Supporting Information for

Substituent Effects on the Reactions of Diarylgermylenes and Tetraaryldigermenes with Acetic Acid and Other Lewis Bases in Hydrocarbon Solvents

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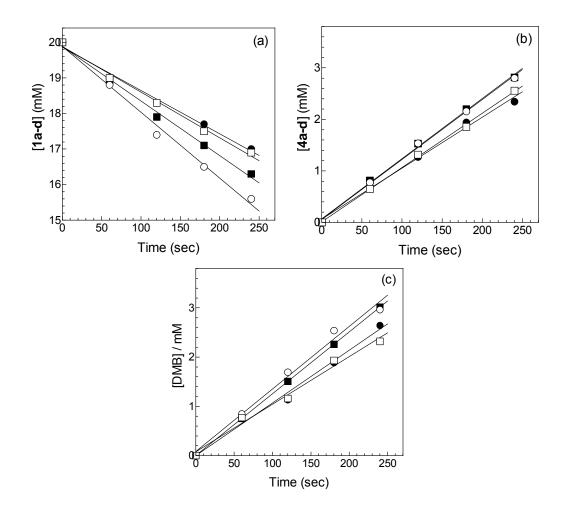
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The slopes of the plots of Fig. S1b are listed below, with errors given as one standard deviation from the least squares analyses. Quantum yields for formation of **4b-d** were then calculated from the slopes relative to that for formation of **4a** from **1a** and the reported quantum yield for the latter reaction ($\Phi = 0.55 \pm 0.07$).

4a	$(\circ - H)$	$0.01163 \pm 0.00034 \text{ mM s}^{-1}$	$\Phi = 0.55 \pm 0.07$
4b	$(\Box - \mathrm{CH_3})$	$0.01053 \pm 0.00021 \text{ mM s}^{-1}$	$\Phi = 0.50 \pm 0.09$
4 c	(• - F)	$0.00988 \pm 0.00048 \text{ mM s}^{-1}$	$\Phi = 0.47 \pm 0.10$
4d	$(\blacksquare - CF_3)$	$0.01168 \pm 0.00037 \text{ mM s}^{-1}$	$\Phi = 0.55 \pm 0.10$

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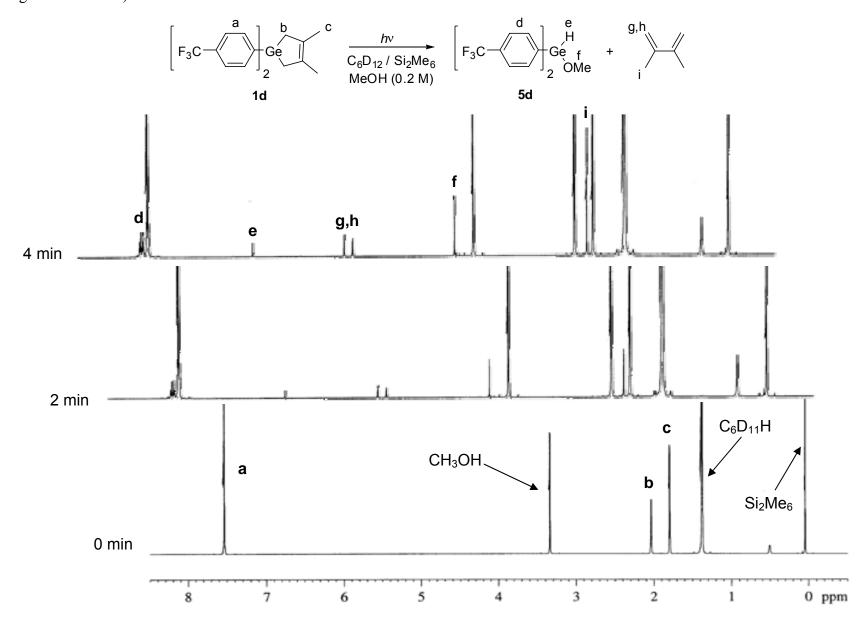


