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Solvent and Substrate-Dependent Rates of Imine Metallations by  
Lithium Diisopropylamide (LDA):  
Understanding the Mechanisms Underlying "k<sub>rel</sub>"

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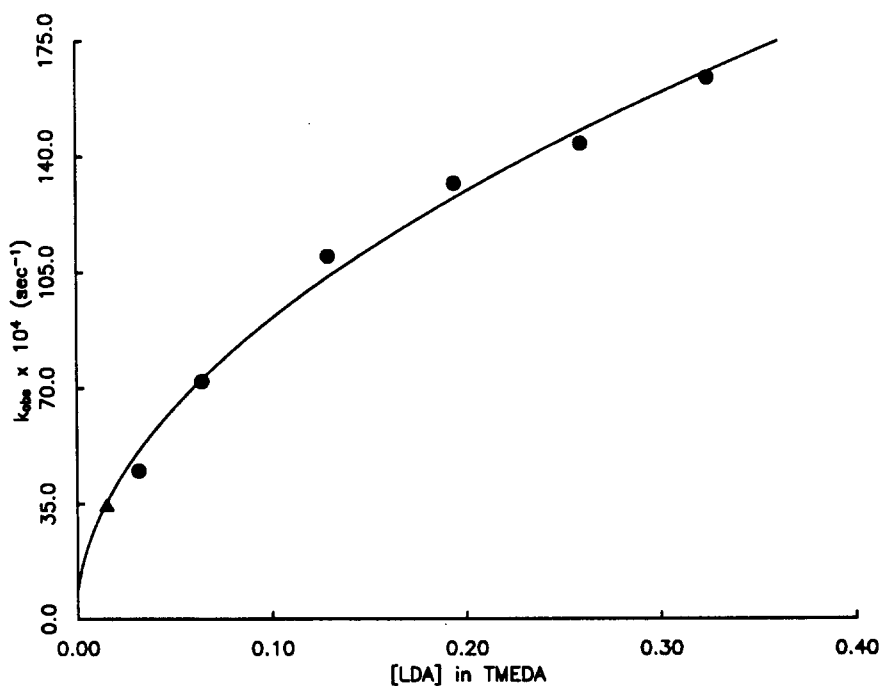


Figure 1. Plot of  $k_{\text{obsd}}$  versus [LDA] in neat TMEDA for the metallation of imine 2-d<sub>4</sub> (0.004 M) at  $0.0 \pm 0.5$  °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted non-linear least-squares fit to Equation 4 ( $n = 0.51 \pm 0.01$ ). The rate constant at the lowest LDA concentration, designated by a triangle ( $\Delta$ ), was not recorded under fully pseudo-first-order conditions and was not included in the fit.

