## Trityl Cation Catalyzed Intramolecular Cyclizations of Saturated and Unsaturated $\gamma$ - and $\delta$ -Alkoxysilyl Hydrides

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Both saturated and unsaturated  $\gamma$ - and  $\delta$ -alkoxysilyl hydrides have been prepared as the trityl, *tert*-butyl, and benzyl ethers. These systems were used to test the possibility that silylenium ion generation by hydride abstraction (by Ph<sub>3</sub>C<sup>+</sup>) would result in cyclization via nucleophilic attack by ethereal oxygen on positive silicon. Indeed, the expected ethers 2,2-dimethyl-1-oxa-2-silacyclopentane (and -pentene) and 2,2-dimethyl-1-oxa-2-silacyclohexane (and -hexene) were catalytically formed from the trityl ethers in yields from 58 to 86%. The tert-butyl ethers gave generally higher yields of cyclization but required stoichiometric quantities of  $Ph_3C^+ClO_4^-$ , as did the benzyl ethers which gave the poorest yields.

### Introduction

As part of a program involving both methods of generation of silylenium ions (R<sub>3</sub>Si<sup>+</sup>) and investigation of their potential synthetic usefulness, we have examined and report here the synthesis of cyclic silvl ethers from acyclic precursors via catalytic, in situ formation of transient silylenium ions. The basic scheme was extrapolated from Kirrmann's<sup>1-3</sup> syntheses of tetrahydrofuran and tetrahydropyran by cyclization of the corresponding alkyl halides upon treatment with Lewis acids, e.g., FeCl<sub>3</sub> or  $SbCl_5 (eq 1).$ 

$$CI(CH_2)_{n}OMe + FeCI_3 - Me - (CH_2)_{n} \Delta - (CH_2)_{n} \Delta - HeCI FeCI_4^-$$
  
 $P = CI_4^-$   
 $(CH_2)_{n} (1)$ 

Since it is now well-established<sup>4</sup> that the exchange reaction of trityl salts and silyl hydrides can proceed through the intermediacy of silvlenium cations, it was thought that this reaction could be employed for generation of alkylsilylenium ions 1 with ethereal substitution so located as to provide intramolecular trapping and concomitantcyclization via oxygen attack on the fully charged or developing cationic silicon. It was also noted that if the trityloxy ethers were used, the reaction would be catalytic through the continuous regeneration of the trityl ion (eq 2).



**Results and Discussion** 

As it was of interest to develop a route to both saturated and unsaturated cyclic silvl ethers, the obvious penultimate

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<sup>a</sup> A, R = Ph<sub>3</sub>C; B, R = t-Bu; C, R = PhCH<sub>2</sub>.

synthetic precursors to both were the acetylenic silanes 2 which offered the advantages of synthetic ease and simple conversion to either saturated or unsaturated precursors,

