

Consequences of Correlated Solvation
on the Structures and Reactivities of RLi-Diamine Complexes:
1,2-Addition and α -Lithiation Reactions of Imines by TMEDA-Solvated
n-Butyllithium and Phenyllithium

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Supporting Information

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Notes:

- (1) Supporting information for *n*-BuLi NMR spectroscopy can be found in Hoffmann, D.; Collum, D. B. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 5810.
- (2) Broadening of ^6Li resonances coordinated by D (see 1D, 2C, 2H, 2L, 2P, 2Q, 2R), as well as the extra resonances (see 2C), are associated with conformation effects within the piperidine ring as discussed in a reference of the manuscript.
- (3) The homosolvated dimer containing two (-)-sparteine ligands consists of two isomers with a peak integration ratio of 1:2.4. (see 2F, 2K, 2O, 2R, 2T, 2U, 2V)

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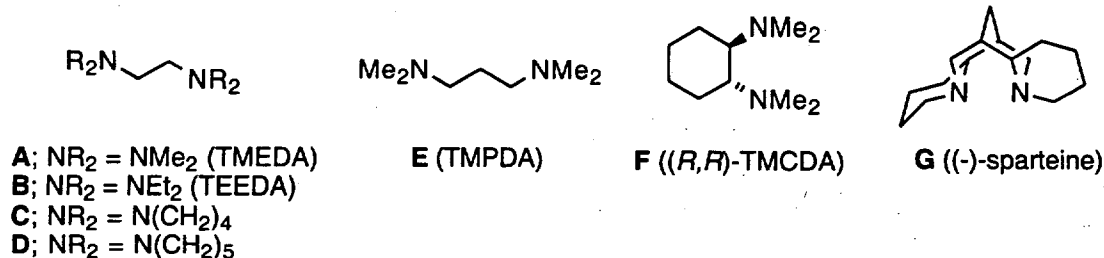
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XIV. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. [TMEDA] for the α -lithiation of imine **6** (0.01 M) with PhLi (0.2 M) in pentane at 19 °C.

Table 3. k_{obsd} (s⁻¹) for the 1,2-addition and α -lithiation of imine **1** and imine **6**, respectively, with *n*-BuLi and PhLi in pentane and diamines A-G.



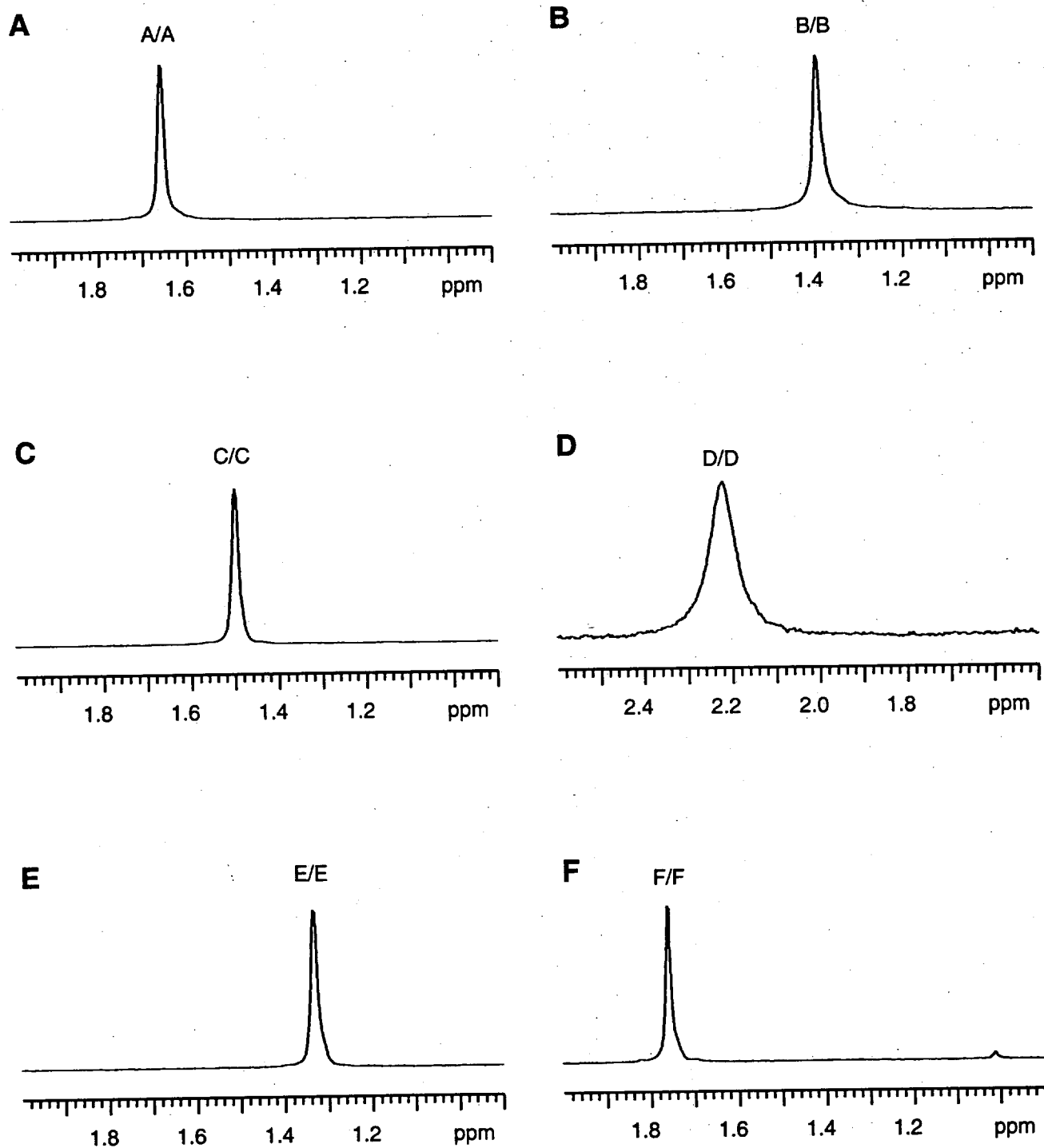
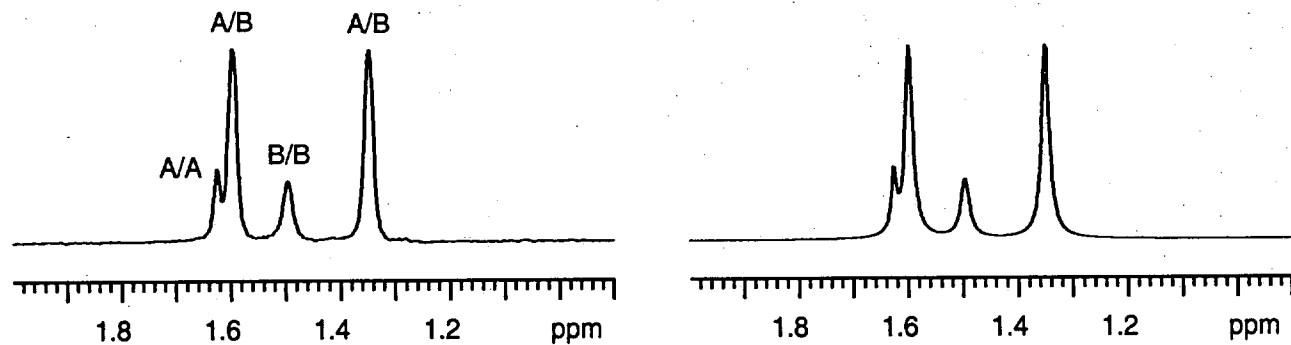
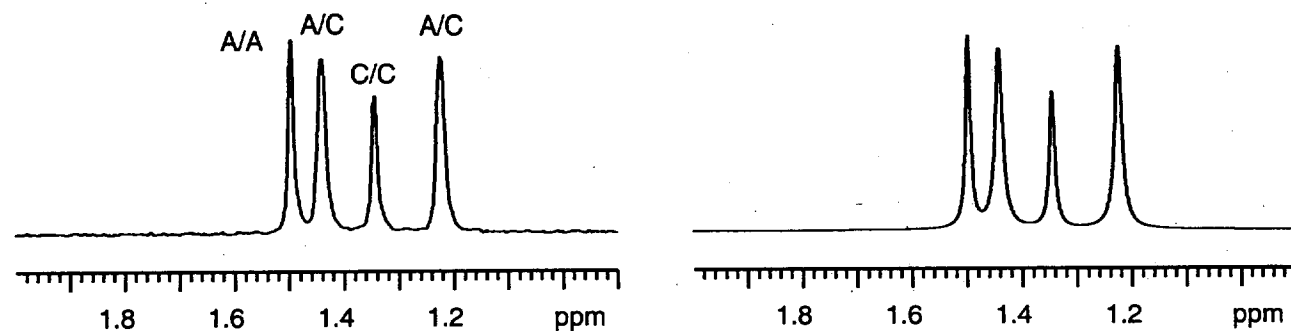


Figure I. ${}^6\text{Li}$ NMR spectra of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ containing the following ligands: (A) 1.1 equiv of TMEDA (A); (B) 1.1 equiv of TEEDA (B); (C) 1.2 equiv of 1,2-dipyrrolidinoethane (C); (D) 1.5 equiv of 1,2-dipiperidinoethane (D); (E) 1.1 equiv of TMPDA (E); (F) 1.2 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F). PhLi does not dissolve with (-)-sparteine (G) alone. However, combinations of (-)-sparteine and other ligands dissolve PhLi (see Figure II).

