Light-fluorous Safety-catch Arylgermanes – Exceptionally Robust, Photochemically Activated Precursors for Biaryl Synthesis by Pd(0) Catalysed Cross-coupling

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General directions

Solvents and reagents: Solvents were distilled as follows: THF and Et₂O over Na-benzophenone ketyl, toluene over Na, CH₂Cl₂ and DMF over CaH₂; HPLC grade EtOAc and petrol were used as commercially supplied. Reagents were used as commercially supplied unless otherwise stated and handled in accordance with COSHH regulations. Chromatography: Flash chromatography (FC) was carried out on Silica gel (BDH Silica gel for FC) according to the method described by Still,¹ or by using either Isolute Flash Silica (1 g, 5 g, 50 g) or Varian Bond Elute Si (10 g) SPE cartridges in conjunction with a Varian Vac-Elut-20 vacuum manifold. Alumina was grade 1 basic supplied by BDH. TLC was performed on aluminium backed silica gel plates (Merck Silica gel 60 F_{254}) which were developed with UV fluorescence (254 nm and 365 nm) and KMnO₄(aq)/ $\tilde{\Delta}$. ¹H NMR spectra: These were recorded at 250 MHz on Bruker AC-250 instrument or at 400 MHz on a Bruker AM-400 instrument. Chemical shifts ($\delta_{\rm H}$) are given in parts per million (ppm) as referenced to the appropriate residual solvent peak. Broad signals are assigned as b. ¹³C NMR spectra: These were recorded at 63 MHz on a Bruker AC-250 instrument or at 101 MHz on a Bruker AM-400 instrument. Chemical shifts (δ_c) are given in parts per million (ppm) as referenced to CHCl₃, and are assigned as s, d, t, and q, for C, CH, CH₂, and CH₃ respectively; The chemical shift of carbons on the fluorous-tag were recorded by applying fluorine-decoupling at δ -125.1 ppm during ¹³C NMR acquisition. ¹⁹F NMR spectra: These were recorded at 367 MHz on a Bruker AM-400 instrument. Chemical shifts (δ_F) are given in parts per million (ppm) as referenced to CFCl₃. Mass Spectra: Low resolution and high-resolution spectra were recorded on a VG Prospec spectrometer, with molecular ions and major peaks being reported. Intensities are given as percentages of the base peak. Molecular weights are calculated using ⁷⁴Ge. ³⁵Cl and ⁷⁹Br isotopes. HRMS values are valid to ±5 ppm. GC-MS: Analyses were carried out using a Finnigan Trio-1000 EI⁺ mass spectrometer and HP-8590 gas chromatograph. GC retention times are given in minutes. MS data is reported as above. HPLC: Analyses were carried out using a HP-1100 liquid chromatograph. LC retention times are given in minutes. Elemental analysis: Analyses were carried out by Mr Steven Boyer of London Metropolitan University Services Ltd. Melting points: Analyses were carried out using a Khofler hot stage and are uncorrected. Photochemistry: Photolytic oxidation was carried out using a 125 Watt Cathodeon high pressure Hg vapour lamp (type HPK 125) cooled by a rotary fan.

Synthesis of substrates for Table 1

Trichloro-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)germane

C₈F₁₇ GeCl₃

*H*₂,2*H*₂-*Perfluorodecyl iodide* (12.5 g, 41.56 mmol) and germanium(II) chloride dioxane complex² (5.00 g, 41.56 mmol) were heated in a Carius tube at 150 °C for 24 h. After cooling to rt, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (500 mL) and added dropwise to H₂O (500 mL). The resulting white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with H₂O (300 mL) then CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL) and dried under suction. The dried precipitate was stirred in conc. HCl (37% w/v) for 16 h and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 × 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give *trichloro-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)germane* as a brown oil (9.70 g, 78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 2.20 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.47 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 22.1 (t),

25.0 (t, J_{CF} 23.0), 108.6 (m), 110.5 (m), 113.5 (m), 114.4 (m), 115.7 (m), 116.9 (t), 117.3 (m), 118.6 (m); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ - 126.5 [s, 2F, $CF_2(CH_2)_2$], -123.2 (s, 2F), -122.6 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 4F, 4 × CF₂), -121.6 (s, 2F), -115.3 (s, 2F), -80.7 [s, 3F, $CF_3(CF_2)_7(CH_2)_2$]; IR v_{max} (neat) 1442 (C-F), 1367, 1243, 906, 826 cm⁻¹; m/z (CI⁺) (rel. intensity) 606 [(M-F)⁺, 41), 590 (4), 464 (33), 158 (23), 109 (20); Analysis for C₁₀H₄GeCl₃F₁₇ expected C 19.18%, H 0.64%, found C 19.19%, H 0.54%.

$(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10.\\ Heptadecafluorodecyl) tris-(4-methoxyphenyl) germane$



To a solution of trichloro-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)germane (2.50 g, 3.987 mmol) in THF (15.0 mL) was added a solution of 4-methoxyphenylmagnesiumbromide (40.0 mL, 20.0 mmol, 0.5 M). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 3 h. The yellow reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C before quenching dropwise with methanol until effervescence ceased. The reaction mixture was diluted with $Et_2O(20.0 \text{ mL})$ and washed with water (2 × 20.0 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed in vacuo. Sublimation of 4,4'bismethoxybiphenyl from the residue (100 °C /0.1mmHg using a Kugelrohr) followed by purification by FC (petrol/CH₂Cl₂ 50/50 \rightarrow CH₂Cl₂) and drying under (3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)tris-(4high vacuum gave *methoxyphenyl)germane* as a white amorphous solid (2.84 g, 85%). mp 55-57 °C; R_f 0.35 (petrol/CH₂Cl₂, 70/30); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.63 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.19 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 3.81 (s, 9H, 3 × ArOCH₃), 6.94 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 6H, ArH), 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 6H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 3.7 (t), 27.0 (t, J_{CF} 23.0), 55.0 (3q), 114.0 (6d), 118.9 (3s), 126 (6d), 160.6 (3s), eight carbons not observed; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ - 126.3 (s, 2F), -123.2 (s, 2F), -122.7 (s, 2F), -122.1 (s, 4F, 2 × CF₂), -121.9 (s, 2F), -115.3 (s, 2F), -80.8 [s, 3F, $CF_3(CF_2)_7(CH_2)_2$]; IR v_{max} (neat) 3020 (C-H), 1438 (C-F), 1365, 1243, 902, 836 cm⁻¹; m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 841 (M⁺, 9), 735 (42), 715 (24), 395 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₃₁H₂₄⁻⁷⁴GeO₃F₁₇ (M⁺) 841.0666, found 841.0705, Δ -4.6 ppm; Analysis for C₃₁H₂₄GeO₃F₁₇ expected C 44.27%, H 3.00%, found C 44.21%, H 2.95%.

Dichloro-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)germane



To a solution of (3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)tris-(4-methoxyphenyl)germane (2.84 g, 3.377 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20.0 mL) was added conc. HCl (20.0 mL, 240 mmol, 12.0 M). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h and the solvent was then removed *in vacuo* to give *dichloro-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)germane* as a white amorphous solid (2.32 g, 98%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.95 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.45 (m, 2H, *CH*₂CH₂Ge), 3.81 (s, 3H, 3 × ArO*CH*₃), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 15.3 (t), 25.4 (t, *J*_{CF} = 23.0 Hz), 55.3 (q), 114.8 (2d), 125.1 (s), 133.7 (2d) 162.7 (s), eight carbons not observed; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ - 126.2 (s, 2F), -123.3 (s, 2F), -122.7 (s, 2F), -122.1 (s, 4F, 2 × CF₂), -121.9 (s, 2F), -115.4 (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -80.8 (t, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃); IR ν_{max} (KBr) 3033 (C-H), 2975 (C-H) 1595 C=C), 1504, 1455 (C-F), 1201, 958, 826 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 698 [M(³⁵Cl₂)⁺, 47], 663 (4), 295 (12), 251

(100), 235 (16); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for $C_{17}H_{11}^{74}$ GeO³⁵Cl₂F₁₇ (M⁺) 697.9127, found 697.9125, Δ 0.3 ppm; Analysis for $C_{17}H_{11}$ GeCl₂F₁₇O expected C 29.26%, H 1.59%, found C 29.27%, H 1.64%.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane 1a



