Cyclization/Hydrosilylation of Functionalized 1,6-Diynes Catalyzed by Cationic Platinum Complexes Containing Bidentate Nitrogen Ligands

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A 1:1 mixture of the platinum dimethyl diimine complex [PhN=C(Me)C(Me)=NPh]PtMe₂ (4a) and $B(C_6F_5)_3$ catalyzed the cyclization/hydrosilylation of dimethyl dipropargylmalonate (1) and $HSiEt_3$ to form 1,1-dicarbomethoxy-3-methylene-4-(triethylsilylmethylene)cyclopentane (3) in 82% isolated yield with 26:1 Z:E selectivity. Platinum-catalyzed diyne cyclization/hydrosilylation tolerated a range of functional groups including esters, sulfones, acetals, silyl ethers, amides, and hindered ketones. Diynes that possessed propargylic substitution underwent facile cyclization/hydrosilylation to form silylated 1,2-dialkylidene cyclopentanes as mixtures of regioisomers. Diynes that possessed an electron-deficient internal alkyne underwent cyclization/hydrosilylation in moderate yield to form products resulting from silvl transfer to the less substituted alkyne. The silvlated 1,2-dialkylidenecyclopentanes formed via diyne cyclization/hydrosilylation underwent a range of transformations including protodesilylation, Z/E isomerization, and [4 + 2] cycloaddition with dieneophiles.

Introduction

The cyclization/addition of dienes,¹⁻⁴ enynes,^{5,6} and tetraenes⁷ employing H–X or X–X' [X, X' = SiR₃, SnR₃, BR_2 as the stoichiometric reductant are synthetically useful transformations that form both a C-C bond and one or more C-X bonds. Cyclization/hydrosilylation processes are of particular interest because of the ready availability of silanes and the reactivity of the silylated carbocycles formed in these transformations.8 Examples of catalytic cyclization/hydrosilylation include the yttrocene-catalyzed cyclization/hydrosilylation of both dienes² and enynes⁵ and the rhodium-catalyzed cyclization/ hydrosilylation of 1,6-enynes.⁶ In addition, both cationic palladium phenanthroline³ and optically active palladium

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pyridine-oxazoline⁴ complexes catalyze the cyclization/ hydrosilylation of functionalized dienes to form silylated carbocycles in good yield with good stereoselectivity (Scheme 1).

Nonconjugated diynes undergo transition metal catalyzed cyclization/addition in the presence of hydrostannanes,⁹ stannylsilanes,¹⁰ borylsilanes,¹¹ borylstannanes,¹² and hydrogen equivalents¹³ to form substituted 1,2dialkylidenecycloalkanes. In contrast, the cyclization/ hydrosilylation of diynes, particularly 1,6-diynes, remains problematic. Although Ni(0) complexes catalyze the cyclization/hydrosilylation of 1,7-diynes to form silylated (Z)-1,2-dialkylidenecyclohexanes, these catalysts do not cyclize 1,6-diynes.¹⁴ Rhodium phosphine complexes catalyze the cyclization/hydrosilylation of 1,6-diynes to form predominantly (E)-1,2-dialkylidenecyclopentanes but these protocols suffer from limited substrate scope and low yield.¹⁵ Similarly, rhodium carbonyl complexes catalyze the cyclization/hydrosilylation of 1,6-diynes but form primarily disilylated mono alkylidenecyclopentanes and silylbicyclization products.¹⁶ The absence of a selective and general catalyst system for the cyclization/hydrosilylation of 1,6-diynes is unfortunate as the silylated 1,2-

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dialkylidenecyclopentanes formed in these processes are useful synthetic intermediates.

Cationic platinum complexes activate C–H bonds under mild conditions.^{17–20} For example, [(TMEDA)Pt(Me)- C_5F_5N]⁺BF₄⁻ [TMEDA = *N,N,N,N*-tetramethylethylene-diamine] reacts with benzene at 85 °C to form the platinum phenyl complex [(TMEDA)Pt(Ph)C₅F₅N]⁺BF₄⁻ with release of methane.¹⁸ Similarly, the cationic platinum diimine aquo complex [(N-N)Pt(Me)OH₂]⁺BF₄⁻ [N-N = ArN=C(Me)C(Me)=NAr, Ar = 3,5-(CF₃)₃C₆H₃] reacts with benzene at room temperature to form [(N-N)Pt(Ph)OH₂]⁺BF₄⁻ and methane (Scheme 2).¹⁹ Of particular significance, the cationic 2,2-bipyrimidyl complex [(bipyr)-Pt(Me)L]⁺BF₄⁻ catalyzes the oxidation of methane in concentrated sulfuric acid under oxygen to form methyl sulfate in 72% yield.²⁰

The cationic platinum complexes that activate C–H bonds are structurally and electronically similar to the cationic palladium complexes that catalyze the cyclization/hydrosilylation of functionalized dienes.^{3,4} Because of this, we considered that cationic platinum complexes that contain bidentate nitrogen ligands might catalyze cyclization/hydrosilylation. Although these platinum complexes showed no activity toward dienes, they were active catalysts for the cyclization/hydrosilylation of functionalized 1,6-diynes. Here we report a full account of our study of the platinum-catalyzed cyclization/hydrosilylation of functionalized 1,6-diynes to form silylated 1,2-alkylidenecyclopentanes in good yield with high Z-selectivity.²¹

Results and Discussion

Platinum Phenanthroline Catalysts. Platinum phenanthroline complexes were first targeted as cycliza-



Figure 1. Concentration versus time plot for the cyclization/ hydrosilylation of **1** and HSiEt₃ catalyzed by a 1:1 mixture of (phen)PtMe₂ (**2a**) and B(C_6F_5)₃ in toluene at 110 °C to form **3**.



tion/hydrosilylation catalysts on account of the high activity of the corresponding palladium phenanthroline complexes with respect to diene cyclization/hydrosilylation.⁴ A solution of dimethyl dipropargylmalonate (1), HSiEt₃ (1.5 equiv), naphthalene (internal standard), and a catalytic 1:1 mixture of (phen)PtMe₂ (2a) and B(C₆F₅)₃ (5 mol %) in toluene was heated at 110 °C and monitored periodically by GC analysis.²² The relative concentration of 1 decreased steadily to $\sim 10\%$ after 75 min and then disappeared completely after 2.5 h to form 1,1-dicarbomethoxy-3-methylene-4-(triethylsilylmethylene)cyclopentane (3) in 95% yield (GC) as a 20:1 mixture of Z:E isomers along with traces of disilylated products (Figure 1). Evaporation of solvent and flash chromatography of the residue on neutral alumina gave 3 in 74% yield as an 18:1 mixture of Z:E isomers (Scheme 3).23

The cationic palladium catalyst employed in diene cyclization/hydrosilylation was most efficiently generated in situ via halide abstraction from (phen)Pd(Me)Cl with NaBAr₄ [Ar = $3,5-C_6H_3(CF_3)_2$].^{3,4} However, a 1:1 mixture of (phen)Pt(Me)Cl (2b) and NaBAr₄ was less effective for divne cyclization/hydrosilylation than was the $2a/B(C_6F_5)_3$ mixture. For example, cyclization/hydrosilylation of 1 and HSiEt₃ catalyzed by a 1:1 mixture of **2b** and NaBAr₄ at 110 °C for 2 h formed 3 as a ~6:1 mixture of Z:E isomers. Evaporation of solvent followed by chromatography of the residue on neutral alumina gave 3 in 83% yield as a 6:1 mixture of Z:E isomers (Scheme 4). Surprisingly, silica gel chromatography of crude 3 generated via cyclization/ hydrosilylation of 1 catalyzed by 2b/NaBAr₄ led to Z/E isomerization and isolation of (E)-3 in 73% yield with \geq 96% isomeric purity (Scheme 4). Although the mechanism of this isomerization remains unknown, silica gel, **2b**, and NaBAr₄ were all required for Z/E isomerization.

