

**Kinetic and Mechanistic Studies of the Formal (1+2)- and (1+4)-
Cycloadditions of Germynes to Conjugated Dienes**

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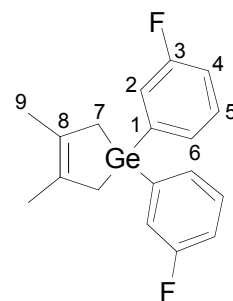
Synthesis and Characterization of Compounds

All synthetic preparations were carried out in flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. Germacyclopentenes **1a**,¹ **1b**,² **1c,d,f**,³ and **1g**⁴ were prepared as previously described. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV200 or AV600 spectrometers in CDCl₃ or C₆D₁₂ (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Micromass TofSpec 2E mass spectrometer using electron impact ionization. MALDI mass spectra were recorded on a Waters/Micromass MALDI MicroMX mass spectrometer operating in reflectron mode (matrix: α -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid). GC/MS analysis of product mixtures was performed using a Varian Saturn 2200 GC/MS/MS system equipped with a VF-5ms capillary column (30m \times 0.25mm; 0.25 μ m; Varian, Inc.) using electron impact ionization. Static UV/vis absorption spectra were recorded on a Varian Cary 100 UV/vis spectrophotometer.

1,1-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-3,4-dimethyl-1-germacyclopentene (1e; mp 46.0-47.1°C)

was prepared by an analogous method to the preparation of **1a**,¹ and purified via column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes) followed by multiple recrystallizations from hexanes. It was identified on the basis of the following spectroscopic data

(*m/z* values marked with * indicate ions containing ⁷⁴Ge): ¹H NMR, δ = 1.86 (s, 6H, H₉), 2.09 (s, 4H, H₇), 7.05 (ddd, 2H, *J* = 8.6, 8.6, 2.7 Hz, H₄), 7.19 (dd, 2H, *J* = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, H₂), 7.26 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H₆), 7.34 (ddd, 2H, *J* = 7.7, 7.7, 5.4 Hz, H₅). ¹³C NMR, δ = 19.48 (C₉), 25.53 (C₇), 116.10 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21 Hz, C₄), 120.69 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 19 Hz, C₂), 129.83 (C₆), 130.04 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7 Hz, C₅), 130.84 (C₈), 140.64 (C₁), 162.88 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 250 Hz, C₃). MS, *m/z* (intensity): 346.0* (40), 262.0* (25), 168.9* (25), 152.1 (100), 92.9 (30). HRMS: C₁₈H₁₈F₂⁷⁴Ge: calc.: 346.0588, found: 346.0574. Anal. calc. for C₁₈H₁₈F₂Ge, C 62.68, H 5.26; found, C 63.00, H



5.28. IR, cm^{-1} (intensity): 3062 (m), 2907 (m), 1598 (m), 1577 (m), 1475 (m), 1440 (w), 1416 (m), 1260 (m), 1211 (m), 1173 (w), 1161 (w), 1097 (m), 897 (m), 862 (m), 782 (m), 741 (m).

1,1-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-germacyclopentene (4e) was prepared in a manner analogous to that of **1e**, except that 1,1-dichloro-3-methyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-germole was used in place of 1,1-dichloro-3,4-dimethyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-germole. It was isolated as a pale yellow oil from the crude reaction mixture via silica column chromatography (hexanes) and identified

based on the following spectroscopic data. ^1H NMR, $\delta = 1.86$ (s, 3H, H_3), 1.89 (s,

2H, H_{10}), 2.00 (s, 2H, H_7), 5.63 (s, H, H_9), 7.06 (m, 2H, H_4), 7.19 (dd, 2H, H_2 , $J =$

8.5, 2.6 Hz), 7.26 (m, 2H, H_6), 7.31 (m, 2H, H_5). ^{13}C NMR, $\delta = 19.16$ (C_7), 22.54

(C_{11}), 22.66 (C_{10}), 116.19 (d, $J = 21$ Hz, C_4), 120.63 (d, $J = 18$ Hz, C_2), 125.18

(C_9), 129.75 (C_6), 130.10 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, C_5), 140.15 (C_8), 140.58 (C_1), 162.90 (d, $J = 250$ Hz,

C_3). MS, m/z (intensity): 332.0* (52), 262.0* (40), 198.1* (20), 152.1 (100), 92.9* (38). HRMS:

$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2$ ^{74}Ge : calc.: 332.0432, found: 332.0437. IR, cm^{-1} (intensity): 3036 (m), 3004 (m), 2911

