

## Effect of the synthetic method of Pt/MgO in the hydrosilylation of phenylacetylene

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### Abstract

This work describes the synthesis and characterization of Pt/MgO (Pt/Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>, calcined Pt/MgO and agglomerated Pt/MgO) catalysts. The supports of the catalysts were obtained by the hydrolysis-precipitation method and the metallic phase of platinum was incorporated by impregnation. The characterization of the synthesized materials was made by means of DRX, FTIR, TGA-DTA and TPR techniques. The catalysts were applied to the hydrosilylation of PhC≡CH with three different silanes (Ph<sub>3</sub>SiH, Ph<sub>2</sub>MeSiH and PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH) as a model reaction. The activity of the proposed catalysts Pt/Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>, calcined Pt/MgO and agglomerated Pt/MgO had a reaction yield of 95 %. When the catalysts Pt/Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> and agglomerated Pt/MgO were used in the reaction with Ph<sub>3</sub>SiH, the selectivity to the *trans* isomer was favored (90%). A relationship was found between the increase in the reaction time and the increase of the kinetic volume of the silane radicals. The present results were compared to the previously obtained results using as a catalyst Pt/MgO obtained by the sol-gel method.

**Keywords:** Pt/MgO, impregnation, hydrosilylation, phenylacetylene, silanes, sol-gel.

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### Introduction

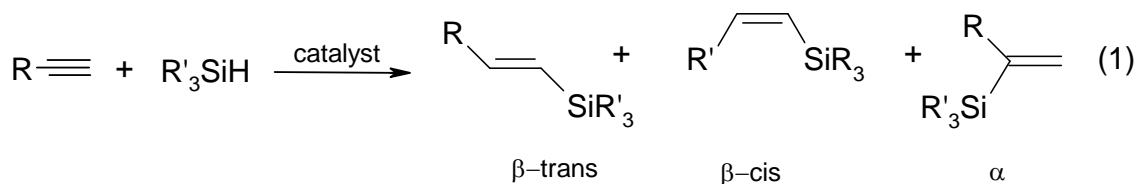
The hydrosilylation reaction represents one of the most important routes in obtaining organosilicon compounds. The addition of Si-H bonds to unsaturated compounds can be carried out by free radical chain reactions, or more traditionally by the use of catalysts such as platinum or other transition metals. The hydrosilylation reaction of unsaturated compounds such as

olefins, acetylenes, imines, allylamines and oximes promoted by transition-metal catalysts is widely investigated for reduction of unsaturated groups or addition of Si-H bonds<sup>1,2</sup>.

Catalytic hydrosilylation of olefins with soluble platinum complexes was first described by Speier *et al.*<sup>3</sup>. The hydrosilylation of alkynes is a very useful reaction because it is an alternative route in obtaining vinylsilanes which are very important precursors in organic synthesis<sup>4,5</sup>.

Interest in metal supported catalysts has been a focal area of organosilicon chemists since the early 1970s. The development of catalysts with higher activity and selectivity toward hydrosilylation is a permanent demand. The important catalytic activity of platinum supported on carbon, silicates and silica in the hydrosilylation of ethylene, butadiene, acetylene and allyl chloride with trichlorosilane has been reported.<sup>2</sup> There are several examples that have been studied to reach this goal and more expensive catalysts have been employed for this purpose<sup>6-9</sup>.

The hydrosilylation of a mono-substituted alkyne has been proposed as a reaction model because it is possible to obtain a mixture of three isomers as a result of the Si-H addition<sup>2</sup> according to the following (Equation 1).



For the most part, magnesium oxide exhibits a high surface basicity because of the presence of O<sup>2-</sup> ions. Such ions tend to easily capture protons. On the other hand, it has weak basic sites assigned to surface Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions<sup>10</sup>. To avoid the surface basicity, there are several routes reported for obtaining magnesium oxides. One of the possible routes is the thermal decomposition of precursors<sup>11-13</sup>, and another is the sol-gel method<sup>14</sup>. Originally, magnesium oxide was rarely used as support for metal catalysts due to the problem of its low specific area. The problem can be solved using some of the routes already mentioned. Since the 1990's, magnesium oxide has been increasingly used as a support for catalysts. Platinum on MgO is an example of such a catalyst<sup>15,16</sup>. Some studies have been focused on the influence of the precursors or metal salt or solvent used in the synthesis of the catalysts<sup>16</sup>. Some examples of the application of Pt/MgO catalysts are, for example, the use in n-hexane conversion<sup>10</sup>, and in the aromatization of alkenes<sup>17,18</sup>. More recent reports refer to the use of Pt/MgO on direct NO decomposition<sup>19</sup>, and the CO<sub>2</sub> reforming of methane to syngas over highly active and stable Pt/MgO catalysts<sup>20</sup>.

