

Structures, Energetics and Stabilities

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of

Novel Telluro-ketones

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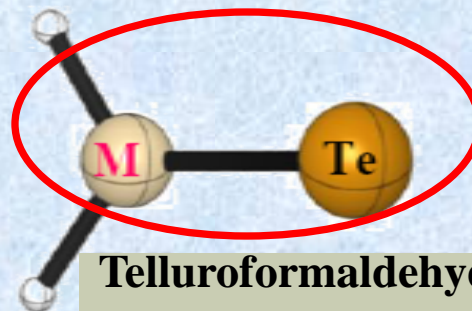
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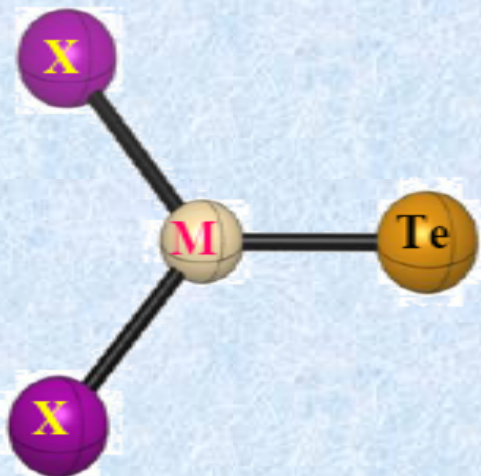
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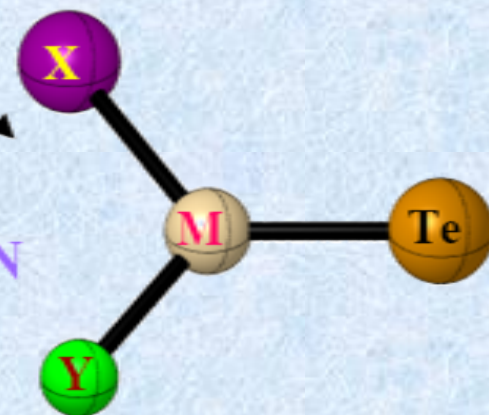


Telluroformaldehyde/
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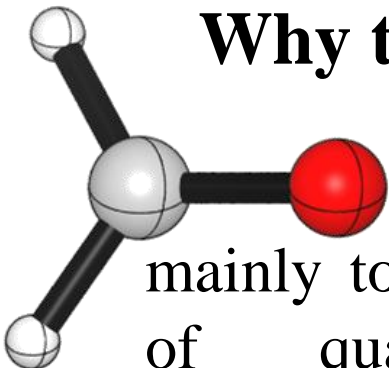


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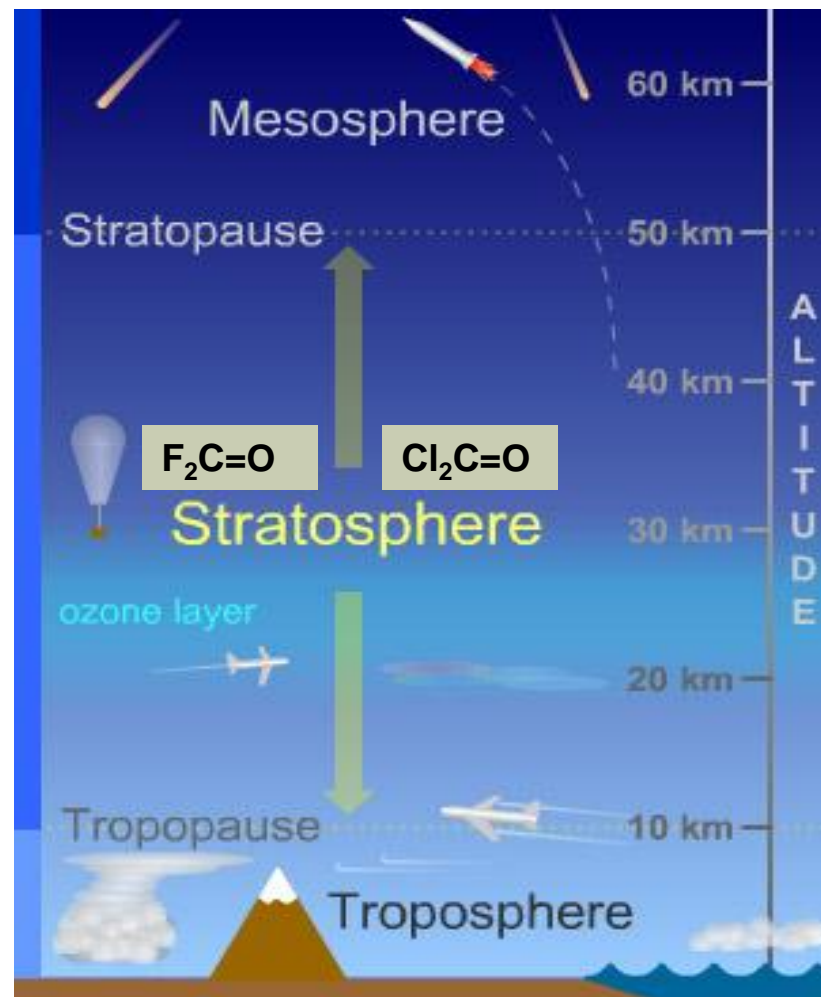
Why the study of Heavy Congeners of $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$?



mainly to check the reliability of quantum mechanical computing methods

$\text{C}=\text{O}$ group- important organic moiety in industry and biology

$\text{X}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$ (X=F and Cl) major products of photolysis of halomethanes in presence of oxygen



Thio- and Seleno- analogues

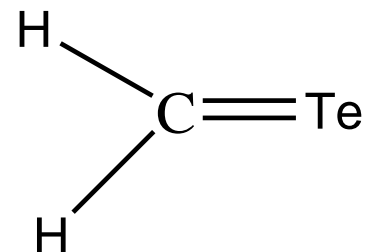
- Important intermediates in sulfur and selenium containing molecules
- Composition of nucleic acid and ribose sugars of some active metabolites
- Useful anti-tumour drugs

But the literature of telluro-ketones is scarce.

