Total Synthesis of (±)-Hippolachnin A

- 1) Give the intermediate **2** (explain the relative stereochemistry).
- 2) Propose 3 steps to form bicyclic ketone 4.
- 3) What is the mechanism for the homologation to form unsaturated ester 5 from ketone 4?
- 4) Propose a mechanism for the formation of tetrahydrothiophene 6.
- 5) Give the mechanism for the tin-catalyzed o-alkylation to form 8.

Bonus (if there is time)

Propose a mechanism for the rearrangement to form 3.

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4 to 5

Then carbomethoxylation

Same reaction but trapping intermolecular with methanol! In our cate I is TfO.

5 to 6

Stepwise process because the two methyl-groups are anti to each other!

7 to 8

Bonus

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