

SILICON - SYNTHESIS AND REACTIVITY
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I. INTRODUCTION

The scope of this review includes, with few exceptions, only those publications which are included in volumes 80 and 81 of Chemical Abstracts. The reader is referred to the introduction of the previous review¹ for a statement of selectivity in scope within the above material.

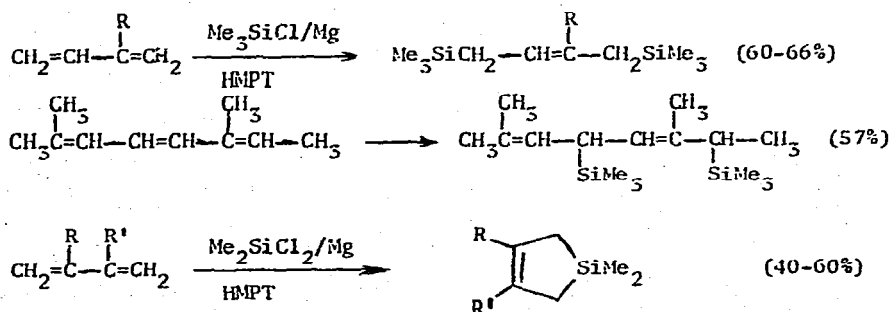
¹Silicon - Synthesis and reactivity; Annual Survey covering the year 1973 see J. Organometal. Chem., 83(1974)65-154.

II. REVIEWS

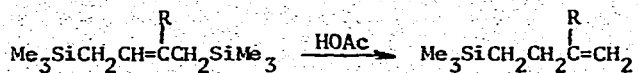
Review articles involving silicon have appeared in the following areas: annual reviews on the general chemistry of organosilanes¹⁻⁴, hydrosilylation⁵, carbofunctional silanes⁶, organometallic synthesis of carbosilanes⁷, fluxional organosilicon compounds⁸, organosilyl free radicals⁹, fluorinated derivatives of organosilanes¹⁰, silicon analogues of olefins and ketones¹¹, adducts of silicon tetrafluoride¹², molecular rearrangements of oxygen-containing carbofunctional silanes¹³, formation of alkoxy derivatives of chlorosilanes¹⁴, preparation and properties of *o*-silyl hydroxylamines and oximes¹⁵, compounds containing the B-O-Si moiety¹⁶, organosilicon peroxides¹⁷, silylphosphines¹⁸, compounds containing silicon-metal bonds¹⁹⁻²¹ or silicon-carbon-metal bonds^{21,22}, silacyclobutane ring-opening reactions²³, heterocycloalkanes containing silicon as a ring atom²⁴, the preparation and properties of the Si-Si bond²⁵ and biological aspects of organosilicon chemistry^{26,27}.

III. FORMATION OF THE SILICON-CARBON BOND

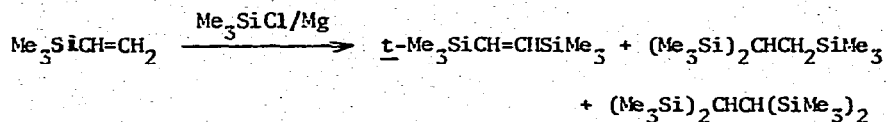
The trimethylchlorosilane-Mg-hexamethylphosphortri-*amide* (HMPT) system continues to be a powerful method for the formation of silicon-carbon bonds. Dienes, for example, undergo bis(trimethylsilylation).²⁸



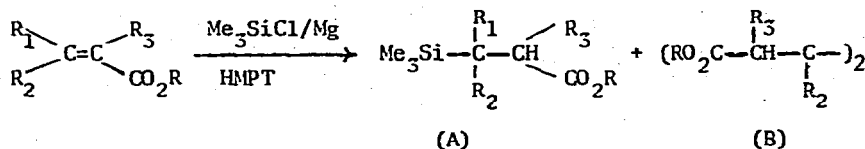
Several of these adducts were monodesilylated in fair yields by refluxing acetic acid.



Vinyltrimethylsilane is converted into trans-bis(trimethylsilyl)-ethylene in high yield, together with some higher silylated products.²⁹

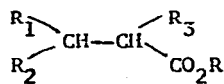


A variety of reaction pathways is exhibited by α,β -unsaturated esters; the success of the reaction and the relative amounts of each product depend strongly on the substituent groups, R.³⁰



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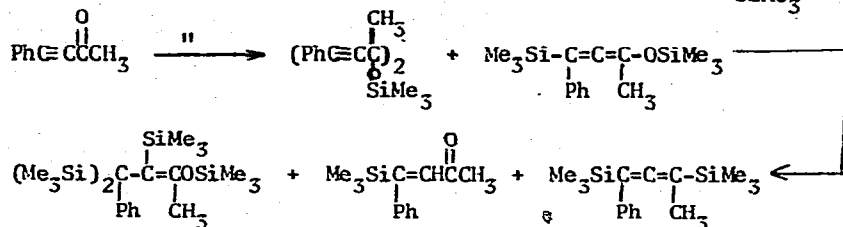
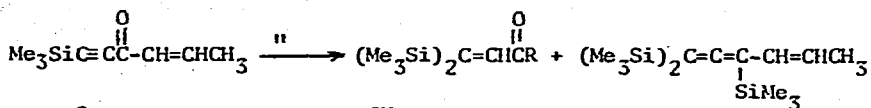
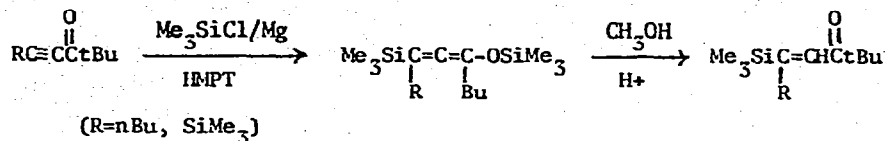


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Group				Yield (%)			
<u>R₁</u>	<u>R₂</u>	<u>R₃</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>Recovered</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
Ph	H	H	Et		55	9	
Ph	H	H	CH ₂ Ph		60	8.5	
Ph	H	Ph	Me		50		10
Ph	H	CO ₂ Et	Et	30	76		2
H	H	Me	Me	polymerization			
H	H	Br	Me	polymerization			
H	H	Me	nBu	10	30	50	
Me	H	H	nBu	10	10	70	
Me	Me	H	nBu	5	10	70	
Me	H	CO ₂ Et	Et	15		50	
H	CO ₂ Me	H	Me		1	75	
CO ₂ Me	H	H	Me			80	

TiCl₄
catalyst
employed

α,β -Acetylenic ketones afford bis-silylated allenoxysilanes which may be hydrolyzed to the monosilyl α,β -unsaturated ketones.³¹ In some cases, the intermediate allenoxysilanes undergo further C-silylation, and for enolizable ketones, silyl enol and dimerization products are also found.

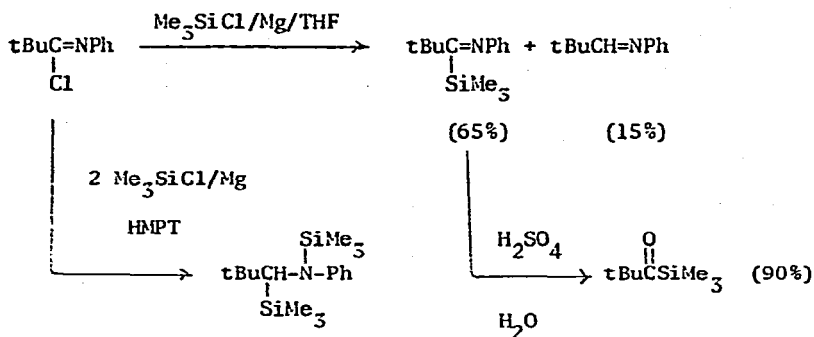


Partial or total silylation of geminal polychlorocarbons can be effected by the Me₃SiCl/Mg/HMPT system.³²

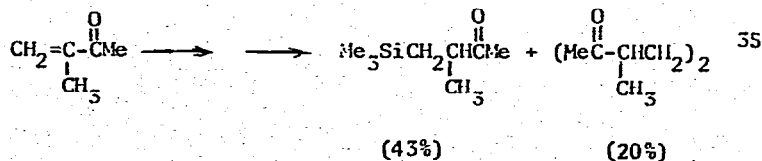
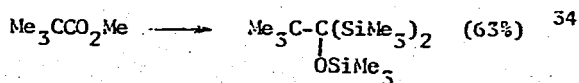
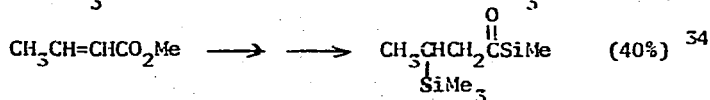
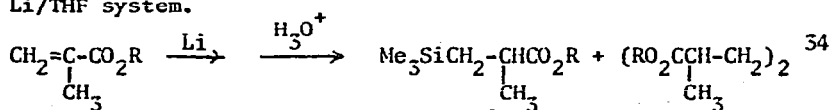
Halide	Product	Yield
CCl ₄	Cl ₃ CSiMe ₃	45
HCCl ₃	HCl ₂ SiMe ₃	35
	+ Cl ₂ C(SiMe ₃) ₂ + Cl ₃ CSiMe ₃	21+7
MeCCl ₃	MeCCl ₂ SiMe ₃	80
Me ₂ CCl ₂	Me ₂ CClSiMe ₃	10
PhCCl ₃	PhCCl ₂ SiMe ₃	80
p-ClC ₆ H ₄ CCl ₃	p-ClC ₆ H ₄ CCl ₂ SiMe ₃	70
Ph ₂ CCl ₂	Ph ₂ CClSiMe ₃	65
	+ Ph ₂ CHSiMe ₃	
PhCHCl ₂	PhCHClSiMe ₃	50
	+ PhCH ₂ SiMe ₃	
Cl ₂ C=CCl ₂	Cl ₂ C=C(Cl)SiMe ₃	35
Me ₂ CCl ₂	Me ₂ C(SiMe ₃) ₂	55

Halide	Product	Yield
H_2CCl_2	$\text{H}_2\text{C}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$	30
H_2CBr_2	$\text{H}_2\text{C}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$	50
PhCHCl_2	$\text{PhCH}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$	75
Ph_2CCl_2	$\text{Ph}_2\text{C}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$	65
CCl_3CCl_3	$\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3$	50
$\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CCl}_2$	$\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3$	65
$(\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CCl}_2)_2$	$(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CC}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$	65

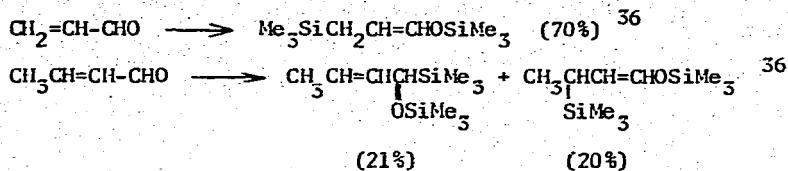
N-Phenylpivalimidoyl chloride gives the product of mono- or bis-silylation, depending on the stoichiometry employed. Hydrolysis of the monosilylated product affords good yields of α -silylketone.³⁵



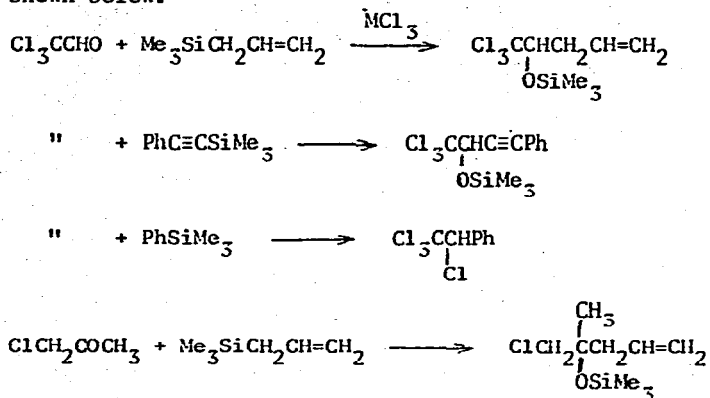
The following transformations have been reported using the $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}/\text{Li}/\text{THF}$ system.



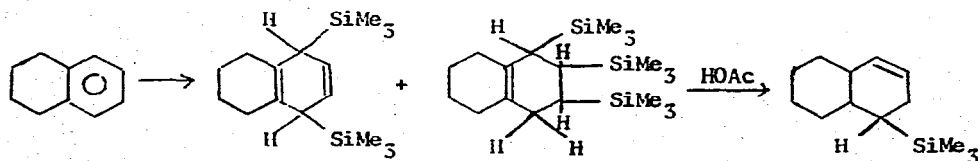
(carvone underwent similar reaction while α -ionone was disilylated at the carbonyl group)



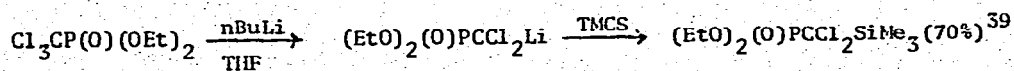
Both chloral and chloroacetone undergo carbonyl addition of Si-ethynyl, Si-allyl, and Si-phenyl compounds under Lewis acid catalysis as shown below.⁵⁷

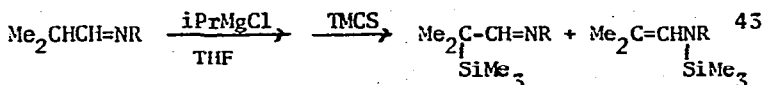
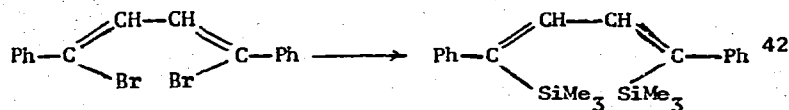
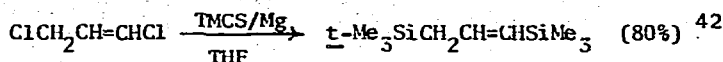
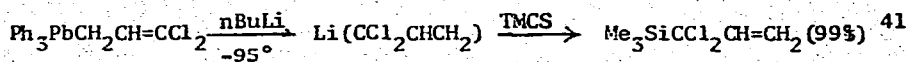
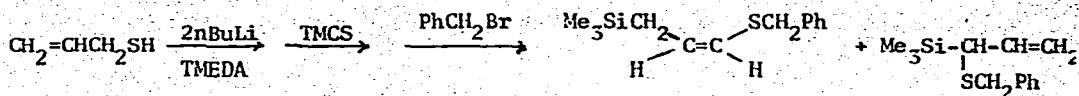


Tetralin is silylated in the presence of lithium and $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}/\text{THF}$; acetic acid degrades the tetrasilylated product as shown.⁵⁸



Derivatization of various organolithium and organomagnesium reagents with trimethylchlorosilane (TMCS) has led to the formation of a number of new organosilanes.





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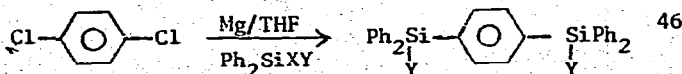
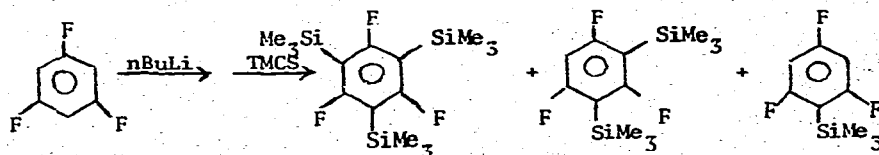
(B)

R	A(%)	B(%)
Ph	0	100
Me	6	94
Et	21	79
nPr	23	77
iPr	100	0
iBu	88	12
tBu	100	0

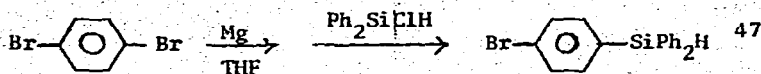
(The C-silyl isomer could be converted into the N-silyl isomer with Me_3SiBr catalyst for all but $\text{R} = \text{tBu}$, iPr and Ph)

Tetraadamantylsilane has been synthesized in 18% yield from the reaction of SiCl_4 with sodium and adamantyl chloride. ⁴⁴

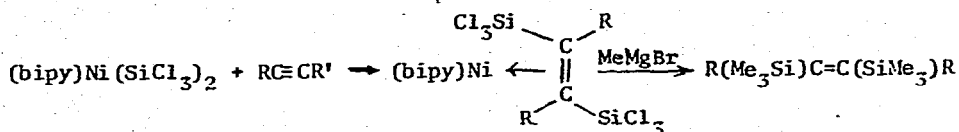
The following arylsilanes have been prepared by coupling reactions. ⁴⁵



[X(Y) = Cl(H); OCH₃(OCH₃); Cl(OCH₃); OEt(OEt)]



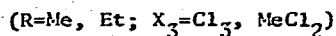
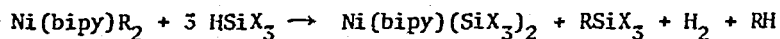
Details of a bisilylation reaction of acetylenes have been reported using bis(trichlorosilyl)bipyridylnickel(II) as catalyst.⁴⁸



REACTION OF Ni(bipy)(SiX₃)₂ WITH ACETYLENES; FOLLOWED BY METHYLATION

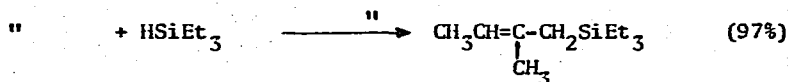
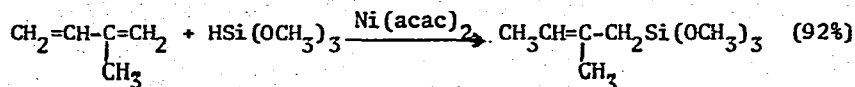
SiX ₃	Acetylene	Product	Yield(%)	cis/trans
SiCl ₃	PhC≡CPh	Ph(Me ₃ Si)C=C(SiMe ₃)Ph	49	0/100
SiCl ₃	PhC≡CH	Ph(Me ₃ Si)C=C(SiMe ₃)H	47	73/27
SiCl ₃	PhC≡CMe	Ph(Me ₃ Si)C=C(SiMe ₃)Me	38	92/8
SiCl ₃	n-BuC≡C-n-Bu	n-Bu(Me ₃ Si)C=C(SiMe ₃)n-Bu	44	not determined
SiMeCl ₂	PhC≡CPh	Ph(Me ₃ Si)C=C(SiMe ₃)Ph	52	0/100
SiMeCl ₂	PhC≡CH	Ph(Me ₃ Si)C=C(SiMe ₃)H	49	67/33
SiMeCl ₂	PhC≡CMe	Ph(Me ₃ Si)C=C(SiMe ₃)Me	45	95/7
SiMeCl ₂	n-BuC≡C-n-Bu	n-Bu(Me ₃ Si)C=C(SiMe ₃)n-Bu	52	not determined

The bis silyl complex used above can be prepared as shown.⁴⁹ These



silicon-nickel complexes were inactive as hydrosilylation catalysts for olefins, but other organonickel species were found to be catalysts for hydrosilylation [Ni(bipy)Et₂; Ni(PPh₃)(cyclopentadienyl)Et; Ni(cyclopentadienyl)₂].

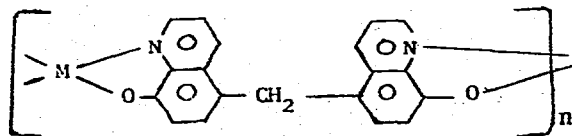
Ziegler-type systems of the form $M(\text{acac})_n \text{AlEt}_3$ ($M=\text{Ni, Co or Fe}$) catalyze the hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes and terminal acetylenes. The latter undergo dimerization concomitant with addition.⁵⁰



($X=\text{OEt, Et, Me}$)

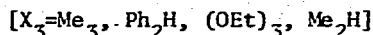
The reaction of tetracarbonyldichlorodirhodium with dimethylamino-methylated styrene-divinylbenzene copolymers afforded a polymer-supported hydrosilylation catalyst.⁵¹ In another study, Rh, Pd and Pt complexes were prepared whose t-phosphine, t-amine, cyano or pyridine ligands were bonded directly or through alkylsiloxy linkages to an inorganic support (alumina, silica, zeolite). Some of these showed high activity and could be recycled.⁵² A polymeric catalyst formed by the absorption of Pt(IV) ions on an anion-exchange resin gives excellent conversions of alkylaryl and arylsilanes and olefins or acetylenes to hydrosilylated products. In addition, the catalyst may be used many times without significant loss in activity.⁵³

Chelate complexes of Pt, Rh, Pd and Ni of the form shown were prepared. These containing Pt or Rh were most active as hydrosilylation catalysts.⁵⁴



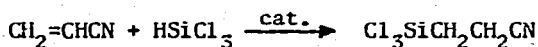
1,4-Hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes occurs when mixtures of $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_6$,

a 1,3-diene, and X_3SiH are irradiated.⁵⁵ The monoolefinic products, often produced in near quantitative yields, do not undergo further addition.



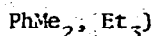
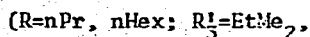
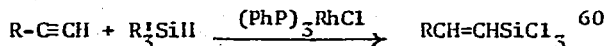
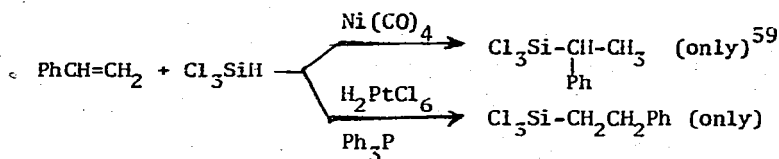
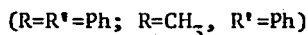
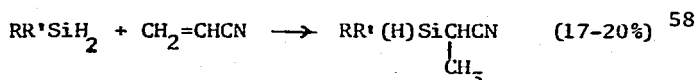
Optimum reaction conditions have been determined for the hydrosilylation of 1,3-butadiene with trichlorosilane using the $(p-RC_6H_4CN)_2-PdCl_2$ ($R=H, Me, MeO, Me_2N$) and $(p-Me_2NC_6H_4CN)_2PdBr_2$ catalyst systems.⁵⁶

Copper-containing catalysts which effect the addition of trichlorosilane to acrylonitrile at 120° have been reported.⁵⁷



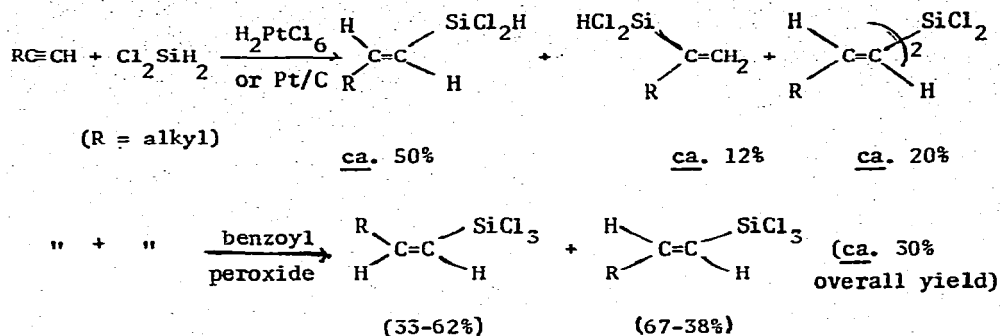
Catalyst	Adduct Yield (%)
$Cu_2O - C_6H_{11}NC$	70
$Cu_2O - tBuNC$	42
$CuCl - C_6H_{11}NC$	78
$CuCl - tBuNC$	56
$Cu(acac)_2 - C_6H_{11}NC$	75

The following hydrosilylations have also been carried out under various conditions.

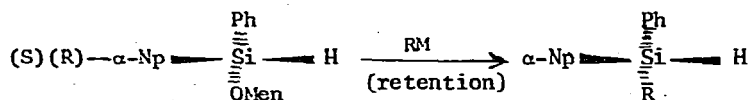


(cis/trans ratio of 65/35 to 81/19; note predominant anti-addition)

The stereochemistry of addition of dichlorosilane to terminal acetylenes with various catalyst systems has been investigated.⁶¹

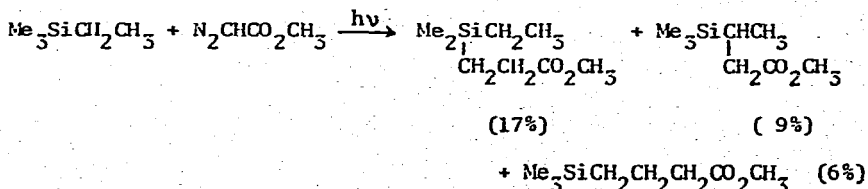


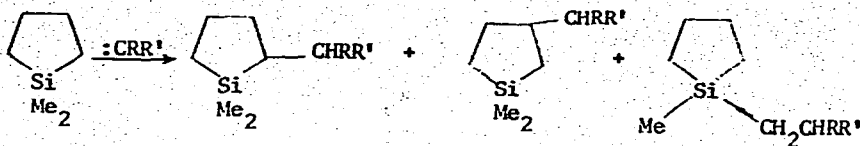
A method for the synthesis of monofunctional chiral organosilanes has been described which involves coupling bifunctional asymmetric silanes with saturated, vinylic, or aryl organometallic reagents (M=Li, Mg).



In the case of (R)(R)-Ph- α -Np(-)MenOSiCl, the chlorine is replaced with inversion of configuration. With dialkoxysilanes, the less bulky alkoxy group is substituted with retention of configuration.⁶² The use of allylic organometallic reagents or benzyl magnesium chloride led to both inversion and retention products with Si-H and Si-OMe substrates, but reaction with the chlorosilane still proceeded with inversion.⁶³

Carboalkoxycarbenes, generated from photolysis of diazo precursors, have been found to insert into both α - and β -silyl C-H bonds, as well as strained Si-C bonds.⁶⁴

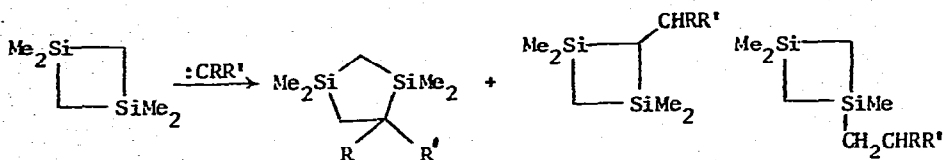




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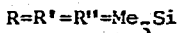
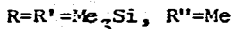
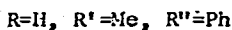
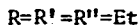
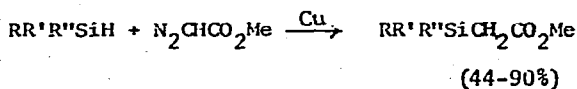
per bond

R = H, R' = CO ₂ CH ₃	1.6	2.0	1.0
R = R' = CO ₂ CH ₃	7.0	11.9	1.0

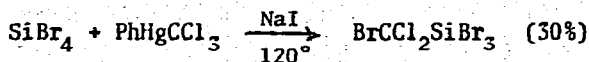


R=H, R'=CO ₂ CH ₃	14%	33%	55%
R=R'=CO ₂ CH ₃	5%	50%	45%

Copper-catalyzed decomposition of methyl diazoacetate in the presence of the Si-H bond serves as a general method for the preparation of α -silyl esters.⁶⁵

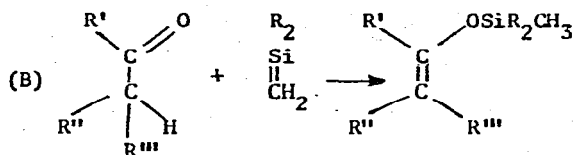
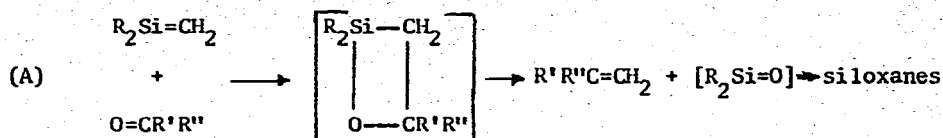


Treatment of the appropriate metalloids tetrabromide with phenyl-(trichloromethyl)mercury affords a general method for the preparation of mixed trihalomethyl (tribromo) Group IV compounds.⁶⁶



Experimental evidence continues to mount in support of the existence of a silicon-carbon double bond. The reaction of such a species

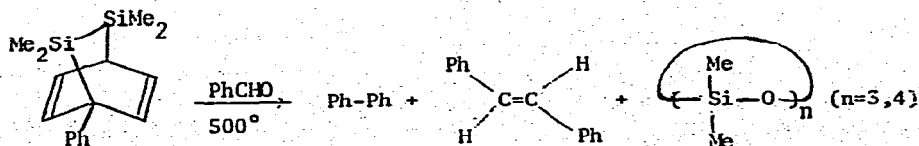
(generated by the pyrolysis of silacyclobutanes) with ketones and aldehydes results in either silyl enol ethers (path A) or olefins via, possibly, a "pseudo Wittig" pathway (B).⁶⁷




Enolizable carbonyl compounds gave low yields of "pseudo-Wittig" olefins because of enol ether formation.