Despite

Telluroformaldehyde complexes were first synthesized in 1983.

Telluroformaldehyde



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Preliminary communication

REACTIONS OF OSMIUM COORDINATED FORMALDEHYDE. SYNTHESIS OF COMPLEXES OF SELENOFORMALDEHYDE AND TELLUROFORMALDEHYDE

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However, **nowadays** there is a **quest**
for tellurium containing compounds or
tellurocarbonyl compounds.

Importance of Telluro-ketones

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Review

Recent developments in the chemistry of seleno- and tellurocarbonyl complexes

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Importance of Telluro-ketones

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Therapeutic potential of selenium and tellurium compounds: Opportunities yet unrealised

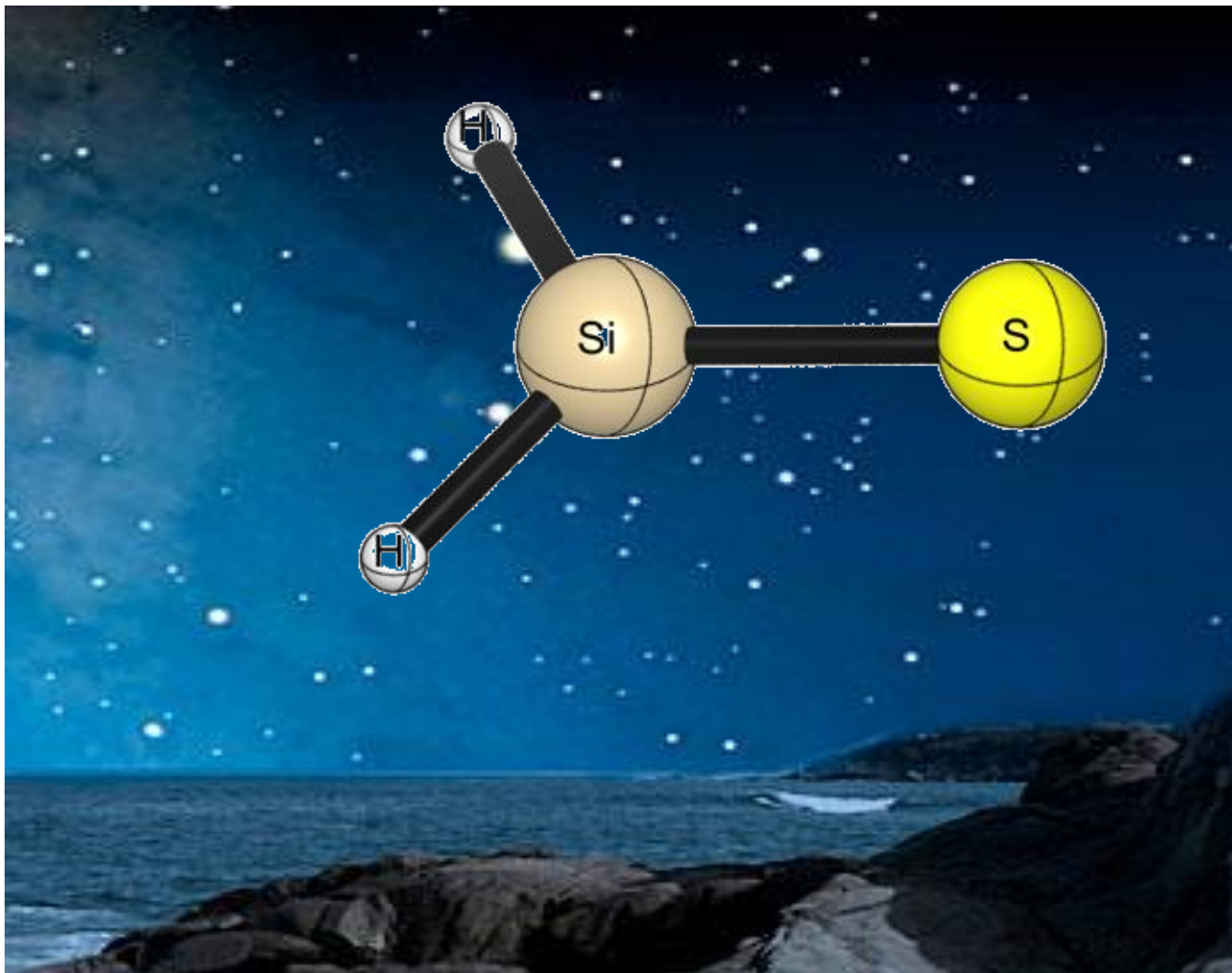
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Despite being disparaged for their malodorous and toxic demeanour, compounds of selenium, a bio-essential element, and tellurium, offer possibilities as therapeutic agents. Herein, their potential use as drugs, for example, as anti-viral, anti-microbial, anti-inflammatory agents, *etc.*, will be surveyed along with a summary of the established biological functions of selenium. The natural biological functions of tellurium remain to be discovered.

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



Why Limited literature for Telluro-ketones?

Theoretical exploration has been scarce due to:

- Lack of well-tested basis sets for Te atom
- Limited computing resources

Why Limited literature for Telluro-ketones?

