

Directed Gas Phase Formation of the Elusive Silylgermylidyne Radical ($\text{H}_3\text{SiGe}, \text{X}^2\text{A}''$)

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Supplementary Information - Results

It should be noted that according to the isotopes of silicon and germanium (Table S2), the laboratory data can also be fit with reactions of ^{28}SiH plus $^{73}\text{GeH}_4$, ^{28}SiH plus $^{72}\text{GeH}_4$, and ^{29}SiH plus $^{70}\text{GeH}_4$ leading to $^{73}\text{Ge}^{28}\text{SiH}_3$ plus molecular hydrogen, $^{72}\text{Ge}^{28}\text{SiH}_3$ plus molecular hydrogen, and $^{70}\text{Ge}^{29}\text{SiH}_3$ plus molecular hydrogen. These fits are shown in Figures S2 and S3 for completeness. With the exception of the center-of-mass angular distribution of the ^{29}SiH plus $^{70}\text{GeH}_4$ system, the CM functions are essentially identical to those obtained for the ^{28}SiH plus $^{74}\text{GeH}_4$ system which accounts for the dominating naturally occurring isotopes of silicon and germanium.

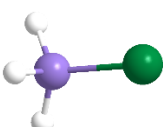
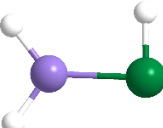
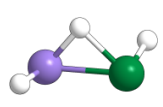
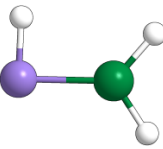
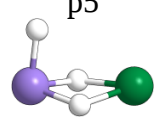
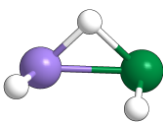
Table S1. Peak Velocity (v_p) and Speed Ratios (S) of the Silyldidyne (SiH) and Germane (GeH_4) Beams along with the Corresponding Collision Energy (E_c) and Center-of-Mass Angle θ_{CM} .

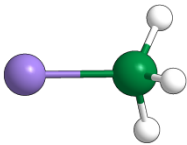
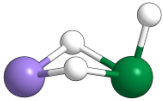
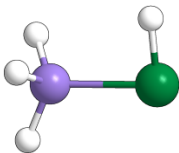
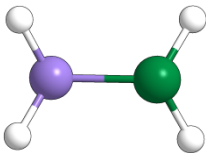
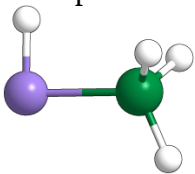
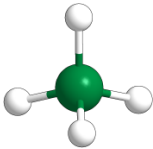
beam	v_p (m s^{-1})	S	E_c (kJ mol^{-1})	θ_{CM} (deg)
SiH	1744 ± 11	16.7 ± 1.8		
GeH ₄	529 ± 5	9.0 ± 0.7	35.0 ± 0.4	39.2 ± 0.2

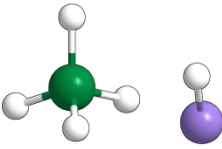
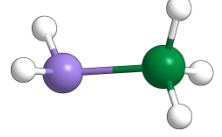
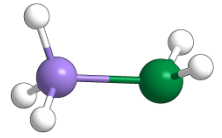
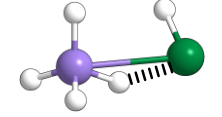
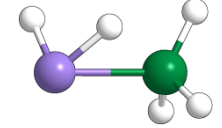
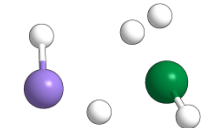
Table S2. H and H₂ dissociation products from silyldidyne radical (SiH) + germane (GeH_4) reaction with isotopes of germanium and silicon.

