

Structure and Reactivity of Lithium Diisopropylamide Solvated by Polyamines:  
Evidence of Monomer- and Dimer-Based Dehydrohalogenations

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Supporting Information

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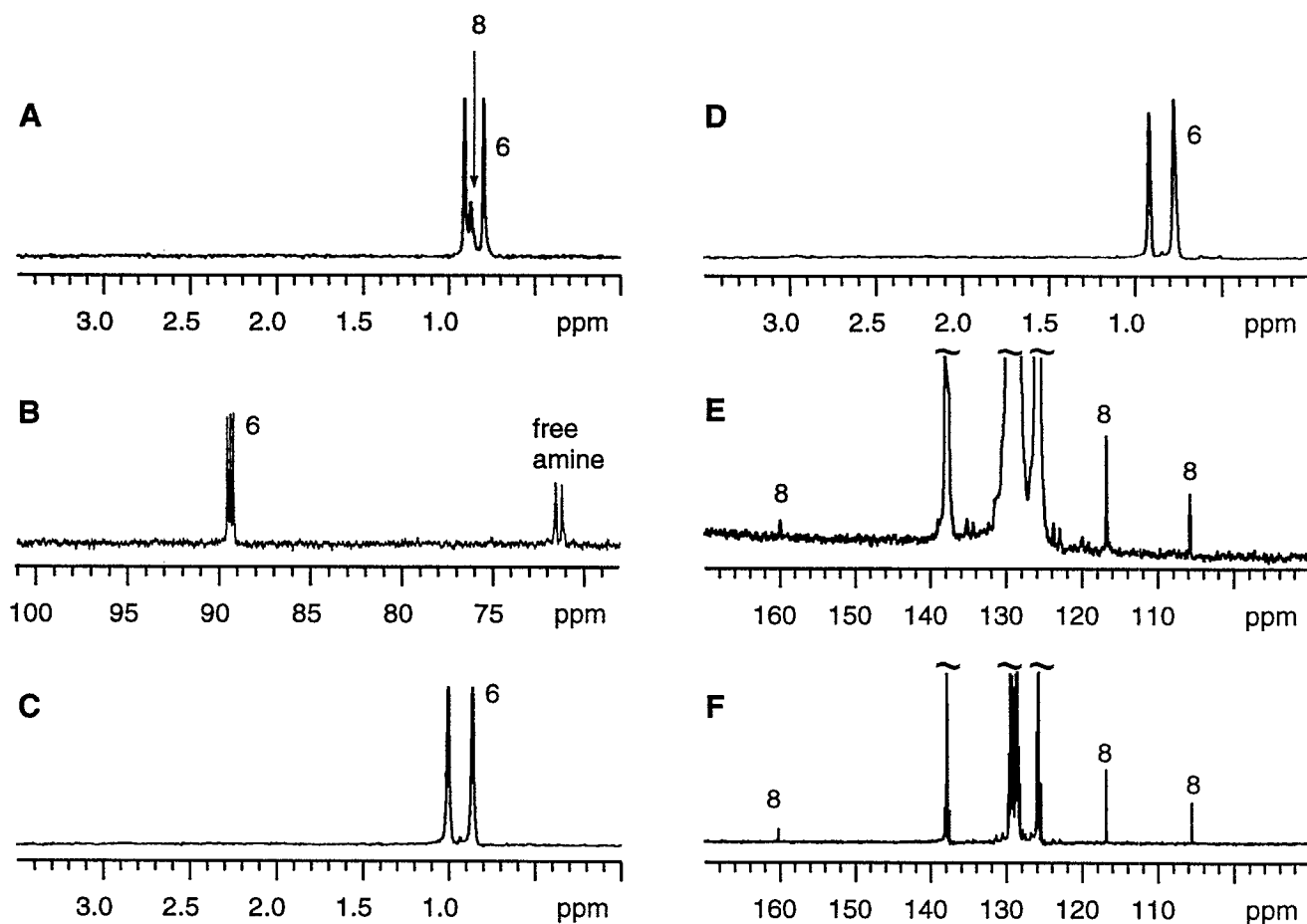


Figure 1. NMR spectra of samples containing 2.0 equiv of PMDTA per lithium. (A)  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectrum of 0.10 M  $[\text{}^6\text{Li},\text{}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane; (B)  ${}^{15}\text{N}$  NMR spectrum of 0.10 M  $[\text{}^6\text{Li},\text{}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; (C)  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectrum of 0.10 M  $[\text{}^6\text{Li},\text{}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 cumene:pentane at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; (D)  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectrum of 0.10 M  $[\text{}^6\text{Li},\text{}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 mesitylene:pentane at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; (E)  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 0.10 M  $[\text{}^6\text{Li},\text{}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; (F)  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 0.10 M  $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{benzyl lithium}$  in toluene at  $-50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The  $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{benzyl lithium}$  was prepared *in situ* by addition of 2 equiv of PMDTA to 0.10 M  $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]n\text{-BuLi}$  in toluene followed by equilibration at RT.