The lack of experimental studies is often ascribed to:

- The semipolar nature of the A=E bond (A=C, Si and Ge; E=O, S, Se and Te)
- High tendency for the A=E to open up and undergo intermolecular reactions

Stable Monomeric Germanone

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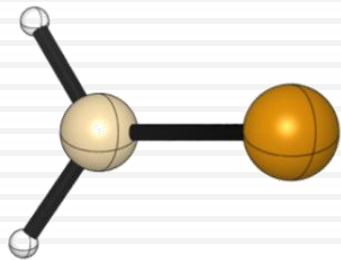
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A stable germanone as the first isolated heavy ketone with a terminal oxygen atom

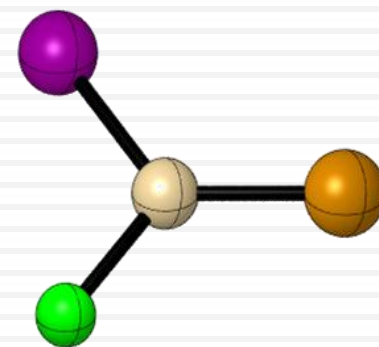
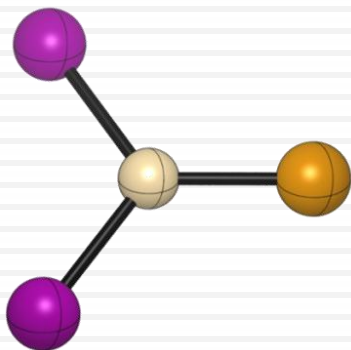
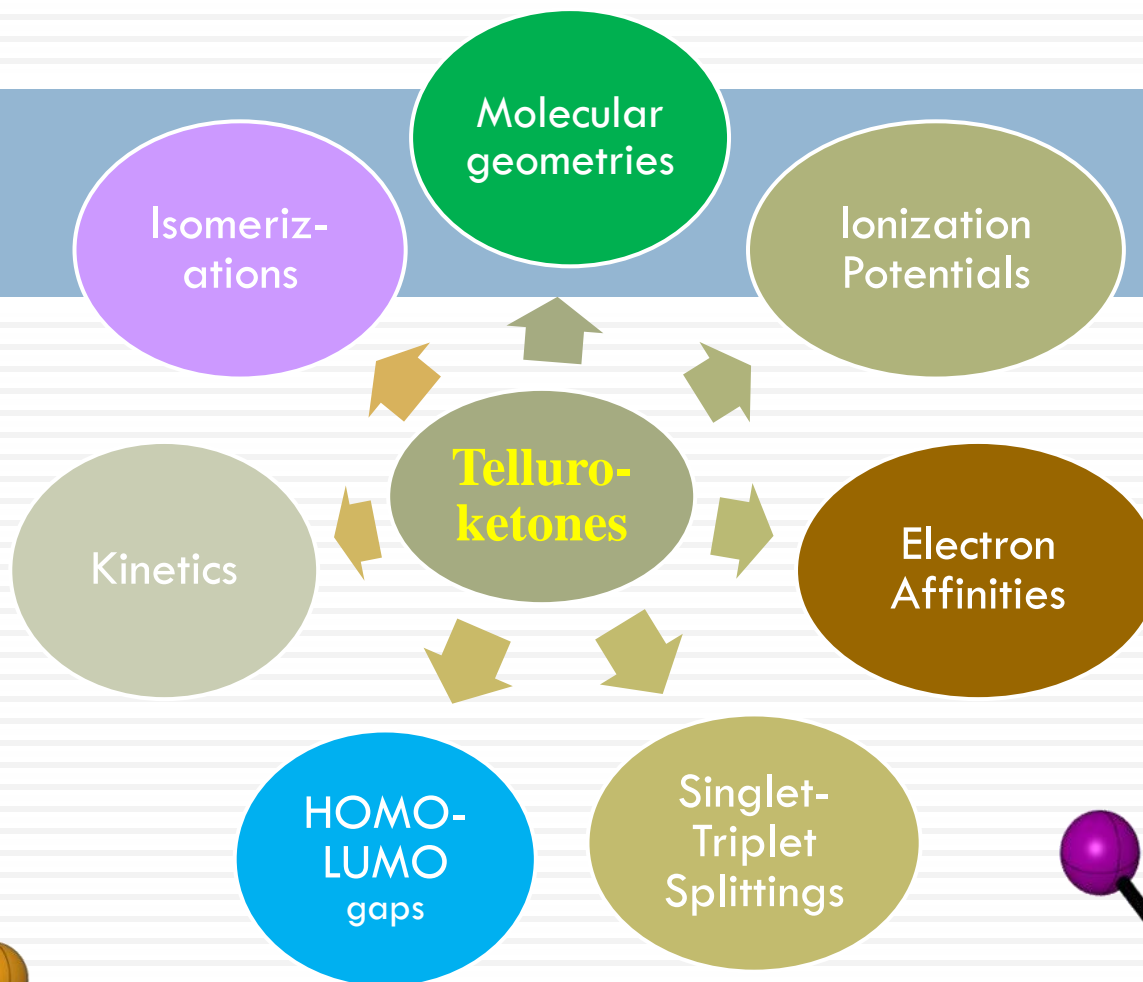
Liangchun Li¹, Tomohide Fukawa¹, Tsukasa Matsuo^{1,2*}, Daisuke Hashizume³, Hiroyuki Fueno⁴, Kazuyoshi Tanaka⁴ and Kohei Tamao^{1*}

