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A germanimidoyl chloride: Synthesis, characterization and reactivity

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## **Experimental Section**

General considerations: All experiments were carried out under dry oxygen-free nitrogen using standard Schlenk techniques or in a N<sub>2</sub> filled-glove box. Solvents were dried by standard methods and stored in activated 4 Å molecule sieve in the glovebox. The NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometers (AV400) referenced to residual solvent signals as internal standards. The solutions of samples in the deuterated solvent were sealed off in a NMR tube under vacuum for measurements. Element analyses were performed on an Elementar Vario EL III instrument. For the single crystal X-ray structure analyses the crystals were each mounted on a glass capillary in perfluorinated oil and measured in a cold N<sub>2</sub> flow. The data for all compounds were collected on a Bruker D8 CMOS detector at low temperatures. The structures were solved by direct methods and all refined on  $F^2$  with the SHELX-2014/3 software package.<sup>1</sup> The positions of the H atoms were calculated and considered isotropically according to a riding model. Platon SQUEEZE was used to remove the highly disordered solvent molecules in the crystal lattices.<sup>2</sup> Commercially available reagents were purchased from Energy Chemical and used as received. M<sup>6</sup>Fluind<sup>rBa</sup>-GeCl (1),<sup>3</sup> mesitylazide,<sup>4</sup> 1-azido-4-(tert-butyl)benzene<sup>4</sup> and 3,5-di-*tert*-phenyl lithium<sup>5</sup> were synthesized according to reported procedures.

#### Synthesis of M<sup>s</sup>Fluind<sup>tBu</sup>-Ge(Cl)=NMes (2)

To a solution of M<sup>s</sup>Fluind<sup>*H*Bu</sup>-GeCl (1) (1.69 g, 2.00 mmol) in THF (30 mL), Mes-N<sub>3</sub> (0.36 g, 2.20 mmol) was added at room temperature. The suspension was stirred for 16 h and turned clear gradually. The color changed from yellow to orange red. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was washed with *n*-hexane (10 mL) to give an orange red powder (1.42 g, 73%). Orange crystals of **2** suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from THF/*n*-hexane solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = 1.29$  (s, 36H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.54 (s, 12H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.60 (s, 6H, Mes-C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>), 2.12 (s, 3H, Mes-C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>), 2.49 (s, 4H, CC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 6.70 (s, 2H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.18 (m, 4H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.25 (m, 4H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.36 (m, 4H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.46 (s, 1H, Ar-<u>H</u>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = 21.0$  (Mes-<u>C</u>H<sub>3</sub>), 21.8 (Mes-<u>C</u>H<sub>3</sub>), 23.1 (C(<u>C</u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 31.7 (<u>C</u>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 35.1 (C(<u>C</u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 43.0 (<u>C</u>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 58.3 (C<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 64.9 (<u>C</u>CH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 120.0, 120.7, 122.5, 126.0, 127.9, 128.2, 130.4, 131.2, 131.9, 147.3, 148.5, 150.8, 155.4, 155.8 ppm. Elemental analysis for C<sub>6</sub>sH<sub>76</sub>ClGeN (%): Cacld: C

#### Synthesis of M<sup>s</sup>Fluind<sup>rBu</sup>-Ge(Cl)N<sub>4</sub>Ar<sub>2</sub> (3)

To a solution of **1** (0.85 g, 1.00 mmol) in THF (30 mL), 1-azido-4-(*tert*- butyl)benzene (ArN<sub>3</sub>) (0.44 g, 2.50 mmol) was added at room temperature. The yellow suspension was stirred for 16 h and turned clear gradually. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was washed with *n*-hexane (10 mL) to give a light yellow powder (0.77 g, 65%). Colorless crystals of **3** suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from THF/*n*-hexane solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 400 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = 1.03$  (s, 18H, C(C<u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub></u>), 1.16 (s, 18H, C(C<u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub></u>), 1.29 (s, 18H, C(C<u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub></u>), 1.58 (s, 6H, C(C<u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub></u>), 1.60 (s, 6H, C(C<u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub></u>), 2.16 (s, 2H, CC<u>H<sub>2</sub>C</u>(C(H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.33 (s, 2H, CC<u>H<sub>2</sub>C</u>(C(H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 6.43-6.46 (m, 4H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 6.79 (s, 2H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 6.96-7.08 (m, 10H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.23-7.26 (m, 2H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 8.02 (s, 1H, Ar-<u>H</u>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 100 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = 31.7$  (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 31.8 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 32.1 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 32.3 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 64.2 (CCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 64.6 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 35.0 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 68.8 (<u>C</u>CH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 116.9, 117.0, 117.7, 119.7, 119.8, 119.8, 119.9, 120.6, 124.7, 124.9, 125.0, 125.4, 125.5, 126.1, 126.4, 137.6, 137.7, 137.9, 138.4, 141.8, 144.7, 149.9, 150.2, 150.7, 152.5, 156.4, 160.4, 161.5 ppm. Elemental analysis for C<sub>76</sub>H<sub>91</sub>ClGeN<sub>4</sub> (%): Cacld: C 78.11, H 7.85, N 4.79; Found: C 78.55, H 7.39, N 4.96.

