S8: Comparison of multipole models for $[\{2-(Me_3Si)_2C(Li)C_5H_4N\}_2]$ with different flexibility.

• Model 1:

as described in S1 and S2

• Model 2:

as Model 1 but without chemical constraints and without imposing selection picking rules for the multipoles.

Unit	Distance [Å]	$\rho(\mathbf{r}_{c}) [e/Å^{3}]$	$\nabla^2 \rho(\boldsymbol{r}_c) \; [e/\AA^5]$	Ellipticity ϵ
Li…N_a	1.9509	0.210(2)	5.202(2)	0.02
Li–C1	2.2050	0.142(2)	2.515(1)	0.10
C1–Si2	1.8592(4)	0.855(15)	1.83(3)	0.17
Si2–C7	1.8946(6)	0.686(17)	4.81(3)	0.04
C7–H7c	1.0981	1.72(5)	-13.06(11)	0.09

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• Model 3:

as Model 1 but with hexadecapole refinement, in addition.

Unit	Distance [Å]	$\rho(\mathbf{r}_{c}) [e/Å^{3}]$	$ abla^2 ho(\mathbf{r}_c) [e/\AA^5]$	Ellipticity ε
Li…N_a	1.9510	0.210(4)	5.110(4)	0.06
Li-C1	2.2049	0.147(4)	2.449(3)	0.33
C1-Si2	1.8591(4)	0.870(17)	1.93(3)	0.24
Si2–C7	1.8940(6)	0.733(18)	4.97(3)	0.08
C7–H7c	1.0981	1.74(5)	-15.81(15)	0.10

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