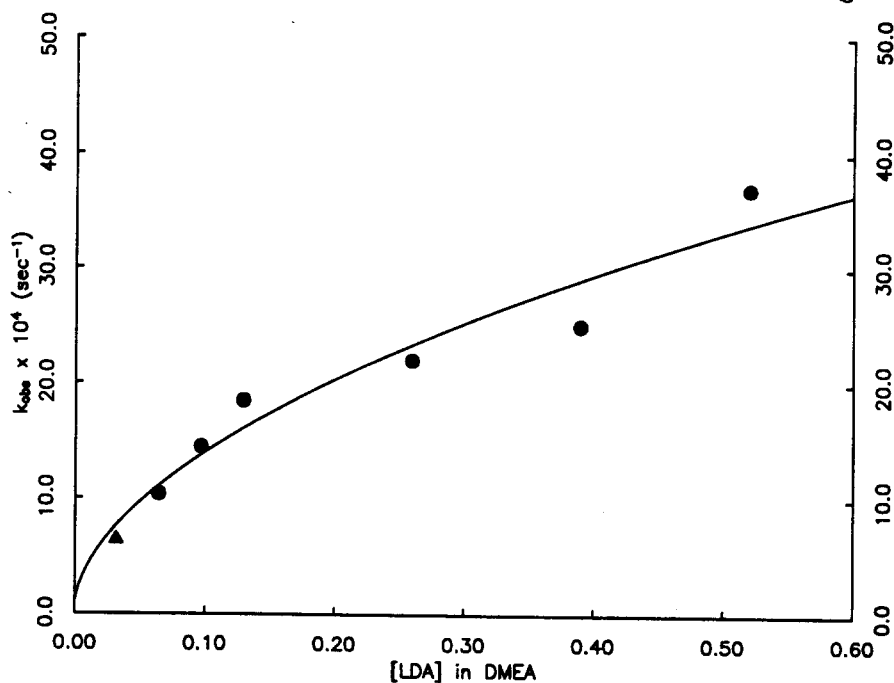


Figure II. Plot of  $k_{obsd}$  versus [LDA] in neat DMEA for the metallation of imine 2-d<sub>4</sub> (0.004 M) at  $0.0 \pm 0.5$  °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted non-linear least-squares fit to Equation 4 ( $n = 0.54 \pm 0.04$ ). The rate constant at the lowest LDA concentration, designated by a triangle ( $\Delta$ ), was not recorded under fully pseudo-first-order conditions and was not included in the fit.

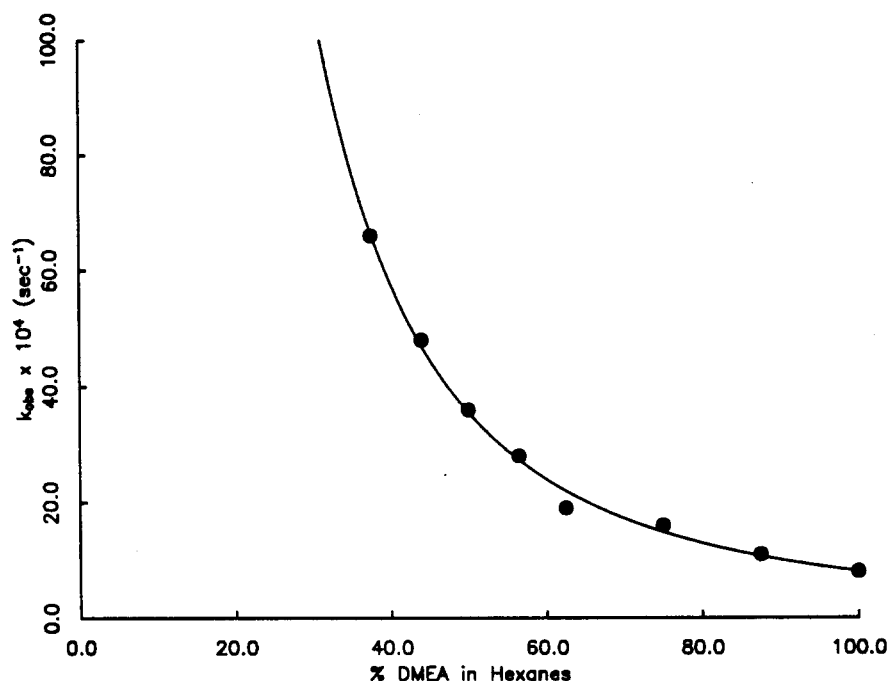


Figure III. Plot of  $k_{obsd}$  versus [DMEA] in hexane co-solvent for the metallation of imine 6 (0.004 M) by LDA (0.13 M) at  $0.0 \pm 0.5$  °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted least-squares fit to Equation 8. The adjustable parameter,  $n$ , corresponds to the order in DMEA ( $n = -2.20 \pm 0.01$ ). The parameter  $k_1$  corresponds to the observed rate constant expected for the metallation via monomers ( $k'' = 240 \pm 50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ ).

