



# *Theoretical Insights*

*Into*

*Novel Telluro-ketones*



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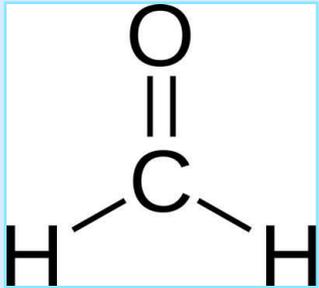
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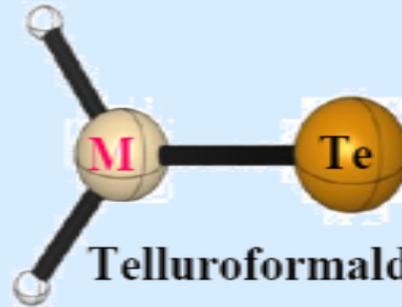
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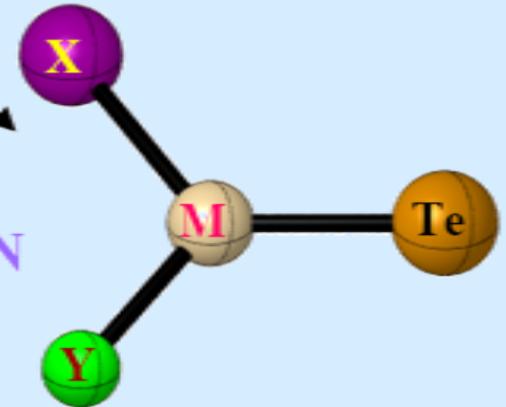
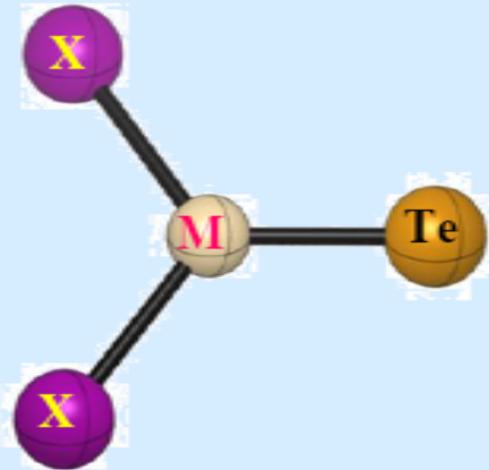
# Target Molecules



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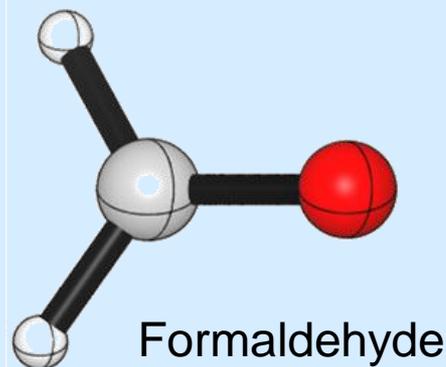
Telluroformaldehyde/  
Silanetellurone  
Gerमतellurone



M = C, Si and Ge

X; Y = H, F, Cl, Br, I and CN

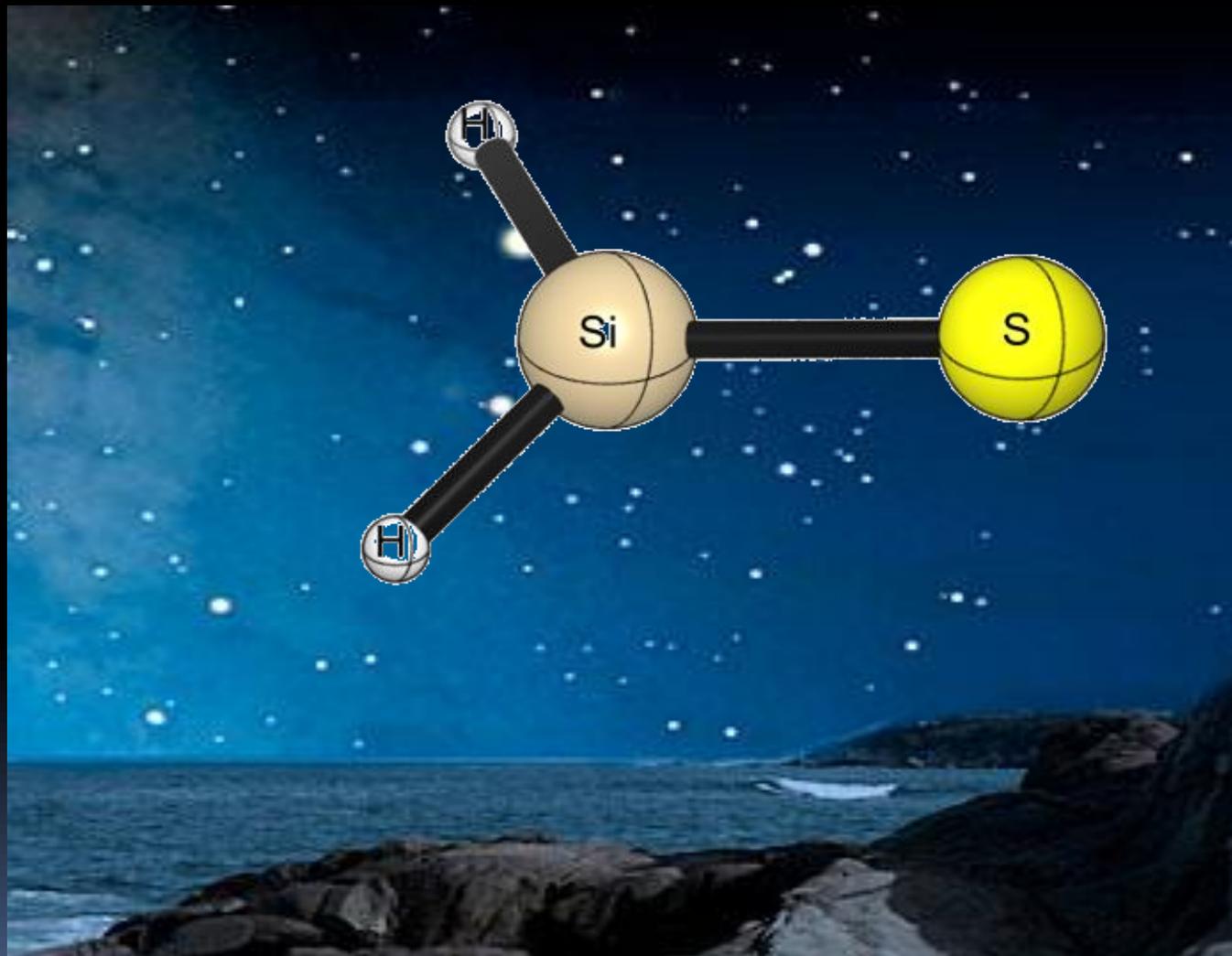
# Why the study of Heavy Congeners of $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$ ?