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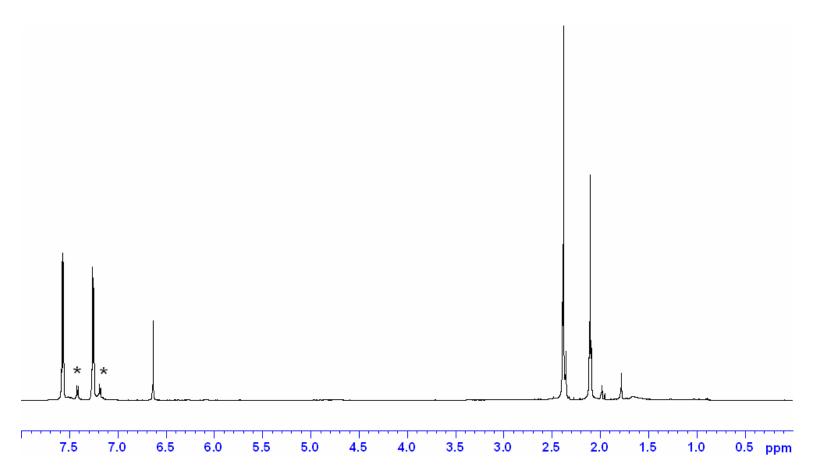


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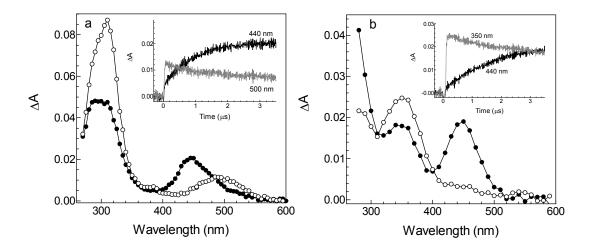


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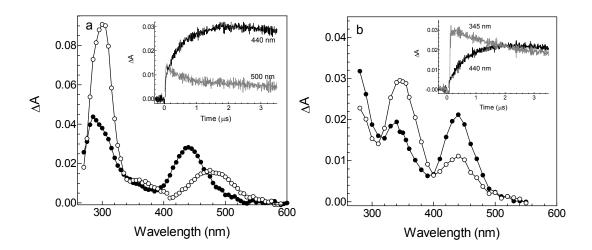


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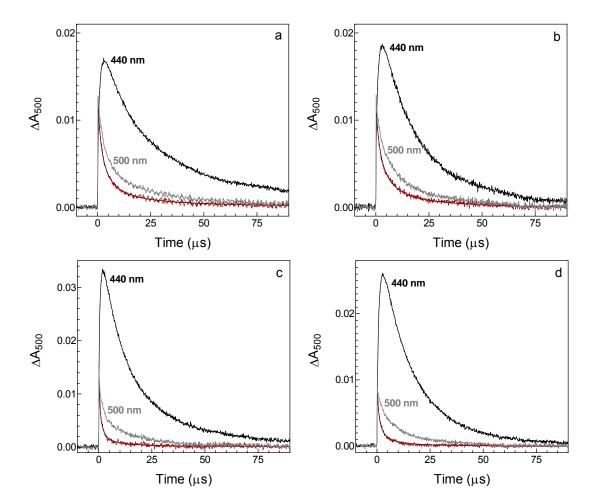


