

Reactivity of an Amidinato Silylene and Germylene toward Germanium(II), Tin(II) and Lead(II) Halides

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1. Selected X-ray crystallographic data refinement.

Compound **6** crystallized in P-1 space group with a formula of 'C₂₃ H₄₅ Cl₂ Ge N₃ O_{0.50} Si₂ Sn' or 'C₁₉ H₃₇ Cl₂ Ge N₃ Si₂ Sn · 0.50 (C₄ H₈ O)' which is reasonable and correct. If the Z value is 1, the formula would be doubled and thus contains two Ge complex molecules and one THF molecule.

For compound **2**, the following restraints were used to restrain the geometry and thermal parameters of the toluene molecules.

sadi c57 c59 c57 c63

RIGU C43 > C63

SIMU 0.02 C43 > C63

ISOR 0.02 C43 > C63

2. Theoretical studies.

Compounds **2**, **3**, **5** and **6** were investigated using DFT¹ M06-2X² method with the LanL08d for Sn, Pb and 6-311+g(d) for other atoms level.³ All calculations were carried out using the Gaussian 09 packages.⁴ The NBO analyses were performed using the NBO 5.0 program at the same level.⁵ The optimized geometries are in good agreement with their X-ray crystallographic data.

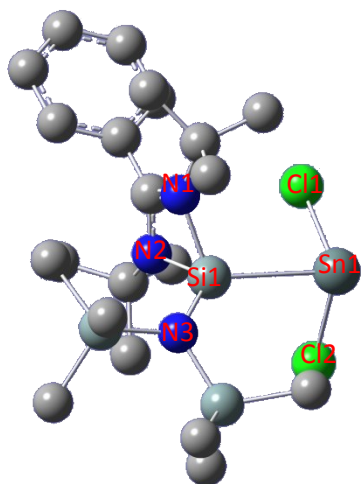


Figure S1. Molecular structure of calculated compound **2**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Si1-Sn1 2.786, Si1-N1 1.853, Si1-N2 1.851, Si1-N3 1.736; Cl1-Sn1-Cl2 96.70, Cl1-Sn1-Si1 86.38, Cl2-Sn1-Si1 87.68, Sn1-Si1-N1 108.86, Sn1-Si1-N2 113.23, Sn1-Si1-N3 125.47, N1-Si1-N2 70.62, N1-Si1-N3 112.62, N2-Si1-N3 112.90.

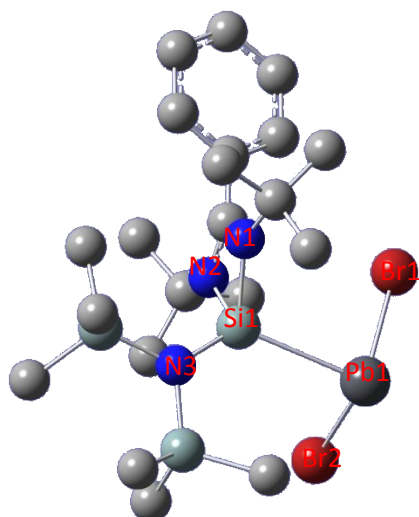


Figure S2. Molecular structure of calculated compound **3**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Si1-Pb1 2.844, Si1-N1 1.857, Si1-N2 1.852, Si1-N3 1.739; Br1-Pb1-Br2 101.93, Br1-Pb1-Si1 86.81, Br2-Pb1-Si1 88.65, Pb1-Si1-N1 110.41, Pb1-Si1-N2 114.75, Pb1-Si1-N3 124.09, N1-Si1-N2 70.54, N1-Si1-N3 111.98, N2-Si1-N3 112.64.

