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### Supplementary Materials for

## Gas-phase preparation of silylacetylene (SiH<sub>3</sub>CCH) through a counterintuitive ethynyl radical (C<sub>2</sub>H) insertion

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#### **Supplementary Text**

The quantum chemistry method employed in the AIMD simulation must accurately represent the potential energies of this reaction. The AIMD simulation involves millions of energy gradient calculations, hence finding a quantum chemistry method with of good accuracy/cost ratio is of utmost importance. In this study, the potential energy surface computed at the CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//B2PLYP-D3/cc-pV(T+d)Z+ZPE(B2PLYP-D3/cc-pV(T+d)Z) level of theory served as the benchmark to evaluate a series of affordable methods such as MP2 and DFT combined with different basis sets. The accuracy of the method (A) was determined by possessing a maximum overlap with the benchmark PES, e.g., smallest RMSD as computed with the following equation:

$$RMSD(A, ref) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \left( E_i^A - E_i^{ref} - \Delta E(A, ref) \right)^2}$$
(S1)

$$\Delta E(A, ref) = \arg \min_{\Delta E} \left( \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \left( E_i^A - E_i^{ref} - \Delta E \right)^2 \right) = \overline{E_A} - \overline{E_{ref}}$$
(S2)

*K* is the number of stationary points including products and K = 8 in the present study. The index *i* indicates the *i*<sup>th</sup> structure.  $\overline{E_A}$  and  $\overline{E_{ref}}$  are the mean relative energies of the candidate method and benchmark method after shifting the energies to the separated reactants to zero.  $\Delta E(A, ref)$  is the optimum shift in energy between the PES profile by candidate method  $E_A$  and benchmark method  $E_{ref}$ .

Same convergence criteria such as maximum and RMSD in an energy gradient of  $< 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$  and  $< 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ Hartree/Bohr respectively and maximum and RMSD in coordinates  $< 6.0 \times 10^{-5}$  and  $< 4.0 \times 10^{-5}$  Bohr respectively was applied to all candidate methods being surveyed. The RMSD values of 21 different quantum chemical methods are summarized in Table S1. The purpose of Table S1 is to assess the performance of these method on this specific system and should not be taken as their general performance. As shown, B3LYP has an overall better accuracy compared to MP2 and PBE0. Considering the wall time for the gradient calculation for B3LYP/def2-TZVP and B3LYP/def2-TZVPP being twice as long compared to B3LYP/cc-pVDZ and B3LYP/def2-SVP, these two methods are employed to test their stability in AIMD simulations. It turns out that they are less unstable (e.g., large energy jump, self-consistent field convergence failure, etc.) than B3LYP/cc-pVDZ trajectories, thus the latter was chosen to run AIMD simulations.



**Fig. S1. Time-of-flight (TOF) overlay.** TOF spectra for the reaction of D1-ethynyl radicals (C<sub>2</sub>D) with silane (SiH<sub>4</sub>) taken at m/z = 57 (black), 56 (red), and 55 (blue).



Fig. S2. Potential energy surface (PES) showing H loss products. Schematic PES for the reaction of ethynyl radicals (C<sub>2</sub>H) with silane (SiH<sub>4</sub>) at the CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//B2PLYP-D3/cc-pV(T+d)Z + ZPE(B2PLYP-D3/cc-pV(T+d)Z) level. Energies for the D1-ethynyl (C<sub>2</sub>D)–silane (SiH<sub>4</sub>) system are shown in parenthases. Carbon atoms are gray, silicon is purple, and hydrogen is white.



**Fig. S3. Representative trajectories for the direct mechanisms.** Key distances of the carbon–silicon (green line) and silicon–leaving-hydrogen-atom (blue line) versus time for the rebound (**A**) and other (**B**) direct reaction mechanisms with snapshots inserted from representative trajectories. The pie chart represents the percentage of reactive trajectories which follow rebound (dark blue area) and other (orange area) direct mechanisms.

**Table S1. Deviation of the dynamics computational methods.** RMSD in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> of each candidate method with respect to the benchmark method.

Theory/Basis Set	MP2	<b>B3LYP</b>	<b>PBE0</b>
6-31+G(d) (69)	40.26	10.08	14.38
6-31++G(d,p) (69)	32.52	10.21	14.86
cc-pVDZ (57)	31.64	9.47	13.39
def2-SVP (70)	31.73	9.71	15.82
def2-SVPD (70)	32.81	10.05	15.86
def2-TZVP ( <i>70</i> )	30.40	7.33	12.48
def2-TZVPP (70)	26.89	7.71	12.79

**Data S1. Calculated parameters of all species.** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å), and vibrational frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) and T1 diagnostic of reactants, products, intermediates, and transition states involved in the ethynyl radical (C<sub>2</sub>H)

plus silane (SiH4) reaction.

