

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Effect of alkali ions on optical properties of flavins: Vibronic spectra of cryogenic $M^+$ lumichrome ions ( $M=Li-Cs$ ) in the gas phase

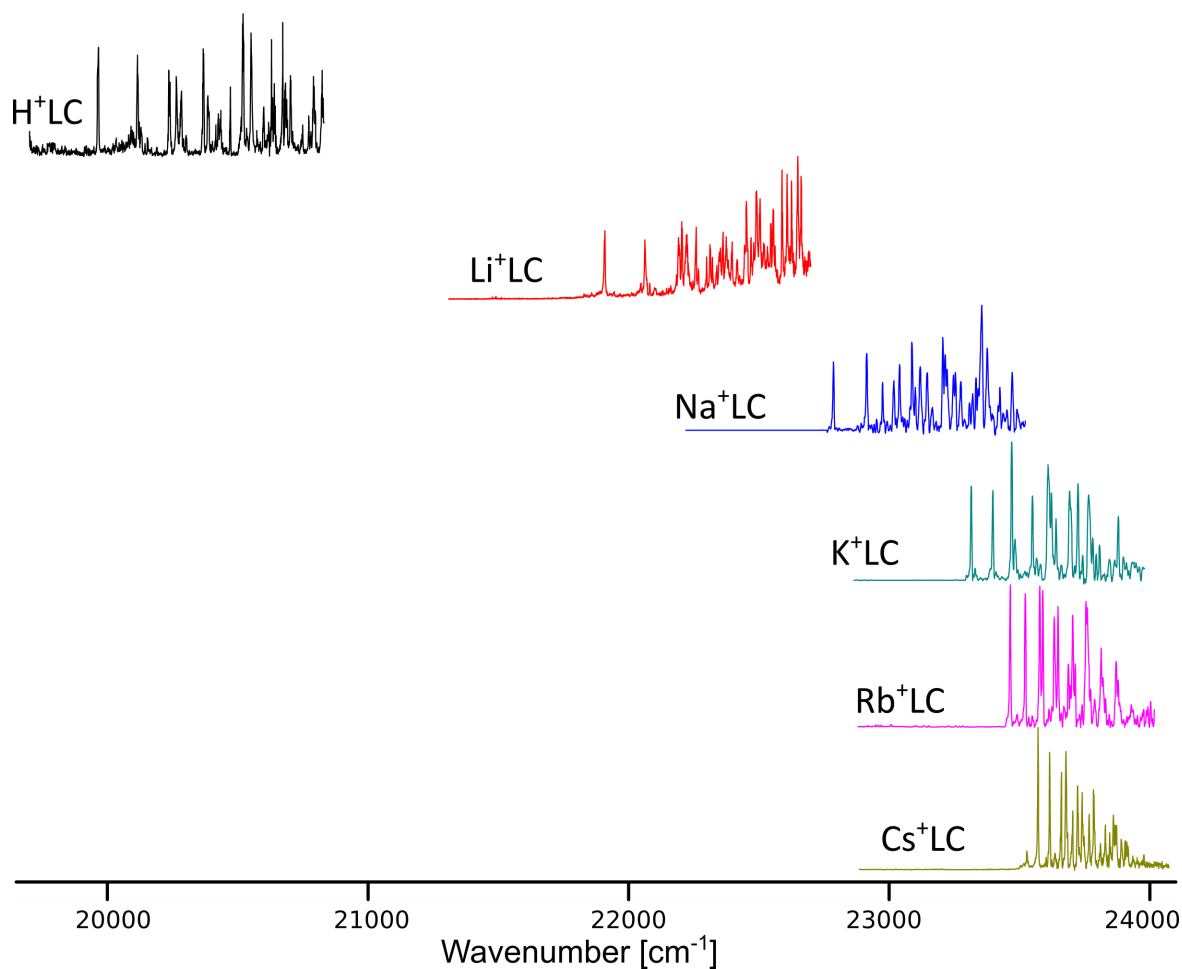
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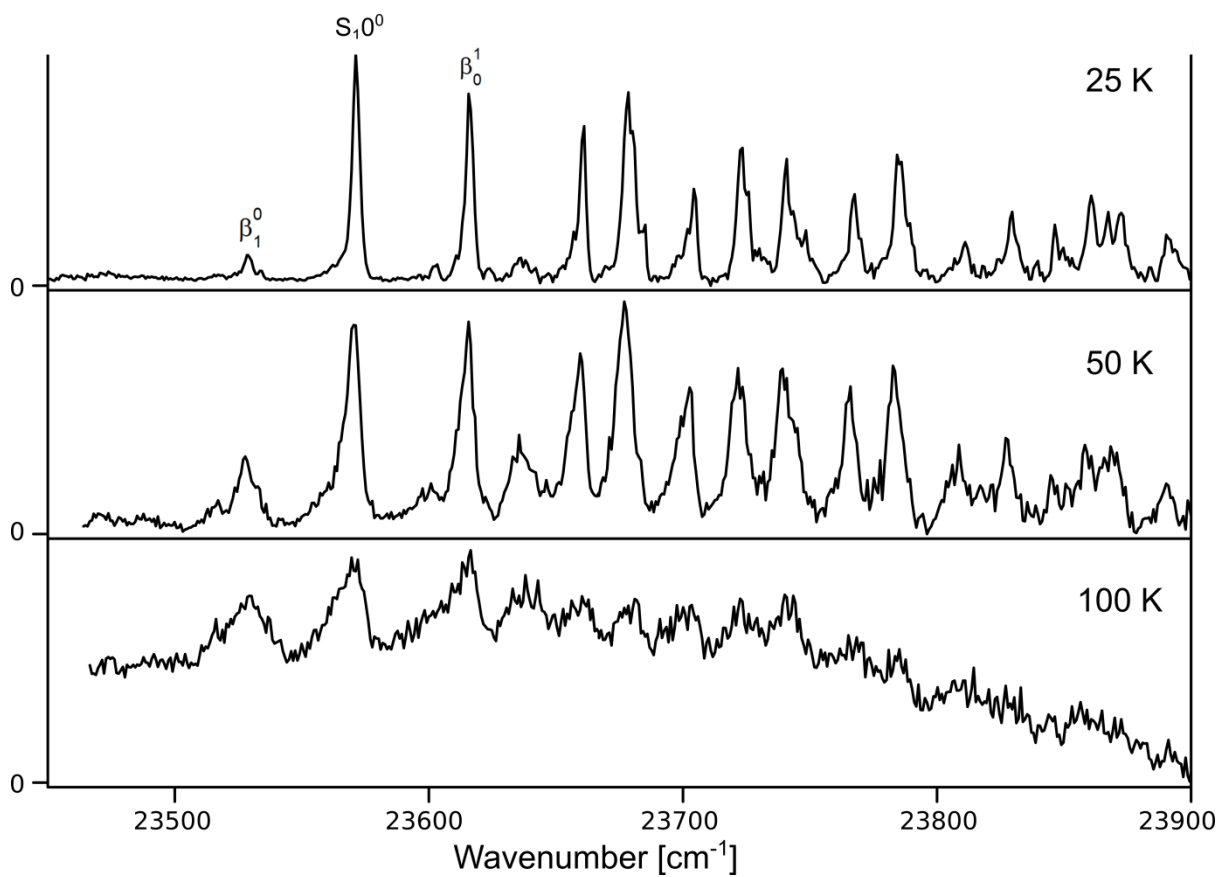
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**Figure S1.** Experimental VISPD spectra of the  $S_1 \leftarrow S_0$  transition of  $M^+LC$  ( $M=H, Li-Cs$ ). The spectra of  $H^+LC$  and  $Li^+LC$  are recorded with the OPO laser, while the dye laser is used for the spectra of  $M^+LC$  with  $M=Na-Cs$ .

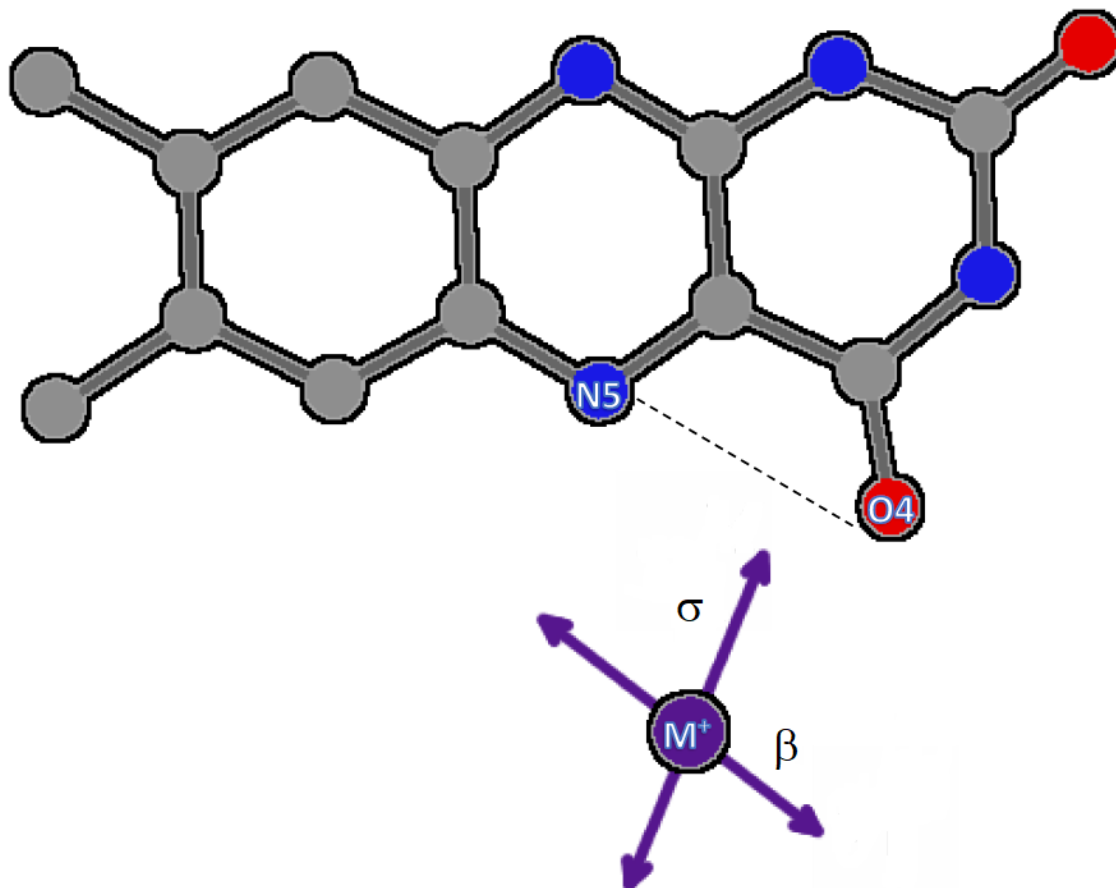


**Figure S2.** Experimental VISPD spectra of the  $S_1 \leftarrow S_0$  transition of  $Cs^+LC$  recorded for ion trap temperatures of 25, 50, and 100 K. The Franck-Condon analysis of the intensities of the  $S_1$  origin ( $0^0$ ), the hot band and fundamental of the in-plane  $Cs^+ \dots LC$  bend ( $-42$  and  $+45$   $cm^{-1}$ ) yields a vibrational temperature of  $29 \pm 3$  K for a nominal trap temperature measured as  $25 \pm 1$  K.