<u>Carbonyl Compound</u>	<u>Yield (% based on consumed silacyclobutane)</u>	
	<u>Enol Ether</u>	<u>Olefin</u>
Me ₂ C=O	32	4
(CH ₂) ₅ C=O	62	9
Ph (C=O)Me	22	65
M-FC ₆ H ₄ (C=O)Me	34	69
Ph ₂ C=O	--	97
Me (CH ₂) ₅ CHO	26	26
PhCHO	--	54
Ph ₂ C=O	--	65
Me (CH ₂) ₅ CHO	not determined	44

The transformation shown below has been interpreted in terms of species containing Si=Si, Si=C and Si=O bonds.⁶⁸



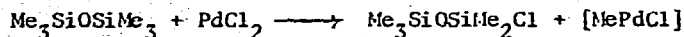
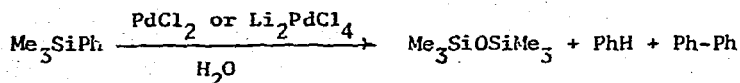
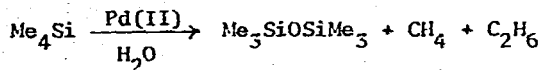
When dimethylsilacyclobutane was pyrolyzed in the presence of silicon-halogen bonds, adducts were formed indicative of polarity in the sense $(\delta^+)Me_2Si=CH_2$ (δ^-) within this intermediate species.⁶⁹

Halosilane	Products (% Yield)
SiF_4	$F_3SiCH_2SiMe_2F$ (44) + Me_2Si  $SiMe_2$ (trace)
$HSiCl_3$	$HCl_2SiCH_2SiMe_2Cl$ (22) + " (trace)
$SiCl_4$	$Cl_3SiCH_2SiMe_2Cl$ (20) + " (3)
$MeSiCl_3$	$Cl_2MeSiCH_2SiMe_2Cl$ (16) + " (16)
Me_2SiCl	$ClMe_2SiCH_2SiMe_2Cl$ (13) + " (25)
Me_3SiCl	$Me_3SiCH_2SiMe_2Cl$ (<2) + " (40)
CF_4	no adduct + " (46)

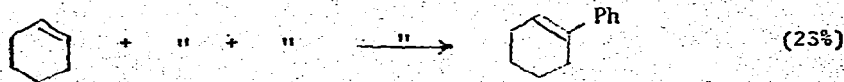
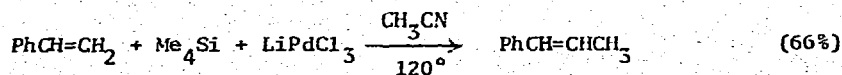
An investigation of the pyrolysis of 1,1-dimethylsilacyclobutane under high vacuum indicated that dimerization of the $Me_2Si=CH_2$ formed occurred in the gas phase, but that polymerization to $(Me_2SiCH_2)_n$ occurred on the surface of a cold trap.⁷⁰

The high-temperature formation of vinyl silanes from hydrosilanes and vinyl chloride is markedly improved by the addition of small quantities of Freons to the reaction mixtures.⁷¹

Palladium(II) compounds have been found to catalyze the cleavage of the silicon-carbon bond.⁷² Chlorosilanes are inert to Si-C cleavage.

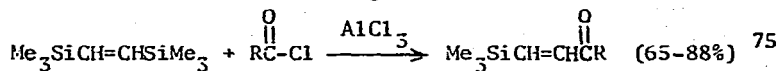
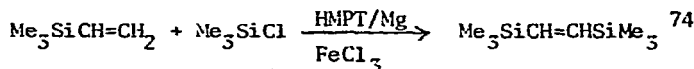
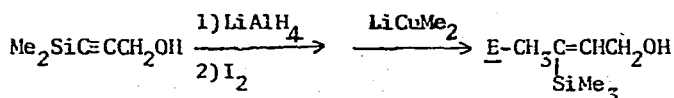
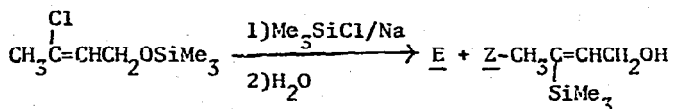
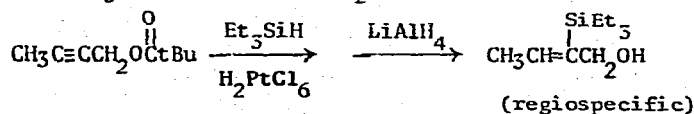
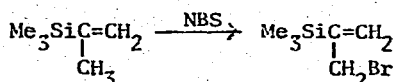
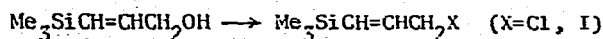
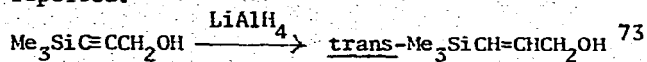


If olefins (styrene, cyclohexene) are present during the cleavage reactions, transfer of methyl or phenyl groups occurs from silane to olefin.

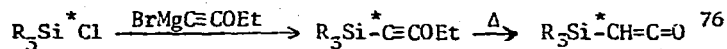


IV. CARBOFUNCTIONAL SILANES

The following routes to some functionalized alkenylsilanes have been reported.

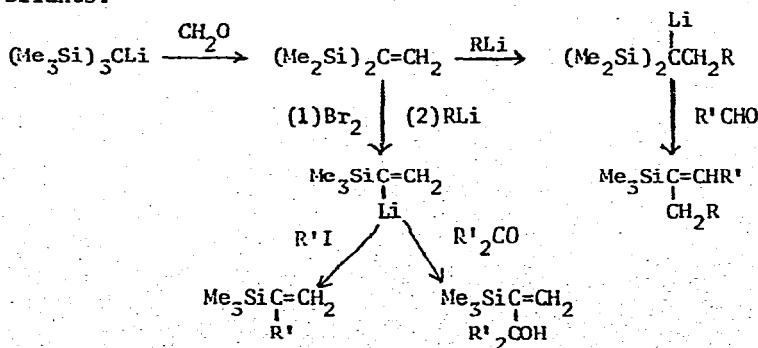


(R=Me, Ph, tBu)

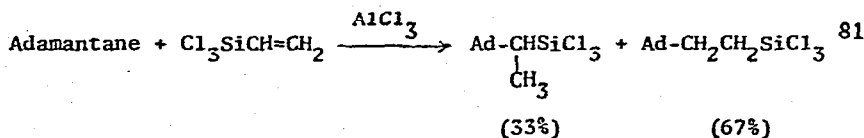
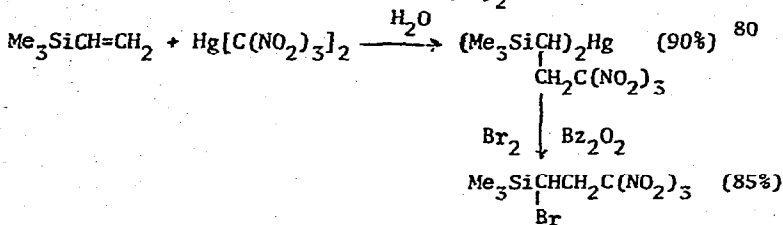
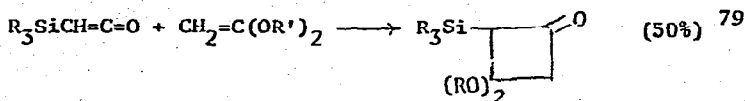
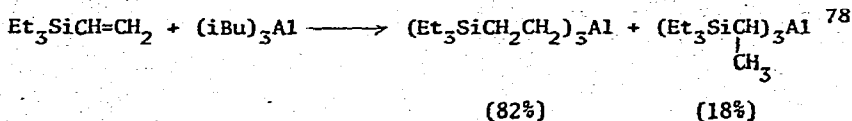
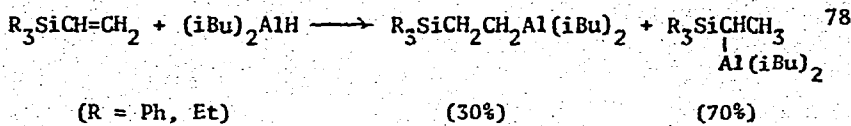


(R Si* = MePh-1-C₁₀H₇Si)

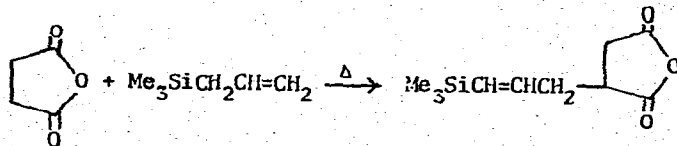
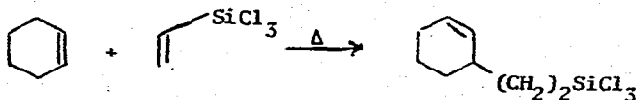
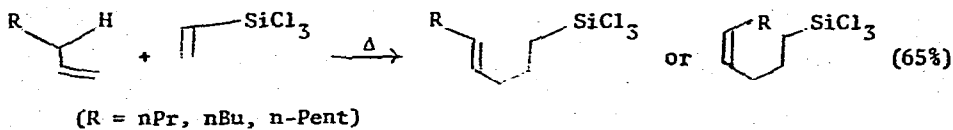
Peterson olefination reactions have led to new pathways to alkenylsilanes. ⁷⁷

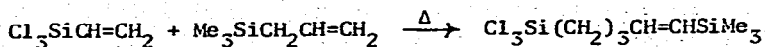
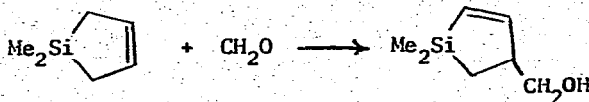
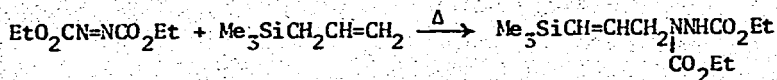


A number of reactions involving addition to the double bond of vinylsilanes have been investigated.

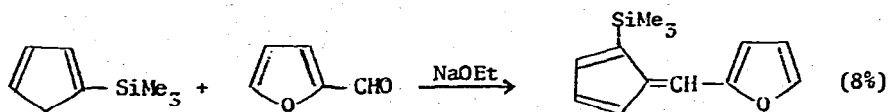


Ene reactions of alkenylsilanes afford entry into a variety of unsaturated organosilanes. ⁸²

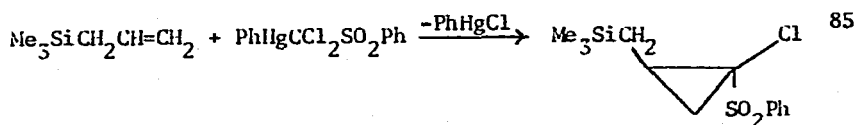
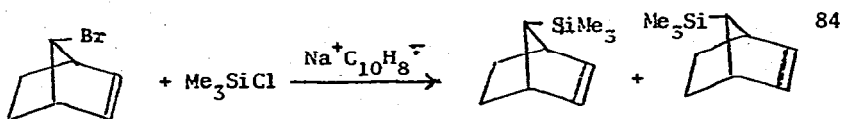




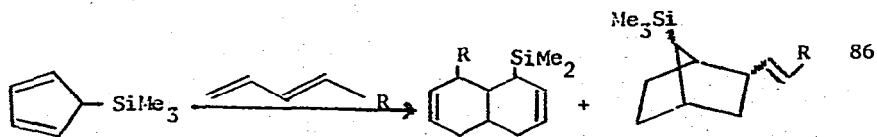
Reaction of 1-trimethylsilylcyclopentadiene with furfural gave low yields of the fulvenic product.⁸³



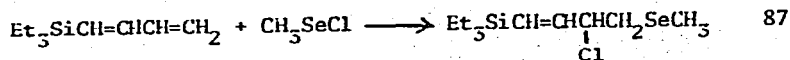
The preparation and reactions of the following unsaturated silanes have also been reported.



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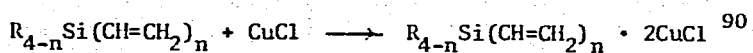
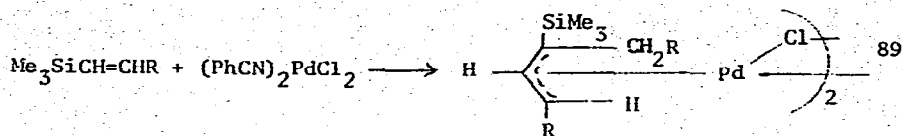


(R=H, CH₃)



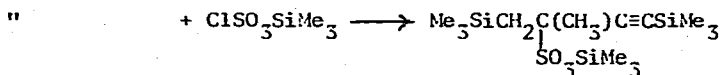
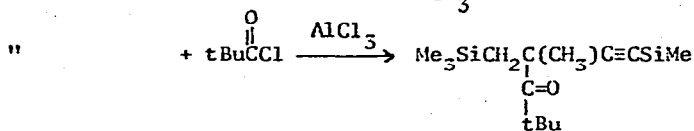
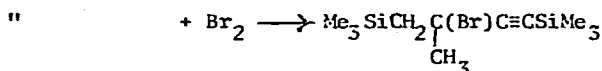
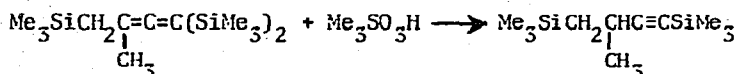
Factors influencing the ease and mode of addition of alkane- and arene-sulfonyl chlorides to homologues of $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ have been investigated.⁸⁸

Metal complexes originating from vinylsilanes have been prepared by several groups.

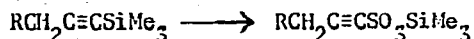


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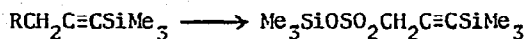
Electrophilic reagents effected the cleavage of the allenic silane shown below.⁹¹



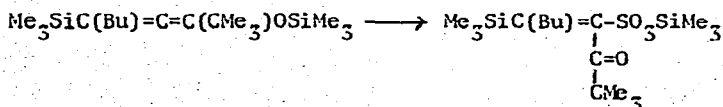
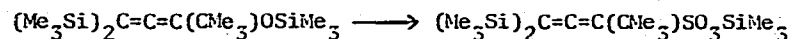
Sulfonating agents [$\text{ClSO}_2(\text{OSiMe}_3)$, SO_3 -dioxane] react with acetylenic or allenic silanes as indicated.⁹²



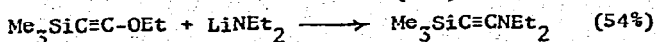
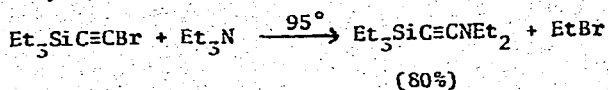
(R=H, Ph, Me_3C , Me_3Si)



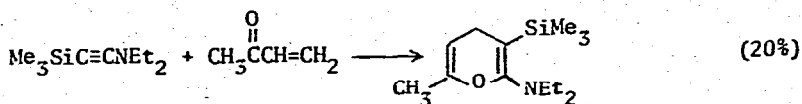
(R=HO, Me_3SiO)



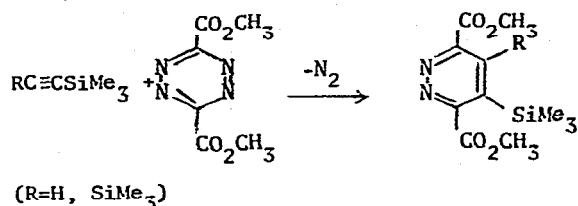
Silyl yneamines are preparable in good yields as follows:⁹³



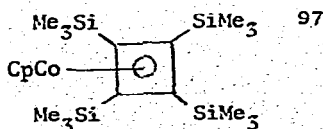
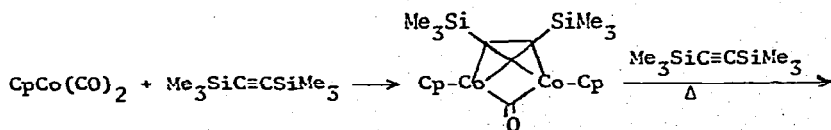
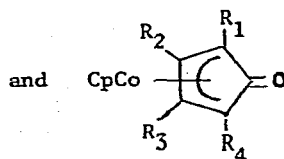
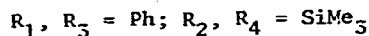
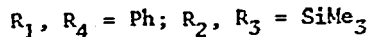
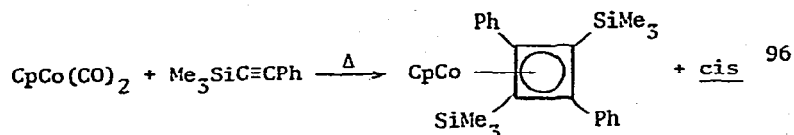
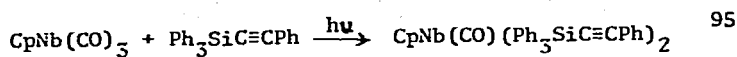
The latter yneamine underwent cycloaddition to 3-buten-2-one



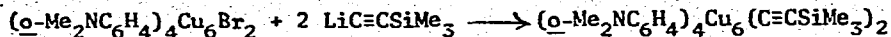
A cycloaddition-cycloreversion process forms silylated pyridazines from acetylenic silanes.⁹⁴



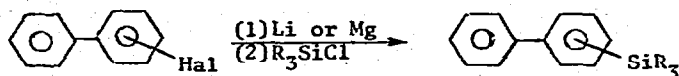
Reactions between transition metal complexes and alkynyl silanes have afforded novel species (Cp=cyclopentadienyl).



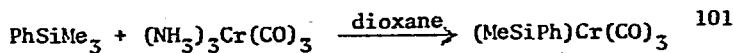
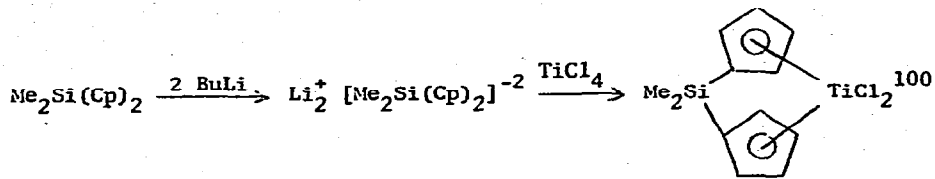
A silicon-containing compound is among the first examples of polynuclear mixed organocopper compounds.⁹⁸



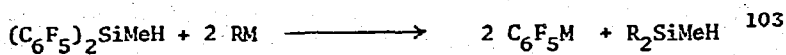
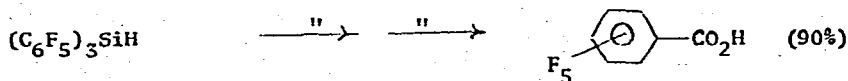
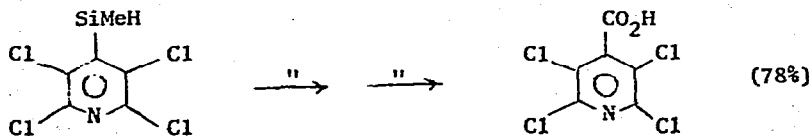
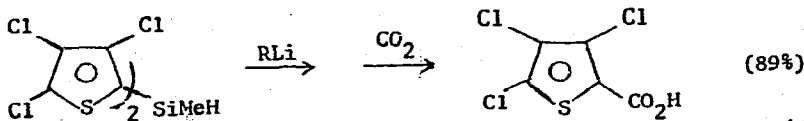
A number of biphenyl silanes have been prepared and their thermo-stability investigated.⁹⁹



Silicon-containing aryl-metal complexes can be synthesized as shown.



Bis- and tris-(perhaloaryl) silanes undergo cleavage with butyl- or methyl-lithium to afford good yields of the corresponding perhaloaryl-lithiums.¹⁰²

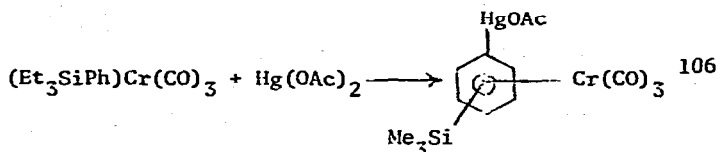
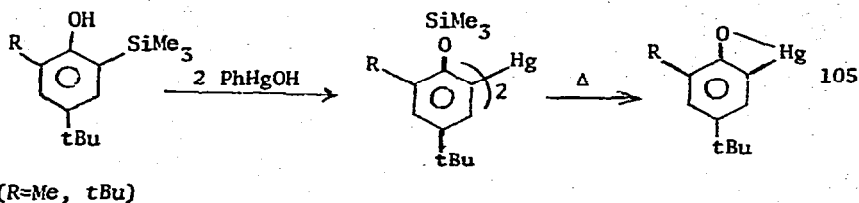


The effects of M = Li, MgX and the nature of R on the extent and

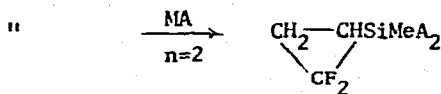
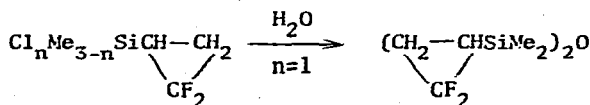
position (C-Si or C-F) of attack were studied in this last report.

Tetraphenylsilane has been reported to be inert to Si-C bond cleavage by potassium in ammonia.¹⁰⁴

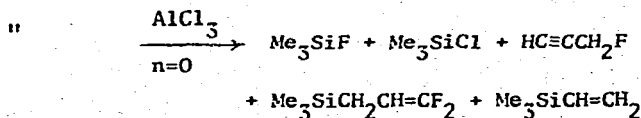
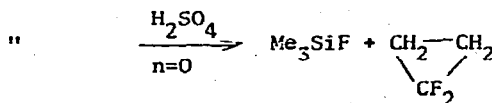
Treatment of some aromatic silanes with mercury reagents has been reported.



In contrast to the lability of other β -halo-substituted alkylsilanes, 2,2-difluorocyclopropylsilanes are highly resistant to β -elimination.¹⁰⁷

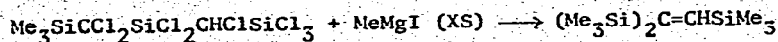
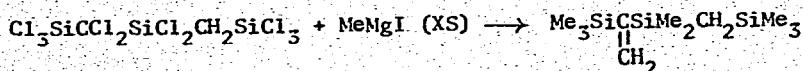
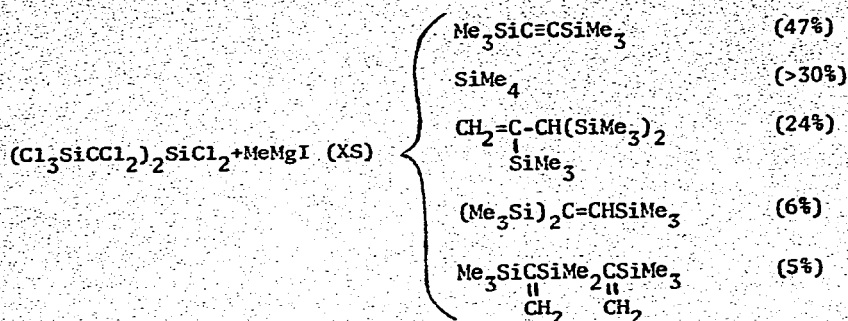


(MA = HOCH₃, ClMgCH₃, LiAlH₄, SbF₃)

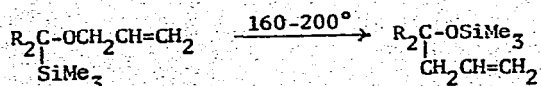


Treatment of some polychlorocarbosilanes leads to products of

elimination and rearrangement. A silacyclopropane intermediate is postulated as a precursor to the latter. ¹⁰⁸

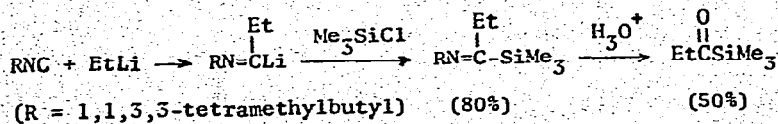


A (trimethylsilylmethyl)allyl ether system undergoes a high-yield pericyclic rearrangement upon heating. ¹⁰⁹

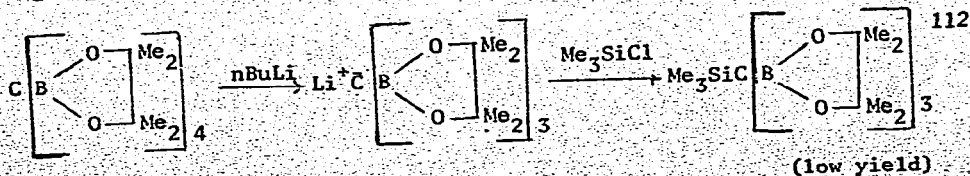
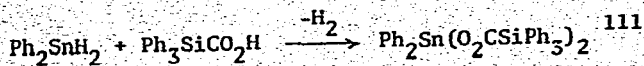


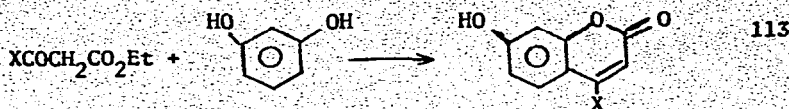
(R + R = o,o'-biphenylene, R = Ph)

The reaction of organolithium reagents with isonitriles affords a lithium aldimine which can be derivatized with chlorotrimethylsilane and the adduct hydrolyzed to the α -silyl ketones. ¹¹⁰

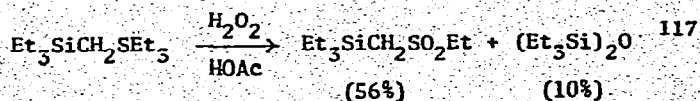
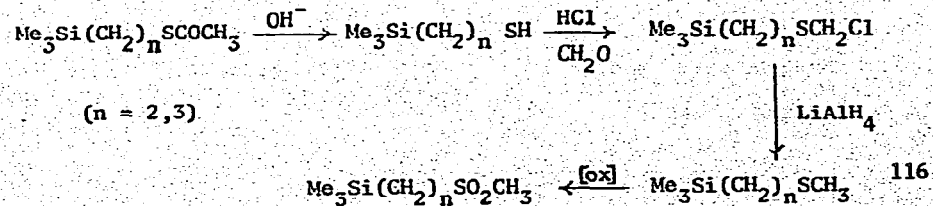
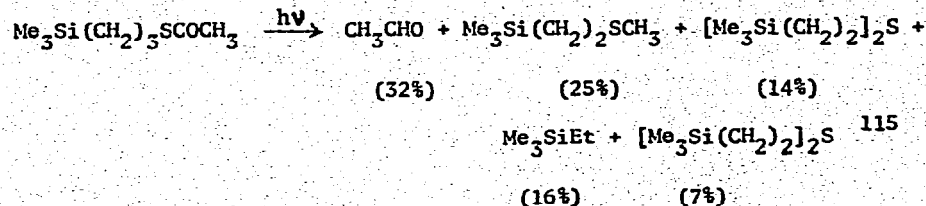
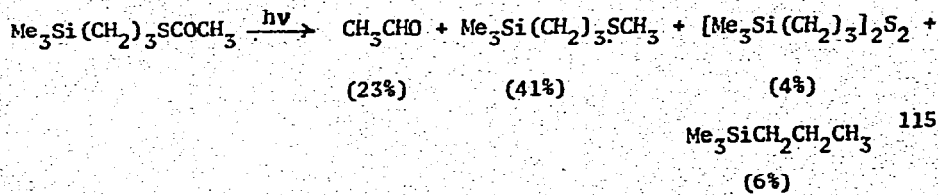
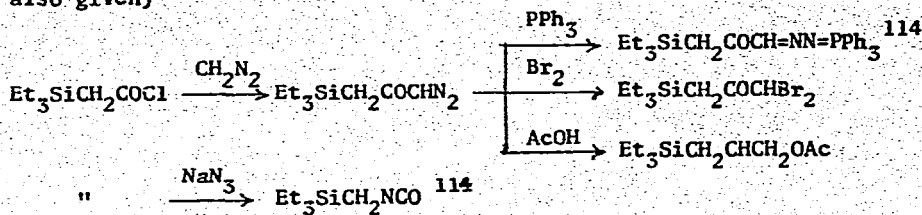


The synthesis and reactivities of the following systems have appeared.

