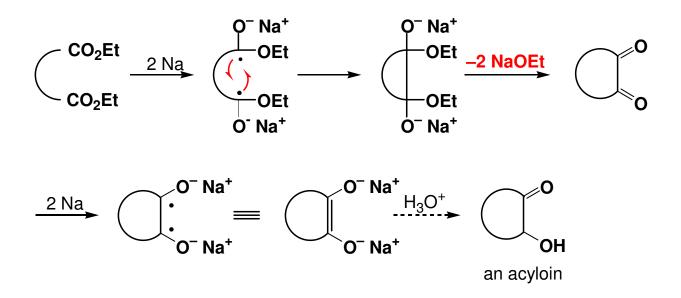
# **Heteroatoms in Organic Chemistry**

## **Second Year**

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HT 2006 : 8 Lectures: Thursday at 10 am (weeks 1-8) DP: Lecture Theatre

HANDOUT 2: Silicon Reagents in Organic Synthesis



A copy of this handout is available at: http://users.ox.ac.uk/%7Emagd1571/finalpage/teaching2.html

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### Synopsis

#### Lectures 3 & 4 Silicon

- 1) General Features of Organosilicon Compounds
- 2) Use of Silicon as a Protecting Group for Organic Synthesis
- 3) Allyl Silanes in Organic Synthesis
- 4) Vinyl Silanes in Organic Synthesis
- 5) Utilising Silyl Stabilised Carbanions in Synthesis: the Peterson Reaction
- 6) Silyl Enol Ethers as enolate equivalents and protecting groups

#### Recommended books:

General: Organic Chemistry (Warren et al) Organic Synthesis: The Role of Boron and Silicon, S. E. Thomas (Oxford Primer) Some Modern Methods of Organic Synthesis, W. Carruthers (Cambridge)

#### 1) General Features of Organosilicon Compounds

a) Electronic configuration is

Carbon:  $1s^22s^22p^2$ 

Silicon:

b) An electropositive

Me<sub>3</sub>Si-CH<sub>3</sub>

c) Bond Strengths are informative:

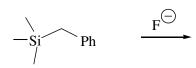
Si—O	C0	Si——C	C—C
Si——F	C——F	Si——H	С——Н
Si——X	C——X		

Some atoms are excellent nucleophiles for Si:

d) As are bond lengths

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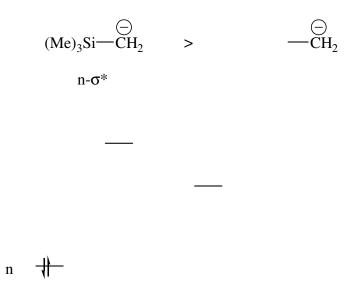
#### e) Substitution reactions are extremely



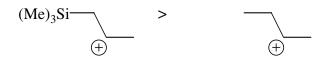
Consider  $CCI_4$  versus  $SiCI_4$ 

f) Two effects to think about

1) That Silicon stabilises ALPHA



2) Silicon also stabilises BETA



There are geometric constraints for this to happen:

2) Use of Silicon as a Protecting Group for Organic Synthesis

What is a protecting group?

PROTECTION

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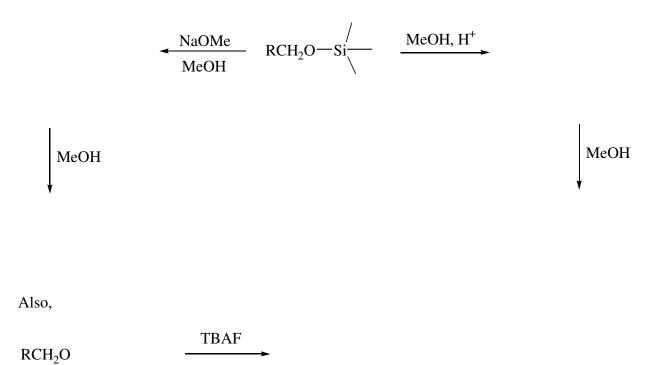
RCH<sub>2</sub>OH

