

Supplementary Material

Searching for Systems with Planar Hexacoordinate Carbons

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Figure S1. Adaptive Natural Density Partitioning bonding pattern of the $M_2C_5^{2+}$ ($M = Be, Ca, Mg$) at the $\omega b97XD/Def2-TZVP$ level.

	E-LPs	E-E σ -bonds	E-E π -bond
	4 x 1c-2e	6 x 2c-2e	1 x 5c-2e
E = C, M = Be	ON = 1.80 e	ON = 1.97 – 1.78 e	ON = 1.99 e
E = C, M = Mg	ON = 1.85 e	ON = 1.97 – 1.78 e	ON = 1.99 e
E = C, M = Ca	ON = 1.88 e	ON = 1.96 – 1.77 e	ON = 1.99 e

Figure S2. Adaptive Natural Density Partitioning bonding pattern of the M_2C_5 ($M = Al, Ga, In$) at the $\omega b97XD/Def2-TZVP$ level.

	M-LPs	E-LPs	E-E σ -bonds	E-E π -bond
	2 x 1c-2e	4 x 1c-2e	6 x 2c-2e	1 x 5c-2e
E = C, M = Al	ON = 1.97 e	ON = 1.81 e	ON = 1.97 – 1.78 e	ON = 1.99 e
E = C, M = Ga	ON = 1.97 e	ON = 1.81 e	ON = 1.96 – 1.78 e	ON = 1.99 e
E = C, M = In	ON = 1.98 e	ON = 1.82 e	ON = 1.96 – 1.78 e	ON = 1.99 e

Figure S3. Adaptive Natural Density Partitioning bonding pattern of the $\text{Zn}_2\text{C}_5^{2+}$ at the $\omega\text{b97XD}/\text{Def2-TZVP}$ level.

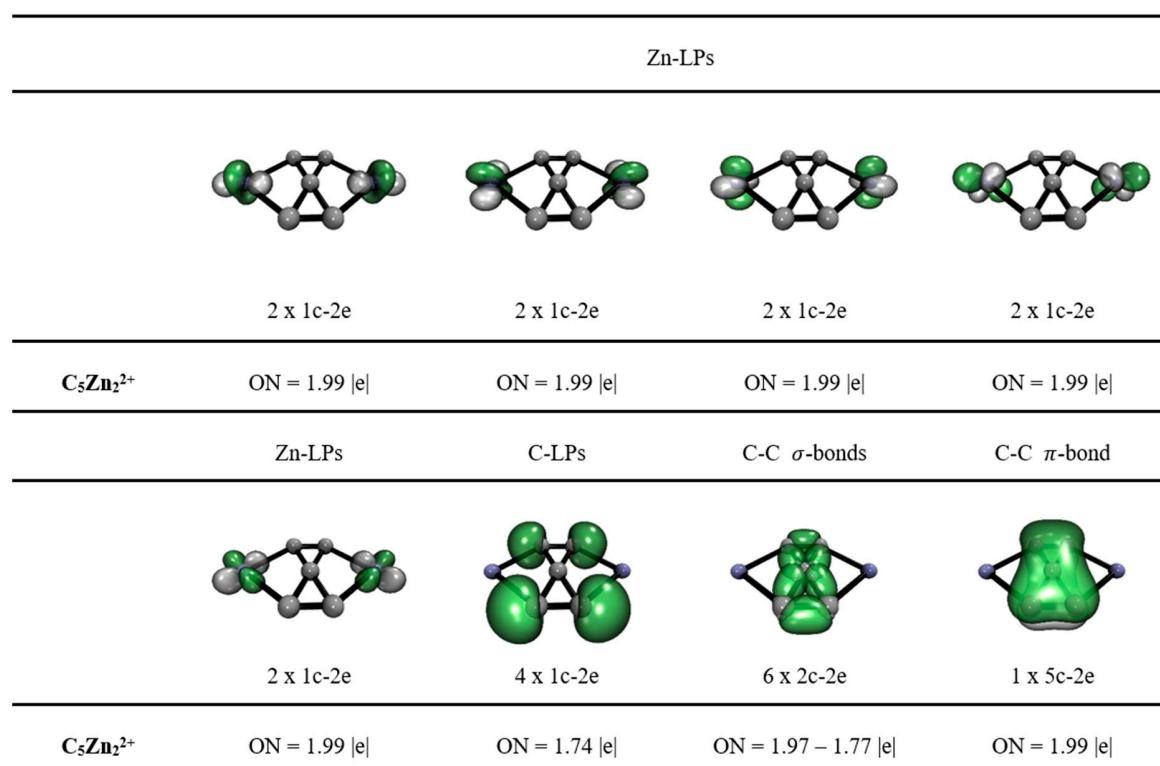


Figure S4. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of complex $(C_6H_6)_2\text{-Li}_2C_5$. Relative energies are shown at the $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at $\omega b97\text{XD}/\text{def2-TZVP}$ level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} .

