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## [Mn@Si<sub>12</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: a singlet or triplet ground state?

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### 1 Comparison with Cr@Si<sub>12</sub>.

Table S1 contains a dataset for  $Cr@Si_{12}$  which can be compared directly with Table 1 for  $[Mn@Si_{12}]^+$ . The same set of states has been identified in both cases, but for the chromium system the  ${}^{1}A_{1g}$  is clearly the ground state, irrespective of the chosen methodology (DFT or CASPT2). This is entirely consistent with all previous work on this molecule.

### Table S1. Relative energies, structural data, Mulliken spin densities and values of $\langle S^2 \rangle$ for various states of Cr@Si<sub>12</sub>.

	D <sub>6h</sub> -symmetric				C <sub>2h</sub> -symmetric		Cs-	
	States					States		symmetric
								states
	$^{1}A_{1g}$	<sup>1</sup> A <sub>2u</sub>	<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2u</sub>	$^{1}E_{2g}$	<sup>3</sup> E <sub>2g</sub>	<sup>3</sup> Ag	${}^{3}B_{g}$	<sup>3</sup> A′
DFT: BLYP (B3LYP energies in parenthesis)								
Energy / eV	+0.00	+0.77	0.76	+0.89	+0.69	+0.59	+0.58	+0.58
	(+0.00)	(+0.68)	(+0.83)	(+1.13)	(+0.70)	(+0.31)	(+0.30)	
Cr-Si / Å	2.66 (2.63)	2.67 (2.65)	2.67(2.65)	2.66 (2.64)	2.67 (2.65)	2.61 - 2.76	2.59 - 2.77	2.60 - 2.74
						(2.56 – 2.79)	(2.55 – 2.79)	
ρ(Cr)	0.00 (0.00)	1.49 (2.29)	1.54(2.02)	1.20 (1.96)	1.99 (2.73)	2.11 (3.00)	1.98 (2.78)	1.98
ρ(Si12)	0.00 (0.00)	-1.49 (-2.29)	0.46(-0.02)	-1.20 (-1.96)	0.01 (-0.73)	-0.11 (-1.00)	0.02 (-0.78)	0.02
< <i>S</i> <sup>2</sup> >	0.00 (0.00)	1.12 (1.64)	2.07(2.24)	ş		2.17 (2.65)	2.11 (2.48)	2.12
						I		I
			CASP	T2 @ BLYP geor	netry			
Energy / eV	+0.00	+0.75	+0.75			+0.78	0.72	

#### 2. Comparison of active spaces.

In Table S2 the relative energies for CASPT2 calculations with (10,10) active space are compared to the (10,15) case presented in the main text. The 5 extra orbitals in the (10,15) CAS correspond to the 4d or 'double shell' set that has been shown to be significant for first row transition metals. In this case the energies are rather similar with the exception that the  ${}^{1}A_{1g}$  state is stabilized relative to the charge transfer states in the larger active space.

### Table S2. Relative energies (in eV) for various states of [Mn@Si<sub>12</sub>]<sup>+</sup> obtained with CASPT2 (@BLYP geometry) with different active spaces.

	<sup>1</sup> A <sub>1g</sub>	<sup>1</sup> A <sub>2u</sub>	<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2u</sub>	<sup>3</sup> A <sub>g</sub>	<sup>3</sup> B <sub>g</sub>
CAS(10,10) no 4d orbitals	+0.31	+0.06	+0.14	+0.05	0.00
CAS(10,15)	+0.17	+0.07	+0.16	+0.06	0.00

#### 3. Analysis of the CASPT2 potential energy surface

In Table S3, the total energies of the various states are presented when either the BLYP or the B3LYP geometry is used. The B3LYP geometries give total energies that lie 0.06-0.13 eV lower in energy, but the key  ${}^{1}A_{2u} - {}^{3}B_{g}$  separation remains essentially unaltered.