A



B



C

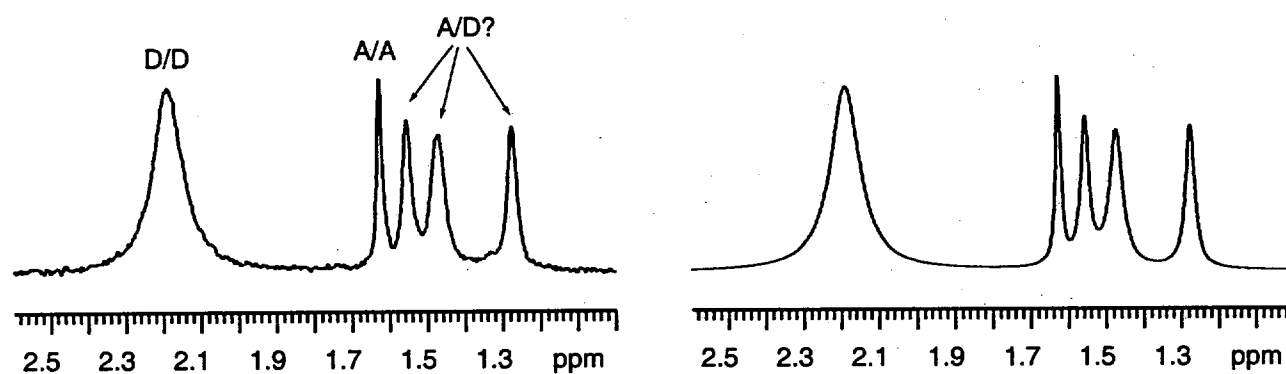
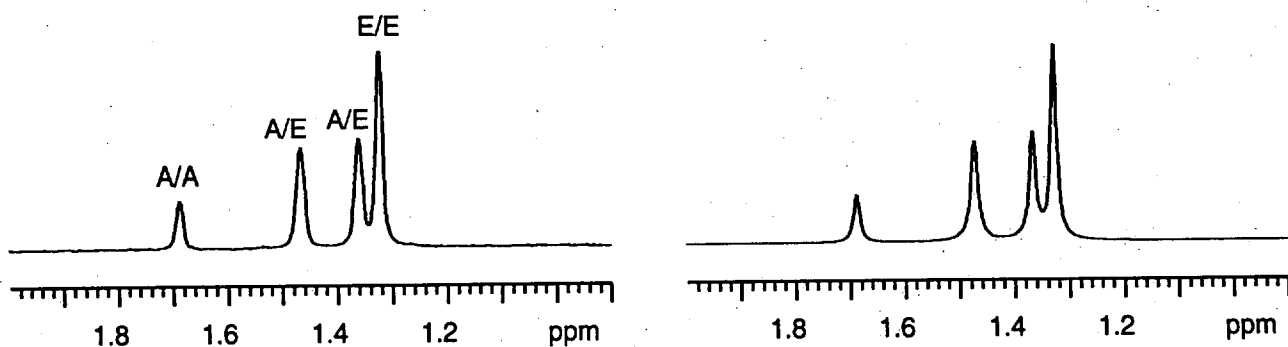
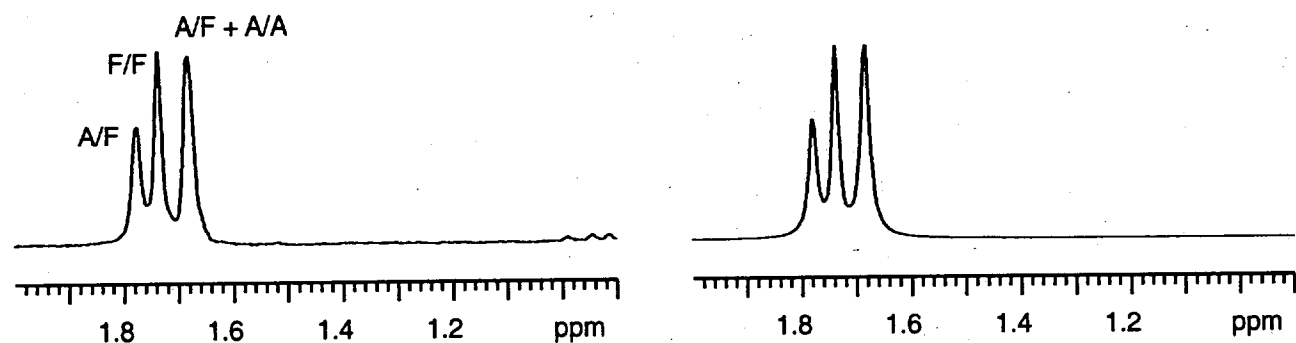


Figure II. ^6Li NMR spectra (*left*: before deconvolution; *right*: theoretical spectra after deconvolution) of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 containing the following ligands: (A) 0.4 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 3.6 equiv of TEEDA (B) at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; (B) 0.5 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.5 equiv of 1,2-dipyrrolidinoethane (C) at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; (C) 0.4 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.2 equiv of 1,2-dipiperidinoethane (D) at $-110\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

D



E



F

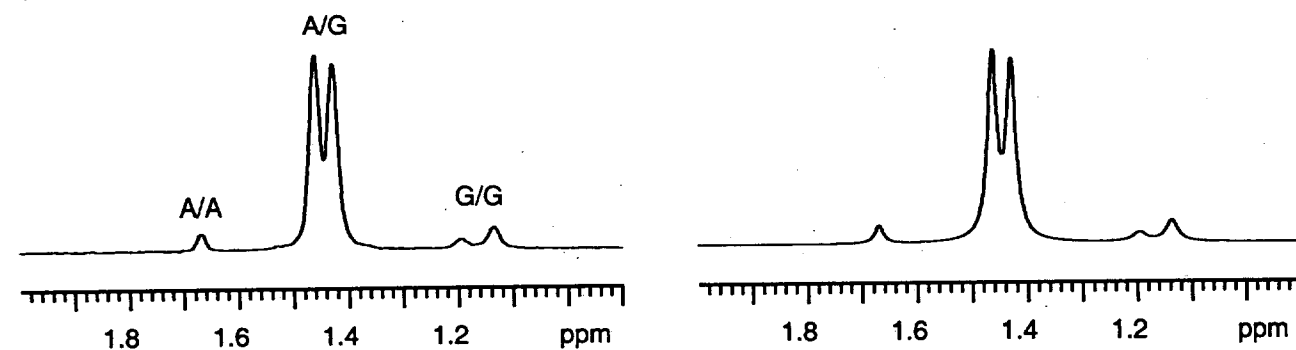
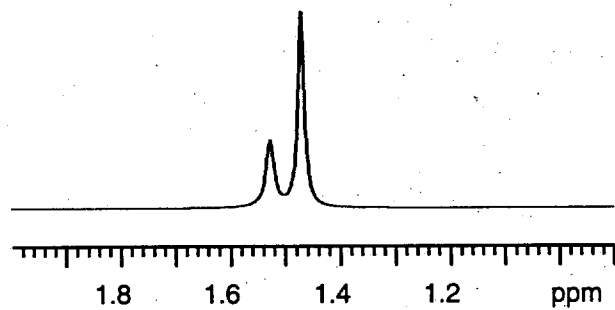
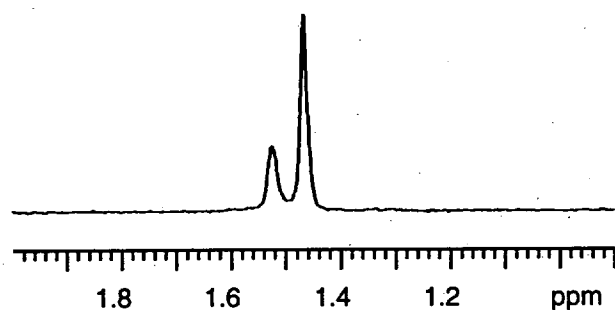


Figure II. (cont.) ^6Li NMR spectra (*left*: before deconvolution; *right*: theoretical spectra after deconvolution) of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at -100°C containing the following ligands: (D) 0.3 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.5 equiv of TMPDA (E); (E) 1.2 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.2 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F); (F) 0.7 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.9 equiv of (-)-sparteine (G).

G

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H

no assignment due to exchange broadening

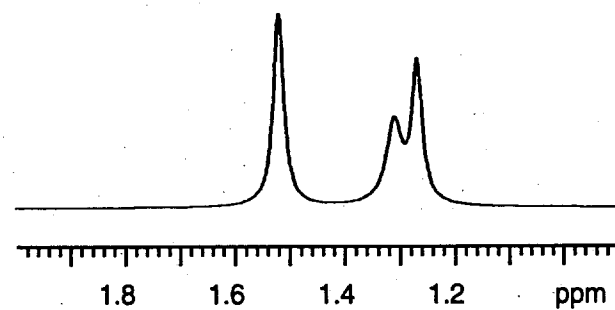
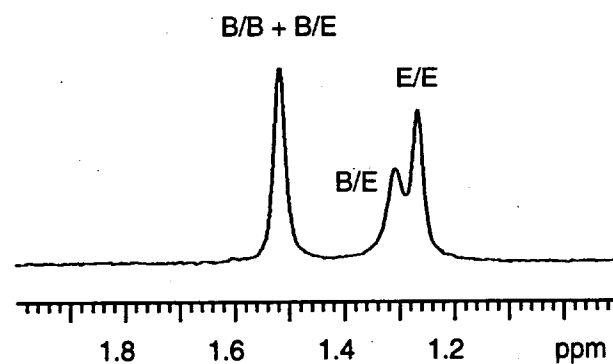
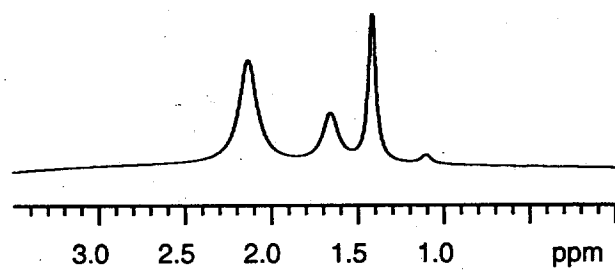
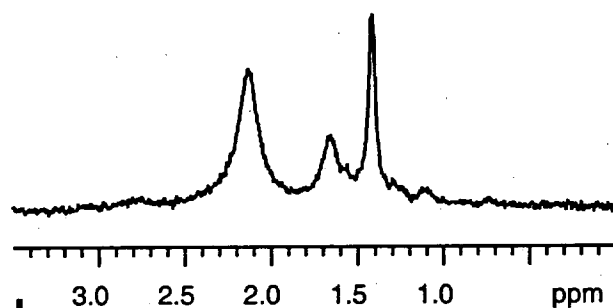


Figure II. (cont.) ^6Li NMR spectra (*left*: before deconvolution; *right*: theoretical spectra after deconvolution) of 0.1 M ^6Li PhLi in toluene- d_8 at -100°C containing the following ligands: (G) 0.6 equiv of TEEDA (B) and 0.6 equiv of 1,2-dipyrrolidinoethane (C); (H) 0.4 equiv of TEEDA (B) and 0.8 equiv of 1,2-dipiperidinoethane (D); (I) 0.6 equiv of TEEDA (B) and 0.6 equiv of TMPDA (E).

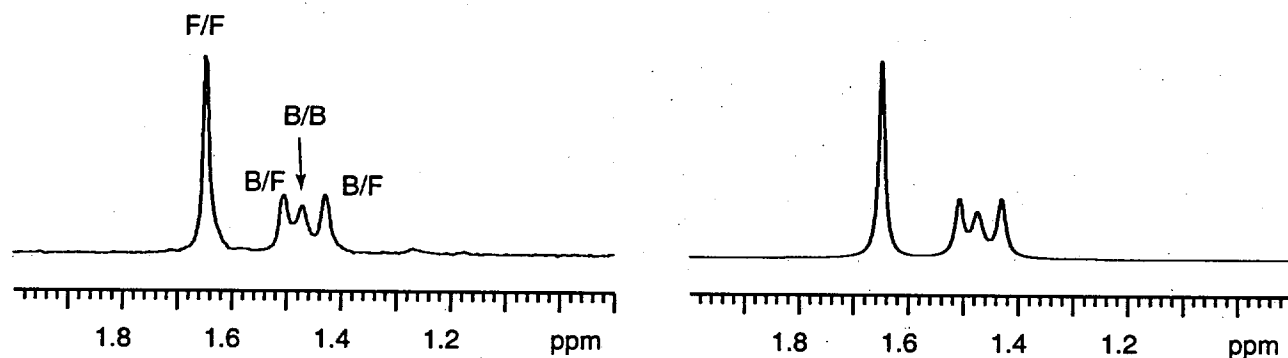
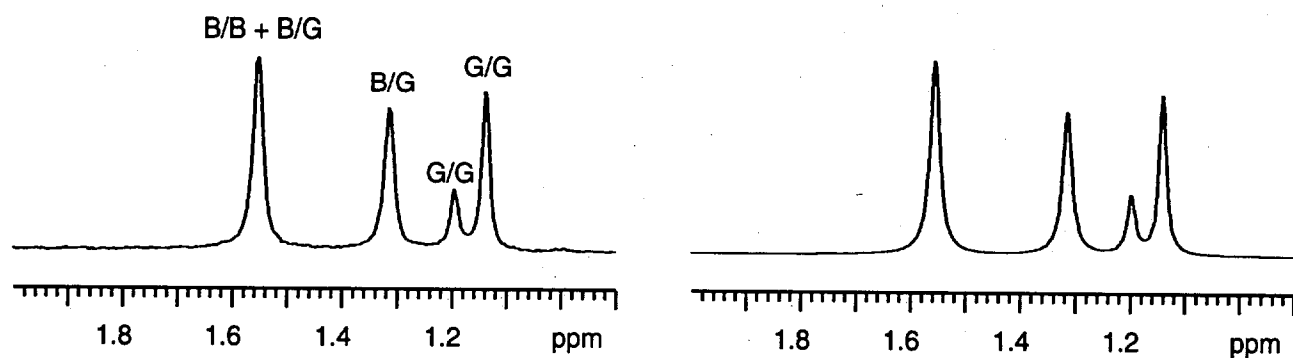
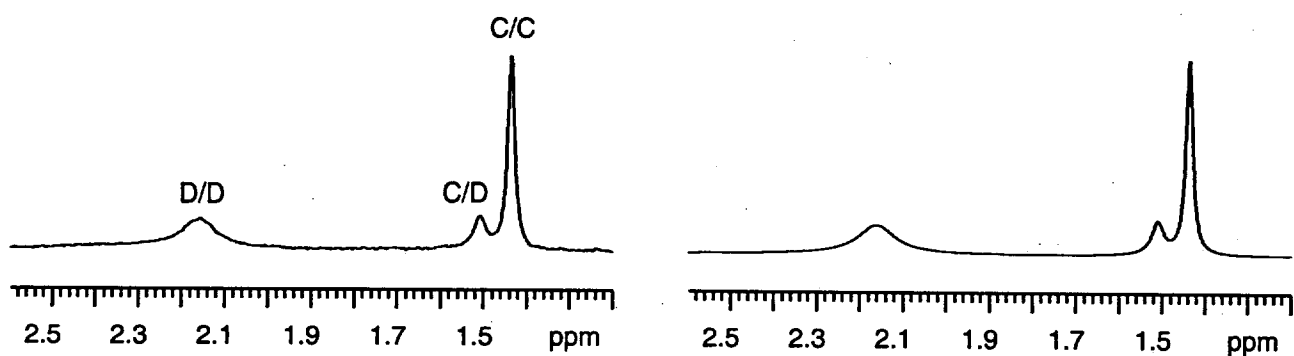
J**K****L**