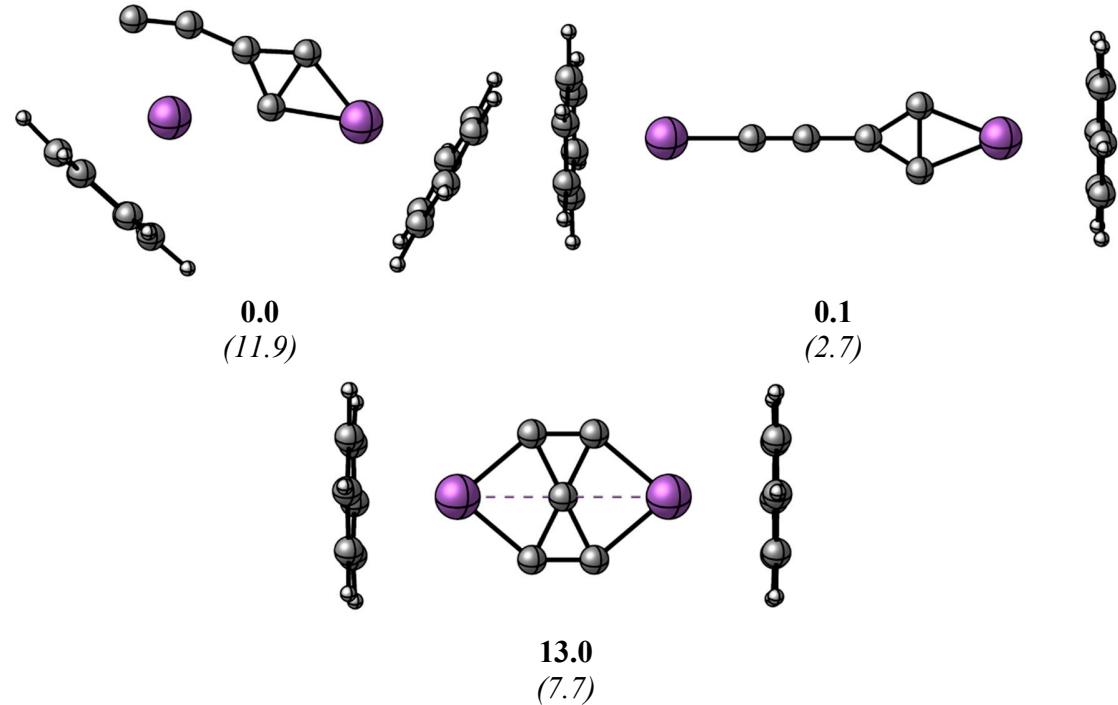


Figure S5. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of complex $(C_6H_6)_2\text{-Na}_2C_5$. Relative energies are shown in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at the $\omega b97XD/\text{def2-TZVP}$ level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} .

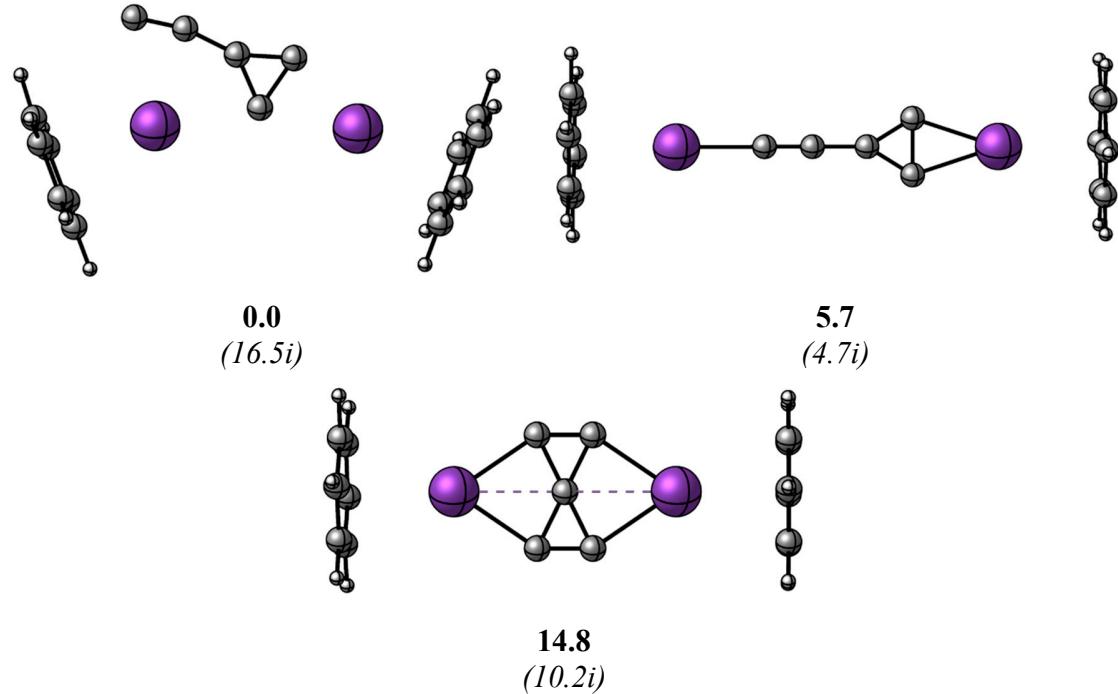


Figure S6. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of complex $(C_6H_6)_2\text{-K}_2C_5$. Relative energies are shown in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at the $\omega b97XD/\text{def2-TZVP}$ level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} .

