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**Metal Carbonyl-Hydrosilane Reactions and Hydrosilation
Catalysis**

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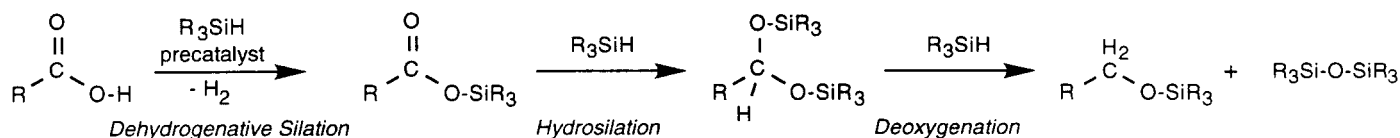
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PROJECT SUMMARY

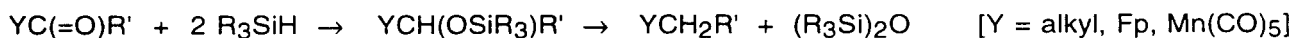
Manganese carbonyl complexes serve as hydrosilation precatalysts for selectively transforming a carbonyl group into a siloxy methylene or a fully reduced methylene group. Substrates of interest include (1) aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, silyl esters, and esters, and (2) their organometallic acyl counterparts. Three relevant catalytic reactions (illustrated for carboxylic acids) include,



Two types of manganese precatalysts have been reported: (a) alkyl and acyl complexes $(\text{L})(\text{CO})_4\text{MnR}$ [$\text{L} = \text{CO}, \text{PPh}_3$; $\text{R} = \text{COCH}_3, \text{COPh}, \text{CH}_3$] and (b) halides $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnX}$ and $[(\text{CO})_4\text{MnX}]_2$ ($\text{X} = \text{Br}, \text{I}$). The former promote hydrosilation and deoxygenation catalysis; the latter promote dehydrogenative silation of alcohols and carboxylic acids as well as hydrosilation and deoxygenation of some metallocarboxylic acid derivatives. In every case studied, these Mn precatalysts are far more reactive or selective than traditional $\text{Rh}(\text{I})$ precatalysts.

The reaction chemistry of the above and other Mn alkyl complexes with hydrosilanes was studied in order to probe catalysis mechanism(s). Thus, $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5$ methyl, benzyl, acetyl, and benzoyl (4 *p*-substituents) complexes reacted with hydrosilanes by four different mechanisms, which were established. A noteworthy development was that the methyl and benzoyl complexes gave moderate yields of a new $(\eta^2\text{-Si-H})$ silane adduct $(\text{CO})_4\text{Mn}(\text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph})(\text{H-SiMe}_2\text{Ph})$, which is stable in the presence of excess silane. This silane adduct promotes all three catalytic reactions; its extraordinary activity and potential selectivity are under study. Specific catalysis problems that have been addressed include:

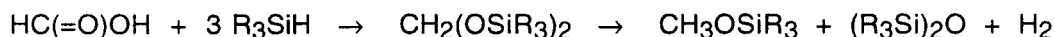
- Catalytic hydrosilation-then-deoxygenation of ketones and organometallic acyls. Mn and $\text{Rh}(\text{I})$ precatalysts and PhSiH_3 completely reduce iron acyls $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{FeC}(\text{O})\text{R}'$ to their alkyl derivatives, $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{FeCH}_2\text{R}'$. Our Mn precatalysts very efficiently promote the hydrosilation of ketones.



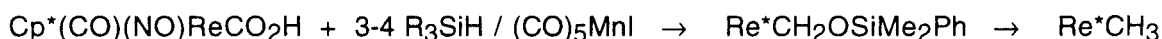
- The reactivity/selectivity of Mn precatalysts and silanes for the catalytic hydrosilation-then-deoxygenation of esters. Deoxygenation of the silyl acetal intermediates and their partitioning between ether and silyl ether deoxygenation products depends upon the choice of silane and precatalyst.



- Catalytic reactions of hydrosilanes with carboxylic acids and silyl carboxylates. Dehydrogenative silation-hydrosilation-deoxygenation of the carboxylic acids gave isolable silyl esters, disilylacetals, and silyl ethers. The catalytic formate - hydrosilane chemistry pertains to CO_2 fixation, although more work on the pyrolysis of the disilylacetals is in progress.



- Catalytic Reactions of Hydrosilanes with Metallocarboxylic Acid Derivatives. $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnI}$ catalyzes the hydrosilation-deoxygenation of $\text{Cp}^*(\text{CO})(\text{NO})\text{ReCO}_2\text{R}'$ [$\text{R}' = \text{H}$ and SiR'_3], thus providing support for our metallocarboxylic acid pathway for CO/CO_2 fixation.



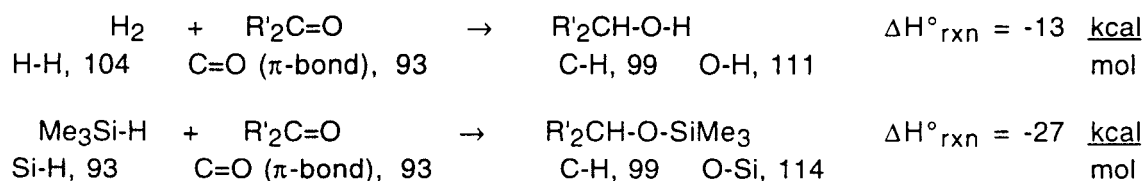
PREVIOUS RESULTS

A. Prologue

Our interest in the reactivity of hydrosilanes towards organometallic alkyl/acyl complexes - especially the reduction of acyl ligands - is an extension of our previous studies on generating and extending C₁ and C₂ ligands using (ligated) CO.¹ This chemistry entailed sequential carbonylation and reduction steps, with acyl ligand hydrogenation an obvious choice for the latter. These hydrogenation reactions instead typically release aldehydes or the corresponding alcohols.² Indeed, virtually all of the synthesis and CO fixation modeling studies of the 1970's relied on using borane, borohydride, or metal hydride reagents for reducing acyl ligands or their activated alkoxycarbene derivatives.^{1,3}

Catalytic hydrosilation of acyl complexes became an alternative approach for reducing acyl ligands. Catalytic hydrosilation of organic aldehydes and ketones to alkoxysilanes had been well established as an easy and dependable synthetic procedure,⁴ whereas the analogous catalytic hydrogenation of ketones to alcohols requires more effort in choice of catalyst and reaction conditions.⁵

The relative ease of hydrosilation vs. hydrogenation of a ketone is consistent with the results of thermochemical calculations using bond dissociation enthalpies (BDE's).⁶ Surprisingly, it is not the Si-O bond strength alone that favors the hydrosilation over the hydrogenation of a ketone. The relative weakness of the Si-H bond versus the H-H (by 11 kcal/mol) represents a more significant contribution to the ΔH°_{rxn} than does the strength of the Si-O versus the H-O bond (by 3 kcal/mol).



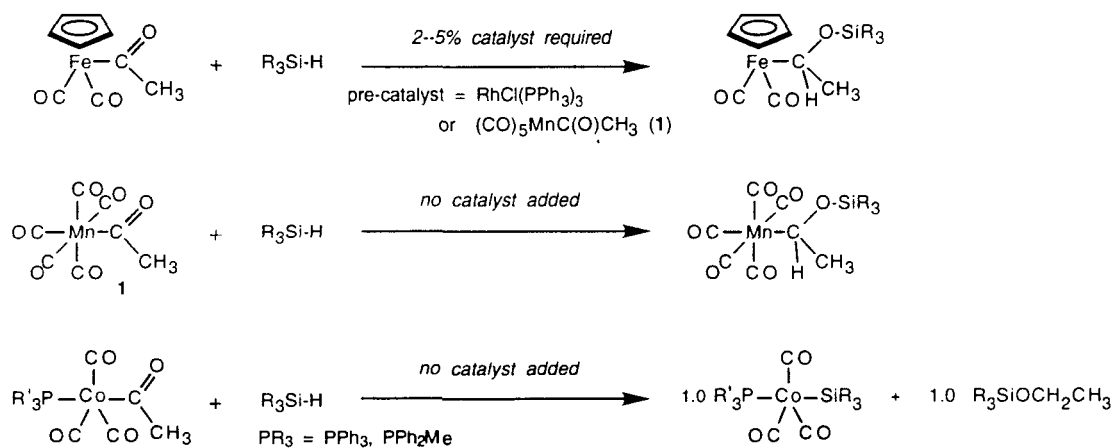
When we started our studies, very little was known about the reactions of labile metal acyl complexes with silanes:^{7,8} the expectation was that silane Si-H would add to the metal and eliminate aldehyde as the kinetic product.⁹ Alternative α -siloxyalkyl products $\text{L}_x\text{MCH}(\text{OSiR}_3)\text{R}'$ were unknown.

