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**Extremely Bulky Amido-Group 14 Element Chloride Complexes: Potential Synthons for Low  
Oxidation State Main Group Chemistry**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

**Table S1.** Summary of crystallographic data for **1**, **3**, **4**, **7**, **9**, **10**, **12**, **13**, **15**, [Li(L){N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)(Ar\*)}] (L = OEt<sub>2</sub> **1S** or THF **2S**);

[Na(THF)<sub>3</sub>{N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)(Ar\*)}] **3S** and [K(OEt<sub>2</sub>){N(SiPh<sub>3</sub>)(Ar\*)}] **4S**.

	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b> ·(OEt <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>1.5</sub>	<b>10</b> ·(toluene) <sub>2</sub>	<b>12</b>
empirical formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>37</sub> NSi	C <sub>51</sub> H <sub>43</sub> NSi	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>36</sub> ClGeNSi	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>36</sub> CINSiSn	C <sub>57</sub> H <sub>57</sub> CINO <sub>1.5</sub> SiSn	C <sub>86</sub> H <sub>88</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Pb <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> NSi <sub>2</sub>
formula weight	511.76	697.95	618.79	664.89	962.27	1691.04	645.19
crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
<i>T</i> (K)	173(2)	123(2)	173(2)	173(2)	123(2)	173(2)	173(2)
<i>a</i> (Å)	16.6936(8)	20.5915(12)	9.839(2)	9.799(2)	13.4198(3)	9.8669(4)	10.0788(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	22.4261(9)	10.8266(5)	18.298(4)	18.329(4)	14.0960(3)	13.0330(5)	13.1075(9)
<i>c</i> (Å)	7.6390(3)	17.5359(7)	19.291(4)	19.472(4)	14.4193(3)	15.5728(7)	13.1687(9)
<i>α</i> (deg.)	90	90	104.22(3)	103.50(3)	66.512(2)	79.153(2)	90.754(3)
<i>β</i> (deg)	90	95.691(5)	98.69(3)	98.96(3)	81.228(2)	84.525(2)	108.006(4)
<i>γ</i> (deg.)	90	90	104.60(3)	104.63(3)	86.827(2)	72.621(2)	96.141(4)
vol (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2859.8(2)	3890.1(3)	3172.7(11)	3203.5(11)	2472.33(9)	1875.38(13)	1643.0(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	4	2	1	2
<i>ρ</i> (calcd) (g.cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.189	1.192	1.295	1.379	1.293	1.497	1.304
<i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.107	0.097	1.113	0.943	0.636	4.632	0.379
<i>F</i> (000)	1096	1480	1288	1360	998	844	676