### Synthesis of [M<sup>s</sup>Fluind<sup>tBu</sup>-GeN<sub>4</sub>Ar<sub>2</sub>][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>] (4)

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F (15 mL) was added to a mixture of **3** (0.24 g, 0.20 mmol) and NaBAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub> (0.18 g, 0.20 mmol). After stirring for 16 h, the reaction mixture was filtered. The volatiles in the filtrate was removed under vacuum, and the residue was washed with *n*-hexane to give a red powder (0.22 g, 55%). Red crystals of **4** suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>F/*n*-hexane solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 400 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = 0.98$  (s, 36H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.36 (s, 18H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.80 (s, 12H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.67 (s, 4H, CC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 6.20-6.22 (m, 4H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 6.92 (s, 2H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 6.94 (s, 2H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.03-7.04 (m, 4H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.12-7.18 (m, 8H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.58 (s, 4H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.75 ((m, 8H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.93 (s, 1H, Ar-<u>H</u>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 128 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = -6.6$  ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 100 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = 31.1$  (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 31.4 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 33.1 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 35.0 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 35.3 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 45.1 (<u>C</u>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 55.0 (C<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 64.0 (<u>C</u>CH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 117.9, 118.7, 121.4, 121.9, 123.7, 126.4, 127.0, 127.6, 129.3, 135.2, 137.7, 138.4, 150.6, 151.3, 151.4, 154.1, 158.5, 162.1 (q, B-C,  ${}^{1}J_{BC} = 50$  Hz) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 376 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = -62.8$  ppm. Elemental analysis for C<sub>108</sub>H<sub>103</sub>BF<sub>24</sub>GeN<sub>4</sub> (%): Cacld: C 64.98, H 5.20, N 2.81; Found: C 64.21, H 5.36, N 3.25.

#### Synthesis of M<sup>s</sup>Fluind<sup>tBu</sup>-Ge(Ar')=NMes (5)

THF (15 mL) was added to a Schlenk containing **2** (0.98 g, 1.00 mmol) and 3,5-di-*tert*-phenyl lithium (Ar'Li) (0.21 g, 1.01 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at room temperature and filtered afterwards. The volatiles in the filtrate was removed under vacuum, and the residue was washed with *n*-hexane (10 mL) to give an orange powder (0.74 g, 65%). Orange crystals of **5** suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown from THF/*n*-hexane solution at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = 0.98$  (s, 36H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (s, 6H, Mes-C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>), 1.23 (s, 18H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.67 (s, 12H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.16 (s, 3H, Mes-C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>), 2.37 (s, 4H, CC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 6.38 (s, 2H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 6.79 (m, 4H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 6.95 (m, 5H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.08 (m, 5H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.24 (s, 1H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.55 (s, 1H, Ar-<u>H</u>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = 19.9$  (Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.9 (Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 31.6 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 31.7 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 33.3 (C(C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 34.7 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 34.9 (C(C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 42.5 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 58.3 (CCH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 65.4 (CCH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 119.4, 119.6, 121.9, 124.7, 124.8, 127.2, 127.6, 127.9, 130.8, 132.3, 141.6, 148.3, 148.6, 149.5, 149.7, 154.7 ppm. Elemental analysis for C<sub>79</sub>H<sub>97</sub>GeN (%): Cacld: C 83.73, H 8.63, N 1.24; Found: C 84.11, H 8.41, N 1.86.

#### Synthesis of M<sup>s</sup>Fluind<sup>tBu</sup>-Ge(Me)<sub>2</sub>-N(Mes)Li(thf) (6)

Methyllithium (0.55 mL, 1.10 mmol, 2 M in THF) was added to a pre-cooled (-30 °C) solution of **2** (0.49 g, 0.50 mmol ) in THF (15 mL) *via* syringe. The suspension was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 16 h. The color changed from orange to light yellow. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated to 2 mL and stored at -30 °C to yield a yellow powder (0.32 g, 60%). Yellow crystals of **6** suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from THF solution by layering *n*-hexane at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = -0.54$  (s, 6H, Ge(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.24 (br, 4H, C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 1.35 (s, 36H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.57 (s, 12H, C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.79 (s, 6H, Mes-C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>), 2.33 (s, 3H, Mes-C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>), 2.42 (s, 4H, CC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.16 (br, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>O), 6.63 (s, 2H, Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.16 (m, 5H,

