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Coordination capabilities of bis-(2-pyridyl)amides in the field of divalent germanium, tin and lead compounds.

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1) NMR spectra of studied compounds.

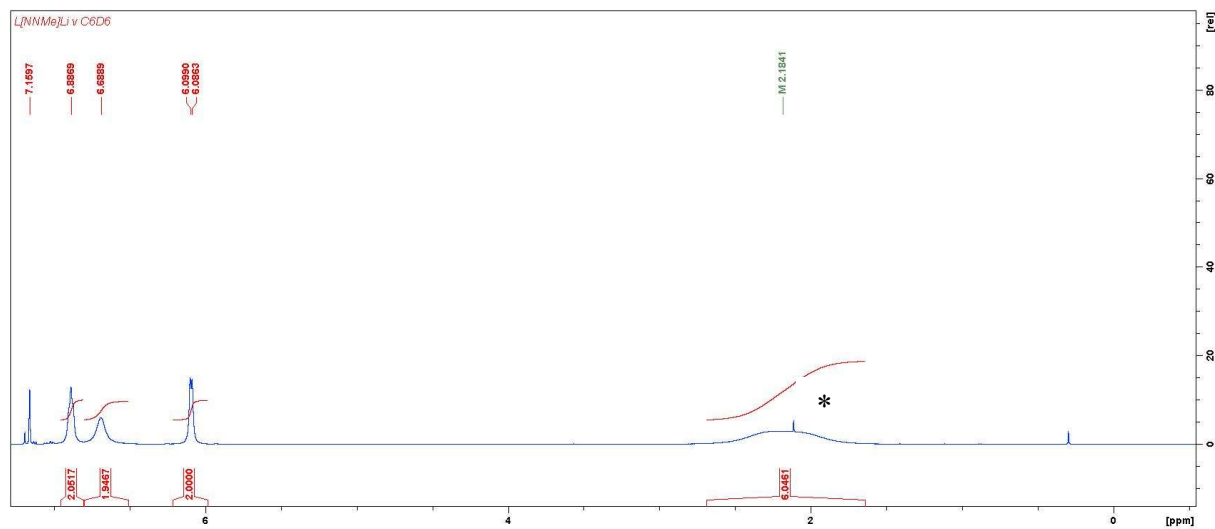


Figure S1: ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** in C_6D_6 (* traces of toluene).

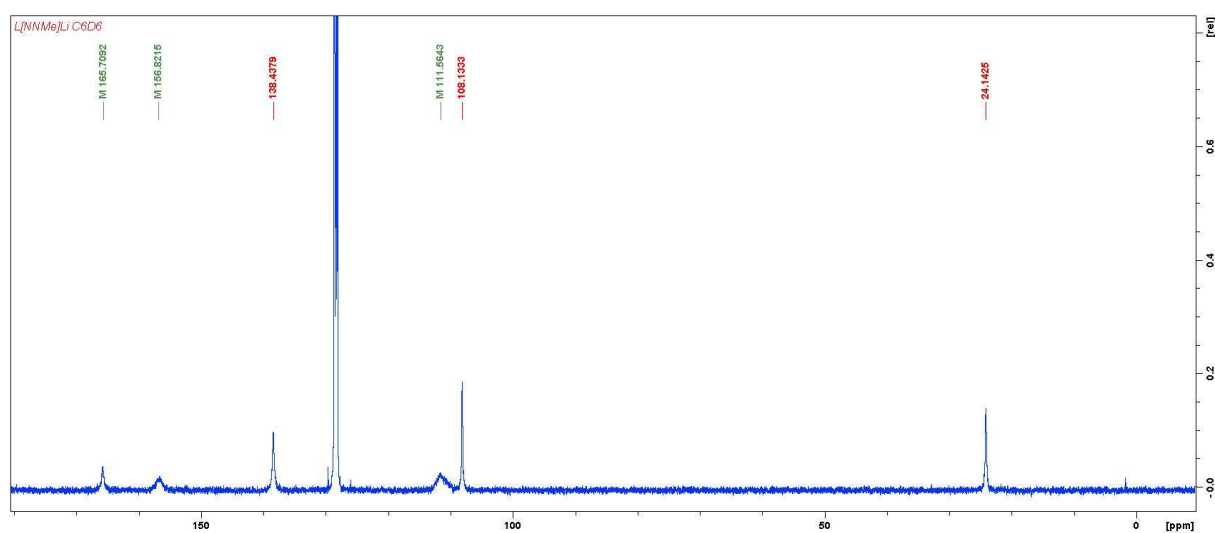


Figure S2: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2** in C_6D_6 .

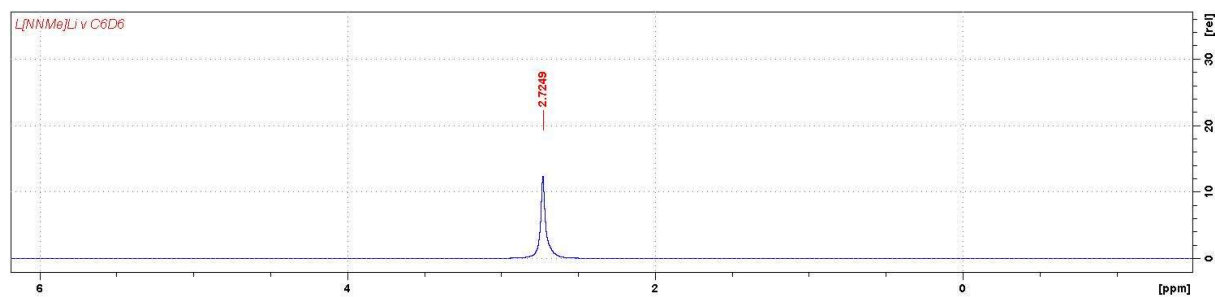


Figure S3: $^7\text{Li}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **2** in C_6D_6 .

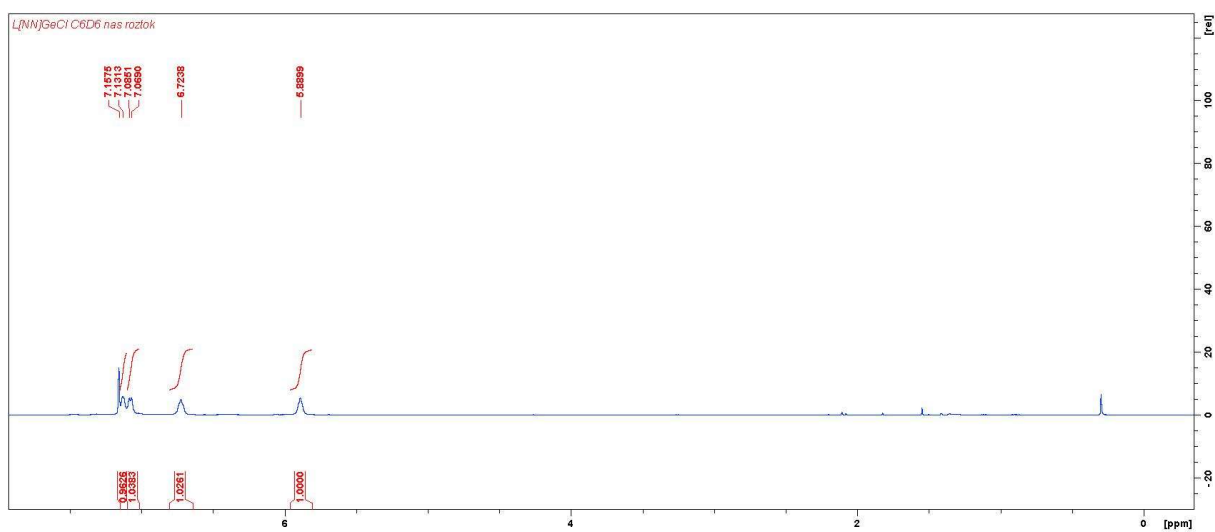
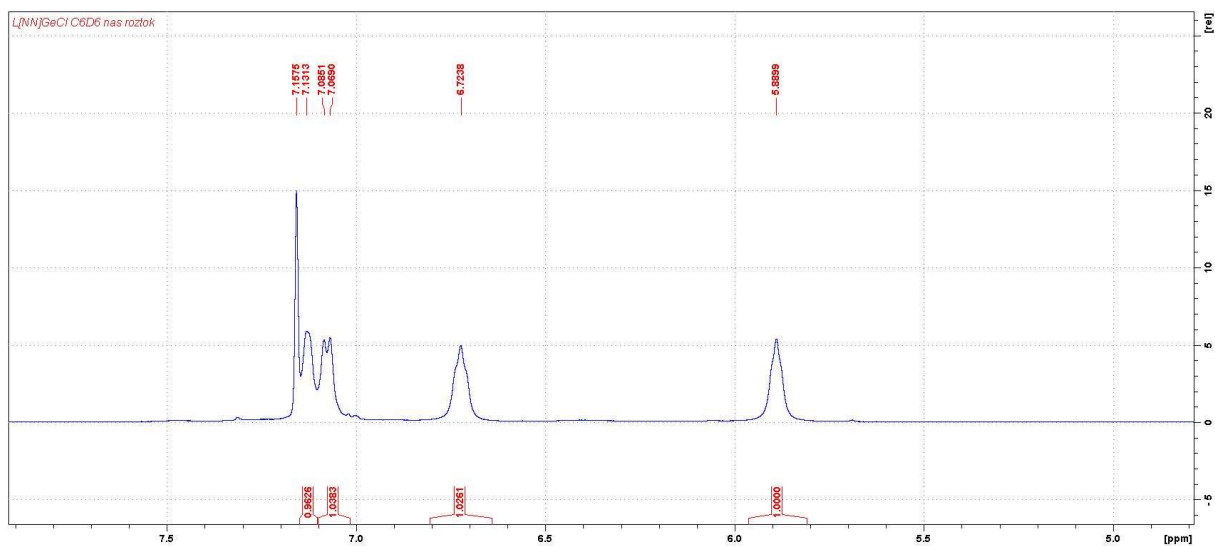


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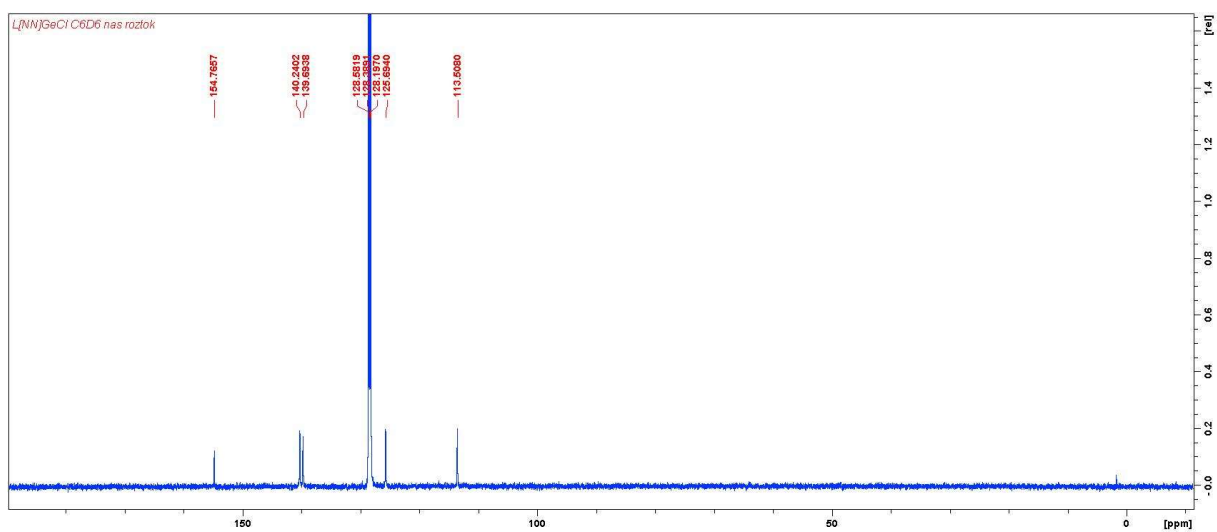
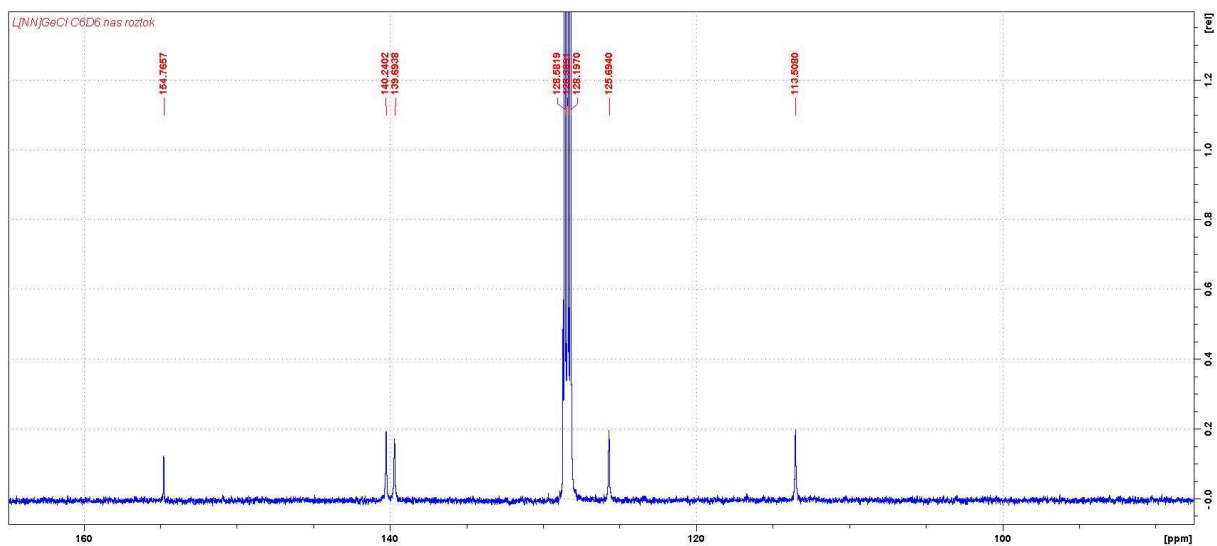


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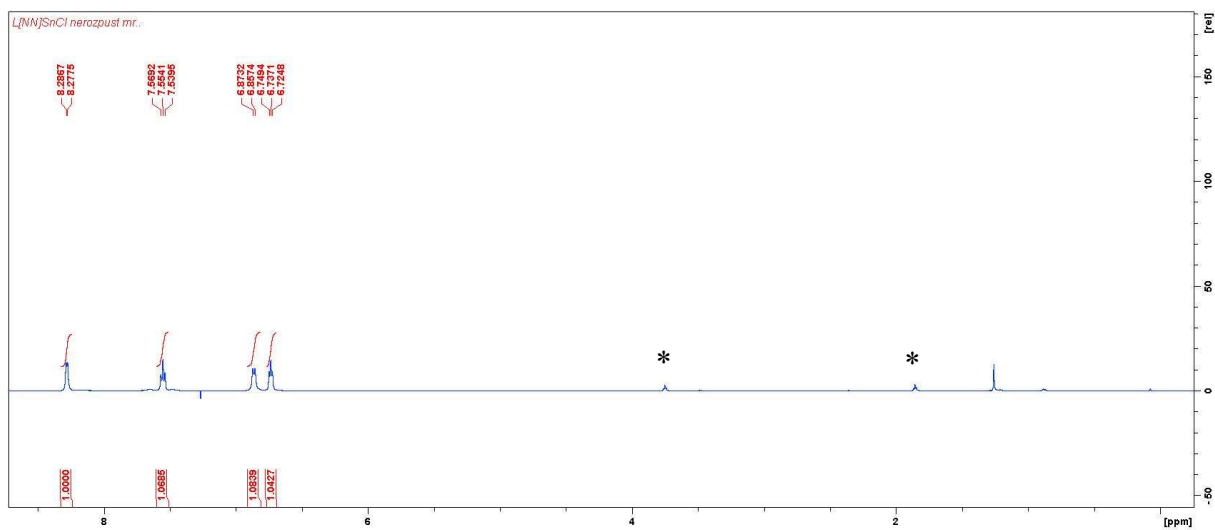
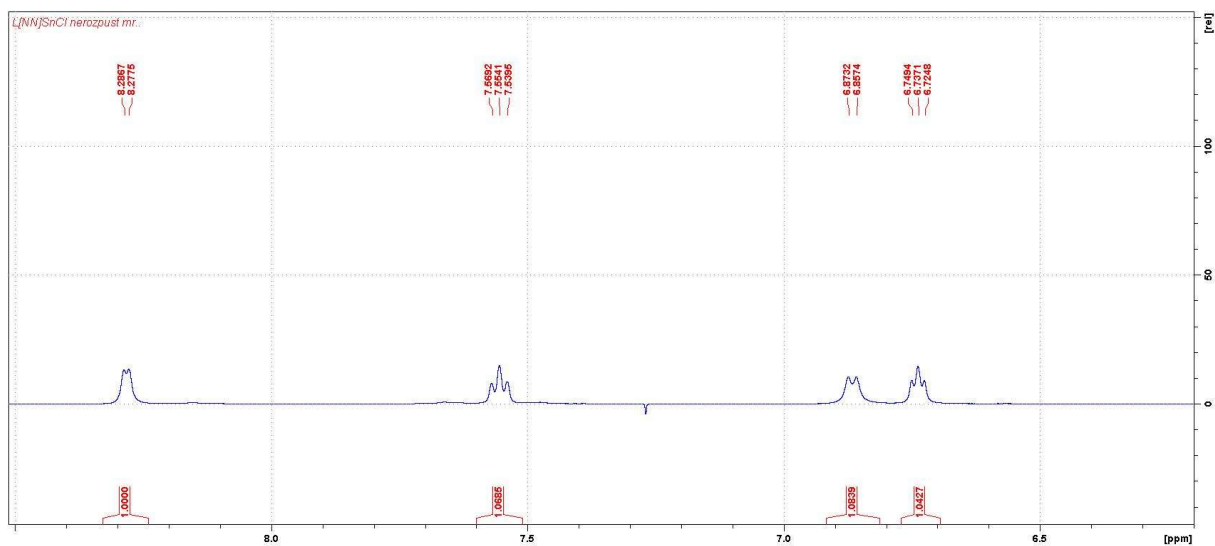


Figure S6: ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** in CDCl₃ (* traces of thf).