	<sup>1</sup> A <sub>1g</sub>	<sup>1</sup> A <sub>2u</sub>	<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2u</sub>	<sup>3</sup> A <sub>g</sub>	<sup>3</sup> B <sub>g</sub>
E (@BLYP geom)	-126096.778	-126096.880	-126096.789	-126096.892	-126096.950
E (@B3LYP geom)	-126096.905	-126096.940	-126096.889	-126096.982	-126097.031

### Table S3. CASPT2 (10,15) energies (eV) for various states of [Mn@Si<sub>12</sub>]<sup>+</sup> obtained with CASPT2 @BLYP and @B3LYP geometries.

The main structural difference between the B3LYP and BLYP geometries is the Mn-Si bond lengths, which are systematically shorter than in the former by ~0.02 Å. We have therefore systematically varied the Mn-Si distances by increasing/decreasing them in 0.01 Å steps for both  ${}^{1}A_{2u}$  and  ${}^{3}B_{g}$  geometries (Tables S4 and S5). For  $D_{6h}$ -symmetric  ${}^{1}A_{2u}$  there are only 2 variable (the Mn-Si bond length and the angle to the polar axis) so the geometry was reoptimised for exach Mn-Si distance (B3LYP) before the CASPT2 calculation. For  $C_{2h}$ -symmetric  ${}^{3}B_{g}$  the situation is more complicated because there are 4 symmetry distinct Mn-Si distances. We have therefore chosen to decrease all twelve bonds equally from their B3LYP optimized values without further optimisation (Table S5)

Table S4. CASPT2 (10,15) energies (eV) for the <sup>1</sup>A<sub>2u</sub> state at fixed Mn-Si (Å) bond lengths (geometries were optimised with the B3LYP functional).

d(Mn-Si), Å	CASPT2 energy, eV
2.61	-126097.019
2.62	-126097.026
2.625	-126097.024
2.63	-126097.019
2.64	-126096.999
2.65	-126096.967
2.66	-126096.920
2.67	-126096.862
2.68	-126096.795
2.69	-126096.717

Table S5. CASPT2 (10,15) energies (eV) for the <sup>3</sup>B<sub>g</sub> state at fixed Mn-Si (Å) bond lengths (Mn-Si bondlengths were modified (each by 0.01 Å at a time) for the geometry optimised with the B3LYP functional).

d(Mn-Si <sub>1/12</sub> ), Å	d(Mn-Si <sub>4/5/8/9</sub> ), Å	d(Mn-Si <sub>2/3/10/11</sub> ), Å	d(Mn-Si <sub>6/7</sub> ), Å	CASPT2 energy, eV
2.51	2.56	2.69	2.56	-126097.035
2.52	2.57	2.70	2.57	-126097.072
2.53	2.58	2.71	2.58	-126097.093
2.54	2.59	2.72	2.59	-126097.100
2.55	2.60	2.73	2.60	-126097.093
2.56	2.61	2.74	2.61	-126097.071
2.57	2.62	2.75	2.62	-126097.037

The data in Tables S4 an S5 are summarised schematically in Figure S1 (schematically because the coordinate that describes the distortion from the minimum is not easily defined). The BLYP geometries lie further from the CASPT2 minimum than B3LYP, but the surfaces lie parallel and so the key conclusion, that the triplet lies below the singlet, is robust to these changes.



Figure S1. Schematic representation of the potential energy curve for the <sup>1</sup>A<sub>2u</sub> and <sup>3</sup>B<sub>g</sub> states of [Mn@Si<sub>12</sub>]<sup>+</sup> obtained with CASPT2 (10,15). All the data used can be found in Table S1, Table S2 and Table S3.

