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Selective synthesis of halosilanes from hydrosilanes and utilization for organic synthesis Selective synthesis of halosilanes has been examined. Various types of halosilanes and halohydrosilanes, such as R_3SiX , R_2SiHX , R_2SiX_2 , $RSiH_2X$, $RSiHX_2$ (X = Cl, Br, F), were obtained by the reactions of the corresponding hydrosilanes with Cu(II)-based reagents selectively in high yields. Iodo- and bromosilanes and germanes were obtained by Pd- or Ni-catalyzed hydride–halogen exchange reactions of hydrosilanes with alkyl or allyl halides. Their synthetic applications have been demonstrated by using iodosilanes, bromosilanes, and chlorofluorosilanes.

R _{4-n} SiH _n	2n CuX ₂ /Cul	R _{4–n} SiH _{n-m} X _m
	or R'X/PdCl ₂	
n = 1–3. m :	= 1–3. X = CL Br. F. I	

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Intramolecular rearrangement of organosilyl groups between oxygen and nitrogen in aminosiloxanes: A joint experimental-theoretical study Lithium salts of 1-amino-siloxanes form, depending on the properties and bulkiness of the silyl groups, 1,3-disilylamino-1-olates or 1-amido-1,3-disiloxanes. The second case includes a 1,3-silyl group migration from oxygen to the nitrogen atom. In order to understand the driving force of the isomerization, we isolated single crystals of the lithium derivatives and calculated the energies of isomeric lithium salts of model compounds.



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Synthesis, stabilization, and applications of nanoscopic siloxane-metal particle conjugates

Facile conversion of metallic salts to stable nanosized metal particles is achieved under mild conditions in high yields. An examination of the effects of physicochemical and morphological property profile of polysiloxanes in controlling nucleation, growth, and stabilization of nanoparticles was undertaken. The results indicate the promise for new opportunities in nanoscale synthesis of metal particles, in addition, to possibilities of carrying out facile surface tailoring reactions.



metal-polysiloxane conjugates

Robert Corriu

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Organosilicon chemistry and nanoscience

Nanosiences are opening a wide future to chemistry and particularly to organosilicon chemistry, the flexibility of which is particularly well adapted to the design of materials. However, in this scope the chemists have to 'think' their chemistry in terms of properties (physical, chemical, biological...).

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Novel fluoride ion mediated synthesis of unsymmetrical siloxanes under phase transfer catalysis conditions Unsymmetrical siloxanes have been prepared from silanols or hydrosilanes using phase transfer catalytic (PTC) systems $Me_3SiN_3-CsF-18$ -crown-6-toluene or $Me_3SiN_3-CsF-18$ -crown-6-H₂O-toluene, correspondingly. Quantum chemical calculations of mechanism have been performed.



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Synthesis of the first long-lived bis-silene

The first long-lived bis-silene t. BuMe₂Si(Me₃Si)Si=(2,6-Ad)=Si(SiMe₃)Si- Me_2Bu -t (1) and the related transient bis-silene (Me₃Si)₂Si=(2,6-Ad)=Si(SiMe₃)₂ were synthesized by a sila-olefination reaction, i.e. by the reaction of the corresponding branch polysilyllithium compounds with adamantane-2,6-dione. The proposed structure of t-BuMe₂Si(Me₃Si)Si=(2,6-Ad)= Si(SiMe₃)SiMe₂Bu-t was secured by ¹H-, ¹³C-, and ²⁹Si-NMR spectroscopy and by isolation of the corresponding trapping products when 1 was reacted with methanol and 1-methoxy-1,3-butadiene.



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Ryo Amemiya, Akiko Fujii, Mieko Arisawa, Masahiko Yamaguchi

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GaCl₃-catalyzed α -ethynylation reaction of silyl enol ethers

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Irina Toulokhonova, Ben Bjerke-Kroll, Robert West

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Synthesis and photophysical properties of novel fluorescent silicones

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Takeaki Iwamoto, Junichiro Okita, Chizuko Kabuto, Mitsuo Kira

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Synthesis, structure and isomerization of $A_2Si=SiB_2$ -type tetrakis(trialkylsilyl)disilenes

Two novel $A_2Si=SiB_2$ -type tetrakis(trialkylsilyl)disilenes, which were synthesized applying a silametallation route, have a twisted Si=Si double bond with a planar arrangement around each of the unsaturated silicon atoms in the solid state. The twist angle was $27.95(3)^\circ$ for a highly congested disilene. The facile formal dyotropic rearrangement of a tetrasilyldisilene was investigated NMR spectroscopically.





