

## Revisiting the Bonding of the Pentagonal-Pyramidal $C_6H_6^{2+}$ and $C_6(CH_3)_6^{2+}$ Dications

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### Supplementary material

**TABLE S1.** Results of the AIM analysis for the pentagonal-pyramidal benzene (R = H) and the hexamethylbenzene dications (R =CH<sub>3</sub>). N, q, λ and δ are the population, charge, localization and delocalization indexes, respectively, associated to the different fragments shown in the first column of the Table.  $\Delta(\Omega) = Z - \lambda(\Omega)$ , where Z is the atomic number. For R<sup>Ap</sup> and R<sup>Ring</sup> the third row corresponds to the values for the substituent methyl group. The results were obtained from wavefunctions at MP2/6-311++G\*\*. Results obtained from wB97XD/6-311++G\*\* wave function are shown in parentheses.

	$N(\Omega)$	$q(\Omega)$	$\lambda(\Omega)$	$\Delta(\Omega)$	$\delta(\Omega, \Omega)/2$
<b>C<sup>AP</sup></b> R = H	6.0446 (6.0586)	- 4.46 10 <sup>-2</sup> (- 5.89 10 <sup>-2</sup> )	4.3985 (4.0503)	1.6015 (1.9497)	1.6461 (2.0085)
<b>C<sup>AP</sup></b> R = CH <sub>3</sub>	6.0375 (6.0757)	- 3.75 10 <sup>-2</sup> (-7.57 10 <sup>-2</sup> )	4.3000 (3.9366)	1.7000 (2.0634)	1.7374 (2.1391)
<b>C<sup>Ring</sup></b> R = H	5.9708 (5.9490)	2.92 10 <sup>-2</sup> (5.10 10 <sup>-2</sup> )	4.3048 (3.9862)	1.6952 (2.0138)	1.6660 (1.9627)
<b>C<sup>Ring</sup></b> R = CH <sub>3</sub>	5.9980 (5.9832)	1.90 10 <sup>-3</sup> (1.67 10 <sup>-2</sup> )	4.2394 (3.8940)	1.7606 (2.1060)	1.7586 (2.0892)
<b>R<sup>Ap</sup></b> R = H	0.6166 (0.6487)	3.83 10 <sup>-1</sup> (3.51 10 <sup>-1</sup> )	0.2290 (0.1990)	0.7710 (0.8009)	0.3875 (0.4497)
<b>R<sup>Ap</sup></b> R = C	5.9000 (5.9807)	1. 00 10 <sup>-1</sup> (1.92 10 <sup>-2</sup> )	4.1933 (4.0251)	1.8067 (1.9749)	1.7065 (1.9557)
<b>R<sup>Ap</sup></b> R = CH <sub>3</sub>	8.5873 (8.6124)	4.05 10 <sup>-1</sup> (0.3876)	5.4847 (5.0700)	3.5153 (3.9300)	--
<b>R<sup>Ring</sup></b> R = H	0.6969 (0.7094)	3. 031 10 <sup>-1</sup> (2.96 10 <sup>-1</sup> )	0.2840 (0.2389)	0.7160 (0.7611)	0.4135 (0.4705)
<b>R<sup>Ring</sup></b> R = C	5.9226 (6.0092)	7. 74 10 <sup>-2</sup> (-9.10 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	4.1938 (4.0343)	1.8062 (1.9656)	1.7288 (1.9748)
<b>R<sup>Ring</sup></b> (CH <sub>3</sub> )	8.6757 (8.6790)	3.24 10 <sup>-1</sup> (3.21 10 <sup>-1</sup> )	5.4778 (5.1015)	3.5222 (3.8985)	--

Note: Results in parenthesis correspond to DFT wavefunction at wB97XD/6-311++G\*\*

**TABLE S2.** Results for the average delocalization indexes between the apical carbon and one of the ring carbons,  $\langle\delta(C^{AP},C^{Ring})\rangle$ , between neighbor ring carbons,  $\langle\delta(C^{Ring},C^{Ring})\rangle$ , between the apical carbon and the R atom bonded to it (R= H,C),  $\langle\delta(C^{AP},R)\rangle$ , and between a ring carbon and the R atom bonded to it,  $\langle\delta(C^{Ring},R)\rangle$ . The results were obtained from wavefunctions at MP2/6-311++G\*\*. Results obtained from wB97XD/6-311++G\*\* wave function are shown in parentheses.