To oven dried, I₂ (0.01 g, 0.04 mmol) activated magnesium turnings (0.42 g, 17.3 mmol) in Et₂O (25.0 mL) was added 2-bromomethylnaphthalene (3.68 g, 16.6 mmol) to initiate Grignard reagent formation. To this solution was added а solution of dichloro-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecvl)(4methoxyphenyl)germane (2.32 g, 3.33 mmol) in Et₂O (5.0 mL) dropwise and the resulting mixture stirred for 2.5 h. A sat. solution NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred and the solvent was then removed in vacuo. The residue taken up in Et₂O (30.0 mL) and washed with water (2×10.0 mL) and was dried over MgSO₄. 2-Methylnaphthalene was sublimed from the residue (60 °C/0.1mmHg using a Kugelrohr) then 1,2-bis-(2-naphthyl)ethylene was removed from the residue by recrystalisation with Et₂O (16.0 mL) at 0 °C, filtration through cotton plug and washed with hexane (2×10.0 mL). Solvents were then removed from the filtrate in vacuo and purification by FC (petrol/CH₂Cl₂, 95/5 \rightarrow 80/20) gave bis-(2-naphthylmethyl)germane 1a as a yellow amorphous solid (2.59 g, 86%). mp 189-190 °C; R_f 0.30 (petrol:EtOAc, 95/5); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.16 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.87 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.73 (s, 4H, 2 × GeCH₂Nap), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.95 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.09 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.27 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.37 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.39-7.47 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.64 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.80 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 2.2 (t), 22.8 (t, J_{CF} = 23.0 Hz), 26.4 (2t), 55.0 (q), 108.4 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.7 (2s), 111.02 (s), 113.4 (s), 114.2 (2d), 115.0 (s), 118.1 (s), 124.8 (2d), 125.8 (2d), 126.0 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 127.4 (2d), 127.6 (2d), 128.0 (2d), 131.3 (2s), 133.8 (2s), 135.1 (2d), 136.7 (3s), 160.6 (s); ¹⁹F NMR $(376 \text{ MHz}; \text{CDCl}_3): \delta - 125.2 \text{ (s, 2F)}, -122.5 \text{ (s, 2F)}, -121.7 \text{ (s, 2F)}, -120.9 \text{ (m, 6F)}, -115.4 \text{ [quintet, } J = 14.8 \text{ Hz},$ 2F, $(CF_2)_6CF_2CF_3$], -79.8 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 3F, $(CF_2)_6CF_2CF_3$); IR v_{max} (neat) 3031 (C-H), 2925 (C-H), 1628, 1590 (C=C), 1422 (C-F), 1282, 1245, 1201,1146, 820 cm⁻¹; m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 910 (M⁺, 9), 769 (89), 436 (3), 341 (52), 141 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for $C_{39}H_{29}^{-74}GeF_{17}O$ (M⁺) 910.1159, found 910.1145, Δ 1.6 ppm; Analysis for C₃₉H₂₉GeF₁₇O expected C 51.52%, H 3.21%, found C 51.68%, H 3.11%.

Bromo-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptade cafluor ode cyl) bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl) germane and the second second

2-Nap C₈F₁₇Ge Br

To a solution of 4-anisyl germane **1a** (0.102 g, 0.112 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10.0 mL) was added a solution of conc. HBr (2.0 mL, 48% wt.). The resulting biphasic reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h, extracted with Et₂O (3 × 20.0 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo* to give *bromo*-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane as a brown amorphous solid (0.087 g, 88%). mp 172-174 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.38 (m, 2H, C₈. F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.93 (m, 2H, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 5.6 Hz, 4H, 2 × GeCH₂Nap), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.42-7.49 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H,

ArH), 7.81 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.5 (t), 26.4 (t, J_{CF} 23.0 Hz), 28.3 (2t), 110.2 (s), 110.6 (2s), 110.7 (s), 110.9 (3s), 117.1 (s), 125.4 (2d), 126.3 (2d), 126.4 (2d), 126.9 (2d), 127.1 (2d), 127.7 (2d), 128.5 (2d), 131.7 (2s), 133.6 (2s), 133.7 (2s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃) δ -125.2 (s, 2F), -122.6 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -121.0 (m, 6F), -115.0 [quintet, J = 15.1 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -79.8 [t, J = 9.4 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃]; IR v_{max} (neat) 3054 (C-H), 2987 (C-H) 1601 (C=C), 1422 (C-F), 1265, 896, 748 cm⁻¹; m/z (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 882 [M(⁷⁹Br)⁺, 1], 803 (1), 141 (100); HRMS (ESI⁺) calc'd. for C₃₂H₂₃⁷⁹BrF₁₇⁷⁴Ge (MH⁺) 882.9924, found 882.9932, Δ 1.0 ppm.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)(4-methylphenyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane 1b



bromo-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-То а solution of ylmethyl)germane (0.800 g, 0.955 mmol), in Et₂O (10.0 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of 4tolylmagnesiumbromide (4.75 mL, 4.75 mmol, 1.0 M) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h and then at rt for over 14 h. The resulting solution was diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL) and a solution of 1.0 M NH_4Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred. Following extraction with (2 × 20.0 mL) of Et₂O, the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated in vacuo to give green oily residue which was purified by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) to give 4-tolyl germane 1b as a brown oil (0.600 g, 71%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.20 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.89 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.45 (s, 3H, $GeC_6H_4CH_3$), 2.76 (s, 4H, 2 × $GeCH_2Nap$), 7.13 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.25 (d, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz, ArH), 7.31 (d, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 7.41–7.50 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.68 (d, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 7.73 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.83 (d, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 1.9 (t), 21.4 (q), 22.5 (2t), 26.3 (t, J_{CF} 23.4 Hz), 108.5 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.69 (2s), 110.72 (s), 111.0 (s), 111.1 (s), 118.0 (s), 124.8 (2d), 125.7 (2d), 126.0 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 127.4 (2d),127.6 (2d), 128.0 (2d), 129.2 (2d), 131.3 (2s), 132.7 (s), 133.8 (2d+s), 136.7 (3s), 139.2 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -126.6 (s, 2F), -123.9 (s, 2F), -123.1 (s, 2F), -122.3 (m, 6F), -116.7 [quintet, J = 15 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -81.2 [t, J = 10 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃]; IR v_{max} (neat) 3024 (C-H), 2980 (C-H) 1598 (C=C), 1507, 1421 (C-F), 1265, 896, 744 cm⁻¹; m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 894 (M⁺, 25), 753 (44), 322 (43), 282 (47), 211 (66), 141 (100); HRMS calc'd. for $C_{39}H_{29}^{74}GeF_{17}$ (M⁺) 894.1209, found 894.1244, Δ 3.8 ppm; Analysis for C₃₉H₂₉GeF₁₇ expected C 52.44%, H 3.27%, found C 52.53%, H 3.36%.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)phenylgermane 1c



To a solution of *bromo-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane* (0.50 g, 0.567 mmol), in THF (10.0 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of *phenylmagnesiumbromide* (0.68 mL, 1.7 mmol, 2.5 M) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h and then at rt for over 14 h. The resulting solution was diluted with $Et_2O(20.0 \text{ mL})$ and a solution of 1.0 M NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred. Following extraction with (2 × 20.0 mL) and a solution with (2 × 20.0 mL) and (2 × 20.0 mL) an

mL) of Et₂O, the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo* to give green oily residue which was purified by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) to give phenylgermane **1c** as a pale yellow oil (0.4122 g, 83%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.19 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.89 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.76 (s, 4H, 2 × GeCH₂Nap), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.73–7.49 (m, 11H, ArH), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 1.9 (t), 22.5 (2t), 26.3 (t, *J*_{CF} 23.4 Hz), 108.3 (s), 110.2 (2s), 110.7 (2s), 111.0 (2s), 111.1 (s), 118.0 (s), 124.8 (2d), 125.7 (2d), 126.1 (2d), 127.0 (2d+s), 127.4 (2d), 127.6 (2d), 128.1 (2d), 128.4 (2d), 129.3 (d), 131.3 (2s), 133.7 (2s), 133.8 (2d), 136.5 (2s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -125.2 (s, 2F), -122.6 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -121.0 (m, 6F), -115.4 [quintet, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -79.8 [t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃]; IR v_{max} (neat) 3032 (C-H), 2985 (C-H) 1598 (C=C), 1415 (C-F), 1265, 896, 749 cm⁻¹; *m*/z (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 739 [(M-NapCH₂)⁺, 2], 459 (1), 141 (100); HRMS (FAB⁺) calc'd. for C₂₇H₁₉F₁₇⁷⁴Ge [(M-NapCH₂)⁺] 739.0845, found 739.0870, Δ 3.4 ppm.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)(4-chlorophenyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane 1d



To a solution of 4-chloro-1-bromoenzene (0.4038 g, 2.10 mmol) in THF (10.0 mL) at -78 °C was added 'BuLi (3.3 mL, 4.62 mmol, 1.4M) dropwise resulting in a yellow solution. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min to achieve lithium-halogen exchange. The resulting solution mixture was added bromo-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane (0.62 g, 0.756 mmol) at -78 °C and stirred for 1 h than warmed up to rt for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL) and a solution of 1.0 M NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred. Following extraction with $(2 \times 20.0 \text{ mL})$ of Et₂O, the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated in vacuo to give green oily residue which was purified by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) to give (4chlorophenyl)germane 1d as a pale yellow oil (0.5168 g, 80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.20 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.84 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.74 (s, 4H, 2 × GeCH₂Nap), 7.07 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.25 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.36 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.42-7.49 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.66 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.81 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 1.8 (t), 22.4 (2t), 26.2 (t, J_{CF} 23.5 Hz), 108.3 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.7 (3s), 110.97 (s), 111.01 (s), 117.9 (s), 125.0 (2d), 125.7 (2d), 126.2 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 127.2 (2d), 127.6 (2d), 128.2 (2d), 128.6 (2d), 131.3 (2s), 133.7 (2s), 134.7 (s), 135.1 (2d), 135.7 (s), 136.1 (2s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -125.2 (s, 2F), -122.5 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -121.0 (m, 6F), -115.4 [quintet, J = 15 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -79.8 [t, J = 10 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃]; IR v_{max} (neat) 3048 (C-H), 2980 (C-H) 1596 (C=C), 1405 (C-F), 1264, 1090 (C-Cl), 895, 749 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 773 { $[M(^{35}Cl)-NapCH_2]^+$, 1}, 429 (1), 401 (2), 141 (100); HRMS (FAB⁺) calc'd. for $C_{27}H_{17}^{-74}Ge$ [M- $(NapCH_2)^+$ 772.9954, found 772.9952, \triangle -0.2 ppm.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)bisnaphthalen-2-yl-(2-methoxyphenyl)germane 1e