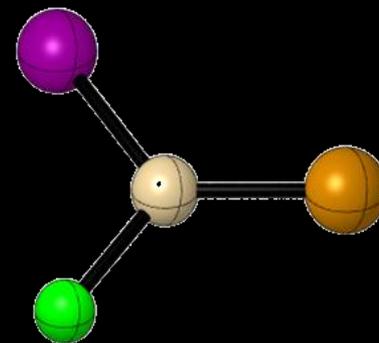
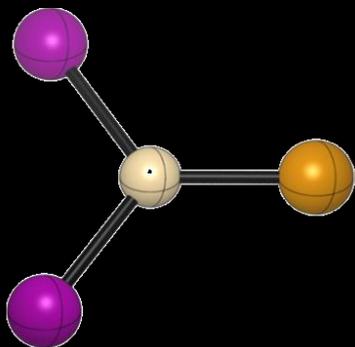
C=O group- important organic moiety in industry and biology.

Thio- and Seleno- analogs are important intermediates in S and Se containing compounds.

# Monomeric $\text{H}_2\text{Si}=\text{S}$ has reached the STARS!



# *ChemMYSTERY* behind unavailability of monomeric heavy ketones



Isolating  **$R_2E=X$**  (X=C, Si and Ge, E=S, Se and Te) as stable monomeric molecules – **real challenge!**

**$E=X$**  very reactive

Actual **quests** for heavy ketones

# Stable Monomeric Germanone

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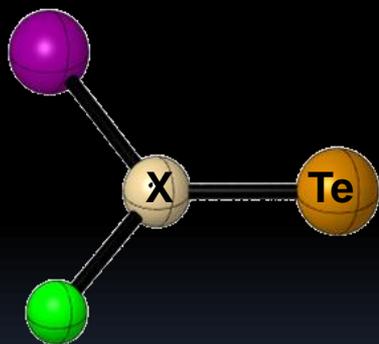
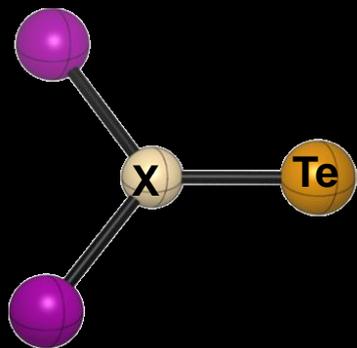
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## A stable germanone as the first isolated heavy ketone with a terminal oxygen atom

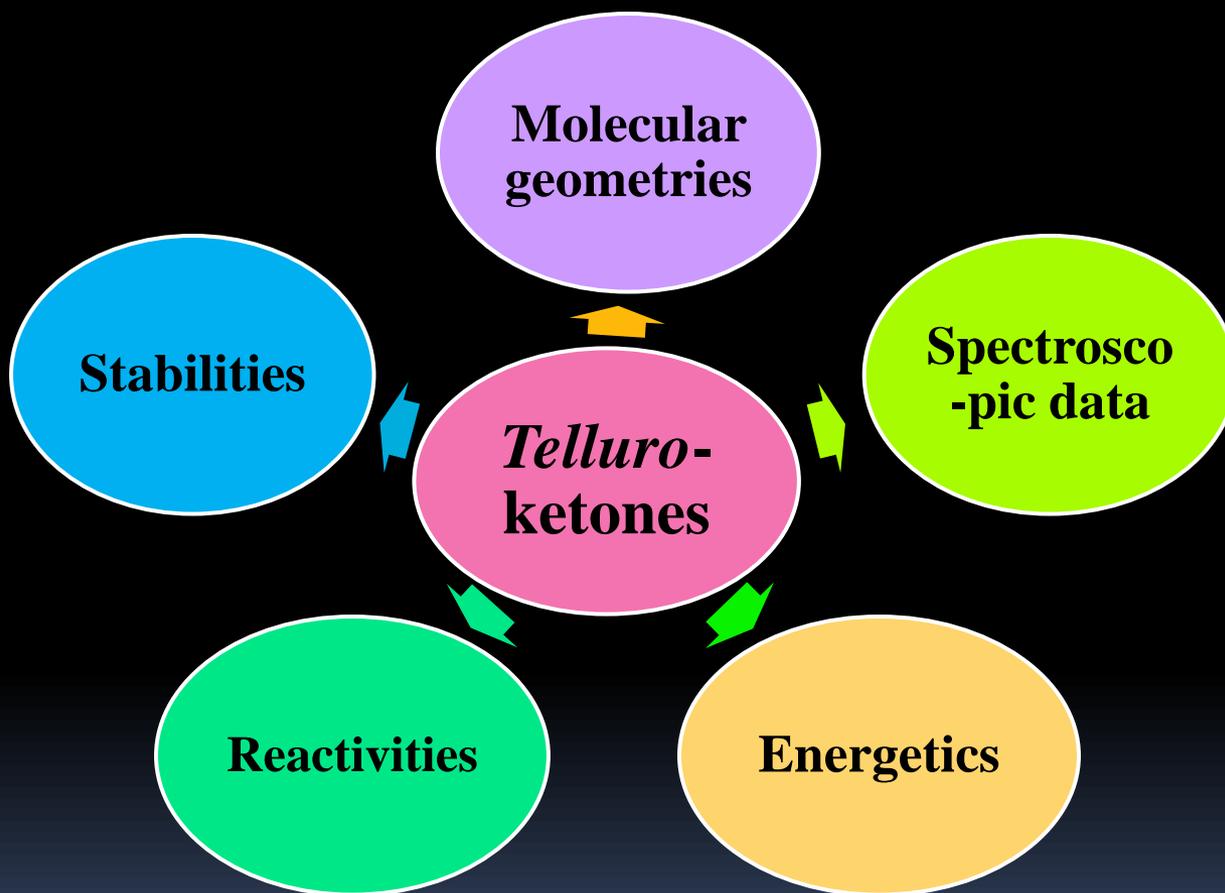
Liangchun Li<sup>1</sup>, Tomohide Fukawa<sup>1</sup>, Tsukasa Matsuo<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Daisuke Hashizume<sup>3</sup>, Hiroyuki Fueno<sup>4</sup>, Kazuyoshi Tanaka<sup>4</sup> and Kohei Tamao<sup>1\*</sup>

The carbon–oxygen double bond of ketones ( $R_2C=O$ ) makes them among the most important organic compounds, but their homologues, heavy ketones with an  $E=O$  double bond ( $E = Si, Ge, Sn$  or  $Pb$ ), had not been isolated as stable compounds. Their unavailability as monomeric molecules is ascribed to their high tendency for intermolecular oligomerization or polymerization via opening of the  $E=O$  double bond. Can such an intermolecular process be inhibited by bulky protecting groups? We now report that it can, with the first isolation of a monomeric germanium ketone analogue  $(Eind)_2Ge=O$  ( $Eind = 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7$ -octaethyl-*s*-hydrindacen-4-yl), stabilized by appropriately designed bulky *Eind* groups, with a planar tricoordinate germanium atom. Computational studies and chemical reactions suggest the  $Ge=O$  double bond is highly polarized with a contribution of a charge-separated form  $(Eind)_2Ge^+-O^-$ . The germanone thus exhibits unique reactivities that are not observed with ordinary ketones, including the spontaneous trapping of  $CO_2$  gas to provide a cyclic addition product.

# Objectives of My Research



X=C, Si and Ge



# Publications

➤ N.B. Jaufeerally, H.H. Abdallah, P. Ramasami, H.F Schaefer. III, *Theor. Chem. Acc.* 2012, **131**, 1127.

