

Supporting Information (SI)

**Cooperativity Between Hydrogen- and Halogen Bonds: the
Case of Selenourea**

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Titration studies.

Benzoate + **I1**

Table S1. ^{19}F chemical shift of the αF of **I1** (22.6 mM) at different concentrations of [TBABzO].

| [TBABzO] (M) | $\delta_{\alpha\text{F}}(\text{I1})$ (ppm) |
|--------------|--|
| 0 | -65,1614 |
| 0,0134 | -70,5373 |
| 0,0176 | -71,8447 |
| 0,0192 | -72,159 |
| 0,0247 | -73,4476 |
| 0,03 | -74,361 |
| 0,036 | -75,1553 |
| 0,047 | -76,0039 |
| 0,0747 | -77,0226 |
| 0,00062 | -65,3094 |
| 0,0021 | -66,206 |
| 0,0046 | -67,0994 |
| 0,0092 | -69,0357 |

Table S2. ^1H chemical shift of the NH (a and b) of **SeU** (64 mM) at different concentrations of [TBABzO].

| [TBABzO] (M) | $\delta_{\text{NH}_\text{a}}(\text{SeU})$ (ppm) | $\delta_{\text{NH}_\text{b}}(\text{SeU})$ (ppm) | averaged $\delta_{\text{NH}_{\text{a,b}}}(\text{SeU})$ (ppm) |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| 0 | a | a | 7,2633 |
| 0,0011 | a | a | 7,301 |
| 0,00185 | a | a | 7,31 |
| 0,00232 | 7,382 | 7,27 | 7,326 |
| 0,00366 | 7,498 | 7,198 | 7,348 |
| 0,00529 | 7,6154 | 7,1621 | 7,38875 |
| 0,00706 | 7,7309 | 7,1264 | 7,42865 |
| 0,00919 | 7,8361 | 7,1165 | 7,4763 |
| 0,01123 | 7,973 | 7,0851 | 7,52905 |
| 0,01194 | 8,003 | 7,0728 | 7,5379 |
| 0,01393 | 8,1369 | 7,0454 | 7,59115 |
| 0,01736 | 8,3132 | 7,0239 | 7,66855 |
| 0,0198 | 8,4553 | 6,992 | 7,72365 |
| 0,02198 | 8,5753 | 6,971 | 7,77315 |
| 0,02343 | 8,6519 | 6,9546 | 7,80325 |
| 0,02815 | 8,9529 | 6,8914 | 7,92215 |
| 0,03337 | 9,2298 | 6,8538 | 8,0418 |
| 0,04514 | 9,9484 | 6,727 | 8,3377 |
| 0,04954 | 10,2051 | 6,6848 | 8,44495 |
| 0,06337 | 10,9646 | 6,5673 | 8,76595 |
| 0,08337 | 11,3006 | 6,529 | 8,9148 |
| 0,1078 | 11,3122 | 6,5491 | 8,93065 |

^aThe two peaks overlap, showing the same δ (the averaged one).

Diffusion NMR studies.

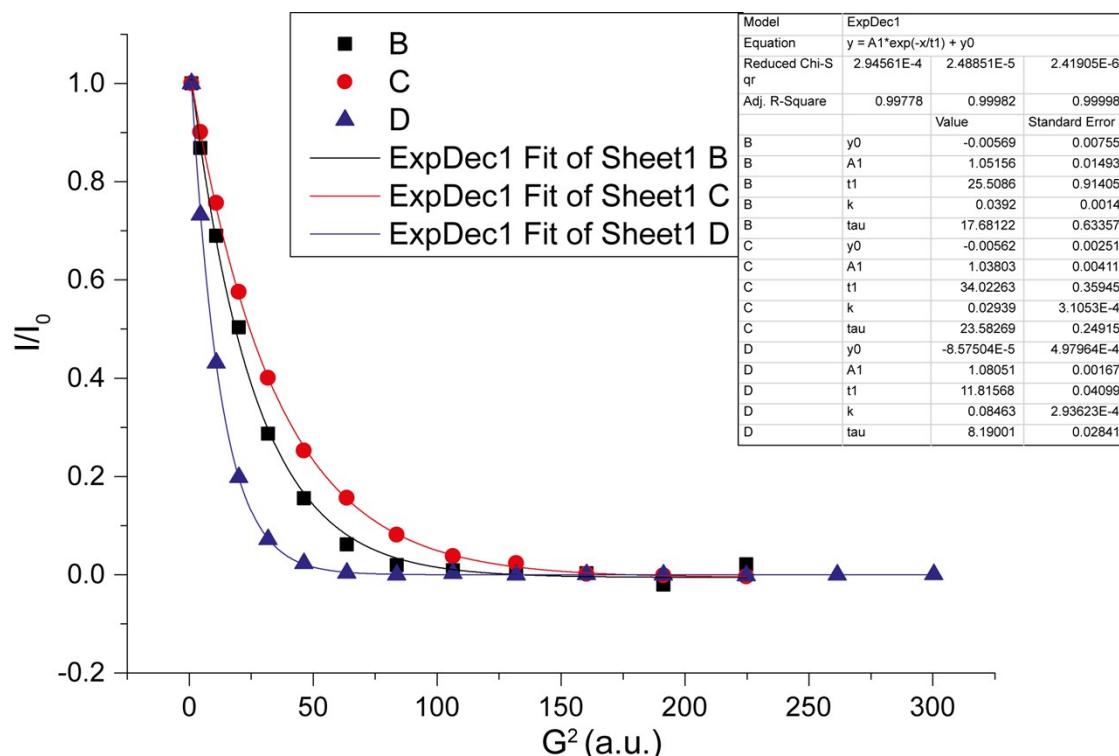


Figure S1. I/I_0 versus G^2 for **TBABzO** in acetone-d6 ($C = 2.5$ mM). B = benzoate; C = Tetrabutylammonium; D = solvent.