#### 4. Optimised Cartesian coordinates for all states.

## Table S6. Cartesian coordinates and total energies of all stationary points for $[Mn@Si_{12}]^{+}$

BLYP	B3LYP
<sup>1</sup> A <sub>1g</sub> , BLYP functional, E=-49.00647681 eV	<sup>1</sup> A <sub>1g</sub> , B3LYP functional, E=-64.15041444 eV
1.Si -2.367662 0.000000 1.198187	1.Si -2.343262 0.000000 1.191430
2.Si -1.183831 2.050455 1.198187	2.Si -1.171631 2.029325 1.191430
3.Si -1.183831 -2.050455 1.198187	3.Si -1.171631 -2.029325 1.191430
4.Si 1.183831 2.050455 1.198187	4.Si 1.171631 2.029325 1.191430
5.Si 1.183831 -2.050455 1.198187	5.Si 1.171631 -2.029325 1.191430
6.Si 2.367662 0.000000 1.198187	6.Si 2.343262 0.000000 1.191430
7.Si -2.367662 0.000000 -1.198187	7.Si -2.343262 0.000000 -1.191430
8.Si -1.183831 2.050455 -1.198187	8.Si -1.171631 2.029325 -1.191430
9.Si -1.183831 -2.050455 -1.198187	9.Si -1.171631 -2.029325 -1.191430
10.Si 1.183831 2.050455 -1.198187	10.Si 1.171631 2.029325 -1.191430
11.Si 1.183831 -2.050455 -1.198187	11.Si 1.171631 -2.029325 -1.191430
12.Si 2.367662 0.000000 -1.198187	12.Si 2.343262 0.000000 -1.191430
13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
<sup>1</sup> A <sub>2u</sub> , BLYP functional, E=-49.02887420 eV	<sup>1</sup> A <sub>2u</sub> , B3LYP functional, E= -64.41585116 eV
1.Si -2.386474 0.000000 1.190175	1.Si -2.376906 0.000000 1.186682
2.Si -1.193237 2.066747 1.190175	2.Si -1.188453 2.058461 1.186682
3.Si -1.193237 -2.066747 1.190175	3.Si -1.188453 -2.058461 1.186682
4.Si 1.193237 2.066747 1.190175	4.Si 1.188453 2.058461 1.186682
5.Si 1.193237 -2.066747 1.190175	5.Si 1.188453 -2.058461 1.186682
6.Si 2.386474 0.000000 1.190175	6.Si 2.376906 0.000000 1.186682
7.Si -2.386474 0.000000 -1.190175	7.Si -2.376906 0.000000 -1.186682
8.Si -1.193237 2.066747 -1.190175	8.Si -1.188453 2.058461 -1.186682
9.Si -1.193237 -2.066747 -1.190175	9.Si -1.188453 -2.058461 -1.186682
10.Si 1.193237 2.066747 -1.190175	10.Si 1.188453 2.058461 -1.186682
11.Si 1.193237 -2.066747 -1.190175	11.Si 1.188453 -2.058461 -1.186682
12.Si 2.386474 0.000000 -1.190175	12.Si 2.376906 0.000000 -1.186682
13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2u</sub> , BLYP functional, E=-49.00481475 eV	<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2u</sub> , B3LYP functional, E=-64.13292363 eV
1.Si -2.384155 0.000000 1.189342	1.Si -2.368739 0.000000 1.183764
2.Si -1.192078 2.064739 1.189342	2.Si -1.184369 2.051388 1.183764
3.Si -1.192078 -2.064739 1.189342	3.Si -1.184369 -2.051388 1.183764
4.Si 1.192078 2.064739 1.189342	4.Si 1.184369 2.051388 1.183764
5.Si 1.192078 -2.064739 1.189342	5.Si 1.184369 -2.051388 1.183764
6.Si 2.384155 0.000000 1.189342	6.Si 2.368739 0.000000 1.183764
7.Si -2.384155 0.000000 -1.189342	7.Si -2.368739 0.000000 -1.183764

