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A Case for Lithium Tetramethylpiperidide-Mediated Ortholithiations: Reactivity and Mechanisms

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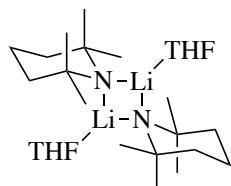
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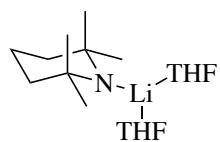
I. NMR Spectroscopic Studies

Table 1. ^6Li NMR chemical shifts and coupling constants for the different species in neat THF at -80°C .

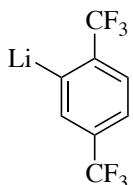
Species	$^6\text{Li} \delta$ (ppm)	$^{19}\text{F} \delta$ (ppm)	$J_{\text{Li-N}}$ (Hz)
A₂S₂	1.51	–	4.8
AS₂	0.90	–	8.9
1-Li	0.88	-63.64, -64.02	–
2-Li	0.84	-63.46, -63.94	–
3-Li Mixed Aggregate	2.19	–	5.1
4-Li Mixed Aggregate	2.11	–	5.1



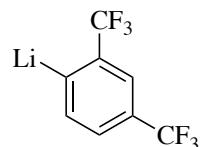
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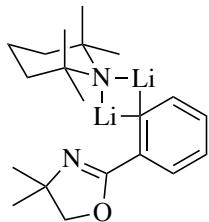
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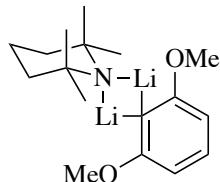
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2-Li



**3-Li
Mixed Aggregate**



**4-Li
Mixed Aggregate**

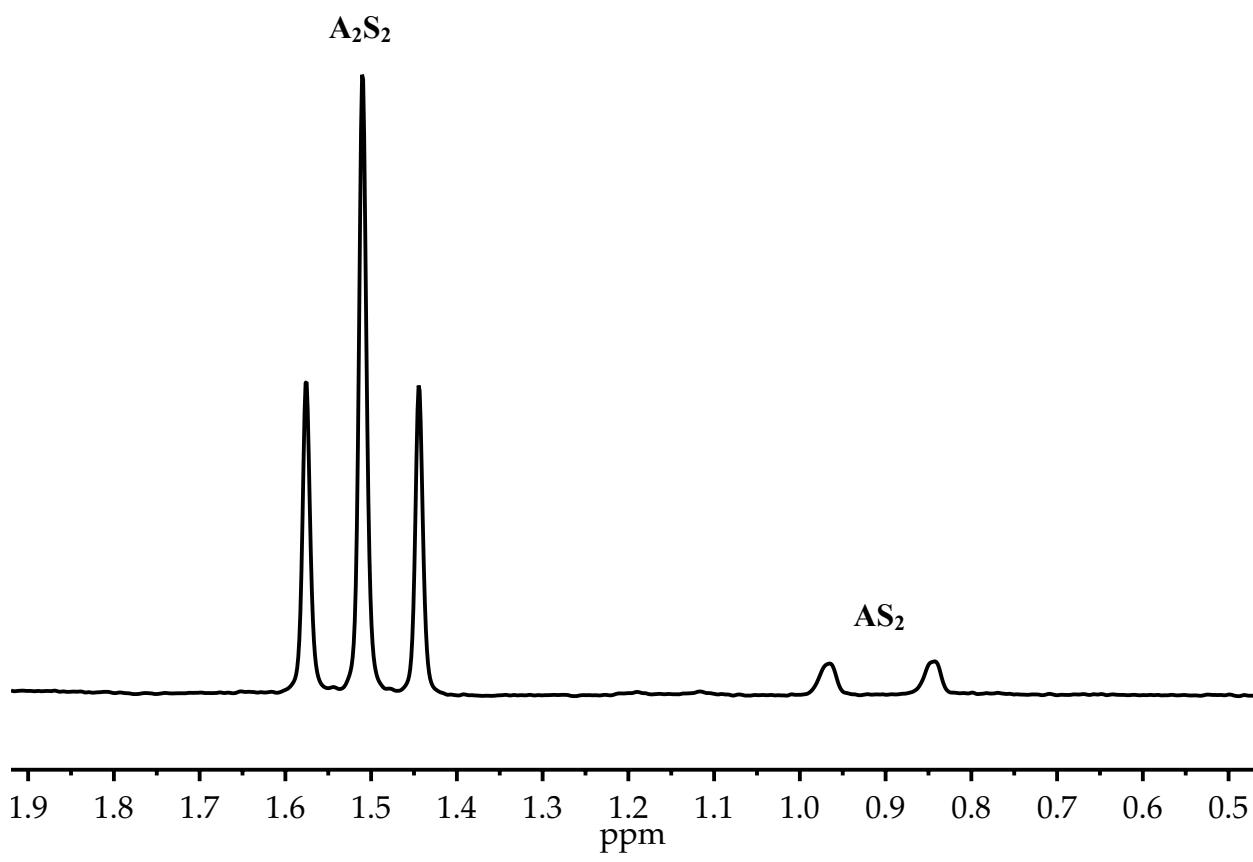


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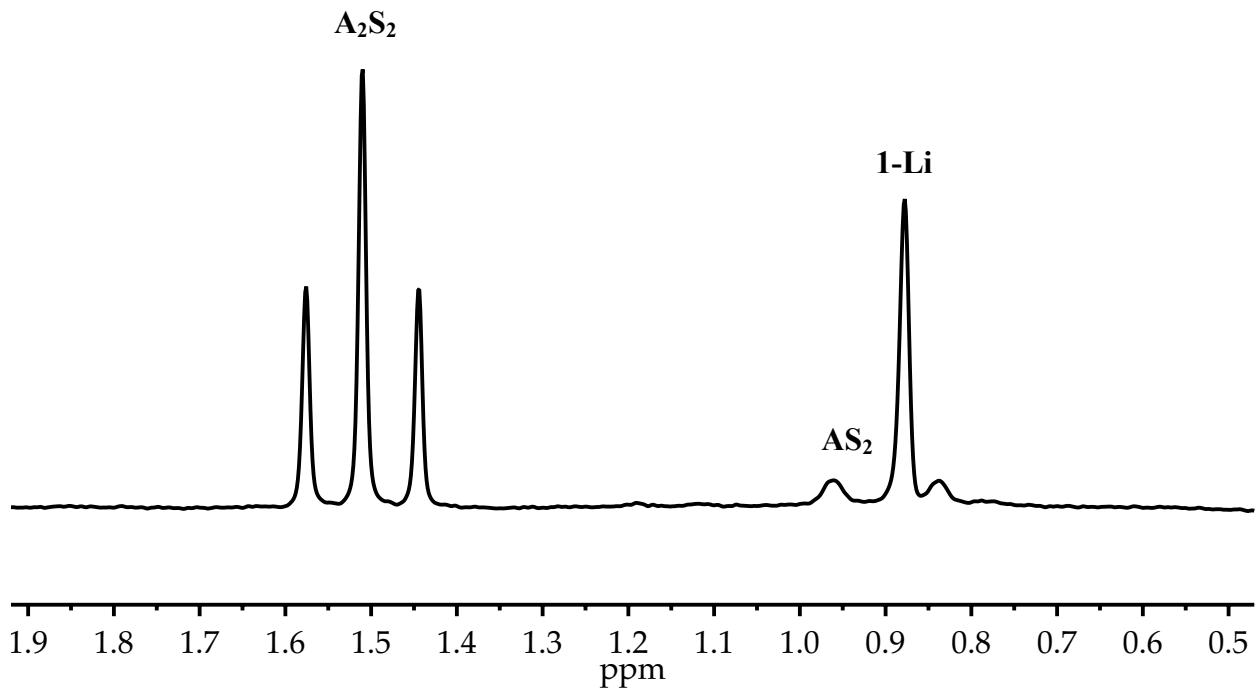


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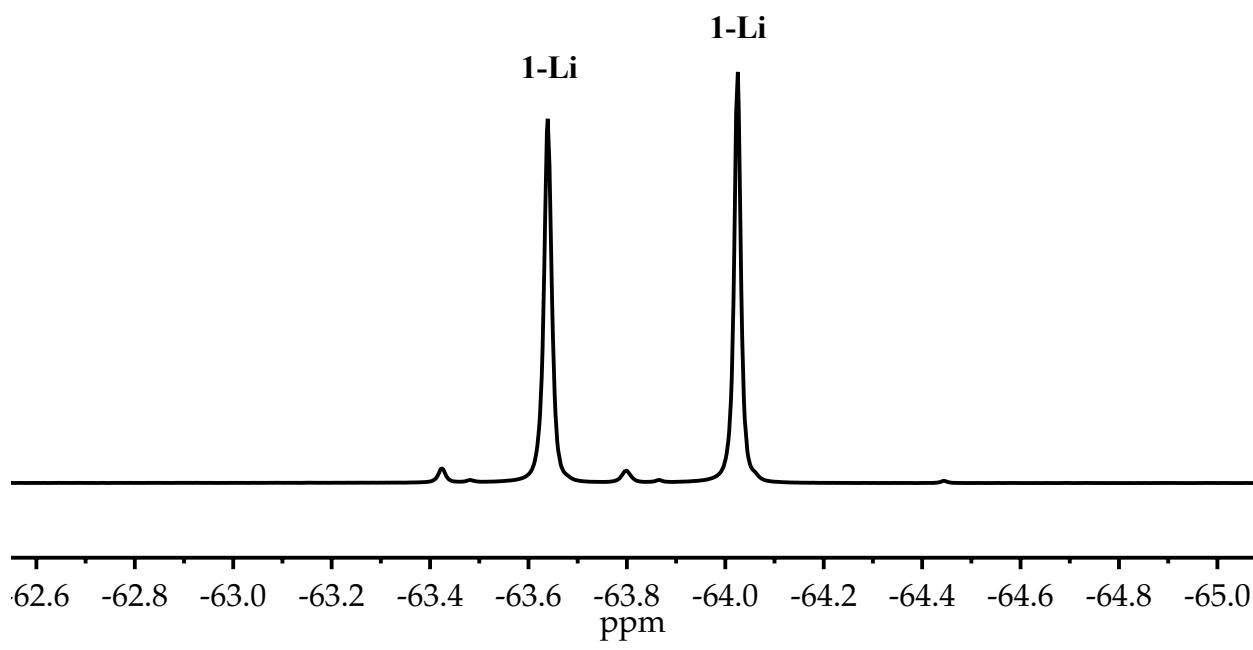