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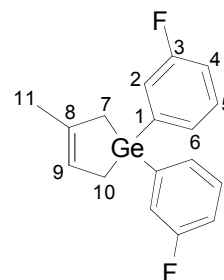
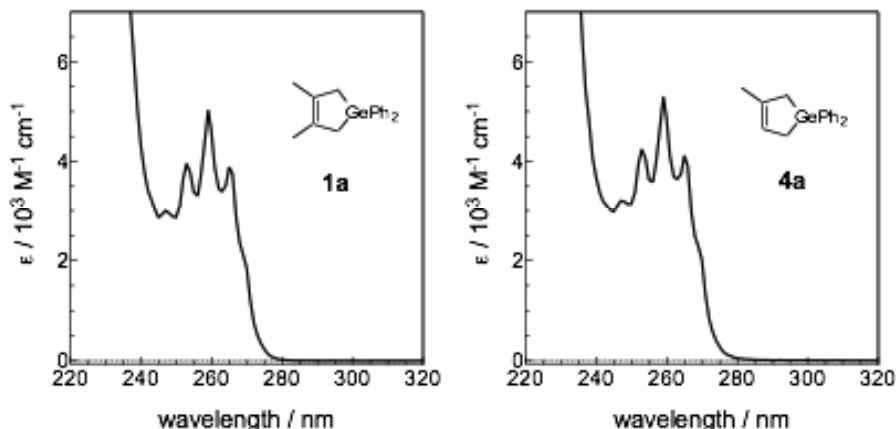


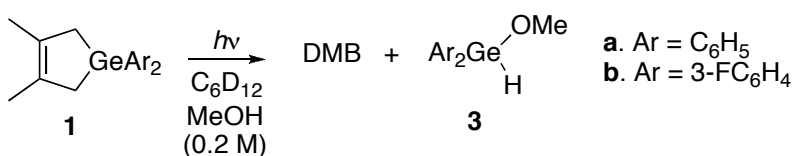
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Steady state photolysis experiments.

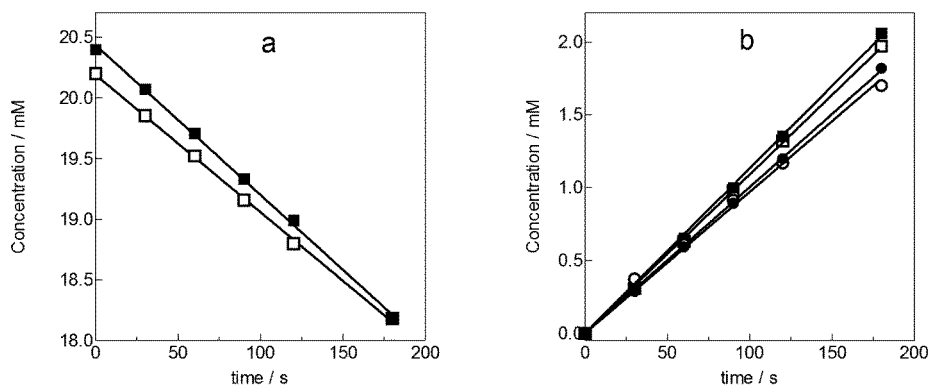
(a) Quantum Yield Determination – Photolysis of 1e

Solutions of **1a** and **1e** (0.02 M) in C₆D₁₂ containing MeOH (0.2 M) were deoxygenated with a stream of dry argon and then irradiated in parallel, monitoring the course of the photolyses by ¹H NMR spectroscopy at 30 s intervals to ~10% conversion. DMB and the corresponding 1,1-diaryl-1-methoxygermane (**3a** and **3e**, respectively) were the only products detectable in the NMR spectra in both cases. Product yields were calculated (relative to consumed **1**) from the relative slopes of concentration vs. time plots (See Figure S1). The quantum yield for formation of **3e** from **1e** was calculated from the relative slopes of the plots for **3a** and **3e** and the value $\Phi_{3a} = 0.55 \pm 0.07$.¹



Diarylmethoxygermane **3e** was identified by comparison of its partial ¹H NMR spectrum to that of authentic **3a**:¹ $\delta = 3.56$ (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.11 (s, H, GeH), 6.98-7.03 (m, 2H, ArH). Unfortunately, the remaining aromatic proton resonances in its spectrum are obscured by those due to **1e**.

Figure S1. Concentration vs. time plots from parallel photolyses of deoxygenated solutions of **1a** and **1e** (0.02 M) in C₆D₁₂ containing MeOH (0.2 M). (a) **1a** and **1e**; slopes ($\times 10^2$): **1a** [□], -1.13 \pm 0.02; **1e** [■], -1.23 \pm 0.02. (b) Products; slopes ($\times 10^2$): **3a** [○], 0.97 \pm 0.01; DMB from **1a** [●], 1.00 \pm 0.01; **3e** [■], 1.09 \pm 0.01; DMB from **1e** [□], 1.13 \pm 0.01.



