

Supplementary Information

Photoelectron Spectroscopy and Density Functional Calculations of $C_nS_m^-$ ($n = 2-7$; $m = 1, 2$) clusters

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Table S1 The relative energies and vertical detachment energies (VDEs) of C_nS^- ($n = 2-4$) calculated from the B3LYP/6-311+G(3d) and CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory.

Isomer	State	Sym.	$\Delta E(\text{eV})$		VDE(eV)		
			B3LYP ^a	CCSD(T) ^b	B3LYP ^a	CCSD(T) ^b	
C_2S^-	2A	$^2\Pi$	$C_{\infty v}$	0.00	0.00	2.79	2.81
	2B	$^4A''$	C_s	2.70	2.76	0.80	0.63
C_3S^-	3A	$^2A'$	C_s	0.00	0.00	1.85	1.62
	3B	2B_2	C_{2v}	0.56	0.40	2.74	2.48
	3C	$^4A''$	C_s	2.30	2.36	1.89	1.79
C_4S^-	4A	$^2\Pi$	$C_{\infty v}$	0.00	0.00	3.26	3.37
	4B	2B_1	C_{2v}	1.34	1.20	3.24	3.01
	4C	$^2A''$	C_s	1.87	1.58	3.66	3.48

^a B3LYP with 6-311+G(3d) basis set.

^b CCSD(T) with aug-cc-pVTZ basis set.

Table S2 Cartesian coordinates for stable isomers of C_nS^- and $C_nS_2^-$ ($n = 2-7$) clusters.

C_2S^-							
	2A				2B		
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.66450500	C	0.00000000	0.80597800	0.00000000
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.93886800	C	1.33613200	1.24811200	0.00000000
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.97626500	S	-0.50104900	-0.77028400	0.00000000

C_3S^-							
	3A				3B		
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
C	1.14888400	0.73145400	0.00000000	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.32849700
C	0.00000000	0.12804200	0.00000000	C	0.00000000	0.67567400	-1.58572400
C	2.26275000	1.37512500	0.00000000	C	0.00000000	-0.67567400	-1.58572400
S	-1.27936300	-0.83798300	0.00000000	S	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.31247900

3C			
	X	Y	Z
C	1.25557500	0.20213500	0.00000000
C	0.00000000	0.61985600	0.00000000
C	2.53791900	-0.07056000	0.00000000
S	-1.42256000	-0.28178700	0.00000000

C_4S^-							
	4A				4B		
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.50417900	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.94709500
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.74594600	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.33166000
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.07585200	C	0.00000000	0.66930900	-2.27376000
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-3.34369300	C	0.00000000	-0.66930900	-2.27376000
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.12299200	S	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.93610800

4C			
	X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	-0.43817000	0.00000000
C	-1.31123400	-0.78514800	0.00000000
C	1.31919600	-0.70024500	0.00000000
S	0.94342200	1.13704700	0.00000000
C	-2.52375300	-1.10856300	0.00000000

C_5S^-

		5A					5B		
		X	Y	Z			X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.11585200	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.63954300		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.15679300	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.30891400		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.43805600	C	0.00000000	0.67462100	-2.90069300		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.74464600	C	0.00000000	-0.67462100	-2.90069300		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-4.02008100	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.94045300		
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.71639700	S	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.55352100		
		5C							
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.11774700						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.15195700						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.45573600						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.75359400						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-4.06144300						
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.73936900						

 C_6S^-

		6A					6B		
		X	Y	Z			X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-3.42292500	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.97781000		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.09794500	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.31987200		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.84922300	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.58061800		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.46673000	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.26093000		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.71875200	C	0.00000000	0.66742900	-3.57627900		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-4.68926500	C	0.00000000	-0.66742900	-3.57627900		
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.32770400	S	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.18405300		
		6C							
C	1.68454600	-2.89787900	0.00000000						
C	1.10774600	-1.74501100	0.00000000						
C	0.53541100	-0.57108600	0.00000000						
C	0.00000000	0.56577700	0.00000000						
C	-0.49438300	1.80744900	0.00000000						
C	2.26123100	-4.05837200	0.00000000						
S	-1.91045700	2.58717100	0.00000000						