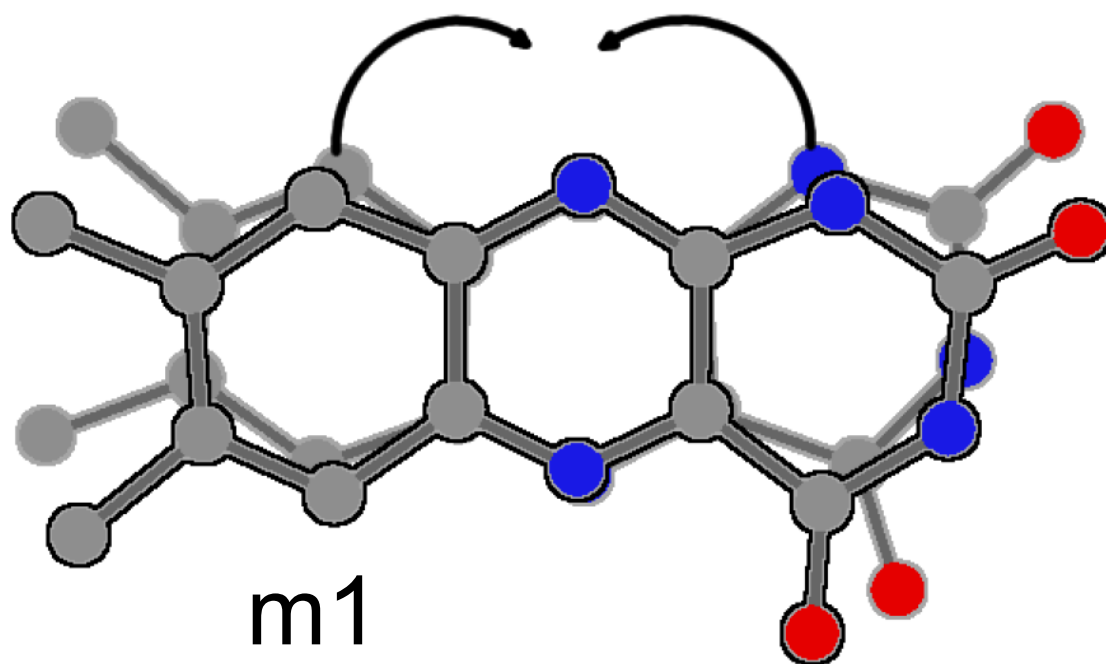


**Figure S3.** Schematic representation of relevant low-frequency in-plane normal coordinates in the  $S_1$  state of  $\text{Cs}^+\text{LC}(\text{O4})$  calculated at the PBE0/cc-pVDZ level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for the sake of simplicity. Similarly, the metal ion is not shown for vibrations of the LC moiety. Shown are the structures for maximum positive and maximum negative elongation. The arrows indicate major movements. Labels used in Table 3 are indicated.

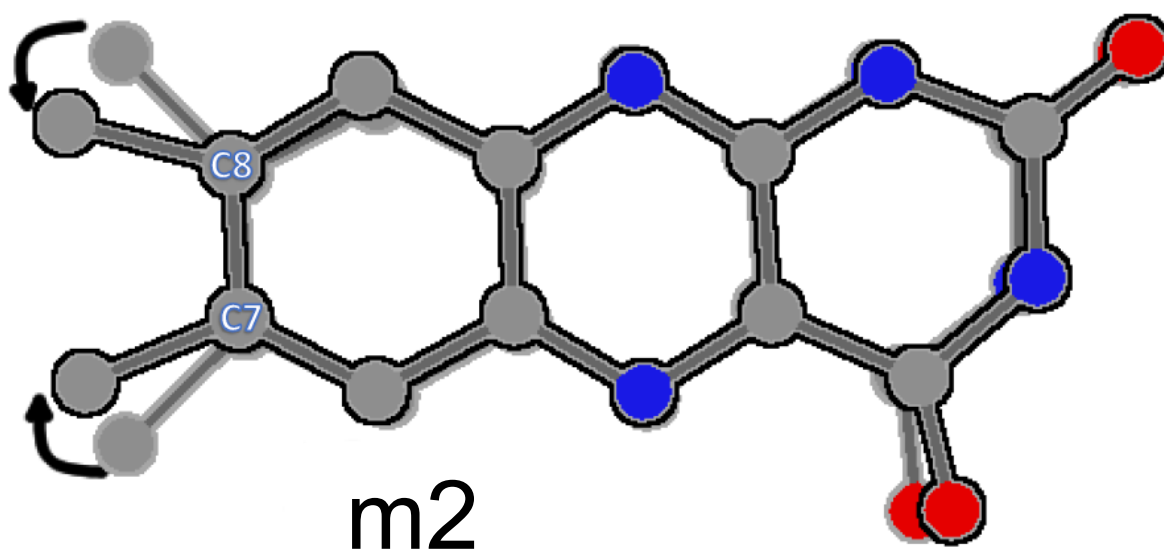
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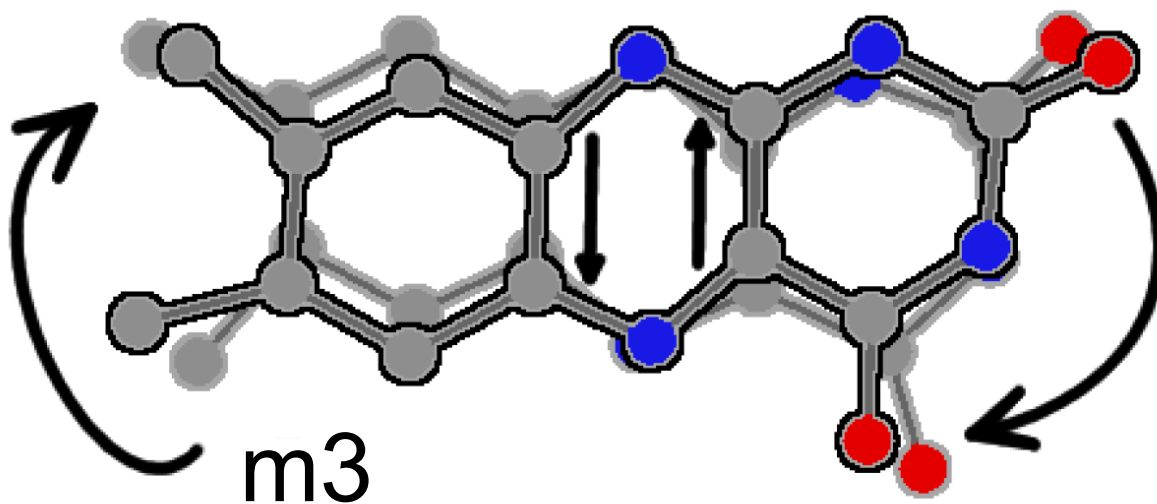


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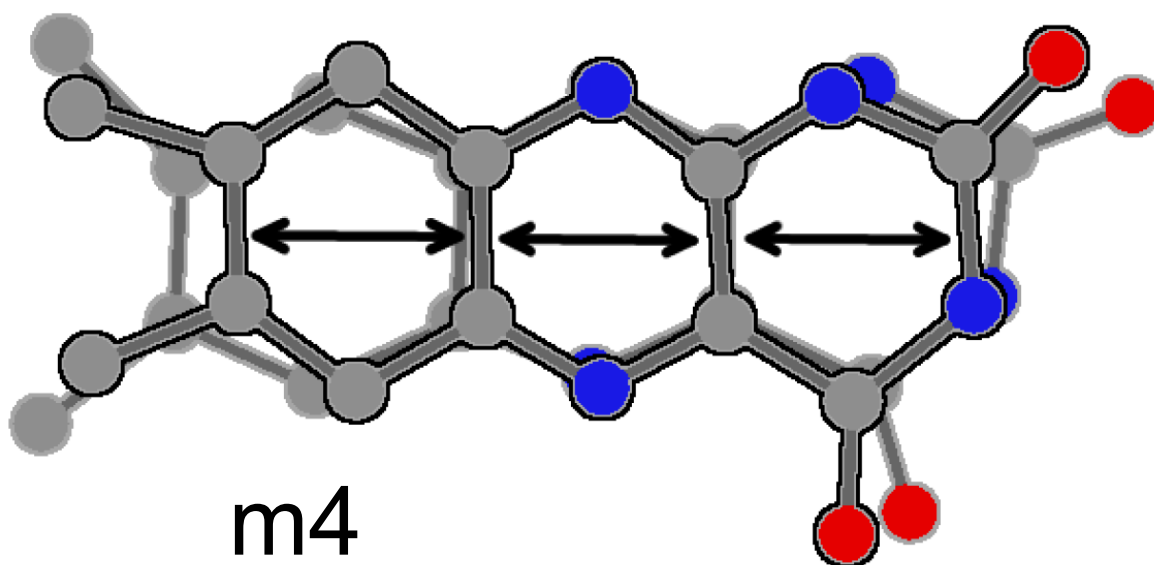




