and heated to 75 °C in an oil bath for 2 days. A dark insoluble material deposited inside the tube. A ^{1}H NMR spectrum of the toluene-d_8 solution revealed resonances arising from complex **4b**. The tube was cracked open and the solution syringed off and placed in a new ^{1}H NMR tube. The toluene was blown off under a rapid nitrogen stream and the resulting solid material dissolved in acetone-d_6, in which it was more soluble. A spectrum of this solution only revealed resonances arising from **4b**.

Protonation of 5 To Give NiMo(CO)$_2$(μ-η^1,η^2-(*E*)-C(Me)=CHMe)(η^5-C$_5$H$_5$)(η^5-C$_5$H$_4$Me)(CO$_2$CF$_3$) (5a) and NiMo(CO)$_2$(μ-η^1,η^2-(Z)-C(Me)=CHMe)(η^5-C$_5$H$_5$)(η^5-C$_5$H$_4$Me)(CO$_2$CF$_3$) (5b). The isomeric mixture of **5a**/**5b** was prepared in similar fashion to **2a**. Yield: 450 mg, 86%. **5a**:**5b** ≈ 2:1. IR (ν(CO), dichloromethane): 2015 (s), 1808 (s), 1691 (s, CF_3CO_2) cm^{-1}. IR (Nujol): 2026 (s), 1807 (s), 1693 (s, CF_3CO_2) cm^{-1}. Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}F_3MoNiO_4$: C, 43.51; H, 3.65. Found: C, 42.07; H, 3.65.

Deuteration Experiments. ^{1}H NMR data (in ppm) are given for the vinylic resonances of the *Z* and *E* monodeutero isomers. J_{HD} values are 1/6 those of corresponding J_{HH} values and are not given. Chemical shifts in parentheses are those of small quantities of the corresponding protio isomer impurity. All experiments were carried out in a degassed Schlenk tube: a representative preparation of **1a**-(*Z*)-d_1 is given in full here.

Preparation of NiW(CO)$_2$(μ-η^1,η^2-(*Z*)-CH=CHD)(η^5-C$_5$H$_5$)(η^5-C$_5$H$_4$Me)(CF$_3$CO$_2$) (1a-*d*$_1$). 1 (118 mg, 0.25 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of diethyl ether in a degassed Schlenk tube. The solution was cooled in an ice bath, and trifluoroacetic acid-d_1 (48 μL, 0.625 mmol) was added using a microsyringe. The Schlenk tube was placed in an ice bath for 3 days, after which the now yellow black solution was concentrated to a few milliliters in vacuo and placed in a freezer at −20 °C to effect crystallization of **1a**-(*Z*)-d_1 (130 mg, 89%). Very slow deuterium scrambling takes place when **1a**-(*Z*)-d_1 is dissolved in acetone-d_6. After a 7-week period, the ratios of **1a**-(*Z*)-d_1 to **1a**-(*E*)-d_1 were ≈4.5:1. ^{1}H NMR: **1a**-(*Z*)-d_1, δ 5.056 (5.066) [C*H*(2)D=CH]; **1a**-(*E*)-d_1, δ 3.544 (3.553) [C*H*(3)D=CH].

Preparation of NiW(CO)$_2$(μ-η^1,η^2-(*Z*)-C(*n*-Pr)=CHD)(η^5-C$_5$H$_5$)(η^5-C$_5$H$_4$Me)(CF$_3$CO$_2$) (3a-(*Z*)-*d*$_1$). **3** (60 mg, 0.117 mmol) was treated with trifluoroacetic acid-d_1 (20 μL, 0.26 mmol) yielding **3a**-(*Z*)-d_1 (66 mg, 90%). **3a**-(*Z*)-d_1: ^{1}H NMR δ 4.952 (4.963) [C*H*(2)D=C(*n*-Pr)].