C₇S⁻

7A			7B				
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.76743500	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.61083400
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.49961500	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.36015900
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.21519700	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.95055000
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.07319400	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.93784600
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.33971800	C	0.00000000	0.67385000	-4.20014800
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.93666300	C	0.00000000	-0.67385000	-4.20014800
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-4.07878100	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.20296700
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	-5.34965400	S	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.80835700
7C							
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.78516800				
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.50040900				
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.22316900				
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.08143500				
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.34495100				
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.95705900				
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-4.08921200				
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-5.38058700				

$C_2S_2^-$

	X	2A'	Z		X	2B'	Z
		Y				Y	
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.62434600	C	0.00000000	0.39687100	0.00000000
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.25877200	C	-1.28577700	0.78145900	0.00000000
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.62434600	S	-1.14979100	-1.09113400	0.00000000
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.25877200	S	1.63195700	0.64926000	0.00000000
		2C'					
S	-1.55827100	-0.57014600	0.00000000				
C	2.67992600	-0.38765500	0.00000000				
C	1.47546200	-0.02152900	0.00000000				
S	0.00000000	0.72359000	0.00000000				

 $C_3S_2^-$

	X	3A'	Z		X	3B'	Z
		Y				Y	
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.27855100	C	0.00000000	0.74165600	0.48321700
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.88743300	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.64617400
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	C	0.00000000	-0.74165600	0.48321700
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.27855100	S	0.00000000	2.06533300	-0.48986400
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.88743300	S	0.00000000	-2.06533300	-0.48986400
		3C'					
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.15840100				
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.53105600				
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.78573200				
S	0.00000000	1.38723700	-0.83909800				
S	0.00000000	-1.38723700	-0.83909800				

$C_4S_2^-$

	4A'			4B'		
	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.91125900	C	0.00000000	0.42910300
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.66110500	C	1.08041400	1.04575500
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.66110500	C	-1.12602600	-0.30008700
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.91125900	C	-2.45623900	-0.48810900
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.53037000	S	-1.54014600	-2.11912100
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	-3.53037000	S	2.47834100	1.86162300
	4C'					
C	0.00000000	1.95110900	0.49730900			
C	0.00000000	0.62910600	0.38477400			
C	0.00000000	-0.62910600	0.38477400			
C	0.00000000	-1.95110900	0.49730900			
S	0.00000000	3.34509200	-0.33078100			
S	0.00000000	-3.34509200	-0.33078100			

 $C_5S_2^-$

	5A'			5B'		
	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.55663100	C	0.00000000	0.00000000
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.28940300	C	0.00000000	0.00000000
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	C	0.00000000	0.00000000
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.28940300	C	0.00000000	0.00000000
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.55663100	C	0.00000000	0.00000000
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	4.16157600	S	0.00000000	0.00000000
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	-4.16157600	S	0.00000000	0.00000000
	5C'					
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.76973200			
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.60013000			
S	0.00000000	1.40210500	-1.73640500			
S	0.00000000	-1.40210500	-1.73640500			
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.83650600			
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.16778900			
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	4.42613200			

$C_6S_2^-$

		6A'					6B'		
		X	Y	Z			X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.19231500	C	0.58643900	3.11676000	0.00000000		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.94035500	C	0.28985900	1.87077700	0.00000000		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.62531900	C	0.00000000	0.62812500	0.00000000		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.62531900	C	-0.30568600	-0.64511800	0.00000000		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.94035500	C	-0.61052200	-1.86530900	0.00000000		
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	4.80259400	S	0.94786000	4.67585200	0.00000000		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-3.19231500	C	-1.02622800	-3.12524700	0.00000000		
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	-4.80259400	S	-0.54805900	-4.66834700	0.00000000		
		6C'							
C	-0.88777000	-0.49919700	0.00000000						
C	0.00000000	0.36935400	0.00000000						
C	0.93157400	1.30239600	0.00000000						
C	-1.81132800	-1.47497200	0.00000000						
C	-3.07715000	-1.93300200	0.00000000						
S	-1.81017200	-3.31224400	0.00000000						
C	1.81219600	2.18784600	0.00000000						
S	2.94735100	3.33008500	0.00000000						