		⁷⁰ GeH ₄ (20.52%)	⁷² GeH ₄ (27.45%)	⁷³ GeH ₄ (7.76%)	⁷⁴ GeH ₄ (36.7%)	⁷⁶ GeH ₄ (7.75%)
H loss	²⁸ SiH (92.2%)	²⁸ Si ⁷⁰ GeH ₄ 102	²⁸ Si ⁷² GeH ₄ 104	²⁸ Si ⁷³ GeH ₄ 105	²⁸ Si ⁷⁴ GeH ₄ 106	²⁸ Si ⁷⁶ GeH ₄ 108
	²⁹ SiH (4.7%)	²⁹ Si ⁷⁰ GeH ₄ 103	²⁹ Si ⁷² GeH ₄ 105	²⁹ Si ⁷³ GeH ₄ 106	²⁹ Si ⁷⁴ GeH ₄ 107	²⁹ Si ⁷⁶ GeH ₄ 109
	³⁰ SiH (3.1%)	³⁰ Si ⁷⁰ GeH ₄ 104	³⁰ Si ⁷² GeH ₄ 106	³⁰ Si ⁷³ GeH ₄ 107	³⁰ Si ⁷⁴ GeH ₄ 108	³⁰ Si ⁷⁶ GeH ₄ 110
H ₂ loss	²⁸ SiH (92.2%)	²⁸ Si ⁷⁰ GeH ₃ 101	²⁸ Si ⁷² GeH ₃ 103	²⁸ Si ⁷³ GeH ₃ 104	²⁸ Si ⁷⁴ GeH ₃ 105	²⁸ Si ⁷⁶ GeH ₃ 107
	²⁹ SiH (4.7%)	²⁹ Si ⁷⁰ GeH ₃ 102	²⁹ Si ⁷² GeH ₃ 104	²⁹ Si ⁷³ GeH ₃ 105	²⁹ Si ⁷⁴ GeH ₃ 106	²⁹ Si ⁷⁶ GeH ₃ 108
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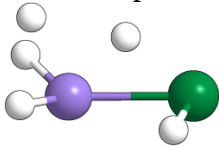
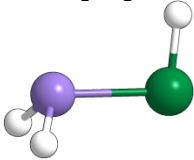
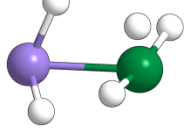
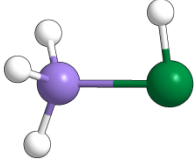
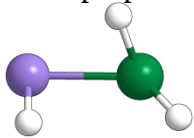
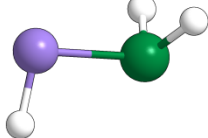
Table S3. Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å), and vibrational frequencies(cm^{-1}) of reactants, H and H_2 dissociation products, intermediates, transition states from silylidyne radical (SiH) + germane (GeH_4) reaction.

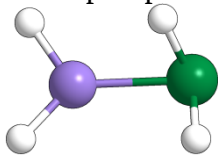
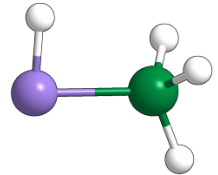
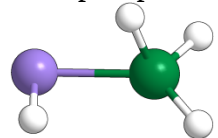
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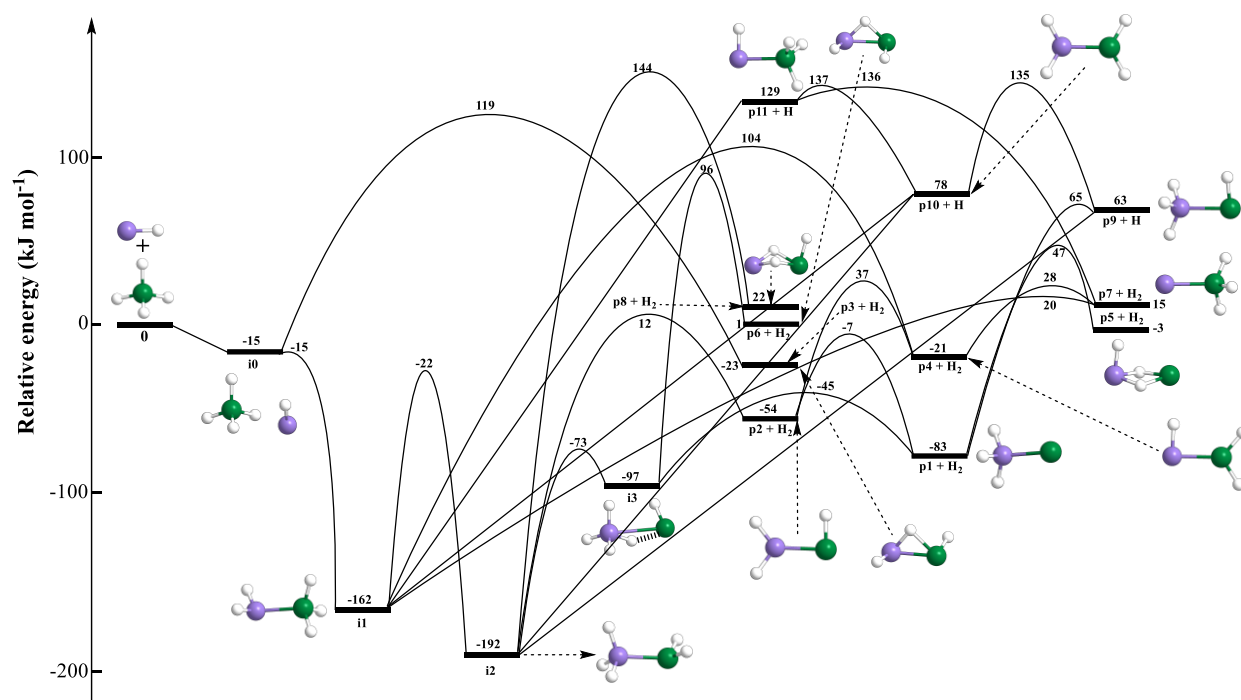


Figure S1. Potential energy surface for the reaction of the silyldiyne radical with germane involving atomic and molecular hydrogen loss pathways. Optimized Cartesian coordinates of the atoms and vibrational frequencies are compiled in Table S3. Germanium, silicon, and hydrogen are color coded in green, purple, and white, respectively.

