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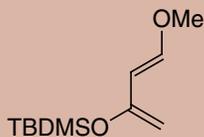
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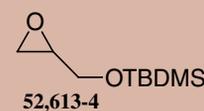
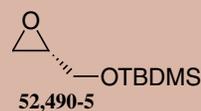
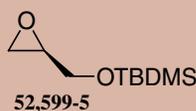
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**51,536-1** *trans*-3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-methoxy-1,3-butadiene, 95%



A variety of nucleophiles have been used to open the oxirane ring of these compounds. Examples include lithium acetylides<sup>1,2</sup> and lithium dithianes.<sup>3</sup>

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**52,599-5** *tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl (*R*)-(+)-glycidyl ether, 98%

**52,490-5** *tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl (*S*)-(-)-glycidyl ether, 98%

**52,613-4** *tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl glycidyl ether, 98%

Building blocks for *trans*-2-methyl-6-substituted piperidines via deprotonation with *sec*-butyllithium followed by reaction with an electrophile.<sup>1-3</sup>

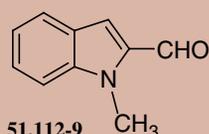
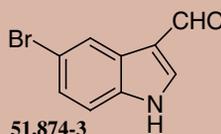


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**52,288-0** (*S*)-(+)-*N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-methylpiperidine, 98%

**52,290-2** (*S*)-(+)-2-Methylpiperidine, 97%

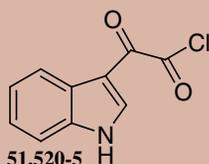
Precursors for a wide variety of substituted indoles.<sup>1-3</sup>



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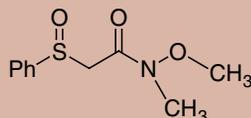
**51,874-3** 5-Bromoindole-3-carboxaldehyde, 98%

**51,112-9** 1-Methylindole-2-carboxaldehyde, 97%



**51,520-5** 3-Indoleglyoxyl chloride, 98%

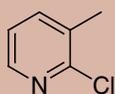
$\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamides are prepared from this reagent through deprotonation with sodium hydride, reaction with an alkyl halide, and in situ heating.



Beney, C. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, 39, 5779.

**51,139-0** *N*-Methoxy-*N*-methyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamide, 96%

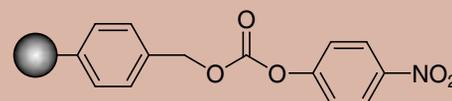
2-Substituted picolines have been prepared from this compound. Examples include (2-pyridyl)indoles and endothelin receptors.<sup>1,2</sup>



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**51,894-8** 2-Chloro-3-methylpyridine, 97%

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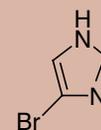
Dipeptides and hydantoins have been prepared from these polymer-bound urethanes.<sup>1-3</sup>

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**51,529-9** 4-Nitrophenyl carbonate, polymer-bound on Wang Resin

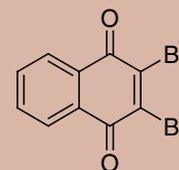
Starting material for the preparation of 4-substituted imidazoles.<sup>1,2</sup>

(1) Lange, J. H. M. et al. *Tetrahedron* **1995**, 51, 13447. (2) Singh, B. et al. *J. Med. Chem.* **1992**, 35, 4858.



**47,869-5** 4-Bromo-1*H*-imidazole, 97%

Naphthoquinones are prepared from this compound via palladium-catalyzed coupling reactions with tributylstannyl-heteroaromatics or by nucleophilic displacement of one or both bromides.<sup>1,2</sup>

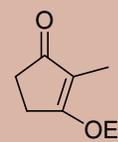


(1) Yoshida, S. et al. *Chem. Lett.* **1996**, 139. (2) Falling, S. N.; Rapoport, H. *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, 45, 1260.

**52,342-9** 2,3-Dibromo-1,4-naphthoquinone, 97%

Precursor for 3-substituted-2-methyl-2-cyclopenten-1-ones.<sup>1,2</sup>

(1) Cossy, J. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1997**, 38, 4069. (2) Junga, H.; Blechert, S. *ibid.* **1993**, 34, 3731.



**51,440-3** 3-Ethoxy-2-methyl-2-cyclopenten-1-one, 97%

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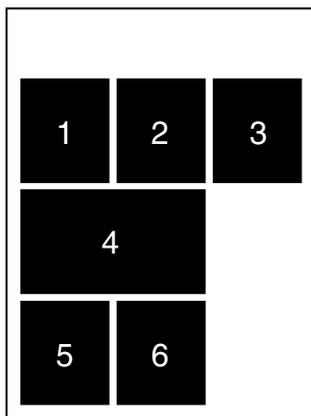
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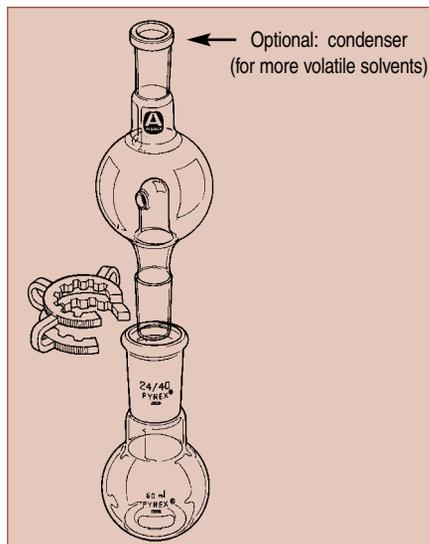
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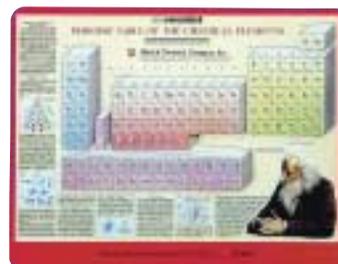
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29/32	29/32	100	Z20,344-0
29/32	29/32	250	Z20,327-0
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# The Chemical Vapor Deposition of Metal Nitride Films Using Modern Metalorganic Precursors

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## 1. Introduction

Metal nitrides of the formula  $M_{1.0}N_{1.0}$  ( $M = \text{Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, Ta}$ ) possess a wide range of useful properties, including extreme hardness, good chemical resistance, desirable optical properties, and good electrical conductivity.<sup>1</sup> Application of a thin film of  $M_{1.0}N_{1.0}$  to a substrate can confer these characteristics to the surface of the structure. Prominent uses of metal nitride coatings include wear-resistant tool coatings,<sup>2</sup> solar-control coatings for glass,<sup>3</sup> decorative coatings,<sup>4</sup> conductive coatings,<sup>5</sup> and barrier materials in microelectronics.<sup>6,7</sup>

The most urgent application of early transition-metal nitride films is as barrier materials between copper and silicon in microelectronics devices. Copper is replacing aluminum as the interconnection material in

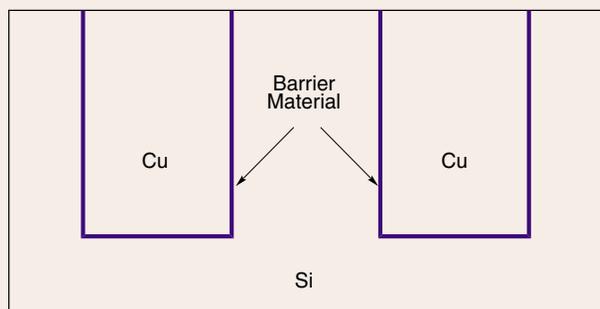
sub-0.50  $\mu\text{m}$  ultralarge-scale integrated (ULSI) devices, due to its lower electrical resistivity and fewer electromigration problems.<sup>7,8</sup> However, copper readily diffuses into silicon dioxide layers and silicon substrates under the high temperatures encountered in device fabrication. The interaction of copper with silicon at deposition temperatures leads to the formation of copper silicides as well as copper-doped silicon, both of which degrade the properties of the copper-silicon interface. Therefore, a barrier between copper and silicon is required (**Figure 1**). This barrier must stop the diffusion of copper at deposition temperatures long enough to enable manufacturing of the device, must be unreactive toward both copper and silicon, and should exhibit good adhesion to both copper and silicon. Furthermore, the barrier should be extremely thin ( $\leq 10$  nm in sub-0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  features<sup>9</sup>) to allow a sufficient amount of copper metal to be placed in the features and to reduce the electrical resistivity of the interconnect structure. Finally, the resistivity of the barrier layer should be  $< 1000 \mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$  to maintain excellent electrical conductivity between the copper and silicon features.

A strict requirement of the barrier material is that it must be applied with excellent conformal coverage in high-aspect-ratio features on the substrates (the aspect ratio of a feature is defined as the ratio of its depth to its width). Conformal coverage is the degree to which a film is deposited in shaped formations on the substrate. In excellent conformal coverage, the corners and bottoms of features are coated with the material equally as well as the flat portions of the substrate; in poor conformal coverage, the corners and bottoms of features may be poorly coated or not coated at all. The decreasing size of features and increasing aspect ratios in future generations of microelectronics devices imply that new deposition processes will have to be brought into production to meet the conformal

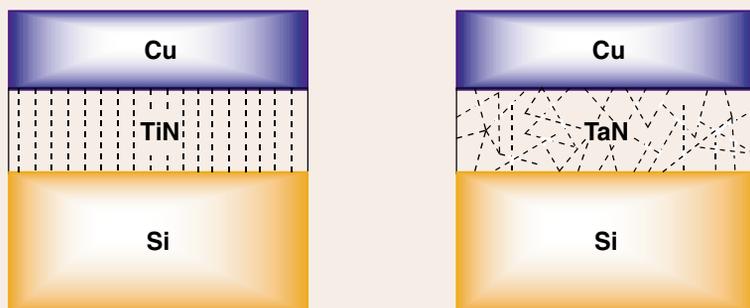


coverage requirements. Of the many film-forming processes that are available, only Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) can realistically deliver the conformal coverage that is needed in sub-0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  devices. CVD involves the delivery of molecules to the growing film, as opposed to atoms and small groups of atoms that are involved in physical vapor deposition (PVD) techniques. Under optimum conditions, the molecules involved in CVD are able to adsorb/desorb on the growing film many times before decomposing and promoting film growth. Therefore, extremely uniform film growth can occur under CVD conditions and nearly perfect conformal coverage can ensue. In contrast, the atoms and small groups of atoms involved in PVD processes are highly reactive and adhere strongly to growing film surfaces. As a result, high-aspect-ratio features are poorly coated by PVD techniques, especially on the sides and corners.

This account describes recent advances that have occurred in the chemical vapor deposition of metal nitride films for



**Figure 1.** Schematic Representation of a Barrier Layer Between Cu and Si.



**Figure 2.** Schematic Representation of Grain Structures in TiN and TaN Films.

application as barrier materials in microelectronics devices. The focus is on new materials, chemical precursors, and chemical questions that address the many materials issues associated with chip manufacturing. Titanium nitride (TiN) is the leading barrier material used between silicon substrates and copper and has been the most studied.<sup>9</sup> Recently, new phases such as tantalum(III) nitride (TaN), amorphous tantalum silicon nitride (Ta-Si-N), and amorphous titanium silicon nitride (Ti-Si-N) have been suggested as barrier materials that are superior to TiN. The status of chemical vapor deposition routes to these materials is described. Additionally, the status of precursors to niobium(III) nitride (NbN) films is discussed, since NbN films should exhibit chemical and physical properties that are similar to those of TaN. Finally, mechanistic studies aimed at understanding the chemical intermediates that are involved in film depositions are presented.

## 2. Discussion

While many substances have been explored as possible barrier materials, titanium nitride (TiN) has been extensively investigated and is widely regarded as the leading candidate material for a barrier between copper and silicon.<sup>7-9</sup> However, the massive research effort that has been

directed toward TiN has identified several shortcomings in its application as a barrier. TiN films are deposited with a characteristic columnar structure, in which the grain boundaries are parallel to each other and approximately perpendicular to the substrate (**Figure 2**). These grain boundaries create fast diffusion paths by which copper atoms can migrate to the silicon layer, leading to device failure.<sup>10</sup> This failure mechanism is particularly acute when thin barrier layers are used. Since future generations of microelectronics devices will require barrier layers that are  $\leq 10$  nm thick, new barrier materials will be required to solve the copper migration problem.

### 2.1. Binary Metal Nitride Films

In view of the potential problems associated with TiN, there has been a considerable research effort devoted to identifying barrier materials that are superior to TiN.<sup>6,7</sup> Recently, tantalum(III) nitride (TaN) films fabricated by PVD techniques were evaluated for their ability to act as a barrier between copper and silicon.<sup>11</sup> In general, TaN films deposited by PVD methods possess preferred (111) crystallographic orientation, exhibit close to 1:1 Ta:N stoichiometry, contain  $< 5\%$  of elements other than tantalum and nitrogen, and have resistivities of  $< 600 \mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ . Significantly, a

10-nm-thick TaN film was sufficient to stop diffusion of copper into the silicon substrate after annealing at 700 °C for 30 min.<sup>11</sup> Moreover, a 25-nm-thick TaN film prevented copper diffusion into silicon after annealing at 800 °C for 90 min. Based upon these annealing studies, it was claimed that TaN is the best barrier material yet identified for use between copper and silicon. The excellent barrier properties of TaN films were attributed to a disordered grain boundary structure that makes copper atom diffusion through the film inefficient, compared to other barrier materials with more ordered grain structures (**Figure 2**).

Another significant advance was the discovery that M-Si-N (M = Ti, Ta, W) films are excellent barrier materials.<sup>12,13</sup> The enhanced barrier properties of the ternary materials are due to their amorphous nature, which removes low-energy diffusion paths from the barrier. Barrier failure in these materials is associated with crystallization, which provides grain boundaries for rapid copper diffusion. Remarkably, the barrier structure Si/Ta<sub>36</sub>Si<sub>14</sub>N<sub>50</sub> (120 nm)/Cu (500 nm) is stable up to 900 °C, at which temperature crystallization and concomitant barrier failure ensue.<sup>12b</sup> While many materials and manufacturing issues remain to be resolved, it is clear that TaN based barrier materials are among the best that have been identified to date. However, a detailed evaluation of TaN and Ta-Si-N barrier materials will require that these materials be deposited in high-aspect-ratio features on the substrate with excellent conformal coverage. The conformal coverage issue, in turn, requires a low-temperature CVD process for TaN films.

#### 2.1.1. Deposition of Tantalum Nitride Films

Reports of CVD processes to tantalum nitride phases have been limited in number. The common nitride phases of tantalum have stoichiometries of Ta<sub>2</sub>N, TaN, and Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>.<sup>14</sup> In CVD processes, there is an excess of the nitrogen source, and thus only the nitrogen-rich phases TaN and Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> are generally observed. A difficulty with the deposition of tantalum nitride films is that the reduction of Ta(V) to Ta(III) has a very negative potential.<sup>15</sup> As outlined above, TaN is the phase with the best barrier properties; Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> is an insulator with resistivities of  $> 10^6 \mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ . Since volatile source compounds are only available in the Ta(V) oxidation state, Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> films are frequently obtained, and it is generally difficult to deposit TaN films at low temperatures. Traditional CVD routes to tantalum nitride phases have involved the CVD reactions of TaCl<sub>5</sub> with nitrogen sources at high

temperatures. In this way, TaN films have been deposited with a mixture of N<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> at ≥ 900 °C (eq 1), while the use of ammonia affords Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> films at ≥ 900 °C (eq 2).<sup>16,17</sup> However, since semiconductor chip manufacturing has an upper temperature limit of about 400 °C, these two routes are not useful for the fabrication of microelectronics devices.

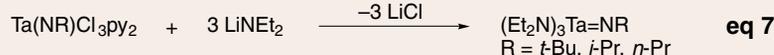
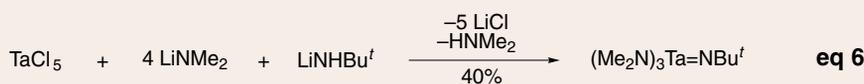
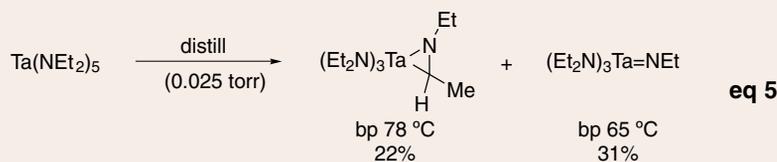
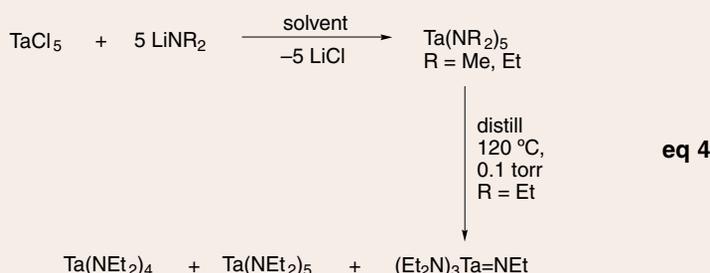
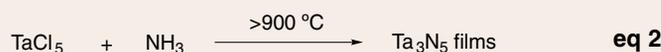
The CVD reaction of Ti(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> or Ti(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> with ammonia at 200–450 °C yields TiN films; this process has been developed into one of the leading routes to TiN films for barrier layer applications.<sup>9</sup> However, the analogous CVD process between Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> and ammonia at 200–400 °C yields Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> films instead (eq 3).<sup>18</sup>

### 2.1.2. Synthesis of Tantalum Amide Complexes for Use as CVD Precursors

Lower-temperature approaches to TaN films use dialkylamide-based complexes as single-source precursors. The complex Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> can be prepared in about 30% yield by treatment of TaCl<sub>5</sub> with lithium dimethylamide (5 equiv; eq 4).<sup>19</sup> Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> is an orange solid that can be sublimed at 90 °C/0.01 torr. While Ti(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and higher alkyl derivatives are stable up to at least 150 °C, the tantalum(V) analogs decompose at moderate temperatures to several products. The original synthesis of Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> by Bradley and Thomas demonstrated that Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> could be obtained as a pure orange liquid through treatment of TaCl<sub>5</sub> with lithium diethylamide.<sup>19</sup> Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> is thermally stable at ambient temperature. However, upon attempted distillation at 120 °C (0.1 torr), mixtures of Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>, and the imido complex (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt were obtained (eq 4). It was proposed that, upon heating, a diethylamino radical is eliminated from Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> to afford Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, which then reacts with the diethylamino radical to afford (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt, diethylamine, and ethylene.

A later study by Sugiyama and coworkers found that distillation of Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> afforded a pale yellow liquid from which Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (bp 78 °C/0.025 torr, 22% yield) and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt (bp 65 °C/0.025 torr, 31% yield) were isolated as pure materials by fractional distillation (eq 5).<sup>20</sup> The imino complex Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> was stable below 100 °C, but decomposed to (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt above about 120 °C. Because Sugiyama found no evidence for Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> formation during the synthetic work, the prior claim for the existence of this complex<sup>19a</sup> cannot be regarded as conclusive.<sup>21,22</sup>

Several additional routes to imido complexes of the formula (R<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NR have been reported. Treatment of TaCl<sub>5</sub> with lithium dimethylamide (4 equiv) and



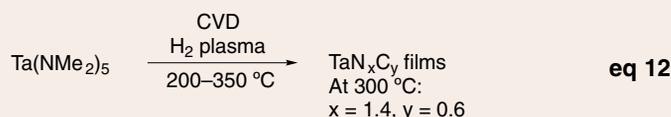
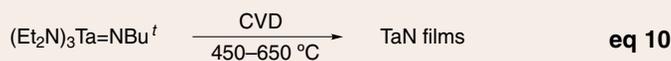
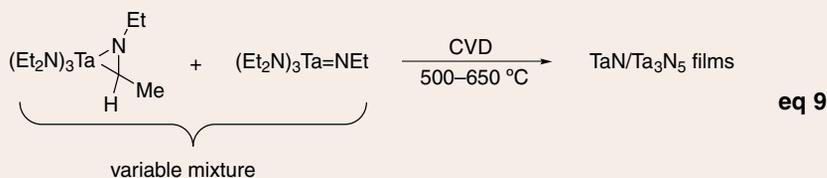
lithium *tert*-butylamide (1 equiv) afforded (Me<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NBu<sup>t</sup> in 40% yield as colorless crystals with a melting point of 68–69 °C (eq 6).<sup>23</sup> A crystal structure determination demonstrated that the complex was monomeric. The complexes (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NR (R = *t*-Bu, *i*-Pr, *n*-Pr) were prepared by treatment of Ta(NR)Cl<sub>3</sub>py<sub>2</sub> with lithium diethylamide (3 equiv; eq 7).<sup>24</sup> The diethylamido complexes are liquids with boiling points of about 60 °C (0.1 torr).

### 2.1.3. Film Depositions Using Tantalum Amide Based Precursors

In an earlier work, Sugiyama reported that "Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>" functions as a single-source precursor to tantalum nitride films, although

the phase was not identified (eq 8).<sup>25</sup> The chemical nature of the precursor was not discussed. Consistent with the work of Bradley<sup>19</sup> and the later report by Sugiyama,<sup>20</sup> the "Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>" precursor actually consisted of a mixture of Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt.

Recently, it was reported that a mixture of Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt could be used as a precursor to tantalum nitride films.<sup>26,27</sup> Films were deposited with this precursor mixture at low pressure with substrate temperatures of 500–650 °C (eq 9). The bubbler containing Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt was heated to 60–100 °C to effect vapor transport with argon carrier gas. Based on Bradley's<sup>19</sup> and Sugiyama's work,<sup>20</sup> it is likely that (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt was the major species that



was transported to the deposition chamber. The films thus deposited showed X-ray diffraction patterns consistent with cubic TaN, although some diffraction spectra also revealed weak and broad reflections assignable to tetragonal Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>. Analysis of the films by wavelength dispersive spectroscopy revealed that the films were slightly nitrogen-rich (N/Ta 1.1–1.2) and contained a minimum of 15–20% carbon. The carbon content of the films dramatically increased (C/Ta ratios as high as 3) upon raising the deposition temperature from 500 °C to 650 °C, increasing the pressure at which the depositions were carried out, or increasing the temperature at which the precursor mixture was held. The Ta/N ratio did not vary upon changing the deposition parameters; the constant composition was attributed to the fixed Ta/N stoichiometry associated with the strong tantalum–nitrogen imido bond. A subsequent study reported that addition of hydrogen to the carrier gas mixture decreased the carbon content in the films to a constant level of 15–20%, relative to tantalum, under all deposition conditions.<sup>26</sup> It was proposed that the hydrogen in the carrier gas leads to an increase in surface-bound hydride species that can react with surface-bound hydrocarbon fragments to afford volatile neutral hydrocarbons that are swept away from the film-growth environment.

The complex (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NBU' has also been evaluated as a precursor to TaN films (eq 10).<sup>28,30</sup> The motivation for using (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NBU', as opposed to the mixture of Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt described above, was to have a single pure precursor that did not undergo decomposition

at temperatures required for vapor transport. Film depositions were carried out at substrate temperatures of 450–650 °C and pressures of about 0.02 torr.<sup>28,29</sup> The bubbler containing (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NBU' was heated to 30–50 °C to effect vapor transport. The growth rate of TaN films was constant at about 20 Å/min between 450 and 650 °C. The resistivity of the films was 10<sup>4</sup>–10<sup>5</sup> μΩ•cm at 450 °C, but dropped with increasing substrate temperature to about 900 μΩ•cm at 650 °C. The X-ray diffraction patterns of films deposited at 500–650 °C were consistent with the cubic TaN phase, and were made up of randomly oriented crystallites. The film deposited at 500 °C exhibited very broad reflections in the X-ray diffraction spectrum, due to an average grain size of 9.2 nm. Analysis of a film deposited at 600 °C by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) and Rutherford backscattering spectrometry (RBS) revealed a nitrogen-rich composition (N/Ta 1.1–1.3) with about 10% carbon and 5–10% oxygen. The carbon was present as carbide, indicating direct tantalum–carbon bonds. A film deposited at 450 °C had a composition of Ta<sub>1.0</sub>N<sub>1.4</sub>C<sub>0.7</sub>O<sub>0.2</sub>. The conformality of the films was measured in trenches with aspect ratios of 1.75:1 to 2.00:1. At 450 °C, the conformality was 100%, while at 650 °C the values were 25–40%.

A W/CVD-TaN/Si contact structure was fabricated. No tungsten encroachment was found at the bottom of the contact hole, and the structure adhered well as demonstrated by a Scotch™ tape test. An Al/CVD-TaN/Si structure was fabricated as another test for the barrier properties of the TaN layer. The failure temperature of the TaN barrier was found to be 550–600 °C. The barrier-layer

performance of CVD-TaN, deposited using (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NBU', against copper diffusion was compared with that of PVD-TaN.<sup>30</sup> It was found that the Cu/CVD-TaN/Si structure survived without copper diffusion up to about 550 °C, while the Cu/PVD-TaN/Si structure did not fail until about 600 °C. The increased performance of the PVD-TaN was attributed to its small grain size (20 nm) and preferred (111) crystallographic orientation. In contrast, the CVD-TaN possessed a larger grain size (50–70 nm) and a preferred (200) crystallographic orientation.

Recent work has examined the low-temperature deposition (≤ 400 °C) of tantalum nitride films using a precursor that was claimed to be "Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>".<sup>31</sup> Films were deposited with substrate temperatures of 275–400 °C, a reactor pressure of 1 torr, and a vapor transport bubbler temperature of 60 °C (eq 11). As noted earlier, 60 °C is a sufficient temperature to cause the conversion of Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> to Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NEt;<sup>19,20</sup> thus, there is some ambiguity as to the nature of the source compound in this work. Films deposited in this study exhibited resistivities of about 6000 μΩ•cm at 400 °C; the resistivities increased with decreasing deposition temperature. A film deposited at 400 °C had a carbon-rich composition of Ta<sub>1.0</sub>C<sub>1.0</sub>N<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>0.1</sub>, in which the carbon was present predominantly as carbide (XPS analysis). The X-ray diffraction pattern showed a very broad reflection at 2θ = 35° that could be attributed to the (111) plane of TaC or TaN. It was proposed that the film consisted of a Ta(CN) phase, rather than a mixture of TaC and TaN, due to the very high resistivity of the film and the very low resistivities of TaC and TaN. Analysis of a film deposited at 350 °C by transmission electron microscopy revealed an average grain size of about 30 Å.

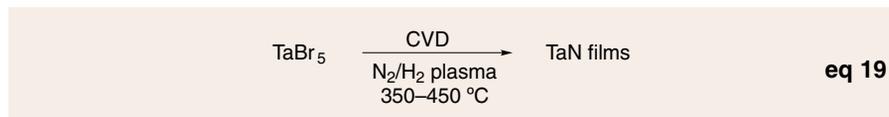
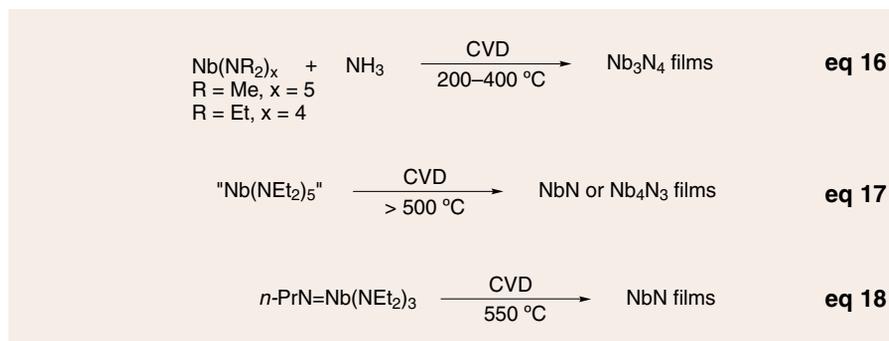
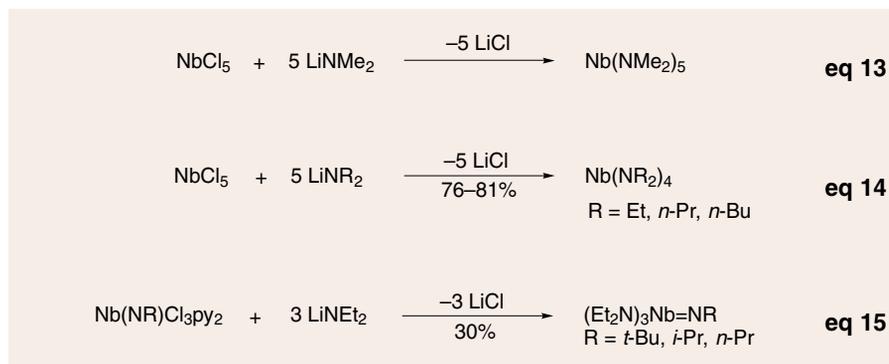
Han et al. have recently reported the deposition of amorphous films derived from activation of Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> with a remote hydrogen plasma (eq 12).<sup>32</sup> Depositions were conducted on silicon substrates at 200–350 °C and ~1 torr. Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> was maintained in a bubbler held at 80 °C and was carried by argon. A film deposited at 300 °C had a stoichiometry of Ta<sub>1.0</sub>N<sub>1.4</sub>C<sub>0.6</sub>, demonstrating that the film was both nitrogen- and carbon-rich. XPS indicated that the carbon was present predominantly in carbide form, with the remainder being attributed to hydrocarbons. It was suggested that the hydrocarbon residues originated from incomplete decomposition of the precursor. The films were found to be amorphous by X-ray diffraction and electron microscopy. The lowest film resistivities were 2000 μΩ•cm, and were obtained at a substrate temperature

of 350 °C. The step coverage for films deposited in contact holes with an aspect ratio of 3:1 was nearly 100%. The as-deposited films remained amorphous up to 1000 °C, at which temperature crystallization ensued. These films served as effective barriers against the diffusion of platinum into silicon substrates at temperatures of up to 700 °C. A subsequent study found that use of a remote ammonia plasma instead of the remote hydrogen plasma led to a lower nitrogen and carbon content in the films.<sup>33</sup> For example, a film deposited at 300 °C with the remote ammonia plasma had a stoichiometry of Ta<sub>1.0</sub>N<sub>1.1</sub>C<sub>0.51</sub>, and an X-ray diffraction spectrum that revealed the presence of cubic TaN with a preferred orientation along the (111) axis. Films deposited with the ammonia plasma showed larger crystallites, an observation that is consistent with the sharp reflections seen in the X-ray diffraction spectrum.

To summarize, amido precursors that have been evaluated as precursors to tantalum nitride films include Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>, mixtures of Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NET, and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NBu'. Several groups have claimed to use "Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>" as a source compound, but it has been demonstrated that "Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>" is unstable at ambient temperature and decomposes to variable mixtures of Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NET. Use of "Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>", mixtures of Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NET, or (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NBu' as precursors yields cubic TaN films, but these films contain a minimum of 15–20% carbon relative to tantalum. Additionally, mixtures of cubic TaN and tetragonal Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> phases have been observed in some depositions using these precursors. The CVD process using Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> and ammonia yields Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> films. Activation of Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> with a remote hydrogen plasma leads to carbon-contaminated Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> films, while use of the same tantalum source with a remote ammonia plasma gives carbon-rich TaN films.

#### 2.1.4. Precursors and Film-Deposition Processes for Niobium Nitride Films

Although cubic NbN is a metallic nitride that is isostructural with TaN, the low-temperature CVD routes to NbN have been studied less than those to TaN. The chemistry of niobium dialkylamide complexes is different from that observed for tantalum dialkylamides,<sup>34–36</sup> and reflects the greater ease with which Nb(V) is reduced to Nb(IV).<sup>15</sup> Like Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>, Nb(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> can be prepared as a brown solid upon treatment of NbCl<sub>5</sub> with lithium dimethylamide (eq 13).<sup>34</sup> Nb(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> sublimes at 100 °C/0.1 torr, but partial decom-



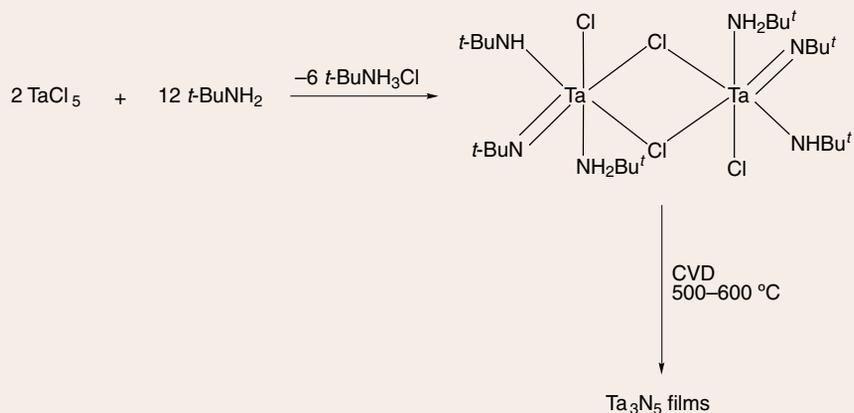
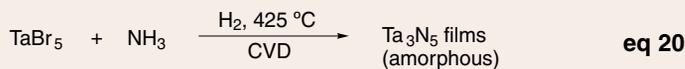
position (30–40%) is observed during the sublimation. Upon treatment of NbCl<sub>5</sub> with lithium diethylamide, lithium di-*n*-propylamide, or lithium di-*n*-butylamide, however, complexes of the formula Nb(NR<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (R = Et, *n*-Pr, *n*-Bu) are obtained as dark-red liquids in 76–81% yields after distillation (eq 14). There was no evidence for the formation of Nb(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Nb=NET during the preparation of Nb(NR<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. Imido complexes of the formula (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Nb=NR (R = *t*-Bu, *i*-Pr, *n*-Pr) have been prepared in about 30% yields by treatment of Nb(NR)Cl<sub>3</sub>py<sub>2</sub> (py = pyridine) with lithium diethylamide (eq 15).<sup>37</sup> The complexes are yellow liquids that distill at about 60 °C/0.1 torr.

As in the case of TaN, routes to NbN films using NbCl<sub>5</sub> as the niobium source proceeded only at high temperatures.<sup>16</sup> The CVD process involving the gas-phase reaction of Nb(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> or Nb(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> with ammonia yielded amorphous niobium(IV) nitride (Nb<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>) films, rather than the NbN phase (eq 16).<sup>18</sup> Sugiyama and coworkers reported that use of "Nb(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>" as a single-source precursor led to the deposition of NbN or Nb<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub> films at substrate temperatures of > 500 °C (eq 17).<sup>25</sup> However, no further details were given on the properties of the film. As noted previously, "Nb(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>" is not a stable complex, and the

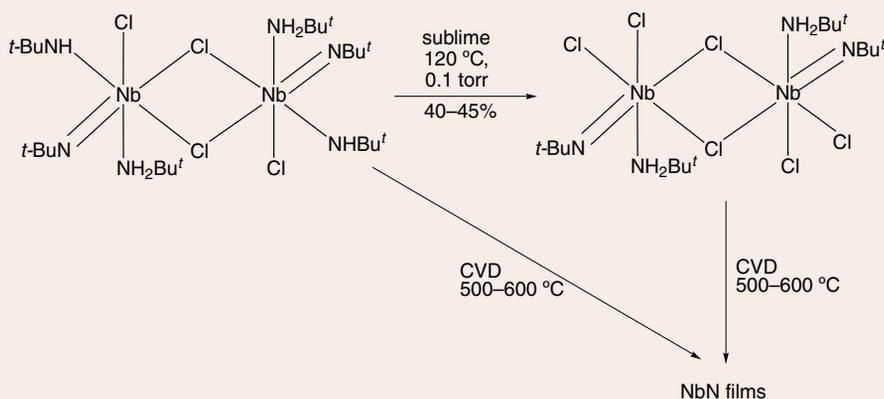
authors were most likely using Nb(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> as the source compound. The complex (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Nb=NPri' was also evaluated as a precursor to NbN films (eq 18).<sup>37</sup> A film deposited with a substrate temperature of 550 °C and a reactor pressure of 0.01 torr had a stoichiometry of Nb<sub>1.0</sub>N<sub>0.7</sub>C<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>0.2</sub>. The X-ray diffraction spectrum was consistent with the cubic NbN phase. XPS studies indicated that the carbon and oxygen in the film were present as carbide and oxide, respectively.

#### 2.1.5. Low-Temperature Film Depositions Using Tantalum Pentabromide

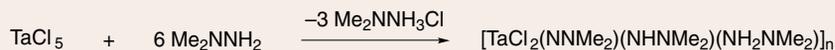
Cubic TaN films have been deposited with TaBr<sub>5</sub> as the tantalum source using plasma-assisted CVD (eq 19).<sup>38</sup> TaBr<sub>5</sub> was chosen as the tantalum source, since it was hypothesized that the weaker tantalum–bromine bonds, as compared to the stronger tantalum–chlorine bonds in TaCl<sub>5</sub>, would lead to lower-temperature depositions of TaN. Moreover, the larger size of the bromide ion, as compared to the chloride ion, would lead to a very low diffusion constant for bromine in the film, assuring that any residual bromine in the TaN film does not interfere with the properties of the barrier structure. The plasma-assisted CVD was carried out at 350–450 °C and 0.9–1.6 torr using a mixture of nitrogen and



eq 21



eq 22



TaN films

eq 23

hydrogen as the plasma gas. X-ray diffraction spectra indicated that cubic TaN was obtained. The stoichiometry of the films was Ta<sub>1.0</sub>N<sub>1.0</sub> with < 3% bromine, as determined by Auger spectroscopy and RBS. The resistivity of the films was as low as 150 μΩ•cm, which is similar to values for high-quality TaN films

obtained by PVD methods.<sup>11</sup> The step coverage in a 0.3-μm-diameter trench with an aspect ratio of 4.5:1 was 95%. Accordingly, excellent-quality TaN films are obtained at low substrate temperatures from this process.

The thermal CVD reaction using TaBr<sub>5</sub>, ammonia, and hydrogen as source compounds

has also been reported (eq 20).<sup>39,40</sup> Amorphous films with a composition of Ta<sub>1.00</sub>N<sub>1.83</sub> were obtained at 425 °C and 0.4 torr. The resistivity of the films was about 2500 μΩ•cm. Upon annealing at 650–700 °C, the films crystallized to the hexagonal Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> phase. Since the stoichiometry of the amorphous film was close to that expected for Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>, and this phase crystallizes predominantly upon annealing, it is likely that the amorphous material corresponds predominantly to Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>. The amorphous Ta<sub>1.00</sub>N<sub>1.83</sub> films were evaluated as barrier materials against copper diffusion into silicon substrates, and were found to fail above 550 °C.

### 2.1.6. Synthesis and Evaluation of Precursors Derived from Tantalum Pentachloride

Our group has explored the use of compounds derived from the treatment of niobium and tantalum pentachlorides with primary amines and 1,1-dialkylhydrazines as precursors to metal nitride phases.<sup>41,42</sup> As first reported by Nielson and coworkers,<sup>43</sup> treatment of TaCl<sub>5</sub> with *tert*-butylamine affords the dimeric, chloride-bridged imido complex [TaCl<sub>2</sub>(NBu<sup>t</sup>)(NHBu<sup>t</sup>)(NH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>t</sup>)<sub>2</sub>] (eq 21). We found that this complex existed as three major and two minor isomers in chloroform solution, apparently due to the isomerism of the nitrogen ligands about the coordination sphere of the dimeric unit.<sup>41</sup> [TaCl<sub>2</sub>(NBu<sup>t</sup>)(NHBu<sup>t</sup>)(NH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>t</sup>)<sub>2</sub>] sublimed at 120 °C/0.1 torr without decomposition, and was evaluated as a precursor to tantalum nitride films.<sup>42</sup> Sublimation of this precursor into a hot-walled CVD reactor held at 500 or 600 °C led to the deposition of yellow-brown films on glass and silicon substrates; these films were identified as Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> by their X-ray powder diffraction patterns. Interestingly, the analogous niobium complex, [NbCl<sub>2</sub>(NBu<sup>t</sup>)(NHBu<sup>t</sup>)(NH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>t</sup>)<sub>2</sub>], afforded cubic NbN films in the same reactor at substrate temperatures of ≥ 500 °C (eq 22).<sup>42</sup> However, [NbCl<sub>2</sub>(NBu<sup>t</sup>)(NHBu<sup>t</sup>)(NH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>t</sup>)<sub>2</sub>] decomposes to [NbCl<sub>3</sub>(NBu<sup>t</sup>)(NH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>t</sup>)<sub>2</sub>] upon sublimation,<sup>41</sup> thus, the basic chemical behaviors of the niobium and tantalum precursors are quite different.

A tantalum complex of the formulation [TaCl<sub>2</sub>(NNMe<sub>2</sub>)(NHNMe<sub>2</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>] was prepared in quantitative yield by treatment of TaCl<sub>5</sub> with 1,1-dimethylhydrazine in dichloromethane (eq 23).<sup>42,44</sup> This complex sublimed at 150–175 °C/0.1 torr without decomposition. Slow sublimation of this complex into a hot-walled CVD reactor held at 400, 500, or 600 °C resulted in the formation of silver-colored TaN films. The films were smooth and highly adherent, as demonstrated by a Scotch™ tape test.

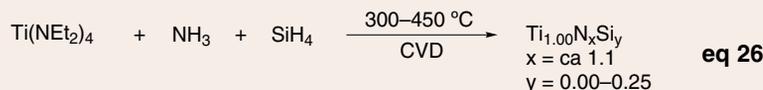
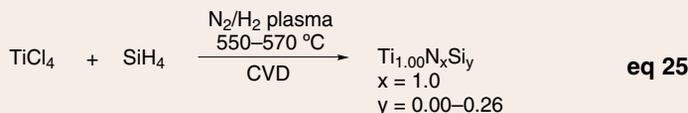
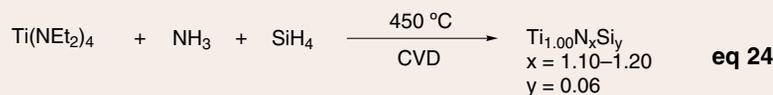
The X-ray diffraction spectra of the films revealed the cubic TaN phase with preferred orientation along the (200) plane. XPS and RBS measurements gave a stoichiometry of about  $Ta_{1.0}N_{1.1}$ , with an oxygen content of about 6% and a carbon content below the detection limits of these techniques (< 5%). Electron micrographs showed a smooth surface, with particle sizes between 50–200 Å. The resistivity of a film deposited at 600 °C was  $2.1 \times 10^3 \mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ .

## 2.2. Ternary Nitride Films

In recent years, the amorphous ternary nitrides M–Si–N (M = Ti, Ta, Mo, W) have been demonstrated as excellent barrier materials between copper and silicon for use in microelectronics devices.<sup>12,13,45–49</sup> The advantage of these amorphous materials over TiN, TaN, and other crystalline nitrides is the lack of grain boundaries to provide fast diffusion pathways for copper atoms to migrate into the silicon substrate. The failure of M–Si–N barrier materials is associated with crystallization, which supports the idea that copper atoms and other metal atoms migrate along grain boundaries. The first work in this area was reported by Nicolet,<sup>12</sup> who found that amorphous Ta–Si–N films fabricated by sputtering served as barriers between copper and silicon. Most of the work reported to date has used M–Si–N films that are deposited using PVD methods.<sup>45,46</sup> PVD methods are generally "line-of-sight" in nature, and do not afford high conformal coverage of shaped features on substrates. As noted earlier, barrier materials for microelectronics applications must be applied with excellent conformal coverage to silicon substrates to avoid copper diffusion into the silicon substrate and concomitant device failure. Accordingly, there has been significant interest in the development of CVD processes for the deposition of M–Si–N films.

To date, there have been no reports of CVD routes to Ta–Si–N films. This lack of activity reflects in large part the absence of a good low-temperature thermal CVD route to TaN films. Nicolet has found that Ta–Si–N has the highest barrier failure temperature of any ternary nitride that has been studied (900 °C), so there is keen interest in CVD routes to this material.<sup>12,45</sup> The potential importance of Ta–Si–N barrier materials provides a strong impetus for new research in this area.

While Ta–Si–N was found to have the highest barrier failure temperature, Ti–Si–N films have barrier properties that approach those exhibited by Ta–Si–N.<sup>12,45</sup> For example, Nicolet found that a Ti–Si–N structure failed at 850 °C, which is very close to the failure temperature of a Cu/Ta–Si–N/Si structure



(900 °C).<sup>12c</sup> Since the CVD reaction of  $\text{Ti}(\text{NR}_2)_4$  with ammonia has been developed as a low-temperature process for TiN films,<sup>9</sup> a basis exists for the exploration of Ti–Si–N films by CVD.

The first description of a CVD route to Ti–Si–N films was reported by Raaijmakers.<sup>47</sup> The standard CVD process for the low-temperature deposition of conformal TiN— $\text{Ti}(\text{NEt}_2)_4$  plus ammonia at 450 °C—was modified by the addition of silane ( $\text{SiH}_4$ ). Deposition on silicon substrates at 450 °C led to highly adherent Ti–Si–N films that contained about 6% silicon (eq 24). In addition, low carbon (0.5%) and oxygen (1%) levels were observed. The film was amorphous by X-ray diffraction. While TiN films deposited from  $\text{Ti}(\text{NEt}_2)_4$  and ammonia possessed resistivities of about  $270 \mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ , the amorphous Ti–Si–N film was found to have a resistivity of  $9400 \mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ .

Ti–Si–N films with a silicon content of 16% were fabricated by a plasma-assisted CVD process involving  $\text{TiCl}_4$ , nitrogen, hydrogen, and  $\text{SiH}_4$  as the reactants (eq 25).<sup>48</sup> The reactants were activated by a dc glow discharge, and the films were deposited on steel substrates that were heated to 500 °C. The films were crystalline by X-ray diffraction, and exhibited preferred growth along the (200) plane. Unlike TiN deposited from  $\text{TiCl}_4$ , nitrogen, and hydrogen by plasma-assisted CVD, the Ti–Si–N film containing 16% silicon did not reveal a detectable columnar structure in cross-section electron micrographs. Additionally, the grain size in the Ti–Si–N films was smaller than that of TiN films deposited by plasma-assisted CVD. Interestingly, the Ti–Si–N films were harder and more resistant to oxidation by the ambient atmosphere than TiN films prepared by plasma-assisted CVD. A recent report has

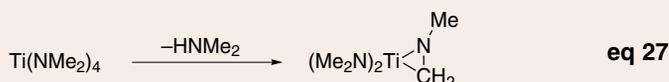
described the thermal CVD of Ti–Si–N films from  $\text{TiCl}_4$ , ammonia, and  $\text{SiH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  or  $\text{TiCl}_4$ , nitrogen, hydrogen, and  $\text{SiH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .<sup>49</sup>

Smith and Custer have described the deposition of Ti–Si–N films containing variable amounts of silicon through the thermal CVD reaction between  $\text{Ti}(\text{NEt}_2)_4$ , ammonia, and  $\text{SiH}_4$  (eq 26).<sup>13</sup> Films were grown in a warm-walled reactor with silicon substrate temperatures between 300–450 °C and a working pressure of 20 torr. The films were nitrogen-rich, and contained 0–25% silicon, depending on the amount of  $\text{SiH}_4$  added to the reactant stream. The only contaminants observed in the films were carbon (<1.5%) and hydrogen (5–15%). Film resistivity increased exponentially with increasing silicon content. The lowest film resistivities were obtained with a substrate temperature of 350 °C, and ranged between  $400 \mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$  for pure TiN to  $1 \Omega\cdot\text{cm}$  for Ti–Si–N containing 25% silicon. It was suggested that the low resistivities observed at 350 °C were due to the nitrogen content in the films being the closest to the idealized value of 1:1 for TiN. Higher-resistivity films deposited at 300, 400, or 450 °C possessed 8–15% excess nitrogen. Transmission electron microscopy demonstrated that the films consisted of about 6-nm nanocrystallites of TiN embedded in an amorphous Ti–Si–N matrix. Deposition of  $\text{Ti}_{0.46}\text{N}_{0.51}\text{Si}_{0.03}$  films with resistivities of  $\leq 800 \mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$  on shaped substrates at 350 °C afforded step coverages of 60% on a  $0.2\text{-}\mu\text{m}$  feature with an aspect ratio of 6:1, 75% on a  $0.35\text{-}\mu\text{m}$  feature with an aspect ratio of 3:1, and 35–40% on a  $0.1\text{-}\mu\text{m}$  feature with an aspect ratio of 10:1. Accordingly, this process provides very good conformal coverage and may provide acceptable films of barrier material in sub- $0.18 \mu\text{m}$  features.

**Table 1. Summary of Current CVD Techniques for Depositing Metal Nitride Films**

Precursor(s)	Deposition Temp. (°C)	Deposition Pressure (torr)	Film Deposited <sup>a</sup>	Ref.
"Ta(NEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> "	500	not given	unidentified	25
Ta(EtNCHCH <sub>3</sub> )(NEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> + (NEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Ta=NEt	500–650	0.3–1.0	cubic TaN + Ta <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub>	26,27
(NEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Ta=NBu <sup>f</sup>	450–650	0.02	cubic TaN	28–30
"Ta(NEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> "	275–400	1	Ta <sub>x</sub> N <sub>y</sub> C <sub>y</sub>	31
Ta(NMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> / H <sub>2</sub> or NH <sub>3</sub> plasma	200–350	1	Ta <sub>x</sub> N <sub>y</sub> C <sub>y</sub>	32
Nb(NEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> or Nb(NMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> + NH <sub>3</sub>	200–450	760	Nb <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	18
"Nb(NEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> "	500	not given	NbN or Nb <sub>4</sub> N <sub>3</sub>	25
(NEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Nb=NPr <sup>i</sup>	550	0.01	cubic NbN	37
TaBr <sub>5</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> plasma	350–450	0.9–1.6	cubic TaN	38
TaBr <sub>5</sub> + NH <sub>3</sub> + H <sub>2</sub>	425	0.4	Ta <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub>	39,40
[TaCl <sub>2</sub> (NBu <sup>g</sup> )(NHBu <sup>h</sup> )(NH <sub>2</sub> Bu <sup>g</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	500–600	0.1	Ta <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub>	42
[NbCl <sub>2</sub> (NBu <sup>g</sup> )(NHBu <sup>h</sup> )(NH <sub>2</sub> Bu <sup>g</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	500–600	0.1	cubic NbN	42
[TaCl <sub>2</sub> (NNMe <sub>2</sub> )(NHNMe <sub>2</sub> )(NH <sub>2</sub> NMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	400–600	0.1	cubic TaN	42,44
Ti(NEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> + NH <sub>3</sub> + SiH <sub>4</sub>	300–450	20	Ti–Si–N	13,47
TiCl <sub>4</sub> + N <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> + SiH <sub>4</sub> dc glow discharge	850–1100	0.2	Ti–Si–N	48,49

<sup>a</sup> The compositions and properties of the films obtained are critically dependent on the nature of the source compound and the deposition conditions.