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Platinum Diimine Catalysts. The cyclization/hydrosilylation of **1** and HSiEt₃ catalyzed by $2a/B(C_6F_5)_3$ gave 3 in good yield with good Z:E-selectivity but required rather forcing conditions (110 °C, 3 h). In an effort to identify a more active diyne cyclization/hydrosilylation catalyst, we turned our attention to cationic platinum diimine complexes. These diimine complexes proved to be both more active and more stereoselective than the platinum phenanthroline complexes. For example, reaction of 1 and HSiEt₃ catalyzed by a 1:1 mixture of [PhN= $C(Me)C(Me)=NPh]PtMe_2$ (4a) and $B(C_6F_5)_3$ was complete after 10 min at 110 °C or after 85 min at 70 °C to form (Z)-3 in 95% yield (GC) with \geq 30:1 stereoselectivity (Table 1, entries 1 and 2).²⁴ Dialkylidenecyclopentane (Z)-3 was isolated in 82% yield as a 26:1 mixture of stereoisomers from the former reaction (Table 2, entry 1).

Cationic group 10 diimine complexes are active catalysts for the polymerization of ethylene and α -olefins.²⁵ The utility of these complexes stems in part from the ease with which the steric and electronic parameters of the complex can be tuned by varying the N-aryl groups. In an effort to probe the effect of the steric and electronic nature of the catalyst on divne cyclization/hydrosilylation, the platinum diimine complexes [ArN=C(Me)C(Me)= NAr]PtMe₂ [Ar = $4 - C_6 H_4 OMe$ (4b), $4 - C_6 H_4 CH_3$ (4c), 2,6- $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2$ (4d), 4- $C_6H_4CF_3$ (4e), 3,5- $C_6H_3(CF_3)_2$ (4f)] were employed as precatalysts in the cyclization/hydrosilylation of **1** and HSiEt₃ (Table 1, entries 3–7). The rate of cyclization/hydrosilylation appeared to decrease slightly with both the increasing electron density and increasing steric bulk of the diimine ligand, although the effects were nominal (Table 1). Likewise, the Z:E selectivity of cyclization/hydrosilylation did not vary appreciably with the steric and electronic nature of the diimine ligand (Table 1). In addition to complexes 4a-f, the platinum bis(benzylidene) complexes 4g and 4h also catalyzed the





 a Product yield determined by GC analysis versus internal standard. b Z:E ratio determined by $^1\rm H$ NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

cyclization/hydrosilylation of $\boldsymbol{1}$ and $HSiEt_3$ (Table 1, entries 8 and 9).

Substrate Scope. The scope of platinum-catalyzed diyne cyclization/hydrosilylation was probed as a function of silane and divne employing platinum diimine catalyst 4a. A number of tertiary silanes reacted with diene 1 in the presence of $4a/B(C_6F_5)_3$ to give the corresponding 1,2dialkylidenecyclopentanes 5-8 in \sim 70% yield with >20:1 Z:E selectivity (Table 2, entries 2-5). The rate of the cyclization/hydrosilylation of 1 decreased with the increasing steric bulk of the silane and reaction of **1** with $HSi(i-Pr)_3$ was ~10 times slower than the reaction of **1** with HSiEt₃ (Table 1, entries 1 and 5). Phenylsilanes such as dimethylphenylsilane were largely ineffective in platinum-catalyzed diyne cyclization/hydrosilylation. This limitation precluded oxidation of the silvlated 1,2-dialkylidenecyclopentanes formed via cyclization/hydrosilylation.8 Platinum-catalyzed diyne cyclization/hydrosilylation tolerated a number of functional groups including pivaloate esters (9), benzyl (10) and silyl ethers (11), acetals (12), aromatic groups (13), sulfones (14), amides (15), and hindered ketones (16) to form dienes 17-24 in 65-86% yield with $\geq 25:1$ Z:E selectivity (Table 2, entries 6 - 13).

⁽²⁴⁾ The Z:E ratio of the silylated 1,2-dialkylidenecyclopentanes was determined by integration of the downfield triethylsilylmethylene vinyl resonance of the E isomer at $\delta \sim 6.0$ relative to the internal methylene vinyl proton of the Z isomer at $\delta \sim 5.3$ in the ¹H NMR spectrum. ¹H NMR spectroscopy provided more reproducible Z:E ratios than did GC analysis for dienes with high isomeric purity (Z:E \geq 20:1). We estimate \leq 3% of the minor isomer (\geq 30:1) as the detection limit via ¹H NMR analysis.

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Table 2. Cyclization/Hydrosilylation of Functionalized Diynes Catalyzed by a 1:1 Mixture of 4a and B(C6F3) in Tolueneat 110 °C



^{*a*} Yields refer to isolated material of \geq 95% purity. ^{*b*} Z:E ratio determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. ^{*c*} Silane added slowly as a 10% solution in toluene. ^{*d*} Product isolated as the Diels–Alder adduct of 4-phenyl-[1,2,4]triazole-3,5-dione. ^{*e*} Product isolated as the corresponding alcohol after treatment with TBAF.

Many transition metal mediated or catalyzed cyclization processes are facilitated by gem dialkyl groups on the substrate backbone (Thorpe–Ingold effect).²⁶ However, 4,4-disubstitution of the diyne was not required for efficient platinum-catalyzed cyclization/hydrosilylation. For example, reaction of 4-carbomethoxy-1,6-heptadiyne (**25**) with HSiEt₃ catalyzed by **4a**/B(C_6F_5)₃ formed cyclopentane **26** in good yield with good selectivity (Table 2, entry 14). Likewise, diynes that possessed a single trimethylacetoxymethyl (**27**) or *tert*-butyldimethylsiloxymethyl (**28**) group at the 4-position underwent cyclization/hydrosilylation to form carbocycles **29** and **30**, respectively (Table 2, entries 15 and 16). In comparison, platinum-catalyzed cyclization/hydrosilylation of dipro-

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pargyl ether (31) required 1 h at 110 °C and formed the heterocyclic diene 32 in only 36% yield (Table 2, entry 17).

Divnes that possessed propargylic substitution underwent platinum-catalyzed cyclization/hydrosilylation to form mixtures of regioisomeric silylated dialkylidenecyclopentanes with predominant transfer of the silvl group to the more hindered, more electron-rich alkyne. For example, reaction of divne 33, which possessed a single propargylic methyl group, and HSiEt₃ catalyzed by 4a/ B(C₆F₅)₃ formed a 1:1.2 mixture of isomeric dienes 34a and 34b in 80% combined yield (Scheme 5). Similarly, cyclization/hydrosilylation of diyne 35, which possessed gem-dimethyl propargylic substitution, formed a 1:2.3 mixture of isomeric dienes 36a and 36b in 82% combined yield (Scheme 5).