Julianna Oláh, Tamás Veszprémi

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Relationship between stability and dimerization ability of silylenes The dimerization energy for disilene formation correlates with the stabilization energy of silylenes. No correlation can be found, however, in the case of bridged dimer formation.



Tomoyuki Tajima, Ken Hatano, Takayo Sasaki, Takahiro Sasamori, Nobuhiro Takeda, Norihiro Tokitoh, Nozomi Takagi, Shigeru Nagase

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Syntheses and structures of silicon analogues of cyclopropabenzenes

The reaction of diaryldilithiosilane, Tbt-(Dip)SiLi₂ (Tbt = 2,4,6-tris[bis(trimethylsilyl)-methyl]phenyl; Dip = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl), with o-dibromobenzene and 1,2,4,5-tetrabromobenzene resulted in the synthesis and isolation of the first stable silacyclopropabenzene and bis(silacyclopropa)benzenes, respectively. The molecular structures of these silacyclopropabenzene derivatives were discussed on the basis of the X-ray structural analyses and theoretical calculations.



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Synthesis and characterization of alkylenebridged silsesquicarbodiimide hybrid xerogels Hybrid polymers consisting of flexible organic chains within an inorganic silsesquicarbodiimide network of the type $[(NCN)_{1.5}Si-(CH_2)_x-Si(NCN)_{1.5}]_n$ (where x = 2, 6, and 8) were prepared by mild solgel polycondensation reactions of bis(trichlorosilyl)alkanes and bis(trimethylsilyl)carbodiimide. The presence of the NCN groups in xerogel structures was identified by FTIR spectra.





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The ruthenium-catalyzed silylation of aromatic C-H bonds with triethylsilane The Ru₃(CO)₁₂-catalyzed silylation of aromatic and heteroaromatic compounds with triethylsilane gave the corresponding silylation products in good to excellent yields. The deuterium-labeling experiment using phenyloxazoline- d_5 indicates that C–H bond cleavage is not the rate-determining step and that a rapid equilibrium prior to C–Si bond formation occurs in this catalytic reaction.

Satoru Yoshioka, Yosuke Takeda, Yuko Uchimaru, Yoshiyuki Sugahara

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Hydrosilylation in the 2D interlayer space between inorganic layers: reaction between immobilized C=C groups on the interlayer surface of layered perovskite HLaNb₂O₇ $\cdot x$ H₂O and chlorohydrosilanes The C=C bonds immobilized in the interlayer space of layered perovskite, HLaNb₂O₇·*x*H₂O, have undergone hydrosilylation reactions with chlorohydrosilanes, dichloromethylsilane or trichlorosilane. The treatment of the CH₂=CH(CH₂)₃O-derivative of HLaNb₂O₇·*x*H₂O with dichloromethylsilane or trichlorosilane leads to the interlayer distance increase to 2.41 (dichloromethylsilane) or 2.07 (trichlorosilane) nm. Solid-state ¹³C-CP/MAS-NMR and IR spectroscopies reveal the occurrence of hydrosilylation.



Jörg Acker, Klaus Bohmhammel

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Compensation effect in trichlorosilane synthesis In a recent publication [J. Acker, K. Bohmhammel, J. Phys. Chem. B 106 (2002) 5105], the reactions between transition metal silicides and hydrogen chloride were studied by isothermal calorimetric measurements. The obtained apparent activation energies and pre-exponential factors show clearly a linear dependence that is attributed to the compensation effect.



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Synthesis and reactivity of a novel oligosilyl anion

 $\begin{array}{ll} TBTS-Li(THF)_4 & \{TBTS=Si[Si(SiMe_3)_2 \\ Me]_3\} a novel sterically overcrowded oligo$ silyl anion has been prepared. This highlyreactive compound can be used for the selective synthesis of a series of TBTS substituted silicon compounds in high yields. The $controlled hydrolysis of TBTS-SiF_3 gave$ the first incompletely hydrolyzed stable sila $nol TBTS-SiF_2OH. \end{array}$



Marek Cypryk

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Comparison of steric hindrance in silylenium and carbenium cations and their complexes Natural steric analysis Steric effect in the complexes of tri-coordinate silylenium and carbenium ions with model nucleophiles is discussed based on the calculated energies of complex formation and on the natural steric analysis (a part of the NBO theory).



