

Supporting Information for

**New oligogermane with five coordinate germanium atom:
the preparation of 1-germylgermatrane**

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Experimental

Methods and Materials. All manipulations were performed under a dry, oxygen-free argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. Triethanolamine (Aldrich), triethylamine (Aldrich) were distilled prior to use and stored over activated molecular sieves (4Å). Solvents were dried using usual procedures. Tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, triethylamine were stored under solid KOH and than distilled under sodium/benzophenone. Toluene and *n*-hexane were refluxed and distilled under sodium. Dichloromethane and acetonitrile were distilled under CaH₂. C₆D₆ was distilled over sodium under argon. CDCl₃ was distilled over CaH₂ under argon.

¹H NMR (400.130 MHz), ¹³C NMR (100.613 MHz), ²⁹Si (79.495 MHz) spectra were recorded with a Bruker 400 spectrometer at 298 K. Chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to internal Me₄Si. Elemental analyses were carried out by the Microanalytical Laboratory of the Chemistry Department of the Moscow State University using Heraeus Vario Elementar instrument. UV/visible spectra were obtained using two ray spectrophotometer Evolution 300 «Thermo Scientific» with cuvette of 0.10 cm long. Mass spectra (EI-MS, 70 eV) were recorded on a quadropole mass spectrometer FINNIGAN MAT INCOS 50 with direct insertion; all assignments were made with reference to the most abundant isotopes.

X-ray crystallography. Experimental intensities were measured on a Bruker SMART APEX II diffractometer using ω -scan mode. Absorption correction based on measurements of equivalent reflections was applied.¹ The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full matrix least-squares based on F^2 with anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms.² All disordered –SiMe₃ groups were refined with restrained Si-C distances. All hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined using a riding model. The structure of **1** contains three crystallographically independent molecules. One of them occupies general position while two others lie on mirror planes. In all molecules atrane fragments and all –SiMe₃ groups are disordered over two positions with occupancy ratios 0.5/0.5. The structure was checked for supercell and low-symmetry space groups. These possibilities were not confirmed.

Table S1 Crystal data for germatrane **1**

Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₃₉ Ge ₂ NO ₃ Si ₃
M _r	510.92
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P21/m
<i>a</i> , Å	11.3567(16)
<i>b</i> , Å	27.748(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	16.127(2)
β, degree	102.683(2)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	4957.8(12)
D _{calcd.} g*cm ⁻³	1.369
Z	8
F(000)	2128
μ (Mo Kα), mm ⁻¹	2.582
temperature, K	130(2)
Total reflections	30945
Unique reflections (R _{int})	9333 (0.0726)
Parameters	524
Restraints	204
R ₁ (I>2σ(I))	0.0592
wR ₂ (all reflections)	0.1391
goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.055
Min/max residual electron density, e*Å ⁻³	-0.668 / 1.321

Synthesis. The known compounds $(\text{TMS})_3\text{GeGeCl}_3^3$ and $\text{TfOGe}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3\text{N}^4$ were obtained using literature procedure.

Synthesis of 1. Method 1. At -78°C solution of $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_3$ (0.16 ml, 1.17 mmol), Et_3N (0.50 ml, 3.50 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 ml) was added dropwise over 1 h to solution of $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_3\text{GeGeCl}_3$ (0.55 g, 1.17 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (70 ml). The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and mixed for 1 h more. All volatiles were removed in vacuum, benzene (50 ml) was added to the residue and the suspension formed was filtered. The solvent was removed, hexane (40 ml) was added, and the mixture was filtered. The volatiles were removed and the solid formed was recrystallized from hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 (1:5). After filtration and concentration the solution formed was stored at -25°C for 3 d. The precipitate formed was isolated and dried in high vacuum. The compound **1** was obtained as a white solid (0.11 g, 19%). The crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by recrystallization from pentane.

Method 2. The solution of $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_3\text{GeK}^5$ generated *in situ* from $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_4\text{Ge}$ (0.91 g, 2.50 mmol) and *t*-BuOK (0.28 g, 2.50 mmol) in THF (50 ml) was added dropwise to slurry of $\text{TfOGe}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3\text{N}$ in xylene (15 ml) during 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, the volatiles were removed under vacuum, pentane (30 ml) was added and the suspension obtained was filtered. After removal of solvent the residue was recrystallized from acetonitrile at -30°C yielding compound **1** (0.43 g, 34%) as a white powder.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 3.65 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 6H, 3OCH_2), 2.68 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 6H, 3NCH_2), 0.25 (s, 27H, $3\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 57.84 (OCH_2), 53.53 (NCH_2), 2.67 (SiCH_3). ^1H NMR (C_6D_6) δ 3.43 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 6H, 3OCH_2), 2.04 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 6H, 3NCH_2), 0.26 (s, 27H, $3\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$). ^{13}C NMR (C_6D_6) δ 57.88 (OCH_2), 52.87 (NCH_2), 2.79 (SiCH_3). ^{29}Si NMR (C_6D_6) δ -6.37. UV/vis (CH_2Cl_2) λ_{max} nm (ϵ , $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$): 221 (2.3×10^4). MS (EI) m/z 513 (M^+ , 5), 367 ($\text{A} = \text{M} - 2\text{TMS}$, 12), 293 ($(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_3\text{Ge}$, 4), 220 ($\text{Ge}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3\text{N}$, 6), 219 ($(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{Ge} - \text{H}$, 12), 147 (Me_3SiGe , 15), 132 ($\text{Me}_3\text{SiGe} - \text{Me}$, 5), 73 (Me_3Si , 100). Calcd., %: C 35.26, H 7.69, N 2.74. Found, %: C 35.18, H 7.79, N 2.70. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{39}\text{Ge}_2\text{NO}_3\text{Si}_3$.

