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An Anionic Heterosiliconoid with two Germanium Vertices

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Experimental Details and Analytical Data

General Considerations

All reactions were carried out under a protective argon atmosphere using Schlenk techniques or a glovebox. *n*-Pentane, benzene, and 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) were refluxed with sodium/benzophenone and distilled prior to use under argon. *n*-Hexane, toluene, diethyl ether (Et₂O), and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were taken directly from a solvent purification system (Innovative Technology PureSolv MD7). Deuterated benzene was refluxed over potassium and distilled prior to use under argon. Deuterated THF-*d*₈ was refluxed over Na/K alloy and condensed *in vacuo*. NMR spectra were recorded at 300 K on a Bruker Avance III 300 (¹H: 300.13 MHz, ⁷Li{¹H}: 116.59 MHz, ²⁹Si{¹H}: 59.6 MHz) and a Bruker Avance III HD 400 (¹H: 400.13 MHz, ¹³C{¹H}: 100.61 MHz, ²⁹Si{¹H}: 79.5 MHz). ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, and ²⁹Si{¹H} chemical shifts are reported relative to SiMe₄. ⁷Li{¹H} chemical shift was referenced to aqueous solution of LiCl. Solid state CP/MAS NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker AV400WB spectrometer. Powdered samples were packed in a 4 mm o.d. zirconia rotor. Diameter of the Probe is 89 mm with spinning speed of 13 KHz. ²⁹Si{¹H} CP MAS experiment was performed using ¹H 90° pulse for 3.3 μs, with contact time 5 ms, CPD Spinal64 as decoupling scheme, and a recycle delay of 3 s. UV/vis spectra were acquired on a Shimadzu UV-2600 or a PerkinElmer Lambda 35 spectrometer using quartz cells with a path length of 1 mm. Silicon tetrachloride was boiled over magnesium and distilled prior to use under argon. Lithium/naphthalene was freshly prepared from lithium granules and naphthalene prior to use. 1,3,3,4,6,6-hexakis(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)-1,3,4,6-tetrasil-2,5-digerma-tricyclo[3.1.0.0^{2,4}]-hexane-2,5-diyl **1** was synthesized according to our published procedure.^{S1}

Synthesis of 2,2,4,5,5-pentakis(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrasil-3,6-digermatetracyclo[2.2.0.0^{1,3}.0^{3,6}]hexan-6-yl lithium 2Li·(THF)₂

At -80 °C, a solution of Li/C₁₀H₈ in THF (1.0 mL, 1.06 M, 2.2 eq.) is added dropwise to a suspension of dismutational Si₄Ge₂ isomer **1** (766 mg, 0.23 mmol) in 15 mL of dry Et₂O and the resulting blue-green reaction mixture is stirred for 1 hour at -80 °C before thawing up to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture is dried *in vacuo* and the resulting solid extracted with 30 mL of benzene. The filtrate is dried *in vacuo* once again to give a bright orange solid, which is freed from naphthalene *in vacuo* at 65°C for 2 hours. The remaining solid is dissolved in about 15 mL of *n*-hexane and concentrated to about 5 mL. After storing the resulting solution overnight at 0°C, anionic siliconoid **2Li·(THF)₂** is isolated as orange block-shaped single crystals.

Yield: 369 mg (47%).

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, 300 K, benzene-*d*₆, TMS): Due to the presence of two rotamers in solution (61:39) and solid state (64:36), two overlapping sets of signals arise. A detailed integration and assignment of the signals was therefore not possible. δ = 7.30, 7.29 (each broad s, partially overlapping, altogether 1H, Tip-H), 7.13-7.06

(m, 3H, Tip-*H*), 7.00-6.89 (s & br, partially overlapping, altogether 4H, Tip-*H*), 6.85, 6.83, 6.82, 6.80 (each broad s, partially overlapping, altogether 2H, Tip-*H*), 5.88, 5.69 (each sept., altogether 1H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH*), 5.31, 5.25 (sept., overlapping, altogether 1H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH*), 4.99, 4.92, 4.81 (each sept., partially overlapping, altogether 2H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH*), 4.44-4.30 (m, 1H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH*), 3.90, 3.81 (each broad sept., altogether 3H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH*), 3.40-3.30 (m, 1H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH*), 3.26 (m, 8H, thf-O-CH₂), 2.91-2.59 (m, 6H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH*), 2.18, 2.10 (each d, altogether 3H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*), 2.06, 2.01 (each d, altogether 3H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*), 1.86-1.80 (m, 3H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*), 1.64-1.56 (m, 9H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*), 1.56-1.50 (m, 8H, thf-CH₂), 1.33-1.03 (m, overlapping with hexane signals, 51H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*), 0.86-0.80 (m, 6H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*), 0.50-0.36 (m, 12H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*), 0.32-0.27 (m, 3H, Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*) ppm.

⁷Li{¹H} NMR (116.59 MHz, 300 K, benzene-*d*₆, Li⁺ aq): δ = 2.16 (br), -1.00, -1.34 ppm.

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100.61 MHz, 300 K, benzene-*d*₆, TMS): δ = 155.63, 155.55, 154.62, 154.44, 154.36, 154.14, 153.72, 153.44, 153.17, 153.14, 152.74, 152.39, 152.14, 151.65, 151.60, 151.25, 150.29, 150.01, 149.52, 149.49, 149.42, 149.17, 148.73, 147.94, 147.84, 147.81, 147.54, 144.69, 143.86, 141.55, 141.08, 140.87, 140.59, 140.20, 138.79, 138.67, 138.24, 133.68 (Tip-Ar-CH), 133.68, 125.69 (C₁₀H₈), 123.69, 123.43, 121.98, 122.54, 122.20, 122.12, 122.03, 121.86, 121.81, 121.71, 121.39, 121.21, 120.69, 120.53 (Tip-Ar-CH), 68.61 (thf-CH₂-O), 35.91, 35.62, 35.24, 34.91, 34.56, 34.43, 34.40, 34.22, 34.16, 34.06, 33.98, 33.83, 33.74, 33.69, 33.21, 33.07, 31.59 (Tip-*ⁱPr-CH*), 29.63, 29.39, 28.21, 28.19, 27.94, 27.62, 27.37, 27.25, 26.99, 25.83, 25.79 (Tip-*ⁱPr-CH* & Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*), 24.81 (thf-CH₂), 24.43, 24.30, 24.22, 24.15, 24.09, 24.03, 23.96, 23.87, 23.84, 23.80, 23.74, 23.67, 23.64, 23.44, 23.36, 23.34, 23.25, 23.22, 23.08, 22.94, 22.68, 22.14, 22.11, 13.99 (Tip-*ⁱPr-CH₃*) ppm.

²⁹Si{¹H} NMR (79.5 MHz, 300 K, benzene-*d*₆, TMS): *Due to the presence of two rotamers in solution two sets of signals arise which are assigned according to their distinct intensities. Major rotamer:* δ = 172.8 (s, *privo-Si*), 60.9 (s, *ligato-Si*), 7.4 (s, *remoto-Si*), -182.6 (s, *nudo-Si*) ppm. *Minor rotamer:* δ = 168.5 (s, *privo-Si*), 65.4 (s, *ligato-Si*), 9.2 (s, *remoto-Si*), -177.8 (s, *nudo-Si*) ppm.

m.p.: 156°C (no decomposition).

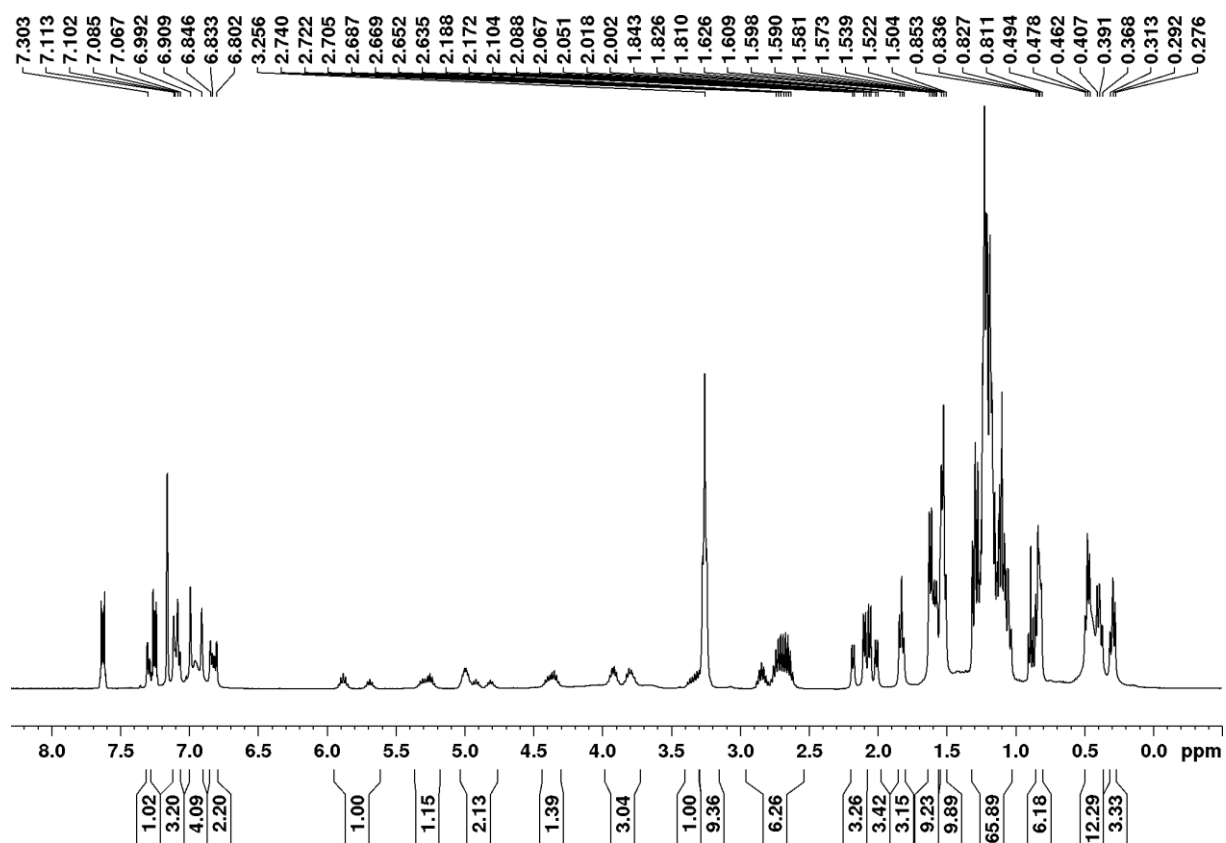


Figure S1: ^1H NMR spectrum of $2\text{Li}\cdot(\text{THF})_2$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{-benzene}$ at 300 K.

