

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Alkali metal salts of ditopic carbanionic carbenes as
reagents for the synthesis of novel complexes of group 12
and 14 metals**

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Table S1. Comparison of ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR data for **KIPr** and compounds **1–4**.

^1H NMR data (ppm)	KIPr	1	2	3	4
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\{\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\}_2$	7.13 (1H)	7.21 (1H)	7.21 (1H)	7.20 (1H)	7.21 (1H)
	7.09 (2H)	7.13 (2H)	7.14 (3H)	7.14 (2H)	7.14 (2H)
	7.05 (3H)	7.11 (3H)	7.10 (2H)	7.11 (3H)	7.11 (3H)
NCCHN	6.07 (1H)	6.92 (1H)	7.01 (1H)	6.83 (1H)	7.00 (1H)
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\{\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\}_2$	3.28 (2H)	3.23 (2H)	3.26 (2H)	3.48 (2H)	3.19 (2H)
	3.04 (2H)	3.03 (2H)	3.06 (2H)	3.08 (2H)	3.06 (2H)
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\{\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\}_2$	1.12 (6H)	1.28 (6H)	1.30 (6H)	1.32 (6H)	1.30 (6H)
	1.10 (6H)	1.16 (6H)	1.17 (6H)	1.16 (6H)	1.17 (6H)
	1.08 (12H)	1.10 (12H)	1.10 (6H)	1.12 (6H)	1.11 (12H)
			1.09 (6H)	1.06 (6H)	
$\text{N}\{\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3\}_2$	N.A.	-0.08 (36H)	0.04 (36H)	0.03 (36H)	0.12 (36H)
^{13}C NMR data (ppm)					
CN_2	215.1	219.9	218.7	219.7	216.1
NCCHN	176.3	152.6	163.2	157.1	143.4
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\{\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\}_2$	149.5	147.5	147.5	147.5	147.6
	143.8	146.6	147.1	147.1	147.2
	147.2	142.0	143.7	142.9	127.9
	146.8	133.2	141.7	142.0	127.6
	126.5	127.8	130.4	128.3	123.4
	125.7	126.9	127.8	127.8	123.3
	123.0	123.4	123.4	123.3	
	122.7	123.3	123.2	123.2	
NCCHN	126.8	145.4	127.3	127.0	135.4
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\{\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\}_2$	28.7	29.1	29.5	29.9	29.1
	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.7	28.6
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\{\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\}_2$	25.5	27.1	27.3	27.8	26.9
	25.4	25.2	25.5	25.5	25.6
	24.5	24.7	24.8	24.6	24.8
	24.0	23.5	23.3	22.8	24.1
$\text{N}\{\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3\}_2$		7.1	7.6	7.5	7.8

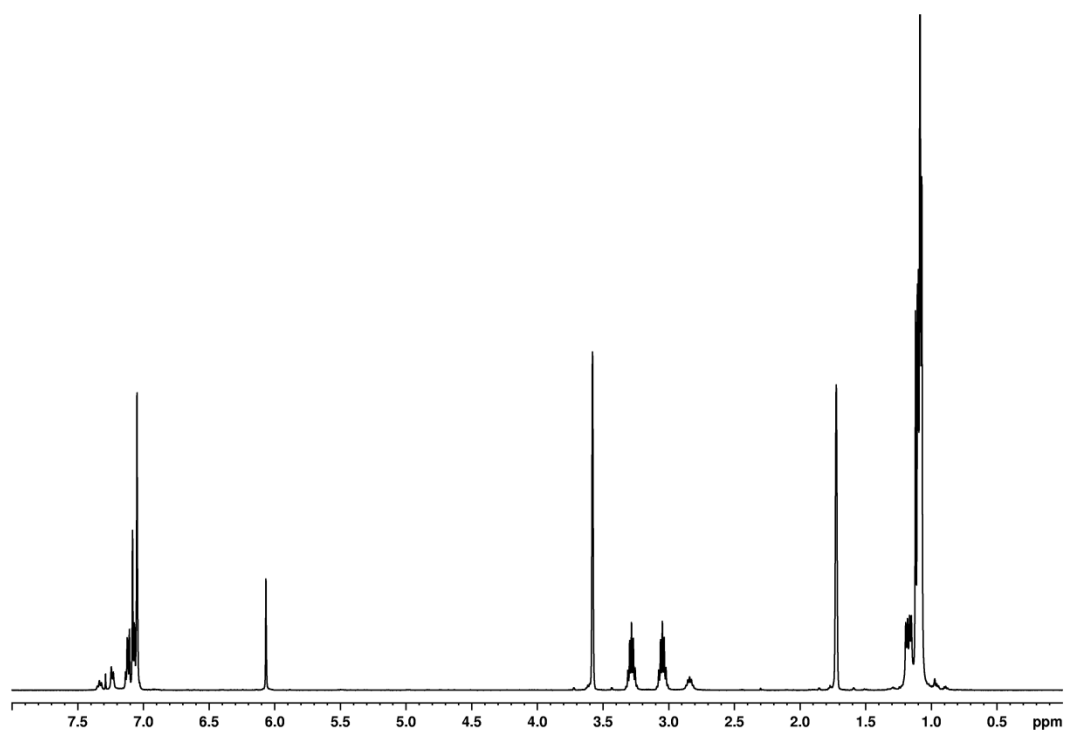


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **KIPr** in *d*₈-THF.