### 3. Conclusions and Prospects

This account has summarized the current state of film depositions by CVD techniques for TaN, Ta–Si–N, and related nitride materials that are candidates for advanced barrier layers between copper and silicon in future generations of microelectronics devices (Table 1). Precursors that have been used to deposit the cubic TaN phase under thermal CVD conditions include a mixture of imino and imido complexes derived from the decomposition of Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>, imido complexes of the formula (Et<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>Ta=NR, as well as imido complexes derived from treatment of TaCl<sub>5</sub> with primary alkylamines. Serious drawbacks of complexes bearing diethylamido ligands include variable selectivity for the cubic TaN phase over the tetragonal Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> phase, incorporation of significant amounts (15–20 atom %) of carbon and oxygen into the film, and film resistivities that are too high for use

as barrier layers (generally > 2000 μΩ•cm). The incorporation of carbon into TiN films from Ti(NR<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> precursors has been proposed to occur through intramolecular β-hydrogen activation, which leads to a species with a direct titanium–carbon bond (eq 27).<sup>50</sup> It is necessary to add a large excess of ammonia to the Ti(NR<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> precursor stream to reduce the carbon incorporation in the resultant films to low levels (< 10%).<sup>9</sup> Since a similar process is operant in the formation of Ta(EtNCHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> from Ta(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>,<sup>20</sup> it is likely that carbon incorporation in TaN films derived from dialkylamido-based precursors occurs through intermediate species with tantalum–carbon bonds. Intramolecular β-hydrogen activation appears to be a characteristic reaction path for early transition-metal dialkylamido complexes; therefore, it is likely that significant carbon incorporation will be observed when such compounds are used in

CVD. Because MN film resistivity increases dramatically with impurity incorporation, TaN films with resistivities below 1000 μΩ•cm may not be accessible from these precursors. Addition of ammonia to precursor streams of tantalum dialkylamido compounds may lower the carbon content, but it is very likely that the high-resistivity Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> phase would result—in analogy with the CVD of Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> films from Ta(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub> and ammonia.<sup>18</sup>

While the resistivity of the TaN films deposited from [TaCl<sub>2</sub>(NNMe<sub>2</sub>)(NHNMe<sub>2</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>] is too high for barrier-layer applications, the deposition of high-purity cubic TaN films in a thermal CVD process at temperatures as low as 400 °C is significant. Additionally, the fact that [TaCl<sub>2</sub>(NNMe<sub>2</sub>)(NHNMe<sub>2</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>] leads to TaN films at substrate temperatures that are up to 600 °C lower than that observed for [TaCl<sub>2</sub>(NBu<sup>g</sup>)(NHBu<sup>h</sup>)(NH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>g</sup>)<sub>2</sub>] argues that hydrazido ligands are powerful reducing agents that greatly facilitate the Ta(V)–Ta(III) reduction.<sup>44</sup> The reducing ability of hydrazine-derived ligands could be used to devise new classes of precursors for the low-temperature CVD of TaN.

The plasma-assisted process involving TaBr<sub>5</sub>, nitrogen, and hydrogen provides the

highest-quality TaN films that are available from any CVD route reported to date.<sup>39</sup> The TaN films are stoichiometric, have resistivities that are comparable to high-quality films obtained by PVD methods,<sup>11</sup> can be deposited with excellent conformal coverage in high-aspect-ratio features, and are deposited at temperatures that are compatible with microelectronics device manufacturing ( $\leq 400$  °C). Potential drawbacks include the necessity of the plasma processing as well as the presence of small amounts of bromine in the films. Plasma-assisted CVD requires more expensive and elaborate deposition equipment than thermal CVD, and there is potential for damage of the microelectronics device being fabricated due to the highly energetic chemical species that are generated through the plasma activation. The presence of bromine atoms or hydrogen bromide in the films could lead to degradation of the interface between the TaN films and the copper or silicon layers. The use of the plasma is essential to obtaining TaN films, since the thermal CVD process involving TaBr<sub>5</sub> and ammonia affords Ta<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub> films instead.<sup>40</sup>

The lack of a low-temperature thermal CVD process to high-quality TaN films has so far prevented the development of a CVD process to amorphous Ta-Si-N films. The analogous material Ti-Si-N has been deposited by CVD through modification of two existing processes to TiN films by adding SiH<sub>4</sub> or SiH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to the precursor streams.<sup>13,47,48</sup> The process using Ti(NEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, ammonia, and SiH<sub>4</sub> provides low-resistivity, highly conformal Ti-Si-N coatings with properties that appear to be acceptable for barrier-layer applications.<sup>13,47</sup>

The development of new precursors for the deposition of metal nitride films for barrier layer applications presents many challenges for the chemist. To be useful in semiconductor manufacturing, new processes to metal nitride films must afford high-purity, low-resistivity, and highly conformal coatings at deposition temperatures of  $\leq 400$  °C. Furthermore, new precursors must be prepared in high yields and high purities by efficient syntheses, and should be liquids at ambient temperature in order to maintain constant surface areas for achieving steady vapor transport from stainless steel bubblers used to contain source compounds. To address these goals, it will be necessary to identify ligands that lead to minimum carbon incorporation in the metal nitride films, and which help to promote reduction to the Ta(III) oxidation state, while still providing high-quality TaN and related thin-film materials. Advances in deposition techniques would also aid in the fabrication of new tantalum-based barrier materials.

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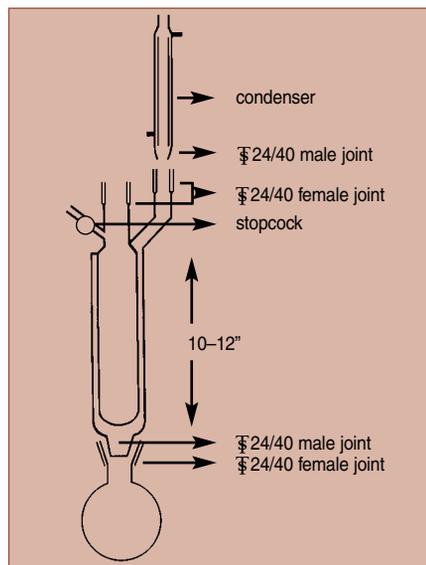
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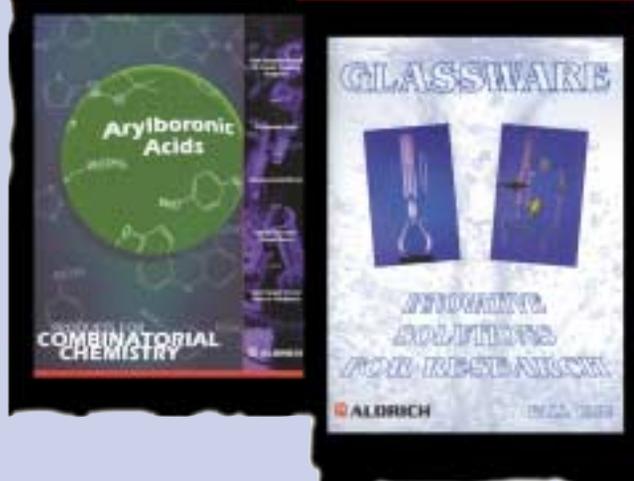
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# Synthetic Applications of Indium Trichloride Catalyzed Reactions

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## 1. Introduction

Lewis acids play a vital role in organic reactions. The Lewis acids most frequently encountered in organic synthesis are  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{ZnCl}_2$ ,  $\text{TiCl}_4$ , and  $\text{SnCl}_4$ . Recently, lanthanide triflates have gained a lot of attention as Lewis acids for organic reactions.<sup>1</sup> Although indium belongs to the same group in the periodic table as boron and aluminum, the utility of indium trichloride as a Lewis acid for organic reactions has not been exploited to a greater extent largely because of its mild Lewis acid character. Recently, it has been proven that indium trichloride is a mild Lewis acid which is stable in an aqueous medium, and that it effectively catalyzes the aldol, Diels–Alder, and Friedel–Crafts reactions. This short review focuses on the effectiveness of indium trichloride as a Lewis acid in organic synthesis, and covers the literature of the past decade. The synthetic applications of indium trichloride prior to 1990 were surveyed by Fedorov and Fedorov<sup>2a</sup> and by Boghosian and Papatheodorou.<sup>2b</sup>

## 2. Synthetic Applications

### 2.1. The Diels–Alder Reaction

The Diels–Alder reaction is one of the most powerful methods for the regio- and stereospecific preparation of carbocyclic and heterocyclic ring systems. Lewis acids increase the rate of the reaction and its regio-, endo-, and  $\pi$ -face selectivities by coordination with the dienophile, i.e., with a conjugated C=O or C=N group.



Loh and coworkers<sup>3</sup> have reported that indium trichloride catalyzes the Diels–Alder reaction between cyclopentadiene and acrylates in water (eq 1), and have shown that the catalyst can be easily recovered from water and reused after the reaction has been completed.

The imino Diels–Alder reaction is a powerful tool for the synthesis of quinoline and pyridine derivatives. Although Lewis acids often promote the reaction, more than stoichiometric amounts of the acids are required due to the strong coordination of the acids to the nitrogen atoms.<sup>4</sup> In contrast, only a catalytic amount of anhydrous indium trichloride (20 mol %) is needed for the reaction of Schiff bases with cyclopentadiene to afford cyclopentaquinolines (eq 2).<sup>5</sup> The use of indium trichloride enhances the rate of the reaction and improves its yield as compared to other Lewis acids (Table 1).<sup>6,7</sup> Indium trichloride also catalyzes the Diels–Alder reaction of *N*-benzylidene-1-naphthylamine with cyclopentadiene to afford benzo[*h*]-cyclopenta[*c*]quinoline (eq 3).<sup>5</sup>

The pyranoquinoline moiety is present in many alkaloids such as flindersine, oricine and veprisine (Figure 1). Pyranoquinoline

derivatives possess a wide range of biological activities, such as psychotropic, antiallergic, anti-inflammatory, and estrogenic activities, and are potential pharmaceuticals. Pyranoquinoline derivatives have been synthesized by the  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,<sup>8</sup> acetic acid,<sup>9</sup> or ytterbium triflate catalyzed<sup>10</sup> Diels–Alder reaction of *N*-benzylideneaniline with 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran; the yields, however, are low. On the other hand, indium trichloride catalyzes the Diels–Alder reaction of Schiff bases with 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran and affords the corresponding pyranoquinoline derivatives in good-to-moderate yields. Indium trichloride coordinates with the Schiff bases yielding endo/exo products, the ratio of which is determined largely by the electronic effects of the substituents in the Schiff bases (eq 4).<sup>11</sup> A comparison of the results obtained with indium trichloride with those obtained with other catalysts is given in Table 2. The reaction of 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran with *N*-benzylidene-1-naphthylamine in the presence of 20 mol % indium trichloride provides benzo[*h*]pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolines (eq 5).<sup>11</sup>

Schiff bases react with indene in the presence of indium trichloride affording only the endo isomer of indeno[2,1-*c*]quinolines in

moderate yields (eq 6 and Table 3);<sup>11</sup> in the absence of indium trichloride, the reaction does not proceed at all. The endo isomer is obtained as a result of the likely secondary orbital interactions of diene and dienophile. Similarly, *N*-benzylidene-1-naphthylamine reacts with indene to provide benzo[*h*]-indeno[2,1-*c*]quinoline in 50% yield (eq 7).<sup>11</sup>

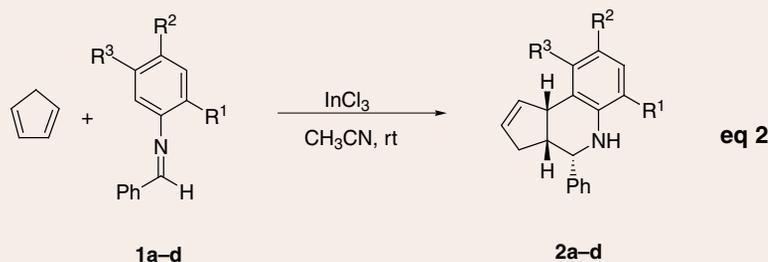
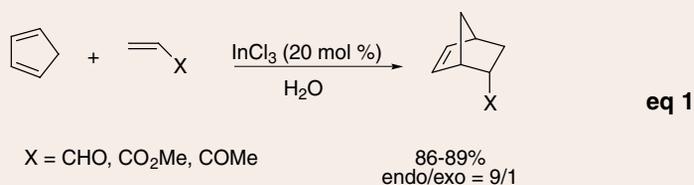
The Diels–Alder reaction of benzo[*b*]-thienylimines with cyclopentadiene and 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran in the presence of anhydrous indium trichloride provides benzo[*b*]thienyl-substituted quinoline derivatives (Scheme 1),<sup>12</sup> a class of biologically active agents, in good yields and endo stereoselectivities. The addition is also regio-selective with respect to the dihydropyran ring. Similarly, the reaction of imines with enamides leads to the biologically important pyrroloquinolines regioselectively and in moderate yields (eq 8).<sup>13</sup>

Azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanones have been prepared in moderate yields and regio- and stereoselectivities by the Diels–Alder reaction of either *N*-tosylimines with 2-trialkylsilyloxy-1,3-cyclohexadiene (eq 9),<sup>14</sup> or imino-carbamates with 1,3-cyclohexadiene (eq 10)<sup>15</sup> in the presence of BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O. By comparison, the Diels–Alder reaction of Schiff bases with 2-cyclohexenone in the presence of indium trichloride provides a facile route to azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanones (eq 11 and Table 4).<sup>16</sup> Azabicyclononan-8-ones have been similarly prepared in good yields (eq 12).<sup>16</sup> Azabicyclooctanones and azabicyclononanones are of interest as precursors of naturally occurring piperidine alkaloids of the prosopis family.<sup>17</sup>

## 2.2. The Aldol Reaction

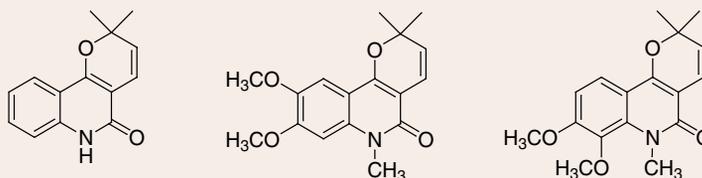
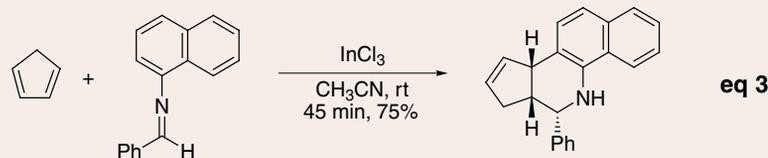
The aldol reaction is one of the most important carbon–carbon bond forming reactions for acyclic stereocontrol. Mukaiyama and coworkers<sup>18</sup> have reported that aldehydes smoothly react with trimethylsilyl enol ethers, in the presence of TMSCl and indium trichloride, to produce the corresponding aldol adducts in high yields (eq 13).

Catalytic amounts of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCl) and indium trichloride also promote aldol reactions. The conventional Mukaiyama aldol reaction requires strictly anhydrous and nonprotic conditions.<sup>19</sup> Kobayashi has shown that lanthanide triflates are excellent catalysts for the Mukaiyama aldol reaction in aqueous media (THF-H<sub>2</sub>O).<sup>20,21</sup> However, efforts to carry out the experiment in water alone afforded only low yields of the products. Loh and coworkers<sup>22</sup> have demonstrated for the first time that indium trichloride catalyzes the Mukaiyama-type reaction of silyl enol ethers and



**Table 1. Reaction of Schiff Bases with Cyclopentadiene**

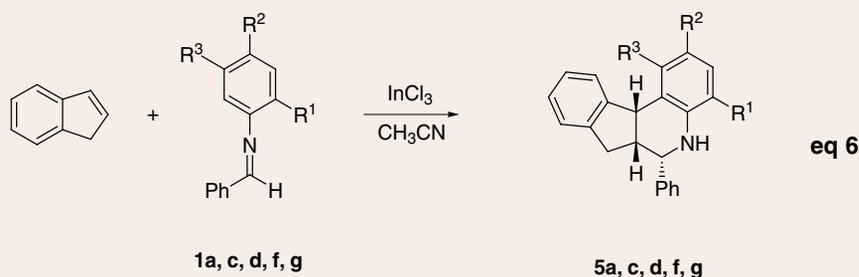
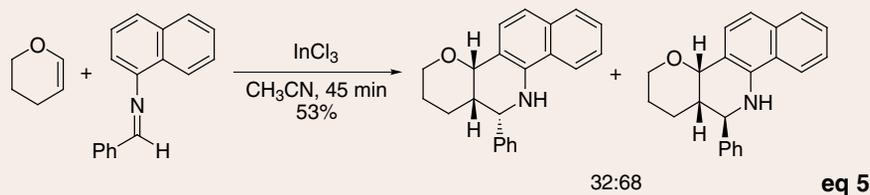
Entry	Schiff Base	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	Catalyst	Time, h	Product	Yield, %	Ref.
1	<b>1a</b>	H	H	H	TFA	2	<b>2a</b>	71	6
					Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	20		85	7
					InCl <sub>3</sub>	0.5		75	5
2	<b>1b</b>	H	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	TFA	3	<b>2b</b>	98	6
					InCl <sub>3</sub>	0.5		95	5
3	<b>1c</b>	H	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	20	<b>2c</b>	38	7
					InCl <sub>3</sub>	0.75		58	5
4	<b>1d</b>	H	Cl	H	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	20	<b>2d</b>	85	7
					InCl <sub>3</sub>	0.5		84	5



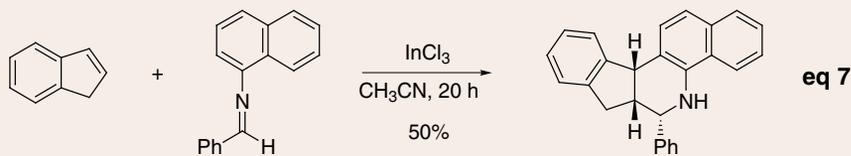
**Figure 1**

**Table 2. Reaction of Schiff Bases with 3,4-Dihydro-2H-pyran**

Entry	Schiff Base	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	Catalyst	Time, h	Product Ratio 3:4	Overall Yield, %	Ref.
1	<b>1a</b>	H	H	H	BF <sub>3</sub> •Et <sub>2</sub> O InCl <sub>3</sub>	12	100:0	25	8
						0.5	41:59	80	11
2	<b>1c</b>	H	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub> InCl <sub>3</sub>	9	37:63	54	10
						4	58:42	70	11
3	<b>1d</b>	H	Cl	H	InCl <sub>3</sub>	0.5	34:66	50	11
4	<b>1e</b>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	InCl <sub>3</sub>	2	68:32	70	11


**Table 3. Reaction of Schiff Bases with Indene in the Presence of 20 mol % InCl<sub>3</sub>**

Entry	Schiff Base	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	Time, h	Product	Yield, %
1	<b>1a</b>	H	H	H	6	<b>5a</b>	40
2	<b>1c</b>	H	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	24	<b>5c</b>	30
3	<b>1d</b>	H	Cl	H	6	<b>5d</b>	48
4	<b>1f</b>	CH <sub>3</sub>	Cl	H	12	<b>5f</b>	48
5	<b>1g</b>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	9, reflux	<b>5g</b>	65



aldehydes in water (**eq 14**). Recently, Kobayashi<sup>23</sup> has reported that the indium trichloride catalyzed aldol reaction of silyl enol ethers with aldehydes proceeds smoothly in water without using any cosolvents when a

small amount of surfactant is present (**eq 15**). Because of its high coordination number and fast coordination–dissociation equilibrium, InCl<sub>3</sub> is stable in aqueous media and thereby effectively catalyzes the aqueous aldol

reaction.<sup>3</sup> In contrast, other Lewis acids, such as BF<sub>3</sub>•Et<sub>2</sub>O and AlCl<sub>3</sub>, react with water to yield the corresponding hydroxide derivatives.

The aldol–Mannich-type reaction is among the most fundamental methods for the synthesis of β-amino ketones and esters. The uncatalyzed synthesis of β-amino ketones and esters by the aldol–Mannich-type reaction gives products in low yields due to severe side reactions such as deamination. Unfortunately, most of the Lewis acids used in aldol–Mannich-type reactions are not stable and decompose or deactivate in the presence of water, which is a by-product of imine formation, or as a result of direct attack by the free amine present. Loh's group<sup>24</sup> has reported that indium trichloride catalyzes the formation of β-amino esters, in better yields, by reaction of an aldehyde, an amine, and an ester-derived silyl enol ether (**eq 16**). The reaction of a ketone-derived silyl enol ether with an aldehyde and an amine affords β-amino ketones in good-to-moderate yields (**eq 17**).<sup>24</sup>

### 2.3. The Friedel–Crafts Reaction

Indium trichloride catalyzes the acylation of anisole at room temperature, and the yield of the reaction is improved significantly by the addition of silver perchlorate (**eq 18**).<sup>25</sup> The combination of InCl<sub>3</sub> and AgClO<sub>4</sub> is believed to generate the active catalyst species, InCl<sub>2</sub>(ClO<sub>4</sub>) or InCl(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, which reacts with the anhydride to form an acyl cation intermediate that is stabilized by the perchlorate anion. This acylium ion intermediate then reacts with aromatics to give the desired ketone. In combination with chlorodimethylsilane, indium trichloride catalyzes the reductive Friedel–Crafts alkylation of aromatics (**eq 19**).<sup>26,27</sup> This transformation is especially valuable in light of the difficulty with which these alkylated aromatics have traditionally been prepared. The tolerance of ester and ether groups, which are frequently used as alkylating reagents, is perhaps due to the weak Lewis acidity of InCl<sub>3</sub>. In the general systems reported, the alkylations involving esters and ethers give different results that are dependent on the acidity of the catalyst.<sup>28</sup>

### 2.4. Miscellaneous Reactions

Tetrahydropyrans have been prepared by the indium trichloride mediated Prins-type cyclization in high yields and with high stereoselectivity (**eq 20**).<sup>29</sup> Tetrahydropyrans are useful for the construction of various important carbohydrates and natural products. They have been prepared in the past by the titanium tetrachloride or aluminum trichloride catalyzed reactions of alkoxyallylsilanes with aldehydes, or by the related cross-coupling between homoallyl alcohols and aldehydes.<sup>30</sup>



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-20 to 110°C	300	Z42,341-6	Z42,340-8
-20 to 150°C	300	Z42,343-2	Z42,342-4
-10 to 225°C	350	–	Z42,350-5
-10 to 260°C	350	Z42,351-3	–
0 to 230°F	300	Z42,345-9	Z42,344-0
0 to 300°F	300	Z42,347-5	Z42,346-7
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Indium trichloride is also very efficient in effecting the rearrangement of epoxides to the corresponding carbonyl compounds highly regioselectively (eq 21).<sup>31</sup>

Mukaiyama et al.<sup>32</sup> have reported that TMSCl and indium trichloride catalyze the reaction of *O*-trimethylsilyl monothioacetals with triethylsilane and silylated carbon nucleophiles to afford the corresponding sulfide derivatives (eq 22). These sulfides are of interest because they are not only used as protecting groups, but also as electrophiles in various coupling reactions, especially carbon-carbon bond forming reactions.

Indium trichloride is used as a catalyst for the polymerization of biphenylchlorophthalide,<sup>33</sup> with *tert*-butylhydroperoxide for vinyl monomers,<sup>34</sup> methyl methacrylates,<sup>35</sup> chlorophthalides<sup>36</sup> and *tert*-butylacetylene.<sup>37</sup> Zhun et al.<sup>38</sup> have reported that treatment of  $\text{Me}_n\text{PhSiCl}_{3-n}$  ( $n = 0-2$ ) with chlorine in the presence of indium trichloride affords (chlorophenyl)silanes. Indium trichloride also catalyzes the dehydrochlorination of dichloroethane,<sup>39</sup> is used as a promoter for the hydrochlorination of low-molecular-weight polyisobutylenes<sup>40</sup> and the allylation of carbonyl compounds.<sup>41</sup>

Bisindolylmethanes have been prepared in excellent yields by the electrophilic substitution reaction of indole with aldehydes or Schiff bases in the presence of indium trichloride (Scheme 2).<sup>42</sup> The reaction is thought to proceed via an electrophilic substitution step of indole with the aromatic aldehydes or Schiff bases. These bisindoles are of current interest as potent CNS depressants.<sup>43</sup>

### 3. Conclusion

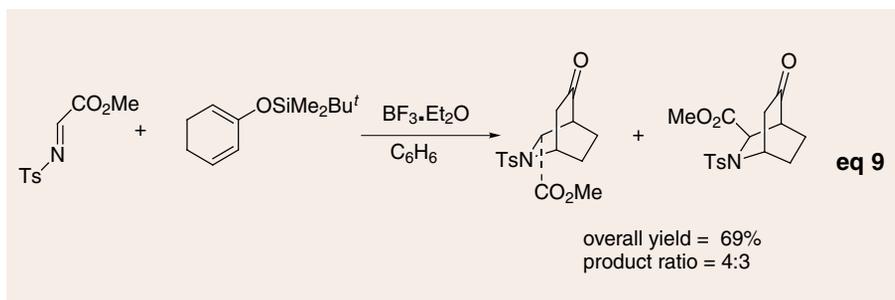
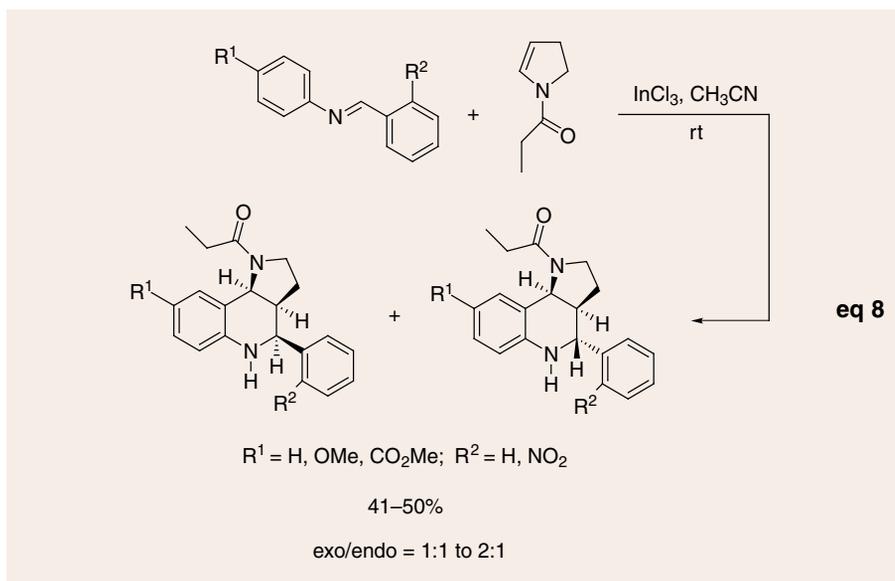
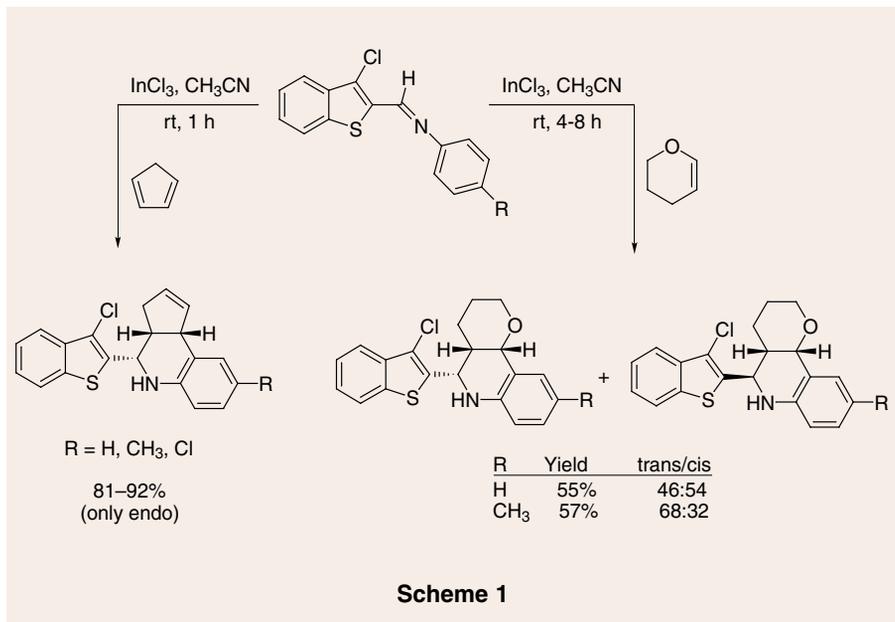
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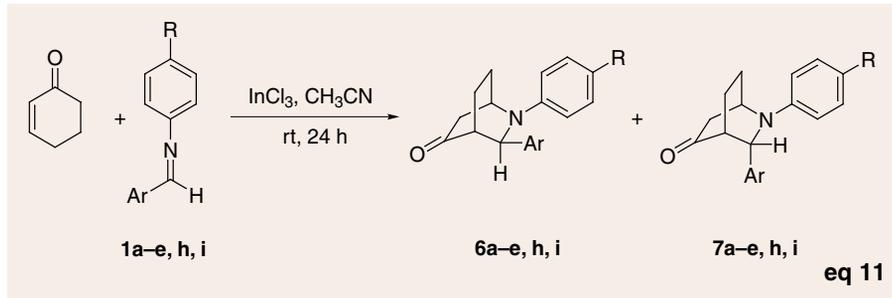
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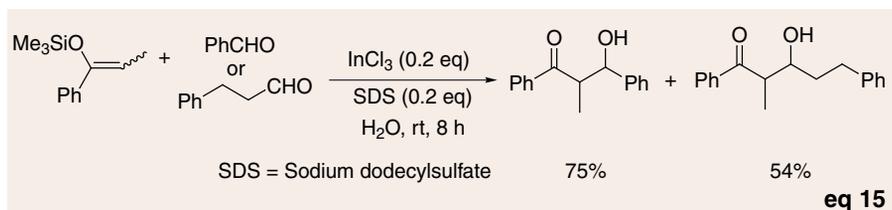
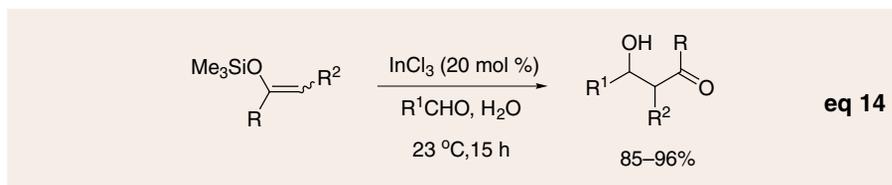
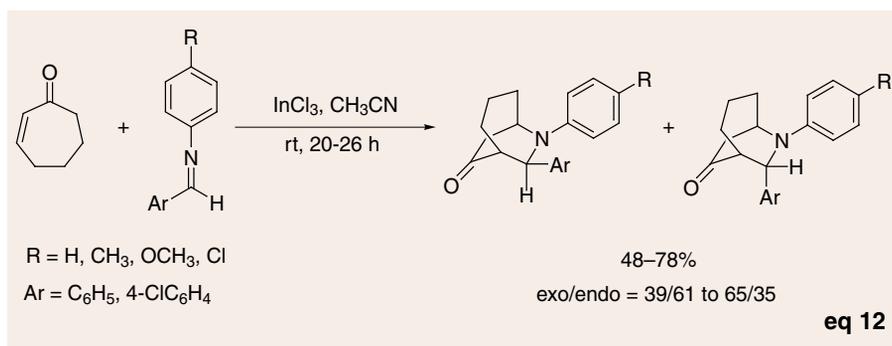
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**Table 4. Diels-Alder Reaction of Schiff Bases with 2-Cyclohexenone**

Entry	Schiff Base	R	Ar	Product Ratio 6:7	Combined Yield (%)
1	<b>1a</b>	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	69:31	65
2	<b>1b</b>	NO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	67:33	70
3	<b>1c</b>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	68:32	60
4	<b>1d</b>	Cl	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	73:27	68
5	<b>1e</b>	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	73:27	62
6	<b>1h</b>	H	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	48:52	65
7	<b>1i</b>	Cl	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	47:53	74



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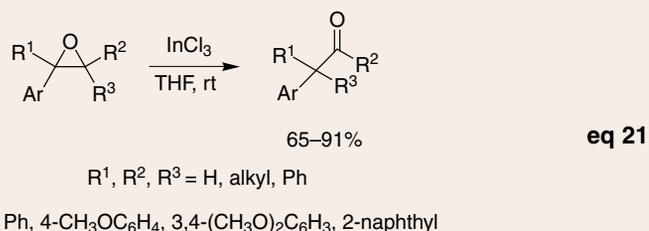
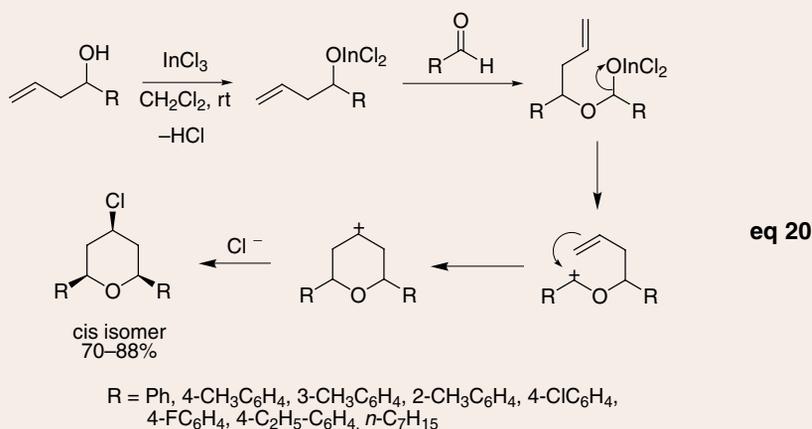
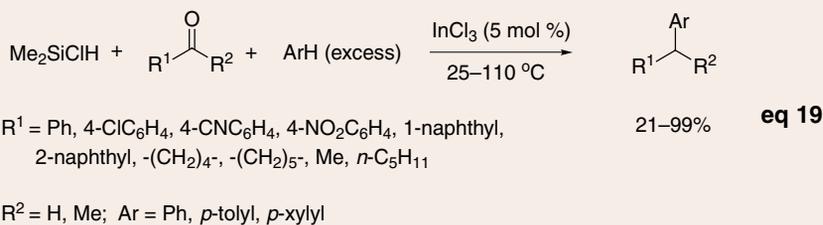
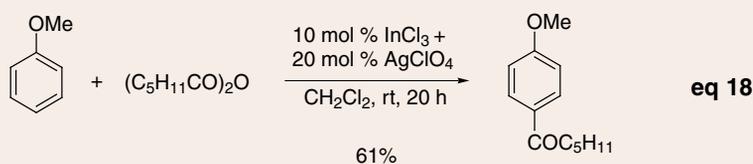
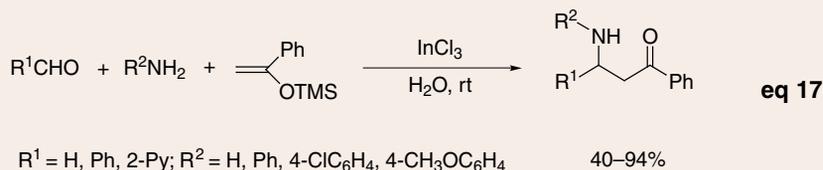
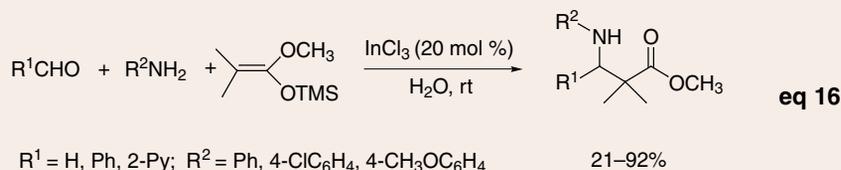
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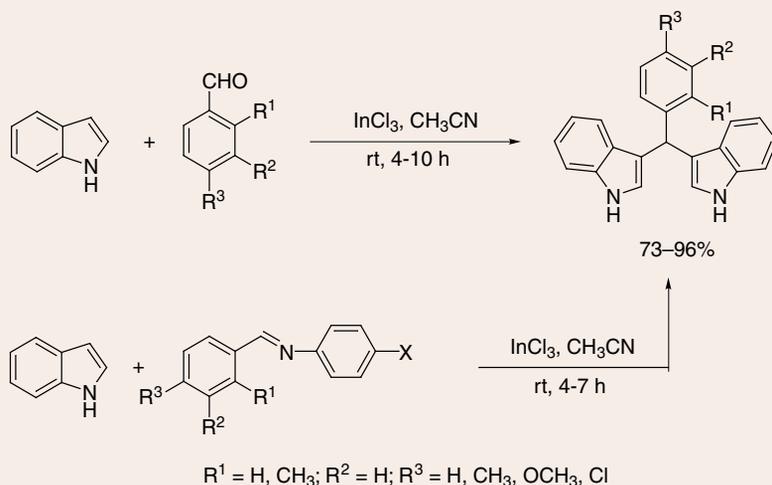
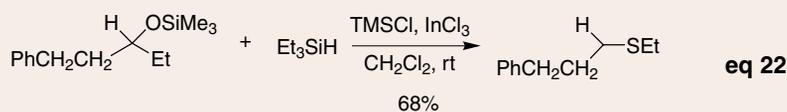
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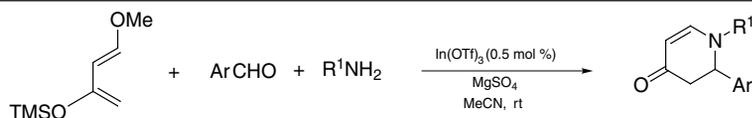
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The preceding review highlights the use of indium(III) chloride as a Lewis Acid. Other Lewis acids also facilitate organic reactions and can often be used in just catalytic amounts. The reactivity and selectivity vary, depending upon reaction conditions and the reagent chosen. Presented here are some examples of the applications in organic synthesis of the triflate (trifluoromethanesulfonate) salts of three popular Lewis acids. A selection of Aldrich products that are mentioned in the review is also included. For additional information, please call our Technical Services Department at **800-231-8327** (USA) or your local Sigma-Aldrich office. Larger quantities are available through Sigma-Aldrich Fine Chemicals. Please call **800-336-9719** (USA) or your local office for availability.

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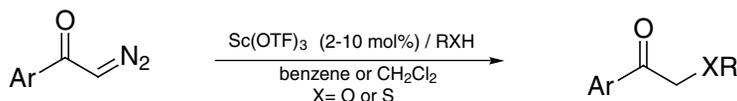


Indium triflate has several applications including catalysis of Friedel–Crafts alkylations<sup>1</sup> and acylations,<sup>2</sup> and is shown here to catalyze the hetero-Diels–Alder reaction. Frost<sup>3</sup> has prepared a series of aryl-substituted tetrahydropyridines, via the imines derived from aryl aldehydes, with a catalyst loading as low as 0.5 mol %.

(1) Miyai, T. et al. *Tetrahedron* **1999**, *55*, 1017. (2) Chauhan, K. K. et al. *Synlett* **1999**, 1743. (3) Ali, T. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1999**, *40*, 5621.

**44,215-1** Indium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate (*Indium triflate*)

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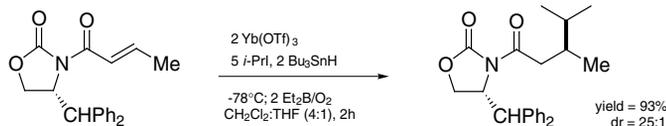


Scandium triflate catalyzes, among other reactions, the intermolecular carbene–heteroatom bond insertion in alcohols and thiols leading to the preparation of  $\alpha$ -alkoxy,  $\alpha$ -alkylthio, and  $\alpha$ -phenylthio aryl ketones.

Pansare, S. V. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1999**, *40*, 5255. For a brief review on this catalyst, see Longbottom, D. *Synlett* **1999**, 2023.

**41,821-8** Scandium trifluoromethanesulfonate, 99% (*Scandium triflate*)

## Ytterbium



Lewis acid assisted diastereoselective free radical conjugate additions compete favorably with their ionic counterparts. In the reaction shown here, Sibi reports that ytterbium triflate gives a 25:1 diastereomeric ratio (dr) using 2 equiv of the Lewis acid and a 20:1 dr at 0.1 equiv. Also, moderate amounts of water seem to have little effect on the outcome of the reaction.

Sibi, M. P. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 7517.

**43,059-5** Ytterbium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate, 99.99% (*Ytterbium triflate*)

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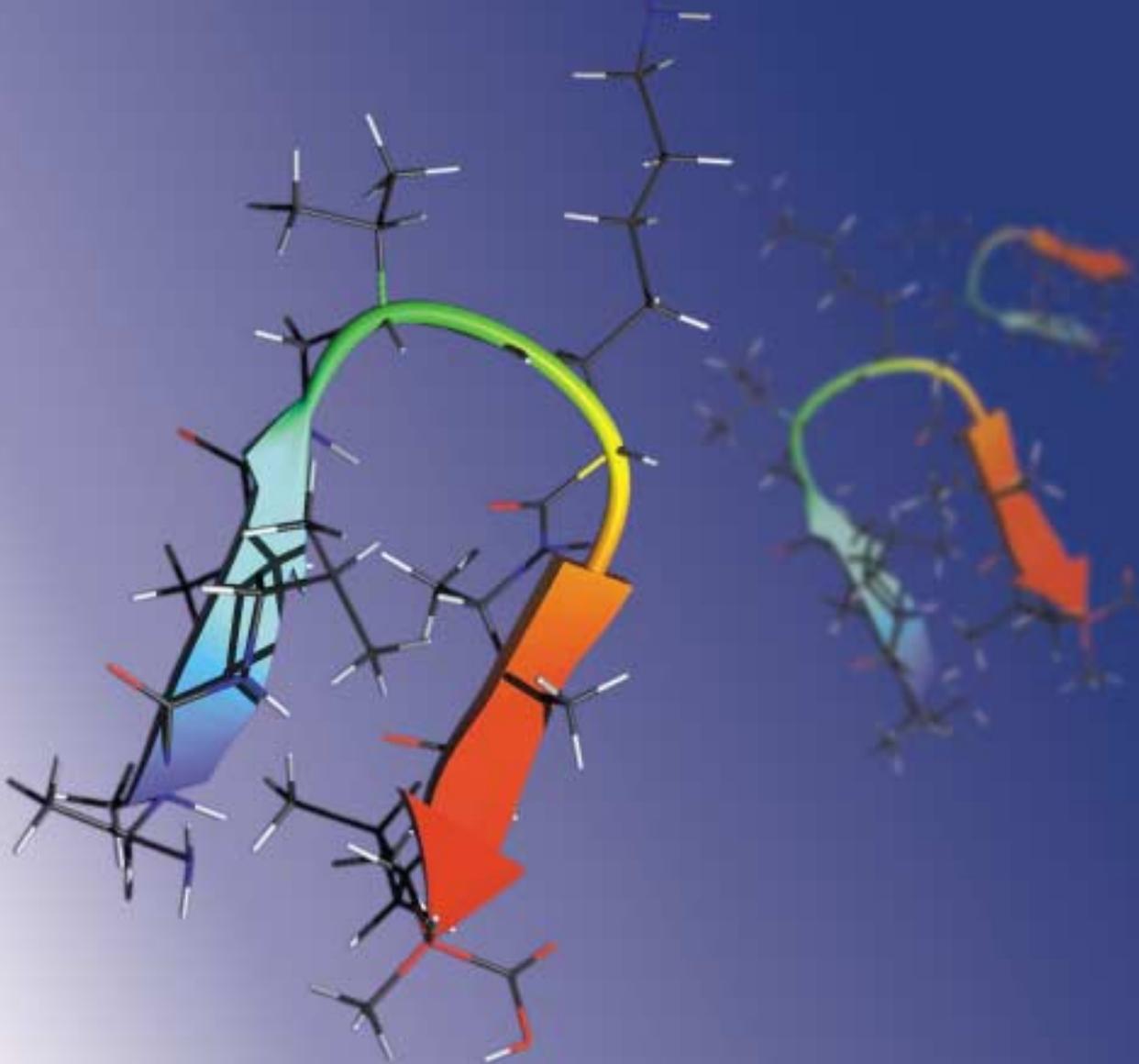
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- 47,346-4** *tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl chloride, 50 wt. % solution in toluene
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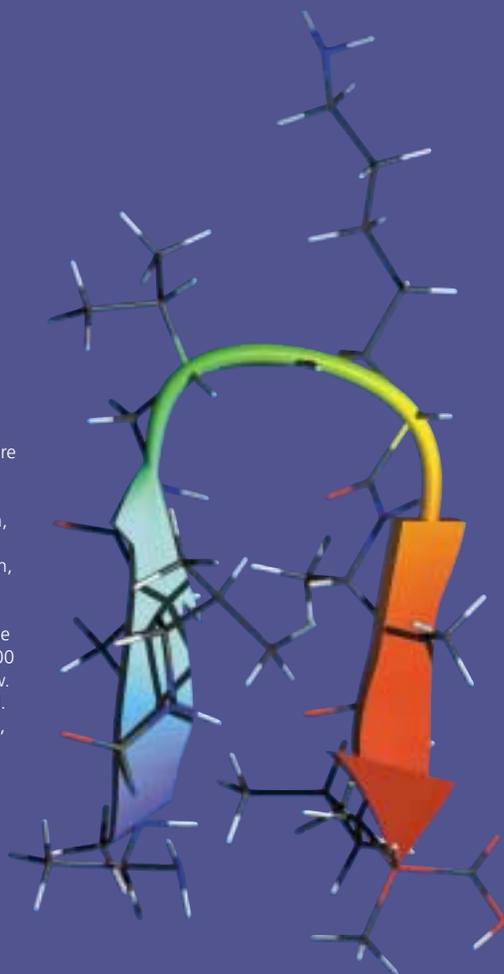
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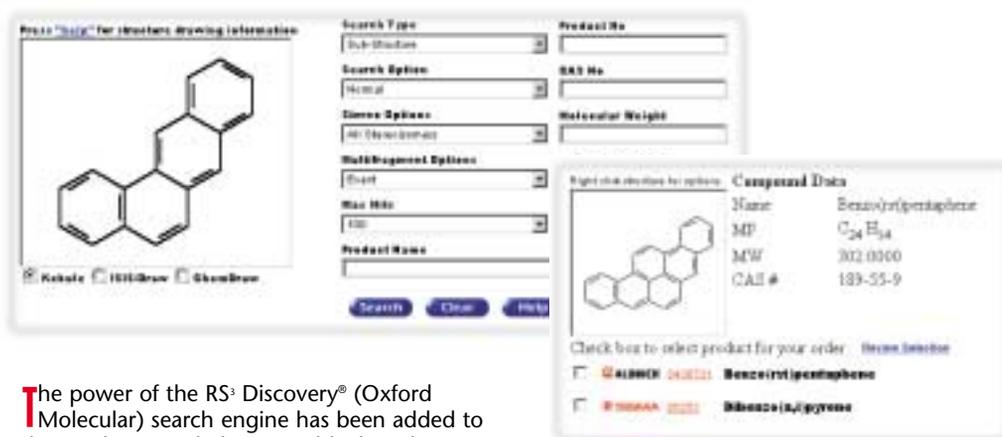
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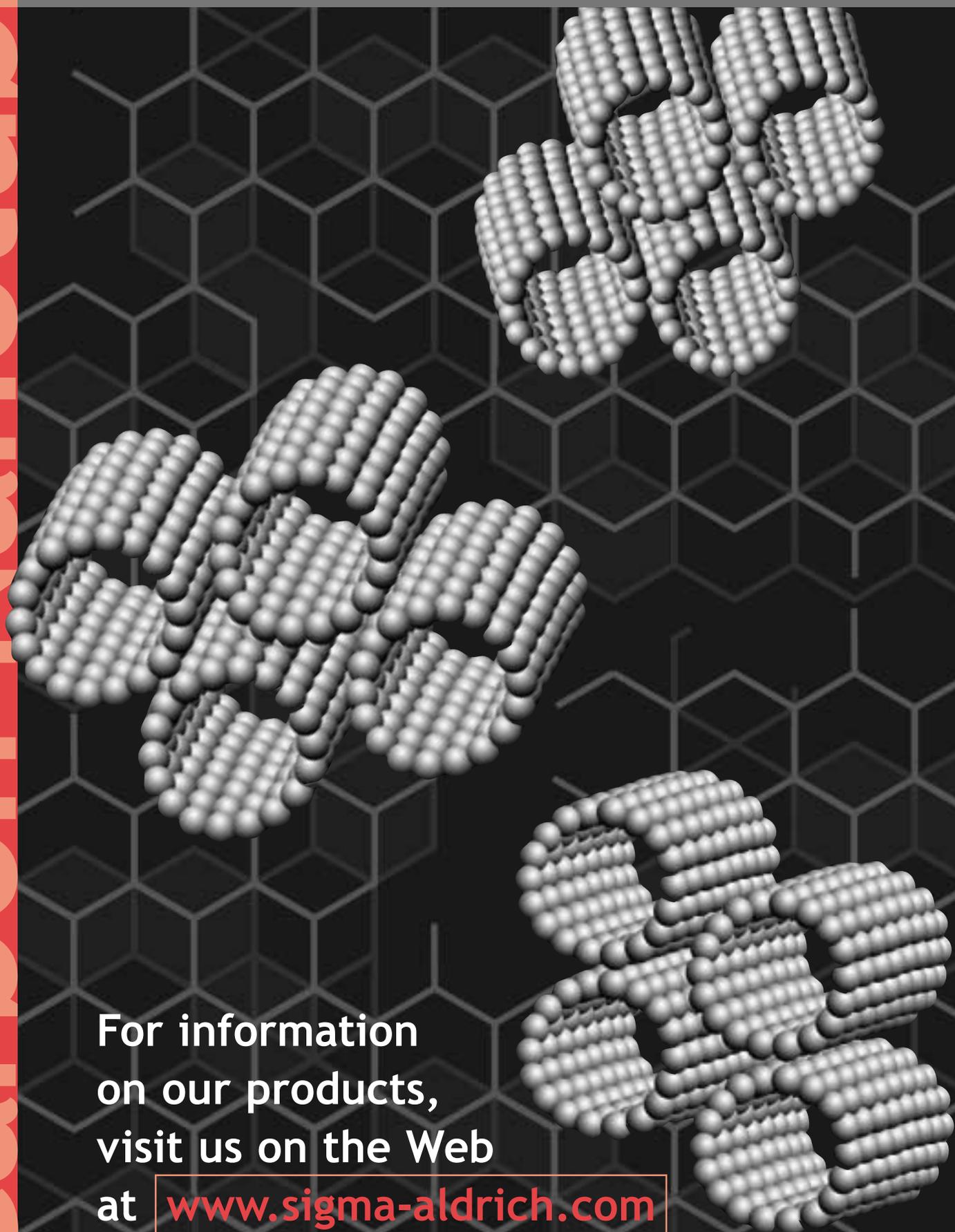
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## Introduction

What was described as a new reagent for the qualitative detection of aldehydes has resulted in a host of methods for the quantitative determination of aldehydes. The story began when Dickinson and Jacobsen reported a new, sensitive, and specific test for the detection of aldehydes using 4-amino-3-hydrazino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole (**1**).<sup>1</sup> Because its lengthy name did not give any indication of this important application, Aldrich offered this triazole under the trade name Purpald<sup>®</sup>, in order to highlight its utility in this respect.

