

Electronic Supplementary Information

Interconversion between a planar 1,3-dichlorobicyclo[1.1.0]tetrasilane

and a (chloro)(chlorosilyl)cyclotrisilene

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1. NMR spectra

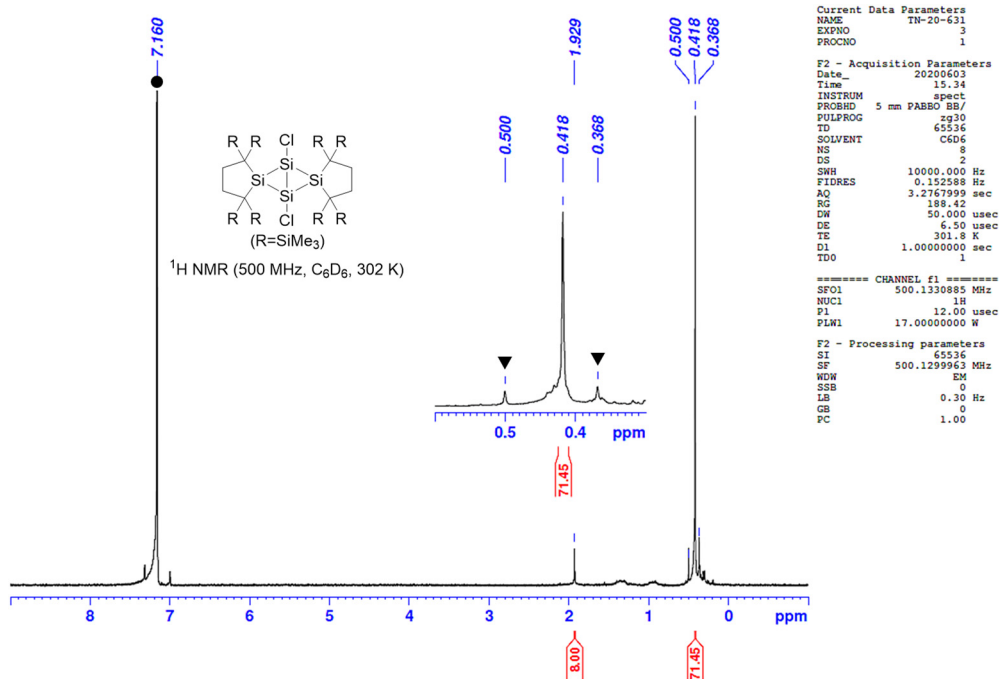


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 at 302 K (● = C_6HD_5 , ▼ = **6**).

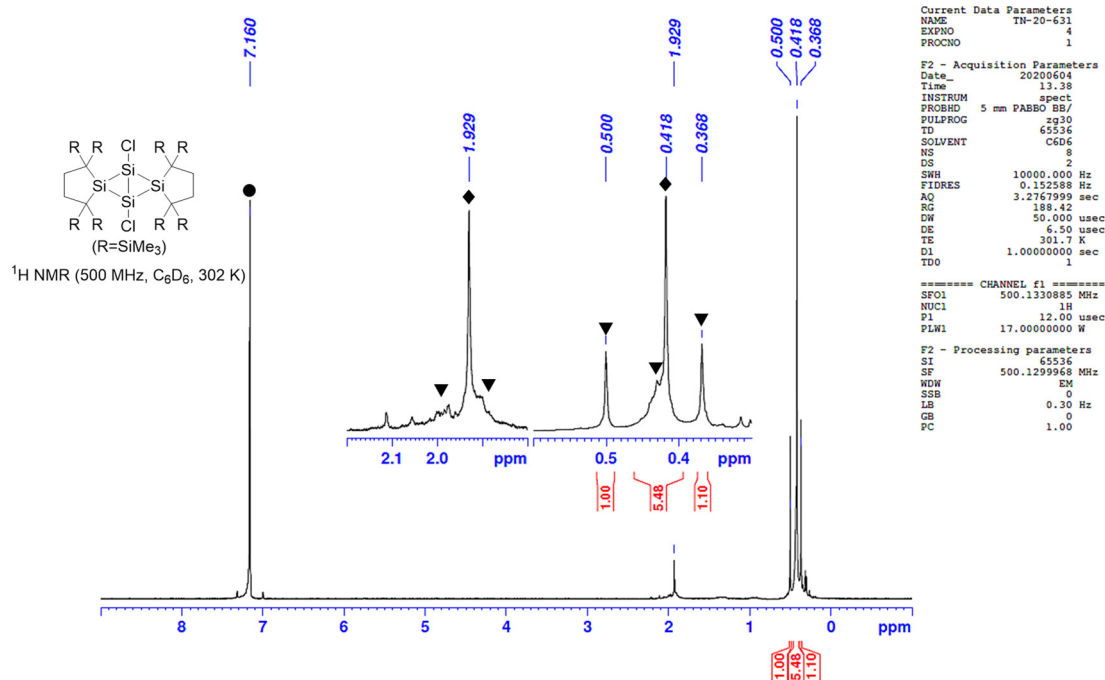


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 at 302 K after 1 day (● = C_6HD_5 , ◆ = **4**, ▼ = **6**).

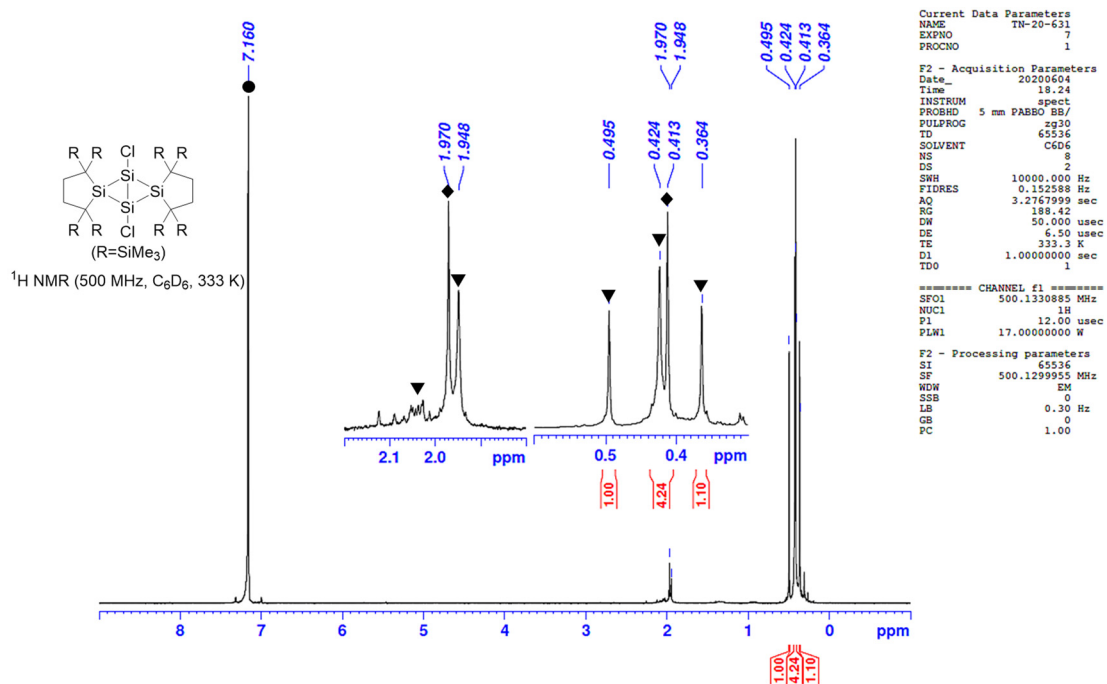


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4 in C₆D₆ at 333 K (● = C₆HD₅, ◆ = 4, ▼ = 6).

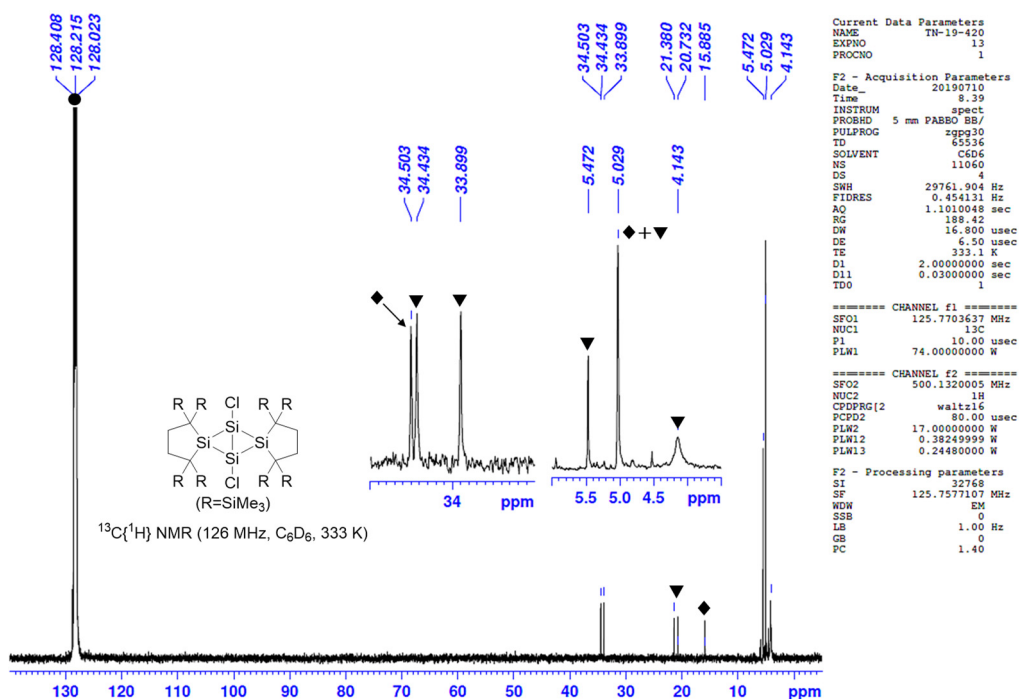


Figure S4. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of 4 in C₆D₆ in 333 K (● = C₆D₆, ◆ = 4, ▼ = 6).