Preparation of NiW(CO)$_2$(μ-η^1,η^2-(*Z*)-C(Ph)=CHD)(η^5-C$_5$H$_5$)(η^5-C$_5$H$_4$Me)(CF$_3$CO$_2$) (4a-(*Z*)-*d*$_1$). The procedure mirrors that of **1a**-(*Z*)-d_1. Yield: 82%. When **4a**-(*Z*)-d_1 was dissolved in acetone-d_6, scrambling of the label to give a 1:1 mixture of **4a**-(*Z*)-d_1 and **4a**-(*E*)-d_1 took place within 10 h. ^{1}H NMR: **4a**-(*Z*)-d_1, δ 4.696 (4.708) [C*H*(2)D=CPh]; **4a**-(*E*)-d_1, δ 3.468 (3.477) [C*H*(3)D=CPh].

Reaction of 2a with Acetic Acid Affording NiW(CO)$_2$(μ-η^1,η^2-(*E*)-C(Me)=CHMe)(η^5-C$_5$H$_5$)(η^5-C$_5$H$_4$Me)(CO$_2$Me) (2a′). **2a** (15 mg, 0.023 mmol) was dissolved in acetone-d_6 (≈0.6 mL) and placed in a ^{1}H NMR tube. Acetic acid (3.5 μL, 0.062 mmol) was added: an ^{1}H NMR spectrum obtained immediately after addition showed that no reaction had occurred. A spectrum, obtained after a 36-h period, showed resonances assignable to **2a** and **2a′** and to an unidentified organic product.

X-ray Diffraction Study of 2a. Crystal data and data collection parameters are tabulated in Table IV. Yellow brown crystals of **2a** were grown from diethyl ether solutions at −20 °C, and a single crystal was selected and mounted on an Enraf-Nonius CAD 4 diffractometer. Unit-cell parameters were based on 25 reflections with $21.9 < \theta < 22.5$. Three standard reflections were monitored every 5000 s of beam time; no decay was observed.

The structure was solved by direct methods and an empirical absorption correction was applied.[39] No correction for extinction was applied, and hydrogen atoms were not refined: their positions were calculated by using idealized geometries and a C–H bond distance of 0.95 Å. For hydrogen atoms of the methyl groups, one atom was located in a Fourier difference map, its position idealized and the remaining hyrogen atomic positions calculated. Refinement converged at $R = 0.030$ and $R_w = 0.043$.

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Registry No. **1**, 121011-38-9; **1a**, 121029-31-0; **1a**-(*Z*)-d_1, 121011-40-3; **1a**-(*E*)-d_1, 121054-48-6; **2**, 110512-13-5; **2a**, 121011-41-4; **2a′**, 121011-42-5; **3**, 121011-39-0; **3a**, 121011-43-6; **3a**-(*Z*)-d_1, 121011-44-7; **3b**, 121029-32-1; **4**, 110512-17-9; **4a**, 121011-45-8; **4a**-(*Z*)-d_1, 121011-46-9; **4a**-(*E*)-d_1, 121054-49-7; **4b**, 121011-47-0; **5**, 99280-72-5; **5a**, 121011-48-1; **5b**, 121054-50-0; NiMo(CO)$_2$(μ-η^2,η^2-PhC$_2$H)(η^5-C$_5$H$_5$)(η^5-C$_5$H$_4$Me), 110512-09-9; NiW(CO)$_4$(η^5-C$_5$H$_5$)(η^5-C$_5$H$_4$Me), 110512-11-3.

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Simple Functional Siloles. 3,4-Dimethylsiloles with Si–F, Si–O, or Si–N Bonds and Other Silicon-Substituted Derivatives

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Stable 1-alkoxy (RO = MeO, ^{i}PrO) and 1-dialkylamino (R_2N = Et_2N) 1,3,4-trimethylsiloles have been prepared from 1,3,4-trimethylsilole (**1**). The 1-fluoro derivative appears to be less stable, and the synthesis of the 1-chloro derivative failed. 1-*n*-Butyl-, 1-allyl-, and 1-phenylsiloles have also been prepared from **1** and 1-phenyl-3,4-dimethylsilole (**2**) by Si–H substitution using lithium reagents, which can give a second substitution on the exocyclic Si–R bond. The low-temperature reaction of potassium hydride with **1** and **2** did not allow the chemical characterization of corresponding silacyclopentadienide anions.

