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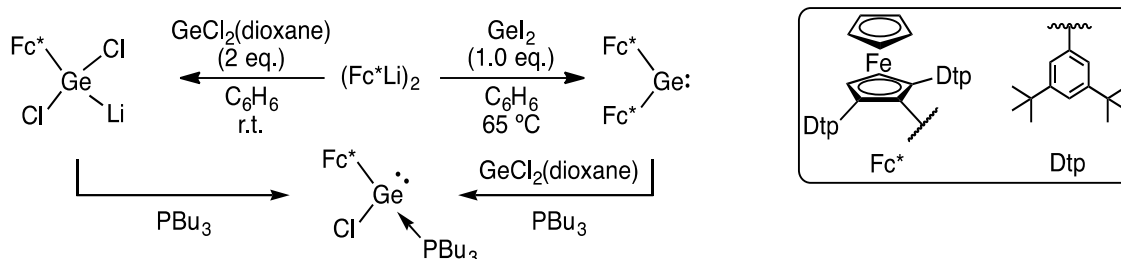
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## Synthesis and Property of Low-Coordinated Germanium Species Bearing a Bulky Ferrocenyl Group

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Germynes ( $R_2Ge:$ ) and Gerymylenoids ( $R_2GeMX$ ; M = alkali metal, X = leaving group) are the germanium analogues of carbenes and carbenoids, which should be of great interest as a unique reactive intermediate. While stable gerymylenes bearing sterically demanding substituents have been isolated and investigated so far,<sup>1</sup> there has been no example of a stable and isolable gerymylenoid, because the possible gerymylenoids would undergo ready MX elimination to give stable gerymylenes. We have designed and developed a sterically demanding ferrocenyl group,  $Fc^*$  = 2,5-bis(3,5-di-*t*-butylphenyl)-1-ferrocenyl group,<sup>1</sup> in the expectation of its remarkable stabilizing effects for a low-coordinated heavier group 14 elements. Here, we will report the synthesis, structure, and reactions of the stable bis(ferrocenyl)germylene<sup>2</sup> and the isolable gerymylenoid,<sup>3</sup> the dichlorolithiogermane bearing a bulky ferrocenyl group.



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