

# Planar carbon radical's assembly and stabilization, a way to design spin-based molecular materials

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**Some calculated structural, electronic and magnetic properties of our designed hetero-decked sandwich-type complexes are listed in Table S1-4.**

**Table S1.** The calculated spin densities of the  $\text{CAL}_4^-$  units in all of the homo-decked sandwich forms of  $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{M}]^{q-}$  (s-s) (M=Li, Na, K, q=1; M=Be, Mg, Ca, q=0) at 6-31+G(d)-UB3LYP/UMP2 level. The spin densities of the  $\text{CAL}_4^-$  units in the hetero-decked sandwich forms P, V, P-P, P-V and V-V, are obtained at the UB3LYP/6-31+G(d) level. The equivalent of the two  $\text{CAL}_4$ -decks due to the symmetry of  $\text{D}_{2d}$  sandwich forms, we label the two  $\text{CAL}_4$ -decks as deck1 and deck2, respectively. For the hetero-decked sandwich forms P, V, P-P, P-V and V-V, the deck1, deck2 and deck3 are illustrative in Fig. 7.

| Sandwich Species (s-s) $\text{D}_{2d}$ | Spin density of several fragments | UB3LYP/6-31+G(d) |                | UMP2/6-31+G(d) |         |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
|  |                                   | singlet          | triplet        | singlet        | triplet |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Li}]^-$        | deck1                             | 0.9921           | 0.9917         | 0.8929         | 0.9066  |
|  | deck2                             | -0.9921          | 0.9917         | -0.8929        | 0.9066  |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Na}]^-$        | deck1                             | 0.9918           | 1.0029         | 0.9643         | 1.0223  |
|  | deck2                             | -0.9918          | 1.0029         | -0.9643        | 1.0223  |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{K}]^-$         | deck1                             | 0.9993           | 0.9998         | 0.9864         | 0.9874  |
|  | deck2                             | -0.9993          | 0.9998         | -0.9864        | 0.9874  |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Be}]$          | deck1                             | 1.0275           | 1.0189         | 1.2101         | 1.1060  |
|  | deck2                             | -1.0275          | 1.0189         | -1.2101        | 1.1060  |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Mg}]$          | deck1                             | 1.0231           | 1.0226         | 1.0258         | 1.0427  |
|  | deck2                             | -1.0231          | 1.0226         | -1.0258        | 1.0427  |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Ca}]$          | deck1                             | 0.9904           | 0.9945         | 1.0528         | 1.1231  |
|  | deck2                             | -0.9904          | 0.9945         | -1.0528        | 1.1231  |
|  |                                   | <b>singlet</b>   | <b>triplet</b> |                |         |
| P                                      | deck1                             | -1.0072          | 1.0067         |                |         |
|  | deck2                             | 1.0071           | 1.0066         |                |         |
| V                                      | deck1                             | 1.0025           | 1.0025         |                |         |
|  | deck2                             | -1.0024          | 1.0024         |                |         |
|  |                                   | <b>doublet</b>   | <b>quartet</b> |                |         |
| P-V                                    | deck1                             | 1.0110           | 1.0106         |                |         |
|  | deck2                             | -0.9671          | 0.9665         |                |         |
|  | deck3                             | 1.0062           | 1.0061         |                |         |
| P-P                                    | deck1                             | 1.0107           | 1.0103         |                |         |
|  | deck2                             | -0.9632          | 0.9622         |                |         |
|  | deck3                             | 1.0081           | 1.0081         |                |         |
| V-V                                    | deck1                             | 1.0053           | 1.0056         |                |         |
|  | deck2                             | -0.9574          | 0.9574         |                |         |
|  | deck3                             | 1.0056           | 1.0057         |                |         |

**Table S2.** The calculated spin densities of the  $\text{CAL}_4^-$  units in all of the hetero-decked sandwich forms (f-f, f-s and f-c) of  $[\text{CpM}(\text{CAL}_4)]^{q-}$  and in the ground states of saturated sandwich-type compounds  $(\text{Li}^+)_q[\text{CpLi}(\text{CAL}_4)]^{q-}$

(M=Li, Na, K, q=1; M=Be, Mg, Ca, q=0) and in the low-lying structures of extended sandwich-like compounds  $[(\text{CpLi})_n(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$  (n=2, 3, 4 and 6) at UB3LYP/6-31+G(d) level.

| Spin densities of the $\text{CAL}_4^-$ units in all kinds of designed sandwich-type species |                 |                 |                   |  |        |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|--------|
| Ref specie: $\text{CAL}_4^-$  | 1.0000          |                 |                   | Saturated sandwiches                         |        |
| Sandwich species  | Face-face (f-f) | Face-side (f-s) | Face-corner (f-c) | $(\text{Li}^+)[\text{CpLi}(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$ | 0.9591 |
| $[\text{CpLi}(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$   | 1.2827          | 0.9899          | 0.7892            | $(\text{Li}^+)[\text{CpNa}(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$ | 0.9625 |
| $[\text{CpNa}(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$   | 1.1462          | 0.9974          | 1.0067            | $(\text{Li}^+)[\text{CpK}(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$  | 0.9652 |
| $[\text{CpK}(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$  | 1.0227          | 0.9986          | 1.0000            | $[(\text{CpLi})_2(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$          | 1.1483 |
| $[\text{CpBe}(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$   | 1.0048          | 0.9730          |                   | $[(\text{CpLi})_3(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$          | 1.0587 |
| $[\text{CpMg}(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$   | 1.2043          | 1.0304          |                   | $[(\text{CpLi})_4(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$          | 1.0716 |
| $[\text{CpCa}(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$   | 1.0386          | 0.9983          |                   | $[(\text{CpLi})_6(\text{CAL}_4)]^-$          | 1.0802 |

**Table S3.** The natural charge distribution of the  $\text{CAL}_4^-$  units in all of the sandwich-like species with more than one ptC-radical  $\text{CAL}_4^-$ -decks (including homo-decked sandwich forms (s-s) of  $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{M}]^{q-}$  and hetero-decked extended sandwich forms of P, V, P-V, P-P and V-V) at UB3LYP/6-31+G(d) level.

| Sandwich Species (s-s) $D_{2d}$ | Charge distribution of several fragments | UB3LYP/6-31+G(d) |                | UMP2/6-31+G(d) |         |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
|                                 |  | singlet          | triplet        | singlet        | triplet |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Li}]^-$ | deck1                                    | -0.8284          | -0.8373        | -0.8328        | -0.8336 |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.8284          | -0.8373        | -0.8328        | -0.8336 |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Na}]^-$ | deck1                                    | -0.8500          | -0.8655        | -0.8807        | -0.8812 |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.8500          | -0.8655        | -0.8807        | -0.8812 |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{K}]^-$  | deck1                                    | -0.9311          | -0.9312        | -0.9382        | -0.9384 |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.9311          | -0.9312        | -0.9382        | -0.9384 |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Be}]$   | deck1                                    | -0.3910          | -0.3992        | -0.3808        | -0.3882 |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.3910          | -0.3992        | -0.3808        | -0.3882 |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Mg}]$   | deck1                                    | -0.5551          | -0.5655        | -0.5932        | -0.6091 |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.5551          | -0.5655        | -0.5932        | -0.6091 |
| $[(\text{CAL}_4)_2\text{Ca}]$   | deck1                                    | -0.7485          | -0.7482        | -0.7447        | -0.7445 |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.7485          | -0.7482        | -0.7447        | -0.7445 |
|                                 |  | <b>singlet</b>   | <b>triplet</b> |                |         |
| P                               | deck1                                    | -0.8469          | -0.8469        |                |         |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.8468          | -0.8467        |                |         |
| V                               | deck1                                    | -0.9239          | -0.9240        |                |         |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.9241          | -0.9241        |                |         |
|                                 |  | <b>doublet</b>   | <b>quartet</b> |                |         |
| P-V                             | deck1                                    | -0.8021          | -0.8021        |                |         |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.9096          | -0.9095        |                |         |
|                                 | deck3                                    | -0.8368          | -0.8369        |                |         |
| P-P                             | deck1                                    | -0.7984          | -0.7995        |                |         |
|                                 | deck2                                    | -0.9074          | -0.9124        |                |         |
|                                 | deck3                                    | -0.8231          | -0.8232        |                |         |

|     |       |         |         |  |  |
|-----|-------|---------|---------|--|--|
| V-V | deck1 | -0.8796 | -0.8796 |  |  |
|     | deck2 | -1.0617 | -1.0621 |  |  |
|     | deck3 | -0.8803 | -0.8804 |  |  |

**Table S4.** The natural charge distribution of the hetero-decked unsaturated, saturated and extended sandwich-like species with one ptC-radical  $CAI_4^-$ -deck are obtained at the UB3LYP/6-31+G(d) level.

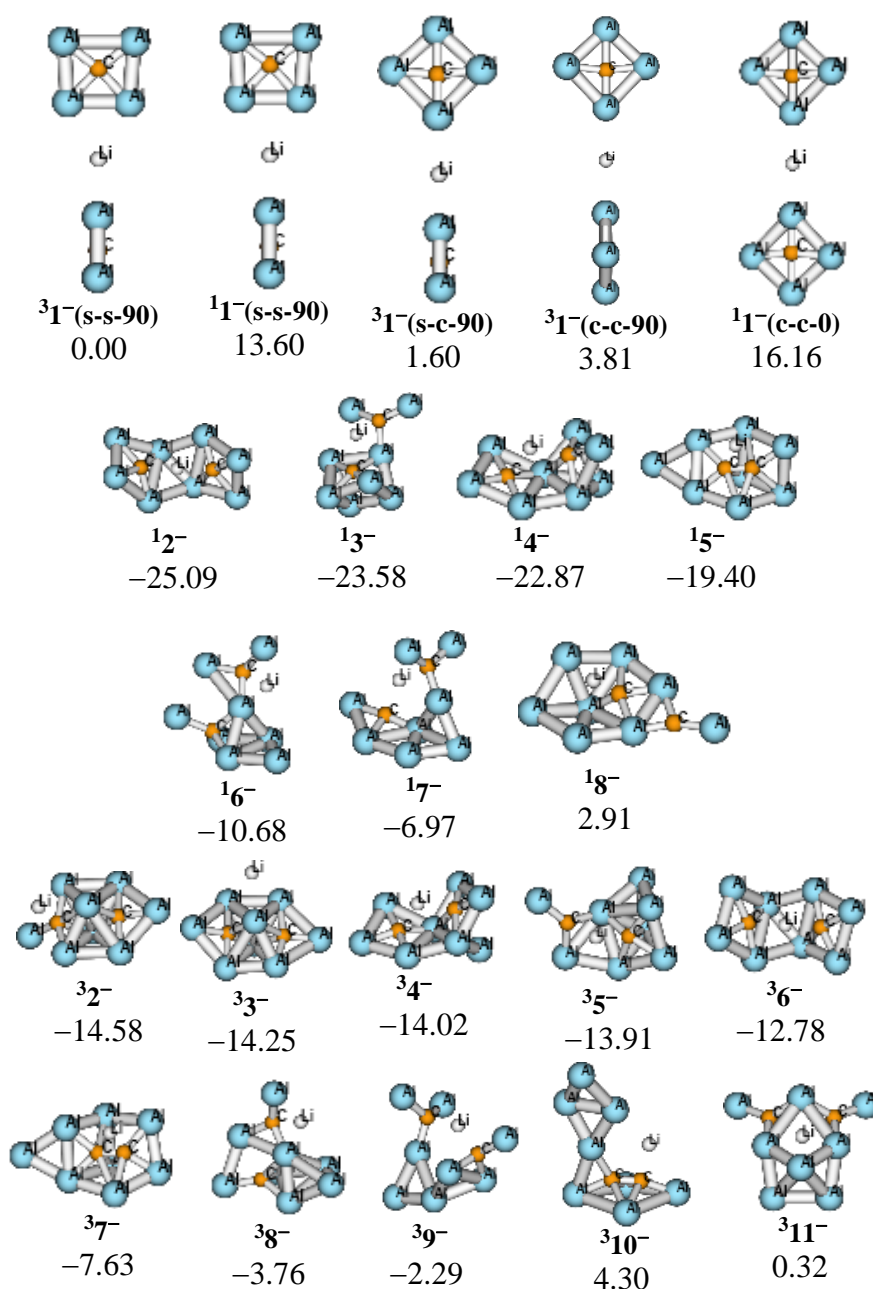
|                       | Natural charge distribution of the $CAI_4^-$ units in all kinds of designed sandwich-type species |                 |                   |                         |         |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Ref specie: $CAI_4^-$ | -1.0000   |                 |                   | Saturated sandwiches    |         |
| Sandwich species      | Face-face (f-f)   | Face-side (f-s) | Face-corner (f-c) | $(Li^+)[CpLi(CAI_4)]^-$ | -0.7315 |
| $[CpLi(CAI_4)]^-$     | -1.0006   | -0.9087         | -0.9362           | $(Li^+)[CpNa(CAI_4)]^-$ | -0.7468 |
| $[CpNa(CAI_4)]^-$     | -1.2355   | -1.1969         | -0.8354           | $(Li^+)[CpK(CAI_4)]^-$  | -0.8284 |
| $[CpK(CAI_4)]^-$      | -0.9907   | -0.9784         | -0.9755           | $[(CpLi)_2(CAI_4)]^-$   | -0.9483 |
| $[CpBe(CAI_4)]$       | -0.8759   | -0.4221         |                   | $[(CpLi)_3(CAI_4)]^-$   | -0.9688 |
| $[CpMg(CAI_4)]$       | -0.8800   | -0.5886         |                   | $[(CpLi)_4(CAI_4)]^-$   | -0.9783 |
| $[CpCa(CAI_4)]$       | -0.9039   | -0.7898         |                   | $[(CpLi)_6(CAI_4)]^-$   | -0.9817 |