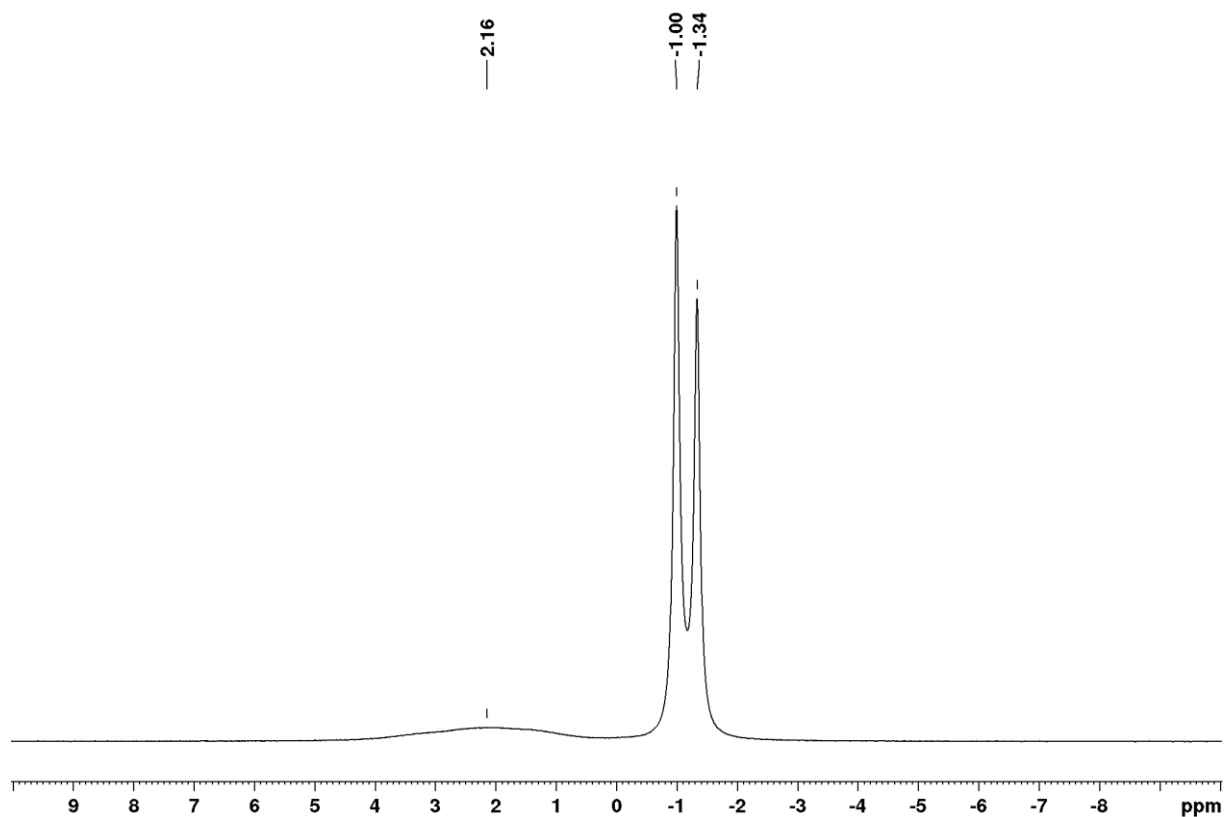


Figure S2: $^7\text{Li}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $2\text{Li}\cdot(\text{THF})_2$ in $[\text{D}_6]\text{-benzene}$ at 300 K.

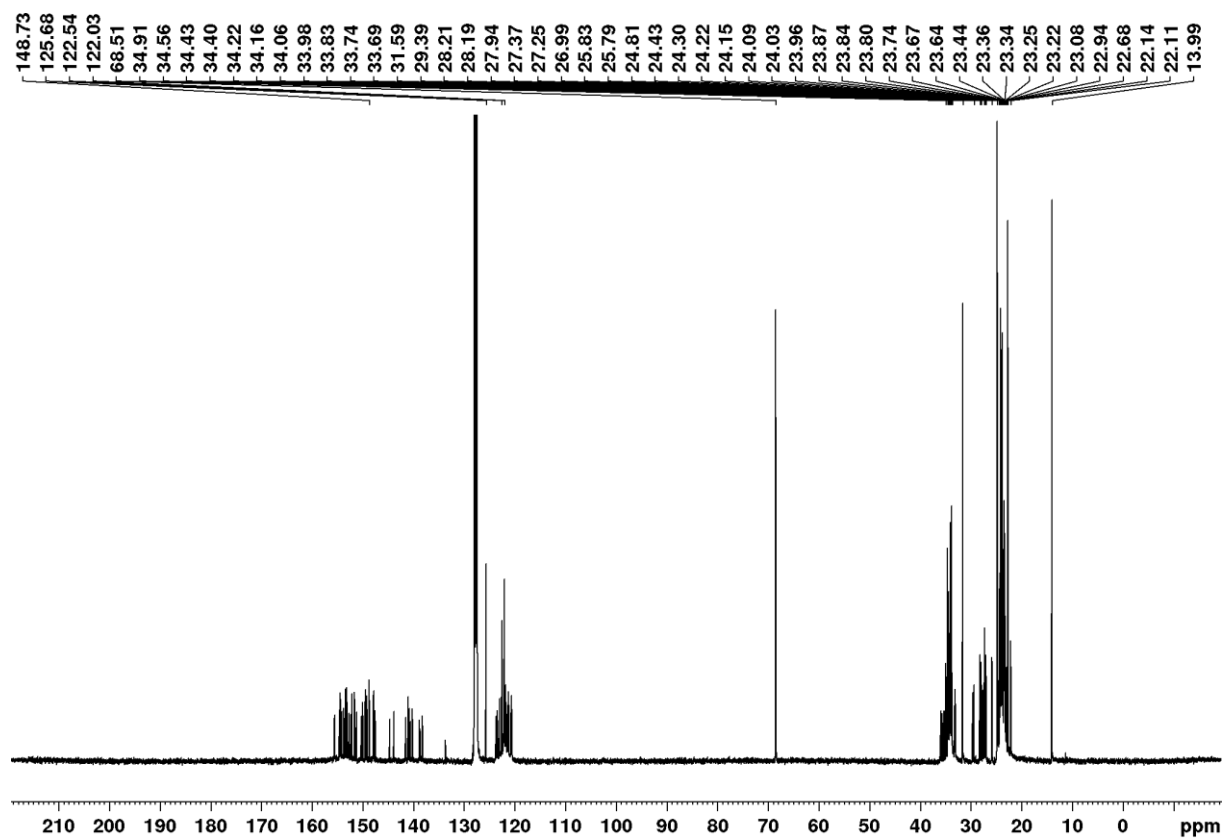


Figure S3: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $2\text{Li}\cdot(\text{THF})_2$ in $[\text{D}_6]$ -benzene at 300 K.

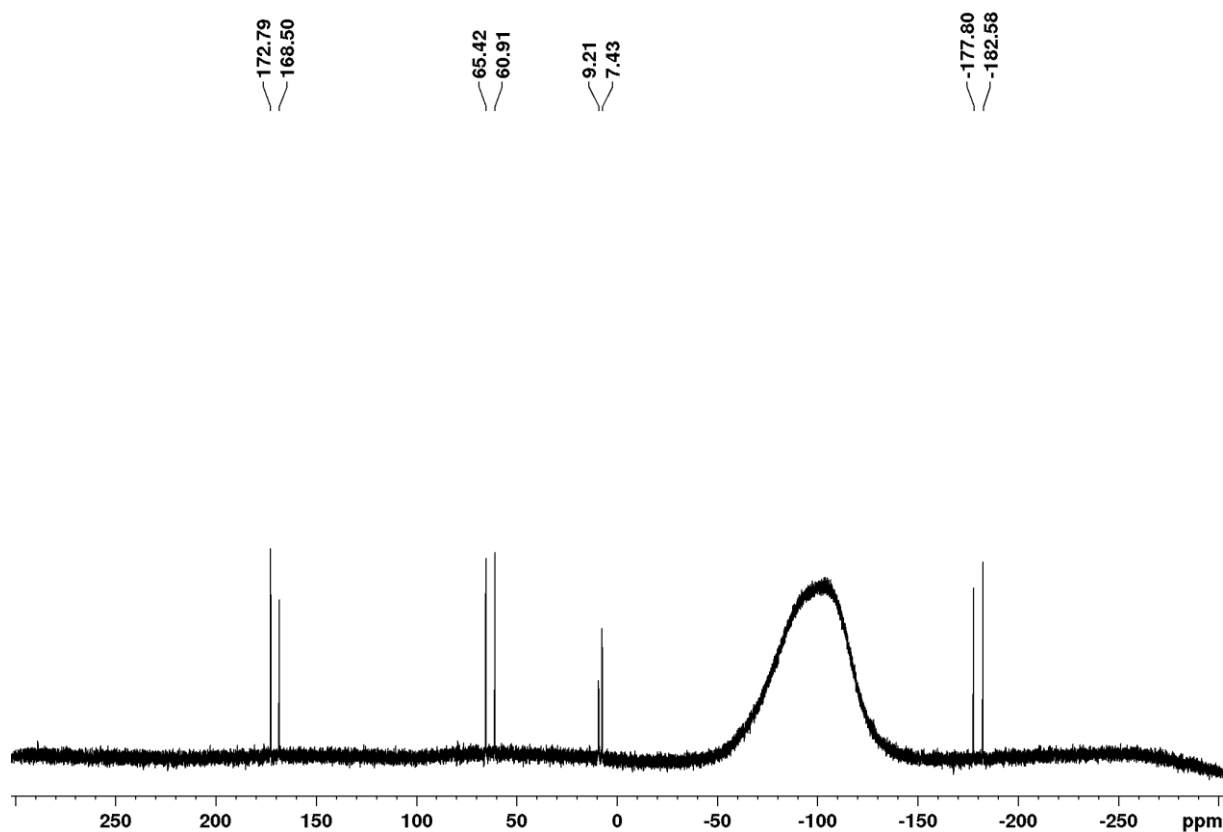


Figure S4: $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $2\text{Li}\cdot(\text{THF})_2$ in $[\text{D}_6]$ -benzene at 300 K.

