

# Multiple Local $\sigma$ -Aromaticity of the Nonagermanide Clusters

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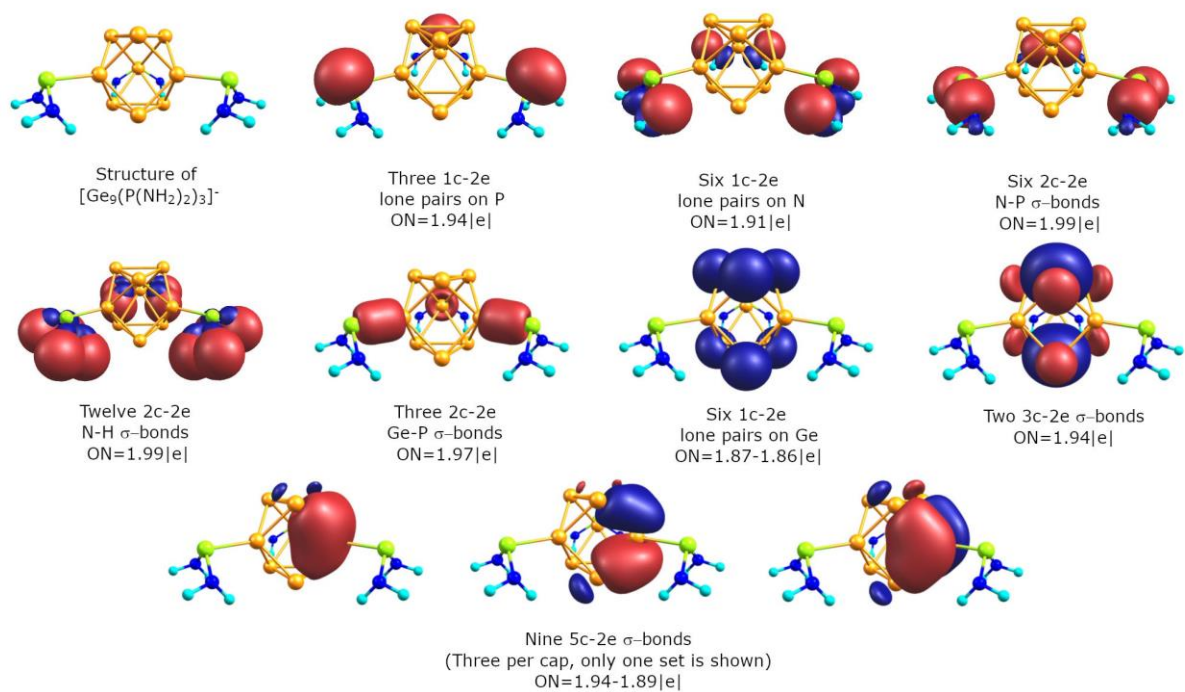
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## Supporting Information