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➤ N.B. Jaufeerally, H.H. Abdallah, P. Ramasami, “**Novel Silanetellones: Structures, Ionization Potentials, Electron Affinities, Singlet-Triplet Splittings and Kohn-Sham HOMO-LUMO Gaps of the  $X_2Si=Te$  and  $XYSi=Te$  (X, Y=H, F, Cl, Br, I and CN) molecules**” *New J. Chem.*, 2012, *submitted*.

➤ N.B. Jaufeerally, H.H. Abdallah, P. Ramasami, H.F Schaefer. III, “**Novel Gerमतellones: Structures and Energetics of the  $X_2Ge=Te$  and  $XYGe=Te$  (X, Y=H, F, Cl, Br, I and CN) molecules**” *In preparation*.

# The **Stability** of *Telluro* –ketones always **questioned**

- N.B. Jaufeerally, H.H. Abdallah, P. Ramasami, H.F. Schaefer III, “*A Journey Through the Potential Energy Surfaces of the Isomerization and Decomposition Reactions of  $H_2X=Te$  and  $HFX=Te$  ( $X=C, Si$  and  $Ge$ )*” In preparation.
- N.B. Jaufeerally, P. Ramasami, G. Frenking, H.F. Schaefer III, “*Stabilization of Telluro –ketones using Bulky Substituents*” In preparation.

# Investigating Unimolecular Reactions

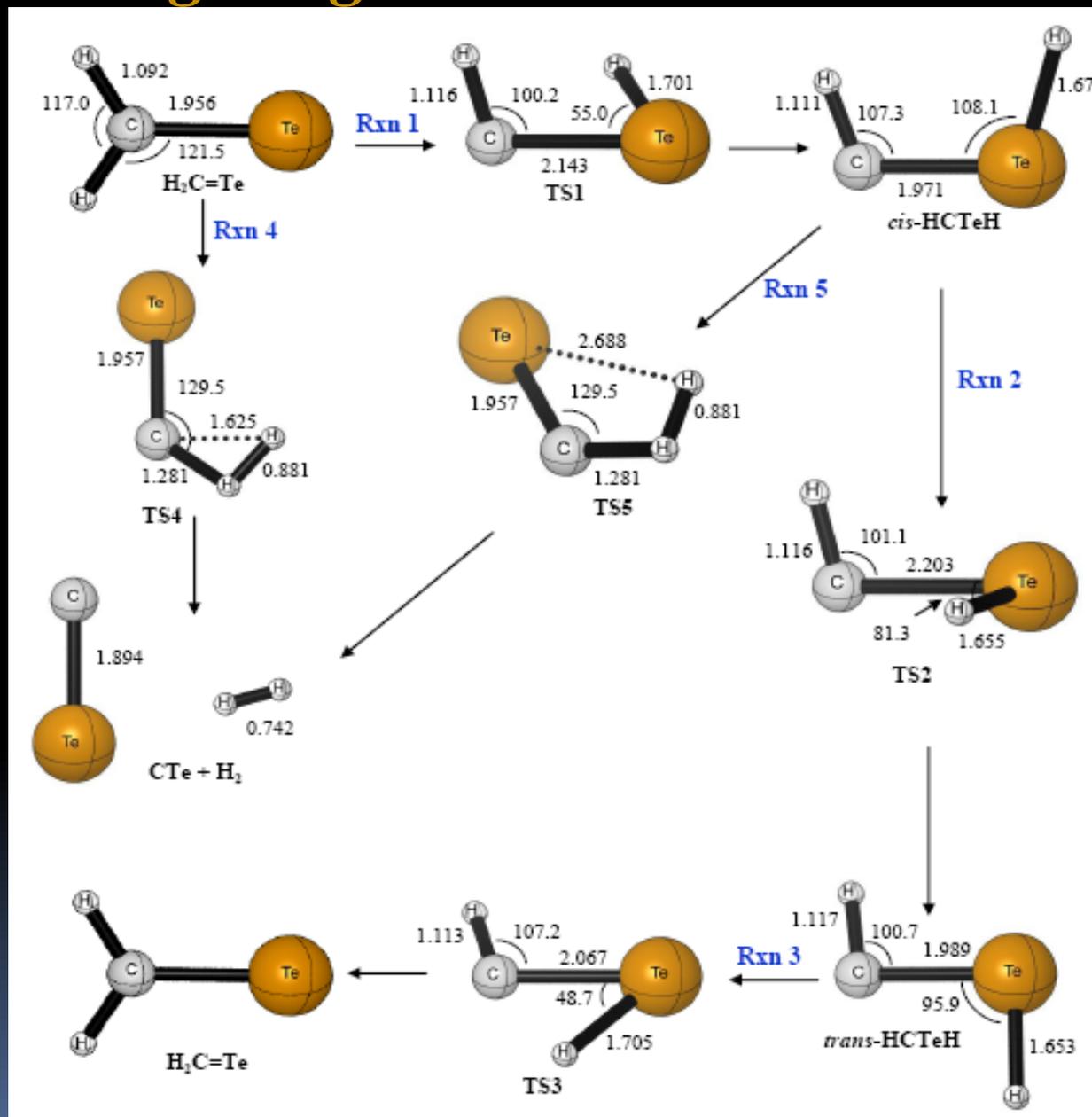


Figure 1: Unimolecular decompositions of Telluroformaldehyde ( $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{Te}$ )