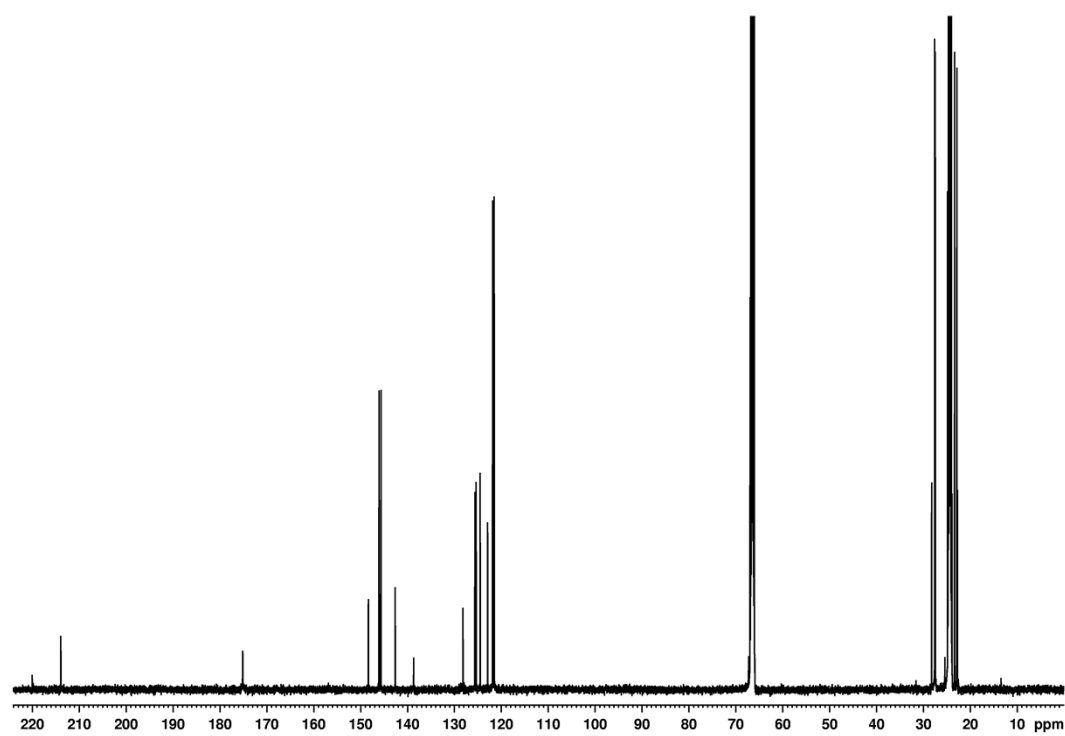


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **KIPr** in *d*₈-THF.

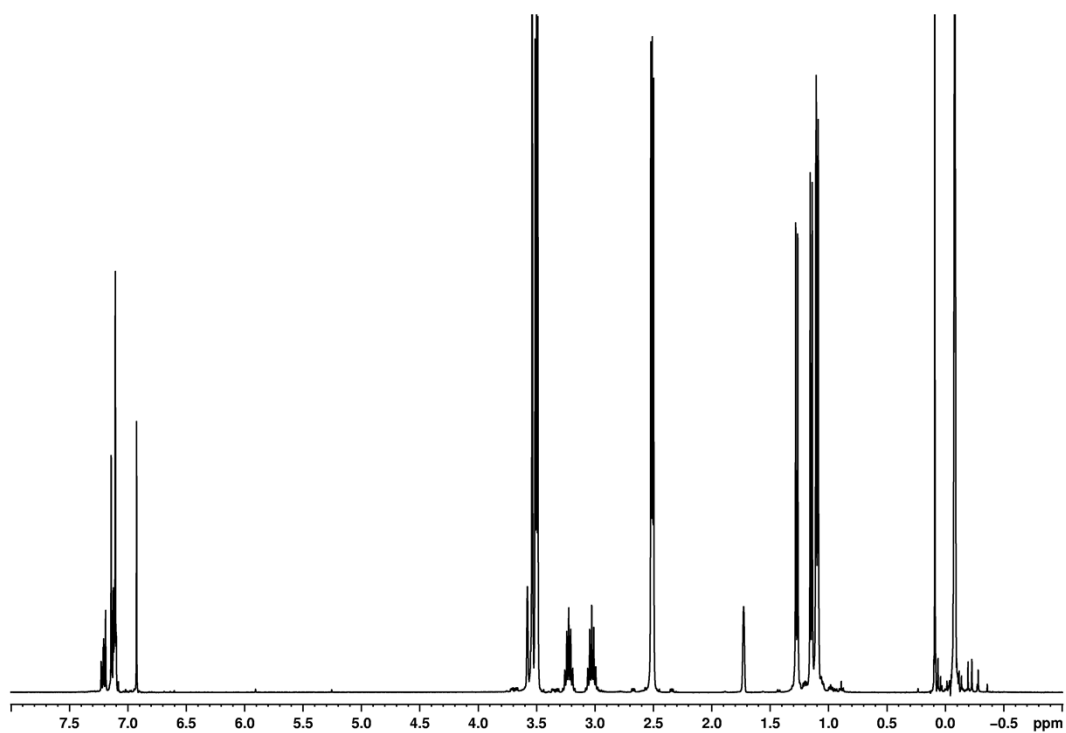


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of [K(2,2,2-crypt)][1] in *d*₈-THF.

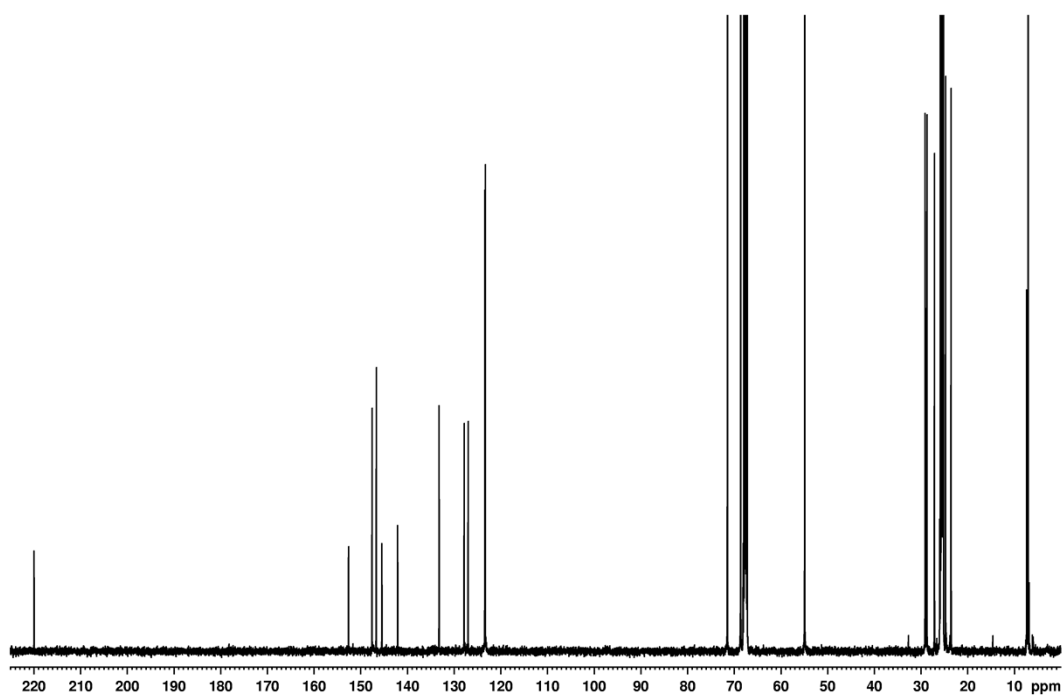


Figure S4. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [K(2,2,2-crypt)][1] in *d*₈-THF.