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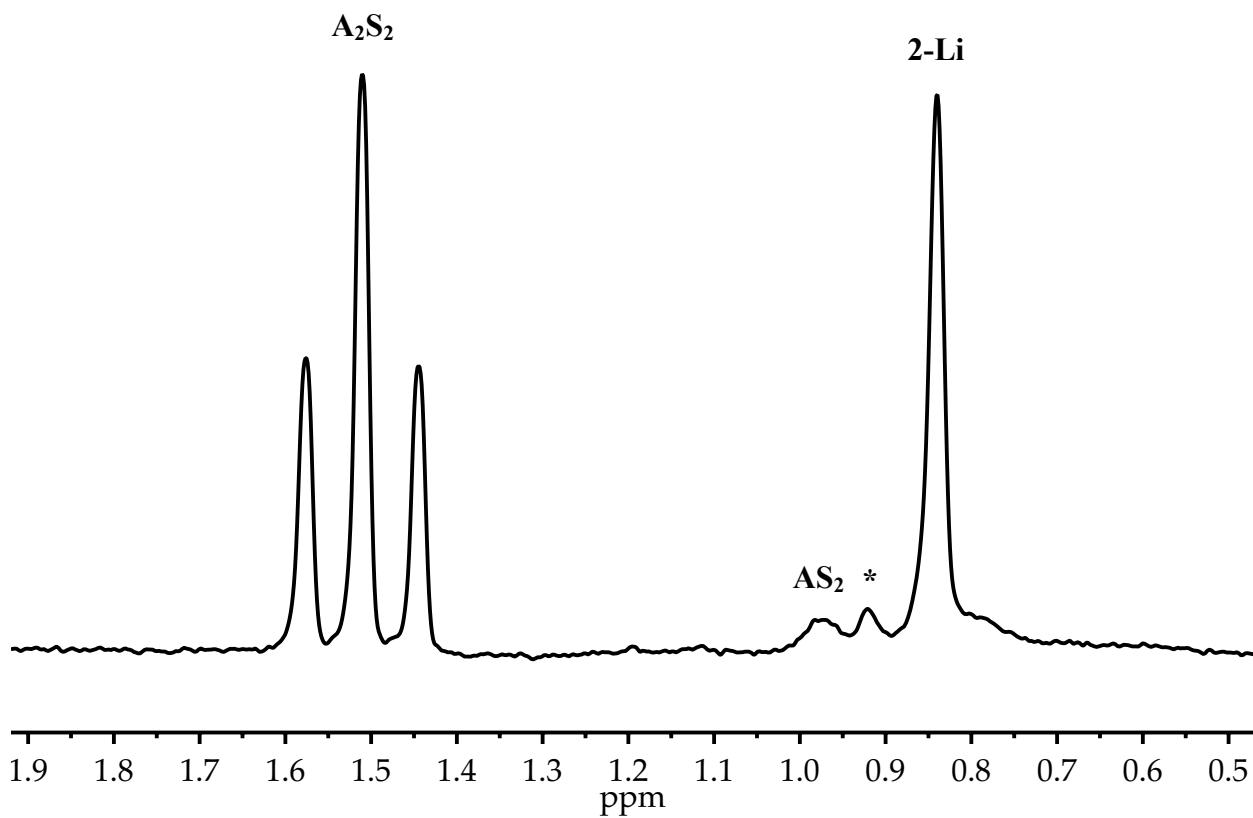


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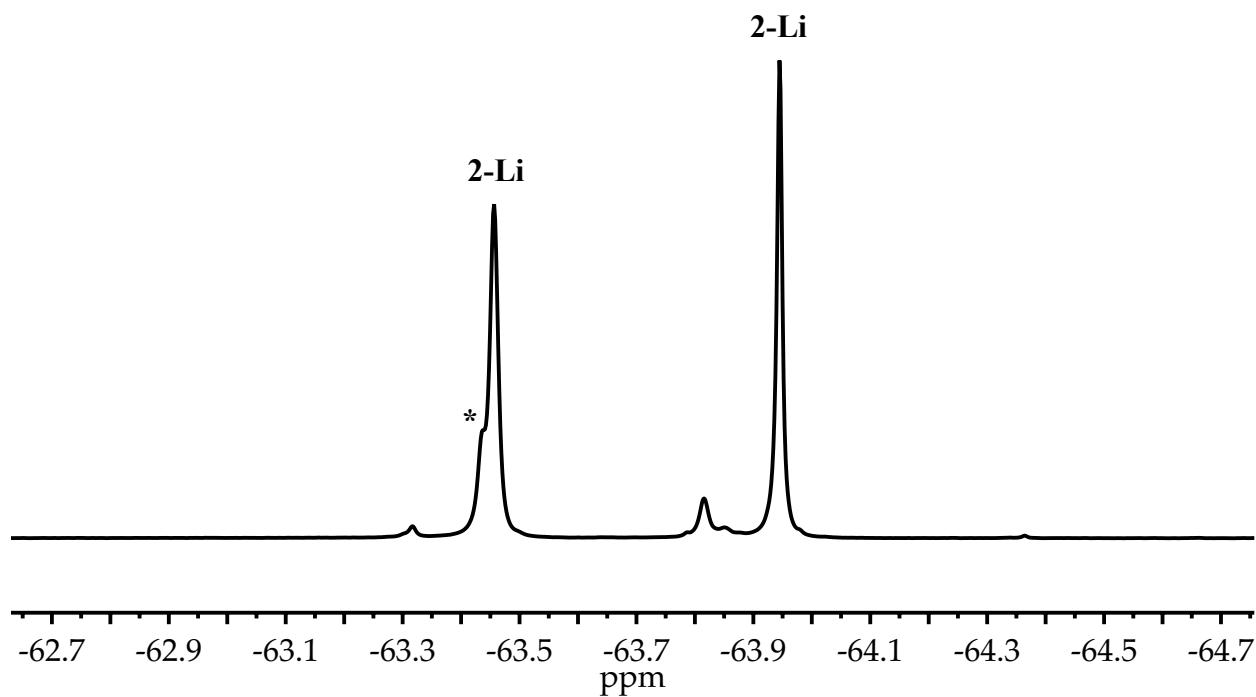


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3-Li
Mixed Aggregate

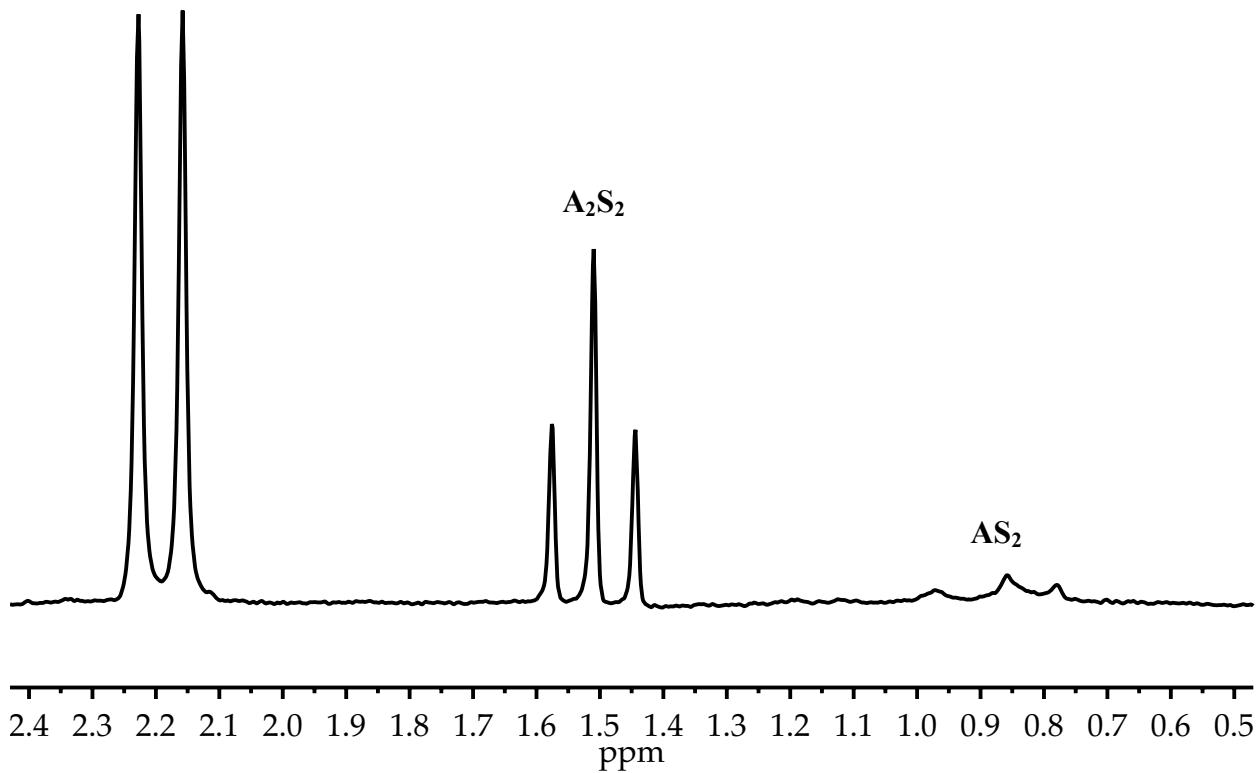


Figure 6. ⁶Li spectrum of 0.10 M [⁶Li,¹⁵N]LiTMP and 0.030 M **3** in neat THF at –80 °C after aging at –40 °C for 2 hours. The lithiated product (**3-Li**) forms a dimeric mixed aggregate with free LiTMP as evidenced by the doublet and coupling constant.

