

Electronic Supplementary Information

# A planar pentacoordinate oxygen in the experimentally observed $[\text{Be}_5\text{O}_6]^{2-}$ dianion

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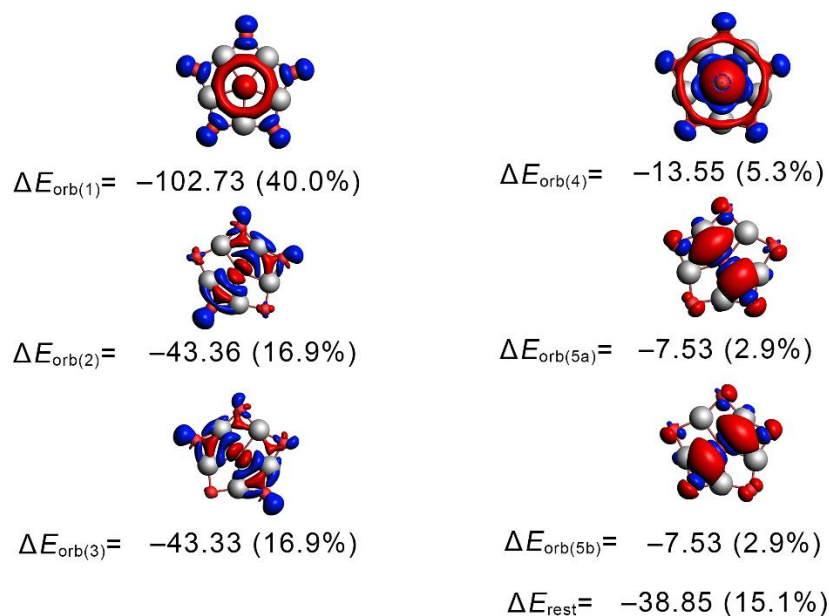
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| Energy                     | $\text{O}^{2-} (\text{S}) + \text{Be}_5\text{O}_5 (\text{S})$ | $\text{O}^{2-} (\text{T}) + \text{Be}_5\text{O}_5 (\text{T})$   | $\text{O}^- (\text{D}) + \text{Be}_5\text{O}_5^- (\text{D})$    |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$    | −441.27                                                       | −2209.80                                                        | −223.57                                                         |
| $\Delta E_{\text{pauli}}$  | 475.19                                                        | 163.94                                                          | 410.53                                                          |
| $\Delta E_{\text{elstat}}$ | −656.69                                                       | −542.89                                                         | −330.34                                                         |
| $\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$    | −256.88                                                       | −1827.97                                                        | −300.88                                                         |
| Energy                     | $\text{O} (\text{T}) + \text{Be}_5\text{O}_5^{2-} (\text{T})$ | $\text{O}^{3-} (\text{S}) + \text{Be}_5\text{O}_5^+ (\text{S})$ | $\text{O}^{3-} (\text{T}) + \text{Be}_5\text{O}_5^+ (\text{T})$ |
| $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$    | −344.15                                                       | −1465.85                                                        | −6109.33                                                        |
| $\Delta E_{\text{pauli}}$  | 294.43                                                        | 480.46                                                          | 355.31                                                          |
| $\Delta E_{\text{elstat}}$ | −120.87                                                       | −1208.55                                                        | −1261.48                                                        |
| $\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$    | −514.84                                                       | −734.87                                                         | −5200.28                                                        |

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B2PLYP-D3(BJ)/aug-cc-pVTZ-optimized structures (in Cartesian coordinates) shown in **Fig. 1**.

|          |            |            |             |
|----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>0</b> |            |            |             |
| O        | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 7.14759300  |
| Be       | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 2.86369100  |
| Be       | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -5.75350500 |
| Be       | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 0.00000200  |
| Be       | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -2.86369200 |
| Be       | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 5.75350400  |
| O        | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -4.26291000 |
| O        | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 4.26290900  |
| O        | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 1.42029900  |
| O        | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -7.14759400 |
| O        | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -1.42029600 |

**1a**

|    |             |             |            |
|----|-------------|-------------|------------|
| O  | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000 |
| Be | 0.00000000  | 1.76451200  | 0.00000000 |
| Be | -1.67815100 | 0.54526400  | 0.00000000 |
| Be | -1.03715400 | -1.42752000 | 0.00000000 |
| Be | 1.03715400  | -1.42752000 | 0.00000000 |
| Be | 1.67815100  | 0.54526400  | 0.00000000 |
| O  | 1.48087200  | 2.03824600  | 0.00000000 |
| O  | -1.48087200 | 2.03824600  | 0.00000000 |
| O  | -2.39610200 | -0.77854100 | 0.00000000 |
| O  | 0.00000000  | -2.51941100 | 0.00000000 |
| O  | 2.39610200  | -0.77854100 | 0.00000000 |

