Tetra(alkynyl)silanes, a 3,6-Disila-triyne, a 3,6,9-Trisila-tetrayne, a 1,3,4,6-Tetrasiladiyne, and Bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne. Molecular Structures and Solid-state NMR Studies

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The molecular structures of three alkynylsilanes, tetrakis(ethynyl-*p*-tolyl)silane, 3,3,6,6,-tetramethyl-3,6-disila-triyne, 3,3,6,6,9,9,-hexamethyl-3,6,9-trisila-tetrayne, and of bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne have been determined by X-ray diffraction. The same alkynylsilanes, and in addition 1,2bis(trimethylsilylethynyl)-1,1,2,2-tetramethyldisliane, were studied by solid-state ¹³C and ²⁹Si MAS NMR spectroscopy. The results of these measurements were compared with crystallographic evidence and also with relevant solution-state NMR data.

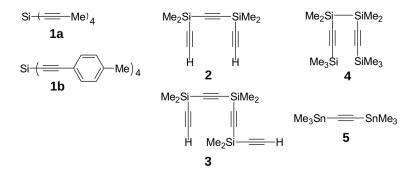
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Introduction

Alkynylsilanes are useful starting materials in organic and organometallic synthesis [1-3]. Some alkynylsilanes are commercially available, and many examples can be readily prepared by conventional methods, starting from the respective chlorosilanes. Similarly, alkynylstannanes also deserve attention, although they are somewhat more difficult to prepare and to handle owing to the greater reactivity of the Sn–C bonds, when compared with Si–C bonds. The molecular structures of several alkynylsilanes have already been reported [4-8], and in some cases solid-state ^{13}C and ^{29}Si NMR measurements have been carried out [9-11]. There are also studies on solid alkynylstannanes both by X-ray diffraction [12-14] and by solid-state ¹³C and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR [9, 10, 12]. In the present work, we report on three further examples of molecular structures of alkynylsilanes (1b, 2, 3) and combine this information with that from solid-state ¹³C and ²⁹Si NMR spectroscopy for 1-4(Scheme 1). In addition, the molecular structure of bis(trimethystannyl)ethyne (5) has been determined which complements the thorough ¹³C and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR spectroscopic study of the same molecule [9, 10].

Results and Discussion

The tetraalkynylsilane **1b** was prepared in the usual way [15] by the reaction of $SiCl_4$ with four equivalents



Scheme 1. Alkynylsilanes and bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne, studied here.

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of the alkynyllithium reagent. The triyne **2** [16] and the tetrayne **3** [17] were obtained *via* stepwise procedures as reported. The disilane derivative **4** was obtained from the reaction of 1,2-dichlorotetramethyldisilane with two equivalents of trimethylsilylethynyllithium. Bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne (**5**) was prepared from the reaction of Li₂C₂ with two equivalents of Me₃SnCl as described [18]. Recently, we have reported that a modification of the work-up procedure also affords the useful trimethylstannylethyne as a side product in moderate yield [19].

X-Ray structural studies of the alkynylsilanes **1b**, **2**, **3**, *and of bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne* **(5)**

The molecular structures of the alkynylsilanes **1b**, **2**, **3**, and of bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne (**5**) are shown in the Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively. Apparently intermolecular interactions appear to be weak or negligible in all cases. All distances and angles are in the expected range [4-8].

In all cases, the surroundings of the silicon and tin atoms correspond to slightly distorted tetrahedra. Expectedly, the distortion is small in **1b**, mainly due to the slight difference in the orientation of the aryl groups (see, however, the solid-state ¹³C NMR spectra in Fig. 6). There is a center of inversion in the triyne **2** which is absent in the tetrayne **4**, and this has consequences for the solid-state ¹³C and ²⁹Si NMR spectra of the latter (*vide infra*). It should be noted that the optimized geometries in the gas phase of **2**

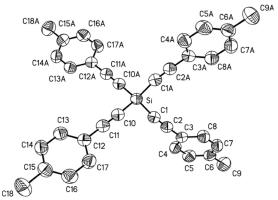


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of Si(C \equiv C–C₆H₄-4-Me)₄, **1b**, in the solid state (ORTEP, 40 % probability ellipsoids; hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity). Selected bond lengths (pm) and angles (deg): Si–C1 181.5(2), C1–C2 120.3(3), C2– C3 143.2(3), C3–C4 138.9(3), C3–C8 138.6(3); C1–Si–C10 110.8(9), C2–C1–Si 172.4(19), C1–C2–C3 177.7(2), C4– C3–C8 117.8(2).

