

## **E<sub>6</sub>C<sub>15</sub> (E = Si-Pb): Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds with Three planar Tetracoordinate Carbons**

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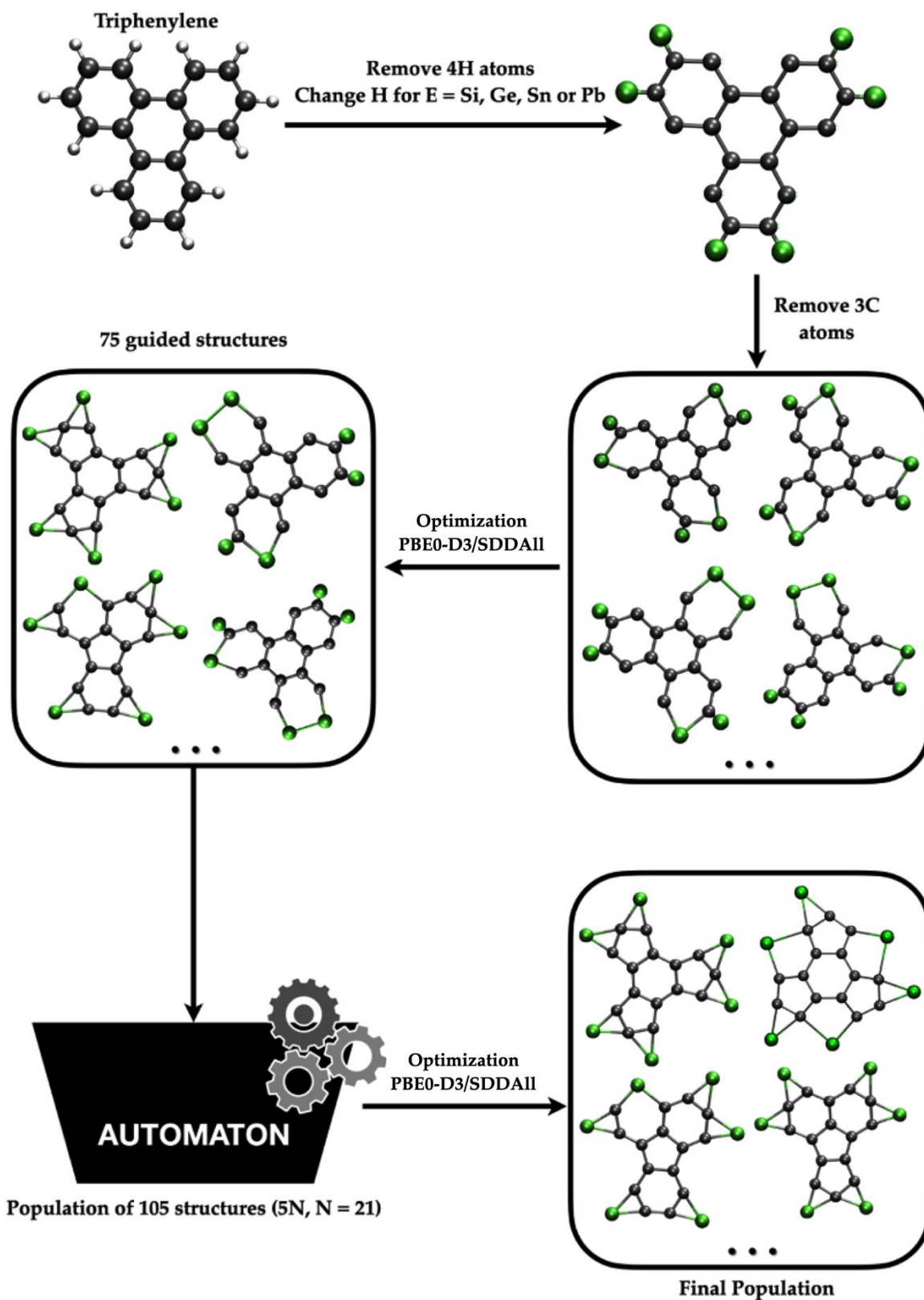
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## Isomerization Energy Decomposition Analysis

To gain more insight into the factors that determine the preference of the **3(E)** or **4(E)** isomer, IEDA<sup>1</sup> was performed, which allows decomposing the difference in energy between two isomers ( $\Delta E_{\text{iso}}$ ) into two terms: the distortion energy of the fragments ( $\Delta E_{\text{dist}}$ ) and the change in the interaction energies between the fragments of each isomer ( $\Delta\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ ). The latter term, in turn, is decomposed as the sum of the changes in the orbital ( $\Delta\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$ ) and electrostatic ( $\Delta\Delta V_{\text{elstat}}$ ) interaction, the Pauli repulsion ( $\Delta\Delta E_{\text{Pauli}}$ ) and the dispersion energy ( $\Delta\Delta E_{\text{disp}}$ ). This analysis was performed at the PBE0-D3-BJ/TZ2P-ZORA level<sup>2-5</sup> using ADF2012.<sup>6</sup>

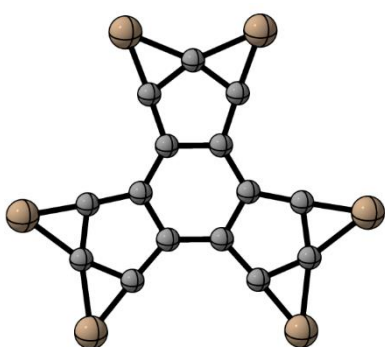
The IEDA results are shown in Table S1, in addition to Figure S20, which shows the thermodynamic cycle that has been considered to perform this analysis where the  $\text{C}_{15}^{12-}$  and  $\text{E}_6^{12+}$  ( $\text{E} = \text{Si}, \text{Ge}, \text{Sn}, \text{Pb}$ ) species have been selected as interacting fragments. According to Figure S20, positive or negative values in Table S1 indicate that the corresponding term favors the **3(E)** and **4(E)** isomers, respectively. According to  $\Delta E_{\text{iso}}$  values, for  $\text{E} = \text{Si}$  and  $\text{Ge}$ , the **3(E)** isomer is  $44.0 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  and  $19.9 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , respectively, below the **4(E)** isomer, while for  $\text{E} = \text{Sn}$  and  $\text{Pb}$ , it is the **4(E)** isomer that is  $10.7 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  and  $24.2 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  lower in energy, which is in good agreement with the relative energies shown in Figure 1. Note that in all cases, the distortion energy of both the  $\text{C}_{15}^{12-}$  and  $\text{E}_6^{12+}$  fragments is positive, i.e., both systems prefer to be in  $D_{3h}$  symmetry. On the other hand, for all cases, the interaction energy and the terms into which it decomposes ( $\Delta\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$ ,  $\Delta\Delta V_{\text{elstat}}$ ,  $\Delta\Delta E_{\text{Pauli}}$ ,  $\Delta\Delta E_{\text{disp}}$ ) favor the **4(E)** isomer (except for the dispersion energy in the  $\text{Sn}_6\text{C}_{15}$  system), so this balance between interaction and distortion energies is what determines the favorability of one isomer over the other. In particular, for  $\text{E} = \text{Si}$  and  $\text{Ge}$ , the distortion energy is much higher than in their heavier analogs, so the better interaction energy in the **4(E)** isomer is not sufficient to compensate for the high energetic cost of deforming the fragments from the  $D_{3h}$  symmetry. While for  $\text{E} = \text{Sn}$  and  $\text{Pb}$  the lower energetic cost of deforming the structure is outweighed by the favorable interaction energy of these fragments in the **4(E)** isomer.

**Scheme S1.** The procedure used to explore the potential energy surface using the AUTOMATON program.<sup>7</sup>

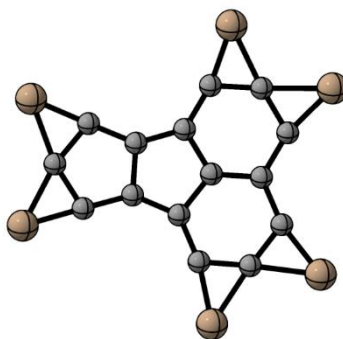


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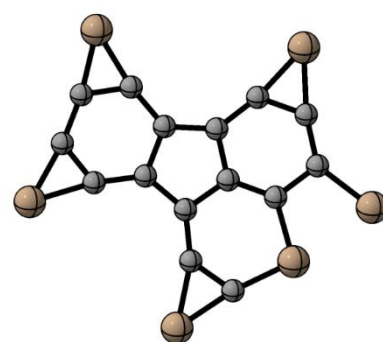
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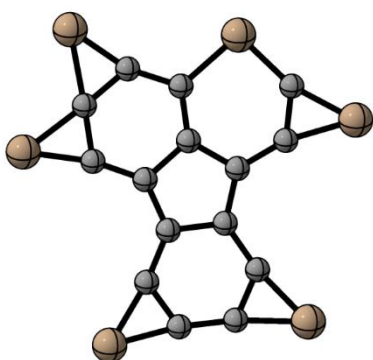
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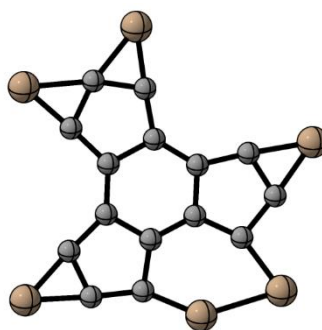
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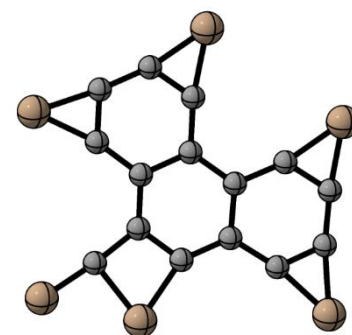
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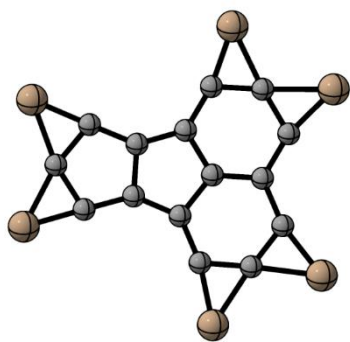
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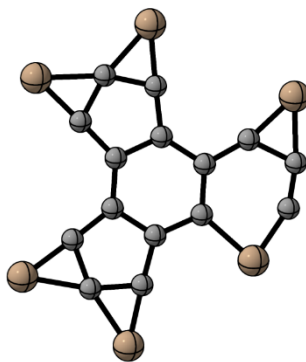
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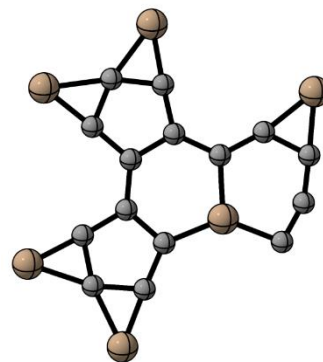
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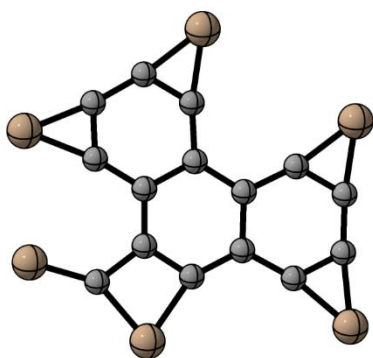
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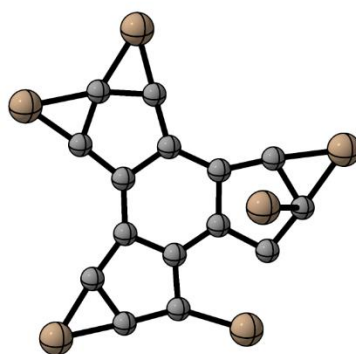
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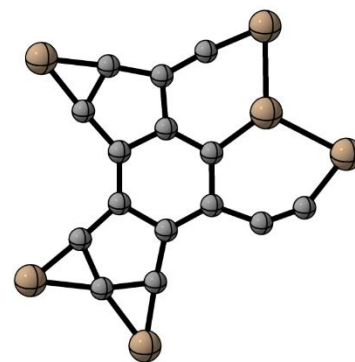
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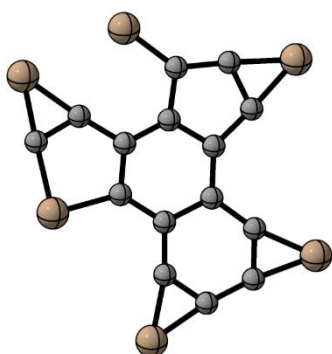
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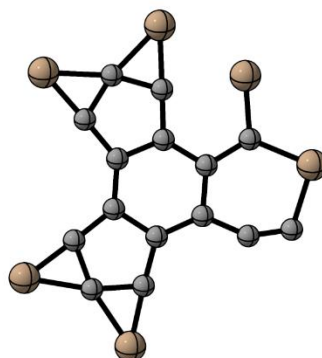
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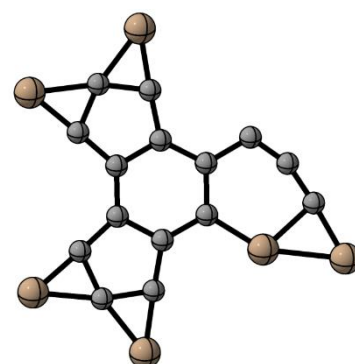
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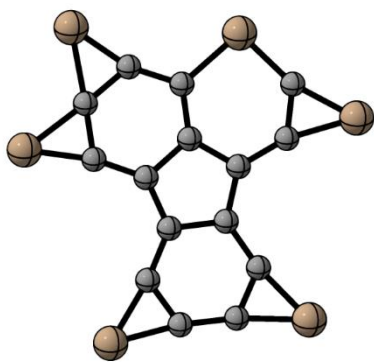
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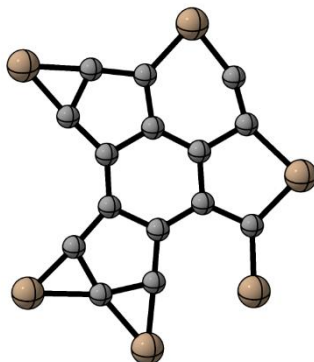
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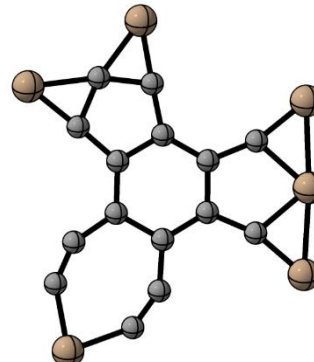
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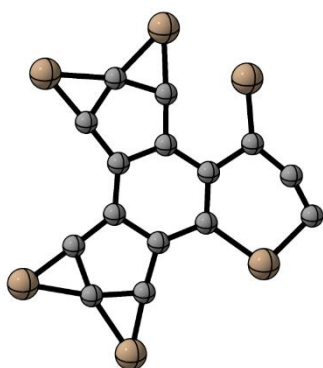
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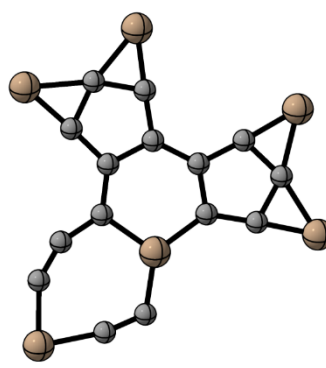
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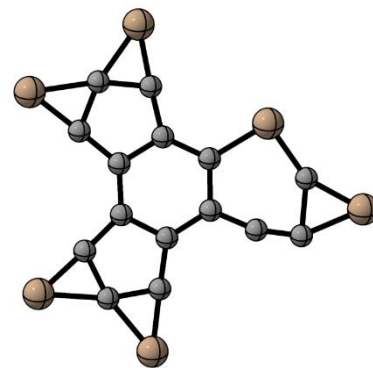
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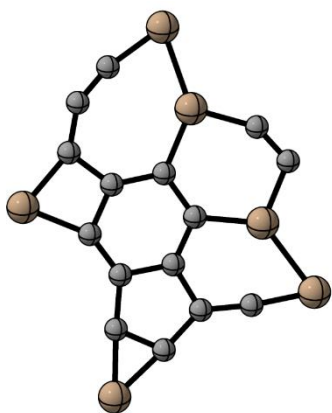
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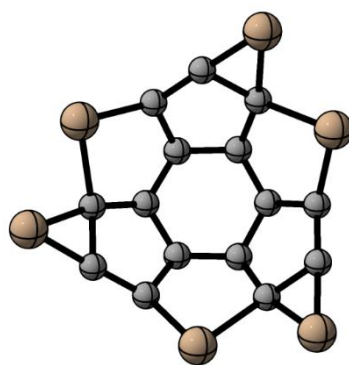
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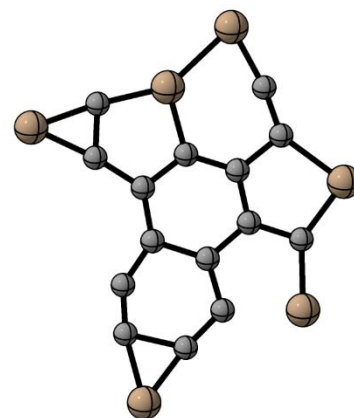
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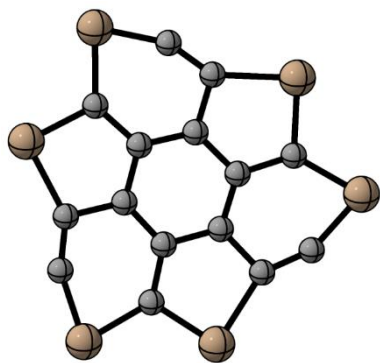