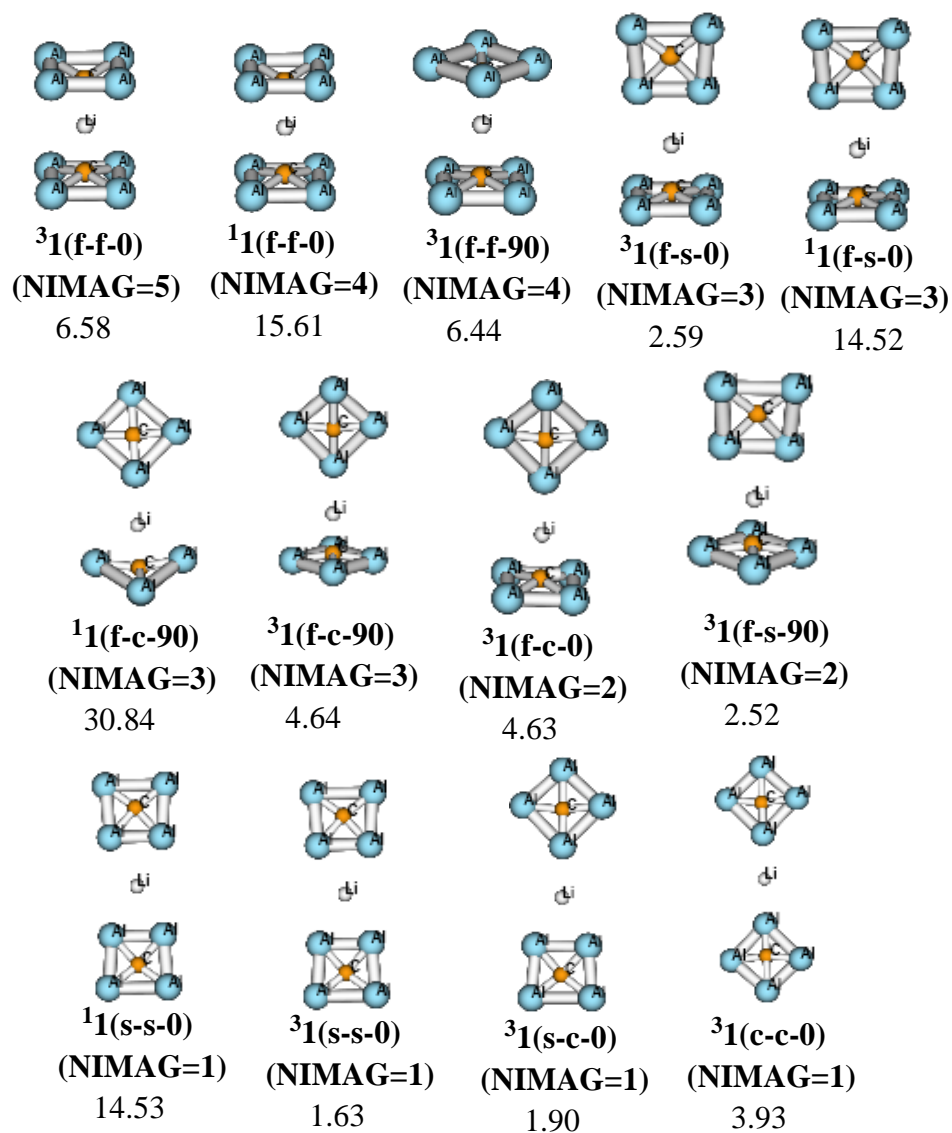
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In this report, **NIMAG** means the number of imaginary frequency of saddle point.<sup>[S50]</sup>

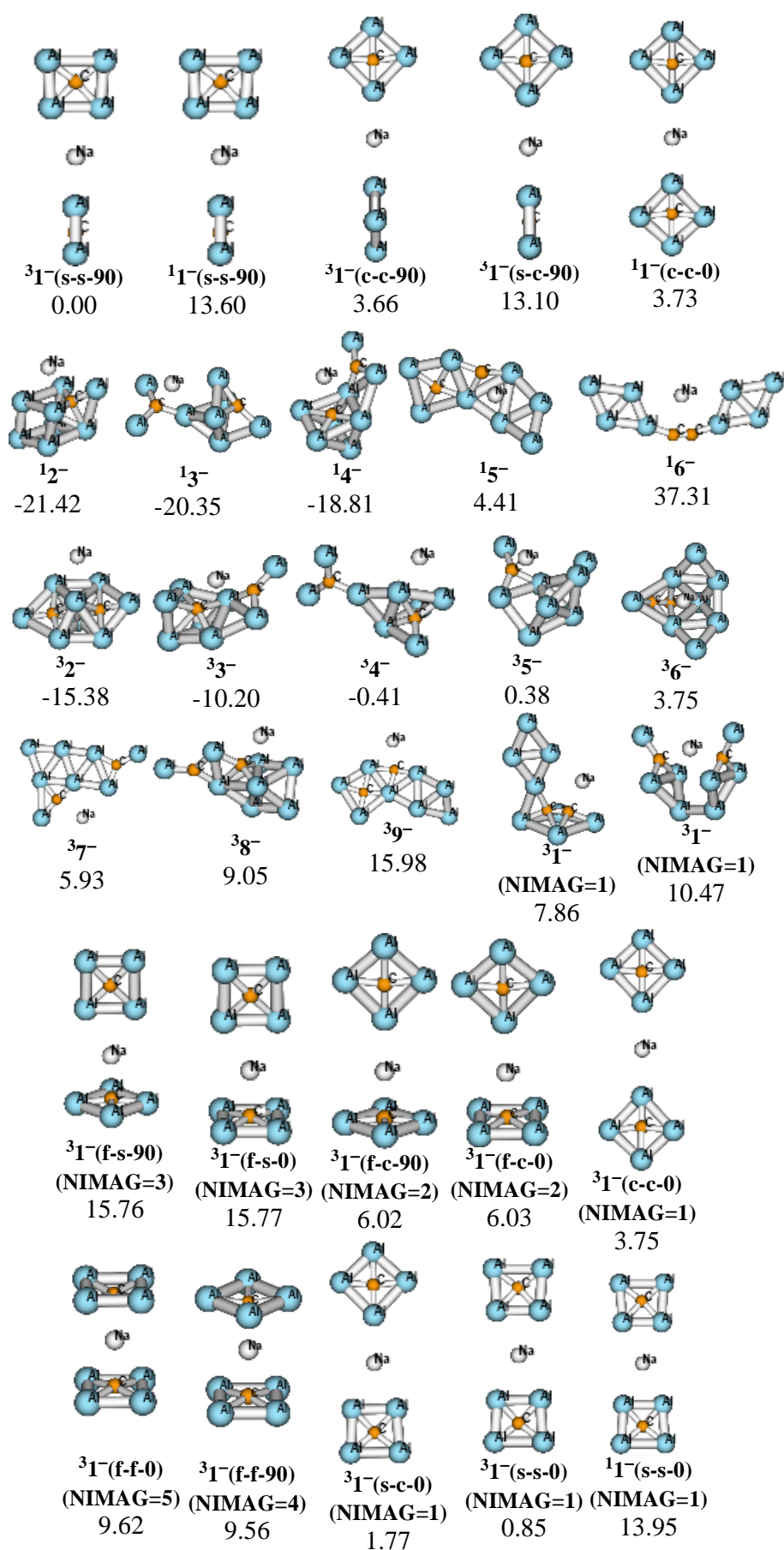
${}^m\text{N}^q$ : “**m**” means spin electron state (singlet, triplet), “**N**” means the energy order of various isomers, superscript “**q-**” means the charge of the total system.

