

An Exploration of Systems with Double 2D- and 3D-aromaticity

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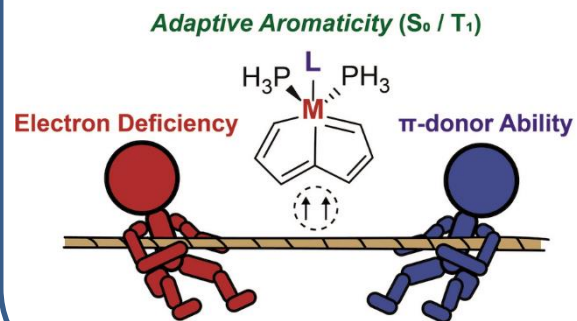
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Double aromaticity



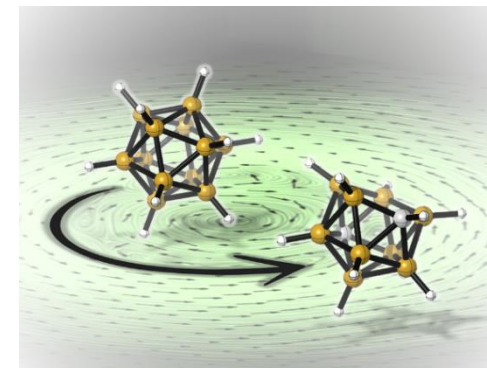
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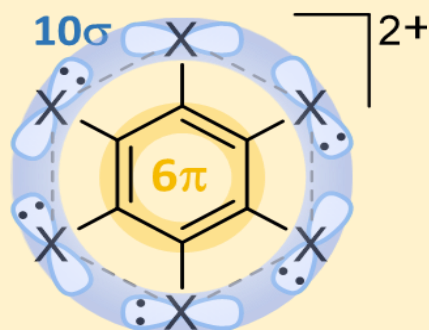
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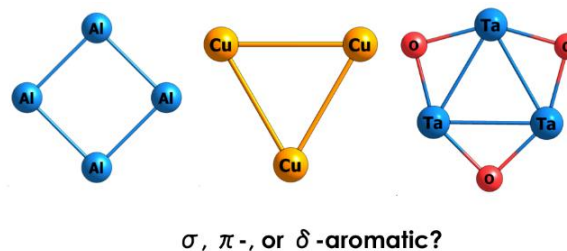
3D- aromaticity



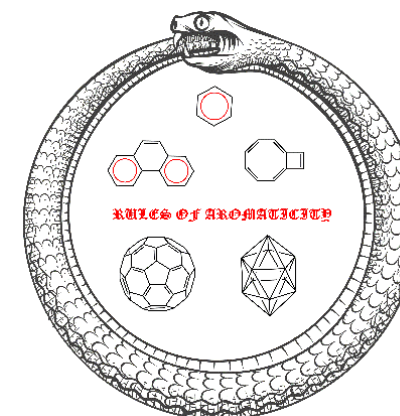
Double aromaticity



Metalla- aromaticity



Aromaticity rules



all-metal
fullerene
[K@Au₁₂Sb₂₀]⁵⁻
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Hirsch
2(N+1)² rule
2000

all-metal aromaticity
2001

synthesis of porphyrin
nanoring and δ-aromaticity
2007

conflicting
aromaticity
2003

φ-aromaticity
2008

2005
d-orbital aromaticity

cubic aromaticity

2019

isolation of
cyclo[18]carbon

discovery of nanotubes
1991

discovery of fullerenes
1985

metallabenzenes
1982

Möbius
aromaticity
1964

3D aromaticity
1962

1965
Woodward-Hoffmann
rules

1979 double aromaticity 3,5-dehydrophenyl cation
π- and σ-aromaticity

1972 Baird 4n rule

Clar π-sextets

1938 aromatic
transition states

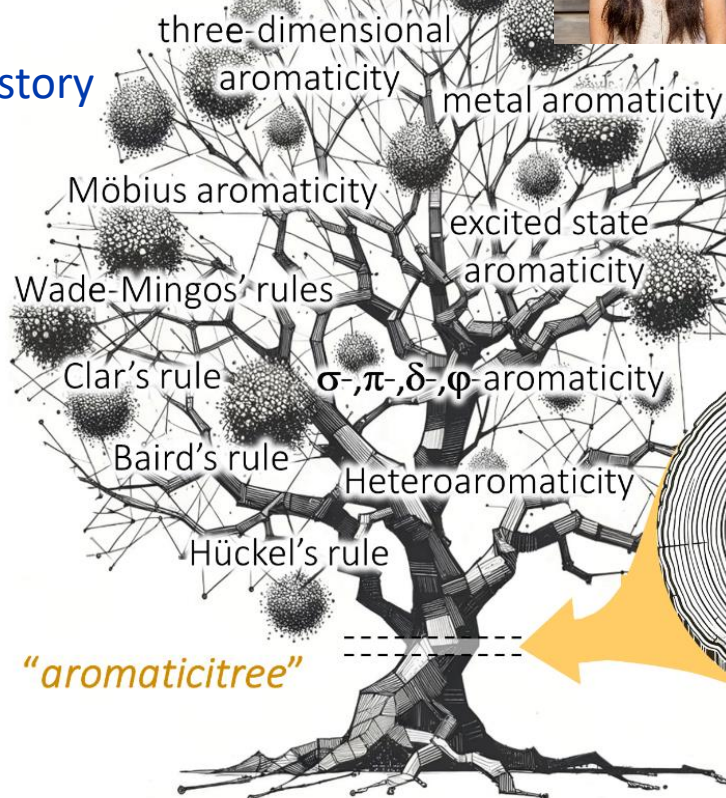
1931
Hückel 4n+2 rule

benzene structure
Kekulé

synthesis of
pyridine **1911** COT
1868

Hofmann introduces
the term **aromaticity**
1856

Faraday discovered
benzene **1825**



"aromaticitree"

1825

1834

Mitscherlich determined
benzene formula: C₆H₆

1865

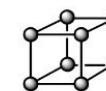
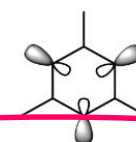
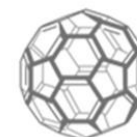
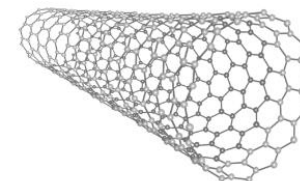
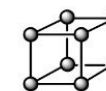
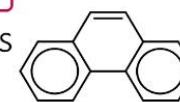
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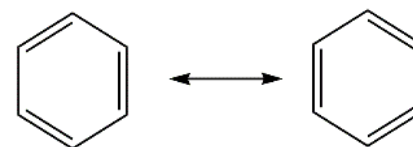
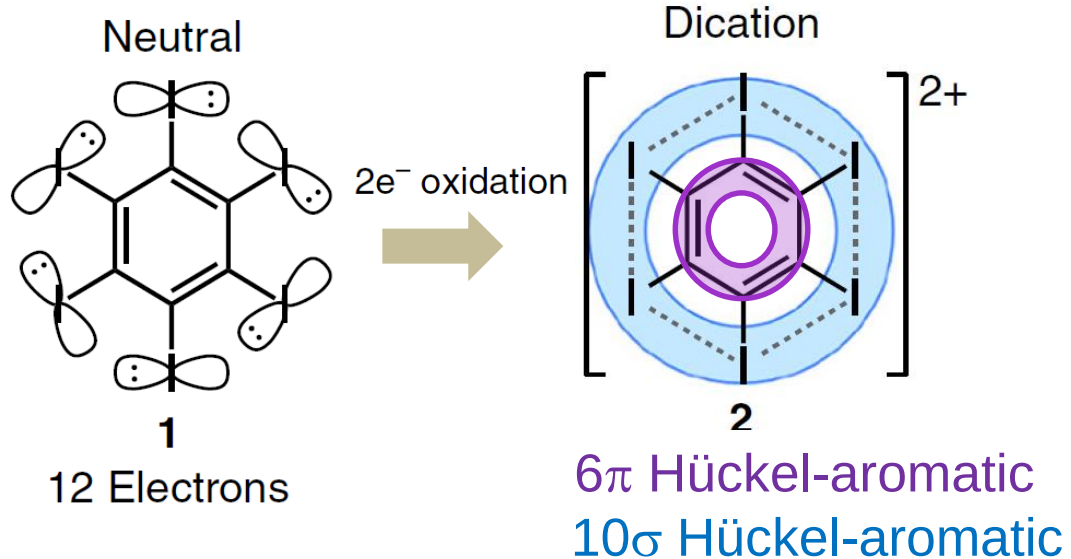
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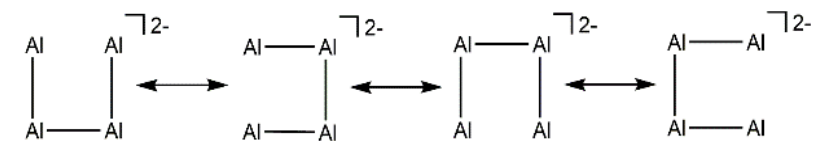
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2015

