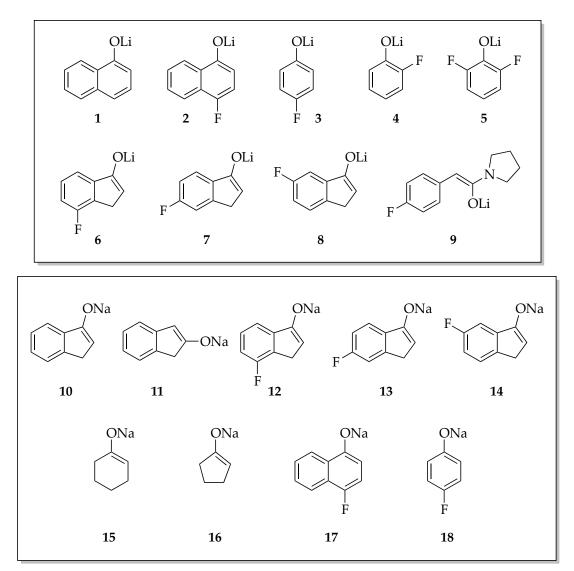
## **Supporting Information**

Method of Continuous Variation:

Characterization of Alkali Metal Enolates Using <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectroscopies

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 $X_{A}$  = the mole fraction of enolate / phenolate subunits **A** 

 $X_{\rm B}$  = the mole fraction of enolate / phenolate subunits **B** 

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# I. Lithium Phenolates: Job Plots using <sup>19</sup>F NMR.

Substra	tes	Solvent	Structure	NMR	Page
OLi F 3	OLi F	TMEDA	dimer	<sup>19</sup> F	S7
OLi F 3	OLi F 5	TMEDA	dimer	<sup>19</sup> F	S8
OLi	OLi	TMEDA	dimer	<sup>19</sup> F	S9
2 F	F 3	THF	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S10

# II. Lithium Salts of 1-Naphthol and 4-Fluorophenol: Job Plots using <sup>19</sup>F NMR

Substrates	Solvent	Structure	NMR	Page
	NMP	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S11
	DMF	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S12
OLi OLi	DMSO	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S13
	DMPU	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S14
	<i>n</i> -PrNH <sub>2</sub>	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S15
	Et <sub>2</sub> NH	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S16
1 F 3	<i>n</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NH	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S17
	piperidine	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S18
	<i>t</i> -butanol	tetramer	<sup>19</sup> F	S19

Substrates	Solvent	Structure	NMR	Page
OLi OLi	THF	tetramer	$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	S20
	TMEDA	dimer	$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	S21
Ê 6 8	TMEDA	dimer	<sup>19</sup> F	S22
OLi OLi	THF	tetramer	$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	S23
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## III. Lithium Enolates and Phenolates: Job Plots using <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

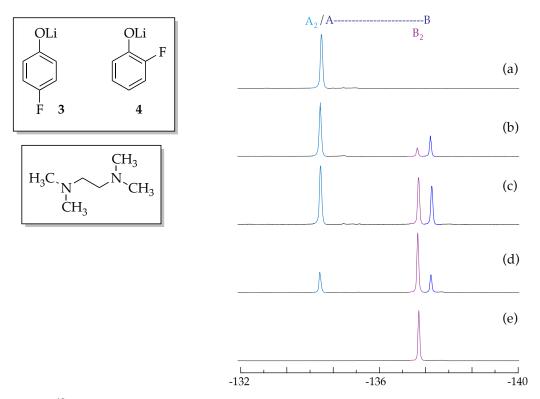
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F 11 14	TMEDA	tetramer	<sup>1</sup> H	S29
F $12$ $13$ $ONa$ $ONa$ $ONa$ $ONa$ $ONa$ $F$ $ONa$	TMEDA	tetramer	<sup>1</sup> H	S30
ONa ONa 9 10	THF	tetramer*	$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	S31
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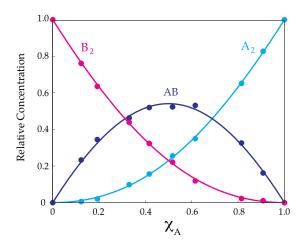
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16	17				

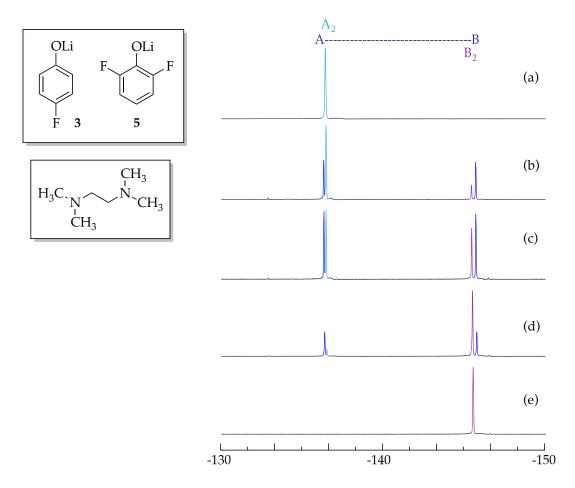
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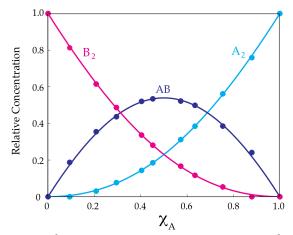
**Figure 1**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**4** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.62, 0.42, 0.19, and 0.00, respectively.



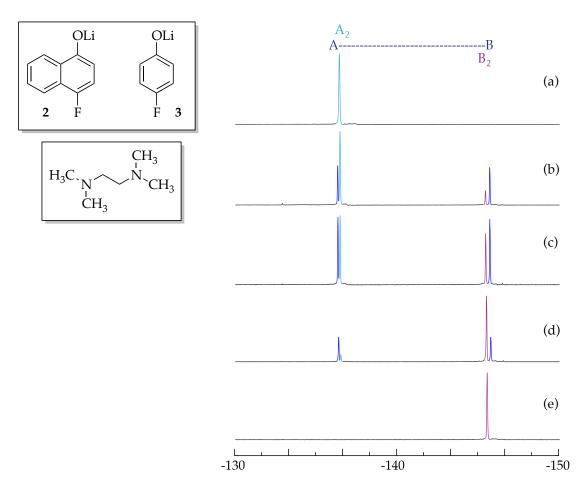
**Figure 2**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**4** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C.



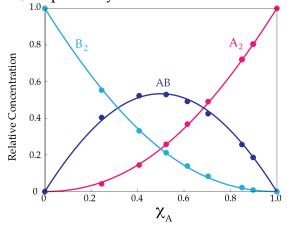
**Figure 3**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [ $^{6}$ Li]**3** (**A**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**5** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.75, 0.57, 0.40, and 0.00, respectively.



**Figure 4**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**5** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C.

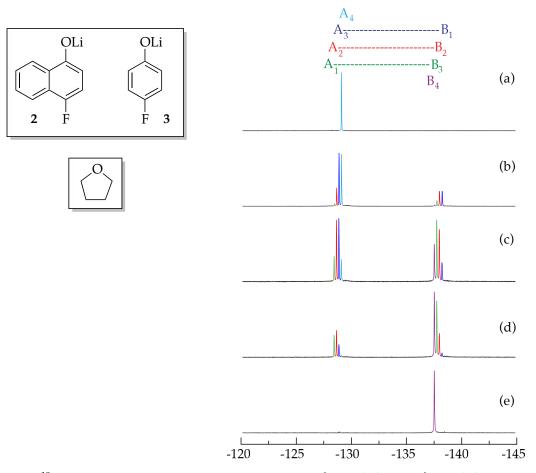


**Figure 5**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [ $^{6}$ Li]**2** (**A**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**3** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.70, 0.41, 0.24, and 0.00, respectively.