Ar-<u>H</u>), 7.52 (m, 8H, Ar-<u>H</u>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz, 298 K):  $\delta = 8.4$  (Ge(<u>C</u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 14.4 (Mes-C(<u>C</u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 23.1 (Mes-C(<u>C</u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 23.4 (C(<u>C</u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 25.36 (<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 31.8 (<u>C</u>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 32.9 (C(<u>C</u>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 35.2 (<u>C</u>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 44.6 (C<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 64.1 (<u>C</u>CH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 68.36 (CH<sub>2</sub><u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>O), 116.6, 118.23, 119.7, 124.7, 124.9, 129.8, 137.9, 149.8, 149.9, 150.7, 155.7, 157.0, 157.1, 157.9 ppm. Elemental analysis for C<sub>71</sub>H<sub>90</sub>GeNOLi (%): Cacld: C 80.98, H 8.61, N 1.33; Found: C 81.36, H 8.22, N 1.83.

|  | 2                                     | 3                              | 4   |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| formula  | C <sub>65</sub> H <sub>76</sub> ClGeN | C76H91ClGeN4                   | C <sub>117</sub> H <sub>124</sub> BF <sub>24</sub> GeN <sub>4</sub> |
| formula weight   | 979.30                                | 1168.56                        | 2125.59   |
| crystal system   | monoclinic                            | triclinic                      | triclinic   |
| space group  | $P2_{1}/c$                            | <i>P</i> -1                    | <i>P</i> -1   |
| a/Å  | 15.0823(10)                           | 10.4216(10)                    | 10.8141(5)  |
| b/Å  | 26.4574(17)                           | 17.8327(16)                    | 19.1127(10)   |
| c/Å  | 14.7964(10)                           | 21.2462(16)                    | 27.1321(15)   |
| $\alpha/\text{deg}$  |                                       | 86.176(4)                      | 93.952(2)   |
| $\beta$ /deg   | 108.586(3)                            | 82.097(4)                      | 96.523(2)   |
| γ/deg  |                                       | 76.433(5)                      | 96.935(2)   |
| $V/Å^3$  | 5596.4(6)                             | 3799.4(6)                      | 5511.3(5)   |
| Ζ  | 4                                     | 2                              | 2   |
| $ ho_{ m calcd}/ m g\cdot  m cm^{-3}$                      | 1.162                                 | 1.021                          | 1.281   |
| $\mu/\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$                                     | 0.963                                 | 0.760                          | 0.736   |
| <i>F</i> (000)   | 2088                                  | 1248                           | 2214  |
| crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                               | $0.15 \times 0.12 \times 0.1$         | $0.16 \times 0.14 \times 0.12$ | $0.2\times0.18\times0.16$   |
| $\theta$ range/deg   | 2.689-54.448                          | 2.824-54.108                   | 2.033-53.989  |
| index ranges   | $-18 \le h \le 18$                    | $-12 \le h \le 12$             | $-13 \le h \le 12$  |
|  | $-31 \le k \le 26$                    | $-21 \le k \le 21$             | $-23 \le k \le 23$  |
|  | $-17 \le l \le 16$                    | $-25 \le l \le 24$             | $-32 \le l \le 32$  |
| collected data   | 72960                                 | 58815                          | 98139   |
| unique data  | 10335                                 | 13849                          | 20104   |
|  | $(R_{\rm int} = 0.0969)$              | $(R_{\rm int} = 0.0587)$       | $(R_{\rm int} = 0.0457)$  |
| completeness to $\theta$                                   | 99.9%                                 | 99.3%                          | 99.6%   |
| data/restraints/parameters                                 | 10335/115/642                         | 13849/0/761                    | 20104/409/1482  |
| GOF on $F^2$   | 1.022                                 | 1.067                          | 1.026   |
| final R indices[ $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ ]                      | $R_1 = 0.0746$                        | $R_1 = 0.0431$                 | $R_1 = 0.0540$  |
|  | $wR_2 = 0.1972$                       | $wR_2 = 0.1179$                | $wR_2 = 0.1466$   |
| R indices (all data)                                       | $R_1 = 0.1290$                        | $R_1 = 0.0563$                 | $R_1 = 0.0601$  |
|  | $wR_2 = 0.2277$                       | $wR_2 = 0.1250$                | $wR_2 = 0.1512$   |
| Largest diff peak/hole (e·Å <sup>-</sup><br><sup>3</sup> ) | 0.99/0.77                             | 0.25/-0.61                     | 0.99/-0.72  |