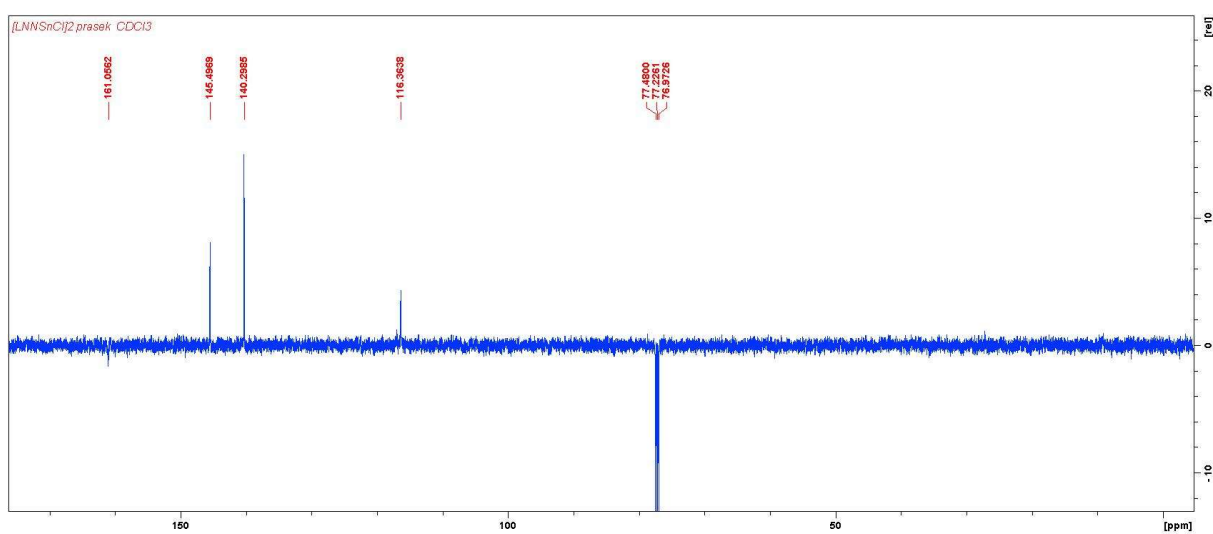
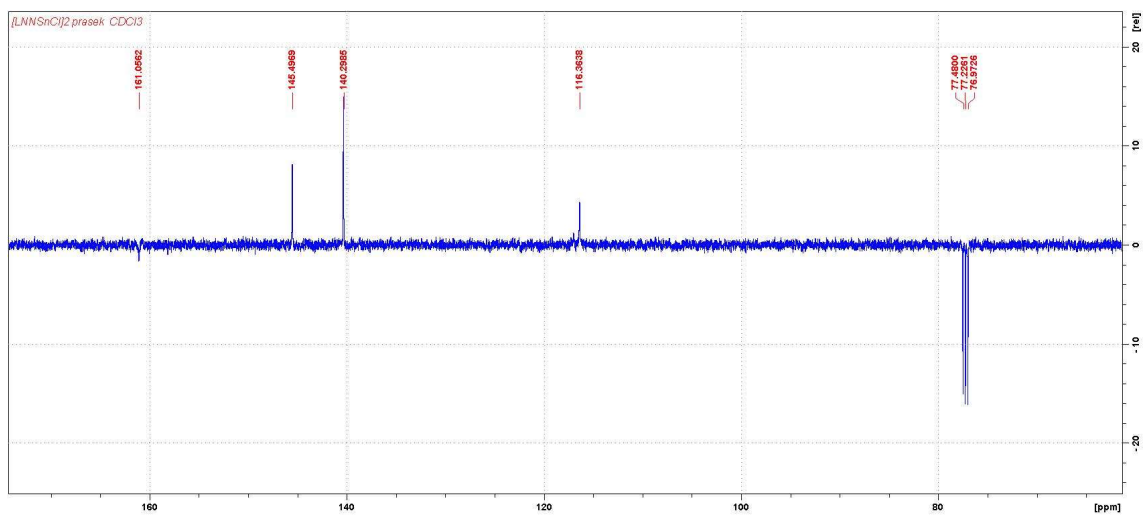


Figure S7: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -APT NMR spectrum of **4** in CDCl_3 .

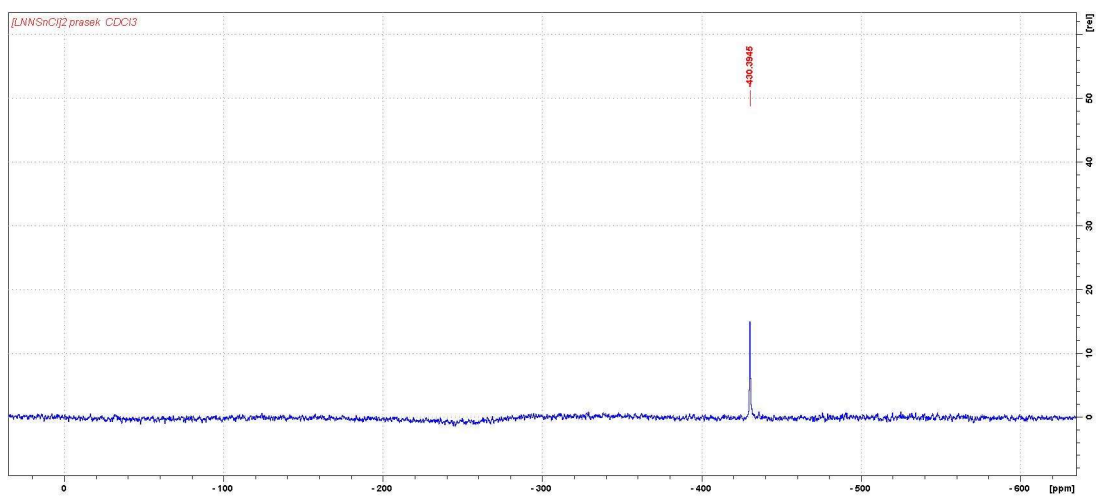


Figure S8: $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in CDCl_3 .

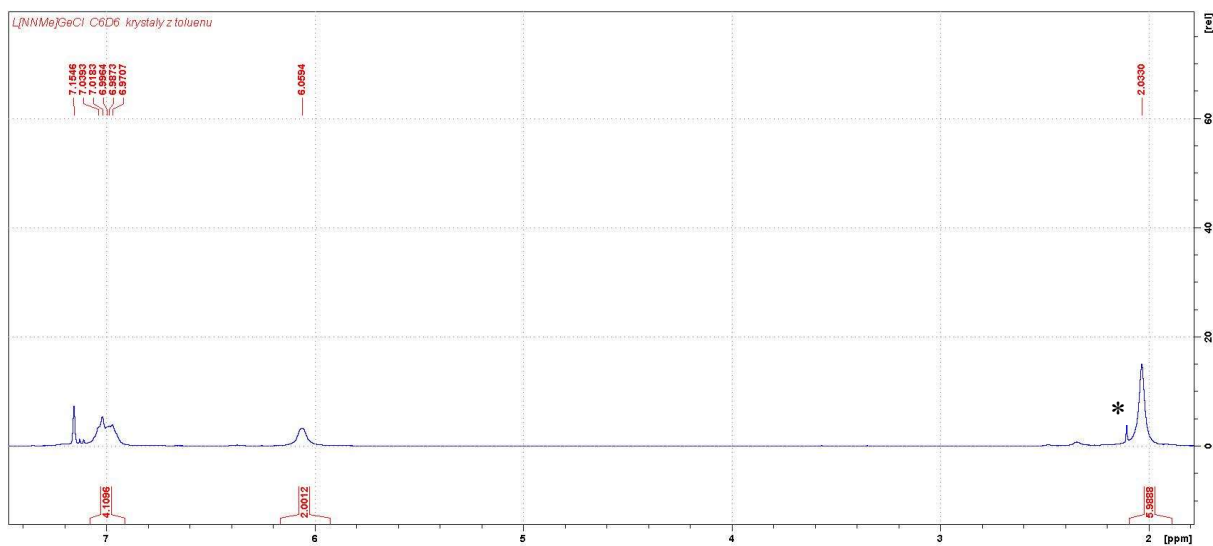


Figure S9: ^1H NMR spectrum of **5** in C_6D_6 (* traces of toluene).

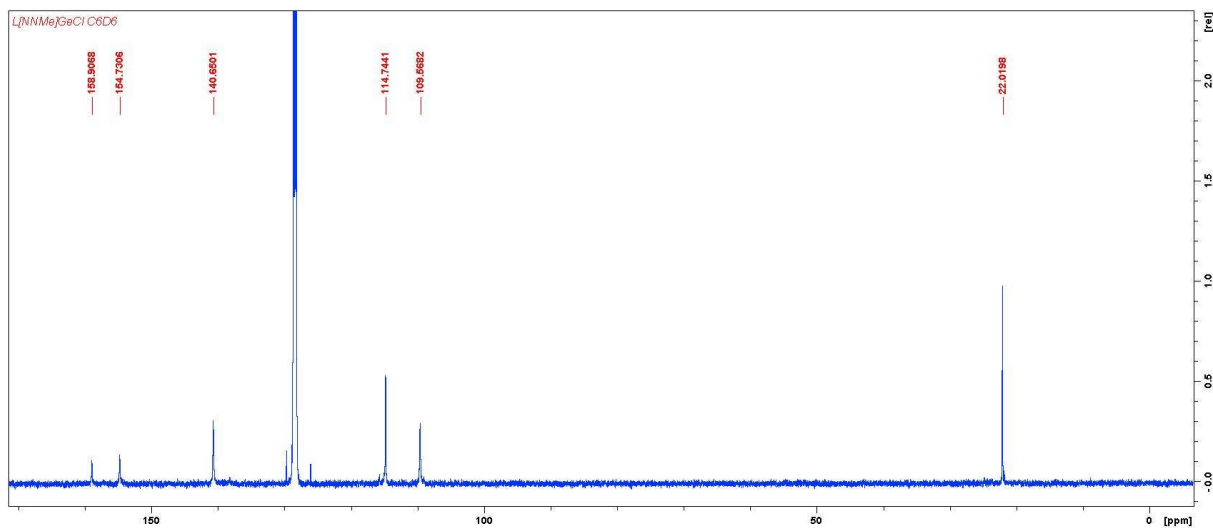


Figure S10: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **5** in C_6D_6 .

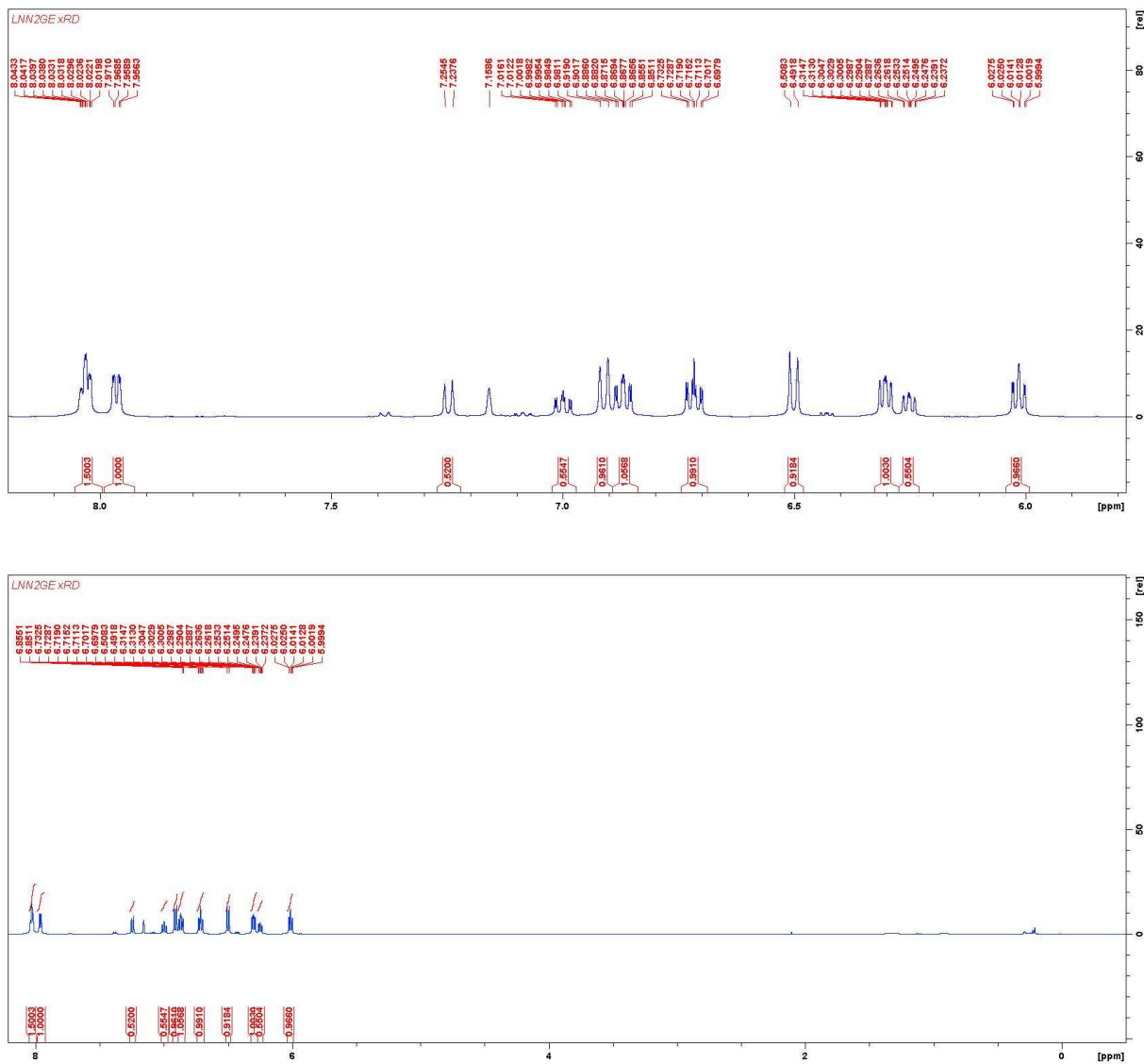


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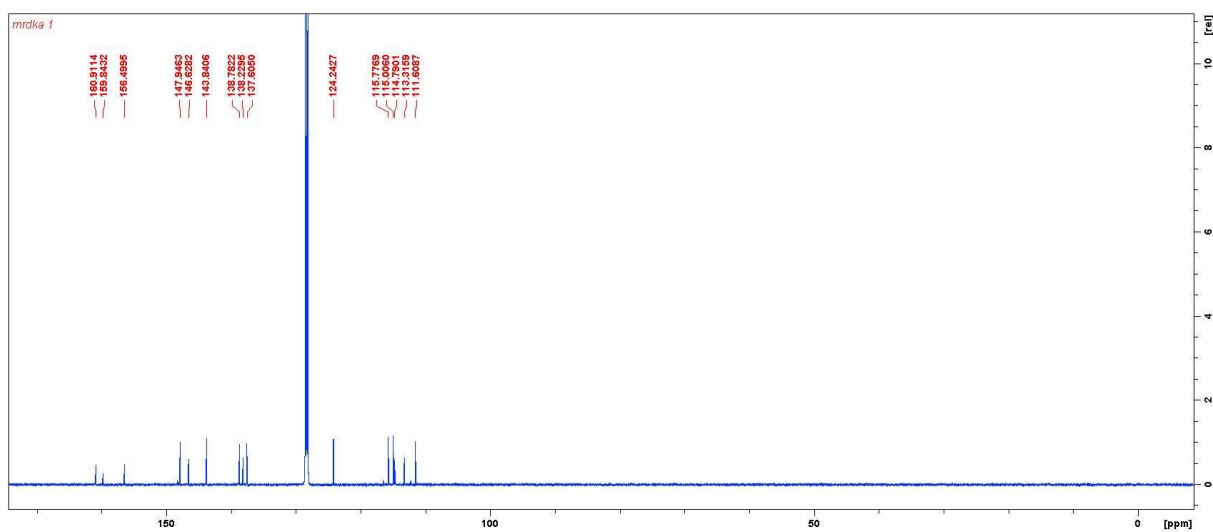
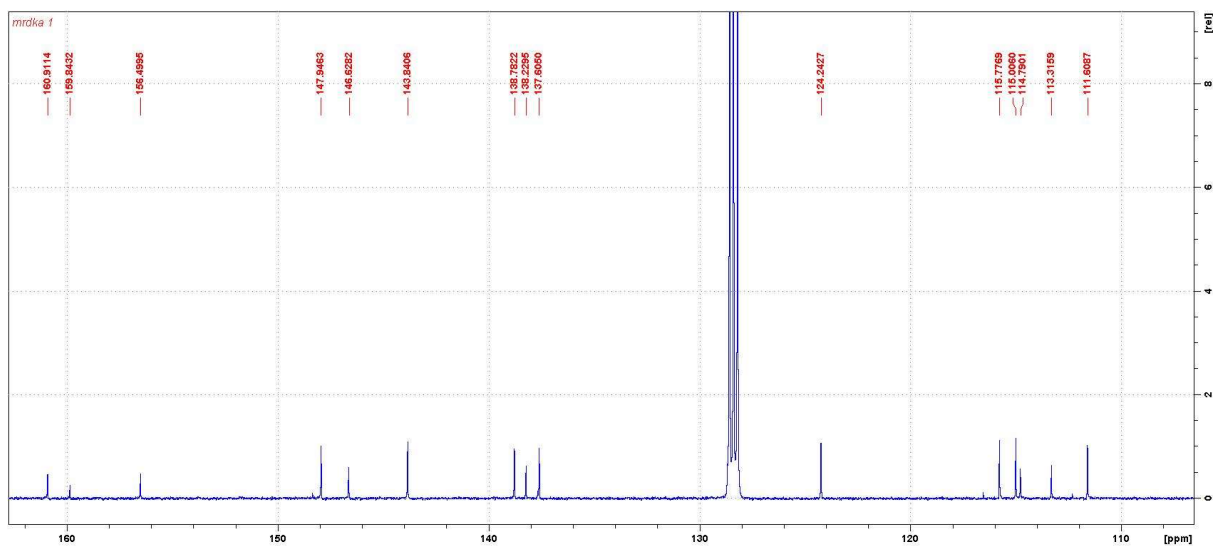