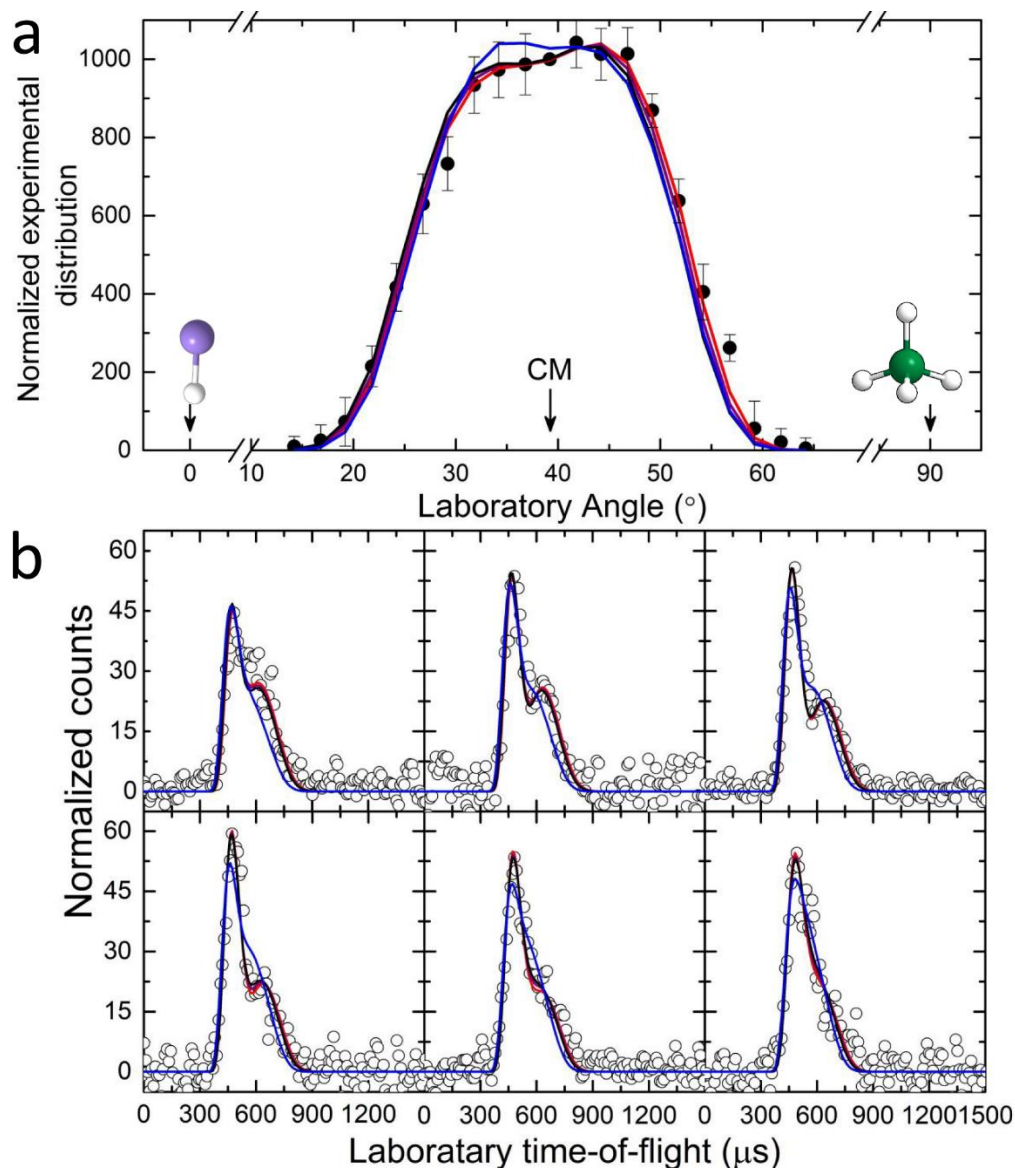


Figure S2. Laboratory angular distribution and the associated time-of-flight spectra. Laboratory angular distribution at mass-to-charge ratio (m/z) of $m/z = 102$ recorded in the reaction of the silyldiyne radical with germane (a) ($^{28}\text{SiH} + ^{74}\text{GeH}_4$ (red), $^{28}\text{SiH} + ^{73}\text{GeH}_4$ (purple), $^{28}\text{SiH} + ^{72}\text{GeH}_4$ (black) and $^{29}\text{SiH} + ^{70}\text{GeH}_4$ (blue)), and the time-of-flight spectra recorded at distinct laboratory angles overlaid with the best fits (b). The solid circles with their error bars represent the normalized experimental distribution with $\pm 1\sigma$ uncertainty; the open circles indicate the experimental data points of the time-of-flight spectra. Silicon, germanium, and hydrogen are color coded in purple, green, and white, respectively.

