

Reduced viscosities of the sodium salt of polymer **11** exhibited typical polyelectrolyte behavior as a function of concentrations in water (Figure 3). By continuous dilution the reduced viscosity of polymer **11** decreased steadily and increased rapidly at the concentrations below 0.6 g/dl in water. In a neutral salt solution (NaCl, 5%) the reduced viscosity retained normal behavior¹⁵.

Biological activities of the polymers **9**, **10**, and **11** and the sulfate of **11** as well as the body distribution of the polymer **11**-pharmakon conjugate are under investigation.

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Generation and Trapping of 2-Methyl-2-sila-naphthalene

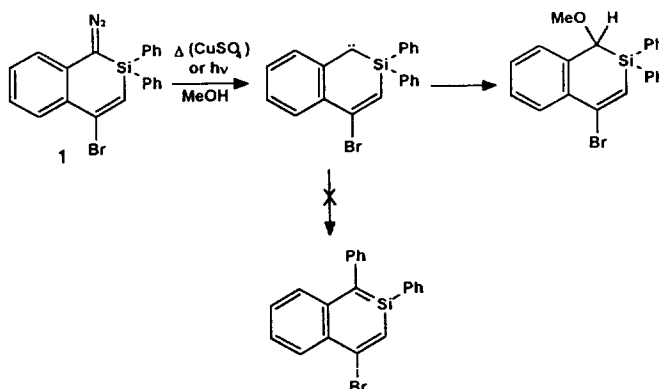
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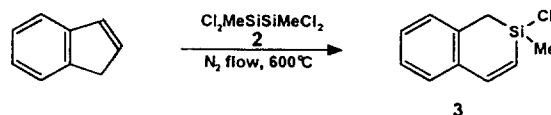
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There has been many reports of the generation and their reactions of silabenzene intermediate from the readily available allyl or chloro precursors.¹ The intramolecular reaction of 1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetraphenylsilacyclopentadienylmethylene to give silatoluene was reported by Ando and Sekiguchi.^{1c} West and coworkers reported the existence of the intermediacy of hexamethyl-1,4-disilabenzene.^{1f} In 1978, Barton and Burns confirmed the first unambiguous generation and trapping of the silatoluene formed *via* a thermally induced retroene elimination of propene from the 1-allyl-1-methyl-1-silacyclohexa-2,4-diene.² There is precedent for the unsuccessful approach to produce 2-silanaphthalene intermediate from the thermolysis or photolysis of silyl diazo compound **1** in the presence of methanol.³



We now wish to report the first generation and its trapping of 2-methyl-2-silanaphthalene (**5**), a kind of new transient silaaromatic intermediate, which could arise from the thermolytic reaction of the 2-allyl-2-methyl-2-sila-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (**4**) with methanol or methanol-*d*₁.

The chlorosilane **3** was produced in 45% yield from the copolyrslis of 1,1,2,2-tetrachloro-1,2-dimethyldisilane (**2**)^{4,5} and indene at 600°C with a 55 ml/min flow of the nitrogen gas.^{1a,6}

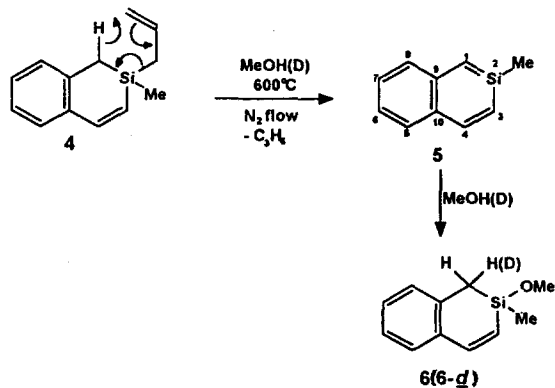


The compound **4**, the possible precursor of the 2-methyl-2-silanaphthalene (**5**), was prepared with a yield of 65% by the reaction of 2-chloro-2-methyl-2-sila-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (**3**) with an allylmagnesium bromide in dry ether.⁷ We copolyrslized the 2-methyl-2-silanaphthalene precursor **4** and