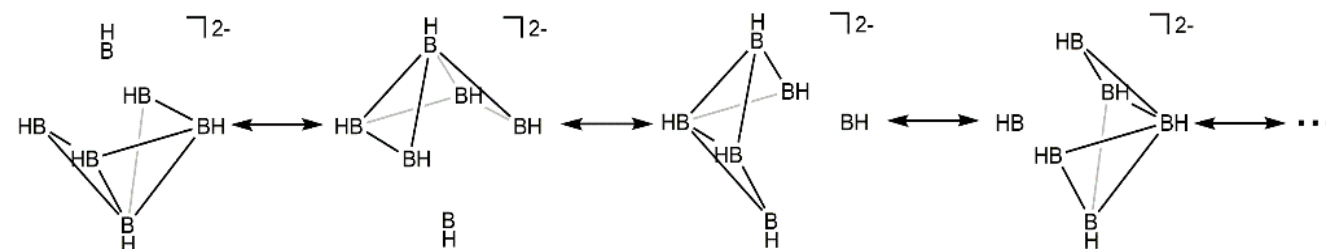




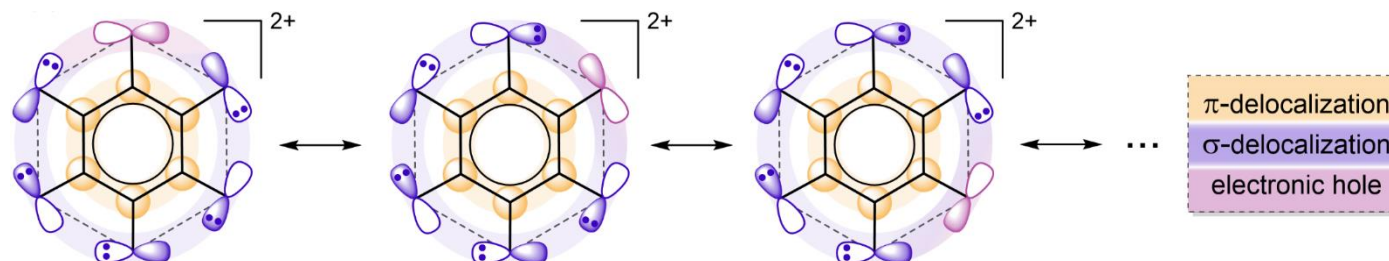
(a)



(b)



(c)

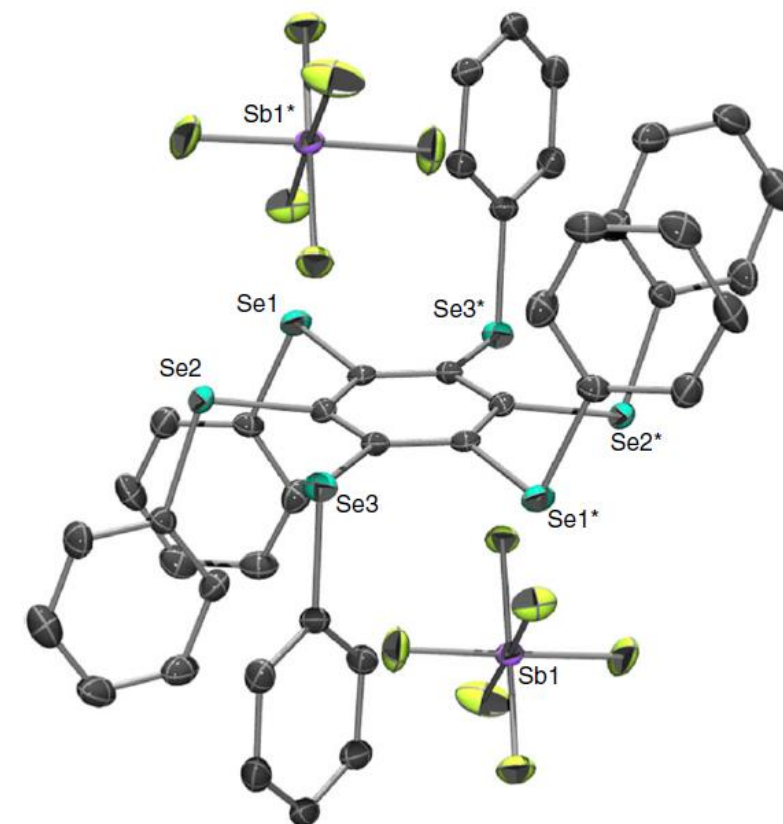
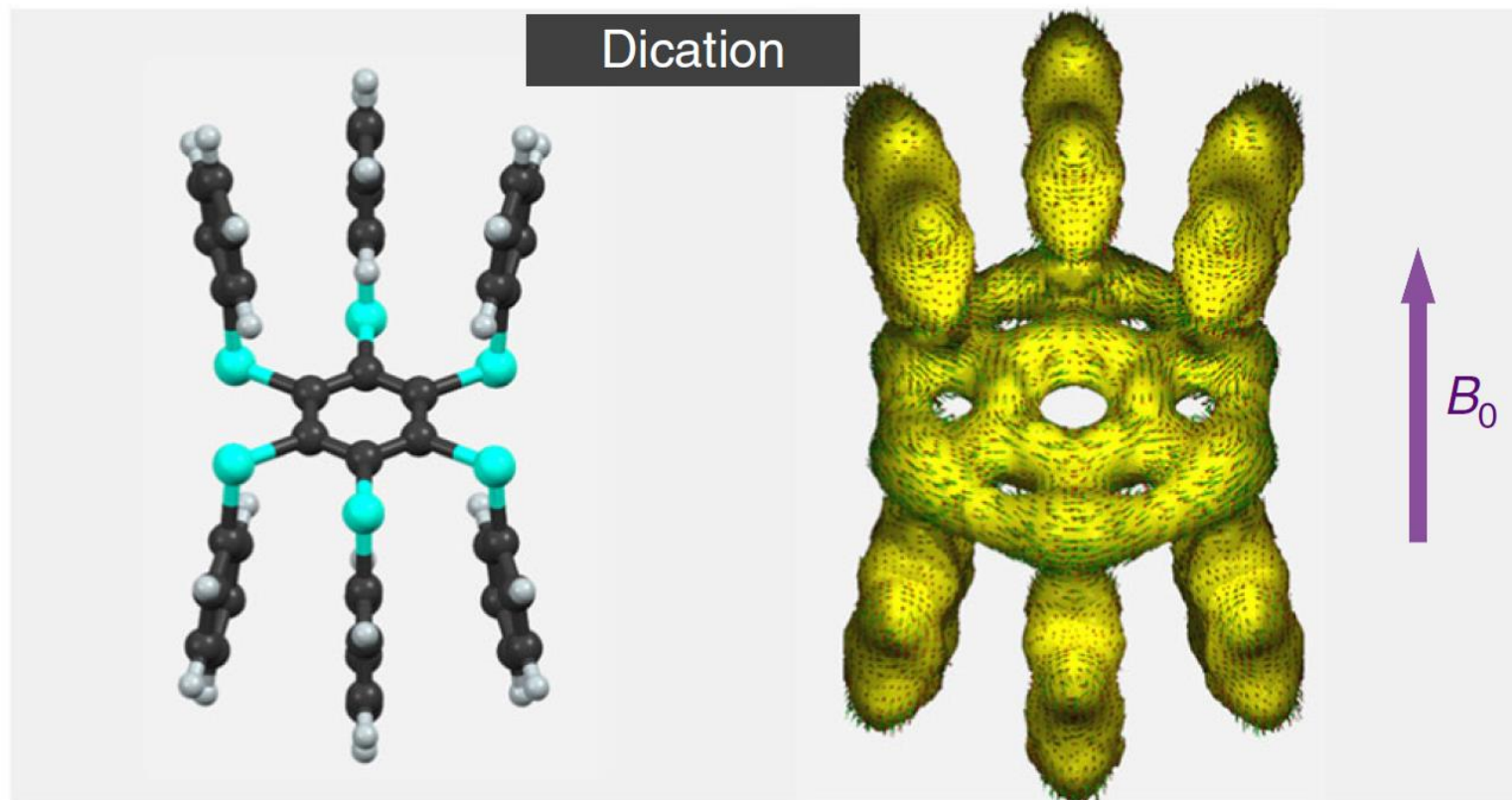


Double oxidation of C_6I_6 is required to **open a hole** in one of the 5p orbitals of iodine that generates six possible resonance structures ($\text{C}_6\text{I}_6^{+2}$ has a triplet ground state).

