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# Synthesis, optical properties and crystal structure of ( $E, E$ )-1,3-(3,4:9,10-dibenzododeca-1,11-diene-5,7-diyne-1,12-diyl)benzene 

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The dehydrobenzannulene ( $E, E$ )-1,3-(3,4:9,10-dibenzododeca-1,11-diene-5,7-diyne-1,12-diyl)benzene, $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{16}$, was successfully synthesized via photocata-lyst-assisted stereoselective reductive desulfonylation of 1,3 -bis $\{1$-phenyl-sulfonyl-2-[2-(trimethylsilylethynyl)phenyl]ethenyllbenzene, $\quad \mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{Si}_{2}$, and subsequent desilylative cyclization of the resulting $(E, E)$-bis-silyl-protected dienyne, $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{Si}_{2}$. The structure of the dehydrobenzannulene thus obtained was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray analysis; three benzene rings are connected to one another by a 1,3 -butadiynylene and a pair of ethenylene arrays. Although the $\pi$-system expanded efficiently in the dehydrobenzannulene, it was observed that the butadiynylene and ethenylene arrays were strained, showing smaller [171.3 (2)-172.6 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$ ] and larger bond angles [122.5 (2)-131.9 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$ ] than the conventional bond angles, respectively. In $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$, the dehydrobenzannulene showed the longest absorption band at 377 nm . When irradiated by UV light, it emitted fluorescence at $468 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}=0.26\right)$ and 504 nm ( $\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}=0.24$ ) in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ and in the powdered state, respectively.

## 1. Chemical context

Dehydrobenzannulenes (DBAs) attract intensive attention because they often show new functionality for $\pi$-expanded compounds, such as a novel $\pi-\pi$ interaction mode in fluoro-arylene-DBA (Karki et al., 2022), guest-dependent structuretransformative DBA inclusion crystals (Shigemitsu et al., 2012), and a synthetic intermediate of [6.8] $]_{3}$ cyclacene (Esser et al., 2008). In the syntheses of DBAs, ethenylene and ethynylene arrays are often used to connect aromatic rings to one another. For example, 1,3-(3,4:9,10-dibenzododeca-1,11-diene-5,7-diyne-1,12-diyl)benzene, $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{16},(\mathbf{1})$, is composed of three phenyl rings, a single butadienylene and a couple of ethenylene arrays. The synthesis of $\mathbf{1}$ was accomplished in 1985 (Ojima et al., 1985). The synthetic route of 1 reported by Ojima was rather straightforward, and the desired dehydrobenzannulene 1 were successfully obtained. However, while the formation of $(E, E)-\mathbf{1}$ was spectroscopically confirmed, X-ray single crystallographic analysis has not yet been performed because of a poor chemical yield of ( $E, E$ ) $\mathbf{- 1}$ in Ojima's route. Recently we established an $(E)$-stereoselective synthesis of diarylethene via photocatalyst-assisted reductive desulfonylation of the corresponding diarylethenyl sulfone under irradiation by visible light (Watanabe et al., 2020, 2021).

It was found out that this protocol could produce $(E, E)-\mathbf{1}$ efficiently in a pure form. This work reports the synthesis of the dehydrobenzannulene ( $E, E$ ) - $\mathbf{1}$ and its single-crystal X-ray structure together with $U V$ absorption and photoluminescence optical properties of $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$ in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ solution and in the solid state.


## 2. Structural commentary

The core structure of $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$ is a 15 -membered ring in which three phenylene rings are connected to one another by a 1,3butadiynylene and a pair of ( $E$ )-ethenylene arrays (Fig. 1). Although the $\pi$-system in the 15 -membered ring efficiently expands, there are slight twists observed in the $\pi$-systems between the $(E)$-ethenylene units and the connected phenylene units: e.g. $\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{C} 20-\mathrm{C} 21=-10.5(4)^{\circ}$ and $\mathrm{C} 20-$ $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 23=13.1(4)^{\circ}$. In the 1,3-butadiynylene array, triple bonds $\mathrm{C} 2 \equiv \mathrm{C} 3[1.204$ (3) $\AA$ ] and $\mathrm{C} 4 \equiv \mathrm{C} 5$ [1.199 (3) $\AA$ ] are remarkably shorter than the central single bond $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ [1.374 (3) A] and terminal single bonds $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ [1.434 (3) $\AA$ ] and C5-C6 [1.439 (3) $\AA$ ]. The former single bond, C3-C4, is shorter by $0.06 \AA$ than the latter because of the strong $\pi$ conjugation between ethynylene moieties. In the pair of phenylenes, which are ortho-fused to the 15 -membered ring ( $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 26$ and $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11$ ), the aromatic $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ junction bonds $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 22$ and $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11$ are longer than the other phenylene $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds $[1.414$ (3) $\AA$ and 1.416 (3) $\AA$ vs 1.378 (4)1.398 (3) Å] while in the meta-fused phenylene ring (C14-


Figure 1
The molecular structure of $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$ with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level.