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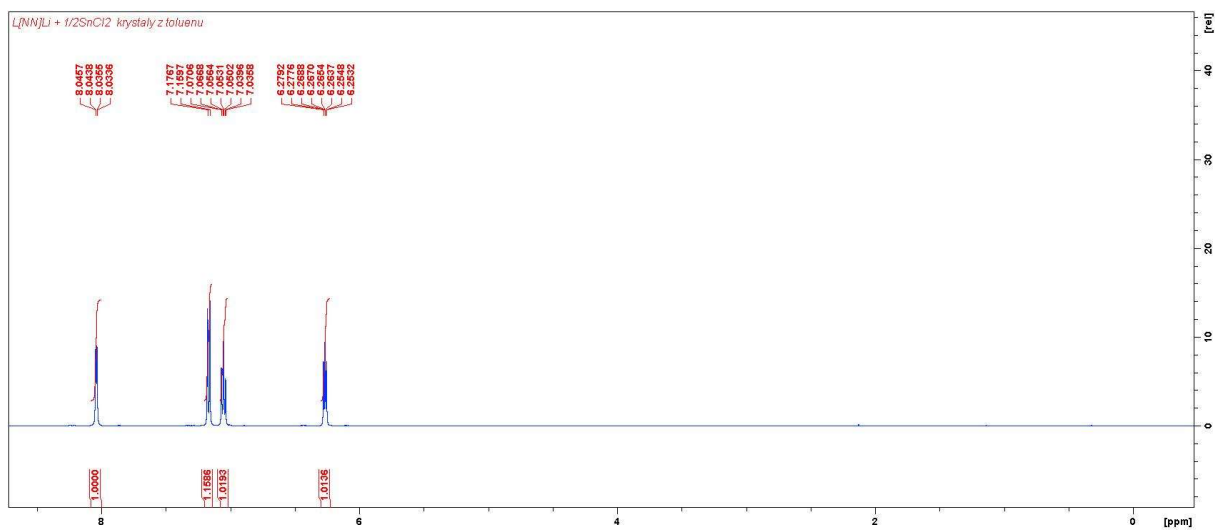
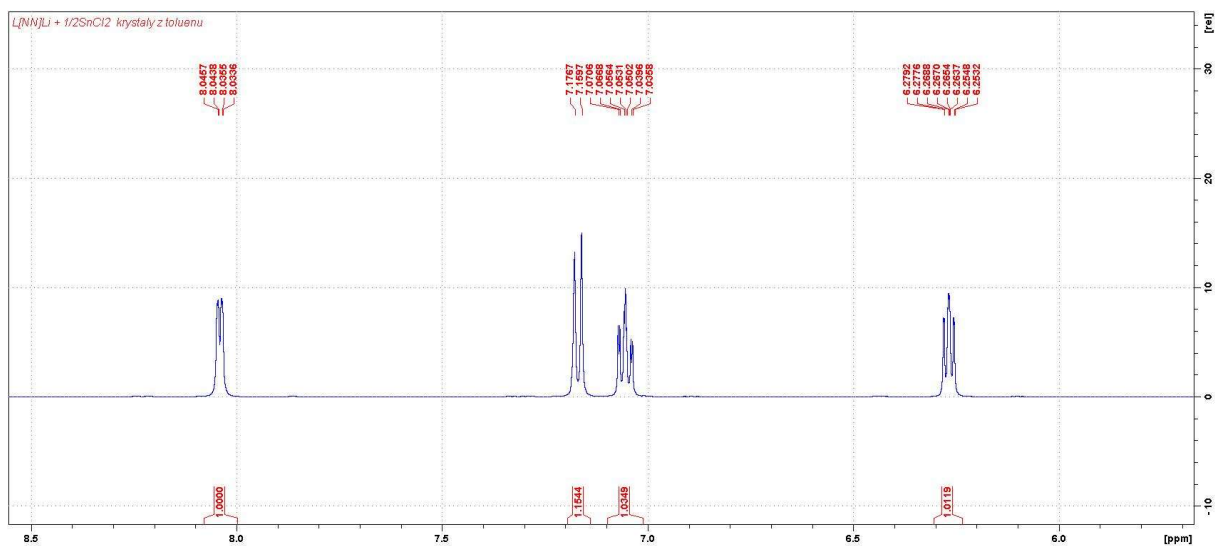


Figure S13: ¹H NMR spectrum of **7** in C₆D₆.

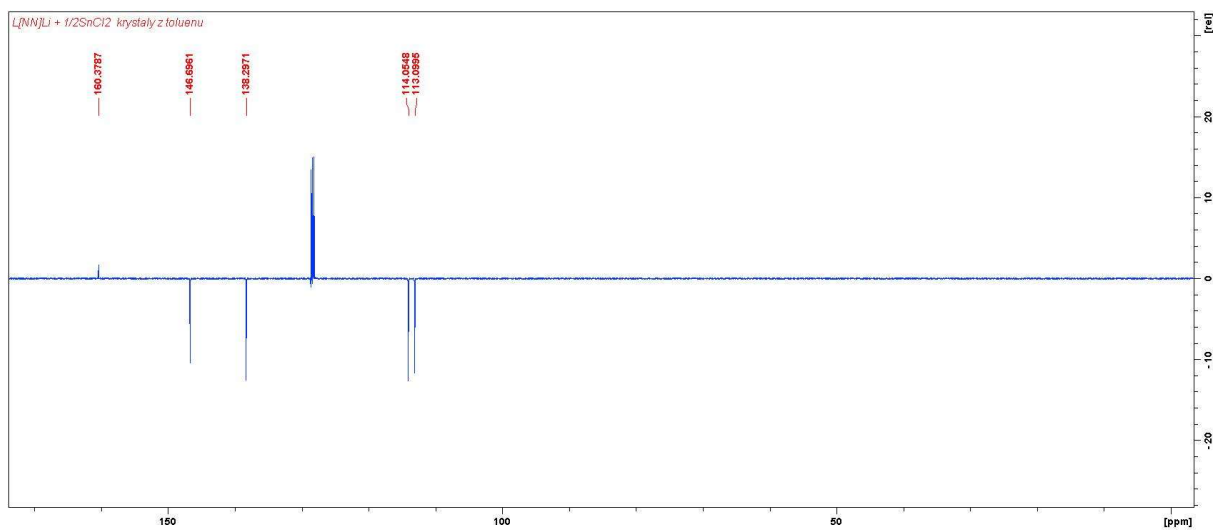
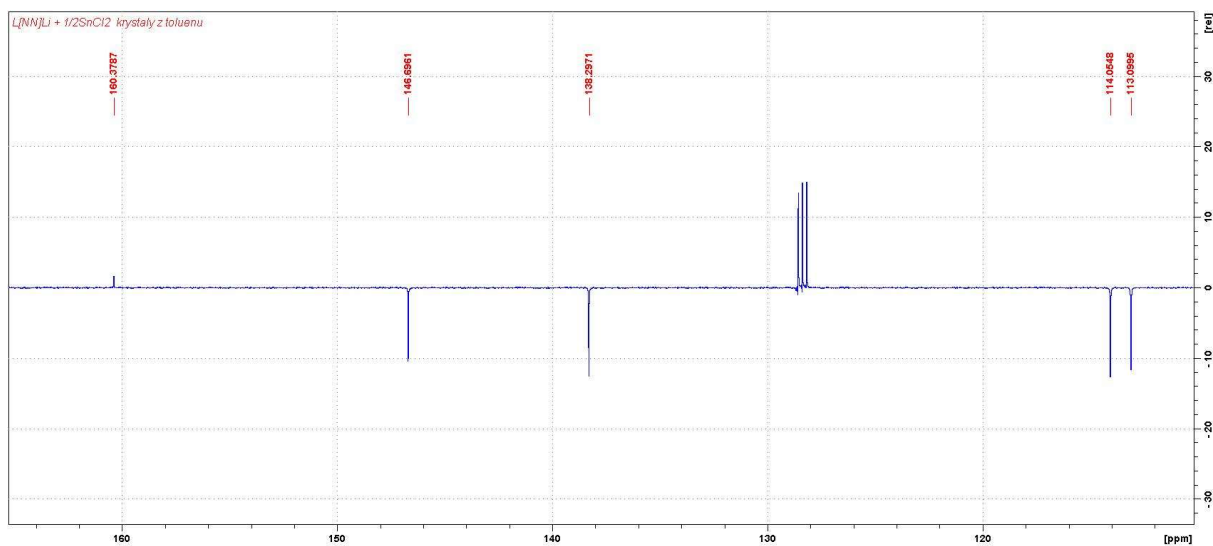


Figure S14: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ - APT NMR spectrum of **7** in C_6D_6 .

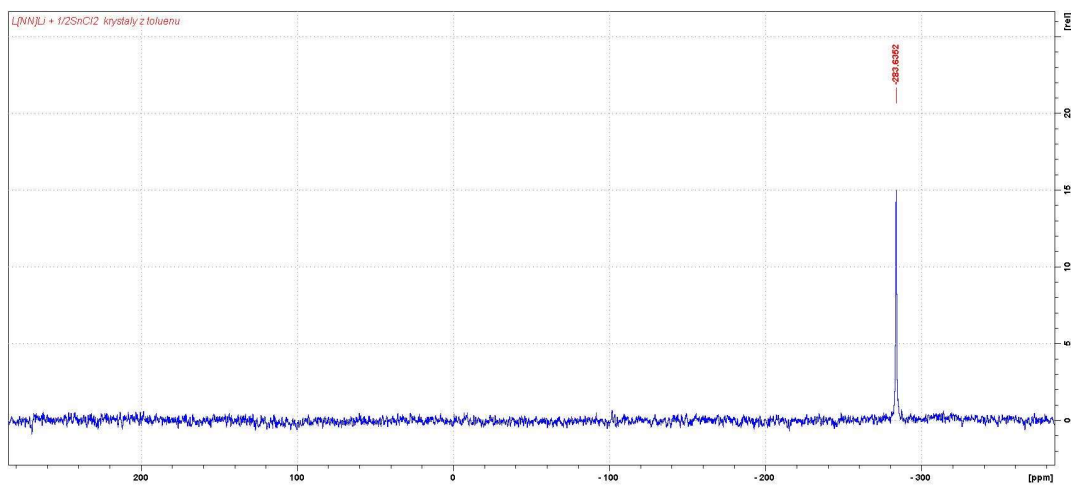


Figure S15: $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **7** in C_6D_6 .

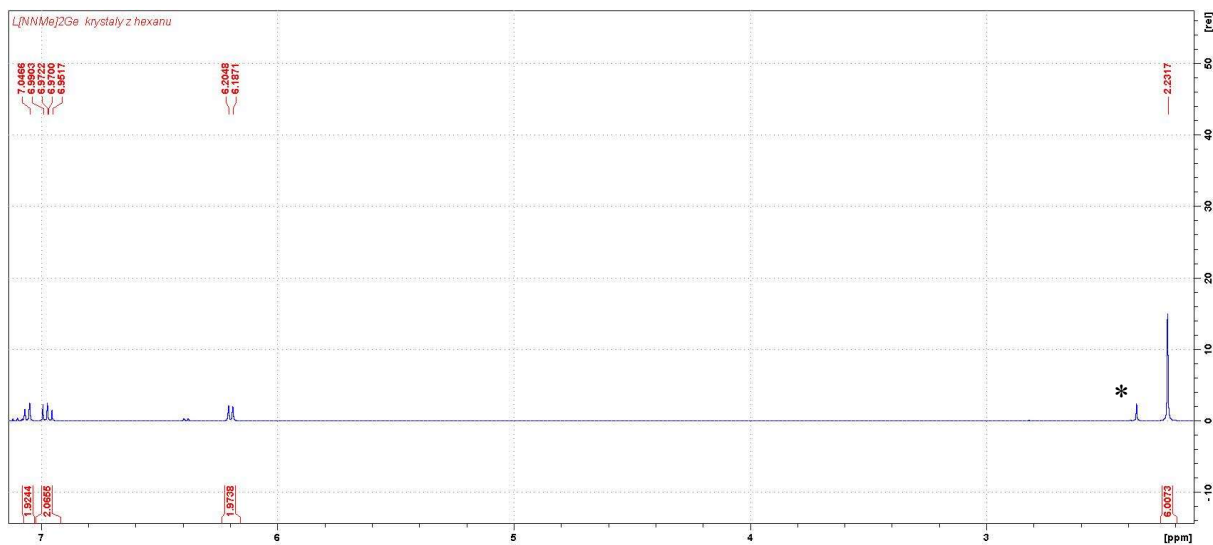


Figure S16: ^1H NMR spectrum of **8** in C_6D_6 (*unknown impurity).

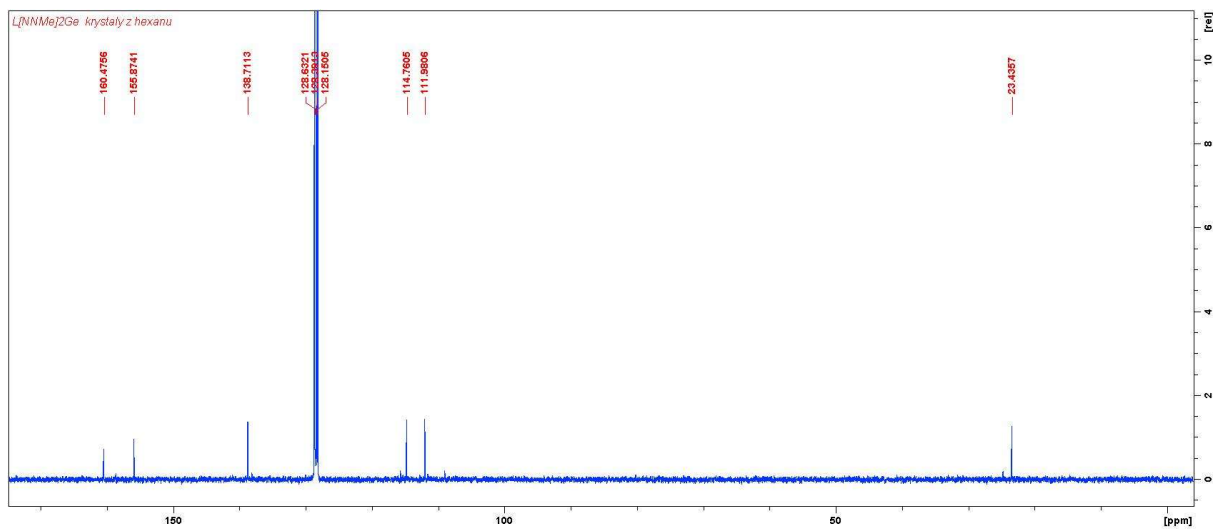


Figure S17: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **8** in C_6D_6 .