Attempted cyclization/hydrosilylation of diynes that possessed one or more electron-rich internal alkynes such as 4,4-dicarbomethoxy-1,6-octadiyne or 5,5-dicarbomethoxy-1,6-nonadiyne led to formation of intractable mixtures of products. In comparison, divnes that possessed a single electron-deficient internal alkyne underwent cyclization/hydrosilylation in moderate yield to form products resulting from silvl transfer to the terminal alkyne. For example, reaction of diyne 37, which possessed a terminal carbomethoxy group, with HSiEt₃ catalyzed by $4a/B(C_6F_5)_3$ led to the isolation of diene 38 in 43% yield as a single isomer (Table 2, entry 18). In comparison, Pt-catalyzed reaction of diyne 39, which possessed a terminal acetyl group, and HSiEt₃ led to cyclization/hydrosilylation coupled with hydrosilylation of the terminal acetyl group to form disilylated diene 40 in 56% isolated yield (Table 2, entry 19).

Mixtures of 4a and B(C₆F₅)₃ also catalyzed the cyclization/hydrosilylation of 1,7-diyne 41 to form 1,2-dialkylidenecyclohexane 42 in good yield with high Z-selectivity (Table 2, entry 20). Although attempts to apply platinumcatalyzed cyclization/hydrosilylation to the synthesis of additional silvlated 1,2-dialkylidenecyclohexanes were unsuccessful, the cyclization/hydrosilylation of 1,7-diynes is efficiently catalyzed by Ni(0) complexes.¹⁴

Reactivity of Silylated 1,2-Dialkylidene Cycloalkanes. Although generally unreactive toward nucleophilic substitution, vinyl silanes undergo electrophilic



substitution.²⁷ The proton represents the simplest electrophile that reacts with vinylsilanes and protodesilylation of (Z)-3 was therefore investigated. To this end, treatment of (Z)-**3** with a mixture of iodine and water in benzene led to protodesilylation/isomerization with formation of 3,3-dicarbomethoxy-1-methyl-5-methylenecyclopentene (43) in 77% yield (Scheme 6).²⁸ Alternatively, treatment of (Z)-3 with trifluoroacetic acid in CH_2Cl_2 led to protodesilylation without isomerization to form the desired 1,1-dicarbomethoxy-3,4-dimethylenecyclopentane (44) in 63% isolated yield (Scheme 6).²⁹

Molecular models suggest that silvlated dialkylidene cyclopentane (Z)-3 is significantly less stable than the isomeric (*E*)-3 as a result of unfavorable steric interaction between the silvl group and the proximal vinyl hydrogen atom. In accord with this analysis, diene (Z)-3 isomerized readily to (*E*)-**3**. For example, treatment of (*Z*)-**3** (Z:E = 24:1) with a catalytic amount of iodine³⁰ (25 mol %, 13 mM) in benzene at room temperature for 2 h formed an equilibrium \geq 30:1 mixture of (*E*)-3:(*Z*)-3.³¹ Diene (*E*)-3 was isolated in 81% yield (E:Z = 20:1) from the corresponding preparative scale reaction (eq 1).³² Steric in-



teraction between the silyl group and the proximal vinylic hydrogen of dialkylidene cyclohexane (Z)-42 is less pronounced than in (Z)-3 as a result of the increased flexibility of the cyclohexyl ring relative to the cyclopentyl ring, and as a result, iodine-catalyzed isomerization of

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| entry | diene | dieneophile | temp (°C) | time (h) | product | yield (%) ^a | ratio ^b |
|-------|-------------------------|---|-----------|----------|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| | E/SiEt3 | | | | | | |
| 1 | Z-3 | Ö R = Ph | 80 | 20 | ··· O 45a | quant | ≥30:1 |
| 2 | | R = t-Bu | 110 | 12 | 46 | 78 | ≥30:1 |
| 3 | | R = Me O | 110 | 12 | 47 Et ₃ Şi _ O | 94 | 16:1 |
| 4 | | | 110 | 12 | | 96 | ≥30:1 |
| 5 | | | 110 | 12 | | 89 | ≥30:1 |
| 6 | | | 110 | 12 | | 85 | - |
| 7 | | N N N N N N N N N Ph | 25 | 0.5 | 50 El ₃ Si E N S1 O | 73 | _ |
| 8 | | E | 130 | 24 | E 52 | 54 | 20:1 |
| 9 | ESiBu ₃ E | E | 110 | 24 | Bu ₃ Si E | 73 | _ |
| 10 | E.J. | NPh | 50 | 9 | EAL HOHA | 51 | 18:1 |
| 11 | Pivo 29 | 3 NPh | 110 | 15 | Pivo 54 H O | h 61 | 2:1 |
| 12 | | NMe O | 110 | 48 | | 67 | 5:1 |

Table 3. Diels-Alder [4 + 2] Cycloaddition of Silylated 1,2-Dialkylidene Cyclopentanes in Toluene

^a Yields refer to isolated material of \geq 95% purity. ^b Isomer ratio determined by GC analysis of the purified reaction mixture.

(*Z*)-**42** was less efficient than was isomerization of (*Z*)-**3**. For example, treatment of (*Z*)-**42** (Z:E = 10:1) with a catalytic amount of iodine (25 mol %, 26 mM) at room temperature for 6 h formed an equilibrium 4.5:1 mixture of (*E*)-**42**:(*Z*)-**42**.³¹ Diene (*E*)-**42** was isolated in 71% yield as a 2:1 mixture of E:Z isomers form the corresponding preparative scale reaction (eq 2).³²

The silylated 1,2-dialkylidenecyclopentanes formed via platinum-catalyzed cyclization/hydrosilylation are active

substrates for [4 + 2] cycloaddition with dieneophiles to form polycyclic compounds (Table 3). For example, diene (*Z*)-**3** reacted with maleimides and quinones to form polycycles **45a** and **46–49** in good yield with high endoselectivity (Table 3, entries 1–5). Diene (*Z*)-**3** also reacted with tetracyanoethylene, 4-phenyl-[1,2,4]triazole-3,5-dione, and methyl propiolate to form adducts **50–52**, respectively (Table 3, entries 6–8), while diene (*Z*)-**7** reacted with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate to form Scheme 7



cyclohexadiene **53** (Table 3, entry 9). Dienes (*E*)-**3**, **29**, and (*Z*)-**42** also reacted with maleimides to form the cycloaddition products **45b**, **54**, and **55**, respectively, in moderate yield (Table, entries 10–12). Noteworthy is that the allylic silyl group renders these Diels–Alder adducts potentially reactive both toward both electrophiles³³ and toward oxidation.⁸

Mechanistic Considerations. In the presence of CO or ethylene, $B(C_6F_5)_3$ abstracts a methyl group from the platinum dipyridine complex (N-N)PtMe₂ (N-N = 4,4'di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine) within minutes at -78 °C to form complexes of the form [(N-N)Pt(Me)L]+[MeB- $(C_6F_5)_3]^-$ [L = CO, H₂C=CH₂].³⁴ In a similar manner, reaction of $B(C_6F_5)_3$ with **2a** or **4a** in the presence of divne 1 could form the four-coordinate cationic platinum alkyne complex I (Scheme 7). The cationic platinum(II) diimine complex $Pt[MeO(CH_2)_3N=C(Me)C(Me)=N(CH_2)_3OMe]$ -(Me)]⁺[BAr₄]⁻ [Ar = 3,5-C₆H₃(CF₃)₂] reacts rapidly with triethylsilane at -30 °C via Si-H oxidative addition to form the octahedral platinum (IV) silyl hydride complex {Pt[MeO(CH₂)₃N=C(Me)C(Me)=N(CH₂)₃OMe](Me)- $(SiEt_3)(H)$]⁺[BAr₄]^{-.35} Likewise, oxidative addition of silane to intermediate I could form the six-coordinate platinum silvl hydride intermediate **II** (Scheme 7). The six-coordinate platinum(IV) alkyl hydride complex

(TMEDA)Pt(Cl)₂(Me)(H) decomposes readily at -30 °C via C–H reductive elimination to form (TMEDA)PtCl₂ with release of methane.^{18,36} Similarly, C–H reductive elimination from methyl hydride species II would form the four-coordinate platinum silyl alkyne complex III. Insertion of the coordinated alkyne into the Pt–Si bond of III could form platinum alkenyl alkyne complex IV, which could undergo intramolecular carbometalation to form the platinum dienyl species V. Oxidative addition of silane to V would form the six-coordinate platinum dienyl hydride species VI that could decompose via C–H reductive elimination to release the diene and regenerate the platinum silyl species III (Scheme 7).