While both aldehydes and ketones readily condense with **1**, only the aminor, **2a**, from an aldehyde can be oxidized to give the conjugated, purple-colored, bicyclic ring system, 6-mercapto-3-substituted-*s*-triazolo-[4,3-*b*]-*s*-tetrazine (**3**).

## Qualitative Tests

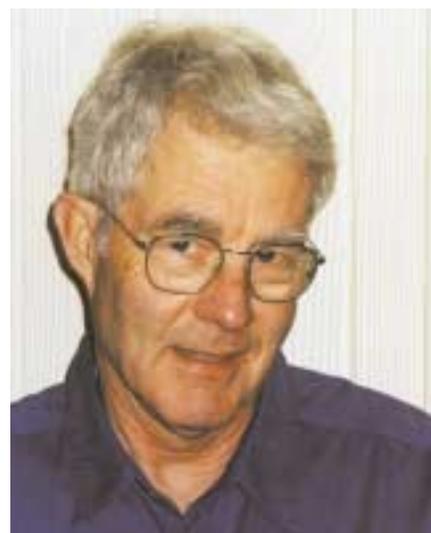
Dickinson and Jacobsen's initial paper described a simple test that uses one drop of the aldehyde and about 150 mg of **1** in 2 mL of 1N NaOH. Aeration of the resulting solution produces an intense color within one minute. This test is both sensitive and specific for aldehydes. The reagent does not give purple condensation products with ketones, esters, amides, hydrazines, hydroxylamines, quinones, aminophenols, uric acid, or formic acid, which are known to interfere with the usual test reagents such as Fehling's solution, and Tollens' and Schiff's reagents. The test is sensitive to aldehydes at a concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M. The authors examined the purple-colored solutions obtained from a variety of aldehydes and reported an absorption band in the visible region at 520–555 nm. Very hindered aldehydes may require longer reaction times. **Table 1** lists some representative aldehydes and reaction times necessary for color changes.<sup>2</sup>

Dickinson and Jacobsen mentioned in a footnote that acetic acid, known to contain

0.05% acetaldehyde, gave a positive test with **1**.<sup>1</sup> Recently, a student obtained a positive test with a sample of 95% 3-pentanone, which clearly indicated the presence of a low concentration of an aldehyde.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, care must be taken, if one is relying on the test, when dealing with samples of unknown purity. Other misleading results can be obtained when certain substances are oxidized to aldehydes under the test conditions. Durst and Gokel<sup>4</sup> reported that the use of ethylene glycol, known to be readily oxidized, as the solvent might give spurious results. They described the use of a phase-transfer catalyst to improve the test for lipophilic aldehydes, which have low solubilities in aqueous media. The oxidation of aminor **2** to **3** was also carried out using hydrogen peroxide<sup>5</sup> or periodate ion.<sup>6,7</sup> Rahn and Schlenk<sup>8</sup> observed a positive test from ozonides. Purpald<sup>®</sup> has been used to prepare filter paper test strips,<sup>9</sup> in TLC spray reagents,<sup>8</sup> and as a reagent for the post-column derivatization in high-pressure liquid chromatography.<sup>5,10</sup> The sensitivity limit of this reagent (a distinct purple solution is produced) is under 1 mg of Purpald<sup>®</sup> in 0.6 mL of dilute NaOH with 37% formaldehyde solution.<sup>3</sup> At this level, the cost of Purpald<sup>®</sup> is less than that of the silver nitrate used in the Tollens' aldehyde test.

## Quantitative Tests

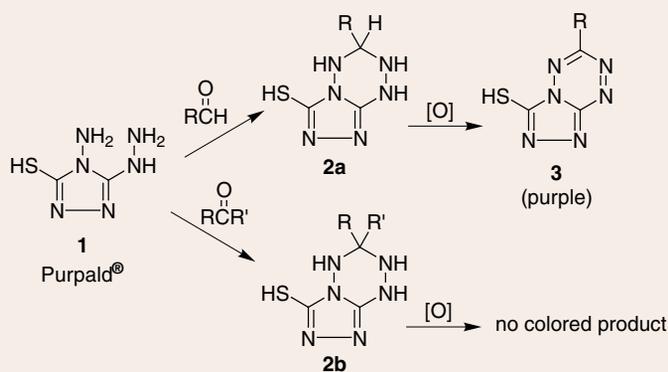
Following their initial report, Jacobsen and Dickinson described the use of **1** in spectrophotometric quantitative assays of aldehydes.<sup>11</sup> They found that Beer's law was followed for 0.5–5 ppm formaldehyde within the limit of  $\pm 3\%$ . Also, the same  $\pm 3\%$  limit pertained to 5–20 ppm formaldehyde after suitable dilution. The colored product, **3**, from a group of aldehydes displayed a  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  absorption between 532 and 549 nm. Nakano has described the detrimental effects of copper (II) and cobalt ions in the course of formaldehyde determinations.<sup>12</sup> The addition of EDTA markedly inhibited the interference of Cu(II) ion.



## Applications

The spectrophotometric quantitative assays have led to a wide range of applications for Purpald<sup>®</sup>, including the detection of aldehydes in gases, liquids, and on solid surfaces. The detection of formaldehyde vapor has been extensively studied.<sup>13–18</sup> Quesenberry and Lee<sup>6</sup> described a rapid formaldehyde assay using Purpald<sup>®</sup> under periodation conditions, and attained the sensitivity level of as little as 1 nmol formaldehyde. Lambert et al.<sup>16</sup> described a solid reagent of Purpald<sup>®</sup>-acetone aminor on sodium bicarbonate, which responded to formaldehyde in the sub-ppm concentration range. Spreitzer and Jaeger<sup>19</sup> have reported a method for the determination of ppb amounts of formaldehyde in aqueous solution with Purpald<sup>®</sup>. Fujiwara et al.<sup>20</sup> reviewed the microscale determination of formaldehyde in vaccines with **1**. Mimura et al.<sup>7</sup> have compared the Purpald<sup>®</sup> method with the acetylacetone method for the detection of formaldehyde. The presence of formaldehyde on the surface of natural wood<sup>21</sup> and boards bonded with urea-formaldehyde resin<sup>22</sup> has been detected using Purpald<sup>®</sup>.

Other aldehydes that have been detected by using **1** include: aldehydes in disinfectant



**Table 1. Reactions of Representative Aldehydes with 1<sup>2</sup>**

Aldehyde	Color	Time
5-Hydroxypentanal	purple	<30 sec
Crotonaldehyde	purple	—
<i>trans</i> -Cinnamaldehyde	purple	<5 min
$\alpha$ -Methylcinnamaldehyde	purple	<10 min
$\beta$ -Phenylcinnamaldehyde	purple	—
Benzaldehyde	purple	<1 min
2-Nitrobenzaldehyde	purple-brown	<30 sec
4-Acetamidobenzaldehyde	purple-brown	<5 min
2-Chloro-6-nitrobenzaldehyde	purple	<5 min
10-Methylanthracene-9-carboxaldehyde	purple	very slow

solutions,<sup>23</sup> acetaldehyde on the surface of fruit,<sup>24</sup> semialdehydes,<sup>25</sup> invert sugars,<sup>26,27</sup> and lipid aldehydes.<sup>8</sup> A number of reports have also described analytical procedures, which utilize the formation of an aldehyde and its subsequent quantitative spectrophotometric measurement using Purpald<sup>®</sup>. For example, Sugano and co-workers<sup>28</sup> analyzed hydrogen peroxide in serum by adding methanol and the enzyme necessary to catalyze the peroxide oxidation of methanol to formaldehyde. Formaldehyde concentrations were then determined with Purpald<sup>®</sup>. Additional examples of substances analyzed in this way include: methanol,<sup>29,30</sup> sugars and glycols,<sup>31</sup> serum triglycerides,<sup>32</sup> diprophylline which contains a glycol moiety,<sup>33</sup> glafenine,<sup>34</sup> clindamycin,<sup>35</sup> uric acid,<sup>36</sup> and methylenebisthiocyanate.<sup>37</sup> Multistep processes, which ultimately produce an aldehyde, include the assay of acyl-CoA synthetase,<sup>38</sup> catalase activity in tissue,<sup>39</sup> and D-amino acid oxidase.<sup>40</sup>

## Conclusion

This interesting reagent came to light shortly after it was mentioned for the qualitative detection of aldehydes in “Brownstein’s

Closet” section of *CHEMTECH*.<sup>41</sup> Naturally, it was prepared and offered by Aldrich. The anticipated use as a quantitative reagent has not been forthcoming; however, it has been widely employed as a quantitative spectrophotometric reagent. Recently, Brandl<sup>42</sup> has suggested that Purpald<sup>®</sup> will replace the Tollens’ test for aldehydes in the student laboratory. Purpald<sup>®</sup> is both sensitive and specific for aldehydes. The test is fast and easy to perform, and avoids the potentially explosive silver salts associated with the Tollens’ test. The toxicity of Purpald<sup>®</sup> has not been determined.

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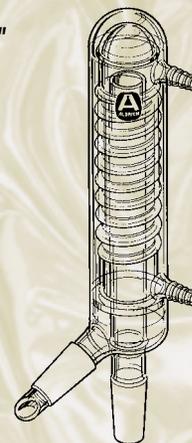
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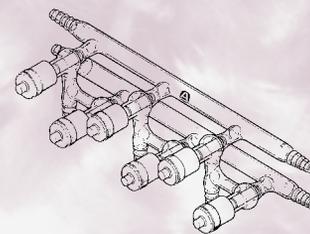


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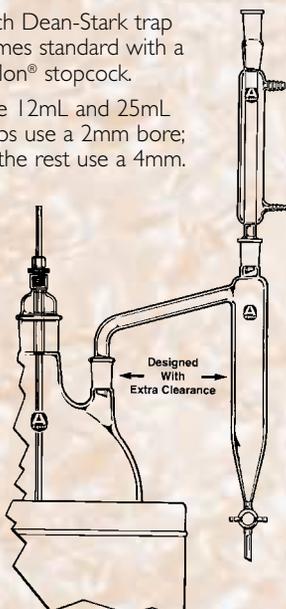


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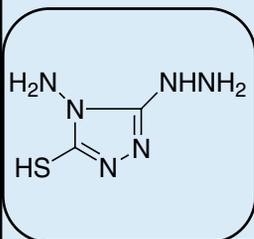
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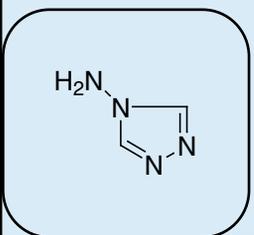
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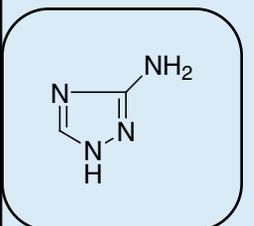
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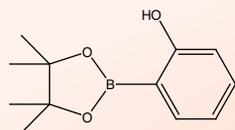
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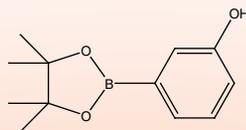
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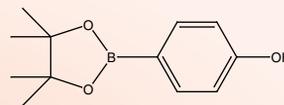
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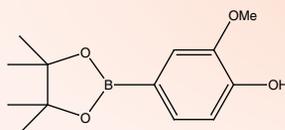
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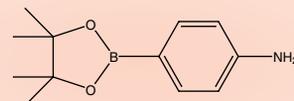
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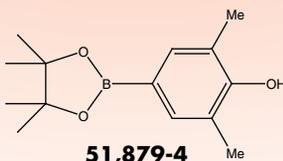
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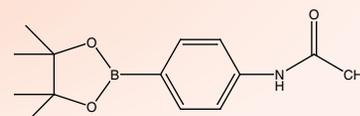
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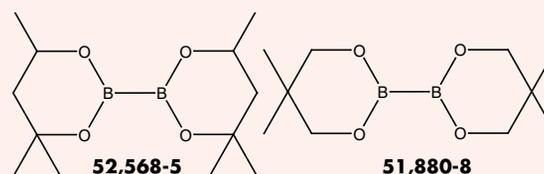
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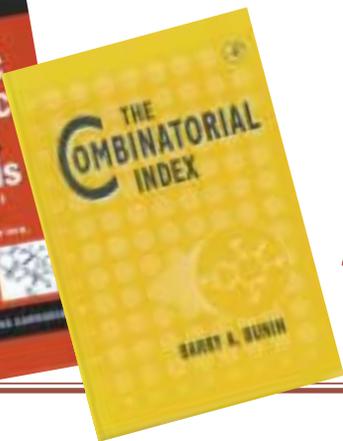
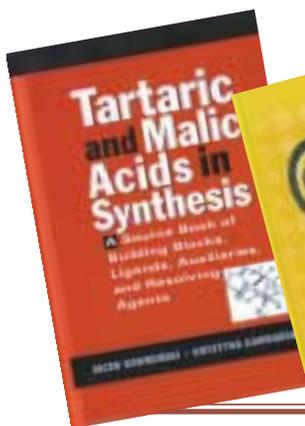
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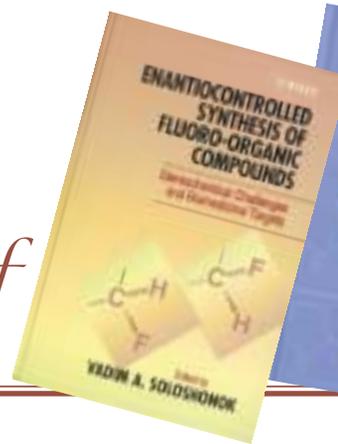
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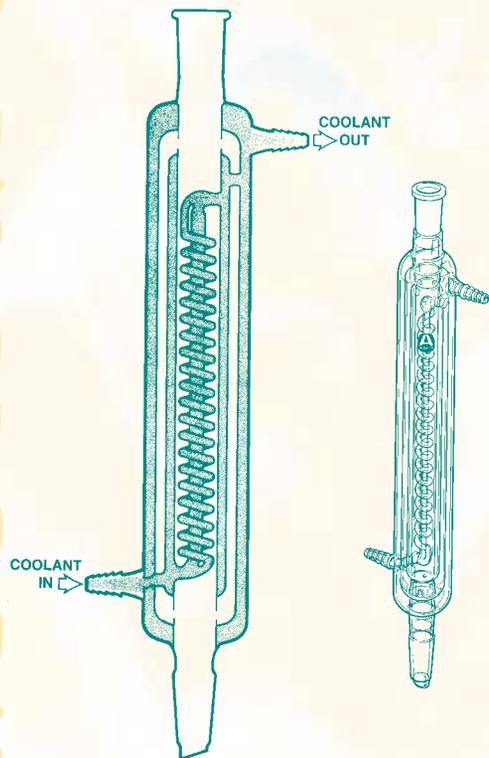
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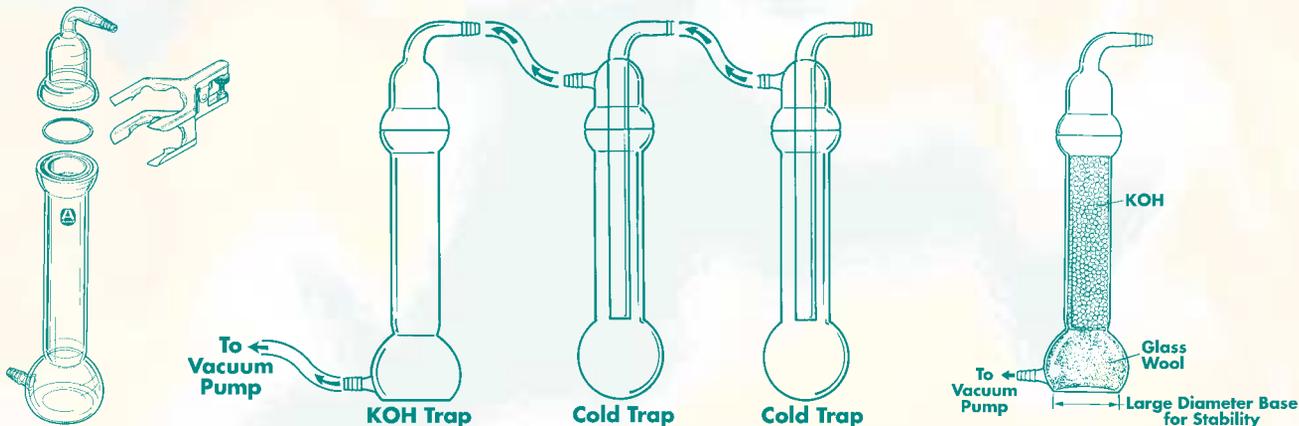
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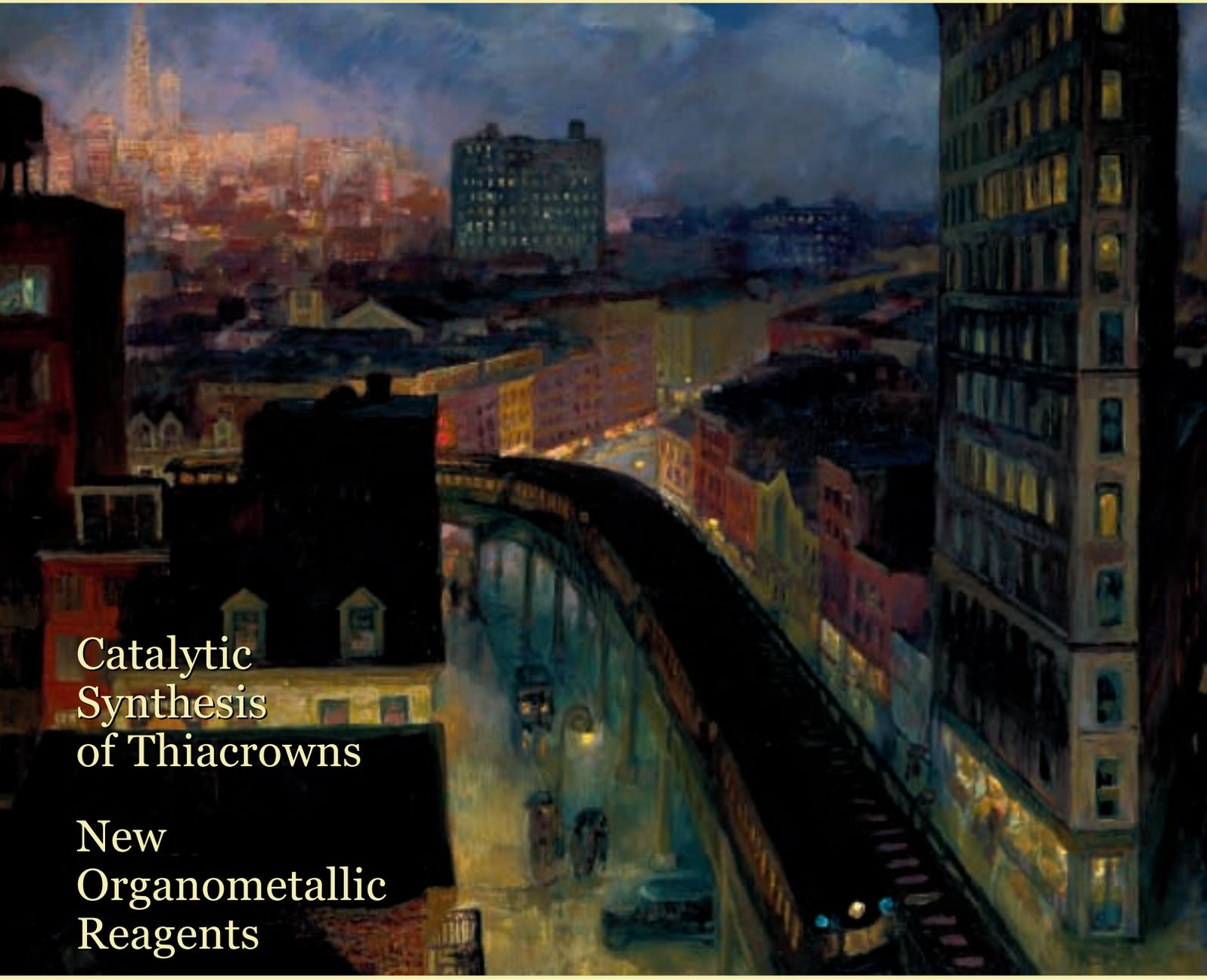
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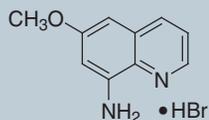


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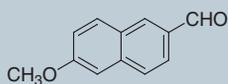
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Quinoline building block.<sup>1</sup> Used as an amino component in a novel series of bladder-selective diaminocyclobutenedione potassium channel openers.<sup>2</sup>

(1) Armer, R.E. et al. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **1999**, 9, 2430. (2) Butera, J.A. *J. Med. Chem.* **2000**, 43, 1187.

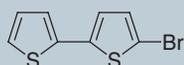
**52,809-9 8-Amino-6-methoxyquinoline hydrobromide, 97%**



Employed in the synthesis of biologically active naphthalenes.<sup>1</sup> The aldehyde moiety has been elaborated into an oxetane in a photocyclization<sup>2</sup> and to a butanone in the preparation of the NSAID nabumetone.<sup>3</sup>

(1) Bosca, F. et al. *Photochem. Photobiol.* **2000**, 71, 173. (2) Abe, M. et al. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1998**, 3261. (3) Prabhakar, C. et al. *Org. Process Res. Dev.* **1999**, 3, 121.

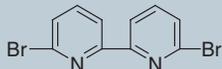
**53,308-4 6-Methoxy-2-naphthaldehyde, 98%**



Used recently in the synthesis of oligothiophenes<sup>1,2</sup> and oligothiénylferrocene complexes.<sup>3</sup>

(1) Jiang, B. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, 121, 9744. (2) Ibrahim, M. A. et al. *Synth. Met.* **1999**, 105, 35. (3) Zhu, Y.; Wolf, M. O. *Chem. Mater.* **1999**, 11, 2995.

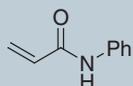
**52,285-6 5-Bromo-2,2'-bithiophene, 96%**



Direct copper catalyzed substitution of the bromines with nitrogen led to chiral bipyridine ligands based on camphor sultam or a prolinol ether.<sup>1</sup> The bis(3-pyrazolyl) derivative was studied as a tetradentate chelating ligand.<sup>2</sup>

(1) Kandzia, C. et al. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1993**, 4, 39. (2) Couchman, S. M. et al. *Polyhedron* **1999**, 18, 2633.

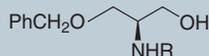
**51,388-1 6,6'-Dibromo-2,2'-dipyridyl, 90%**



The BPO initiated graft polymerizations of this N-substituted acrylamide and N-isopropylacrylamide (41,532-4) onto ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymer were conducted. Thermal and mechanical properties were studied along with changes in morphology upon irradiation.

Park, K-G et al. *J. Appl. Polym. Sci.* **1999**, 74, 3259.

**53,004-2 N-Phenylacrylamide, 99%**



1, R=H  
2, R=BOC

Used for preparing the enantiopode of Garner's aldehyde,<sup>1</sup> peptide nucleic acid (PNA) analogs,<sup>2</sup> and chiral gadolinium complexes that are employed as MRI contrasting agents.<sup>3</sup>

(1) Avenozza, A. et al. *Synthesis* **1997**, 1146. (2) Ramasamy, K. S.; Seifert, W. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **1996**, 6, 1799. (3) Sajiki, H. et al. *Synth. Commun.* **1996**, 26, 2511.

**47,375-8 (R)-(+)-2-Amino-3-benzyloxy-1-propanol, 97% (99% ee/GLC) (1)**

**47,376-6 (R)-(+)-3-Benzyloxy-2-(tert-butoxycarbonyl-amino)-1-propanol, 98% (2)**

Used to prepare fluoro-substituted pyrrolidinyl-2-pyridinones as antibacterial agents<sup>1</sup> and in the study of Protein Kinase C (PKC) inhibitors.<sup>2,3</sup>

(1) Li, Q. et al. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **1998**, 8, 1953. (2) Jagdmann, G.E. et al. *ibid.* **1995**, 5, 2015. (3) Lai, Y. et al. *ibid.* **1995**, 5, 2151.

**49,412-7 Benzyl 3-pyrroline-1-carboxylate, 90% (1)**

**47,751-6 tert-Butyl 2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxylate, 97% (2)**

Bis-protected guanyating agent used in the preparation of guanidinonaphthyl amino acid esters, "inverse" substrates for trypsin and trypsin-like enzymes.<sup>1,2</sup>

(1) Tanizawa, K. et al. *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* **1999**, 47, 104. (2) Sekizaki, H. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1997**, 38, 1777.

**43,942-8 N,N'-Bis(benzyloxycarbonyl)-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide, 97%**

The highly reactive anhydride moiety makes this a commonly used scavenger resin to remove primary and secondary aliphatic amines from solution-phase reactions.

Coppola, G.M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, 39, 8233.

**51,437-3 Isatoic anhydride, polymer-bound, 2.0-2.5 mmol N/g**

A pheromone intermediate was prepared by displacement of the bromide with an acetylene followed by selective deprotection of the silyl group with neutral alumina in the presence of a THP ether.

Capdevila, A. et al. *Org. Lett.* **1999**, 1, 845.

**51,314-8 (6-Bromohexyloxy)-tert-butyldimethylsilane, 99%**

Pharma building block used in the preparation of topomerase inhibitors,<sup>1</sup> neuroprotective agents,<sup>2</sup> and novel antagonists for vascular 5HT<sub>1B</sub>-like receptors.<sup>3</sup>

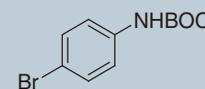
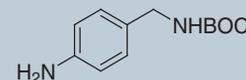
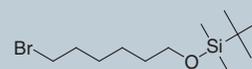
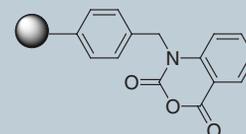
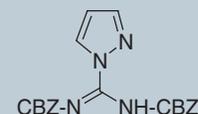
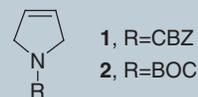
(1) Dudouit, F. et al. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2000**, 10, 553. (2) Di Fabio, R. et al. *J. Med. Chem.* **1999**, 42, 3486. (3) Moloney, G.P. et al. *ibid.* **1999**, 42, 2504.

**52,562-6 4-[(N-BOC)aminomethyl]aniline, 97%**

BOC protection makes this aniline a good substrate for Suzuki coupling. Two examples are the biaryls from reaction with pyridine<sup>1</sup> or 3-benzaldehyde<sup>2</sup> boronic acids.

(1) Lamothe, M. et al. *J. Med. Chem.* **1997**, 40, 3542. (2) Couits, I.G.C. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1997**, 38, 5563.

**52,724-6 N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-4-bromoaniline, 97%**



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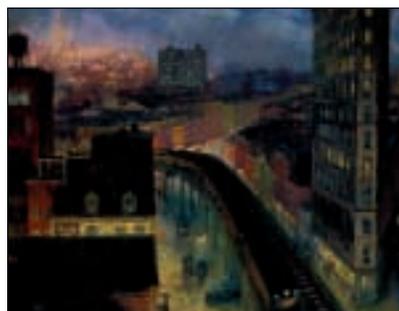
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*The City from Greenwich Village* (oil on canvas, 26 in. x 33<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in.) was painted in 1922 by the American artist John Sloan, one of a number of artists who came to be called the "Ash Can School" because of their use of busy city streets, tenements, and back alleys as subjects. Sloan, who was born in 1871 in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, worked during the 1890s as a newspaper illustrator in Philadelphia, where he came in contact with the artist Robert Henri. Henri had returned from several years' study in Paris determined to lead a revolt against academic art and with a strong belief that works of art should reflect the reality of contemporary life.

After 1904, Sloan settled permanently in New York, and though he continued to work as an illustrator, he devoted himself increasingly to the pursuit of subjects of human interest and the depiction of scenes of everyday life among ordinary people in the city. He was one of the original members of a group of artists called The Eight, who were not united by a common style but by a rejection of academic aestheticism. This group came into being in 1907, when the National Academy of Design rejected the work of Sloan, George Luks, and William Glackens, and Henri withdrew his own paintings in protest from the Academy's annual exhibition.

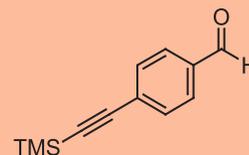
*The City from Greenwich Village* shows the view from the artist's Washington Place studio out over the street on a rainy winter evening. Automobiles and figures bearing umbrellas make their way under the elevated trains, which ran then along Sixth Avenue. Electric lights reflect from the rainy streets and cast a glow between the buildings, and the lights of the skyscrapers at the far left are like a celestial vision in the distance. A much more romantic image than is commonly found in Sloan's earlier works, it is a celebration of the energy and excitement of a great modern city.

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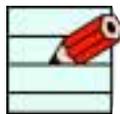
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# Lab Notes

## Analysis of Volatile Compounds in Resins by GC/MS

A convenient and simple way to analyze volatile compounds in resins used in polymerization processes is by GC/MS. The power of GC/MS as an analytical tool is well developed and most laboratories are now equipped with bench-top GC/MS units. Therefore, it is quite convenient to use GC/MS to analyze the amount of monomers present in a resin, the volatile products from polymerization (condensation), or the impurities in a resin. The difficulty in analyzing a resin arises from the fact that it is usually a thick and viscous liquid. The normal procedure of using a solvent to dissolve the resin is tedious and difficult and requires the judicious choice of solvent. In addition, the solvent peak in GC/MS often obscures the small amount of volatile compounds to be analyzed. The use of fixed-volume micro syringes allows simple, direct analysis of the sample without contamination. The micro syringe (Dynatech Mini-injector, from 0.01 to 0.10 microliters, Aldrich Cat. No. Z17,096-8 and Z17,099-2) is dipped directly into the resin sample. Normal injection is made into a GC/MS. The injection port is kept at the appropriate temperature, and the needle is left in the injection port for sufficient time to allow the vaporization of volatile compounds from the needle (about one minute). The needle can be cleaned with appropriate solvents and any residue burned off using a burner. We have used this method successfully to analyze the amount of allyl alcohol (a potent irritant) in a Vibrin resin.

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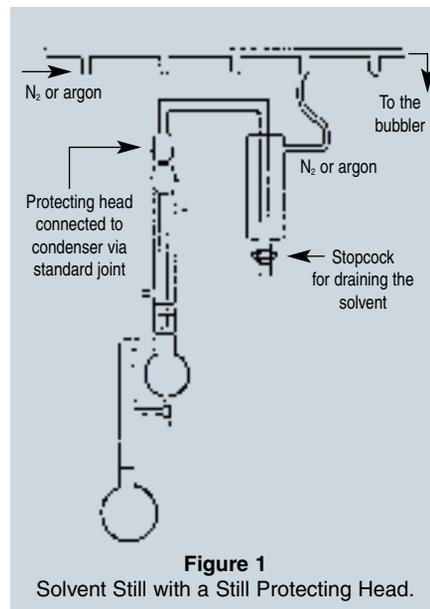
## Preventing Cross-Contamination in Solvent Stills Connected in Series to the Same Inert Gas Manifold

We have always had the problem of solvents getting contaminated with other solvents, when several stills were connected to a common inert gas source. The flow of the inert gas was designed to entrain the solvent vapors by entering the still with the low-vapor-pressure solvent and ending in a bubbler next to the high-vapor-pressure solvent. But, often, solvents were contaminating each other during the distillation due to changes in the rate of inert gas flow, water flow cutoff, or power failure.

To minimize this contamination, we have designed a new piece of glassware called a Protecting Head, as shown in **Figure 1**. Since the solvent vapors are carried deep inside the side arm, they condense, allowing only the inert gas to escape. In a typical setup, each still is fitted with a protecting head and connected to the common inert gas manifold through T-connectors. Any contaminated solvent accumulated in the side arm is periodically removed through the bottom stopcock, making sure that the accumulated solvent does not reach the bottom of the inner tube.

We have successfully used this setup in the distillation of such solvents as diethyl ether, dichloromethane, hexane, toluene, acetonitrile, and THF. We hope that chemists the world over will find it equally useful.

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**Figure 1**  
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# The Catalytic Synthesis of Thiocrowns from Thietanes and Thiiranes by Metal Carbonyl Complexes

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## 1. Introduction

Polythioether macrocycles or thiocrowns, as they are more commonly called, are an extensive family of large-ring heterocycles that contain sulfur.<sup>1</sup> 1,4,7,10,13,16-Hexathiacyclooctadecane, **A**, is a typical example. This compound will be identified by the symbol 18S6, where the 18 indicates the number of atoms in the ring and the 6 the number of sulfur atoms in the ring without specifying their locations. Other compounds in this review will be identified similarly. Thioether sulfur atoms can bind effectively to transition-metal ions.<sup>2</sup> Because of their potential for polydentate coordination and the increased stabilization that this produces, much attention has been focused on the ligand properties of the thiocrowns, **B**.

We have recently developed the first procedures for synthesizing thiocrowns catalytically from thietane and thiirane reagents (**eq 1**,<sup>3,4</sup> **2**<sup>5</sup>).

Thietane **I**<sup>6</sup> and thiirane **II**<sup>7</sup> are the parent members of two families of strained-ring thioethers. Both compounds contain about 80 kJ/mol (19 kcal/mol) of strain energy,<sup>8</sup> and are readily polymerized by Lewis acid (**eq 3**, **4**) and Lewis base catalysts (**eq 5**, **6**).<sup>9,10</sup> Thietanes are readily desulfurized on a clean molybdenum surface.<sup>11</sup> Thiiranes are desulfurized more easily than thietanes, because the olefin remnant is an excellent leaving group.<sup>12</sup> Thiiranes are readily

desulfurized by many metal complexes. In fact, thiiranes have been used as reagents for the synthesis of metal sulfide complexes.<sup>13</sup>

Historically, thiocrowns have been made through the reaction of organic thiols with organic halides in the presence of base.<sup>14</sup> The yields are typically low and the products are difficult to isolate (**eq 7**), although the recent development of the cesium salt method has provided significantly better yields in a number of cases.

## 2. Metal-Promoted Ring Opening of Thietanes

Our efforts to prepare thiocrowns catalytically began in earnest in the early 90s when we discovered that bridging thietane ligands in metal complexes engaged in facile ring-opening reactions with nucleophiles.

These reactions resulted in the cleavage of one of the carbon–sulfur bonds with nucleophiles as simple as the halide ions. The reaction of  $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}(\mu\text{-SCH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{CH}_2)$  (**1**), which contains a bridging 3,3-dimethylthietane ligand, with halides yielded anionic ring-opened  $\gamma$ -halothiolate complexes **2**, that we typically neutralized by proton addition (**eq 8**).<sup>14</sup> The reaction caused cleavage of one of the carbon–sulfur bonds and produced an inversion of configuration at the carbon atom where the nucleophile was added. This is consistent with the backside addition mechanism.

Activation of the thietane toward nucleophilic addition occurs as a result of the donation of electron density from the sulfur atom to the metal atoms. This produces a partial positive charge on the sulfur and a smaller, but still significant, increase in positive charge on the adjacent carbon atoms (see **3**). This effect is apparently sufficient to permit the ring-opening addition of the halide ions.

The first major step toward macrocycle synthesis was the discovery that **1** produced a



ring-opening trimerization of 3,3-dimethylthietane (3,3-DMT) upon addition of two more equivalents of 3,3-DMT to yield  $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{10}(\text{SCH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{CH}_2)_3$  (**4**). It is proposed that **4** is formed through the series of nucleophilic ring-opening additions that begins with a process analogous to that shown in equation 8, traverses a series of zwitterionic thietanium–thiolate intermediates, and finishes with a ring-opening oxidative addition of the last thietanium ring to the cluster. The last step also opens the ring and the cluster, and the reaction terminates (**Scheme 1**).<sup>15</sup> Thermal decarbonylation of **4** results in closure of the cluster, while its treatment with CO at elevated temperatures leads only to the addition and insertion of one CO group at the carbon terminus of the hydrocarbon chain.<sup>15</sup> We were unable to obtain any thiocrowns from compound **4**.

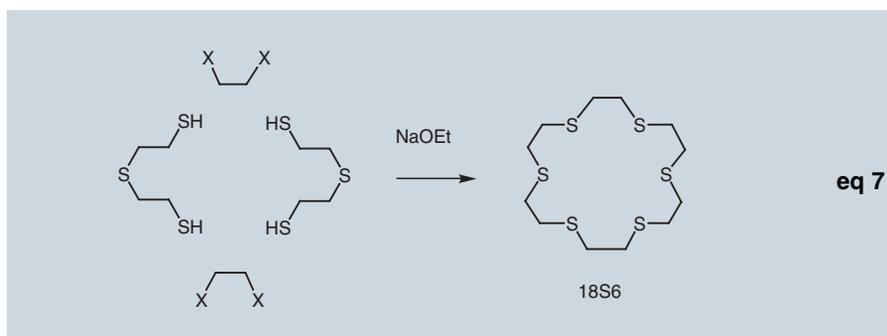
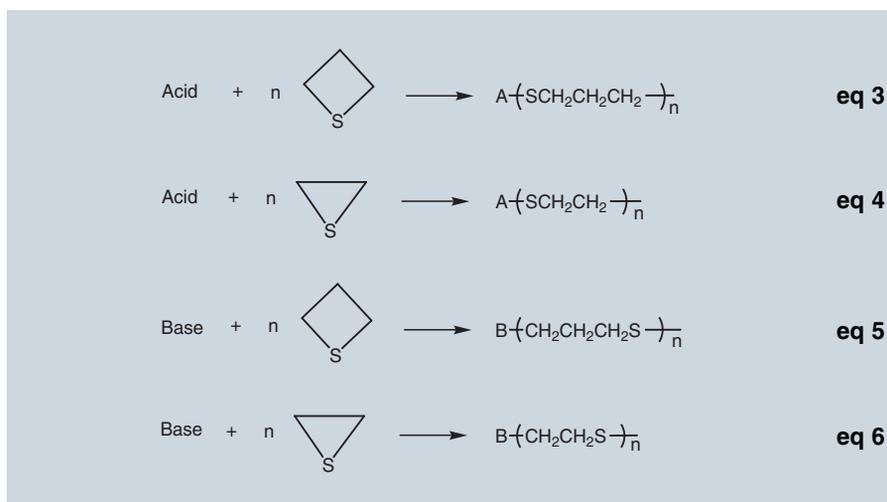
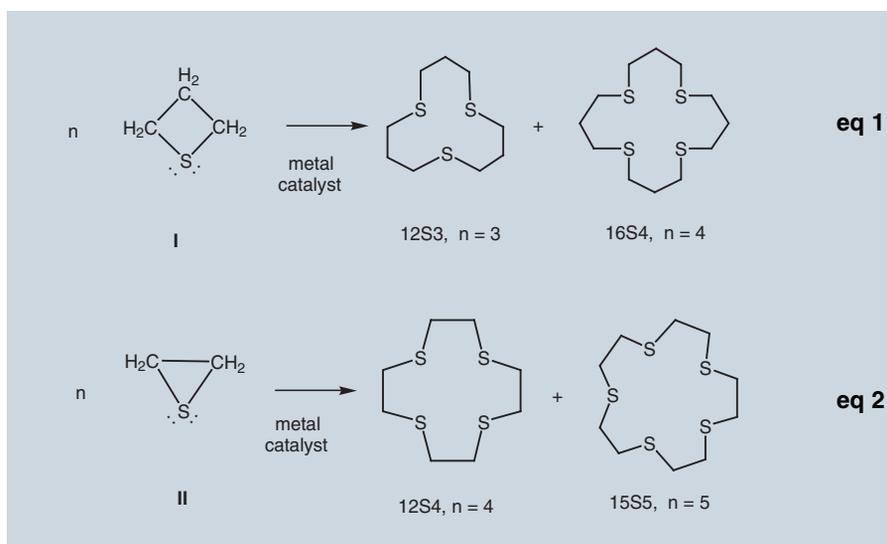
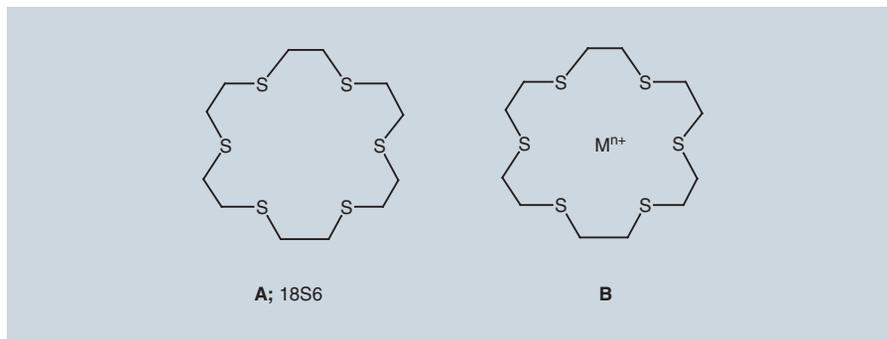
The first successful construction of the thiocrown grouping from a thietane was achieved in the reaction of the trirhenium complex  $\text{Re}_3(\text{CO})_{10}(\mu\text{-SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)(\mu\text{-H})_3$  (**5**) with thietane (**Scheme 2**).<sup>16</sup> Compound **5**

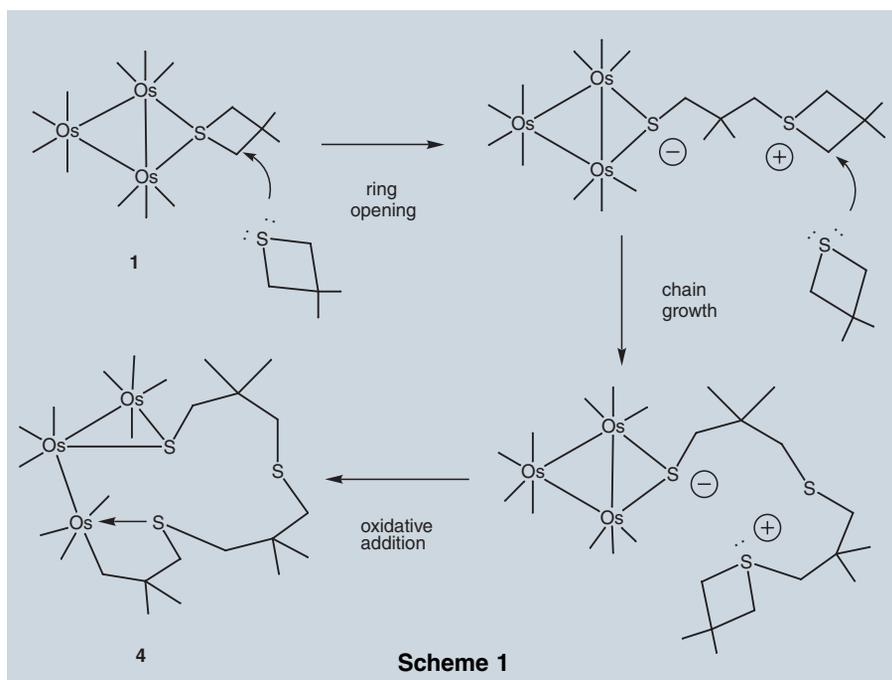
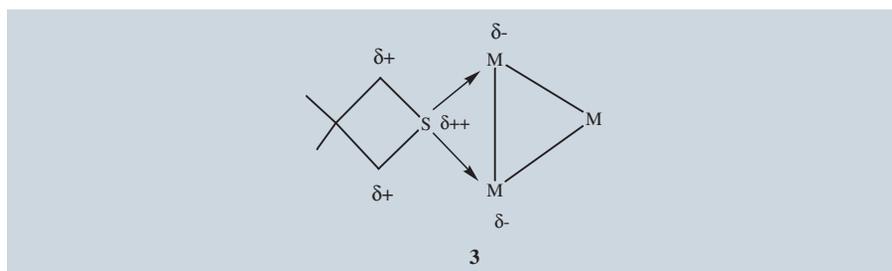
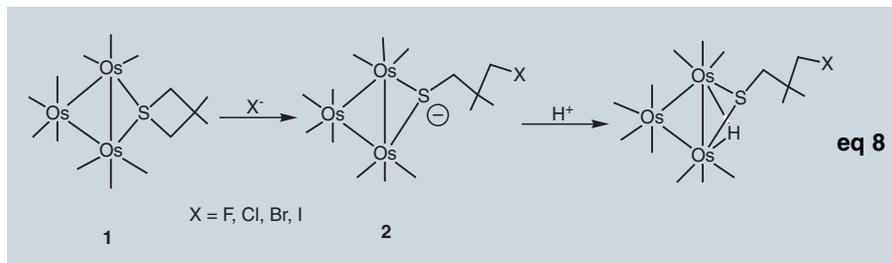
contains a bridging thietane ligand similar to that found in **1**. Complex **5** gives rise to  $\text{Re}_3(\text{CO})_{10}(\mu\text{-SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-12S3})(\mu\text{-H})_3$  (**6**) by the addition of three equivalents of thietane in a series of ring-opening steps, also believed to involve zwitterionic intermediates, that terminate with a recyclization. Compound **6** was characterized crystallographically by preparing its  $\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph}$  derivative (**Figure 1**), and was found to contain a 12S3 thiacycrown grouping linked to the cluster via a  $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$  chain. This linkage results in the formation of a positive charge on that sulfur atom in the 12S3 ring. The thiolato sulfur atom that is coordinated to the cluster formally has a negative charge, and thus **6** is also a zwitterion. It was subsequently found that the 12S3 thiacycrown could be cleaved from the linkage to the cluster by treatment with bases.

### 3. The Catalytic Macrocyclization of Thietanes

The first catalytic process for synthesizing 12S3 was developed by using compound **6**. It was found that thietane itself is sufficiently basic to cleave the macrocycle from the chain, when it is allowed to react with **6** in the absence of solvent at its boiling point (94 °C). This cleavage leads to the regeneration of the intermediate, **C**, and closes the catalytic cycle (**Scheme 2**).<sup>3</sup> The reaction also yields small amounts (1%) of the thiacycrown 16S4, but the principal products are polymers that significantly exceed the yield of 12S3 by a factor of four on a per weight basis. Nevertheless, the reaction can provide useful quantities of 12S3 with a catalytic turnover frequency (TOF = number of moles of product/mole of catalyst-day) of 46. The reaction is successful largely because of the involvement of the zwitterionic intermediates that increase the probability for the recyclization step relative to simple polymerization.

Next, we discovered that certain third-row transition-metal complexes containing terminally coordinated thietane ligands were even more effective catalysts for producing 12S3 from thietane. The most efficient catalyst is  $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_9(\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)$  (**7**), which produces 12S3 at a rate of 146 turnovers/day and with a chemoselectivity of up to 85%.<sup>4</sup> The conversion is not complete and the yield based on the amount of thietane consumed is only about 40%, but the unreacted thietane can be recovered and recycled. It was also found that  $\text{Os}_4(\text{CO})_{11}(\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)(\mu\text{-H})_4$ ,<sup>17</sup> and  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)$  yield 12S3 at rates of 110 and 26 turnovers/day, respectively. The tungsten catalyst exhibits a lower selectivity (about 50%),<sup>18</sup> but is still an attractive catalyst, because it is easily





prepared from the reaction of  $W(CO)_5(NCMe)$  with thietane. In fact,  $W(CO)_5(NCMe)$  can be used as the catalyst precursor with similar results. The ruthenium homolog,  $Ru_4(CO)_{11}(SCH_2CH_2CH_2)(\mu-H)_4$ , is significantly less active and less selective than its osmium counterpart. Likewise, the chromium complex  $Cr(CO)_5(SCH_2CH_2CH_2)$  is significantly less effective than the tungsten analog. The reason for this is not clear, but it is possible that the metal-sulfur bonds in the thietane complexes are weaker for the first-row metals and, therefore, do not provide as much activation of the thietane ligand as they do in the cases of the third-row metal complexes.<sup>19</sup>

The proposed mechanism for the formation of 12S3 by **7** is shown in **Scheme 3**.<sup>4</sup> The rate of the reaction is first-order in dirhenium, but all transformations are

proposed to occur at a single metal site. As with **6**, it is believed that the zwitterionic character of the intermediates promotes the formation of the macrocycle. This reaction is more efficient than that of **6**, because the recyclization occurs at the terminally coordinated thiolate sulfur atom. This thiolate sulfur is more exposed than the bridging thiolate in **6** and more basic than the thioether sulfur in **6**, which is the actual site of recyclization in the trirhenium system. Recyclization at the thiolate sulfur atom (see **Scheme 3**) can explain the higher selectivity for 12S3 formation. This recyclization produces the 12S3 as a sulfur-bound ligand in the complex **8**. Compound **8** was isolated and characterized crystallographically. It was observed spectroscopically in significant amounts in catalyst solutions, and it exhibits

exactly the same activity as **7**, as it must if it is a member of the same catalytic cycle. Importantly, the catalytic cycle is completed simply by substitution of the 12S3 ligand by thietane, a process that is easier than cleaving 12S3 from the  $SCH_2CH_2CH_2$  tether in **6**. This can explain the higher activity of catalyst **7**.

Next, our efforts were directed toward expanding the scope of the reaction to try to prepare new polythioether macrocycles. By adding methyl substituents to the thietane ring, we were able to prepare 3,7,11-Me<sub>3</sub>-1,5,9-12S3, which exists as a mixture of cis and trans isomers.<sup>20</sup> We were also able to prepare 3,3,7,7,11,11-Me<sub>6</sub>-1,5,9-12S3 from 3,3-DMT,<sup>21</sup> and, by using enantiomerically enriched (*R*)-2-methylthietane, the macrocycle (2*R*,6*R*,10*R*)-2,6,10-Me<sub>3</sub>-1,5,9-12S3, which has three stereogenic centers all of the same configuration.<sup>22</sup> A summary of the results that were obtained with the  $Re_2(CO)_9$  catalysts is shown in **Table 1**.

It was found that the rate of formation of the 12S3 products decreases as the level of substitution on the thietane ring increases. This is probably due to simple steric inhibitions. In addition, the selectivity for the 12S3 ring also declines. The yield of the Me<sub>6</sub>12S3 from 3,3-DMT is only about 10%. Significant quantities of 3,3,7,7,11,11,15,15-Me<sub>8</sub>-1,5,9,13-16S4 and 3,3,7,7,11,11,15,15,19,19-Me<sub>10</sub>-1,5,9,13,17-20S5 are also obtained, but polymers are the principal products. This is because the methyl substituents retard not only the opening of the thietane ring, but also the recyclization step.

