

coupling reaction is also critical. Using our optimized coupling conditions,¹⁹ peptide 4 was coupled to 3 to afford the glycopeptide 6 in good yield (entry 1). However, using the O-acetylated nucleophile 2,²³ no significant coupling was observed (entry 2). This result, which is consistent with our earlier experience¹⁴ and the low yields obtained in the past using 2 as the amine component,¹¹ may be due to the decreased nucleophilicity of 2 relative to 3.²⁵

In contrast to peptide 4, peptide 7 should be optimally disposed for cyclization;¹³ however, using our conditions,¹⁹ a 53% yield of glycopeptide 9 was isolated with minimal succinimide formation (entry 7). Glycosylamine 3 has also been coupled to peptides 10 and 12²⁶ to provide the glycopeptides 11 (58% purified yield) and 14 (61%), respectively (entries 6 and 8).^{15,19} Our current focus is to test the limits of this reaction regarding the size of each component and to adapt this coupling procedure to a solid-

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Photochemical Intramolecular Cyclization Reactions of Acylgermanes¹

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Summary: The first photochemical intramolecular cyclization reaction of acyltriphenylgermanes to give 5- and 6-membered cyclic ketones bearing α -(triphenylgermyl)-methyl group is described.

There has been rapid development of a large number of remarkable organic reactions with functionalized silicon reagents. In contrast, development of germanium chemistry has been quite restricted. The utilization of organogermanium compounds in organic synthesis has, however, begun to generate considerable interest.² For ex-

ample, acylgermanes under UV irradiation have recently been shown to mainly undergo a Norrish type-I reaction to generate a germyl and acyl radical pair, via the acylgermyl S₁ state.³ On the other hand, photochemical reactions of acylsilanes,⁴⁻⁶ lead to a nucleophilic siloxycarbene formed from the acylsilane T₁ state, which undergoes intermolecular reaction with a variety of reagents and/or proceeds to a Norrish type-II reaction involving γ -H abstraction and fragmentation. Consequently, the photochemical reactions characteristic of acylgermanes can be of interest as a novel means of generating acyl radicals.⁷ The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate that acylgermanes are useful photoprecursors to acyl radicals and

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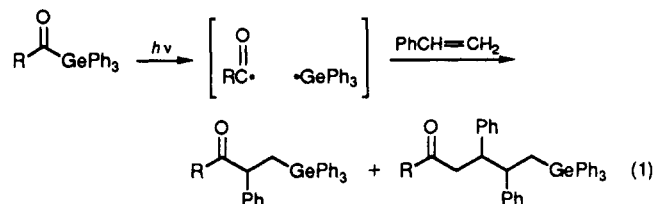
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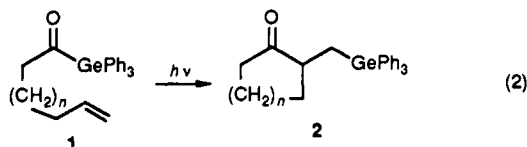
can be used in the synthesis of novel cyclic ketones bearing the α -(triphenylgermyl)methyl functional group.

Acyltriphenylgermanes, readily available from the corresponding carboxylic acids,⁸ have been reported to undergo a photochemically initiated intermolecular addition reactions in the presence of styrene to provide the formal $\sigma_2 + \pi_2$ and $\sigma_2 + \pi_2 + \pi_2$ adducts, in ca. 40% and 20% yields, respectively, as shown in eq 1.⁹ The observation



that Ph_3Ge is found in both products suggests that the addition takes place before further diffusion of the germyl and acyl radical pair.

We imagined that a unique photochemical intramolecular cyclization reaction of acylgermanes 1 might provide ketones 2 regioselectively (eq 2).



The results summarized in Table I show that the photochemical intramolecular cyclization reactions of acylgermanes proceed efficiently.¹⁰ In most cases the products were isolated after silica gel chromatography in moderate to good yields along with some polymerized material.¹¹ It is suggested that the reactions presumably occur in solvent cages, so that only terminal olefins allow an effective approach of the bulky acyltriphenylgermyl moiety (entry 3). Cyclization to generate cyclopentanones proceeded smoothly (entries 2, 6, 7), and in the same manner, acylgermanes (1i and 1k) having heteroatoms in the pendant chain afforded the corresponding 5-membered ketones (entries 10, 11). Cyclohexanones also were obtained in good yields (entries 4, 8). However, presumably for steric reasons, acylgermane 1c having an internal olefin unit did not work,¹² and a process designed to provide a seven-membered cyclic ketone was strongly disfavored (entry 5). Furthermore, due to unfavorable steric factors which inhibit effective approach of the triphenylgermylcarbonyl and *N*-allyl groups, acylgermane 1e did not undergo cyclization (entry 12).