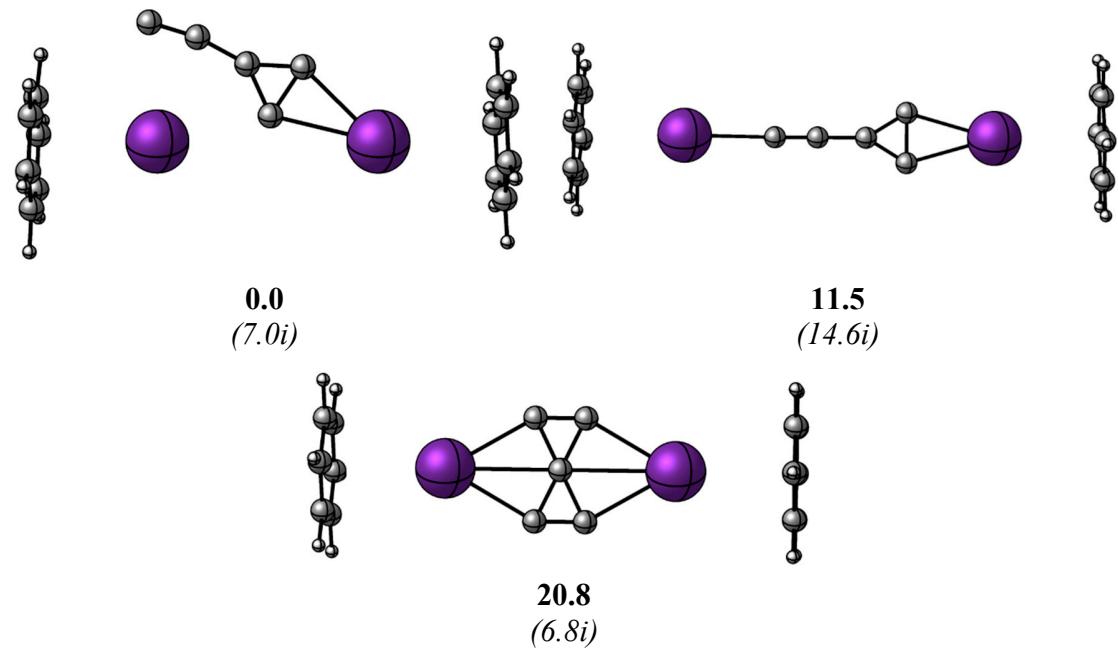


Figure S7. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of complex $(C_6H_6)_2\text{-Al}_2C_5$. Relative energies are shown in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at the $\omega b97\text{XD}/\text{def}2\text{-TZVP}$ level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} .

