

**Electronic Supplementary Information**

**Molecules mimicking atoms: Monomers and dimers of alkali  
metal solvated electron precursors**

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**Table S1.** CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ optimal geometries for  $M(\text{NH}_3)_4^{0,\pm}$ . Cartesian coordinates are given in Å.

<b>Li(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub></b>				<b>Na(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub></b>			
Li	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	Na	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
N	1.696888	0.000000	1.199881	N	2.022555	0.000000	1.430162
N	-1.696888	0.000000	1.199881	N	-2.022555	0.000000	1.430162
N	0.000000	1.696888	-1.199881	N	0.000000	2.022555	-1.430162
N	0.000000	-1.696888	-1.199881	N	0.000000	-2.022555	-1.430162
H	-2.562769	0.000000	0.660935	H	-2.888065	0.000000	0.891951
H	-1.748736	0.814033	1.812151	H	-2.074737	0.813328	2.042170
H	-1.748736	-0.814033	1.812151	H	-2.074737	-0.813328	2.042170
H	0.814033	1.748736	-1.812151	H	0.813328	2.074737	-2.042170
H	0.000000	2.562769	-0.660935	H	0.000000	2.888065	-0.891951
H	-0.814033	1.748736	-1.812151	H	-0.813328	2.074737	-2.042170
H	0.814033	-1.748736	-1.812151	H	0.813328	-2.074737	-2.042170
H	0.000000	-2.562769	-0.660935	H	0.000000	-2.888065	-0.891951
H	-0.814033	-1.748736	-1.812151	H	-0.813328	-2.074737	-2.042170
H	1.748736	0.814033	1.812151	H	2.074737	0.813328	2.042170
H	1.748736	-0.814033	1.812151	H	2.074737	-0.813328	2.042170
H	2.562769	0.000000	0.660935	H	2.888065	0.000000	0.891951
<b>Li(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup></b>				<b>Na(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup></b>			
Li	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	Na	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
N	1.722061	0.000000	1.217681	N	2.044102	0.000000	1.445399
N	-1.722061	0.000000	1.217681	N	-2.044102	0.000000	1.445399
N	0.000000	1.722061	-1.217681	N	0.000000	2.044102	-1.445399
N	0.000000	-1.722061	-1.217681	N	0.000000	-2.044102	-1.445399
H	-2.592646	0.000000	0.691192	H	-2.914607	0.000000	0.919270
H	-1.785070	0.807577	1.833278	H	-2.107325	0.807282	2.060938
H	-1.785070	-0.807577	1.833278	H	-2.107325	-0.807282	2.060938
H	0.807577	1.785070	-1.833278	H	0.807282	2.107325	-2.060938
H	0.000000	2.592646	-0.691192	H	0.000000	2.914607	-0.919270
H	-0.807577	1.785070	-1.833278	H	-0.807282	2.107325	-2.060938
H	0.807577	-1.785070	-1.833278	H	0.807282	-2.107325	-2.060938
H	0.000000	-2.592646	-0.691192	H	0.000000	-2.914607	-0.919270
H	-0.807577	-1.785070	-1.833278	H	-0.807282	-2.107325	-2.060938
H	1.785070	0.807577	1.833278	H	2.107325	0.807282	2.060938
H	1.785070	-0.807577	1.833278	H	2.107325	-0.807282	2.060938
H	2.592646	0.000000	0.691192	H	2.914607	0.000000	0.919270
<b>Li(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup></b>				<b>Na(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup></b>			
Li	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	Na	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
N	1.697093	0.000000	1.200026	N	2.019459	0.000000	1.427973
N	-1.697093	0.000000	1.200026	N	-2.019459	0.000000	1.427973
N	0.000000	1.697093	-1.200026	N	0.000000	2.019459	-1.427973
N	0.000000	-1.697093	-1.200026	N	0.000000	-2.019459	-1.427973
H	-2.562989	0.000000	0.660576	H	-2.884840	0.000000	0.888838
H	-1.748592	0.814397	1.812307	H	-2.070923	0.813917	2.039890
H	-1.748592	-0.814397	1.812307	H	-2.070923	-0.813917	2.039890
H	0.814397	1.748592	-1.812307	H	0.813917	2.070923	-2.039890
H	0.000000	2.562989	-0.660576	H	0.000000	2.884840	-0.888838
H	-0.814397	1.748592	-1.812307	H	-0.813917	2.070923	-2.039890
H	0.814397	-1.748592	-1.812307	H	0.813917	-2.070923	-2.039890
H	0.000000	-2.562989	-0.660576	H	0.000000	-2.884840	-0.888838
H	-0.814397	-1.748592	-1.812307	H	-0.813917	-2.070923	-2.039890
H	1.748592	0.814397	1.812307	H	2.070923	0.813917	2.039890
H	1.748592	-0.814397	1.812307	H	2.070923	-0.813917	2.039890
H	2.562989	0.000000	0.660576	H	2.884840	0.000000	0.888838