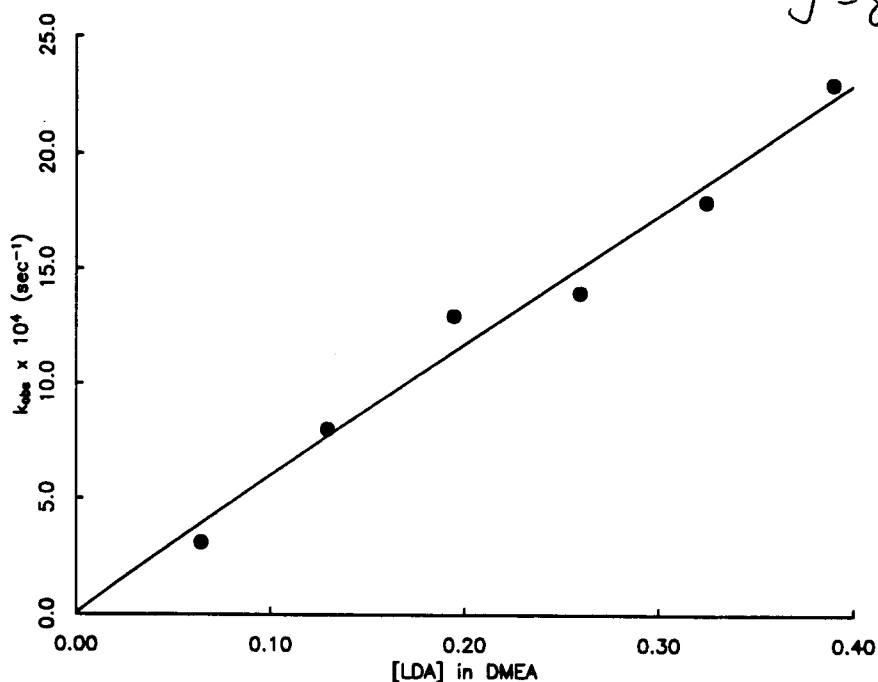


Figure IV. Plot of  $k_{obsd}$  versus [LDA] in neat DMEA for the metallation of imine **6** (0.004 M) at  $0.0 \pm 0.5$  °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted non-linear least-squares fit to Equation 4 ( $n = 0.96 \pm 0.03$ ).

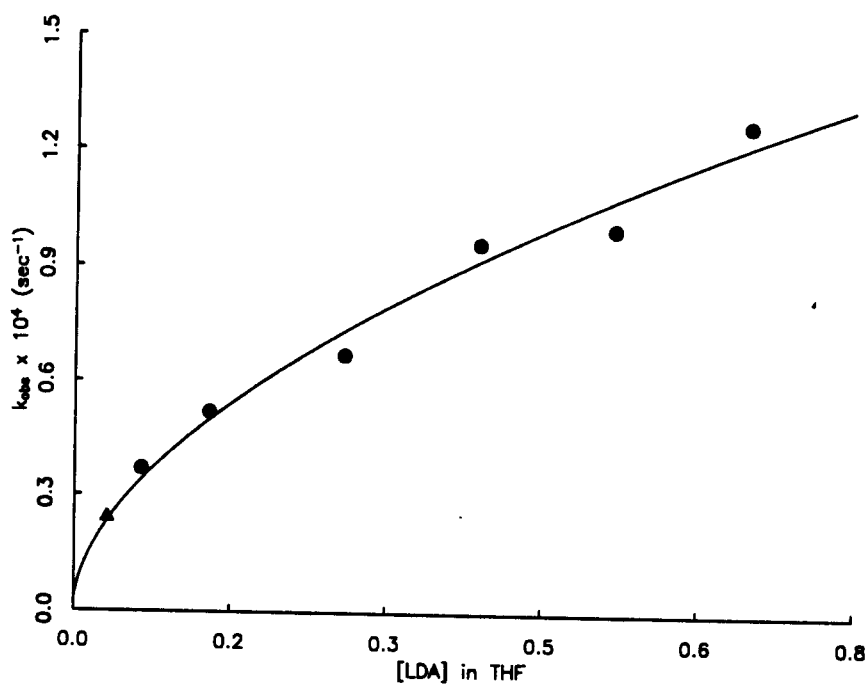


Figure V. Plot of  $k_{obsd}$  versus [LDA] in neat THF for the metallation of imine **6** (0.004 M) at  $0.0 \pm 0.5$  °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted non-linear least-squares fit to Equation 4 ( $n = 0.55 \pm 0.03$ ). The rate constant at the lowest LDA concentration, designated by a triangle ( $\Delta$ ), was not recorded under fully pseudo-first-order conditions and was not included in the fit.

