

Supporting Information For
[S@Cd₅S₅]²⁻: A Planar Pentacoordinate Sulfur Dianion
Stabilized by a Transition-Metal Framework

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Table S1. The planar hyper-coordinate sulfur (phC) isomers of $[X_5Y_6]^{2-}$ ($X = \text{Zn, Cd, Hg}$; $Y = \text{O, S, Se}$), geometric optimization and lowest vibrational frequencies calculated at PBE0-D3/def-TZVPP level. Imaginary frequencies correspond to out-of-plane mode and cavity-distortion mode, indicating that the cavity is too small or too large to fit the chalcogen atoms. Color represents: No color for true minimum, red for out-of-plane mode, and yellow for cavity-distortion mode.

X/Y	O	S	Se	Te
Zn	26 <i>i</i>	50 <i>i</i>	41 <i>i</i>	35 <i>i</i>
Cd	29 <i>i</i>	20	20 <i>i</i>	25 <i>i</i>
Hg	17	28 <i>i</i>	29 <i>i</i>	31 <i>i</i>

Table S2. The NPA atomic charge of the lowest-energy phAe structures were computed at the PBE0-D3/def2-TZVPP level. The Q values refer to the atomic charge in $|e|$ of S and Cd atoms.

Q	NPA
$Q_{\text{S}^{\text{center}}}$	-1.36
Q_{Cd}	1.31
$Q_{\text{S}^{\text{terminated}}}$	-1.71

Table S3. The EDA results of the $\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_6^{2-}$ clusters considering X and X_5Y_5 in different charges and electronic states as interacting fragments at the PBE0-D3/def2-TZVPP level. Energy values are given in kcal/mol. The variation of total interaction energy, electrostatic energy, exchange energy, correlation energy, and dispersion correction in this stage directly defines ΔE_{int} , ΔE_{els} , ΔE_{x} , ΔE_{DFTc} , and ΔE_{dc} terms of EDA method, respectively.

Energy	$\text{S}^{2-} (\text{S}, 3s^23p^6) + \text{Cd}_5\text{S}_5 (\text{S})$	$\text{S}^- (\text{D}, 3s^23p^5) + \text{Cd}_5\text{S}_5^- (\text{D})$	$\text{S} (\text{S}, 3s^23p^6) + \text{Cd}_5\text{S}_5^{2-} (\text{S})$
ΔE_{int}	-251.3	-104.9	-214.4
ΔE_{Pauli}	359.3	197.2	372.7
$\Delta E_{\text{disp}}^{[a]}$	-2.34(0.03%)	-2.34(0.8%)	-2.34(0.4%)
$\Delta E_{\text{elstat}}^{[a]}$	-470.2(90.3%)	-156.9(51.9%)	-213.1(36.3%)
$\Delta E_{\text{orb}}^{[a]}$	-138.1(9.7%)	-142.9(47.3%)	-371.7(63.3%)

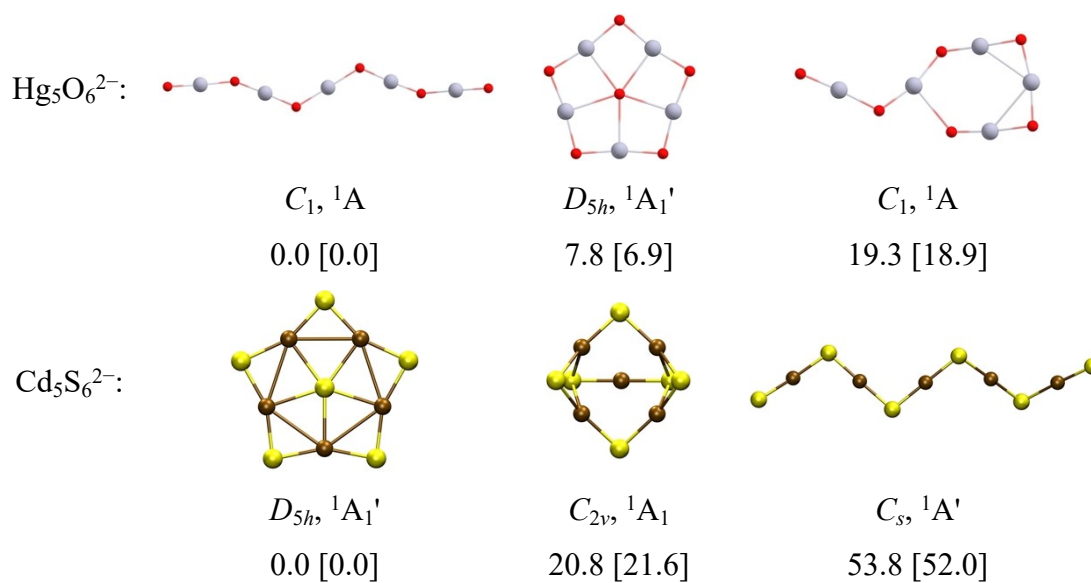


Figure S1. Geometries and relative energies of $\text{Hg}_5\text{O}_6^{2-}$ and $\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_6^{2-}$ were calculated at PBE0-D3/def2-TZVPP and PBE-D3/TZ2P-ZORA levels. The latter level includes scalar relativistic effects, whose energies were presented in square bracket.

