

Figure 1. First-order plot of the Finkelstein reaction catalyzed by ethyl-15-crown-5 at 60 °C: octyl bromide, 1.3 mmol; metal iodide, 5.0 mmol; benzene, 1.0 mL; water, 0.3 mL.

and dried at 60 °C in vacuo and stored in vacuo.

Measurement of the Catalytic Activity. The catalytic activity was estimated by measuring the rate constant  $(k_{obsd})$  of the Finkelstein reaction.

A suspension containing  $6.5 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol of crown ether, 5.0 mmol of metal iodide, and 1 mL of solvent was placed in a cylindrical vessel ( $15 \times 100$  mm) equipped with a Liebig condenser and a 7-mm stirring bar and stirred at 60 °C. To this suspension under stirring was added a mixture of 1.3 mmol of octyl bromide and *n*-decane as a GLC internal standard (ca. 9 wt% of octyl bromide). After 15 min, the reaciton was quenched by adding excess water. The octyl iodide generated was determined by GLC (Shimadzu GC-3BT, Silicone Gum SE-30, 10% on Celite 545, 1-m column, 130 °C). For liquid-liquid reactions, a mixture of 1 mL of benzene and 0.3 mL of water were used as the solvent. The metal halide was partially dissolved in water, i.e., in a state of saturation.

The Finkelstein reaction in these reaction systems was first order with respect to octyl bromide, as shown in Figure 1.

The rate constants  $(k_{obed})$  were calculated as in eq 2:  $[OctBr]_{w0}$ ,

$$k_{\text{obed}} = \left( \ln \frac{[\text{OctBr}]_{w0}}{[\text{OctBr}]_{wt}} \right) t^{-1} = \left[ \ln \frac{[\text{OctBr}]_{w0}}{[\text{Decn}]_{w} \times 193.1} - \left[ \ln \frac{[\text{OctBr}]_{w0}}{[\text{Decn}]_{w} \times 193.1} - \frac{[\text{OctI}]_{w}}{[\text{Decn}]_{w} \times 240.1} \right] \right] t^{-1}$$
(2)

initial weight of octyl bromide;  $[OctBr]_{wt}$ , weight of octyl bromide at time t;  $[OctI]_{wt}$ , weight of octyl iodide at time t, calculated from 5153

GLC; [Decn]<sub>w</sub>, weight of *n*-decane added; t, reaction time in seconds; 193.1, molecular weight of octyl bromide; 240.1, molecular weight of octyl iodide.

All measurements of reaction rates were made more than twice. In Table I are listed the reaction rates of the Finkelstein reaction under various conditions studied.

Stability Constants of Complexes. Stability constants were measued in methanol at 25 °C by Frensdorff's method<sup>12</sup> and are listed in Table II.

Solubilization of Metal Picrates. The picrate (10 mg),  $4 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol of crown ether, and 20 mL of heptane were placed in a test tube equipped with a stopper. The test tube was shaken vigorously for 10 min and then allowed to stand for 50 min at 20 °C. After repeating the shaking and standing cycle eight times, 1–10 mL of the upper heptane solution was pipetted into an another flask, and the heptane was evaporated in vacuo. A sufficient amount of benzene was poured into the flask to dissolve the residue, and the picrate in benzene was determined by measuring the absorbancy at 425 nm with a Shimadzu UV spectrophotometer (Type UV-200). Molar absorbances,  $\epsilon$ , of 8900  $M^{-1}$  cm<sup>-1</sup> for potassium picrate and 9400  $M^{-1}$  cm<sup>-1</sup> for sodium picrate were used.<sup>13</sup>

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## **Conformational Preference of the Trimethylsilyl Group**

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Hydrogenations of (4-methylphenyl)trimethylsilane, [4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]trimethylsilane, and 1,4bis(trimethylsilyl)benzene provide the corresponding predominantly cis ( $\sim 80\%$ ) 4-substituted cyclohexyltrimethylsilanes on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>19</sup>F nuclear magnetic resonance spectra. These spectra, and in particular the low-temperature <sup>19</sup>F spectra of cis-[4-(trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl]trimethylsilane, require the conclusion that the conformational A value for the trimethylsilyl group is essentially the same as that of trifluoromethyl, viz., 2.4-2.6 kcal/mol.