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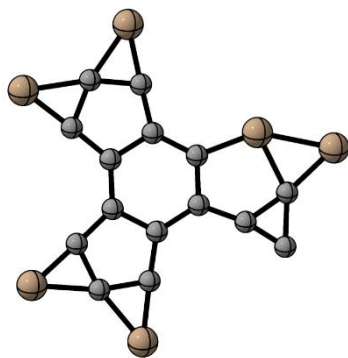
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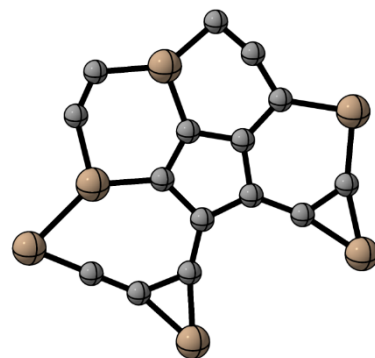
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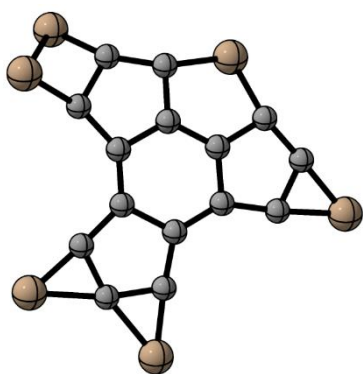
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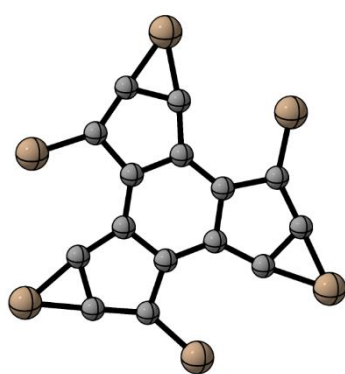
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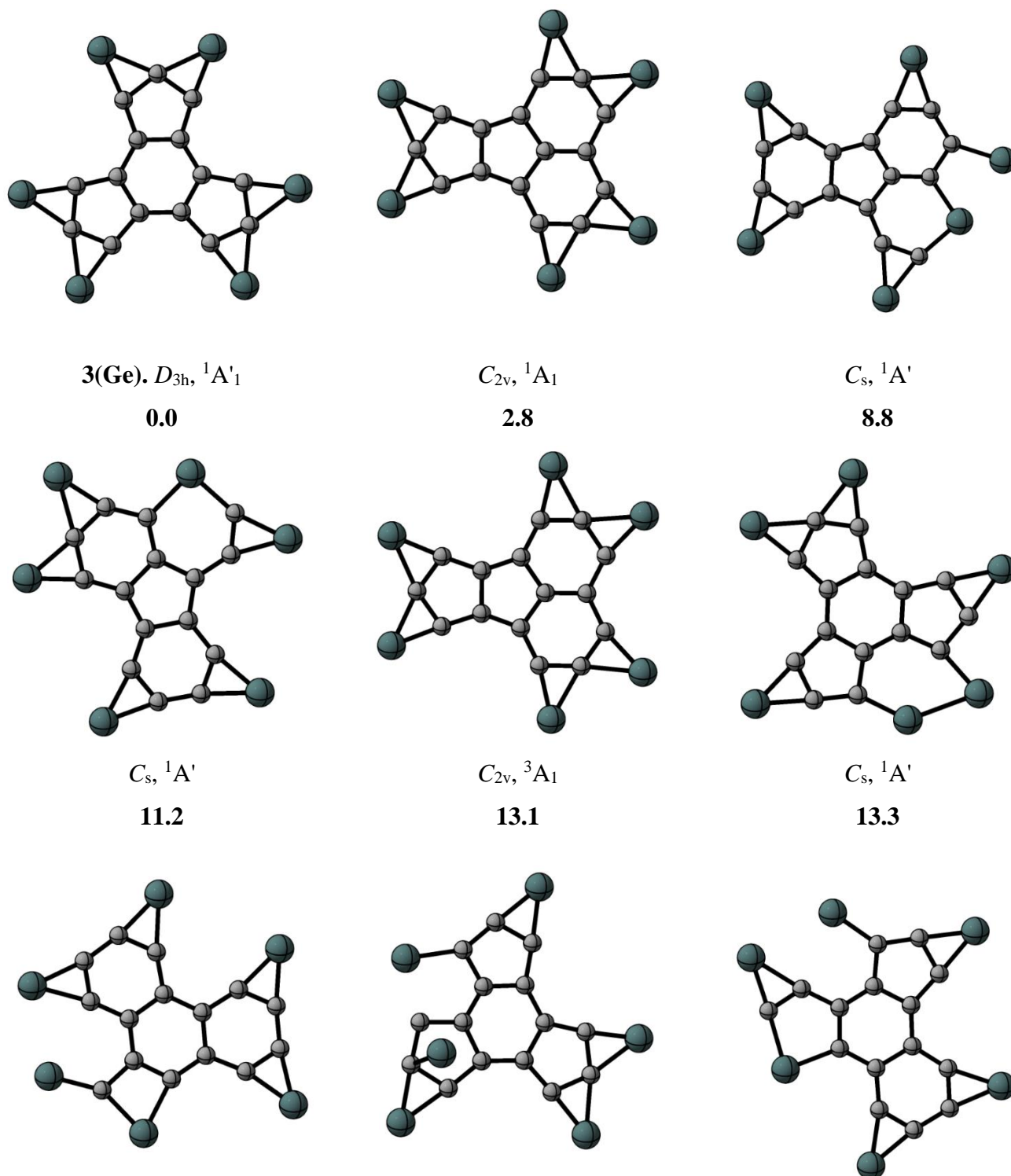
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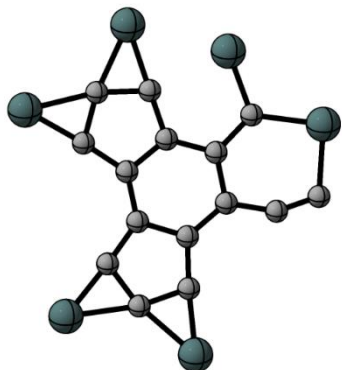
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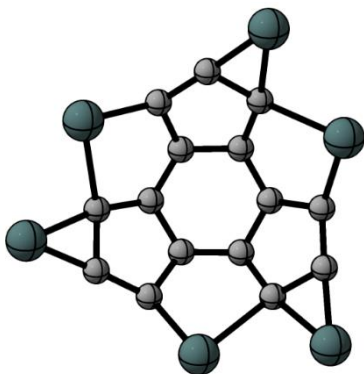
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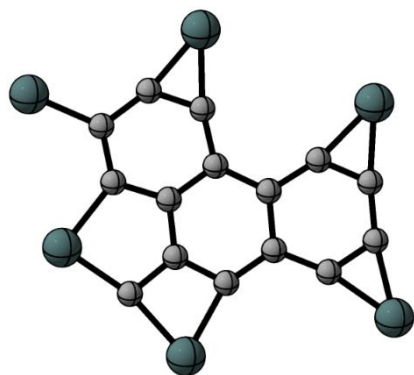
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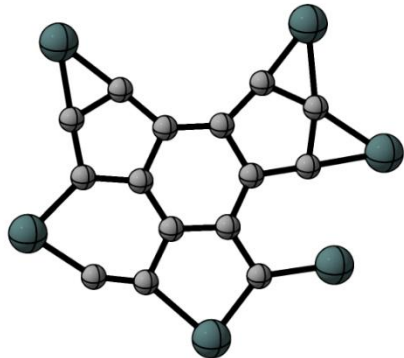


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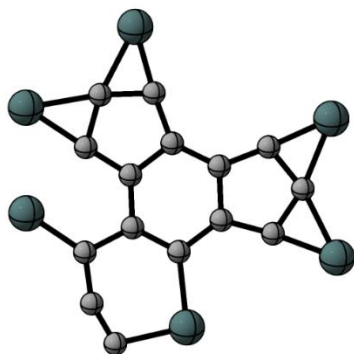
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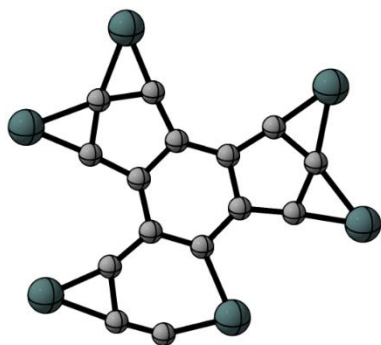
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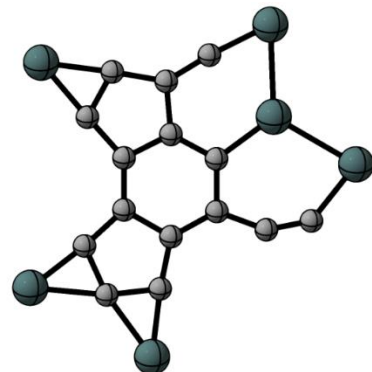


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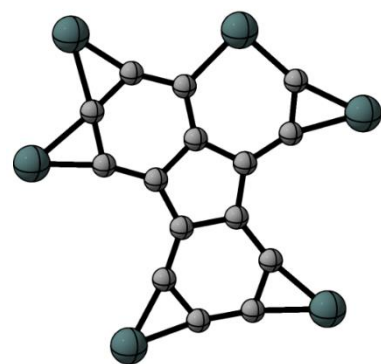
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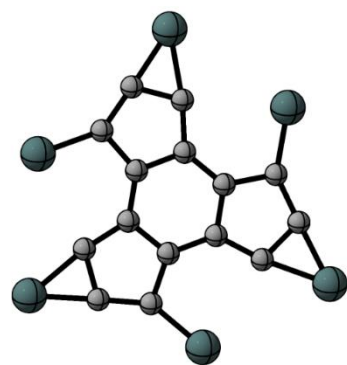
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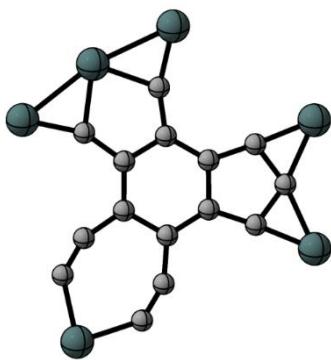
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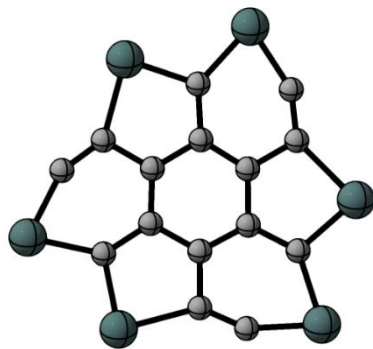
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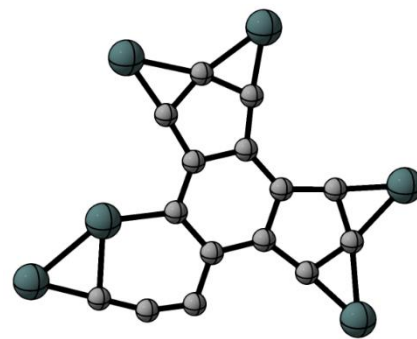
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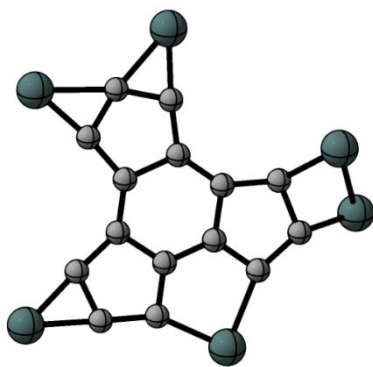
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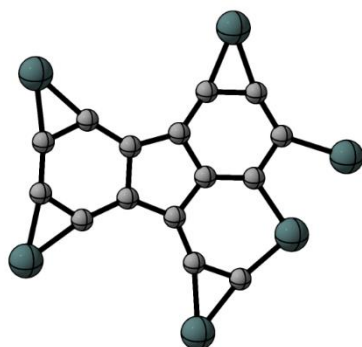
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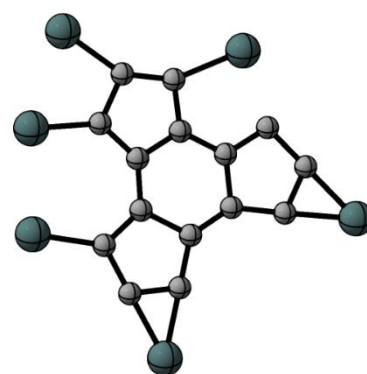
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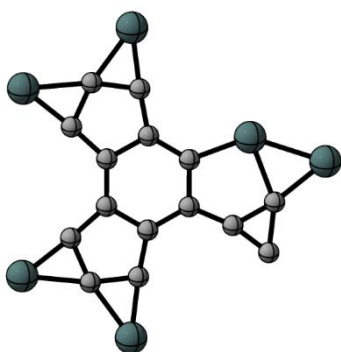
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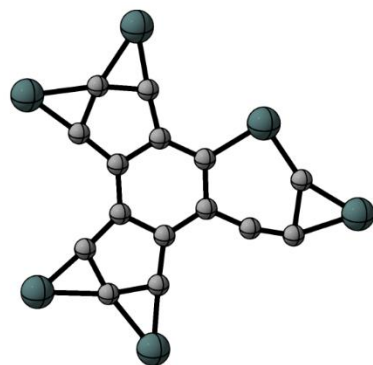
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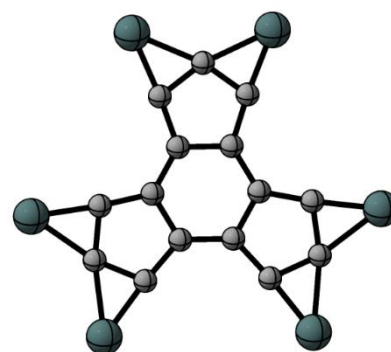
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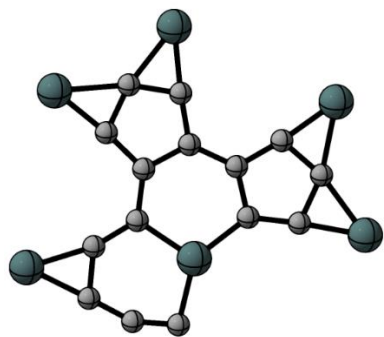
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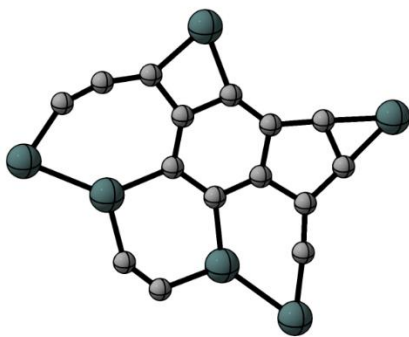