8.Si -1.192078 2.064739 -1.189342	8.Si -1.184369 2.051388 -1.183764
9.Si -1.192078 -2.064739 -1.189342	9.Si -1.184369 -2.051388 -1.183764
10.Si 1.192078 2.064739 -1.189342	10.Si 1.184369 2.051388 -1.183764
11.Si 1.192078 -2.064739 -1.189342	11.Si 1.184369 -2.051388 -1.183764
12.Si 2.384155 0.000000 -1.189342	12.Si 2.368739 0.000000 -1.183764
13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
<sup>1</sup> E <sub>2g</sub> , BLYP functional, E=-48.78749984 eV	<sup>1</sup> E <sub>2g</sub> , B3LYP functional, E=-63.78203179 eV
1.Si -2.354738 0.000000 1.219680	1.Si -2.339345 0.000000 1.220604
2.Si -1.177369 2.039263 1.219680	2.Si -1.169673 2.025933 1.220604
3.Si -1.177369 -2.039263 1.219680	3.Si -1.169673 -2.025933 1.220604
4.Si 1.177369 2.039263 1.219680	4.Si 1.169673 2.025933 1.220604
5.Si 1.177369 -2.039263 1.219680	5.Si 1.169673 -2.025933 1.220604
6.Si 2.354738 0.000000 1.219680	6.Si 2.339345 0.000000 1.220604
7.Si -2.354738 0.000000 -1.219680	7.Si -2.339345 0.000000 -1.220604
8.Si -1.177369 2.039263 -1.219680	8.Si -1.169673 2.025933 -1.220604
9.Si -1.177369 -2.039263 -1.219680	9.Si -1.169673 -2.025933 -1.220604
10.Si 1.177369 2.039263 -1.219680	10.Si 1.169673 2.025933 -1.220604
11.Si 1.177369 -2.039263 -1.219680	11.Si 1.169673 -2.025933 -1.220604
12.Si 2.354738 0.000000 -1.219680	12.Si 2.339345 0.000000 -1.220604
13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
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6.Si -1.228362 2.404340 0.000000	6.Si -1.196711 2.388743 0.000000
7.Si 1.228362 -2.404340 0.000000	7.Si 1.196711 -2.388743 0.000000
8.Si 1.196898 -1.222106 -2.040785	8.Si 1.201710 -1.209192 -2.032188
9.Si 1.196898 -1.222106 2.040785	9.Si 1.201710 -1.209192 2.032188
10.Si 1.199046 1.181196 -1.988375	10.Si 1.189743 1.182308 -1.989596
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12.Si 1.259520 2.451849 0.000000	12.Si 1.265486 2.424070 0.000000
13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
<sup>3</sup> B <sub>e</sub> , BLYP functional, E= -49.09477400 eV	${}^{3}B_{e}$ , BLYP functional, E=-64.62391273 eV
1.Si -1.196356 -2.281646 0.000000	1.Si -1.177619 -2.287221 0.000000
2.Si -1.253198 -1.222433 -2.134118	2.Si -1.264063 -1.221850 -2.115539
3.Si -1.253198 -1.222433 2.134118	3.Si -1.264063 -1.221850 2.115539
4.Si -1.196210 1.126006 -2.068813	4.Si -1.158600 1.123381 -2.065017
5.Si -1.196210 1.126006 2.068813	5.Si -1.158600 1.123381 2.065017
6.Si -1.173736 2.338749 0.000000	6.Si -1.195125 2.335255 0.000000
7.Si 1.173736 -2.338749 0.000000	7.Si 1.195125 -2.335255 0.000000
8.Si 1.196210 -1.126006 -2.068813	8.Si 1.158600 -1.123381 -2.065017
9.Si 1.196210 -1.126006 2.068813	9.Si 1.158600 -1.123381 2.065017
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11.Si 1.253198 1.222433 2.134118	11.Si 1.264063 1.221850 2.115539
12.Si 1.196356 2.281646 0.000000	12.Si 1.177619 2.287221 0.000000
13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Mn 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
3A', BLYP functional, E=-49.10034321 eV	
1.Si 0.060904 -1.226727 -2.367326	
2.Si -1.991788 -1.337614 -1.192696	
3.Si 2.110554 -1.053838 -1.195820	
4.Si -1.991788 -1.337614 1.192696	
5.Si 2.110554 -1.053838 1.195820	
6.Si 0.060904 -1.226727 2.367326	
7.Si -0.057076 1.233383 -2.495949	
8.Si -2.029838 1.053687 -1.218596	
9.Si 1.911870 1.331327 -1.196076	
10.Si -2.029838 1.053687 1.218596	
11.Si 1.911870 1.331327 1.196076	
12.Si -0.057076 1.233383 2.495949	
13.Mn -0.004713 -0.000227 0.000000	