**Table S2.** B3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ harmonic vibrational frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) for M(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>0,±</sup>.

Li(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Li(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	Li(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Na(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Na(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	Na(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>
81.1	76.8	82.4	47.3	46.1	48.5
81.1	80.6	82.4	47.3	46.1	48.5
104.0	80.6	108.5	51.4	60.7	51.7
104.0	98.7	108.5	51.4	64.6	51.7
104.0	98.7	108.5	51.4	64.6	51.7
107.8	98.7	127.4	94.1	64.6	109.2
116.3	120.4	135.7	98.1	72.4	112.2
116.3	120.4	135.7	98.1	72.4	112.2
116.3	120.4	135.7	98.1	72.4	112.2
232.4	221.7	233.0	187.9	185.6	188.8
333.6	340.0	340.2	237.7	229.6	239.1
333.6	340.0	340.2	237.7	229.6	239.1
333.6	340.0	340.2	237.7	229.6	239.1
334.6	349.0	343.9	298.4	328.3	302.7
334.6	349.0	343.9	298.4	328.3	302.7
334.6	349.0	343.9	298.4	328.3	302.7
417.5	437.5	422.5	305.0	382.6	331.3
417.5	437.5	422.5	305.0	382.6	331.3
494.8	554.2	509.8	305.0	421.9	331.3
494.8	554.2	509.8	339.5	421.9	342.8
494.8	554.2	509.8	339.5	421.9	342.8
1160.0	1225.3	1147.4	1134.1	1198.5	1118.7
1160.0	1225.3	1147.4	1134.1	1198.5	1118.7
1160.0	1225.3	1147.4	1134.1	1198.5	1118.7
1167.3	1237.3	1155.7	1136.4	1205.7	1121.1
1634.7	1668.1	1628.8	1640.4	1669.8	1633.0
1634.7	1668.1	1628.8	1640.4	1669.8	1633.0
1642.1	1668.1	1637.9	1644.7	1669.8	1638.0
1642.1	1672.7	1637.9	1644.7	1672.5	1638.0
1642.1	1672.7	1637.9	1644.7	1672.5	1638.0
1643.1	1679.9	1638.8	1645.5	1675.9	1639.7
1643.1	1679.9	1638.8	1645.5	1675.9	1639.7
1643.1	1679.9	1638.8	1645.5	1675.9	1639.7
3363.4	3455.0	3349.1	3374.1	3458.7	3358.0
3363.4	3455.0	3349.1	3374.1	3458.7	3358.0
3363.4	3455.0	3349.1	3374.1	3458.7	3358.0
3381.1	3456.1	3356.2	3390.9	3459.3	3365.2
3478.3	3549.9	3462.1	3494.9	3556.5	3477.2
3478.3	3549.9	3462.1	3494.9	3556.5	3477.2
3478.3	3550.1	3462.1	3494.9	3556.5	3477.2
3481.1	3550.1	3463.4	3496.2	3556.5	3477.8
3481.1	3550.1	3463.4	3496.2	3556.5	3477.8
3486.0	3550.8	3469.4	3498.6	3556.9	3480.8
3486.0	3550.8	3469.4	3498.6	3556.9	3480.8
3486.0	3550.8	3469.4	3498.6	3556.9	3480.8

