

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Stable copernicium hexafluoride ( $CnF_6$ ) with an oxidation state of +VI**

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## Computational details

### Basis functions of Cn used in the X2C-AU/PBEO calculations

Cn: (32s29p20d13f3g1h)/[28s24p16d10f3g1h]

S

5. 2838921E+07 0. 6094847011E-01 0  
1. 4052181E+07 0. 1246189615E+00  
4. 7818084E+06 0. 2068473915E+00  
1. 7994843E+06 0. 3147706366E+00  
7. 4188602E+05 0. 4649291068E+00  
3. 2382387E+05 0 1 0  
1. 4919768E+05 0 0 1 0  
7. 1554389E+04 0 0 0 1 0  
3. 5610846E+04 0 0 0 0 1 0  
1. 8252319E+04 0 0 0 0 0 1 0  
9. 6124347E+03 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0  
5. 1812551E+03 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0  
2. 8547753E+03 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0  
1. 6067219E+03 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0  
9. 2685750E+02 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0  
5. 5041539E+02 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0  
3. 3675766E+02 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
2. 1031410E+02 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
1. 3165655E+02 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
8. 2006316E+01 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
5. 0079174E+01 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
2. 9029668E+01 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
1. 7839346E+01 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
1. 0801119E+01 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
6. 2356361E+00 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
3. 5946320E+00 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
1. 9785514E+00 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
1. 0714704E+00 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
5. 5118527E-01 0 1 0 0 0  
2. 5294984E-01 0 1 0 0  
1. 1593555E-01 0 1 0  
5. 2569715E-02 0 1

P

6. 5222983E+07 0. 6066422010E-02 0  
2. 2895020E+07 0. 2945668719E-01 0  
8. 2556172E+06 0. 7042031628E-01 0

D

6. 1079932E-01 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
2. 6714924E-01 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0
1. 0675309E-01 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1

F

3. 4400792E+03 0.3787122722E-02 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
1. 1249902E+03 0.3488135826E-01 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
4. 6967988E+02 0.2053349102E+00 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
2. 2245189E+02 0.8258429538E+00 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
1. 1278088E+02 0	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
5. 9810059E+01 0	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
3. 2337736E+01 0	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
1. 7715413E+01 0	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
9. 6421473E+00 0	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
5. 0879257E+00 0	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
2. 5803052E+00 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
1. 2008221E+00 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0
4. 3021888E-01 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1

G

8. 6351253E+00 1 0 0
3. 2652063E+00 0 1 0
9. 7673453E-01 0 0 1

H

6. 0979820E+00 1
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In the contact density calculations, the s- and p-functions are decontracted and are supplemented by two steep s-functions ( $\alpha=424285762.33, 200225782.68$ ) and two steep p-functions ( $\alpha=193370401.96, 111623241.44$ ).

### Active spinors (orbitals) in coupled-cluster calculations

SOECP/CCSD(T) by CFour

Spinors from Cn 6s6p6d7s and F 2s2p are correlated.

SOECP/FS-CCSD by DIRAC

The active spinors are taken from O 2s2p ( $O^{2-}$  and  $O_2^{2-}$ ), F 2s2p ( $F^-$  and  $CnF^-$ ) and Cn 6d7s (Cn).

### The complete basis set (CBS) limit

The SOECP/CCSD(T)/CBS energies were estimated by SOECP/CCSD(T)/VTZ and SOECP/CCSD(T)/VQZ energies through

$$E_{CBS} = \frac{E_X X^3 - E_Y Y^3}{X^3 - Y^3}$$

with X, Y = 3, 4.

## LOBA

The formal oxidation states of Cn in CnFn (n = 1, 2, 4, and 6) were estimated by localized orbital bonding analysis (LOBA) at the spin-free X2C-AU/PBE0 level. In the orbital localization, some missing parameters of Cn were taken from Hg. The default threshold of 50% was taken for LOBA. The computed oxidation states are +n for Cn and -1 for F.

