

Preparation, Vibrational Spectra, Normal Coordinate Analysis, and Structures of bis-Pyridine and Orthophenanthroline Complexes of Mixed Halogenosilanes

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The compounds $\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{X}$ (where X = H, F, or Br), $\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_2\text{X}_2$ (where X = F or Br) and the corresponding orthophenanthroline complexes are prepared and the vibrational spectra reported for the first time. Using a combination of the vibrational data and normal coordinate calculations, the stereochemistries may be defined for most of the complexes. Preferences for certain configurations in the series are qualitatively discussed in terms of the spatial requirements of the various atoms and groups within each complex.

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Introduction

There has been considerable interest in the molecular structures of pyridine complexes of the main group halides, especially those of group IVB (1). Certain trends have emerged as definitive structural information (usually from X-ray, infrared, and Raman data) has gradually appeared in the literature.

One finds an apparently universal preference for *trans*-octahedral stereochemistries for bis-pyridine adducts; for example, py_2SiF_4 (2), py_2SiCl_4 (3), py_2GeCl_4 (4), py_2SnCl_4 , py_2SnBr_4 , py_2SeCl_4 , and py_2TeCl_4 (5). Monopyridine complexes, such as pyAlCl_3 (6) and pyPCl_5 (7) have the molecular structures which would be predicted on simple electron-pair repulsion principles. When pyridine is reacted with silicon halides containing SiI bonds, ionization often occurs. This may be illustrated by the unusual compounds $\text{py}_3\text{SiCl}_3\text{I}$ and $\text{py}_4\text{SiCl}_2\text{I}_2$ which were shown to contain the cations $\text{py}_3\text{SiCl}_3^+$ and $\text{py}_4\text{SiCl}_2^+$ having C_{2v} and D_{4h} symmetries, respectively (7).

A group of molecules for which stereochemical information has not yet been reported are the bis-pyridine and orthophenanthroline complexes of the mixed halogenosilanes. A

combination of infrared and Raman data should allow their stereochemistries to be determined.

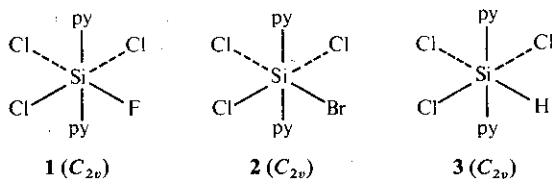
As the parent species py_2SiX_4 (where X = F, Cl, or Br) are all *trans*-octahedral, it is reasonable to assume that all combinations of F, Cl, or Br in the *mixed* halide complexes $\text{py}_2\text{SiX}_n\text{Y}_{4-n}$ contain *trans*-pyridine ligands.

Results

bis-Pyridine Complexes

(A) $\text{Py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{F}$, $\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{Br}$, and $\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{H}$

Let us consider the complexes $\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{X}$ (where X = F, Br, or H) which would be expected to yield very similar infrared and Raman spectra, characteristic of *trans*-pyridine ligands with a *T*-shaped SiCl_3 skeleton (1 to 3) shown below



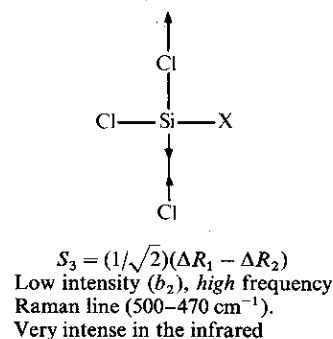
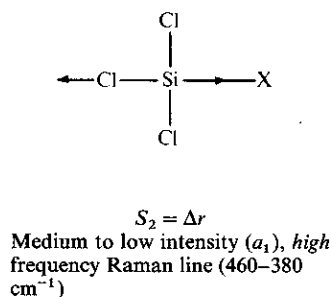
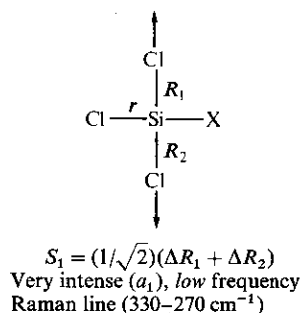
The *T*-shaped SiCl_3 grouping is easily recognized by a diagnostic pattern of *three* Raman lines, illustrated schematically by their symmetry coordinates below