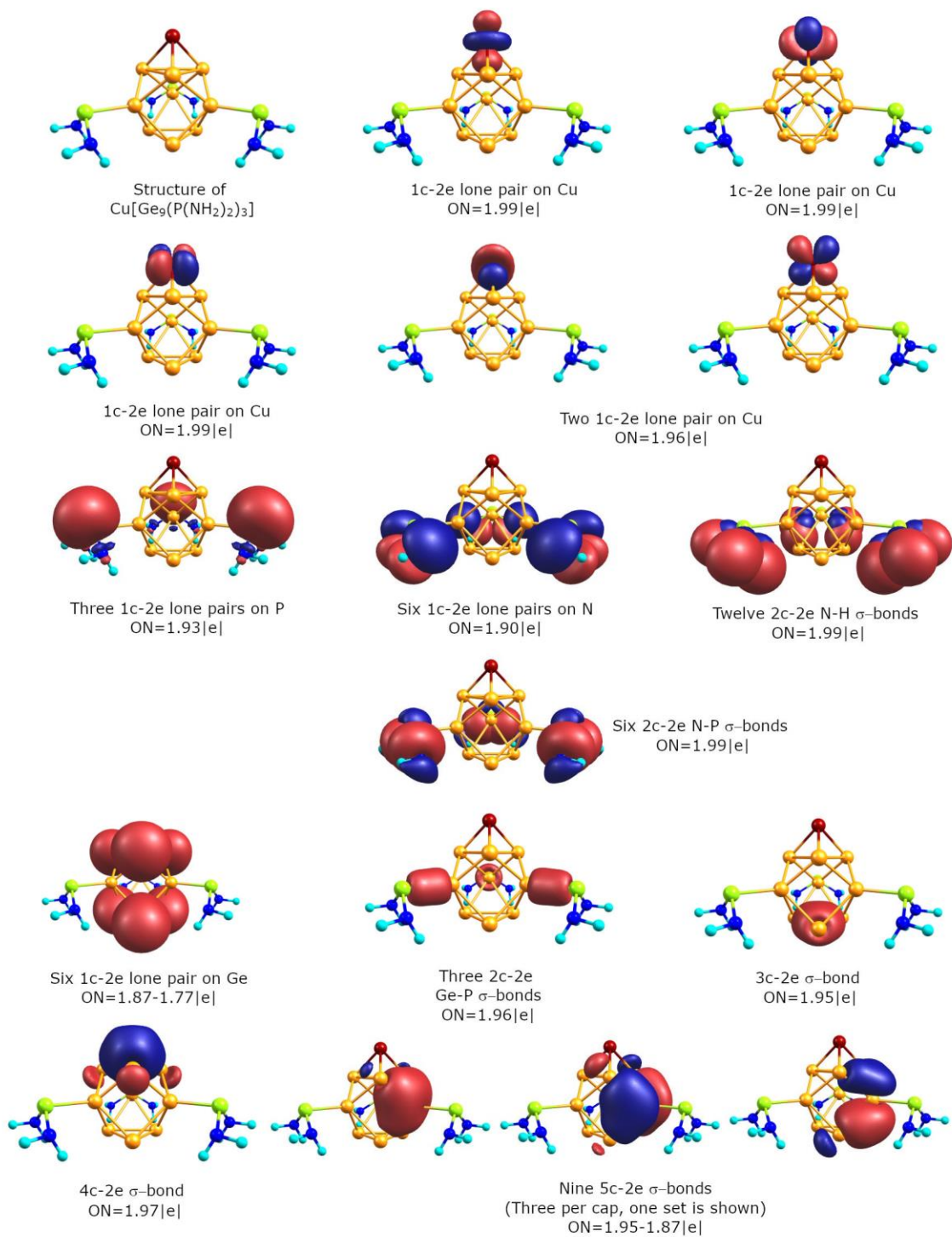
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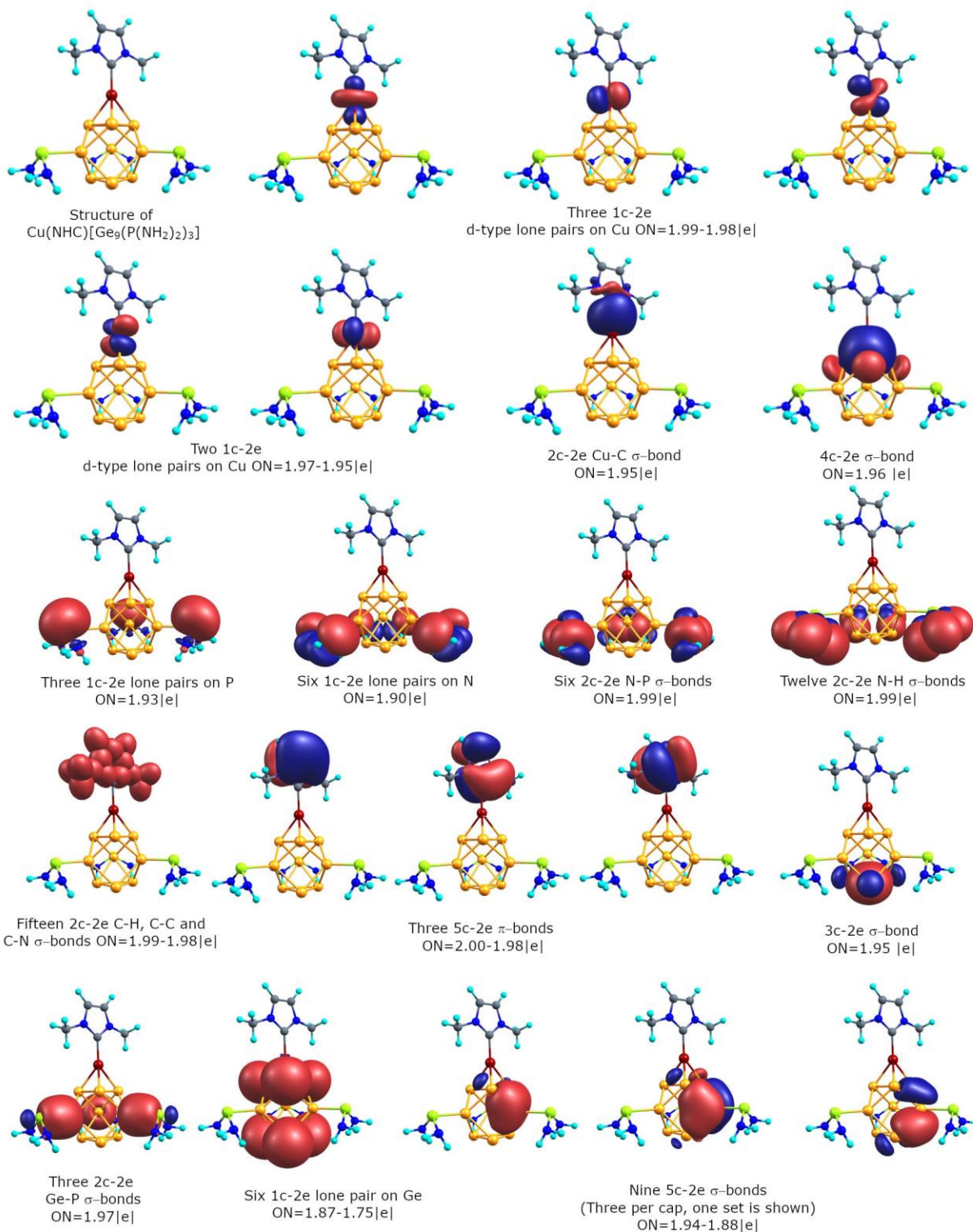
## 1. Complete chemical bonding pattern of selected species.



