Supporting Information for

Reactivity of an aryl-substituted silicon-silicon triple bond: 1,2-Disilabenzenes from the reaction of a 1,2-diaryldisilyne with alkynes

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Experimental Section

General Procedure. All experiments were performed under an argon atmosphere unless otherwise noted. All solvents were purified by standard methods and/or The Ultimate Solvent System (Glass Contour Company)^{S1} prior to use. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM AL-300 spectrometer (300 MHz for ¹H; 75 MHz for ¹³C NMR; 59 MHz for ²⁹Si NMR) using a C₆D₆ as a solvent. The chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to the standard as follows: residual C₆D₅H 7.16 ppm for ¹H NMR spectra, C₆D₆ central transition 128.0 ppm for ¹³C NMR spectra, and external SiMe₄ 0.0 ppm for ²⁹Si spectra. Multiplicity of signals in ¹³C NMR spectra was determined by DEPT technique. High-resolution mass spectral data were obtained on a JEOL JMS-700 spectrometer (FAB) or a Bruker micrOTOF (APPI-TOF). UV/Vis spectra were measured by a JASCO Ubest V-570. Melting points (uncorrected) were measured with a Yanaco micro melting point apparatus using sealed capillary tubes.

Reaction of 1 with acetylene. Acetylene gas was generated by treating calcium carbide with degassed water under anaerobic condition, and dried through a column of phosphorus pentoxide. A valved NMR tube was charged with 20.2 mg (15.5 μ mol) of **1** and 0.4 mL of *n*-hexane, and the solution was degassed by freeze-pump-thaw cycles. The solution was exposed to acetylene gas (1 atm) and shaken briefly at room temperature. The dark yellow color of the solution faded, and a light-yellow solution was obtained after 5 min. Volatiles were removed under vacuum, and the light-yellow residue

was checked by NMR. The crude product was recrystallized from *n*-hexane. 13.2 mg (9.73 μmol, 63%) of **2** was afforded as light-yellow needles. **2**: Light-yellow crystals mp 317–318 °C (dec.); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.297, 0.301 (s, 72H, CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 0.40 (s, 54H, C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 2.98 (s, 4H, CHSi), 7.05 (s, 4H, Bbt Ar*H*), 7.61–7.68 (m, 2H, CH=C*H*), 7.72–7.79 (m, 2H, C*H*=CH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₁₂) δ 0.10, 0.11 (s, 72H, CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 0.33 (s, 54H, C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 2.77 (s, 4H, C*H*Si), 6.89 (s, 4H, Bbt Ar*H*), 7.46 (s, 4H, C*H*=C*H*); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 2.6, 3.1 (CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 5.9 (C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 22.7 (*C*(Si*Me*₃)₃), 37.2 (*C*HSiMe₃), 127.2 (Bbt*C*(3,5)), 135.3 (Bbt*C*(1)), 135.8 (*C*H=CH), 146.3 (CH=CH), 148.0 (Bbt*C*(4)), 152.6 (Bbt*C*(2,6)); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₁₂) δ 2.8, 3.3 (CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 6.2 (C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 23.5 (*C*(SiMe₃)₃), 37.6 (*C*HSiMe₃), 127.7 (Bbt*C*(3,5)), 135.9 (Bbt*C*(1)), 136.0 (CH=CH), 146.7 (CH=CH), 148.3 (Bbt*C*(4)), 153.0 (Bbt*C*(2,6)); ²⁹Si NMR (59 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.0 (C(*Si*Me₃)₃), 1.5, 2.4 (CH(*Si*Me₃)₂), 57.1 (*Si*=*Si*); ²⁹Si NMR (59 MHz, C₆D₁₂) δ 0.9 (C(*Si*Me₃)₃), 1.4, 2.3 (CH(*Si*Me₃)₂), 56.8 (*Si*=*Si*); UV/Vis (*n*-hexane) λ_{max} (*n*-henxane)/nm 378 (ε/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹ 1.1 × 10⁴); HRMS (ESI, [M+H]⁺, *m/z*) Calcd for C₆₄H₁₃₉Si₁₆ 1355.7180, obsd: 1355.7129.