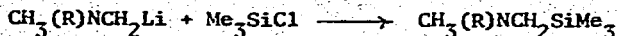




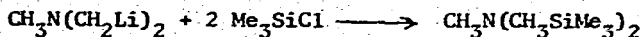
(X = Me₃Si(CH₂)_n, Me₃Si(CH₂)_nC₆H₄; the ketoesters were prepared from the ketones XCOCH₃, and preparative details for the ketones are also given)



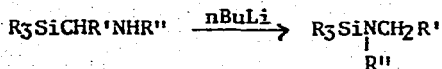
Aminomethylsilanes may be prepared from the novel aminomethyl-lithium reagents. ¹¹⁸



[R = PhCH₂, Me₂NCH₂CH₂, CH₃(OCH₂CH₂)₃, HOCH₂CH₂, PhCH=CHCH₂]

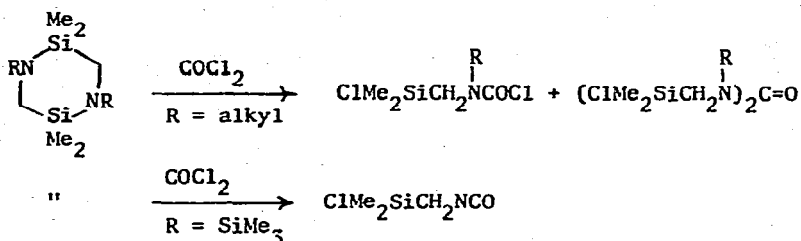


A rearrangement of aminomethylsilanes involving a 1,2-silyl group migration has been discovered.¹¹⁹

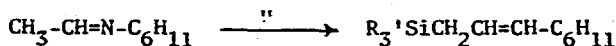
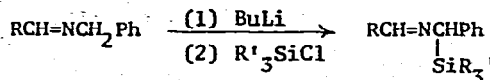


(R' = H, Ph; R'' = alkyl; no rearrangement occurs for R'' = Ph)

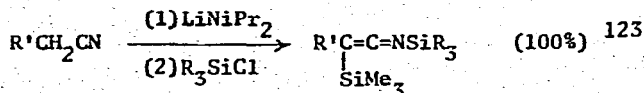
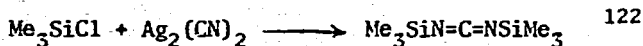
Carbamyl chlorides, ureas or isocyanates are products which arise from phosgene treatment of the heterocycles shown below.¹²⁰



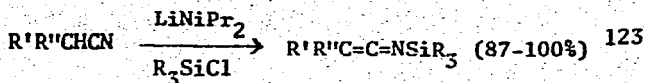
Silyl azomethines were prepared from a metalation route.¹²¹



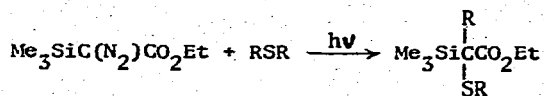
The chemistry of some unsaturated silicon-nitrogen compounds has been investigated.



[R' = alkyl, vinyl; R₃ = tBuMe₂; ArCH₂CN also gives some ArC(SiR'₃)₂]^{CN}



α -Silyldiazomethyl reagents were employed to generate some carbon-sulfur bond insertion products.¹²⁴

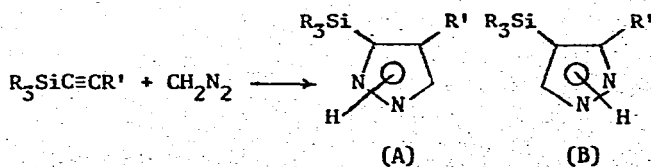


(R = Me, Et, iPr)

The photochemical reaction of diazomethyltrimethylsilane with substrates has been studied.¹²⁵ Similar results were obtained with copper-(II) chloride catalysis.

Substrate	Products (%)
$t\text{-}CH_3CH=CHCH_3$	$t\text{-}Me_3Si \begin{array}{c} Me \\ \triangle \end{array} Me$ (23) + $t\text{-}Me_3SiCH=CHSiMe_3$ (61)
$CH_2=CH_2$	$Me_3Si \begin{array}{c} \triangle \end{array}$ (17) + $t\text{-}Me_3SiCH=CHSiMe_3$ (30) + $C_8H_{20}Si_2$ (19)
$(CH_3)_2C=C(CH_3)_2$	(no cyclopropane) + $t\text{-}Me_3SiCH=CHSiMe_3$ (30) + $C_8H_{20}Si_2$ (30)
or $F_2C=CF_2$	
or $CF_3CF=CF_2$	
Me_3SiH	$Me_3SiCH_2SiMe_3$ (66)

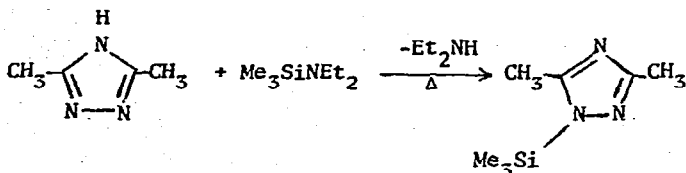
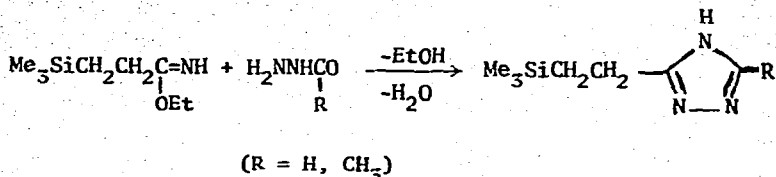
Silyl derivatives were included among a large number of acetylenes whose behavior towards diazomethane and 2-diazopropane was studied.¹²⁶



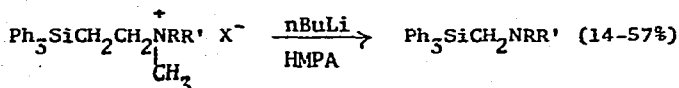
(R=Me, Ph; R'=H, Ph, Me, Me₃Si, CH₂OH, CHO, CO₂Me)

The predominant product for all acetylenes was A; this product ($R' = \text{CO}_2\text{-Me}$) afforded a cyclopropene upon photolysis.

Some silicon-containing triazoles have been prepared.¹²⁷

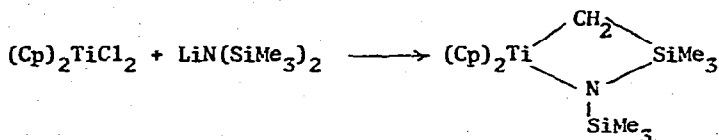


Animomethylsilanes are produced when 2-silyl-substituted ethylammonium salts are treated with n-butyllithium. No such product was obtained when R = Me, R' = Ph, however.¹²⁸

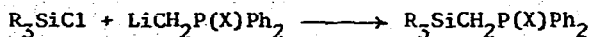


(R = R' = Me, Et; R = Me, R' = iPr)

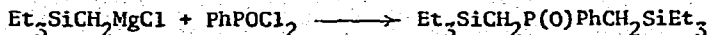
A novel heterocycle was formed from titanocene dichloride and lithium bis(trimethylsilyl) amide.¹²⁹



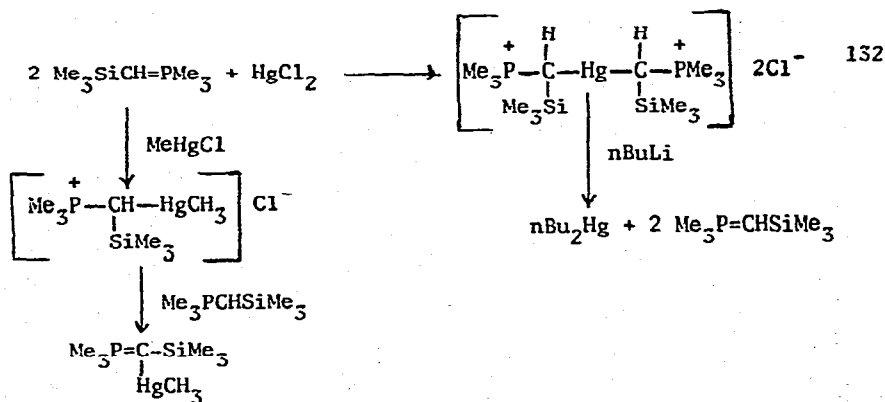
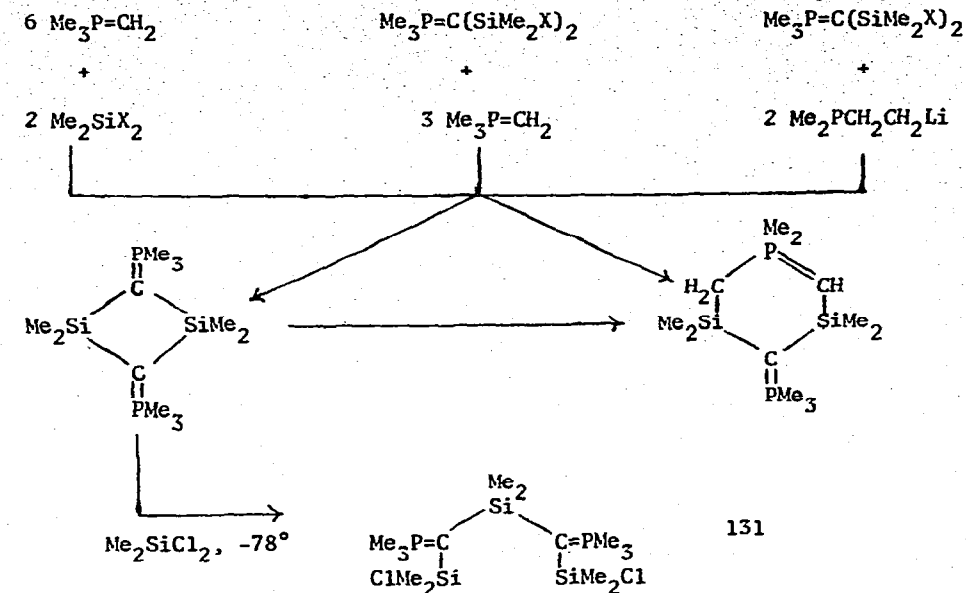
Various silylmethyl phosphines have been characterized. With R = Me and X = S, a bis-adduct, $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{CHP}(\text{S})\text{Ph}_2$, was obtained.¹³⁰



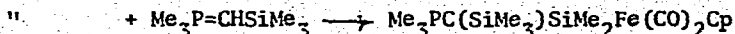
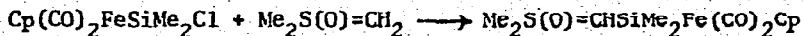
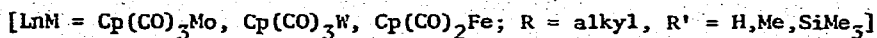
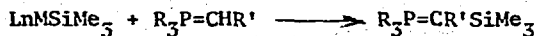
(R = Et, Ph, naphthyl; X = O or S)



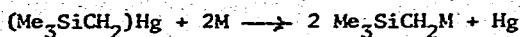
Interesting chemistry continues to be discovered in the silyl-ylid area.



Transfer of silyl groups from transition metal complexes to ylids has been observed.¹³³ Substitution reactions were also reported.

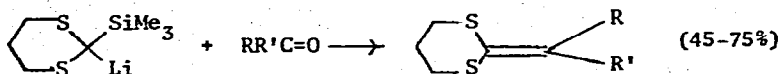


Trimethylsilylmetal compounds are formed quickly and cleanly by the addition of bis(trimethylsilyl) mercury to metal sand.¹³⁴

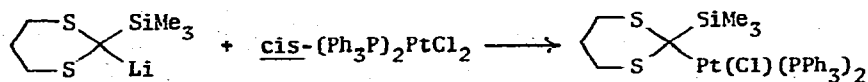
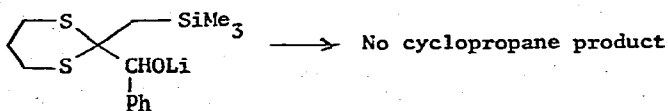
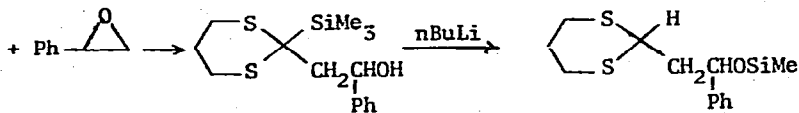
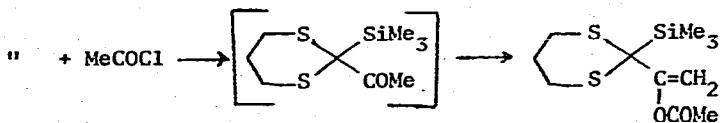


(M = Na, K, Rb, Cs)

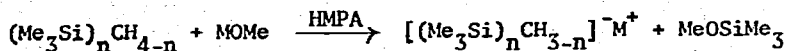
Reactions of 2-lithio-2-trimethylsilyl-1,3-dithiane with a number of electrophilic reagents proceed as shown.¹³⁵



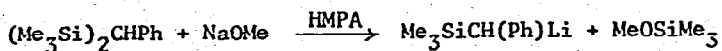
(R, R' = alkyl, aryl, H, vinyl, Me₂N)



Silylmethyl-lithium or -sodium reagents may be prepared via the alkoxide-induced cleavage of silicon-carbon bonds.¹³⁶

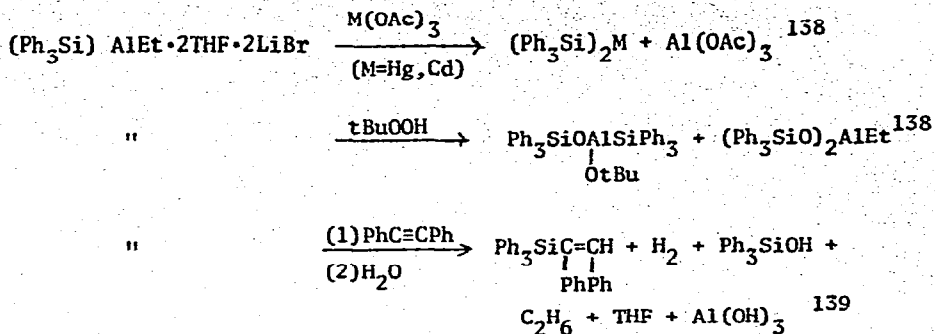


(n = 2-4; M = Li, Na)

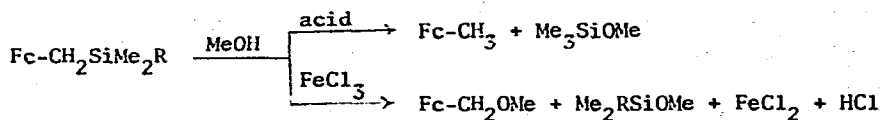


High yields of 1,7-bis(dimethylsilyl)-m-carborane have been realized by the reaction of the 1,7-dilithio reagent with dimethylchlorosilane.¹³⁷

Some reactions of a silylaluminum species have been investigated.

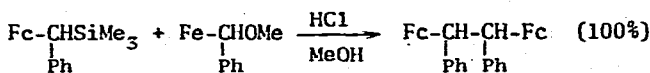


Ferrocenylmethylsilanes are known to be cleaved by acids at the carbon-silicon bond. In the presence of ferric chloride or other oxidants [I_2 , $\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_2$, $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$], cleavage occurs in methanol to give the methyl ether.¹⁴⁰

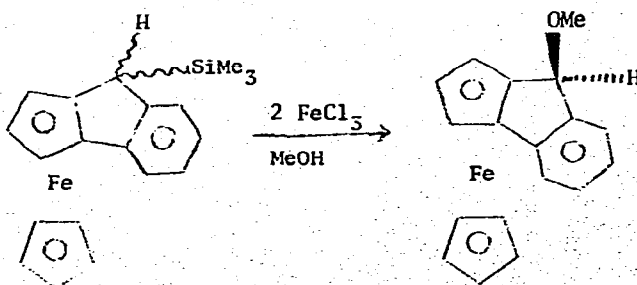


(Fc = ferrocenyl; R = alkyl, aryl, SiMe_3 , OMe)

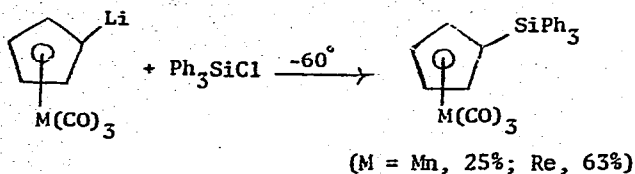
Coupling was observed when α (trimethylsilyl)benzyl ferrocene and α -(methoxy)benzyl ferrocene were treated with methanolic HCl. Pairing of radical species was postulated.¹⁴¹



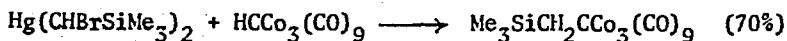
Treatment of either exo- or endo-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2,3-ferrocenoindane with ferric chloride in methanol affords the exo-ether and no coupling products.¹⁴²



Cyclopentadienyl-metal complexes may be metalated and derivatized to afford silyl-substituted complexes.¹⁴³

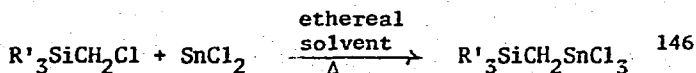
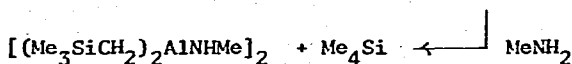
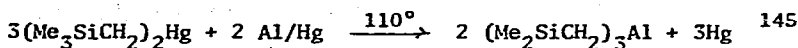


Certain mercurials react with methylenetricobalt nonacarbonyl to yield methyldene-substituted species.¹⁴⁴ No product was obtained,

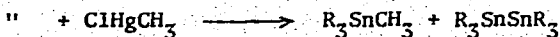
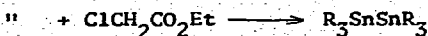
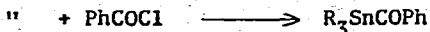
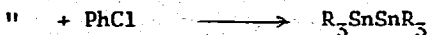
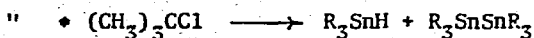
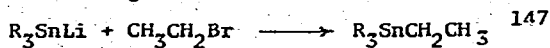


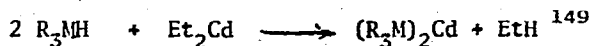
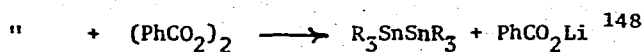
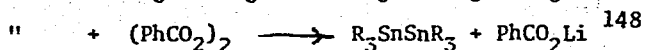
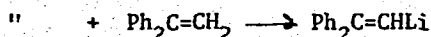
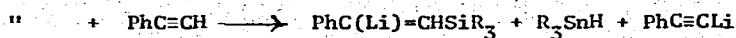
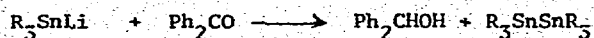
however, when $\text{Hg}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ was employed.

Lively interest continues to center about the stabilizing effect of trimethylsilylmethyl ligands attached to a central metal atom. The following chemistry has appeared in this area ($\text{R} = \text{Me}_3\text{SiCH}_2$ in the equations below).

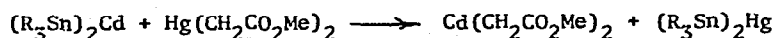
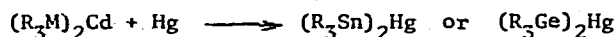
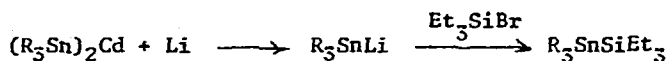
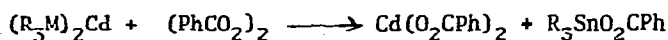


($\text{R}'_3 = \text{alkyl, aryl, halo, alkoxy}$)

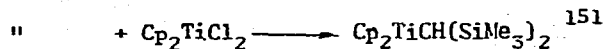
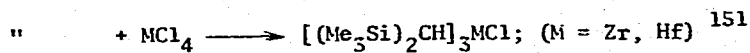
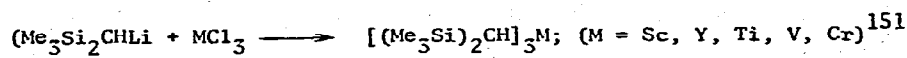
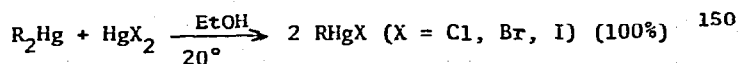
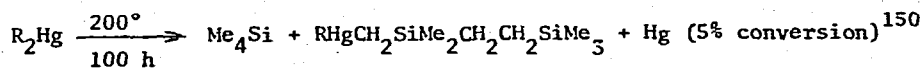




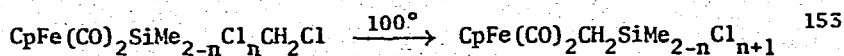
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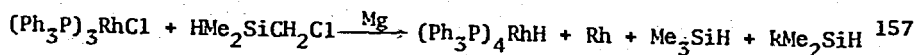
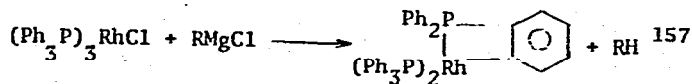
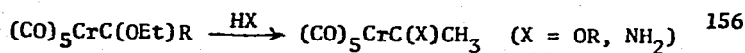
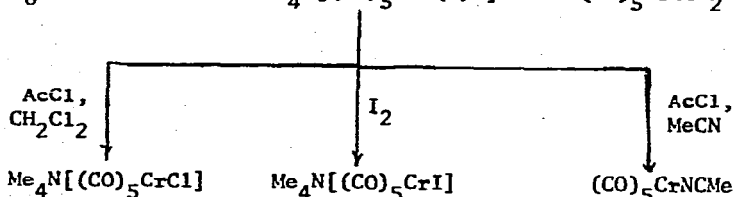
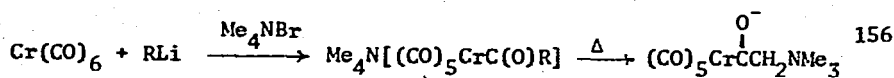
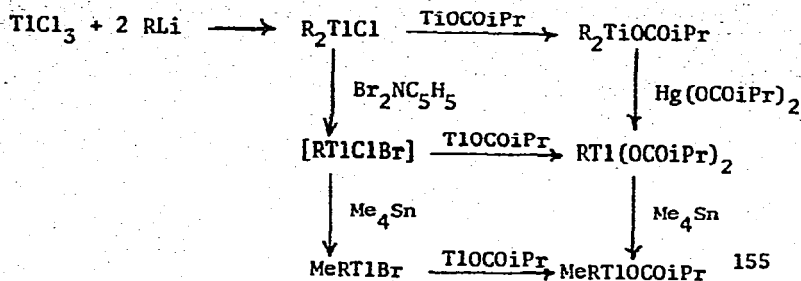
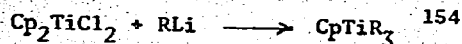
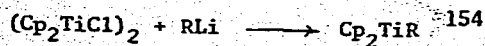
(M = Cd, Hg)



(M = Li, MgCl)



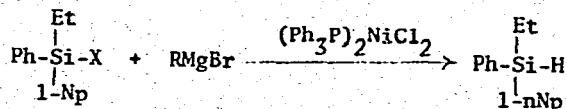
(n = 0-2)



V. SILAFUNCTIONAL COMPOUNDS

1. Si-H

Saturated Grignard reagents activated by nickel complexes reduce halo- and alkoxy-silanes stereospecifically. Retention of configuration occurs for X = OMe and F, but inversion is observed for X = Cl. ¹⁵⁸



(R = Et, nPr, iPr, nBu, iBu)

Vinylsilanes ($X = \text{CH}_2=\text{CH}$) are also reduced while deuteriosilanes ($X=\text{D}$) undergo H-D exchange.

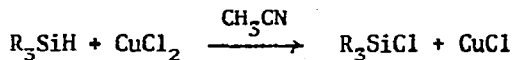
The syntheses of bifunctional, optically active phenyl- α -naphthyl-(-)-menthoxysilanes ($\text{Ph-}\alpha\text{-Np(-)MenOSiX}$, $X = \text{H, Cl, OMe, OEt}$) have been described.¹⁵⁹

Trichlorosilane, but not trifluoro- or trimethylsilane, reacts with cyanogen chloride.¹⁶⁰



2. Si-Group VII

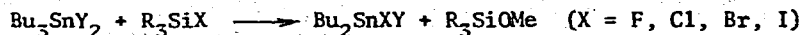
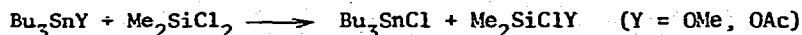
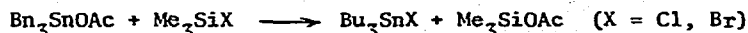
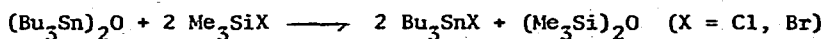
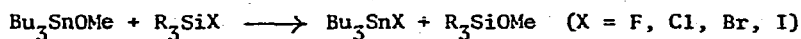
A method for the transformation of Si-H bonds into Si-Cl bonds employs homogeneous cupic chloride solutions.¹⁶¹



($R = \text{iPr, Et}$)

High yields (96-99%) of chlorosilanes (R_3SiCl) are realized by reaction of R_3SiH with chlorobenzene and colloidal nickel.¹⁶²

Ligand exchanges among silicon, germanium and tin compounds were found to proceed as shown.¹⁶³

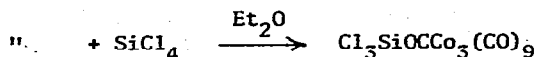
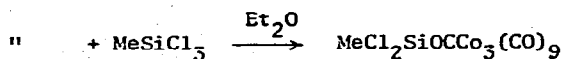
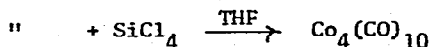
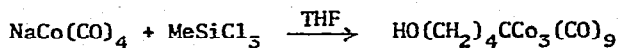
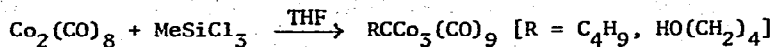


Mixed products were not obtained with an excess of halosilane; only tin dihalides resulted.

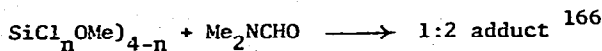
Equilibrium constants have been reported for scrambling of the substituent pairs Cl/Br, Cl/I, Br/I, Cl/OMe, Br/OMe, Cl/Oph, Cl/SMe and

Br/SMe between the Me_2Si and MeGe moieties. Lower atomic number halogens favor silicon attachment in halogen/halogen redistribution. Halogens favor germanium in halogen/OR systems, while the opposite is true for halogen /SR exchange.¹⁶⁴

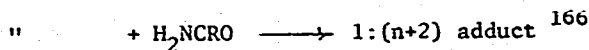
Chlorosilanes react with cobalt carbonyl species to give low yields of a variety of products.¹⁶⁵



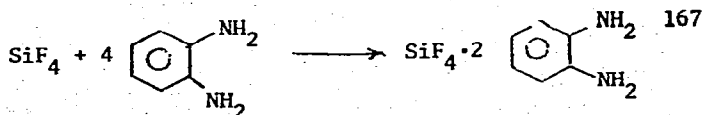
A number of halosilane adducts to electron-donor organic compounds have been reported.



$$(n = 0-4)$$



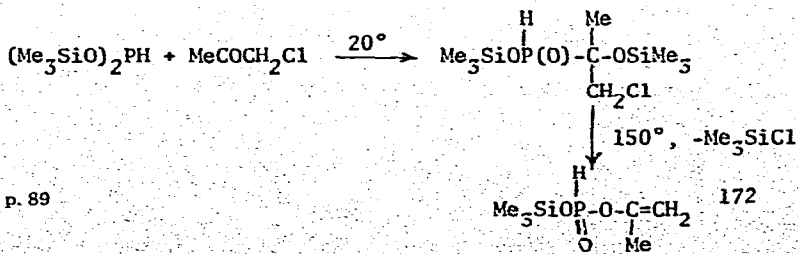
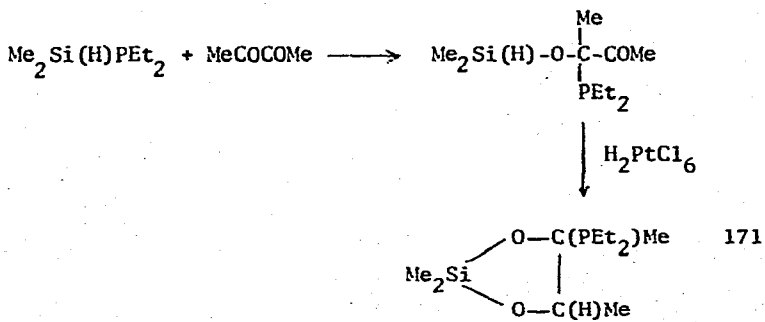
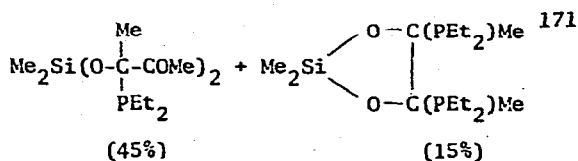
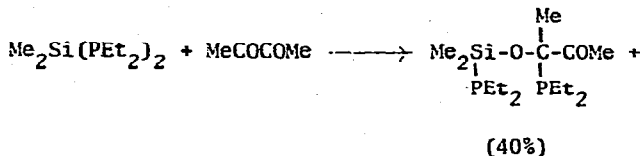
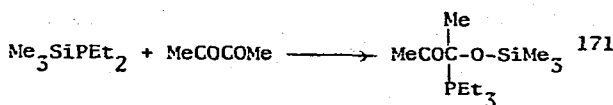
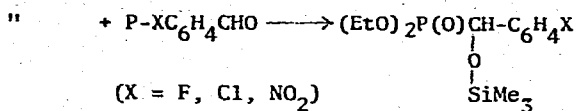
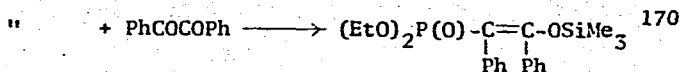
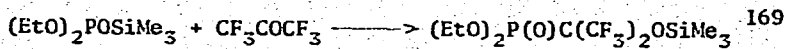
$$(\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{H}, \text{Ph})$$



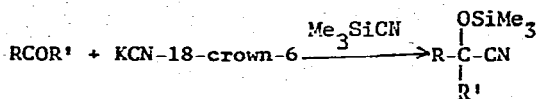
The fluorosilanes PhMeSiF_2 , Ph_2SiF_2 , PhSiF_3 and Et_3SiF formed adducts with MeNO_2 , PhNO_2 , Me_2NAC , Me_2SO , $(\text{Me}_3\text{N})_3\text{PO}$, PhF and PhCOMe .¹⁶⁸

3. Si-Group VI

Phosphorous reagents have been employed in the preparation of alkoxy-silanes from carbonyl-containing compounds.