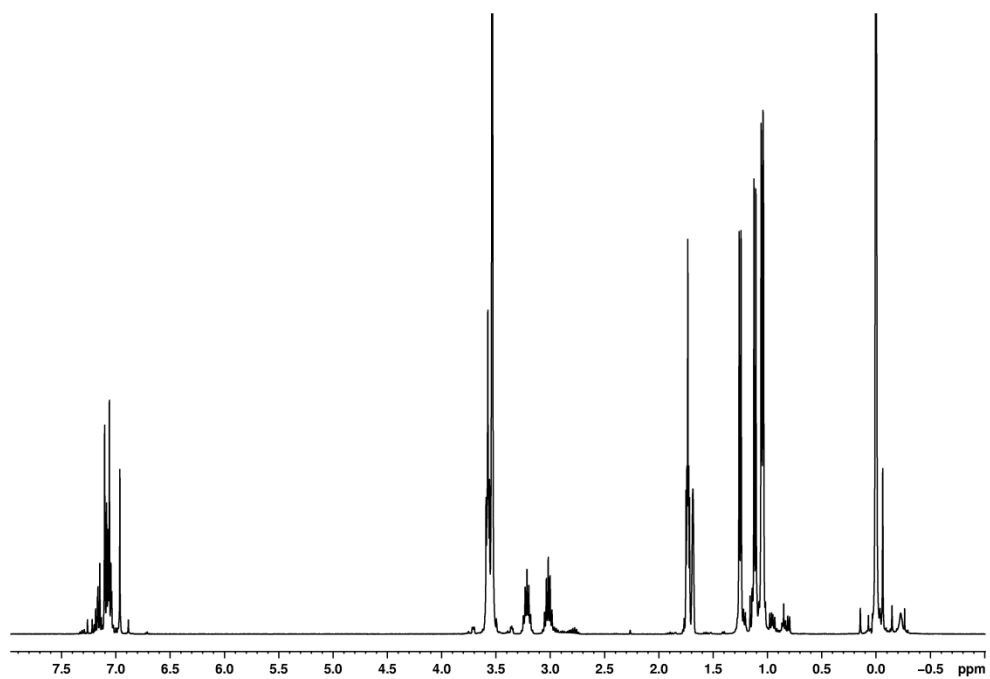


Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of [K(18-crown-6)][**2**] in *d*₈-THF.

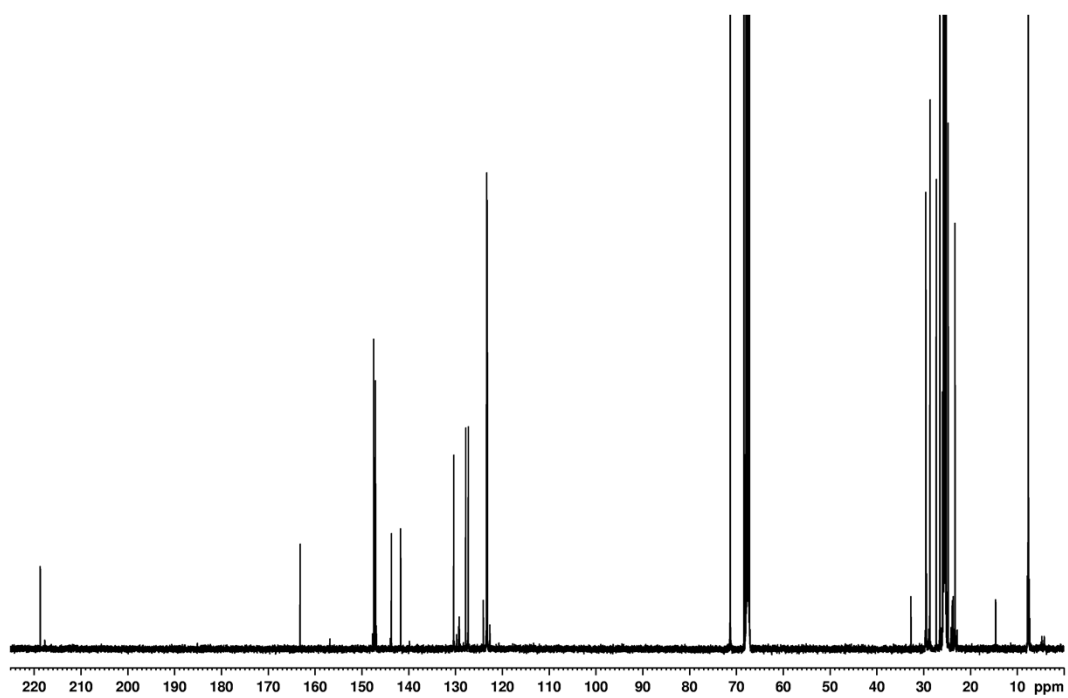


Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [K(18-crown-6)][**2**] in *d*₈-THF.

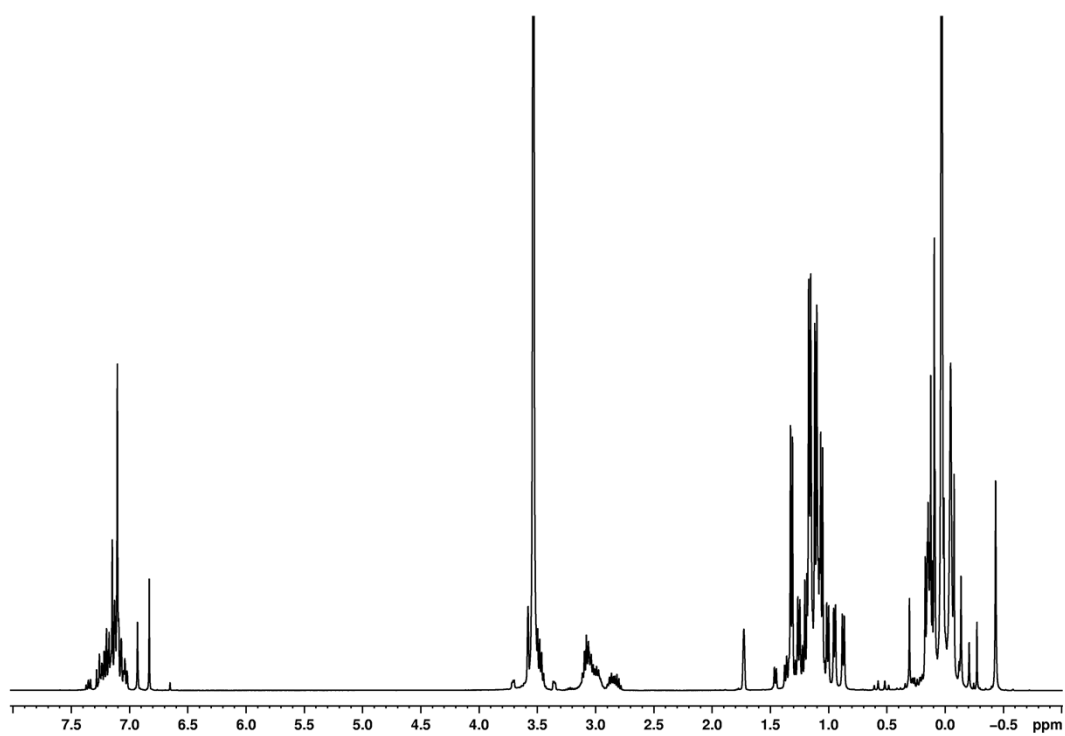


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{K}(18\text{-crown-6})][\mathbf{3}]$ in $d_8\text{-THF}$.