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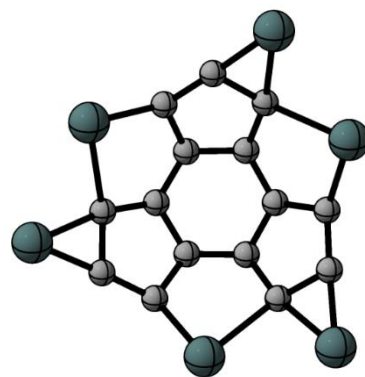
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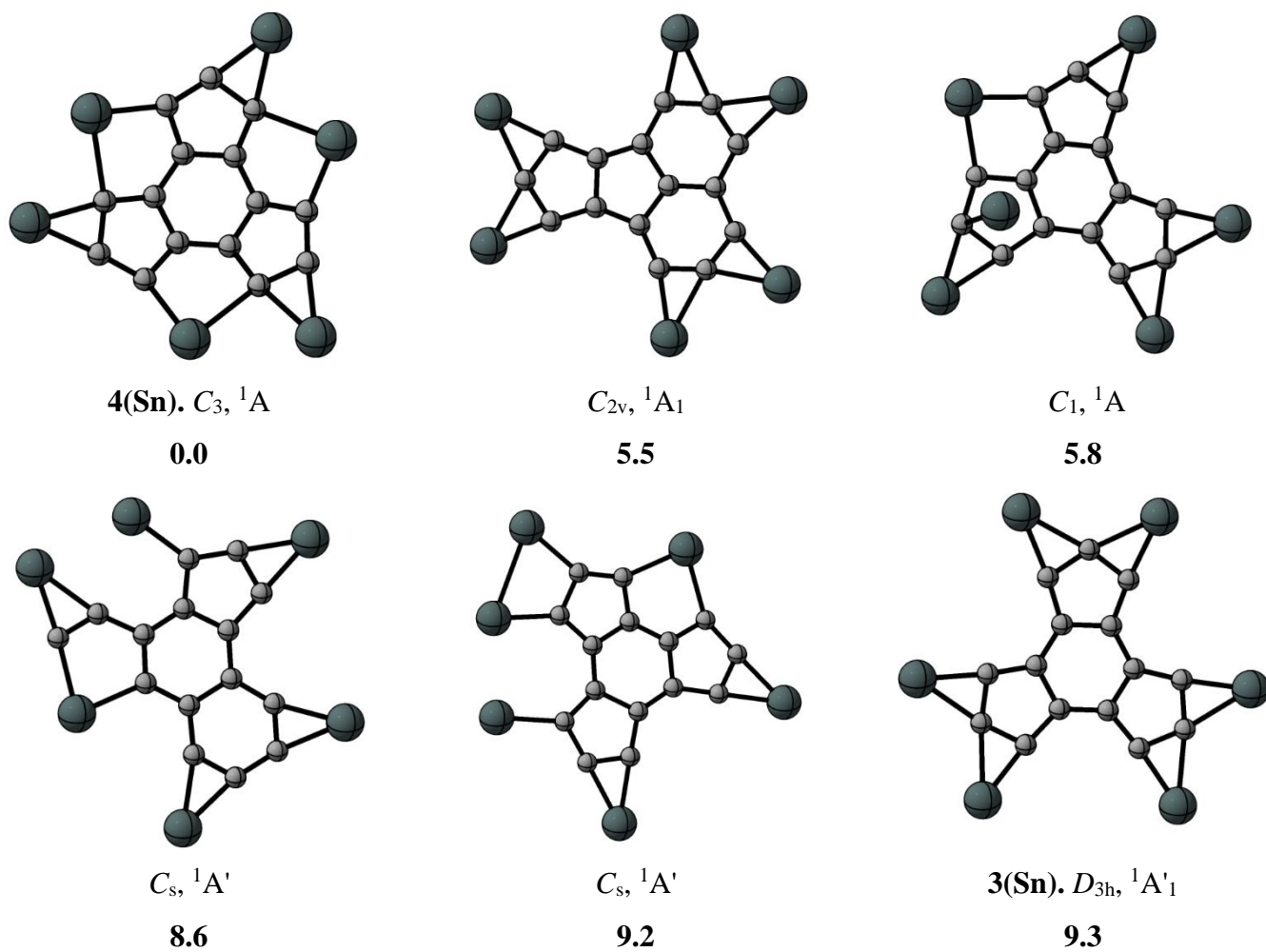


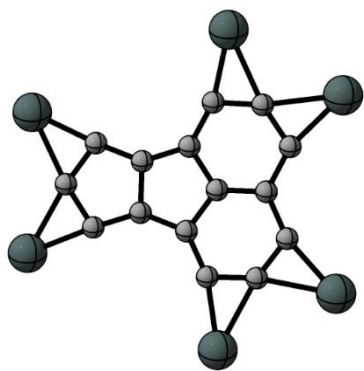
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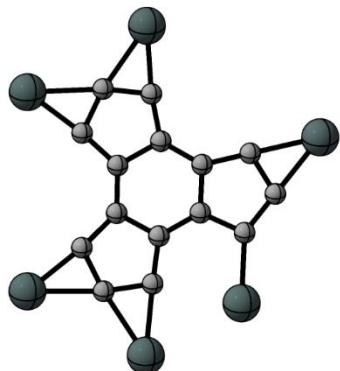
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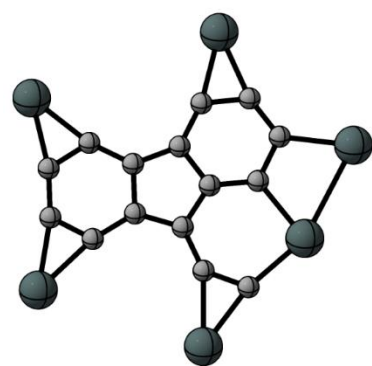
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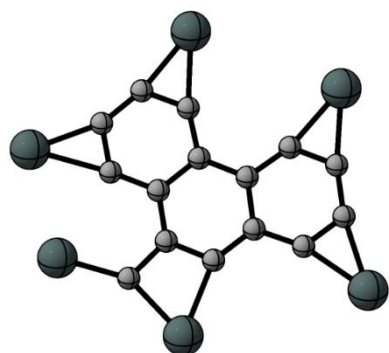
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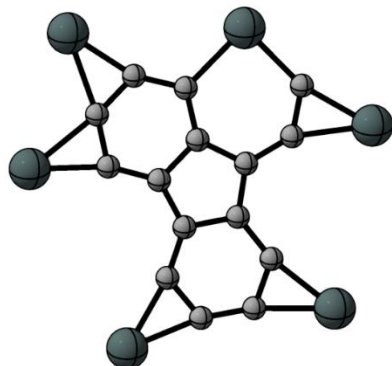
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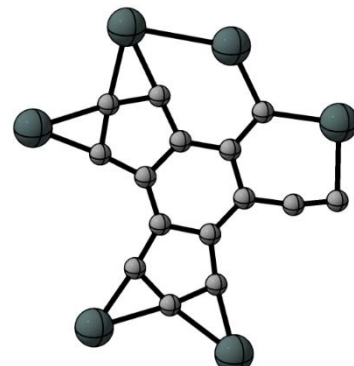
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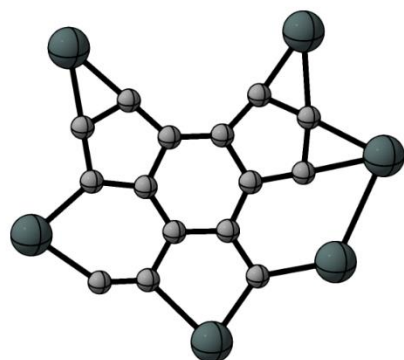
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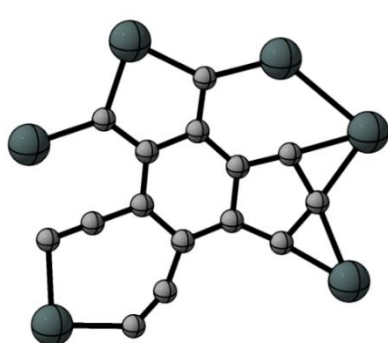
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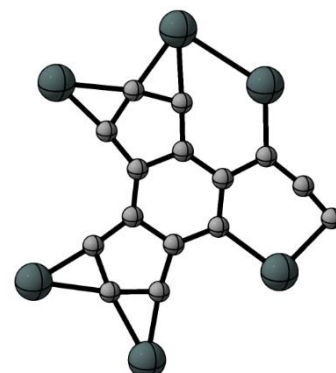
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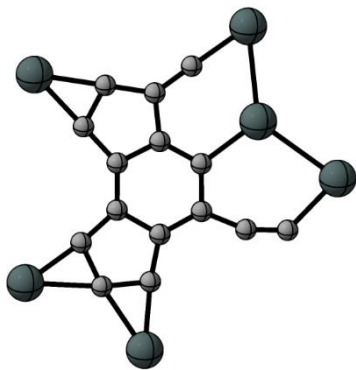
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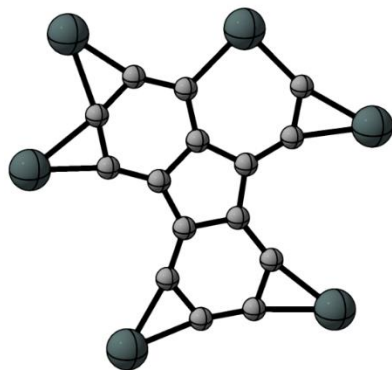


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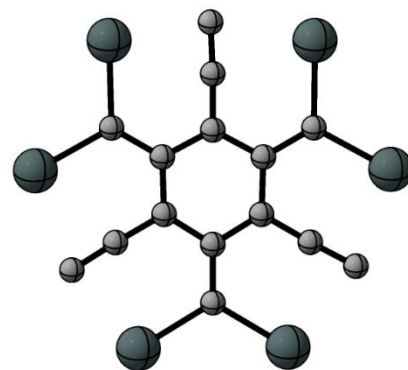
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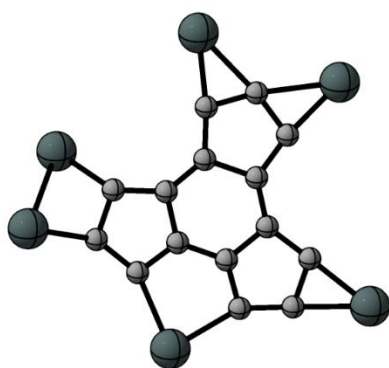
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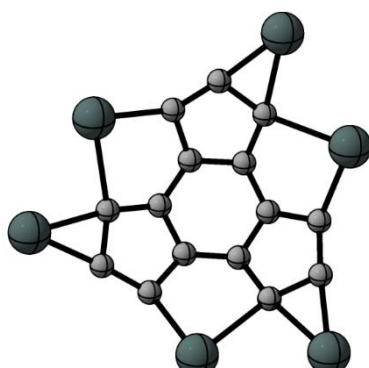
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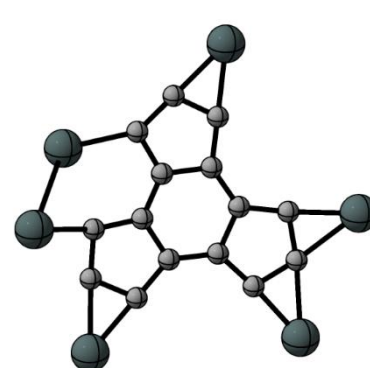
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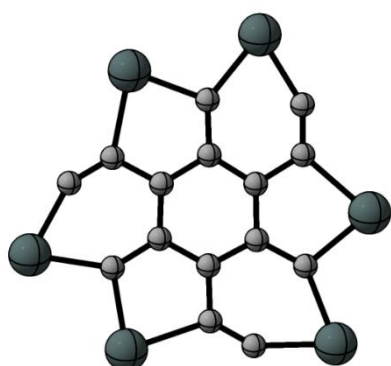
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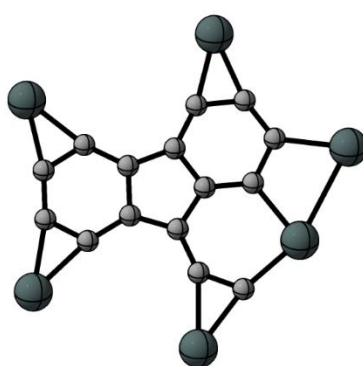
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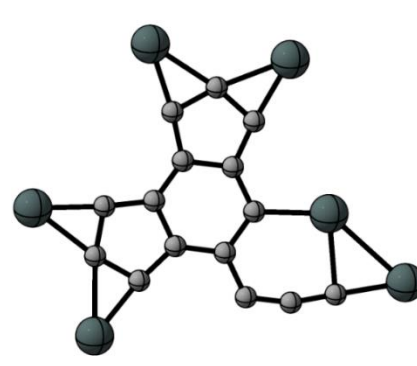
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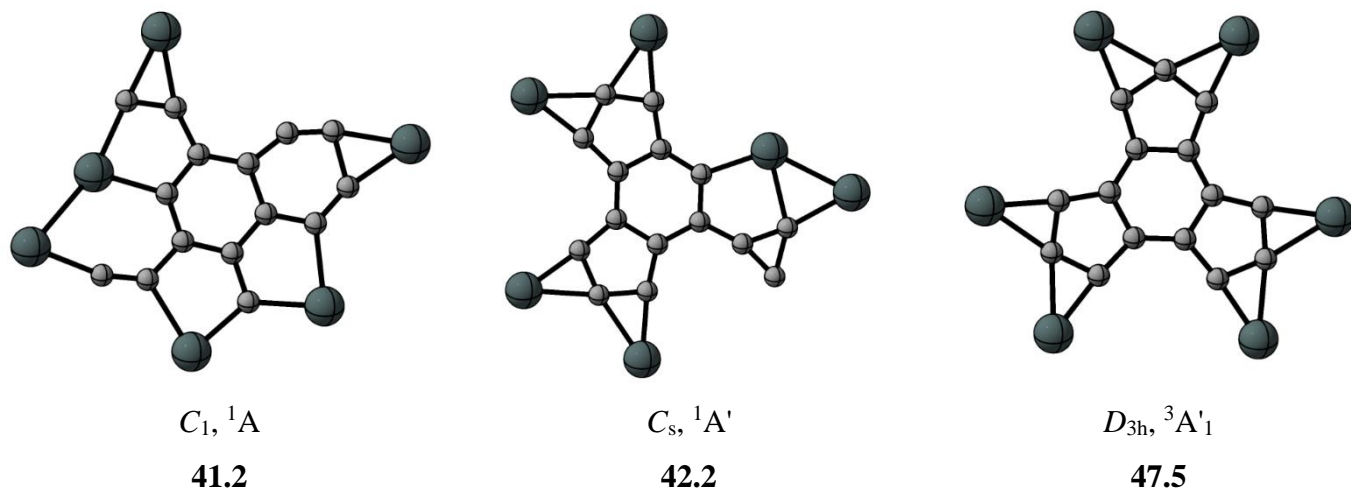