We were even able to prepare polyselenoether macrocycles by replacing the sulfur atom in the thietane ring with a selenium atom. From the reaction of 3,3-dimethylselenetane we have obtained good yields of the new compound 3,3,7,7,11,11-Me<sub>6</sub>-1,5,9-12Se3, together with smaller amounts of the new heterocycles 3,3,7,7-Me<sub>4</sub>-1,5-8Se2 and 3,3,7,7,11,11,15,15-Me<sub>8</sub>-1,5,9,13-16Se4, which contain two and four selenium atoms, respectively.<sup>23</sup>

Interestingly, we were even able to obtain some members of a new family of polythiolactones catalytically from  $\beta$ -propiothioloactone (**9**) (**eq 9**).<sup>24</sup> These reactions proceed readily at room temperature. The principal products are polymers. Indeed, it is only when the reaction is diluted with inert solvents, such as methylene chloride, that the macrocycles are obtained. Since it was not possible to isolate a metal complex of **9**, catalyst precursors such as  $Re_2(CO)_9(NCMe)$  were used. Surprisingly, the first-row metal carbonyl  $Mn_2(CO)_9(NCMe)$  was just as effective a catalyst as the third-row rhenium complex for these  $\beta$ -propiothioloactone reactions. Even more surprising, it was found that  $Mn_2(CO)_{10}$  was as effective a catalyst as  $Mn_2(CO)_9(NCMe)$ . It was subsequently observed that these reactions were light-dependent and did not take place at all in the absence of room light. Inhibition by

radicals and other evidence point strongly to a radical-based mechanism for these reactions (**Scheme 4**)<sup>24</sup>. Additional studies showed that only metal-based radicals were sufficiently active to initiate these reactions. Organic radicals, such as TEMPO, were completely ineffective. The reasons for this are not clear at this time.

The conformations of these macrocycles differ significantly from those of the classical thiocrowns. For example, the  $\pi$ -conjugation effects between the sulfur atom and the carbonyl group induce an *s-trans* conformation at the C–C bond between the carbonyl group and its neighboring methylene group. This, in turn, forces the sulfur atoms to turn toward the interior of the ring as shown in the structure of **10** (**Figure 2**). The 24-membered ring in **11** contains such a large cavity that it occludes a molecule of solvent when it crystallizes from solution (**Figure 3**).

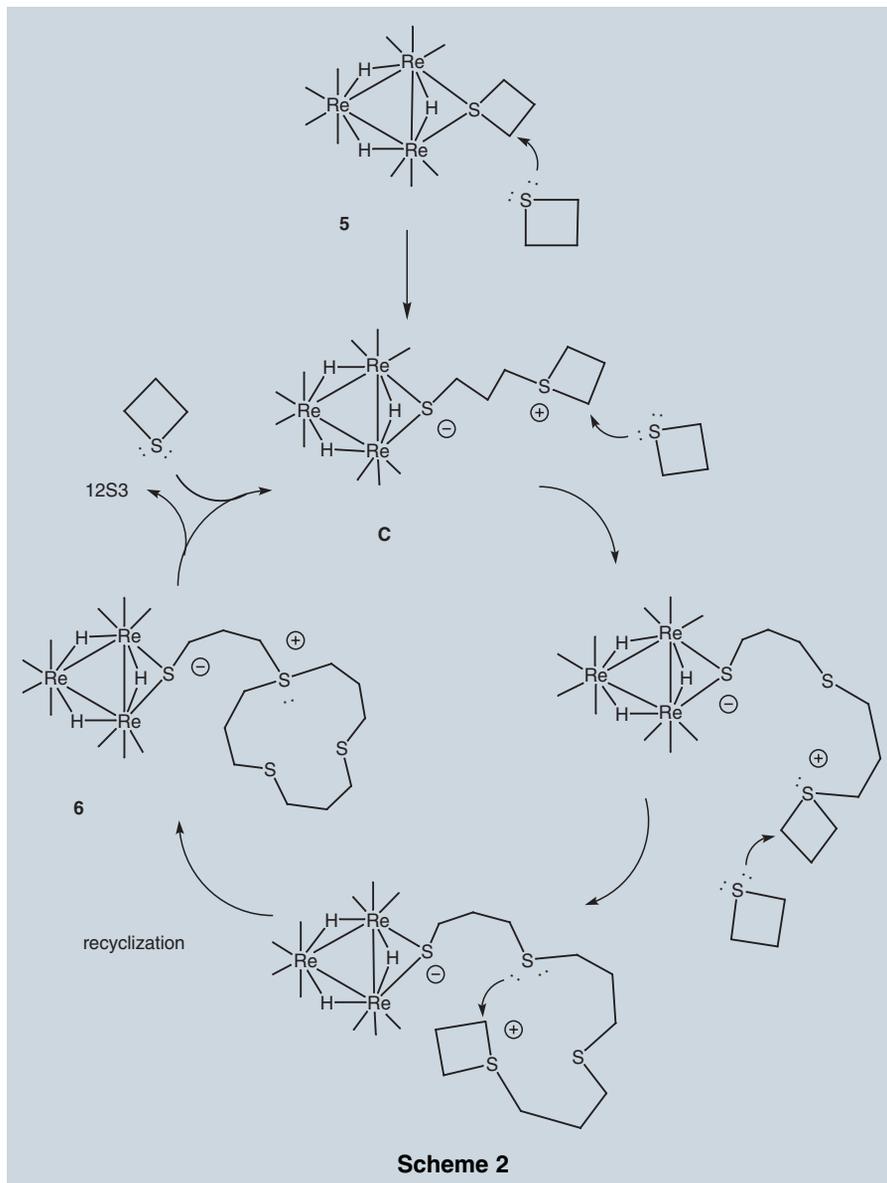
Compound **11** is one of those rare examples of a molecule that possesses  $S_6$  symmetry. These thiocrowns are slowly degraded by hydrolysis at the sulfur–carbonyl bond when left in the open air. We have not yet been able to prepare metal complexes of these thiocrowns. It may be that the donor ability of the sulfur atom is diminished sufficiently by its conjugation to the carbonyl group that complexation with metal ions may no longer be possible.

#### 4. Metal-Catalyzed Transformations of Thiiranes

There are very few examples of stable metal–thiirane complexes: Abel et al. have reported some complexes of *cis*-1,4-cyclohexadienebisepisulfide to the group VI metals, and have structurally characterized the chromium complex  $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_4(\text{cis}\text{-}1,4\text{-cyclohexadienebisepisulfide})$ .<sup>25</sup> Amarasekera et al. have prepared the thiirane–ruthenium complex  $[\text{Cp}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Ru}(\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2)][\text{O}_3\text{SCF}_3]$ .<sup>26</sup>

We have prepared a series of (thiirane) $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5$  complexes that are similar to Abel's compounds by the reaction of  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NCMe})$  with the corresponding thiirane:  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2)$  (**12**),  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{cis}\text{-SCHMeCHMe})$  (**13**), and  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{trans}\text{-SCHMeCHMe})$  (**14**).<sup>5</sup> Compound **13** was characterized crystallographically, and a diagram of its molecular structure is shown in **Figure 4**. The thiirane is coordinated to the tungsten through one of the two lone pairs of electrons on the sulfur atom. In solution, however, the compound exists as a mixture of two isomers that differ by the coordination of the two inequivalent lone pairs of electrons on the sulfur atom.

The thiirane complex **12** readily reacts with thiirane to yield a series of cyclic disulfides, **15–17**, including a small amount of



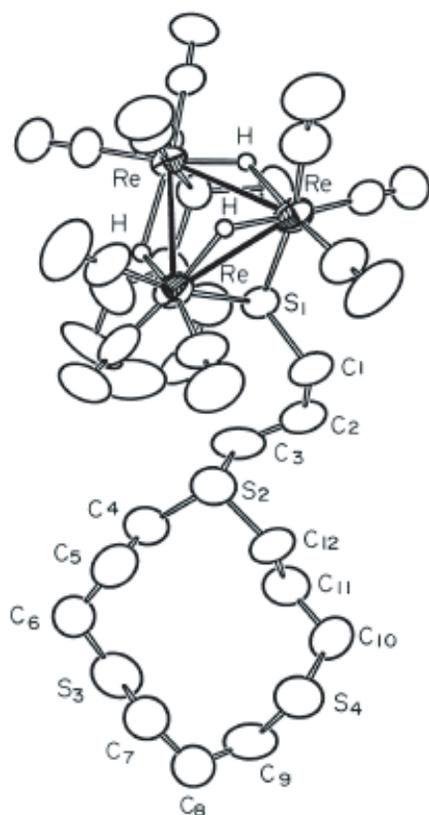
the pentadisulfide, as the principal products (**eq 10**). Small amounts of the polythioethers **12S4**, **15S5** and **18S6** are obtained (see below), and there is also some minor competing desulfurization to yield elemental sulfur.<sup>25</sup> Interestingly, one equivalent of ethylene is produced for each disulfide group that is formed. The current evidence is consistent with a mechanism of backside ring-opening addition of a free molecule of thiirane to one of the methylene groups of the thiirane ligand (**Scheme 5**).

The zwitterion **D** eliminates ethylene to yield an intermediate containing a  $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S}$  or "dithietane" grouping, as shown in **E**. 1,2-Dithietane is an unstable molecule and has not yet been isolated. It is proposed that the dithietane groupings simply condense to yield the various cyclic disulfides, dimer **15**, trimer **16**, etc., which are then released from the tungsten to regenerate the catalyst. Evidence

for the existence of a dithietane intermediate was obtained by trapping it with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (DMAD). When the reaction was performed in the presence of DMAD, dithiacyclohexene **18** was formed catalytically at a rate of 1.5 turnovers/h. Compound **18** was not obtained from mixtures of the cyclic disulfide products with DMAD in the presence of  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NCMe})$ .

Interestingly, in the presence of DMAD, the formation of the cyclic disulfides **15–17** is greatly suppressed, and the polythioethers **12S4** and **15S5** become the principal products. Evidently, the alkyne somehow slows the elimination of ethylene from the intermediate, **D**, but allows further thiirane ring-opening additions, which are then terminated with a macrocyclization (**Scheme 6**).

When compound **13** was allowed to react with *cis*-SCHMeCHMe in the presence of DMAD, cyclic disulfides were formed.



**Figure 1.** An ORTEP diagram of the molecular structure of the  $\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph}$  derivative of trirhenium cluster complex **6** containing the dangling 1,5,9-trithiacyclododecane macrocycle.

Structural characterization of these disulfides showed that all adjacent carbon atoms always had the same stereochemistry, as observed in the structure of (3*S*,4*S*,7*R*,8*R*,11*S*,12*S*)-hexamethyl-1,2,5,6,9,10-hexathiacyclododecane.<sup>5</sup>

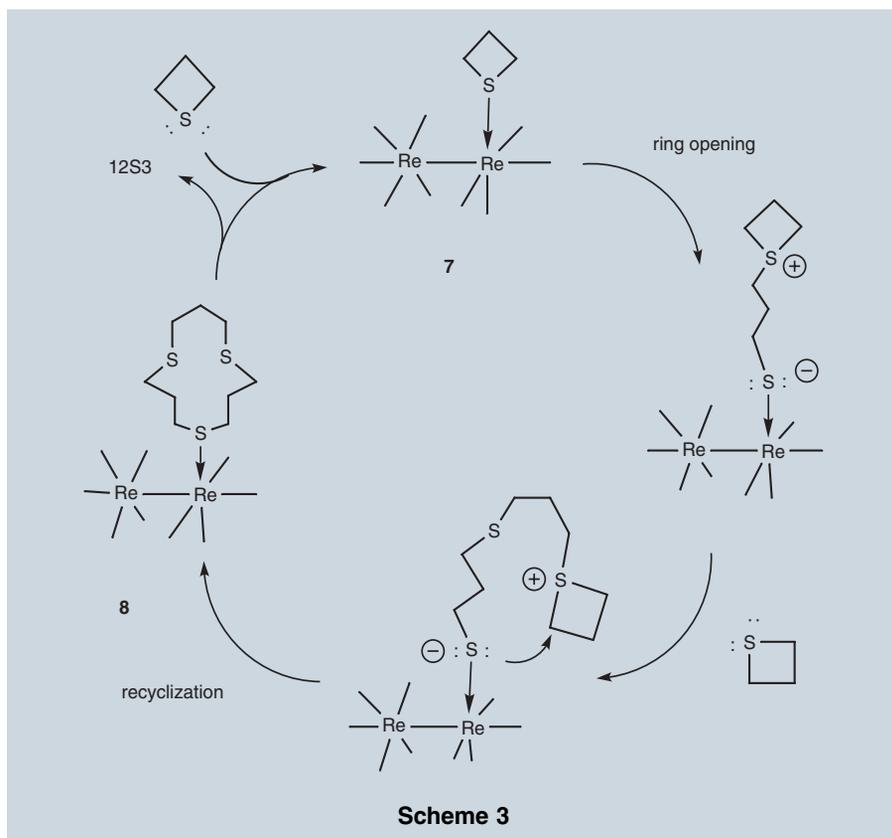
We have also found that vinylthiiranes **19–23** can be effectively transformed into 3,6-dihydro-1,2-dithiins **24–27** by tungsten carbonyl compounds such as  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NCMe})$  (**eq 11**).<sup>27</sup>

These reactions are accompanied by the formation of equivalent amounts of the corresponding butadienes and proceed to essentially 100% conversion, when they are performed at 25 °C. Interestingly, the reaction is inhibited by methyl groups on the thiirane ring, but is accelerated when methyl groups are placed on the vinyl group. Turnover frequencies (TOFs) range from a low of 2  $\text{h}^{-1}$  to a high of 29  $\text{h}^{-1}$  for these compounds (**Table 2**).

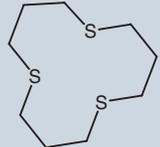
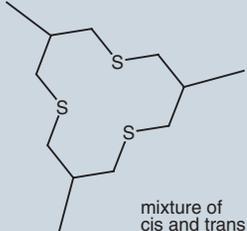
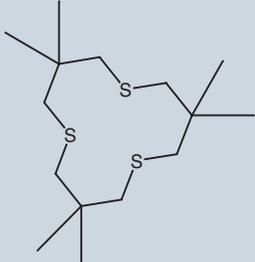
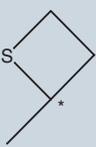
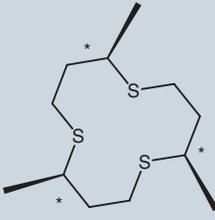
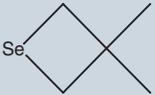
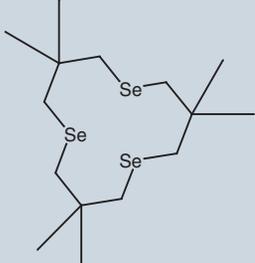
The tungsten complex  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{SSCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_2)$  (**28**) was isolated from the vinylthiirane reaction and was structurally characterized (**Figure 5**).<sup>27a</sup> This compound contains a dihydrodithiin ligand coordinated to the tungsten through one of the sulfur atoms. The W–S and S–S bond distances are 2.549(2) Å and 2.062(2) Å, respectively.

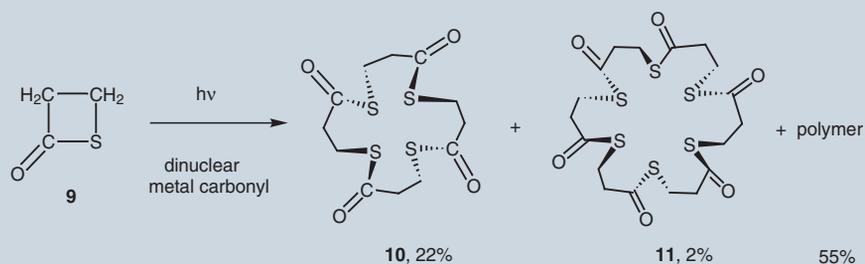
Compound **28** has been observed as a component in the catalytic cycle (**Scheme 7**).  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NCMe})$  is a good catalyst precursor, but is not a component in the catalytic cycle. <sup>13</sup>C NMR studies of catalytically active solutions have shown that  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NCMe})$  and **28** are converted to vinylthiirane-containing tungsten complexes **29** (two isomers that differ as a result of which of the two lone pairs of electrons on the sulfur atom is coordinated) during the catalysis. Unlike the reactions of the simple thiiranes, it has been proposed that the thiirane ring opening occurs spontaneously (step a) to give an allylium–thiolate intermediate, **F**.<sup>27</sup> This could explain the enhancement of the reaction rate by methyl substituents on the vinyl group. Intermediate **F** then rapidly adds a second equivalent of vinylthiirane (step b) to yield a thiiranium–thiolate species, **G**, which eliminates butadiene (step c) to yield the stable dihydrodithiin complex **28**. Another equivalent of vinylthiirane then displaces the dihydrodithiin ligand to release the product, **24**, and complete the catalytic cycle (step d).

Interestingly, the catalysis is significantly increased when a phosphine ligand is substituted for CO on the tungsten atom. For example, the turnover frequency for the catalytic formation of **24** from **19** by  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_4(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{NCMe})$  is 47  $\text{h}^{-1}$ , nearly three times that by  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NCMe})$ . The rate increase can be attributed to steric crowding

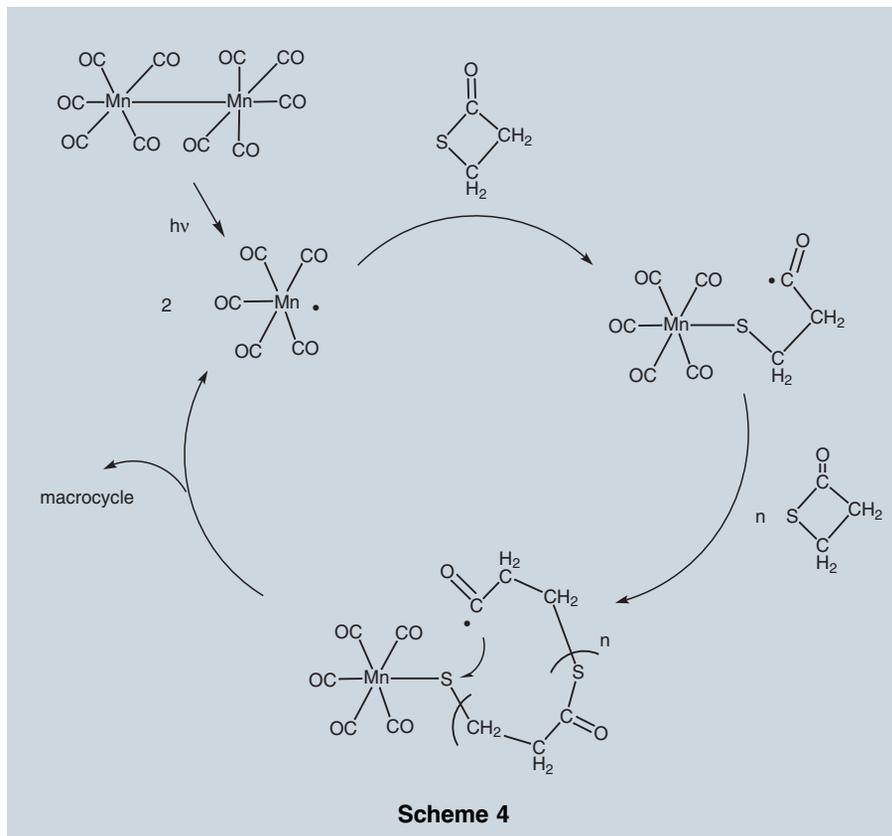


**Table 1. Derivatives of 12S3 Obtained by Using  $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_9$ (thietane) as Catalysts**

Thietane	12S3 Product	Turnover Freq./h
		6.1
	 mixture of cis and trans	2.0
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 ( <i>R</i> ) isomer	 ( <i>R,R,R</i> ) isomer	0.2
		1.5



eq 9



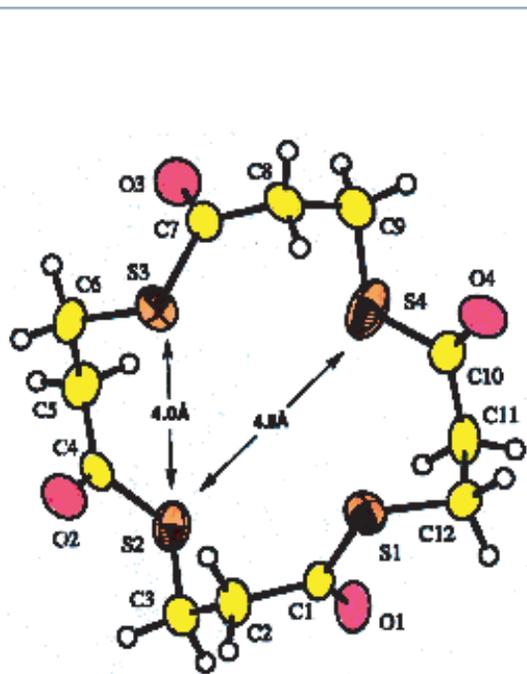
effects that promote the spontaneous ring-opening step of **19**.

Dihydrodithiins belong to the family of allyl disulfide compounds that are found naturally in allyium plant species, including onions and garlic, and exhibit a range of antiviral, antifungal, and antibiotic properties.<sup>28</sup>

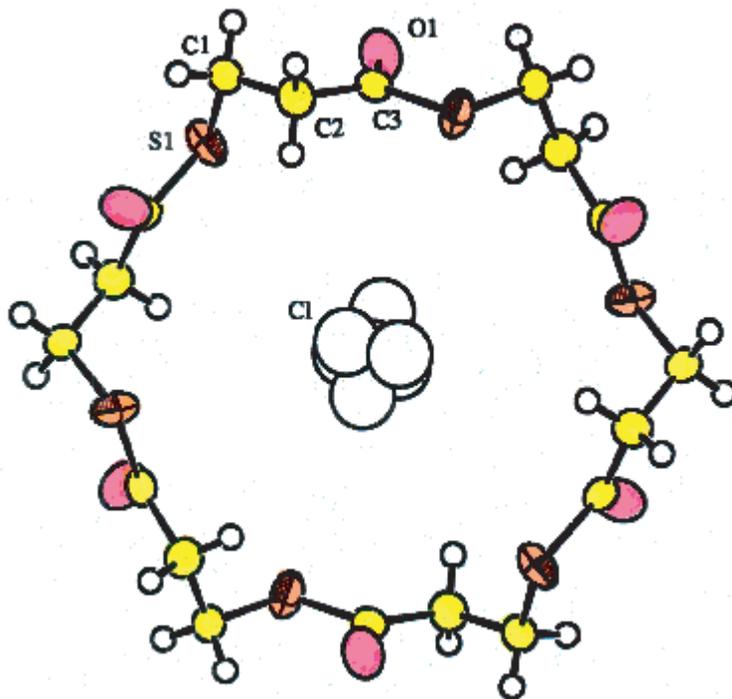
We have now prepared and characterized the first generation of catalysts for the formation of thiocrowns both from thietanes and from thiiranes. Some of these catalysts are very efficient and could be used for the large-scale synthesis of certain thiocrowns; for example the dirhenium complex **7** has been used to prepare 12S3 on a gram scale.<sup>29</sup> The potential for preparing chiral thiocrowns catalytically is evident, although this cannot be done efficiently at this time. Moreover, at present, we have little control of the size of the macrocyclic ring that is obtained. The use of moderating agents or cocatalysts may be of value in achieving these goals.

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**Figure 2.** An ORTEP diagram of the molecular structure of 1,5,9,13-tetrathiacyclohexadecane-2,6,10,14-tetrone (**10**).



**Figure 3.** An ORTEP diagram of the molecular structure of 1,5,9,13,17,21-hexathiacyclohexadecane-2,6,10,14,18,22-hexone (**11**). A  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  molecule with a threefold disorder cocrystallized from the crystallization solvent and is located in the center of the cyclic thiolactone.

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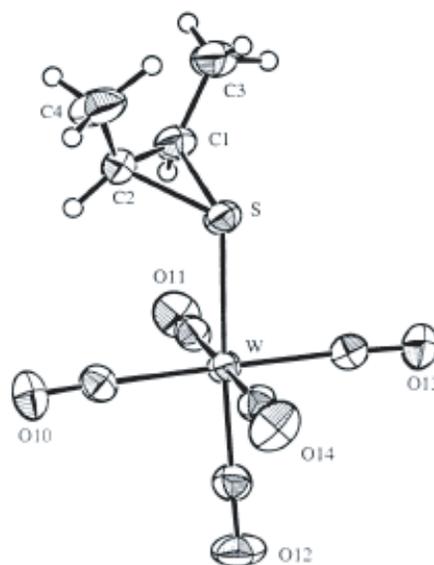
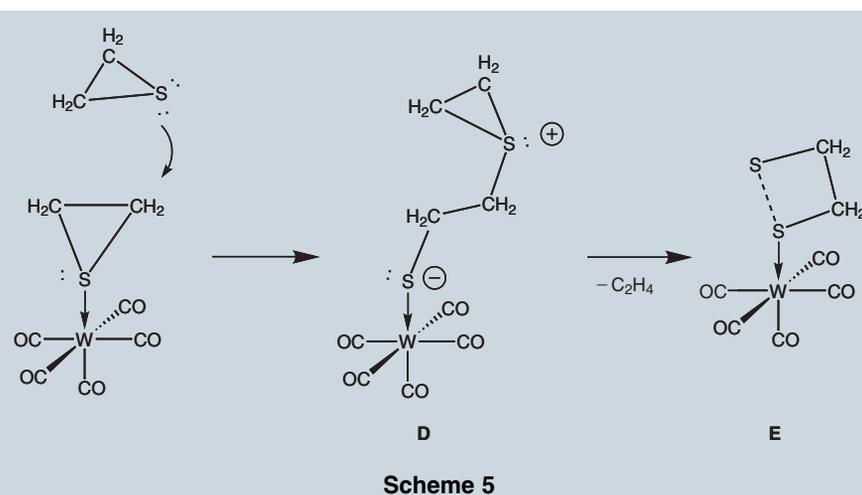
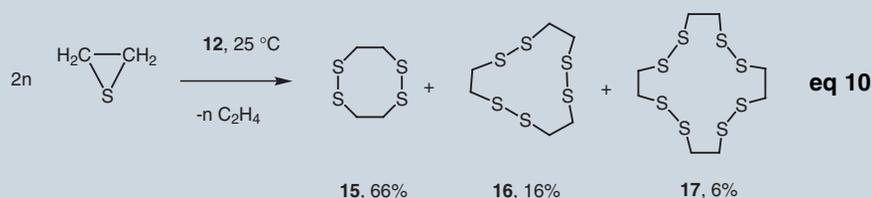
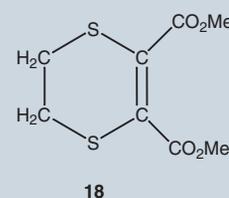
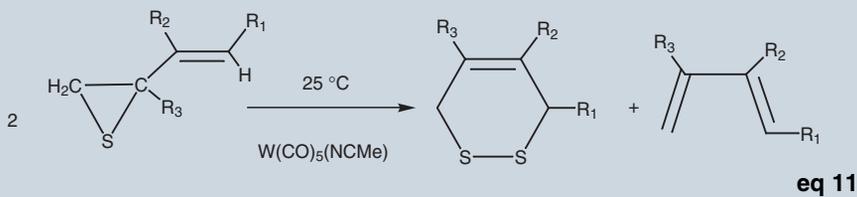
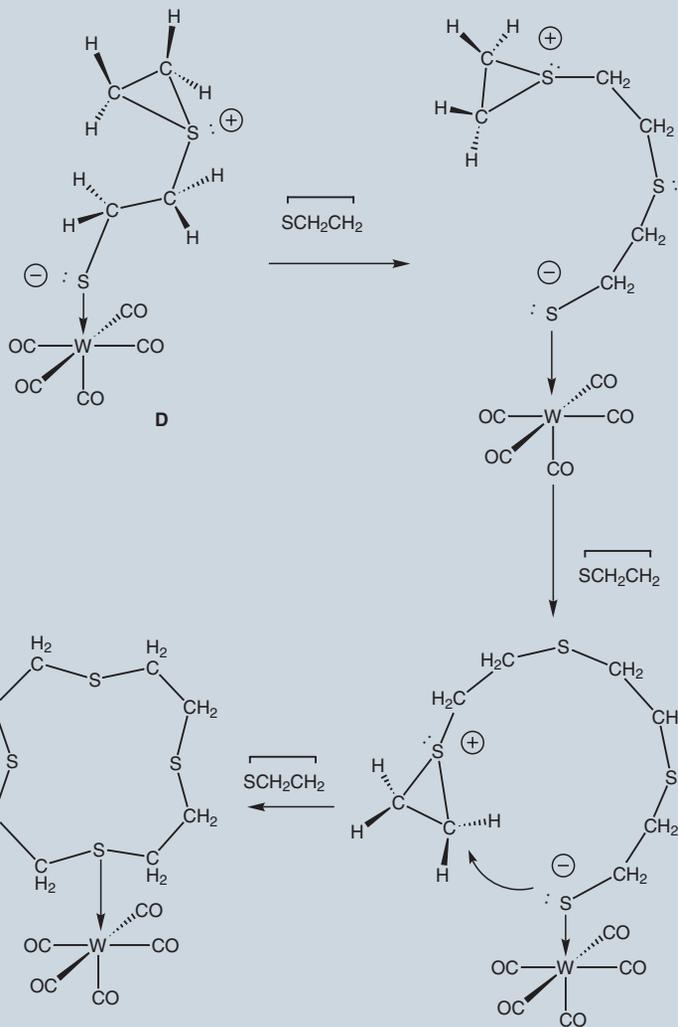


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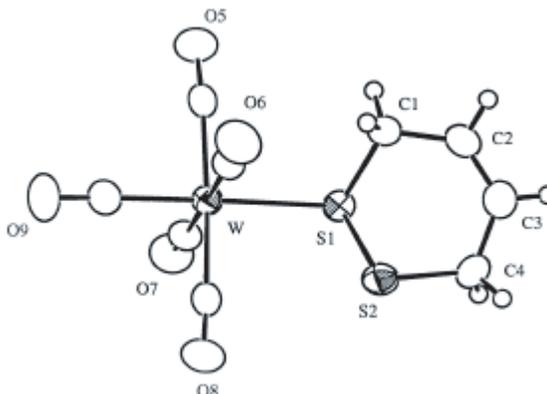
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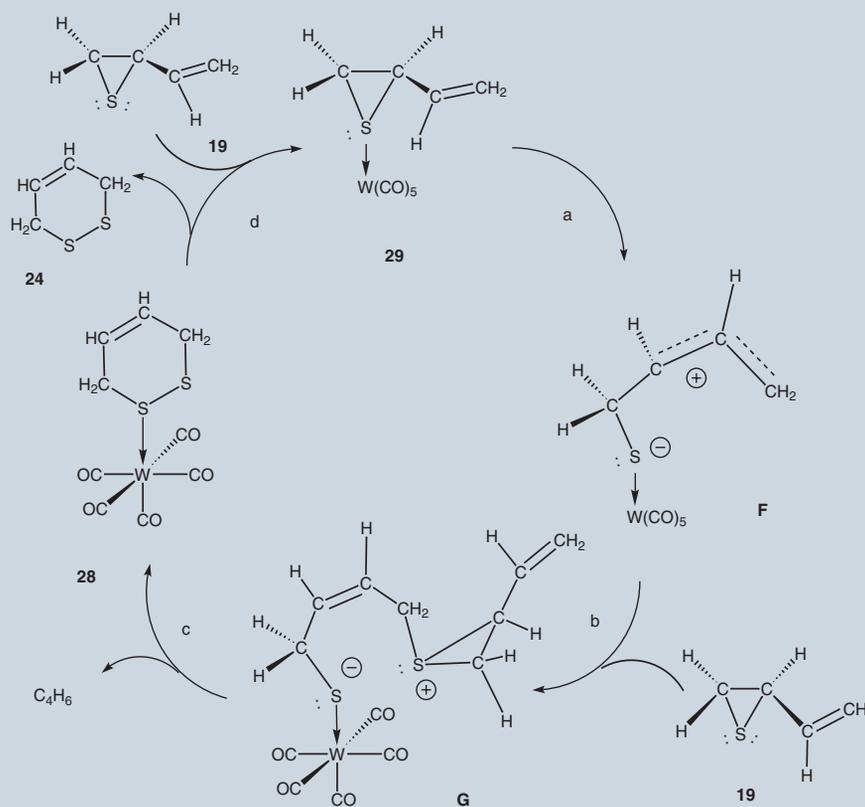
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Reactant	Product	% Yield <sup>a</sup>	TOF (h <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>
<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	86	15
<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	84	29
<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	86	24
<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	80	19
<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	34	2

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yields after 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Measured at the end of a 4-h period.



**Figure 5.** An ORTEP diagram of the molecular structure of  $W(CO)_5(SSCH_2CH=CH_2)$  (**28**).



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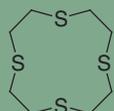
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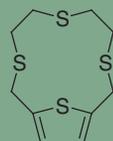
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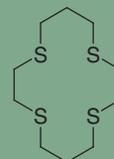
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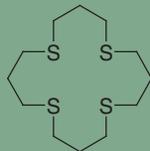
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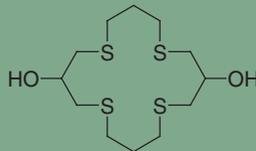
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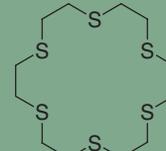
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# The Preparation of Highly Reactive Metals and the Development of Novel Organometallic Reagents<sup>†</sup>

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## 1. Introduction

In the last three decades, considerable effort has been extended to generate ever more reactive metals with an eye to preparing novel organometallic reagents. Success in these studies has rapidly increased the array of novel organometallic reagents for the synthetic community. In 1972, we reported a general approach for preparing highly reactive metal powders by reducing metal salts in ethereal or hydrocarbon solvents using alkali metals as reducing agents.<sup>1</sup> Several basic approaches are possible and each has its own particular advantages. For some metals, all approaches lead to metal powders of identical reactivity. However, for other metals one method can lead to a far superior reactivity. High reactivity, for the most part, refers to oxidative addition reactions. Since our initial report, several other reduction methods have been reported including metal–graphite compounds, a magnesium anthracene complex, and dissolved alkaliides.<sup>2</sup>

Although our initial entry into this area of study involved the reduction of  $MgCl_2$  with potassium biphenylide, our early work concentrated on reductions without the use of electron carriers. In this approach, reductions

are conveniently carried out with an alkali metal and a solvent whose boiling point exceeds the melting point of the alkali metal. The metal salt to be reduced must also be partially soluble in the solvent, and the reductions are carried out under an argon atmosphere (eq 1).

The reductions are exothermic and are generally completed within a few hours. In addition to the metal powder, one or more moles of alkali salt are generated. Convenient systems of reducing agents and solvents include potassium and THF, sodium and 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME), and sodium or potassium with benzene or toluene. For many metal salts, solubility considerations restrict reductions to ethereal solvents. Also, for some metal salts, reductive cleavage of the ethereal solvents requires reductions in hydrocarbon solvents such as benzene or toluene. This is the case for Al, In, and Cr. When reductions are carried out in hydrocarbon solvents, solubility of the metal salts may become a serious problem. In the case of Cr, this was solved by using  $CrCl_3 \cdot 3THF$ .<sup>3</sup>

A second general approach is to use an alkali metal in conjunction with an electron carrier such as naphthalene. The electron carrier is normally used in less than stoichiometric proportions, generally 5 to 10 mol %, based on the metal salt being reduced. This procedure allows reductions to be carried out at ambient temperature, or at least at lower temperatures as compared with the preceding approach, which requires refluxing. A convenient reducing metal is lithium. Not only is the procedure much safer when lithium is used rather than sodium or potassium, but in many cases the reactivities of the metal powders produced are greater.

A third approach is to use a stoichiometric amount of preformed lithium naphthalenide. This approach allows for the very rapid generation of the metal powders, since the reductions are diffusion controlled. Very low to ambient temperatures can be used for the reduction. In some cases, the reductions are slower at low temperatures because of the low



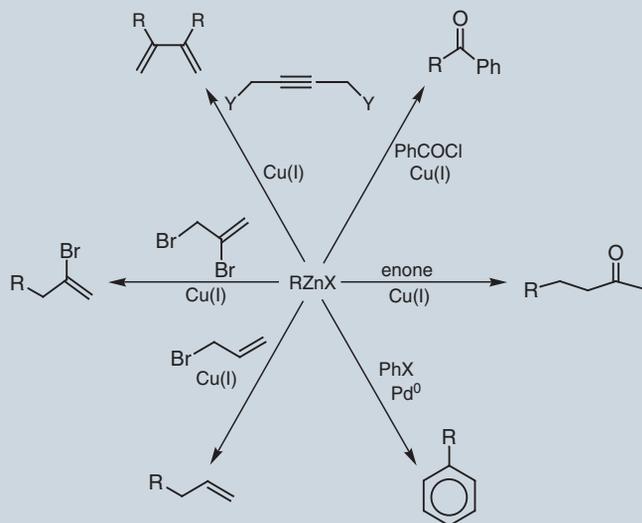
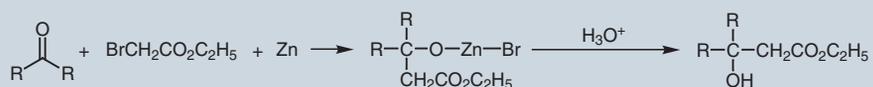
solubility of the metal salts. This approach frequently generates the most active metals, as the relatively short reduction times at low temperatures restrict the sintering (or growth) of the metal particles.

This article will concentrate on two metals prepared by these approaches: zinc and magnesium.

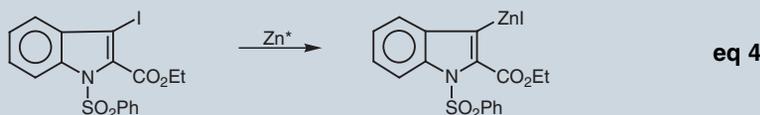
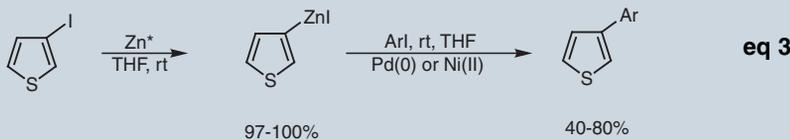
## 2. Rieke<sup>®</sup> Zinc

### 2.1. Direct Oxidative Addition to Functionalized Alkyl and Aryl Halides

Prior to the discovery of Rieke<sup>®</sup> zinc, it was not possible to react alkyl, aryl, and vinyl bromides or chlorides directly with zinc. The one exception was the Reformatsky reaction, which is used to produce  $\beta$ -hydroxy esters (eq 2). The reaction was typically done in refluxing solvent and gave only modest yields. However, using Rieke<sup>®</sup> zinc, it became possible to react ethyl  $\alpha$ -bromoacetate at  $-5^\circ C$  in THF or diethyl ether. Ethyl  $\alpha$ -chloroacetate also reacts, but at a slightly higher temperature ( $10^\circ C$ ). Diethyl ether is the best solvent for these reactions. The activated zinc is prepared



**Scheme 1.** Some General Reactions of Functionalized Organozinc Reagents with Electrophiles.



as usual in THF, which is then stripped off and replaced with dry diethyl ether. A one-to-one mixture of aldehyde or ketone and  $\alpha$ -bromo ester is then added at  $-5^\circ\text{C}$ . After stirring for one hour at room temperature, the reaction is followed by the normal workup procedure.<sup>4</sup>

The preparation of organozincs from alkyl, aryl, and vinyl bromides or chlorides was formerly possible only by a metathesis reaction of a zinc halide salt with a preformed organolithium or Grignard reagent. Unfortunately, the organolithium and Grignard reagents have a limited utility, since they are not compatible with many types of functionality. Rieke<sup>®</sup> zinc, on the other hand, will react directly with the bromides or chlorides, and will tolerate a wide variety of

functional groups such as chlorides, nitriles, esters, amides, ethers, sulfides, and ketones. Also of significance, is that aryl halides show no scrambling of position when *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-substituted substrates are used.

The active zinc reacts extremely rapidly with alkyl iodides at room temperature. The reaction times with alkyl bromides at room temperature range from minutes up to several hours. Most aryl iodides react at room temperature, while aryl bromides generally require one or more hours of heating at reflux temperatures. Most alkyl chlorides do not react unless they have an electron-withdrawing group relatively close to the carbon-halogen bond. Aryl chlorides also generally do not react with the active zinc.

The reactions of organozinc reagents with various electrophiles was well developed prior to our work. Now, this chemistry can be extended to functionalized organozinc reagents. **Scheme 1** shows some of the general reactions possible. Negishi and King had developed the use of palladium catalysts to cross-couple organozinc reagents,<sup>5</sup> and Knochel and co-workers had developed the use of  $\text{CuCN}\cdot 2\text{LiBr}$  for a number of cross-coupling reactions.<sup>6</sup> We recently demonstrated that  $\text{CuI}\cdot 2\text{LiBr}$  is generally just as effective as copper cyanide.<sup>7</sup>

Organozinc reagents can also be generated from heterocyclic iodides and bromides. The first example, 3-thienylzinc iodide, was prepared by the room temperature oxidative addition of Rieke<sup>®</sup> zinc to 3-iodothiophene to form a thermally stable species (**eq 3**).<sup>8</sup> This same procedure was used to prepare 3-indolylzinc iodide reagents (**eq 4**), which could not be synthesized by metathesis of organolithium reagents.<sup>9</sup> Many other types of heterocyclic organozinc reagents are also possible.<sup>10,11</sup>

Remarkably, Rieke<sup>®</sup> zinc reacts rapidly with secondary and tertiary alkyl iodides and bromides. The resulting organozinc halides can be readily used in all of the standard cross-coupling reactions mentioned above.<sup>1</sup> Several examples of reactions with benzoyl chloride are shown in **Tables 1–3**.<sup>14</sup>

The intermolecular 1,4-addition of alkyl- and arylzinc reagents can be readily carried out with  $\text{CuCN}\cdot 2\text{LiBr}$  or  $\text{CuI}\cdot 2\text{LiBr}$  in moderate to excellent yields. Recently, we reported that secondary and tertiary alkylzinc bromides can, in fact, undergo 1,4-addition without the presence of a copper catalyst.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, the reaction conditions will tolerate a wide range of functional groups. The reaction is performed in a THF/pentane (1:9) solvent with  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{TMSCl}$  (**eq 5**). A few typical examples are shown in **Table 4**.<sup>14</sup>

Recently, we reported the first electrophilic amination of organozinc halides.<sup>12</sup> This reaction proceeds well with functionalized primary, secondary, and tertiary organozinc bromides. Also, functionalized benzylic zinc bromides, arylzinc halides, and heterocyclic zinc halides work equally well. The reaction (**eq 6**) involves the addition of the organozinc halide to di-*tert*-butyl azodicarboxylate (DTBAD) (**Table 5**). Depending on the mode of deprotection, the adducts can be converted into hydrazine derivatives or amines.

The active zinc may also lend itself toward the possibility of forming configurationally stable organometallics. For example, *cis*-4-*tert*-butylcyclohexyl iodide inserted zinc and was quenched with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at low temperature to give the *trans* monodeuterated product (**eq 7**).<sup>13</sup>

Active zinc is an effective mediator in intramolecular conjugate additions. For example, a spirodecanone was formed from the 1,4-addition of the organozinc reagent, which was readily available from the primary iodide (**eq 8**).<sup>14</sup> Other types of ring closures also occur (**eq 9, 10**), and are thought to proceed by a mechanism that does not involve a free radical pathway.

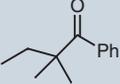
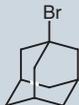
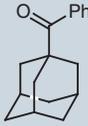
The direct insertion of active zinc into the carbon–iodine bond of 6-iodo-3-functionalized-1-hexenes forms the corresponding primary alkylzinc iodides, which then undergo an intramolecular insertion of the olefinic  $\pi$ -bond into the zinc–carbon bond to form methyl cyclopentanes (**eq 11, 12**).<sup>15</sup> When R is methyl, the product diastereomeric ratio is high. This is a significant finding in that this step is a regiospecific 5-*Exo-Trig* cyclization, which can occur in the presence of functional groups. The cyclization produces an intermediate that can be elaborated further with various electrophiles. This methodology has been extended to  $\omega$ -alkenyl-*sec*-alkylzinc reagents (**Scheme 2**).<sup>16</sup>

The reaction of aryl- and alkylzinc halides with allylic halides in the presence of  $\text{CuI}\cdot 2\text{LiBr}$  proceeds cleanly by  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2'$  substitution. The yields are generally in the neighborhood of 90%. The  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2'/\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  ratio is generally 95:5 or higher.<sup>17-19</sup> Following Negishi's procedure,<sup>5</sup> the cross-coupling of aryl- and alkylzinc halides with aryl or vinyl iodides or bromides using a palladium catalyst proceeds in excellent yields (**Table 6**).<sup>19</sup>

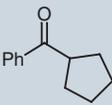
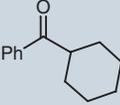
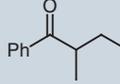
## 2.2. Structure–Reactivity of Rieke® Zinc

The reaction of organic halides with magnesium or lithium in the zerovalent state is the most direct and commonly used method to prepare organometallic compounds containing these metals. However, these reactions do not show much structure selectivity, and have been referred to as “among the least selective of organic reactions”. We have recently demonstrated that competitive kinetic studies can be accurately carried out with Rieke® zinc.<sup>20,21</sup> Surprisingly, the highly reactive zinc shows remarkable selectivity. For example, a tertiary alkyl bromide is almost thirty times more reactive than a primary alkyl bromide. The relative reactivities of alkyl, aryl, vinyl, benzylic, and allylic bromides represent a range of over six powers of ten. Accordingly, one can accurately predict which bromide will react selectively in di- or polybrominated compounds. A simple example is shown in **Scheme 3**.<sup>21</sup>

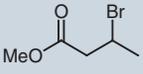
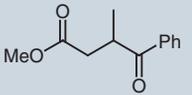
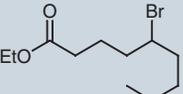
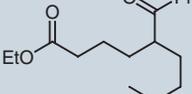
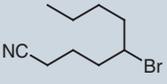
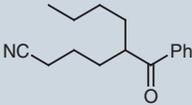
**Table 1. Tertiary Alkylzinc Bromides**

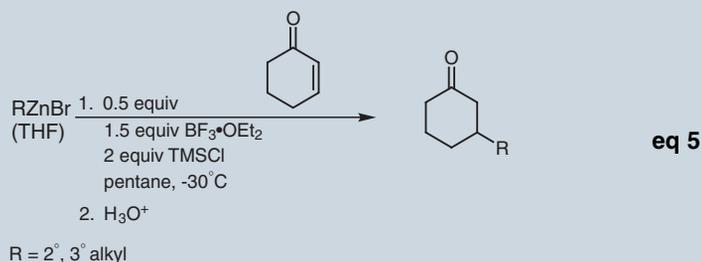
Bromide	PhCOCl (equiv)	Product	Yield (%)
	0.7		75
	0.7		86
	0.7		72

**Table 2. Secondary Alkylzinc Bromides**

Bromide	PhCOCl (equiv)	Product	Yield (%)
	0.7		75
	0.9		84
	0.7		99
	1.0		95

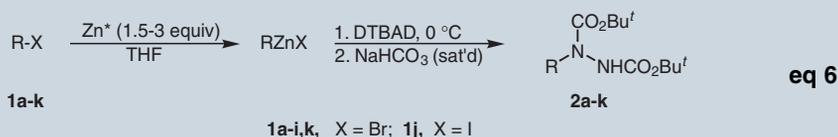
**Table 3. Functionalized Secondary Alkylzinc Bromides**

Bromide	PhCOCl (equiv)	Product	Yield (%)
	0.7		75
	0.7		54
	0.7		60



**Table 4. 1,4-Addition of Secondary and Tertiary Alkylzinc Bromides to Cyclohexenone without a Copper Catalyst**

RZnBr	Product	Yield (%)
		74
		54
		51
		73



### 3. Synthesis of Specialized Polymers and New Materials via Rieke® Metals

#### 3.1. Formation of Polyarylenes Mediated by Rieke® Zinc

Polyarylenes, such as poly(*para*-phenylenes) (PPP) and polythiophenes (PTh), are a class of conjugated polymers with electrical conductivity and other interesting physical properties.<sup>22</sup> The synthetic methodology for the formation of polyarylenes includes electrochemical polymerization of aromatic compounds,

oxidative polymerization of benzene or thiophene with an oxidant such as  $\text{FeCl}_3$ , and catalytic cross-coupling polymerization of Grignard reagents. A facile synthesis of polyarylenes was recently achieved in our laboratories by utilizing Rieke® zinc ( $\text{Zn}^*$ ).<sup>23</sup> Rieke® zinc was found to react chemoselectively with dihaloarenes to yield monoorganozinc arenes quantitatively (**Scheme 4**). Significantly, no bis(halo-zincio)arene was formed. The organozinc intermediate was polymerized by addition of a catalytic amount of  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (0.2 mol %) to give a quantitative yield of the polyarylene (PPP or PTh). The method has been extended

to synthesize a series of polymeric 3-substituted thiophenes such as poly(3-methylthiophene), poly(3-phenylthiophene), and poly(3-cyclopentylthiophene) (**Scheme 5**). The advantages of this method for the synthesis of polyarylenes include the quantitative selectivity of  $\text{Zn}^*$  for dihaloarenes, the use of only a very small amount of catalyst (which makes the separation of the polymer easier), mild reaction conditions, and high yields of the resulting polymers.

#### 3.2. Regiocontrolled Synthesis of Poly(3-alkylthiophenes) and Related Polymers Mediated by Rieke® Zinc

Regioregular head-to-tail (HT) poly(3-alkylthiophenes) (P3ATs) are one of the most highly conducting groups of polymers, and have recently been synthesized in our laboratories<sup>24</sup> and elsewhere.<sup>25</sup> Our synthesis involves a catalytic cross-coupling polymerization of a 2-bromo-5-(bromo-zincio)-3-alkylthiophene (**4**), which is generated by the regioselective oxidative addition of  $\text{Zn}^*$  to 2,5-dibromo-3-alkylthiophene (**3**) (**Scheme 6**). The synthesis has been extended to a fully regiocontrolled synthesis, mediated by Rieke® zinc, of a series of poly(3-alkylthiophenes) with different percentages of head-to-tail linkages in the polymer chain.<sup>26</sup> The organozinc intermediate **4** is polymerized, either by  $\text{Ni}(\text{DPPE})\text{Cl}_2$  to afford a completely regioregular HT P3AT (**5**), or by  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  to afford a totally regiorandom HT-HH P3AT (**6**). The regioregular HT P3AT has a longer electronic absorption wavelength,<sup>27</sup> a smaller band gap (1.7 eV), and a much higher iodine-doped film electrical conductivity ( $\sim 10^3 \text{ S}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) than those of the regiorandom P3AT (band gap: 2.1 eV, iodine-doped film conductivity:  $\sim 5 \text{ S}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The cast film of regioregular P3AT is a flexible, crystalline, self-ordered, bronze-colored film with a metallic luster, whereas that of the regiorandom polymer is an amorphous, orange, transparent film.

**Scheme 7** depicts a novel, regiocontrolled synthesis of poly(3-alkylthio-thiophenes) using Rieke® zinc.<sup>26</sup> This synthesis is one of very few examples of a regio-specific synthesis for this class of polymers.