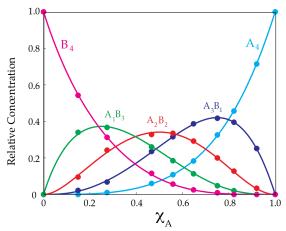


**Figure 6**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**2** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C.

#### **Tetramer Job Plots in THF**

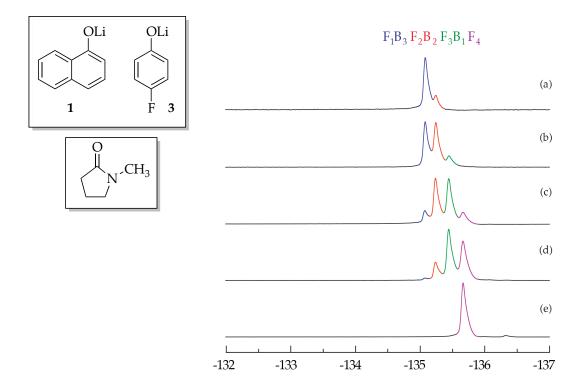


**Figure 7**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [ $^{6}$ Li]**2** (**A**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**3** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.75, 0.47, 0.27, and 0.00, respectively.

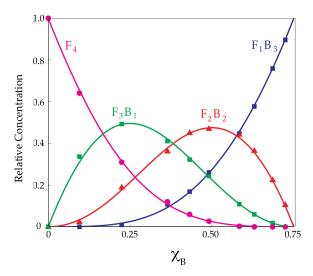


**Figure 8**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**2** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C.

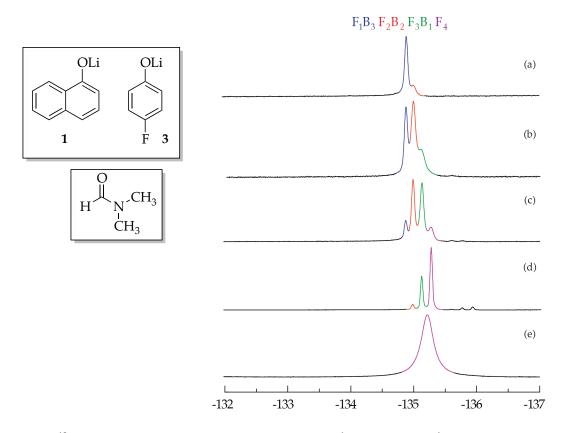
#### Tetramer Job Plots in N-methylpyrrolidone



**Figure 9**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M NMP/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **F** in (a)-(e) are 0.28, 0.37, 0.42, 0.78, and 1.00, respectively. The 1-naphtholate homoaggregate is invisible by fluorine NMR.

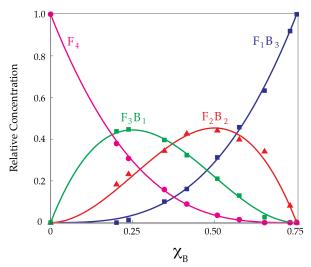


**Figure 10**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **B** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M NMP/toluene at -80 °C.



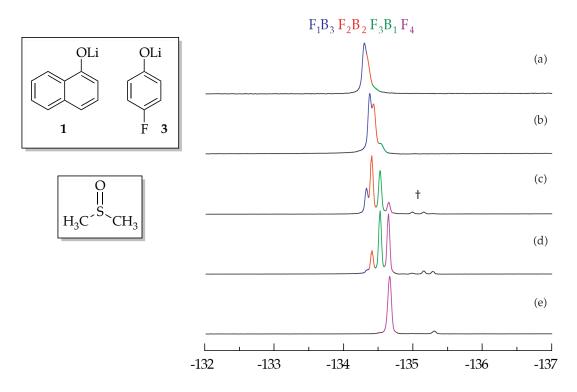
**Tetramer Job Plots in Dimethylformamide** 

**Figure 11**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M DMF/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **F** in (a)-(e) are 0.27, 0.41, 0.55, 0.87, and 1.00, respectively. The 1-naphtholate homoaggregate is invisible by fluorine NMR.

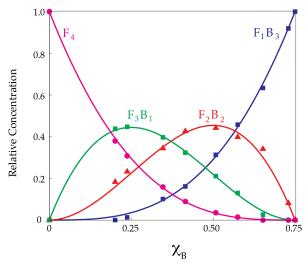


**Figure 12**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **B** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M DMF/toluene at -80 °C.

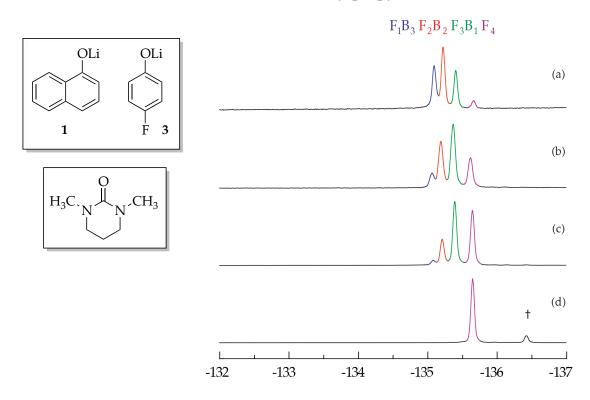
#### **Tetramer Job Plots in Dimethylsulfoxide**



**Figure 13**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M DMSO/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **F** in (a)-(e) are 0.27, 0.34, 0.49, 0.65, and 1.00, respectively. The 1-naphtholate homoaggregate is invisible by fluorine NMR. + denotes unknown fluorinated material, possibly minor aggregation states.

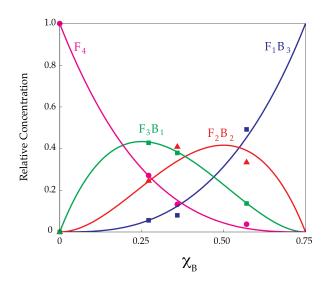


**Figure 14**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **B** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M DMSO/toluene at -80 °C.



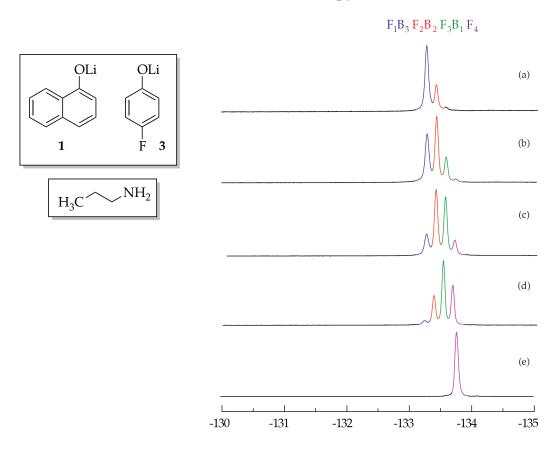
**Tetramer Job Plots in Dimethylpropyleneurea** 

**Figure 15**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M DMPU/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **F** in (a)-(e) are 0.43, 0.64, 0.72, and 1.00, respectively. The 1-naphtholate homoaggregate is invisible by fluorine NMR. + denotes unknown fluorinated material, possibly minor aggregation states.