In summary, a 1:1 mixture of the cationic platinum diimine complex **4a** and $B(C_6F_5)_3$ catalyzed the cyclization/hydrosilylation of 1,6-diynes to form silylated 1,2-dialkylidenecyclopentanes in good yield with high Z-selectivity. The procedure tolerated a number of functional groups and a range of substitution. The 1,2-dialkylidenecyclopentanes formed via cyclization/hydrosilylation underwent a range of transformations including [4 + 2] cycloaddition with dieneophiles.

Experimental Section

General Methods. All reactions were performed under an atmosphere of nitrogen employing standard Schlenk techniques. NMR spectra were obtained at 400 MHz for ¹H and at

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100 MHz for ¹³C in CDCl₃ unless otherwise specified. IR spectra were obtained on a Bomen MB-100 FT IR spectrometer. Gas chromatography was performed on a Hewlett-Packard 5890 gas chromatograph equipped with a 25 m poly(dimethylsiloxane) capillary column. Elemental analyses were performed by Complete Analysis Laboratories (Parsippany, NJ). Toluene, benzene (Aldrich, anhydrous), and silanes (Aldrich) were used as received; CH_2Cl_2 was distilled from CaH₂ under nitrogen. The synthesis of diynes, ligands, and platinum complexes is included in Supporting Information. The stereochemistry of compounds (*Z*)-**3**, (*E*)-**3**, **38**, **42**, **45a** and **45b** were established by NOE and/or combined COSY/NOESY analysis (see Supporting Information).

Synthesis of Silvlated 1,2-Dialkylidenecycloalkanes. (Z)-1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-3-methylene-4-triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane [(Z)-3]. Toluene (20 mL) and HSiEt₃ (150 μ L, 1.0 mmol) were added sequentially to a mixture of 4a (12 mg, 0.025 mmol), B(C₆F₅)₃ (12 mg, 0.023 mmol), and 1 (105 mg, 0.50 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting orange solution was heated at 110 °C for 10 min, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (Al₂O₃; hexanes-EtOAc = 24:1) gave (Z)-3 (128 mg, 82%) as a faintly pink oil. ¹H NMR: δ 5.41 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.31 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.00 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.70 (s, 6 H), 3.07 (d, J = 1.87 Hz, 2 H), 3.03 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 2 H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 9 H), 0.64 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 6 H). IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2912, 2876, 1754, 1745, 1738, 1731, 1681, 1651, 1455, 1434, 1257, 1201, 1164, 1073, 1015. $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}$ NMR: δ 171.1, 153.4, 146.0, 119.9, 109.2, 56.3, 52.1, 44.8, 41.2, 6.9, 3.5. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₇H₂₈SiO₄: C, 62.93 (62.79); H, 8.70 (8.68).

The procedure used to synthesize (Z)-**3** was applied to the synthesis of the remaining silylated 1,2-dialkylidenecycloal-kanes unless noted otherwise. Yields, reaction conditions, and isomeric ratios are given in Table 2. All carbocycles were isolated as colorless oils unless noted otherwise.

(*E*)-1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-3-methylene-4-triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane [(*E*)-3]. Toluene (20 mL) and HSi-Et₃ (150 μ L, 1.0 mmol) were added sequentially to a mixture of (phen)Pt(Me)Cl (**2b**) (9 mg, 0.023 mmol), NaBAr₄ (12 mg, 0.023 mmol), and **1** (105 mg, 0.50 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting orange solution was heated at 110 °C for 2 h, cooled to room temperature, concentrated, and absorbed onto silica gel for 30 min at room temperature. Chromatography (SiO₂; hexanes– EtOAc = 24:1) gave (*E*)-**3** (134 mg, 83%) as a faintly pink oil. ¹H NMR: δ 5.97 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.40 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.94 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.73 (s, 6 H), 3.04 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.03 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2 H), 0.95 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.65 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 171.9, 162.7, 145.9, 116.6, 105.7, 57.9, 53.0, 41.5, 40.7, 7.7, 4.3. HRMS calcd (found) for C₁₇H₂₉SiO₄ (MH⁺): 325.1835 (325.1830).

(Z)-1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-3-methylene-4-dimethyl-*tert*butylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (5). ¹H NMR: δ 5.51 (br s, 1 H), 5.31 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.02 (s, 1 H), 3.70 (s, 6 H), 3.08 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.02 (br s, 1 H), 0.87 (s, 9 H), 0.08 (s, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 171.1, 153.3, 144.2, 120.4, 110.1, 56.1, 52.1, 44.7, 41.4, 25.6, 16.4, -5.9. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₇H₂₉-SiO₄: C, 62.92 (62.79); H, 8.70 (8.79).

(Z)-1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-3-methylene-4-dimethylbenzylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (6). ¹H NMR: δ 7.25–6.95 (m, 5 H), 5.49 (s, 1 H), 5.29 (s, 1 H), 5.08 (s, 1 H), 3.71 (s, 6 H), 3.06 (m, 4 H), 2.20 (s, 2 H), 0.90 (s, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 171.9, 154.2, 145.3, 140.2, 128.5, 128.3, 124.2, 122.2, 111.2, 57.1, 53.0, 45.5, 42.3, 26.0, -2.1. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₀H₂₆-SiO₄: C, 67.01 (67.12); H, 7.31 (7.10).

(Z)-1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-3-methylene-4-tributylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (7). ¹H NMR: δ 5.42 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.00 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.70 (s, 6 H), 3.06 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.03 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.35-1.15 (m, 12 H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 9 H), 0.61 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 172.0, 153.8, 145.5, 121.8, 110.2, 57.2, 52.9, 45.8, 42.2, 26.9, 26.5, 14.0, 13.1. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₃H₄₀-SiO₄: C, 67.60 (67.24); H, 9.87 (9.73).

(Z)-1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-3-methylene-4-triisopropylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (8). ¹H NMR: δ 5.39 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.34 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.91 (s, 1 H), 3.67 (s, 6 H), 3.08 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.02 (m, 2 H), 1.17–1.08 (m, 3 H), 1.10 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 18 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 172.0, 154.7, 145.6, 119.3, 109.5, 57.0, 53.0, 46.4, 42.2, 19.2, 12.7. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2944, 2889, 1737, 1253. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₀H₃₄O₄Si: H, 9.35 (9.24); C, 65.53 (65.46).

(Z)-1,1-Bis(trimethylacetoxymethyl)-3-methylene-4triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (17). ¹H NMR: δ 5.38 (s, 1 H), 5.32 (br s, 1 H), 4.97 (br s, 1 H), 3.94 (s, 4 H), 2.45 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.40 (br s, 2 H), 1.18 (s, 18 H), 0.90 (t, J =7.9 Hz, 9 H), 0.63 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 178.5, 155.9, 146.7, 121.1, 110.6, 66.5, 44.4, 42.9, 40.6, 39.2, 27.4, 7.9, 4.5. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₅H₄₄SiO₄: C, 68.76 (69.17); H, 10.16 (10.39).