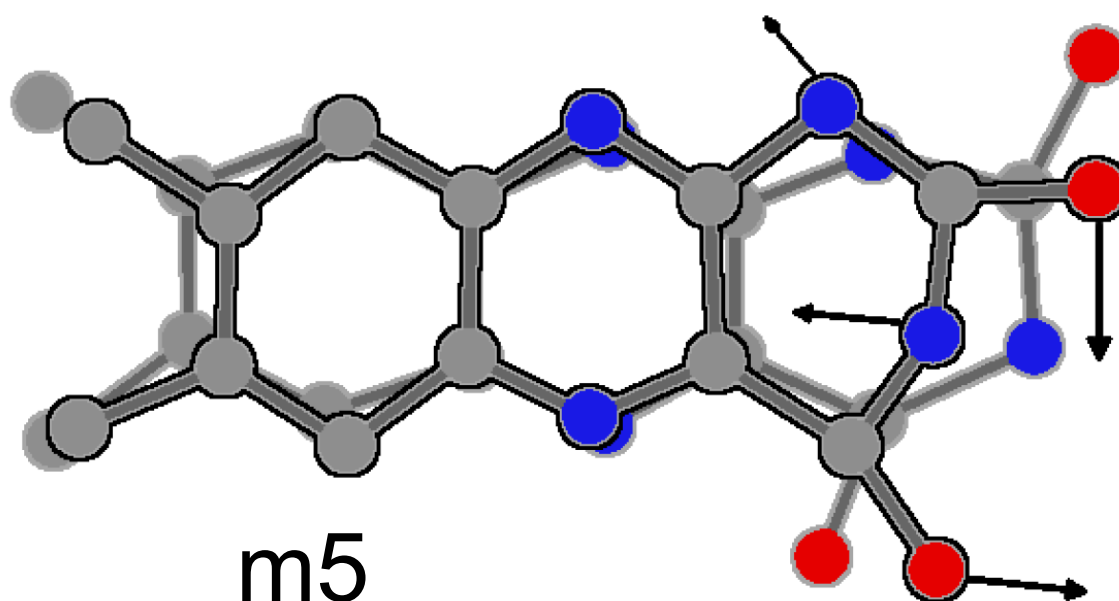
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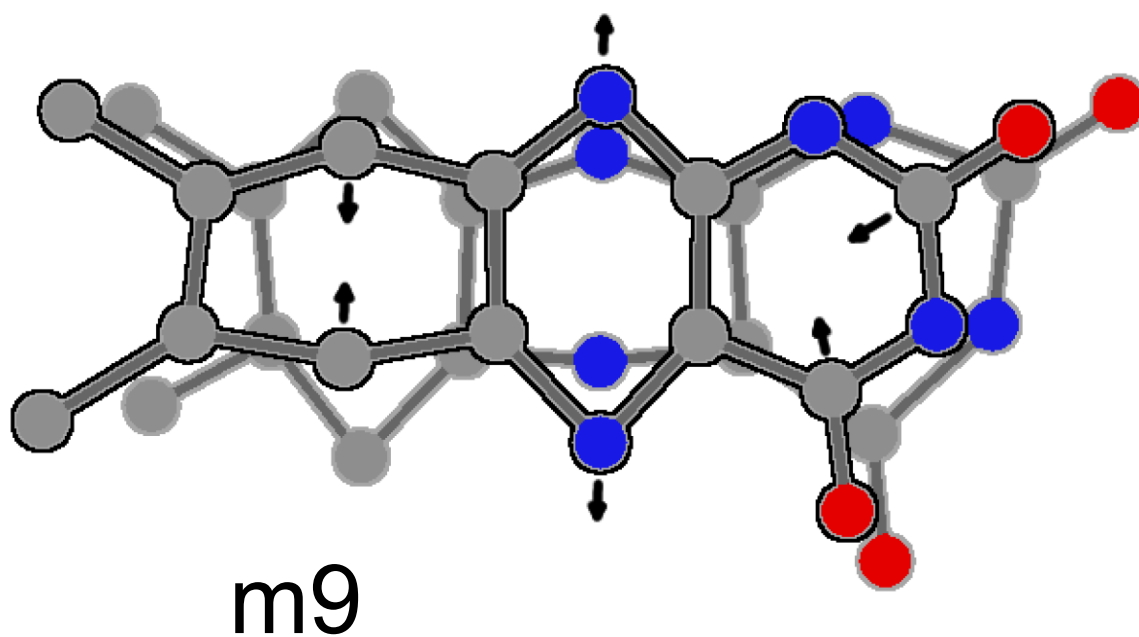
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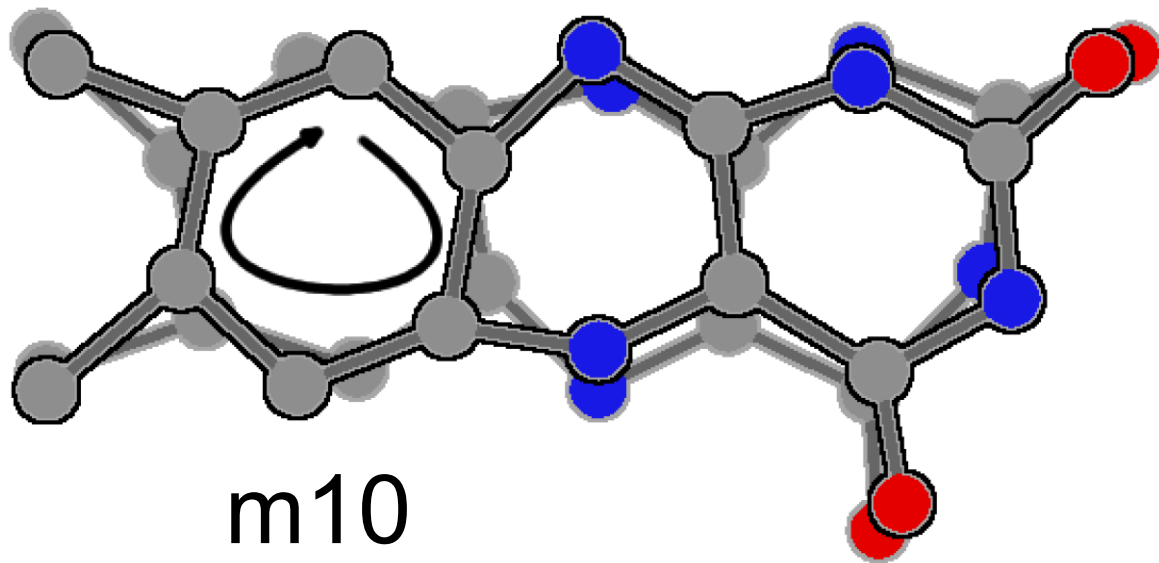
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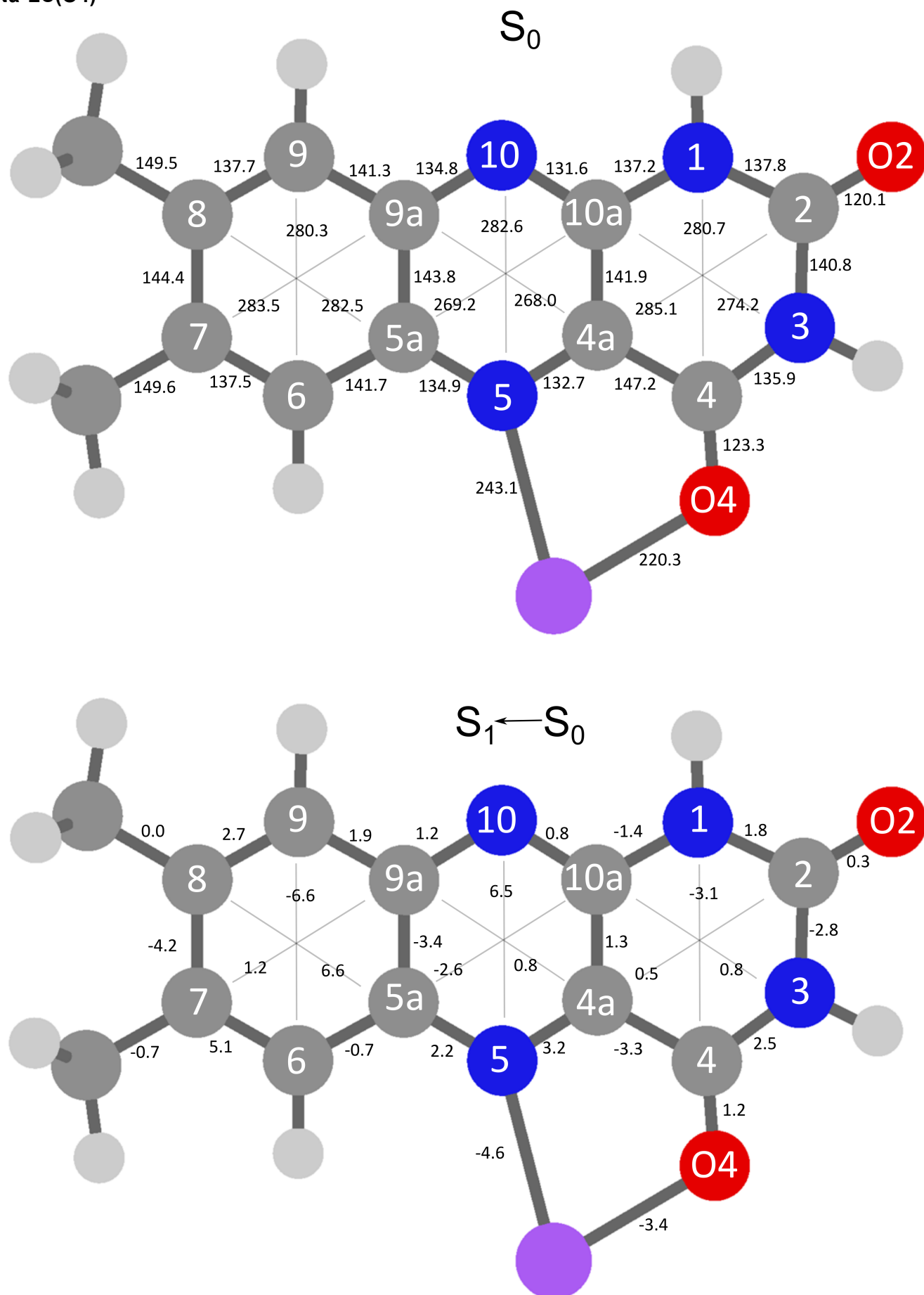


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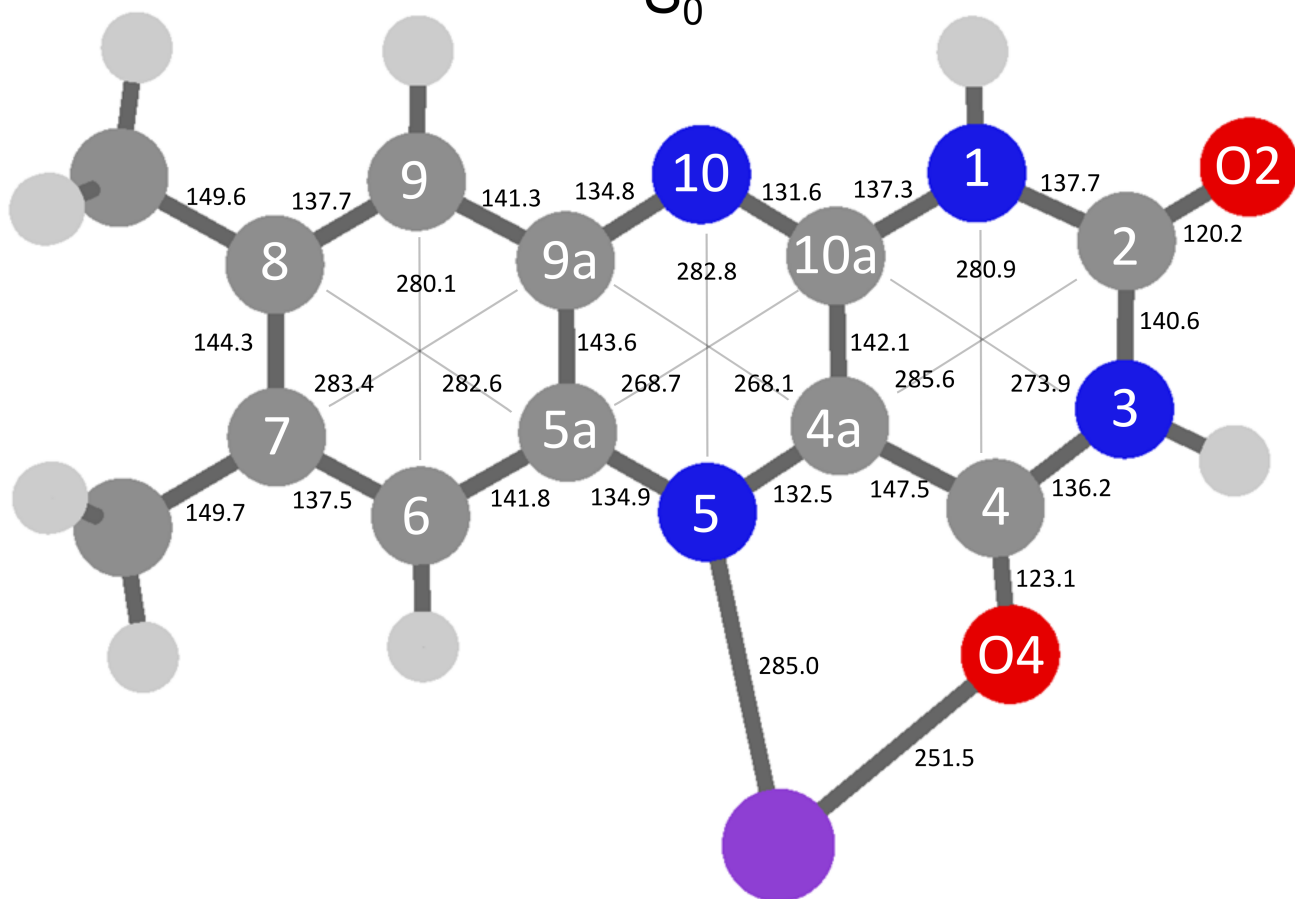


**Figure S4.** Ground state  $S_0$  (top, absolute distances) and  $S_1$  excited state geometries (bottom, distances relative to  $S_0$ ) of  $M^+LC(O4)$  calculated at the PBE0/cc-pVDZ level. All values are given in pm. Positive values correspond to elongations; negative values indicate contractions upon  $S_1$  excitation.