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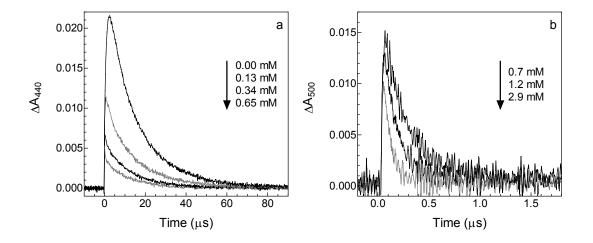
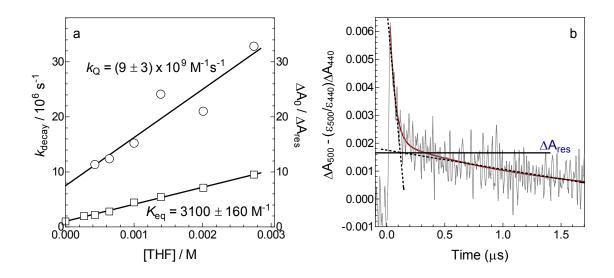


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Synthesis and Characterization of Compounds

NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV200, DRX500, or AV600 spectrometers using the solvent (CDCl₃ unless otherwise noted) peak as a reference. Mass spectra were recorded on a Micromass TofSpec 2E mass spectrometer using electron impact (70 eV) or chemical ionization (NH₃ reagent gas, positive ion mode). Infrared spectra were recorded as thin-films on sodium chloride plates using a Bio-Rad FTS-40 FTIR spectrometer. Melting points were recorded using a Mettler FP82 hot stage mounted on a polarizing microscope and are uncorrected. Combustion analyses were performed by Guelph Chemical Laboratories Ltd., Guelph ON. Column chromatography was carried out using acid washed 230-400 mesh silica gel (Silicycle).

All synthetic preparations were carried out in conventional glassware under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. 1,1-Dichloro-3,4-dimethylgermacyclopent-3-ene, ¹ 3,4-dimethyl-1,1-diphenylgermacyclopent-3-ene (**1a**), ¹ and hexamesitylcyclotrigermane (**4**)² were prepared as previously described.

The 1,1-diaryl-3,4-dimethylgermacyclopent-3-enes **1b-d** were prepared by an analogous method to the preparation of **1a**, and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes) and multiple recrystallizations from hexanes. They were identified on the basis of the following spectroscopic data (m/z values marked with * indicate ions containing ⁷⁴Ge):

3,4-Dimethyl-1,1-di-(4-methylphenyl)-1-germacyclopent-3-ene (**1b**; mp 81.4 – 83.7 °C). ¹H NMR, $\delta = 1.78$ (s, 6H, C^8H_3), 1.98 (s, 4H, C^6H_2), 2.36 (s, 6H, C^5H_3), 7.19 (d, 4H, J = 7.8 Hz, C^3H), 7.42