Figure II. (cont.) ^6Li NMR spectra (*left*: before deconvolution; *right*: theoretical spectra after deconvolution) of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at -100°C containing the following ligands: (J) 0.6 equiv of TEEDA (B) and 0.6 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMEDA (F); (K) 0.6 equiv of TEEDA (B) and 0.6 equiv of (-)-sparteine (G); (L) 0.5 equiv of 1,2-dipyrrolidinoethane (C) and 1.2 equiv of 1,2-dipiperidinoethane (D).

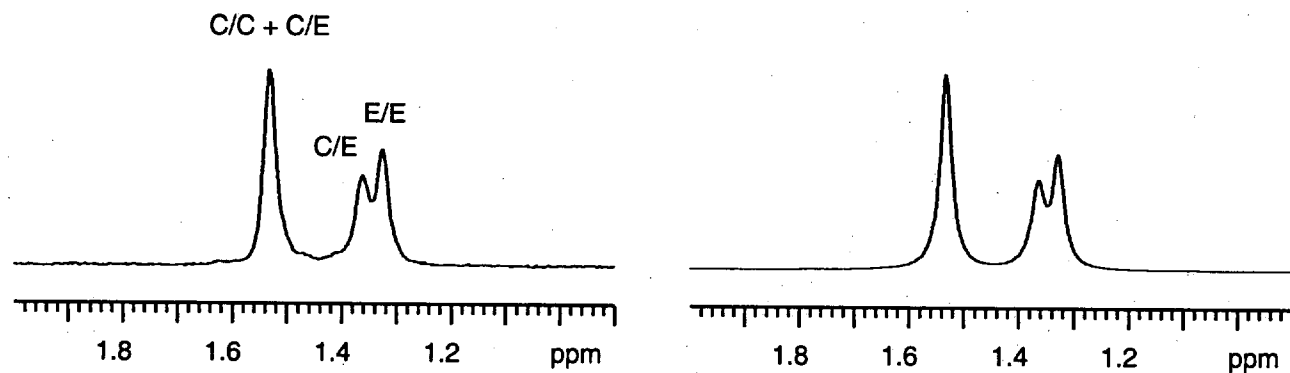
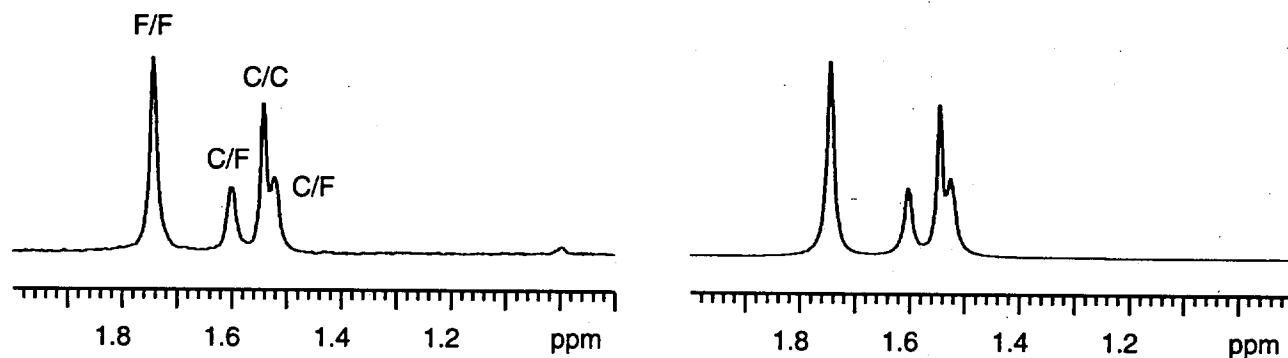
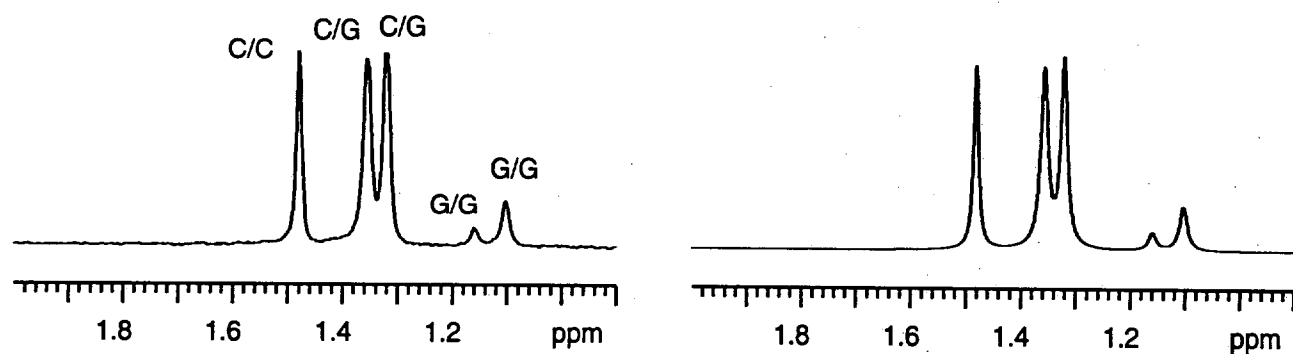
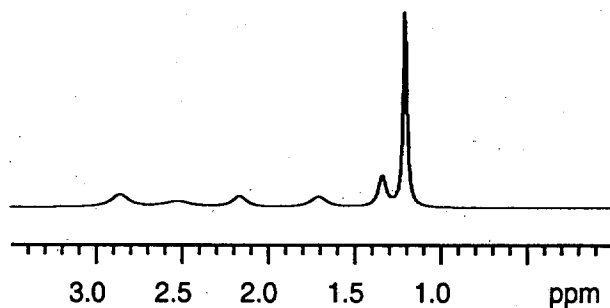
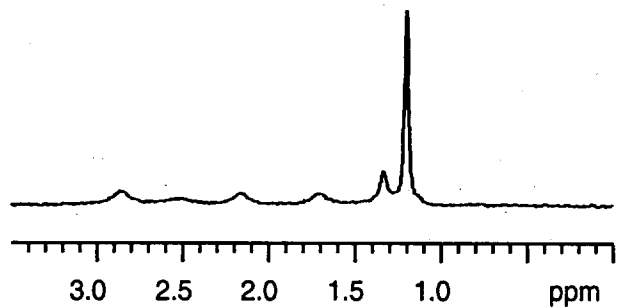
M**N****O**

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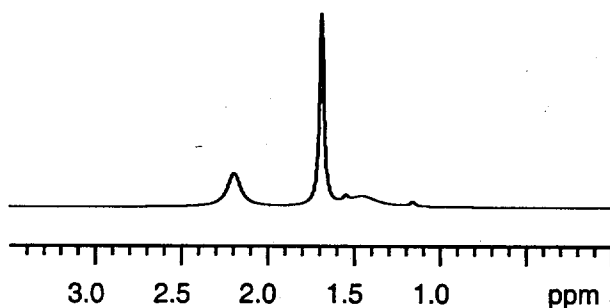
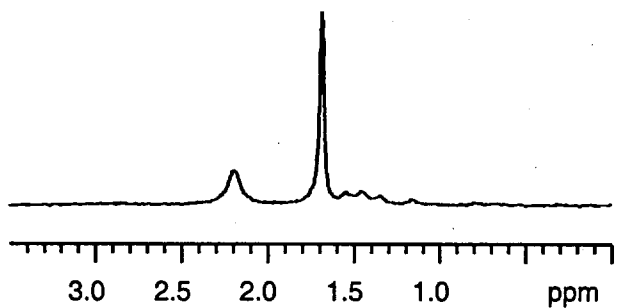
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no assignments due to exchange broadening



Q

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R

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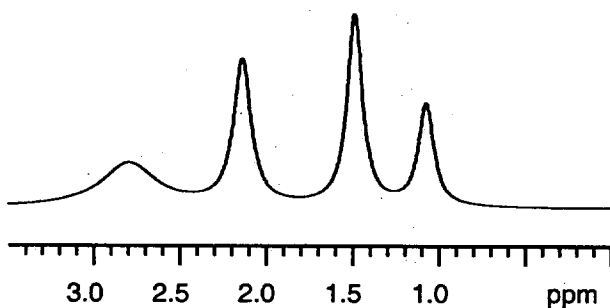
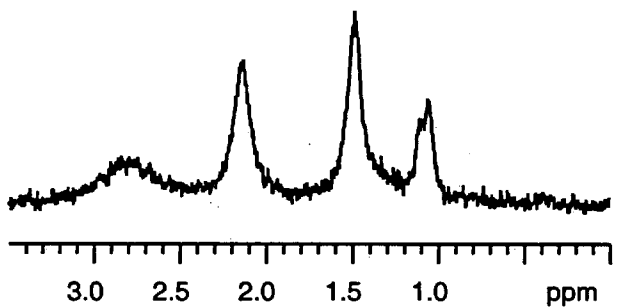


Figure II. (cont.) ^6Li NMR spectra (*left*: before deconvolution; *right*: theoretical spectra after deconvolution) of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at -100°C containing the following ligands: (P) 0.6 equiv of 1,2-dipiperidinoethane (D) and 0.6 equiv of TMPDA (E); (Q) 0.6 equiv of 1,2-dipiperidinoethane (D) and 0.6 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F); (R) 1.2 equiv 1,2-dipiperidinoethane (D) and 0.4 equiv of (-)-sparteine (G).

