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#### ADDITIONAL KINETIC DATA



**Figure S1. Time Profiles for Determination of Order with Respect to Re. 18** was dissolved in 0.25 mL (2.46 mmol) benzaldehyde, 0.38 mL (2.49 mmol) dimethylphenylsilane, and 0.34 mL (2.46 mmol) mesitylene. The reaction mixture was then divided into screw cap NMR tubes at run 80 °C. At each time point deuterated chloroform was added to the screw cap NMR tube and the product concentration was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.



**Figure S2. Plot of**  $k_{obs}$  **vs [Re].** The rhenium complex was dissolved in 0.25 mL (2.46 mmol) benzaldehyde, 0.38 mL (2.49 mmol) dimethylphenylsilane, and 0.34 mL (2.46 mmol) mesitylene. The reaction mixture was then divided into screw cap NMR tubes at run 80 °C. At each time point deuterated chloroform was added to the screw cap NMR tube and the product concentration was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. The extracted k<sub>obs</sub> was then plotted against concentration of **18**.



Figure S3. Time Profiles for Hydrosilylation in Excess Dimethylphenylsilane. The rhenium complex was dissolved in 0.125 mL (1.23 mmol) benzaldehyde and the appropriate equivalents of dimethylphenylsilane. The resulting solution was then diluted to a volume of 4.07 mL with the addition of mestilyene. The reaction mixture was then divided into 0.1 mL aliquots and placed into screw cap NMR tubes at run 80 °C. At each time point deuterated chloroform was added to the screw cap NMR tube and the product concentration was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.



**Figure S4**. Kinetic plots for the catalytic hydrosilylation of benzaldehyde and dimethylphenylsilane at 80 °C with DAAmRe(CO)(OAc) (0.1 mol%). A) Data are fit to the integrated rate equation for a 1<sup>st</sup> order reaction (ln[PhCHO] (blue)) and a 2<sup>nd</sup> order reaction (1/[PhCHO] (red)). B) Linear fit of the observed rate constant versus the mol% of the rhenium catalyst.



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR Time Course of Catalytic Hydrosilylation of Benzaldehyde. The rhenium complex was dissolved in 0.125 mL (1.23 mmol) benzaldehyde and 2.83 mL (18.45 mmol) dimethylphenylsilane. The resulting solution was then diluted to a volume of 4.07 mL with the addition of mestilyene. The reaction mixture was then divided into 0.1 mL aliquots and placed into screw cap NMR tubes at run 80 °C. At each time point deuterated chloroform was added to the screw cap NMR tube and the product concentration was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR SPECTRA OF HYDROSILYLATION PRODUCTS



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of dimethyl(phenyl)(1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethoxy)silane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.37(d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.52, 7.33, and 0.32 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, *J* = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.78 and 2.25 ppm.



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of dimethyl(phenyl)(1-(4-bromophenyl)ethoxy)silane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.33 (s, 6H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, J = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm.



Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of dimethyl(phenyl)(1-(4methoxyphenyl)ethoxy)silane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.20 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.50 (s, 1H), 0.31 (s, 6H). Peaks corresponding to the silyl enol ether are observed in a 1:4 ratio with the major product at 4.76 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 0.50 (s, 6H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, J = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm.



**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>**H NMR Spectrum of dimethyl(phenyl)(1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethoxy)silane.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 8.12 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.33 (s, 6H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, J = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm.



**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>**H NMR Spectrum of dimethyl(phenyl)(1**-*p*-tolyl)ethoxy)silane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (q, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.32 (s, 6H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, *J* = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm.



**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>**H NMR Spectrum of dimethyl(phenyl)(1-phenylethoxy)silane.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.33 (s, 6H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, *J* = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm.



Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of dimethyl(phenyl)(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethoxy)silane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.57 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (q,  $J^3$  H-C-C-F = 6.6 Hz, 1H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, J = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm. Unreacted starting material observed at 8.05 and 7.49 ppm.





**Figure S14.** <sup>1</sup>**H NMR Spectrum of sec-butoxydimethyl(phenyl)silane.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.58 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (m, 1H), 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.37 (s, 6H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, J = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm.



Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of dimethyl((3-methylbutan-2-yl)oxy)(phenyl)silane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.58 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.04 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H), 0.36 (s, 6H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, J = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm. Unreacted starting material observed at 2.51, 2.08, and 1.07 ppm.



Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of ((3,3-dimethylbutan-2yl)oxy)dimethyl(phenyl)silane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.47 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.34 (s, 6H).Peaks corresponding to the silyl enol ether are observed in a 1:2 ratio with the major product at 4.06 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 1H), 1.11 (s, 9H), 0.44 (s, 3H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, J = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm. Unreacted starting material observed at 2.09, and 1.07 ppm.



**Figure S17.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of (cyclohexyloxy)dimethyl(phenyl)silane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Chloroform-*d*, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.58 (m, 2H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.15 (m, 3H), 0.37(s, 6H). The remaining product aryl and Si CH<sub>3</sub> proton signals are obscured by residual dimethyl phenyl silane peaks at 7.53 and 7.34 ppm. Residual Si-H peak observed at 4.43 ppm (heptet, J = 3.5 Hz). Mesitylene internal standard observed at 6.79 and 2.26 ppm.

#### **COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS**

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**Computational Methods.** Theoretical calculations have been carried out using the Gaussian 09<sup>1</sup> implementation of B3PW91<sup>2, 3</sup> density functional theory with the D3 version of Grimme's empirical dispersion correction.<sup>4</sup> All geometry optimizations were carried out in the gas phase using tight convergence criteria ("opt = tight") and pruned ultrafine grids ("Int = ultrafine"). The basis set for rhenium was the small-core (311111,22111,411)  $\rightarrow$  [6s5p3d] Stuttgart-Dresden basis set and relativistic effective core potential (RECP) combination (SDD) with an additional f polarization function.<sup>5-18</sup> The 6-31G(d,p) basis set<sup>19</sup> was used for all other atoms. All structures were fully optimized. Analytical frequency calculations were performed on all structures to ensure either a zeroth-order saddle point, (a local minimum), or a first-order saddle point (transition state: TS) was achieved. The minima associated with each transition state were determined by animation of the imaginary frequency.

Energetics were calculated on the gas phase optimized structures as described above with the  $6-311++G(d,p)^{20}$  basis set for C, H, N, O, Si, B, Al, and F atoms and the SDD<sup>5-17, 21</sup> basis set with an added f polarization function<sup>18</sup> on Re. Reported energies utilized analytical frequencies and the zero point corrections from the gas phase optimized geometries.



**Figure S18**. Comparison of pathways for the catalytic hydrosilylation of acetophenone (black) with benzaldehyde with the catalyst  $[DAAmRe(CO)(NCCH_3)_2]^+$  (DAAm = N,N-bis(2-arylaminoethyl)methylamine; aryl = C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>).



**Figure S19**. Calculated pathway for catalytic hydrosilylation of with benzaldehyde with the catalyst DAAmRe(CO)(OAc) (DAAm = N,N-bis(2-arylaminoethyl)methylamine; aryl = C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>).



**Figure S20.** Calculated (B3PW91-D3) Pathway for the Formation of Silyl Enol Ether during Catalysis with **18.** See experimental section for computational details.

## Summary of computational steps.

Step 1. Isomerization of **18** from  $\kappa^2$  to  $\kappa^1$  bound acetate **19** 

Step 2. Binding of acetophenone to 19 to form 28

Step 3.  $\eta^1$  activation silane by **19** to generate the FLP **23** 

Step 4. S<sub>N</sub>Si on activated silane FLP 23 by acetophenone to produce the ion pair 30

Step 5. Isomerization of 30 to 30'

Step 6. Hydride transfer to release the product 31

Alternate Step 5. Isomerization of 30 to 30"

Alternate Step 6. Deprotonation of an  $\alpha$  proton by the rhenium hydride to give the hydrogen bound complex **32** 

Alternate Step 5. Isomerization of 30 to 30\*

Alternate Step 6. Deprotonation of an  $\alpha$  proton by the acetate ligand to give the acetic acid bound complex **33** 

Alternate Step 7. Proton transfer from the bound acetic acid to the rhenium hydride to produce the hydrogen bound complex **34** 

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