Synthesis of 2,2,4,5,5-pentakis(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrasila-3,6-digermatetracyclo[2.2.0.0^{1,3}.0^{3,6}]hexan-6-yl lithium 2[Li(DME)₃]

a) 2Li·(THF)₂ (201.6 mg, 0.14 mmol) is dissolved in 3 mL of dry dme and then dried *in vacuo* for 1 hour. This dissolving-drying cycle is repeated two more times before 5 mL of dry hexane are added to the remaining dark red sticky solid. Drying once more *in vacuo* affords 2[Li(DME)₃] in quantitative yield as dark red powder.

b) At -80 °C a solution of Li/C₁₀H₈ in thf (0.48 mL, 0.92 M, 2.2 eq.) is added dropwise to a suspension of dismutational isomer **1** (289 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 5 mL of dry Et₂O and the resulting blue-green reaction mixture is stirred for 1 hour at -80 °C before thawing up to room temperature overnight. After that all the volatilities are removed *in vacuo*. The resulting solid is extracted with 10 mL benzene and the filtrate is dried. Subsequently the obtained solid is dissolved in 1 mL of dme and then dried again. This dissolving-drying cycle is repeated two more times before 4 mL of *n*-hexane are added. Storage of the resulting solution at 0 °C overnight leads to the formation of 2[Li(DME)₃] as dark red, block-shaped single crystals of X-Ray quality.

Yield: 201 mg (64%).

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, 300 K, thf-*d*₈, TMS): *Due to the presence of two rotamers in solution (56:44) and solid state (55:45), two overlapping sets of signals arise. A detailed integration and assignment of the signals was therefore not possible.* δ = 6.97, 6.96 (each broad s, partially overlapping, altogether 1H, Tip-*H*), 6.87 (broad s, 2H, Tip-*H*), 6.74, 6.72, 6.71, 6.69 (each broad s, partially overlapping, altogether 3H, Tip-*H*), 6.60 (broad s, 4H, Tip-*H*), 5.96-5.63 (m, 1H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH), 5.24-5.00 (m, 1H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH), 5.00-4.50 (m, 2H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH), 4.44-4.13 (m, 2H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH), 3.86-3.55 (m, overlapping with thf-*d*₈ signal, 4H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH), 3.44 (s, 8H, dme-CH₂), 3.28 (s, 12H, dme-CH₃), 3.22-3.06 (m, 1H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH), 2.81-2.56 (m, 5H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH), 1.91, 1.88 (each d, altogether 3H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH₃), 1.67-1.57 (m, 3H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH₃), 1.47-1.39 (m, 3H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH₃), 1.35-1.06 (m, overlapping with hexane signals, 60H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH₃), 0.71-0.60 (m, 3H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH₃), 0.52-0.41 (m, 6H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH₃), 0.24-0.05 (m, overlapping with signal of grease, 9H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH₃), -0.07 (br, 6H, Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH₃) ppm.

⁷Li{¹H} NMR (116.59 MHz, 300 K, thf-*d*₈, Li⁺ aq): δ = 0.77 (very broad), -0.55 (s) ppm.

⁷Li SPE/MAS NMR (155.6 MHz, 300 K, 13 kHz): δ = -1.55 (s) ppm.

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100.61 MHz, 300 K, thf-*d*₈, TMS): δ = 155.63, 155.19, 154.88, 154.75, 154.69, 154.42, 154.23, 153.88, 153.66, 153.49, 153.16, 152.71, 152.58, 152.19, 152.05, 151.94, 151.87, 151.37, 149.13, 148.37, 147.70, 147.65, 147.54, 147.38, 147.28, 147.20, 146.41, 146.35, 145.57, 145.44, 145.00, 144.62, 144.43, 144.01, 143.92, 143.58, 142.53 (Tip-Ar-CH), 134.35 (C₁₀H₈), 128.31 (Tip-Ar-CH), 126.23 (C₁₀H₈), 122.60, 122.41, 122.38, 122.28, 122.14, 121.77, 121.71, 121.27, 121.00, 120.84, 120.57, 120.47, 120.38, 120.28, 120.12 (Tip-Ar-C), 72.48 (dme-CH₂), 58.65 (dme-CH₃), 35.85, 36.63, 35.16, 35.02, 35.00, 34.80, 34.70, 34.61, 34.43, 33.87, 33.81, 33.76, 33.32, 33.19, 33.03, 32.36, 30.13, 29.94, 28.84, 28.72, 28.29, 27.81, 27.72, 27.66, 27.58, 27.26, 26.44 (Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH), 25.58, 25.38, 25.18, 24.55, 24.42, 24.35, 24.32, 24.29, 24.27, 24.21, 24.07, 23.97, 23.81, 23.04, 22.15, 22.08 (Tip-^{*i*}Pr-CH₃) ppm.

²⁹Si{¹H} NMR (79.5 MHz, 300 K, thf-*d*₈, TMS): *Due to the presence of two rotamers in solution two sets of signals arise which are assigned according to their distinct*

intensities. Major rotamer: $\delta = 171.4$ (br, *privo*-Si), 36.1 (s, *ligato*-Si), 5.6 (s, *remoto*-Si), -181.1 (s, *nudo*-Si) ppm. Minor rotamer: $\delta = 172.4$ (br, *privo*-Si), 37.2 (s, *ligato*-Si), 6.2 (s, *remoto*-Si), -183.9 (s, *nudo*-Si) ppm.

^{29}Si CP/MAS NMR (79.5 MHz, 300 K, 13 kHz, TMS): $\delta = 168.3$ (br, *privo*-Si), 42.9 (br, *ligato*-Si), 41.0 (br, *ligato*-Si), 3.6 (br, *remoto*-Si), 2.6 (br, *remoto*-Si), -180.9 (s, *nudo*-Si), -185.4 (s, *nudo*-Si) ppm.

UV/vis (*n*-hexane): λ_{max} (ϵ) = 373 nm (9206 L $\cdot$ mol $^{-1}$ cm $^{-1}$), 324 nm (8946 L $\cdot$ mol $^{-1}$ cm $^{-1}$).

m.p.: -167°C (decomp.).

Elemental analysis: calc. for $\text{C}_{87}\text{H}_{145}\text{Ge}_2\text{LiO}_6\text{Si}_4$ (1551.65): C, 67.34; H, 9.42; N, 0.00: Found: C, 49.43; H, 10.16; N, 0.00. Note: Tetrel carbide formation is a plausible reason for unsatisfying agreement between observed and theoretical value.

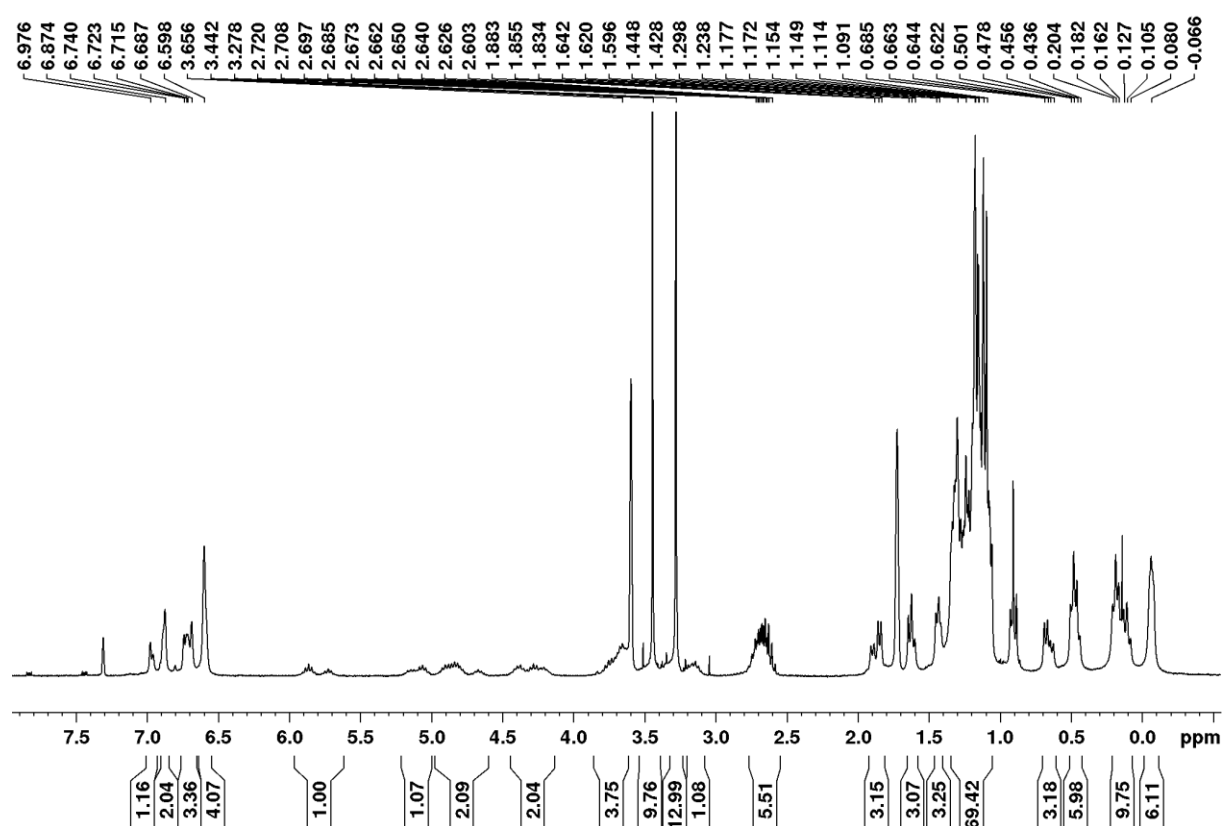


Figure S5: ^1H NMR spectrum of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$ in thf-d_8 at 300 K.