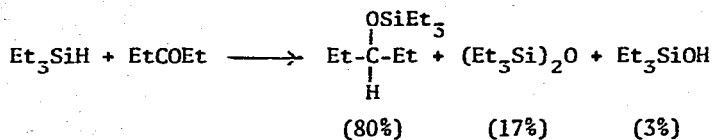


Crown ether complexes of alkali metal cyanides are efficient catalysts for carbonyl cyanosilylation.¹⁷³



(R, R' = alkyl, H)

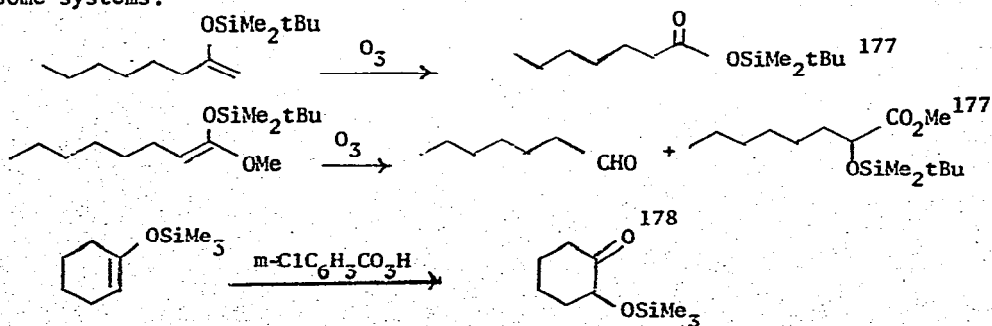
Electrolysis of a mixture of triethylsilane and 3-pentanone affords the alkoxy silane as part of the product mixture.¹⁷⁴



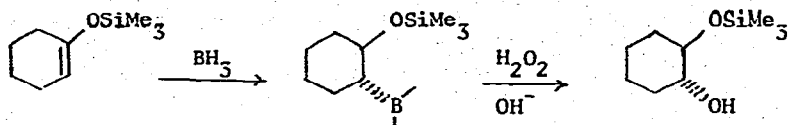
A number of oxinatosilanes, some containing chelated structures, were prepared from chlorosilanes and 8-hydroxyquinoline.¹⁷⁵

The ease of condensation of alcohols with dimesitylchlorosilane (Ms_2SiHCl) was investigated as a function of the steric bulk of the alcohol.¹⁷⁶

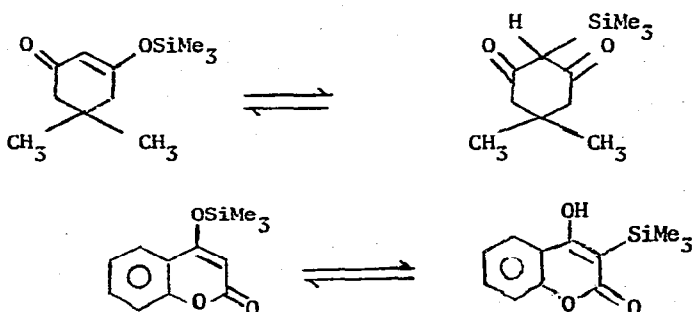
Siloxyalkenes can be ozonized to the corresponding silyl esters, although migration of silicon to an adjacent position occurred with some systems.



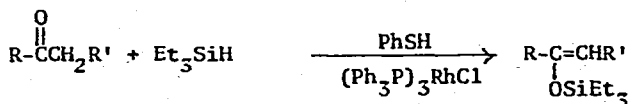
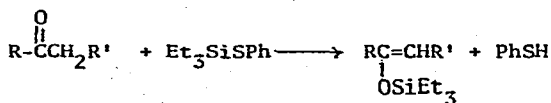
Hydroboration-oxidation of cyclic silyl enol ethers afforded the alcohol derived from introduction of boron beta to the siloxy function. The intermediate organoboranes were only stable in cyclic systems and led to elimination in acyclic substrates.¹⁷⁹



Certain silyl-substituted keto-enols undergo O-C rearrangements in solution. 180

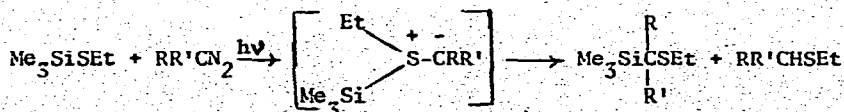
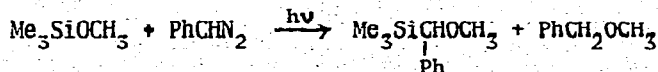


Easily enolizable ketones are converted into silyl enol ethers by triethylsilylthiophenoxide. The process can be made catalytic in thiophenol. 181



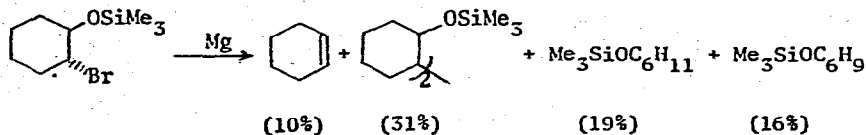
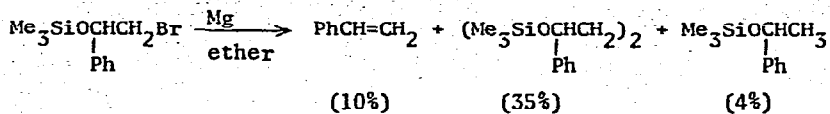
(R = Ph, R' = CN; R = Me, R' = CO₂Me; R = Me, R' = COMe)

An overall insertion of carbenes into Si-O and Si-S bonds has been found to occur; these may arise via a silyl group shift from carbene-complexed heteroatom to carbon. 182

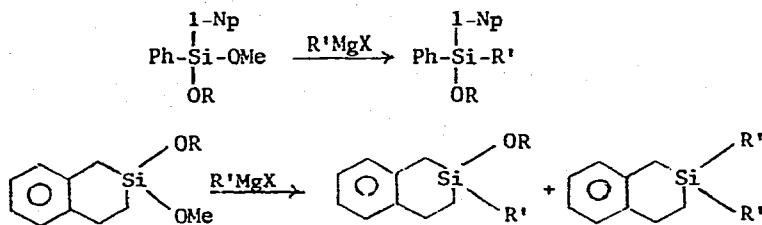


(R = H, R' = CO₂Et; R = H, R' = Ph; R = R' = Ph)

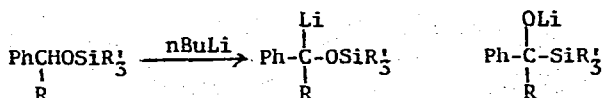
In addition to the expected elimination products, 2-bromoalkoxy-silanes and magnesium also afford products of coupling and disproportionation.¹⁸³



The selectivity between alkoxy groups in the reaction of diaryl methoxyalkoxysilanes with Grignard reagents and the stereochemical changes accompanying substitution have been determined. Phenyl- α -naphthylmethoxyborneoxy (or -menthoxy-) silane undergo replacement of only the methoxy group (with retention) using aromatic or saturated RMgX in ether, while allylic and benzylic Grignards substitute the bulkier alkoxy group with inversion. In THF and DMF, only methoxy is substituted with retention. For the cyclic silanes, both methoxy and menthoxy groups are substituted with retention.¹⁸⁴

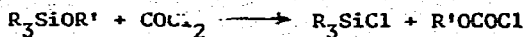


1,2-Anionic rearrangement of the silyl group has been observed in metalated benzyloxyorganosilanes.¹⁸⁵ Rearrangement was shown to occur stereospecifically with inversion at benzyl carbon.¹⁸⁶

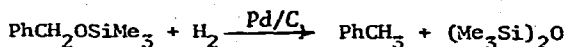


(R = H, CH_3 , SiMe_3 ; R' = alkyl, Ph)

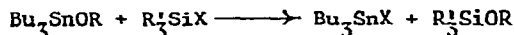
The relative rates of silyl ether cleavage by phosgene as a function of the alkoxy group were determined. Slower rates were found for bulky alkoxy groups and for unsaturated alkoxy groups.¹⁸⁷



Some success at the hydrogenolysis of alkoxysilanes has been reported, although fully saturated alkoxysilanes only reacted to low conversion.¹⁸⁸

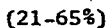
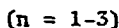
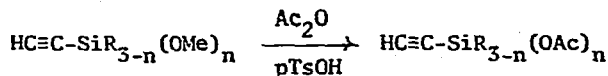


Alkoxy- or acetoxystannyl compounds readily exchanged those groups for halogen when treated with halosilanes.¹⁸⁹ No mixed products were

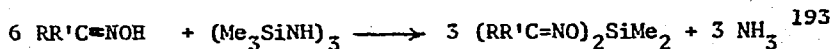
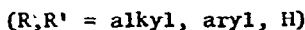
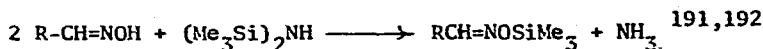


observed from the reaction of $Bu_2Sn(OR)_2$ with halosilanes.

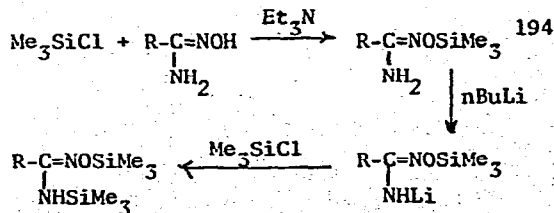
Exchange of acetoxy for alkoxy groups on silicon in ethynylsilanes has been carried out successfully.¹⁹⁰



Preparative methods and chemistry in the area of O-silylated oximes have been reported as follows.

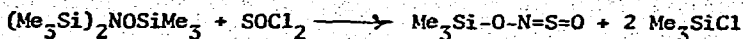


Preparations of amidoximes have also been described.

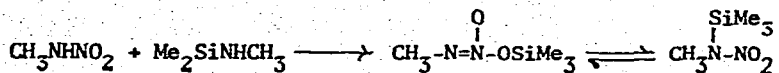


A report on the potential explosion hazard involved in ketoximes and their silyl derivatives has appeared.¹⁹⁵

N-sulfinyl-O-trimethylsilylhydroxylamine is prepared as shown.¹⁹⁶

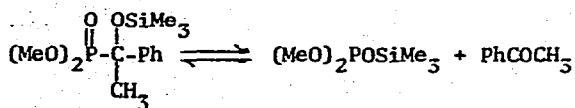


Nitramines may also be silylated to yield tautomeric mixtures of O- and N-silylated material.¹⁹⁷ The O-silyl material is more stable the

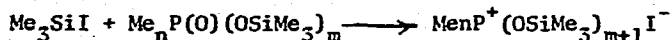
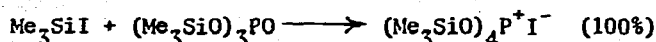


bulkier the silyl group.

Dimethyl [α -methyl- α -(trimethylsiloxy)benzyl]phosphonate thermolyzes to dimethyl trimethylsilylphosphite. The reaction is reversible.¹⁹⁸

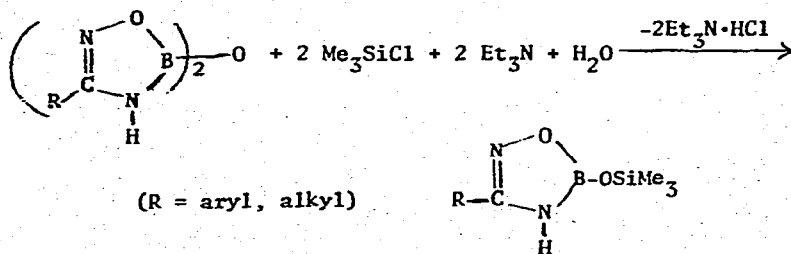


Tetrakis(trimethylsiloxy)phosphonium salts have been prepared in high yield.¹⁹⁹

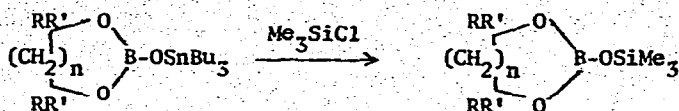


($n \neq m = 1$ or 2)

Siloxated oxadiazaboroles are synthesized as shown.²⁰⁰

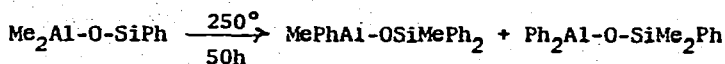


Cleavage of trialkylstannyloxy- or germyloxy-substituted 1,3,2-dioxaborolanes with chlorotrimethylsilane affords the corresponding silyl derivatives.²⁰¹

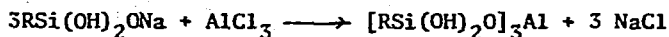


(n = 0,1; R,R' = Me, H)

Dimethyl(triphenylsiloxy)aluminum undergoes ligand isomerization upon strong heating.²⁰²

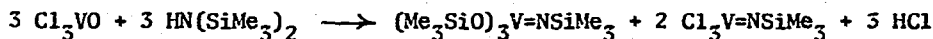


Monosodium salts of organosilanetriols were prepared and used to synthesize organoaluminosiloxanes.²⁰³

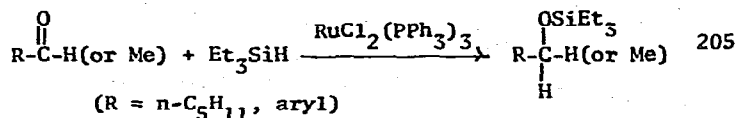


(R = alkyl, aralkyl, vinyl, Ph)

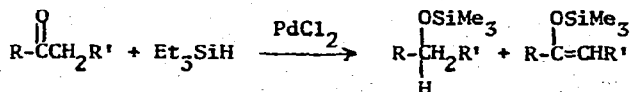
A trimethylsiloxy vanadium compound has been characterized.²⁰⁴



A number of catalysts have been found effective for the hydrosilylation of ketones. In one report, a ruthenium complex affords good yields (55-74%) of silyl ethers. This catalyst was not as active, however as



the analogous RhCl(PPh₃)₃. The use of palladium chloride affords mixtures of silyl ether and silyl enol ethers.²⁰⁶ Addition of phenylthiol



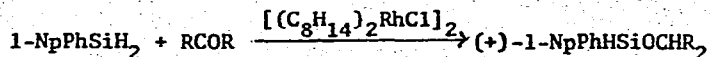
(R = alkyl, aryl; R' = H, alkyl)

raised the reaction rate and increased the relative yield of silyl enol ether to 80-90%.

Hydridometalloboranes of formula 3,3-(Ph₃P)₂-3-H-3,1,2-RhC₂B₉H₁₁ and 2,2-(Ph₃P)₂-2-H-2,1,7-RhC₂B₉H₁₁ were found to catalyze the quanti-

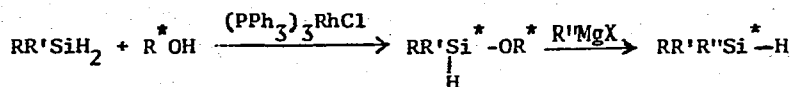
tative hydrosilylation of acetophenone with diphenylsilane.²⁰⁷

Optical yields of up to 46% are obtained by the asymmetric hydrosilylation of ketones by a chiral phosphine-rhodium complex.²⁰⁸



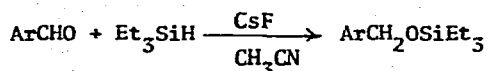
(R = alkyl, Ph)

The reaction of optically active alcohols with prochiral silanes ($\text{RR}'\text{SiH}_2$) affords silyl ethers which can be converted to optically active silyl hydrides.²⁰⁹

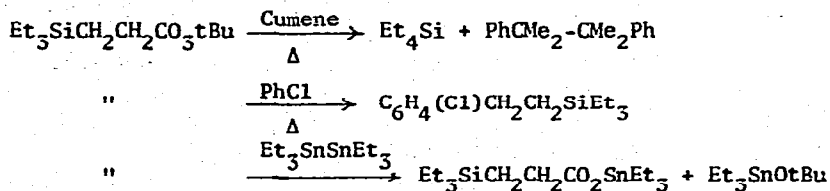


The chiral complex $[\text{Rh}-((\text{R})\text{-PhCH}_2\text{MePhP})_2\text{H}_2\text{S}_2]^+\text{ClO}_4^-$, where S = solvent, has also been used for the generation of chiral organosilanes in the hydrosilylation of ketones by 1-NpPhSiH₂.²¹⁰

Fluoride ion was found to catalyze the conversion of aromatic aldehydes into silyl ethers.²¹¹

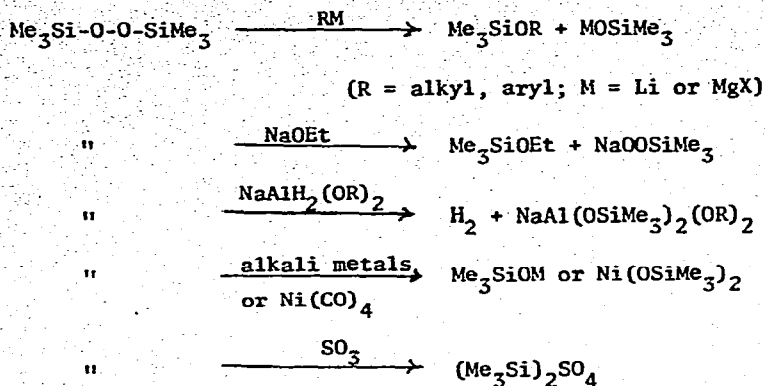


Generation of β -silylethyl radicals in aromatic solvents led to the conclusion of high reactivity for these species.²¹² A similar conclusion

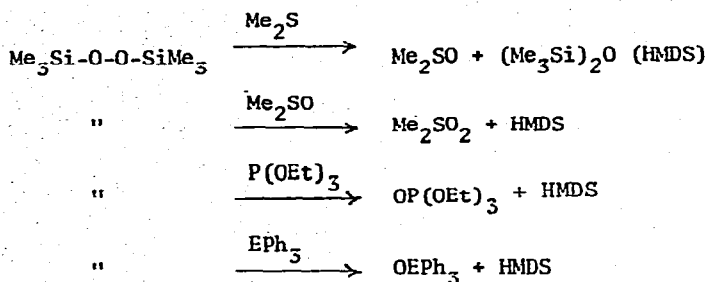


was reached for α -silylmethyl radicals generated from the thermolysis of cumyl triethylsilylperacetate.²¹³

Bis(trimethylsilyl)peroxide was found to undergo numerous reactions not observed with its non-silicon counterpart, di-*t*-butylperoxide.²¹⁴

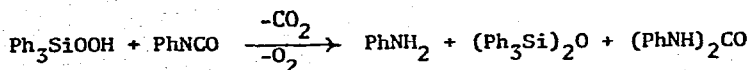


Certain oxidations can also be effected in high yields.

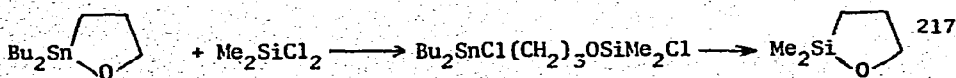
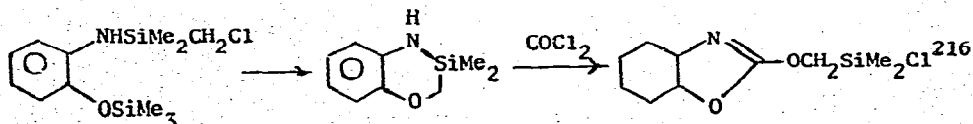
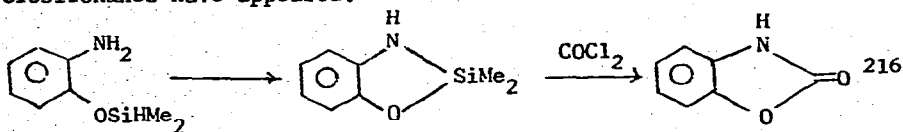


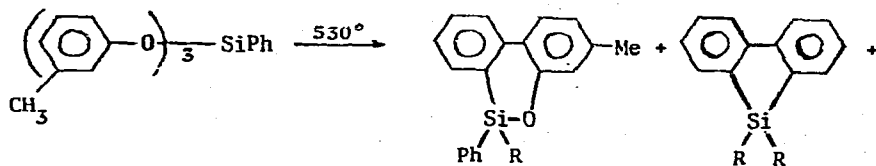
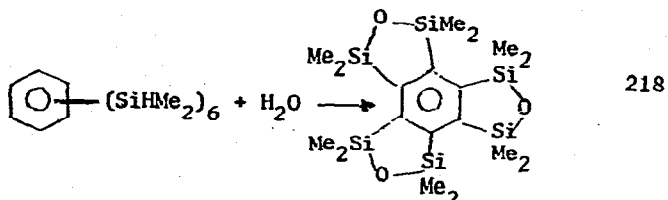
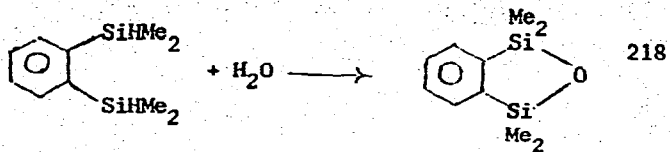
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The reaction of triphenylsilylhydroperoxide with phenyl isocyanate afforded the products shown.²¹⁵

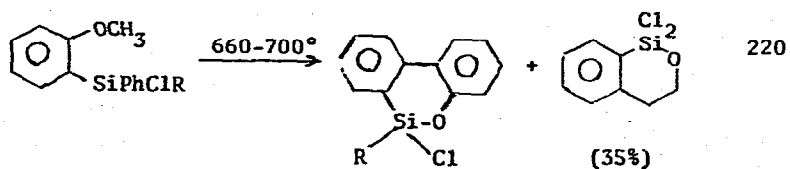
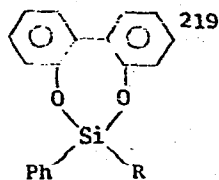


Reports concerning the preparation and chemistry of the following cyclosiloxanes have appeared.





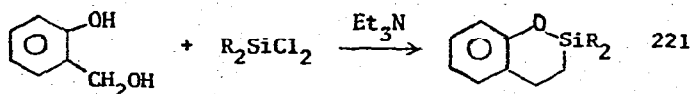
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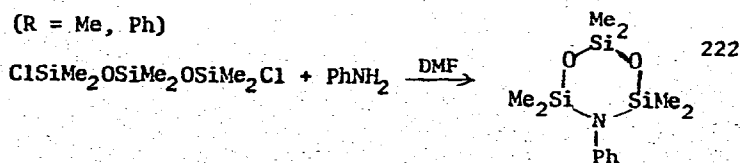
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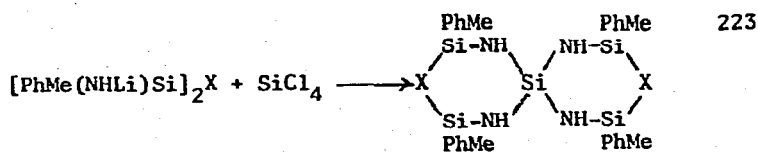
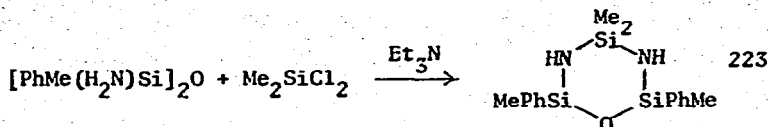
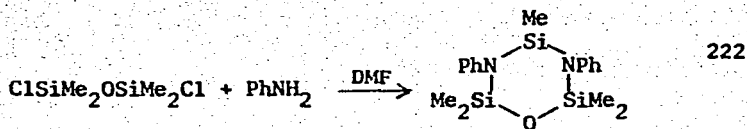
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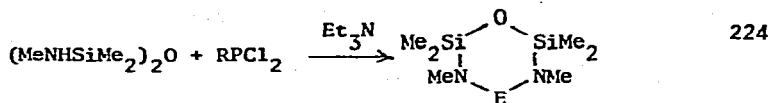


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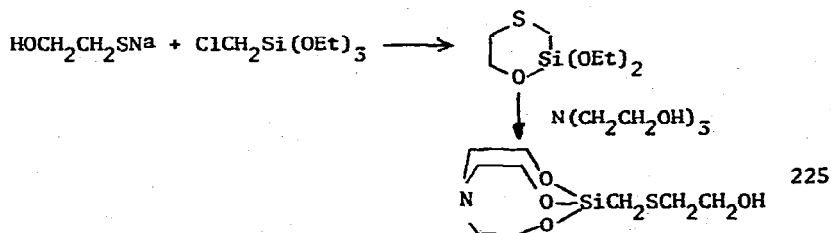
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(R = Ph, Me; E = PMe, PPh)

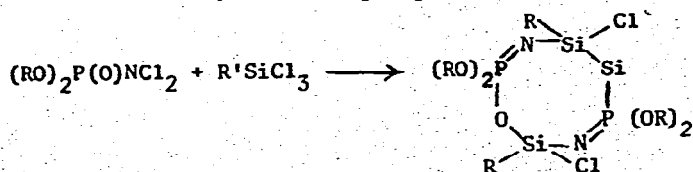
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$\text{MeP}(\text{S})$, $\text{PhP}(\text{S})$ and $\text{MeP}=\text{NSiMe}_3$ were also prepared)

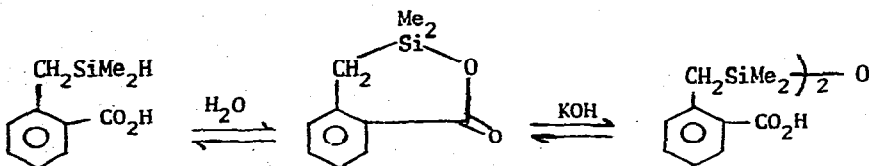
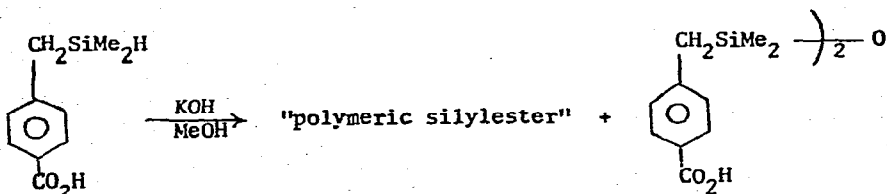
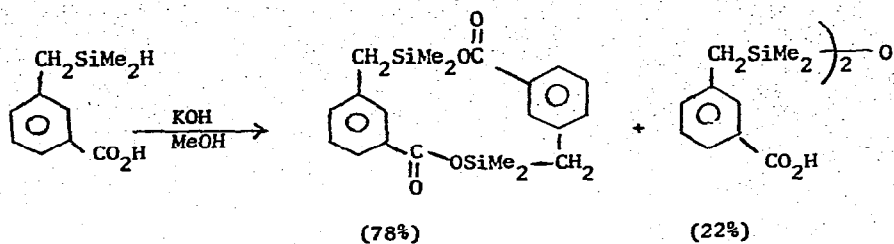


(Other silatranes containing the groups BrCH_2 ,²²⁶ $\text{Br}(\text{CH}_2)_3$,²²⁶ $\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_3$ ²²⁷ and $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2)_3$ ²²⁷ have also been reported.)