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 this research work



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Our Findings

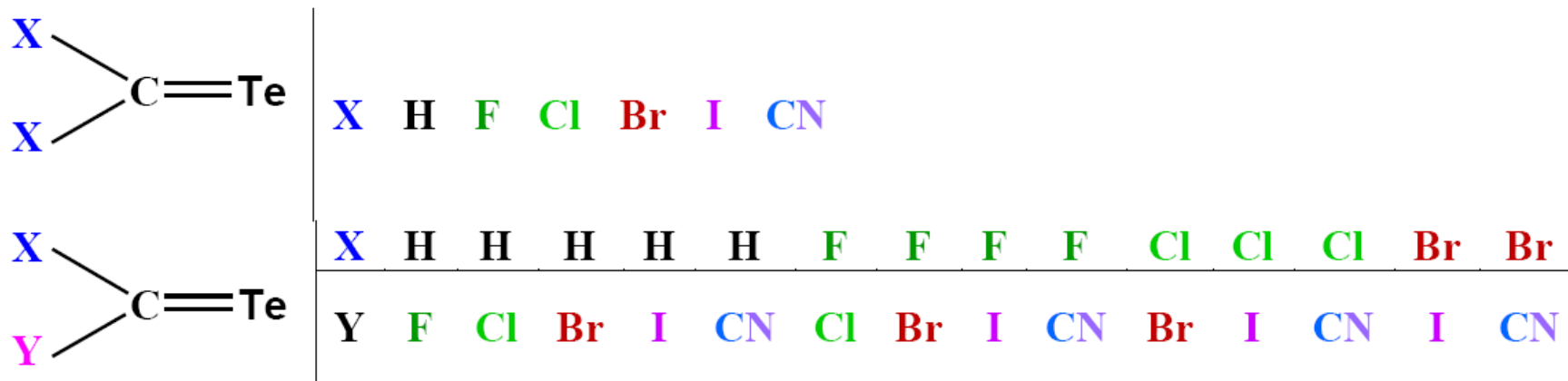
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REGULAR ARTICLE

Telluroformaldehyde and its derivatives: structures, ionization potentials, electron affinities and singlet–triplet gaps of the X_2CTe and $XYCTe$ ($X, Y = H, F, Cl, Br, I$ and CN) species

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Ponnadurai Ramasami · Henry F. Schaefer III

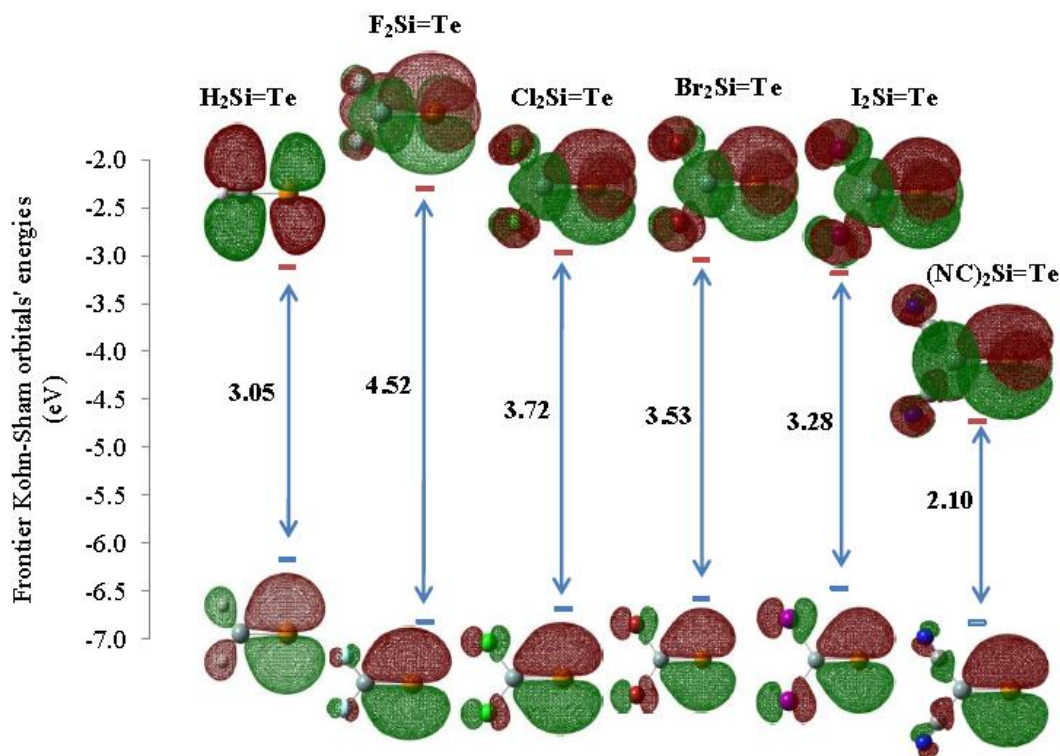


Novel silanetellones: Structures, ionization potentials, electron affinities, singlet–triplet gaps and Kohn–Sham HOMO–LUMO gaps of the $X_2Si=Te$ and $XYSi=Te$ ($X, Y = H, F, Cl, Br, I$ and CN) molecules

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Our Findings



The kinetic and thermodynamic stabilities of the telluro-ketones were always questioned by reviewers.

Back to literature...

How others have stabilized some of the known heavy ketones?

Has any stable telluro-ketone been synthesized and isolated so far?



Communication

First Stable Germanetellones: Syntheses and Crystal Structures of the Heaviest Germanium–Chalcogen Double-Bond Compound

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The First Kinetically Stabilized Germanethiones and Germaneselones: Syntheses, Structures, and Reactivities

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Abstract: The first kinetically stabilized germanethiones (germanium–sulfur double-bond species) and germaneselones (germanium–selenium double-bond species) were synthesized. Dechalcogenation of the novel 1,2,3,4,5-tetrachalcogenagermolane $\text{Tbt}(\text{Tip})\text{GeX}_4$ ($\text{Tbt} = 2,4,6\text{-tris}[\text{bis}(\text{trimethylsilyl})\text{methyl}]\text{phenyl}$, $\text{Tip} = 2,4,6\text{-triisopropylphenyl}$, $\text{X} = \text{S}$ or Se) with 3 molar equiv of triphenylphosphine gave diaryl-substituted