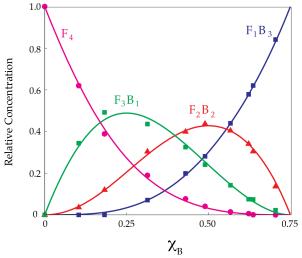


**Figure 16**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **B** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M DMPU/toluene at -80 °C.



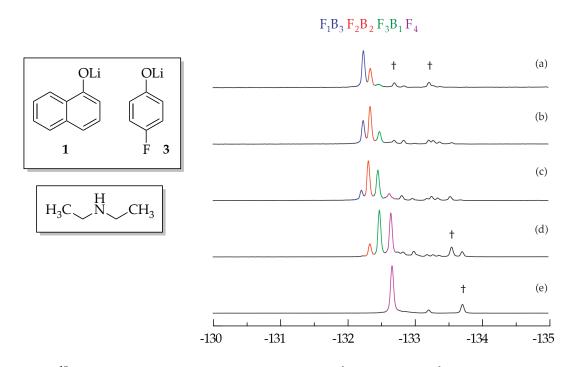


**Figure 17**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [ $^{6}$ Li]**3** (**F**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M *n*-PrNH<sub>2</sub>/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **F** in (a)-(e) are 0.30, 0.38, 0.51, 0.69, and 1.00, respectively. The 1-naphtholate homoaggregate is invisible by fluorine NMR.

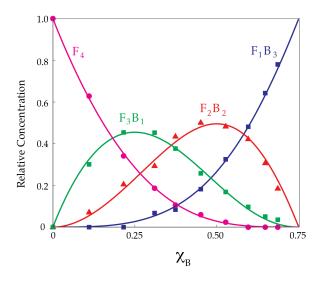


**Figure 18**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **B** for 0.10 M mixtures of [ $^{6}$ Li]**3** (**F**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M *n*-PrNH<sub>2</sub>/ toluene at -80 °C.

#### **Tetramer Job Plots in Diethylamine**

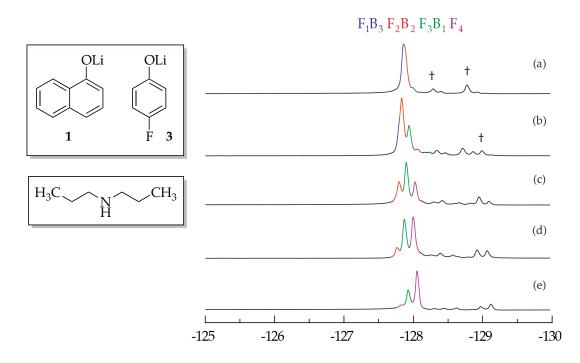


**Figure 19**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M Et<sub>2</sub>NH/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **F** in (a)-(e) are 0.31, 0.40, 0.55, 0.63, and 1.00, respectively. The 1-naphtholate homoaggregate is invisible by fluorine NMR. + denotes unknown fluorinated material, possibly minor aggregation states.



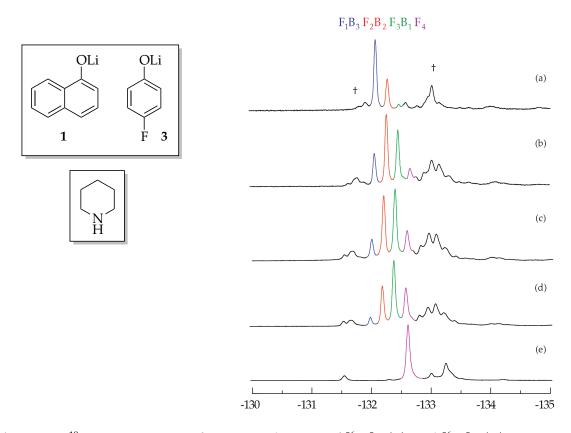
**Figure 20**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **B** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M Et<sub>2</sub>NH/toluene at -80 °C.  $F_1B_3$  is the last <sup>19</sup>F NMR visible aggregate, reaching a maximum of 0.75 along the x-axis;  $B_4$  is not visible.

#### **Tetramer Job Plots in Dipropylamine**

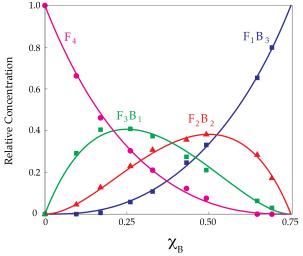


**Figure 21**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [ $^{6}$ Li]**3** (**F**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M *n*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NH/toluene at -90 °C. The measured mole fractions of **F** in (a)-(e) are 0.50, 0.53, 0.69, 0.83, and 0.88, respectively. The 1-naphtholate homoaggregate is invisible by fluorine NMR. + denotes unknown fluorinated material, possibly minor aggregation states.

#### **Tetramer Job Plots in Piperidine**

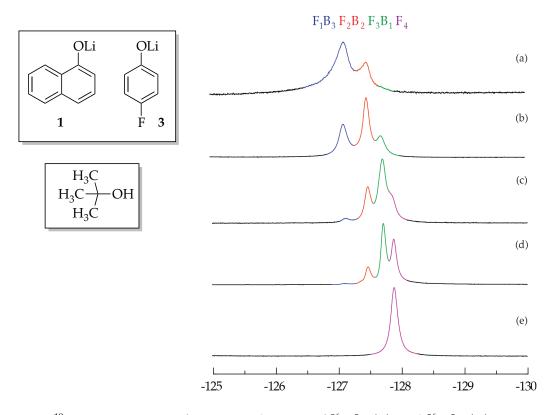


**Figure 22**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M piperidine/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **F** in (a)-(e) are 0.31, 0.51, 0.57, 0.67, and 1.00, respectively. The 1-naphtholate homoaggregate is invisible by fluorine NMR. + denotes unknown fluorinated material, possibly minor aggregation states.

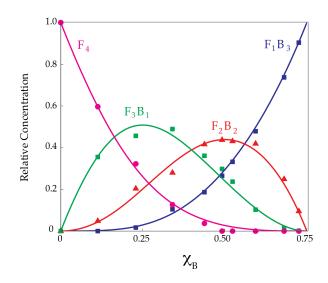


**Figure 23**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **B** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**3** (**F**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M piperidine/toluene at -80 °C.

## Tetramer Job Plots in t-Butanol

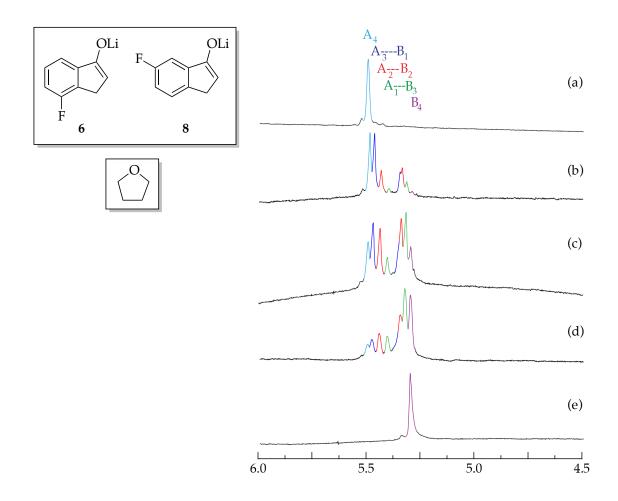


**Figure 24**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [ $^{6}$ Li]**3** (**F**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M *t*-BuOH/toluene at -90 °C. The measured mole fractions of **F** in (a)-(e) are 0.27, 0.41, 0.66, 0.77, and 1.00, respectively. The 1-naphtholate homoaggregate is invisible by fluorine NMR.