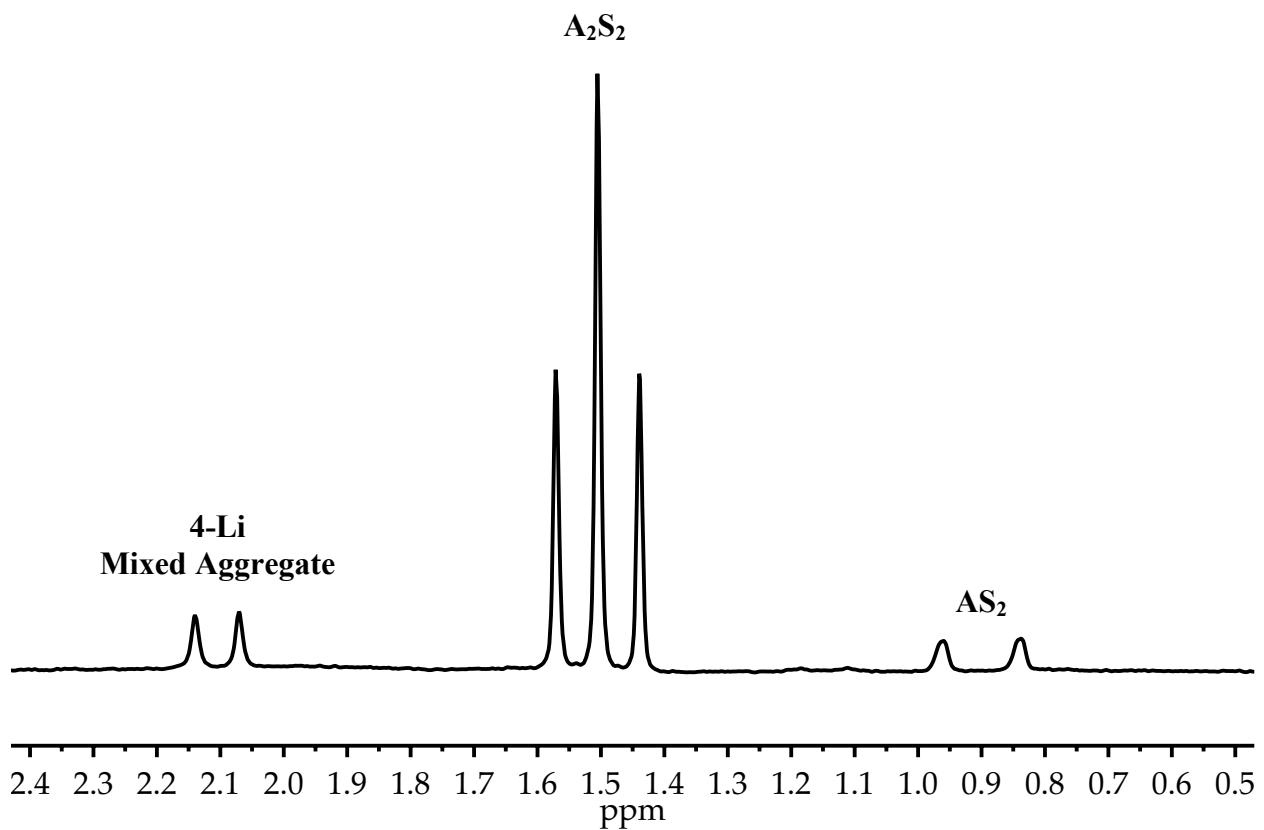
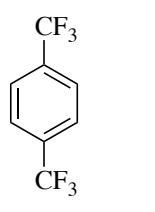


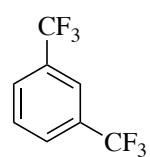
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II. IR Rate Studies

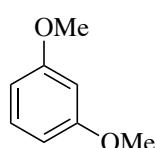
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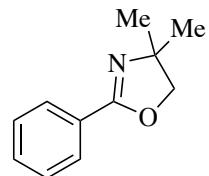
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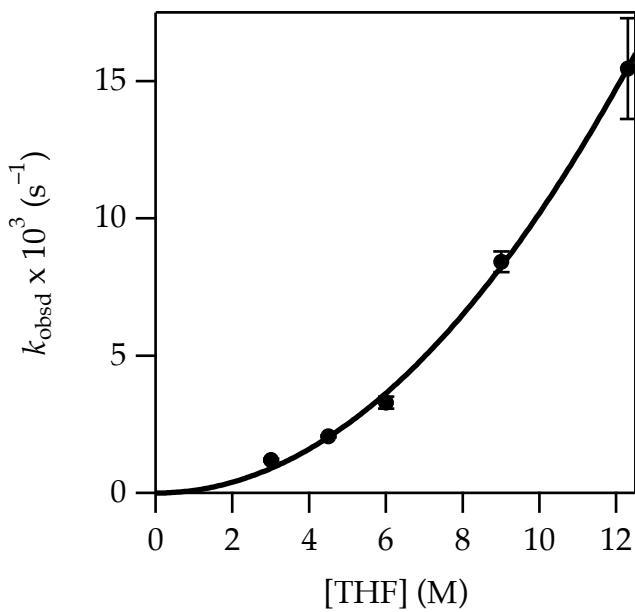


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[THF] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}^1 \times 10^3 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^2 \times 10^3 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^{\text{avg}} \times 10^3 (\text{s}^{-1})$
3.0	1.2349	1.1623	1.20 ± 0.05
4.5	2.0881	2.0391	2.06 ± 0.03
6.0	3.4505	3.1484	3.3 ± 0.2
9.0	8.1481	8.6858	8.4 ± 0.4
12.3	14.1630	16.7650	15 ± 2

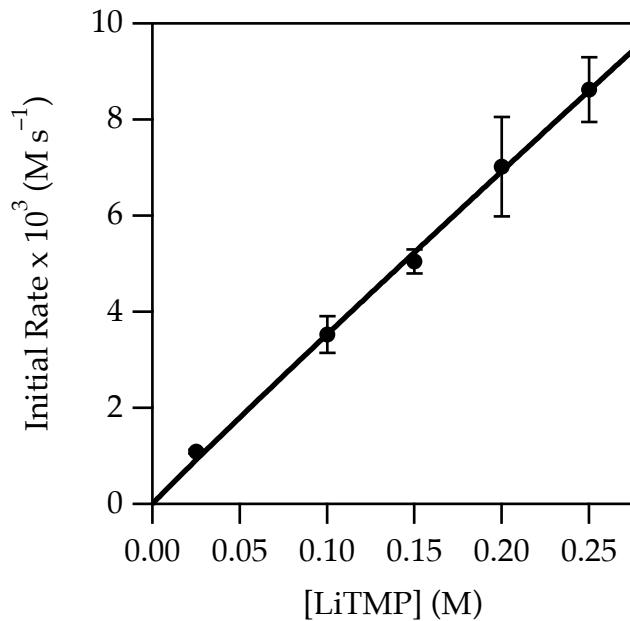


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[LiTMP] (M)	Initial Rate ¹ $\times 10^3$ (M s ⁻¹)	Initial Rate ² $\times 10^3$ (M s ⁻¹)	Initial Rate ^{avg} $\times 10^3$ (M s ⁻¹)
0.025	1.0611	1.1226	1.09 ± 0.04
0.10	3.2593	3.7978	3.5 ± 0.4
0.15	4.8724	5.2261	5.0 ± 0.3
0.20	6.2916	7.756	7 ± 1
0.25	8.1469	9.0975	8.6 ± 0.7

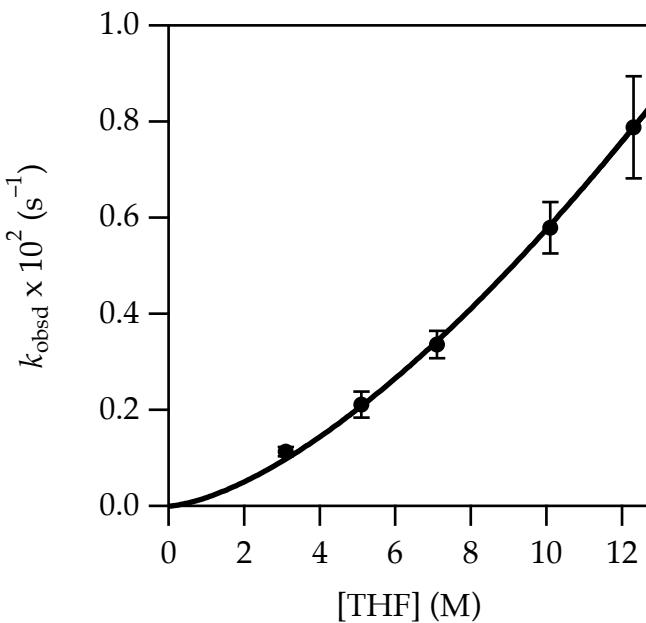


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[THF] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}^1 \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^2 \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^{\text{avg}} \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$
3.0	0.10584	0.11988	0.11 ± 0.01
5.0	0.19222	0.23033	0.21 ± 0.03
7.0	0.35638	0.31640	0.34 ± 0.3
10.0	0.61657	0.54127	0.58 ± 0.5
12.3	0.86309	0.71293	0.8 ± 0.1