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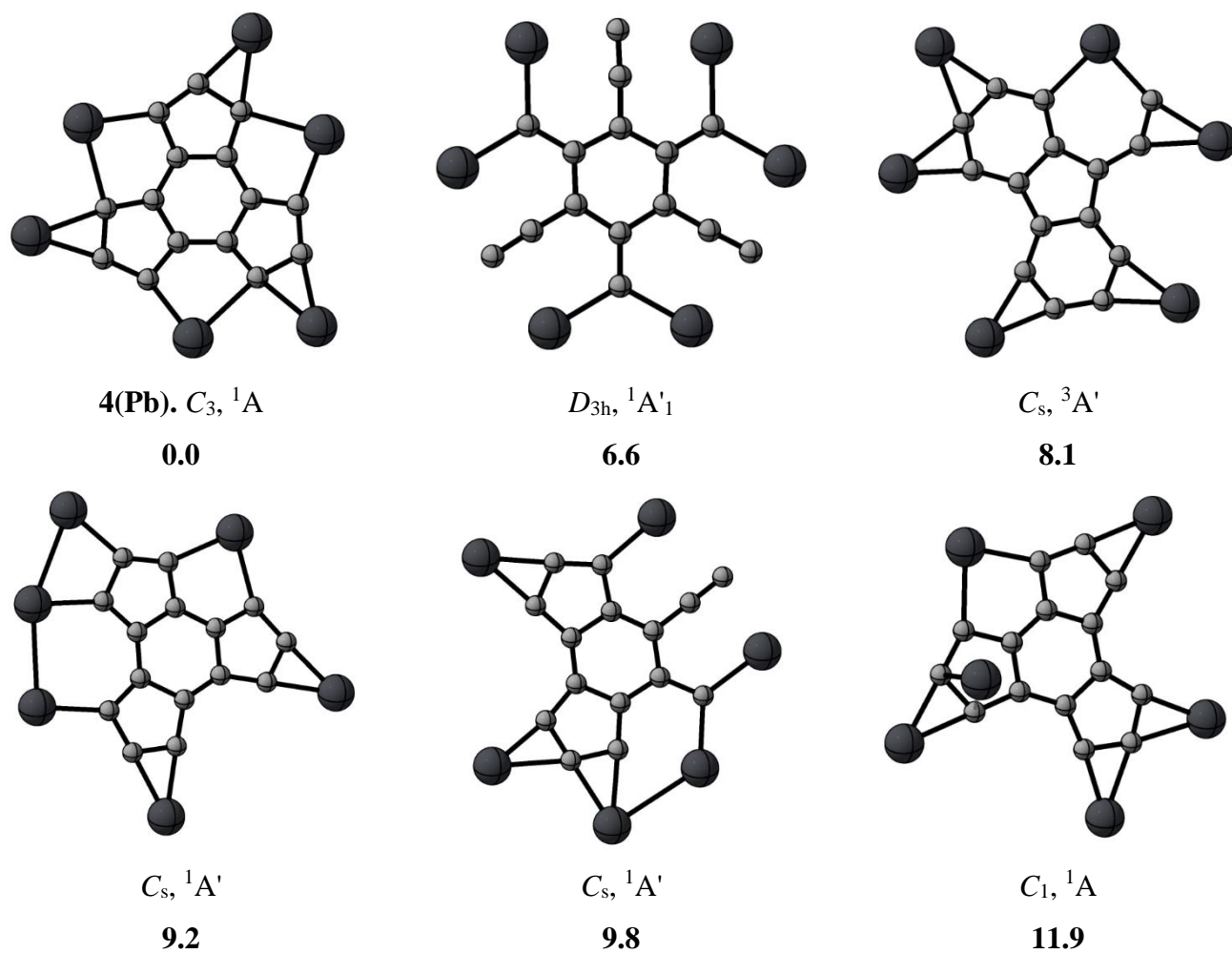


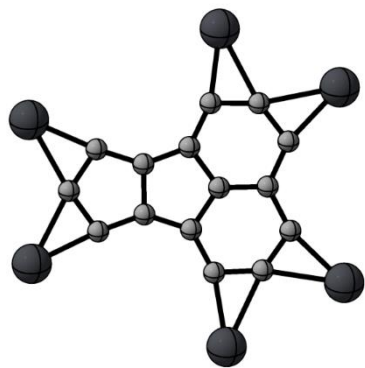
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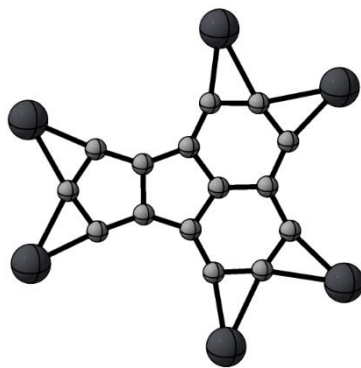


**Figure S4.** Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of  $Pb_6C_{15}$  with their point group symmetries. Relative energies are shown in  $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  at PBE0<sup>8</sup>-D3<sup>9</sup>/def2-TZVP<sup>10</sup> level including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections.

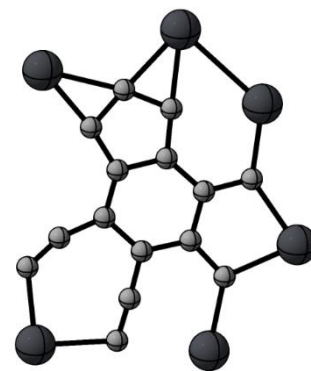




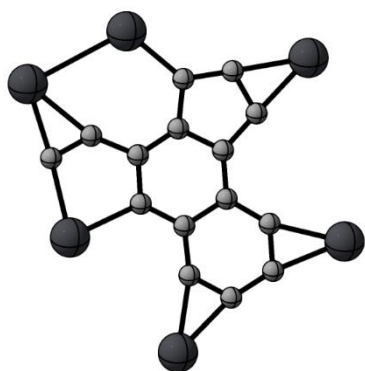
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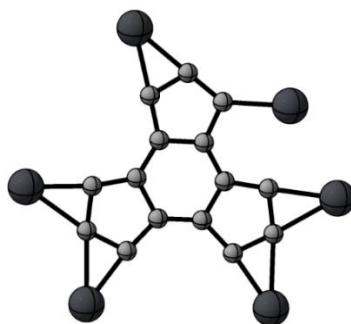
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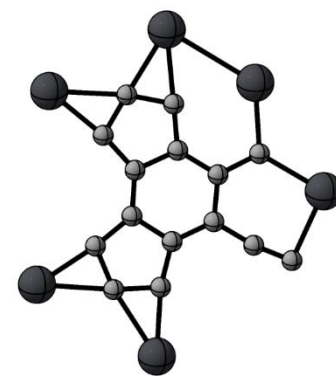
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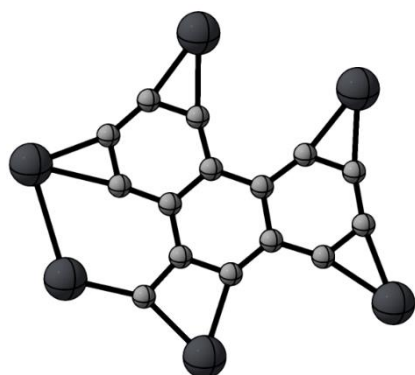
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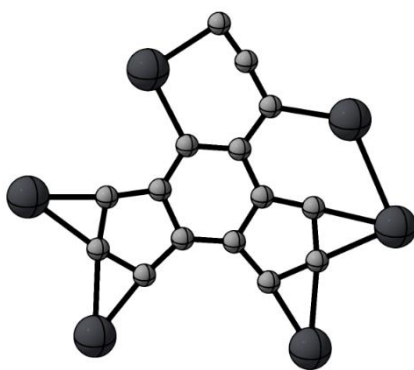
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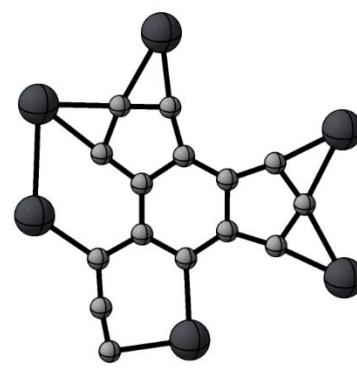
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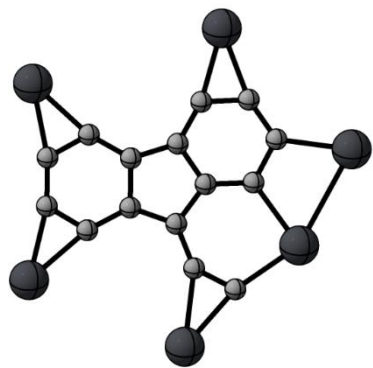
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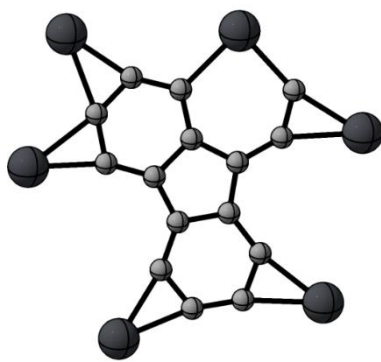
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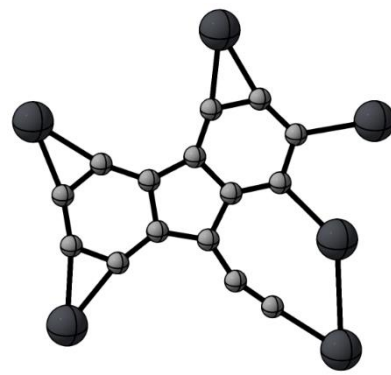
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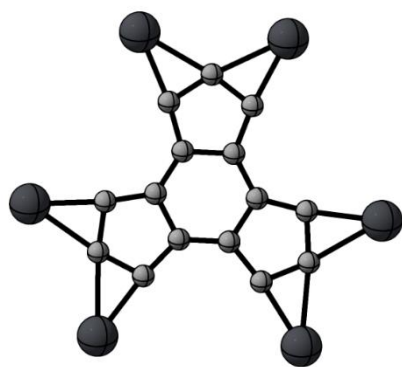
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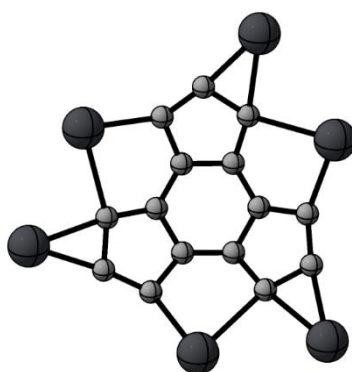
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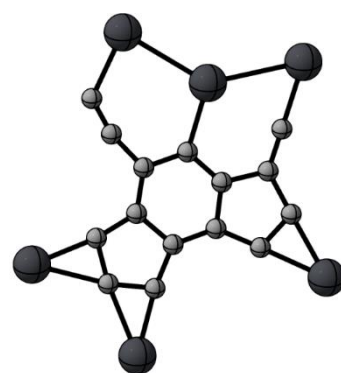
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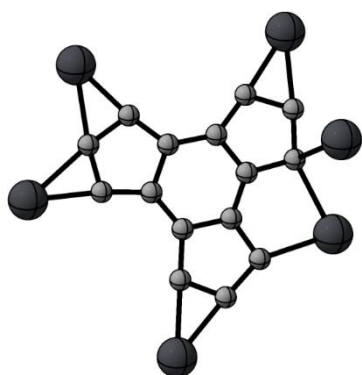
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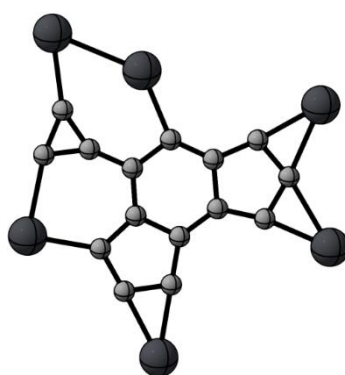
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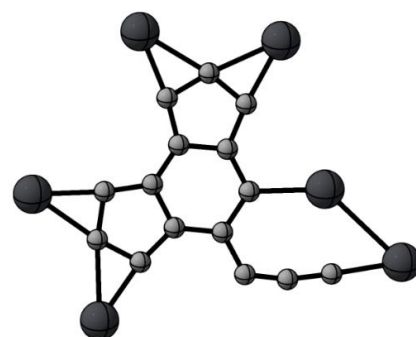
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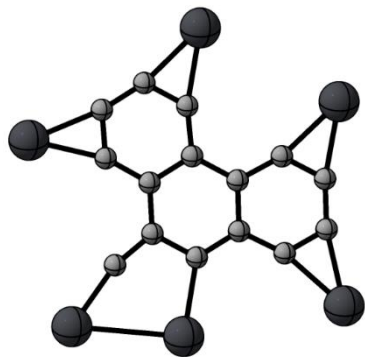
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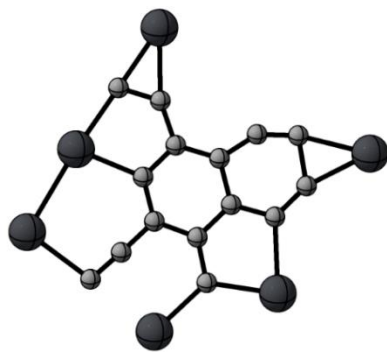