Cobalt α -siloxyalkyls $(\text{CO})_x\text{CoCH}(\text{OSiR}_3)\text{R}'$ had been postulated, however, in the seminal studies by Murai and co-workers¹⁰ as intermediates during the $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ -catalyzed silylformylation of alkenes (with R_3SiH and CO). These α -siloxyalkyl precursors to the organic products presumably originate via the interaction of in situ-generated $(\text{CO})_4\text{CoSiR}_3$ with aldehyde;^{10b,c} the aldehyde in turn derived from a cobalt acyl that came from alkene, CO, and $(\text{CO})_4\text{CoH}$. The incorporation of aldehyde into the cobalt silyl has been modeled under non-catalytic conditions in studies by Gladysz and co-workers¹¹ using $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnSiMe}_3$, but again no information was forthcoming on the hydrosilation of metal acyl complexes.

A landmark paper by Markó and co-workers¹² established two important points. First, the labile $(\text{CO})_4\text{CoC}(\text{O})\text{CHMe}_2$ adds Et_3SiH and generates a transient $(\text{CO})_4\text{CoCH}(\text{OSiEt}_3)\text{CHMe}_2$, which in the presence of excess silane degrades to the detected products, $\text{Me}_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{OSiEt}_3$ and $\text{Me}_2\text{C}=\text{CHOSiEt}_3$. Second, $(\text{CO})_4\text{CoSiMe}_3$ readily incorporates an aldehyde Me_2CHCHO as a similar α -siloxy-isobutyl complex that likewise degrades to analogous organic products. In this and previous studies, all

mechanistic deduction rested solely on the identification of the organic products.

Our early studies established four points.¹³ (1) We demonstrated the first examples of catalytic hydrosilation of non-labile organometallic acyl compounds. Rhodium(I) complexes catalyze the hydrosilation of Fp acyl compounds;¹⁴ the resulting products were the first α -siloxyalkyl complexes to be isolated and fully characterized. (2) The labile manganese acetyl, $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$ (**1**), in contrast, readily adds silanes in the absence of added catalyst, and a dozen of the resulting α -siloxyalkyl products were characterized.¹⁵ (3) Unexpectedly, **1** serves as an extraordinarily active precatalyst for the hydrosilation of FpCOCH_3 .¹⁶ For example, < 5% **1** promotes the hydrosilation of FpCOCH_3 with 2° silanes (e.g., Ph_2SiH_2) as well as with the less reactive¹⁷ 3° silanes (e.g., PhMe_2SiH),



whereas the Rh(I) precatalysts only function with the former. (4) Organotransition metal acetyl complexes, in our experience, undergo diverse reactions with silanes.¹³ In addition to the above catalytic and "apparently non-catalytic" hydrosilation of metal acyls, many metal acetyl complexes add 2 equiv. of silane and release the organic products, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OSiR}_3$ and $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHOSiR}_3$.^{10,11a,12,18} Results of our study of the above cobalt acetyl compounds¹⁹ were consistent with an intramolecular pathway (*vide infra*) involving a *coordinative unsaturated* α -siloxyalkyl intermediate that adds silane and eliminates only $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OSiR}_3$.¹⁹

Early studies by Akita, Moro-oka, and co-workers²⁰ coincided with and generally complemented our work on the Rh(I)-catalyzed hydrosilation of Fp and $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5$ acyls. (The presence of a rhodium catalyst, however, is unnecessary for the hydrosilation of **1**.)^{15a} Whereas we emphasized the characterization of organometallic intermediates and products, they did a nice job on establishing the organic byproducts. For example, they demonstrated that treatment of **1** with excess Ph_2SiH_2 and 1 atm. CO with 1% $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ produced a distribution of alkanes and alkenes reminiscent of Fischer-Tropsch (Pichler-Schulz distribution of) hydrocarbon products emanating from alternate carbonylation/reduction steps.^{20a} Subsequent studies by the same authors²¹ and others²² have focused on the hydrosilation-reduction of ligated CO, a topic that is relevant to the present proposal.

The truly unexpected dividend of this research is that these manganese carbonyl alkyl and acyl complexes function as such unusually reactive precatalysts for the reactions of silanes with organic and organometallic substrates. These well-known $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5$ complexes have not been used previously in

catalysis;²³ yet we find them to be far more reactive than traditional $\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4$ or even $\text{Rh}(\text{I})$ pre-catalysts for a variety of reactions between hydrosilanes and $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ²⁴ or $\text{O}-\text{H}$ ²⁵ bonds. As noted in the following Objectives summary, these catalytic reactions for organic molecules include:

- dehydrogenative silation of alcohols²⁵ and carboxylic acids,²⁶



- hydrosilation of aldehydes and ketones,²⁴ and



- hydrosilation-then-deoxygenation of esters²⁷ and silyl carboxylates,²⁶ and

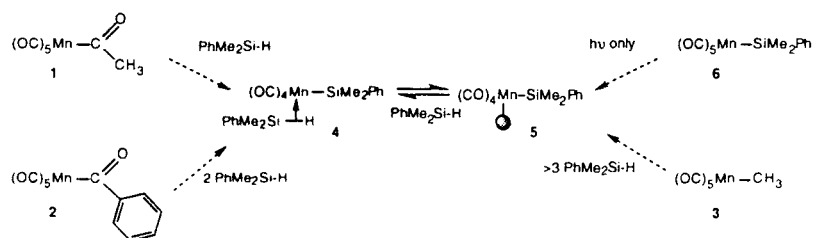


- dehydrogenative silation-then-hydrosilation-then-deoxygenation of carboxylic acids.²⁶



Organometallic substrates have included predominately iron and manganese acetyl^{25,26} and benzoyl²⁸ complexes as well as metallocarboxylic acids,²⁹ esters,³⁰ and silyl esters.³¹

In order to continuously evolve ever more active or selective hydrosilane catalysts, we are studying the reaction chemistry of silanes with manganese alkyl and acyl complexes.



During our prior grant period, we established that the manganese acetyl **1**,^{15b} benzoyl **2**,²⁸ and methyl **3**³² complexes react with PhMe_2SiH via very different mechanisms. Under the appropriate conditions all of these reaction mixtures nevertheless afford varying amounts of the same ($\eta^2\text{-Si-H}$) silane adduct **4** (which has been characterized in solution^{32b}) as the precatalyst for our hydrosilane catalysis chemistry, *vide infra*. This precatalyst **4** equilibrates with the coordinatively unsaturated manganese silyl **5**, our putative active catalyst.

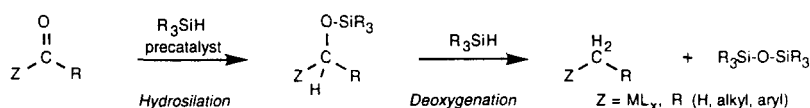
The coordinatively saturated manganese silyl **6** also provides the active catalyst **5** upon photolysis.^{24,27,28,30} A gratifying development is that the silyl intermediates **5** and **6** conform to the active catalyst and resting states, respectively, that we deduced during an earlier kinetics study^{28a} of isotope exchange between the EtMe_2SiH and PhMe_2SiD catalyzed by the three precatalysts **1-3**. With the advent of convenient and reproducible sources of **4** as precatalyst, we in the process of consolidating our understanding of the manganese carbonyl-catalyzed reactions of silanes with $\text{C}=\text{O}$ and $\text{O}-\text{H}$ bonds.