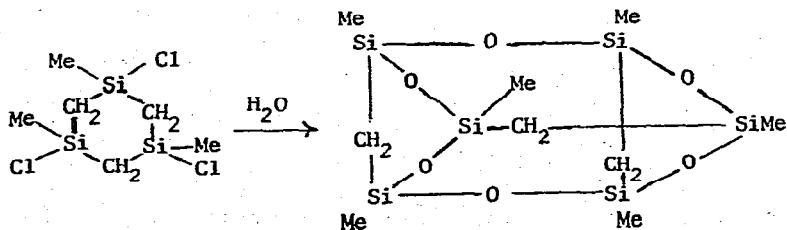
Eight-membered cyclic compounds were obtained quantitatively from the reaction of dialkyl dichlorophosphoramidates with chlorosilanes.²²⁸



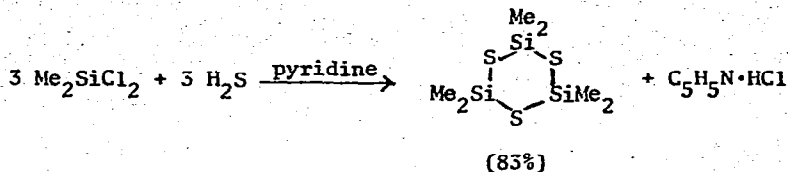
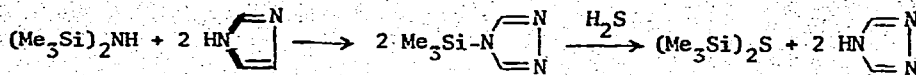
The behavior of (dimethylsilylmethyl)-substituted benzoic acids towards lactone formation has been investigated.²²⁹



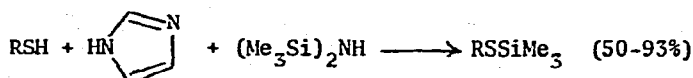
A novel silicon cage compound was obtained from the controlled hydrolysis of $\text{Cl}_3\text{Me}_3(\text{SiCH}_2)_3$.²³⁰



Detailed preparations of hexamethyldisilthiane and hexamethylcyclotri-silthiane are now available.²³¹

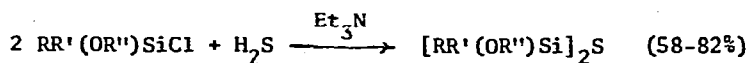


Imidazole catalyzes the reactions of thiols with hexamethyldisilazane, probably via the intermediacy of 1-trimethylsilylimidazole, to afford trimethylsilylthioethers²³²



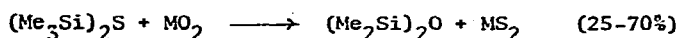
(R = C₁₀H₂₂, Ph, Ph₂CH, C₆H₁₁, (CH₂)₂, t-amyl)

Bis(alkoxysilyl)sulfides were prepared as follows.²³³



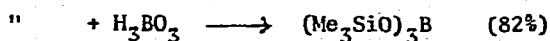
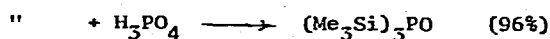
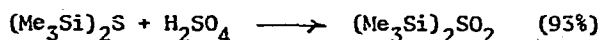
(R, R' = Me, Et, Ph; R'' = n-alkyl, isoalkyl)

Some metal sulfides can be obtained upon treating their oxides with hexamethyldisilthiane²³⁴

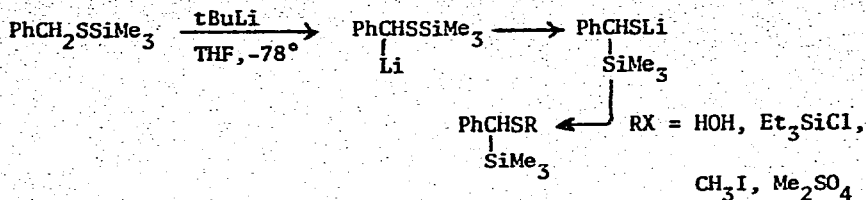


(M = Ba, Pb, Mn)

Both mineral acids and carboxylic acids are silylated in high yields by hexamethyldisilthiane.²³⁵

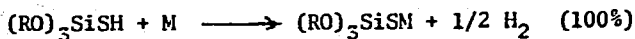


A sulfur to carbon rearrangement is effected in benzylthiotrimethylsilane upon metalation with t-butyllithium.²³⁶ Lithium diisopropylamide

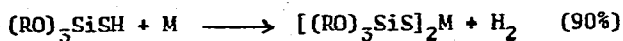


may also be used for the metalation. Small amounts of products arising from Si-S cleavage and Si-methyl metalation were also found in the t-butyllithium reactions.

Various trialkoxysilanethiolates were prepared by the reaction of trialkoxysilanethiols with metals.²³⁷

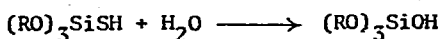


(R = n-, sec-, tert-, iso-alkyl, Me; M = Li, Na, K)



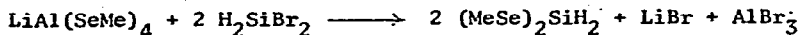
(M = Ca, Sr, Ba)

Hydrolysis of trialkoxysilanethiols afforded the corresponding trialkoxysilanols²³⁸



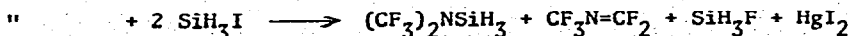
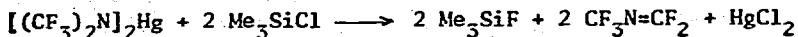
(R = iPr, s-Bu, t-Bu, Am)

The methylselenosilanes MeSeSiH₃, (MeSe)₂SiH₂, MeSeSiH₂Me have been prepared using the following reaction type.²³⁹



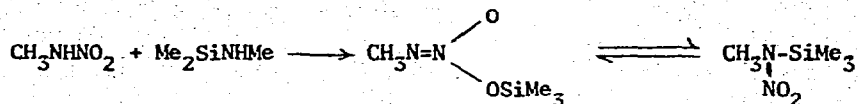
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In contrast to the behavior of chlorotrimethylsilane, iodosilane reacts with bis[bis(trifluoromethyl)amino] mercury to give the previously unknown N,N-bis(trifluoromethyl)silylamine.²⁴⁰

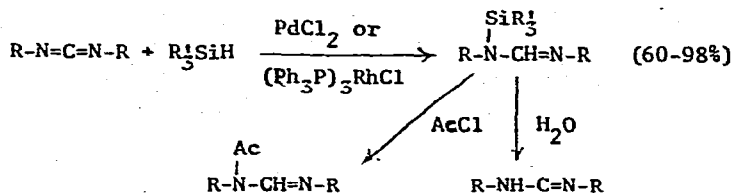


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Silylation of methylnitramine affords tautomeric adducts which are sensitive to hydrolysis. The silver salt of methylnitramine is silylated by chlorotrimethylsilane to afford the same adducts. ²⁴¹

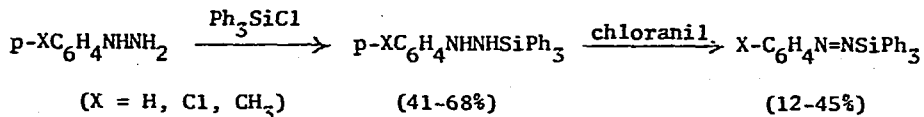


Hydrosilylation of carbodiimides offers a high-yield route to N-silylformamidines. These may be hydrolyzed or acetylated. ²⁴²

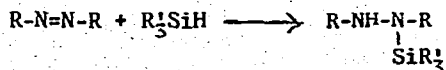
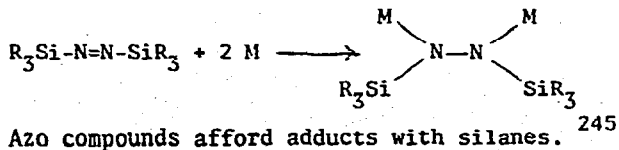
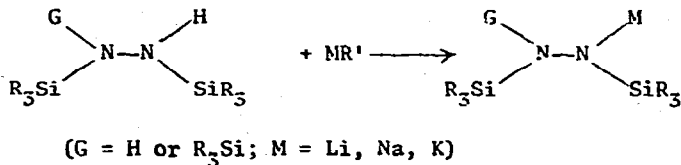


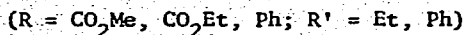
(R = iPr, C₆H₁₁; R' = Ph, Et, Me)

Arylazotriphenylsilanes have been prepared from the corresponding hydrazines. ²⁴³

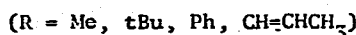
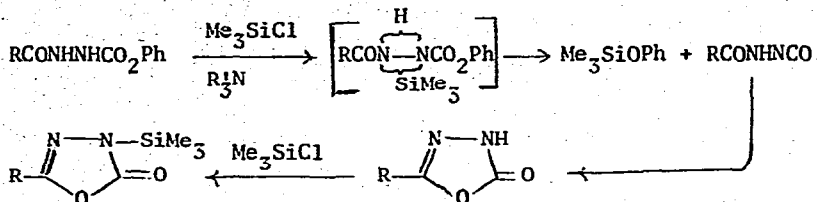


The preparation of metalated silylhydrazines has been carried out by two routes. ²⁴⁴

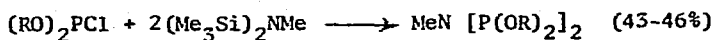
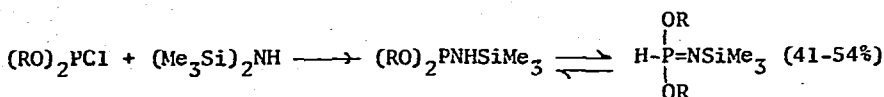




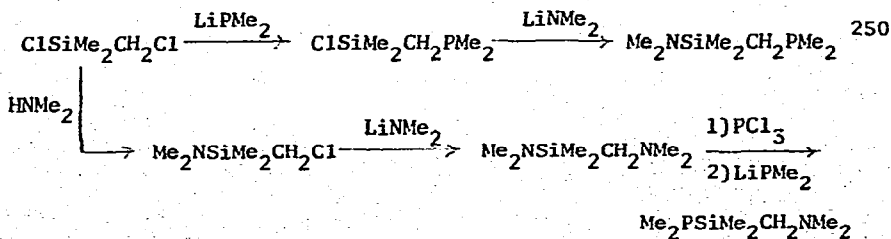
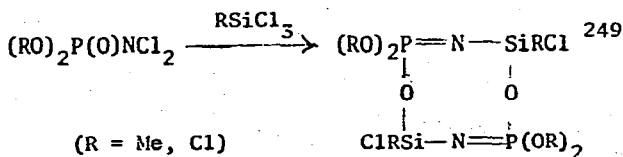
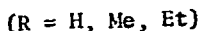
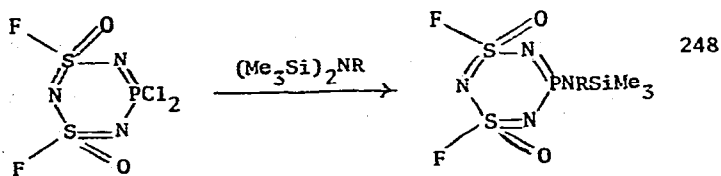
Thermally stable (200-300°C) N-silyl-1,3,4-oxadiazolin-2-ones are accessible as shown.²⁴⁶

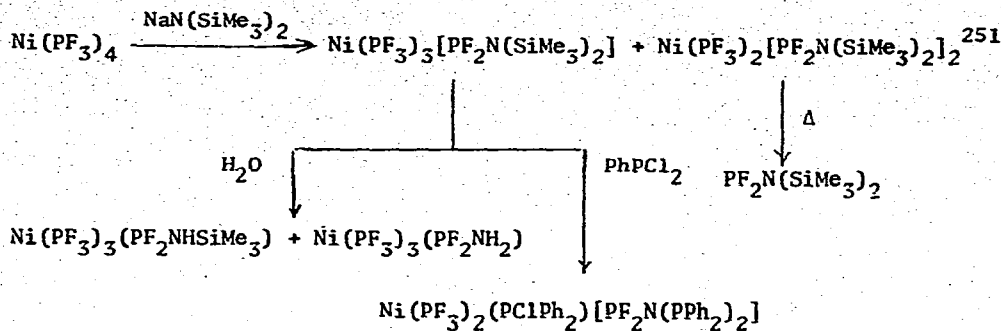


A number of silylated amidophosphates have been prepared.²⁴⁷

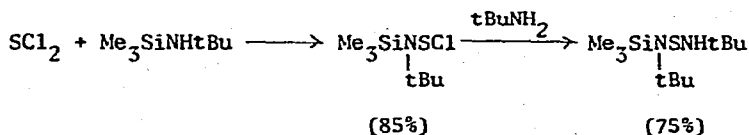


Other phosphorus chemistry involving silylamines is shown below.

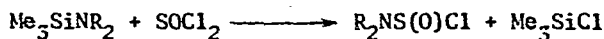




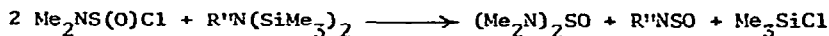
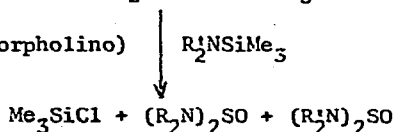
Sulfur dichloride reacts with N-silyl amines. ²⁵²



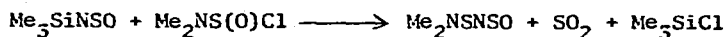
The preparation of aminosulfinyl chlorides and their reaction with the Si-N bond have been examined. ²⁵³



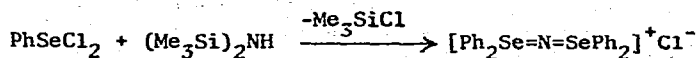
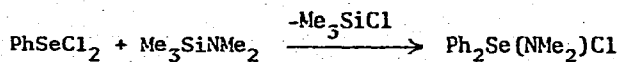
(R = Me or morpholino)



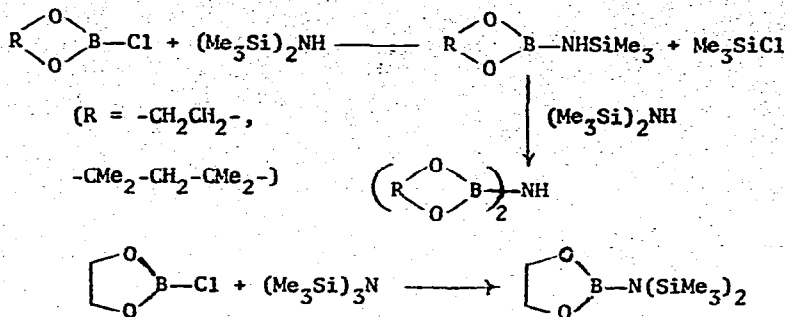
(R'' = nPr, nBu)



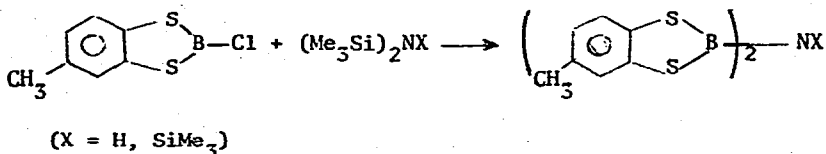
Silylamines are cleaved by diphenylselenium dichloride. ²⁵⁴



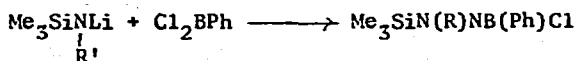
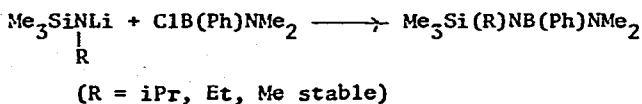
N-Silylated 2-amino-1,3,2-dioxaborolanes and dioxaborinanes are preparable in high yields. ²⁵⁵



The 2-chloroborole shown below reacts similarly with hexamethyldisilazane.²⁵⁶

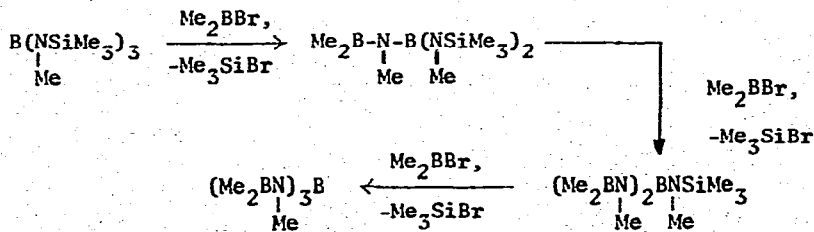


The reaction of phenyl(dimethylamino)chloroborane with N-lithio-silylamines forms stable silylaminoboranes, but the stability of similar products obtained from phenyl(dichloro)borane was dependent on structure.²⁵⁷

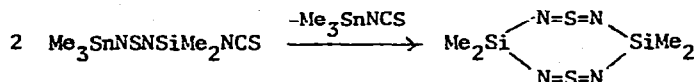
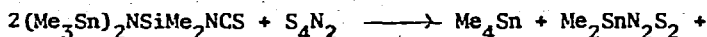
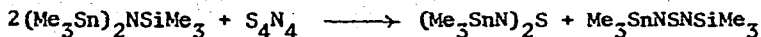
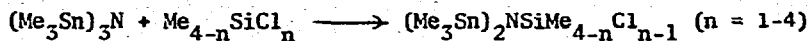


[R' = tBu, iPr stable; Et, Me unstable to give 1/3(RNBPh)₃ + Me₃SiCl]

Stepwise cleavage by Me₂BBr of the Si-N bonds in B(NMeSiMe₃)₃ can be carried out and all members of the cleavage sequence can be isolated.²⁵⁸



Tris(trimethylstannyl)amine reacts with chlorosilanes to form silyl stannylamines.²⁵⁹

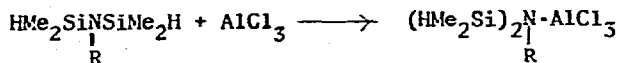


A new 4-coordinate thorium compound containing silylamino ligands has been reported. Attempts at introduction of a fourth such ligand were unsuccessful.²⁶⁰



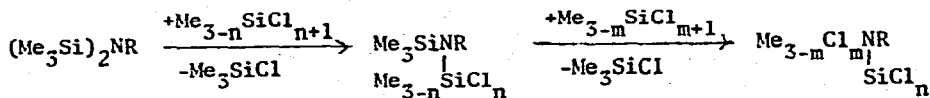
Numerous aminofluorosilanes have been obtained from mixtures of tetrafluorosilane and primary and secondary amines in the presence of dehydrofluorinating agents such as LiAlH_4 , NaBH_4 , B_2H_6 and electropositive metals.²⁶¹

Complexes stable to 100° were formed between silazanes and aluminum chloride.²⁶²



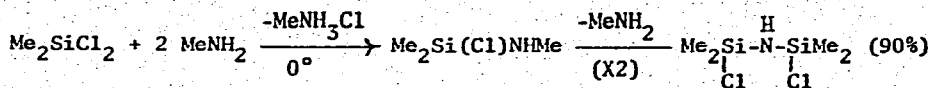
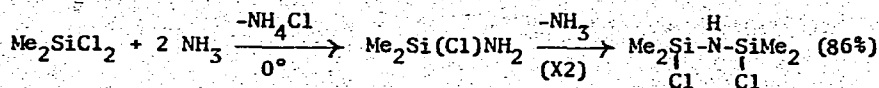
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Disilazanes have been transsilylated by some chlorosilanes; the reactivity order was found to be $\text{Me}_2\text{SiCl}_2 < \text{CH}_3\text{SiCl}_3 > \text{SiCl}_4$.²⁶³



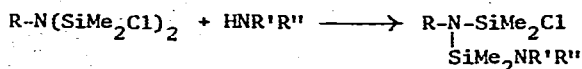
(n = 1-3; R = H, Me)

Simple, high yield, routes to tetramethyl- and pentamethyl-1,3-dichlorodisilazanes have been described.²⁶⁴

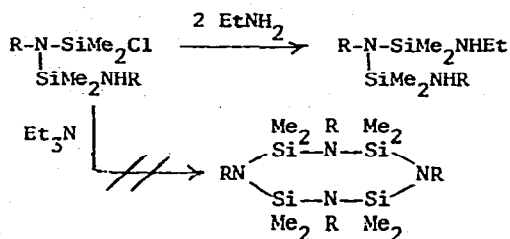


In contrast, ethylamine gives only dimethylchloroethylaminosilane under similar conditions.

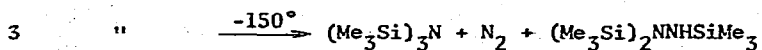
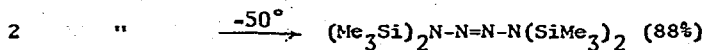
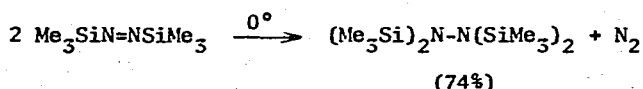
A number of 1-chloro-3-dialkylamino disilazanes were prepared as indicated below.²⁶⁵ These could be transformed into disiltriazanes, but not into cyclosilazanes.



(R = Me, Et; R' = H, Me, Et; R'' = n-, iso-, tert-, cyclo-alkyl)



Thermolysis of bis(trimethylsilyl)diimine has been found to proceed as follows.²⁶⁶

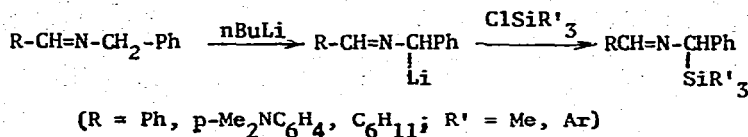


+ (Me₃Si)₂NH + above two products

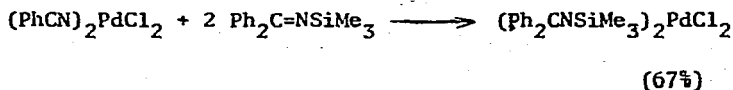
Products containing N-H bonds appear to arise via hydrogen abstraction by intermediate silylhydrazyl and silylamino radicals.^{267,268}

Alkali metals (Li, Na, K) reduce bis(trimethylsilyl)diimine to the dianion or radical anion; the latter is unstable towards decomposition into nitrogen plus the metal bis(trimethylsilyl)amide or the metal bis(trimethylsilyl)amide, tris(trimethylsilyl)hydrazide and azide.²⁶⁹

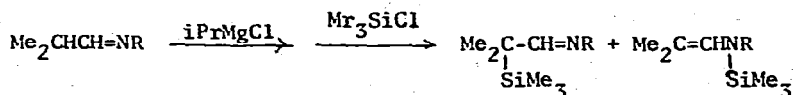
Metalation and subsequent silylation of aldimines afforded a series of C-silylated products.²⁷⁰



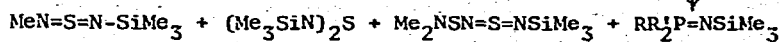
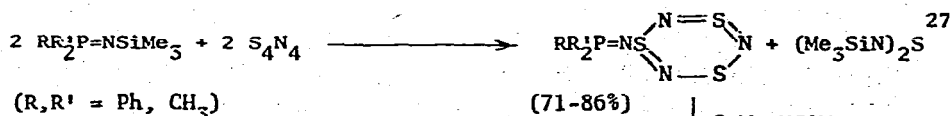
N-trimethylsilylketimine reacts with bis(benzonitrile)palladium dichloride to afford an N-silylketimine complex.²⁷¹



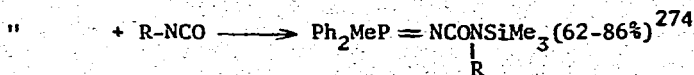
Aldimines can be metalated by isopropylmagnesium chloride. Subsequent silylation affords mixtures of N- and C-silylated products that are interconvertible when heated or treated with halosilanes. The amount of N-silyl material at equilibrium is governed by the steric requirements of R.²⁷²

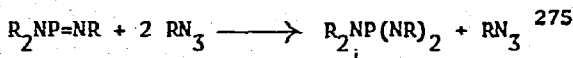
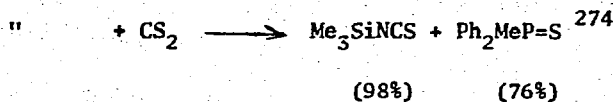
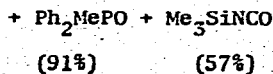
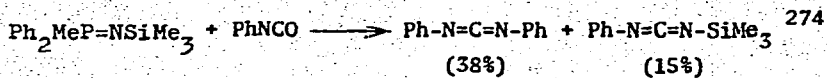


The following silyliminophosphorane chemistry has appeared.

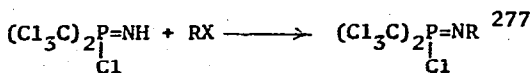
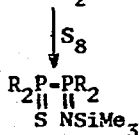
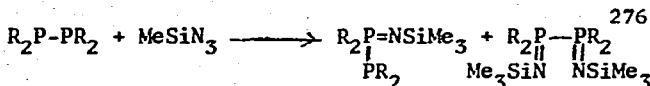
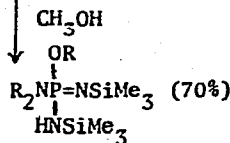


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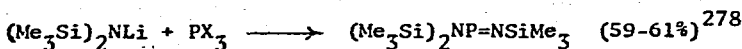




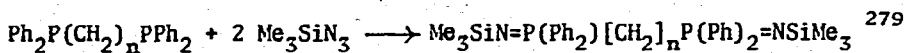
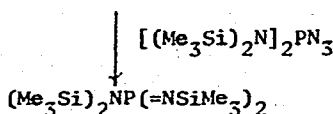
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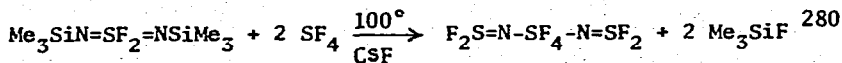
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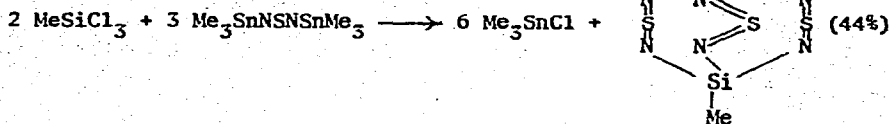
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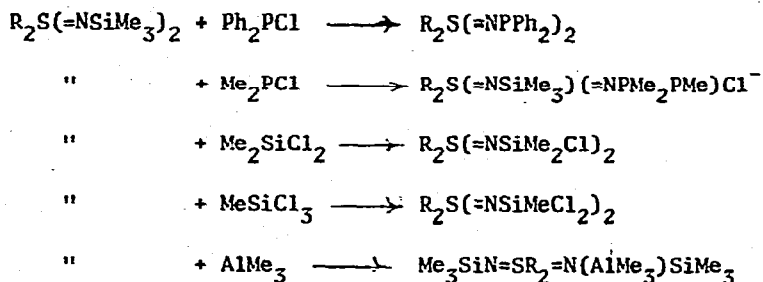
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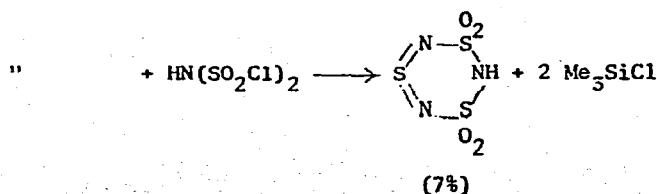
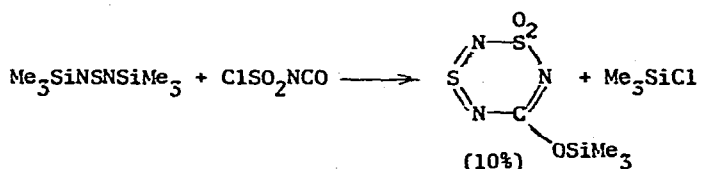
A bicyclic compound is produced by the reaction of methyltrichlorosilane with N,N'-bis(trimethylstannyl)sulfur diimide. ²⁸¹



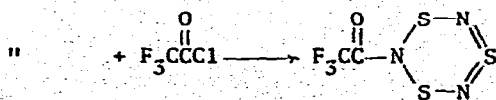
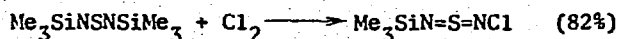
De- and trans-silylation reactions of silyl sulfur diimides proceed as follows.²⁸²

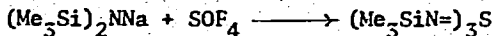
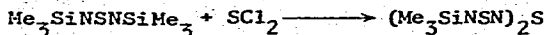


New heterocycles result from the interaction of N,N'-bis(trimethylsilyl) sulfur diimide and chlorosulfinyl isocyanate and imidobissulfonic acid chloride.²⁸³

