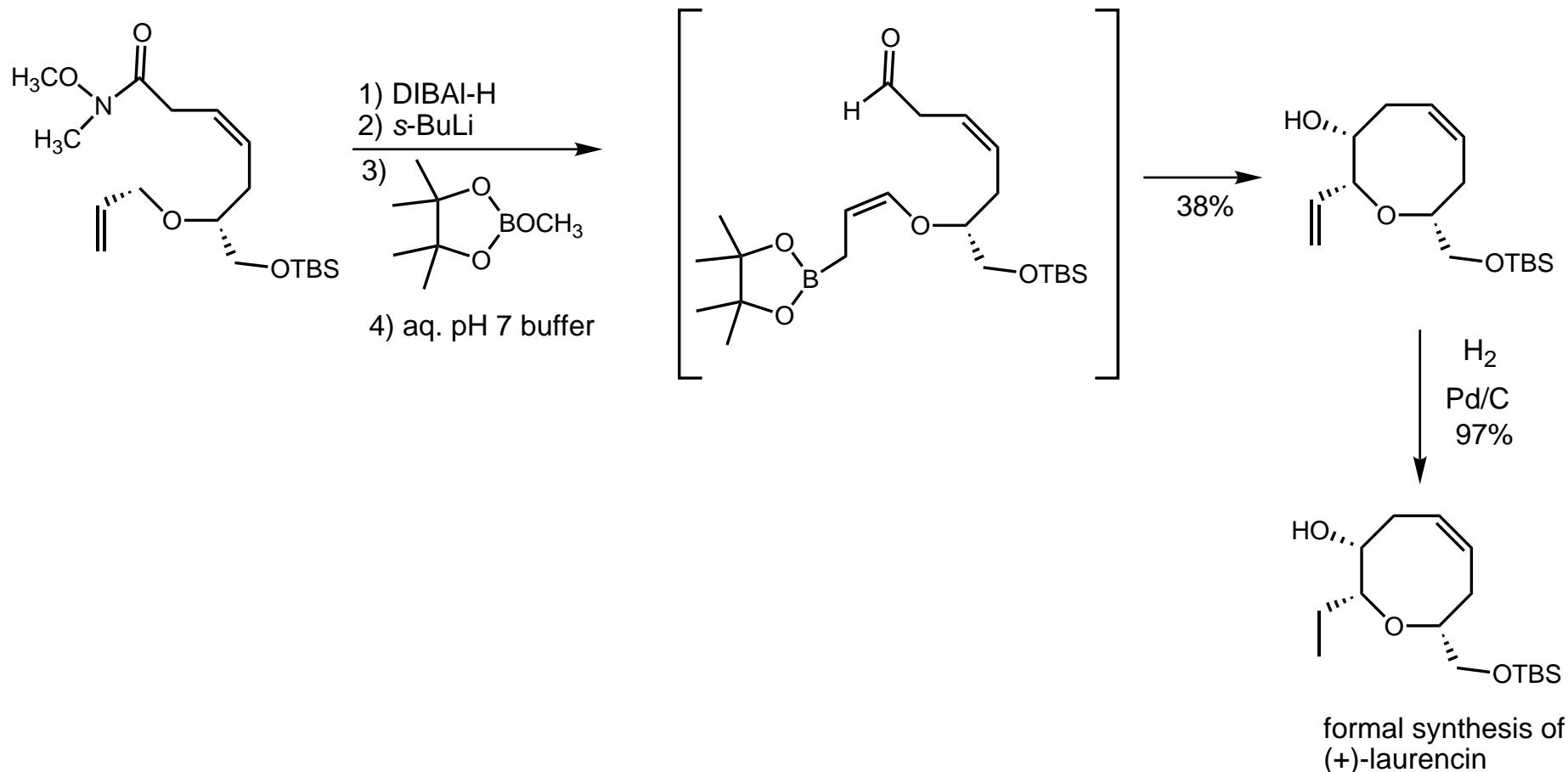
Yamamoto  
TL 1995, 5777.

## A Lone Allyl Silylation



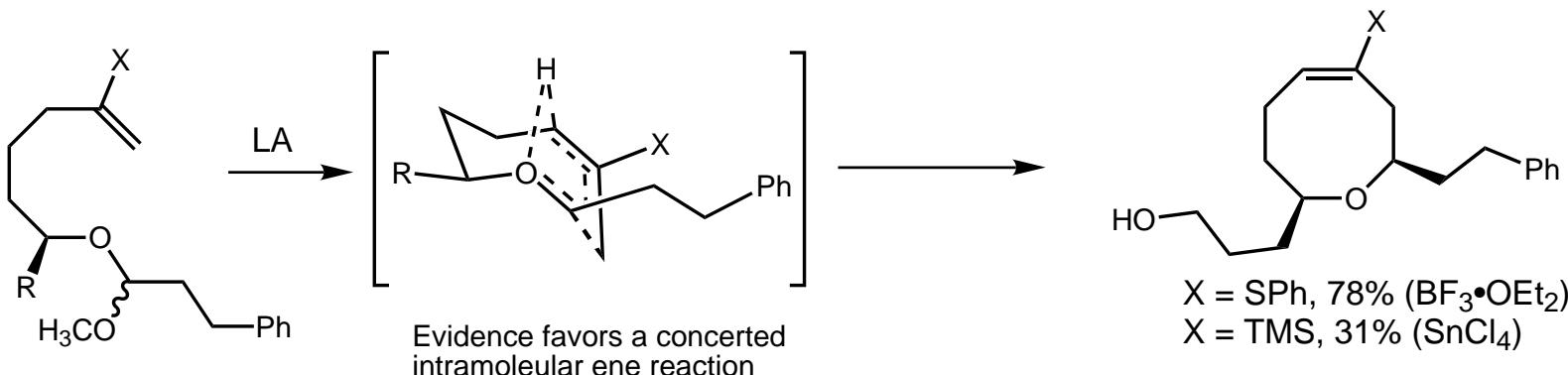
Simpkins  
Tetrahedron, 1991, 7689.

## Intramolecular Allylboration



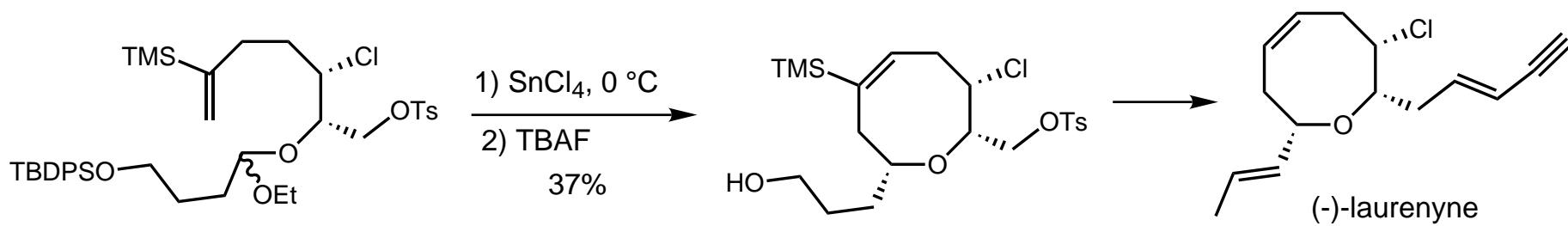
R. W. Hoffmann  
JACS 1997, 7499.

## Overman Acetal Alkene Cyclizations



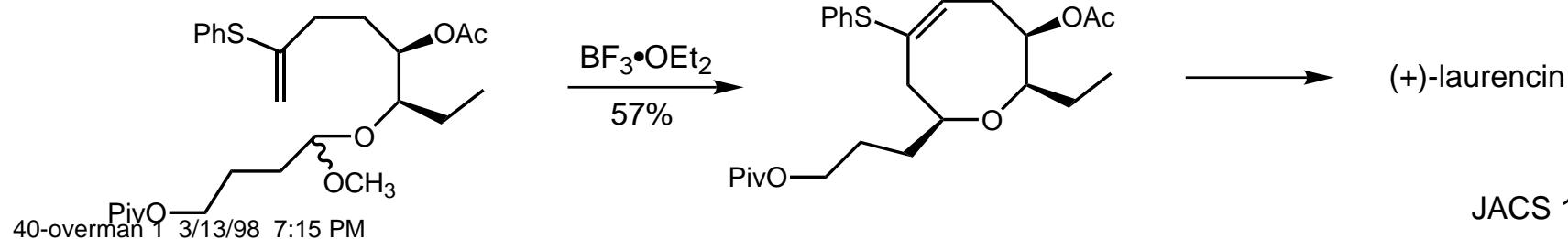
JACS 1986, 3516.  
JACS 1990, 4386.  
JACS 1990, 4399.

### Laurenyne



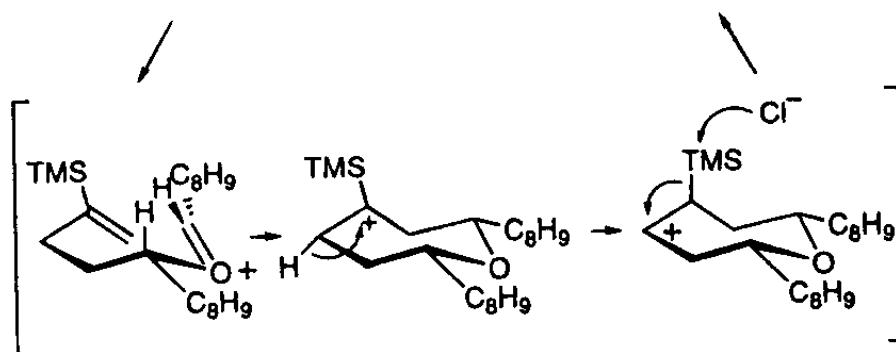
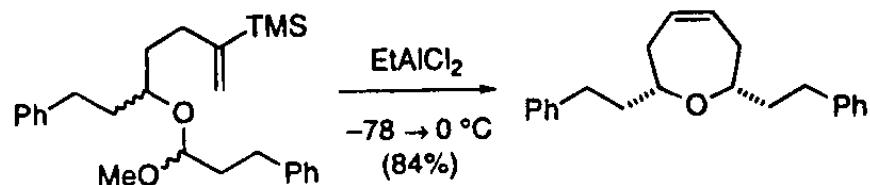
JACS 1988, 2248.

### Laurencin



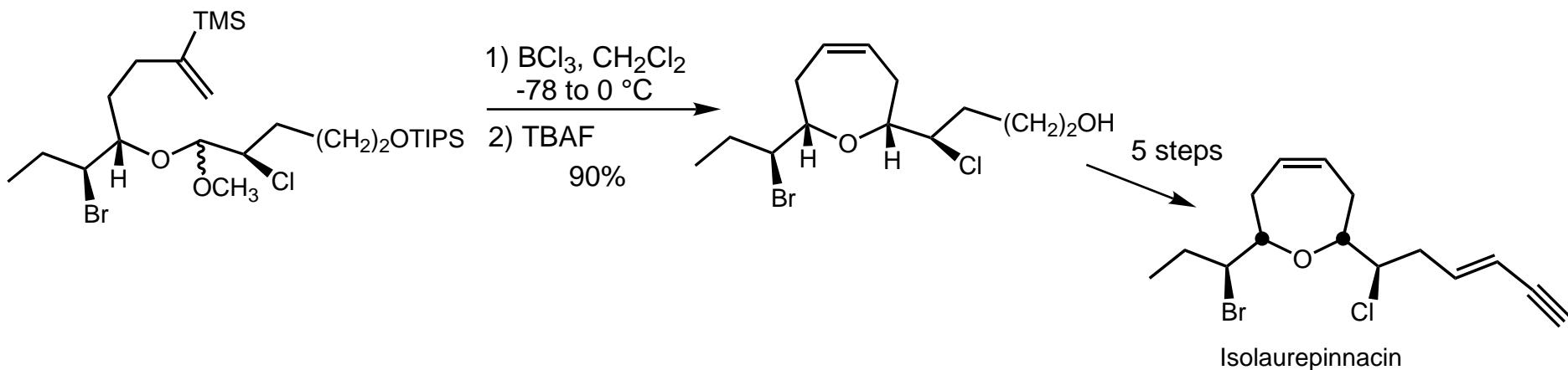
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## Overman Acetal Alkene Cyclizations