OBJECTIVES OF ONGOING AND PROPOSED RESEARCH:

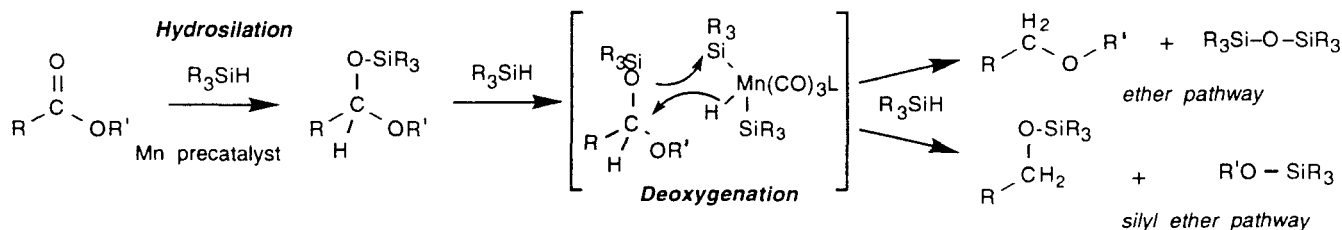
A. Study the reactions of labile $L(CO)_4Mn$ -alkyl, acyl, and halide complexes with hydrosilanes. Our studies of these novel coordinated ligand reactions are being used:

- (a) to establish these manganese carbonyl complexes as extremely reactive precatalysts for the reactions of silanes with organic and organometallic substrates, and
- (b) to determine the active catalyst and the plausible mechanisms of this catalysis.

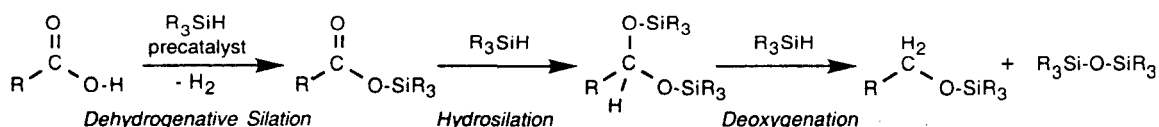
B. Establish the manganese carbonyl-catalyzed hydrosilation-then-deoxygenation of organic ketones and aldehydes and organometallic acyl carbonyl groups.



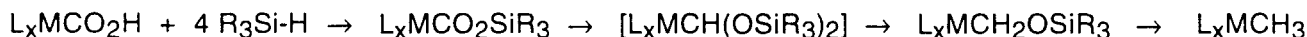
C. Finalize studies on the analogous reduction of the carbonyl group of organic esters. Here the critical issue is controlling the selectivity of the catalytic deoxygenation step to yield either ethers or silyl ethers. Resolution of this issue has depended upon our understanding of the coordinated ligand reactions of the Mn precatalysts.



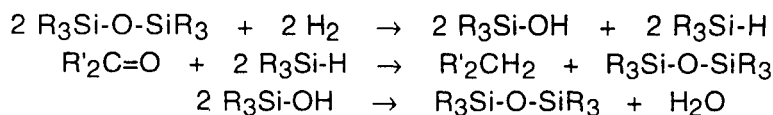
D. Establish the manganese carbonyl-catalyzed dehydrogenative silation-then-hydrosilation-then-deoxygenation of organic carboxylic acid and silyl ester derivatives. Organic formates, $\text{R} = \text{H}$, represent a special case due to their importance to both CO and CO₂ reduction.



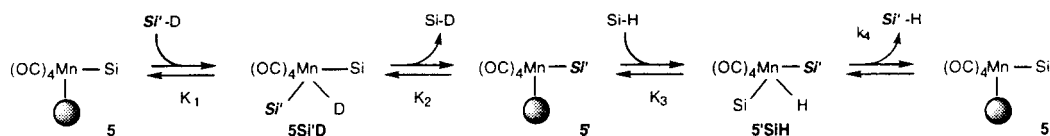
E. Extend the Mn-hydrosilane catalysis of organic carboxylic acids to metallocarboxylic acids and derivatives $L_xMC(O)OR$ ($\text{R} = \text{H, CH}_3, \text{SiR}_3$), which are available from either ligated CO or CO₂. This models our metalloester approach to CO/CO₂ fixation: the resulting disilylacetals intermediates $L_xMCH(\text{OSiR}_3)_2$ serve as alternative C₁ templates to the usual formyl ligand.



F. Explore the possibility of silane-driven hydrogenation of organic and organometallic substrates.



This isotope exchange focuses on the reactivity of the active catalyst with silane alone. With as little as 0.5% precatalyst, these exchange reactions afford reproducible induction, pre-equilibrium, and final equilibrium periods. Graphical analysis of Lineweaver-Burk plots for the pre-equilibrium



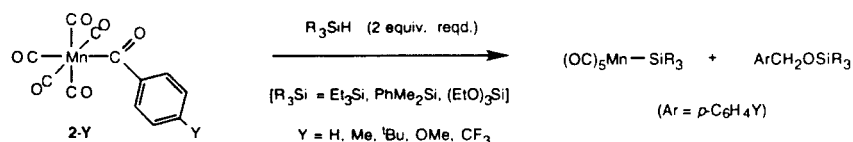
period is in accord with a ping-pong bi bi mechanism that operates under rapid equilibrium conditions and involves unsaturated $(\text{CO})_4\text{MnSiMe}_2\text{R}$ (**4'**), as active catalysts.

Although the coordinatively saturated $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnSiMe}_2\text{Ph}$ (**6**) and $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnSiPh}_2\text{H}$ are not catalyst precursors for SiH/SiD exchange, photolysis of these silyl complexes in the presence of silane engendered efficient isotope exchange. For reasons that will be developed, the resting state **5SiH** intermediates³⁴ illustrated presumably equilibrate with $(\eta^2\text{-Si-H})$ silane Mn silyl complexes.³⁵

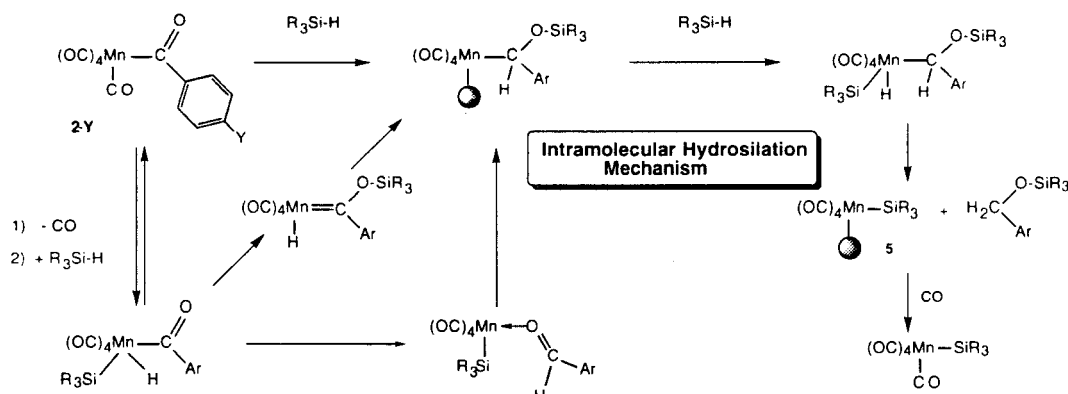
2. Hydrosilation of the Manganese Aryl Complexes $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnC}(\text{O})\text{-}p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Y}$.

Our studies on the hydrosilation of $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$ (**1**) were extended to the aryl complexes $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnC}(\text{O})\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Y}$ (**2-Y**; $\text{Y} = \text{H, Me, }^t\text{Bu, OMe, CF}_3$)^{28b} for three reasons: (1) The parent benzoyl (**2**) is among the more active manganese precatalysts.²⁸ (2) Preliminary results indicated that **2** and **1** react with hydrosilanes via different pathways.^{28,4a} (3) Altering the para substituent Y on **2-Y** alters the electronic environment on the manganese center that could provide mechanistic insight into the hydrosilation process, if not actually change the reaction pathway.

We found that the choice of the aryl *para*-substituents had no effect on the rate or outcome of the hydrosilation reactions. All examples of **2-Y** consumed 2-3 equiv. of R_3SiH within 1 hr. and gave the $\text{ArCH}_2\text{OSiR}_3$ (85-95%) plus $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnSiR}_3$ (25-30%), along with considerable $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$.