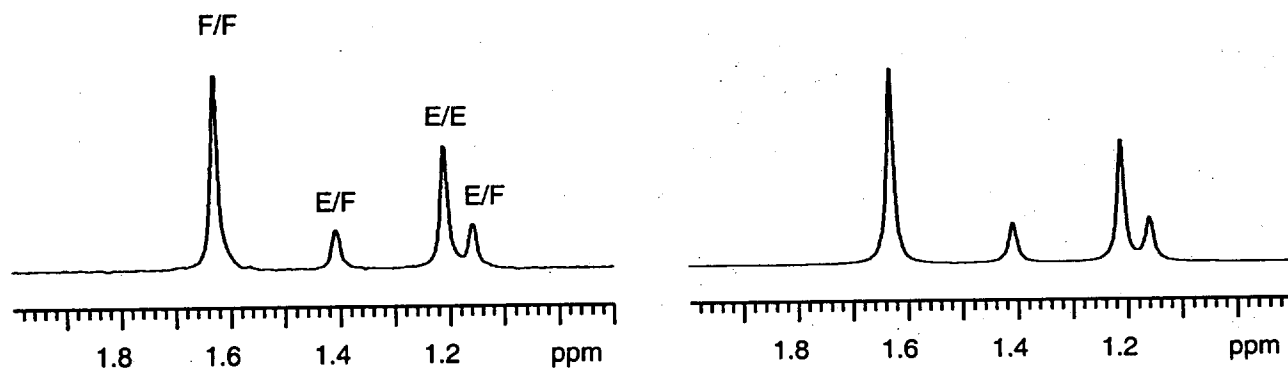
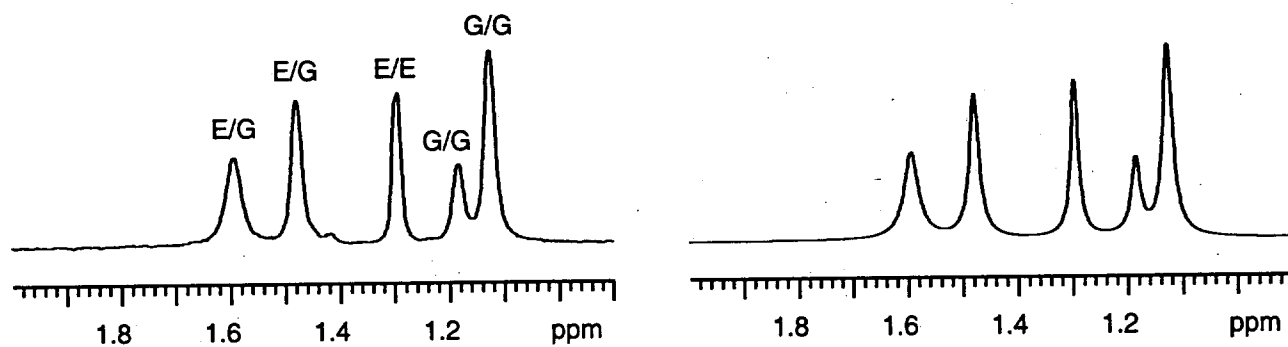
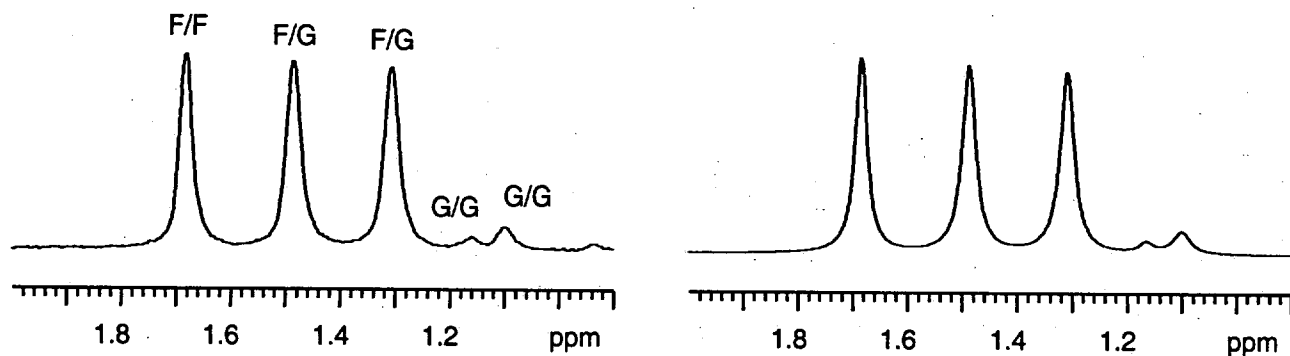
S**T**

Figure II. (cont.) ^6Li NMR spectra (*left*: before deconvolution; *right*: theoretical spectra after deconvolution) of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ containing the following ligands: (S) 0.6 equiv of TMPDA (E) and 0.6 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F); (T) 1.2 equiv of TMPDA (E) and 1.2 equiv of (-)-sparteine (G).

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V

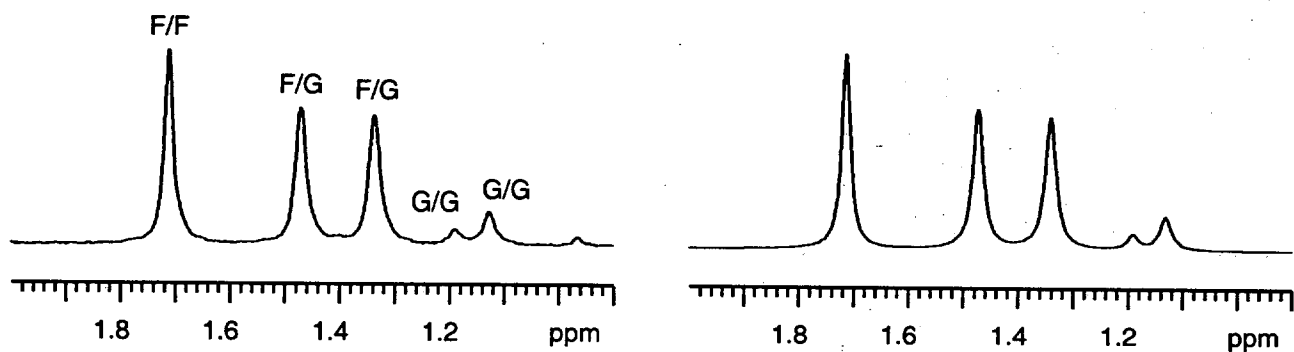


Figure II. (cont.) ^6Li NMR spectra (*left*: before deconvolution; *right*: theoretical spectrum after deconvolution) of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ containing the following ligands: (U) 1.3 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F) and 5.6 equiv of (-)-sparteine (G); (V) 0.7 equiv of *trans*-(*S,S*)-TMCDA (F) and 3.7 equiv of (-)-sparteine (G).

W

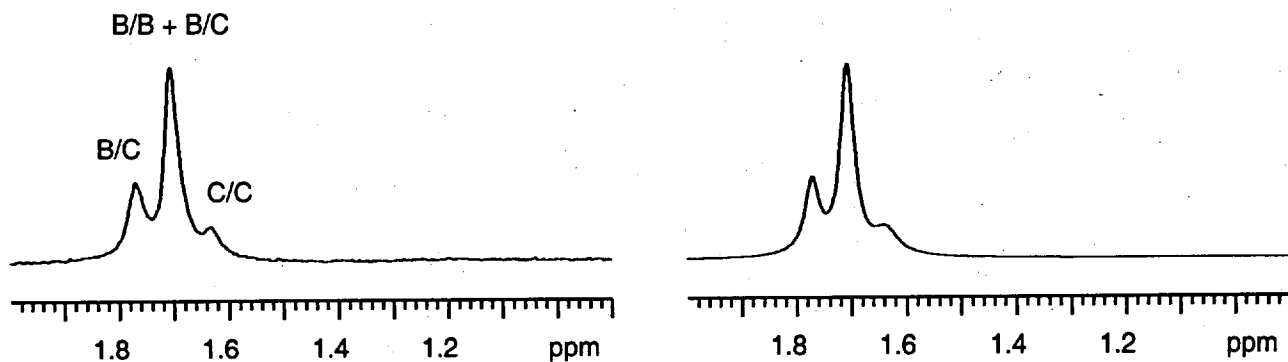


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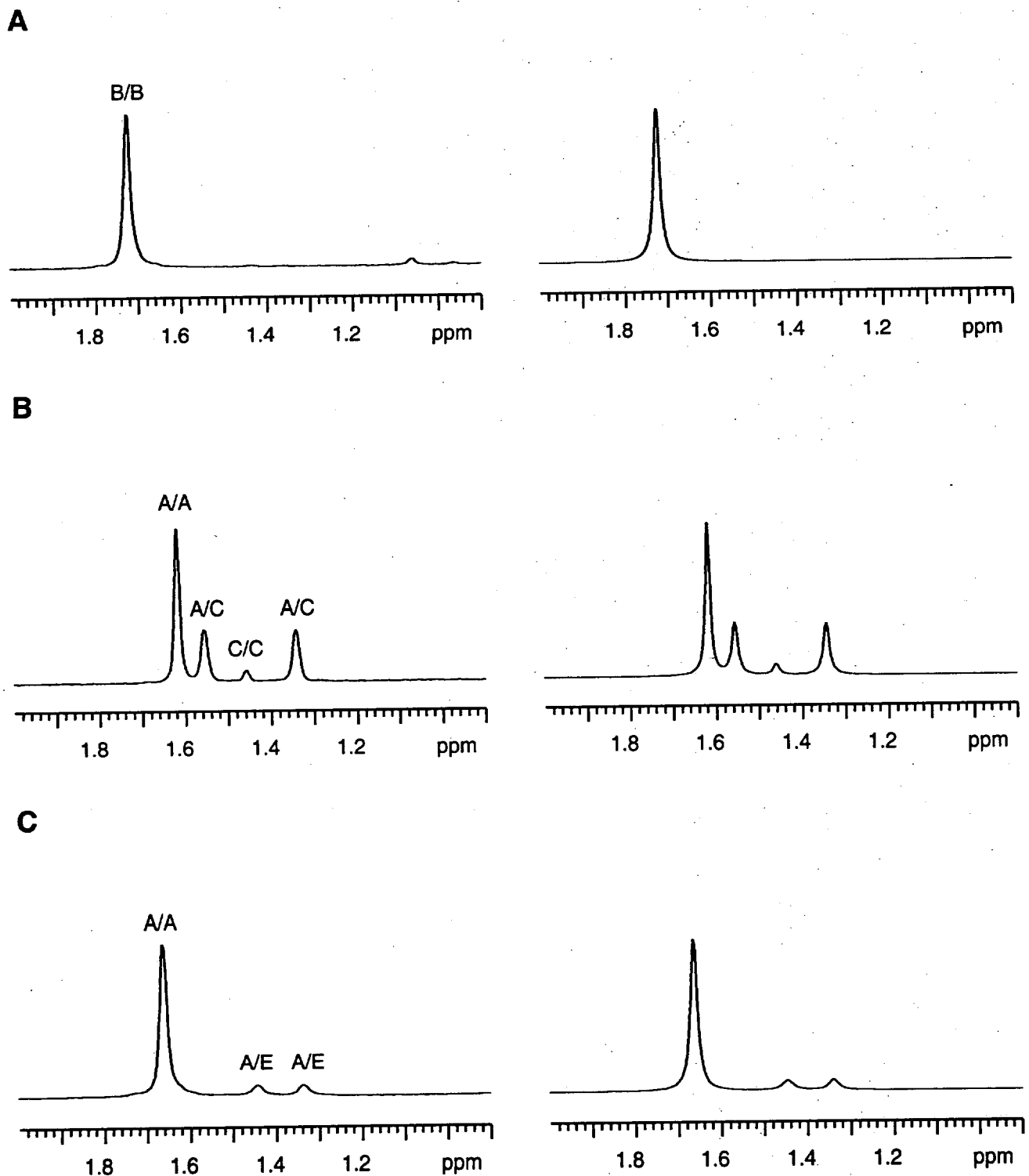
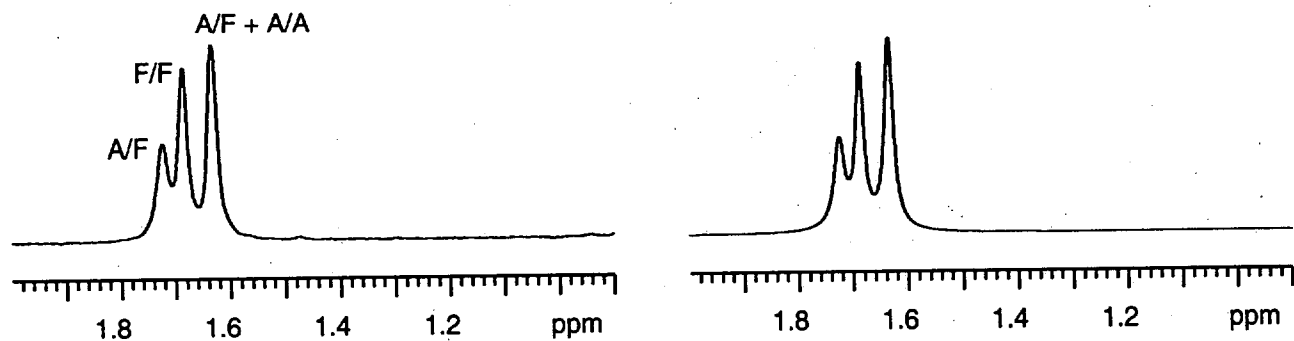


Figure III. ^6Li NMR spectra (*left*: before deconvolution; *right*: theoretical spectra after deconvolution) of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at -100°C containing the following ligands: (A) 1.5 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 15.0 equiv of TEEDA (B); (B) 1.5 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 9.0 equiv of 1,2-dipyrrolidinoethane (C); (C) 1.5 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 10.0 equiv of TMPDA (E). Note: The combination of TMEDA and D was not investigated at high ligand concentrations due to unassignable peaks in the spectrum (see Figure II (C)).

