Supporting Information

A stable NHC-Coordinated Silagermenylidene Functionalized in Allylic Position and its Behaviour as a Ligand

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Figure S8: ²⁹Si{¹H} NMR of 4-E and 4-Z in $[D_8]$ -toluene after reaching equilibrium at 273 K



Figure S9: ²⁹Si{¹H} NMR of 4-E and 4-Z in [D₈]-toluene after reaching equilibrium at 213 K



Figure S10: ¹H NMR of 4-E and 4-Z in [D₈]-toluene at 213 K



Figure S11: ¹H-²⁹Si 2D-NMR of 4-*E* and 4-*Z* in [D₆]-benzene after reaching equilibrium at RT.



Figure S12: ${}^{1}H{}^{29}Si$ 2D-NMR(zoom) of 4-*E* and 4-*Z* in [D₆]-benzene after reaching equilibrium at RT.



Figure S13: ¹H NMR of 4-*E* and 4-*Z* in [D₈]-toluene after reaching equilibrium at 343 K.



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Figure S18: ¹H NMR of a sample of 5-Z in [D₈]-toluene after 9 days in solution (complete isomerization of 5-Z to 5-E happened during this time).



Figure S19: ¹³C{¹H} NMR of a sample of **5**-*Z* in $[D_8]$ -toluene. Conversion to the **5**-*E* had mostly completed during the acquisition of the spectrum (minor signals correspond to **5**-*Z*).



Figure S20: ²⁹Si{¹H} NMR of a sample of 5-Z in [D₈]-toluene. Conversion to the 5-E had mostly completed during the acquisition of the spectrum (minor signals correspond to 5-Z).



Figure S21: ²⁹Si{¹H} NMR of a sample of **5**-*Z* in $[D_8]$ -toluene after 9 days in solution (complete isomerization of **5**-*Z* to **5**-*E* happened during this time).



Figure S22: ¹H NMR of 5-E in [D₈]-toluene.



Figure S23: ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR of **5**-*E* in [D₈]-toluene.



Figure S24: ²⁹Si{¹H} NMR of 5-E in [D₈]-toluene.



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Figure S32: UV/vis spectra of 4-E and 4-Z in hexane at different concentrations.



Figure S33: Linear regression of 4-E and 4-Z at 503 nm.



Figure S34: UV/vis spectra of 5-Z in hexane at different concentrations.



Figure S35: Linear regression of 5-Z at 503 nm.



Figure S36: UV/vis spectra of 5-E in hexane at different concentrations.



Figure S37: Linear regression of 5-E at 512 nm.



Figure S38: Linear regression of 5-E at 427 nm.



Figure S39: UV/vis spectra of 6 in THF at different concentrations.



Figure S40: Linear regression of 6 at 368 nm.



Figure S41: IR spectrum of 5-Z.



Figure S42: IR spectrum of 5-Z (zoom).



Figure S43: IR spectrum of 5-E.



Figure S44: IR spectrum of 5-E (zoom).



Figure S45: IR spectrum of 6.



Figure S44: IR spectrum of 6 (zoom).

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 4-E.

Identification code	sh3241a		
Empirical formula	C56 H89 Cl Ge N2 Si2		
Formula weight	954.51		
Temperature	133(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	P2(1)/c		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 20.3816(11) Å	α= 90°.	
	b = 10.9027(6) Å	β=90.840(3)°.	
	c = 25.5288(13) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$	
Volume	5672.3(5) Å ³		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.118 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.664 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	2064		
Crystal size	0.16 x 0.15 x 0.05 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	1.60 to 28.33°.		
Index ranges	-20<=h<=27, -14<=k<=13, -31<=l<=34		
Reflections collected	48361		
Independent reflections	14017 [R(int) = 0.1264]		
Completeness to theta = 28.33°	99.1 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivaler	nts	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9707 and 0.9035		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	2	
Data / restraints / parameters	14017 / 179 / 589		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.970		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0619, wR2 = 0.1011		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1802, $wR2 = 0.1332$		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.827 and -0.923 e.Å ⁻³		

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for $5-E\cdot C_5H_{12}$.

Identification code	sh3359		
Empirical formula	C60H89 Cl Fe Ge N2 O4 Si2 x .25 C5 H12		
Formula weight	1140.44		
Temperature	122(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Triclinic		
Space group	P-1		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 13.2910(4) Å	$\alpha = 89.1430(10)^{\circ}.$	
	b = 19.9842(5) Å	β= 88.102(2)°.	
	c = 24.8636(7) Å	$\gamma = 76.122(2)^{\circ}.$	
Volume	6407.6(3) Å ³		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.182 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.818 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	2434		
Crystal size	0.34 x 0.29 x 0.15 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	1.05 to 27.10° .		
Index ranges	-17<=h<=17, -25<=k<=25, -31<=l<=31		
Reflections collected	105034		
Independent reflections	28114 [R(int) = 0.0436]		
Completeness to theta = 27.10°	99.5 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalen	ts	
Max. and min. transmission	0.8872 and 0.7684		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Data / restraints / parameters	28114 / 504 / 1408		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.427		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0619, wR2 = 0.1620		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0967, wR2 = 0.1744		
Largest diff. peak and hole	2.142 and -0.789 e.Å ⁻³		

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for 6.