TMS-Cl, Im

 $\blacksquare$  RCH<sub>2</sub>OTMS



#### DEPROTECTION



Often OTMS groups are too

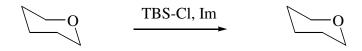
So, replace Me with bulkier groups

ROTMS

10<sup>4</sup>

ROTBS

Can use this to silylate selectively



## 3) Allyl Silanes in Organic Synthesis

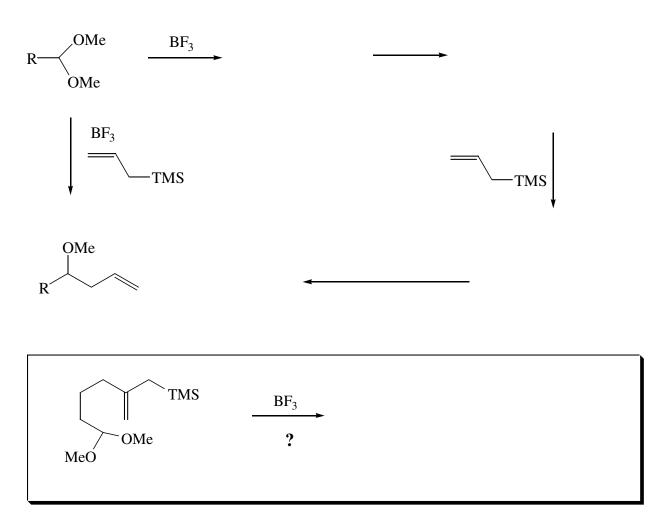
Undergo regioselective reaction with

TiCl<sub>4</sub>

 $E^+$ SiMe<sub>3</sub> E, Electrophile can be: Overall result is electrophilic **Synthesis** TMSCl Mg TMS Cl **Reactivity** R 0= (+)RCOCl +TMS -TMS Cl

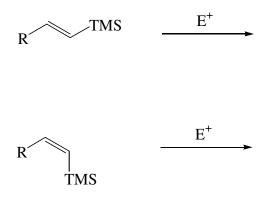
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Acetals are potent electrophiles