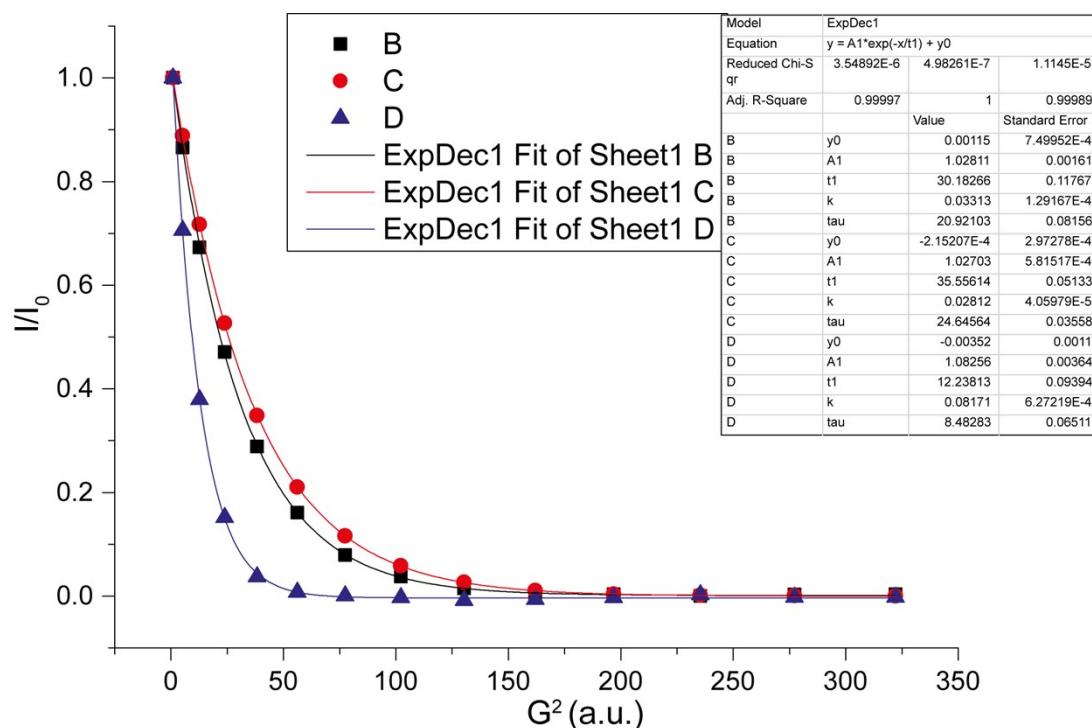


Figure S2 I/I_0 versus G^2 for **TBABzO** in acetone-d6 ($C = 20.5$ mM). B = benzoate; C = Tetrabutylammonium; D = solvent.

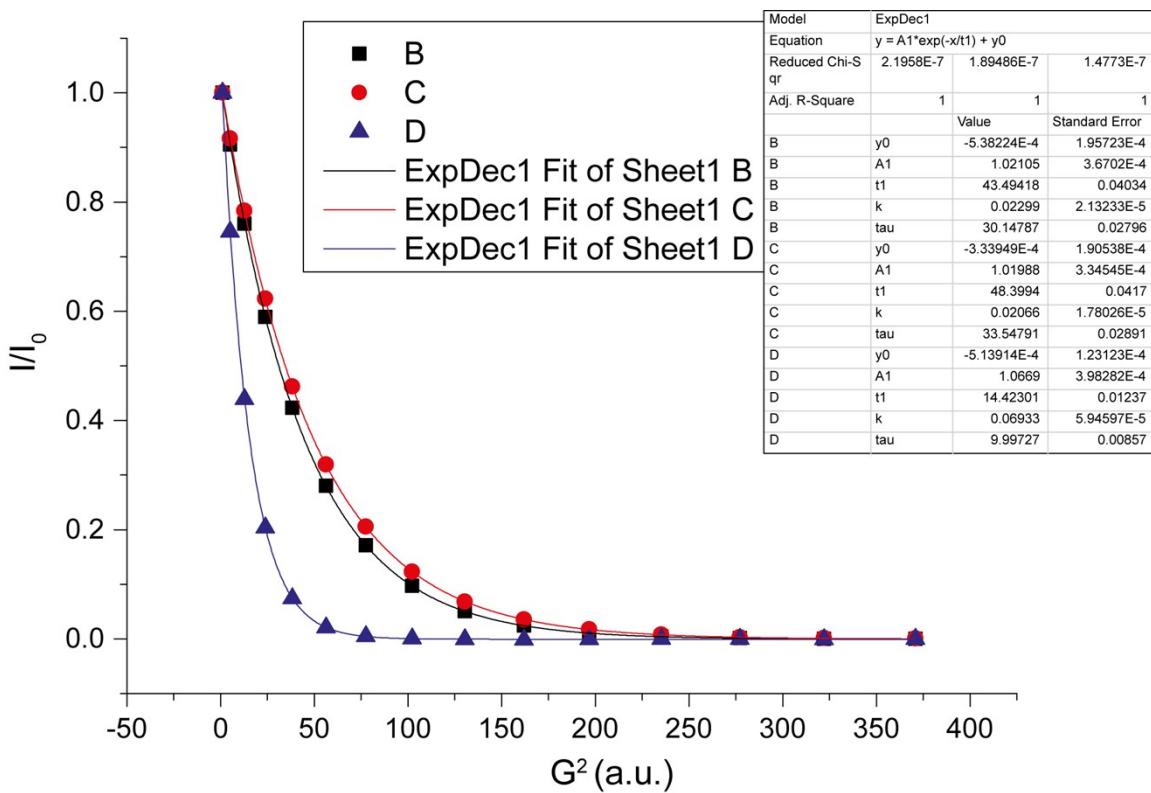


Figure S3 I/I_0 versus G^2 for **TBABzO** in acetone-d6 ($C = 185$ mM). B = benzoate; C = Tetrabutylammonium; D = solvent.