**Table S3.** DFT/B3LYP optimal geometries for  $[M(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2$ . The cc-pVTZ/ $\text{Li,Na,N}$  aug-cc-pVTZ/H basis set was employed. Cartesian coordinates are given in Å.

$[\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2$				$[\text{Na}(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2$			
Li	0.000000	0.000000	3.162713	Na	-3.216300	-0.000553	-0.000584
Li	-0.000000	-0.000000	-3.162713	Na	3.216061	0.000588	0.000615
N	0.000000	1.921827	2.369803	N	-2.254286	-1.653683	1.528333
N	-1.664351	-0.960913	2.369803	N	2.253988	-2.150408	-0.664788
N	1.664351	-0.960913	2.369803	N	2.248077	0.501228	2.192575
N	1.664351	0.960913	-2.369803	N	-5.694533	0.002619	-0.000316
N	-1.664351	0.960913	-2.369803	N	5.694118	-0.002528	0.001186
N	0.000000	0.000000	5.252932	N	-2.249701	-0.502750	-2.192458
N	-0.000000	-0.000000	-5.252932	N	-2.252045	2.150219	0.661065
H	0.000000	1.770152	1.356827	N	2.254587	1.655164	-1.525591
H	-1.532997	-0.885076	1.356827	H	-2.403478	-2.642107	1.332516
H	1.532997	-0.885076	1.356827	H	-2.401828	-1.530643	2.528944
H	1.532997	0.885076	-1.356827	H	2.403325	-2.955716	-0.059365
H	-1.532997	0.885076	-1.356827	H	-1.258411	-1.483302	1.368526
H	-0.816514	2.499548	2.564777	H	2.392596	-0.164249	2.950394
H	0.816514	2.499548	2.564777	H	1.257748	-1.927641	-0.595635
H	-1.756415	-1.956896	2.564777	H	2.402693	-2.472857	-1.619633
H	-2.572929	-0.542652	2.564777	H	-6.078745	-0.690046	0.636168
H	2.572929	-0.542652	2.564777	H	1.252101	0.451793	1.963042
H	1.756415	-1.956896	2.564777	H	-6.077043	-0.201600	-0.919247
H	2.572929	0.542652	-2.564777	H	6.076661	0.200966	0.920243
H	1.756415	1.956896	-2.564777	H	2.397980	1.428482	2.587241
H	-1.756415	1.956896	-2.564777	H	-2.398196	-1.430423	-2.586501
H	-2.572929	0.542652	-2.564777	H	6.075115	-0.901088	-0.281537
H	0.000000	-0.941915	5.635517	H	-1.253732	-0.451859	-1.963616
H	0.815723	0.470958	5.635517	H	-6.076254	0.901125	0.281950
H	-0.815723	0.470958	5.635517	H	6.078781	0.690018	-0.635160
H	-0.815723	-0.470958	-5.635517	H	-2.398746	2.474139	1.615762
H	0.000000	0.941915	-5.635517	H	-1.255923	1.926889	0.590505
H	0.815723	-0.470958	-5.635517	H	-2.396279	0.162225	-2.950321
N	-0.000000	-1.921827	-2.369803	H	1.258943	1.485472	-1.363513
H	-0.000000	-1.770152	-1.356827	H	-2.400935	2.955528	0.055121
H	-0.816514	-2.499548	-2.564777	H	2.400339	1.531721	-2.526233
H	0.816514	-2.499548	-2.564777	H	2.404481	2.643756	-1.330040

**Table S4.** DFT/B3LYP harmonic vibrational frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) for  $[\text{M}(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2$ . The cc-pVTZ/ $\text{Li,Na,N}$  aug-cc-pVTZ/H basis set was employed.