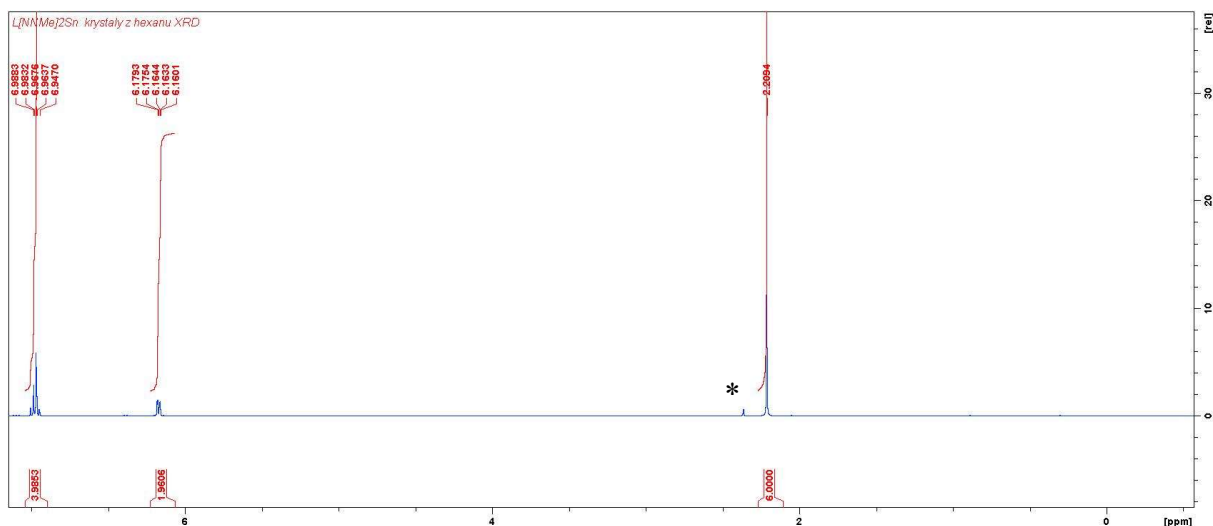


Figure S18: ^1H NMR spectrum of **9** in C_6D_6 (*unknown impurity).

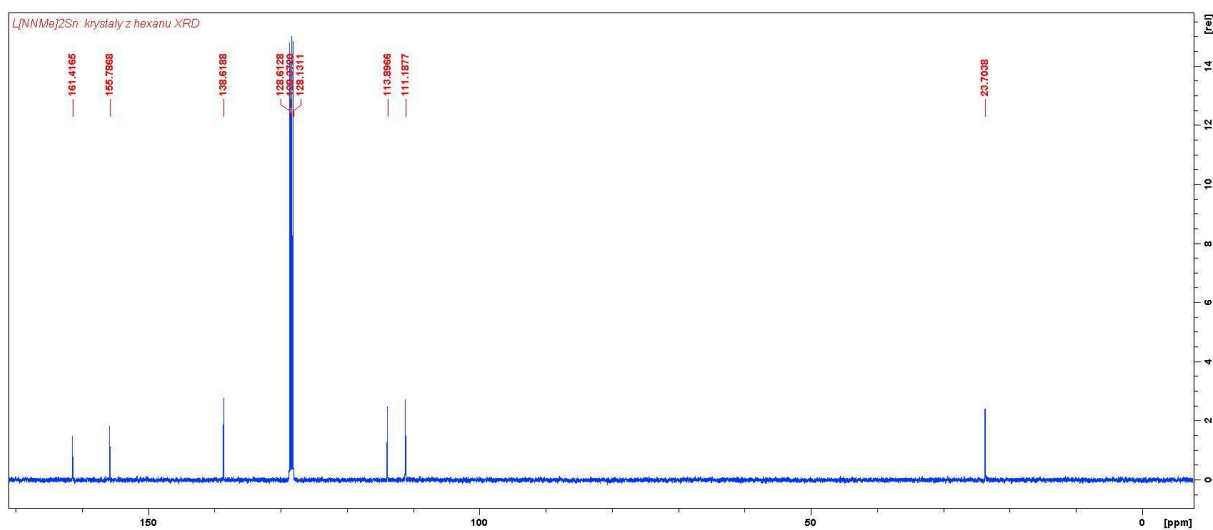


Figure S19: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **9** in C_6D_6 .

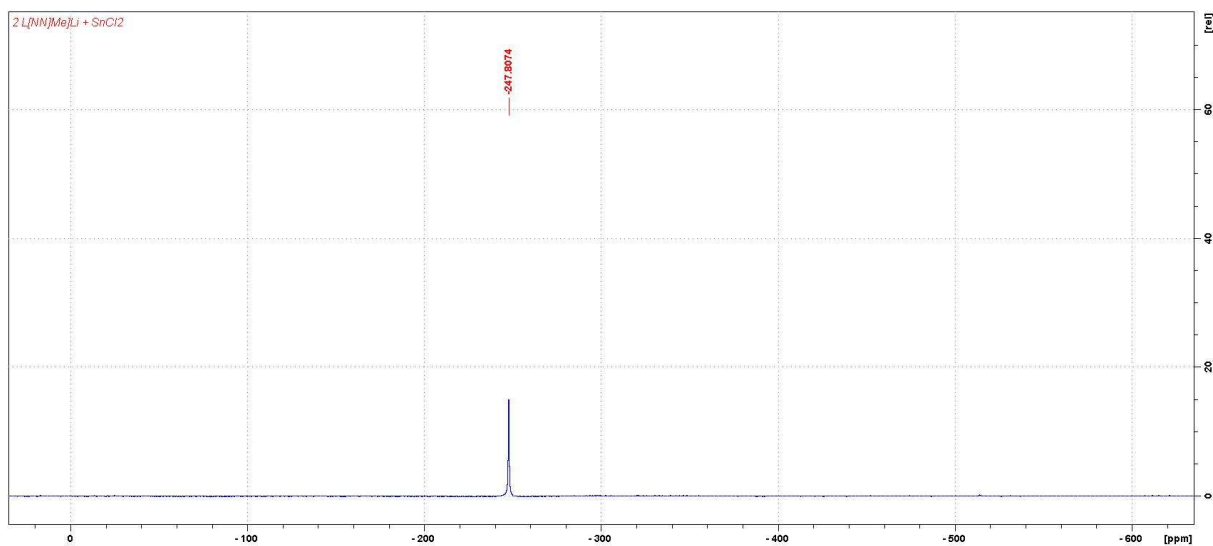


Figure S20: $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **9** in C_6D_6 .

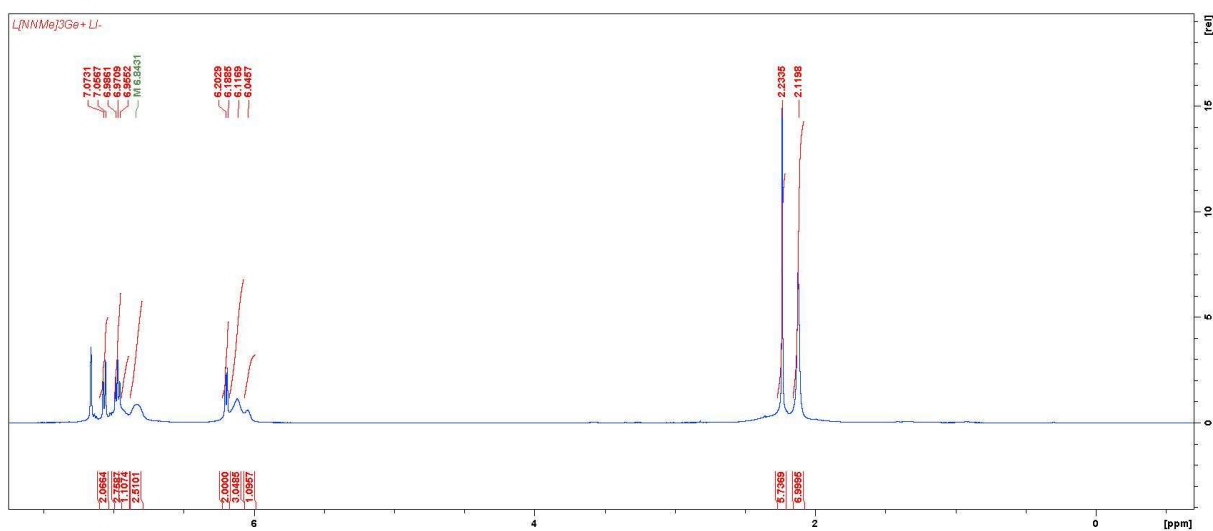


Figure S21: ^1H NMR spectrum of **10** in C_6D_6 .

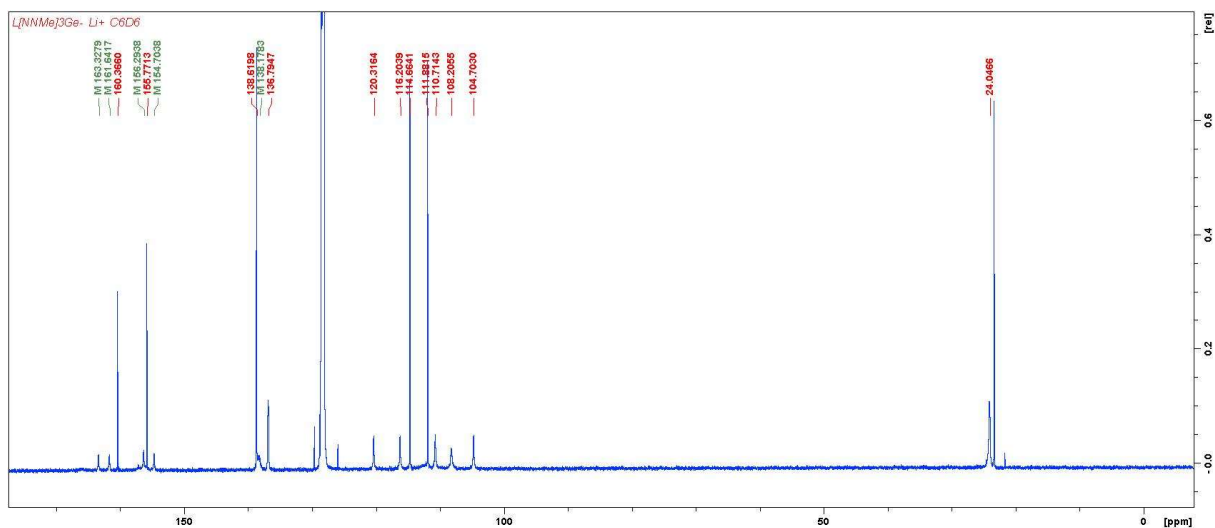


Figure S22: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **10** in C_6D_6 .

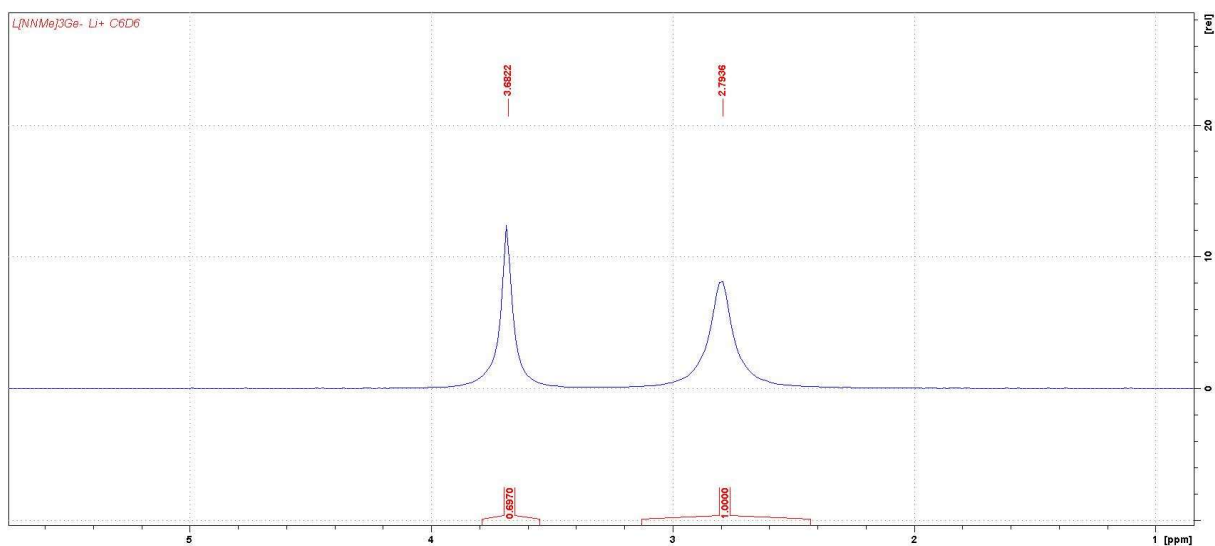


Figure S23: $^7\text{Li}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **10** in C_6D_6 .

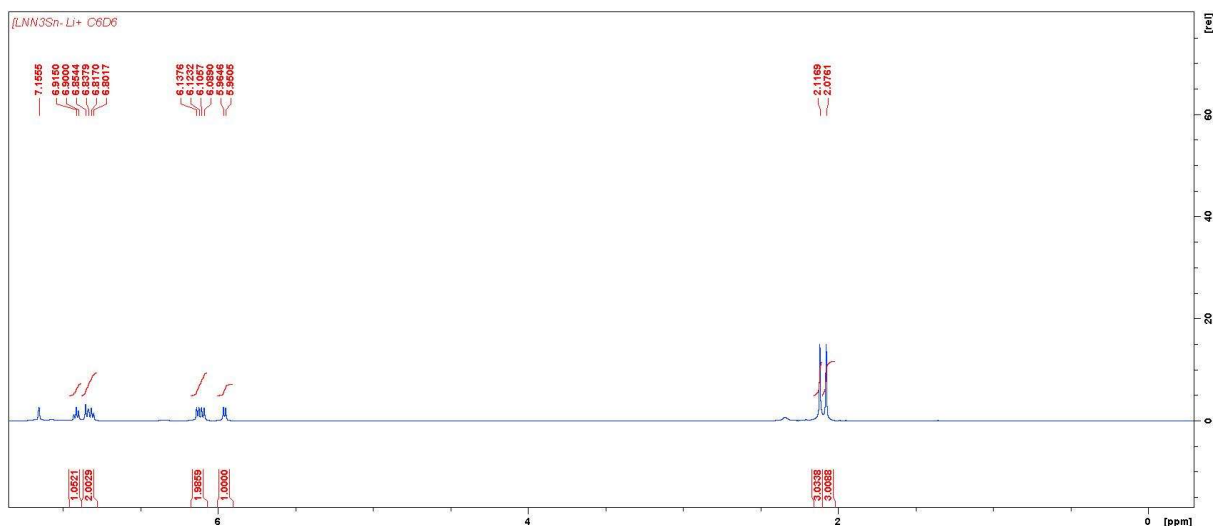


Figure S24: ^1H NMR spectrum of **11** in C_6D_6 .

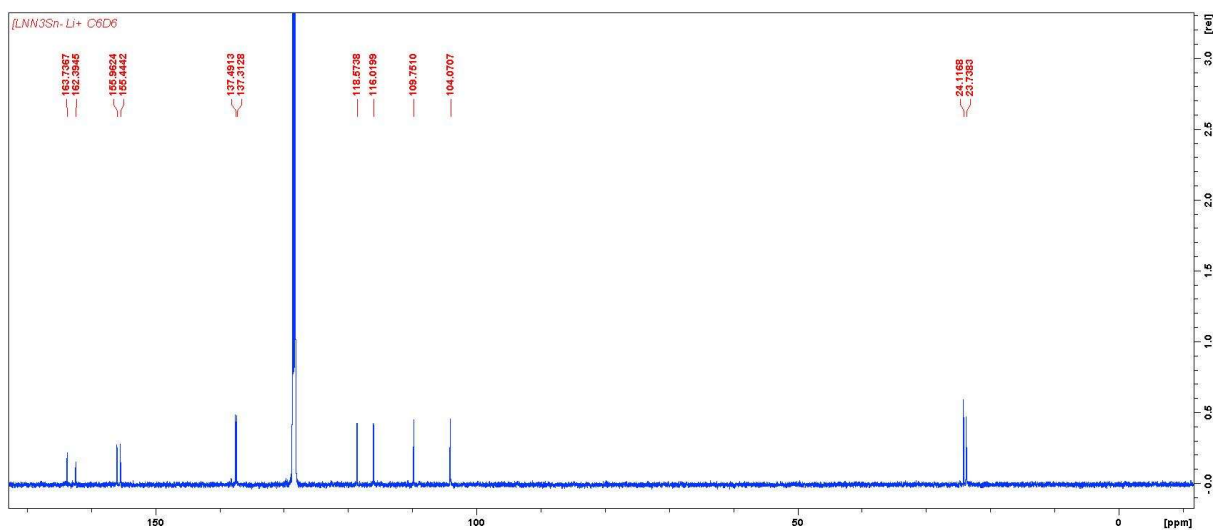


Figure S25: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **11** in C_6D_6 .

