Infrared Spectroscopic Evidence for Silicon-Oxygen Double Bonds: Silanone and the Silanoic and Silicic **Acid Molecules**

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Silanone, the silicon analogue of formaldehyde, has been postulated as a transient intermediate in reactions involving organosilicon compounds.¹ The silicon-oxygen double bond, currently of great interest,² has been characterized in recent matrix isolation studies of Me₂SiO,³ Cl₂SiO,⁴ and F₂SiO,⁵ Infrared spectra recorded after irradiation of argon matrices containing SiH_4 and O₃ provide the first direct evidence for silanone (H₂SiO) as well as the silanoic ((HO)HSiO) and silicic ((HO)₂SiO) acid molecules.

The cryogenic apparatus,⁶ ozone preparation,⁷ and high-pressure mercury-arc lamp⁸ have been described previously, Ar/SiH_4 and Ar/O_3 gas streams were codeposited on a CsI window (17 ± 2 K) through two separate spray-on lines at equal rates of 1,4 mmol h⁻¹ for 10 h, Spectra were recorded on a Beckman IR-12 spectrophotometer; the frequency accuracy of band locations was better than ± 1 cm⁻¹,

Figure 1a shows the diagnostic Si=O stretching region, 1150-1300 cm⁻¹, of the infrared spectrum recorded following 220-1000-nm irradiation of the $SiH_4/{}^{16}O_3/Ar$ matrix. Four absorptions (plus one matrix site splitting) were produced corresponding to four different photolysis products. These absorptions are assigned to the Si=O stretching fundamentals of four different species, since their ¹⁸O shifts are of the same order as the ¹⁸O shift (43.8 cm⁻¹) measured for diatomic SiO in solid argon⁹ (see Figure 1c and Table I), The deuterated isotopes of these >Si=O containing species were also prepared by irradiation of SiD₄/O₃/Ar matrices, and the Si=O fundamental frequencies of these four species as well as their ¹⁸O and D isotopes are listed in Table I.

The infrared spectrum after irradiation of argon matrices containing scrambled $^{16,18}O_3$ and SiH₄ is shown in Figure 1b. This clearly indicates that B contains only one O atom since it has a doublet structure with components centered on the pure ¹⁶O and pure ¹⁸O band locations. On the other hand S and A contain more than one O atom, S gives a doublet of triplets, one component of which was centered on 1268 cm⁻¹ and had satellites at 1270 and 1266 cm⁻¹, and the other component was centered on 1235 cm⁻¹ and had satellites at 1232 and 1237 cm⁻¹. This observation provides strong evidence that S has two additional equivalent O atoms. Species A gave a doublet at 1211 and 1249 cm⁻¹ with ^{16,18}O₃, corresponding to the pure ¹⁸O and pure ¹⁶O components, respectively, and the latter component had a shoulder at 1247 cm⁻¹, which was not present in the pure ¹⁶O spectrum. This suggests that species A contains a further O atom,

The absorption at 1222 cm⁻¹ is readily assigned to Si¹⁶O since it showed no D shift, unlike any of the other absorptions. It lies 4 cm⁻¹ lower than SiO isolated in solid argon,^{9,10} because, in the present experiments, SiO is complexed with a molecule of H₂ produced in the photochemical reaction,

Species B is assigned to silanone in view of the excellent agreement between the measured $\nu(Si=O)$ frequencies of its isotopes, observed in this work, and the values for the corre-

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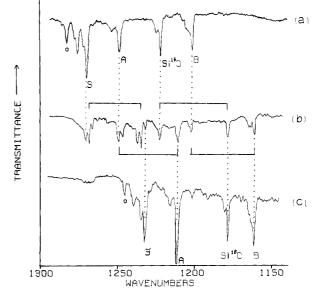


Figure 1. Infrared spectra of silane-ozone-argon samples at 17 K after irradiation at 220–1000 nm for 30 min. (a) $SiH_4/{}^{16}O_3/Ar = 1/1/200$, (b) $SiH_4/{}^{16,18}O_3/Ar = 1/1/200$, (c) $SiH_4/{}^{18}O_3/Ar = 2/3/500$. Spectra were plotted on a common transmittance scale, for example, the band labeled B in trace a had an intensity of 0.08 absorbance units. Bands marked with an "o" were present before photolysis and are probably due to N_2O produced in the ozone synthesis.