(Z)-4,4-Dibenzyloxymethyl-1,6-heptadiyne-3-methylene-4-triethylsilyl methylenecyclopentane (18). ¹H NMR: δ 7.29 (m, 10 H), 5.33 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.27 (br s, 1 H), 4.91 (br s, 1 H), 4.49 (s, 4 H), 3.37 (s, 4 H), 2.44 (br s, 1 H), 2.44 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.40 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 2 H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.83Hz, 9 H), 0.62 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 157.9, 148.2, 139.1, 128.5, 127.6, 119.7, 109.7, 73.4, 73.2, 44.9, 44.5, 40.7, 8.0, 4.6. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₉H₄₀SiO₂: C, 77.62 (77.35); H, 8.99 (8.84).

3-Methylene-4-(triethylsilylmethylene)-1,1-bis(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxymethyl)cyclopentane (19) and the Diels-Alder Adduct with 4-Phenyl-[1,2,4]triazole-3,5dione (19a). A solution of 4a (12 mg, 0.025 mmol), B(C₆F₅)₃ (12 mg, 0.023 mmol), HSiEt₃ (150 µL, 0.90 mmol), and **11** (190 mg, 0.50 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was heated at 110 °C for 15 min to form 19 as a 29:1 mixture of Z:E isomers. The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C, treated with 4-phenyl-[1,2,4]triazole-3,5-dione (90 mg, 0.51 mmol), stirred at room temperature for 30 min, and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (SiO₂; hexanes-EtOAc = 50:112:1) gave 19a (270 mg, 80%) as a white solid, mp 93-95 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 7.53–7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.35 (s, 1 H), 4.18 (br d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.95 (br d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.44–3.59 (m, 4 H), 2.43 (br d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.17 (s, 2 H), 2.12 (t, J = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 9 H), 0.90 (s, 9 H), 0.88 (s, 9 H), 0.57 0.75 (m, 6 H), 0.05 (s, 6 H), 0.03 (s, 6 H). $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}$ NMR: δ 154.3, 149.3, 131.8, 131.7, 129.3, 128.1, 125.5, 124.1, 66.0, 65.6, 49.6, 46.8, 46.7, 39.7, 38.7, 26.1, 18.5, 7.3, 3.1, -5.3. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2953, 2929, 2880, 2855, 1775, 1720, 1713, 1415, 1254. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₃₅H₆₁N₃O₄Si: H, 9.15 (9.38); C, 62.54 (62.59); N, 6.25 (6.28).

(Z)-(8,8-Dimethyl-3-methylene-7,9-dioxa-spiro[4.5]dec-2-ylidenemethyl)-triethylsilane (20). ¹H NMR: δ 5.38 (s, 1 H), 5.31 (s, 1 H), 4.96 (s, 1 H), 3.60 (s, 4 H), 2.41 (d, J = 1.6Hz, 2 H), 2.39 (s, 2 H), 1.40 (s, 6 H), 0.90 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.60–0.66 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 156.6, 147.2, 120.6, 110.2, 98.0, 68.4, 45.6, 41.5, 38.2, 24.2, 23.8, 7.8, 4.5. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2990, 2950, 2871, 1454. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₈H₃₂O₂Si: H, 10.45 (10.42); C, 70.07 (69.83).

(Z)-1-Carbomethoxy-3-methylene-1-phenyl-4-tributyl-silylmethylenecyclopentane (21). ¹H NMR: δ 7.20–7.34 (m, 5 H), 5.51 (s, 1 H), 5.34 (s, 1 H), 5.05 (s, 1 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 3.45 (dd, J = 1.3, 15.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.42 (td, J = 1.6, 13.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.20–1.33 (m, 12 H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.60–0.64 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 174.7, 154.1, 145.1, 141.5, 127.7, 126.3, 125.9, 120.5, 109.0, 54.1, 51.7, 47.8, 44.1, 26.0, 25.6, 25.5, 13.2, 12.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3030, 2954, 2920, 1733, 1463, 1446. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₇H₄₂O₂Si: H, 9.92 (10.32); C, 76.60 (76.21).

(Z)-1-Carbomethoxy-1-methanesulfonyl-3-methylene-4-triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (22). ¹H NMR: δ 5.49 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.38 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 2 H), 3.24 (dq, J = 2.8, 16.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.22 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.02 (s, 3 H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 9 H), 0.61–0.67 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 169.3, 152.0, 143.7, 122.6, 111.2, 73.8, 53.9, 42.6, 38.7, 38.4, 7.7, 4.3. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₆H₂₈O₄SSi: H, 8.19 (8.45); C, 55.78 (56.01).

(Z)-1-Carbomethoxy-1-dimethylcarbamoyl-3-methylene-4-triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (23). ¹H NMR: δ 5.35 (s, 1 H), 5.26 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.95 (s, 1 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 3.15 (td, J = 2.0, 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.09 (dq, J = 2.0, 16.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.94 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.82 (s, 3 H), 0.88 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.58–0.64 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 174.1, 170.1, 154.9, 146.1, 119.9, 109.6, 56.1, 52.9, 46.0, 43.0, 37.0, 7.8, 4.7, 4.4. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₈H₃₁NO₃Si: H, 9.26 (9.58); C, 64.05 (63.94); N, 4.15 (4.38).

(Z)-1-Acetyl-1-carbomethoxy-3-methylene-4-triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (24). A solution HSiEt₃ (150 µL, 0.90 mmol) in toluene (9 mL) was added over 30 min to a solution of 16 (100 mg, 0.52 mmol), 4a (12 mg, 0.025 mmol), and B(C₆F₅)₃ (12 mmol, 0.023 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) at 110 °C. The resulting solution was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue $(SiO_2; hexanes-EtOAc = 24:1)$ gave 24 (104 mg, 65%). ¹H NMR: δ 5.42 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.00 (s, 1 H), 3,71 (s, 3 H), 3.01 (dd, J = 1.6, 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.99 (dd, J = 2.0 Hz, 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.97 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.96 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H), 0.89 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H), 0.63 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 203.4, 172.8, 154.4, 145.7, 120.9, 112.1, 63.4, 52.9, 44.4, 40.7, 26.5, 7.7, 4.4. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2953, 2910, 2896, 1738, 1713. HRMS calcd (found) for C17H28O3Si (M+): 308.1808 (308.1812).

4-Carbomethoxy-1-methylene-2-triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (26). ¹H NMR (300 MHz): δ 5.39 (s, 1 H), 5.30 (s, 1 H), 4.97 (s, 1 H), 3.96 (s, 1 H), 2.90–2.87 (m, 5 H), 0.91 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 9 H), 0.66 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz): δ 174.8, 155.5, 146.5, 118.8, 108.5, 51.0, 41.0, 40.3, 37.3, 6.9, 3.5. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₅H₂₆O₂Si: H, 9.84 (9.93); C, 67.61 (67.54).