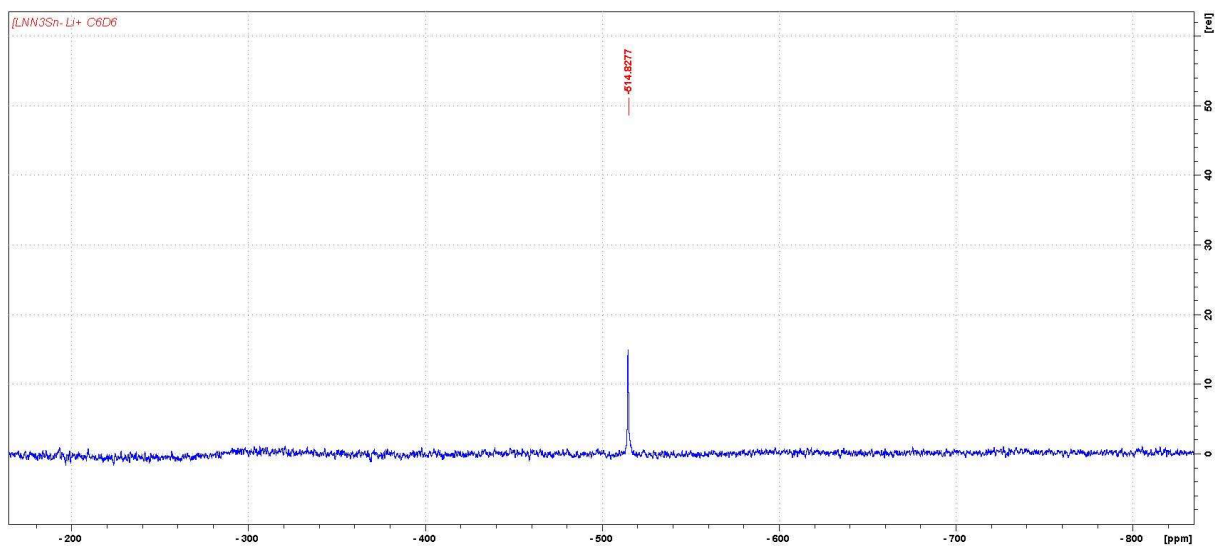


Figure S26: $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **11** in C_6D_6 .

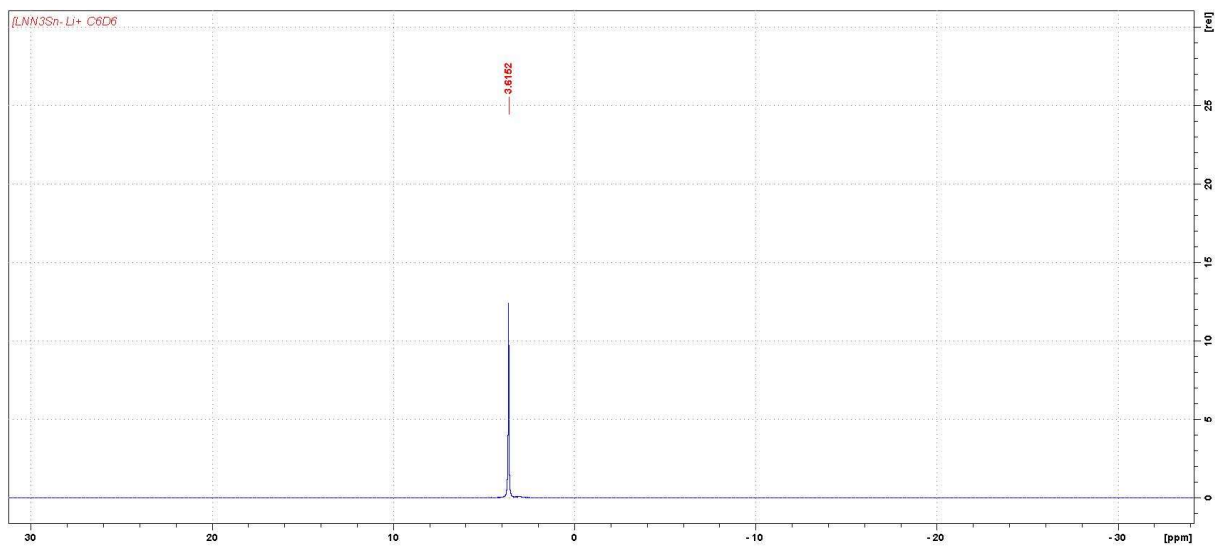


Figure S27: $^7\text{Li}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **11** in C_6D_6 .

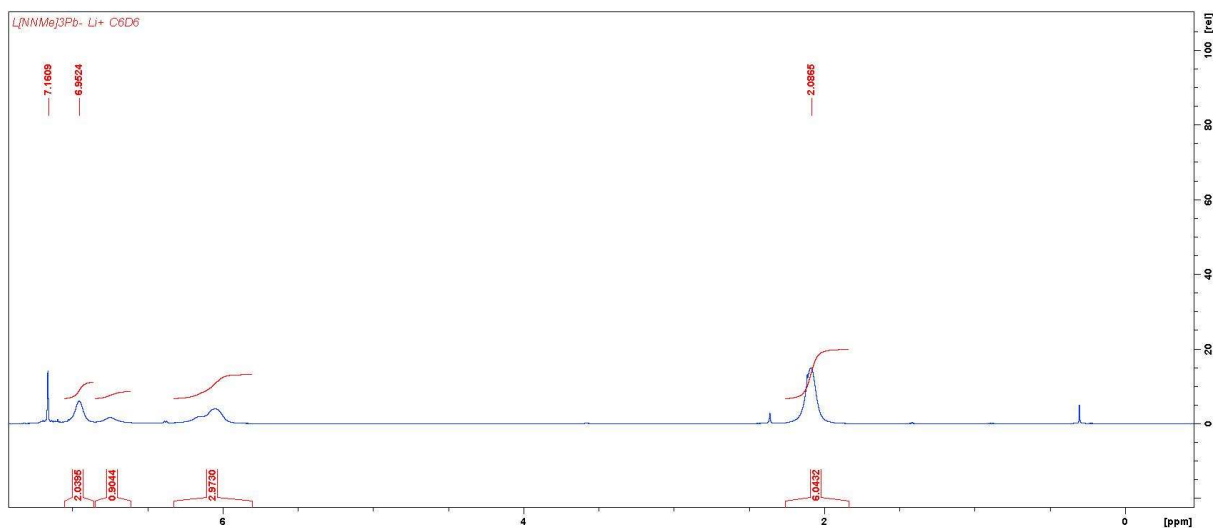


Figure S28: ^1H NMR spectrum of **12** in C_6D_6 .

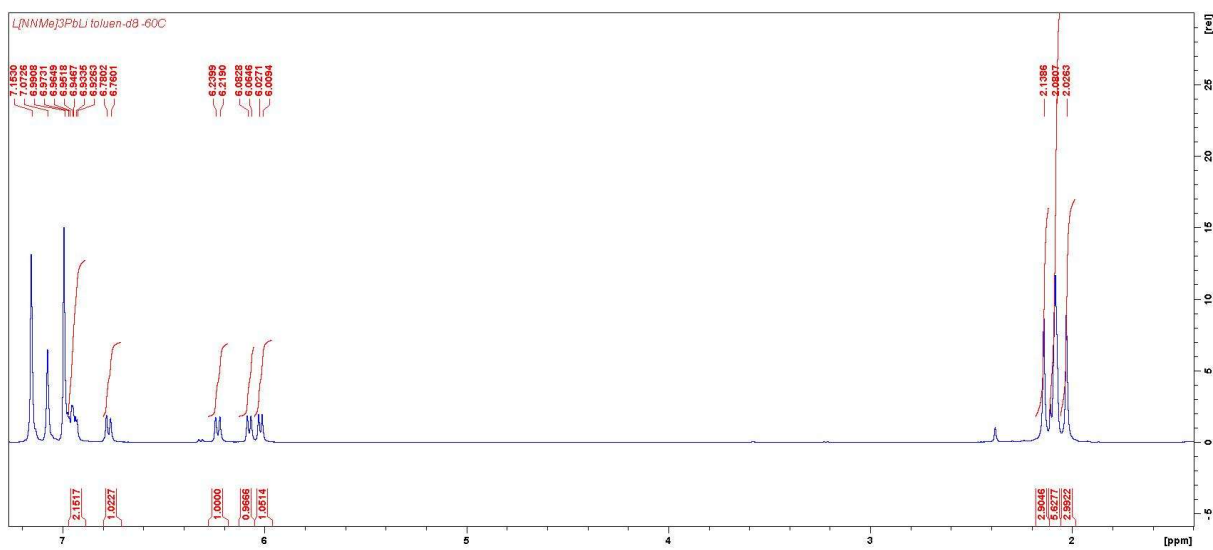


Figure S29: ^1H NMR spectrum of **12** in toluene- d_8 -60°C .

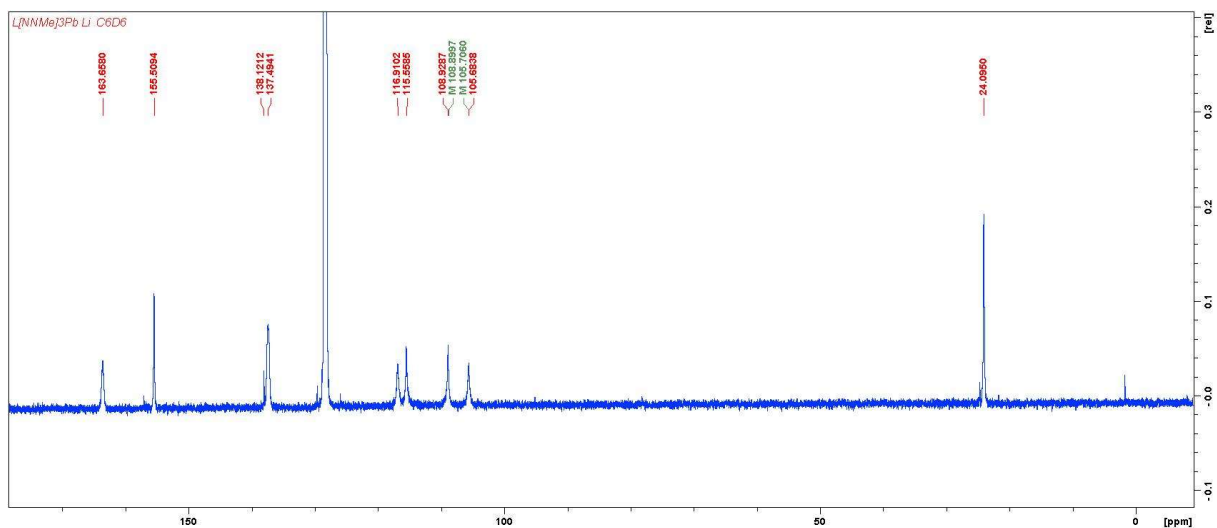


Figure S30: $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **12** in C_6D_6 .

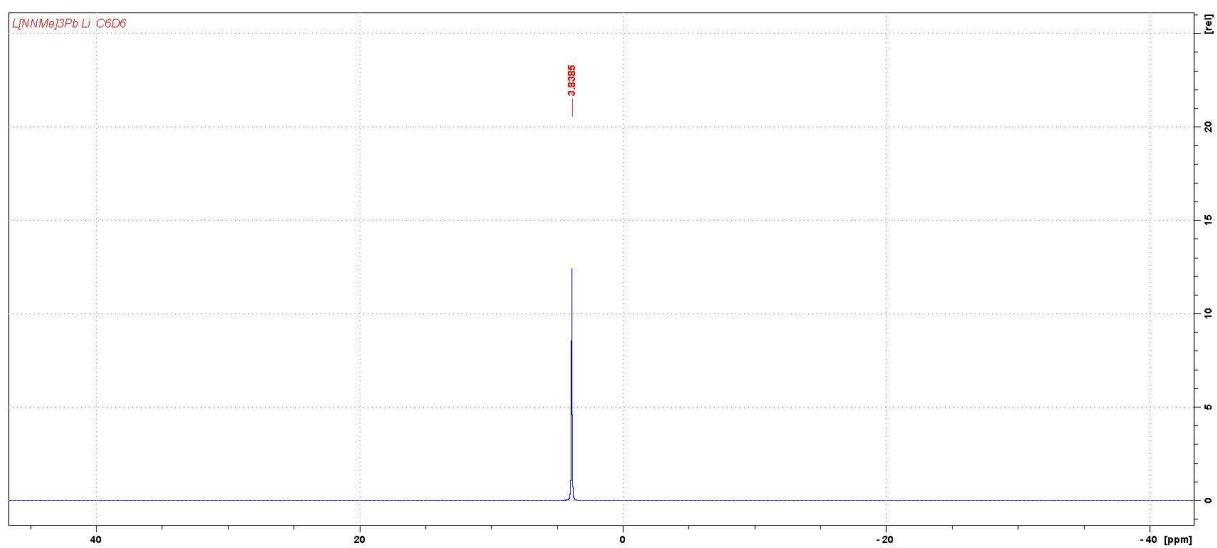


Figure S31: $^7\text{Li}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **12** in C_6D_6 .

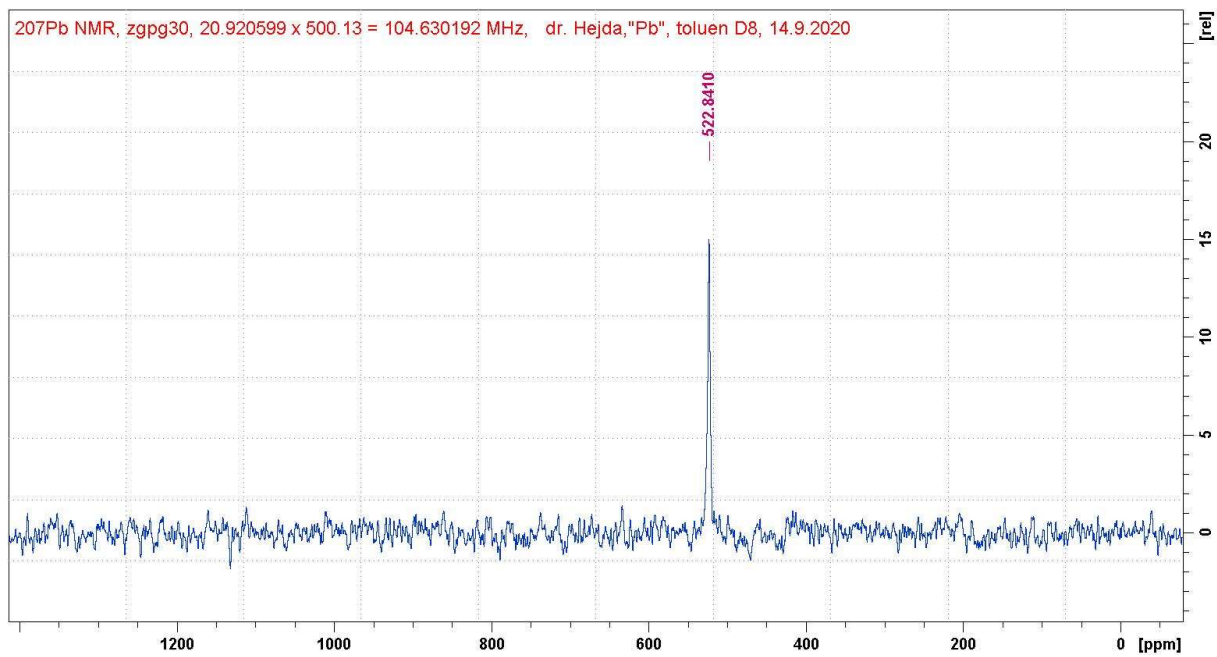


Figure S32: $^{207}\text{Pb}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **12** in C_6D_6 .