(d, 4H, J = 7.8 Hz, C^2H); ¹³C NMR, $\delta = 19.55$ (C8), 21.56 (C5), 25.80 (C6), 129.11 (C2), 130.91 (C7), 134.32 (C3), 134.91 (C1), 138.69 (C4); IR, v (cm⁻¹) = 2914 (m,br), 1911 (w), 1497 (m), 1440 (m,br), 1264 (m), 1171 (m), 1157 (m), 1087 (m), 799 (s), 742 (m), 667 (m); MS, m/z (I) = 338.1* (38), 256.0* (100), 181.1 (94), 164.9* (46), 139.0* (15); HRMS, calc for $C_{20}H_{24}Ge$: 338.1090, found: 338.1078; Anal., calc. for C₂₀H₂₄Ge, C 71.28, H 7.18; found, C 70.91, H 6.99. 1,1-Di-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,4-dimethyl-1-germacyclopent-3-ene (**1c**; mp 83.1 – 84.8°C). ¹H NMR. $\delta = 1.80$ (s, 6H, C^8H_3), 2.00 (s, 4H, C^6H_2), 7.07 (dd, 2H, J = 9, 9 Hz, C^3H), 7.46 (dd, 2H, J = 9, 6 Hz, C^2H); ¹³C NMR, $\delta = 19.51$ (C8), 25.82 (C6), 115.55 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 20$ Hz, C3), 130.87 (C7), 133.40 (C1), 136.00 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 7$ Hz, C2), 163.81 (d, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 248$ Hz, C4); IR, v (cm⁻¹) = 2911 (m,br), 1893 (w), 1587 (s), 1496 (m), 1230 (m), 1162 (m), 1086 (m), 821 (m), 743 (m), 670 (w); MS, m/z (I) = 346.1* (50), 262.0* (58), 169.0* (100), 152.1 (88), 92.9* (70); HRMS, Calc. for C₁₈H₁₈F₂Ge, 346.0588; found, 346.0564; Anal. calc. for C₁₈H₁₈F₂Ge, C 62.68, H 5.26; found, C 63.07, H 5.56. 3,4-Dimethyl-1,1-bis-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-germacyclopent-3-ene (1d, mp 59.2 – 60.0 °C); ¹H NMR, $\delta = 1.80$ (s, 6H, C^8H_3), 2.06 (s, 4H, C^6H_2), 7.62 (s, 8H, all ArH); ¹³C NMR, $\delta =$ 19.46 (C8), 25.44 (C6), 124.28 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$ = 272 Hz, C5), 124.96 (C3), 130.86 (C7), 131.38 (q, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ $_{\rm F}$ = 32 Hz, C4), 134.60 (C2), 142.66 (C1); IR, $_{\rm V}$ (cm⁻¹) = 2915 (m,br), 1925 (w), 1607 (m), 1394 (m), 1325 (s), 1167 (s), 1129 (s), 1058 (s), 1019 (m), 826 (m), 690 (m); MS: m/z (I) = 446.1* (19), 271.1 (69), 252.1 (77), 219.0 (46), 126.0 (26); HRMS, Calc. for C₂₀H₁₈F₆Ge, 446.0524;

Steady state photolysis experiments with **1a-d** were carried out in quartz tubes (7 x 90 mm) or quartz NMR tubes on 0.5-1.0 mL aliquots of the appropriate solutions of the compounds (0.02 -0.035 M) in dry hexanes or C_6D_{12} , and employed a Rayonet[®] photochemical reactor (Southern New England Ultraviolet Co.) equipped with a merry-go-round apparatus and two RPR-2537

found 446.0501; Anal. calc. for C₂₀H₁₈F₆Ge, C 53.99, H 4.08; found, C 54.06, H 4.02.

lamps (254 nm). The tubes were sealed with rubber septa and deoxygenated with a stream of dry argon for ca. 20 minutes, and then the appropriate amount of MeOH or HOAc was added via syringe.

Solutions of 1a-d in C_6D_{12} containing MeOH (0.2 M) and a trace of Si_2Me_6 as internal standard were irradiated in parallel, monitoring the solutions by 1H NMR spectroscopy in 1 minute time intervals to ~20% conversion (4 min). DMB and methoxygermanes 5b-d were the only products detectable from 1b-d in >5% yield relative to consumed starting material in all cases. Identification of 5b-d was made on the basis of comparisons of their 1H NMR spectra to that of 5a. Attempted GC/MS analysis of the product mixtures afforded complex mixtures of germanium-containing compounds in addition to unreacted 1, but high resolution mass spectra of the photolyzed solutions without prior GC separation showed ions corresponding to the M+ or (M-1)+ ions of the three products. Quantum yields for formation of 5b-d were determined from the slopes of concentration vs. time plots constructed from the NMR data (see Supporting Information), relative to that for formation of 5a from 1a (Φ = 0.55 ± 0.07). The 1H NMR and HRMS data for 5b-d are as follows.