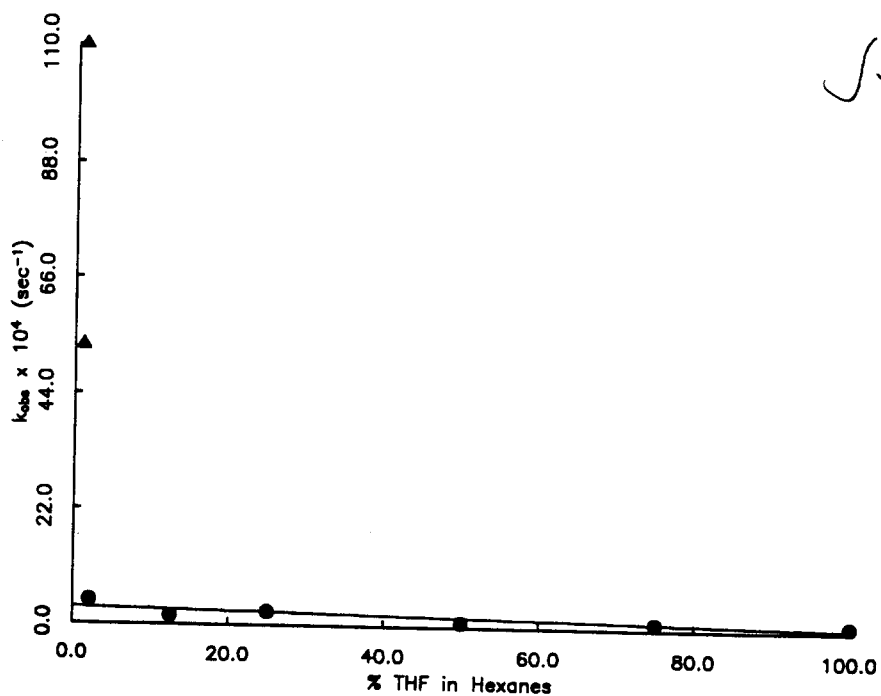


Figure VI. Plot of  $k_{obsd}$  versus [THF] in hexane co-solvent for the metallation of imine **6** (0.004 M) by LDA (0.13 M) at  $0.0 \pm 0.5$  °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted fit to a linear equation. The rate constants at the lowest THF concentrations, designated by triangles ( $\Delta$ ), were not recorded under fully pseudo-first-order conditions and were not included in the fit.

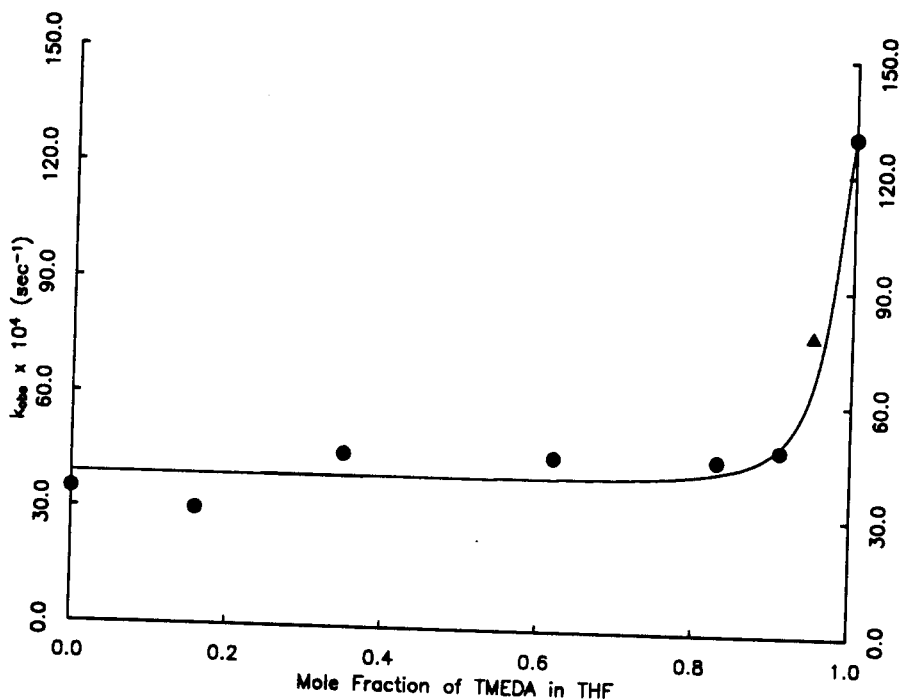


Figure VII. Pseudo-first-order rate constants for the metallation of imine **4-d<sub>4</sub>** (0.004 M) by LDA (0.13 M) as a function of TMEDA and THF composition. The units on the x-axis correspond to solvent mole fraction  $[TMEDA]/([TMEDA] + [THF])$ . An unweighted least-squares fit to Equation 10 affords  $K_{eq}(THF/TMEDA) = 722 \pm 244$ . The rate constant at the low THF concentration, designated by a triangle ( $\Delta$ ), was not recorded under fully pseudo-first-order conditions and was not included in the fit.