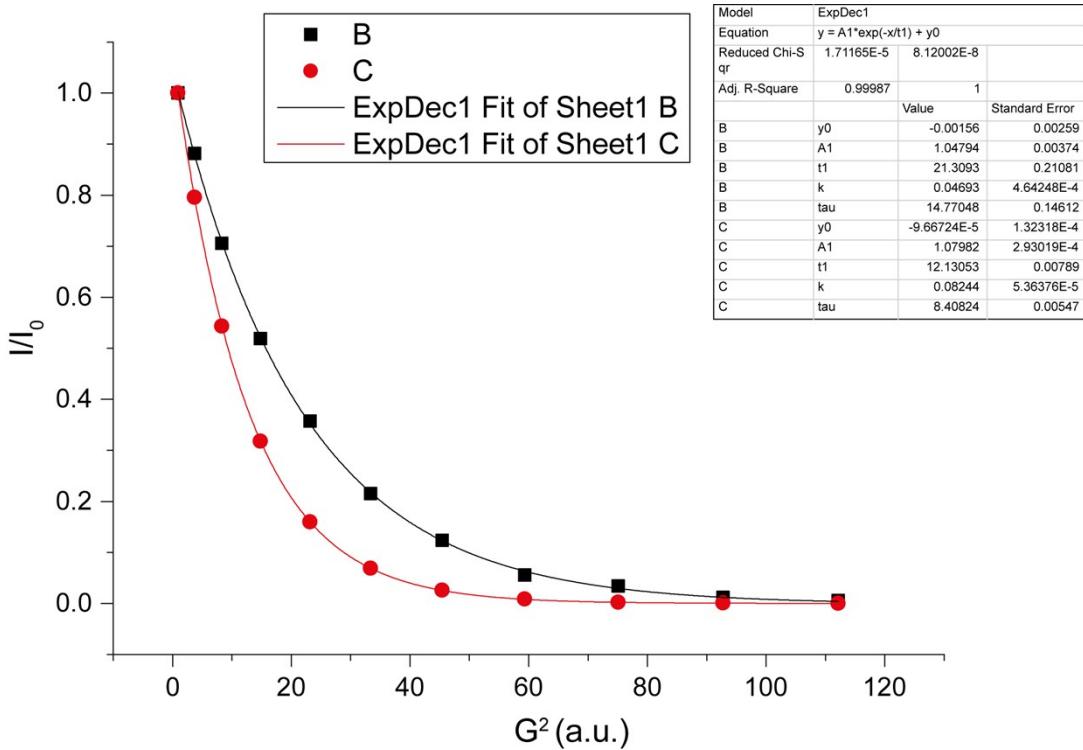


Figure S4 I/I_0 versus G^2 for **SeU** in acetone-d6 ($C = 16$ mM). B = **SeU**; C = solvent.

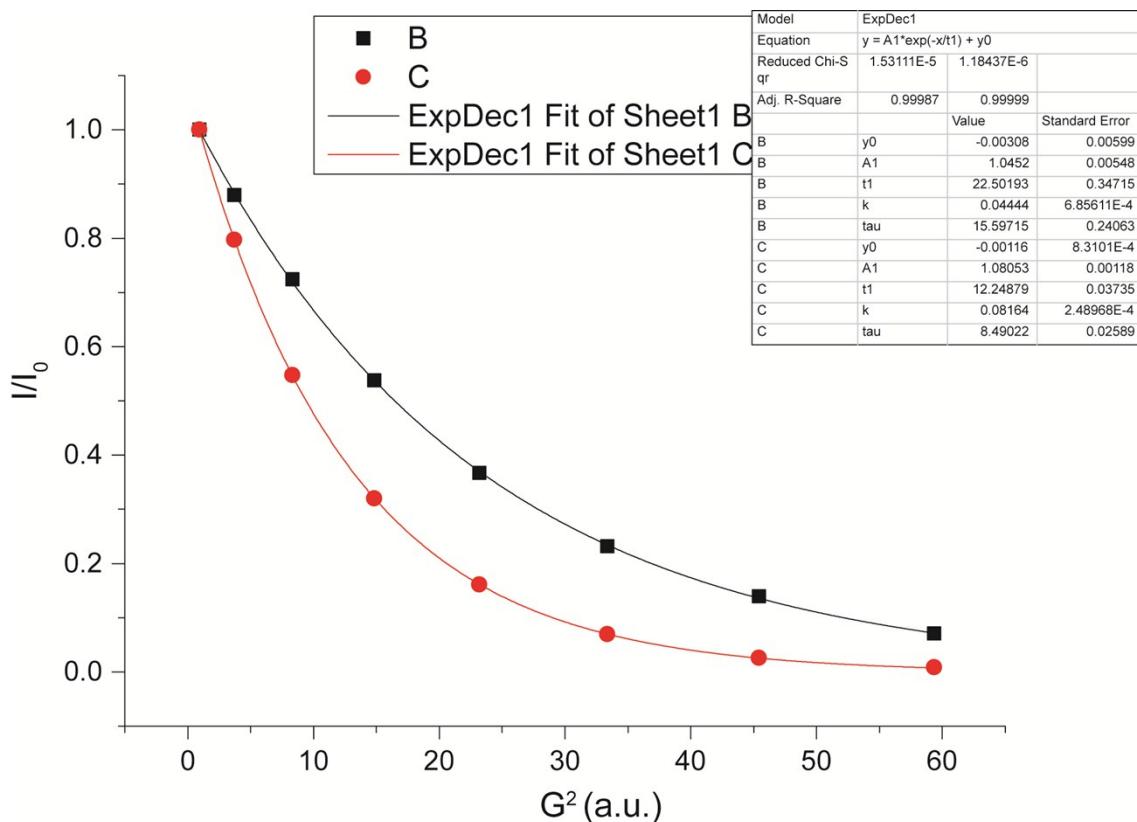


Figure S5 I/I_0 versus G^2 for SeU in acetone-d6 ($C = 16$ mM) + **I1** (19 mM). B = SeU; C = solvent.