Fig. S1 ^1H NMR Spectrum (400.130 MHz, CDCl_3) of Germatrane **1**.

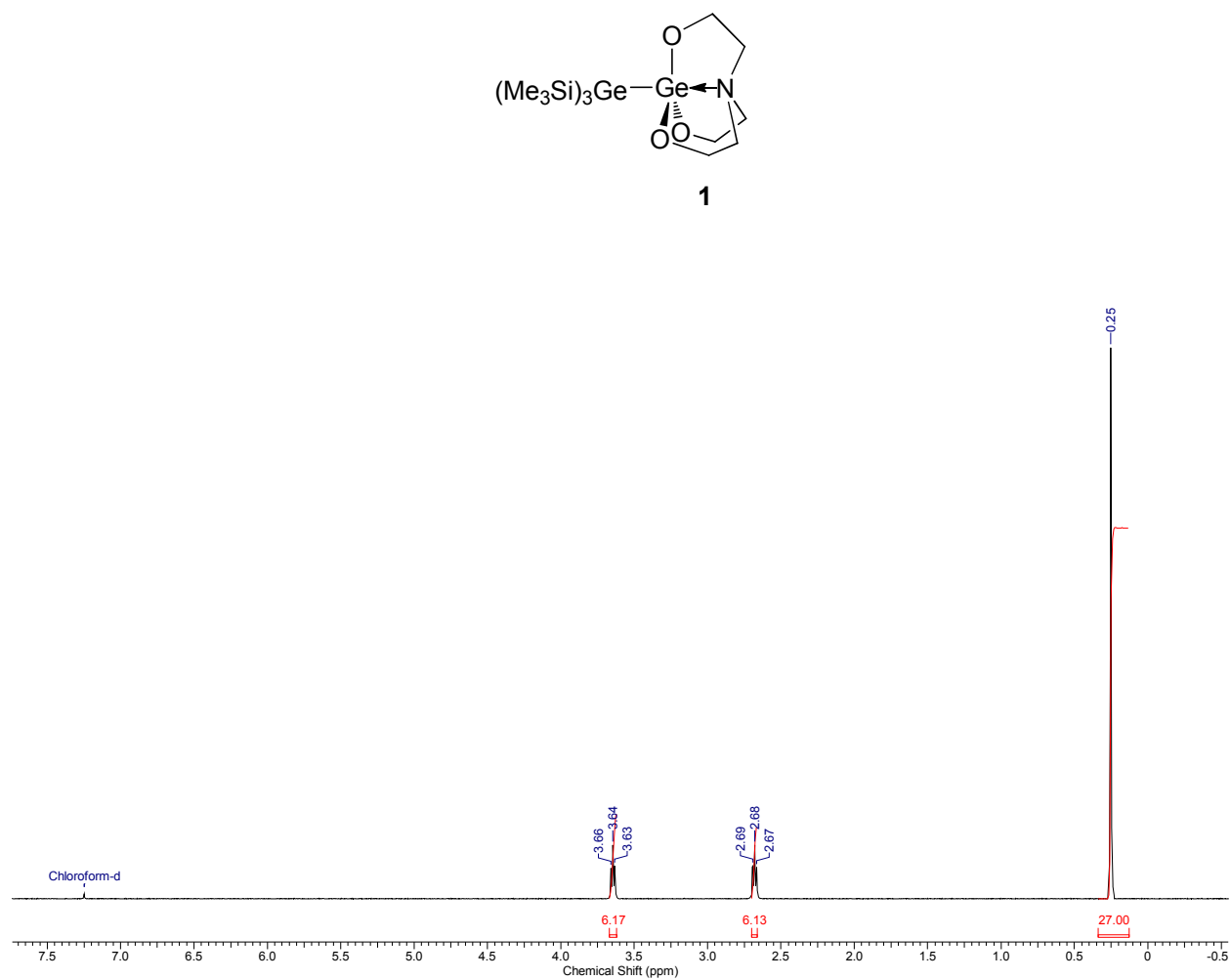


Fig. S2 ^{13}C NMR Spectrum (100.613 MHz, CDCl_3) of Germatrane **1**.