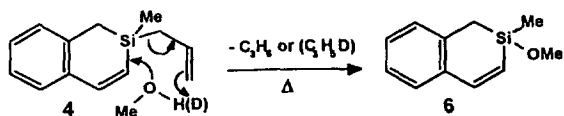
Table 1. Calculated Geometrical Parameters of the 2-Methyl-2-silanaphthalene 5

	Bond length (Å)			Bond angle (deg)			
	AM 1	MNDO	MINDO/3	AM 1	MNDO	MINDO/3	
C ₁ Si	1.657	1.655	1.730	C ₁ SiC ₃	110.9	111.0	105.8
SiC ₃	1.720	1.705	1.784	SiC ₃ C ₄	118.0	118.9	119.8
C ₃ C ₄	1.357	1.371	1.378	C ₃ C ₄ C ₁₀	125.2	125.0	127.7
C ₄ C ₁₀	1.431	1.447	1.454	C ₄ C ₁₀ C ₉	123.2	122.6	121.4
C ₅ C ₁₀	1.423	1.440	1.451	C ₁ C ₉ C ₁₀	122.8	121.9	121.5
C ₅ C ₆	1.373	1.381	1.369	SiC ₁ C ₉	119.9	120.8	123.8
C ₆ C ₇	1.414	1.427	1.429	C ₅ C ₁₀ C ₉	119.0	118.5	117.4
C ₇ C ₈	1.370	1.380	1.379	C ₆ C ₅ C ₁₀	121.6	122.0	122.8
C ₈ C ₉	1.431	1.447	1.456	C ₅ C ₆ C ₇	119.6	117.7	120.4
C ₉ C ₁₀	1.425	1.381	1.466	C ₆ C ₇ C ₈	120.2	120.1	119.2
SiC ₁₁	1.800	1.782	1.836	C ₇ C ₈ C ₉	121.7	121.9	123.1
				C ₈ C ₉ C ₁₀	117.9	117.9	117.0
				C ₁ SiC ₁₁	126.0	125.2	127.4
				C ₃ SiC ₁₁	123.2	124.0	126.8

a 10-fold excess of methanol as a trapping agent in a vertical quartz tube packed with quartz chips heated to 600°C with the flow of nitrogen gas (55 ml/min). The 2-methoxy-2-methyl-2-sila-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (6) was produced in 57% yield *via* a retro-ene elimination of propene. The observed product 6 or 6-*d* can arise from the addition of methanol or methanol-*d*₁ into the 2-methyl-2-silanaphthalene intermediate (5).



An alternative pathway namely, the direct methanolysis, may lead to the formation of 6. Note that in the latter mechanism shown below, the product 6 is formed without involving the 2-methyl-2-silanaphthalene (5).



A labelling experiment employing a methanol-*d*₁ may help identification of the reaction pathway for the methanol addition. The coprolysis of 4 with MeOD at 600°C (N₂ flow) yielded a trapping adduct 6-*d* arising from the replacement of the hydrogen atom attached to the methylene carbon atom by a deuterium atom. This observation may rule out the latter reaction pathway involving the direct methanolysis and

support the existence of intermediacy of 2-methyl-2-silanaphthalene (5). We performed an AM¹⁸, MNDO⁹, and MINDO/3¹⁰ semiempirical calculations to find the structure of the 2-methyl-2-silanaphthalene (5). The geometrical parameters derived from the AM 1 calculation are consistent with those from the MNDO calculation and little deviated from those from the MINDO/3 calculation. In all the calculations, the 5 is of the naphthalene-like coplanar structure. As shown in Table 1, the bond length of C₁-Si is appreciably shorter than that of Si-C₃ and is much shorter than that of the Si-C₁₁ single bond. This indicates that the C₁-Si bond has a double bond character more than the Si-C₃ bond.

Experimental

All pyrolyses were carried out in a vertical hot zone consisting of a 10 mm i.d. × 30 cm quartz tube packed with quartz chips under the flow of nitrogen. The pyrolysate was followed by GC analysis with a Hewlett Packard 5890 instrument on a HP-5 capillary column. Products yields were determined by GC(FID) with cyclohexane as an internal standard. Separation of the reaction mixtures was performed on a Varian model 920 GC using an 20% OV-17 column. Proton NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX 500 spectrometer in CDCl₃ with TMS as an internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained on a Hewlett Packard 5890 Series II coupled to a GC/5970 Series Mass Selective Detector. Exact mass measurements were performed on a VG 70 SEQ high resolution spectrometer.

