

Supplementary Information

**SMALL CARBIDES OF THIRD-ROW MAIN GROUP ELEMENTS: STRUCTURE AND
BONDING IN C₃X COMPOUNDS (X=K-Br)**

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Table S1. Summary of critical point data (in a.u.) for the linear isomers of C₃X species, using the QCISD/aug-cc-pVTZ electronic density.

Type		K (² Π)	Ca(³ Π)	Ga(² Π)	Ge(³ Σ^-)	As(² Π)	Se(¹ Σ^+)	Br(² A')
X-C ₁ bond	$\rho(r)$	0.0305	0.0481	0.0910	0.1505	0.1879	0.2156	0.1962
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$	0.1083	0.1644	0.2071	0.3656	0.3279	0.2614	-0.2216
	-H(r)	0.0270	0.0497	0.1233	0.0892	0.1362	0.4458	0.2546
C ₁ -C ₂ bond	$\rho(r)$	0.3840	0.3894	0.3935	0.3778	0.3706	0.3661	0.3703
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$	-1.4651	-1.4802	-1.4860	-1.4133	-1.3386	-1.0924	-1.4637
	-H(r)	0.7955	0.8227	0.8306	0.5431	0.5102	0.8816	0.7293
C ₂ -C ₃ bond	$\rho(r)$	0.3656	0.3632	0.3607	0.3714	0.3906	0.3899	0.3785
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$	-1.4115	-1.4089	-1.4026	-1.4580	-1.5403	-1.5685	-1.2904
	-H(r)	0.6950	0.6805	0.6680	0.5697	0.5751	0.8170	0.8332

Table S2. Summary of critical point data (in a.u.) for the fan isomers of C₃X species, using the QCISD/aug-cc-pVTZ electronic density.

Type		K (² B ₂)	Ca(³ B ₁)	Ga(² B ₂)	Ge(¹ A ₁)	As(² B ₁)	Se(¹ A ₁)	Br(² B ₂)
X-C ₁ bond	$\rho(r)$		0.0529					-
X-C ₂	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$		0.2175					-
	-H(r)		0.0646					-
X-C ₃ bond	$\rho(r)$	0.0210		0.0494	0.0970	0.0973	0.1041	-
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$	0.0905		0.1301	0.2422	0.1400	0.0946	-
	-H(r)	0.0188		0.0562	0.0433	0.0419	0.1237	-
C ₁ -C ₃ bond	$\rho(r)$	0.3701	0.3461	0.3654	0.3432	0.3486	0.3545	-
C ₂ -C ₃	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$	-1.4094	-1.1548	-1.3804	-1.2158	-1.2677	-1.3265	-
	-H(r)	0.7320	0.7227	0.7037	0.4860	0.4923	0.6663	-

Table S3. Summary of critical point data (in a.u.) for the three-membered ring isomers of C₃X species, using the QCISD/aug-cc-pVTZ electronic density.

Type		K (² A ₁)	Ca(³ B ₂)	Ga(² A ₁)	Ge(¹ A ₁)	As(² B ₁)	Se(¹ A ₁)	Br(² B ₂)
X-C ₁ bond	$\rho(r)$	0.0287	0.0477	0.0897	0.1490	0.1698	0.2109	0.1916
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$	0.0952	0.1489	0.1587	0.2536	0.1630	0.1943	-0.2208
	-H(r)	0.0246	0.0471	0.1138	0.0913	0.1171	0.4157	0.233
C ₁ -C ₂ bond	$\rho(r)$	0.3247	0.2789	0.3217	0.2662	0.2652	0.25167	0.2993
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$	-0.9265	-0.4374	-0.9249	-0.3950	-0.2461	0.0553	-0.5775
	-H(r)	0.5885	0.4995	0.5758	0.2882	0.2571	0.4109	0.6091
C ₂ -C ₃ bond	$\rho(r)$		0.3485		0.3281	0.3711	0.3967	0.3334
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$		-1.0954		-0.9837	-1.2858	-1.1487	-0.9477
	-H(r)		0.6468		0.4058	0.4976	0.7888	0.6018

Table S4. Summary of critical point data (in a.u.) for the rhombic isomers of C₃X species, using the QCISD/aug-cc-pVTZ electronic density.