### 1. The calculated properties of $\text{C}_2\text{Al}_8\text{Li}^-$



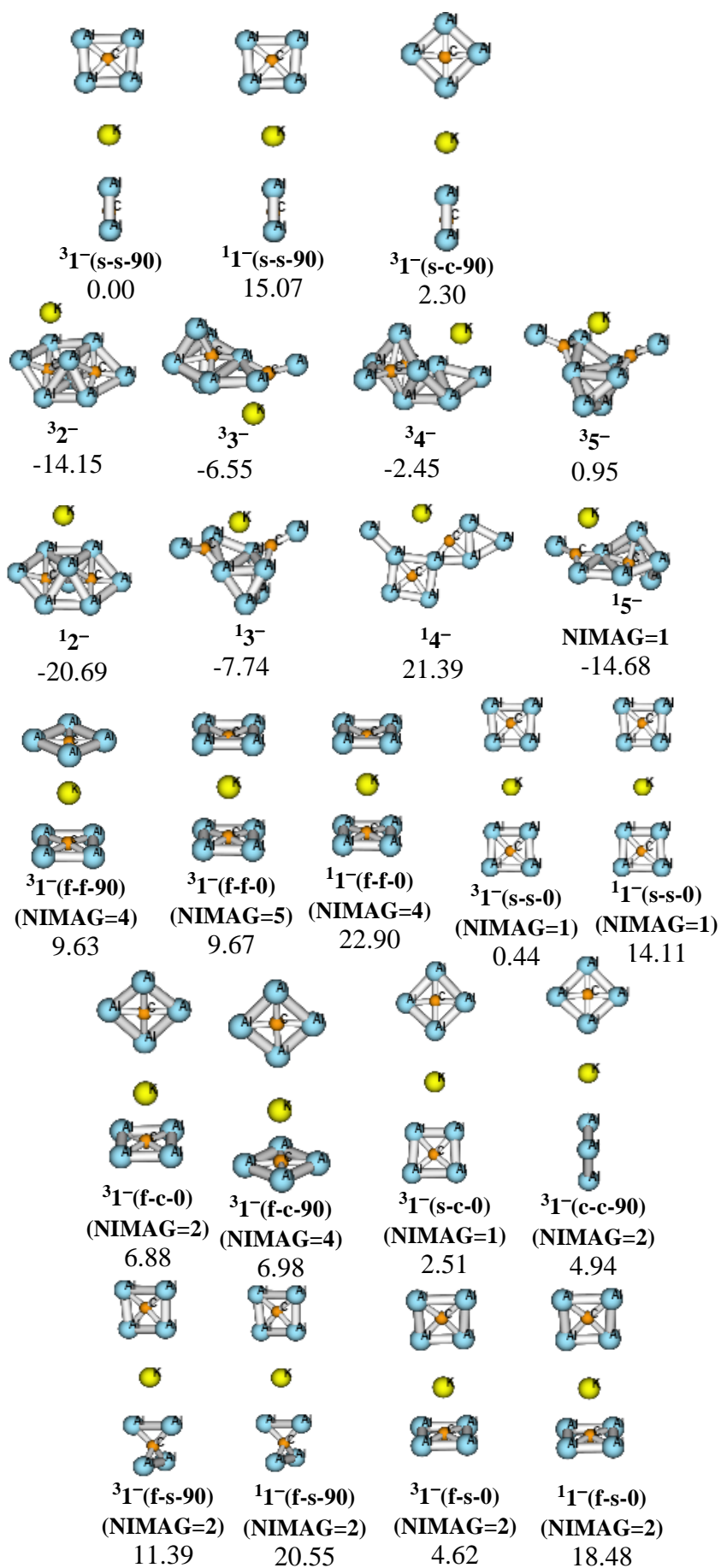


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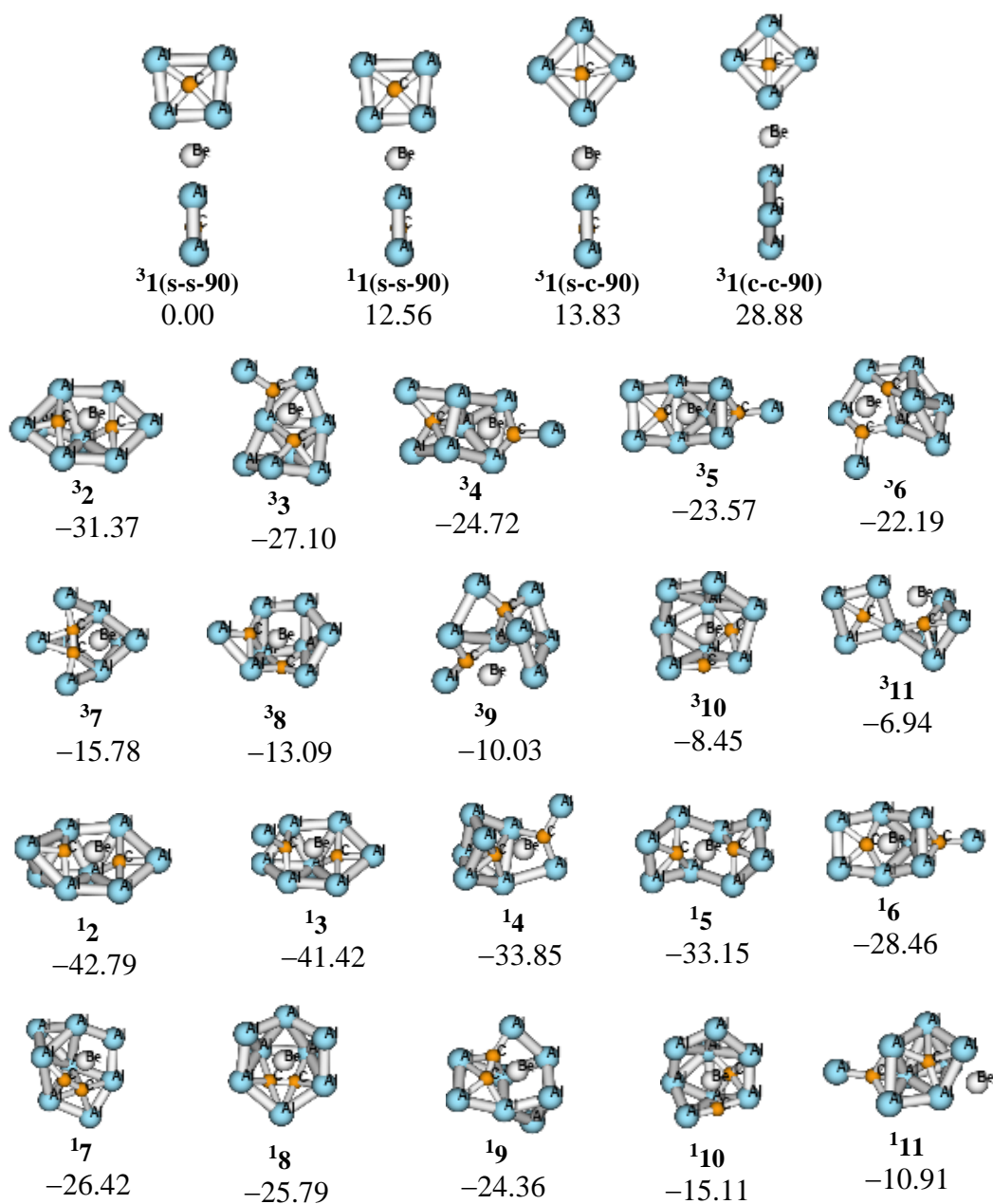


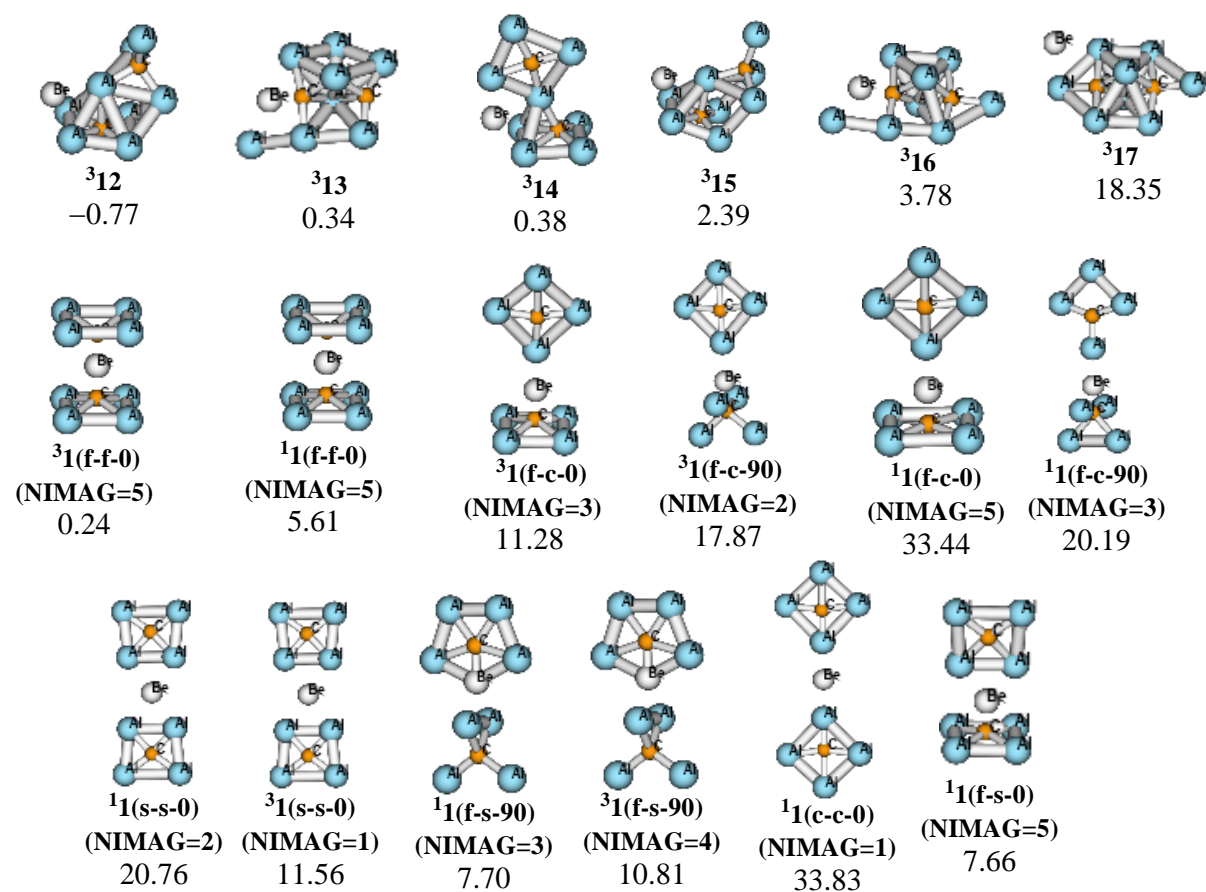
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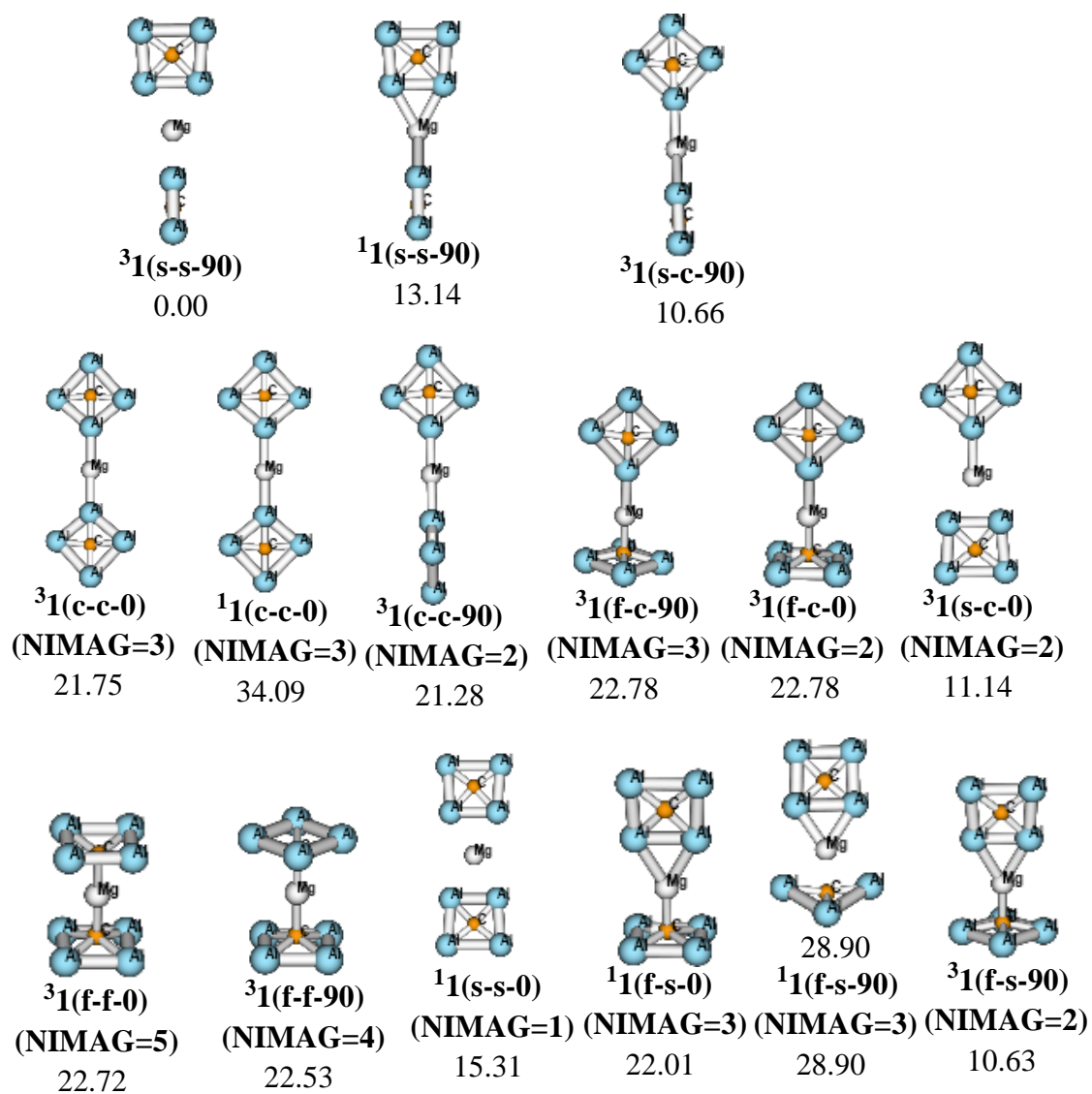