In conclusion 5-*exo-trig* and 6-*exo-trig* modes of cyclization are apparently favored in these photochemical intramolecular cyclization reactions of acylgermanes 1. The

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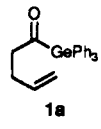
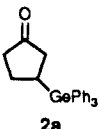
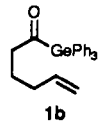
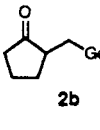
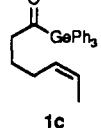
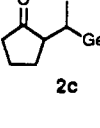
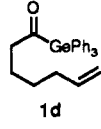
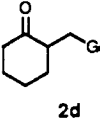
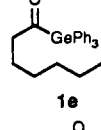
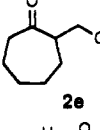
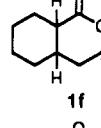
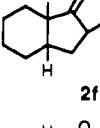
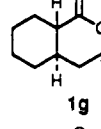
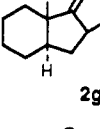
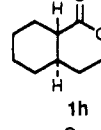
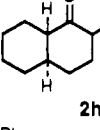
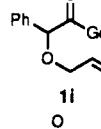
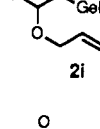
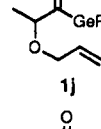
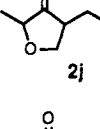
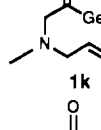
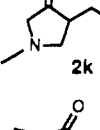
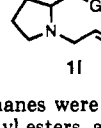
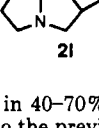
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(11) The case in entry 9, generating a stabilized benzylic radical, resulted in decarbonylation in preference to cyclization, as reported in ref. 8.

(12) All cyclization attempts with a variety of acylgermanes having an internal olefin unit were unsuccessful. For these acylgermanes the transition state is too sterically hindered to allow cyclization to occur.

Table I. Photochemical Intramolecular Cyclization Reactions of Acylgermanes

entry	acylgermane ^a	product ^b	% yield ^c
1			27
2			92
3			— ^d
4			86
5			— ^d
6			73
7			75
8			65
9			97
10			75
11			82
12			— ^d

^a Acylgermanes were prepared in 40–70% yield from the corresponding ethyl esters, according to the previously reported method (ref 8). ^b All products exhibited the IR, ¹H NMR, and ¹³C NMR spectra provided in the supplementary material, and satisfactory C, H, N elemental analyses. ^c Yields are based on products isolated by chromatography (SiO₂). ^d The expected products were not obtained (ref 10). ^e Trans:cis = 3:1, ratio determined by NMR.

chemistry offers a novel and effective method for the synthesis of 5- and 6-membered ring ketones. Continued exploration of the scope of the reaction and its applications are in progress. Some subsequential carbon-carbon bond formation reactions using the β -triphenylgermyl functionality produced in these reactions are being developed.

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Allylic Transpositions of Enantiomerically Pure C1-Acyloxy (*E*)-Crotylsilanes: Stereospecific Synthesis of (*E*)-Vinylsilanes[†]

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Summary: Treatment of (*R*)- or (*S*)-C1-acylated (*E*)-crotylsilanes **1** with catalytic amounts of boron trifluoride etherate or dichloropalladium bisacetonitrile [$\text{PdCl}_2(\text{C}-\text{H}_3\text{CN})_2$] in methylene chloride at room temperature resulted in an allylic transposition of the ester group with generation of optically active C3-oxygenated (*E*)-vinylsilanes.

The flexibility and skillful utilization of vinylsilanes in organic synthesis has rendered these molecules among the most versatile in modern organic chemistry.² Consequently, the development of new methodology which provides an expedient approach to the synthesis of this important class of organometallic compounds may have considerable potential. The inclusion of an oxygen functionality adjacent to the double bond and the ability to carry out the process in an asymmetric sense would further broaden its utility and scope. In addition to serving as precursors to carbonyl compounds³ vinylsilanes function as effective vinyl anion equivalents that participate in a variety of carbon-carbon bond-forming processes including substitution⁴ and cation π -cyclization reactions.⁵ They have been employed in [4 + 2] cycloaddition strategies,⁶ in Claisen rearrangements,⁷ and more recently as precursors to alkylidene carbenes.⁸ In conjunction with studies directed at the development of new methods for the asymmetric synthesis of biologically important hexoses from non-carbohydrate precursors we have had the opportunity to examine new methods for the preparation and utilization of homochiral C3-oxygenated (*E*)-vinylsilanes.⁹ An attractive approach was the possibility of establishing a direct and stereospecific synthesis of an (*E*)-vinylsilane through a [3,3] sigmatropic rearrangement (*allylic transposition*) of an allylic silane system. The use of 1,2-disubstituted olefins adjacent to a geminally substituted (acyloxy)trialkylsilane center represented an intriguing possibility if an effective catalyst could be found to affect the desired rearrangement (eq 1). Herein we report our

efforts to develop suitable reaction conditions that catalyze the suprafacial interchange of an ester functionality on homochiral C1-oxygenated (*E*)-crotylsilanes into optically active (*E*)-3-acyl-1-(trialkylsilyl)-1-buten-1-ol derivatives.¹⁰

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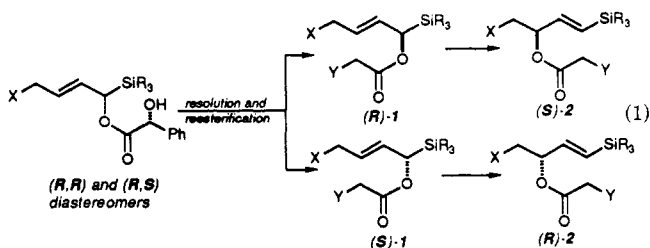
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