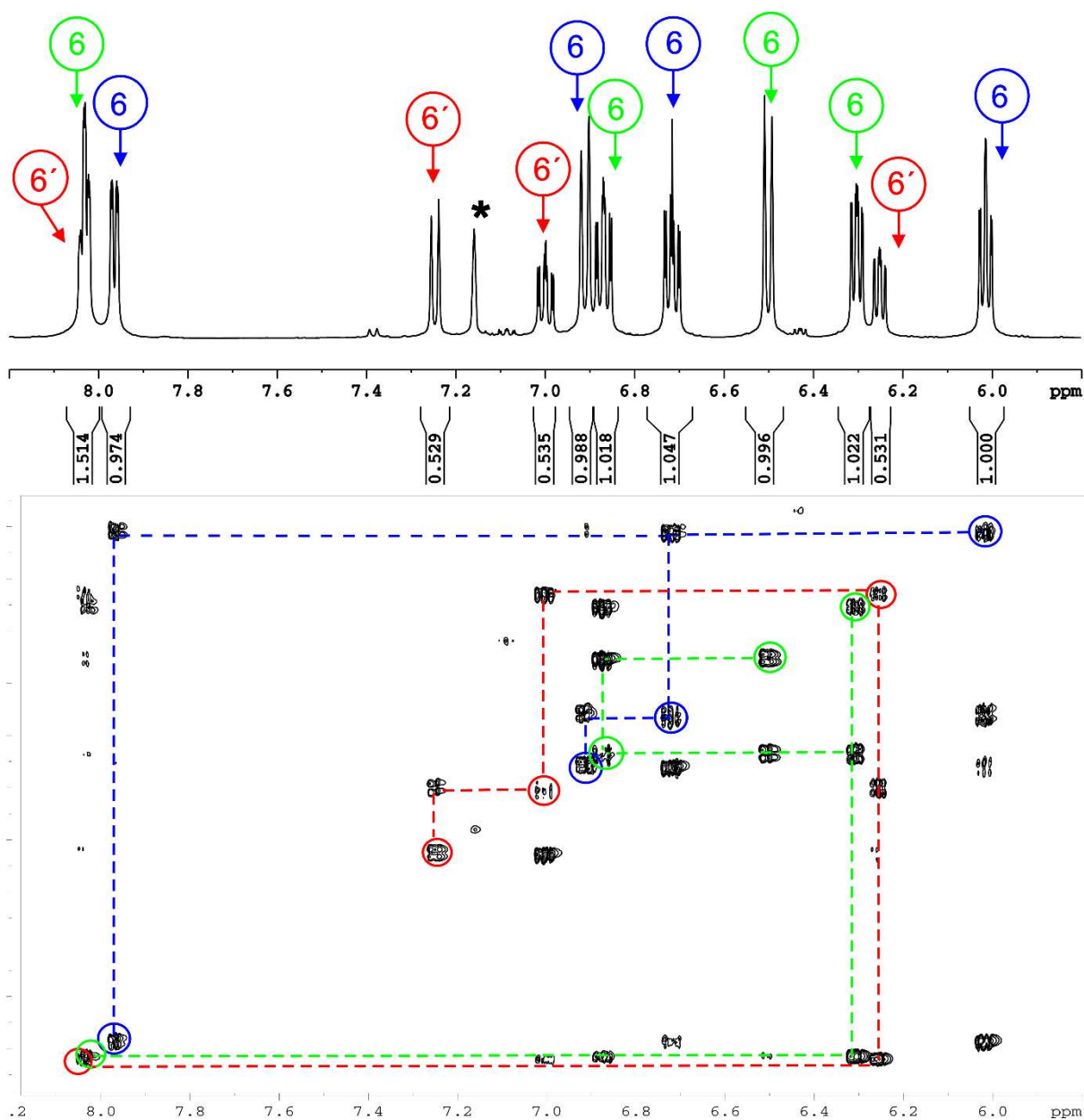


Figure S33: ^1H , ^1H COSY NMR spectrum of **6** in C_6D_6 (*) illustrating the presence of two isomers **6** and $\mathbf{6'}$ in solution at r.t.

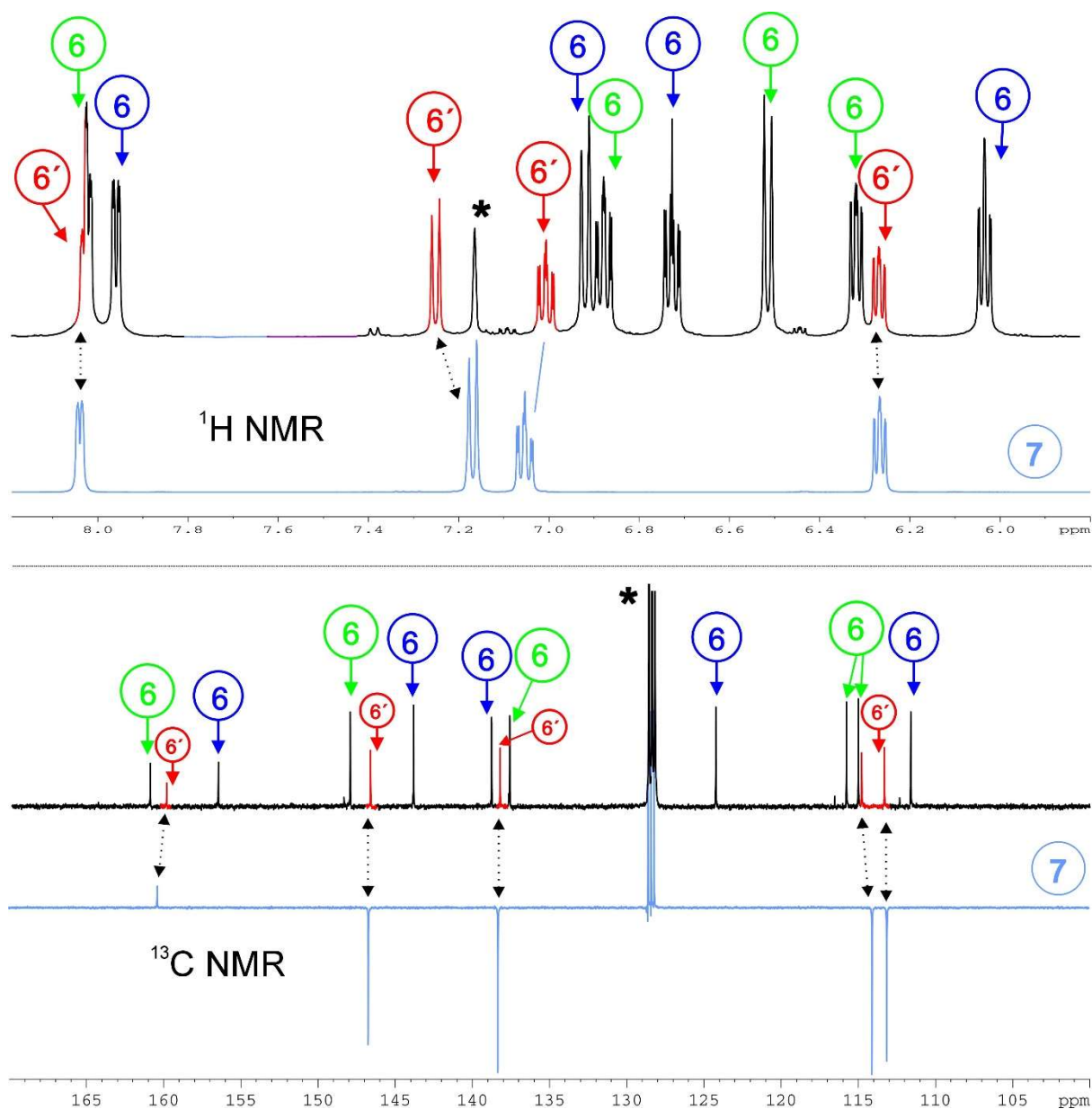


Figure S34: Comparison of ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra stannylene **7** and mixture of two isomers germylene **6** and **6'** in C_6D_6 (*) showing a close resemblance between **7** and **6'**.

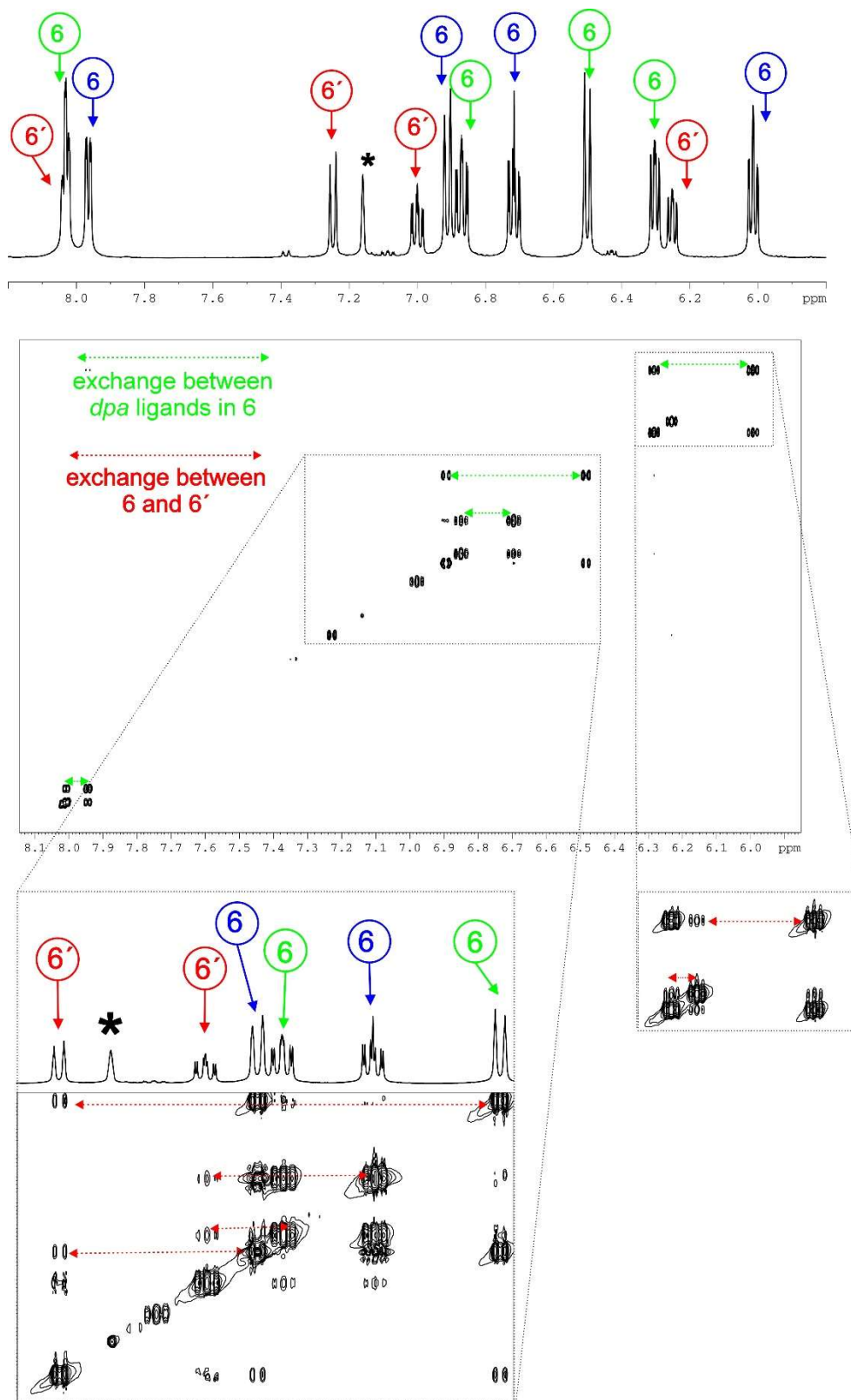


Figure S35: 1H , 1H EXSY NMR spectrum of of **6** in C_6D_6 (*) showing a mutual dynamic exchange between both *dpa* ligands in **6** (green) and their exchange with the proposed second isomer $6'$ (red). Note that all marked cross-peaks are in the same phase as the diagonal peaks.

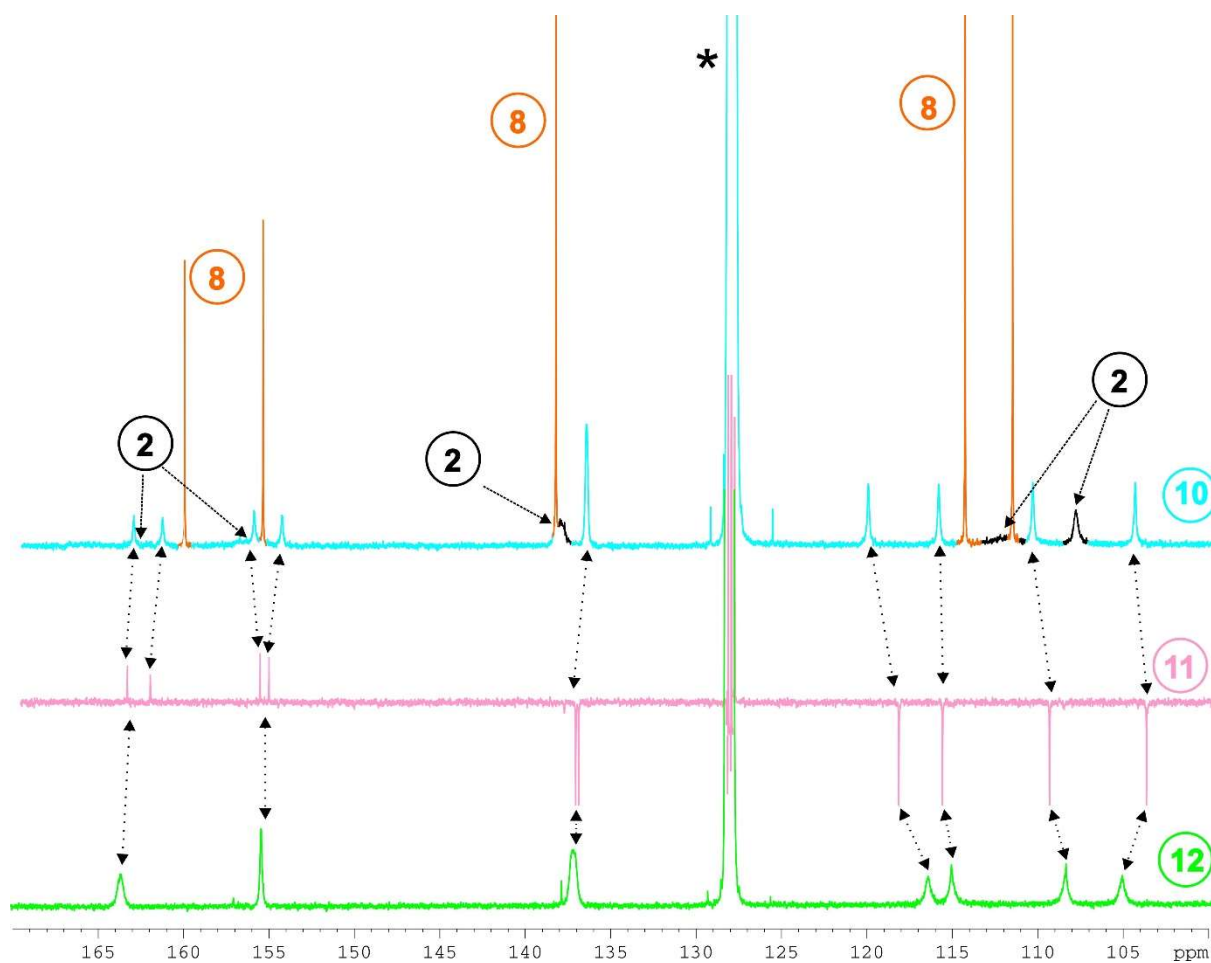


Figure S36: Comparison of $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of **10-12** in C_6D_6 (*) showing a mutual resemblance between **10 - 12** (in the case of **12** some resonances seem to be overlapped). Furthermore, a mixture obtained upon dissolution of single crystals of **10** (top) containing besides signals of **10** those of germylene **8** and lithium derivative **2** as a result of partial decomposition of **10** in solution. Please note that some signals of **2** are not resolved due their significant broadening, please see also $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of isolated **2** showing a very broaden resonances (Figure S2).

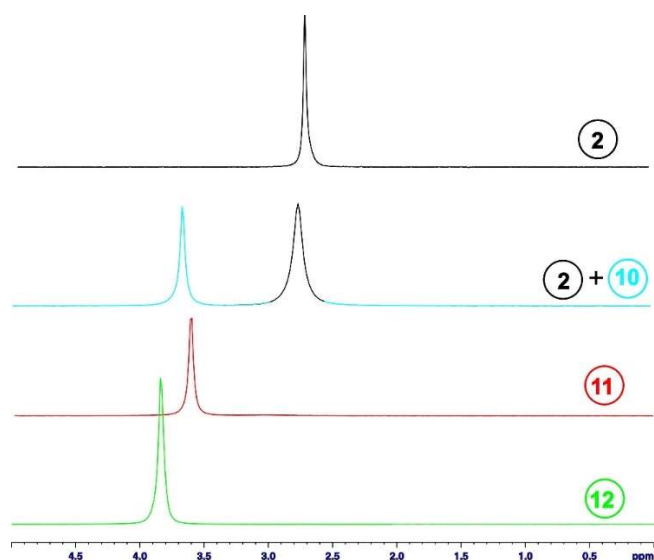


Figure S37: Comparison of ${}^7\text{Li}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of **10-12** in C_6D_6 (*) showing a mutual resemblance between **11** and **12**. Furthermore, a mixture of two components obtained upon dissolution of single crystals of **10** containing besides signals of **10** that of the lithium derivative **2** as a result of partial decomposition of **10** in solution is presented. The ${}^7\text{Li}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of pure **2** is also included.