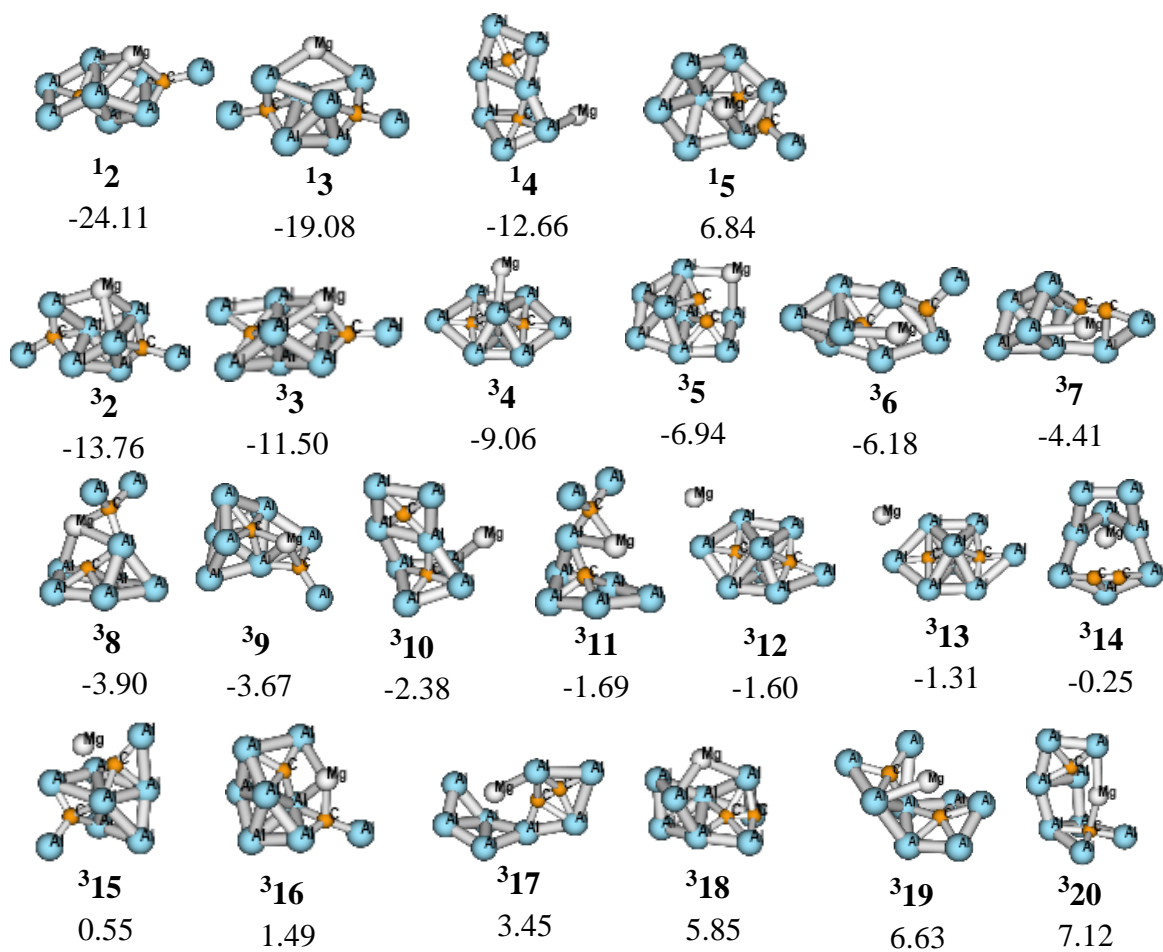
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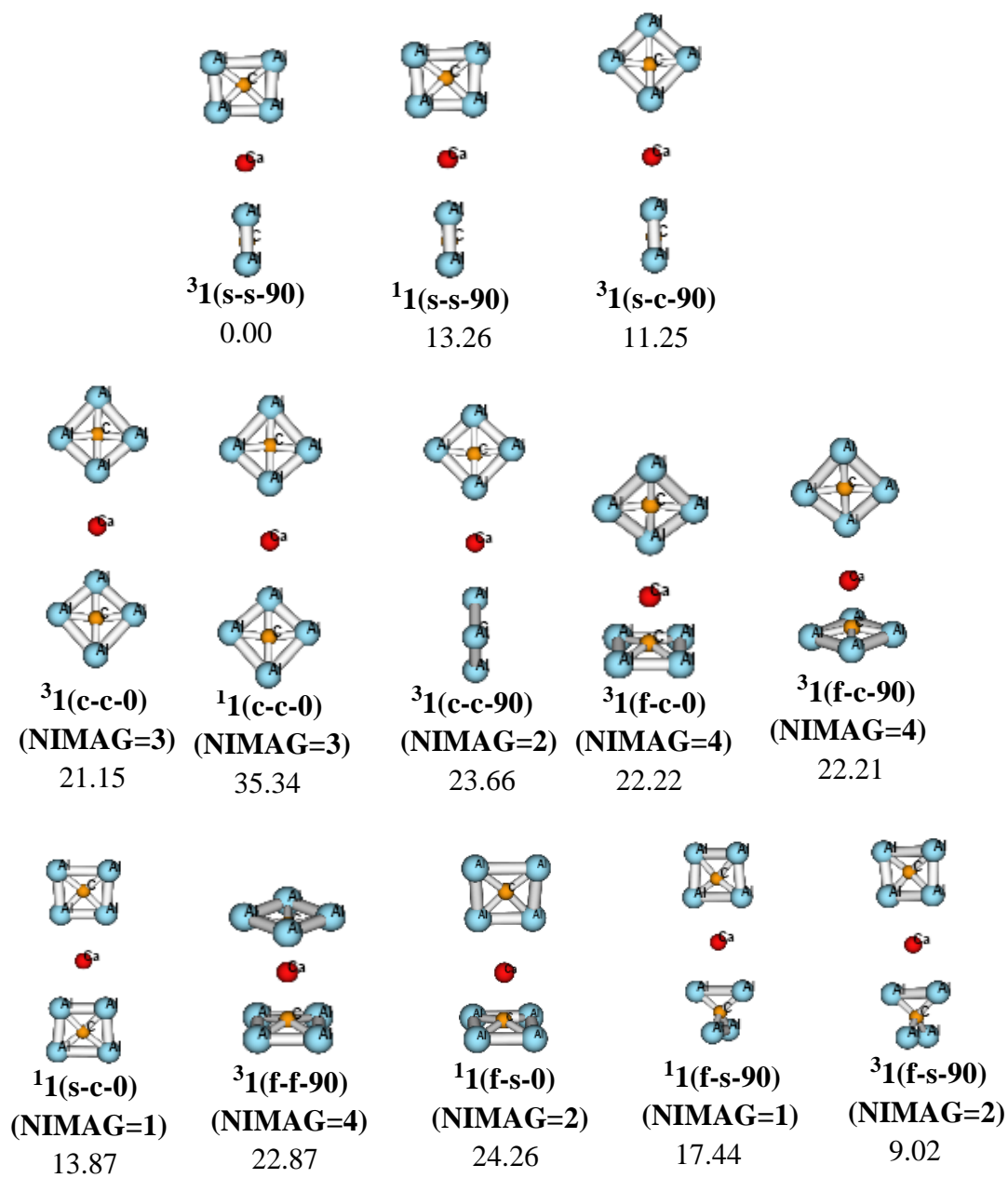


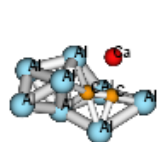
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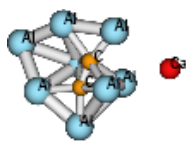


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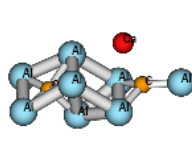