	$\langle\delta(C^{Ring},C^{Ring})\rangle$	$\langle\delta(C^{Ring},R)\rangle$	$\langle\delta(C^{AP},C^{Ring})\rangle$	$\langle\delta(C^{AP},R)\rangle$
<b>R = H</b>	0.9374 (1.0945)	0.7569 (0.8538)	0.5066 (0.6282)	0.7056 (0.8090)
<b>R = CH<sub>3</sub></b>	0.9014 (1.0501)	0.8755 (1.0185)	0.4661 (0.5808)	0.8596 (1.0071)

Note: Results in parenthesis correspond to DFT wavefunction at wB97XD/6-311++G\*\*

**TABLE S3.** Results of the AIM analysis for the optimized models  $[(C_5R_5)R^{AP}H]^m$  ( $R = H, CH_3$ ;  $R^{AP} = B, Be$ ;  $m = +1, 0$ ), results in parenthesis correspond to  $R = CH_3$ .  $N$ ,  $q$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  are the population, charge, localization, and delocalization indexes, respectively, associated to the different fragments shown in the first column of the Table.  $\Delta(\Omega) = Z - \lambda(\Omega)$ , where  $Z$  is the atomic number. For  $R^{AP}$  and  $C^{ring}$ . The results were obtained from wavefunctions at MP2/6-311++G\*\*.