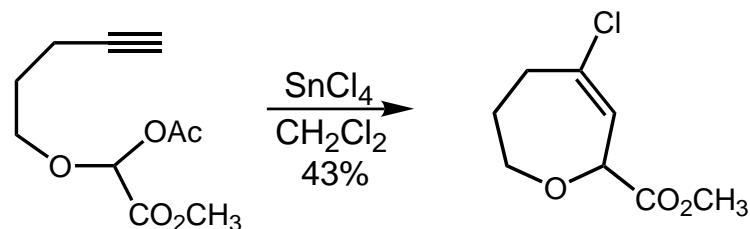
*Three effects are responsible for the high yielding transformation:*

- Initial Prins cyclization occurs in an endocyclic sense as a result of the greater stability of a tertiary  $\alpha$ -silyl cation than a primary  $\beta$ -silyl cation
- Cyclization of the more stable (*E*)-oxocarbenium ion occurs preferentially in the conformation which minimizes destabilizing allylic interactions
- Inductive withdrawal by the ring oxygen controls the regioselectivity of the hydride migration



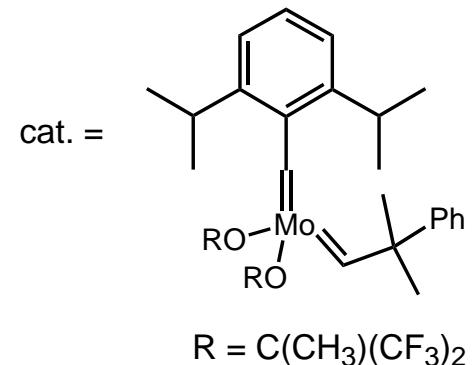
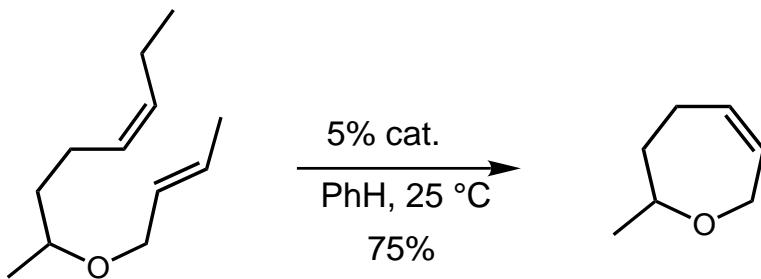
SynLett 1992, 811.  
JACS 1993, 9305.  
JACS 1997, 2447.

## Acetal Alkyne Cyclization



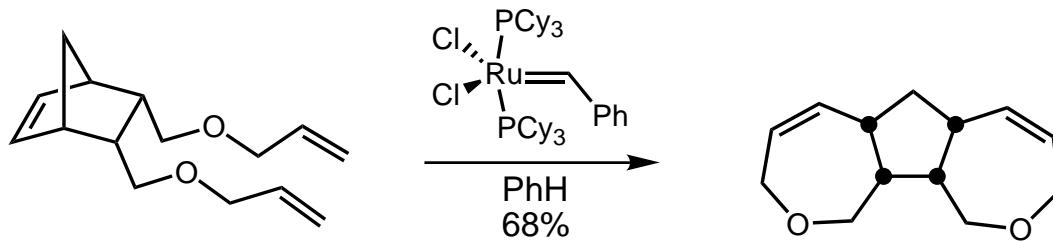
Speckamp  
Tetrahedron 1994, 7115.

## Ring Closing Metathesis



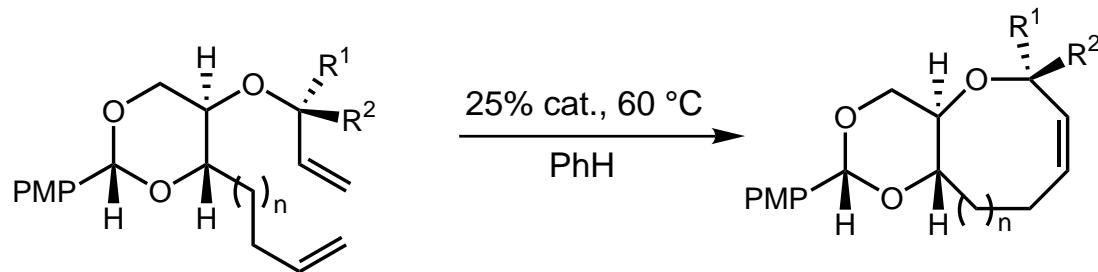
Grubbs  
JACS 1992, 5426.  
JACS 1993, 9856.

## Ring Opening - Ring Closing Metathesis

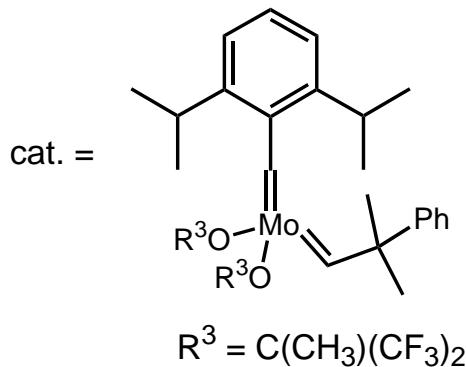


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JACS 1996, 6634.

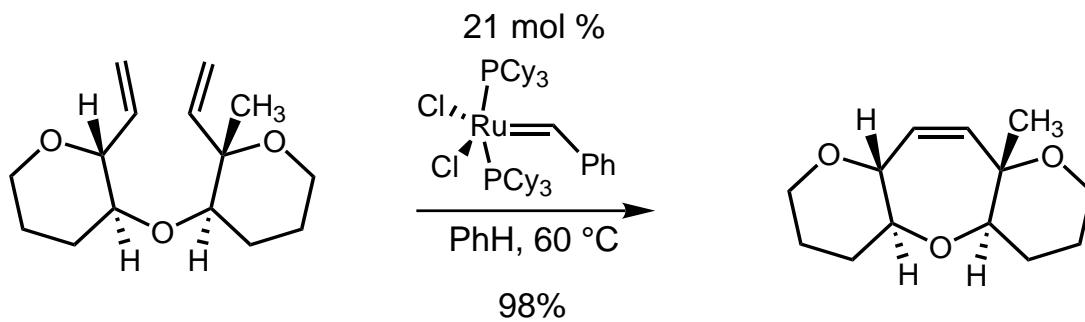
## RCM for Brevetoxin and Ciguatoxin



$n = 1, R^1 = H, R^2 = Et, 97\%$   
 $n = 1, R^1 = Et, R^2 = H, 86\%$   
 $n = 2, R^1 = H, R^2 = Et, 86\%$   
 $n = 2, R^1 = Et, R^2 = H, 14\%$   
 $n = 2, R^1 = H, R^2 = H, 58\%$



Clark  
TL 1997, 127.



Hirama  
Synlett 1997, 980.

## Ring Closing Metathesis

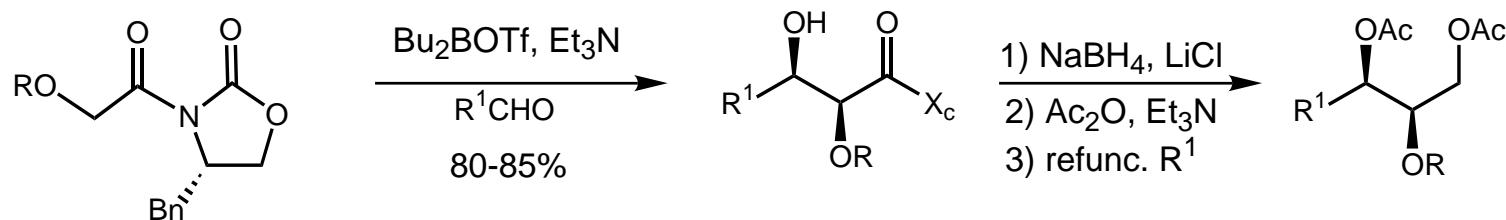


Table 1

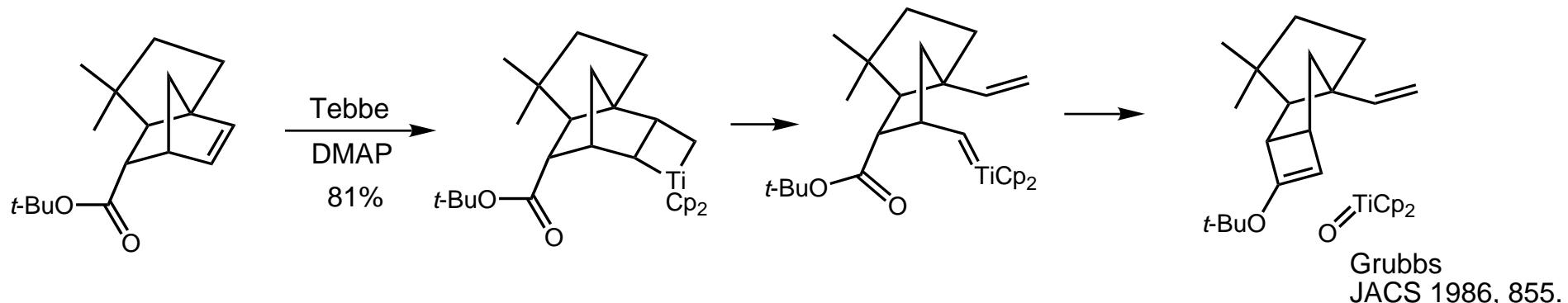
Diene	Product	Yield <sup>a,b</sup>
		90% 1 h
		95% 2 h
		73% (17% dimer) 2 h
		94% 30 min
		89% (10% dimer) 1 h

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were carried out in dichloromethane at 40 °C with 5–7 mol %  $(\text{Cy}_3\text{P})_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Ru}=\text{CHPh}$ . <sup>b</sup> Yields are for isolated, chromatographically purified products.

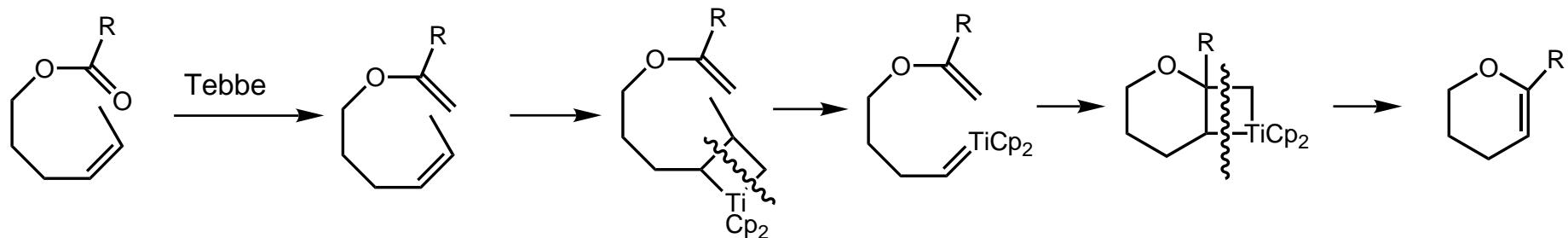
Crimmins  
JOC 1997, 7549.