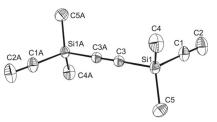


Fig. 2. Molecular structure of the triyne **2** in the solid state (ORTEP, 40% probability ellipsoids; hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity). Selected bond lengths (pm) and angles (deg): Si1–C1 182.90(13), Si1–C3 183.20(12), C1–C2 118.2(2), C3–C3 120.4(2); C1–Si1–C3 106.66(6), C1–Si1–C5 109.95(8), C3–Si1–C5 108.70(6), C1–Si1–C4 109.29(7), C3–Si1–C4 109.19(6), C5–Si1–C4 112.86(9), C2–C1–Si1 178.73(15), C3–C3–Si1 178.82(13).

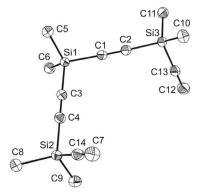


Fig. 3. Molecular structure of the tetrayne **3** in the solid state (ORTEP, 40% probability ellipsoids; hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity). Selected bond lengths (pm) and angles (deg): Si1–C1 183,93(15), Si1–C3 184.06(15), Si2–C14 183.96(16), Si2–C4 183,97(15), Si3–C13 183.80(17), Si3–C2 184.39(16), C1–C2 120.8(2), C3–C4 120.5(2), C7–C14 118.3(2), C12–C13 118.0(2); C1–Si1–C3 106.73(6), C14–Si2–C4 105.92(8), C13–Si3–C2 106.16(8), C2–C1–Si1 178.97(12), C1–C2–Si3 178.01(13), C4–C3–Si1 178.16(13), C3–C4–Si2 179.97(13), C12–C13–Si3 178.59(15), C7–C14–Si2 179.14(14); C13–Si3–Si1–C3 60.2, C14–Si2–Si1–C1 57.2.

and **3**, calculated [20] at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory (Fig. 5), show different conformations as far as the mutual orientation of the alkynyl groups is concerned. Therefore, it can be assumed that the packing in the crystal lattice is affected significantly by the type of alkynyl moieties. In the case of **2**, the solid-state ¹³C NMR spectrum (*vide infra*) indicates the presence of a second modification. Finally, the X-ray diffraction study of **5** shows that there is a center of inversion which answers one question left open in previous solid-state NMR studies of this compound [9, 10].

| Table 1. ¹³ C and ²⁹ Si NMR data of alkynylsilanes $1-4$ in | solution and in the solid state. |
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| | $\delta^{13}C (\equiv C)$ | δ^{13} C (Si–C \equiv) | δ^{13} C (R) | δ^{29} Si |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1a | 104,7 | 78.6 | 4.5 (Me) | -95.1 |
| solid: | 108.0, 106.2 105.6, 105.2 | 78.5, 77.7 77.1, 76.6 | 5.9, 5.5, 4.6, 4.4 (Me) | -97.6 |
| 1b ^a | 107.5 | 86.5 | 120.2(1), 133.3(2), 130.1(3), 141.0(4), 21.8 (Me) 118.6(1), 132 ± 1 (broad,2,3), 140.2(4), | -93.8 |
| solid: | 109.7 | 85.7 | 22,7 (Me) | -92.7 |
| 2 | 94.6(1) | 86.1(2), 110.6(4) | -0.2 (SiMe ₂) | -40.7 |
| solid: | 98.4(1) | 84.5(2) 110.9(4) | 1.2, 0.4 (SiMe ₂) | -40.0 |
| 3 | 94.8(1) | 86.4(2) 110.8(4), 111.1(5) 88.6(2,10) | 0.0 (Si(3)Me ₂), -0.1 (Si(6)Me ₂) | -39.9(3) -41.0(6) |
| solid: | 98.5 97.0 (1,11) | 113.5, 112.3 111.1, 110.4 (4,5,7,8) | 1.3, 1.0, 0.5, 0.0, -0.5 (Si(3,6)Me ₂) | -38.9, -39.3(3) -41.4(6) |
| 4 ^b | | 111.9 (C–SiMe ₂) 117.1 (C–SiMe ₃) | 0.0 (SiMe ₃), -2.9 (SiMe ₂) | -18.9 (SiMe ₃) -37.8 (SiMe ₂) |
| solid: | | 114.5 119.3, 119.4 | 3.3 (SiMe ₃), 0.6, 0.2, -0.1, -0.4 (SiMe ₂) | -18.9, -19.1 (SiMe ₃) -38.0, -38.1 (SiMe ₂) |