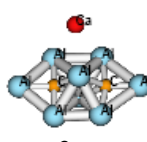
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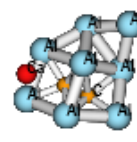
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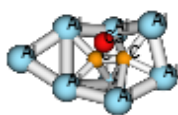
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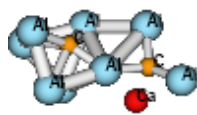
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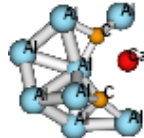
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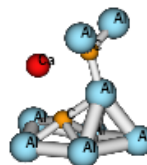
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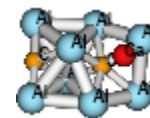
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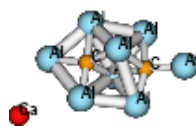
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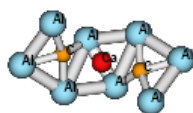
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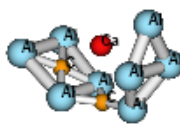
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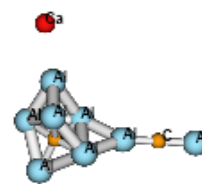
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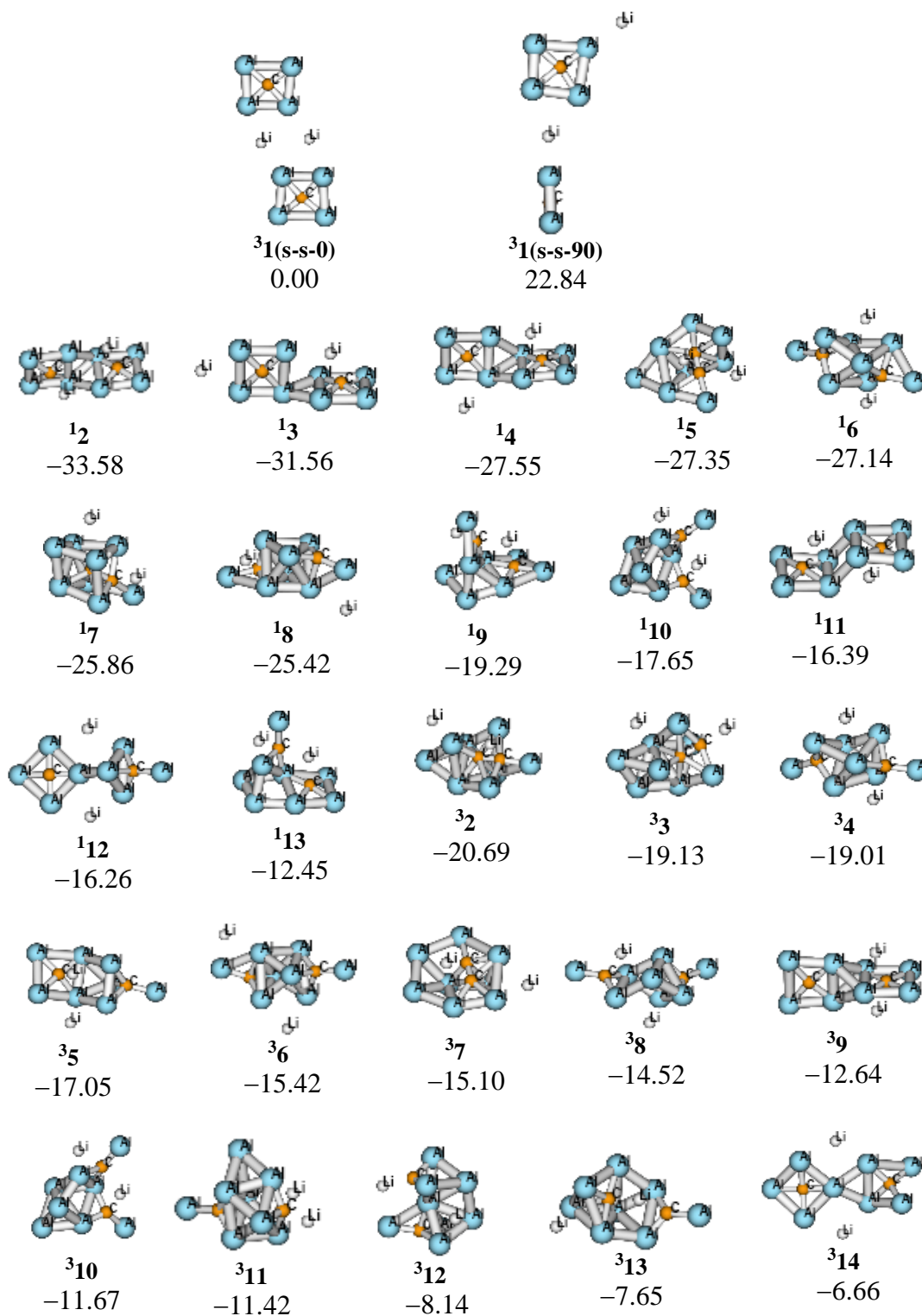


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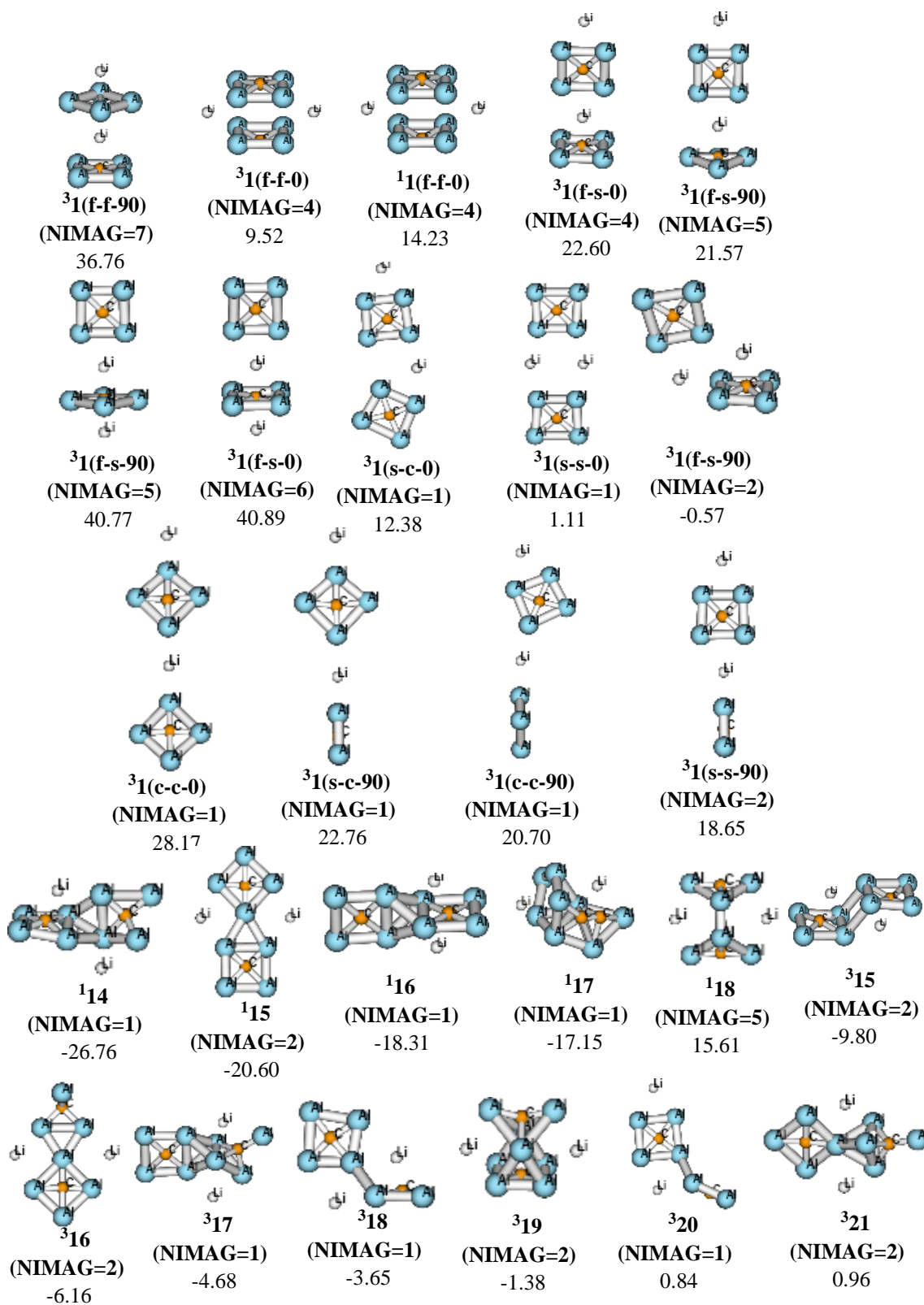


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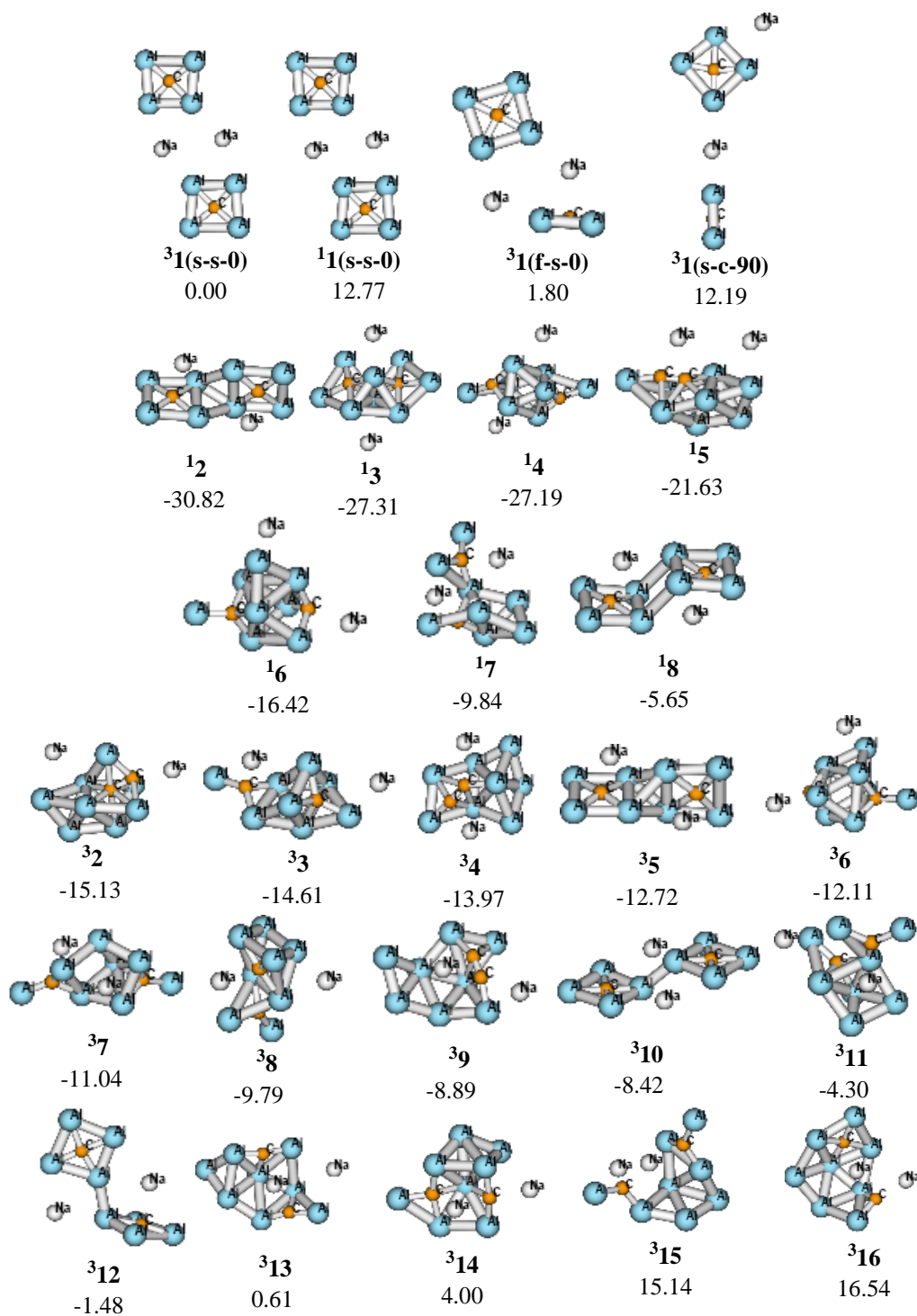
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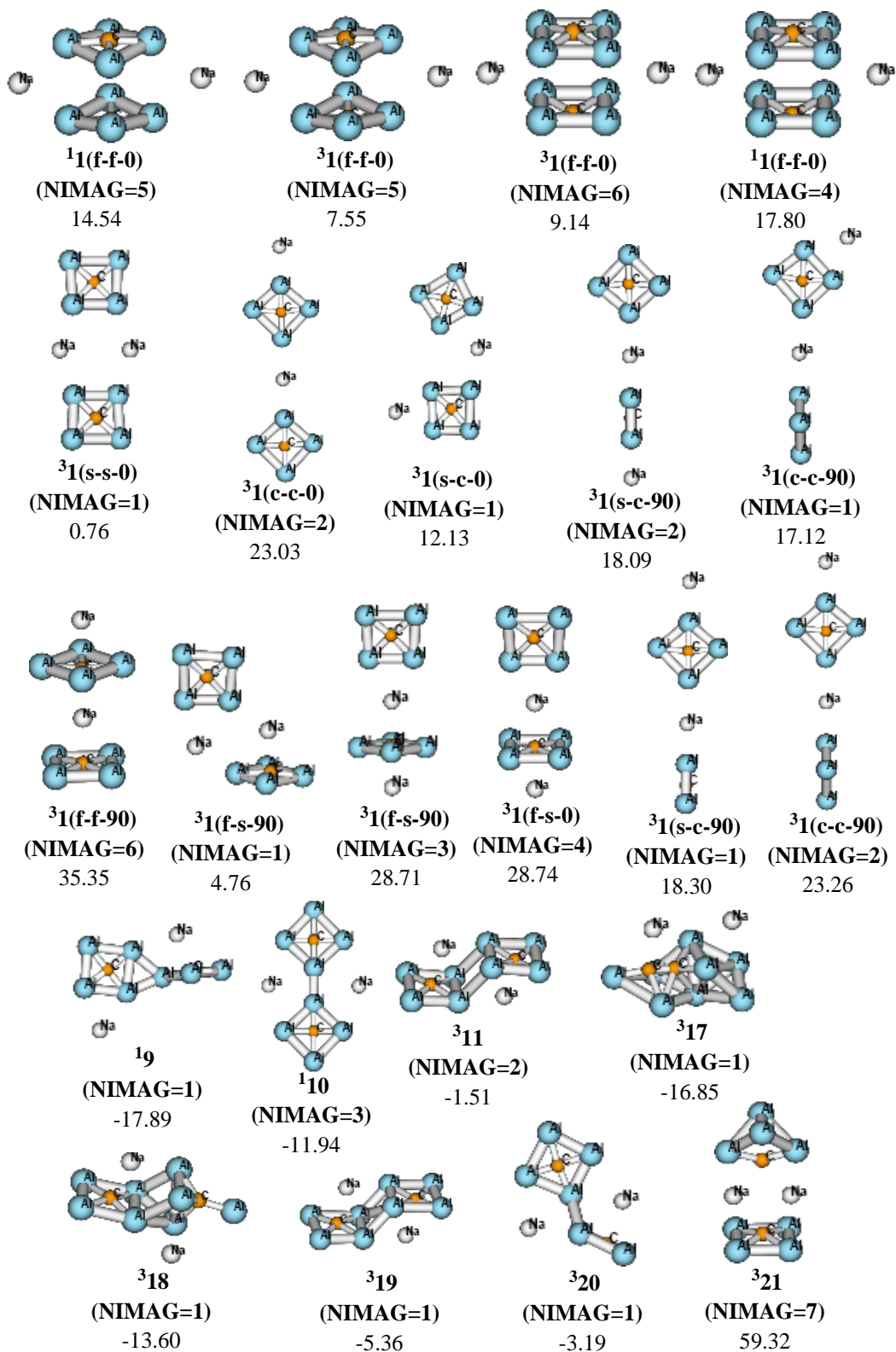