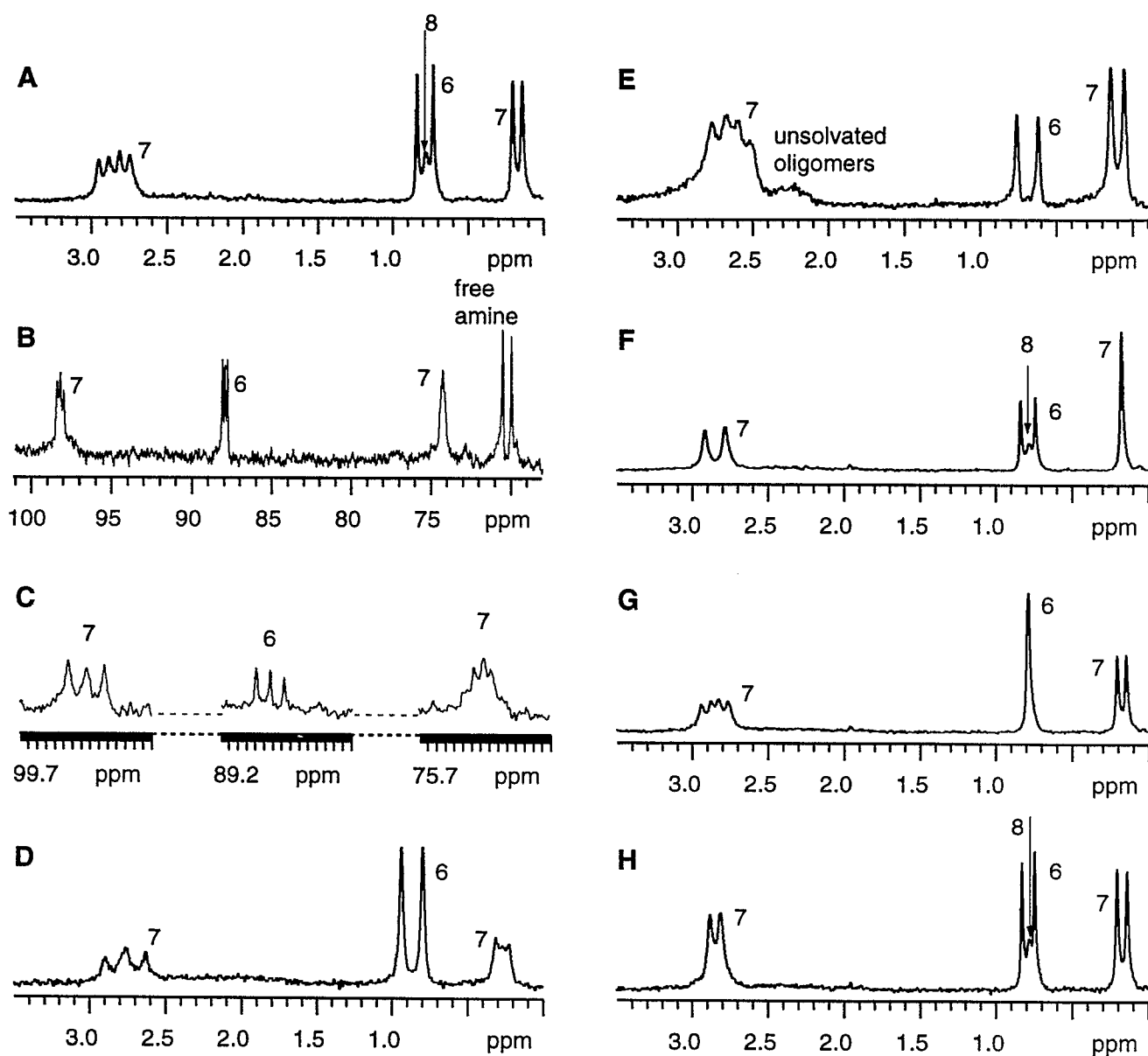


Figure II. NMR spectra of samples containing 0.10 *M* [<sup>6</sup>Li,<sup>15</sup>N]LDA with 0.5 equiv of PMDTA at -105 °C. (A) <sup>6</sup>Li NMR spectrum in 2:1 toluene:pentane; (B) <sup>15</sup>N NMR spectrum in 2:1 toluene:pentane; (B) <sup>15</sup>N NMR spectrum in 2:1 toluene:pentane with multiplets enlarged; (D) <sup>6</sup>Li NMR spectrum in 2:1 cumene:pentane; (E) <sup>6</sup>Li NMR spectrum in 2:1 mesitylene:pentane; (F) <sup>6</sup>Li NMR spectrum in 2:1 toluene:pentane with <sup>15</sup>N single-frequency decoupling at 75.7 ppm; (G) <sup>6</sup>Li NMR spectrum in 2:1 toluene:pentane with <sup>15</sup>N single-frequency decoupling at 89.4 ppm; (H) <sup>6</sup>Li NMR spectrum in 2:1 toluene:pentane with <sup>15</sup>N single-frequency decoupling at 99.7 ppm.

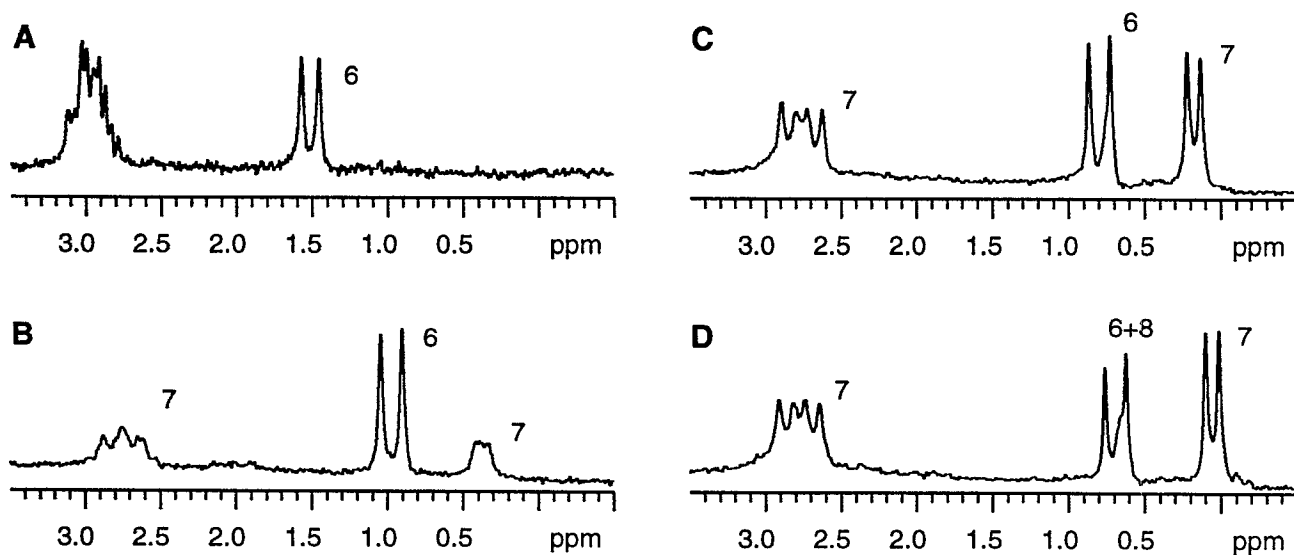


Figure III.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra of samples containing 0.10 M  $[{}^6\text{Li}, {}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  and 0.50 equiv of PMDTA in hexanes/toluene mixtures. (A) hexanes at  $-90^\circ\text{C}$ ; (B) 25% toluene in hexanes at  $-105^\circ\text{C}$ ; (C) 50% toluene in hexanes at  $-105^\circ\text{C}$ ; (D) 75% toluene in hexanes at  $-105^\circ\text{C}$ .