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TABLE I. Vibrational spectra* of $\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{X}$, X = H, F, and Br

Frequency (cm^{-1})						
$\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{H}$		$\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{F}$		$\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{Br}$		Approximate description of mode
Infrared	Raman	Infrared	Raman	Infrared	Raman	
	2085w 2065w					νSiH
		855vw	860vw			νSiF
482s	482w	486s	480vw	489s	—	$S_3\nu\text{SiCl}$ (asym)
447vs br	449mw	463m	458vw	466s	460vw	{ pyridine out-of-plane ring mode +
		425s br	430vw			$S_2\nu\text{SiCl}$ (sym)
374vs br	372vw	376ms	371ms	410s	411vw	νSiN (asym)
		337vw	332w	387s br	386vw	δSiF
301w	305vs	306w	303s	—	312vs	$S_1\nu\text{SiCl}$ (sym)
				282w	285m	νSiBr (sym)
	244ms	252m	252ms		261mw	
	203w	215m	215w	232w	223m	
		196m	184w	202w		
		178w	175vw sh		188ms	
			134s		170vw	
		110m	102s	106m	156vw	
		73w	65m		129s	
					83s	

*SiCl and SiBr stretching modes are in italics (see text for description of S_1 , S_2 , and S_3).



Thus, for $\text{py}_2\text{SiCl}_3\text{X}$ we calculate and observe (Tables 1 and 2) a low frequency, totally symmetrical SiCl stretching mode S_1 at 303 cm^{-1} (X = H), 304 cm^{-1} (X = F), and 312 cm^{-1} (X = Br) characteristic of T-shaped SiCl_3 . We note that S_1 occurs at low frequency because the central silicon atom remains stationary during the mode and cannot make a contribution to the respective G matrix element. This is not so for S_2 which appears at higher frequencies, 448 cm^{-1} (X = H), 427 cm^{-1} (X = F), and 410 cm^{-1} (X =

Br). The monotonical drop to lower frequency parallels the increasing mass of the X grouping *trans* to chlorine and the resulting decreasing motion of the central silicon atom. The asymmetrical SiCl stretching mode S_3 is calculated and observed at high frequencies in the range 482–489 cm^{-1} for X = F, Br, and H.

The complex $[\text{py}_3\text{SiCl}_3^+]\text{I}^-$ which has also been assigned a T-shaped SiCl_3 residue (7) displays a similar pattern of SiCl_3 stretching modes at 315 (S_1), 410 (S_2), and 482 (S_3) cm^{-1} .

TABLE 2. Calculated vibrational spectra of $py_2SiCl_3X^*$

Frequency (cm^{-1})			Approximate description of mode [†]
py_2SiCl_3H	py_2SiCl_3F	py_2SiCl_3Br	
1722			A_1 νSiH
	744		A_1 νSiF
463	479	470	B_1 $\nu SiCl$ (S_3)
428	385	477 [†]	A_1 $\nu SiCl$ (S_2)
411	492	462	B_2 νSiN
279	272	322 [†]	A_1 $\nu SiCl$ (S_1)
		226 [†]	A_1 $\nu SiBr$
133	135	131	A_1 νSiN

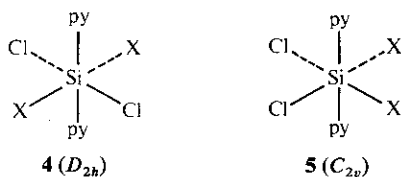
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[†]Highly coupled modes.

[‡]See text for description of S_1 , S_2 , and S_3 .

(B) $py_2SiCl_2F_2$ and $py_2SiCl_2Br_2$

Having established the spectral characteristics of a *T*-shaped $SiCl_3$ grouping we will extend the method to the stereochemical problem presented by the complexes $py_2SiCl_2X_2$ (where $X = F$ or Br). Using the *trans*-pyridine approximation described previously, it remains to distinguish the *cis* and *trans* possibilities (4 and 5) shown below



A mode involving little or no motion of the central silicon atom is expected to appear as an intense, low frequency line in the Raman spectrum of the above complexes.