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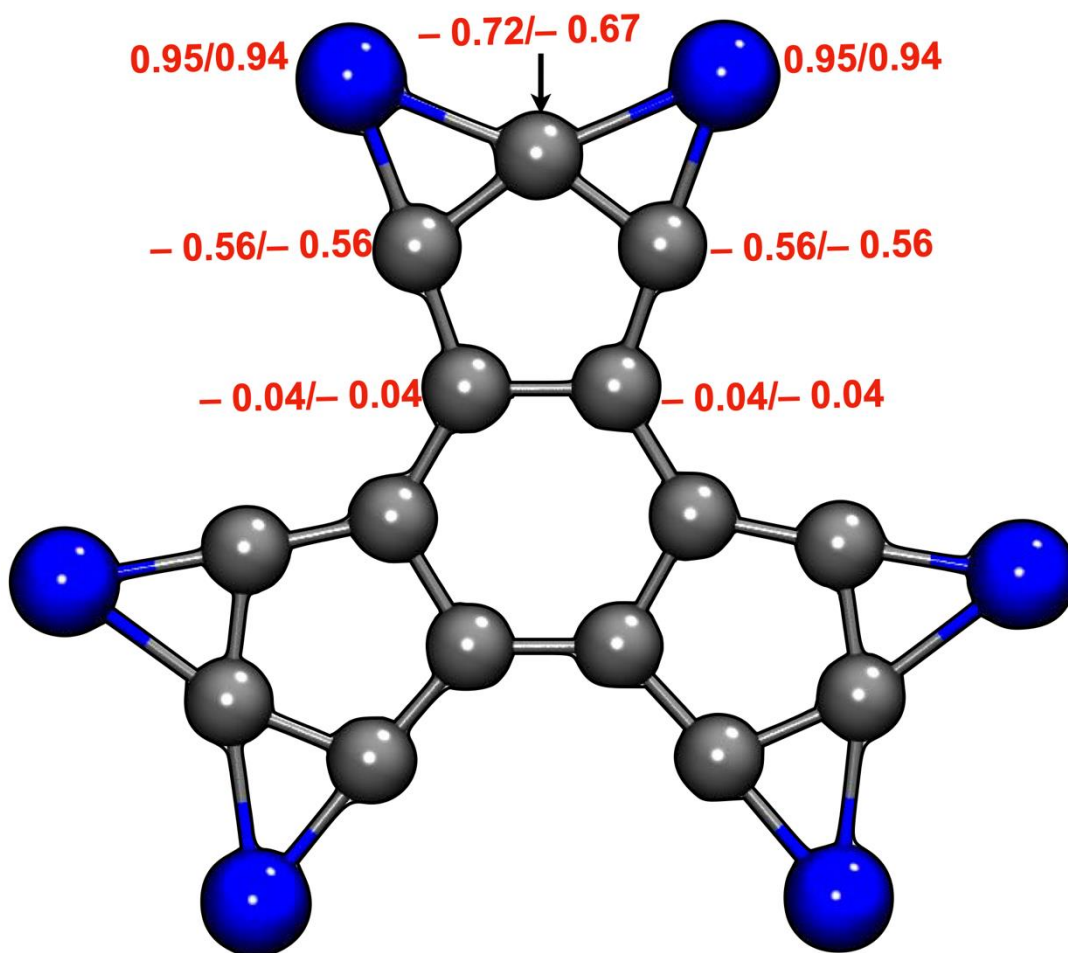
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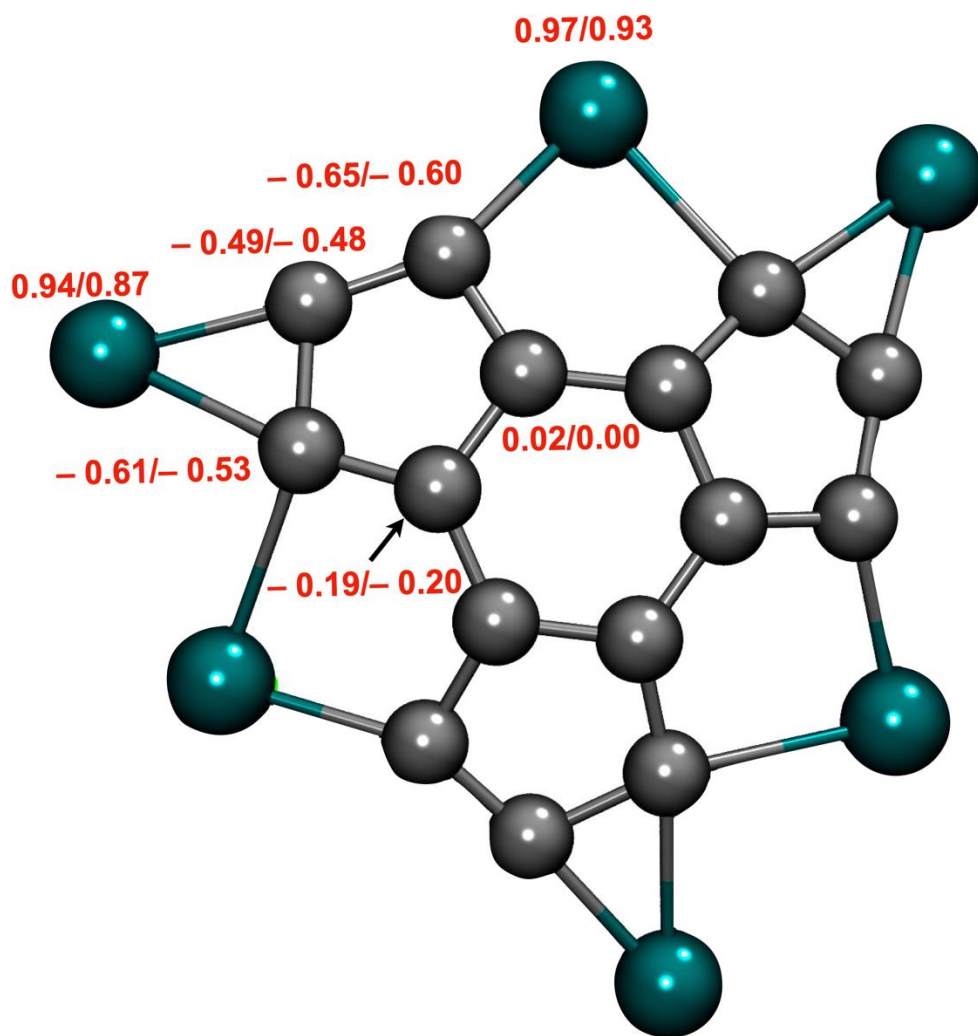
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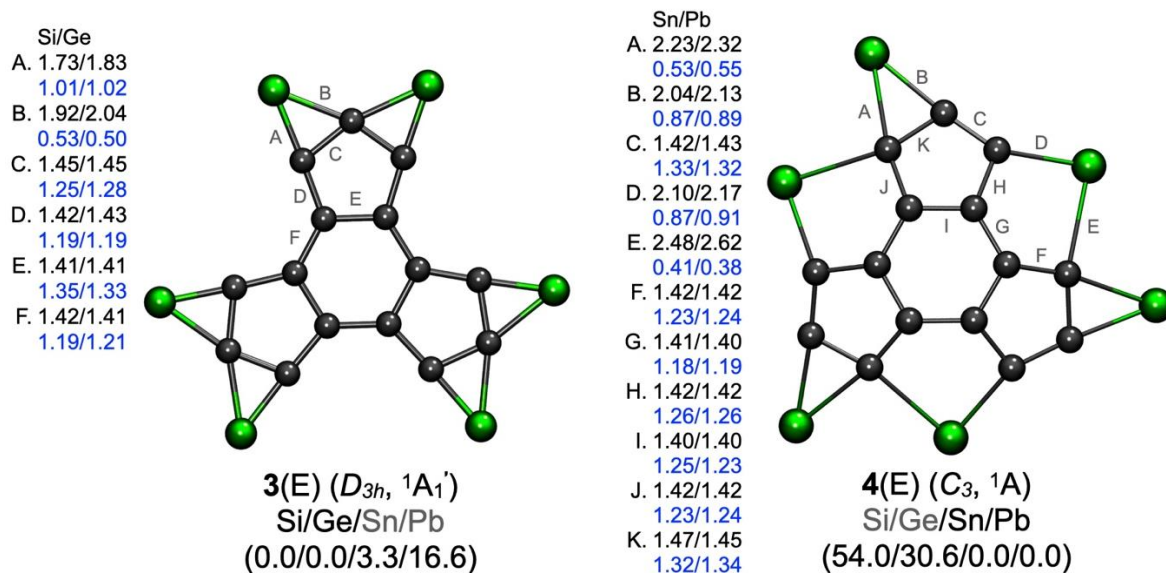
**Figure S5.** The natural charges (red) for the  $\text{Si}_6\text{C}_{15}/\text{Ge}_6\text{C}_{15}$  putative global minimum at the PBE0/def2-TZVP level.



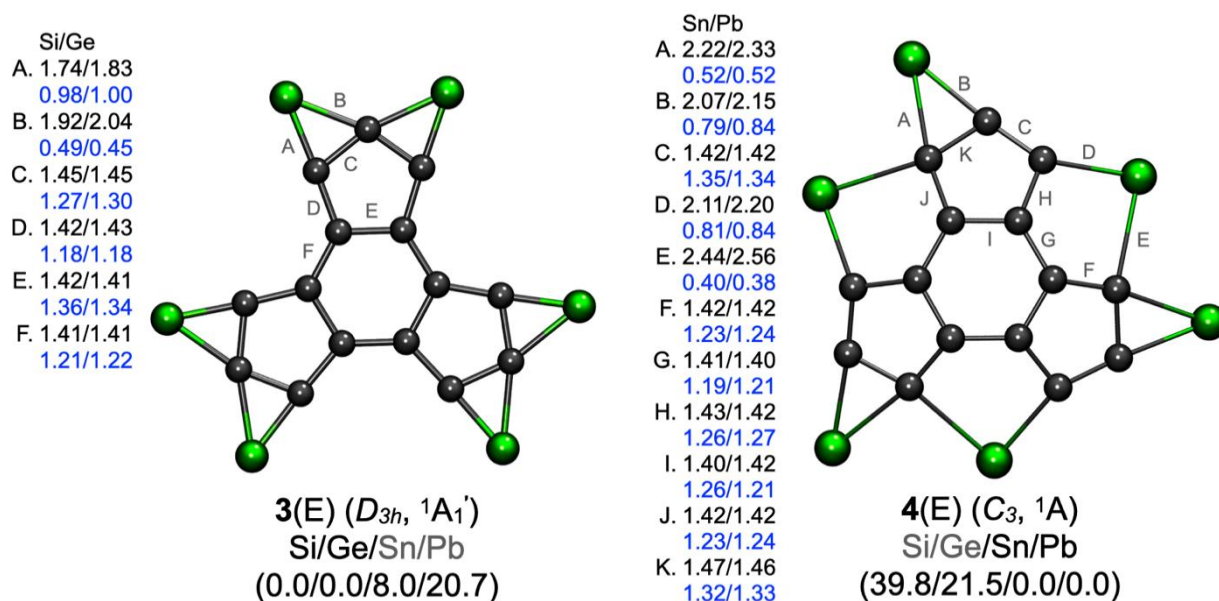
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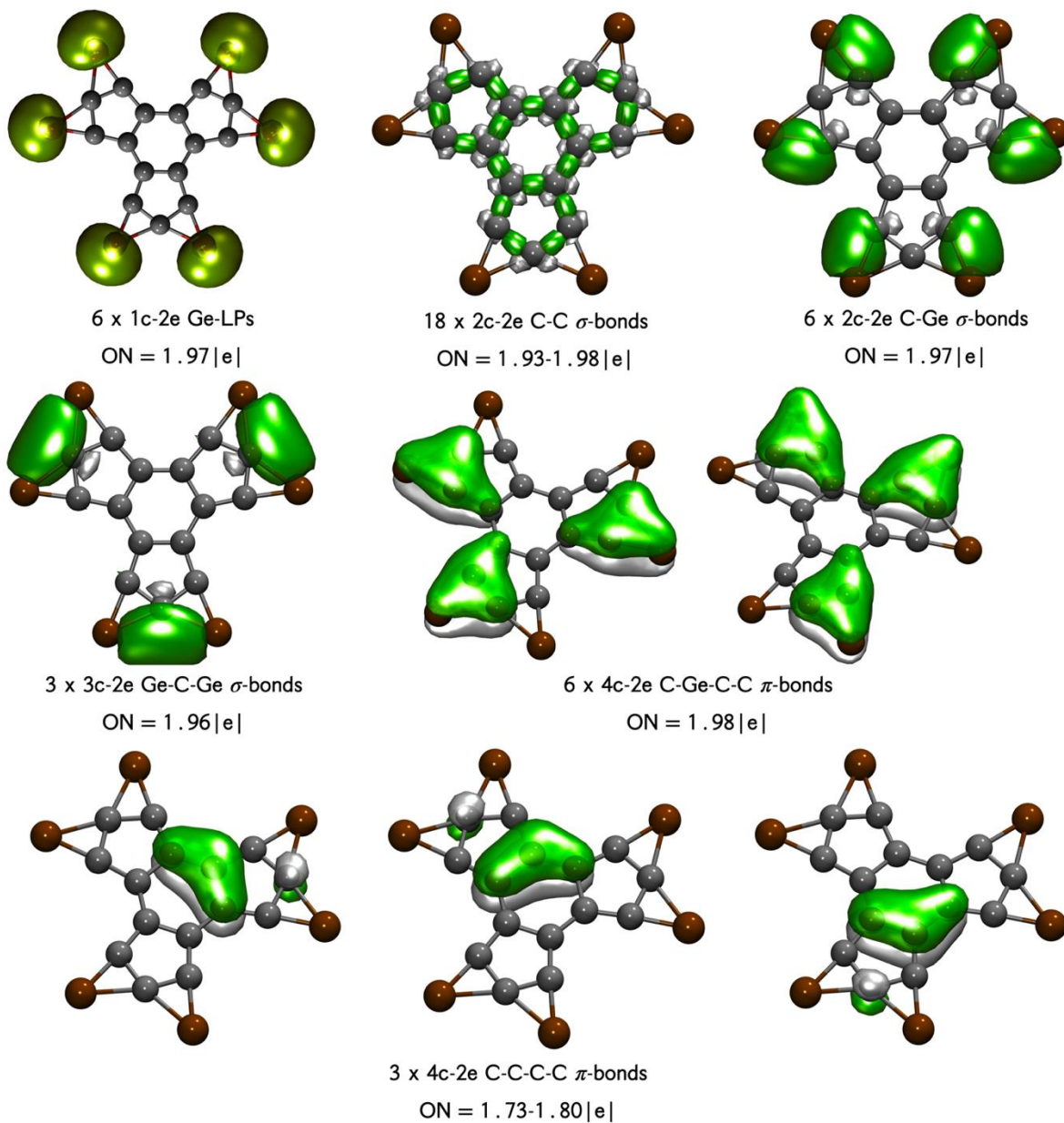
**Figure S7.** Lowest energy structures of  $E_6C_{15}$  at  $\omega$ B97XD/def2-TZVP level (relative energies in  $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , including the zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections). The bond length in  $\text{\AA}$  (black) and WBI values (blue) at  $\omega$ B97XD<sup>11</sup>/def2-TZVP level.



**Figure S8.** Lowest energy structures of  $E_6C_{15}$  at MP2/def2-TZVP level (relative energies in  $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ). The bond length in  $\text{\AA}$  (black) and WBI values (blue) at MP2/def2-TZVP level.

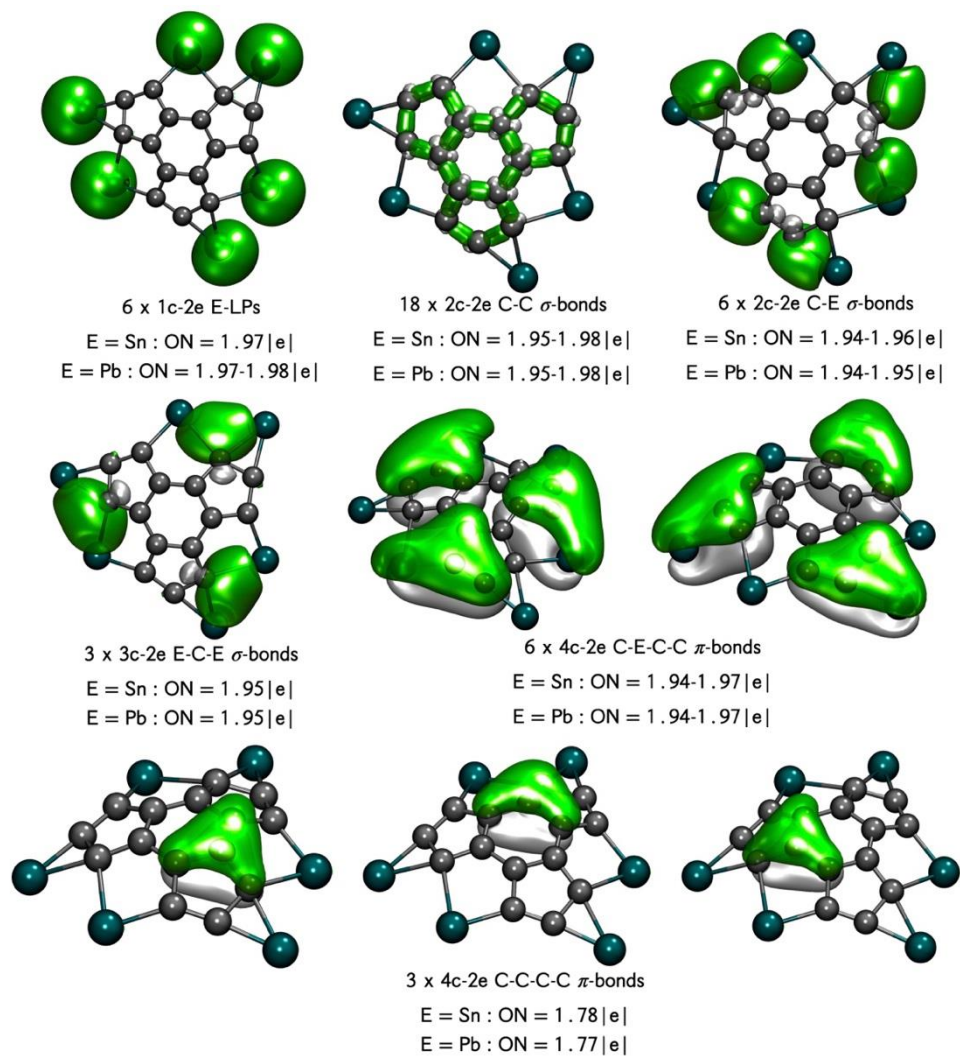


**Figure S9.** AdNDP<sup>12,13</sup> analysis of the 3(Ge) system ( $D_{3h}$ -Ge<sub>6</sub>C<sub>15</sub>). ON stands for occupation number. Carbon=gray, Germanium=brown.