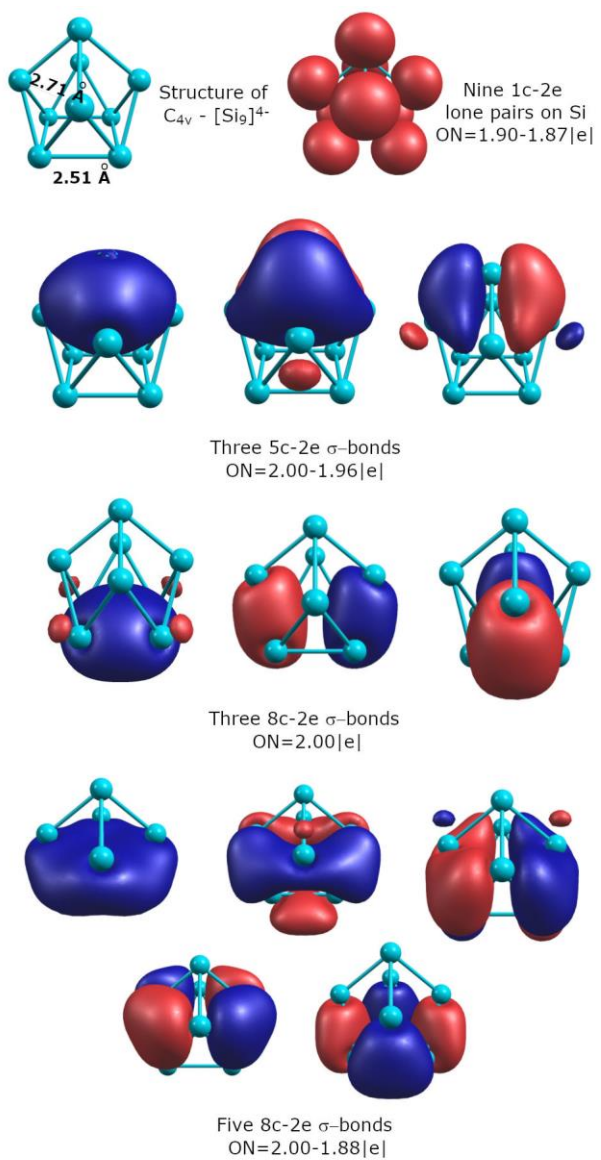
**Figure S1.** Chemical bonding picture of  $[\text{Ge}_9\{\text{P}(\text{NH}_2)_2\}_3]^-$  cluster.



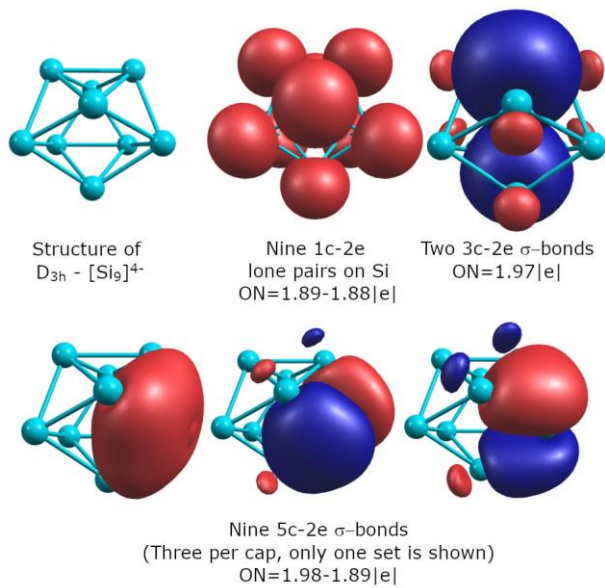
**Figure S2.** Chemical bonding picture of  $\text{Cu}[\text{Ge}_9\{\text{P}(\text{NH}_2)_2\}_3]$  cluster.