Figure 2
A partial packing plot of $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$ viewed approximately down the crystallographic $a$-axis.

C19), all the aromatic $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds are essentially identical in length [1.387 (3)-1.393 (3) Å]. With respect to bond angles in the 15 -membered ring, the $s p$ carbons of the 1,3-butadiynylene moiety show somewhat smaller bond angles than the ideal value of $180^{\circ}$, whereas the $s p^{2}$ carbons in the pair of $(E)$ ethenylene arrays show bond angles larger than $120^{\circ}$. In the 1,3-butadiynylene moiety, the inner $s p$ carbons (C3 and C4) have $c a 0.6^{\circ}$ smaller bond angles than the outer ( C 2 and C 5 ): e.g. $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4=172.0(2)^{\circ}$ vs $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3=172.6$ (2) ${ }^{\circ}$. In the $(E)$-ethenylene moieties, C 12 and C 21 show ca $9.0^{\circ}$ larger bond angles than C 13 and C 20 : e.g. $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13=$ $131.9(2){ }^{\circ}$ vs $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14=122.5(2)^{\circ}$.

## 3. Supramolecular features

In the crystal, $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$ molecules form columnar structures that extend along the $a$-axis direction in which the interlayer distance is 3.3639 (9) $\AA$ (calculated as the perpendicular distance from the mid-point of the 15 -membered ring to the mean plane through the corresponding ring of an adjacent molecule in the stack), indicating an efficient intermolecular attractive interaction through $\pi-\pi$ stacking (Fig. 2). The columns in which the $(E, E)-\mathbf{1}$ molecules are stacked are densely packed by van der Waals interactions.

## 4. Database survey

A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (version 5.43, November 2021 with updates to March 2022; Groom et al., $2016)$ suggests the $(E, E)-1,3-(3,4: 9,10$-dibenzododeca-1,11-diene-5,7-diyne-1,12-diyl)benzene $[(E, E)-1]$ structure is unprecedented, although the first synthesis of $(E, E)-\mathbf{1}$ and its spectroscopic assignment have been reported (Ojima et al., 1985). The 1,4-diphenyl-1,3-butadiyne fragment in analogous DBA is, however, more common, with more than ten examples reported, including the close relative of tribenzotetrayne DBA (refcode EKIMAM; Tobe et al., 2003). The 1,3-bis(phenyl-
ethenyl)benzene fragment in analogous DBA is also common, with more than ten examples reported including the close relative of metacyclophanetrienes (GOBJIR and GOGMAR; Esser et al., 2008).

## 5. Synthesis and crystallization

The dehydrobenzannulene $\mathbf{1}$ was synthesized from $\mathbf{2}$ in five steps (Fig. 3). The starting disulfone 2 and $\pi$-expanded pyrene photocatalyst 7 were prepared according to the literature (Orita et al., 2006; Watanabe et al., 2021, respectively). A consecutive treatment of $\mathbf{2}$ with BuLi, 2-bromobenzaldehyde, and acetic anhydride gave $\mathbf{3}$ in $94 \%$ yield as a diastereomeric mixture. The diacetate $\mathbf{3}$ was successfully converted to $\mathbf{4}$ in a $94 \%$ yield by treatment with $t$-BuOK, and the resulting dibromobis(sulfonylethenyl)benzene $\mathbf{4}$ was transformed to $\mathbf{5}$ with a $69 \%$ yield via Sonogashira-Hagihara coupling with trimethylsilylethyne (Watanabe et al., 2020). Subsequently our original photocatalyst-assisted reductive desulfonylation was applied to bis(1-phenylsulfonylethenyl)benzene 5 (Watanabe et al., 2021). When blue light ( $447 \mathrm{~nm}, 30 \mathrm{~W}$ ) was irradiated on a THF/MeCN solution of 5 in the presence of $5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ of pyrene photocatalyst 7 ( $2.5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ per sulfonylethene moiety) and $i-\mathrm{Pr}_{2} \mathrm{NEt}$ as sacrificial reductant at 323 K for 9 h , the stereoselective reductive desulfonylation proceeded smoothly to produce ( $E, E$ )-6 in $78 \%$ yield. In contrast, during greenlight irradiation $(514 \mathrm{~nm}, \quad 30 \mathrm{~W})$, this desulfonylation proceeded only sluggishly. When an ether/pyridine solution of 6 was treated with a THF solution of TBAF (tetrabutyl-
ammonium fluoride), desilylation occurred rapidly to give terminal ethyne $\mathbf{8}$. After the completion of the desilylation was confirmed by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis, the final step, oxidative cyclization of the resulting terminal bisyne 8, was carried out in the presence of $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ in air at 323 K for 3 h . The desired dehydrobenzannulene 1 was obtained as yellow powder after column chromatography on silica gel. The spectroscopic data ( ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR) were identical to that reported by Ojima et al. (1985).