## Tandem Methylenation - Metathesis of Olefinic Esters

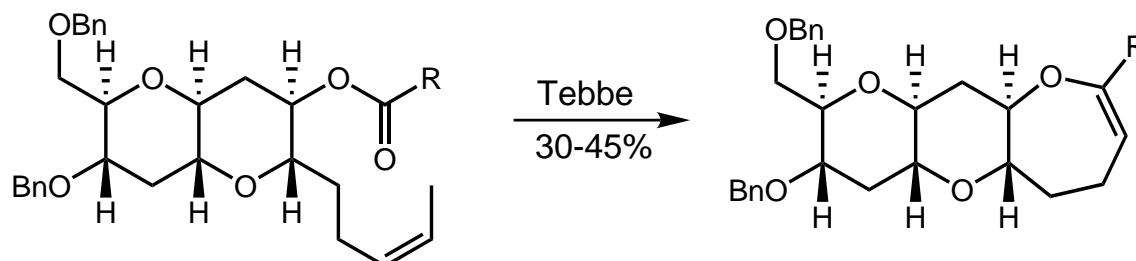
The Precedent:



The General Scheme:



The Example:



R must be CH<sub>3</sub> or Ph  
Yields for DHP synthesis: 30-70%

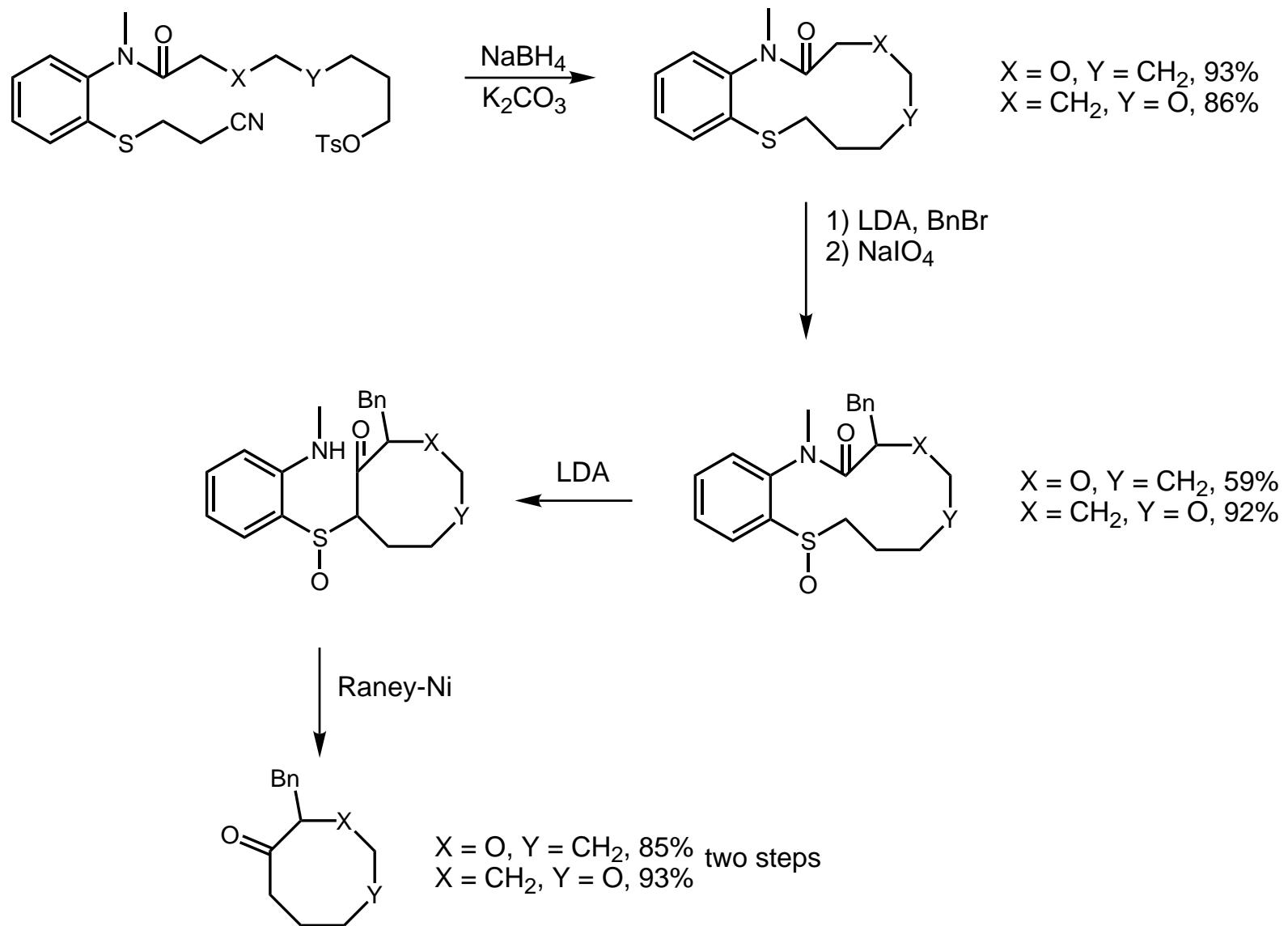
Nicolaou  
JACS 1996, 889.

The Critique:

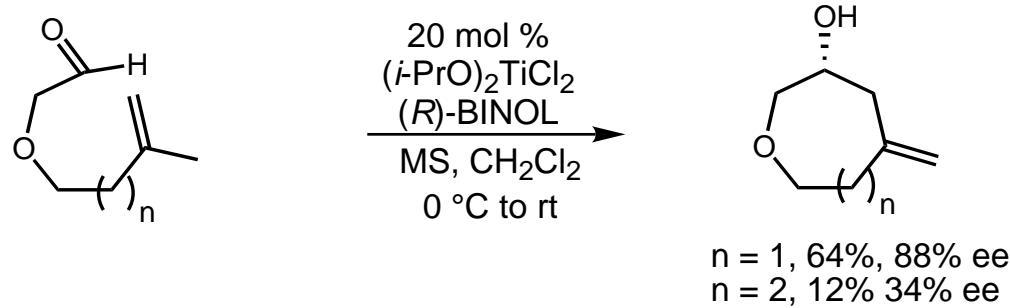
The reaction awaits further vigorous development before being regarded as widely applicable...  
...improvement in the efficiency is necessary.

Paquette  
Chemtracts, 1997, 14.

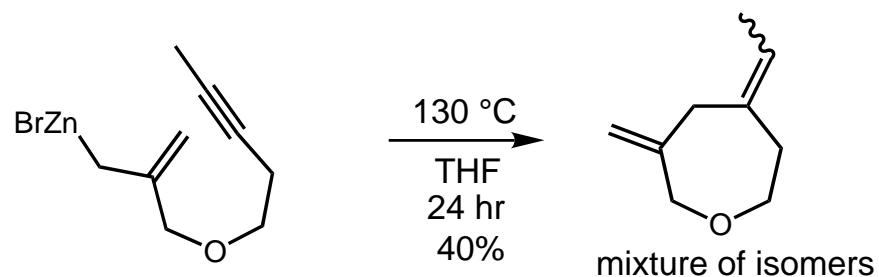
### Use of a Tether



### Ene Reactions

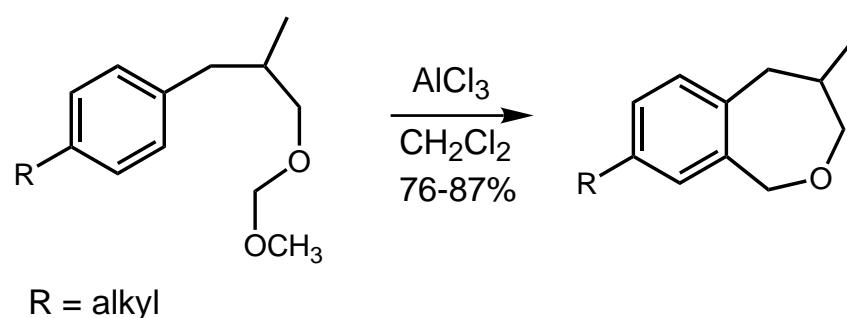


Mikami  
Tetrahedron:Asymmetry, 1991, 1403.



Klumpp  
Tetrahedron, 1992, 6105.

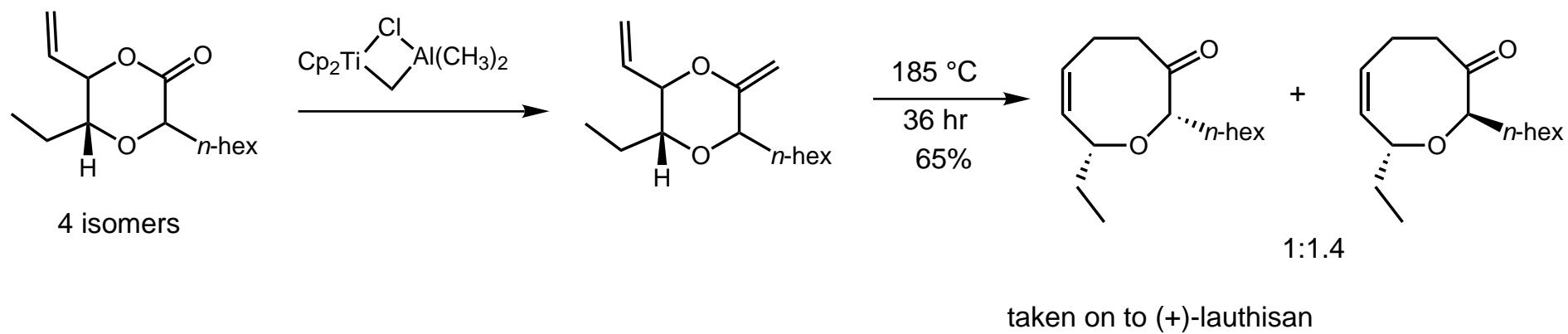
### Friedel Crafts Alkylation



Skouroumounis  
Helv. Chim. Acta, 1996, 1095.

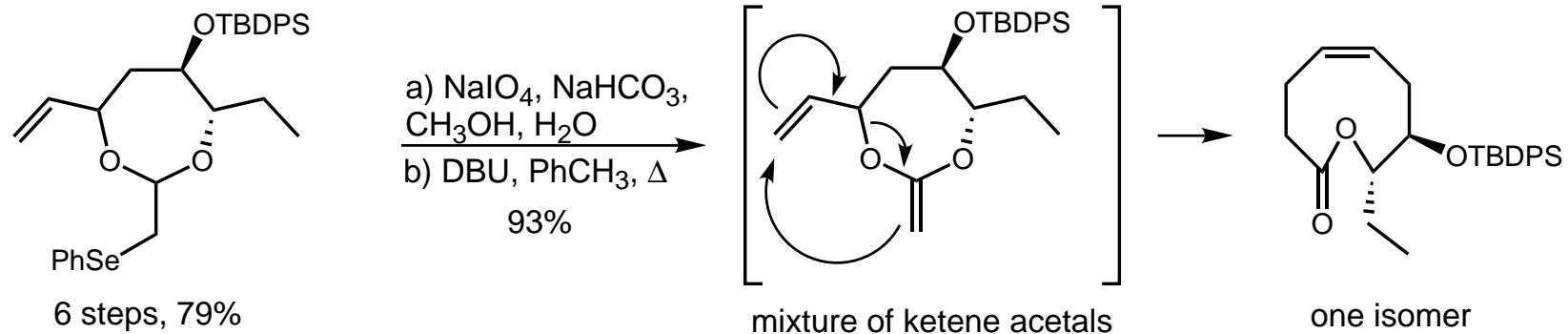
## Rearrangement Reactions

### Claisen Rearrangement



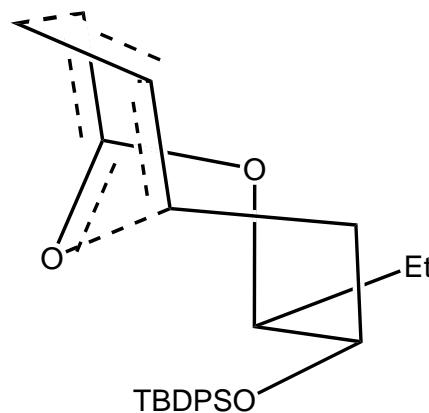
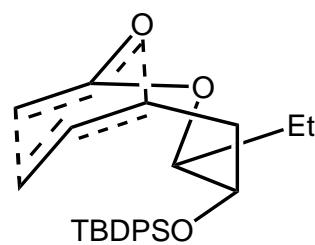
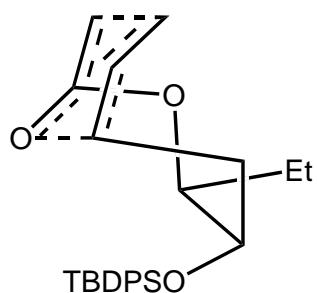
Paquette  
JOC 1990, 1703.  
Tetrahedron 1990, 4487.