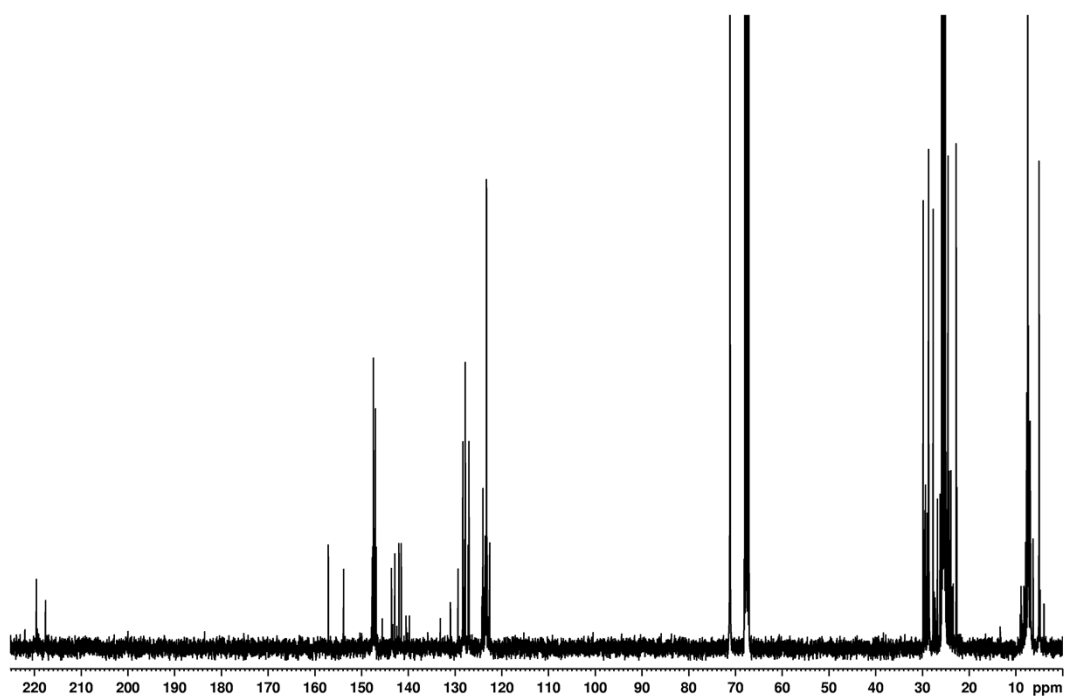


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{K}(18\text{-crown-6})][\mathbf{3}]$ in $d_8\text{-THF}$.

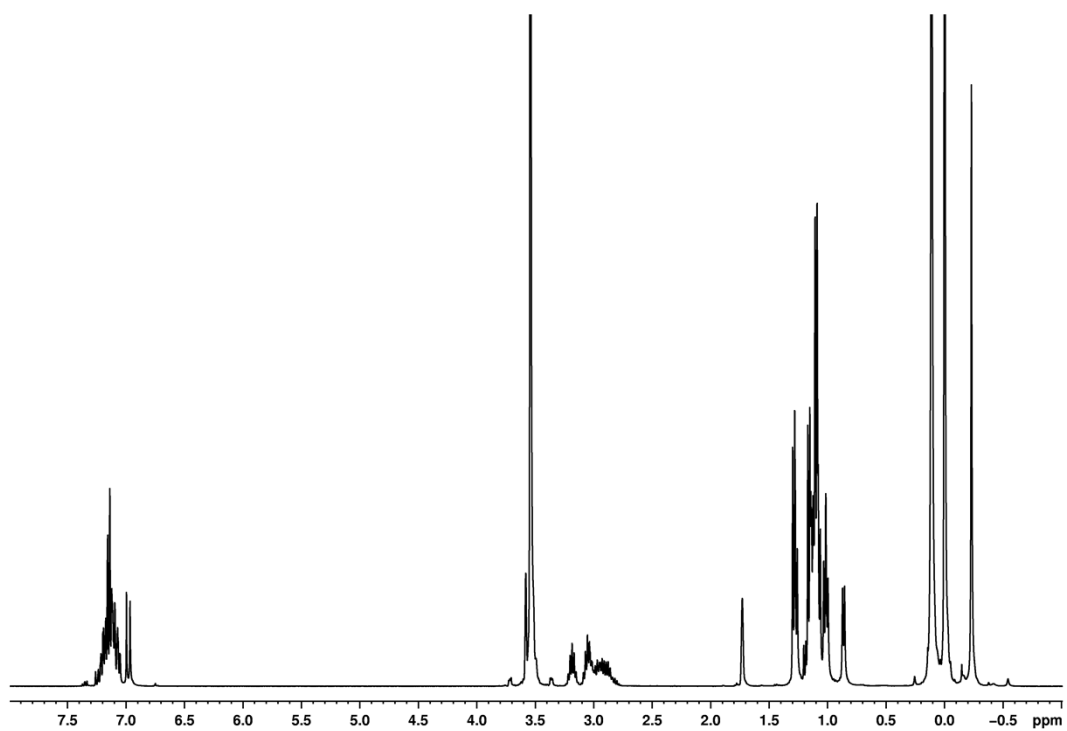


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{K}(18\text{-crown-6})][\mathbf{4}]$ in d_8 -THF.