We find that the Raman spectrum of $py_2SiCl_2Br_2$ displays a *low* frequency SiBr (225 cm^{-1} vs) and *low* frequency SiCl (311 cm^{-1} vs) stretching mode characteristic of *trans*-SiBr₂ and *trans*-SiCl₂ residues, respectively (configuration 4 and Table 3). Similarly, the Raman spectrum of $py_2SiCl_2F_2$ shows an intense, *low* frequency SiCl stretching mode (279 cm^{-1} vs) which also favors the all *trans* configuration 4. The characteristic *high* frequency asymmetrical SiCl stretching mode appears in the infrared at 484 and 489 cm^{-1} for $py_2SiCl_2Br_2$ and $py_2SiCl_2F_2$, respectively (Table 3).

Additional evidence for the all *trans* assignment for $py_2SiCl_2F_2$ and $py_2SiCl_2Br_2$ may be obtained by comparing the observed and calcu-

TABLE 3. Vibrational spectra[†] of $py_2SiCl_2X_2^*$

Frequency (cm^{-1})				Approximate description of mode
$py_2SiCl_2F_2$		$py_2SiCl_2Br_2$		
Infrared	Raman	Infrared	Raman	
489s	490vw	484s	—	$\nu SiCl$ (asym)
455s	458w	458s br	—	py out-of-plane ring mode
420s	425w	408m	—	νSiN (asym)
		384s	—	$\nu SiBr$ (asym)
352m	357w			
340w				
	279vs		311m	δSiF
		280m	284ms	$\nu SiCl$ (sym)
		225m	225vs	$\nu SiBr$ (sym)
230m	222w	207mw	210w	
192w	202w	191w	192w	
175m	174mw		176w	
	140w		153w	
108m	110m	102w		
90w				
	74m			

*SiCl and SiBr stretching modes are in *italic*.

lated vibrational spectra for the molecules in the possible conformations, that is, *trans*-pyridines, *trans*-halogens (D_{2h}), and *trans*-pyridines, *cis*-halogens (C_{2v}). The results of the calculations are shown in Table 4 and strongly favor the D_{2h} structure for $py_2SiCl_2X_2$.

Orthophenanthroline Complexes

It is interesting to consider the stereochemical behavior of the silicon-halogen residue when the complexes are locked in a *cis* configuration with the bulky chelate ligand orthophenanthroline. We have prepared the compounds *o*-phen. $SiCl_2X_2$ and *o*-phen. $SiCl_3X$ (where $X = F$ or Br) and will discuss their infrared and Raman spectra using stereochemical arguments similar to those described for the analogous pyridine complexes.

(A) *o*-phen. $SiCl_2Br_2$ and *o*-phen. $SiCl_2F_2$

The spectra of the orthophenanthroline adducts are more complex than the corresponding pyridine adducts mainly because of (a) the lower molecular symmetries and (b) the complexity of the ligand modes in the SiCl stretching region ($510\text{--}350\text{ cm}^{-1}$).

Careful examination of the Raman spectrum of *o*-phen. $SiCl_2Br_2$ (Table 5) shows only one intense, *low* frequency SiBr stretching mode

TABLE 4. Calculated vibrational spectra for $py_2SiCl_2X_2^*$

Frequency (cm^{-1}) for D_{2h} model		Approximate description of mode	Frequency (cm^{-1}) for C_{2v} model		Approximate description of mode
$py_2SiCl_2F_2$	$py_2SiCl_2Br_2$		$py_2SiCl_2F_2$	$py_2SiCl_2Br_2$	
836		B_{3u} νSiF	758		A_1 νSiF
606		A_g νSiF	739		B_1 νSiF
517	468	B_{1u} $\nu SiCl$	517	458	B_2 νSiN
517	458	B_{2u} νSiN			
	440	B_{3u} $\nu SiBr$	433	457	A_1 $\nu SiCl$
			355	454	B_1 $\nu SiCl^\dagger$
284	307	A_g $\nu SiCl$		292	A_1 $\nu SiBr$
	174	A_g $\nu SiBr$		212	B_1 $\nu SiBr^\dagger$
			138	128	A_1 νSiN
137	126	A_g νSiN			