^a Measured in [D₈]THF; ${}^{1}J({}^{29}\text{Si}, {}^{13}\text{C}) = 128.9 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J({}^{29}\text{Si}, {}^{13}\text{C}) = 26.5 \text{ Hz}; {}^{b} {}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR data given in ref. [1d] without assignment; measured here in C₆D₆, and the assignment is based on the coupling constants, as follows: ${}^{1}J({}^{29}\text{Si}(\text{Me}_{2}), {}^{13}\text{C} \equiv) = 69.6 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J({}^{29}\text{Si}(\text{Me}_{3}), {}^{13}\text{C} \equiv) = 12.5 \text{ Hz}, {}^{1}J({}^{29}\text{Si}(\text{Me}_{3}), {}^{13}\text{C} \equiv) = 77.8 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J({}^{29}\text{Si}(\text{Me}_{2}), {}^{13}\text{C} \equiv) = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, {}^{1}J({}^{29}\text{Si}(\text{Me}_{2}), {}^{13}\text{C}(\text{Me})) = 49.8 \text{ Hz}, {}^{1}J({}^{29}\text{Si}(\text{Me}_{2}), {}^{13}\text{C}(\text{Me})) = 56.3 \text{ Hz}.$

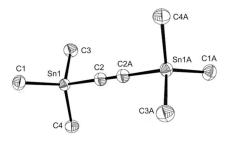


Fig. 4. Molecular structure of bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne, **5**, in the solid state (ORTEP, 40% probability ellipsoids; hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity). Selected bond lengths (pm) and angles (deg): Sn1–C1 212.8(3), Sn1–C2 210.6(3), Sn1–C3 213.8(3), Sn1–C4 213.8(3), C2–C2A 120.2(6); C2–Sn1–C1 107.87(12), C2–Sn1–C3 106.31(12), C1–Sn–C3 112.79(14), C1–Sn–C4 112.00(12), C3–Sn1–C4 111.03(13), C2–C2A–Sn 179.6(4).

Solid-state ¹³C and ²⁹Si NMR spectroscopic studies

The ¹³C and ²⁹Si chemical shifts of the compounds 1-4 measured in solution differ very little from those measured in the solid state (Table 1), indicating weak or negligible intermolecular interactions. This fact is now clearly established by the results of the X-ray diffraction studies also for the bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne (5). The differences in ¹³C

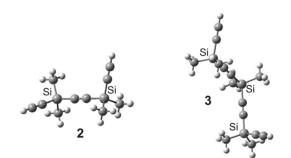
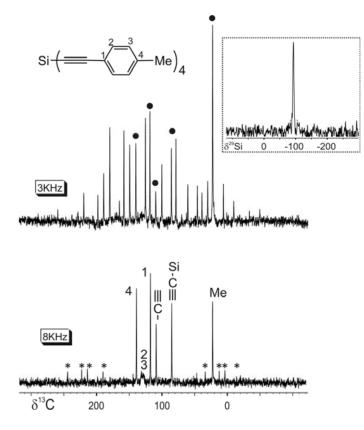


Fig. 5. Calculated [B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)] and optimized gas-phase geometries of the triyne and the tetrayne, to be compared with the solid-state structures in Figs. 2 and 3.

and ²⁹Si nuclear shielding between liquid and solid state are most pronounced (a few ppm) for ¹³C nuclei in peripheral positions, such as \equiv C–H or SiMe groups, which is in support of different conformations preferred on average in solution when compared with the solid state.