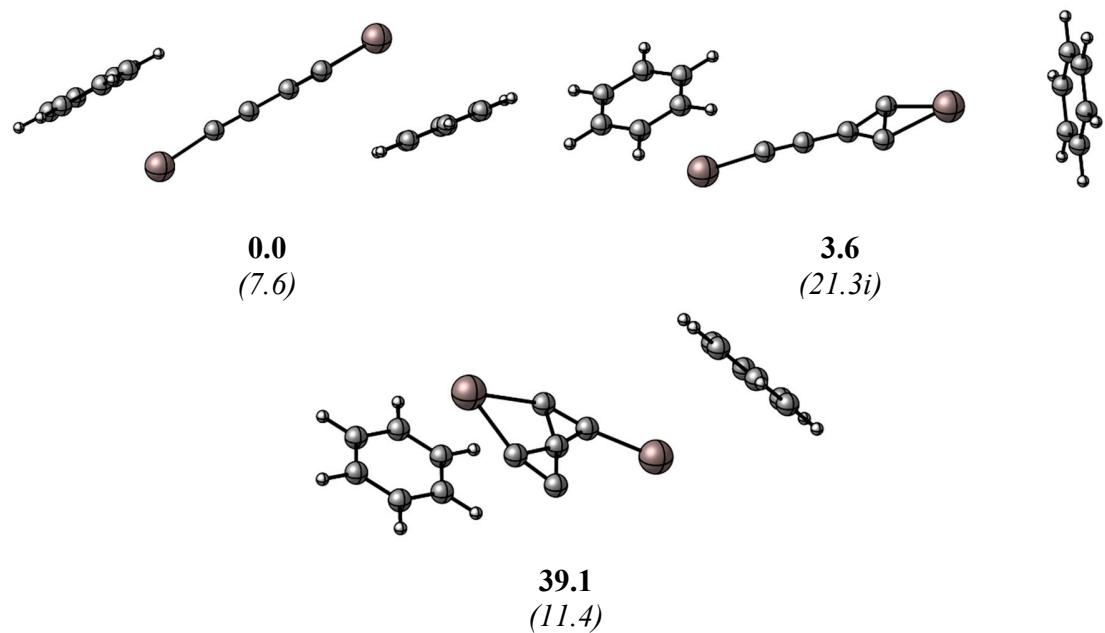


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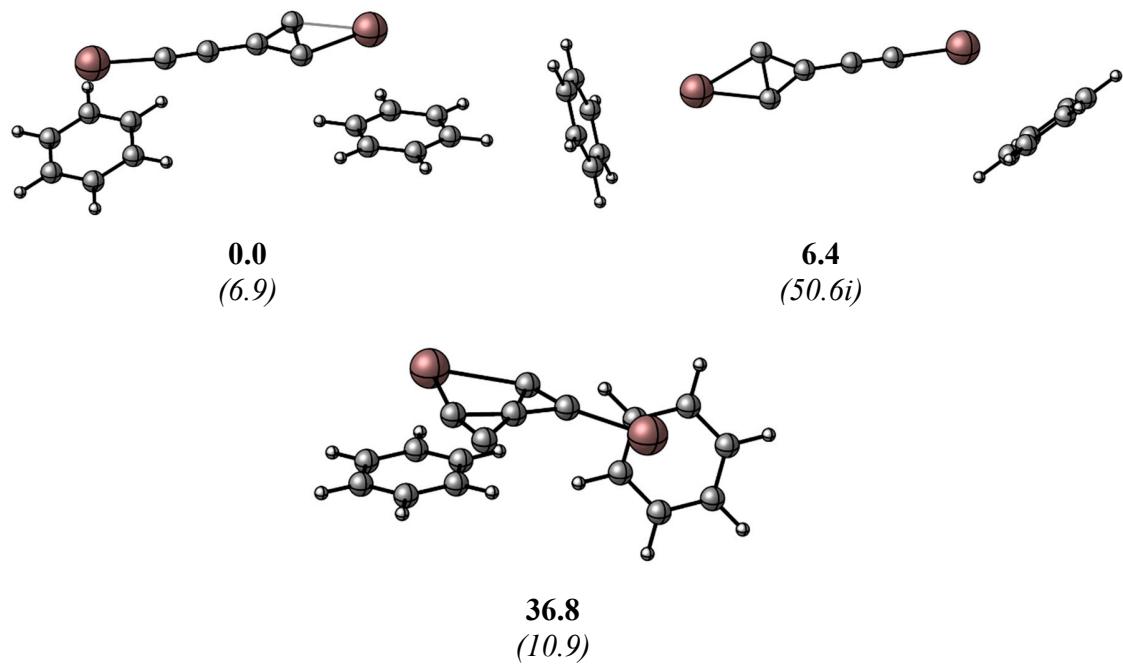


Figure S9. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of complex $(C_6H_6)_2\text{-In}_2C_5$. Relative energies are shown in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at the wb97XD/def2-TZVP level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} .

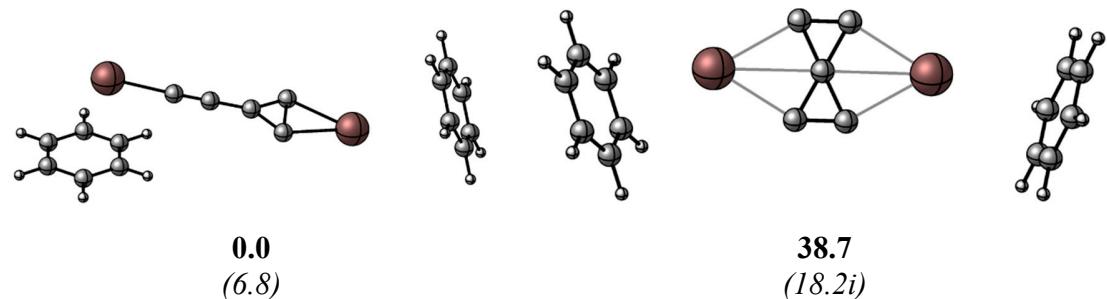


Figure S10. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of $(C_5H_5^-)_2\text{-Be}_2C_5^{2+}$. Relative energies are shown in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at the $\omega b97XD/\text{def2-TZVP}$ level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} .