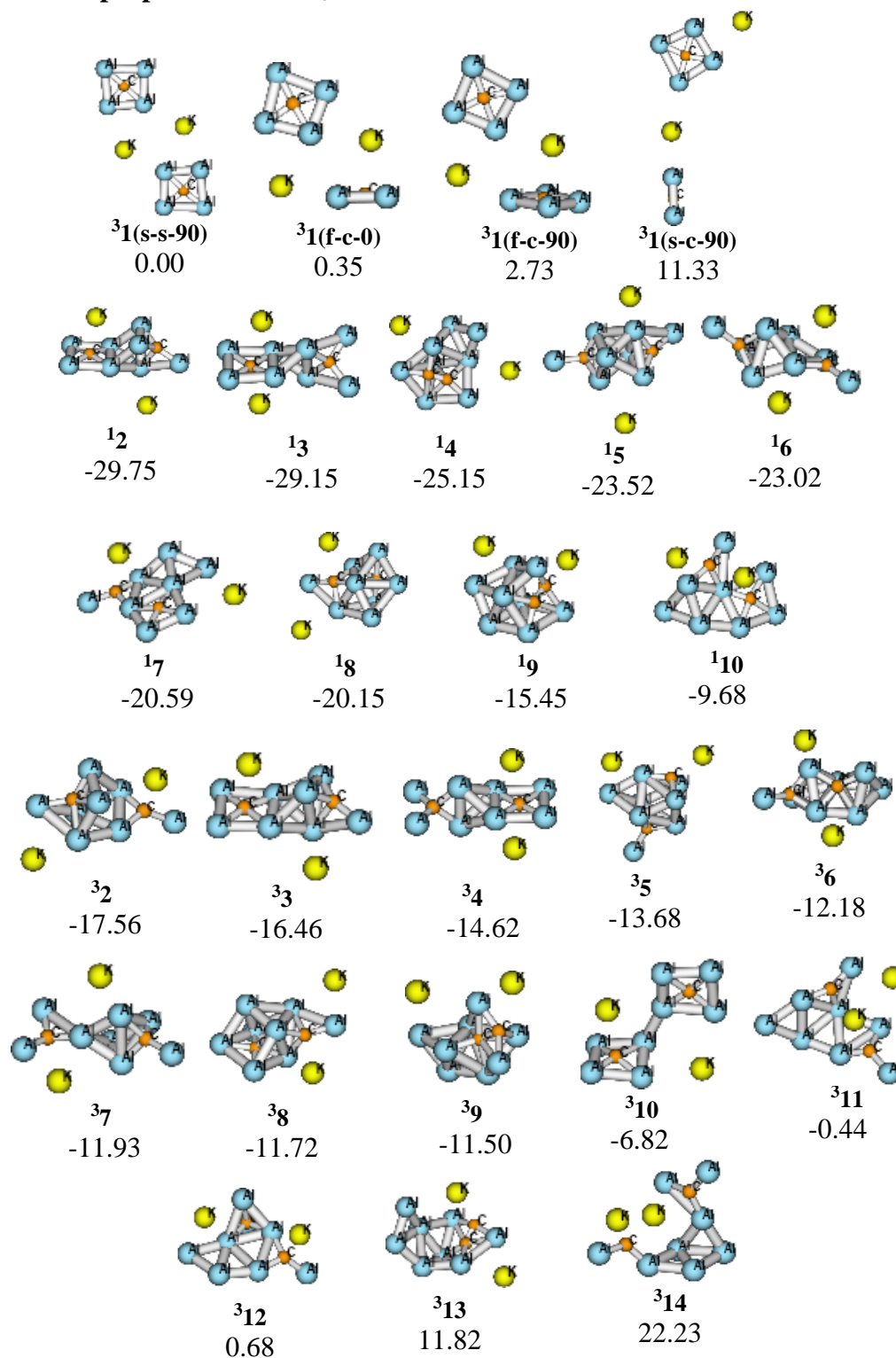


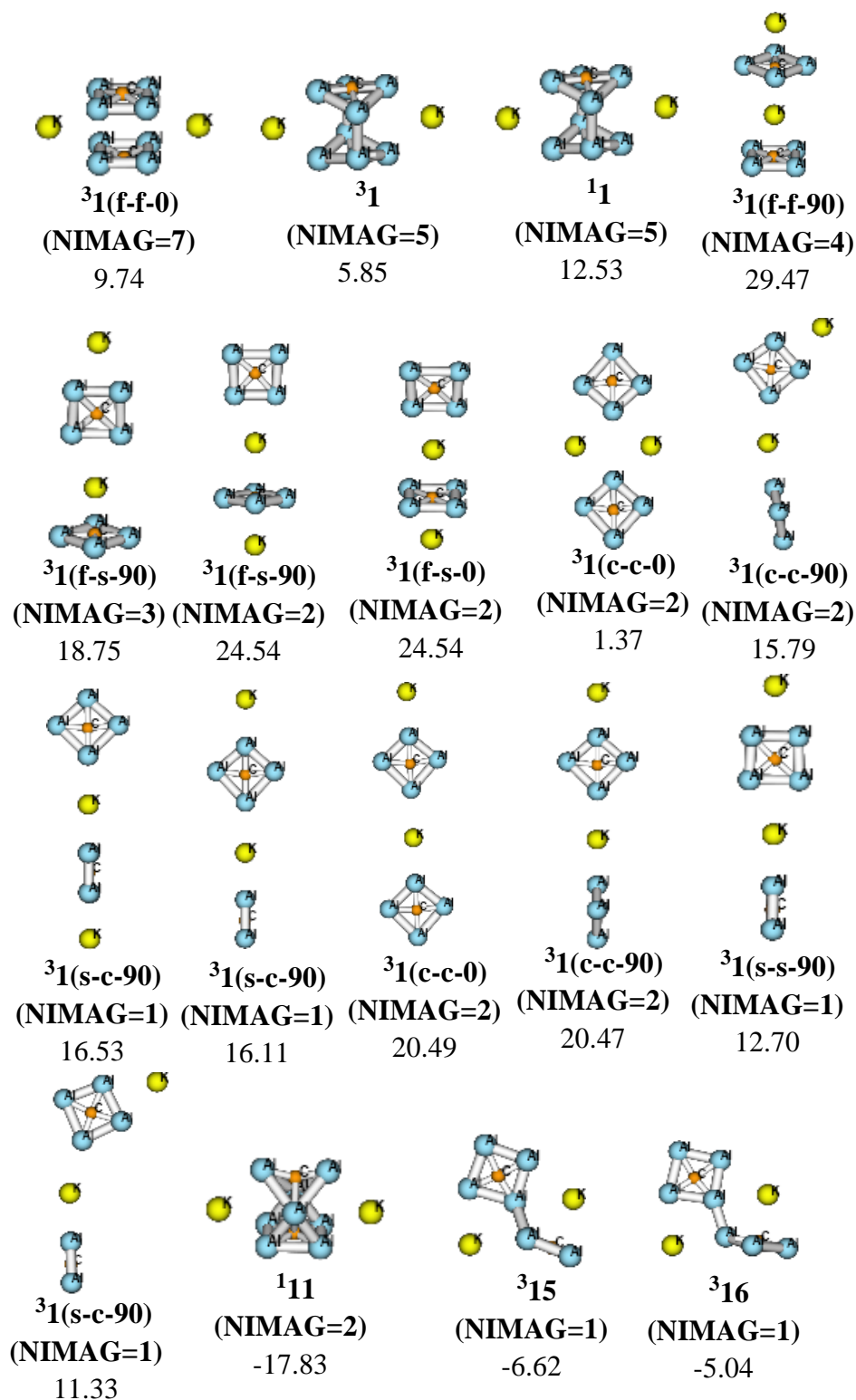
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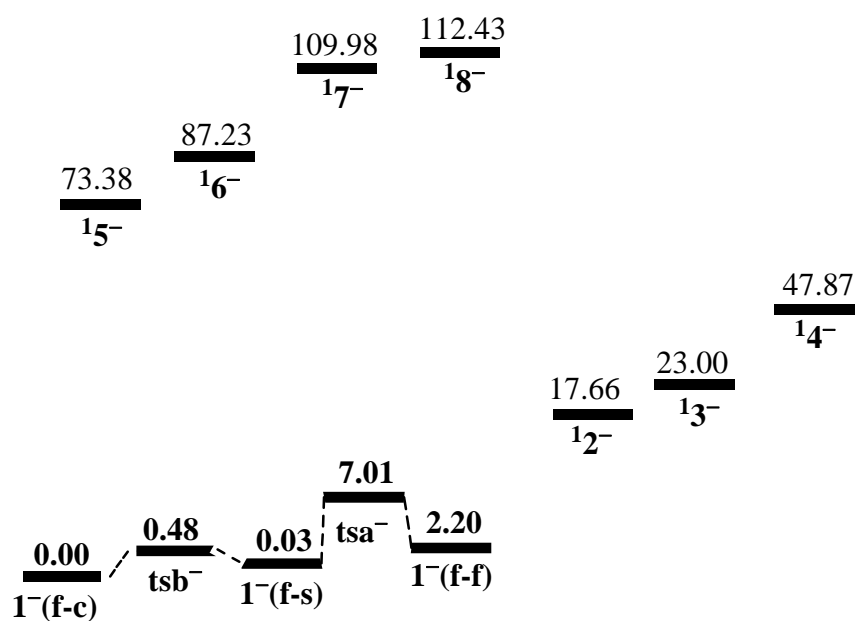
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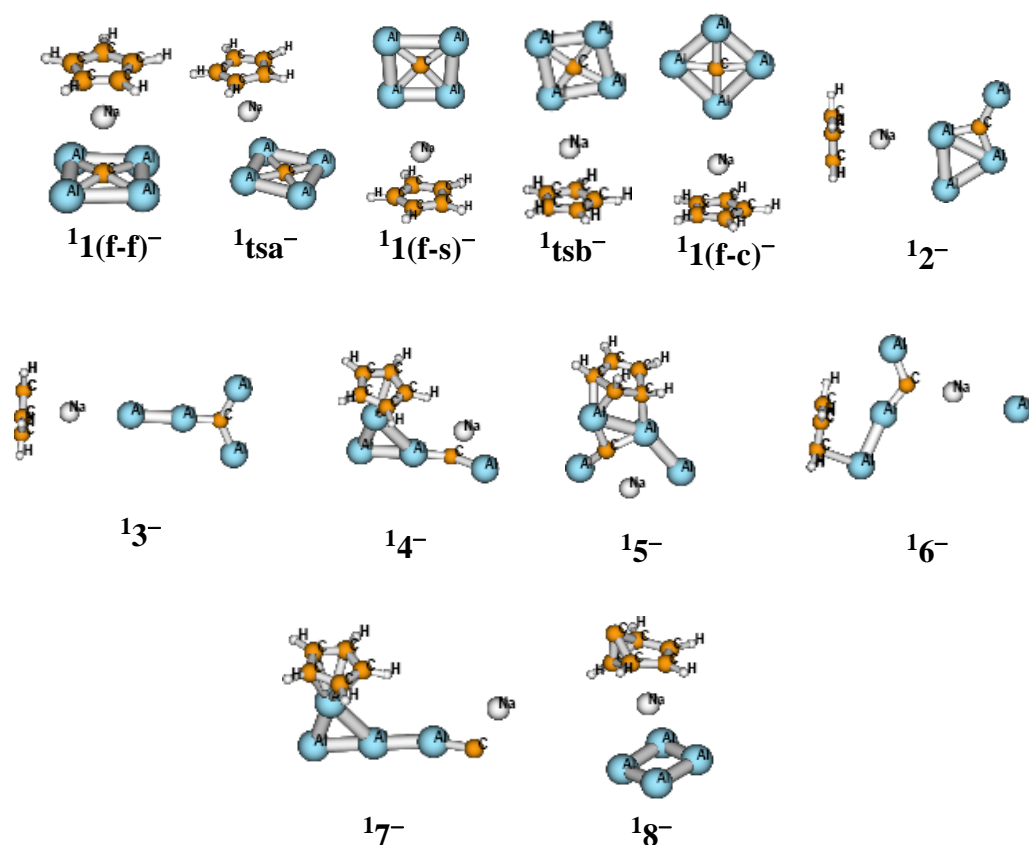
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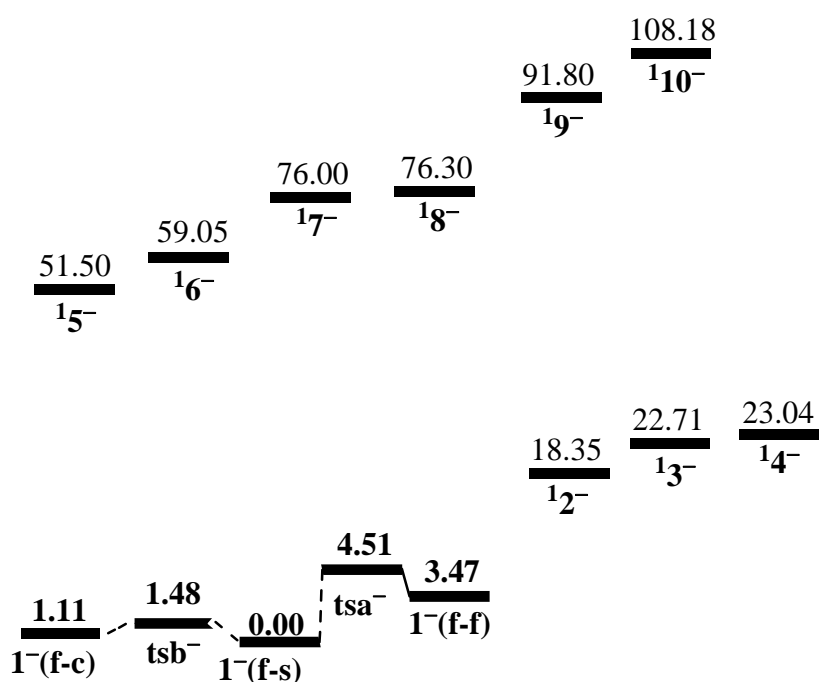