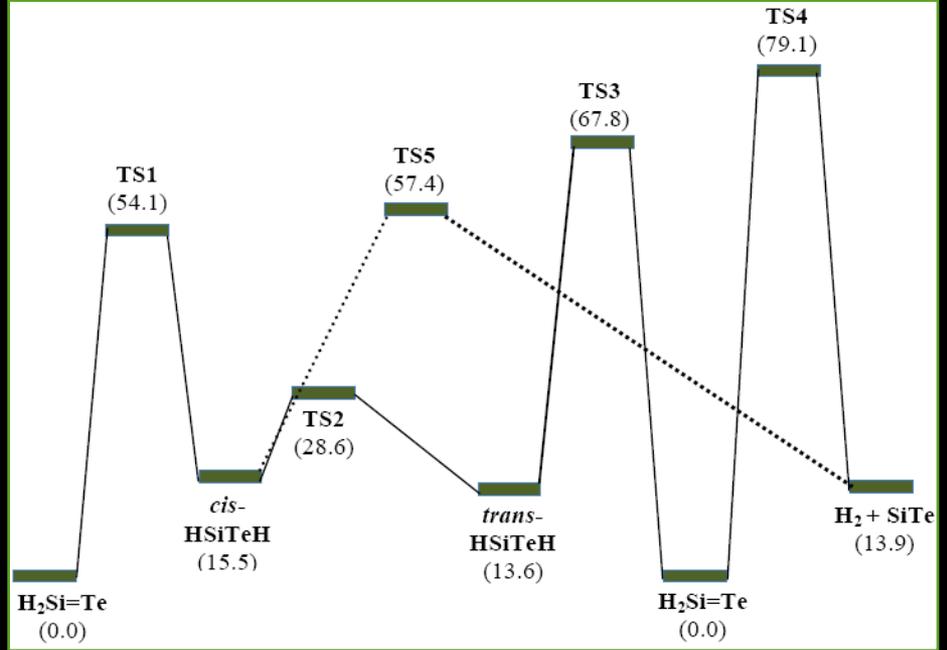
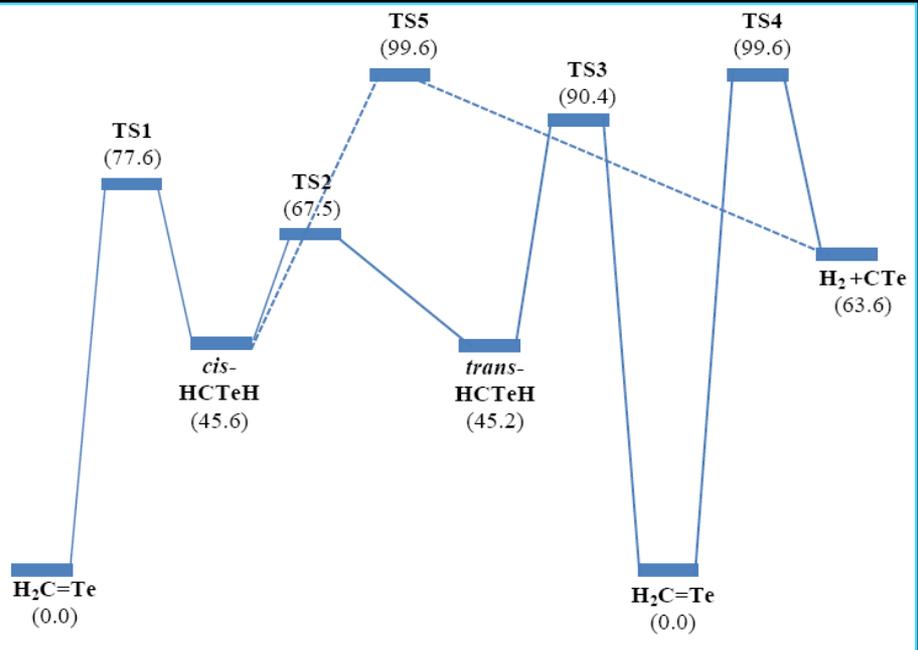


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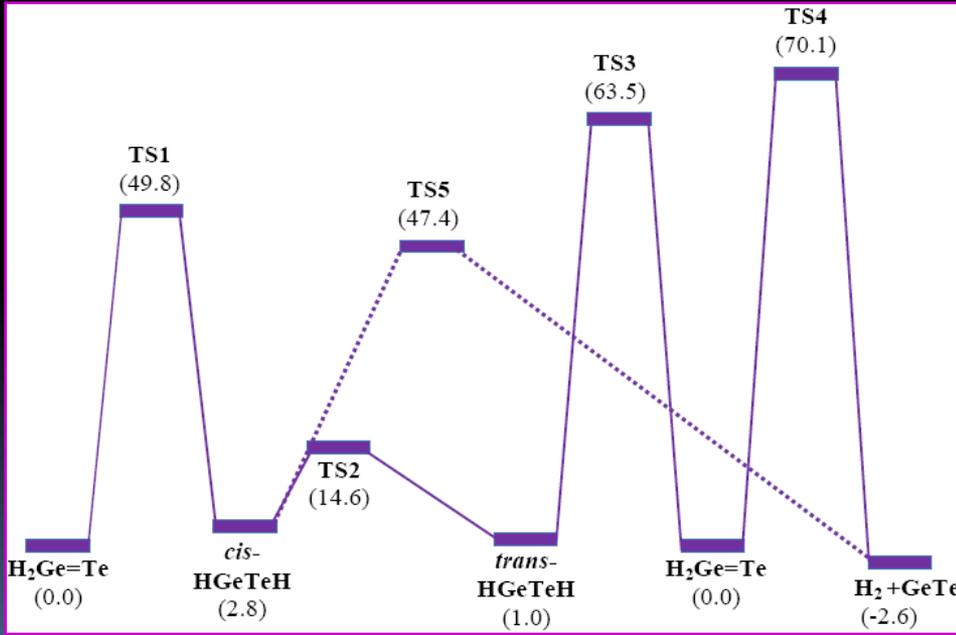


Figure 4

Figures 2-4: Sketch of the PES for the unimolecular reactions of  $\text{H}_2\text{A}=\text{Te}$  ( $\text{A}=\text{C}, \text{Si}$  and  $\text{Ge}$ ). Relative energies (kcal/mol) are in parentheses.

Isomerization into singly-bonded molecules is more favored in the case of the Ge analogs