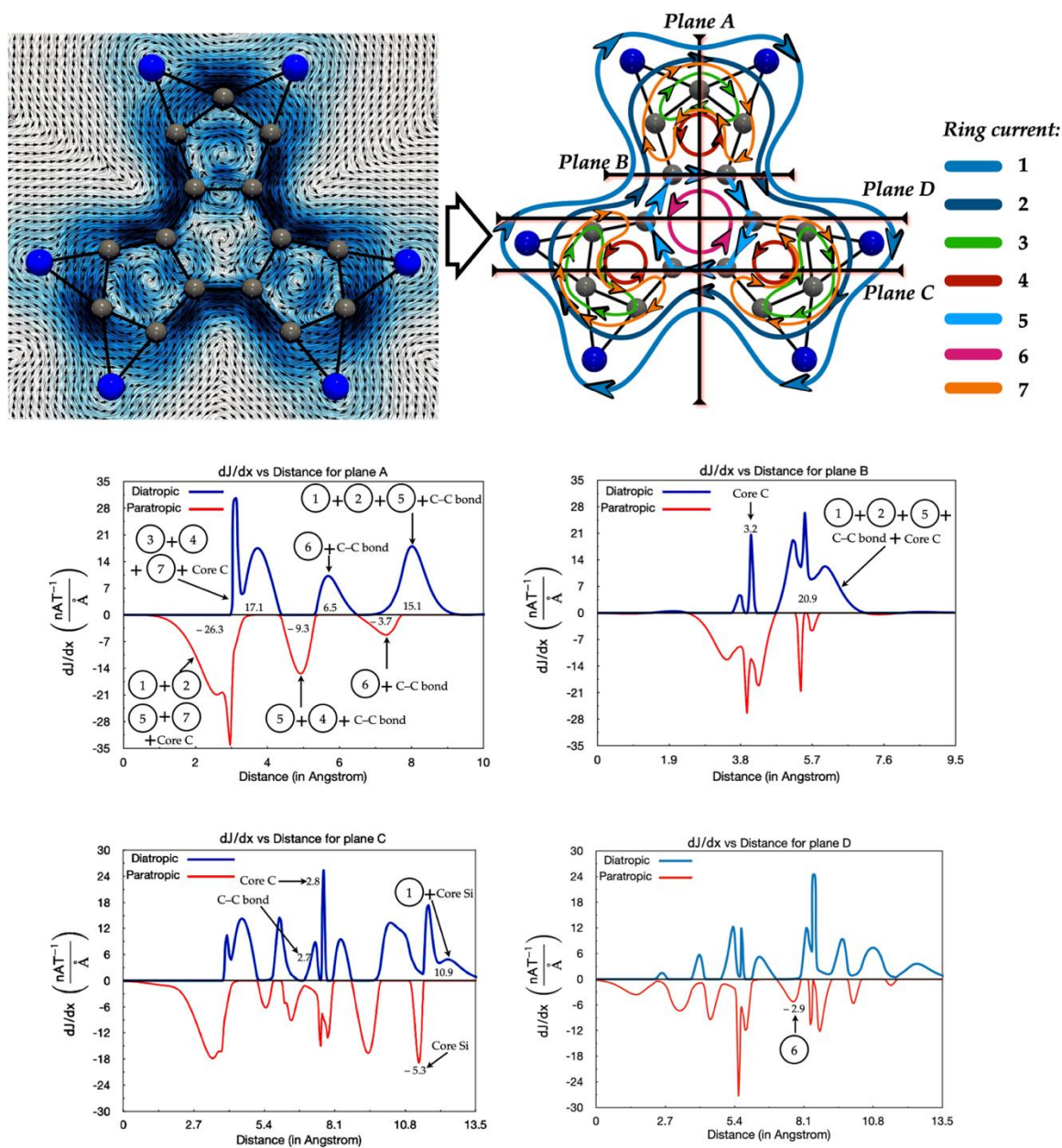




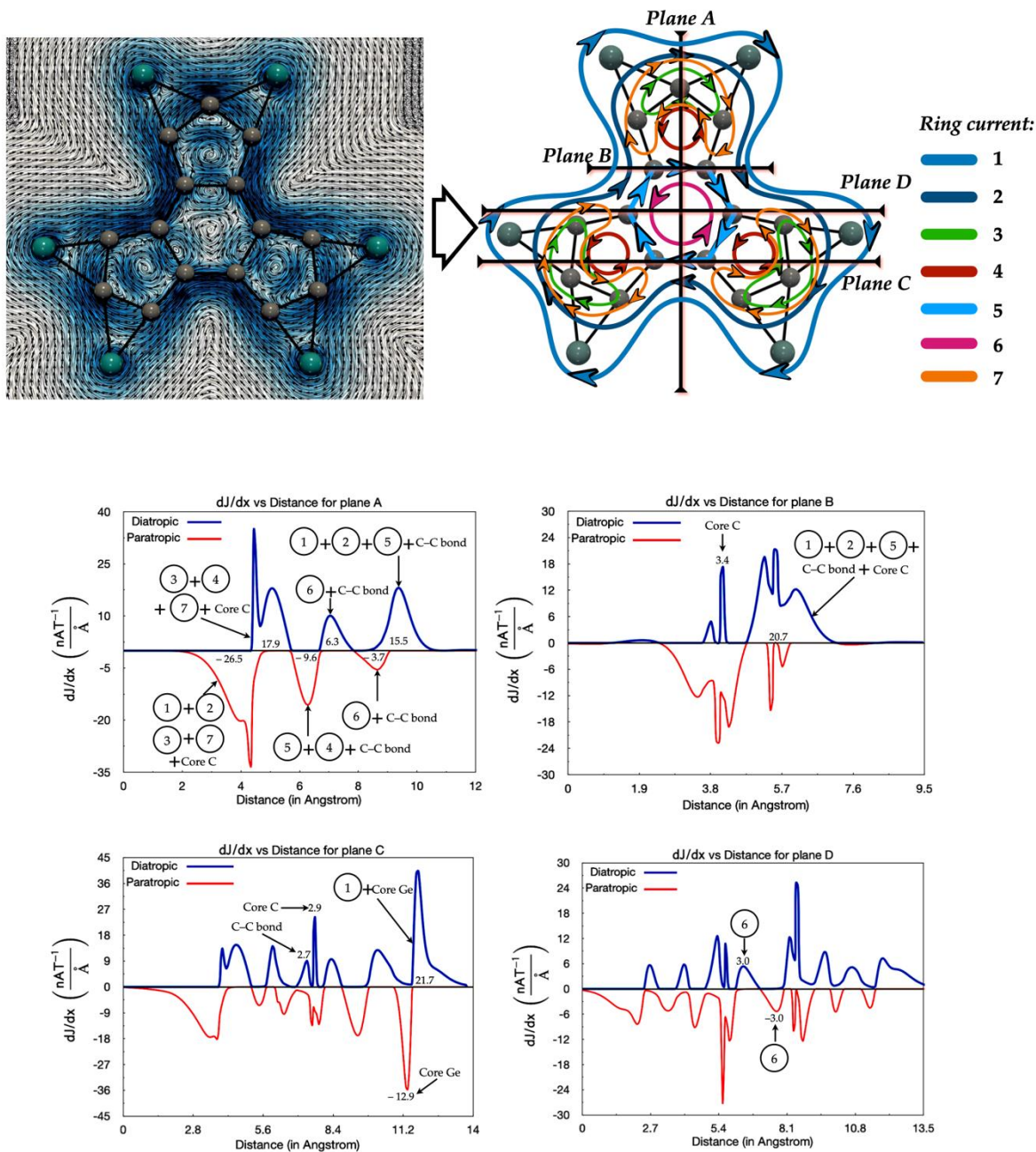
**Figure S10.** AdNDP analysis of **4(E)** systems (E=Sn, Pb). ON stands for occupation number.  
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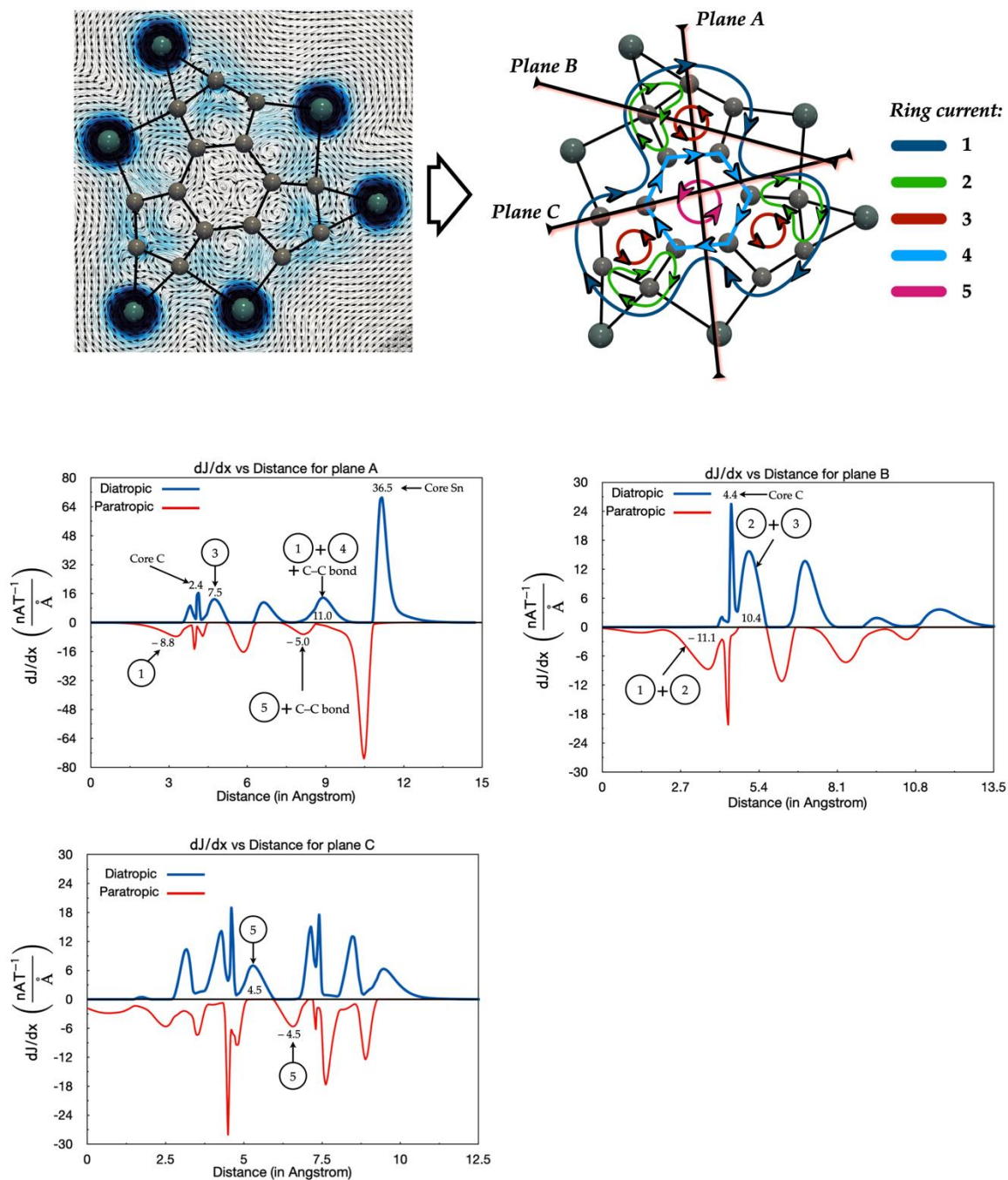
**Figure S11.** Different detected ring current circuits for the  $D_{3h}$ -Si<sub>6</sub>C<sub>15</sub> system (up) and the RCS profiles along the different integration planes (down) were used to estimate their intensity. Computations were performed using the GIMIC program,<sup>14,15</sup> which employs the gauge-including atomic orbital (GIAO)<sup>16</sup> method. To visualize current pathways, we used Paraview 5.10.0 software.<sup>17,18</sup>



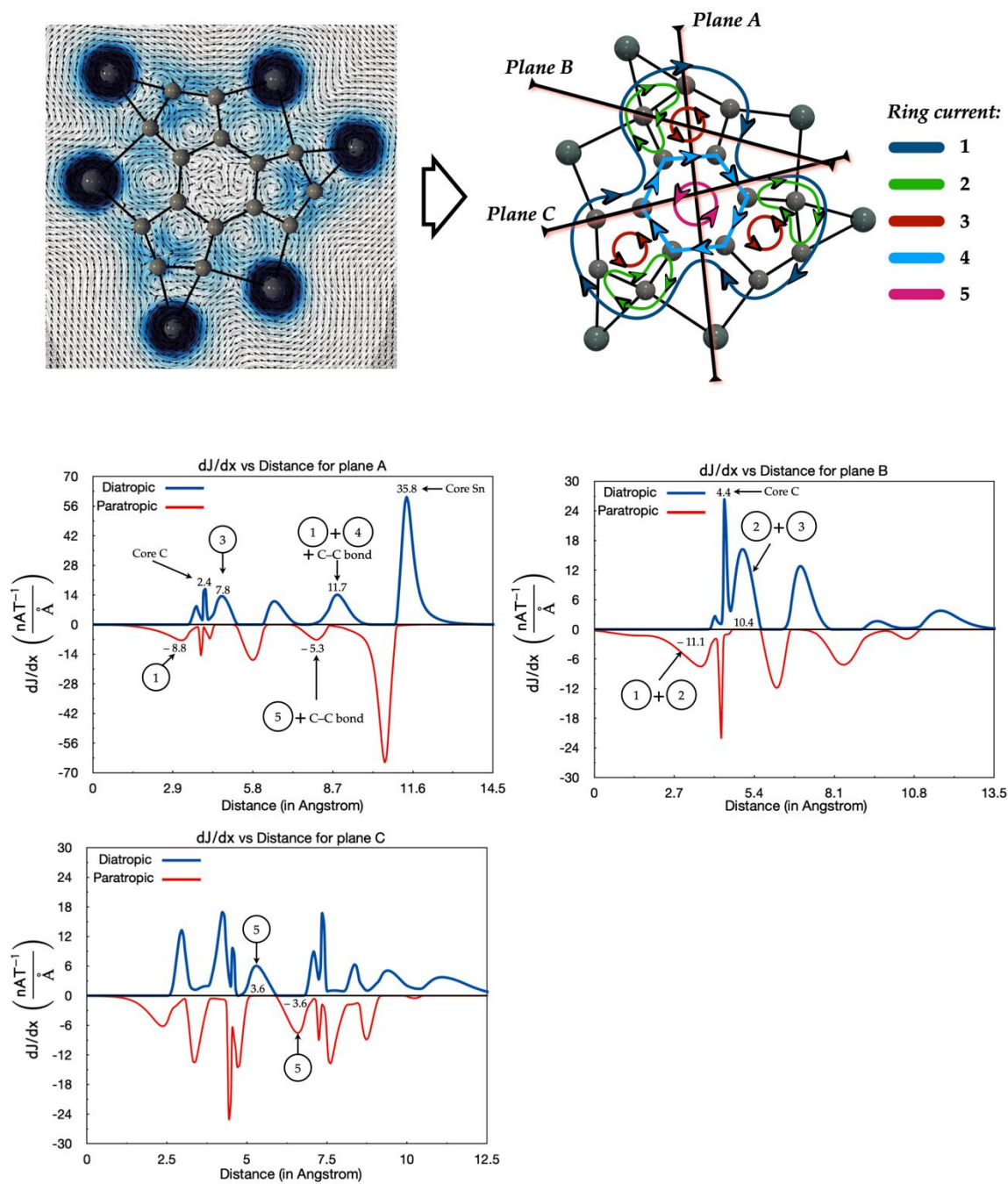
**Figure S12.** Different detected ring current circuits for  $D_{3h}$ -Ge<sub>6</sub>C<sub>15</sub> system (up) and the RCS profiles along the different integration planes (down) were used to estimate their intensity.