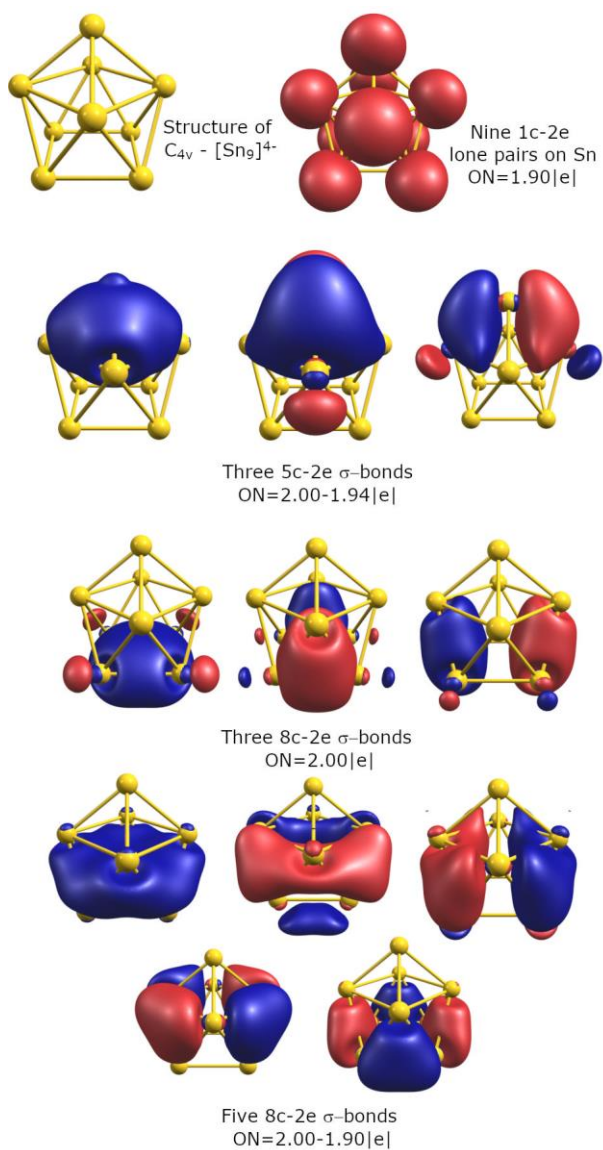
**Figure S3.** Chemical bonding picture of  $\text{Cu}(\text{NHC})[\text{Ge}_9\{\text{P}(\text{NH}_2)_2\}_3]$  cluster.



**Figure S4.** Chemical bonding picture of  $C_{4v}$   $[Si_9]^{4+}$  cluster.



**Figure S5.** Chemical bonding picture of  $D_{3h}$   $[\text{Si}_9]^{4-}$  cluster.



**Figure S6.** Chemical bonding picture of  $C_{4v}$   $[Sn_9]^{4-}$  cluster.

## 2. Optimized geometries of investigated molecules.

**Table S1.** Coordinates of optimized geometries, total energies and ZPE corrections of investigated molecules.

$C_{4v}$ - $[Ge_9]^{4-}$	PBE0/LANL2DZ (0 imaginary Frequencies, $E_{elec} = -33.6748928$ , ZPE correction= 0.006780)			
	32	0.000000000	2.145834000	0.814083000
	32	2.145834000	0.000000000	0.814083000

	32	1.377314000	1.377314000	-1.443071000
	32	-2.145834000	0.000000000	0.814083000
	32	-1.377314000	-1.377314000	-1.443071000
	32	0.000000000	-2.145834000	0.814083000
	32	-1.377314000	1.377314000	-1.443071000
	32	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.515949000
	32	1.377314000	-1.377314000	-1.443071000
D <sub>3h</sub> - [Ge <sub>9</sub> ] <sup>4+</sup>	PBE0/LANL2DZ (0 imaginary Frequencies, E <sub>elec</sub> = -33.6748643, ZPE correction= 0.006748)			
	32	-0.808114000	1.399561000	1.671373000
	32	-0.808114000	-1.399716000	1.671129000
	32	1.616349000	0.000069000	1.671003000
	32	-0.808114000	1.399561000	-1.671373000
	32	1.616349000	0.000069000	-1.671003000
	32	-0.808114000	-1.399716000	-1.671129000
	32	1.239488000	2.147435000	0.000000000
	32	-2.479494000	0.000067000	0.000000000
	32	1.239764000	-2.147329000	0.000000000
C <sub>4v</sub> - [Ge <sub>9</sub> ] <sup>4+</sup>	PBE0/aug-cc-pvdz (1 imaginary Frequency (-42.3924 cm <sup>-1</sup> ), E <sub>elec</sub> = -18690.3069900, ZPE correction= 0.007066)			
	32	2.031521000	0.000000000	0.789827000
	32	0.000000000	-2.031521000	0.789827000
	32	1.322067000	-1.322517000	-1.404647000
	32	0.000000000	2.031521000	0.789827000
	32	-1.322067000	1.322517000	-1.404647000
	32	-2.031521000	0.000000000	0.789827000
	32	1.322517000	1.322067000	-1.404647000