D. J. Sagl, J. C. Martin, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 5827.



bond distances: C–C [1.382(7)–1.399(7) Å]
Se–Se [3.240(1)–3.338(1) Å]



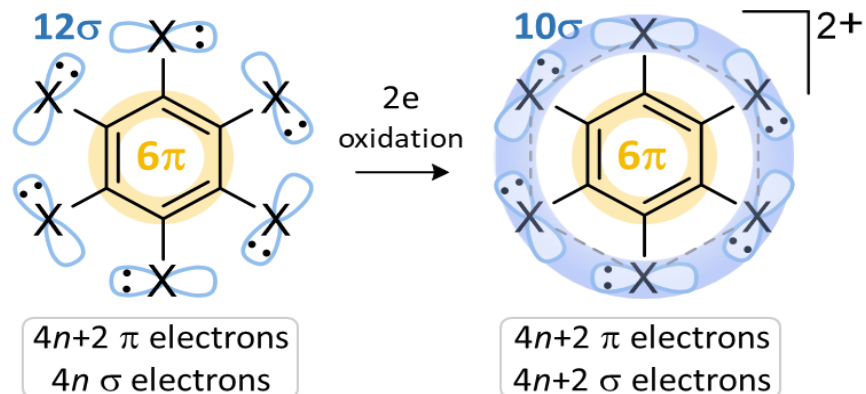
dication of hexakis(phenylselenenyl)benzene

S. Furukawa, M. Fujita, Y. Kanatomi, M. Hatanaka, K. Morokuma, K. Ishamura, M. Saito, *Commun. Chem.* **2018**, *1*, 1-7.

X = Br, I, SeR, TeR

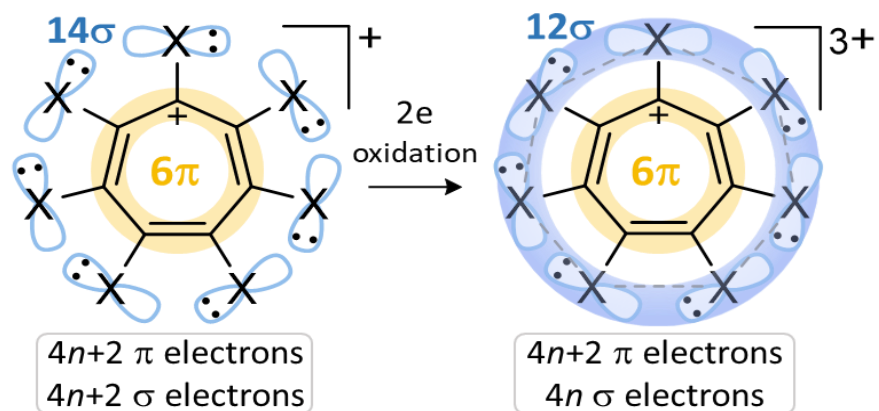
a)

6-Membered Ring

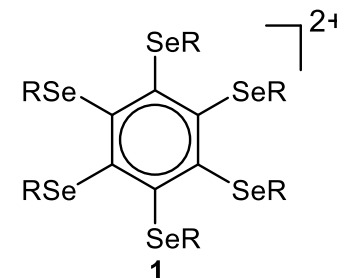


b)

7-Membered Ring

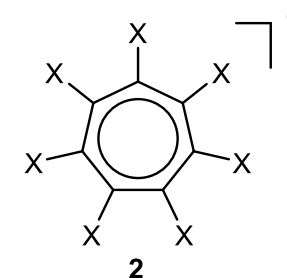


Previously reported
double aromatic system



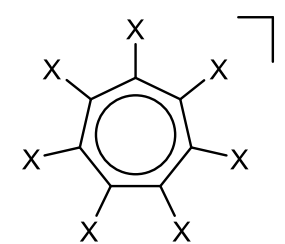
6 π Hückel-A
10 σ Hückel-A

New proposed double
aromatic systems:



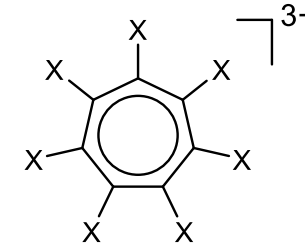
X = Halogen or SePh

6 π Hückel-A
14 σ Hückel-A



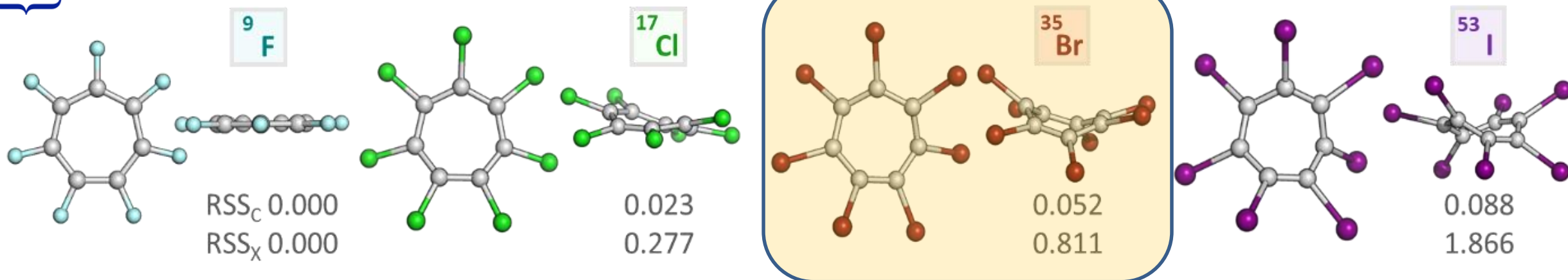
X = Br

8 π AA } In the lowest
14 σ Hückel-A } singlet state
or
8 π Baird-A } In the lowest
14 σ Hückel-A } triplet state



X = Br

6 π Hückel-A } In the lowest
12 σ AA } singlet state
or
6 π Hückel-A } In the lowest
12 σ Baird-A } triplet state

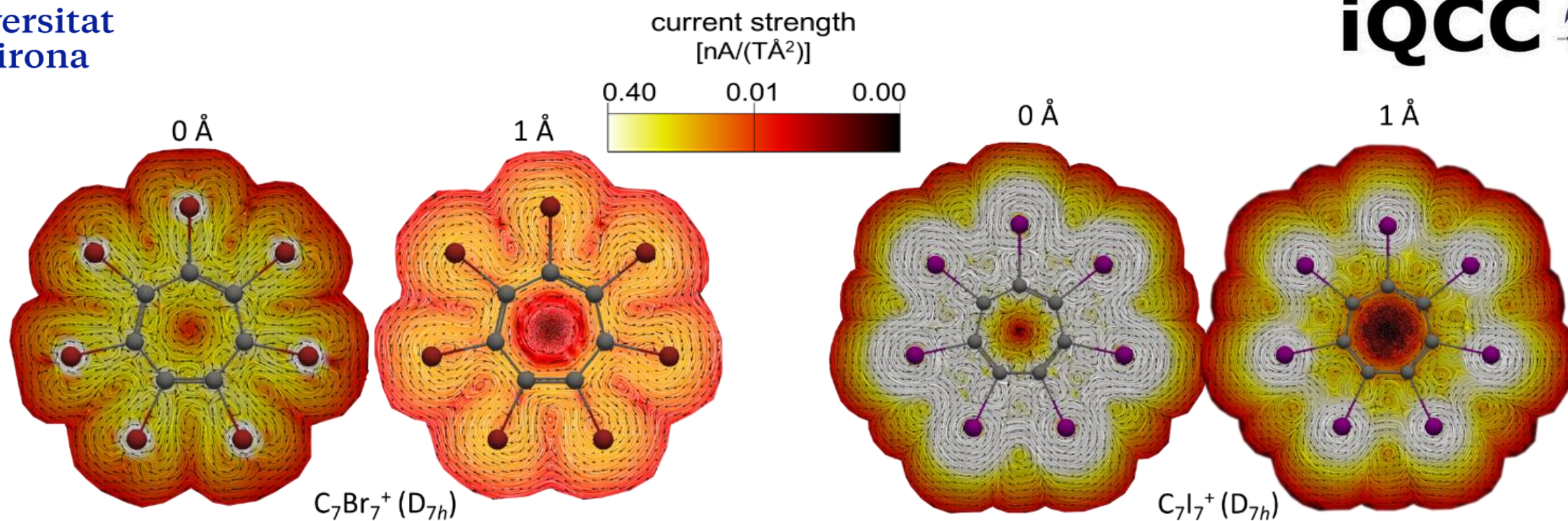


Fully optimized ${}^1\text{C}_7\text{X}_7^+$ (X = F, Cl, Br, and I) geometries using **BLYP/6-311+G(d,p)~SDD(I)** and the planarity Root-Summed-Square (RSS) index

