#### **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS**

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(2S, 3S, 5S)- AND (2S, 3S, 5R)-5-CARBOXALDEHYDE-2,3-DIPHENYL-1,4-DIOXANE AS SURROGATES FOR

2,3-DIFFIELT L-1,4-DIOJANE AS SURROUGHES FOR CONTICALLY PURE 2,3-O-ISOPROPYLIDENEGLYCERALDEHYDE IN ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS. Jeffrey Aubé,\* Craig J. Mossman, and Susan Dickey; Department of Medicinal Chemistry, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2506.

The aldehydes shown are presented as optically active equivalents for glyceraldehyde acetonide in asymmetric synthesis. The synthesis begins with *threo*-hydrobenzoin, which is available as either optical antipode via asymmetric osmylation of *trans*-stilbene.

### H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> OXIDATION OF POLYSUBSTITUTED PYRYLIUM SALTS: FORMATION OF ENOL ESTERS AND FURANS

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The oxidation of pyrylium salts 1 with hydrogen peroxide has been reinvestigated and it is shown that for 2,4,6-trisubstituted pyrylium salts, beside the major 2-acylfurans 2, minor products 3-5 are formed. The latter are, however, the major products in the case of tetra- and penta-substituted pyrylium salts. The reaction mechanism is discussed and some properties of the novel enol esters 3 and 4 with a 8-keto group are presented.

SYNTHESE DE PEPTIDES MODIFIES INCORPORANT UN MOTIF

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### LIPASE-MEDIATED ALKOXYCARBONYLATION

#### OF NUCLEOSIDES WITH OXIME CARBONATES.

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Abstract: Oxime carbonates can be used in the enzymatic 5'-O-alkoxycarbonylation of nucleosides with a lipase from Candida antarctica.

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#### 3-METHYLENETETRAHYDROFURANS AND 3-METHYLENE-PYRROLIDINES BY ADDITION OF 2-(BROMOZINCMETHYL)-

### -2-ALKENYL ETHERS OR 2-(CHLOROMAGNESIOMETHYL)-2-ALKENYL ETHERS TO ALDEHYDES, KETONES AND IMINES FOLLOWED BY Pd(0)-CATALYZED CYCLIZATION

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Addition of 2-(metallomethyl)-2-alkenyl ethers 1 to aldehydes, ketones or imines affords products which undergo Pd(0)-catalyzed cyclization to 3-methylenetetrahydrofurans 4 or 3-methylenepyrrolidines 7.

ADDITION OF 2-(CHLOROMAGNESIOMETHYL)-2-ALKENYL ETHERS TO EPOXIDES FOLLOWED BY Pd(0)-CATALYZED

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CYCLIZATION: A ONE-POT SYNTHESIS OF 3-METHYLENETETRAHYDROPYRANS

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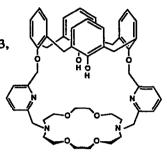
Addition of 2-(chloromagnesiomethyl)-2-propenyl ethers 1 to epoxides 2 affords ring opening products 3 which are converted by Pd(0) to 3-methylenetetrahydropyrans 4.

Calix[4]arene Cryptand and New 1,3-Bis-Pyridyl, Bipyridyl and -Alkylthioether Calix[4]arenes Designed to Coordinate Transition Metal Cations

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The syntheses and preliminary transition metal coordination chemistry of a novel calix[4] arene cryptand receptor and new 1,3-bis-pyridyl, bipyridyl and -alkylthioether calix[4] arenes are described.



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KINETICS AND MECHANISM OF THE CYCLISATION OF SOME 2'-HYDROXYCHALCONE EPOXIDES AND SUBSEQUENT ELIMINATION REACTIONS OF AURONE HYDRATES

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Rates of α- vs β-cyclisation of 2'-hydroxychalcone epoxide monoanions provide insight into the preference for α-cyclisation when a 6'-substituent is present (e.g. compound 1) as opposed to β-substitution when there is no 6'-substituent (compound 6).

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Syntheses of Potential Spin Probes for Biomembranes -Tempo and Proxyl Nitroxides of Lithocholic Acid Sharmila Banerjee and Girish K. Trivedi\*, Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Bombay 400 076, India.

The syntheses of tempo nitroxide 10 and proxyl nitroxides 16 and 17 are described. Compound 10 is the first example of a tempo nitroxide in a steroidal substrate.

## A SIMPLE WAY TO SEQUENTIALLY CONNECTED POLYCYCLES CONTAINING TERMINAL PYRROLE RINGS: SYNTHESIS OF POSSIBLE PRECURSORS OF MATERIALS FOR NONLINEAR OPTICS

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$$RLI \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow 0$$

RLi can be an aromatic or heteroaromatic mono or dilithioderivative bearing an electron acceptor group.

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#### ANODIC OXIDATION OF ISOPROPYL AND TERT-BUTYL-BENZENES. SYNTHETIC ROUTES TO CERTAIN CYCLOHEXA-1,4-DIENES

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The anodic methoxylation of p-cymene and p-tert-butyltoluene afforded 1,2 and 3. The reaction with 1,4-di-tert-butylbenzene afforded only nuclear addition.

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#### UNUSUAL REARRANGEMENT OF TRIANGULANE

#### GEM-DIBROMIDES IN THE PRESENCE OF METHYLLITHIUM.

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Triangulane gem-dibromides in the presence of methyllithium undergo rearrangement of dibromospiropentyl fragment into

1-bromomethyl-2- bromocyclobutenyl one.

R'elsopropyl, tert-butyl

### An Efficient Synthesis of Oxetanones from $\alpha,\beta$ -Epoxy Diazomethyl Ketones

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Selective opening of the epoxide ring of 1 leads to  $\beta$ -chloro- $\alpha$ -hydroxy diazoketones 3. With BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> compounds 3 can be readily transformed to the oxetanones 4.

#### AMBERGRIS COMPOUNDS FROM LABDANOLIC ACID

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Labdanolic acid, the major component of the acid fraction of *C. ladaniferus*, 1a, is transformed into 12-nor-ambreinolide and other related compounds,

Labdanolic acid, la, R=H

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#### OXIDATION OF ACETYLENE TO GLYOXAL BY DILUTE HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

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Acetylene is oxidized to glyoxal by dilute hydrogen peroxide at 25°C in the presence of Mo(VI) or W(VI) salts as catalysts and mercuric acetate as co-catalyst.

# THE SYNTHESIS OF CYCLODECYL COMPOUNDS POTENTIALLY OF USE FOR THE CONTRUCTION OF THE ISOMERS OF BICYCLO[4.4.4]TETRADECANE.

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