We have reported conformational A values  $(A = -\Delta G^{\circ} = RT \ln K$  in kilocalories/mole for the axial  $\rightleftharpoons$  equatorial

equilibrium in a monosubstituted cyclohexane) for  $(CH_3)_3$ M groups  $(M = Ge, Sn, Pb)^{2,3}$  and various other tri-

Table I.	Carbon-13 Chemical Shifts	of 4-Substituted	Cyclohexyltrimethyls	ilanes
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		carbon number					
compd	temp, °C	1	2,6	3,5	4	CH <sub>3</sub> (or CF <sub>3</sub> )	Si(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
R 4 SI(CH3)3							
<i>cis</i> -4-methyl <i>trans</i> -4-methyl calculated	ambient ambient ambient	25.63 25.49 26.40	22.47 27.33 27.50	33.36 36.93 36.75	28.65 33.03 33.40	18.64 23.24 23.47	-2.89 -3.53 -3.56
CH3 SIICH3)3	-85	24.78	20.68	36.42	26.91	17.32	-3.55
CH3 SHCH3)3	-85	25.67	27.18	36.74	32.94	23.43	-3.55
Si(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	ambient	25.14	26.92	26.92	25.14		-1.92
(CH3)3Si	ambient	26.34	28.59	28.59	26.34		-3.62
CF3	ambient	24.10	23.96	24.53 (2.2)	39.42(25.7)	128.87 (280.6)	-2.25
CF3 Si(CH3)3	ambient	25.33	26.06	26.50 (2.9)	42.47 (26.4)	с	-3.63
calculated	ambient	25.24	25.76	26.65	42.52		
CF3	ambient	25.85	25.27	25.40 (2.9)	42.38 (26.4)	128.12 (278.4)	

<sup>a</sup> Chemical shifts are in parts per million relative to the central peak of CDCl<sub>3</sub> as 77.00 ppm. The values in parentheses are <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>19</sup>F coupling constants in hertz. <sup>b</sup> Numbered for convenience of comparison. <sup>c</sup> Not observed.

organotin groups.<sup>4,5</sup> The values for M(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> varied from ca. 2.1 for  $Ge(CH_3)_3$  through 1.06  $(Sn(CH_3)_3)$  to 0.70 for  $Pb(CH_3)_3$ , a sequence in line with increasing C-M bond length which apparently offsets increasing group radii. A notable absentee from this group 4B collection is Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, given that this group has been incorporated into an enormous variety of silanes which have attracted sustained mechanistic, synthetic, and theoretical attention. Force field calculations provided an A value for  $Si(CH_3)_3$  of 3.41 kcal/mol,<sup>6</sup> but experimental approaches<sup>6</sup> based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR examination of (*cis-* and *trans-4-tert-*butylcyclohexyl)trimethylsilanes and cyclohexyltrimethylsilane itself, as well as equilibration studies, were not fruitful. More recently, a pronounced bias (K > 100) in favor of the equatorial conformer was reported.<sup>7</sup> The determination of the conformational A value of the trimethylsilyl group is described in this report.

