

# **Derivatization of Phosphine Ligands with Bulky Deltahedral *Zintl* Clusters – Synthesis of Charge Neutral Zwitterionic Tetrel Cluster Compounds $[(\text{Ge}_9\{\text{Si}(\text{TMS})_3\}_2)^t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}]\text{M}(\text{NHC}^{\text{Dipp}})$ (**M**: Cu, Ag, Au)**

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## ***Selected Distances***

Table SI 1: Selected bonding distances [Å] in **1** (Cluster I and Cluster II).

bond	distance	bond	distance
Cluster 1		Cluster 2	
Ge1-Ge2	2.5284(9)	Ge10-Ge11	2.5312(9)
Ge1-Ge3	2.5206(9)	Ge10-Ge12	2.5241(9)
Ge1-Ge4	2.5095(8)	Ge10-Ge13	2.5030(8)
Ge1-Ge5	2.512(1)	Ge10-Ge14	2.498(1)
Ge2-Ge3	2.8285(9)	Ge11-Ge12	2.8284(9)
Ge2-Ge6	2.550(1)	Ge11-Ge15	2.559(1)
Ge2-Ge7	2.669(1)	Ge11-Ge16	2.657(1)
Ge3-Ge7	2.6398(9)	Ge12-Ge16	2.6542(9)
Ge3-Ge8	2.5490(9)	Ge12-Ge17	2.5666(9)
Ge4-Ge5	2.9147(9)	Ge13-Ge14	2.9187(9)
Ge4-Ge8	2.631(1)	Ge13-Ge17	2.635(1)
Ge4-Ge9	2.6232(8)	Ge13-Ge18	2.6142(9)
Ge5-Ge6	2.673(1)	Ge14-Ge15	2.676(1)
Ge5-Ge9	2.6090(9)	Ge14-Ge18	2.5858(9)
Ge6-Ge7	2.586(1)	Ge15-Ge16	2.595(1)
Ge6-Ge9	2.4862(8)	Ge15-Ge18	2.4927(9)
Ge7-Ge8	2.5791(9)	Ge16-Ge17	2.5737(9)
Ge8-Ge9	2.4745(9)	Ge17-Ge18	2.473(1)
Ge1-Si1	2.376(2)	Ge10-Si13	2.374(2)
Ge6-Si2	2.408(2)	Ge15-Si14	2.407(2)
Ge8-Si3	2.391(1)	Ge17-Si15	2.398(2)
Ge9-P1	2.343(2)	Ge18-P2	2.336(2)
Ge2-Ge5	3.0006(7)	Ge11-Ge14	3.0042(7)
Ge3-Ge4	3.0687(7)	Ge12-Ge13	3.0300(7)
Ge7-Ge9	3.6920(8)	Ge16-Ge18	3.7057(8)
P1-C101	1.876(5)	P2-C201	1.863(6)
P1-C26	1.871(5)	P2-C207	1.866(6)

Table SI 2: Selected bonding distances [ $\text{\AA}$ ] in **1** (Cluster III).

<b>bond</b>	<b>distance</b>
Cluster 3	
Ge19-Ge20	2.5213(9)
Ge19-Ge21	2.5264(9)
Ge19-Ge22	2.507(1)
Ge19-Ge23	2.5118(8)
Ge20-Ge21	2.8262(9)
Ge20-Ge24	2.5681(9)
Ge20-Ge25	2.6317(9)
Ge21-Ge25	2.670(1)
Ge21-Ge26	2.5721(9)
Ge22-Ge23	2.9046(9)
Ge22-Ge26	2.665(1)
Ge22-Ge27	2.6247(9)
Ge23-Ge24	2.643(1)
Ge23-Ge27	2.6146(9)
Ge24-Ge25	2.5706(8)
Ge24-Ge27	2.4966(9)
Ge25-Ge26	2.557(1)
Ge26-Ge27	2.4902(8)
Ge19-Si25	2.375(2)
Ge24-Si26	2.404(2)
Ge26-Si27	2.402(2)
Ge27-P3	2.355(2)
Ge20-Ge23	3.0470(8)
Ge21-Ge22	2.9586(8)
Ge25-Ge27	3.7180(9)
P3-C301	1.869(6)
P3-C307	1.870(6)

Table SI 3: Selected bonding distances [ $\text{\AA}$ ] in **4**.

<b>bond</b>	<b>distance</b>
Ge1-Ge2	2.5407(7)
Ge1-Ge3	2.530(1)
Ge1-Ge4	2.5468(8)
Ge1-Ge5	2.534(1)
Ge2-Ge5	2.633(1)
Ge2-Ge6	2.552(1)
Ge2-Ge9	2.6967(9)
Ge3-Ge4	2.595(1)
Ge3-Ge6	2.5322(8)
Ge3-Ge7	2.737(1)
Ge4-Ge7	2.714(1)
Ge4-Ge8	2.5271(8)
Ge5-Ge8	2.534(1)
Ge5-Ge9	2.704(1)
Ge6-Ge7	2.5548(1)
Ge6-Ge9	2.553(1)
Ge7-Ge8	2.551(1)
Ge8-Ge9	2.5461(7)
Ge6-Si1	2.380(1)
Ge8-Si2	2.371(1)
Ge1-P1	2.316(1)
Ge2-Ge3	3.620(1)
Ge4-Ge5	3.658(1)
Ge7-Ge9	3.070(1)
Cu1-C1	1.923(3)
Cu1-P1	2.218(1)
P1-C22	1.883(4)
P1-C26	1.883(4)

## Computational Analysis

Table SI 4: Selected charges from Hirshfeld<sup>1</sup> and Natural Population Analysis<sup>2</sup> for Compound 4 and  $[^t\text{Bu}_3\text{PCu}(\text{NHC}^{\text{Dipp}})]^+.$ <sup>3</sup>

Atom	Compound 4		$[^t\text{Bu}_3\text{PCu}(\text{NHC}^{\text{Dipp}})]^+$	
	Hirshfeld	NPA	Hirshfeld	NPA
<i>P1</i>	0.08	0.41	0.16	0.85
<i>CuI</i>	0.16	0.42	0.20	0.41
<i>[Ge<sub>9</sub>] (Ge1-Ge9)</i>	-0.33	-0.91	-	-

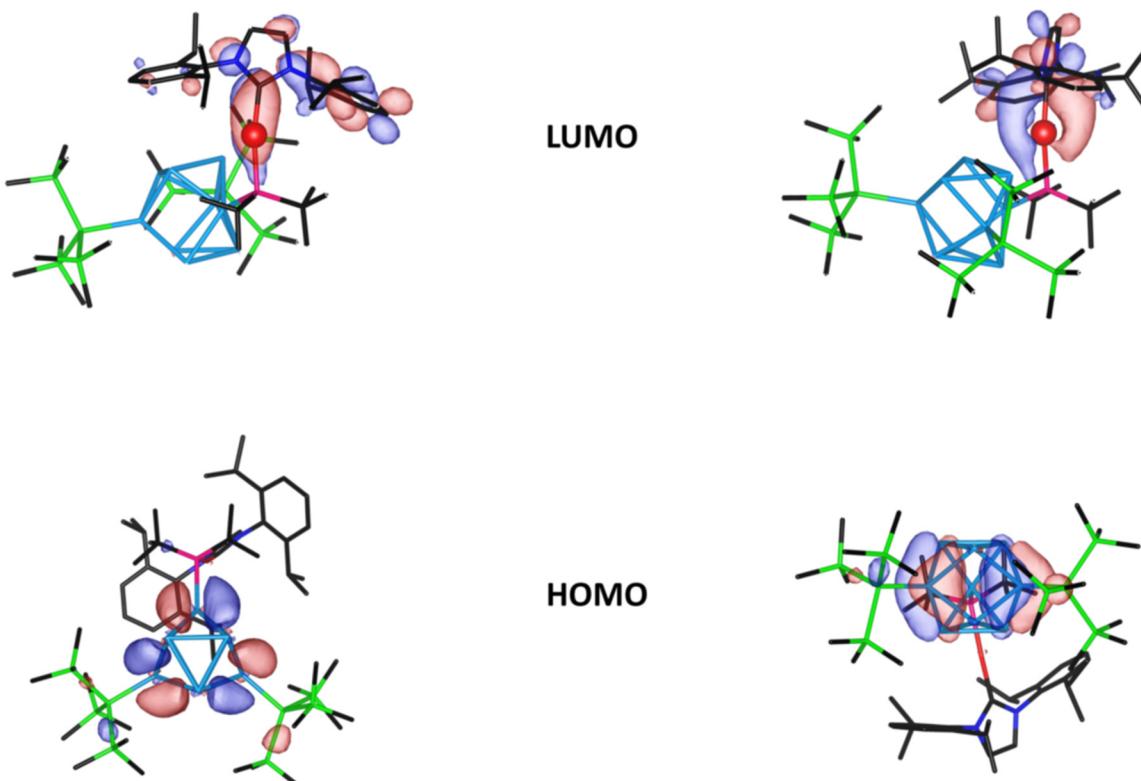


Figure SI 1: HOMO and LUMO orbital of compound 4. C atoms are shown in black, N atoms in dark blue, P atoms in pink, Si atoms in green, Cu atoms in red and Ge atoms in light blue. Pictures were created using VESTA.<sup>4</sup>

## NMR spectra

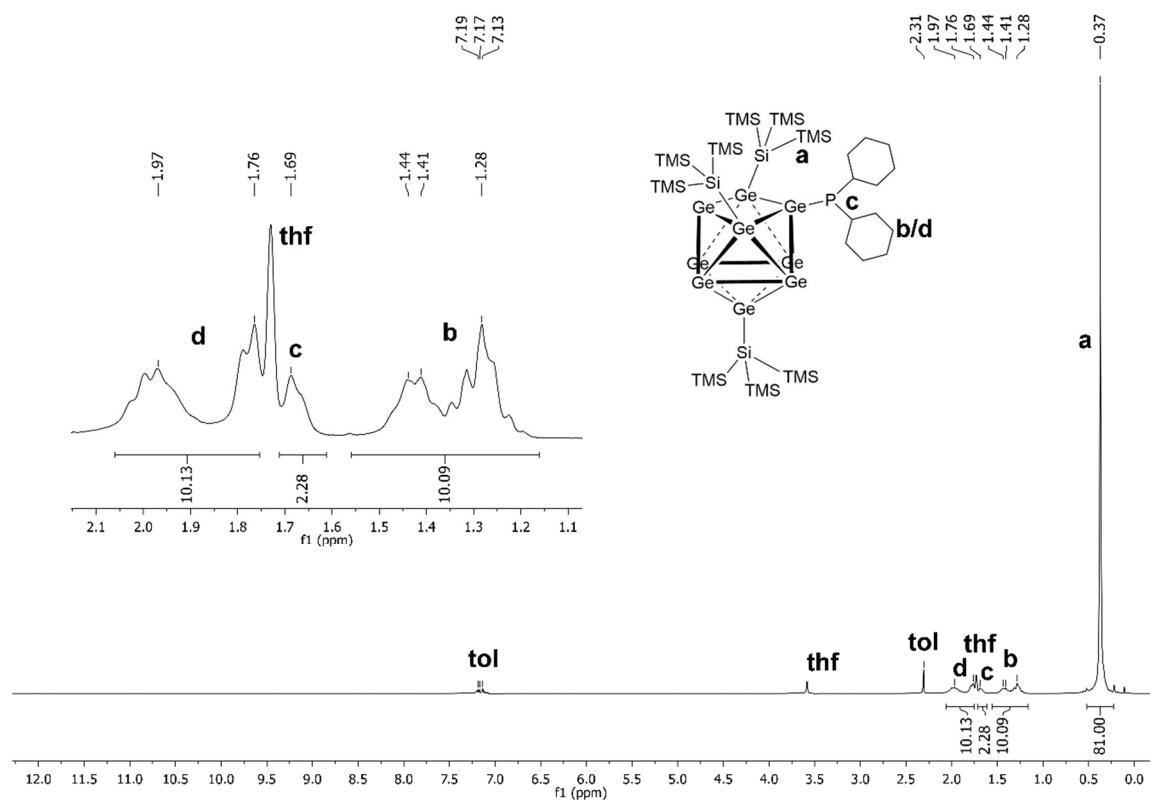


Figure SI 2:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **1** in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ .

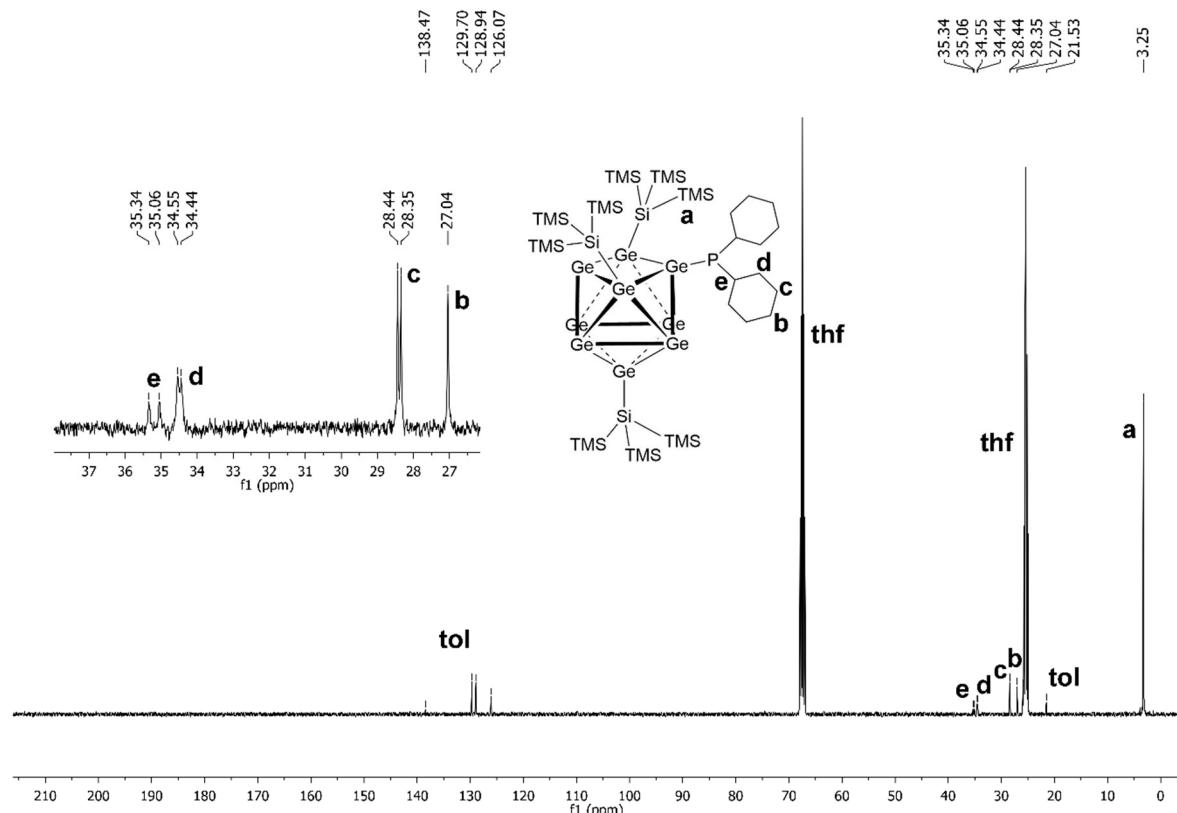


Figure SI 3:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **1** in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ .

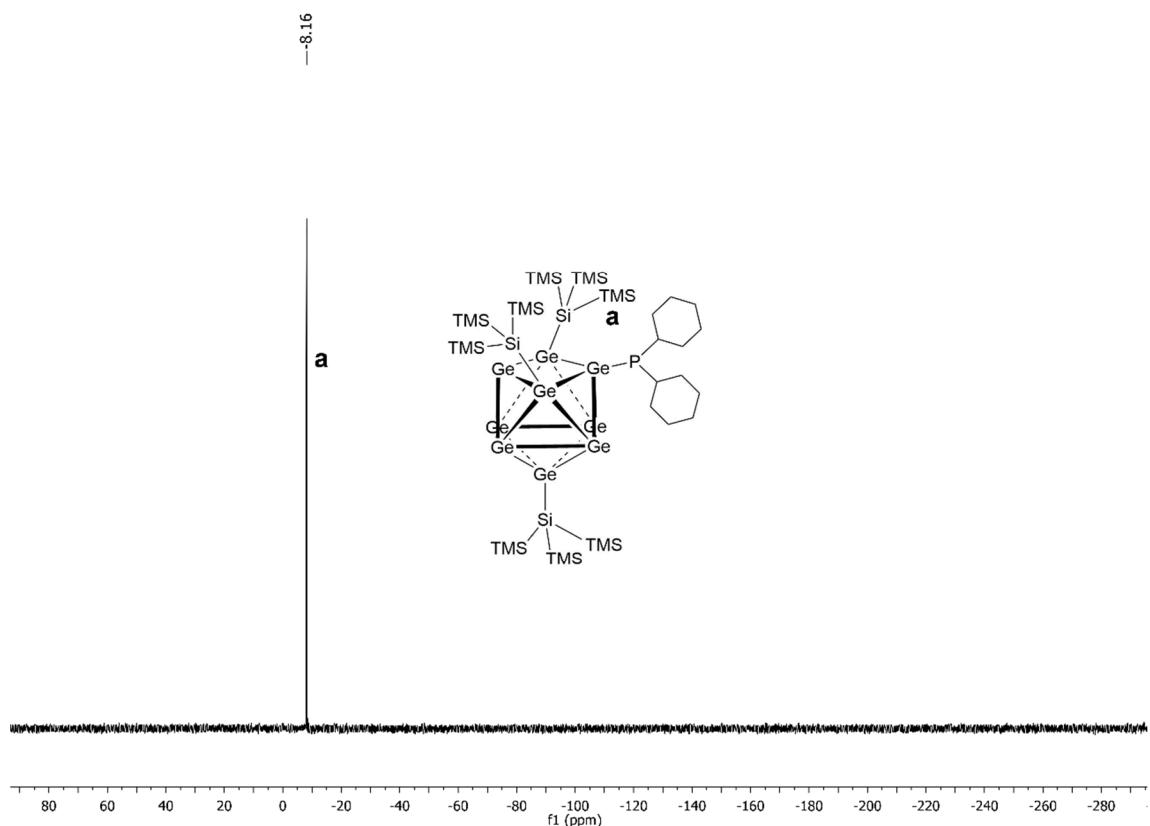


Figure SI 4a:  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectrum of compound **1** in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ . Measurement was carried out with purified sample and relaxation time of 4s.

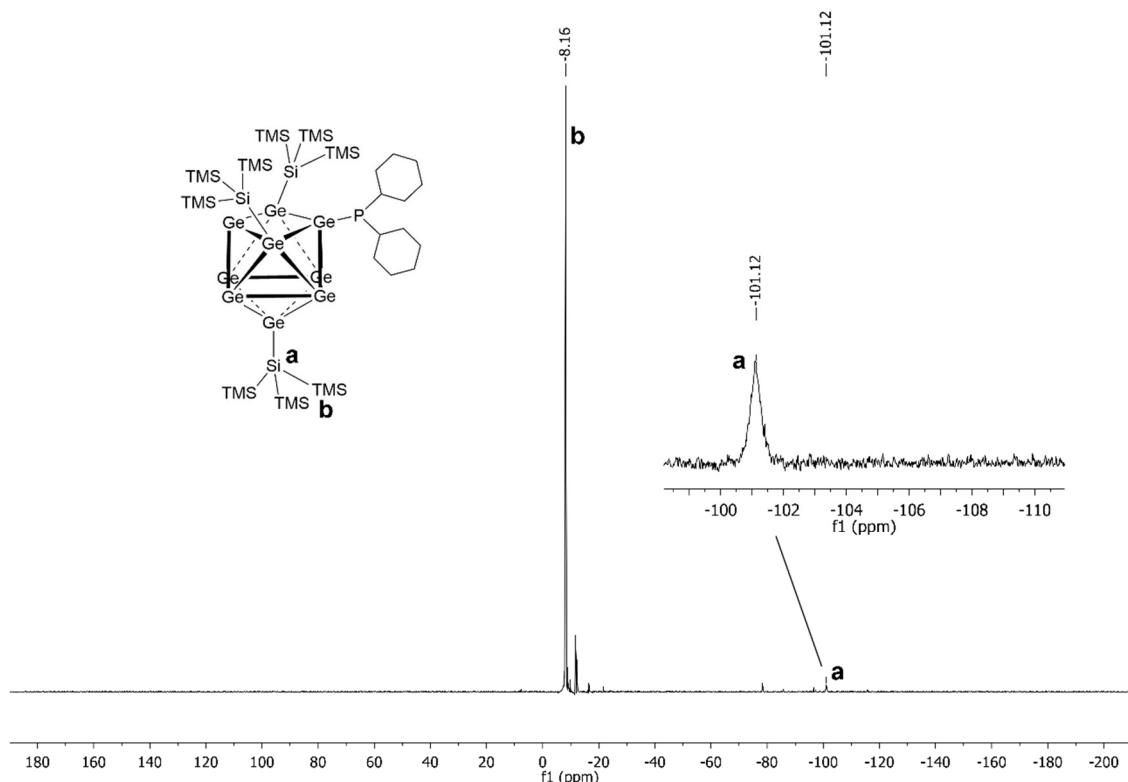


Figure SI 4b:  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectrum of compound **1** in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ . Measurement was carried out with crude product sample and relaxation time of 15s.