We detected neither $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnCH}(\text{OSiR}_3)\text{Ar}$ nor their expected³⁶ degradation products $[\text{ArCH}(\text{OSiR}_3)]_2$ (independently prepared). Conducting these reactions with 1.0 equiv. of R_3SiH left 50% of the starting **6** and typically gave $\text{ArCH}_2\text{OSiR}_3$ in 40-45%. Taken together, these and other observations are consistent with an intramolecular hydrosilation mechanism analogous to that proposed for the reactions of silanes with $(\text{PR}_3)(\text{CO})\text{CoC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$.¹⁹ Accordingly, the silane adds to and transfers sequentially from the same metal center to the aryl ligand undergoing hydrosilation. The resulting unsaturated

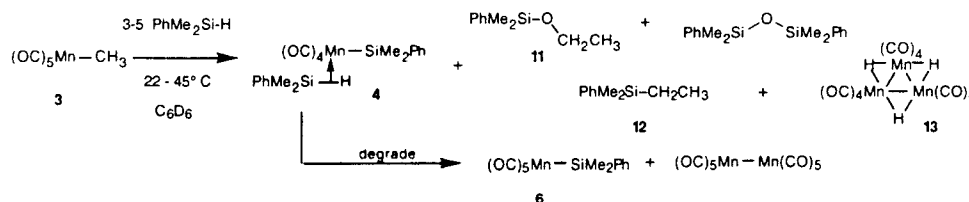


α -siloxybenzyl complex adds more silane and degrades to unsaturated **5** plus the observed $\text{ArCH}_2\text{OSiR}_3$.

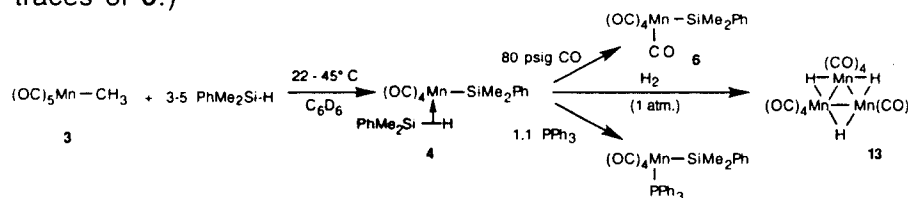
3. Hydrosilane Reactions of the Methyl Complex $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnCH}_3$ and Congeners.

This research was initiated because labile manganese alkyl complexes such as $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnCH}_3$ (**3**) and $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnCH}(\text{OSiR}_3)\text{CH}_3$ (**8**) function as viable - sometimes extremely potent - hydrosilation precatalysts.¹³ Moreover, relatively little was known concerning the reactions of silanes with alkyl complexes.^{9b,18} Related chemistry involving $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnR}$ includes hydrogenation³⁷ and their reactions with manganese hydrides $(\text{L})(\text{CO})_4\text{MnH}$.³⁸ Halpern^{38a} found that these latter reactions comprised several pathways. One particularly relevant pathway is binuclear reductive elimination, which has the manganese-hydride bond promoting alkyl-CO migratory insertion prior to releasing the aldehyde.

Heating **3** and 3-5 equiv. of PhMe_2SiH in C_6D_6 at 40°C for 3 h or at 24°C for 9-10 h furnished a red solution that contained the new silylmanganese (η^2 -Si-H) silane compound^{32a,35} $(\text{CO})_4\text{Mn}(\text{H-SiMe}_2\text{Ph})\text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph}$ (**4**). This compound, which collected in 40-55% yield, has a half life of 12 h at 22°C , although removal of the excess silane even at lower temperatures immediately decomposed it. Structure formulation for **4** rests upon the results of ^1H , ^{13}C , ^{29}Si NMR spectroscopy and derivitization experiments. The Mn-H ^1H NMR spectral resonance at δ -11.43 exhibits a $^2J_{\text{SiH}} = 40.0\text{ Hz}$ ($^1\text{H}\{^{29}\text{Si}\}$ HMQC at -50°C), and EXSY experiments demonstrated silane exchange with **4**.



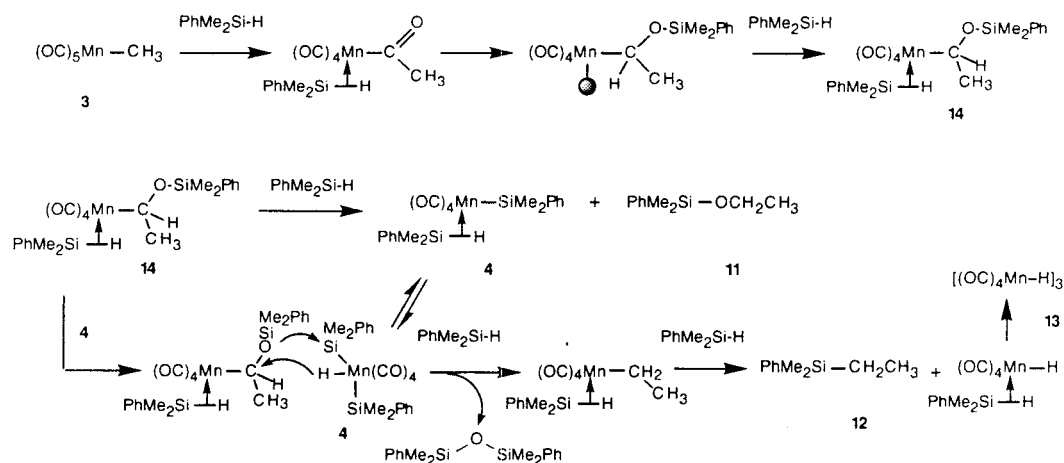
These derivitization experiments are illustrated below. Carbonylation of **4** or treatment with PPh_3 quantitatively converted it to the silyl complexes illustrated, and hydrogenation gave the requisite amount of $[(\text{CO})_4\text{MnH}]_3$ (**13**),³⁹ with quantitative release of silane. (Initially, solutions of **4** contained only traces of **6**.)



The ethoxysilane **11** and ethylsilane **12** byproducts (maximum 45 and 28% yields relative to initial **3**) that originated along with **4** clearly have incorporated and reduced one ligated carbonyl. When PhMe_2SiD was used, both **11** and **12** retained α -CD₂ groups. Concentration profiles vs. time are available (NMR spectral quantitation), in addition to IR quantitation of $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ and $[(\text{CO})_4\text{MnH}]_3$ (**13**) as a function of temperature initial silane and/or **3** concentrations, and the presence of exogenous CO (1 atm.), H_2 (70 psig), or PPh_3 .

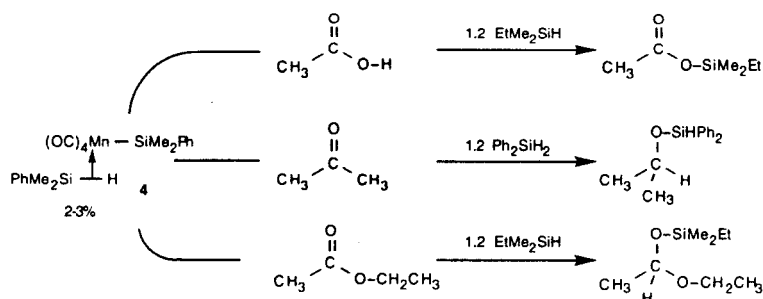
A speculative mechanism appears below that accounts for the formation of the **4** as well as the organosilanes **11** and **12**. The excess PhMe_2SiH promotes methyl-CO migratory insertion, and subsequent reduction (via the intramolecular pathway) produces the η^2 -silane adduct of α -siloxyethyl

manganese **14**, a branchpoint in the mechanism that leads to **11** and **12**. The pathway leading to **11**⁴⁰ also produces **4**, which however is consumed in the pathway leading to the ethylsilane **12**. This unusual C-Si bond formation⁴¹ could arise via a **4**-mediated deoxygenation of **14** involving concurrent hydride transfer with ejection of disiloxane.⁴² Subsequent reductive elimination of **12** also releases the manganese trihydride **13**.



4. Using $(\text{CO})_4\text{Mn}(\text{H-SiMe}_2\text{Ph})\text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph}$ (**4**) as the Precatalyst with Silanes.

