

The Multiple Bonding in Heavier Group 14 Element Alkene Analogues is Stabilized Mainly by Dispersion Force Effects

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Table S1. Calculated binding energies (kcal mol⁻¹) of E₂R₄ (E = Ge or Sn; R = CH(SiMe₃)₂) with a *syn,anti* configuration for the ER₂ units and H-C-E-C angles set at experimental values.

[E{CH(SiMe ₃) ₂] ₂] ₂ → 2E{CH(SiMe ₃) ₂] ₂				
	E = Ge		E = Sn	
	B3PW91	B3PW91-D3	B3PW91	B3PW91-D3
ΔE ^a	5.6 (-2.3)	40.2 (28.7)	12.0 (2.1)	38.5 (26.3)
ΔE ^{a,b}	14.0 (6.5)	50.4 (39.4)	13.3 (3.1)	40.5 (28.8)

^a Binding energy. In parentheses are values with ZPE and BSSE corrections.
^b The Ge and Sn monomers are optimized by fixing the (H-C-E-C) torsion angles at experimental values: 2° for GeR₂; 15° for SnR₂.

Table S2. Calculated structural data for the Ge₂R₄ and Sn₂R₄ (R = CH(SiMe₃)₂) dimers with the GeR₂ and SnR₂ units within the dimers in *syn,syn* configuration.

	Ge ₂ R ₄			Sn ₂ R ₄		
	B3PW91	B3PW91-D3	B97-D3	B3PW91	B3PW91-D3	B97-D3
E-E (Å)	2.428	2.377	2.452	2.842	2.765	2.855
E-C (Å)	2.034 (av.)	2.012 (av.)	2.051 (av.)	2.239 (av.)	2.210 (av.)	2.267 (av.)
C-E-C (°)	98.7 (av.)	98.1 (av.)	97.7 (av.)	96.3 (av.)	96.0 (av.)	95.3 (av.)
C-E-E (°)	122.6 (av.)	121.0 (av.)	120.2 (av.)	121.2 (av.)	119.2 (av.)	118.6 (av.)
C-E-E-C (°)	-51.6 (av.) 164.0 (av.)	-56.3 (av.) 167.2 (av.)	-58.7 (av.) 167.4 (av.)	-58.7 (av.) 168.7 (av.)	-62.9 (av.) 163.4 (av.)	-65.2 (av.) 166.9 (av.)
Trans-bent angle (°)	34.3 (av.)	38.0 (av.)	40.1 (av.)	39.0 (av.)	43.4 (av.)	44.8 (av.)

Table S3. Calculated binding energies (kcal mol⁻¹) of the E₂R₄ dimers (E = Ge or Sn; R = CH(SiMe₃)₂) with each ER₂ unit within the dimer in a *syn,syn* configuration.

[E{CH(SiMe ₃) ₂] ₂] ₂ → 2E{CH(SiMe ₃) ₂] ₂						
	E = Ge			E = Sn		
	B3PW91	B3PW91-D3	B97-D3	B3PW91	B3PW91-D3	B97-D3
ΔE ^a	-4.6	30.3 (29.6)	24.8	6.3	33.7 (34.0)	28.9
ΔE ^b	-14.1	18.9		-3.8	20.0	
ΔH ^c	-13.5	20.0		-3.6	21.2	
-TΔS ^c	-18.5	-20.7		-16.6	-21.5	
ΔG ^c	-32.0	-0.7		-20.2	-0.3	

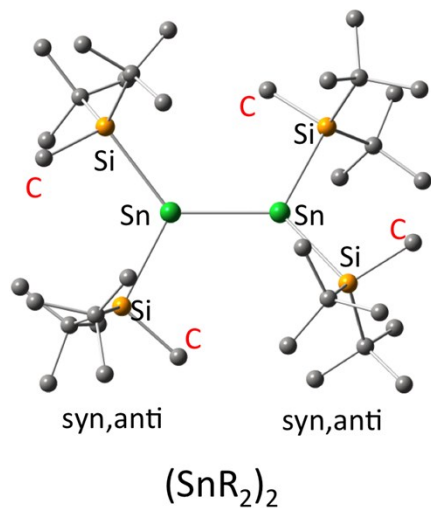
^a Binding energy. In parentheses are MP2 values.
^b With ZPE and BSSE corrections.
^c At 25°C (298 K) and 1atm.

Table S4. Calculated and experimental structural parameters for the dimetallene Pb₂R₄ (R = CH(SiMe₃)₂), in which the Pb{CH(SiMe₃)₂]₂ units have the *syn,anti* configuration.

[Pb{CH(SiMe ₃) ₂] ₂] ₂				
	B3PW91	B3PW91-D3	B97-D3	X-ray ^a
E-E (Å)	3.202	2.956	3.073	4.129(1)
E-C (Å)	2.384(av.)	2.345(av.)	2.395(av.)	2.313(5), 2.323(5)
C1-E-C2 (°)	106.3	106.6	106.4	93.4(2)
C-E-E (°)	108.7 121.7	108.3 116.7	107.4 119.4	

^a Ref. 11.

Table S5. Calculations on the dissociation of $(\text{SnR}_2)_2 \rightarrow 2\text{SnR}_2$ ($\text{R} = \text{SiMe}^t\text{Bu}_2$).



Unit: kcal/mol	Monomer: SnR_2 ($\text{R} = \text{SiMe}^t\text{Bu}_2$)		
	B3PW91	B3PW91-D3	
Singlet state	0.0	0.0	
Triplet state	4.5	6.8	
$(\text{SnR}_2)_2 \rightarrow 2\text{SnR}_2$ ($\text{R} = \text{SiMe}^t\text{Bu}_2$)			
ΔE (dissociation)	36.4	59.5	
ΔE (BSSE + ZPE)	25.8	46.8	
(BSSE, 25°C, 1.0 atm)			
ΔH	25.9	47.3	
$-\text{T}\Delta S$	-17.6	-20.8	
ΔG	8.3	26.5	
Dimer: $(\text{SnR}_2)_2$ (syn, anti)			
	B3PW91	B3PW91-D3	Exp.
Sn-Sn (Å)	2.702	2.647	2.668
Sn-Si (Å)	2.665	2.597	2.660 (av.)
Sn-Sn-Si (°)	124.6	124.3	113.8 (av.)
Si-Sn-Si (°)	110.9	111.4	111.7 (av.)
Trans-bending angle θ (°)	0.0	0.0	1.2
Torsion angle τ (°) (between Sn planes)	40.9	43.6	44.6