Having obtained the first stable simple siloles with a silicon–hydrogen bond,[1] the functionalization of these metalloles on the heteroatom appeared possible either by direct substitution of the hydrogen atom or via the cor-

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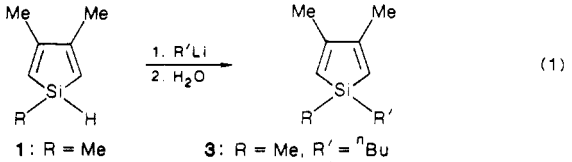
responding silacyclopentadienide anion.

With hydrosiloles **1** and **2**, lithium reagents allowed the preparation of 1-*n*-butyl-, 1-phenyl-, and 1-allylsiloles (**3**–**6**) (eq 1). These 1-substituted siloles are thus obtained in



(1)

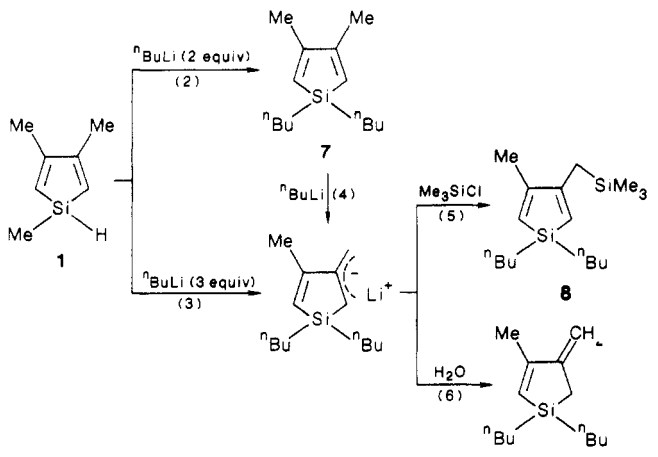
1: R = Me
2: R = Ph

3: R = Me, R' = ^{n}Bu
4: R = Me, R' = Ph
5: R = Me, R' = $CH_2CH{=}CH_2$
6: R = R' = Ph

a more direct way than with the previously described method[2] which is preferable for the preparation of large quantities.

Using 1 equiv of lithium reagent, the only substitution observed in **1** and **2** is that of the hydrogen bonded to the silicon atom. An excess of lithium reagent may lead to a substitution of the exocyclic Si–R bond[3] (Scheme I). Two

Scheme I



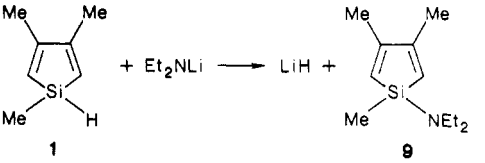
equivalents of BuLi react with **1** to give the dibutyl derivative **7** by substitution of the methyl group on silicon (eq 2). Moreover, a large excess of lithium reagent induces isomerization of the silole **a** into the transoid isomer **b**.[4]

a **b**

The formation of an allylic carbanion (eq 3 and 4), silylated by trimethylchlorosilane in the γ-position (eq 5) or protonated by water in the α-position (eq 6), explains this isomerization. In contrast to results obtained with some C-phenylated siloles, we did not observe a reaction of the lithium reagent with the π system.[7]

Due to the various transformations into a functional organosilane that a hydrosilane may undergo,[8] the preparation of 1-functional siloles from hydrosiloles **1** and **2** appeared feasible.

The aminosilole **9** was synthesized by the reaction of Et_2NLi with the silole **1** (eq 7). The stable aminosilole thus obtained was separated by low-pressure distillation.