1,3-Bis(2-acetoxy-2-(2-bromophenyl)-1-phenylsulfonyleth-
yl)benzene (3): silica gel (hexane/AcOEt, 6:4); a mixture of diastereomers; white powder; m.p $378-379 \mathrm{~K} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 1.86-2.33(m, 6 \mathrm{H}), 4.27-5.10(m, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 6.57-7.22 ( $m, 8 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.26-7.87 ( $\mathrm{m}, 14 \mathrm{H}$ ) $\left.{ }^{13}{ }^{13}{ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, 101 MHz ): $\delta 20.76,20.80,20.9,21.0,21.1,21.2,70.3,70.4,71.0$, $71.1,73.2,120.8,127.3,127.4,127.6,127.78,127.81,127.9$, 128.00, 128.04, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.82, 128.85, 128.95 , 128.98, 129.05, 129.08, 129.1, 129.16, 129.21, 129.7, $129.8,129.9,129.95,130.04,130.4,130.6,132.58,132.63,133.2$, 133.3, 133.5, 133.6, 133.7, 133.8, 133.9, 134.0, 135.87, 135.94, 136.0, 136.3, 137.9, 138.9, 139.2, 168.9, 168.97, 169.02, 169.1 . HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $m / z \quad[M+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{38} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{NaO}_{8} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ 860.9803; found: 860.9782 .
( $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{E}$ )-1,3-Bis(2-(2-bromophenyl)-1-phenylsulfonylethenyl)benzene (4): silica gel (hexane/AcOEt, 6:4); white powder; m.p 434-435 K; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 6.58-6.60(m$, 2H), 6.83-6.85 ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 6.94-7.00 ( $\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.02(t, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=$ $1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.10-7.14(m, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.41(m, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.52-7.60(m$, $8 \mathrm{H}), 8.16(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 125.4$,




 photocatalyst 7
Blue LEDs ( $447 \mathrm{~nm}, 30 \mathrm{~W}$ ) $\mathrm{iPr}_{2} \mathrm{NEt}$ (16 equiv) MeCN ( 5.0 mL ), THF ( 1.0 mL ) $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 9 \mathrm{~h}$

1) TBAF

( $E, E$ )-1 90\%

Figure 3

The synthetic route to $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$.
$126.9,128.4,128.8,129.0,130.5,130.7,130.8,131.6,133.0,133.2$, 133.4, 133.5, 138.4, 138.5, 142.8. HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ $[M+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{Br}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2} 740.9380$; found: 740.9382.
( $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{E}$ )-1,3-Bis(2-(2-(trimethylsilylethynyl)phenyl)-1-phenylsulfonylethenyl)benzene (5): silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); white powder; m.p $444-445 \mathrm{~K} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta$ $0.37(s, 18 \mathrm{H}), 6.64(d, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.92-7.00(m, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.06$ $(t, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.19-7.23(m, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(t, 4 \mathrm{H}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz})$, 7.48-7.55 (m, 8H), $8.50(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, 101 MHz ): $\delta 0.09,102.2,102.3,125.5,127.9,128.5,128.8,128.9$, $129.1,129.5,131.8,131.9,132.8,133.3,135.0,137.6,139.0,141.7$ (One carbon signal appears to be missing due to overlap). HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $m / z \quad[M+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{NaO}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{Si}_{2}$ 777.1961; found: 777.1937.