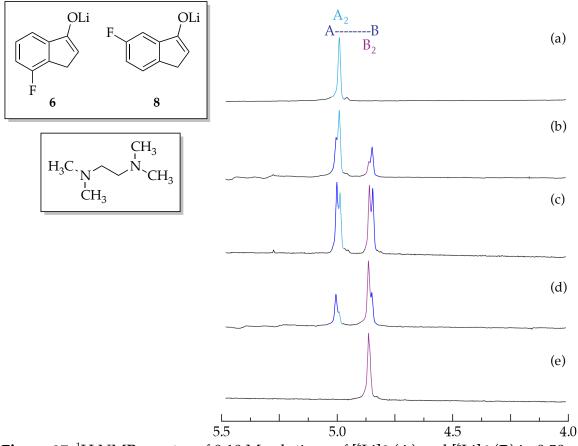


**Figure 25**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **B** for 0.10 M mixtures of [ $^{6}$ Li]**3** (**F**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**1** (**B**) in 0.50 M *t*-BuOH / toluene at -90 °C.

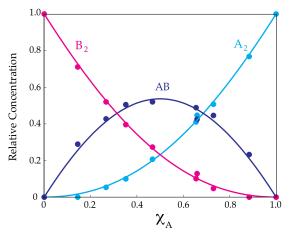
## **Tetramer Job Plots in Tetrahydrofuran**



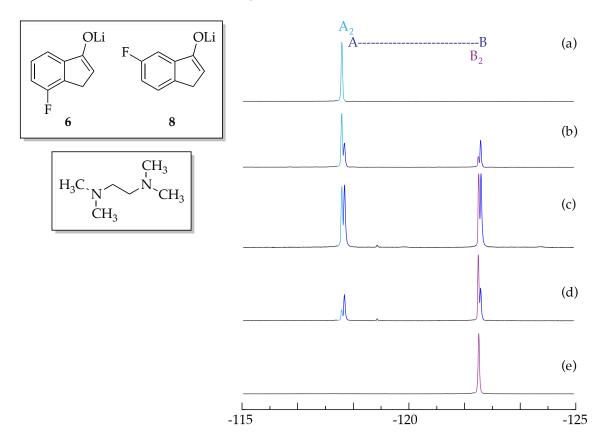
**Figure 26**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**8** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**6** (**B**) in 0.50 M THF / toluene at -80 °C. The expected mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.0, 0.8, 0.5, 0.3, and 0.0, respectively.



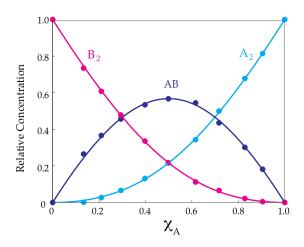
**Figure 27**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**8** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**6** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA / toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.65, 0.47, 0.27, and 0.00, respectively.



**Figure 28**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**8** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**6** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C.

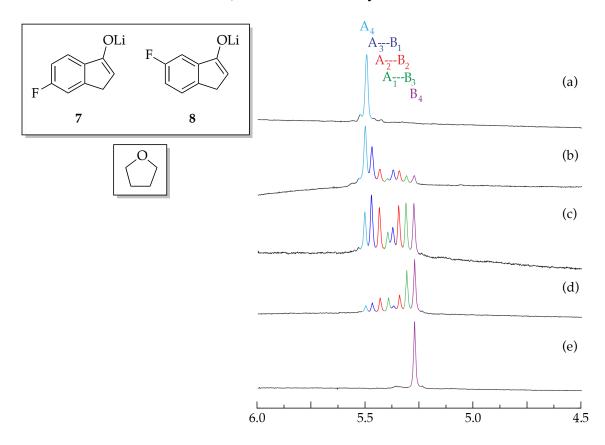


**Figure 29**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**8** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**6** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.72, 0.50, 0.29, and 0.00, respectively. † denotes unknown aggregation states.

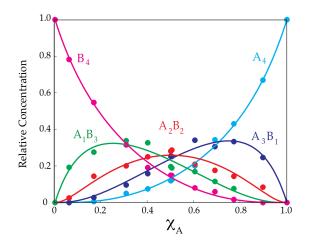


**Figure 30**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [ $^{6}$ Li]**8** (**A**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**6** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C.

#### **Tetramer Job Plots in Tetrahydrofuran**

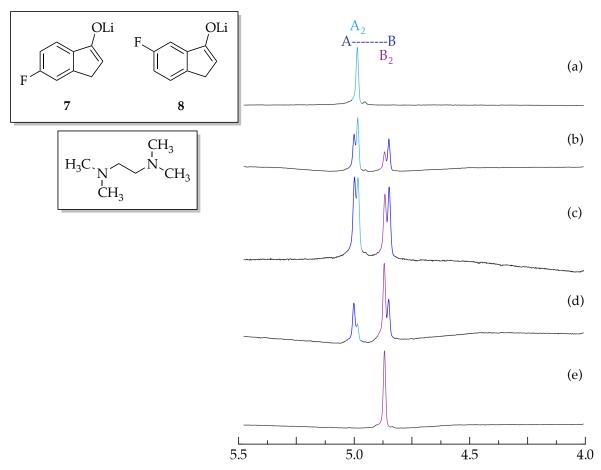


**Figure 31**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**8** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**7** (**B**) in 0.50 M THF/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.69, 0.50, 0.40, and 0.00, respectively. † denotes unknown aggregation states.

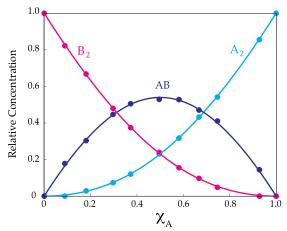


**Figure 32**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [ $^{6}$ Li]**8** (**A**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**7** (**B**) in 0.50 M THF/toluene at -80 °C.

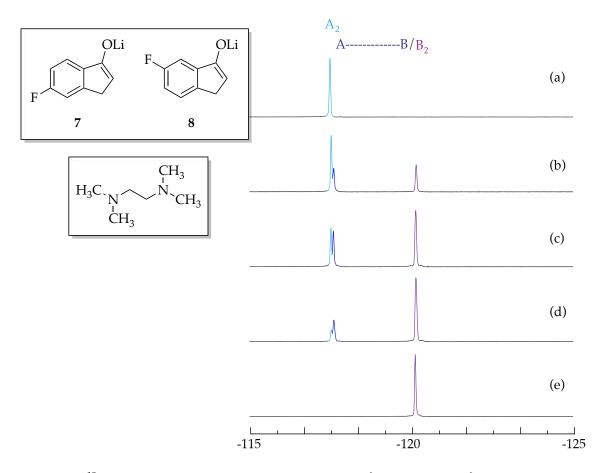




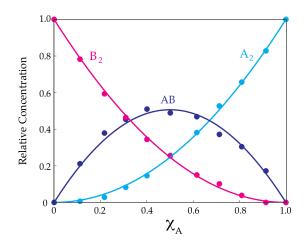
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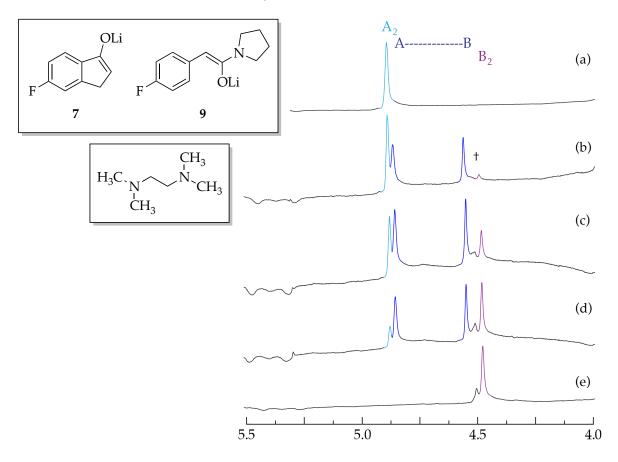
**Figure 34**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**8** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**7** (**B**) in 0.50 M THF/toluene at -80 °C.