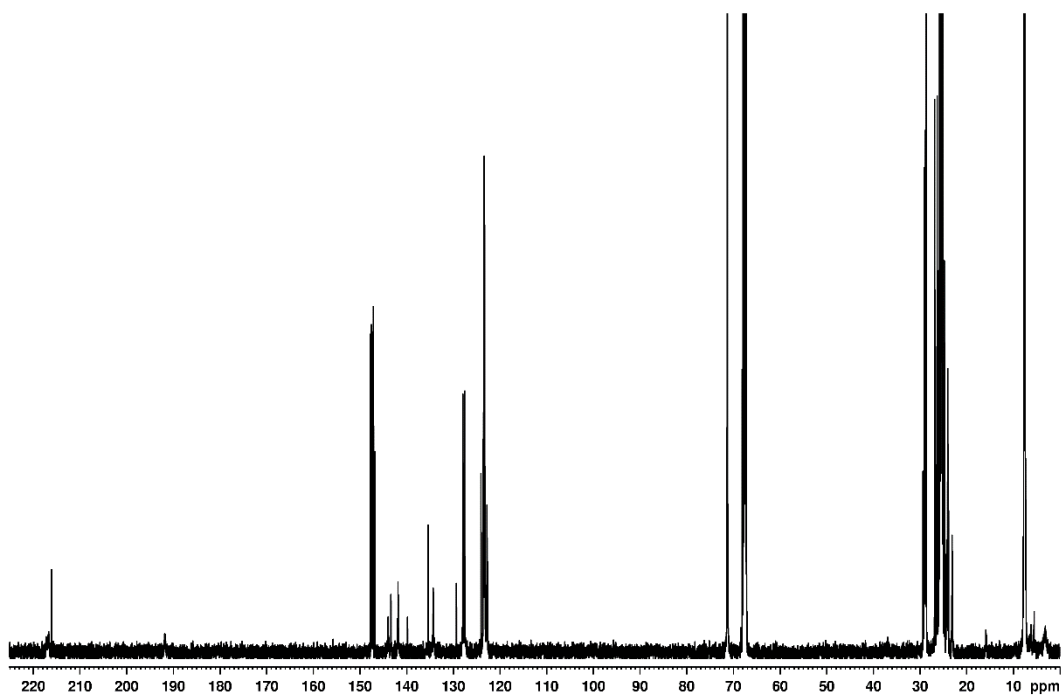


Figure S10. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{K}(18\text{-crown-6})][\mathbf{4}]$ in d_8 -THF.

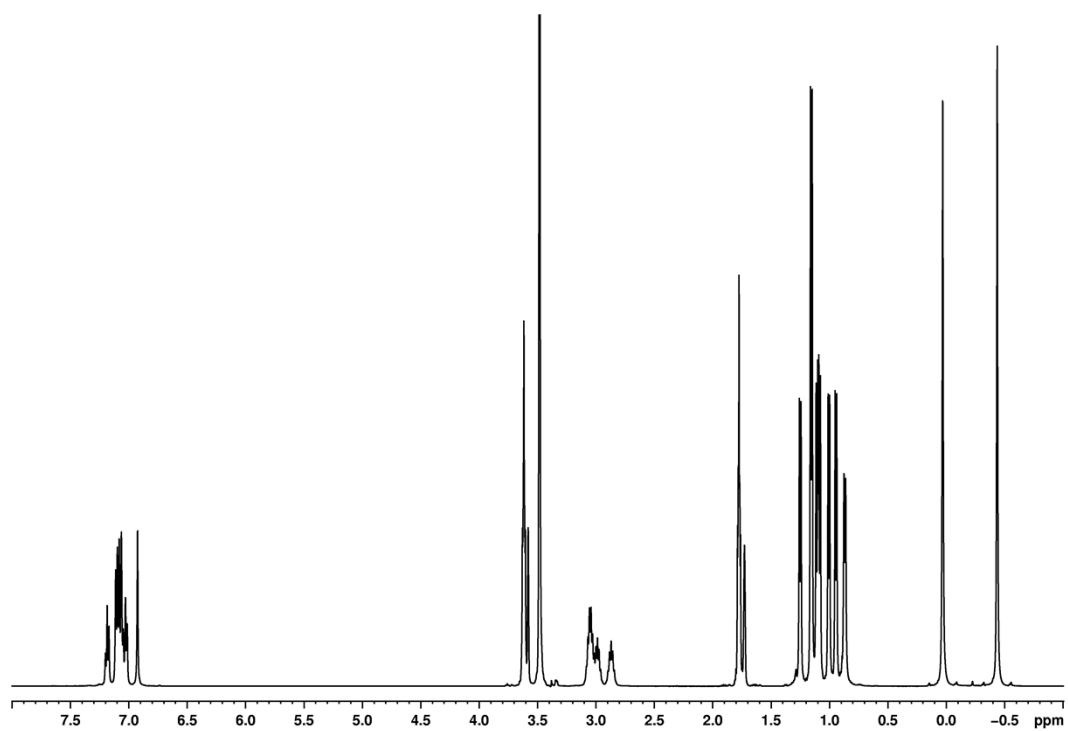


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum of [K(18-crown-6)][**5**] in *d*₈-THF.

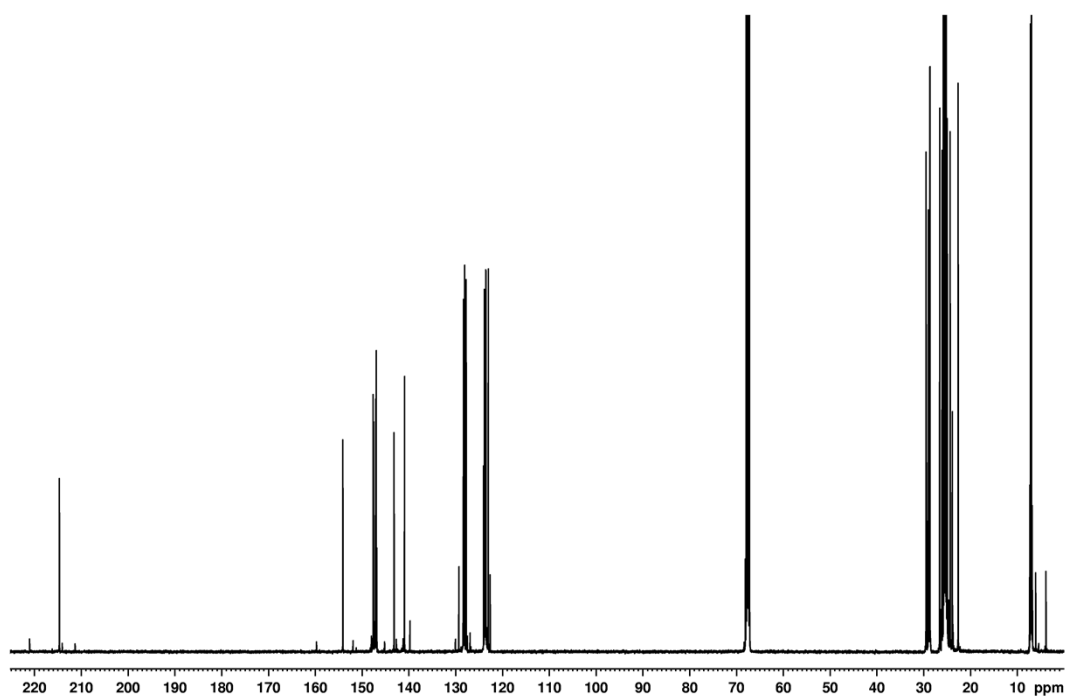


Figure S12. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [K(18-crown-6)][**5**] in *d*₈-THF.