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**TABULATED KINETIC DATA**

**PART 1. 2,2,6,6-Tetradeuterocyclohexanone *N*-Isopropylimine  
metallations (0.004 M).**

Table I. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at 0.0 ± 0.1 °C as a function of [LDA] in neat THF.

<u>[LDA], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.065	6.8 ± 0.05
0.13	10.3 ± 0.15
0.26	15.1 ± 0.15
0.39	17.0 ± 0.27
0.52	20.4 ± 0.28
0.65	22.0 ± 0.05

Table II. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at 0.0 ± 0.1 °C as a function of [LDA] in neat TMEDA.

<u>[LDA], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.016	34 ± 3.0
0.033	45 ± 2.0
0.065	72 ± 3.4
0.130	110 ± 7.0
0.195	132 ± 5.0
0.260	144 ± 3.0
0.325	164 ± 8.0

Table III. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of [LDA] in neat DMEA.

<u>[LDA], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.033	6.4 ± 0.25
0.065	10.4 ± 0.09
0.098	14.5 ± 0.04
0.130	18.0 ± 0.10
0.260	21.9 ± 0.05
0.390	24.8 ± 0.03
0.520	37.4 ± 0.14

Table IV. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of [TMEDA] in Hexane. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>[TMEDA], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.00	2 ± 0.2
0.33	50 ± 3.2
0.66	70 ± 3.0
1.30	92 ± 3.0
2.60	111 ± 4.1
4.00	110 ± 1.8
5.30	98 ± 2.7
6.60	110 ± 7.0

Table V. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of [THF] in Hexane. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>[THF], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.0	1.6 ± 0.18
0.3	12.0 ± 0.65
2.5	10.0 ± 0.06
4.9	10.5 ± 0.07
7.4	11.0 ± 0.07
9.8	11.0 ± 0.07
12.3	9.0 ± 0.04

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Table VI. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of % TMEDA in THF. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>% TMEDA in THF</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.0	10.3 ± 0.2
25.0	11.2 ± 0.1
50.0	10.1 ± 0.1
75.0	12.0 ± 0.9
90.0	19.5 ± 0.5
96.5	23.0 ± 0.3
98.3	45.0 ± 0.6
100.0	110.0 ± 7.0

Table VII. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of % DMEA in THF. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>% DMEA in THF</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.0	7.9 ± 0.1
25.0	8.8 ± 0.1
50.0	8.6 ± 0.1
75.0	8.3 ± 0.1
95.0	10.7 ± 0.2
97.5	15.0 ± 0.3
100.0	18.5 ± 0.9

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Table VIII. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of % DMEA in TMEDA. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>% DMEA in TMEDA</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.0	92 ± 3.0
0.0	110 ± 7.0
12.5	89 ± 1.0
12.5	71 ± 1.1
25.0	82 ± 1.0
25.0	51 ± 3.0
37.5	44 ± 0.8
37.5	50 ± 0.5
50.0	50 ± 0.6
50.0	46 ± 0.4
62.5	42 ± 0.4
62.5	43 ± 0.3
75.0	31 ± 0.4
75.0	26 ± 0.3
87.5	25 ± 0.2
87.5	24 ± 0.3
100.0	18 ± 1.0
100.0	19 ± 0.9

**PART 2. 2-Methylcyclohexanone, 1-Dimethylamino *N*-Isopropylimine metallations (0.004 M) .**

Table I. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of [LDA] in neat THF.

<u>[LDA], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.065	0.37 ± 0.008
0.13	0.52 ± 0.002
0.26	0.67 ± 0.006
0.39	0.96 ± 0.006
0.52	1.03 ± 0.012
0.65	1.27 ± 0.012



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Table II. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of [LDA] in neat TMEDA.

