

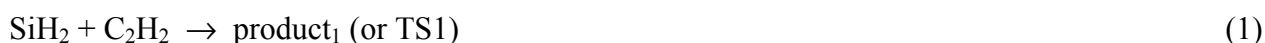
## Supplementary Information

### Time-resolved gas-phase kinetic study of the germylene addition reaction, $\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$

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#### Calculation of the enthalpies of products and transition states in the reaction of $\text{GeH}_2$ with $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$

This was done using an additivity method based on the reactions:



Values for  $\Delta H^\circ(4)$  were derived using equation (5):

$$\Delta H^\circ(4) = \Delta H^\circ(3) + \Delta H^\circ(2) - \Delta H^\circ(1) \quad (5)$$

This assumes bond additivity, but is a close approximation to group additivity<sup>s1</sup>. Equation (5) was used as is, for derivation of  $\Delta H^\circ(4)$  values in Tables S1a-S1e and S2b-S2d. For  $\Delta H^\circ(4)$  values in Tables S1f and S2a, the further group correction incorporated into equation (6) was applied.

$$\Delta H^\circ(4) = \Delta H^\circ(3) + \Delta H^\circ(2) - \Delta H^\circ(1) + \Delta H^\circ([\text{Ge}_-(\text{C})_2(\text{H})_2]) - [\text{Ge}_-(\text{C})(\text{H})_3] - [\text{Si}_-(\text{C})_2(\text{H})_2] + [\text{Si}_-(\text{C})(\text{H})_3] \quad (6)$$

The additional bracketed quantity in (6) has the value of + 17 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> s2,s3.

Tables of  $\Delta H^\circ$  values are given on p.2 (Tables S1a-S1d), p.3 (Tables S1e, S1f, S2a, S2b) and p.4 (Tables S2c, S2d). References are given on p.5.

#### Calculation of LJ collision number for $\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$

This was done by the method recommended by Troe<sup>s7</sup>. The LJ parameters for  $\text{GeH}_2$  were taken to be the same as those for  $\text{GeH}_4$ , as used previously<sup>s8</sup>. The LJ parameters for  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$  were obtained by extrapolation of those for  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ <sup>s9</sup>. The parameters themselves are given in Table S3 (p.4). References are given on p.5.

**Table S1a** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of reaction:  
 $\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow 2,3\text{-dimethylgermirene}$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	Method	Reference
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{silirene}$	-218	G3	s4
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow 2,3\text{-dimethylsilirene}$	-216	G3	s5
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{germirene}$	-107	G2//QCISD	s6
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow 2,3\text{-dimethylgermirene}$	-105	Additivity	derived

**Table S1b** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of reaction:  
 $\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{HGeCMe}=\text{CHMe}(\text{cis})$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	Method	Reference
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{HSiCH}=\text{CH}_2$	-186	G3	s4
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{HSiCMe}=\text{CHMe}(\text{cis})$	-167	G3	s5
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{HGeCH}=\text{CH}_2$	-166	G2//QCISD	s6
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{HGeCMe}=\text{CHMe}(\text{cis})$	-147	Additivity	derived

**Table S1c** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of reaction:  
 $\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{EtC}(\text{Me})=\text{Ge}$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	Method	Reference
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{Si}$	-192	G3	s4
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{EtC}(\text{Me})=\text{Si}$	-158	G3	s5
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{Ge}$	-172	G2//QCISD	s6
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{EtC}(\text{Me})=\text{Ge}$	-138	Additivity	derived

**Table S1d** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of reaction:  
 $\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow 2,3\text{-dimethylgermiranylidene}$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	Method	Reference
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{siliranylidene}$	-203	G3	s4
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow 2,3\text{-dimethylsiliranylidene}$	-158	G3	s5
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{germiranylidene}$	-183	G2//QCISD	s6
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow 2,3\text{-dimethylgermiranylidene}$	-138	Additivity	derived

**Table S1e** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of reaction:  
 $\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{Ge}({}^3\text{P}_1) + \text{trans-2-butene}$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	Method	Reference
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Si}({}^3\text{P}_1) + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	+7	G3	s4
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{Si}({}^3\text{P}_1) + \text{trans-2-butene}$	+27	G3	s5
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Ge}({}^3\text{P}_1) + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	-37	G2//QCISD	s6
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{Ge}({}^3\text{P}_1) + \text{trans-2-butene}$	-17	Additivity	derived