 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{X}=\mathsf{C},\,\mathsf{Si};\\ \mathsf{Nu}=\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O},\!\mathsf{NH}_3,\!\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{S},\!\mathsf{MeCN},\!\mathsf{C}_6\mathsf{H}_6,\!\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{Cl}_2 \end{array}$

Masafumi Unno, Toshihiko Tanaka, Hidevuki Matsumoto

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Tip-substituted cage and cyclic silanols

Novel silanols were obtained from Tip-Si(OH)₃ (1, Tip = 2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl). Condensation of 1 using 2-chloro-1,3dimethylimidazolinium chloride gave (TipSi)₅O₆OH. The reaction of 1 with (Tip-SiCl₂)₂O (5) gave *cis,trans*-cyclotrisiloxanetriol (TipSi(OH)O)₃ (3) and 4. Dehydrochlorinative condensation of 5 and (TipSi(OH)₂)₂O afforded 4. The packing diagram showed 3 composes a nano-size wire by intermolecular hydrogen bonding.



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Reaction of hydrogenosilanes with dimethyl Pt(II) complexes promoted by hemilabile P,N-chelating ligands

Reaction of $[(\kappa^2-P,N)-Me_2N(CH_2)_3PPh_2]$ PtMe₂ $[(P \cap N)PtMe_2]$ with HSiEt₃ or HSi-MePh₂ results in the formation of MeSiR₃ and the methyl silyl complexes $(P \cap N)Pt(Me)SiR_3$ via the hydrido complex $(P \cap N)Pt(Me)H$.



SiR

Naokazu Kano, Masaki Yamamura, Fuminori Komatsu, Takayuki Kawashima

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Synthesis, crystal structure, and photoreaction of a disiloxane bearing two 2-(phenylazo)phenyl groups An E, E-1, 1, 3, 3-tetraflouro-1, 3-bis[2-(phenylazo)phenyl]-1, 3-disiloxane (E, E-2) was synthesized by hydrolysis of E-trifluoro[2-(phenylazo)phenyl]silane (E-1) and characterized by X-ray crystallographic analysis showing Si–N interactions. Photoirradiation of E, E-2 caused both isomerization of the azo group and formation of Z-1 in a short time, while upon standing in the dark the E-1 was formed very slowly.



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Electronic and steric effects of silyl groups in silicon-directed Norrish type cleavages

Sterically congested *cis-2-t*-butyl-3-silylcyclohexanones were irradiated with UV light to give a mixture of the Norrish type products and the corresponding *trans* isomers. The quantum yields and rate constants were greater for the *cis* than the *trans* isomers.



SiR

 SiR_3

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Donor-stabilized silyl cations Part 7: Neutral hexacoordinate and ionic pentacoordinate silicon chelates with *N*-isopropylideneimino-acylimidato ligands Penta- and hexacoordinate silicon bis-chelates are described with a novel ligand group: isopropylideneimino. The latter is shown to have stronger donor properties than NMe₂ donors, judged by: N–Si and Si–halogen distances, ease of ionization, and 29 Si-NMR chemical shifts.

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Thermolysis of bis(pentacoordinate) silicon compound bearing two 1-fluorodisilanyl units at 4- and 8-positions on 1,5-bis(dimethylamino)naphthalene ring: construction of disilapyrene skeleton and cyclophaneshaped siloxane dimer Thermolysis of bis(pentacoordinate) silicon compound having two pentacoordinate silicon units at the 4- and 8-positions on the 1,5-bis(dimethylamino)naphthalene ring in the presence of diphenylacetylene affords a 1,6-dihydro-1,6-disilapyrene derivative through a two-site silylene trapping with acetylene molecule and the amino group migration from the naphthyl carbon atom to the silicon atom.



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Synthesis of multilayered silica-based hybrid films from difunctional organosilanes by cohydrolysis and polycondensation with tetraalkoxysilane

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Multilayered silica-based hybrid films were prepared from decylethyldimethoxysilane and didecyldimethoxysilane by co-hydrolysis and polycondensation with tetramethoxysilane (TMOS) followed by spin-coating. The formation depends on the co-condensation between alkylmethoxysilanes and TMOS, and the reaction conditions should be controlled according to the length of the second organic groups.