To a solution of 2-methoxy-1-bromobenzene (0.3324 g, 1.78 mmol) in THF (10.0 mL) at -78 °C was added 'BuLi (2.6 mL, 3.64 mmol, 1.4M) dropwise resulting in a yellow solution. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min to achieve lithium-halogen exchange. The resulting solution mixture was added bromo-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane (0.5234 g, 0.593 mmol) at -78 °C and stirred for 1 h than warmed up to rt for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL) and a solution of 1.0 M NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred. Following extraction with $(2 \times 20.0 \text{ mL})$ of Et₂O, the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated in vacuo to give green oily residue which was purified by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 95/5) to give (2*methoxyphenyl*)germane **1e** as a pale yellow oil (0.4706 g, 87%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.19 (m, 2H, CH_2CH_2Ge), 1.89 (m, 2H, CH_2CH_2Ge), 2.78 (s, 4H, 2 × Ge CH_2Nap), 3.69 (s, 3H, O CH_3), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.34-7.39 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.40-7.46 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 2.7 (t), 22.7 (2t), 26.6 (t, J_{CF} 23.2 Hz), 54.7 (q), 108.4 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.7 (2s), 109.6 (2d), 111.0 (2s), 111.1 (s), 118.2 (s), 121.0 (2d), 124.5 (s), 124.6 (2d), 125.7 (2d), 125.9 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 127.5 (2d+s), 127.8 (2d), 131.1 (d), 131.2 (s), 133.7 (2s), 134.9 (d), 137.3 (2s), 162.8 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -125.1 (s, 2F), -122.6 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -121.0 (m, 6F), -115.3 [quintet, J = 14.7 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -79.8 [t, J = 9.8 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃]; IR v_{max} (neat) 3032 (C-H), 2980 (C-H) 1595 (C=C), 1507, 1412 (C-F), 1265, 896, 748 cm⁻¹; m/z (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 769 [(M-NapCH₂)⁺, 1], 463 (1), 341 (5), 141 (100); HRMS (FAB^+) calc'd. for $C_{28}H_{20}F_{17}O^{70}Ge [M-(NapCH_2)^+]$ 765.0480, found 765.0480, $\Delta 0.0$ ppm.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane 1f



To oven dried magnesium turnings (0.032 g, 1.34 mmol) in THF (33.0 mL) was added 4trifluoromethylbromobenzene (1.23 g, 1.23 mL, 1.34 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h to initiate Grignard reagent formation. To the resulting orange coloured reaction mixture was added a solution of bromo-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane (0.500 g, 0.600 mmol) in THF (2.00 mL) dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h. A sat. solution of NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred and the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et₂O (40.0 mL) and water (10.0 mL), extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2×10.0 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Purification by FC (petrol \rightarrow petrol/EtOAc, 95/5) gave (4-trifluoromethylphenyl)germane **1f** as a colourless oil (0.474 g, 84%). R_f 0.31 (petrol/ EtOAc, 95/5); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.83 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.76 (s, 4H, 2 × GeCH₂Nap), 7.06 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.35 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.48 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.61 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.79 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 1.9 (t), 22.4 (2t), 26.2 (t), 108.4 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.64 (2s), 110.67 (s), 110.95 (s), 110.99 (s), 117.9 (s), 124.77 (s), 124.81 (2d), 125.0 (2d), 125.8 (2d), 126.2 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 127.1 (2d), 127.6 (2d), 128.2 (2d), 131.3 (2s), 133.7 (2s), 134.2 (2d), 135.8 (3s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -125.2 (s, 2F), -122.6 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -121.0 (m, 6F), -115.4 [quintet, J = 15.1 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -79.8 [t, J = 10.0Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -62.0 (s, 3F, ArCF₃); IR v_{max} (neat) 3020 (C-H), 2985 (C-H) 1593 (C=C), 1421 (C-F),

1265, 897, 740 cm⁻¹; m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 948 (M⁺, 55), 807 (71), 787 (16), 769 (20), 549 (23), 141 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₃₉H₂₆⁷⁴GeF₂₀ (M⁺) 948.0927, found 948.0962, Δ 3.7 ppm; Analysis for C₃₉H₂₉GeF₂₀ expected C 50.49%, H 3.10%, found C 50.54%, H 2.99%.

Photoactivation/cross-coupling reactions (Table 1):



General method for photoactivation

To a solution of the *arylgermane* (0.076 mmol) in MeCN/MeOH (3/1 v/v, 20 mL) in a Pyrex Schlenk tube (1 mm thick) was added powdered Cu(BF₄)₂·nH₂O (0.084 g). The resulting mixture was purged with argon for 30 min before irradiating using a 125 W high pressure Hg lamp for 1 h. A further portion of powdered Cu(BF₄)₂·nH₂O (0.084 g) was then added and the solution irradiated for a furter 1 h. After this time, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was taken up in CH₂Cl₂ (20.0 mL), washed with water (2 × 8.00 mL) and dried over MgSO₄ to give the crude *difluoroarylgermane*.

The progress of the photolysis can be conveniently monitored by ¹⁹F NMR. For example, for the photolysis of arylgermane **1a**:

The ¹⁹F NMR after <2 h displays a singlet at $\delta_{\rm F}$ -202.4 ppm which corresponds to the mono-germyl fluoride {(*3*,*3*,*4*,*4*,*5*,*5*,*6*,*6*,*7*,*7*,*8*,*8*,*9*,*9*,*10*,*10*,*10*-*heptadecafluorodecyl*)(*4*-*methoxyphenyl*)(*naphthalen*-2-*ylmethyl*)germyl *fluoride*: R_f 0.40 (CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.43 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.11 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 3.03 (m, 2H, GeCH₂Nap), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.99 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.26 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.40 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.52 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.59 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.72-7.85 (m, 3H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 6.1 (t), 25.1 (t), 26.3 (t), 55.1 (q), 108.7 (s), 110.6 (s), 111.1 (s), 111.4 (3s), 114.5 (2d), 118.4 (s), 125.1 (d), 126.27 (d), 126.31 (d), 127.1 (2d), 127.6 (d), 128.5 (d), 131.6 (s), 133.1 (s), 133.7 (s), 134.3 (2d), 161.7 (s), 1 × (s) carbon signal absent; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -202.4 (s, GeF), -125.2 (s, 2F), -122.5 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -120.9 (m, 6F), -115.3 [quintet, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -79.8 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 788 (M⁺, 1), 530 (70), 281 (70), 57 (100).}

After 2 h the peak for this mono-germyl fluoride has disappeared and the ¹⁹F NMR displays three singlets at δ_F - 163.6, -164.1 and -165.3 ppm which correspond to the difluorogermane and/or a derivative thereof {*m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 666 (M⁺, 1), 410 (25), 328 (30), 149 (60), 57 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₁⁷⁴GeF₁₉O (M⁺) 665.9718, found 665.9701, Δ 2.7 ppm.}

The by-product of the photooxidation, 2-*naphthylmethyl methyl ether*, shows the following diagnostic ¹H NMR signals: ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.41 (s, 3H, OMe), 4.62 (s, 2H, ArCH₂), 7.40-7.48 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.75-7.83 (m, 4H, ArH).

If the solution has not been efficiently deoxygenated, some 2-*naphthaldehyde* forms and shows the following diagnostic ¹H NMR signals: ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.55-7.63 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.88-7.96 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.35 (s. 1H, ArH), 10.22 (s, 1H, ArCHO); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 156 (M⁺, 100), 127 (90), 91(20), 58 (50).

Typical method for cross-coupling of crude photoactivated germane

Entry 1: 4-Methoxy-3',5'-bis(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl 3a³

The crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1a** (31.1 mg, 0.047 mmol) and TBAF (44.2 mg, 0.14 mmol) was dissolved in degassed DMF (2 mL) and stirred for 30 min. PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (1.2 mg, 0.0046 mmol) and P(2-Tol)₃ (2.2 mg, 0.007 mmol) were dissolved degased DMF (1 mL) for 30 min the active catalytic species. The catalyst solution was added to the difluoroarylgermane solution followed by adding *3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)bromobenzene* (27.2 mg, 0.093 mmol, 16 μ L) and CuI (9.3 mg, 0.047 mmol). The resulting mixture heated at 120 °C for 16 h under nitrogen atmosphere. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL) and washed with water (3 × 10.0 mL), the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3a** as a clear liquid (14.0 mg, 96%). R_f 0.22 (cyclohexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.81 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.91 (s, 2H, ArH). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -62.8 (s, 6F, 2 × CF₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 67 MHz) δ 55.4 (q), 114.7 (d), 120.2 (d), 126.6 (d), 128.4 (d), 5 quaternary carbons not seen; IR v_{max} (neat) 2940, 2842, 1610, 1521, 1383, 1279, 1185, 1132, 1061, 830, 682 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (EI) (rel. intensity) 320 (M⁺⁺, 100), 305 (16), 301 (20), 277 (60), 251 (9), 188 (13); HRMS calc'd for C₁₅H₁₀F₆ O 320.0636, found 320.0625, Δ 3.4 ppm.

Entry 2: 4-Chloro-4'-methoxybiphenyl 3b⁴

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1a** (48.3 mg, 0.07 mmol), TBAF (66.6 mg, 0.211 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (1.8 mg, 0.007 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.2 mg, 0.0105mmol), *4-chlorobromobenzene* (27 mg, 0.141 mmol) and CuI (14 mg, 0.07 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3b** as a colourless oil (13.1 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.96-6.99 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.37-7.39 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.46-7.51 (m, 4H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 55.3 (q), 114.3 (2d), 127.9 (2d), 128.0 (2d), 128.8 (2d), 132.4 (s), 132.6 (s), 139.2 (s), 159.2 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 218 (M⁺, 100), 203 (40), 175 (30); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₃H₁₁³⁵ClO (M⁺) 218.0498, found 218.0499, Δ 0.3 ppm.

