## Table I. Acetal-Vinylsilane Cyclizations

entry	conversion	reactn condtn <sup>a</sup>	yield, % <sup>b</sup>	stereo- chem <sup>c</sup>
	$\underset{MEMO}{MEMO} \xrightarrow{R^{1}}_{TMS} \xrightarrow{R^{2}} \xrightarrow{O} \xrightarrow{R^{1}}_{R^{2}}$			
1	$R^1 = H, R^2 = n - Bu$	-15 °C, 12 h	71	>98% Z
2	$R^1 = n - Bu, R^2 = H$ (12)	-15 °C, 24 h	57	>98% E
	$MEMO \xrightarrow{R^1}_{TMS} R^2  0^{1}$			
3	(13) $R^1 = n$ -Bu, $R^2 = H$ (14)	-5 °C, 12 h	81	97% E
4	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{t},  \mathbf{R}^2 = n - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$	-10 °C, 6 h	86	$\sim 60\% Z^d$
5	$\mathbf{R}^1 = n - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}, \ \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{t}$	-10 °C, 6 h	89	$\sim 60\% Z^d$
	$MEMO \xrightarrow{\mathbf{R}^2}_{TMS} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{R}^1} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Q}^2}_{O} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{R}^1}$			
6	$R^1 = Br, R^2 = H$	-60 °C, 2 h <sup>e</sup>	78	
7	$R^1 = (CH_2)_3 Ph, R^2 = H$	−20 °C, 2 h <sup>/</sup>	83	
8	$R^1 = R^2 = H$	-20 °C, 1 h	71	
9	$R^1 = H, R^2 = Me$	−20 °C, 1 h	65	

<sup>a</sup> In CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (substrate concentration = 0.03-0.05 M). The catalyst was SnCl<sub>4</sub> (distilled from P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and stored under argon) unless otherwise noted. The equivalents of catalyst were not optimized: 2 equiv were employed for entries 1 and 2, and 5 equiv for entries 3-5, 8, and 9. <sup>b</sup> Reference 12. <sup>c</sup> By capillary GC analysis except for entries 4 and 5 which were determined from the 250-MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product. <sup>d</sup> The origin of the lack of stereospecificity in these cases will be discussed in a subsequent full account of this work. \*TiCl4 (3 equiv, freshly distilled from Cu powder) was employed. <sup>f</sup>TiCl<sub>3</sub> (O-*i*-Pr) (3 equiv) was employed.

preparation of the 3- and 4-substituted 5,6-dihydro-2H-pyrans (entries 6-9) demonstrates the success of acetal-vinylsilane cyclizations that are also endocyclic9 with respect to the vinylsilane terminator.

In marked contrast to the successful preparation of the (E)alkylidenetetrahydrofuran 14 (entry 3), cyclization of the (Z)vinylsilane acetal 15 with TiCl<sub>4</sub> did not afford 16 but gave almost exclusively tetrahydropyran 17.<sup>12,18-20</sup> The conversion of  $15 \rightarrow$ 



17 was quite rapid and occurred readily at -55 °C (2 h, 81% yield of 17). The observation that the stereochemistry of an alkene can completely control whether a cyclization reaction occurs in an endo- or exocyclic sense with respect to this component is, to our knowledge, without precedent. We rationalize this startling observation by suggesting that the rate of cyclization to form the five-membered product is insensitive to the stereochemistry at the alkene terminus, while the rate of cyclization to form the sixmembered product is highly dependent on the orientation of the terminal substituent. Specifically, cyclization of  $15 \rightarrow 17$  is facile since the butyl group would adopt a favored quasi-equatorial orientation in a chairlike<sup>7a</sup> cyclization transition state 18 ( $R^1$  = n-Bu), while the similar mode of cyclization of substrates with an (E)-vinylsilane substituent (entries 3-5) is disfavored since an alkyl group would occupy a quasi-axial position (18,  $R^2 = alkyl$ ).<sup>21</sup>

In summary, acetal-vinylsilane cyclizations should prove to be a useful addition to the methods currently available for preparing five-, six-, and seven-membered ring oxygen heterocycles. These cyclization reactions provide the first route for preparing 3-alkylidene oxacyclics in a stereocontrolled fashion.

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## The Taylor Vortex: The Measurement of Viscosity in **NMR Samples**

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Nuclear relaxation, molecular motion, and solution viscosity are intimately linked through hydrodynamic models.<sup>1-3</sup> NMR  $T_1$  relaxation times provide detailed information about molecular properties.<sup>4-6</sup> In this paper a method for measuring viscosity in NMR samples is introduced. NMR images of coherent periodic flow are presented.