<u>[LDA], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.065	14 ± 0.2
0.130	29 ± 1.3
0.130	27 ± 0.6
0.195	34 ± 0.7
0.260	51 ± 1.2
0.325	68 ± 1.7
0.390	89 ± 1.4
0.455	91 ± 4.0

Table III. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of [LDA] in neat DMEA.

<u>[LDA], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.065	3 ± 0.1
0.130	8 ± 0.2
0.195	13 ± 0.4
0.260	14 ± 0.6
0.325	18 ± 0.5
0.390	23 ± 0.8

Table IV. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of [THF] in Hexane. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>[THF], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.12	110.0 ± 8.0
0.14	53.0 ± 3.0
0.26	4.6 ± 0.2
1.54	1.7 ± 0.1
3.10	2.6 ± 0.1
6.15	1.0 ± 0.1
9.22	1.2 ± 0.1
12.30	1.0 ± 0.1

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Table V. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of [TMEDA] in Hexane. [LDA] =  $0.13 \text{ M}$

<u>[TMEDA], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
2.48	146.0 ± 4.0
2.48	140.0 ± 12
2.48	124.0 ± 14
3.30	80.0 ± 6.5
3.30	83.0 ± 19
4.13	47.4 ± 3.0
4.13	54.0 ± 1.5
4.95	32.6 ± 0.9
4.95	38.0 ± 0.9
5.78	32.0 ± 0.6
5.78	35.1 ± 0.5
6.60	27.0 ± 0.6
6.60	23.9 ± 0.6

Table VI. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of [DMEA] in Hexane. [LDA] =  $0.13 \text{ M}$

<u>[DMEA], M</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
3.46	66 ± 3.0
4.06	48 ± 2.0
4.62	36 ± 1.5
5.21	28 ± 1.0
5.77	19 ± 0.6
6.92	16 ± 0.3
8.08	11 ± 0.1
9.23	8 ± 0.2

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Table VII. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at 0.0  $\pm$  0.1  $^{\circ}$ C as a function of % TMEDA in THF. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>% TMEDA in THF</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.0	0.52 $\pm$ 0.01
25.0	0.57 $\pm$ 0.01
50.0	0.44 $\pm$ 0.01
75.0	1.50 $\pm$ 0.01
90.0	2.30 $\pm$ 0.01
95.0	3.30 $\pm$ 0.30
97.5	8.80 $\pm$ 0.20
100.0	24.0 $\pm$ 0.60

Table VIII. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at 0.0  $\pm$  0.1  $^{\circ}$ C as a function of % DMEA in THF. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>% DMEA in THF</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.0	0.52 $\pm$ 0.01
25.0	0.38 $\pm$ 0.04
50.0	0.40 $\pm$ 0.01
75.0	0.49 $\pm$ 0.01
90.0	0.63 $\pm$ 0.01
95.0	1.19 $\pm$ 0.03
97.5	2.30 $\pm$ 0.10
100.0	8.00 $\pm$ 0.20

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**PART 3. 2,2,6,6-Tetradeuterocyclohexanone N,N-dimethylhydrazone metallations (0.004M).**

Table I. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of % TMEDA in THF. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>% TMEDA in THF</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.0	35 ± 2.2
25.0	30 ± 2.0
50.0	45 ± 2.8
75.0	45 ± 1.5
90.0	45 ± 3.0
95.0	48 ± 4.0
97.5	78 ± 6.2
100.0	130 ± 18

**PART 4. Cyclohexanone N,N,-dimethylhydrazone metallations (0.004M).**

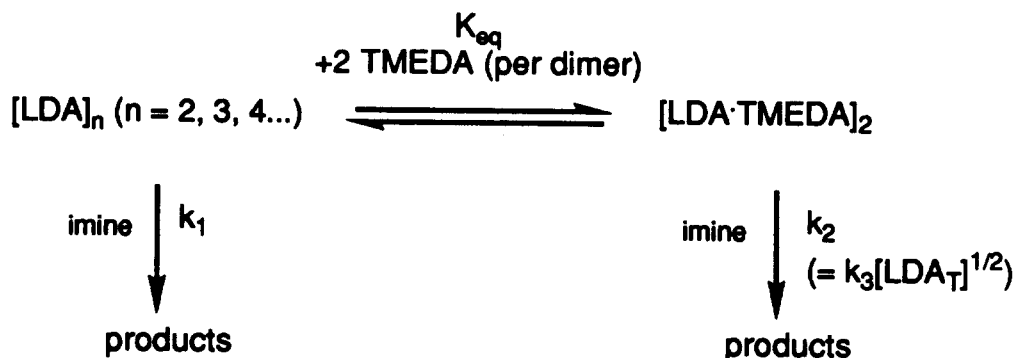
Table I. Pseudo-first-order metallation rate constants measured at  $0.0 \pm 0.1$  °C as a function of % TMEDA in THF. [LDA] = 0.13 M