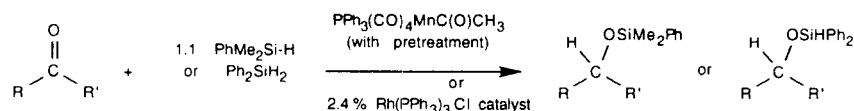
We were pleased to find that **4** serves as an extraordinarily active precatalyst for hydrosilation reactions with several substrates. The following examples illustrate successful dehydrogenative silation (acetic acid) and hydrosilation (acetone, ethyl acetate) runs using **4** and either EtMe_2SiH or Ph_2SiH_2 . Yields are essentially quantitative using less catalyst for significantly faster reactions (≤ 0.25 hr.). Although studies are incomplete for (successful) deoxygenation chemistry, we now have a single precatalyst that efficiently catalyzes all three of these reactions.^{32d,43,44} Studies in progress address the efficacy of using solutions containing 1-4% **4** vs. 5% **1-3** as precatalysts for the above catalytic reactions.



C. Catalytic Hydrosilation-then-Deoxygenation of Ketones and Organometallic Acyls.

1. Manganese Acyl-Catalyzed Hydrosilation of Ketones.

We compared the relative activity of several manganese precatalysts in C_6D_6 (2 mol%) for



$(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{CO})_4\text{Mn}(\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3)$ (**7**) (< 5 min) $\gg (\text{CO})_5\text{Mn}(\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Ph}) > (\text{CO})_5\text{Mn}(\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3) > (\text{CO})_5\text{MnCH}_3 > (\text{CO})_5\text{MnBr}$ (6.0 h) $\gg \text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10} \approx (\text{PPh}_3)(\text{CO})_4\text{MnBr} \approx (\text{CO})_5\text{MnSiMe}_2\text{Ph}$ (**6**).

catalyzing the hydrosilation of acetone with 1.1 equiv. of PhMe_2SiH :²⁴ As a result of this survey, **7** was used in subsequent ketone hydrosilation studies. Pretreating 1% **7** with the full amount of PhMe_2SiH for 20 min before adding the ketone decreased the reaction times from 50 min to < 4 min. The inert **6** also turned into a moderately effective ketone hydrosilation catalyst during photolysis.

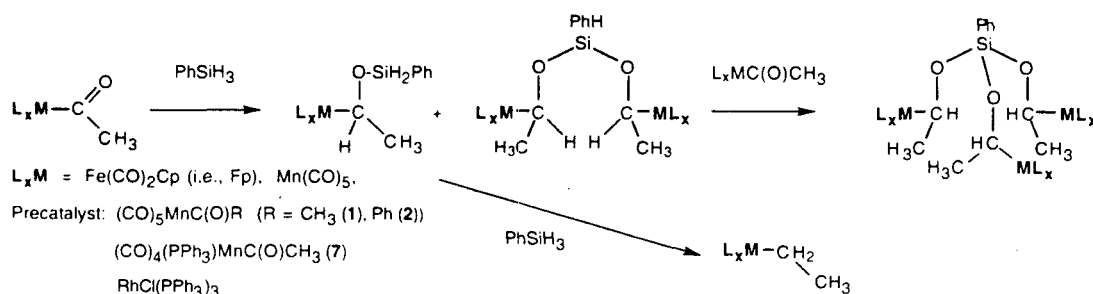
Reaction times using $\text{Rh}(\text{PPh}_3)_3\text{Cl}$ (the standard ketone hydrosilation catalyst)⁴ and **7** as precatalysts were compared for the hydrosilation of acetone, acetophenone, and cyclohexanone. Interestingly, **7** was much more active precatalyst for ketone hydrosilation with PhMe_2SiH , although both catalysts exhibited similar activity with Ph_2SiH_2 . Isolated yields of the alkoxyasilanes exceeded 90%, with no evidence of competing dehydrogenative silation to yield vinyl silyl ethers. The manganese **7** hydrosilation systems thus greatly eclipse the ketone hydrosilation activity of the standard $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ / $(\text{CO})_4\text{CoSiR}_3$ and $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ catalytic systems in reactivity and product selectivity.^{4,45}

2. Manganese Acyl- and $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ -Catalyzed PhSiH_3 Hydrosilation-then-Deoxygenation of Organoiron Acyl Complexes $\text{Cp}(\text{L})(\text{CO})\text{FeC}(\text{O})\text{R}$.

Prior to this study the only procedure for reducing an acyl ligand $\text{L}_x\text{MC}(=\text{O})\text{R}$ to its alkyl derivative $\text{L}_x\text{MCH}_2\text{R}$ required using excess B_2H_6 or $\text{BH}_3\cdot\text{THF}$, a messy reaction for $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})(\text{L})\text{Fe}$ acyl complexes.⁴⁶ Direct catalytic hydrogenation (e.g., with $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$)⁴⁶ of these acyl complexes has not been documented. Our objective was to find catalytic conditions for the PhSiH_3 hydrosilation-then-deoxygenation of FpCOCH_3 ($\text{L} = \text{CO}$) to FpCH_2CH_3 .^{16b} Initial observations on this reaction using $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ catalysis were noted several years ago by Akita and Moro-Oka²⁰ and by us.^{16a} The precatalysts that we studied included $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ and the manganese acyls **1**, **2**, and **7**.^{16b}

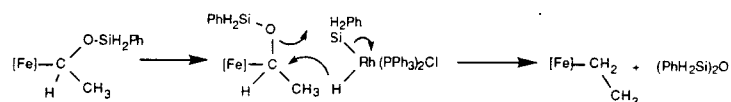
With the manganese acyl precatalysts, FpCOCH_3 and 1.1 equiv. PhSiH_3 transformed to the depicted mono-, bis-, and tris- α -siloxyethyl complexes. The initially formed mono-Fe and bis-Fe adducts transformed into the tris-Fe compound and FpCH_2CH_3 . After 12 hours, only the latter compounds remained. The tris-Fe compound did not convert into FpCH_2CH_3 under these conditions.

Two extensions of this work are worth noting. First, identical results were obtained by reacting the substrate **1** with PhSiH_3 (but without added catalyst). Second the use of $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ (3%) and



PhSiH_3 (1.6 equiv.) is a convenient synthetic procedure for transforming $\text{Cp}(\text{L})(\text{CO})\text{FeC}(\text{O})\text{R}$ over 40-60 min. to their alkyl derivatives, $\text{Cp}(\text{L})(\text{CO})\text{FeCH}_2\text{R}$. Seven iron acyls were studied: $[\text{FpC}(\text{O})\text{R}]$, $\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Ph}, \text{}^i\text{Pr}, \text{}^t\text{Bu}$; $\text{Cp}(\text{L})(\text{CO})\text{FeC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$, $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3, \text{P}(\text{OMe})_3$, and $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$.

An important outcome of this study were early examples of using silane catalysis to fully reduce an acyl group. The hydrosilation of the Fp acyls resembles Rh^4 - or $\text{Mn}^{24,27}$ -catalyzed hydrosilation

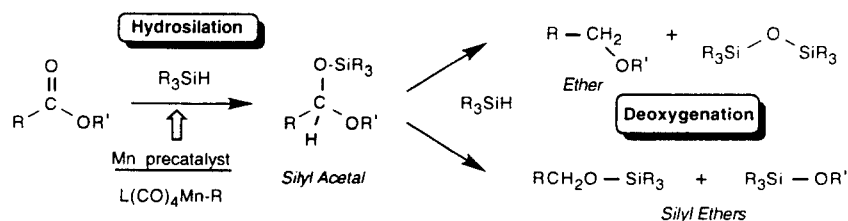


of ketones, whereas the deoxygenation step apparently entails hydride transfer from a hydrosilane adduct of the active catalyst commensurate with disiloxane, *vide infra*.