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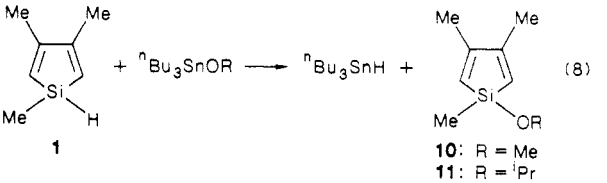
1 **9**

The attempted catalytic alkoxylation of silole **1** by hydrosilylation of acetone or by dehydrocondensation in the presence of methanol failed.[9] The exchange reaction between an alkoxytin and a trialkylsilane does not require catalysis.[11] Already at room temperature, the silole **1** reacts with Bu_3SnOMe, giving 1-methoxy-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (**10**) in 80% yield. With Bu_3SnO^iPr, the reaction is a little slower and heating (50 °C) the reactants increases the proportion of transoid isomer formed[4] (eq 8).



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10: R = Me
11: R = ^{i}Pr

The fluorination of methoxysilole **10** was accomplished by using boron trifluoride–diethyl etherate (eq 9). The 1-fluoro-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (**12**), separated by low-pressure trapping, was analyzed by using NMR and GC/MS techniques. The reaction with MeMgI in ether produced 1,1,3,4-tetramethylsilole (**13**).[6] The same fluorosilole **12** was also obtained by the reaction of Ph_3CBF_4 with silole **1** in methylene chloride (Scheme II).

The current chlorination methods for hydrosilanes,[8] when applied to silole **1**, met with failure. This was the case for high-temperature reactions (CCl_4, Bz_2O_2, 100 °C) as well as for room-temperature reactions.[12] Attempts using methoxysilole **10** showed the same results. The conclusion reached is that 1-chloro-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (**14**) is a thermally unstable product. Although surprising at first, this result may be compared to recent results obtained with 1-halo-3,4-dimethylphospholes,[14] which,

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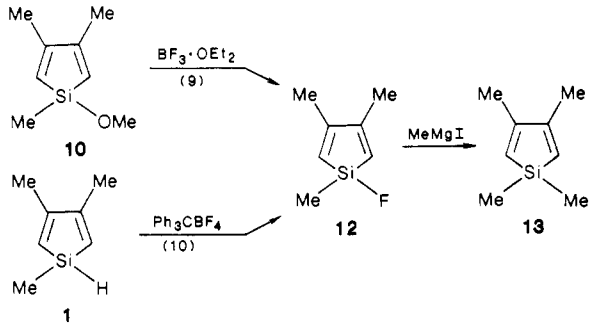
Scheme II



though unstable, may be stabilized as a pentacarbonyltungsten σ complex, and with 1-chloro-2,3,4,5-tetramethylstibole and bismole, which decomposed upon attempted isolation.[15]

As for the kinetically unstable 5-halocyclopentadienes,[16-18] an effect similar to spiroconjugation[19] has been proposed to explain the modifications in the electronic spectra and the chemical reactivity of cyclopentadienone ketals and dioxothiophene.[18-20] The thermal instability of simple group 14 or 15 1-haloheteroles, for which a dimer form has never been identified,[21] could be the result of a more complex phenomenon. It must be noted that if the π system is bonded to a transition metal, an unstable silole may be stabilized.[10] The (η^4-1-chloro-1,3,4-trimethylsilole)tricarbonyliron complex corresponding to the chlorosilole **14** has recently been isolated.[10e] A halosilole may also be stabilized if the ring carbon atoms carry phenyl substituents.[24]

If the chlorosilole **14** is unstable, the same is probably true for a C-unsubstituted chlorosilole such as 1,1-dichlorosilole, which would shed new light on the failures reported in early literature concerning its synthesis.[25]

The silacyclopentadienide anion was first reported in 1961.[26] As in the case of the silole precursor, the synthesis of this anion proved to be faulty.[25c] The metalation of hydrosilanes with potassium hydride, as proposed by Corriu and Guérin,[27] allowed the generation of C-phenylated silacyclopentadienide anions.[28] The reaction of an electrophile with these anions may provide a method of functionalizing the heterocycle.