We have reported on the use of Ru/MgO and Pt/MgO obtained by the sol-gel method in the hydrosilylation of phenylacetylene as a model reaction<sup>21</sup>. We have extended the study of sol-gel catalysts to the activity of Pt/SiO<sub>2</sub> in the same model reaction<sup>22</sup>. Considering that the hydrosilylation of terminal acetylenes is one of our areas of interest in silicon chemistry, the synthesis and characterization of other Pt/MgO catalysts has been studied. Catalysts such as

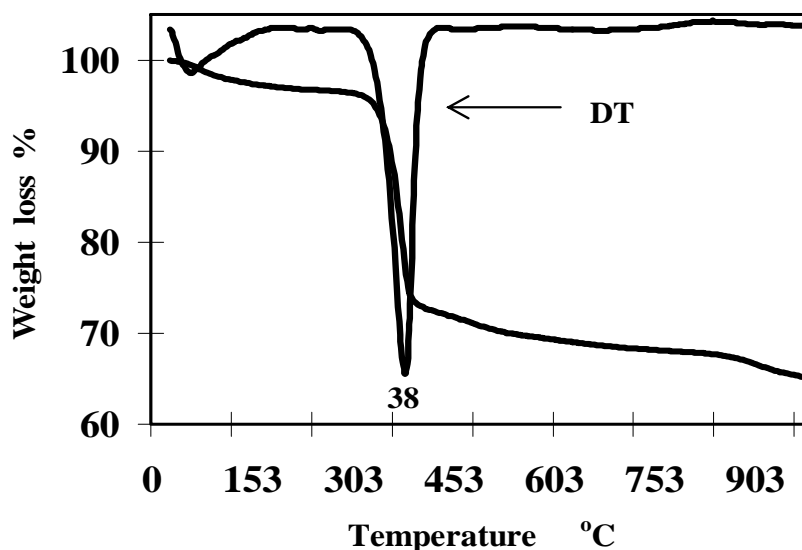
Pt/Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>, calcined Pt/MgO and agglomerated Pt/MgO, were obtained and applied in the same hydrosilylation model reaction. We consider that it is important to compare the results of this work with the data previously reported using Pt/MgO obtained by the sol-gel method.