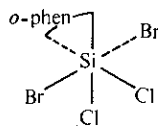
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TABLE 5. Vibrational spectra of o -phen. $SiCl_2X_2^*$

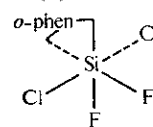
Frequency (cm^{-1})				Approximate description of mode
o -phen. $SiCl_2F_2$		o -phen. $SiCl_2Br_2$		
Infrared	Raman	Infrared	Raman	
	506w	506w	503vw	<i>o</i> -phen ring mode
476s		464s		$\nu SiCl$ (asym)
448w	447ms	449ms		<i>o</i> -phen ring mode
430w	429mw	429s	430m	
418s	414m	406s	405mw	
350vw	346w	360w	359w br	
332w	331vw	332w	333vw	
306vw	298vs			$\nu SiCl$ (sym)
	273s	282m	283m br	$\nu SiBr$ (sym)
		234m	237vs	
		206m	197m	
		172m	168m	
		154w	152m	
		114w	114ms	

*SiCl and SiBr stretching modes are in italic.

(237 cm^{-1}) characteristic of *trans*-bromines shown below (6)

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The absence of a *low* frequency SiCl stretching mode also supports the *cis*-chlorine assignment for o -phen. $SiCl_2Br_2$. Examination of the corresponding data for o -phen. $SiCl_2F_2$ (Table 5) shows an intense, *low* frequency SiCl stretching

mode (298 cm^{-1}) characteristic of *trans*-chlorines shown below (7)

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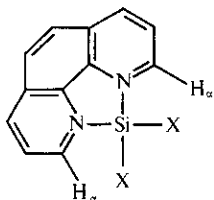
The different stereochemical arrangements for o -phen. $SiCl_2F_2$ and o -phen. $SiCl_2Br_2$ may be rationalized by considering the steric properties of the orthophenanthroline ring and the repulsion between *cis*-halogens. For example, it is

TABLE 6. The infrared and Raman spectra* of *o*-phen.SiCl₃X (where X = F or Br) and bipy.SiCl₃F

Frequency (cm ⁻¹)						
<i>o</i> -phen.SiCl ₃ F		bipy.SiCl ₃ F		<i>o</i> -phen.SiCl ₃ Br		Approximate description of mode
Infrared	Raman	Infrared	Raman	Infrared	Raman	
509w	508m				506w	<i>o</i> -phen ring mode νSiCl (asym) νSiCl (sym) νSiCl and <i>o</i> -phen ring mode
477s			~487w	470s	478ww	
467s	465vw		~460w	488s		
427s br	432s		~420vww	430s	428vs	
	413w		384w	403s	410vwsh	
371w	369w		360ms			
331m	330m		317w	~330vw	343w	
306w	304ms			291w	307vwsh	
					290mw	
278m	276ms		273vs		276wsh	νSiCl (sym)
247m	242ms		252m		263w	
222m	230msh			233w	244w	
210w	210w		211msh		229mw	
190m	191m		201m	193w	198wsh	
167m				182w	178msh	
122w				153w	159ms	
				124w		

*SiCl stretching modes are in italic.

known (8) that [(*o*-phen)₂py₂Ru]³⁺ 3Cl⁻ will not adopt conformations in which the orthophenanthroline rings are *trans* to one another (*i.e.* it will only adopt optically active *cis* conformations). This would indicate that the hydrogens H_x shown below can interact sterically with atoms occupying the other two positions in the plane about silicon. With this in mind, the con-

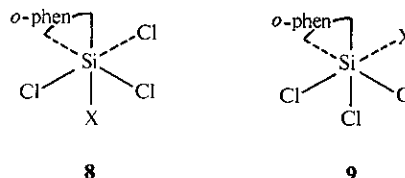


figurations 6 and 7 which we favor for *o*-phen.-SiCl₂Br₂ and *o*-phen.SiCl₂F₂ are those which would have been preferred simply from steric arguments. That is, one would predict that the larger halogens would chose positions in the complex such that they were both *out* of the plane of the bulky orthophenanthroline ligand and *as far apart* (*trans*) from each other as possible. In this way the repulsions between (a) the hydrogens H_x and the *cis*-halogens in the plane and (b) *cis*-halogens are both minimized.