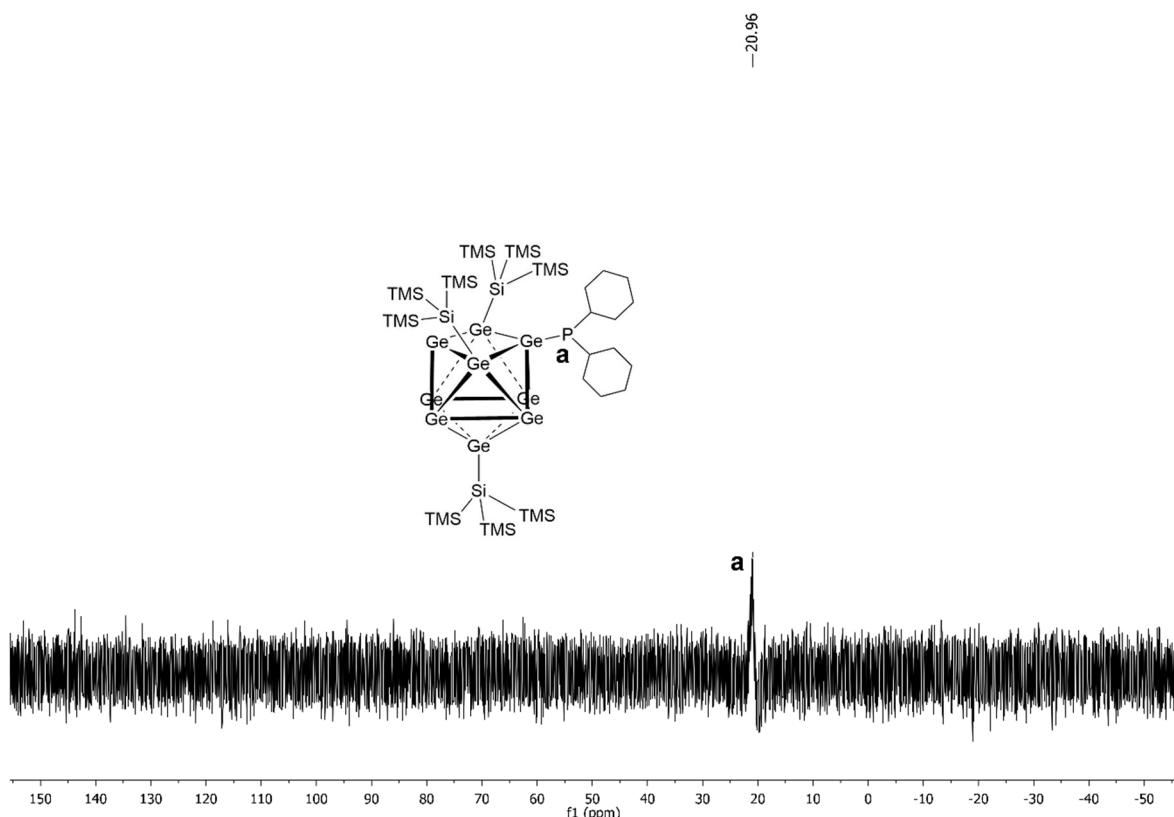


Figure SI 5:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of compound **1** in  $\text{thf}-\text{d}_8$ .

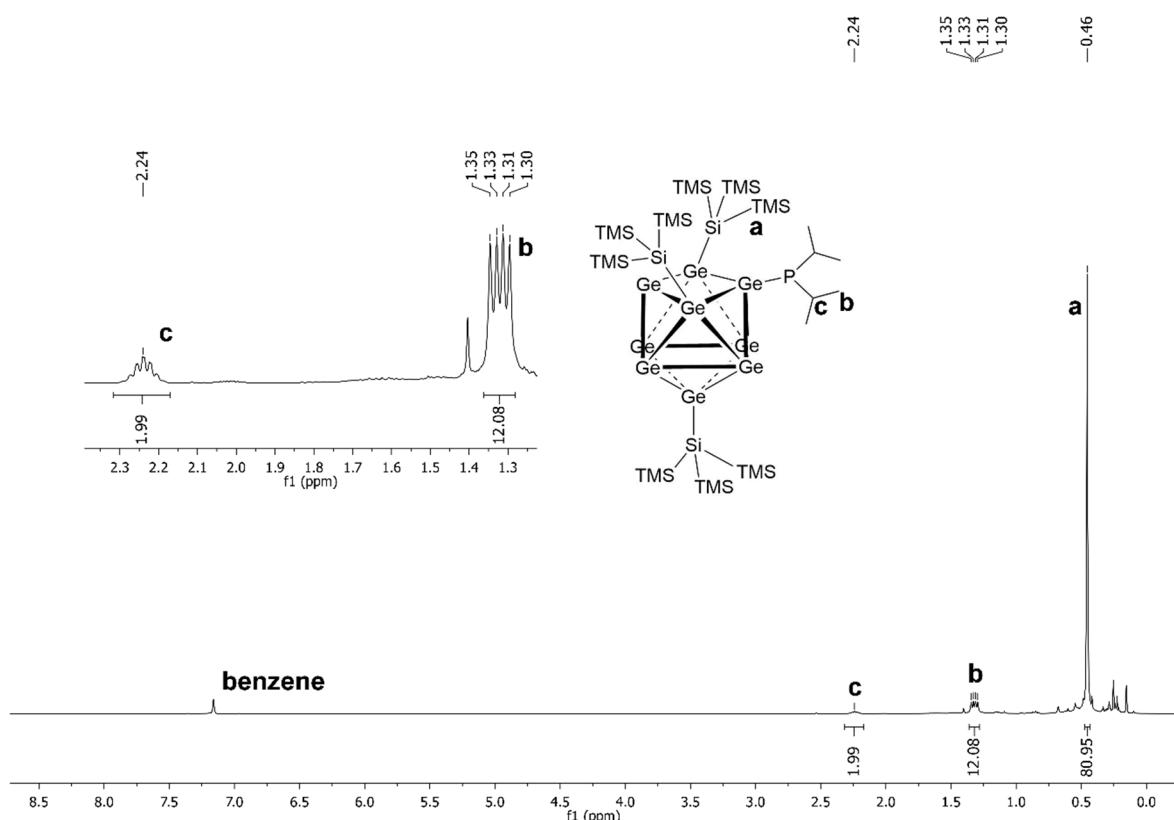


Figure SI 6:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **2** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

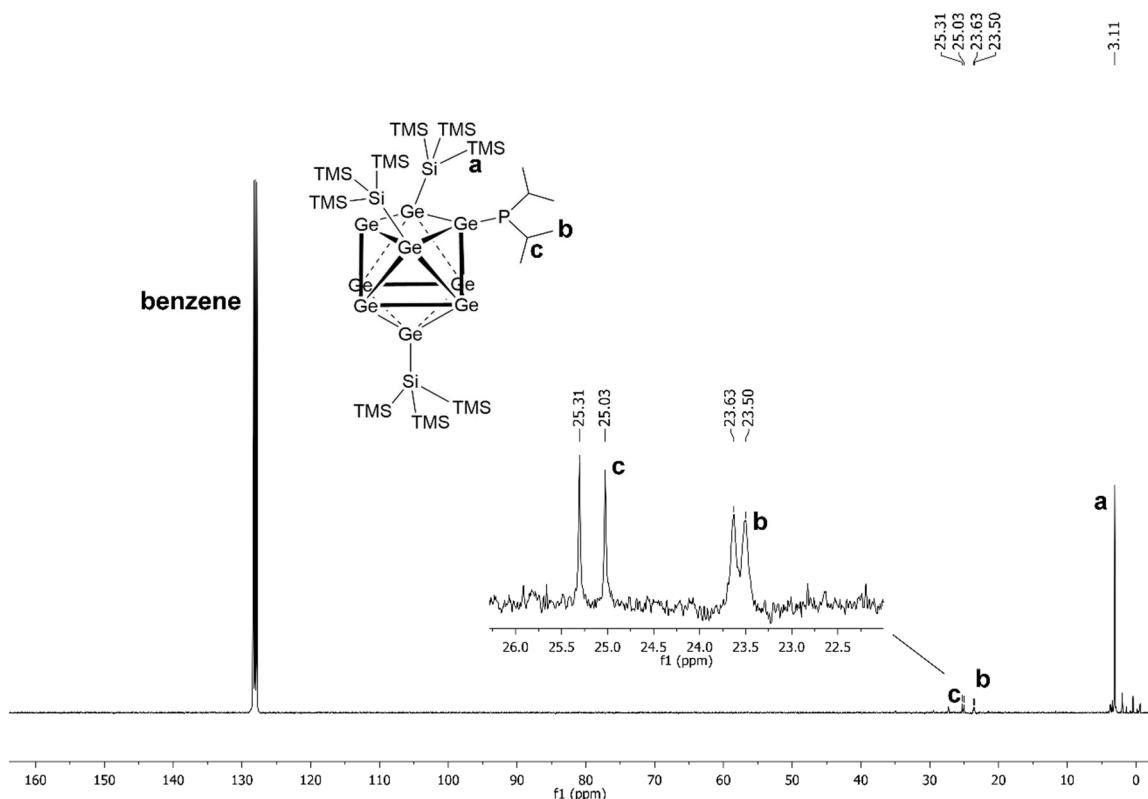


Figure SI 7:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **2** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

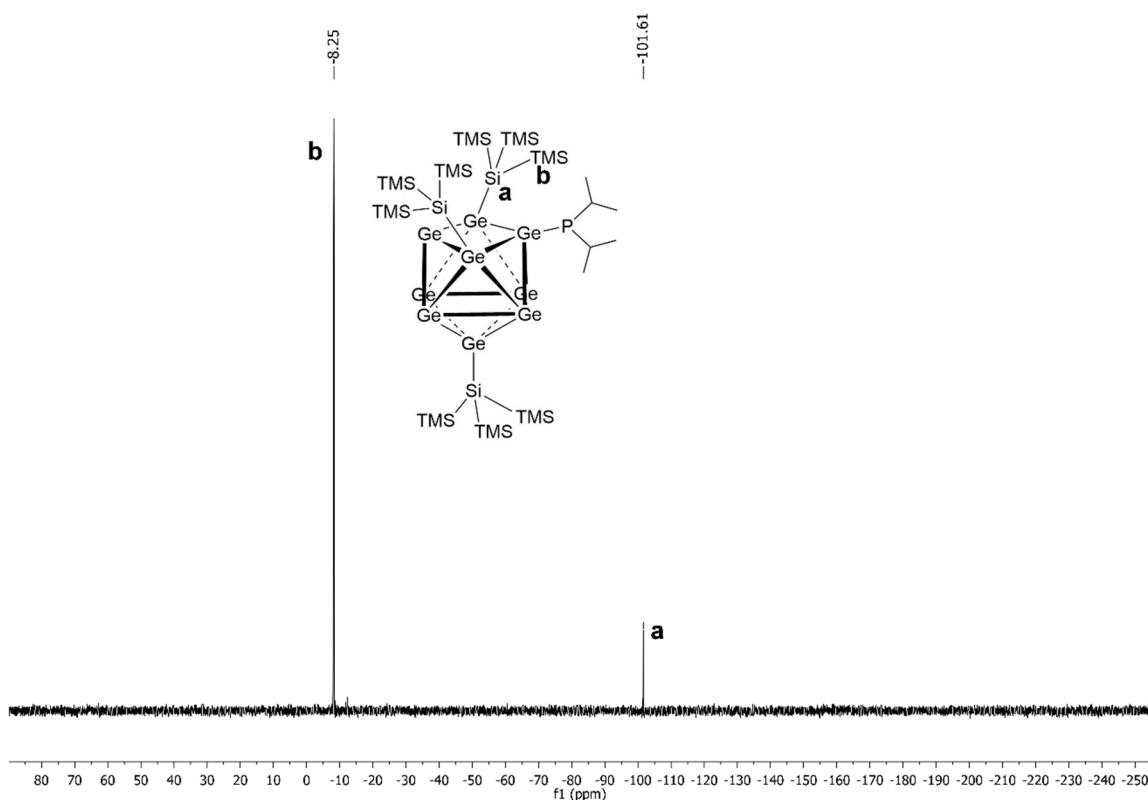


Figure SI 8:  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectrum of compound **2** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