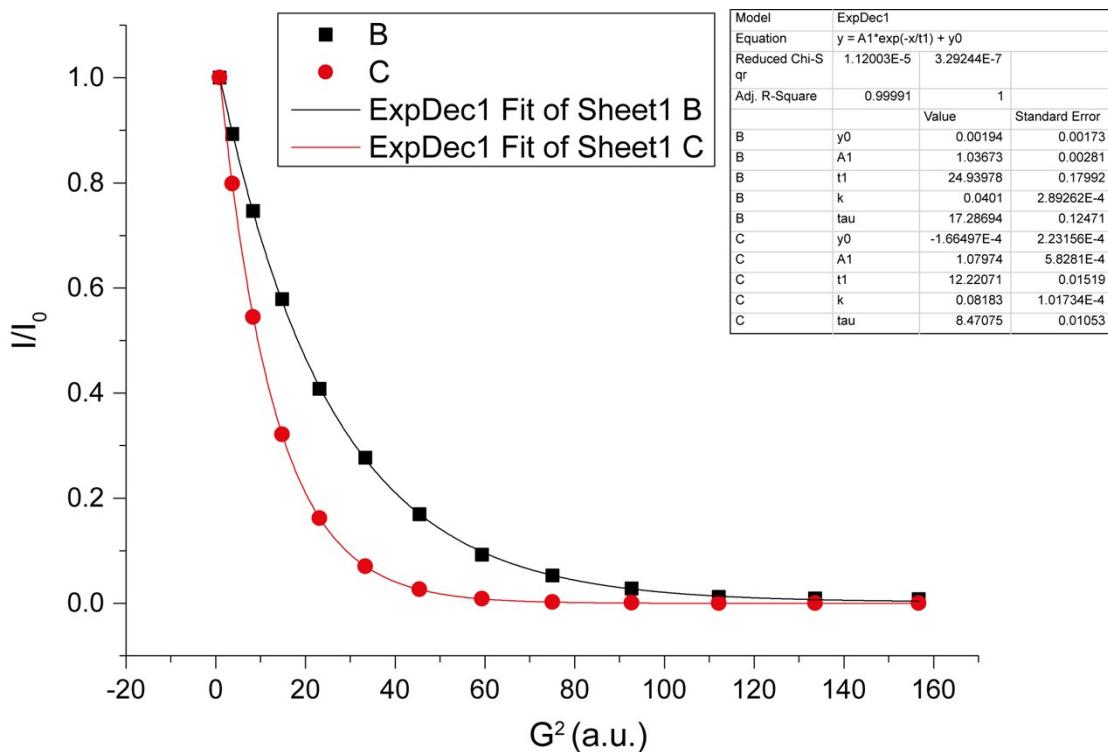


Figure S6 I/I_0 versus G^2 for SeU in acetone-d6 ($C = 16$ mM) + **I1** (82 mM). B = SeU; C = solvent.

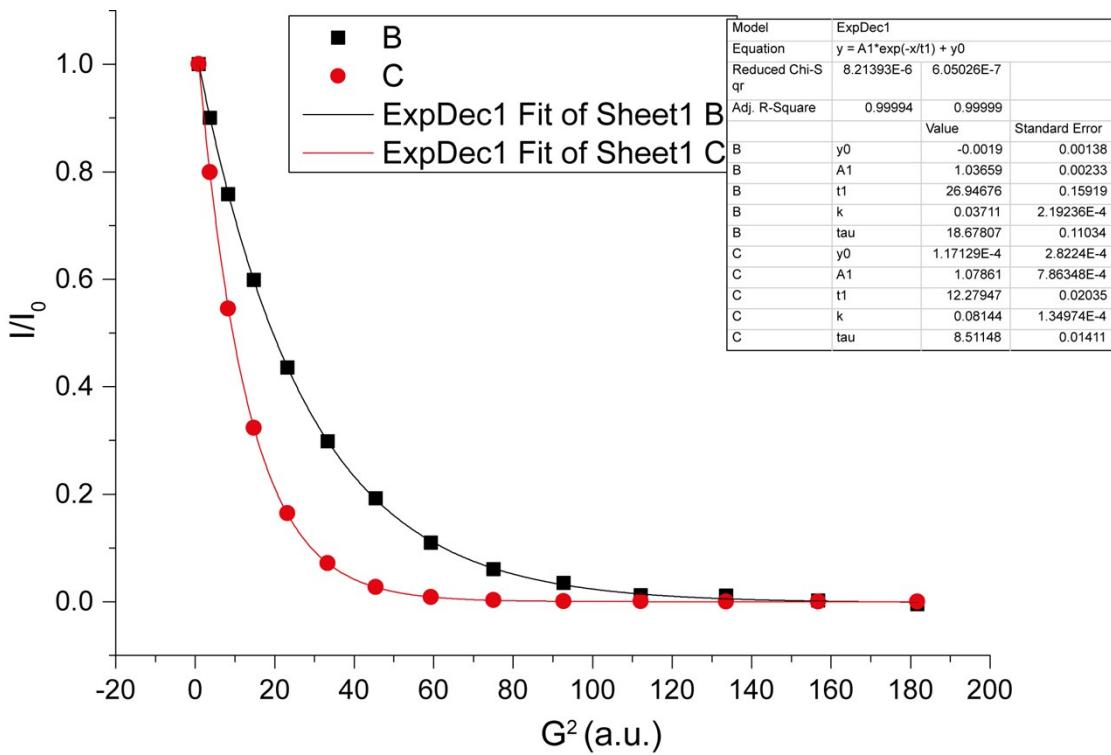


Figure S7 I/I_0 versus G^2 for SeU in acetone-d6 ($C = 16$ mM) + **I1** (209 mM). B = SeU; C = solvent.