# Table 4S. Cartesian coordinates and total energies of all stationary points for $Cr@Si_{12}$

<sup>1</sup> A <sub>1a</sub> , BLYP functional, E=-55.60827270 eV	<sup>1</sup> A <sub>10</sub> , B3LYP functional, E=-70.73135257 eV
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1.Si	2.050585 1.183906 1.203427	1.Si	2.029794 1.171902 1.194621
2.Si	2.050585 -1.183906 1.203427	2.Si	2.029794 -1.171902 1.194621
3.Si	0.000000 2.367812 1.203427	3.Si	0.000000 2.343804 1.194621
4.Si	0.000000 -2.367812 1.203427	4.Si	0.000000 -2.343804 1.194621
5.Si	-2.050585 1.183906 1.203427	5.Si	-2.029794 1.171902 1.194621
6.Si	-2.050585 -1.183906 1.203427	6.Si	-2.029794 -1.171902 1.194621
7.Si	2.050585 1.183906 -1.203427	7.Si	2.029794 1.171902 -1.194621
8.Si	2.050585 -1.183906 -1.203427	8.Si	2.029794 -1.171902 -1.194621
9.Si	0.000000 2.367812 -1.203427	9.Si	0.000000 2.343804 -1.194621
10.Si	0.000000 -2.367812 -1.203427	10.Si	0.000000 -2.343804 -1.194621
11.Si	-2.050585 1.183906 -1.203427	11.Si	-2.029794 1.171902 -1.194621
12.Si	-2.050585 -1.183906 -1.203427	12.Si	-2.029794 -1.171902 -1.194621
13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
<sup>1</sup> A <sub>2u</sub> , BLY	'P functional, E=-54.83800104 eV	<sup>1</sup> A <sub>2u</sub> , B3l	YP functional, E=-70.04700419
1.Si	2.068394 1.194188 1.193794	1.Si	2.054883 1.186387 1.188339
2.Si	2.068394 -1.194188 1.193794	2.Si	2.054883 -1.186387 1.188339
3.Si	0.000000 2.388376 1.193794	3.Si	0.000000 2.372774 1.188339
4.Si	0.000000 -2.388376 1.193794	4.Si	0.000000 -2.372774 1.188339
5.Si	-2.068394 1.194188 1.193794	5.Si	-2.054883 1.186387 1.188339
6.Si	-2.068394 -1.194188 1.193794	6.Si	-2.054883 -1.186387 1.188339
7.Si	2.068394 1.194188 -1.193794	7.Si	2.054883 1.186387 -1.188339
8.Si	2.068394 -1.194188 -1.193794	8.Si	2.054883 -1.186387 -1.188339
9.Si	0.000000 2.388376 -1.193794	9.Si	0.000000 2.372774 -1.188339
10.Si	0.000000 -2.388376 -1.193794	10.Si	0.000000 -2.372774 -1.188339
11.Si	-2.068394 1.194188 -1.193794	11.Si	-2.054883 1.186387 -1.188339
12.Si	-2.068394 -1.194188 -1.193794	12.Si	-2.054883 -1.186387 -1.188339
13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
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<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2u</sub> , BLY	'P functional, E= -54.83900670 eV	<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2u</sub> , B3l	LYP functional, E=-69.89744007 eV
1.Si	2.067070 1.193423 1.193326	1.Si	2.049728 1.183411 1.185730
2.Si	2.067070 -1.193423 1.193326	2.Si	2.049728 -1.183411 1.185730
3.Si	0.000000 2.386847 1.193326	3.Si	0.000000 2.366822 1.185730
4.Si	0.000000 -2.386847 1.193326	4.Si	0.000000 -2.366822 1.185730
5.Si	-2.067070 1.193423 1.193326	5.Si	-2.049728 1.183411 1.185730
6.Si	-2.067070 -1.193423 1.193326	6.Si	-2.049728 -1.183411 1.185730
7.Si	2.067070 1.193423 -1.193326	7.Si	2.049728 1.183411 -1.185730
8.Si	2.067070 -1.193423 -1.193326	8.Si	2.049728 -1.183411 -1.185730
9.Si	0.000000 2.386847 -1.193326	9.Si	0.000000 2.366822 -1.185730
10.Si	0.000000 -2.386847 -1.193326	10.Si	0.000000 -2.366822 -1.185730
11.Si	-2.067070 1.193423 -1.193326	11.Si	-2.049728 1.183411 -1.185730
12.Si	-2.067070 -1.193423 -1.193326	12.Si	-2.049728 -1.183411 -1.185730
13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000