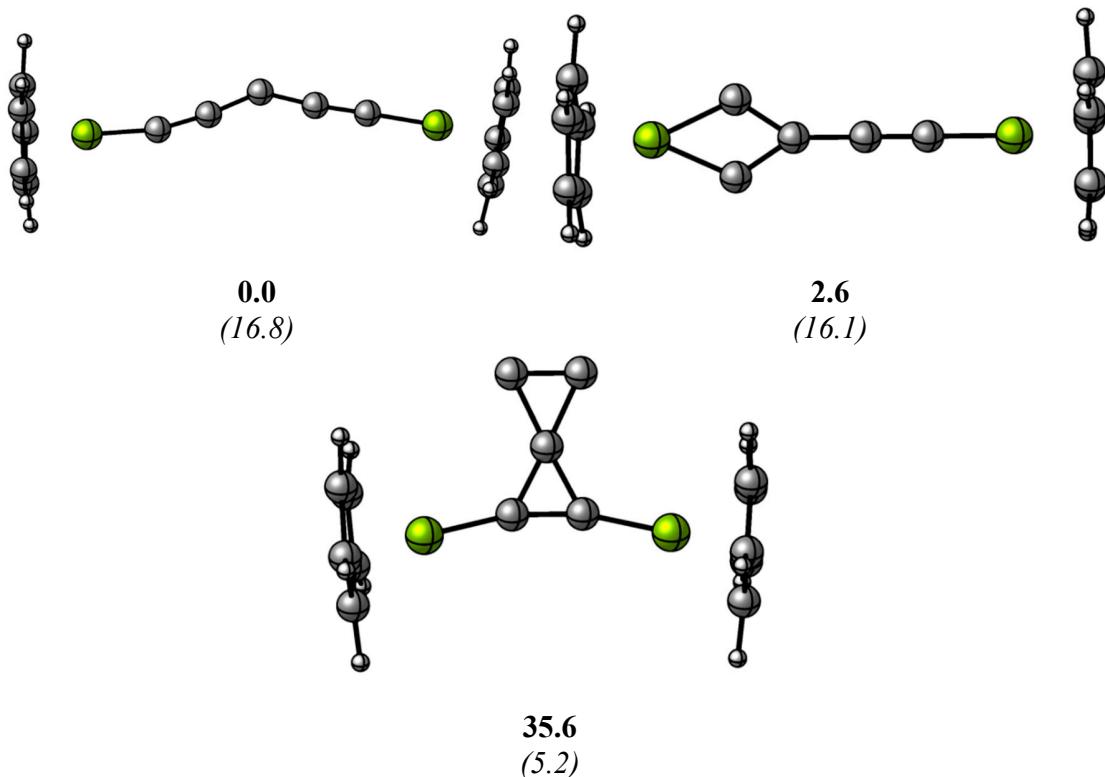


Figure S11. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of $(C_5H_5^-)_2\text{-Mg}_2C_5^{2+}$. Relative energies are shown in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at the $\omega b97XD/\text{def2-TZVP}$ level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} .

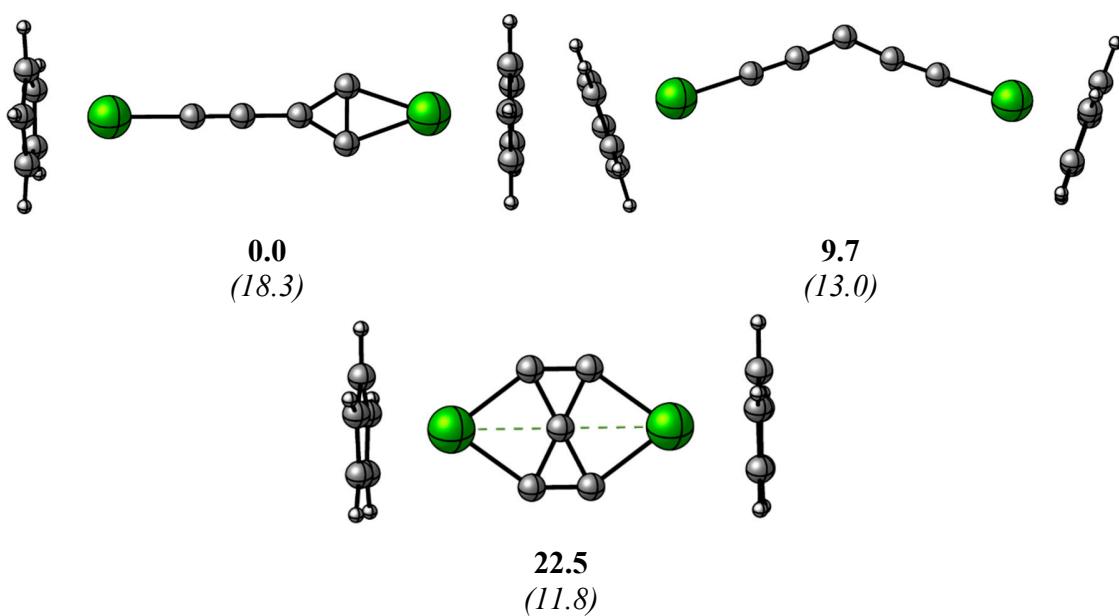


Figure S12. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of $(C_5H_5^-)_2\text{-Ca}_2C_5^{2+}$. Relative energies are shown in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at the $\omega b97XD/\text{def2-TZVP}$ level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} .

