## **Supporting Information**

For

## Rapid Metal Ion Shuttling Through 1,3-Alternate Thiacalix[4]crown Tubes

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**Data S1**: IR, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for **1**.

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2942, 2880, 1436, 1235, 1150. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): • 7.44-7.42 (d, 4 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 8.00Hz), 7.35-7.33 (d, 4 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 7.60 Hz), 6.93-6.84 (m, 4 H, Ar- $H_p$ , J = 8.00Hz), 4.03-3.99 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 8.00 Hz), 3.87-3.83 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-, J = 8.00Hz), 3.51 (s, 8 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 3.20-3.17 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 8.00 Hz), 1.20-1.11 (m, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, J = 8.00 Hz), 0.64-0.60 (t, 6 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, J = 8.00 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 160.4, 159.8, 132.2, 132.1, 129.5, 123.9, 123.8, 72.9, 71.5, 70.3, 67.9 ppm.

Data S2: IR, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 2.

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2943, 2872, 1445, 1360, 1243, 1142. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): • 7.42-7.37 (q, 8 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 8.00 Hz), 6.91-6.82 (m , 4 H, Ar- $H_p$ , J = 8.00 Hz), 4.07-4.04 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 4.00 Hz), 3.86-3.83 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>-, J = 8.00 Hz), 3.66 (s, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 3.66-3.57 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 4.00 Hz), 3.43-3.40 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 8.00 Hz), 3.35-3.33 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 8.00 Hz), 1.26-1.15 (m, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-, J = 8.00 Hz), 0.69-0.65 (t, 6 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>, J = 8.00 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 160.7, 160.5, 133.3, 132.6, 129.8, 129.4, 123.8, 123.7, 71.7, 71.5, 71.3, 70.3, 70.0, 22.9, 10.6 ppm.

Data S3: IR, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 3.

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2943, 2881, 1437, 1231, 1152. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): • 7.84-7.82 (d, 1 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 6.00 Hz), 7.72-7.70 (d, 1 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 7.80 Hz), 7.52-7.50 (t, 4 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 5.40 Hz), 7.02-6.99 (t, 1 H, Ar- $H_p$ , J = 7.80 Hz), 6.93-6.90 (t, 1 H, Ar- $H_p$ , J = 7.20 Hz), 6.72-6.68 (q, 2 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 7.32 Hz), 6.56-6.50 (m, 2 H, Ar- $H_p$ , J = 7.20 Hz), 4.34-4.30 (m, 1 H, -OC $H_2$ CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 4.15-3.55 (m, 24 H, -OC $H_2$ CH,O-diethyleneglycol spacers; 4 H -OC $H_2$ CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.09-2.05 (m, 2 H, -

OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) 1.93-1.90 (m, 2 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) 1.15-1.08 (m, 6 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 163.5, 161.1, 160.8, 160.6, 138.5, 138.3, 138.2, 136.1, 136.0, 135.9, 133.4, 133.0, 131.6, 131.4, 130.8, 130.7, 128.4, 128.3, 123.7, 123.4, 123.3, 76.3, 75.8, 71.5, 71.3, 71.2, 71.1, 71.0, 70.3, 69.7, 24.6, 24.2, 11.4 ppm.

**Data S4**: IR, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for **5**.

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2943, 2881, 1436, 1231, 1151. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): • 7.48-7.46 (d, 4 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 8.00 Hz), 7.42-7.40 (d, 4 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 8.00 Hz), 6.95-6.91 (t, 4 H, Ar- $H_p$ , J = 8.00 Hz), 4.09-4.01 (m, 8 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 6.04 Hz), 3.67 (s, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 3.56-3.52 (t, 12 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 3.14 Hz), 3.42-3.39 (t, 4 H, - CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 6.00 Hz), 3.31 (s, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 3.19-3.16 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, J = 6.27 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 160.5, 159.6, 133.0, 132.1, 129.8, 129.2, 124.3, 124.1, 73.0, 71.7, 71.5, 71.4, 70.2, 67.7 ppm.