**Table S1f** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of reaction:  
 $\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{MeC}\equiv\text{CGeH}_2\text{Me}$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	Method	Reference
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{HC}\equiv\text{CSiH}_3$	-261	G3	s4
$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{MeC}\equiv\text{CSiH}_2\text{Me}$	-294	G3	s5
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{HC}\equiv\text{CGeH}_3$	-170	G2//QCISD	s6
$\text{GeH}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{MeC}\equiv\text{CGeH}_2\text{Me}$	-186	Additivity	derived

**Table S2a** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of the transition state for the reaction: 2,3-dimethylgermirene  $\rightarrow$   $\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CGeH}_2\text{Me}$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H_{\text{rel}}^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1 a}$	Method	Reference
silirene $\rightarrow$ $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CSiH}_3$	-41	G3	s4
2,3-dimethylsilirene $\rightarrow$ $\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CSiH}_2\text{Me}$	+66	G3	s5
germirene $\rightarrow$ $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CGeH}_3$	+47	G2//QCISD	s6
2,3-dimethylgermirene $\rightarrow$ $\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CGeH}_2\text{Me}$	+171	Additivity	derived

<sup>a</sup>Relative to  $\text{SiH}_2$  (or  $\text{GeH}_2$ ) +  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  (or  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$ )

**Table S2b** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of the transition state for the reaction: 2,3-dimethylgermirene  $\rightarrow$   $\text{HGeCMe}=\text{CHMe}(\text{cis})$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H_{\text{rel}}^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1 a}$	Method	Reference
silirene $\rightarrow$ $\text{HSiCH}=\text{CH}_2$	-65	G3	s4
2,3-dimethylsilirene $\rightarrow$ $\text{HSiCMe}=\text{CHMe}(\text{cis})$	-76	G3	s5
germirene $\rightarrow$ $\text{HGeCH}=\text{CH}_2$	-26	G2//QCISD	s6
2,3-dimethylgermirene $\rightarrow$ $\text{HGeCMe}=\text{CHMe}(\text{cis})$	-37	Additivity	derived

<sup>a</sup>Relative to  $\text{SiH}_2$  (or  $\text{GeH}_2$ ) +  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  (or  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$ )

**Table S2c** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of the transition state for the reaction:  $\text{HGeCMe=CHMe(cis)} \rightarrow \text{EtC(Me)=Ge}$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H_{\text{rel}}^{\circ}/\text{kJ mol}^{-1 a}$	Method	Reference
$\text{HSiCH=CH}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH=Si}$	-78	G3	s4
$\text{HSiCMe=CHMe(cis)} \rightarrow \text{EtC(Me)=Si}$	-73	G3	s5
$\text{HGeCH=CH}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH=Ge}$	-49	G2//QCISD	s6
$\text{HGeCMe=CHMe(cis)} \rightarrow \text{EtC(Me)=Ge}$	-44	Additivity	derived

<sup>a</sup>Relative to  $\text{SiH}_2$  (or  $\text{GeH}_2$ ) +  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  (or  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$ )

**Table S2d** Data for derivation of standard enthalpy at 298 K of the transition state for the reaction:  $\text{HGeCMe=CHMe(cis)} \rightarrow 2,3\text{-dimethylgermiranylidene(cis)}$ .

Reaction	$\Delta H_{\text{rel}}^{\circ}/\text{kJ mol}^{-1 a}$	Method	Ref.
$\text{HSiCH=CH}_2 \rightarrow \text{siliranylidene}$	-80	G3	s4
$\text{HSiCMe=CHMe(cis)} \rightarrow 2,3\text{-dimethylsiliranylidene(cis)}$	-67	G3	s5
$\text{HGeCH=CH}_2 \rightarrow \text{germiranylidene}$	+8	G2//QCISD	s6
$\text{HGeCMe=CHMe(cis)} \rightarrow 2,3\text{-dimethylgermiranylidene(cis)}$	+21	Additivity	derived

<sup>a</sup>Relative to  $\text{SiH}_2$  (or  $\text{GeH}_2$ ) +  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  (or  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$ )

**Table S3** Lennard-Jones Parameters for  $\text{GeH}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$ .

Molecule	$\sigma/\text{\AA}$	$(\epsilon/k)/\text{K}$
$\text{GeH}_2^a$	4.22	239
$\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3^b$	5.18	317

<sup>a</sup>See text and ref s8. <sup>b</sup>See text and ref s9.

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