## Results and Discussion

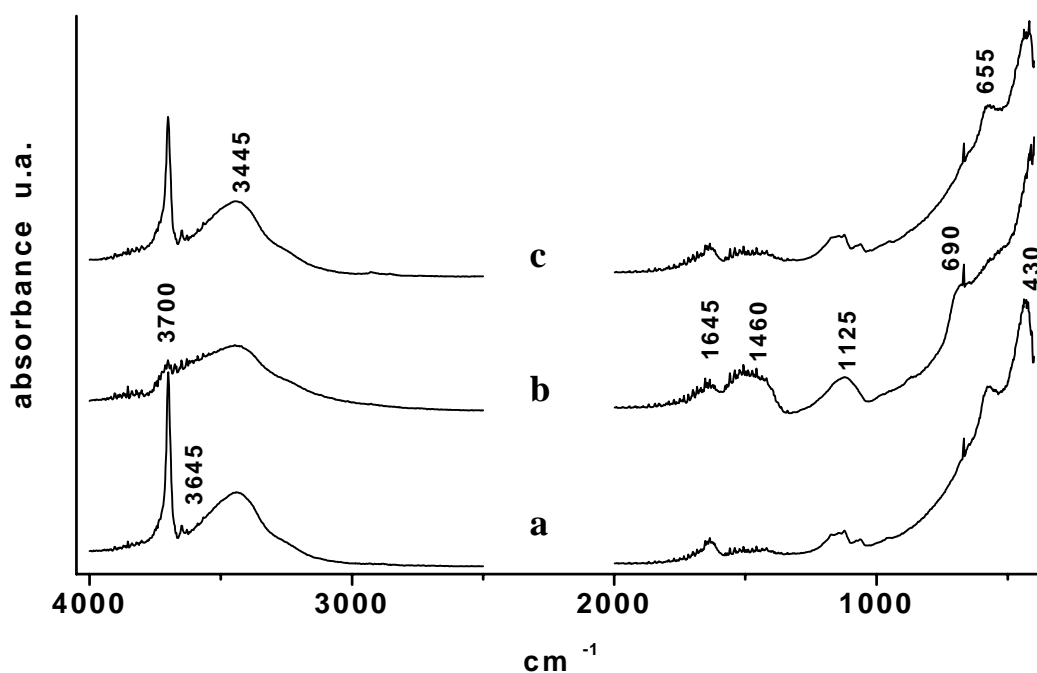
For the purpose of this study, three catalysts were identified: Pt/Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>, calcined Pt/MgO and agglomerated Pt/MgO. All of the samples were calcined at 500°C to periclase although the synthesis procedure of each catalyst will reflect some differences in the properties and also in the activity shown in the hydrosilylation reaction of phenylacetylene. The catalyst obtained by the sol-gel method will be called either the sol-gel catalyst or sol-gel Pt/MgO.

### Support and catalyst characterization

In Figure 1 the TGA/DTA study is presented. There are two main signals related to the transformation process of Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> to MgO. The first is the loss of H<sub>2</sub>O in the temperature range from 320 to 420°C. The second one is the exothermic signal in the DTA profile related to the characteristic change in the crystalline phase from brucite to periclase<sup>23</sup>.



**Figure 1.** DTG/DTA profiles for the brucite to periclase transformation.

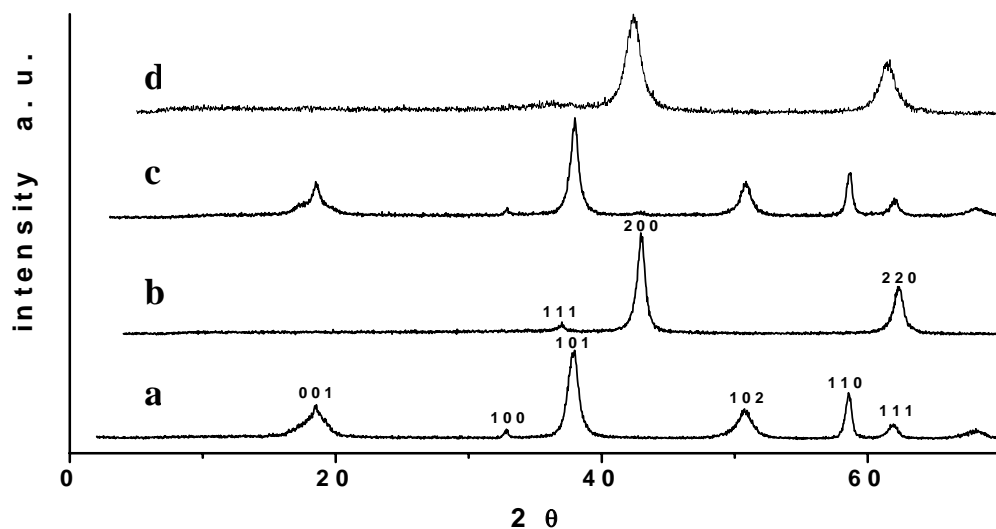


**Figure 2.** FTIR of supports: a)  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ , b) Calcined  $\text{MgO}$ , c) Agglomerated  $\text{MgO}$ .

In Figure 2 the FTIR study of the support and the precursor phase is presented. In Figure 2a a stretching frequency band at  $3700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is observed as well as in Figure 2c (agglomerated  $\text{MgO}$ ). The band is associated with OH groups of  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  and superficial OH groups of  $\text{MgO}$ <sup>24,25</sup>. Such a band is not present in the calcined  $\text{MgO}$  (2b).