Table I					
compd <sup>a-c</sup>	% yield	lit. ref*	bp, °C	<sup>1</sup> H NMR, δ	<sup>13</sup> C NMR, δ
5A	94	14			
$5\mathbf{B}$	72	6			
5C	79	7			
6A	85		100–102 (mp)	2.0 (t, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.5 (dt, 7 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.2 (t, 7 Hz, 2 H), 7.4 (m, 15 H)	20.07, 62.05, 69.26, 86.22, + ArC's
6 <b>B</b>	67		126-129	NMR spectra similar to	6A except for R
6C	69		101–104 (10 torr)	NMR spectra similar to	6A except for R
7A	93		185–190 (0.5 torr)	0.2 (d, 3.2 Hz, 6 H), 3.8 (s, 2 H), 4.1 (sep, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.4 (m, 15 H)	-3.0, 53.83, 87.9, 104.2, + ArC's
7 <b>B</b>	83		100-103 (45 torr)	NMR spectra similar to	7A except for R
7 <b>C</b>	80		82-84 (0.6 torr)	NMR spectra similar to	7A except for R
8 <b>A</b>	90		155–160 (0.05 torr)	0.2 (d, 3.6 Hz, 6 H), 2.4 (t, 8 Hz, 2 H), 3.1 (t, 8 Hz, 2 H), 4.0 (sep, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (m, 15 H)	-2.71, 21.61, 61.95, 86.75, 106.14, + ArC's
8 <b>B</b>	87		101–104 (35 torr)	NMR spectra similar to	8A except for R
8 <b>C</b>	82		106-109 (1.5 torr)	NMR spectra similar to	8A except for R
11 <b>A</b>	61 (from 7 <b>A</b> )		145–109 (0.7 torr)	0.3 (d, 3.3 Hz, 6 H), 0.54 (m, 2 H), 1.61 (tt, 7.8 and 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.0 (t, 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.79 (m, 1 H), 7.25 (m, 15 H)	-4.39, 10.63, 25.11, 66.35, + trityl
11 <b>B</b>	70 (from (B)		83-86 (5 torr)	NMR spectra similar to	11A except for R
11 <b>C</b>	36 (from 7C)		115–120 (3 torr)	NMR spectra similar to	11A except for R
12 <b>A</b>	68 (from 8A)		160–165 (0.4 torr)	0.04 (d, 3.7 Hz, 6 H), 0.53 (m, 2 H), 1.42 (m, 2 H), 1.64 (m, 2 H), 3.05 (tt, 6.4 and 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.84 (m, 1 H), 7.4 (m, 15 H)	-4.35, 11.05, 21.21, 33.49, 63.34, + trityl
$12\mathbf{B}$	86 (from 8B)		100-102 (1.5 torr)	NMR spectra very s	imilar to 12A
12C	70 (from 8C)		100-102 (1.5 torr)	NMR spectra very s	imilar to 12A
13A	75		155–161 (0.5 torr)	0.0 (d, 3.8 hZ, 6 H), 3.72 (dd, 6.2 and 0.9 hZ, 2 H), 4.1 (sep, 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.63 (dt, 14.2 and 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.6 (dt, 14.2 and 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.3 (m, 15 H)	-3.32, 64.79, 126.99, 127.80, 128.85, 129.54, 144.32, 146.03
13 <b>B</b>	88		82–85 (35 torr)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR spectrum very similar to that of <b>13A</b>	-2.93, 27.69, 62.26, 73.36, 127.88, 146.99
13C	85		70–72 (0.3 torr)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR spectrum very similar to that of <b>13A</b>	-3.1, 70.12, 72.4, 127.63, 127.85, 128.38, 129.77, 138.27, 145.47
14A	60		158–153 (0.5 torr)	0.13 (d, 3.8 Hz, 6 H), 2.49 (ddt, 6.9 and 6.7 and 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.08 (t, 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.21 (sep, 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.53 (dt, 13.9 and 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (dt, 13.9 and 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (m, 15 H)	-3.11, 33,99, 63.29, 86.54, 126.98, 127.77, 128.8, 144.4, 146.51
1 <b>4B</b>	73		98–101 (40 torr)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR spectrum very similar to that of 14A	-3.09, 27.61, 34.72, 61.3, 72.76, 128.05, 146.46
1 <b>4C</b>	81		96–99 (4 torr)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR spectrum very similar to that of 14A	-3.62, 33.64, 57.72, 71.43, 75.12, 127.69, 127.98, 128.33, 137.65, 145.88

<sup>a</sup>A, R = Ph<sub>3</sub>C; B, R = tert-butyl; C, R = CH<sub>2</sub>Ph. <sup>b</sup>All new compounds were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR, mass spectra, exact mass, and satisfactory C H analyses. <sup>c</sup>Compounds 9 and 10 were usually carried on without purification. <sup>d</sup>All known compounds were characterized as in b except for elemental analysis.

the latter possessing the necessary cis stereochemistry for cyclization (eq 3).



The synthetic routes to the precursors for the saturated and unsaturated five- and six-membered rings are all given in Scheme I. Etherification of alcohols 3 and 4 was accomplished by the method of Hanessian<sup>5</sup> using N-(triphenylmethyl)pyridinium tetrafluoroborate. Silylation of the acetylides derived from 5 and 6 was accomplished in good yield by quenching with chlorodimethylsilane.

In addition to the trityl ethers, both the tert-butyl and benzyl ethers were prepared since any reasonably stable carbonium ion leaving group might be capable of sustaining the catalytic chain process. Yields for each step are presented in Table I. Catalytic hydrogenation of the triple bond also resulted in conversion of the silyl hydride to the methoxysilanes 9 and 10 which in some cases were not purified before reduction to the desired hydrides 11 and 12 with  $LiAlH_4$ . Partial reduction of 7 and 8 was accomplished with diisobutylaluminum hydride/Nmethylpyrrolidine<sup>8</sup> to provide the cis olefins 13 and 14. No efforts toward yield optimization were made.