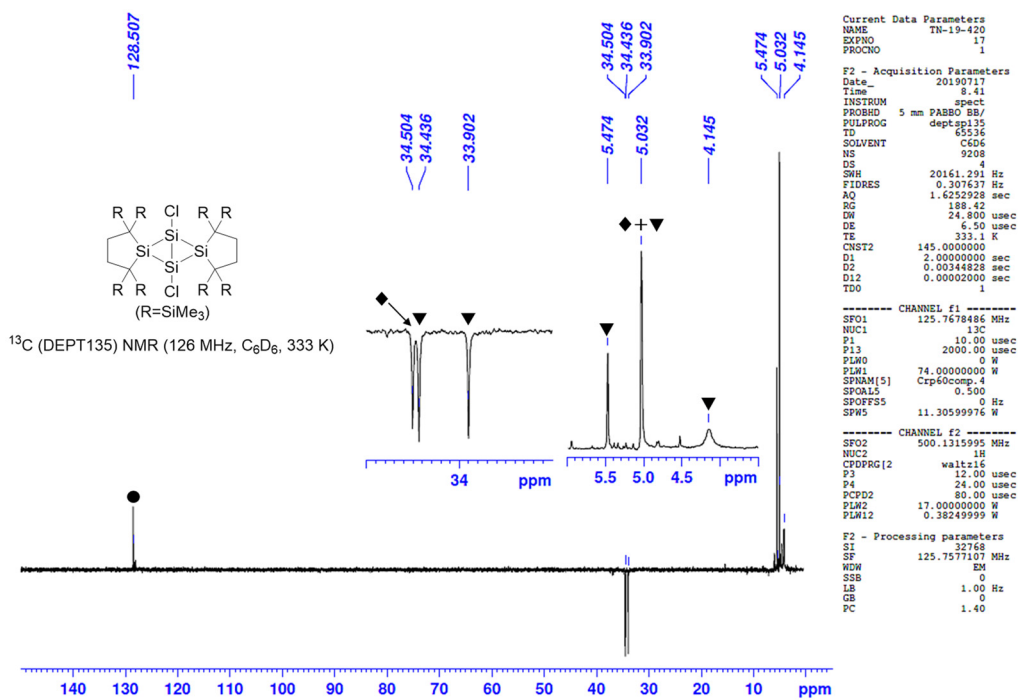


Figure S5. ^{13}C (DEPT135) NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 at 333 K ($\bullet = \text{C}_6\text{D}_6$, $\blacklozenge = 4$, $\blacktriangledown = 6$).

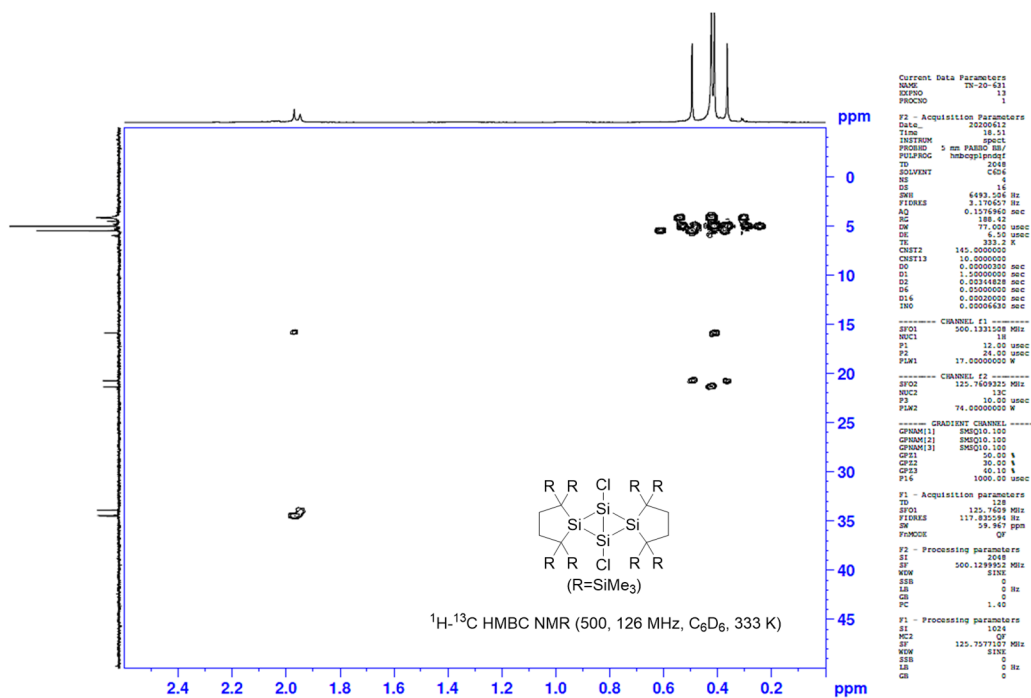


Figure S6. ^1H - ^{13}C HMBC NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 at 333 K.

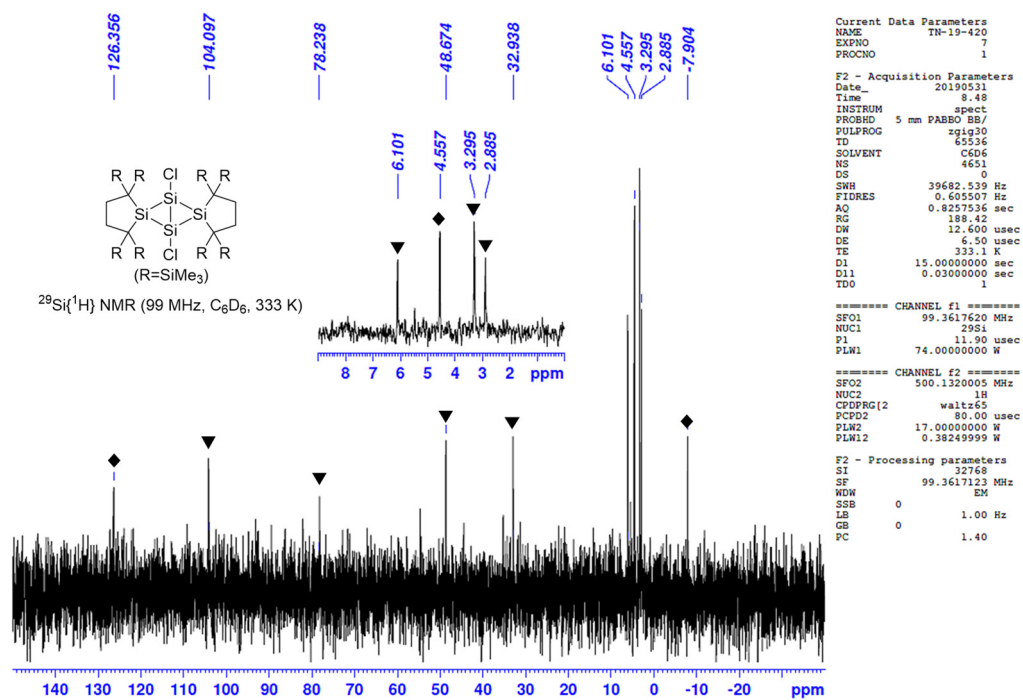


Figure S7. $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 at 333 K. ($\blacklozenge = 4$, $\blacktriangledown = 6$).

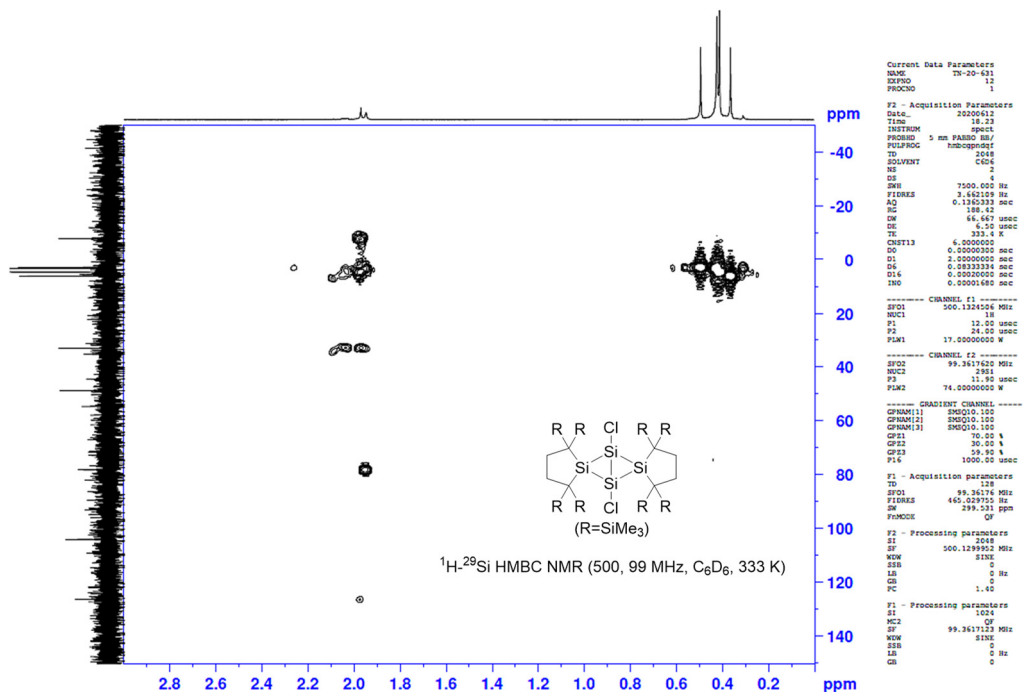


Figure S8. ^1H - ^{29}Si HMBC NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 at 333 K.

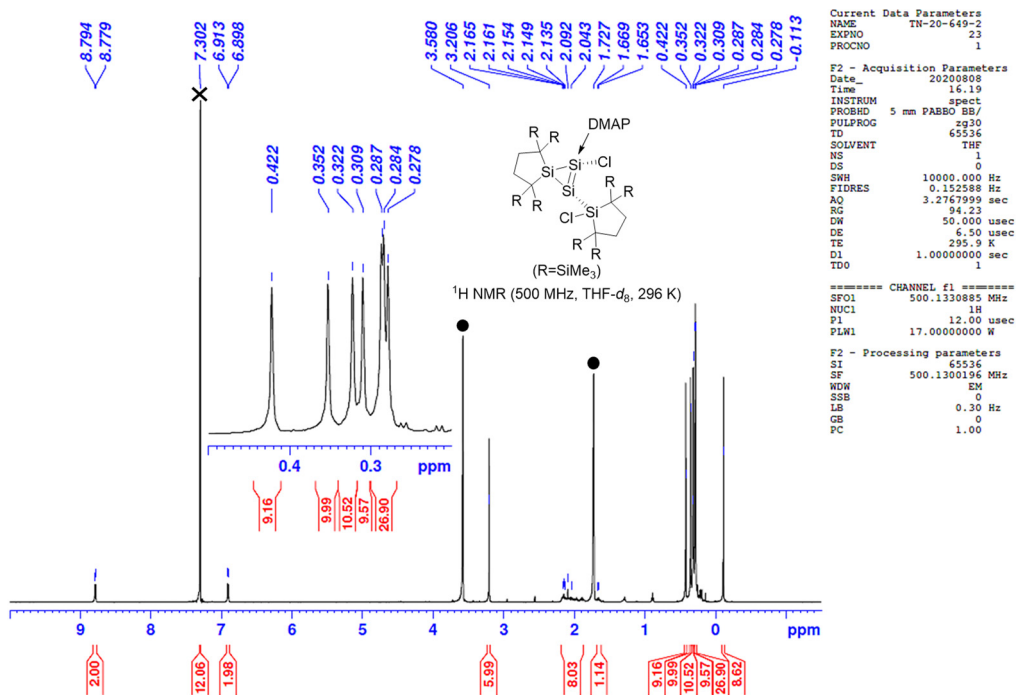


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of $7 \cdot (\text{benzene})_2$ in THF- d_8 at 296 K (\bullet = THF- d_8 , \times = benzene).