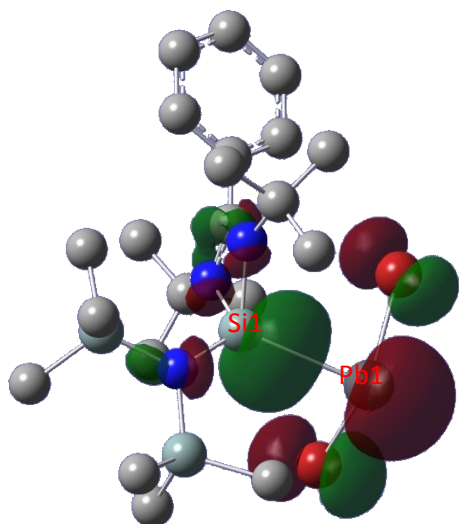


Figure S3. HOMO of calculated compound **3** showing the donor–acceptor interaction between the Si(II) and Pb(II) centres (isovalue = 0.04)

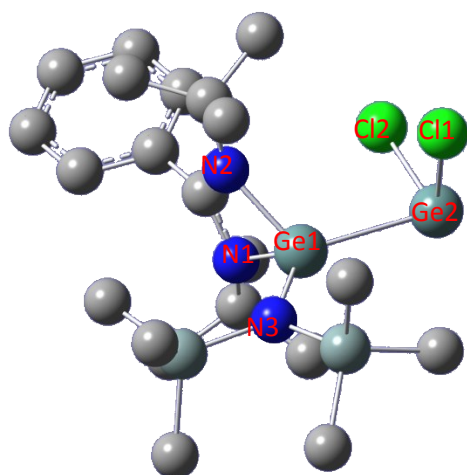


Figure S4. Molecular structure of calculated compound **5**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Ge1–Ge2 2.614, Ge1–N1 1.974, Ge1–N2 1.970, Ge1–N3 1.847; Cl1–Ge2–Cl2 98.90, Cl1–Ge2–Ge1 89.52, Cl2–Ge2–Ge1 87.68, N1–Ge1–N2 66.64, N1–Ge1–N3 111.40, N2–Ge1–N3 111.44, N1–Ge1–Ge2 109.90, N2–Ge1–Ge2 113.79, N3–Ge1–Ge2 127.54.

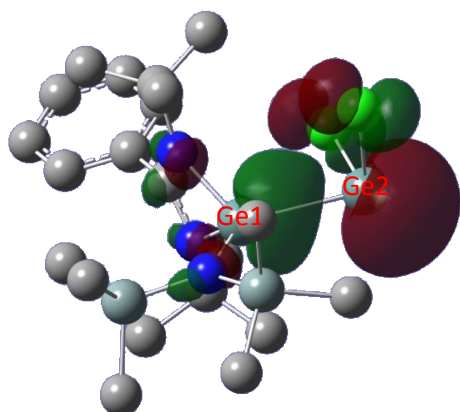


Figure S5. HOMO of calculated compound **5** showing the donor–acceptor interaction between the Ge(II) centres (isovalue = 0.04)

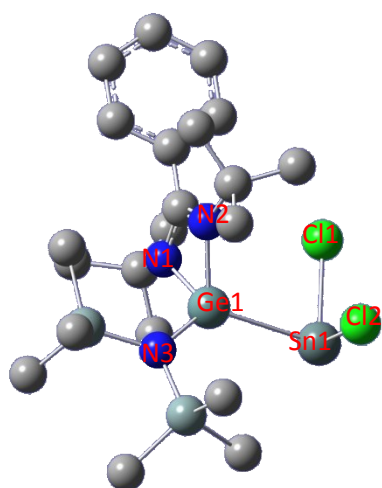


Figure S6. Molecular structure of calculated compound **6**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Ge1–Sn1 2.828, Ge1–N1 1.980, Ge1–N2 1.976, Ge1–N3 1.854; Cl1–Sn1–Cl2 97.95, Cl1–Sn1–Ge1 84.00, Cl2–Sn1–Ge1 85.80, N1–Ge1–N2 66.41, N1–Ge1–N3 110.62, N2–Ge1–N3 110.46, N1–Ge1–Sn1 110.60, N2–Ge1–Sn1 112.95, N3–Ge1–Sn1 128.85.

