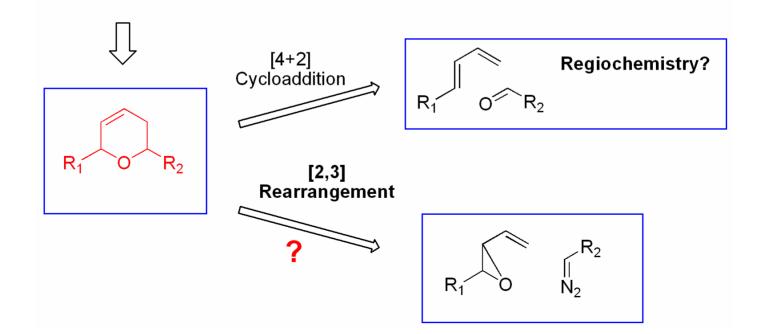
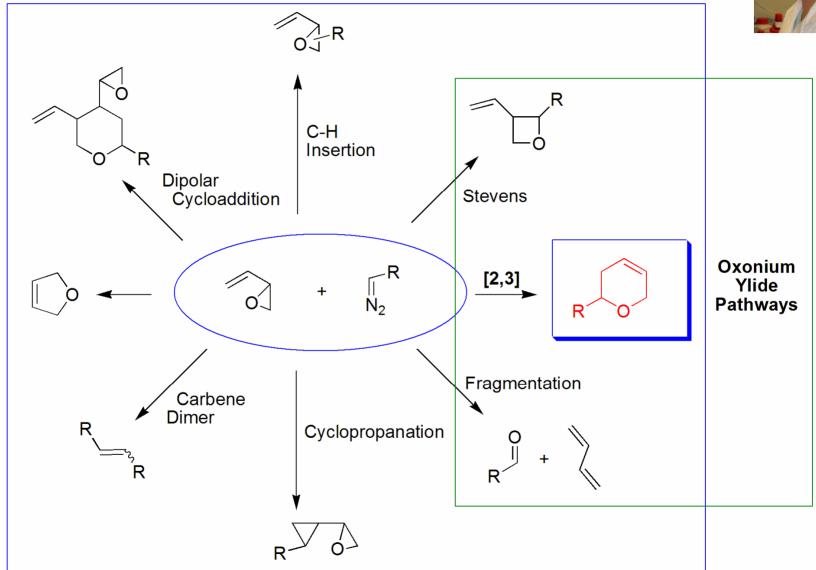
Blueprint One.....Initial Inspiration





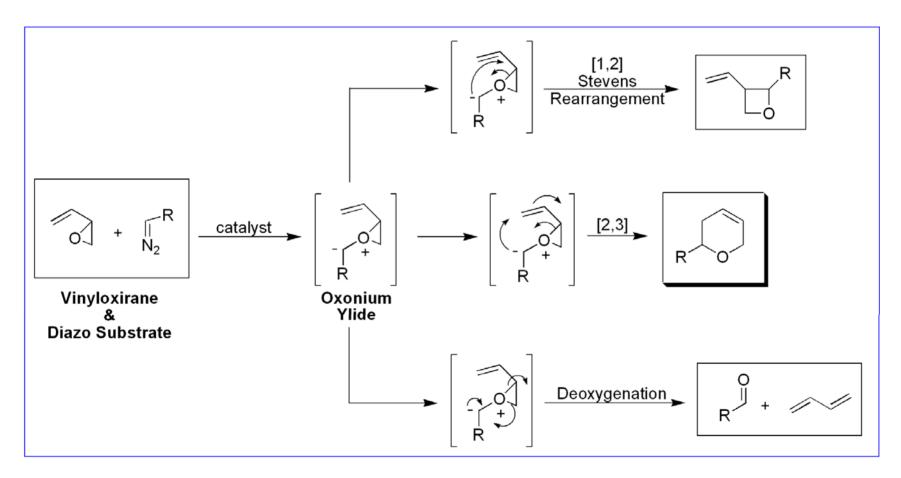
What Can Go Wrong.....