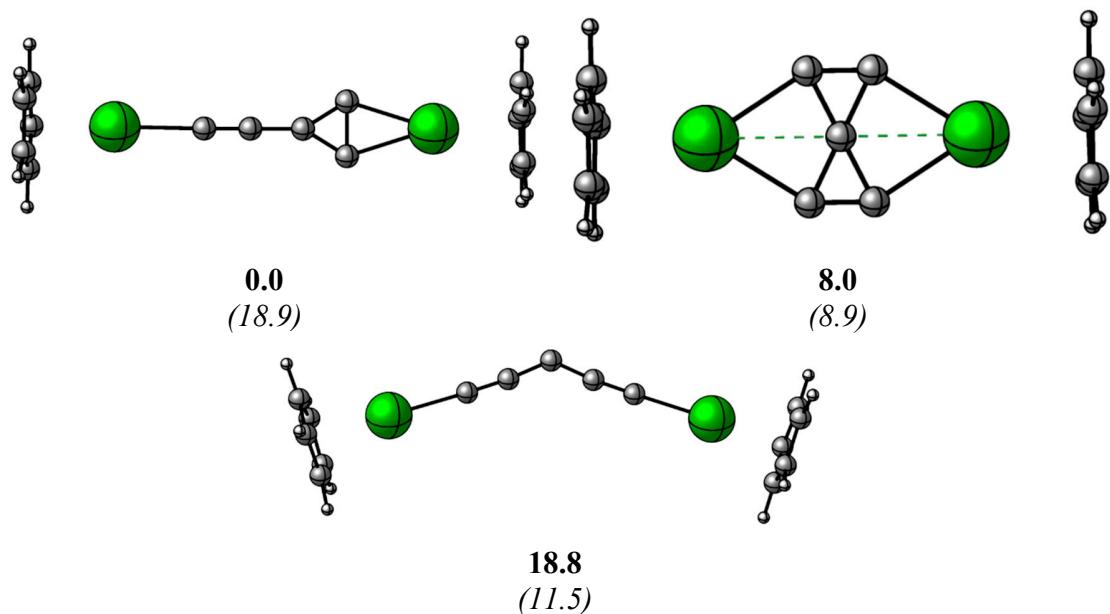


Figure S13. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of $(C_5H_5^-)_2\text{-Zn}_2C_5^{2+}$. Relative energies are shown in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at the $\omega b97XD/\text{def2-TZVP}$ level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} .