## Ketene Acetal Claisen Rearrangement

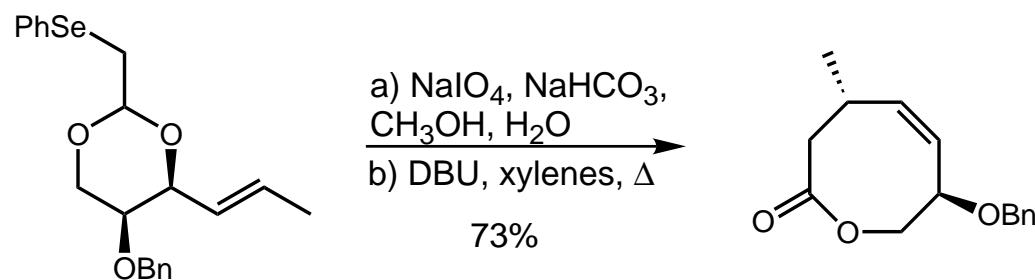


A chair TS for each isomer leads to the same product:

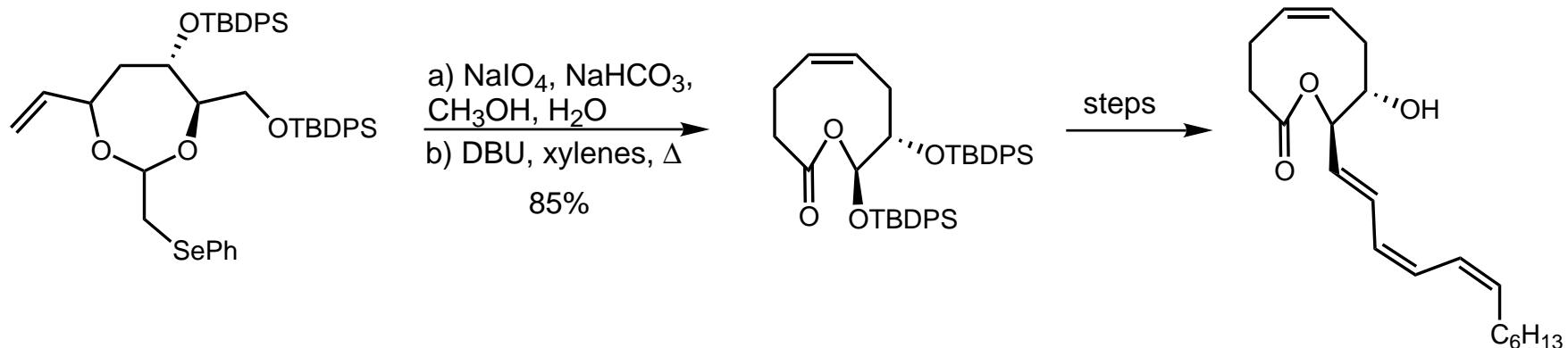
A boat TS would lead to a *trans* double bond (not observed)



## Substituted Double Bonds

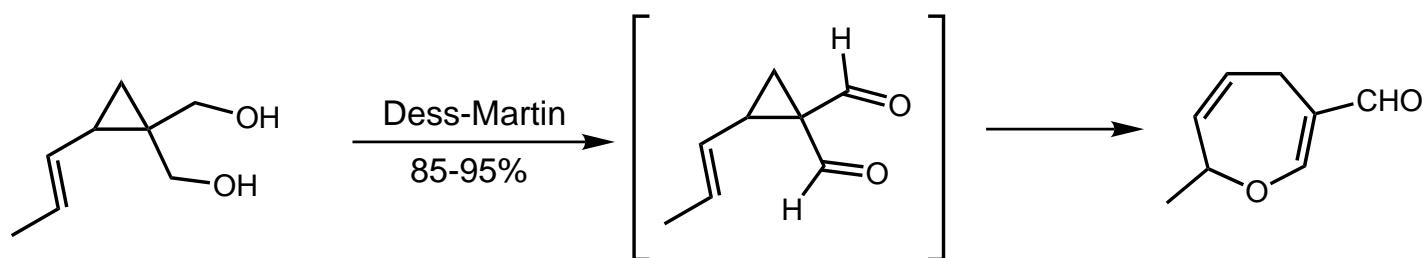


## Ascidiatrienolide A: Disproof of Structure

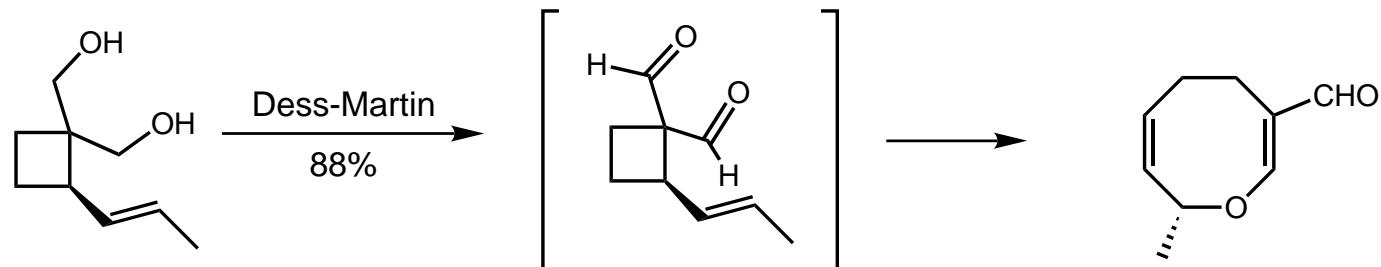


proposed structure of Ascidiatrienolide A - not identical to the natural product (which was shown to be a 10-membered lactone (with one more methylene))

## Retro-Claisen Rearrangement



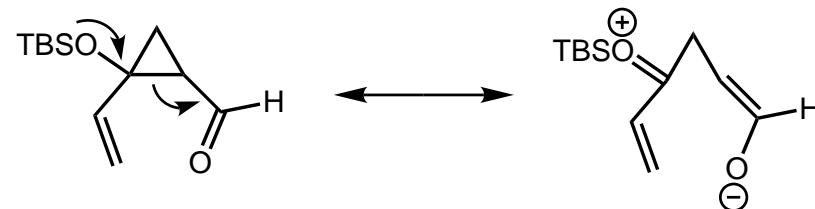
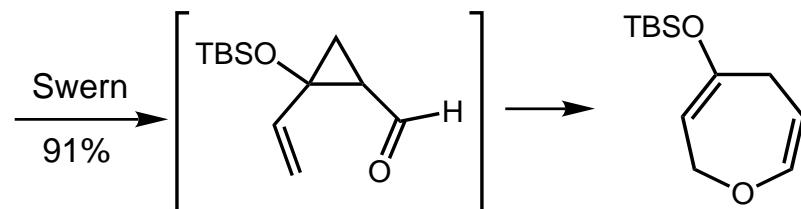
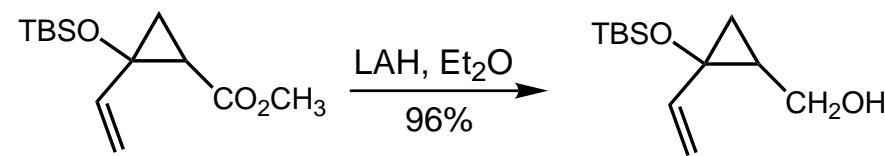
- substitution at all positions of the cyclopropane and olefin are tolerated



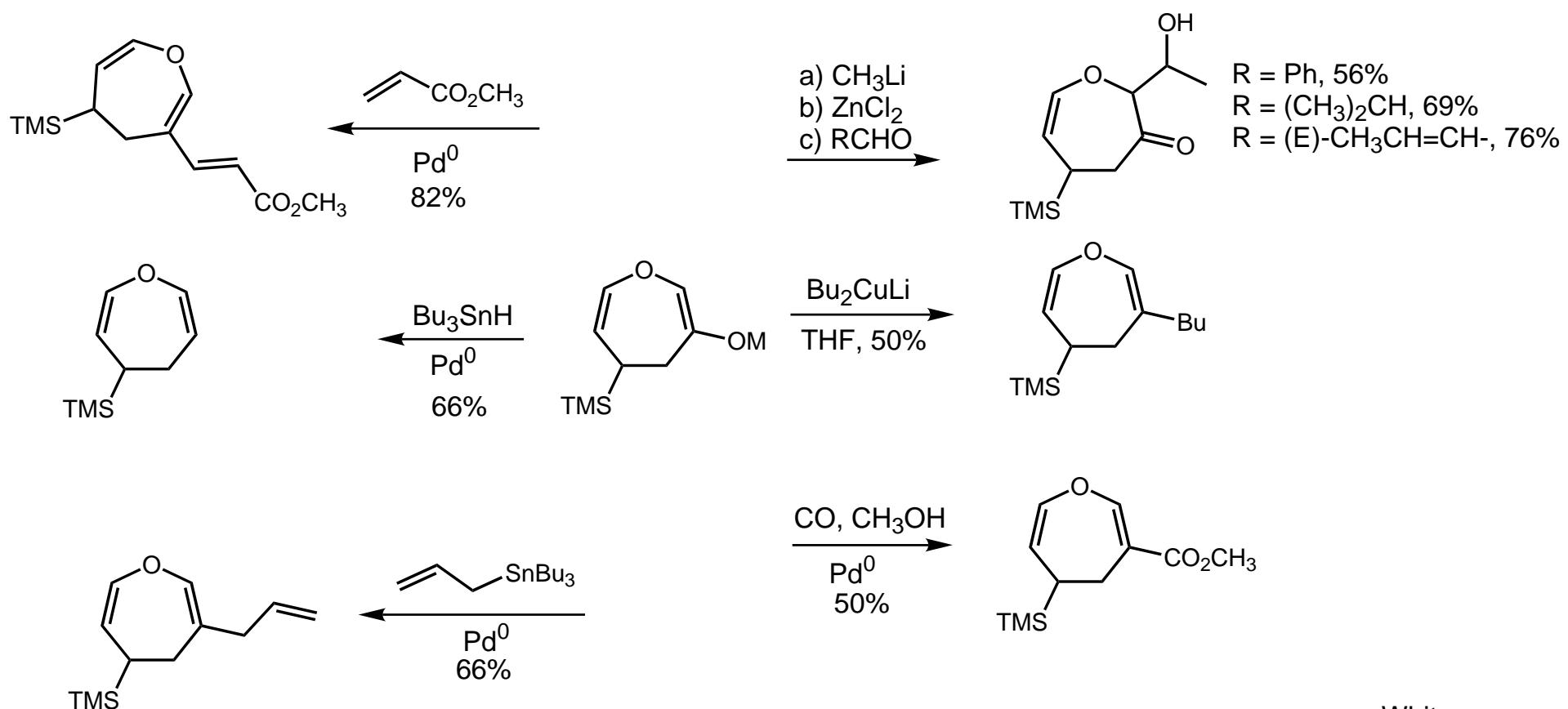
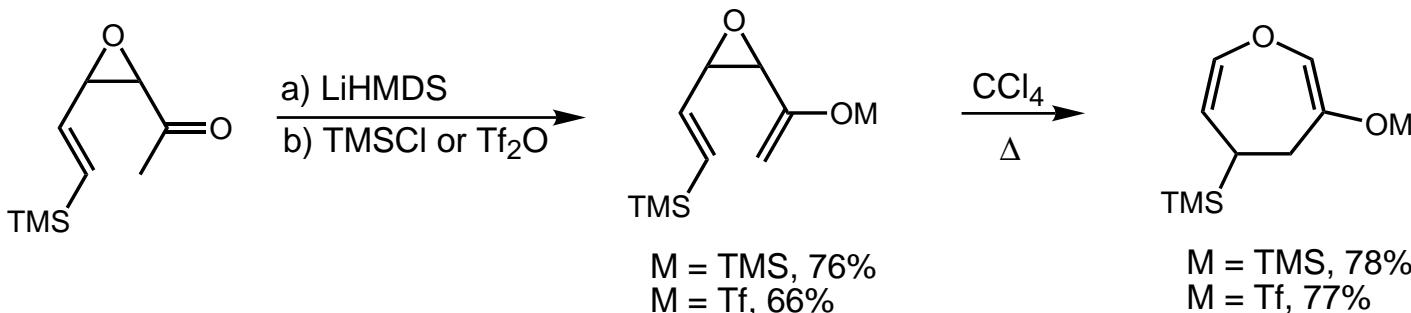
- enantiopure cyclobutane delivers enantiopure dihydrooxacenes

Boeckman  
JOC 1993, 1295.  
JOC 1997, 6456.