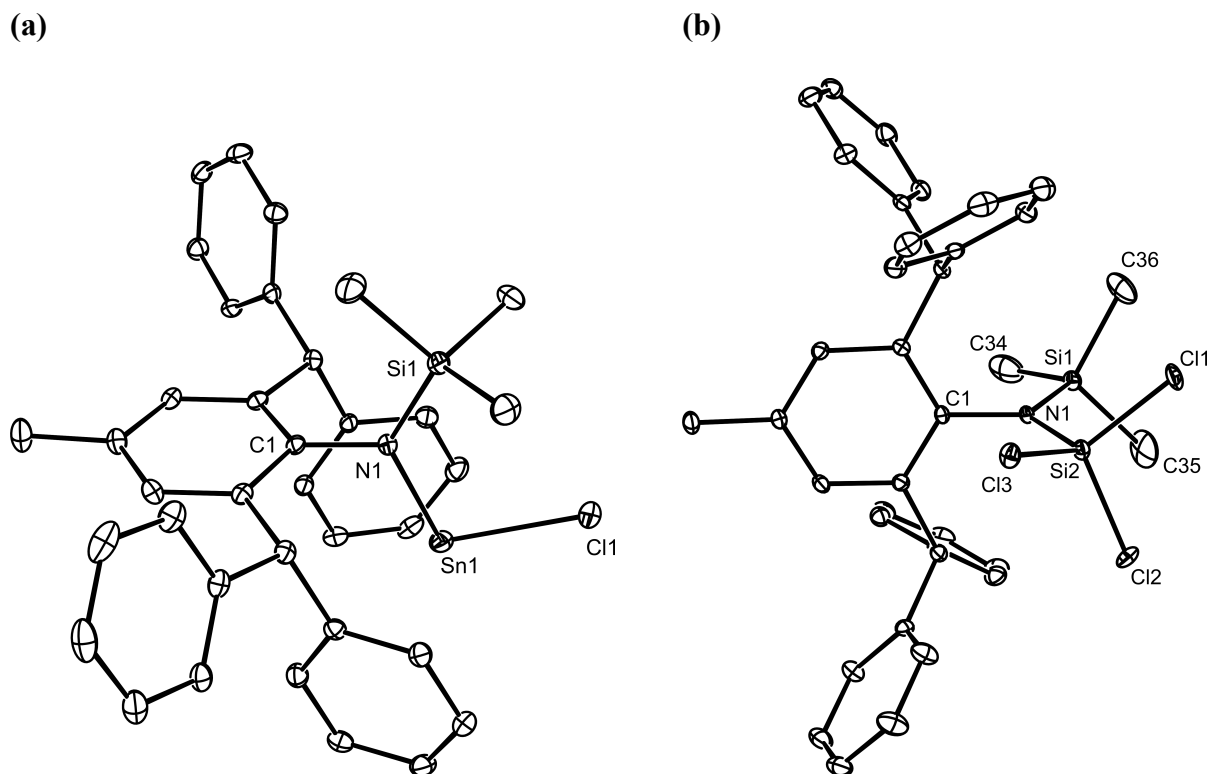
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reflections collected	37410	17699	21013	21201	16094	41818	46831
unique reflections	2569	7218	11121	11268	9670	7238	6423
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0767	0.0219	0.0443	0.0527	0.0652	0.0687	0.0432
R1 indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0491	0.0399	0.0457	0.0452	0.0444	0.0363	0.0476
wR2 indices (all data)	0.1185	0.0977	0.1129	0.1155	0.1281	0.0726	0.1021
Largest peak and hole ( $\text{e} \cdot \text{Å}^{-3}$ )	0.30, -0.33	0.40, -0.37	0.38, -0.46	1.08, -0.74	1.96 (near Sn1), - 0.67	1.18, -0.75	0.32, -0.36

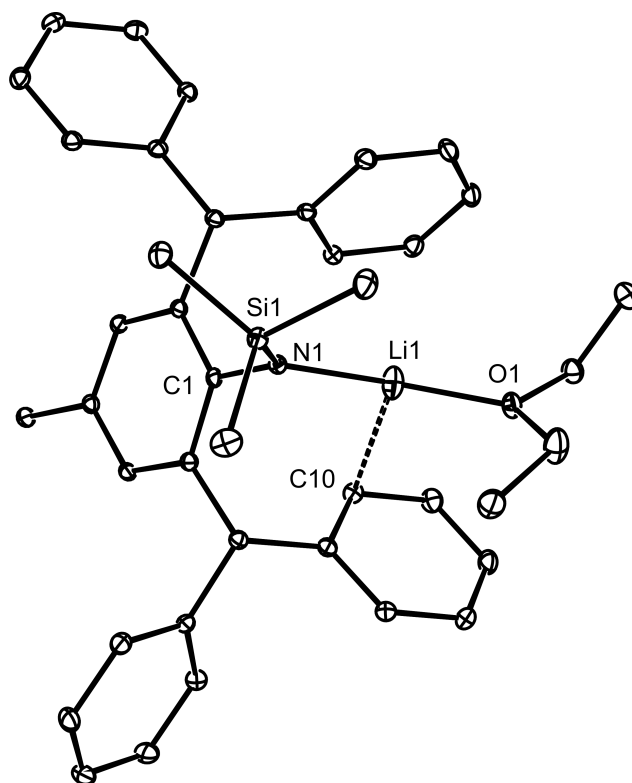
	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1S</b>	<b>2S</b>	<b>3S</b>	<b>4S</b>
empirical formula	$\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{40}\text{Cl}_3\text{NSi}_2$	$\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{37}\text{Cl}_2\text{NSi}_2$	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{46}\text{LiNOSi}$	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{44}\text{LiNOSi}$	$\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{60}\text{NNaO}_3\text{Si}$	$\text{C}_{55}\text{H}_{52}\text{KNOSi}$
formula weight	769.32	610.75	591.81	589.79	750.05	810.17
crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
space group	$P-1$	$P2_1/c$	$P-1$	$P-1$	$P-1$	$P1$
$T$ (K)	123(2)	173(2)	123(2)	123(2)	123(2)	123(2)
$a$ (Å)	10.4843(7)	12.5080(7)	9.8835(6)	9.7625(4)	10.8967(7)	10.6752(4)
$b$ (Å)	12.8042(8)	17.0460(10)	10.1932(11)	10.1602(4)	11.1647(7)	12.6029(4)
$c$ (Å)	14.8588(9)	15.5962(9)	18.8112(14)	18.8405(7)	18.3301(12)	18.4402(7)
$\alpha$ (deg.)	82.135(5)	90	74.610(8)	105.507(3)	78.746(4)	91.644(3)
$\beta$ (deg.)	85.347(5)	97.400(2)	88.130(6)	90.534(3)	89.505(4)	97.180(3)
$\gamma$ (deg.)	80.847(5)	90	68.295(8)	112.600(4)	75.339(4)	114.573(3)