## **Results and Discussion**

On the very reasonable basis of periodicity among the  $M(CH_3)_3$  groups, we anticipated that the A value for Si- $(CH_3)_3$  could not be less than that for  $Ge(CH_3)_3$ , and a value >2.0 kcal/mol was almost certain. Thus direct low-temperature NMR observation of cyclohexyltrimethylsilane would be pointless, and the "counterpoise" approach was considered. This well-credentialled<sup>8-10</sup> me-

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thod involves examination of a *cis*-4-substituted cyclohexyltrimethylsilane, with the known A value of the 4substituent being comparable with that suspected for  $Si(CH_3)_3$ , so that the conformational equilibrium is rea-

$$\int_{y} \int_{-1} f_{i} \rightleftharpoons y f_{i}$$
(1)

sonably balanced. Both ambient and low-temperature NMR examinations could be conducted, and on the assumption of additivity of conformational free energies (which appears to be very valid for 1,4-disubstituted cy- $(1)^{11}$  clohexanes)<sup>11</sup> the A value of  $Si(CH_3)_3$  can be calculated.

Initially we sought to prepare (cis-4-methylcyclohexyl)trimethylsilane, but the obvious routes would provide either predominantly the trans isomer<sup>3,12</sup> or proceed in low yield. However, hydrogenation of p-tolyltrimethylsilane (eq 2 and Experimental Section) provided,



in good yield, (4-methylcyclohexyl)trimethylsilane, the predominantly cis nature of which is demonstrated. The major set of six <sup>13</sup>C signals was assigned to the cis isomer

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(Table I) with the CCH<sub>3</sub> signal at 18.64 ppm, indicating predominantly an axial orientation<sup>14</sup> for this group and causing the anticipated  $\gamma$  effect at C<sub>2</sub> (22.47 ppm). In addition, the (major) Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> signal at -2.89 ppm confirms some "axial" character for this group, as equatorial M-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> resonates at higher field.<sup>2,3</sup> Additionally, the assigned values for the trans isomer are in excellent agreement with those calculated by using substituent-induced shifts for equatorial methyl,<sup>10</sup> and applied to cyclohexyltrimethylsilane.<sup>15</sup>

In the 300-MHz <sup>1</sup>H spectrum, the major isomer exhibited Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$ -0.03) and CCH<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  0.95, d,  $J \approx$  Hz) signals to lower field than the analogous signals ( $\delta$ -0.06 and 0.86) in the minor isomer. In addition, the major >CHSi signal was at  $\delta$  0.64 (quintet,  $J \approx 6.4$  Hz) whereas the minor one was a clear triplet of triplets ( $J \approx 12$ , 3 Hz) at higher field ( $\delta$  0.47). These comparisons require the major isomer to be cis,<sup>3</sup> a result expected from the catalytic hydrogenation of the benzene precursor.<sup>16</sup> In the <sup>29</sup>Si spectrum, the major signal at 2.39 ppm (relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si) broadened considerably at -80 °C, whereas the minor one at 2.49 ppm did not.

The <sup>13</sup>C spectrum was obtained at -85 °C for a  $CDCl_3/CH_2Cl_2$  solvent (60:40), and signals for the major cis conformer were readily assigned, along with those for the (~20%) trans isomer, whose signals suffered no broadening but only a slight change in shift. It is quite clear that the major cis conformer has Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> equatorial as expected. (Table I). We could not positively identify the signals corresponding to the *minor* conformer of the cis isomer (i.e., axial Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, equatorial CH<sub>3</sub>), but we can calculate that this conformer would be ca. 0.1 as abundant as the major one and would necessarily exhibit broader signals.

Employing chemical shift values<sup>9,10,14</sup> of 17.32 ppm for axial CH<sub>3</sub> and 23.43 ppm for equatorial CH<sub>3</sub>, it is possible for one to calculate the equilibrium position for the conformationally mobile cis isomer that results in a shift of 18.64 ppm for CCH<sub>3</sub> at ca. 33 °C (eq 3).

$$\underbrace{\bigcap_{CH_3}}_{Si(CH_3)_3} \underbrace{\longrightarrow}_{k=0.275} \overset{H_3C}{\longrightarrow} \overset{Si(CH_3)_3}{Si(CH_3)_3}$$

$$x = 0.784 \qquad 1 - x = 0.216$$

$$(3)$$

Using the A value established for methyl (1.74 kcal/mol),<sup>14</sup> and assuming additivity of conformational free energies,<sup>3,5,11</sup> one obtains an A value of ca. 2.50 kcal/mol for Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.