#### 4. Rieke® Magnesium

Perhaps the most widely known and used organometallic reagent is the Grignard reagent. Although commonly thought to be completely general, there are many organic halides that do not form Grignard reagents with ordinary magnesium turnings. The use of Rieke® magnesium dramatically increases

the range of Grignard reagents that are possible.<sup>28-30</sup> Also, in many cases, it allows Grignard formation to occur at a lower temperature, thus avoiding decomposition or unwanted additions.<sup>31</sup> The high reactivity of Rieke<sup>®</sup> magnesium is demonstrated by its reaction with bromobenzene in a few minutes at -78 °C.<sup>32</sup> Chlorobenzene reacts even at 0 °C. Most dramatic is the ability to generate the Grignard reagent from fluorobenzene. Rieke<sup>®</sup> magnesium can be used successfully with other halides, which fail to react or give poor yields with standard turnings, including aryl halides containing ether groups and many types of heterocyclic halides. The advantages of low-temperature Grignard preparation include many benzylic systems, which tend to yield homocoupled products at room temperature or above. Another simple example involves 1-bromo-3-phenoxypropane. Although the Grignard reagent is easy to generate at room temperature, it eliminates the phenoxy group by an SN2 reaction to generate cyclopropane. This reaction is, in fact, a standard way to prepare cyclopropane as the cyclization cannot be stopped. However, by using the highly reactive magnesium, the Grignard can be prepared at -78 °C, where it does not cyclize and can be reacted with a wide range of electrophiles.

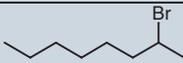
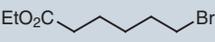
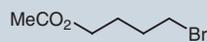
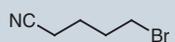
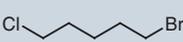
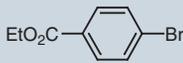
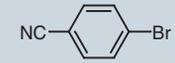
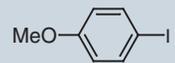
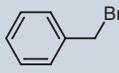
The highly reactive magnesium can be used to prepare di-Grignard reagents from dihalides. As with zinc, the reactive magnesium demonstrates unusual selectivity and can be used to cleanly prepare mono-Grignard reagents from dihalides under the proper conditions. This is in sharp contrast to ordinary turnings, which, for most dihalides, give a mixture of mono-Grignard, di-Grignard, and unreacted dihalide.<sup>30,33</sup>

Recent studies have demonstrated that Rieke<sup>®</sup> magnesium will readily form substituted (2-butene-1,4-diyl)magnesium complexes from a wide range of substituted 1,3-butadienes.<sup>34</sup> These complexes,<sup>35-39</sup> as well as the corresponding calcium, barium, and strontium complexes,<sup>40,41</sup> react with a wide range of electrophiles to produce complex acyclic, cyclic, and spirohydrocarbons in high yields. The mode of addition depends on whether the electrophile is soft or hard, as illustrated in **Schemes 8** and **9**.

## 5. Summary

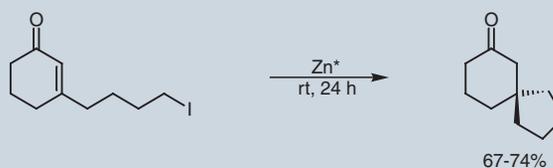
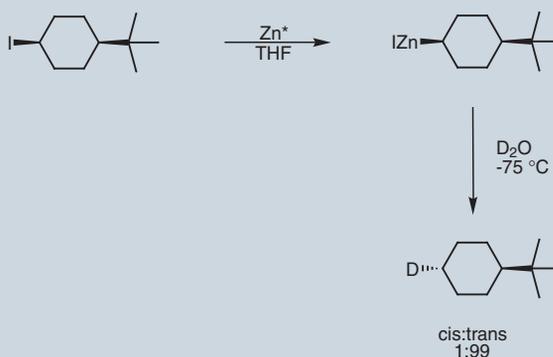
With the advent of highly reactive zinc and magnesium, a number of novel organometallic reagents have been prepared. These reagents allow the facile construction of complex and highly functionalized molecules. The convenient availability of these metals and many organometallic reagents sets the stage

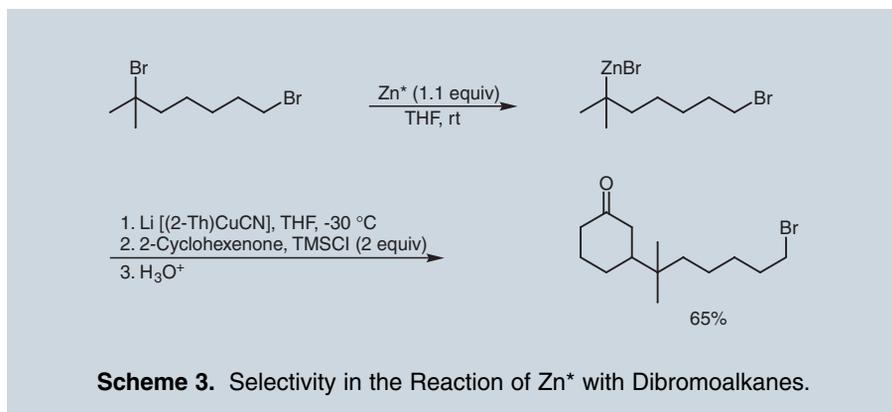
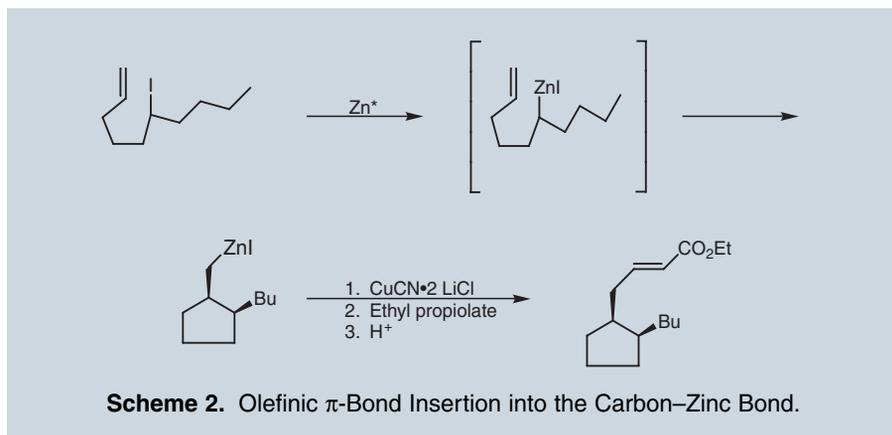
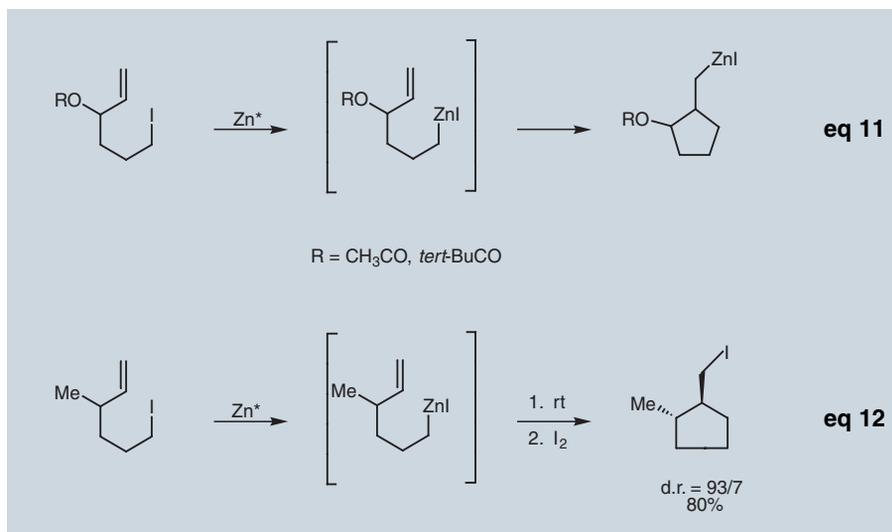
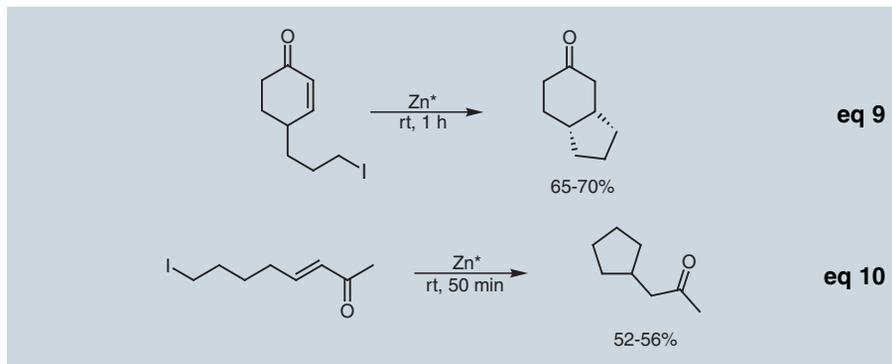
**Table 5. The Amination of Organozinc Halides<sup>a,b</sup>**

	Starting Halide	Zn <sup>+</sup> :1	Product NMR/Isolated Yield
1a		2:1	2a, 94/94
1b		2:1	2b, 95/90
1c		2:1	2c, 90/90
1d		2:1	2d, 94/90
1e		2:1	2e, 90/81
1f		2:1	2f, 73/75
1g		1.5:1	2g, 80/80
1h		3:1	2h, -/40
1i		3:1	2i, 65/66
1j		3:1	2j, 55/-
1k		1.5:1	2k, 90/90

<sup>a</sup> Reaction temperature: 25 °C (1a-g,j,k); 70 °C (1h,i).

<sup>b</sup> Reaction time: 3 h (1a-c,e,f,h-j); 1 h (1d); 0.5 h (1g,k)





for further advances in both zinc and magnesium chemistry.

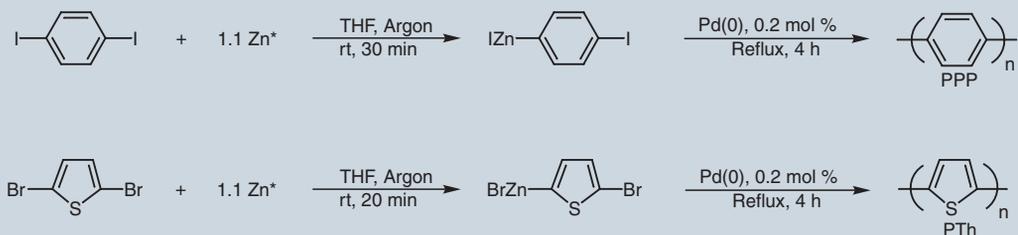
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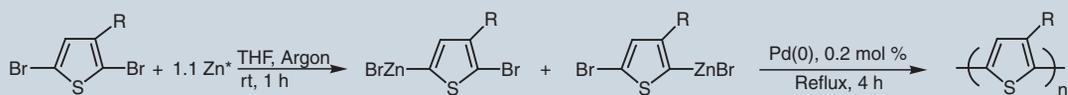
**Table 6. Coupling Reactions of RZnX with Aryl and Vinyl Halides Catalyzed by Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>**

$\text{RZnX} + \text{R}'\text{Y} \xrightarrow[\text{THF}]{5 \text{ mol } \% \text{ Pd(PPh}_3)_4} \text{RR}'$				
Entry	RZnX	R'Y	Product	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	EtO <sub>2</sub> C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ZnBr	<i>p</i> -BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>	EtO <sub>2</sub> C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -COCH <sub>3</sub>	86
2	EtO <sub>2</sub> C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ZnBr	<i>p</i> -BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN	EtO <sub>2</sub> C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CN	93
3	EtO <sub>2</sub> C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ZnBr	<i>p</i> -BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	EtO <sub>2</sub> C(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -NO <sub>2</sub>	90
4	EtO <sub>2</sub> C-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -ZnI	<i>p</i> -BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN	EtO <sub>2</sub> C-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CN	80
5	EtO <sub>2</sub> C-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -ZnI	<i>p</i> -IC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Et	EtO <sub>2</sub> C-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub> Et	94
6	EtO <sub>2</sub> C-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (CN)-ZnBr	<i>p</i> -BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN	EtO <sub>2</sub> C-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (CN)-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CN	82
7	NC-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -ZnBr	<i>p</i> -BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN	NC-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CN	95
8	NC-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -ZnBr	<i>p</i> -IC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Et	NC-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub> Et	82
9	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (CN)-ZnBr	<i>m</i> -BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Et	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (CN)-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> Et)	93
10 11	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -CH=CH-ZnBr	R''-C(Br)=CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -CH=CH-CH(R'')	R'' = H, 85 R'' = CH <sub>3</sub> , 86
12 13	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> Et)-CH=CH-ZnBr	R''-C(Br)=CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> Et)-CH=CH-CH(R'')	R'' = H, 95 R'' = CH <sub>3</sub> , 93

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yields.

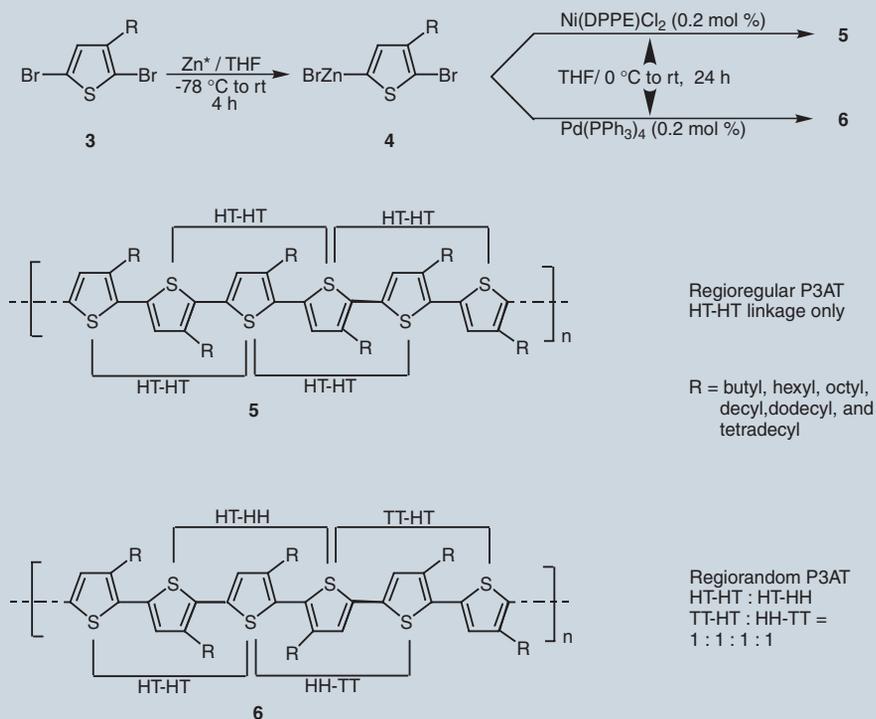


**Scheme 4.** Rieke® Zinc Mediated Synthesis of Polyarylenes.

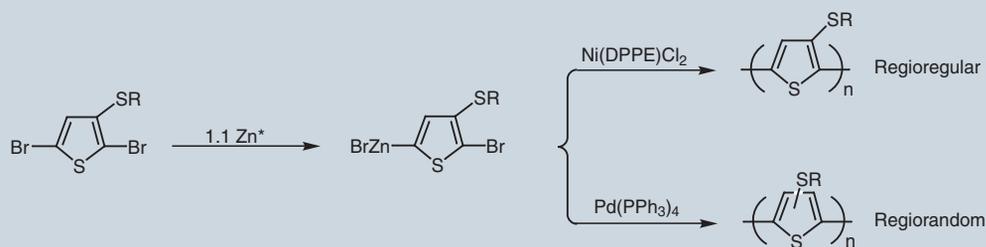


R	Regioselectivity (%)		Yield (%)
CH <sub>3</sub>	80	20	98
Cyclopentyl	71	29	96
Phenyl	66	34	98

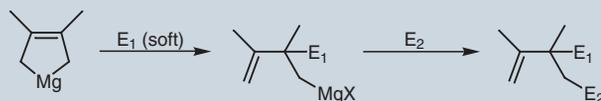
**Scheme 5.** Synthesis of Poly(3-substituted thiophenes) Mediated by Rieke® Zinc.



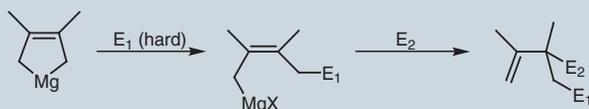
**Scheme 6.** Regiocontrolled Synthesis of Poly(3-alkylthiophenes) Mediated by Rieke® Zinc.



**Scheme 7.** Regiocontrolled Synthesis of Poly(3-alkylthio-thiophenes) Mediated by Zn\*.



**Scheme 8.** Reaction of a Soft Electrophile with (2,3-Dimethyl-2-butene-1,4-diyl)magnesium.



**Scheme 9.** Reaction of a Hard Electrophile with (2,3-Dimethyl-2-butene-1,4-diyl)magnesium.

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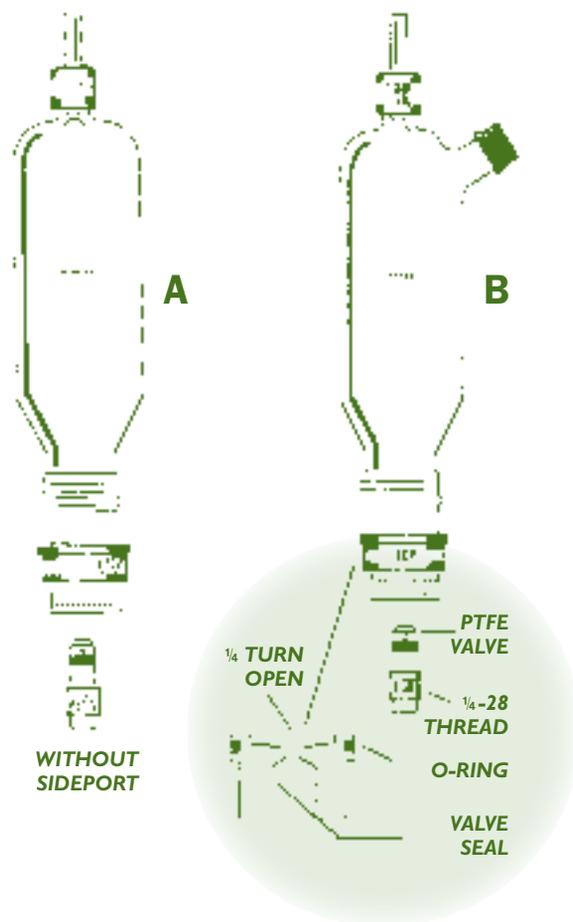
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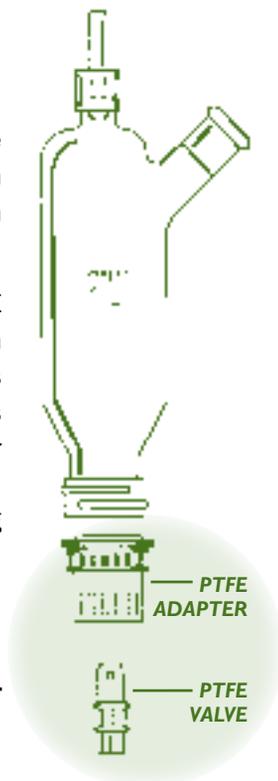


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Coarse	Removable	<b>Z42,027-1</b>
Medium	Removable	<b>Z42,029-8</b>
Perforated	Fixed	<b>Z11,621-1</b>
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Medium	Fixed	<b>Z42,035-2</b>
Coarse	Removable	<b>Z42,036-0</b>
Medium	Removable	<b>Z42,037-9</b>
Perforated	Fixed	<b>Z11,623-8</b>
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Medium	Fixed	<b>Z42,042-5</b>
Coarse	Removable	<b>Z42,043-3</b>
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Coarse	Removable	<b>Z42,052-2</b>
Medium	Removable	<b>Z42,053-0</b>
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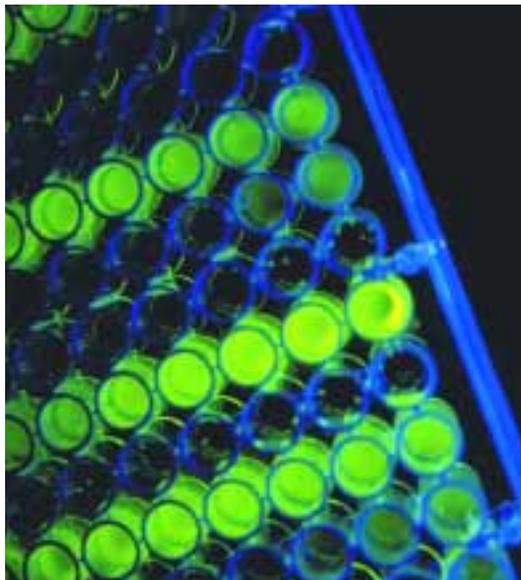
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- ◆ Humidity range: 0–100%
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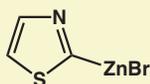
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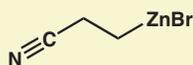
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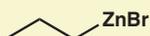
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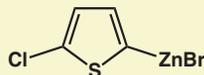
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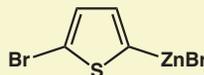
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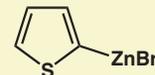
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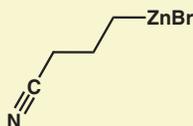
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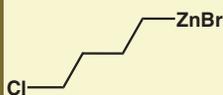
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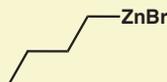
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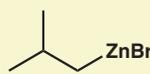
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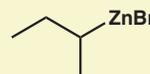
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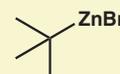
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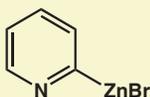
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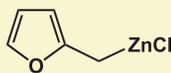
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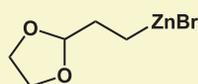
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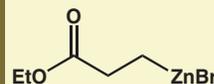
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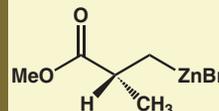
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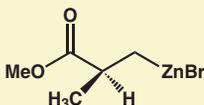
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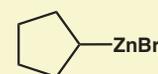
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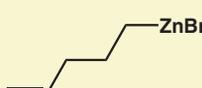
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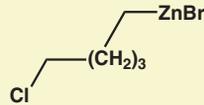
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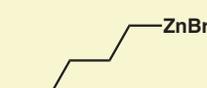
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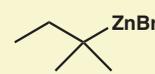
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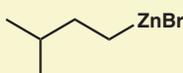
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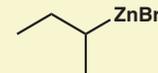
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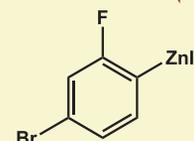
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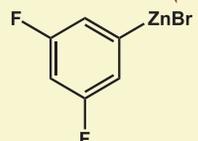
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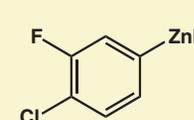
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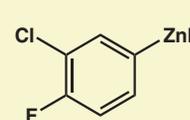
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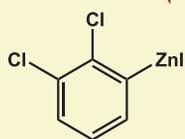
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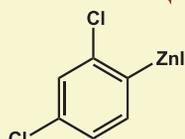
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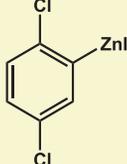
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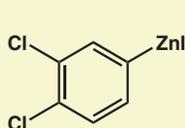
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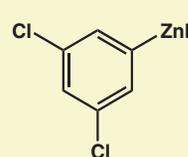
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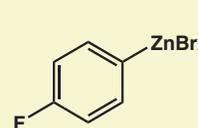
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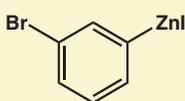
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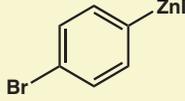
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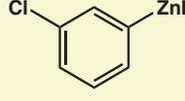
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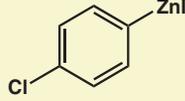
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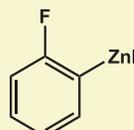
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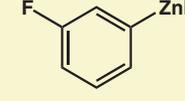
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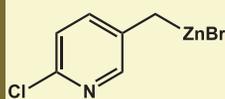
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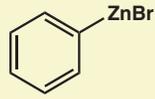
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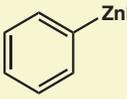
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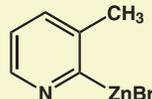
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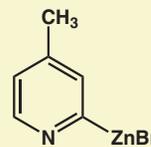
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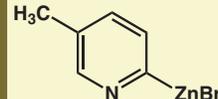
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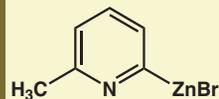
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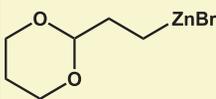
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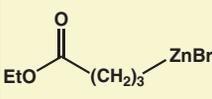
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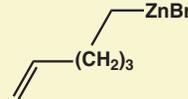
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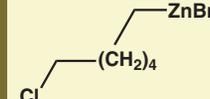
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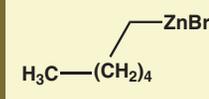
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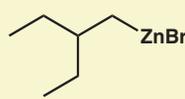
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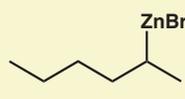
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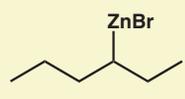
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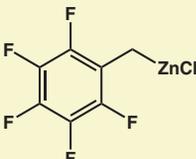
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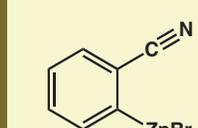
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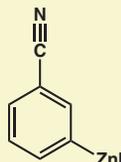
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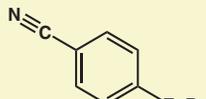
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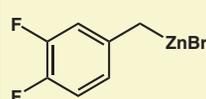
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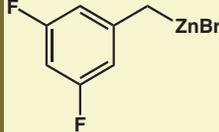
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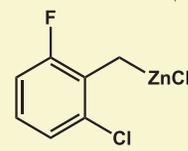
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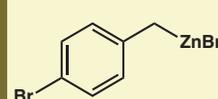
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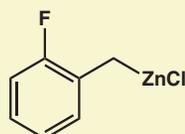
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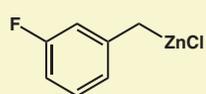
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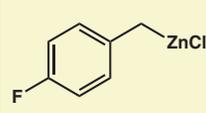
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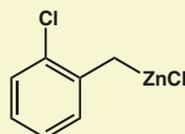
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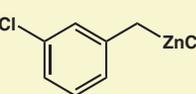
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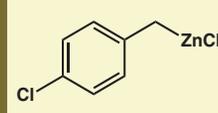
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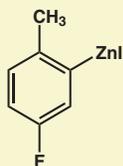
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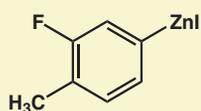


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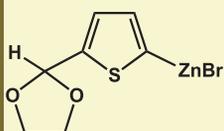
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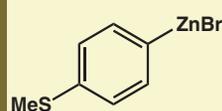
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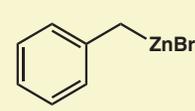
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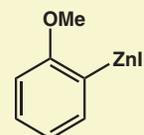
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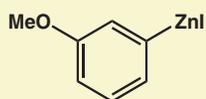
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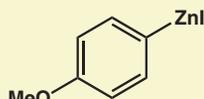
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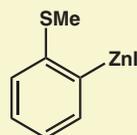
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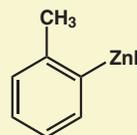
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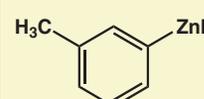
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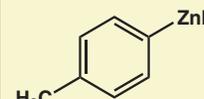
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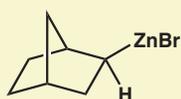
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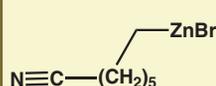
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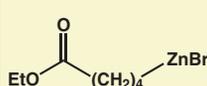
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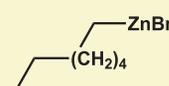
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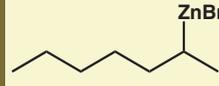
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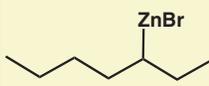
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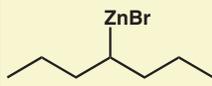
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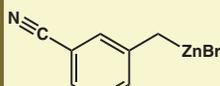
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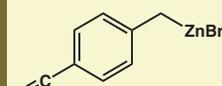
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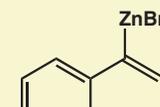
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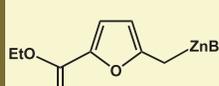
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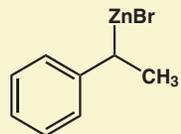
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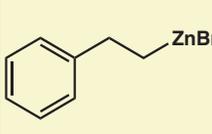
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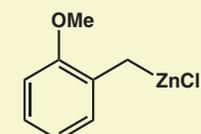
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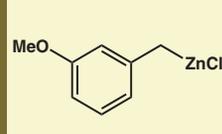
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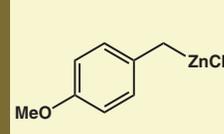
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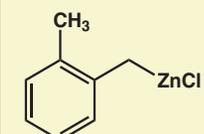
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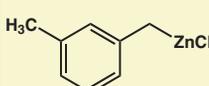
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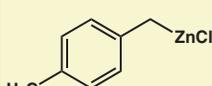
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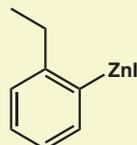
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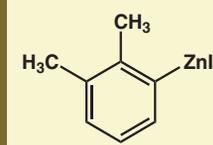
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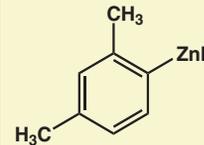
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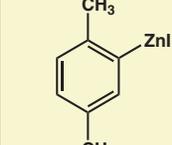
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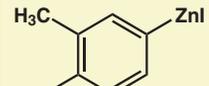
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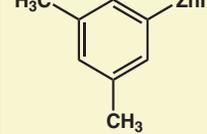
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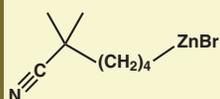
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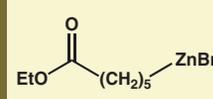
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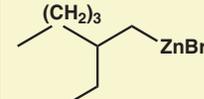
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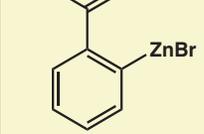
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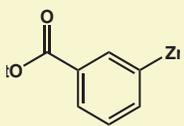
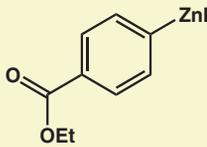
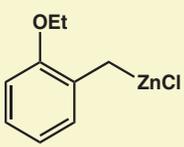
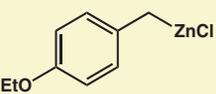
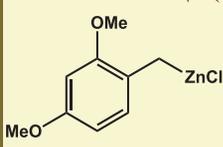
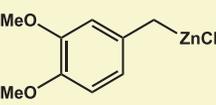
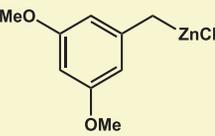
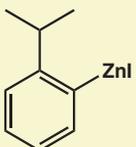
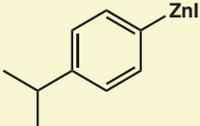
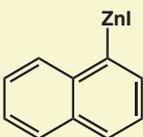
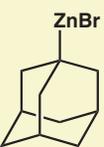
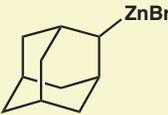
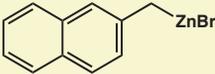
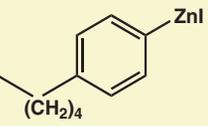
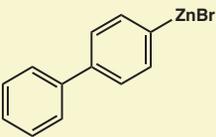
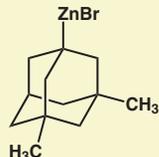
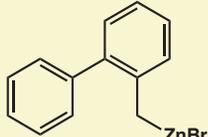
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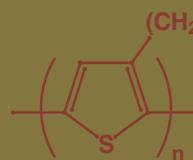
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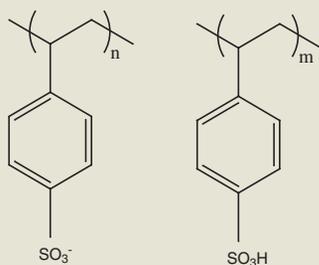
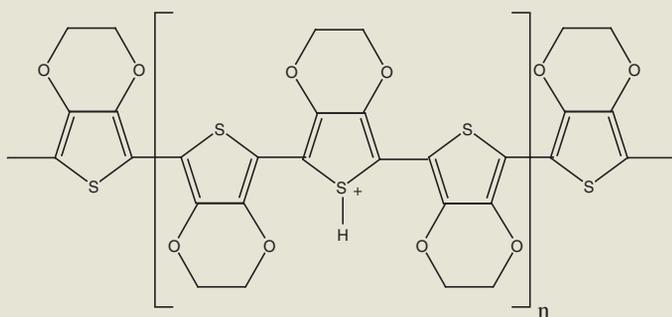
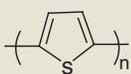
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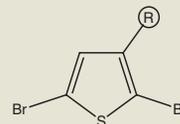


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**45,638-1** 2,5-Dibromo-3-decylthiophene, 97%  
R = -CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

**45,640-3** 2,5-Dibromo-3-dodecylthiophene, 97%  
R = -CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

**52,551-0** 2,5-Dibromo-3-cyclohexylthiophene, 97%  
R =

**52,550-2** 2,5-Dibromo-3-phenylthiophene, 97%  
R =

**51,549-3** 5,5'-Dibromo-2,2'-bithiophene, 99%

**48,302-8** 2,3-Dihydrothieno[3,4-*b*]-1,4-dioxin  
(or 3,4-Ethylenedioxythiophene)

# Add a Little Tellurium to Your Synthetic Plans!

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## 1. Introduction

The preparation of the first organotellurium compound, the volatile and malodorous diethyl telluride, was described by Wöhler in 1840.<sup>1</sup> About this compound Wöhler wrote: "and because its highly obnoxious and persistent smell is connected to unpleasantness, which one wouldn't like to endure a second time".<sup>2</sup> Heeren also stated: "the smell is so persistent, that one has to avoid social life for several months in order not to molest other people".<sup>3</sup> These statements were probably responsible for the long hibernation of the organic chemistry of tellurium. It was only about a century later that the first comprehensive account of the organic chemistry of this element appeared in the literature as part of a chapter in *Houben-Weyl*.<sup>4</sup> Rheinboldt's group showed that several classes of organic tellurium compounds were solid, and most of them were almost odorless, especially the aromatic ones. Petraghani, Rheinboldt's last student, undertook extensive studies of the reactivity of inorganic and organic tellurium



compounds towards several organic functional groups. This work, performed in the 1950s and 1960s, formed the basis for the development of the organic chemistry of tellurium.

The increasing number of publications dealing with organic tellurium compounds reflects the rising interest in this field of chemistry. Whereas only about 50 papers were published between 1910 and 1950, an average of about one hundred papers per year on the organic chemistry of tellurium appeared between 1950 and 1990. In 1990, a second, 1000-page volume of *Houben-Weyl* was devoted exclusively to organotellurium chemistry.<sup>5</sup>

Research on the synthetic applications of tellurium reagents experienced a considerable impetus following the explosive growth of organoselenium chemistry that began with the discovery in the early 70s of the selenoxide syn elimination. However, chemists soon realized that exploitation of the similarities between selenium and tellurium was of less interest than exploiting the differences between the two, and some laboratories began to take advantage of the unique features of organotellurium compounds.

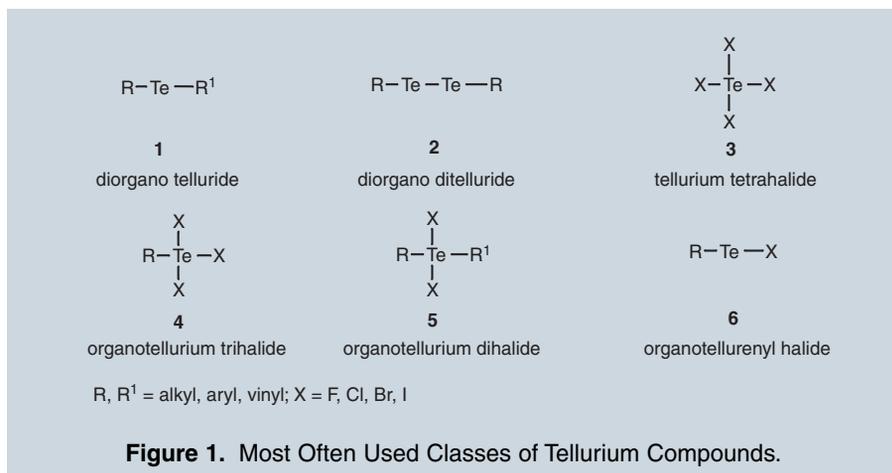


This account reviews the preparations and some synthetically useful transformations of organic tellurium compounds, and the transformations promoted in organic substrates by electrophilic or nucleophilic tellurium species. It is intended for the nonspecialist and focuses on the contributions from our laboratory. It is not an exhaustive review; the interested reader is directed to several extensive reviews and books that were written about the subject in the last decades.<sup>5,6</sup>

## 2. Main Classes of Tellurium Compounds

Several types of compounds containing tellurium are known.<sup>5</sup> However, only the classes that are most often used will be discussed in this review (**Figure 1**).

The aliphatic diorgano tellurides **1** are very bad smelling yellow oils, which must be handled in a hood. Disposable gloves must be used to manipulate them, and all the glassware used for their preparation must be immersed into a solution of sodium hypochlorite immediately after use. The diaryl or aryl alkyl tellurides are dense yellow oils or crystalline solids, which are easier to handle. Some of the



diaryl derivatives are almost odorless solids. The same comments are valid for the diorgano ditellurides **2**, which are dark-red oils (aliphatic derivatives) and dark-red crystalline solids (aromatic ditellurides). It is recommended that solutions of tellurides or ditellurides not be kept in contact with air, since an amorphous white solid will form after some time. Evaporation of the solvent, however, minimizes the air oxidation. In contrast, the pure liquids or solids can be handled in air with no need for special precautions, but prolonged exposure to the air and to ambient light should be avoided.

Tellurium tetrachloride (**3**, X = Cl) is the most commonly used tellurium tetrahalide. It is a very hygroscopic white solid, which decomposes immediately upon contact with metallic spatulas. Thus, porcelain spatulas must be used to manipulate this reagent.

Aromatic tellurium trichlorides (**4**; R = Aryl, X = Cl) are very stable crystalline solids, usually yellow and almost odorless. Contact with metallic spatulas, with moist solvents, or prolonged exposure to light must be avoided. Organotellurium tribromides (**4**, X = Br) are yellow crystalline solids, and the triiodides (**4**, X = I) are dark-red solids. The bromo and iodo derivatives are not widely used for preparative purposes in contrast to the aryltellurium trichlorides, which are frequently used in several synthetic transformations. The aliphatic organotellurium trihalides are much less stable—depositing tellurium when in contact with light—and are not extensively used.

Diorganotellurium dichlorides (**5**, X = Cl) are odorless viscous oils or colorless crystalline solids. These compounds are more stable than the corresponding diorgano tellurides **1** and are not moisture- or air-sensitive. Diorganotellurium dibromides and diiodides are less common than the diorgano dichlorides.

For synthetic purposes, organotellurenyl halides **6** are generated in situ by reaction of

the appropriate diorgano ditelluride **2** with the corresponding halogen in an inert solvent. These compounds are not stable, and only those possessing electron-donating groups suitably positioned to coordinate with tellurium can be isolated.

Organotellurols (R<sub>2</sub>TeH), the tellurium analogs of alcohols, constitute another class of tellurium compounds and are generated in situ, in view of their high susceptibility to oxidation.

The classes of organotellurium compounds mentioned above can be prepared by interaction of nucleophilic or electrophilic tellurium species with different classes of organic compounds. Such species can be generated from elemental tellurium or from diorgano ditellurides as discussed in the following sections.

### 3. Preparation and Reactivity of Nucleophilic Tellurium Species

#### 3.1. Preparation

**Figure 2** and **Scheme 1** show the most important nucleophilic species of tellurium. Hydrogen telluride (**7**) is prepared by hydrolysis of Al<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>.<sup>7</sup> Alkali tellurides **8** and **9**, and ditellurides **10** are prepared from elemental tellurium and reducing agents.<sup>8</sup> These species are generated in situ in an inert atmosphere, since they react rapidly with oxygen.

Organotellurolates **12** can be prepared either by reaction of a diorgano ditelluride **2** with a reducing agent, usually sodium borohydride,<sup>9</sup> or by reaction of elemental tellurium with Grignard<sup>10a</sup> or organolithium reagents (**Scheme 1**).<sup>10b</sup> The success of this reaction is highly dependent on the granule size of the tellurium used. Usually, tellurium powder of 200–300 mesh is appropriate. Alkali organotellurolates **12** are easily oxidized by air to the corresponding diorgano

ditelluride **2**, or can be alkylated with R'X to give diorgano tellurides **1**.

#### 3.2. Alkylation Reactions

The interaction of nucleophilic tellurium species with organic substrates can give access to other classes of organotellurium compounds or can reduce several functional groups. Alkali tellurides **8** and **9**, or ditellurides **10**, are potent nucleophiles and react rapidly with alkyl halides.<sup>6a,11</sup> **Table 1** summarizes some representative examples of such reactions leading to dialkyl tellurides **1**<sup>12,8k,i</sup> and dialkyl ditellurides **2**.<sup>8i</sup> Alkali organotellurolates **12** are also potent nucleophiles and are used to prepare symmetrical and unsymmetrical tellurides (**Table 2**).<sup>13–15</sup>

#### 3.3. Hydrotelluration of Alkynes

One of the most synthetically useful reactions of nucleophilic tellurium species involves the addition of organotellurolate anions to alkynes.<sup>6a–v,14,16</sup> The products of the reaction are *Z* vinylic tellurides **13**, which are precursors of *Z* vinylic organometallic reagents (see Section 5). The *Z* isomers are formed exclusively and are stereochemically stable. No isomerization to the *E* olefin has been reported to date. The hydrotelluration of alkynes is performed in ethanol, and the tellurolate anion is generated by reduction of the corresponding diorgano ditelluride **2** with sodium borohydride. The reduction of the diorgano ditelluride is evidenced by the change of the dark-red color of the ditelluride to the pale-yellow color of the organotellurolate solution. Care must be taken to exclude oxygen from the reaction medium to avoid oxidation of the tellurolate anion **12** back to the diorgano ditelluride **2**. The vinylic tellurides **13** are pale-yellow oils or solids. Only the low-molecular-weight compounds are bad smelling; the examples shown in **Table 3** are almost odorless and stable enough to be purified by column chromatography, which allows their use in synthesis.

Alkyl tellurolate anions **12** react with alkynes more rapidly than their aryl-substituted counterparts (Entries 1 and 2, Table 3).<sup>14,16</sup> Conjugated dialkynes react even faster (Entry 3, Table 3),<sup>17</sup> and alkynes conjugated to unsaturated systems exhibit high regioselectivities.<sup>16</sup> In these reactions, only the 1-substituted vinylic telluride is formed (Entries 1–4, Table 3). However, simple alkynes containing electron-withdrawing groups at C-3 exhibit a reduced regioselectivity (Entry 5, Table 3).<sup>18</sup>

A remarkable improvement in the hydrotelluration reaction was recently achieved in our group. The tellurolate anion

**12** was generated by reacting elemental tellurium with alkyllithium, followed by addition of deoxygenated ethanol and then the alkyne. Under these conditions, the manipulation of the bad-smelling dibutyl ditelluride was avoided.<sup>19</sup>

Reaction of disodium telluride (**8**) with alkynes gives bisvinylic tellurides analogous to **14**. The reaction times, however, are longer than those of the hydrotelluration with organotelluroates (**eq 1**).<sup>18</sup>

A noteworthy fact in the hydrotelluration of alkynes is its anti addition, leading to the *Z* isomer. In contrast, all other hydrometallation reactions previously reported are syn and yield the *E* isomer. We and others explored this fact using *Z* vinylic tellurides as sources of reactive *Z* vinylic organometallics (see Section 5).

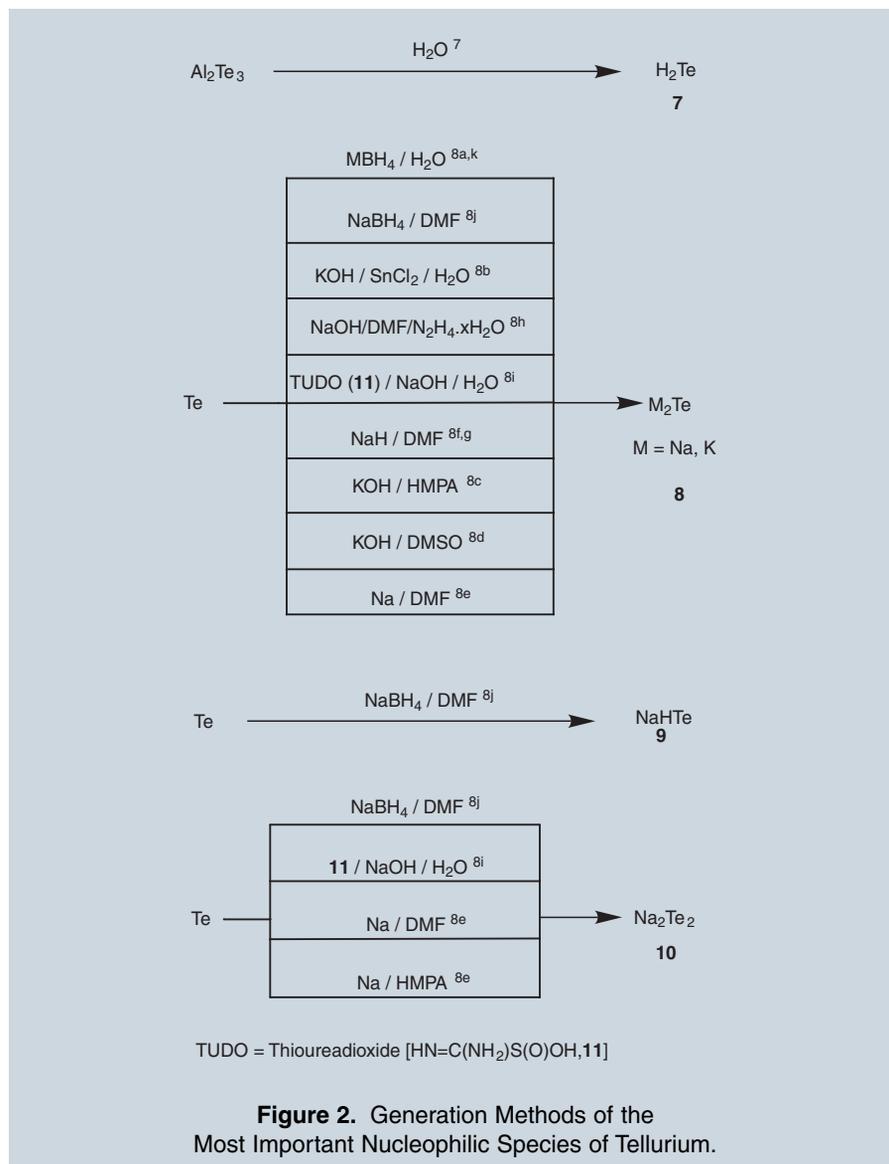
### 3.4. Vinylic Substitution

The vinylic substitution by telluroate anions has not been extensively investigated. It is, however, an efficient method for synthesizing vinylic tellurides of defined stereochemistry. (*E*)- $\beta$ -Bromostyrene reacts with organotelluroate anions to give *E* vinylic tellurides **15** (**eq 2**).<sup>14,20</sup> Reaction of  $\beta$ -haloenones **16a** and **16b** with organotelluroates **12** gives the corresponding vinylic tellurides (*Z*)-**17a** and **17b** (**Scheme 2**).<sup>21b,c</sup> The preparation of the  $\beta$ -haloenones starting materials sometimes requires drastic reaction conditions. In view of the synthetic potential of the vinylic substitution by telluroate anions, we used enolphosphates instead as starting materials for the preparation of vinylic tellurides, since the enolphosphates can be prepared under very mild conditions. We utilized two methods for this purpose: (a) deprotonation of  $\beta$ -dicarbonyl compounds with sodium hydride followed by capture of the enolate with diethylphosphorochloridate, or (b) conjugate addition of a cuprate to an enone and O-functionalization to the enolphosphate **18b**.<sup>22</sup>

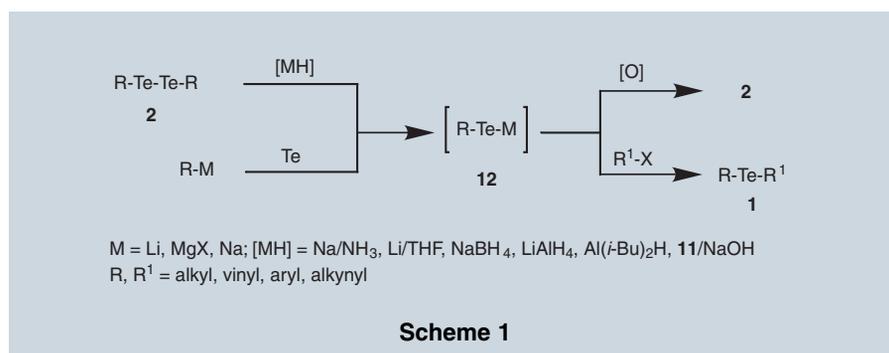
The reaction of enolphosphates **18a** and **18b** with lithium butyltelluroate (**12c**), generated by reaction of *n*-butyllithium with elemental tellurium, occurs rapidly to give the corresponding vinylic tellurides **17c** and **17d** in good yields (**Scheme 3**). Mixtures of *Z* and *E* enolphosphates afford the *Z* vinylic telluride. The substitution reaction probably occurs via an addition–elimination mechanism with the intermediate formation of an enolate. A through-space interaction of the carbonyl oxygen with the tellurium atom<sup>21a</sup> should favor rotamer **19**, which eliminates X<sup>-</sup> to give only the *Z* isomer (**Scheme 4**).<sup>21d</sup>

### 3.5. Reduction Reactions

From a synthetic point of view, the preceding three types of reactions of



**Figure 2.** Generation Methods of the Most Important Nucleophilic Species of Tellurium.



**Scheme 1**

nucleophilic tellurium are the most promising ones. In the remainder of this section, we will discuss the reactions of nucleophilic tellurium, which do not lead to the incorporation of tellurium in the organic substrate.

