

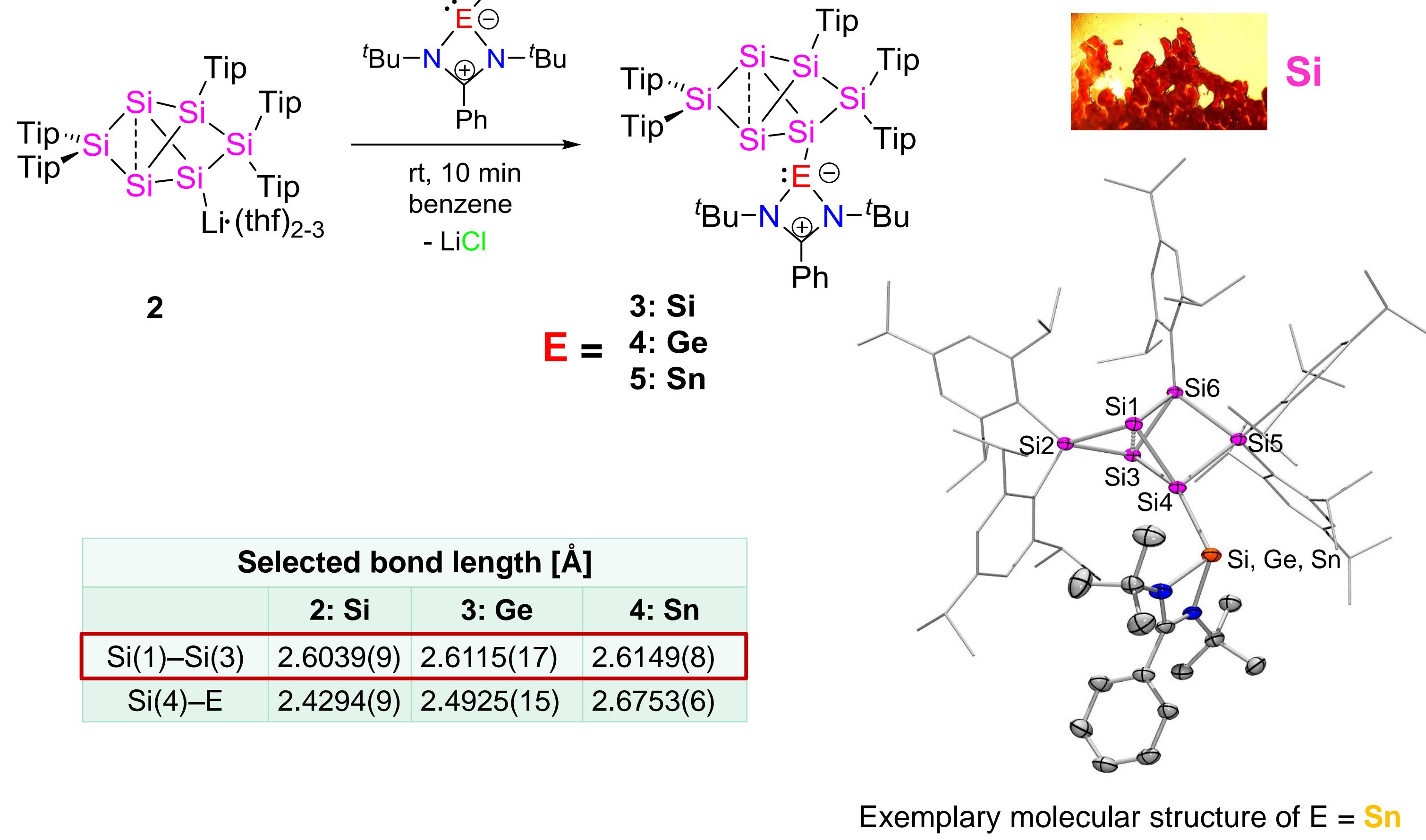


The Unprecedented Chemistry of Siliconoids