Type		K (2A ₁)	Ca(3A ₁)	Ga(2A ₁)	Ge(1A ₁)	As(2B ₁)	Se(1A ₁)	Br(2B ₂)
X-C ₁ bond	$\rho(r)$	0.0248	0.0374	0.0676	0.1215	0.1396	0.1533	0.0841
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$	0.1048	0.1578	0.0799	0.2517	0.1530	0.0188	0.0789
	-H(r)	0.0231	0.0401	0.0581	0.0647	0.0889	0.2123	0.0723
C ₁ -C ₂ bond	$\rho(r)$				0.2506	0.2499	0.2531	
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$				-0.2913	-0.2568	-0.2365	
	-H(r)				0.2408	0.2353	0.4103	
C ₁ -C ₃ bond	$\rho(r)$	0.3282	0.3301	0.2373	0.2794	0.2752	0.2726	0.3160
	$\nabla^2 \rho(r)$	-0.9307	-0.9348	-0.9671	-0.6343	-0.5893	-0.5341	-0.8922
	-H(r)	0.6091	0.6180	0.3836	0.3125	0.3142	0.5081	0.6139

Table S5. C₃X Energy Decomposition Analysis (kcal/mol) for the linear isomers.

	C ₃ K (² Π)	C ₃ Ca (³ Π)	C ₃ Ga (² Π)	C ₃ Ge (³ Σ ⁻)	C ₃ As (² Π)	C ₃ Se (¹ Σ ⁺)	C ₃ Br (² Π)
ΔE _{int}	-88.0	-98.0	-62.7	-90.6	-124.7	-150.3	-363.8
ΔE _{pauli}	23.7	71.8	109.2	211.3	287.3	311.0	250.0
ΔE _{elstat}	-17.9 (16.0%)	-48.6 (28.6%)	-64.8 (37.7%)	-128.5 (42.6%)	-168.9 (41.0%)	-188.5 (40.9%)	-159.6 (26.0%)
ΔE _{orb}	-93.8 (84.0%)	-121.2 (71.4%)	-107.1 (62.3%)	-173.4 (57.4%)	-243.1 (59.0%)	-272.8 (59.1%)	-454.1 (74.0%)
ΔE(σ)	-5.8 (6.1%) ^b	-17.7 (14.6%)	-37.4 (34.9%)	-76.5 (44.1%)	-113.9 (46.9%)	-152.8 (56.0%)	-200.6 (44.2%)
ΔE(π)	-88.0 (93.9%)	-103.5 (85.4%)	-69.6 (65.0%)	-96.8 (55.8%)	-129.1 (53.1%)	-120.0 (44.0%)	-253.5 (55.8%)
ΔE(δ)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	-0.1 (0.1%)	-0.1 (0.1%)	-0.1 (0.0%)	-0.1 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)

^a Values in parentheses give the percentage of attractive interactions ΔE_{elstat} + ΔE_{orb}.

^b Values in parentheses give the percentage contribution to the total orbital interactions.

Table S6. C₃X Energy Decomposition Analysis (kcal/mol) for the fan isomers.

	C ₃ K (² B ₂)	C ₃ Ca (³ B ₁)	C ₃ Ga (² B ₂)	C ₃ Ge (¹ A ₁)	C ₃ As (² B ₁)	C ₃ Se (¹ A ₁)
ΔE _{int}	-89.3	-169.7	-57.6	-107.1	-92.0	-79.5
ΔE _{pauli}	36.7	126.9	108.8	268.1	242.6	197.7
ΔE _{elstat}	-12.0 (9.6%) ^a	-49.3 (16.6%)	-47.1 (28.3%)	-125.9 (33.6%)	-106.5 (31.8%)	-81.6 (29.4%)
ΔE _{orb}	-114.0 (90.4%)	-247.2 (83.4%)	-119.3 (71.7%)	-249.2 (66.4%)	-228.1 (68.2%)	-195.6 (70.6%)
ΔE(a ₁)	-4.4 (3.9%) ^b	-11.3 (4.6%) ^b	-20.9 (17.5%)	-59.4 (23.8%)	-74.7 (32.7%)	-88.1 (45.0%)
ΔE(a ₂)	0.0 (0.0%)	-94.3 (38.1%)	0.0 (0.0%)	-0.1 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)
ΔE(b ₁)	-0.9 (0.8%)	-4.2 (1.7%)	-3.6 (3.0%)	-15.1 (6.1%)	-13.0 (5.7%)	-8.1 (4.2%)
ΔE(b ₂)	-108.6 (95.3%)	-137.4 (55.6%)	-94.8 (79.5%)	-174.6 (70.1%)	-140.0 (61.6%)	-99.4 (50.8%)

^a Values in parentheses give the percentage of attractive interactions ΔE_{elstat} + ΔE_{orb}.