The transition from laminar to turbulent flow is specified by the Reynolds number-a function of viscosity. That such a transition generates cyclic vortices has been known since ancient times.<sup>7</sup> In his classic 1923 paper, Taylor<sup>8</sup> established the con-

<sup>(18)</sup> The tetrahydropyran structure of 17 is firmly based on fully decoupled <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (see supplementary material). Alternate tetra-hydrofuran structures [e.g., 3-(trimethylsilyl)-3-(bromochloromethyl)tetra-hydrofuran] are rigorously excluded.

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ditions for vortex development between concentric cylinders. The phenomenon (Taylor vortex flow; TVF) has been a paradigm for studies in fluid dynamics.9,10

The Taylor Vortex. When a liquid is contained within the annulus between two concentric cylinders and the inner tube rotated, a wide variety of fluid motions develop.9 At low rotational speeds the azimuthal velocity profile, V(r) (cm/s), for Couette flow is given by

$$(r) = 2\pi F(-q^2r + a^2/r)/(1-q^2)$$

where a and b (cm) are the radii of the inner and outer cylinders respectively, F(Hz) is the angular frequency of the inner tube, q = a/b and d = b - a.

At higher speeds a critical transition occurs to a new fluid motion—TVF.<sup>8,9</sup> A dimensionless Taylor number characterizes the flow

$$T = [4q/(1+q)][R^2(d/a)]$$
(1)

R is the Reynolds Number defined as  $R = 2\pi Fad/\nu$ , where  $\nu$  $(cm^2/s)$  is the kinematic viscosity of the liquid (viscosity/density). The liquid column breaks into discrete cells with periodic horizontal boundaries whose separation equals the annular gap.<sup>8,9</sup> Coherent liquid circulation in the vertical plane is given by 2.10

$$V_z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k \sin \frac{2\pi kz}{\lambda}$$

where  $\lambda$  is the cell length  $\approx d$ . Viscosity measurement is accomplished by measuring the spinning frequency for the onset of TVF  $[F_{c}(Hz)]$ . Rearrangement of eq 1 gives

$$\nu = 2\pi F_c a d [4d/T_c(a+b)]^{1/2}$$
(2)

where  $T_c$  is the critical Taylor number.  $T_c$  has been established theoretically<sup>8,11</sup> and experimentally<sup>12</sup> and the Di Prima<sup>11</sup> results are described as

$$T_c q^2 = 502.00 + 1358.1q + 1415.3q^2 + 114.81q^3$$

The viscosity ranges that are accessible with standard NMR tubes at obtainable spinning speeds on a standard spectrometer are given in supplementary material.

Spinning Sidebands and Coherent Motion. An NMR sample spinning uniformly in a static transverse magnetic field gradient generates a sideband modulation pattern with peaks separated by the spinning frequency (F).<sup>13</sup> The nuclei must move periodically across a field gradient in order to develop the coherence necessary for sideband generation. In a transverse gradient under Couette flow conditions, with the inner tube spinning (below  $F_c$ ) and the outer tube fixed, the liquid in the inner tube gives a standard sideband pattern with spacing F, whereas the liquid in the annulus shows no detectable splitting (Figure 1). All azimuthal velocities between F at the inner wall and zero at the outer wall exist in Couette flow. Thus spinning sidebands will be generated at all frequencies. They are superimposed and so discrete frequencies are not expected. In an axial gradient no sidebands are generated as there is no coherent vertical motion.

When the inner tube speed is increased above  $F_c$  a major spectral change is observed. Rotating liquid cores intersect the axial gradient and are detectable as a sideband pattern which images the TVF (Figure 2). TVF generates coherent vertical motion in each cell which gives rise to cell sideband patterns. Each cell has its centerband, and this series of centerbands produces the series of intense peaks observed in Figure 2. The uniform vertical spacing of Taylor vortex cells is reflected in the uniform spacing of the centerband peaks. Peak separation is directly proportional to the strength of the axial gradient (supplementary



Figure 1. Proton-decoupled 50-MHz <sup>13</sup>C spectra of Me<sub>4</sub>Si (5-mm tube) and ethylene glycol (annulus of 10-mm tube). (a) Both tubes spinning at F = 20 Hz in a uniform magnetic field; (b) inner tube spinning at 20 Hz in a transverse gradient  $(B_x \sim 3 \text{ mT/m})$ ; (c) inner tube spinning at 20 Hz in an axial gradient  $(B_z \sim 2 \text{ mT/m})$ ; (d) same as (c) with F = 40 Hz. Coherent TVF gives peak pattern in (d).



Figure 2. Viscosity measurement of ethylene glycol/ $D_2O$  (80:20 v/v) from detection of onset of TVF as function of inner tube spinning speed.  $F_c \approx 18$  Hz. NMR as for Figure 1.  $B_z \sim 2$  mT/m. Peaks labeled A-D are the centerband from each cell-see inset. Cell spinning frequency [f(Hz)] is shown.

material). Furthermore, each centerband is flanked by a series of spinning sidebands-usually of lower intensity. The sideband spacing is independent of the field gradient but increases with increasing F. The cell sideband frequency (f) measures the spiral frequency of the Taylor vortex core in the vertical plane. The intensity of the pattern increases as the spinning frequency is increased. Taylor vortex motion is thus coherent at the molecular level. The measurement of viscosity is accomplished by the measurement of the frequency of onset of the Taylor vortex.