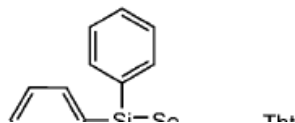
Silaselenones

A Bis(silaselenone) with Two Donor-Stabilized Si=Se Bonds from an Unexpected Stereoconvergent Hydrolysis of a Diselenadisiletane**

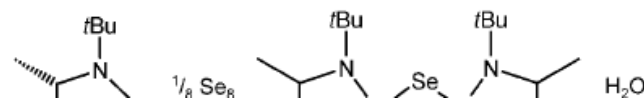
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Dedicated to Professor Josef Michl on the occasion of his 70th birthday

Only a few reports of molecular compounds containing Si=Se bonds have appeared. The first such compound, **1**, reported in 1989,^[1] was prepared by addition of elemental selenium to a silane. Recent examples, such as **2** (Tbt = 2,4,6-tris-



selenium to form both the racemic and *meso* forms of diselenadisiletane **6**, and the unexpected stereoconvergent hydrolysis of **6** with one equivalent of water to produce only the racemic form of the dimeric bis(silaselenone) **7** (Scheme 1). A proposed pathway that accounts for this



Conclusions from literature...

Heavy ketones and telluro-ketones synthesized and isolated so far are based on the kinetic stabilization of the $A=E$ bond by the use of bulky rigid protecting groups.

Does this mean that the simple, unprotected telluro-ketones are **unstable** compared to those kinetically protected ones?

Our Response to the Queries



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First Principle Attempt towards the Thermodynamic Stability
of Telluroformaldehyde and its Heavier Analogs:

$H_{(2-n)}X_{(n)}A=Te$ (X=H, F, Cl and Br; A=C, Si and Ge; n=0-2).

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Abstract

$H_{(2-n)}X_{(n)}A=Te$ ($X=H, F, Cl$ and Br ; $A=C, Si$ and Ge ; $n=0-2$), the novel heavy congeners of formaldehyde, have been studied in the gas phase using MP2/def2-TZVP and BP86/def2-TZVP methods. Emphasis has been laid on the bond strengths and the standard heats of formation (ΔH_f°) of the mentioned *telluro*-ketones to reveal their thermodynamic stabilities and further assist in their isolations. The bond strengths have been evaluated in terms of the σ -bond energy, π -bond energy and the bond dissociation enthalpy, D° , using isodesmic reaction schemes. The methodology employed has satisfactorily reproduced the bond strengths and the ΔH_f° of formaldehyde and silanone. The findings from this work indicate that the D° of the $F_2A=Te$ ($A=C, Si$ and Ge) molecules are comparable to that of $H_2C=O$ and thus their respective stabilities are expected to be equivalent to that of formaldehyde. Besides, the fluorinated telluro-ketones are predicted to possess a unique thermodynamic stability since they have the most exothermic ΔH_f° in their respective series while the $H_2A=Te$ ketones have the most endothermic ΔH_f° . In addition, the silanetellones are found to be thermodynamically more stable than their corresponding telluroformaldehyde and germanetellone analogs. Since reported data for $H_{(2-n)}X_{(n)}A=Te$ ($X=H, F, Cl$ and Br ; $A=C, Si$ and Ge ; $n=0-2$) is non-existent in terms of the thermodynamic data, the findings of this work should supplement the literature with reliable information.

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1 Journey through the Potential Energy Surfaces for the Isomerization 2 and Decomposition Reactions of the Telluroformaldehyde 3 Analogues: $\text{H}_2\text{A}=\text{Te}$ and $\text{HFA}=\text{Te}$ (A = C, Si, and Ge)

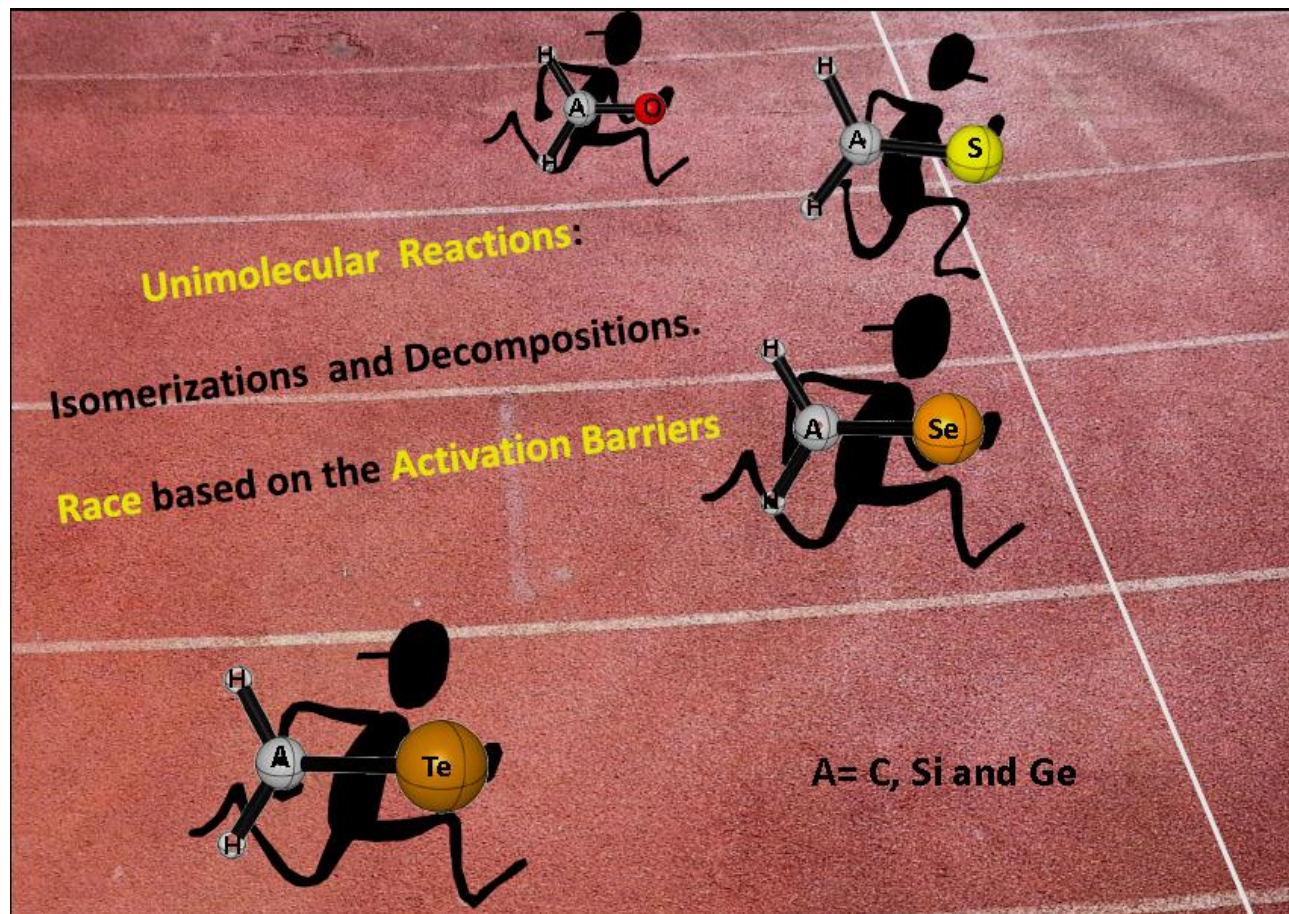
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A = Si < A = Ge. However, the telluro-ketones are found to be kinetically and thermodynamically more stable than their corresponding lighter chalcogen analogues.