D. Manganese Acyl Catalyzed Hydrosilation-then-Deoxygenation of Esters.

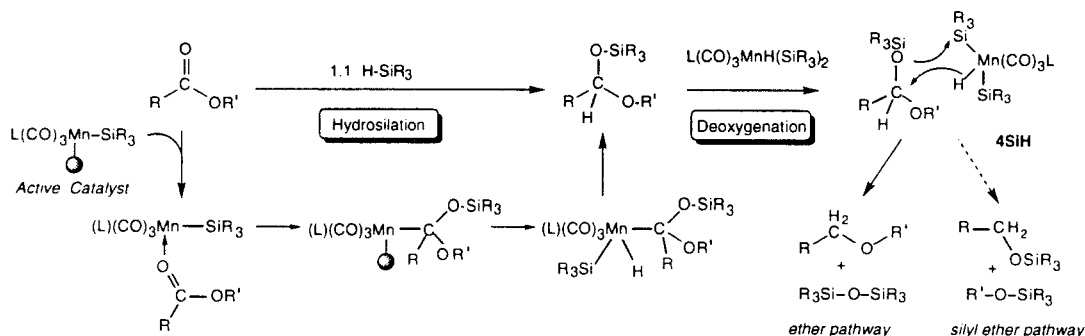
The manganese acetyls $(L)(CO)_4MnC(O)CH_3$ [$L = CO$ (**1**), PPh_3 (**7**)] catalyze the $PhSiH_3$ hydrosilation-then-deoxygenation of esters $RC(=O)OR'$ to ethers and in some cases to silylether products.²⁷ By using Ph_2SiH_2 and $PhMe_2SiH$, we demonstrated that the initial ester hydrosilation step forms a silyl acetal $RCH(OSiR_3)OR'$, which upon treatment with $PhSiH_3$ or even Ph_2SiH_2 undergoes further catalytic deoxygenation. This last step yields ether and silylether (RCH_2OSiR_3 and $R'OSiR_3$) products. The following scheme illustrates these competing catalytic deoxygenation pathways.^{27,47,48}

Choice of the precatalyst affects this partitioning of deoxygenation pathways. Ethyl acetate, for example, with $PhSiH_3$ (1.2 equiv) and **7** (1.5%) underwent an exothermic reaction that yielded 85% Et_2O [and $PhSiH(OEt)_2$] within 15 min.; the same reaction but using **1** as the precatalyst went slower



(1.5 h), but quantitatively provided Et_2O . Analogous reactions using Ph_2SiH_2 and $PhMe_2SiH$ afforded silyl acetals (80-90% isolated yields), which underwent further **7**-catalyzed reduction to ether with $PhSiH_3$ or even Ph_2SiH_2 .

The mechanism for this ester-hydrosilane catalysis consists of the two steps, hydrosilation and then deoxygenation. We envisage hydrosilation starting with **5** as the active catalyst and following a pathway analogous to ketone hydrosilation.^{24,4} The deoxygenation step,⁴⁹ however, with its partitioning between between ether and silyl ether products remains the subject of ongoing study. Our current working hypothesis involves **5SiH**, the hydrosilane adduct of the active catalyst,³⁴ as a hydride donor to the silyl acetal commensurate with release of disiloxane (or silyl ether).^{15,16b,50}



steps invariably produces bis- and tris-silyl acetals, which resist subsequent deoxygenation. Although RMe_2SiH readily forms monosilyl acetals, they do not further react with monohydrosilanes.

2. Rhodium(I)-Catalyzed Hydrosilation of Organic Esters.

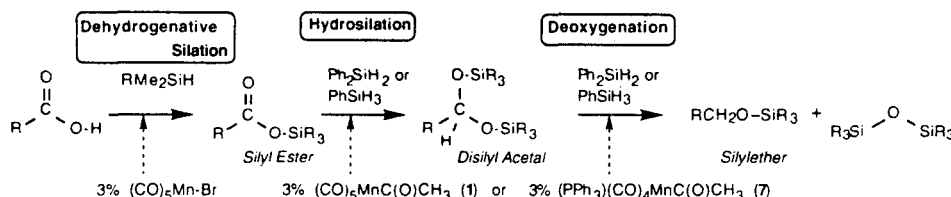
Although rhodium(I)-catalyzed hydrosilation of aldehydes and ketones represents a mature technology,⁴ similar hydrosilation of simple organic esters is unknown.^{47,48} We were therefore quite surprised to find that in "control" experiments even Wilkinson's catalyst promoted the diphenylsilane hydrosilation of ethyl acetate. The presence of 3% $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ and 2.4 equiv. of Ph_2SiH_2 quantitatively transforms ethyl acetate to ether over 48 h, whereas $[\text{Rh}(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)(\text{COD})]_2$,⁵³ stops at the monosilyl acetal stage (88%, 0.3 h).

This Rh(I) catalysis study has relied on just a few precatalysts - $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$, $[\text{RhCl}(\text{COD})]_2$, $[\text{RhCl}(\text{COD})]_2 + 2 \text{ PPh}_3$, and $[\text{Rh}(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)(\text{COD})]_2$,⁵³ - and ethyl acetate, ethyl formate, and methyl *p*-toluate as substrates. Under all conditions, PhMe_2SiH and Et_3SiH were unreactive, whereas Ph_2SiH_2 (and Et_2SiH_2 and PhMeSiH_2 in preliminary studies) underwent facile hydrosilation reactions.

Thus far, we only have results from ^1H , ^{13}C NMR spectral monitoring, which needs to be supplemented by GC quantitation and preparative work for selected catalytic runs. The more volatile dihydrosilanes Et_2SiH_2 , PhMeSiH_2 , and EtMeSiH_2 represent good candidates for these studies. We believe that it would be propitious to survey a few (Rh(I) for now) catalytic systems that also are promising for CO_2 hydrogenation.⁵⁴ Examples of such catalytic systems include $[(\text{dppb})\text{RhH}]_x$ and $[(\text{cod})\text{RhH}]_4$ ⁵⁵ as well as an eclectic selection of Wilkinson catalyst analogs, including replacement of the PPh_3 by PMe_3 , P^iPr_3 , etc.⁵⁶

E. Catalytic Reactions of Hydrosilanes with Carboxylic Acids and Silyl Carboxylates.

We have extended the manganese carbonyl-hydrosilane catalysis to carboxylic acids using formic, acetic, toluic, and (less extensively) phenylacetic acids as the substrates. By balancing the choice of hydrosilane and precatalyst, we selectively converted these carboxylic acids into their silyl esters, their disilyl acetals, $\text{RCH}(\text{OSiR}_3)_2$, and finally their alkoxysilanes, $\text{RCH}_2\text{OSiR}_3$.²⁶

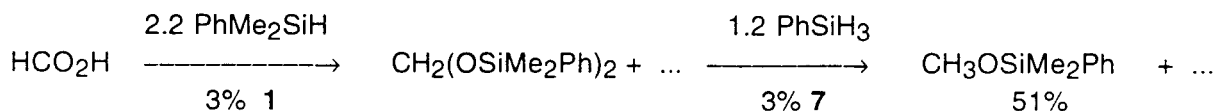


This product selectivity depends upon matching the appropriate precatalyst and silane for each of the above three catalytic steps. The dehydrogenative silylation reaction selectively forms the silyl ester⁵⁷ (even with excess RMe_2SiH , $\text{R} = \text{Et}$, Ph) with $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnBr}$ precatalyst. Formation of the disilyl acetals is best carried out using either 1 or 7 as the precatalyst with RMe_2SiH and either the acid or its silyl ester.⁵⁸ The more reactive PhSiH_3 was used in the third or deoxygenation step along with 7 as the precatalyst. By using PhSiH_3 and 7, we for example quantitatively converted $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{SiMe}_2\text{Et}$ to a mixture of silyl ethers, $\text{EtOSiMe}_2\text{Et}$ and $\text{PhSiH}_x(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3)_{3-x}$.⁵⁸

We are interested in the catalytic dehydrogenative silation, hydrosilation, and deoxygenation of formic acid as a novel approach to CO and CO₂ reduction. Previous work of Klinger and Rathke⁵⁹ established uncatalyzed chemistry in which the disiloxane Me₃SiOSiMe₃ and H₂ under pressure at 250 °C with CO or CO₂ yielded Me₃SiOCH₃ and HCO₂CH₃ as the final products. A silyl formate HCO₂SiMe₃ evidently mediates this chemistry and is converted to the hypothesized disilylacetal CH₂(OSiMe₃)₂ that extrudes CH₂=O. This intriguing chemistry is discussed further in the Proposed Studies.

Our immediate objective was to see if we could extend our mild catalysis conditions to convert formic acid via its uncharacterized disilylacetal to methoxysilanes. These studies then will be expanded to (a) thermal degradation of disilylacetals and (b) catalytic disiloxane hydrogenation as a silane plus silanol source coupled with (c) catalytic hydrosilation of CO₂ and CO, respectively (*vide infra*).