Although a recent theoretical study showed that the silacyclopentadienide anion's lowest energy state is pyramidal which prevents all resonance between the π system and the silicon electron pair,[29] we nevertheless attempted to transform hydrosiloles **1** and **2** into corresponding silacyclopentadienide anions. When treated with potassium hydride in THF in the presence of crown ether (18-crown-6),[28b] the siloles **1** and **2** (3 mmol) show between −50 °C and −30 °C, a slow hydrogen production. The mixture, having turned brown, is treated with D_2O or MeI or Me_3SiCl, extracted with pentane, and analyzed by GC/MS. **1** (or **2**) totally disappears, but no trace of the corresponding 1-deuteriated, 1-methylated or 1-trimethylsilylated silole, is ever found. The 3,4-dimethylsilacyclopentadienide anions therefore appear to be unstable entities that decompose too rapidly to be trapped by an electrophile.

Attempts at the preparation of silolium ions derived from **1** and **2** by hydride abstraction are in progress.

Experimental Section

1. General Data. The starting hydrosiloles **1** and **2** have been prepared by flash vacuum pyrolysis of 1-allyl-1,3,4-trimethylsilacyclopent-3-ene and 1-allyl-1-phenyl-3,4-dimethylsilacyclopent-3-ene, respectively.[1] The reactions were carried out from a mixture of silole **1a** or **2a** and its transoid isomer **1b** or **2b** (**1a**/**1b** = 6.14:1, **2a**/**2b** = 9:1).

NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian EM 360 (^1H) and on a Brüker AM 300 WB (^1H, ^{13}C, ^{19}F, ^{29}Si) spectrometers [δ in ppm from TMS or CF_3COOH (^{19}F)].

2. Preparation and Identification of Compounds. 1-*n*-Butyl-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (3). A solution of 10 mmol of *n*-butyllithium (1.6 M in hexane) was added dropwise by using a syringe to a stirred solution of 1.24 g (10 mmol) of hydrosilole **1** in THF (8 mL) cooled at −70 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred there for 2 h. After hydrolysis and extractions (Et_2O), the organic solution was concentrated (30 mmHg). Distillation gave **3** (1.50 g) in 85% yield; bp 95–98 °C (13 mmHg). **3a**: ^1H NMR (60 MHz, CCl_4) δ 0.08 (s, SiMe), 1.95 (b s, CMe), 5.50 (b s, C=CH), 0.8–1.6 (m, Bu), 4.90 and 5.70 (C=CH_2 and C=CH in **3b**). **3a**/**3b** = 4:1. GC/MS: M^+ 180 (6), $(M - C_4H_8)^+$ 124 (100%). Compound **3** was identified as the already described product.[3]

1-Phenyl-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (4). The silole **4** was prepared from 10 mmol of **1** and 10 mmol of phenyllithium (2 M in C_6H_6/Et_2O) by the same process as silole **3** in 87% yield; bp 81–83 °C (0.1 mmHg). **4a**: ^1H NMR (60 MHz, CCl_4) δ 0.45 (s, SiMe), 2.03 (b s, CMe), 5.80 (b s, C=CH), 5.12 and 6.00 (C=CH_2 and C=CH in **4b**), 7.30 (Ph). **4a**/**4b** = 4.08: 1. Compound **4** was identified as the already described product.[2]

1-Allyl-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (5). Silole **5** was prepared from 10 mmol of **1** and 10 mmol of allyllithium (Seyferth method)[30] by the same process in 80% yield; bp 80–82 °C (15 mmHg). **5a**: ^1H NMR (60 MHz, CCl_4) δ 0.10 (s, SiMe, **5a**), 0.13 (s, SiMe, **5b**), 1.93 (b s, CMe), 5.48 (b s, C=CH), 4.53–6.13 (CH=CH_2). **5a**/**5b** = 4:1. Compound **5** was identified as the already described product.[2]

1,1-Diphenyl-3,4-dimethylsilole (6). Silole **6** was obtained from 1 g (5.3 mmol) of hydrosilole **2** and 5.3 mmol of phenyllithium (2 M in C_6H_6/Et_2O) by the same process in 72% yield; bp 135–140 °C (0.05 mmHg). **6a**: ^1H NMR (60 MHz, CCl_4) δ 2.03 (b s, CMe), 5.95 (b s, C=CH), 5.06 and 6.08 (C=CH_2 and C=CH in **6b**), 7.43 (Ph). **6a**/**6b** = 4.1:1 before distillation and 1.5:1 after distillation.