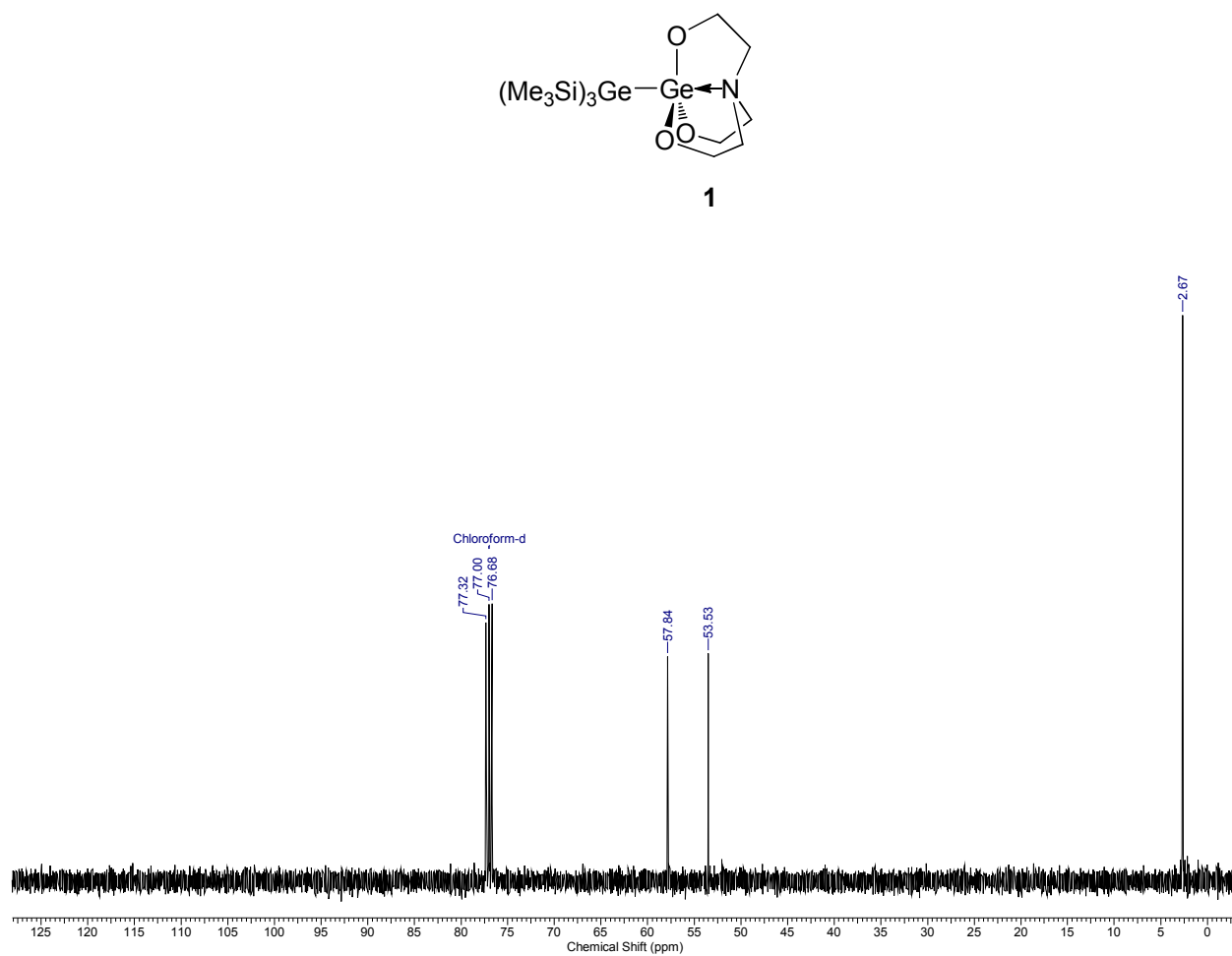


Fig. S3 ^{29}Si NMR Spectrum (79.495 MHz, CDCl_3) of Germatrane **1**.