Synthetic procedure from 5 to ( $E, E$ )-6
To a round-bottomed flask charged with a magnetic stirrer bar were added ethenyl sulfone $5(188.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.250 \mathrm{mmol}), 7$ ( $15.2 \mathrm{mg}, 12.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ), $i-$ Pr $_{2} \mathrm{NEt}(0.70 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.0 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{MeCN}$ $(2.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and THF $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$. The flask was placed in a glass water-bath surrounded by blue strip lighting, and blue light was irradiated to the mixture for 9 h . During the photoreaction, the bath temperature was kept at $323-328 \mathrm{~K}$ because of heat radiation from the photoreactor. The mixture was evaporated, and the crude product was subjected to flash chromatography (hexane $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 9: 1$ ) to afford the desired ( $E, E$ ) $\mathbf{- 6}$ ( $92.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.195 \mathrm{mmol}, 78 \%$ yield).
( $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{E}$ )-1,3-Bis\{2-[2-(trimethylsilylethynyl)phenyl]ethen-
yl\}benzene [( $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{E})-6]$ : yellow powder; m.p $380-381 \mathrm{~K} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 0.32(s, 18 \mathrm{H}), 7.17-7.22(m, 4 \mathrm{H})$, $7.31-7.35(m, 2 H), 7.39(t, 1 H, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.47-7.50(m, 4 \mathrm{H})$, $7.66(s, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.68(d, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.73(d, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=16.4 \mathrm{~Hz})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 0.23,99.9,103.7,124.6$, $125.85,125.91,127.32,127.35,128.9,129.2,130.0,132.9,138.0$, 139.2 (One carbon signal appears to be missing due to overlap). HRMS (MALDI-TOF): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} \quad[\mathrm{M}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{Si}_{2}$ 474.2199; found: 474.2238 .
Synthetic procedure from (E,E)-6 to (E,E)-1
To an ether ( 3.3 mL ) and pyridine $(1.1 \mathrm{~mL})$ solution of $\mathbf{6}$ ( $47.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.10 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added a THF solution of TBAF


Figure 4
UV-Vis absorption and photoluminescence spectra of $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$.
( $1.0 \mathrm{M}, 0.22 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.22 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) at 273 K , and the mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h . The mixture was added to an ether $(3.3 \mathrm{~mL})$ and pyridine $(1.1 \mathrm{~mL})$ solution of $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(228 \mathrm{mg}$, 1.3 mmol ), and the mixture was stirred at 323 K for 3 h . The mixture was poured into sat. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ aqueous solution and AcOEt, and the organic and aqueous layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt , and the combined organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, the solution was evaporated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (hexane $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 9: 1$ ) to provide $\mathbf{1}(29.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.090 \mathrm{mmol}, 90 \%$ yield).

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1,12-diyl)benzene ( $(\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{E})-\mathbf{1})$ : yellow powder; m.p. $520-521 \mathrm{~K}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.14(d, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=16.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.20-$ $7.24(m, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(d d, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.36-7.40(m, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.42-7.44(m, 2 H), 7.71(d, 2 H, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 8.23(d, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=$ $16.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 8.65(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 81.1$, 84.9, 121.9, 124.4, 125.0, 127.0, 127.5, 128.87, 128.92, 129.6, 130.7, 130.8, 139.2, 141.7.

The crystal of $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$ used for X-ray diffraction was obtained from slow evaporation of a $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} /$ hexane solution.

## 6. Optical properties

To evaluate the electronic effects of the molecular structure of ( $E, E$ )-1 on its optical properties, UV-Vis absorption and photoluminescence spectra were recorded in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ (Fig. 4). In the UV-Vis absorption spectrum, $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$ showed the longest and the maximum absorption bands at $377 \mathrm{~nm}(\varepsilon 0.45$ $\left.\times 10^{4} \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}\right)$ and $299 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\varepsilon 7.4 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}\right)$, respectively. The former absorption band was assignable to the HOMO-LUMO transition of $(E, E)-\mathbf{1}$ by DFT calculations performed at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory; 419 nm and $f=0.0415$ were obtained as the first excitation energy and oscillator strength after calibration by multiplying by 0.96 . The DFT calculations also revealed that the HOMO and LUMO of $(E, E)-\mathbf{1}$ expanded in the whole molecule (Fig. 5). When UV light was irradiated to the $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ solution of $(E, E) \mathbf{- 1}$ and in the powdered state, blue and greenish blue-colored emissions were recorded at $468 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\Phi_{\mathrm{F}} 0.26\right)$ and $504 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\Phi_{\mathrm{F}} 0.24\right)$, respectively (Fig. 4).


Figure 5
Graphical representation of frontier orbitals (a) HOMO and (b) LUMO of $(E, E)-\mathbf{1}$.