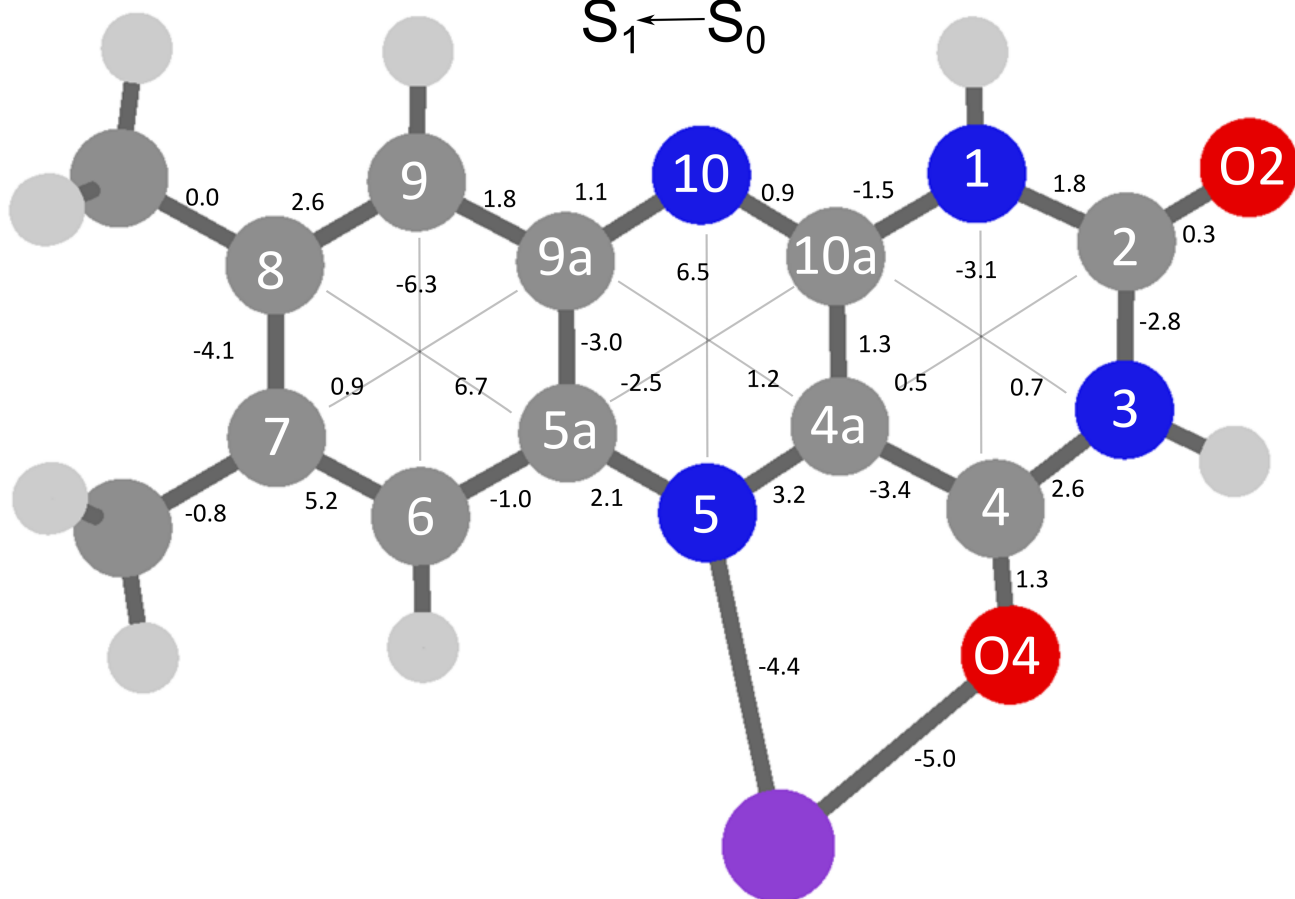
**Na<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)**

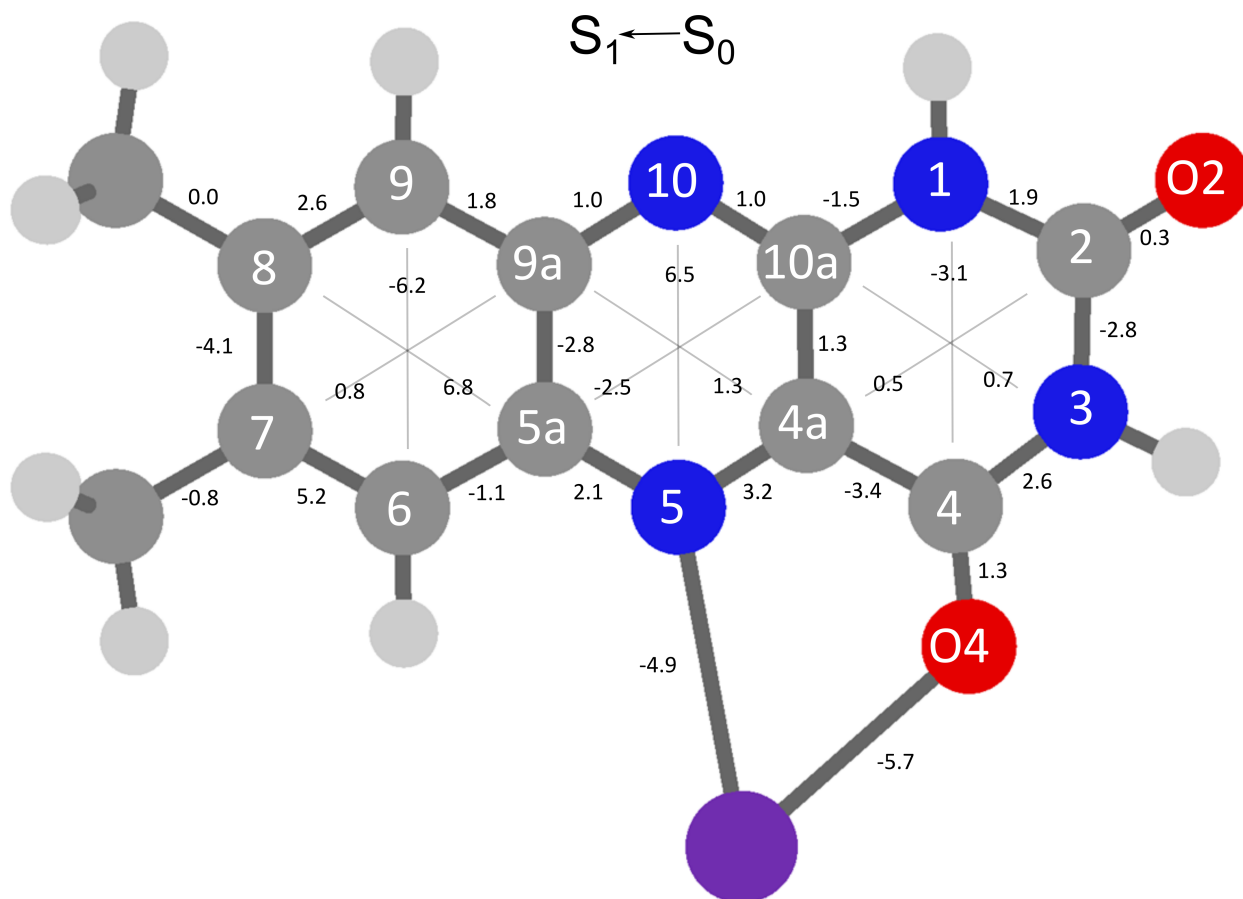
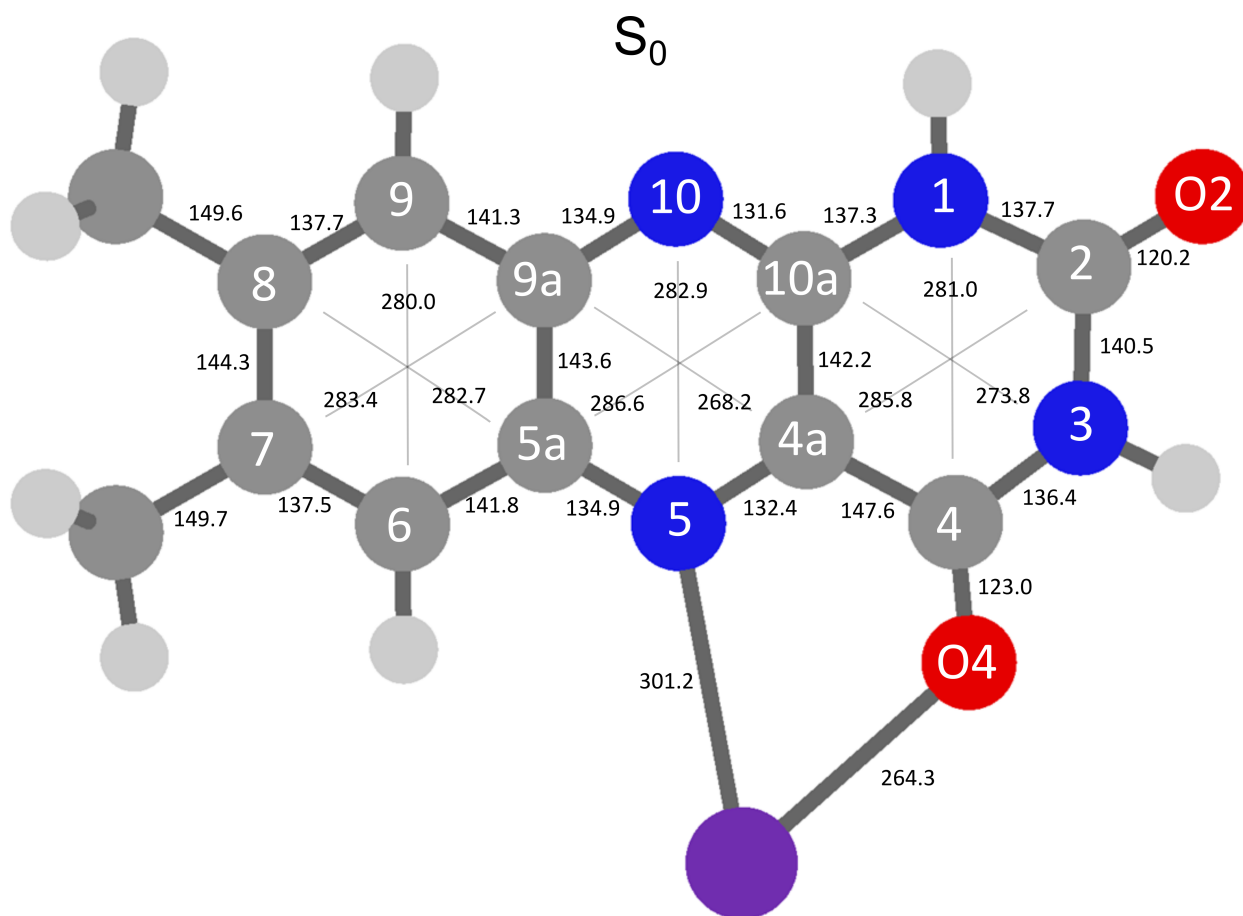