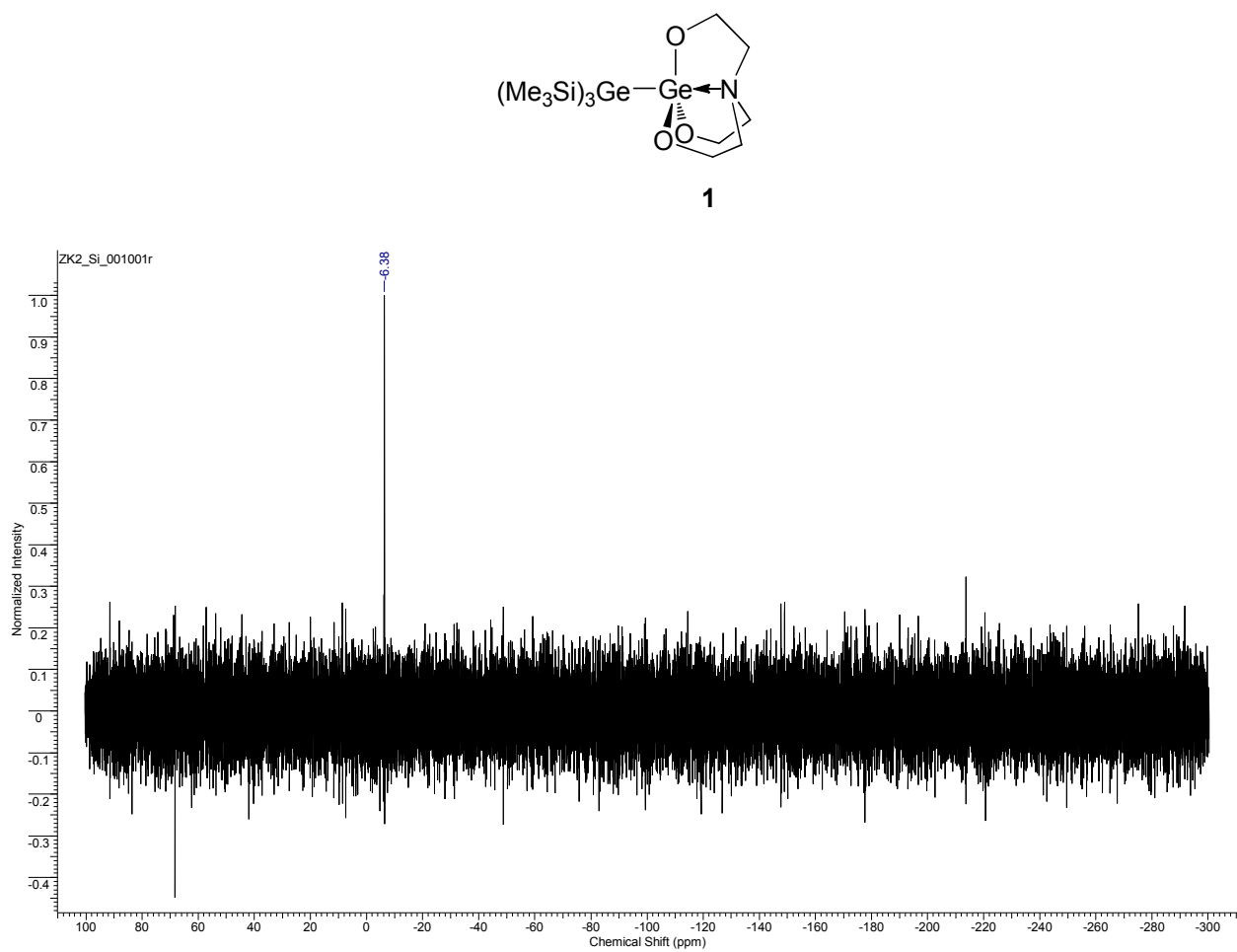


Fig. S4 UV/vis spectrum of germatrane **1** in CH₂Cl₂.

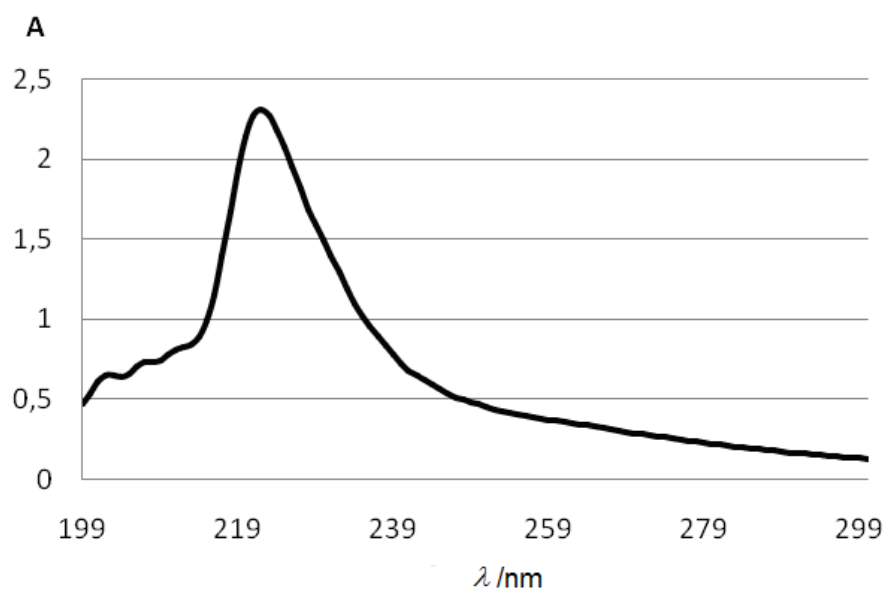
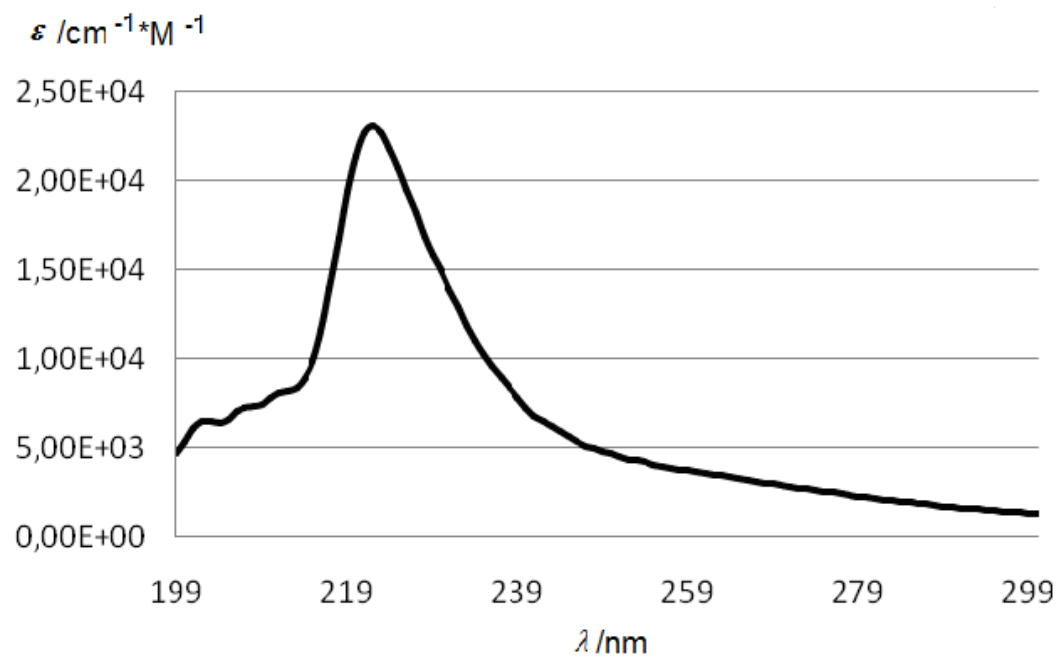


Fig. S5 UV/vis spectrum of compound **1** in CH₂Cl₂.