## Retro-Claisen Rearrangement

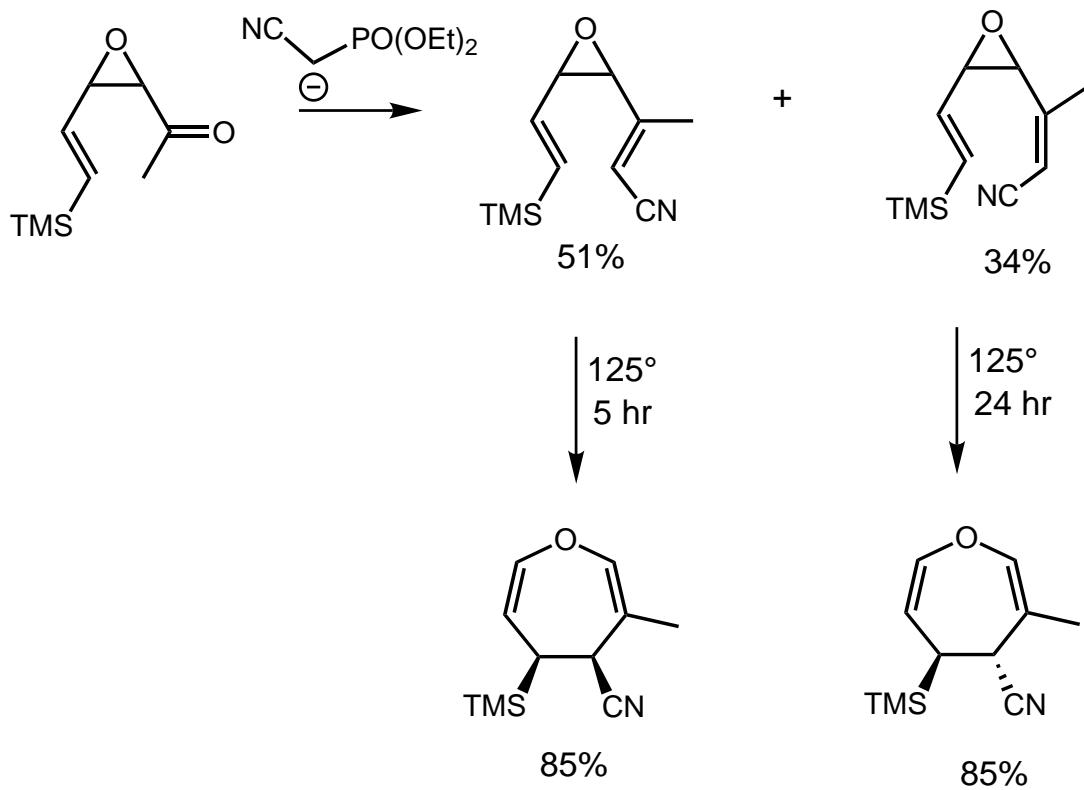


### Cope Rearrangement of Divinylepoxydes



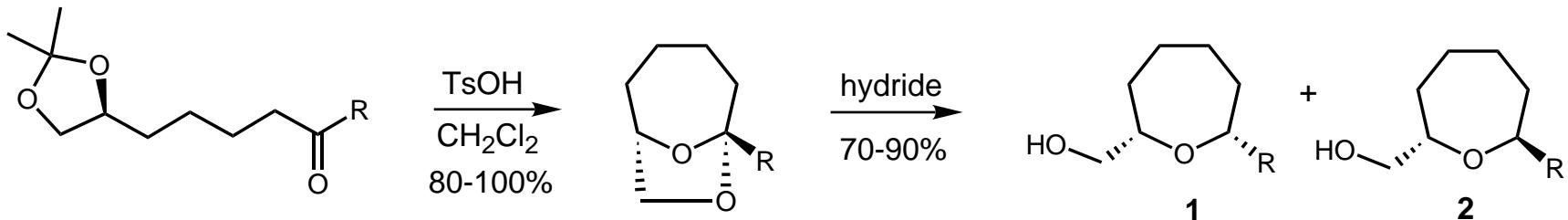
White  
TL, 1991, 157.