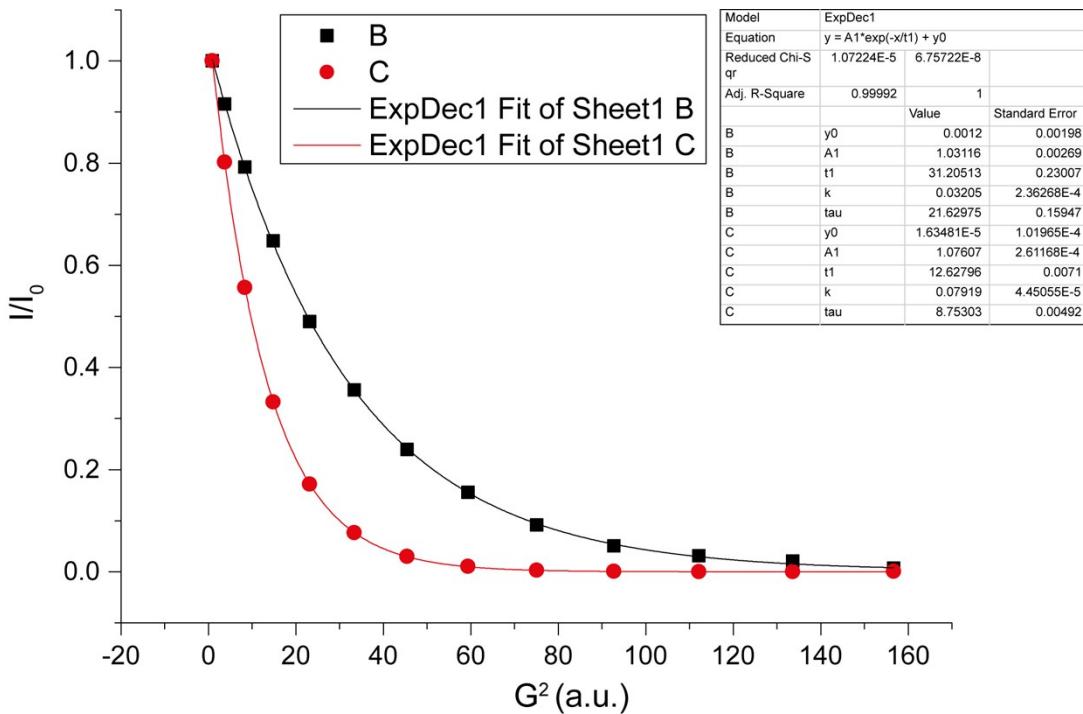


Figure S8 I/I_0 versus G^2 for SeU in acetone-d6 ($C = 16$ mM) + **I1** (460 mM). B = SeU; C = solvent.

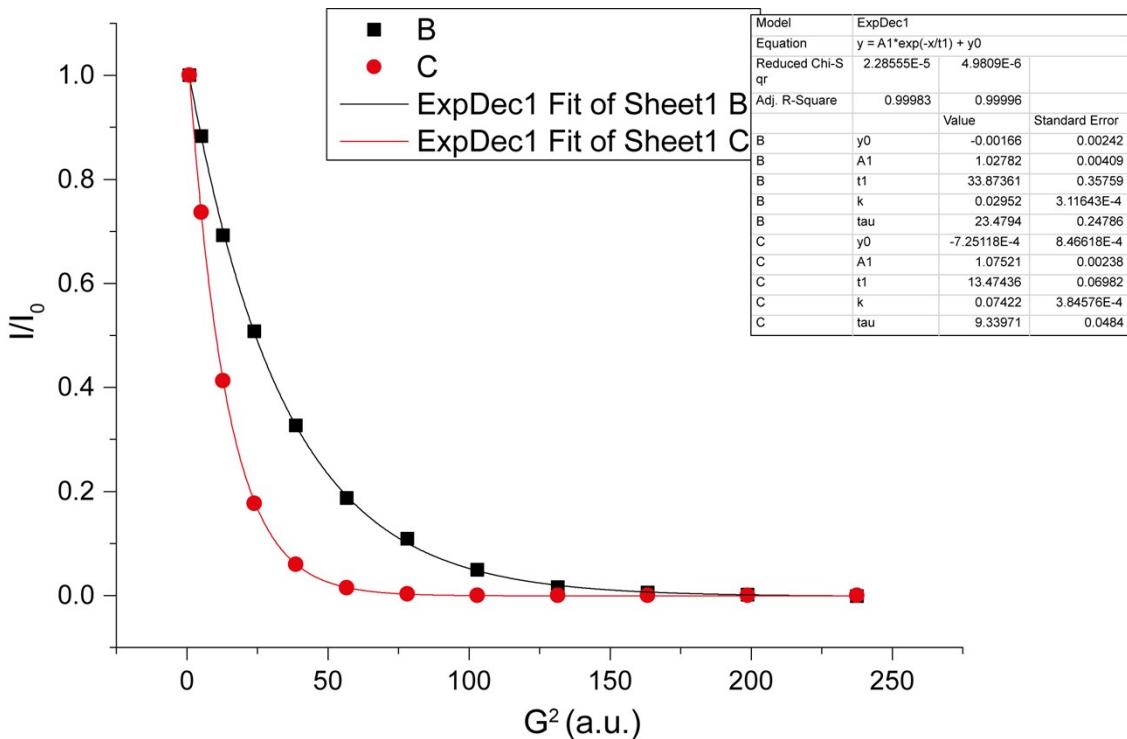


Figure S9 I/I_0 versus G^2 for **SeU** in acetone-d6 ($C = 16 \text{ mM}$) + **I1** (931 mM). **B** = **SeU**; **C** = solvent.