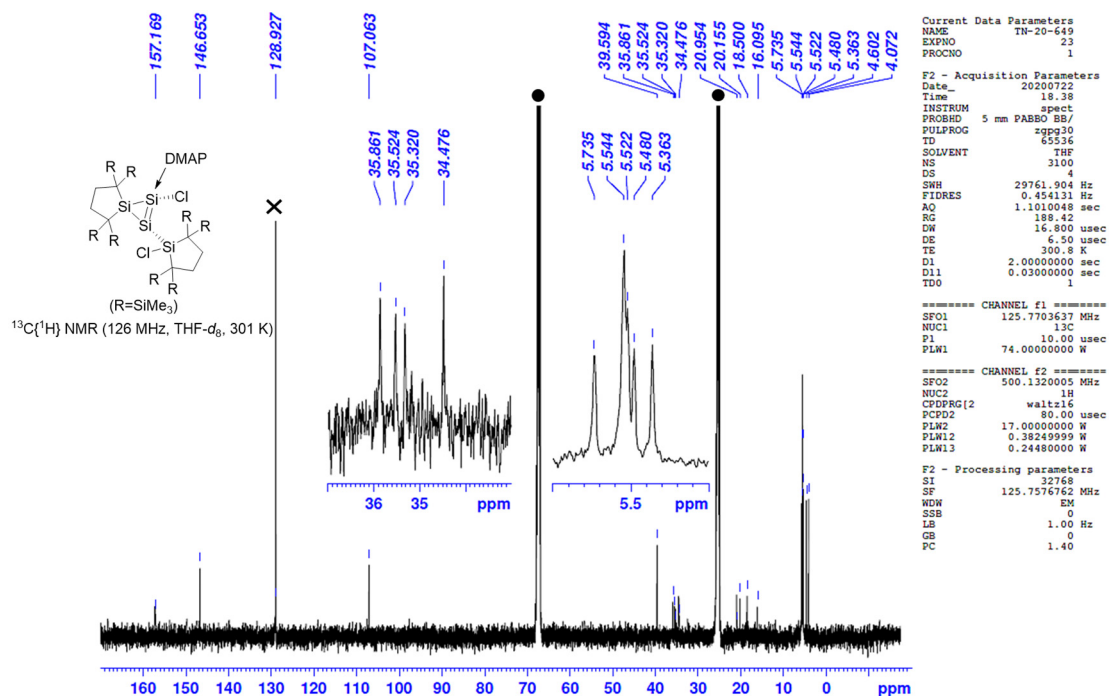


Figure S10. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of $7 \cdot (\text{benzene})_2$ in THF- d_8 in 301 K (\bullet = THF- d_8 , \times = benzene).

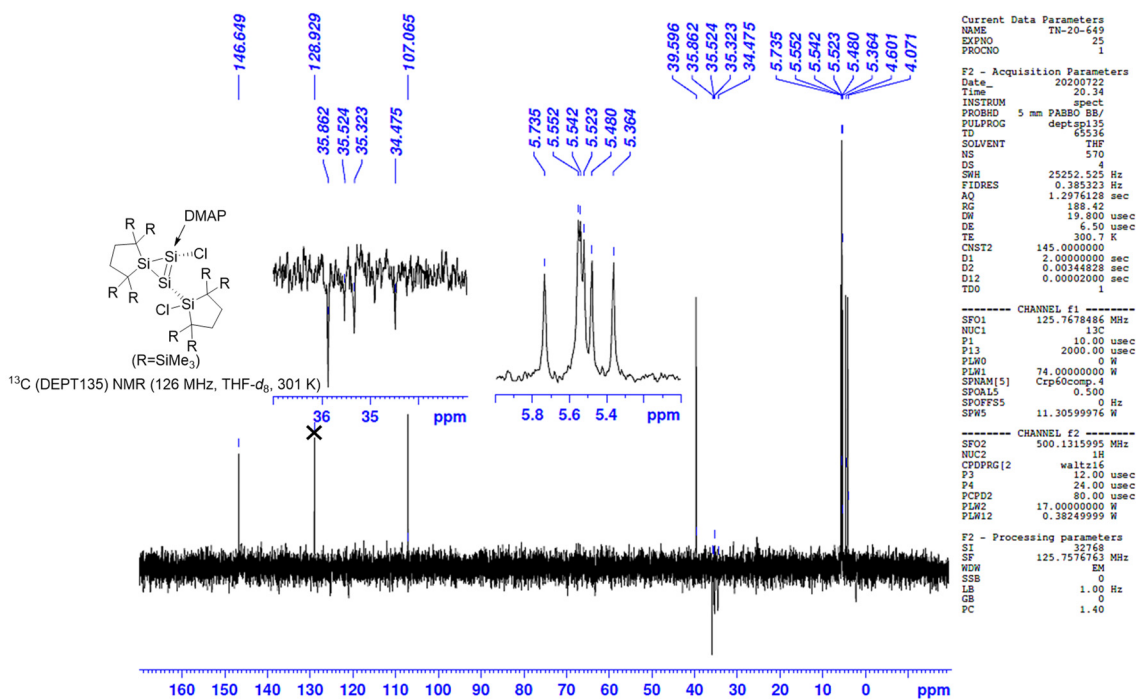


Figure S11. ¹³C (DEPT135) NMR spectrum of 7-(benzene)₂ in THF-d₈ at 301 K (x = benzene).

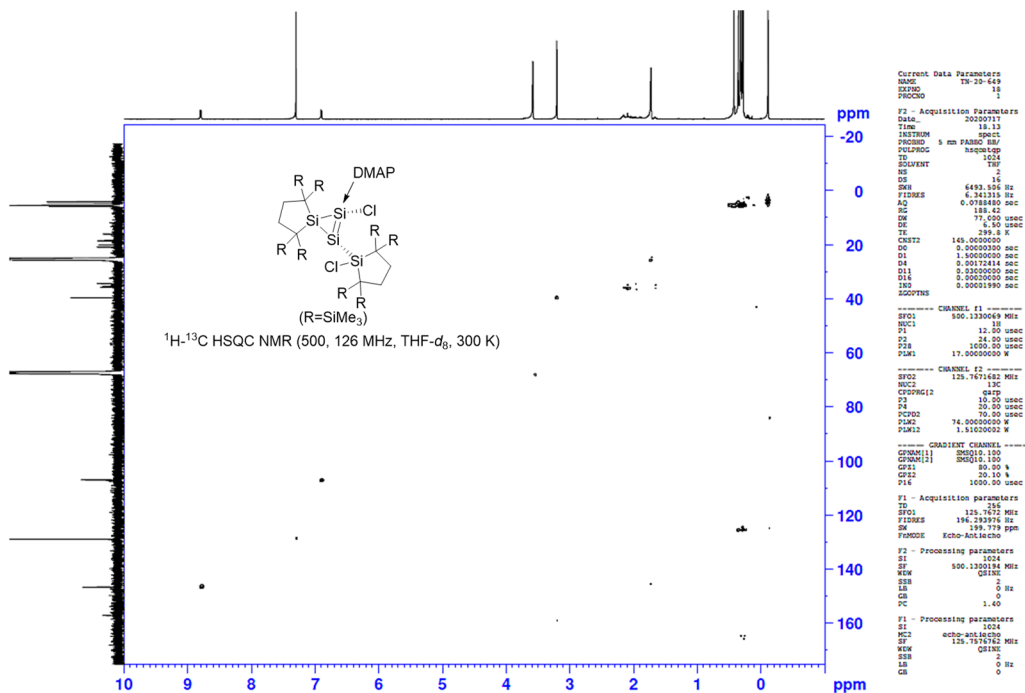


Figure S12. ¹H-¹³C HSQC NMR spectrum of 7-(benzene)₂ in THF-d₈ at 300 K.

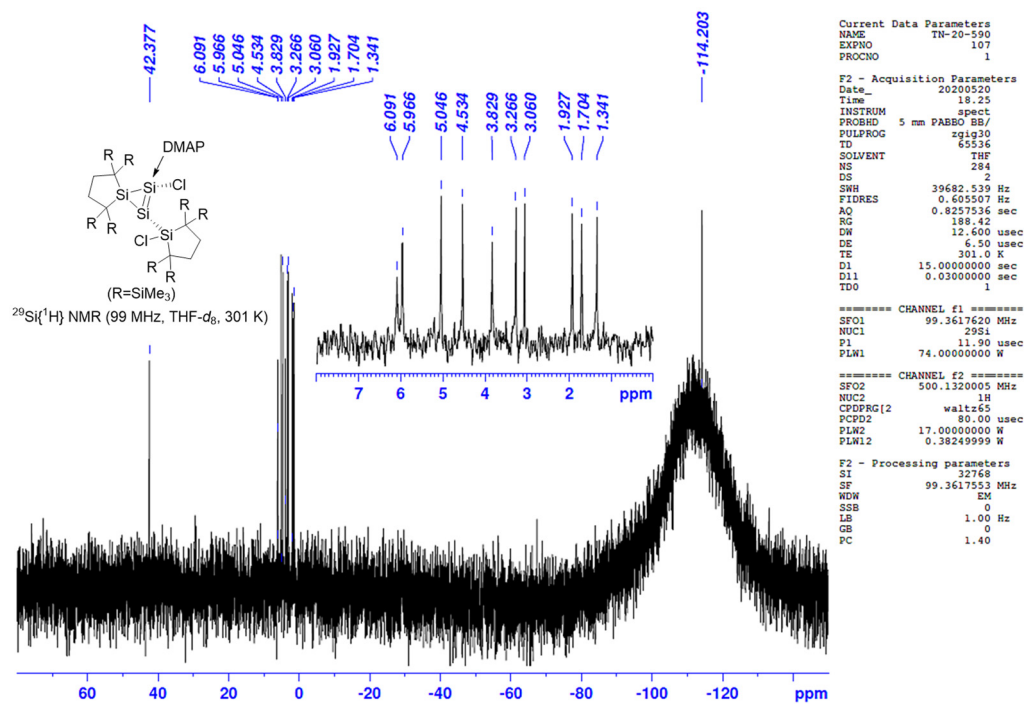


Figure S13. $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of **7**·(benzene)₂ in THF- d_8 at 301 K.