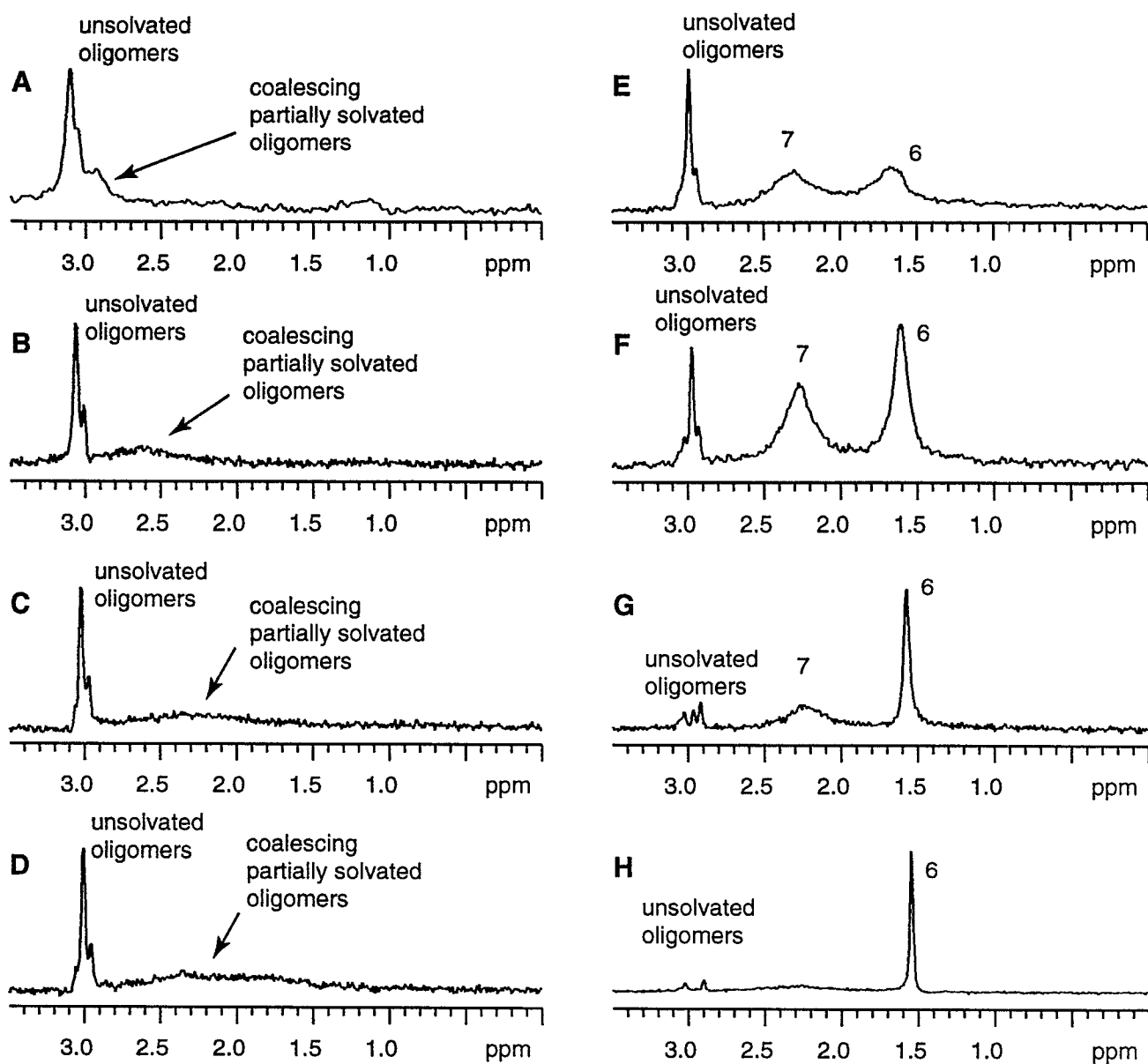


Figure IV.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra of samples containing 0.10 M  ${}^6\text{Li}$ LDA and 0.5 equiv of PMDTA in hexanes at various temperatures. (A) 0 °C; (B) -20 °C; (C) -40 °C; (D) -50 °C; (E) -60 °C; (F) -70 °C; (G) -80 °C; (H) -90 °C.