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Compound **6** was identified as the already described product.[2]

1,1-Di-*n*-butyl-3,4-dimethylsilole (7). Starting from 1.24 g (10 mmol) of hydrosilole **1**, using 20 mmol of *n*-butyllithium (1.6 M in hexane), by the same process as for **3**, we was obtained 1.58 g (71% yield) of silole **7**, bp 122–125 °C (13 mmHg). **7a**: ^{1}H NMR (60 MHz, CCl_4) δ 0.8–1.6 (m, Bu), 1.96 (b s, CMe), 5.50 (b s, C=CH), 4.90 and 5.70 (C=CH_2 and C=CH in **7b**). **7a/7b** = 3:1. GC/MS:M^+ 222 (2), $(M - C_4H_8)^+$ 166 (39), $(M - 2C_4H_8)^+$ 110 (100%). Compound **7** was identified as the already described product.[3]

1,1-Di-*n*-butyl-3-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)-4-methylsilole (8). Similarly, in THF at −70 °C, 3 equiv (30 mmol) of *n*-butyllithium were added to 1.24 g (10 mmol) of hydrosilole **1**. After 2 h at room temperature, the reaction was quenched by 3.3 g (30 mmol) of trimethylchlorosilane. The mixture was hydrolyzed, extracted with Et_2O, and distilled. Silole **8** (2.06 g) was obtained in 70% yield; bp 100–102 °C (0.03 mmHg). ^{1}H NMR (60 MHz, CCl_4): δ 0.0 (s, SiMe), 0.8–1.6 (m, Bu), 1.81 (s, $SiCH_2C$=C), 1.93 (b s, CMe), 5.27 and 5.53 (m, C=CH). The same silole **8** was obtained from silole **3**, 2 equiv of *n*-butyllithium, and trimethylchlorosilane.[3]

1-(Diethylamino)-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (9). The reaction was carried out at −70 °C in anhydrous Et_2O with reactants **1** (1.6 g, 12.9 mmol) and Et_2NLi (12.9 mmol, from ^{n}BuLi and Et_2NH). The mixture was allowed to warm to rom temperature and stirred for 2 h. The lithium hydride formed was separated by centrifugation and the solution distilled. **9** was obtained in 85% yield (2.14 g); bp 80–82 °C (10 mmHg). **9a**: ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 0.31 (s, SiMe), 0.22 (s, SiMe in **9b**), 1.84 (d, ^4J = 0.9 Hz, CMe), 0.99 and 2.79 (t and q, ^3J = 7 Hz, NEt_2), 0.92 and 2.73 (t and q, ^3J = 7 Hz, NEt_2 in **9b**), 5.58 (q, ^4J = 0.9 Hz, C=CH), 5.37 and 5.90 (C=CH_2 and C=CH in **9b**). **9a/9b** = 4:1 ^{13}C NMR (75.47 MHz, C_6D_6): δ −6.0(SiMe), 16.0 ($NCCH_3$), 20.3 (CCH_3), 40.9 (NCH_2), 125.2 ($SiCH$=), 158.5 (=CCH_3). ^{29}Si NMR (59.63 MHz, C_6D_6): δ −3.7. Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{21}NSi$: C, 67.62; H, 10.83. Found: C, 67.5; H, 10.8.