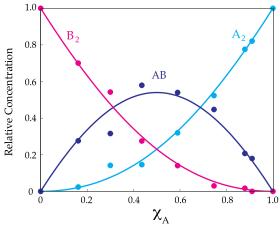
**Figure 35**. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**8** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**7** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.71, 0.50, 0.31, and 0.00, respectively.



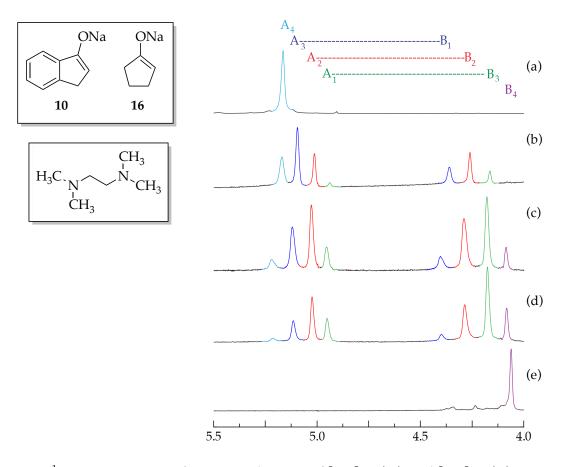
**Figure 36**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [ $^{6}$ Li]**8** (**A**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]**7** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C.



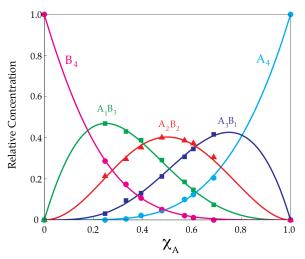
**Figure 37**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [<sup>6</sup>Li]**7** (**A**) and [<sup>6</sup>Li]**9** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.59, 0.47, 0.30, and 0.00, respectively. **†** denotes unknown aggregation states.



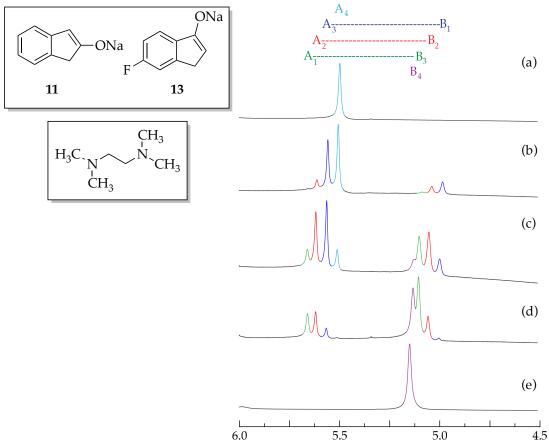
**Figure 38**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [ $^{6}$ Li]7 (**A**) and [ $^{6}$ Li]9 (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene at -80 °C.



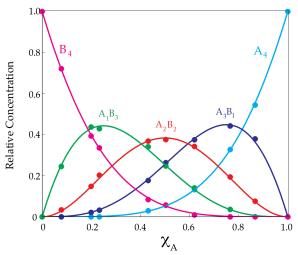
**Figure 39.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [Na]**10** (**A**) and [Na]**16** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA / toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.69, 0.48, 0.39, and 0.00, respectively.



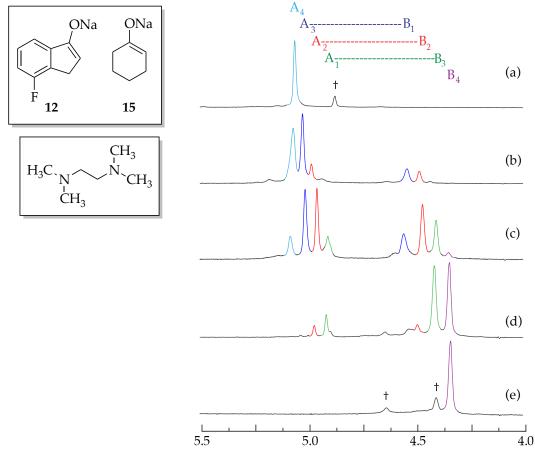
**Figure 40**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [Na]**10** (**A**) and [Na]**16** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C.



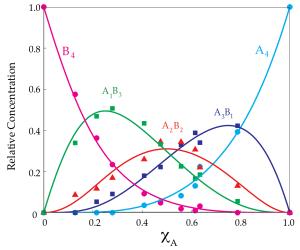
**Figure 41**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [Na]**11** (**A**) and [Na]**13** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA / toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.77, 0.50, 0.23, and 0.00, respectively.



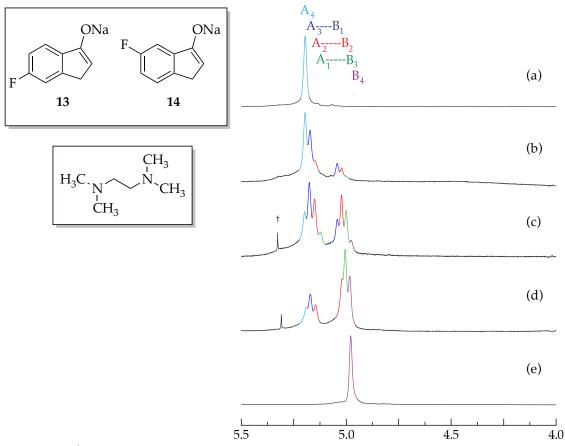
**Figure 42**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [Na]**11** (**A**) and [Na]**13** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C.



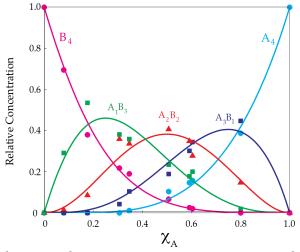
**Figure 43**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [Na]**12** (**A**) and [Na]**15** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA / toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.79, 0.56, 0.21, and 0.00, respectively. † denotes unknown aggregation states.



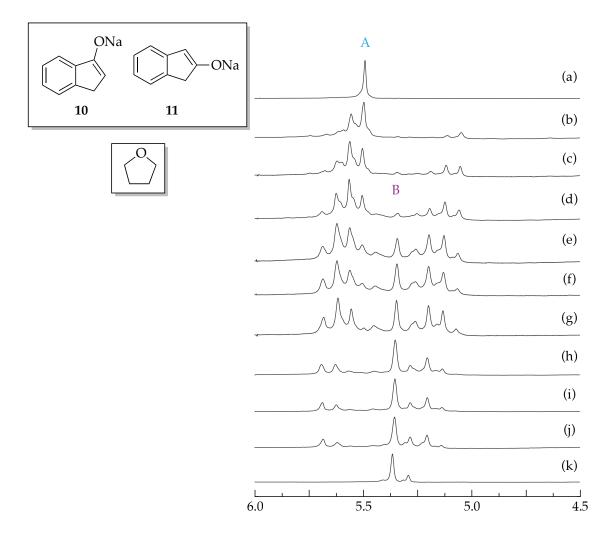
**Figure 44**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [Na]**12** (**A**) and [Na]**15** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C.