Table 1
Experimental details.

| Crystal data |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Chemical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{16}$ |
| $M_{\text {r }}$ | 328.39 |
| Crystal system, space group | Orthorhombic, $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ |
| Temperature (K) | 293 |
| $a, b, c(\AA)$ | 4.6034 (2), 15.1542 (7), 24.1754 (9) |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 1686.50 (12) |
| $Z$ | 4 |
| Radiation type | Mo $K \alpha$ |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.07 |
| Crystal size (mm) | $0.3 \times 0.1 \times 0.02$ |
| Data collection |  |
| Diffractometer | Rigaku VariMax with Saturn |
| Absorption correction | Multi-scan (CrysAlis PRO; Rigaku OD, 2019) |
| $T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$ | 0.739, 1.000 |
| No. of measured, independent and observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ reflections | 32971, 5357, 4184 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.067 |
| $(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\text {max }}\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$ | 0.737 |
| Refinement |  |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right], w R\left(F^{2}\right), S$ | 0.058, 0.115, 1.03 |
| No. of reflections | 5357 |
| No. of parameters | 235 |
| H -atom treatment | H -atom parameters constrained |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}, \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$ | $0.25,-0.21$ |
| Absolute structure | Undetermined: Flack $x$ obtained using 1343 quotients $\left[\left(I^{+}\right)-\left(I^{-}\right)\right] /$ $\left[\left(I^{+}\right)+\left(I^{-}\right)\right]$(Parsons et al. (2013) |
| Absolute structure parameter | -0.4 (10) |

Computer programs: CrysAlis PRO (Rigaku OD, 2019), SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL (Sheldrick, 2015b) and OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009).

## 7. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 1. All H atoms were refined using a riding model with $d(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H})=0.93 \AA, U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$ for aromatic $\mathrm{H}, 1.00 \AA, U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$ for $\mathrm{CH}, 0.98 \AA$.

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Synthesis, optical properties and crystal structure of ( $E, E$ )-1,3-(3,4:9,10-
dibenzododeca-1,11-diene-5,7-diyne-1,12-diyl)benzene
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## Computing details

Data collection: CrysAlis PRO (Rigaku OD, 2019); cell refinement: CrysAlis PRO (Rigaku OD, 2019); data reduction:
CrysAlis PRO (Rigaku OD, 2019); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL (Sheldrick, 2015b); molecular graphics: Olex2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: Olex2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009).
(E,E)-1,3-(3,4:9,10-Dibenzododeca-1,11-diene-5,7-diyne-1,12- $\backslash$ diyl)benzene

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{16}$
$M_{r}=328.39$
Orthorhombic, $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$
$a=4.6034$ (2) $\AA$
$b=15.1542$ (7) $\AA$
$c=24.1754$ (9) $\AA$
$V=1686.50(12) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$F(000)=688$

## Data collection

Rigaku VariMax with Saturn diffractometer
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed X-ray tube,
Enhance (Mo) X-ray Source
Graphite monochromator $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(CrysAlisPro; Rigaku OD, 2019)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.739, T_{\text {max }}=1.000$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.058$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.115$
$S=1.03$
5357 reflections
235 parameters
0 restraints
$D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.293 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 10472 reflections
$\theta=2.1-31.6^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.07 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Needle, pale yellow
$0.3 \times 0.1 \times 0.02 \mathrm{~mm}$

32971 measured reflections
5357 independent reflections
4184 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.067$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=31.6^{\circ}, \theta_{\text {min }}=2.7^{\circ}$
$h=-6 \rightarrow 6$
$k=-22 \rightarrow 22$
$l=-35 \rightarrow 35$

Primary atom site location: dual
Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
H -atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0399 P)^{2}+0.5407 P\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{0}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}<0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.25 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.21$ e $\AA^{-3}$

Absolute structure: Flack $x$ obtained using 1343 quotients $\left[\left(I^{+}\right)-\left(I^{-}\right)\right] /\left[\left(I^{+}\right)+\left(I^{-}\right)\right]$(Parsons et al. (2013)

Absolute structure parameter: - 0.4 (10)

## Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\hat{A}^{2}$ )