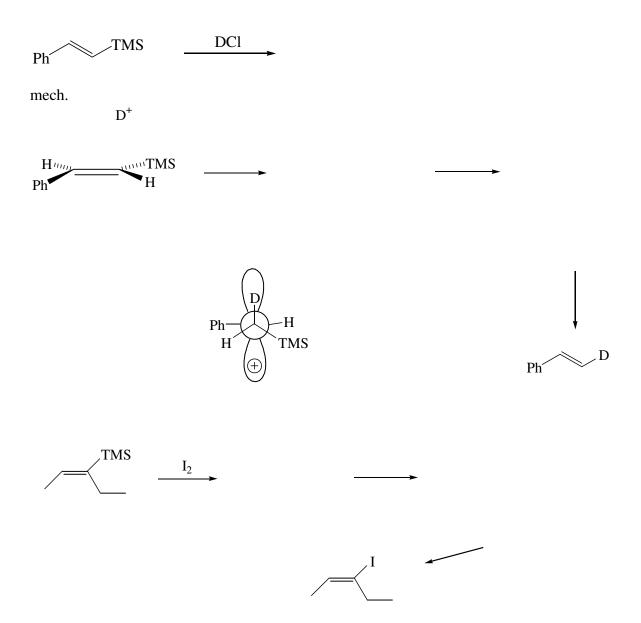


## 4) Vinyl Silanes in Organic Synthesis

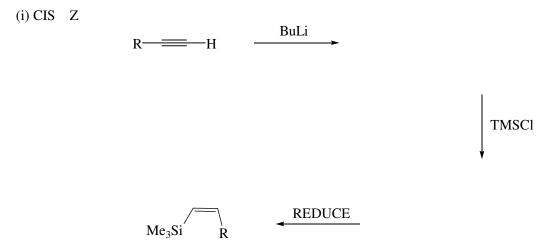
Again, the formation of a beta

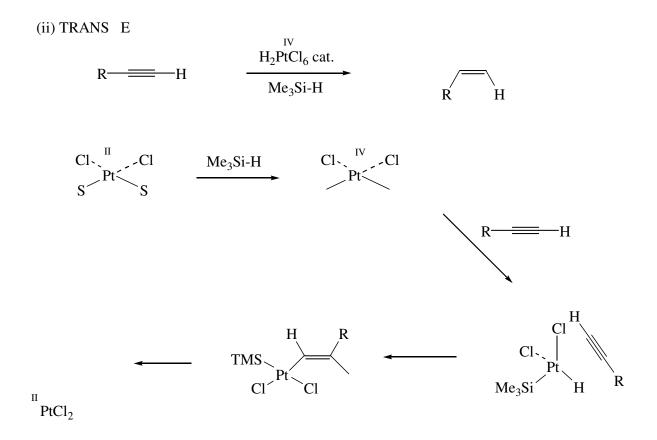


retention is v. useful for



This reactivity is only useful if we can easily prepare the starting vinyl silanes as single





#### 5) Utilising Silyl Stabilised Carbanions in Synthesis: the Peterson Reaction

#### Step 1: form the anion

(i) Deprotonation

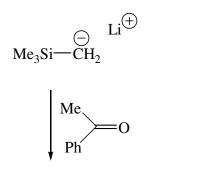
(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Si

BuLi 🔶

(ii) Halogen-Metal Exchange

(iii) Conjugate Addition

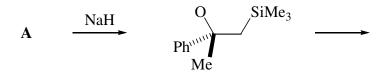
#### Step 2: react the anion with an aldehyde or ketone



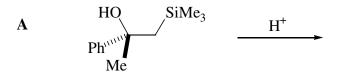
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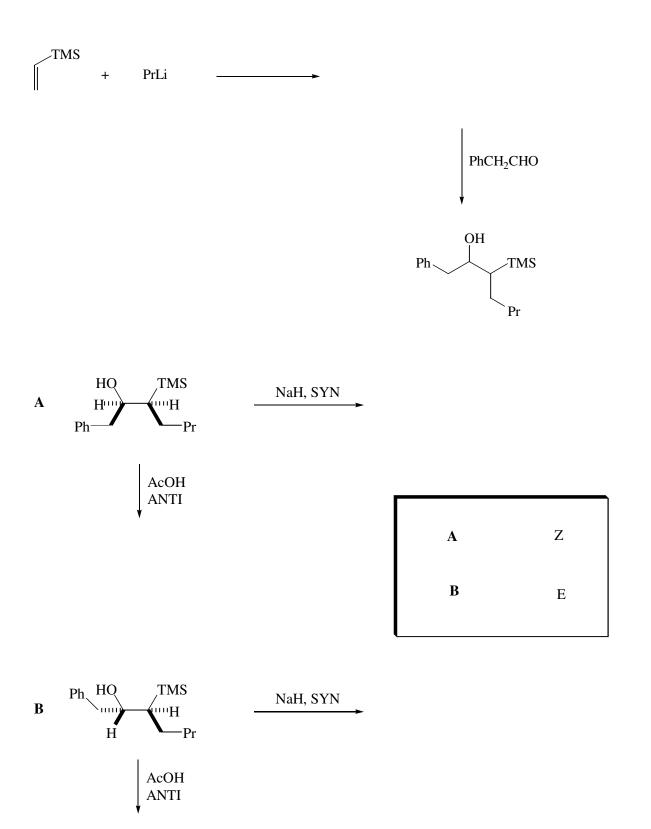
#### Step 3: collapse the intermediate to form an alkene