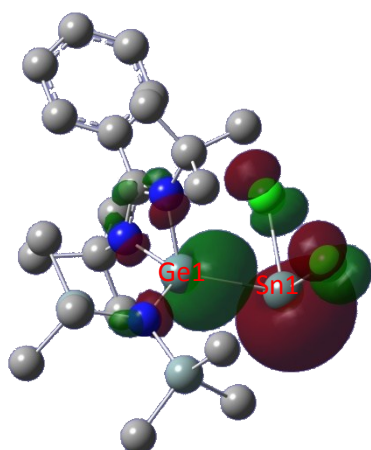


Figure S7. HOMO of calculated compound **6** showing the donor–acceptor interaction between the Ge(II) and Sn(II) centres (isovalue = 0.04)

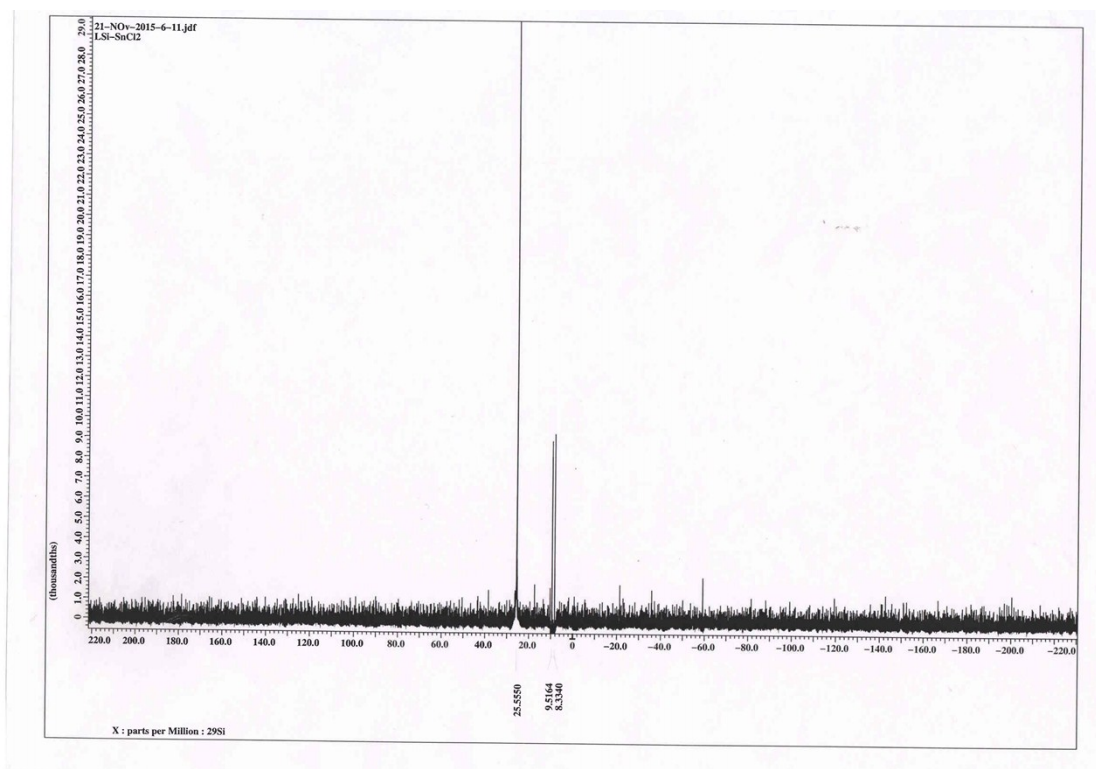
Table S1. NBO analysis of the donor–acceptor Si→E: (E = Sn, Pb) interactions in calculated compounds **2** and **3** and the donor–acceptor Ge→E: (E = Ge, Sn) interactions in calculated compounds **5** and **6**

