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# Supporting Information of

# Fluorescent and Phosphorescent Study of Germanium-Acetylene Polymers and Germa[*N*]pericyclynes

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#### General information

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using a JEOL JNM-ECP500 spectrometer (500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and 126 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). Chemical shifts are reported as  $\delta$  values in ppm and calibrated with respect to the residual solvent peak (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  7.26 for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and  $\delta$  77.00 for <sup>13</sup>C NMR) or tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$  0 for <sup>1</sup>H NMR). The abbreviations used are as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), g (quartet), sept (septet), br (broad peak), and m (complex multiplet). Melting points were measured using a Yanaco Micro melting point apparatus. Infrared spectra were measured using a Jasco FT-IR-4200 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded using a JEOL JMS-700 MStaion [EI (70 eV), CI, FAB, and ESI], and Bruker Autoflex II (MALDI-TOF). UV-visble UV/visible spectra were recorded using Jasco V-630. Fluorescence spectra were collected using JASCO FP-6500. Low temperature fluorescence and phosphorescence emission spectra were recorded on a Horiba Jobin Yvon Fluoromax-4 spectrofluorometer. The cyclic voltammetry measurements of the compounds were performed using a BAS electrochemical analyser ALS612D in dichloromethane containing n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> as the supporting electrolyte at 298 K (100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>). The glassy carbon working electrode was polished using BAS polishing alumina suspension and rinsed with water before use. The counter electrode was a platinum wire. The measured potentials were recorded with respect to Ag/AgNO<sub>3</sub> and normalized with respect to Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>. Flash column chromatography was performed using Merck Silica gel 60. The progress of the reactions was monitored by silica gel thin layer chromatography (TLC) (Merck TLC Silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>). The further purifications of the crude materials were performed using a LC-908 recycling preparative high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) equipped with a JAIGEL 2H-40 column (chloroform elution) made by Japan Analytical Industry Co., Ltd. The number-average molecular weight  $(M_n)$  and the molecular weight distribution [weight-average molecular weight/number-average molecular weight  $(M_w/M_n)$ ] values of polymer were estimated by size-exclusion chromatography with a TOSOH G3000HXI system equipped with three consecutive polystyrene gel columns (TOSOH gels:α-4000,α-3000, α-2500) and ultraviolet detector, at 40 °C. The system was operated at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min with chloroform as an eluent. Iodine on silica gel and Ethanol solutions of phosphomolybdic acid were used for the TLC stains, and TLC was also monitored with UV lamp. All the reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd, TCI (Tokyo Chemical Industry, Co. Ltd), Kanto Chemical Co. Inc., and Nakalai Tesque. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF) was purchased from Kanto Chemical, which was further dehydrated over activated molecular sieves 4A. Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations were performed using the Gaussian09, and the geometries of the molecules were optimized by employing the B3LYP density functionals and the 6-31G(d,p) basis set in this series of calculations. For preparation procedures and characterizations of compounds which are not noted here, see our previous works.<sup>1,2</sup>

# • Synthesis of germanium-acetylene materials Diphenylbis((trimethylgermyl)ethynyl)germane (2a)



*n*-Butyllithium (1.63 M in hexane, 1.98 mL, 3.23 mmol) was added dropwise to a sttired solution of diethynyldiphenylgermane **1a** (406 mg, 1.47 mmol)<sup>1</sup> in THF (14 mL) at -78 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. After 2 h,

chlorotrimethylsilane (350 mg, 3.23 mmol) was added at the same temperature, and the reaction mixture was warmed up to ambient temperature and was stirred for 71 h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated

aqueous solution of ammonium chloride at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was extracted with ether, and the organic layer was washed with water and brine. The combined organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane to hexane/dichloromethane = 1/20) to afford diphenylbis((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)germane **2a** (539 mg, 87%) as a white solid. Recrystallization (dichloromethane–hexane) was also performed to afford colorless crystal.

colorless crystal; R<sub>f</sub> value 0.14 (hexane/dichloromethane = 20/1); m.p. 80.5–81.0 °C; IR (KBr, disc) v<sub>max</sub> 3068, 3053, 2962, 1484, 1431, 1249, 1092 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68–7.66 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.39 (m, 6H), 0.23 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.2, 133.7, 129.8, 128.4, 116.4, 104.8, –0.16; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 444 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Bis(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)diphenylgermane (2b)