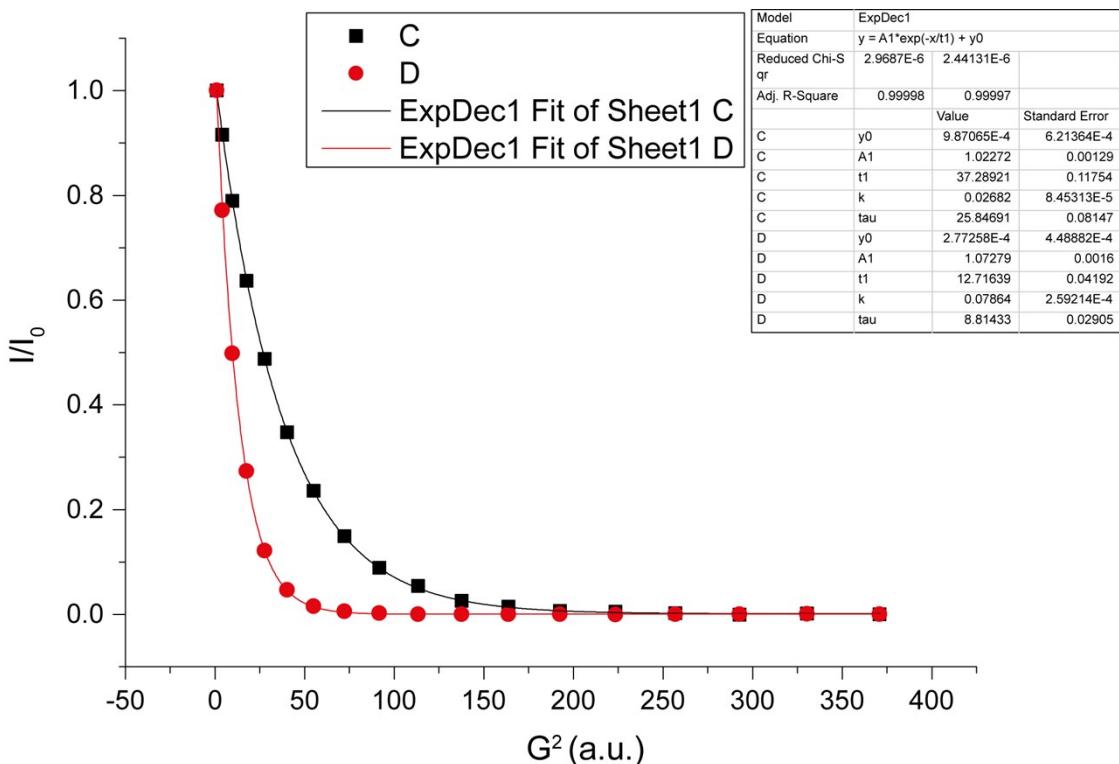


Figure S10. I/I_0 versus G^2 for **SeU** in acetone-d6 ($C = 32 \text{ mM}$) + **TBABzO** (74 mM). **B** = **SeU**; **C** = solvent.

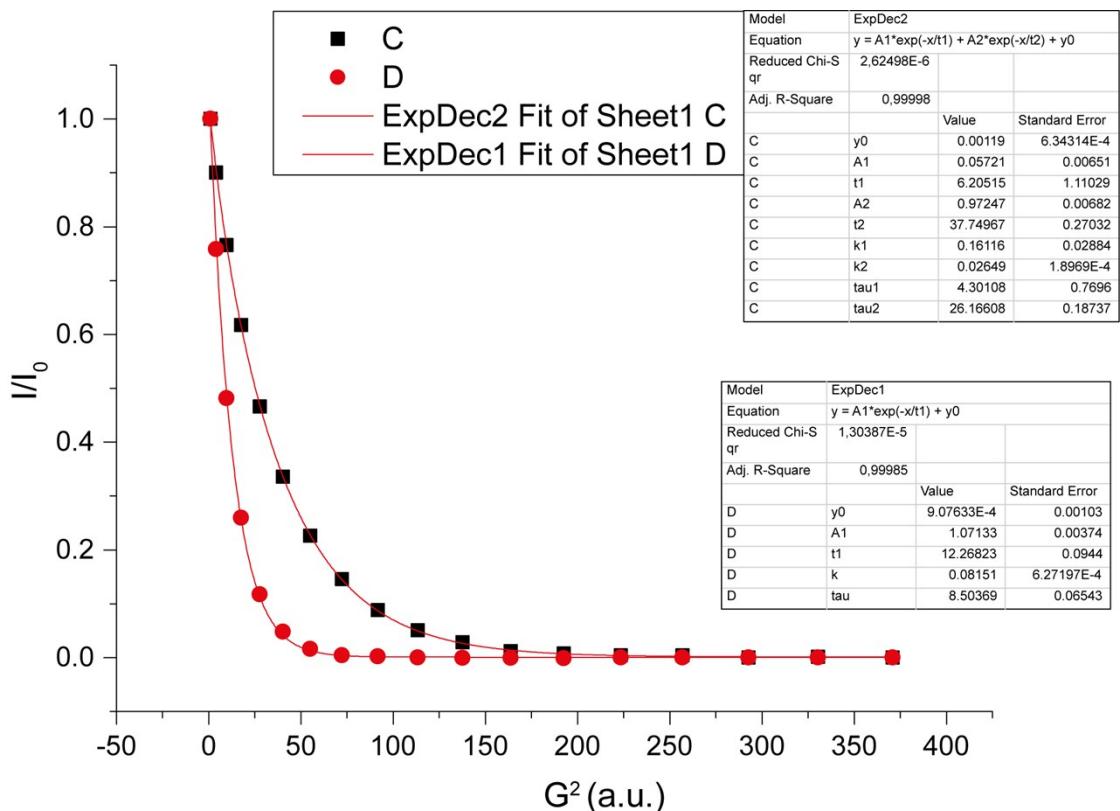


Figure S11. I/I_0 versus G^2 for **SeU** in acetone-d6 ($C = 32$ mM) + **TBABzO** (74 mM) + **I1** (16 mM). B = **SeU**; C = solvent.