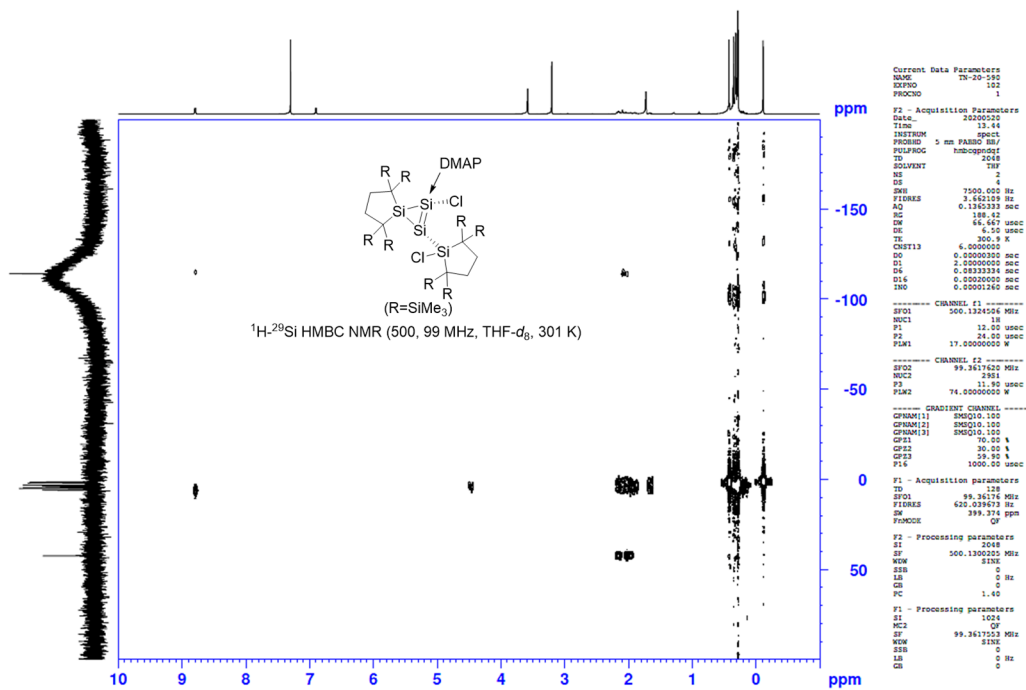


Figure S14. ^1H - ^{29}Si HMBC NMR spectrum of **7**·(benzene)₂ in THF- d_8 at 301 K.

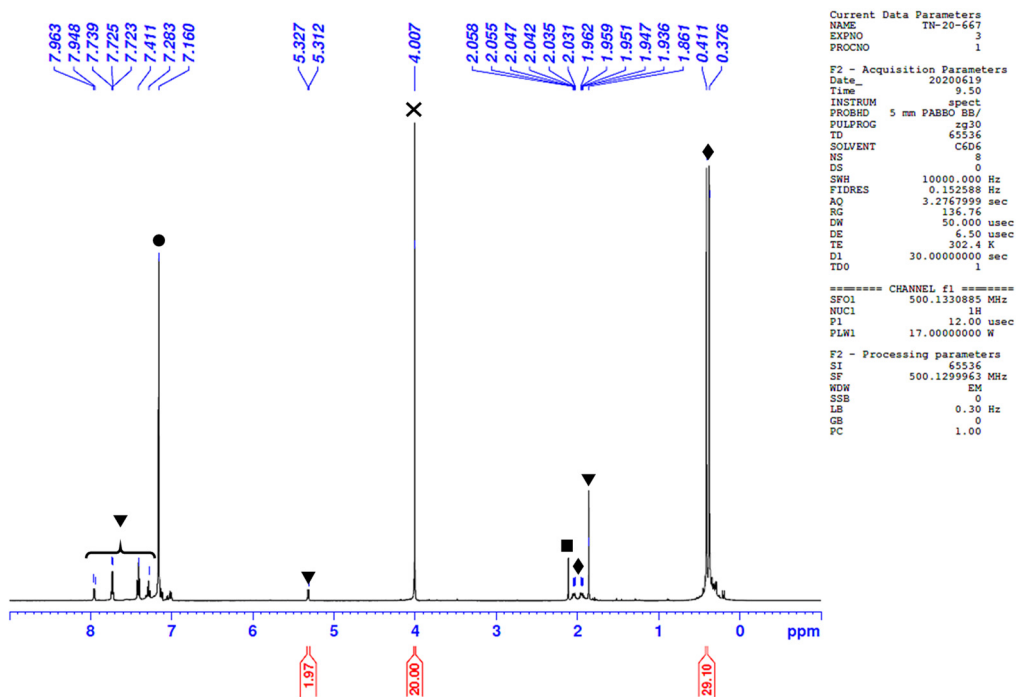


Figure S15. ^1H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of **7** with CCl_4 in the presence of BPh_3 in C_6D_6 at 302 K (\bullet = C_6HD_5 , \blacktriangledown = $\text{BPh}_3\cdot\text{DMAP}$, \blacklozenge = **3**, \times = ferrocene, \blacksquare = toluene).

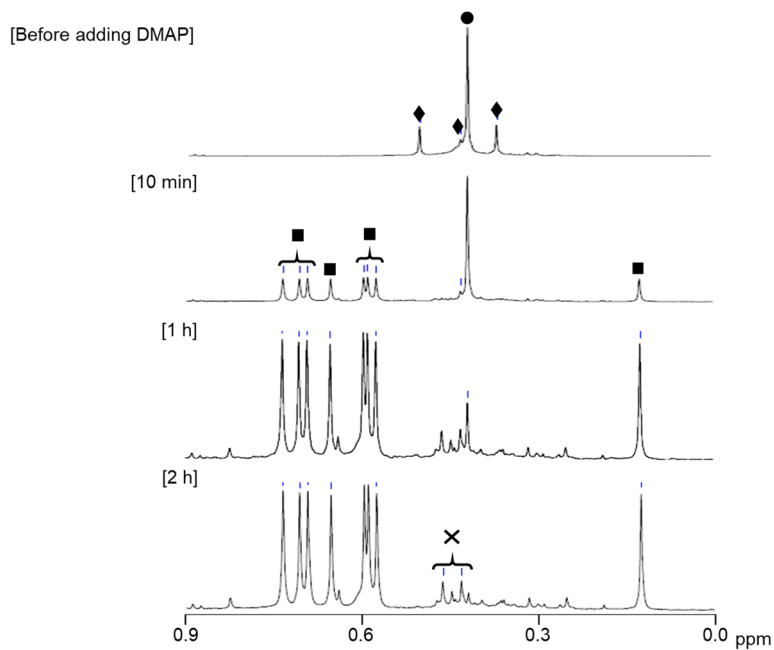


Figure S16. ^1H NMR spectra (TMS region) of the reaction mixture of **4+6** with DMAP in C_6D_6 at room temperature (\bullet = **4**, \blacklozenge = **6**, \blacksquare = **7**, \times = by products).

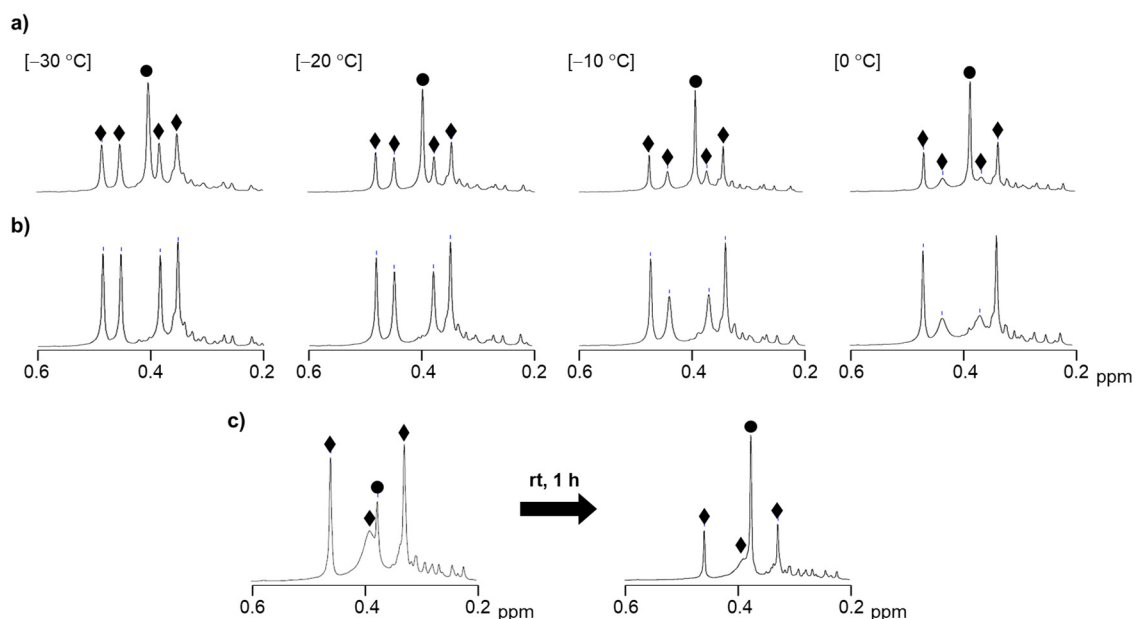


Figure S17. ^1H NMR spectra (TMS region) of a) the equilibrium mixture of 4+6 and b) the reaction mixture of 7 with BPh_3 in $\text{toluene-}d_8$ at variable temperature. c) ^1H NMR spectra (TMS region) of the reaction mixture of 7 with BPh_3 (left: just after warming up, right: after 1 hour) in $\text{toluene-}d_8$ at room temperature ($\bullet = 4$, $\blacklozenge = 6$).