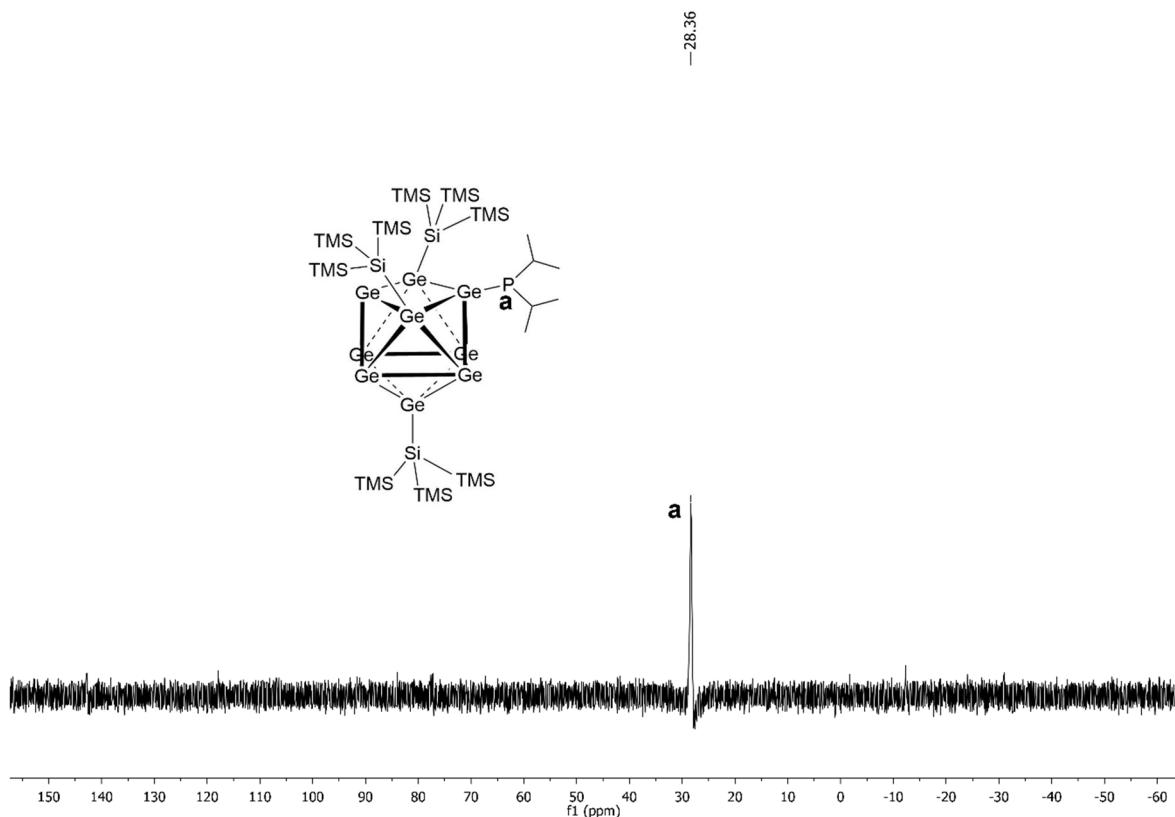


Figure SI 9:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of compound **2** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

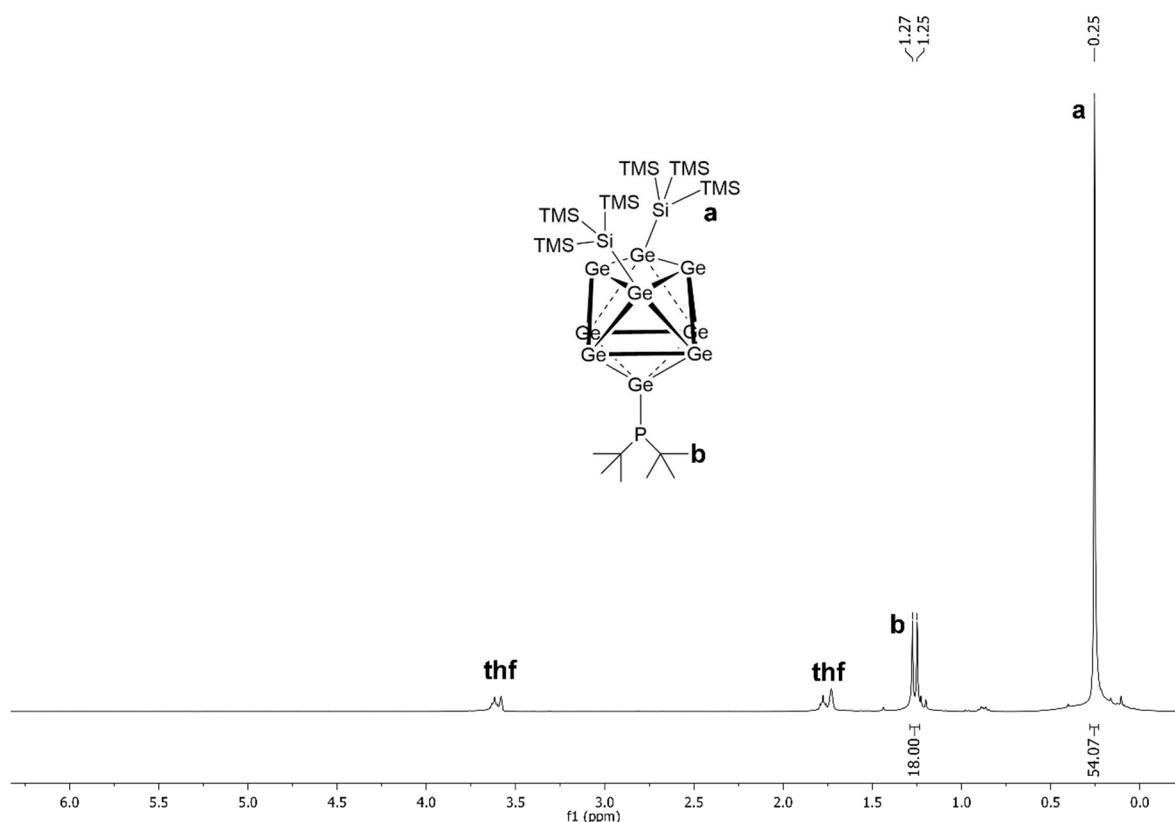


Figure SI 10:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3** in  $\text{thf-}d_8$ .

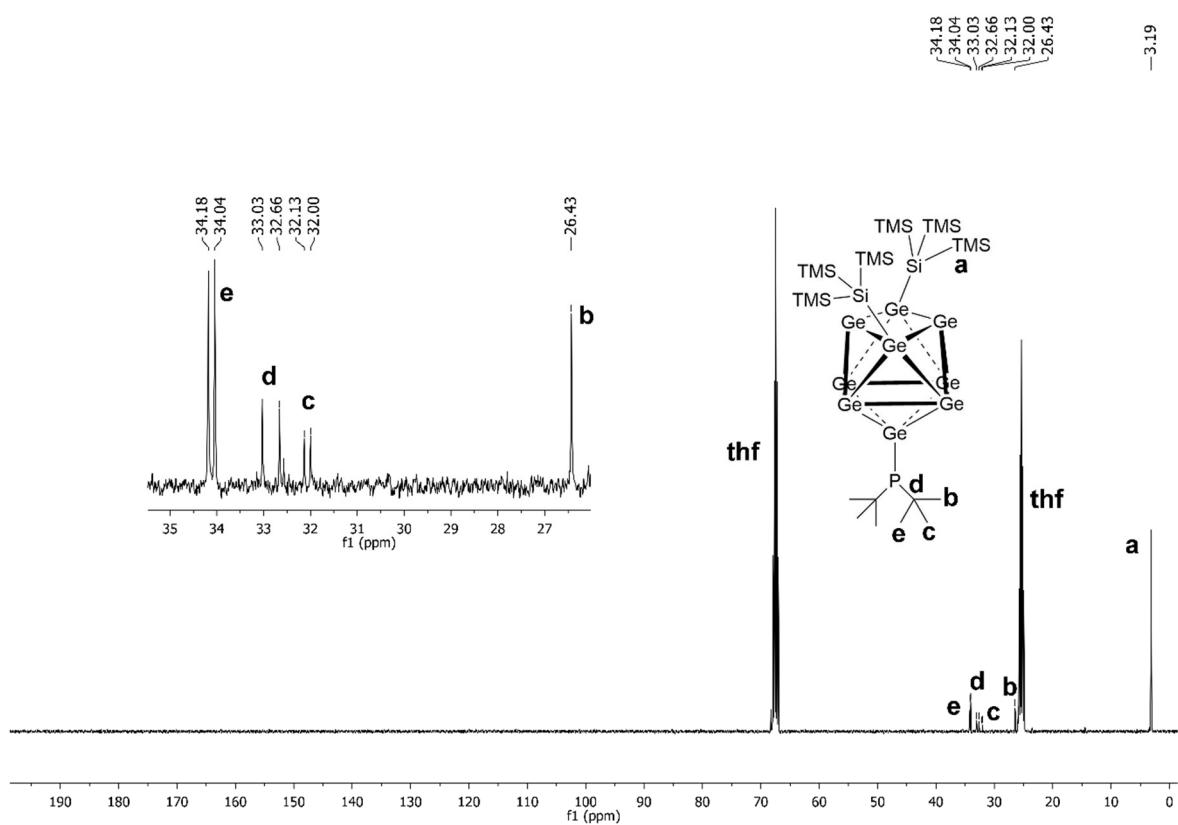


Figure SI 11: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 3 in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ .

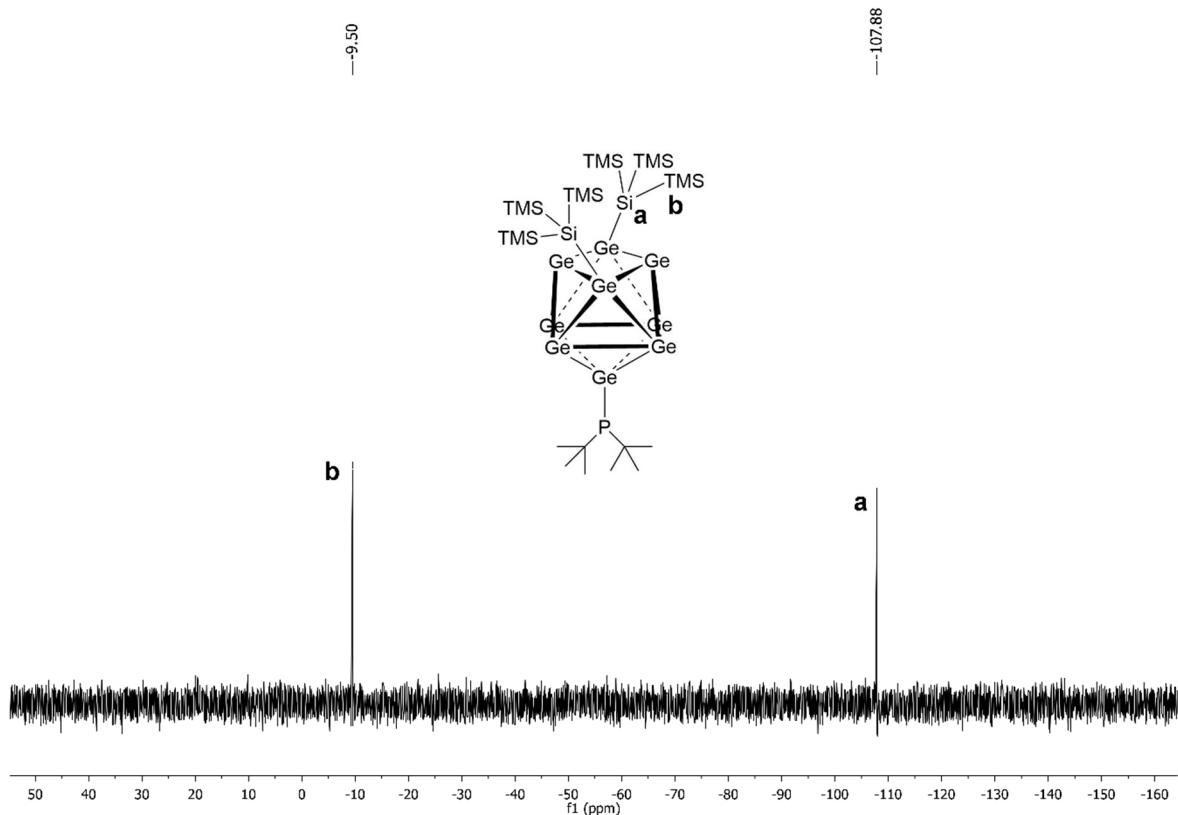


Figure SI 12: <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectrum of compound 3 in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ .

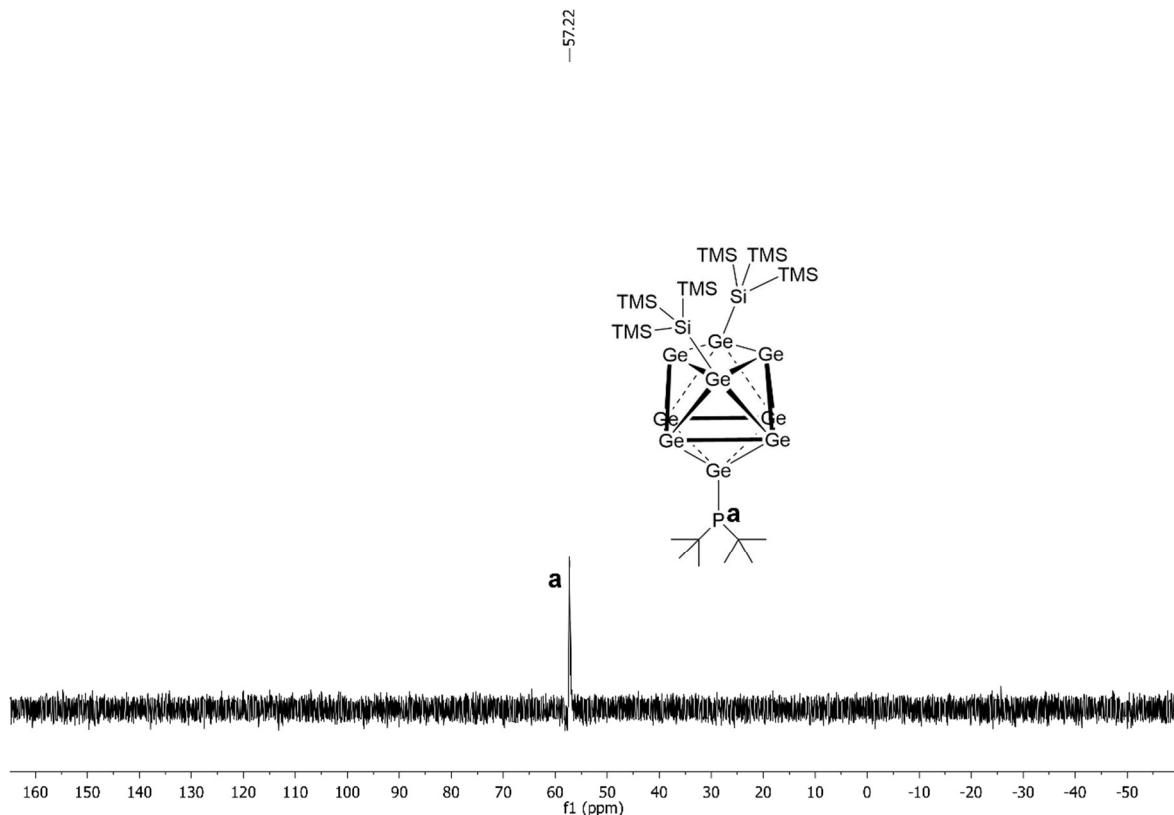


Figure SI 13:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3** in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ .

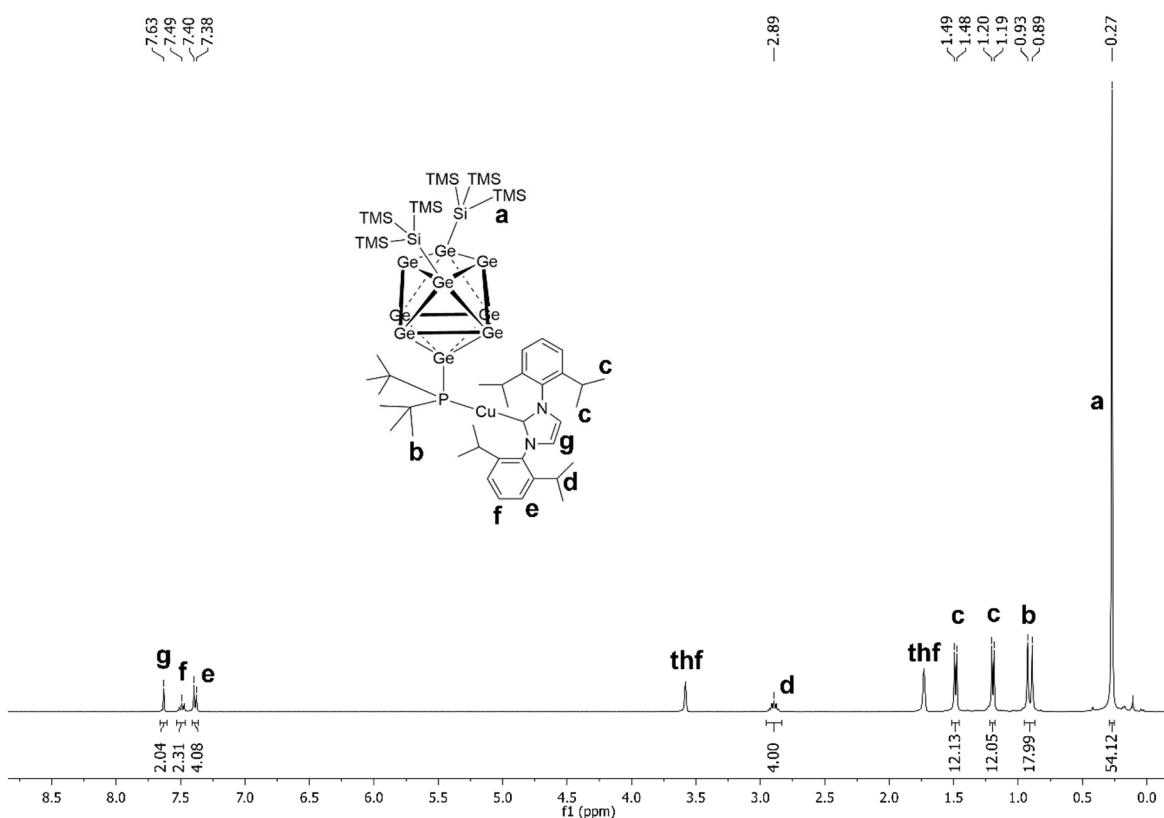


Figure SI 14:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4** in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ .

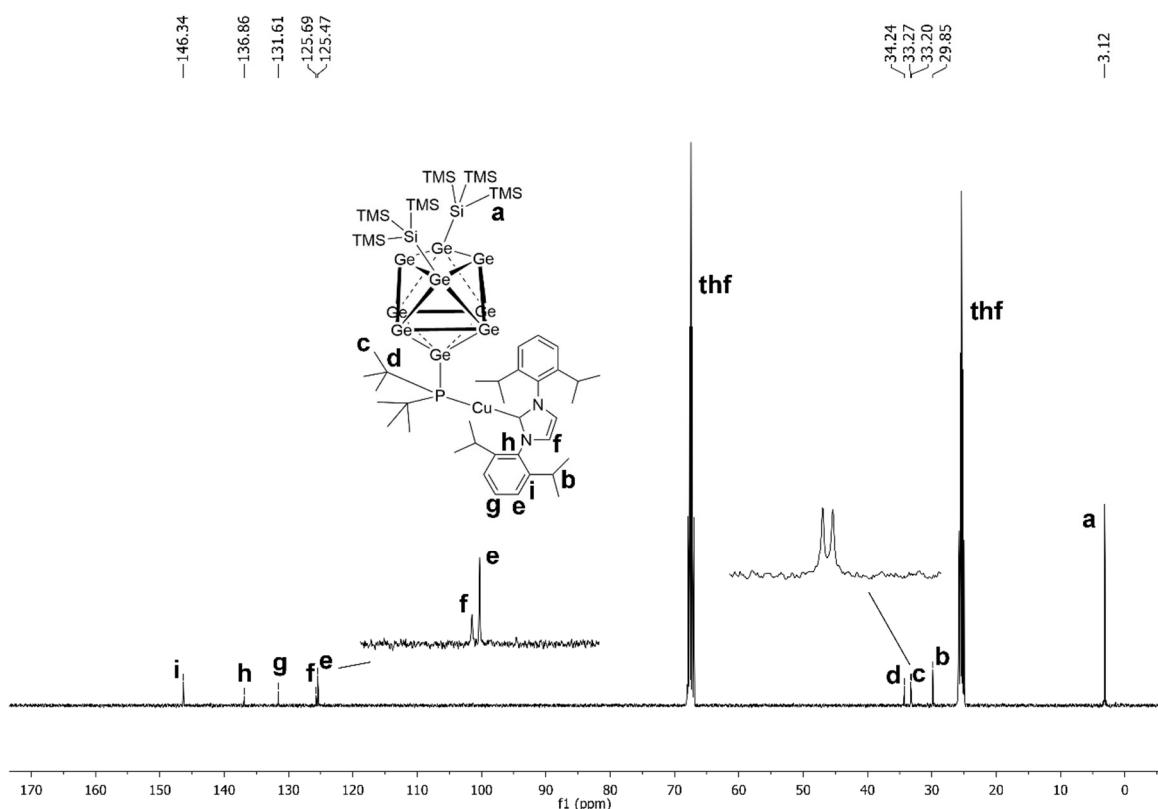


Figure SI 15: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4 in *thf-d*<sub>8</sub>.