Fig. S-1. ¹³C NMR spectra for **2** (trimethylsilyl regions) at room and elevated temperatures. The trimethylsilyl groups on *ortho* positions of Bbt groups were observed as two peaks due to the trans-bent

character of 2.

Reaction of 1 with trimethylsilylacetylene. To a *n*-hexane solution (0.4 mL) of **1** (20.2 mg, 15.5 μ mol) was added 8.7 μ L (61.9 μ mol) of trimethylsilylacetylene. After the solution was stood at room temperature for 4 hr, an orange-yellow solution was obtained. Volatiles were removed under vacuum and the residue was analyzed by NMR (C₆D₆). Its NMR spectra suggested the formation of **3** as a major product. The crude product was recrystallized from *n*-hexane. 57.0 mg (38.0 μ mol, 25%) of pure **3** was afforded as orange-yellow crystals. **3**: Orange-yellow crystals slowly changed to a green solid over 179 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.24 (s, 27H, CH(Si*Me*₃)₂, ring Si*Me*₃), 0.27 (s, 18H, CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 0.38 (br s, 45H, CH(Si*Me*₃)₂, C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 0.40 (s, 18H, CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 0.43 (s, 27H, C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 0.48 (br s, 9H, ring Si*Me*₃), 2.65 (br s, 2H, CHSi), 2.84 (br s, 2H, CHSi), 7.00 (s, 2H, Bbt Ar*H*), 7.02 (s, 2H, Bbt Ar*H*), 8.28 (s, 1H, ring C*H*), 8.35 (s, 1H, ring C*H*); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.6, 3.3, 3.5, 3.97, 4.01, 4.3, (CH(Si*Me*₃)₂, ring Si*Me*₃), 5.4, 6.0 (C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 22.1, 22.6 (C(SiMe₃)₃), 36.2 (CHSiMe₃), 127.2 (d, BbtC(3,5)), 128.3 (d, BbtC(3,5)), 128.7 (s), 133.9 (s), 134.8 (s), 144.8 (d, ring CH), 147.1 (s), 148.0 (s), 148.4 (s), 150.3 (s), 153.0 (s), 153.3 (d, ring CH); ²⁹Si NMR (59 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.87, 0.93 (C(S*i*Me₃)₃), -2.2, 0.3, 0.8, 2.2, 2.5, 3.6 (CH(S*i*Me₃)₂, ring S*i*Me₃), 64.1, 65.4 (S*i*=S*i*); HRMS (ESI, [M+H]⁺, *m/z*) Caled for C₇₀H₁₅₅Si₁₈ 1499.7970, obsd: 1499.7985.

Reaction of 1 with phenylacetylene. To a *n*-hexane solution (0.4 mL) of **1** (15.9 mg, 12.2 μ mol) was added 5.4 μ L (48.7 μ mol) of phenylacetylene. After the solution was stood at room temperature for 2 hr, an orange solution was obtained. Volatiles were removed under vacuum and the residue was analyzed by NMR (C₆D₆). Its NMR spectra suggested formation of 3,5-diphenyl-1,2-bis(Bbt)-1,2-

disilabenzene (**4**) as a major product. All attempts for isolation of the product by recrystallization were failed due to high solubility and low crystallinity. The NMR data of **4** were collected from the crude mixture. **4**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.07, 0.25, 0.29, 0.34 (s×4, 18×4H, CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 0.38, 0.40 (s×2, 27×2H, C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 2.83 (s, 2H, CHSi), 2.93 (br s, 2H, CHSi), 7.03 (s, 4H, Bbt Ar*H*), 6.96-7.13 (m, 4H, Ph*H*), 7.24–7.31 (m, 4H, Ph*H*), 7.51 (d, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ph*H*), 7.76 (d, ³*J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ph*H*), 8.21 (d, ⁴*J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ring C*H*), 8.26 (d ⁴*J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ring C*H*); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 2.7, 2.8, 3.7, 4.0 (CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 5.8, 6.0 (C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 22.8, 22.9 (C(SiMe₃)₃), 35.8, 35.9 (CHSiMe₃), 126.4 (s), 126.6 (s), 127.8 (d), 128.8 (d) 129.1 (d), 131.4 (s), 131.7 (d), 132.5 (s), 134.0 (s), 139.5 (d), 145.7 (s), 146.2 (s), 147.7 (s), 148.0 (s), 148.2 (s), 148.5 (s), 152.6 (s), 153.3 (s), 157.3 (s); ²⁹Si NMR (59 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.8, 1.0 (C(*SiMe*₃)₃), 1.1, 1.3, 2.2, 3.4 (CH(*SiMe*₃)₂), 55.0, 61.7 (*Si=Si*).

