

## From rational design of organometallic precursors to optimized synthesis of core/shell Ge/GeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles

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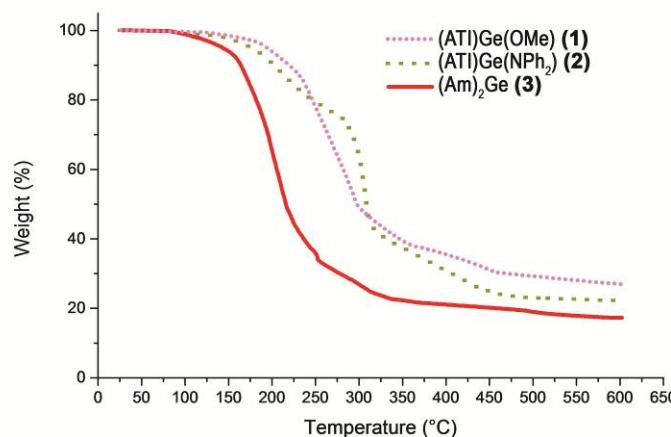


Figure S1. Thermal gravimetric analyses of compounds **1-3**.

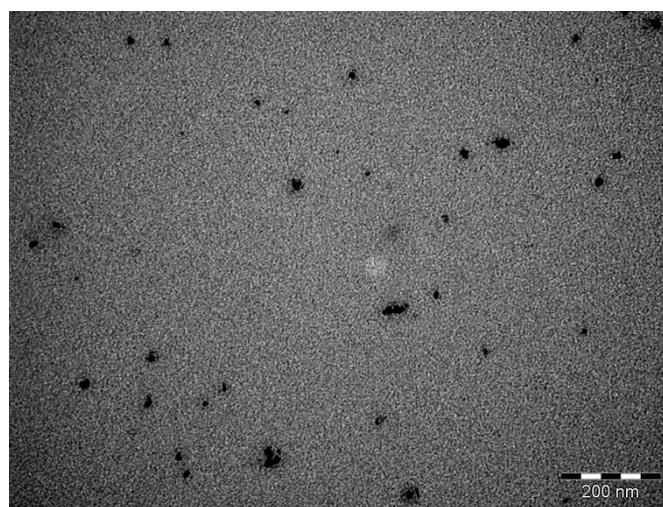


Figure S2. TEM image of germanium NPs prepared from **1** at 320°C in the absence of oleic acid.

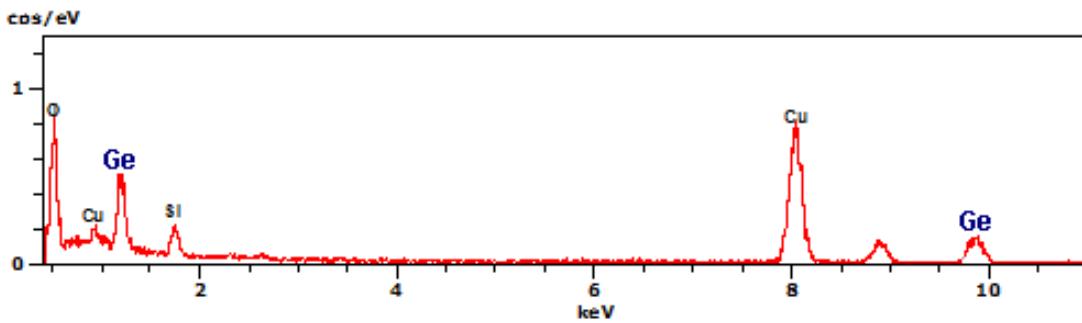


Figure S3. EDX spectrum of germanium NPs prepared from **1** at 320°C.

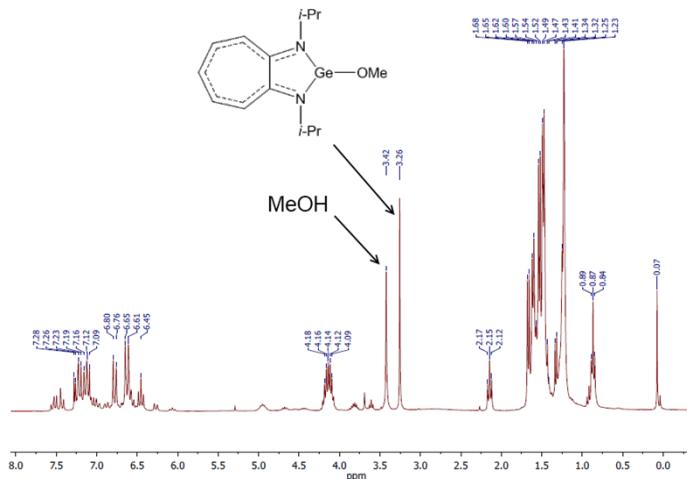


Figure S4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of the reaction between **1** and carboxylic acid.

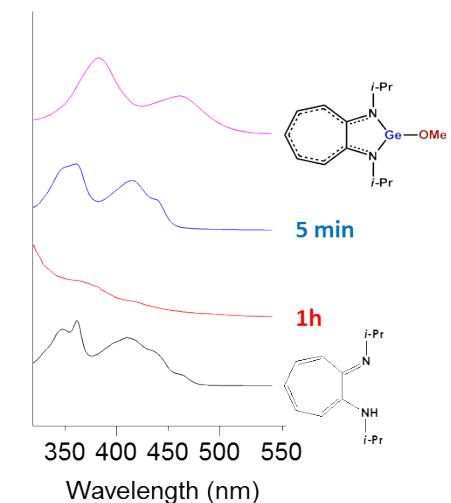


Figure S5. Monitoring of the thermolysis of **1** at 320°C in the presence of oleic acid using UV-Vis spectroscopy.