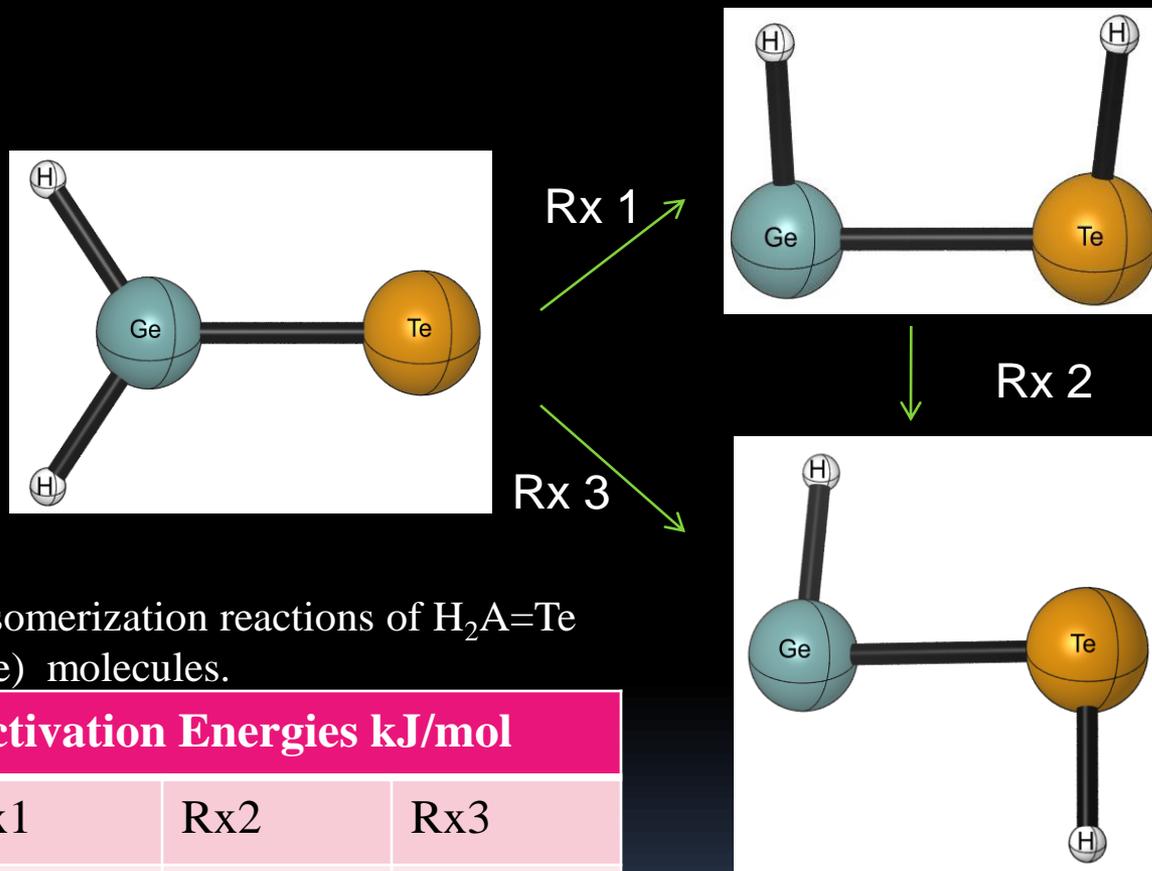
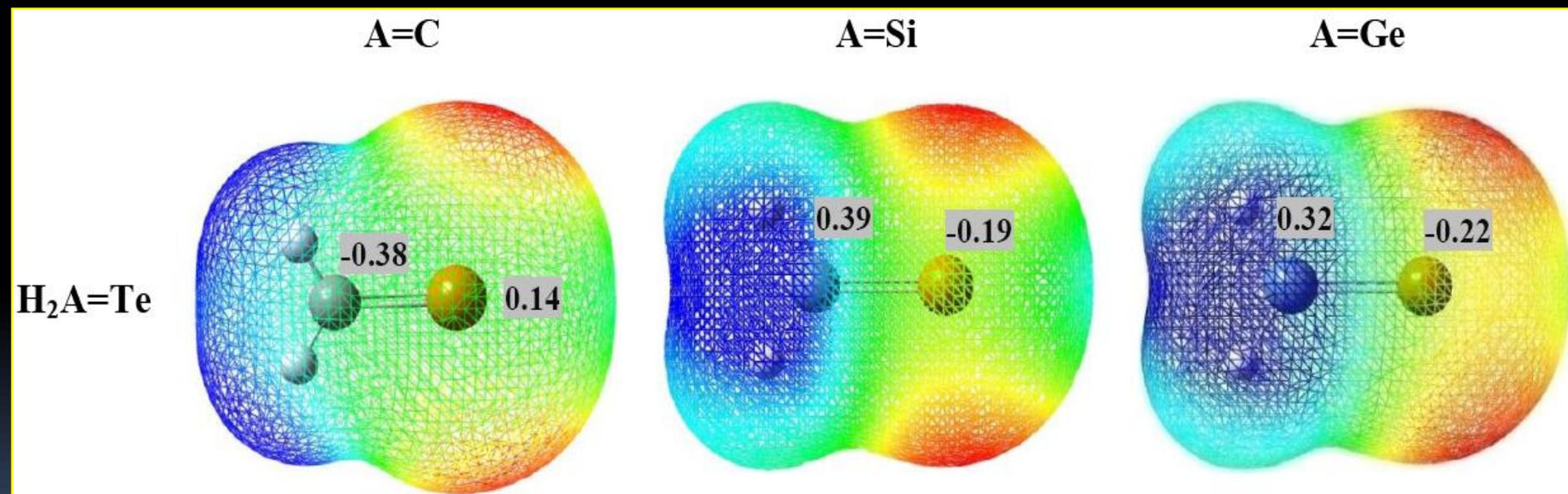


Table 1:  $E_A$  of isomerization reactions of  $\text{H}_2\text{A}=\text{Te}$  ( $\text{A}=\text{C}, \text{Si}$  and  $\text{Ge}$ ) molecules.

	Activation Energies kJ/mol		
	Rx1	Rx2	Rx3
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{Te}$	77.6	22.0	90.4
$\text{H}_2\text{Si}=\text{Te}$	54.1	13.1	97.8
$\text{H}_2\text{Ge}=\text{Te}$	49.8	11.8	63.5

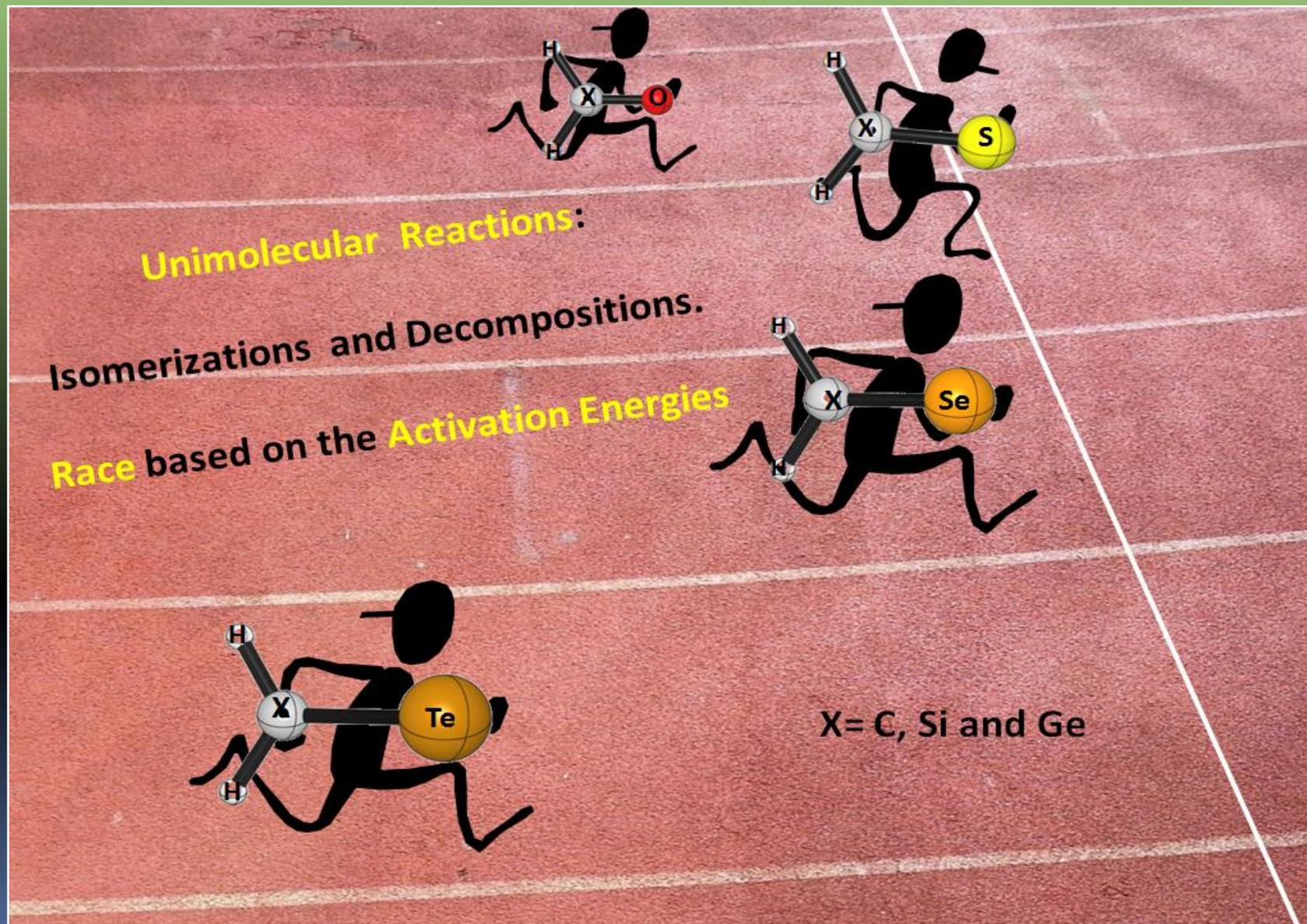
# Why Isomerization of $H_2Ge=Te$ is more favored?