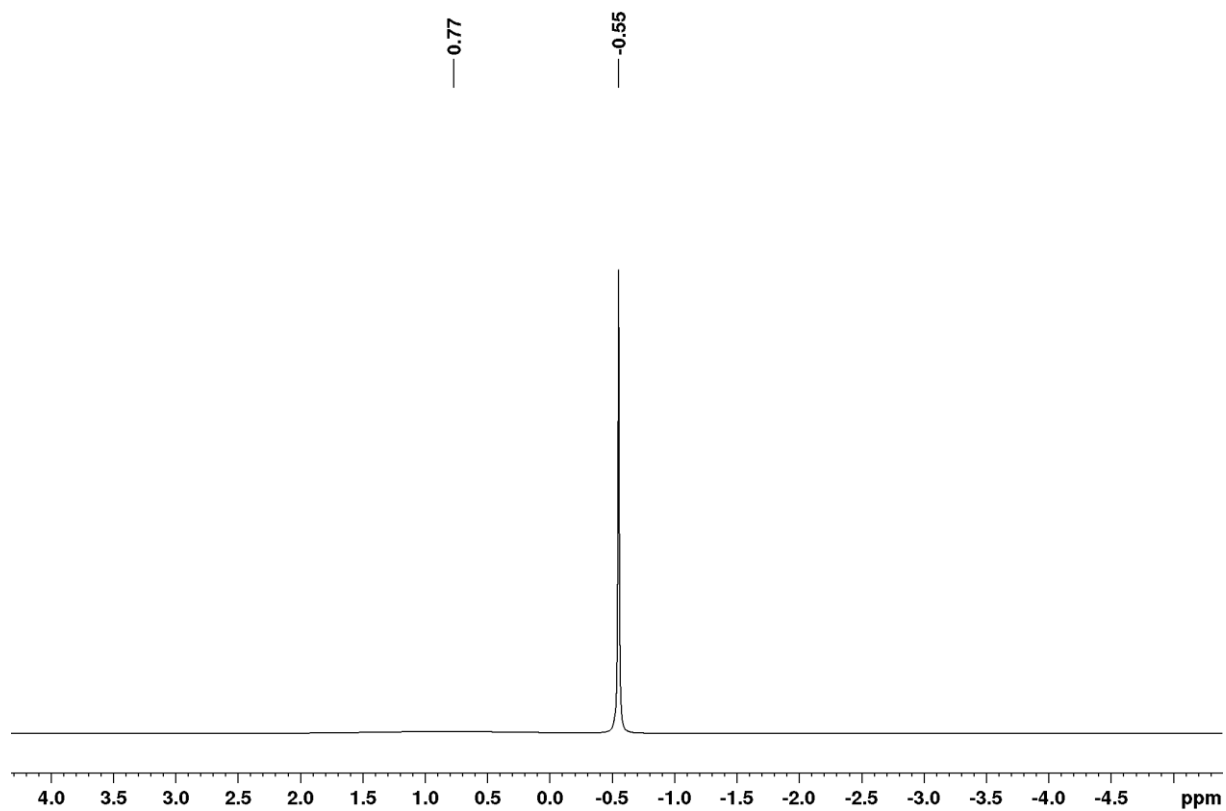


Figure S6: ${}^7\text{Li}\{{}^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$ in thf-d_8 at 300 K.

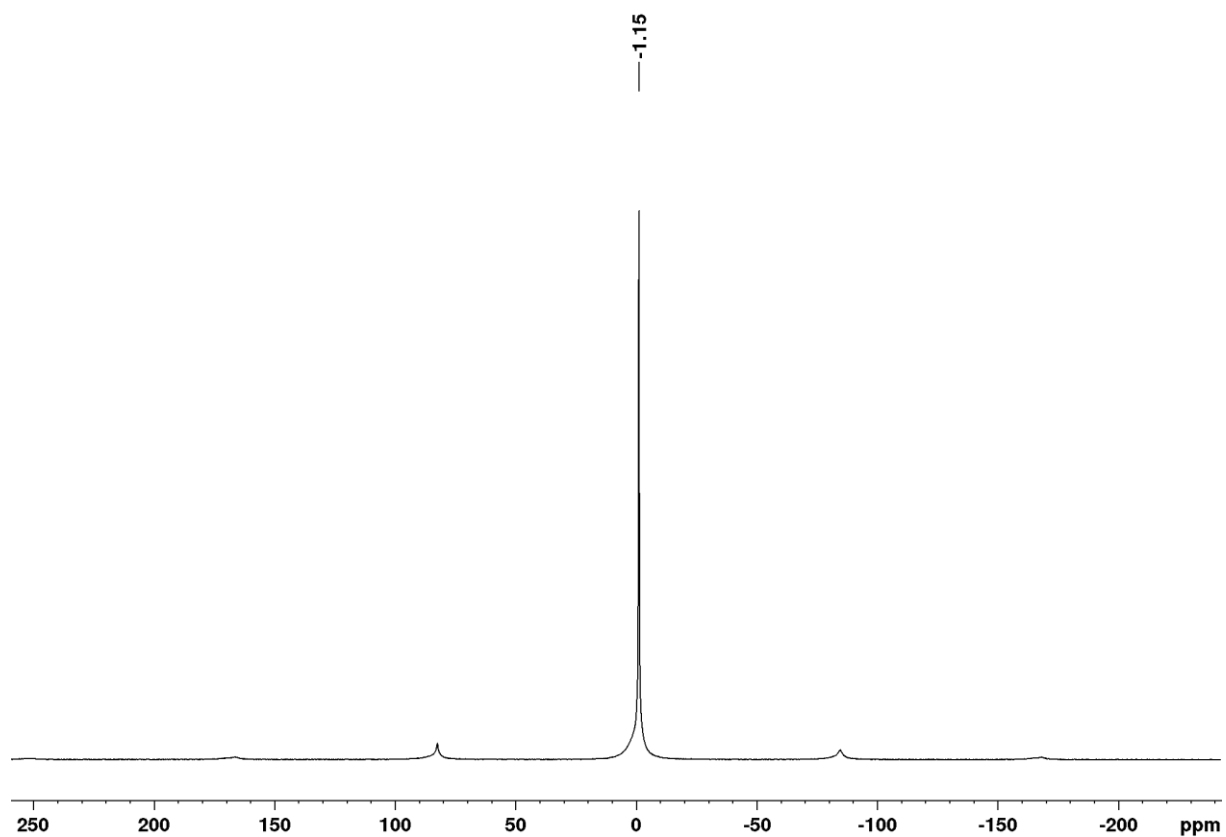


Figure S7: ${}^7\text{Li}$ SPE/MAS NMR spectrum of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$.

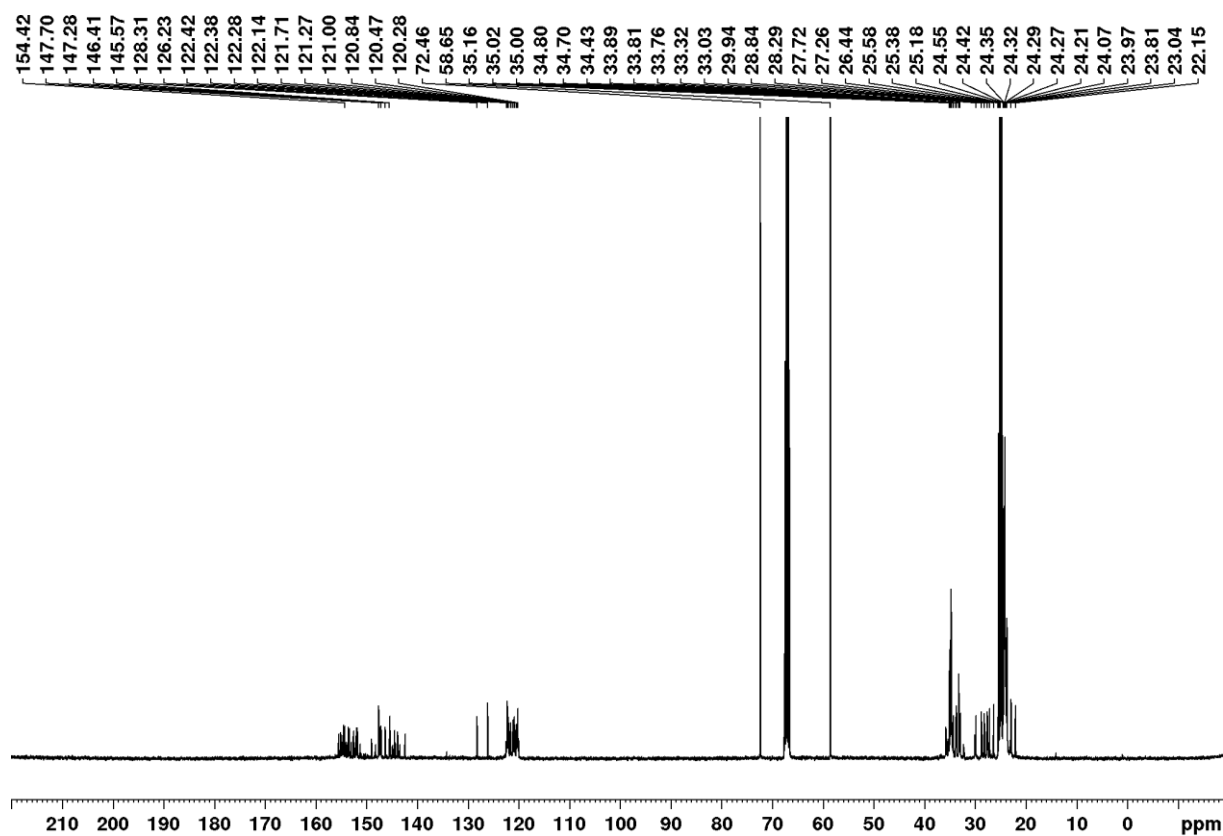


Figure S8: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$ in thf-d_8 at 300 K.