[Li(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>				[Na(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>			
15.7	230.9	1144.3	3315.9	5.1	185.8	1123.0	3330.9
21.5	231.2	1144.4	3315.9	10.2	186.1	1123.4	3332.1
21.6	319.7	1165.7	3319.8	13.5	237.7	1139.9	3333.2
26.9	319.7	1165.7	3319.8	16.8	237.8	1141.6	3334.4
26.9	320.0	1169.2	3327.6	19.1	238.0	1142.3	3341.0
34.3	320.0	1169.2	3329.5	20.9	238.0	1144.1	3342.3
34.6	325.9	1169.2	3414.3	24.6	240.0	1144.6	3423.4
42.9	326.0	1177.0	3415.2	29.4	240.2	1146.9	3424.5
71.1	343.5	1627.3	3433.9	29.9	291.0	1631.0	3446.3
71.1	344.3	1627.3	3435.6	31.9	291.5	1631.2	3448.5
71.9	344.3	1632.5	3442.0	35.3	294.6	1635.6	3451.0
71.9	347.0	1632.5	3442.0	37.7	295.2	1635.7	3451.7
85.1	347.0	1637.1	3442.6	40.8	296.0	1635.8	3452.3
85.1	356.0	1637.2	3442.6	41.8	296.5	1638.0	3453.0
87.6	415.7	1637.2	3490.8	44.5	330.8	1638.1	3498.2
89.1	415.7	1637.4	3490.8	44.6	332.1	1638.2	3498.5
91.9	417.2	1637.4	3491.0	53.4	333.3	1638.5	3498.8
91.9	417.2	1638.4	3491.0	56.6	343.6	1639.6	3499.4
103.7	509.2	1639.3	3495.8	60.7	345.0	1641.3	3501.3
103.8	509.3	1641.1	3495.9	61.5	353.4	1641.3	3502.1
106.9	516.2	1652.4	3531.6	62.4	353.6	1656.1	3541.0
106.9	518.8	1652.4	3531.6	63.2	354.3	1656.2	3541.6
114.9	519.0	1652.7	3531.6	64.0	355.2	1656.6	3541.9
119.2	538.4	1652.7	3531.6	67.1	375.3	1656.7	3542.2

\* The optimal structure for  $[\text{Na}(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2$  was found to have seven imaginary frequencies related to internal rotations of ammonia ligands. Our attempts to re-optimize the structure after performing manually these rotations led to the same structure. We suspect that it is a rather artificial technical issue.

**Table S5.** CASPT2 optimal geometry for  $[\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2$ . The cc-pVTZ/Li,Na,N aug-cc-pVTZ/H basis set was employed. Cartesian coordinates are given in Å.

$[\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2$			
Li	0.000000	0.000000	3.182534
Li	0.000000	0.000000	-3.182534
N	-1.901969	0.000000	2.332416
N	0.950984	-1.647153	2.332416
N	0.950984	1.647153	2.332416
N	-0.950984	1.647153	-2.332416
N	-0.950984	-1.647153	-2.332416
N	0.000000	0.000000	5.285950
N	0.000000	0.000000	-5.285950
H	-1.648673	0.000000	1.339441
H	0.824336	-1.427792	1.339441
H	0.824336	1.427792	1.339441
H	-0.824336	1.427792	-1.339441
H	-0.824336	-1.427792	-1.339441
H	-2.501704	-0.813493	2.450891
H	-2.501704	0.813493	2.450891
H	1.955358	-1.759793	2.450891
H	0.546346	-2.573286	2.450891
H	0.546346	2.573286	2.450891
H	1.955358	1.759793	2.450891
H	-0.546346	2.573286	-2.450891
H	-1.955358	1.759793	-2.450891
H	-1.955358	-1.759793	-2.450891
H	-0.546346	-2.573286	-2.450891
H	0.938175	0.000000	5.669731
H	-0.469088	0.812483	5.669731
H	-0.469088	-0.812483	5.669731
H	0.469088	-0.812483	-5.669731
H	-0.938175	0.000000	-5.669731
H	0.469088	0.812483	-5.669731
N	1.901969	0.000000	-2.332416
H	1.648673	0.000000	-1.339441
H	2.501704	-0.813493	-2.450891
H	2.501704	0.813493	-2.450891