(b) Photolysis of **1a-f** in the presence of isoprene

A solution of **1a** (0.032 M) in C₆D₁₂ containing isoprene (0.2 M) and Si₂Me₆ (*ca.* 2 mM) as internal integration standard was placed in a quartz NMR tube, purged briefly with dry argon and sealed. The sample was then irradiated in a Rayonet[®] photochemical reactor (Southern New England Ultraviolet Co.) equipped with a merry-go-round apparatus and 2 × RPR2537 (254 nm) lamps, and the progress of the reaction was monitored periodically by ¹H NMR spectroscopy (see Figure S1). Product concentrations were calculated from the following integrals (relative to Si₂Me₆ (δ 0.05; 18H)): DMB (δ 5.00; 2H and δ 1.88; 6H – these values were averaged), **4a** (δ 5.71; 1H), GePh₂-containing oligomers (10H) were calculated by subtracting the integrals of the aromatic proton signals due to **1a** + **4a** (10H) from the total integral over δ 6.79-7.83. The relative chemical yields of the three products were then calculated from the relative slopes of the individual concentration vs. time plots (see Figure S2).

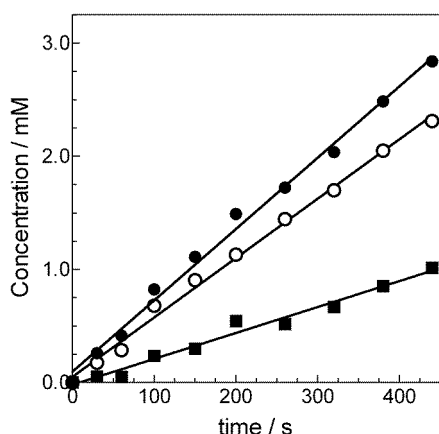


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A MALDI mass spectrum was recorded of the crude mixture from photolysis of **1a** (0.03 M) in deoxygenated hexanes containing 0.2 M isoprene for 7 minutes under conditions similar to those described above, and is shown in Figure S3. The major product detected exhibits a cluster of ions centered at $m/z = 728.7$, which is consistent with a molecule of formula Ge₂Ph₄ (C₅H₈)₄ based on comparison of the isotopic distribution to the simulated spectrum.

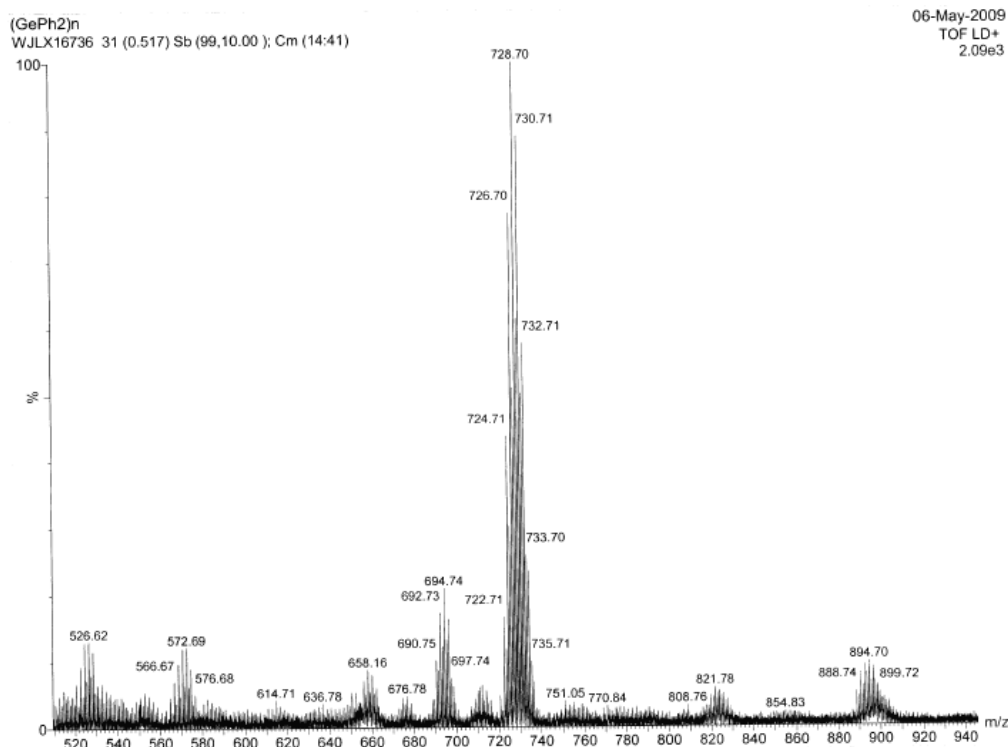


Figure S3. MALDI mass spectrum of the crude product mixture from photolysis of **1a** (0.02 M) in hexanes containing isoprene (0.3 M).

Deoxygenated solutions of **1b-g** (0.02 M) in hexanes containing isoprene (0.05 M) were irradiated as above (6×254 nm lamps; 20 minutes), and analyzed by GC/MS. In each case, the chromatogram showed evidence of only a single photolysis product, which eluted at a slightly shorter retention time compared to that of the starting compound. The products were identified as the corresponding 1,1-diaryl-3-methylgermacyclopent-3-enes **4b-g** based on their mass spectra (Table S1). The identity of **4b,e** in the photolysate from **1b,e** was further confirmed by spiking the mixture with an authentic sample.

Table S1. Low-resolution mass spectral data of 1,1-diaryl-3-methylgermacyclopent-3-enes **4c,d,f,g**.