DFT calculations. The nonlocal hybrid three-parameter B3LYP⁶ density functional has been used throughout the study because previous theoretical calculations have shown that B3LYP approach is a cost-effective method for studying metal containing systems.⁷ Even at calculations of the thermodynamic parameters, B3LYP results compare well to the highly exact G2 (MP2, SVP) methods, as well as to the experimental values.⁸ We have used DGDZVP basis set for all the atoms at the B3LYP level. DGDZVP basis set is all-electron, double- ζ valence polarized basis sets which were optimized specifically for DFT methods.⁹

The calculations were performed with full geometry optimization and used the GAUSSIAN'03 program package.¹⁰ The absence of imaginary vibration frequencies confirmed the stationary character of the structures. The formation enthalpies were corrected for zero-point vibration energy (ZPVE) and reduced to the normal conditions (298.15 K, 1 atm) using a thermal correction to the enthalpy. The electronic structures of the compounds were examined by NBO analysis.¹¹ The molecular orbitals were constructed using the GaussView program.

Additional single-point calculations have been carried out for Ge dimers using the binding energy partition scheme implemented in the ADF program.¹² This scheme has been widely applied to a large number of systems including metal-containing ones.¹³ We have used the BP86 functional of Becke⁶ and the correlation functional of Perdew.¹⁴ Scalar relativistic effects have been considered using the ZORA formalism.¹⁵ Uncontracted Slater-type orbitals (STOs) using triple- ζ basis sets augmented by two sets of polarization functions were employed for the SCF calculations.¹⁶

It is important to recall that in the NBO analysis the electronic wave function is interpreted in terms of a set of occupied Lewis and a set of unoccupied non-Lewis localized orbitals.¹¹ Delocalization effects can be identified from the presence of off-diagonal elements of the Fock matrix in the NBO basis. The strengths of these delocalization interactions, $E_{ij}^{(2)}$, are estimated by second-order perturbation theory.

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Table S2. The NMR spectroscopy data for germatrane 1

Nucleus	Group	Exp, δ , ppm	Calcd., B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) GIAO relative TMS
^1H	SiMe_3	0.25 (CDCl_3), 0.26 (C_6D_6)	0.1-0.8
	NCH_2	2.68 (CDCl_3), 2.04 (C_6D_6)	2.6-3.0
	OCH_2	3.65 (CDCl_3), 3.43 (C_6D_6)	3.7-4.1
^{13}C	SiMe_3	2.67 (CDCl_3), 2.79 (C_6D_6)	2.7-3.1
	NCH_2	53.53 (CDCl_3), 52.87 (C_6D_6)	60.1; 65.4; 65.8
	OCH_2	57.84 (CDCl_3), 57.88 (C_6D_6)	64.6; 68.4; 69.1
^{29}Si		-6.37 (C_6D_6)	2.0; 3.0
^{15}N		-	34.3 (relative to NH_3)
^{17}O		-	95.3; 112.1; 114.1 (relative to H_2O)

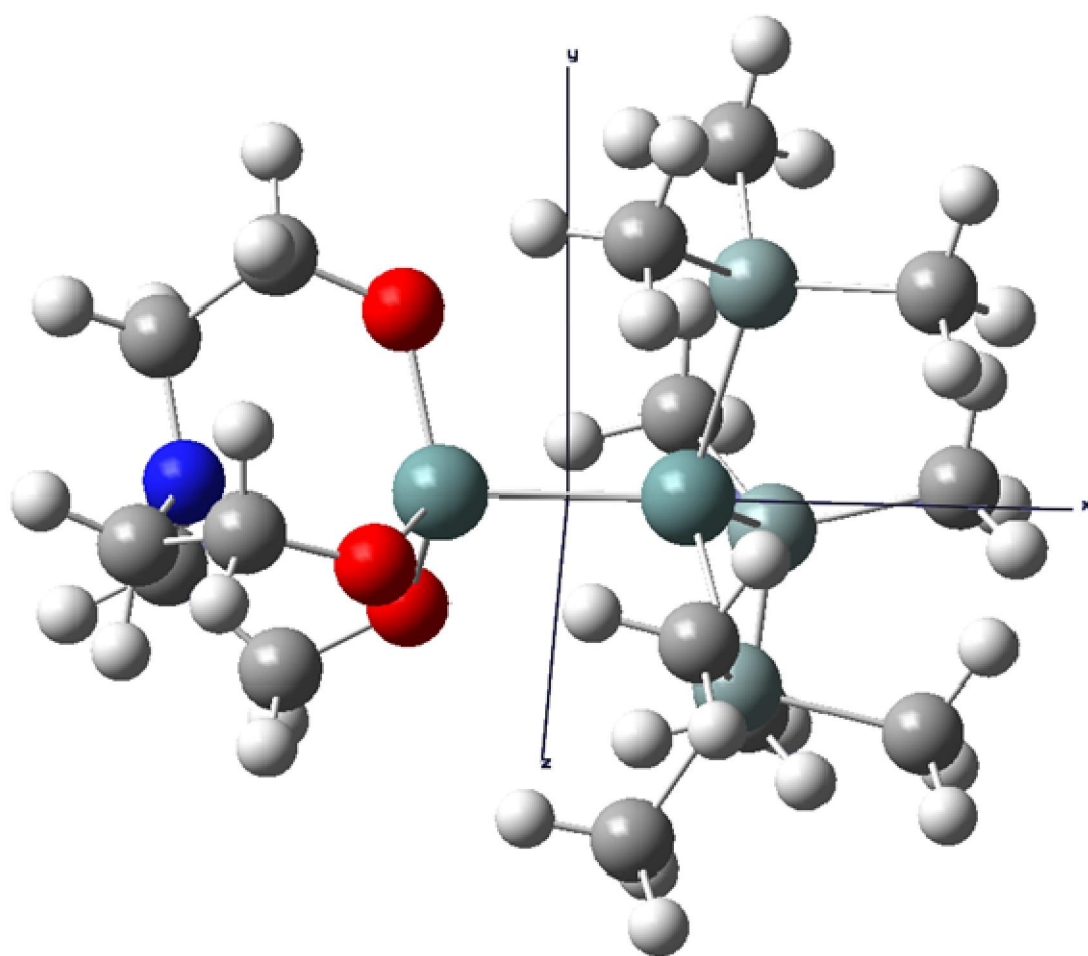
Table S3 NBO analysis of the germatrane 1, calculated at B3LYP/DGDZVP level of the theory

