**n-BuLi-Initiated Ring-Opening Cyclization of Cyclopropene Derivatives**

Significance: The authors report a new access to benzocycles from cyclopropene derivatives. Treatment of 2-acetyl or 2-acetoxymethyl cyclopropenes with n-BuLi leads to deprotection and subsequent ring-opening cyclization to yield benzofurans and isochromenes in a one-pot procedure.

Comment: Based on deuterium experiments a plausible mechanism is proposed: The reaction of A with n-BuLi forms B and the oxygen anion in B attacks the cyclopropene moiety to give D. Alternatively, an excess of n-BuLi may further deprotonate the olefinic proton to generate dianion C, which may also undergo ring-opening cyclization to give E.