- i) X = Br is preferred over X = I to avoid excessive steric congestion that will result in ring puckering
- ii) X = Br is preferred to X = Cl because the Br atom has more diffuse $4p$ orbitals that can lead to better overlaps.

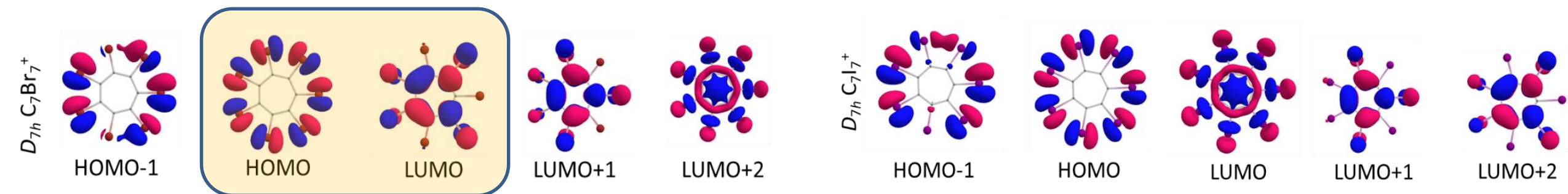
$\text{C}_7\text{Br}_7^+ \rightarrow \text{MCI}_\text{C} = 0.0210 \text{ e}$; $\pi\text{-EDDB}_\text{C} = 3.800$; $\text{NICS}(1)_{\text{zz}} = -10.9 \text{ ppm}$; $\text{MCI}_\text{Br} = 0.000 \text{ e}$; $\sigma\text{-EDDB}_\text{Br} = 0.230 \text{ e}$

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$NICS(1)_{zz} = -12.0$ ppm; $MCI = 0.0238$ e

$NICS(1)_{zz} = 27.9$ ppm; $MCI = 0.0291$ e



$^1\text{C}_7\text{Br}_7^+ \rightarrow \text{MCI}_\text{C} = 0.0210 \text{ e}; \pi\text{-EDDB}_\text{C} = 3.800; \text{NICS}(1)_{\text{zz}} = -10.9 \text{ ppm}; \text{MCI}_\text{Br} = 0.000 \text{ e}; \sigma\text{-EDDB}_\text{Br} = 0.230 \text{ e}$

$^1\text{C}_7\text{Br}_7^- \rightarrow \text{MCI}_\text{C} = 0.0080 \text{ e}; \pi\text{-EDDB}_\text{C} = 2.327; \text{MCI}_\text{Br} = 0.000 \text{ e}; \sigma\text{-EDDB}_\text{Br} = 0.180 \text{ e}$

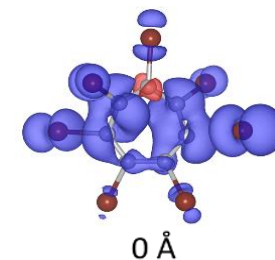
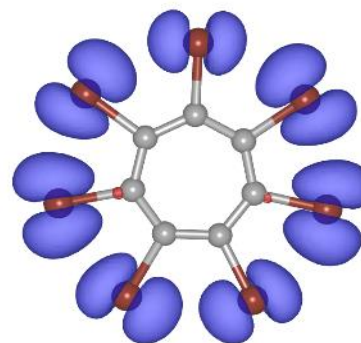
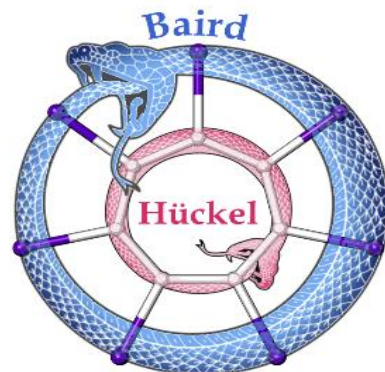
$^3\text{C}_7\text{Br}_7^- \rightarrow \text{MCI}_\text{C} = 0.0121 \text{ e}; \pi\text{-EDDB}_\text{C} = 2.336; \text{MCI}_\text{Br} = 0.000 \text{ e}; \sigma\text{-EDDB}_\text{Br} = 0.314 \text{ e}$

$^3\text{C}_7\text{Br}_7^{3+} \rightarrow \text{MCI}_\text{C} = 0.0246 \text{ e}; \pi\text{-EDDB}_\text{C} = 4.303; \text{MCI}_\text{Br} = 0.002 \text{ e}; \sigma\text{-EDDB}_\text{Br} = 2.626 \text{ e}$