A similar procedure may be applied to the  $Si(CH_3)_3$ shifts. Equatorial  $Si(CH_3)_3$  carbons resonate very close to -3.55 ppm, but our inability to characterize the minor conformer (with axial  $Si(CH_3)_3$ ) left the shift for such a group undetermined. However, we prepared *cis*-1,4-bis-(trimethylsilyl)cyclohexane (eq 4) )in which one group

$$S_{i} = S_{i} = S_{i} = S_{i} = S_{i}$$

must necessarily be axial. We show below that *trans*-1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)cyclohexane has  $\delta(Si(CH_3)_3)$  at -3.62 ppm, whereas the (major) cis isomer has  $\delta(Si(CH_3)_3)$  at

-1.92 ppm, which must be intermediate between the values for axial and equatorial groups. Thus  $\delta_a(\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3)$  is -0.2 ppm. In the manner outlined for the CCH<sub>3</sub> shifts, an equilibrium constant (at ca. 33 °C) of 0.79/0.21 (K = 3.76) is calculated for the mobile (*cis*-4-methylcyclohexyl)trimethylsilane based on the Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> shifts, and again an A value of 2.5 kcal/mol for Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> is obtained.

1,4-Bis(trimethylsilyl)benzene (mp 95 °C) was prepared and hydrogenated to provide, in excellent yield, 1,4-bis-(trimethylsilyl)cyclohexane. The major isomer ( $\sim 80\%$ ) was shown to be cis in the following ways. In the 300-MHz <sup>1</sup>H spectrum, the major isomer exhibited signals at  $\delta$  –0.02  $(Si(CH_3)_3)$  and 0.80 (s, vbr, 2 H, >C H $(Si(CH_3)_3)$ , with ring protons (8 H) confined to a narrow region from ca.  $\delta$  1.5 to 1.6, a situation anticipated for the cis isomer with ring reversal between equienergetic chair conformations. The minor isomer showed Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> at  $\delta$  -0.05, with >CHSi- $(CH_3)_3$  as a triplet of triplets  $(J \approx 11.5, 3 \text{ Hz})$  at  $\delta 0.57$ . The ring protons showed the characteristic spread of resonances for axial and equatorial protons in a conformationally "fixed" cyclohexane. The axial protons appeared at  $\delta$  1.10 (dt,  $J \approx 11, 3$  Hz) with the equatorial protons at  $\delta 1.76$  (br d,  $J \approx 8-9$  Hz). We did conduct a Benkeser reduction (lithium-ethylamine) of 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)benzene, but this reduction was not as clean or high yielding, although the major product is the *cis*-disilylcyclohexane.<sup>17</sup> The <sup>13</sup>C shifts of the mixture (Table I) are unexceptional, but at low temperature (-76 °C) the signals at -1.92, 25.14, and 26.92 pm broadened considerably, whereas the minor signals at -3.62, 26.34, and 28.59 ppm did not. Thus the major set must be associated with the cis isomer. <sup>29</sup>Si shifts of 2.57 (cis) and 2.12 (trans) were observed.