The first such transformation, reported by Petragnani in 1960, consisted of the debromination of *vic*-dihalides **20** by diaryl tellurides **22** and led to olefins **21**.<sup>23a</sup> Later on,

this reaction was transformed into a catalytic process, in which the diaryl telluride was constantly regenerated (**Scheme 5**).<sup>23b,c</sup> Recently, the mechanism of this reaction was explored.<sup>23d</sup> Following the discovery of this reaction, several other synthetic transformations, which employed nucleophilic tellurium to remove halogen as well as other heteroatoms from organic substrates, were

**Table 1. Alkylations of Nucleophilic Tellurium Species**

[H]	R-X (Conditions)	Product	Yield (%)	Ref.
Na, NH <sub>3</sub> liq.	<i>i</i> -PrBr	( <i>i</i> -Pr) <sub>2</sub> Te	80	12
KBH <sub>4</sub> , NaOH, Ar, reflux, 2h	<i>n</i> -OctBr, MeOH, reflux, 1 h	( <i>n</i> -Oct) <sub>2</sub> Te	78	8k
11, NaOH, H <sub>2</sub> O, THF, CTAB	<i>n</i> -OctBr, THF, N <sub>2</sub> , CTAB, reflux, 2 h	( <i>n</i> -Oct) <sub>2</sub> Te	85	8i
CTAB, THF, DMSO, 11, NaOH, reflux, 1 h	<i>n</i> -OctBr, rt, 1 h	( <i>n</i> -OctTe) <sub>2</sub>	98	8i

CTAB = Cetyltrimethylammonium bromide

**Table 2. Reactions of Organotellurolates as Nucleophiles**

[R-Te-M] (Generation Method)	R <sup>1</sup> -X (Conditions)	Product	Yield (%)	Ref.
(PhTe) <sub>2</sub> /NaBH <sub>4</sub> , EtOH, N <sub>2</sub>	<i>n</i> -C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub> Br, reflux, 3.5 h	PhTe( <i>n</i> -C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub> )	76	13
Te/( <i>E</i> )-PhCH=CHMgBr, THF, reflux	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> Br, rt, 0.5 h	( <i>E</i> )-PhCH=CHTe( <i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> )	79	14
( <i>p</i> -CH <sub>3</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Te) <sub>2</sub> /11, NaOH, THF, CTAB	<i>n</i> -C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub> Br, reflux, 6.0 h	<i>p</i> -CH <sub>3</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Te( <i>n</i> -C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub> )	96	15

**Table 3. Hydrotellurations of Alkynes**

Entry	R	R <sup>1</sup>	Reaction Time (h)	Product	Yield (%)	Ref.
1	Ph	Ph	20	Ph-CH=CH-TePh <b>13a</b>	93	16
2	<i>n</i> -Bu	Ph	1.7	Ph-CH=CH-Te( <i>n</i> -Bu) <b>13b</b>	93	14
3	<i>n</i> -Bu	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> -C≡C	0.25	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> -CH=CH-Te( <i>n</i> -Bu) <b>13c</b>	89	17
4	<i>n</i> -Bu		5	THPO-CH=CH-Te( <i>n</i> -Bu) <b>13d</b>	83	16
5	<i>n</i> -Bu		5	Morpholine-CH=CH-Te( <i>n</i> -Bu) <b>13e</b> +  <b>13f</b> <b>13e:13f (9:1)</b>	80	18

described.<sup>6p,q,t,u</sup> Some representative examples are shown in **Schemes 6**<sup>24</sup> and **7**.<sup>25</sup>

Nucleophilic tellurium can act as a mild and selective reducing agent. Among the most interesting of such transformations, the reduction of double bonds conjugated to carbonyl groups should be mentioned (**Scheme 8**).<sup>26</sup> Probably due to some resistance to using tellurium reagents, synthetic organic chemists have not taken full advantage of this mild and selective transformation. Several other reducing agents and experimental conditions can be used, and other functionalities can be reduced.<sup>6p,t</sup>

## 4. Preparation and Reactivity of Electrophilic Tellurium Species

### 4.1. Preparation

Tellurium tetrachloride (**3**, X = Cl) is prepared by passing a stream of chlorine over elemental tellurium in an appropriate glass apparatus.<sup>6t</sup> The reaction is exothermic and requires only initial heating. After completion of the reaction, the product is distilled with the aid of a Bunsen burner into glass ampoules, which are sealed after **3** crystallizes. Using the procedure described in *Inorganic Synthesis*,<sup>27</sup> 1–2-mol batches are easily prepared in a few hours.

Tellurium tetrachloride (**3**, X = Cl) reacts with several functional groups giving organotellurium trichlorides (**4**, X = Cl). The most useful transformations are the reactions with activated aromatics and alkynes, e.g., **23**<sup>28</sup> and **24**<sup>29</sup> (**Scheme 9**). Organotellurium trichlorides **25** and **26** can be reduced to diorgano ditellurides **27**, when the reaction is performed in the presence of air. Several reducing agents can be used in this reaction step.<sup>5,6,u</sup> Alternatively, if the reaction is performed under inert atmosphere in the presence of an alkyl halide, the intermediate organotellurolate can be alkylated to give diorgano tellurides **28** and **29** (**Scheme 9**).<sup>29d</sup>

Organotellurium tribromides and triiodides (**4**, X = Br, I) are obtained by halogenolysis of the tellurium–tellurium bond of diorgano ditellurides **2** (**Scheme 10**). These tribromides and triiodides are less explored than the organotellurium trichlorides.<sup>5,6,30</sup>

As mentioned before, only a few classes of organotellurenyl halides **6** are stable. Those used for synthetic purposes are generated in situ by reaction of the corresponding diorgano ditellurides (e.g., **30**) with halogens (see Scheme 10) and captured, immediately, by a Grignard or organolithium reagent to give a diorgano telluride (e.g., **31**) (**eq 3**).<sup>5,14,31</sup>

Tellurium tetrachloride, aryltellurium trichlorides, and organotellurenyl halides react

with a number of organic functional groups. In this review, we shall comment on only a few examples, which present some synthetic potential.

## 4.2. Reaction with Alkynes

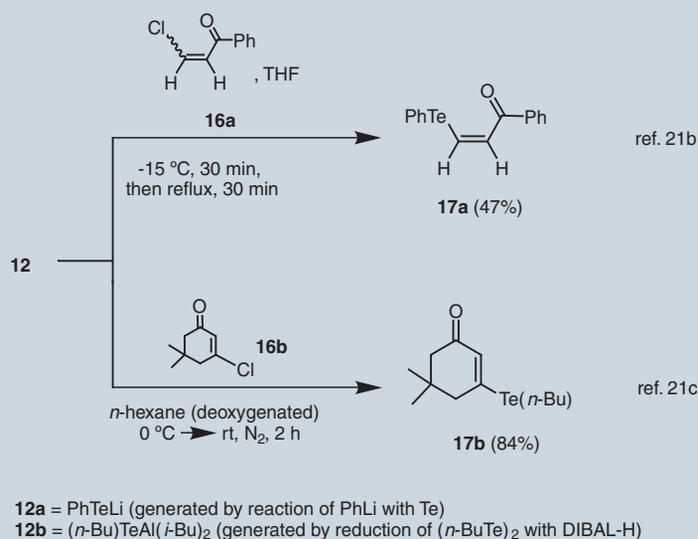
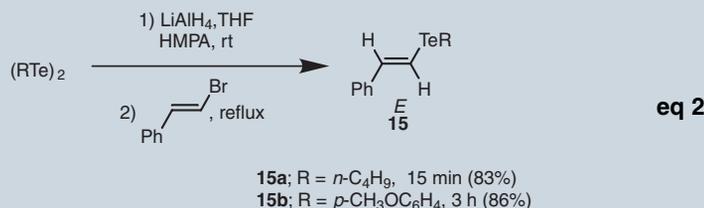
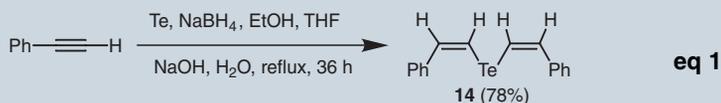
The reaction of aryltellurium trichlorides (e.g., **25**) with alkynes (e.g., **32**) leads to (*Z*)-1-telluro-2-chloroalkenes (**33**), when R is an aryl group.<sup>29c</sup> On the other hand, when propargyl alcohols **34** and **35** are used, different products, **36** and **37**, are formed, depending on the nature of the substituents on C-1 (Scheme 11).<sup>29c</sup>

## 4.3. Tellurocyclization of Alkenes

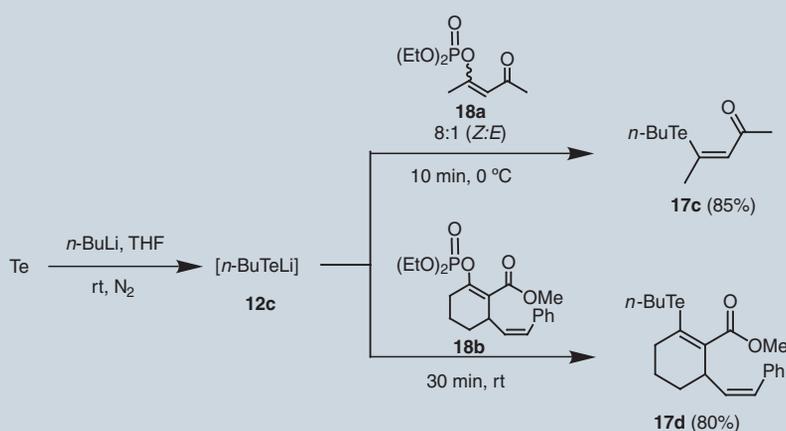
The first synthetic transformation using electrophilic tellurium was reported by Petragnani over forty years ago.  $\gamma,\delta$ -Unsaturated carboxylic acids were reacted with tellurium tetrachloride, aryltellurium trichlorides, or naphthyltellurium iodide to give the corresponding telluro-lactones.<sup>32a</sup> This paper has a special significance, since it also reported, for the first time, the cyclization of an unsaturated substrate by arylselenenyl halides. This fact is very often omitted in texts dedicated to organoselenium chemistry, which report the discovery of this reaction as occurring about fifteen years later. In view of the synthetic importance of the selenocyclization of unsaturated substrates, the corresponding tellurocyclization was also explored.  $\gamma,\delta$ -Unsaturated carboxylic acids (e.g., **38**)<sup>32a</sup> are transformed into lactones by reaction with electrophilic tellurium species (e.g., **25**). The diorganotellurium dichlorides (e.g., **39**) formed are reduced to the corresponding tellurides (e.g., **40**) by reaction with a suitable reducing agent. The detellurated lactone (e.g., **41** or **43**) is obtained by reaction of **39** or **40** with tri-*n*-butyltin hydride in toluene. The intermediate free radical can be captured by a suitable radical trapping agent (e.g., **42**) to give the chain-elongation product **43**.<sup>32c</sup> These transformations are illustrated in Scheme 12. Substrates containing other functional groups have also been used in cyclofunctionalization reactions.<sup>6p,q,t</sup>

## 5. Transmetalation Reactions of Organic Tellurides

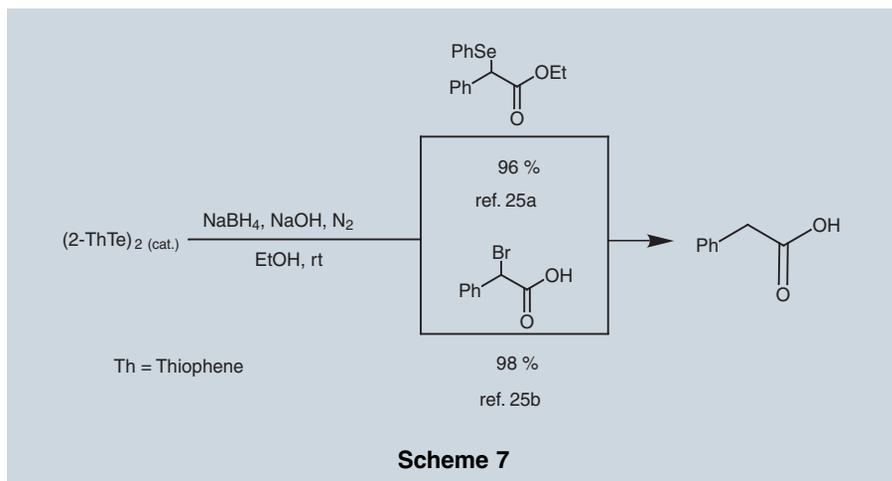
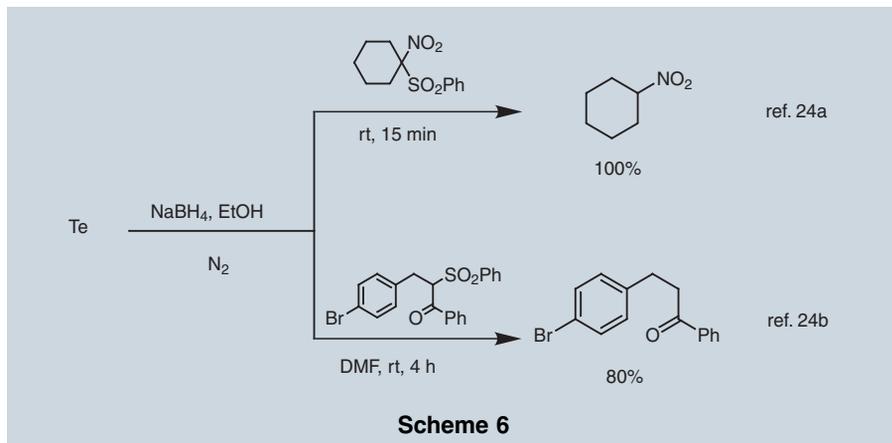
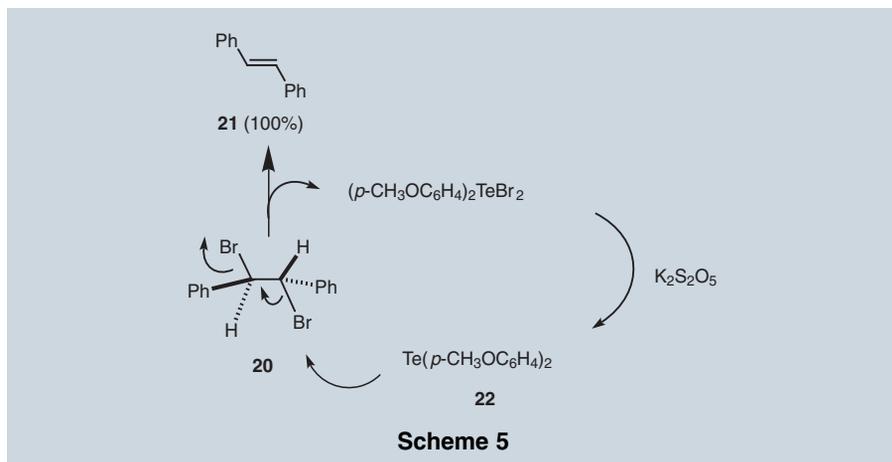
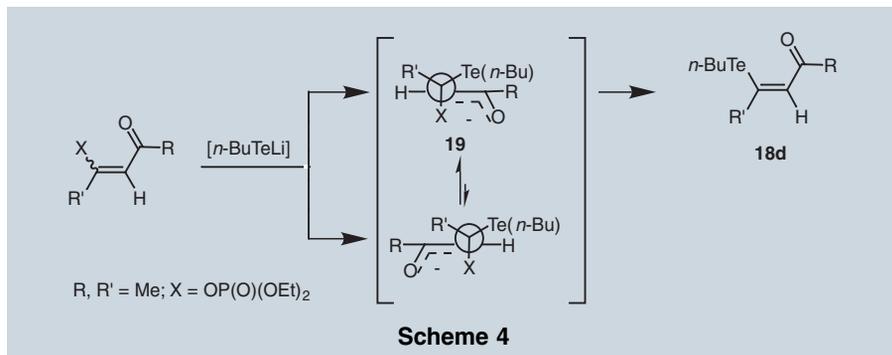
The most promising synthetic transformation of tellurium compounds is their conversion into reactive organometallic compounds by reaction with commercially available alkyllithiums or with other easily prepared organometallic species. The tellurium–lithium exchange is one of the fastest lithium–metalloid exchange reactions.<sup>33</sup>



Scheme 2



Scheme 3



As mentioned in the preceding sections, the preparation of organic tellurium compounds is nowadays a routine practice, and compounds with defined stereochemistry can be easily obtained. Their transformation into reactive organometallics is a powerful synthetic tool that allows for the formation of new carbon-carbon bonds in a stereoselective way.

Several years ago, we showed that tellurium is preferentially transmetalated when phenylseleno(phenyltelluro)methane (44) is treated with  $n$ -butyllithium in THF at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  (Entry 1, Table 4).<sup>34a</sup> Later on, a number of alkylolithiums were prepared by the transmetalation of tellurides. Alkyl, aryl, ethynyl, allyl, benzyl, and vinyl tellurides are also transmetalated. Table 4 shows representative examples of such transformations; the transmetalation of vinylic tellurides will be discussed later in more detail in view of the synthetic potential of the resulting organometallics. In some cases, the telluride is generated in situ and transmetalated in a one-pot process (Entries 8, 9, and 10, Table 4).<sup>34b-d</sup>

Acylolithiums can be obtained by treating telluro esters 45 with alkylolithiums at low temperature (Scheme 13). The telluro esters are obtained by reaction of acyl chlorides with organotelluroate anions.<sup>35</sup>

Kauffmann reported the first transmetalation of a vinylic telluride with organolithium compounds.<sup>36</sup> Phenyl vinyl telluride (47) was deprotonated by LDCA in THF, and the resulting vinyl anion, 48, was reacted with chlorotrimethylsilane to give telluride 49. Vinyl silane 49 was then transmetalated with phenyllithium to give the corresponding vinylolithium, which was captured with chlorotrimethylsilane to give the bi-silylated ethene 50 (Scheme 14).

This sequence of reactions showed that phenyl vinyl telluride (47) could be considered a synthetic equivalent of 1,1-dilithioethene (51). This conclusion drew our attention to the synthetic potential of vinylic tellurides. At that time, very little was known about the preparation of vinylic tellurides, and, before exploring the transmetalation reaction synthetically, we developed a number of methods to prepare vinylic tellurides of defined stereochemistry.<sup>14,16,18,37,38a</sup> The most promising method has already been discussed in Section 3, and consists of the hydrotelluration of alkynes. Recently, the methods of preparing vinylic tellurides were reviewed by us.<sup>6v</sup>

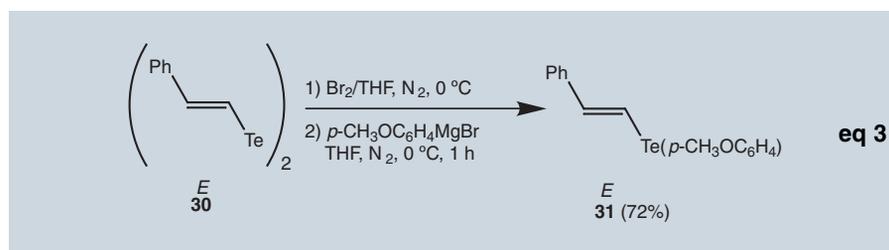
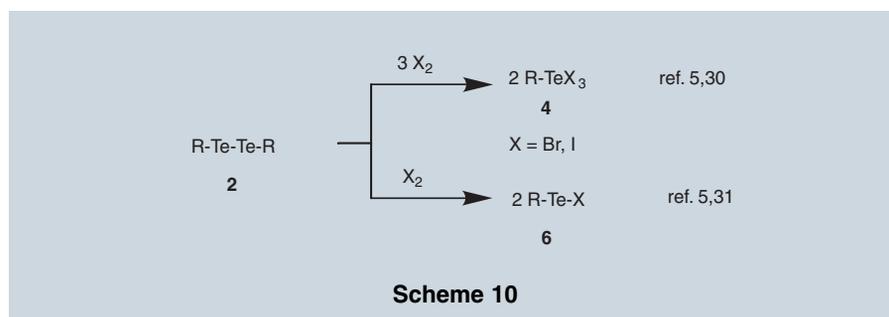
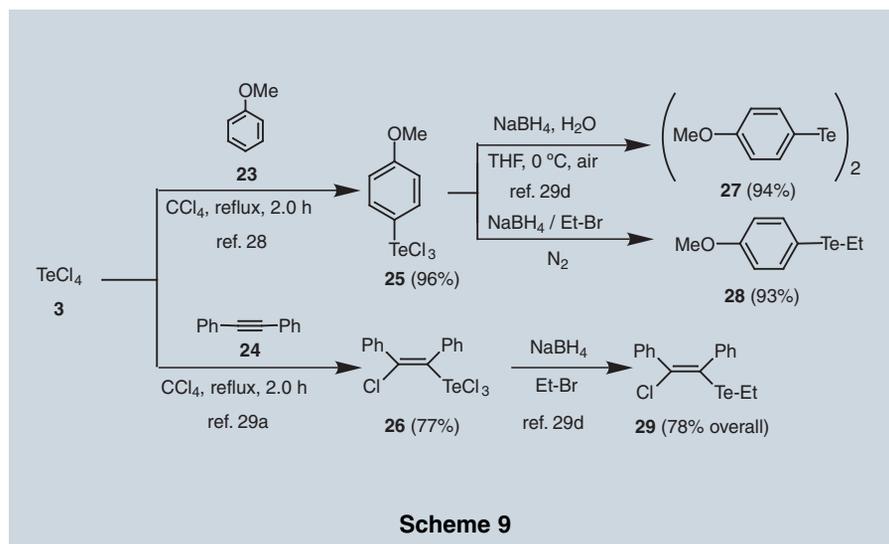
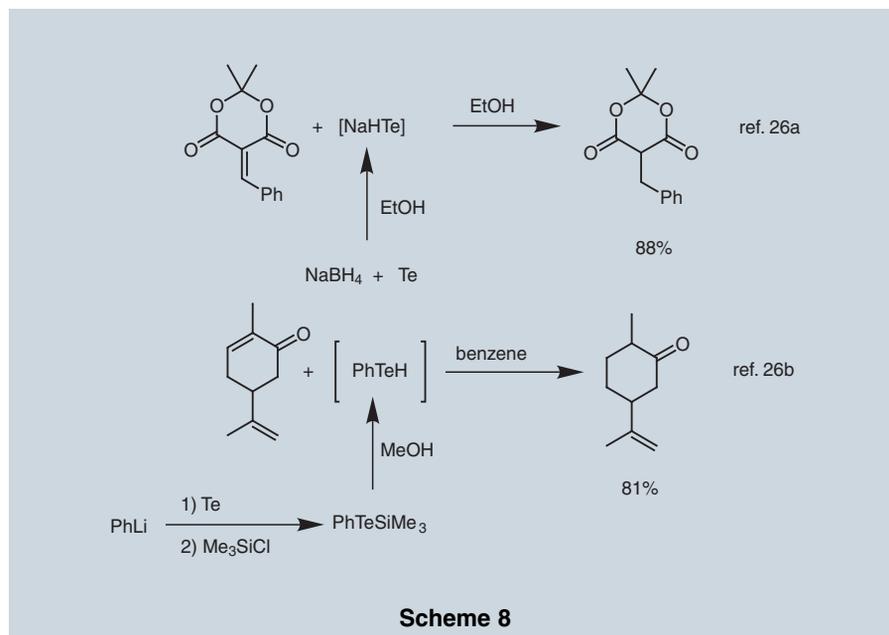
In 1987, Sonoda and coworkers reported that the transmetalation reaction of 1-(phenyltelluro)-2-phenylethene with  $n$ -butyllithium, followed by capture with benzaldehyde, gives the corresponding allylic alcohol with retention of the double bond

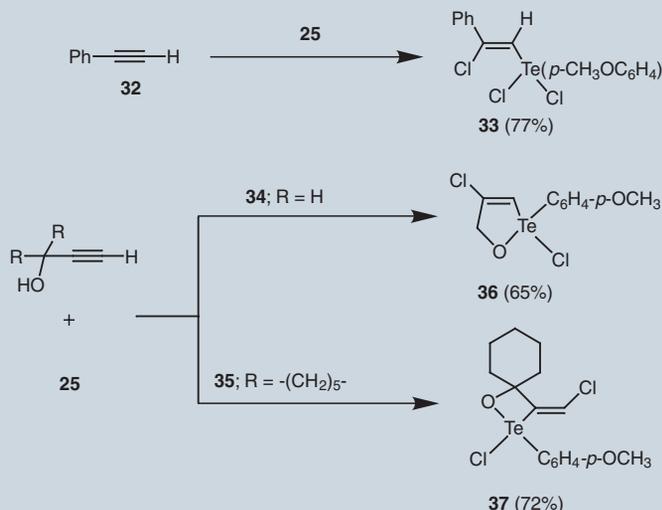
configuration.<sup>34b</sup> We observed that, depending on the length of time the reaction mixture of the aryl vinyl telluride and *n*-butyllithium is allowed to equilibrate prior to addition of the electrophile, complex mixtures of products can be formed (Scheme 15).<sup>38a</sup> This problem was overcome by using butyl vinyl tellurides instead of aryl vinyl tellurides. At the time we initiated the study of the transmetalation reactions of vinylic tellurides,<sup>37,38a</sup> the use of alkyl groups linked to tellurium had not been considered by the tellurium chemists, in view of comments in the older literature about the low stability of the aliphatic tellurium compounds. However, as commented on at the beginning of this review, these compounds are quite stable and can be handled without any need for special precautions. The transmetalation using butyl vinyl tellurides **13** or bisvinyl tellurides **14** occurs rapidly in THF at -78°C, and the vinyl anion is captured with a number of electrophiles, such as aldehydes, ketones, alkyl halides, carbon dioxide, and so on.<sup>38</sup> Representative examples of these reactions are shown in Table 5. The reaction is stereospecific: starting from the *Z* vinylic telluride **13** or **14**, only the *Z* olefin **52** is obtained. More recently, it has been shown that the transmetalation of the *E* vinylic tellurides also presents a general character.<sup>38c,d</sup>

The transmetalation of vinylic tellurides occurs also with other organometallic reagents, namely organosodium,<sup>39a</sup> potassium,<sup>39a</sup> calcium,<sup>39a</sup> magnesium,<sup>39a</sup> aluminum,<sup>39b</sup> and zinc.<sup>39c,d</sup>

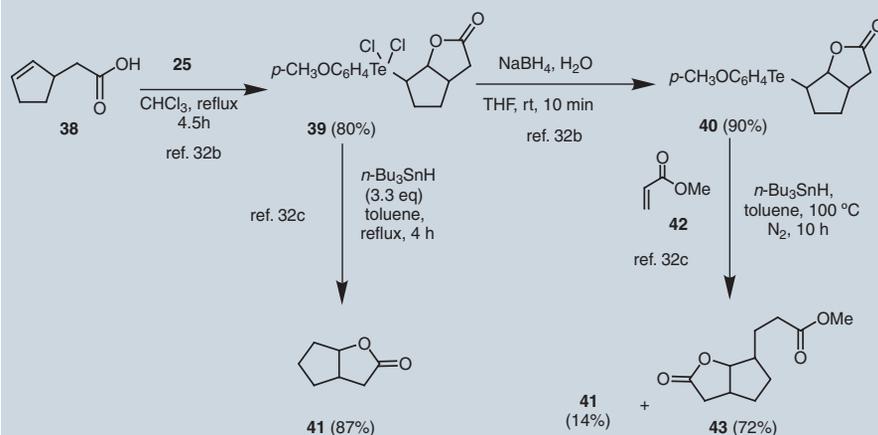
The transmetalation with higher-order lithium cyanocuprates **53** is the most versatile and promising transmetalation reaction of vinylic tellurides **13**.<sup>40</sup> Different non-transferable ligands have been used (Table 6).<sup>16</sup> The reaction occurs with retention of the double bond geometry, and the *Z* vinyl cyanocuprates react with unhindered enones (e.g., **55a**) in the usual way. Hindered enones (e.g., **55b**) fail to react when the *Z* vinyl cyanocuprate is generated in THF.<sup>41a</sup> However, the reaction is successful when boron trifluoride is added to the reaction mixture (Entries 3 and 4, Table 6).<sup>41b</sup> A similar result is obtained by using diethyl ether as solvent, even in the absence of boron trifluoride. A useful variation of the transmetalation reaction involves the use of vinyl thienyl tellurides. Treatment of **13j** with dilithium dibutyl cyanocuprate **53d** generates in one step the vinyl cyanocuprate with the nontransferable 2-thienyl ligand, **54d** (Entry 4, Table 6).<sup>16,41</sup>

Enolate **57**, resulting from the 1,4 addition of *Z* vinyl cyanocuprates **54** to enones (e.g., **55a**), can be captured by electrophiles, giving access to useful synthetic intermediates. Among the most interesting, we mention





Scheme 11



Scheme 12

Table 4. Transmetalation Reactions of Organic Tellurides



Entry	R	R <sup>1</sup>	E <sup>+</sup>	Product	Yield (%)	Ref.
1	PhSeCH <sub>2</sub> ( <b>44</b> )	Ph	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	PhSeCH <sub>3</sub>	90	34a
2	PhCH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub>	<i>n</i> -Bu	PhCHO	PhCH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH(OH)Ph	66	34c
3	Me <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub>	<i>n</i> -Bu	PhCHO	Me <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH(OH)Ph	73	34c
4	Me <sub>2</sub> SiCH <sub>2</sub>	<i>n</i> -Bu	PhCHO	Me <sub>2</sub> SiCH <sub>2</sub> CH(OH)Ph	89	34c
5	<i>n</i> -BuTeCH <sub>2</sub>	<i>n</i> -Bu	PhCHO	BuTeCH <sub>2</sub> CH(OH)Ph	81	34c
6	PhC≡C	Ph	PhCHO	PhC≡CCH(OH)Ph	89	34b
7	Ph	Ph	PhCHO	Ph <sub>2</sub> CH(OH)	80	34b
8	CH <sub>2</sub> =CH-CH <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Ph	PhCHO	CH <sub>2</sub> =CH-CH <sub>2</sub> CH(OH)Ph	96	34b
9	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	<i>s</i> -Bu	PhCHO	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH(OH)Ph	84	34b
10	PhCH <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	<i>n</i> -Bu	PhCHO	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH(OH)Ph	89	34d

<sup>a</sup> The tellurides were generated in situ by reaction of allyl bromide, *n*-propyl iodide, or benzyl chloride with PhTeLi, *s*-BuTeLi, or *n*-BuLi, respectively. This was followed by reaction with *n*-BuLi (Entry 8 and 10) or *s*-BuLi (Entry 9) and benzaldehyde.

enolphosphates **58**<sup>22</sup> and enol triflates **59**.<sup>42</sup> As stated before (Section 3), enolphosphates are valuable starting materials for tri- and tetrasubstituted *Z* vinylic tellurides.<sup>21d</sup> Enol triflate **59a** gives access to highly unsaturated systems **60** and **62** by palladium-catalyzed reaction with alkynes or *Z* vinylzinc chlorides (e.g., **61**) (Scheme 16).<sup>42</sup>

The *Z* vinylic cyanocuprates also react with epoxide **63**, giving the *Z* homoallylic alcohol **64**.<sup>16,43</sup> The reaction is stereospecific and offers the possibility of its application in enantioselective synthesis (eq 4).

Keeping in mind the easy access to vinylic tellurides (see Section 3), and their fast transmetalation to widely used reactive organometallics, we can consider this reaction sequence a valid alternative to the known methods of generating vinylolithiums and, especially, vinylcuprates. In addition, the trans hydrotelluration of alkynes is unique among the known, synthetically useful hydrometalations, since it allows for the direct preparation of reactive *Z* organometallics via transmetalation reactions. This is not possible with the known processes, which give rise to the *E* isomers (Scheme 17).<sup>44</sup>

## 6. Coupling Reactions of Vinylic Tellurides

The nature of the counterion of the higher-order cyanocuprates plays a crucial role in the course of their reaction with vinylic tellurides. We found that, when one or both metal cations in the cuprate are Mg (**65** and **66**), the transmetalation is not observed. A coupling between the alkyl group of the cuprate and the vinylic telluride occurred instead (Scheme 18). The reaction is stereospecific, with retention of the *Z* geometry of the double bond.<sup>45a</sup> With lower-order cyanocuprates **67** and **68**, the coupling reaction occurs even when the counter ion is lithium.<sup>21c, 45b</sup> When the double bond is conjugated to a carbonyl or carboxyl group, the stereochemistry of the double bond of the coupling product, **69**, depends on the reaction conditions.<sup>21c</sup> Gilman cuprates also couple efficiently with vinylic tellurides.<sup>45c</sup> Treatment of the preformed *Z* vinyl cyanocuprate with ZnCl<sub>2</sub> and subsequent reaction with bromoalkynes allows the synthesis of *Z* enynes **70** and *Z* enediynes **71** (Scheme 19).<sup>46</sup>

Recently, we have developed a catalytic coupling process of vinylic tellurides with alkynes. The reaction is performed by adding the vinylic telluride to a mixture of PdCl<sub>2</sub> and CuI in dry methanol. The alkyne and triethylamine are then added to this mixture. This coupling process gives *Z* enyne **72** and *Z* entriene **73** in good yields (Scheme 20).<sup>47</sup>

## 7. Concluding Remarks

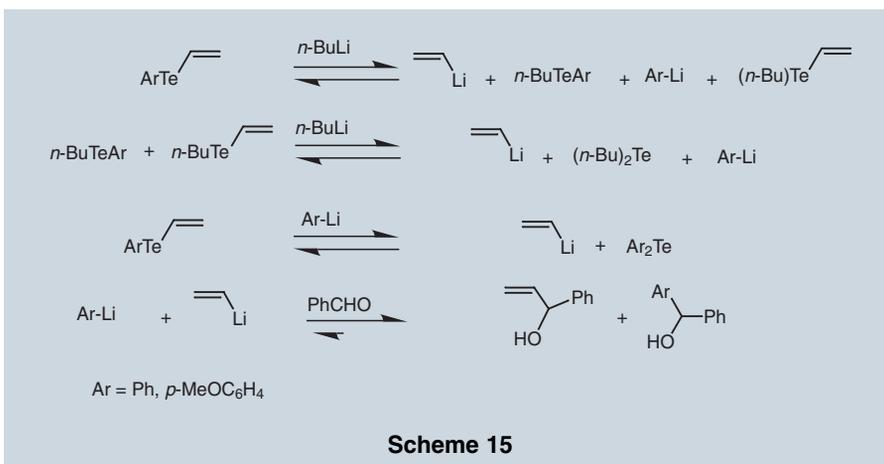
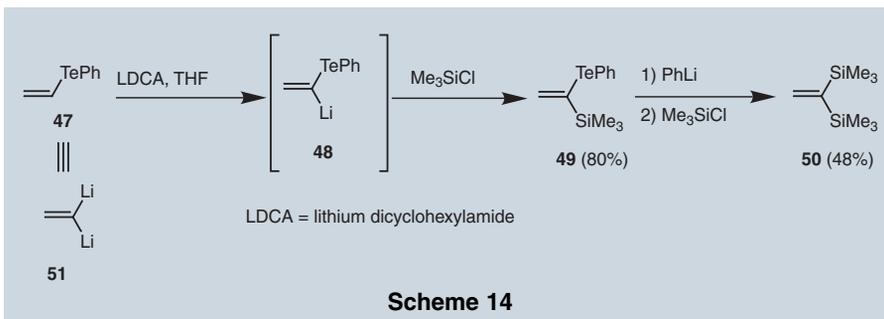
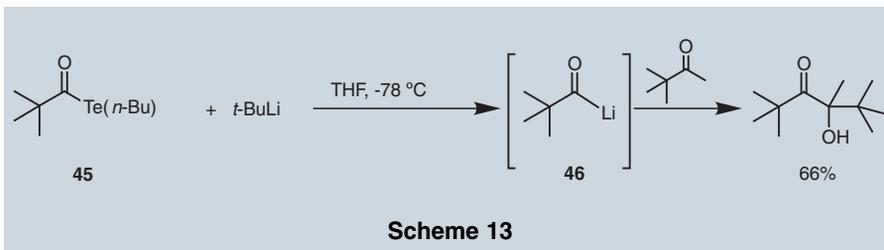
In the past few years, tellurium chemists have transformed this branch of organic chemistry into an attractive research field, and have developed safe methods to synthesize and handle tellurium compounds. This has led to the avoidance of volatile and malodorous reagents of the element, which had been a serious drawback to the practical application of tellurium compounds in the past. In addition, highly selective transformations of organic substrates are currently performed with tellurium reagents, and very mild conditions are used to remove the tellurium atom from these substrates. In some cases, this tellurium removal gives access to extremely useful synthetic intermediates such as *Z* vinylolithiums and *Z* vinylcuprates. The recently disclosed versatility of the organic chemistry of tellurium allows the assembly of highly unsaturated systems of defined stereochemistry, and opens the way to the use of *Z* vinylic tellurides in the synthesis of natural products that contain conjugated dienes, *Z* enynes, or *Z* enediynes.<sup>48</sup> The success of these transformations shows that tellurium reagents have a promising future in the synthesis of complex molecules, and we believe that the recent progress in the chemistry of this element will prompt synthetic organic chemists to include tellurium reagents in their synthetic plans.

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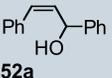
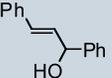
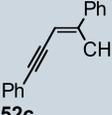
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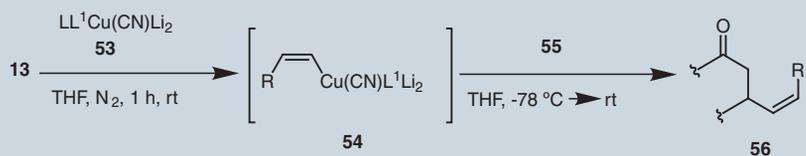
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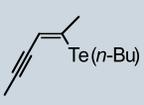
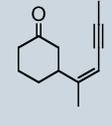
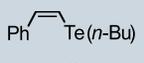
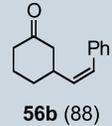
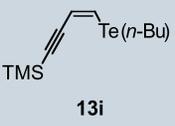
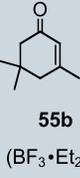
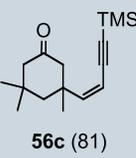
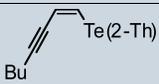
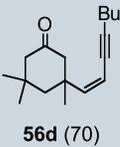
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**Table 5. Stereospecific Transmetalation of Vinylic Tellurides<sup>a</sup>**

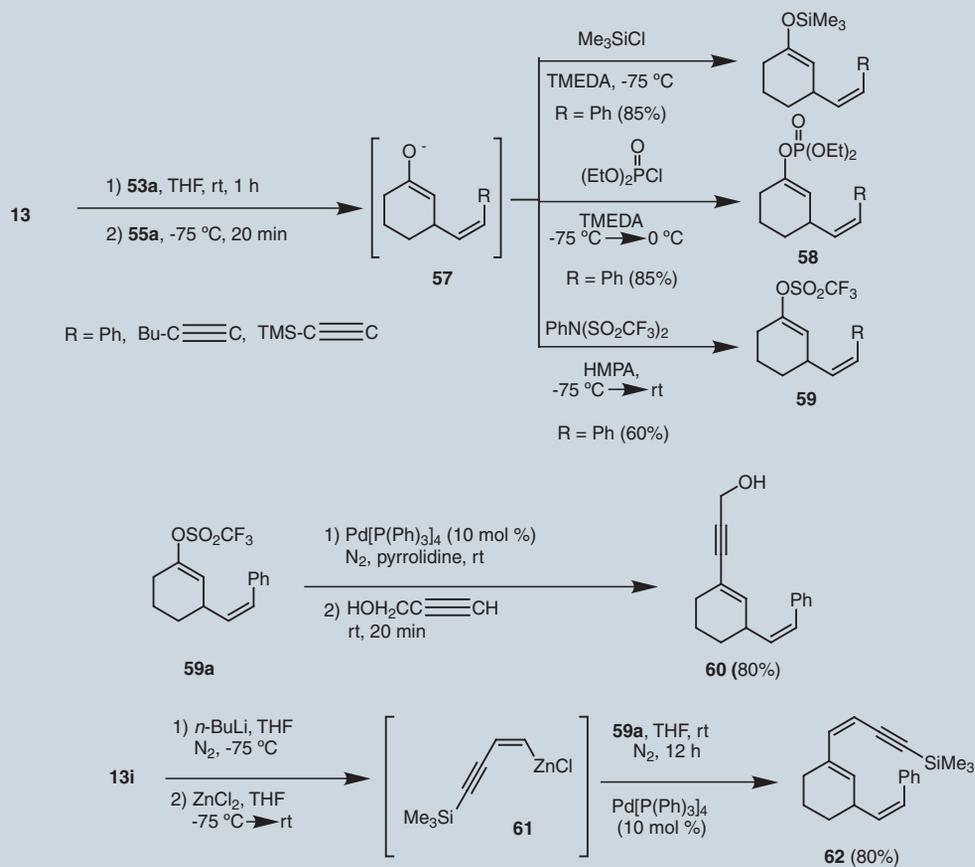
Vinylic Telluride	E <sup>+</sup>	Product	Yield (%)	Ref.
<b>13b</b>	PhCHO		85	38a
<b>14</b>	PhCHO	<b>52a</b>	80	38a
<b>15a</b>	PhCHO		79	38a
<b>13g</b>	Me <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>		93	38b

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: (i) *n*-BuLi, THF, N<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C; (ii) E<sup>+</sup>.

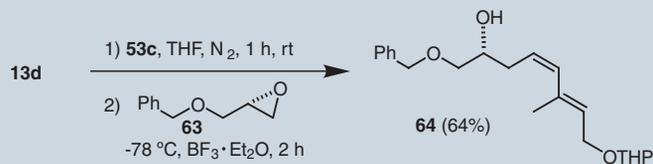
**Table 6. Transmetalation of Vinylic Tellurides with Lithium Cyanocuprates**


Entry	Vinylic Telluride	LL <sup>1</sup>	L <sup>1</sup>	Enone	Product (Yield, %)	Ref.
1		(Me, Me) <b>53a</b>	Me <b>54a</b>		 <b>56a</b> (63)	16
2		( <i>n</i> -Bu, Imid) <b>53b</b>	Imid <b>54b</b>	<b>55a</b>	 <b>56b</b> (88)	16
3		( <i>n</i> -Bu, 2-Th) <b>53c</b>	2-Th <b>54c</b>	 <b>55b</b> (BF <sub>3</sub> ·Et <sub>2</sub> O)	 <b>56c</b> (81)	41b
4		( <i>n</i> -Bu, <i>n</i> -Bu) <b>53d</b>	2-Th <b>54d</b>	<b>55b</b> (BF <sub>3</sub> ·Et <sub>2</sub> O)	 <b>56d</b> (70)	41b

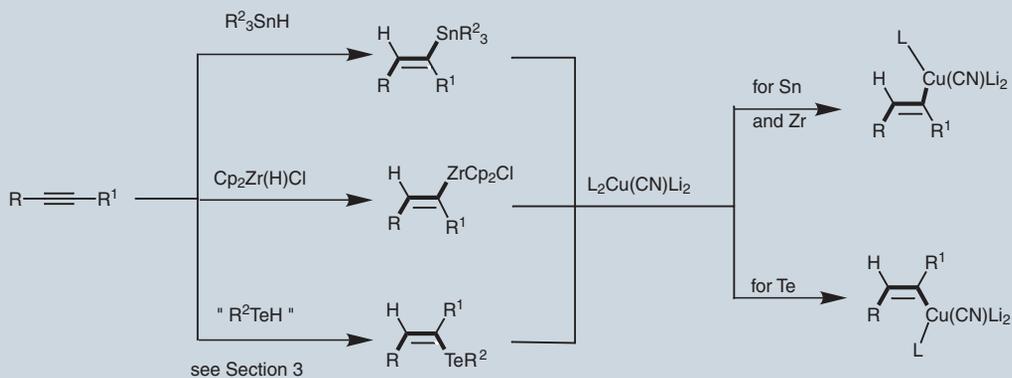
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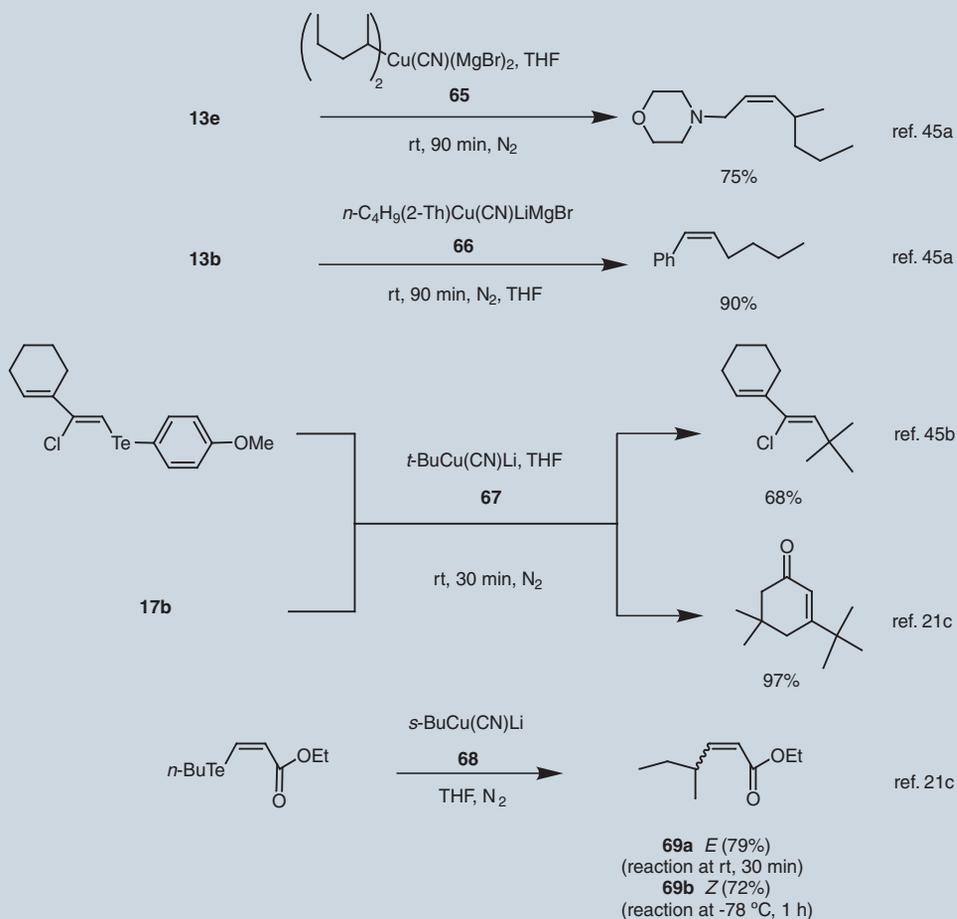
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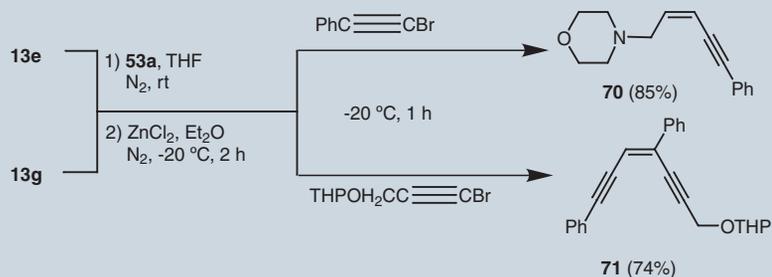
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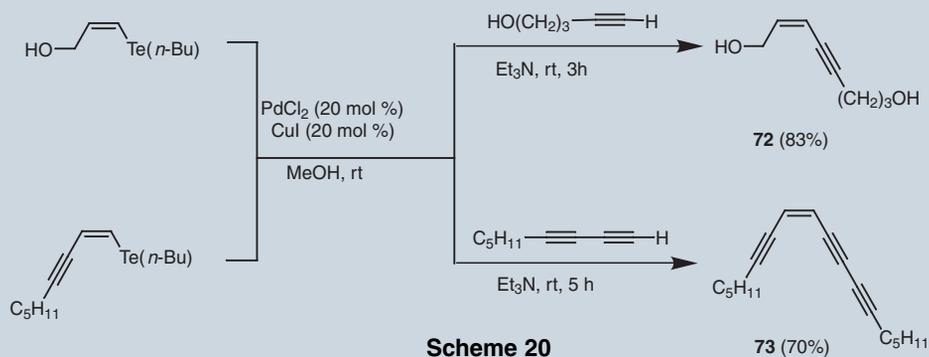
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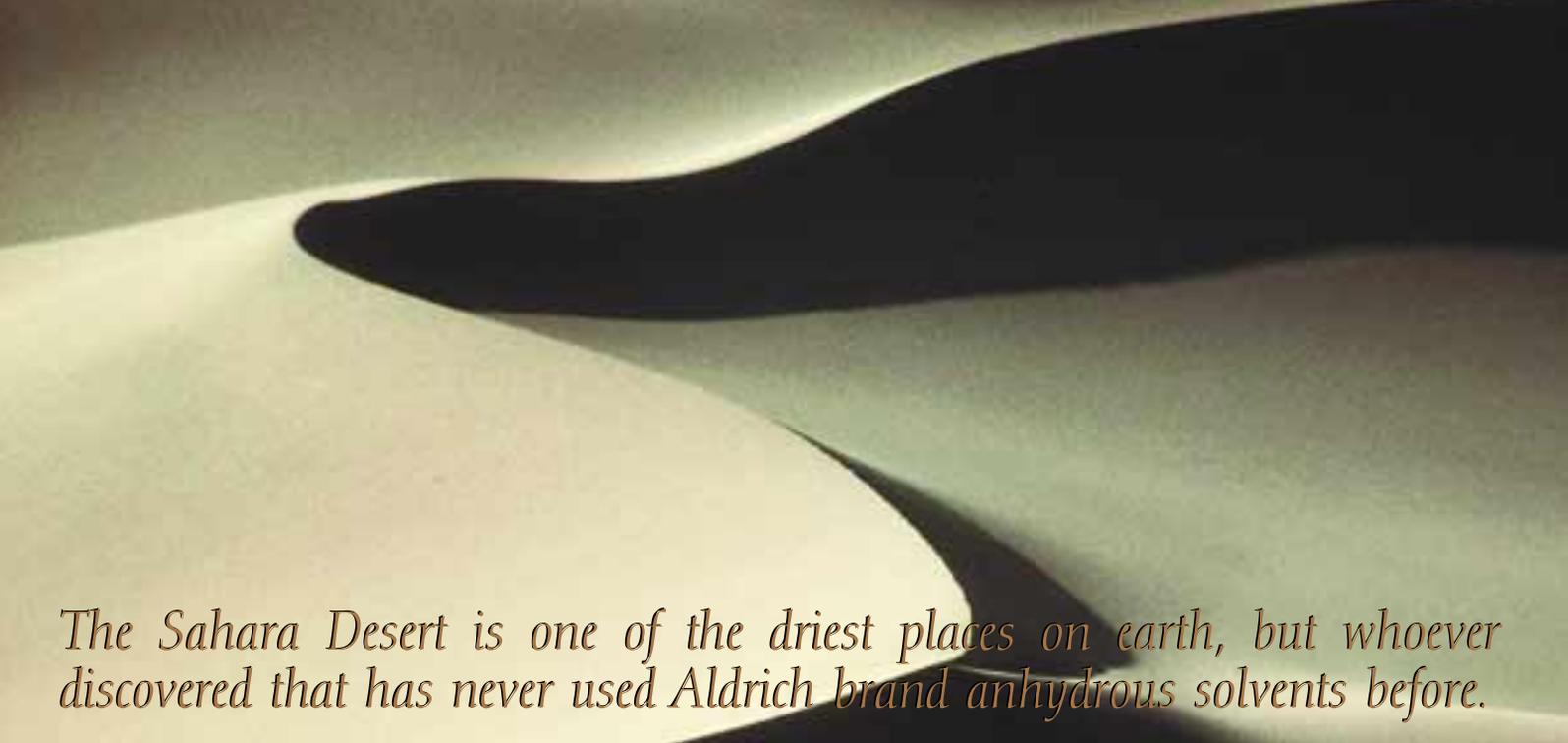


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* 29,631-7	Hexadecane, 99+%	30ppm	52,264-3	Tributylamine	50ppm
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* 22,706-4	Hexanes	10ppm	29,899-9	1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 99.5%	50ppm
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* 29,685-6	Isopropyl ether, 99%	20ppm	* 30,405-0	Triethyl orthoformate, 98%	30ppm
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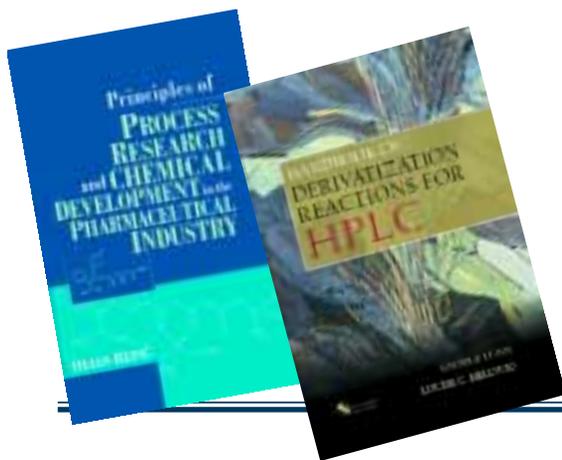
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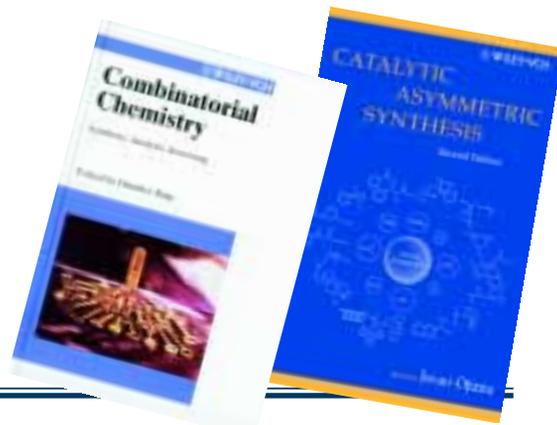
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M. A. Brook, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY, 1999, 680pp. Hardcover. A well-organized, practical overview that covers all aspects of organosilicon chemistry, including fundamentals of silicon reactivity, formation and cleavage of non-carbon bonds to silicon, and formation and cleavage of Si-C bonds. Contains an extensive, graphical index for easy access to functional group transformations.