The solid-state ¹³C MAS NMR spectrum of **1b** (Fig. 6) is only consistent with the result of the X-ray diffraction by considering a fast exchange regime on the NMR time scale, in which reorientation of the aryl groups takes place, leading on average to four identical surroundings for the alkynyl carbon atoms as well



as the C¹, C⁴ and CH₃ carbon atoms. The proposed rotation of the aryl groups is evident by inspection of the exchange-broadened ${}^{13}C^{2,3}$ NMR signals. In the case of **1a** which was studied previously, motional averaging was slow on the NMR time scale, and the four different propynyl groups, found by X-ray diffraction [8], were clearly distinguished in the solid-state ${}^{13}C$ NMR spectrum [11] (see also Table 1).

According to the molecular structure of **2** in the crystal, the solid-state 29 Si and 13 C MAS NMR spectra (Fig. 7) should be simple, showing one and five signals, respectively. However, in addition to the expected signals, there are three 13 C NMR signals of minor intensity in the alkynyl range as marked. Therefore, in the bulk material of **2**, a small amount of a second modification is most likely present, of which the 29 Si and 13 C(SiMe₂) NMR signals are not resolved.

Solid-state ¹³C and ²⁹Si MAS NMR spectra of the tetrayne **3** (Fig. 8) are in perfect agreement with the results from X-ray diffraction. Except of the methyl groups linked to the central silicon atom, and the alkynyl carbon atoms $C^{2,10}$, all other ¹³C NMR signals are clearly resolved. The absence of a mirror plane or a

Fig. 6. Solid-state 75.1 MHz ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ MAS NMR spectra of **1b** (recycle delay 20 s; upper trace 1536 transients; lower trace 512 transients). The exchange-broadened ${}^{13}C^{2,3}$ NMR signals could only be observed at high spinning rates (lower trace). Rotational side bands (lower trace) are indicated by asterisks. At lower spinning rate (upper trace), only the fairly sharp ${}^{13}C$ NMR signals for alkynyl carbons, aryl carbons C¹, C⁴ and CH₃ were readily observed together with the rotational side bands. The solid-state 59.6 MHz ${}^{29}Si{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of **1b** (insert; single pulse, recycle delay 20 s) is a fairly sharp line, even without MAS.

center of inversion in solid **3** is also illustrated by two different ²⁹Si NMR signals for Si^{3,9} in addition to the signal for Si⁶.

In the case of the disilane derivative 4, attempts failed to obtain suitable single crystals for X-ray diffraction. However, the solid-state ¹³C (Fig. 9) and ²⁹Si (Fig. 10) MAS NMR spectra of the microcrystalline material could be measured. The different ¹³C NMR signals for the alkynyl carbons and for all methyl groups at the disilane unit clearly indicate the absence of a mirror plane or a center of inversion in the solid-state molecular structure of 4. Different ¹³C(SiMe₃) signals were not resolved. In addition to expectedly small differences in the chemical shifts of the SiMe₃ groups (see the ²⁹Si NMR spectrum in Fig. 10), these ¹³C NMR signals may be slightly exchange-broadened by $2\pi/3$ propeller jumps [9, 10]. The assignment of the alkynyl ¹³C NMR signals was based on the solution-state ¹³C NMR spectra. The solid-state ²⁹Si MAS NMR spectrum measured at high spinning rate shows two resolved pairs of signals for the SiMe3 and SiMe2 groups, consistent with the ¹³C NMR spectra. At low spinning rate, the

