Scheme I<sup>4</sup>



<sup>a</sup>A, donut-hole, mechanism; B, jump rope mechanism.  $2 \cdot n$ , Z =  $C \equiv C - C \equiv C -, n = 3-11; 2.11', (CH_2)_n = -(CH_2)_5 CMe_2$  $(CH_2)_5$ , 3.*n*, Z = "bd $(CH_2)_4$ , *n* = 3-11.

Table I. Stereodynamics of  $2 \cdot n$  and  $3 \cdot n$ 

|               |      |             |                                 | $\Delta H^*$ , |              |
|---------------|------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|               | RT⁼  | $T_{c}^{b}$ | $\Delta G^{*}_{298}$ , kcal/mol | kcal/mol       | $\Delta S^*$ |
| 2.3           | slow | >>180       | 21.4                            | 14.2           | -24          |
| <b>2</b> ·4   | slow |             |                                 |                |              |
| <b>2</b> .6   | slow | >180        | ~20-21                          |                |              |
| <b>2</b> .7   | slow | ~160        | 19.2                            | 16.4           | -12.7        |
| <b>2</b> .8   | slow | 103         |                                 |                |              |
| <b>2</b> .9   | slow | +73         | 16.5                            | 13.6           | -9.6         |
| <b>2</b> ⋅10  | int. | +12         | 13.8                            | 15.0           | +4.0         |
| <b>2</b> ·11  | fast | -43         | 10.4                            | 13.8           | +11.5        |
| <b>2</b> ·11′ | fast | -35         |                                 |                |              |
| 3-3           | slow | >>180       | >26                             |                |              |
| 3.7           | slow | >>160       | >23.3                           |                |              |
| 3-8           | slow | ~110        |                                 |                |              |
| 3.9           | int. | +16         |                                 |                |              |
| 3-10          | fast | -24         | 12.8                            | 9.4            | -11.4        |
| 3-11          | fast | <<-50       |                                 |                |              |

<sup>a</sup>Behavior on NMR time scale (room temperature, 270 MHz). <sup>b</sup>Coalescence temperature (°C), 270 MHz.

Cyclophanes were synthesized<sup>5,6</sup> from Br(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>Br.<sup>7</sup> Inversion rates were measured by line-shape analysis of the interconverting OCH<sub>2</sub> AB quartets<sup>8</sup> or by the Forsén-Hoffman saturation-transfer technique.<sup>9</sup> Results for series 2-n and 3-n are shown in Table I

When n is less than  $\sim 8$ , ring-inversion barriers are much greater for 2-*n* and 3-*n* than for the corresponding 1. A  $\Delta G^{*}_{298}$ of 17 kcal/mol for 1a.3 (N-propyl ester)<sup>3a</sup> may be compared with  $\Delta G^{*}_{298} \geq 21$  kcal/mol for 2.3 and >26 kcal/mol (minimum estimate) for 3-3. These results are consistent only with a donut-hole process.

For large  $n \ (n \ge 9)$ , the barriers are much smaller for 2-n and 3.n than for 1.n. We assign the jump rope mechanism here: (a) For large n the donut-hole barrier should be no less for 2-n and 3.*n* than for 1.*n*. The jump rope process, however, passes the unsubstituted side of the arene through the cavity; this has a very low barrier. (b) The compact cyclophanes have lower barriers than the rigid cyclophanes (e.g., 3-10 vs. 2-10). The jump rope mechanism predicts this, as the diester passes around the exterior

of the cyclophane; the donut-hole mechanism predicts the opposite.<sup>3a</sup> (c) Geminal dimethylation of the middle of the chain of 2.11 (to give 2.11') does not increase the barrier: the quaternary carbon must not be passing through the cavity.<sup>3a,10</sup>

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## A Rationally Designed, Chiral Lewis Acid for the Asymmetric Induction of Some Diels-Alder Reactions

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Development of methods for the asymmetric induction of Diels-Alder reactions is of considerable current interest.<sup>1</sup> The use of chiral auxiliaries to this end has provided some notable solutions to specific problems, but the need to invest separate reaction steps in the incorporation and subsequent jettisoning of the auxiliary is a generally inherent limitation. Chiral Lewis acids, were they available, would offer an attractive alternative, particularly if three results attended their use: predictable absolute chirality of product, high levels of enantiomeric excess (ee), and compatibility with varied substrate structures. To date, there have been only a few reports<sup>2</sup> of attempts to employ chiral Lewis acids in Diels-Alder reactions, and none satisfies any of the above criteria. We now describe a system which does.

peri-Hydroxyquinones such as juglone (1) are attractive can-



S=small group, L=large group, M=metal

didates for the use of chiral Lewis acids because the hydroxy group can serve as a second ligand to the Lewis acid, thereby greatly diminishing conformational mobility in the complex. Thus in the generalized complex 2, if L is sufficiently large to block attack of a diene on the top face of the quinone while S is sufficiently small to still permit approach of the diene on the bottom face, asymmetric induction should result. The utility of 2 appears severely compromised, however, because it must be prepared without simultaneous generation of its enantiomer (3). But this apparent difficulty can be circumvented by incorporating both S and L into a single, bidentate ligand possessing  $C_2$  symmetry,<sup>3</sup>

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in which event only one complex (e.g., 4) can be formed. In the specific, reaction of 1 via a complex we propose to be

6 (prepared from (S)-5<sup>4</sup> as indicated<sup>5</sup>) with 1-methoxycyclo-



hexa-1,3-diene (7) proceeds rapidly<sup>5,6</sup> (-78 °C, <2 min) and regiospecifically<sup>7a,b</sup> to give the adduct 8 in high chemical yield with >98% ee as determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy of the (R)- $\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)phenyl acetate derivative<sup>8</sup> 9. The chiral ligand (5) is recovered in full.