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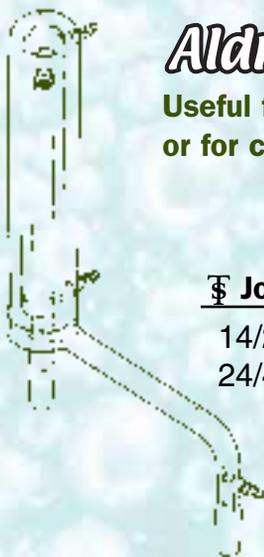
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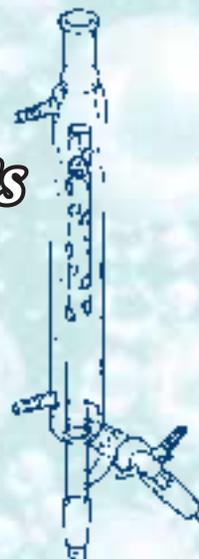
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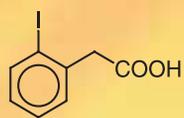
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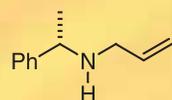
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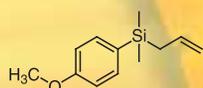
**53,147-2 2-Iodophenylacetic acid, 97%**



Nitrogen-containing heterocycles have recently been prepared from this chiral amine in a tandem aminocarbonylation/Pauson–Khand reaction.

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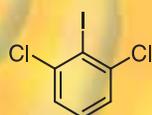
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This silane is a key intermediate in the synthesis of a silicon linker, useful for the traceless synthesis of pyridine-based tricyclics.

Woolard, F.X. et al. *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 6102.

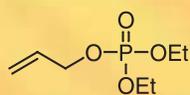
**51,104-8 Allyl(4-methoxyphenyl)dimethylsilane, 98%**



Useful for the synthesis of *m*-terphenyls, and, subsequently, novel cyclophanes.<sup>1,2</sup>

(1) Rajakumar, P.; Srisailas, M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1997**, *38*, 5323. (2) Kannan, A. et al. *J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 5090.

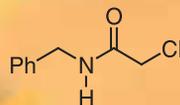
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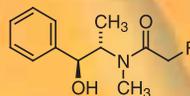
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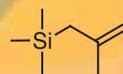
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Myers, A.G. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, *39*, 1335.

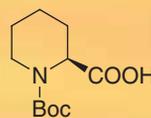
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Fang, X. et al. *J. Org. Chem.* **1999**, *64*, 4844.

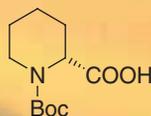
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(1) Baker, R.K. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, *39*, 229. (2) Preville, P. et al. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **1997**, *7*, 1563. (3) Eberle, M.K. et al. *J. Med. Chem.* **1995**, *38*, 1853.

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**S** *Street in Venice* (oil on wood panel, 17¾ in. x 21¼ in.) was painted by the American artist John Singer Sargent. Sargent was born in Florence in 1856 to affluent expatriate American parents and spent most of his life in Europe. He lived mainly in Paris until 1884, and then in London, where he died in 1925. His formal instruction in art was in Rome, Florence, and Paris, and, from 1877, he exhibited at the official salons in the French capital. Sargent traveled extensively, copying Velázquez at the Prado in Madrid and Frans Hals in Belgium and Holland, and developing a style that combines close observation with a fluent and painterly technique derived at least partly from these earlier masters. In 1881, he met James McNeill Whistler in Venice, where he painted this picture, probably in the fall of 1882. By the end of the nineteenth century, he had become the most celebrated international society portrait painter of his time, with a wealthy, aristocratic, and fashionable clientele; but he sought every chance he could to escape the constraints of formal portraiture for genre subjects.

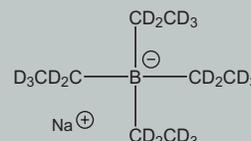
Sargent does not paint the colorful, idealized views of scenes like the Piazza San Marco or the Grand Canal, commonly portrayed by many of his contemporaries, but captures a casual moment in one of the back streets of a working class district of Venice. Observed by two men standing near a doorway, a young woman hurries along, her expression preoccupied and aloof, her shawl drawn about her against the chill. The limited range of color, the deep perspective view of the narrow street, and the dark silhouettes of the men, one of whom glances at the woman, create a mood that is almost sinister, and certainly ambiguous. Who is this young woman? Who are the two men? Do they know her? We cannot be sure, but this mystery is one reason that Sargent's painting is so compelling and so memorable.

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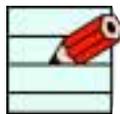
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# Lab Notes

## Effective Cooling System in Bulb-to-Bulb Distillation

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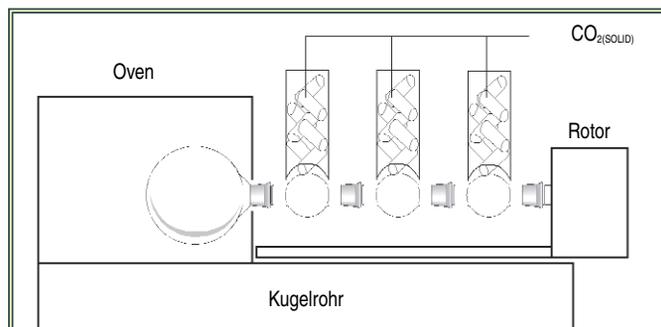
Traditionally, cooling of the collecting bulbs has been carried out with dry ice in acetone ( $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), especially when working with low-boiling substances or when distilling under vacuum. This cooling technique has several drawbacks:

- Acetone is usually applied by a piece of cotton held with tweezers and may accidentally drip on the Kugelrohr apparatus and attack the plastic cover. It may also drip inside the housing, through the control buttons, and damage the electronic circuit boards. Acetone can also dissolve the plastic parts of the front panel and lead to the fusion of the buttons to the housing.
- Acetone, because of its low flash point ( $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), could ignite if it contacts the electrical system since the rotor can generate sparks.
- From an operational point of view, the ground joints, which connect the glass bulbs, usually are not lubricated with vacuum grease to avoid contaminating the final distillate during its recovery. As a result, and even though the bulb-to-bulb seal is usually good, a reabsorption of acetone through the joints could happen principally when the distillation is carried out under vacuum. In this case, contamination of the distillate with acetone could become a problem, especially when dealing with low-boiling substances.

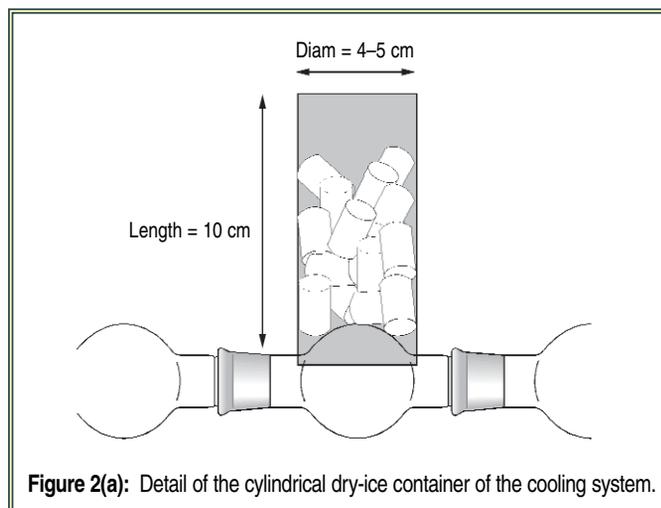
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To adapt the cylindrical container to the shape of the cooling bulb and to increase the cooling surface, it is recommended that two circular cuts be made on opposite sides of the bottom of the cylinder (**Figure 2b**).

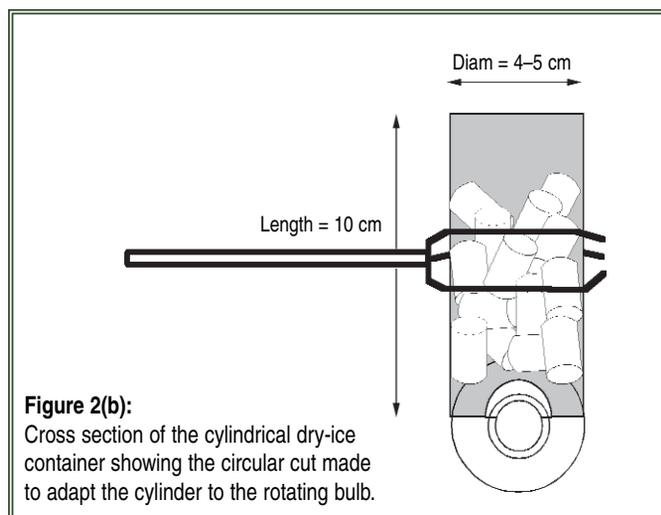
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**Figure 1:** Bulb-to-bulb distillation apparatus with a cooling system of open cylinders filled with dry ice.



**Figure 2(a):** Detail of the cylindrical dry-ice container of the cooling system.



**Figure 2(b):** Cross section of the cylindrical dry-ice container showing the circular cut made to adapt the cylinder to the rotating bulb.

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# Tailoring Polystyrene Solid-Phase Synthesis Resins: Incorporation of Flexible Cross-Linkers

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## 1. Introduction

Combinatorial and parallel synthesis techniques have become commonplace in modern organic chemistry.<sup>1</sup> These techniques often employ polymeric supports to immobilize either the substrate or the reagent in order to simplify compound manipulation and purification. Insoluble polymer resins are most commonly used for such applications,<sup>2</sup> but soluble polymers have also proven useful.<sup>3</sup> Until recently, the insoluble polymer resin of choice has been the one originally introduced by Merrifield,<sup>4</sup> divinylbenzene-cross-linked polystyrene (DVB-PS), and this resin is commercially available derivatized with a wide variety of functional groups for substrate attachment.

While much research has been directed toward the optimization of linker groups for substrate and reagent attachment to the resin,<sup>5</sup> the field of resin development has been relatively neglected.<sup>6</sup> The bulk of research

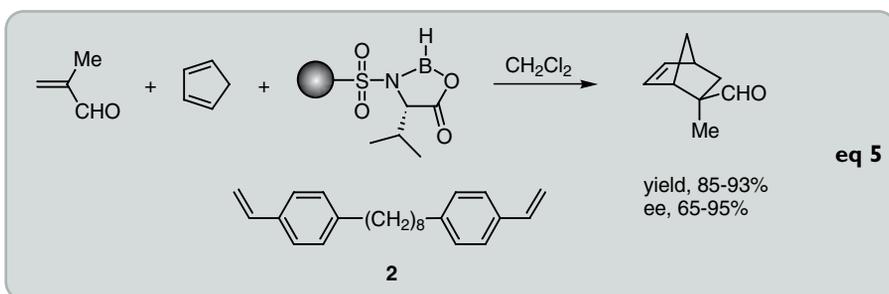
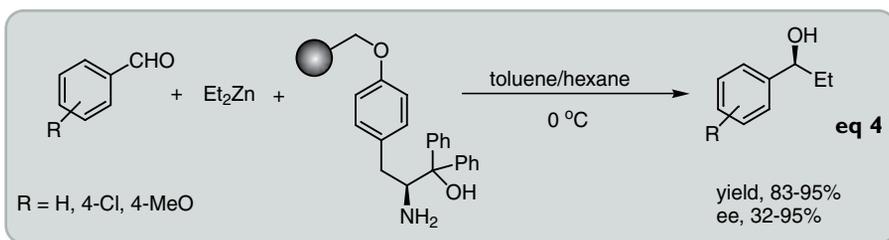
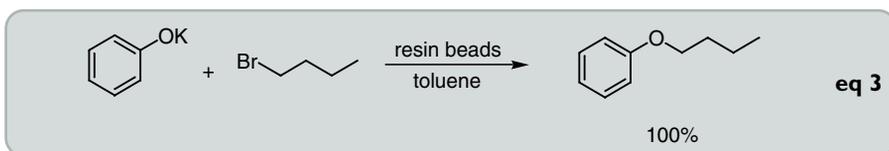
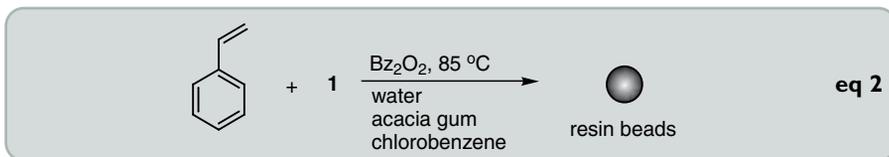
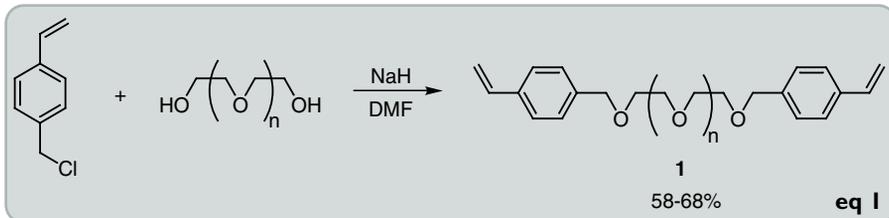


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along this line has thus far focused on optimizing the polymeric supports for the specific requirements of oligomeric biomolecule synthesis.<sup>7</sup> Considering that the science of small-organic-molecule synthesis is much more widely practiced and more applicable to the process of drug discovery than the fields of polypeptide and polynucleotide synthesis, it seems odd that little has been done to develop solid-phase synthesis supports specifically designed for use in organic synthesis. This is especially true if “solid-phase synthesis supports are like solvents”.<sup>8</sup> The reactions used in oligomeric biomolecule synthesis often require highly polar or aqueous solvents and reaction conditions, whereas small-organic-molecule synthesis often requires relatively nonpolar solvents or anhydrous reaction conditions. If one of the functions of the support is to solvate the substrate, it would seem logical that fundamentally different polymeric matrices would be required for optimal performance in these substantially different applications.

Strategies to identify polymeric supports that are more suitable for solid-phase organic synthesis (SPOS) have included the

reformatting of DVB-PS;<sup>9</sup> the addition of either poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG),<sup>10</sup> polystyrene,<sup>11</sup> or hydrocarbon<sup>12</sup> grafts to DVB-PS resins; the use of macroporous polystyrene-<sup>13</sup> or PEG-based<sup>14</sup> matrices; and the grafting of polystyrene onto polypropylene<sup>15</sup> or Teflon<sup>®</sup> surfaces.<sup>16</sup> A different approach that has recently emerged involves the replacement of divinylbenzene as the cross-linker in polystyrene resins with relatively more flexible molecules. The preparation and utility of these polymers is the focus of the current review. The new cross-linkers have been designed both to increase the flexibility of the polymer backbone to allow for better diffusion through the matrix and also to impart a variety of solvent-like properties to the resins. While chiral *cross-linkers* have also been used, they are not discussed here, since the resins prepared with them were designed to induce the asymmetric catalysis of specific reactions rather than to serve as general supports for solid-phase synthesis.<sup>17</sup> The current review will only cover resins that are of general utility in the solid-phase synthesis of both peptides and small organic molecules.



## 2. Poly(ethylene glycol) Cross-Linked Resins

The strategy of using flexible cross-linkers to prepare polystyrene resins was first introduced by Itsuno et al.<sup>18</sup> In this work, PEG molecules of various molecular weights were capped by two styrene moieties (**1**) and these bifunctional molecules (**1**) were used to cross-link polystyrene resins. The resins were prepared by suspension polymerization (**eq 2**).<sup>19</sup> In this process, a stirred suspension of monomer solution droplets in an aqueous phase is heated to initiate radical polymerization, which converts each droplet into an individual resin bead.

### 2.1. Physical Properties

Kurth and co-workers have studied the physical properties of resins cross-linked by **1** ( $n = 1, 2, 4, \text{ and } 6$ ).<sup>20</sup> Polystyrene resins prepared with **1** ( $n = 1, 2, 4, \text{ and } 6$ ) were found to swell to a much greater extent than resins

cross-linked with a comparable amount of DVB in solvents in which swelling was observed (toluene and dimethoxyethane). In fact, they found that a resin cross-linked with 20% **1** ( $n = 6$ ) swelled nearly as much as 2% DVB-PS. This is significant since it is commonly observed that increased cross-linking leads to a dramatic decrease in resin swelling. It should be noted that only at such higher levels of cross-linking did resin swelling increase with PEG chain length. At lower levels of cross-linking, all resins exhibited similar swelling, regardless of cross-linker length.

The diffusive properties and mass transport through these PEG cross-linked resin beads were examined by measuring the kinetics of triethylxonium tetrafluoroborate fluorescence quenching of dansyl groups covalently incorporated into the beads.<sup>20</sup> Unfortunately, the results of these studies were equivocal. The quenching, and therefore diffusion, was fastest in toluene, the solvent in which the resins exhibited the most swelling.

This observation lends credibility to the common assumption that increased resin swelling is important to the overall success of solid-phase synthesis. However, the PEG cross-linked beads exhibited faster fluorescence quenching than 2% DVB-PS beads only in low-swelling solvents and slower quenching than 2% DVB-PS beads in high-swelling solvents. Since all of the PEG cross-linked beads swell to a greater extent than do DVB-PS beads, an unidentified phenomenon is clearly playing a role. Furthermore, it is interesting to note that the length of the cross-linker again appeared to have no effect on diffusion, since all PEG cross-linked resins of equal cross-linking exhibited similar rates of fluorescence quenching.

### 2.2. Phase-Transfer Catalysis

Itsuno et al. were the first to report the preparation (**eq 1**) and use of resins containing flexible cross-linkers **1**.<sup>18</sup> The basis for the design of these cross-linkers was to take advantage of the propensity of PEG to adopt helical crown ether-like conformations in order to prepare resins that would bind alkali cations, and thus would serve as phase-transfer catalysts in the Williamson ether synthesis. They prepared a variety of resins containing **1** and styrene and tested them as catalysts in the reaction of 1-bromobutane with potassium phenoxide (**eq 3**). It was observed that, when PEG with a molecular weight of  $\geq 400$  D (**1**,  $n > 7.7$ ) was used to prepare the cross-linker, the resins did serve as effective phase-transfer catalysts. This is presumably due to the ability of the longer PEG chains to form the desired crown ether-like environments that bind potassium cations.

### 2.3. Catalysis of the Asymmetric Addition of Diethylzinc to Aldehydes

After establishing that beads of PEG cross-linked polystyrene resin were viable as phase-transfer catalysts, Itsuno et al. examined the attachment of a chiral auxiliary to such a resin and the ability of this auxiliary to induce asymmetric catalysis.<sup>21</sup> In this study, **1** ( $n = 3$ ) was used as the cross-linking agent of the resin, and the reaction studied was the asymmetric ethylation of aromatic aldehydes (**eq 4**). It was observed that, when the chiral auxiliary was incorporated during the polymerization reaction in the form of a chiral monomer, resins cross-linked with **1** ( $n = 3$ ) afforded higher enantioselectivities than did resins cross-linked with DVB. Apparently, the observed increased swelling of the resin incorporating **1** in the reaction medium results in better solvation and stabilization of the reaction complex, which lead to the enhanced enantioselectivity.

Another potentially important observation was that these resins appeared to be more mechanically stable than DVB-PS resins cross-linked at equal molar percentages. After 4 days

of magnetic stirring in toluene, resin beads 20% cross-linked by **1** ( $n = 3$ ) did not show any loss of shape, whereas 20% DVB-PS beads did.<sup>21</sup> The development of resins with increased mechanical stability would eliminate the need for the specialized reaction agitation methods and glassware commonly used in solid-phase synthesis. Standard glassware and magnetic stirring could be used, since stirring would not grind the resin and make it difficult to filter.

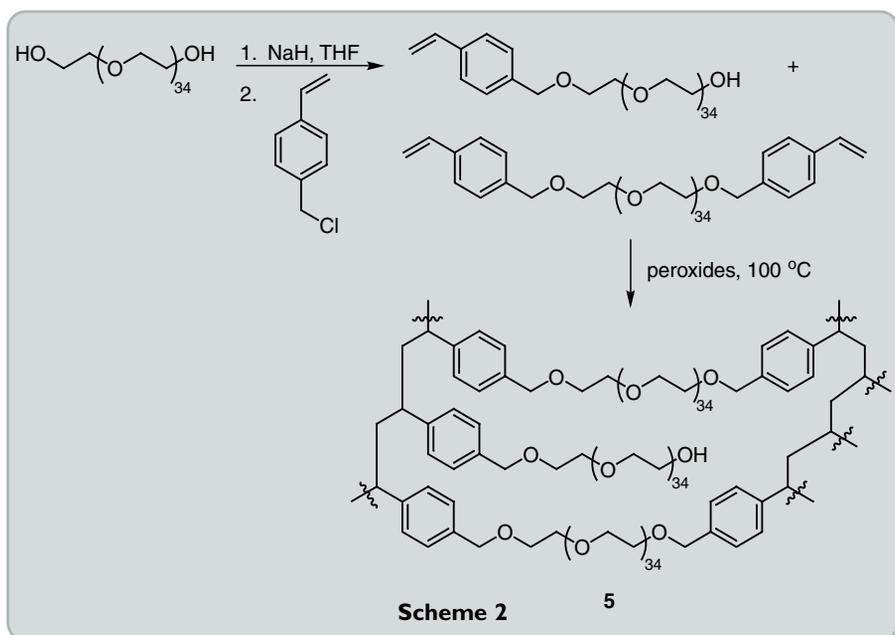
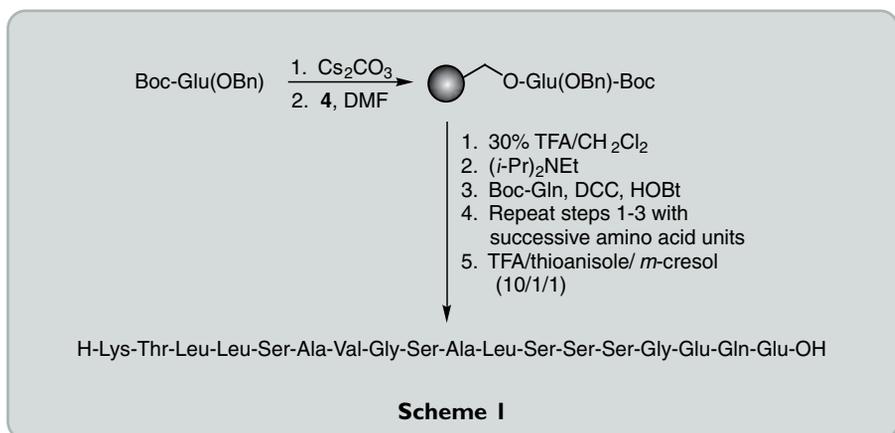
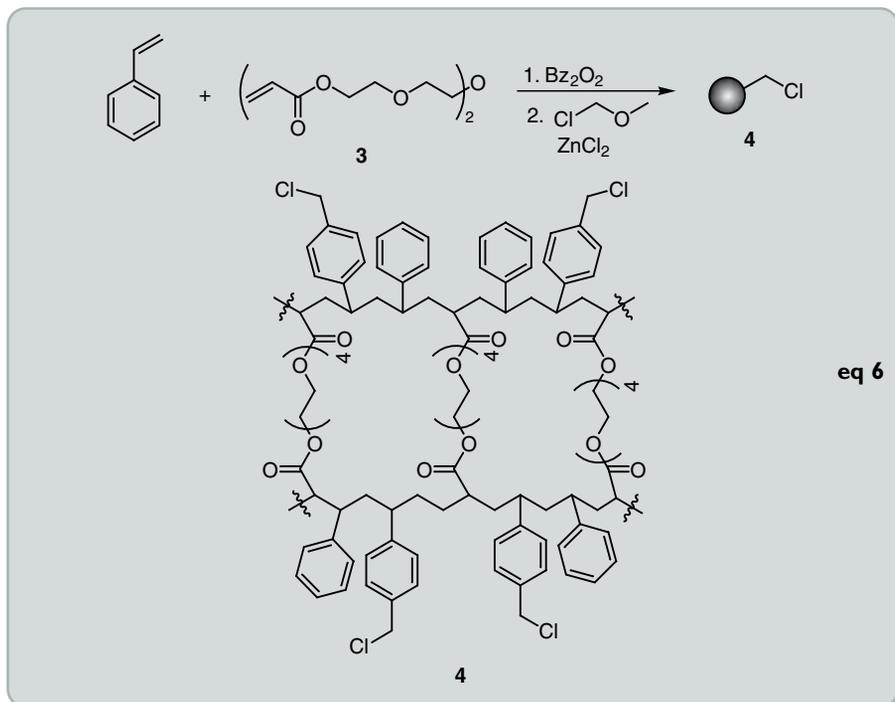
#### 2.4. Catalysis of the Asymmetric Diels–Alder Reaction

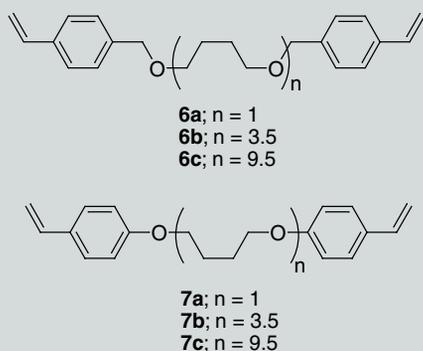
The solid-phase, asymmetric Diels–Alder reaction of methacrolein with cyclopentadiene has also been examined using flexibly cross-linked resins (**eq 5**).<sup>22</sup> Results from resins cross-linked with DVB, **1** ( $n = 0, 3$ , and  $7.7$ ), and **2** were compared. The resin cross-linked with DVB afforded the lowest enantioselectivity, while resins containing **1** ( $n = 0, 3$ , and  $7.7$ ) afforded the highest. Interestingly, using cross-linker **2**, a hydrocarbon analog of **1**, resulted in intermediate enantioselectivity. This indicates that not only is the flexibility of **1** important, but that its polarity also plays a role in enhancing the asymmetric induction.

#### 2.5. Polypeptide Synthesis

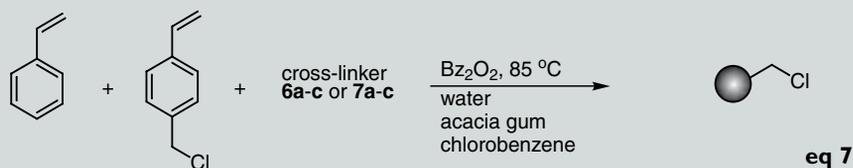
Pillai and co-workers have pioneered the use of PEG cross-linked polystyrene resins in polypeptide synthesis.<sup>23</sup> They prepared tetraethylene glycol diacrylate (**3**) and used it to prepare cross-linked resin **4**, in which the chloromethyl functional groups were introduced after polymerization (**eq 6**). Again, the tetraethylene glycol was incorporated with the intention of increasing the polarity of **4**, and thus making it more amenable for use in polypeptide synthesis. To demonstrate the utility of **4**, it was employed in the synthesis of the 18-residue, C-terminal region of Pardaxin using a standard Boc protecting group strategy to afford the pure polypeptide in 68% overall yield (**Scheme 1**).<sup>23a</sup> Pillai's group has also incorporated 4-chloromethyl-3-nitro, amino-methyl,  $\alpha$ -bromopropionyl,  $\alpha$ -aminopropionyl, 4-bromomethyl-3-nitrobenzamido, and 4-aminomethyl-3-nitrobenzamido linker groups into **4**. These linkers allow for peptide cleavage, in high yield and purity, by photolysis, trifluoroacetic acid treatment, transesterification, and ammonolysis.<sup>23b</sup> It was also found that **4**, containing 4 mole percent of **3**, was synthetically useful for the preparation of C-terminal peptide-*N*-alkylamides.<sup>23c</sup> While **4** has shown great utility in the synthesis of polypeptides, it should be noted that the ester linkages of **3** could make it less useful for the syntheses of small organic molecules, which require strongly basic or reductive reaction conditions.

While the polymers studied by Pillai and Kurth contained little PEG relative to polystyrene, Meldal and co-workers have examined PEG-PS hybrid polymers, which

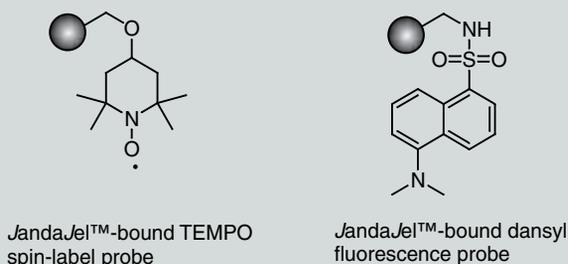




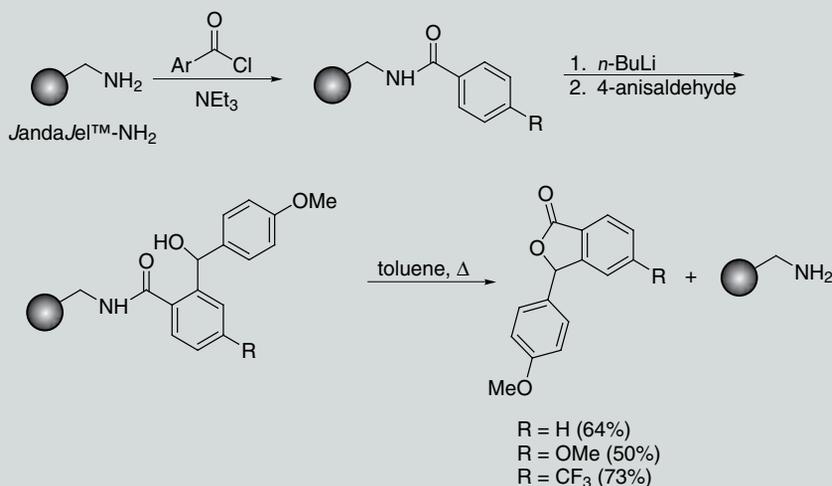
**Figure 1.** Polytetrahydrofuran Cross-Linkers.



(When cross-linked with 2 mol % **7a**, the product resin is known by the trade name *JandaJel*<sup>™</sup>.)



**Figure 2**



**Scheme 3**

contain much higher proportions of PEG.<sup>24</sup> They randomly derivatized PEG (molecular weight 1500) with 4-vinylbenzyl chloride and polymerized the styrene functional groups of this product mixture to afford polymer **5** (Scheme 2). A pentapeptide was prepared with **5** using standard Fmoc-pentafluorophenyl ester methodology. In order to overcome the chemical lability of the benzyl ether linkages in **5**, they used 4-(3-chloropropyl)styrene for PEG alkylation in their second-generation resin.

### 3. Polytetrahydrofuran Cross-Linked Resins

Recently, we introduced a class of resins designed specifically for SPOS. Unlike the PEG-based cross-linkers of Itsuno, Pillai, and Meldal, these resins incorporate cross-linkers **6** and **7**<sup>25</sup> that are derived from polytetrahydrofuran (PTHF) (Figure 1).<sup>26,27</sup> Since one of the functions of the resin is to solvate attached substrates, we thought it might be beneficial to use cross-linkers that closely resemble solvents used in traditional solution-phase synthesis. In this regard, tetrahydrofuran and diethyl ether (which architecturally resembles PTHF) are much more commonly used than ethylene glycol (which resembles PEG).

#### 3.1. Physical Properties

The resin beads were prepared using the same suspension polymerization technique reported by Kurth<sup>20</sup> (eq 7), and were observed to exhibit remarkable swelling in solvents regularly used in organic synthesis (THF, dichloromethane, dimethylformamide, benzene, dioxane) as compared to standard DVB-PS resins.<sup>26</sup> It appears that the inherent flexibility and polarity of **6** and **7** allow for increased interaction between solvent and resin. This interaction is expected to enhance the performance in SPOS of resins incorporating **6** and **7**, since it is commonly believed that resin swelling is important for the success of SPOS.<sup>28</sup> Since the length of the cross-linker did not appear to be important in terms of increased swelling, **7a** was chosen for use in all subsequent studies. **7a** is the simplest and most economical to prepare, and the phenyl ether linkages are compatible with a broader range of reaction conditions than the benzylic linkages of **6a**. Resins containing 2 mole percent of **7a** are known as *JandaJel*<sup>™</sup> resins.<sup>27</sup>

To analyze *JandaJel*<sup>™</sup> on a molecular level and compare it to a standard DVB-PS Merrifield resin, EPR and fluorescence spectroscopy were employed.<sup>29</sup> The EPR study involved the incorporation of a TEMPO spin-label probe to determine the internal viscosity of the swollen resins (Figure 2). The fluorescence study involved the measurement of the fluorescence maxima of a dansyl probe incorporated into the resin (Figure 2).

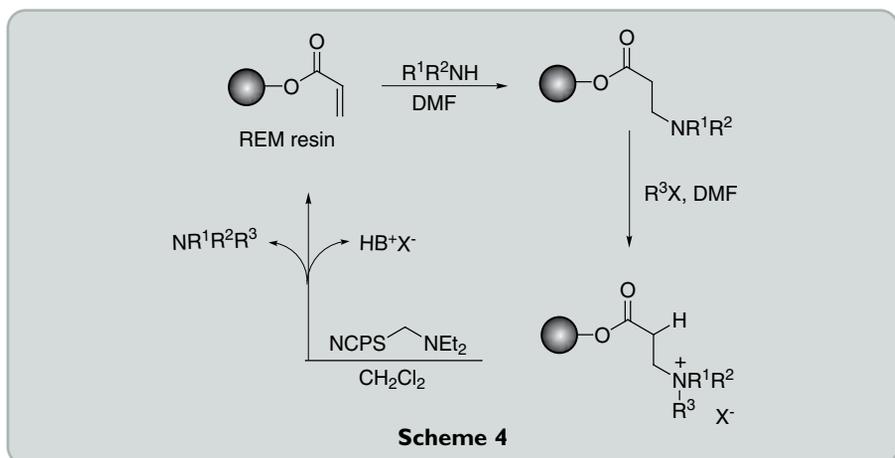
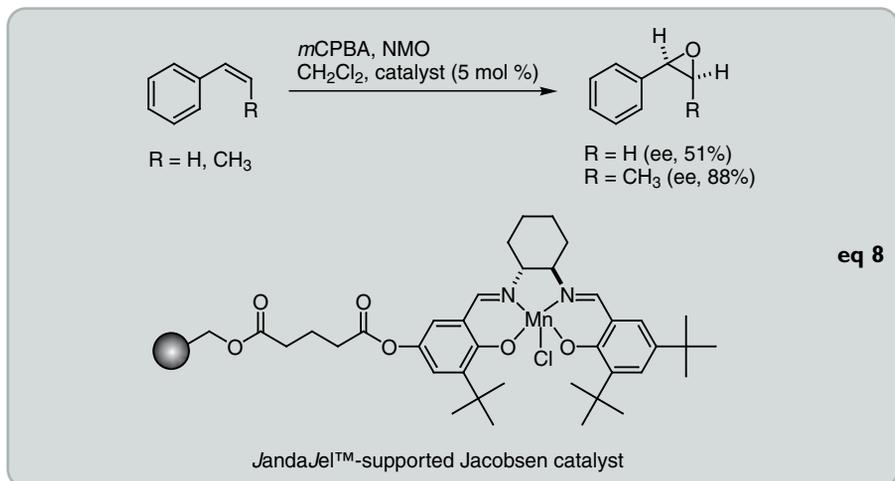
The results of these studies were equivocal, since the EPR data indicated that the viscosity of swollen *JandaJel*<sup>TM</sup> is greater than that of the Merrifield resin, but the fluorescence results showed that there is in fact a good correlation between swelling, solvation, and, perhaps, diffusion in the interior of the resin beads. Taken together, these results indicate that the relationship between resin swelling, solvation, and diffusion is complex and that more research is required in order to better understand the processes involved.

### 3.2. Directed Ortho Lithiation and Phthalide Library Synthesis

To demonstrate the synthetic utility of the new resins, we prepared a combinatorial library of phthalide compounds using directed ortho-lithiation reactions (Scheme 3).<sup>30</sup> The use of this type of directed ortho-metallation reaction in solid-phase synthesis had previously had only limited success. We showed that, under mild reaction conditions, an array of both metallation substrates and electrophiles could be used to afford the desired products in good yields. Importantly, it was found that the PTHF resins afforded higher yields than did the DVB-PS resin. Another noteworthy aspect of the synthetic scheme is that cleavage of the product is an intramolecular process, leading to essentially pure products.

### 3.3. Catalysis of the Jacobsen Asymmetric Epoxidation

In an effort to develop a reusable catalyst for the asymmetric epoxidation of unfunctionalized olefins, we have attached a chiral (salen)Mn complex to *JandaJel*<sup>TM</sup>.<sup>31</sup> The complex is linked to hydroxymethyl-functionalized resin through a glutarate spacer. This places the catalyst sufficiently away from the polymer backbone to allow unimpeded access of the olefinic substrate to the active metal center. As substrates for the supported catalyst, we examined styrene and *cis*- $\beta$ -methylstyrene, which, upon reaction with *m*CPBA/NMO, provided the desired epoxides with enantiomeric excesses that were nearly equivalent to those achieved using the commercial, homogeneous Jacobsen catalyst (eq 8). The catalyst was used for three cycles before a significant decline in enantioselectivity or yield was observed. This system offers an improvement over earlier attempts to immobilize this expensive catalyst system on an insoluble support, since the previous systems generally suffered from the inability of reuse and/or lower enantioselectivities. The superior swelling of *JandaJel*<sup>TM</sup> may result in better solvation of the reaction complex thus minimizing any loss of enantioselectivity resulting from heterogenization of the catalyst.



### 3.4. Multipolymer System for the Synthesis of Tertiary Amines

In another example of the utility of *JandaJel*<sup>TM</sup>, we have combined the use of soluble polystyrene with the insoluble cross-linked resin. An acrylate linker was attached to the hydroxymethyl resin to afford a REM resin,<sup>32</sup> which was used to prepare tertiary amines (Scheme 4).<sup>33</sup> In the original work with REM resin, a tertiary amine base was used to effect the elimination of the product from the resin and the product salts had to be removed by either extraction or chromatography.<sup>32</sup> We eliminated the need for final purification by attaching the tertiary amine base to soluble, non-cross-linked polystyrene (NCPS). NCPS was found to effectively cleave the products from the resin. Removal of the reusable resin by filtration was followed by concentration of the reaction solution, which contained both the desired product and the NCPS byproducts. The resulting mixture was washed with methanol to dissolve the product but not the NCPS; concentration of the methanol solution afforded the pure products. This work is important because it is the first example of the use of soluble polymer-bound reagents to cleave products from SPOS resins. This concept could be exploited to increase the array of available cleavage reactions, which do

not generate byproducts that necessitate product purification; in turn, this would dramatically increase the SPOS universe in terms of types of reactions used and classes of compounds prepared.

### 3.5. Shape-Encoded Urea Library Synthesis

In developing a new encoding system for the deconvolution of split-mix combinatorial compound libraries, we have used monolithic polystyrene forms cross-linked with **7a** (Figure 3).<sup>34</sup> In a seminal publication, Sherrington and co-workers reported that monolithic polystyrene discs could function as supports for solid-phase synthesis.<sup>9a</sup> These discs were prepared simply by polymerizing styrene and divinylbenzene in test tubes and slicing the thus formed polymeric rods into discs of the desired thickness. This observation inspired us to prepare a series of monoliths of different shapes in which the shape itself served as an encoding element. Using this methodology, 24 out of a theoretical 25-member library of urea compounds were prepared using only 11 reactions (Scheme 5).

## 4. Miscellaneous Resins

In work similar to that of Janda and co-workers, Pillai's group introduced a series

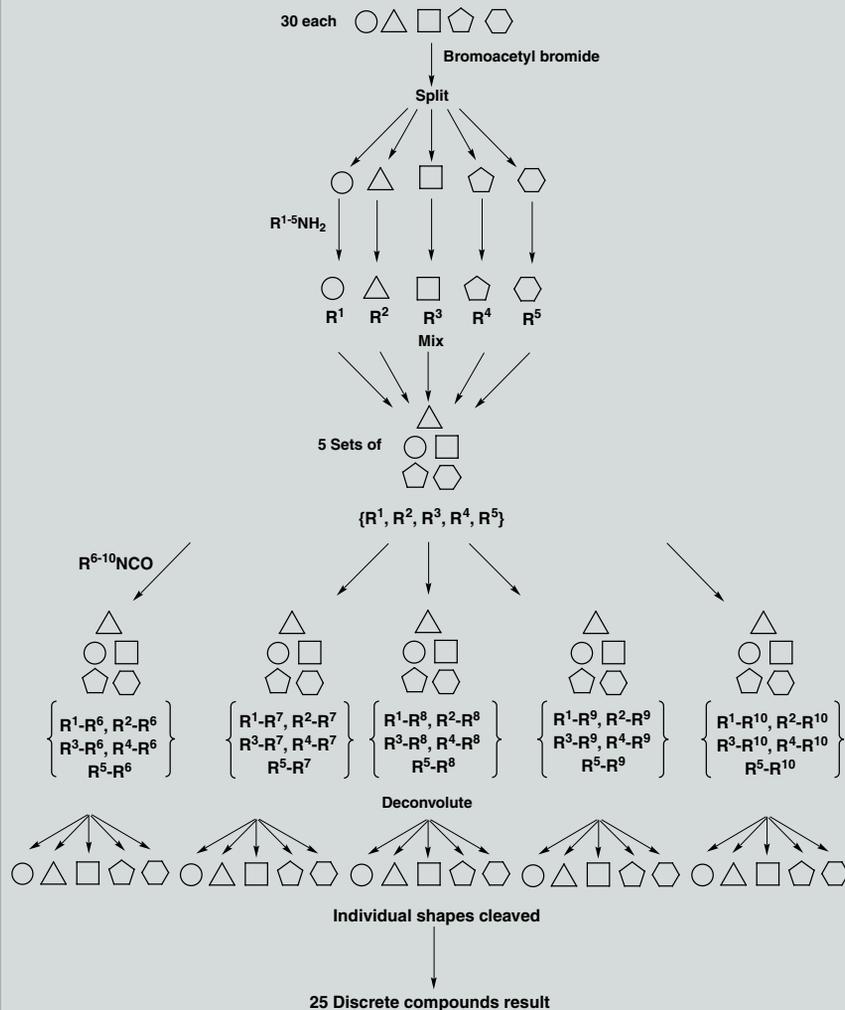
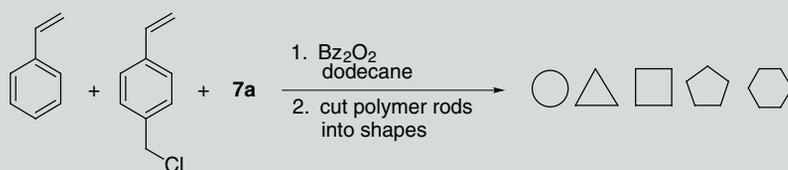
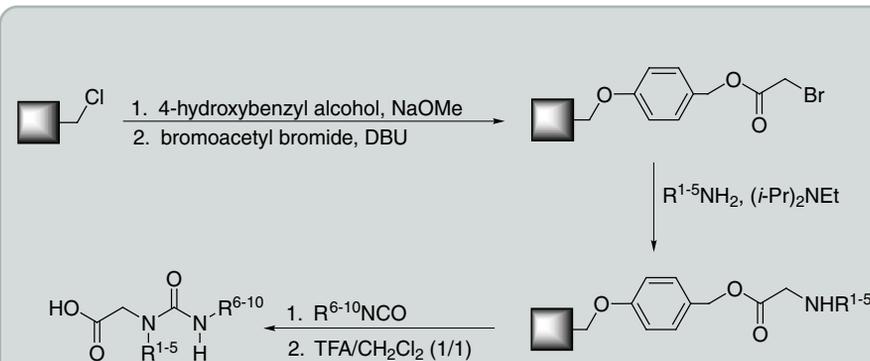


Figure 3



Scheme 5

of resins for the solid-phase synthesis of non-polar polypeptide sequences, and attempted to modulate and optimize the polarity of the resins by incorporating 1,4-butanediol diacrylate (**8**) and 1,6-hexanediol diacrylate (**9**) (**eq 9**).<sup>35</sup> They chose these cross-linkers as replacements for **3**, because they were less polar in nature.

#### 4.1. Polypeptide Synthesis

Polystyrene resins **8-PS** and **9-PS** were prepared from **8** and **9**, respectively, and were used for the synthesis of a variety of polypeptides. The first report of the utility of **9-PS** was the synthesis of partial-sequence fragments of thioredoxin using standard coupling procedures.<sup>35a,b</sup> Resin **8-PS** was employed as the support for the synthesis of several model polypeptides.<sup>35c</sup> Importantly, it was found that **9-PS** afforded better coupling yields and higher product purities than DVB-PS in the synthesis of identical sequences, thus validating the researchers' hypothesis.<sup>35d</sup>

#### 5. Concluding Remarks

The emergence of combinatorial chemistry has spurred renewed interest in polymer-assisted synthesis. As more elaborate solid-phase syntheses are undertaken and more demanding reaction conditions are used, polymers with different physical and chemical properties will become necessary. Polystyrene resins have served admirably as supports for a variety of reactions and as the basis for the research described in this account. The modification and fine tuning of the structure and polarity of the polystyrene cross-linker has resulted in polymers with unique and improved properties. It is expected that future research in this field will further advance the science of solid-phase synthesis.

