Supporting Information for

Kinetic and Mechanistic Studies of the Reactions of Diarylgermylenes and Tetraaryldigermenes with Carbon Tetrachloride

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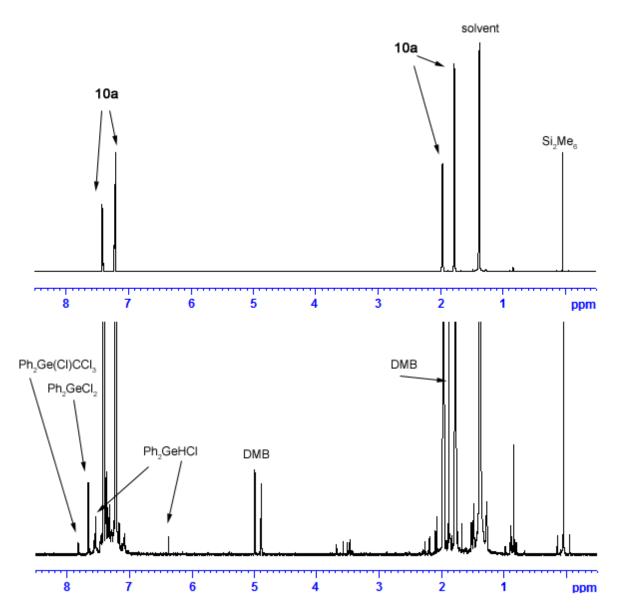


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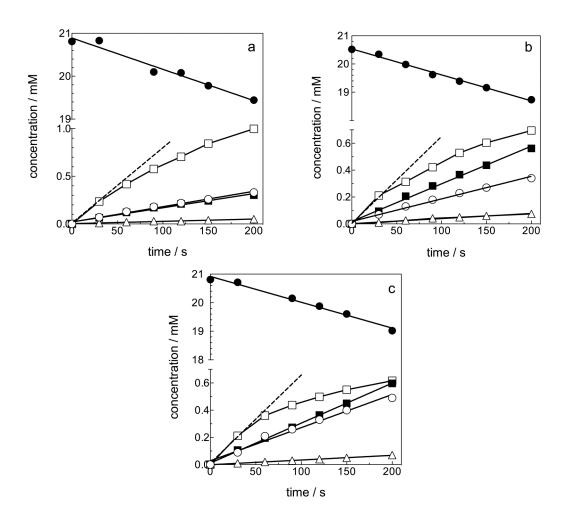


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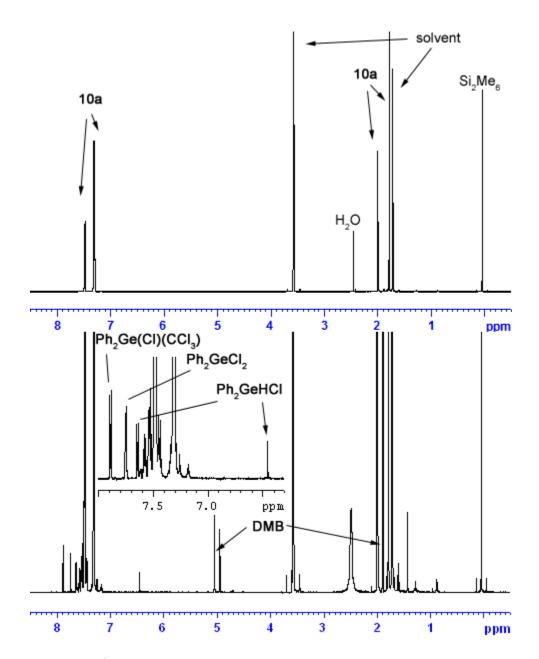


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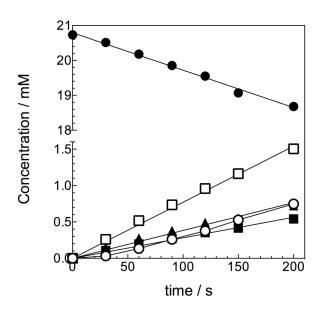


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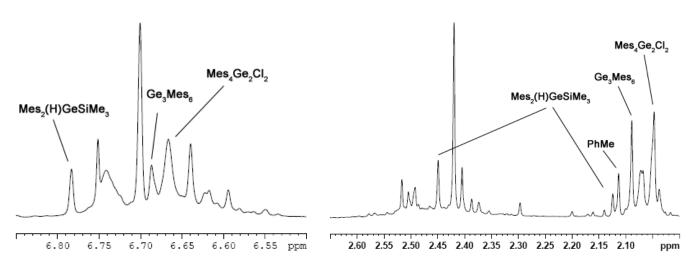


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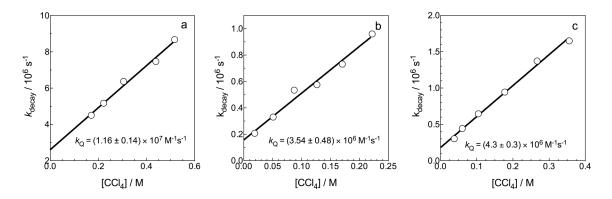


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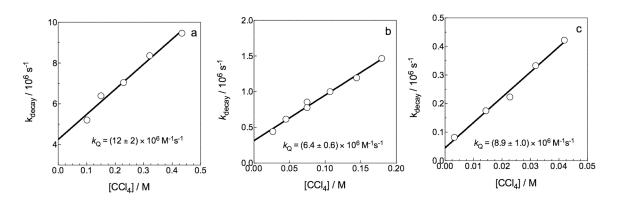