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }}{ }^{*} / U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C1 | $0.2502(5)$ | $0.45575(15)$ | $0.56944(9)$ | $0.0216(5)$ |
| C2 | $0.4402(5)$ | $0.47355(14)$ | $0.61508(9)$ | $0.0222(5)$ |
| C3 | $0.5925(5)$ | $0.49842(14)$ | $0.65244(9)$ | $0.0227(5)$ |
| C4 | $0.7514(5)$ | $0.53835(14)$ | $0.69355(9)$ | $0.0222(5)$ |
| C5 | $0.8704(5)$ | $0.58321(15)$ | $0.72752(9)$ | $0.0209(4)$ |
| C6 | $0.9800(5)$ | $0.64594(14)$ | $0.76707(8)$ | $0.0204(4)$ |
| C7 | $1.1873(5)$ | $0.62079(15)$ | $0.80626(9)$ | $0.0245(5)$ |
| H7 | 1.262529 | 0.563841 | 0.805862 | $0.029^{*}$ |
| C8 | $1.2806(6)$ | $0.68078(16)$ | $0.84569(9)$ | $0.0274(5)$ |
| H8 | 1.417729 | 0.664064 | 0.871925 | $0.033^{*}$ |
| C9 | $1.1693(5)$ | $0.76560(16)$ | $0.84596(9)$ | $0.0259(5)$ |
| H9 | 1.230444 | 0.805469 | 0.872792 | $0.031^{*}$ |
| C10 | $0.9683(5)$ | $0.79169(15)$ | $0.80678(9)$ | $0.0234(5)$ |
| H10 | 0.898169 | 0.849244 | 0.807273 | $0.028^{*}$ |
| C11 | $0.8687(5)$ | $0.73307(14)$ | $0.76650(8)$ | $0.0202(4)$ |
| C12 | $0.6595(5)$ | $0.75690(15)$ | $0.72402(9)$ | $0.0242(5)$ |
| H12 | 0.618597 | 0.711742 | 0.699159 | $0.029^{*}$ |
| C13 | $0.5176(5)$ | $0.83044(15)$ | $0.71427(9)$ | $0.0248(5)$ |
| H13 | 0.550528 | 0.878785 | 0.737125 | $0.030^{*}$ |
| C14 | $0.3080(5)$ | $0.83928(15)$ | $0.66845(9)$ | $0.0219(5)$ |
| C15 | $0.1742(5)$ | $0.91902(15)$ | $0.65530(9)$ | $0.0217(5)$ |
| H15 | 0.218318 | 0.969579 | 0.675416 | $0.026^{*}$ |
| C16 | $-0.0247(6)$ | $0.92324(15)$ | $0.61229(9)$ | $0.0262(5)$ |
| H16 | -0.114100 | 0.976703 | 0.604104 | $0.031^{*}$ |
| C17 | $-0.0926(5)$ | $0.84895(15)$ | $0.58126(9)$ | $0.0235(5)$ |
| H17 | -0.226582 | 0.852844 | 0.552574 | $0.028^{*}$ |
| C18 | $0.0403(5)$ | $0.76861(15)$ | $0.59313(8)$ | $0.0215(5)$ |
| C19 | $0.2331(6)$ | $0.76584(16)$ | $0.63734(10)$ | $0.0306(6)$ |
| H19 | 0.316351 | 0.711884 | 0.646541 | $0.037^{*}$ |
| C20 | $-0.0222(5)$ | $0.68716(16)$ | $0.56204(9)$ | $0.0254(5)$ |
| H20 | -0.174216 | 0.687321 | 0.536702 | $0.030^{*}$ |
| C21 | $0.1283(6)$ | $0.61437(16)$ | $0.56873(9)$ | $0.0290(5)$ |
| H21 | 0.285437 | 0.620009 | 0.592654 | $0.035^{*}$ |
| C22 | $0.0935(5)$ | $0.52624(15)$ | $0.54539(9)$ | $0.0228(5)$ |
| C23 | $-0.0897(6)$ | $0.50780(16)$ | $0.50078(9)$ | $0.0261(5)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| C5) |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |


| H 23 | -0.194796 | 0.553344 | 0.484524 | $0.031^{*}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C24 | $-0.1173(6)$ | $0.42325(17)$ | $0.48049(10)$ | $0.0291(5)$ |
| H24 | -0.238731 | 0.412385 | 0.450511 | $0.035^{*}$ |
| C25 | $0.0346(6)$ | $0.35453(16)$ | $0.50444(10)$ | $0.0311(6)$ |
| H25 | 0.013435 | 0.297496 | 0.490833 | $0.037^{*}$ |
| C26 | $0.2182(6)$ | $0.37044(16)$ | $0.54866(10)$ | $0.0270(5)$ |
| H26 | 0.320639 | 0.324050 | 0.564593 | $0.032^{*}$ |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C1 | $0.0218(11)$ | $0.0244(11)$ | $0.0187(10)$ | $-0.0033(9)$ | $0.0055(9)$ | $-0.0038(8)$ |
| C2 | $0.0271(12)$ | $0.0193(10)$ | $0.0203(10)$ | $0.0011(9)$ | $0.0039(9)$ | $-0.0021(8)$ |
| C3 | $0.0274(12)$ | $0.0174(10)$ | $0.0232(10)$ | $0.0019(9)$ | $0.0039(9)$ | $-0.0002(8)$ |
| C4 | $0.0247(12)$ | $0.0199(10)$ | $0.0220(10)$ | $0.0030(9)$ | $-0.0004(9)$ | $0.0031(8)$ |
| C5 | $0.0226(11)$ | $0.0209(10)$ | $0.0192(10)$ | $0.0018(9)$ | $0.0004(9)$ | $0.0036(8)$ |
| C6 | $0.0206(11)$ | $0.0241(11)$ | $0.0165(9)$ | $-0.0035(9)$ | $0.0015(9)$ | $0.0015(8)$ |
| C7 | $0.0251(12)$ | $0.0250(11)$ | $0.0233(11)$ | $-0.0017(10)$ | $-0.0007(9)$ | $0.0060(9)$ |
| C8 | $0.0257(12)$ | $0.0350(13)$ | $0.0213(11)$ | $-0.0047(11)$ | $-0.0069(10)$ | $0.0051(10)$ |
| C9 | $0.0262(12)$ | $0.0318(12)$ | $0.0197(10)$ | $-0.0081(10)$ | $-0.0022(9)$ | $-0.0020(9)$ |
| C10 | $0.0238(12)$ | $0.0234(11)$ | $0.0230(10)$ | $-0.0031(9)$ | $0.0012(10)$ | $-0.0005(8)$ |
| C11 | $0.0205(11)$ | $0.0234(11)$ | $0.0167(9)$ | $-0.0018(9)$ | $0.0022(9)$ | $0.0018(8)$ |
| C12 | $0.0294(13)$ | $0.0223(11)$ | $0.0209(10)$ | $-0.0027(10)$ | $-0.0046(10)$ | $-0.0024(8)$ |
| C13 | $0.0249(12)$ | $0.0248(11)$ | $0.0246(11)$ | $0.0006(10)$ | $-0.0054(9)$ | $-0.0055(9)$ |
| C14 | $0.0206(11)$ | $0.0246(11)$ | $0.0204(10)$ | $0.0011(9)$ | $0.0010(9)$ | $-0.0013(8)$ |
| C15 | $0.0240(12)$ | $0.0199(10)$ | $0.0212(11)$ | $-0.0018(9)$ | $0.0024(9)$ | $-0.0004(8)$ |
| C16 | $0.0337(14)$ | $0.0212(11)$ | $0.0237(11)$ | $0.0051(11)$ | $0.0000(11)$ | $0.0048(9)$ |
| C17 | $0.0259(12)$ | $0.0269(12)$ | $0.0177(10)$ | $0.0017(10)$ | $-0.0009(9)$ | $0.0035(8)$ |
| C18 | $0.0209(11)$ | $0.0248(11)$ | $0.0189(10)$ | $0.0013(9)$ | $0.0014(9)$ | $-0.0008(8)$ |
| C19 | $0.0342(14)$ | $0.0233(12)$ | $0.0343(13)$ | $0.0107(11)$ | $-0.0111(11)$ | $-0.0060(10)$ |
| C20 | $0.0241(12)$ | $0.0309(12)$ | $0.0211(10)$ | $0.0012(10)$ | $-0.0054(9)$ | $-0.0037(9)$ |
| C21 | $0.0379(15)$ | $0.0264(12)$ | $0.0225(11)$ | $-0.0033(11)$ | $-0.0116(11)$ | $0.0004(9)$ |
| C22 | $0.0258(12)$ | $0.0256(11)$ | $0.0170(9)$ | $-0.0047(10)$ | $0.0033(9)$ | $-0.0005(8)$ |
| C23 | $0.0275(12)$ | $0.0319(12)$ | $0.0190(10)$ | $-0.0035(10)$ | $-0.0010(9)$ | $-0.0007(9)$ |
| C24 | $0.0257(13)$ | $0.0398(14)$ | $0.0217(11)$ | $-0.0064(11)$ | $-0.0001(10)$ | $-0.0098(10)$ |
| C25 | $0.0332(14)$ | $0.0285(12)$ | $0.0315(12)$ | $-0.0047(11)$ | $0.0021(11)$ | $-0.0139(10)$ |
| C26 | $0.0274(13)$ | $0.0269(12)$ | $0.0267(11)$ | $0.0008(10)$ | $0.0021(10)$ | $-0.0064(9)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Geometric parameters ( $\AA$, ${ }^{\circ}$ )

| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.434(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 19$ | $1.387(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 22$ | $1.414(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15$ | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 26$ | $1.395(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $1.387(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.204(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{H} 16$ | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.374(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 17$ | $1.389(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.199(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{H} 17$ | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.439(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{C} 18$ | $1.392(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.398(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{C} 19$ | $1.390(3)$ |