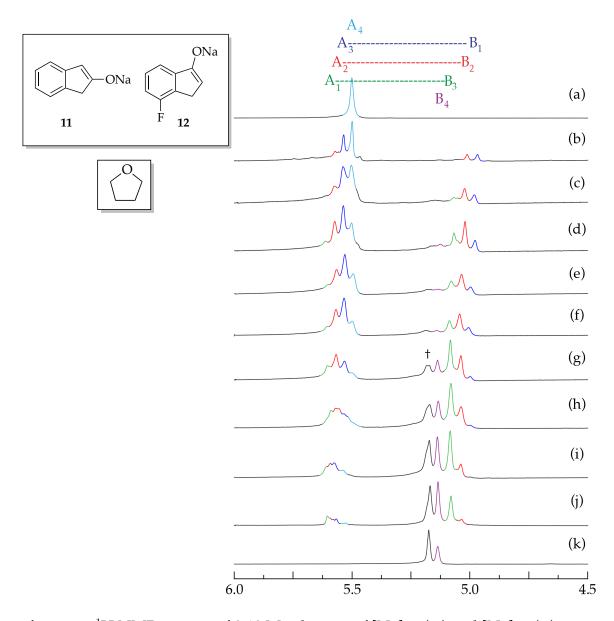
**Figure 45**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [Na]**14** (**A**) and [Na]**13** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA / toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.80, 0.60, 0.34, and 0.00, respectively. † denotes unknown aggregation states.



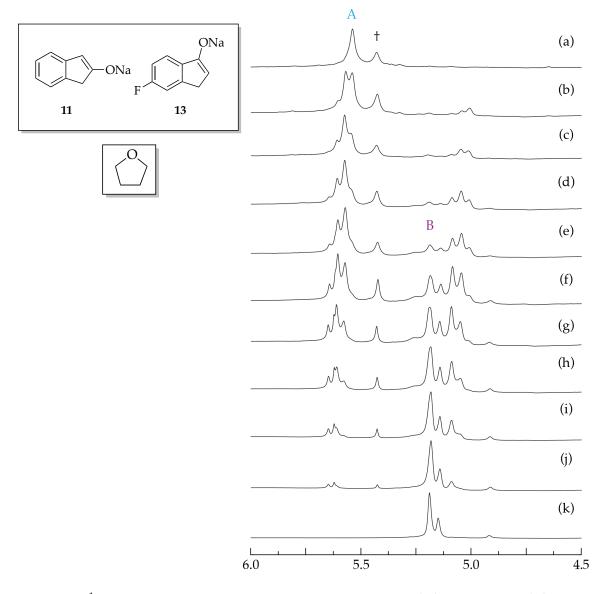
**Figure 46**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [Na]**14** (**A**) and [Na]**13** (**B**) in 0.50 M TMEDA/toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C.



**Figure 47**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [Na]**11** (**A**) and [Na]**10** (**B**) in 0.50 M THF/toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C. Spectra (b)-(j) show a superposition of ensembles, though the dominant one appears to be tetramer. The expected mole fractions are in 0.01 increments.

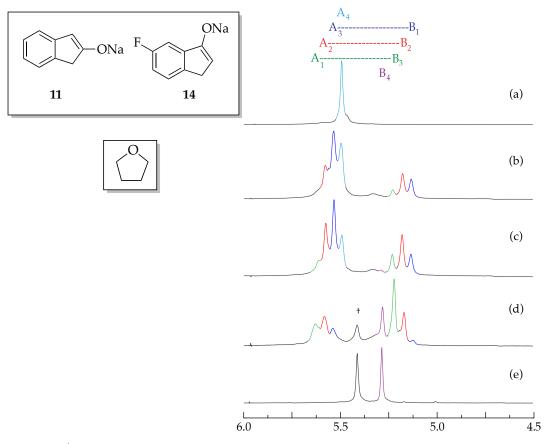


**Figure 48**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [Na]**11** (**A**) and [Na]**12** (**B**) in 0.50 M THF/toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C. At low mole fraction of **11**, the ensemble has poor resolution on the **A** side. The expected mole fractions are in 0.01 increments. + denotes unknown aggregation states.

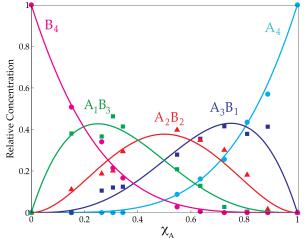


**Figure 49**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [Na]**11** (**A**) and [Na]**13** (**B**) in 0.50 M THF/toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C. The expected mole fractions are in 0.01 increments. † denotes suspected mixed aggregate with NaHMDS.

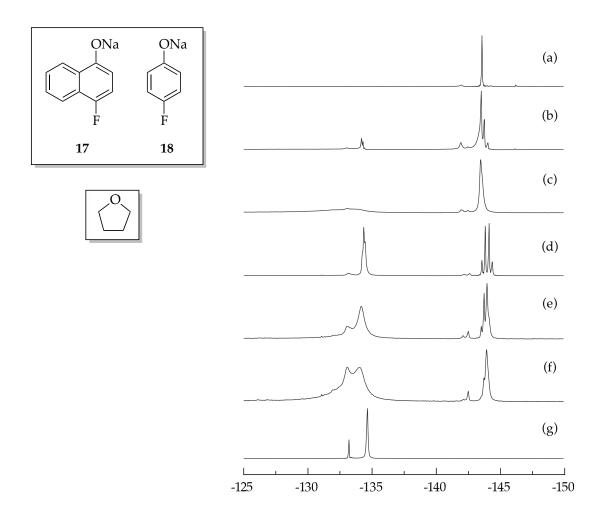
#### **Tetramer Job Plots in THF**



**Figure 50**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [Na]**11** (**A**) and [Na]**14** (**B**) in 0.50 M THF/toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C. The measured mole fractions of **A** in (a)-(e) are 1.00, 0.81, 0.63, 0.34, and 0.00, respectively. + denotes unknown aggregation states.



**Figure 51**. Job plot showing the relative integrations versus the measured mole fractions of **A** for 0.10 M mixtures of [Na]**11** (**A**) and [Na]**14** (**B**) in 0.50 M THF/ toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C.



**Figure 52**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 0.10 M solutions of [Na]**17** and [Na]**18** in 0.50 M THF/toluene- $d_8$  at -80 °C. The expected mole fractions of **17** in (a)-(g) are 1.0, 0.8, 0.6, 0.5, 0.4, 0.2 and 0.0, respectively.

## V. NaICA Characterization.

## Sodium isopropylcyclohexylamide NMR characterization.

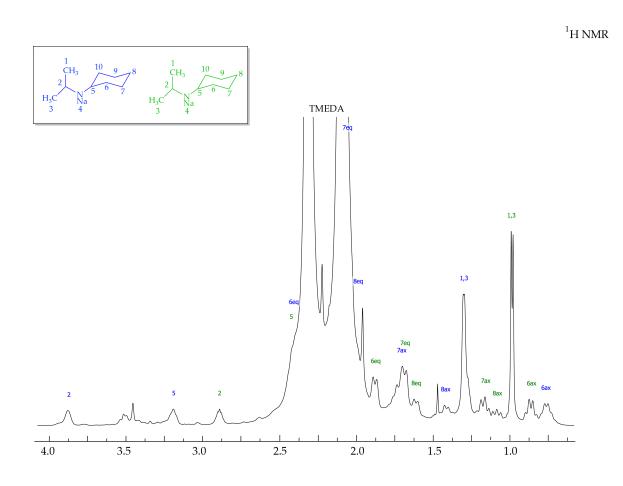


Figure 53. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 0.1 M NaICA in 0.5 M TMEDA with a toluene- $d_8$  cosolvent at -80 °C.