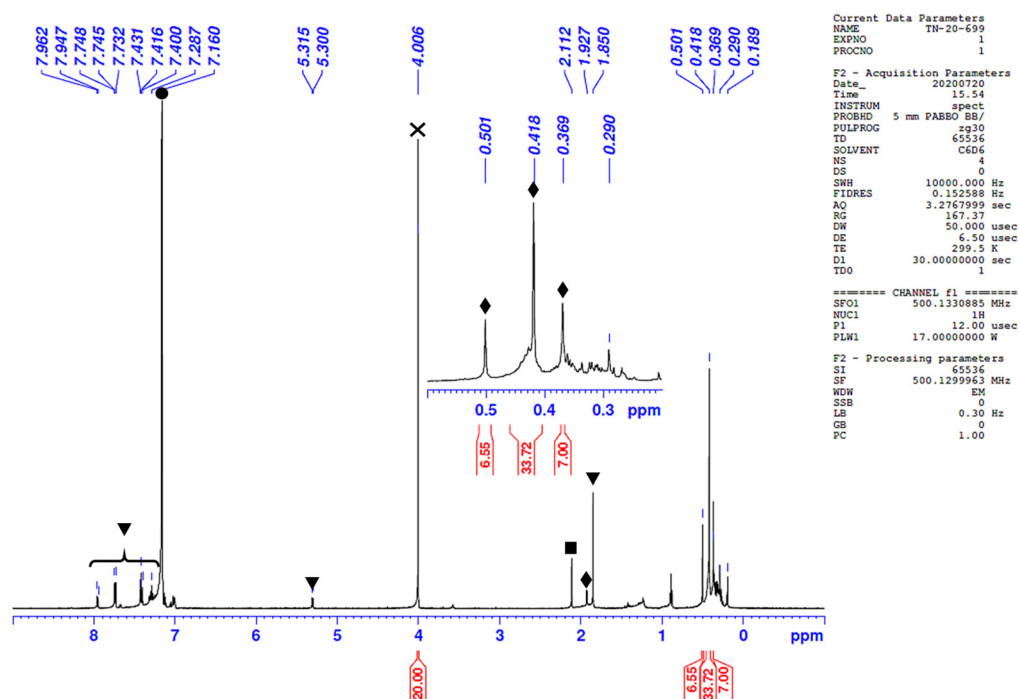


Figure S18. ^1H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of 7 with BPh_3 in C_6D_6 at 300 K ($\bullet = \text{C}_6\text{HD}_5$, $\blacktriangledown = \text{BPh}_3 \cdot \text{DMAP}$, $\blacklozenge = 4+6$, $\times = \text{ferrocene}$, $\blacksquare = \text{toluene}$).

2. X-Ray diffraction analysis

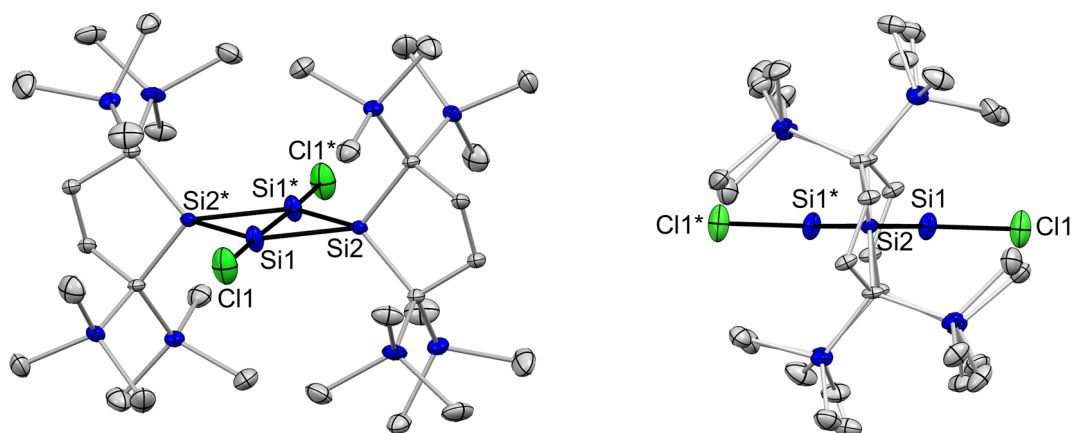


Figure S19. ORTEP drawings of **4**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

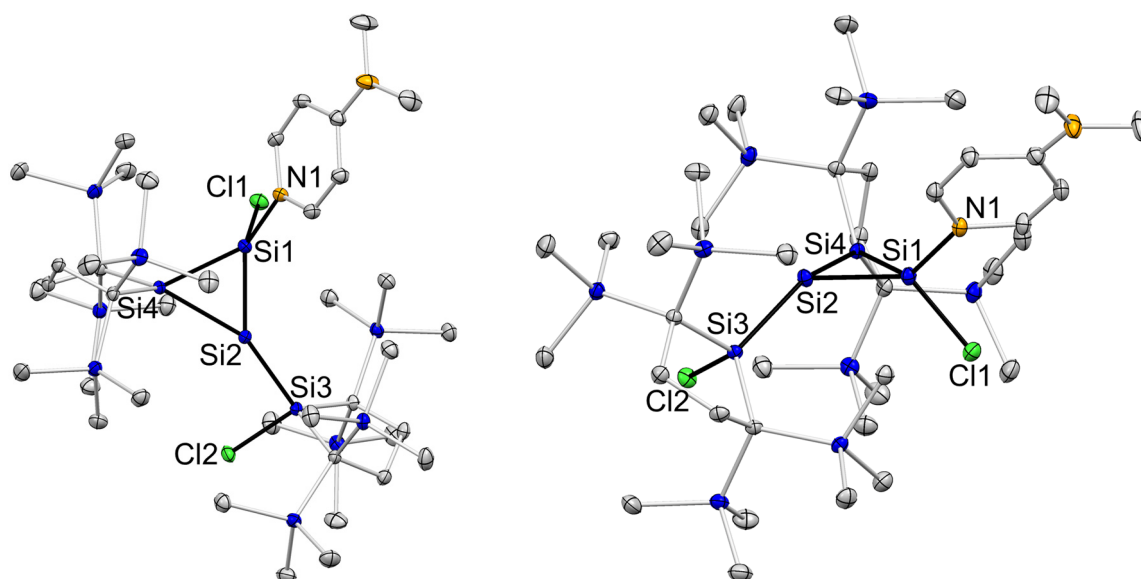


Figure S20. ORTEP drawings of **7**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

3. UV-vis absorption spectrum

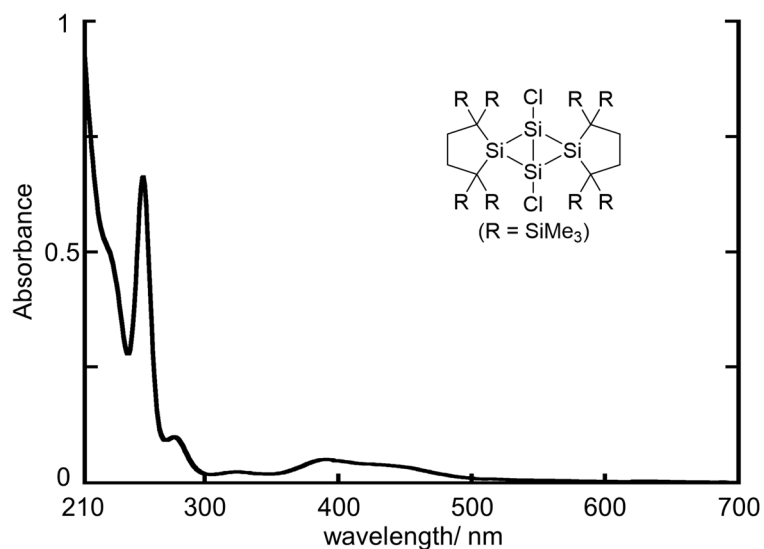


Figure S21. UV-Vis absorption spectrum of the equilibrium mixture of **4** and **6** in hexane at room temperature.

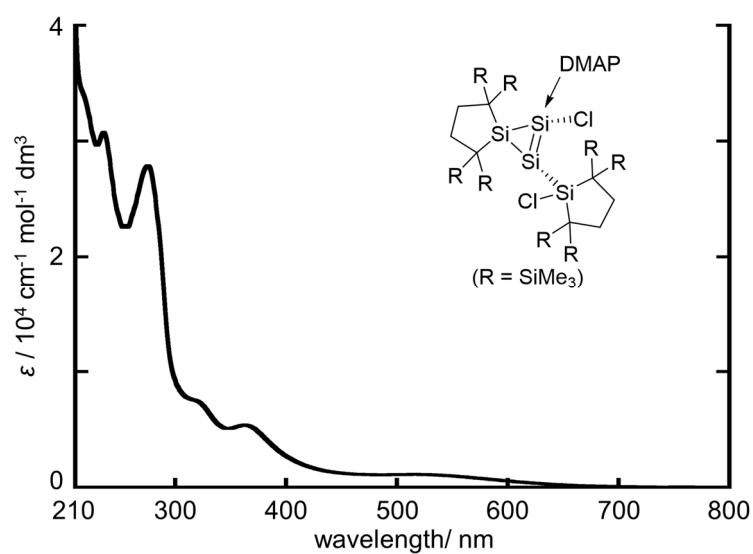


Figure S22. UV-Vis absorption spectrum of **7**·(benzene)₂ dissolved in hexane at room temperature.

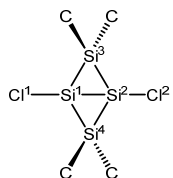
Table S1. UV-vis Absorption Bands of **7**·(benzene)₂

Absorption maximum / nm	$\epsilon / 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3$
519	1,100
362	5,400
315 sh ^{a)}	7,600
275 ^{b)}	28,000
236 ^{b)}	31,000

a) sh = shoulder, b) the absorption bands of benzene involved the crystals of **7** should be overlapped.