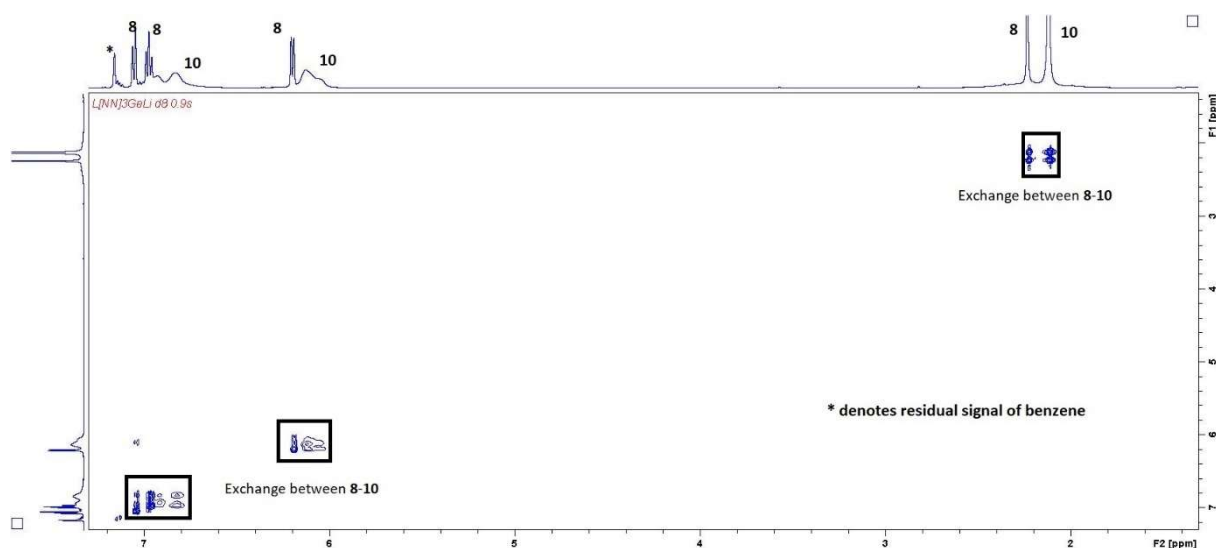


Figure S38: ${}^1\text{H}$, ${}^1\text{H}$ EXSY NMR spectrum of dissolved single crystals of **10** in C_6D_6 (*) showing a mutual dynamic exchange between **10** (blue) and the germylene **8** (orange). The exchange with the lithium complex **2** is not resolved probably due a significant broadening of the signals. Note that all marked cross-peaks are in the same phase as the diagonal peaks.

2. Crystallographic data.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement of studied compounds.

	2	3	4
Formula	C ₄₈ H ₄₈ Li ₄ N ₁₂	C ₁₀ H ₈ ClGeN ₃	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₆ Sn ₂
Formula weight, g mol ⁻¹	662.28	278.23	648.67
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Crystal size, mm	0.44 × 0.25 × 0.13	0.59 × 0.38 × 0.20	0.20 × 0.19 × 0.16
Space group	P-1	P-1	Pca2 ₁
<i>a</i> , Å	11.1572(4)	8.2653(5)	17.1415(8)
<i>b</i> , Å	11.5648(4)	9.9478(6)	8.3019(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	19.6657(7)	12.6110(7)	14.9727(6)
α , °	79.294(2)	91.910(3)	90
β , °	76.670(2)	92.733(3)	90
γ , °	62.192(2)	91.899(3)	90
<i>V</i> , Å ³	2174.94(14)	1034.51(11)	2130.72(11)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	4
ρ_{calcd} , Mg m ⁻³	1.253	1.982	2.022
μ (Mo <i>K</i> α), mm ⁻¹	0.593	3.185	2.616
<i>F</i> (000)	864	552	1248
θ range, deg	1 to 27.5	1 to 27.5	1 to 27.5
No. of reflns collected	52110	30605	19086
No. indep. Reflns	9155	4750	4850
No. obsd reflns with (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)), <i>R</i> _{int}	4900, 0.1578	3956, 0.037	3907, 0.60
No. refined params	586	271	272
GooF (<i>F</i> ²)	1.297	1.025	1.027
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>F</i>) (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.1095	0.0295	0.0373
<i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>F</i> ²) (all data)	0.2443	0.0676	0.0793
Largest diff peak/hole, e Å ⁻³	0.648 / -0.691	0.693 / -0.679	2.453 / -0.901
CCDC	2032982	2032974	2032973

$$R_{\text{int}} = \frac{\sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,\text{mean}}^2|}{\sum F_o^2}, S = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(N_{\text{diffrs}} - N_{\text{params}})} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data, } R(F) = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|} \text{ for observed data, } wR(F^2) = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(\sum w(F_o^2)^2)} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data.}$$

Table S1 (continuation). Crystal data and structure refinement of studied compounds.

	5	6	7
Formula	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ ClGeN ₃	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ GeN ₆	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ N ₆ Sn
Formula weight, g mol ⁻¹	306.29	412.98	459.08
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
Crystal size, mm	0.59 × 0.39 × 0.38	0.37 × 0.29 × 0.22	0.59 × 0.57 × 0.16
Space group	P2 ₁ /c	Pbca	P2 ₁ /n
<i>a</i> , Å	7.9626(5)	7.7879(4)	11.8487(6)
<i>b</i> , Å	9.3447(5)	18.4219(11)	9.2747(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	17.4878(10)	24.4619(12)	16.9821(9)
α , °	90	90	90
β , °	95.358(2)	90	104.129(2)
γ , °	90	90	90
<i>V</i> , Å ³	1295.55(13)	3509.5(3)	1809.76(15)
<i>Z</i>	4	8	4
ρ_{calcd} , Mg m ⁻³	1.570	1.563	2.022
μ (Mo <i>K</i> α), mm ⁻¹	2.551	1.764	1.429
<i>F</i> (000)	616	1680	912
θ range, deg	1 to 27.5	1 to 27.5	1 to 27.5
No. of reflns collected	33637	31981	38955
No. indep. Reflns	2972	4018	4154
No. obsd reflns with (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)), <i>R</i> _{int}	2561, 0.0296	2848, 0.058	3733, 0.017
No. refined params	156	244	244
Goof (<i>F</i> ²)	1.086	1.057	1.147
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>F</i>) (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.0301	0.0473	0.0226
<i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>F</i> ²) (all data)	0.0607	0.0740	0.0530
Largest diff peak/hole, e Å ⁻³	0.377 / -0.372	0.392 / -0.489	0.370 / -0.651
CCDC	2032978	2032972	2032975

$$R_{\text{int}} = \frac{\sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,\text{mean}}^2|}{\sum F_o^2}, S = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(N_{\text{diffrs}} - N_{\text{params}})} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data, } R(F) = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|} \text{ for observed data, } wR(F^2) = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(\sum w(F_o^2)^2)} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data.}$$

Table S1 (continuation). Crystal data and structure refinement of studied compounds.

	8	9	10
Formula	C ₂₄ H ₂₄ GeN ₆	C ₂₄ H ₂₄ N ₆ Sn	C ₃₆ H ₃₆ GeLiN ₉
Formula weight, g mol ⁻¹	469.08	515.18	674.27
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic	trigonal
Crystal size, mm	0.59 × 0.57 × 0.23	0.59 × 0.34 × 0.28	0.59 × 0.59 × 0.48
Space group	P-1	P2 ₁ /c	R3c
<i>a</i> , Å	8.8339(5)	11.4993(5)	12.0085(9)
<i>b</i> , Å	12.1659(6)	21.1590(8)	12.0085(9)
<i>c</i> , Å	12.3964(6)	9.1723(4)	41.775(3)
α , °	111.554(2)	90	90
β , °	96.379(2)	92.591(2)	90
γ , °	110.358(2)	90	120
<i>V</i> , Å ³	1117.25(10)	2229.46(16)	5217.0(9)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	6
ρ_{calcd} , Mg m ⁻³	1.394	1.535	1.288
μ (Mo <i>K</i> α), mm ⁻¹	1.394	1.170	0.920
<i>F</i> (000)	484	1040	2100
θ range, deg	1 to 27.5	1 to 27.5	1 to 27.5
No. of reflns collected	36087	51074	18638
No. indep. Reflns	5147	5118	3418
No. obsd reflns with (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)), <i>R</i> _{int}	4703, 0.024	4672, 0.016	2917, 0.036
No. refined params	284	284	146
Goof (<i>F</i> ²)	1.035	1.138	1.039
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>F</i>) (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.0258	0.0225	0.0312
<i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>F</i> ²) (all data)	0.0644	0.0519	0.0626
Largest diff peak/hole, e Å ⁻³	0.272 / -0.459	0.298 / -0.613	0.208 / -0.279
CCDC	2032977	2032981	2032979

$$R_{\text{int}} = \frac{\sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,\text{mean}}^2|}{\sum F_o^2}, S = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(N_{\text{diffrs}} - N_{\text{params}})} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data, } R(F) = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|} \text{ for observed data, } wR(F^2) = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(\sum w(F_o^2)^2)} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data.}$$

Table S1 (continuation). Crystal data and structure refinement of studied compounds.

	11	12
Formula	C ₃₆ H ₃₆ LiN ₉ Sn	C ₃₆ H ₃₆ LiN ₉ Pb
Formula weight, g mol ⁻¹	720.37	808.87
Crystal system	trigonal	trigonal
Crystal size, mm	0.59 × 0.52 × 0.42	0.24 × 0.23 × 0.18
Space group	R3c	R3c
<i>a</i> , Å	12.1177(4)	19.4667(12)
<i>b</i> , Å	12.1177(4)	19.4667(12)
<i>c</i> , Å	41.8064(14)	15.6860(12)
α , °	90	90
β , °	90	90
γ , °	120	120
<i>V</i> , Å ³	5316.4(12)	5147.9(7)
<i>Z</i>	6	6
ρ_{calcd} , Mg m ⁻³	1.350	1.565
μ (Mo <i>K</i> α), mm ⁻¹	0.759	4.955
<i>F</i> (000)	2208	2400
θ range, deg	1 to 27.5	1 to 27.5
No. of reflns collected	11757	20507
No. indep. Reflns	2922	2619
No. obsd reflns with (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)), <i>R</i> _{int}	2405, 0.040	2295, 0.048
No. refined params	146	144
Goof (<i>F</i> ²)	1.098	1.061
<i>R</i> ₁ (<i>F</i>) (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	0.0288	0.0352
<i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>F</i> ²) (all data)	0.0592	0.0793
Largest diff peak/hole, e Å ⁻³	0.665 / -0.377	1.899 / -1.527
CCDC	2032976	2032980

$$R_{\text{int}} = \frac{\sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,\text{mean}}^2|}{\sum F_o^2}, S = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(N_{\text{diffrs}} - N_{\text{params}})} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data, } R(F) = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|} \text{ for observed data, } wR(F^2) = \left[\frac{\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)}{(\sum w(F_o^2)^2)} \right]^{1/2} \text{ for all data.}$$

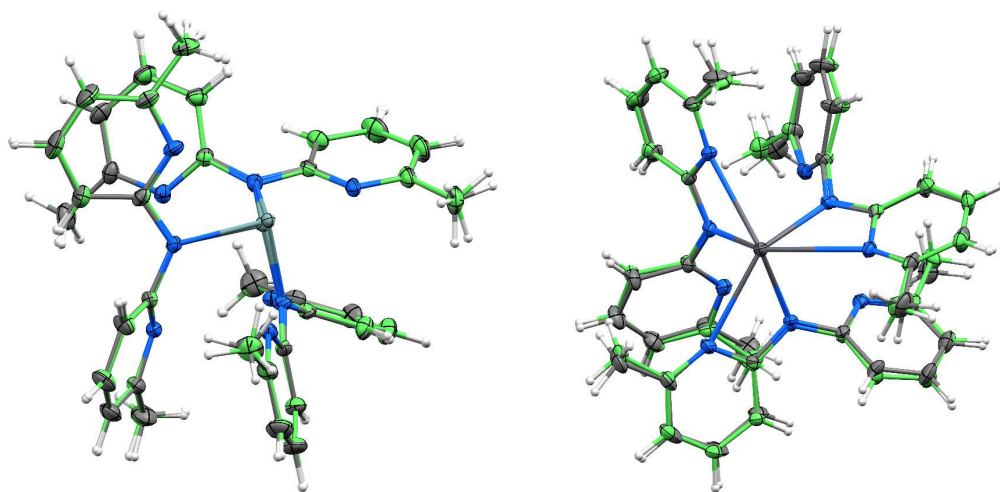


Figure S39: Overlay complexes structures of **10-12**: Sn (grey) and Ge (green) (left); Sn (grey) and Pb (green) (right). Li atoms were removed.

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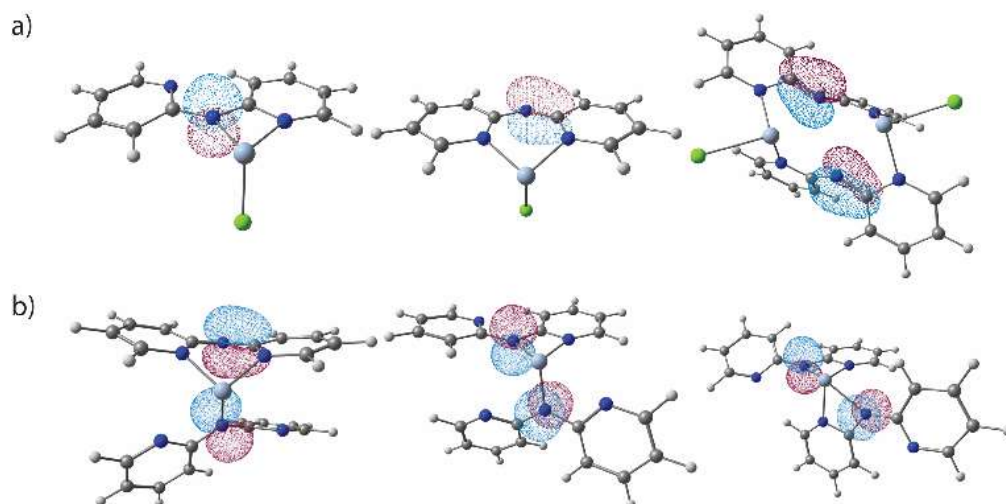


Figure S40: p-orbital associated with bridging nitrogen of *dpa* ligand in different coordination modes for heteroleptic chlorogermaylenes (a) and homoleptic (*dpa*)₂Ge compounds (b).

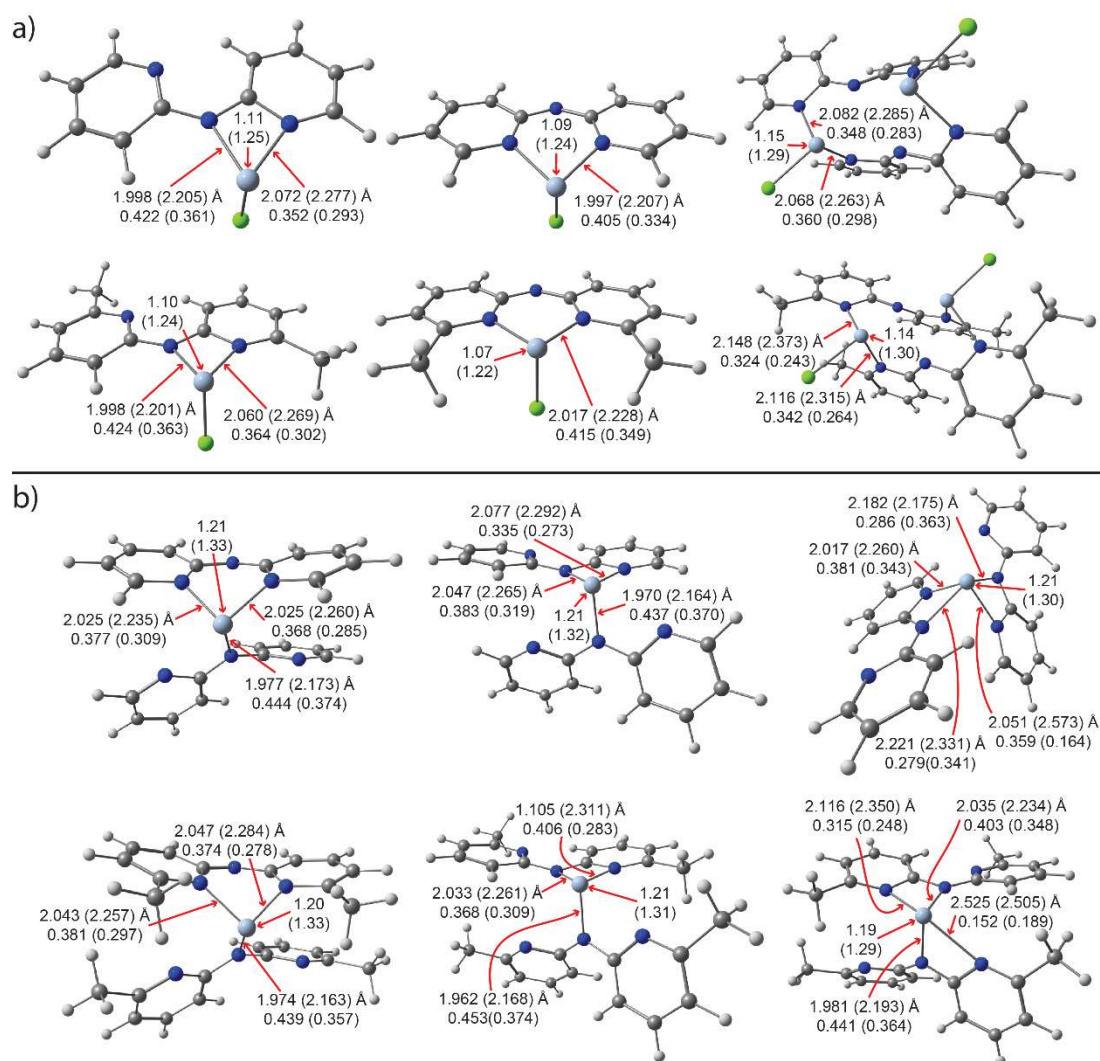


Figure S41: Calculated bond lengths, Wiberg bond indices and natural charges for *dpa*- and *Me-dpa* Ge and Sn (in bracket) compounds.