**Table S6.** Electron attachment energies (eV) and pole strengths (in parentheses) of  $\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4^+$  from diagonal electron propagator methods<sup>a</sup> calculated at the geometry of  $\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4$  using the cc-pVTZ/Li cc-pVTZ/N d-aug-cc-pVTZ/H basis sets. 1s orbitals of Li and N were frozen.

Final State	KT <sup>b</sup>	D2 <sup>c</sup>	OVGF <sup>d</sup>	P3 <sup>e</sup>	P3+ <sup>f</sup>
<sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub>	-2.440	-2.829 (0.987)	-2.817 (0.986)	-2.837 (0.985)	-2.837 (0.985)
<sup>2</sup> T <sub>2</sub>	-1.891	-2.110 (0.992)	-2.108 (0.991)	-2.119 (0.991)	-2.118 (0.991)
<sup>2</sup> T <sub>2</sub>	-1.324	-1.430 (0.996)	-1.431 (0.996)	-1.437 (0.995)	-1.436 (0.995)
<sup>2</sup> E	-1.315	-1.402 (0.997)	-1.404 (0.997)	-1.408 (0.996)	-1.408 (0.996)
<sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub>	-1.093	-1.275 (0.994)	-1.266 (0.993)	-1.276 (0.993)	-1.276 (0.993)
<sup>2</sup> T <sub>1</sub>	-0.810	-0.845 (0.999)	-0.846 (0.998)	-0.849 (0.998)	-0.848 (0.998)
<sup>2</sup> T <sub>2</sub>	-0.783	-0.955 (0.994)	-0.949 (0.994)	-0.958 (0.993)	-0.958 (0.993)
<sup>2</sup> E	-0.392	-0.507 (0.996)	-0.507 (0.995)	-0.513 (0.995)	-0.512 (0.995)
<sup>2</sup> T <sub>2</sub>	-0.392	-0.570 (0.994)	-0.566 (0.993)	-0.576 (0.993)	-0.575 (0.993)
<sup>2</sup> T <sub>2</sub>	-0.139	-0.269 (0.995)	-0.273 (0.996)	-0.279 (0.994)	-0.278 (0.994)

<sup>a</sup> Accuracy of the methods increases from left to right. For a brief introduction to and numerical comparison of propagator methods, see, for example, Dolgounitcheva, O.; Díaz-Tinoco, M.; Zakrzewski, V. G.; Richard, R. M.; Marom, N.; Sherill, C. D.; Ortiz J. V. *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* **2016**, *12*, 627-637.

<sup>b</sup> Koopmans's theorem

<sup>c</sup> Diagonal second-order approximation

<sup>d</sup> Outer valence Green function method

<sup>e</sup> Partial third-order quasiparticle method

<sup>f</sup> Renormalized partial third-order quasiparticle method

**Table S7.** Excitation energies (eV) of  $\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4$  inferred from electron attachment energies in Table S6.