Identification code	sh3315		
Empirical formula	C59 H89 Cl Fe Ge N2 O3 Si2		
Formula weight	1094.39		
Temperature	132(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Orthorhombic		
Space group	Pbca		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 19.6288(5) Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$.	
	b = 24.6607(7) Å	$\beta = 90^{\circ}$.	
	c = 24.6974(7) Å	$\gamma=90^{\circ}.$	
Volume	11955.0(6) Å ³		
Z	8		
Density (calculated)	1.216 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.873 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	4672		
Crystal size	0.65 x 0.49 x 0.20 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	1.56 to 27.92°.		
Index ranges	-25<=h<=17, -31<=k<=32, -31<=l<=32		
Reflections collected	104743		
Independent reflections	14312 [R(int) = 0.0577]		
Completeness to theta = 27.92°	99.8 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalen	its	
Max. and min. transmission	0.8448 and 0.6026		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Data / restraints / parameters	14312 / 200 / 646		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.022		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0442, w $R2 = 0.0995$		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0732, wR2 = 0.1131		
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.184 and -0.536 e.Å ⁻³		

Computational Details

TDDFT calculation of NHC-stabilized silagermenylidene, Tip₂Si=Ge:NHC^{*i*Pr₂Me₂} (II):

The calculation was performed using X-ray coordinates of II in the presence of heptane as the solvent in Tomasi's Polarized Continuum Model (PCM) at the at the B3LYP level of theory and 6-31G(d,p) basis set, using *Gaussian 09* suite of programs.^{S1}



TDDFT output section:

Excitation energies and oscillator strengths: Singlet-A 2.8237 eV 439.08 nm Excited State 1: f=0.2150 <S**2>=0.000 186 -> 187 0.65859 186 -> 188 0.11108 186 -> 190 -0.16433 This state for optimization and/or second-order correction. Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -4075.13936484Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density. 3.1436 eV 394.40 nm Excited State 2: Singlet-A f=0.0531 <S**2>=0.000 185 -> 187 -0.10320 186 -> 187 -0.13050 0.67695 186 -> 188 Singlet-A Excited State 3: 3.3653 eV 368.42 nm f=0.0836 <S**2>=0.000 185 -> 187 0.54228 186 -> 188 0.15366 186 -> 190 0.39857 Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.4244 eV 362.06 nm f=0.0198 <S**2>=0.000 185 -> 187 -0.41294 186 -> 189 -0.24211 186 -> 190 0.50002

Excited f=0.0094 185 186	State <s**2>= -> 187 -> 189</s**2>	5: 0.000 -	Singlet- 0.10328 0.65678	A	3.4660	eV	357.71	nm
186	-> 190		0.21756					
Excited f=0.0100	State <s**2>=</s**2>	6: 0.000	Singlet-	A	3.6781	eV	337.09	nm
186	-> 191		0.69103					
Excited f=0.0124	State <s**2>=</s**2>	7: 0.000	Singlet-	A	3.8296	eV	323.76	nm
186 186	-> 192 -> 194		0.66052 0.10587					
Excited	State	8:	Singlet-	A	4.2175	eV	293.98	nm
185 186	-> 188 -> 193	-	0.49449 0.47357					
Excited f=0.1301	State <s**2>=</s**2>	9: 0.000	Singlet-	A	4.2292	eV	293.16	nm
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180	-> 193		0.51926					
Excited f=0.0345	State 1 <s**2>=</s**2>	0:	Singlet-	A	4.4742	eV	277.11	nm
182	-> 187		0.11140					
185	-> 190	_	0.25113					

Contour plots of II at 0.04 isosurface:





Theoretical calculation of NHC-stabilized silagermenylidene, Tip(SiTip₂Cl)Si=Ge:NHC^{*i*Pr₂Me₂} (4).

DFT calculations were performed on model systems **4Dip**-*E* and **4Dip**-*Z* (Dip = $2,6^{-i}Pr_2C_6H_3$ instead of Tip = $2,4,6^{-i}Pr_3C_6H_2$) at the B3LYP level of theory with the 6-31G(d,p) basis set using *Gaussian 03* suite of programs.^{S2} Compounds **4Dip**-*E* and **4Dip**-*Z* were optimized at the stationary point with number of imaginary frequency NIMAG = 0. The ²⁹Si{¹H} NMR and ¹³C{¹H} NMR for **4Dip**-*E* and **4Dip**-*Z* were computed at the GIAO level with SCRF (solvent=benzene) correction, 6-311+G(2d,p) basis set on Ge, Si and Cl atoms, and 6-31G(d,p) basis set on C, N and H atoms.



NIMAG

0

0

Cartesian coordinates of calculated stationary points

4Dip-E

Ge	1.66978100	-1.45096800	-0.08428900
Cl	-2.88697700	1.21540300	-1.86807000
Si	-2.00765300	-0.09084600	-0.40229000
Si	0.37995500	0.32052500	-0.61329300
Ν	4.51694100	-0.50278100	-0.80833800
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Ч	-6 22494700	-2 80068800	-1 21804900
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4Dip-Z

Ge	-2.35140800	1.60372300	0.11701000
Cl	2.11950000	-0.12107700	-2.57494700
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Theoretical calculation of 6:

DFT calculation was performed on simpler model system **6Dip** (Dip instead of Tip) at the B3LYP level of theory [basis sets: 6-311++G(d,p) for Ge, 6-31G(d,p) for Si, Cl, C, N, O and H, LANL2DZ for Fe], using *Gaussian 03* suite of programs. Compounds **6Dip** was optimized at the stationary point with number of imaginary frequency NIMAG = 0. The ²⁹Si NMR for **6Dip** was computed at the GIAO level with SCRF(solvent=toluene) correction, 6-311+G(2d,p) basis set on Ge, Si and Cl atoms, 6-31G(d,p) basis set on C, N, O and H atoms, LANL2DZ for Fe.

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Cartesian coordinates of 6Dip:

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