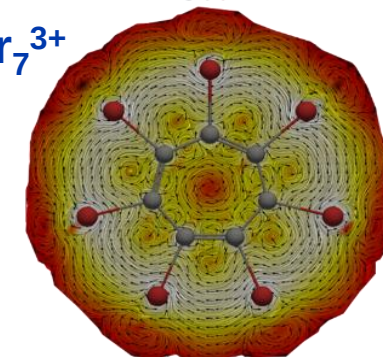
6π Hückel aromatic

12π Baird weakly aromatic

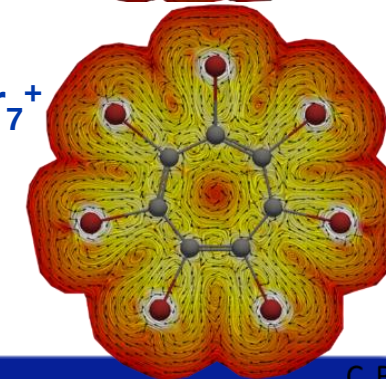
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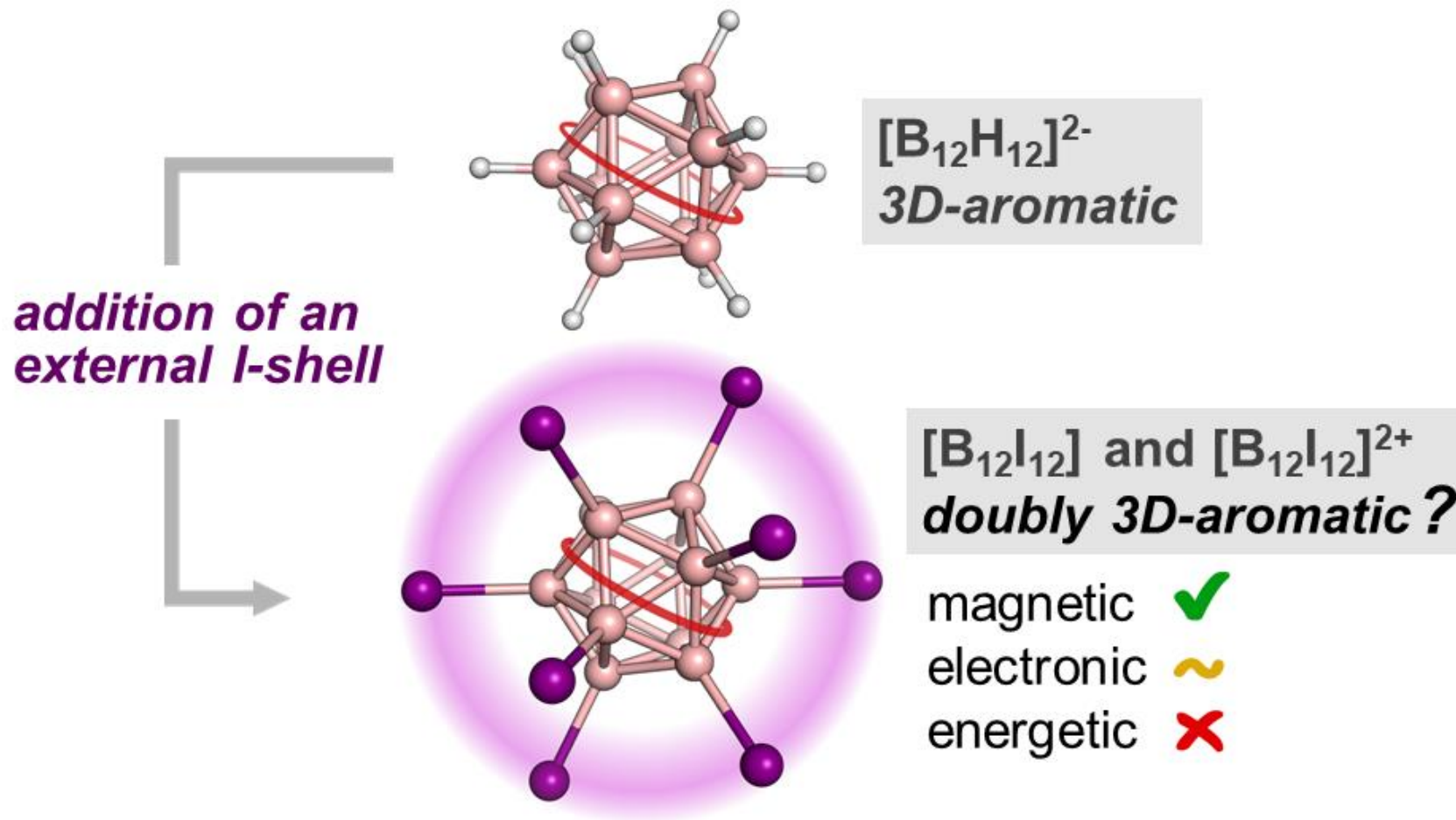
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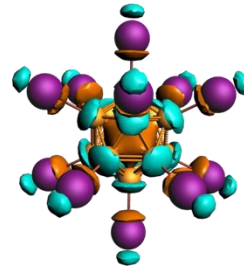
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Closo Boranes, $[B_nX_n]^{2-}$

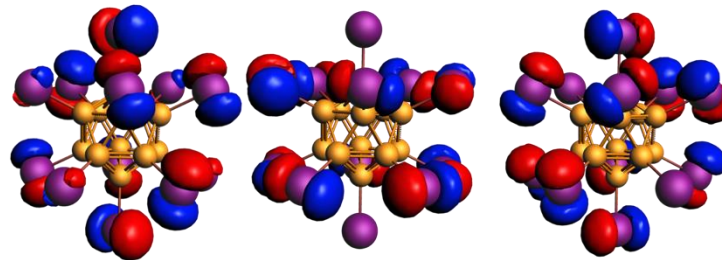


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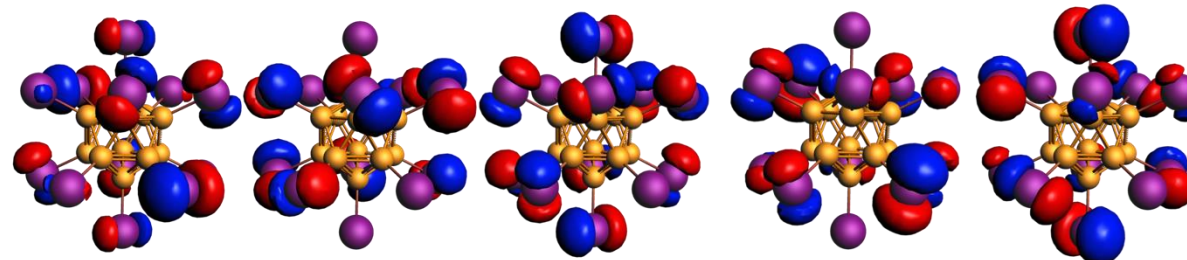


LUMO, 2.17 eV

ZORA-BLYP-D3(BJ)/TZ2P

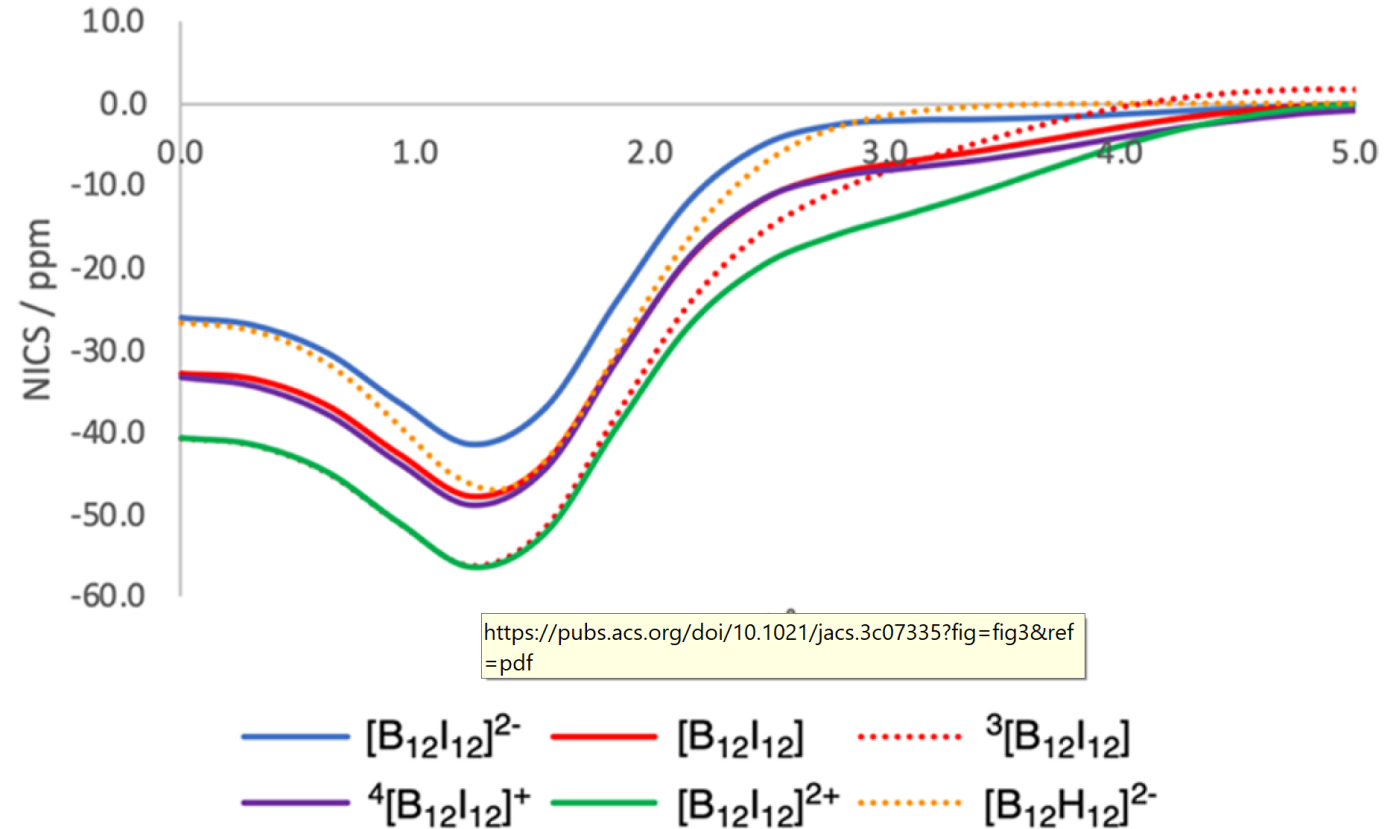
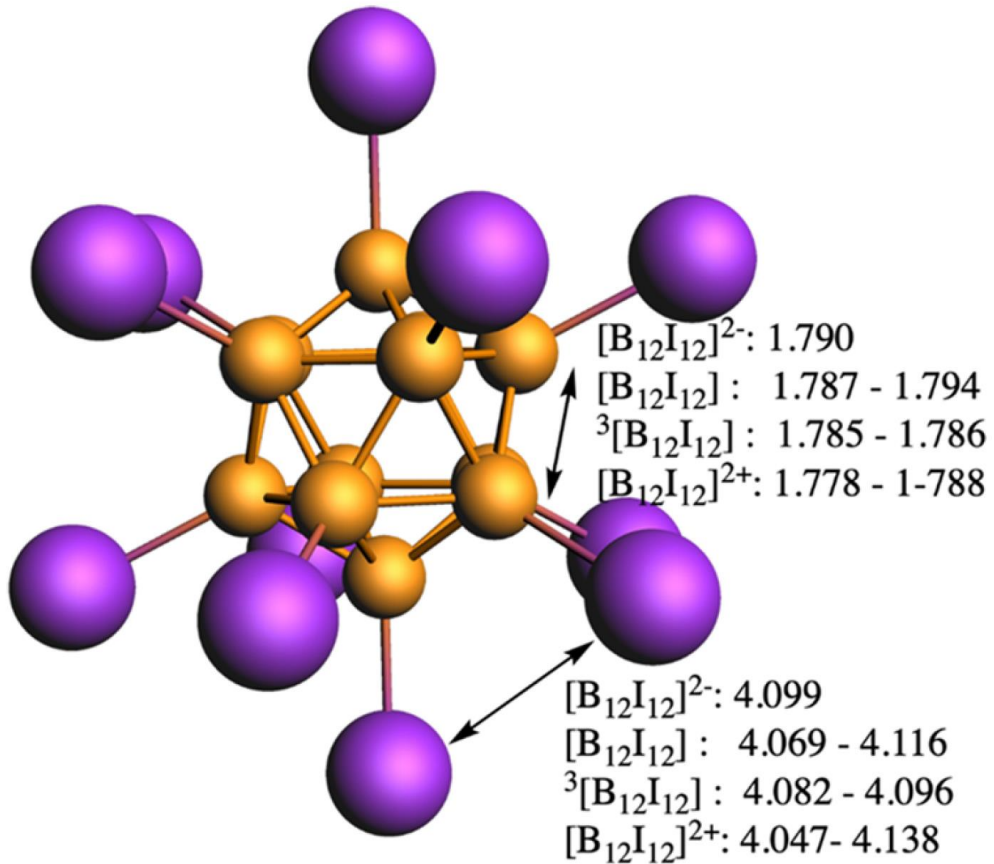