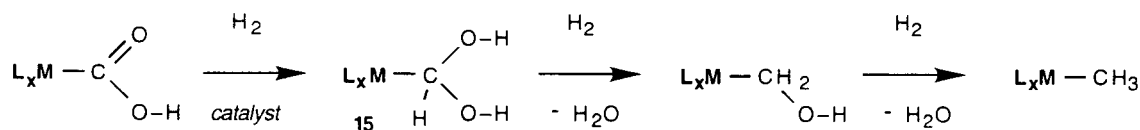
The manganese-catalyzed hydrosilation of formic acid resembles that of ethyl formate rather than acetic acid.^{32b} We obtained the silyl formates HCO₂SiR₃ [SiR₃ = SiMe₂Et, SiEt₂Me, SiMe₂Ph, and SiHPh₂] and disilyl acetals CH₂(OSiR₃)₂ [SiR₃ = SiMe₂Et, SiMe₂Ph, and SiMe₂Et/SiHPh₂] using the above reaction chemistry. Treatment of HCO₂SiMe₂Ph with 1.2 equiv. of PhSiH₃ and 3% **7** provided < 10% CH₃OSiMe₂Ph - most of the product is the bis-disilyl acetal PhSiH(OCH₂OSiMe₂Ph)₂. Catalytic deoxygenation of preformed CH₂(OSiMe₃)₂ was more useful. The yields of CH₃OSiMe₂Ph depended on the hydrosilane used in the second step: PhSiH₃ (51%), Ph₂SiH₂ (23%), and PhMe₂SiH (9%).



F. Catalytic Reactions of Hydrosilanes with Metallocarboxylic Acid Derivatives.

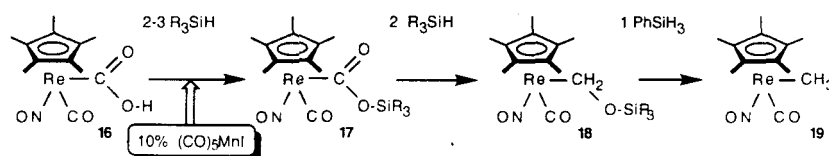
Metallocarboxylic acids L_xMC(O)OH have an established role in catalysis, for example, the water-gas shift-reaction.⁶⁰ In this and other reactions they mediate the pH-dependent interconversion of ligated CO and CO₂. Although several metallocarboxylic acids have been fully characterized,⁶¹ most are unstable with respect to CO₂ deinsertion and conversion to metal hydrides. (Metalloester derivatives, alkoxycarbonyl complexes, are relatively stable and are available from ligated CO or CO₂.)⁶² Very little is known however concerning the reduction of the acyl ligand of metallocarboxylic acids and their ester derivatives.^{63,64}

We suspect nonetheless that metallocarboxylic acids and their derivatives could be involved in CO or CO₂ fixation.^{1a,64} Consider the hypothetical hydrogenation of a metallocarboxylic acid to yield **15**, the hydrate of the formyl L_xMC(O)H. This acetal derivative could supplant the ubiquitous formyl ligand as a C₁ template for converting ligated CO (or CO₂) to a hydroxymethyl ligand. Although there are no examples of **15**, several acetal analogs have been reported.⁶⁵ We previously reported⁶⁴ that Cp(CO)₂FeCH(OMe)₂, which is stable at room temperature as opposed to the very unstable FpC(O)H,^{1a} could be reduced to FpCH₂OMe.



Our objective was to extend our hydrosilane catalysis to metallocarboxylic acids and their esters, thus (catalytically) transforming them to siloxymethyl complexes, $L_xMCH_2OSiR_3$.⁶⁶ Results of our initial hydrosilation survey of metalloesters $L_xMCO_2CH_3$ was disappointing:³⁰ these compounds proved to be much less reactive than their acetyl analogs. Under conditions where $(CO)_5MnC(O)CH_3$ (**1**) underwent hydrosilation, $(CO)_5MnC(O)OCH_3$, for example, was *inert* towards Ph_2SiH_2 . Attempts to promote its hydrosilation using **1**, **7**, or Rh(I) catalysis also failed.³⁰

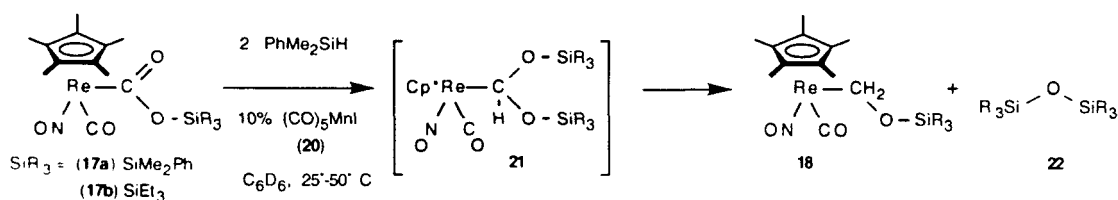
We did develop the above ligand reactions by using the nonlabile system $L_xM = Cp^*(CO)(NO)Re$ as its carboxylic acid **16**⁶⁷ and silyl ester **17**⁶⁸ complexes. Choice of a nonlabile rhenium center ensured that intermolecular hydrosilane reactions were centered on the C_1 carboxylate ligand.^{29,31}



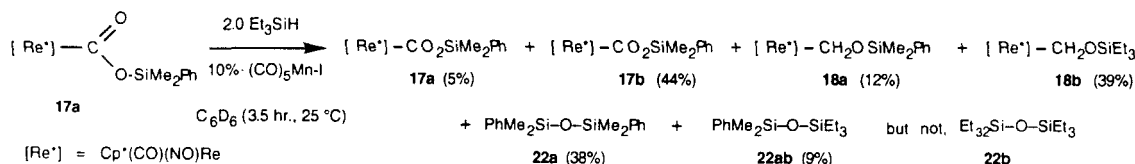
Three themes emerged from these studies. (1) $(CO)_5MnI$ (**20**) is a surprisingly effective precatalyst for hydrosilation then deoxygenation of **16** and **17**. (2) these ligand reactions differ significantly from similar catalytic reactions involving their organic carboxylic acid analogs. (3) as illustrated, either **16** or **17** can be catalytically reduced with hydrosilanes to the siloxymethyl **18** and methyl **19** complexes. This represents a rare example of using a homogeneous catalytic system to reduce carbon monoxide ligated - as its siloxycarbonyl derivative - at another metal complex.⁶⁹

1. The Catalytic Hydrosilation and Further Reduction of Rhenium Silyl Esters.

The silyl esters $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2SiR_3$ **17**⁶⁸ serve as substrates towards **20**-catalyzed hydrosilation-then-deoxygenation.³¹ With 5% **20** present, **17a** in C_6D_6 plus 2.5 equiv. of $PhMe_2SiH$ transformed within 3-4 hours to the siloxymethyl complex **18a** (89-94%) plus disiloxane **22a**. No intermediates were detected by NMR spectroscopy. The same reaction at 50° C required only 1 hr.

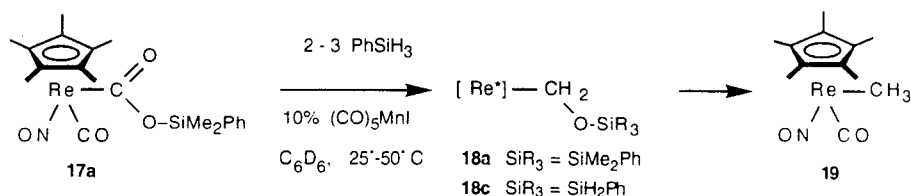


By examining concentration-time profiles for these reactions, we demonstrated that two equiv. of $PhMe_2SiH$ are required to consume **17a** and simultaneously produce **18a** plus **22a**. Although we had isolated organic disilylacetals, we did not detect **21** with the present precatalyst **20** and choices of silane. Further studies using crossover experiments - e.g., treatment of **17a** with 2.0 equiv. of Et_3SiH - uncovered an intriguing **20**-catalyzed silyl exchange reaction for silyl esters **17** (but not for **18** or



22). Yields correspond to starting **21a**. Taken together, these results conform to a mechanism involving *reversible* formation of disilylacetal intermediates **21** and then subsequent deoxygenation of to yield the siloxymethyl **18**^{70,71}

The use of the more reactive PhSiH_3 in **20**-catalyzed reactions with **17a** and **17b** yielded the fully reduced methyl complex **19**. Thus use of PhSiH_3 in $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnI}$ (10%) catalyzed reactions with **17a** yielded up to 45% **19**.