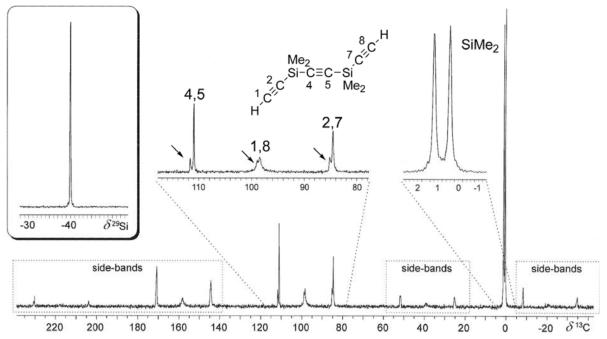


Fig. 7. Solid-state 100.6 MHz ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ and 79.5 MHz ${}^{29}Si{}^{1}H$ MAS NMR spectra of the triyne 2 (recycle delay 8 s; 64 transients for ${}^{13}C$ and 26 transients for ${}^{29}Si$).

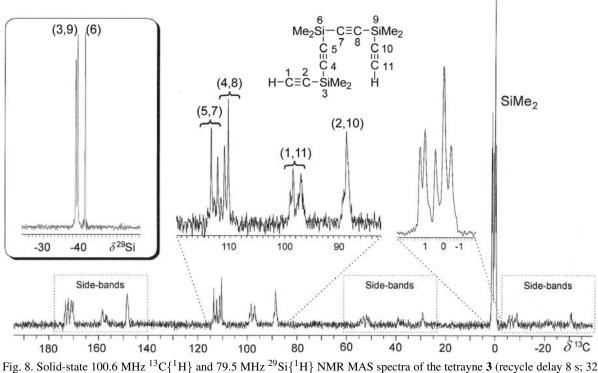


Fig. 8. Solid-state 100.6 MHz ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$ and 79.5 MHz ${}^{29}Si{}^{1}H{}$ NMR MAS spectra of the tetrayne **3** (recycle delay 8 s; 32 transients for ${}^{13}C$ and ${}^{29}Si{}$). Rotational side bands (rotation 6 kHz) are indicated.

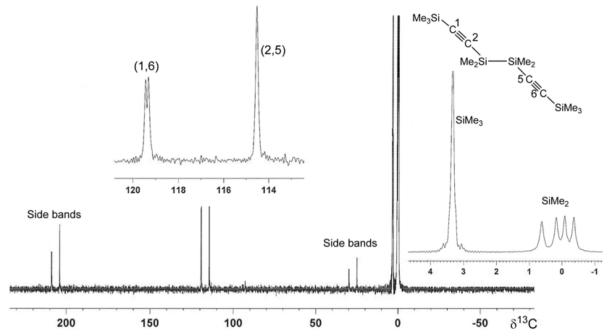


Fig. 9. Solid-state 100.5 MHz ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of the disilane derivative **4** (recycle delay 10 s; 492 transients; rotation 9 kHz).

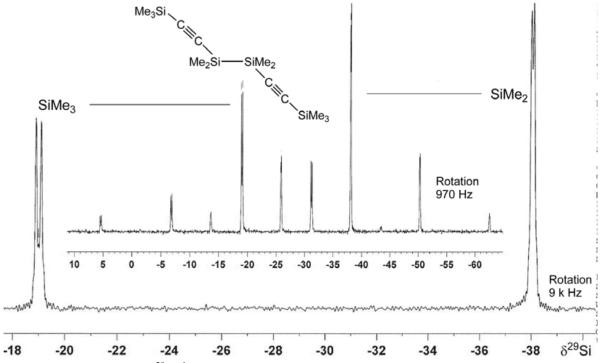


Fig. 10. Solid-state 79.5 MHz 29 Si{ 1 H} NMR spectrum of the disilane derivative **4** measured at different spinning rates (recycle delay 8 s; 32 transients). At a spinning rate of 970 Hz the rotational side bands become visible, and their pattern is consistent with non-axially symmetric (SiMe₂) and close to axially symmetric (SiMe₃) 29 Si shielding tensors.