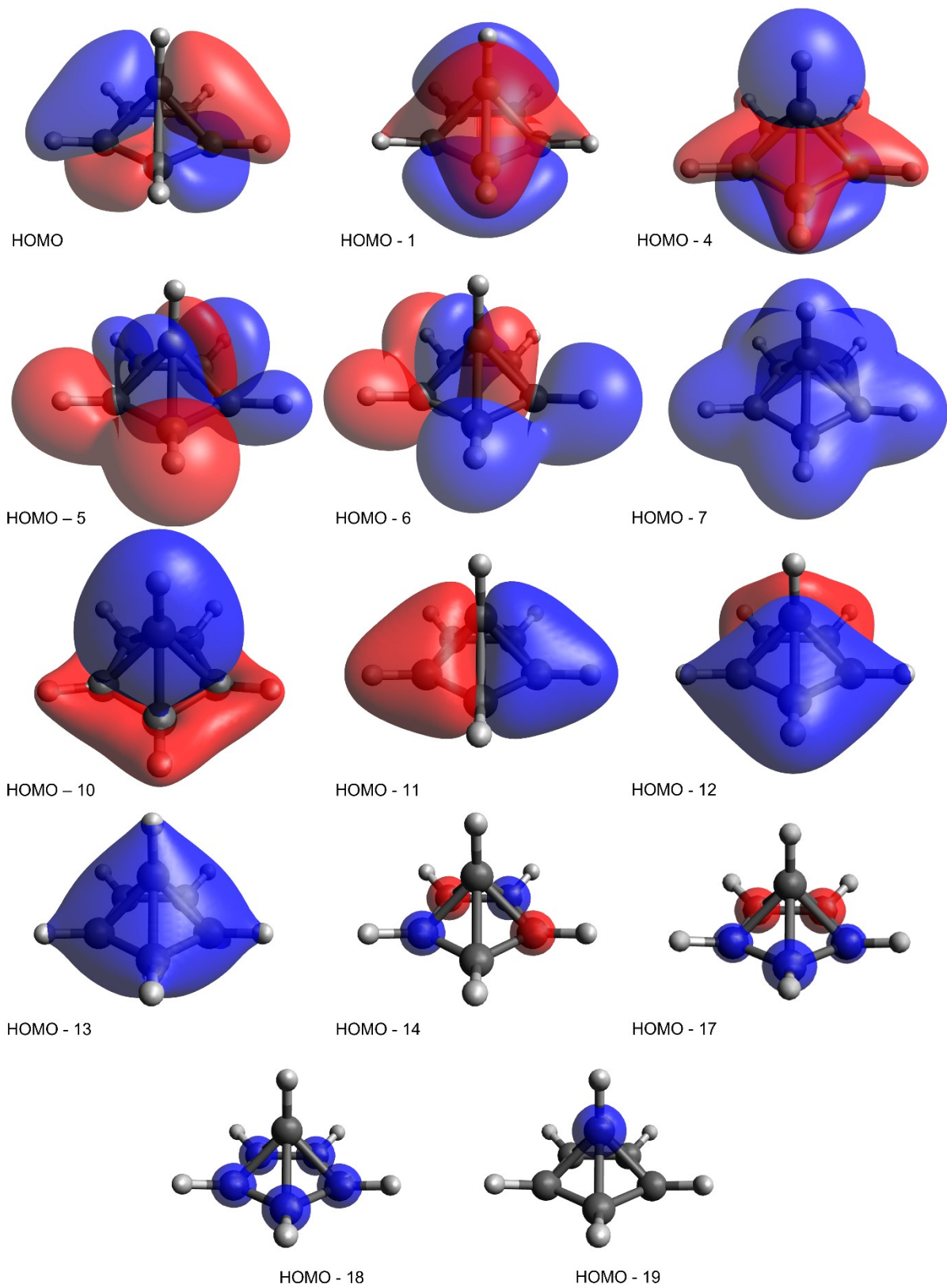
	$N(\Omega)$	$q(\Omega)$	$\lambda(\Omega)$	$\Delta(\Omega)$	$\delta(\Omega, \Omega)/2$
<b><math>R^{AP} = B</math></b>	3.1643	1.8357	2.2803	2.7197	0.8840
	(3.2128)	(1.7871)	(2.2983)	(2.7017)	(0.9145)
<b><math>R^{AP} = Be</math></b>	2.3669	1.6331	2.0169	1.9831	0.3499
	(2.3762)	(1.6237)	(2.0174)	(1.9826)	(0.3589)
<b><math>C^{ring} (R^{AP} = B)</math></b>	6.2159	-0.2159	4.4507	1.5493	1.7652
	(6.24202)	(-0.2455)	(4.4212)	(1.5788)	(1.8191)
<b><math>(R^{AP} = Be)</math></b>	6.2065	-0.2065	4.4430	1.5570	1.7636
	(6.2382)	(-0.2382)	(4.4394)	(1.5606)	(1.7988)
<b><math>H^{ap} (R^{AP} = B)</math></b>	1.5758	-0.5758	1.1444	-0.1444	0.4314
	(1.5871)	(-0.5871)	(1.1516)	(-0.1516)	(0.4355)
<b><math>H^{ap} (R^{AP} = Be)</math></b>	1.8351	-0.8351	1.5621	-0.5621	0.2730
	(1.8228)	(-0.8228)	(1.5401)	(-0.5401)	(0.2827)
<b><math>R^{ring} (R^{ap} = B)</math></b>	0.8361	0.1689	0.3851	0.6149	0.4510
	(5.8836)	(0.1164)	(4.1366)	(1.8634)	(1.7469)
<b><math>R^{ring} (R^{ap} = Be)</math></b>	0.9530	0.0470	0.4745	0.5255	0.4785
	(5.8718)	(0.1282)	(4.1095)	(1.8905)	(1.7623)

**TABLE S4.** Results of the AIM analysis for the pentagonal-pyramidal benzene (R = H) and the hexamethylbenzene dications (R =CH<sub>3</sub>) with a change in the angle  $\alpha$ . N, q,  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  are the population, charge, localization and delocalization indexes, respectively, associated to the different fragments shown in the first column of the Table. , where Z is the atomic number. For R<sup>Ap</sup> and R<sup>Ring</sup>. The results were obtained from wavefunctions at MP2/6-311++G\*\*.