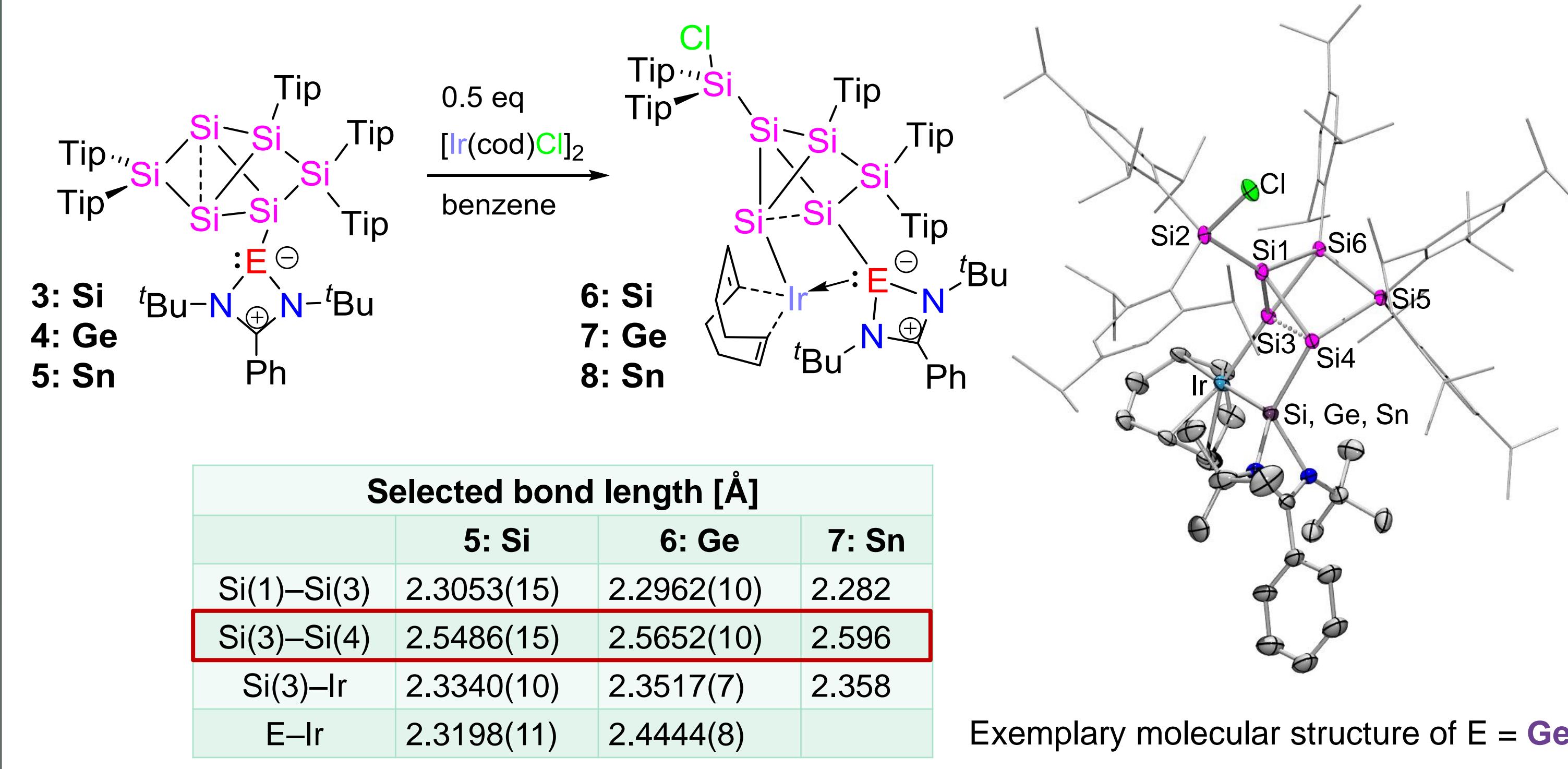
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