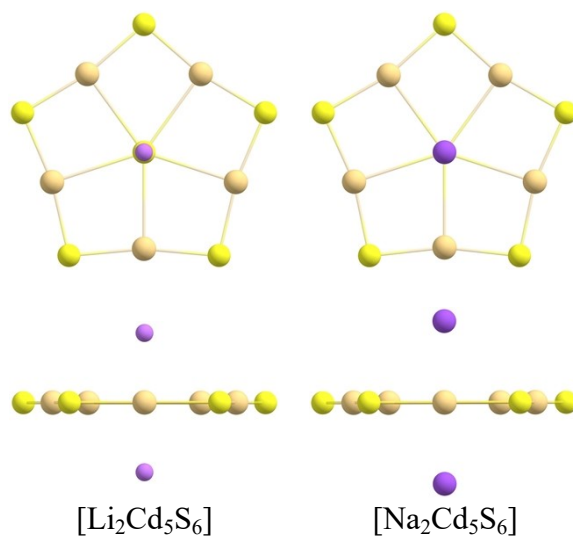


Figure S2. Optimized structures of $[\text{Li}^+\cdot\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_6^{2-}\cdot\text{Li}^+]$ and $[\text{Na}^+\cdot\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_6^{2-}\cdot\text{Na}^+]$ at the PBE0-D3/def2-TZVPP level.

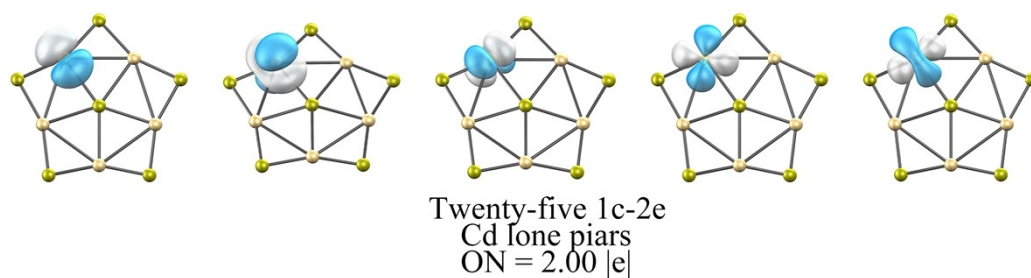


Figure S3. AdNDP view of Cd lone pairs in $\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_6^{2-}$ calculated at PBE0-D3/def2-TZVPP level. ON denotes the occupation number, which should be close to 2.00 |e| for doubly occupied orbitals.