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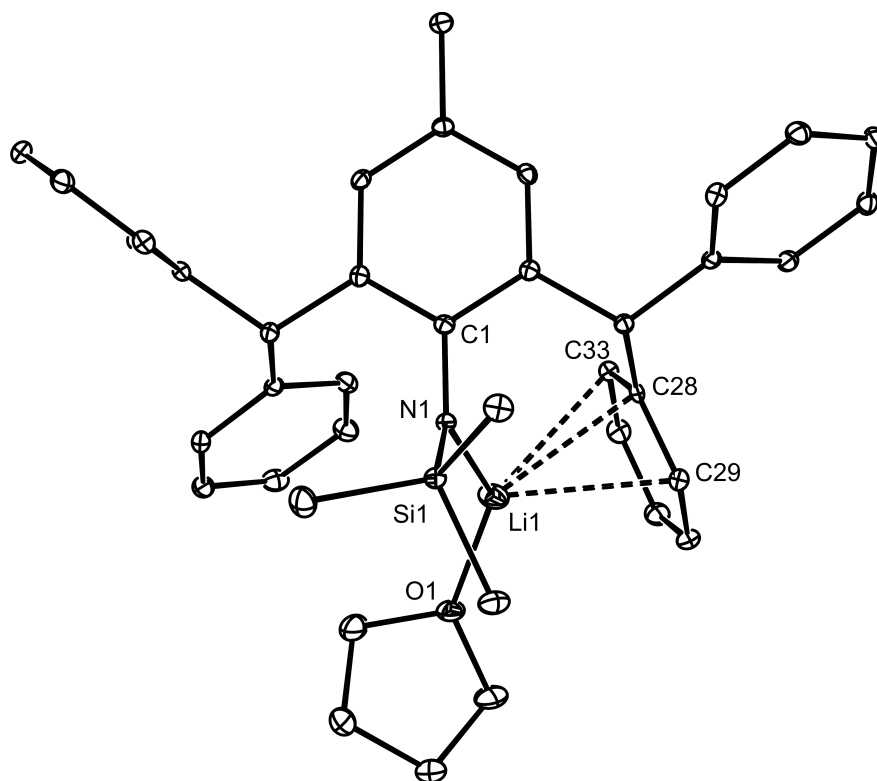
vol ( $\text{\AA}^3$ )	1947.2(2)	3297.6(3)	1693.1(2)	1649.22(11)	2114.0(2)	2229.57(14)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	2	2	2	2
$\rho$ (calcd) ( $\text{g.cm}^{-3}$ )	1.312	1.230	1.161	1.188	1.178	1.207
$\mu$ ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )	0.332	0.295	0.836	0.103	0.107	0.186
<i>F</i> (000)	804	1288	636	632	808	860
reflections collected	12610	43632	20449	10292	40150	15243
unique reflections	6849	5597	6002	6437	9058	10800
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0443	0.0536	0.0414	0.0292	0.0688	0.0312
R1 indices [ <i>I</i> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>a</sup>	0.0575	0.0810	0.0407	0.0459	0.0563	0.0485
wR2 indices (all data) <sup>b</sup>	0.1424	0.2215	0.1134	0.1022	0.1405	0.1288
Largest peak and hole ( $\text{e.\AA}^{-3}$ )	0.63, -0.40	1.40, -0.71	0.30, -0.29	0.31, -0.34	0.34, -0.29	0.47, -0.30