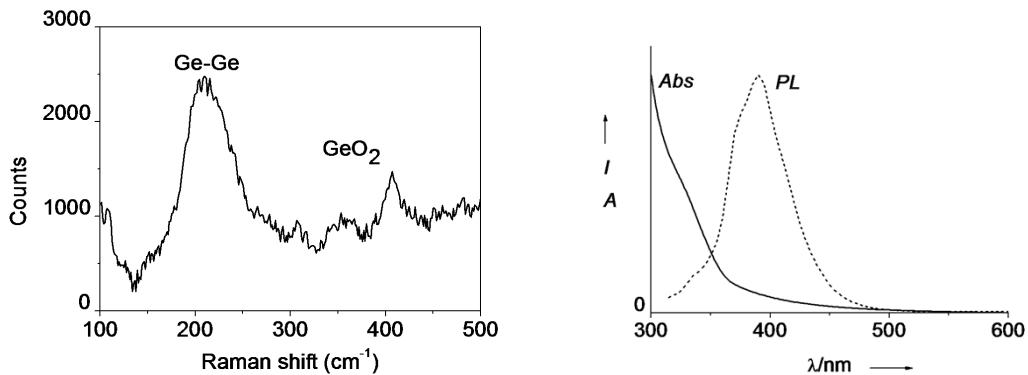


Figure S6. Raman spectrum and UV-Vis and PL spectra of the germanium NPs prepared from **3** at 160°C.

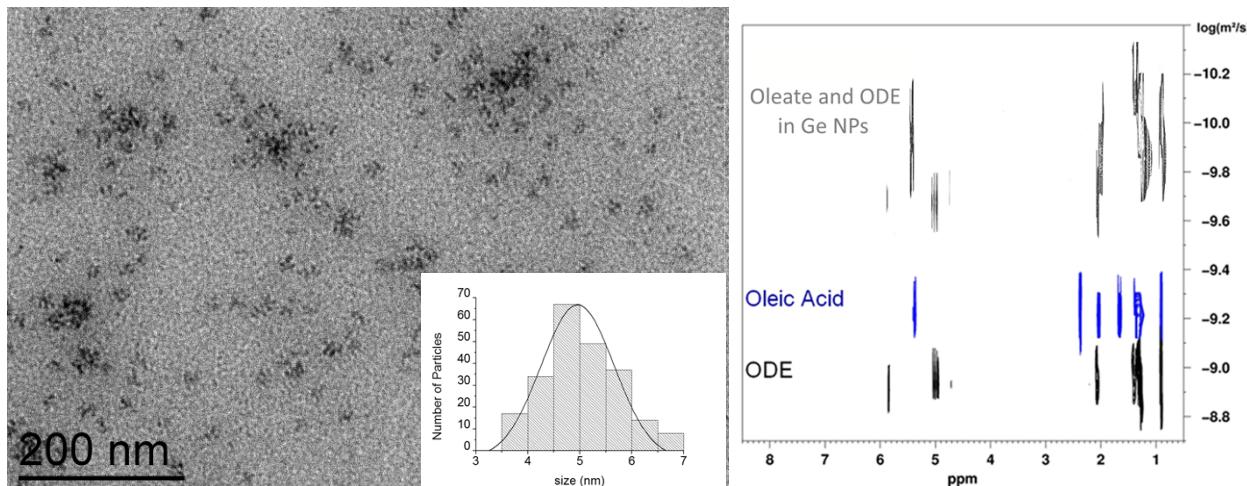


Figure S7. TEM images of germanium NPs (5.0(0.7) nm) prepared from **3** at 320°C in the presence of oleic acid (10 equiv.) (left). Overlay of 2D DOSY NMR spectra, in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , of pure oleic acid, of pure ODE and of germanium NPs prepared from **3** at 320°C (right).



Figure S8. TEM images of germanium NPs prepared from **3** at 160°C in the presence of oleic acid and hexadecylamine (1:1) (left), in the presence of stearic acid and octadecylamine (1:1) (middle), in the presence of stearic acid and oleylamine (1:3) (right).

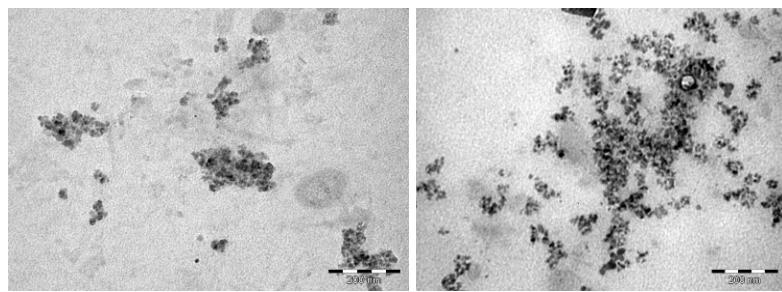


Figure S9. TEM images of germanium NPs prepared from **3** at 320°C in the presence of oleylamine (7.5 equiv.) (left), in the presence of oleylamine and trioctylphosphine (1.4:1) (right).

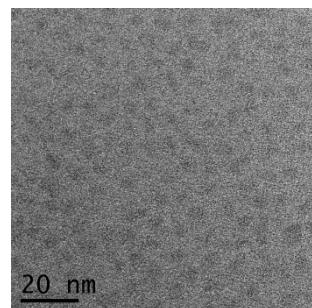


Figure S10. HRTEM images of germanium NPs prepared from **3** at 320°C.