<sup>1</sup> E <sub>2g</sub> , BLYP functional, E=-54.71144388 eV	<sup>1</sup> E <sub>2g</sub> , B3LYP functional, E=-69.60198913 eV
1.Si 2.048893 1.182929 1.219683	1.Si 2.029669 1.171830 1.217411
2.Si 2.048893 -1.182929 1.219683	2.Si 2.029669 -1.171830 1.217411
3.Si 0.000000 2.365858 1.219683	3.Si 0.000000 2.343660 1.217411
4.Si 0.000000 -2.365858 1.219683	4.Si 0.000000 -2.343660 1.217411
5.Si -2.048893 1.182929 1.219683	5.Si -2.029669 1.171830 1.217411
6.Si -2.048893 -1.182929 1.219683	6.Si -2.029669 -1.171830 1.217411
7.Si 2.048893 1.182929 -1.219683	7.Si 2.029669 1.171830 -1.217411
8.Si 2.048893 -1.182929 -1.219683	8.Si 2.029669 -1.171830 -1.217411
9.Si 0.000000 2.365858 -1.219683	9.Si 0.000000 2.343660 -1.217411
10.Si 0.000000 -2.365858 -1.219683	10.Si 0.000000 -2.343660 -1.217411
11.Si -2.048893 1.182929 -1.219683	11.Si -2.029669 1.171830 -1.217411
12.Si -2.048893 -1.182929 -1.219683	12.Si -2.029669 -1.171830 -1.217411
13.Cr 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Cr 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
<sup>3</sup> E <sub>20</sub> , BLYP functional, E=-54.91279167 eV	<sup>3</sup> E <sub>20</sub> , B3LYP functional, E=-70.02999189 eV
1.Si 2.056629 1.187395 1.217065	1.Si 2.043987 1.180097 1.211505
2.Si 2.056629 -1.187395 1.217065	2.Si 2.043987 -1.180097 1.211505
3.Si 0.000000 2.374790 1.217065	3.Si 0.000000 2.360193 1.211505
4.Si 0.000000 -2.374790 1.217065	4.Si 0.000000 -2.360193 1.211505
5.Si -2.056629 1.187395 1.217065	5.Si -2.043987 1.180097 1.211505
6.Si -2.056629 -1.187395 1.217065	6.Si -2.043987 -1.180097 1.211505
7.Si 2.056629 1.187395 -1.217065	7.Si 2.043987 1.180097 -1.211505
8.Si 2.056629 -1.187395 -1.217065	8.Si 2.043987 -1.180097 -1.211505
9.Si 0.000000 2.374790 -1.217065	9.Si 0.000000 2.360193 -1.211505
10.Si 0.000000 -2.374790 -1.217065	10.Si 0.000000 -2.360193 -1.211505
11.Si -2.056629 1.187395 -1.217065	11.Si -2.043987 1.180097 -1.211505
12.Si -2.056629 -1.187395 -1.217065	12.Si -2.043987 -1.180097 -1.211505
13.Cr 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Cr 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2</sub> , BLYP functional, E=-55.00738839 eV	<sup>3</sup> A <sub>2</sub> , B3LYP functional, E=-70.42093292 eV
1.Si -1.269391 -2.447860 0.000000	1.Si -1.290281 -2.476968 0.000000
2.Si -1.201071 -1.186005 -1.993903	2.Si -1.144890 -1.175599 -1.970498
3.Si -1.201071 -1.186005 1.993903	3.Si -1.144890 -1.175599 1.970498
4.Si -1.206490 1.220840 -2.043973	4.Si -1.251151 1.199363 -2.090099
5 Si -1 206490 1 220840 2 043973	5 Si -1 251151 1 199363 2 090099
6.Si -1.225763 2.401961 0.000000	6.Si -1.123497 2.340300 0.000000
7.Si 1.225763 -2.401961 0.000000	7.Si 1.123497 -2.340300 0.000000
8.Si 1.206490 -1.220840 -2.043973	8.Si 1.251151 -1.199363 -2.090099
9.Si 1.206490 -1.220840 2.043973	9.Si 1.251151 -1.199363 2.090099
10 Si 1 201071 1 186005 -1 993903	10 Si 1 144890 1 175599 -1 970498
11.Si 1.201071 1.186005 1.993903	11.Si 1.144890 1.175599 1.970498