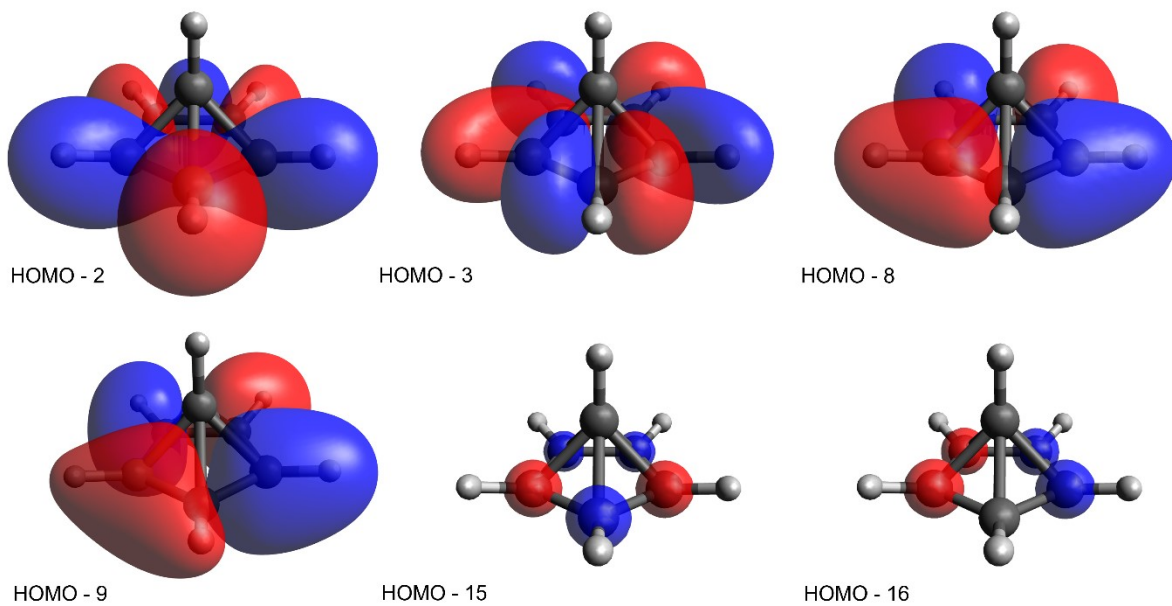
$\alpha$	128.3°				
	$N(\Omega)$	$q(\Omega)$	$\lambda(\Omega)$	$\Delta(\Omega)$	$\delta(\Omega,\Omega)/2$
<b>C<sup>ap</sup></b>	6.0254	-0.0254	4.3740	1.6260	1.6514
<b>C<sup>ring</sup></b>	5.9632	0.0368	4.2934	1.7066	1.6697
<b>H<sup>ap</sup></b>	0.6327	0.3673	0.2414	0.7586	0.3913
<b>H<sup>ring</sup></b>	0.7059	0.2941	0.2907	0.7093	0.2907
$\alpha$	135.5				
<b>C<sup>ap</sup></b>	6.0181	-0.0182	4.3692	1.6308	1.6489
<b>C<sup>ring</sup></b>	5.9684	0.0316	4.2976	1.7024	1.6708
<b>H<sup>ap</sup></b>	0.6309	0.3691	0.2401	0.7599	0.3907
<b>H<sup>ring</sup></b>	0.7019	0.2981	0.2886	0.7114	0.4133

**TABLE S5.** Results for the average delocalization indexes between the apical Atom Rap in the isoelectronic models [(C<sub>5</sub>R<sub>5</sub>)R<sup>AP</sup>H]<sup>m</sup> (R= H, CH<sub>3</sub>; R<sup>AP</sup> = B, Be; m = +1, 0), results in parenthesis correspond to R = CH<sub>3</sub> and one of the ring carbons,  $\langle\delta(R^{AP},C^{Ring})\rangle$ , between neighbor ring carbons,  $\langle\delta(C^{Ring},C^{Ring})\rangle$ , between the apical atom R<sup>ap</sup> and the H atom bonded to it,  $\langle\delta(R^{AP},C^{Ring})\rangle$ , and between a ring carbon and the atom bonded to it,  $\langle\delta(C^{Ring},R)\rangle$ . The results were obtained from wavefunctions at MP2/6-311++G\*\*.

$R^{AP}$	$\langle\delta(C^{Ring},C^{Ring})\rangle$	$\langle\delta(C^{Ring},R)\rangle$	$\langle\delta(R^{AP},C^{Ring})\rangle$	$\langle\delta(R^{AP},H)\rangle$
<b>B</b>	1.0993 (1.0475)	0.8210 (0.8829)	0.2451 (0.2329)	0.6237 (0.6147)
<b>Be</b>	1.1364 (1.0840)	0.8591 (0.8895)	0.0810 (0.0816)	0.2853 (0.2793)



**FIGURE S1.** Subgroup of orbital belonging to irreducible representations A1 and E1



**FIGURE S2.** Subgroup of orbital belonging to irreducible representation E2.