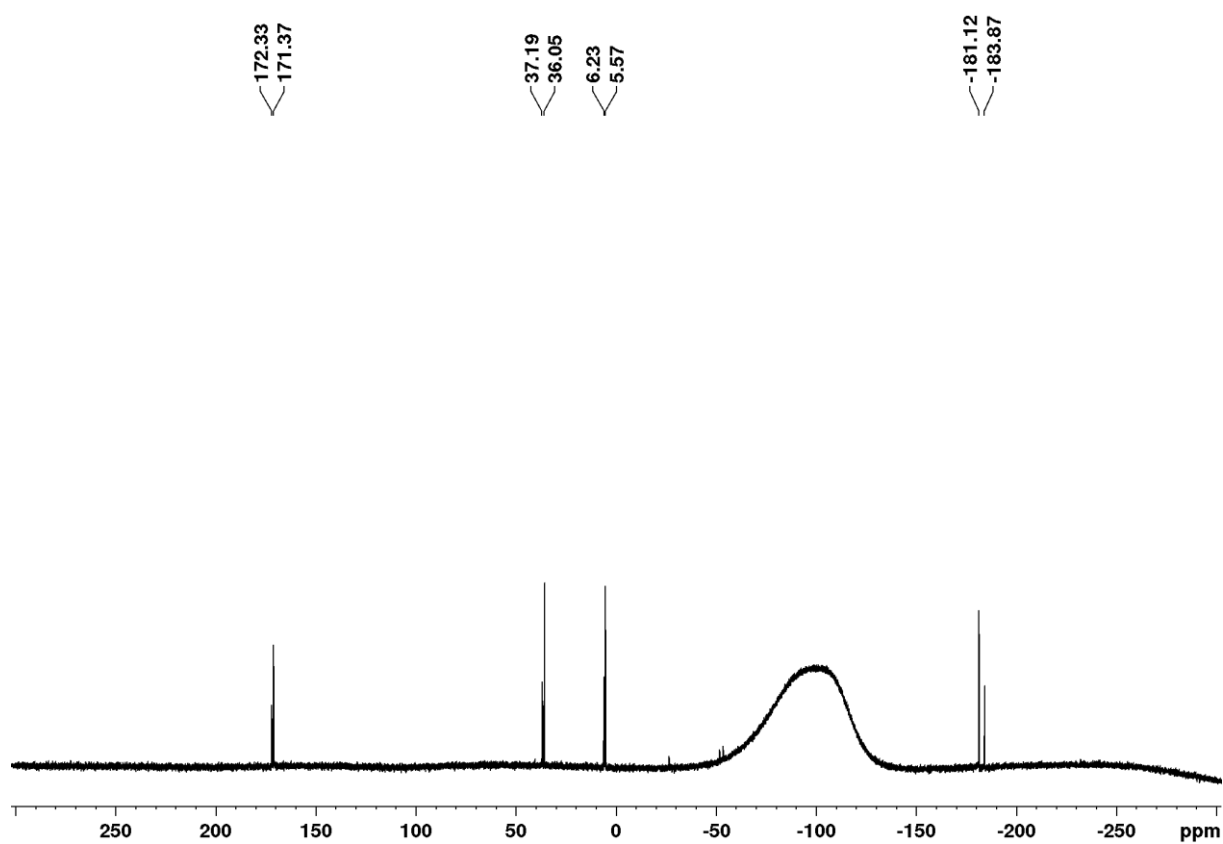


Figure S9: $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$ in thf-d_8 at 300 K.

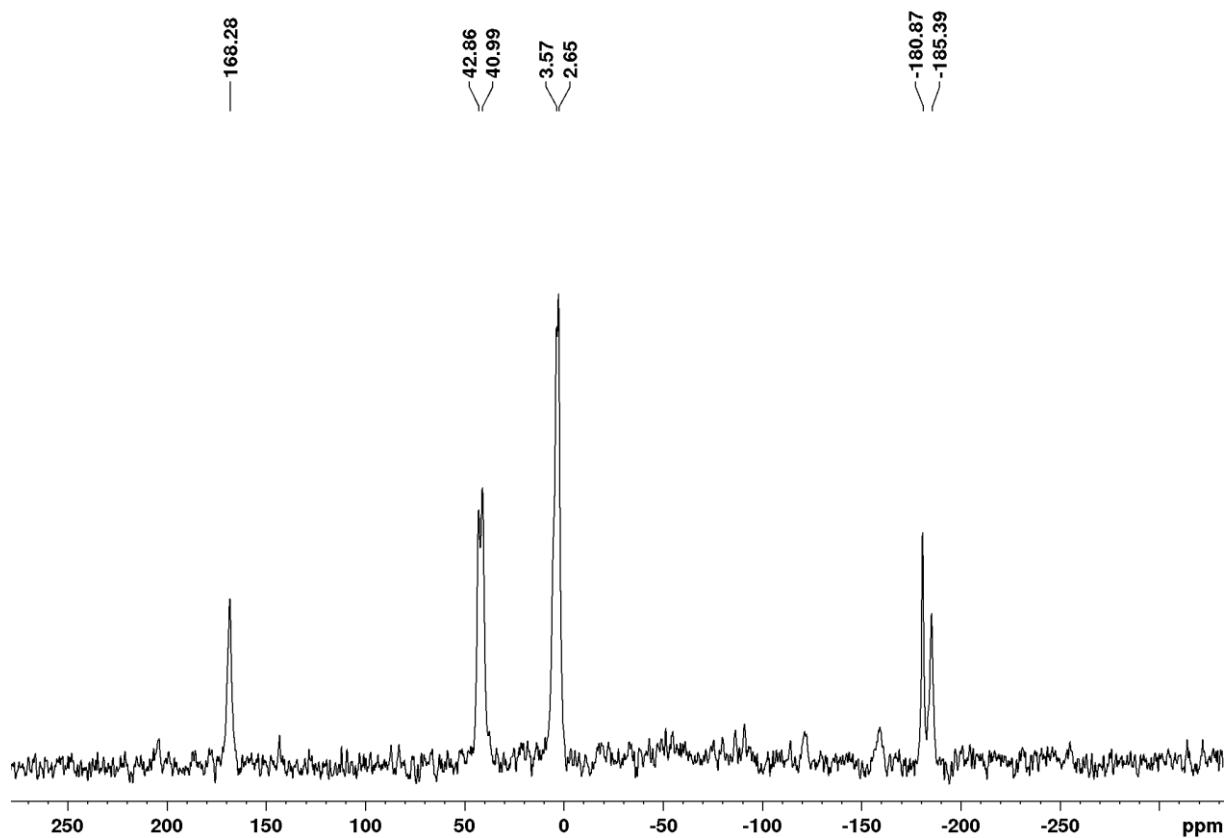


Figure S10: ^{29}Si CP/MAS NMR spectrum of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$.

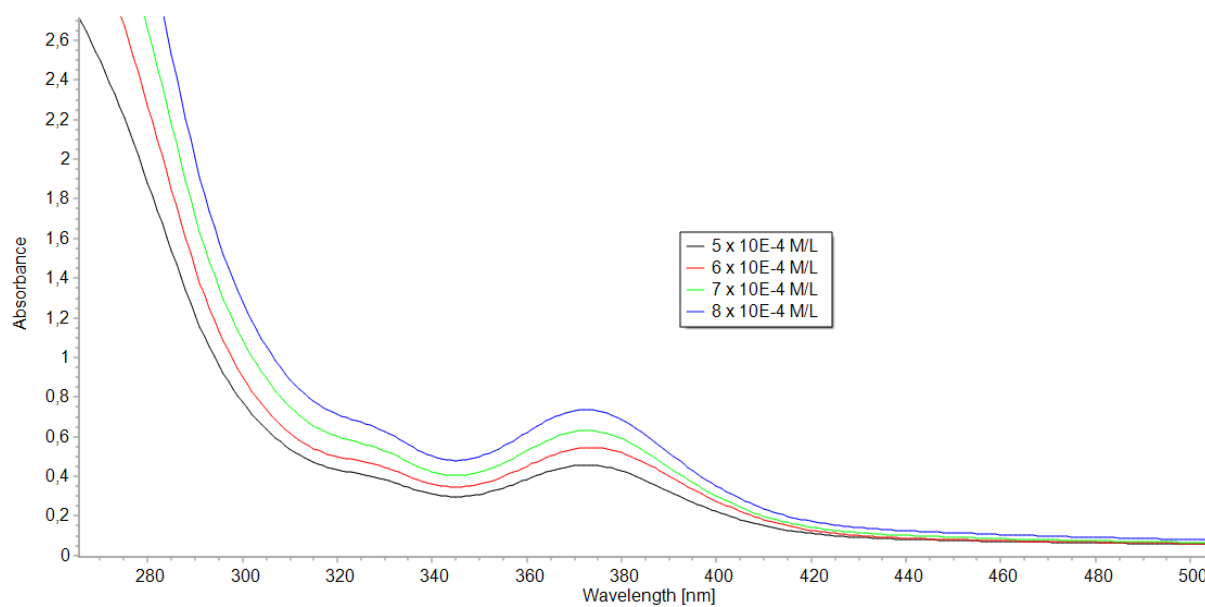


Figure S11: UV/vis spectra of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$ in *n*-hexane at different concentrations ($5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ molL}^{-1}$ - $8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ molL}^{-1}$).

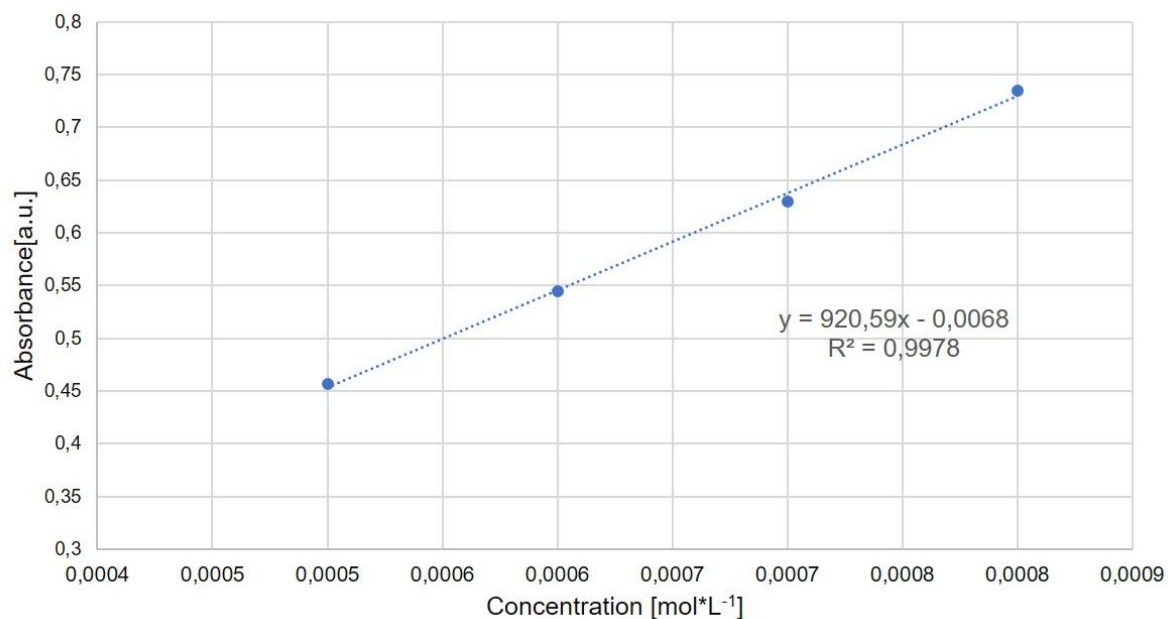


Figure S12: Linear regression of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$ at $\lambda = 373 \text{ nm}$.