*n*-Butyllithium (1.63 M in hexane, 4.53 mL, 7.39 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne (603 mg, 7.39 mmol) in THF (33 mL) at -78 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After 2 h, dichlorodiphenylgermane (1.0 g,

3.36 mmol) was added at the same temperature, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was warmed up to ambient temperature and stirred for 13 h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was extracted with ether, and the organic layer was washed with water and brine. The combined organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane to hexane/dichloromethane = 20/1) to afford bis(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)diphenylgermane **2b** (1.39 g, quant.) as a white solid. Recrystallization (dichloromethane–hexane) was also performed to afford colorless crystal.

colorless crystal; R<sub>f</sub> value 0.16 (hexane/dichloromethane = 20/1); m.p. 77.6–79.8 °C; IR (KBr, disc) v<sub>max</sub> 3069, 3056, 2972, 2180, 2147, 1484, 1431, 1250, 1093 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69–7.66 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.37 (m, 6H), 1.30 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.0, 133.6, 129.4, 128.2, 117.6, 74.8, 30.9, 28.4; LRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* 413 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>.

#### 1,2-Bis(ethynyldiphenylgermyl)ethyne (3)



To a stirred solution of diethynyldiphenylgermane **1**  $(1.0 \text{ g}, 3.61 \text{ mmol})^1$  in THF (36 mL) was added *n*-butyllithium (1.6 M in hexane, 2.26 mL, 3.61 mmol) at -78 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After 12 h, the

reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and was stirred for 10 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride aqueous solution at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with ether and was washed with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 20/1) to afford dimer **3** (435 mg, 46%) as a white solid, and recovered starting material **1** (300 mg, 30%). white crystal;  $R_f$  value = 0.35 (hexane/dichloromethane = 3/1); m.p. 137.8–139.1 °C; IR (KBr, disc)  $v_{max}$  3435, 3277, 3047, 2038, 1486, 1434, 1262, 1095 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72–7.70 (m, 8H), 7.46–7.39

(m, 12H), 2.61 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.7, 133.1, 130.1, 128.6, 107.4, 95.2, 82.5; LRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* 551 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>.





*n*-Butyllithium (1.63 M in hexane, 0.66 mL, 1.08 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of bis((ethynyldiphenylgermyl)ethynyl)diphenylgermane **4** (840 mg, 1.08 mmol)<sup>2</sup> in THF (11 mL) at -78 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After 2 h, dichlorodiphenygermane (153 mg, 0.51 mmol) was added at the same temperature. Then the reaction mixture was warmed up to ambient temperature and stirred for 15 h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic layer was washed with water and brine. The combined organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 3/1 to 3/2) to afford diethynyldiphenylgermane-heptamer **5** (179 mg, 20%).

white solid; R<sub>f</sub> value 0.16 (hexane/dichloromethane = 2/1); m.p. 157.1–159.4 °C; IR (KBr, disc) v<sub>max</sub> 3267, 3070, 3024, 2037, 1485, 1433, 1094, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73–7.68 (m, 28H), 7.74–7.30 (m, 42H), 2.58 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  133.8, 133.7, 133.42, 133.35, 133.1, 130.1, 130.0, 129.96, 128.6, 128.5, 107.9, 107.79, 107.75, 107.70, 107.6, 107.3, 95.3, 82.6; LRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* 1805 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Poly(diphenylgermylene)ethynylene (6)



To a stirred solution of diethynyldiphenylgermane **1** (1.02 g, 3.68 mmol) in THF (180 mL) was added *n*-butyllithium (1.63 M in hexane, 4.52 mL, 7.37 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After 2 h, dichlorodiphenylgermane (1.09 g, 3.68 mmol) was added at the same temperature. Then the reaction

mixture was warmed up to ambient temperature and stirred for 48 h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic layer was washed with water and brine. The combined organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/dichloromethane = 5/1 to dichloromethane elution) to afford Diethynyldiphenylgermane-polymer **6** (757 mg, 41%) as a light pink amorphous, which were transformed into light pink solid by reprecipitation (dichloromethane/hexane).