Cyclizations of the four trityl ethers 11A, 12A, 13A, and 14A were conducted by adding a 0.1 molar equiv of triphenylmethyl perchlorate to a methylene chloride solution of the silyl hydride at 0 °C. The reactions were immediately complete as evidenced by GC and NMR analysis. Apparently, the tert-butyl and benzyl groups cannot carry the chain reaction as it was found to be necessary to use

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stoichiometric amounts of trityl perchlorate to carry the reactions of these ethers to completion. The four general cyclization reactions are given in Scheme II. Although all cyclizations were successful, the benzyl ethers were always by far the least effective.

Finally, it should be noted that while the intramolecular catalytic cyclizations originally proposed have been successful, this cannot be taken as evidence for free silylenium ions in these reactions. There is no reason to believe that nucleophilic attack by oxygen does not occur before complete loss of hydride, and we suspect that is indeed the case.

### **Experimental Section**

Instrumentation. <sup>1</sup>H NMR were recorded on a Nicolet Model NT-300 at 300 MHz in DCCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained on the same instrument at 75.5 MHz. IR spectra (not reported but obtained for all products) were taken on an IBM 98 FTIR. GC/MS were taken on a Hewlett-Packard 5970 attached to an HP 5890 GC. Exact mass measurements were made on a Kratos MS-50 at 70 eV. Analytical GC was done on an HP 5790 GC using a 12- or 30-m RSL-150 column. All GC yields were determined with internal standards and predetermined response factors. Preparative GC was performed on a Varian Model 920 GC. Boiling and melting points are uncorrected.

**Triphenylmethyl perchlorate** was prepared by the method of Dauben.<sup>9</sup>

2,2-Dimethyl-1-oxa-2-silacyclopentane (15). Yields given in Scheme II are by GC analysis. An analytical sample was obtained by preparative GC (8 ft  $\times$  <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. 15% SE-30 on Chromosorb W at 90 °C) and identified by GC/MS and <sup>1</sup>H NMR comparison with literature values.<sup>10-12</sup>

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**3,3-Dimethyl-4-oxa-3-silacyclopentene** (16). Yields were determined by GC analysis. An analytical sample was obtained by preparative GC (10 ft  $\times$  <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in. 15% OV-101 column, 50–270 °C/5 °C/min) and identified by GC/MS and <sup>1</sup>H NMR comparison with an authentic sample.<sup>13</sup>

2,2-Dimethyl-1-oxa-2-silacyclohexane (17). Yields were determined by GC analysis. An analytical sample was obtained by preparative GC (8 ft  $\times$  <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. 15% SE-30 on Chromosorb W at 100 °C) and identified by GC/MS and <sup>1</sup>H NMR comparison with literature values.<sup>10-12</sup>

**3,3-Dimethyl-4-oxa-3-silacyclohexene** (18). GC determined yield. Analytical sample obtained by preparative GC (8 ft ×  $^{1}/_{4}$  in. 15% SE-30 Chromosorb W at 100 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  0.17 (s, 6 H), 2.25 (tdd, 5.3, 4.0, and 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (t, 5.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.74 (dt, 14.2 and 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (dt, 14.2 and 4.0 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  -0.62, 31.12, 61.73, 127.23, 147.76; IR 2974, 2931, 1585, 1261, 1087, 1050 cm<sup>-1</sup>; calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>OSi *m/e* 128.0658, measd *m/e* 128.0660. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>OSi: C, 56.19; H, 9.43. Found: C, 56.50; H, 9.36.

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# Strained Palladium(II) Complexes:<sup>1</sup> Synthesis and Complexation of Functionalized 8,8'-Dimethyl-2,2'-biquinolines

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The syntheses of several new 2,2'-biquinoline derivatives are described. Active metal coupling of 2-bromo-8-methylquinoline gave 8,8'-dimethyl-2,2'-biquinoline. Application of  $\alpha$ -methyl functionalization techniques gave the derivatized 8,8'-dimethyl-2,2'-biquinolines. Formation of an N,N-coordinated Pd(II) complex with either 8,8'-bis(cyanomethyl)- or 8,8'-bis[2,2-bis(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl]-2,2'-biquinoline proved unsuccessful; however, a monometalated C,N,N complex was obtained with 8,8'-dimethyl-2,2'-biquinoline.

### Introduction

Our interest in the structural features of novel strained metallacycles of the platinum metals has led us to the synthesis of diverse ligands containing varying functionalities.<sup>2</sup> The primary purpose has been to determine which structural features of the ligand cause those subtle changes in the binding locus so that either a metal selectivity or molecular inclusion of a neutral guest can be achieved. To this end, we herein report the expansion of our series to include a highly sterically hindered N,N-coordination site in order to determine the problems caused by molecular crowding at the binding locus.

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