Entry 3: 4-Methoxy-4'-(phenylmethoxy)biphenyl 3c

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1a** (48.3 mg, 0.07 mmol) , TBAF (66.6 mg, 0.211 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (1.8 mg , 0.007 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.2 mg , 0.0105 mmol), *4-(phenylmethoxy)bromobenzene* (34.8 mg, 0.141 mmol) and CuI (14 mg, 0.07 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3c** as a colourless oil (12.5 mg, 65%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.11 (s, 2H, ArOCH₂Ph), 6.97 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.04 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.32-7.36 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.41 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.46-7.50 (m, 6H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 55.3 (q), 70.1 (t), 114.2 (d), 115.1 (3d), 127.5 (2d), 127.8 (4d), 128.0 (d), 128.6 (2d), 133.4 (s), 133.7 (s), 137.0 (s) 157.9 (s), 158.7 (s); IR ν_{max} (neat) 3027 (C-H), 2988 (C-H) 1567 (C=C), 980, 870 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 290 (M⁺, 60), 199 (100), 149 (35), 91 (60); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₂₀H₁₈O₂ (M⁺) 290.1307, found 290.1303, Δ -1.3 ppm.

Entry 4: 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)naphthalene 3d^{5,6}

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1a** (48.3 mg, 0.07 mmol), TBAF (66.6 mg, 0.211 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (1.8 mg, 0.007 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.2 mg, 0.0105 mmol), *1-bromonaphthalene* (29.8 mg, 0.143 mmol, 20 µL) and CuI (40.1 mg, 0.201 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *1-(4-methoxyphenyl)naphthalene* **3d** as white plates (12.4 mg, 75%). R_f 0.16 (cyclohexane); mp. 110.4-116.2 °C (*cf.* 114-115 °C⁷).¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.90 (s, 3H, OC*H*₃), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.46 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.47-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.92 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 55.3 (q), 113.7 (2d), 125.4 (d), 125.7 (d), 125.9 (d), 126.0 (d), 126.9 (d), 127.3 (d), 128.2 (d), 131.1 (2d), 131.8 (s), 133.1 (s), 133.8 (s), 139.9 (s), 158.9 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 234 (M⁺, 100%), 219 (38), 203 (14), 189 (55), 163 (9), 101 (23), 95 (29); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₄O (M⁺) 234.1045, found 234.1041, Δ –1.6 ppm.

Entry 5: 4-Methyl-3',5'-bis-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl 3e^{8,9}

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1b** (55.2 mg, 0.085 mmol), TBAF (80.0 mg, 0.254 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.0085 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.9 mg, 0.0128 mmol), *3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)bromobenzene* (49.8 mg, 0.17 mmol, 29.3 µL) and CuI (17.5 mg, 0.088 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3e** as a colourless oil (21.8 mg, 84%). R_f 0.65 (cyclohexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 2.43 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.82 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.99 (s, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 21.2 (q), 120.6 (2s), 122.1 (d), 126.9 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 130.0 (2d), 131.8 (s), 132.2 (s), 135.3 (s), 139.0 (s), 143.2 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 304 (M⁺, 91), 285 (19), 235 (66), 215 (39), 165 (100), 91 (66), 69 (25); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₀F₆ (M⁺) 304.0687, found 304.0681, Δ –1.9 ppm.

Entry 6: 4-Chloro-4'-methylbiphenyl 3f¹⁰

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1b** (55.2mg, 0.085 mmol), TBAF (80.0 mg, 0.254 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.0085 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.9 mg, 0.0128 mmol), *4-chloro-bromobenzene* (32.6mg, 0.170 mmol) and CuI (17.5 mg, 0.088 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3f** as a colourless oil (11.9 mg, 69 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 2.40 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 7.24 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.37-7.40 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.48 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 21.1 (q), 126.8 (2d), 128.17 (2d), 128.21 (d), 128.8 (d), 129.0 (d), 129.6 (d), 133.0 (s), 137.1 (s), 137.4 (s), 139.6 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 202 [M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 100), 165 (65), 82 (40); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₃H₁₁³⁵Cl (M⁺) 202.0549, found 202.0557, Δ 3.8 ppm.

Entry 7: 4-Methyl-4'-(phenylmethoxy)biphenyl 3g

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1b** (55.2mg, 0.085 mmol), TBAF (80.0 mg, 0.254 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.0085 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.9 mg, 0.0128 mmol), *4-(phenylmethoxy)bromobenzene* (44.8 mg, 0.17 mmol) and CuI (17.5 mg, 0.088 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3g** as a colourless oil (11.2 mg, 48 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 2.38 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 5.11 (s, 2H, ArOCH₂Ph), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.30-7.36 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.38-7.42 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.43-7.47 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 21.1 (q), 70.1 (t), 115.1 (2d), 126.6 (2d), 127.5 (2d), 128.0 (3d), 128.6

(2d), 129.4 (2d), 134.0 (s), 136.4 (s), 137.0 (s), 137.9 (s), 158.1 (s); IR v_{max} (neat) 3026 (C-H), 2852 (C-H) 1532 (C=C), 900, 750, 670 cm⁻¹; m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 274 (M⁺, 30), 183 (20), 141 (25), 91 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for (M⁺) C₂₀H₁₈O 274.1358, found 274.1359, Δ 0.5 ppm.

Entry 8: **1-(4-Methylphenyl)naphthalene 3h**¹¹

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1b** (55.2mg, 0.085 mmol), TBAF (80.0 mg, 0.254 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.0085 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.9 mg, 0.0128 mmol), *1-bromonaphthalene* (35.4 mg, 0.171 mmol, 23.8 µL) and CuI (37.1 mg, 0.186 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *1-(4-methylphenyl)naphthalene* **3h** as white plates (13.2 mg, 71 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 2.47 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.49-7.55 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.93 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 21.2 (q), 125.4 (d), 125.7 (d), 125.9 (d), 126.1 (d), 126.9 (d), 127.4 (d), 128.2 (d), 129.0 (2d), 129.3 (2d), 131.7 (s), 133.8 (s), 136.9 (s), 137.8 (s), 140.2 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 218 (M⁺, 100), 203 970), 202 (85), 108 (50); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₄ (M⁺) 218.1096, found 218.1098, Δ 1.1 ppm.

Entry 9: 3',5'-bis-(Trifluoromethyl)biphenyl 3i⁸

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1c** (50.6 mg, 0.08 mmol), TBAF (80.0 mg, 0.254 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.1 mg, 0.0081 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.7 mg, 0.088 mmol), *3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)bromobenzene* (46.8 mg, 0.160 mmol, 27.5 μ L) and CuI (17.5 mg, 0.0111 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3i** as a colourless oil (17.1 mg, 74 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.45-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.61-7.63 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.86 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.01 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.03 (s, 2H, ArH); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 290 (M⁺, 100); 57 (40); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₄H₈F₆ (M⁺) 290.0530, found 290.0523, Δ -2.5 ppm.

Entry 10: 4-Chlorobiphenyl 3j¹²

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1c** (50.6 mg, 0.08 mmol), TBAF (80.0 mg, 0.254 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.1 mg, 0.0081 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.7 mg, 0.088 mmol), *4-chlorobromobenzene* (30.5 mg, 0.159 mmol) and CuI (17.5 mg, 0.088 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3j** as a colourless oil (9.5 mg, 63 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.34-7.40 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.41-7.45 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.47-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.56 (m, 3H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 127.0 (d), 127.6 (d), 128.2 (2d), 128.4 (d), 128.9 (d), 129.0 (3d), 133.7 (s), 134.6 (s), 136.6 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 188 [M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 80], 152 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₂H₉³⁵Cl (M⁺)188.0393, found 188.0385, Δ -4.1 ppm.

Entry 11: **4-(Phenylmethoxy)biphenyl 3k**⁵

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1c** (50.6 mg, 0.08 mmol), TBAF (80.0 mg, 0.254 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.1 mg, 0.0081 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.7 mg, 0.088 mmol), *4-(phenylmethoxy)bromobenzene* (41.9 mg, 0.159 mmol) and CuI (17.5 mg, 0.088 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3k** as a colourless oil (8.3 mg, 40%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.12 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.38-7.48 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.51-7.56 (m, 4H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 70.1 (t), 115.1

(2d), 126.67 (d), 126.73 (2d), 127.5 (2d), 128.0 (d), 128.2 (2d), 128.6 (2d), 128.7 (2d), 134.2 (s), 135.7 (s), 140.1 (s), 158.3 (s); m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 260 (M⁺, 40), 91 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₉H₁₆O (M⁺) 260.1601, found 260.1190, Δ -4.3 ppm.

Entry 12: 1-Phenylnaphthalene 3l¹¹

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1c** (50.6 mg, 0.08 mmol), TBAF (80.0 mg, 0.254 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.1 mg, 0.0081 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.7 mg, 0.088 mmol), *1-bromonaphthalene* (32.9 mg, 0.159 mmol, 22.1 µL) and CuI (17.5 mg, 0.088 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *1-phenylnaphthalene* **3l** as white plates (9.8 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.41-7.45 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.47-7.55 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.1 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 125.4 (d), 125.8 (d), 126.0 (2d), 126.9 (d), 127.2 (d), 127.6 (d), 128.2 (3d), 130.1 (2d), 130.2 (s), 133.8 (s), 140.2 (s), 140.7 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 204 (M⁺, 100), 101 (20); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₂ (M⁺) 204.0903, found 204.0903, Δ 0.0 ppm.