12.Si	1.269391 2.447860 0.000000	12.Si	1.290281 2.476968 0.000000
13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
<sup>3</sup> Bg, BLYF	P functional, E=-55.02321256 eV	<sup>3</sup> Bg, B3LY	(P functional, E=-70.43418178 eV
1.Si	-1.189603 -2.303948 0.000000	1.Si	-1.160487 -2.268261 0.000000
2.Si	-1.279884 -1.230252 -2.127537	2.Si	-1.288710 -1.243003 -2.136099
3.Si	-1.279884 -1.230252 2.127537	3.Si	-1.288710 -1.243003 2.136099
4.Si	-1.163943 1.122462 -2.078055	4.Si	-1.122237 1.114724 -2.040524
5.Si	-1.163943 1.122462 2.078055	5.Si	-1.122237 1.114724 2.040524
6.Si	-1.200773 2.335886 0.000000	6.Si	-1.226878 2.367051 0.000000
7.Si	1.200773 -2.335886 0.000000	7.Si	1.226878 -2.367051 0.000000
8.Si	1.163943 -1.122462 -2.078055	8.Si	1.122237 -1.114724 -2.040524
9.Si	1.163943 -1.122462 2.078055	9.Si	1.122237 -1.114724 2.040524
10.Si	1.279884 1.230252 -2.127537	10.Si	1.288710 1.243003 -2.136099
11.Si	1.279884 1.230252 2.127537	11.Si	1.288710 1.243003 2.136099
12.Si	1.189603 2.303948 0.000000	12.Si	1.160487 2.268261 0.000000
13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	13.Cr	0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
<sup>3</sup> A', BLYP	functional, E=-55.01950399 eV		
1.Si	0.041246 -1.231914 -2.404295		
2.Si	-1.993006 -1.360143 -1.193041		
3.Si	2.068450 -1.046599 -1.217186		
4.Si	-1.993006 -1.360143 1.193041		
5.Si	2.068450 -1.046599 1.217186		
6.Si	0.041246 -1.231914 2.404295		
7.Si	-0.038622 1.237645 -2.447314		
8.Si	-2.042408 1.042897 -1.227725		
9.Si	1.967848 1.357947 -1.189448		
10.Si	-2.042408 1.042897 1.227725		
11.Si	1.967848 1.357947 1.189448		
12.Si	-0.038622 1.237645 2.447314		
13.Cr	-0.002480 0.000543 0.000000		