- Accommodation of lone pair of electrons from Te atom
- Polarity of A-Te bond



**Figure 5:** Electrostatic potential maps of  $H_2A=Te$  (A=C, Si and Ge). Blue and red regions represent positive and negative potentials, respectively. Mulliken Charges on atoms A and Te are reported.

# Comparison with literature



# Optimized Complexes of Monomeric *Telluro*-ketones

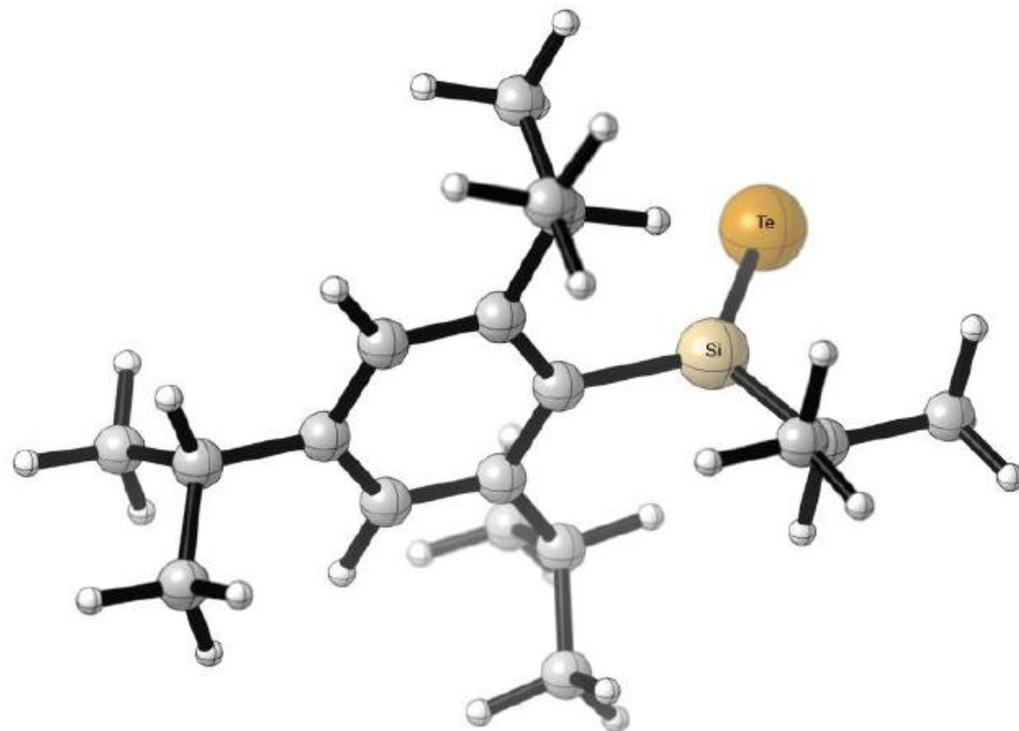
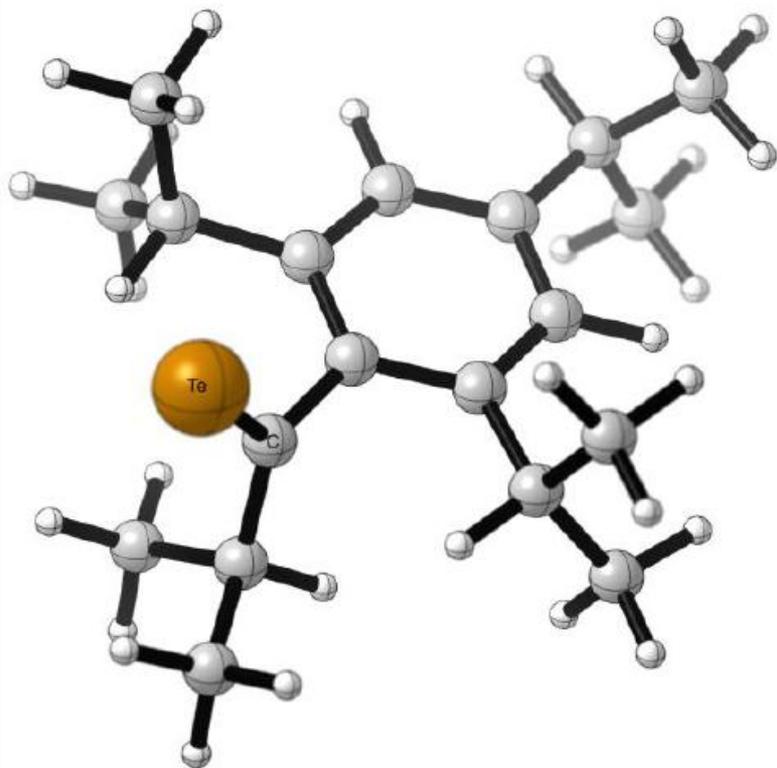


Figure 6: Optimized structures of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}(\text{Tip})\text{A}=\text{Te}$ ,  $\text{A}=(\text{C}$  and  $\text{Si})$ .