1-Methoxy-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (10). The reaction, periodically analyzed by GC, was done without solvent with equimolecular quantities (12 mmol) of silole **1** and methoxytributyltin. The reaction is exothermic. Alkoxysilole **10** (1.48 g, 80% yield) was isolated by distillation and the residue identified as ^{n}Bu_3SnH; bp 66–68 °C (20 mmHg). **10a**: ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 0.29 (s, SiMe), 0.22 (s, SiMe in **10b**), 1.79 (d, ^4J = 1 Hz, CMe), 3.55 (s, OMe), 3.23 (s, OMe in **10b**), 5.42 (q, ^4J = 1 Hz, C=CH), 5.03, 5.13, and 5.82 (C=CH_2 and C=CH in **10b**). **10a/10b** = 3:1. ^{13}C NMR (75.47 MHz, C_6D_6): δ −5.4 (SiMe), 20.5 (CCH_3), 50.8 (OCH_3), 122.0 ($SiCH$=), 158.8 (=CCH_3). ^{29}Si NMR (59.63 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 8.1. GC/MS: M^+ 154 (37), $(M - Me)^+$ 139 (70), $MeOSi^+$ 59 (100%). Anal. Calcd for $C_8H_{14}OSi$: C, 62.28; H, 9.15. Found: C, 62.3; H, 9.1.

1-Isopropoxy-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (11). Equimolecular quantities (12 mmol) of silole **1** and isopropoxytributyltin were warmed to 50 °C for 1 h. Isopropoxysilole **11** was separated by distillation (1.31 g, 60% yield); bp 77–80 °C (15 mmHg). **11a**: ^{1}H NMR (60 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 0.3 (s, SiMe), 1.9 (b s, CMe), 1.2 and 3.9 (d and sept, ^3J = 6 Hz, O^{i}Pr), 5.5 (b s, C=CH), 5.1 and 5.9 (C=CH_2 and C=CH in **11b**). **11a/11b** = 1.5:1. Anal. Calcd for $C_{10}H_{18}OSi$: C, 65.87; H, 9.95. Found: C, 65.9; H, 9.9.

1-Fluoro-1,3,4-trimethylsilole (12). **10** (1.54 g, 10 mmol) (**a:b** = 3:1) was treated by 20 mmol of BF_3·OEt_2 at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. After elimination of the remaining BF_3 by precipitation with Me_3N, the solution was concentrated under a pressure of 300 mmHg. The residue, withdrawn under reduced pressure (1 mmHg), yields a colorless liquid (0.94 g) essentially composed of fluorosilole **12** which is analyzed by NMR and GC/MS. Attempts at distillation under 30 mmHg (under the same conditions as for **1**)[1] lead to its decomposition. **12a**: ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 0.25 (d, ^3J(H/F) = 7.4 Hz, SiMe), 0.15 (d, ^3J(H/F) = 7.2 Hz, SiMe in **12b**), 1.66 (b s, CMe), 5.36 (b s, C=CH), 4.95, 5.10, and 5.70 (C=CH_2 and C=CH in **12b**). **12a/12b** = 3:1. ^{13}C NMR (75.47 MHz, C_6D_6): δ −5.0 (d, ^2J(^{13}C/F) = 18 Hz, SiMe), 20.3 (CCH_3), 120.1 (d, ^2J(^{13}C/F) = 15 Hz, $SiCH$=), 159.7(=CCH_3). ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6): δ (from CF_3COOH) −43.2 (bq, ^3J = 7.4 Hz); GC/MS: M^+ 142 (64), $(M - Me)^+$ 127 (100%).

The same fluorosilole **12** was obtained by the reaction of 2.64 g (8 mmol) of triphenylmethyl tetrafluoroborate[31] on 1 g (8 mmol) of hydrosilole **1**. During the addition of Ph_3CBF_4 in 20 mL of methylene chloride to a solution of silole in 10 mL of the same solvent, the reaction mixture was maintained at 0 °C, then allowed to warm to room temperature, and stirred for 1 h. The solution was concentrated under a pressure of 300 mmHg, and the expected silole separated from Ph_3CH under a pressure of 1 mmHg. The crude withdrawn product (0.6 g), analyzed by NMR and containing essentially the silole **12**, was treated by methylmagnesium iodide in Et_2O. After hydrolysis and extractions, the product was identified as 1,1,3,4-tetramethylsilole (**13**) by NMR and GC/MS[6] (80% GC purity).

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