Bond	Atom	NPA charge	Polarization (%)	s-character (%)	p-character (%)	d-character (%)	Wiberg bond index
Si—Sn: in 2	Si	1.494	74.17	31.87	67.96	0.17	0.699
	Sn	0.902	25.83	5.76	93.60	0.65	
Si—Pb: in 3	Si	1.486	74.87	31.87	67.99	0.13	0.678
	Pb	0.869	25.13	4.30	95.50	0.20	
Ge—Ge: in 5	Ge _{donor}	1.706	61.76	30.86	68.89	0.25	0.849
	Ge _{acceptor}	0.529	38.24	6.34	92.19	1.47	
Ge—Sn: in 6	Ge	1.533	73.12	31.22	68.45	0.33	0.698
	Sn	0.929	26.88	5.11	94.04	0.85	

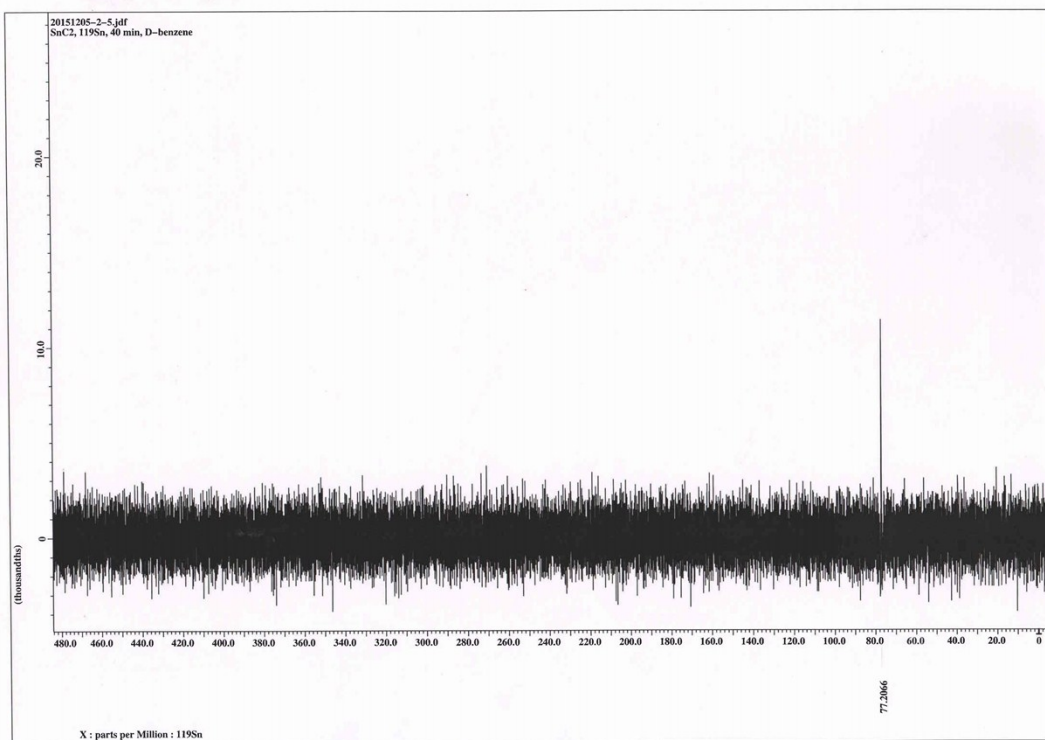
Table S2. The bond dissociation energies (BDEs) of $[L\{(Me_3Si)_2N\}SiEX_2]$ (**2**: E = Sn, X = Cl; **3**: E = Pb, X = Br) into $[L\{(Me_3Si)_2N\}Si:]$ and EX_2 ; the bond dissociation energies of $[L\{(Me_3Si)_2N\}GeECl_2]$ (**5**: E = Ge; **6**: E = Sn) into $[L\{(Me_3Si)_2N\}Ge:]$ and ECl_2 ; the bond dissociation energies of H_3Si-EH_3 into $H_3Si\cdot$ and $H_3E\cdot$ (E = Sn, Pb) and the bond dissociation energies of H_3Ge-EH_3 into $H_3Ge\cdot$ and $H_3E\cdot$ (E = Ge, Sn)