## More Substituted Cope Rearrangements

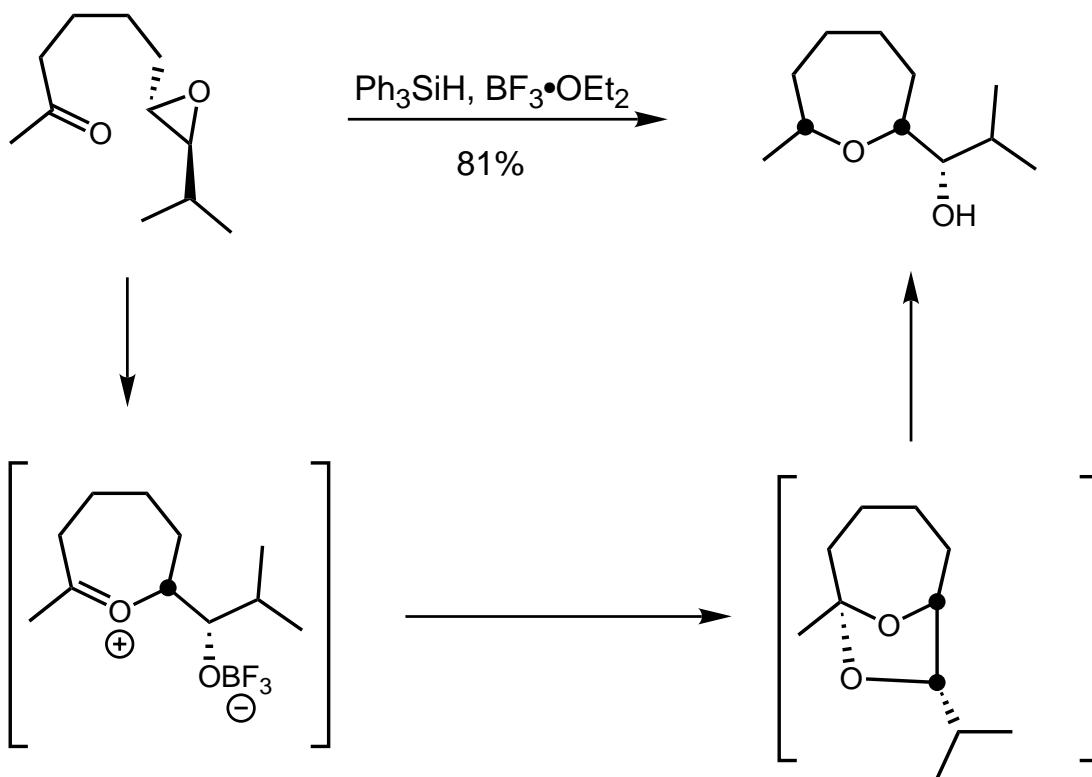


## Ring Expansion Reactions

### Bicyclic Ketal Reduction



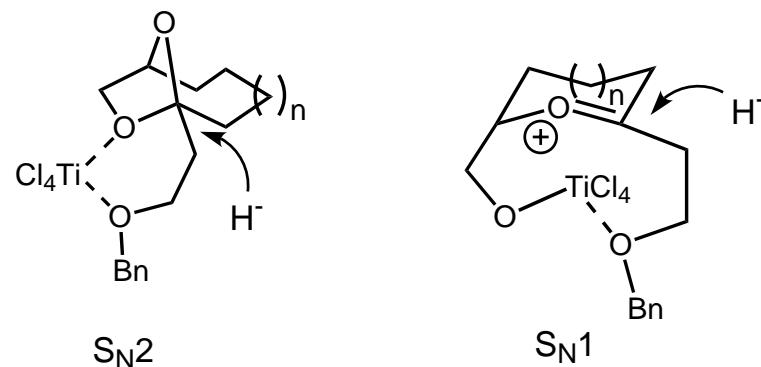
### Bicyclic Ketals: One Pot Processes



## Stereochemical Rationale

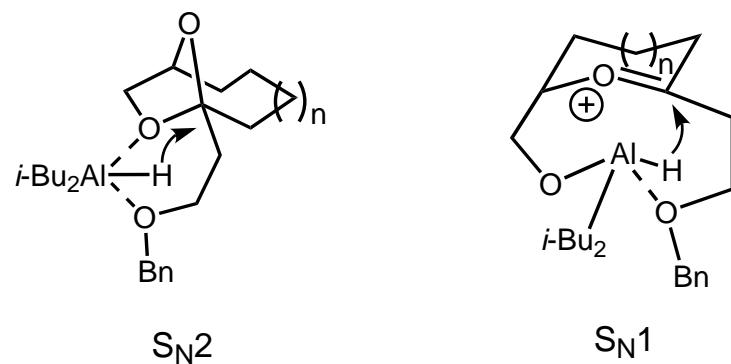
TiCl<sub>4</sub>/Et<sub>3</sub>SiH

Hydride delivery from behind coordinated metal

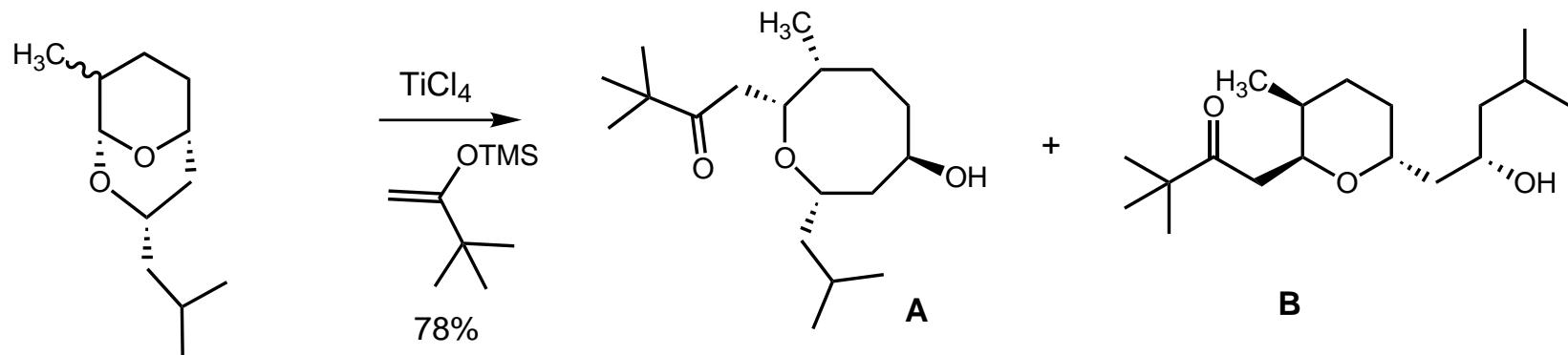


DIBAl-H

Hydride delivery from same face as coordinated metal



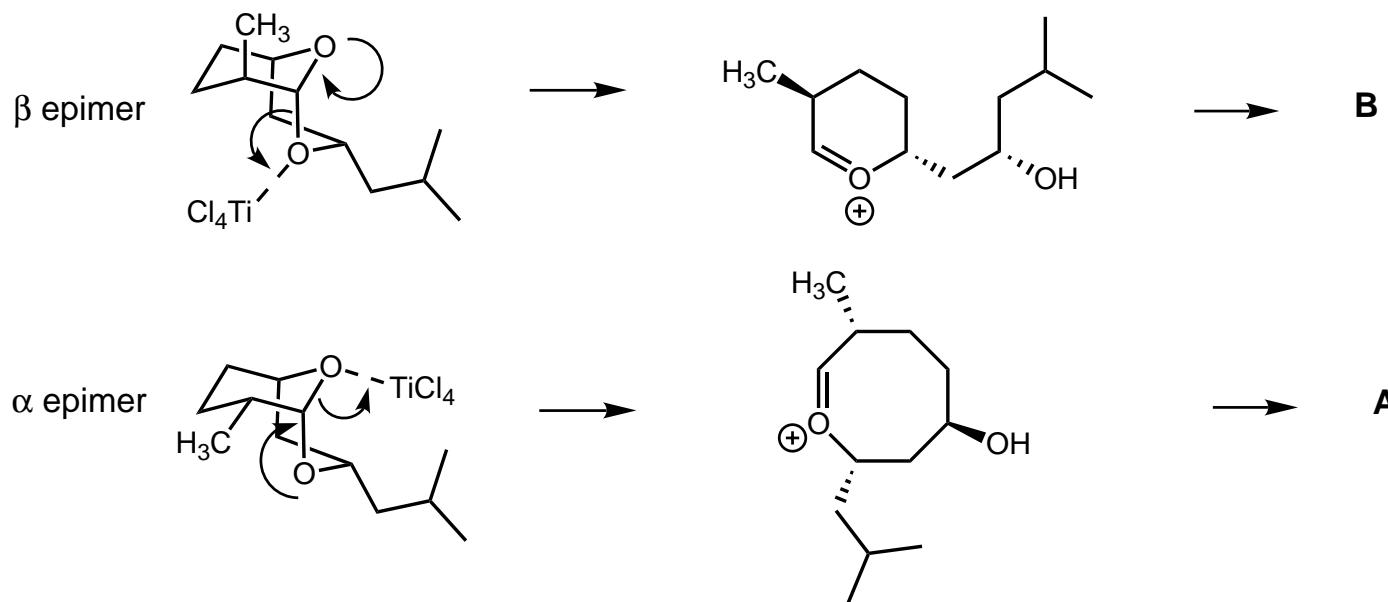
### Acetal Cleavage



$\alpha:\beta \text{ CH}_3$  Ratio  
78:22  
>95:<5%

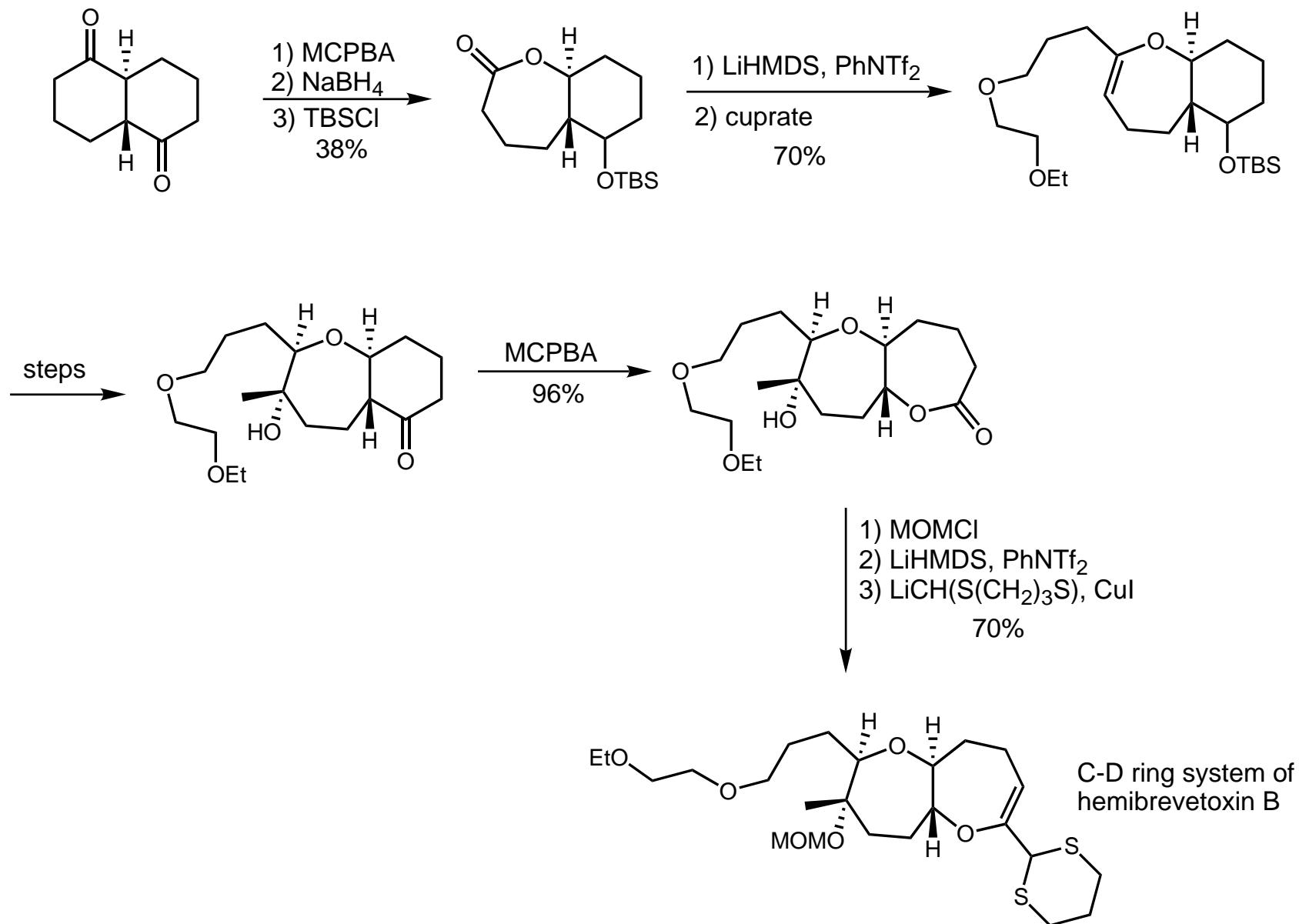
Product **A:B** Ratio  
77:23  
>95%:<5%

Methyl group directs LA to least hindered acetal oxygen:



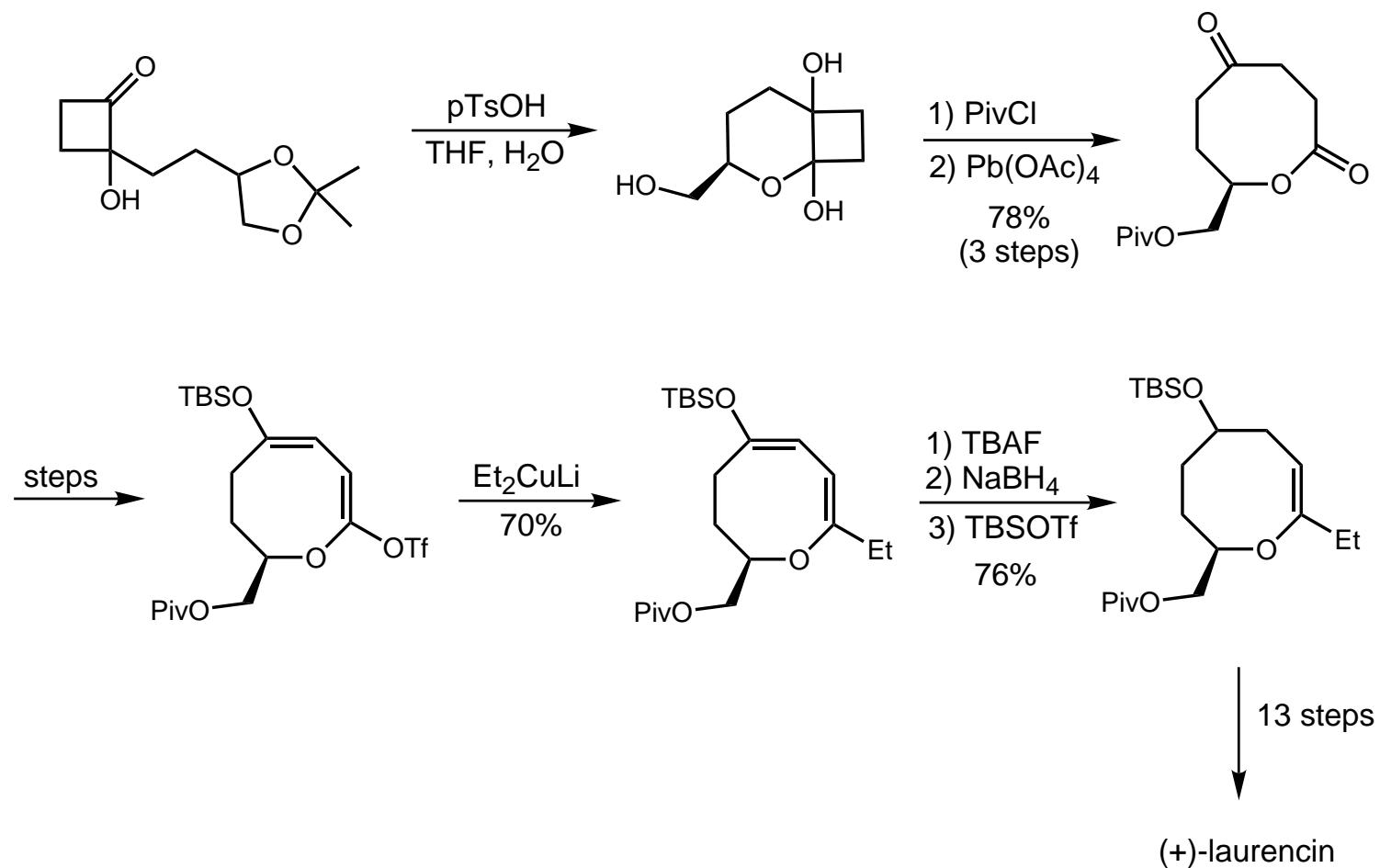
P. A. Bartlett  
JOC 1989, 98.

### Baeyer-Villiger Expansion



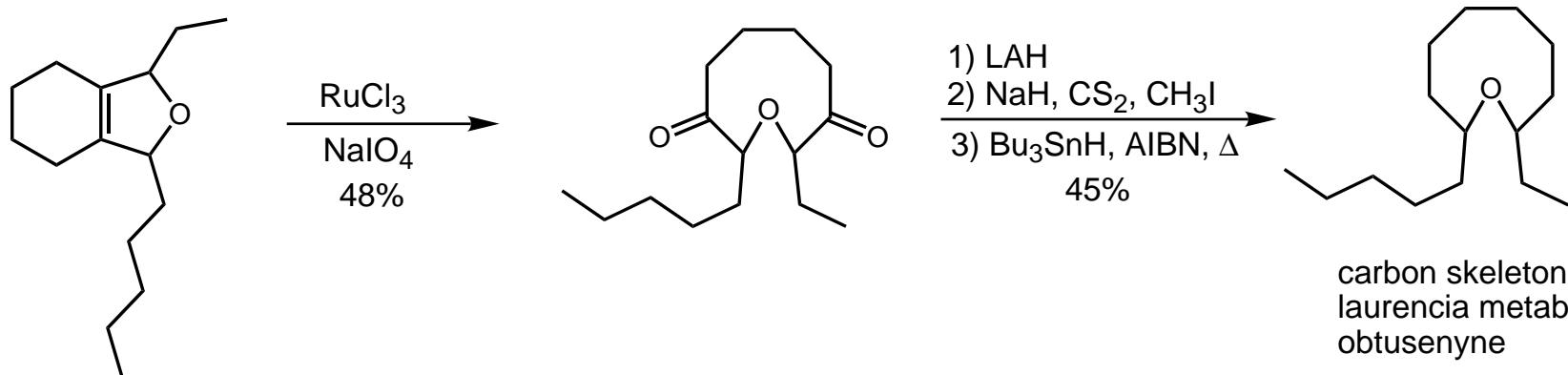
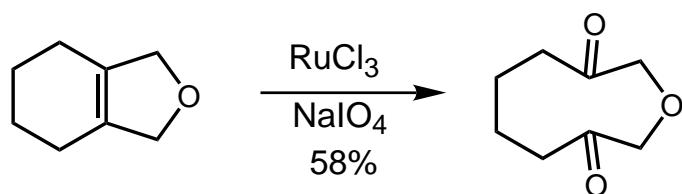
Murai  
Chem. Lett., 1992, 1587.

## Oxidative Ring Expansions



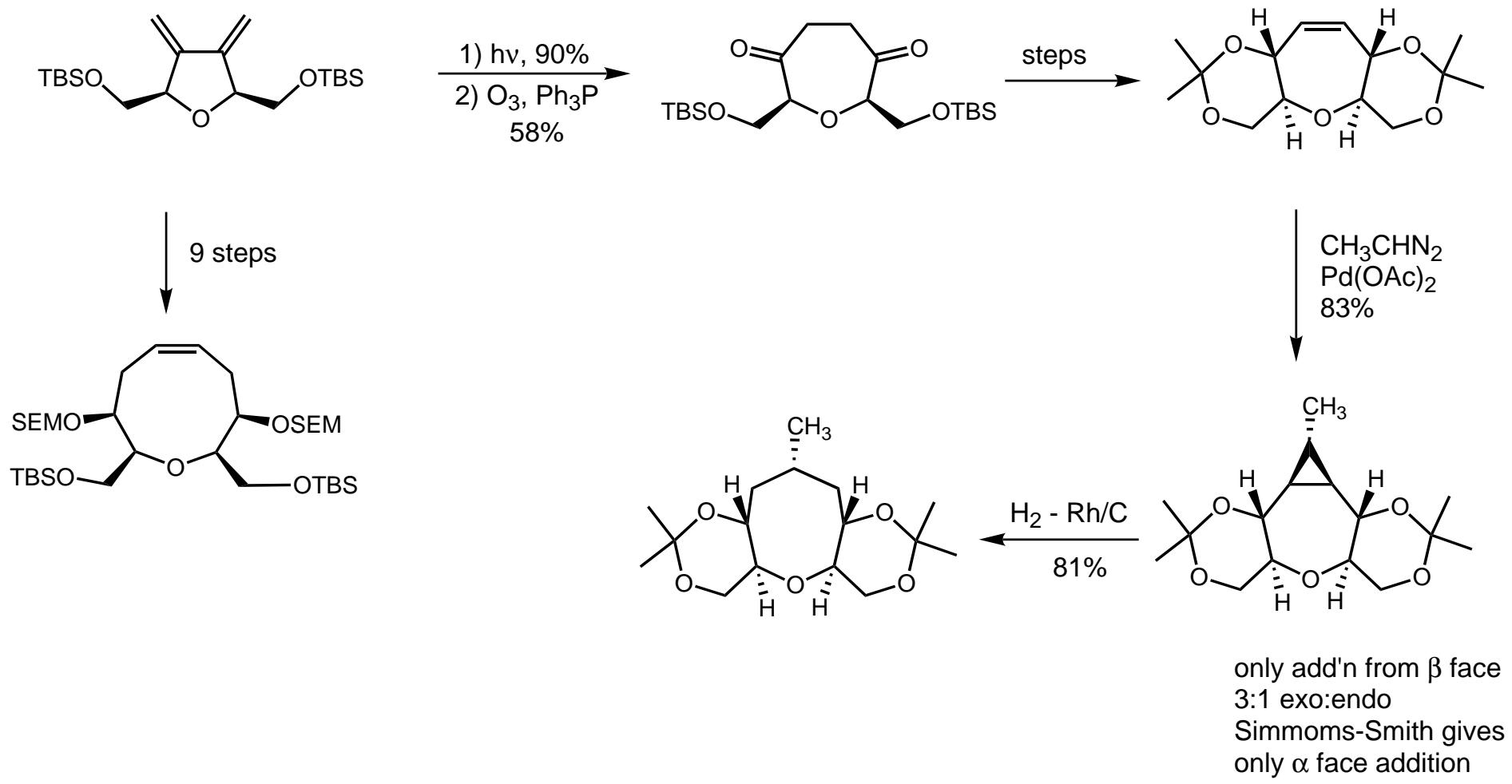
Murai  
TL 1992, 4345.