4c	<i>p</i> -Me	324.2*(24), 256.3*(100), 181.5 (20), 165.2 (12).
4d	<i>p</i> -F	332.3*(70), 264.4*(100), 233.5*(12), 152.3 (35), 93.2*(35).
4f	<i>p</i> -CF ₃	432.1*(52), 413.3* (12), 271.3 (85), 252.4 (100).
4g	<i>mm</i> -CF ₃	568.3* (50), 549.7*(22), 389.3 (20), 388.6 (100).

^a *m/z* values marked with * indicate ions containing ⁷⁴Ge

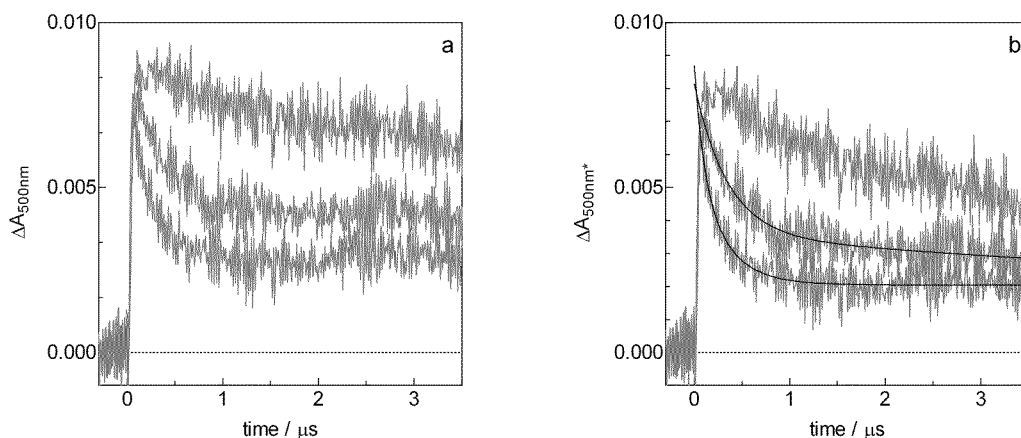


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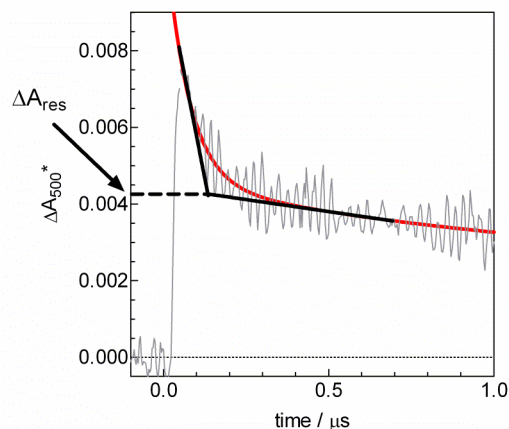


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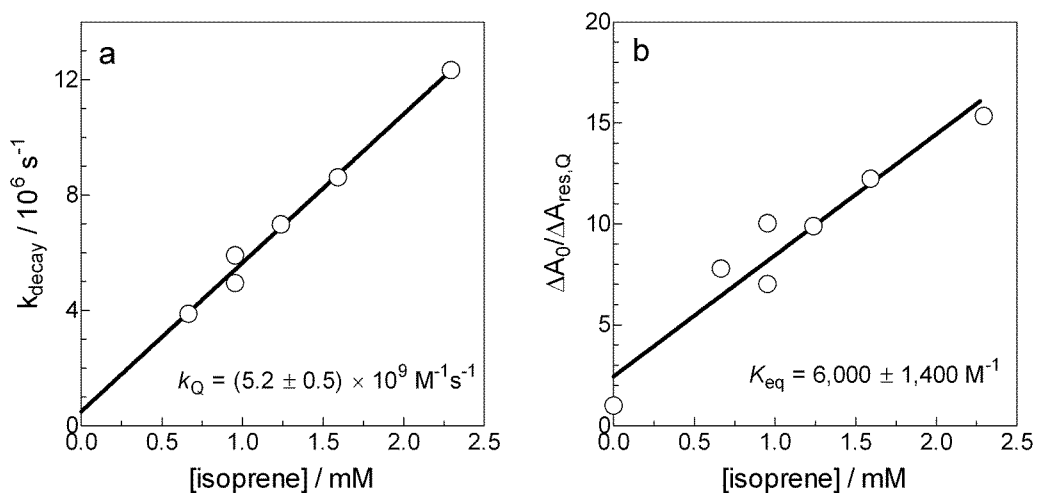