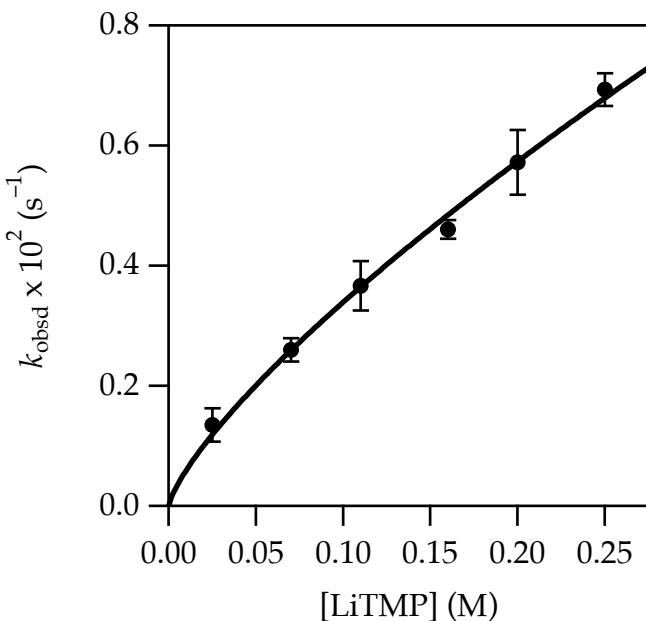


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[THF] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}^1 \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^2 \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^{\text{avg}} \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$
0.025	0.11550	0.15455	0.14 ± 0.03
0.070	0.24632	0.27404	0.26 ± 0.02
0.11	0.33746	0.39563	0.37 ± 0.04
0.16	0.44992	0.47159	0.46 ± 0.02
0.20	0.61031	0.53383	0.57 ± 0.05
0.25	0.67421	0.71238	0.69 ± 0.03

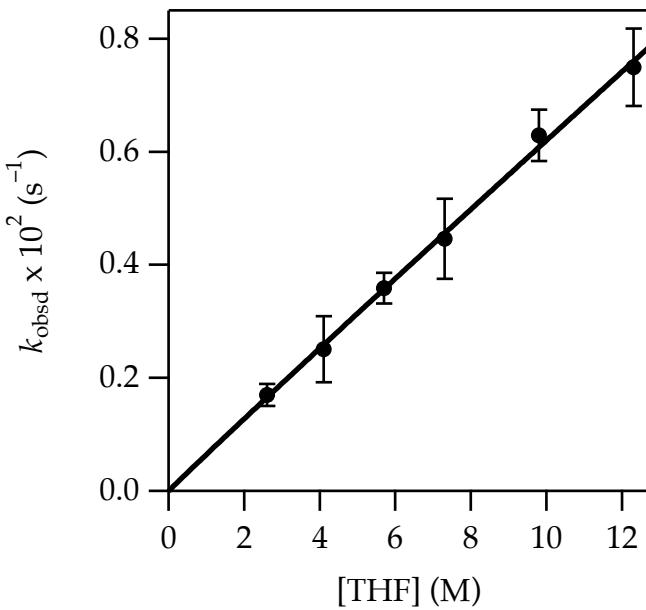


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[THF] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}^1 \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^2 \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^{\text{avg}} \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$
2.5	0.18386	0.1563	0.17 ± 0.02
4.0	0.29205	0.20944	0.25 ± 0.06
5.6	0.33978	0.37821	0.36 ± 0.03
7.2	0.39605	0.49637	0.45 ± 0.07
9.7	0.59712	0.66112	0.63 ± 0.05
12.3	0.70152	0.79822	0.75 ± 0.07

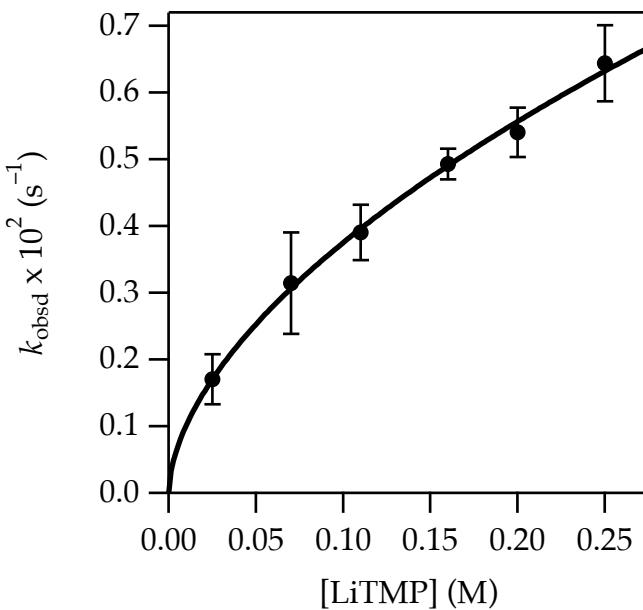


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[THF] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}^1 \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^2 \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{obsd}}^{\text{avg}} \times 10^2 (\text{s}^{-1})$
0.025	0.19712	0.1438	0.17 ± 0.04
0.070	0.26101	0.36832	0.31 ± 0.08
0.11	0.4198	0.36122	0.39 ± 0.04
0.16	0.47688	0.50936	0.49 ± 0.02
0.20	0.56696	0.5143	0.54 ± 0.04
0.25	0.60363	0.68393	0.64 ± 0.06

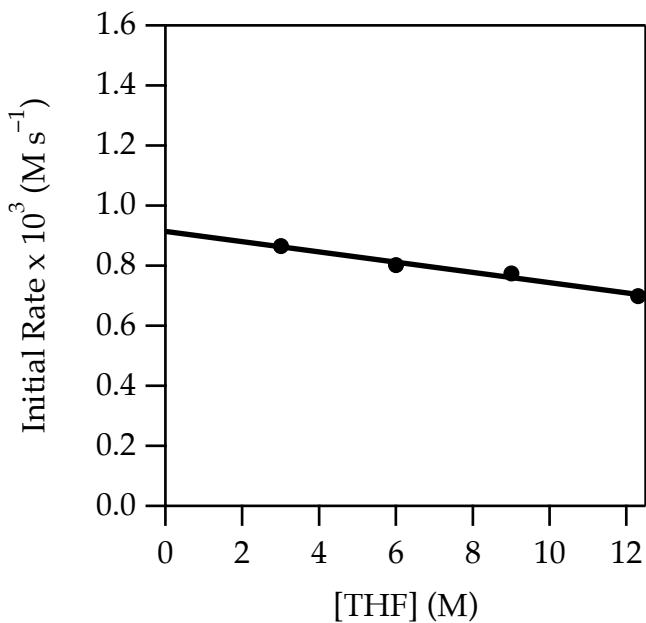


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[THF] (M)	Initial Rate $\times 10^3$ (M s^{-1})
3.0	0.86543
6.0	0.80176
9.0	0.77434
12.3	0.69852

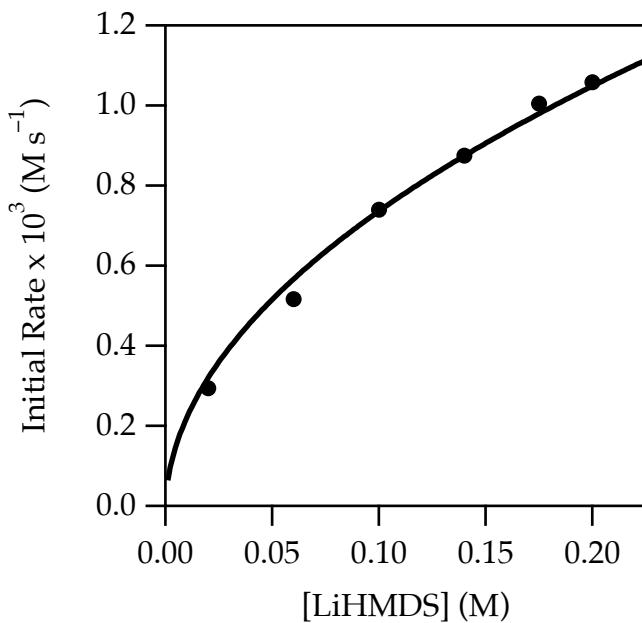


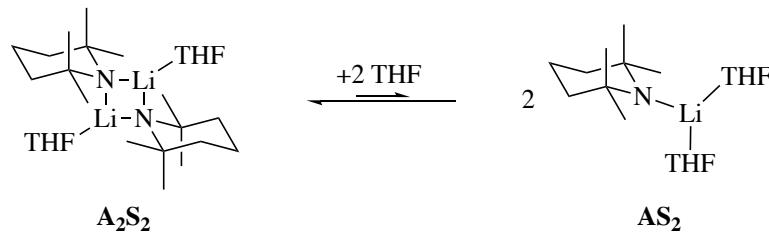
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[THF] (M)	Initial Rate $\times 10^3$ (M s ⁻¹)
0.025	0.29389
0.070	0.74015
0.11	0.87481
0.16	1.0051
0.20	1.058
0.25	0.51666

III. Derivations

i. LiTMP-mediated enolization: THF

To simplify the discussion of the mechanistic model, we introduce the following shorthand: A = a LiTMP subunit, and S = THF. As shown below, A_2S_2 corresponds to the disolvated LiTMP dimer, and AS_2 corresponds to disolvated LiTMP monomer.