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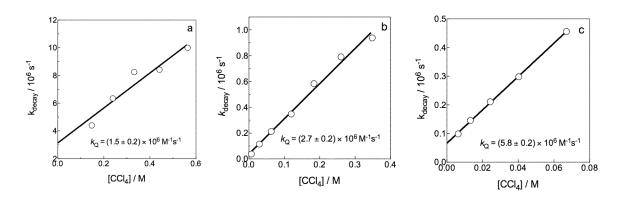


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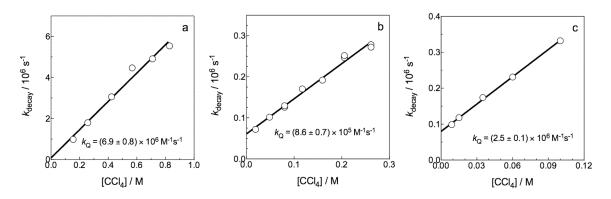


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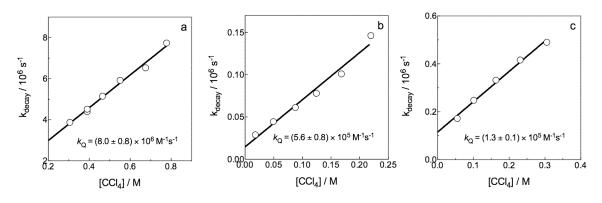


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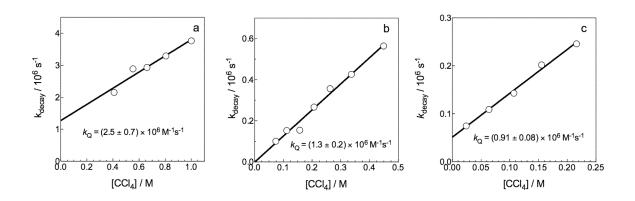


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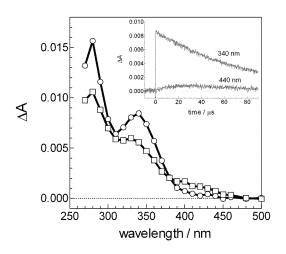


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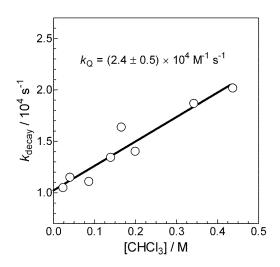


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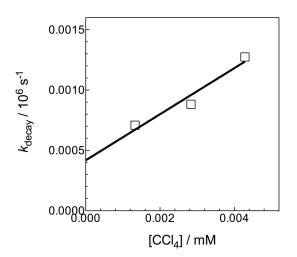


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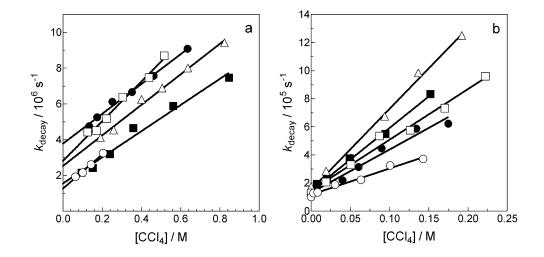


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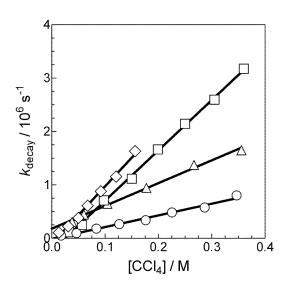


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T / °C	$k_{\rm CC14~8a}/10^6~{\rm M}^{-1}~{\rm s}^{-1}$	$k_{\rm CC149a}/10^6{\rm M}^{-1}{\rm s}^{-1}$	T / °C	$k_{\rm CCl4~8a-THF}/10^6{\rm M}^{-1}{\rm s}^{-1}$
12.2	9.4 ± 1.2	1.8 ± 0.3	10.3	2.2 ± 0.4
25.0	10.8 ± 1.2	3.5 ± 0.7	25.0	4.3 ± 0.6
32.0	8.4 ± 0.8	3.1 ± 0.7	57.7	9.8 ± 0.6
47.5	7.4 ± 1.0	4.7 ± 0.3	62.4	12 ± 1.2
60.0	9.0 ± 0.7	6.1 ± 0.5		

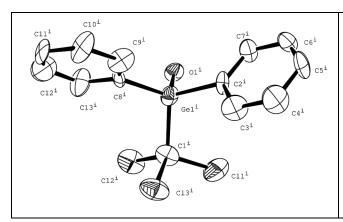


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Identification code	CCDC 788625	
Empirical formula	$C_{13}H_{11}Cl_3GeO$	
Temperature	173(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Formula weight	362.16	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 13.651(5) \text{ Å}, \alpha = 88.545(8)^{\circ}$	
	$b = 14.244(5) \text{ Å}, \beta = 85.854(8)^{\circ}$	
	$c = 15.712(5) \text{ Å}, \gamma = 84.987(7)^{\circ}$	
Volume	3035.0(19) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.585 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	2.531 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1440	
Crystal size	$0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}^3$	
Theta range for data collection	1.30 to 20.87°	
Index ranges	$-12 \le h \le 13, -14 \le k \le 14, -11 \le l \le 15$	
Reflections collected	21095	
Independent reflections	6337 [R(int) = 0.2301]	
Completeness to theta = 20.87°	99.0 %	
Absorption correction	Numerical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7859 and 0.4308	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least- squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	6337 / 15 / 601	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.956	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0681, wR2= 0.1129	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2014, $wR2 = 0.1536$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.589 and -0.697 e.Å ⁻³	