Bond	Hybridization	Population, e	Interaction between N, O lone pairs and anti-bonding Ge-O orbitals	$E_{ij}^{(2)}$, kcal/mol
BD(Ge-Ge)	$sp^{2.4}$	1.860	BD(Ge-Ge)→BD*(Ge-O)	20
BD(Ge-O)	$sp^{3.2}$	1.951	LP(O)→BD*(Ge-O)	38
BD(Ge-Si)	$sp^{2.7}$	1.927	LP(N)→BD*(Ge-O)	17
LP(O)	$sp^{1.2}$	1.949		
LP(O)	p	1.918		
LP(N)	p	1.819		

Table S4 The thermodynamic characteristics of the complexes (kcal/mol)

Reaction	ΔG	ΔE	E_a (B3LYP/DGDZVP)	E_a (BP86/TZ2P+)
$(CH_3)_3SiSiCl_3 \cdot N(CH_3)_3 \rightarrow (CH_3)_3SiCl + SiCl_2 \cdot N(CH_3)_3$	-6	-11	38	42
$(CH_3)_3GeGeCl_3 \leftarrow N(CH_3)_3$	-33	-22	28	22
$(CH_3)_3SnSnCl_3 \leftarrow N(CH_3)_3$	-21	-16	83	72

Fig. S6 Standard orientation of molecule **1**



Standard orientation:

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)			
Number	Number	Type	X	Y	Z	

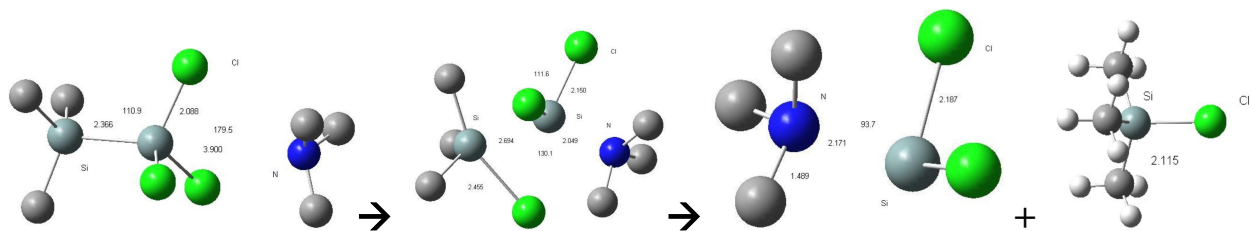
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5	14	0	1.829798	2.314262	-0.348119	

6	6	0	3.774482	-1.123424	-2.133711
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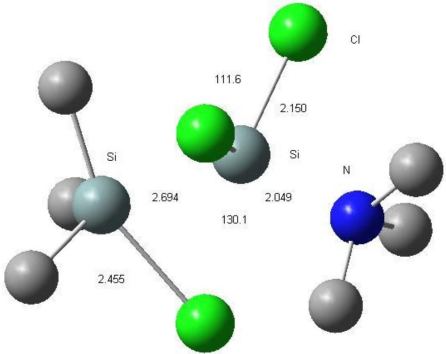