It has not yet been possible to obtain direct (e.g., X-ray) evidence demonstrating the intermediacy of 6, but its existence is supported by the three experiments described below.

First, one would predict that replacement of the two phenyl substituents in 6 by (smaller) methyls would cause the Diels-Alder reaction to proceed with poorer ee. This prediction is borne out: replacement of 5 by 10<sup>9</sup> in eq 1 gives under otherwise identical conditions the same enantiomer of 8 but in only 70% (vs. >98%) ee

Second, asymmetric induction should not be restricted to the specific case in eq 1; i.e., it should also be achievable with other dienes and other peri-hydroxyquinones. In both of the other reactions we have examined to date (eq 2 and 3), this expectation is realized. Thus, use of the same type of chiral Lewis acid complex (12) in the reaction of  $11^{10}$  with 13 (eq 2) gives 14 regiospecifically in high (>90%)<sup>11</sup> ee [the degree of asymmetric

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(c 0.85, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), in 70-90% yield (8 is somewhat unstable to chromatography), and quantitative recovery of pure (S)-5.
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Third, if complexes such as 6 and 12 are operative, then the absolute stereochemistry of the adducts 8 and 14 should be as shown. It has not been possible so far to determine the absolute stereochemistries of 8 and 14,13 but the absolute stereochemistry of the adduct (17, >98% ee) produced regiospecifically in eq 3



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## Reactions of Allylsilanes with Simple Iminium Salts in Water: A Facile Route to Piperidines via an Aminomethano Desilylation-Cyclization Process

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We recently demonstrated that simple iminium salts generated in aqueous medium are sufficiently reactive to undergo [4 + 2]cyclocondensation with unactivated dienes (cf. eq 1).<sup>1</sup> In con-



nection with an ongoing project it was of interest to determine if iminium ion chemistry could be extended to allylsilanes in water.<sup>2</sup> The well-documented reactivity of allylsilanes toward electrophiles<sup>3-5</sup> suggested that treatment of allyltrimethylsilane with an *N*-alkyliminium ion under Mannich-like conditions should provide access to homoallylamines via an aminomethano desilylation process. It was anticipated that subsequent reaction of the homoallylamine with formaldehyde would lead exclusively to 4substituted *N*-alkylpiperidines via an intramolecular olefin-iminium ion cyclization<sup>6</sup> (eq 2). Of particular concern was the fact



that the acidic conditions (pH 3-4) required to generate iminium ions in aqueous medium would not be compatible with the initial aminomethano desilylation process. It is well established that allylsilanes readily undergo protodesilylation in acidic media.<sup>3</sup> For example exposure of (dihydrobenzyl)silane 1 to hydrochloric acid in aqueous methanol-tetrahydrofuran at ambient temperature for 20 h gives rise to an 80% yield of terpinoline (2).<sup>7</sup>



In order to probe the chemistry depicted in eq 2, a heterogeneous mixture of allyltrimethylsilane, N-benzylammonium trifluoroacetate, and 37% aqueous formaldehyde in water was stirred at 35 °C. After 24 h, an 81% yield of N-benzyl-4-hydroxypiperidine was isolated (Table I). Use of tetrahydrofuran as a cosolvent resulted in a reduced reaction rate and an increase in the amount of undesired side products. Somewhat surprising was the fact that the corresponding 4-chloropiperidine derivative could be obtained (entry 2) by employing the hydrochloride salt of benzylamine in the presence of lithium chloride. In general, the aminomethano desilylation-cyclization process proceeds smoothly with terminal allylsilanes (entries 4-8). Entries 7 and 8 are of particular interest since they demonstrate the potential for internal participation by a nucleophile during the cyclization process. Crotyltrimethylsilane (entry 3) reacts under the general reaction conditions providing as the sole product a 3,4-trans-disubstituted piperidine which undoubtedly arises from a concerted olefin-iminium ion cyclization of intermediate 3. Also noteworthy is the fact that substrates



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possessing free hydroxyl groups exhibited greatly accelerated reaction rates relative to those lacking a polar functional group. Table I also reveals that cyclic allylsilanes could be efficiently converted into bicyclic amines (entries 9-11) giving rise to only cis-fused products in the case of entries 9 and 10.

Our studies suggest that the cyclization step is very rapid relative to homoallylamine formation since only traces of the intermediate homoallylamine were ever observed even when only 1 equiv of formaldehyde was used. However, exclusive homoallylamine

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