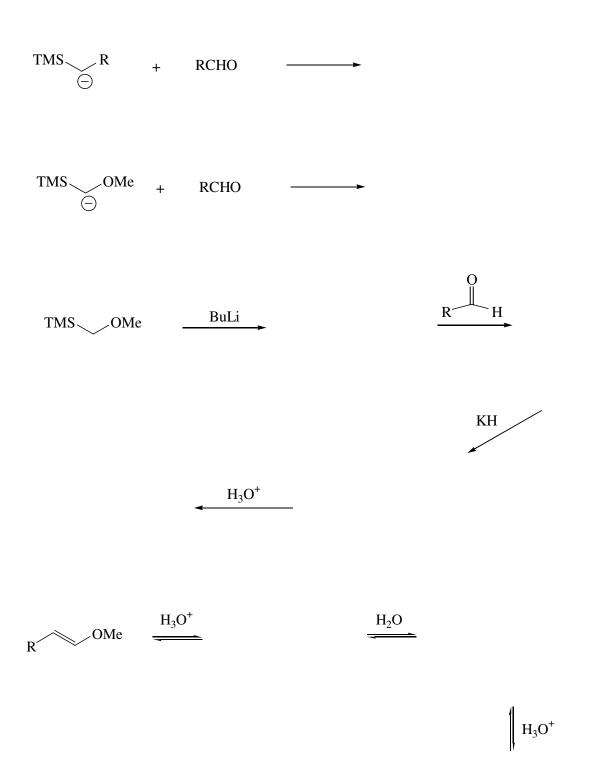


OR, Alternatively



This option gives high flexibility wrt the alkene geometry formed:

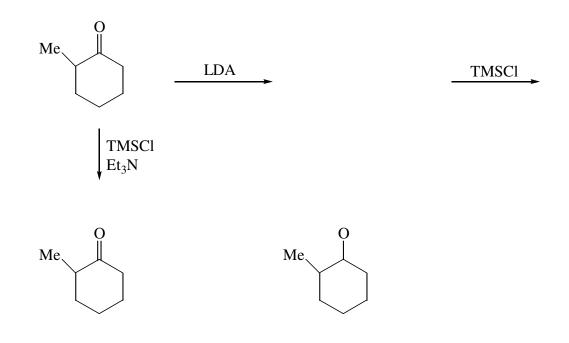






## 6) Silyl Enol Ethers as enolate equivalents and protecting groups

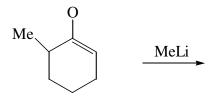
Synthesis

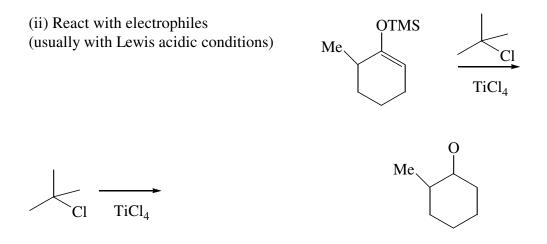


So, either isomer

## Reactivity

(i) Stable Precursors for enolates





Compare the types of electrophiles that Li enolate and Si enol ethers prefer.

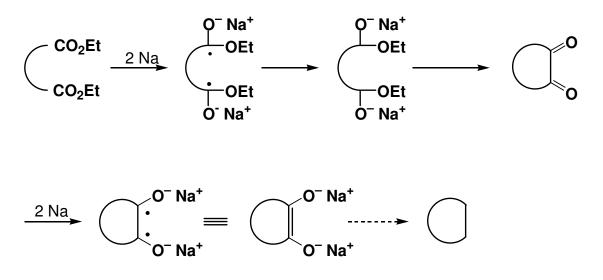
Li-enolate:



Silyl enol ether:

In situ protection of ketones: the ACYLOIN reaction

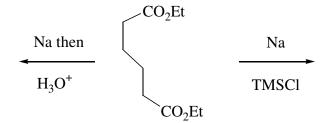
The basic reaction:



Good for a variety of ring sizes:

One of the problems with this reaction is that

Solution is to add TMSCI to the reaction.



1) TMS-CI reacts with EtO

2) It also reacts with the alkoxide product.  $O^- Na^+$ 