	32	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.459284000
	32	-1.322517000	-1.322067000	-1.404647000
$D_{3h} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	PBE0/ aug-cc-pvdz (0 imaginary Frequencies, $E_{elec} = -18690.3096466$ , ZPE correction= 0.007200)			
	32	0.791113000	1.370249000	1.502480000
	32	-1.582227000	0.000000000	1.502480000
	32	0.791113000	-1.370249000	1.502480000
	32	0.791113000	1.370249000	-1.502480000
	32	0.791113000	-1.370249000	-1.502480000
	32	-1.582227000	0.000000000	-1.502480000
	32	2.456815000	0.000124000	0.000000000
	32	-1.228515000	2.127602000	0.000000000
	32	-1.228300000	-2.127726000	0.000000000
$C_{4v} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	PBE0/aug-cc-pvtz (1 imaginary Frequency (-123.5556 $cm^{-1}$ ), $E_{elec} = -18690.9296291$ , ZPE correction= 0.006898)			
	32	1.419027000	1.419014000	0.793758000
	32	1.419014000	-1.419027000	0.793758000
	32	1.857957000	0.000000000	-1.413427000
	32	-1.419014000	1.419027000	0.793758000
	32	-1.857957000	0.000000000	-1.413427000
	32	-1.419027000	-1.419014000	0.793758000
	32	0.000000000	1.857957000	-1.413427000
	32	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.478676000
	32	0.000000000	-1.857957000	-1.413427000
$D_{3h} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	PBE0/ aug-cc-pvtz (0 imaginary Frequencies, $E_{elec} = -18690.9465320$ , ZPE correction= 0.007440)			
	32	-1.608451000	0.000005000	1.410505000

	32	0.804247000	-1.393009000	1.410273000
	32	0.804247000	1.392987000	1.410320000
	32	-1.608451000	0.000005000	-1.410505000
	32	0.804247000	1.392987000	-1.410320000
	32	0.804247000	-1.393009000	-1.410273000
	32	-1.250522000	2.165909000	0.000000000
	32	-1.250512000	-2.165864000	0.000000000
	32	2.500947000	-0.000012000	0.000000000
$C_{4v} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	B3LYP/LANL2DZ (0 imaginary Frequencies, $E_{elec} = -33.5632179412$ , ZPE correction= 0.006303)			
	32	1.536155000	1.536160000	0.820880000
	32	1.536160000	-1.536155000	0.820880000
	32	1.970253000	0.000000000	-1.454127000
	32	-1.536160000	1.536155000	0.820880000
	32	-1.970253000	0.000000000	-1.454127000
	32	-1.536155000	-1.536160000	0.820880000
	32	0.000000000	1.970253000	-1.454127000
	32	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.532987000
	32	0.000000000	-1.970253000	-1.454127000
$D_{3h} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	B3LYP/LANL2DZ (0 imaginary Frequencies, $E_{elec} = -33.5631968217$ , ZPE correction= 0.006273)			
	32	-0.815929000	1.413230000	1.693468000
	32	-0.815929000	-1.413230000	1.693468000
	32	1.631858000	0.000000000	1.693468000
	32	-0.815929000	1.413230000	-1.693468000
	32	1.631858000	0.000000000	-1.693468000
	32	-0.815929000	-1.413230000	-1.693468000

	32	1.251034000	2.166937000	0.000000000
	32	-2.502139000	-0.000041000	0.000000000
	32	1.251105000	-2.166895000	0.000000000
$C_{4v} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	B3LYP/aug-cc-pvdz (1 imaginary Frequency (-18.8437 $cm^{-1}$ ), $E_{elec} = -18693.0103353$ , ZPE correction= 0.006405)			
	32	1.472724000	1.472709000	0.801639000
	32	1.472709000	-1.472724000	0.801639000
	32	1.909141000	0.000000000	-1.422199000
	32	-1.472709000	1.472724000	0.801639000
	32	-1.909141000	0.000000000	-1.422199000
	32	-1.472724000	-1.472709000	0.801639000
	32	0.000000000	1.909141000	-1.422199000
	32	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.482237000
	32	0.000000000	-1.909141000	-1.422199000
$D_{3h} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	B3LYP/aug-cc-pvdz (0 imaginary Frequencies, $E_{elec} = -18693.0109539$ , ZPE correction= 0.006433)			
	32	1.601809000	-0.000051000	1.576911000
	32	-0.800922000	1.387309000	1.576725000
	32	-0.800922000	-1.387194000	1.576915000
	32	1.601809000	-0.000051000	-1.576911000
	32	-0.800922000	-1.387194000	-1.576915000
	32	-0.800922000	1.387309000	-1.576725000
	32	1.233353000	-2.136376000	0.000000000
	32	1.233544000	2.136261000	0.000000000
	32	-2.466828000	-0.000013000	0.000000000
$C_{4v} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	B3LYP/aug-cc-pvtz (1 imaginary Frequency (-129.9552 $cm^{-1}$ ), $E_{elec} = -18693.6362612$ , ZPE correction= 0.006211)			