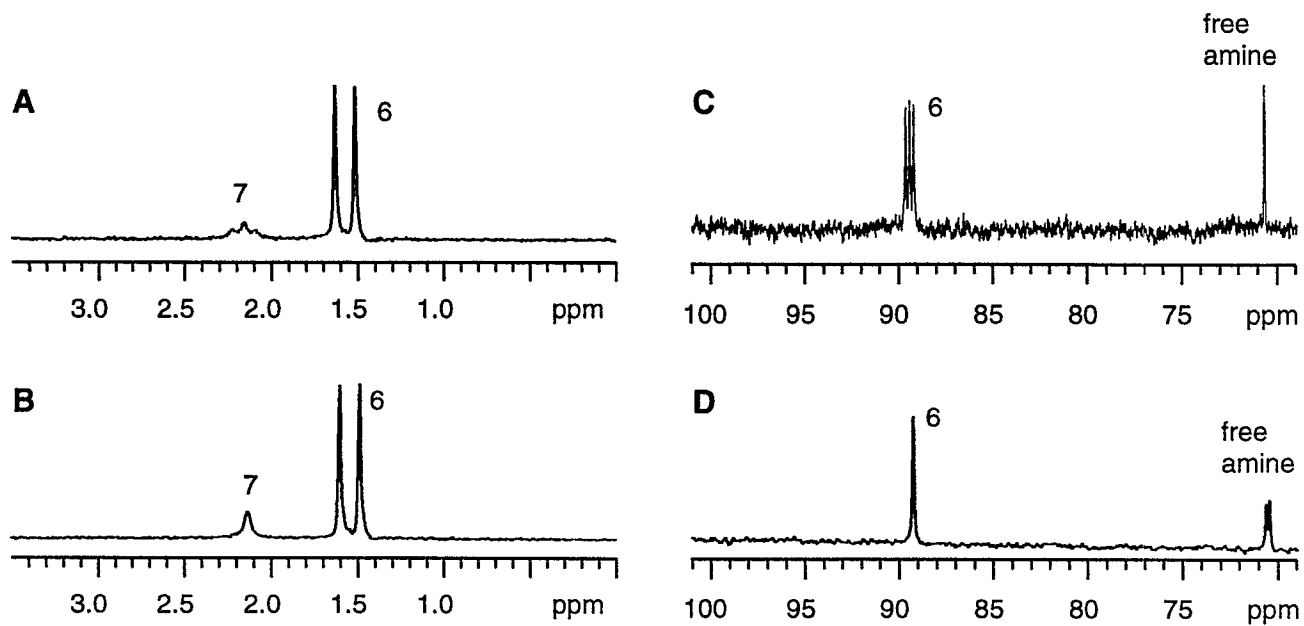


Figure V. NMR spectra of a sample containing  $0.15\text{ M } [{}^6\text{Li}, {}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  with  $3.5$  equiv of PMDTA in pentane at  $-50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . (A)  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectrum; (B)  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectrum  ${}^{15}\text{N}$  single-frequency decoupling at xx ppm; (C)  ${}^{15}\text{N}$  NMR spectrum; (D)  ${}^6\text{Li}$  decoupled  ${}^{15}\text{N}$  NMR spectrum.

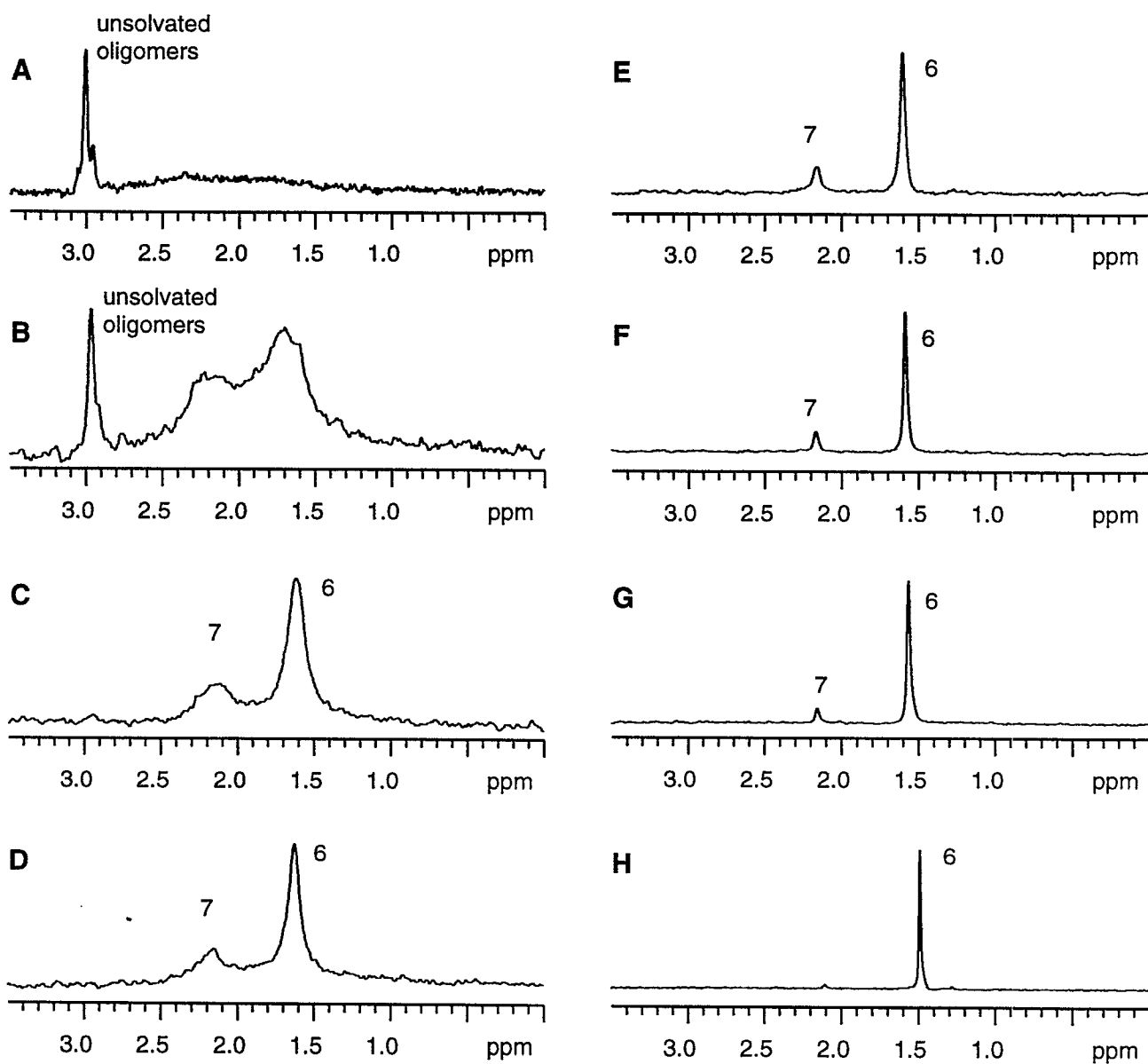


Figure VI.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra of samples containing 0.10 M  ${}^6\text{Li}$  LDA in hexanes with various quantities of PMDTA at  $-50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . (A) 0.5 equiv of PMDTA; (B) 0.7 equiv of PMDTA; (C) 1.0 equiv of PMDTA; (D) 1.5 equiv of PMDTA; (E) 2.0 equiv of PMDTA; (F) 5.0 equiv of PMDTA; (G) 10 equiv of PMDTA; (H) 24 equiv of PMDTA (50% by volume).