(B) *o*-phen.SiCl₃F and *o*-phen.SiCl₃Br

In the above complexes containing the SiCl₃

residue we do have a stereochemical ambiguity, which was not the case for py₂SiCl₃X. The possible configurations for *o*-phen.SiCl₃F and *o*-phen.SiCl₃Br (8 and 9) are shown below



o-phen.SiCl₃Br shows an exceptionally intense, *high* frequency Raman line at 428 cm⁻¹ (Table 6) (its unusually high intensity makes it unlikely to be an orthophenanthroline mode, by comparison with Raman data for many orthophenanthroline complexes), which favors a pyramidal SiCl₃ residue as shown in configuration 9. However, *o*-phen.SiCl₃F shows a characteristic intense, *low* frequency SiCl stretching mode (276 cm⁻¹ and for comparison at 273 cm⁻¹ in the analogous bipy.SiCl₃F) which strongly favors the *T*-shaped SiCl₃ residue of configuration 8 (Table 6).

As with *o*-phen.SiCl₂X₂ we find that the configurations favored for *o*-phen.SiCl₃X (where X = F or Br) are those which would have been predicted from simple steric arguments. That is, the larger halogen prefers a molecular site in the

TABLE 7. Analyses of bispyridine and orthophenanthroline complexes of mixed halogenosilanes

Complex	% halide		Base:metal
	Observed	Calculated	
py ₂ SiCl ₃ F	34.4	34.2 (Cl)	1.96:1
py ₂ SiCl ₃ Br	28.2	28.0 (Cl)	2.07:1
	21.3	21.5 (Br)	
py ₂ SiCl ₂ F ₂	18.5	18.0 (Cl)	1.90:1
py ₂ SiCl ₂ Br ₂	16.0	17.7 (Cl)	2.05:1
	39.0	38.0 (Br)	
<i>o</i> -phen.SiCl ₃ F	31.6	31.8 (Cl)	1.06:1
<i>o</i> -phen.SiCl ₃ Br	23.0	23.4 (Cl)	1.04:1
	17.9	17.5 (Br)	
<i>o</i> -phen.SiCl ₂ F ₂	22.4	22.6 (Cl)	1.03:1
<i>o</i> -phen.SiCl ₂ Br ₂	14.5	16.2 (Cl)	0.94:1
	36.0	36.4 (Br)	

complex, such that it is out of the plane occupied by the bulky orthophenanthroline ligand and minimizes *cis*-halogen repulsions.

Conclusion

We may summarize the data for the pyridine and orthophenanthroline complexes of mixed halogenosilanes by stating that interesting structural trends are observed, which appear to be controlled by the spatial requirements of the respective ligands and halogens in the molecule. It appears that electronegativity and π bonding arguments do not have to be invoked in order to explain the data.

Experimental

Trichlorosilane was purchased from Matheson.

The chlorofluorosilanes were prepared using the method of Booth and Swincheart (9) in which a Swarts type reaction was involved. Here, SiCl₄ was partially fluorinated using SbF₃, incorporating SbCl₅ as a catalyst. The mixed chlorofluorosilanes were initially passed through cold traps, at ice/salt, CO₂/acetone, and liquid nitrogen temperatures, respectively, which thereby achieved a crude separation. Each crude fraction was introduced in turn into a specially designed, double vacuum jacketed, low temperature fractionation column, with a finely controlled take off head. Yields of SiCl₃F and SiCl₂F₂ were collected; their vapor pressure/temperature dependence agreed very closely with those quoted by Schumb and Gamble (10). These were separately stored in 5 l bulbs, each having a finger immersed continuously in liquid nitrogen. The latter precaution was to prevent the disproportionation of the gases to SiF₄ and SiCl₄. It was found that after a period of three months, on refractionating the gases, no detectable sign of disproportionation was observable. Infrared spectra of the gases

SiCl₃F and SiCl₂F₂ were taken and were in agreement with those of Stokr and Schneider (11).