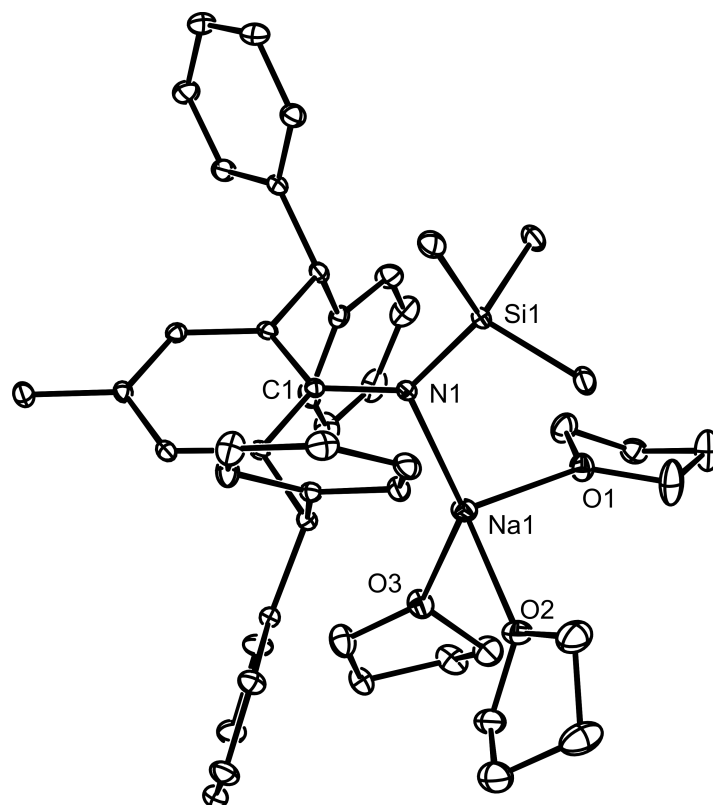
**Figure S1.** Molecular structure of (a) 7 and (b) 12 (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; hydrogens omitted). See main text for geometrical parameters.



**Figure S2.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Li}(\text{OEt}_2)\{\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)(\text{Ar}^*)\}]$  **1S** (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; hydrogens omitted;  $\text{Li}\cdots\text{C}$  contact at less than 2.80 Å shown as a dotted line). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Si(1)-N(1) 1.6846(14), N(1)-C(1) 1.391(2), N(1)-Li(1) 1.883(4), Li(1)-C(10) 2.655(4), O(1)-Li(1) 1.880(4), C(1)-N(1)-Si(1) 125.53(11), C(1)-N(1)-Li(1) 114.39(14), Si(1)-N(1)-Li(1) 119.98(13).