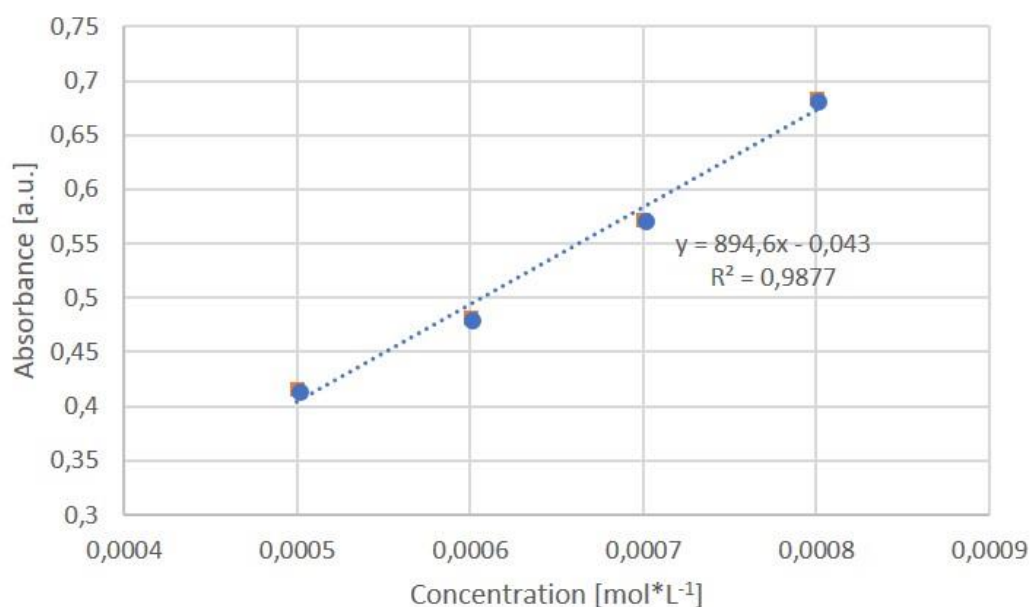


Figure S13: Linear regression of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$ at $\lambda = 324 \text{ nm}$.

2,2,4,5,5-pentakis(2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl)-6-(trichlorosilyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrasilol-3,6-digermatetracyclo[2.2.0.0^{1,3}.0^{3,6}]hexane 12

Anionic benzpolarenide $2\text{Li} \cdot (\text{THF})_2$ (272 mg, 0.18 mmol, co-crystallized with 0.41 eq. thf, 0.36 eq. C_{10}H_8) is dissolved in 10 mL of toluene and neat silicon tetrachloride (22.8 μL , 33.7 mg, 1.1 eq.) is added at room temperature. The reaction mixture is

stirred overnight at room temperature. The now red reaction mixture is dried *in vacuo* and the resulting solid is extracted with 10 mL of *n*-hexane. Removal of *n*-hexane from the resulting filtrate *in vacuo* gives trichlorosilyl-substituted benzpolarene **12** as red sticky oil.

^1H NMR (300.13 MHz, 233 K, thf- d_8 , TMS): δ = 7.38 - 6.38 (m, 10H, Tip-*H*), 4.75, 4.51, 4.25, 3.93, 3.59 (masked by thf- d_8), 3.34, 3.19, 3.08, 2.76 (each br., altogether 15H, Tip-*i*Pr-CH), 1.65 - 0.97 (br. m, overlapping with *n*-hexane, 72H, Tip-*i*Pr-CH₃), 0.59 - -0.25 (br. m, 18H, Tip-*i*Pr-CH₃) ppm.

$^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (79.5 MHz, 300 K, benzene- d_6 , TMS): δ = 201.6 (br., *privo*-Si), 49.4 (br., *remoto*-Si), 27.6 (br., SiCl₃), 11.3 (br., *ligato*-Si), -218.6 (br., *nudo*-Si) ppm.

$^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (79.5 MHz, 223 K, thf- d_8 , TMS): Due to the presence of two rotamers in solution two sets of signals (ratio 68:32) arise which are assigned based on their relative intensities. Major rotamer: δ = 202.9 (s, *privo*-Si), 47.7 (s, *remoto*-Si), 27.2 (s, SiCl₃), 11.4 (s, *ligato*-Si), -222.9 (s, *nudo*-Si) ppm. Minor rotamer: δ = 204.6 (s, *privo*-Si), 49.3 (s, *remoto*-Si), 26.2 (s, SiCl₃), 12.1 (s, *ligato*-Si), -225.0 (s, *nudo*-Si) ppm.

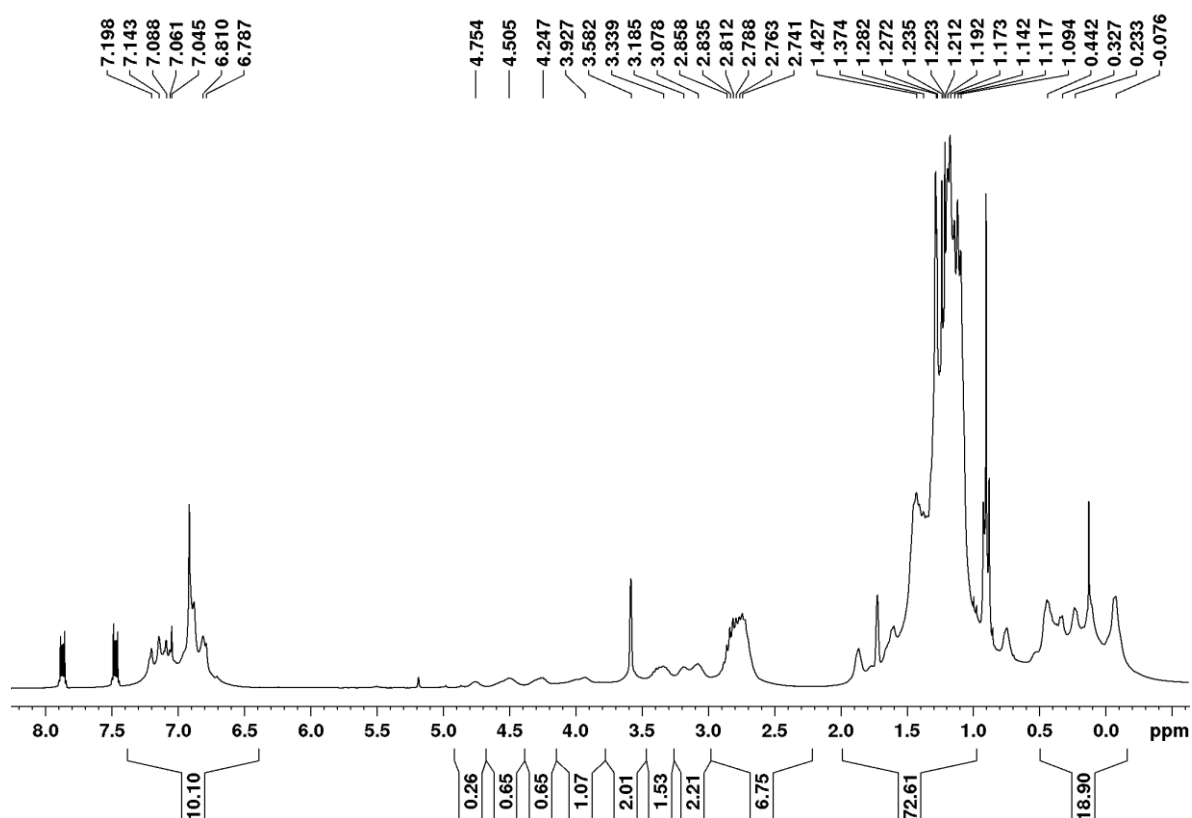


Figure S14: ^1H NMR spectrum of **12** in [D₈]-thf at 233 K.

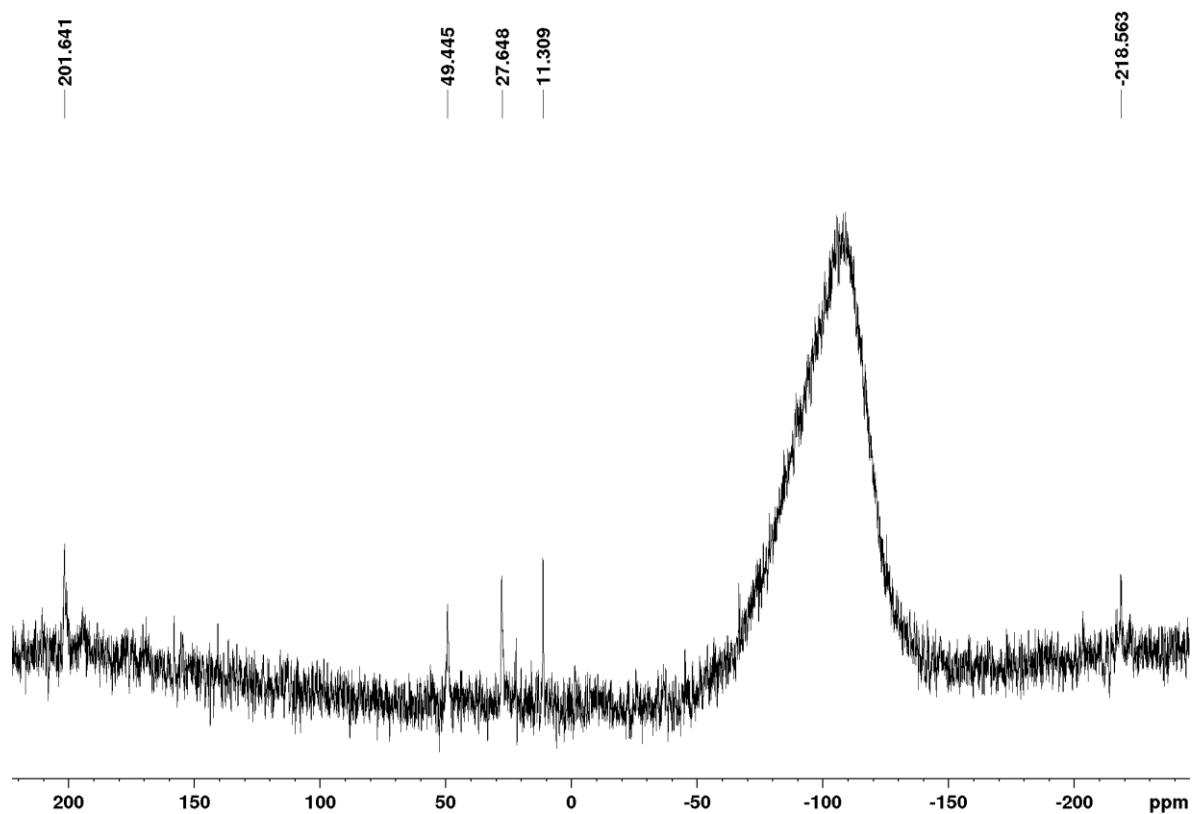


Figure S15: $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **12** in $[\text{D}_6]\text{-benzene}$ at 300 K.