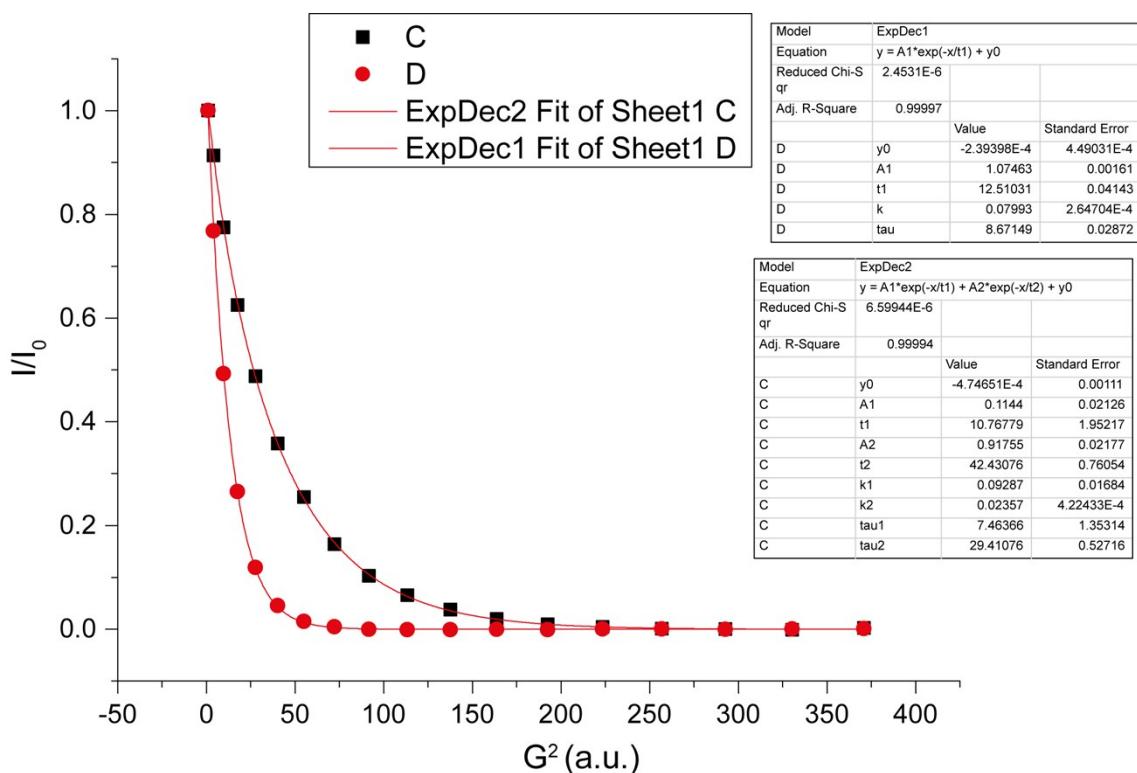


Figure S12. I/I_0 versus G^2 for **SeU** in acetone-d6 ($C = 32$ mM) + **TBABzO** (74 mM) + **I1** (30 mM). B = **SeU**; C = solvent.

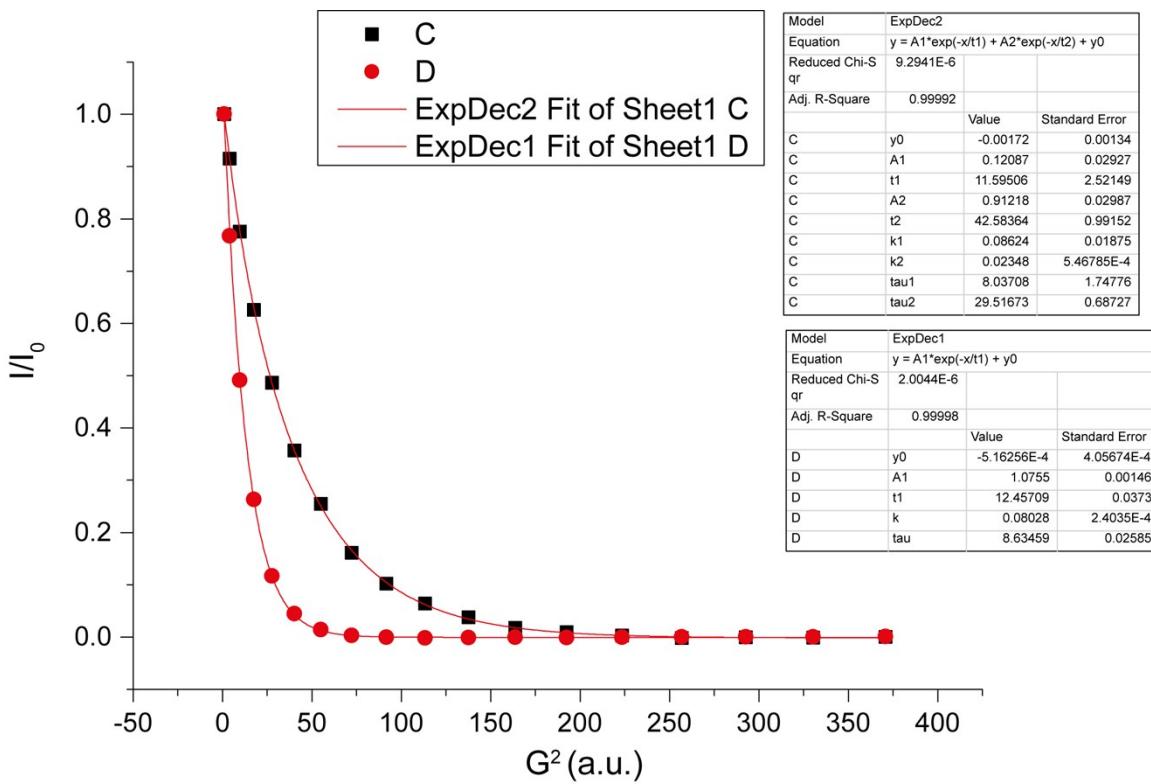


Figure S13 I/I_0 versus G^2 for SeU in acetone-d6 ($C = 32$ mM) + TBABzO (74 mM) + I1 (52.8 mM). B = SeU; C = solvent.