Entry 13: 4-Chloro-3',5'-bis-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl 3m⁸

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1d** (52.2 mg, 0.0782 mmol), TBAF (74 mg, 0.235 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.1 mg, 0.008 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.7 mg, 0.012 mmol), *3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)bromobenzene* (45.9 mg, 0.157 mmol, 27 μ L) and CuI (15.6 mg, 0.078 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3m** as a colourless oil (17.9 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.51-7.57 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.87 (s, 2H, ArH); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 324 [M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 35], 149 (50), 83 (90), 41 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₄H₇³⁵ClF₆ (M⁺) 324.0140, found 324.0137, Δ -1.1 ppm.

Entry 14: 4-Chloro-4'-(phenylmethoxy)biphenyl 3n

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1d** (52.2 mg, 0.0782 mmol), TBAF (74 mg, 0.235 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.1 mg, 0.008 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.7 mg, 0.012 mmol), *4-(phenylmethoxy)bromobenzene* (41 mg, 0.156 mmol) and CuI (15.6 mg, 0.078 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3n** as a colourless oil (9.7 mg, 42%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.14 (s, 2H, ArOCH₂Ph), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.31-7.42 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.44-7.50 (m, 6H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 70.1 (t), 115.1 (d), 126.7 (d), 127.5 (d), 127.7 (d), 127.9 (2d), 128.0 (2d), 128.3 (d), 128.6 (d), 128.8 (d), 128.9 (d), 129.1 (d), 132.6 (s), 132.7 (s), 136.8 (s), 139.2 (s), 158.5 (s); IR ν_{max} (neat) 3035 (C-H), 2893 (C-H) 1547 (C=C), 870, 738, 665 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 296 [M(³⁷Cl)⁺, 30], 294 [M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 88], 139 (30), 84 (60), 49 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₉H₁₅³⁵ClO (M⁺) 294.0811, found 294.0807, Δ -1.5 ppm.

Entry 15: 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)naphthalene 30¹³

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1d** (52.2 mg, 0.0782 mmol), TBAF (74 mg, 0.235 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.1 mg, 0.008 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.7 mg, 0.012 mmol), *1-bromonaphthalene* (32.8 mg, 0.158 mmol, 22 μ L) and CuI (15.6 mg, 0.078 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *1-(4-chlorophenyl)naphthalene* **3o** as white plates (13.9 mg, 75%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.39-7.41 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.49-7.55 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H,

ArH), 7.88 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.92 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 125.3 (d), 125.6 (d), 125.7 (d), 126.2 (d), 126.9 (d), 128.0 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.5 (2d), 130.1 (s), 131.3 (2d), 133.3 (s), 133.8 (s), 138.9 (s), 139.1 (s); m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 238 [M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 35], 203 (35), 202 (35), 84 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₁³⁵Cl (M⁺) 238.0549, found 238.0541, Δ -3.9 ppm.

Entry 16: 4-Chloro-2'-nitrobiphenyl 3p^{14, 15}

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1d** (37.7 mg, 0.056 mmol), TBAF (53.3 mg, 0.169 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (1.5 mg, 0.006 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (2.6 mg, 0.0087 mmol), 2-*bromonitrobenzene* (22.8 mg, 0.113 mmol) and CuI (11.2 mg, 0.056 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 94/6) to give *biphenyl* **3p** as a pale yellow oil (8.1 mg, 61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.44 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.53 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.65 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 124.3 (d), 128.5 (d), 128.9 (2d), 129.3 (2d), 131.8 (d), 132.5 (d), 134.5 (s), 135.2 (s), 135.9 (s), 149.0 (s); IR v_{max} (neat) 3054 (C-H), 2986 (C-H), 1588 (C=C), 1535 (N=O), 1472 (C-N), 1265 (N=O), 1009, 818, 738 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 235 [M(³⁷Cl)⁺, 15], 233 [M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 45], 199 (70), 156 (80), 141 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc³d. for C₁₂H₈³⁵ClNO₂ (M⁺) 233.0244, found 233.0241, Δ -1.1 ppm.

Entry 17: 2-Methoxy-3',5'-bis-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl 3q

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1e** (61.5 mg, 0.092 mmol), TBAF (87.4 mg, 0.277 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.4 mg, 0.0093 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (4.2 mg, 0.0139 mmol), *3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)bromobenzene* (53.9 mg, 0.184 mmol, 31.7 μL) and CuI (18.4 mg, 0.092 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3q** as a colourless oil (19.2 mg, 65%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.02 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41 (td, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.82 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.98 (s, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 55.6 (q), 111.3 (2d), 120.6 (2s), 121.2 (d), 127.5 (s), 129.7 (2d), 130.2 (d), 130.6 (d), 131.0 (2s), 140.5 (s), 156.0 (s); IR ν_{max} (CH₂Cl₂) 3020 (C-H), 1605 (C=C), 1438 (C-F), 896, 738 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 320 (M⁺, 70), 305 (20), 285 (30), 236 (40), 84 (70), 49 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₀F₆O (M⁺) 320.0636, found 320.0632, Δ -1.2 ppm.

Entry 18: 2-Methoxy-4'-chloro-1,1'-biphenyl 3r¹²

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1e** (61.5 mg, 0.092 mmol), TBAF (87.4 mg, 0.277 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.4 mg, 0.0093 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (4.2 mg, 0.0139 mmol), *4-chlorobromobenzene* (35.2 mg, 0.185 mmol) and CuI (18.4 mg, 0.092 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *biphenyl* **3r** as a colourless oil (9.9 mg, 49%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.30-7.44 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 55.5 (q), 111.2 (2d), 120.9 (2s), 121.2 (d), 127.4 (s), 129.6 (2d), 130.4 (d), 130.6 (d), 131.0 (2s), 140.2 (s), 156.3 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 218 [M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 75), 168 (100), 49 (45); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₃H₁₁³⁵ClO (M⁺) 218.0498, found 218.0496, Δ –0.9 ppm.

Entry 19: 2-Methoxy-4'-(phenylmethoxy)biphenyl 3s

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1e** (61.5 mg, 0.092 mmol), TBAF (87.4 mg, 0.277 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.4 mg, 0.0093 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (4.2 mg, 0.0139 mmol), *4-(phenylmethoxy)bromobenzene* (48.4 mg, 0.184 mmol) and CuI (18.4 mg, 0.092 mmol) were employed. The crude mixture was analysed by GC-MS [*Column:* SGE25QC3/BP5 25 m × 0.25 mm; *Carrier gas:* He; *Oven temp:* 60 °C (3 min),60 °C \rightarrow 300 °C over12 min]. A yield of 11% for *biphenyl* **3s** was deduced from the ratio of peak intensities for 2-naphthylmethyl methyl ether (Rt 8.1 min, *m/z* 172) *vs. biphenyl* **3s** (Rt 13.3 min, *m/z* 290). *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 290 (M⁺, 20), 91 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₂₀H₁₈O 290.1307, found 290.1301, Δ -2.0 ppm.

Entry 20: 1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)naphthalene 3t¹²

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1e** (61.5 mg, 0.092 mmol), TBAF (87.4 mg, 0.277 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2.4 mg, 0.0093 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (4.2 mg, 0.0139 mmol), *1-bromonaphthalene* (38.1 mg, 0.184 mmol, 25.6 µL) and CuI (18.4 mg, 0.092 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) gave *1-(2-methoxyphenyl)naphthalene* **3t** as white plates (5.8 mg, 27%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.37-7.46 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.87 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 55.6 (q), 110.9 (2d), 120.5 (2d), 125.3 (s), 125.5 (s), 125.6 (2d), 126.4 (d), 127.3 (s), 127.6 (d), 128.1 (d), 129.0 (s), 131.9 (2d), 153.2 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 234 (9M+, 100), 219 (35), 189 (40); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₄O (M⁺) 234.1045, found 234.1045, Δ 0.0 ppm.

Entry 21: 4-Trifluoromethyl-3',5'-bis-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl 3u⁸

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1f** (46.1 mg, 0.066 mmol), TBAF (62 mg, 0.197 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (1.7 mg, 0.0066 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3 mg, 0.0099 mmol), *3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)bromobenzene* (38.4 mg, 0.131 mmol, 22.6 µL) and CuI (13 mg, 0.066 mmol) were employed. The crude mixture was analysed by GC-MS [*Column:* SGE25QC3/BP5 25 m × 0.25 mm; *Carrier gas:* He; *Oven temp:* 60 °C (3 min),60 °C \rightarrow 300 °C over12 min]. A yield of 26% for *biphenyl* **3u** was deduced from the ratio of peak intensities for 2-naphthylmethyl methyl ether (R_t 8.0 min, *m/z* 172) *vs. biphenyl* **3u** (R_t 6.6 min, *m/z* 358). *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 358 (M⁺, 25), 84 (70), 49 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₅H₇F₉ (M⁺) 358.0404, found 358.0386, Δ -5.0 ppm.

Entry 22: 4-Trifluoromethyl-4'-chloro-1,1'-biphenyl 3v¹⁶

Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **1f** (46.1 mg, 0.066 mmol), TBAF (62 mg, 0.197 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (1.7 mg, 0.0066 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3 mg, 0.0099 mmol), 4*chlorobromobenzene* (25.1 mg, 0.131 mmol) and CuI (13 mg, 0.066 mmol) were employed. The crude mixture was analysed by GC-MS [*Column:* SGE25QC3/BP5 25 m × 0.25 mm; *Carrier gas:* He; *Oven temp:* 60 °C (3 min),60 °C \rightarrow 300 °C over12 min]. A yield of 11% for *biphenyl* **3v** was deduced from the ratio of peak intensities for 2-naphthylmethyl methyl ether (R_t 8.0 min, *m/z* 172) *vs. biphenyl* **3v** (R_t 10.2 min, *m/z* 256). *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 256 (M⁺, 50), 141 (100), 115 (45); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₃H₈³⁵ClF₃ (M⁺) 256.0267, found 256.0265, Δ -0.6 ppm.