Given $K_{eq} = [AS_2]^2 / \{[A_2S_2][S]^2\}$, and $2[A_2S_2] + [AS_2] = [A_{total}]$, one can solve for $[A_2S_2]$ as a function of $[A_{total}]$ and $[S]$:

$$\begin{aligned} K_{eq} &= \frac{[AS_2]^2}{[A_2S_2][S]^2} \\ &= \frac{([A_{total}] - 2[A_2S_2])^2}{[A_2S_2][S]^2} \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging,

$$4[A_2S_2]^2 - (4[A_{total}] + K_{eq}[S]^2)[A_2S_2] + [A_{total}]^2 = 0$$

Applying the quadratic equation to $[A_2S_2]$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} [A_2S_2] &= \frac{(4[A_{total}] + K_{eq}[S]^2) - \sqrt{(4[A_{total}] + K_{eq}[S]^2)^2 - 16[A_{total}]}}{8} \\ &= \frac{4[A_{total}] + K_{eq}[S]^2 - \sqrt{K_{eq}[S]\sqrt{K_{eq}[S]^2 + 8[A_{total}]}}}{8} \end{aligned}$$

ii. Mathematica simulation of LiTMP order vs. percent monomer

Knowing that LiTMP exists as a dimer-monomer equilibrium we sought to develop a simulation that illustrated how the order in LiTMP (base order) varied with percent monomer relative to the total base titer. Consider the following equation:



for which $K_{eq} = [A]^2 / \{[A_2][S]^2\}$. For simplicity, the model assumes reactivity funnels exclusively through a monomer-based transition state. Within this section, text within boxes contains executable code that can be directly pasted into *Mathematica*, and images beneath the code are screenshots of the actual input/output. We first solve for $[A_2]$ and $[A]$:

```
Solve[{keq == a^2/(a2*s^2), a0 == 2*a2 + a}, {a2, a}]
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Solve[{keq == a^2 / (a2 * s^2), a0 == 2 a2 + a}, {a2, a}]
{{a2 → 1/8 (4 a0 + keq s^2 - Sqrt[keq] s Sqrt[8 a0 + keq s^2]), a → 1/4 (-keq s^2 + Sqrt[keq] s Sqrt[8 a0 + keq s^2])},
 {a2 → 1/8 (4 a0 + keq s^2 + Sqrt[keq] s Sqrt[8 a0 + keq s^2]), a → 1/4 (-keq s^2 - Sqrt[keq] s Sqrt[8 a0 + keq s^2])}}
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We chose the first set of roots, which correspond to the realistic case of all concentrations being positive. We then solve for the concentration of dimer (d) and monomer (m) as a function of the fraction of monomer (r) by normality:

```
Solve[{2 d + m == 0.1, m/(2 d + m) == r/100}, {d, m}]
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Solve[{2 d + m == 0.1, m / (2 d + m) == r / 100}, {d, m}]
{{d → 0.05 - 0.0005 r, m → 0.001 r}}
```

We can then use the equilibrium expression to solve for the equilibrium constant (K_{eq}) as a function of r by substituting in the previous result:

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m^2/(d*s^2) /. {d -> 0.05` - 0.0005` r, m -> 0.001` r}
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$$\frac{m^2 / (d * s^2) /. \{d \rightarrow 0.05` - 0.0005` r, m \rightarrow 0.001` r\}}{(0.05 - 0.0005 r) s^2}$$

With this in hand, we replace all instances of the equilibrium constant (K_{eq}) in the rate expression with the solution above:

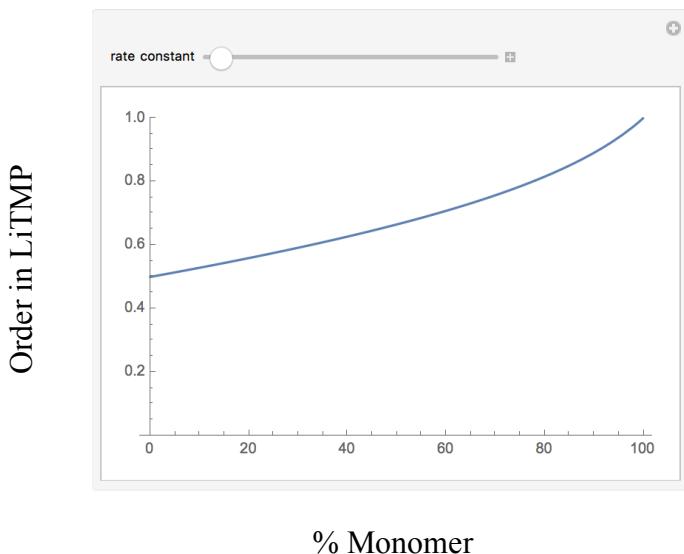
$$\text{Simplify}[k * 1/4 (-keq s^2 + \text{Sqrt}[keq] s \text{Sqrt}[8 a0 + keq s^2]) /. \text{keq} \rightarrow (1.^{*^-6} r^2) / ((0.05` - 0.0005` r) s^2)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Simplify}\left[k * \frac{1}{4} \left(-\text{keq} s^2 + \sqrt{\text{keq}} s \sqrt{8 a0 + \text{keq} s^2}\right) /. \text{keq} \rightarrow \frac{1.^{*^-6} r^2}{(0.05` - 0.0005` r) s^2}\right] \\ & k \left(-\frac{2.5^*^-7 r^2}{0.05` - 0.0005` r} + 0.00025` \sqrt{8 a0 + \frac{1.^{*^-6} r^2}{0.05` - 0.0005` r}} \sqrt{\frac{r^2}{(0.05` - 0.0005` r)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The output from this substitution provides us with the necessary equation to describe LiTMP order as a function of percent monomer (observable). If one looks closely at the previous input/output, it becomes apparent that the change in solvation has no effect on the contribution of the aggregates to the total measured order—all s terms cancel. Therefore, only the change in aggregation state in conjunction with the shifting ground state influences the measured order.

We can now plot the LiTMP order as a function of percent monomer for 0.1 N LiTMP as follows:

$$\text{Manipulate}[\text{Plot}[n / \text{FindFit}[\text{Flatten}[\text{Table}[\{k ((2.5^*^-7 r^2) / (0.05` - 0.0005` r)) + 0.00025` \text{Sqrt}[8 a0 + (1.^{*^-6} r^2) / (0.05` - 0.0005` r)] \text{Sqrt}[r^2 / (0.05` - 0.0005` r)]\}, \{a0, 0, 0.25, 0.0001\}], a*x^n, \{a, n\}, x], \{r, 0, 100\}, \text{PlotRange} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}], \{k, 1, \text{"rate constant"}\}, 0, 100]]$$



We first generate a table of data, which corresponds to rate vs. base concentration (a_0) at a given percent monomer (r). We then fit to a simple power function to obtain the LiTMP order. We repeat this calculation incrementally from $r=0$ (no observable monomer) to $r=100$ (100% observable monomer). We include a provision to adjust the rate constant, k , but add there is no effect on the plot shape.

IV: Ground State Computations

Chart 2.

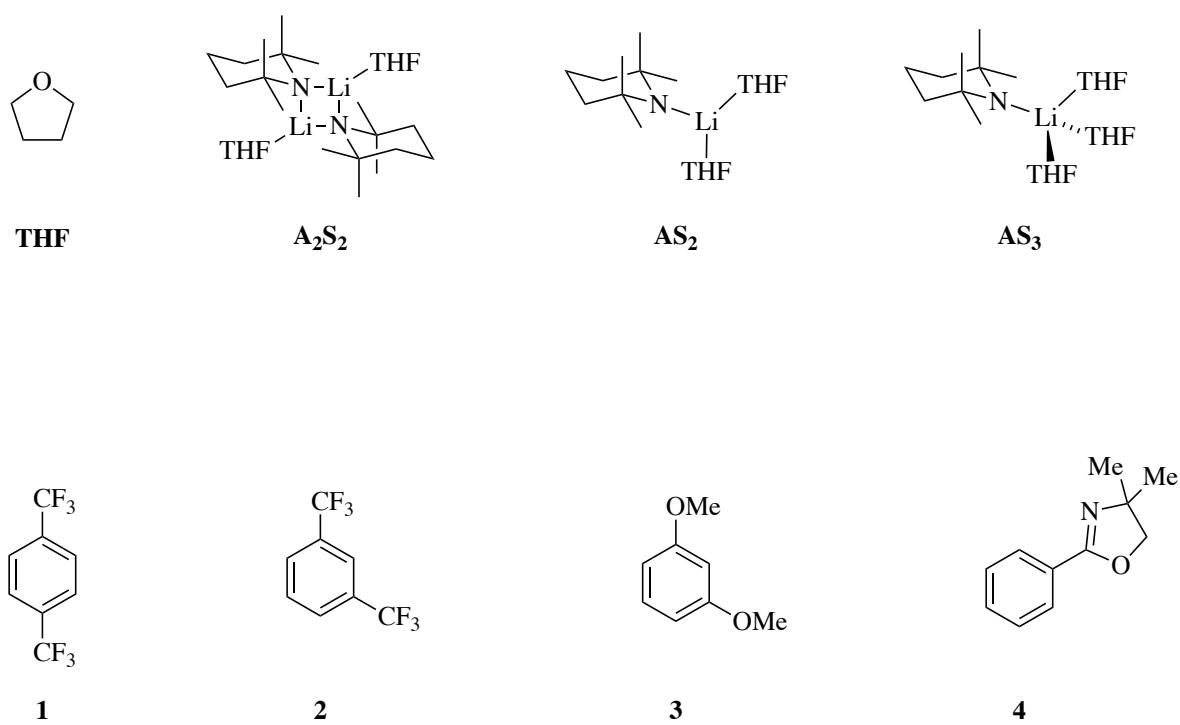
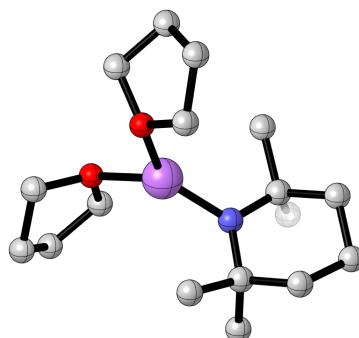
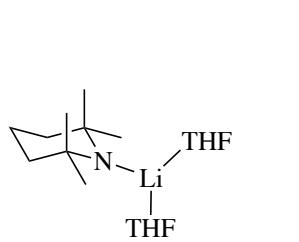


Table 2. Optimized geometries at the B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for relevant ground states of LiTMP/THF-mediated ortholithiations with free energies (Hartrees), corrected MP2 energies (kcal), and cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z). (Note: G_{MP2} includes single-point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures at the given temperature.)

		THF (-78 °C) $G = -232.357946$ $G_{MP2} = -145317.665$					
Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	H	-2.50889400	-2.19240900	-0.39610500
H	0.36944100	0.05245400	1.03607400	H	-1.96191900	-1.58645800	1.17808700
H	0.78366900	0.39304900	-0.65835500	C	-2.33082600	-0.00036200	-0.26378100
C	-0.43145400	-1.42747100	-0.35907500	H	-2.70107000	0.05220800	-1.29954200
H	-0.36819400	-1.58569300	-1.44243900	H	-3.11413200	0.39228800	0.39526100
H	0.17898100	-2.19202000	0.13156300	O	-1.16547600	0.82075200	-0.13234900
C	-1.89873200	-1.42780000	0.09478400				
		A₂S₂ (-78 °C) $G = -1296.456254$ $G_{MP2} = -810668.178$					
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C	-1.19052500	1.98766800	-1.08691600	H	-2.79315800	0.63944800	-0.33295700

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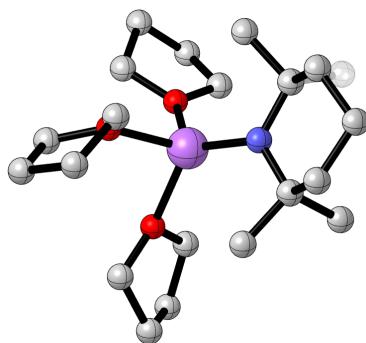
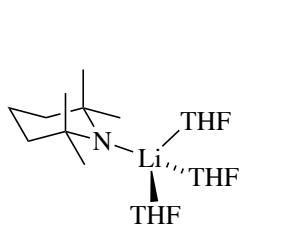
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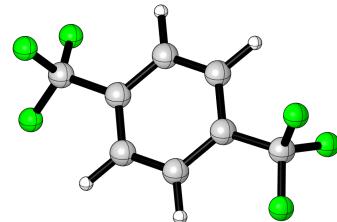
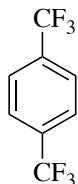


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H	0.76398100	-0.77620000	-0.14547200
C	0.39424400	0.92553200	1.14842500
H	0.49607000	0.36089700	2.08628100
H	1.38887300	1.34097900	0.92492200

Atom	X	Y	Z
C	-0.59074100	2.11271100	1.35418200
N	-0.91199800	2.83953700	0.09804500
C	-1.19052500	1.98766800	-1.08691600
C	-0.16564200	0.83494700	-1.26810400
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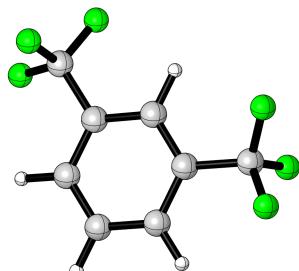
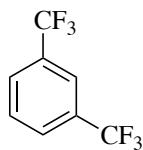
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H	-2.79315800	0.63944800	-0.33295700	H	0.52788500	8.36079900	-0.30704200
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Li	-2.25521100	4.44387100	0.05504500	H	-2.70071200	6.51421800	3.14897600
N	-1.19582100	6.20192000	0.06674400	H	-3.47395000	5.99497500	1.63874700
Li	0.12525800	4.60742000	0.03482700	H	-2.14234600	5.05280800	2.34241100
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H	1.02262300	6.38951900	-1.57161700	H	-2.53868200	2.42308100	2.30241500
H	0.16783400	7.06012200	-2.97358200	H	-2.37512700	0.80835700	1.59934000



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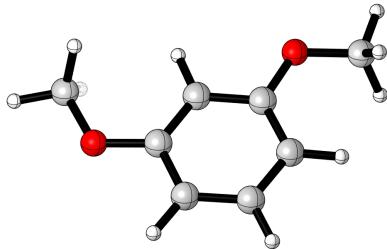
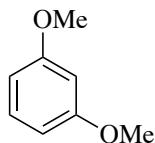
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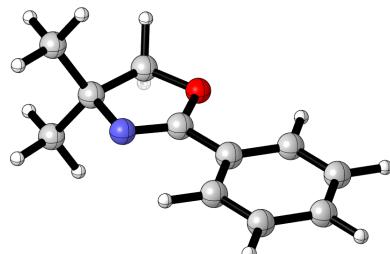
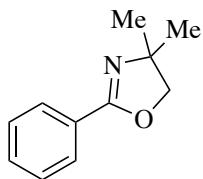
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F	0.10697200	-1.21641600	0.57562100
F	-0.43034300	-0.19861100	-1.26700100



3 (-40 °C)
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C	3.27612800	3.50243100	-0.00000500