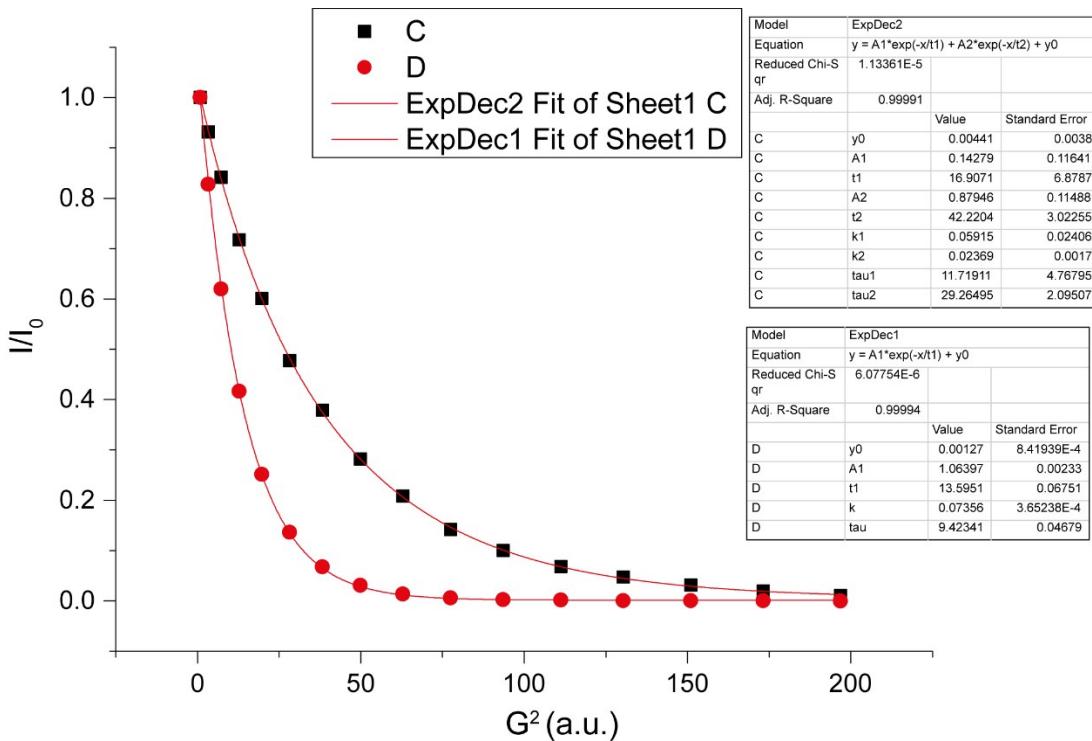


Figure S14 I/I_0 versus G^2 for SeU in acetone-d6 ($C = 32$ mM) + TBABzO (74 mM) + I1 (248 mM). B = SeU; C = solvent.

Table S3. Interaction energy (in kcal/mol), thermodynamic parameters and bond lengths (in Å) for the different adducts at M06-2X/aug-TZVP//BP86-D3/aug-TZVP level (gas phase). The parenthesis indicate that the interaction energy is referred to the pre-formed binary adduct rather than the three isolated components.

| Adduct | ΔE | ΔH^a | ΔS^a | ΔG^a | C-Se | C-N |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--------------------|
| SeU | - | - | - | - | 1.830 | 1.366 |
| S-I_m | -6.2 | -5.9 | -10.3 | 4.4 | 1.855 | 1.351 ^b |
| B-S | -39.4 | -41.3 | -14.1 | -25.5 | 1.881 | 1.344 |
| B-I_m | -21.6 | -21.4 | -13.2 | -8.1 | - | - |
| B-S-I_m | -52.4 | -54.3 | -29.3 | -25.0 | 1.903 | 1.334 ^b |
| (B-S)-I_m | -13.0 | -12.9 | -13.5 | 0.6 | - | - |
| B-(S-I_m) | -46.2 | -48.4 | -19.0 | -29.3 | - | - |

^a Calculated at 298 K; ^b Averaged between the two CN bonds

Table S4. Relevant donor – acceptor (D → A) natural bond orbital interactions and their second-order perturbation stabilization energies ($E^{(2)}$, in kcal/mol) for halogen- and hydrogen bonds in **S-I_m**, **B-S** and **B-S-I_m** adducts.

| Adduct | D → A interaction | $E^{(2)}$ |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| S-I_m | LP(1)Se2 → BD*(1)I9C10 | 1.37 |
| | LP(2)Se2 → BD*(1)I9C10 | 25.04 |
| | LP(1)N3 → BD*(1)C1Se2 | 82.66 |
| | LP(1)N6 → BD*(1)C1Se2 | 72.89 |
| | LP(3)I9 → BD*(1)N3H4 | 4.51 |
| | BD(1)C1Se2 → RY(2)I9 | 0.23 |
| B-S | LP(2)O21 → BD*(1)N6H8 | 13.49 |
| | LP(2)O22 → BD*(1)N3H4 | 13.46 |
| | LP(2)Se2 → LV(1)C1 | 349.15 |
| | LP(1)N3 → LV(1)C1 | 161.99 |
| | LP(1)N6 → LV(1)C1 | 163.03 |
| B-S-I_m | LP(1)Se2 → BD*(1)I23C24 | 2.16 |
| | LP(2)Se2 → BD*(1)I23C24 | 50.87 |
| | LP(2)O21 → BD*(1)N6H8 | 17.81 |
| | LP(2)O22 → BD*(1)N3H4 | 20.84 |
| | LP(3)I23 → BD*(1)N6H7 | 1.80 |

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|--------------------|--------|
| LP(2)Se2 → LV(1)C1 | 178.79 |
| LP(1)N6 → LV(1)C1 | 185.41 |
| LP(1)N3 → LV(1)C1 | 177.85 |