Compound	2	3	5	6
<i>BDE</i>	43.94	41.95	34.67	35.93
Compound	SiH ₃ -SnH ₃	SiH ₃ -PbH ₃	GeH ₃ -GeH ₃	GeH ₃ -SnH ₃
<i>BDE</i>	68.34	62.03	64.30	64.57

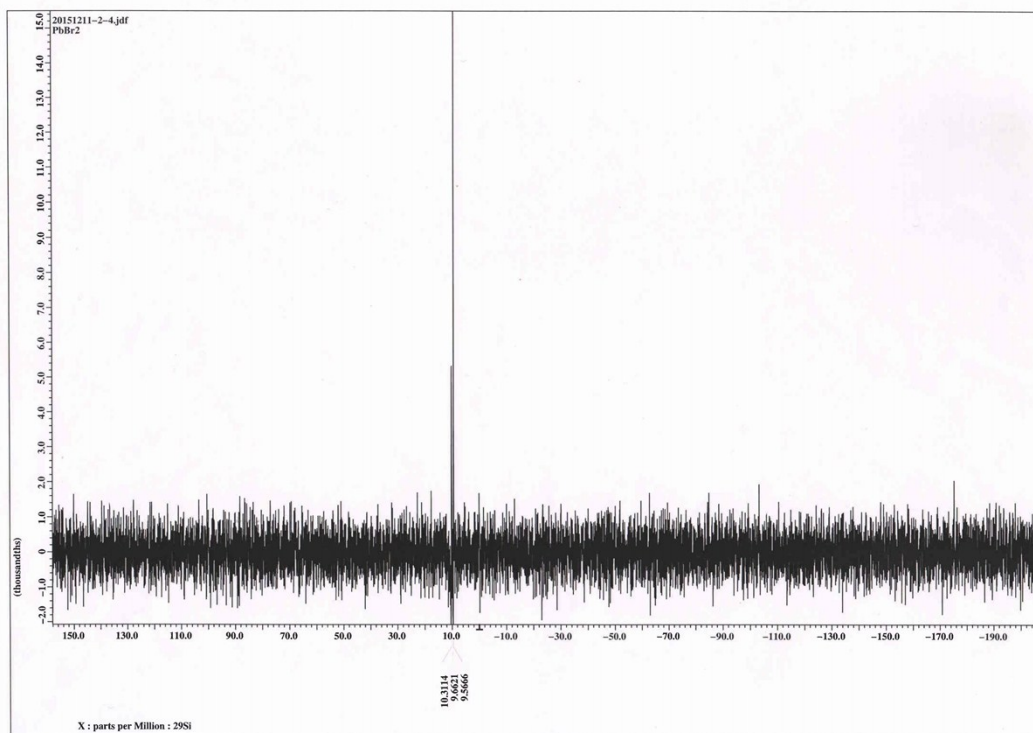
3. Selected NMR spectra of **2**, **3** and **6**