D



E

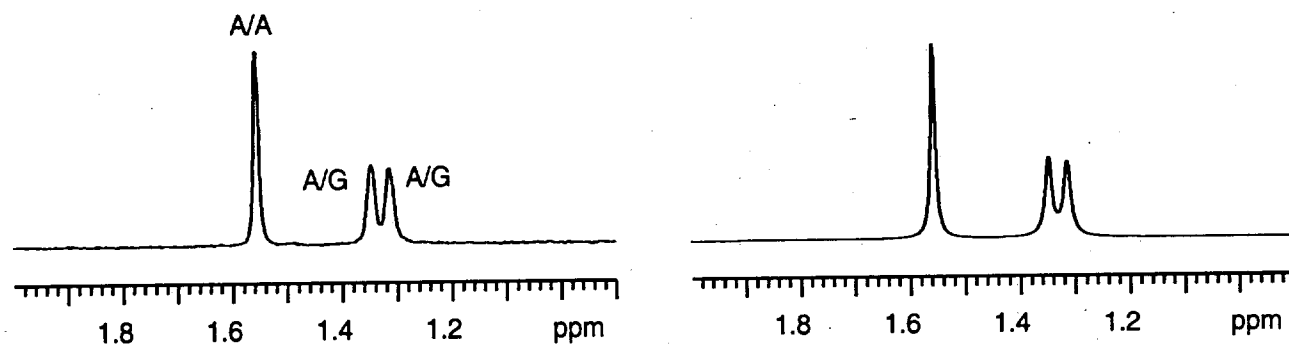


Figure III. (cont.) ^6Li NMR spectra (left: before deconvolution; right: theoretical spectra after deconvolution) of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at -100°C containing the following ligands: (D) 1.5 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.5 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F); (E) 1.3 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.3 equiv of (-)-sparteine (G).

F

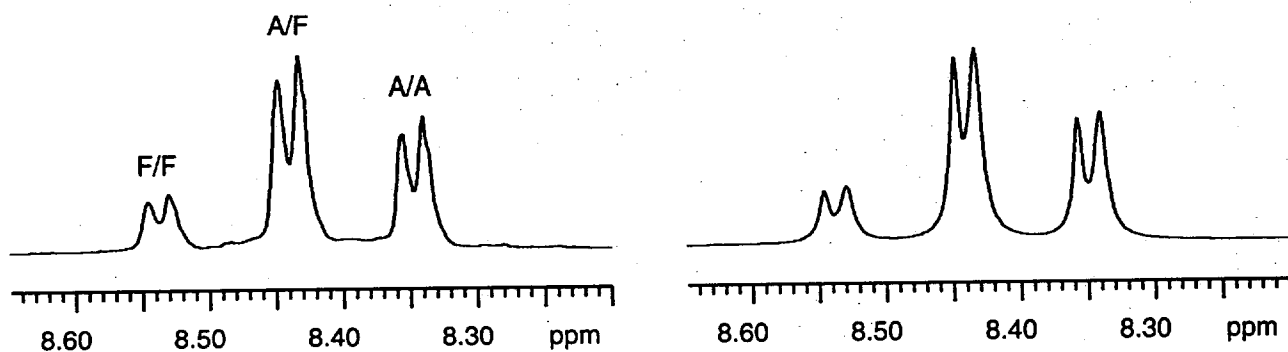


Figure III. (cont.) Partial ^1H NMR spectra (*left*: before deconvolution; *right*: theoretical spectrum after deconvolution) depicting the *ortho*-proton region of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at $-70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ containing the following ligands: (F) 2.4 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.2 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F). Note: The *ortho*-protons of the two homosolvates and the mixed solvate are well resolved in the ^1H NMR spectrum for all TMCDA/diamine combinations.

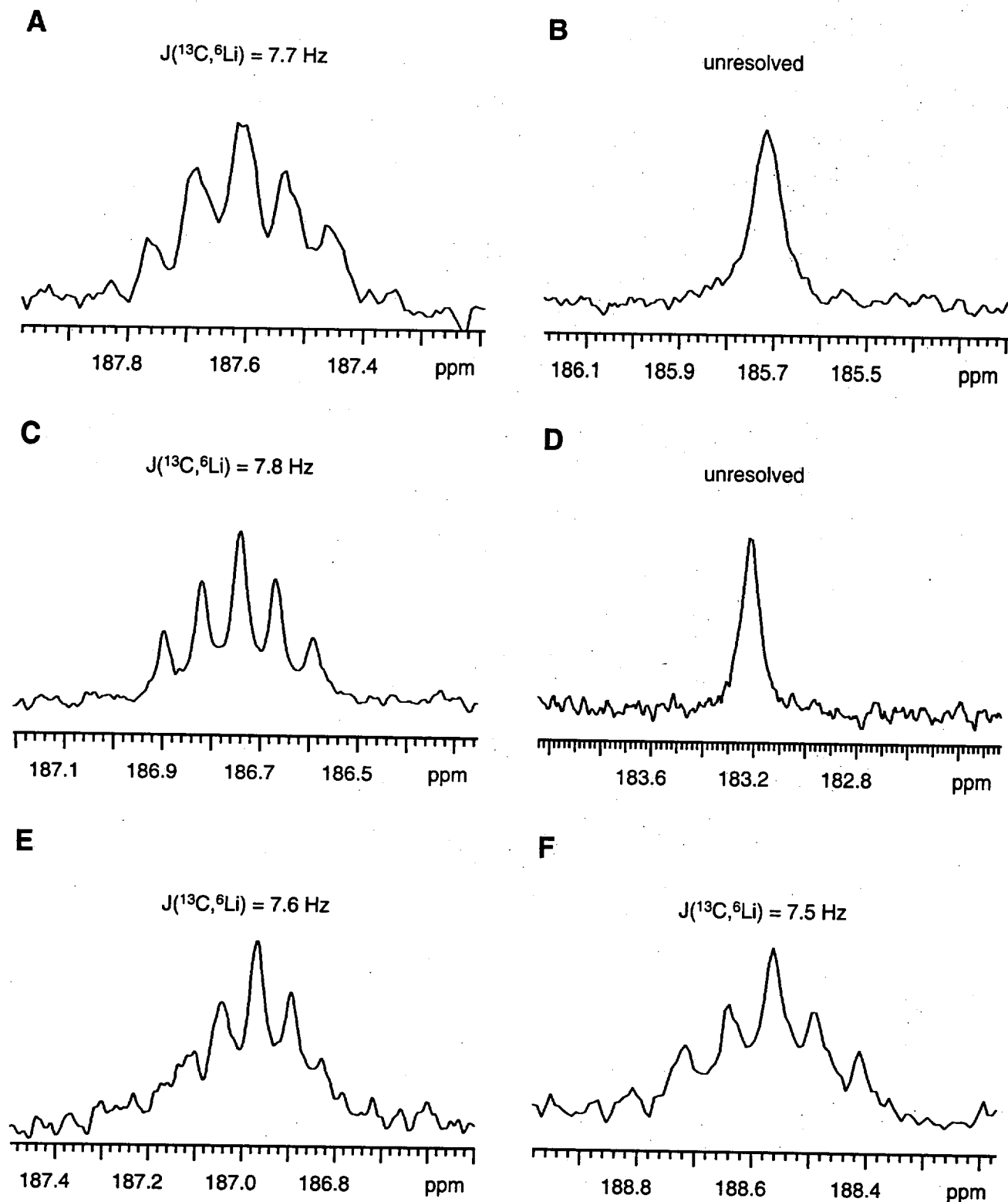


Figure IV. Partial $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of 0.1 M $[^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at -70°C showing the PhLi *ipso*-carbon resonances ($\text{C}\text{H}_2\text{Li}$). The samples contained the following ligands: (A) 1.0 equiv of TMEDA (A); (B) 3.0 equiv of TEEDA (B); (C) 1.2 equiv of 1,2-dipyrrolidinoethane (C); (D) 1.5 equiv of 1,2-dipiperidinoethane (D); (E) 2.1 equiv of TMPDA (E); (F) 1.2 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F). Note: PhLi does not dissolve with(-)-sparteine (G).