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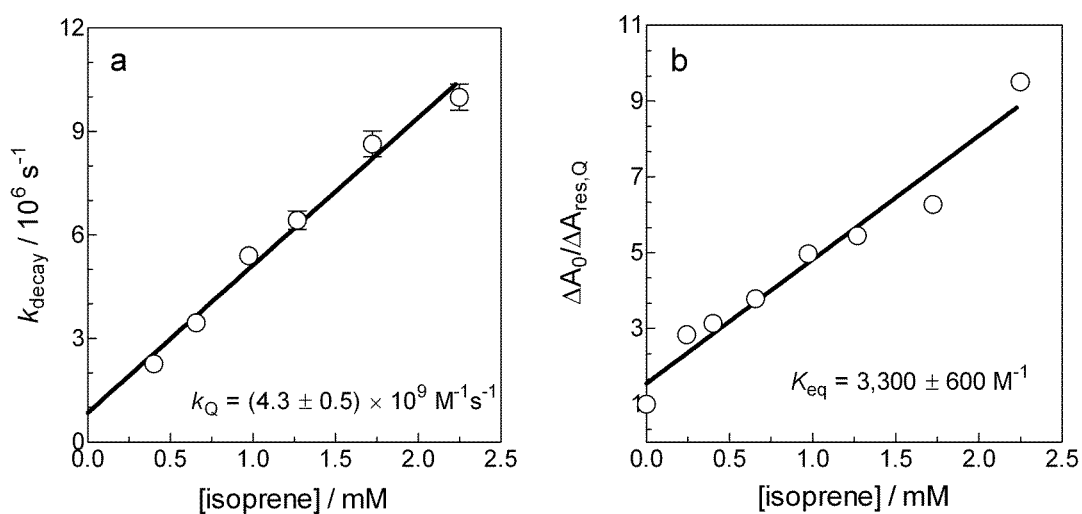


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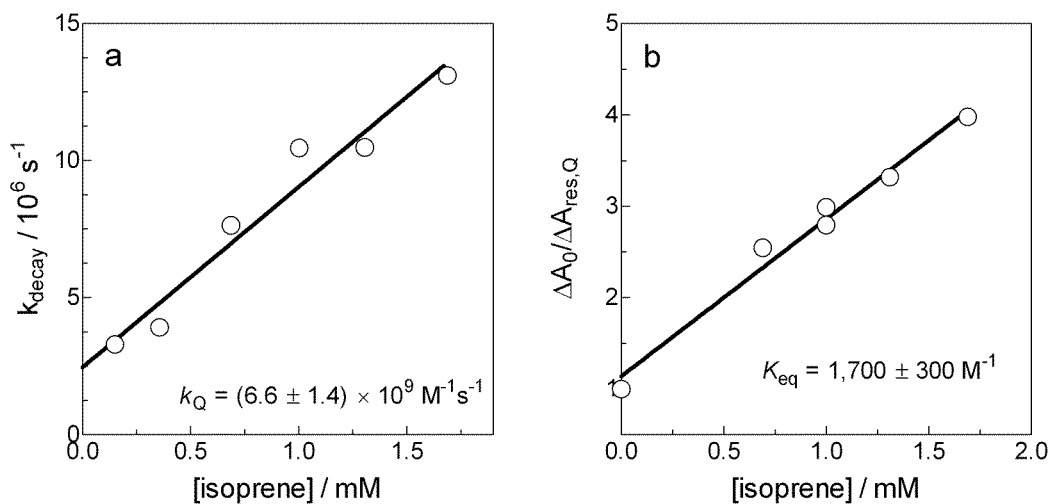


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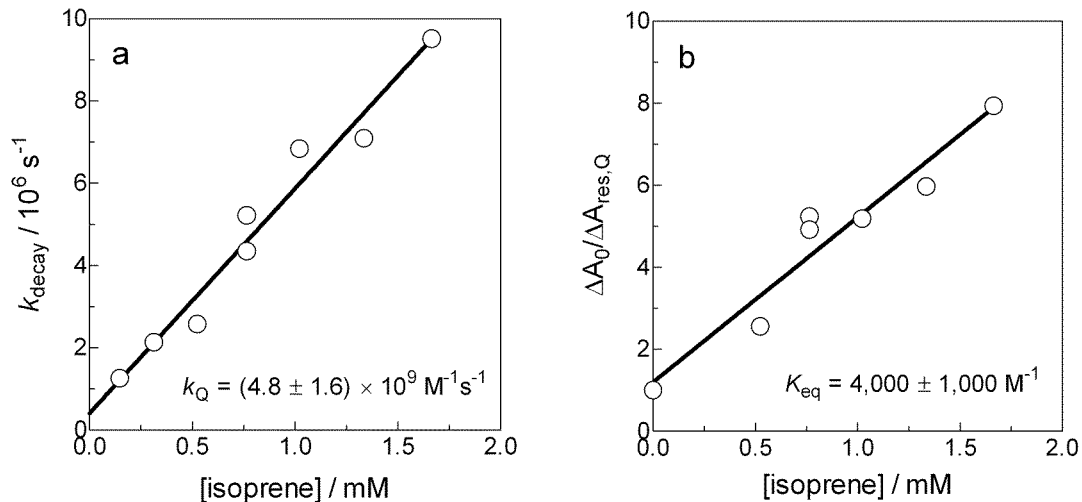