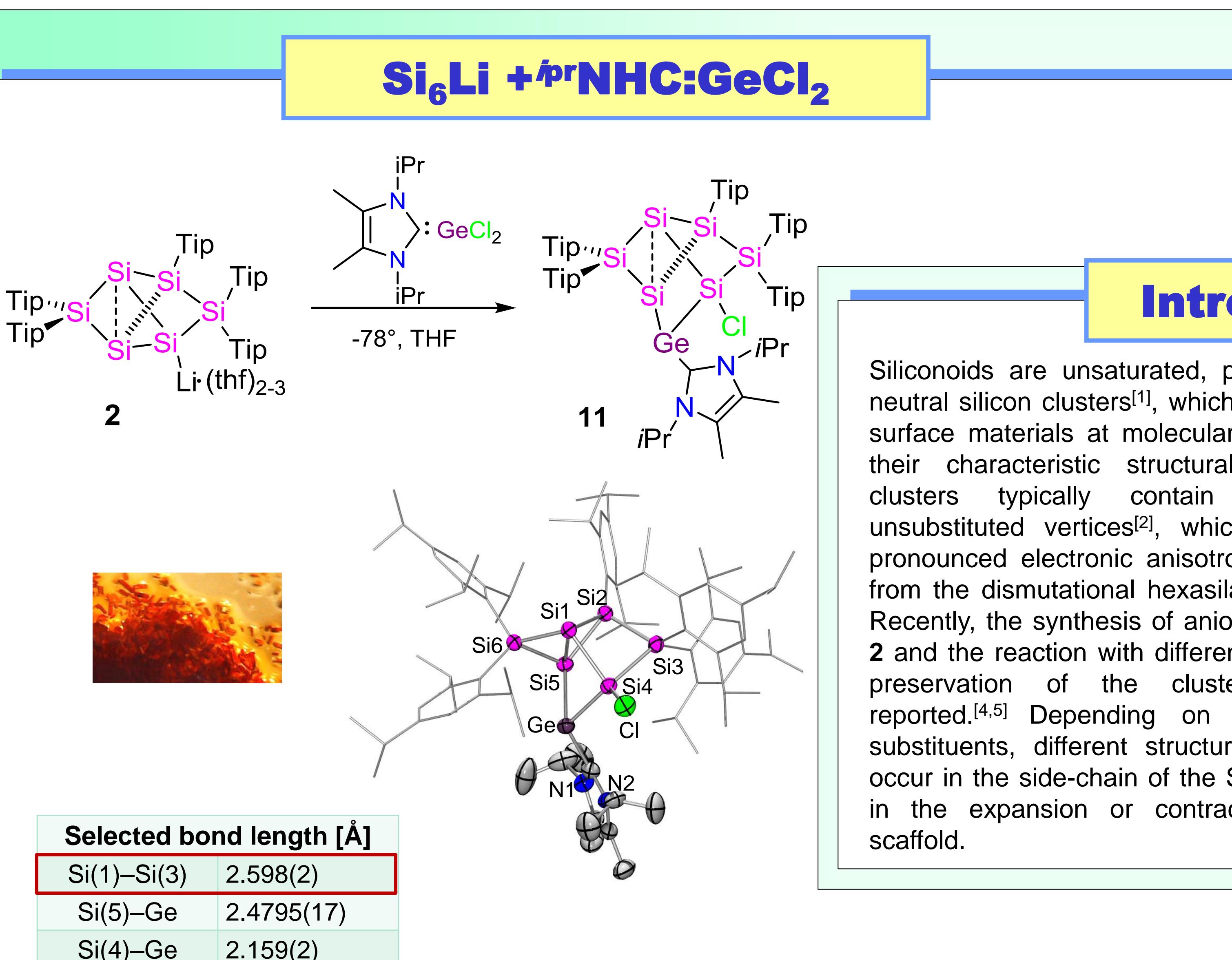
Tetrylene-Si₆ siliconoids