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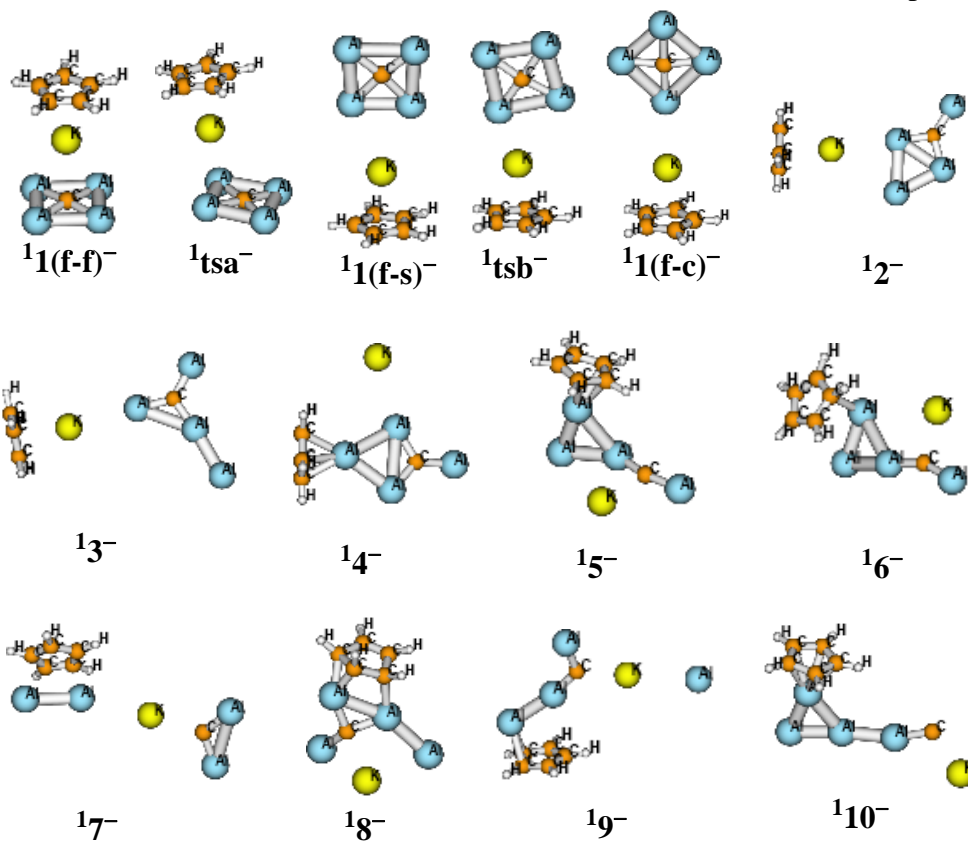
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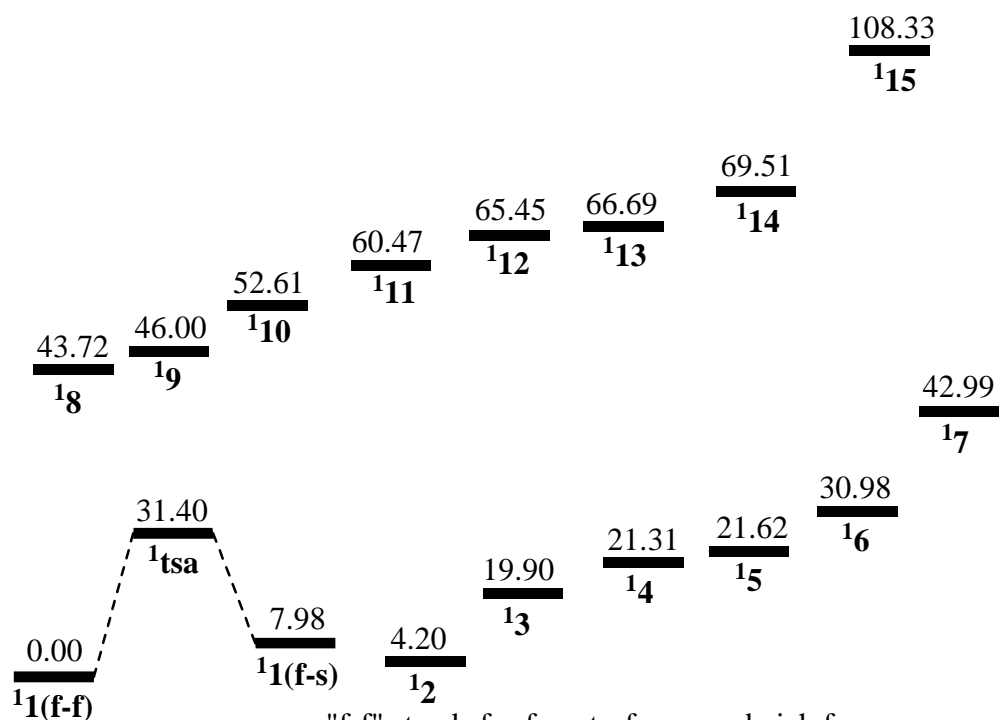
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"f-c" stands for face-to-corner sandwich form,  $\text{CpKAl}_4^-$