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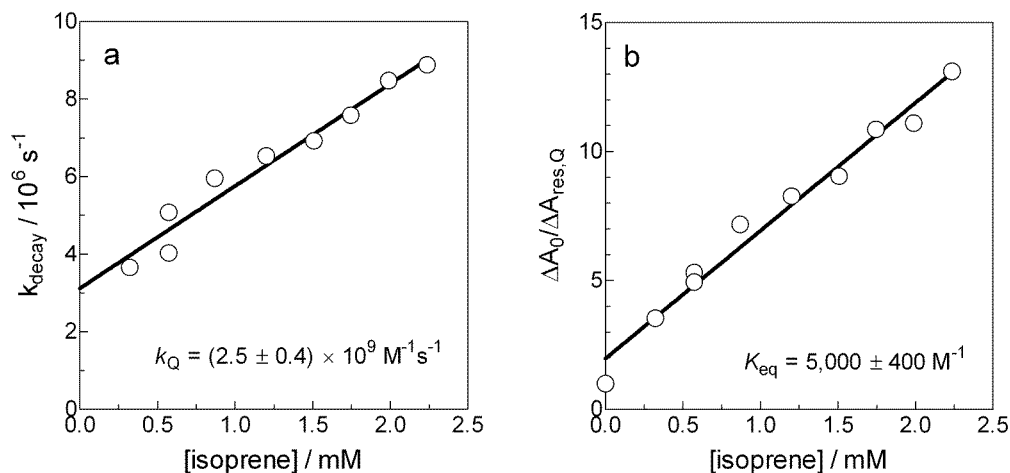


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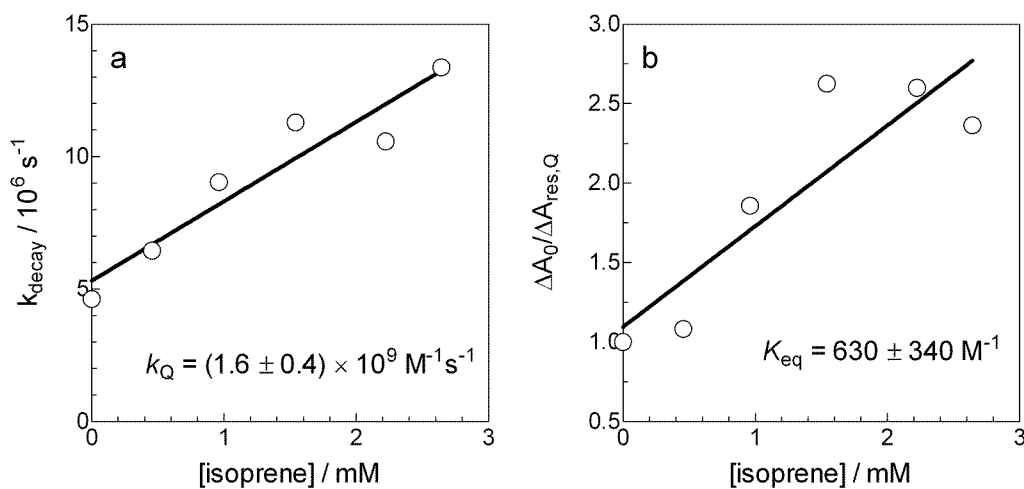


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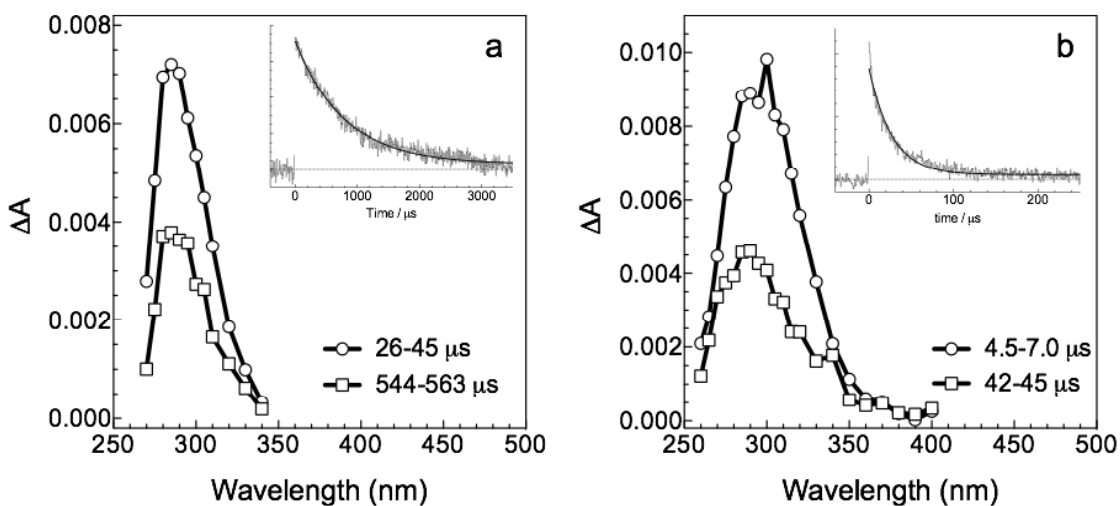