Although the calculated A values for  $Si(CH_3)_3$  obtained by using the CCH<sub>3</sub> and Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> shifts were concordant, we though it desirable to examine a cis-(4-substituted cyclohexyl)trimethylsilane in which the 4-substituent had a larger A value than that of  $CH_3$  (1.74 kcal/mol), so that the conformational equilibrium was more balanced. Trifluoromethyl  $(CF_3)$  has been assigned an A value of 2.4-2.6 kcal/mol,<sup>18</sup> and hence if our value of ca. 2.5 kcal/mol for Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> is correct, cis-[4-(trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl]trimethylsilane should be almost perfectly counterpoised in its conformational equilibrium. [4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]trimethylsilane was hydrogenated in the normal way to provide [4-(trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl]trimethylsilane, which was anticipated to be predominantly cis. The 100-MHz <sup>1</sup>H spectrum showed (C- $H_3$ )<sub>3</sub>Si at  $\delta$  0.00, with >CH(Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>) at  $\delta$  0.80 (br "singlet") and with the ring protons confined to the  $\delta$  1.5–1.8 region. A "spreading" absorption from  $\delta$  1.9 to 2.3 is considered to be >CH(CF<sub>3</sub>) in the major isomer. A resonance at  $\delta$ -0.08 is assigned to  $(CH_3)_3Si$  in the minor isomer. The <sup>13</sup>C spectrum shows quite clearly the predominance of the cis isomer (ca. 80%) and the assignments are shown in Table I, as are those for model compounds.

The shifts calculated for the trans isomer [by applying the substituent-induced shhifts for Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>15</sup> to the shifts for (trifluoromethyl)cyclohexane] agree well with those assigned to the minor isomer. In addition, the Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> shift ( $\delta$  -3.63) is appropriate for an equatorial orientation. Reassuringly, the Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> shift (-2.25 ppm) in the cis isomer is very similar to that (-1.92 ppm) for cis-1,4-bis-(trimethylsilyl)cyclohexane, a value necessarily the average of the shifts for axial and equatorial Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>. This close similarity confirms that CF<sub>3</sub> and Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> having a marginally

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greater preference for the equatorial orientation. A <sup>29</sup>Si shift of 2.81 ppm was observed, but a separate signal for the minor trans isomer was not resolved.

The <sup>19</sup>F spectra of the [4-(trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl]trimethylsilanes were particularly informative. For CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent, and referenced to internal fluorobenzene, two signals at 43.45 ppm ( $J_{1H^{19}F} = 10.3$  Hz; 84%) and 38.94 ppm  $(J_{^{1}H^{19}F} = 8 \text{ Hz}; 16\%)$  were observed. [These signals can be calculated to be -70.05 and -74.56 ppm, respectively (upfield), from CFCl<sub>3</sub> by using a shift of -113.5 ppm for fluorobenzene relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub>.]<sup>19</sup> The calculated shift of -74.56 ppm agrees very well with those reported<sup>18</sup> for trans-4-methyl- and trans-4-tert-butyl-1-(trifluoromethyl)cyclohexanes (-74.49 and -74.56 ppm, respectively), as expected for the minor isomer being trans. It is also to be expected that the shift for the cis isomer (-70.05 ppm)relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub>) should lie between those for the cis-4methyl (-72.97 ppm) and cis-4-tert-butyl derivatives (-67.19 ppm). The greater  ${}^{3}J_{H-F}$  for the major isomer is also consistent<sup>18</sup> with its being cis.

With <sup>1</sup>H decoupling, a solution of the silyl isomers in 40:60 acetone- $d_6$ -dichloromethane was examined and (relative to internal fluorobenzene) sharp singlets at 39.34 (trans) and 43.85 ppm (cis) were observed. When the sample is cooled to -90 °C, the 43.85-ppm signal first broadens and then splits into two signals at 48.24 and 39.65 ppm, with the unchanged sharp trans signal superimposed on the 39.65-ppm signal. These data are summarized in Chart I.

These comparisons are convincing evidence that the 48.24-ppm signal corresponds to the conformer with an axial  $CF_3$  and that at 39.95 ppm to that with an equatorial  $CF_3$ , which coincides with the sharp signal for the trans isomer. Correction for the 16% of trans isomer leads to the result that the conformer populations at -90 °C are nearly equal. Careful integration indicates K = 1.1 (see above), with the equatorial  $Si(CH_3)_3$  marginally favored. A range of 2.4–2.6 kcal/mol has been reported<sup>18</sup> for the A value of  $CF_3$ , and the same range then applies to  $Si(CH_3)_3$ . Thus all approaches employed in this work provide harmonious results.