C	1.95495600	3.08278900	-0.00000700
H	1.12937800	3.78661700	-0.00000800
H	3.49779300	4.56650100	-0.00000100

Atom	X	Y	Z
H	5.36001400	2.94621900	0.00000100
O	4.97997100	0.22564000	-0.00000800
C	6.34872200	0.59497500	-0.00000700
H	6.61076600	1.17599000	-0.89434600
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H	6.61076400	1.17598200	0.89433800
H	2.53636000	-0.29287000	-0.00001200
H	0.37882800	-0.51267300	0.89423200
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C	-3.95446200	-2.59038700	0.00002800
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C	-4.21589600	-0.17930500	0.00004600
H	-3.77170300	0.81013500	0.00004900
H	-6.24192800	0.54387100	0.00006100
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Atom	X	Y	Z
H	-5.77388500	-3.73418800	0.00002700
H	-3.29600600	-3.45277000	0.00002100
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C	1.02639500	-1.98728300	-1.26304900
H	2.03452800	-1.55554300	-1.29352100
H	1.11620500	-3.07792800	-1.28304900
H	0.48890800	-1.67411400	-2.16469100
C	1.02638000	-1.98721400	1.26317000
H	1.11618400	-3.07785800	1.28323400
H	2.03451400	-1.55547700	1.29362700
H	0.48888400	-1.67399000	2.16478800
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V. Transition State Computations

Chart 3.

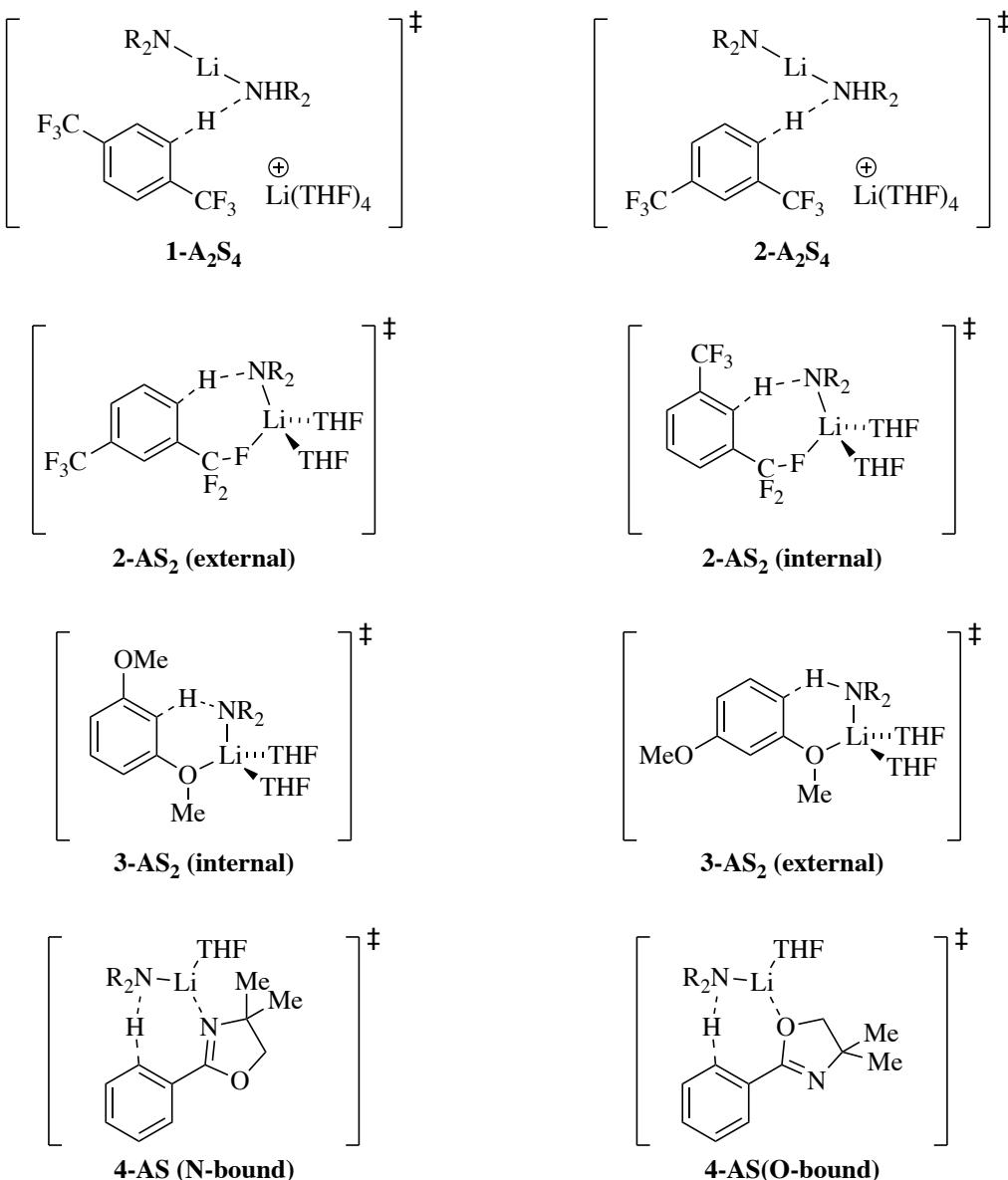
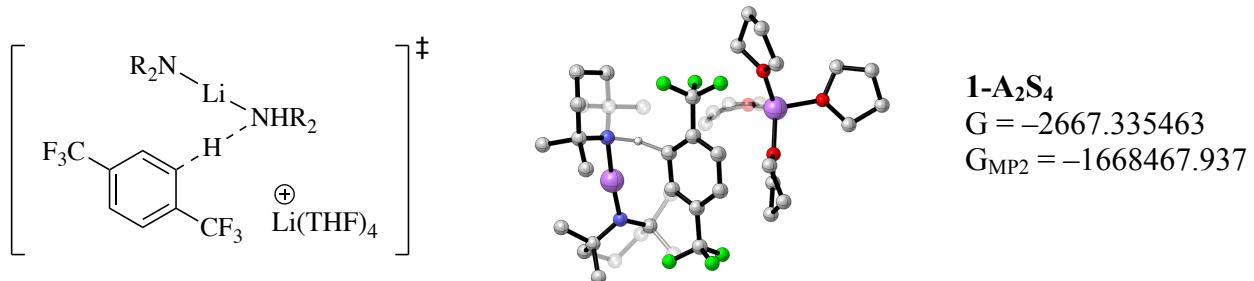


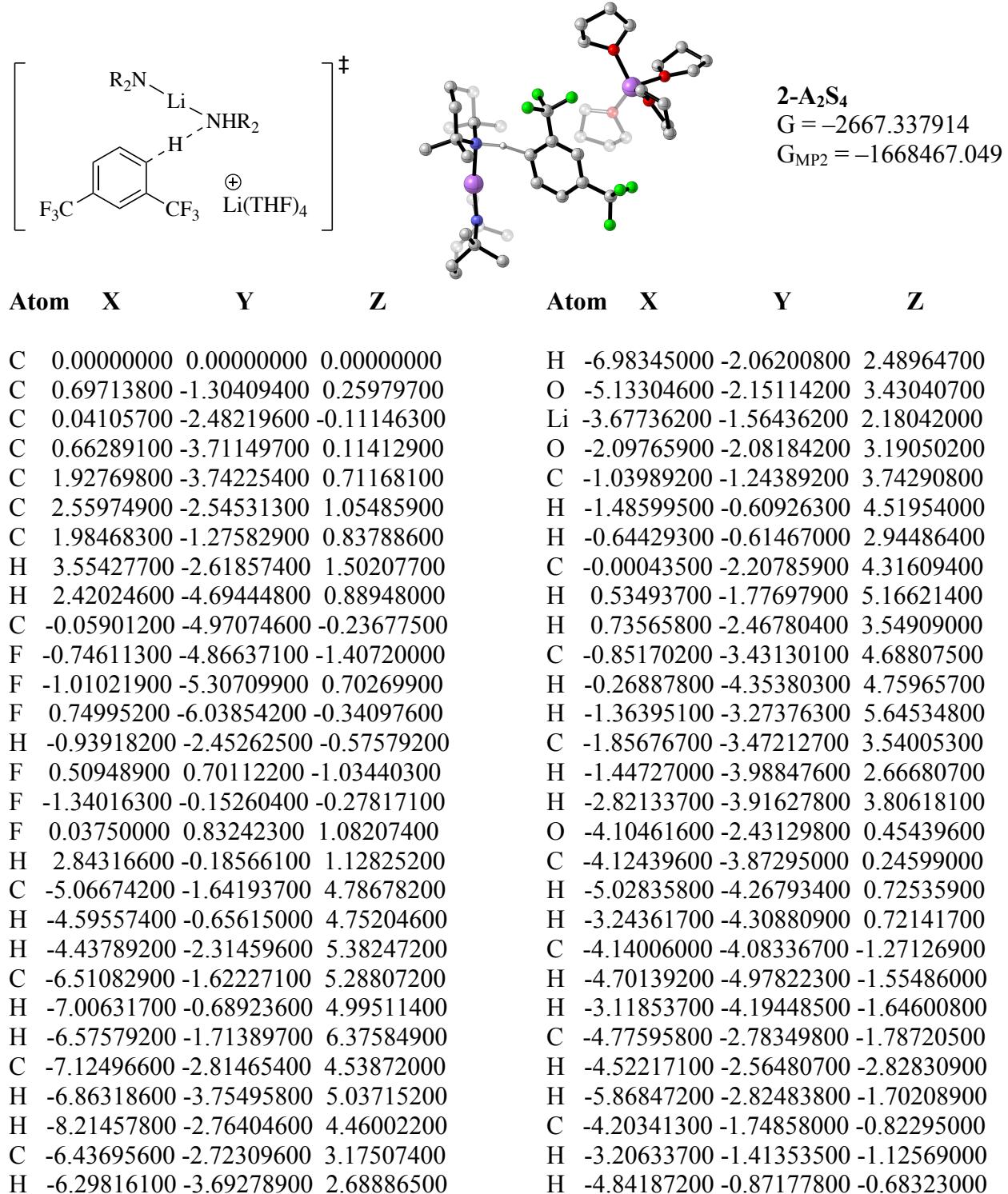
Table 3. Optimized geometries at the B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for relevant transition states of LiTMP/THF-mediated ortholithiation of **1** at -78°C with free energies (Hartrees), corrected MP2 energies (kcal), and cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z). (Note: G_{MP2} includes single-point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures.)



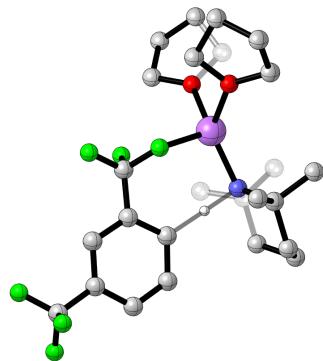
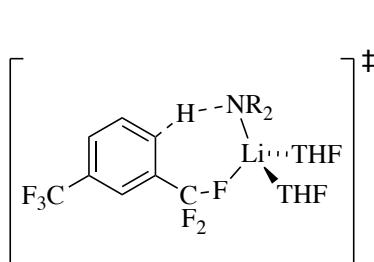
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C	3.05178400	-7.07394900	0.78019200	H	-2.33169900	-3.61447900	-1.03765000
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Table 4. Optimized geometries at the B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for relevant transition states of LiTMP/THF-mediated ortholithiation of **2** at -78°C with free energies (Hartrees), corrected MP2 energies (kcal), and cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z). (Note: G_{MP2} includes single-point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures.)



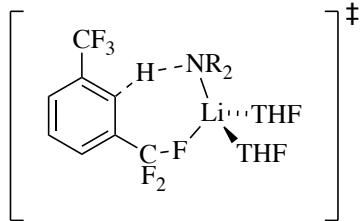
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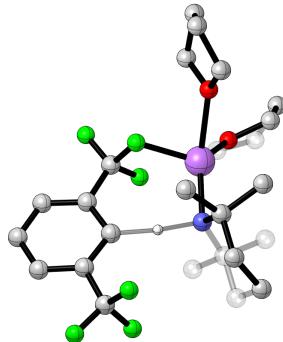
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C	4.93066400	0.59151700	0.45744400	H	-3.93659700	3.82103400	-1.10940400
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C	4.22477200	-0.19256700	0.29663100
C	3.51108100	-1.31132900	-0.12422600
C	2.12761500	-1.22749600	-0.21455000
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F	4.03263400	2.65636700	2.25398000
F	5.71986000	1.83984900	1.16697400
F	-0.56774800	-1.18808600	-0.28410600
F	-0.46718800	0.87593600	-0.94762400
F	-0.61194500	0.43099000	1.16363700
Li	-1.24601700	2.38451500	0.80250800
N	0.52600400	3.41928900	0.99740100
C	0.76755100	4.46505300	-0.04925500
C	1.19009200	3.75371500	-1.35139000
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C	1.74218500	6.04864800	1.72551600
H	2.59506300	6.69943700	1.96036600
H	0.85017300	6.68782700	1.78097400
C	1.66036000	4.90752200	2.73965000
C	0.52957000	3.89334600	2.41793500
C	-0.82054800	4.54315500	2.84323900

Atom	X	Y	Z
H	-1.67800400	3.91892800	2.56276300
H	-0.85836100	4.67546900	3.93325700
H	-0.97686500	5.52777700	2.39567200
C	0.74150700	2.66047500	3.32302900
H	-0.03404700	1.90218700	3.16367400
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H	-0.83678100	5.92839700	0.42732700
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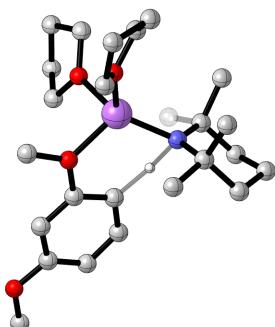
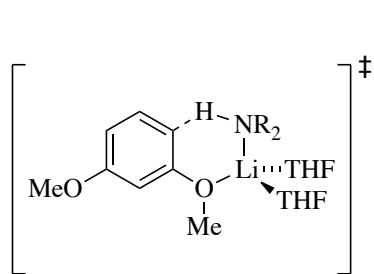
Table 5. Optimized geometries at the B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for relevant transition states of LiTMP/THF-mediated ortholithiation of **3** at –40 °C with free energies (Hartrees), corrected MP2 energies (kcal), and cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z). (Note: G_{MP2} includes single-point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures.)

3-As₂ (internal)
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G_{MP2} = –839100.800

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H	0.86927900	0.65417500	-0.08991200	C	-1.45528400	3.43665200	0.62601600
H	-0.68697800	0.18971400	-0.83256600	H	-0.42724800	3.07802600	0.48318300
O	-0.61668600	0.31135400	1.24268700	H	-1.66258300	4.16853600	-0.16463300
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C	-3.77675500	-1.59146000	1.00225900	H	-3.77305500	3.87491100	1.82400200
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O	-4.79383600	1.15220300	3.25899500	H	0.26299600	3.89352800	5.01830900
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H	-4.18687100	-2.48130300	0.53052200	H	-2.14511800	2.32089200	6.30351000
H	-1.81684000	-1.86415800	0.15030800	O	0.74766700	0.17614000	4.04653900
Li	0.06175100	1.62370000	2.67438000	C	1.61683800	0.35913500	5.18478300
N	-1.40288100	3.03777600	3.04736200	H	1.22661200	1.17801100	5.80232300
C	-1.78770200	3.39851800	4.44268100	H	2.60889500	0.64247200	4.81869000
C	-3.19730400	4.05120000	4.51622000	C	1.60171400	-0.97106200	5.94147500
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C	-3.06443400	4.66945100	2.09441000	H	0.07908300	-2.56512800	5.77527000
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H	-1.07175700	-0.80679300	3.95909600
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H	2.47084900	3.83589000	2.80312500
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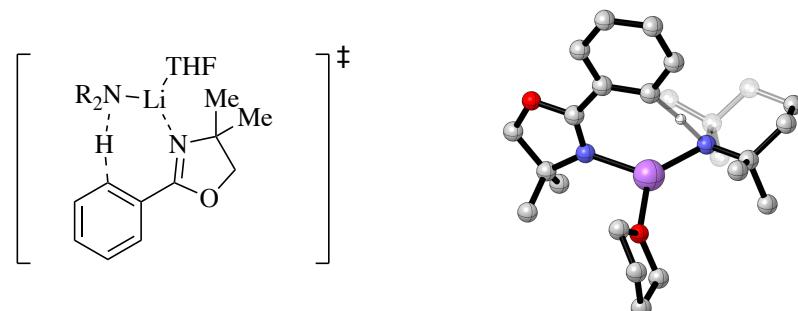
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C	-1.97190400	3.72884800	2.24342600
C	-0.80752500	3.05156800	1.86902300
H	-1.88665200	4.63105800	2.85393100
H	-4.13123800	3.90310900	2.20931100