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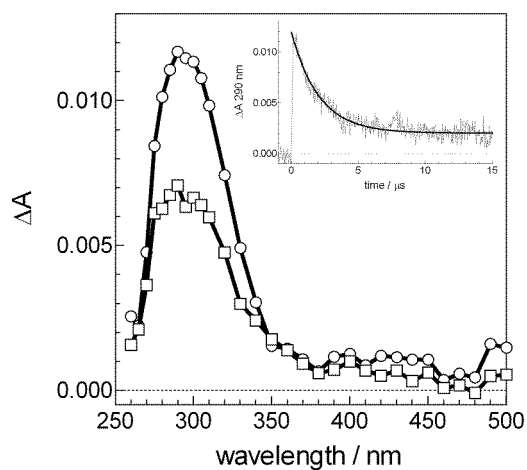


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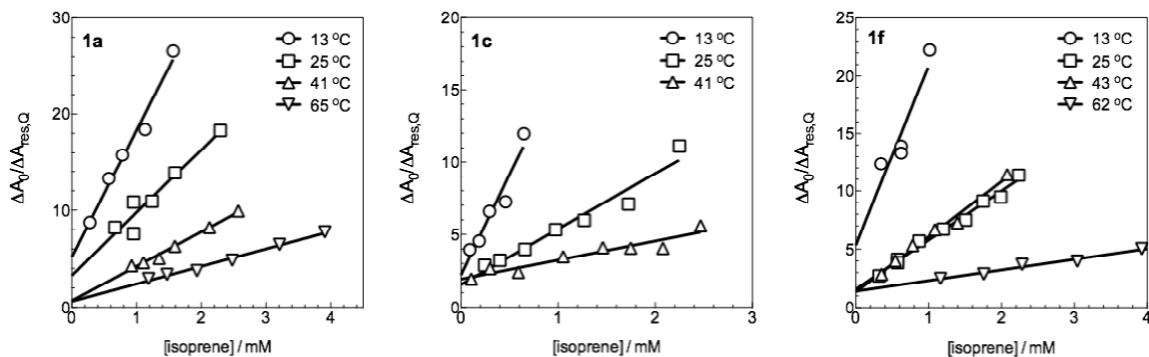


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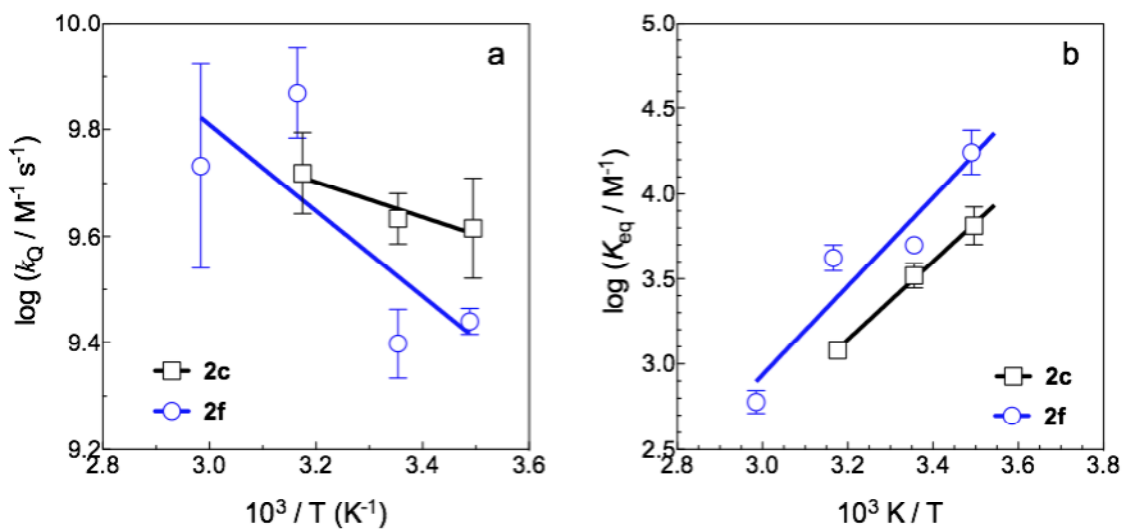