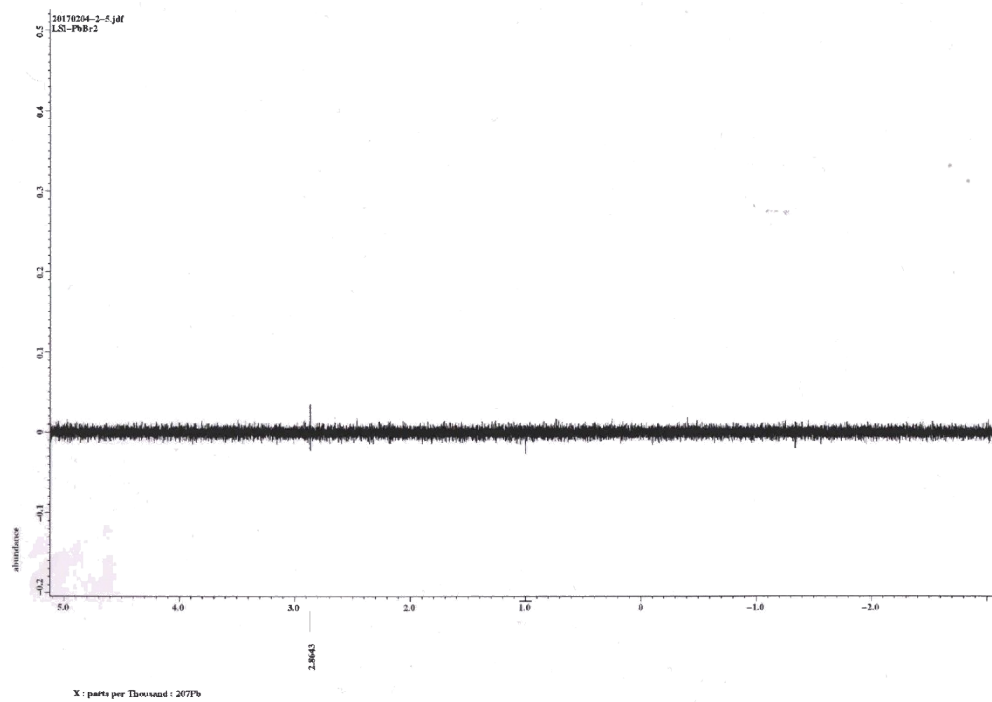
(a) ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound **2**