5b: ${}^{1}\text{H NMR } (C_{6}\text{D}_{12}), \delta = 2.30 \text{ (s, 6H, $C^{5}H_{3})$, 3.50 (s, 3H, OC}_{3}), 6.05 (s, H, Ge}_{H}), 7.10 (d, 4H, <math>J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}, C^{3}H$), 7.39 (d, 4H, $J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}, C^{2}H$); HRMS, calc. for $C_{15}H_{18}\text{GeO} (M^{+})$, 288.0570; found, 288.0572. **5c**: ${}^{1}\text{H NMR } (C_{6}\text{D}_{12}), \delta = 3.53 \text{ (s, 3H, OC}_{4}), 6.10 \text{ (s, H, Ge}_{4}), 7.00 \text{ (m, 4H, $C^{3}H$)}, 7.44 \text{ (m, 4H, $C^{2}H$)}. HRMS, calc. for <math>C_{13}H_{11}F_{2}\text{GeO} (M^{-}\text{H}), 294.9990$; found, 294.9986. **5d**: ${}^{1}\text{H NMR } (C_{6}\text{D}_{12}), \delta = 3.53 \text{ (s, 3H, OC}_{4}), 6.10 \text{ (s, H, Ge}_{4}), 7.00 \text{ (m, 4H, $C^{3}H$)}, 7.44 \text{ (m, 4$

4H, C^2H); HRMS, calc. for $C_{15}H_{11}F_6GeO$ (M-H), 394.9926; found, 394.9929.

Solutions of **1b-d** in hexanes containing HOAc (0.4 M) were irradiated for two hours in parallel, and the solvent and excess HOAc were removed under high vacuum to afford yellow oils, the ¹H NMR spectra of which showed high conversion (> 80%) of the starting material to a single product major product (>90 %). These products were unstable towards silica gel chromatography or GC/MS and thus could not be isolated. Compounds **6b-d** were thus identified on the basis of the following spectroscopic data, obtained on the crude reaction mixtures.

6b: ¹H NMR, δ = 2.11 (s, 3H, OAc), 2.38 (s, 6H, C⁵ H_3), 6.63 (s, 1H, GeH), 7.25 (d, 4H, J = 7.9 Hz, C³H), 7.57 (d, 4H, J = 7.5 Hz, C²H); ¹³C NMR, δ = 21.68 (C5), 22.15 (COCH₃), 129.47 (C2), 129.86 (C1), 134.60 (C3), 140.80 (C4), 174.64 (C=O); IR, υ (cm⁻¹) = 2087 cm⁻¹ (m), 2041 (w), 1700 (s); HRMS, calc. for C₁₆H₁₇GeO₂ (M-H), 316.0519; found, 316.0512. **6c**: ¹H NMR, δ = 2.12 (s, 3H, OAc), 6.65 (s, H, GeH), 7.13-7.18 (m, 4H, C³H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 4H, C²H); ¹³C NMR, δ = 22.00 (COCH₃), 116.13 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 20 Hz, C3), 128.49 (C1), 136.70 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 7 Hz, C2), 164.70 (d, ¹J_{C-F} = 251 Hz, C4), 174.66 (C=O); IR, υ (cm⁻¹) = 2049 cm⁻¹ (m, br), 1699 (s); HRMS, calc. for C₁₄H₁₁F₂GeO₂ (M-H), 322.9939; found, 322.9997. **6d**: ¹H NMR, δ = 2.16 (s, 3H, OAc), 6.75 (s, H, GeH), 7.70 (d, 4H, J = 8.4 Hz, C³H), 7.79 (d, 4H, J = 8.4 Hz, C²H); ¹³C NMR, δ = 21.81 (COCH₃), 123.95 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 272 Hz, C5), 125.47 (C2), 133.03 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 32 Hz, C4), 135.00 (C3), 137.85 (C1), 174.74 (C=O); IR, υ (cm⁻¹) = 2101 cm⁻¹ (m, br), 1702 (s); HRMS, calc. for C₁₆H₁₁F₆GeO₂ (M-H), 422.9875; found, 422.9908.

Photolysis of 0.03 M solutions of **1a** in C₆D₁₂ containing Et₂NH or EtOAc (0.3 M) and a

trace of Si_2Me_6 was carried out to ~50% conversion, with periodic monitoring by NMR. The spectra showed the characteristic resonances of DMB and broad baseline absorption in the δ 6.5 – 8 chemical shift range.