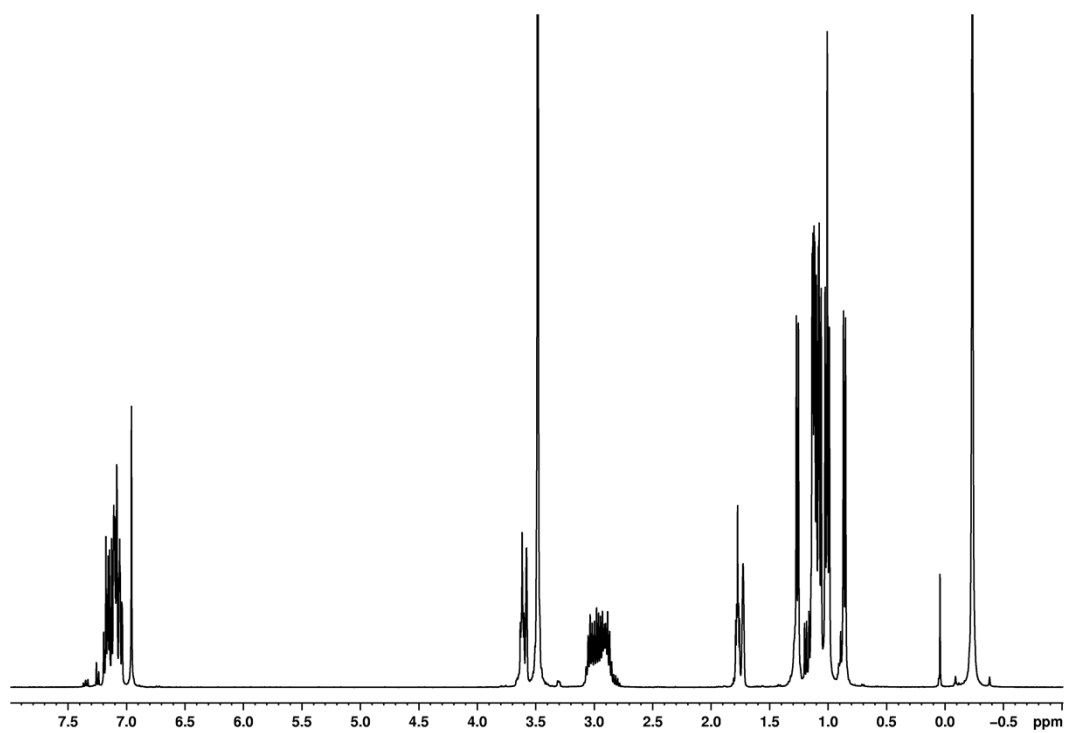


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{K}(18\text{-crown-6})][\mathbf{6}]$ in $d_8\text{-THF}$.

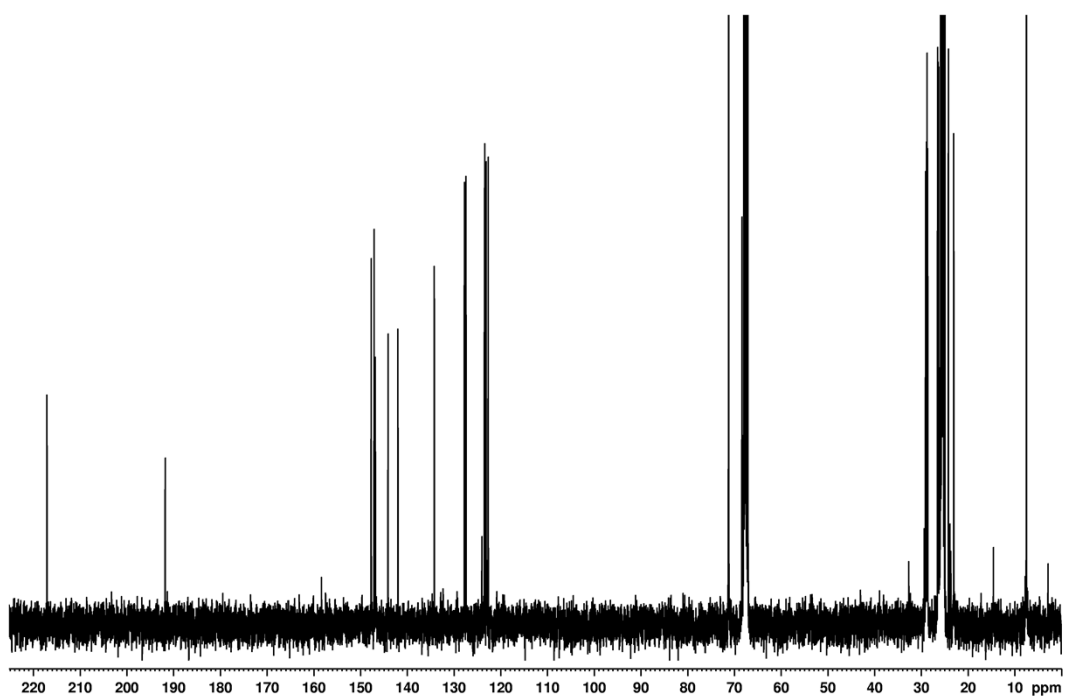


Figure S12. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[\text{K}(18\text{-crown-6})][\mathbf{6}]$ in $d_8\text{-THF}$.

2. ESI-MS data

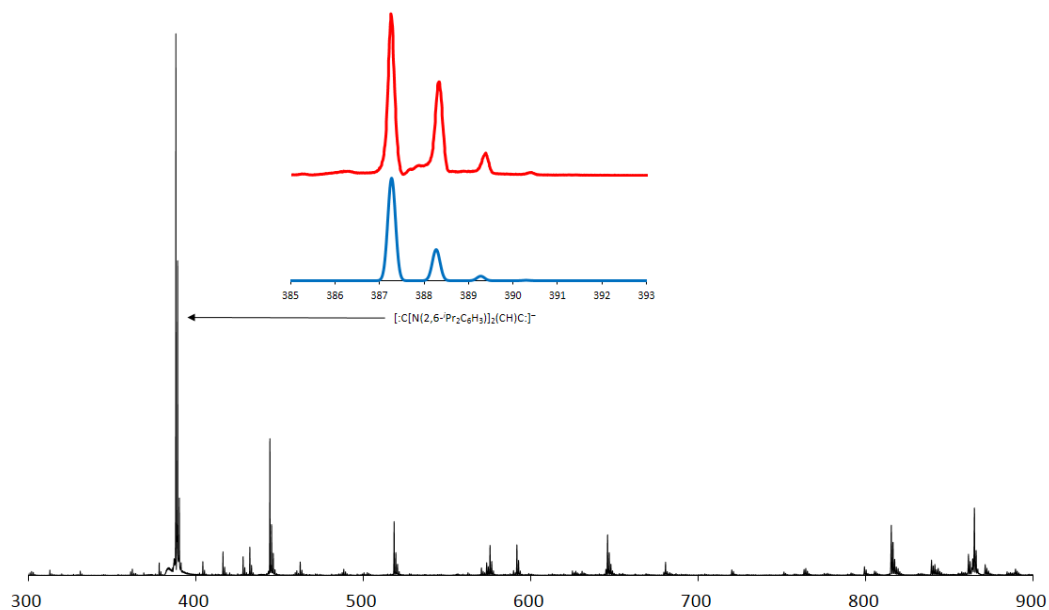


Figure S13. Negative ion-mode ESI-MS spectrum for **KIPr** run in THF. Experimental (red) and calculated (blue) isotopic distributions pictured in the inset.