light pink solid; R<sub>f</sub> value 0.23–0.10 (multispot) (hexane/ dichloromethane = 1/2); m.p. 70–86 °C ( for amorphous), 109.9–127.8 °C (for reprecipitation solid); IR (KBr, disc)  $v_{max}$  3268, 3070, 3025, 2037, 1485, 1094, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85–7.67 (br, 85H), 7.49–7.23 (br, 123H), 2.63–2.59 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  133.8, 133.7, 133.5, 133.4, 130.1, 130.0, 128.5, 128.2, 107.9, 107.8, 107.3, 95.3, 82.6;

TOF-MS (MALDI) m/z 7334 (max) (M<sup>+</sup>); Weight-average molecular weight  $M_w$  = 3420; Number-average molecular weight  $M_n$  = 2780;  $M_w/M_n$  = 1.2; Degree of polymerization DP = 10.9 estimated by number-average molecular weight.

## • UV-visible and fluorescence emission spectra



Fig SI 1. UV-vis absorption spectra (0.1 mM in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)



 ${}^{a}\lambda_{max} = 264 \text{ nm} (\varepsilon = 740), {}^{b}\lambda_{max} = 264 \text{ nm} (\varepsilon = 620)$ 

Fig SI 2. ε values at 260 nm versus number of benzene rings (0.1 mM in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)

 $\epsilon$  values of 1, 2c and 8–12 are referred from our previous reports<sup>1,2</sup>

• Fluorescence emission spectra



**Fig SI 3.** Fluorescence emission spectra [0.1 mM in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, a: polymers ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 260 nm), b: pericyclynes ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 260 nm) referred from previous work for comparison,<sup>2</sup> c: normalized differential spectra of polymers ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 260 nm)]

## Phosphorescence emission spectra



Fig SI 4. Phosphorescence emission spectra

(77K in 2-methyltetrahydrofuran,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 260 nm, background cut off; a: 0.1 mM, b) 1.0 mM)

Compounds	Number of Ph	Emission maxima	T <sub>P</sub> (μs)
	rings	(nm)	
1mer <b>1</b> (1.0 mM)	2	380	13.4
1mer-GeMe <sub>3</sub> <b>2a</b> (1.0 mM)	2	387	14.5
1mer- SiMe <sub>3</sub> <b>2b</b> (1.0 mM)	2	375	13.4
1mer-CMe <sub>3</sub> <b>2c</b> (1.0 mM)	4	381	15.4
2mer <b>3</b>	4	382	14.7
3mer <b>4</b>	6	386	15.5
4mer <b>5</b>	8	381	15.5
Ge[4] <b>8</b>	8	382	18.2
Ge[5] <b>9</b>	10	383	14.0
Ge[6] <b>10</b>	12	389	17.9
7mer <b>5</b>	14	377	15.3
Ge[8] <b>11</b>	16	Insoluble	
Ge[10] <b>12</b>	20	388	14.7
Polymer <b>6</b>	≈22	388	18.2
Si-1mer <b>13</b> (1.0 mM)	2	390	11.2
Si-1mer-SiMe <sub>3</sub> <b>14</b> (1.0 mM)	2	382	13.4

Table SI.	I. Phosphorescence maxima, intensity, and	d lifetime of	compounds
	sorted by the number of pheny	l rinas <sup>a</sup>	

<sup>a</sup> Measured at 77 K as 0.1 mM solution of 2-methyltetrahydrofuran unless otherwise noted.

• Cyclic voltammetry (CV) and differential pulse voltammetry (DPV)



**Fig S5.** Cyclic and differential pulse voltammograms of germa[5], and [10]pericyclynes (1.0 mM in 0.1 M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution; Scan rate = 0.1 V/s for **5**, 0.05 V/s for **6**)

# GPC analysis results

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# • HOMO/LUMO orbitals and energy levels estimated by DFT calculation (Table SI 2)

[Gaussian 09, DFT- B3LYP6-31G(d,p); Calculations of **8** and **10** are based on obtained cif file conformation.

The results of germa[5]pericyclyne 9 is referred from our reported data for comparison.<sup>2</sup> Compound 15 was calculated as a model compound]







Fig SI 5. HOMO-LUMO orbitals and levels of acyclic/cyclic germylene-ethynylene materials

















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