XRD diffractograms of the supports and precursors are presented in Figure 3. In the case of  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  (3a) the signals of the planes 101, 001, 102 are assigned to the crystalline hexagonal system. For the calcined  $\text{MgO}$  (3b) the signals of the cubic system corresponding to the planes 200, 111 and 220 are observed<sup>23</sup>. In Figure 3c, for agglomerated  $\text{MgO}$ , the signals of the planes are 001, 100, 101, 102, 111 and 103. As can be seen, the hexagonal phase of  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  is present in agglomerated  $\text{MgO}$ . This information is consistent with the FTIR results.

Finally, Figure 3d shows the XRD pattern of the precursor  $\text{PtO}_x/\text{MgO}$  obtained after the calcinations at  $500\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  of each impregnated support.



**Figure 3.** XRD patterns of supports and catalyst: a)  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ , b) Calcined  $\text{MgO}$ , c) Agglomerated  $\text{MgO}$ , d)  $\text{PtO}_x/\text{MgO}$ .

The textural properties of the supports and precursors as well as the dispersion of platinum is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Textural properties, and metal dispersion of the solids and catalysts

Entry	Solid	$S_{\text{BET}}$ ( $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ ) <sup>a</sup>	$V_{\text{P}}$ ( $\text{cm}^3/\text{g}$ )	$D_{\text{p}}$ (Å) <sup>b</sup>	H/Pt atom ratio
1	$\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$	30	0.18	245	-
2	$\text{MgO}^{\text{b}}$	45	0.26	44	-
3	$\text{MgO}^{\text{c}}$	20	0.12	190	-
4	$\text{PtO}_x/\text{MgO}^{\text{a}}$	65	0.36	222	15.0
5	$\text{PtO}_x/\text{MgO}^{\text{b}}$	70	0.26	144	6.5
6	$\text{PtO}_x/\text{MgO}^{\text{c}}$	68	0.53	270	9.2
7	$\text{PtO}_x/\text{MgO}^{\text{d}}$	55	0.14	123	27.0

<sup>a</sup> $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ , <sup>b</sup>calcinated, <sup>c</sup>agglomerated, <sup>d</sup>The catalyst was prepared by the sol-gel method

The surface area value obtained is small for the three supports. An increase in the surface area is observed in all cases as a result of the thermal treatment of the precursors<sup>15</sup>. A significant change in pore diameter is observed after the thermal treatment at 500 °C in the impregnated calcined  $\text{MgO}$  as well as in the impregnated agglomerated  $\text{MgO}$ . It has been reported that during the thermal treatment of  $\text{MgO}$  in the range 400-600 °C, there is one point when the pore diameter tends to decrease<sup>15</sup>.

If a comparison is done with respect to the synthesis of the catalyst sol-gel Pt/MgO and the catalysts obtained by precipitation, it is possible to say that the difference in textural properties is not significant. However, the data presented in Table 1 illustrates a low platinum dispersion in the three catalysts. In this case, the sol-gel catalyst has the highest value of the H/Pt ratio. It is possible to correlate such data with the difference in the activity and the reaction time shown by the catalysts in the hydrosilylation reaction used as a model.

### Evaluation of the catalytic activity in the hydrosilylation reaction of phenylacetylene

All the hydrosilylation reactions were performed using the same conditions previously established when the Pt/MgO obtained by sol-gel was used as catalyst. However, it was necessary to increase the reaction time to reach high conversions. The hydrosilylation reaction of phenylacetylene with Ph<sub>3</sub>SiH, Ph<sub>2</sub>MeSiH and PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH in the presence of Pt/Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>, calcined Pt/MgO and agglomerated Pt/MgO gave as products the mixture of *trans* and *gem* isomers. In Table 2 the reaction conditions (temperature and reaction time) as well as the isomer-distribution are presented. The table shows the results previously reported when the catalyst used was Pt/MgO obtained by the sol-gel method<sup>21</sup>. The 100% conversion was reached at the reaction time described in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Hydrosilylation of phenylacetylene by R<sub>3</sub>SiH

