# DANHEISER CYCLOPENTENE ANNULATION

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 Rick Danheiser grew up in New York and California and received his undergraduate education at *Columbia College*. While working as an undergraduate under the direction *of Professor Gilbert Stork*, Dr. Danheiser developed a method for the regiospecific alkylation of ß-diketone enol ethers (the "Stork-Danheiser Alkylation") and employed it in a total synthesis of the spiro sesquiterpene ßvetivone. Professor Danheiser received his Ph.D. at Harvard University in 1978. His doctoral research (under the direction *of Professor E. J. Corey*) involved the *East* total synthesis of the diterpene plant growth hormone gibberellic acid.

Dr. Danheiser joined the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978 and at present is the Arthur C. Cope Professor of Chemistry.

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lectron-deficient alkene X = alkyl, -OR



(trimethylsilyl)allene

1.TiCl<sub>4</sub> (1.5 equiv) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / -78 °C

2. Et<sub>2</sub>O / H<sub>2</sub>O, r.t.



The one-step regio- and stereoselective [3+2] annulation of (trimethylsilyl)allenes and electron-deficient alkenes (allenophiles) in the presence of titanium tetrachloride (TiCl4) to produce highly substituted cyclopentene derivatives is referred to as the Danheiser cyclopentene annulation.

### Mechanism





$$e R^1, R^2, R^3 = Me$$

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Hard-Soft-Acid-Base?

## Synthetic Applications



Research in the laboratory of R.L. Danheiser has shown that allenylsilanes can be reacted with electrophiles other than enones, such as aldehydes and N-acyl iminium ions to generate oxygen and nitrogen heterocycles. Aldehydes can function as heteroallenophiles and the reaction of C3 substituted allenylsilane with the achiral cyclohexane carbaldehyde afforded predominantly cissubstituted dihydrofurans



## **Synthetic Applications**

entry	allenophile	allene	annulation product(s)	yield, % <sup>a</sup>
1	СНО	$H_{2}C = C = C \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} S_{1t} \cdot B_{u}M_{e_{2}} \\ CH_{1} \\ 4 \\ \end{array}}_{4}$	5	76
2	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHO	4	Ph Sit BuMe,	70
3	СН₃СНО	$CH_{H} = C = C = C = C CH_{H}$	Siz-BuMe, <u>8</u> <u>9</u> <u>9</u>	78 (1.4:1)
4	СНО	7	Sit-BuMe <sub>2</sub> 10 11	97 (7:1)
5	t-BuCHO	7	Sit-BuMe,	92
6	СНО ОВл <u>13</u> b	4	OBn 14	88
7	CHO OBn 13	7	OBn Sir BuMe, OBn Sir BuMe,	86 (3.5:1)
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1		4	Sit-BuMe <sub>2</sub>	67
2		4	Sit-BuMe	63
3		4	H <sup>i</sup> Sit·BuMe, 21	76 <sup>d</sup>
4	0 0E1 22"	4	Sir · BuMe, 23 Sir · BuMe, 24 Sir · BuMe,	64 (2.8:1)
5	O NH OEt	7	25 25 25 Sit-BuMe	60 (1.2:1) <sup>f</sup>
6	≉-PrCONHCH₂Ot-Bu 27ु	4	n-Pr Sit-BuMe,	25