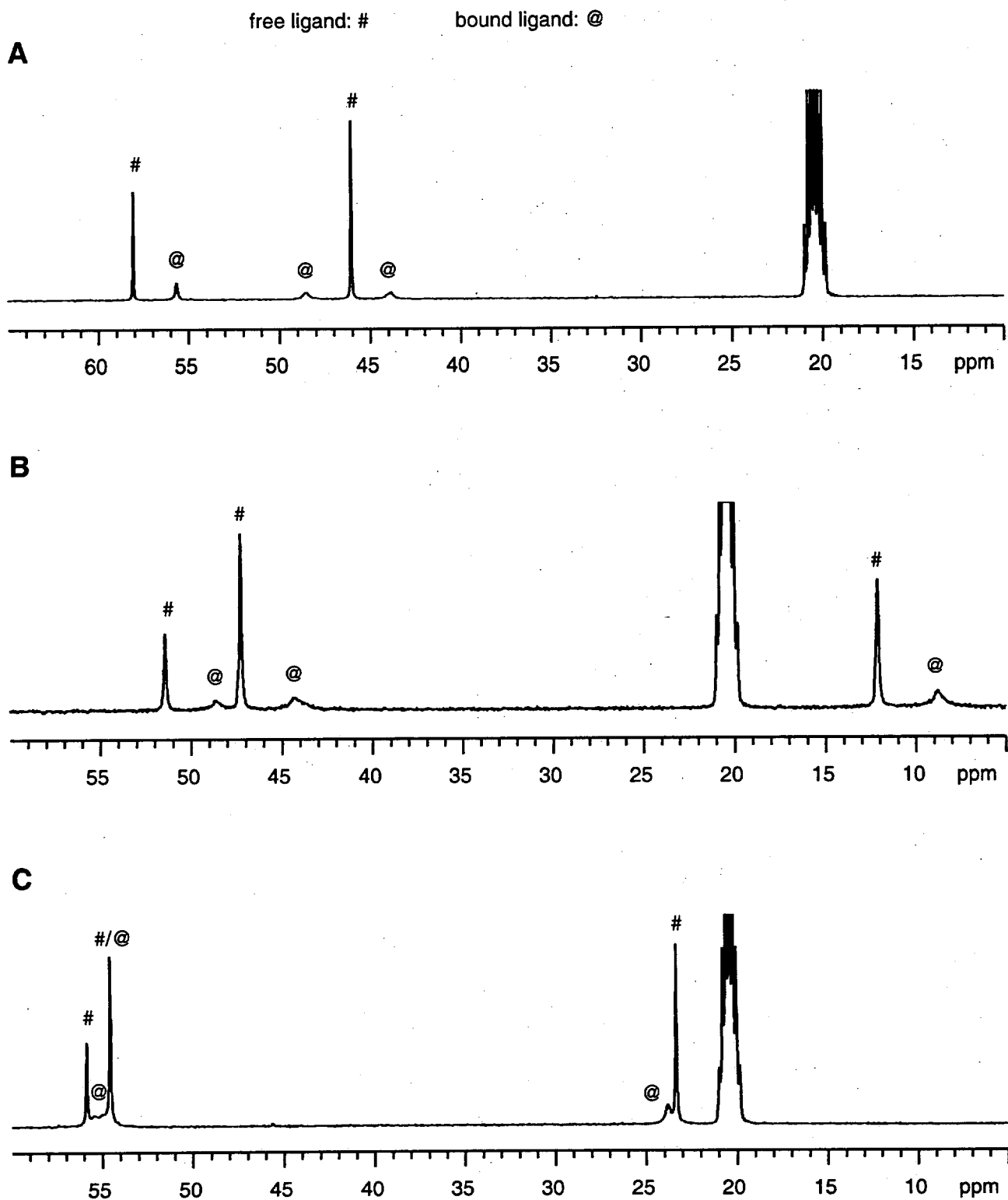


Figure V. Inverse gated $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of 0.1 M $[\text{Li}^6]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ containing the following ligands: (A) 3.0 equiv of TMEDA (A); (B) 3.0 equiv of TEEDA (B); (C) 3.2 equiv of 1,2-dipyrrolidinoethane (C).

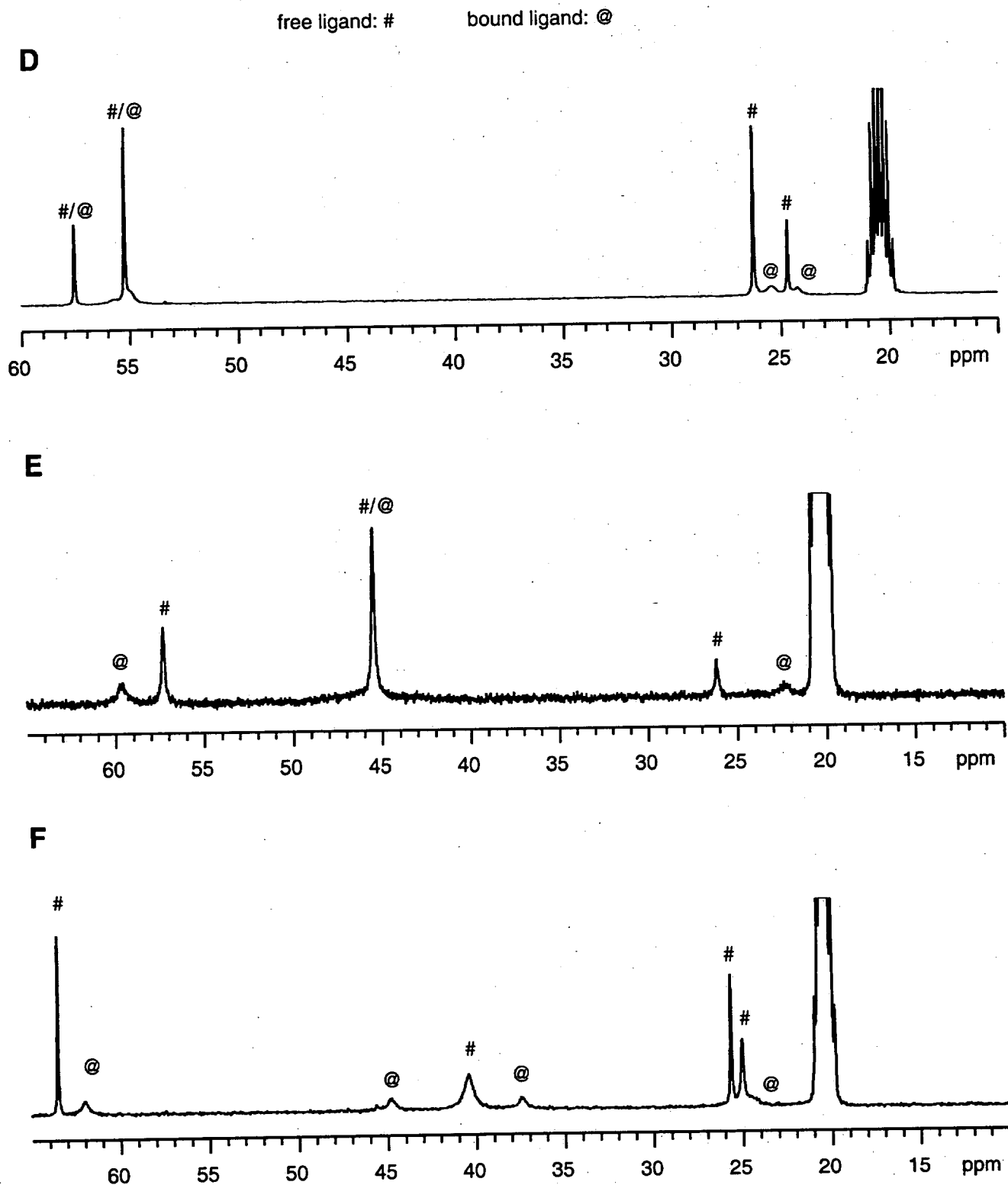


Figure V. (cont.) Inverse gated $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at -100°C containing the following ligands: (D) 3.0 equiv of 1,2-dipiperidinoethane (D); (E) 2.1 equiv of TMPDA (E); (F) 3.2 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F).

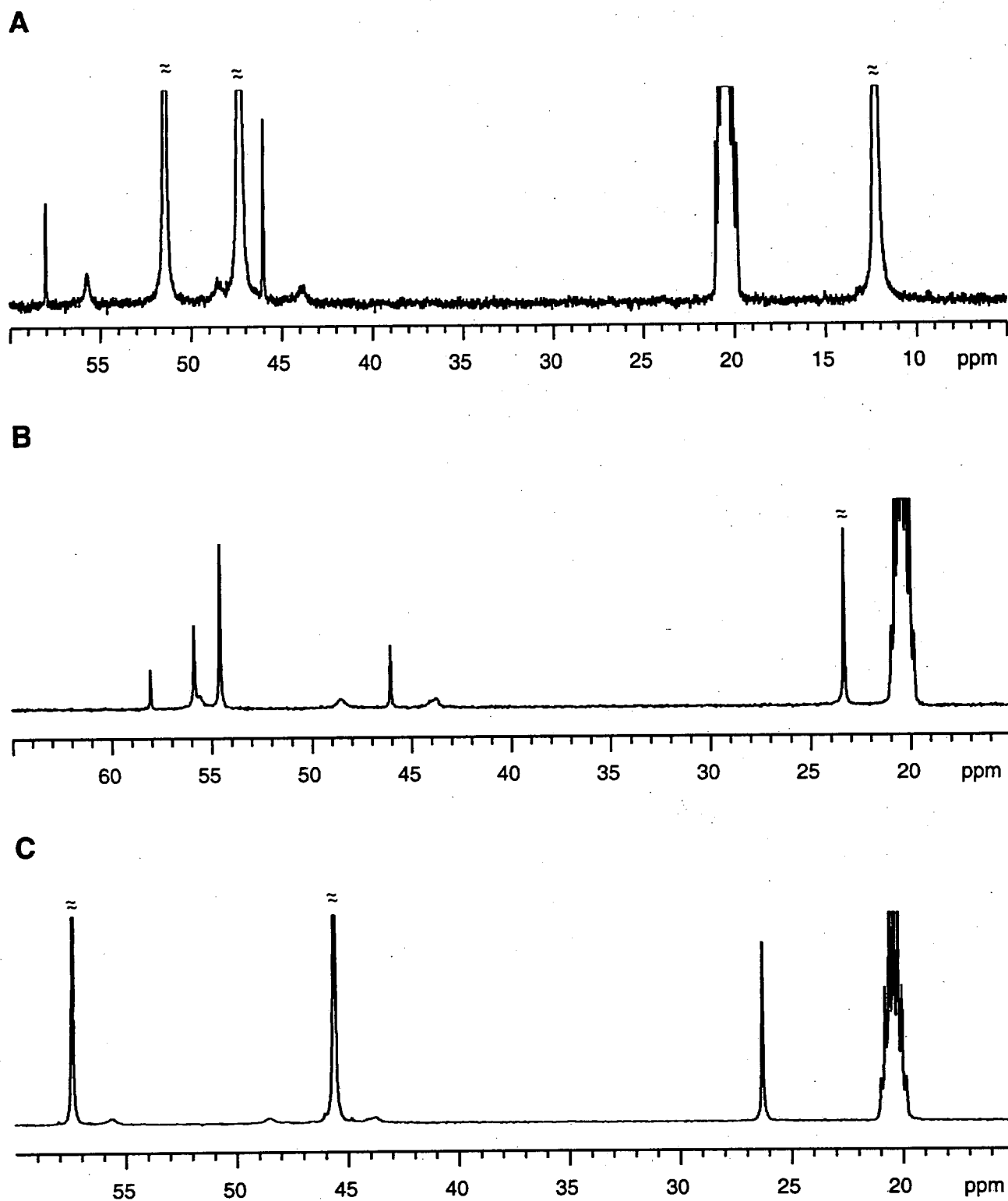
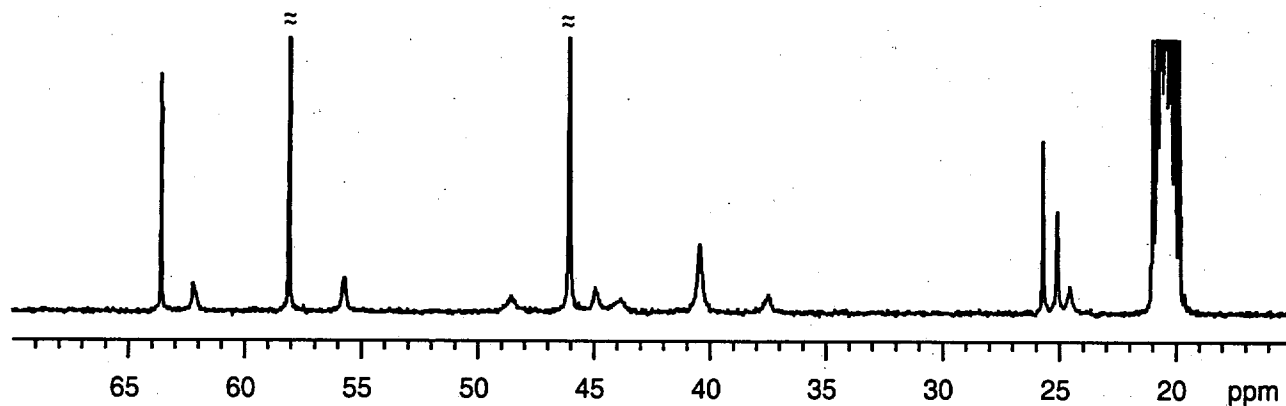


Figure VI. Inverse gated $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in $\text{toluene-}d_8$ at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ containing molar excesses of each of the following ligands: (A) 1.5 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 15.0 equiv of TEEDA (B); (B) 1.5 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.5 equiv of 1,2-dipyrrolidinoethane (C); (C) 1.5 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 10.0 equiv of TMPDA (E).