| Table 2. Crystallographic | data of the alkynylsilanes | 3 1b, 2, 3 and of | bis(trimethylsta | nnyl)ethyne (5). |
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| | 1b | 2 | 3 | 5 | |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Formula | C ₃₆ H ₂₈ Si | C ₈ H ₁₄ Si ₂ | C14H20Si3 | C ₆ H ₁₈ Sn ₂ | |
| Crystal | needle | prism | prism | prism | |
| Dimensions, mm ³ | $0.93 \times 0.14 \times 0.14$ | $0.60 \times 0.50 \times 0.50$ | $0.66 \times 028 \times 0.09$ | 0.36 	imes 0.23 	imes 0.11 | |
| Т, К | 133(2) | 193(2) | 193(2) | 133(2) | |
| Crystal system | tetragonal | trigonal | monoclinic | monoclinic | |
| Space group | $l4_1/a$ | RĪ | $P2_1/n$ | $P2_1/c$ | |
| Lattice parameters | | | · | | |
| a, pm | 1966.5(2) | 1612.1(2) | 1635.2(5) | 913.3(2) | |
| b, pm | 1966.5(2) | 1612.1(2) | 553.9(5) | 559.3(1) | |
| c, pm | 729.00(11) | 1253.3(2) | 1958.9(5) | 1221.7(3) | |
| α , deg | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | |
| β , deg | 90 | 90 | 103.4(5) | 97.49(2) | |
| γ, deg | 90 | 120 | 90 | 90 | |
| Z | 4 | 9 | 4 | 2 | |
| μ , mm ⁻¹ (Mo K_{α}) | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 4 | |
| Diffractometer | — Stoe IPDS II; Mo K_{α} , $\lambda = 71.073$; graphite monochromator — | | | | |
| Absorption correction | none ^a | none ^a | numerical | numerical | |
| v range, deg | 2.1-35.7 | 2.18-26.8 | 1.47 - 26 | 1.18-26 | |
| Reflections collected | 17538 | 10922 | 22889 | 2192 | |
| Independ. refl. $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | 1000 | 1158 | 2705 | 1166 | |
| Refined parameters | 85 | 83 | 234 | 49 | |
| $wR2/R1[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | 0.112 / 0.051 | 0.076 / 0.075 | 0.099 / 0.030 | 0.041 / 0.017 | |
| Max. / min. resid. electron density, $e pm^{-3} \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.19 / -0.27 | 0.23 / -0.15 | 0.14 / -0.31 | 0.55 / -0.39 | |

^a Absorption corrections did not improve the parameter set.

rotational side bands expectedly indicate ²⁹Si shielding tensor patterns typical of a non-axial symmetry of the SiMe₂ groups and close to axial symmetry for the SiMe₃ groups.

Conclusions

Crystallographic evidence and solid-state ¹³C and ²⁹Si MAS NMR results are in good agreement for alkynylsilanes. Dynamic processes such as reorientation of aryl groups are mirrored by exchangebroadened ¹³C NMR signals. Furthermore, the solid-state NMR spectra indicate the presence of modifications so far not readily apparent from single crystal X-ray diffraction studies, as shown in the case of the triyne **2**. The crystal structure study of bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne (**5**) has answered the question left open after temperature-dependent solid-state ¹³C and ¹¹⁹Sn MAS NMR investigations [9, 10], the results of which are in perfect agreement with the particular inversion symmetry of this molecule.