Reactivity towards [Ir(cod)Cl]₂



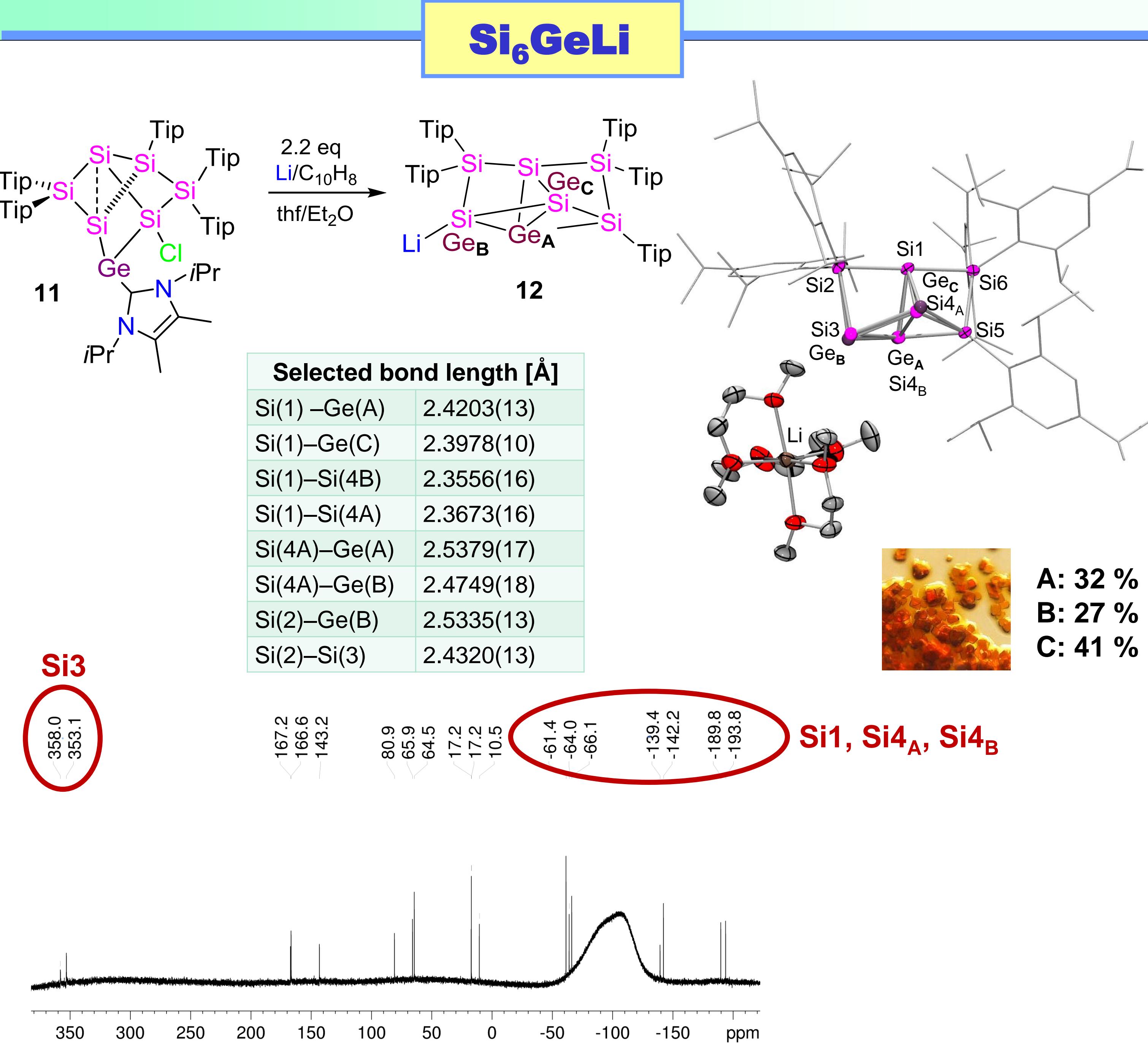
Si₆Li + iPrNHC:GeCl₂



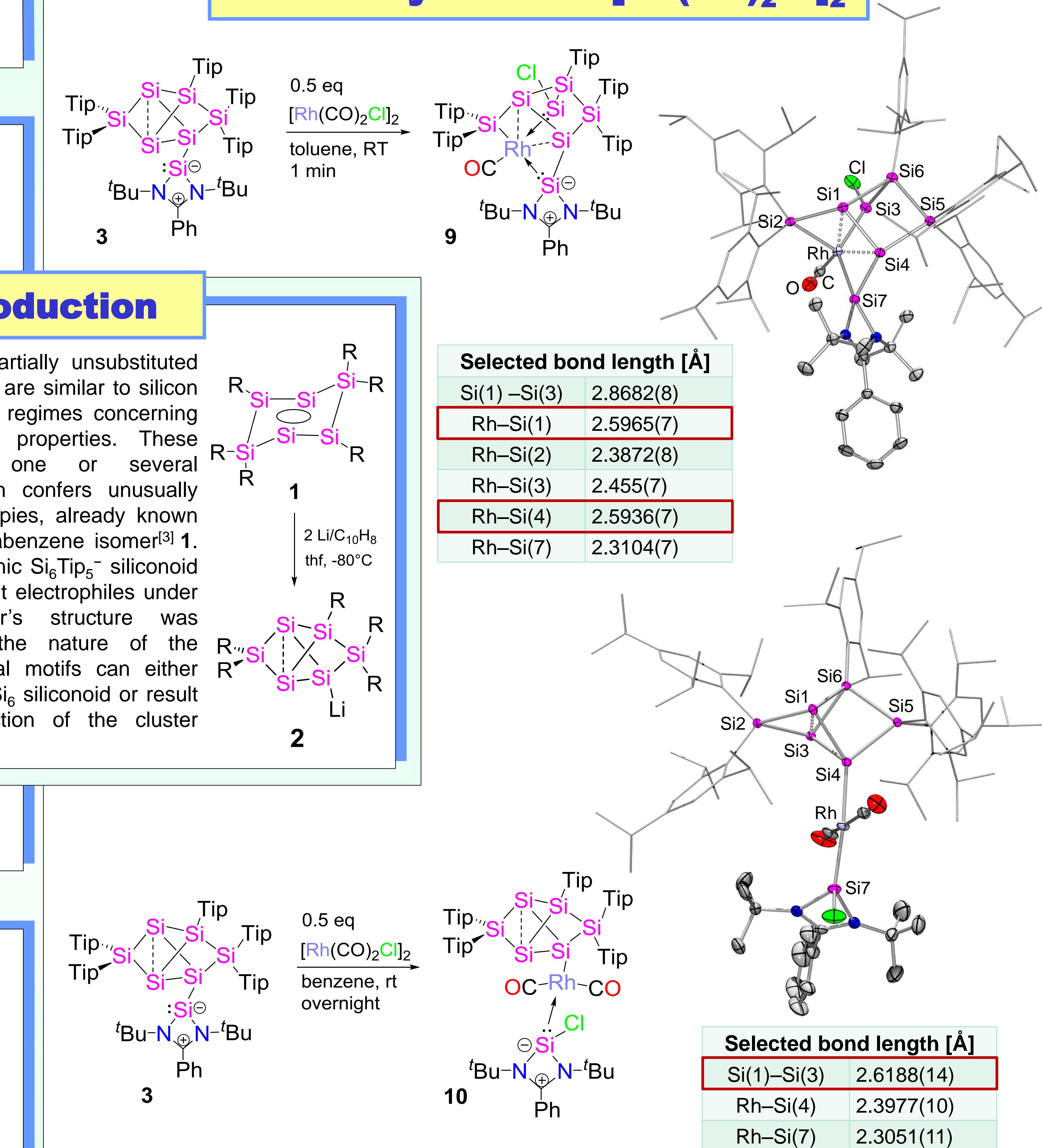
Introduction

Siliconoids are unsaturated, partially unsubstituted neutral silicon clusters^[1], which are similar to silicon surface materials at molecular regimes concerning their characteristic structural properties. These clusters typically contain one or several unsubstituted vertices^[2], which confers unusually pronounced electronic anisotropies, already known from the dismutational hexasilabenzene isomer^[3] 1. Recently, the synthesis of anionic Si₆Tip₅⁻ siliconoid 2 and the reaction with different electrophiles under preservation of the cluster's structure was reported.^[4,5] Depending on the nature of the substituents, different structural motifs can either occur in the side-chain of the Si₆ siliconoid or result in the expansion or contraction of the cluster scaffold.