Entry	cat.	R <sub>3</sub> SiH	Time h	% product		
				<i>trans</i>	<i>gem</i>	<i>cis</i>
1	PtO <sub>x</sub> /MgO <sup>a</sup>	HSiMe <sub>2</sub> Ph	3	65	35	---
2		HSiMePh <sub>2</sub>	8	60	40	---
3		HSiPh <sub>3</sub>	120	90	10	---
4	PtO <sub>x</sub> /MgO <sup>b</sup>	HSiMe <sub>2</sub> Ph	3	70	30	---
5		HSiMePh <sub>2</sub>	8	70	30	---
6		HSiPh <sub>3</sub>	120	65	35	---
7	PtO <sub>x</sub> /MgO <sup>c</sup>	HSiMe <sub>2</sub> Ph	3	65	35	---
8		HSiMePh <sub>2</sub>	8	70	30	---
9		HSiPh <sub>3</sub>	120	90	10	---
10	PtO <sub>x</sub> /MgO <sup>d</sup>	HSiMe <sub>2</sub> Ph	2	67	27	6
11		HSiMePh <sub>2</sub>	2	65	35	---
12		HSiPh <sub>3</sub>	2	82	18	---

<sup>a</sup> Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>, <sup>b</sup> calcined MgO, <sup>c</sup> agglomerated MgO, <sup>d</sup> sol-gel MgO<sup>21</sup>.

In the hydrosilylation of phenylacetylene with either the  $\text{Ph}_2\text{MeSiH}$  or  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  using the three catalysts, the main isomer obtained is the *trans* 65-70%, **2a-2b**, from 30-35% of the *gem*, **3a-3b**. No *cis* isomer was detected and this result makes a difference in respect to the hydrosilylation reaction using  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  catalyzed by the sol-gel Pt/MgO. In the last case, 6% of the *cis* isomer was reported. It is well known that in some catalytic systems the stereochemistry of the reaction depends closely on the temperature and the amount of catalyst.

When the hydrosilylation using  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiH}$  is catalyzed by Pt/Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> and agglomerated Pt/MgO, the selectivity to the *trans* isomer is 90%, **2c** and 10% *gem*, **3c**. The same product distribution has been reported for the model reaction using Speier's catalyst<sup>26</sup>. The tendency in product distribution is similar for the sol-gel catalyst: 82% *trans* and 18% *gem*. However, when calcined Pt/MgO is used, the product distribution is the same as observed for  $\text{Ph}_2\text{MeSiH}$  and  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (65% *trans*, **2a-2b** and 35% *gem*, **3a-3b**).

Although calcined Pt/MgO and sol-gel Pt/MgO have similar textural properties the platinum dispersion is very different (6.5 and 27 respectively. See Table 1).

As it has been mentioned before, the reaction time was modified according to the reaction performance in order to reach a 100% conversion. It has to be taken into account that the reaction time for the sol-gel Pt/MgO was 2h. The reaction times were 3 h for  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$ , 8 h for  $\text{Ph}_2\text{MeSiH}$  and 120 h for  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiH}$ , a very clear dependence of the volume of the silane radical on the reaction time. Another important factor that creates a difference in the catalysts performance is the platinum dispersion.

## Conclusions

The three Pt/MgO catalysts obtained in this study show catalytic activity in the hydrosilylation reaction of phenylacetylene with the silanes  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_2\text{MeSiH}$  and  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiH}$ . The product distribution was mainly to the *trans* and *gem* isomers. There is no evidence of the *cis* isomer. In most cases, the isomers' ratio is similar, an exception is the hydrosilylation reaction of phenylacetylene with  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiH}$  using calcined Pt/MgO as the catalyst.

The *trans/gem* isomer distribution is modified with respect to the results obtained when the sol-gel Pt/MgO catalyst is used in the reaction of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiH}$  using calcined Pt/MgO. Another difference with respect to the sol-gel catalysts is the absence of a *cis* isomer particularly in the hydrosilylation reaction with  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$ .

The H/Pt ratio calculated for the three catalysts is lower than that obtained for the sol-gel catalyst. We can say that this is one of the main reasons that the reaction time of hydrosilylation is higher. The volume of the silane radical also has an effect on the reaction time.