Experimental Section

Starting materials and measurements

The preparations and all handling of samples were carried out under an inert atmosphere (Ar), and carefully oven-dried glassware, and dry solvents were used throughout. ⁿBuLi in hexane (1.6 M), 1-ethynyl-4-methylbenzene, ethynyltrimethylsilane, SiCl₄, and Me₄Si₂Cl₂ were commercial products. The 3,3,6,6,-tetramethyl-3,6-disila-trivne (2) [16], 3,3,6,6,9,9-hexamethyl-3,6,9-trisila-tetrayne (3) [17], and bis(trimethylstannyl)ethyne (5) [18] were prepared adopting the literature procedures. Single crystals of 2 and 3 were collected after slow sublimation at ambient temperature. Single crystals of 5 were grown from concentrated hexane solutions at ambient temperature. Solutionstate NMR measurements were carried out in [D₈]THF (1b) and C_2DCl_2 (4) in 5 mm o.d. tubes at 296 ± 1 K: Varian Inova 300 or 400 MHz and Bruker ARX 250 spectrometer for ¹H, ¹³C, and ²⁹Si NMR; chemical shifts are given with respect to Me₄Si [δ^{1} H [D₇]THF/C₆D₅H = 1.73, 7.15; δ^{13} C ([D₈]THF/C₆D₆) = 25.4/128.0; δ^{29} Si = 0 for Ξ ⁽²⁹Si) = 19.867184 MHz]. Chemical shifts δ ¹H are given to ± 0.04 ppm, δ^{13} C and δ^{29} Si to ± 0.1 ppm. Solid-state 13 C and ²⁹Si NMR spectra were measured at ambient temperature with Bruker Avance II 300 and Bruker Avance 400 spectrometers, using 4 mm zirconia rotors in double-bearing probe heads. All MAS spectra were measured with variable amplitude cross polarization (VACP) [21], and the SPINAL pulse sequence [22] was used to achieve efficient ¹H decoupling. EI-MS spectra: Finnigan MAT 8500 spectrometer (ionisation energy 70 eV) with direct inlet. The m/z data refer to the isotopes ¹H, ¹²C, and ²⁸Si. The melting points (uncorrected) were determined using a Büchi 510 melting point apparatus.

Synthesis of tetraalkyn-1-ylsilane 1b

Tetrachlorosilane (3 mL; 10 mmol) was added slowly at low temperature (-78 °C) to a suspension of Li–C=C– C₆H₄-4-Me (39.4 mmol) in 75 mL of hexane. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r. t., heated to reflux for 2 h and stirred for further 10 h at r. t. The solid materials were separated and washed with an excess of toluene. The toluene fractions were collected, and all volatiles were removed in a vacuum. The solid residue left was mainly the product **1b** (3.8 g, 77 %). It was washed with hexane and dissolved in THF. Needle-like crystals (m. p. > 263 °C, decomp.) suitable for X-ray structural analysis were grown from concentrated THF solutions at r. t. – ¹H NMR (400 MHz) data: δ = 2.4, 7.3, 7.6 (s, m, m, 28H, 4-Me-C₆H₄).

Synthesis of 1,3,4,6-tetrasiladiyne 4

A solution of 1,2-dichloro-tetramethyldisilane (4.14 g, 35.3 mmol) in hexane (20 mL) was added at room temperature within 15 min to a suspension of freshly prepared trimethylsilylethynyllithium (71 mmol) in hexane (300 mL). The mixture was heated at reflux for 12 h, insoluble materials were filtered off, and the solvent was removed in a vacuum to leave a colorless powder. After recrystallization from pentane at -20 °C, the pure disilane derivative **4** was obtained (m. p. 36-38 °C; 6.8 g, 62 %). - ¹H NMR (250 MHz in C₆D₆): $\delta = 0.24$ (s, 12H, SiMe₂), 0.02 (s, 18H, SiMe₃). – EI-MS

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 $(70 \text{ eV}): m/z = 310 (10) \text{ [M]}^+, 295 (28) \text{ [M-15]}^+, 73 (100) \text{ [SiMe}_3]^+.$

X-Ray structure analyses of compounds 1b, 2, 3, and 5

The X-ray crystal structural analyses of **1b**, **2**, **3**, and **5** were carried out at 133(2) K (**1b**), 193(2) K (**2**, **3**) on single crystals selected in perfluorinated oil [23] at r. t., using a Stoe IPDS II (Mo K_{α} radiation, $\lambda = 71.069$ pm) system equipped with an Oxford Cryostream low-temperature unit. Structure solutions and refinement were accomplished using SIR97 [24], SHELXL-97 [25], and WINGX [26]. Pertinent data are given in Table 2. Since the solid-state NMR spectra of **1b** were measured at r. t. and showed dynamic processes, the X-ray diffraction of **1b** was repeated at r. t. (Stoe IPDS I) with a single crystal sealed in a Lindemann capillary. The results were essentially identical with those obtained at 133 K.

CCDC 753787 (1b), 753788 (2), 753789 (3), and 753790 (5) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre *via* www.ccdc.cam. ac.uk/data_request/cif.

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