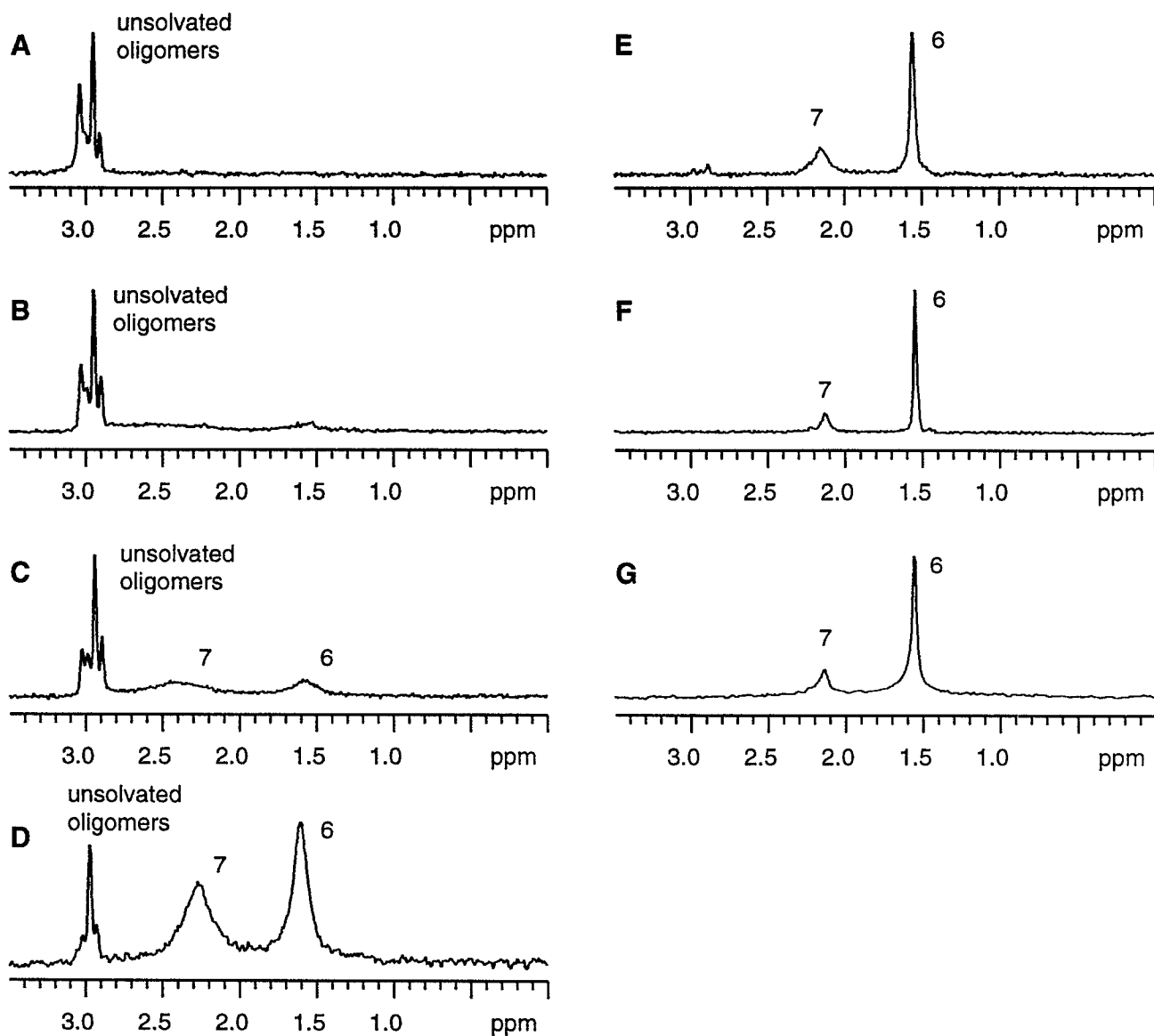


Figure VII.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra of samples containing 0.10 M  ${}^6\text{Li}$ ]LDA in hexanes with various quantities of PMDTA at  $-70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . (A) 0.1 equiv of PMDTA; (B) 0.2 equiv of PMDTA; (C) 0.3 equiv of PMDTA; (D) 0.5 equiv of PMDTA; (E) 0.7 equiv of PMDTA; (F) 1.0 equiv of PMDTA; (G) 1.5 equiv of PMDTA.