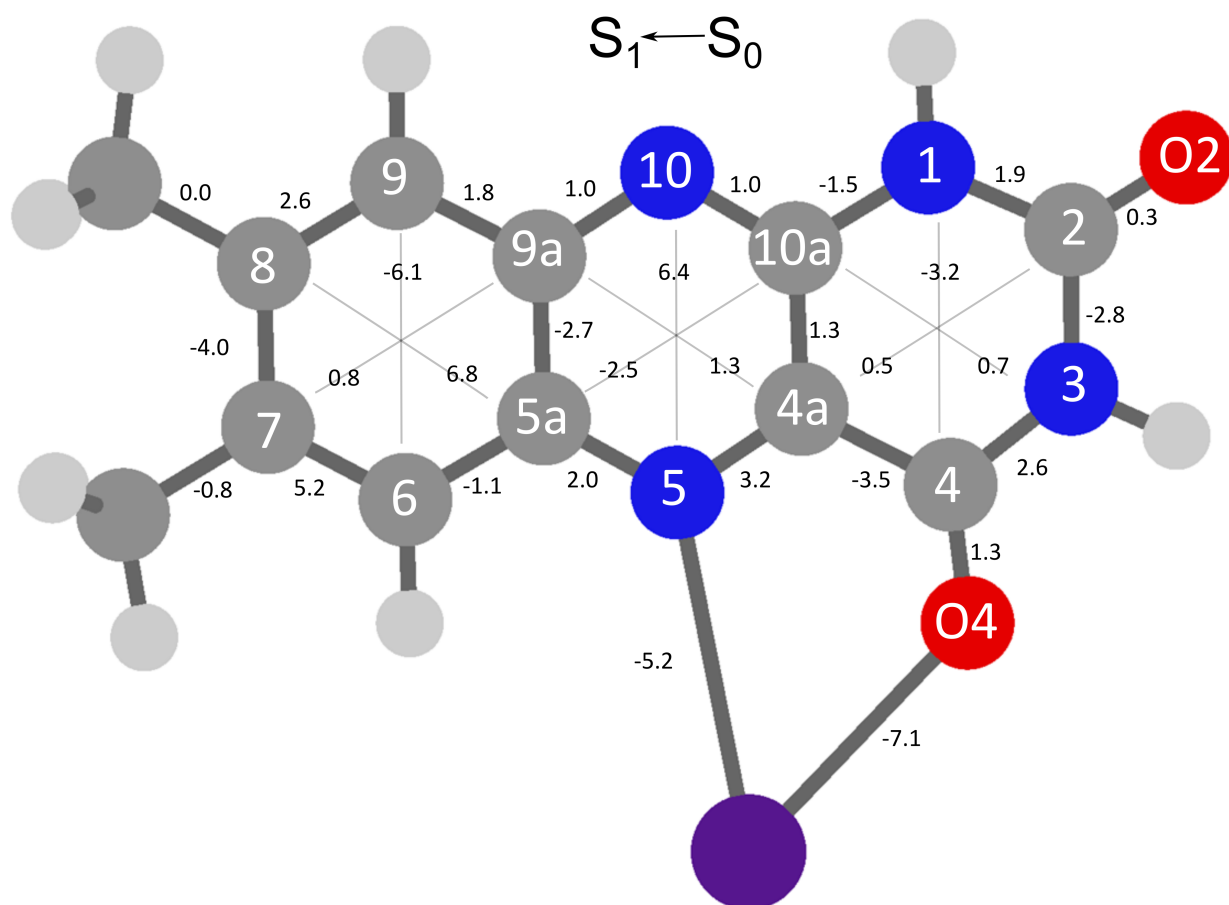
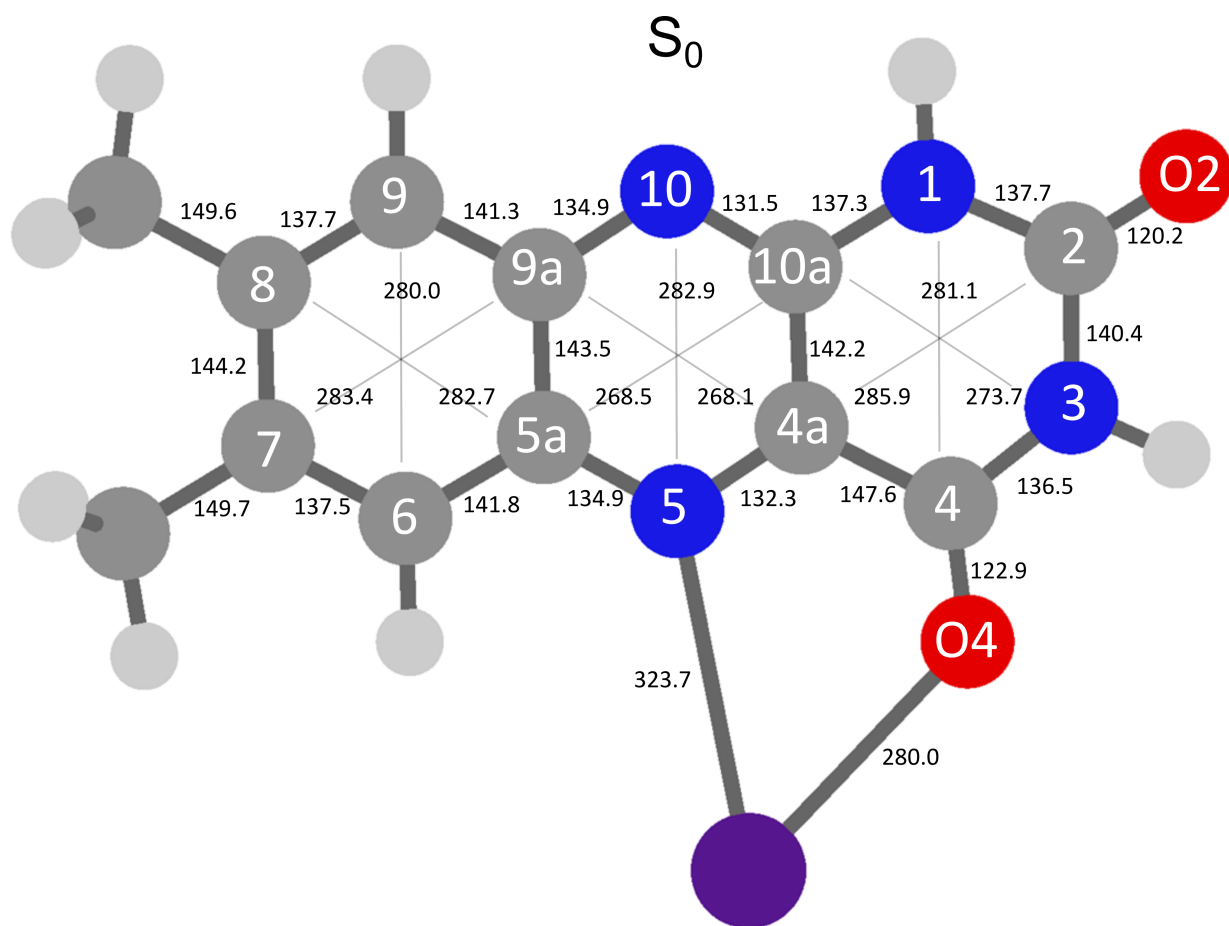
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S<sub>1</sub> ← S<sub>0</sub>







**Table S1.** Experimental frequencies for vibronic transitions (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) observed in the VISPD spectrum of the  $S_1$  state of  $M^+LC$  compared to harmonic frequencies of the  $M^+LC(O4)$  isomer computed at the PBE0/cc-pVDZ level, along with the mode assignment.

**(a)  $Li^+LC(O4)$**

Band	$\nu$ (exp)	$\nu$ (calc)	Assignment
	21911	20757	$0^0$
A	157	161	m1
B	288	307	m3
C	299	314	m4
D	319	322	2m1
E	350	373	$\beta$
F	403	418	m5
G	470	468	m1+m3
H	454	475	m1+m4
I	466	483	3m1
J	507	534	m1+ $\beta$
K	548	569	m10
L	561	579	m1+ m5
M	581	607	m9
N	595	615	$\sigma$



**(b) Na<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)**

Band	$\nu$ (exp)	$\nu$ (calc)	Assignment
	22786	21817	$0^0$
A	128	132	$\beta$
B	189	195	m1
C	232	240	$\sigma$
D	254	264	$2\beta$
E	301	307	m3
F	314	327	$m1+\beta$
G	333	342	m4
H	360	372	$\sigma+\beta$
I	379	396	$3\beta$
J	420	428	m5
K	429	435	$m1+\sigma$
		439	$m3+\beta$
L	436	445	m6
	443	459	$m1+2\beta$
M	460	474	$m4+\beta$
N	468	480	$2\sigma$
O	489	504	$\sigma+2\beta$
P	522	537	$m1+m4$
Q	534	538	m8
R	547	560	$m5+\beta$
S	569	582	m9
T	590	601	m10

**(c) K<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)**

Band	v (exp)	v (calc)	assignment
	23315	22360	$0^0$
A	83	86	$\beta$
B	155	161	$\sigma$
C	168	172	$2\beta$
D	235	247	$\sigma+\beta$
E	295	303	m3
F	308	322	$2\sigma$
G	325	328	m4
		333	$\sigma+2\beta$
H	377	389	$m3+\beta$
I	410	408	$2\sigma+\beta$
		419	$\sigma+3\beta$
		419	m5
J	450	464	$m3+\sigma$
K	466	476	m7
		475	$m3+2\beta$
L	480	489	$m4+\sigma$
M	492	505	$m5+\beta$
N	565	579	m9
		580	$m5+\sigma$

(d) Rb<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)

Band	v (exp)	v (calc)	assignment
	23465	22584	0 <sup>0</sup>
A	57	60	$\beta$
B	113	120	2 $\beta$
C	125	132	$\sigma$
D	169 Shoulder: 182	180 180	3 $\beta$ m1
E	183	192	$\sigma+\beta$
F	223 Shoulder:230	240 240	m1+ $\beta$ 4 $\beta$
G	239	252	$\sigma+2\beta$
H	249	264	2 $\sigma$
I	293	301 312 312	m3 m1+ $\sigma$ $\sigma+3\beta$
J	323	324 325	2 $\sigma+\beta$ m4

(e) Cs<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)

Band	$\nu$ (exp)	$\nu$ (calc)	assignment
	23571	22717	$0^u$
A	45	45	$\beta$
B	90	90	$2\beta$
C	108	114	$\sigma$
D	133	135	$3\beta$
E	152	159	$\sigma+\beta$
F	170	174	$m_1$
G	196	204	$\sigma+2\beta$
H	214	228	$2\sigma$
I	240	249	$\sigma+3\beta$

**Table S2.** Calculated vibrations (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) for the  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  states of the  $M^+LC(O4)$  isomers,  $H^+LC(N5)$ , and LC.**(a)  $Li^+LC(O4)$** 

$S_0$				$S_1$			
$\nu$	sym(a')	$\nu$	sym (a'')	$\nu$	sym(a')	$\nu$	sym (a'')
159.4	53	56.1	81	161.3	53	54.2	81
293.7	52	67.1	80	280.4	52	66.2	80
310.2	51	120.2	79	306.5	51	102.0	79
325.3	50	136.7	78	313.8	50	117.9	78
354.3	49	149.0	77	372.9	49	137.7	77
414.1	48	171.0	76	417.9	48	153.7	76
446.0	47	200.2	75	445.5	47	169.4	75
481.0	46	203.8	74	480.0	46	205.1	74
496.5	45	252.5	73	504.6	45	226.6	73
568.1	44	315.0	72	568.6	44	292.0	72
598.4	43	392.5	71	607.0	43	346.9	71
622.7	42	466.8	70	615.0	42	380.6	70
661.8	41	517.1	69	659.6	41	454.4	69
710.9	40	625.4	68	711.8	40	590.7	68
754.1	39	645.3	67	763.1	39	619.2	67
806.6	38	681.3	66	810.4	38	668.7	66
858.7	37	733.7	65	856.9	37	689.8	65
903.7	36	774.6	64	905.6	36	716.2	64
1005.7	35	791.4	63	1001.3	35	767.0	63
1017.9	34	835.2	62	1010.6	34	784.6	62
1026.7	33	872.6	61	1021.6	33	884.0	61
1170.3	32	914.2	60	1156.7	32	903.4	60
1185.7	31	1031.6	59	1178.4	31	1005.2	59
1220.7	30	1051.7	58	1222.6	30	1037.7	58
1257.2	29	1438.8	57	1236.8	29	1429.5	57
1286.0	28	1454.4	56	1274.0	28	1448.1	56
1315.9	27	3134.9	55	1296.4	27	3112.5	55
1340.2	26	3137.4	54	1330.6	26	3129.6	54
1380.2	25			1349.8	25		
1387.9	24			1353.5	24		
1392.1	23			1375.3	23		
1399.4	22			1389.2	22		
1427.7	21			1392.6	21		
1433.3	20			1429.5	20		
1457.1	19			1446.0	19		
1467.3	18			1460.0	18		
1488.5	17			1472.1	17		
1529.0	16			1496.8	16		
1547.5	15			1510.8	15		
1576.0	14			1576.9	14		
1641.4	13			1595.3	13		
1643.6	12			1625.1	12		
1709.3	11			1691.6	11		
1758.9	10			1710.6	10		
1906.5	9			1878.0	9		
3062.4	8			3047.2	8		
3063.5	7			3057.9	7		
3175.8	6			3179.8	6		
3182.5	5			3181.2	5		
3202.1	4			3208.0	4		
3233.8	3			3224.5	3		
3592.5	2			3602.7	2		
3613.6	1			3619.2	1		