D



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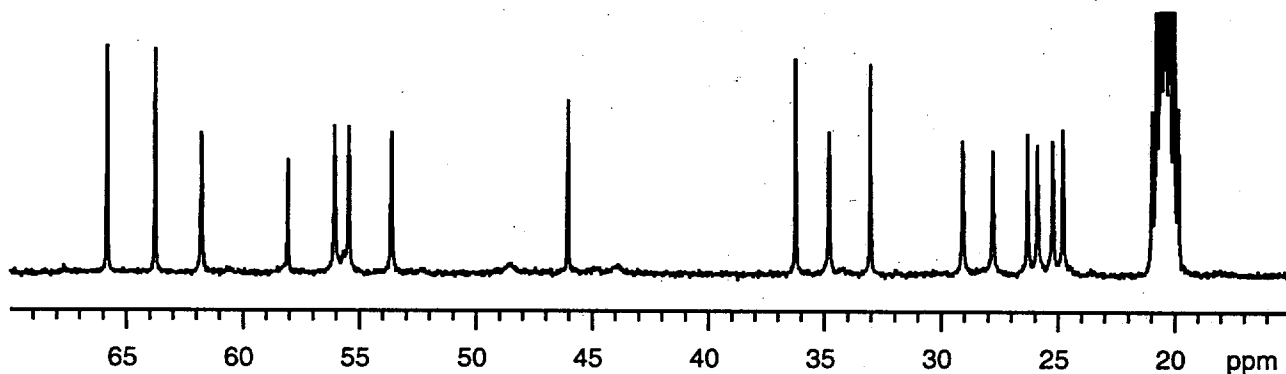


Figure VI. (cont.) Inverse gated $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of 0.1 M $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ containing molar excesses of each of the following ligands: (D) 2.4 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 1.2 equiv of *trans*-(*R,R*)-TMCDA (F); (E) 1.3 equiv of TMEDA (A) and 3.1 equiv of (-)-sparteine (G).

Table 1. ^6Li NMR spectroscopic data of diamine-solvated PhLi dimers, $(\text{PhLi})_2\text{SS}'$.^a

S	S'	δ ^6Li	S	S'	δ ^6Li	S	S'	δ ^6Li
A	A	1.68	A	B	1.64, 1.40	G	B	1.32, 1.56
B	B	1.55	A	C	1.65, 1.40	G	C	1.36, 1.39
C	C	1.53	A	D	1.60, 1.52, 1.32 ^b	G	D	--- ^c , --- ^c
D	D	2.20	A	E	1.46, 1.35	G	E	1.49, 1.59
E	E	1.31	A	F	--- ^d , --- ^d	G	F	1.35, 1.52
F	F	1.69	A	G	1.47, 1.44			
G	G	1.20, 1.14 ^d						

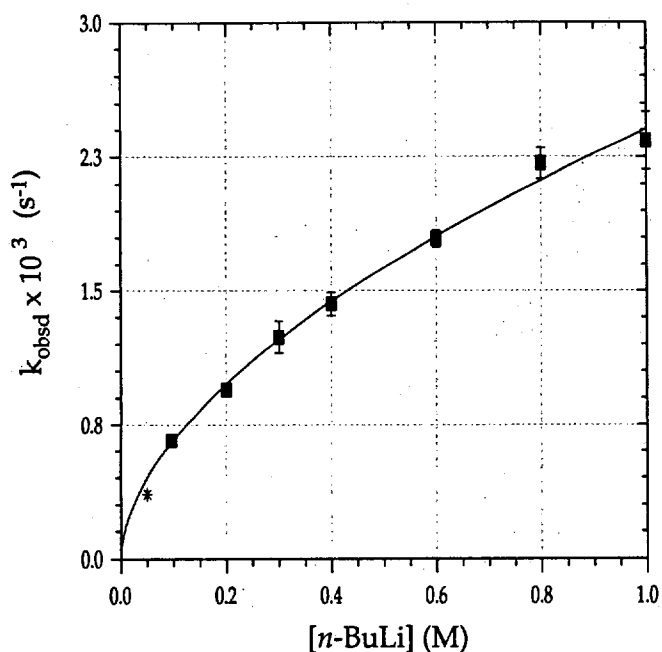
^aSpectra were recorded on 0.1 M solutions of $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ in toluene- d_8 at -100 °C.

Samples contain a single diamine (A-G; $S = S'$) or mixtures of two diamines ($S \neq S'$). ^6Li chemical shifts are reported relative to 0.3 M $^6\text{LiCl}/\text{MeOH}$ at -100 °C (0.0 ppm). The shifts are temperature and concentration dependent. ^bThe additional resonance may stem from slow conformational exchange within the piperidine ring. See discussion of this topic in a footnote of the manuscript. ^cRapid exchange at -100 °C causes severe (50-60 Hz) resonance broadening. ^dComplete overlap of resonances is observed. ^eThe two resonances may stem from two possible sparteine orientations.

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data of diamine-solvated PhLi dimers, $(\text{PhLi})_2\text{S}_2$.^a

compd	$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$: bound ligand	$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (δ , ppm) (<i>ipso</i> -carbon of phenyl)	$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$: free ligand (δ , ppm)
5A	55.66, 48.57, 43.85	187.69	58.07, 46.05
5B	48.61, 44.20, 8.72	186.35	51.46, 47.30, 12.15
5C	55.46, 54.60, ^b 23.79	186.89	55.89, 54.60, ^b 23.35
5D	57.56, ^b 55.23, ^b 25.40, 24.22	182.93	57.56, ^b 55.23, ^b 26.23, 24.67
5E	59.64, 45.47, ^b 22.39	187.65	57.28, 45.47, ^b 26.16
5F	62.01, 44.76, 37.46, ---- ^c	188.80	63.54, 40.42, 25.66, 25.03

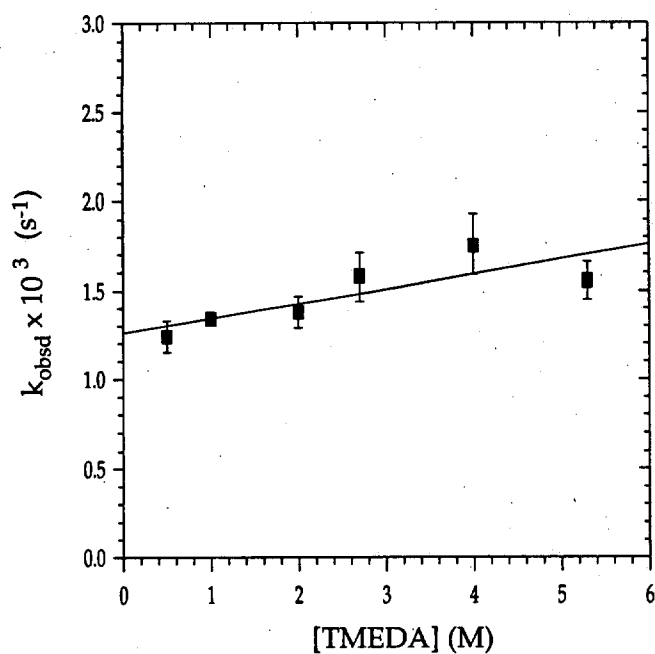
^aSpectra were recorded on 0.1 M solutions of $[\text{Li}]\text{PhLi}$ (containing diamines A-G) in toluene- d_8 at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. ^{13}C chemical shifts are reported relative to toluene- d_8 at $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (δ 20.4 ppm). ^bAverage of free and bound ligand resonance. ^cPeaks are too small to be observed above baseline.



[<i>n</i> -BuLi] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3$ (s ⁻¹)	Average $k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3$ (s ⁻¹)
0.05 ^{a,b}	0.362(6)	
0.096 ^b	0.67(2)	0.65(2)
0.2	0.91(2)	0.98(1)
0.3	1.33(2)	1.15(2)
0.4	1.36(2)	1.49(5)
0.6	1.75(5)	1.84(5)
0.8	2.13(9)	2.3(1)
1.0	2.18(7)	2.5(1)

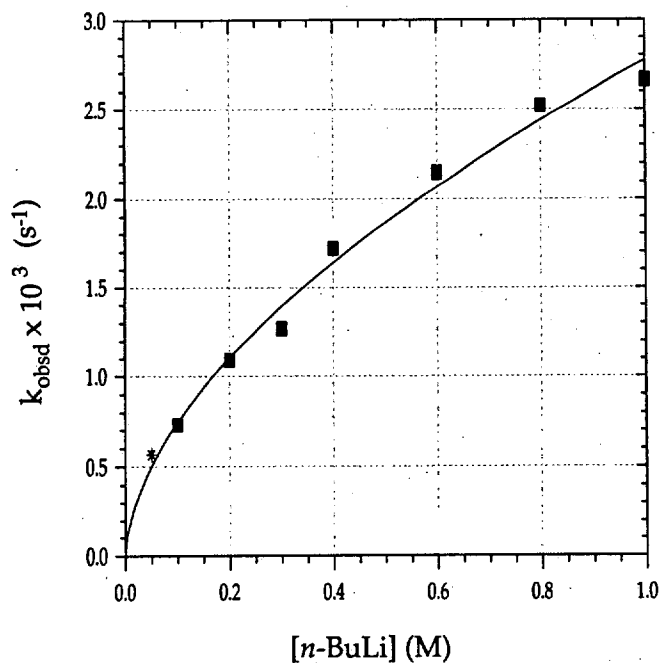
^aNot included in fit. ^b[1] = 0.004 M.

Figure VII. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. [*n*-BuLi] for the 1,2-addition to imine 1 (0.01 M) in TMEDA (0.5 M excess) and pentane at -40 °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted least-squares fit to $k_{\text{obsd}} = a[\textit{n}\text{-BuLi}]^b$ ($a = 2.40(4) \times 10^{-3}$, $b = 0.56(2)$). (Asterisk (*) not included in fit.)



[TMEDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3$ (s ⁻¹)	Average $k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3$ (s ⁻¹)
0.5	1.33(2)	1.24
1.0	1.31(2)	1.34
2.0	1.29(3)	1.38
2.7	1.71(4)	1.58
4.0	1.93(4)	1.75
5.3	1.45(3)	1.56

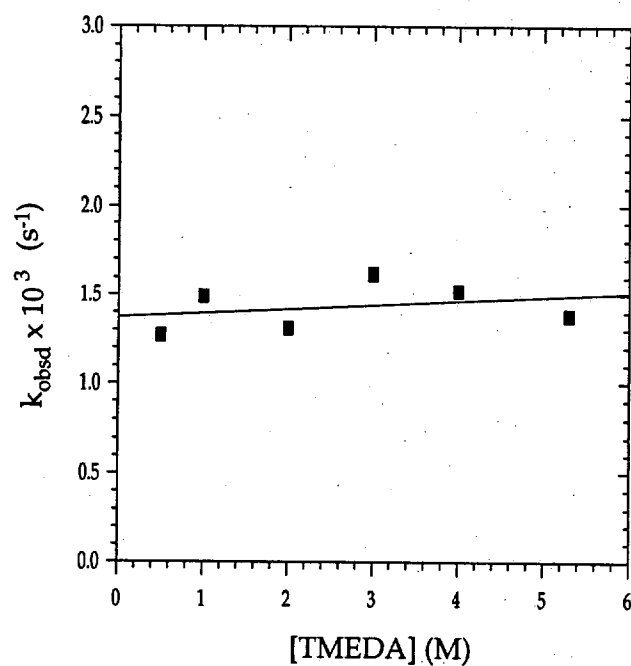
Figure VIII. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. [TMEDA] for the 1,2-addition of *n*-BuLi (0.3 M) to imine **1** (0.01 M) in pentane at -40 °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted least-squares fit to $k_{\text{obsd}} = a[\text{TMEDA}] + b$ ($a = 8(3) \times 10^{-5}$, $b = 1.26(9) \times 10^{-3}$).