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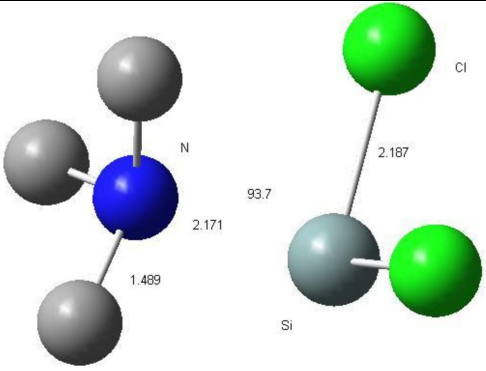
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Transition state (TS) in decomposition of complex $\text{Me}_3\text{SiSiCl}_3 \cdot \text{NMe}_3$						
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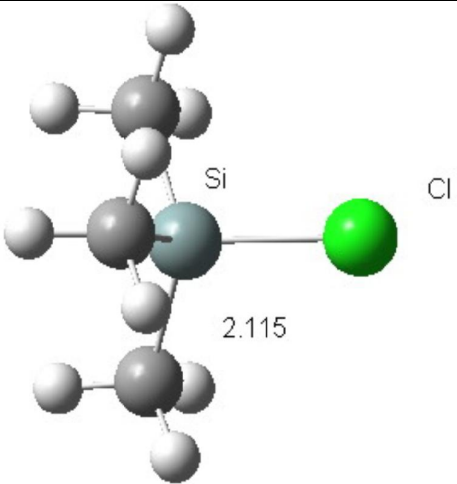
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Complex of SiCl ₂ with NMe ₃ – the product of Me ₃ SiSiCl ₃ *NMe ₃ decomposition					
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			Standard orientation:		

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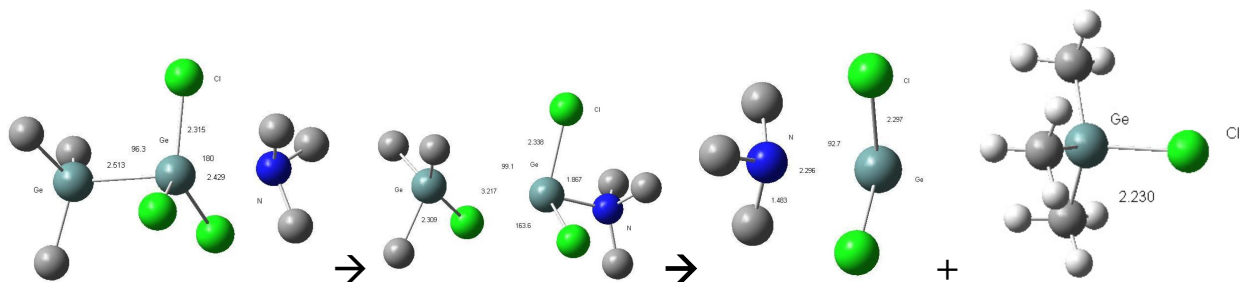
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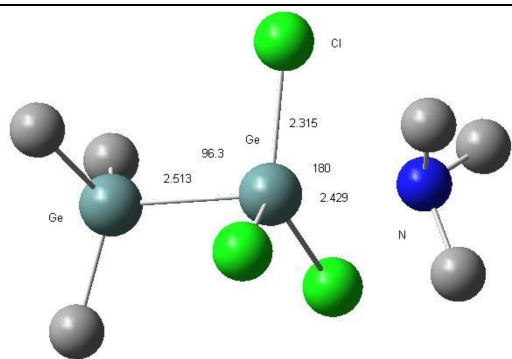
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Complex of $\text{Me}_3\text{GeGeCl}_3$ with NMe_3 , $\text{Me}_3\text{GeGeCl}_3 \cdot \text{NMe}_3$