Multilayered silica-based hybrid films

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Synthesis and structural characterization of *trans*-tactic siloxylene-vinylene-*p*-phenylene polymers via ADMET copolymerization and silylative coupling (SC) polycondensation

The first *trans*-tactic stereo-regular vinylene-siloxylene-*p*-phenylene copolymer with perfect vinylsiloxane linkage has been obtained via ADMET copolymerization of divinyltetraethoxydisiloxane with 1,4-divinylbenzene in the presence of Grubbs catalyst. The similar *trans*-tactic copolymers but with no consecutive vinylsiloxane linkage have been also prepared by silylative coupling (SC) copolycondensation of ,4-divinylbenzene with divinyltetra-(methyl,ethoxy)disiloxane catalyzed by [Ru(H)(Cl)(CO)-(PCy₃)₂].



where: R = Me, OEt; m = 0 or m:n = 1:20, 1:30 linear, trans-regular copolymers

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Bis-silyl substituted ferrocenylenes, including dicyanovinyl electron-withdrawing groups, as potential non-linear optical materials

The synthesis, structure, electrochemistry and non-linear properties of ferrocenylene (3) have been reported. Compound 3 crystallizes in a non-centrosymmetric space group Cc and forms chains via two types of unconventional $C-H\cdots N$ intermolecular hydrogen bonds. Hyperpolarizability measurements of 3 indicate moderate interactions between ferrocene and dicyanovinyl groups, which is not confirmed by the Mössbauer and EPR spectroscopy.



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Acid-catalyzed intramolecular addition of a carboxy group to vinylsilanes

In the presence of a catalytic amount of $TsOH \cdot H_2O$ or $TiCl_4$, 5-silyl-4-pentenoic acids (1) were smoothly cyclized to γ -lactones in good to high yields. The TiCl₄-catalyzed cyclization of the substrates bearing a phenyl or alkyl group at the homoallylic position showed moderate *cis*-selectivity, while introduction of a substituent into the allylic position led to high *trans*-selectivity.



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The chemical shift tensor of silylenes

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Classical planar doubly bonded Si-substi-

tuted silenes-a boundary system between

Geometric and electronic structures, rota-

tional barriers about the Si=C double bond, and comparison with the analogs and iso-

electronic phosphenes, further evidence

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olefins and heavier Group 14 analogs

Leonid E. Gusel'nikov

against C-ylides of silicon

²⁹Si-NMR chemical shift tensors of singlet silylenes are studied at the GIAO/MP2/6-311+G(2df,p) level of theory. The NMR chemical shift tensor for all silvlenes is highly anisotropic, with a dominant paramagnetic eigenvalue δ_{11} in the plane of the central R₂Si unit and perpendicular to its C_2 axis. The calculations reveal an exceptional large substituent effect on the ²⁹Si NMR chemical shift. The high anisotropy as well as the huge substituent effects are direct consequences of the small energy difference between the singlet ground state $S_0(^1A)$ and the first excited singlet state $S_1(^1B).$

Silenes, R¹R²Si=CH₂, are a boundary system between olefins and heavier Group 14 analogs. Like in olefins, the more electronegative substituents shorten Si=C and weaken the π -bond and do not disturb a planar geometry. The values of rotational barriers about the double bonds and their potential energy profiles provide evidence against silenes to be C-ylides of silicon.





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Synthesis and characterization of cvano-substituted disilacyclobutane rings and poly(silylenemethylene) polymers

The synthesis, and characterization by nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, of the cyano-substituted 1,3-disilacyclobutanes, 1,3-dicyano-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-disilacyclobutane, [Si(CN)(Me)CH2]2, and 1,1,3,3-tetracyano-1,3-disilacyclobutane, [Si(CN)₂CH₂]₂, and the corresponding [Si(CN)(Me)CH₂]_n and $[Si(CN)_2CH_2]_n$ polymers are reported.



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Anionic ring-opening polymerization of cyclic organosiloxanes using phosphorus ylides as strong non-ionic bases

Phosphonium alcoholates (2) obtained by the treatment of a phosphonium ylide with three to five equivalents of t-BuOH are stable in the presence of an excess of alcohol, and are efficient initiators for the polymerization of D₄ at room temperature.



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gem-Silylborylation approach for tri- and tetrametalmethanes: the first synthesis of boryl(germyl)(silyl)(stannyl)methanes

Novel synthesis of functionalized boryl(silyl)methanes via *gem*-silylborylation of halomethyllithiums is described. Furthermore, the first synthesis and X-ray analysis of boron-, germane-, silicon-, and tin-substituted methanes are also reported.