Table I. Fundamental Absorption Frequencies (cm⁻¹) of Silicon-Oxygen Double-Bonded Species Produced in the SiH₄/O₃ Photochemical Reaction

species	¹⁶ O ₃ /SiH ₄	¹⁸ O ₃ /SiH ₄	$^{16}O_3/SiD_4$	$^{18}O_3/SiD_4$
B(obsd)	1202	1162	1189	1147
B(calcd) ^a	1203	1162	1187	1146
SiO	1222	1179	1222	1179
Α	1249	1211	1245	1210
S	1270	1232	1267	1229
\mathbf{S}^{b}	1276	1235	1273	1236

^aCalculated.² ^bThis row is due to species S perturbed by another molecule in the matrix cage.

sponding isotopes calculated by Kudo and Nagase² (See Table I). This identification is also supported by the close agreement of the ν (Si=O) fundamental with the 1204-cm⁻¹ value³ for $Me_2Si^{16}O$,

The observation of higher $\nu(Si=O)$ fundamentals for species S and A relative to those of SiO and H₂SiO is a further indication that species S and A contain additional O atoms in electronegative substituents. This displacement occurs because electronegative substituents on the >Si=O group blue-shift the ν (Si=O) from the value for diatomic SiO. For example, Cl₂Si=O and F₂Si=O have v(Si=O) values of 1240 and 1309 cm⁻¹, respectively.^{4,5} Identification of species A and S as silanoic acid (HO)HSi=O and silicic acid (HO)₂Si=O, respectively, fits in well with this general trend and the trend predicted by large-scale ab initio calculations.11

The mechanisms of formation of silanone and silanoic and silicic acids and additional data from other regions of the infrared spectra will be discussed in a further publication.¹² Briefly, the 220-310-nm photolysis of ozone, either isolated in the matrix or adjacent to a silane molecule, gives O_2 (${}^{1}\Delta_{g}$ or ${}^{1}\Sigma_{g}^{+}$) and $O({}^{1}D)$ products,¹³ The latter reacts readily with silane, eq 1, to give

> $SiH_4 + O(^1D) \rightarrow [SiH_4O]^* \rightarrow H_2 + H_2SiO$ (1)

> > \rightarrow H₂ + HSiOH (2)

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an excited species, which decomposes to silanone or hydroxysilylene (HSiOH),¹⁴ also observed in these experiments.¹² Photodecomposition ($\lambda > 400$ nm) of HSiOH gives H₂ and SiO, eq 3.^{12,14}

$$HSiOH + h\nu \rightarrow SiO + H_2 \tag{3}$$

Either silanone or hydroxysilylene can react with additional O atoms, eq 4, to give silanoic acid:

$$H_2SiO + O \text{ or } HSiOH + O \rightarrow (HO)HSiO$$
 (4)

Silicic acid most likely involves a concerted reaction with both ozone photoproducts, eq 5, probably involving the hydroxysilylene intermediate.

$$SiH_4 + O(^1D) + O_2 \rightarrow H_2 + [HSiOH]^* + O_2$$

$$\rightarrow H_2 + (HO)_2SiO \qquad (5)$$

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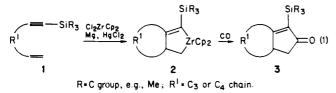
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Zirconium-Promoted Bicyclization of Enynes¹

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We wish to report that the reaction of ω -vinyl-1-silyl-1-alkynes (1) with a $Zr^{11}Cp_2$ reagent, where Cp is η^5 -C₅H₅, produces in excellent yields zirconabicyclic derivatives 2, which can be treated in situ with CO (ca. 1 atm) to produce in good yields the corresponding α -silvlcyclopentenones 3 (eq 1). Since α -silvl enones



are known to readily undergo conjugate addition² and regiospecific [2+2] photocycloaddition,³ 3 can serve as valuable intermediates for the synthesis of complex cyclopentanoids.