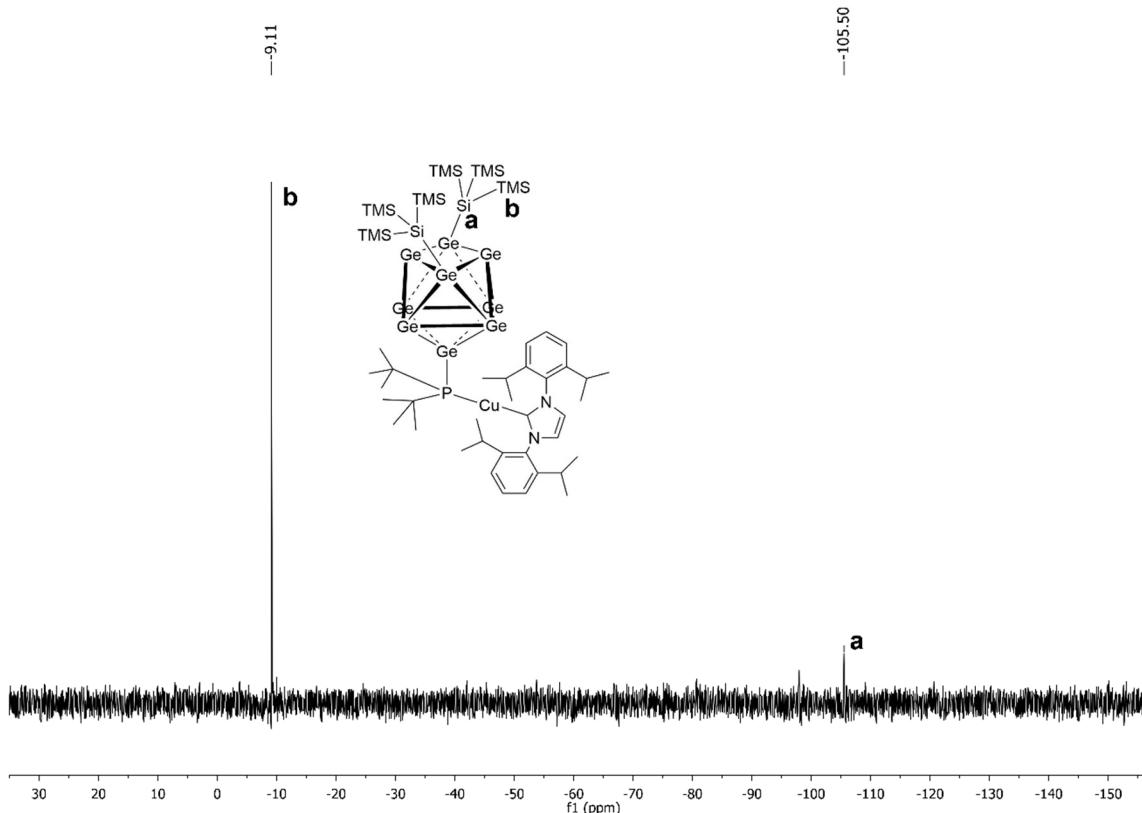


Figure SI 16: <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectrum of compound 4 in *thf-d*<sub>8</sub>.

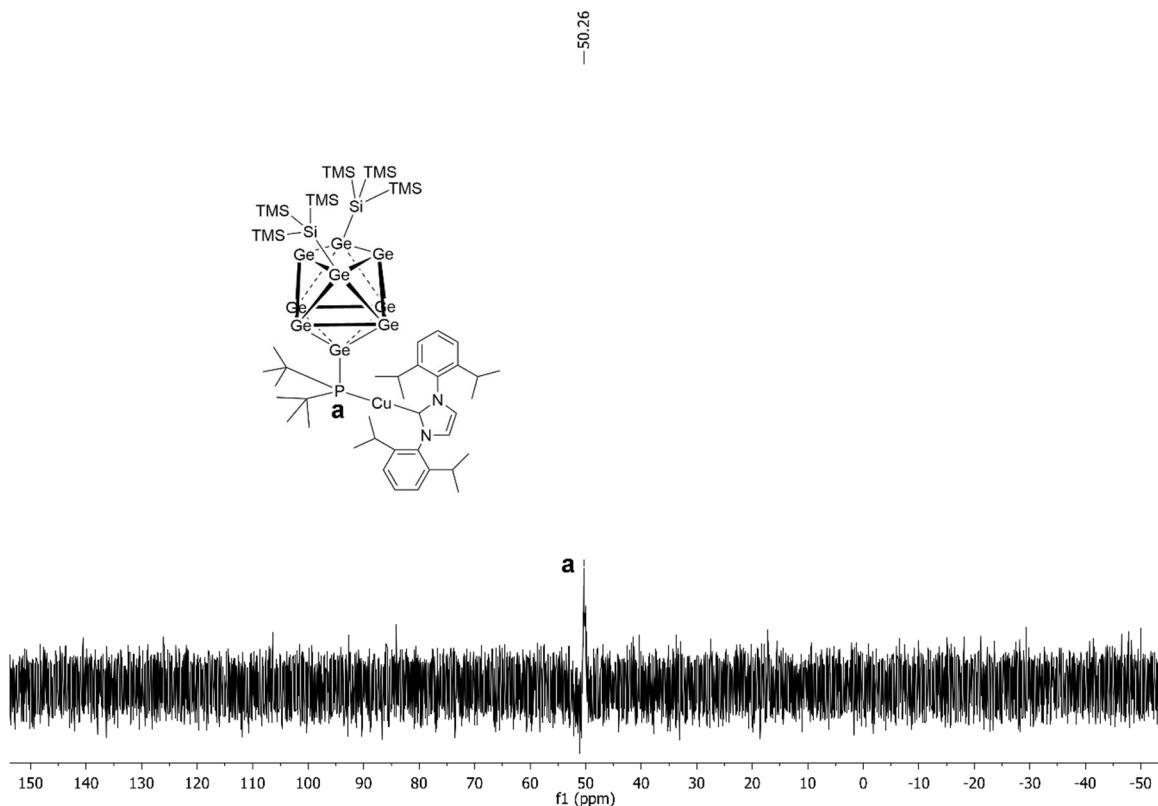


Figure SI 17: <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 4 in *thf-d*<sub>8</sub>.

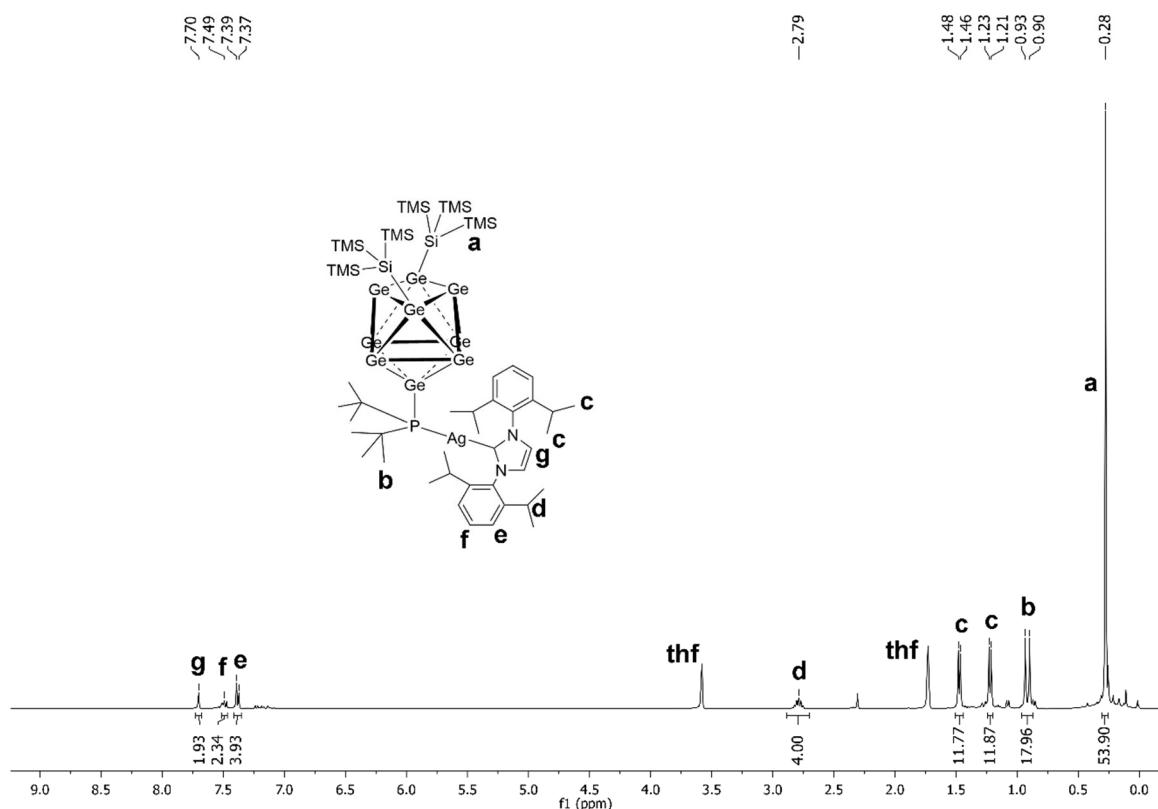


Figure SI 18: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5 in *thf-d*<sub>8</sub>.

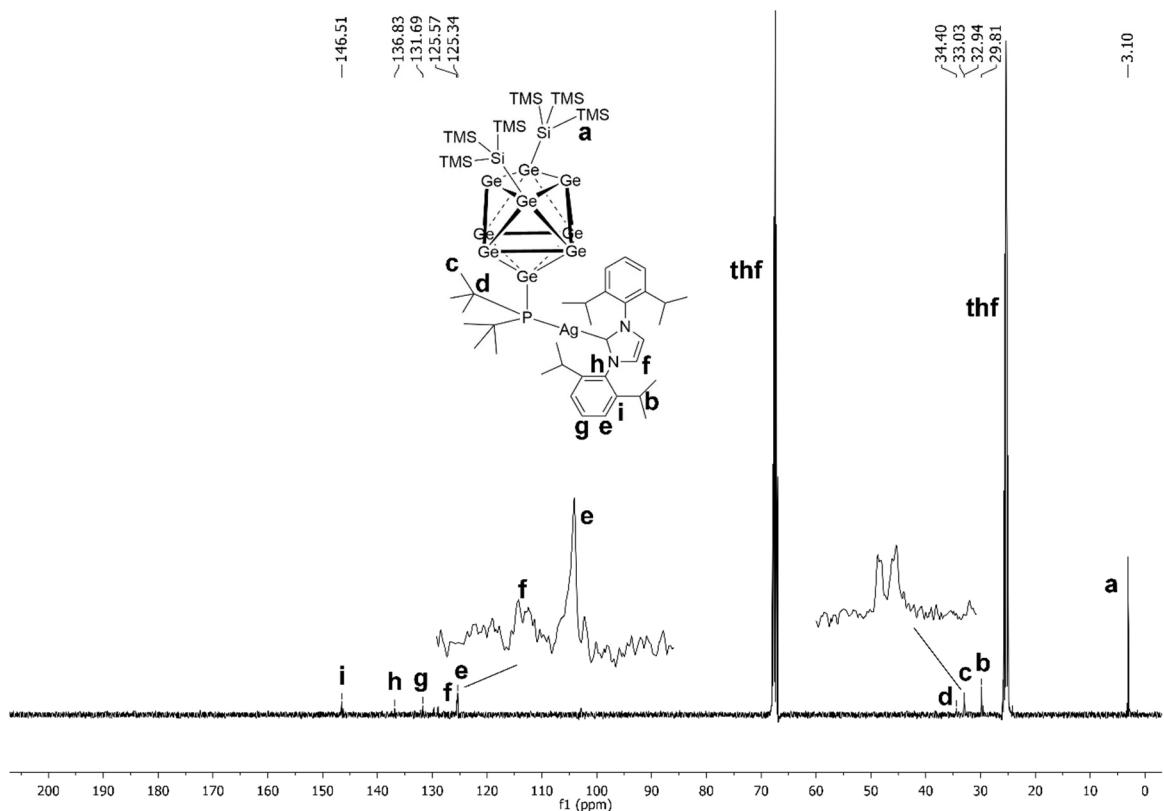


Figure SI 19: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5 in *thf-d*<sub>8</sub>.