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Synthesis and molecular structure of fluoro-(triphosphanyl)silane and attempts to synthesize a silylidyne-phosphane The fluoro(triphosphanyl)silane FSi(PH₂)₃ is a potential silylidynephosphane-precursor which has been prepared by F/PH_2 ligand exchange reaction between Si(PH₂)₄ and F₂SnIs₂ (Is = 2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl). The structure of the silane has been determined by NMR and Ar-matrix IR spectroscopy and confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. Flash and pulsed thermolysis experiments of FSi(PH₂)₃ and the related silanes RSi(PH₂)₃ (R = Me, Et) have been investigated and ab initio calculations of possible products with Si–P double or triple bonds have been performed.





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Syntheses of novel *N*-[bis(trimethylsilyl)methyl]-1,2- and 1,3-diamines Original N-[bis(trimethylsilyl)methyl]-1,2and 1,3-diamines of type I were prepared either from bis-imination reaction of 1,2-dicarbonyl compounds with BSMA (1) followed by reduction or from cyanoethylation of BSMA followed by reduction of the nitrile group. By varying the conditions of the cyanoethylation reaction bisaddition was obtained allowing to access to 5-[bis(trimethylsilyl)methyl]caldine (8).



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Phenylsilanetriol — synthesis, stability, and reactivity

Crystalline phenylsilanetriol, PhSi(OH)₃, was obtained by smooth hydrolysis of phenyltrimethoxysilane and characterised by different analytical methods (wide angle Xray powder diffractions, NMR, IR, thermogravimetric analysis). The compound is surprisingly stable in the solid state but slowly condenses in acetone solution. Reaction of the silanol with Me₃SiCl and Me₂(CH₂Cl)SiCl gave the corresponding tris-triorganylsiloxy substituted derivatives in high yields.



R = H, SiMe₃, SiMe₂(CH₂Cl)

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Synthesis and characterisation of bis(amino)silylene-nickel(0), -palladium(II), -platinum(0), -platinum(II) and copper(I) complexes

Si[(NCH₂'Bu)₂C₆H₄-1,2] (\equiv SiNN) behaves as a source of the silylene ligand, but also may function as an unsaturated substrate by inserting into an M–Cl bond or as a reducing agent, as illustrated by the isolation of the crystalline complexes [Ni(PPh₃)_{4-n} (SiNN)_n] (n = 4 or 3), [Pt(PPh₃)(SiNN)₃], trans-[M{SiNN(Cl)}₂(SiNN)₂] (M = Pt or Pd) and [CuI(PPh₃)₂(SiNN)].



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Magnesium and chlorostannanes—building blocks for novel tinmodified silanes

Cyclic stannasilanes with alternating Si–Sn sequences ([Ph₂Sn–Me₂Si]₃, 1; [t-Bu₂Sn–Me₂Si]₂, 2) were synthesized by the reaction of dimethyldichlorosilane with diorganodichlorostannanes (R₂SnCl₂, R = Ph, t-Bu) in the presence of magnesium. The reaction pathway towards 2 via the unexpected intermediate product Cl–SiMe₂–(t-Bu₂Sn)₂–SiMe₂–Cl (5) is discussed.



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Dihalodimethylsilanes from silicon atoms and methyl halides: a combined matrixspectroscopic and density functional theory study The reaction of silicon atoms with methyl halides (X = F, Cl, Br, I) has been studied in an argon matrix at 10 K. It is shown that the product formation depends on the relative methyl halide/argon ratio. In the initial step triplet *n*-adducts between the methyl halide and a silicon atom are formed. The next step can be induced photochemically. The primary photoproducts are halomethyl-silylenes, which in the presence of an excess of the substrate exist as methyl halide complexes. Longer irradiation transforms these adducts into dihalodimethylsilanes.



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 $\alpha,\beta\text{-}Unsaturated$ thioacylsilanes as efficient dienes in hetero Diels–Alder reactions

Reaction of several α , β -unsaturated thioacylsilanes with in situ generated thioaldehydes and thioacylsilanes affords a clean and regioselective access to 2-substituted 4silyl-1,3-dithia-4-cyclohexene derivatives.



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 $\begin{bmatrix} Et_{3}Si^{+}B(C_{6}F_{5})_{4}^{-} \end{bmatrix} + O Si - Si O$ $Si - Si O Si - Si O B(C_{6}F_{5})_{4}^{-}$ $Et_{3}SiO^{(+)} O B(C_{6}F_{5})_{4}^{-}$

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Silylgermylstannylmethanes 1 and 2 were synthesized by the deprotonation of trimethylgermyltrimethylsilyl methane with *t*-butyllitium in THF-HMPA solvent mixture at -78 °C followed by stannylation with R₃SnCl.



 $R_3 = Me_3 (1); Ph_3 = (2)$

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