Final State	KT	D2	OVSF	P3	P3+
$^2\text{A}_1$	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
$^2\text{T}_2$	0.549	0.719	0.709	0.718	0.719
$^2\text{T}_2$	1.116	1.399	1.386	1.400	1.401
$^2\text{E}$	1.125	1.427	1.413	1.429	1.429
$^2\text{A}_1$	1.347	1.554	1.551	1.561	1.561
$^2\text{T}_1$	1.630	1.984	1.971	1.988	1.989
$^2\text{T}_2$	1.657	1.874	1.868	1.879	1.879
$^2\text{E}$	2.048	2.322	2.310	2.324	2.325
$^2\text{T}_2$	2.048	2.259	2.251	2.261	2.262
$^2\text{T}_2$	2.301	2.560	2.544	2.558	2.559



**Table S8.** Electron attachment energies (eV) and pole strengths (in parentheses) of  $\text{Na}(\text{NH}_3)_4^+$  from diagonal electron propagator methods calculated at the geometry of  $\text{Na}(\text{NH}_3)_4$  using the cc-pVTZ/Na cc-pVTZ/N d-aug-cc-pVTZ/H basis sets. 1s, 2s and 2p orbitals of Na and 1s of N were frozen.

Final State	KT	D2	OVGF	P3	P3+
$^2\text{A}_1$	-2.344	-2.701 (0.988)	-2.696 (0.987)	-2.712 (0.986)	-2.711 (0.986)
$^2\text{T}_2$	-1.835	-2.046 (0.993)	-2.046 (0.992)	-2.056 (0.991)	-2.055 (0.991)
$^2\text{T}_2$	-1.286	-1.384 (0.996)	-1.386 (0.996)	-1.391 (0.995)	-1.391 (0.995)
$^2\text{E}$	-1.282	-1.362 (0.997)	-1.365 (0.997)	-1.368 (0.996)	-1.368 (0.996)
$^2\text{A}_1$	-1.060	-1.229 (0.994)	-1.224 (0.993)	-1.232 (0.993)	-1.232 (0.993)
$^2\text{T}_2$	-0.847	-0.979 (0.995)	-0.977 (0.995)	-0.983 (0.994)	-0.982 (0.995)
$^2\text{T}_1$	-0.805	-0.842 (0.999)	-0.843 (0.998)	-0.845 (0.998)	-0.845 (0.998)
$^2\text{T}_2$	-0.373	-0.523 (0.995)	-0.523 (0.994)	-0.530 (0.993)	-0.529 (0.994)
$^2\text{E}$	-0.360	-0.471 (0.996)	-0.473 (0.995)	-0.478 (0.995)	-0.477 (0.995)
$^2\text{T}_2$	-0.044	-0.202 (0.994)	-0.206 (0.993)	-0.214 (0.993)	-0.213 (0.993)

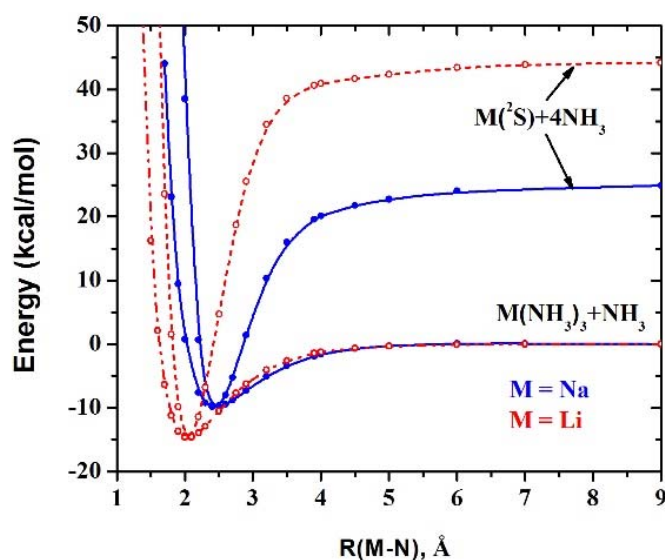
**Table S9.** Excitation energies (eV) of  $\text{Na}(\text{NH}_3)_4$  inferred from electron attachment energies in Table S8.