Table S1. Crystal data and refinement of 2-4

|  | 5                                   | 6                         |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| formula                                      | C <sub>79</sub> H <sub>97</sub> GeN | C71H90GeLiNO              |
| formula weight                               | 1133.16                             | 1052.96                   |
| crystal system                               | triclinic                           | triclinic                 |
| space group                                  | <i>P</i> -1                         | <i>P</i> -1               |
| a/Å  | 10.9718(8)                          | 12.7185(7)                |
| b/Å  | 11.2149(9)                          | 15.0410(9)                |
| c/Å  | 27.474(2)                           | 17.9978(10)               |
| α/deg  | 93.954(4)                           | 82.265(3)                 |
| $\beta$ /deg                                 | 91.347(4)                           | 73.454(2)                 |
| γ/deg  | 97.621(4)                           | 80.240(2)                 |
| $V/\text{\AA}^3$                             | 3340.9(5)                           | 3239.0(3)                 |
| Ζ  | 2                                   | 2                         |
| $ ho_{ m calcd}/ m g\cdot  m cm^{-3}$        | 1.126                               | 1.080                     |
| $\mu/\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$                       | 0.606                               | 0.609                     |
| <i>F</i> (000)                               | 1220                                | 1132                      |
| crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                 | $0.18 \times 0.14 \times 0.12$      | $0.2\times0.14\times0.13$ |
| heta range/deg                               | 3.468-54.008                        | 2.237-54.075              |
| index ranges                                 | $-12 \le h \le 13$                  | $-15 \le h \le 15$        |
|  | $-13 \le k \le 13$                  | $-18 \le k \le 18$        |
|  | $-33 \le l \le 32$                  | $-21 \le l \le 21$        |
| collected data                               | 60392                               | 56006                     |
| unique data                                  | 12214                               | 11882                     |
|  | $(R_{\rm int} = 0.0647)$            | $(R_{\rm int} = 0.0587)$  |
| completeness to $\theta$                     | 99.6%                               | 99.7%                     |
| data/restraints/parameters                   | 12214/382/823                       | 11882/126/715             |
| GOF on $F^2$                                 | 1.056                               | 1.042                     |
| final <i>R</i> indices[ $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ ] | $R_1 = 0.0576$                      | $R_1 = 0.0446$            |
|  | $wR_2 = 0.1529$                     | $wR_2 = 0.1155$           |
| R indices (all data)                         | $R_1 = 0.0774$                      | $R_1 = 0.0608$            |
|  | $wR_2 = 0.1641$                     | $wR_2 = 0.1235$           |
| Largest diff peak/hole (e·Å-3)               | 0.61/-0.60                          | 0.37/-0.66                |

Table S2. Crystal data and refinement of 5-6

### **Computational details**

All of the calculations were performed with the Gaussian 09 program.<sup>6</sup> All the geometry optimizations were performed with the  $\omega$ B97XD functional<sup>7</sup> in conjunction with a 6-31G(d) basis set<sup>8</sup> in the gas phase. Besides, the natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis<sup>9</sup> was obtained at the same level. The quantum theory of atoms in molecules (QTAIM) analyses were performed using Multiwfn (Version 3.8).<sup>10</sup> The wavefunction files for QTAIM were obtained from Gaussian 16 at the $\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d) level of theory.



**Fig. S1** Contour line diagrams of the Laplacian distribution  $\nabla^2 \rho(r)$  in the C-Ge-N plane of **2**.

# Coordinates of the studied molecule

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| Center | Atomic | Atomic | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Number | Number | Туре   | Х                       | Y         | Z         |
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|     |   |   |           |           |           |

# Selected NMR spectra



**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> solution at 298 K of the product from the reaction of **2** with MeLi (1:1 ratio). \* The proton signal for the Ge-CH<sub>3</sub> group in M<sup>s</sup>Fluind<sup>*t*Bu</sup>-Ge(Me)=NMes; # The proton signal for the Ge-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> moiety in **6**.



**Fig. S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in  $C_6D_6$  at 298 K.



Fig. S4  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H, {}^{13}C{}$  NMR spectrum of 2 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 298 K.



Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3 in THF-d<sub>8</sub> at 298 K.



Fig. S6  ${}^{13}C{ \{^{1}H, ^{13}C\}}$  NMR spectrum of 3 in THF-d<sub>8</sub> at 298 K.



Fig. S7 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 298 K.







Fig. S9  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H, {}^{13}C{}$  NMR spectrum of 4 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 298 K.



Fig. S10  $^{19}\mathrm{F}$  NMR spectrum of 4 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 298 K.



Fig. S11 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K.



Fig. S12  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H, {}^{13}C{}$  NMR spectrum of 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K.



Fig. S13 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 6 in  $C_6D_6$  at 298 K.



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