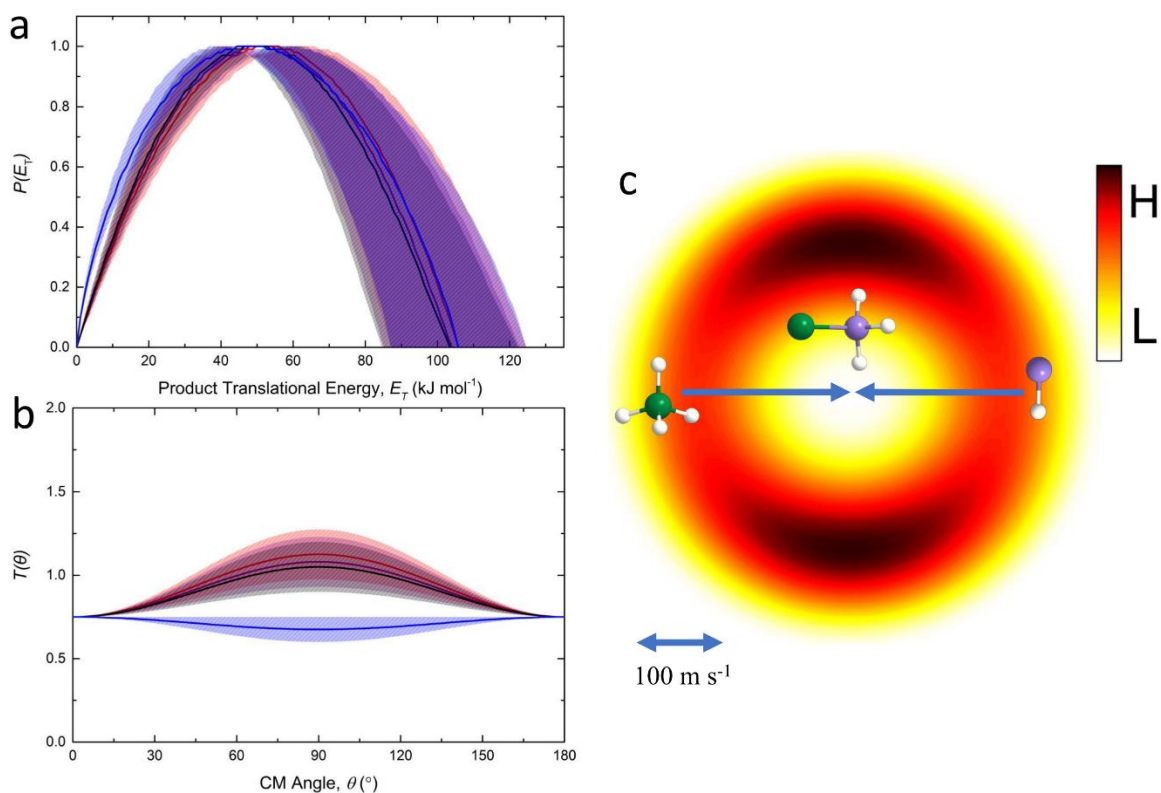


Figure S3. Center-of-Mass (CM) distributions and the associated flux contour map. CM translational energy flux distribution (a), CM angular flux distribution (b), and the top view of their corresponding flux contour map (c) leading to the formation of H₃SiGe plus molecular hydrogen in the reaction of silylidyne with germane (²⁸SiH + ⁷⁴GeH₄ (red), ²⁸SiH + ⁷³GeH₄ (purple), ²⁸SiH + ⁷²GeH₄ (black) and ²⁹SiH + ⁷⁰GeH₄ (blue)). Shaded areas indicate the error limits of the best fits accounting for the uncertainties of the laboratory angular distribution and TOF spectra. The flux contour map represents the flux intensity of the reactive scattering products as a function of the CM scattering angle (θ) and product velocity (u). The color bar indicates the flux gradient from high (H) intensity to low (L) intensity. Silicon, germanium, and hydrogen are color coded in purple, green, and white, respectively.