Overall, telluroformaldehyde and silanetellone are kinetically and thermodynamically more stable with respect to the unimolecular reactions studied. However, germatellone is shown to be more reactive. This can be due to the fact that

Our Response to the Queries

Novel Germanetellones: $XYGe=Te$ (X, Y=H, F, Cl, Br, I and CN) – Structures and Energetics. Comparison with the First Synthetic Successes

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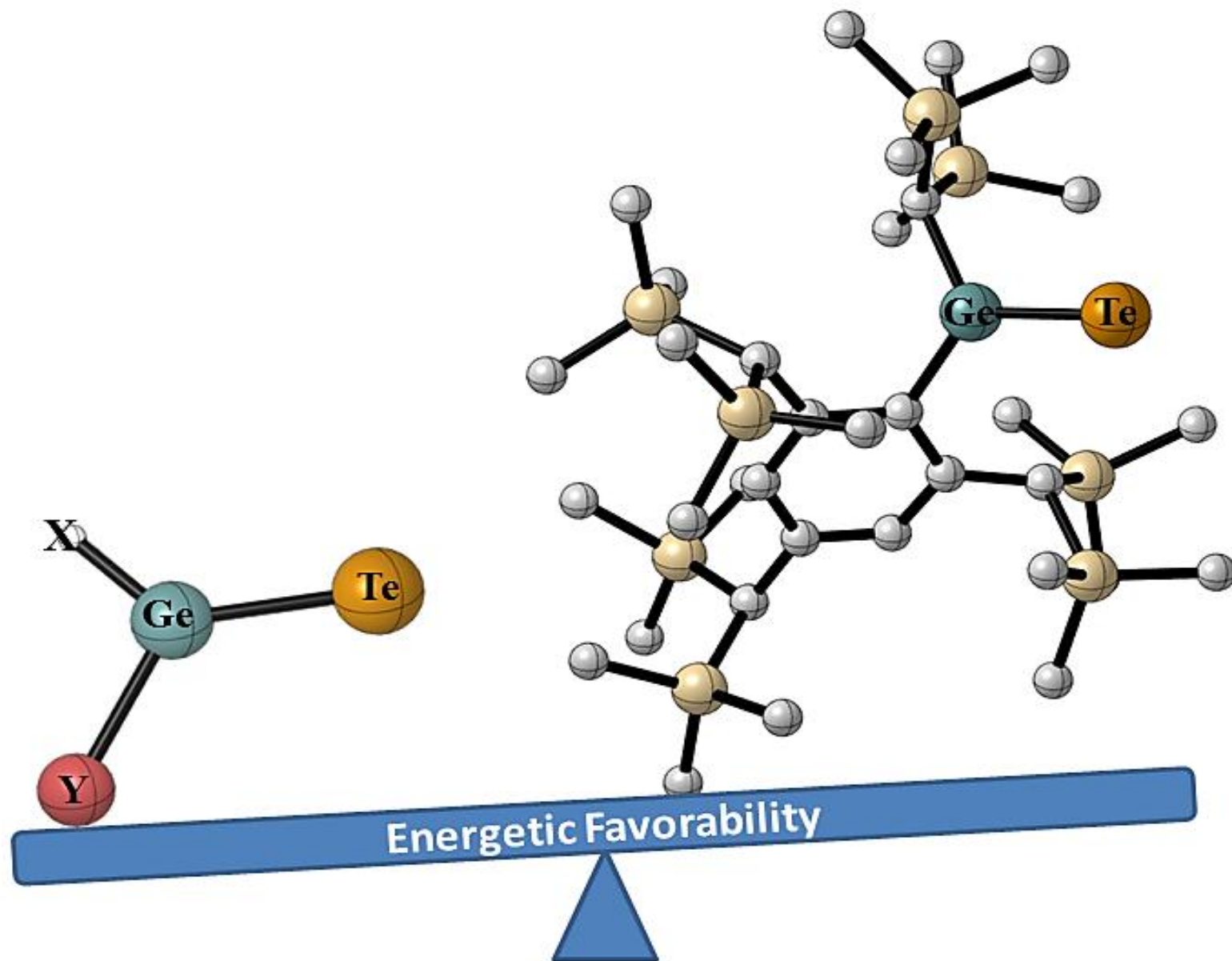
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Abstract