Stability profiling of fluorous-tagged phenylgermane 1c (Table 2)

Stability tests were carried out using 8 different conditions on fluorous-tagged aryl germane **1c** using either 9methylanthrance (**4**) or 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**5**) as the internal standard.^{17, 18} The tests were performed in duplicate in parallel against control runs containing no reagents. Thus, a solution of the fluorous-tagged arylgermane **1c** (5 mg) and internal standard **4** or **5** (1 mg) in the appropriate reaction solvent (5 mL) was allowed to stir at RT for 3 h. The reaction mixtures were then quenched with water (5 mL) and diluted with Et₂O (5 mL) before being extracted with Et₂O (5 × 10 mL). The organic layer was evapourated to dryness under a stream of N₂ and the residue was dissolved with acetonitrile (5 mL) for analysis by HPLC as follows: *Column:* XTerra RP8 4.6 mm × 150 mm, 5 μ m; *Mobile phase:* MeCN/H₂O = 80:20; *Flow rate:* 1 mLmin⁻¹; *Detection:* UV diode array at 245 nm; *Injection volume:* 2 μ L. The ratio of the peak areas was calculated for substrate **1c** and internal standard **4** or **5**. The mean percentage recovery of compound **1c** over the two runs was compared to the reagentless control run in appropriate solvents for each of the 8 conditions. The chromatograms for representative control runs using internal standards **4** and **5** are shown below.





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#	Conditions ^a	Ref.	Rec. 1c/% (Run 1) ^{<i>a</i>}	Rec. 1c/% (Run 2) ^{<i>a</i>}	Rec. 1c/% (Mean) ^a
1	NaBH ₄ , THF	4	106	107	107
2	LiAlH ₄ , THF	5	97	110	104
3	Hydrazine/DMF (2% v/v)	4	114	93	104
4	HS(CH ₂) ₂ OH, DBU, DMF	4	109	95	102
5	Piperidine/DMF (20% v/v)	4	111	91	101
6	TBAF, THF	4	101	103	102
7	m-CPBA, CH ₂ Cl ₂	4	75	76	76
8	TFA/CH ₂ Cl ₂ (50% v/v)	4	18	22	20

^a% recovery of **1c** by HPLC vs. the internal standard.

Table Showing stability profile of fluorous-tagged phenylgermane 1c.

Synthesis of Boscalid $^{\odot}$ (16) and its alkynyl derivatives 17 and 18 (Scheme 1)

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)(4-iodophenyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane 1g



To a solution of 1,4-diiodobenzene (0.1258 g, 0.382 mmol) in THF (10.0 mL) at -78 °C was added 'BuLi (0.546mL, 0.764 mmol, 1.4M) dropwise resulting in a dark red solution. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min to achieve lithium-halogen exchange. The resulting solution mixture was added bromo-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)bis-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)germane (0.281 g, 0.319 mmol) at -78 °C and stirred for 1 h than warmed up to rt for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL) and a solution of 1.0 M NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred. Following extraction with (2 \times 20.0 mL) of Et₂O, the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated in vacuo to give green oily residue which was purified by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) to give (4iodophenyl)germane 1f as a pale yellow oil (0.4706 g, 87%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.20 (m, 2H, CH_2CH_2Ge), 1.87 (m, 2H, CH_2CH_2Ge), 2.77 (s, 4H, 2 × Ge CH_2Nap), 7.07 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.25 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.35 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.47 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.65 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 1.8 (t), 22.4 (2t), 26.2 (t, J_{CF} 23.0 Hz), 96.2 (s), 108.3 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.7 (3s), 110.97 (s), 111.01 (s), 117.9 (s), 125.0 (2d), 125.7 (2d), 126.2 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 127.2 (2d), 127.6 (2d), 128.2 (2d), 128.6 (2d), 131.3 (2s), 133.7 (2s), 135.1 (2d), 135.7 (s), 136.1 (2s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ-126.1 (s, 2F), -123.6 (s, 2F), -122.7 (s, 2F), -121.9 (m, 6F), -116.3 [quintet, J = 14.5 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -80.7 [t, J = 10 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃]; IR v_{max} (neat) 3035 (C-H), 2988 (C-H) 1549 (C=C), 1421 (C-F), 1265, 1050 (C-I), 896, 740 cm⁻¹; m/z (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 864 $[(M-NapCH_2)^+, 2], 803 (1), 709 (5), 141 (100); HRMS (FAB^+) calc'd. for C_{27}H_{17}F_{17}^{74}GeI [M-(NapCH_2)^+]$ 864.9310, found 864.9307, Δ -0.3 ppm.

4-Chloro-2'-aminobiphenyl 11¹⁴



To a solution of *4-chloro-2'-nitrobiphenyl* (**3p**, 15 mg, 0.064 mmol) in THF-EtOH (1:1, 10 mL) was added tin(II) chloride (122 mg, 0.64 mmol) and conc. HC (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h. A sat. solution of K₂CO₃ was added and the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et₂O (40.0 mL) and water (10.0 mL). The phases were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10.0 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 90/10) gave *4-chloro-2'-aminobiphenyl* **11** as a colourless oil (10.3 mg, 88%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.73 (brs, 2H, NH₂), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.83 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.17 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.38-7.46 (m, 4H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 115.7 (d), 118.7 (d), 126.3 (s), 128.8 (d), 129.0 (2d), 130.3 (d), 130.5 (2d), 133.1 (s), 137.9 (s), 143.4 (s); IR υ_{max} (neat) 3475 (N-H), 3383 (N-H), 3083 (C-H), 1886 (comb), 1616 (C=C), 1472 (C-N), 1087, 1008, 810, 744 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 205 [M(³⁷Cl)⁺, 9], 203 [M(³⁵Cl)⁺, 25], 167 (25), 49 (30), 84 (90), 49 (100); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₂H₁₀³⁵ClN (M⁺) 203.0502, found 203.0501, Δ -0.4 ppm.

Boscalid[®] **16**^{19, 20}



To a solution of *4-chloro-2'-aminobiphenyl* (**11**, 20.0 mg, 0.098 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added *2-chloro-3-nicotinic acid* (17.3 mg, 0.098 mmol), DMAP (0.5 mg, 0.004 mmol) and DCC (22.3 mg, 0.108 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h. A sat. solution of K₂CO₃ was added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et₂O (40.0 mL) and water (10.0 mL), extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10.0 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 75/25) gave *Boscalid*[®] (**16**) as a colourless oil (22.1 mg, 65%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.31-7.36 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.41-7.47 (m, 3H, ArH), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.16 (brs, 1H, NH), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.44 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 122.1 (d), 122.9 (d), 125.3 (d), 128.9 (d), 129.3 (2d), 130.2 (d), 130.8 (2d), 131.0 (s), 132.2 (s), 134.3 (s), 134.4 (s), 136.2 (s), 140.1 (d), 146.6 (s), 151.3 (d), 162.5 (s); IR v_{max} (neat) 3338 (N-H), 3084 (C-H), 2935 (C-H), 1887 (comb), 1656 (C=O), 1580 (C=C), 1472, 810 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 347 [M(³⁷Cl³⁷Cl)H⁺, 10], 345 [M(³⁷Cl³⁵Cl)H⁺, 35], 343 [M(³⁵Cl³⁵Cl)H⁺, 40], 309 (15), 225 (100); HRMS (CI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₈H₁₃³⁵Cl₂N₂O (MH⁺) 343.0405, found 343.0409, Δ 1.1 ppm.

trimethylsilylethynylphenyl)germane 6



Using conditions adapted from those of Menchi,²¹ Pd(OAc)₂ (1.0 mg, 0.0045 mmol) and PPh₃ (3.7 mg, 0.014 mmol) were dissolved in degased DMF (1 mL) and stirred for 30 min at RT to give a solution of the active Pd(0) catalyst. This solution was then added to a solution of (*4-iodophenyl)germane* **1g** (25.1 mg, 0.025 mmol) in degassed DMF (2 mL). *Trimethylsilylacetylene* (4.9 mg, 0.05 mmol, 7 μ L), CuI (2 mg, 0.01 mmol) and ^{*n*}BuNH₂ (5 mL) were then added to the reaction mixture and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL), washed with water (3 × 10.0 mL), the organic phase

dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 95/5) gave *alkynylgermane* **6** as a pale yellow oil (12.6 mg, 52%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; C₆D₆): δ 0.27 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃), 1.02 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.71 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.36 (s, 4H, 2 × GeCH₂Nap), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.18-7.20 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.46 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; C₆D₆) δ 0.07 (3s), 2.1 (t), 22.5 (2t), 26.6 (t, *J_{CF}* 23.0 Hz), 95.8 (s), 105.6 (s), 105.8 (s), 110.7 (s), 111.2 (s), 111.3 (s), 111.6 (3s), 118.6 (s), 124.7 (s), 125.3 (2d), 126.1 (2d), 126.5 (2d), 127.3 (2d), 127.5 (2d), 128.0 (2d), 128.4 (2d), 131.9 (2d), 132.0 (2s), 134.2 (2d), 134.4 (2s), 136.6 (2s), 138.0 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; C₆D₆): δ -125.1 (s, 2F), -122.3 (s, 2F), -121.7 (s, 2F), -120.8 (m, 4F), -120.3 (s, 2F), -114.9 [quintet, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -79.9 [t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃]; IR ν_{max} (neat) 3052 (C-H), 2982 (C-H), 2360 (CC), 1592 (C=C), 1421 (C-F), 1260 (C-Si), 897, 740 cm⁻¹; *m*/z (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 835 [(M-NapCH₂)⁺, 60], 709 (55), 313 (80), 141 (100); HRMS (FAB⁺) calc'd. for C₃₂H₂₆F₁₇⁷⁴GeSi [M-(NapCH₂)⁺] 835.0739, found 835.0734, Δ -0.6 ppm.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl){4-[(3-methyl-3-hydroxybutynyl)phenyl]}germane 8