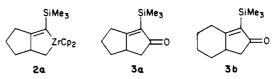
Although formation of zirconacycles by the reaction of $Zr^{11}Cp_2$ complexes has been reported repeatedly over the past decades,⁴ its scope has been mostly limited to those cases where symmetrical zirconacyclopentanes or zirconacyclopentadienes are products.⁴ Even more limited is the current scope in the literature of conversion of zirconacycles into cyclic ketones. Bercaw⁶ reports a

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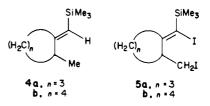
clean conversion of η^5 -(C₅Me₅)₂Zr(CH₂)₄ into cyclopentanone, while Erker^{5b} describes formation of mixtures of carbocyclic products in carbonylation of a zirconaindan derivative. It may therefore be stated that the utility of the cyclization-carbonylation sequence as a synthetic tool for preparing bicyclic and polycyclic cyclopentanoids has not been well delineated.7

The operational simplicity of the transformation shown in eq 1 is indicated by the following representative procedure. 7-(Trimethylsilyl)hept-1-en-6-yne (10 mmol) and Cl₂ZrCp₂ (10 mmol) were added at 0 °C under nitrogen to a mixture of HgCl₂ (10 mmol), Mg^{4e} (100 mequiv), and THF. After 12 h at 25 °C the yellow-brown supernatent liquid was siphoned into a separate flask and treated with CO (1.1 atm) for 1 h at 0 °C. Quenching with 3 N HCl and pentane followed by the standard workup provided 2-(trimethylsilyl)bicyclo[3.3.0]oct-1(2)-en-3-one⁸ (3a)

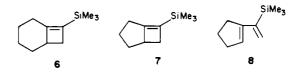


in 55-65% isolated yield (65-75% by GLC). Similarly, the corresponding bicyclo[4.3.0] nonenone derivative 3b⁸ was obtained in comparable yield.

The intermediacy of 2 has been demonstrated by the following isolation and characterization of 2a. The yellow-brown supernatent liquid obtained as described above was evaporated, extracted with hexane, filtered through Celite under nitrogen, and evaporated to provide 90–95% pure **2a** in ca. 90% yield: ¹H NMR (toluene- d_8 , Me_4Si) $\delta 0.11$ (s, 9 H), 0.9–2.4 (m, 9 H), 5.78 (s, 5 H), 5.82 (s, 5 H); ¹³C NMR (toluene- d_8 , Me₄Si) δ 1.75, 20.89, 33.63, 38.50, 41.51, 43.09, 109.31, 110.45, 152.10, 156.32. Furthermore, protonolysis of 2a yielded $4a^8$ in 63% yield, while its treatement



with 2.5 equiv of I_2 (-78 to 25 °C) gave a diiodo derivative **5a**⁸ in 61% yield. Likewise, 4b⁸ and 5b⁸ were obtained in comparable yields. Both 4 and 5 were obtained as essentially single stereoisomers (by ^{13}C NMR). The anticipated E stereochemistry for 4 was established by comparing the spectral data for 4a with those of an authentic sample prepared by an independent method,9 while retention of the alkene geometry in iodinolysis was assumed in assigning the Z geometry to 5. Formation of 5 not only further supports the intermediacy of 2, but also provides a novel entry into bicyclic compounds containing cyclobutenylsilanes. For example, treatment of **5b** with 1 equiv of *n*-BuLi¹⁰ in ether at -78°C cleanly produced 8-(trimethylsilyl)bicyclo[4.2.0]oct-1(8)-ene⁸ (6) in 70% yield. The corresponding reaction of 5a also gave 7,



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