No stable germanetellone was described until Tbt(Dis)Ge=Te and Tbt(Tip)Ge=Te (Tbt=2,4,6-tris[bis(trimethylsilyl)methyl]phenyl, Dis=bis(trimethylsilyl)methyl and Tip=2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl) were reported in 1997. Following these initial experiments, there has arisen considerable interest in Ge=Te systems. An obvious question is why the simple molecules

Our Response to the Queries



Further Objectives

Existence of Telluro-ketones is

Not a **Myth**

But

a **Reality!**

In view of this, we are currently
working on the following
manuscript

Telluro-ketones [$H_2A=Te$; $A=C, Si$ and Ge], Myth or Reality!: Bonding Analysis

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Abstract

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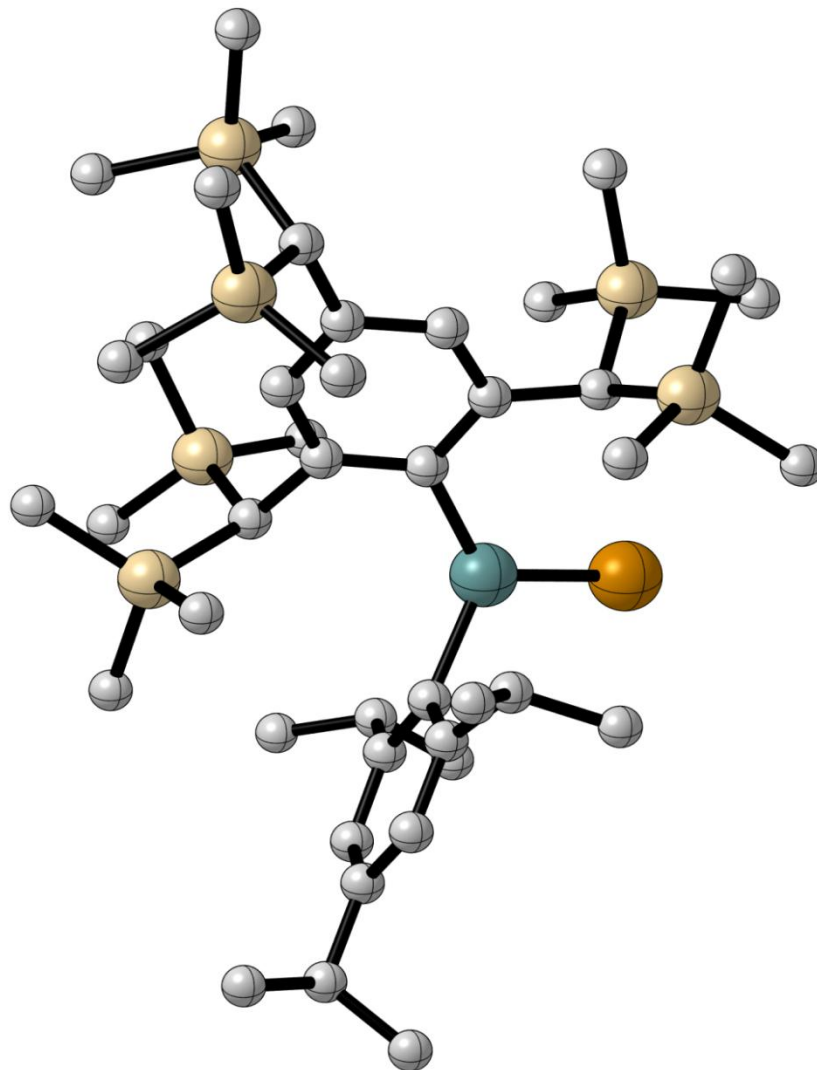
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Further Studies

Stabilization of the C=Te, Si=Te and Ge=Te double bonds

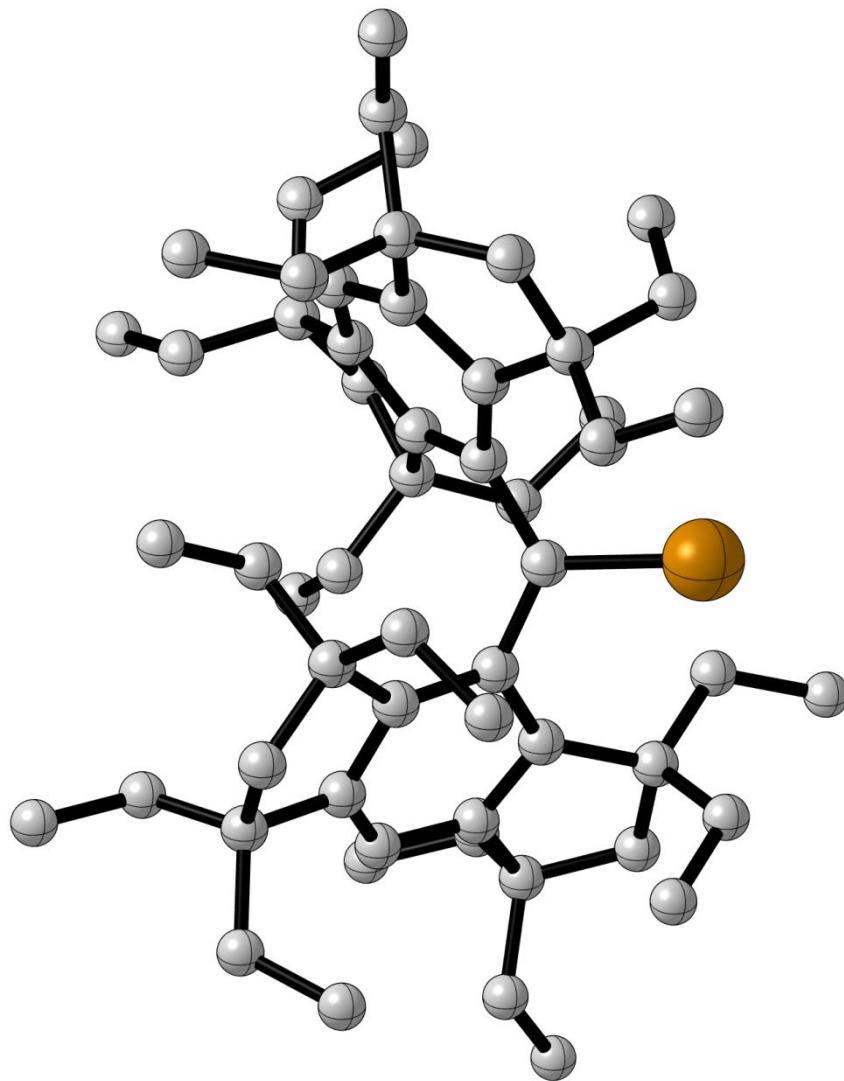
With the help of rigid and bulky protecting groups