The A value for  $Si(CH_3)_3$  is larger than that for  $Ge(CH_3)_3$  $(2.0-2.1 \text{ kcal/mol})^3$ , as expected, but is considerably less than that calculated by force field methods (3.41 kcal/ mol).<sup>6</sup> An A value (0.70 kcal/mol) has been reported<sup>20</sup> for SiCl<sub>3</sub> by direct <sup>1</sup>H NMR examination of cyclohexyltrichlorosilane. The general assumption by organic chemists that  $Si(CH_3)_3$  is a "large" group is justified by our finding, but there is nevertheless a substantial difference between the A values for  $Si(CH_3)_3$  and tert-butyl (>4.5), as might have been anticipated. Indeed, some recent data<sup>21</sup> on competitive alkylations could be construed as reflecting a significant difference in the effective steric size of (C- $H_3$ <sub>3</sub>C and  $(CH_3)_3$ Si.

We hope to provide data on additional silyl groups for reconciliation with calculated parameters.<sup>6</sup>

## **Experimental Section**

Compounds. (4-Methylcyclohexyl)trimethylsilane. (4-Methylphenyl)trimethylsilane (3.4 g, 20 mmol) was dissolved in cyclohexane (70 cm<sup>3</sup>) and 5% rhodium on carbon (600 mg) was added. This was hydrogenated (12 h) at 50 °C with a hydrogen pressure of ca. 10 atm. The reaction mixture was filtered (Supercel), and cyclohexane was removed under reduced pressure to provide crude product (2.9 g, 85%) which was distilled; bp 83-84 °C (25 mm). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Si: C, 70.59; H, 12.94. Found: C, 70.61; H, 13.02. GC/MS examination of this material demonstrated the presence of 21.5% trans- and 72.3% cis-(4methylcyclohexyl)trimethylsilane together with 5.3% of another isomeric (mass spectroscopy) component, considered to be a (2methylcyclohexyl)trimethylsilane. [The (4-methylphenyl)trimethylsilane for reduction was prepared from 4-methylphenyl bromide which was probably contaminated slightly with some 2-isomer.]

1,4-Bis(trimethylsilyl)cyclohexane. 1,4-Bis(trimethylsilyl)benzene was hydrogenated as described above by using conditions of 50 atm of  $H_2$  and 50 °C. The crude product was distilled at 64 °C (3 mm). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{28}Si_2$ : C, 63.16; H, 12.28. Found: C, 63.50; H, 12.25.

[4-(Trifluoromethyl)cyclohexyl]trimethylsilane. [4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]trimethylsilane (4.0 g, 18 mol) was dissolved in cyclohexane (60 cm<sup>3</sup>) to which 5% rhodium on carbon (500 mg) was added. Hydrogenation was conducted at 20 atm of H<sub>2</sub> and 50 °C for 30 h. A standard workup and distillation [78 °C(21 mm)] provided 4.0 g (~95%) of pure product. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Si: C, 53.57; H, 8.48. Found: C, 53.98; H, 8.78.

(Trifluoromethyl)cyclohexane.<sup>18</sup> Hydrogenation of benzotrifluoride was conducted at 40 atm of  $H_2$  and 40 °C with pentane as the solvent to simplify separation: bp 106 °C (760 mm); <sup>19</sup>F NMR 39.03 ppm. Anal Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: C, 55.26; H, 7.24. Found: C, 55.38; H, 7.30.

Cyclohexyltrimethylsilane has been described previously.<sup>15</sup>

The <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F, and <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectra are discussed in the text. Spectra. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded for CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions at either 100 (JEOL PS-100) or 300 MHz (Bruker CXP-300). <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F spectra were obtained under pulse-FT conditions for the indicated solvents by using a JEOL FX-100 spectrometer. <sup>29</sup>Si spectra were obtained by using the INEPT sequence developed by Doddrell et al.<sup>22</sup> References for chemical shifts have been indicated in the text.

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