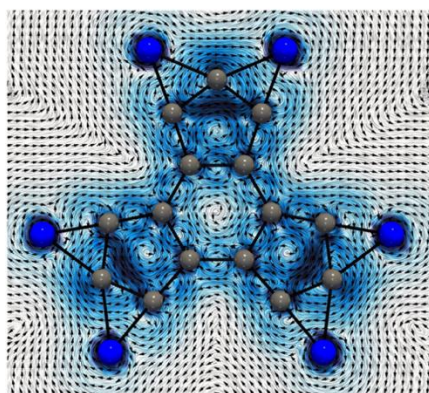
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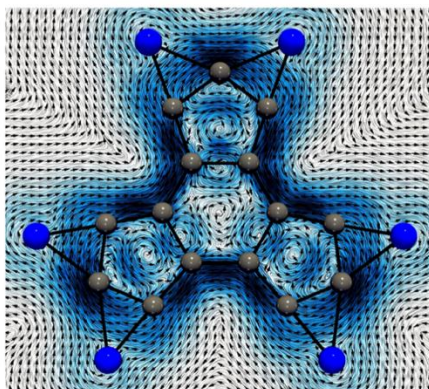
**Figure S14.** Different detected ring current circuits for the  $C_3$ - $Pb_6C_{15}$  system (up) and the RCS profiles along the different integration planes (down) were used to estimate their intensity.



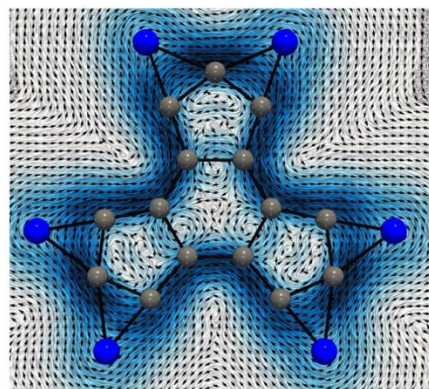
**Figure S15.** Vector plots visualization of the current density in diverse planes of the  $D_{3h}$ - $\text{Si}_6\text{C}_{15}$  system. Diatropic currents are assumed to circle clockwise.



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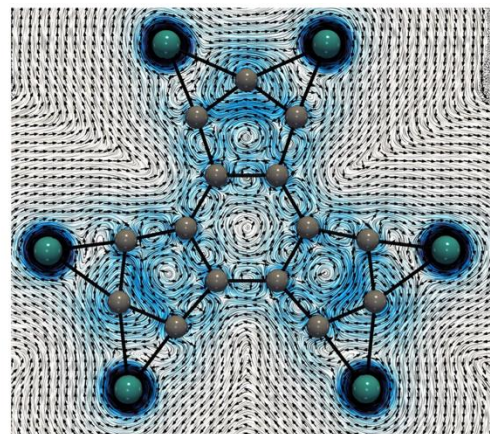


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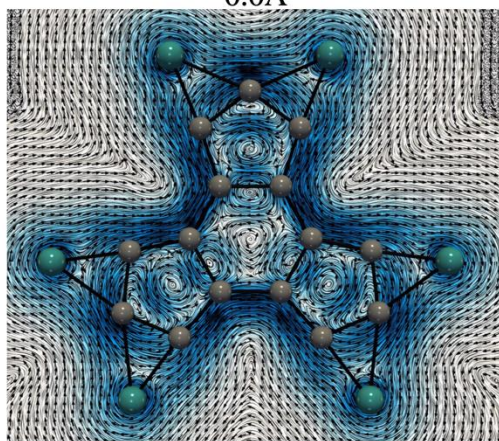


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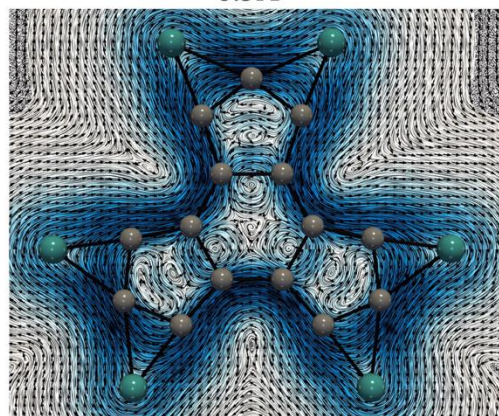
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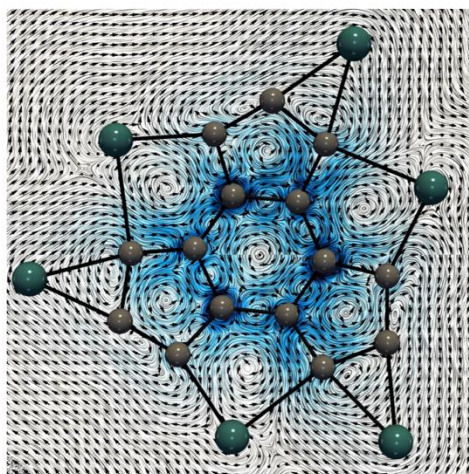
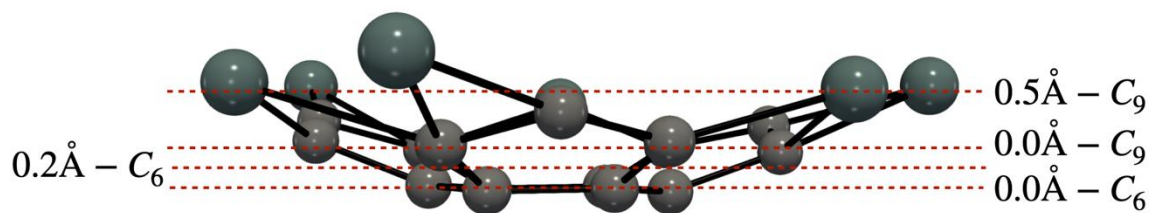


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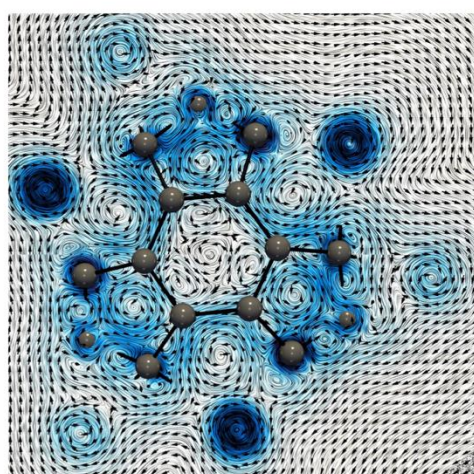


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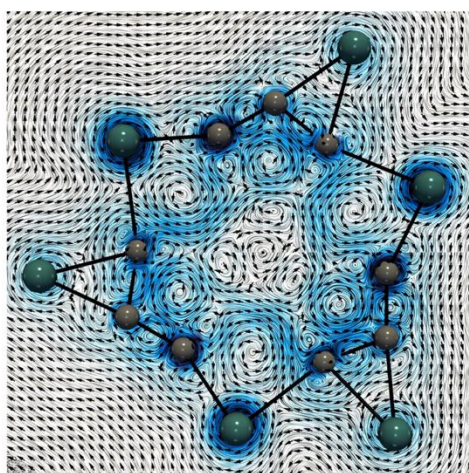
**Figure S17.** Vector plots visualization of the current density in diverse planes of the  $C_3$ - $Sn_6C_{15}$  system. Diatropic currents are assumed to circle clockwise.



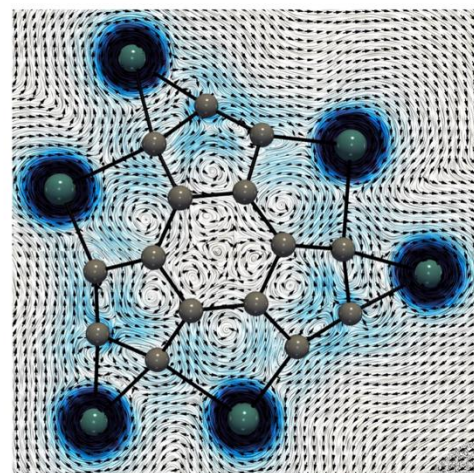
$0.0\text{\AA}$  above  $C_6$ -plane



$0.0\text{\AA}$  above  $C_9$ -plane



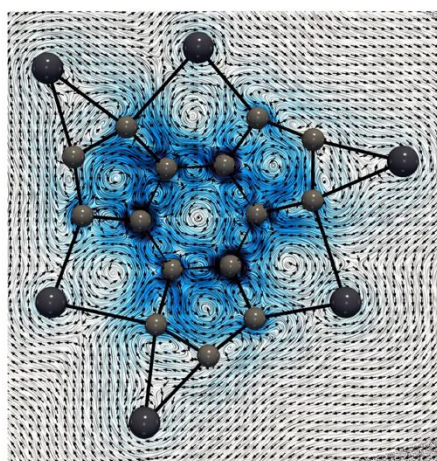
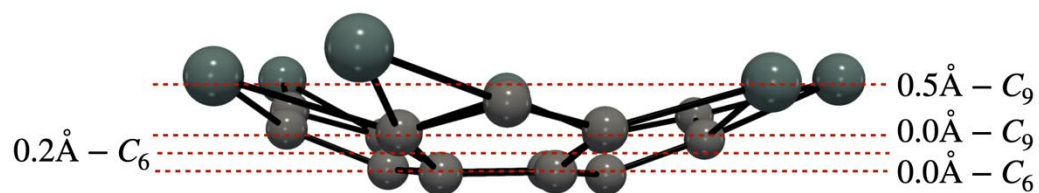
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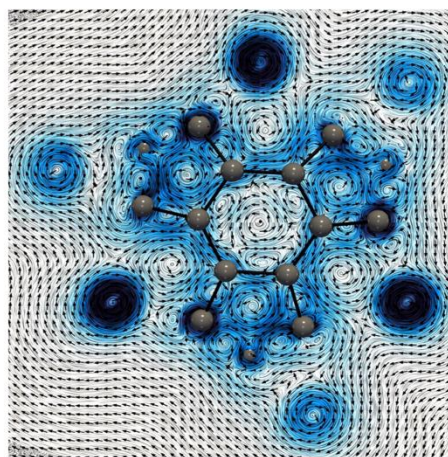
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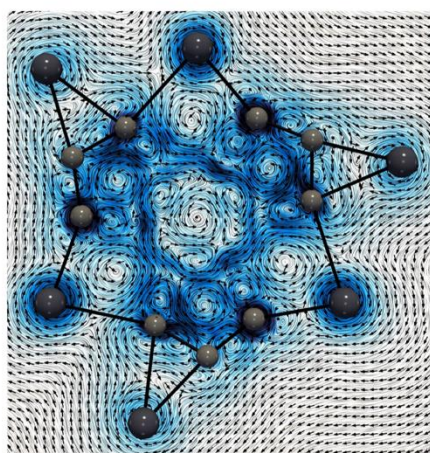
**Figure S18.** Vector plots visualization of the current density in diverse planes of the  $C_3$ - $Pb_6C_{15}$  system. Diatropic currents are assumed to circle clockwise.



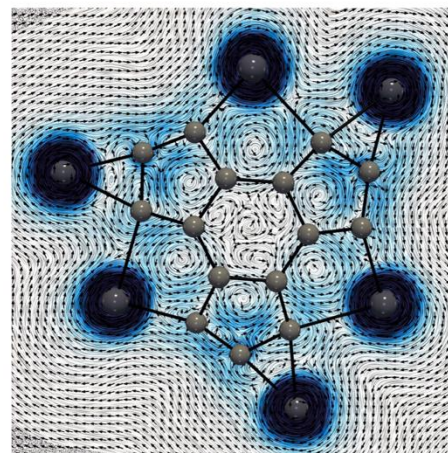
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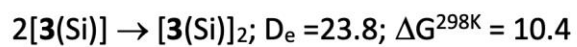
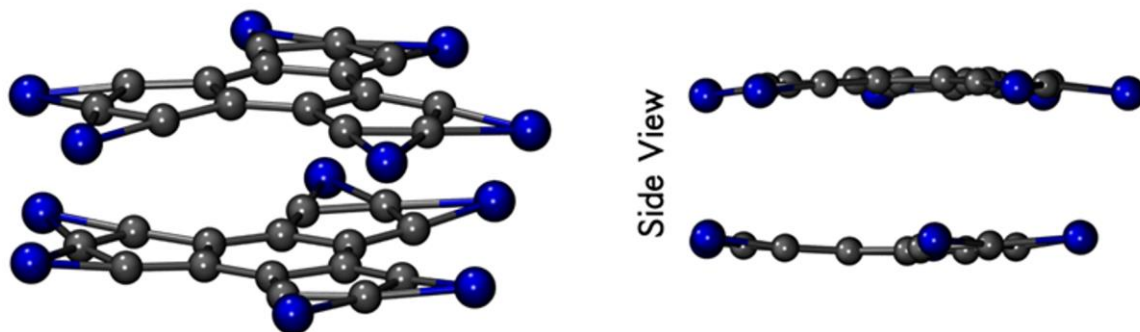


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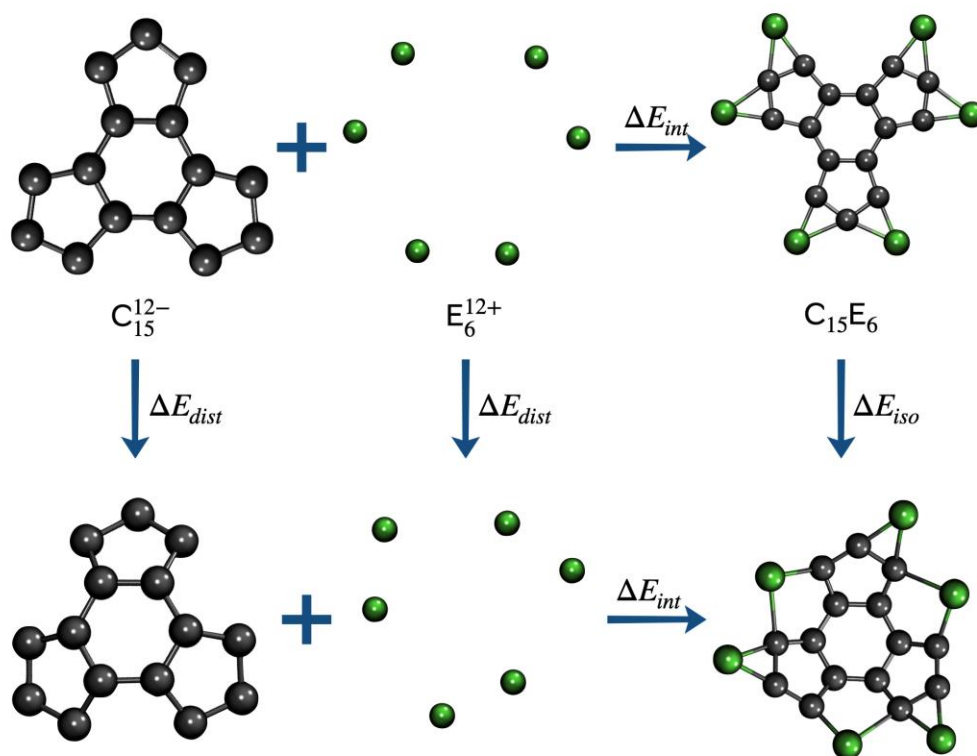


$0.5\text{\AA}$  above  $C_9$ -plane

**Figure S19.** The minimum energy geometries of the complex  $[3(\text{Si})]_2$  at PBE0-D3/def2-SVP level. The bond dissociation energies at 0 K ( $D_e$ ) and 298 K, including thermal correction and entropy factors ( $\Delta G^{298\text{K}}$ ), are given in  $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S20.** Energetic reaction cycle involving the isomerization of  $E_6C_{15}$  between isomers **3(E)** (top) and **4(E)** (bottom).



## Tables

**Table S1.** Results of the IEDA at the PBE0-D3-BJ/ZORA/TZ2P level for the  $E_6C_{15}$  systems with  $E_6^{12+} + C_{15}^{12-}$  as fragments.<sup>a</sup>

System	Si <sub>6</sub> C <sub>15</sub>	Ge <sub>6</sub> C <sub>15</sub>	Sn <sub>6</sub> C <sub>15</sub>	Pb <sub>6</sub> C <sub>15</sub>
$\Delta E_{iso}$	44.0	19.9	-10.7	-24.2
$\Delta E_{dist}(E_6^{12+})$	729.7	563.9	384.4	337.5
$\Delta E_{dist}(C_{15}^{12-})$	283.1	198.9	94.6	72.6
$\Delta \Delta E_{int}$	-968.8	-742.9	-489.7	-434.3
$\Delta \Delta E_{orb}$	-442.7	-352.1	-282.4	-209.2
$\Delta \Delta V_{elstat}$	-252.7	-144.8	-116.7	-96.5
$\Delta \Delta E_{Pauli}$	-271.1	-244.4	-90.6	-127.2
$\Delta \Delta E_{disp}$	-2.3	-1.7	0.0	-1.4

<sup>a</sup> Values in kcal·mol<sup>-1</sup>. Positive values of the components favor the **3(E)** isomer.