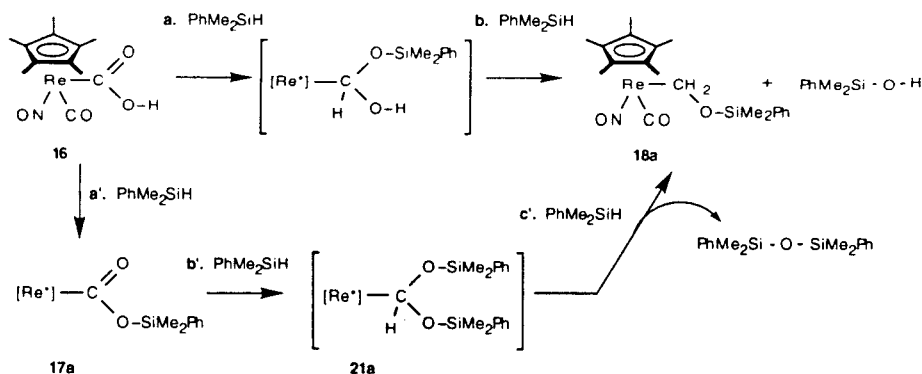


Perhaps the most important conclusion is that the putative disilylacetal complexes **21** can undergo reactions that are not available to their formyl analogs. We showed in this study that the formyl $\text{Cp}^*(\text{CO})(\text{NO})\text{ReCHO}$ did not undergo catalytic hydrosilation.³¹

2. The Case for the Hemisilylacetal Pathway for Catalytic Hydrosilation and Deoxygenation of a Rhenium Carboxylic Acid.

Reactions involving the rhenium acid **16**⁶⁷, 2.5-3.0 equiv of PhMe_2SiH , and 5 mol% of precatalyst **20** required more than 24 hrs. at 22°C or 3-4 hrs. at 50°C to convert all of the **16** to **18a**.²⁹ The relative slowness of this acid reaction vs. that of its silyl ester **17a** is particularly intriguing in that **17a** appeared as an intermediate during the acid reaction.

A second difference between the catalytic reactions of **16** and **17a** with PhMe_2SiH is that the former reaction initially produces only the silanol PhMe_2SiOH . Formation of disiloxane **22a** appeared only after most of the starting **16** had transformed into intermediate **17a** or product **18a**.⁷²



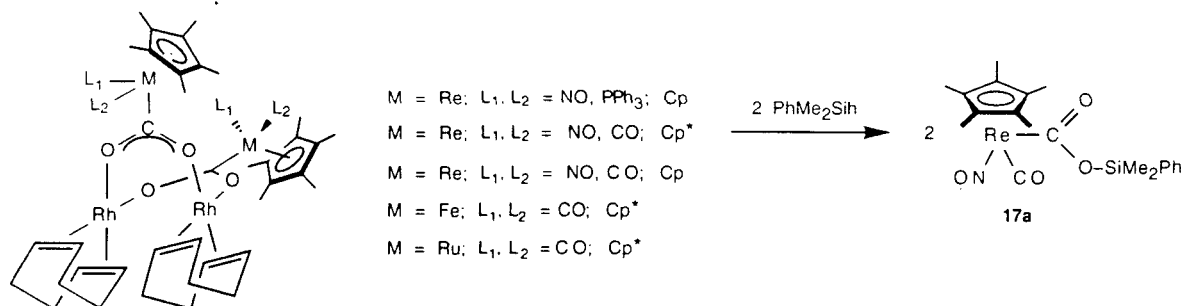
The $(\text{CO})_5\text{MnI}$ (**20**)-catalyzed PhMe_2SiH reactions with the rhenium acid **16** comprises two parallel hemisilylacetal (55%) and disilylacetal (45%) pathways. According to the former (steps **a**-**b**), starting **16** gives a hemisilylacetal intermediate **23a**, which selectively releases silanol upon catalytic deoxygenation to **18a** (total of 2 equiv. of PhMe_2SiH consumed). The latter pathway (steps **a'**-**c'**) entails catalytic dehydrogenative silation of **16** followed by hydrosilation to generate a disilylacetal **21a**, which subsequently releases disiloxane (3 equiv. of PhMe_2SiH consumed).⁷³

A surprising outcome of this work was that the **20**-catalyzed hydrosilation-then-reduction of

the rhenium acid **16** and its silyl ester **17** differ from related reactions involving organic carboxylic acids and their silyl esters, e.g., $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{SiR}_3$.²⁶ In contrast, disilylacetals, e.g., $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OSiR}_3)_2$, are isolable, and there is no indication of a corresponding hemisilylacetal pathway with organic acids.

G. Postscript.

Finally, I must acknowledge an area of potential overlap of this last portion of my DOE-sponsored research and that supported by NSF. Our NSF work is concerned with heterobimetallic CO_2 complexes that have been designed to potentially facilitate (catalytic) reduction - using hydrosilanes as well as H_2 - of the ligated CO_2 . Recent efforts have been directed towards a family of Fe_2Rh_2 and Re_2Rh_2 bis-carboxylates that have been designed with catalytically active Rh(I) centers appended to the CO_2 .⁷⁴ Much of the exploratory work has centered on the first two Re_2Rh_2 bis- CO_2 adducts illustrated; their reactions with hydrosilanes thus far release the silyl esters, e.g., **17**.



We credit the initial synthesis and characterization of rhenium silyl esters to NSF; their catalytic hydrosilation, including current and projected mechanism studies to DOE; the details of reacting hydrosilanes with FeRh and ReRh CO_2 compounds to NSF; and development and testing of Mn and other hydrosilation catalysts to DOE. This partial overlap of DOE and NSF research programs was temporary. NSF-sponsored research now emphasizes new types of bimetallic CO_2 complexes $(\text{L}_x\text{M}-\text{CO}_2-\text{M}'\text{L}'_x)_y$ in which the labile or catalytically active metal moiety L_xM [e.g., $\text{Rh}^{\text{I}}(\text{CO})(\text{PR}_3)_2$, Ir^{I} , and Ru^{II} analogs] resides on the carbon-end ($\eta^1\text{-C}$) of the CO_2 complex.

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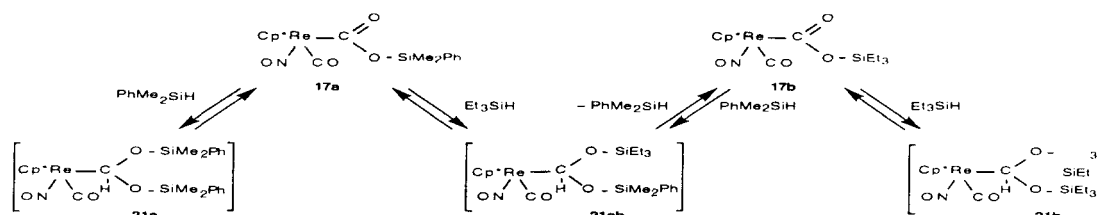
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71. This study depended upon our ability to identify and quantitate unsymmetric disiloxanes, some of which were unknown. In order to collect the necessary ^1H , ^{13}C , ^{29}Si NMR spectral data, we selectively generated these compounds in near quantitative yields via **20**-catalyzed dehydrogenative silation of a silanol R_3SiOH with the requisite hydrosilane. All of the unsymmetric disiloxanes necessary to this study involving the four silyl groups mentioned were characterized.
72. Typical data gleaned from a reaction profile (time-concentration) for **20**-catalyzed reaction between **16** and 2.8 equiv. of PhMe_2SiH : by 100 min., < 10% **16** remained; the sum of the **17a** and **18a** accounted for 93% of the starting **16**. After 220 min., an 89% yield of **18a** corresponds to 2.4 equiv. of PhMe_2SiH consumed per **18a** formed.
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C. TIME AND EFFORT COMMITMENT TO PROJECT

The principal investigator has devoted approximately 40% of his time during the academic year and 100% during two summer months on this project. It is anticipated that about the same time and effort commitment will be maintained during the remainder of the current term.