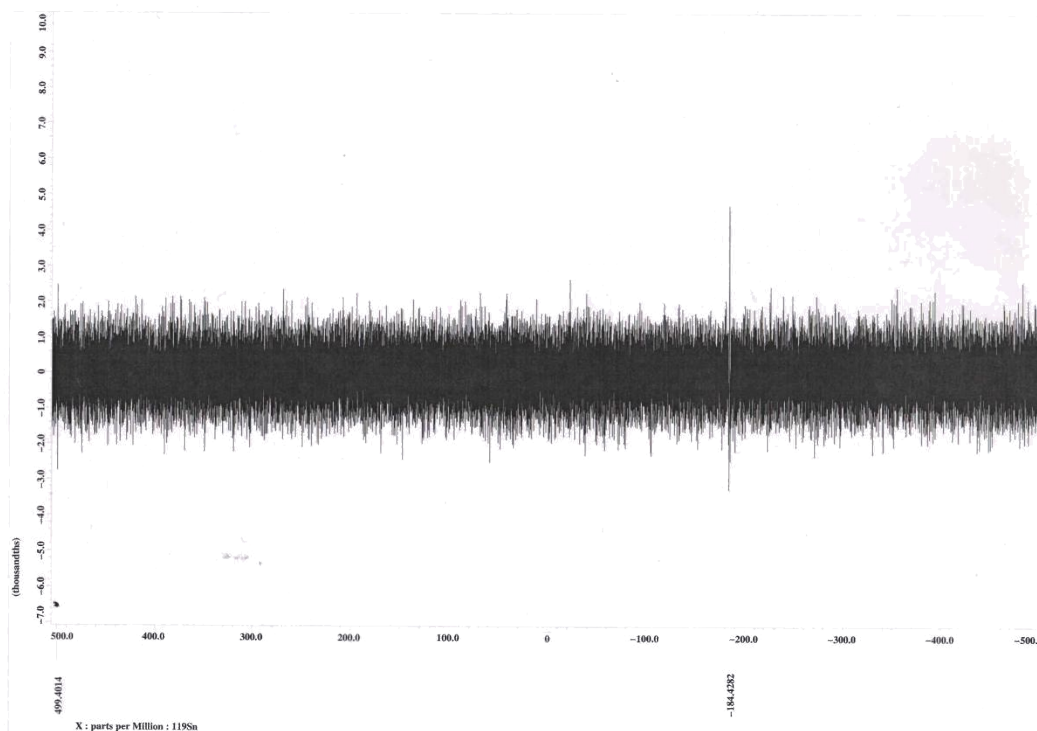
(b) ^{119}Sn NMR spectrum of compound 2



(c) ^{29}Si NMR spectrum of compound 3



(d) ^{207}Pb NMR spectrum of compound **3**



(e) ^{119}Sn NMR spectrum of compound **6**

4. Selected crystallographic data of **2**, **3**, **5**, and **6**.

	2	3	5	6
Formula	$\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{49}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{Si}_3\text{Sn}$	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{41}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_3\text{PbSi}_3$	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{41}\text{Cl}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{N}_3\text{Si}_2$	$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{45}\text{Cl}_2\text{GeN}_3\text{O}_{0.5}\text{Si}_2\text{Sn}$
<i>M</i>	701.56	786.85	607.83	689.98
Color	colorless	yellow	colorless	colorless
Crystal System	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	P -1	P 1 21/c 1	P 1 21/c 1	P -1
<i>a</i> /Å	10.4822(13)	11.0430(8)	8.7099(14)	9.0571(5)
<i>b</i> /Å	12.7267(14)	17.9127(12)	8.9827 (7)	11.1854(6)
<i>c</i> /Å	26.832(3)	15.2372(10)	18.1042(12)	16.8300(10)
α /deg	90.404(3)	90	90	107.251(2)
β /deg	90.567(3)	91.423(3)	106.594(2)	98.186(2)
γ /deg	102.754(3)	90	90	104.147(2)
<i>V</i> /Å ³	3490.9(7)	3013.1(4)	2916.0(4)	1570.91(15)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	2
<i>d</i> _{calcd} /g cm ⁻³	1.335	1.735	1.385	1.459
μ /mm ⁻¹	1.009	8.384	2.340	2.016
<i>F</i> (000)	1455	1528	1256	704
Crystal size/mm	0.140 x 0.180 x 0.280	0.180 x 0.260 x 0.340	0.280 x 0.300 x 0.420	0.240 x 0.260 x 0.420
Index range	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13	-14 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14	-27 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 26	-14 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14

	-17 ≤ k ≤ 16 -35 ≤ l ≤ 35	-24 ≤ k ≤ 24 -15 ≤ l ≤ 20	-12 ≤ k ≤ 12 -26 ≤ l ≤ 26	-17 ≤ k ≤ 17 -26 ≤ l ≤ 26
No. of reflections collected	17417	43279	56180	70764
R1, wR2 [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0773, 0.1410	0.0404, 0.0690	0.0360, 0.0712	0.0442, 0.0874
R1, wR2 (all data)	0.1434, 0.1655	0.0715, 0.0760	0.0645, 0.0807	0.0708, 0.0976
GOF, F ²	1.053	1.007	1.003	1.081
no. of data/ restraints/ param	17417 / 670 / 774	7806/ 36/ 283	9295/ 0/ 283	12678 / 60 / 328

5. The optimized geometries of compounds **2**, **3**, **5** and **6**

(a) Compound **2**

Standard orientation:

Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
	X	Y	Z
C	-0.985742	0.033630	2.515174
C	0.404558	0.213477	3.126121
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H	-1.680754	2.076754	2.864540
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C	-5.115754	1.943361	0.510115
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H	-7.004506	0.916846	0.480659
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N	1.773865	1.237983	-0.091273
Si	0.546775	0.013178	-0.170809
Si	1.461326	2.982331	0.026210
Si	3.480867	0.735933	0.050489
Sn	0.977363	-2.668456	-0.789829

Rotational constants (GHZ):	0.1252833	0.0994310	0.0784091
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(b) Compound 3

Standard orientation:

Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
	X	Y	Z
Pb	1.605576	-1.768448	-0.813386
Br	-0.749211	-3.052397	-0.411590
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Si	0.224646	0.632386	-0.167738
Si	0.096372	3.742173	0.038960
Si	2.748778	2.326537	-0.112952
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Rotational constants (GHZ): 0.0977260 0.0846458 0.0630661

(c) Compound 5

Standard orientation:

Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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Rotational constants (GHZ): 0.1375700 0.0986256 0.0818144

(d) Compound 6

Standard orientation:

Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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Rotational constants (GHZ):	0.1213311	0.0966199	0.0754789
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