**Table S2.** The HOMO-LUMO energy gaps for **3(E)** and **4(E)** structures. Values in eV.

$\Delta_{H-L}$	Si	Ge	Sn	Pb
<b>3(E)</b>	4.03	3.63	2.90	2.59
<b>4(E)</b>	2.71	2.78	2.35	2.13

**Table S3.** Cartesian coordinates of the  $E_6C_{18}$  global minima structures at the PBE0-D3/def2-TZVP level.

$Si_6C_{15}$				$Ge_6C_{15}$			
6	0.00000000	1.41412300	0.00000000	6	0.00000000	1.41525300	0.00000000
6	-1.22630800	0.70467800	0.00000000	6	-1.22892700	0.70200000	0.00000000
6	1.22347200	0.70929400	0.00000000	6	1.22241500	0.71320700	0.00000000
6	-1.22493500	-0.70728300	0.00000000	6	-1.22570300	-0.70766100	0.00000000
6	1.22479900	-0.70741800	0.00000000	6	1.22565900	-0.70768700	0.00000000
6	0.00258200	-1.41444800	0.00000000	6	0.00645700	-1.41529200	0.00000000
6	-2.29451600	1.64869000	0.00000000	6	-2.29791600	1.64725700	0.00000000
6	2.57498400	1.16250400	0.00000000	6	2.57552000	1.16635100	0.00000000
6	-2.29125800	-1.65324800	0.00000000	6	-2.29034200	-1.65780300	0.00000000
6	2.57718600	-1.15793700	0.00000000	6	2.58082200	-1.15464800	0.00000000
6	-0.28095500	-2.81138200	0.00000000	6	-0.27765800	-2.81367700	0.00000000
6	-0.28577300	2.81073500	0.00000000	6	-0.29047700	2.81234200	0.00000000
6	-1.72876300	2.98781600	0.00000000	6	-1.72732300	2.97608000	0.00000000
6	-1.72383800	-2.99197700	0.00000000	6	-1.71376700	-2.98405700	0.00000000
6	3.45234100	0.00297300	0.00000000	6	3.44106400	0.00779800	0.00000000
14	-0.57525700	4.52514900	0.00000000	32	-0.53361800	4.63079000	0.00000000
14	-3.63648800	2.75401400	0.00000000	32	-3.75626600	2.76037300	0.00000000
14	4.20277800	1.77307200	0.00000000	32	4.26858700	1.87292600	0.00000000
14	-3.63187800	-2.76023700	0.00000000	32	-3.74365200	-2.77747100	0.00000000
14	4.20676700	-1.76436800	0.00000000	32	4.27720500	-1.85330500	0.00000000
14	-0.56550000	-4.52639500	0.00000000	32	-0.51222200	-4.63321400	0.00000000
$Sn_6C_{15}$				$Pb_6C_{15}$			
6	-2.92623000	-1.38729900	-0.00958200	6	-2.70656600	1.83482100	0.29392100
6	2.66455100	-1.84054000	-0.00958200	6	2.94228400	1.42654400	0.29392100
6	0.26167900	3.22783900	-0.00958200	6	-0.23571800	-3.26136500	0.29392100
6	-1.73346000	-2.10765700	-0.27363100	82	-4.73304000	1.29645000	-0.20236800
6	-2.73461500	0.03568700	-0.34033600	6	-1.41024800	2.36534100	0.53210000
6	-0.81459500	-1.13600500	-0.77873700	6	-2.71877100	0.40520900	0.57483400
6	-1.40391100	0.13511700	-0.81912800	6	-0.62660800	1.25818200	0.96424400
6	1.33640100	-2.38609000	-0.34033600	6	-1.40739800	0.07667000	0.99808300
6	2.69201500	-0.44739100	-0.27363100	82	3.48927900	3.45070800	-0.20236800
6	0.58494100	-1.28338100	-0.81912800	6	1.71030700	2.15192000	0.57483400
6	1.39110700	-0.13745700	-0.77873700	6	2.75357000	0.03864000	0.53210000
6	1.39821400	2.35040300	-0.34033600	6	0.77009700	1.18050700	0.99808300
6	-0.95855500	2.55504900	-0.27363100	6	1.40292200	-0.08643200	0.96424400
6	0.81897000	1.14826400	-0.81912800	82	1.24376200	-4.74715800	-0.20236800
6	-0.57651200	1.27346200	-0.77873700	6	1.00846400	-2.55712900	0.57483400
50	2.79078900	-3.84239200	0.50167600	6	-1.34332200	-2.40398200	0.53210000
50	-0.56876300	-3.76638700	0.31292300	6	0.63730100	-1.25717700	0.99808300
50	-4.72300300	-0.49569800	0.50167600	6	-0.77631300	-1.17175000	0.96424400
50	-2.97740600	2.37575700	0.31292300	82	0.00000000	3.95560900	-0.04371800
50	1.93221500	4.33809000	0.50167600	82	3.42565800	-1.97780400	-0.04371800
50	3.54616800	1.39063100	0.31292300	82	-3.42565800	-1.97780400	-0.04371800

**Table S4.** Cartesian coordinates of 3(E) and 4(E) optimized structures at the PBE0-D3/def2-TZVP level.

3(Si)				4(Si)			
6	0.00000000	1.414123000	0.000000000	6	0.000000000	2.943260000	-0.126176000
6	-1.226308000	0.704678000	0.000000000	6	2.548938000	-1.471630000	-0.126176000
6	1.223472000	0.709294000	0.000000000	6	-2.548938000	-1.471630000	-0.126176000
6	-1.224935000	-0.707283000	0.000000000	6	1.145756000	2.265962000	0.329519000
6	1.224799000	-0.707418000	0.000000000	6	-1.236579000	2.279069000	0.422730000
6	0.002582000	-1.414448000	0.000000000	6	0.675096000	1.213211000	1.164402000
6	-2.294516000	1.648690000	0.000000000	6	-0.727302000	1.220778000	1.233242000
6	2.574984000	1.162504000	0.000000000	6	2.592021000	-0.068625000	0.422730000
6	-2.291258000	-1.653248000	0.000000000	6	1.389503000	-2.125235000	0.329519000
6	2.577186000	-1.157937000	0.000000000	6	1.420876000	0.019473000	1.233242000
6	-0.280955000	-2.811382000	0.000000000	6	0.713123000	-1.191256000	1.164402000
6	-0.285773000	2.810735000	0.000000000	6	-1.355442000	-2.210444000	0.422730000
6	-1.728763000	2.987816000	0.000000000	6	-2.535259000	-0.140727000	0.329519000
6	-1.723838000	-2.991977000	0.000000000	6	-0.693574000	-1.240251000	1.233242000
6	3.452341000	0.002973000	0.000000000	6	-1.388219000	-0.021955000	1.164402000
14	-0.575257000	4.525149000	0.000000000	14	-2.517192000	-3.085320000	-0.854075000
14	-3.636488000	2.754014000	0.000000000	14	3.930561000	-0.637292000	-0.854075000
14	4.202778000	1.773072000	0.000000000	14	-1.413369000	3.722612000	-0.854075000
14	-3.631878000	-2.760237000	0.000000000	14	0.184225000	-3.313707000	-0.441803000
14	4.206767000	-1.764368000	0.000000000	14	2.777642000	1.816397000	-0.441803000
14	-0.565500000	-4.526395000	0.000000000	14	-2.961867000	1.497310000	-0.441803000
3(Ge)				4(Ge)			
6	0.000000000	1.415253000	0.000000000	6	0.000000000	3.067487000	0.160571000
6	-1.228927000	0.702000000	0.000000000	6	2.656522000	-1.533743000	0.160571000
6	1.222415000	0.713207000	0.000000000	6	-2.656522000	-1.533743000	0.160571000
6	-1.225703000	-0.707661000	0.000000000	6	1.164490000	2.346958000	0.546869000
6	1.225659000	-0.707687000	0.000000000	6	-1.204097000	2.358665000	0.619983000
6	0.006457000	-1.415292000	0.000000000	6	0.684677000	1.213539000	1.262183000
6	-2.297916000	1.647257000	0.000000000	6	-0.721175000	1.218288000	1.321383000
6	2.575520000	1.166351000	0.000000000	6	2.644712000	-0.136554000	0.619983000
6	-2.290342000	-1.657803000	0.000000000	6	1.450280000	-2.181957000	0.546869000
6	2.580822000	-1.154648000	0.000000000	6	1.415655000	0.015412000	1.321383000
6	-0.277658000	-2.813677000	0.000000000	6	0.708618000	-1.199717000	1.262183000
6	-0.290477000	2.812342000	0.000000000	6	-1.440616000	-2.222111000	0.619983000
6	-1.727323000	2.976080000	0.000000000	6	-2.614770000	-0.165001000	0.546869000
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6	3.441064000	0.007798000	0.000000000	6	-1.393294000	-0.013822000	1.262183000
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32	-3.756266000	2.760373000	0.000000000	32	4.229692000	-0.770280000	-0.492752000
32	4.268587000	1.872926000	0.000000000	32	-1.447764000	4.048161000	-0.492752000
32	-3.743652000	-2.777471000	0.000000000	32	0.276163000	-3.483950000	-0.240558000
32	4.277205000	-1.853305000	0.000000000	32	2.879107000	1.981139000	-0.240558000
32	-0.512222000	-4.633214000	0.000000000	32	-3.155271000	1.502810000	-0.240558000
3(Sn)				4(Sn)			
6	-1.234780000	-0.699640000	0.000000000	6	-2.926230000	-1.387299000	-0.009582000
6	0.000000000	-1.419194000	0.000000000	6	2.664551000	-1.840540000	-0.009582000
6	-1.229078000	0.709621000	0.000000000	6	0.261679000	3.227839000	-0.009582000
6	1.223301000	-0.719498000	0.000000000	6	-1.733460000	-2.107657000	-0.273631000
6	0.011473000	1.419159000	0.000000000	6	-2.734615000	0.035687000	-0.340336000
6	1.229077000	0.709595000	0.000000000	6	-0.814595000	-1.136005000	-0.778737000
6	-0.287770000	-2.816625000	0.000000000	6	-1.403911000	0.135117000	-0.819128000
6	-2.295377000	1.657593000	0.000000000	6	1.336401000	-2.386090000	-0.340336000
6	2.573731000	-1.179891000	0.000000000	6	2.692015000	-0.447391000	-0.273631000
6	-0.264987000	2.818869000	0.000000000	6	0.584941000	-1.283381000	-0.819128000
6	2.583178000	1.159065000	0.000000000	6	1.391107000	-0.137457000	-0.778737000

6	-2.308722000	-1.638949000	0.000000000	6	1.398214000	2.350403000	-0.340336000
6	-1.719769000	-2.951148000	0.000000000	6	-0.958555000	2.555049000	-0.273631000
6	3.415766000	-0.013801000	0.000000000	6	0.818970000	1.148264000	-0.819128000
6	-1.695848000	2.965017000	0.000000000	6	-0.576512000	1.273462000	-0.778737000
50	-3.958736000	-2.821621000	0.000000000	50	2.790789000	-3.842392000	0.501676000
50	-0.503134000	-4.835236000	0.000000000	50	-0.568763000	-3.766387000	0.312923000
50	-3.935870000	2.853400000	0.000000000	50	-4.723003000	-0.495698000	0.501676000
50	4.422802000	-2.017787000	0.000000000	50	-2.977406000	2.375757000	0.312923000
50	-0.463994000	4.839154000	0.000000000	50	1.932215000	4.338090000	0.501676000
50	4.438910000	1.982069000	0.000000000	50	3.546168000	1.390631000	0.312923000
<b>3(Pb)</b>				<b>4(Pb)</b>			
6	1.237990000	0.696692000	0.000000000	6	-2.706566000	1.834821000	0.293921000
6	0.000000000	1.420545000	0.000000000	6	2.942284000	1.426544000	0.293921000
6	1.230246000	-0.710426000	0.000000000	6	-0.235718000	-3.261365000	0.293921000
6	-1.222452000	0.723680000	0.000000000	82	-4.733040000	1.296450000	-0.202368000
6	-0.015616000	-1.420622000	0.000000000	6	-1.410248000	2.365341000	0.532100000
6	-1.230341000	-0.710356000	0.000000000	6	-2.718771000	0.405209000	0.574834000
6	0.293717000	2.818499000	0.000000000	6	-0.626608000	1.258182000	0.964244000
6	2.294039000	-1.663783000	0.000000000	6	-1.407398000	0.076670000	0.998083000
6	-2.575003000	1.183166000	0.000000000	82	3.489279000	3.450708000	-0.202368000
6	0.262731000	-2.821723000	0.000000000	6	1.710307000	2.151920000	0.574834000
6	-2.587873000	-1.154927000	0.000000000	6	2.753570000	0.038640000	0.532100000
6	2.312206000	1.638299000	0.000000000	6	0.770097000	1.180507000	0.998083000
6	1.718359000	2.938866000	0.000000000	6	1.402922000	-0.086432000	0.964244000
6	-3.404518000	0.018664000	0.000000000	82	1.243762000	-4.747158000	-0.202368000
6	1.685964000	-2.957770000	0.000000000	6	1.008464000	-2.557129000	0.574834000
82	4.060888000	2.830282000	0.000000000	6	-1.343322000	-2.403982000	0.532100000
82	0.474525000	4.927006000	0.000000000	6	0.637301000	-1.257177000	0.998083000
82	4.029668000	-2.874553000	0.000000000	6	-0.776313000	-1.171750000	0.964244000
82	-4.481293000	2.102073000	0.000000000	82	0.000000000	3.955609000	-0.043718000
82	0.420523000	-4.932076000	0.000000000	82	3.425658000	-1.977804000	-0.043718000
82	-4.504271000	-2.052644000	0.000000000	82	-3.425658000	-1.977804000	-0.043718000

**Table S5.** Cartesian coordinates for 3(Si) complexes optimized at the PBE0-D3/def2-TZVP level, except for sandwich and dimer complexes for which def2-SVP is used.

3Si·(BH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>				3Si·[12]CPP			
6	2.709464000	-2.124520000	-0.035132000	6	-3.760809000	7.411456000	0.180845000
6	-3.194280000	-1.283525000	-0.016376000	6	-2.986370000	7.346962000	-0.978565000
6	0.485754000	3.408554000	0.000987000	6	-1.666012000	7.753769000	-0.978610000
14	2.225295000	-3.950683000	-0.042930000	6	-1.062057000	8.242838000	0.180784000
14	4.367607000	-1.219301000	-0.032095000	6	-1.880982000	8.453968000	1.292907000
6	1.300967000	-2.503686000	-0.034830000	6	-3.202609000	8.046840000	1.292929000
6	2.742031000	-0.666333000	-0.027576000	6	0.407864000	8.271743000	0.261794000
6	0.528114000	-1.313332000	-0.027667000	6	1.213855000	8.511649000	-0.853326000
6	1.401794000	-0.199388000	-0.023179000	6	2.550871000	8.159238000	-0.856032000
14	-3.239308000	-3.172297000	-0.025538000	6	3.139505000	7.555808000	1.284780000
14	-4.533776000	0.048609000	-0.004216000	6	2.370397000	7.456150000	1.417591000
6	-1.947689000	-2.041001000	-0.024653000	6	1.033190000	7.805870000	1.419213000
6	-2.818396000	0.125606000	-0.009834000	6	4.423822000	6.839342000	0.180066000
6	-0.873163000	-1.113728000	-0.023139000	6	4.726053000	6.105048000	-0.967689000
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