<u>% TMEDA in THF</u>	<u>k x 10<sup>4</sup>, sec<sup>-1</sup></u>
0.0	115 ± 18
20.0	126 ± 0.9
50.0	102 ± 0.6
80.0	148 ± 1.4
90.0	177 ± 3.0
95.0	274 ± 8.1
98.0	483 ± 17
100.0	680 ± 20

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Equation 7:



Scheme IV

If we approximate the concentration of the LDA unsolvated oligomers,  $[(\text{LDA})_n]$ , as the concentration of unsolvated dimer,  $[(\text{LDA})_2]$ , then

$$k'_{\text{obsd}} = k_1[(\text{LDA})_2] + k_2[(\text{LDA} \cdot \text{S})_2]$$

$$K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{[(\text{LDA} \cdot \text{S})_2]}{[(\text{LDA})_2][\text{S}]^2}$$

$$K_{\text{eq}}[\text{S}]^2 = \frac{[(\text{LDA} \cdot \text{S})_2]}{[(\text{LDA})_2]}$$

The total LDA *dimer* concentration  $[(\text{LDA})_T]$  is described by

$$[\text{LDA}]_T = [(\text{LDA})_2] + [(\text{LDA} \cdot \text{S})_2]$$

Consequently,

$$k'_{\text{obsd}} = \frac{k'_{\text{obsd}}[\text{LDA}]_T}{[\text{LDA}]_T} = \frac{k'_{\text{obsd}}[\text{LDA}]_T}{[(\text{LDA})_2] + [(\text{LDA} \cdot \text{S})_2]}$$

$$k'_{\text{obsd}} = \frac{\{k_1[(\text{LDA})_2] + k_2[(\text{LDA} \cdot \text{S})_2]\}[\text{LDA}]_T}{[(\text{LDA})_2] + [(\text{LDA} \cdot \text{S})_2]}$$

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Dividing through by  $[\text{LDA}]_T$  we obtain the pseudo-first-order observed rate constant ( $k_{\text{obsd}}$ ) as follows:

$$k'_{\text{obsd}}/[\text{LDA}]_T = k_{\text{obsd}} = \frac{k_1[(\text{LDA})_2] + k_2[(\text{LDA}\cdot\text{S})_2]}{[(\text{LDA})_2] + [(\text{LDA}\cdot\text{S})_2]}$$

Dividing numerator and denominator by  $[(\text{LDA})_2]$  yields

$$k_{\text{obsd}} = \frac{k_1 + k_2[(\text{LDA}\cdot\text{S})_2]/[(\text{LDA})_2]}{1 + [(\text{LDA}\cdot\text{S})_2]/[(\text{LDA})_2]}$$

Substituting  $K_{\text{eq}}[\text{S}]^2$  for  $[(\text{LDA}\cdot\text{S})_2]/[(\text{LDA})_2]$  we find

$$k_{\text{obsd}} = \frac{k_1 + k_2K_{\text{eq}}[\text{S}]^2}{1 + K_{\text{eq}}[\text{S}]^2}$$

where constant  $k_2$  is a composite rate constant shown by the kinetics in the text to be adequately described by:

$$k_2 = k_3K''_{\text{eq}}[(\text{LDA}\cdot\text{S})_2]^{1/2}$$

Since  $k_1$  is small and since the derivation depends on the approximation of the LDA oligomers as dimers, we chose to include the approximation  $k_1' \approx k_1/(1 + K_{\text{eq}}[\text{S}]^2)$