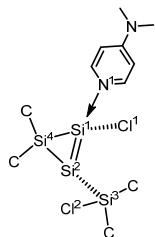
4. Computational study

The atomic coordinates and energies of all equilibrium and transition structures are summarized in the file named “optimized_structures.xyz”. The selected structural parameters of **4**_{opt}, **4'**_{opt}, **4''**_{opt}, and **7**_{opt} are summarized in Table S2 and S3. Frontier Kohn-Sham orbitals and their energy levels of **4**_{opt} were shown in Figure S23. Isotropic chemical shielding tensors were calculated at the GIAO/M06L/6-311+G(2df,p) level of theory (Table S4 and S5). Absolute isotropic shielding tensors of ²⁹Si nucleus in tetramethylsilane were calculated to be 361.4 (GIAO/M06L/6-311+G(2df,p)). Excitation energies and oscillator strengths of **4**_{opt} and **6**_{opt} were calculated at the B3LYP/6-311G(d) level of theory (Tables S6 and S7). A possible reaction route between **4**_{opt} and **6**_{opt} calculated at the B3LYP-D3/B1 (basis B1: 6-311G(d) [core Si4Cl2], 6-31G(d) [carbon atoms in silacyclopentane rings], 3-21G* [others]) were shown in Figure S25.

Table S2. Selected Structural Parameters of **4**, **4_{opt}**, **4'_{opt}** and **4''_{opt}**

Cpd	distance/Å					angle/°							$E^{b,c}$ [ΔG] ^{b,d}	$\Delta E^{c,e}$ [ΔΔG] ^{d,e}	note (job name)	
	Si ¹ -Si ²	Si ¹ -Si ³	Si ¹ -Si ⁴	Si ² -Si ³	Si ² -Si ⁴	Si ¹ -Cl ¹	Si ² -Cl ²	Cl ¹ -Si ¹ -Si ²	Cl ² -Si ² -Si ¹	Si ¹ -Si ³ -Si ²	Si ¹ -Si ⁴ -Si ²	Si ³ -Si ¹ -Si ² -Si ⁴				
XRD																
4	2.581(2)	2.3249(17)	2.3361(17)	2.3361(17)	2.3249(17)	2.0690(18)	2.0690(18)	178.27(11)	178.27(11)	67.26(6)	67.26(6)	180.00	-	-	tn08a	
DFT ^a																
4_{opt}	2.58285	2.31823	2.33167	2.33167	2.31823	2.10926	2.10926	178.572	178.572	67.485	67.485	180.000	-5662.014735	0.0	TN74a	
4'_{opt}	2.89287	2.39590	2.41124	2.45983	2.43874	2.14902	2.14000	109.187	113.787	73.121	73.233	-174.450	[-5662.116181]	[0.0]	TN77_120	
4''_{opt}	2.44338	2.32745	2.33875	2.33875	2.32745	2.10637	2.10637	160.679	160.679	63.152	63.152	-149.598	[-5662.115585]	[1.6]	TN84a	
													[-5662.114172]	[5.3]		

a. optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d) level of theory. b. in hartree. c. Zero-point vibrational energy corrections were included. d. at 298.15 K. e. in kJ mol⁻¹.

Table S3. Selected Structural Parameters of **7_{opt}**

Cpd	distance/Å					angle/°					note (job name)	
	Si ¹ -Si ²	Si ¹ -Si ⁴	Si ² -Si ³	Si ² -Si ⁴	Si ¹ -Cl ¹	Si ³ -Cl ²	Si ¹ -N ¹	Si ¹ -Si ² -Si ⁴	Si ² -Si ¹ -Si ⁴	Si ¹ -Si ⁴ -Si ²		
XRD												
7	2.2145(7)	2.2986(7)	2.3791(7)	2.3893(7)	2.1107(6)	2.1317(6)	1.8789(15)	59.76(2)	63.90(2)	66.98(3)	tn49a	
DFT ^a												
7_{opt}	2.21522	2.31830	2.38969	2.40381	2.14769	2.16048	1.94002	60.087	63.995	55.919	TN89aa	

a. optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d) level of theory.

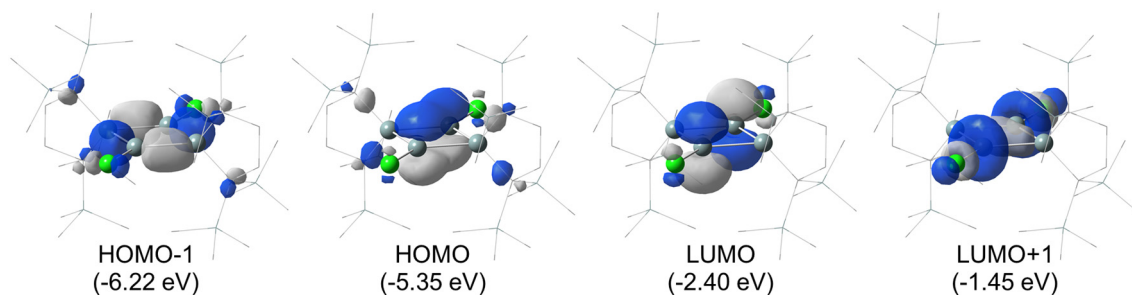


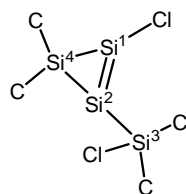
Figure S23. Frontier Kohn-Sham orbitals of **4_{opt}** at the B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d) level of theory.

Table S4. Experimental and Theoretical Isotropic ²⁹Si Chemical Shifts of **4**, **4_{opt}**, **4'_{opt}** and **4''_{opt}**

Compound	SiMe ₃	Si (bridge)	Si (bridgehead)	note
4^a	4.6	-7.9	126.4	TN420_7
4_{opt}^{b,c}	5.0 (356.4) ^d	-17.1 (378.5)	150.2 (211.2)	nmr2_TN74a
4'_{opt}^{b,c}	5.3 (356.1) ^d	139.5 (221.9)	-37.1 (398.3)	nmr2_TN77_120
		137.1 (224.3)	-49.9 (411.3)	
4''_{opt}^{b,c}	4.8 (356.6) ^d	-25.1 (386.5)	86.5 (274.8)	nmr_TN84a

a. Experimental ²⁹Si Chemical Shifts of **4** in benzene-*d*₆ at 333 K. b. GIAO/M06L/6-311+G(2df,p) level of theory. Absolute chemical shift for tetramethylsilane = 361.4. c. the absolute chemical shift is shown in the parentheses. d. average values.

Table S5. Experimental and Theoretical Isotropic ²⁹Si Chemical Shifts of **6_{opt}**



	SiMe ₃	Si ² =Si ¹ -Cl	Si ² =Si ¹ -Cl	Si ⁴ (Si ₃ ring)	Si ³ (chlorosilyl)	Note
Experimental ^a	2.9, 3.3, 6.1	104.1	48.7	78.2	32.9	TN420_7
Theoretical ^{b,c}	4.2 (357.2) ^d	97.0 (264.4)	49.4 (311.9)	75.4 (286.0)	38.1 (323.3)	nmr2_TN82a

a. Experimental ²⁹Si Chemical Shifts of **6** in benzene-*d*₆ at 333 K. b. GIAO/M06L/6-311+G(2df,p) level of theory. Absolute chemical shift for tetramethylsilane = 361.4. c. the absolute chemical shift is shown in the parentheses. d. average values.

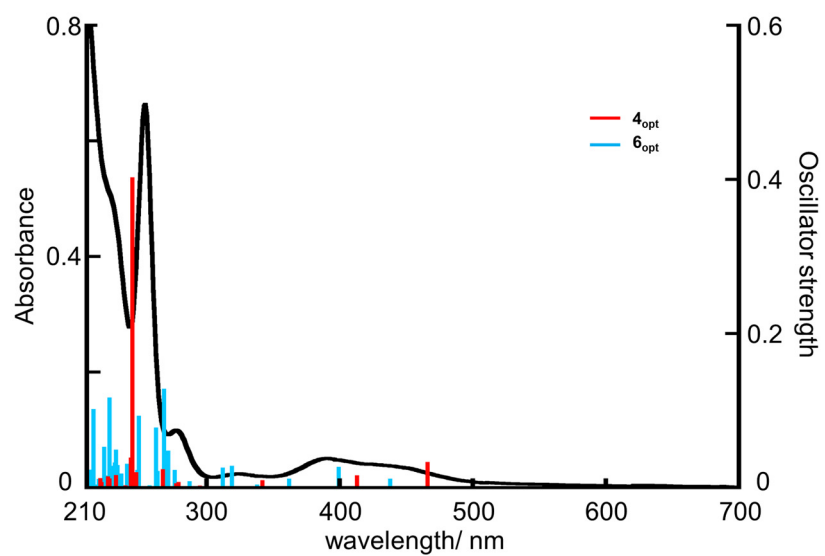


Figure S24. Experimental UV-vis absorption spectrum of the equilibrium mixture of **4** and **6** in hexane (black) and calculated band positions of **4**_{opt} and **6**_{opt} at the TD-B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d) level (red and blue).

Table S6. Transition Energy, Wavelength, and Oscillator Strengths of the Electronic Transition of **4_{opt}**
(The 237th orbital is highest occupied orbital shown in Figure S23)