**Data S5**: IR, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 7.

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2945, 2879, 1431, 1228, 1149. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): • 7.57-7.53 (t, 8 H, Ar- $H_m$ , J = 7.60 Hz), 6.97-6.91(m, 4 H, Ar- $H_p$ ), 4.17-4.10 (m, 4 H, -OC $H_2$ CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 3.71-3.65 (m, 24 H, -C $H_2$ OC $H_2$ CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 3.55 (m, 16 H, -C $H_2$ CH<sub>2</sub>OC $H_2$ CH<sub>2</sub>-). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 160.7, 159.6, 135.3, 129.5, 124.0, 71.5, 71.5, 71.4, 71.2, 70.8, 70.3 ppm.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic Data and Structure Refinement Parameters for  $\mathbf{5} \cdot \mathbf{K}^+ \text{ClO}_4^-$  and  $\mathbf{6} \cdot 2\text{Cs}^+ \text{ClO}_4^-$ .

parameters	$5 \cdot K^+ClO_4$	$6 \cdot 2\mathbf{C}\mathbf{s}^{+}\mathbf{ClO}_{4}^{-}.$	
Empirical formula	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>48</sub> Cl K O <sub>15</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	$C_{44}H_{52}Cl_2Cs_2O_{20}S_4$	
Formula weight	995.59	1365.82	
Temperature	295(2) K	298(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71069 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 19.493(5) \text{ Å} \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$	$a = 14.012(5) \text{ Å}  \alpha = 94^{\circ}.$	
	$b = 10.283(3) \text{ Å} \beta = 90^{\circ}.$	b = 17.389(5) Å $\beta$ =109.55(5)°.	
	$c = 23.164(7) \text{ Å} \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$	$c = 12.931(5) \text{ Å} \gamma = 111^{\circ}.$	
Volume	4644(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	2681.7(16) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	2	
Density (calculated)	1.424 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.691 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.418 mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.688 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2080	1368	
Crystal size	0.26 x 0.24 x 0.22 mm <sup>3</sup>		
$\theta$ data collection	1.98 to 25.00°	1.30 to 24.97°	
Index ranges	0<=h<=23, 0<=k<=12, 0<=l<=27	-16<=h<=15, -20<=k<=20, 0<=l<=15	
Independent reflections	4201 [R(int) = 0.0000]	9897 / 9439 [R(int) = 0.0157]	
Completeness to theta	100.00%	100.00%	
Absorption correction	Empirical	Empirical	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	4201 / 1 / 569	9439 / 0 / 702	
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.021	1.032	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0637, wR2 = 0.1089	R1 = 0.0419, wR2 = 0.1138	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1561, wR2 = 0.1426	R1 = 0.0604, wR2 = 0.1239	
Extinction coefficient	0.0006(3)	0.0001(2)	

$5 \cdot \mathbf{K}^{+} \mathbf{ClO}_{4}^{-}$			$6 \cdot 2 \mathrm{Cs}^{+} \mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$		
atom	distance Å	atom	distance Å	atom	distance Å
K(1)-O(7)	2.816(7)	Cs(1)-O(45)	3.407(3)	Cs(2)-O(4)	3.493(3)
K(1)-O(8)	2.851(8)	Cs(1)-O(48)	3.148(3)	Cs(2)-O(7)	3.071(4)
K(1)-O(9)	2.851(8)	Cs(1)-O(51)	3.389(3)	Cs(2)-O(10)	3.049(4)
K(1)-O(10)	2.842(7)	Cs(1)-O(54)	3.260(3)	Cs(2)-O(13)	3.227(4)
K(1)-O(11)	2.816(7)	Cs(1)-O(57)	3.263(4)	Cs(2)-O(16)	3.108(4)
K(1)-C(3)	3.387(10)	Cs(1)-O(60)	3.497(3)	Cs(2)-O(19)	3.265(3)
K(1)-C(4)	3.294(9)	Cs(1)-C(22)	3.902(3)	Cs(2)-C(28)	3.561(5)
K(1)-C(5)	3.341(9)	Cs(1)-C(23)	3.649(5)	Cs(2)-C(29)	3.363(5)
K(1)-C(9)	3.468(11)	Cs(1)-C(24)	3.816(4)	Cs(2)-C(30)	3.646(6)
K(1)-C(10)	3.469(12)	Cs(1)-C(34)	3.586(5)	Cs(2)-C(40)	3.631(5)
K(1)-C(11)	3.511(11)	Cs(1)-C(35)	3.334(5)	Cs(2)-C(41)	3.382(5)
		Cs(1)-C(36)	3.516(5)	Cs(2)-C(42)	3.530(5)

## **Table S2.** Bond lengths [Å] for $5 \cdot K^+ClO_4$ and $6 \cdot 2Cs^+ClO_4$ .



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of. (A): free ligand **4**, (B): **4** + 0.5 equiv and (C): **4** + 1 equiv of  $K^+ClO_4^-$ . The numbers denote chemical shift change upon  $K^+$  ion complexation.