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## a,a,a',a'- Tetra(5-methylfur-2-yl)-p-xylene

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See also [1]. To a solution of terephtalaldehyde (2.7g, 20 mmol) and sylvan (8 ml, 100mmol) in 50 ml of benzene 3 ml of Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl was added at room temperature. The mixture warmed up to 50-60deg.C within 15 min and a water layer separated. After standing for an additional 15 min, the organic layer was quickly washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, separated from the water layer and evaporated to dryness. The residue was recrystallized twice from dioxane. Yield 5.14g (60.25%) of white powder.

M.p. 155-156 deg.C.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.1 (d, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>); 5.71 (d, 8H, 3,4-H<sub>Fur</sub>); 3.62 (s, 1H, CH); 2.17 (s, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

Anal. calc. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (426.51): C 78.85, H 6.14; found: C 78.96, H 6.23.

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