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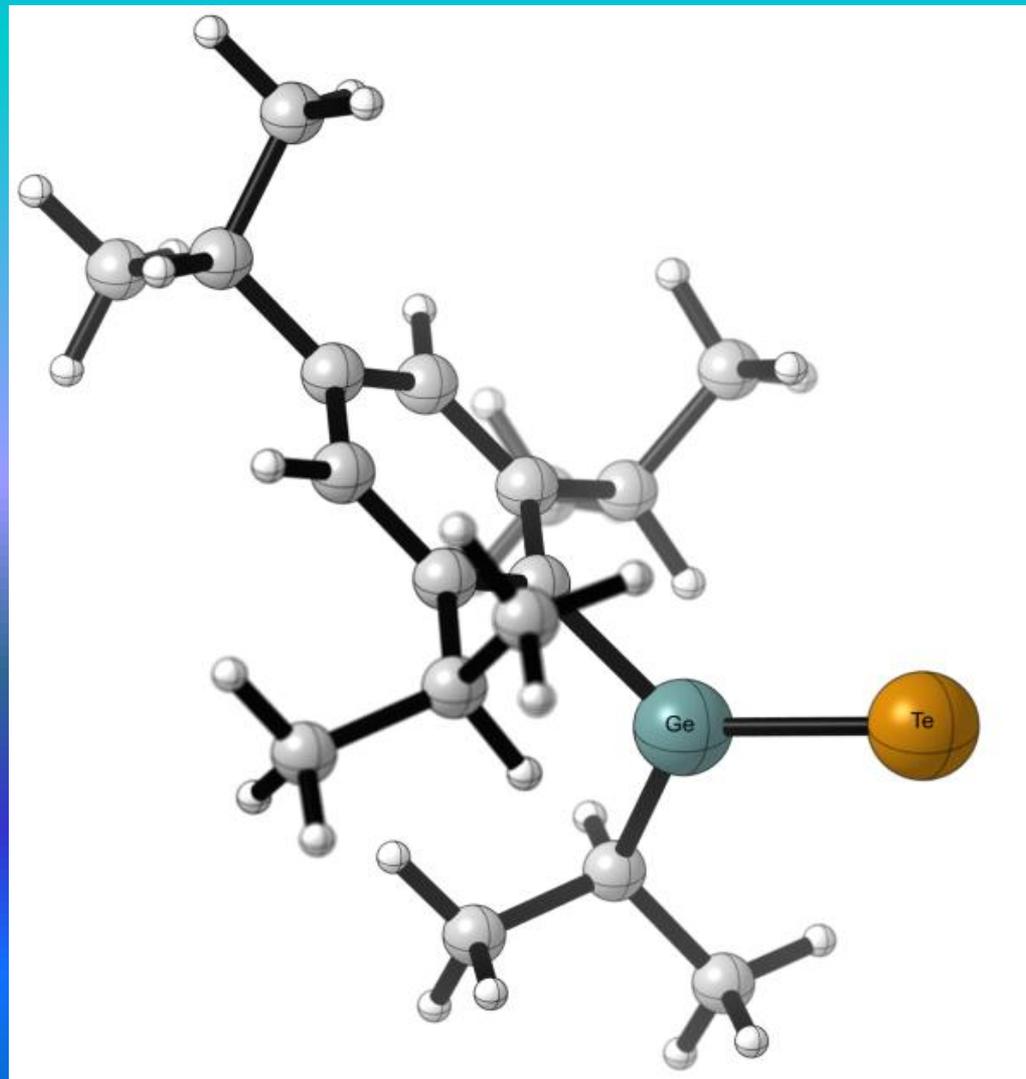
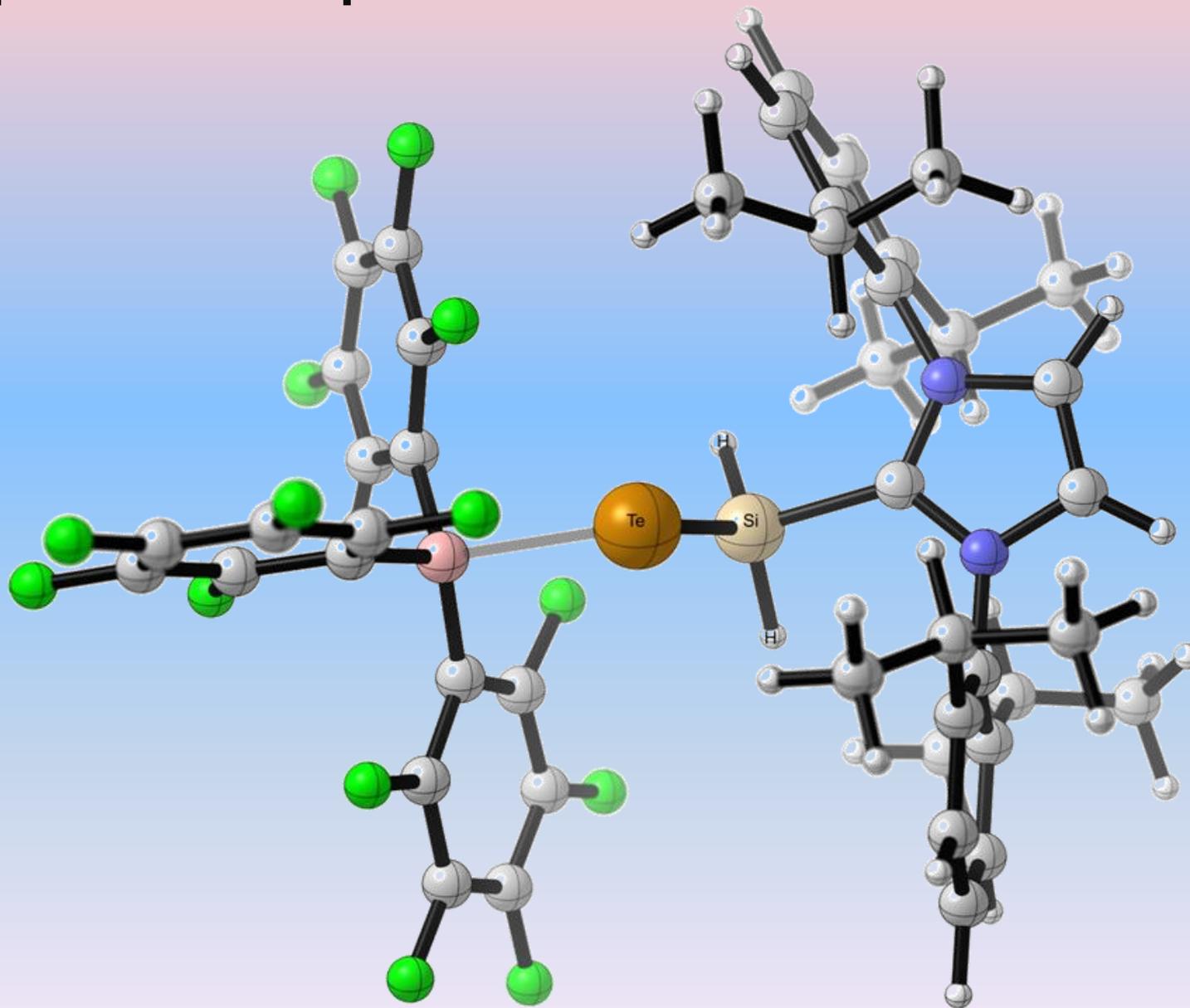


Figure 7: Optimized structures of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}(\text{Tip})\text{Ge}=\text{Te}$ .

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**Figure 7:** Optimized structures of  $\text{IPr.Si(H}_2\text{)=Te.B(C}_6\text{F}_5\text{)}_3$ .