## Experimental Section

**General Procedures. Supports preparation by the hydrolysis-precipitation method.** The  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  was obtained using the hydrolysis-precipitation route from  $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (PROVISI-PVS Chemicals) in an aqueous ammonia medium at a pH of 12 and at a reaction temperature of  $70^\circ\text{C}$  with constant and vigorous stirring. The solid was recovered by vacuum filtration washing exhaustively with ammonia until the test for sulfate ions was negative. The  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  was dried and calcined at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 h. In order to agglomerate the calcined  $\text{MgO}$ , it was put in a 2% aqueous solution of  $\text{HNO}_3$  and located on a rotary disk that rotates at a constant rate. The spheres obtained were dried at room temperature and calcined at  $350^\circ\text{C}$ . The different supports ( $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ , calcined  $\text{MgO}$  and agglomerated  $\text{MgO}$ ) were milled and meshed before the incipient impregnating done using a  $\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution in isopropanol. The impregnated samples were dried at  $110^\circ\text{C}$  and calcined in air at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 h. The percentage of platinum was 0.5% in mass.

### Supports and catalysts characterization

The characterization of the different supports as well as the catalyst precursors ( $\text{PtO}_x/\text{support}$ ) were done using FTIR, XRD, TGA, DTA and TPR.

For the FTIR analysis, the samples were prepared in KBr and the spectra obtained in a FTIR Perkin Elmer 1600 using the Spectrum software V2.00. The resolution was  $4\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and 32 scans.

The powder XRD studies were performed in an XRD diffractometer INEL model Equinox System 22102003 with ceramic cover tube and Cu filament ( $\lambda = 1.5458\text{ \AA}$ ) at a voltage of 40 KV and an intensity of 30mA.

The textural properties were measured from the nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm using a Micrometric system model ASAP2010. The samples were degassed in a vacuum for 2 h at  $200^\circ\text{C}$ .

The TGA/DTA analyses were done in a TA Instrument SDT 2960. The samples were cleaned and cooled in a flux of air ( $20\text{ mL/min}$ ) and then heated-up to  $110^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 min before cooling again at room temperature. The temperature ramp began at room temperature and increased in increments of  $10^\circ\text{C/min}$  until  $850^\circ\text{C}$  was reached.

TPR studies were performed in a Micromeritic system AutoChem 2910 with electrical conductivity detector. The samples were cleaned under a dynamic atmosphere of helium ( $50\text{ mL/min}$ ) at  $50^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h before cooling down to room temperature. Then the gas flux was changed to  $\text{H}_2/\text{Ar}$  at 10%. The temperature ramp began at room temperature and increased in increments of  $10^\circ\text{C/min}$  until  $600^\circ\text{C}$  was reached.

### Activation of platinum catalysts

The samples of catalysts were activated at  $110^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h in a nitrogen atmosphere. Then the platinum species  $\text{PtO}_x$  were reduced in a dynamic atmosphere of  $\text{H}_2$  (99.99%) for 1 h.





**1-(Diphenylmethylsilyl)-1-phenylethene (3b).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 200MHz):  $\delta$  0.65 (s, 3H, SiMe), 5.58 (d,  $J = 2.75$  Hz, 1H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.14 (d,  $J = 2.75$  Hz, 1H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.02 – 7.62 (m, 15 H, Ph).

**(E)-1-(Triphenylsilyl)-2-phenylethene (2c).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 200MHz):  $\delta$  6.97 (In the characterization done in the equipment conditions (200 MHz), it was observed only a large singlet resonance. According to the literature<sup>27</sup>, it is observed a doublet with  $J = 2$  Hz assigned to 1-trans). Also, it has been reported<sup>26</sup> that this compound has signals at 7.0 (H<sub>A</sub>, Ph<sub>3</sub>SiCH=) and 7.03 (H<sub>B</sub>, PhCH=),  $J(\text{H}_A\text{-H}_B) = 19.05$  Hz). We were unable to make the same assignment, 7.18-7.62 (m, 20 H, Ph).

**1-(Triphenylsilyl)-1-phenylethene (3c).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 200MHz):  $\delta$  5.69 (d,  $J = 2.75$ , 1H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.28 (d,  $J = 2.75$ , 1H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.09-7.62 (m, 20 H, Ph).

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