	32	0.000000000	2.051750000	0.805061000
	32	2.051750000	0.000000000	0.805061000
	32	1.337526000	1.337526000	-1.430326000
	32	-2.051750000	0.000000000	0.805061000
	32	-1.337526000	-1.337526000	-1.430326000
	32	0.000000000	-2.051750000	0.805061000
	32	-1.337526000	1.337526000	-1.430326000
	32	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.501061000
	32	1.337526000	-1.337526000	-1.430326000
$D_{3h} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	B3LYP/aug-cc-pvtz (0 imaginary Frequencies, $E_{elec} = -18693.6512336$ , ZPE correction= 0.006719)			
	32	-0.822647000	1.424872000	1.434270000
	32	-0.822647000	1.424872000	-1.434270000
	32	-2.525391000	0.000000000	0.000000000
	32	1.645296000	0.000000000	1.434394000
	32	1.262693000	-2.186984000	0.000000000
	32	1.645296000	0.000000000	-1.434394000
	32	-0.822647000	-1.424872000	1.434271000
	32	1.262693000	2.186984000	0.000000000
	32	-0.822647000	-1.424872000	-1.434271000
$[Ge_9(P(NH_2)_2)_3]^-$	PBE0/ aug-cc-pvdz (2 degenerate imaginary Frequencies (rotation of $-P(NH_2)_2$ groups, $-11.8015 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), $E_{elec} = -20049.9555733$ , ZPE correction= 0.169815)			
	32	1.359718000	0.785033000	1.924924000
	32	-1.359718000	0.785033000	1.924924000
	32	0.000000000	-1.570067000	1.924924000
	32	1.342156000	0.774894000	-1.584128000

	32	0.000000000	-1.549788000	-1.584128000
	32	-1.342156000	0.774894000	-1.584128000
	32	1.779103000	-1.027166000	0.187338000
	32	0.000000000	2.054332000	0.187338000
	32	-1.779103000	-1.027166000	0.187338000
	15	0.000000000	4.396758000	0.087242000
	7	1.437965000	4.563066000	-0.895191000
	1	1.543398000	3.946082000	-1.696258000
	1	1.656366000	5.522403000	-1.141854000
	7	-1.437965000	4.563066000	-0.895191000
	1	-1.656366000	5.522403000	-1.141854000
	1	-1.543398000	3.946082000	-1.696258000
	15	3.807705000	-2.198379000	0.087242000
	7	3.232748000	-3.526847000	-0.895191000
	1	2.645708000	-3.309663000	-1.696258000
	1	3.954358000	-4.195656000	-1.141854000
	7	4.670713000	-1.036219000	-0.895191000
	1	5.610724000	-1.326747000	-1.141854000
	1	4.189106000	-0.636419000	-1.696258000
	15	-3.807705000	-2.198379000	0.087242000
	7	-3.232748000	-3.526847000	-0.895191000
	1	-3.954358000	-4.195656000	-1.141854000
	1	-2.645708000	-3.309663000	-1.696258000
	7	-4.670713000	-1.036219000	-0.895191000
	1	-4.189106000	-0.636419000	-1.696258000
	1	-5.610724000	-1.326747000	-1.141854000

[Ge <sub>9</sub> (P(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	PBE0/LANL2DZ (0 imaginary Frequencies, E <sub>elec</sub> = -389.038813956, ZPE correction= 0.171352)			
	32	1.437706000	0.830060000	1.968781000
	32	-1.437706000	0.830060000	1.968781000
	32	0.000000000	-1.660119000	1.968781000
	32	1.417056000	0.818138000	-1.637792000
	32	0.000000000	-1.636275000	-1.637792000
	32	-1.417056000	0.818138000	-1.637792000
	32	1.830812000	-1.057020000	0.179480000
	32	0.000000000	2.114040000	0.179480000
	32	-1.830812000	-1.057020000	0.179480000
	15	0.000000000	4.525417000	0.102796000
	7	1.417310000	4.738741000	-0.927912000
	1	1.718004000	4.068239000	-1.623332000
	1	1.987586000	5.564738000	-0.819768000
	7	-1.417310000	4.738741000	-0.927912000
	1	-1.987586000	5.564738000	-0.819768000
	1	-1.718004000	4.068239000	-1.623332000
	15	3.919126000	-2.262708000	0.102796000
	7	3.395215000	-3.596797000	-0.927912000
	1	2.664196000	-3.521955000	-1.623332000
	1	3.825411000	-4.503669000	-0.819768000
	7	4.812525000	-1.141944000	-0.927912000
	1	5.812998000	-1.061069000	-0.819768000
	1	4.382201000	-0.546284000	-1.623332000
	15	-3.919126000	-2.262708000	0.102796000