Measurement of Viscosity. The simplest method for determining  $F_c$  is the detection of the sideband onset pattern as shown in Figure 2. This method gives limited precision as the distinction of the weak sideband pattern from the strong background signal and noise is quite subjective. A plot of f vs. F suggests a convenient alternative. The curve follows the empirical relationship

$$\ln (F) = \ln (F_c) + kf^2$$
(3)

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Table 1	[.	NMR	Viscosity	Determination
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sample	<i>T</i> , °C	F <sub>c</sub> , Hz	$\nu_{\rm NMR}$ , <sup>c</sup> cSt	$\nu_{\rm Ubb},^d \rm cSt$
EGª	23	$32.62 \pm 0.2$	14.85	14.57 ± 0.09
EG/D <sub>2</sub> O (80:20 v/v)	23.5-23.8	$17.55 \pm 0.26$	7.98	$7.84 \pm 0.10$
EG/CH <sub>3</sub> CN (80:20v:v)	$23.0 \pm 0.5^{b}$	$11.21 \pm 0.25$	5.10	$5.16 \pm 0.01$
Carbowax 600/ Me <sub>2</sub> SO (20% w/w)	$34.0 \pm 0.5^{b}$	$15.23 \pm 0.25$ $15.27 \pm 0.25$	6.93 6.95	6.94 ± 0.12

<sup>a</sup>EG = ethylene glycol. <sup>b</sup>Actual temperature calculated with a C-13 thermometer insert (acetone- $d_6/\text{CCl}_4$ ; 1:1 v/v). Led, J. L.; Petersen, S. G. J. Magn. Reson. 1978, 32, 1. <sup>c</sup> $\nu_{\text{NMR}} = F_c/219.7$  (Stokes) for 5-mm o.d./ NMR tube inside 10-mm tube. a = 0.24765 cm, b = 0.45085 cm, q = 0.5493,  $T_c = 5614.5$ . <sup>d</sup>Viscosity measured with Ubbelohde viscometer.

where k is an arbitrary constant. The intercept of this linear plot gives  $F_c$ . Substitution of  $F_c$  into eq 2 gives the kinematic viscosity of the liquid. The results obtained for several test liquids are shown in Table I. Viscosities determined by using a conventional Ubbelohde viscometer and the NMR values agree within 2%. The experiment is independent of the choice of nucleus. Both homonuclear and heteronuclear measurements are feasible provided peak separation is larger than the gradient width. Individual components in a mixture give the same viscosity as the fluid flow is governed by the bulk viscosity (cf. Carbowax 600/Me<sub>2</sub>SO mixture).

An implication of the current work is that an NMR image of coherent linear flow should be detectable in a rotating magnetic field.

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## Intramolecular [4 + 2] Cycloadditions of Nitroalkenes with $Olefins^{\dagger}$

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As part of a program aimed at the development of general methods of construction of polycyclic ring systems, we have been investigating the intramolecular cycloadditions of various heterodienes with olefins.<sup>2</sup> Our efforts have focused on the N=O family of heterodienes shown in Chart I. We have recently reported successful cycloadditions with nitrosoalkenes<sup>3,4</sup> and



Scheme I

Chart I



Scheme II



Table I. Cycloadditions of Nitroalkenes 2 and 3<sup>a,b</sup>



substrate	solvent	temp, °C	time, h	trans	cis	yield, <sup>c</sup> %
(E,E)-2	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	-70	2.25	52	48	59
(E,Z)-2	$CH_2Cl_2$	-70	2.25	75	25	68
$(E,E)-3^{d}$	toluene	<b>-29</b> → 0	3	>98	<2	80 <sup>e</sup>
$(Z,E)$ - $\mathcal{Y}$	toluene	-78	7	<2	>98	63

<sup>a</sup>Nitroalkene was 0.04 M and 1.0–1.6 equiv of SnCl<sub>4</sub> were used. Best yields were obtained with fresh nitroalkene. <sup>b</sup>Cis/trans product ratios were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and GC as described in the text for 4 and 5. <sup>c</sup>Yields for isolated, purified nitronates. <sup>d</sup>>98% E by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>e</sup>11% of i was isolated in this run. <sup>f</sup>>98% Z by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



Figure 1. ORTEP plot of double cycloadduct (35% probability).

vinylnitrosonium cations.<sup>4b</sup> In this paper we wish to report that nitroalkenes also serve admirably as  $4\pi$  components in highly stereoselective cycloadditions with unactivated alkenes.<sup>5</sup>

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