 $C_7S_2^-$

		7A'					7B'		
		X	Y	Z			X	Y	Z
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.57136800	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.58148800		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.27713100	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.28069600		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.27713100	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.28069600		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.57136800	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.58148800		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-3.83410400	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-3.84600700		
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	-5.43485800	S	0.00000000	0.00000000	-5.45681400		
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.83410400	C	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.84600700		
S	0.00000000	0.00000000	5.43485800	S	0.00000000	0.00000000	5.45681400		
		7C'							
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.80915600						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.43475200						
S	0.00000000	1.41154000	-2.75361700						
S	0.00000000	-1.41154000	-2.75361700						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.80054300						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.12309400						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	3.36478800						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	4.69047600						
C	0.00000000	0.00000000	5.95096500						

Table S3 Harmonic vibrational frequencies (cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (km/mol) (in parentheses) of the most stable isomers of C_nS ($n = 2-7$) at the B3LYP/6-311+G(3d) level of theory. The frequencies labeled in bold are π modes.

clusters	Vibrational frequency (Infrared intensity)
C_2S ($^3\Sigma^-$)	1714(48); 862(13); 276(7)
C_3S ($^1\Sigma^+$)	2127(1598); 1562(67); 739(12); 493(0) ; 160(4) .
C_4S ($^3\Sigma^-$)	2098(44); 1801(541); 1221 (3); 611 (6); 500(0) ; 319(6) ; 127(5) .
C_5S ($^1\Sigma^+$)	2219(4150); 2073(0); 1649(635); 1088(76); 579(3) ; 542(6); 456(0) ; 213(5) ; 85(3) .
C_6S ($^3\Sigma^-$)	2113(68); 2074(1518); 1827(13); 1405(272); 936(29); 560(0) ; 475(4); 469(0) ; 338(1) ; 183(6) ; 70(3) .
C_7S ($^1\Sigma^+$)	2215(513); 2191(5737); 1996(3131); 1705(147); 1281(263); 853(87); 594(5) ; 530(0) ; 441(0) ; 430(3); 244(2) ; 138(4) ; 52(2) .

Table S4 Harmonic vibrational frequencies (cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (km/mol) (in parentheses) of the most stable isomers of C_nS_2 ($n = 2-7$) at the B3LYP/ B3LYP/6-311+G(3d) level of theory. The frequencies labeled in bold are π modes.

clusters	Vibrational frequency (Infrared intensity)
C_2S_2 ($^3\Sigma_g^-$)	1958(0); 1182(132); 553(0); 420(0) ; 176(1) .
C_3S_2 ($^1\Sigma_g^+$)	2153(3166); 1713(0); 1037(353); 505(0) ; 501(0); 415(0) ; 98(0) .
C_4S_2 ($^3\Sigma_g^-$)	2116(0); 1927(845); 1411(0); 883(156); 511(0) ; 440(0); 425(1) ; 252(0) ; 79(0) .
C_5S_2 ($^1\Sigma_g^+$)	2191(6176); 2117(0); 1726(1646); 1276(0); 807(273); 562(2) ; 474(0) ; 417(1) ; 404(0); 165(0) ; 54(0) .
C_6S_2 ($^3\Sigma_g^-$)	2111(2051); 2089(0); 1910(0); 1521(635); 1118(0); 721(159); 552(0) ; 486(0) ; 421(0) ; 365(0); 293(1) ; 138(0) ; 46(0) .
C_7S_2 ($^1\Sigma_g^+$)	2215(0); 2162(6267); 2024(7163); 1762(0); 1399(1098); 1031(0); 670(233); 586(3) ; 528(0) ; 459(1) ; 417(0) ; 339(0); 209(0) ; 104(0) ; 35(0) .