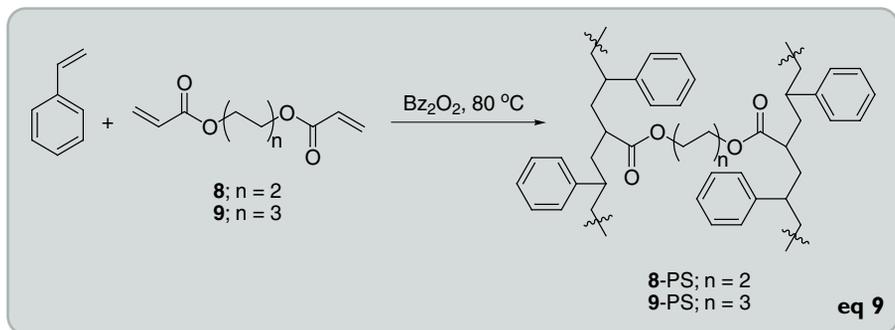
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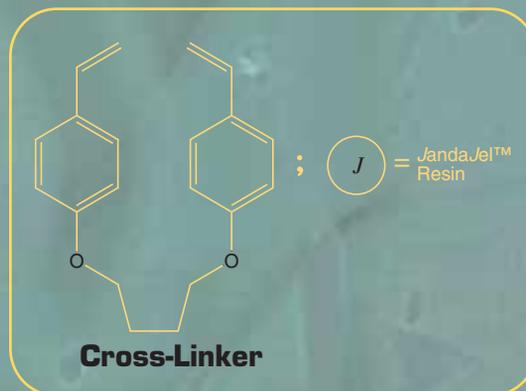
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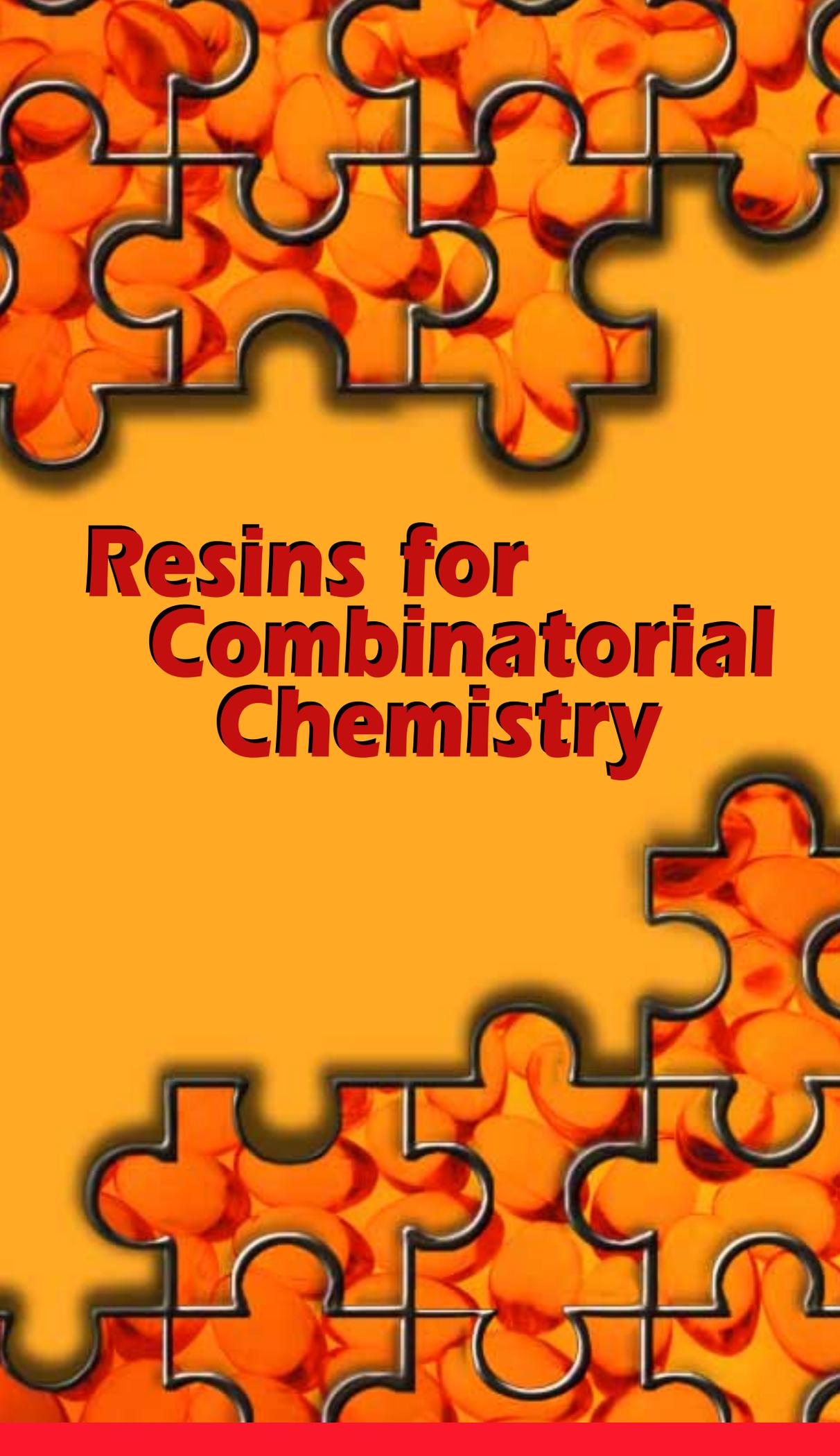
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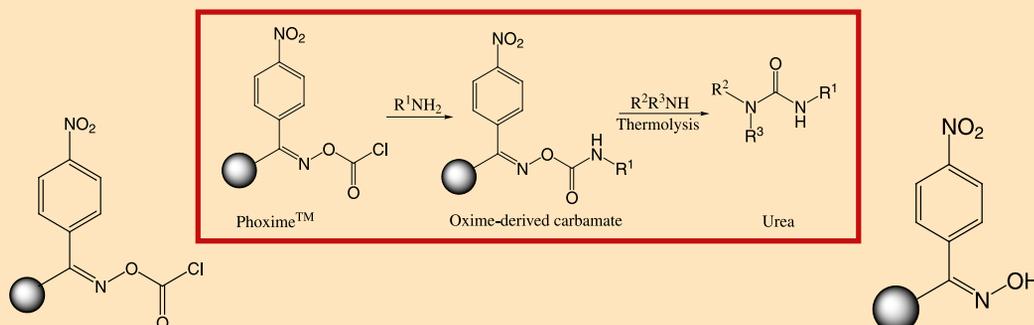
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### Sulfonyl chloride, polymer-bound

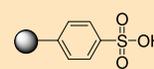


Reacts with alcohols and amines.<sup>2,3</sup>

**51,623-6**, 100-200 mesh, 1.5-2.0 mmol/g,

**51,622-8**, macroporous, 70-90 mesh, 2.5-3.5 mmol/g

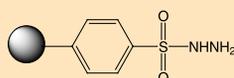
### *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid, polymer-bound



Reacts with alcohols and amines.<sup>4</sup>

**53,231-2**, macroporous, 30-60 mesh, 2.0-3.0 mmol/g

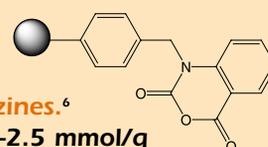
### *p*-Toluenesulfonyl hydrazide, polymer-bound



Reacts with aldehydes and ketones.<sup>5</sup>

**53,233-9**, 100-200 mesh, ca. 1.5 mmol/g

### Isatoic anhydride, polymer-bound



Reacts with amines and hydrazines.<sup>6</sup>

**51,437-3**, 200-400 mesh, 2.0-2.5 mmol/g

## Other Scavengers

### Resin Name

### Structure

### Reacts with

**Poly(styrene-co-divinylbenzene), aminomethylated**

**51,563-9**, 70-90 mesh, 1.5-2.0 mmol N/g

**47,366-9**, 200-400 mesh, ca. 2 mmol N/g

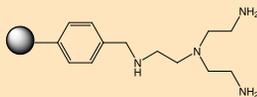
**47,367-7**, 200-400 mesh, ca. 4 mmol N/g



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RNCO, RNCS, H<sup>+</sup>

**Tris(2-aminoethyl)amine, polymer-bound**

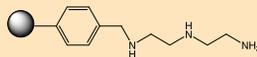
**47,210-7**, 4.0-5.0 mmol N/g



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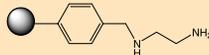
**47,978-0**, 200-400 mesh, 2.5-3.0 mmol N/g



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RCHO, Anhydrides

**Ethylenediamine, polymer-bound**

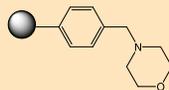
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**Morpholine, polymer-bound**

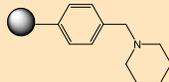
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H<sup>+</sup>

**Piperidine, polymer-bound**

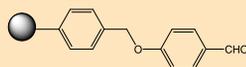
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H<sup>+</sup>

**4-Benzyloxybenzaldehyde, polymer-bound**

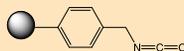
**47,208-5**, 200-400 mesh, 2.5-3.0 mmol CHO/g



RNH<sub>2</sub>, RNHNH<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>OR,  
1,2-Aminothiols

**Isocyanate, polymer-bound**

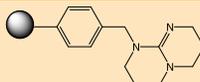
**47,368-5**, 200-400 mesh, 1.75-2.25 mmol N/g



RNH<sub>2</sub>, RNHNH<sub>2</sub>, RO

**1,3,4,6,7,8-Hexahydro-2H-pyrimido[1,2-α]-pyrimidine, polymer-bound\***

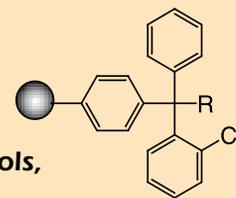
**35,875-4**, 8.0-8.5 mmol N/g



Ar-OH, ROOR

\*7-Methyl-1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene (MTBD), polymer-bound

# 2-Chlorotrityl Resins



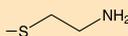
2-Chlorotrityl resins<sup>7-9</sup> were developed for the attachment of carboxylic acids, alcohols, phenols, and amines under very mild conditions.

R= Cl **53,230-4** **2-Chlorotrityl chloride, polymer-bound**  
**53,229-0** 100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g  
**53,228-2** 200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g  
200-400 mesh, 2% DVB, 0.3-0.8 mmol/g

*An acid-labile resin that was first utilized for the attachment of carboxylic acids for SPPS. More recently, this versatile support has been used for the immobilization of alcohols,<sup>10</sup> phenols,<sup>11</sup> amines,<sup>12</sup> and hydroxylamines.<sup>13</sup>*

R= OH **52,938-9** **2-Chlorotrityl alcohol, polymer-bound**  
200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.4-0.6 mmol/g

*An acid-labile resin that can be used for the immobilization of hydrazines and thiols.*

R=  **53,010-7** **2-Chlorotrityl cysteamine, polymer-bound**  
200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.4-0.6 mmol/g

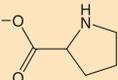
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R= O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> **53,029-8** **2-Chlorotrityl glycinol, polymer-bound**  
200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.4-1.0 mmol/g

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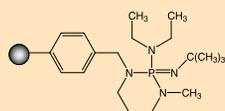
R= HNNH<sub>2</sub> **53,094-8** **2-Chlorotrityl hydrazine, polymer-bound**  
200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.4-0.6 mmol/g

*2-Chlorotrityl hydrazine resin has been utilized in the preparation of hydrazides and hydrazones.<sup>14</sup>*

R=  **52,939-7** **2-Chlorotrityl proline, polymer-bound**  
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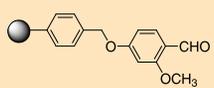
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## Other New Linkers



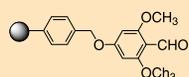
**53,649-0** **2-tert-Butylimino-2-diethylamino-1,3-dimethylperhydro-1,3,2-diazaphosphorine, polymer-bound (BEMP resin)**  
100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 2.0-2.5 mmol/g

*A polymer-supported base used for the N-alkylation reactions of weakly acidic heterocycles.<sup>15</sup> Utilized in the synthesis of unnatural peptides.<sup>16</sup>*



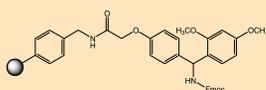
**51,644-9** **AMEBA resin (FMP resin; Sasrin Aldehyde resin)**  
100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g

*AMEBA (Acid-sensitive MEthoxyBenzAldehyde) resin is an acid-labile resin utilized in the synthesis of secondary sulfonamides, amides, ureas, and carbamates.<sup>17-20</sup>*



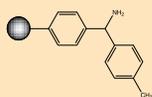
**53,821-3** **4-Hydroxy-2,6-dimethoxybenzaldehyde, polymer-bound**  
100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g

*An acid-sensitive linker employed in the synthesis of sulfonamides and carboxamides.*



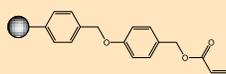
**52,429-8** **Knorr Linker amide resin (Rink Amide AM resin)**  
100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.4-0.6 mmol/g

*Utilized in the synthesis of carboxamides.<sup>21,22</sup>*



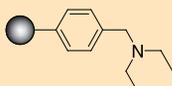
**51,322-9** **4-Methylbenzhydrylamine hydrochloride, polymer-bound (MBHA)**  
100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.5-1.0 mmol/g

*Used to attach carboxylic acids or amines in the synthesis of peptides.*



**53,738-1** **REM resin on Wang**  
70-90 mesh, 1% DVB, ca. 0.5 mmol/g

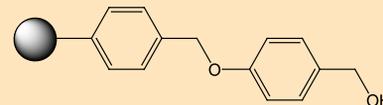
*REM supported on Wang resin is utilized in the synthesis of 5,6-dihydropyrimidine-2,4-diones<sup>23</sup> and N-substituted β-aminopropionic acid oligomers.<sup>24</sup>*



**53,733-0** **Diethylamine, polymer-bound**  
100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g

*Diethylamine resin is a versatile base support for SPOS.<sup>25</sup>*

# Benzyloxybenzyl alcohol, polymer-bound (Wang Resins)



For many years, Wang resin has been utilized as a linker for peptide synthesis. Recently, Wang resin was found to be very useful in SPOS as an immobilization resin for acids and phenols.<sup>26</sup>

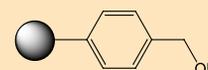
## New Wang Resins

<b>51,564-7</b>	<b>70-90 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.5-1.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>51,565-5</b>	<b>70-90 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>51,033-5</b>	<b>70-90 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.5-2.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>51,475-6</b>	<b>200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.5-1.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>52,052-7</b>	<b>200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.5-2.0 mmol/g</b>

## Additional Wang Resins

<b>47,063-5</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.5-1.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>52,277-5</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.7-1.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>52,060-8</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>51,474-8</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.5-2.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>47,703-6</b>	<b>200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g</b>

# Benzyloxybenzyl alcohol, polymer-bound

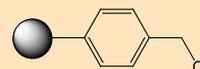


Benzyloxybenzyl alcohol, polymer-bound, also called hydroxymethylpolystyrene, is similar to Merrifield resin in that its utility lies with the immobilization of carboxylic acids. Further, this resin can be modified for the attachment of amines.<sup>27</sup>

## New Hydroxymethylpolystyrenes

<b>51,566-3</b>	<b>70-90 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.5-1.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>51,567-1</b>	<b>70-90 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>49,922-6</b>	<b>70-90 mesh, 1% DVB, 2.0-3.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>51,476-4</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.5-1.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>48,512-8</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-2.0 mmol/g</b>

# Merrifield Resins

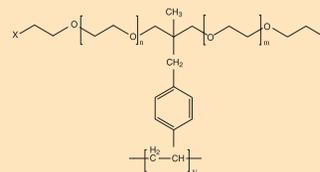


Historically, this resin has been used as a solid support for peptide synthesis. Recent applications include its use as a support for carboxylic acids in SPOS.

<b>49,919-6</b>	<b>70-90 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>49,918-8</b>	<b>70-90 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.5-2.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>51,607-4</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.5-1.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>51,595-7</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>49,704-5</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.5-2.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>49,705-3</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 2.0-3.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>49,706-1</b>	<b>100-200 mesh, 1% DVB, 3.5-4.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>22,148-1</b>	<b>200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>43,795-6</b>	<b>200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.5-2.0 mmol/g</b>
<b>45,696-9</b>	<b>200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 3.0-3.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>47,451-7</b>	<b>200-400 mesh, 1% DVB, 3.5-4.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>22,150-3</b>	<b>200-400 mesh, 2% DVB, 1.0-1.5 mmol/g</b>
<b>44,911-3</b>	<b>200-400 mesh, 2% DVB, 2.0-2.5 mmol/g</b>

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		glass Luer	Z18,140-4
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		glass Luer	Z18,143-9
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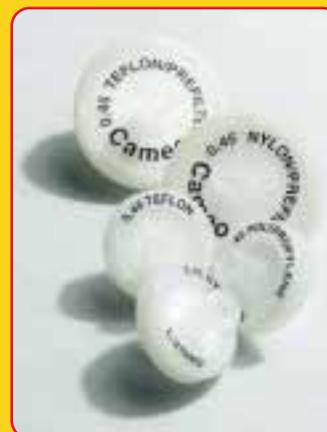
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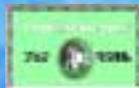
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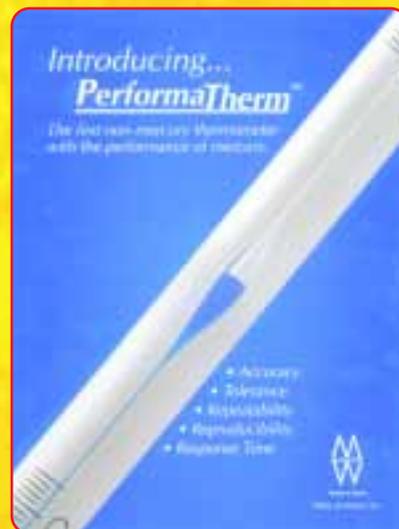
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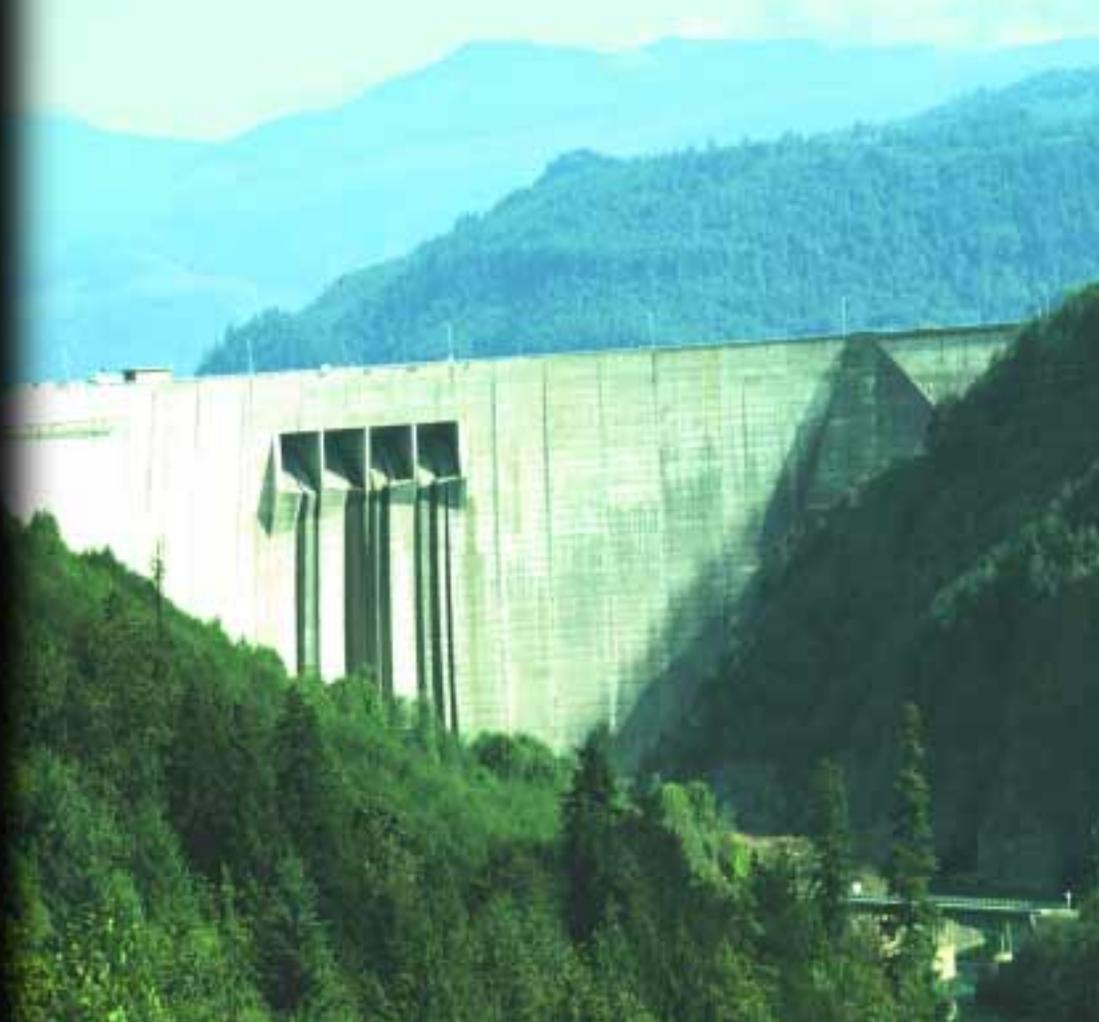
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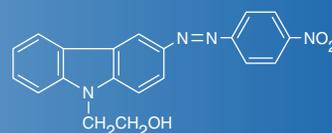
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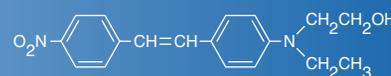
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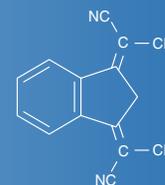
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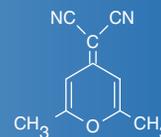
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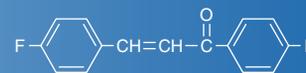
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# Highlights from Two Decades of Synthetic Radical Chemistry

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## I. Introduction

There are often exciting, yet unexploited opportunities at the interface between two disciplines or subdisciplines. In the early 1970s, organic synthesis was a thriving and rapidly growing field that was already having an impact on other fields of science. Likewise, organic radical chemistry was a well-established, if smaller, discipline. Seminal work on the structure and reactivity of radicals had followed from the importance of organic radicals in polymer chemistry, auto-oxidation, and in other processes. Yet, the two fields had little overlap. Synthetic chemists knew that radicals were highly reactive, and deduced from this that radicals were unselective and therefore uncontrollable. No doubt the usefulness of radicals in polymer chemistry contributed to a simplistic notion that polymers would form whenever radicals were generated in the presence of alkenes. Organic radical chemists knew that radical reactions could be controlled in highly selective ways, and leaders like Walling, Beckwith, and Ingold, among others, postulated that radicals could be used in synthesis. But, by and large, organic radical chemists did not know the topical problems in synthesis. In short, no one knew both the problems and the solutions.

Fortunately for me, this disjoint persisted throughout the decade of the 1970s. Only in the 1980s, as I started my independent career, did a small but visible group of researchers begin to recognize and exploit the potential of synthetic radical chemistry. Early researchers

like Barton, Stork, and Hart, among others, came from the synthesis side, but immersed themselves in the reactions and chemistry of radicals. Others, like Giese, Beckwith, Porter, and Newcomb, for example, took on the challenge of identifying interesting problems in synthesis and developing solutions for them by using radical chemistry. New people soon joined the field. Barriers tumbled, and a lively, open exchange of results and ideas between synthetic chemists and radical chemists created a dynamic that was ideal for rapid progress. That dynamic exists even today.

This review highlights contributions to synthetic radical chemistry from our research group at the University of Pittsburgh. The organization is more thematic than chronological, and the approach is personal and selective, not historical or comprehensive. By using these highlights, I intend to show how radical reactions have grown from an interesting curiosity to a mainstream tool in organic synthesis. Much work from other groups could be highlighted to augment and supplement these examples, and the omission of this work in no way minimizes its importance. Indeed, we were frequently influenced by the results and thinking of others, as I hope they were at times influenced by us.

## 2. Tandem Radical Reactions

Given my training with Andrew Kende and Barry Trost, I entered the open middle ground squarely from the synthesis side. Professor William Saunders taught a Physical Organic Chemistry course at the University of Rochester. Among many other things, he drilled us in the kinetics of radical polymerizations. This served me well later on, because a sound knowledge of radical kinetics is an indispensable tool for a synthetically inclined radical chemist. As a postdoctoral fellow in Barry Trost's group, I was first exposed to radical chemistry in a group meeting, when some of Bernd Giese's additions of organic mercury hydrides to electron-poor alkenes were discussed.<sup>1</sup> At the time, these reactions (now called Giese reactions and usually done with tin or



Professor Dennis P. Curran (left) receiving the 2000 ACS Award for Creative Work in Synthetic Organic Chemistry from Dr. Chris D. Hewitt, V.P., Marketing and R&D, Aldrich Chemical Company.

silicon hydrides) looked like a recipe for polymerization, but Giese's clear kinetic analysis explained why what looked like a minor miracle was an easily understandable outcome based on rates and selectivities.

Giese's work impressed me, and, in seeking to learn more about radical reactions, I read a raft of papers, including Beckwith and Ingold's review on "Free Radical Rearrangements".<sup>2</sup> This was a treasure-trove of unexploited synthetic reactions (almost 800 references!) with kinetic information on how to use them. My interest in the synthesis of polyquinanes,<sup>3</sup> coupled with my new knowledge of the hexenyl radical cyclization, led to my group's first radical chemistry project on "tandem radical cyclizations". Model studies were done in early 1982, and a synthesis of hirsutene was completed in 1984 by Donna Rakiewicz (**Scheme 1**).<sup>4</sup> Simple by today's standards, it nicely illustrates the power of radical reactions: two rings are formed in a single step with complete stereocontrol of the ring fusion. This success led to a synthesis of isomers of hirsutene like capnellene<sup>5</sup> (see Scheme 4 below) and silphiperfolene<sup>6</sup> (also shown in Scheme 1)

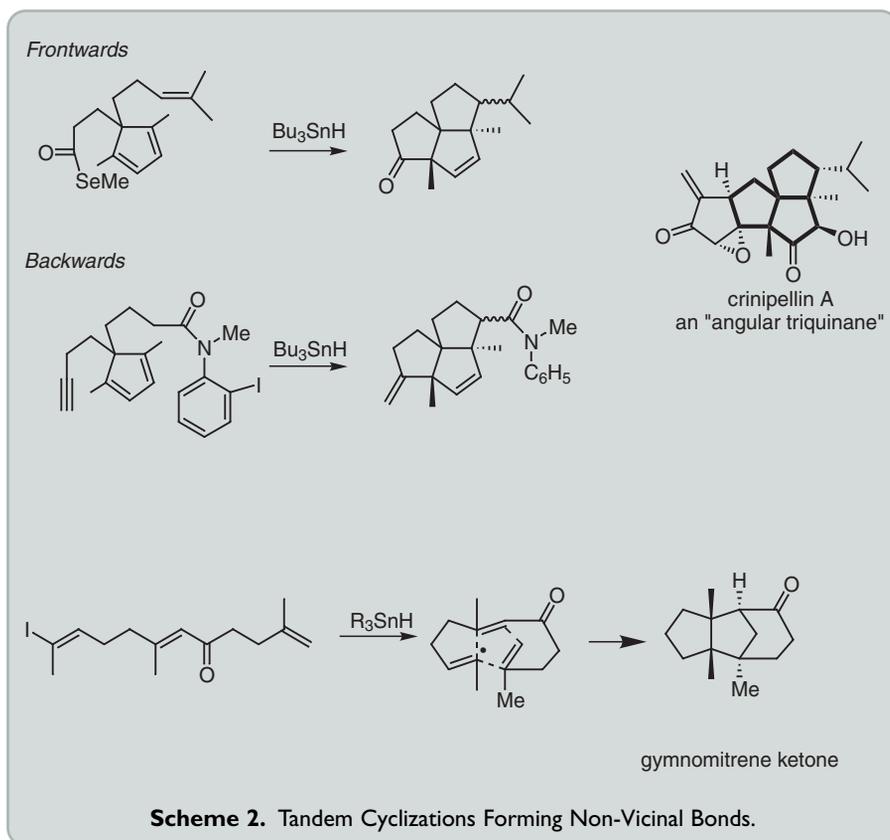
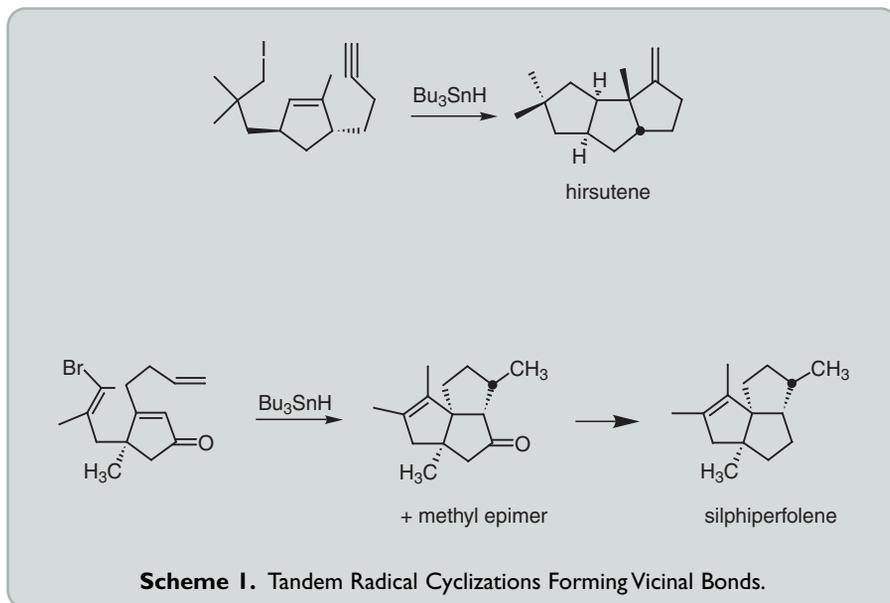
and, more generally, to a comprehensive strategy to make molecules of this class based on the formation of vicinal bonds.<sup>7</sup>

Over the course of this project, we began to realize that radical reactions were ideal for sequencing—for a very fundamental reason: the product of every radical reaction is a radical. This natural generation of the precursor for the trailing reaction in sequence from the leading reaction, coupled with the mildness and selectivity of radical reactions, prompted us to start designing and implementing new sequences of radical reactions that included the formation of non-vicinal carbon–carbon bonds.<sup>8</sup> **Scheme 2** shows a synthesis of a portion of crinipellin in which a diene is used to make bonds in a 1,4 fashion. We also used this exercise to point out that tandem radical reactions such as this one have a directionality and can be run from "front to back" or "back to front" (which depends only on your perspective). A very recent synthesis of gymnomitrene ketone,<sup>9</sup> also shown in Scheme 2, provides an example of a kind of round-trip radical reaction, where the last radical cyclization occurs at the same site as the initial radical reaction. This results in geminal (1,1) bond formation. All of these routes are unusually direct.

Isonitriles can also be used to form vicinal carbon–carbon bonds, and this has been an enduring theme in our lab over the 1990s, as illustrated by the syntheses of mappicine and camptothecin (**Scheme 3**).<sup>10</sup> These syntheses emerged from the basic research program on radical annulations, and have now advanced to the point where both have been conducted in parallel in our Combinatorial Chemistry Center.<sup>11</sup> The goals of the project have evolved from developing and illustrating new radical reactions—through illustrations in total synthesis—to using these reactions as tools in medicinal chemistry. For example, we have made over 100 analogs of homocamptothecin by the route shown in the lower part of Scheme 3.<sup>12</sup> The generality of this reaction is most impressive; we have conducted over 400 isonitrile annulations over the years (about three-fourths of these recently in a parallel setting), and we still have no example of a failure. Functional groups that have been present include free alcohols, amines, esters, chlorides, terminal alkenes, and many more. Few reactions have such a scope. One of the analogs of camptothecin that we made several years ago, 7-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl-10-hydroxycamptothecin (DB-67), is currently a preclinical candidate for cancer chemotherapy.<sup>13</sup>

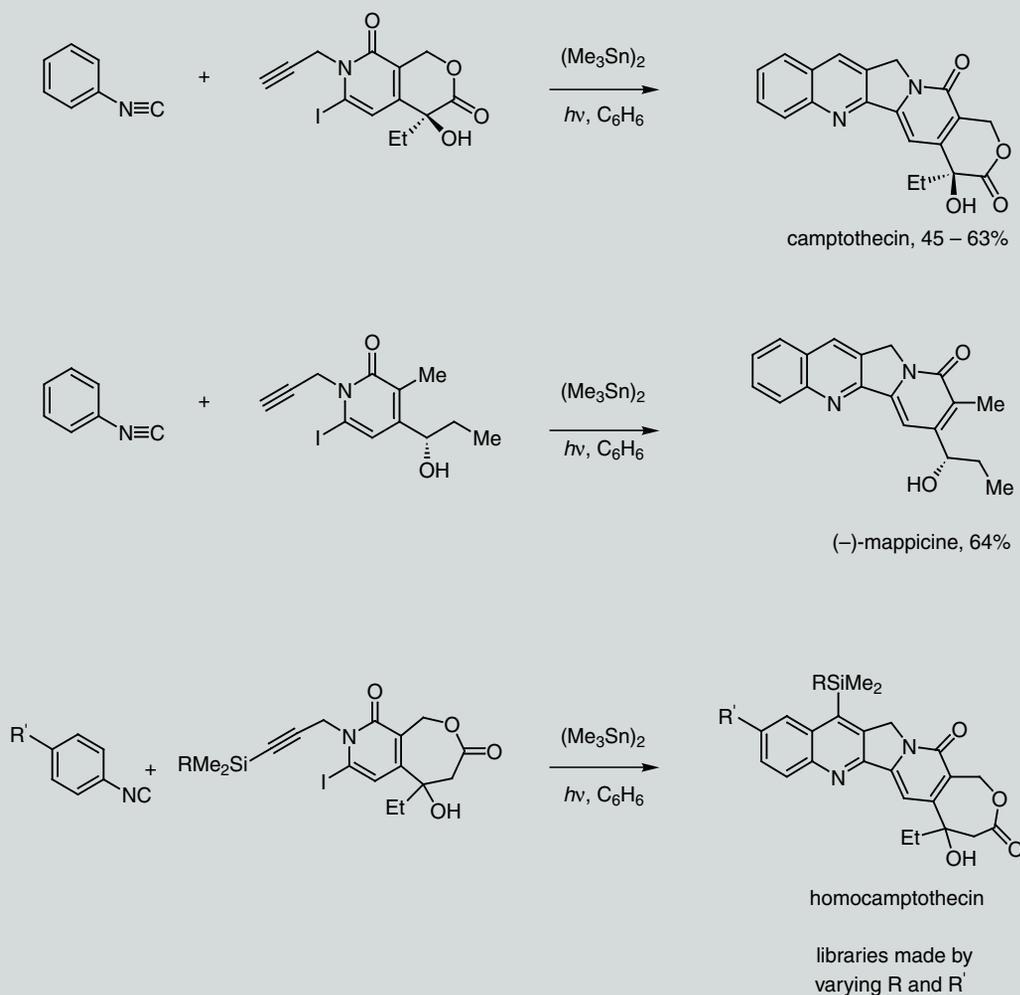
### 3. Atom-Transfer Reactions

An important branch point in our work occurred in 1984, when Ming-Hsin Chen



made an interesting observation. Expecting to make capnellene (**3**), he reduced iodide **1**, and eventually made **3** after several hours, but this was not the primary product of the reaction (**Scheme 4**).<sup>14</sup> The starting material, **1**, was quickly consumed to give vinyl iodide **2**, which was then reduced in a slower reaction by tin hydride. As the results imply, one can simply isomerize **1** to **2** by heating or photolyzing without the tin hydride. Although the specific reaction was new, the basic principles of the so-called "atom transfer

radical cyclization" (ATRC) had been laid out by Kharasch many years ago. These principles were rapidly expanded and applied to develop a number of valuable new reactions, including the atom-transfer radical addition and annulation, examples of which are shown in Scheme 4.<sup>15</sup> More recently, transfers of groups such as phenylselenyl<sup>16</sup> and xanthyl<sup>17</sup> have been developed into useful methods, and even the classical Kharasch reaction itself has seen a major rebirth in synthesis and in polymer chemistry.<sup>18</sup>



**Scheme 3.** Synthesis of Camptothecin and Mappicine Analogs by Cascade Isonitrile Annulation.

#### 4. Radical Translocations

In some synthetic plans, the most difficult part is the synthesis of the radical precursor and not the radical reaction itself. To address problems like this, we introduced “radical translocation” reactions.<sup>19</sup> A number of methods are now available to first generate a radical in a protecting group, translocate this radical to the desired site, and then have it undergo a reaction.<sup>20</sup> This allows one to indirectly use a C–H bond as a radical precursor and to form a bond adjacent to a protected functionality without even removing the protecting group. A related development is the introduction of “self-oxidizing protecting groups”, as illustrated in **Scheme 5**.<sup>21</sup> A limitation of some of these reactions is that the hydrogen transfer step is not completely regioselective.<sup>22</sup>

#### 5. Unimolecular Chain-Transfer (UMCT) Reactions

Competing bimolecular reactions often cause problems in radical chemistry, but these

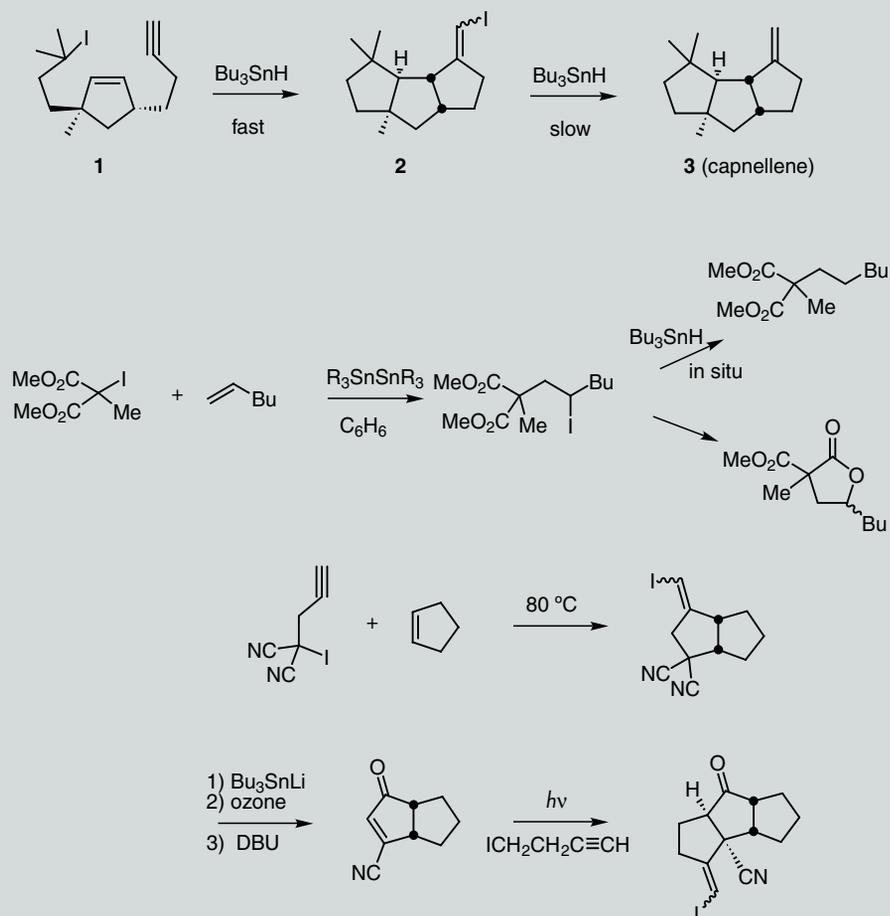
can be minimized if the key chain-transfer reaction is intramolecular. Based on this simple notion, we introduced the use of silicon hydrides to control selectivity in unimolecular chain-transfer reactions (**Scheme 6**).<sup>23</sup> Unfortunately, the wide applicability of this valuable concept has been limited, because the silicon hydrides studied so far have only marginally acceptable rate constants for the 1,5-hydrogen transfer reactions. However, modification of the silicon substituents might give more useful reagents, and other methods such as homolytic substitution at Si–Sn bonds can also be used.<sup>24</sup>

#### 6. Stereochemistry

As synthetic applications of radical reactions became more and more sophisticated, the study of their stereochemistry followed naturally. Much work on stereoselective radical cyclizations followed from Beckwith’s model for substituted hexenyl radical cyclizations.<sup>25</sup> The purposeful study of acyclic stereoselection came later, and we, Giese, and Porter

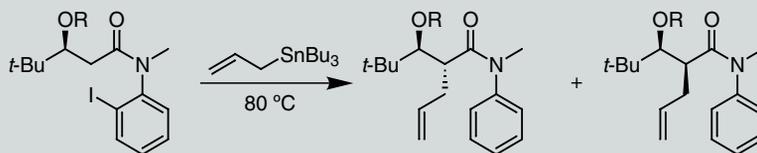
systematically applied the principles of conformational analysis and radical chemistry to predict which kinds of existing chiral auxiliaries would be useful in radical chemistry.<sup>26</sup> An example of our own work with Oppolzer’s sultam is shown in **equation 1**.<sup>27</sup> This work then led to the design and introduction of a number of new chiral auxiliaries, and, more recently, chiral Lewis acids,<sup>28</sup> especially tailored to the needs of radical reactions.

More recently, we have been developing stereoselective reactions that capitalize on features that are unique to radicals. For example, “stereoselection at the steady state” is a conceptually new way to control stereoselection that does not use traditional competing reactions with diastereomeric transition states, but instead a difference in the steady-state population of isomeric intermediates, to control stereoselection.<sup>29</sup> The principles are not unique to radical chemistry, but so far there are no examples outside of this realm. Chirality-transfer reactions also offer interesting possibilities

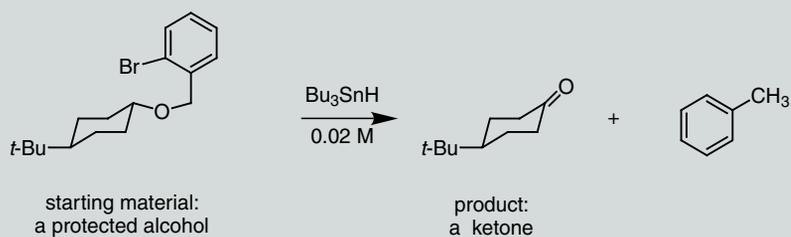


**Scheme 4.** Atom-Transfer Cyclization, Addition, and Annulation.

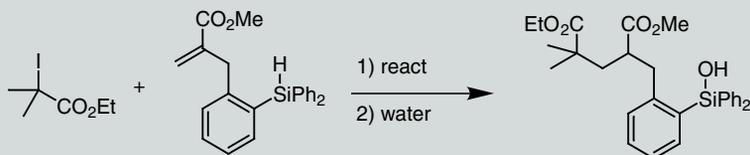
Radical translocation with anilides



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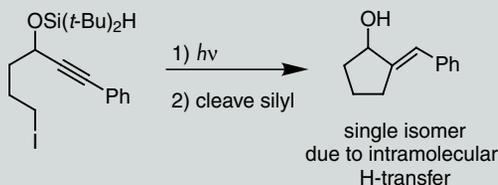


**Scheme 5.** Examples of Radical Translocation Reactions.

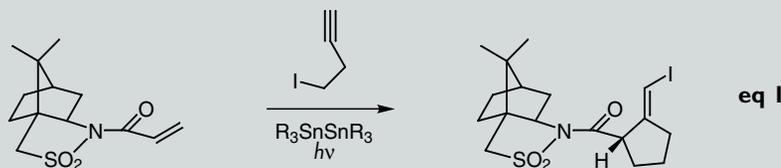


precursor and product radicals have the same selectivity, but...

...UMCT results in a 1/1 adduct; no polymer



**Scheme 6.** Unimolecular Chain-Transfer Reactions.



because radical reactions are so fast; that is, radicals are so short-lived. Low-energy bond rotations that would normally interconvert intermediates may be slow on the radical time scale. For example, cyclization of axially chiral amide **4** appears to go through a racemic radical intermediate, **5**, but this is not the case because the cyclization of **5** is fast (**Figure 1**).<sup>30</sup> There is faithful transfer of the axial chirality in **5** to the stereocenter in **6**.

## 7. Fluorous Tin Reagents

Finally, in efforts to make organotin chemistry more practical and user friendly, we have developed a number of fluorous reagents; some representative fluorous tin hydrides are shown in **Figure 2**.<sup>31</sup> These mimic tributyltin hydride quite well as radical chain-propagating reagents, but they are very easy to remove and recover by liquid–liquid extraction with a solvent like perfluorohexane, or by solid–liquid extraction over silica gel with a fluorocarbon bonded phase. The liquid–liquid extraction procedure is especially convenient for larger-scale reactions, since the tin reagent is readily recovered and reused, while the solid–liquid extraction is especially convenient for small-scale (parallel) synthesis.

## 8. Conclusions

The fluorous reagents described in **Figure 2** bring us full circle to the introduction. Organic radical chemistry now thrives both as an independent discipline and as an important component of the field of organic synthesis. But there are now exciting and unexplored opportunities at the interface between traditional organic synthesis and organofluorine (fluorous) chemistry. These opportunities have existed for some time, yet only recently has a small but growing group of chemists begun to recognize and exploit them. There will be rewards for those who take the time to learn about both areas and to bring that knowledge together to solve problems in synthesis.

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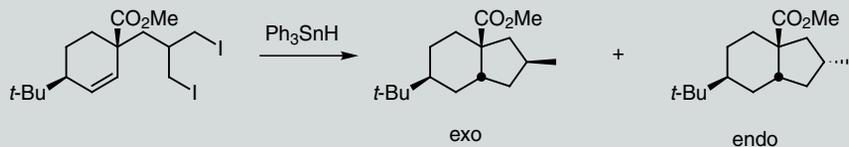
Over the past two decades, our accomplishments in radical chemistry have been a collaborative effort in every respect: First and foremost, collaborative with the graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and visiting professors, who provided not only the results and some crucial observations, but also injected their own interpretations and ideas. Second, collaborative with many colleagues, who helped us with experiments, ideas, and frequently even encouragement. The names

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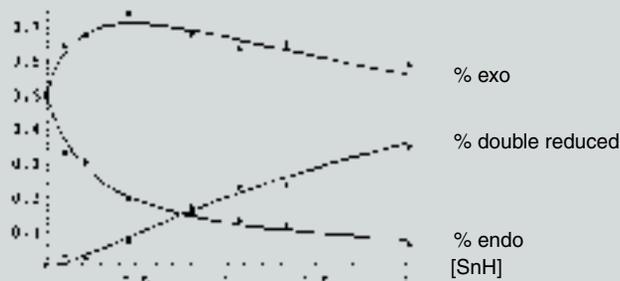
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Stereoselection at the steady state



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Transfer of axial chirality

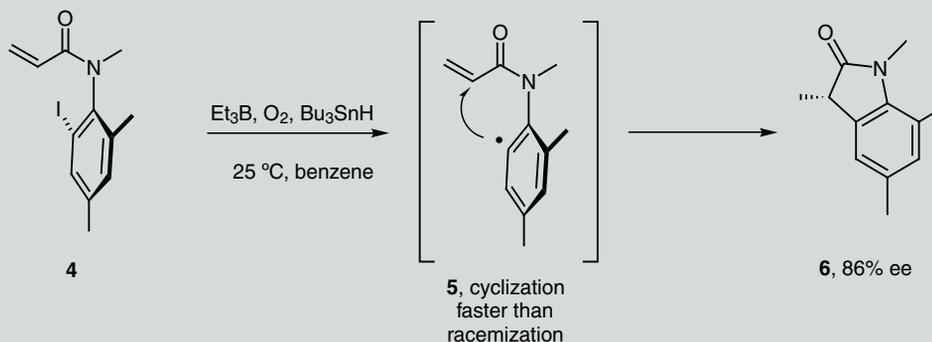


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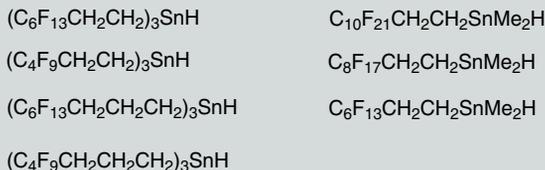


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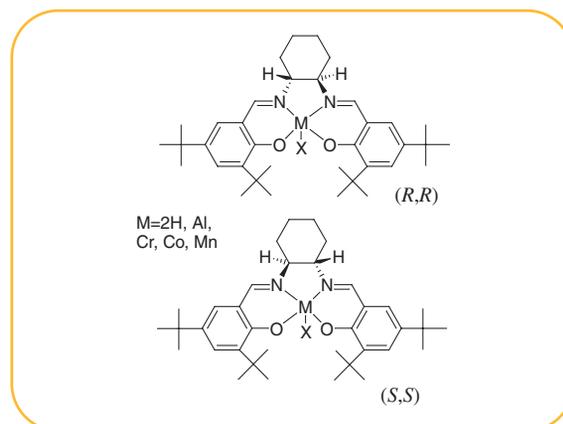
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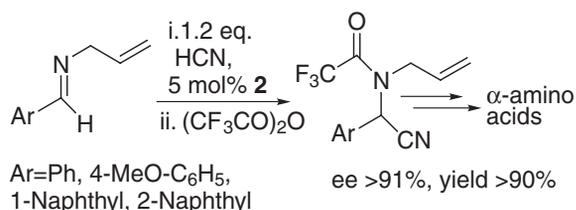
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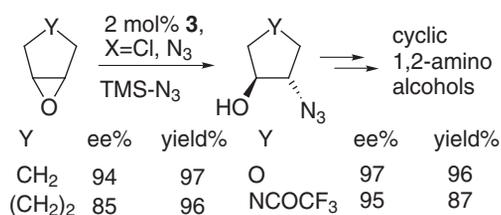


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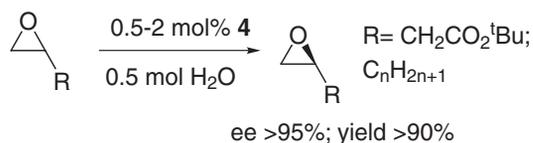
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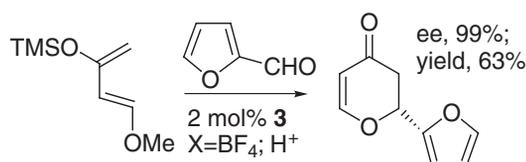
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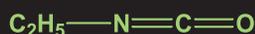
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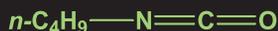


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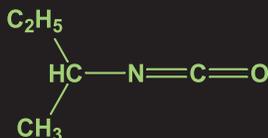


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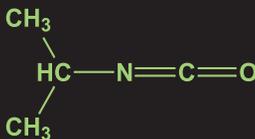


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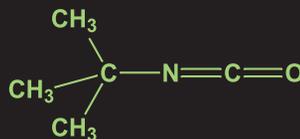


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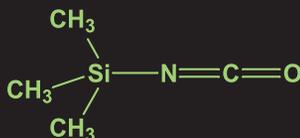


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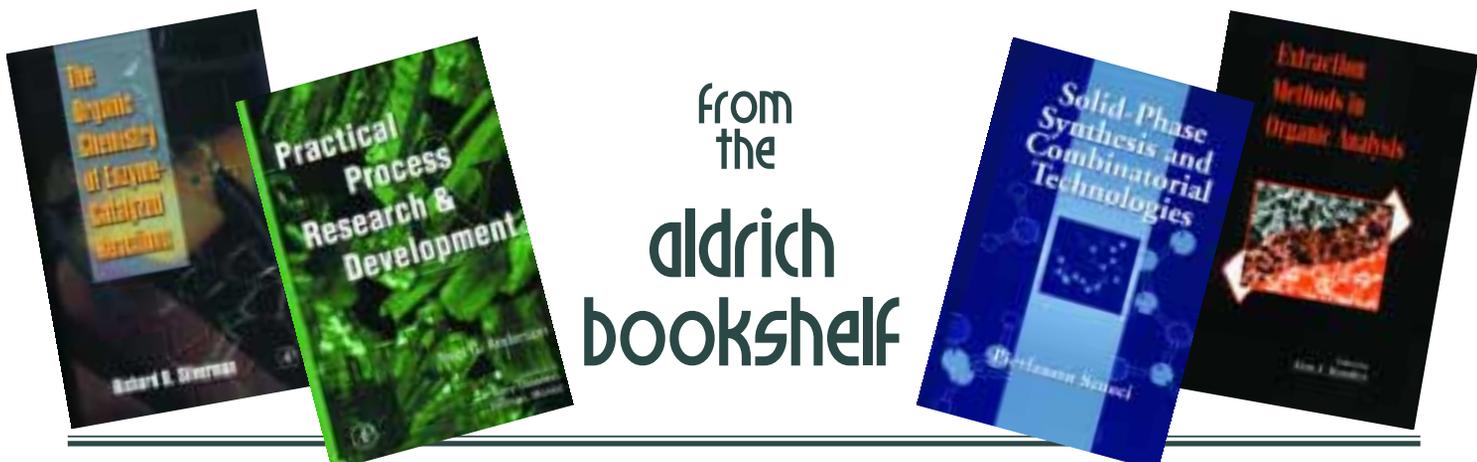
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24/40	24/40	250	Z16,405-4	Z14,779-6	Z16,406-2
24/40	24/40	500	Z16,613-8	Z14,781-8	Z16,614-6
29/32	14/20	100	Z54,902-9	Z54,913-4	Z54,922-3
29/32	14/20	250	Z54,903-7	Z54,914-2	Z54,923-1
29/32	14/20	500	Z54,904-5	Z54,915-0	Z54,925-8
29/32	24/40	100	Z54,905-3	Z54,916-9	Z54,926-6
29/32	24/40	250	Z54,906-1	Z54,917-7	Z54,927-4
29/32	24/40	500	Z54,908-8	Z54,918-5	Z54,928-2
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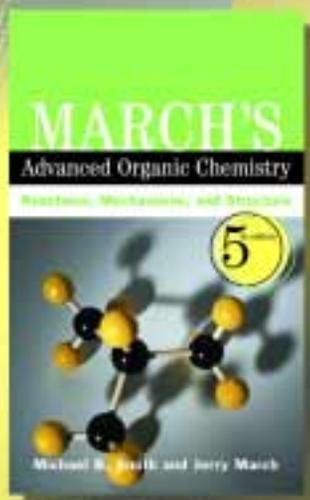
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