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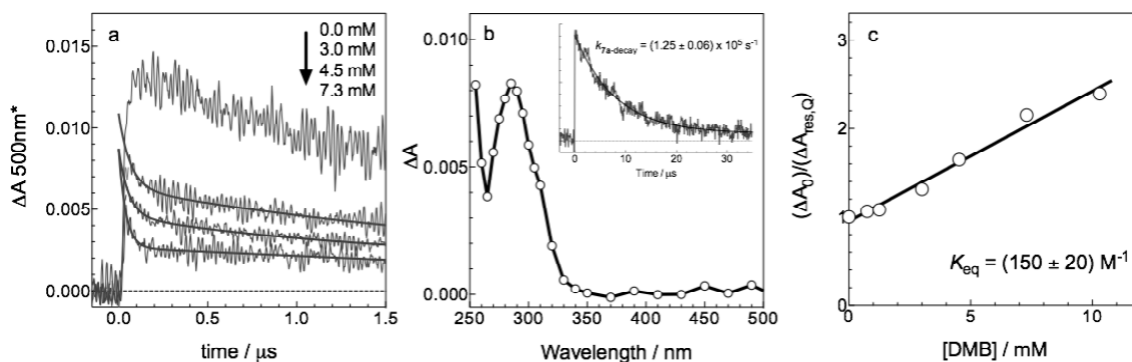


Figure S16. (a) Corrected decay profiles for germylene **2a** in deoxygenated hexanes containing 0, 3.0, 4.5, and 7.3 mM DMB, along with the non-linear least squares fits of the data to the sum of two exponential decays. (b) Transient absorption spectrum of vinylgermirane **7a** in deoxygenated hexanes containing 30 mM DMB at 25 °C; the inset shows the transient decay profile at 290 nm. (c) Plot of the residual germylene absorbance ratios, $(\Delta A_0)/(\Delta A_{\text{res,Q}})$ vs. [DMB].

Table S2. Absolute rate and equilibrium constants for the reactions of germylenes **2a** (H), **2c** (Me) and **2f** (4-CF₃) with isoprene in deoxygenated hexanes over the range of 13-62 °C. Errors are reported as $\pm 2\sigma$. All values are corrected for the density change of the solvent with temperature.

T / °C	$k_Q / 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$K_{\text{eq}} / 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$
2a		
14.3	3.8 ± 0.5	13.2 ± 3.0
25.0	5.2 ± 0.5	6.0 ± 1.5
40.5	4.7 ± 0.4	2.8 ± 0.2
61.0	3.3 ± 1.2	1.2 ± 0.1
2c		
13.0	4.1 ± 1.0	6.5 ± 1.9
25.0	4.3 ± 0.5	3.3 ± 0.6
41.8	5.2 ± 1.0	1.2 ± 0.4
2f		
13.5	2.8 ± 1.6	17.5 ± 6.0
25.0	2.5 ± 0.4	5.0 ± 0.5
45.7	9.3 ± 2.4	4.2 ± 0.8
62.0	5.4 ± 3.0	0.6 ± 0.1

Table S3. Decay rates of the vinylgermirane **6a** at various temperatures, recorded in dry, deoxygenated hexanes in the presence of 50 mM isoprene. Corresponding K_{eq} (calculated from the van't Hoff parameters - see Figure 4 and Table 2) and $k_{(1+4)}$ values. Errors are reported as $\pm 2\sigma$.

Temp / °C	$k_{6a\text{-decay}} / 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$K_{\text{eq}} / 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	$k_{(1+4)} / 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
10.6	0.806 ± 0.018	14.9 ± 1.2	1.20 ± 0.09
14.3	1.11 ± 0.03	12.0 ± 1.0	1.33 ± 0.11
19.3	1.75 ± 0.04	9.0 ± 0.72	1.57 ± 0.13
25.5	2.20 ± 0.07	6.34 ± 0.51	1.39 ± 0.12
34.1	3.85 ± 0.19	4.03 ± 0.32	1.55 ± 0.13
34.5	4.17 ± 0.15	3.94 ± 0.32	1.65 ± 0.13
38.2	5.38 ± 0.27	3.27 ± 0.26	1.76 ± 0.14
43.5	7.25 ± 0.43	2.52 ± 0.20	1.83 ± 0.15
43.9	8.46 ± 0.52	2.47 ± 0.20	2.09 ± 0.17
49.9	10.5 ± 0.60	1.86 ± 0.15	1.94 ± 0.16
52.0	12.1 ± 1.00	1.69 ± 0.14	2.04 ± 0.17

Table S4. Arrhenius and van't Hoff parameters^a for the reactions of germlyenes **2a**, **2c**, and **2f** with isoprene in hexanes, calculated using the gas phase at 1 bar and 298.15K as standard state.^a

	2a (H)	2c (4-Me)	2f (4-CF ₃)
$E_a / \text{kcal mol}^{-1}$	-1.4 ± 2.5	$+0.9 \pm 0.8$	$+3.4 \pm 5.2$
$\log (A / \text{bar}^{-1})$	$+7 \pm 2$	$+9 \pm 1$	$+11 \pm 4$
$\Delta G / \text{kcal mol}^{-1}$	-3.3 ± 0.1	-2.9 ± 0.1	-3.1 ± 0.2
$\Delta H / \text{kcal mol}^{-1}$	-10.3 ± 1.1	-11.1 ± 0.9	-12 ± 6
$\Delta S / \text{cal K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$	-23 ± 4	-28 ± 3	-29 ± 20

a. errors are quoted as $\pm 2\sigma$.

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