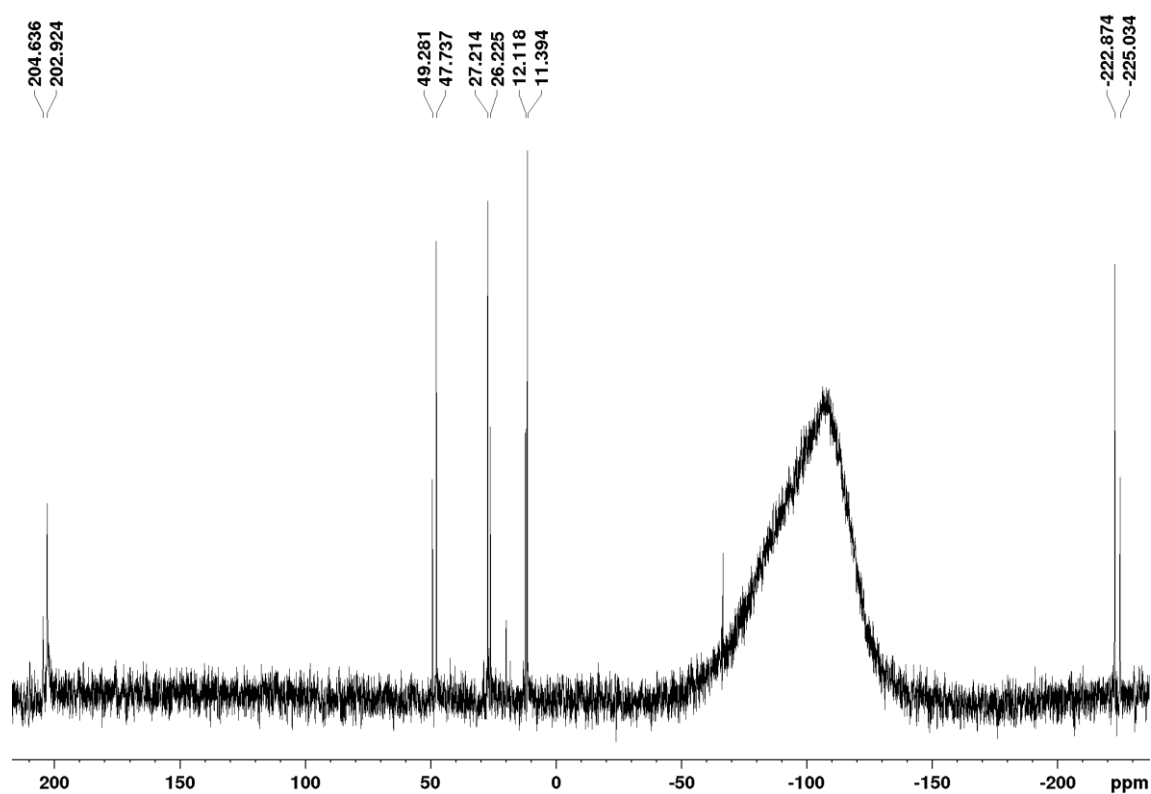


Figure S16: $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **12** in $[\text{D}_8]\text{-thf}$ at 223 K.

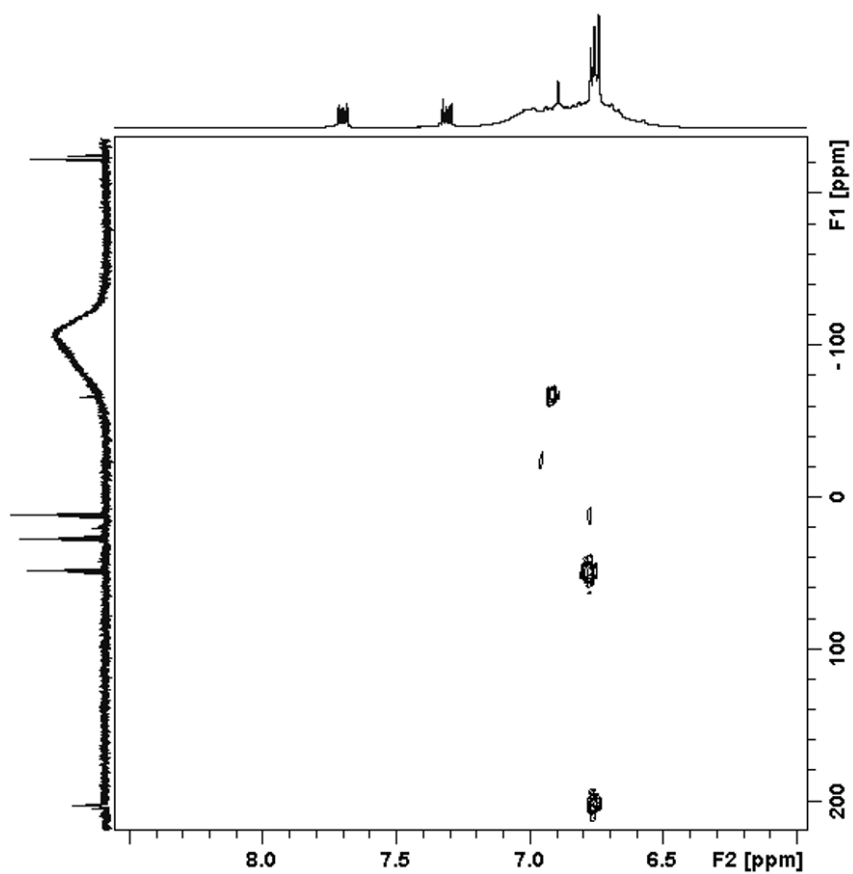


Figure S17: 2D- $^{29}\text{Si}/^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of **12** in $[\text{D}_6]$ -benzene at 300 K.

Molecular structures of $2\text{Li}\cdot(\text{THF})_2$ and $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$

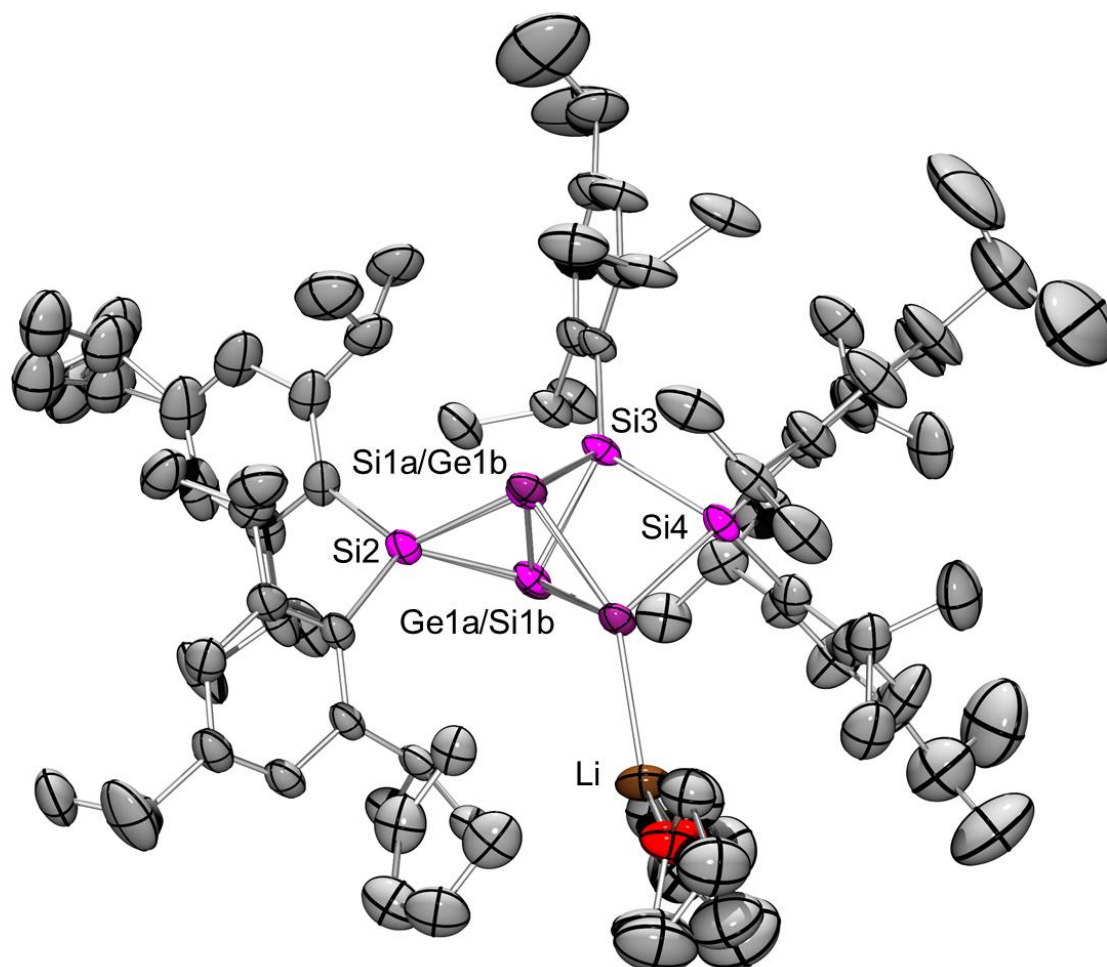


Figure S18: Molecular structure of $2\text{Li}\cdot(\text{THF})_2$ in the solid state (thermal ellipsoids at 50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity). Selected interatomic distances (Å): Si1a...Ge1a 2.670(8), Si1a-Si2 2.344(8), Si1a-Si3 2.347(8), Si1a-Ge2 2.432(8), Ge1a-Si2 2.454(2), Ge1a-Si3 2.428(2), Ge1a-Ge2 2.557(2), Si1b...Ge1b 2.656(9), Si1b-Si2 2.344(9), Si1b-Si3 2.341(9), Si1b-Ge2 2.456(8), Ge1b-Si2 2.457(5), Ge1b-Si3 2.438(6), Ge1b-Ge2 2.496(5), Si3-Si4 2.3470(17), Ge2-Si4 2.458(1), Ge2-Li 2.594(8).