HOMO, 0.06 eV

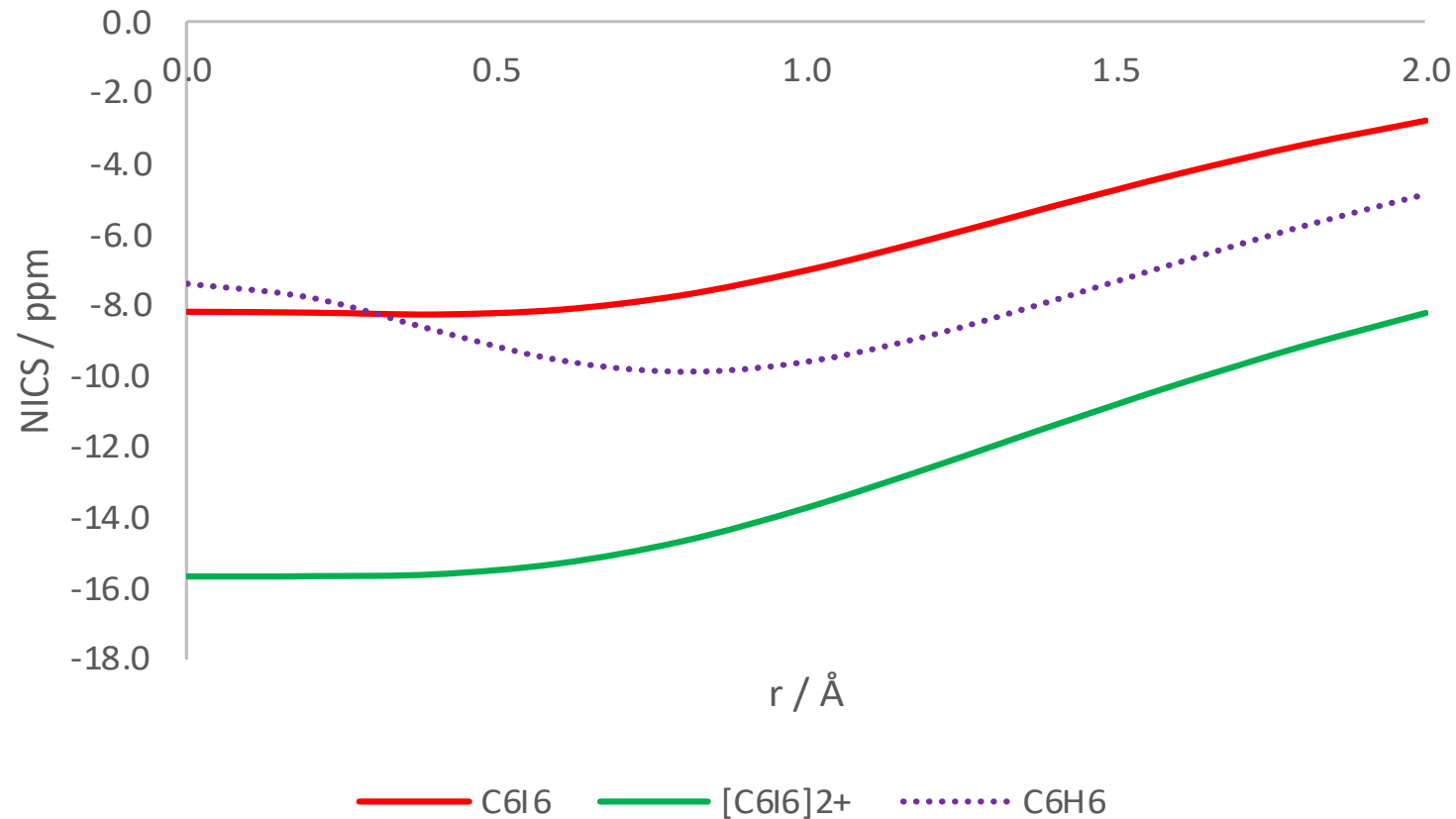


HOMO-1, 0.46 eV

3D-double aromaticity

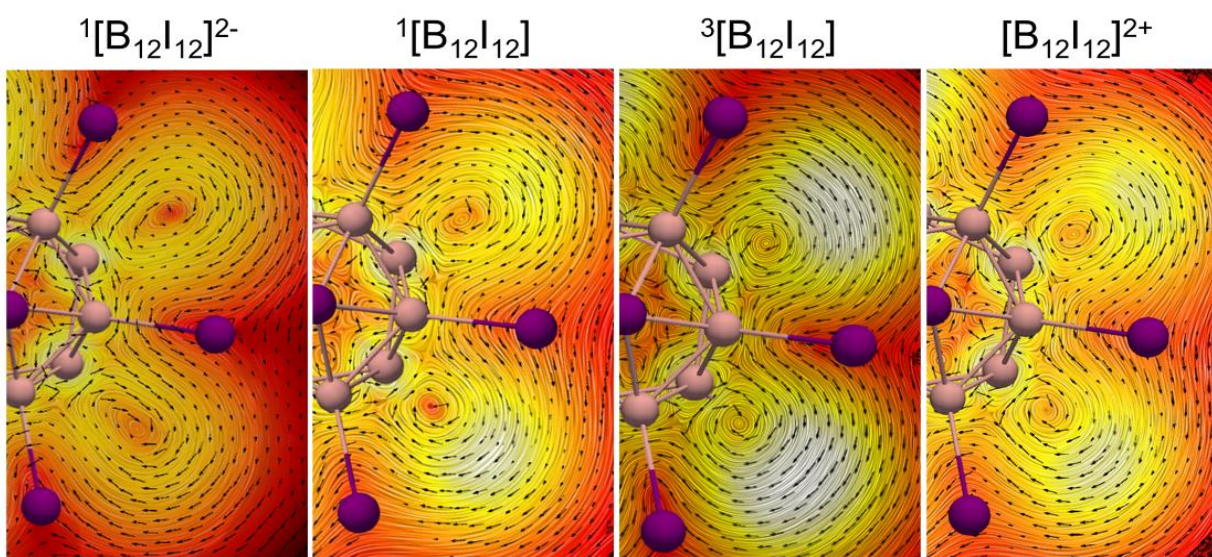
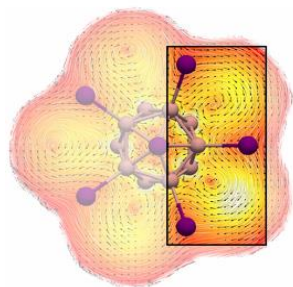
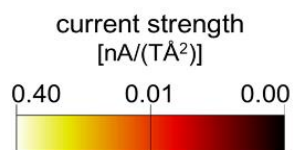