Excited State <S**2>=0.000	1:	Singlet-AU	2.6596 eV	466.17 nm	f=0.0332	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	16:	Singlet-AU	4.9319 eV	251.39 nm	f=0.0005
237 -> 238		0.67896				228 -> 238		0.68938			
237 -> 239		-0.17174									
This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.											
Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -5662.97431013											
Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.											
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	2:	Singlet-AG	2.8801 eV	430.48 nm	f=0.0000	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	17:	Singlet-AG	4.9464 eV	250.65 nm	f=0.0000
236 -> 238		0.70504				226 -> 238		-0.10228			
						227 -> 238		0.68694			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	3:	Singlet-AU	3.0056 eV	412.51 nm	f=0.0162	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	18:	Singlet-AU	5.0255 eV	246.71 nm	f=0.0202
237 -> 238		0.16949				223 -> 238		0.40022			
237 -> 239		0.67597				225 -> 238		0.52671			
						237 -> 242		0.11984			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	4:	Singlet-AU	3.6254 eV	341.99 nm	f=0.0096	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	19:	Singlet-AG	5.0351 eV	246.24 nm	f=0.0000
237 -> 240		0.68769				224 -> 238		-0.18600			
						226 -> 238		0.66703			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	5:	Singlet-AG	3.7152 eV	333.72 nm	f=0.0000	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	20:	Singlet-AU	5.0715 eV	244.47 nm	f=0.4028
237 -> 241		0.70481				225 -> 238		-0.25689			
						230 -> 240		-0.16019			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	6:	Singlet-AG	3.8746 eV	319.99 nm	f=0.0000	236 -> 241		0.36213			
236 -> 239		0.69880				237 -> 242		0.48343			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	7:	Singlet-AG	4.1861 eV	296.18 nm	f=0.0000	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	21:	Singlet-AU	5.0853 eV	243.81 nm	f=0.0392
233 -> 238		-0.11200				219 -> 238		0.15226			
235 -> 238		0.69584				223 -> 238		0.50704			
						225 -> 238		-0.37875			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	8:	Singlet-AU	4.1991 eV	295.26 nm	f=0.0026	236 -> 241		-0.11926			
234 -> 238		0.70535				237 -> 242		-0.16915			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	9:	Singlet-AG	4.2735 eV	290.12 nm	f=0.0000	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	22:	Singlet-AG	5.1078 eV	242.74 nm	f=0.0000
233 -> 238		0.68739				218 -> 238		-0.10510			
235 -> 238		0.11840				221 -> 238		-0.11859			
236 -> 240		-0.10203				224 -> 238		0.66031			
						226 -> 238		0.16395			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	10:	Singlet-AU	4.3196 eV	287.03 nm	f=0.0013	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	23:	Singlet-AG	5.1488 eV	240.80 nm	f=0.0000
230 -> 238		-0.35899				235 -> 239		0.69109			
231 -> 238		0.19538									
232 -> 238		0.56102				Excited State <S**2>=0.000	24:	Singlet-AU	5.1605 eV	240.26 nm	f=0.0005
						219 -> 238		-0.10107			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	11:	Singlet-AU	4.4516 eV	278.52 nm	f=0.0074	234 -> 239		0.69475			
230 -> 238		-0.30886				Excited State <S**2>=0.000	25:	Singlet-AG	5.1750 eV	239.58 nm	f=0.0000
231 -> 238		0.49899				218 -> 238		-0.19745			
232 -> 238		-0.37371				220 -> 238		-0.16010			
						221 -> 238		0.64258			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	12:	Singlet-AU	4.4717 eV	277.27 nm	f=0.0059	226 -> 238		0.12372			
230 -> 238		0.50949									
231 -> 238		0.44481				Excited State <S**2>=0.000	26:	Singlet-AU	5.1898 eV	238.90 nm	f=0.0031
232 -> 238		0.17234				219 -> 238		0.56210			
						222 -> 238		-0.37669			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	13:	Singlet-AG	4.5559 eV	272.14 nm	f=0.0000	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	27:	Singlet-AU	5.1938 eV	238.72 nm	f=0.0022
229 -> 238		0.10870				219 -> 238		0.33384			
233 -> 238		0.10925				222 -> 238		0.56757			
236 -> 240		0.67874				223 -> 238		-0.20751			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	14:	Singlet-AU	4.6516 eV	266.54 nm	f=0.0240	Excited State <S**2>=0.000	28:	Singlet-AG	5.2111 eV	237.93 nm	f=0.0000
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237 -> 242		-0.42495				220 -> 238		0.52265			
						221 -> 238		0.23219			
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	15:	Singlet-AG	4.6548 eV	266.36 nm	f=0.0000	233 -> 239		0.10324			
229 -> 238		0.69462									
236 -> 240		-0.11101									

Excited State <S**2>=0.000	29:	Singlet-AG	5.2177 eV	237.62 nm	f=0.0000	232 -> 239 237 -> 243	0.24274 -0.32682			
220 -> 238		-0.12864								
233 -> 239		0.42332				Excited State 39:	Singlet-AU	5.5349 eV	224.00 nm	f=0.0018
235 -> 239		0.13669				<S**2>=0.000				
237 -> 244		-0.39387				214 -> 238		0.63465		
237 -> 245		-0.29668				219 -> 238		-0.10541		
237 -> 246		-0.16483				237 -> 247		-0.22362		
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	30:	Singlet-AU	5.2547 eV	235.95 nm	f=0.0003	Excited State 40:	Singlet-AG	5.5714 eV	222.54 nm	f=0.0000
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						237 -> 245		0.46699		
						237 -> 246		0.22863		
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218 -> 238		0.48456				Excited State 41:	Singlet-AG	5.5938 eV	221.65 nm	f=0.0000
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237 -> 245		0.12631				236 -> 242		0.52537		
Excited State <S**2>=0.000	32:	Singlet-AG	5.2592 eV	235.75 nm	f=0.0000	Excited State 42:	Singlet-AU	5.6071 eV	221.12 nm	f=0.0073
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233 -> 239		0.47753				234 -> 240		0.39718		
237 -> 244		0.29746				237 -> 247		0.49449		
237 -> 245		0.20868				237 -> 250		0.12358		
237 -> 246		0.11740				Excited State 43:	Singlet-AG	5.6117 eV	220.94 nm	f=0.0000
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						236 -> 242		0.12094		
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						236 -> 242		-0.43265		
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237 -> 243		0.60911				Excited State 47:	Singlet-AU	5.7024 eV	217.43 nm	f=0.0012
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230 -> 239		0.53689				<S**2>=0.000				
231 -> 239		0.15871				233 -> 240		-0.45825		
						234 -> 241		0.52326		

Table S7. Transition Energy, Wavelength, and Oscillator Strengths of the Electronic Transition of $\mathbf{6_{opt}}$
(The 237th orbital is highest occupied orbital)

Excited State 1: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	2.8294 eV	438.21 nm	f=0.0119	Excited State 12: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.7404 eV	261.55 nm	f=0.0779
235 -> 238	-0.10313				232 -> 238	0.58426			
237 -> 238	0.55576				233 -> 238	-0.22881			
237 -> 239	0.41018				235 -> 239	-0.20115			
This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.					236 -> 240	-0.11054			
Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -5662.96653789					236 -> 241	-0.13784			
Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.									
Excited State 2: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	3.1085 eV	398.86 nm	f=0.0270	Excited State 13: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.8290 eV	256.75 nm	f=0.0029
235 -> 239	0.10704				231 -> 238	0.66840			
236 -> 238	-0.11310				235 -> 239	-0.11868			
237 -> 238	-0.37316				236 -> 241	-0.12109			
237 -> 239	0.55405								
Excited State 3: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	3.4281 eV	361.67 nm	f=0.0118	Excited State 14: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.9788 eV	249.02 nm	f=0.0933
235 -> 238	-0.12710				229 -> 238	0.11948			
236 -> 238	0.66975				230 -> 238	-0.31436			
237 -> 240	0.11911				234 -> 239	-0.14263			
					235 -> 240	0.55196			
					236 -> 240	0.11793			
					237 -> 243	0.10112			
Excited State 4: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	3.6728 eV	337.57 nm	f=0.0041	Excited State 15: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.9925 eV	248.34 nm	f=0.0229
236 -> 238	-0.11450				230 -> 238	0.58306			
236 -> 239	-0.21754				234 -> 239	0.14760			
237 -> 240	0.64817				235 -> 240	0.31559			
Excited State 5: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	3.8813 eV	319.44 nm	f=0.0282	Excited State 16: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.9980 eV	248.07 nm	f=0.0014
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236 -> 238	-0.10104				234 -> 239	0.67251			
236 -> 239	0.49811								
Excited State 6: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	3.9716 eV	312.17 nm	f=0.0262	Excited State 17: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	5.0894 eV	243.61 nm	f=0.0030
235 -> 238	0.44981				229 -> 238	0.11075			
235 -> 239	-0.25459				233 -> 239	0.68518			
236 -> 239	0.39936								
237 -> 238	0.11617				Excited State 18: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	5.1050 eV	242.87 nm	f=0.0006
237 -> 240	0.17884				229 -> 238	0.59390			
Excited State 7: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.3211 eV	286.92 nm	f=0.0086	230 -> 238	0.11099			
235 -> 239	0.13699				232 -> 239	-0.32523			
237 -> 241	0.68537				Excited State 19: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	5.1132 eV	242.48 nm	f=0.0027
Excited State 8: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.4902 eV	276.12 nm	f=0.0230	229 -> 238	0.31238			
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235 -> 239	-0.43612				Excited State 20: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	5.1707 eV	239.78 nm	f=0.0312
236 -> 240	0.48258				231 -> 239	0.67103			
237 -> 241	0.10130				236 -> 241	0.15682			
Excited State 9: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.5790 eV	270.77 nm	f=0.0479	Excited State 21: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	5.2568 eV	235.85 nm	f=0.0182
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234 -> 238	0.59681				237 -> 242	0.42620			
235 -> 239	0.13107				237 -> 243	0.40154			
236 -> 240	0.28444				237 -> 244	-0.14640			
Excited State 10: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.6190 eV	268.42 nm	f=0.1284	237 -> 245	0.18943			
231 -> 238	-0.15323				237 -> 246	-0.16629			
232 -> 238	-0.29016				Excited State 22: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	5.3215 eV	232.99 nm	f=0.0294
234 -> 238	0.36315				224 -> 238	0.11823			
235 -> 239	-0.27410				226 -> 238	-0.19520			
235 -> 240	0.15939				227 -> 238	0.20345			
236 -> 240	-0.32784				228 -> 238	0.54467			
236 -> 241	-0.11324				236 -> 241	-0.25899			
Excited State 11: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.7169 eV	262.85 nm	f=0.0219	Excited State 23: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	5.3579 eV	231.40 nm	f=0.0493
232 -> 238	0.16718				222 -> 238	-0.13098			
233 -> 238	0.65947				226 -> 238	0.17550			
235 -> 239	-0.10812				227 -> 238	-0.33953			