| C6-C11 | 1.416 (3) | C18-C20 | 1.474 (3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C7-H7 | 0.9300 | C19-H19 | 0.9300 |
| C7-C8 | 1.386 (3) | C20-H20 | 0.9300 |
| C8-H8 | 0.9300 | C20-C21 | 1.313 (3) |
| C8-C9 | 1.384 (3) | C21-H21 | 0.9300 |
| C9-H9 | 0.9300 | C21-C22 | 1.459 (3) |
| C9-C10 | 1.382 (3) | C22-C23 | 1.397 (3) |
| C10-H10 | 0.9300 | C23-H23 | 0.9300 |
| C10-C11 | 1.396 (3) | C23-C24 | 1.378 (3) |
| C11-C12 | 1.454 (3) | C24-H24 | 0.9300 |
| C12-H12 | 0.9300 | C24-C25 | 1.382 (4) |
| C12-C13 | 1.313 (3) | C25-H25 | 0.9300 |
| C13-H13 | 0.9300 | C25-C26 | 1.384 (3) |
| C13-C14 | 1.475 (3) | C26-H26 | 0.9300 |
| C14-C15 | 1.393 (3) |  |  |
| C22-C1-C2 | 119.0 (2) | C16-C15-C14 | 120.2 (2) |
| C26-C1-C2 | 121.1 (2) | C16-C15-H15 | 119.9 |
| C26-C1-C22 | 119.9 (2) | C15-C16-H16 | 119.5 |
| C3-C2-C1 | 172.6 (2) | C15-C16-C17 | 121.1 (2) |
| C2-C3-C4 | 172.0 (2) | C17-C16-H16 | 119.5 |
| C5-C4-C3 | 171.3 (2) | C16-C17-H17 | 120.0 |
| C4-C5-C6 | 171.8 (2) | C16-C17-C18 | 119.9 (2) |
| C7-C6-C5 | 120.6 (2) | C18-C17-H17 | 120.0 |
| C7-C6-C11 | 120.5 (2) | C17-C18-C20 | 122.8 (2) |
| C11-C6-C5 | 118.9 (2) | C19-C18-C17 | 117.7 (2) |
| C6-C7-H7 | 120.0 | C19-C18-C20 | 119.5 (2) |
| C8-C7-C6 | 119.9 (2) | C14-C19-C18 | 123.5 (2) |
| C8-C7-H7 | 120.0 | C14-C19-H19 | 118.3 |
| C7-C8-H8 | 120.1 | C18-C19-H19 | 118.3 |
| C9-C8-C7 | 119.9 (2) | C18-C20-H20 | 118.7 |
| C9-C8-H8 | 120.1 | C21-C20-C18 | 122.5 (2) |
| C8-C9-H9 | 119.7 | $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 20-\mathrm{H} 20$ | 118.7 |
| C10-C9-C8 | 120.7 (2) | $\mathrm{C} 20-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{H} 21$ | 114.2 |
| C10-C9-H9 | 119.7 | $\mathrm{C} 20-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 22$ | 131.6 (2) |
| C9-C10-H10 | 119.5 | $\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{H} 21$ | 114.2 |
| C9-C10-C11 | 121.1 (2) | C1-C22-C21 | 118.5 (2) |
| C11-C10-H10 | 119.5 | C23-C22-C1 | 118.3 (2) |
| C6-C11-C12 | 118.6 (2) | $\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 21$ | 123.2 (2) |
| C10-C11-C6 | 117.9 (2) | $\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{H} 23$ | 119.5 |
| C10-C11-C12 | 123.5 (2) | C24-C23-C22 | 121.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H} 12$ | 114.1 | $\mathrm{C} 24-\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{H} 23$ | 119.5 |
| C13-C12-C11 | 131.9 (2) | $\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 24-\mathrm{H} 24$ | 119.8 |
| C13-C12-H12 | 114.1 | C23-C24-C25 | 120.3 (2) |
| C12-C13-H13 | 118.8 | C25-C24-H24 | 119.8 |
| C12-C13-C14 | 122.5 (2) | C24-C25-H25 | 119.9 |
| C14-C13-H13 | 118.8 | C24-C25-C26 | 120.1 (2) |
| C15-C14-C13 | 122.6 (2) | C26-C25-H25 | 119.9 |

## supporting information

| $\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $119.8(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 26-\mathrm{H} 26$ | 119.9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $117.5(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 25-\mathrm{C} 26-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $120.3(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15$ | 119.9 | $\mathrm{C} 25-\mathrm{C} 26-\mathrm{H} 26$ | 119.9 |

