

silylene

1. Generic name for $\text{H}_2\text{Si:}$ and substitution derivatives thereof, containing an electrically neutral bivalent silicon atom with two non-bonding electrons. (The definition is analogous to that given for *carbene*.)
2. The silanediyl group (H_2Si), analogous to the methylene group (H_2C).
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