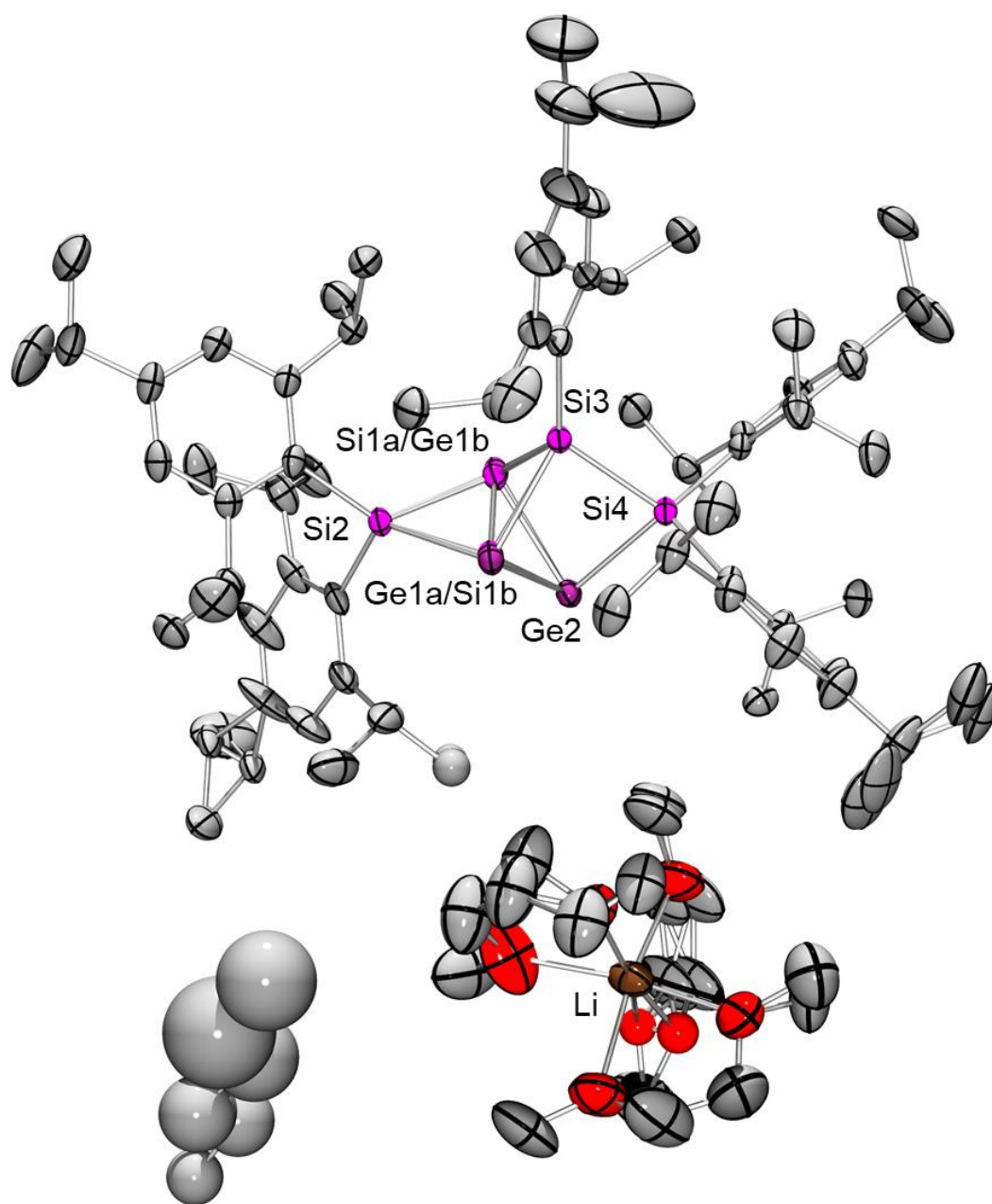


Figure S19: Molecular structures of the minor isomer (45 %) of $2[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3]$ in the solid state (thermal ellipsoids at 50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity). Selected interatomic distances (Å): Si1a...Ge1a 2.674(7), Ge2...Li 7.607 (9), Si1a-Si2 2.339(8), Si1a-Si3 2.343(8), Si1a-Ge2 2.467(8), Ge1a-Si2 2.450(3), Ge1a-Si3 2.414(3), Ge1a-Ge2 2.559(2), Si1b...Ge1b 2.669(7), Si1b-Si2 2.343(9), Si1b-Si3 2.340(9), Si1b-Ge2 2.470(8), Ge1b-Si2 2.447(4), Ge1b-Si3 2.430(4), Ge1b-Ge2 2.530(4), Si3-Si4 2.344 (1), Ge2-Si4 2.4800(9).

Crystallographic data and structure refinement

Table S1: Crystal data and structure refinement for **2Li·(THF)₂** (CCDC 1921154).

Identification code	sh3748	
Empirical formula	C ₈₃ H ₁₃₁ Ge ₂ Li O ₂ Si ₄ , 0.75(C ₁₀ H ₈)	
Formula weight	1521.47	
Temperature	152(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	C2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 38.5015(14) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 25.0063(10) Å	β = 119.264(2)°.
	c = 25.1216(9) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	21099.8(14) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	0.958 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.652 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	6552	
Crystal size	0.473 x 0.352 x 0.264 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	1.015 to 27.167°.	
Index ranges	-47 ≤ h ≤ 49, -32 ≤ k ≤ 32, -30 ≤ l ≤ 32	
Reflections collected	93773	
Independent reflections	23385 [R(int) = 0.0501]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7455 and 0.7060	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	23385 / 505 / 998	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.732	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0707, wR2 = 0.2217	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1206, wR2 = 0.2086	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.165 and -0.603 e.Å ⁻³	

Table S2: Crystal data and structure refinement for **2**[Li(DME)₃] (CCDC 1921153).

Identification code	sh3772	
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Formula weight	1637.67	
Temperature	142(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁ /c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 16.0399(10) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 33.650(3) Å	β = 113.728(3)°.
	c = 19.5422(14) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	9656.1(12) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.127 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.719 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	3552	
Crystal size	0.399 x 0.354 x 0.180 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	1.210 to 27.235°.	
Index ranges	-19 ≤ h ≤ 20, -43 ≤ k ≤ 43, -25 ≤ l ≤ 25	
Reflections collected	88152	
Independent reflections	21451 [R(int) = 0.0602]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7455 and 0.6684	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	21451 / 286 / 1060	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.273	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0699, wR2 = 0.1800	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0966, wR2 = 0.1956	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.770 and -0.806 e.Å ⁻³	

Theoretical Details and Optimized Structures

All Computations were performed using the Gaussian09 program package.^{S2} Optimization of molecular structures was carried out at the BP86-D3/def2SVP level of theory, employing the third generation of Grimme's dispersion correction.^{S3-S5} Presence of local minima were verified using frequency analyses at the BP86/def2SVP level of theory. Pictures of molecular structures were plotted with ChemCraft.^{S6}

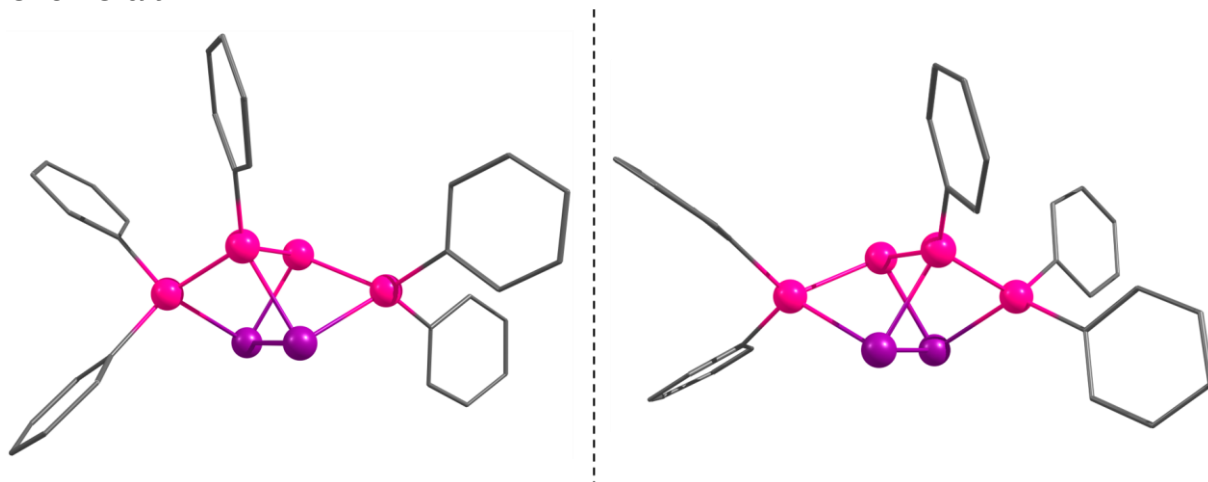


Figure **S1**: Structural comparison of the optimized structures of the enantiomeric forms of anionic benzpolarenide **2** (left) and **2'** (right). Hydrogen atoms and isopropyl-carbon atoms are omitted for clarity.

Table S1: Atomic coordinates of optimized benzpolarenide **2**.

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Table S2: Atomic coordinates of optimized benzpolarenide **2'**.

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