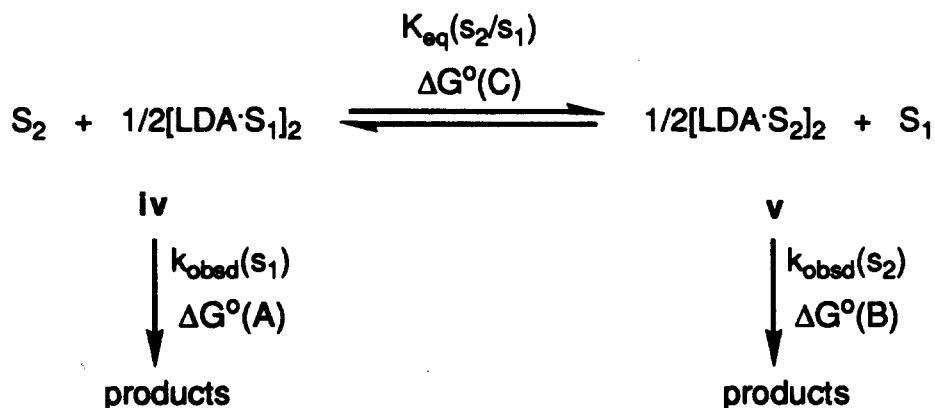
merely to define a non-zero y-intercept, affording

$$k_{\text{obsd}} = \frac{k_2K_{\text{eq}}[\text{S}]^2}{1 + K_{\text{eq}}[\text{S}]^2} + k_1' \quad (7)$$

One should note that the observed rate constants and total  $[\text{LDA}]$  in the derivation of equation 7 are in terms of the LDA dimer concentration, while the measured rate constants in the text were based on the LDA titer (solution normality).

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**Equation 10:**



Scheme VII

$$K_{eq} = \frac{[(LDA \cdot S_2)_2][S_1]^2}{[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2][S_2]^2}$$

$$\frac{[(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]}{[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2]} = K_{eq} \frac{[S_2]^2}{[S_1]^2}$$

$$k'_{obsd} = k_{obsd}(S_1)[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2] + k_{obsd}(S_2)[(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]$$

The total LDA *dimer* concentration ( $[LDA]_T$ ) is described by

$$[LDA]_T = [(LDA)_2] + [(LDA \cdot S)_2]$$

Consequently,

$$k'_{obsd} = \frac{k'_{obsd}[LDA]_T}{[LDA]_T} = \frac{k'_{obsd}[LDA]_T}{[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2] + [(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]}$$

$$k'_{obsd} = \frac{\{k_{obsd}(S_1)[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2] + k_{obsd}(S_2)[(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]\}[LDA]_T}{[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2] + [(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]}$$

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Dividing through by  $[LDA]_T$  we obtain the pseudo-first-order observed rate constant,  $k_{obsd}$ , as follows:

$$k_{obsd} = \frac{k_{obsd}(S_1)[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2] + k_{obsd}(S_2)[(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]}{[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2] + [(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]}$$

Dividing numerator and denominator by  $[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2]$

$$k_{obsd} = \frac{k_{obsd}(S_1) + k_{obsd}(S_2)\{[(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]/[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2]\}}{1 + [(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]/[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2]}$$

Since

$$\frac{[(LDA \cdot S_2)_2]}{[(LDA \cdot S_1)_2]} = K_{eq} \frac{[S_2]^2}{[S_1]^2}$$

$$k_{obsd} = \frac{k_{obsd}(S_1) + k_{obsd}(S_2)K_{eq}[S_2]^2/[S_1]^2}{1 + K_{eq}[S_2]^2/[S_1]^2}$$

$$k_{obsd} = \frac{k_{obsd}(S_1)[S_1]^2 + k_{obsd}(S_2)K_{eq}[S_2]^2}{[S_1]^2 + K_{eq}[S_2]^2}$$

Finally, we replace  $[S_2]$  in terms of  $[S_1]$ . The constants  $a = [S_2]_{neat}$  and  $b = [S_2]_{neat}/[S_1]_{neat}$  are needed to adjust for the differential molar volumes.

$$k_{obsd} = \{k_1[S_1]^2 + k_2K_{eq}(a-b[S_1])^2\}/\{[S_1]^2 + K_{eq}(a-b[S_1])^2\} \quad (10)$$