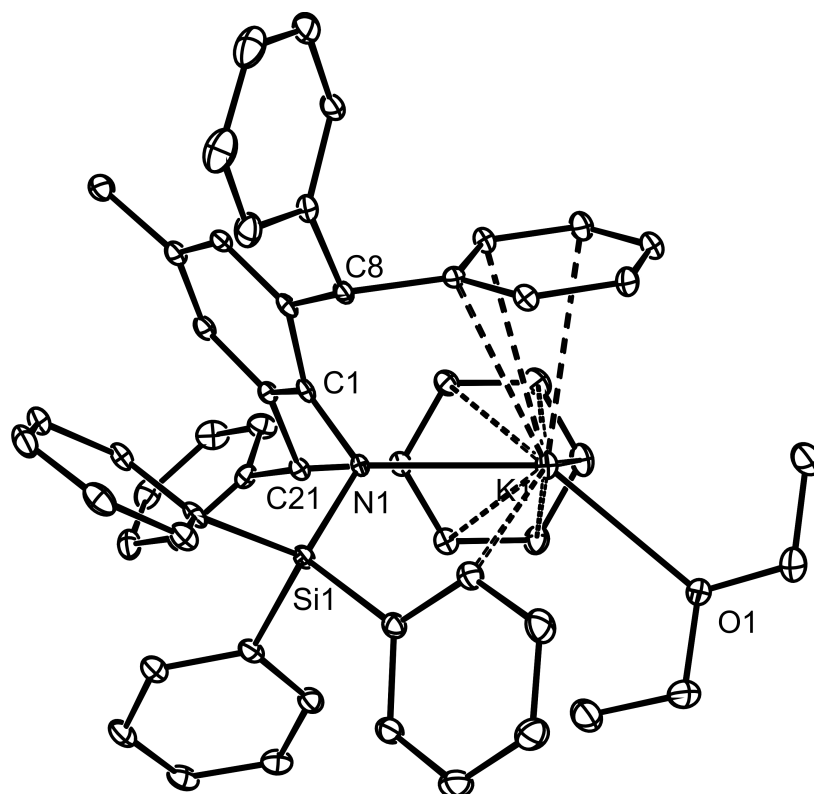


**Figure S3.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Li}(\text{THF})\{\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)(\text{Ar}^*)\}] \mathbf{2S}$  (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; hydrogens omitted;  $\text{Li}\cdots\text{C}$  contacts at less than 2.80 Å shown as dotted lines). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles ( $^\circ$ ):  $\text{Si}(1)\text{-N}(1)$  1.6871(13),  $\text{O}(1)\text{-Li}(1)$  1.895(3),  $\text{N}(1)\text{-C}(1)$  1.3925(19),  $\text{N}(1)\text{-Li}(1)$  1.912(3),  $\text{C}(28)\text{-Li}(1)$  2.564(3),  $\text{C}(29)\text{-Li}(1)$  2.703(4),  $\text{C}(33)\text{-Li}(1)$  2.707(4),  $\text{C}(1)\text{-N}(1)\text{-Si}(1)$  123.85(11),  $\text{C}(1)\text{-N}(1)\text{-Li}(1)$  117.82(14),  $\text{Si}(1)\text{-N}(1)\text{-Li}(1)$  116.37(11),

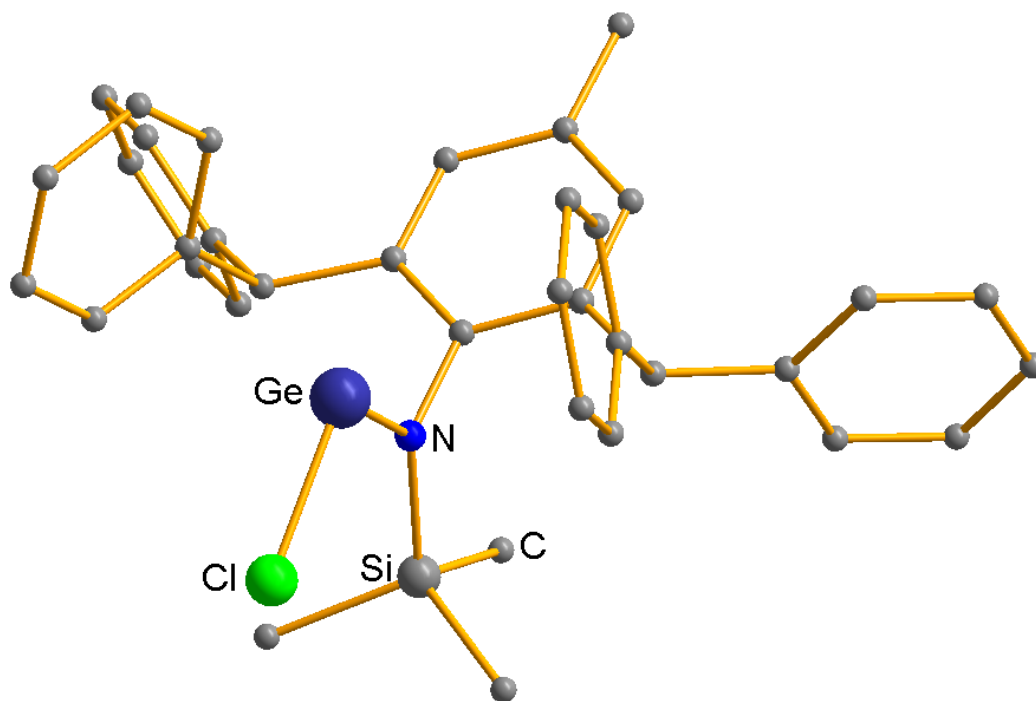


**Figure S4.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Na}(\text{THF})_3\{\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)(\text{Ar}^*)\}]$  **3S** (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; hydrogens omitted). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Si(1)-N(1) 1.6733(18), Na(1)-O(1) 2.3162(17), Na(1)-N(1) 2.3411(18), Na(1)-O(2) 2.3491(18), Na(1)-O(3) 2.3632(18), N(1)-C(1) 1.377(2), C(1)-N(1)-Si(1) 130.11(14), C(1)-N(1)-Na(1) 112.91(12), Si(1)-N(1)-Na(1) 116.93(9).