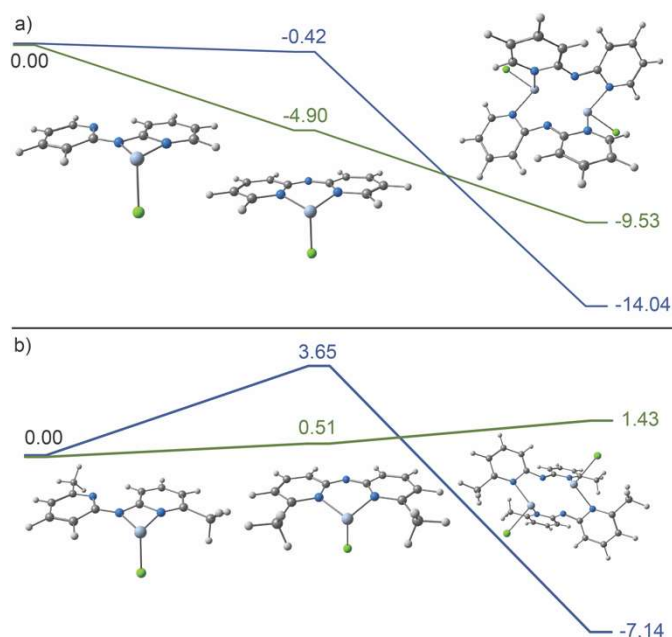


Figure S42: Relative energies between optimized structures (M062X/def2-TZVP level of theory) of chlorogermynes (green curve) and chlorostannynes (blue curve) with different arrangement of *dpa* (a) and *Me-dpa* (b) ligand. Electronic energies, given in kcal/mol are related to respective species with four-membered *N,N*-chelate ring.

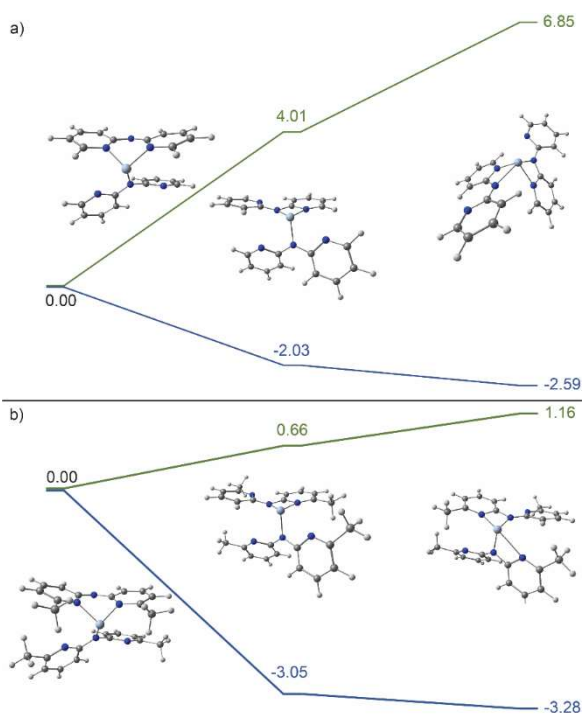
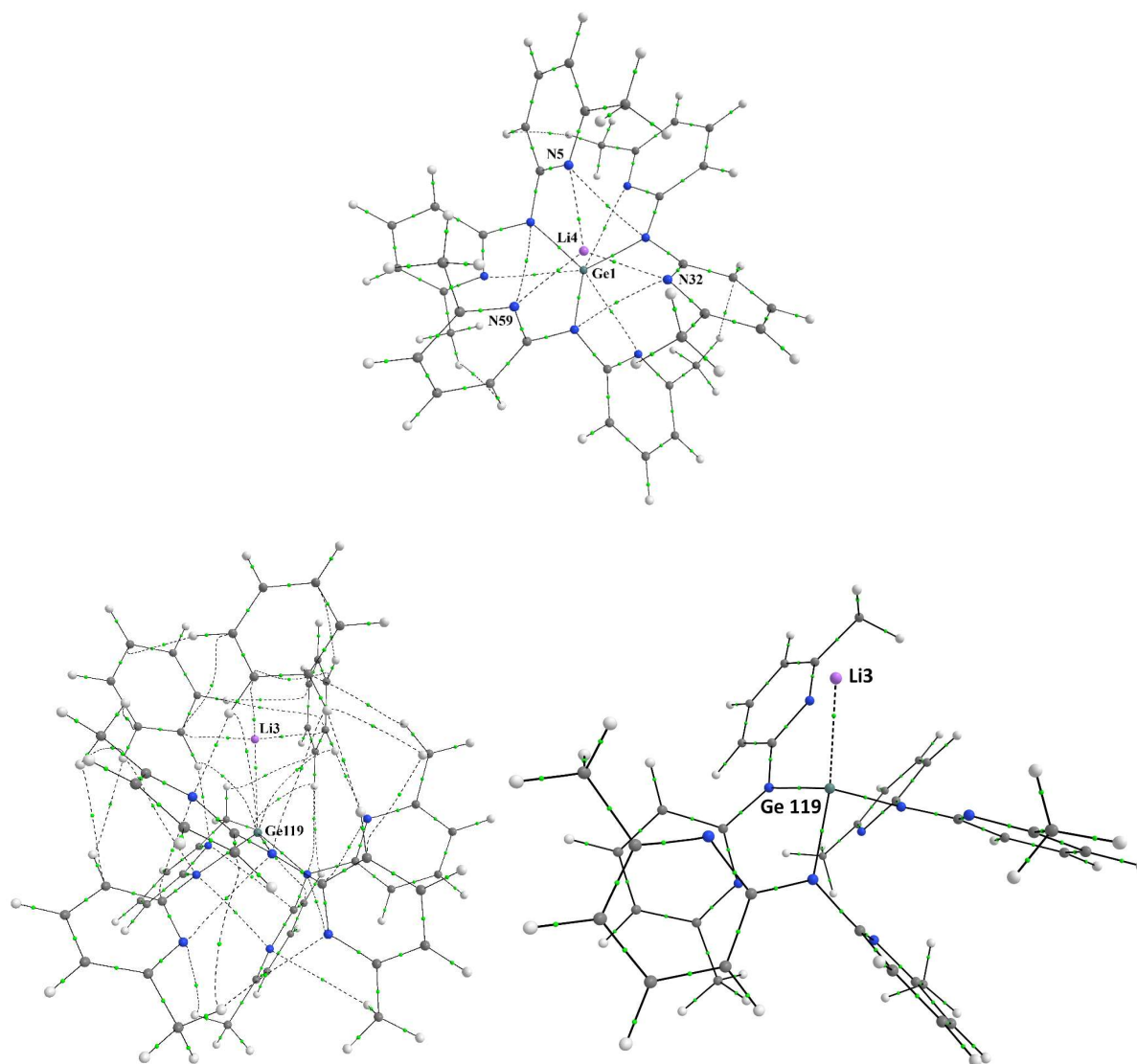


Figure S43: Relative energies between optimized structures (M062X/def2-TZVP level of theory) of homoleptic Ge (green curves) and Sn (blue curves) complexes with different arrangement of *dpa* (a) and *Me-dpa* (b) ligand respectively. Electronic energies, given in kcal/mol are related to respective species with six-membered *N,N*-chelate ring.

Table S2. Topological properties of BCPs for complexes **10-11a** in a.u.^[a]

Complex	Bond	$\rho(r_{cp})$	$\nabla^2\rho(r_{cp})$	$G(r_{cp})$	$V(r_{cp})$	$H(r_{cp})$
10	Li4...N(5, 32, 59)	0.023	0.017	0.034	-0.025	0.009
		0.023	0.017	0.034	-0.025	0.009
		0.023	0.017	0.034	-0.025	0.009
10a	Ge119...Li3	0.018	0.081	0.017	-0.014	0.003
11	Li3...N(4, 31, 58)	0.022	0.162	0.032	-0.023	0.009
		0.022	0.162	0.032	-0.023	0.009
		0.022	0.162	0.032	-0.023	0.009
11a	Sn1...Li4	0.016	0.061	0.013	-0.011	0.002

^[a] $\rho(r_{cp})$ - the electron density, $\nabla^2\rho(r_{cp})$ - the Laplacian function of the electron density, $G(r_{cp})$ - the kinetic electron energy density, $V(r_{cp})$ - the potential electron energy density, $H(r_{cp})$ - the total electron energy density.

**Figure S44:** Molecular graphs of complexes **10** and **10a** / the key fragment of it. Only critical points (3, -1) are presented for clarity (green).

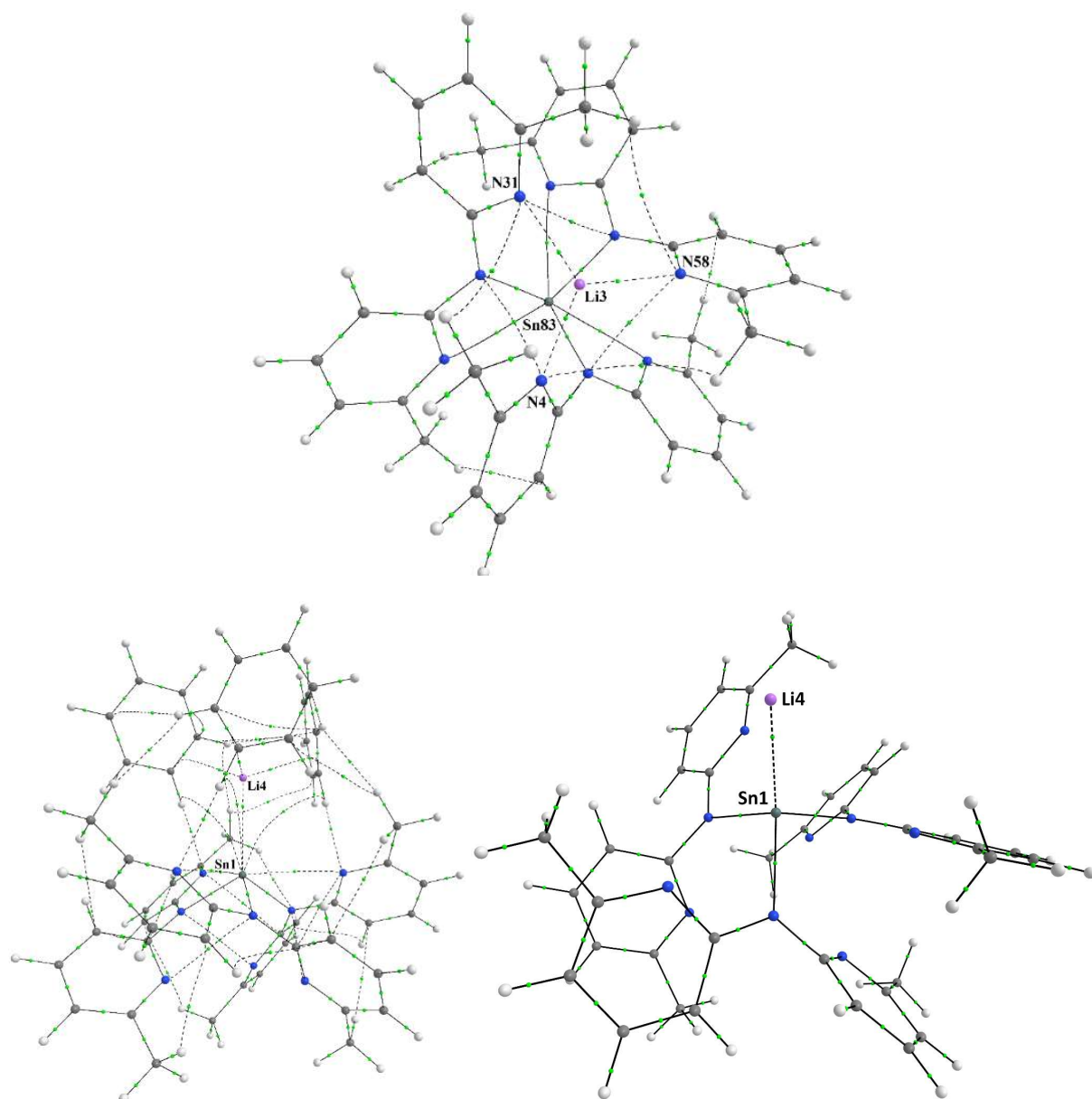


Figure S45: Molecular graphs of complexes **11** and **11a** / the key fragment of it. Only critical points (3, -1) are presented for clarity (green).

Table S3: Energy values of HOMO and LUMO in eV.

Complex			
	10	11	12
HOMO	-4.77	-5.01	-5.21
LUMO	-0.73	-0.66	-0.61
HOMO-2			-5.24
Complex			
	10a	11a	12a
HOMO	-4.70	-4.76	-4.77
LUMO	-0.99	-1.14	-1.41
HOMO-3			-5.78

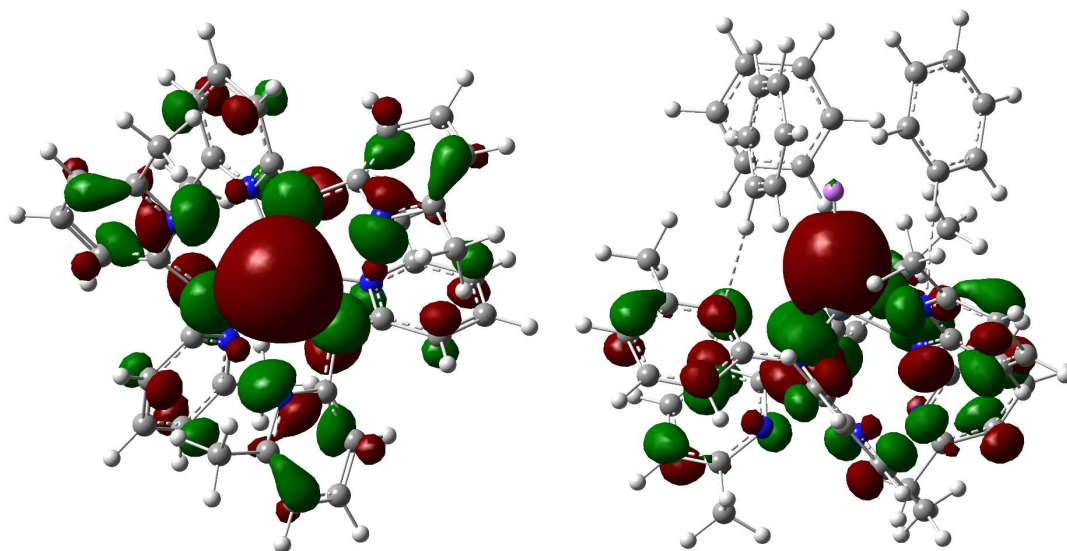


Figure S46: The HOMO orbitals for **11** and **11a** complexes (isovalue = 0.03).

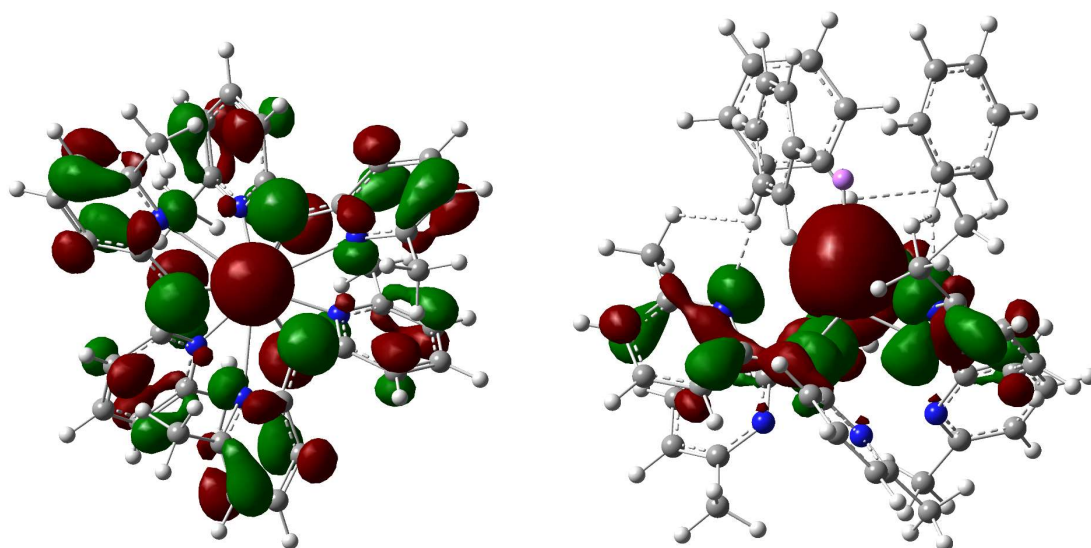


Figure S47: The HOMO-2 orbital for **12** and HOMO-3 for **12a** complexes (isovalue = 0.03).