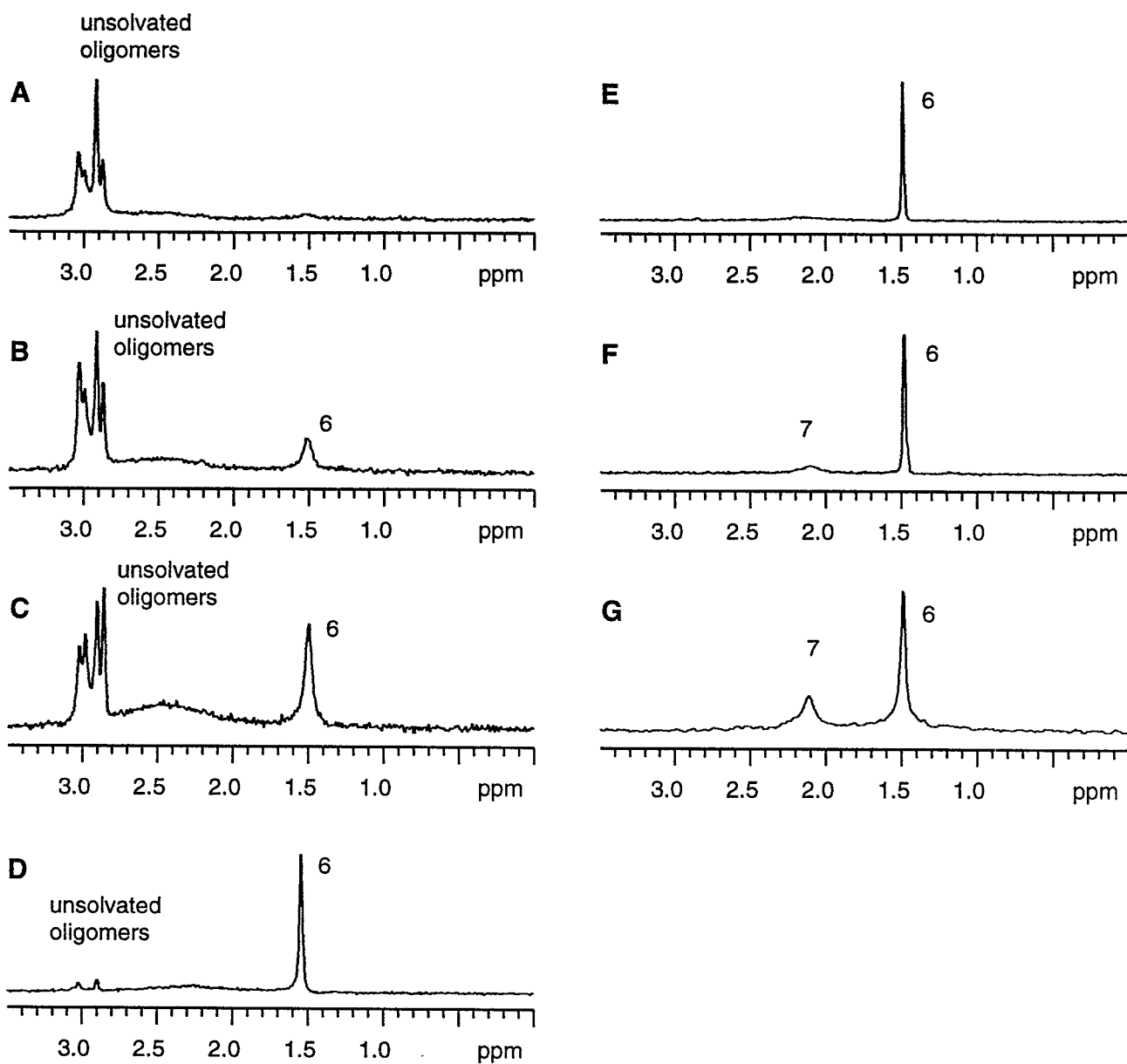


Figure VIII.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra of samples containing 0.10 M  ${}^6\text{Li}$ ]LDA in hexanes with various quantities of PMDTA at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . (A) 0.1 equiv of PMDTA; (B) 0.2 equiv of PMDTA; (C) 0.3 equiv of PMDTA; (D) 0.5 equiv of PMDTA; (E) 0.7 equiv of PMDTA; (F) 1.0 equiv of PMDTA; (G) 1.5 equiv of PMDTA.

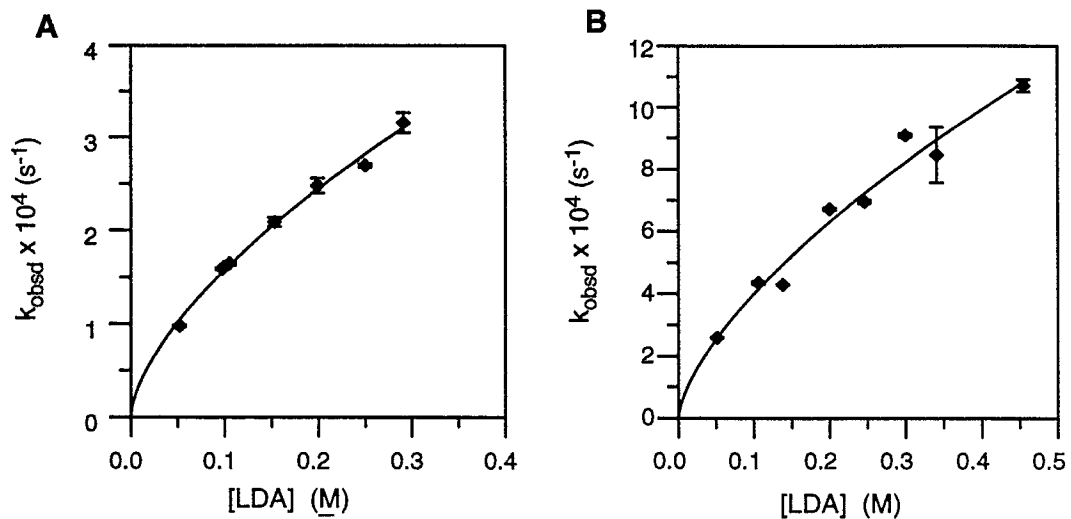
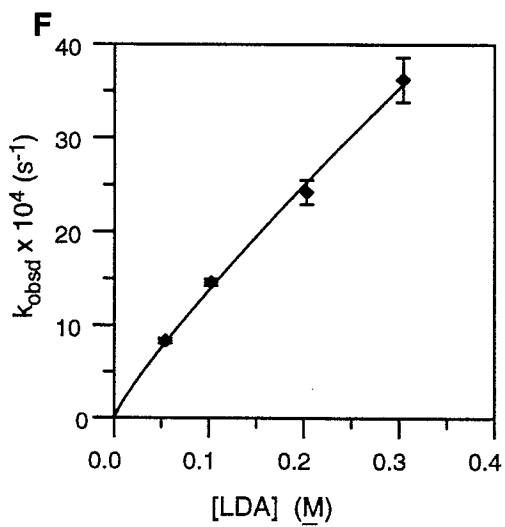
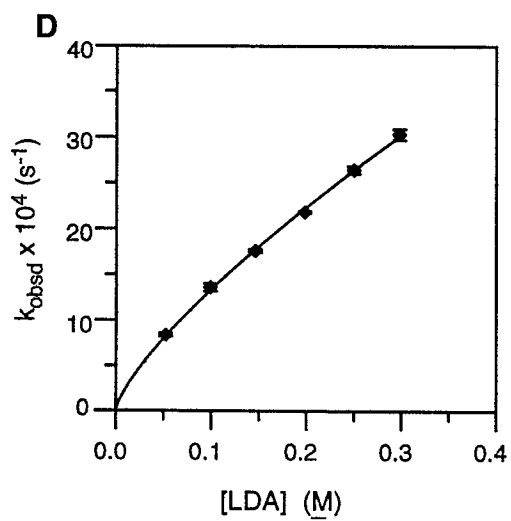
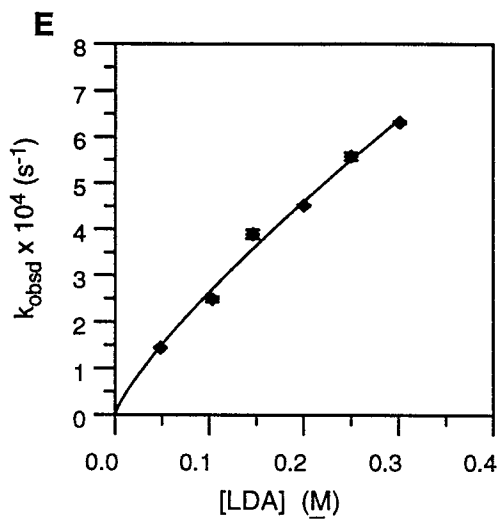
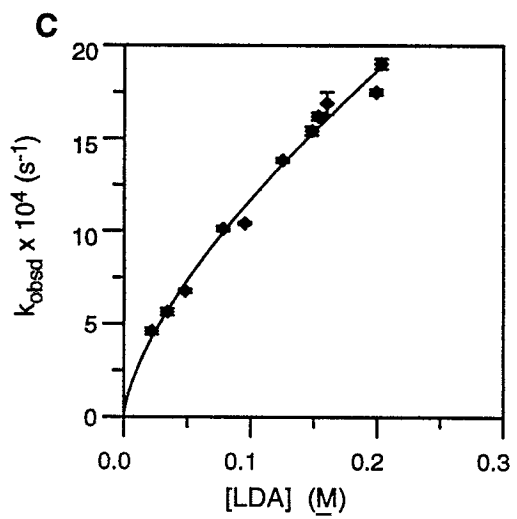