Using conditions adapted from those of Menchi,²¹ Pd(OAc)₂ (1.5 mg, 0.007 mmol) and PPh₃ (5.5 mg, 0.021 mmol) were dissolved in degased DMF (1 mL) and stirred for 30 min at RT to give a solution of the active Pd(0) catalyst. This solution was then added to a solution of (4-iodophenyl)germane 1g (128.6 mg, 0.128 mmol) in degassed DMF (2 mL). 2-Methylbut-3-yn-2-ol (21.5 mg, 0.256 mmol, 25 µL), CuI (2.8 mg, 0.014 mmol) and ⁿBuNH₂ (5 mL) were then added to the reaction mixture and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL), washed with water (3 \times 10.0 mL), the organic phase dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated in vacuo. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 85/15) gave alkynylgermane 8 as a pale yellow oil (83.6 mg, 68%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ1.15 (m, 2H, CH_2CH_2Ge), 1.65 (s, 6H, $CC(CH_3)_2OH$), 1.81 (m, 2H, CH_2CH_2Ge), 2.07 (brs, 1H, OH), 2.72 (s, 4H, 2 × GeCH₂Nap), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.34 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.36-7.46 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 1.8 (t), 22.4 (2t), 26.2 (t, J_{CF} 23.0 Hz), 31.5 (2q), 65.7 (s), 81.9 (s), 94.8 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.6 (2s), 110.7 (s), 110.9 (2s), 111.0 (s), 117.9 (s), 123.6 (s), 124.9 (2d), 125.7 (2d), 126.1 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 127.3 (2d), 127.6 (2d), 128.1 (2d), 131.3 (2d+2s), 133.7 (2d+2s), 136.2 (2s), 137.1 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -125.2 (s, 2F), -122.6 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -121.0 (m, 6F), -115.4 [quintet, J = 14.3 Hz, 2F, $(CF_2)_6 CF_2 CF_3$], -79.8 [t, J = 9.8 Hz, 3F, $(CF_2)_6 CF_2 CF_3$]; IR v_{max} (neat) 3320 (OH, br), 3054 (C-H), 2985 (C-H), 2354 (CC), 1595 (C=C), 1421 (C-F), 895, 740 cm⁻¹; m/z (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 821 [(M-NapCH₂)⁺, 55], 551 (50), 279 (45), 141 (100); HRMS (FAB⁺) calc'd. for $C_{32}H_{24}F_{17}O^{74}Ge [M-(NapCH_2)^+] 821.0762$, found 821.0762, Δ -0.2 ppm.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)(4-phenylethynyl)germane 7



Method A: Using conditions adapted from those of Vasella,²² a mixture of K₂CO₃ and KF (1:1 w/w, 100 mg) was added to a solution of (4-trimethylsilylethynylphenyl)germane 6 (115.6 mg, 0.118 mmol) in MeOH-THF (1:1 v/v, 10 mL) and the resulting reaction mixture stirred at 80 °C for 8 h. The resulting reaction mixture was the diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL), washed with water (3×10.0 mL) and the organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated in vacuo. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 95/5) gave (4-phenylethynyl)germane 7 as pale yellow oil (69.7 mg, 67%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.14 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.81 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.72 (s, 4H, $2 \times \text{GeC}H_2$ Nap), 3.15 (s, 1H, C₆H₄CCH), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.34 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.37-7.48 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 2.1 (t), 22.5 (2t), 26.6 (t, J_{CF} 23.4 Hz), 78.2 (s), 83.4 (s), 108.3 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.6 (s), 110.9 (3s), 111.0 (s), 117.9 (s), 124.7 (s), 125.3 (2d), 126.1 (2d), 126.5 (2d), 127.4 (2d), 127.4 (2d), 128.0 (2d), 128.3 (2d), 131.8 (2d), 132.0 (2s), 134.3 (2d), 134.3 (2s), 136.5 (2s), 137.8 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -125.1 (s, 2F), -122.5 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -121.0 (m, 6F), -115.3 [quintet, J = 14.8] Hz, 2F, $(CF_2)_6CF_2CF_3$], -79.8 [t, J = 9.9 Hz, 3F, $(CF_2)_6CF_2CF_3$]; IR v_{max} (neat) 3253 (CC-H), 3048 (C-H), 2984 (C-H), 2360 (CC), 1592 (C=C), 1420 (C-F), 910, 740 cm⁻¹; m/z (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 763 [(M-NapCH₂)⁺, 40], 549 (15), 279 (45), 141 (100); HRMS (FAB⁺) calc'd. for $C_{29}H_{18}F_{17}^{-74}Ge$ [M-(NapCH₂)⁺] 763.0343, found 763.0350, Δ 0.9 ppm.

Method B: Using conditions adapted from those of Walton,²³ powdered KOH (50 mg, 0.893 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-[(3-methyl-3-hydroxybutynyl)phenyl]germane **8** (80.0 mg, 0.083 mmol) in THF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was then stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. The resulting reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL), washed with water (3 × 10.0 mL) and the organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 90/10) gave (4-phenylethynyl)germane **7** as a pale yellow oil (73.8 mg, 98%). Analytical data as above.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl) bis (naphthalen-2-ylmethyl) (4-propynylphenyl) germane 10



Using conditions adapted from those of Feldman,²⁴ a solution of *n*-BuLi (50 μ L, 0.09 mmol, 1.8 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to a solution of (*4-phenylethynyl*)germane **7** (73.8 mg, 0.082 mmol) and DMPU (10 μ L, 0.083 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at -40 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature to give a brown solution. Methyltriflate (20.3 mg, 0.124 mmol, 14 μ L) was then added and stirring continued for a further 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (10.0 mL) and a solution of 1.0 M NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred. Following extraction with (2 × 20.0 mL) of Et₂O, the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo* to give a pale yellow residue which was purified by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 90/10) to give (*4-propynylphenyl*)germane **10** as pale yellow oil (65.4 mg,

87%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.80 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.08 (s, 3H, CCCH₃), 2.71 (s, 4H, 2 × GeCH₂Nap), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.33 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.35-7.42 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.60 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 2.1 (t), 3.2 (q), 22.5 (2t), 26.3 (t, J_{CF} 23.2 Hz), 78.3 (s), 83.5 (s), 108.1 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.6 (s), 110.8 (3s), 111.0 (s), 117.9 (s), 124.7 (s), 125.3 (2d), 126.1 (2d), 126.5 (2d), 127.4 (2d), 128.2 (2d), 128.3 (2d), 131.8 (2d), 132.0 (2s), 134.6 (2d), 134.8 (2s), 136.9 (2s), 137.7 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -126.1 (s, 2F), -123.5 (s, 2F), -122.7 (s, 2F), -121.9 (m, 6F), -116.3 [quintet, J = 15.2 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -80.7 [t, J = 9.7 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃]; IR ν_{max} (neat) 3046 (C-H), 2975 (C-H), 2355 (CC), 1594 (C=C), 1419 (C-F), 913, 740 cm⁻¹; m/z (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 777 [(M-NapCH₂)⁺, 30], 549 (15), 279 (55), 141 (100); HRMS (FAB⁺) calc'd. for C₃₀H₂₀F₁₇⁷⁴Ge [M-(NapCH₂)⁺] 777.0500, found 777.0498, Δ -0.2 ppm.

4-Propynyl-2'-nitrobiphenyl 12



Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **10** (33.2 mg, 0.049 mmol), TBAF (46.6 mg, 0.148 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (1.5 mg, 0.0058 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (2.6 mg, 0.0087 mmol), *2-bromonitrobenzene* (19.9 mg, 0.099 mmol) and CuI (9.8 mg, 0.049 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 90/10) gave *biphenyl* **12** as yellow oil (6.3 mg , 54%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 2.07 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.0, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.48 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.48 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.62 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 4.4 (q), 79.2 (s), 87.1 (s), 124.1 (s), 124.2 (d), 127.8 (2d), 128.3 (d), 131.77 (2d), 131.8 (d), 132.3 (d), 135.8 (s), 136.4 (s), 149.1 (s); IR ν_{max} (neat) 3054 (C-H), 2987 (C-H), 2360 (CC), 1588 (C=C), 1537 (N=O), 1265 (N=O), 896, 738, 705 cm⁻¹; *m*/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 237 (M⁺, 20), 198 (100), 168 (50), 87 (70); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₁NO₂ (M⁺) 237.0790, found 237.0784, Δ –2.4 ppm.