## Optimized Cartesian coordinates

SOECP/PBE0

O<sub>2</sub>

O      0.0000000000  0.0000000000  0.5971657532  
O      0.0000000000  0.0000000000 -0.5971657532

F<sub>2</sub>

F      0.0000000000  0.0000000000  0.6864919594  
F      0.0000000000  0.0000000000 -0.6864919594

CnF

Cn     0.0000000000  0.0000000000 -0.0362783766  
F     0.0000000000  0.0000000000  2.0716783766

CnF<sub>2</sub>

Cn     0.0000000000  0.0000000000  0.0000000000  
F     0.0000000000  0.0000000000  1.9257831739  
F     0.0000000000  0.0000000000 -1.9257831739

CnF<sub>4</sub>

Cn     0.0000000000  0.0000000000  0.0000000000  
F     0.0000000000  1.9288437143  0.0000000000  
F     0.0000000000 -1.9288437143  0.0000000000  
F     1.9288437143  0.0000000000  0.0000000000  
F     -1.9288437143  0.0000000000  0.0000000000

CnF<sub>6</sub>

Cn     0.0000000000  0.0000000000  0.0000000000  
F     0.0000000000  0.0000000000  1.9324926753  
F     0.0000000000  0.0000000000 -1.9324926753  
F     0.0000000000  1.9324926753  0.0000000000  
F     0.0000000000 -1.9324926753  0.0000000000  
F     1.9324926753  0.0000000000  0.0000000000  
F     -1.9324926753  0.0000000000  0.0000000000

CnO

Cn     0.0000000000  0.0000000000 -0.0100346381  
O     0.0000000000  0.0000000000  1.8525346381

CnO<sub>2</sub>

Cn	0. 0000000000	0. 0000000000	0. 0000000000
O	0. 0000000000	0. 0000000000	1. 8298334709
O	0. 0000000000	0. 0000000000	-1. 8298334709

CnO<sub>3</sub>

Cn	0. 0000000000	0. 0000000000	0. 0000000000
O	0. 0000000000	1. 8349244513	0. 0000000000
O	1. 5890973790	-0. 9174631615	0. 0000000000
O	-1. 5890973790	-0. 9174631615	0. 0000000000

CnOF<sub>2</sub>

Cn	0. 0000000000	0. 0000000000	0. 2526577871
O	0. 0000000000	0. 0000000000	-1. 6975065666
F	0. 0000000000	1. 9299167556	0. 3327750398
F	0. 0000000000	-1. 9299167556	0. 3327750398

CnO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>

Cn	0. 0000000000	0. 0000000000	-0. 0913874709
O	0. 0000000000	1. 4101669664	-1. 2754198229
O	0. 0000000000	-1. 4101669664	-1. 2754198229
F	0. 0000000000	1. 3004008893	1. 3752169433
F	0. 0000000000	-1. 3004008893	1. 3752169433

## X2C-AU/PBE0

F<sub>2</sub>

F	0. 00000000	0. 00000000	-0. 68795154
F	0. 00000000	0. 00000000	0. 68795154

CnF

Cn	0. 00000000	0. 00000000	0. 00000000
F	0. 00000000	0. 00000000	2. 0692118

CnF<sub>2</sub>

Cn	0. 00000000	0. 00000000	0. 00000000
F	0. 00000000	0. 00000000	1. 91964368
F	0. 00000000	0. 00000000	-1. 91964368

CnF<sub>4</sub>

Cn	0. 00000000	0. 00000000	0. 00000000
F	1. 92679331	0. 00000000	0. 00000000
F	0. 00000000	-1. 92679331	0. 00000000

F	-1.92679331	0.00000000	0.00000000
F	0.00000000	1.92679331	0.00000000

CnF<sub>6</sub>

Cn	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000
F	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.93250318
F	1.93250318	0.00000000	0.00000000
F	0.00000000	-1.93250318	0.00000000
F	-1.93250318	0.00000000	0.00000000
F	0.00000000	1.93250318	0.00000000
F	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.93250318