1,1,2,2-Tetrachloro-1,2-dimethyldisilane (2). A mixture of 15 g (38 mmol) of 1,2-dimethyltetraphenyldisilane⁴ dissolved in 200 ml of dry benzene and 0.2 g of sublimed AlCl₃ was placed in a 250 ml three-neck flask fitted with a stirrer, condenser and inlet tube for dry HCl gas.^{5a} The b.p. of the tetrachlorodisilane was in agreement with literature value.^{5b} MS *m/z* 230 (M⁺+4, 3), 228 (M⁺+2, 6), 226 (M⁺, 4), 213 (2), 117 (9), 115 (53), 113 (79), 95 (4), 93 (11), 80 (34), 78 (100), 65 (30), 63 (83), 43 (13).

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(3). A solution of 10.5 g (90 mmol) of indene and 5 g (22 mmol) of the tetrachlorodisilane 2 was added slowly to a vertical quartz tube packed with quartz chips and heated to 600°C. The pyrolysate was swept through the reaction chamber with N₂ (55 ml/min) into 100 ml flask cooled in a acetone/dry-ice bath. Fractional distillation of the dark tarry solution gave 1.9 g (10 mmol, 45%) of the chlorosilane 3. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.26 (s, 3H, SiCH₃), 2.01 (m, 2H, SiCH₂C=), 5.80 (d, 1H, SiCH=C, *J*=14.1 Hz), 6.71-6.88 (m, 4H, C₆H₄), 6.99 (d, 1H, SiC=CH, *J*=14.1 Hz); MS *m/z* 196 (M⁺ + 2, 32), 194 (M⁺, 86), 181 (26), 179 (73), 159 (13), 158 (67), 143 (26), 116 (100), 115 (68), 105 (5), 89 (21), 81 (4), 79 (15), 65 (42), 63 (92), 43 (4).

2-Allyl-2-methyl-2-sila-1,2-dihydronaphthlene (4). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.19 (s, 3H, SiCH₃), 1.66 (d, 2H, allyl, *J*=8.1 Hz), 2.09 (d, 1H, SiCH₂C=, *J*=16.5 Hz), 2.22 (d, 1H, SiCH₂C=, *J*=16.5 Hz), 4.96 (d, 2H, allyl, *J*=11.0 Hz), 5.82 (m, 1H, allyl), 6.08 (d, 1H, SiCH=C, *J*=14.1 Hz), 7.04-7.13 (m, 4H, C₆H₄), 7.30 (d, 1H, SiC=CH, *J*=14.1 Hz); MS *m/z* 200 (M⁺, 4), 185 (1), 159 (100), 143 (17), 131 (60), 115 (9), 105 (17), 43 (25); HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₆Si 200.1022, measured *m/z* 200.1022.

2-Methoxy-2-methyl-2-sila-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (6). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.25 (s, 3H, SiCH₃), 2.05 (m, 2H, SiCH₂=), 3.30 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.99 (d, 1H, SiCH=C, *J*=14.3 Hz), 7.09-7.22 (m, 4H, C₆H₄), 7.38 (d, 1H, SiC=CH, *J*=14.2 Hz); Mass *m/z* 190 (M⁺, 21), 175 (36), 158 (13), 145 (15), 115 (10), 105 (4), 75 (29), 59 (100), 43 (10); HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₄SiO 190.0814, measured *m/z* 190.0817.

1-Deuterio-2-methoxy-2-methyl-2-sila-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (6-d). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.27 (s, 3H, SiCH₃), 1.96 (m, 1H, SiCHD=C), 3.29 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.03 (d, 1H, SiCH=C, *J*=14.4 Hz), 7.04-7.20 (m, 4H, C₆H₄), 7.32 (d, 1H, SiC=CH, *J*=14.4 Hz); Mass *m/z* 191 (M⁺, 28), 176 (42), 159 (15), 146 (13), 116 (11), 105 (4), 75 (28), 59 (100), 43 (6); HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₃DSiO 191.0877, measured *m/z* 191.0888.

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