Reaction of 1 with 1,7-octadiyne. To a *n*-hexane solution (0.4 mL) of **1** (29.6 mg, 22.7 μ mol) was added 5.9 μ L (45 μ mol) of 1,7-octadiyne. After the solution was stood at 3 °C for 12 hr, a light-yellow solution was obtained. Volatiles were removed under vacuum and the residue was analyzed by NMR (C₆D₆). Its NMR spectra suggested formation of a complex mixture.

Reaction of 1 with bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene. By the similar procedure for **1** with trimethylsilylacetylene, a *n*-hexane solution of **1** was reacted with 4 equiv of bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene. After 8 hr at room temperature, volatiles were removed under vacuum. No change was observed in ¹H NMR spectrum.

Reaction of 2 with oxygen. A valved NMR tube was charged with 10.5 mg (7.74 μ mol) of **2** and 0.4 mL of C₆D₆, and the solution was degassed by freeze-pump-thaw cycles. The solution was exposed to dry oxygen gas (1 atm) and shaken briefly at room temperature. The dark yellow color of the solution

faded immediately, and a colorless solution was obtained after 1 min. The reaction mixture was checked by NMR, and it was confirmed that **2** changed to **6** quantitatively. **6**: Colorless crystals mp 340-1 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.33 (s, 27H, C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 0.37 (s, 27H, C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 0.38 (s, 72H, CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 2.64 (s, 4H, CHSi), 6.12–6.19 (m, 2H, CH=CH), 6.64–6.71 (m, 2H, CH=CH), 6.97 (s, 4H, Ar*H*); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 2.2, 2.6 (CH(Si*Me*₃)₂), 5.8 (C(Si*Me*₃)₃), 22.8 (C(SiMe₃)₃), 29.8 (CH₂), 127.4 (ArC(3,5)), 128.8 (ArC(1)), 135.9 (CH=CH), 142.6 (CH=CH), 148.9 (ArC(4)), 151.8 (ArC(2,6)); ²⁹Si NMR (59 MHz, C₆D₆) δ –10.1 (*Si*O), 1.1 (C(*Si*Me₃)₃), 2.0, 2.7 (CH(*Si*Me₃)₂); HRMS (FAB, M⁺, *m/z*) Calcd for C₆₄H₁₃₈O₂Si₁₆ 1386.7000, obsd: 1386.7007.

X-ray crystallographic analyses of 2 and 6. The intensity data were collected on a Rigaku/MSC Mercury CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo*K* α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71070$ Å). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by cooling down the concentrated solutions (toluene solution for 2; toluene and hexane mixed solution for 6). A single crystal suitable for X-ray analysis was mounted on a glass fiber. In the case of air-sensitive compound, mounting was made in a glovebox (Ar). The structures were solved by a direct method (SIR-97^{S3}) and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures on F^2 for all reflections (SHELXL-97^{S4}). All hydrogen atoms were placed using AFIX instructions, while all other atoms were refined anisotropically.



Figure S-2. Thermal ellipsoid (50%) drawing of $[2 \cdot 0.5(C_7H_8)]$. Hydrogen atoms and solvate are omitted for clarity. Tris(trimethylsilyl)methyl group attached to C(38) is disordered, and one of them is shown.



Figure S-3. Thermal ellipsoid (50%) drawing of $[\mathbf{6} \cdot C_7 H_8 \cdot C_6 H_{14}]$. Hydrogen atoms and solvates are omitted for clarity. Tris(trimethylsilyl)methyl group attached to C(38) is disordered, and one of them is shown.