Figure IX. Plots of  $k_{\text{obsd}}$  versus [LDA] for the elimination of ( $\pm$ )-*exo*-2-halonorbornane (0.004 M) by LDA in solution with 3.0 M TMEDA in toluene. (A) ( $\pm$ )-*exo*-2-bromonorbornane at -60 °C; (B) ( $\pm$ )-*exo*-2-bromonorbornane at -50 °C; (C) ( $\pm$ )-*exo*-2-bromonorbornane at -40 °C; (D) ( $\pm$ )-3,3-dideuterio-*exo*-2-bromonorbornane at -20 °C; (E) ( $\pm$ )-*exo*-2-chloronorbornane at -20 °C; (F) ( $\pm$ )-*exo*-2-chloronorbornane at -20 °C. The curves depict the results of unweighted linear least-squares fits to  $f(x) = ax^b$ .

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Figure IX (continued)



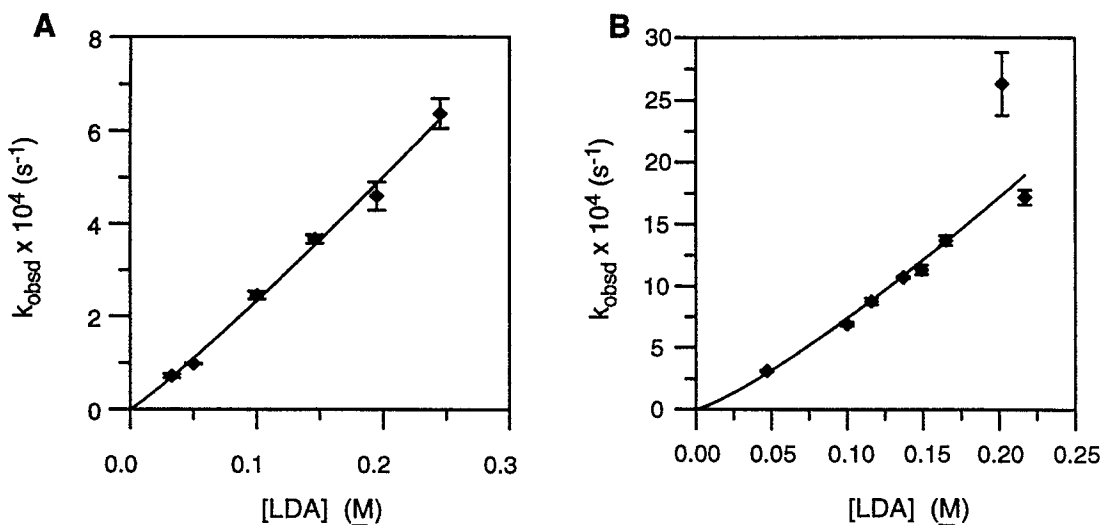


Figure X. Plots of  $k_{\text{obsd}}$  versus  $[\text{LDA}]$  for the elimination of ( $\pm$ )-*exo*-2-bromonorbornane (0.004 M) by LDA in solution with PMDTA (in hexanes cosolvent) at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ . (A) 1.0 M PMDTA; (B) 0.10 M plus 1 equiv of PMDTA.

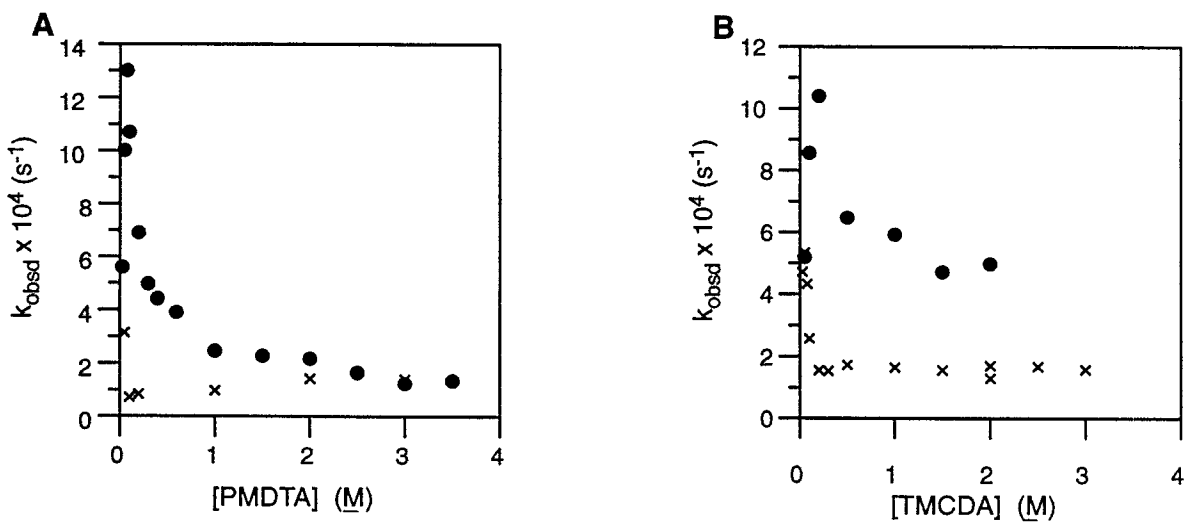


Figure XI. Plots of  $k_{\text{obsd}}$  versus  $[\text{ligand}]$  for the elimination of ( $\pm$ )-*exo*-2-bromonorbornane (0.004 M) by 0.10 M LDA in solution at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ . The ligands used were: (A) PMDTA; (B) TMCDA. The ( $\bullet$ ) symbol represents samples containing hexanes cosolvent, while the ( $\times$ ) symbol represents samples containing toluene cosolvent.

Figure XII. Tables of data for plots in Figure IX.