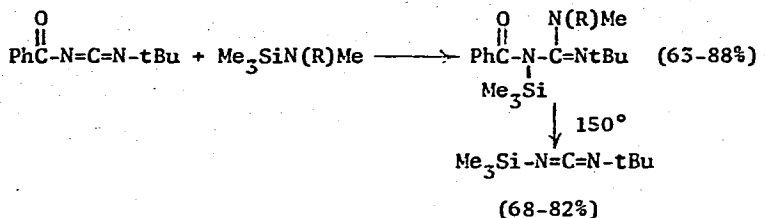


Other reactions of the silyl sulfur diimide are shown below.²⁸⁴

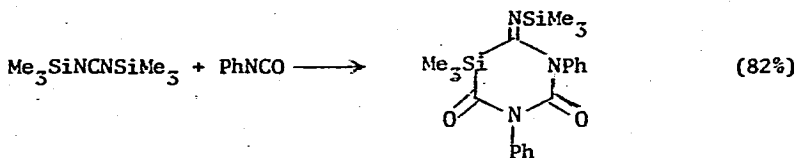




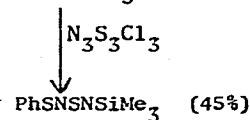
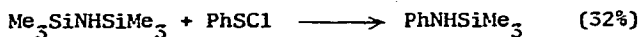
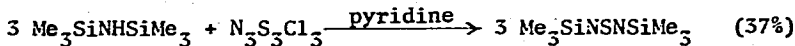
A facile insertion reaction of silylamines with benzoyl-*t*-butylcarbodiimide leads to a preparative method for trimethylsilylcarbodiimide.²⁸⁵



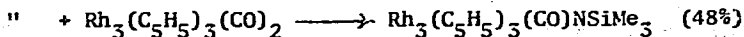
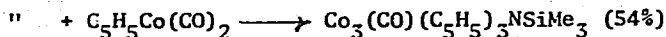
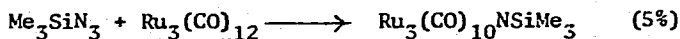
An isocyanurate is formed from phenyl isocyanate and silyldiimides.²⁸⁶



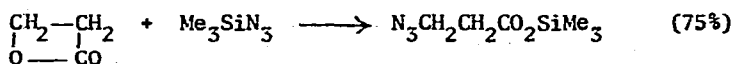
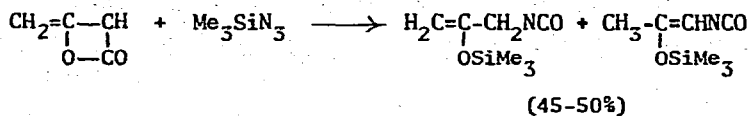
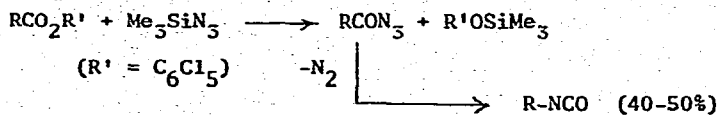
Sulfur diimides were obtained as shown.²⁸⁷



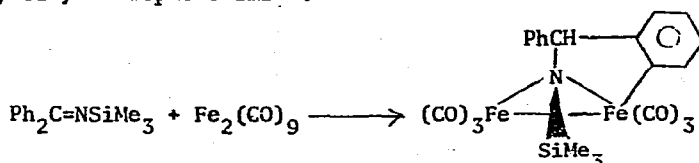
Trimethylsilylnitrene is fixed by reaction with transition metal complexes.²⁸⁸



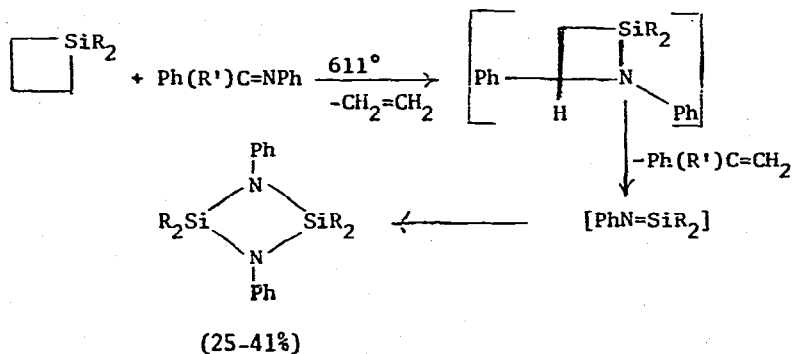
The reaction of trimethylsilylazide with organic esters affords silicon-containing species.²⁸⁹



An iron complex is formed between diironneacarbonyl and N-trimethylsilylbenzophenimine.²⁹⁰

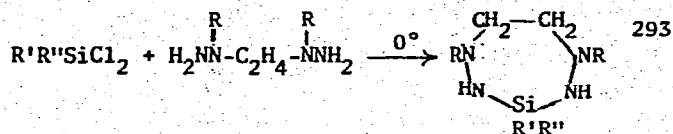


Evidence for a species containing a silicon-nitrogen double bond has been reported.²⁹¹

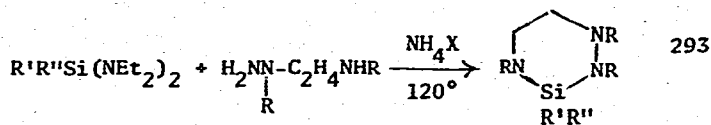


The preparation, characterization, and reactions of a series of isocyanato- and isothiocyanatosilanes and halosilanes have been reported. These are of the form $\text{HSi}(\text{NCQ})_3$, $\text{Si}(\text{NCQ})_4$, $\text{HSiX}(\text{NCQ})_2$ and $\text{HSiX}_2(\text{NCQ})$ (Q = O or S; X = Cl, Br and I).²⁹²

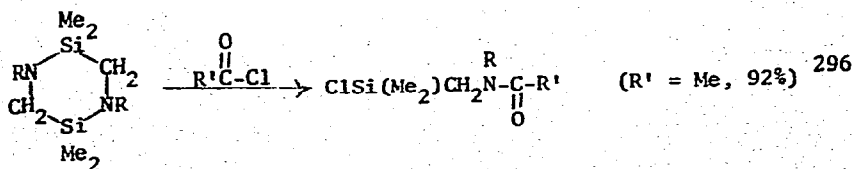
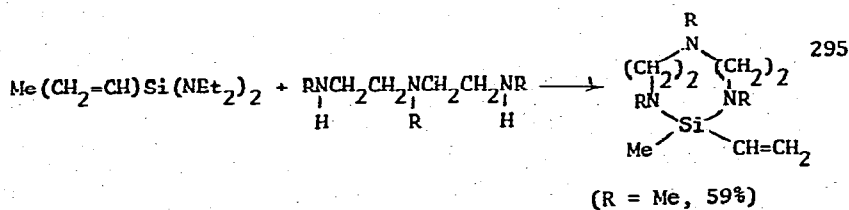
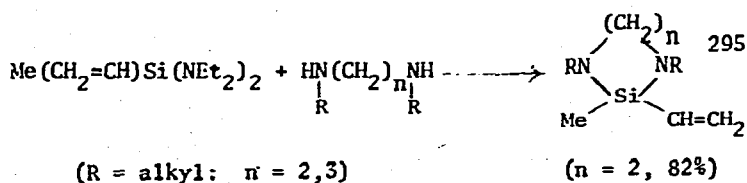
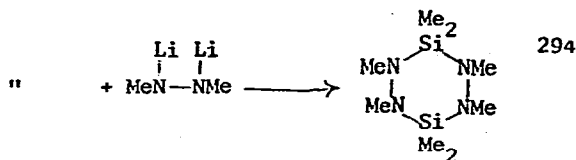
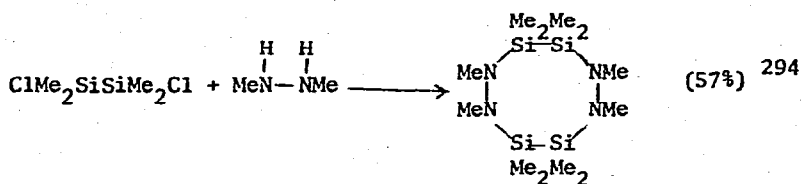
The heterocyclic chemistry of silicon-nitrogen compounds has been an active area of investigation.

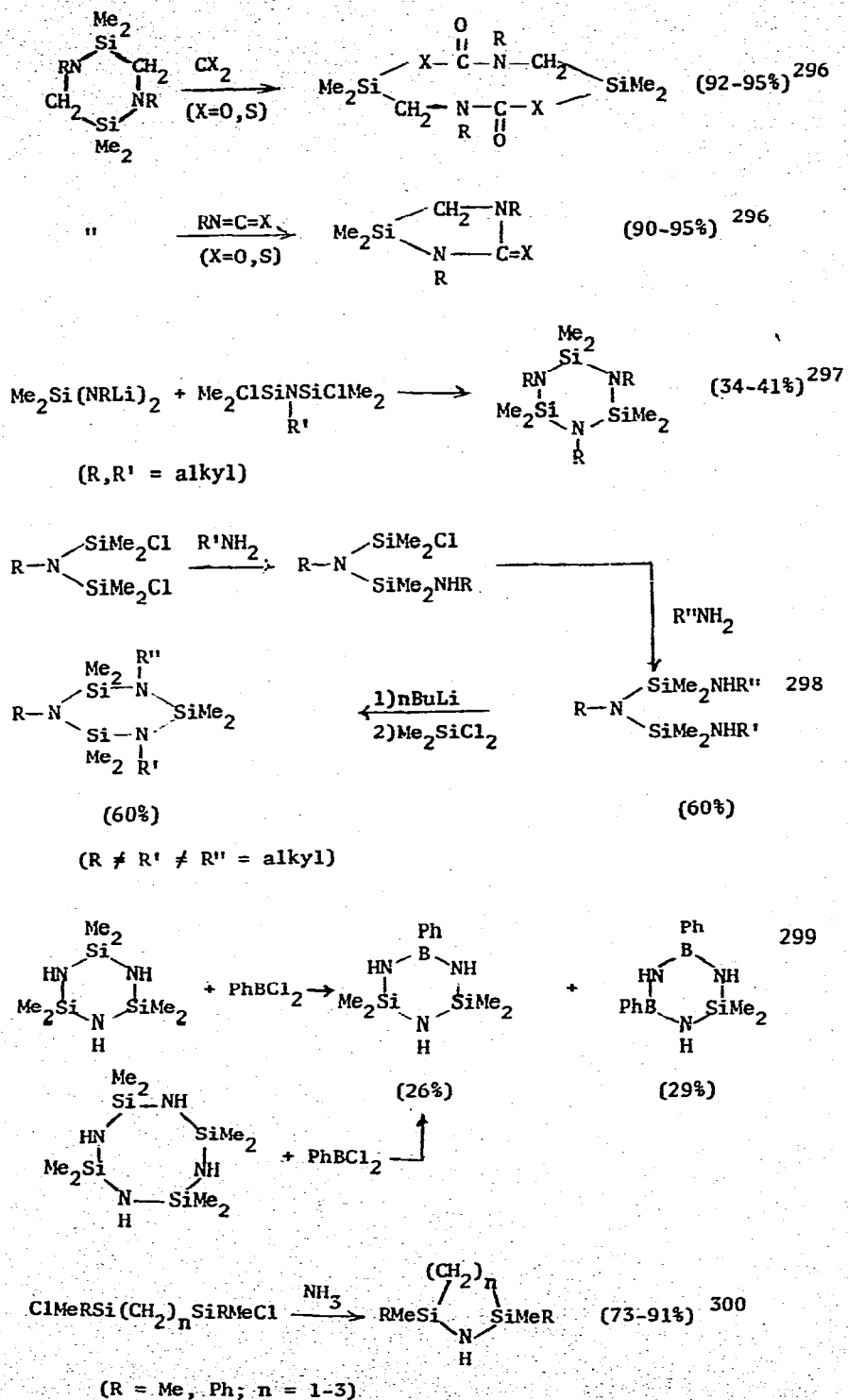


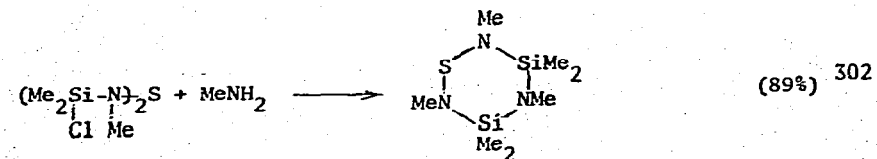
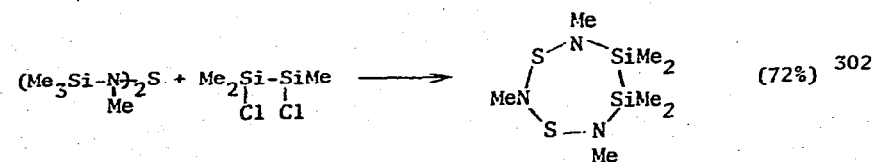
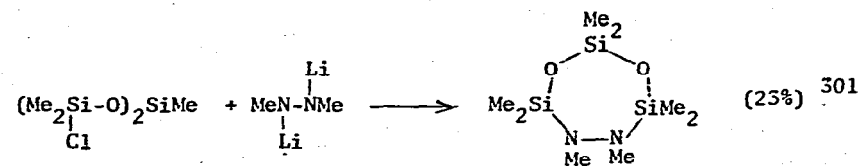
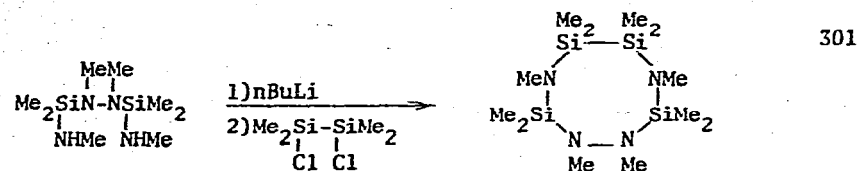
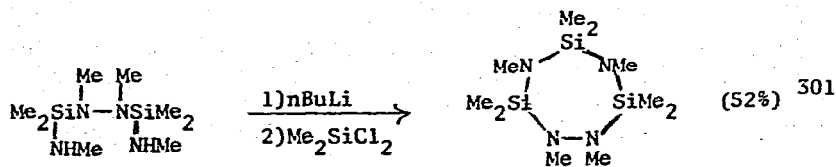
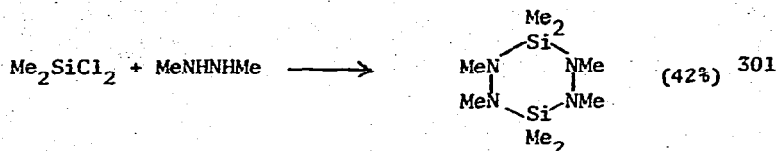
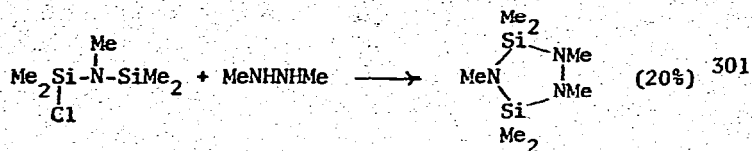
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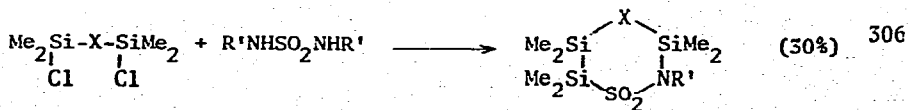
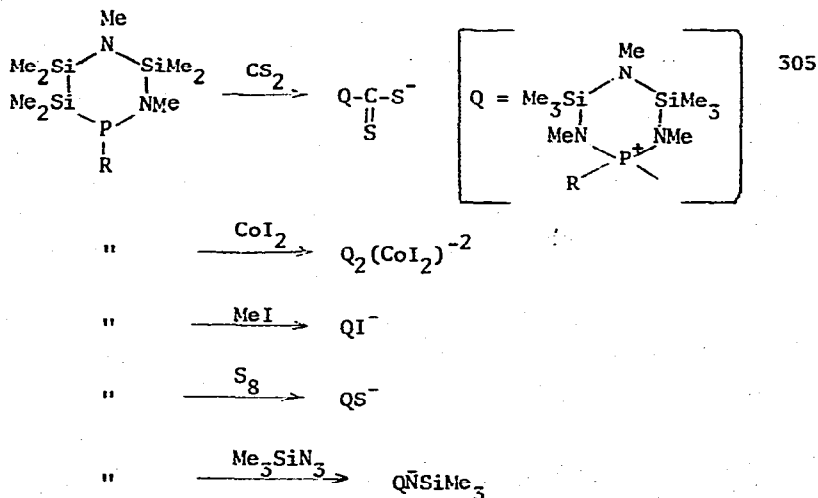
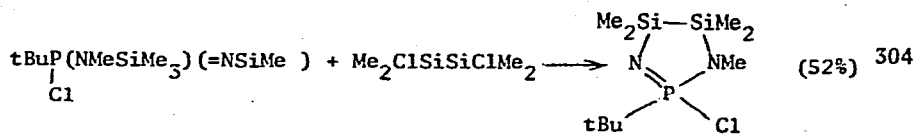
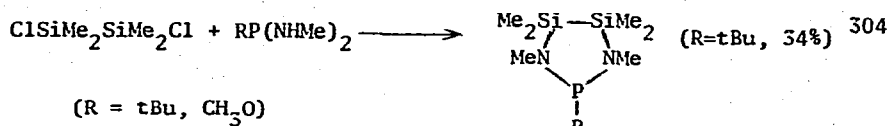
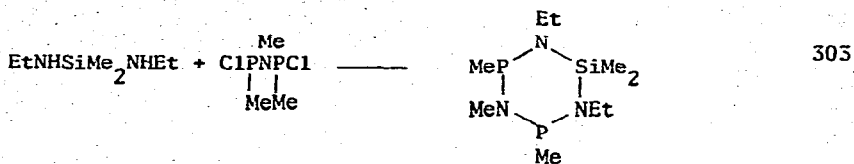


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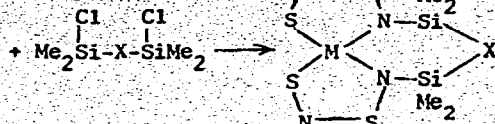
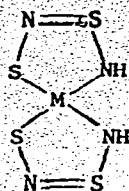




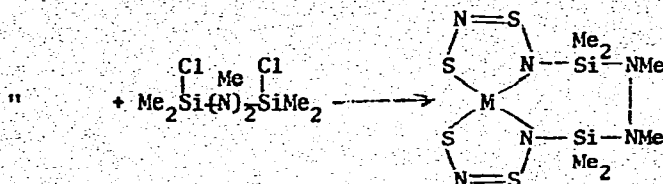




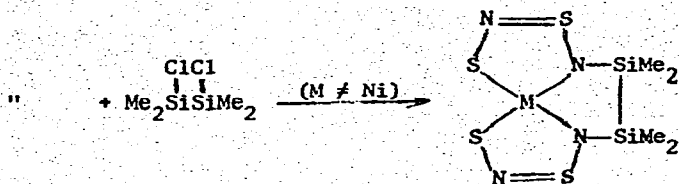
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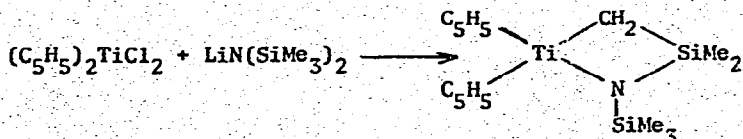


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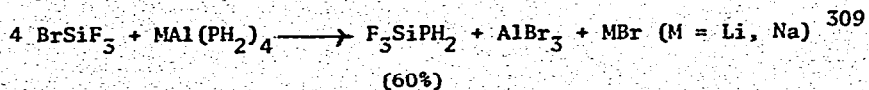
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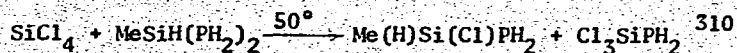
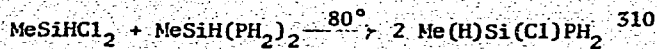
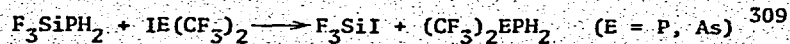


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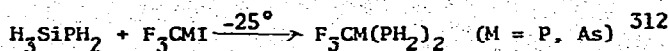
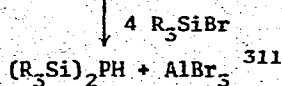
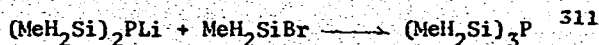
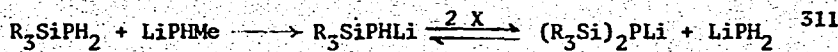
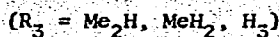
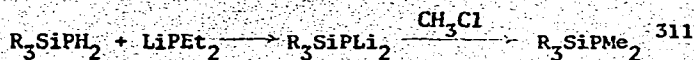
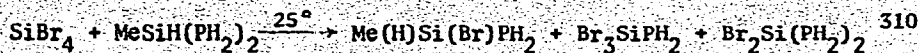
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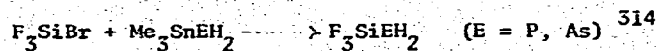
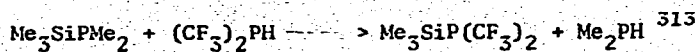
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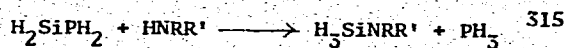
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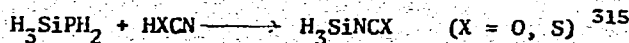
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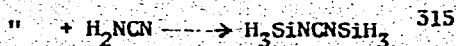
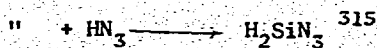
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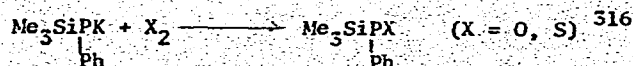
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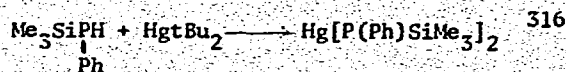
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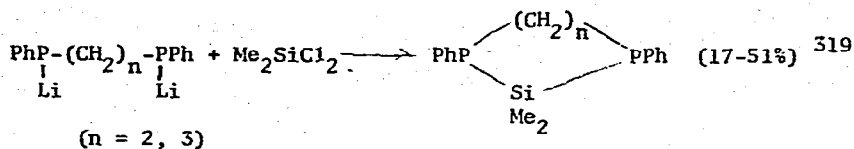
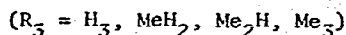
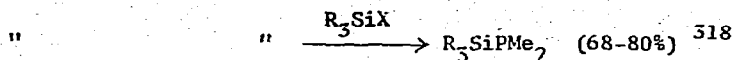
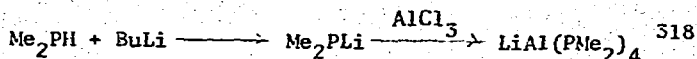
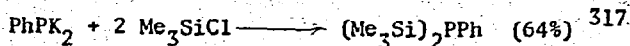
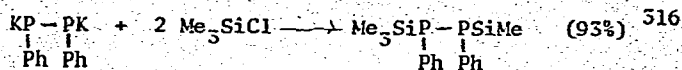


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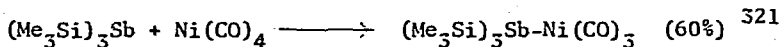
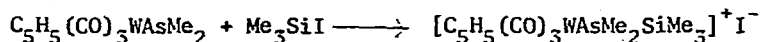
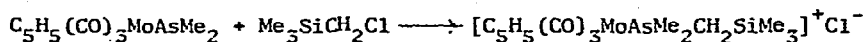


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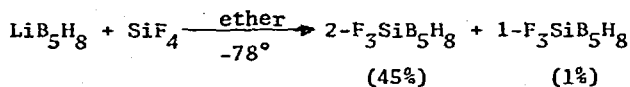


Exceptionally stable dialkylarsenido-transition metal complexes containing silyl groups have been prepared. ³²⁰

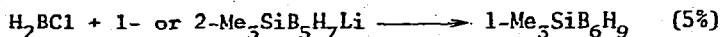


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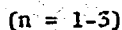
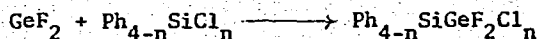
Several trifluorosilylpentaboranes have been prepared and characterized. ³²²



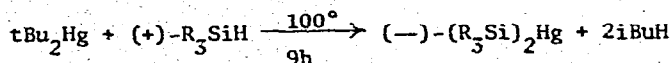
Boron insertion reactions have been used to prepare the first examples of apically substituted hexaborane(10) derivatives. ³²³



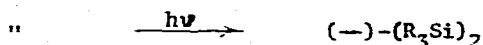
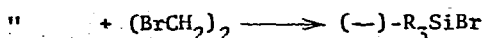
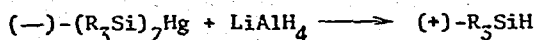
Compounds containing germanium-silicon bonds are formed from difluorogermylene and chlorosilanes. ³²⁴



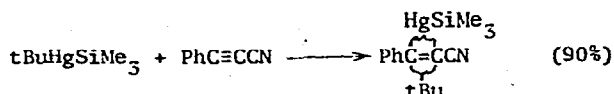
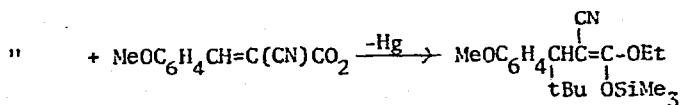
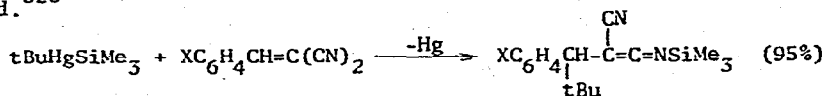
A somewhat improved preparation of an optically active mercurial has been reported, along with some of its reactions which proceed predominantly by retention.⁵²⁵



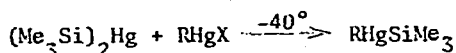
(R₃ = methyl-1-naphthyl-phenyl)



New chemistry of t-butyl(trimethylsilyl)mercury has been investigated.⁵²⁶

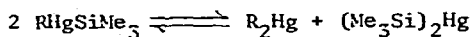


A number of alkyl(trimethylsilyl)mercury compounds have been prepared, and their stability to heat and light investigated.⁵²⁷

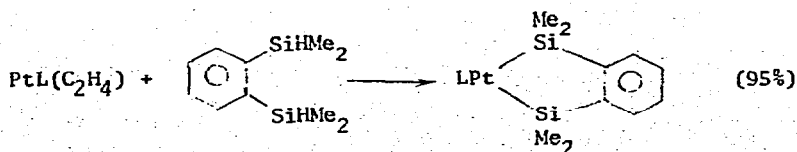


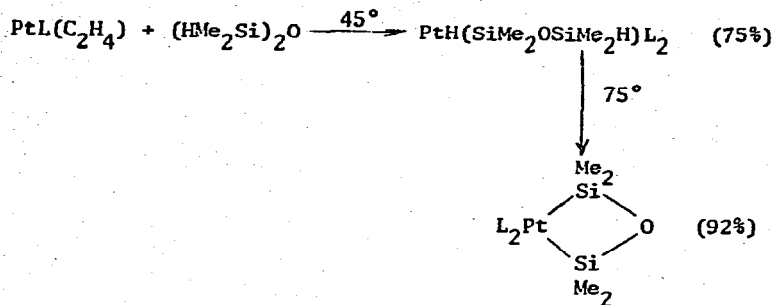
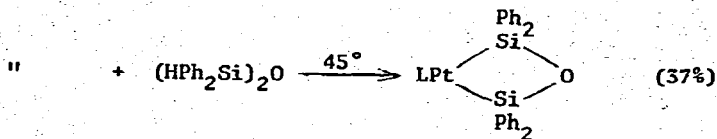
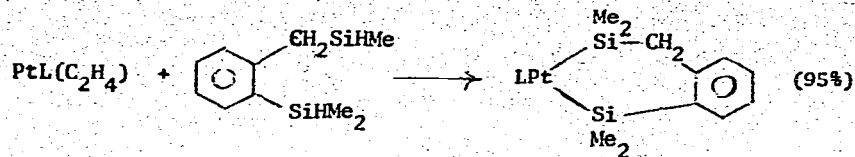
(R = Me, Et, Pr, iPr, tBu)

Conditions for the symmetrization reaction were also discussed.

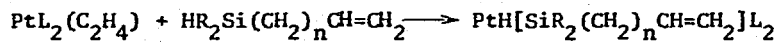
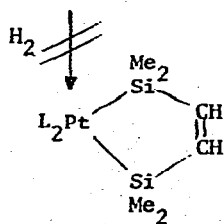
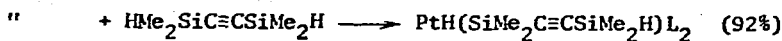
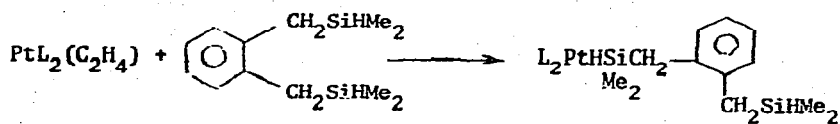


New work on silyl-platinum complexes has been reported. The chemistry of some cyclic compounds of this type is shown below (L = PPh₃)⁵²⁸

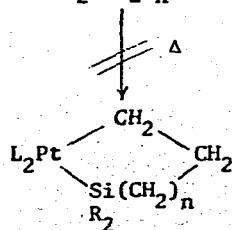


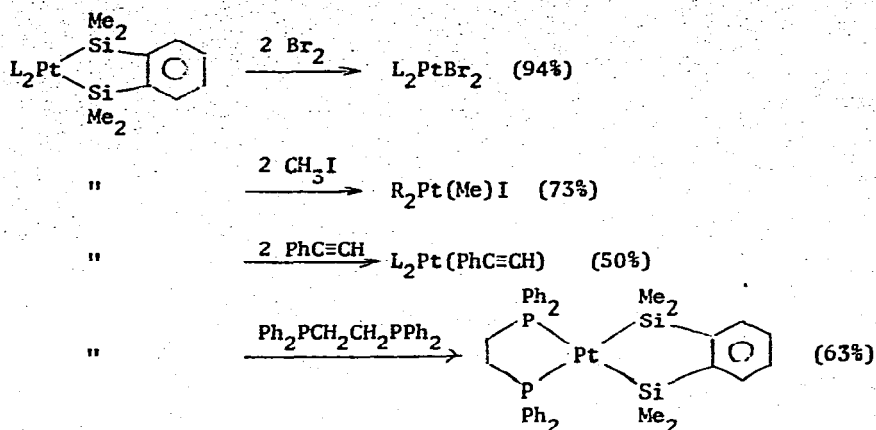


Attempts to prepare 7-membered ring systems only gave acyclic species.