	7	-3.395215000	-3.596797000	-0.927912000
	1	-3.825411000	-4.503669000	-0.819768000
	1	-2.664196000	-3.521955000	-1.623332000
	7	-4.812525000	-1.141944000	-0.927912000
	1	-4.382201000	-0.546284000	-1.623332000
	1	-5.812998000	-1.061069000	-0.819768000
Cu[Ge <sub>9</sub> (P(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	PBE0/aug-cc-pvdz (0 imaginary Frequencies, E <sub>elec</sub> = -21690.2344825, ZPE correction= 0.171381)			
	32	-1.832411000	-1.524237000	0.000000000
	32	0.915843000	-1.525714000	-1.586340000
	32	0.915843000	-1.525714000	1.586340000
	32	-1.525858000	1.819144000	0.000000000
	32	0.762526000	1.820033000	1.320857000
	32	0.762526000	1.820033000	-1.320857000
	32	-1.047006000	0.002151000	1.814481000
	32	-1.047006000	0.002151000	-1.814481000
	32	2.094135000	0.001998000	0.000000000
	15	-2.217161000	0.053768000	-3.841491000
	7	-3.550553000	1.018891000	-3.287048000
	1	-3.368867000	1.909562000	-2.835208000
	1	-4.308501000	1.097390000	-3.955883000
	7	-1.066319000	1.012624000	-4.720766000
	1	-1.266239000	1.089902000	-5.711760000
	1	-0.762763000	1.903025000	-4.339280000
	15	-2.217161000	0.053768000	3.841491000
	7	-1.066319000	1.012624000	4.720766000

	1	-0.762763000	1.903025000	4.339280000
	1	-1.266239000	1.089902000	5.711760000
	7	-3.550553000	1.018891000	3.287048000
	1	-4.308501000	1.097390000	3.955883000
	1	-3.368867000	1.909562000	2.835208000
	15	4.434631000	0.053933000	0.000000000
	7	4.620662000	1.015870000	1.434219000
	1	5.578837000	1.094309000	1.756300000
	1	4.137761000	1.905953000	1.505161000
	7	4.620662000	1.015870000	-1.434219000
	1	4.137761000	1.905953000	-1.505161000
	1	5.578837000	1.094309000	-1.756300000
	29	-0.001142000	-3.157266000	0.000000000
Cu(NHC)[Ge <sub>9</sub> (P(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	PBE0/aug-cc-pvdz (0 imaginary Frequencies, E <sub>elec</sub> = -21994.7799089, ZPE correction= 0.300350)			
	32	0.857327000	0.820130000	-1.477631000
	32	0.856931000	0.864125000	1.450580000
	32	0.822825000	-1.694321000	0.023991000
	32	-2.566494000	0.761778000	-1.338993000
	32	-2.565595000	-1.517848000	0.023398000
	32	-2.563176000	0.801571000	1.317863000
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	7	-1.704877000	4.613442000	-1.503010000



	1	-2.587304000	4.116812000	-1.579312000
	1	-1.802711000	5.576594000	-1.804579000
	7	-1.701575000	4.653473000	1.369472000
	1	-1.799227000	5.624731000	1.643900000
	1	-2.583623000	4.158850000	1.461638000
	15	-0.796980000	-2.275113000	-3.787313000
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	1	-1.885852000	-1.417750000	-5.675700000
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	6	4.700274000	-0.023220000	-0.000173000
	7	5.549359000	-1.081642000	0.000878000
	6	6.865137000	-0.673636000	0.000318000
	6	6.847118000	0.685325000	-0.001361000
	7	5.520983000	1.057507000	-0.001290000
	1	7.695455000	-1.369301000	0.001306000

	1	7.658702000	1.402737000	-0.002295000
	6	5.123837000	-2.467599000	0.001885000
	1	5.504613000	-2.979523000	0.893895000
	1	4.029489000	-2.491057000	0.010527000
	1	5.490371000	-2.976943000	-0.897583000
	6	5.056142000	2.430674000	-0.003893000
	1	5.408830000	2.948986000	-0.903648000
	1	3.961980000	2.422019000	0.002106000
	1	5.418513000	2.955310000	0.888268000
{Cu[Ge <sub>9</sub> {P(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> } <sup>-</sup>	PBE0/aug-cc-pvdz (0 imaginary Frequencies, E <sub>elec</sub> = -41740.2521030, ZPE correction= 0.341278)			
	32	-1.971214000	-1.152141000	-1.224550000
	32	-1.969346000	1.630427000	-0.392466000
	32	-1.967227000	-0.482928000	1.602278000
	32	-5.418742000	-1.053371000	-1.113708000
	32	-5.408335000	-0.439755000	1.476214000
	32	-5.412880000	1.496423000	-0.350742000
	32	-3.614915000	-2.009963000	0.472926000
	32	-3.619490000	0.590070000	-1.978850000
	32	-3.609580000	1.417595000	1.500758000
	15	-3.719878000	1.264191000	-4.218769000
	7	-4.702972000	-0.061273000	-4.784673000
	1	-5.535730000	-0.311560000	-4.259463000
	1	-4.891173000	-0.037709000	-5.780679000
	7	-4.692634000	2.688657000	-3.958213000
	1	-4.878365000	3.219906000	-4.801575000