CnF<sub>6</sub> (TS<sub>1</sub>)

Cn	0.00104621	0.17705208	-0.01224303
F	1.09187438	-1.79489701	0.10678514
F	-1.03294280	-1.83715977	0.09805537
F	-1.89733939	0.47488709	-0.02748258
F	1.88437439	0.55707801	-0.03582623
F	-0.00338130	0.13549196	-1.94047814
F	0.00127897	0.30898164	1.91086286

CnF<sub>6</sub> (TS<sub>2</sub>)

Cn	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000
F	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.75118019
F	1.92569808	0.00000000	0.00000000
F	0.00000000	-1.92569808	0.00000000
F	-1.92569808	-0.00000000	0.00000000
F	-0.00000000	1.92569808	0.00000000
F	0.00000000	-0.00000000	-2.75118019

## SOECP/CCSD(T)

F<sub>2</sub>

F	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.70986737
F	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.70986737

CnF<sub>2</sub>

Cn	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000
F	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.95750382
F	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.95750382

CnF<sub>4</sub>

Cn	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000
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F	0.0000000	1.94797437	0.0000000
F	1.94797437	0.0000000	0.0000000
F	0.0000000	-1.94797437	0.0000000
F	-1.94797437	0.0000000	0.0000000

CnF<sub>6</sub>

Cn	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
F	0.0000000	0.0000000	1.95137055
F	0.0000000	1.95137055	0.0000000
F	1.95137055	0.0000000	0.0000000
F	0.0000000	-1.95137055	0.0000000
F	-1.95137055	0.0000000	0.0000000
F	0.0000000	0.0000000	-1.95137055

## Harmonic vibrational frequencies at the X2C-AU/PBEO level

Species	Symm.	ZPE (kcal/mol)	Harmonic frequencies (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
F <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>∞h</sub>	1.57	1100 ( $\sigma_g^+$ )
<sup>285</sup> CnF <sub>6</sub> (TS <sub>1</sub> )	C <sub>1</sub> (C <sub>2v</sub> )	6.79	380i, 67, 93, 170, 210, 220, 240, 244, 253, 259, 376, 615, 641, 669, 691
<sup>285</sup> CnF <sub>6</sub> (TS <sub>2</sub> )	D <sub>4h</sub>	5.68	57i(a <sub>1g</sub> ), 23(e <sub>u</sub> ), 40(e <sub>g</sub> ), 57(a <sub>2u</sub> ), 167(b <sub>1g</sub> ), 212(b <sub>1u</sub> ), 242(a <sub>2u</sub> ), 248(e <sub>u</sub> ), 640(b <sub>2g</sub> ), 659(a <sub>1g</sub> ), 687(e <sub>u</sub> )

See Table 3 in the text about harmonic vibrational frequencies of <sup>285</sup>CnF, <sup>285</sup>CnF<sub>2</sub>, <sup>285</sup>CnF<sub>4</sub> and <sup>285</sup>CnF<sub>6</sub>.

## Effective contact densities of Cn in fluorides

The effective contact densities are computed at the optimized geometries by X2C-AU/PBE0, and a root-mean-square charge radius of 6.07 fm is used for the Cn nucleus. For sf-X2C-AU/CCSD(T), only valence electrons in Cn 6d7s and F 2s2p are correlated. The total density is given for the Cn atom and the density differences for molecules. Unit: bohr<sup>-3</sup>.

	xf-X2C-AU/PBE0	X2C-AU/PBE0	sf-X2C-AU/CCSD(T)
Cn	28657175	29879227	289999920
CnF	-124	-34	-144
CnF <sub>2</sub>	-414	-304	-421
CnF <sub>4</sub>	-760	-604	-753
CnF <sub>6</sub>	-970	-782	-933