4-(Trimethylacetoxy)methyl-1-methylene-2-triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (29). A solution HSiBu₃ (200 mL, 0.78 mmol) in toluene (9 mL) was added over 30 min to a solution of **27** (100 mg, 0.49 mmol), **4a** (12 mg, 0.025 mmol), B(C₆F₅)₃ (12 mmol, 0.023 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) at 110 °C. The resulting solution was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (SiO₂; hexanes-ether = 100:1 → 50:1) gave **6** (155 mg, 78%). ¹H NMR: δ 5.39 (s, 1 H), 5.29 (s, 1 H), 4.96 (s, 1 H), 3.96 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.54–2.64 (m, 2 H), 2.35–2.20 (m, 3 H), 1.23–1.33 (m, 9 H), 1.19 (s, 9 H), 0.86 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 9 H), 0.62–0.66 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 178.6, 157.0, 148.1, 120.5, 109.4, 67.4, 41.8, 39.0, 38.1, 35.7, 27.4, 26.9, 26.5, 14.0, 13.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2955, 1736, 1731, 1155. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₅H₄₆O₂Si: H, 11.40 (11.38); C, 73.83 (73.79).

4-Hydroxymethyl-1-methylene-2-triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (30). A solution of triethylsilane (150 μ L, 0.90 mmol), 4a (12 mg, 0.025 mmol), B(C₆F₅)₃ (12 mg, 0.023 mmol), and 28 (100 mg, 0.42 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was generated at room temperature, heated at 110 °C for 15 min, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated. The resulting oily residue was treated with TBAF (1 M in THF, 1.5 mL), stirred at room temperature for 10 min, and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (SiO₂; hexanes-EtOAc = 5:1 \rightarrow 3:1) gave **30** (58 mg, 58%). ¹H NMR: δ 5.38 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (s, 1 H), 4.96 (s, 1 H), 3.52 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.56-2.67 (m, 2 H), 2.16-2.33 (m, 3 H), 1.56 (s, 1 H), 0.92 (s, t, J = 7.6 Hz, 9 H), 0.62–0.68 (m, 6 H). ¹³C- ${^{1}H}$ NMR: δ 158.0, 148.5, 119.3, 109.2, 66.5, 41.7, 38.9, 37.8, 7.9, 4.5. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₄H₂₆OSi: H, 10.99 (11.08); C, 70.52 (70.67).

3-Methylene-4-triethylsilylmethylenetetrahydrofuran (32). ¹H NMR: δ 5.47 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.45 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.05 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.48 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.43 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.23–1.36 (m, 12 H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 9 H), 0.67–0.71 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 153.1, 145.1, 118.6, 107.3, 76.3, 74.2, 26.9, 26.4, 14.0, 12.9. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₈H₃₄OSi: H, 11.63 (11.74); C, 73.40 (73.17).

Cyclization/Hydrosilylation of 4,4-Dicarbomethoxy-3methyl-1,6-heptadiyne (33). A solution of **4a** (12 mg, 0.025 mmol), B(C₆F₅)₃ (12 mg, 0.023 mmol), triethylsilane (150 μ L, 0.90 mmol), and **33** (110 mg, 0.495 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was generated at room temperature, heated at 110 °C for 16 min, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (Al₂O₃; hexanes– EtOAc = 50:1 \rightarrow 25:1) gave a 1:1.2 mixture of (*Z*)-1,1-dicarbomethoxy-2-methyl-4-methylene-3-(triethylsilylmethylene)cyclopentane (**34a**) and (*Z*)-1,1-dicarbomethoxy-2-methyl-3-methylene-4-(triethylsilylmethylene)cyclopentane (**34b**) (135 mg, 0.40 mmol, 80%). Anal. Calcd (found) for $C_{18}H_{30}O_4Si$: H, 8.93 (8.90); C, 63.87 (63.82).

For 34a: ¹H NMR: δ 5.33 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.31 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.97 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.25 (dq, J = 2.0 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.19 (td, J = 2.0, 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (td, J = 2.0, 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 9 H), 0.64 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C-{¹H} NMR: δ 172.1, 170.8, 151.3, 145.3, 118.7, 109.8, 61.2, 52.2, 43.6, 39.7, 16.4, 7.7, 4.2.

For 34b: ¹H NMR: δ 5.38 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.33 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.92 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 3.29 (tq, J = 2.0, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.23 (dd, J = 2.0, 16.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.82 (dd, J = 2.0, 16.8 Hz, 1 H), 0.90 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.63 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 172.0, 170.7, 160.1, 154.1, 120.2, 108.8, 60.9, 52.7, 48.4, 45.7, 15.7, 7.7, 4.7.

Cyclization/Hydrosilylation of 4,4-Dicarbomethoxy-3,3-dimethyl-1,6-heptadiyne (35). A solution of **4a** (12 mg, 0.025 mmol), B(C₆F₅)₃ (12 mg, 0.023 mmol), HSiEt₃ (150 μ L, 0.90 mmol), and **35** (110 mg, 0.470 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was generated at room temperature, heated at 110 °C for 15 min, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (Al₂O₃; hexanes-EtOAc = 40:1 \rightarrow 20:1) gave a 1:2.3 mixture of (*Z*)-1,1-dicarbomethoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-methylene-3-triethylsilylmethylenecyclopentane (**36a**) and (*Z*)-1,1-dicarbomethoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-methylenecyclopentane (**36b**) (135 mg, 0.383 mmol, 82%). IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2951, 2909, 2873, 1735, 1253. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₉H₃₂O₄Si: H, 9.15 (9.07); C, 64.73 (64.61).

For 36a: ¹H NMR: δ 5.37 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.21 (s, 1 H), 4.99 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (s, 6 H), 2.95 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.11 (s, 6 H), 0.89 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.61–0.67 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 171.4, 165.4, 145.4, 115.2, 110.0, 64.7, 52.2, 51.1, 38.3, 25.1, 7.8, 4.5.

For 36b: ¹H NMR: δ 5.38 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.26 (s, 1 H), 4.84 (s, 1 H), 3.65 (s, 6 H), 3.01 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 6 H), 1.15 (s, 6 H), 0.88 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.59–0.67 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 171.3, 156.8, 154.2, 120.2, 106.5, 64.1, 52.1, 49.2, 42.1, 24.6, 7.8, 4.5.

Methyl[4,4-Dicarbomethoxy-2-(triethylsilylmethylene)cyclopentylidene] Acetate (38). ¹H NMR (300 MHz): δ 6.19 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.81 (s, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 6 H), 3.64 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.16 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 9 H), 0.75 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz): δ 170.8, 166.1, 155.4, 154.0, 126.6, 112.4, 56.3, 52.1, 50.6, 44.6, 39.6, 6.77, 3.59. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2910, 2874, 1738, 1705. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₁₉H₃₀O₆Si: C, 59.66 (59.58); H, 7.90 (7.88).

1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-3-(triethylsilylmethylene)-4-[2-(triethylsilyloxy)propylidene]cyclopentane (40). ¹H NMR: δ 5.80 (td, J = 2.4, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (m, 1 H), 4.41 (qd, J = 2.4, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 3.68 (s, 3 H), 1.21 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.91 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.87 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.63 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H), 0.54 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 172.1, 172.0, 155.2, 134.9, 131.2, 119.3, 67.5, 57.5, 53.1, 45.7, 37.8, 24.3, 7.9, 7.1, 5.1, 4.9. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2953, 2909, 2875, 1739, 1457, 1434, 1418, 1249, 1200, 1162, 1077, 1014. HRMS calcd (found) for C₂₅H₄₆O₅Si₂ (M⁺): 482.2884 (482.2891).

(Z)-1,1,2,2-Tetracarboethoxy-4-methylene-5-(triethylsilylmethylene)cyclohexane [(Z)-42]. ¹H NMR: δ 5.35 (s, 1 H), 5.14 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.94 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4 H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4 H), 3.23 (br s, 2 H), 3.09 (br s, 2 H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6 H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6 H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 9 H), 0.68 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C-{¹H} NMR: δ 168.6, 168.5, 151.7, 143.1, 124.0, 113.0, 60.8, 60.7, 60.6, 58.4, 42.7, 38.1, 13.0, 6.7, 4.0. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₆H₄₂SiO₈: C, 61.15 (61.05); H, 8.29 (8.37).