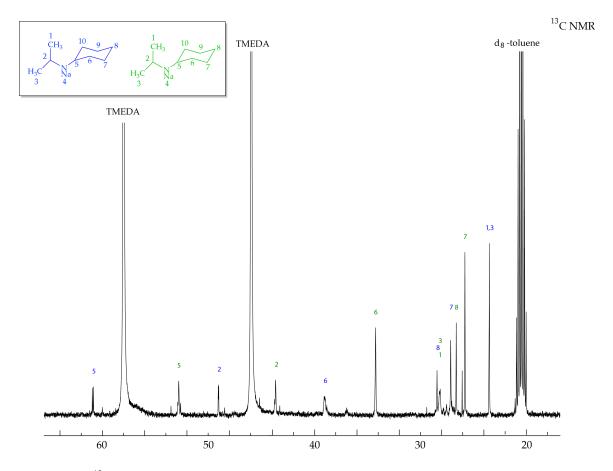


Figure 54. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 0.1 M NaICA in 0.5 M TMEDA with a toluene- $d_8$  cosolvent at -80 °C.

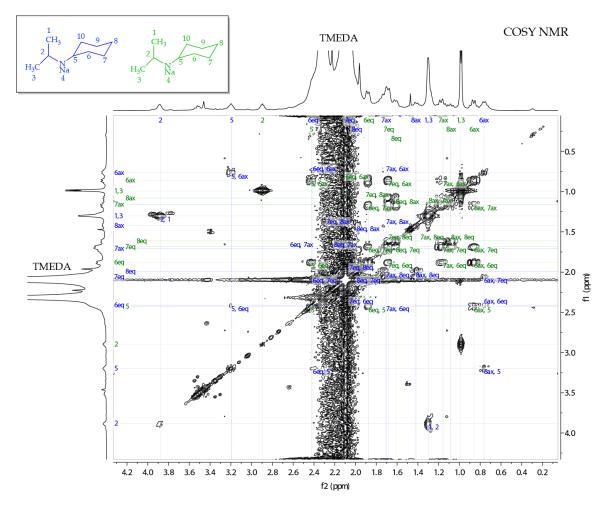


Figure 55. COSY NMR of 0.1 M NaICA in 0.5 M TMEDA with a toluene- $d_s$  cosolvent at -80 °C.

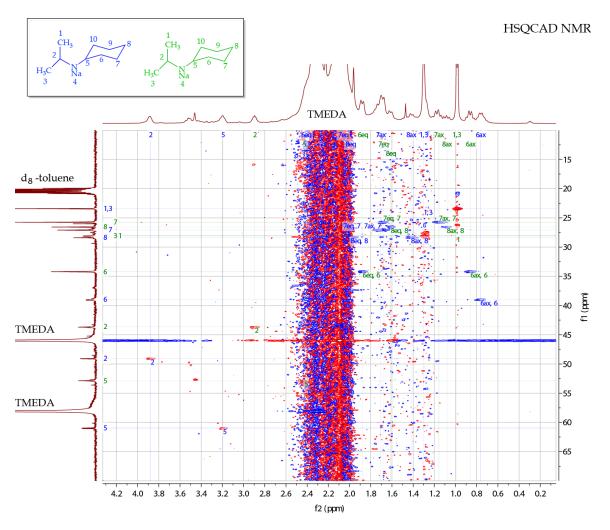


Figure 56. HSQCAD NMR of 0.1 M NaICA in 0.5 M TMEDA with a toluene- $d_8$  cosolvent at -80 °C.

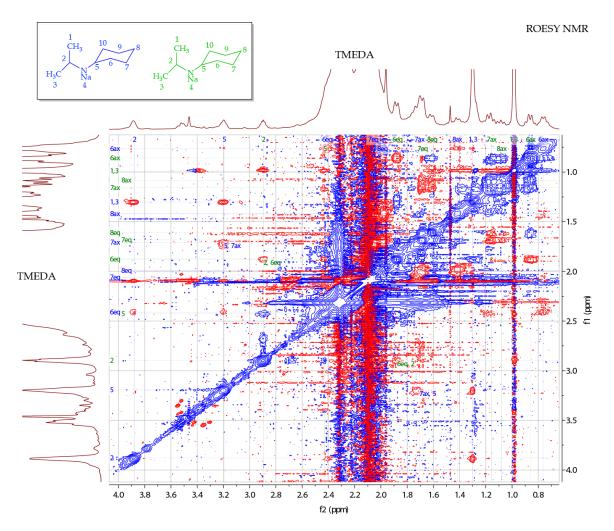


Figure 57. ROESY NMR of 0.1 M NaICA in 0.5 M TMEDA with a toluene- $d_8$  cosolvent at -80 °C.

#### VI. Matlab files for a singly-tagged ensembles.

The Matlab folders described below in the bold titles are labeled for <sup>19</sup>F, though obviously the nuclei does not matter for the parametric fit. To start the process, open **Data1\_19F.m** and insert the measured mole fractions and normalized NMR integrals into their appropriate matrix and save the file without changing the file name. Using the Matlab command window, type the following:

Data1\_19F % variables will appear in the workspace

try\_fit\_19F(XA\_19F, phi, peak\_assignment, Expt\_Populations) % only done to check whether the data is entered correctly; generates a plot

[phi\_new, error] = refine\_fit\_19F(XA\_19F,phi, peak\_assignment, Expt\_Populations) % does the curve fitting through an iterative process; gives phi values and errors

phi = phi\_new % replaces the old phi values with the new phi values from the fit

try\_fit\_19F(XA\_19F, phi, peak\_assignment, Expt\_Populations) % *Generates a Job plot with the parametric fit, which can be exported to Adobe Illustrator* 

#### Tetramer:

A tetramer will appear like a trimer, and the x-axis will scale to 0.75, corresponding to the stoichiometry of the last visible aggregate,  $A_3B_1$ .

#### Data1\_19F.m:

```
% This script sets up variables for an ensemble of
% aggregates of the same aggregation number.
%
% XA(j): the measured mole fractions.
% Expt_Populations(j,k): the normalized NMR integrals
% peak_assignment: sets the order of NMR peaks.
% phi: sets the relative energies of each n-mer.
```

% First, list the mole fractions of A such that it % correlates with the rows in the Expt Populations.

%DISCLAIMER: this part is only relevant if your B\_n is the %fluorinated part, but will help align the axis and numbers %correctly. We are using a tetramer A4 and B4 purely for %illustrative purposes.