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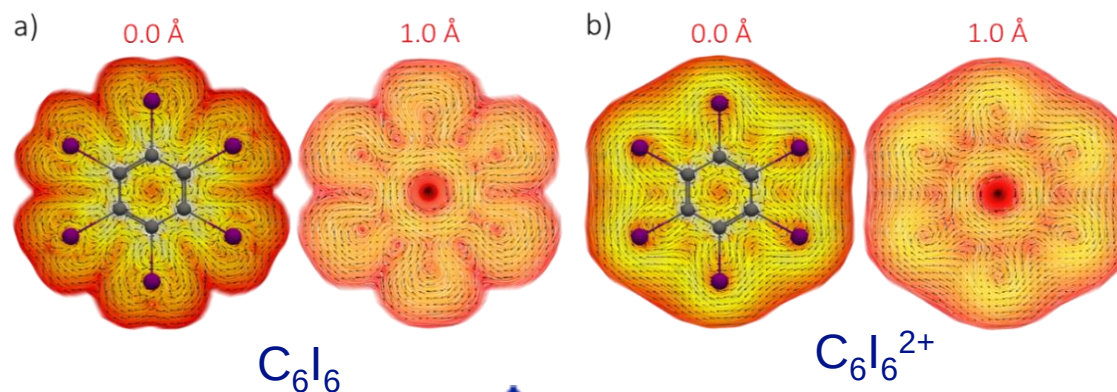
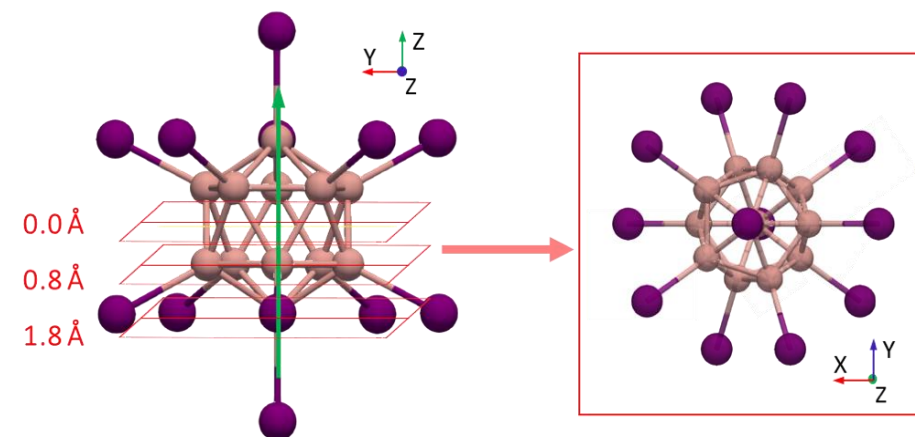


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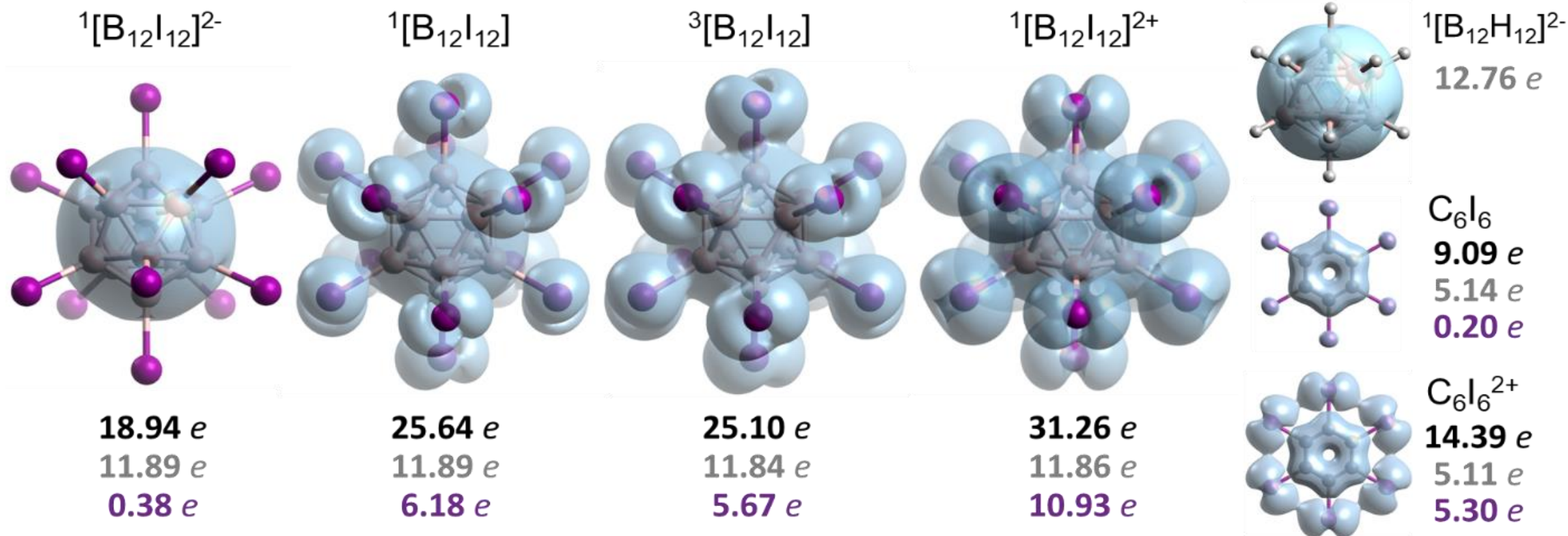
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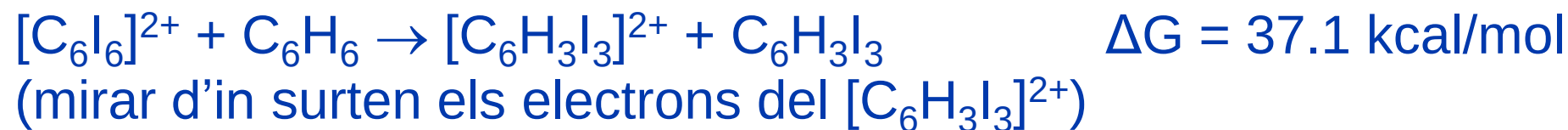


3D-double aromaticity (EDDB)



B3LYP/6-311++G**~LANL2DZ//ZORA-BLYP-D3(BJ)/TZ2P

3D-double aromaticity (ASE)



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“Aromaticity is a manifestation of **electron delocalization** in closed circuits, either in two or three dimensions, which results in **energy lowering**, often quite substantial, and a variety of unusual chemical and physical properties. These include a tendency toward bond length equalization, unusual reactivity, and characteristic spectroscopic features as well as distinctive magnetic properties related to strong induced ring currents.”

Chen and Schleyer et al. *Chem. Rev.* **2005**, 105, 3842.

Aromaticity is a complex phenomenon; aromatic compounds have many interesting properties, but two are essential, **electron delocalization** and **energetic stabilization**. A lack of one of these two precludes the existence of aromaticity.

Achieving Adaptive Aromaticity in Cyclo[10]carbon by Screening Cyclo[n]carbon (n=8–24)

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Abstract: Double aromaticity of neutral, planar rings of carbon atoms is demonstrated through visualisation of the induced ring currents, mapped at the ipso-centric B3LYP/6-31G(d)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level for species C_6 to C_{30} , with onset of delocalised current in the in-plane π system at C_{10}/C_{11} . Both in-plane and conventional out-of-plane

π systems have diatropic/paratropic current in accordance with the Hückel rule, with $4m+2$ occupation of the

Keywords: aromaticity • carbon • cluster compounds • density functional calculations • magnetic properties • ring currents

out-of-plane π system taking precedence, as predicted by simple nesting of Frost–Musulin diagrams. The current-density maps show characteristic double-doughnut and double-track topographies for out-of-plane and in-plane ring currents, respectively, both governed by a common framework of angular momentum rules.