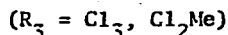
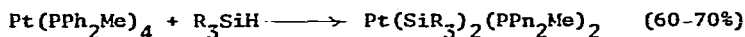
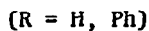
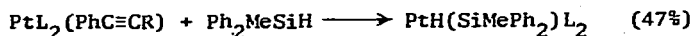
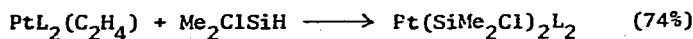
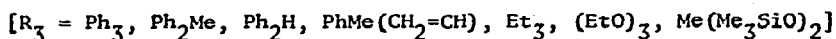
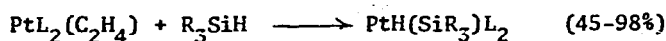


(n = 1, 2; R = Me, Ph)

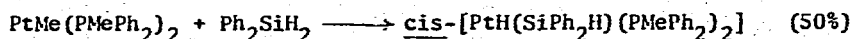
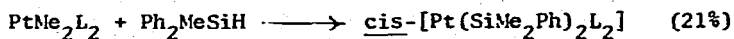
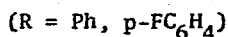
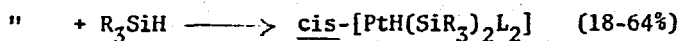
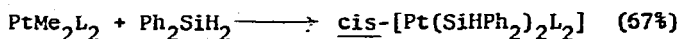




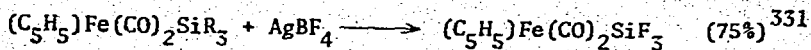
Silyl-platinum complexes containing varied functionality in the silyl group have also been prepared (L = PPh₃).³²⁹



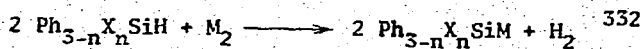
A new method for the synthesis of silyl-platinum complexes has been described. (L = PMe₂Ph).³³⁰



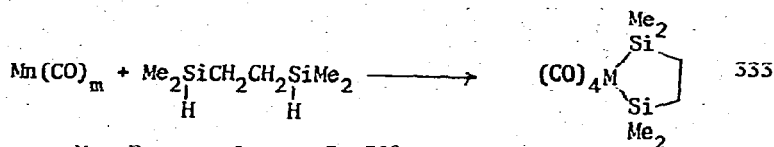
Reported chemistry of non-platinum transition metal-silicon bonds appeared as follows.



(R = Cl, OMe)



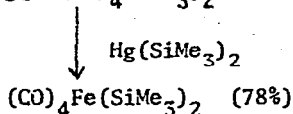
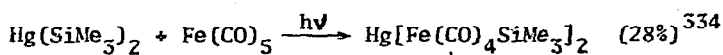
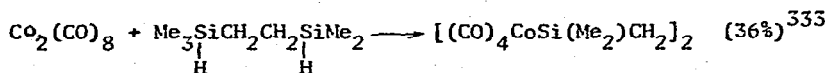
[n = 1, 2; X = Cl, C₆H₅; M = Mn(CO)₅, Fe(CO)₂Cp; the reactivities of these species with C₆H₅Li are described]



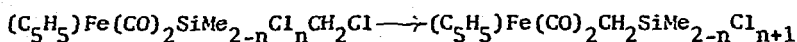
M = Fe, n = 1, m = 5, 51%

M = Ru, n = 3, m = 12, 89%

M = Os, n = 3, m = 12, 89%

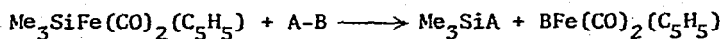


An iron to carbon silyl group rearrangement has been observed under thermal or catalytic (AlBr₃) conditions. ³³⁵



(n = 0-2)

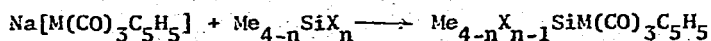
Cleavage of metal-metal bonds occurs when the silyl-iron complex shown is treated with electrophilic reagents. ³³⁶



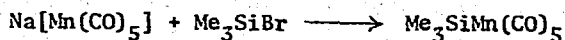
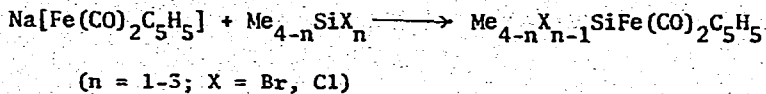
(A = B = Cl; A = B = I; A = Cl, B = H; A = Cl, B = I;

A = CF₃, B = I)

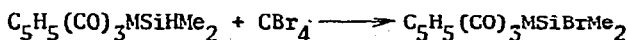
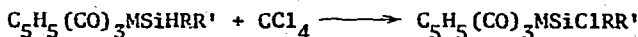
Silyl-metal complexes have been formed by coupling reactions. ³³⁷



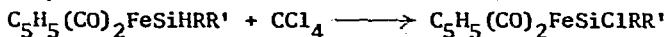
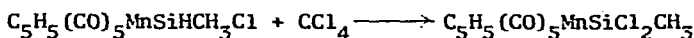
(n = 1-4; X = Br, Cl; M = Mo, W)



A mild halogenation method has been developed for transition metal-silicon hydrides.³³⁸

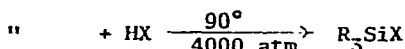
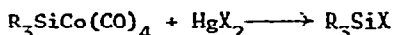


(M = Cr, Mo, W; RR' = Me₂, MeCl, Cl₂)



(RR' = MeCl, Cl₂)

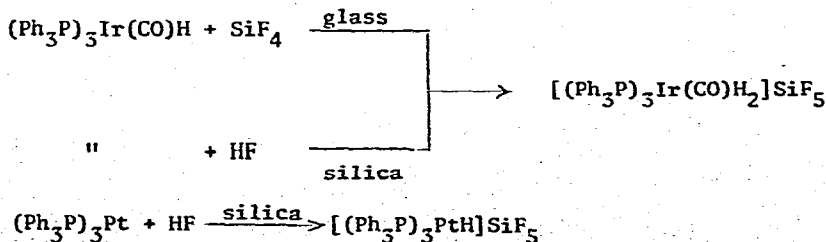
Silylcobalt carbonyls have been synthesized and their reactions with some electrophilic reagents investigated.³³⁹



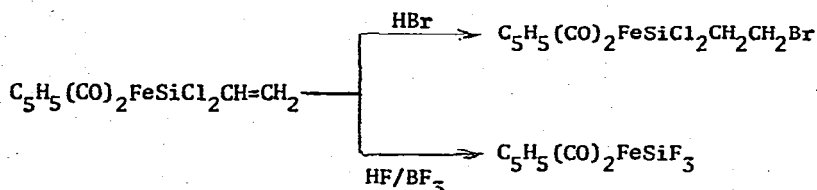
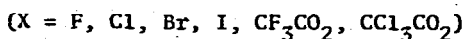
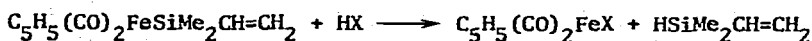
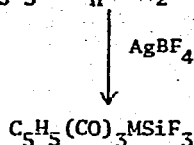
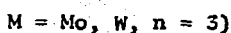
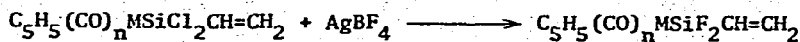
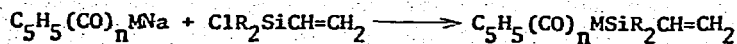
(R₃ = Me₂Cl, MeCl₂; X = Cl, Br)

Reactions of some transition metal complexes with fluorine-containing acids in glass apparatus resulted in the formation of salts.

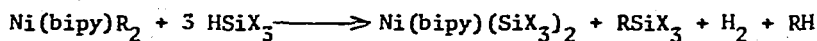
Boron trifluoride affords the tetrafluoroborate analogues of these salts.³⁴⁰



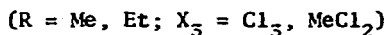
Preliminary results concerning the formation and reactions of vinyl-silyl-metal complexes have appeared.³⁴¹



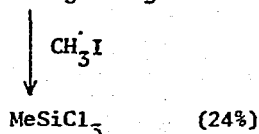
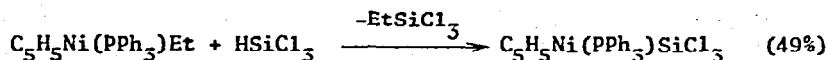
New silicon-nickel complexes have been added to the limited number of this compound type.³⁴²



(85%)



Other hydrides [HSiPhCl₂, HSiPh₂Me, HSi(m-CF₃C₆H₄)₂Me, HSi(OEt)₃] gave no stable silicon-nickel complexes.

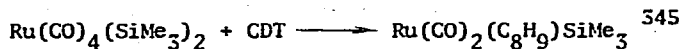


The bipyridyl complexes were inactive as olefin hydrosilylation catalysts. They were also found to undergo Si-Ni bond cleavage with HCl. The dichloromethyl complex reacted with tetracyanoethylene to give a 9% yield of MeCl₂SiSiCl₂Me.

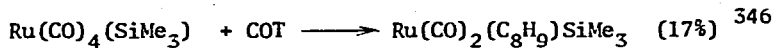
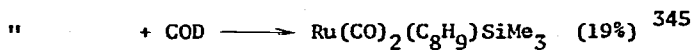
Evidence for the formation of silyl-ruthenium complexes has been reported ($\text{Ph}_3\text{P} = \text{L}$).



$[\text{R}_3 = \text{Et}_3, \text{EtMe}_2, \text{PhMe}_2, (\text{EtO})_3, \text{Et}_2\text{H}, \text{PhMeH}, \text{Ph}_2\text{H}, \text{PhH}_2, \text{cyclohexyl-H}_2]$



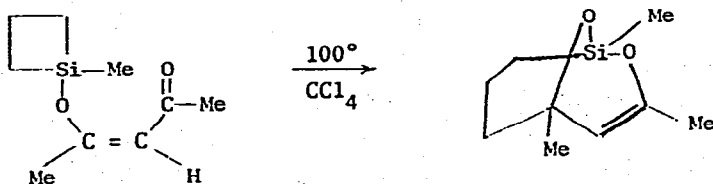
(low yields)



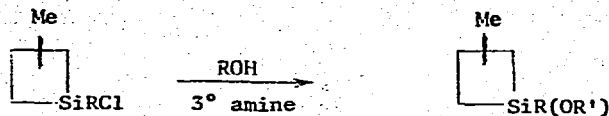
(CDT = all trans-cyclododeca-1,5,9-triene; COD = cycloocta-1,5-diene; COT = cycloocta-1,3,5- and 1,3,6-trienes; Ru complexes free of silicon were also obtained as products).

VI. SILACYCLIC COMPOUNDS

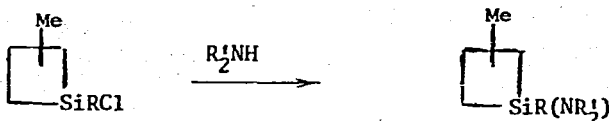
A silacyclobutane has been shown to undergo ring opening by internal nucleophilic displacement.³⁴⁷



Stereoselective syntheses (60-90%) of some silacyclobutanes were achieved by alcoholysis or aminolysis of 2- or 3-methyl-1-chloro-1-silacyclobutanes.³⁴⁸

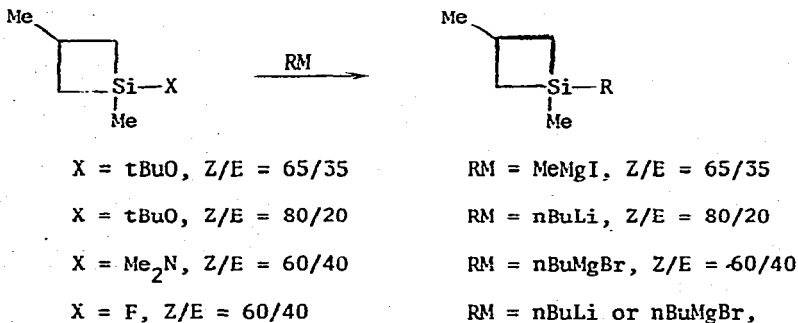
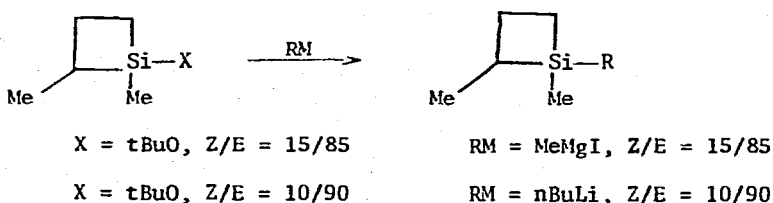


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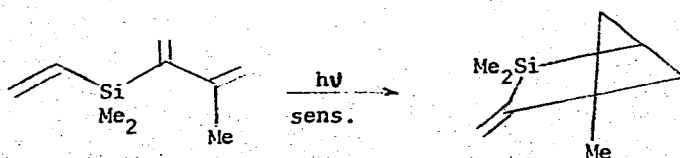
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Reactions between organolithium or Grignard reagents and t-butoxy-dimethylamino- and fluorosilyl methyl-substituted silacyclobutanes have been investigated.³⁴⁹

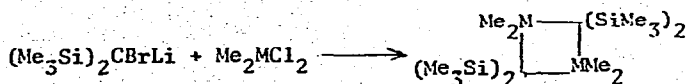


Z/E = 55/45

Photolysis of 2,4,4-trimethyl-4-sila-3-methylene-1,5-hexadiene led to the formation of a silabicyclic photoproduct. Other trienes did not undergo cyclization.³⁵⁰

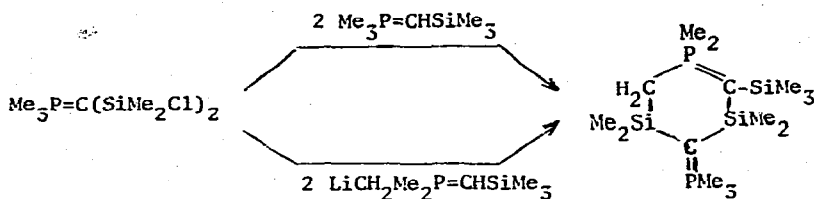
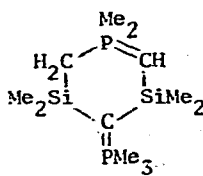
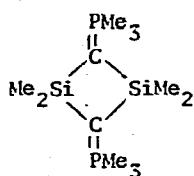
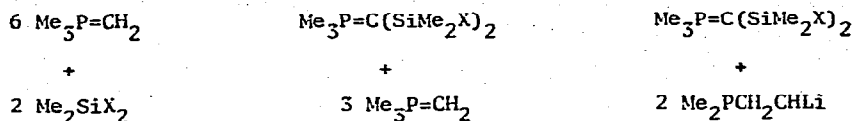


A series of 1,3-di-(Group IV)-metalloidal cyclobutanes has been prepared by a novel route.³⁵¹

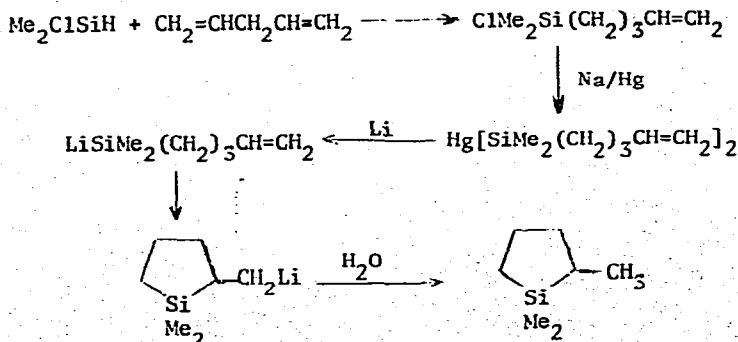


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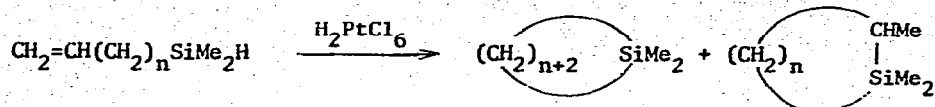
Acyclic ylids have been used as precursors to silacyclic ylids.³⁵²



A new route to 5-membered silacycles utilizing the intramolecular addition of a silyllithium to a C=C bond has been developed.³⁵³

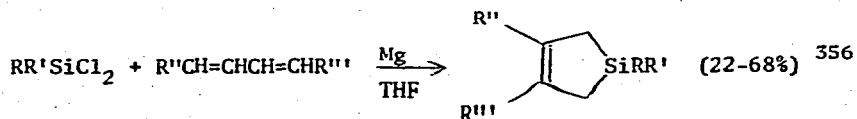
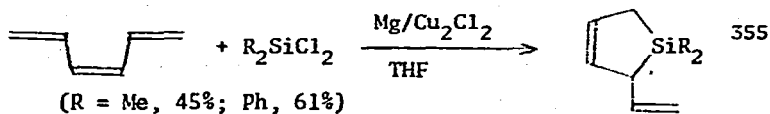


The effect of ring size on the utility of chloroplatinic acid-catalyzed intramolecular cyclization of alkenylsilanes has been examined. 354



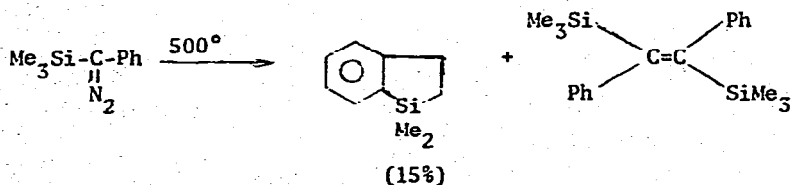
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n = 2	46	100	0
n = 3	58	10	90
n = 4	70	48	52
n = 5	16	46	54
n = 6	2	0	100

Silacyclopentenes have been obtained from chlorosilanes and conjugated dienes or trienes.

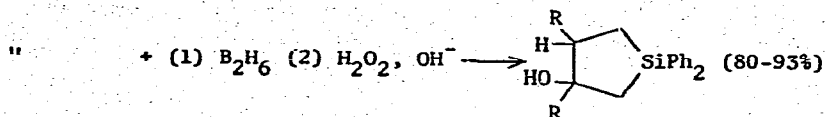
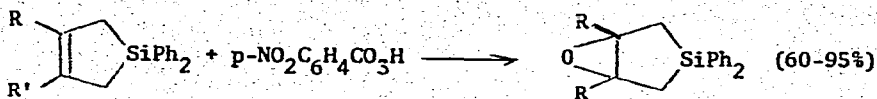


(R, R' = Me, Ph, H, vinyl, allyl; R'', R''' = H, Me; the use of HMPT as co-solvent increases yields).

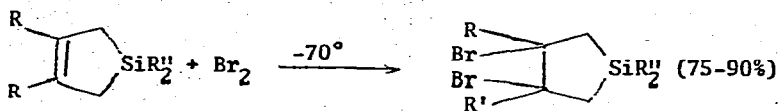
Thermolysis of an α -diazosilane affords a benzosilacyclopentene. 357



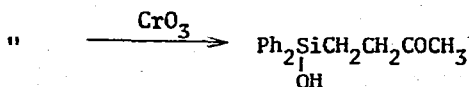
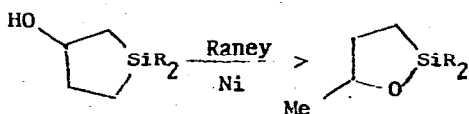
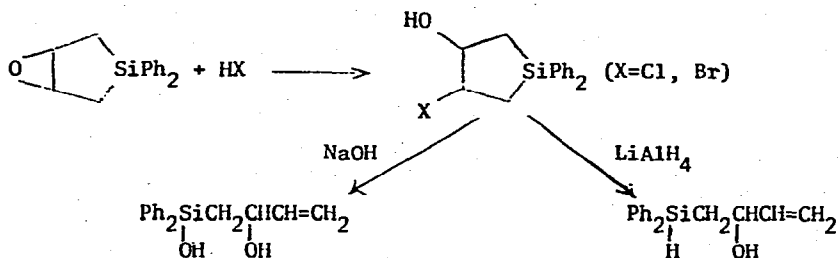
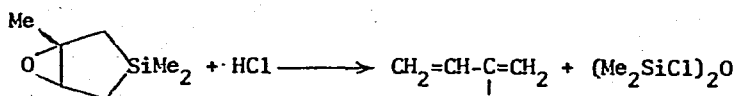
The reactivity of silacyclopentenes towards a number of reagents has been investigated. 358



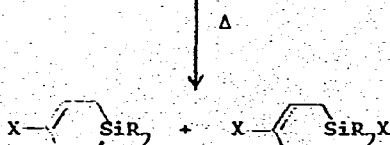
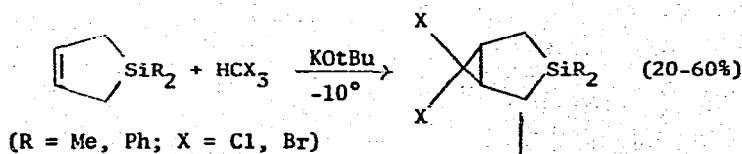
(R, R' = H, H; H, Me; Me, Me)



(R, R' = H, H; Me, Me; R'' = Me or Ph)

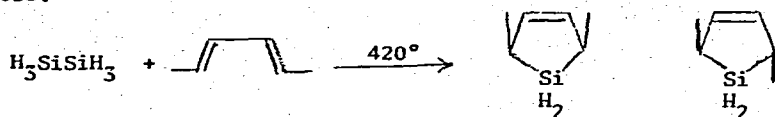


Silabicyclics are formed by the addition of dihalocarbenes to 1-silacyclopent-3-enes. The thermolysis of these species was investigated. ³⁵⁹

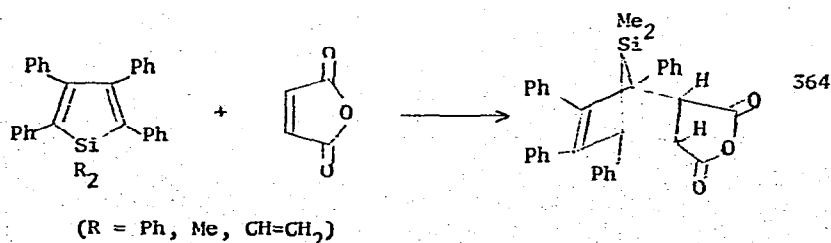
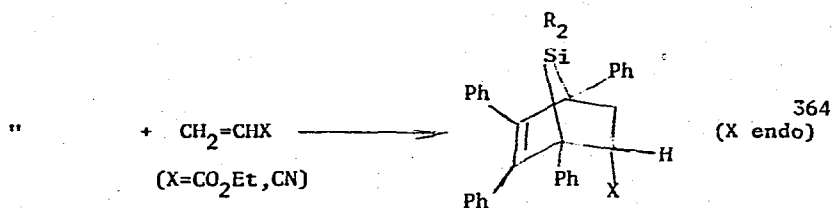
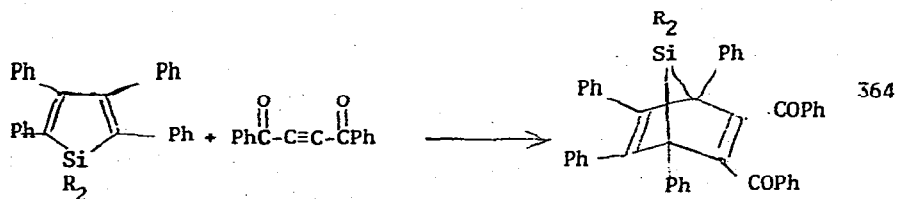
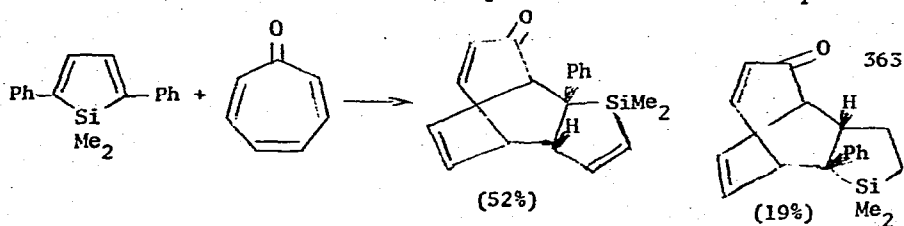


Silylene, generated from neutron irradiation of PH_3 , has been found to react with 1,3-butadiene to form silacyclopent-3-ene.^{360,361}

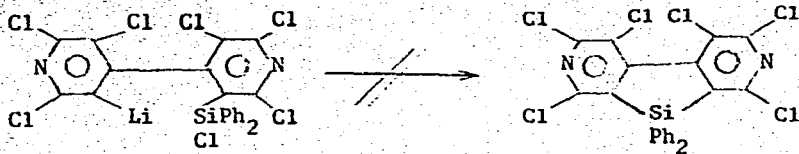
Thermally generated silylene (from disilane) reacted with trans, trans-2,4 hexadiene to afford a 1:1 mixture of silacyclopentene stereoisomers.³⁶²



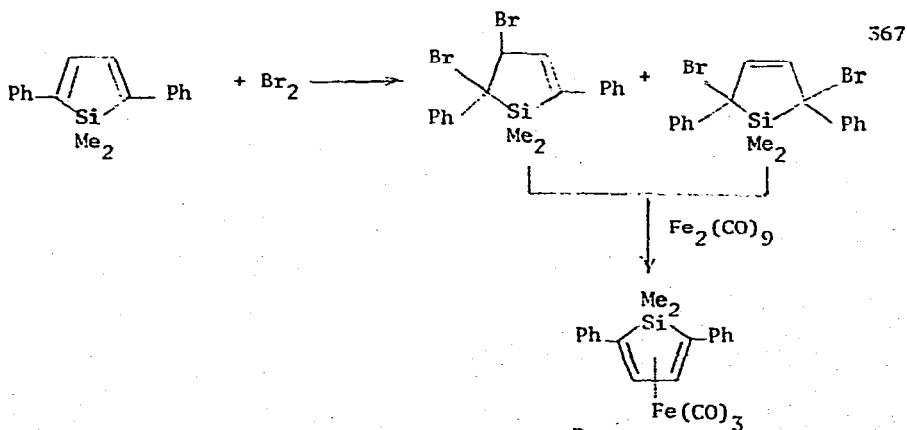
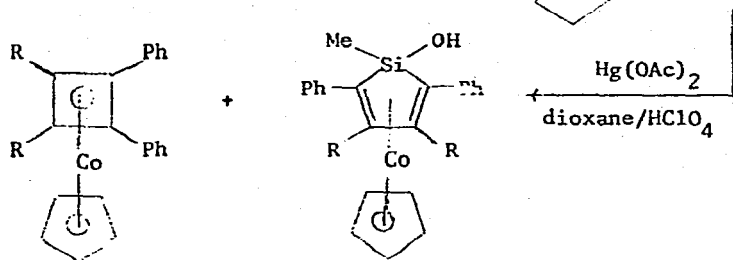
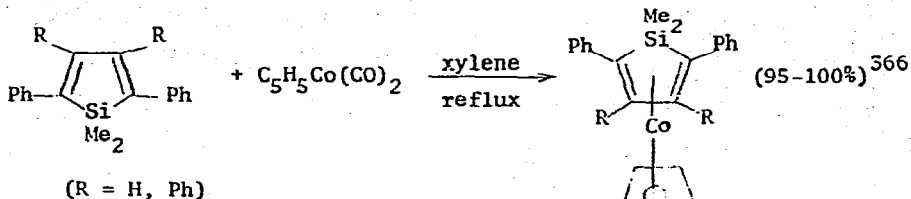
Cycloaddition reactions of silacyclopentadienes have been reported.