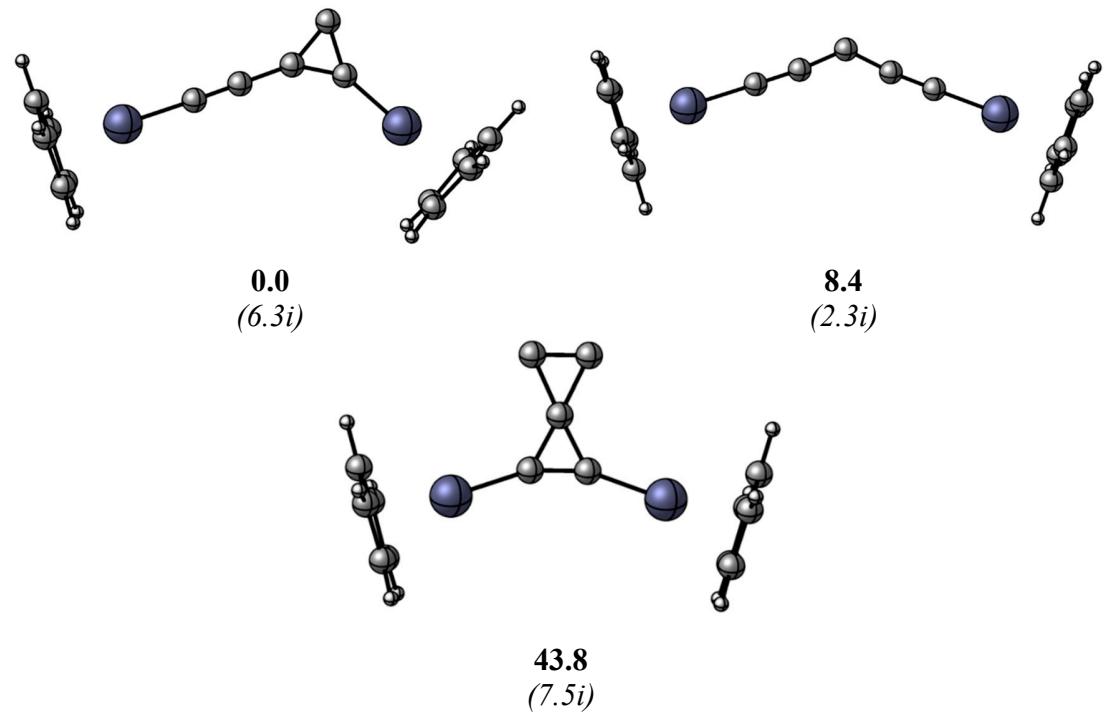
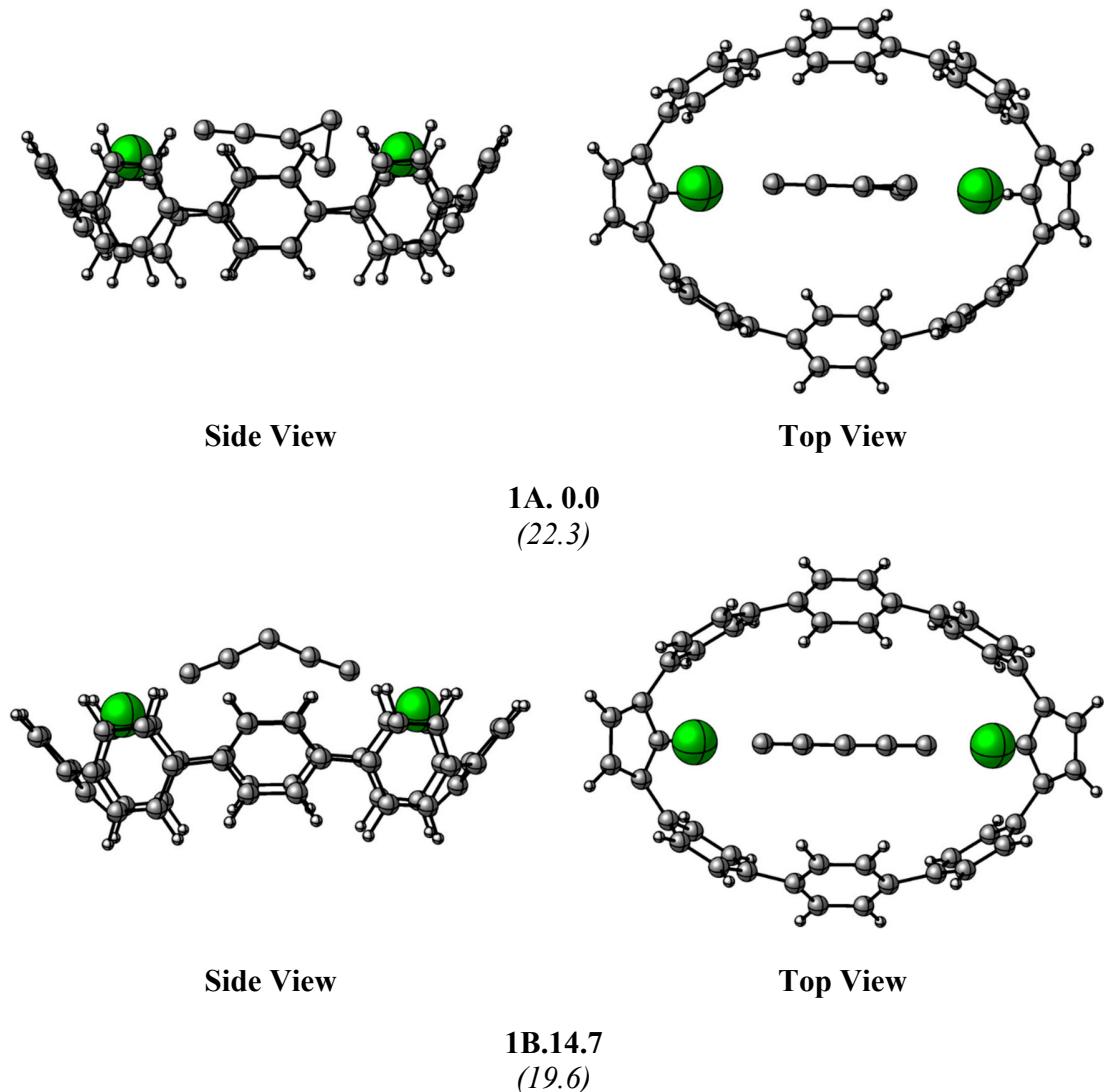
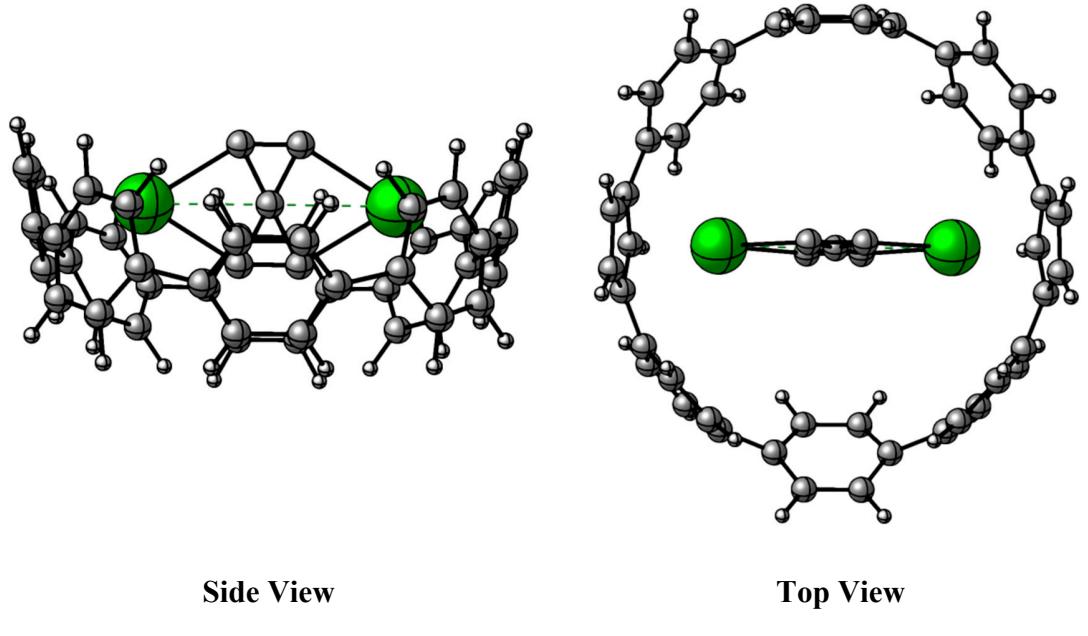