## Oxidative Cleavage of Tetrahydropthalans

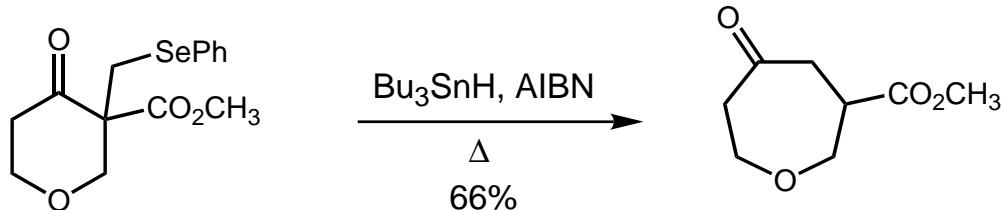


carbon skeleton of the  
laurencia metabolite  
obtusenyne

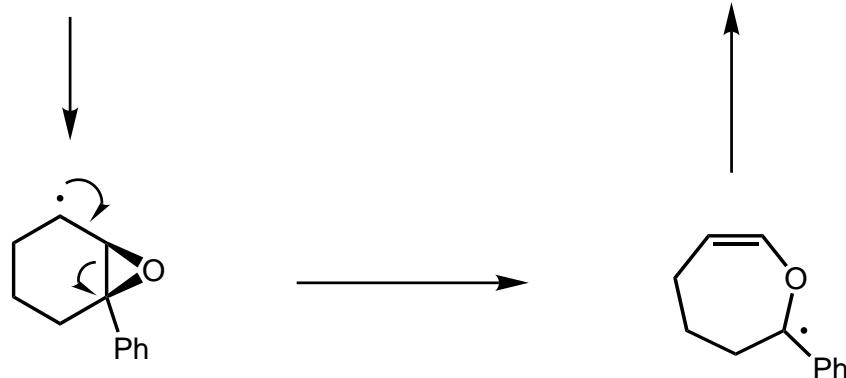
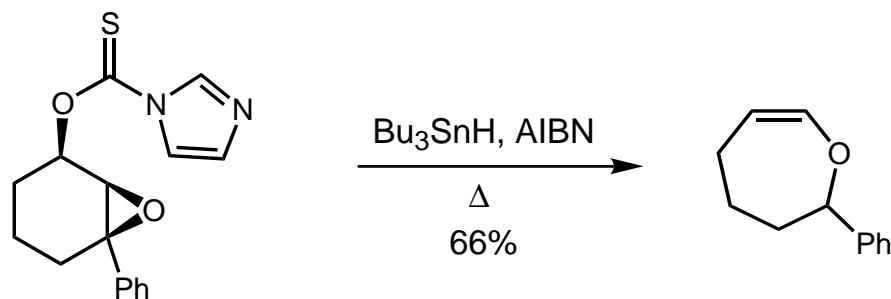
## Ring Expansions Toward Ciguatoxin



## Free Radical Expansions



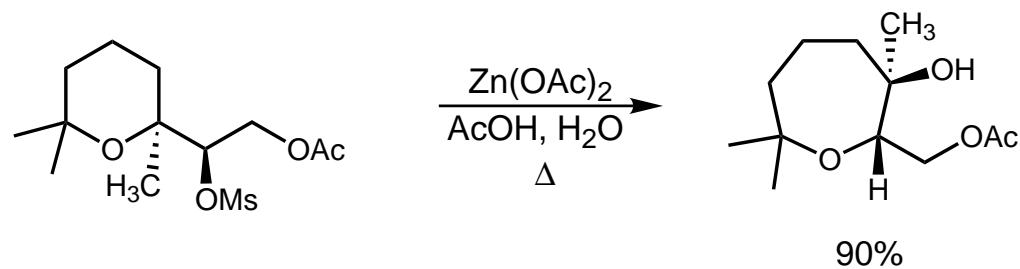
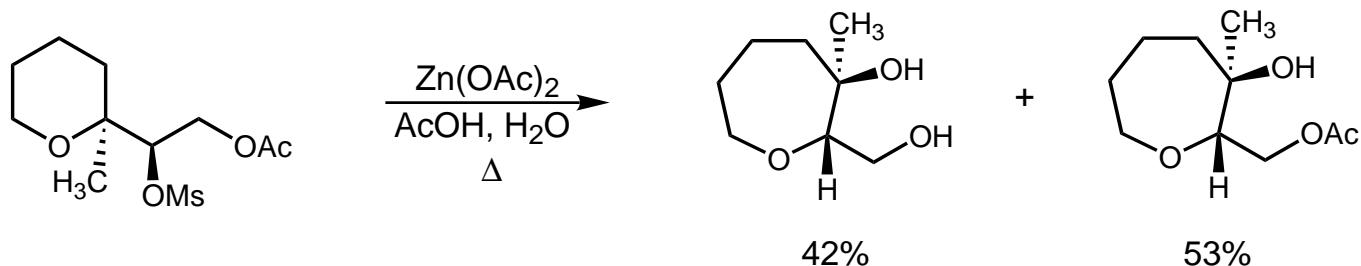
Dowd  
Tetrahedron, 1991, 4847.



- phenyl group needed to stabilize the radical, or else competing C-O bond cleavage occurs

Dart  
Synlett, 1992, 987.

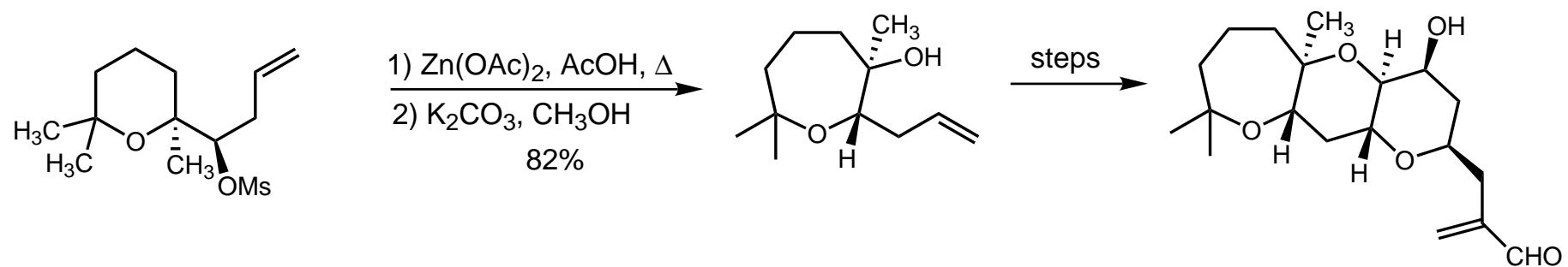
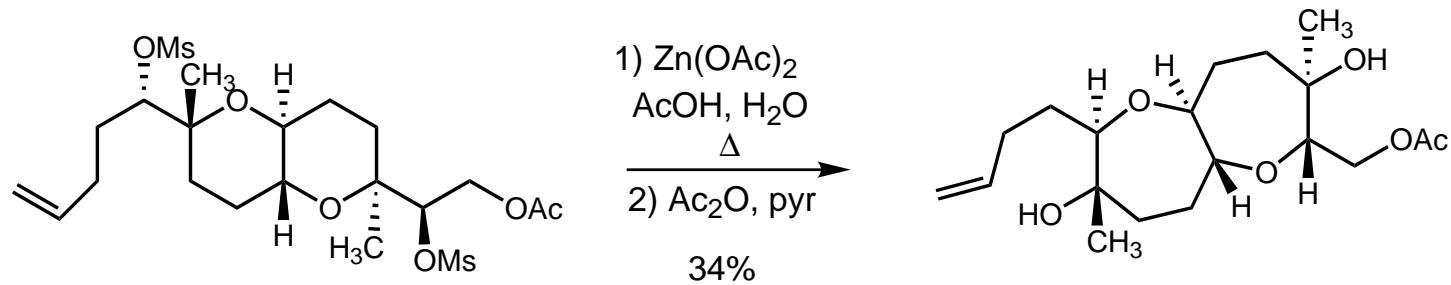
### Tetrahydropyran Expansion



enhanced reaction rate in this case prevents extended reaction times and acetate cleavage

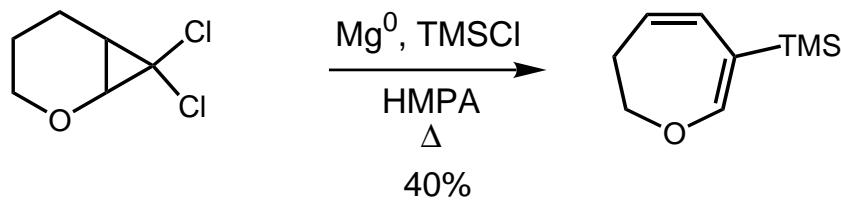
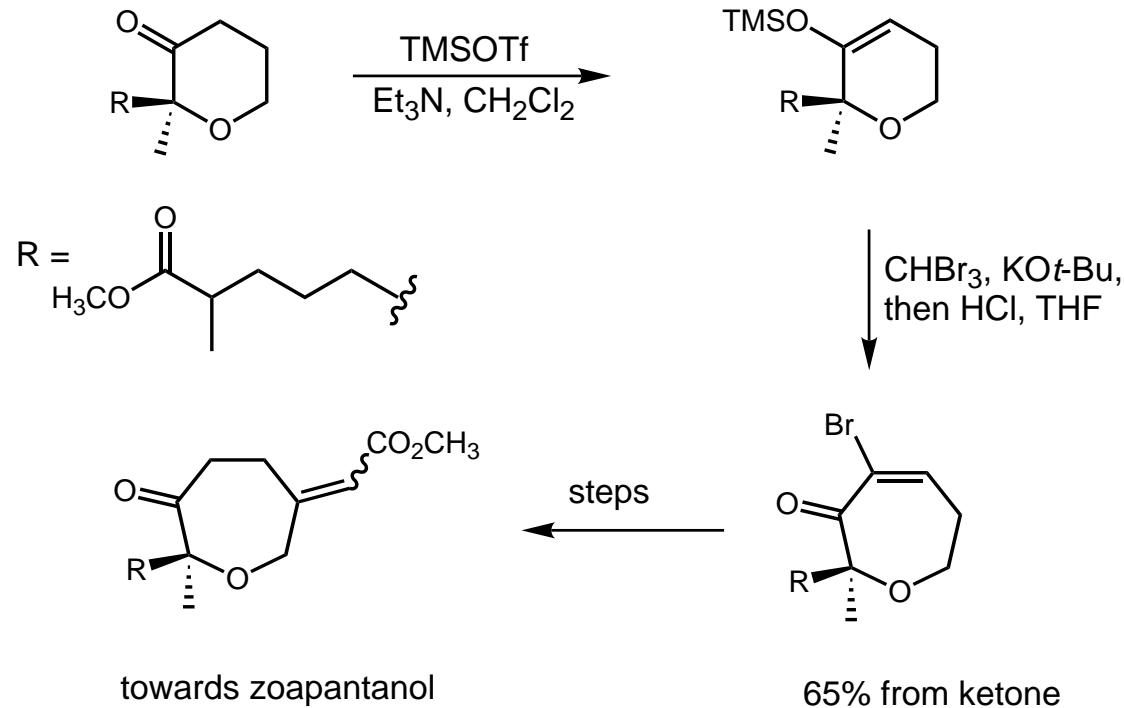
Nakata  
TL 1996, 213.