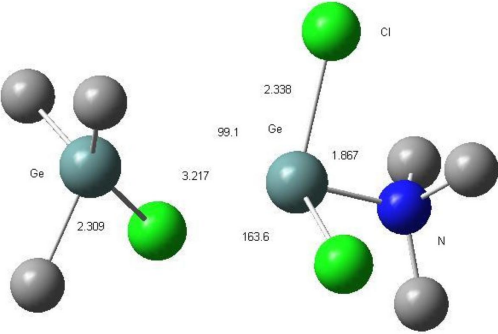


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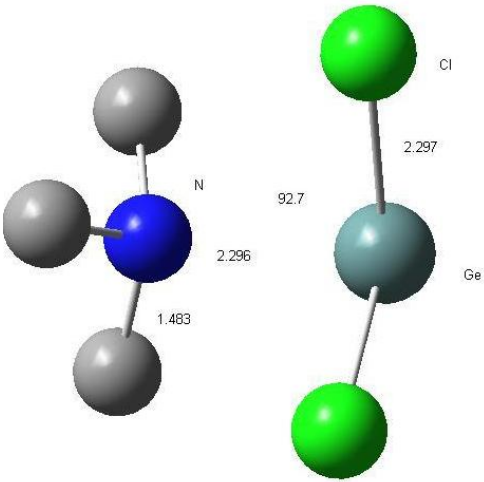
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	28	6	0	3.245401	0.024369	-1.397964
	29	32	0	-2.205241	-0.000513	-0.000131
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Transition state (TS) in decomposition of complex $\text{Me}_3\text{GeGeCl}_3\cdot\text{NMe}_3$						
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Standard orientation:				-----		
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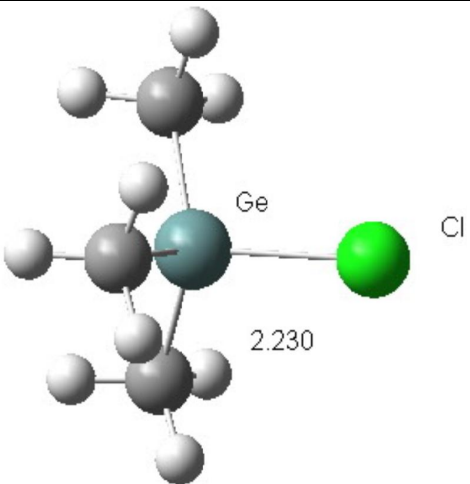
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	16	6	0	2.984978	-1.222530	1.315402
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Complex of GeCl ₂ with NMe ₃ – the product of Me ₃ GeGeCl ₃ *NMe ₃ decomposition					
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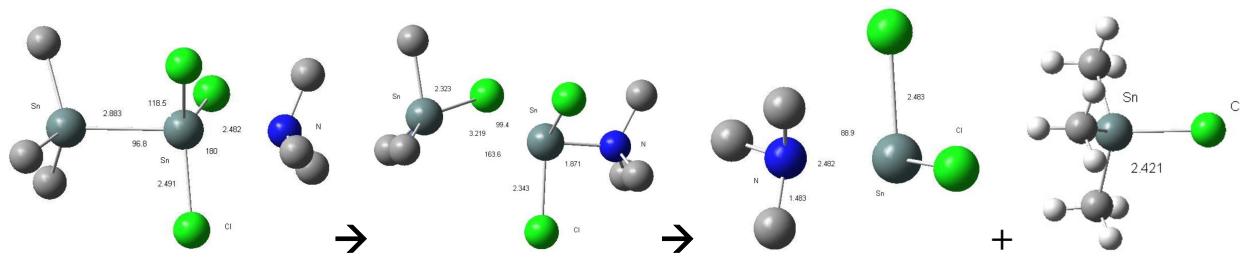
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6	1	0	-2.109764	-1.220595	-1.504383
7	6	0	-1.510967	-0.000196	1.596682
8	1	0	-0.993281	0.886524	1.965096
9	1	0	-2.547486	-0.000041	1.961253
10	1	0	-0.993637	-0.887218	1.964880
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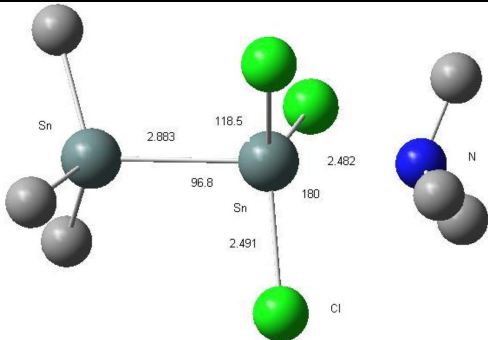
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12	1	0	1.927835	1.773414	-0.822588
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Complex of Me₃GeGeCl₃ with NMe₃, Me₃GeGeCl₃*NMe₃

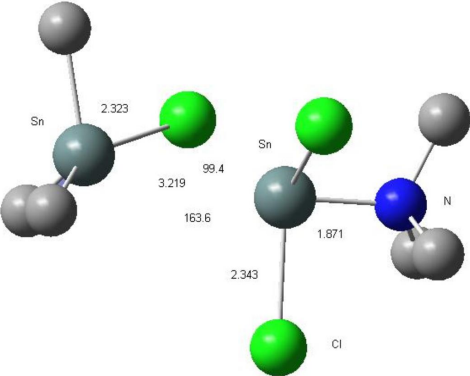


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10	1	0	4.030667	0.659726	-2.023719
11	1	0	2.562291	-0.042477	-2.744659
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13	17	0	-0.888117	2.411461	-0.550792
14	17	0	-0.894755	-1.685371	-1.808038
15	17	0	-0.889105	-0.727529	2.363213

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	26	1	0	-4.683243	0.947442	1.021952
	27	50	0	2.288998	-0.000264	-0.000713
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Transition state (TS) in decomposition of complex $\text{Me}_3\text{GeGeCl}_3\cdot\text{NMe}_3$						
						
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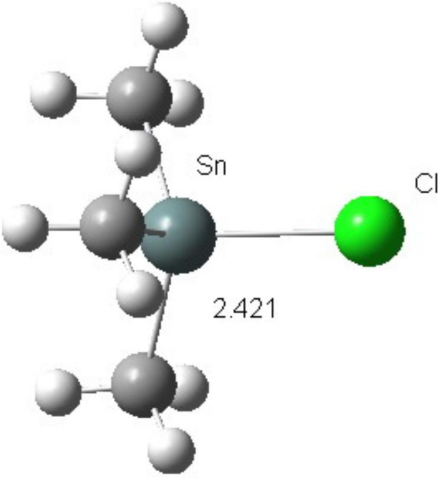
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Complex of GeCl ₂ with NMe ₃ – the product of Me ₃ GeGeCl ₃ *NMe ₃ decomposition					
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			Standard orientation:		

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8	1	0	-0.447246	0.244665	2.730141
9	6	0	-0.842191	-1.512370	-1.449140
10	1	0	-0.442895	-1.260310	-2.434922
11	1	0	-0.451610	-2.488096	-1.148849
12	1	0	-1.933481	-1.570425	-1.511753
13	17	0	2.160024	-0.000676	0.000755
14	50	0	-0.261516	0.000170	-0.000198

Fig. S7 Interaction of O lone electron pairs with the Ge-O antibonding orbitals