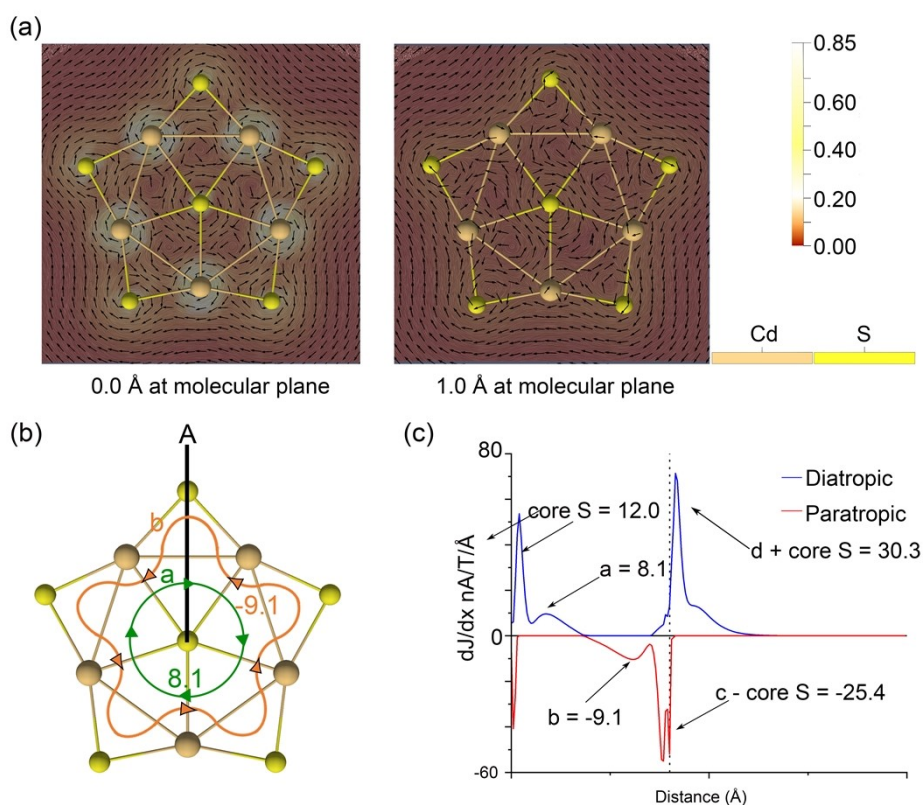


Figure S4. Analysis of magnetically induced current density for $\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_6^{2-}$. (a) Plot of vectors at 0.0 Å on the molecular plane. (b) Schematic representation of the ring currents and their strength in nA/T, as well as Integration plane used in the analysis and the integration profile resulted from this plane. (c) The numbers in each band (integrated values of the flux in nA/T) identify the different contributions.

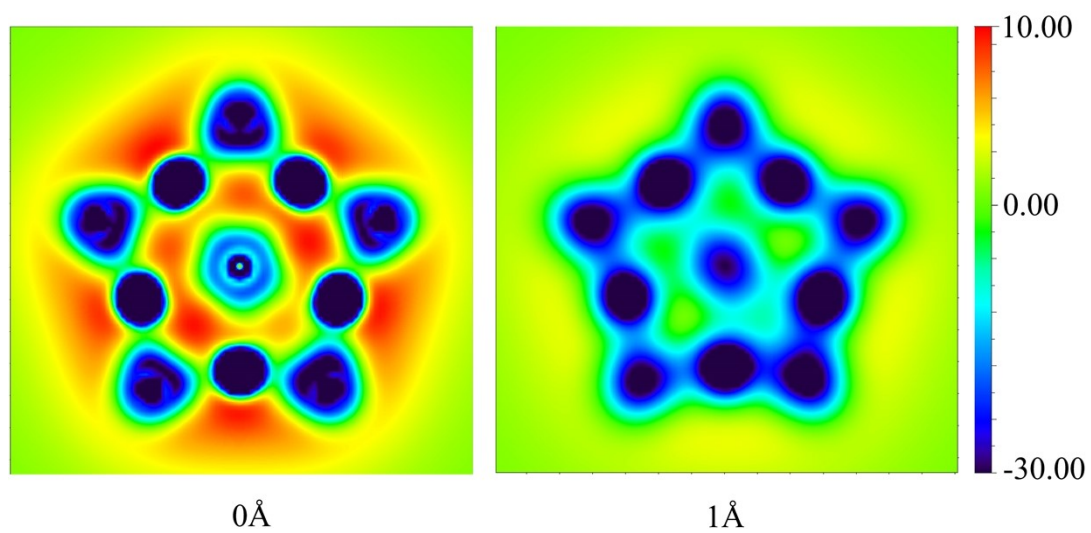


Figure S5. Color-filled map of NICS_{zz} for the D_{5h} geometry of $\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_6^{2-}$ (Color scale is given in ppm).