Figure S14. Putative global minimum and low-lying isomers of $[8\text{-CPP}]^2-$ $[\text{Ca}_2\text{C}_5]^{2+}$. Relative energies are shown in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ at the $\omega\text{b97XD/def2-TZVP}$ level, including zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections and their lowest harmonic vibrational frequency in cm^{-1} . A number-letter label is given to facilitate their connection with their cartesian coordinates in Table S2.





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Table S1. Cartesian coordinates of the $M_2C_5^{0/2+}$ ($M = \text{Li-K, Be-Ca, Al-In, and Zn}$) phC minima optimized structures at the $\omega\text{b97XD/def2-TZVP}$ level.

$C_5\text{Li}_2$			$C_5\text{Na}_2$		
3	0.000000000	2.194866000	11	-2.608381000	0.000000000
6	1.338129000	-0.662427000	6	0.662133000	1.340036000
6	-1.338129000	0.662427000	6	-0.662133000	-1.340036000
3	0.000000000	-2.194866000	11	2.608381000	0.000000000
6	-1.338129000	-0.662427000	6	0.662133000	-1.340036000
6	0.000000000	0.000000000	6	0.000000000	0.000000000
6	1.338129000	0.662427000	6	-0.662133000	1.340036000
$C_5\text{K}_2$			$C_5\text{Be}_2^{2+}$		
19	0.000000000	2.985238000	4	0.000000000	1.984180000
6	1.345568000	-0.662091000	6	1.245480000	-0.663083000
6	-1.345568000	0.662091000	6	-1.245480000	0.663083000
19	0.000000000	-2.985238000	4	0.000000000	-1.984180000
6	-1.345568000	-0.662091000	6	-1.245480000	-0.663083000
6	0.000000000	0.000000000	6	0.000000000	0.000000000
6	1.345568000	0.662091000	6	1.245480000	0.663083000
$C_5\text{Mg}_2^{2+}$			$C_5\text{Ca}_2^{2+}$		
12	0.000000000	2.370215000	20	0.000000000	2.642126000
6	1.309623000	-0.661723000	6	1.338681000	-0.660199000
6	-1.309623000	0.661723000	6	-1.338681000	0.660199000
12	0.000000000	-2.370215000	20	0.000000000	-2.642126000
6	-1.309623000	-0.661723000	6	-1.338681000	-0.660199000
6	0.000000000	0.000000000	6	0.000000000	0.000000000
6	1.309623000	0.661723000	6	1.338681000	0.660199000
$C_5\text{Al}_2$			$C_5\text{Ga}_2$		
13	0.000000000	2.529551000	31	0.740798000	2.509593000
6	1.324439000	-0.665609000	6	-1.434740000	-0.326185000
6	-1.324439000	0.665609000	6	1.441678000	0.325119000
13	0.000000000	-2.529551000	31	-0.740496000	-2.511480000
6	-1.324439000	-0.665609000	6	1.135297000	-0.968509000
6	0.000000000	0.000000000	6	0.000000000	0.007244000
6	1.324439000	0.665609000	6	-1.143792000	0.972080000
$C_5\text{In}_2$			$C_5\text{Zn}_2^{2+}$		
49	0.000000000	2.822501000	30	0.000000000	2.350986000
6	1.324463000	-0.665458000	6	1.278458000	-0.660958000
6	-1.324463000	0.665458000	6	-1.278458000	0.660958000
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6	0.000000000	0.000000000	6	0.000000000	0.000000000
6	1.324463000	0.665458000	6	1.278458000	0.660958000

Table S2. Cartesian coordinates of the $[8\text{-CPP}]^{2-}[\text{Ca}_2\text{C}_5]^{2+}$ optimized structures at the $\omega\text{b97XD/def2-TZVP}$ level.

1A			1B				
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