Cyclo[18]carbon

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Cyclo[18]carbon: Insight into Electronic Structure, Aromaticity, and Surface Coupling

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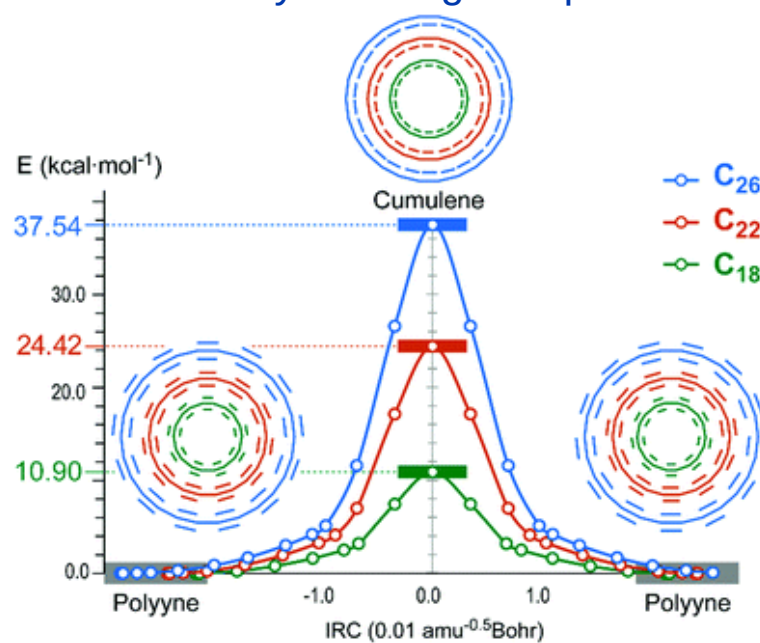
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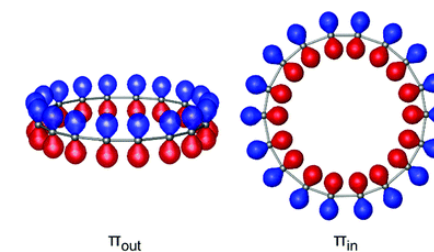


Cumulenic C_{18} $R_i = R_j$



Polyyenic C_{18} $R_i \neq R_j$

$$BLA = \frac{\sum |R_i - R_j|}{N}$$



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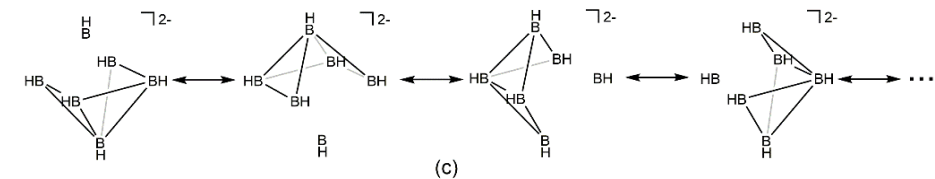
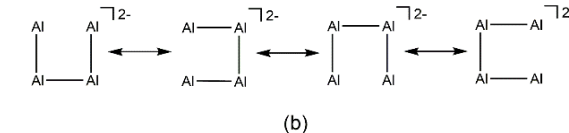
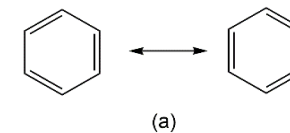
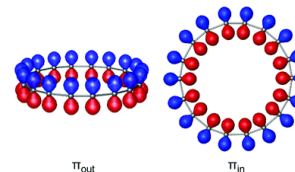
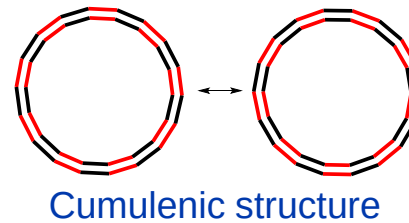
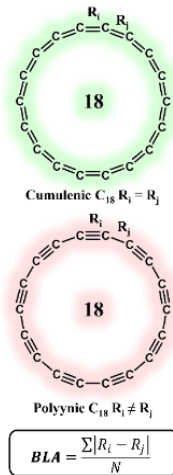
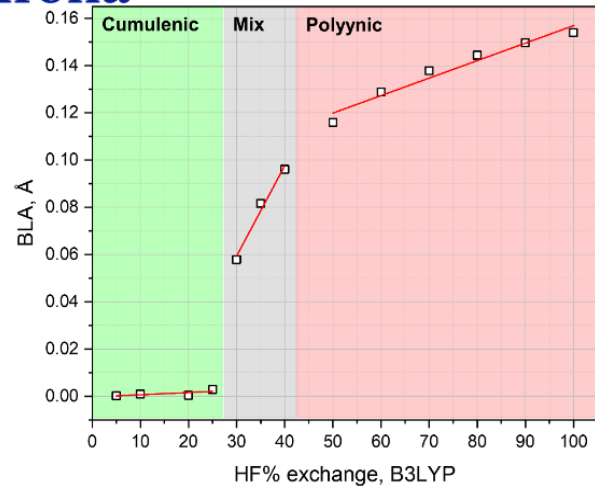
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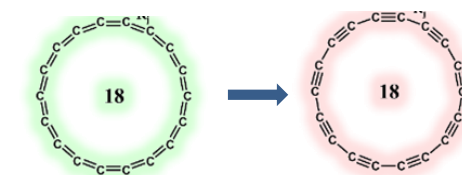
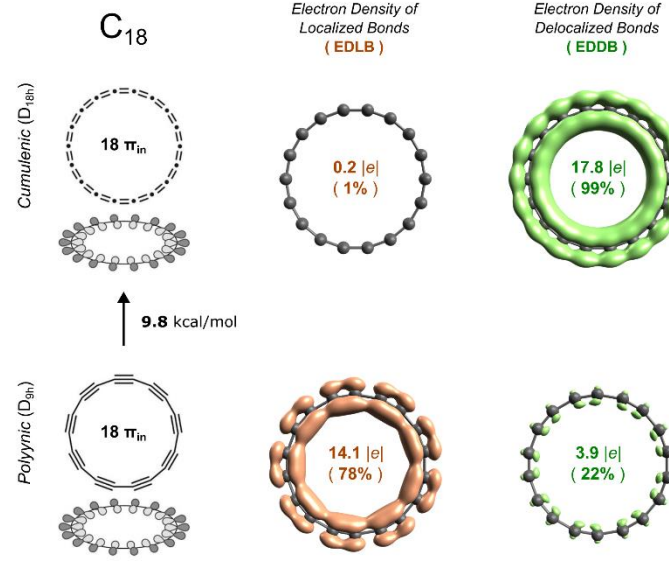
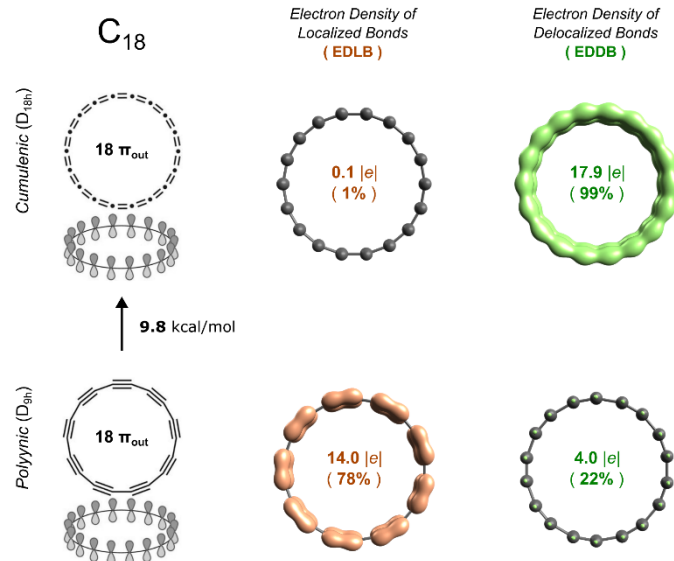
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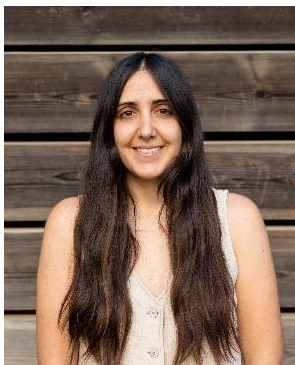
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