(b) Na<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
v	sym(a')	v	sym (a'')	v	sym(a')	v	sym (a'')
123.2	53	50.1	81	132.1	53	48.1	81
186.8	52	64.8	80	194.8	52	63.6	80
232.8	51	78.9	79	239.5	51	73.4	79
303.1	50	126.8	78	288.7	50	102.1	78
314.2	49	138.7	77	306.5	49	126.4	77
343.9	48	166.6	76	341.8	48	146.0	76
428.1	47	176.6	75	427.8	47	162.0	75
444.8	46	200.5	74	445.4	46	175.4	74
478.9	45	253.9	73	476.9	45	223.4	73
541.3	44	316.0	72	538.2	44	290.8	72
585.7	43	391.9	71	582.1	43	343.1	71
615.7	42	466.0	70	601.0	42	380.8	70
656.6	41	512.6	69	653.7	41	448.0	69
703.4	40	625.0	68	699.7	40	592.9	68
754.8	39	646.3	67	759.0	39	617.9	67
804.6	38	681.3	66	780.6	38	671.0	66
854.6	37	733.0	65	848.7	37	691.5	65
901.4	36	773.7	64	903.5	36	715.8	64
1007.0	35	790.9	63	1001.9	35	767.5	63
1022.8	34	835.3	62	1010.3	34	806.7	62
1027.0	33	867.9	61	1027.0	33	880.9	61
1168.4	32	914.8	60	1156.1	32	902.5	60
1177.7	31	1031.8	59	1169.7	31	1004.7	59
1217.6	30	1052.6	58	1219.4	30	1038.4	58
1254.9	29	1439.5	57	1235.9	29	1430.1	57
1288.8	28	1455.2	56	1266.2	28	1449.5	56
1313.9	27	3134.3	55	1291.4	27	3111.8	55
1337.1	26	3136.8	54	1325.2	26	3129.2	54
1375.4	25			1352.4	25		
1388.3	24			1357.7	24		
1394.9	23			1375.4	23		
1403.0	22			1391.1	22		
1427.5	21			1395.7	21		
1434.4	20			1426.4	20		
1456.7	19			1446.0	19		
1465.8	18			1456.1	18		
1479.9	17			1467.5	17		
1527.6	16			1493.7	16		
1544.8	15			1500.1	15		
1572.5	14			1574.0	14		
1638.6	13			1582.7	13		
1646.4	12			1614.4	12		
1710.5	11			1679.4	11		
1773.6	10			1720.5	10		
1902.8	9			1871.3	9		
3062.0	8			3046.8	8		
3062.8	7			3057.7	7		
3172.6	6			3177.4	6		
3181.2	5			3179.6	5		
3193.5	4			3202.2	4		
3232.3	3			3223.2	3		
3600.0	2			3602.7	2		
3617.2	1			3625.3	1		

(c) K<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
v	sym(a')	v	sym (a'')	v	sym(a')	v	sym (a'')
78.9	53	38.9	81	86.0	53	37.0	81
156.1	52	60.0	80	160.7	52	59.5	80
189.5	51	67.4	79	198.7	51	62.5	79
298.6	50	125.0	78	285.0	50	101.9	78
309.4	49	138.4	77	302.5	49	124.7	77
336.0	48	161.1	76	328.4	48	144.8	76
418.8	47	172.6	75	418.6	47	155.7	75
440.3	46	199.1	74	436.6	46	170.6	74
478.0	45	253.4	73	475.7	45	221.8	73
539.0	44	315.8	72	535.0	44	287.4	72
584.7	43	391.1	71	578.5	43	337.6	71
613.0	42	464.9	70	598.3	42	380.1	70
654.6	41	509.0	69	651.1	41	441.5	69
701.3	40	624.1	68	696.9	40	593.4	68
754.7	39	646.1	67	756.3	39	615.2	67
804.2	38	680.9	66	805.6	38	668.4	66
852.2	37	731.4	65	844.3	37	691.0	65
900.0	36	772.7	64	902.1	36	713.5	64
1006.8	35	790.4	63	1001.6	35	767.1	63
1024.1	34	835.5	62	1009.9	34	779.3	62
1027.3	33	867.4	61	1028.3	33	878.6	61
1167.0	32	914.3	60	1155.4	32	900.8	60
1174.2	31	1031.9	59	1165.0	31	1004.4	59
1215.2	30	1052.9	58	1216.1	30	1038.8	58
1253.0	29	1439.8	57	1235.5	29	1430.5	57
1288.7	28	1455.4	56	1261.6	28	1450.2	56
1312.5	27	3133.5	55	1288.7	27	3111.1	55
1335.0	26	3135.8	54	1321.6	26	3128.7	54
1372.2	25			1352.0	25		
1388.3	24			1361.6	24		
1395.3	23			1375.4	23		
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1526.7	16			1490.6	16		
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1570.7	14			1571.8	14		
1636.8	13			1575.5	13		
1648.4	12			1610.6	12		
1711.2	11			1671.8	11		
1771.5	10			1717.5	10		
1900.2	9			1867.9	9		
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3061.9	7			3057.3	7		
3170.2	6			3175.8	6		
3180.0	5			3178.3	5		
3193.7	4			3202.2	4		
3230.6	3			3222.1	3		
3603.1	2			3603.0	2		
3619.0	1			3628.2	1		

(d) Rb<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
v	sym(a')	v	sym(a'')	v	sym(a')	v	sym(a'')
54.9	53	33.1	81	59.8	53	31.5	81
122.4	52	58.1	80	131.5	52	57.6	80
175.9	51	66.8	79	179.6	51	62.4	79
296.8	50	124.8	78	283.4	50	100.3	78
308.3	49	138.3	77	301.4	49	124.8	77
334.0	48	158.8	76	324.6	48	144.6	76
416.4	47	172.0	75	415.8	47	153.8	75
439.8	46	199.1	74	435.1	46	170.1	74
477.8	45	253.6	73	475.3	45	221.0	73
538.2	44	316.0	72	533.9	44	286.1	72
584.4	43	391.1	71	577.2	43	336.5	71
612.4	42	464.6	70	597.7	42	379.8	70
654.3	41	508.7	69	650.8	41	440.6	69
700.7	40	623.8	68	696.0	40	593.5	68
754.9	39	646.1	67	755.4	39	614.3	67
804.0	38	680.5	66	805.2	38	668.3	66
851.9	37	730.8	65	843.5	37	691.1	65
899.8	36	772.3	64	901.7	36	712.9	64
1006.9	35	790.6	63	1001.5	35	767.1	63
1024.4	34	835.5	62	1009.8	34	778.3	62
1027.8	33	868.2	61	1028.7	33	878.2	61
1166.6	32	914.4	60	1155.1	32	900.3	60
1173.2	31	1032.1	59	1164.1	31	1004.1	59
1214.3	30	1053.1	58	1215.4	30	1038.9	58
1252.3	29	1440.0	57	1235.5	29	1430.4	57
1289.2	28	1455.7	56	1260.7	28	1450.7	56
1312.2	27	3133.3	55	1288.3	27	3110.8	55
1334.7	26	3135.5	54	1321.0	26	3128.5	54
1371.4	25			1352.3	25		
1388.4	24			1363.4	24		
1395.6	23			1375.0	23		
1404.7	22			1391.4	22		
1427.4	21			1396.1	21		
1434.4	20			1424.0	20		
1455.7	19			1446.0	19		
1463.6	18			1453.2	18		
1478.3	17			1465.7	17		
1526.6	16			1489.9	16		
1543.3	15			1500.8	15		
1570.3	14			1571.2	14		
1636.9	13			1573.2	13		
1649.5	12			1608.9	12		
1711.7	11			1670.0	11		
1776.5	10			1721.0	10		
1899.2	9			1866.8	9		
3061.3	8			3046.0	8		
3061.6	7			3057.3	7		
3169.4	6			3175.2	6		
3179.7	5			3178.0	5		
3195.6	4			3203.2	4		
3230.2	3			3221.6	3		
3605.5	2			3603.4	2		
3619.9	1			3629.8	1		



(e) Cs<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
v	sym(a')	v	sym (a'')	v	sym(a')	v	sym (a'')
42.0	53	29.4	81	45.2	53	28.8	81
103.7	52	57.5	80	113.5	52	56.9	80
171.4	51	66.6	79	173.5	51	62.0	79
295.6	50	124.7	78	282.7	50	101.6	78
307.6	49	138.6	77	300.7	49	124.3	77
332.9	48	157.9	76	322.4	48	144.8	76
414.3	47	171.7	75	413.2	47	153.1	75
439.3	46	199.2	74	434.3	46	169.5	74
477.7	45	253.7	73	475.2	45	221.0	73
537.5	44	316.0	72	532.9	44	285.0	72
584.1	43	391.2	71	576.1	43	335.5	71
611.8	42	464.5	70	597.2	42	380.2	70
653.8	41	508.1	69	650.3	41	440.3	69
700.1	40	623.6	68	695.4	40	593.5	68
754.9	39	646.1	67	754.7	39	613.2	67
804.0	38	680.7	66	805.3	38	667.4	66
851.2	37	730.8	65	842.5	37	690.8	65
899.5	36	772.2	64	901.9	36	712.5	64
1006.9	35	791.2	63	1001.4	35	767.0	63
1024.3	34	836.2	62	1009.6	34	778.8	62
1028.0	33	869.1	61	1028.8	33	878.8	61
1166.3	32	914.4	60	1155.1	32	899.9	60
1172.2	31	1032.1	59	1163.0	31	1004.1	59
1213.4	30	1053.3	58	1214.1	30	1039.1	58
1251.5	29	1440.2	57	1235.5	29	1430.7	57
1289.3	28	1455.9	56	1260.1	28	1450.9	56
1311.8	27	3133.1	55	1287.8	27	3110.5	55
1334.0	26	3135.1	54	1320.4	26	3128.4	54
1370.5	25			1352.2	25		
1388.4	24			1364.5	24		
1395.6	23			1374.9	23		
1404.7	22			1391.1	22		
1427.3	21			1395.9	21		
1434.3	20			1423.8	20		
1455.6	19			1446.3	19		
1463.3	18			1452.9	18		
1478.0	17			1465.7	17		
1526.3	16			1489.5	16		
1543.1	15			1501.1	15		
1569.9	14			1570.2	14		
1636.4	13			1571.9	13		
1650.0	12			1608.5	12		
1711.9	11			1668.2	11		
1774.7	10			1718.0	10		
1898.4	9			1866.3	9		
3061.0	8			3045.9	8		
3061.3	7			3057.2	7		
3168.7	6			3175.1	6		
3179.3	5			3177.6	5		
3197.8	4			3204.8	4		
3229.8	3			3221.6	3		
3607.1	2			3603.6	2		
3620.3	1			3631.2	1		

(f) LC

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
v	sym(a')	v	sym(a'')	v	sym(a')	v	sym(a'')
158.7	51	53.3	78	158.5	51	52.6	78
289.1	50	65.4	77	278.1	50	58.7	77
302.7	49	120.9	76	295.7	49	89.6	76
327.9	48	136.9	75	314.3	48	114.9	75
406.4	47	142.3	74	404.0	47	130.9	74
436.2	46	170.5	73	430.1	46	135.9	73
474.8	45	196.9	72	471.2	45	159.3	72
528.6	44	252.9	71	522.0	44	202.0	71
580.7	43	319.1	70	563.7	43	212.4	70
607.3	42	392.9	69	592.3	42	308.3	69
653.1	41	462.2	68	646.9	41	383.6	68
691.9	40	507.7	67	683.3	40	437.1	67
758.0	39	605.9	66	741.6	39	592.1	66
803.8	38	642.2	65	799.8	38	614.4	65
848.2	37	675.2	64	837.3	37	672.6	64
899.0	36	722.6	63	896.5	36	677.7	63
1006.0	35	770.0	62	998.3	35	719.9	62
1021.7	34	798.8	61	1006.3	34	768.1	61
1035.1	33	843.9	60	1027.2	33	775.8	60
1150.0	32	902.3	59	1131.5	32	872.4	59
1163.5	31	920.2	58	1156.4	31	904.0	58
1208.0	30	1035.5	57	1204.5	30	1003.8	57
1244.1	29	1056.6	56	1234.3	29	1039.2	56
1294.2	28	1443.3	55	1242.6	28	1433.7	55
1307.4	27	1458.9	54	1286.3	27	1453.6	54
1320.6	26	3122.4	53	1309.0	26	3101.5	53
1356.5	25	3124.5	52	1352.1	25	3114.6	52
1387.1	24			1371.4	24		
1396.1	23			1381.0	23		
1406.7	22			1390.2	22		
1427.0	21			1397.9	21		
1434.1	20			1418.1	20		
1450.2	19			1431.4	19		
1461.8	18			1451.7	18		
1480.6	17			1461.4	17		
1522.4	16			1478.3	16		
1545.5	15			1499.5	15		
1561.6	14			1538.1	14		
1638.9	13			1566.4	13		
1661.8	12			1573.0	12		
1715.3	11			1655.7	11		
1854.0	10			1800.0	10		
1871.3	9			1844.1	9		
3053.2	8			3039.6	8		
3054.4	7			3047.5	7		
3165.6	6			3163.6	6		
3167.3	5			3172.9	5		
3218.2	4			3210.6	4		
3220.7	3			3216.4	3		
3629.4	2			3618.4	2		
3642.1	1			3643.5	1		