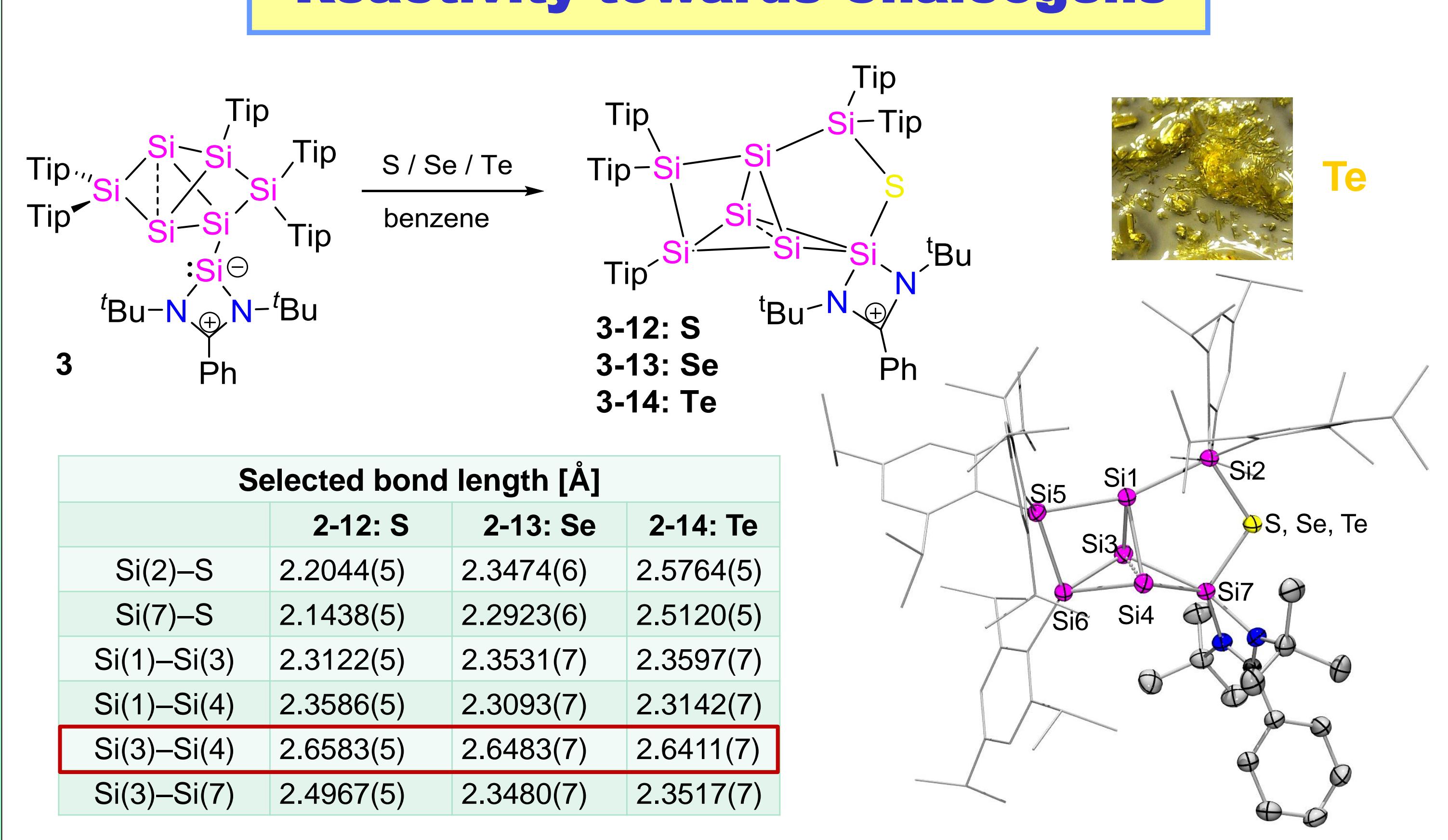
Si₆GeLi



Reactivity towards [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂

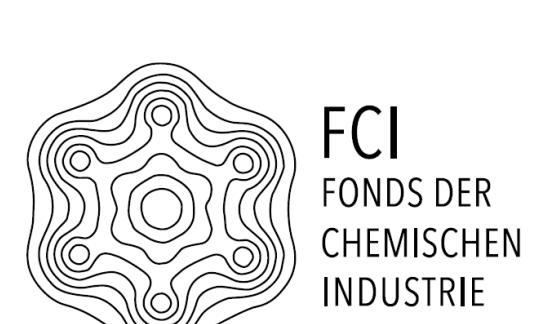


Reactivity towards Chalcogens



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