O	-4.62631900	1.67956500	0.66013000
C	-5.80260000	2.37153900	1.03031000
H	-5.80894400	3.40061100	0.64475800
H	-6.63307700	1.81676300	0.58701200
H	-5.93149100	2.40317400	2.12139100
H	-2.45562100	0.58422600	0.06676800
Li	1.81374000	1.85259600	1.72337300
N	1.80639400	3.88619300	2.19074600
C	2.07693700	4.34930800	3.57988000
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H	1.60909300	7.77738500	2.94012800

Atom	X	Y	Z
H	3.13358000	6.92023700	2.80109600
C	1.62289300	6.27195000	1.37828600
C	2.13500900	4.83506700	1.08808100
C	3.64957500	4.88578700	0.75732100
H	4.03298600	3.86915100	0.62088000
H	3.82077200	5.44350200	-0.17365100
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H	1.74742500	3.33556000	-0.46720000
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O	1.70379100	0.29760900	3.12480800
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H	3.26517100	0.52238500	4.46957400	H	4.89788200	0.14499100	1.73214100
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C	2.00656500	-1.20224100	4.95094300	C	5.77025600	1.28823400	0.08896100
H	2.53666300	-1.27845500	5.90500600	H	5.93526300	2.35257900	-0.11208500
H	1.90522100	-2.21306500	4.53839300	H	6.73752000	0.82892700	0.31342200
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H	0.67341600	0.32121900	5.75460500	H	5.14458100	-0.46306600	-1.04372300
C	0.39056600	-0.04914800	3.63821900	C	3.58855000	1.03838500	-0.82947400
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H	-0.24297300	0.83591600	3.55787100	H	2.85727100	0.31364000	-1.19774300
O	3.45490400	1.12998100	0.60915500	H	0.56424700	3.57328900	2.09373200
C	4.76389800	1.11030800	1.22695200				

Table 6. Optimized geometries at the B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for relevant transition states of LiTMP/THF-mediated ortholithiation of **4** at –40 °C with free energies (Hartrees), corrected MP2 energies (kcal), and cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z). (Note: G_{MP2} includes single-point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures.)



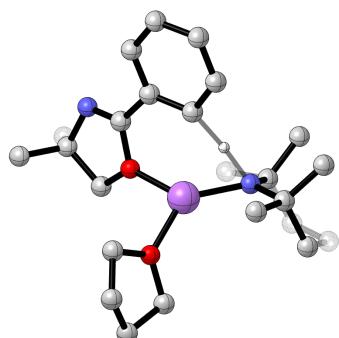
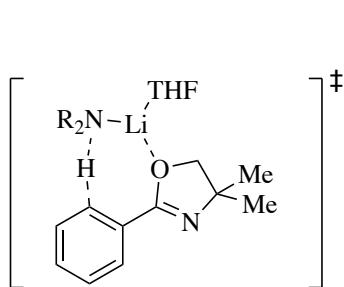
The figure shows two chemical structures. On the left is the transition state (TS) of the reaction, enclosed in brackets with a double dagger superscript (‡). It features a lithium atom coordinated to a THF molecule and an R₂N-Li⁺ cation. A benzene ring is attached to the lithium atom, and a substituted oxazoline ring is shown in its chair conformation. On the right is the product, labeled "4-AS (N-bound)", which is a substituted benzene ring with a lithio group (Li–C₆H₄–R) attached to one of the ring carbons.

Atom	X	Y	Z
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C	-0.50582800	-1.54672500	-1.94308500
C	-0.91254600	-2.87205300	-1.24080600
H	-1.44440300	-3.53144900	-1.94031100
H	-0.02026600	-3.39866400	-0.88344500
H	-1.57028500	-2.72224700	-0.38193700
C	0.12233600	-1.95809400	-3.29251300
H	0.98914100	-2.61160400	-3.13948400
H	-0.60759600	-2.51258100	-3.89497400
H	0.45077100	-1.09251700	-3.87227500
N	0.49966700	-0.76378100	-1.17572900
Li	2.41167100	-1.36149100	-1.32399100
O	3.16402800	-3.09318200	-2.02727200
C	2.82236200	-4.47018700	-1.74235300
H	1.74643500	-4.60510100	-1.90375100
H	3.04731200	-4.66581200	-0.68959100
C	3.65002100	-5.31058300	-2.71674800
H	4.64504700	-5.51215100	-2.30292600
H	3.17560100	-6.26971100	-2.94380400
C	3.75235700	-4.37833200	-3.93448300
H	4.59397300	-4.61489500	-4.59195800
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C	3.89805600	-3.00555700	-3.27647000
H	4.94368100	-2.77139800	-3.04645800
H	3.47357700	-2.18549200	-3.86234600
N	4.06993700	-0.29927000	-0.84156100
C	5.21179100	-0.49197200	0.08202500

Atom	X	Y	Z
C	5.96682000	0.86021100	-0.03725500
O	5.38353800	1.49795900	-1.18941200
C	4.26271900	0.79026800	-1.50804000
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H	1.23767500	0.02455200	-1.96604100



4-AS (N-bound)
G = -1204.980404
G_{MP2} = -753577.231

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C	-0.27520900	-2.53942600	1.48558600
C	0.83934500	-1.51932300	1.84449700
C	0.45206900	-0.74685200	3.13379300
H	1.17778100	0.05328000	3.32307200
H	-0.53979000	-0.29237900	3.08811600
H	0.45671500	-1.42250700	3.99941900
C	2.10733200	-2.32389200	2.19905600
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H	1.89345900	-3.01997200	3.01890500
H	2.47145800	-2.90438300	1.34738600
N	1.15251900	-0.63238200	0.69441100
Li	2.90225700	0.22244800	0.36523700
O	3.49779400	2.06661000	-0.02567700
C	4.34213700	2.28168900	-1.18730700
H	3.81609000	1.89951600	-2.07048500
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C	4.55945900	3.79401300	-1.26445400
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H	2.45009300	4.31939600	-1.39009500
C	2.98616300	3.33024600	0.46313200
H	3.52045700	3.59062200	1.38603300
H	1.92575300	3.20030300	0.69263500
O	4.62822700	-0.55645600	0.82371000

Atom	X	Y	Z
C	5.55568300	-0.27613600	1.89639500
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N	6.30812200	-2.03904700	0.49083200
C	5.14622100	-1.65710200	0.13108000
C	4.30257000	-2.20705900	-0.94175600
C	2.93057700	-1.86466500	-1.06601800
C	2.26184400	-2.49476800	-2.13388700
C	2.88016800	-3.37733700	-3.02046500
C	4.23646800	-3.68136000	-2.86692000
C	4.94596700	-3.09773000	-1.82628700
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H	2.30933200	-3.83397900	-3.82722800
H	1.19764100	-2.30129500	-2.27352100
C	7.94652000	-0.28648600	0.97442300
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H	8.75031900	-0.93216300	0.60778200
H	7.59389600	0.32194200	0.13328500
C	7.28813000	-1.95916600	2.74966300
H	8.12141800	-2.60426600	2.45421200
H	7.62934500	-1.30411000	3.56090500
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H	-2.23586600	-2.64845800	0.56440300
H	-1.98703400	-0.51228000	-0.75458700

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H 0.99340400 -0.13877600 -1.96159300
H 1.97086100 -1.27181700 -0.16422700

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