(g) H<sup>+</sup>LC (N5)

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
v	sym(a')	v	sym(a'')	v	sym(a')	v	sym(a'')
152.8	53	56.8	81	153.1	53	53.4	81
282.6	52	68.3	80	273.9	52	67.3	80
304.5	51	121.5	79	289.0	51	104.7	79
329.7	50	134.8	78	314.7	50	121.7	78
412.9	49	158.1	77	411.7	49	142.2	77
431.6	48	169.0	76	430.8	48	155.1	76
473.6	47	200.1	75	471.5	47	172.7	75
525.3	46	246.5	74	519.9	46	220.1	74
572.8	45	314.2	73	569.8	45	287.3	73
609.5	44	391.1	72	598.6	44	329.6	72
651.4	43	439.7	71	649.2	43	369.2	71
694.8	42	489.6	70	690.9	42	424.1	70
749.0	41	612.9	69	759.5	41	585.6	69
798.0	40	635.4	68	800.5	40	617.2	68
847.4	39	664.5	67	850.4	39	632.9	67
898.7	38	720.0	66	895.4	38	672.6	66
1003.8	37	768.0	65	999.7	37	687.4	65
1013.7	36	773.4	64	1010.0	36	719.5	64
1025.0	35	815.6	63	1013.2	35	762.8	63
1151.5	34	861.4	62	1142.9	34	767.3	62
1175.9	33	910.2	61	1165.9	33	877.5	61
1210.7	32	929.0	60	1212.7	32	903.9	60
1257.2	31	1029.6	59	1227.2	31	1006.1	59
1265.8	30	1049.0	58	1269.1	30	1035.4	58
1310.2	29	1436.3	57	1287.5	29	1429.6	57
1341.1	28	1452.1	56	1301.1	28	1444.1	56
1375.4	27	3137.6	55	1342.7	27	3116.6	55
1385.3	26	3137.8	54	1353.6	26	3127.9	54
1386.8	25			1377.6	25		
1398.6	24			1381.1	24		
1406.2	23			1387.9	23		
1428.4	22			1418.2	22		
1438.0	21			1426.7	21		
1448.1	20			1443.9	20		
1462.2	19			1463.7	19		
1492.9	18			1480.6	18		
1531.3	17			1492.2	17		
1557.6	16			1545.0	16		
1602.8	15			1576.6	15		
1639.3	14			1601.1	14		
1693.1	13			1649.8	13		
1712.8	12			1726.7	12		
1846.5	11			1806.1	11		
1905.1	10			1863.7	10		
3063.9	9			3050.1	9		
3064.5	8			3056.1	8		
3183.3	7			3182.4	7		
3185.9	6			3184.8	6		
3214.9	5			3210.0	5		
3239.5	4			3228.0	4		
3455.3	3			3554.6	3		
3593.6	2			3600.2	2		
3615.4	1			3612.6	1		

**Table S3.** Optimized geometries for the  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  states of the  $M^+LC(O4)$  isomers,  $H^+LC(N5)$  and  $H^+LC(O4)$ , LC, and iso-LC.

**(a)  $Li^+LC(O4)$**

$S_0$				$S_1$			
	x	y	z		x	y	z
C	-3.17	-0.46	0.00	C	-3.22	-0.44	0.00
C	-1.94	-1.08	0.00	C	-1.94	-1.06	0.00
C	-0.74	-0.34	0.00	C	-0.71	-0.36	0.00
C	-0.79	1.10	0.00	C	-0.77	1.04	0.00
C	-2.06	1.72	0.00	C	-2.06	1.67	0.00
C	-3.23	0.99	0.00	C	-3.28	0.97	0.00
C	1.47	1.22	0.00	C	1.47	1.19	0.00
C	1.54	-0.19	0.00	C	1.57	-0.23	0.00
C	2.85	-0.86	0.00	C	2.87	-0.85	0.00
C	3.91	1.38	0.00	C	3.92	1.37	0.00
H	-1.89	-2.17	0.00	H	-1.90	-2.16	0.00
H	-2.08	2.81	0.00	H	-2.07	2.76	0.00
H	4.85	-0.45	0.00	H	4.88	-0.43	0.00
H	2.59	2.94	0.00	H	2.57	2.92	0.00
N	0.32	1.86	0.00	N	0.32	1.85	0.00
N	2.64	1.93	0.00	N	2.62	1.90	0.00
N	3.92	-0.04	0.00	N	3.95	-0.01	0.00
N	0.46	-0.96	0.00	N	0.48	-1.04	0.00
O	2.95	-2.10	0.00	O	3.01	-2.10	0.00
O	4.92	2.01	0.00	O	4.90	2.07	0.00
C	-4.55	1.67	0.00	C	-4.58	1.69	0.00
H	-5.15	1.39	0.88	H	-5.19	1.43	0.88
H	-4.44	2.77	0.00	H	-4.44	2.78	0.00
H	-5.15	1.39	-0.88	H	-5.19	1.43	-0.88
C	-4.43	-1.25	0.00	C	-4.45	-1.27	0.00
H	-5.05	-1.02	0.88	H	-5.08	-1.04	0.88
H	-5.05	-1.02	-0.88	H	-5.08	-1.04	-0.88
H	-4.23	-2.33	0.00	H	-4.23	-2.34	0.00
Li	1.24	-2.87	0.00	Li	1.33	-2.86	0.00

**(b)  $Na^+LC(O4)$**

$S_0$				$S_1$			
	x	y	z		x	y	z
C	-3.43	0.49	0.00	C	3.32	0.28	0.00
C	-2.21	1.13	0.00	C	2.02	0.86	0.00
C	-1.00	0.41	0.00	C	0.82	0.12	0.00
C	-1.04	-1.03	0.00	C	0.94	-1.28	0.00
C	-2.30	-1.67	0.00	C	2.25	-1.86	0.00
C	-3.47	-0.95	0.00	C	3.44	-1.12	0.00
C	1.22	-1.11	0.00	C	-1.30	-1.50	0.00
C	1.29	0.30	0.00	C	-1.46	-0.07	0.00
C	2.60	0.97	0.00	C	-2.80	0.48	0.00
C	3.66	-1.28	0.00	C	-3.73	-1.81	0.00
H	-2.17	2.22	0.00	H	1.95	1.95	0.00
H	-2.31	-2.76	0.00	H	2.29	-2.96	0.00
H	4.60	0.55	0.00	H	-4.78	-0.06	0.00
H	2.34	-2.84	0.00	H	-2.30	-3.28	0.00
N	0.08	-1.77	0.00	N	-0.13	-2.12	0.00
N	2.40	-1.83	0.00	N	-2.41	-2.27	0.00
N	3.67	0.13	0.00	N	-3.84	-0.44	0.00
N	0.19	1.05	0.00	N	-0.39	0.76	0.00
O	2.73	2.20	0.00	O	-3.05	1.70	0.00
O	4.68	-1.91	0.00	O	-4.67	-2.56	0.00
C	-4.79	-1.65	0.00	C	4.77	-1.79	0.00
H	-5.39	-1.38	-0.88	H	5.36	-1.51	0.88
H	-4.67	-2.74	0.00	H	4.66	-2.89	0.00
H	-5.39	-1.38	0.88	H	5.36	-1.51	-0.88
C	-4.71	1.28	0.00	C	4.52	1.16	0.00
H	-5.32	1.04	-0.88	H	5.16	0.96	0.88
H	-5.32	1.04	0.88	H	5.16	0.96	-0.88
H	-4.52	2.36	0.00	H	4.26	2.22	0.00
Na	0.88	3.38	0.00	Na	-1.29	2.97	0.00

**(c) K<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)**

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
	x	y	z		x	y	z
C	-3.46	0.38	0.00	C	-3.42	0.15	0.00
C	-2.22	0.97	0.00	C	-2.09	0.67	0.00
C	-1.03	0.20	0.00	C	-0.93	-0.14	0.00
C	-1.13	-1.23	0.00	C	-1.12	-1.53	0.00
C	-2.42	-1.82	0.00	C	-2.46	-2.04	0.00
C	-3.56	-1.06	0.00	C	-3.61	-1.24	0.00
C	1.13	-1.40	0.00	C	1.10	-1.86	0.00
C	1.24	0.02	0.00	C	1.34	-0.44	0.00
C	2.58	0.63	0.00	C	2.70	0.03	0.00
C	3.55	-1.66	0.00	C	3.51	-2.31	0.00
H	-2.14	2.06	0.00	H	-1.96	1.75	0.00
H	-2.47	-2.91	0.00	H	-2.56	-3.13	0.00
H	4.56	0.12	0.00	H	4.65	-0.62	0.00
H	2.17	-3.17	0.00	H	1.99	-3.70	0.00
N	-0.04	-2.02	0.00	N	-0.10	-2.42	0.00
N	2.27	-2.16	0.00	N	2.17	-2.70	0.00
N	3.62	-0.26	0.00	N	3.69	-0.94	0.00
N	0.18	0.80	0.00	N	0.31	0.44	0.00
O	2.78	1.84	0.00	O	3.03	1.23	0.00
O	4.54	-2.34	0.00	O	4.41	-3.12	0.00
C	-4.91	-1.71	0.00	C	-4.97	-1.84	0.00
H	-5.49	-1.41	-0.88	H	-5.55	-1.53	-0.88
H	-4.82	-2.80	0.00	H	-4.93	-2.94	0.00
H	-5.49	-1.41	0.88	H	-5.55	-1.53	0.88
C	-4.71	1.21	0.00	C	-4.57	1.09	0.00
H	-5.33	1.00	-0.88	H	-5.22	0.92	-0.88
H	-5.33	1.00	0.88	H	-5.22	0.92	0.88
H	-4.47	2.29	0.00	H	-4.25	2.14	0.00
K	0.93	3.55	0.00	K	1.36	3.04	0.00

**(d) Rb<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)**

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
	x	y	z		x	y	z
C	3.54	-0.03	0.00	C	-3.62	0.48	0.00
C	2.22	-0.41	0.00	C	-2.24	0.87	0.00
C	1.17	0.55	0.00	C	-1.16	-0.03	0.00
C	1.50	1.94	0.00	C	-1.48	-1.40	0.00
C	2.87	2.32	0.00	C	-2.86	-1.79	0.00
C	3.87	1.38	0.00	C	-3.93	-0.89	0.00
C	-0.70	2.48	0.00	C	0.70	-1.93	0.00
C	-1.04	1.10	0.00	C	1.07	-0.54	0.00
C	-2.47	0.71	0.00	C	2.47	-0.19	0.00
C	-3.05	3.14	0.00	C	3.06	-2.60	0.00
H	1.96	-1.47	0.00	H	-2.02	1.94	0.00
H	3.09	3.39	0.00	H	-3.05	-2.87	0.00
H	-4.33	1.54	0.00	H	4.35	-1.02	0.00
H	-1.44	4.40	0.00	H	1.42	-3.84	0.00
N	0.55	2.90	0.00	N	-0.54	-2.38	0.00
N	-1.70	3.42	0.00	N	1.69	-2.86	0.00
N	-3.34	1.76	0.00	N	3.36	-1.25	0.00
N	-0.12	0.15	0.00	N	0.12	0.43	0.00
O	-2.86	-0.45	0.00	O	2.91	0.97	0.00
O	-3.91	3.97	0.00	O	3.88	-3.48	0.00
C	5.31	1.80	0.00	C	-5.35	-1.37	0.00
H	5.84	1.41	-0.88	H	-5.89	-1.00	-0.88
H	5.40	2.90	0.00	H	-5.40	-2.46	0.00
H	5.84	1.41	0.88	H	-5.89	-1.00	0.88
C	4.63	-1.05	0.00	C	-4.68	1.52	0.00
H	5.28	-0.94	-0.88	H	-5.34	1.41	-0.88
H	5.28	-0.94	0.88	H	-5.34	1.41	0.88
H	4.23	-2.07	0.00	H	-4.27	2.54	0.00
Rb	-1.33	-2.61	0.00	Rb	1.43	3.09	0.00