The chlorobromosilanes were initially prepared by refluxing SiBr₄ and SbCl₃ using phosphorus pentoxide guard tubes. The resulting mixture was then fractionated but yielded mainly SiCl₃Br. The preparation was repeated, using the method of Forbes and Anderson (12), where a 1:1 mixture of SiCl₄ and SiBr₄ was sealed off in a thick walled glass bomb which was then heated at 140 °C for 72 h. Again the resulting mixture was fractionated producing SiCl₃Br and SiCl₂Br₂ in reasonable yields, b.p. 78 and 103 °C, respectively. The infrared spectra agreed with those of Mlle. Delwaille (13) where the presence of one fraction in the other was negligible. Pyridine was dried with SiCl₄ and then vacuum distilled. Orthophenanthroline and bipyridyl were dried by slow, repeated vacuum sublimation. All solvents were dried with CaH₂ and vacuum distilled. A typical preparation involved the reaction of the appropriate halogenosilane with a slight excess of the ligand in either the pure state or in chloroform solution. The complexes always formed as white precipitates, which remained as white powders after removal of the excess ligand and solvent. All manipulations where possible were carried out in all glass vacuum systems. Raman spectra were recorded for the powdered solids in glass ampoules which had been sealed off directly from the vacuum line preparation. Samples for infrared mull spectra were handled in glove boxes which were continuously purged with dry air. Nujol was dried over molten sodium for 24 h prior to use.

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Beckmann IR 11 spectrometer and Raman spectra on a Spex 1401 spectrometer using krypton or argon ion laser excitation.

Analyses

Analyses were performed by quantitatively hydrolyzing the product and analyzing for halide and py:Si by using argentometric (14) and pH titrations, respectively. The preparation of the known compound py₂SiCl₃H was exactly the same as that reported (1). Results of analyses are shown in Table 7.

TABLE 8. Force constants used in normal coordinate calculations of py_2SiX_4

Force constant*	Value			
	X = H†	X = F	X = Cl	X = Br
f_R	1.72	3.89	1.57	1.45
f_i	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
$f_{RR}^{cis} = f_{RI}$	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28
$f_{RR}^{trans} = f_{II}$	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
f_α	0.55	1.18	0.70	0.60
$f_{R\alpha}$	0.18	0.34	0.20	0.17
$f_{\alpha\alpha} = f_{\alpha\beta} = f_{\beta\beta}$	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10

*Force constants in units of $mdyn/\text{\AA}$, $mdyn/rad$ or $mdyn \text{\AA}/rad^2$.
†Force constants for the hypothetical molecule py_2SiH_4 .

Normal Coordinate Calculations

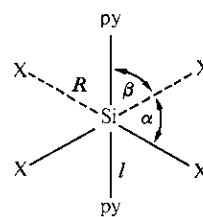
Force fields for the parent molecules py_2SiX_4 were derived using methods similar to those described previously for py_2SiCl_4 (1) and $pyPCl_5$ (7). These force constants were transferred directly to the respective mixed halogenopyridine complexes. The pyridine ligand was treated as a point mass with a SiN bond stretching constant of about 1.0 mdyn/\AA . Force constants not listed in Table 8 for the parent molecules were set equal to zero in the mixed halo species. Table 9 contains the bond lengths used in the calculations.

The calculated spectra for py_2SiCl_3X are shown in Table 2 for a molecular symmetry of C_s . In the case of $py_2SiCl_2X_2$ the spectra were computed for *trans*-pyridines but with both *trans*-halogens (D_{2h}) and *cis*-halogens (C_{2v}). Within the approximations made in the force fields only the D_{2h} $py_2SiCl_2X_2$ calculated frequencies gave a satisfactory fit with the observed spectra.

The computer programs used for the calculation of the vibrational spectra are based on those of Schachtschneider's G.MAT, F.MAT, and EIGV, and were run on an IBM 7094 computer system.

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TABLE 9
(a) Internal coordinates of parent molecules py_2SiX_4 (b) Bond distances used in vibrational analysis of py_2SiX_4

Bond	Distance (\AA)
Si-H	1.55
Si-F	1.62
Si-Cl	2.13
Si-Br	2.28
Si-py	2.01

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