Modeled from the 1st synthetic success of germanetellone reported in [JACS](#)

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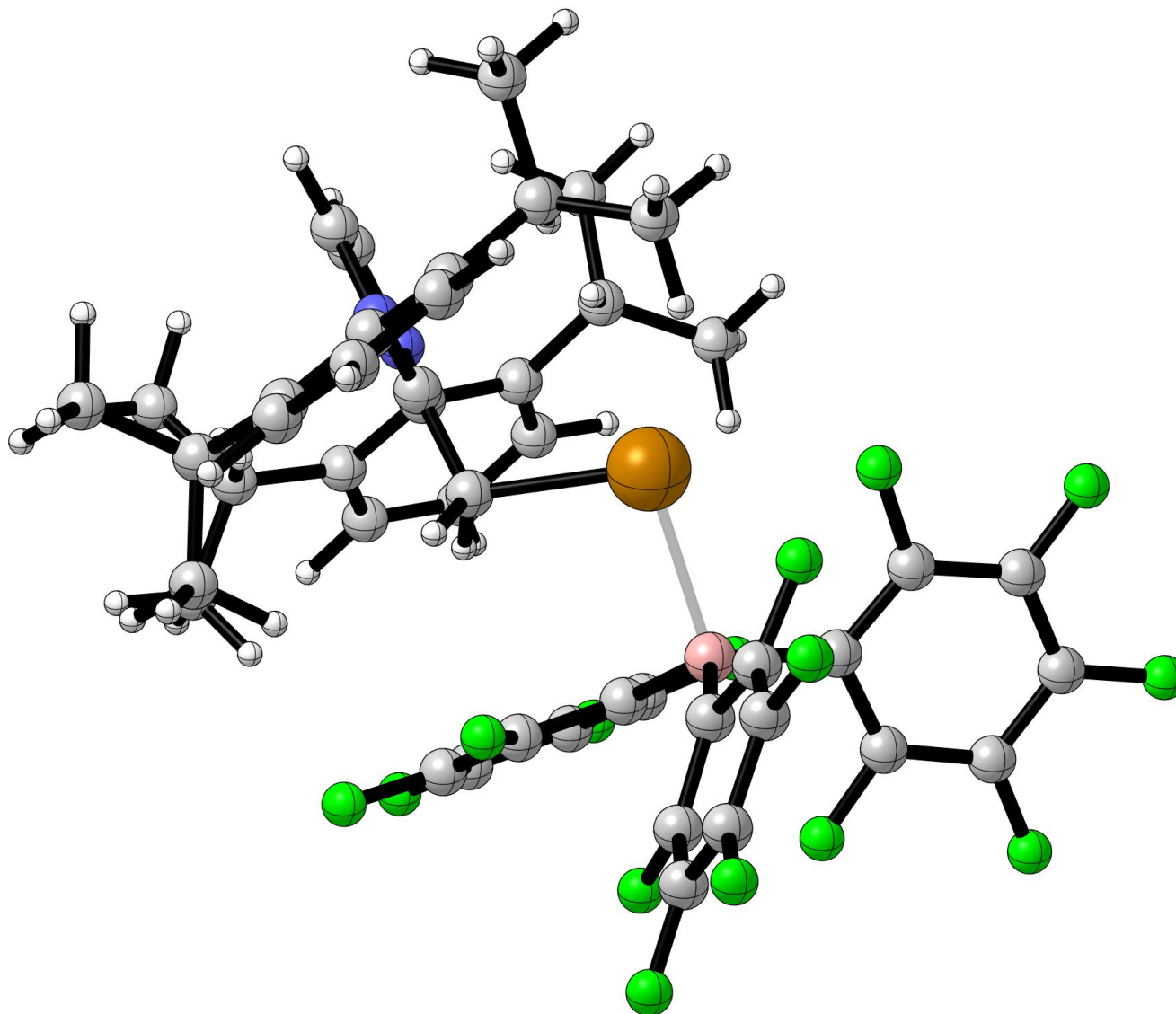
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Modeled from the 1st synthetic success of germanone reported in [Nature Chemistry](#)

Stabilization of the C=Te, Si=Te and Ge=Te double bonds

With the help of Lewis donor-acceptor ligands



Conclusions

- ✓ Since state-of-the-art computations have been carried out, findings of this work can serve as a good reference and assist experimentalists to
- ✓ synthesize, characterize
- ✓ and further explore the properties of these novel telluro-ketones

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