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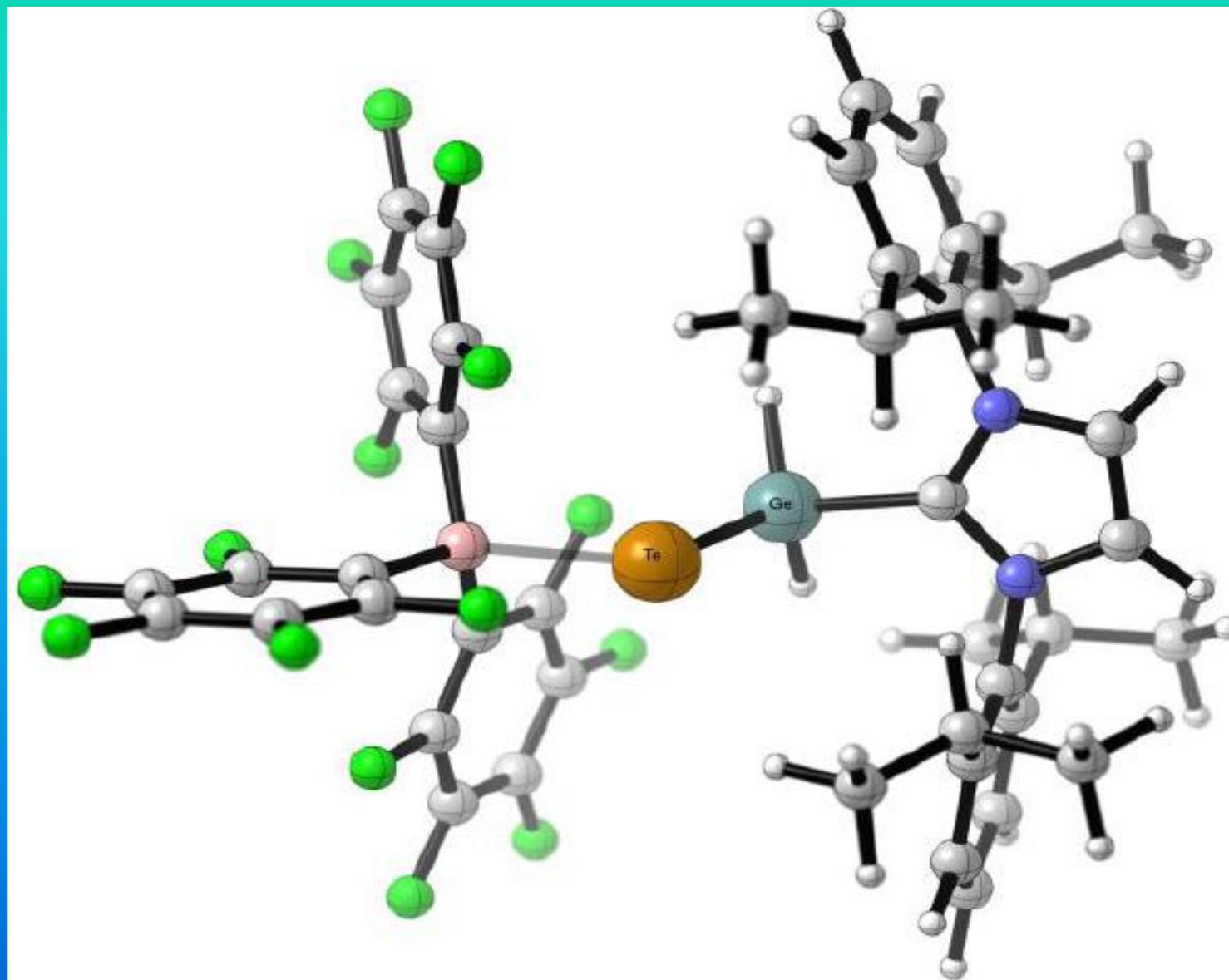
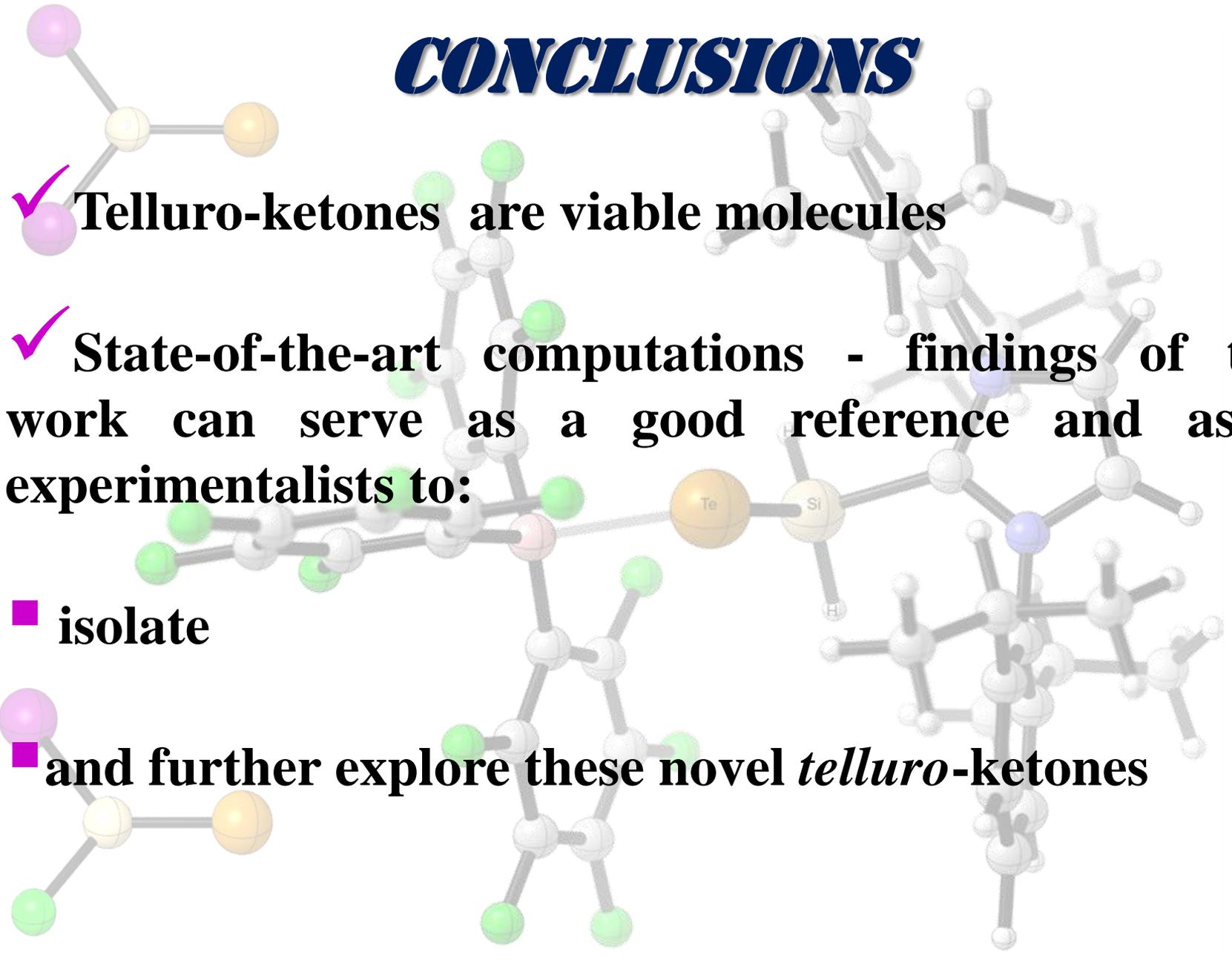


Figure 8: Optimized structures of  $\text{IPr}.\text{Ge}(\text{H}_2)=\text{Te}.\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$ .

# ***CONCLUSIONS***

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- ✓ **Telluro-ketones are viable molecules**
- ✓ **State-of-the-art computations - findings of this work can serve as a good reference and assist experimentalists to:**
- **isolate**
  - **and further explore these novel *telluro-ketones***

# *Future Work*

- Calculating bond dissociation energies to assess the stabilities of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}(\text{Tip})\text{A}=\text{Te}$ ,  $\text{Pr.A}(\text{H}_2)=\text{Te.B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$ , (A=C and Si) molecules.
- Analyzing structural and spectroscopic data.
- Performing NBO analysis.
- Analyzing of the Kohn-Sham frontier orbitals.
- Hence predicting the stabilities of A-Te double-bond.

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