Reactions of Silylated 1,2-Dialkylidenecycloalkanes. Isomerization of (Z)-3. A solution of (Z)-3 (166 mg, 0.51 mmol, >95% Z) and I₂ (2 mg, 8×10^{-3} mmol) in benzene (5 mL) was stirred at 75 °C for 4 h and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (Al_2O_3 ; hexanes-EtOAc = 25:1) gave (*E*)-**3** (134 mg, 81%, 95% *E*).

Isomerization of (Z)-42. A solution (Z)-**42** (72 mg, 0.14 mmol) and iodine (12 mg, 0.047 mmol) in benzene (1.5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 6.5 h, quenched with 10% aqueous sodium thiosulfate (5 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 100 mL). The combined organic fractions were washed with sodium thiosulfate solution (2 × 75 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (Al₂O₃; hexanes–EtOAc = $30:1 \rightarrow 3:1$) gave **42** (51 mg, 71%) as a 2:1 mixture of E:Z isomers.

For (*E*)-42: ¹H NMR: δ 5.68 (s, 1 H), 5.21 (s, 1 H), 5.15 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.00 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.80 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.73 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.11–4.24 (m, 8 H), 3.70 (m, 1 H), 2.95–3.14 (m, 2 H), 2.61–2.85 (m, 1 H), 1.21–1.29 (m, 12 H), 0.85–1.00 (m, 9 H), 0.69–0.78 (m, 3 H), 0.51–0.62 (m, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR. δ 169.7, 151.8, 145.8, 134.0, 125.2, 123.2, 114.2, 113.0, 62.3, 62.1, 61.9, 58.8, 39.3, 38.2, 37.4, 35.4, 15.5, 14.2, 8.1, 7.9, 5.2, 4.8, 4.4.

3,3-Dicarbomethoxy-1-methyl-5-methylenecyclopentene (43).³⁷ A solution of (*Z*)-**3** (120 mg, 0.37 mmol), iodine (11 mg), and water (0.1 mL) in benzene (3 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (Al₂O₃; hexanes–EtOAc = 25:1) gave **43** (60 mg, 77%). ¹H NMR: δ 5.89 (s, 1 H), 4.91–4.88 (m, 2 H), 3.71 (s, 6 H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 171.6, 151.3, 144.7, 131.3, 104.1, 63.7, 53.2, 38.3, 12.9.

1,1-Dicarbomethoxy-3,4-dimethylenecyclopentane (44).³⁸ A solution of (*Z*)-**3** (108 mg, 0.33 mmol) and trifluoroacetic acid ($60 \ \mu$ L, 0.77 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was stirred at 0 °C for 35 min, quenched with Na₂CO₃ (5 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (SiO₂; hexanes-EtOAc = 25:1) gave **44** (44 mg, 63%). ¹H NMR: δ 5.37 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.94 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.71 (s, 6 H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 1 6 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 172.0, 144.7, 106.0, 57.9, 53.2, 41.5.

Diels-Alder Adduct of (Z)-3 and N-Phenylmaleimide (45a). A solution of (Z)-3 (88 mg, 0.27 mmol) and N-phenylmaleimide (50 mg, 0.29 mmol) in toluene (4 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 20 h and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (SiO₂; hexanes-EtOAc = $10:1 \rightarrow 3:1$) gave 45a (138 mg, 102%) as a viscous colorless oil. ¹H NMR: δ 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.68 (s, 3 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 3.28 (dt, J = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.17 (dd, J = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.02 (br d, J = 14 Hz, 1 H), 2.97 (br d, J = 12 Hz, 1 H), 2.93 (br d, J = 12 Hz, 1 H), 2.89 (br d, J = 12 Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (br d, J = 15 Hz, 1 H), 2.59 (br d, J = 15 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (s, 1 H), 2.30-2.34 (m, 1 H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 9 H), 0.61 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 180.0, 179.4, 172.6, 172.3, 134.3, 132.4, 129.2, 128.7, 127.8, 126.7, 58.2, 53.0, 44.8, 44.0, 40.8, 40.1, 25.0, 24.8, 7.6, 3.5. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2953, 2911, 2876, 1737, 1730, 1712, 1598, 1257, 1197. HRMS calcd (found) for C27H35NO6Si (M+): 497.2234 (497.2220).

The procedure used to synthesize **45a** was applied to the synthesis of the remaining Diels–Alder adducts, except where noted. Yields, reaction conditions, and isomer ratios are given in Table 3. All Diels–Alder adducts were isolated as colorless oils unless noted otherwise.

Diels–Alder Adduct of (*E*)-3 and *N*-Phenylmaleimide (45b). ¹H NMR: δ 7.41–7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.34–7.36 (m, 1 H), 7.19–7.21 (m, 2 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.25 (dt, *J* = 4.0, 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.99–3.09 (m, 4 H), 2.60 (br d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.36 (br dd, *J* = 8.4, 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.99 (m, 4 H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.54–0.83 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 179.3, 178.3, 172.3, 135.3, 129.5, 128.9, 126.9, 58.7, 53.2, 44.3, 43.2, 41.5, 25.2, 23.6, 8.2, 4.8. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2951, 2362, 2433, 1734, 1709, 1498, 1381, 1262, 1195, 1168, 1070. HRMS calcd (found) for C₂₇H₃₅NO₆Si (M⁺): 497.2234 (497.2229).

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Diels–Alder Adduct of (*Z*)-3 and *N-tert*-Butylmaleimide (46). ¹H NMR: δ 3.69 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 2.93–2.99 (m, 3 H), 2.82–2.86 (m, 3 H), 2.42–2.46 (m, 1 H), 2.21–2.31 (m, 2 H), 1.49 (s, 9 H), 1.20–1.35 (m, 12 H), 0.87 (t, 7.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.52–0.56 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 181.9, 172.7, 134.2, 127.6, 58.0, 52.9, 44.9, 43.9, 40.8, 40.0, 28.4, 27.1, 26.1, 25.5, 25.0, 13.9, 12.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2985, 1740, 1447, 1373, 1241, 1098, 1047, 938, 787. HRMS calcd (found) for C₂₇H₃₅NO₆Si: 561.3486 (561.3483).

Diels–Alder Adduct of (*Z*)-3 and *N*-Methylmaleimide (47). White solid, mp 105–106 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 3.68 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.11 (td, *J* = 1.6, 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.95 (m, 1 H), 2.92 (s, 3 H), 2.78–2.85 (m, 2 H), 2.46– 2.51 (m, 2 H), 2.36 (s, 1 H), 2.24–2.30 (m, 1 H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.59 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 181.2, 180.6, 172.8, 172.4, 134.0, 127.6, 58.2, 53.1, 44.7, 43.8, 40.6, 39.9, 25.7, 24.7, 24.6, 7.7, 3.6. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2953, 2876, 1775, 1735, 1700, 1434, 1383, 1336, 1262, 1198, 1157, 1122, 1071, 1042, 994, 730. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₂H₃₃NO₆Si: C, 60.66 (60.74); H 7.64 (7.73); N 3.22 (3.18).