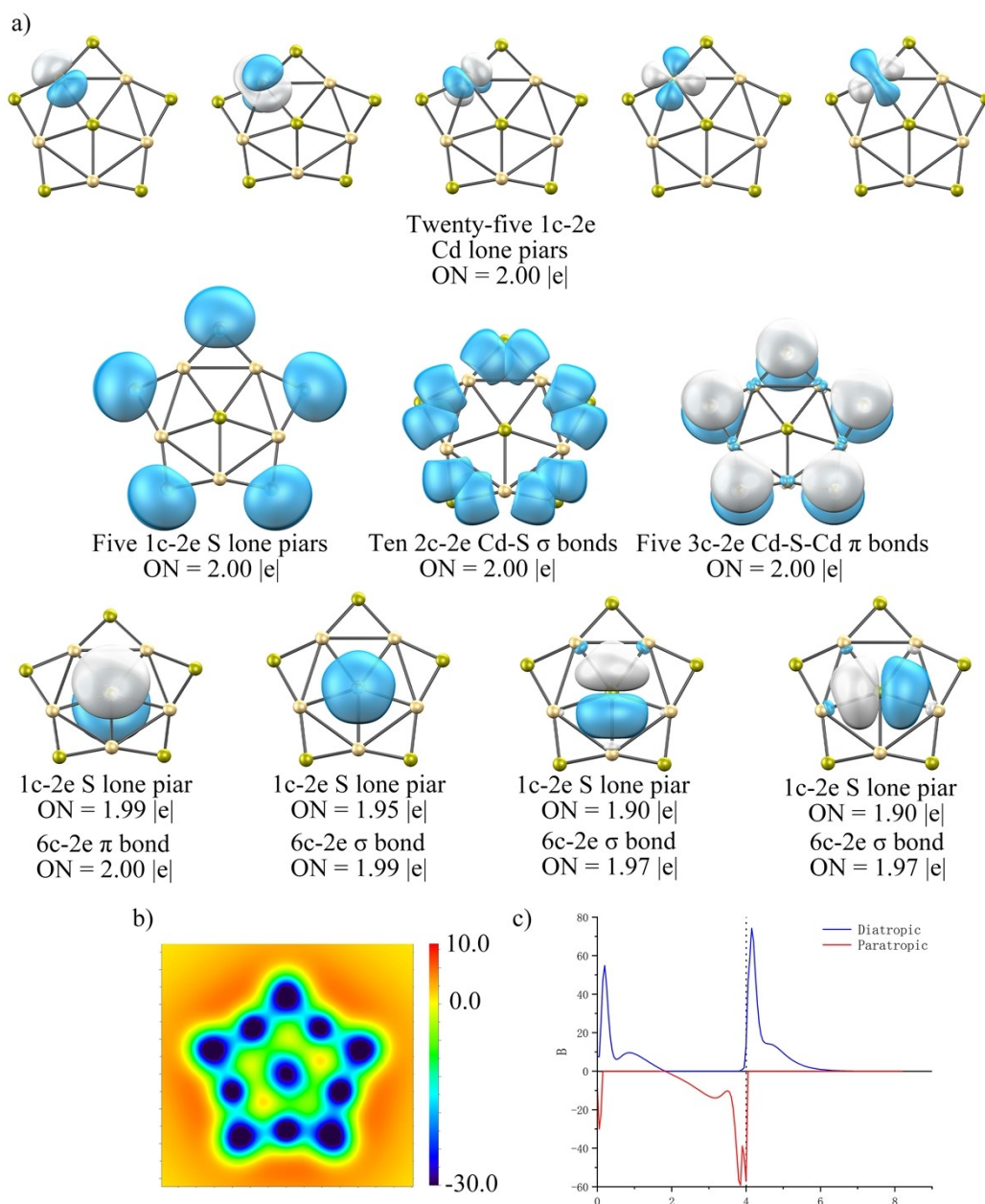


Figure S6. (a) AdNDP view of Cd lone pairs in $\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_6^{2-}$ cluster. (b) Plot of vectors at 1.0 Å on the molecular plane. (c) Schematic representation of the ring currents and their strength (in nA/T), as well as the integration plane used in the analysis and the resulting integration profile. All calculations were calculated at the PBE0-D3/LanL2TZ(Cd)/def2-TZVPP(S) level.

Cartesian coordinates of low-lying energy isomers of $\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_6^{2-}$ structures at the PBE0-D3/def2-TZVPP level. Total energy including zero-point corrections and the lowest vibrational frequencies (ν_1) are given.

Energy = -3227.7184102 a.u.

Frequencies $\nu_1 = 20.3949 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

S	-0.000000	-4.002910	0.000000
Cd	0.000000	2.774946	-0.000000
S	-2.352851	3.238422	0.000000
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S	3.806994	-1.236967	0.000000
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Cd	-1.631072	-2.244978	-0.000000
Cd	-2.639130	0.857505	-0.000000
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Cd	2.639130	0.857505	-0.000000

Energy = -3227.6854674 a.u.

Frequencies $\nu_1 = 26.9259 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

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S	0.000000	2.889434	-1.972219
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S	0.000000	-2.296684	1.751029
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Cd	0.000000	0.000000	2.137016
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Energy = -3227.6747944 a.u.

Frequencies $\nu_1 = 18.9170 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

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S	1.069260	0.752359	3.361625
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Cd	-0.000000	-2.291296	-0.862090
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S	-2.365306	-2.365306	-1.276237
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Cd	-2.291296	-0.000000	-0.862090
Cd	2.291296	-0.000000	-0.862090
S	0.000000	0.000000	0.716618

Energy = -3227.6733611 a.u.

Frequencies $\nu_1 = 16.5205 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

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Energy = -3227.6285950 a.u.

Frequencies $\nu_1 = 10.0709 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

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