Final State	KT	D2	OVSF	P3	P3+
$^2\text{A}_1$	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
$^2\text{T}_2$	0.509	0.655	0.650	0.656	0.656
$^2\text{T}_2$	1.058	1.317	1.310	1.321	1.320
$^2\text{E}$	1.062	1.339	1.331	1.344	1.343
$^2\text{A}_1$	1.284	1.472	1.472	1.480	1.479
$^2\text{T}_2$	1.497	1.722	1.719	1.729	1.729
$^2\text{T}_1$	1.539	1.859	1.853	1.867	1.866
$^2\text{T}_2$	1.971	2.178	2.173	2.182	2.182
$^2\text{E}$	1.984	2.230	2.223	2.234	2.234
$^2\text{T}_2$	2.300	2.499	2.490	2.498	2.498

## Importance of diffuse functions

We repeated several calculations to study the effect of diffuse functions in the basis set. In agreement with our previous work on Be-SEPs we found that they are important for the calculation of accurate geometries, excitation energies and the stabilization of the anionic systems over the neutral ones. In Tables S10-S12 and Figure S2 we report our results using a plain cc-pVTZ basis set on all atoms.

**Figure S2.** CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ PECs for the dissociation of one or four ammonia ligands from  $M(\text{NH}_3)_4$ ,  $M = \text{Li}, \text{Na}$ .



**Table S10.** CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ optimized M-N and N-H bond distances (Å), M-N-H angles (degrees), and relative energies  $\Delta E$  (eV) for  $M = \text{Li}$  and  $\text{Na}$ .

Species	M-N	N-H	M-N-H	$\Delta E$	$\Delta E$
$\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4^+$	2.111	1.017	113.6	-233.321634	2.65
$\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4$	2.050	1.019	112.2	-233.419113	0.0
$\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4^-$	2.008	1.019	110.9	-233.406380	0.35
$\text{Na}(\text{NH}_3)_4^+$	2.503	1.016	113.7	-387.711798	2.57
$\text{Na}(\text{NH}_3)_4$	2.453	1.018	112.5	-387.806107	0.0
$\text{Na}(\text{NH}_3)_4^-$	2.412	1.019	111.6	-387.797282	0.24

**Table S11.** CASSCF/cc-pVTZ, CASPT2/cc-pVTZ and P3+/cc-pVTZ excitation energies (eV) of Li(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and Na(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. States in red denote unbound states with respect to the ionization limit.

E.C. <sup>a</sup>	Li(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>			Na(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>		
	CASSCF	CASPT2	P3+	CASSCF	CASPT2	P3+
1s <sup>1</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1p <sup>1</sup>	0.37	0.63	0.63	0.30	0.53	0.54
	0.37	0.63	0.63	0.30	0.53	0.54
	0.37	0.64	0.63	0.30	0.53	0.54
?	3.55	3.35	3.36	2.75	2.81	2.80
?	3.55	3.35	3.36	2.75	2.81	2.80
?	3.55	3.36	3.36	2.75	2.81	2.80
?	4.14	3.98	4.03	3.57	3.33	3.35
?	4.14	3.98	4.05	3.57	3.33	3.35
?	4.14	3.99	4.05	3.57	3.33	3.35

<sup>a</sup> Electronic configuration.

**Table S12.** Optimized CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ Cartesian coordinates (in Å) for Li(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>0,±</sup>

Li(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>			
Li	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-0.0000000087
N	1.6736870189	0.0000000000	1.1834754458
N	-1.6736870189	0.0000000000	1.1834754458
N	0.0000000000	1.6736870320	-1.1834754447
N	0.0000000000	-1.6736870320	-1.1834754447
H	-2.5332000287	0.0000000000	0.6358393724
H	-1.7162063344	0.8169936879	1.7912429217
H	-1.7162063344	-0.8169936879	1.7912429217
H	0.8169936879	1.7162063542	-1.7912429201
H	0.0000000000	2.5332000358	-0.6358393617
H	-0.8169936879	1.7162063542	-1.7912429201
H	0.8169936879	-1.7162063542	-1.7912429201
H	0.0000000000	-2.5332000358	-0.6358393617
H	-0.8169936879	-1.7162063542	-1.7912429201
H	1.7162063344	0.8169936879	1.7912429217
H	1.7162063344	-0.8169936879	1.7912429217
H	2.5332000287	0.0000000000	0.6358393724