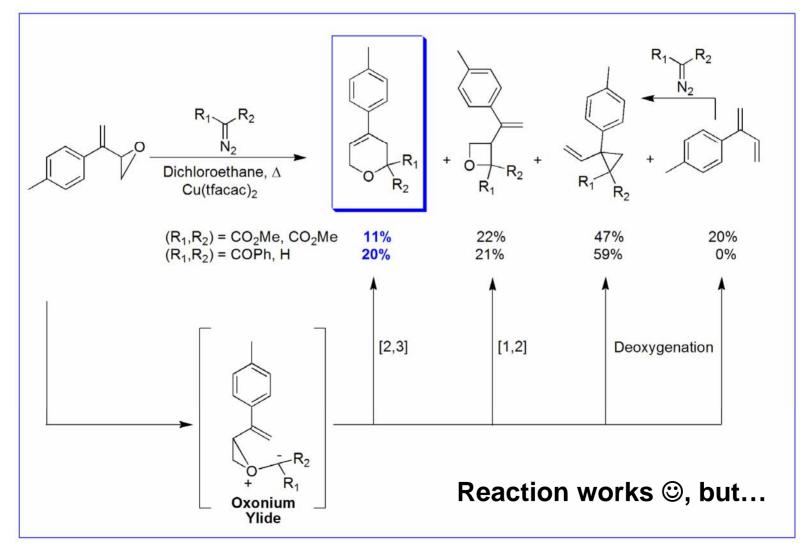
Competing Oxonium Ylide Pathways....





Vinyl Oxirane Studies.....





Oxonium Ylides of Diallyl Ethers.....



Are Diallyl Ethers Good Substrates?....



Do Other Diazo Compounds Work as Well?



$$\begin{bmatrix} 2,3 \\ 65\% \end{bmatrix}$$

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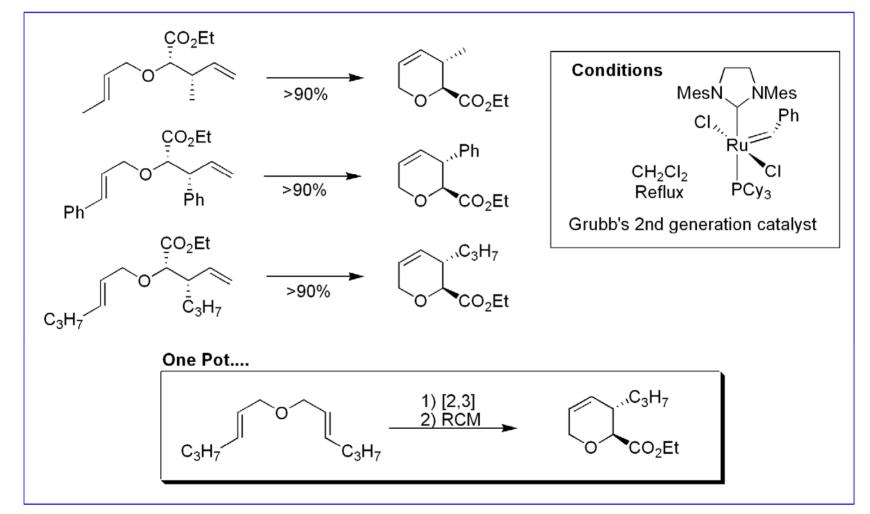
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Ring Closing Metathesis (RCM).....





Deprotection....(anti aldol equivalents)





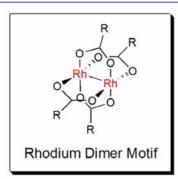
Steric effects.....



Catalyst effects.....

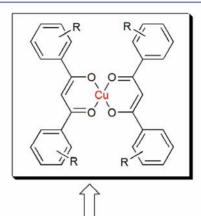


$$R_1$$
, R_2 = H: $Cu(acac)_2$
 R_1 = H, R_2 = CF_3 : $Cu(tfacac)_2$
 R_1 , R_2 = CF_3 : $Cu(hfacac)_2$
 R_1 , R_2 = C_4H_9 : $Cu(tmhd)_2$
 R_1 = C_3F_7 , R_2 = C_4H_9 : $Cu(fod)_2$



R =
$$CF_3$$
: $Rh_2(tfa)_4$
R = C_6H_5 : $Rh_2(tpa)_4$
R = C_7H_{15} : $Rh_2(oct)_4$
R = C_6H_{11} : $Rh_2(hex)_4$
R = C_4H_9 : $Rh_2(tme)_4$
R = C_7H_{17} : $Rh_2(oct)_4$
R = C_3F_7 : $Rh_2(hfb)_4$

 $R = CH_3$: $Rh_2(OAc)_4$



We are constructing a collection of FLUORO and TRIFLUORO substituted dibenzoylmethane copper dimers

$$C_{3}H_{7} \qquad C_{3}H_{7} \qquad C_{$$

Blueprint Two.....More Ring Expansions



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What about other ring sizes?

Synthesis of 4 and 5 Membered Rings





Vinyl Oxetane – Surprising Results...



Vinyl Tetrahydrofuran...



Alternative Oxepine Route...