**1b**

|    |             |             |             |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O  | -1.35937000 | -0.78483300 | 1.42614700  |
| Be | 0.00000000  | 1.77056600  | 0.00000000  |
| Be | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000  | 1.60003000  |
| Be | -1.53335600 | -0.88528300 | 0.00000000  |
| Be | 1.53335600  | -0.88528300 | 0.00000000  |
| Be | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000  | -1.60003000 |
| O  | -1.35937000 | -0.78483300 | -1.42614700 |
| O  | 1.35937000  | -0.78483300 | -1.42614700 |
| O  | 0.00000000  | 1.56966600  | 1.42614700  |
| O  | 0.00000000  | 1.56966600  | -1.42614700 |
| O  | 1.35937000  | -0.78483300 | 1.42614700  |

**1c**

|    |             |             |             |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O  | -0.17525500 | -1.31917600 | 0.00000000  |
| Be | 0.27882000  | 1.81402700  | 1.02352800  |
| Be | 0.27882000  | 1.81402700  | -1.02352800 |
| Be | 0.27882000  | -0.18770200 | -1.03473300 |
| Be | 0.27882000  | -0.18770200 | 1.03473300  |
| Be | -0.61384700 | -2.76018700 | 0.00000000  |
| O  | -0.94827900 | -4.11287900 | 0.00000000  |
| O  | 1.14295500  | 0.68704100  | 0.00000000  |
| O  | -0.01161700 | 2.89546800  | 0.00000000  |
| O  | -0.12926000 | 0.80165700  | -2.09435300 |
| O  | -0.12926000 | 0.80165700  | 2.09435300  |

**1d**

|    |            |             |             |
|----|------------|-------------|-------------|
| O  | 0.00000000 | 1.36372800  | -2.06613100 |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | -1.18999600 |
| Be | 0.00000000 | -1.02468300 | -3.43658900 |

|    |            |             |             |
|----|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 1.72314400  |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 4.62789800  |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 1.02468300  | -3.43658900 |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | -4.50292800 |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 6.03463300  |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 3.15088500  |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 0.30573900  |
| O  | 0.00000000 | -1.36372800 | -2.06613100 |

PBE0-D3/aug-cc-pVTZ-optimized structures (in Cartesian coordinates) shown in **Fig. 1**.

### 0

|    |            |            |             |
|----|------------|------------|-------------|
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -7.11386400 |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -2.85236000 |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 5.73032200  |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 2.85236000  |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -5.73032200 |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 4.24609800  |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -4.24609800 |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | -1.41485400 |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 7.11386400  |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 1.41485400  |

### 1a

|    |             |             |            |
|----|-------------|-------------|------------|
| O  | -0.00001900 | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000 |
| Be | -1.75112900 | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000 |
| Be | -0.54112800 | 1.66542900  | 0.00000000 |
| Be | 1.41670000  | 1.02929200  | 0.00000000 |
| Be | 1.41670000  | -1.02929200 | 0.00000000 |
| Be | -0.54112800 | -1.66542900 | 0.00000000 |
| O  | -2.02873900 | -1.47397400 | 0.00000000 |
| O  | -2.02873900 | 1.47397400  | 0.00000000 |
| O  | 0.77491600  | 2.38492500  | 0.00000000 |
| O  | 2.50765800  | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000 |
| O  | 0.77491600  | -2.38492500 | 0.00000000 |

### 1b

|    |             |             |            |
|----|-------------|-------------|------------|
| O  | -1.35454900 | -0.78204900 | 1.42225700 |
| Be | 0.00004300  | 1.74911800  | 0.00000000 |

|    |             |             |             |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Be | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000  | 1.58824700  |
| Be | -1.51480200 | -0.87452200 | 0.00000000  |
| Be | 1.51475900  | -0.87459600 | 0.00000000  |
| Be | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000  | -1.58824700 |
| O  | -1.35454900 | -0.78204900 | -1.42225700 |
| O  | 1.35454900  | -0.78204900 | -1.42225700 |
| O  | 0.00000000  | 1.56409900  | 1.42225700  |
| O  | 0.00000000  | 1.56409900  | -1.42225700 |
| O  | 1.35454900  | -0.78204900 | 1.42225700  |

# **1c**

|    |             |             |             |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O  | 0.17396100  | 1.31296500  | 0.00000000  |
| Be | -0.27366900 | -1.80072400 | 1.01351100  |
| Be | -0.27366900 | -1.80072400 | -1.01351100 |
| Be | -0.27366900 | 0.18399500  | -1.02785200 |
| Be | -0.27366900 | 0.18399500  | 1.02785200  |
| Be | 0.60552800  | 2.75024000  | 0.00000000  |
| O  | 0.93061300  | 4.09334500  | 0.00000000  |
| O  | -1.14114300 | -0.68782600 | 0.00000000  |
| O  | 0.01654000  | -2.88255500 | 0.00000000  |
| O  | 0.13230000  | -0.79715900 | -2.08428100 |
| O  | 0.13230000  | -0.79715900 | 2.08428100  |

# **1d**

|    |            |             |             |
|----|------------|-------------|-------------|
| O  | 0.00000000 | 1.35857300  | -2.05465900 |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | -1.18693200 |
| Be | 0.00000000 | -1.01579300 | -3.41724900 |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 1.71433600  |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 4.60741300  |
| Be | 0.00000000 | 1.01579300  | -3.41724900 |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | -4.48325000 |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 6.00310800  |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 3.13595200  |
| O  | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000  | 0.30335100  |
| O  | 0.00000000 | -1.35857300 | -2.05465900 |