(e) Cs<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
	x	y	z		x	y	z
C	-3.75	-0.21	0.00	C	-3.85	-0.30	0.00
C	-2.38	-0.37	0.00	C	-2.43	-0.43	0.00
C	-1.50	0.74	0.00	C	-1.54	0.66	0.00
C	-2.05	2.06	0.00	C	-2.12	1.95	0.00
C	-3.46	2.21	0.00	C	-3.54	2.07	0.00
C	-4.30	1.12	0.00	C	-4.42	0.98	0.00
C	0.03	2.94	0.00	C	-0.07	2.88	0.00
C	0.60	1.63	0.00	C	0.55	1.58	0.00
C	2.06	1.48	0.00	C	1.99	1.50	0.00
C	2.25	3.97	0.00	C	2.12	3.98	0.00
H	-1.95	-1.38	0.00	H	-2.01	-1.44	0.00
H	-3.85	3.23	0.00	H	-3.94	3.09	0.00
H	3.77	2.60	0.00	H	3.69	2.68	0.00
H	0.46	4.96	0.00	H	0.28	4.89	0.00
N	-1.26	3.16	0.00	N	-1.38	3.09	0.00
N	0.87	4.03	0.00	N	0.72	3.98	0.00
N	2.76	2.66	0.00	N	2.67	2.72	0.00
N	-0.16	0.55	0.00	N	-0.19	0.45	0.00
O	2.64	0.40	0.00	O	2.65	0.45	0.00
O	2.97	4.93	0.00	O	2.76	5.00	0.00
C	-5.78	1.31	0.00	C	-5.90	1.18	0.00
H	-6.24	0.84	0.88	H	-6.37	0.72	0.88
H	-6.05	2.38	0.00	H	-6.16	2.25	0.00
H	-6.24	0.84	-0.88	H	-6.37	0.72	-0.88
C	-4.66	-1.40	0.00	C	-4.70	-1.53	0.00
H	-5.32	-1.39	0.88	H	-5.37	-1.54	0.88
H	-5.32	-1.39	-0.88	H	-5.37	-1.54	-0.88
H	-4.10	-2.34	0.00	H	-4.11	-2.45	0.00
Cs	1.57	-2.19	0.00	Cs	1.70	-2.11	0.00

(f) LC

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>2</sub>			
	x	y	z		x	y	z
C	-3.38	0.66	0.00	C	-3.41	0.63	0.00
C	-2.18	1.34	0.00	C	-2.16	1.33	0.00
C	-0.94	0.65	0.00	C	-0.92	0.68	0.00
C	-0.94	-0.78	0.00	C	-0.93	-0.74	0.00
C	-2.18	-1.46	0.00	C	-2.18	-1.43	0.00
C	-3.37	-0.78	0.00	C	-3.42	-0.77	0.00
C	1.32	-0.76	0.00	C	1.32	-0.73	0.00
C	1.33	0.66	0.00	C	1.36	0.70	0.00
C	2.62	1.40	0.00	C	2.64	1.38	0.00
C	3.77	-0.84	0.00	C	3.77	-0.85	0.00
H	-2.14	2.43	0.00	H	-2.15	2.42	0.00
H	-2.15	-2.55	0.00	H	-2.14	-2.52	0.00
H	4.64	1.00	0.00	H	4.67	0.96	0.00
H	2.51	-2.45	0.00	H	2.44	-2.43	0.00
N	0.22	-1.48	0.00	N	0.21	-1.47	0.00
N	2.52	-1.43	0.00	N	2.49	-1.42	0.00
N	3.73	0.55	0.00	N	3.76	0.51	0.00
N	0.21	1.36	0.00	N	0.22	1.42	0.00
O	2.74	2.60	0.00	O	2.83	2.58	0.00
O	4.80	-1.46	0.00	O	4.76	-1.56	0.00
C	-4.67	-1.53	0.00	C	-4.71	-1.54	0.00
H	-5.28	-1.27	-0.88	H	-5.32	-1.31	-0.88
H	-4.50	-2.61	0.00	H	-4.52	-2.63	0.00
H	-5.28	-1.27	0.88	H	-5.32	-1.31	0.88
C	-4.68	1.41	0.00	C	-4.68	1.42	0.00
H	-5.29	1.16	-0.88	H	-5.30	1.17	-0.88
H	-5.29	1.16	0.88	H	-5.30	1.17	0.88
H	-4.51	2.49	0.00	H	-4.50	2.50	0.00

e) iso-LC

$S_0$				$S_1$			
	x	y	z		x	y	z
C	-3.37	0.68	0.00	C	-3.37	0.66	0.00
C	-2.15	1.33	0.00	C	-2.16	1.35	0.00
C	-0.93	0.63	0.00	C	-0.91	0.70	0.00
C	-0.96	-0.78	0.00	C	-0.96	-0.74	0.00
C	-2.19	-1.45	0.00	C	-2.18	-1.44	0.00
C	-3.38	-0.74	0.00	C	-3.39	-0.77	0.00
C	1.45	-0.80	0.00	C	1.42	-0.72	0.00
C	1.36	0.66	0.00	C	1.39	0.70	0.00
C	2.66	1.39	0.00	C	2.67	1.38	0.00
C	3.75	-0.87	0.00	C	3.74	-0.89	0.00
H	-2.09	2.42	0.00	H	-2.14	2.44	0.00
H	-2.20	-2.55	0.00	H	-2.16	-2.53	0.00
H	4.66	0.97	0.00	H	4.68	0.92	0.00
N	0.24	-1.44	0.00	N	0.24	-1.39	0.00
N	2.53	-1.53	0.00	N	2.49	-1.52	0.00
N	3.74	0.54	0.00	N	3.76	0.48	0.00
N	0.25	1.33	0.00	N	0.23	1.41	0.00
O	2.76	2.60	0.00	O	2.87	2.58	0.00
O	4.81	-1.45	0.00	O	4.76	-1.56	0.00
C	-4.69	-1.48	0.00	C	-4.68	-1.52	0.00
H	-5.29	-1.22	-0.88	H	-5.30	-1.28	-0.88
H	-4.54	-2.57	0.00	H	-4.51	-2.61	0.00
H	-5.29	-1.22	0.88	H	-5.30	-1.28	0.88
C	-4.65	1.45	0.00	C	-4.66	1.42	0.00
H	-5.27	1.22	-0.88	H	-5.27	1.17	-0.88
H	-5.27	1.22	0.88	H	-5.27	1.17	0.88
H	-4.46	2.54	0.00	H	-4.49	2.51	0.00
H	0.28	-2.45	0.00	H	0.31	-2.40	0.00

f)  $H^+LC(N5)$

$S_0$				$S_1$			
	x	y	z		x	y	z
C	-3.38	0.65	0.00	C	-3.44	0.62	0.00
C	-2.19	1.34	0.00	C	-2.20	1.31	0.00
C	-0.98	0.64	0.00	C	-0.96	0.64	0.00
C	-0.94	-0.80	0.00	C	-0.92	-0.76	0.00
C	-2.18	-1.48	0.00	C	-2.18	-1.44	0.00
C	-3.38	-0.80	0.00	C	-3.43	-0.78	0.00
C	1.34	-0.81	0.00	C	1.34	-0.79	0.00
C	1.37	0.59	0.00	C	1.40	0.62	0.00
C	2.63	1.37	0.00	C	2.65	1.36	0.00
C	3.79	-0.83	0.00	C	3.80	-0.83	0.00
H	-2.19	2.44	0.00	H	-2.21	2.40	0.00
H	-2.15	-2.57	0.00	H	-2.14	-2.53	0.00
H	4.65	1.03	0.00	H	4.68	1.01	0.00
H	2.56	-2.47	0.00	H	2.54	-2.46	0.00
N	0.21	-1.49	0.00	N	0.22	-1.50	0.00
N	2.55	-1.46	0.00	N	2.53	-1.44	0.00
N	3.74	0.57	0.00	N	3.77	0.55	0.00
N	0.23	1.26	0.00	N	0.24	1.31	0.00
O	2.62	2.58	0.00	O	2.68	2.58	0.00
O	4.82	-1.44	0.00	O	4.81	-1.49	0.00
C	-4.67	-1.54	0.00	C	-4.69	-1.57	0.00
H	-5.28	-1.28	-0.88	H	-5.31	-1.33	-0.88
H	-4.51	-2.63	0.00	H	-4.50	-2.65	0.00
H	-5.28	-1.28	0.88	H	-5.31	-1.33	0.88
C	-4.68	1.39	0.00	C	-4.72	1.39	0.00
H	-5.29	1.12	-0.88	H	-5.33	1.14	-0.88
H	-5.29	1.12	0.88	H	-5.33	1.14	0.88
H	-4.54	2.47	0.00	H	-4.55	2.48	0.00
H	0.32	2.28	0.00	H	0.32	2.33	0.00

g) H<sup>+</sup>LC(O4)

S <sub>0</sub>				S <sub>1</sub>			
	x	y	z		x	y	z
C	-3.38	0.66	0.00	C	-3.42	0.63	0.00
C	-2.18	1.34	0.00	C	-2.17	1.31	0.00
C	-0.94	0.64	0.00	C	-0.93	0.65	0.00
C	-0.94	-0.81	0.00	C	-0.94	-0.75	0.00
C	-2.18	-1.48	0.00	C	-2.21	-1.44	0.00
C	-3.37	-0.79	0.00	C	-3.44	-0.77	0.00
C	1.32	-0.83	0.00	C	1.31	-0.81	0.00
C	1.31	0.58	0.00	C	1.34	0.62	0.00
C	2.56	1.27	0.00	C	2.60	1.26	0.00
C	3.76	-0.86	0.00	C	3.77	-0.87	0.00
H	-2.15	2.43	0.00	H	-2.16	2.41	0.00
H	-2.16	-2.57	0.00	H	-2.17	-2.53	0.00
H	4.59	1.04	0.00	H	4.64	0.99	0.00
H	2.54	-2.49	0.00	H	2.50	-2.49	0.00
N	0.20	-1.53	0.00	N	0.19	-1.51	0.00
N	2.53	-1.48	0.00	N	2.50	-1.47	0.00
N	3.69	0.57	0.00	N	3.73	0.52	0.00
N	0.21	1.32	0.00	N	0.23	1.37	0.00
O	2.62	2.57	0.00	O	2.72	2.56	0.00
O	4.82	-1.41	0.00	O	4.79	-1.50	0.00
C	-4.67	-1.53	0.00	C	-4.72	-1.54	0.00
H	-5.27	-1.26	-0.88	H	-5.33	-1.29	-0.88
H	-4.52	-2.61	0.00	H	-4.54	-2.62	0.00
H	-5.27	-1.26	0.88	H	-5.33	-1.29	0.88
C	-4.67	1.40	0.00	C	-4.69	1.42	0.00
H	-5.28	1.14	-0.88	H	-5.30	1.17	-0.88
H	-5.28	1.14	0.88	H	-5.30	1.17	0.88
H	-4.52	2.49	0.00	H	-4.51	2.50	0.00
H	1.68	2.88	0.00	H	1.80	2.92	0.00