Li(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>

Li	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-0.0000000090
N	1.7232599709	0.0000000000	1.2185288166
N	-1.7232599709	0.0000000000	1.2185288166
N	0.0000000000	1.7232599844	-1.2185288154
N	0.0000000000	-1.7232599844	-1.2185288154
H	-2.5937167179	0.0000000000	0.6935378754
H	-1.7872636816	0.8064530300	1.8340346834
H	-1.7872636816	-0.8064530300	1.8340346834
H	0.8064530300	1.7872637019	-1.8340346815
H	0.0000000000	2.5937167256	-0.6935378646
H	-0.8064530300	1.7872637019	-1.8340346815
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H	0.0000000000	-2.5937167256	-0.6935378646
H	-0.8064530300	-1.7872637019	-1.8340346815
H	1.7872636816	0.8064530300	1.8340346834
H	1.7872636816	-0.8064530300	1.8340346834
H	2.5937167179	0.0000000000	0.6935378754

Li(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>

Li	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-0.0000000085
N	1.6394666003	0.0000000000	1.1592779557
N	-1.6394666003	0.0000000000	1.1592779557
N	0.0000000000	1.6394666132	-1.1592779546
N	0.0000000000	-1.6394666132	-1.1592779546
H	-2.4858254171	0.0000000000	0.5909410883
H	-1.6607711476	0.8250542631	1.7577440123
H	-1.6607711476	-0.8250542631	1.7577440123
H	0.8250542631	1.6607711670	-1.7577440109
H	0.0000000000	2.4858254237	-0.5909410778
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H	0.8250542631	-1.6607711670	-1.7577440109
H	0.0000000000	-2.4858254237	-0.5909410778
H	-0.8250542631	-1.6607711670	-1.7577440109
H	1.6607711476	0.8250542631	1.7577440123
H	1.6607711476	-0.8250542631	1.7577440123
H	2.4858254171	0.0000000000	0.5909410883

Na(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>

Na	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-0.0000000085
N	2.0028971625	0.0000000000	1.4162621737
N	-2.0028971625	0.0000000000	1.4162621737
N	0.0000000000	2.0028971782	-1.4162621686
N	0.0000000000	-2.0028971782	-1.4162621686
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Na(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>

Na	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-0.0000000087
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N	0.0000000000	-2.0439237834	-1.4452723592
H	-2.9143505306	0.0000000000	0.9207735885
H	-2.1082604995	0.8060900247	2.0607570295
H	-2.1082604995	-0.8060900247	2.0607570295
H	0.8060900247	2.1082605223	-2.0607570236
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H	-0.8060900247	2.1082605223	-2.0607570236
H	0.8060900247	-2.1082605223	-2.0607570236
H	0.0000000000	-2.9143505408	-0.9207735736
H	-0.8060900247	-2.1082605223	-2.0607570236
H	2.1082604995	0.8060900247	2.0607570295
H	2.1082604995	-0.8060900247	2.0607570295
H	2.9143505306	0.0000000000	0.9207735885

Na(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>

Na	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-0.0000000084
N	1.9696230436	0.0000000000	1.3927338185
N	-1.9696230436	0.0000000000	1.3927338185
N	0.0000000000	1.9696230590	-1.3927338134
N	0.0000000000	-1.9696230590	-1.3927338134
H	-2.8221651776	0.0000000000	0.8352741968
H	-2.0017106237	0.8204545475	1.9955721407
H	-2.0017106237	-0.8204545475	1.9955721407
H	0.8204545475	2.0017106458	-1.9955721353
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H	-0.8204545475	2.0017106458	-1.9955721353
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