#### REACTANTS

#### $C_2H$

С	0.00000000146191	0.00000000220594	-0.70844729709338
С	-0.0000000292488	-0.00000000441126	0.49428100547783
Η	0.0000000146297	0.0000000220532	1.55576329161555

Frequencies

590.11 590.11 2106.08 3482.03 CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12 - T1 diagnostic: 0.01672699

#### SiH4

Si	-0.00001332228026	-0.0000000222891	0.00000331102526
Η	-0.00001030170425	-0.00000000793993	1.47600156518390
Η	1.39157061199139	0.0000001364874	-0.49200940255825
Η	-0.69577299988246	-1.20516836239159	-0.49199472810344
Н	-0.69577298822443	1.20516835881168	-0.49199474544747

Frequencies

938.08 939.63 941.24 993.49 994.60 2263.75 2268.98 2269.06 2269.20 CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12 - T1 diagnostic: 0.01148048

#### PRODUCTS

p1			
Si	1.06162311933641	-0.00007352059843	0.00006522838756
Η	1.55027761511748	0.49525710315592	1.30012461081514
Η	1.55095773841646	0.87793576554854	-1.07879500462537
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Si	-0.42158286715828	0.07488151716422	-0.67162197860765
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Η	2.34706482918934	0.32648896242239	-0.13118456645650

#### Frequencies

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р5

Si	-1.20362659337936	-0.59351400124092	-0.12163875479135
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Н	1.94325165690479	-1.01237817994327	-0.84513740034839
Н	2.24610184908849	0.70002957463276	-0.57542789638529

Frequencies

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р6

Si	0.95841316139332	-0.53837122272724	-0.09673876910652
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Si	0.99436226358022	-0.56618251457043	0.15151783661986
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Η	-2.66337876721283	-0.18802414008906	0.46112952395701
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Frequencies

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i6

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Η	1.18367521818168	-0.82531772019075	-0.98659554224240

Frequencies

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i5

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Frequencies

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TS5: i2 – p1

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Η	2.15174284045647	1.19979152916418	1.08170696737907

#### Frequencies

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TS6: i4 - i6

Si	-1.27659623572154	-0.46847356776671	-0.29855986313387
Η	-2.63383489663363	-0.94220755539350	0.14456606294371
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Frequencies

1545.94 i 333.28 492.73

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TS7: i4 - i5

Si	-1.38162752750326	-0.67717594933109	0.39741865259959
Η	-2.51346228534050	-0.07072469195009	1.13375799851159
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Η	0.99194275147699	0.60630152435885	0.84981438301152
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Frequencies

1191.05 i 210.28 278.19 425.66 575.11 654.26 697.09 955.98 1023.20 1082.46 1268.72 1371.39 1523.17 2204.28 2225.48 2243.43 3018.93 3111.62 CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12 - T1 diagnostic: 0.03544802

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Η	2.41840417200479	0.78274751717990	-0.32061656283038
С	-0.18639651741804	-0.07004105881811	-0.18667132216921
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Η	-2.18393418967410	0.47117298361265	0.13557331176207
Η	-1.80690046462080	-0.34423262182231	-1.47955625987268
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CCSD(T)-F12/cc-	pVTZ-F12 - '	T1 diagnostic:	0.01952866
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TS9: i6 – i5

Si	-1.76260195608639	-0.37367794024724	-0.58829472163641
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Frequencies

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1079.99 i 179.29 279.26 591.19 688.54 926.59 1011.10 1061.93 1106.96 1311.26 1393.39 1483.10 1500.74 1804.49 3020.56 3084.99 3086.10 3135.78 CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12 - T1 diagnostic: 0.03243384

TS11: i5 – p7

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Frequencies

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CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12 - T1 diagnostic: 0.02428007

Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) and vibrational frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of reactants, products, intermediates, and transition states involved in the D1-ethynyl radical ( $C_2D$ ) plus silane (SiH<sub>4</sub>) reaction.

#### REACTANTS

CCD

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Frequencies

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#### INTERMEDIATES

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Frequencies

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i4

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Frequencies

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Frequencies

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Frequencies

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#### PRODUCTS

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Frequencies

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Frequencies

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TS7	: i4 – i5		
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TS8: i4 – p7

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