## Data for figure IXA

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.052	0.000098	0.000001
0.097	0.000159	0.000001
0.105	0.000165	0.000002
0.153	0.000209	0.000005
0.199	0.000248	0.000008
0.250	0.000270	0.000002
0.291	0.000316	0.000011

## Data for figure IXB

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.051	0.000259	0.000001
0.106	0.000435	0.000005
0.138	0.000429	0.000001
0.200	0.000671	0.000004
0.246	0.000695	0.000005
0.300	0.000908	0.000005
0.341	0.000845	0.000090
0.455	0.00107	0.000020

## Data for figure IXC

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.022	0.000459	0.000017
0.034	0.000563	0.000019
0.048	0.000676	0.000010
0.078	0.00101	0.000013
0.095	0.00104	0.000007
0.125	0.00138	0.000012
0.148	0.00154	0.000022
0.153	0.00162	0.000020
0.160	0.00169	0.000061
0.199	0.00175	0.000015
0.203	0.00190	0.000027

## Data for figure IXD

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.052	0.000837	0.000020
0.099	0.00136	0.000040
0.146	0.00176	0.000020
0.198	0.00218	0.000010
0.250	0.00264	0.000040
0.298	0.00303	0.000060

## Figure XII (continued)

## Data for figure IXE

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.048	0.0001.44	0.000001
0.103	0.0002.49	0.000006
0.146	0.0003.89	0.000009
0.200	0.0004.51	0.000002
0.250	0.0005.57	0.000008
0.301	0.0006.31	0.000003

## Data for figure IXF

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.054	0.000833	0.000028
0.102	0.00146	0.000035
0.203	0.00242	0.00013
0.304	0.00362	0.00024

## Figure XIII. Tables of data for plots in Figure X.

## Data for Figure XA

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.033	0.000072	0.000004
0.050	0.000098	0.000001
0.100	0.000246	0.000008
0.146	0.000368	0.000009
0.195	0.000460	0.000030
0.245	0.000637	0.000032

## Data for Figure XB

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.047	0.000312	0.00007
0.100	0.000690	0.00015
0.116	0.000876	0.00028
0.137	0.00107	0.00008
0.149	0.00113	0.00037
0.165	0.00137	0.00040
0.217	0.00172	0.00060
0.202	0.00263	0.00250

Figure XIV. Tables of data for plots in figure XI.

## Data for Figure XIA

[PMDTA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error	cosolvent
0.025	0.000559	0.000014	hexanes
0.050	0.00100	0.000020	hexanes
0.075	0.00130	0.000027	hexanes
0.1	0.00107	0.000030	hexanes
0.20	0.000690	0.000015	hexanes
0.30	0.000497	0.000010	hexanes
0.40	0.000442	0.000009	hexanes
0.60	0.000390	0.000006	hexanes
1.0	0.000246	0.000008	hexanes
1.5	0.000228	0.000003	hexanes
2.0	0.000218	0.000005	hexanes
2.5	0.000160	0.000007	hexanes
3.0	0.000125	0.000006	hexanes
3.5	0.000135	0.000003	hexanes
0.050	0.000314	0.000013	toluene
0.10	0.000072	0.000003	toluene
0.20	0.000084	0.000006	toluene
1.0	0.000098	0.000007	toluene

## Data for Figure XIB

[TMCDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error	cosolvent
0.025	0.000470	0.000020	toluene
0.05	0.000532	0.000021	toluene
0.075	0.000432	0.000017	toluene
0.10	0.000257	0.000016	toluene
0.20	0.000150	0.000005	toluene
0.30	0.000153	0.000007	toluene
0.50	0.000172	0.000020	toluene
1.0	0.000164	0.000017	toluene
1.5	0.000156	0.000008	toluene
2.0	0.000130	0.000007	toluene
2.0	0.000170	0.000016	toluene
2.5	0.000167	0.000009	toluene
3.0	0.000158	0.000003	toluene
0.050	0.000518	0.000005	hexanes
0.10	0.000856	0.000021	hexanes
0.20	0.00104	0.000040	hexanes
0.50	0.000647	0.000020	hexanes
2.00	0.000496	0.000007	hexanes
1.00	0.000591	0.000010	hexanes
1.50	0.000470	0.000016	hexanes

Figure XV. Tables of data for plots in the manuscript.

Figure XVA. Data for figure 2

[TMEDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>
0.050	0.00189	-----
0.10	0.00367	0.00135
0.15	0.00320	-----
0.20	0.00271	0.00206
0.25	0.00230	-----
0.30	0.00197	0.00229
0.40	0.00160	0.00245
0.50	0.00162	0.00239
0.70	0.00134	0.00220
1.0	0.00123	0.00194
1.5	0.00113	0.00179
2.0	0.00107	0.00151
2.5	0.00102	0.00127
3.0	0.00099	0.00118
3.5	0.00102	-----
4.0	0.00099	-----

<sup>a</sup>elimination of (±)-*exo*-2-bromonorbornane at -40 °C. <sup>b</sup>elimination of (±)-*exo*-2-chloronorbornane at 0 °C.

Figure XVB. Data for figure 3

[PMDTA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.025	0.000559	0.000014
0.050	0.00100	0.000020
0.075	0.00130	0.000027
0.1	0.00107	0.000030
0.20	0.000690	0.000015
0.30	0.000497	0.000010
0.40	0.000442	0.000009
0.60	0.000390	0.000006
1.0	0.000246	0.000008
1.5	0.000228	0.000003
2.0	0.000218	0.000005
2.5	0.000160	0.000007
3.0	0.000125	0.000006
3.5	0.000135	0.000003



## Figure XV (continued)

## Figure XVC. Data for figure 4

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.049	0.0000707	0.000002
0.100	0.000130	0.000005
0.140	0.000202	0.000008
0.194	0.000288	0.000004
0.271	0.000391	0.000003

## Figure XVD. Data for figure 5

[TMCD] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.025	0.000470	0.000020
0.05	0.000532	0.000021
0.075	0.000432	0.000017
0.10	0.000257	0.000016
0.20	0.000150	0.000005
0.30	0.000153	0.000007
0.50	0.000172	0.000020
1.0	0.000164	0.000017
1.5	0.000156	0.000008
2.0	0.000130	0.000007
2.0	0.000170	0.000016
2.5	0.000167	0.000009
3.0	0.000158	0.000003

## Figure XVE. Data for figure 6

[LDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	error
0.027	0.000598	0.000020
0.040	0.000727	0.000010
0.075	0.00164	0.000060
0.121	0.00231	0.000100
0.150	0.00351	0.000180
0.175	0.00394	0.000300