Diels–Alder Adduct of (*Z*)-3 and Benzoquinone (48). Yellow solid. ¹H NMR: δ 6.64 (s, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.56 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.14–3.17 (m, 2 H), 3.08–3.14 (m, 1 H), 2.84–2.93 (m, 2 H), 2.74–2.78 (m, 1 H), 2.57 (s, 1 H), 2.22–2.24 (m, 1 H), 1.97–2.04 (m, 1 H), 0.93 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 0.58 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR: δ 201.9, 198.6, 172.9, 172.5, 140.2, 138.2, 133.4, 125.9, 58.1, 53.2, 48.7, 47.6, 44.4, 43.4, 27.1, 21.7, 7.8, 4.1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1733, 1653, 1638, 1264, 1079, 1044, 877. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₃H₃₂O₆Si: C, 63.86 (63.80); H, 7.46 (7.57).

Diels–Alder Adduct of (*Z*)-3 and Naphthylquinone (49). ¹H NMR: δ 8.00–8.05 (m, 1 H), 7.95–7.99 (m, 1 H), 7.69– 7.74 (m, 2 H), 3.70 (s, 3 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 3.31–3.36 (m, 2 H), 3.12–3.16 (m, 1 H), 2.94–2.98 (m, 1 H), 2.76–2.85 (m, 3 H), 2.25–2.30 (m, 1 H), 1.96–1.99 (m, 1 H), 0.94 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 8.4 Hz, 9 H), 0.59–0.65 (m, 6 H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR: δ 199.6, 197.1, 172.9, 172.5, 134.8, 134.6, 133.6, 133.2, 127.6, 125.9, 58.1, 53.1, 48.2, 47.9, 44.5, 43.4, 27.0, 22.1, 7.9, 4.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2874, 2362, 2343, 1735, 1690, 1539, 1436, 1252, 1200, 1160, 1116, 1069. HRMS calcd (found) for C₂₇H₃₄O₆Si: 482.2125 (482.2122).

Diels–Alder Adduct of (*Z*)-3 and Tetracyanoethylene (**50**). Yellow solid, mp 137–139 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 2.92–3.16 (m, 6 H), 2.58–2.59 (m, 1 H), 1.06 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.92 (m, 3 H), 0.77–0.86 (m, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR: δ 171.5, 171.3, 131.6, 125.2, 112.7, 111.8, 111.4, 110.5, 57.9, 53.7, 53.6, 43.5, 43.3, 42.1, 40.4, 32.8, 32.1, 7.9, 3.8. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1735, 1654, 1437, 1268, 1203. HRMS calcd (found) for C₂₃H₂₉N₄O₄Si (MH⁺): 453.1958 (453.1963).

Diels-Alder Adduct of (Z)-3 and 4-Phenyl-[1,2,4]triazole-3,5-dione (51). A solution of 1 (100 mg, 0.48 mmol), 2a (12 mg, 0.025 mmol), B(C₆F₅)₃ (12 mg, 0.025 mmol), and HSiEt₃ (150 μ L, 0.93 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was heated at 110 °C for 2 h. The resulting solution of (Z)-3 was cooled to 0 °C, treated with 4-phenyl-[1,2,4]triazole-3,5-dione (100 mg, 0.57 mmol), warmed to room temperature over 1 h, and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (SiO₂; hexanes-EtOAc = 3:1) gave **51** (178 mg, 73%) as a white solid, mp 45-47 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz): δ 7.50-7.30 (m, 5 H), 4.39 (br s, 1 H), 4.24 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.22 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.08 (br s, 2 H), 3.03 (d, J =15.3, 1 H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 9 H), 0.66 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.62 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz): δ 171.8, 171.6, 154.1, 149.2, 131.5, 131.0, 129.2, 128.1, 125.4, 123.3, 58.6, 53.3, 53.2, 46.2, 46.1, 42.3, 42.3, 41.0, 7.2, 2.9. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₅H₃₃N₃SiO₆; H, 6.66 (6.79); C, 60.10 (59.74); N, 8.41 (8.22).

Diels–Alder Adduct of (*Z*)-3 and Methyl Propiolate (52). A solution of methyl propiolate (200 μ L, 2.2 mmol), *Z*-3 (49 mg, 0.15 mmol) and benzoquinone (≤ 1 mg) was heated at 130 °C for 24 h and concentrated under vacuum. Chromatography of the residue (SiO₂; hexanes–EtOAc = 35:1 \rightarrow 4:1) gave 52 (31 mg, 51%). ¹H NMR: δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.72 (s, 6 H), 3.59 (s, 2 H), 3.57 (s, 2 H), 0.89–0.94 (m, 9 H), 0.83–0.87 (m, 6 H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR: δ 172.0, 167.8, 151.4, 139.9, 135.6, 133.6, 128.2, 126.4, 60.9, 53.3, 52.3, 42.1, 40.1, 7.7, 3.6. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2954, 2875, 1737, 1721, 1434, 1389, 1284, 1247, 1201, 1160, 1050, 1003. Anal. Calcd (found) for $C_{22}H_{30}O_6Si:$ C, 62.04 (62.10); H, 7.44 (7.47).

Diels–Alder Adduct of (*Z*)-7 and Dimethyl Acetylenedicarboxylate (53). Pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz): δ 3.72 (br s, 6 H), 3.71 (br s, 6 H), 3.10–2.80 (m, 7 H), 1.35– 1.10 (m, 12 H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 9 H), 0.50 (m, 6 H). ¹³C-{¹H} NMR (75 MHz): δ 172.6, 172.5, 169.0, 168.7, 138.1, 132.5, 130.5, 125.9, 58.9, 53.1, 52.3, 52.2, 43.7, 43.0, 32.2, 29.6, 27.0, 26.0, 13.9, 11.8. Anal. Calcd (found) for C₂₉H₄₆SiO₈; H, 8.42 (8.55); C, 63.24 (63.06).

Diels–**Alder Adduct of (***Z***)**-**29 and** *N***·Phenylmaleimide** (**54**). Mixture (2:1) of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (major diastereomer): δ 7.40–7.44 (m, 2 H), 7.31–7.36 (m, 1 H), 7.18–7.24 (m, 2 H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.28–3.33 (m, 3 H), 3.18 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.47–2.62 (m, 6 H), 1.17 (s, 3 H), 1.17 (s, 3 H), 1.16 (s, 3 H), 0.98 (m, 9 H), 0.59–0.66 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (major diastereomer): δ 180.4, 179.9, 135.5, 132.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 126.6, 67.9, 41.1, 40.4, 40.3, 39.3, 35.8, 27.5, 25.5, 7.7, 3.8. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2955, 2909, 2875, 1773, 1711, 1598, 1499, 1480, 1457, 1382, 1284, 1157, 1016, 691. HRMS calcd (found) for C₂₉H₄₁NO₄Si (M⁺): 495.2805 (495.2998).

Diels–Alder Adduct of (*Z***)-42 and** *N***·Methylmaleimide** (55). Mixture (5:1) of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (major diastereomer): δ 4.01–4.18 (m, 8 H), 2.89–3.06 (m, 6 H), 2.19–2.35 (m, 2 H), 1.16–2.22 (m, 12 H), 0.95 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9 H), 0.57 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 6 H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (major diastereomer): δ 181.3, 180.5, 134.5, 123.8, 61.9, 61.8, 57.2, 41.3, 40.7, 37.4, 36.6, 29.7, 29.3, 25.5, 14.1, 14.0, 8.2, 7.8, 5.0, 3.9. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3458, 2957, 2905, 2875, 1772, 1733, 1437, 1385, 1366, 912, 863, 609. HRMS calcd (found) for $C_{31}H_{48}NO_{10}Si$ (MH⁺): 622.3048 (622.3045).

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