%If using the same format as with lithium, the

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%homoaggregrate on the right (B4) will be the curve on the
%left of the Job plot. Usually Mole Fraction is calculated
%with respect to A4. Since B is the fluorinated part, we
%have to calculate it with respect to B4. 1-[MF] is
%necessary if we want the plot to run from 0 to 0.75
%instead of 0.25 to 1.0.
%Lithium format: L to R
% A4 A3B1 A2B2 A1B3 B4
%calc MF w.r.t A = A4 + 0.75*A3B1 + 0.5*A2B2 + 0.25*A1B3
%19F format if B4 is fluorinated: L to R
%A3B1 A2B2 A1B3 B4
%calc MF w.r.t. B (Fluorine) = 0.25*A3B1 + 0.5*A2B2 +
%0.75*A1B3 + B4
% pure F (B4) should be at point 0, not 1.
% If following this setup, it will be at MF =1 with
% experimental populations of 0 0 0 1. Hence, 1 -[Xa 19F]
XA \ 19F = 1 - [0.1]
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
0.6
0.7
0.8
0.9
11;
% Next, list the experimental populations of the
% aggregates. The number of rows must match XA 19F.
Expt Populations =
         0.09
[0.9
                 0.01
                         0
 0.x
         0.x
                 0.x
                        0.x
 0.x
        0.x
                 0.x
                        0.x
 0.x
        0.x
                 0.x
                        0.x
 0.x
        0.x
                 0.x
                        0.x
        0.x
                 0.x
                        0.x
 0.x
 0.x
        0.x
                 0.x
                        0.x
                 0.x
 0.x
        0.x
                        0.x
 0.x
         0.x
                 0.x
                        0.x
  0
         0
                  0
                         1;];
```

```
% following the described format will put it as [4 3 2 1]
% corresponding to A3B1, A2B2, A3B1, B4.
% if peaks overlap, assign them twice. e.g. [3 2 1 1]
peak assignment = [4 3 2 1];
% Assign the "energy" of each n-mer using the computer's
expected ordering.
phi = [ 1 1 1 1 ];
Error of Model 19F.m:
% The description of this file has been previously
% reported; Please refer to the supporting information in
8 J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 4859.
function [mean error, pop error] =
Error of Model 19F(XA 19F, phi, peak assignment,
Expt Populations, Expt weights)
    if (nargin<5) % If no info on data given assume all
points equally precise.
                Expt weights=ones(size(Expt Populations));
    end
    % Compute values from the model.
    Concentrations = multimers 19F(XA 19F, phi);
    PP = Populations(Concentrations, peak assignment);
    % Compute the mean error.
    diff = PP - Expt Populations;
    mean_error = sqrt(sum(sum(diff.*diff.*Expt weights)) /
sum(sum(Expt weights)));
```

```
% Compute the error for each population independently.
pop_error = sum(diff.*Expt_weights,1) ./
sum(Expt_weights,1);
    pop_error(2,:) = sqrt(sum(diff.*diff.*Expt_weights,1)
./ sum(Expt_weights,1));
```

#### Refine\_fit\_19F.m:

% The description of this file has been previously % reported; Please refer to the supporting information in % J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 4859.

function [phi\_new, error] = refine\_fit\_19F(XA\_19F,phi,

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peak assignment, Expt Populations)
if (nargin<5)</pre>
     Expt weight = ones(size(Expt Populations));
end
N = length(phi) - 1;
param = [2:(N+1)];
% We need to select an initial step size of each for trial
improvements 10% is a good starting figure.
step_size = 0.1*phi(param),
% Initialize Search
N no progress = 0; % Number of steps since error last
improved.
N max trials = 30; % Give up if after 30 steps things have
qot no better.
[error best, temp] = Error of Model 19F(XA 19F, phi,
peak assignment, Expt Populations) ; % Initial Quality of
Fit
fprintf(1, '\n Initial Error of Fit = %f percent.\n',
error best * 100);
% Iteratively try to improve fit.
while (N no progress < N max trials)</pre>
    flag = 0;
    for k=1:length(param) % Try tweaking each parameter in
turn.
        % Step to the right
            phi testr = phi;
            phi testr(param(k))=abs(phi(param(k)) +
step size(k));
            [error testr, temp] =
Error of Model 19F(XA 19F, phi testr, peak assignment,
Expt Populations, Expt weight);
        % Step to the left
            phi testl = phi;
            phi testl(param(k))=abs(phi(param(k)) -
step size(k));
            [error test1, temp] =
Error of Model 19F(XA 19F, phi testl,
peak assignment,Expt Populations, Expt weight);
        % Decide if you want to step.
```

```
if (error testr<error best)</pre>
                % Positive step better so keep going that
way.
                error_best=error testr; phi=phi testr;
step size(k) = step size(k) * 1.5;
                N no progress=0;
                    (error testl <error best) % Negative
        elseif
step better so keep going that way
                error best=error_testl; phi=phi_testl;
step size(k) = step size(k) * 1.5;
                N no progress=0;
        else
            flag = flag + 1; % Failure. Add it to the
list.
        end
    end
    if (flag>2) % Failed to improve by stepping in any
direction
        step size = step size * (0.75 + 0.25*rand); %
Reduce step size
        N no progress=N no progress+1;
    end
    % After adjust each element of rel weight, report new
fit.
    fprintf(1, '\nError - %f , Last Good Step - %d , Mean
Step Size - %f \n ',error best, N no progress,
100*mean(step size./phi(param)));
    fprintf(1,' Phi - %f',phi);
    end
    error=error best;
    phi new = phi;
```

#### try\_fit\_19F.m:

% The description of this file has been previously % reported; Please refer to the supporting information in % J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 4859.

```
function try_fit_19F(XA_19F, phi, peak_assignment,
Expt_Populations)
```

% If no experimental errors given, weight all points

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equally.
    if (nargin<5)</pre>
                Expt weights=ones(size(Expt Populations));
    else
                Expt weights = 1./( Expt Errors +
mean(mean(Expt Errors)));
    end
    % Plot the measured values of NMR populations
     % hold on ; cscheme='brgmkcybgrmkcy'; axis([0 0.75 0
1]); xlabel('X_A'); ylabel('Mole Fractions');
     % set(gca,'XTick',[0 0.25 0.50 0.75])
          hold on ; cscheme='brgmbrcbcybgrmkcy'; axis([0.0
0.75 0.0 1.0]);
            set(gca,'XTick',[0.0 0.25 0.50
0.75], 'FontSize', 14, 'FontName', 'Palatino')
            set(gca, 'YTick', [0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0])
xlabel('X B', 'FontSize', 16, 'FontName', 'Palatino');
          %xlabel('X n o
f l u o r i n e', 'FontSize', 16, 'FontName', 'Palatino');
           ylabel('Relative
Integration', 'FontSize', 16, 'FontName', 'Palatino');
      for j=1:size(Expt Populations,2)
            if (nargin<5)</pre>
                plot(XA 19F,
Expt Populations(:,j),sprintf('%so',cscheme(j)),'MarkerSize
',25,'Marker','.');
            else
                errorbar(XA 19F, Expt Populations(:,j),
Expt Errors(:,j),sprintf('%so',cscheme(j)));
            end
      end
    % Plot the model on
      XAc = [0:0.01:0.75];
TP=Populations(multimers 19F(XAc,phi), peak assignment);
      for j=1:size(TP,2)
          plot(XAc,TP(:,j), sprintf('%c',cscheme(j)),
'LineWidth',2);
      end
    % Compute how good the model is and AepoAt to the useA.
    [mean error, pop_error] =
```

```
Error_of_Model_19F(XA_19F,phi, peak_assignment,
Expt_Populations, Expt_weights);
N = length(phi)-1;
    fprintf(1,'\nThe Mean mismatch is %f
peAcent.\n', mean_error*100);
    for j=1:size(pop_error,2)
      fprintf(1,'Predicted value of species A%dB%d
+A%dB%d exceeds measurement by %f percent and mean square
error of %f percent.\n ',j-1,N-j+1,N-j+1,j-
1,pop_error(1,j)*100,pop_error(2,j)*100);
    end
```

#### multimers.m and populations.m:

The description and contents of these files have been previously reported; Please refer to the supporting information in *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, 130, 4859.