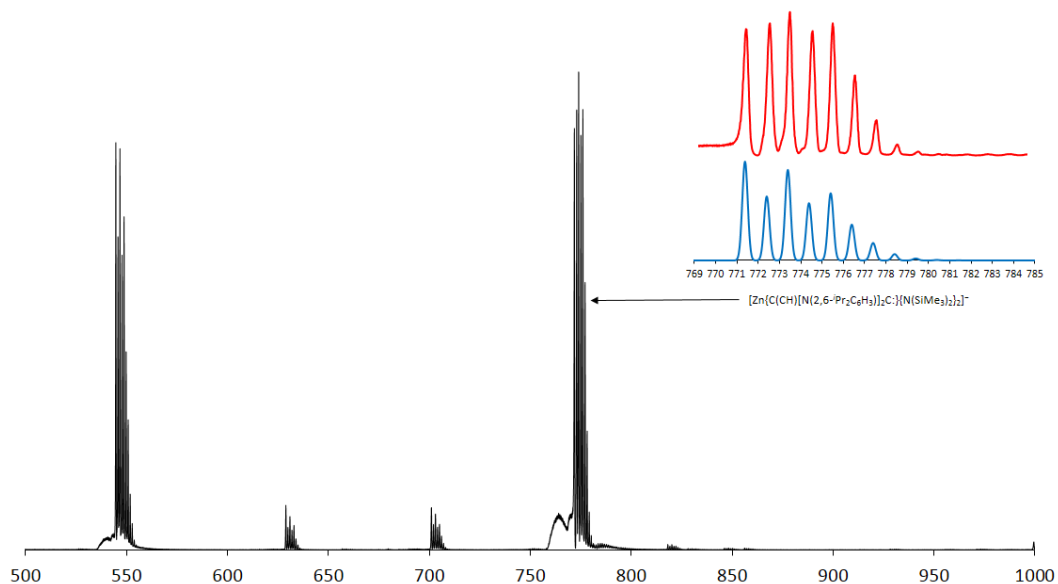


Figure S14. Negative ion-mode ESI-MS spectrum for **[K(2,2,2-crypt)][1]** run in THF. Experimental (red) and calculated (blue) isotopic distributions pictured in the insets.

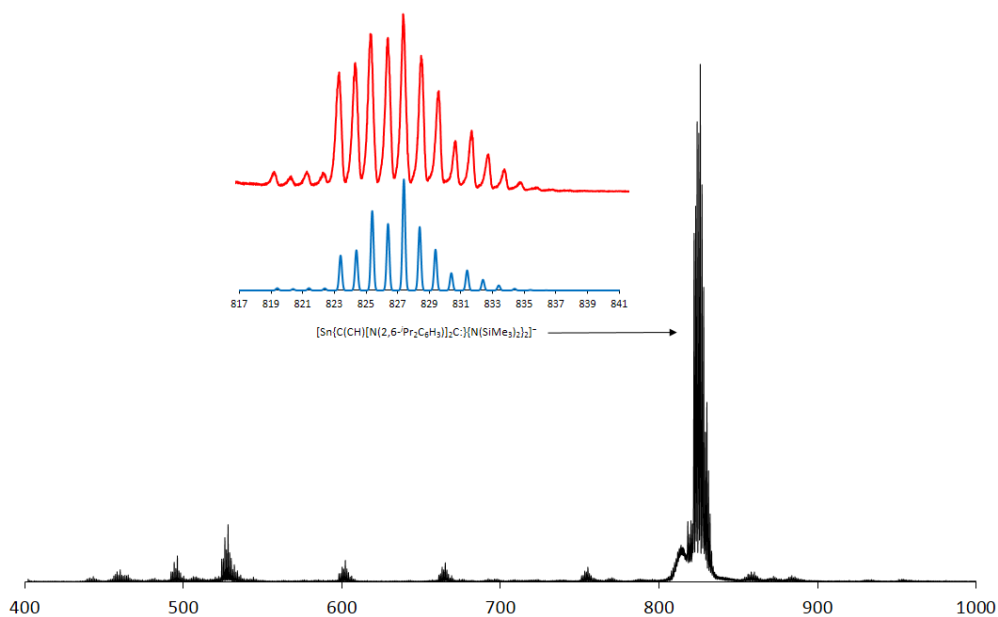


Figure S15. Negative ion-mode ESI-MS spectrum for [K(18-crown-6)][2] run in THF. Experimental (red) and calculated (blue) isotopic distributions pictured in the inset.

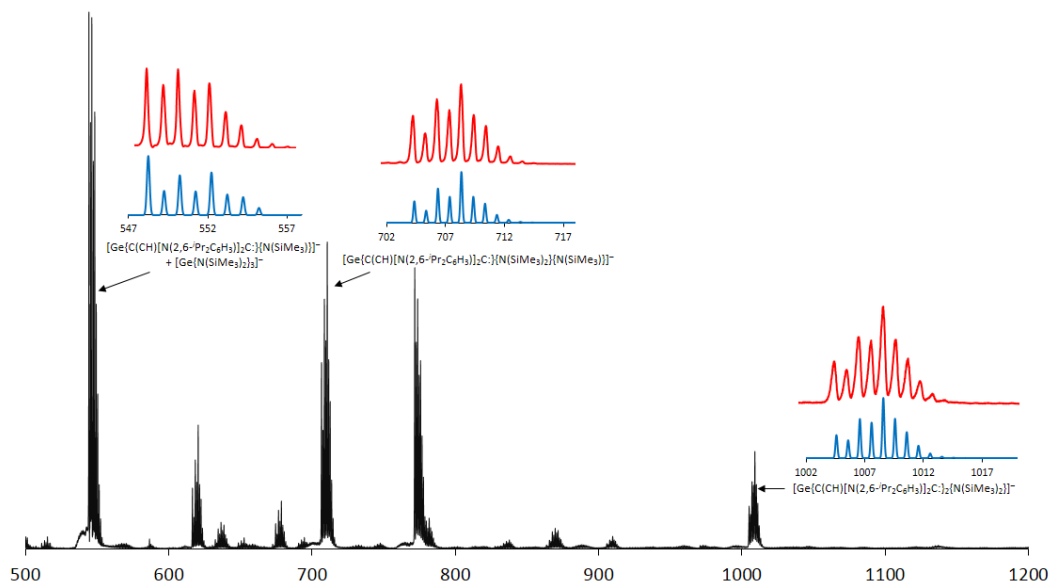


Figure S16. Negative ion-mode ESI-MS spectrum for [K(18-crown-6)][3] run in THF. Experimental (red) and calculated (blue) isotopic distributions pictured in the insets.