228 -> 238	0.39113					229 -> 239	-0.21542				
230 -> 239	0.16730					234 -> 240	0.62294				
236 -> 241	0.30798										
Excited State	24:	Singlet-A	5.3723 eV	230.78 nm	f=0.0327	Excited State	33:	Singlet-A	5.5728 eV	222.48 nm	f=0.0008
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227 -> 238	0.43905					221 -> 238	0.50277				
230 -> 239	0.34197					222 -> 238	-0.34434				
236 -> 241	0.20959					224 -> 238	-0.13720				
237 -> 242	0.15964										
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227 -> 238	-0.18094					237 -> 243	0.31238				
229 -> 239	-0.11187					237 -> 244	0.44435				
230 -> 239	0.52751					237 -> 246	0.29082				
236 -> 241	-0.21771					237 -> 248	0.17765				
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227 -> 238	-0.10278					222 -> 238	0.53253				
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236 -> 241	-0.15071					224 -> 238	0.16191				
237 -> 242	-0.29685										
237 -> 243	0.20069					Excited State	36:	Singlet-A	5.6259 eV	220.38 nm	f=0.0035
237 -> 245	-0.13121					<S**2>=0.000					
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227 -> 238	0.28293					233 -> 240	0.12924				
230 -> 239	0.10945					237 -> 244	0.13905				
237 -> 242	-0.15740					Excited State	37:	Singlet-A	5.6441 eV	219.67 nm	f=0.0082
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229 -> 239	-0.21172					220 -> 238	0.46518				
236 -> 241	-0.17410					221 -> 238	0.27141				
237 -> 242	0.20221					232 -> 240	-0.21428				
237 -> 243	-0.30213										
237 -> 244	0.19641					Excited State	39:	Singlet-A	5.6580 eV	219.13 nm	f=0.0023
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234 -> 240	0.18565					237 -> 245	0.38376				
237 -> 243	-0.10711					237 -> 246	-0.33587				
						237 -> 247	0.11529				
Excited State	30:	Singlet-A	5.5149 eV	224.82 nm	f=0.0159	237 -> 248	0.11496				
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222 -> 238	-0.18300										
223 -> 238	0.44787					Excited State	40:	Singlet-A	5.7148 eV	216.95 nm	f=0.0042
224 -> 238	0.38222					<S**2>=0.000					
226 -> 238	-0.11551					215 -> 238	0.14424				
228 -> 238	-0.11574					216 -> 238	0.23376				
229 -> 239	-0.15239					218 -> 238	0.52346				
234 -> 240	-0.17387					219 -> 238	-0.12278				
						220 -> 238	0.23051				
Excited State	31:	Singlet-A	5.5304 eV	224.19 nm	f=0.0152	233 -> 240	-0.12144				
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224 -> 238	0.51736					Excited State	41:	Singlet-A	5.7232 eV	216.63 nm	f=0.0030
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229 -> 239	0.10611					217 -> 238	0.13852				
234 -> 240	0.13521					232 -> 240	-0.19315				
						233 -> 240	0.61481				
						237 -> 246	-0.10804				
Excited State	32:	Singlet-A	5.5370 eV	223.92 nm	f=0.0529	Excited State	42:	Singlet-A	5.7277 eV	216.46 nm	f=0.0025
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220 -> 238	0.14849					220 -> 238	-0.10008				
233 -> 240	0.22360					221 -> 238	-0.17573				
237 -> 244	-0.26014					228 -> 239	0.21036				
237 -> 245	0.26557										
237 -> 246	0.32409										
						Excited State 46:		Singlet-A	5.7766 eV	214.63 nm	f=0.0126
						<S**2>=0.000					
Excited State 43:		Singlet-A	5.7377 eV	216.09 nm	f=0.0006	216 -> 238	-0.14718				
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215 -> 238	0.22025					228 -> 239	0.61731				
217 -> 238	0.53744					231 -> 240	-0.11223				
237 -> 244	-0.11694					235 -> 241	-0.11925				
237 -> 245	0.22823										
237 -> 246	0.21316					Excited State 47:		Singlet-A	5.7791 eV	214.54 nm	f=0.0131
						<S**2>=0.000					
Excited State 44:		Singlet-A	5.7490 eV	215.66 nm	f=0.1020	226 -> 239	-0.21446				
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225 -> 239	-0.13323					235 -> 241	-0.11092				
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228 -> 239	0.19045					Excited State 48:		Singlet-A	5.8101 eV	213.39 nm	f=0.0236
235 -> 241	0.47476					<S**2>=0.000					
237 -> 244	0.18679					215 -> 238	-0.13203				
237 -> 245	0.25687					231 -> 240	0.61093				
237 -> 248	-0.13173					232 -> 240	-0.19066				
						237 -> 245	-0.10795				
Excited State 45:		Singlet-A	5.7659 eV	215.03 nm	f=0.0003						
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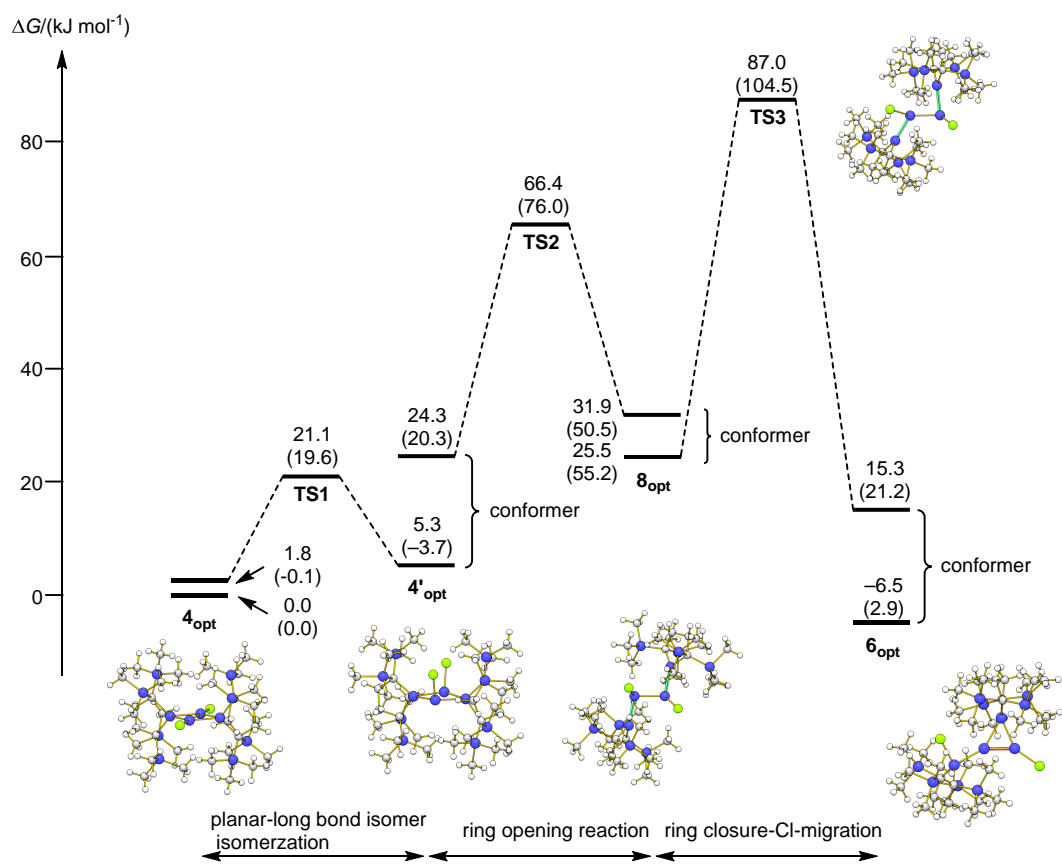


Figure S25. A possible reaction route between 4_{opt} and 6_{opt} calculated at the B3LYP-D3/B1 (basis B1: 6-311G(d) [core Si_4Cl_2], 6-31G(d) [carbon atoms in silacyclopentane rings], 3-21G* [others]).

5. Preliminary estimation of the thermodynamic parameters for the equilibrium between **4** and **6**

In the ^1H NMR spectrum of a mixture of bicyclo[1.1.0]tetrasilane **4** and cyclotrisilene **6**, the signals due to four SiMe_3 groups (36 H) of **6** were substantially broadened and overlapped with that due to eight SiMe_3 groups (72H) of **4** (Figure S26). Assuming that only signals of **4** and **6** were overlapped in this region, the equilibrium constants K_{eq} ($= [\mathbf{6}]:[\mathbf{4}]$) were determined by using the integral ratio of the SiMe_3 signals of ^1H NMR spectra in C_6D_6 (Table S8). A plot of $\ln K_{\text{eq}}$ at various reciprocal temperatures are shown in Figure S27. The thermodynamic parameters for the isomerisation of **4** to **6** are calculated to be $\Delta H = +14.6 \pm 2.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and $\Delta S = +49 \pm 9 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$.

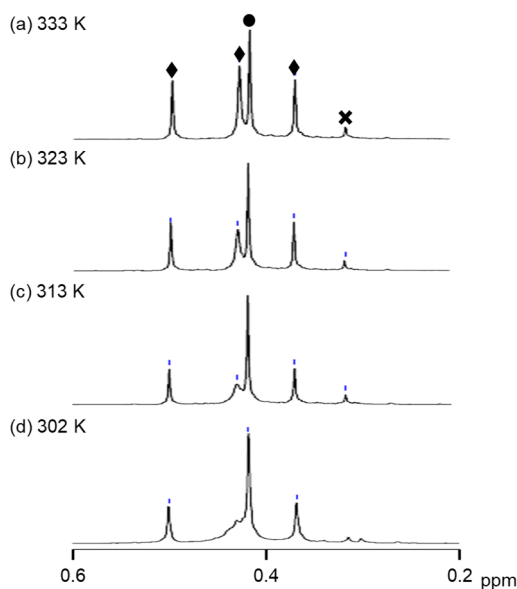


Figure S26. ^1H NMR spectra (TMS region) of a mixture of **4** and **6** in benzene- d_6 at (a) 333 K, (b) 323 K, (c) 313 K, and (d) 302 K ($\bullet = \mathbf{4}$, $\blacklozenge = \mathbf{6}$, $\times = \mathbf{1}$).

Table S8. The Equilibrium Constants K_{eq} ($= [\mathbf{6}]:[\mathbf{4}]$) in Benzene- d_6 at Various Temperatures

Temperature/K	Integral ratio (SiMe ₃)		K_{eq} ($=[\mathbf{6}]:[\mathbf{4}]$) ^a
	bicyclotetrasilane 4	cyclotrisilene 6	
333	2.11	4.00	1.90
323	2.36	4.00	1.69
313	3.24	4.00	1.23
302	3.48	4.00	1.15

a. Equilibrium constants (K_{eq}) were calculated using the integral ratio of SiMe₃ proton signals in the ¹H NMR spectrum.

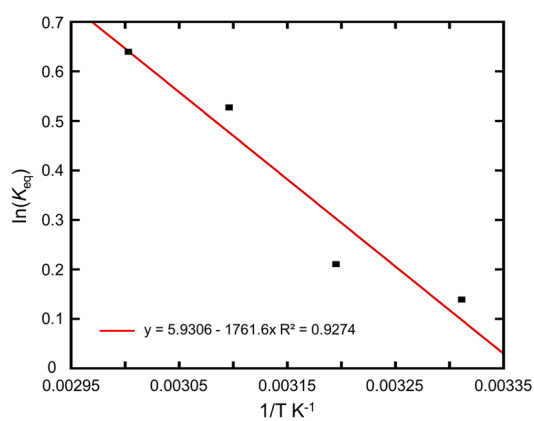


Figure S27. A plot of $\ln(K_{\text{eq}})$ vs $1/T$.