Tetramesityldigermene (3e) was synthesized according to the procedure of Baines and coworkers.³ A solution of hexamesitylcyclotrigermane (4; 18 mg, 1.9×10^{-5} mol) in dry toluene (15 mL) was placed in a 15×150 mm quartz tube and sealed with a rubber septum. Triethylsilane (0.05 mL, 3.1×10^{-4} mol) was then injected via syringe and the solution was deoxygenated with a fine stream of argon for 30 min. It was then placed in a Pyrex dewar containing 3:1 2-propanol/methanol, cooled to <-50°C with dry ice, and photolysed with 12 × RPR3500 lamps in a Rayonet® photochemical reactor for three hours. Addition of acetic acid $(0.2 \text{ mL}, 3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol})$ to the cold solution caused no change in the characteristic vellow color due to 3e, so was removed from the dewar and allowed to warm to room temperature. The solution turned colorless after ca. 10 minutes at ~20 °C. The solvent and excess HOAc were removed under vacuum to vield a pale vellow oil. ¹H NMR of the crude mixture showed two products present, in addition to residual starting material and Mes₂Ge(H)(SiEt₃), the product resulting from the trapping of Mes₂Ge with triethylsilane. The mixture was purified using column chromatography (silica; 1:1 dichloromethane:hexanes). Residual 4 (2 mg) was recovered, followed by 1-hydroxy-1,1,2,2-tetramesityldigermane (7f; 2 mg).⁴ formed from traces of water present in the system. The major product was a colorless oil which was identified as 1acetoxy-1.1.2.2-tetramesityldigermane (7e. 8 mg. 1.2×10^{-5} mol. 63%) on the basis of the following spectroscopic data: 1 H NMR ($C_{6}D_{6}$), $\delta = 1.88$ (s, 3H, OAc), 2.06 (s, 6H, p-C H_{3} A), 2.08 (s, 6H, p-CH₃ B), 2.36 (s, 12H, o-CH₃ A), 2.40 (s, 12H, o-CH₃ B), 6.32 (s, H, GeH), 6.70 (s, 4H, ArH A), 6.72 (s, 4H, ArH B); 13 C (CDCl₃): $\delta = 21.12$ (p-CH₃, A&B - there are two overlapping signals here that can be resolved in benzene- d_6), 23.37 (COCH₃), 23.80 (o-CH₃ A),

24.52 (*o*-CH₃ B), 128.63 (C3 A), 129.42 (C3 B), 134.51 (C1 A), 136.76 (C1 B), 138.39 (C4 A), 138.92 (C4 B), 142.83 (C2 A), 143.77 (C2 B), 172.01 (\underline{C} OCH₃); IR, υ (cm⁻¹) = 2964 (s, br), 2922 (s, br), 2077 (w), 2034 (w), 1710 (s), 1698 (s), 1602 (m), 1448 (m, br), 1264 (s), 1017 (m), 847 (m); MS (CI), m/z (I) = 682.2* (9), 621.1* (90), 563.1* (17), 503.1* (11), 431.2* (17), 371.1* (95), 312.1* (48), 253.0* (32), 192.0* (100); HRMS, Calc. for C₃₈H₄₈O₂Ge₂, 682.2061; found, 682.2087. Several other minor products were also present that were not identified.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ \hline & A \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} H \\ Ge - Ge \\ OAc \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} 3 & 3 \\ \hline & B \\ \end{array}$$

Addition of Et₂NH (0.25 mL, 0.25 M) to a similarly prepared solution of **3e** in THF at -50 °C, followed by standing for 2 days at 4 °C, caused no visual change in the solution. Similar results were obtained when a solution of **3e** was treated with *n*-butylamine (0.13 M) under similar conditions.

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