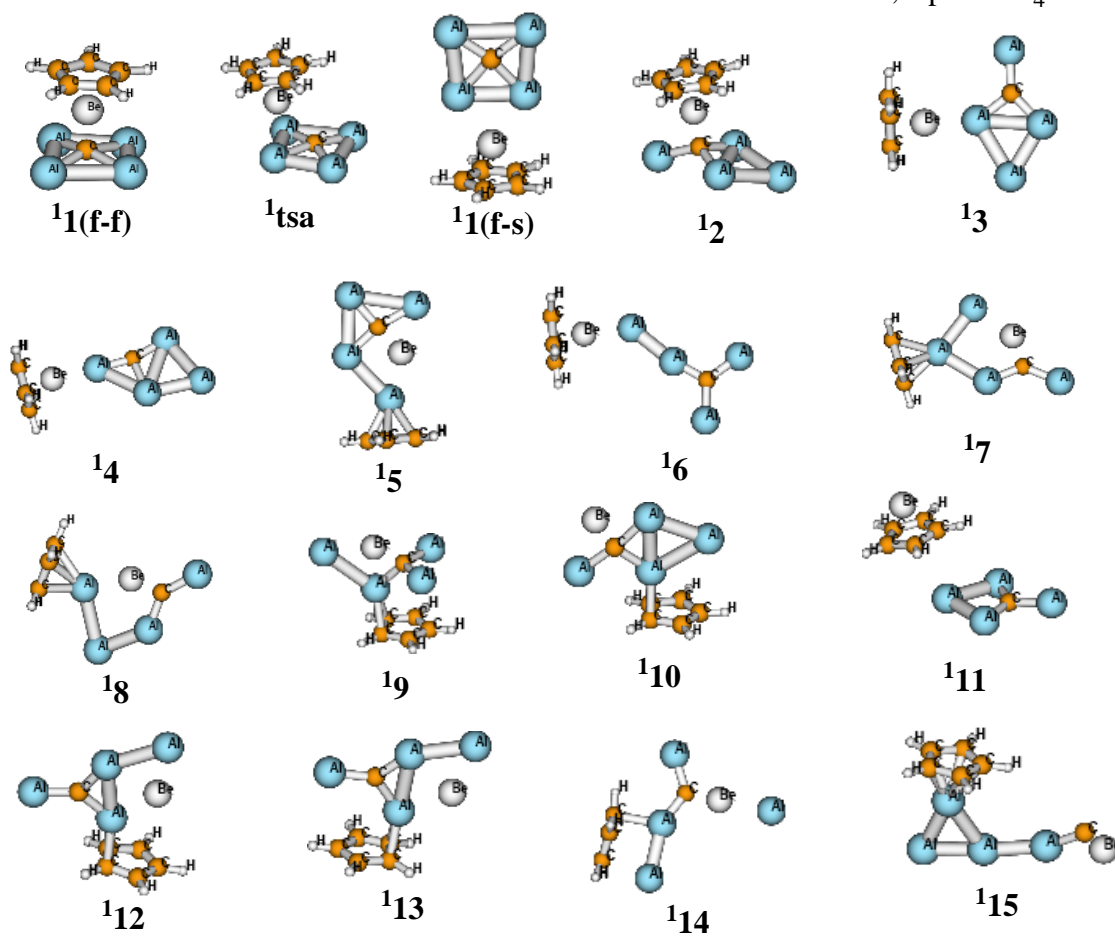




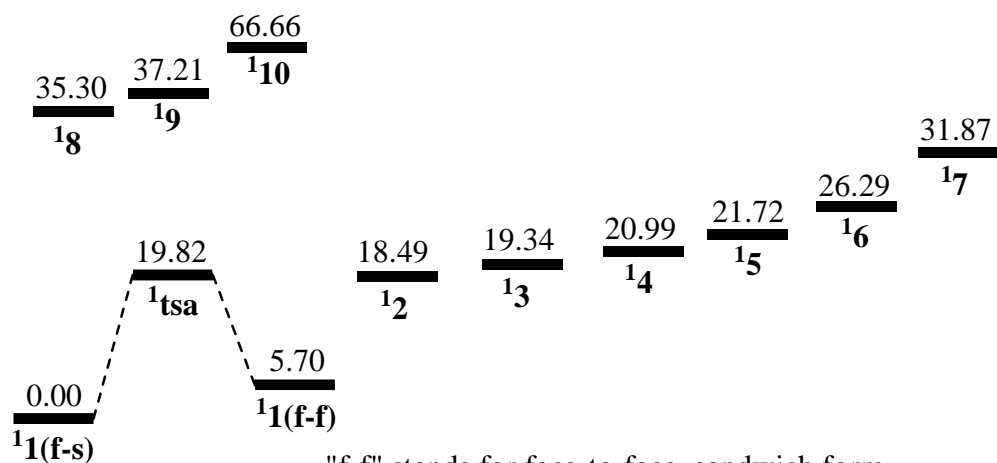
### 13. The calculated properties of ${}^1\text{CaI}_4\text{BeCp}$



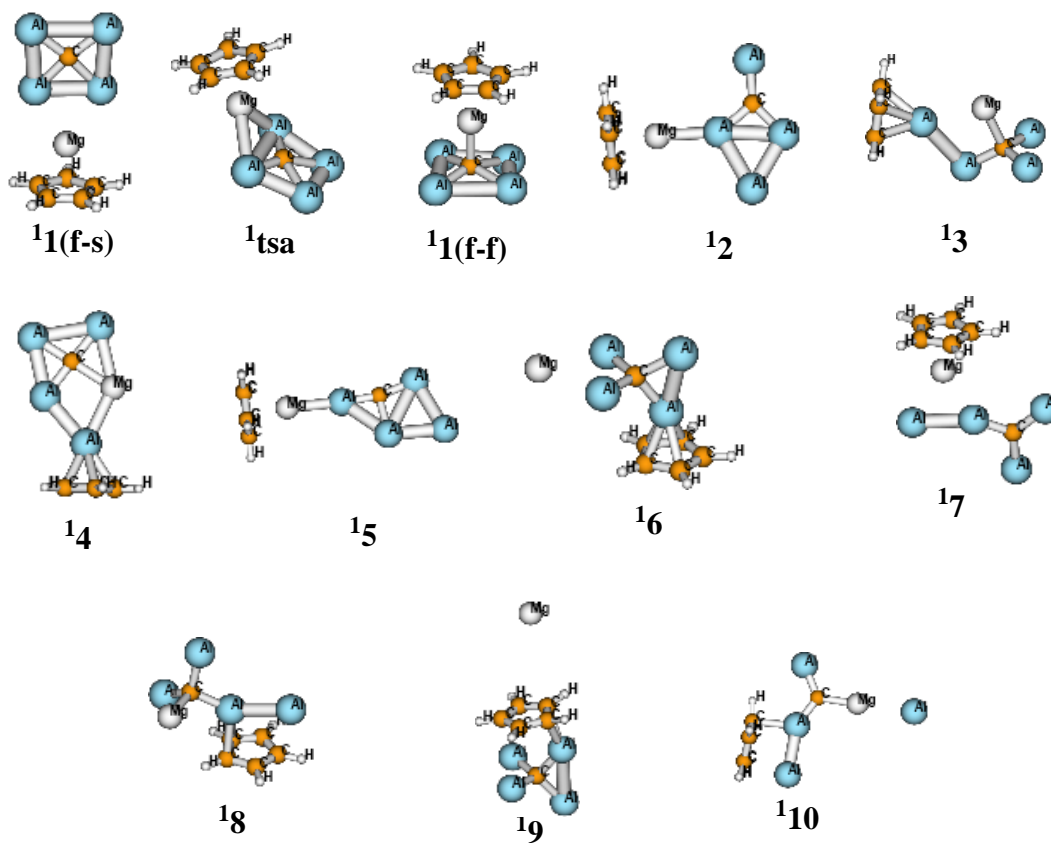
"f-f" stands for face-to-face sandwich form,  
 "f-s" stands for face-to-side sandwich form,  $\text{CpBeCaI}_4$



### 14. The calculated properties of ${}^1\text{CAl}_4\text{MgCp}$

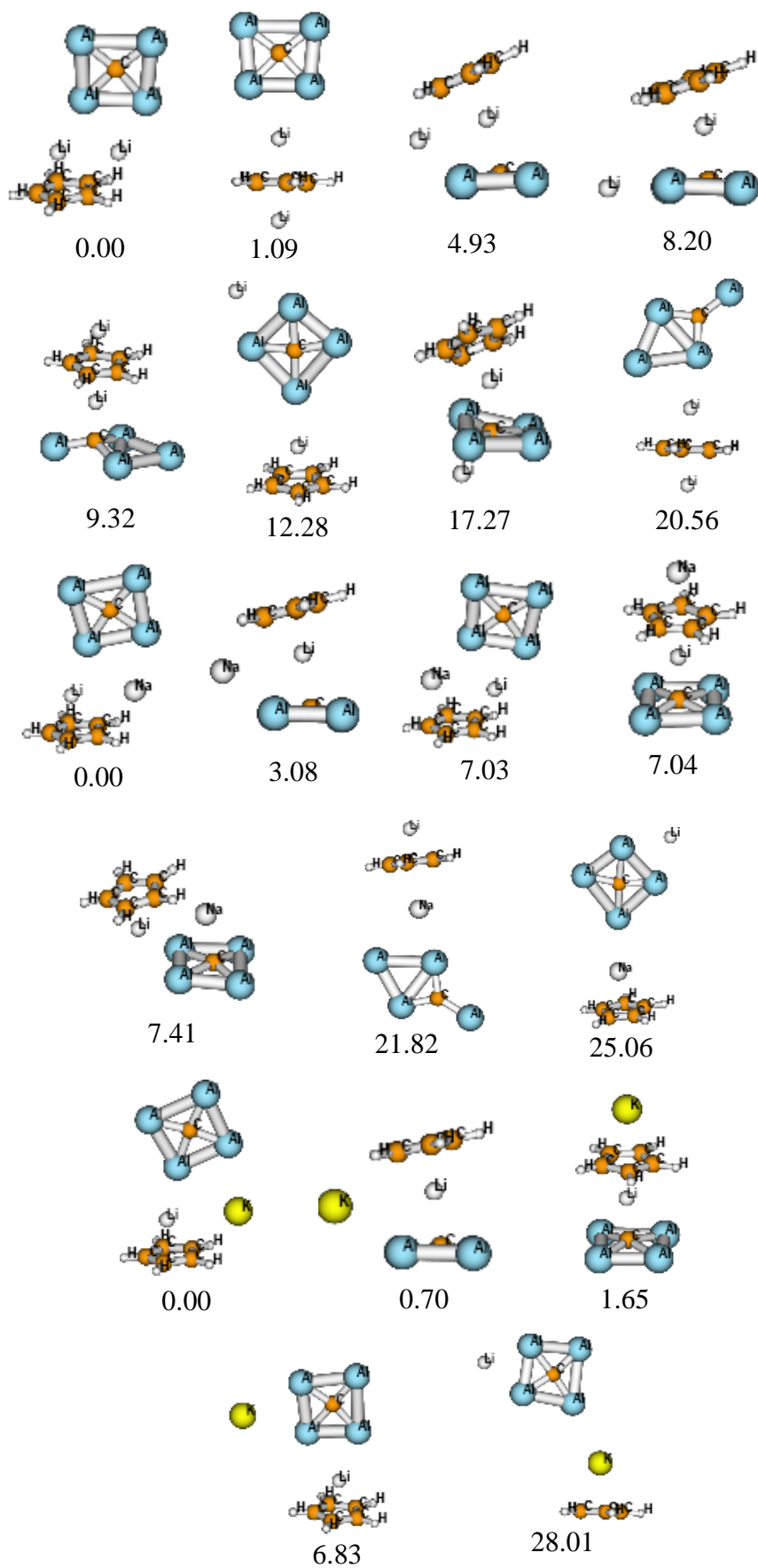


"f-f" stands for face-to-face sandwich form,  
 "f-s" stands for face-to-side sandwich form,  $\text{CpMgCAl}_4$





### 16. The calculated properties of $(\text{Li})^+\text{Al}_4\text{MCp}^-$ ( $\text{M}=\text{Li}, \text{Na}, \text{K}$ )



## 17. The calculated properties of various extend system

