Electronic supplementary information (ESI)

Electrodeposition of germanium at elevated temperatures and pressures from ionic liquids

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Figure S1: SEM image and EDX spectrum of the germanium film electrodeposited at -1.6 V from 0.4 M [GeCl₄(BuIm)₂] in [BMP][DCA] at 120 °C. The working electrode was a platinum wafer, the counter electrode was a *p*-type wafer and the reference electrode was a platinum wire. The solution was stirred with a magnetic stirrer bar during electrodeposition.

| Temperature (°C) | Kinematic viscosity $(10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | Dynamic viscosity (10^{-3} Pa s) |
|------------------|--|--|
| 21 | 49.9 | 69.7 |
| 50 | 19.1 | 26.3 |
| 70 | 11.0 | 14.9 |
| 80 | 8.8 | 11.8 |
| 100 | 5.9 | 7.8 |
| 120 | 4.3 | 5.6 |
| 150 | 2.9 | 3.8 |

Table S1: Viscosity of $[BMP][Tf_2N]$ at different temperatures



Figure S2: Linear scan voltammograms of [BMP][Tf₂N] solution containing 0.5 M GeCl₄ at room temperature. The working electrode was a platinum disk ($\phi = 1 \text{ mm}$) which was polarized at -1.0 V with the charge of -2 C dm⁻² and then kept at open circuit potential for different times of 0 s, 10 s, 30 s and 600 s before performing LSV. The counter electrode was a platinum coil.



Figure S3: SEM image of the germanium film electrodeposited at -0.9 V at 150 °C for one hour. The counter electrode was a p-type germanium wafer. The solution was stirred by a magnetic stirrer bar.



Figure S4: Photograph of the germanium film electrodeposited at -0.9 V at 180 °C for one hour. The counter electrode was a p-type germanium wafer. The solution was stirred by a magnetic stirrer bar.