## THP Expansion: Application to Hemibrevetoxin B Intermediates



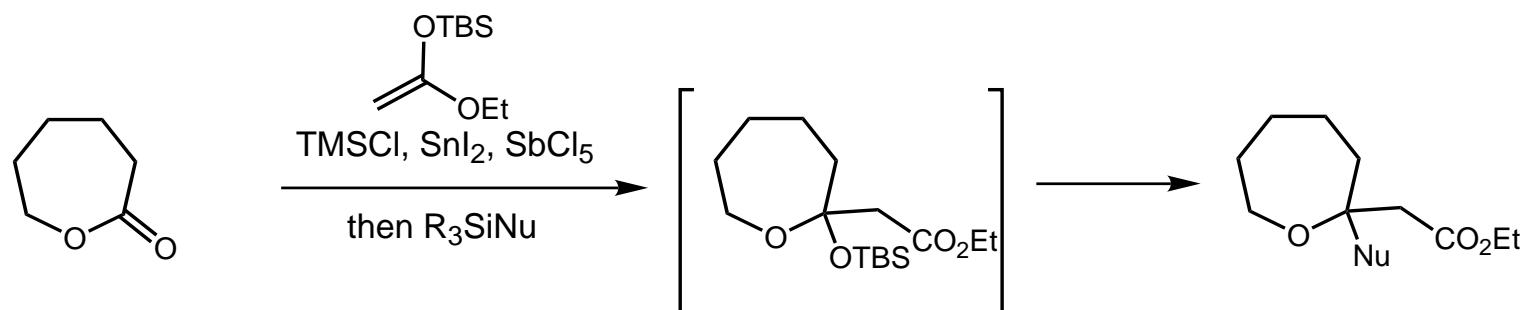
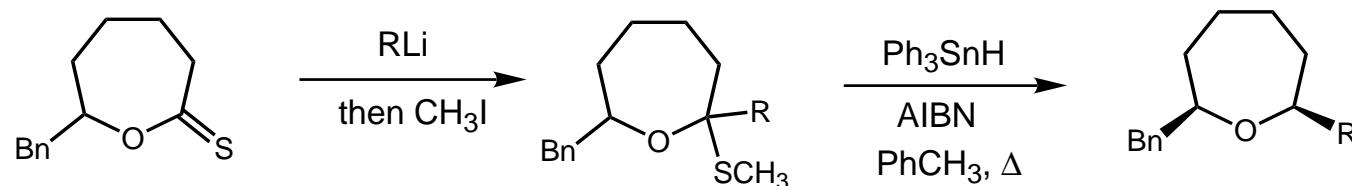
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TL 1996, 217.  
Chem. Lett. 1996, 487.

### Expansion of cyclopropanes



Grignon-Dubois  
Can. J. Chem. 1991, 2014.

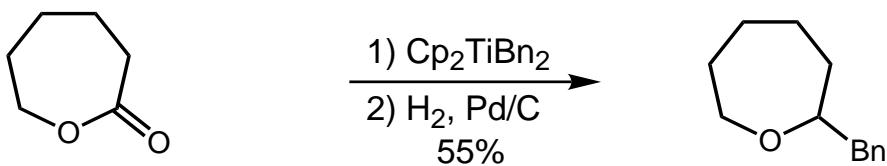
## Modification of Lactones



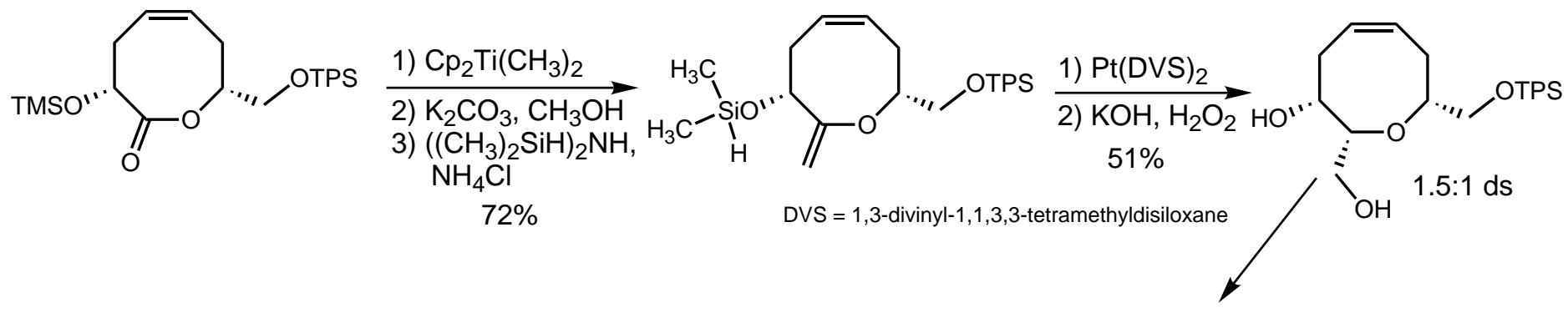
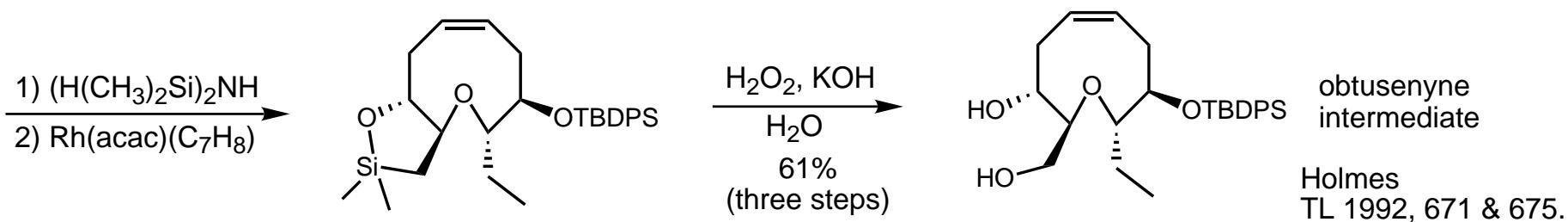
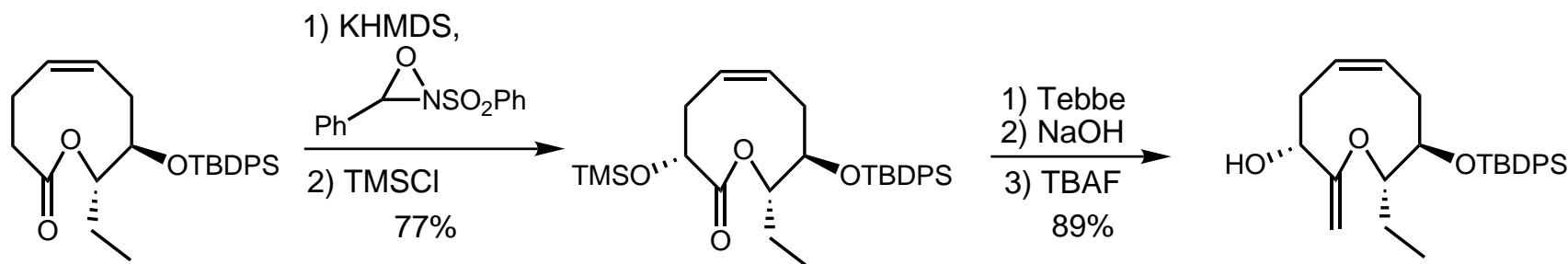
$R = Et, Nu = H, 90\%$   
 $R = CH_3, Nu = allyl, 67\%$   
 $R = CH_3, Nu = CN, 62\%$

Mukaiyama  
 Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 1990, 1898.

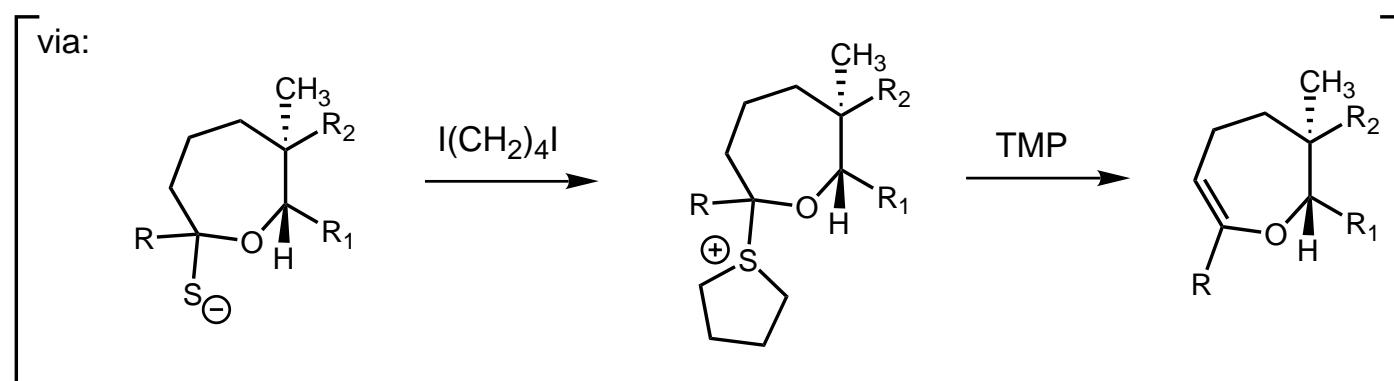
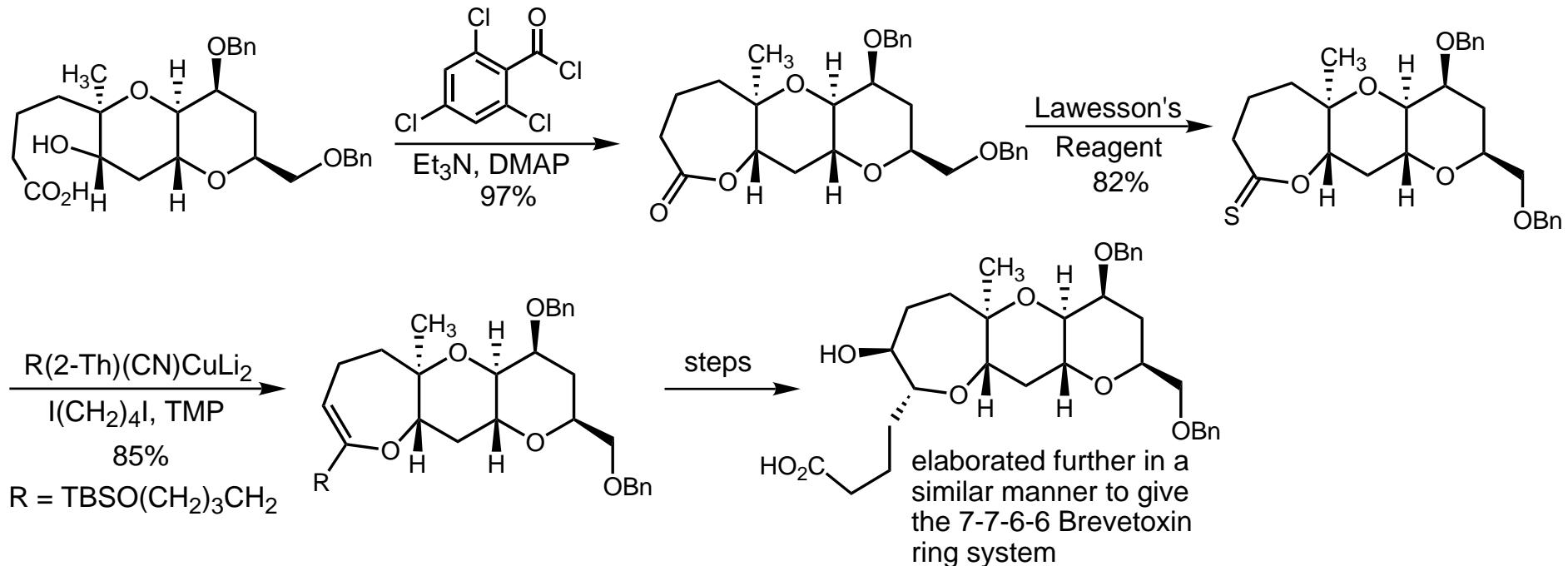
## Enol Ethers from Lactones



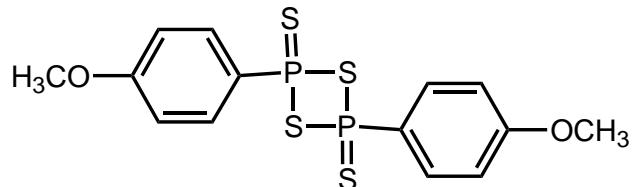
Petasis  
JOC 1992, 1327.



## More Advanced Lactone Manipulation



Lawesson's Reagent:



70-lactone mod 3 nicolaou clpx 3/12/98 9:57 PM

Nicolaou  
JACS 1990, 4988.  
JACS 1992, 7935.  
JACS 1993, 3558.

## Functionalization of Lactones via Their Cyclic Ketene Acetal Phosphonates