**Figure S5.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{K}(\text{OEt}_2)\{\text{N}(\text{SiPh}_3)(\text{Ar}^*)\}]$  **4S** (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; hydrogens omitted;  $\text{K}\cdots\text{C}$  contacts at less than 3.50 Å shown as dotted lines). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°):  $\text{K}(1)\text{-N}(1)$  2.649(3),  $\text{K}(1)\text{-O}(1)$  2.778(3),  $\text{Si}(1)\text{-N}(1)$  1.675(3),  $\text{N}(1)\text{-C}(1)$  1.390(5),  $\text{C}(1)\text{-N}(1)\text{-Si}(1)$  118.8(2),  $\text{C}(1)\text{-N}(1)\text{-K}(1)$  119.9(2),  $\text{Si}(1)\text{-N}(1)\text{-K}(1)$  121.27(14).



**Figure S6.** Calculated structure of **4** (BP86/RI-DFT/SVP, hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).

	<b>molecular structure</b>	<b>calculated structure</b>	<b>difference</b>
<b>Cl-Ge</b>	2.257	2.287	0.030
<b>Ge-N</b>	1.855	1.904	0.049
<b>N-Si</b>	1.769	1.817	0.048
<b>N-C</b>	1.460	1.441	-0.019
<b>Cl-Ge-N</b>	98.85	99.61	0.76
<b>Ge-N-Si</b>	130.54	129.81	0.73
<b>Ge-N-C</b>	110.95	110.92	0.03

**Table S2.** Comparison of the metrical parameters of the molecular structure of **4** with those of its calculated gas phase structure (bond lengths: Å and angles: °).

**Table S3.** Cartesian coordinates for the calculated structure of **4**.

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N	-0.00100	1.00200	0.49100
Ge	-0.00500	0.00500	2.11300
Si	0.00400	2.80000	0.23100
C	0.00100	0.12500	-0.65200
C	-1.54300	3.61500	0.97000
C	0.00800	3.10200	-1.64500
C	1.55000	3.61100	0.97700
C	-1.22700	-0.33100	-1.21800
C	1.23100	-0.32700	-1.22000
H	-2.47900	3.27000	0.47500
H	-1.48300	4.72000	0.83400
H	-1.62100	3.40600	2.05800
H	0.90500	2.66800	-2.13800
H	0.00500	4.19800	-1.84200
H	-0.88500	2.66300	-2.14300
H	1.62800	3.39400	2.06400
H	1.48800	4.71600	0.84900
H	2.48700	3.27000	0.48100
C	-1.20200	-1.16700	-2.35100
C	-2.55600	0.05400	-0.55300
C	1.20800	-1.16200	-2.35100
C	2.55900	0.05800	-0.55100
H	-2.15900	-1.49200	-2.79200
C	0.00300	-1.58800	-2.94300
H	-2.43200	1.09600	-0.19300
C	-2.82100	-0.78700	0.70100
C	-3.74400	0.07500	-1.52500
H	2.16700	-1.48500	-2.79100
H	2.43800	1.10300	-0.19600
C	2.81600	-0.77800	0.70800
C	3.75100	0.07000	-1.51800
C	0.01000	-2.44900	-4.18700
C	-2.53400	-2.16900	0.75000
C	-3.38800	-0.18100	1.84500
C	-4.69600	-0.96200	-1.59700
C	-3.89400	1.17700	-2.39600
C	2.52900	-2.16000	0.75900
C	3.37400	-0.16700	1.85400
C	4.69800	-0.97200	-1.58100
C	3.91000	1.16800	-2.39300
H	0.19800	-1.83600	-5.09900
H	-0.96200	-2.96600	-4.33300
H	0.81000	-3.22100	-4.14800
H	-2.07200	-2.65700	-0.12400
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H	-3.16400	2.00300	-2.35200
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C	2.80100	-2.90900	1.91700
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C	5.76500	-0.92300	-2.49800

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H	3.18300	1.99800	-2.35500
H	-2.57800	-4.00000	1.92000
C	-3.37100	-2.30600	3.03500
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H	-6.49300	-1.72700	-2.55200
C	-5.89100	0.19400	-3.38100
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H	2.56800	-3.98700	1.93500
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H	4.06200	-0.41200	3.90200
H	6.49500	-1.74900	-2.52600
C	5.90600	0.17200	-3.36500
H	5.07400	2.09100	-3.97800
H	-3.57800	-2.89500	3.94400
H	-6.72600	0.24100	-4.09900
H	3.55400	-2.87500	3.96200
H	6.74500	0.21100	-4.08000
Cl	-0.00700	1.72600	3.61900