^b Values in parentheses give the percentage contribution to the total orbital interactions.

Table S7. C₃X Energy Decomposition Analysis (kcal/mol) for the 3-ring isomers.

	C ₃ K (² A ₁)	C ₃ Ca (³ B ₂)	C ₃ Ga (² A ₁)	C ₃ Ge (¹ A ₁)	C ₃ As (² B ₁)	C ₃ Se (¹ A ₁)	C ₃ Br (² B ₂)
ΔE _{int}	-91.6	-60.5	-66.3	-82.1	-81.2	-109.9	-75.2
ΔE _{pauli}	20.2	95.0	102.1	275.7	318.3	367.7	235.5
ΔE _{elstat}	-12.1 (10.8%) ^a	-54.5 (35.1%) ^a	-56.6 (33.6%) ^a	-152.9 (42.7%) ^a	-171.9 (43.0%) ^a	-194.4 (40.7%) ^a	-129.8 (41.8%) ^a
ΔE _{orb}	-99.7 (89.2%)	-101.0 (64.9%)	-111.8 (66.4%)	-204.9 (57.3%)	-227.6 (57.0%)	-283.3 (59.3%)	-180.9 (58.2%)
ΔE(a ₁)	-5.6 (5.6%) ^b	-95.8 (94.8%)	-44.2 (39.6%)	-161.6 (78.9%)	-172.5 (75.8%)	-193.7 (68.4%)	-151.1 (83.5%)
ΔE(a ₂)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)
ΔE(b ₁)	-0.8 (0.8%)	-2.2 (2.2%)	-3.1 (2.8%)	-10.0 (4.9%)	-22.8 (10.0%)	-41.8 (14.8%)	-17.5 (9.7%)
ΔE(b ₂)	-93.2 (93.5%)	-3.0 (3.0%)	-64.4 (57.6%)	-33.4 (16.3%)	-32.3 (14.2%)	-47.8 (16.9%)	-12.3 (6.8%)

^a Values in parentheses give the percentage of attractive interactions ΔE_{elstat} + ΔE_{orb}.

^b Values in parentheses give the percentage contribution to the total orbital interactions.

Table S8. C₃X Energy Decomposition Analysis (kcal/mol) for the rhombic isomers.

	C ₃ K (² A ₁)	C ₃ Ca (³ A ₁)	C ₃ Ga (² A ₁)	C ₃ Ge (¹ A ₁)	C ₃ As (² B ₁)	C ₃ Se (¹ A ₁)	C ₃ Br (² B ₂)
ΔE _{int}	-109.9	-133.8	-87.6	-102.5	-84.4	-82.8	-61.0
ΔE _{pauli}	25.1	93.7	110.9	410.3	423.63	393.5	134.9
ΔE _{elstat}	-12.8 (9.5%) ^a	-54.1 (23.8%) ^a	-58.6 (29.5%) ^a	-201.9 (39.4%) ^a	-199.6 (39.3%) ^a	-179.8 (37.8%) ^a	-64.8 (33.1%) ^a
ΔE _{orb}	-122.1 (90.5%)	-173.4 (76.2%)	-139.9 (70.5%)	-311.0 (60.6%)	-308.5 (60.7%)	-296.5 (62.3%)	-131.1 (66.9%)
ΔE(a ₁)	-3.1 (2.6%) ^b	-27.61 (15.9%)	-29.5 (21.1%)	-194.5 (62.5%)	-188.2 (61.0%)	-173.9 (58.7%)	-85.3 (65.1%)
ΔE(a ₂)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)	0.0 (0.0%)
ΔE(b ₁)	-0.5 (0.4%)	-2.25 (1.3%)	2.6 (1.8%)	-13.5 (4.3%)	-20.5 (6.6%)	-22.5 (7.6%)	-4.6 (3.5%)
ΔE(b ₂)	-118.6 (97.0%)	-143.5 (82.8%)	-107.8 (77.0%)	-103.0 (33.1%)	-99.7 (32.3%)	-100.0 (33.7%)	-41.2 (31.4%)

^a Values in parentheses give the percentage of attractive interactions ΔE_{elstat} + ΔE_{orb}.

^b Values in parentheses give the percentage contribution to the total orbital interactions.