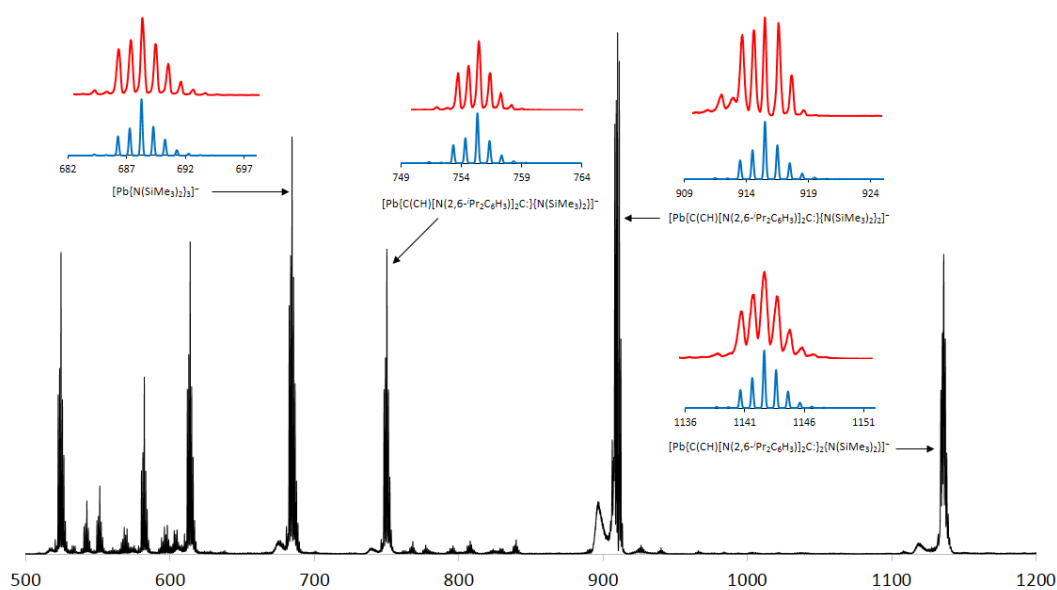


Figure S17. Negative ion-mode ESI-MS spectrum for [K(18-crown-6)][4] run in THF. Experimental (red) and calculated (blue) isotopic distributions pictured in the insets.

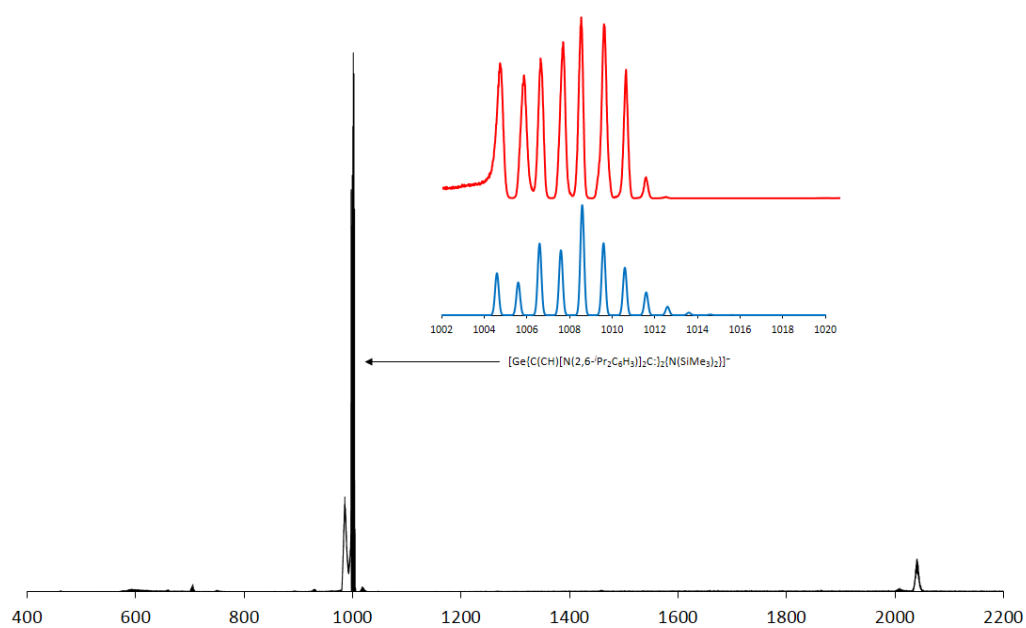


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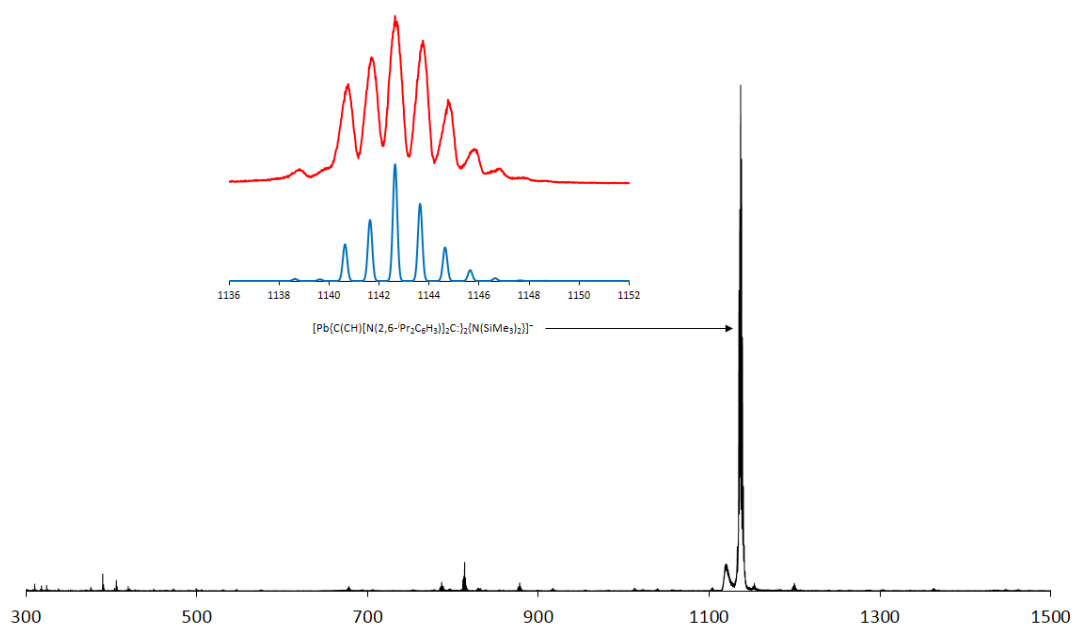


Figure S18. Negative ion-mode ESI-MS spectrum for $[K(18\text{-crown-}6)][\mathbf{6}]$ run in THF. Experimental (red) and calculated (blue) isotopic distributions pictured in the inset.