[n-BuLi] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.05 ^{a,b}	0.566(9)
0.1 ^b	0.73(1)
0.2	1.09(1)
0.3	1.27(2)
0.4	1.72(3)
0.6	2.15(4)
0.8	2.52(5)
1.0	2.66(8)

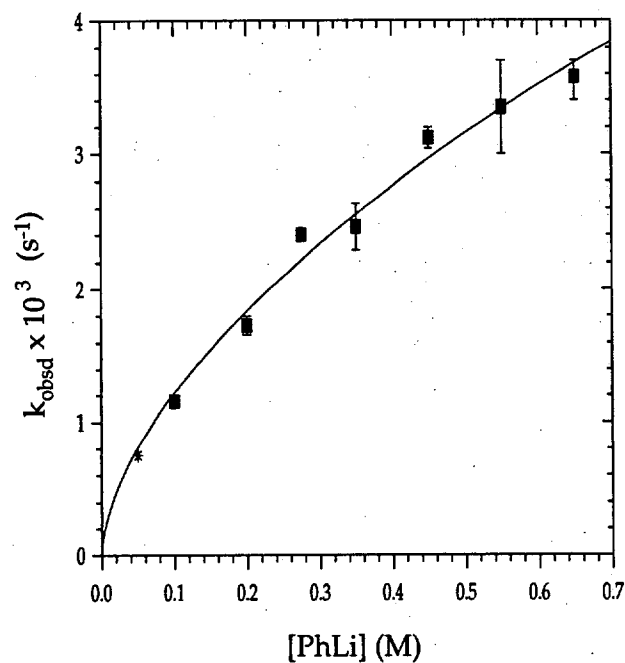
^aNot included in fit. ^b[1] = 0.004 M.

Figure IX. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. [n-BuLi] for the α -lithiation of **6** (0.01 M) in TMEDA (0.5 M excess) and pentane at -40°C . The curve depicts the result of an unweighted least-squares fit to $k_{\text{obsd}} = a[\text{n-BuLi}]^b$ ($a = 2.77(7) \times 10^{-3}$, $b = 0.57(4)$). (Asterisk (*) not included in fit.)



[TMEDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.5	1.27(2)
1.0	1.49(2)
2.0	1.31(2)
3.0	1.62(5)
4.0	1.52(8)
5.3	1.38(2)

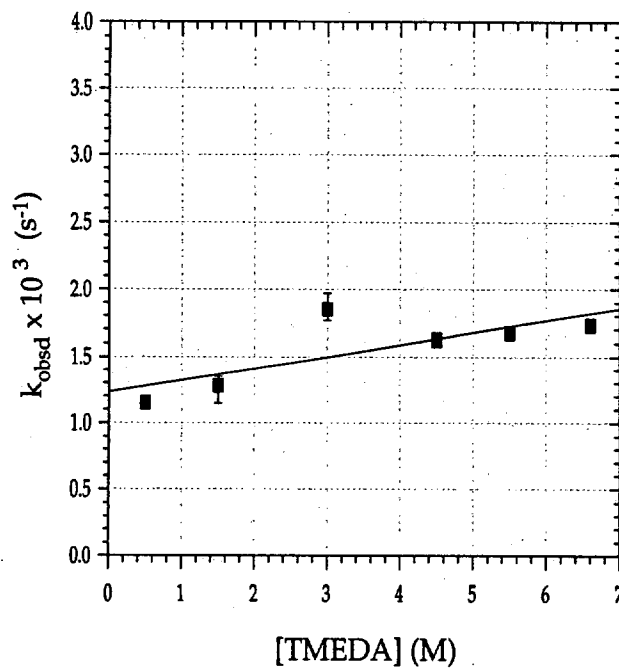
Figure X. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. [TMEDA] for the α -lithiation of imine 6 (0.01 M) with *n*-BuLi (0.3 M) in pentane at -40°C . The curve depicts the result of an unweighted least-squares fit to $k_{\text{obsd}} = a[\text{TMEDA}] + b$ ($a = 2(3) \times 10^{-5}$, $b = 1.4(1) \times 10^{-3}$).



[PhLi] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$	Average $k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.05 ^a	0.75(2)	
0.1	1.16(3)	1.15(4)
0.2	1.80(8)	1.66(6)
0.275	2.41(3)	2.40(4)
0.35	2.64(5)	2.29(3)
0.45	3.2(2)	3.04(4)
0.55	3.0(9)	3.7(1)
0.65	3.63(9)	3.4(2)
		3.7(1)
		3.58

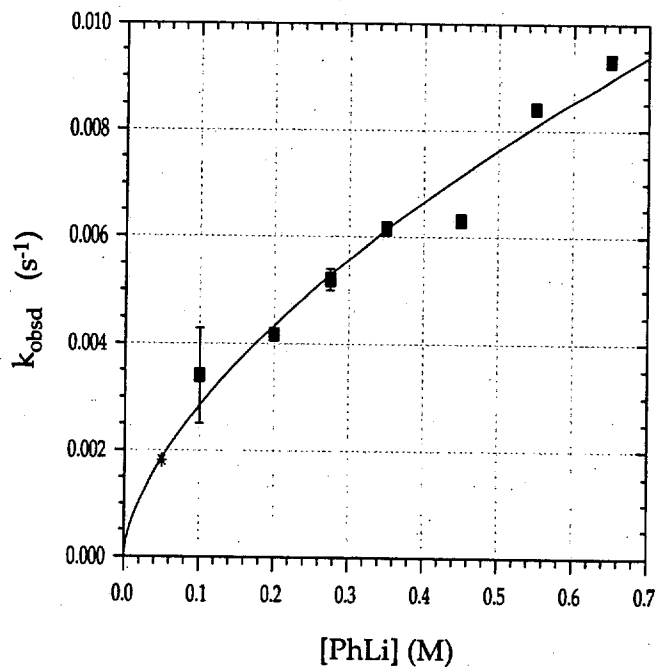
^a Not included in fit. ^b[1] = 0.004 M

Figure XI. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. [PhLi] for the 1,2-addition to imine 1 (0.01 M) in neat TMEDA at 19 °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted least-squares fit to $k_{\text{obsd}} = a[\text{PhLi}]^b$ ($a = 4.8(2) \times 10^{-3}$, $b = 0.59(4)$). (Asterisk (*) not included in fit.)



[TMEDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$	Average $k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.5	1.19(3)	1.11(5)
1.5	1.01(3)	1.42(5)
3.0	1.68(5)	2.09(4)
4.5	1.70(3)	1.55(4)
5.5	1.64(7)	1.71(5)
6.6	1.80(8)	1.66(6)
		1.40(4)
		1.77(6)
		1.63
		1.68
		1.73

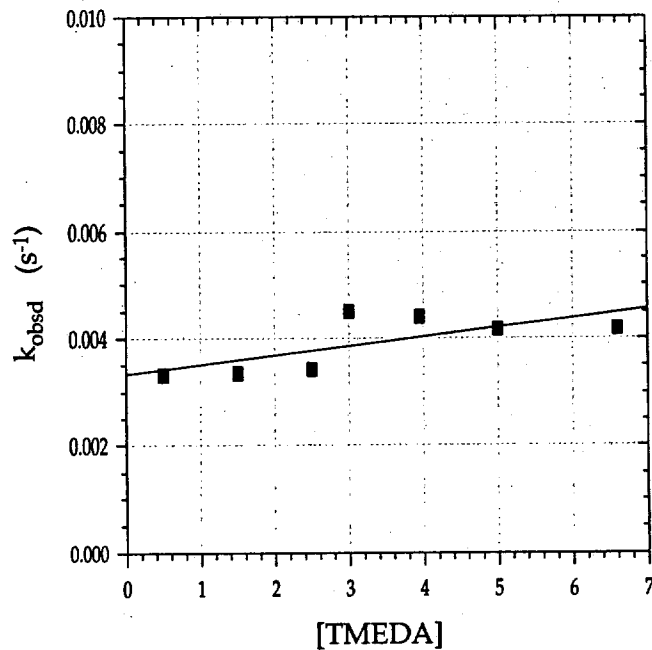
Figure XII. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. [TMEDA] for the 1,2-addition of PhLi (0.2 M) to imine 1 (0.01 M) in pentane at 19 °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted least-squares fit to $k_{\text{obsd}} = a[\text{TMEDA}] + b$ ($a = 9(4) \times 10^{-5}$, $b = 1.2(2) \times 10^{-3}$).



[PhLi] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$	Average $k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.05 ^{a,b}	1.81(4)	
0.1 ^b	4.3(2)	2.51(7)
0.2	4.22(7)	4.14(8)
0.275	5.4(2)	5.0(2)
0.35	6.2(2)	6.1(2)
0.45	6.3(2)	6.15
0.55	8.4(4)	
0.65	9.3(3)	

^aNot included in fit. ^b[1] = 0.004 M.

Figure XIII. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. [PhLi] for the α -lithiation of **6** (0.01 M) in neat TMEDA at 19 °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted least-squares fit to $k_{\text{obsd}} = a[\text{PhLi}]^b$ ($a = 1.17(8) \times 10^{-2}$, $b = 0.61(7)$). (Asterisk (*) not included in fit.)



[TMEDA] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3$ (s ⁻¹)
0.5	3.32(5)
1.5	3.35(5)
2.5	3.42(7)
3.0	4.50(4)
3.95	4.4(1)
5.0	4.17(7)
6.6	4.18(7)

Figure XIV. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. [TMEDA] for the α -lithiation of **6** (0.01 M) with PhLi (0.2 M) in pentane at 19 °C. The curve depicts the result of an unweighted least-squares fit to $k_{\text{obsd}} = a[\text{TMEDA}] + b$ ($a = 1.7(8) \times 10^{-4}$, $b = 3.3(3) \times 10^{-3}$).

Table 3. k_{obsd} (s⁻¹) for the 1,2-addition and α -lithiation of imine 1 and imine 6, respectively, with *n*-BuLi and PhLi in pentane and diamines A-G.

Ligand	BuLi ^a		PhLi ^c	
	1,2-addition	α -lithiation	1,2-addition	α -lithiation
A (TMEDA)	2.2(1)	3.2(4)	1.15(5)	3.3(3)
B (TEEDA)	1.23(2)	3.1(6)	1.62(8)	2.05(9) ^d
C	0.147(3)	0.273(4)	0.133(8)	2.1(1)
D	0.39(1)	0.96(5) ^b	0.54(2)	2.5(1) ^d
E (TMPDA)	0.77(2)	0.89(3)	0.95(2)	0.75(1)
F ((<i>R,R</i>)-TMEDA)	1.16(8)	1.16(5)	2.2(2)	3.6(3)
G (-)-sparteine	0.65(2)	2.4(2)	---- ^e	---- ^e

^aMeasured at -20 °C with 0.1 M *n*-BuLi and 0.6 M (0.5 M excess) diamine in pentane.

^b[D] = 0.4 M (excess). ^cMeasured at 19 °C. Solubility problems required variations in the PhLi molarities; scaling to 0.2 M assuming a 1/2 order dependence is not included in this table: A, [PhLi] = 0.2 M; B, [PhLi] = 0.2 M; C, [PhLi] = 0.07 M; D, [PhLi] = 0.2 M (addition), 0.1 M (α -lithiation); E, [PhLi] = 0.2 M; F, [PhLi] = 0.1 M. The diamines were maintained at 0.5 M excess in pentane. ^dLow concentrations of possible imine/PhLi pre-complexes appear to form (1645-1655 cm⁻¹). ^ePhLi is insoluble in (-)-sparteine/pentane.