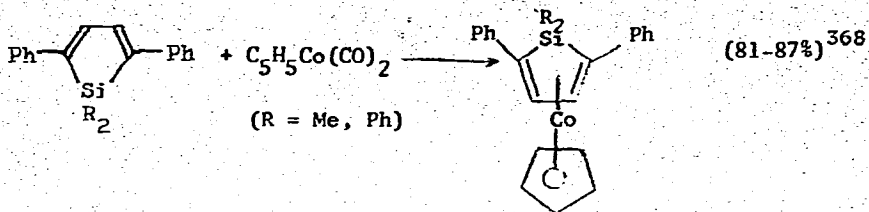


Attempts at the ring closure of perchlorobipyridyl chlorosilanes were unsuccessful.³⁶⁵

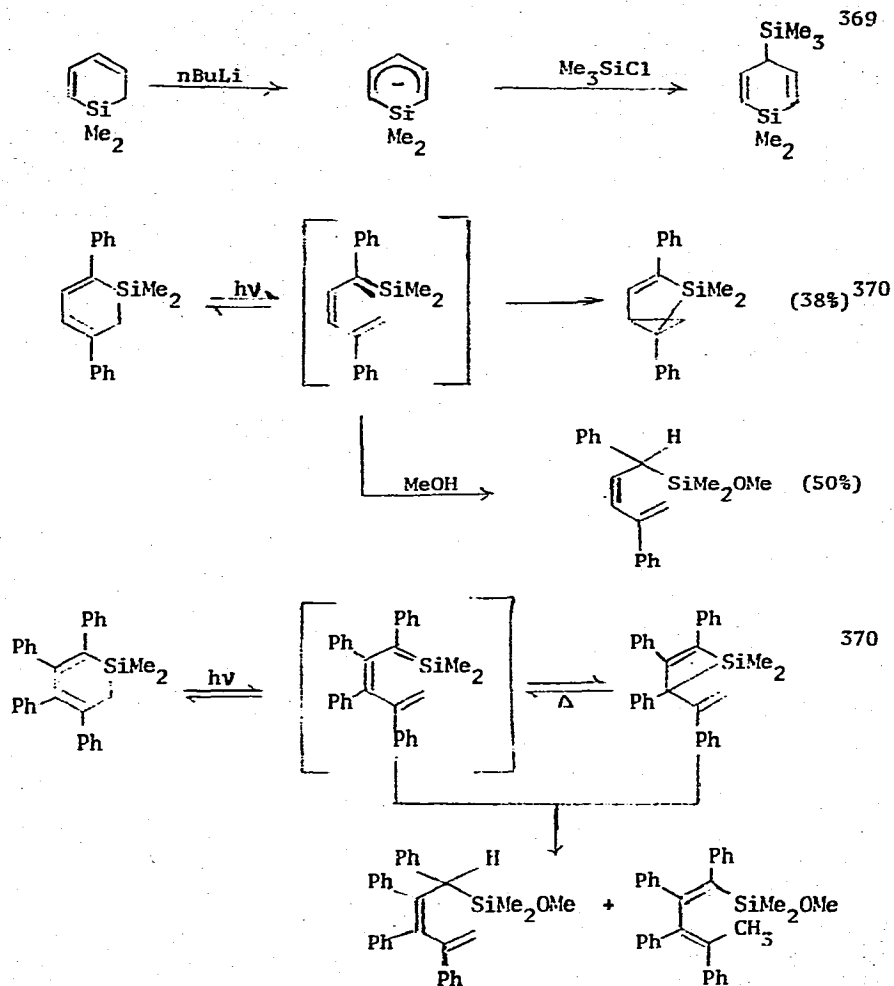


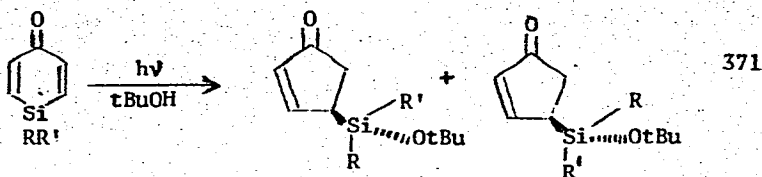
A number of transition metal complexes employing the silacyclopentadiene ring as ligand have been reported.





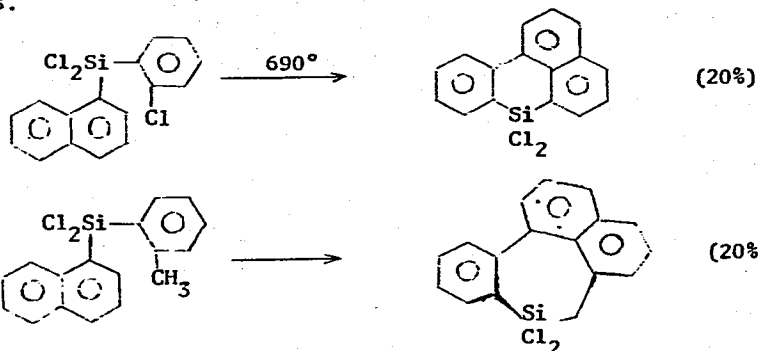
The following chemistry of silacyclohexadienes has appeared.



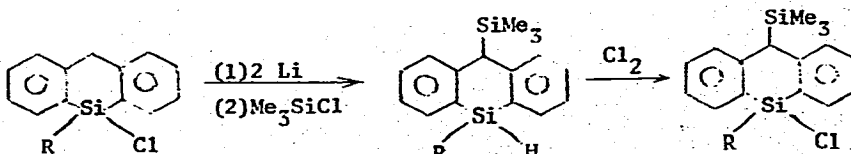
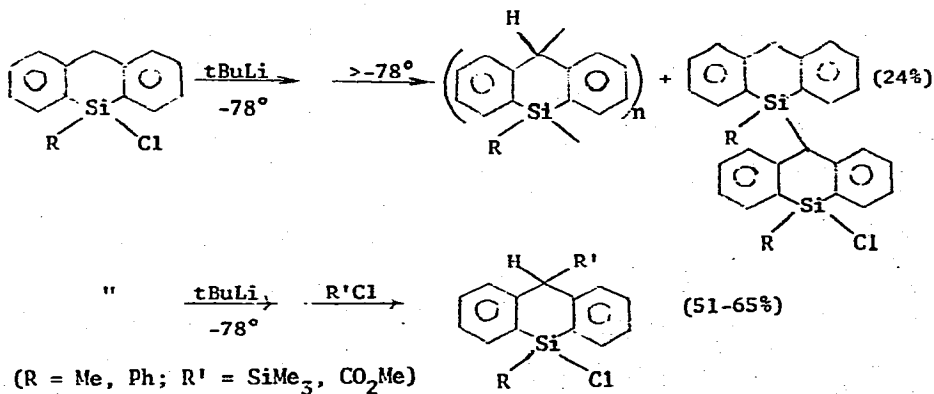


(R, R; = Me, Me; Ph, Ph; Me, Ph)

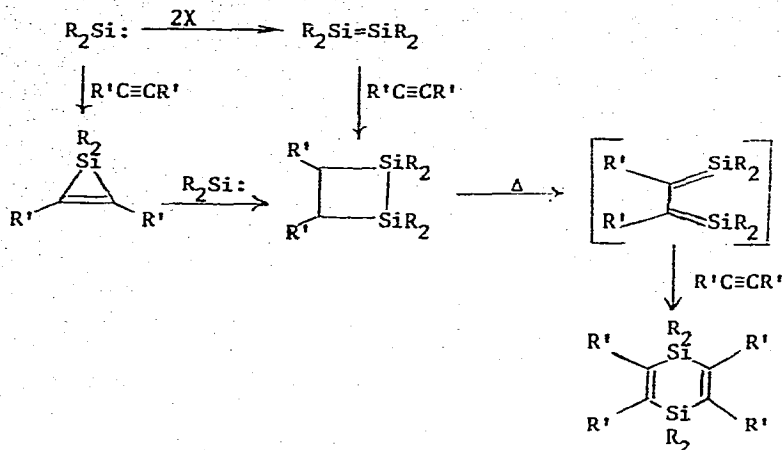
Thermolysis of arylsilanes affords polynuclear silicon-containing compounds.³⁷²



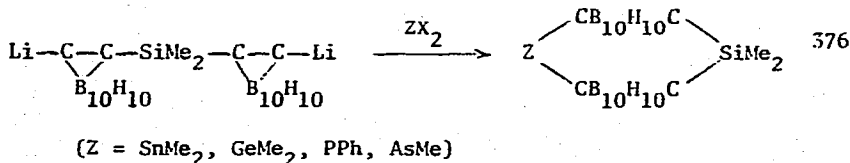
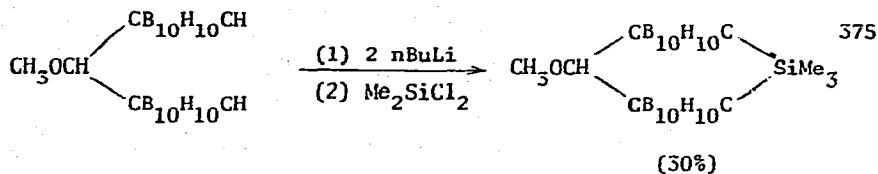
Substitution reactions at the 9- and 10- positions of 9,10-dihydro-9-silaanthracenes have been described.³⁷³



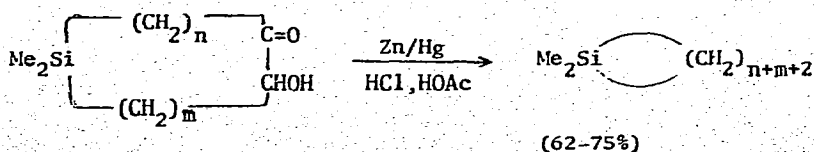
A new mechanistic route has been suggested as the pathway by which acetylenes afford 1,4-disilacyclohexa-2,5-dienes upon treatment with silylene generators.³⁷⁴



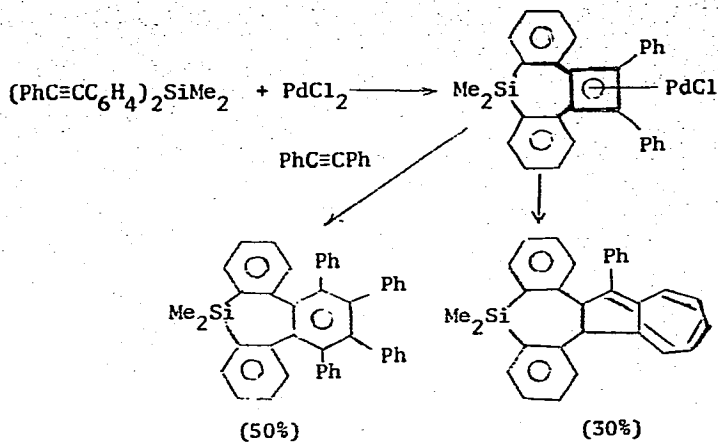
Silacyclic carboranes have been prepared as shown below.



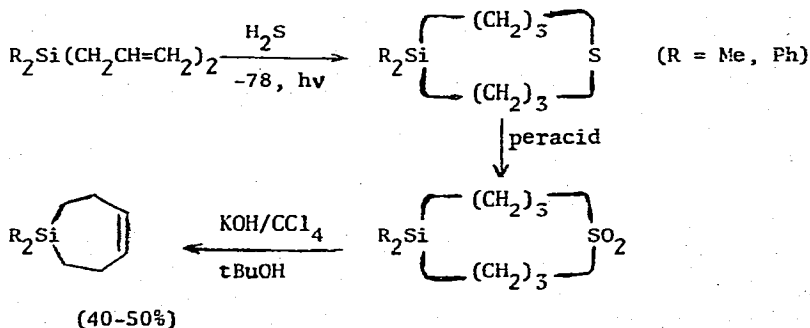
Synthetic schemes were investigated which led to the preparation of medium-sized silacycloalkanes by reduction of initially prepared acyloins. Acyloins of following ring size were prepared from available starting materials (size, % yield): 11 (8.8), 10 (4.8), 9 (1.6), 8 (11.8).³⁷⁷



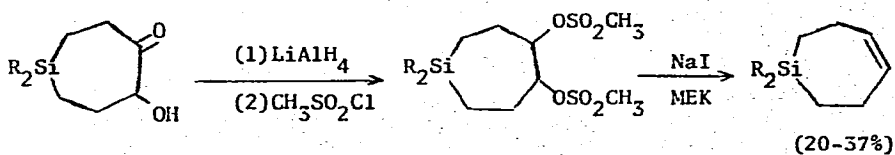
Palladium complexes afford silacycles from diacetylenes.³⁷⁸



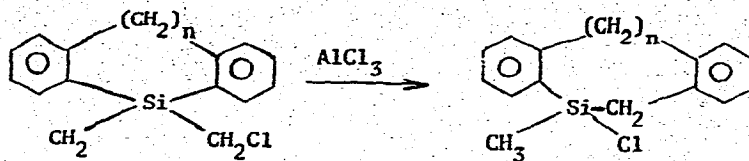
Photochemical addition of H_2S to diallylsilanes affords 10-25% isolated yields of the 1-sila-5-thiacyclooctanes. These can be transformed into silacycloheptenes.³⁷⁹



The silacycloheptenes were also prepared from the corresponding acyloins.

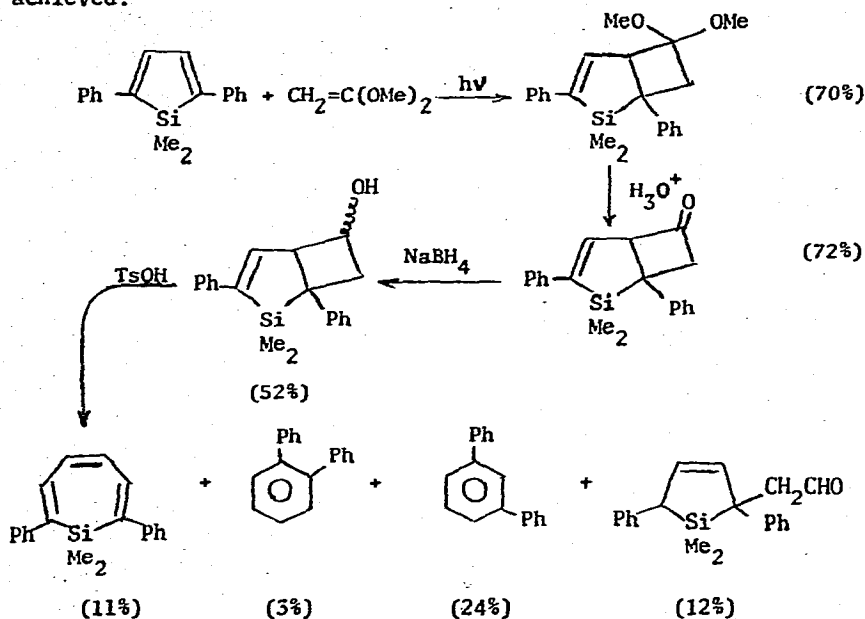


A ring-expansion reaction afforded entry into several dibenzosilacycles.³⁸⁰



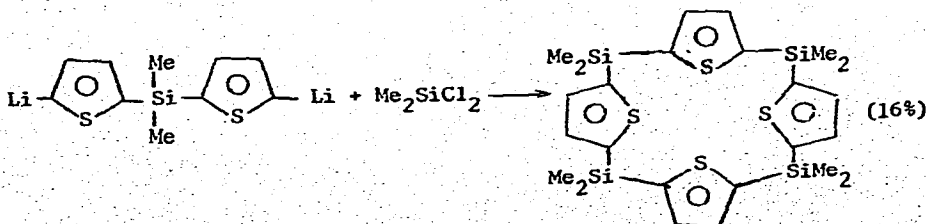
(n = 0-2)

A synthesis of the first nonannulated silacycloheptatriene has been achieved.³⁸¹



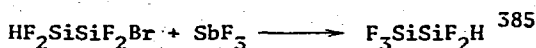
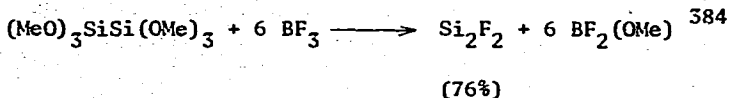
The pyrolysis of tetramethylsilane at 700° afforded twenty characterizable compounds with bi- and polycyclic Si-C-Si frameworks; nine of these were 1,3,5,7-tetrasiladamantanes.³⁸²

A novel macrocycle has been prepared containing thiophene moieties.³⁸⁵

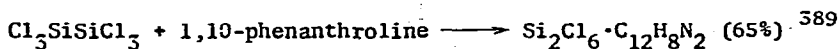
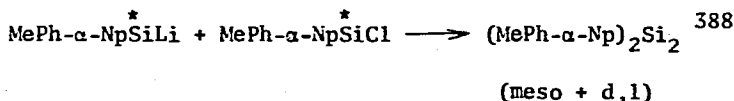
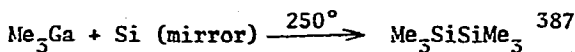


VII. DISILANES AND POLYSILANES

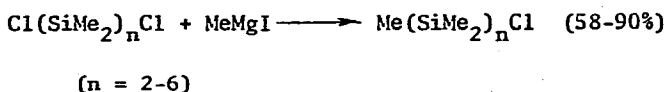
A number of methods have been reported for the preparation of disilanes.



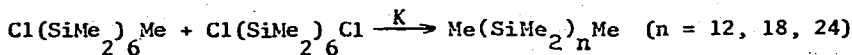
(R, R' = alkyl, aryl, H; M = Mg or Na; mixed disilanes were also prepared)



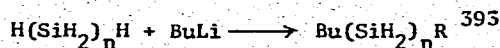
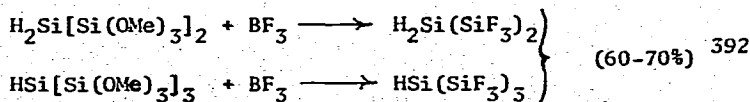
A difference in reactivity between dichloro- and methyl chloro-polysilanes allows the preparation of monochloro permethylated polysilanes. ³⁹⁰



Polysilanes of high catenation number have been synthesized for the first time. ³⁹¹



Other polysilane chemistry has appeared as follows:

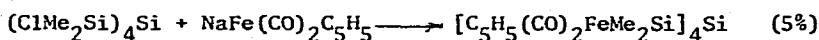
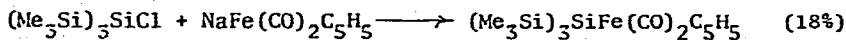
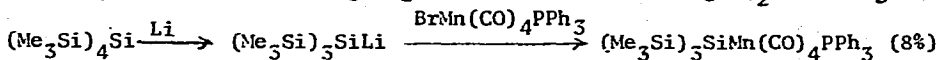
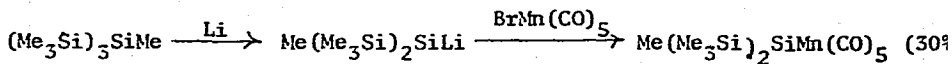
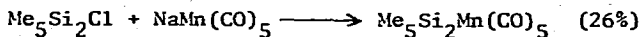
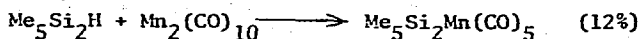


(n = 3-5; R = H, Bu)

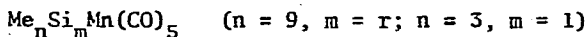
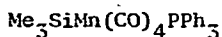
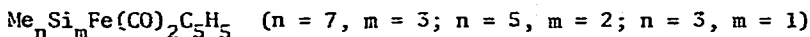
The polysilyl anions $\text{H}_3\text{SiSiH}_2^-$, $(\text{H}_3\text{Si})_2\text{SiH}^-$, and $(\text{H}_3\text{Si})_3\text{Si}^-$ have been prepared and characterized by NMR and IR spectroscopy.^{394,395}

These have been used in coupling reactions with PhSiH_2Cl and $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$.³⁹⁵

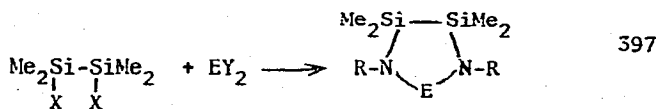
Polysilanes have been employed as ligands in the formation of transition metal complexes.³⁹⁶



In addition to the above, the following compounds were similarly prepared.

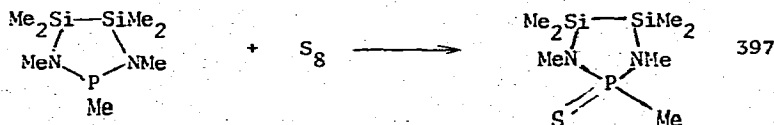


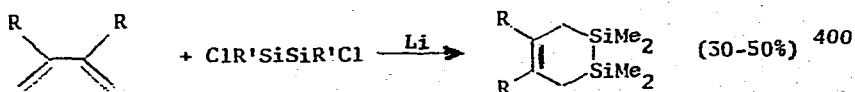
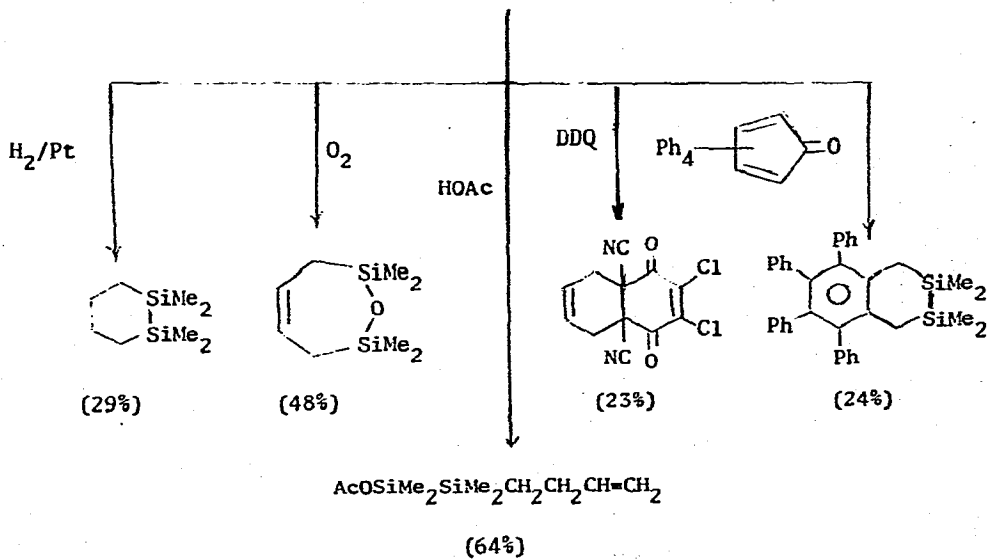
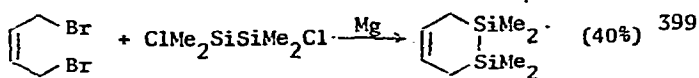
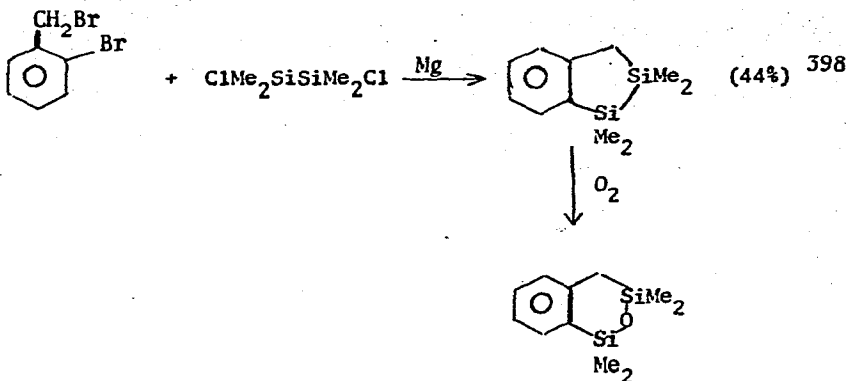
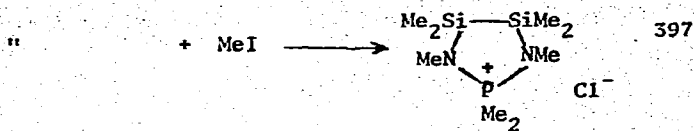
A variety of new ring systems containing di- or polysilyl moieties have been synthesized.



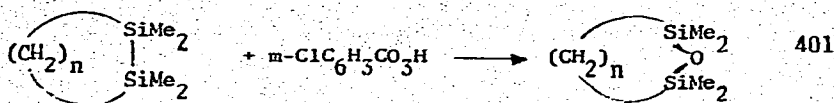
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(X = Cl; EY₂ = X; (Me₃SiNH)₂SO₂; R = Me or Me₃Si)

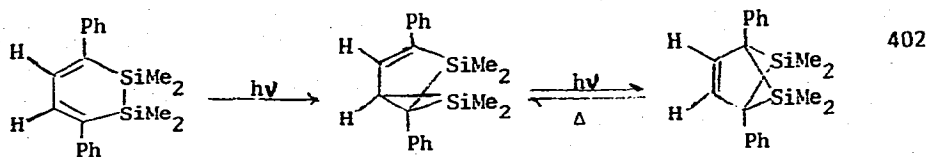
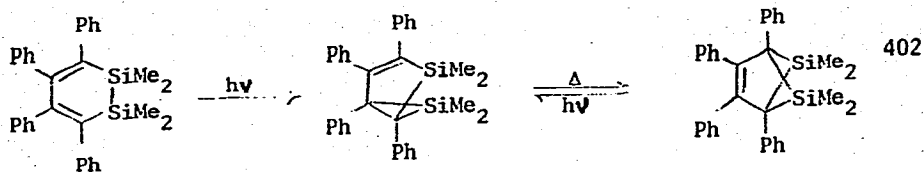




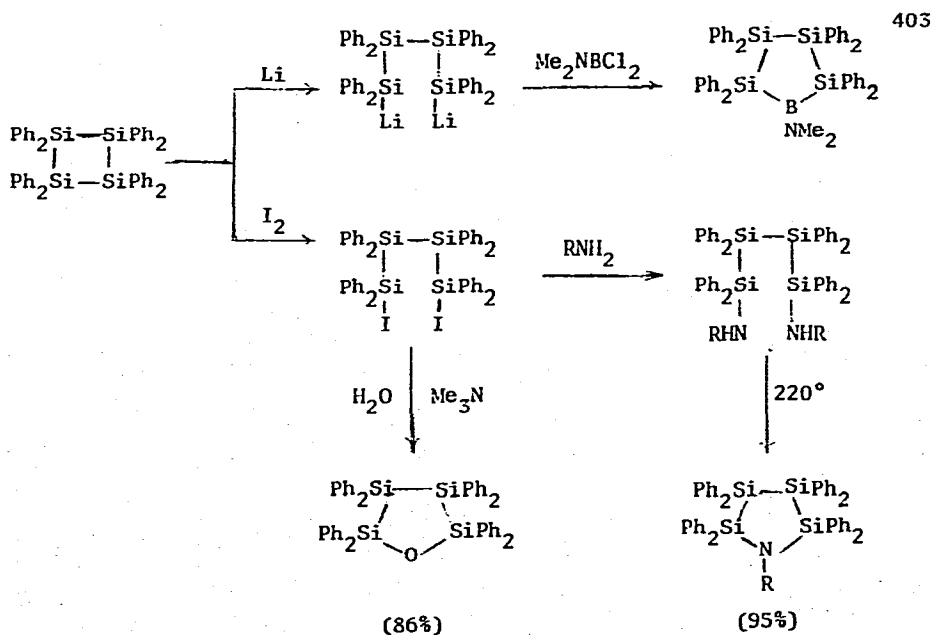
(R = H, Me; R' = Me, Et)



($n = 3-5$; ease of oxidation dependent on ring strain)

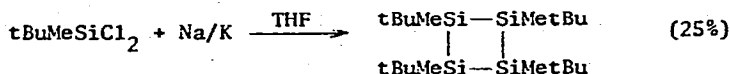


(Note reversal of thermal stabilities of photoproducts. This is the first proven example of a vinylsilacyclopropane-silacyclopentene rearrangement)



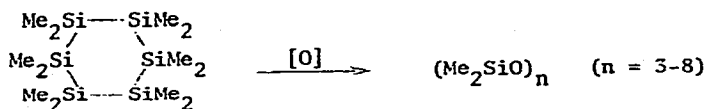
(No spectral evidence was found for electron delocalization in any of these heterocycles.)

A direct synthesis of a highly unreactive cyclotetrasilane has been reported. A 2:1 mixture of the all-trans compound and what appears to be an isomer containing a 1,2,3-cis arrangement of groups was isolated. These are found to be inert to oxygen, H_2SO_4 or $HCl-AlCl_3$, but can be reduced to a radical anion.⁴⁰⁴



Reaction of either 1,4-dilithiooctaphenyltetrasilane or 1,5-dilithiodecaphenylpentasilane with the dihalides Ph_2CCl_2 , H_2CCl_2 , CH_2Br_2 or $MeCCl_2$ gave no carbosilacyclic products.⁴⁰⁵

The reactivity of dodecamethylcyclohexasilane towards oxidizing agents has been investigated. Oxygen or hydrogen peroxide had little effect, but CrO_3 , $K_2Cr_2O_7$ or $KMnO_4$ gave cyclic siloxanes.⁴⁰⁶



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