	1	-5.524698000	2.613900000	-3.380127000
	15	-3.711111000	-4.284855000	1.018202000
	7	-4.676581000	-4.107123000	2.460185000
	1	-5.508994000	-3.525959000	2.423315000
	1	-4.859349000	-4.979635000	2.943176000
	7	-4.700665000	-4.774197000	-0.332697000
	1	-4.888390000	-5.770040000	-0.365492000
	1	-5.534778000	-4.235883000	-0.548350000
	15	-3.700004000	3.022004000	3.203426000
	7	-4.673196000	2.088038000	4.309726000
	1	-4.855171000	2.553989000	5.191642000
	1	-5.507807000	1.627635000	3.958268000
	7	-4.681092000	4.177648000	2.340242000
	1	-5.516077000	3.851154000	1.862536000
	1	-4.864231000	5.030006000	2.857768000
	29	0.000031000	-0.002229000	-0.007930000
	32	1.969367000	-1.633628000	0.380613000
	32	1.967452000	1.149452000	1.215651000
	32	1.971364000	0.479684000	-1.611072000
	32	5.413882000	-1.494335000	0.357465000
	32	5.418376000	0.442300000	-1.468105000
	32	5.408008000	1.055446000	1.122155000
	32	3.619878000	-1.415739000	-1.503481000
	32	3.610096000	-0.594802000	1.976939000
	32	3.614528000	2.008449000	-0.478929000
	15	3.700787000	-1.262764000	4.219091000

	7	4.684947000	-2.680932000	3.967424000
	1	5.519929000	-2.601658000	3.394284000
	1	4.869323000	-3.209164000	4.812942000
	7	4.670835000	0.070573000	4.788331000
	1	4.851664000	0.051704000	5.785750000
	1	5.505090000	0.326321000	4.268023000
	15	3.720331000	-3.021939000	-3.203939000
	7	4.703990000	-2.091069000	-4.303470000
	1	5.536518000	-1.631559000	-3.946047000
	1	4.891984000	-2.558063000	-5.183514000
	7	4.692314000	-4.179004000	-2.332163000
	1	4.878226000	-5.031775000	-2.848146000
	1	5.524243000	-3.853320000	-1.848512000
	15	3.708909000	4.286202000	-1.012143000
	7	4.696047000	4.118413000	-2.440720000
	1	4.881951000	4.993715000	-2.917400000
	1	5.530667000	3.541133000	-2.393899000
	7	4.676384000	4.774241000	0.354846000
	1	5.509307000	4.238500000	0.581331000
	1	4.858722000	5.770737000	0.395311000

### 3. Coordinates of chosen points for NICS calculation.

**Table S2. Coordinates of points for NICS calculation.**

$D_{3h} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	32	1.608480000	0.000000000	-1.410366000
	32	-0.804240000	-1.392985000	-1.410366000
	32	-0.804240000	1.392985000	-1.410366000

	32	1.608480000	0.000000000	1.410366000
	32	-0.804240000	1.392985000	1.410366000
	32	-0.804240000	-1.392985000	1.410366000
	32	1.250482000	2.165898000	0.000000000
	32	1.250482000	-2.165898000	0.000000000
	32	-2.500963000	0.000000000	0.000000000
	Point 1	-1.652600000	0.000000000	0.000000000
	Point 2	-0.804240000	0.000000000	0.000000000
	Point 3	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
	Point 4	0.000000000	0.000000000	-1.410366000
	Point 5	0.000000000	0.000000000	-2.410366000
$C_{4v} - [Ge_9]^{4-}$	32	1.419021000	1.419021000	-0.793758000
	32	-1.419021000	1.419021000	-0.793758000
	32	0.000000000	1.857957000	1.413427000
	32	1.419021000	-1.419021000	-0.793758000
	32	0.000000000	-1.857957000	1.413427000
	32	-1.419021000	-1.419021000	-0.793758000
	32	1.857957000	0.000000000	1.413427000
	32	0.000000000	0.000000000	-2.478676000
	32	-1.857957000	0.000000000	1.413427000
	Point 1	0.000000000	0.000000000	-1.636218000
	Point 2	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.793758000
	Point 3	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.309837000
	Point 4	0.000002000	0.000000000	1.413427000
	Point 5	0.000002000	0.000000000	2.413427000