

Probing the structural and magnetic properties of transition  
metal-benzene anion complexes

Supplementary Information

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**Table S1** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for  $\text{TiBz}^-$  by considering the  $C_{2v}$  point symmetry, all units in eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (triplet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (quintet)	Expt. <sup>a</sup>
$\text{TiBz}^-$ (quartet)	0.68		1.05±0.05
		0.90	
	0.93		
	1.00		
	1.28		

<sup>a</sup> Experimental VDEs from ref. 3.

**Table S2** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for  $\text{TiBz}^-$  by considering the  $C_{6v}$  point symmetry, all units in eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (singlet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (triplet)	Expt. <sup>a</sup>
$\text{TiBz}^-$ (doublet)		0.77	1.05±0.05
	0.83		
	0.91		

<sup>a</sup> Experimental VDEs from ref. 3.

**Table S3** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for  $\text{TiBz}_2^-$ , all units in eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (singlet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (triplet)	Expt. <sup>a</sup>
$\text{TiBz}_2^-$ (doublet)	0.37		$0.23 \pm 0.05$
		1.23	
		1.23	
	1.38		
	1.38		

<sup>a</sup> Experimental VDEs from ref. 3.

**Table S4** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for  $\text{Ti}_2\text{Bz}_2^-$  by considering  $D_{2h}$  point symmetry, all units in eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (singlet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (triplet)
$\text{Ti}_2\text{Bz}_2^-$ ( $D_{2h}$ )		0.45
	0.49	
	0.58	
		0.77
	0.90	
		2.19
	2.24	
		2.49
	2.57	

**Table S5** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for  $\text{Ti}_2\text{Bz}_2^-$  by considering  $C_{2h}$  point symmetry, all units in eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (singlet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (triplet)
$\text{Ti}_2\text{Bz}_2^-$ ( $C_{2h}$ )	0.42	
		0.91
	0.94	
		1.89
		1.90
	1.92	
	1.94	
		1.96
	2.16	

**Table S6** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for  $\text{Ti}_2\text{Bz}_3^-$  by considering quartet spin state, all units in eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (triplet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (quintet)	Expt. <sup>a</sup>
$\text{Ti}_2\text{Bz}_3^-$ (quartet)	0.81		0.90±0.075
	0.90		
		1.10	
	1.18		
	1.27		
		1.93	
		2.12	
	2.33		
	2.34		

<sup>a</sup> Experimental VDEs from ref. 3.

**Table S7** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for  $\text{Ti}_2\text{Bz}_3^-$  by

considering doublet spin state, all units in eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (singlet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (triplet)	Expt. <sup>a</sup>
Ti <sub>2</sub> Bz <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ( doublet)		0.87	0.90±0.075
		0.90	
		0.90	
	1.02		
	1.02	2.21	
		2.21	
	2.32		
	2.32		

<sup>a</sup> Experimental VDEs from ref. 3.

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**Table S8** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for CoBz<sup>-</sup>, all units in eV.

System	VDEs (doublet)	VDEs (quartet)
CoBz <sup>-</sup> (triplet)		0.26
	0.91	
		1.10
	1.74	
		2.00
	2.01	
		2.03
	2.59	
	2.61	

**Table S9** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for CoBz<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, all units in eV.

System	VDEs (doublet)	Expt. <sup>a</sup>
CoBz <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (singlet)	0.75	0.70
	1.37	
	1.43	1.45
	2.27	2.20
	2.33	

<sup>a</sup> Experimental VDEs from ref. 4.

**Table S10** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for Co<sub>2</sub>Bz<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, all units in

eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (singlet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (triplet)	Expt. <sup>a</sup>
$\text{Co}_2\text{Bz}_2^-$ (doublet)		0.94	1.11
		1.03	
	1.24		
	1.34		
	1.40		
		1.49	1.50
		1.66	
		1.79	1.79
	1.86		
		0.96	
	2.01		
	2.07		
		2.31	
	2.36		
		2.43	
	2.61		
		2.72	
	2.76		
	3.24		

<sup>a</sup> Experimental VDEs from ref. 4.

**Table S11** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for  $\text{Co}_2\text{Bz}_3^-$  by

considering the lowest-energy sandwich structure, all units in eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (singlet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (triplet)	Expt. <sup>a</sup>
$\text{Co}_2\text{Bz}_3^-$ (doublet)		0.78	0.95
	1.30		1.30
	1.34		
		1.49	
		1.61	
	1.74		1.75
		1.79	
	1.91		
		2.01	
	2.29		
	2.33		
		2.48	2.45
		2.50	
		2.57	
		2.63	
	2.79		
	2.81		
	2.86		
	2.90		

<sup>a</sup> Experimental VDEs from ref. 4.

**Table S12** Calculated vertical detachment energies (VDEs) for  $\text{Co}_2\text{Bz}_3^-$  by

considering the lowest-energy rice-ball structure, all units in eV.

System	VDE( $\alpha$ ) (singlet)	VDE( $\beta$ ) (triplet)	Expt. <sup>a</sup>
$\text{Co}_2\text{Bz}_3^-$ (doublet)	1.27		1.30
	1.273		
		1.46	
	1.59		
		1.81	1.75
	1.83		
		1.86	
		2.02	
		2.07	
	2.12		
	2.17		
	2.21		2.45
		2.68	
		2.77	
	2.79		
	2.99		
		3.05	
	3.06		
	3.22		

<sup>a</sup> Experimental VDEs from ref. 4.