

## ISOMERIZATION MECHANISMS AROUND E=E' (E,E'=C,Si,Ge) BONDS- DOUBLE BONDS, ANIONS, RADICALS. EXPERIMENT AND THEORY

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The mechanism of isomerization around C=C bonds has been studied extensively both experimentally and theoretically and appears in every organic chemistry textbook.

In contrast, relatively little is known about the isomerization mechanisms around E=E' bonds- where E,E'=Si,Ge - carbon's heavier congeners.

In this lecture we discuss isomerization mechanisms around E=E' (E,E'=C,Si,Ge) bonds in silenes and germenenes (RR'C=ERR', E=Si,Ge), and in silenyl anions (RR'C=SiR<sup>-</sup>) and radicals, recently synthesized in our group.<sup>[1,2]</sup> The experimental and computational studies reveal interesting differences between the isomerization mechanisms of alkenes and vinyl anions and radicals *versus* their heavier silicon and germanium congeners.

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