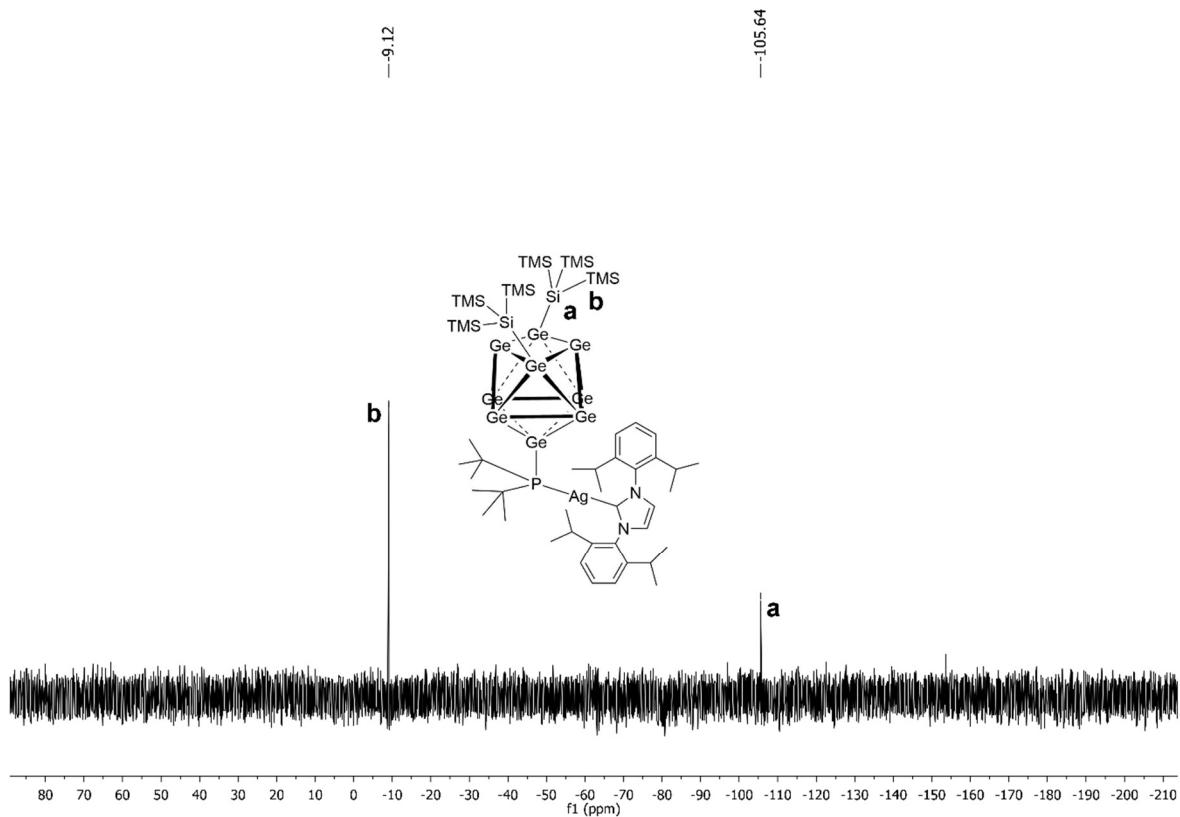


Figure SI 20: <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectrum of compound 5 in *thf-d*<sub>8</sub>.

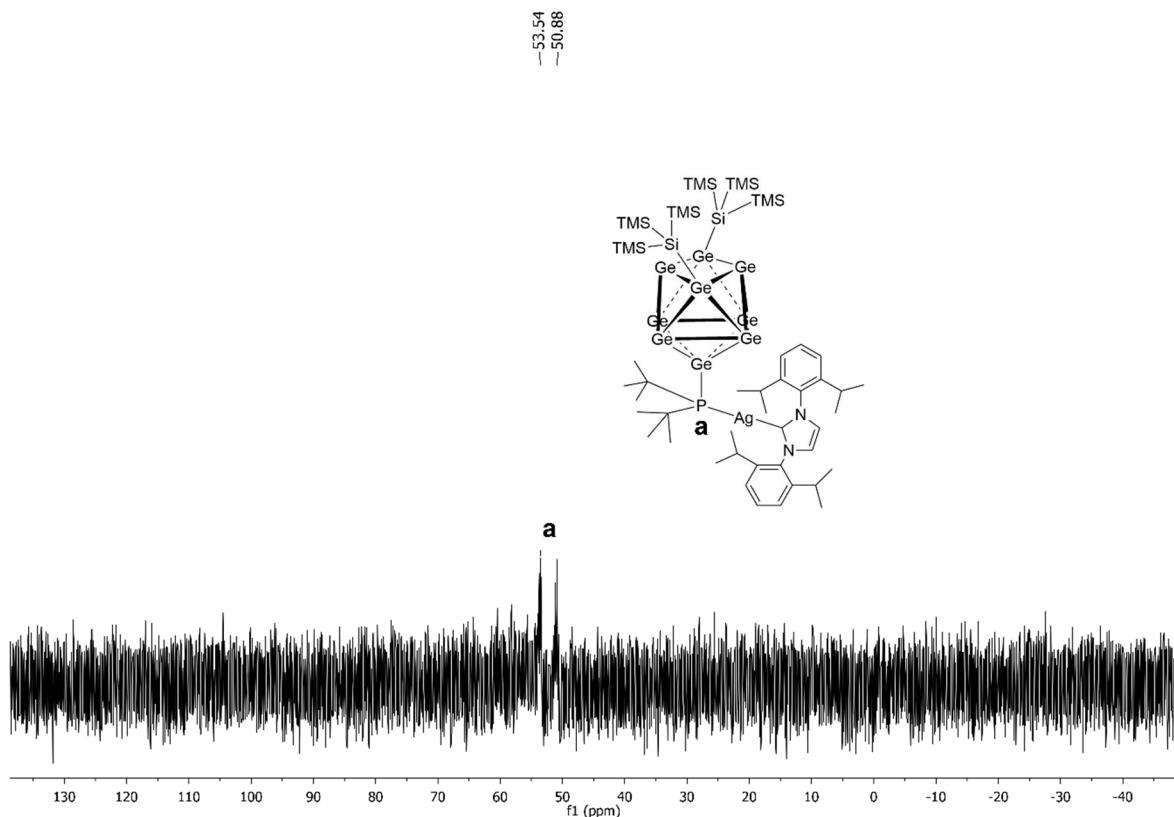


Figure SI 21:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of compound **5** in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ .

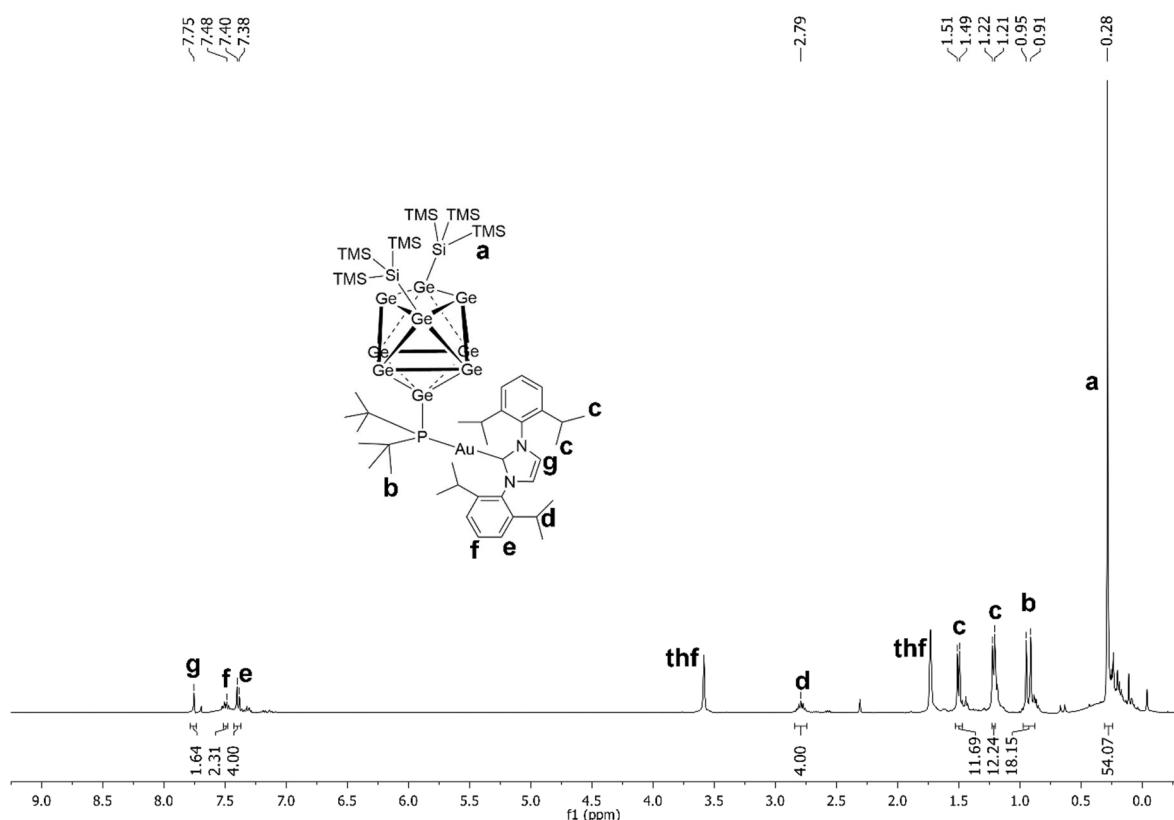


Figure SI 22:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **6** in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ .

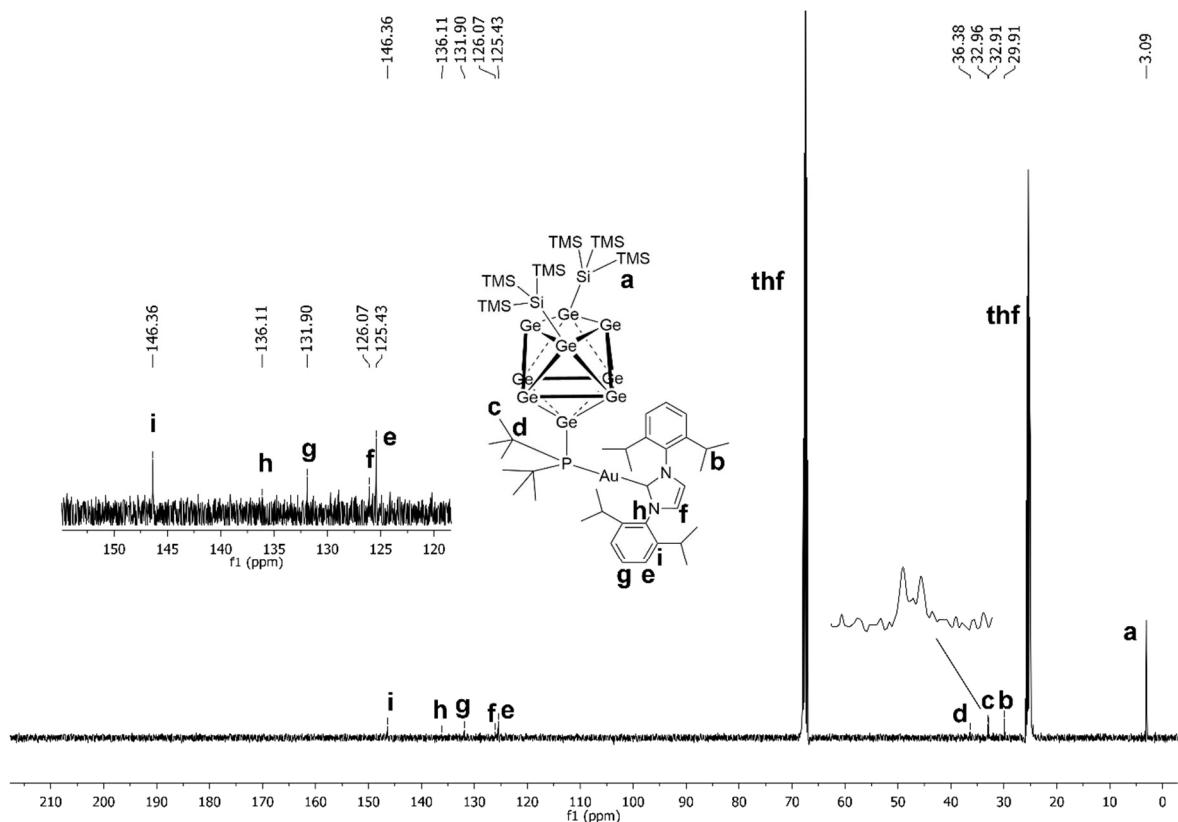


Figure SI 23: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 6 in *thf-d*<sub>8</sub>.

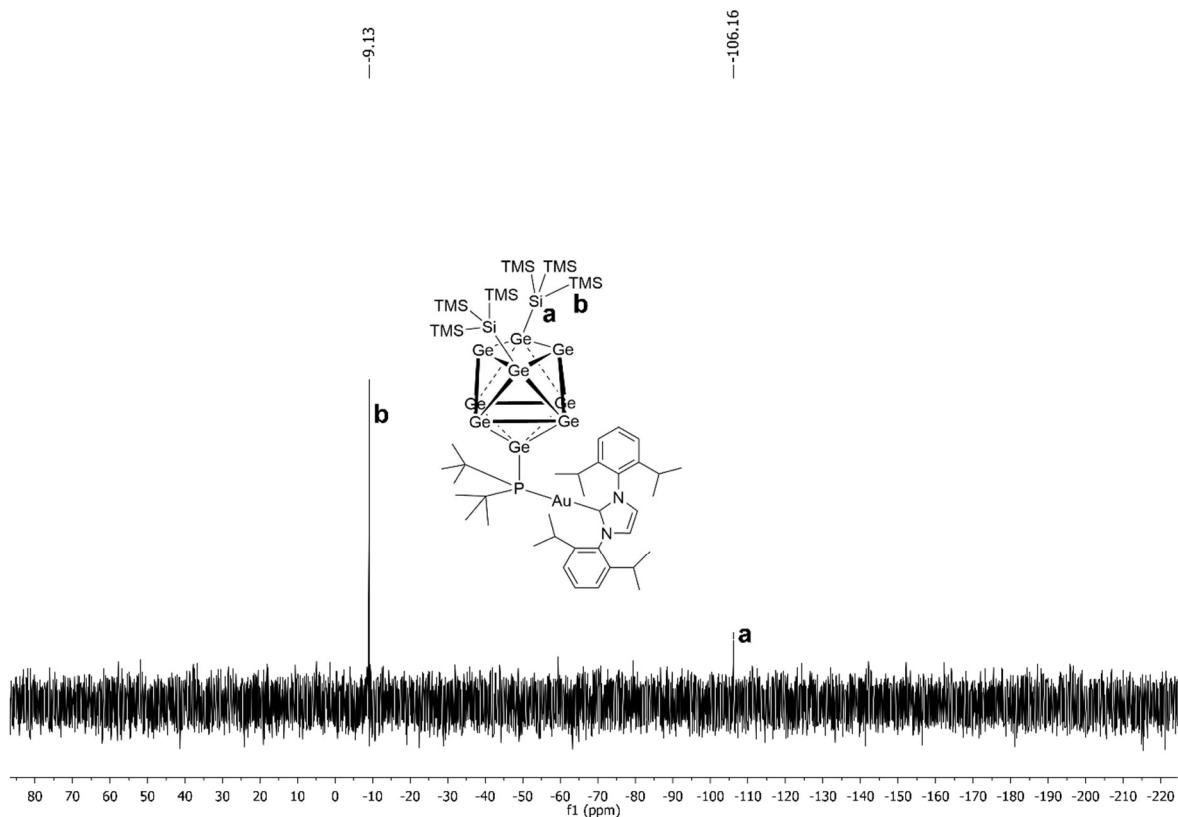


Figure SI 24: <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectrum of compound 6 in *thf-d*<sub>8</sub>.

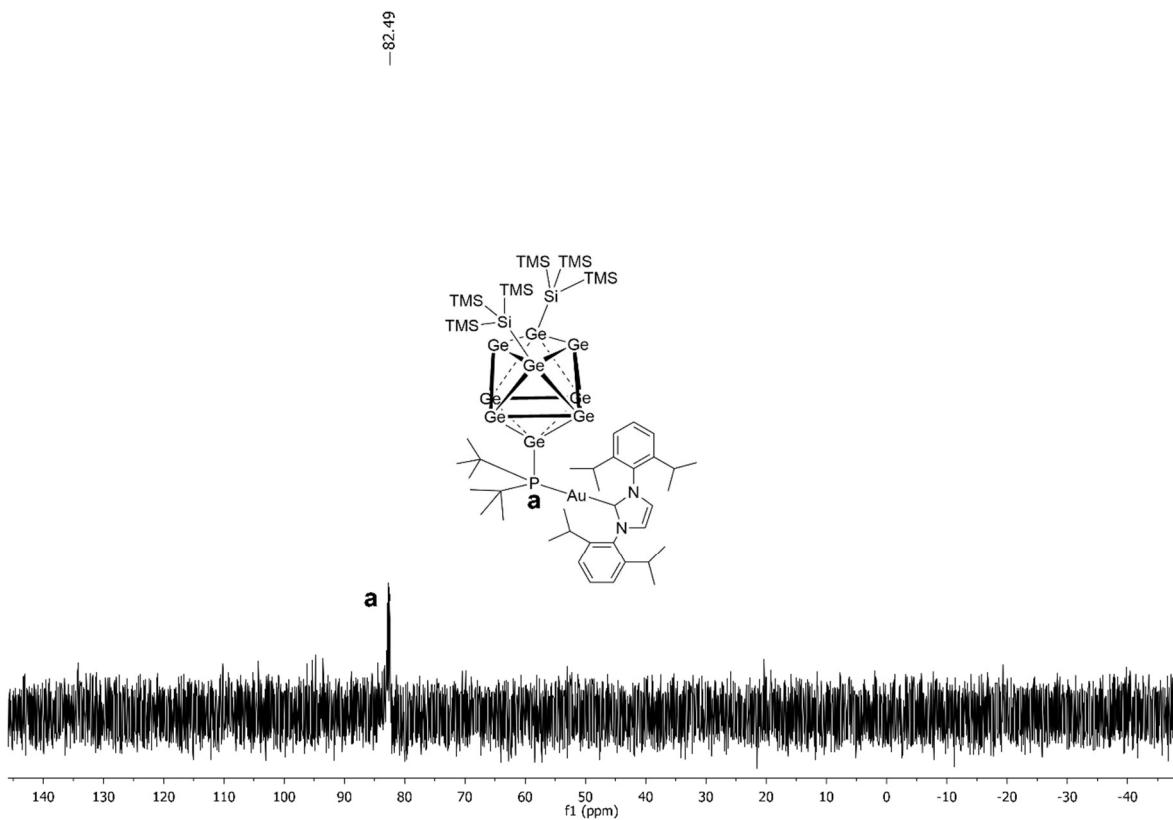


Figure SI 25:  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of compound **6** in  $\text{thf}-d_8$ .

### *ESI-MS spectra*

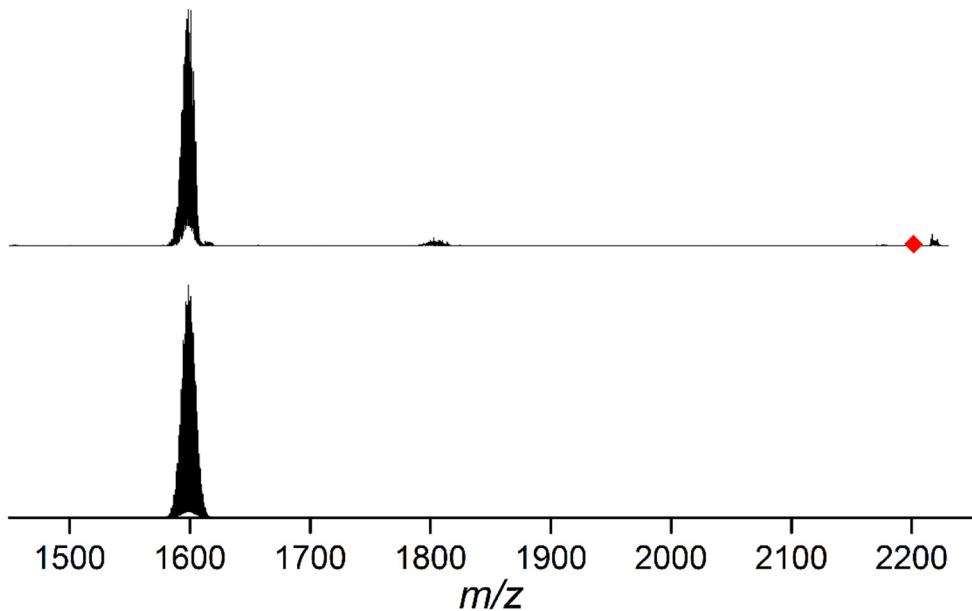


Figure SI 26: MS-MS fragmentation of signal at  $m/z$  2199.3  $\{[\text{NHC}^{\text{Dipp}}\text{Cu}][(\text{Ge}_9\{\text{Si}(\text{TMS})_3\}_2)^*\text{Bu}_2\text{P}]\text{Cu}(\text{NHC}^{\text{Dipp}})\}^+$  (red square), yielding signal at  $m/z$  1598.7  $\{[\text{NHC}^{\text{Dipp}}\text{Cu}]\text{Ge}_9\{\text{Si}(\text{TMS})_3\}_2^+\}$ , resulting from cleavage of  $\text{NHC}^{\text{Dipp}}\text{CuP}^*\text{Bu}_2$ -moiety. Measured spectrum (top) was acquired in positive ion mode (4000 V, 300 °C), calculated spectrum is pictured below.

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