Figure S-4. Stick plots of **2** (top) and **6** (bottom) for geometrical comparison between the two compounds. Only skeletal structures were drawn for clarity.

Table S-1.	Crystal data and structure refinement for $[2 \cdot 0.5(C_7H_8)]$.
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Empirical formula		$C_{67.50}H_{142}Si_{16}$		
Formula weight		1403.25		
	Temperature	103(2) K		
Wavelength		0.71075 Å		
Crystal system		monoclinic		
	Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> (#14)		
Unit cell dimensions		a = 18.524(2) Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$.	
		<i>b</i> = 12.0037(14) Å	$\beta = 101.5916(14)^{\circ}.$	
		c = 40.568(5) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$.	
	Volume	8836.5(19) Å ³		
	Ζ	4		
	Density (calculated)	1.055 Mg/m ³		
	Absorption coefficient	0.264 mm^{-1}		
<i>F</i> (000)		3084		
Crystal size		$0.20\times0.20\times0.10~\text{mm}^3$		
θ range for data collection		2.84 to 25.00°.		
Index ranges		-22<=h<=22, -14<=k<=14, -47<=l<=48		
Reflections collected		80148		
Independent reflections		15370 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0709]		
Completeness to $\theta = 25.00^{\circ}$		98.8 %		
Max. and min. transmission		0.9741 and 0.9492		
Refinement method		Full-matrix least-squares on F^2		
Data / restraints / parameters		15370 / 0 / 879		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²		1.057		
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$		$R_1 = 0.0441, wR_2 = 0.1243$		
R indices (all data)		$R_1 = 0.0492, wR_2 = 0.1284$		
Largest diff. peak and hole		$1.134 \text{ and } -0.389 \text{ e.}\text{Å}^{-3}$		

	Empirical formula	$C_{77}H_{160}O_2Si_{16}$		
	Formula weight	1567.49		
	Temperature	103(2) K		
	Wavelength	0.71075 Å		
	Crystal system	triclinic		
	Space group	P1 (#2)		
	Unit cell dimensions	a = 16.8221(2) Å	$\alpha = 92.6933(4)^{\circ}$.	
		b = 17.7685(2) Å	$\beta = 111.9361(5)^{\circ}.$	
		c = 18.7611(2) Å	$\gamma = 107.5178(12)^{\circ}.$	
	Volume	4879.28(10) Å ³		
	Z	2		
	Density (calculated)	1.067 Mg/m^3		
	Absorption coefficient	0.246 mm^{-1}		
<i>F</i> (000)		1724		
Crystal size		$0.10\times0.05\times0.02~\text{mm}^3$		
θ range for data collection		2.78 to 25.00°.		
Index ranges		-19<= <i>h</i> <=19, -21<= <i>k</i> <=19, -22<= <i>l</i> <=22		
Reflections collected		40744		
Independent reflections		16924 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0296]		
Completeness to $\theta = 25.00^{\circ}$		98.5 %		
Max. and min. transmission		0.9951 and 0.9758		
Refinement method		Full-matrix least-squares on F^2		
Data / restraints / parameters		16924 / 108 / 1119		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²		1.039		
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$		$R_1 = 0.0452, wR_2 = 0.1196$		
R indices (all data)		$R_1 = 0.0496$, w $R_2 = 0.1244$		
Largest diff. peak and hole		0.498 and -0.543 e.Å^{-3}		

Table S-2. Crystal data and structure refinement for $[6 \cdot C_7 H_8 \cdot C_6 H_{14}]$.

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Fig. S-5. ¹H NMR spectrum of **2**.



Fig. S-6. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ and ${}^{13}C$ DEPT135 NMR spectra of **2**.





Fig. S-8. UV/Vis spectrum of 2.



Fig. S-9. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3**.



Fig. S-10. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ and ${}^{13}C$ DEPT135 NMR spectra of **3**.









Fig. S-13. ¹H NMR spectrum of **6**.



Fig. S-14. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ and ${}^{13}C$ DEPT135 NMR spectra of 6.



Fig. S-15. ²⁹Si INEPT NMR spectrum of 6.