4-Propynyl-2'-aminobiphenyl 13¹⁹



To a solution of *nitrobiphenyl* **12** (6.3 mg, 0.027 mmol) in THF-EtOH (1:1, 10 mL) was added tin(II) chloride (50.1 mg, 0.27 mmol) and conc. HCl (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h. A sat. solution of K₂CO₃ was added and the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et₂O (40.0 mL) and water (10.0 mL). The phases were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10.0 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 90/10) gave *4-propynyl-2'-aminobiphenyl* **13** as a colourless oil (4.4 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 2.08 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.76 (brs, 2H, NH₂), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.16 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 4.4 (q), 86.3 (s), 102.3 (s), 115.8 (d), 118.8 (d), 119.1 (s), 122.9 (s), 128.7 (d), 128.9 (2d), 130.3 (d), 131.9 (2d), 138.7 (s), 144.5 (s); IR v_{max} (neat) 3475 (N-H), 3384 (N-H), 3052 (C-H), 2984 (C-H), 2359 (CC), 1888 (comb),

1616 (C=C), 1472, 817, 738, 704 cm⁻¹; m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 207 (M⁺, 100), 167 (40), 149 (85), 57 (65); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₃N (M⁺) 207.1048, found 207.1050, Δ -1.0 ppm.

2-Chloro-N-(4'-prop-1-ynylbiphenyl-2-yl)nicotinamide 17¹⁹



To a solution of *biphenylamine* **13** (4.5 mg, 0.022 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added 2-*chloro-3-nicotinic acid* (6.9 mg, 0.042 mmol), DMAP (0.5 mg, 0.004 mmol) and DCC (10.0 mg, 0.048 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h. A sat. solution of K₂CO₃ was added and the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et₂O (40.0 mL) and water (10.0 mL). The phases were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10.0 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 70/30) gave *biarylalkyne* **17** as a colourless oil (4.4 mg, 59%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 2.07 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.33-7.39 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.46 (td, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.15 (brs, 1H, NH), 8.42-8.44 (m, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 4.3 (q), 86.2 (s), 93.1 (s), 121.6 (d), 122.8 (d), 122.9 (s), 125.0 (d), 128.0 (d), 129.2 (2d), 130.1 (d), 131.0 (s), 132.2 (2d), 132.4 (s), 134.3 (s), 137.4 (s), 140.0 (d), 146.5 (s), 151.1 (d), 162.3 (s); IR v_{max} (neat) 3325 (N-H), 3053 (C-H), 2935 (C-H), 2305 (CC), 1654 (C=O), 1580 (C=C), 1265, 735 cm⁻¹; *m*/z (CI⁺) (rel. intensity) 349 [M(³⁷Cl)H⁺, 5], 347 [M(³⁵Cl)H⁺, 15], 328 (40), 225 (100); HRMS (CI⁺) calc'd. for C₂₁H₁₆³⁵ClN₂O (MH⁺) 347.0951, found 347.0952, Δ 1.3 ppm.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl){4-[(3-methyl-3-methoxybutynyl)phenyl]}germane 9



Using conditions adapted from those of Corey,²⁵ NaH (4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 60% in mineral oil) was added to a solution of *alkynylgermane* **8** (32 mg, 0.0333 mmol) in THF (10 mL) and the reaction mixture stirred at RT for 1 h. Dimethylsulfate (9.5 μ L, 0.1 mmol) was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred at Rt for a further 16 h. The resultingreaction mixture was then diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL), washed with water (3 × 10.0 mL) and the organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 95/5) gave *alkynylgermane* **9** as pale yellow oil (28.3 mg, 87%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.16 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.59 (s, 6H, CC(CH₃)₂OCH₃), 1.83 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.73 (s, 4H, 2 × GeCH₂Nap), 3.47 (s, 3H, CC(CH₃)₂OCH₃), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.25-7.29 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.34-7.50 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 1.8 (t), 22.4 (2t), 26.2 (t, *J_{CF}* 23.0 Hz), 29.7 (2q), 51.7 (q), 70.9 (s), 83.9 (s), 92.1 (s), 108.2 (s), 110.2 (s), 110.6 (2s), 110.94 (2s), 110.98 (s), 117.9 (s), 123.7 (s), 124.9 (2d), 125.7 (2d), 125.8 (s), 126.1 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 127.3 (2d), 127.6 (2d), 128.1 (2d), 131.27 (2s), 131.35 (2d), 133.7 (2d+s), 136.2 (2s), 137.0 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; C₆D₆): δ -125.1 (s, 2F), -122.6 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -121.0 (m, 6F), -115.4 [quintet, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 2F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃], -79.8 [t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 3F, (CF₂)₆CF₂CF₃]; IR ν_{max} (neat) 3054 (C-H), 2985 (C-H), 2360 (CC), 1605 (C=C), 1420 (C-F), 912, 740 cm⁻¹; *m*/z (FAB⁺) (rel. intensity) 835 [(M-NapCH₂)⁺, 60], 551 (60), 537 (50),

279 (60), 141 (100); HRMS (FAB⁺) calc'd. for $C_{33}H_{26}F_{17}O^{74}Ge$ [M-(NapCH₂)⁺] 835.0918, found 835.0913, Δ - 0.7 ppm.

4-(3-Methyl-3-methoxybutynyl)-2'-nitrobiphenyl 14



Using the *typical method*, the crude difluoroarylgermane from the photolysis of *arylgermane* **9** (48.9 mg, 0.067 mmol), TBAF (63.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (2 mg, 0.0077 mmol), P(2-Tol)₃ (3.5 mg, 0.012 mmol), 2*bromonitrobenzene* (27 mg, 0.134 mmol) and CuI (13.3 mg, 0.067 mmol) were employed. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 90/10) gave *nitrobiphenyl* **14** as a yellow oil (9.9 mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.56 (s, 6H, 2 × CH₃), 3.44 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.48-7.50 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.63 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 28.3 (2q), 51.8 (q), 70.9 (s), 83.7 (s), 92.2 (s), 122.9 (s), 124.2 (d), 127.8 (2d), 128.4 (d), 131.8 (d), 131.9 (2d), 132.0 (s), 132.4 (d), 135.7 (s), 137.2 (s); IR ν_{max} (neat) 3055 (C-H), 2987 (C-H), 2360 (CC), 1588 (C=C), 1537 (N=O), 1265 (N=O), 896, 738, 704 cm⁻¹; *m*/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 295 (M⁺, 20), 289 (50), 280 (100), 264 (30), 198 (30); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₈H₁₇NO₃ (M⁺) 295.1208, found 295.1207, Δ -0.5 ppm.

4-(3-Methyl-3-methoxybutynyl)-2'-aminobiphenyl 15



To a solution of *nitrobiphenyl* **14** (9.9 mg, 0.034 mmol) in THF-EtOH (1:1, 10 mL) was added tin(II) chloride (63.7 mg, 0.34 mmol) and conc. HC (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h. A sat. solution of K₂CO₃ was added and the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et₂O (40.0 mL) and water (10.0 mL). The phases were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10.0 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 80/20) gave *4-(3-methyl-3-methoxybutynyl)-2'-aminobiphenyl* **15** as a colourless oil (7.1 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.56 (s, 6H, 2 × CH₃), 3.45 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.75 (brs, 2H, NH₂), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.83 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.16 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 28.4 (2q), 51.7 (q), 71.0 (s), 84.0 (s), 91.4 (s), 115.7 (d), 118.8 (d), 121.6 (s), 126.8 (s), 128.8 (d), 129.0 (2d), 130.3 (d), 132.1 (2d), 139.5 (s), 143.3 (s); IR ν_{max} (neat) 3475 (N-H), 3382 (N-H), 3052 (C-H), 3021 (C-H), 2280 (CC), 1887 (comb), 1617 (C=C), 1472, 810, 743 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 265 (M⁺, 85), 250 (100), 234 (50), 220 (40), 125 (30); HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd. for C₁₈H₁₉NO (M⁺) 265.1467, found 265.1464, Δ -1.0 ppm.

2-Chloro-N-[4'-(3-methoxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)biphenyl-2-yl]nicotinamide 18¹⁹



To a solution of biphenylamine **15** (12 mg, 0.045 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added 2-*chloro-3-nicotinic acid* (7.2 mg, 0.045 mmol), DMAP (0.6 mg, 0.0049 mmol) and DCC (10.3 mg, 0.050 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h. A sat. solution of K₂CO₃ was added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture was partitioned between Et₂O (40.0 mL) and water (10.0 mL). The phases were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10.0 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄. Purification by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 70/30) gave *biarylalkyne* **18** as a colourless oil (12.5 mg, 68%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.56 (s, 6H, 2 × CH₃), 3.44 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.34-7.38 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.46 (td, *J* = 8.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.16 (brs, 1H, NH), 8.44-8.46 (m, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 28.3 (2q), 51.8 (q), 70.9 (s), 83.5 (s), 92.2 (s), 121.8 (d), 122.90 (d), 122.93 (s), 125.2 (d), 128.2 (d), 129.4 (2d), 130.1 (d), 131.1 (s), 132.4 (2d), 132.6 (s), 134.3 (s), 137.6 (s), 140.1 (d), 146.7 (s), 151.3 (d), 162.5 (s); IR v_{max} (neat) 3325 (N-H), 3053 (C-H), 2931 (C-H), 2341 (CC), 1654 (C=O), 1578 (C=C), 1070, 734 cm⁻¹; *m/z* (CI⁺) (rel. intensity) 424 [M(³⁷Cl)NH₄⁺, 1], 422 [M(³⁵Cl)NH₄⁺, 3], 390 (40), 373 (100), 339 (20), 225 (50); HRMS (CI⁺) calc'd. for C₂₄H₂₅³⁵ClN₃O₂ (MNH₄⁺) 422.1635, found 422.1633, Δ -0.5 ppm.

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¹³C NMR, 100 MHz, CDCl₃









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¹³C NMR, 100 MHz, CDCl₃





¹⁹F NMR, 376 MHz, CDCl₃



¹³C NMR, 100 MHz, decoupled at -125.1 ppm CDCl₃



¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃

2-Nap C₈F₁₇ Ge. Br



ppm (t1)





ppm (t1)

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¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃









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¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃





¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃













¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃









































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